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1 **Effects of melting, subduction-related metasomatism, and sub-solidus equilibration on the**
2 **distribution of water contents in the mantle beneath the Rio Grande Rift (USA)**

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14 **Abstract**

15 The distribution of water in the upper mantle plays a crucial role in the Earth's deep water cycle,
16 magmatism, and plate tectonics. To better constrain how these large-scale geochemical systems
17 operate, peridotite and pyroxenite mantle xenoliths from Kilbourne Hole (KH) and Rio Puerco
18 (RP) along the Rio Grande Rift (NM, USA) were analyzed for water contents, and major and trace
19 element compositions. These xenoliths sample a lithosphere whose composition was influenced
20 by subduction and rifting, and can be used to examine the effects of melting, metasomatism, and
21 sub-solidus equilibration on the behavior of water.

22 The KH peridotites have 252-447 ppm H₂O in clinopyroxene (Cpx) and 73-174 ppm H₂O in
23 orthopyroxene (Opx) and can be divided into two groups. Group 1, representing the majority of
24 KH xenoliths, has flat to depleted light rare earth element (LREE) patterns in Cpx and bulk-rock
25 when normalized to primitive mantle (PM). The trace element and water contents of Group 1 KH

26 peridotites can be modelled by melting processes as long as a correction for sub-solidus
27 equilibration is first applied to be able to model the water content of individual phases.
28 Exceptionally for an off-cratonic setting, olivines in KH xenoliths underwent negligible H loss
29 during xenolith ascent and preserved their mantle water contents (5-25 ppm H₂O). Based on lower
30 olivine water contents and higher calculated viscosities relative to those of the asthenosphere, KH
31 Group 1 peridotites represent samples from the lithosphere. The KH peridotites thus provide the
32 first estimate of the concentration of water (98±13 ppm H₂O) in the off-cratonic continental mantle
33 lithosphere. Sub-solidus equilibration also provides an explanation for the discrepancy between
34 the Cpx/Opx ratio of water contents in natural peridotites worldwide and in laboratory experiments
35 on water partitioning in peridotite minerals. Group 2 KH peridotites have enriched LREE PM-
36 normalized patterns consistent with cryptic metasomatism, while KH clinopyroxenites (227-275
37 ppm H₂O) represent crystallized mantle melts.

38 In contrast, the olivines from the RP xenoliths appear to have experienced almost complete H loss
39 during xenolith ascent. Pyroxenes and bulk-rock compositions of RP peridotites have a wider
40 range of depleted to enriched LREE PM-normalized patterns and of water contents, compared to
41 those at KH. The water and other trace element contents of two of the RP peridotite xenoliths (0
42 and 266 ppm H₂O in Cpx and 0 and 100 ppm H₂O in Opx) can be modelled by melting processes.
43 The other RP peridotites contain 225-412 ppm and 68-138 ppm H₂O in Cpx and Opx, respectively,
44 and have trace element compositions consistent with metasomatism. Trace element modelling of
45 the metasomatized KH and RP peridotites suggests that the metasomatic melts are of subduction
46 origin. These melts contain about two times more water at RP than at KH, although this did not
47 result in a more water-rich mantle lithosphere at RP. Rio Puerco lies within northern Rio Grande

48 rift, proposed to have been affected by a flat slab subduction, which may explain the more hydrous
49 and extensive metasomatism compared to the south, where KH is located.

50

51 **1. Introduction**

52 Mantle peridotite incorporates hydrogen atoms, typically quantified as weight parts per
53 million (ppm) H₂O in the literature, into crystal defects of its nominally anhydrous minerals:
54 olivine, pyroxene, and garnet (Bell and Rossman, 1992; Libowitzky and Beran, 2006). These trace
55 amounts of water have the potential to dramatically decrease the mechanical strength of the mantle
56 lithosphere via the hydrolytic weakening of olivine and the peridotite melting temperature (e.g.,
57 Chopra and Paterson, 1984; Drury, 1991; Gaetani and Grove, 1998; Green, 1973; Mackwell et al.,
58 1985; Mei and Kohlstedt, 2000a, b; Faul et al., 2016). Water contents can also affect geophysical
59 properties such as electrical conductivity, thermal conductivity and seismic attenuation of
60 peridotite (e.g., Hirth et al., 2000; Hofmeister, 2004; Karato, 1990, 2006; Karato and Jung, 1998;
61 Wang et al., 2008), although the latter remains equivocal (Cline II et al., 2018). Consequently, the
62 water content of the upper mantle has been estimated from indirect methods such as seismology,
63 electrical conductivity or numerical modeling (e.g., English et al., 2003; Gao et al., 2004; Jones,
64 2016; van der Lee et al., 2008; West et al., 2004), but the utility of these methods can be limited
65 by non-unique solutions and large uncertainties. For example, results can be compatible with either
66 the presence of water or that of small amounts of melt (e.g., Gao et al., 2004; West et al., 2004).
67 In contrast, mantle xenoliths provide the opportunity to evaluate directly the influence, behavior,
68 and concentrations of water in the mantle, once the potential effects on water of xenolith transport
69 to the surface by the host magma have been addressed.

70 Mantle xenoliths from two localities in New Mexico, Kilbourne Hole (KH) in the southern
71 Rio Grande Rift (RGR), and Rio Puerco (RP) in the northern RGR are examined here. These
72 xenoliths sample the mantle in a continental region that is characterized by the interplay of flat
73 subduction and rifting, processes where water is a key factor (e.g., English et al., 2003; Green,
74 1973; Harvey et al., 2011; Harvey et al., 2015; Humphreys et al., 2003; Peacock, 1990; Schmidt
75 and Poli, 1998). Previous work on KH mantle xenoliths has shown that many of their
76 compositional characteristics are related to partial melting (Carter, 1070; Irving, 1980; Bussod and
77 Irving, 1981; Bussod and Williams, 1991, Perkins and Anthony, 2011; Harvey et al., 2012, 2015).
78 Given that peridotite xenoliths with no obvious metasomatism are rare (Menzies, 1983), this will
79 provide the opportunity to constrain the behavior of water during melting. In particular, the
80 distribution of water between natural mantle phases is at odds with that observed in experiments
81 on water partitioning during melting of peridotite, and modelling with experimentally derived
82 mineral-melt partition coefficients for water fails to properly explain water content variations in
83 minerals from peridotite xenoliths and abyssal peridotites (e.g., Aubaud et al., 2004; Demouchy
84 and Bolfan-Casanova, 2016; Hao et al., 2014; Hauri et al., 2006; Peslier et al., 2017; Tenner et al.,
85 2009; Warren and Hauri, 2014).

86 In addition, some samples from KH and RP have been metasomatized by fluids and/or
87 melts (Harvey et al., 2012; Porreca et al., 2006). The goal of this study is to constrain the behavior
88 of water during melting, sub-solidus equilibration, and metasomatism in a tectonic setting where
89 flat-slab subduction was followed by rifting as the slab rolled back (Chapin, 1979; Dickinson and
90 Snyder, 1978; English et al., 2003; Saleeby, 2003). In particular, two questions are addressed
91 using the combination of the water contents and additional compositional characteristics in the
92 mantle xenoliths from KH and RP. The first question is whether the unmetasomatized KH mantle

93 xenoliths represent asthenosphere that upwelled as a result of lithospheric thinning during rifting,
94 as has been proposed for some mantle xenoliths within the Rio Grande Rift (Byerly and Lassiter,
95 2012), or whether they are lithosphere that was already present during rifting. Second, the
96 influence of flat subduction on metasomatism and hydration of the mantle is examined by
97 comparing metasomatized KH and RP xenoliths. Both of these issues are related to changing
98 continental and mantle dynamics, and how these affect the water contents in an off-cratonic
99 lithospheric mantle.

100 **2. Rio Grande rift tectonic, geodynamics, and the possible role of water**

101 The Rio Grande Rift lies at the eastern edge of the Basin and Range province located in
102 the southwestern United States (Fig. 1). The rift formed during the large-scale magmatism and
103 broad extension that occurred during the Farallon slab roll-back starting between 55 – 40 Ma (e.g.,
104 Coney and Reynolds, 1977; Copeland et al., 2017; DeCelles, 2004; Eaton, 1982; Humphreys,
105 1995). Subduction of the Farallon slab began along the western border of the United States more
106 than 150 Ma ago (e.g., DeCelles, 2004). However, around 80 Ma it appears that the angle of
107 subduction shallowed to the extent that portions of the Farallon slab were in direct contact with
108 the North American lithosphere (Dickinson and Snyder, 1978). This is referred to as flat-slab
109 subduction, and the region of the western United States that experienced flat-slab subduction is
110 referred to as the “flat-slab corridor” (Fig. 1; English et al., 2003; Saleeby, 2003). Sometime
111 between 40-55 Ma, the Farallon slab began to founder and roll back towards the west which caused
112 widespread extension throughout the western United States known as the Basin and Range
113 province (e.g., Coney and Reynolds, 1977; Copeland et al., 2017; Humphreys, 1995).

114 Water may have played an important role in tectonic and geodynamic processes of the Rio
115 Grande Rift. Hydration of the mantle lithosphere beneath the southwestern USA by the Farallon

116 subduction has been inferred west of the Rio Grande Rift, including beneath the Colorado Plateau
117 (e.g., Dixon et al., 2004; Li et al., 2008; Smith, 2000). In particular along the flat-slab corridor,
118 any fluids or melts that might have been generated from the slab would go directly into the
119 lithosphere. This would potentially hydrate this zone more than the adjacent areas that experienced
120 steeper-angled subduction where slab fluids would have to travel through the asthenosphere first
121 (Humphreys et al., 2003). Both suites of xenoliths examined here are from host-magma erupted
122 after the Farallon roll-back. Measuring the water contents directly in mantle xenoliths from the
123 Rio Puerco Volcanic Field (RP), which erupted within the flat-slab corridor, and from Kilbourne
124 Hole (KH) volcanics, which did not, should provide a test of the hypothesis that flat-slab
125 subduction added more water to the overlying lithosphere than subduction that occurred with a
126 steeper slab angle (Humphreys et al., 2003).

127 It has also been observed that anomalously slow P and S wave velocities are recorded
128 beneath the northern tip of the Rio Grande Rift (red line in Fig. 1) at depths as shallow as 45 km
129 (Gao et al., 2004; Sosa et al., 2014; van Wijk et al., 2008; West et al., 2004). This anomaly could
130 be explained either by (i) higher mantle water contents in the anomalous zone compared to the
131 adjacent mantle, (ii) the presence of partial melts, or (iii) removal and replacement of the
132 lithosphere by hotter asthenosphere (Gao et al., 2004; West et al., 2004). It has been suggested that
133 KH peridotite xenoliths are sampling asthenosphere or new lithosphere compositionally similar to
134 the asthenosphere below (Byerly and Lassiter, 2012; Gao et al., 2004; Kil and Wendlandt, 2004;
135 Perry et al., 1988; Rowe et al., 2015; Thompson et al., 2005). However, it is Rio Puerco that is also
136 located in the northern section of the rift where the slow seismic velocity anomaly has been
137 detected (Gao et al., 2004; West et al., 2004). This anomaly has thus been speculated to extend to
138 the southern Rio Grande Rift mantle (Byerly and Lassiter, 2012), where KH is located. Moreover,

139 Rio Puerco xenoliths have trace element and isotopic compositions that indicate extensive
140 metasomatism typical of the subcontinental lithosphere, and compositional characteristics of the
141 lavas from this area also rule out an asthenospheric origin (Byerly and Lassiter, 2012; Perry et al.,
142 1988). On the other hand, lithosphere thicknesses are similar at RP and KH: ~50 – 75 km thick at
143 Rio Puerco and ~40 – 80 km at Kilbourne Hole (Achauer and Masson, 2002; Cordell et al., 1991;
144 Thompson et al., 2005). Equilibration pressure estimates are also similar: 1 – 1.8 GPa (based on
145 phase stability diagrams) at RP and 1.1 – 1.8 GPa at KH (based on garnet pyroxenites),
146 corresponding to depths of 35 – 55 km (Perkins and Anthony, 2011; Porreca et al., 2006). These
147 depths coincide with that of the anomalous slow seismic velocity anomaly that ranges from 45 to
148 several hundred km (Gao et al., 2004; Sosa et al., 2014; West et al., 2004). Comparing water
149 contents and calculating viscosities using olivine water contents (Li et al., 2008), in combination
150 with major and trace element compositions, in RP and KH xenoliths could provide constraints on
151 whether the KH peridotites are from the lithosphere or from the asthenosphere.

152 In summary, measuring the water contents of well-characterized peridotite xenoliths from
153 the Rio Grande Rift will allow to test two hypotheses:

- 154 1. Flat-slab subduction hydrates the lithosphere more than steeper subduction
- 155 2. Lithosphere has been removed and replaced with asthenosphere or by new lithosphere of
156 asthenospheric composition during slab roll-back and rifting.

157 **3. Samples**

158 Mantle xenoliths from two localities along the Rio Grande Rift are examined here: KH and
159 RP (Fig. 1). The water contents of 29 mantle xenoliths were measured along with major and trace
160 element contents in their bulk-rock and minerals.

161 Kilbourne Hole is a volcanic maar located in the Potrillo Volcanic Field (New Mexico,
162 USA), which is close to the axis of the southern Rio Grande Rift. High-silica ash-flow sheets and
163 basaltic to andesite lavas in this segment of the rift are the oldest known volcanic rocks along the
164 entire rift, with a ^{87}Rb - ^{87}Sr age of 32 Ma (Stinnett and Stueber, 1976). Xenoliths are found in a
165 basanite that has been dated from 80 – 141 ka (Bussod and Williams, 1991; Dromgoole and
166 Pasteris, 1987; Hoffer, 1976). The majority of the mantle xenoliths have sustained low degrees of
167 deformation (protogranular texture), although pyroxenites and some peridotites have experienced
168 more deformation (porphyroclastic; Kil and Wendlandt, 2004). Previous studies conclude that the
169 geochemistry of most KH peridotites is primarily controlled by partial melting rather than
170 metasomatism based on major element melting models (Herzberg, 2004), Sm-Nd isotope
171 systematics, and depleted concentrations of light rare earth elements (LREE; La – Nd) compared
172 to heavy rare earth elements (HREE; Dy – Lu) (Harvey et al., 2012; Roden et al., 1988). A minority
173 of xenoliths display evidence of metasomatism, either texturally or geochemically, which may be
174 caused by subduction-related fluids from the Farallon slab (Harvey et al., 2012; Perkins et al.,
175 2006; Roden et al., 1988). Twenty-one xenoliths (18 peridotites and 3 pyroxenites) were analyzed
176 for water content, including four peridotites that have been previously described in Harvey et al.
177 (2012).

178 The Rio Puerco Volcanic Field (New Mexico, USA) is a group of volcanic necks found in
179 the northern portion of the Rio Grande Rift located on the boundary between the rift and the
180 Colorado Plateau, and is intersected by the Jemez Lineament. The Jemez Lineament is a zone of
181 Cenozoic volcanism thought to occur at a suture zone between Archean provinces (Karlstrom et
182 al., 2002; Karlstrom et al., 2005; Magnani et al., 2005; Magnani et al., 2004). Peridotite and
183 pyroxenite xenoliths are found in alkaline basalts dated at 2.05-4.49 Ma (Hallet, 1994; Hallet et

184 al., 1997). At least one infiltrating melt that affected the mantle represented by these xenoliths had
185 a carbonatite component indicated by calcite found in xenoliths (Perkins et al., 2006). Moreover,
186 analyses of oxygen isotope ratios in RP pyroxenites and peridotites suggest that discrete
187 metasomatic events associated with the Farallon slab have affected the mantle beneath this locality
188 (Perkins et al., 2006; Porreca et al., 2006). Nine RP spinel mantle xenoliths were analyzed for
189 water and were collected at four different volcanic necks: CSR (Cerro de Santa Rosa), CSC (Cerro
190 de Santa Clara), CN (Cerro Negro), and CTON (Cerrito Negro).

191 **4. Methods**

192 Water, major and trace element concentrations were measured for each mineral phase
193 within the 26 xenoliths. Thin sections were made and used for texture identification and, for a
194 sample with two lithologies (KIL41), point-counting to obtain mineral mode. Polished grain
195 mounts on two parallel sides were made for Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)
196 analysis of each sample. Except for the 4 samples from Harvey et al. (2012) for which data were
197 already available, the same grain mounts were used for mineral major and trace element in situ
198 analysis via electron microprobe (EMP) and Laser Ablation-Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass
199 Spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS), respectively. Bulk-rock major and trace element data was also
200 acquired for most samples by ICP-MS or X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy (XRF).

201 .4.1. Sample Preparation

202 Edges of the xenoliths (sized 10-25 cm for KH and 5-15 cm for RP) were avoided due to
203 potential basalt contamination within a few mm of the xenolith margin and fractions from the
204 center were gently crushed. Between 20 – 30 grains of each mineral were selected for FTIR
205 analyses, embedded in epoxy and polished on two parallel sides. In each grain mount, a
206 petrographic microscope was used to determine the orientation of each mineral grain using

207 interference figures. Grains oriented along a Bxo, Bxa, or optic normal crystallographic axes were
208 photographed and the axes marked on the photos. Each oriented grain had its thickness measured
209 using a Mitutoyo Absolute digimatic micrometer with a 2σ precision of $\pm 3\ \mu\text{m}$. The grain mounts
210 ranged in thickness from 100 to 600 μm .

211 4.2. Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)

212 Analyses to obtain water contents were performed at the NASA-Johnson Space Center
213 using the Hyperion 3000 microscope of a Bruker Vertex 70 FTIR. Aperture size ranged between
214 $50 \times 50\ \mu\text{m}$ and $100 \times 100\ \mu\text{m}$ and was modified based on the shape and quantity of fractures or
215 inclusions to be avoided. The FTIR spectrometer, including the sample stage area, was flushed
216 continuously with dry nitrogen gas to avoid contamination by atmospheric water. Samples were
217 stored in a cabinet flushed with N_2 gas and heated for at least an hour in a furnace at $80\ ^\circ\text{C}$ to
218 remove surface water prior to FTIR analyses. Measurements of each grain were conducted using
219 polarized infrared light oriented parallel to one of the optical indices α , β , or γ .

220 Transmission spectra were measured from wavenumbers $4000 - 680\ \text{cm}^{-1}$ and with a
221 spectral resolution of $4\ \text{cm}^{-1}$, over 128 scans for pyroxenes and 200 scans for olivine, the latter
222 because of low water contents ($< 10\ \text{ppm H}_2\text{O}$). At least three locations on each grain were
223 analyzed if possible, including at least one at the edge of the grain in order to assess intra-grain
224 water content heterogeneities. Line scans were run on olivine grains to quantify the extent of H
225 loss throughout the grain during host magma ascent (Peslier and Luhr, 2006). Each spectrum was
226 normalized to a thickness of 1 cm, and the area under the absorption bands caused by O-H bond
227 vibrations was measured (between $3750 - 3000\ \text{cm}^{-1}$ for clinopyroxene, $3750 - 2800\ \text{cm}^{-1}$ for
228 orthopyroxene, and $3700 - 3100\ \text{cm}^{-1}$ for olivine). Each spectrum baseline was drawn by hand, a
229 method that provides as precise and consistent results as subtracting the spectrum of a dehydrated

230 mineral or applying a mathematical function to model the baseline (Bell et al., 1995, 2003). In
231 particular, using dehydrated mineral spectra would require dehydrating minerals for each xenolith
232 because the baseline shape is composition specific, rendering the method unpractical. The hand-
233 drawn method may result in systematic errors in precision of up to 20% (Peslier et al., 2012). The
234 integrated absorbances obtained in this way from the spectra can be put into a modified version of
235 the Beer-Lambert law to calculate water contents:

$$236 \quad C_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = A_i / I_i \quad (\text{eq. 1})$$

237 where $C_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ is the water content in ppm H_2O , I_i is the mineral-specific integrated molar absorption
238 coefficient, and A_i is the sum of the areas beneath the OH vibration along the three optical
239 indicatrix indices α , β , and γ (Libowitzky and Beran, 2006). Integrated molar absorption
240 coefficients used in this study are from Bell et al. (1995) for pyroxene and Bell et al. (2003) for
241 forsteritic olivine. The detection limit is estimated at < 0.5 ppm H_2O . The uncertainties in this
242 calculation and their origins are discussed in previous studies (Peslier and Luhr, 2006; Peslier et
243 al., 2002) and were included in an error propagation formula to calculate $\pm 1\sigma$ error for water
244 contents shown in the figures and Table 1.

245 4.3. Electron Microprobe

246 The analyses of major elements were performed on pyroxene, olivine, and spinel using a
247 Cameca SX100 electron microprobe at NASA-Johnson Space Center. Running conditions were
248 15 kV and 20 nA, 20 s on peak and 10 s on background. The standards used were oligoclase for
249 Na; diopside, forsterite, or chromite for Mg; diopside for Ca; orthoclase for K; rutile for Ti;
250 chromite for Cr; fayalite or chromite for Fe; rhodonite for Mn; nickel oxide for Ni; diopside or
251 forsterite for Si; and oligoclase or chromite for Al. For each xenolith, a minimum of 3 grains of

252 each phase and a minimum of 3 locations on each grain were analyzed. For analyses, standard
253 deviation is better than 1% for all elements except for Mn (6%). Detection limits are better than
254 0.02 wt.%, with the exception of Mn and Fe (0.04 wt.%). The EMP data in Table SI2 are averages
255 of analyses on multiple grains within one thick section.

256 4.4. Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS)

257 Trace element concentrations were measured in selected clinopyroxene and orthopyroxene
258 grains by laser ablation (LA) ICP-MS at the University of Houston using a Varian 810-MS
259 quadrupole ICP-MS connected to a CETAC LSX-213 laser operated at 10 Hz and an intensity of
260 approximately 3 mJ per pulse. For each 100 μm spot analyzed, a gas blank was collected for 15-
261 20 seconds followed by 30 seconds of sample ablation. The standard reference materials, the NIST
262 glass KL2-G (Kempnaers et al., 2003) or the USGS glass BHVO-2G (Gao et al., 2002) were used
263 to correct for instrumental drift and fractionation and relative element sensitivities, while the
264 USGS reference basaltic glass BIR-1G was used to monitor external reproducibility. Data were
265 reduced with the data reduction software package Glitter, with each analysis normalized to the Mg
266 concentration measured by electron microprobe to correct for variations in ablation yield.

267 Bulk-rock trace element compositions of xenoliths were analyzed at Washington State
268 University or at the Australian National University (samples KIL-1, 2, 3, 8, 41, 43, 44, 70, and 71)
269 using powders from rock chips prepared from the center of each xenolith. Samples were crushed
270 in an alumina mortar. The resulting powders were fused in Li tetraborate, digested, and measured
271 as a solution on an Agilent 4500 ICP-MS (Washington State University; Johnson et al., 1999) or
272 dissolved in HF + HNO₃ and measured as a solution on an Agilent 7500 (Australian National
273 University; Norman et al., 1998). Precision for the methods employed at Washington State
274 University and the Australian National University is typically better than $\pm 5\%$ (RSD).

275 4.5. X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) Spectrometry

276 The powders prepared for bulk-rock ICPMS were also used for XRF analysis at
277 Washington State University to obtain major and selected trace (Ni, Sc, V, Sr, Zn, Zr, Ga, and Cu)
278 element concentrations (Johnson et al., 1999). The powders were fused with Li tetraborate. Nine
279 USGS reference rocks (PCC-1, BCR-1, BIR-1, DNC-1, W-2, AGV-1, GSP-1, G-2, and STM -1)
280 were used to construct calibration curves of element sensitivities relative to known concentrations.
281 Two fusion beads of pure vein quartz were used as blanks for all elements except silicon. The
282 USGS reference materials BCR-1 and GSP-1 were used as internal standards. The 2 σ standard
283 deviations for the major element analyses are ± 0.6 wt.% for SiO₂, and less than or equal to ± 0.2
284 wt.% for all other major elements. The 2 σ standard deviations for the trace element analyses are
285 less than ± 5 ppm for all elements with the exception of Cu (± 7.4 ppm). For bulk-rock Ni, Sc, V,
286 Sr, Zn, Zr, Ga, and Cu, ICP-MS data are used preferentially over XRF data for better consistency
287 with other elements given that a larger number of elements was measured using ICPMS (Table
288 SI3).

