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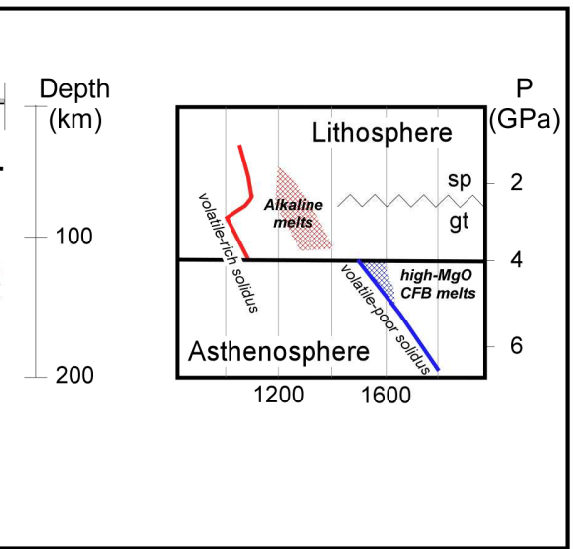
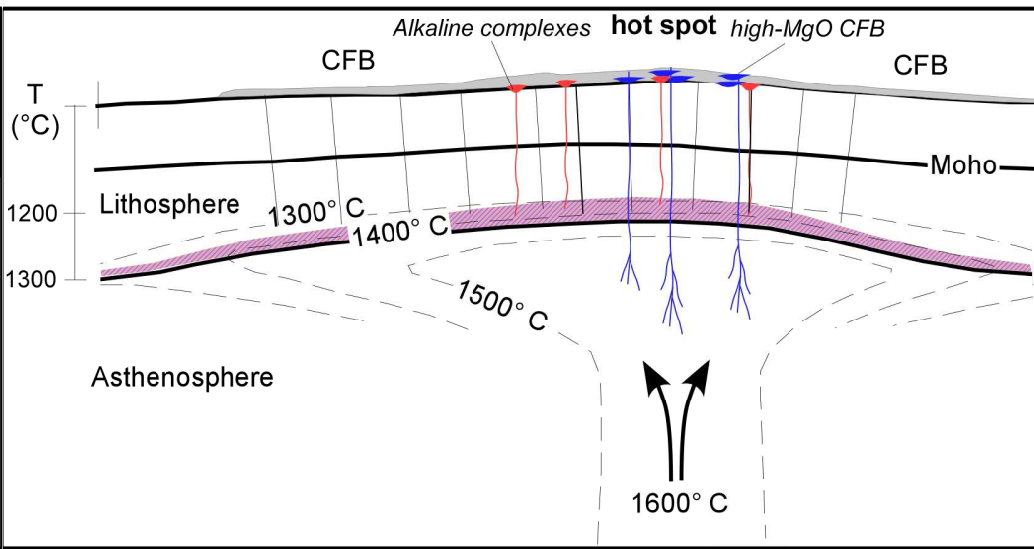
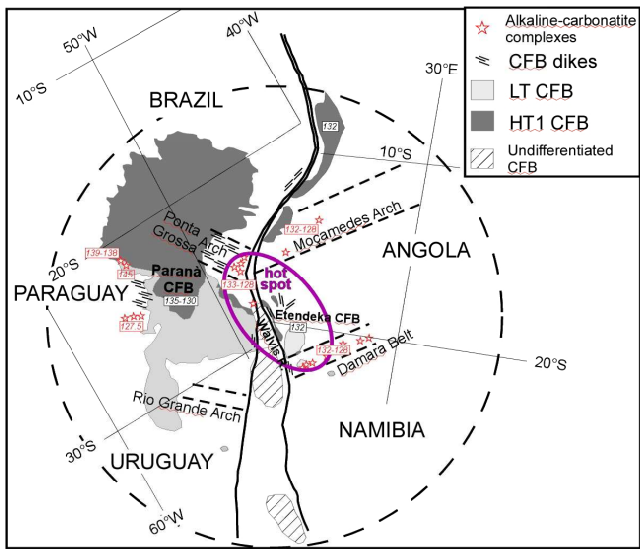
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Research Highlights:

- High-MgO CFB and alkaline-carbonatite complexes coexist at the centre of Paraná-Etendeka LIP
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41 **1. Introduction**

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43 In the last decades, several authors have drawn attention to the close spatial-temporal
44 relationships between alkaline-carbonatite complexes and Continental Flood Basalts (CFB) in many
45 Large Igneous Provinces (LIP), giving rise to a longstanding debate on the role of lithosphere and
46 plume/asthenosphere components of their respective magma sources (Ellam and Cox, 1991; Bell,
47 2001; Gibson et al., 2006; Campbell, 2007; Ernst and Bell, 2010; Safonova and Santosh, 2014;
48 Pirajino, 2015). Specifically, in the Gondwana realm, alkaline-carbonatite complexes appear to be
49 closely related to high-MgO picrite-basalt rocks at the intersection of rift structures characterising
50 the inner part of plume-related CFB provinces, such as Karoo and Deccan (Natali et al., 2017) and,
51 particularly, Paranà-Etendeka, where these rock associations are well-documented (Comin-

52 Chiaramonti et al., 2011; Gomes et al., 2011). For the latter province, petrogenetic investigations
53 have relevant implications considering the debated origin of the Paranà-Etendeka, which is either
54 related to the Early Cretaceous activation of the proto-Tristan plume (Cordani et al., 1980; White
55 and McKenzie, 1989; 1995; Bizzi et al., 1995; Gibson et al., 1995; 2006; Thompson et al., 2001;
56 Campbell, 2001; Tuff et al., 2005; Campbell and Davies, 2006) or to passive rifting events that
57 mainly involved melting of the lithosphere (Peate et al., 1999; Hawkesworth et al., 2000; Ernesto et
58 al., 2002; Iacumin et al., 2003; Guarino et al., 2013; Rocha-Junior et al., 2013).