289 5. Results

290 5.1. Petrology

291 5.1.1 Kilbourne Hole xenoliths

292 Thirteen spinel peridotites and three pyroxenites were collected for this study. Four
293 additional KH peridotites (KH03-15, KH96-08, KH96-20, and KH96-21) were previously
294 characterized previously by Harvey et al. (2012) (Table 1). All but one peridotite in this study are
295 coarse-grained peridotites (average grain size 2-4 mm, protogranular texture (e.g., Mercier and
296 Nicolas, 1975; Fig. SI1b). Sample KIL8 is finer-grained (<2 mm average grain size) and is weakly
297 foliated with an equigranular texture (Fig. SI1a). All of the samples are composed of olivine,

298 orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene, and spinel. Mineral modes (weight %) were calculated using a
299 least-squares inversion method using bulk-rock major elements in combination with mineral major
300 elements (e.g., Armytage et al., 2014; Harvey et al., 2012; Tarantola and Valette, 1982). Of the 17
301 KH peridotites in this study, thirteen are lherzolites, three are harzburgites, and one is a dunite
302 (Table 1). KIL41 contains a ~3 mm wide clinopyroxenite vein (Fig. 2a). Even after subtracting the
303 contribution from the clinopyroxenite vein, the least-squares inversion method cannot resolve
304 whether the peridotitic part of KIL41 should be classified as lherzolite or harzburgite. For this
305 reason, its modal mineralogy was recalculated by point counting three thin sections using 500 μm
306 increments (four times smaller than the average grain size) to determine that its main lithology is
307 a harzburgite (Table 1). The samples KIL44 and KIL70 contain minerals with overgrowth rims
308 containing numerous secondary spinel grains. These rims are not exclusive to one phase and
309 surround all types of silicate minerals. Some KH peridotites contain clinopyroxenes with a
310 “spongy” edge (Harvey et al., 2012) but such a feature has not been observed in KH samples from
311 this study. Veins of interstitial glass with an average thickness of approximately 30 μm are present
312 in four peridotites (KIL1, KIL2, KIL3 and KIL41). No resorption along mineral rims in contact
313 with the glass is present. Similar veins are present within KH xenoliths studied by (Harvey et al.,
314 2012). These veins were interpreted to be trapped residual melts of \ll 1% degrees of partial
315 melting in the mantle.

316 Mineral modes for KH pyroxenites were estimated using the least-squares inversion
317 method. Samples KIL16, KIL82, and KIL83, are classified as olivine clinopyroxenites and are
318 predominantly composed of clinopyroxene with minor spinel. Amphibole is present in KIL83, but
319 was not included in the least-squares inversion because no amphibole was analyzed for major
320 element concentrations. KIL83 is composed primarily of interlocking subhedral to anhedral

321 clinopyroxene with minor olivine and spinel, with amphibole always adjacent to spinels.
322 Orthopyroxene is present in KIL82 (approximately 2 %; Table 2). All KH pyroxenites are fine-
323 grained with clinopyroxene grains in all three samples ranging from 0.1 – 1 mm, spinel grains
324 ranging from 50 μm – 1.25 mm, and olivine grains consistently measuring approximately 0.1 mm
325 in size. Pyroxenite KIL82 is composed primarily of anhedral clinopyroxene grains (~0.5 mm) that
326 are surrounded by a finer grained clinopyroxene (20-50 μm) matrix. With a similar texture to
327 KIL83, pyroxenite KIL16 is composed primarily of interlocking clinopyroxene with reaction rims.
328 However, in one region of the KIL16 thin section, rounded anhedral clinopyroxenes are
329 surrounded by 0.1 mm anhedral grains of olivine, spinel and glass.

330 5.1.2 Rio Puerco xenoliths

331 Mineral modes for the RP spinel peridotites were calculated using the same least squares
332 inversion method previously described for KH peridotites. Results of the least squared inversion
333 method show that of the nine RP samples there are seven lherzolites, one harzburgite, and one
334 olivine websterite (Table 1). In general, samples from Rio Puerco are heterogeneous in grain size
335 and show signs of deformation (e.g., undulose extinction in olivine and orthopyroxene; Porreca et
336 al., 2006). Websterite CTON-53 additionally contains calcite that appears to be replacing olivine
337 in response to melt-rock interactions (Porreca et al., 2006).

338 Thin sections were obtained for all RP xenoliths except CSC-61 and CTON-53 (no intact
339 xenolith was available for these samples). All RP xenoliths show abundant fractures (Fig. SI1c,
340 d), and are considered to have a porphyroclastic texture. All RP xenoliths with the exception of
341 CSC-16, CN-105, and CSR-7 contain exsolution lamellae in either orthopyroxene or both
342 orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene. Orthopyroxene in RP xenoliths can be the largest grains, with

343 maximum sizes of 4 – 6 mm. However, the majority of orthopyroxene grains in the RP peridotites
344 are similar in size to olivine, clinopyroxene, and spinel, which are typically 0.25 – 1 mm in size.
345 Small melt pockets or glass veins are present in thin sections of peridotites CSR-17, CSC-14, CN-
346 4, and CSR-7. Glass veins present in peridotites CSR-7 and CN-4 are within 10 mm of the edge
347 of the xenolith and interpreted to be contamination by infiltration of the host basalt. Basalt rinds
348 surrounding xenoliths CSR-17 and CSC-14 are not included in the thin section, thus it is unclear
349 if glass veins in these are host basalt contamination or if they are derived from mantle processes.
350 Peridotite CSR-20 contains many olivine grains with red coloration around the edge of the grain
351 and is interpreted to be related to transformation to iddingsite during surface weathering (Gay and
352 LeMaître, 1961). Additional petrographic descriptions for the variety of textures and mineralogies
353 of RP xenoliths (including CTON-53, which was not examined petrographically in this study) are
354 presented in (Porreca et al., 2006). Back scatter electron images collected during EMP analyses
355 show that samples CN-4, CTON-53, CSR-7, CSR-17, CSC-16, and CSC-14 contain crystallized
356 melts, expressed as assemblages of glass, plagioclase, and accessory minerals such as spinel,
357 sulfides, and ilmenite. Clinopyroxenes with a “spongy” border are present in RP xenoliths as well,
358 both in this study (Fig. SI2) and previously (Porreca et al., 2006).

359 5.2. Major element chemistry and geothermometry

360 Bulk-rock and mineral major element analyses are reported in supplementary Tables SI1
361 and SI2. Kilbourne Hole peridotites have bulk-rock Al_2O_3 ranging from 0.34 to 4.0 wt.% (Fig. 3a)
362 and Mg# (cation $\text{Mg}/[\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}]$) of 0.88-0.91. Rio Puerco peridotite xenoliths have bulk-rock Al_2O_3
363 ranging from 1.7 to 3.1 wt.% and Mg# of 0.89-0.91. These values are similar to non-cratonic
364 peridotite xenoliths worldwide (e.g., Carlson et al., 2005; Frey and Prinz, 1978; Harvey et al.,
365 2012; Irving, 1980; Pearson et al., 2003; Peslier et al., 2002; Roden et al., 1988). There is a wide

366 range of Mg# in KH pyroxenites, from 0.74 to 0.88 but their bulk-rock TiO₂, CaO, and Al₂O₃
367 contents do not exhibit wide ranges within KH pyroxenites (1.34 – 1.39 wt.%, 15.86 – 18.41 wt.%,
368 and 12.23 – 13.26 wt.%, respectively).

369 In KH peridotites, the range of olivine Mg# is 0.88-0.91 (Fig. 3b and c), which is identical
370 to the range of the peridotite bulk-rock Mg#. Peridotite orthopyroxenes are enstatites with Mg# of
371 0.89-0.91. There is no significant zoning present in minerals, and chemical composition is
372 homogeneous between grains within the same sample. In KH peridotites, clinopyroxene is Cr-
373 diopside with Cr₂O₃ between 0.6-1.6 wt.%, Mg# between 0.88-0.92, and Cr# (cation Cr/[Cr+Al])
374 between 0.07-0.22. Peridotite spinels have Cr# values ranging from 0.08-0.46. In KH pyroxenites,
375 clinopyroxene is also of diopside composition (Mg# =0.89), except for KIL16 which instead
376 contains augite (Mg# =0.77). Pyroxenite KIL 16 also has more Fe-rich olivine (Mg# =0.78, Fig.
377 3a and b insets) and lower Cr spinel (Cr# = 0.002) than the other two pyroxenites (olivine Mg#
378 ~0.89, spinel Cr# >0.034).

379 The RP olivines have Mg# of 0.89-0.91 (Fig. 3b and c), which is the same as the RP bulk-
380 rock Mg# range. Orthopyroxene is enstatite with Mg# values between 0.90-0.91. As described by
381 Porreca et al. (2006) exsolution lamellae were sometimes present in pyroxene grains (Fig. SI1c).
382 Clinopyroxene in RP xenoliths is Cr-diopside with Cr₂O₃ contents ranging from 0.5-1.2 wt.% and
383 Mg# of 0.90-0.93. The “spongy” rims around some clinopyroxenes described earlier are slightly
384 enriched in CaO, MgO, and Cr₂O₃, and slightly depleted in Na₂O, Al₂O₃, and FeO relative to the
385 core of the grain (Fig. SI2). Spinel grains are homogeneous in composition within each xenolith
386 and have Cr# of 0.1-0.36. Websterite CTON-53 has similar mineral compositions to the peridotites
387 with Mg# for bulk-rock, olivine and orthopyroxene all ~0.91, a bulk-rock Al₂O₃ content of 2.52
388 wt. %, and a spinel Cr# of 0.31 (Fig. 3, Table SI1 and SI2).

389 Two-pyroxene geothermometers, (Brey and Köhler, 1990; Bertrand and Mercier, 1985),
390 were used to calculate the equilibration temperatures (Table 1). The temperatures were calculated
391 using a pressure of 1.5 GPa based on KH equilibrium phase diagrams created by Perkins and
392 Anthony (2011). Overall, the temperatures calculated with the Bertrand and Mercier (1985)
393 thermometer (928 – 1163°C) are approximately 50°C lower than those calculated with the Brey
394 and Köhler (1990) thermometer, in good agreement with other studies from this area (900 –
395 1050°C, Bussod and Irving, 1981; 889 –1163°C, Kil and Wendlandt, 2004; 939 – 1180°C, Harvey
396 et al., 2012; 944 – 1138°C; Perkins and Anthony, 2011). Pyroxenite KIL82, the only KH
397 pyroxenite containing orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene, was estimated to have an equilibration
398 temperature of 1025 °C (Table 1) using the Brey and Köhler (1990) geothermometer, i.e. within
399 the range of equilibration temperature of the KH peridotites. The range of temperatures calculated
400 for RP xenoliths at 1.5 GPa using the Bertrand and Mercier (1985) geothermometer (855 – 985°C)
401 is in good agreement with previous studies (900 – 1000°C, Porreca et al., 2006; 655 –1164 °C,
402 Perkins et al., 2006). There are no correlations between the calculated temperatures and peridotite
403 texture or lithology.

404 5.3. Trace element geochemistry

405 Bulk-rock and in situ clinopyroxene and orthopyroxene trace element compositions
406 (Supplementary information (SI) Tables SI 3-5) were obtained for all KH and RP xenoliths, with
407 the exception of RP peridotite CSC-16, which was not sufficiently large for bulk-rock ICP-MS
408 measurements. Figure 4 shows extended trace element concentration patterns of KH and RP bulk-
409 rock and pyroxenes normalized to primitive mantle (PM) concentrations from McDonough and
410 Sun (1995). Peridotites from KH show a range of concentrations in LREE compared to middle
411 REE (MREE; Sm – Tb) and HREE (Fig. 4a-c) in both clinopyroxene and bulk-rocks. Kilbourne

412 Hole peridotites are split here into two groups using the PM-normalized Ce/Yb ratio $(\text{Ce/Yb})_N$ of
413 their clinopyroxenes (Fig. 4a). Group 1 peridotites contain clinopyroxene with $(\text{Ce/Yb})_N < 1$, while
414 Group 2 peridotites have clinopyroxene $(\text{Ce/Yb})_N > 1$. These correspond to Group 2 having LREE
415 enrichment relative to HREE in clinopyroxene and bulk-rock, while Group 1 is characterized by
416 flat to LREE-depleted patterns when normalized to PM. Although dunite KIL40 has a
417 clinopyroxene $(\text{Ce/Yb})_N$ ratio < 1 , it exhibits higher $\text{MREE} \geq \text{HREE}$ in clinopyroxene and $\text{LREE} \geq$
418 MREE in the bulk-rock relative to PM, and is thus assigned to Group 2.

419 There are systematic shifts to lower concentrations of the bulk-rock MREE to HREE from
420 lherzolites, through harzburgites, to the dunite, consistent with the increasing abundance of olivine
421 and decreasing abundance of clinopyroxene. Negative Ti (largest), Zr and Hf anomalies are
422 observed in clinopyroxenes for all KH xenoliths, while the orthopyroxenes exhibit positive
423 anomalies for these elements (Fig. 4a and b). Flat or positive Ti, Zr and Hf anomalies are observed
424 in KH bulk-rock trace element patterns. This is caused by orthopyroxene preferentially
425 incorporating these elements over clinopyroxene (Eggins et al., 1998). Harzburgites and dunites,
426 having less clinopyroxene than lherzolites, still exhibit positive Ti, Zr and Hf anomalies while
427 lherzolites do not. The bulk-rock REE profiles of KH Group 1 peridotites (Fig. 4c) are parallel to
428 those of their clinopyroxenes. The trace element patterns of peridotites KIL82 and KIL8 appear
429 relatively flat in both clinopyroxene and bulk-rock data. Group 2 KH peridotites show a concave-
430 up trace element pattern, with Nb, LREE, and HREE concentrations that are higher relative to
431 MREE concentrations. The KH pyroxenites have similar bulk-rock trace element PM-normalized
432 patterns relative to each other (Fig. 4c), but their trace element concentrations are 10 – 100 times
433 higher than those for the KH peridotites. Clinopyroxene was analyzed only in pyroxenite KIL82,

434 and has a trace element pattern that parallels those of the Group 2 peridotites but at ~ 5-10 times
435 higher concentrations (Fig. 4a).

436 Rio Puerco xenoliths show a broader range in clinopyroxene trace element compositions
437 (Fig. 4d), spanning from more LREE-depleted to more LREE-enriched than those from KH.
438 Orthopyroxene trace element concentrations were largely below detection limits (Fig. 4e). No trace
439 element pattern could be found to characterize a single RP volcanic neck, as each of the group of
440 samples from each volcanic neck shows a range of patterns. With the exception of peridotites CSC-
441 16 and CSR-20, La and Ce are enriched relative to Nd and Sm concentrations. In contrast, CSC-
442 16 and CSR-20 trace element patterns show depletions in all LREE relative to HREE. Websterite
443 CTON-53 and peridotites CN-105, CSR-7, and CSC-14 furthermore show positive Sr anomalies,
444 which is mirrored in the clinopyroxene profiles except for CSC-14 clinopyroxene. There are
445 negative Zr anomalies observed in clinopyroxene from CTON-53, CN-105, CSC-14, and CSC-16,
446 and a negative Hf anomalies observed in clinopyroxene from CTON-53 and CN-4. Bulk-rock trace
447 element compositions (Fig. 4f) for RP xenoliths have trace element patterns that are broadly
448 parallel to those of their respective clinopyroxenes.

449 5.4 Water concentrations

450 Spectra obtained from FTIR O-H analyses for olivine and pyroxene (Fig. 5, details in SI2)
451 are similar to what has been described before in peridotites (e.g., Beran and Libowitzky, 2006;
452 Skogby, 2006). Water concentrations in pyroxenes of KH and RP xenoliths and in olivines from 7
453 of the KH xenoliths are homogeneous within mineral grain and within each xenolith (Table SI6).
454 There is no difference in relative height or position of O-H bands between spectra in minerals from

455 lherzolite, harzburgite, dunite and pyroxenites. One peridotite from RP (CSR-20, the most LREE
456 depleted RP peridotite) had no detectable water in either clino-, orthopyroxene or olivine.

457 Clinopyroxenes in the peridotites have water contents that range between 250 and 447 ppm
458 H₂O for KH and 0 and 307 ppm H₂O for RP (Fig. 6a, d; Table 1, Table SI6). Rio Puerco peridotites
459 CSC-14 and CN-4 had no inclusion-free clinopyroxene appropriate for FTIR analyses, therefore
460 clinopyroxene water content estimates were made based on the $\frac{[H_2O]_{opx}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}}$ ratios of the other six RP
461 xenoliths (0.333 ± 0.07). The estimated water contents of CSC-14 and CN-4 clinopyroxene are
462 371 and 306 ppm H₂O, respectively. Since these contents are estimated rather than measured and
463 have higher uncertainties (calculated using error propagation formula), they are not included in the
464 range above.

465 Water contents in orthopyroxene are lower than those of clinopyroxene and range between
466 73 and 174 ppm H₂O for the KH peridotites and between 0 and 138 ppm H₂O for the RP peridotites
467 (Fig. 6e, d; Table 1). Water contents in olivine from KH range from 3 to 16 ppm H₂O (Fig. 6c;
468 Table 1). The only RP peridotite with measurable water content in olivine is CSR-7 a maximum
469 of 17 ppm H₂O. In RP xenoliths, the water contents of peridotite minerals are independent of the
470 volcanic neck where the xenolith was collected.

471 Clinopyroxenes from KH pyroxenites have water contents (258-312 ppm H₂O) similar to
472 the KH peridotites, with the augite of KIL16 recording the lowest water content of all pyroxenites.
473 At RP, websterite CTON-53 is more water-rich than the peridotites and contains 581, 379 and 15
474 ppm H₂O in its clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene and at the core of its olivine, respectively.

475 At Kilbourne Hole, water contents are distributed homogeneously within pyroxene grains,
476 while the olivine water content is either homogeneous or heterogeneous within each single grain

477 (Table SI6 and Fig. 7). At Rio Puerco, all but two xenoliths contain olivine grains with water
478 contents below the detection limit (~ 0.5 ppm H_2O). The two RP peridotites that contain olivine
479 with detectable water have 50-75% less water at the edge compared to the core of the grain
480 resulting in heterogeneous intra-grain water contents (Fig. 7).

481 5.5. Links between water content and other parameters

482 The range of peridotite lithologies from lherzolite, harzburgite to dunite in KH peridotites,
483 results in correlations between clinopyroxene Al_2O_3 contents and modal abundances or bulk-rock
484 Yb contents (Fig. 8a and b). Similarly, because the water contents of clinopyroxene in the
485 harzburgite and dunite are lower than those of the lherzolites, water content in KH clinopyroxenes
486 correlates with their modal abundance (Fig. 8d), clinopyroxene Al_2O_3 contents (Fig. 8c) and
487 middle to heavy REE contents (Fig. 6b). At Kilbourne Hole, the water content of orthopyroxene
488 correlates positively with clinopyroxene Al_2O_3 and ^{IV}Al content, orthopyroxene Al_2O_3 (Fig. 6e)
489 and MgO contents, and olivine FeO content. However, there are no correlations between these any
490 of these parameters within the lherzolites as a group (Fig. 6 and 8c and d). Based on this, KH
491 peridotites exhibit general correlations between water content, melting indices, and lithology. No
492 correlation, however, is seen between pyroxene water and REE contents, including Ce (Fig. 6f).
493 No correlations exist between the water contents of KH olivine and other measured geochemical
494 parameter (Fig. 6c).

495 At Rio Puerco, water content in peridotite clinopyroxene correlates with that of
496 orthopyroxene (Fig. 6d), and with SiO_2 ($R^2 = 0.68$) and ^{IV}Al contents in clinopyroxene ($R^2 = 0.81$).
497 Websterite CTON-53 water contents do not fall on any correlations exhibited by the peridotites,
498 except the correlation between clinopyroxene and orthopyroxene water contents where it has the

499 highest water contents of any of the samples measured (Fig. 6d). Water contents in orthopyroxene
500 from the Rio Puerco peridotites do not show any significant correlations with other parameters.

501 5.6. Bulk-Rock Water Calculations

502 Bulk-rock water contents for each xenolith were calculated by simple mass balance using
503 modal mineralogy in combination with FTIR-derived water contents for each phase. They range
504 from 10 to 118 ppm H₂O in KH peridotites and from 0 to 78 ppm H₂O in RP peridotites. All KH
505 lherzolites have calculated bulk-rock water contents > 50 ppm. Lower water contents are found in
506 the KH harzburgites (34-52 ppm H₂O) and the dunite (11 ppm H₂O). Among the RP xenolith
507 suite, olivine websterite CTON-53 contains 268 ppm H₂O, which is 3.5 times the water content of
508 peridotite CSR-7 (78 ppm H₂O). Bulk-rock water contents are strongly dependent on
509 clinopyroxene water contents ($R^2=0.85$), thus correlations between bulk-rock water and other
510 elements in peridotites are similar to correlations observed with clinopyroxene water contents (e.g.,
511 compare Fig. 6a and g).

512 6. Discussion

513 6.1. Mantle water content preservation

514 Hydrogen is one of the fastest diffusing elements in mantle minerals, and may be partially
515 or completely lost, particularly from olivine, during xenolith ascent (Demouchy and Mackwell,
516 2006; Ingrin and Blanchard, 2006; Peslier and Luhr, 2006; Peslier et al., 2008, Brenna et al., 2018).
517 Pyroxene grains in KH and RP peridotites have homogeneous water contents at the edges and
518 cores of grains, which are therefore assumed to represent pre-xenolith entrainment (i.e., mantle)
519 water contents. This is consistent with observations that in peridotites, lack of zonation in water
520 content typifies natural pyroxenes worldwide (Bonadiman et al., 2009; Demouchy and Bolfan-

521 Casanova, 2016; Doucet et al., 2014; Hao et al., 2014; Li et al., 2008; Peslier and Bizimis, 2015;
522 Peslier et al., 2002; Peslier et al., 2010; Skogby, 2006; Skogby et al., 1990; Sundvall and Stalder,
523 2011; Yu et al., 2011) while heterogeneous water contents in pyroxene have been observed only
524 at two xenolith locations (Denis et al., 2018; Tian et al., 2017). Even the pyroxenes of KIL41, the
525 harzburgite cross-cut by a clinopyroxene vein, have homogeneous water contents.

526 In contrast, the distribution of water contents in olivine grains from Kilbourne Hole is
527 variable. Seven xenoliths contain olivine grains that have homogeneous water contents across the
528 entire grain (e.g., Fig. 7a), while the other eight xenoliths contain olivines with lower H content at
529 the rim of the grain relative to their respective cores (e.g., Fig. 7b, Table SI6). Water homogeneity
530 or heterogeneity is independent of whether the olivines belong to peridotites from KH Group 1 or
531 2. Olivines with no core to rim variations in water content across the grain are interpreted to
532 preserve mantle water contents. The olivines with less water at the rim of the olivine relative to
533 the core are interpreted as having lost water during xenolith ascent. One-dimensional (1-D)
534 modeling of diffusion profiles as described by Peslier et al. (2015) was applied to Kilbourne Hole
535 olivine grains with heterogeneous water contents using the diffusion coefficients determined by
536 Demouchy and Mackwell (2006) and by varying the total time that xenoliths underwent H loss.
537 These mm-size KH grains exhibit water loss only within 200-400 μm of the edges, creating a
538 plateau-shaped profile. The best fit to the data is modeled using the maximum absorbance values
539 measured in the grain core as initial water contents (solid lines in Fig. 7b). Models with higher
540 initial water contents do not produce diffusion profiles that match the data (dashed lines in Fig.
541 7b).