59 Therefore, the integrated study of nearly coeval high-MgO CFB and alkaline igneous rocks
60 from this province represents a very convenient case study to investigate their genetic relationships,
61 including P-T conditions, source compositions and melting degree within a coherent
62 tectonomagmatic framework. For this purpose, more than three thousand analyses from the
63 literature, including major/trace and Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic data have been revisited, emphasising the
64 petrological and geochemical characteristics of CFB and the nearly coeval alkaline-carbonatite
65 complexes. In addition, the review includes the analogous occurrences from Deccan and Karoo with
66 the aim of evaluating, within a homogeneous scheme, whether these recurrent igneous associations
67 of west-central Gondwana may be attributed to a common tectono-magmatic scenario.

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69 **2. Methods**

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71 Bulk rock chemical analyses of CFB and associated alkaline-carbonatite complexes from the
72 three investigated provinces were retrieved by the GEOROC database. For Paranà-Etendeka, CFB
73 samples were reclassified as Low-Ti (LT) and High-Ti (HT1) suites, discriminating samples on the
74 basis of Ti, Fe, Nb and Ce, as recently proposed by Natali et al. (2016; 2017) for the Deccan and
75 Karoo provinces. Major element compositions of the investigated igneous associations are
76 discussed and compared with the experimental petrology data in order to constrain phase equilibria
77 and conditions of magma generation (Walter, 1998; Green and Fallon, 2005; Gudfinnsson and

78 Presnall, 2005; Dasgupta et al., 2007; Pilet et al., 2008). Reconstruction of primary magmas and the
79 relative thermobarometric conditions were estimated according to PRIMELT3MEGA (Herzberg
80 and Asimow, 2015), FRACTIONATEPT (Lee et al., 2009) and MANTLEPT (Putirka, 2016) using
81 major element compositions, whereas incompatible trace elements were used to constrain source
82 enrichment and the degree of melting (Pilet et al., 2011). Moreover, the available Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic
83 data were taken into consideration to constrain the nature of magma sources in terms of mantle
84 components (Zindler and Hart, 1986; Hofmann, 1997; Stracke et al., 2012).

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86 **3. High-MgO CFB and associated alkaline-carbonatite complexes in west-central Gondwana**

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88 *3.1 Paranà-Etendeka igneous Province*

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90 The Paranà-Etendeka CFB province of the south American and southwest African margins
91 mostly consists of LT and HT1 basalts, locally topped by rhyolitic volcanic rocks (Bellieni et al.,
92 1986; Piccirillo and Melfi, 1988; Piccirillo et al., 1989; 1990). The chronology of CFB spans from
93 139 to 128 Ma, with the oldest recorded ages occurring in some basalts of western Paranà. The
94 main magmatic phases are in the range of 135-130 Ma (Stewart et al., 1996; Renne et al., 1996a;
95 1996b; Gibson et al., 2006; Thiede and Vasconcelos, 2010; Janasi et al., 2011; Pinto et al., 2011).

96 Geochemical data reviewed in this work are used for the paleogeographic reconstruction of
97 the Paranà-Etendeka province reported in Fig. 1. CFB are classified in LT (TiO_2 0.5-2.5 wt%) and
98 HT1 (TiO_2 2.0-4.5 wt%) suites, as shown in Fig. 2. In the Etendeka region, both suites include high-
99 MgO (> 10 wt%) basaltic and picritic rocks typically represented by HT1 Doros picrites, olivine-
100 rich gabbroic intrusives and LT Horingbaai dikes (Thompson et al., 2001; Jennings et al., 2017;
101 Owen-Smith et al., 2017). The significant systematic increase of incompatible elements (such as Nb
102 and Ce) from LT to HT1 at comparable MgO values is illustrated in Fig. 2. Chondrite-Normalized
103 Rare Earth Element (REE) patterns show a significant increase in the La_N/Yb_N ratio from LT to

104 HT1 (4.0-4.7 in LT, 7.0-8.5 in HT1; Fig. 3), indicating a systematic enrichment of incompatible
105 elements and/or a lower melting degree of HT mantle sources. In the petrogenetic grid of Fig. 4, the
106 two suites show distinct FeO enrichment at comparable MgO, particularly for the least fractionated
107 lavas, suggesting mantle sources with different iron content. Representative differentiation trends
108 modelled for the two suites (PETROLOG v.3, Danyushevsky and Pletchov, 2011) show that they
109 are both characterised by the early fractionation of olivine (Ol), followed by clinopyroxene (Cpx)
110 for HT1, and plagioclase (Pl) and Cpx for LT, which are consistent with the phenocryst
111 assemblages observed in the rocks.