542 Based on these diffusion models, we conclude that the olivines in Kilbourne Hole
543 peridotites preserved their original mantle water contents at the core of each grain. Preservation of

544 olivine water contents in off-craton xenoliths that are typically found in alkali basalts is
545 exceptional, while it is routinely observed in xenoliths found in kimberlites from cratonic settings
546 (e.g., Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova, 2016; Doucet et al., 2014; Peslier et al., 2012). In the case
547 of KH, the xenoliths are found in a maar which formed by rapid magma ascent and explosive
548 eruption (e.g., Lorenz, 1975, 2003; Reeves and DeHon, 1965). The high rate of the magma ascent
549 is supported by the observation that seven KH peridotites have grains with homogeneous water
550 contents (Fig. 7a). These xenoliths are interpreted to have risen to the surface so quickly that no
551 water loss took place. Importantly, these KH peridotites provide the first estimates of the water
552 content of an off-cratonic subcontinental mantle lithosphere, with peridotites containing 10 to 118
553 ppm H₂O, and an average of 81 ± 30 ppm H₂O (Table 1).

554 Of the two RP xenoliths containing olivine with detectable water, CSR-7 and CTON-53,
555 the water content profiles are bell-shaped, also interpreted as H diffusion profiles (Fig. 7c-d).
556 Models using observed maximum absorbance values or higher absorbance values can be fit to the
557 data by varying the modeled time it took for the H to diffuse. Because multiple model solutions
558 can be fitted to olivine diffusion profiles using different initial absorbance values and different H
559 diffusion times, it is unknown if measured water contents represent original mantle water contents
560 (Peslier, 2010; Peslier and Luhr, 2006; Peslier et al., 2002; Thoraval and Demouchy, 2014). The
561 reported water contents for RP olivine thus likely represent minimum values.

562 6.2. Water and mantle processes

563 6.2.1. Qualitative observations

564 Melting and metasomatism have both played a significant role in the geochemical
565 evolution of the upper mantle beneath the Rio Grande Rift as can be deduced from the chemistry
566 of KH and RP peridotites studied here. Within the 17 KH peridotites, the negative correlation

567 between olivine modal abundance and pyroxene water contents, positive correlation between bulk-
568 rock Al_2O_3 wt.% and pyroxene water contents (Fig. 6), and negative correlation between olivine
569 Mg# and orthopyroxene water contents are all qualitatively consistent with partial melting because
570 water behaves as an incompatible element during melting (e.g., Aubaud et al., 2004; Frey and
571 Prinz, 1978; Herzberg, 2004; Norman, 1998). The positive correlations between clinopyroxene
572 H_2O and HREE concentrations of bulk rock and clinopyroxene (Fig. 6b) are also consistent with
573 this interpretation (e.g., Frey and Prinz, 1978; Norman, 1998; Denis et al., 2015). In other words,
574 since H is incompatible during melting (e.g., Aubaud et al., 2004; Michael, 1988)), the residues
575 are progressively more depleted in water from lherzolites, through harzburgites to the dunite.

576 Within Group 1 KH lherzolites, for which clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, and bulk-rock
577 LREE contents are depleted relative to those of HREE (Fig. 4 a-c), there are correlations between
578 bulk-rock Al_2O_3 content, olivine Mg#, and bulk-rock REE contents (Fig. 3a-c). Additionally, there
579 are positive correlations observed between Group 1 Y and HREE concentrations in clinopyroxene
580 ($R^2 = 0.81-0.97$, Yb shown in Fig. 9). These relationships are interpreted to be the result of partial
581 melting (e.g., Herzberg, 2004; Norman, 1998). However, the water contents of Group 1 minerals
582 do not correlate with any of the melting indices (Fig. 6), reflecting the limited range in variation
583 of water content (336 to 447(± 25) ppm H_2O).

584 All Group 2 KH peridotites have clinopyroxene that have flat REE patterns or are enriched
585 in LREE relative to HREE (Fig. 4a). This is interpreted to result from metasomatism by LREE-
586 enriched melts. However, within KH Group 2, correlations between orthopyroxene Al_2O_3 and
587 water contents (Fig. 6e), bulk-rock Al_2O_3 and water contents (Fig. 6g), and clinopyroxene water,
588 Al_2O_3 and modal contents (Fig. 8a, b, d) span from lherzolite through harzburgite and dunite
589 lithologies and are consistent with melt depletion. Although dunites can represent melt channels

590 in the mantle, KIL40, the dunite from KH, has a high olivine Mg# of 90.6, consistent with an origin
591 from high degrees of melting (Kelemen et al., 1995). The water contents of minerals in KH
592 peridotites that are affected by metasomatism do not correlate with other incompatible elements
593 such as LREE concentrations (Fig. 6f). These observations are consistent with either
594 metasomatism by water-poor melts and consequent preservation of water contents controlled by
595 earlier melting processes, or alternatively, from redistribution of water during sub-solidus re-
596 equilibration.

597 In contrast, the water contents of clinopyroxene in RP peridotites do not correlate with
598 melting indices (olivine Mg#, bulk-rock Al₂O₃ and HREE contents; Fig. 6). Additionally, all RP
599 peridotites except one contain concentrations of HREE approximately three times lower than a
600 primitive upper mantle composition (PM; McDonough and Sun, 1995; Fig. 4d-f), consistent with
601 these peridotites having undergone significant melting. The LREE in RP peridotites CSC-16 and
602 CSC-20 are depleted relative to MREE and HREE, a profile that can be generated via partial
603 melting. All other RP peridotites show some evidence of LREE enrichment, with the most extreme
604 examples of this being exhibited by CSR-17 and CSC-61 clinopyroxene (2 to 3 times PM, 10 times
605 HREE_N contents, Fig. 4d). These profiles and correlations can be used to support the conclusion
606 that RP peridotites have been melted more extensively and more strongly metasomatized than
607 those of KH. However, water contents in RP peridotite minerals are generally lower than those
608 from KH Group 1 and do not correlate with typical metasomatism indices such as clinopyroxene
609 modal abundance or LREE/HREE ratios (Fig. 6f). Pyroxenite xenoliths are abundant at RP and
610 likely represent crystallized melts or melt cumulates that formed at mantle depth (Porreca et al.,
611 2006). Evidence from RP xenoliths showing cm-wide pyroxenite veins cross cutting lherzolite
612 (Porreca et al., 2006), and the fact that two RP lherzolites are devoid of metasomatic signatures

613 (LREE-depleted profiles in Fig. 4d and f) suggest that metasomatism could have been
614 heterogeneous and localized in its chemical effects at the dm scale. Moreover, even if these
615 peridotites come from the RP volcanic field, the xenoliths were sampled at four different volcanic
616 necks (labeled CN, CSC, CSR and CTON in Table 1), and thus were brought to the surface by
617 different host magmas. Hence, each of the host magmas could sample a localized volume of the
618 mantle lithosphere beneath RP. It is possible that the complex melting-metasomatic history of the
619 RP xenolith suite has erased any trends with water, given that these xenoliths may be random
620 samples of a metasomatized mantle that is heterogeneous at the dm scale.

621 6.2.2. Estimating the degree of melting

622 The degree of melting (F) for each peridotite is estimated by modelling the behavior of
623 HREE concentrations in clinopyroxene (Fig. 9, Table SI7). Two other methods of estimating the
624 degree of melting are described in SI3 (1) comparing to major element modelling based on the
625 approach of Herzberg (2004), and (2) based on the $Cr\#$ of spinels (Hellebrand et al., 2001).

626 The degree of melting of the KH and RP peridotites is estimated using the Yb and Y content
627 of clinopyroxene. Trends representing of incremental batch melting models are used in Fig. 9
628 because this is the most realistic style of melting in the upper mantle (Asimow and Longhi, 2004;
629 Herzberg, 2004; Langmuir et al., 1993; Walter et al., 1995). Equation A7 from Johnson et al.
630 (1990) for modelling a trace element concentration in a mineral during non-modal batch melting
631 was used, but in steps of 1% of melting to model incremental batch melting: the bulk-rock
632 concentration obtained for the residue at each 1% step was used as a new initial bulk-rock
633 concentration for the next 1% melting step. The modal proportions of starting phases (i.e. those of
634 KIL72) and melting phases (Johnson et al., 1990) are given in Table SI8. Partition coefficients
635 used are in Table SI8 (Adam and Green, 2006; Beattie, 1994; Elkins et al., 2008; Fujimaki et al.,

636 1984; Gaetani et al., 2003; Green et al., 2000; Johnston and Schwab, 2004; McKenzie and O'Nions,
637 1991; Nielsen et al., 1992; Salters et al., 2002; Salters and Longhi, 1999). Three initial
638 compositions are tested (Fig. 9): depleted mantle (DM), PM (McDonough and Sun, 1995;
639 Workman and Hart, 2005; Table SI9) and that of our most fertile lherzolite KIL72, which has a
640 flat REE pattern relative to PM (Fig. SI4b). Some KH lherzolites have higher Al_2O_3 and HREE
641 contents than the DM. All KH Group 1 lherzolites, some of which are at least as fertile for major
642 elements and HREE as the DM, have depleted LREE patterns in clinopyroxene (Fig. 4a and SI4a).
643 This indicates that these peridotites experienced melting from a protolith that was more fertile than
644 DM, and that using DM as an initial composition would underestimate the degree of melting.
645 Moreover, KH Group 1 peridotites are more fertile than most abyssal peridotites (Fig. 9), generally
646 thought to be residues of melting of the DM (Hellebrand et al., 2002; Johnson et al., 1990; Seyler
647 et al., 2004; Warren, 2016). Consequently, a PM-like initial composition seems more realistic for
648 KH peridotites. Using a PM initial composition or that of KIL72, the Y and Yb contents of KH
649 and RP clinopyroxenes can be modelled by up to 20 and 22 % incremental batch melting,
650 respectively (Fig. 9). The degree of melting that is used in Fig. 10 is consequently calculated with
651 the clinopyroxene Y and Yb contents of KIL72, which has a composition close to that of the PM.
652 Finally, the clinopyroxene HREE contents of harzburgites and the dunite may have been affected
653 by sub-solidus equilibration while that effect is negligible for lherzolites with > 6.5 wt %
654 clinopyroxene (Sun and Liang, 2014). Sub-solidus re-equilibration in spinel peridotites with low
655 modal clinopyroxene results in a 2 to 3 times increase of the Ho to Lu contents in clinopyroxene
656 (Sun and Liang, 2014). From this amount of increase, it is estimated that the degrees of melting
657 calculated for the harzburgites and dunite in KH and RP using the clinopyroxene Yb contents may

658 be under-estimated by up to ~10 %. These are illustrated as positive error bars of $F = 0.1$ for
659 harzburgites and the dunite in Fig. 10.

660 Modelling of the entire clinopyroxene trace element patterns is shown in Fig. SI4.
661 Lherzolites from KH Group 1 and RP lherzolites CSR-20 and CSC-16 have LREE depleted
662 patterns that can be matched by melting models. For KH Group 2 and the other RP peridotites,
663 however, only the HREE can be modelled using melting equations. In summary, based on both
664 major and trace element considerations it appears that KH peridotites have undergone 1 – 20%
665 melting with Group 2 peridotites all showing signs of subsequent metasomatism, while RP
666 peridotites underwent 5 – 22% melting and all but two have been metasomatized after melt
667 depletion (Fig. SI4, Table SI7).

668 6.2.3. Modelling water contents during melting

669 6.2.3.1. Parameters and equations for melting models

670 To model water content variations in pyroxene, olivine and bulk-rock during melting, batch
671 and incremental batch melting equations are used (Johnson et al., 1990; Shaw, 2005). Nernst
672 partition coefficients for water used in this study are 0.0016, 0.0144, and 0.0174 for $D_{H_2O}^{ol/melt}$,
673 $D_{H_2O}^{opx/melt}$, and $D_{H_2O}^{cpx/melt}$ (Table SI10), respectively, based on average experimental D values. Only
674 experiments that produced at least two nominally anhydrous minerals in addition to glass and did
675 not contain hydrous phases (mica, amphibole) were selected (Aubaud et al., 2004; Hauri et al.,
676 2006; Tenner et al., 2009). These choices aim at experiments that represent melting of a spinel or
677 garnet peridotite with residual olivine, clinopyroxene, and/or orthopyroxene. Moreover, the range
678 of experimental $D_{H_2O}^{cpx/melt}$ (0.012-0.025; Aubaud et al., 2004; Hauri et al., 2006; Tenner et al., 2009)
679 is similar to that calculated using the composition of KH and RP clinopyroxenes with the method

680 of O'Leary et al. (2010): $D_{H_2O}^{cpx/melt} = 0.010-0.019$. Trends for batch and incremental batch melting
681 models are shown in Fig. 10.

682 6.2.3.2. Comparing measured water contents with melting models

683 The curves for incremental batch melting using an initial water content of 1100 ppm H₂O,
684 or for batch melting using 570 ppm H₂O pass through the bulk-rock water contents of KH Group 1
685 peridotites (Fig. 10a). Using the lowest and highest water partition coefficients and batch melting
686 models allows to reproduce the water content of 9 out of 12 KH Group 1 lherzolites. Using initial
687 water contents of 200-1000 ppm H₂O allows to encompass all but one KH Group 1 lherzolites and
688 one KH Group 2 harzburgite data with batch melting equations (pink curves in Fig. 10a). An initial
689 water content of 570-1100 ppm H₂O is within the range of estimates of the water content of the
690 PM of 330-1100 ppm H₂O but higher than the 150-200 ppm H₂O typically assumed for the DM
691 (Dixon and Clague, 2001; Palme and O'Neill, 2003). Three out of 5 Group 2 peridotites have water
692 contents that are too high for their inferred degree of melting (Fig. 10a). However, using these
693 same initial water contents of 570 or 1100 ppm H₂O, the water contents of clinopyroxenes appear
694 too high, while those of orthopyroxene and olivine are too low compared to the melting models
695 (Fig. 10b-d). This observation leads us to hypothesize that the distribution of water between mantle
696 minerals as measured in peridotites is not solely derived from melting (and metasomatic) processes
697 but is also reflects subsequent sub-solidus re-equilibration.

698 6.2.3.3. Sub-solidus equilibration of water between peridotite minerals

699 In addition to the mismatch between measured and modelled water contents in minerals
700 from minimally metasomatized peridotites like these from KH Group 1, another observation
701 supports the hypothesis of sub-solidus equilibration in the distribution of water in mantle minerals.

702 The average clinopyroxene/orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene/olivine and orthopyroxene/olivine
703 water content ratios ($\frac{[H_2O]_{cpx}}{[H_2O]_{opx}}$, $\frac{[H_2O]_{cpx}}{[H_2O]_{ol}}$, and $\frac{[H_2O]_{opx}}{[H_2O]_{ol}}$) in KH peridotites are 2.5, 43.8 and 17.3,
704 respectively. This is in poor agreement with water partitioning experiments run at solidus
705 conditions (Fig. 6d, Table SI10) where for instance typical $\frac{[H_2O]_{cpx}}{[H_2O]_{opx}}$ ratios are 1.4-1.7 (Aubaud et
706 al., 2004; Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova, 2016; Hao et al., 2014; Hauri et al., 2006; Peslier,
707 2010; Peslier and Bizimis, 2015; Peslier et al., 2017; Tenner et al., 2009; Warren and Hauri, 2014).
708 For example, experiment B394 from Hauri et al. (2006) is a good analogue to the KH mantle
709 (Table SI10): they used a KH peridotite as their starting material for that experiment; it has olivine,
710 clino- and orthopyroxene in equilibrium (Gaetani and Grove, 1998). Moreover, the experiment was
711 run without addition of water under temperatures and pressures approximating those of the shallow
712 lithosphere (Gaetani and Grove, 1998). The resulting $\frac{[H_2O]_{cpx}}{[H_2O]_{opx}}$, $\frac{[H_2O]_{cpx}}{[H_2O]_{ol}}$, and $\frac{[H_2O]_{opx}}{[H_2O]_{ol}}$, however are
713 1.4, 9.2 and 6.5, respectively (Gaetani and Grove, 1998; Hauri et al., 2006). We suggest that sub-
714 solidus reequilibration is responsible for the discrepancy between measured mineral/mineral water
715 content ratios from mantle xenoliths and those derived from experiments ran at solidus conditions.

716 Trace and major elements can be redistributed between clinopyroxene and orthopyroxene
717 during sub-solidus cooling depending on their diffusion rates (e.g., Buseck et al., 1980; Sun and
718 Liang, 2014). The high proportion of modal clinopyroxene in most KH and RP peridotites (> 6.5
719 %, Table 1) makes it unlikely that REE were significantly affected in these samples during sub-
720 solidus cooling (Sun and Liang, 2014). On the other hand, Ca/Mg ratios of orthopyroxene and
721 clinopyroxene ($\frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}}$) in most natural peridotites, including the ones studied here, are lower
722 than those from experiments run at the solidus (Brey and Köhler, 1990). Major element

723 compositional changes are likely to influence the distribution of water between clino- and
724 orthopyroxenes. Moreover, H being one of the fastest diffusing elements in mantle minerals, re-
725 distribution during sub-solidus cooling is expected (e.g., Chakraborty, 2010; Cherniak and
726 Dimanov, 2010; Demouchy et al., 2017; Farver, 2010). The higher $\frac{[H_2O]_{cpx}}{[H_2O]_{opx}}$ ratios in naturally
727 equilibrated peridotites compared to experiments run at the peridotite solidus (Fig. 6d) would thus
728 signify sub-solidus re-equilibration of water.

729 In order to quantify the effect of sub-solidus re-equilibration on water distribution among
730 peridotite minerals, a method based on the change in pyroxene composition upon cooling is used
731 here. First, the cation Ca/Mg ratio of orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene is calculated for each
732 sample. This ratio is chosen because the sub-solidus exchange of Mg and Ca between
733 orthopyroxene to clinopyroxene is well established (Brey and Köhler, 1990): during cooling,
734 diopside becomes increasingly richer in Ca relative to Mg while Ca is lost relative to Mg in
735 enstatite. In addition, the measured Ca and Mg abundances in pyroxene have a low analytical
736 uncertainty because they are significantly above detection limits of the electron microprobe. The
737 orthopyroxene Ca/Mg ratio is divided by that of clinopyroxene ($\frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}}$) for all peridotites as
738 well as for selected laboratory experiments (Table SI10). The three experiments selected (one from
739 Aubaud et al., 2004, and two from Hauri et al., 2006) were performed at ≤ 2 GPa, and comprise
740 olivine, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene and glass (i.e. melt) in equilibrium, but no garnet, so the
741 conditions are as close as possible to those of the spinel peridotites studied here, and all phases
742 were analyzed for water (Table SI10). Next, $\frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}}$ is plotted against the experiment or
743 peridotite equilibration temperatures (Brey and Köhler, 1990; Fig. 11a). The following linear
744 regressions are obtained (Fig. 11a):

745
$$\frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}} = 0.00020 \times T - 0.19130$$
 for KH + experiments (eq. 2)

746
$$\frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}} = 0.00016 \times T - 0.13797$$
 for RP + experiments (eq. 3)

747 with Ca and Mg concentrations in afu and T, the temperature, in °C. The sole purpose of
 748 equations 2 and 3 is to calculate the $\frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}}$ ratio at the peridotite solidus (~1400 °C; the
 749 temperature at which the ridge adiabat intersects with the solidus of a peridotite containing 300-
 750 1000 ppm H₂O; Hirschmann, 2006): $\left(\frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}}\right)_{solidus} = 0.0901 \pm 0.0073$ for KH and
 751 $\left(\frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}}\right)_{solidus} = 0.0874 \pm 0.0104$ for RP. The error on these ratios is the standard error
 752 predicted at a given temperature from the regressions through the data resulting in equations 2 and
 753 3.

754 Then, $\frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}}$ is plotted against the ratio of water contents in orthopyroxene and
 755 clinopyroxene, $\frac{[H_2O]_{opx}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}}$, for each xenolith location, along with those from experiments, in order to
 756 calculate $\frac{[H_2O]_{opx}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}}$ at the solidus (Fig. 11b). A separate least squares regression is calculated for
 757 each xenolith location (+ experimental data) to ensure that different sub-solidus cooling histories
 758 and relationships between water partitioning and pyroxene composition have a minimal effect on
 759 the regression. The least squares regression of the KH and RP data with experimental data (Fig.
 760 11b) are:

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 762
$$\frac{[H_2O]_{opx}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}} = 5.2495 \times \frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}} + 0.3009$$
 for KH + experiments (eq. 4)

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764
$$\frac{[H_2O]_{opx}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}} = 5.2238 \times \frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}} + 0.2985 \quad \text{for RP+ experiments (eq. 5)}$$

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766 Using equation 4 and 5 and the $\left(\frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}}\right)_{solidus}$ (calculated at 1400°C with equation 2

767 and 3), $\frac{[H_2O]_{opx}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}}$ ratios at the solidus $\left(\frac{[H_2O]_{opx}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}}\right)_{solidus}$ are calculated to be 0.774 ± 0.096 and 0.755

768 ± 0.116 for KH and RP respectively. Similarly, a $\left(\frac{[H_2O]_{ol}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}}\right)_{solidus}$ of 0.105 ± 0.015 for KH is

769 calculated by plotting $\frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}}$ against the ratio of water contents in olivine and clinopyroxene,

770 $\frac{[H_2O]_{ol}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}}$, and obtaining a linear regression (Fig. 11c). This is only done for KH data because olivines

771 from RP have lost most and, in some xenoliths, all their water during xenolith ascent.

772 Finally, in order to redistribute water between pyroxenes and olivine to concentrations that

773 more accurately represent solidus conditions appropriate for comparison to melting models, a

774 coefficient x_{sseq} , referred to here as the equilibrium factor, is calculated for each sample using the

775 following equation:

776
$$\left(\frac{[H_2O]_{xls}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}}\right)_{solidus} = \frac{[H_2O]_{xls} \times x_{sseq}}{[H_2O]_{cpx} / x_{sseq}} \quad \text{(eq. 6)}$$

777 with $[H_2O]_{xls}$ equal to the measured water contents of orthopyroxene or olivine, $[H_2O]_{cpx}$

778 equal to the measured water contents of clinopyroxene, and $\left(\frac{[H_2O]_{xls}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}}\right)_{solidus}$ equal to the ratio of

779 water between orthopyroxene or olivine and clinopyroxene at 1400 °C (calculated with equations

780 2-5). To solve for x_{sseq} , the equation can be rearranged to:

$$x_{sseq} = \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{[H_2O]_{xls}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}}\right)_{solidus} \times [H_2O]_{cpx}}{[H_2O]_{xls}}} \quad (\text{eq. 7})$$

For each sample, orthopyroxene and olivine water contents can be multiplied by $x_{sseq}^{opx/cpx}$ or $x_{sseq}^{ol/cpx}$, and clinopyroxene water content can be divided by $x_{sseq}^{opx/cpx}$ to obtain their water concentrations $[H_2O]_{xls}^{solidus}$ at liquidus temperature prior to sub-solidus re-equilibration (Solidus H₂O in Table 1).

Examination of the corrected water contents warrant a couple remarks. First, the timescales involved in sub-solidus re-equilibration in the mantle are too long to preserve any water content zoning in the peridotite mantle. Second, the corrected olivine water contents (15-25 ppm H₂O) are close but lower than olivine water contents at saturation at 1.3 GPa and 950°C (30-40 ppm H₂O) obtained from solubility experiments (Padrón-Navarta and Hermann, 2017), consistent with the lack of hydrous phases in the KH and RP peridotites. Now, the discrepancy between the $\frac{[H_2O]_{cpx}}{[H_2O]_{opx}}$ ratio measured in natural peridotites (~2 for a worldwide database, Fig. 6d) and that obtained from experiments (~1.2—1.7) can be addressed again (Aubaud et al., 2004; Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova, 2016; Hao et al., 2014; Hauri et al., 2006; Peslier, 2010; Peslier and Bizimis, 2015; Tenner et al., 2009; Warren and Hauri, 2014). If the water content of KH pyroxenes and olivine are corrected for sub-solidus re-equilibration, then the average $\frac{[H_2O]_{cpx}}{[H_2O]_{opx}}$, $\frac{[H_2O]_{cpx}}{[H_2O]_{ol}}$, and $\frac{[H_2O]_{opx}}{[H_2O]_{ol}}$ in KH and RP peridotites are 1.4, 10.2 and 7.4, consistent with the ratios from experiment B394 (1.4, 9.2 and 6.5 respectively, Table SI10; Hauri et al., 2006). The higher $\frac{[H_2O]_{cpx}}{[H_2O]_{opx}}$ ratio in natural peridotites compared to that of experiments is a result of sub-solidus re-equilibration. Consequently, measured

800 water concentrations need to be corrected to reflect initial water concentrations at the solidus prior
801 to modeling water content variations in mantle minerals, as examined next.