112 The reconstruction of primary magmas and their potential temperature (T_p) have been
113 performed through the accumulated fractional melting algorithm PRIMELT3MEGA (Herzberg and
114 Asimow, 2015), assuming the anhydrous lherzolite KR4003 (Walter, 1998) as a mantle source
115 having mg# of 0.90, which is suitable for tholeiitic magmas. The calculated primary melts have
116 MgO 21.2 wt%, FeO 11.1 wt%, mantle potential temperature (T_p) \sim 1590°C for HT1, and MgO
117 18.1 wt%, FeO 9.6 wt%, T_p \sim 1520°C for LT. Phase equilibria constraints and the application of
118 geobarometers by Herzberg et al. (2007) and Guddfinnson and Presnall (2005) suggest that the
119 generation of these primary melts occurred at \sim 5 GPa for HT1 and 3-4 GPa for LT (Supplementary
120 Table 1). Compared to the above thermobarometric estimates, T_p obtained by the model of Lee et al.
121 (2009) show a good agreement, and T_p by the model of Putirka (2016) are 70-80°C higher.
122 Conversely, the pressures obtained by Lee et al. (2009) and Putirka (2016) are always
123 underestimated with respect to those of Herzberg et al. (2007) and Guddfinnson and Presnall (2005;
124 Supplementary Table 1). As shown by the Primitive Mantle (PM) incompatible element distribution
125 (Fig. 5), the HT1 and LT primary magmas could be formed by 9% and 22% melting, respectively,
126 from a mixed mantle source composed by 97% PM and 3% eclogite (recorded as xenoliths from
127 Angolan kimberlites; Shervais et al., 1988).

128 The most representative alkaline complexes coeval (133-128 Ma) with CFB occur in the
129 elliptical area depicted in Fig. 1, which corresponds to the centre of the restored Paranà-Etendeka

130 province. In this area, several extensional lineaments converge towards the Walvis Ridge and the
131 early track of the South Atlantic opening. On the south American side of the province, these
132 complexes are represented by Juquia, Jacupiranga and Anitapolis, located in the Ponta Grossa Arch
133 and along the Brazilian coast (Beccaluva et al., 1992; 2017; Gomes et al., 2011 and references
134 therein). In the south-western African margin, alkaline and alkaline-carbonatite complexes are
135 widespread in the Namibian Damara Belt (e.g., Erongo, Paresis, Okenyenya and Okurusu; Comin-
136 Chiaramonti et al., 2011 and references therein) and in the Angolan Moçamedes Arch (e.g.,
137 Chivira-Bonga; Coltorti et al., 1993; Alberti et al. 1999).

138 The magmatic associations of alkaline complexes from both south American and African
139 margins consist of mafic lithologies -such as alkali basalts, basanites/tephrites, nephelinites, and
140 ankaratrites- or their plutonic counterpart, coupled with ultramafic cumulates, nepheline-syenites
141 and carbonatites (Beccaluva et al., 1992; 2017; Morbidelli et al., 1995; Le Roex and Lanyon, 1998;
142 Trumbull et al., 2003; Comin-Chiaramonti and Gomes, 2005; Ruberti et al., 2005; Gibson et al.,
143 2006; Gomes et al., 2011; Azzone et al., 2013). All of these lithologies are silica-undersaturated
144 with variable amounts of nepheline and the ubiquitous presence of hydrous phases, such as
145 amphibole and/or phlogopite. The latter is the dominant hydrous phase in the Brazilian alkaline
146 complexes, typically showing a more potassic character with respect to those from Namibia and
147 Angola (Fig. 6). Accordingly, the PM-normalized incompatible element patterns of Fig. 7 show that
148 the African alkaline magmas, unlike those from Brazil, are characterised by the presence of a
149 significant negative K anomaly. As demonstrated by experimental petrology, this indicates a major
150 role of amphibole with respect to phlogopite in mantle sources and a consequent K deficiency in the
151 generated melts ($K < 20000$ ppm; Späth et al., 2001; Rooney et al., 2017). Therefore, for a
152 comparable alkali/silica ratio, the potassic or sodic affinity of alkaline magmas depends on the
153 relative phlogopite/amphibole proportion in their mantle sources. Generally, the significant
154 presence of hydrous (and carbonated) phases is a necessary requirement in the genesis of alkaline
155 melts, as invariably indicated by experimental petrology, either from 1) homogeneously

156 metasomatised or 2) variably veined mantle sources. In the first case, experimental results (Green
157 and Fallon, 2005; Gudfinnsson and Presnall, 2005; Dasgupta et al., 2007) show that alkaline
158 magmas could be generated by decreasing the degree of partial melting (< 10% alkali basalts and
159 basanites; < 5% nephelinites, melilitites and carbonatites) of hydrated and/or carbonated fertile
160 lherzolite at increasing pressure from ~ 2 to 3.5 GPa within the lithosphere (Morris and Pasteris,
161 1987; Nielson and Wilshire, 1993). In the second case, alkaline basic melts (e.g., basanites,
162 nephelinites) have been obtained by melting experiments on natural amphibole-rich veined
163 lherzolites at 1.5 GPa (Pilet et al., 2011).

164 From the above, the modelling of alkaline melts has to include the effect of metasomatism,
165 which decreases the mg# of the inferred source with respect to that of the unmetasomatised mantle.
166 In fact, olivine composition in alkaline magmas is generally $\leq F_{0.88}$ (Harris et al., 1999; Coltorti et
167 al., 1993; Beccaluva et al., 1992; 2017; Trumbull et al., 2003), a value that is significantly lower
168 than that recorded in CFB (Fo up to 89-90; Beccaluva et al., 2009; Natali et al., 2016; 2017;
169 Thompson and Gibson 2000), conforming to a source composition that does not exceed mg# 0.88.
170 Accordingly, the Paranà-Etendeka alkaline primary magmas and the related P-T estimates have
171 been modelled using the algorithms of Putirka (2016), which allows taking into proper account the
172 effect of metasomatism. The results, which are reported in Supplementary Table 1, indicate that the
173 investigated alkaline magmas are compatible with generation in the P range 1.8-2.0 GPa and T_p
174 1300-1360°C, by melting of a mantle source having mg# 0.87. Notably, these thermobarometric
175 conditions approach those recorded by amphibole-bearing peridotite xenoliths from the Damara
176 Belt lithosphere (Baumgartner et al., 2000; Le Roex and Class, 2014). As reported in Fig. 8, the
177 incompatible element distribution of the Paranà-Etendeka alkaline magmas are satisfactorily
178 reproduced assuming mantle sources variably enriched by metasomatic veins, as proposed by Pilet
179 et al. (2008; 2011). The melting model of the African alkaline magmas indicates a best fit
180 calculation either by a low melting degree ($F \sim 2\%$) of a PM source hybridized by 20% amphibole-
181 rich metasomatic veins or by a higher melting degree ($F \sim 10\%$) of highly veined (40%) PM source

182 (Fig. 8a). Conversely, the more potassic character of alkaline melts from south America necessarily
183 implies a significant presence of phlogopite, in addition to amphibole, in their mantle sources. In
184 this case, best fit can be obtained either by F ~ 2% of a PM source hybridized by 40% amphibole-
185 phlogopite veins, or by F ~ 8% of a PM source dominated by the amphibole-phlogopite metasome
186 (90%, Fig. 8b). It is important to note that conceptually, in these models the metasomatising veins
187 include variable proportions of cumulate hydrous minerals and residual liquids that could also be
188 carbonated (Pilet et al., 2011). As recently observed in various volcanic provinces, this phenomenon
189 conforms to the wide variability of lithospheric mantle sources, in terms of extent and composition
190 of metasomatism, configuration of the lowered solidus and melting degrees (Jung et al., 2011;
191 Rooney et al., 2017). Noteworthy, by a purely geochemical standpoint, the incompatible element
192 distribution could also be approached by < 1% melting of an unmetasomatised (volatile-poor)
193 mantle source, but this possibility is strongly discounted due to the ubiquitous evidence that alkaline
194 magmas are significantly hydrated and carbonated.

195 The distribution of Sr-Nd-Pb isotopes for Paranà-Etendeka CFB and associated alkaline
196 complexes is reported in Fig. 9. Taken as a whole, the two magmatic associations show distinct
197 isotopic signatures that imply significant differences in their mantle sources. In particular, most
198 high-MgO CFB from Etendeka (LT and HT1 picrites and some basalts) cluster in the upper left of
199 the $\epsilon\text{Nd}-^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{(i)}$ diagram covering a restricted isotopic range (ϵNd 9.1-0.5 and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{(i)}$
200 0.70326-0.70513). As observed by other authors (Thompson et al., 2001; Hoernle et al., 2015;
201 Owen-Smith et al., 2017) this isotopic signature is attributable to uncontaminated, sublithospheric
202 mantle components. Conversely, all of the Paranà and the remaining Etendeka CFB (MgO 9-5 wt%)
203 extend in the lower right quadrant towards low ϵNd (down to -10) and extremely high $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{(i)}$
204 (up to 0.7142) values, reflecting the variable involvement of lithospheric mantle components and/or
205 variable continental crust contamination at progressive differentiation. In particular, HT1 from
206 Paranà display a relatively restricted isotopic range ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{(i)}$ 0.70495-0.70620 and ϵNd from -
207 1.27 to -4.32) that could be related to a significant role of lithospheric components in their mantle

208 sources, whereas the wide $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{(i)}$ variation recorded in LT certainly reflects continental crust
209 contamination. The Pb isotopic composition of the entire CFB population ranges between
210 $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ 15.4-15.8 and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ 17.1-19.7, with the abovementioned high-MgO Etendeka CFB
211 plotting in the middle of the distribution. On the whole, the Sr-Nd-Pb isotope distributions of
212 uncontaminated CFB from Etendeka shows a good agreement with the “Gough” component, which
213 has been recently identified as the marker of the initial (proto-Tristan) plume activity since 133-132
214 Ma (Hoernle et al., 2015). In diagrams of Fig. 9 the Paranà-Etendeka alkaline complexes show
215 distinct isotopic compositions that plausibly reflect a derivation from independent and different
216 mantle sources: the Brazilian complexes extend from near FOZO (Prevalent mantle) to EM1 (ϵNd
217 from +4.5 to -7.8, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{(i)}$ 0.70410-0.70632, $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ 17.1-18.0), whereas those from Namibia
218 and Angola display affinity with the HIMU component (ϵNd from +5.0 to -1.8, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{(i)}$ 0.70375-
219 0.70487, $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ 18.2-19.7). These different isotopic signatures appear to be correlated with the
220 potassic vs sodic affinity, testifying for a different history of metasomatic enrichment in the
221 lithospheric mantle of the south American and African margins.