802 6.2.3.4. Comparing sub-solidus corrected water content to melting models

803 The batch and fractional melting models described earlier are now compared to the water
804 contents of the peridotite minerals, corrected for sub-solidus equilibration (Fig. 10e-g). Using an
805 initial water content of 570 ppm H₂O results in batch melting models that match well the bulk-
806 rock water content of KH Group 1 lherzolites as pointed out in section 6.2.3.2. But now, the batch
807 melting models also reproduce well the water contents of clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene and
808 olivine after they have been corrected for sub-solidus equilibration. The clinopyroxene and olivine
809 water contents, once corrected for sub-solidus equilibration, are also better centered on the curves
810 for incremental batch melting models. Within KH Group 2, the water contents of all but one of the
811 peridotites are too high to be predicted by the melting models for all minerals.

812 With the exception of two lherzolites (CSR20 and CSC16) which both have LREE-
813 depleted patterns (clinopyroxene Ce/Yb_N < 0.03, Fig. 4d and f), the water contents of RP
814 peridotites except two are also too high to be explained by melting. The water contents of these
815 two RP peridotites, corrected for sub-solidus equilibration, can be modelled by incremental batch
816 melting and a wide range of initial water contents, 300 to 1100 ppm H₂O (Fig. 10e-g), i.e. estimated
817 range for the water content of the PM (Dixon and Clague, 2001; Palme and O'Neill, 2003). This
818 suggests that depleted peridotites CSR20 and CSC16 could have had their water content controlled
819 only by melting processes and no metasomatic addition.

820 In summary, the water contents of KH Group 1 lherzolites can be reproduced by melting
821 models, but the water content of most KH Group 2 peridotites are too high to be accounted for by

822 melt depletion. The water contents of all but two peridotites from RP are too high to be derived
823 from partial melting. This excess water must reflect some other process(es) that has added water
824 to most RP and a minority of KH peridotites. In the next two sections, metasomatism is considered
825 as the mechanism that could have enriched these peridotites in water.

826 6.2.4. Metasomatism along the Rio Grande Rift

827 This section aims at modelling trace element behavior, including that of water, during
828 metasomatic processes, defined as compositional changes brought upon the peridotite by
829 percolating mantle melts. The effects can be cryptic, i.e. only changes in the most incompatible
830 trace elements, and this is the best explanation for most of the compositions of the KH and RP
831 metasomatized peridotites. Metasomatism can also be modal, although this is only evidenced here
832 in peridotite KH96-08 (Harvey et al., 2012), as discussed in section 6.2.2. Finally, the pyroxenites
833 could be crystallized metasomatic melts. We define below a peridotite-melt interaction process in
834 which a mantle melt ascends through the upper mantle and undergoes assimilation and fractional
835 crystallization (AFC) by reacting with melting residues (peridotite pre-metasomatism). The melt
836 resulting from the AFC process then cryptically metasomatizes the peridotite locally near the melt
837 channels, possibly by seeping along grain boundaries and adding via diffusion incompatible trace
838 elements into the peridotite minerals. Hence, in order to constrain what types of melts could have
839 metasomatized the KH and RP peridotites for water, trace element evolution during peridotite-
840 melt interaction is modelled using the compositions of representative mantle melts from a variety
841 of tectonic settings. The origin of the pyroxenites is also examined in this section. This is then
842 followed by modelling of variations in water content in the minerals of metasomatized peridotites
843 during these processes.

844 6.2.4.1 Trace element modelling of peridotite-melt interaction

845 To constrain the origin of the metasomatic agents in KH and RP xenoliths, the peridotite-
846 melt interaction model can be broken into 3 steps, similar to what has successfully been used to
847 model the composition of Hawaiian peridotite xenoliths (Bizimis et al., 2004). Step 1: the "pre-
848 metasomatic" trace element pattern of each peridotite is calculated by applying incremental batch
849 melting equations to the trace element composition of KIL72. For each peridotite, the degrees of
850 melting (F) determined earlier using Yb-Y content of clinopyroxene is used. Step 2: the AFC
851 equation 6a of DePaolo (1981) is applied using these residue compositions and that of a mantle
852 melt to obtain the composition of a melt resulting from AFC. Step 3: the melt resulting from the
853 AFC process (hence "AFC melt") is assumed to metasomatize the peridotite, a process modelled
854 via simple mixing. Six different mantle melt compositions are tested as potential metasomatic
855 agents: 1 - mid-ocean ridge basalt (MORB; Klein, 2003), 2 – melt in equilibrium with a primitive
856 mantle (McDonough and Sun, 1995) composition (PMM), 3 - arc basalt (ARC; Plank, 2005), 4 -
857 silicate slab melt (SM, Rapp et al., 1999), 5 - continental carbonatite melt (CC; Bizimis et al.,
858 2003), and 6 - deep subduction zone carbonatite melt (SZC; Walter et al., 2008). The trace element
859 compositions of these are shown in Fig. 12a and Table SI9. For the carbonatite melts (SZC and
860 CC), partition coefficients for carbonatite melt-silicate solid systems (Table SI8) are applied when
861 available (Blundy and Dalton, 2000; Green et al., 1992; Klemme et al., 1995; Sweeney et al.,
862 1995). For the AFC modeling, a value of 0.99 for r , the ratio of assimilated mass to newly
863 crystallized mass, is applied (Bizimis et al., 2004) and f , the mass of the magma to the initial mass
864 of the magma, is varied to optimize the match between model and data, and ranges from 0.2 to
865 0.99 (Table SI7). All samples for which water contents could not be explained by melting models
866 or for which trace element patterns are LREE enriched (i.e., KH Group 2 and all RP peridotites

867 except CSR-20 and CSC-16, Fig. SI4 b and c) were modelled in this manner. The results of the
868 peridotite-melt interaction modelling are in Fig. 12 and Table SI7.

869 The clinopyroxene trace element profiles of KH Group 2 xenoliths are best reproduced by
870 peridotite-melt interaction models using either 0.03-0.14 % SZC “AFC melt”, or 0.5-2 % SM
871 “AFC melt” (Fig. 12b-f). Silicate and carbonatitic metasomatism has been inferred previously in
872 KH peridotites (Harvey et al., 2012). The only element that has an obvious mismatch between
873 observed and modeled compositions is Sr, which exhibits a negative anomaly in models using
874 SZC. This melt composition represents carbonatitic melts at pressures higher (6-7 GPa; Walter et
875 al., 2008) than those at which the KH peridotites equilibrated (~1.5 GPa). The Sr anomaly in the
876 SZC melt may have been generated by large ion lithophile elements like Sr being lost to fluids,
877 melts or supercritical melts during oceanic crust subduction (Walter et al., 2008). Given that
878 $D_{Sr}^{solid/melt}$ increases with increasing pressure (Kessel et al., 2005), the lack of Sr anomalies in the
879 KH peridotites may signify that the melts metasomatized the mantle beneath KH at lower pressures
880 than those at which the SZC melt were formed (Walter et al., 2008).

881 The trace element patterns of clinopyroxene in the metasomatized RP xenoliths are best
882 reproduced by peridotite-melt interaction models using 0.2-3 % “AFC melt”. Those from CRS17
883 and CSC61 may also be reproduced with 0.15-0.2 % SZC “AFC melt”, with the caveat again of
884 mismatching the Sr negative anomaly (Fig. 12 j-l). Those from CN105, CSC14 and CN4 may be
885 modelled using 0.01-0.07 % CC “AFC melt”, characterized in particular by negative Zr and Hf
886 anomalies in PM normalized trace element profiles (Fig. 12 g-i). Silicate metasomatism linked to
887 subduction processes and carbonatite metasomatism has previously been identified in RP mantle
888 xenoliths (Perkins et al., 2006; Porreca et al., 2006).

889 Overall, the trace element compositions of clinopyroxenes from KH Group 2 and RP
890 metasomatized peridotites are reproduced successfully by peridotite-melt interaction models either
891 involving $\leq 0.2\%$ carbonatite melts or 0.2-3 % subduction-related silicate melts.

892 6.2.4.2 Origin of the pyroxenites

893 Pyroxenites are often considered to represent a locally crystallized mantle melts,
894 cumulates, or the result of modal metasomatism by peridotite-melt reaction (e.g., Downes, 2007;
895 Porreca et al., 2006). Melts in equilibrium with KH clinopyroxenites have trace element
896 concentrations as high as those of carbonatite melts (Fig. 12a). The clinopyroxene trace element
897 profiles of KH Group 2 peridotites can be matched by peridotite-melt interaction models using the
898 composition of a melt in equilibrium with KH pyroxenites (Fig. 12b-f), suggesting that KH
899 pyroxenites represent crystallized metasomatic melts.

900 Clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, and bulk-rock trace element compositions of websterite
901 CTON-53, on the other hand, are lower than all metasomatized RP peridotites (Fig. 4d-f). Melts
902 in equilibrium with CTN53 are also lower in trace elements than any of the mantle melt
903 compositions from the literature used here (Fig. 12a). This websterite, therefore, does not represent
904 a crystallized metasomatic melt. Peridotite-melt interaction models best reproduce the CTN53
905 clinopyroxene trace element pattern with 0.04 % PMM or 0.06 % SM (Fig. SI5).

906 The next section considers the amount of water that these melts may have added by
907 metasomatism in the context of the models just discussed.

908 6.2.5. Effects of metasomatism on water contents of the Rio Grande Rift mantle

909 6.2.5.1: Modelling water contents during peridotite-melt interaction

910 In the KH and RP peridotites that have water contents too high to be explained by melting
911 alone (Fig. 10), water must have been added during later enrichment(s), perhaps during the same
912 metasomatic event(s) that produced the other incompatible trace element enrichments (e.g., Doucet
913 et al., 2014; Peslier et al., 2012), consistent with our trace element modelling of peridotite-melt
914 interaction (Fig. 12). Figure 13 shows the sub-solidus-corrected water contents of pyroxenes for
915 those xenoliths that have other petrologic or trace element evidence of metasomatism (KH Group
916 2, and RP peridotites except CSR-20 and CSR 16). A three-step peridotite-melt interaction model,
917 in the same manner as performed above for the other trace elements, is applied to reproduce the
918 water contents of the metasomatized peridotites. Starting peridotite compositions are assumed
919 based on the incremental batch melting models with an initial content in the solid $C_0 = 1100$ ppm
920 H_2O at various degrees of melting (Step 1). This depleted peridotite composition then interacts
921 with a melt via AFC, producing an “AFC melt” (Step 2). The water content of this “AFC melt” is
922 then added by simple mixing calculation to that of the depleted peridotite, using the % added
923 established during the modelling of the other trace elements (section 5.2.4.1) and increasing the
924 water content of the melt until the water contents of the peridotites' pyroxenes is matched (Step 3).
925 The models are compared to the sub-solidus-corrected water contents of metasomatized KH and
926 RP peridotites because it is assumed that the melts were percolating through the lithospheric
927 mantle at a temperature close to the peridotite solidus. Interactions with pyroxenite melts, then
928 with silicate melts, finally with carbonatitic melts are modelled. Results are illustrated in Fig. 13,
929 summarized in Table SI7, and detailed below.

930 First the water contents of melts in equilibrium with KH or RP pyroxenites are used in the
931 peridotite-melt interaction models. A melt in equilibrium with the KH pyroxenites contains 1.67
932 wt% H_2O on average. Between 0.35 and 0.7 % of a KH pyroxenite “AFC melt” needs to be added

933 (Step 3) to reproduce the range of water contents in the pyroxenes of KH Group 2 peridotites
934 (purple curves in Fig. 13a and b). Similarly, addition of 0.15 to 0.35 % of a RP pyroxenite “AFC
935 melt” (Step 3) using the composition of a melt in equilibrium with the RP websterite (CTON53,
936 3.24 wt% H₂O) can reproduce the range of water contents in pyroxenes of the RP metasomatized
937 peridotites (orange curves in Fig. 13c and d).

938 Second, the water contents of various melts were tested in peridotite -melt interaction
939 models using the percentage of added carbonatite melts obtained in the modelling illustrated in
940 Fig. 12. Using the average percentage carbonatite melt added that is necessary to reproduce the
941 trace element patterns of KH Group 2 peridotites (0.1 %), the metasomatizing melt needs to contain
942 6.5 to 11 % H₂O to match the water contents of pyroxene in the KH Group 2 peridotites (light blue
943 curves in Fig. 13 a and b). Similarly, with the percentage of added carbonatite melt obtained in the
944 peridotite-melt interaction models of Fig. 12, 1.7 wt. % (for 0.2 % added SZC) and 20 wt. % (for
945 0.03 % added CC) H₂O are necessary to even start matching the lowest pyroxene water contents
946 of the metasomatized RP peridotites (light blue curves in Fig. 13 c and d). Although the lowest
947 water contents (1.7 and 6.5 wt% H₂O) are possible for mantle melts, the highest water contents
948 (>7% H₂O) are unrealistic and would be higher than that of most mantle melts. For example, an
949 average of 4 % H₂O is observed in subduction zone melts, which are thought to be among the
950 wettest (Plank et al., 2013). Consequently, even if metasomatism by carbonatite melts likely
951 occurred in the KH and RP mantle lithosphere, they are not the main providers of the added water
952 because the amount of water that they would need to contain seems to be unrealistically high.
953 Addition of water by carbonatite melts may be a viable mechanism if, instead of a single-stage or
954 closed-system event as modelled here, the melts are added in quasi-continuous flow in an open

955 system until the amount of water observed in the metasomatized peridotites can be added from
956 melts with reasonable amounts of water.

957 Finally, the water content of the metasomatizing melt is varied in peridotite-melt
958 interaction models using the % of SM melt obtained for each peridotite in Fig. 12 until their water
959 content can be reproduced (Fig. 13, Table SI7). The water contents of the melts that metasomatized
960 the KH Group 2 peridotites are thus estimated to range from 0.4 to 0.7 wt. % H₂O (green curves
961 in Fig. 13 a and b). The melts that metasomatized the RP peridotites would have had a wider range
962 of water contents, from 0.25 wt.% H₂O (for example with 3 % added melt, yellow curves in Fig.
963 13 c and d) to 3 wt.% H₂O (for example with 0.2% melt added, green curves in Fig. 13 c and d).
964 This range is similar to the 0.5-2 wt.% H₂O estimated for basalts along the Rio Grande Rift using
965 their Cl content (Rowe et al., 2015). No relationship is apparent between the water content of
966 metasomatized RP peridotites and their provenance from different volcanic necks (CS, CSR, CSC,
967 Fig. 13 c-d). For example, peridotites from CSR have the lowest and highest pyroxene water
968 contents of the dataset and also include one of the un-metasomatized RP peridotite (CSR-20 with
969 no water detected). The host basalts erupted at each volcanic neck consequently sampled variously
970 metasomatized and rehydrated lithospheric mantle. The presence of contrasting metasomatic
971 signatures at the one locality suggests that the mantle lithosphere beneath RP is heterogeneously
972 metasomatized and variably enriched in water at scales smaller than those of the host volcanic
973 systems.

974 On average, the metasomatizing melts at RP (1.06 ± 1.03 wt.% H₂O) would have carried
975 about twice as much water as those at KH (0.56 ± 0.17 wt.% H₂O). With these constraints on water
976 and trace element metasomatic agents that enriched these peridotites, xenolith geochemistry can
977 now be related to the tectonic processes that affected the KH and RP regions of the mantle.

978 6.2.5.2 Illustration of peridotite-melt interaction in a harzburgite with a clinopyroxenite
979 vein

980 Petrologic evidence for the metasomatizing process can be seen in veined harzburgite
981 KIL41. Measured mineral compositions reflect increases of incompatible elements Al in pyroxene
982 and Fe in olivine (Fig. 2f-h) and decreases of Cr in spinel (Fig. 2b) towards the vein that can be
983 interpreted as reaction between melt and harzburgite. The water contents measured in the
984 clinopyroxene increases from harzburgite to clinopyroxenite vein (Fig. 2c). However, the water
985 contents measured in the orthopyroxene and olivine decrease (Fig. 2d and e). In the vein, the water
986 preferentially partitions into clinopyroxene over olivine during crystallization due to $D_{H_2O}^{cpx/melt} >$
987 $D_{H_2O}^{ol/melt}$ (Aubaud et al., 2004; Hauri et al., 2006). Assuming that the vein is composed of ~90 %
988 clinopyroxene and ~10% olivine (Fig. 2a), the water content of the vein amounts to ~350 ppm
989 H₂O, i.e. higher than that of the harzburgite (52 ppm H₂O). This is expected as melts should contain
990 more water than peridotites given the incompatible behavior of water in mantle processes. Along
991 the vein, modal metasomatism results in minerals of intermediate major element compositions
992 between that of the vein and harzburgite (Fig. 2b, f-h). The distribution of water in the "wall" along
993 the vein is also governed by the higher compatibility of water in clinopyroxene compared to
994 orthopyroxene and olivine, and only clinopyroxene records higher water contents than the
995 surrounding harzburgite. By the time the thin melt vein crystallized and cooled, no local re-
996 equilibration of water content had taken place because the sub-solidus temperatures were low
997 enough to prevent significant H diffusion, resulting in preservation of the decreasing water
998 contents of orthopyroxene and olivine towards the vein.

999 6.3. Evolution of the mantle lithosphere beneath the Rio Grande Rift

1000 6.3.1. Subduction processes

1001 Tectonic setting (e.g., DeCelles, 2004; Whitmeyer and Karlstrom, 2007), combined with
1002 the compositional evidence in peridotite xenoliths, has led previous workers to conclude that
1003 metasomatism in the mantle beneath the southwestern USA is related to subduction of the Farallon
1004 plate (Armytage et al., 2015; Byerly and Lassiter, 2012; Li et al., 2008; Perkins et al., 2006). The
1005 trace elements models for the KH and RP peridotites are also consistent with metasomatism by
1006 subduction-related melts (SM). In addition, metasomatized peridotites from both locations have
1007 evidence for carbonatite-related metasomatism: some subduction-related (SZC at KH and RP),
1008 some related to continental settings (CC at RP). Carbonatite melts in this region have been linked
1009 before to the Farallon plate subduction (Armytage et al., 2015; Ducea et al., 2005; Perkins et al.,
1010 2006; Porreca et al., 2006), a hypothesis consistent with our modelling of trace element patterns
1011 with SZC melts. Except in one peridotite (CSR-7, Fig. 12l), the trace element patterns of the
1012 peridotite clinopyroxenes could not be explained by interaction with melts that could have come
1013 from upwelled asthenosphere (MORB and PMM) as may have been expected from the location of
1014 RP and KH in a rift. The latter tectonic setting, however, may have played a role in heating the
1015 lithosphere and melting carbonatite already present in the lithosphere, which could explain that the
1016 trace element compositions of some of the RP xenoliths can be reproduced with interaction with
1017 CC melts (Fig. 12 g-i).

1018 In the region where flat-slab subduction occurred, melts derived directly from the slab may
1019 be more likely to reach the lithosphere than in regions where the angle of subduction is higher.
1020 This could explain why RP peridotites are more extensively and pervasively metasomatized than
1021 KH peridotites. This assumes that the relative numbers of metasomatized versus unmetasomatized
1022 peridotites at each location, as well as the high number of pyroxenites at RP (Porreca et al., 2006),

1023 is representative of their compositional and lithological distribution in the mantle lithosphere. The
1024 interpretation that compositional differences of the metasomatic agents are the result of different
1025 angles of slab subduction is consistent with prior xenolith studies from this region (Harvey et al.,
1026 2012; Perkins et al., 2006; Porreca et al., 2006). At RP, these melts appear to be more water-rich
1027 (up to 3 wt.% H₂O silicate slab-derived melts) than those at KH (< 0.8 wt.% H₂O) supporting the
1028 hypothesis of Humphreys et al. (2003) that flat-slab subduction allowed metasomatic agents that
1029 were more hydrous to interact with the southwestern USA mantle. Water-rich melts also hydrated
1030 and perhaps caused mantle lithosphere thinning of the Colorado Plateau (Li et al., 2008). However,
1031 despite evidence for wetter metasomatizing melts at RP compared to KH, the RP xenoliths are not
1032 more hydrated than the KH ones (Fig. 6g). This suggests that the hypothesized weakening and
1033 delamination of the lithosphere following more pervasive and wetter metasomatism at RP is an
1034 unlikely scenario.

1035 6.3.2. Kilbourne Hole Group 1: asthenosphere or lithosphere mantle

1036 The water contents in KH Group 1 peridotites can be used to test whether they represent
1037 recently emplaced asthenosphere, as hypothesized for peridotites of similar compositions from a
1038 xenolith site, Elephant Butte, located 50 km north of KH in the Rio Grande Rift (Byerly and
1039 Lassiter, 2012). First, the measured KH Group 1 water contents can be compared to those estimated
1040 for the asthenosphere, and second, the viscosity calculated using olivine water contents and flow
1041 laws in dislocation creep (Mei and Kohlstedt, 2000; Li et al., 2008) can be compared to western
1042 United States viscosity models (Dixon et al., 2004). The additional information provided by KH
1043 Group 1 water contents will help determine if KH peridotites are more similar to the lithosphere
1044 or the asthenosphere.

1045 The water contents of the asthenosphere (Fig. 14a) can be estimated using a variety of
1046 methods. Using H₂O concentrations in MORB and OIB indicate from 50 to >1000 ppm H₂O in
1047 their source in the asthenosphere (Dixon et al., 1997). Seismological data suggest a minimum of
1048 100 ppm H₂O (Masuti et al., 2016). Electrical conductivity studies suggest 0 to 16 ppm H₂O in
1049 Pacific Ocean asthenosphere between depths of 50 – 100 km (Sarafian et al., 2015), or up to 100
1050 ppm H₂O in the continental mantle lithosphere, or between 100 and 900 ppm H₂O at depths of 200
1051 km (the shallowest depths calculated in Wang et al., 2008). In comparison with these estimates,
1052 the average bulk-rock water content of KH Group 1 peridotites is 98 ± 13 ppm H₂O, significantly
1053 below MORB-based estimates but within uncertainty for the estimates from seismology (Fig. 14a).
1054 It appears that overall KH Group 1 water contents are on the lower side of the estimates for those
1055 predicted to exist in the asthenosphere.

1056 The average global asthenosphere viscosity is thought to range between 2.7×10^{17} and $2 \times$
1057 10^{19} Pa.s (Craig and McKenzie, 1986; Hager, 1991; Larsen et al., 2005; Pollitz et al., 1998).
1058 Beneath the western United States, the asthenosphere appears to be less viscous than the average
1059 of global asthenosphere viscosity, with regional estimates ranging between 5×10^{17} – 3×10^{18} Pa.s
1060 at depths < 100 km (Dixon et al., 2004; Kaufmann and Amelung, 2000). These lower
1061 asthenosphere viscosity estimates in the western United States may be the result of higher water
1062 contents and temperatures relative to the global asthenosphere conditions (Dixon et al., 2004). The
1063 calculated viscosities of KH peridotites using the measured olivine water contents, a shear stress
1064 of 0.3 MPa, , the equilibration temperatures at 1.5 GPa (Brey and Köhler, 1990, see section 5.2)
1065 and a flow law for olivine aggregates (see SI 4; Li et al., 2008; Peslier et al., 2010) range from 2.3
1066 $\times 10^{20}$ to 9.5×10^{22} Pa.s (Table 1, Fig. 14a). Using a higher shear stress (0.6 MPa, Hansen and
1067 Warren, 2015) decreases the effective viscosities of ~ one log unit (Fig. SI6 a and b). In any case,

1068 all KH peridotites record viscosities that are more than one magnitude higher than those of the
1069 asthenosphere (Fig. 14a, Fig. SI6), confirming that they come from the lithosphere.

1070 Next the hypothesis that the Group 1 peridotites originally come from the asthenosphere
1071 but were recently emplaced in the lithosphere can be tested. The water content their olivines may
1072 have had in the asthenosphere may be calculated using reasonable temperatures at the lithosphere-
1073 asthenosphere boundary (LAB) beneath KH and the sub-solidus equations generated in Fig. 11.
1074 First, realistic pressure-temperature conditions the peridotites could come from near the LAB must
1075 be estimated. The LAB is estimated to be at 40 to 80 km depth beneath KH (Achauer and Masson,
1076 2002; Cordell et al., 1991; Thompson et al., 2005). Using the geotherms for the KH area of Kil
1077 and Wendlandt (2004), this corresponds to temperatures of 850 to 1450 °C. The lowest temperature
1078 is colder than the equilibration temperatures of KH peridotites, so is likely too low, and a 40 km
1079 thick lithosphere too thin, to be realistic. The highest temperature is higher than the peridotite
1080 solidus (~1400°C) and thus is also not realistic. Temperatures of 1250- 1400 °C are more realistic,
1081 being higher than equilibration temperatures for KH, lower than the solidus temperatures, and
1082 corresponding to ~62-70 km LAB depths.

1083 Next, the water content that the olivine had at solidus conditions at these pressure-
1084 temperature conditions must be estimated. The olivine water content at 1400°C has already been
1085 calculated above in our sub-solidus correction calculation. Similarly, the 1250°C temperature is
1086 used in equation 2 to calculate a $\frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}}$ ratio of 0.06. The latter ratio is then input in the equation
1087 of Fig. 11c to obtain a $\frac{[H_2O]_{ol}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}}$ ratio of 0.08. Then a $x_{sseq}^{ol/cpx}$ is calculated for each KH Group 1
1088 peridotite (equation 7), from which the water content the olivines may have had at 1250°C can be

1089 calculated. The olivine water contents at 1250 and 1400°C are about 0.3 to 3 times higher than the
1090 measured olivine water contents (Fig. 14b).

1091 Finally, viscosity can be calculated using these new olivine water contents and these
1092 pressure-temperature conditions. The obtained viscosities are significantly lower than the ones at
1093 peridotite equilibration temperatures. But because the olivine water contents at 1250 and 1400°C
1094 still largely overlap the range of those at equilibration temperatures (Fig. 14b), the main factor that
1095 influences the lowering of the viscosities relative to those at equilibration temperatures is
1096 temperature (Fig. SI6 c) more than olivine water content. These viscosities (Empty blue circles in
1097 Fig. 14a) overlap with those of the asthenosphere. Based on water content data, it is possible that
1098 the KH Group 1 peridotites were once part of the asthenosphere. This scenario, however, would
1099 necessitate lithospheric thicknesses of > 60 km to match the lower viscosities of the asthenosphere
1100 beneath the SW USA, i.e. thicker than those inferred by the slow seismic wave velocities detected
1101 beneath the northern Rio Grande Rift (Gao et al., 2004; Sosa et al., 2014; van Wijk et al., 2008;
1102 West et al., 2004).

1103 In summary, KH peridotites are from the lithosphere. The hypothesis of a recent
1104 asthenospheric mantle material underplating the lithosphere beneath KH during rifting processes
1105 (hypothesis 2 in the introduction) cannot be dismissed for KH Group 1 based on water
1106 concentrations and calculated viscosities, but the range of pressure-temperature conditions for this
1107 scenario to have occurred are narrow ($L_{AB} > 62$ km and < 70 km corresponding to temperatures
1108 of 1250-1400°C using the geotherm beneath KH of Kil and Wendlandt (2004). Interestingly,
1109 another lithospheric peridotite suite, Jiande in the South China block, also seems to have water
1110 contents controlled by melting (Hao et al., 2014). Jiande is, however, located in a completely
1111 different tectonic setting, namely asthenospheric upwelling linked to activation of a fault between

1112 two Proterozoic continental blocks, compared to KH where melting events could be linked to
1113 asthenospheric upwelling following rifting. Water contents controlled by peridotite melting are
1114 therefore not found exclusively in rift settings.

1115 **7. Conclusions**

1116 The KH peridotites are remarkable in two ways. First, most of them (KH Group 1) appear
1117 to have compositions primarily controlled by melting processes which is rare for continental
1118 mantle xenoliths (Menzies, 1983). Effects of sub-solidus equilibration can be corrected using a
1119 novel approach developed for this study, and primary water contents of these peridotites and their
1120 minerals can be recovered and modelled as the result of melting. Second, the minimal H loss from
1121 olivine during xenolith ascent in KH peridotites, which is exceptional for off-craton xenoliths,
1122 allows for calculation of bulk peridotite water content for the off-cratonic lithosphere (98 ± 13 ppm
1123 H₂O), assuming these xenoliths are broadly representative of the lithospheric mantle in this region.
1124 Based on their water contents and calculated viscosities, KH peridotites come from the lithosphere.
1125 Two unmetasomatized peridotites from RP also appear to have compositions, including water
1126 contents, that can be explained by melting of a primitive mantle protolith.

1127 Metasomatic processes are evidenced in both KH and RP xenoliths suites by enrichments
1128 of highly incompatible elements and water. This process apparently produced both cryptic
1129 metasomatism in the peridotites and pyroxenites by crystallization of mantle melts (KH) and
1130 peridotite-melt interaction (RP). Metasomatism is highly variable spatially, but the mantle
1131 lithosphere in the southern region of the Rio Grande Rift (KH) seems to have experienced less
1132 metasomatism than the northern region of the rift (RP) overall, again assuming that the studied
1133 suites are representative. The silicate and carbonatite metasomatism found in both groups is
1134 regionally associated with the subduction of the Farallon slab (Armytage et al., 2015; Ducea et al.,

1135 2005; Perkins et al., 2006; Porreca et al., 2006). One or both of the RP metasomatic agents had up
1136 to 3 wt.% H₂O, while KH mantle was metasomatized by melts with significantly less water (< 0.8
1137 wt.%) which is interpreted to be associated with flat-slab subduction beneath RP. In contrast, the
1138 lower water contents of metasomatizing melts at KH may be linked to steeper angles of subduction.
1139 This is consistent with the hypothesis put forth by Humphreys et al. (2003) that the flat-slab
1140 subduction of the Farallon slab enriched the lithosphere more in water relative to the regions that
1141 experienced steeper subduction zone angles. Despite metasomatic melts being more water-rich at
1142 RP compared to KH, however, the mantle lithosphere at RP does not have higher water contents
1143 than that at KH because of the different amount of metasomatic input at each location, as deduced
1144 from trace element modelling. The combination of melting and metasomatic processes resulted in
1145 a lithosphere beneath the Rio Grande Rift that is very heterogeneous in water content, from one
1146 peridotite in which no water could be detected to peridotites containing up to 120 ppm H₂O and
1147 pyroxenites with 227-400 ppm H₂O.

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1154 **Figure caption**

1155 **Figure 1.** Topographic map of southwestern United States, showing the location of Kilbourne
1156 Hole (KH) and Rio Puerco (RP) xenolith localities and the major geological features of the area.
1157 Thick black dashed lines separate the region where flat-slab subduction occurred (flat-slab
1158 corridor) from where the subduction zone had steeper angles of subduction (steep angle
1159 subduction) from English et al. (2003) and Saleeby (2003). Location of where an anomalous slow
1160 seismic velocity was detected (e.g. Gao et al., 2004; West et al., 2004) shown as a thick red line.
1161 UT = Utah, CO = Colorado, AZ = Arizona, NM = New Mexico. Topographic map from
1162 GeoMapApp database.

1163 **Figure 2.** a: Back-scattered electron mosaic image of a thin section of KIL41 showing harzburgite
1164 cross-cut by a clinopyroxenite vein. b: Spinel (SP) Cr# versus distance. c-e: Clinopyroxene (CPX),
1165 orthopyroxene (OPX) and olivine (OL) water contents versus distance. f-h: Pyroxene Al_2O_3
1166 content and olivine Mg# versus distance. Distance is relative to the size of the vein that is estimated
1167 to have an average width of 4000 μm , and its wall an average width of 2000 μm from observations
1168 of three thin sections of KIL41. The concentrations shown here are averages of numerous analyses
1169 by FTIR and EMP of doubly polished grain mounts and of the thin section shown here,
1170 respectively.

1171 **Figure 3.** Rio Puerco and Kilbourne Hole correlations between selected partial melting indices
1172 (Bulk Al_2O_3 content and OL Mg#) or of metasomatism (CPX Ce content) for bulk-rock (BR),
1173 clinopyroxene (CPX), and olivine (OL). The dashed purple line is the regression using KH Group
1174 2 samples, and the dashed green lines are the regression using KH Group 1 samples. Open circles
1175 represent RP clinopyroxene H_2O that were estimated using the average $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{OPX}}/[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{CPX}}$ ratio

1176 in RP peridotites (0.333). Mg# is a.f.u. Mg/ (Mg + Fe). Insets in a and b aim at showing KH
1177 pyroxenite compositions.

1178 **Figure 4.** Clinopyroxene (CPX), orthopyroxene (OPX), and bulk-rock trace element
1179 concentrations (Conc.) normalized to primitive mantle (PM) composition (McDonough and Sun,
1180 1995) in Kilbourne Hole (KH, a-c) and Rio Puerco (RP, d-f) peridotites and pyroxenites. Yttrium
1181 bulk-rock concentrations were not measured in the KH xenoliths described in Harvey et al. (2012).

1182 **Figure 5.** Representative transmission FTIR spectra in the OH vibration region ($3700 - 2800 \text{ cm}^{-1}$)
1183 ¹) from (a) clinopyroxenes, (b) orthopyroxenes, and (c) olivines. Symbols α , β , and γ indicate the
1184 orientation of the infrared polarizer relative to the crystal indicatrix. All spectra are normalized to
1185 a thickness of 1 cm and offset for clarity.

1186 **Figure 6.** Water contents of clinopyroxene (CPX), orthopyroxene (OPX), olivine (OL) and bulk-
1187 rock (BR) compared to selected parameters. Blue lines are regressions through the KH peridotites.
1188 Open circles represent samples in which water could not be measured in the clinopyroxene (no
1189 clear path for the infrared beam), and instead, clinopyroxene H₂O contents are estimated using the
1190 average $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{OPX}}/[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{CPX}}$ ratio in RP peridotites (0.333). Uncertainties of 1σ on water content
1191 measurements are shown. Dotted purple ellipse in a marks KIL41 harzburgite and its
1192 clinopyroxenite vein. The KH and RP pyroxene water contents are compared to pyroxene water
1193 contents from the literature on peridotites (perid.) from mantle xenoliths from cratonic and off-
1194 craton settings from the database of Peslier et al. (2017). Grey dotted lines in panel d encompass
1195 the $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{CPX}}/[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{OPX}}$ ratios of experiments run at solidus (Aubaud et al., 2004; Hauri et al.,
1196 2006; Tenner et al., 2009). The discrepancy between the peridotites $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{CPX}}/[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{OPX}}$ ratios and

1197 those from experiments is caused by sub-solidus equilibration (equil.) of water between the
1198 pyroxenes of the natural peridotites (grey arrow).

1199 **Figure 7.** Total integrated OH absorbances measured from core to core across selected olivine
1200 grains from Kilbourne Hole and Rio Puerco peridotites and H diffusion modelling. The profiles in
1201 b, c, and d are interpreted as H diffusion from the olivine during xenolith ascent. Olivines in 7 out
1202 of 15 KH xenoliths appear to not have lost any H (example shown in a). The spectra shown (KIL71
1203 and KIL43) are representative lherzolites from Kilbourne Hole, while CSR-7 (harzburgite) and
1204 CTON53 (websterite) are the only two samples that have water in their olivine from Rio Puerco.
1205 Solid and dashed lines are modeled H diffusion profiles modelled in one-dimension and the
1206 diffusion rates from Demouchy and Mackwell (2006) calculated at the equilibration temperature
1207 of each peridotite. A in the legend stands for the absorbance used as the initial olivine water content
1208 in the model. Solid lines indicate a model where the initial water content used (A) was the
1209 absorbance measured in the core of the grain (observed A). Dashed lines indicate a model where
1210 the initial water content used (A) was higher than the measured absorbance at the core of the grain.
1211 β and γ indicate the orientation of the infrared polarizer relative to the mineral principle axes. The
1212 time listed for each model is the H diffusion time.

1213 **Figure 8.** Clinopyroxene (CPX) water contents and modal abundances of KH peridotites compared
1214 to clinopyroxene Al_2O_3 and bulk-rock (BR) Yb contents. Blue lines are linear regressions using
1215 all KH data. Uncertainty of 1σ on water content measurements is shown.

1216 **Figure 9.** Selected major and trace element of Rio Puerco and Kilbourne xenoliths compared to
1217 partial melting models. These models use Yb and Y content variations in clinopyroxene (CPX)
1218 during incremental batch melting of primitive mantle (PM, in red; McDonough and Sun, 1995),

1219 depleted mantle (DM, in pink, Workman and Hart, 2005), and the most fertile KH peridotite, KH72
1220 blue line). Tick marks represent 5% melt intervals. Abyssal peridotites data are from Hellebrand
1221 et al. (2002), Johnson et al. (1990), Seyler et al. (2004), and Warren (2016). This figure was used
1222 to estimate the degree of melting sustained by each KH and RP peridotite. Symbols as in Fig. 3.

1223 **Figure 10.** Melting models compared to water contents of KH and RP bulk-rock (BR),
1224 clinopyroxene (CPX), orthopyroxene (OPX) and olivine (OL). Solid black lines represent batch
1225 melting curves with a c_o of 570 ppm H₂O, and the dotted black lines represent incremental batch
1226 melting models with a c_o of 1100 ppm. Gray areas and lines encompass melting models between
1227 those using minimum (min) and maximum (max) available water partition coefficients (Table SI7).
1228 Pink curves in panel a are for the minimum (200 ppm H₂O) and maximum c_o (1000 ppm H₂O)
1229 that result in models that encompass the water content of the minimally metasomatized KH Group
1230 1 peridotites (light blue round symbols). A c_o 570 ppm H₂O (batch melting) or 1000 ppm H₂O
1231 (incremental batch melting) allows reasonable modelling of the bulk-rock water content of most
1232 KH peridotites (a), but not of the measured water contents in each mineral phase, in particular the
1233 water content of clinopyroxene and olivine of KH Group 1 samples (b,c,d). However, if the water
1234 contents of minerals are corrected for sub-solidus equilibration (corr.), then the melting curves
1235 match reasonably the water contents of individual mineral phases (e,f,g). RP pyroxene water
1236 contents are too high compared to the melting models, except for LREE-depleted lherzolites CSC-
1237 20 and CSR-16. F is the degree of melting, from 1 to 25 %, calculated from using the Y content of
1238 the clinopyroxene with KIL72 as an initial composition (Fig. 9). Uncertainty of 1σ is shown for
1239 water contents.

1240 **Figure 11.** Regressions used to calculate the water contents of peridotite minerals at the solidus.

1241 a) $\frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}}$ ratios versus temperature of equilibration ($^{\circ}C$) for KH and RP peridotites data, and

1242 three experiments (grey crosses) (Aubaud et al., 2004; Hauri et al., 2006). Regressions through the

1243 data allows calculation of the $\frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}}$ ratio at solidus temperature ($1400^{\circ}C$). b-c) $\frac{[H_2O]_{opx}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}}$ or

1244 $\frac{[H_2O]_{ol}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}}$ ratios of KH and RP peridotites and experiments plotted against $\frac{(Ca/Mg)_{opx}}{(Ca/Mg)_{cpx}}$ ratios. This

1245 allows to calculate the $\frac{[H_2O]_{opx}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}}$ and $\frac{[H_2O]_{ol}}{[H_2O]_{cpx}}$ at the solidus. Symbols for peridotites as in Fig. 3.

1246 **Figure 12.** Trace element concentrations (Conc.) of clinopyroxene normalized to primitive mantle

1247 (PM) from peridotite-melt interaction models compared to metasomatized KH (i.e. Group 2) and

1248 RP peridotites (thick black lines). First, the starting composition of the peridotite is calculated by

1249 incremental batch melting models (dashed black line) from the composition of KIL72 and using

1250 as minimum the degree of melting inferred for each sample (from Fig. 8c method). Then that

1251 residue composition is mixed with a melt which composition results from assimilation and

1252 crystallization modelling (AFC). Various melt compositions were tested, from melts in equilibrium

1253 with KH pyroxenites (melt eq. KH pyrox., purple line) and RP websterite (melt eq. RP webs.,

1254 orange line) to melt compositions from the literature (panel a and Table SI9): melt in equilibrium

1255 with primitive mantle (PMM; McDonough and Sun, 1995), mid-oceanic ridge basalt (MORB;

1256 Klein, 2003), arc basalt (ARC; Plank, 2005), slab silicate melt (SM; Rapp et al., 1999), subduction

1257 zone carbonatite (SZC; Walter et al., 2008) and continental carbonatite (CC; Bizimis et al., 2003).

1258 For clarity, only the best matches between models and data are shown.

1259 **Figure 13.** Peridotite-melt interaction (PMI) models for water contents compared to

1260 metasomatized KH (Group 2, a-b) and RP (all but CSR-20 and CSR-16, c-d) peridotites. The water

1261 content of a certain percentage of melts issued from assimilation and fractional crystallization
1262 (AFC) modelling are mixed with peridotite water contents issued from batch (for KH) and
1263 fractional (for RP) melting models as a function of the degree of melting (F). Gray areas encompass
1264 melting models between those using maximum and minimum available water partition coefficients
1265 (Table SI10). The water content of peridotite minerals has been corrected for sub-solidus
1266 equilibration (corr.). CS, CSR, CSC are the different volcanic necks where xenoliths are found at
1267 RP. Pyrox. = pyroxenite, webs. = websterite, eq. = equilibrium. Symbols as in Fig. 3.

1268 **Figure 14.** Effective viscosity of KH peridotites versus their bulk-rock (BR) water contents.
1269 Effective viscosity is calculated using the olivine water contents and the equation from Li et al.
1270 (2008). Estimates of SW USA asthenosphere (asthen.) viscosity at depths < 100 km are shown in
1271 the red field (Dixon et al., 2004; Kaufmann and Amelung, 2000). Global viscosity estimates are
1272 shown in the pink field with the average as a dark pink vertical line (Craig and McKenzie, 1986;
1273 Hager, 1991; Larsen et al., 2005; Pollitz et al., 1998). Water contents estimates for the upper part
1274 of the asthenosphere range from < 20 ppm to >1000 ppm H₂O and could be higher beneath SW
1275 USA (Dixon et al., 2004; Dixon and Stolper, 1995; Masuti et al., 2016; Sarafian et al., 2015).
1276 Empty blue circles are for viscosities with olivine water contents of KH Group 1 calculated at
1277 possible lithosphere-asthenospheric boundary depths beneath KH (bright blue for 62 km and
1278 1250°C and light blue for 70 km and 1400°C, i.e. near solidus conditions).

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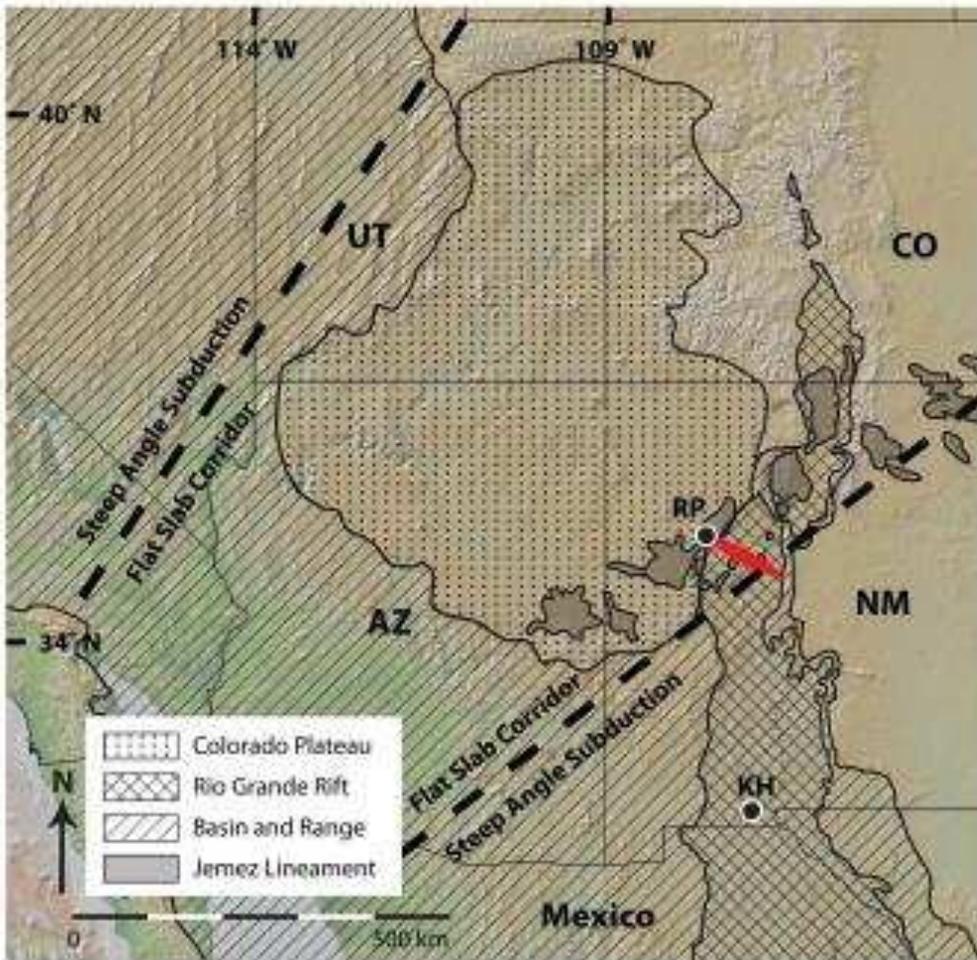


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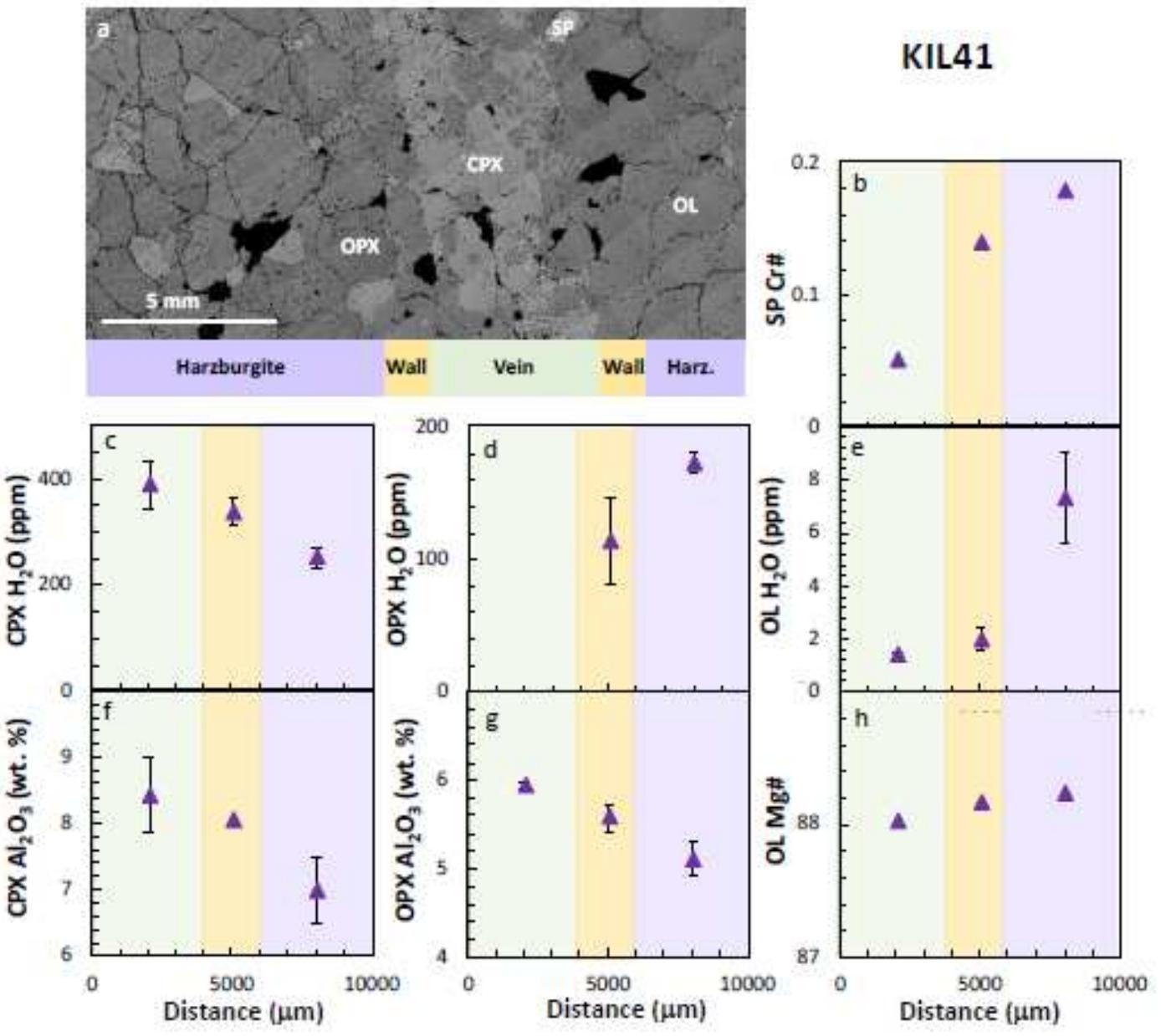