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223 *3.2 Comparison with Deccan and Karoo igneous provinces*

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225 Deccan is a LIP where CFB cover an area of $\sim 600,000 \text{ km}^2$ and mostly consist of tholeiitic
226 basalts -locally overlain by rhyolites- that were emplaced from 63 to 68 Ma, with the main
227 magmatic phase at 65-66 Ma (Cox and Hawkesworth, 1985; Melluso et al., 1995; 2004; 2006;
228 Chenet et al., 2007; Sheth and Melluso, 2008; Sheth et al., 2014; Chatterjee and Bhattacharji, 2008;
229 Keller et al., 2009; Manikyamba et al., 2015; Richards et al., 2015). The Deccan province is widely
230 considered linked to the activation of the Reunion hot spot and was originally close to the
231 Seychelles plateau before the opening of the Central Indian Ocean (Cox, 1989; White and
232 McKenzie, 1989; Courtillot et al., 2003), although this view is contended by some authors (e.g.,
233 Sheth, 2005). In the paleogeographic reconstruction reported in Fig. 10 (modified after Natali et al.,

234 2017), the Deccan traps represent part of a wider magmatic province originally extending for ~
235 2000 km maximum diameter. The spatial distribution of Deccan lavas is zonally arranged with most
236 CFB represented by LT basalts, whereas the occurrence of HT1 basaltic and picritic lavas is
237 restricted to the NW sector. This area is located at the intersection of major NS-EW rift systems and
238 is also characterised by the occurrence of nearly coeval alkaline-carbonatite complexes.
239 Northeastward of the main rift systems, the CFB outcrops decrease in relation to the rapid increase
240 of lithosphere thickness below the Bastar craton (Paul et al., 2008; Sen et al., 2009; 2012;
241 Chalapathi Rao and Lehmann, 2011 and references therein). Reconstruction of primary CFB
242 magmas and thermobarometric conditions using the Guddfinnsonn and Presnall (2005), Herzberg et
243 al. (2007) and Herzberg and Asimow (2015) algorithms suggest that HT1 could be generated by T_p
244 up to 1560°C at pressures 4-5 GPa, whereas LT were formed at lower temperature ($T_p \sim 1500^\circ\text{C}$)
245 and pressures (3-4 GPa). The thermobarometric models by Lee et al. (2009) and Putirka (2016) give
246 temperature estimates in reasonable agreement (T_p 1500-1600°C), whereas pressures are
247 underestimated with respect to those obtained by the Guddfinnsonn and Presnall (2005) and
248 Herzberg et al. (2007) models (2017; Supplementary Table 1). Based on the incompatible element
249 distribution of primary melts, Natali et al. (2017) estimated that HT1 and LT were generated by ~
250 9% and 17% melting degree of a PM source, respectively.

251 Geochemical features of alkaline basic rocks *s.l.* coeval with CFB and related to the main
252 rift structures (Kutch, Cambay and Narmada rifts) are reported in Fig 6 and 7, where they display a
253 sodic affinity and variable LREE enrichment (La_N/Yb_N 13-34). As modelled for Paranà-Etendeka,
254 Deccan alkaline primary magmas have been calculated by the Putirka (2016) model, assuming a
255 metasomatised mantle source having mg# 0.87. Accordingly, mantle potential temperature (T_p) and
256 pressure (P) of generation are in the range of 1370-1350°C and 2.1-2.0 GPa, respectively. Fig. 7
257 shows that the incompatible element patterns of Deccan alkaline magmas are analogous to those of
258 Namibia and could be generated by similar metasomatised mantle sources, as modelled in Fig. 8.

259 The isotope systematics of the Deccan magmatic province is reported in Fig. 11. Similar to what
260 was observed in the Paranà-Etendeka, HT1 picrites and the least differentiated (high-MgO) LT
261 basalts display a restricted isotopic range (ϵ_{Nd} from 6.8 to 2.5, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{(i)}$ 0.70386-0.70491)
262 plotting in the upper-left quadrant of the diagram, which can be attributed to uncontaminated
263 sublithospheric mantle components. The rest of the Deccan CFB record $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{(i)}$ up to 0.71756,
264 clearly in relation to the variable extent of crust contamination. Alkaline-carbonatite complexes
265 show a distinctly different Sr-Nd-Pb composition with respect to CFB and a tendency towards the
266 HIMU geochemical component, similar to those from Namibia and Angola.

267 The Karoo CFB province of southern Africa (and its extension in the Dronning Maud Land
268 of Antarctica) is classically considered a LIP originated by the breakup of southern Gondwana and
269 the opening of the south western Indian Ocean (White and McKenzie, 1989; Storey and Kyle, 1997;
270 Elliot and Fleming, 2000; Storey et al., 2013; Riley et al., 2005; Heinonnen et al., 2014). The Karoo
271 CFB activity mostly occurred from 174 and 184 Ma, (Hastie et al., 2014) and mainly consist of
272 tholeiitic basalts-picrites (locally topped by rhyolites), whose variable geochemical and isotopic
273 characteristics have been attributed either to the Sub Continental Lithospheric Mantle (SCLM,
274 Duncan et al., 1984; Hawkesworth et al., 1984 Jourdan et al., 2007) or to mantle sources modified
275 by plume-related asthenospheric components (Ellam and Cox, 1991; Ellam et al., 1992; Sweeney et
276 al., 1991; 1994). As reported in Fig. 12, Karoo CFB are zonally arranged, with very high-TiO₂
277 (HT2) picrite-basalt lavas in the central area (Mwenetzi) and progressively lower-TiO₂ (HT1 and
278 LT) basalts towards the periphery (Natali et al., 2017). The Guddfinnsonn and Presnall (2005),
279 Herzberg et al. (2007) and Herzberg and Asimow (2015) algorithms applied to Karoo CFB yield T_p
280 of 1580°C at 5GPa and 1490°C at 3-4 GPa for HT2 and LT primary magmas, respectively.
281 Thermobarometric models by Lee et al. (2009) and Putirka (2016) give the same discrepancies
282 observed for Paranà-Etendeka and Deccan CFB, providing comparable temperatures but
283 systematically lower pressures (see Supplementary Table 1). Based on the incompatible element
284 distribution of primary melts, Natali et al. (2017) estimated that LT were generated by a ~ 14%

285 melting degree of a PM source, whereas HT2 were generated by 8% batch melting of a PM garnet
286 peridotite source hybridized with 15% eclogite.

287 Coexistent alkaline complexes occur at a triple junction located at the convergence of huge
288 dike swarms in the Mwenetzi region. These complexes are represented by the Mashikiri
289 nephelinites outcropping below the HT2 lavas and the ijolite-nephelinite-carbonatite complexes of
290 Dorowa and Shawa, northward (Ellam and Cox, 1991; Harmer et al., 1998; Jourdan et al., 2007).
291 Rocks from these complexes are the most sodic (Fig. 6) and silica undersaturated with respect to
292 those from Paranà-Etendeka and Deccan, and according to the thermobarometric model of Putirka
293 (2016), their primary magmas were generated at T_p of 1350-1410°C in the pressure range of 2.4-2.7
294 GPa (Supplementary Table 1). The PM-normalized incompatible element and the chondrite-
295 normalized REE distribution (Fig. 7) reveal the most depressed patterns with respect to those of the
296 other investigated provinces, the lowest LREE enrichment ($La_N/Yb_N \sim 13$ in Mashikiri nephelinites
297 and ~ 5 in ijolites), as well as unusual positive anomalies in Sr and Ti. These features suggest a
298 peculiar metasomatic enrichment of previously depleted mantle sources, quite different with respect
299 to that envisaged for other provinces.

300 Sr-Nd isotopes of Karoo HT and LT, plotted in Fig. 13, display divergent trends that are
301 partially overlapped in proximity to the Bulk Solid Earth composition, which could be attributed to
302 the uncontaminated sublithospheric mantle of this region. The HT picrite-basalt suites display
303 variation towards lower ϵNd (down to -9.7), plausibly in relation to the involvement of lithospheric
304 components in their magma genesis. The LT suite shows a trend towards very high $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr_{(i)}$
305 values, indicating a variable extent of crustal contamination. Pb isotopes also show systematic
306 differences between LT and HT suites. Conversely, alkaline magmas are distinct in that they show
307 an extremely unradiogenic Nd isotopic composition (ϵNd down to -19.9), which has been
308 interpreted as the signature of the enriched SCLM (cf. Harmer et al., 1998).

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310 **4. Discussion and conclusions**

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312 The critical review and new elaboration of literature data on high-MgO CFB and coeval
313 alkaline complexes from the Paranà-Etendeka LIP provide constraints on the P-T-X conditions of
314 their mantle sources. The inception of the CFB magmatism (approximately 139 Ma) occurred in the
315 northwestern portion of the Paranà basin and migrated southeastward towards the Etendeka region,
316 likely in connection with a generalized northwestward lithospheric drift of this region of Gondwana
317 over an active plume (Turner et al., 1994; Gibson et al., 2006). Whatever the extent of the
318 lithospheric drift before the South Atlantic opening, the focus of the tectonomagmatic activity at
319 135-130 Ma was well-established in the Etendeka region, which comprises the oldest parts of the
320 Walvis Ridge and several extensional lineaments that intersect the early track of the south Atlantic
321 opening. Paleogeographic restoration shows that this region, at the centre of the CFB province, is
322 characterised by the exclusive occurrence of high-MgO basalt-picrite rocks (belonging to both LT
323 and HT1 suites) and is spatially/temporally (133-128 Ma) associated with alkaline-carbonatite
324 complexes from the Ponta Grossa arch (Brazil) and Damara belt (Namibia) extensional structures.

325 The new petrogenetic modelling and thermobarometric estimates obtained in this work
326 indicate that the primary magmas of the HT1 suite are the hottest and deepest CFB ($T_p \sim 1590^\circ\text{C}$, P
327 ~ 5 GPa) of the entire province. This finding conforms to the interpretation that magma generation
328 was triggered by thermal and tectonic effects related to the impingement of a hot plume on a
329 relatively thick continental lithosphere. The maximum temperature excess (T_{ex}), both with respect to
330 notional MORB and local mantle xenoliths thermobarometry, is estimated as $250\text{-}300^\circ\text{C}$, in
331 agreement with what was obtained for Deccan and Karoo (this work and Natali et al., 2017).
332 Moreover, most high-MgO CFB of the Etendeka region show a Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic range
333 corresponding to prevalent mantle compositions uncontaminated by lithospheric signatures, and
334 share the “Gough” geochemical component recently recognized as the initial proto-Tristan plume
335 activity (Hoernle et al., 2015). All of these features agree with a rapid ascent of high-MgO Etendeka
336 magmas that, in our opinion, effectively represent the most genuine proxies of plume-related

337 sublithospheric melts, virtually unaffected by lithospheric contamination. By contrast, out of the
338 focal zone, most basalts of the Paranà-Etendeka CFB province are variably differentiated (MgO 9-5
339 wt%) and display variable increases of $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{(i)}$, reflecting either lithosphere/asthenosphere mixed
340 sources (HT1 from Paranà) and/or remarkable shallow level crustal contamination. This
341 interpretation can reconcile the contrasting views on the role of “lithosphere” vs “plume” in the
342 genesis of CFB (Turner et al., 1996; Hawkesworth et al., 2000; Gibson et al., 2000; 2006), since
343 both views appear to be appropriate for the different CFB sections, reflecting different extents of
344 plume-lithosphere interaction.