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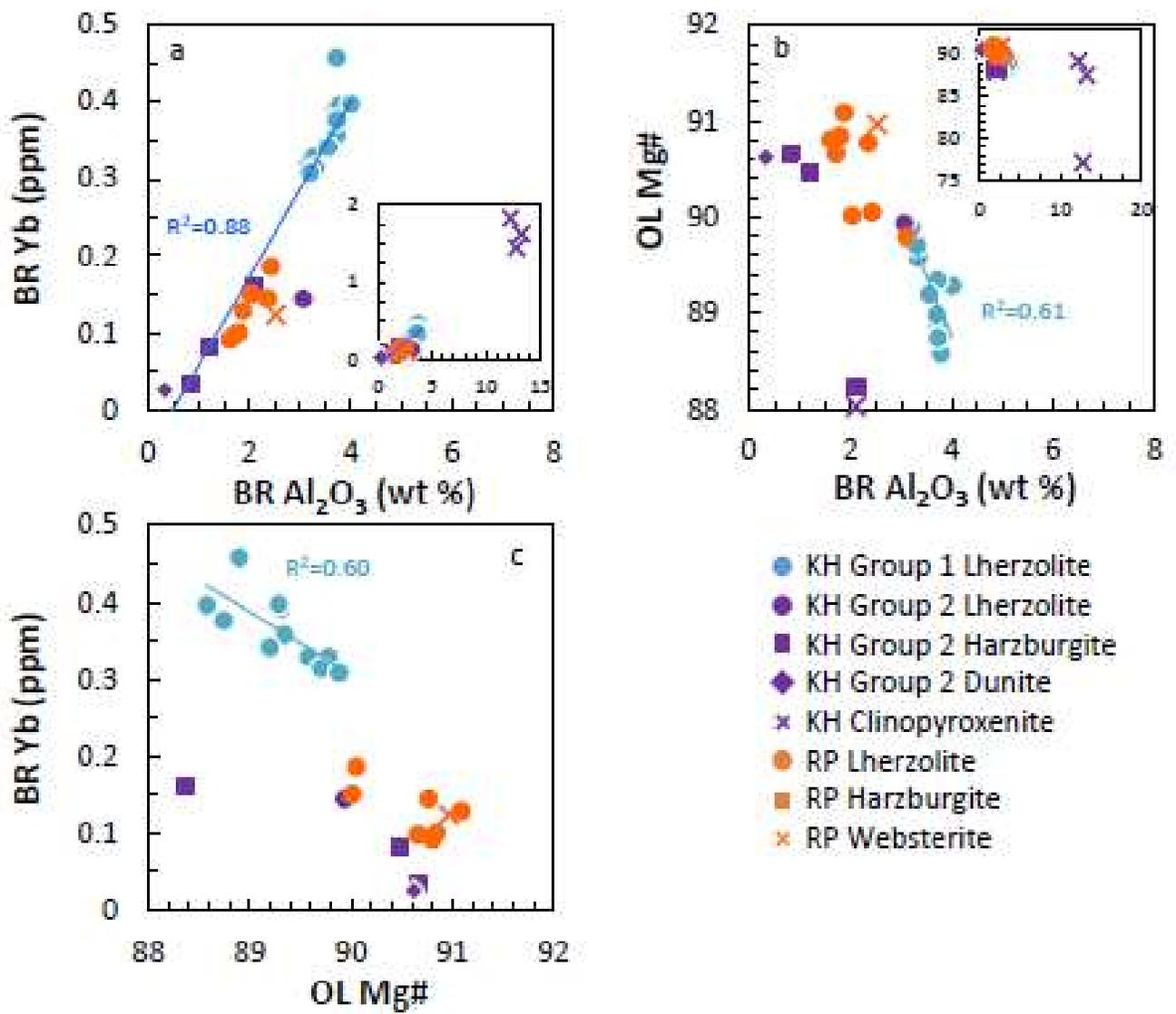


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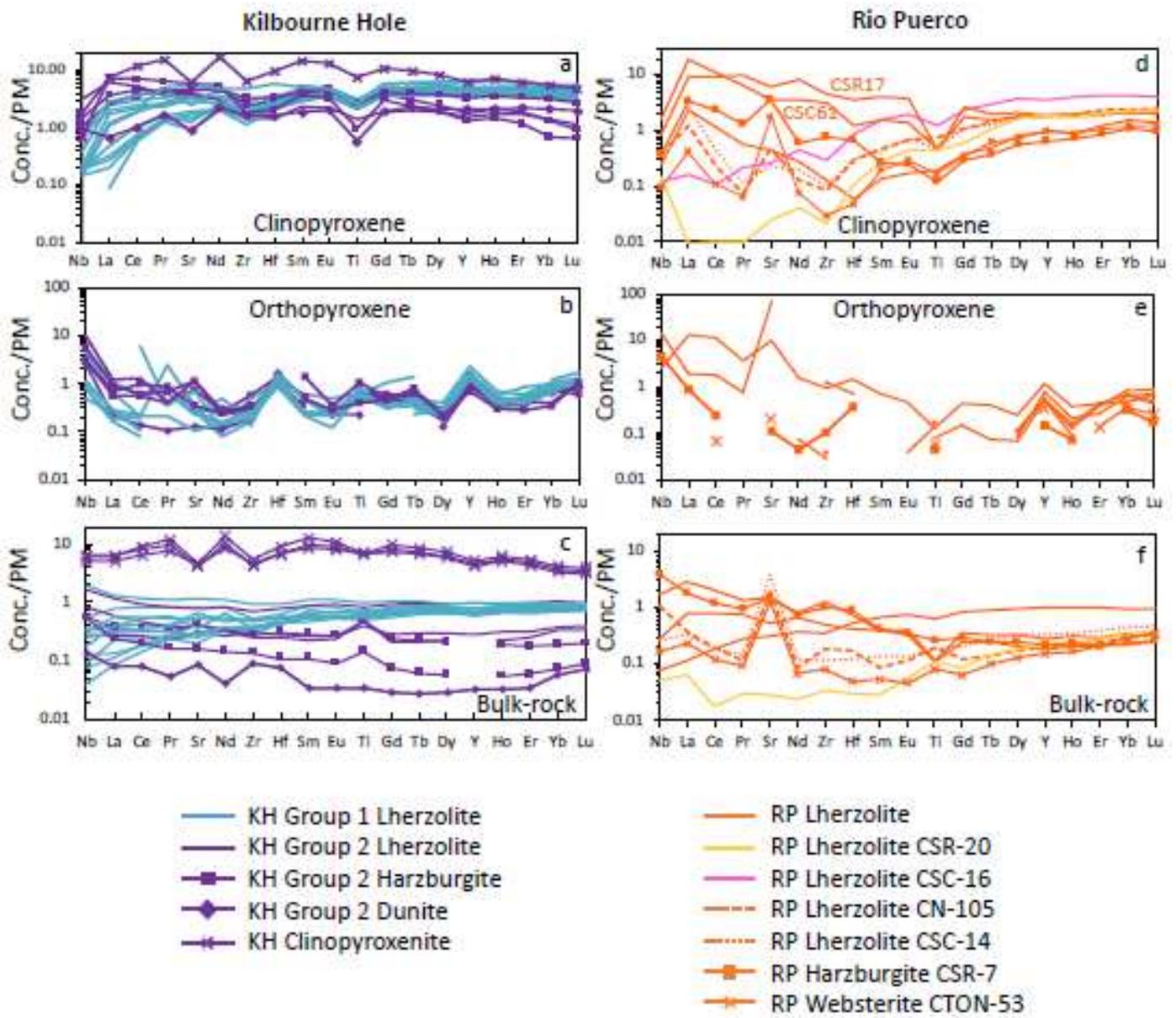


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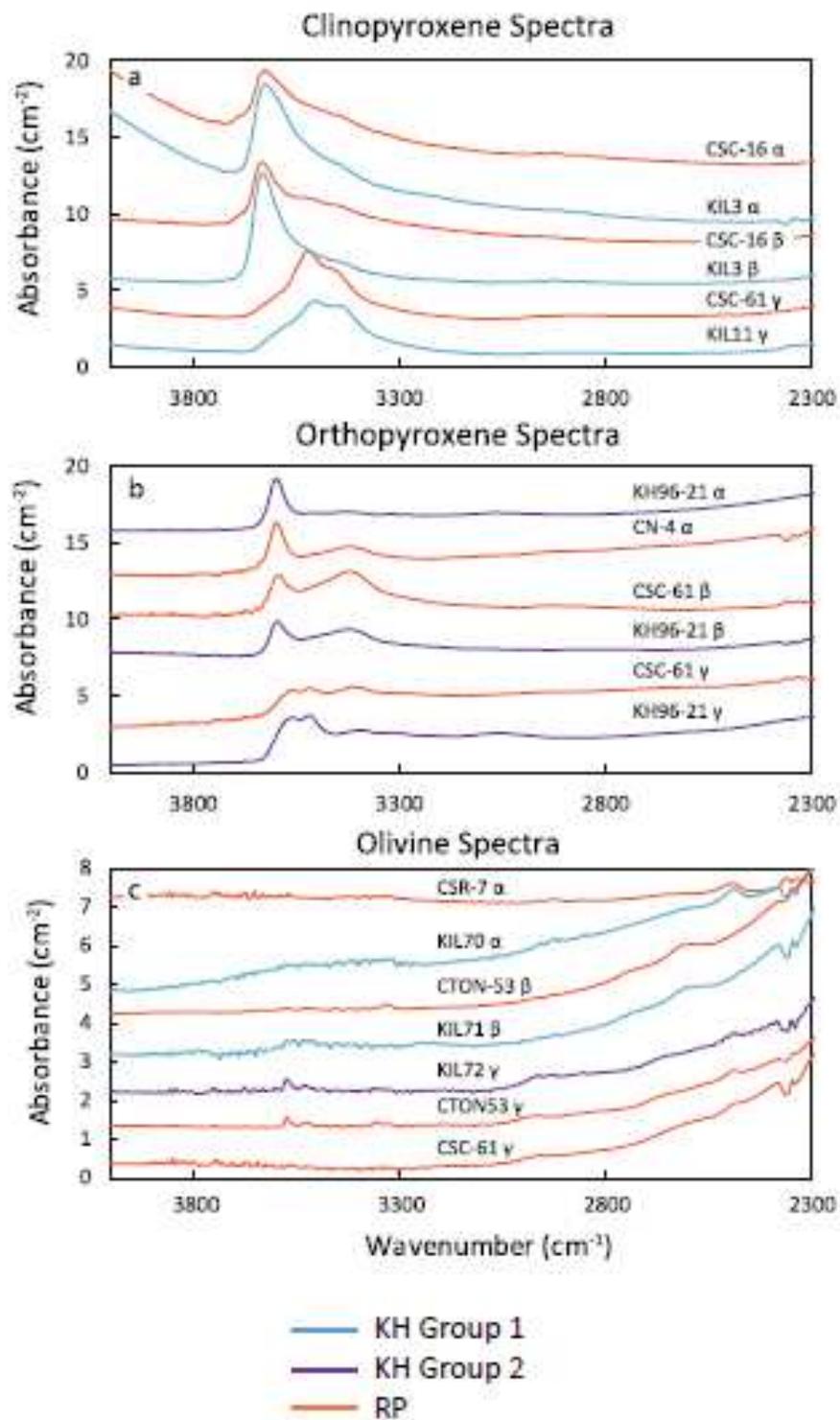


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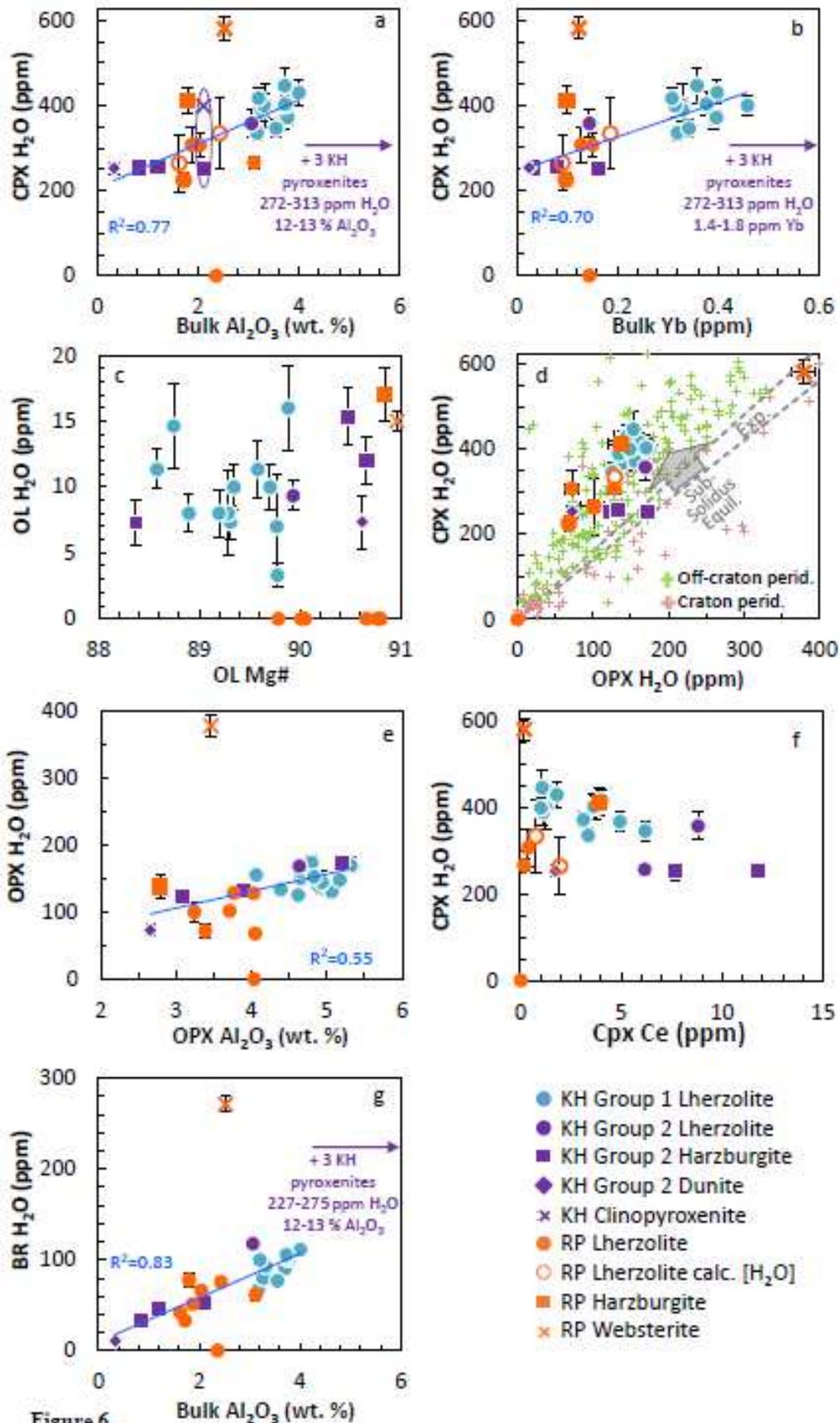


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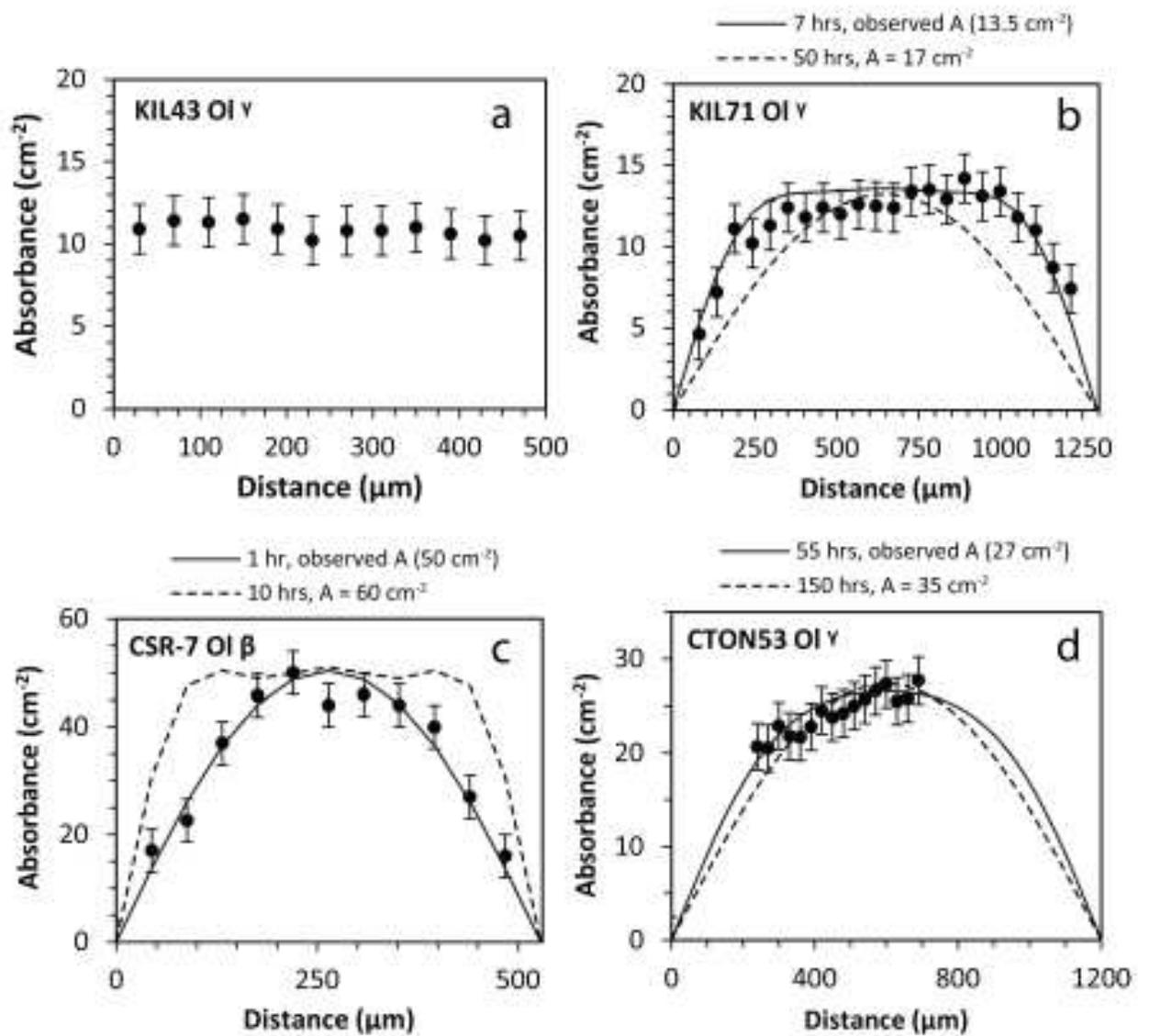


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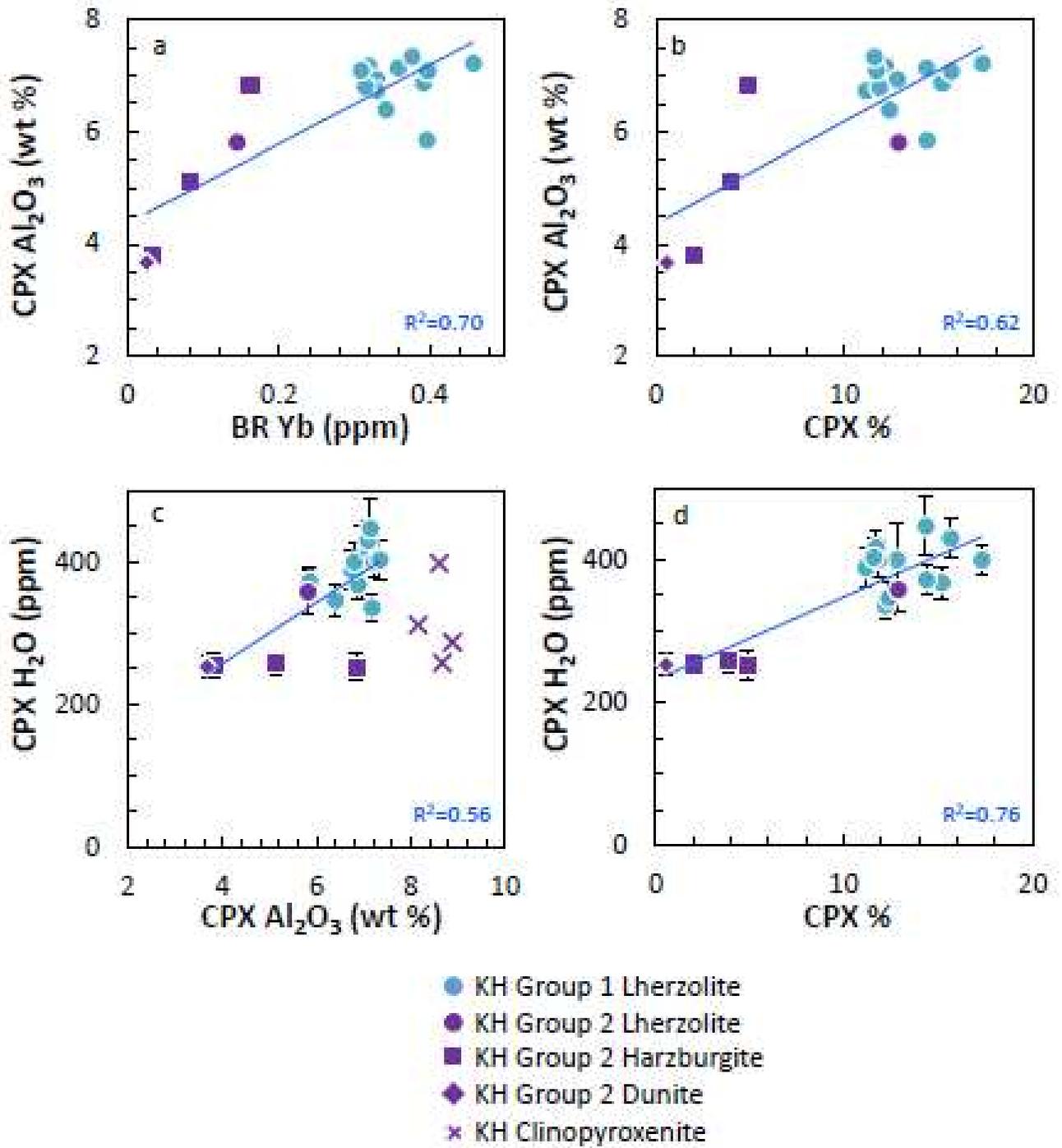