345 The Paranà-Etendeka alkaline-carbonatite complexes coeval with CFB show petrological
346 and isotopic signatures that agree with melts from lithospheric mantle sources. The results from
347 modelling favour the genesis of the studied alkaline magmas by moderate to low melting degrees of
348 lithospheric mantle sources that were significantly enriched (veined?) by metasomatic phases
349 (amphibole and phlogopite). Alkaline rocks display regional geochemical differences, suggesting
350 distinct metasomatising events with a more relevant role of phlogopite in magma sources from
351 south America with respect to those from southern Africa. Accordingly, the Brazilian complexes
352 have a more potassic character and isotopic tendency to the EM1 mantle component, whereas those
353 from Namibia and Angola display sodic affinity coupled with a signature approaching the HIMU
354 mantle component.

355 On a regional scale, the main tectono magmatic characteristics of Paranà-Etendeka are also
356 shared by Deccan and Karoo, where superheated picrite-basalt (mostly HT tholeiitic suites) and
357 alkaline-carbonatite complexes occurred at the intersection of multiple extensional lineaments -such
358 as faulting, rifting and dike swarms- radiating from the central area of each province (*cfr* Natali et
359 al., 2017). As already observed for Paranà-Etendeka, the isotopic data of alkaline-carbonatite
360 complexes of Deccan and Karoo invariably show significant differences with respect to associated
361 high-MgO CFB, and mostly record continental lithospheric signatures. In our opinion, a satisfactory
362 explanation for the spatial-temporal association of such contrasting, and isotopically distinct,

363 magma types cannot be ascribed to common mantle sources, but requires the nearly
364 contemporaneous generation of high-MgO CFB and alkaline melts from distinct mantle systems,
365 namely the convective asthenosphere and the subcontinental lithosphere in the focal zone of LIPs.
366 Accordingly, in the generalized tectonomagmatic model proposed in Fig. 14, the same thermal and
367 tectonic events that characterised the axial zone of the impinging hot plume underneath the
368 Gondwana lithosphere triggered melting of both asthenospheric and lithospheric mantle sources
369 with magma rising through a nearly open feeding system. The results from modelling indicate that
370 the asthenospheric peridotite solidus is crossed mostly in the range 4-5 GPa and T_p 1500-1600°C
371 with the generation of high-MgO CFB magmas whose sources plausibly experienced adiabatic
372 decompression and melting over a large mantle column (Gibson et al., 2000; Thompson et al., 2001;
373 Herzberg and Asimov, 2015; Natali et al., 2016; 2017; Jennings et al., 20017). The same plume
374 effects favoured the generation of alkaline melts by moderate to low melting degrees of the most
375 fusible lithospheric domains (P 2-3 GPa, T 1300-1400°C), where the solidus is variably depressed
376 due to occurrences of hydrated and/or carbonated phases; despite the small volume, alkaline melts
377 ascended to upper crustal levels, favoured by their intrinsic low density and viscosity.

378 It should be noted that for LIP that do not present anomalous and focalized thermo-
379 mechanical input on thick continental lithosphere-as in the case of the cooler CAMP and Ferrar
380 CFB provinces-other models could be more appropriate as alternative (or complementary) to the hot
381 plume hypothesis (Coltice et al., 2009; Hole, 2015; Natali et al., 2016).

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784 **Figure captions**

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- 786 Figure 1 – Paleogeographic reconstruction of Parana-Etendeka CFB at 135-130 Ma (modified after
787 White and McKenzie, 1989). Low-Ti (LT) and high-Ti (HT1) spatial distribution was reviewed
788 after data from Piccirillo and Melfi (1988), Piccirillo et al. (1990), Hawkesworth et al. (1992), Peate
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793 (2011; 2014) and references therein, Gomes et al. (2011) and references therein. The hot spot focal
794 zone includes the oldest part of the Walvis volcanic ridge and the Etendeka high-MgO rocks (max
795 T_p 1590°C) and is considered the axis of the Proto-Tristan mantle plume during the main magmatic
796 phase of the Paranà-Etendeka province; it also includes the majority of coeval alkaline-carbonatite
797 complexes, along the extensional structures that intersect the early track of the south Atlantic
798 opening.

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800 Figure 2 – FeO_t, TiO₂, Nb and Ce vs MgO variation diagrams for the Paranà-Etendeka CFB. Data
801 from the GEOROC database (<http://georoc.mpch-mainz.gwdg.de/georoc/>) and by Owen-Smith et
802 al. (2017). LT type localities are Esmeralda, Gramado in Paranà and Horingbaai, Tafelberg in
803 Etendeka. HT1 type localities are Paranapanema, Pitanga, Urubici in Paranà and Khumib, Doros in
804 Etendeka. Empirical boundaries between LT and HT1 CFB are drawn in order to minimise the
805 misclassified samples (generally less than 5%).

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807 Figure 3 – Chondrite-normalized Rare Earth Element (REE) patterns for LT and HT1 Paranà-
808 Etendeka CFB. Average La_N/Yb_N for each group are also reported. Normalizing factors are from
809 Sun and McDonough (1989). Data are from the GEOROC database and from Owen-Smith et al.
810 (2017).