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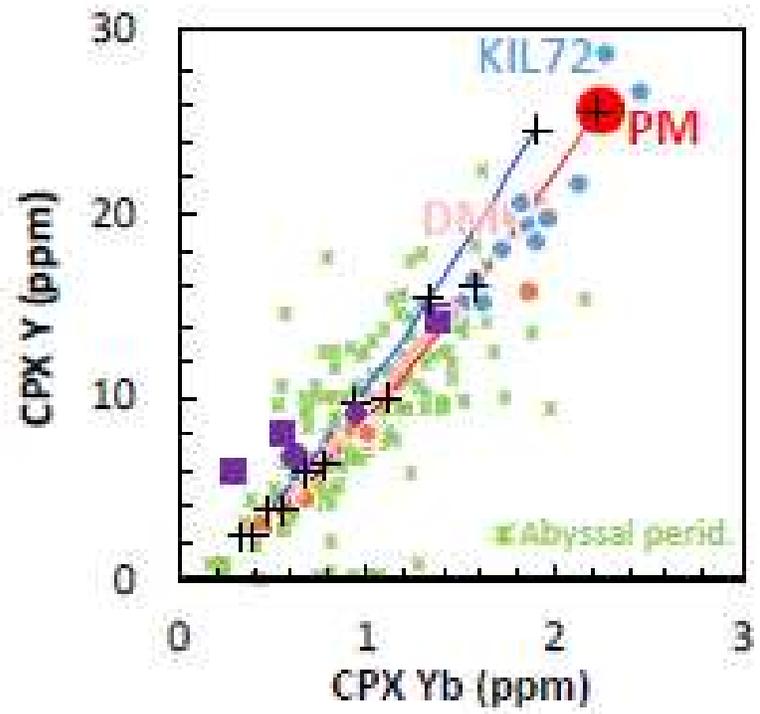


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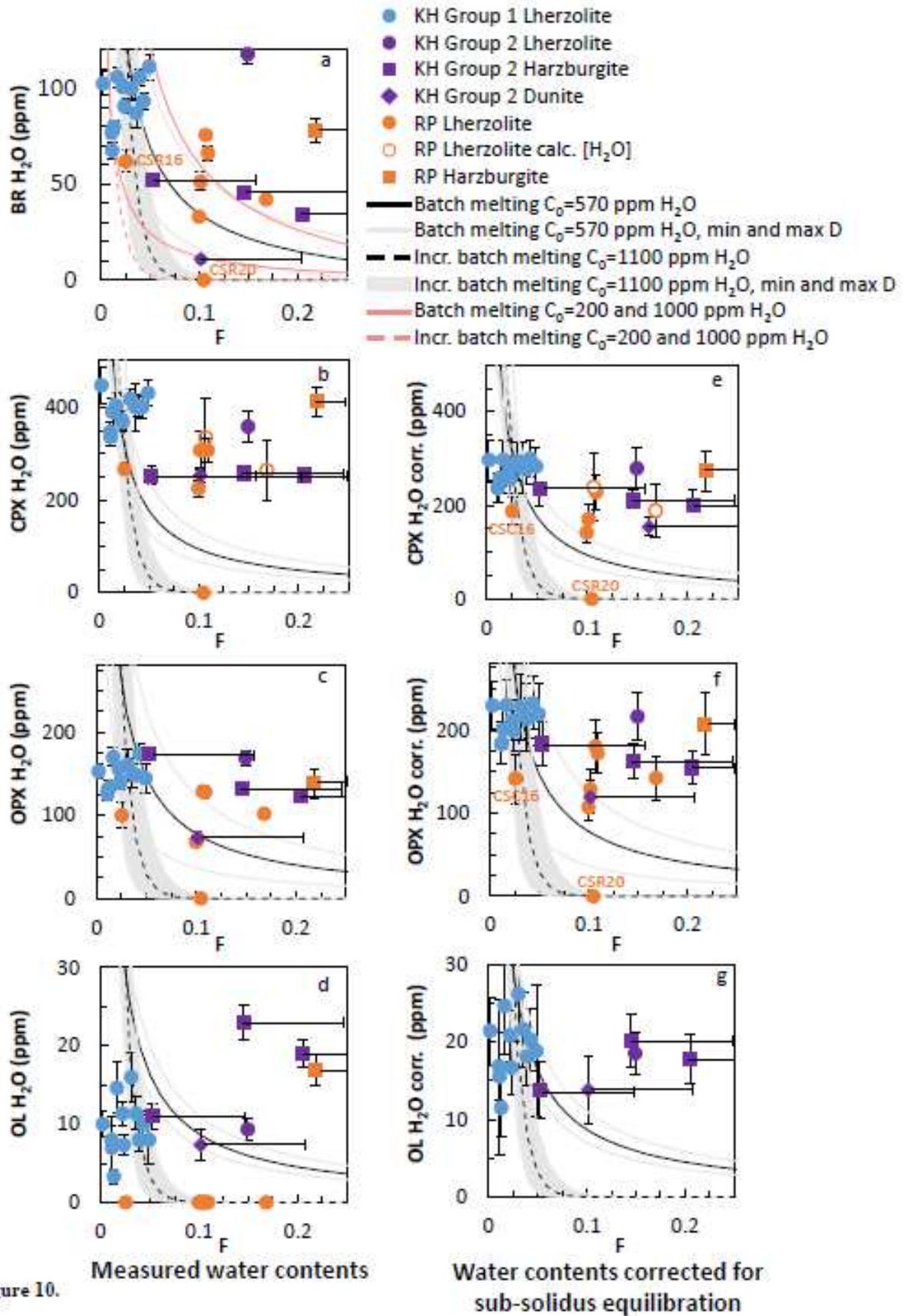
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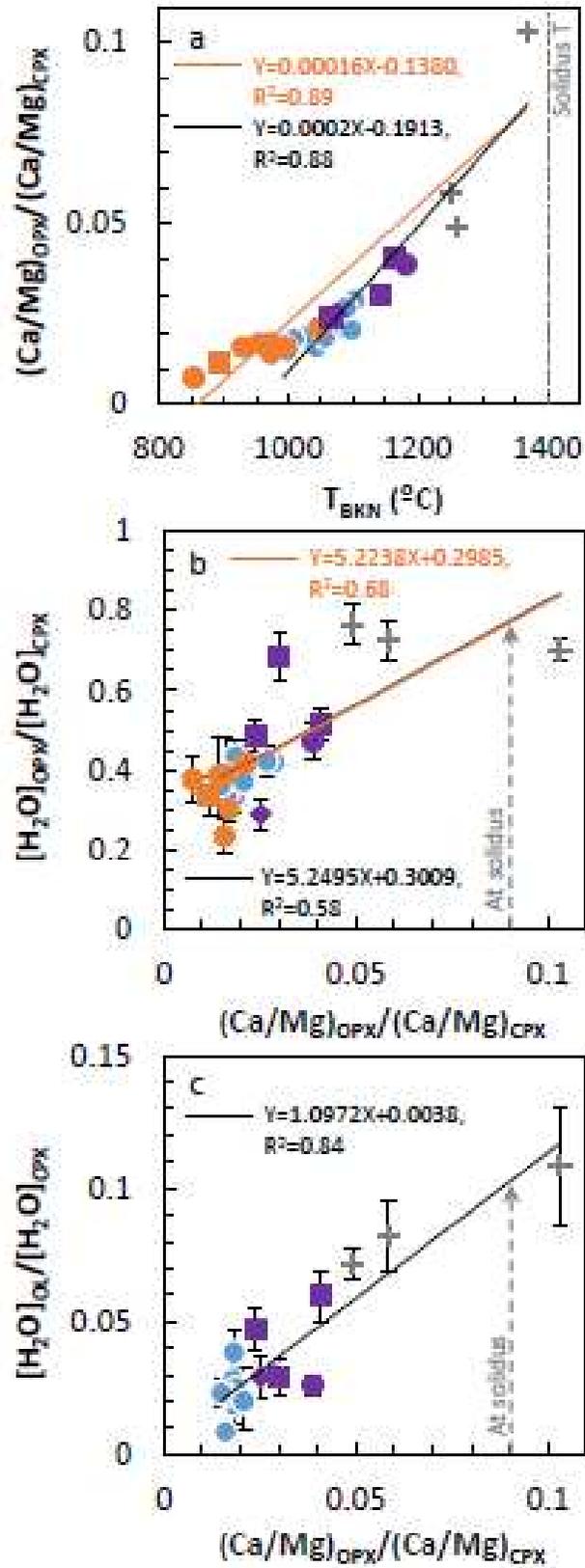


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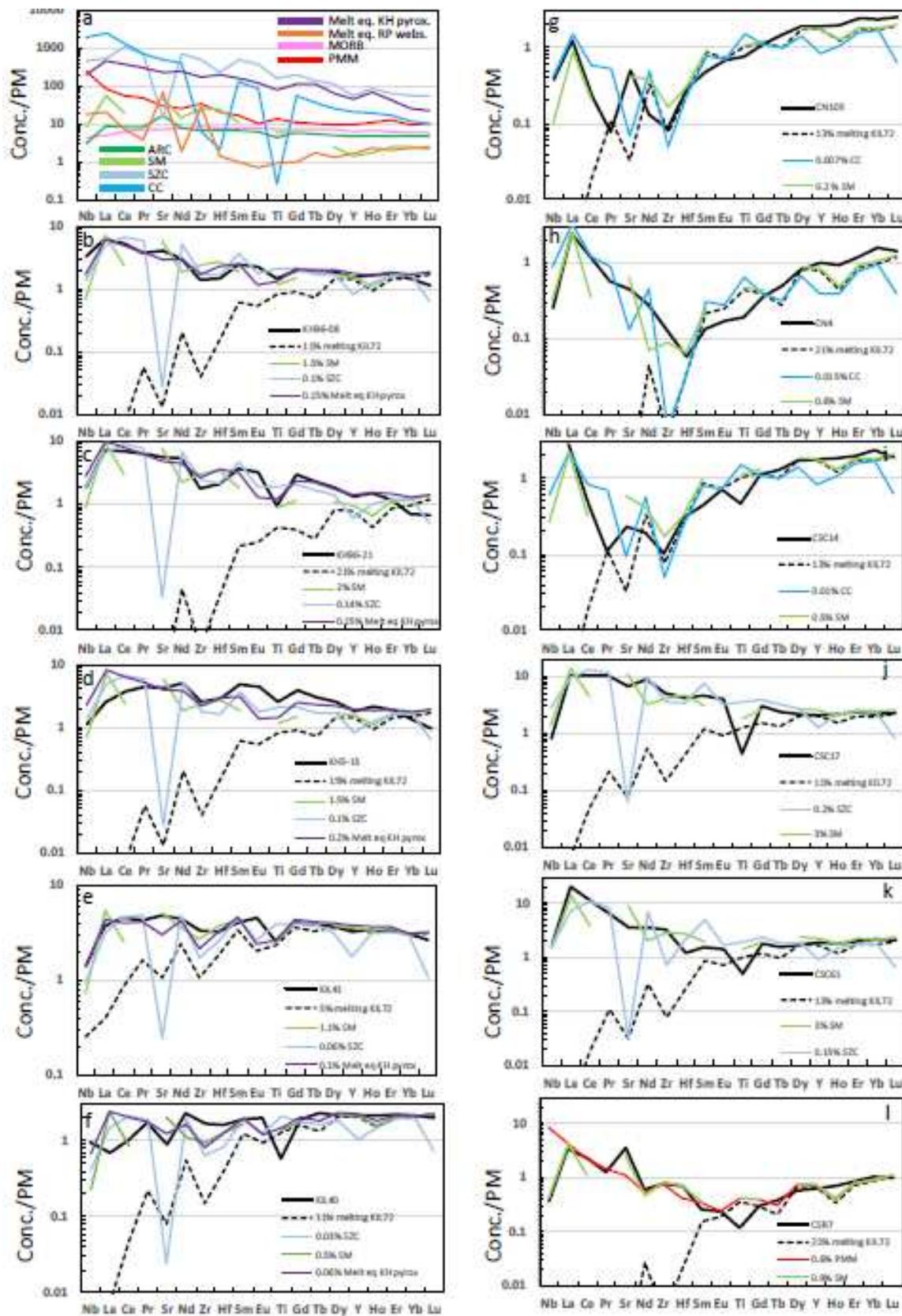
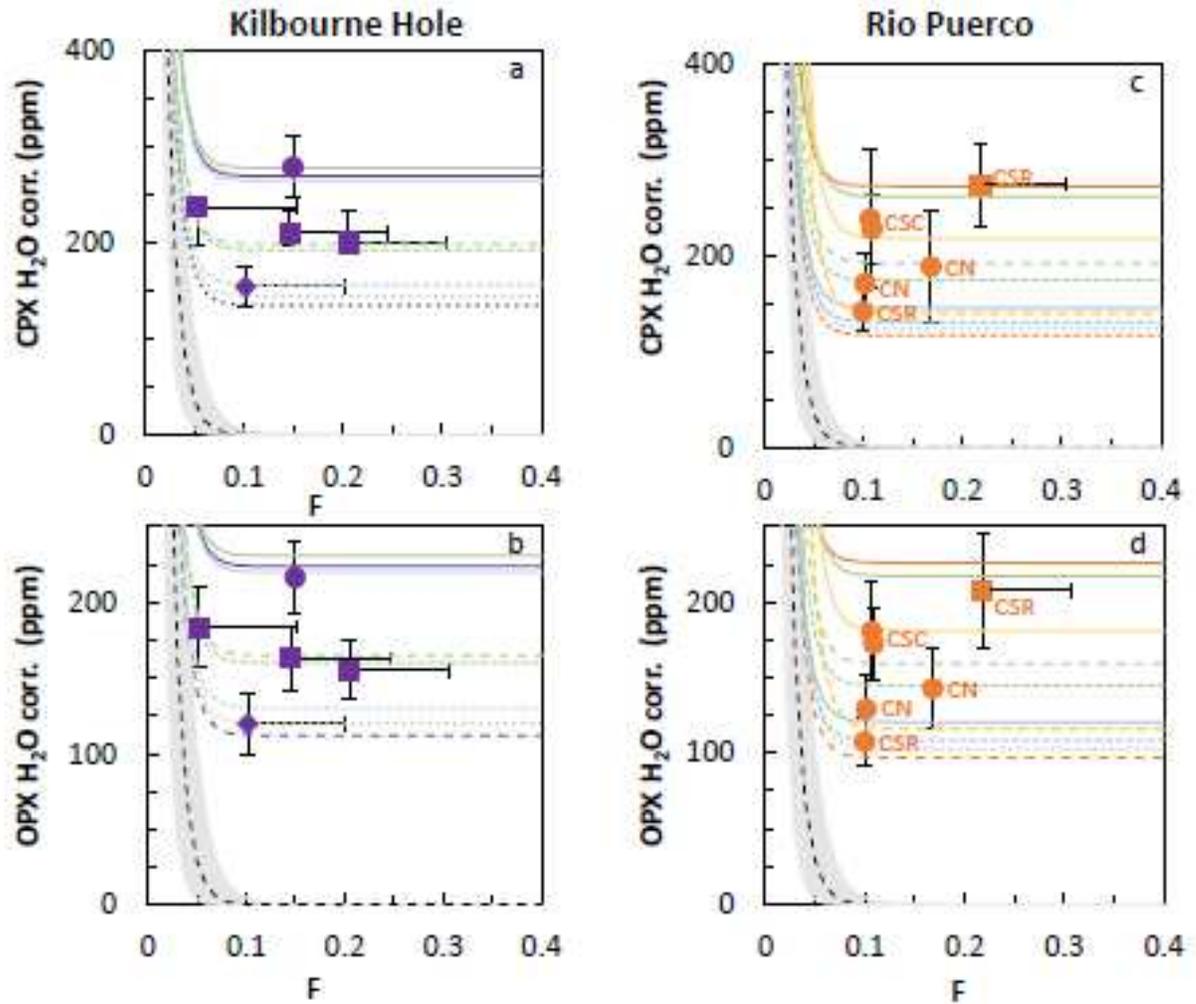


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- — — — — PMI with 0.35% melt in eq. with RP webs.
- — — — — PMI with 0.9% melt with 1 wt. % H_2O
- — — — — PMI with 3% melt with 0.25 wt. % H_2O
- — — — — PMI with 0.6% melt with 1.1 wt. % H_2O
- — — — — PMI with 0.2% melt with 3 wt. % H_2O
- — — — — PMI with 0.03% melt with 20 wt. % H_2O
- — — — — PMI with 3% melt with 0.16 wt. % H_2O
- — — — — PMI with 0.2% melt with 1.7 wt. % H_2O
- — — — — PMI with 0.5% melt with 0.85 wt. % H_2O
- — — — — PMI with 0.15% melt in eq. with RP webs.

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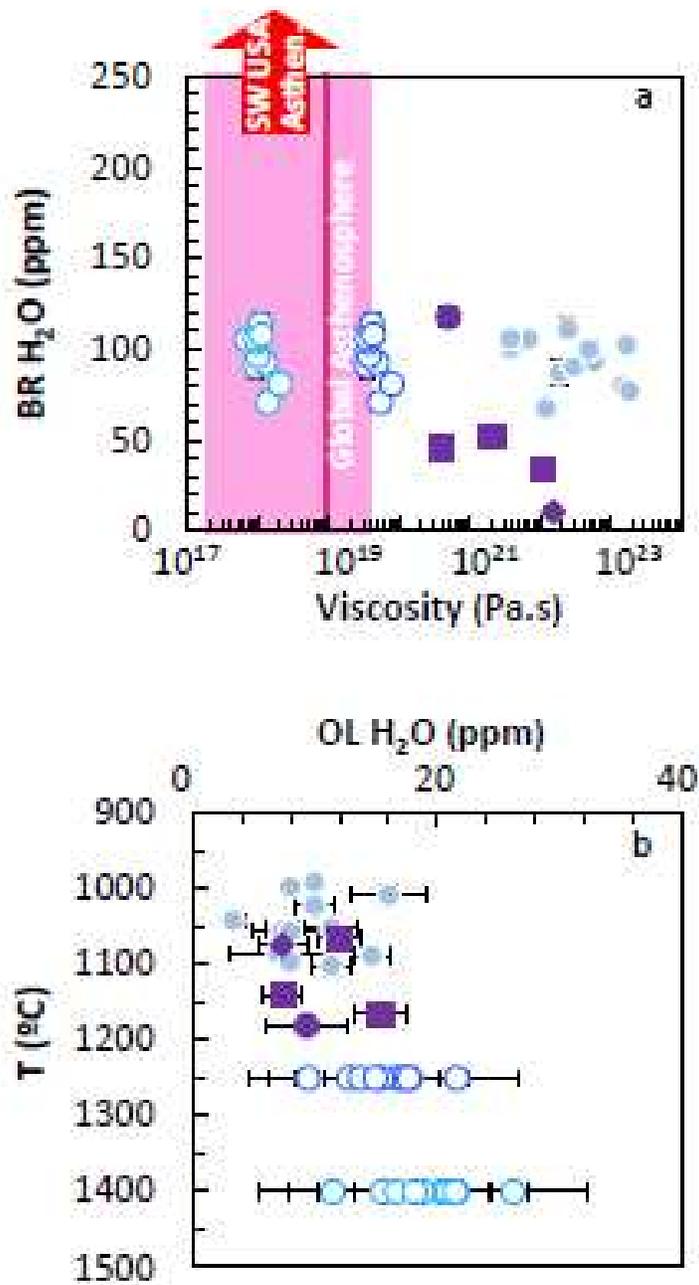


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1776 **subduction and rifting on the water contents of the Rio Grande Rift mantle**

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1778 **1- List of supplementary information tables**

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1783 Table SI3: Bulk rock trace element concentrations from ICP-MS (ppm)

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1794 melting and mixing models

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1799 and sub-solidus corrections

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1802 **2- Description of FTIR spectra**

1803 In both KH and RP clinopyroxene, OH infrared absorption bands are observed between
1804 3765 – 3000 cm^{-1} (Figure 5a). Spectra measured along the α and β indicatrix axes in KH and RP
1805 clinopyroxene (henceforth // α and // β) contain a main band dominating each spectrum centered at
1806 3630 – 3640 cm^{-1} with a smaller band centered at 3450 cm^{-1} . The spectra // γ sometimes contain a
1807 small broad band centered at 3635 cm^{-1} followed by two main bands centered at 3525 and 3460
1808 cm^{-1} . No OH bands were observed in clinopyroxene from CSR-20 and that peridotite also has the
1809 most depleted LREE signature out of all RP xenoliths (Figure 4). Clinopyroxene in CTON-53,
1810 CSR-7, CSC-17, and CSC-61 from RP also sometimes contain a band centered at 3525 cm^{-1} // α
1811 and // β on. This band at 3525 cm^{-1} ranges in size from grain to grain; it is non-existent in some
1812 grains and equal height with the band at 3450 cm^{-1} in other grains. The clinopyroxene spectra of
1813 websterite CTON-53 are not distinct from those of RP peridotite clinopyroxenes. There is also no
1814 distinction between KH Group 1 and 2 spectra.

1815 Orthopyroxene OH infrared absorption bands in KH and RP spectra are located between
1816 3729 – 2800 cm^{-1} (Figure 5b). When // α , KH and RP spectra contain a large band centered at 3600
1817 cm^{-1} with a smaller band centered at 3420 cm^{-1} ; a small broad band is sometimes observed centered
1818 at 3070 cm^{-1} . In websterite CTON-53 from Rio Puerco an additional small broad band is observed
1819 at 3305 cm^{-1} as well as an additional small narrow band at 3520 cm^{-1} . The KH and RP spectra // β
1820 are characterized by a large band centered at 3600 cm^{-1} and a smaller band centered at 3420 cm^{-1} .
1821 In KH and RP orthopyroxene, two bands with the largest height // γ are centered at 3565 cm^{-1} and
1822 3520 cm^{-1} , followed in size by two smaller bands centered at 3400 cm^{-1} and 3320 cm^{-1} ; a small
1823 broad band is sometimes observed at 3060 cm^{-1} . In all RP xenoliths except for CTON-53 and CSR-
1824 20, bands centered at 3565 cm^{-1} , 3520 cm^{-1} , and 3400 cm^{-1} are roughly equal in size, and the band

1825 centered at 3320 cm^{-1} is not observed. No OH bands are detected in CSR-20 orthopyroxene. There
1826 is no obvious difference between KH Group 1 and Group 2 orthopyroxene spectra. Relative area
1827 beneath the OH absorption bands are consistently $\gamma > \alpha \geq \beta$.

1828 All Kilbourne Hole olivine grains measured contained detectable water contents. Rio
1829 Puerco olivine grains have no detectable water with the exception of olivine in harzburgite CSR-
1830 7 and websterite CTON-53 (Figure 5c). In hydrated olivines from KH and RP, OH infrared
1831 absorption bands are observed between $3600 - 3000\text{ cm}^{-1}$. When // α , the most prominent bands
1832 within a spectrum are centered at 3570 cm^{-1} and 3525 cm^{-1} with smaller additional bands
1833 sometimes observed centered at 3445 , 3415 , 3380 , 3355 , and 3330 cm^{-1} . Spectra // β sometimes
1834 contain bands centered at 3570 cm^{-1} and 3525 cm^{-1} and usually contain a prominent band centered
1835 at 3225 cm^{-1} . Spectra // γ contain two prominent bands centered at 3570 cm^{-1} and 3525 cm^{-1} with
1836 additional bands sometimes present centered at 3355 cm^{-1} and 3330 cm^{-1} . There is no difference
1837 between KH Group 1 and Group 2 olivine spectra. Websterite CTON-53 olivine spectra are not
1838 distinct from KH peridotite or CSR-7 olivine spectra. Seven out of 15 KH xenoliths have
1839 homogeneous integrated OH absorbances throughout their olivines, while other olivines from KH
1840 and in those from RP, OH integrated absorbances are lower at the edge of olivine grains compared
1841 to their core (Fig. 6, Table SI6).

1842 **3- Degree of melting**

1843 3-1 -Degree of melting from major element modelling of Herzberg (2004):

1844 The major element compositions of KH and RP peridotites are compared to those of the
1845 partial melting models of Herzberg (2004) who used a fertile spinel lherzolite resembling primitive
1846 mantle (PM; McDonough and Sun, 1995) as the initial composition. That composition is more

1847 fertile (higher Al_2O_3 and lower MgO contents) than our most fertile KH or RP peridotites (Fig.
1848 SI3 a and b) and, therefore, the degrees of melting obtained by that method are maximum values.
1849 The results for isobaric batch melting at 1 and 2 GPa, and decompression fractional melting starting
1850 at 2 and 3 GPa are shown in Fig. SI3 a and b. Initial pressures of 3 GPa are considerably higher
1851 than the estimated equilibrium pressures for KH and RP xenoliths (1-1.8 GPa; Perkins and
1852 Anthony, 2011; Porreca et al., 2006), however, 2 and 3 GPa are the lowest pressure at which
1853 fractional melting models were run (Herzberg, 2004). The major element concentrations of all KH
1854 xenoliths plot near or along the melting trends of (Herzberg, 2004). The exception is the lherzolite
1855 KH96-08, which has bulk-rock MgO and Al_2O_3 concentrations that are slightly too low compared
1856 to the models. However, KH96-08 is considered to be anomalous because it has an unusually high
1857 modal abundance of low-Ca pyroxene (45% orthopyroxene, 44% olivine), which is interpreted as
1858 evidence of modal metasomatism resulting from a peridotite-melt reaction in a supra-subduction
1859 zone environment that re-equilibrated texturally (Harvey et al., 2012). The KH xenoliths plot
1860 equally close to batch and fractional major element melting trends with the most depleted KH
1861 peridotite, the dunite, recording slightly lower melting degrees with batch melting (31%) compared
1862 to fractional melting (33%).

1863 Overall, the major element compositions of RP peridotites do not fall on Herzberg's
1864 melting trends for either batch or fractional melting but parallel to them (Fig. SI3 a and b), being
1865 generally displaced to lower MgO and Al_2O_3 abundances (Herzberg, 2004). This could mean that
1866 the RP protolith had a different composition prior to melting with lower abundances of Fe, Al, Ca
1867 and Na compared to the composition used in the (Herzberg, 2004) models or that of KH.
1868 Alternatively, as noted in the previous section, their major element compositions may have instead
1869 been affected by modal metasomatism. Even CN-4 and CSR-17, the most major element-depleted

1870 peridotites, have elevated LREE relative to HREE (Fig. 4), indicating cryptic metasomatism.
1871 Therefore, it appears that the major element geochemistry of KH peridotites is controlled by partial
1872 melting, while RP major element geochemistry reflects a more complicated history that likely
1873 includes multiple events of melting, metasomatism and possibly an unusual protolith composition.

1874 3-2 -Degree of melting estimated from the spinel Cr#

1875 Based on abyssal peridotite data, it has been proposed that the Cr# of spinel can be used to
1876 calculate the degree of melting of spinel peridotites (Hellebrand et al., 2001). Using that method,
1877 degrees of melting of 0 to 16 % for KH and 1 to 14% for RP are calculated. These are lower than
1878 those obtained with the decompression (2-0 GPa) melting model of Herzberg (2-26 % for KH and
1879 7-17% for RP) and those obtained with the Y and Yb contents of clinopyroxene (up to 1-20 and
1880 2-22 %). Peridotites from KH Group 1 have higher HREE contents than most abyssal peridotites
1881 which are thought to have resulted from melting of the DM, as opposed to PM (Fig. 9). The lower
1882 degree of melting obtained using the spinel Cr# method based on abyssal peridotite data is
1883 expected given the more fertile initial compositions used with the other two methods and illustrate
1884 that using this model to peridotites other than strongly depleted abyssal peridotites should be done
1885 with caution.

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1888 **4- Viscosity calculations**

1889 The viscosity of the KH peridotites is calculated using their olivine water contents and a flow
1890 law for olivine aggregates at equilibration temperatures (Li et al., 2008). Li et al 2008 derived

1891 their equation from that of Mei and Kohlsted 2000 established from experiments in dislocation
1892 creep regime.

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1894 Effective viscosity:

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$$\eta_{\text{eff}} = \tau / \dot{\epsilon} \quad (\text{eq. S11})$$

1896 η_{eff} = effective viscosity (Pa·s)

1897 τ = shear stress (0.3 MPa (Li et al., 2008) or 0.6 MPa ())

1898 $\dot{\epsilon}$ = strain rate (s⁻¹)

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1900 Strain rate:

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$$\dot{\epsilon} = A_{\text{cre}}^{-n_1} (\exp(c_0 + c_1 \ln C_{\text{OH}} + c_2 \ln^2 C_{\text{OH}} + c_3 \ln^3 C_{\text{OH}}))^r \exp\left(\frac{Q + PV_{\text{cre}}}{RT}\right) \quad (\text{eq. S12})$$

1902 A_{cre} = experimentally determined constant 90 MPa^{-(n1+r)}s⁻¹ with stress exponent n1 = 3.5 and the water
1903 fugacity exponent r = 1.2 (Hirth and Kohlstedt, 2004)

1904 c = parameters for water fugacity in the environment {Mei, 2000 #1750; Li et al., 2008}: c₀ = -7.9859, c₁
1905 = 4.3559, c₂ = -0.5742. c₃ = 0.0337

1906 C_{OH} = water content of olivine (H/10⁶Si, converted from ppm H₂O with a SiO₂ content in olivine of 40.60
1907 wt %)

1908 Q = activation energy for dislocation creep of olivine (480 kJ/mol; Hirth and Kohlstedt, 2004)

1909 V_{cre} = activation volume for dislocation creep of olivine (10.6 x 10⁻⁶ m³/mol; Li et al., 2008)

1910 P = pressure (Pa)

1911 T = temperature (°K)

1912 $R = \text{gas constant } (8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1})$

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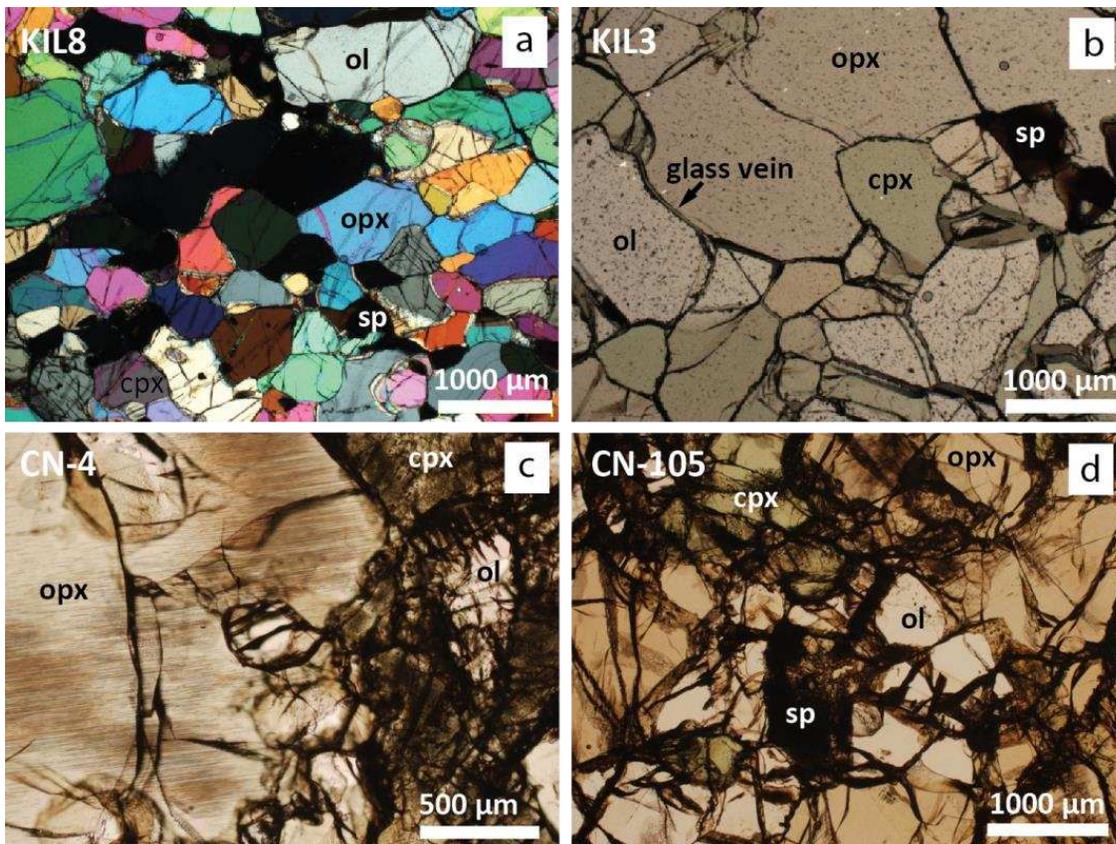
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1915 **5- Supplementary figures**

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1917 **Figure S11.** Examples of textures found in KH and RP peridotites. Sample KIL8 in a is shown in cross-
1918 polarized light. This is the only KH sample which exhibits an equigranular texture. A protogranular texture
1919 is observed in all other KH samples, as seen for KIL3 in plane polarized light in b. This sample contains
1920 small glass veins, also present in samples KIL1, KIL2, and KIL41. In c, xenolith CN-4 from RP shows
1921 exsolution lamellae within the large orthopyroxene grain (opx) as well as inclusion-rich clinopyroxenes.
1922 Samples from RP are highly fractured, as shown in the photograph of CN-105 in d.

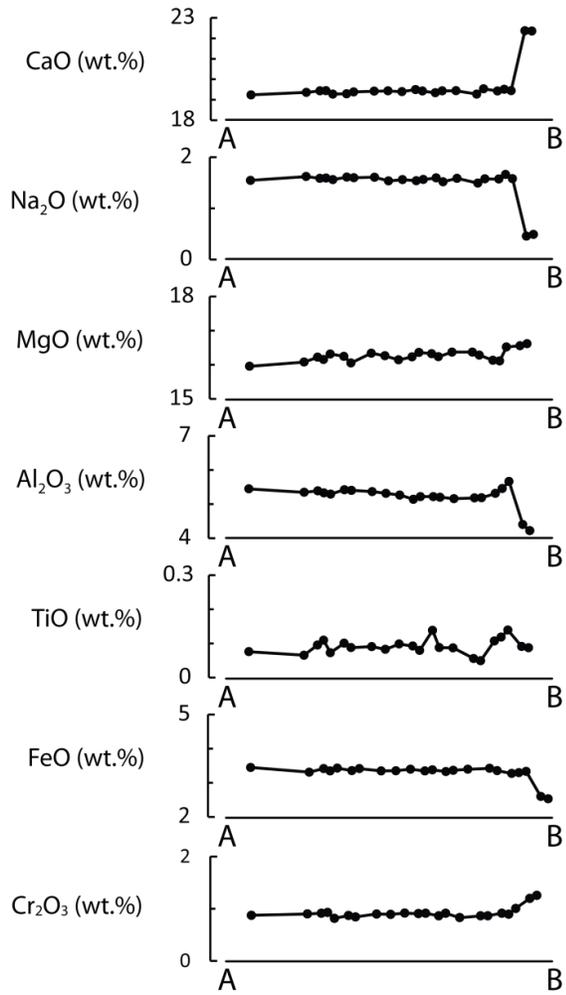
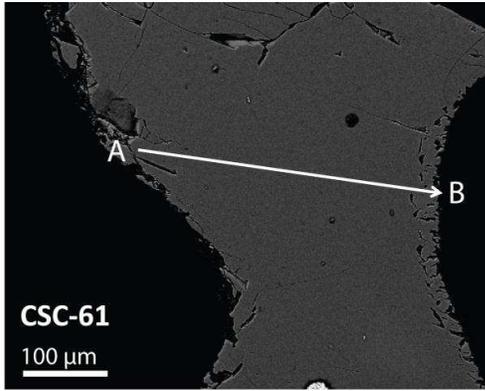
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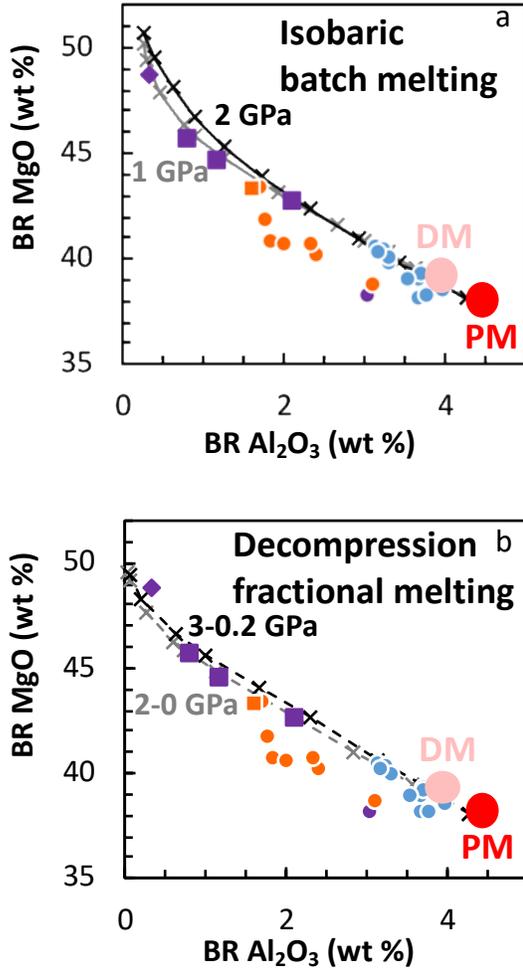
1926 **Figure S12.** Major element transects across a clinopyroxene with a spongy rim in peridotite xenolith CSC-
 1927 61 from Rio Puerco. The spongy rim has a different major element composition compared to the
 1928 homogeneous clinopyroxene, a feature found in all RP peridotites.



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1930 **Figure SI3:** Determination of the degree of melting using Herzberg's (2004) modelling of bulk-rock (BR)
1931 MgO and Al₂O₃ contents during melting of a fertile spinel peridotite compared to those of KH and RP
1932 peridotites (symbols as in Fig. 6).

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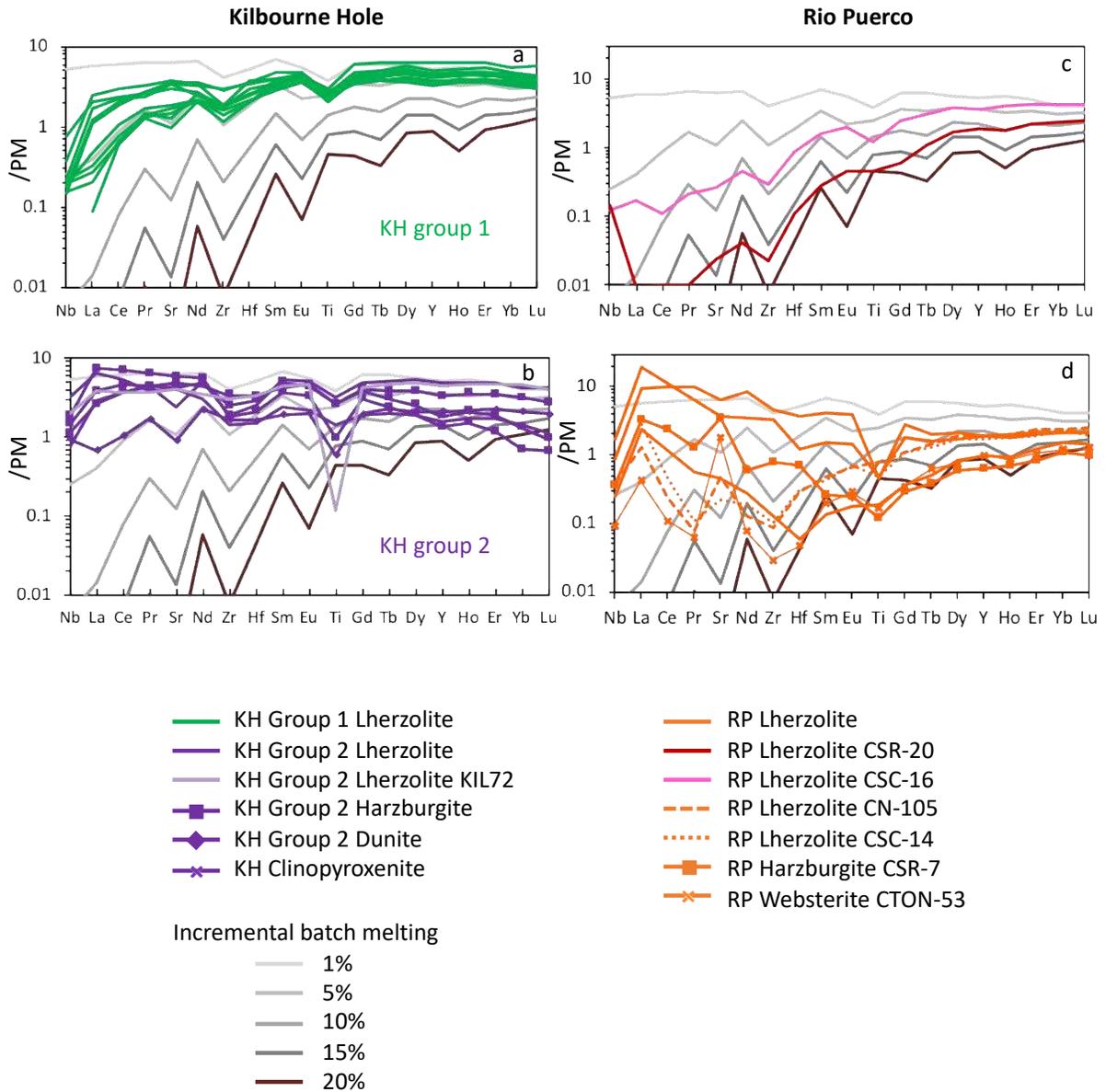


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1936 **Figure S14:** Clinopyroxene (CPX) trace element concentrations normalized to primitive mantle (PM)
 1937 composition (McDonough and Sun, 1995) in Kilbourne Hole (KH, a-b) and Rio Puerco (RP, c-d) peridotites
 1938 compared to incremental batch melting models of PM-like lherzolite KIL72 from 1 to 20%.

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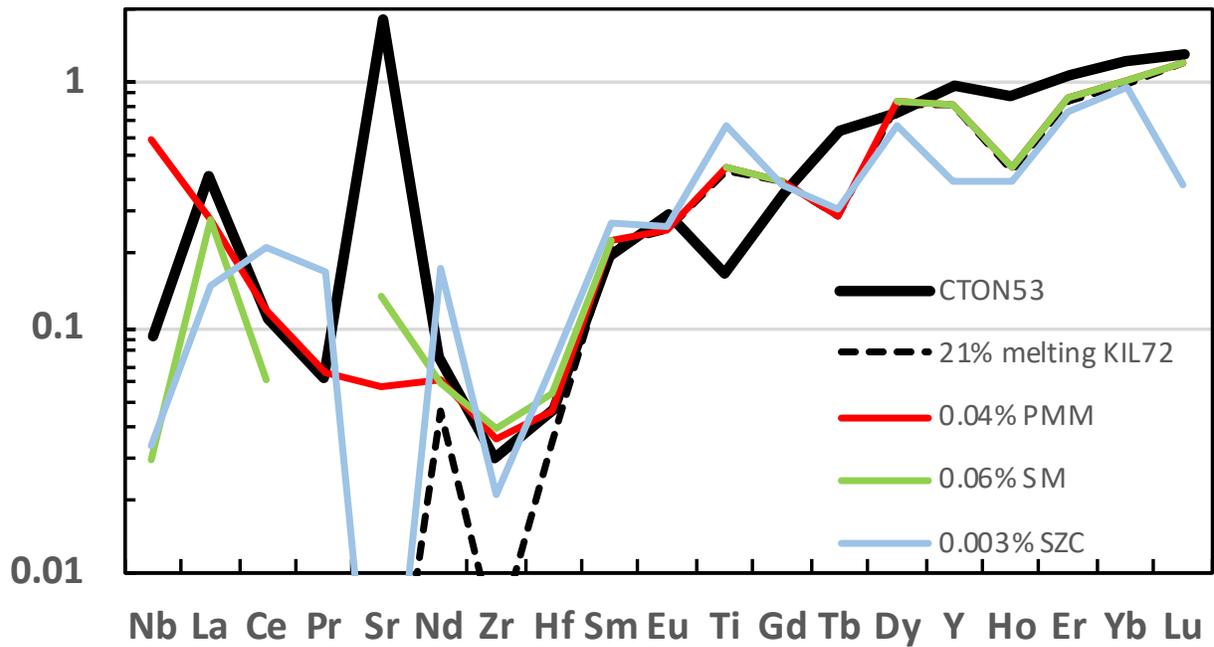
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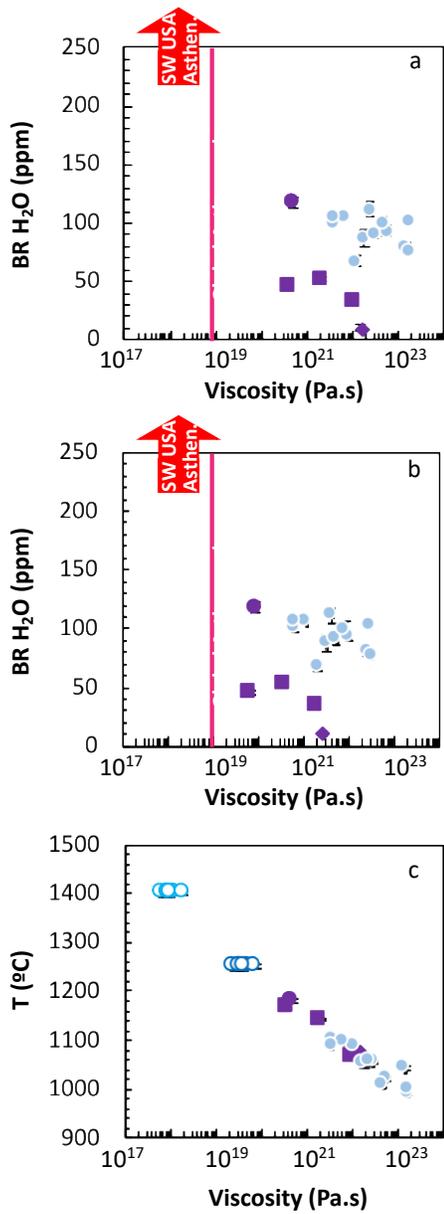
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1944 **Figure S15:** Clinopyroxene composition normalized to primitive mantle (PM) from peridotite-melt
 1945 interaction models compared to RP websterite CTON53 (thick black line). First, the starting composition
 1946 of the peridotite is calculated by incremental batch melting models (dashed black line) from the
 1947 composition of KIL72 to match CTON53 MREE-HREE. Then that residue composition is mixed with various
 1948 melts (Figure 11a) which composition results from assimilation and crystallization modelling (AFC) until
 1949 the profile matches that of CTON53. For clarity, only the best matches between models and data are
 1950 shown. Melt in equilibrium with primitive mantle (PMM), slab silicate melt (SM), and subduction zone
 1951 carbonatite (SZC).



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1955 Figure S16: Comparison of viscositie calculated with a) a stress of 0.3 MPa (Li et al., 2008) and b)
1956 with a stress of 0.6 MPa (Hansen and Warren 2015), and c) dependance of calculated viscosities to
1957 temperature. Empty blue circles are for viscosities with olivine water contents of KH Group
1958 1 calculated at possible lithosphere-asthenospheric boundary depths beneath KH (bright
1959 blue for 62 km and 1250°C and light blue for 70 km and 1400°C, i.e. near solidus conditions).



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