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812 Figure 4 – MgO vs FeO diagram for the Paranà-Etendeka CFB. HT1 and LT primary magmas were
813 modelled according to Herzberg and Asimow (2015). Liquid lines of descent were modelled
814 according to Petrolog software v.3 (Danyushevsky and Pletchov, 2011). Data are from the
815 GEOROC database and from Owen-Smith et al. (2017). Abbreviations: Ol = olivine, Cpx =
816 clinopyroxene; Pl = plagioclase.

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818 Figure 5 – Incompatible element distribution of calculated LT and HT1 primary melts (data from
819 Ewart et al., 1998; Gibson et al., 2000) and modelled composition obtained by batch melting of a
820 PM source hybridized with 3% eclogite. Source mode and melting proportions conform to
821 experimental data by Walter (1998); partition coefficients (Kd) from the GERM database.
822 Normalizing factors are from Sun and McDonough (1989). See text for further explanation.

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824 Figure 6 – Na_2O vs K_2O (wt%) binary diagram for mafic rocks from alkaline-carbonatite complexes
825 coeval with CFB from the a) Paranà-Etendeka, b) Deccan and c) Karoo igneous provinces.
826 Subdivision among various sodic and potassic affinities are from Middlemost (1975). Paranà-
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829 (2006), Gomes et al. (2011) and references therein. Deccan data are from Simonetti et al. (1998)
830 and Sen et al. (2009); alkaline rocks locally interbedded within CFB (e.g., Melluso et al., 1995) are
831 not considered. Karoo data are from Harmer et al. (1998) and de Bruijn et al. (2005).

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833 Figure 7 – Chondrite-normalized Rare Earth Element (REE) and Primitive Mantle-normalized
834 incompatible element patterns for mafic rocks from alkaline-carbonatite complexes coeval with
835 CFB from a) Paranà-Etendeka, b) Deccan and c) Karoo igneous provinces. Paranà-Etendeka data
836 are from Beccaluva et al. (1992; 2017); Coltorti et al. (1993); Trumbull et al. (2003), Comin-
837 Chiaramonti et al. (2002; 2011; 2014); Comin-Chiaramonti and Gomes (2005); Gibson et al.
838 (2006); Gomes et al. (2011) and references therein. Deccan data are from Sen et al. (2009), whereas
839 Karoo data are from Harmer et al. (1998) and de Bruijn et al. (2005). Normalizing factors after Sun
840 and McDonough (1989).

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842 Figure 8 – Incompatible element distribution of alkaline basic melts coeval with CFB in the Paranà-
843 Etendeka province. a) modelling indicates that Etendeka alkaline basic melts could be generated

844 either by 2% or 10% batch melting of a PM source hybridized with 20% and 40% amphibole-rich
845 metasomatic veins, respectively. Composition of metasomatic veins, mineral modes and melting
846 coefficients are after Pilet et al. (2011). b) Modelling for Brazilian alkaline basic magmas requires
847 the significant presence of phlogopite (in addition to amphibole) in the source. Best fit is obtained
848 either by 2% or 8% batch melting of a PM source hybridized with 40% and 90% of metasomatic
849 veins, respectively. In this case, amphibole-rich metasomatic veins (Pilet et al., 2011) contain up to
850 30% of phlogopite. Data source as in Fig. 7. Partition coefficients (K_d) from the GERM database.
851 Normalizing factors are from Sun and McDonough (1989).

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853 Figure 9 – (a) Sr-Nd and (b) Pb isotopic composition of CFB and coeval alkaline-carbonatite
854 complexes for the Paranà-Etendeka igneous province. Data from GEOROC and from Huang et al.
855 (1995); Milner and Le Roex (1996); Le Roex and Lanyon (1998); Harris et al., (1999); Alberti et al.
856 (1999); Trumbull et al. (2003; 2007); Comin-Chiaramonti et al. (2007; 2011); Gomes et al. (2011);
857 Beccaluva et al. (2017); Owen-Smith et al. (2017). Isotopic composition of Gough and Tristan hot
858 spot tracks are from Hoernle et al. (2015). Reference mantle end-members (DM, EM1, EM2, HIMU
859 and FOZO) are also reported for comparison (Zindler and Hart, 1986; Hofmann, 1997; Stracke,
860 2012). Sr-Nd initial isotopic values have been calculated at 132 Ma.

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862 Figure 10 – Paleogeographic reconstruction of the Deccan igneous province at ca. 65 Ma reporting
863 the spatial distribution of HT1 and LT suites (modified after Natali et al., 2017 and references
864 therein). Note that the centre of the encircled equidimensional area (Reunion hot spot) corresponds
865 to the distribution of HT1 picrite-basalt, the maximum concentration of nearly coeval alkaline (-
866 carbonatite) complexes and the intersection of the main rift structures.

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868 Figure 11 – (a) Sr-Nd and (b) Pb isotopic composition of CFB and coeval alkaline-carbonatite
869 complexes for the Deccan igneous province. Data from GEOROC and from Simonetti et al. (1995;

870 1998) and Sen et al. (2009). Reference mantle end-members (DM, EM1, EM2, HIMU and FOZO)
871 are also reported for comparison (Zindler and Hart, 1986; Hofmann, 1997; Stracke, 2012). Sr-Nd
872 initial isotopic values have been calculated at 65 Ma.

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874 Figure 12 –Paleogeographic reconstruction of the Karoo igneous province at ca. 170 Ma, reporting
875 the spatial distribution of HT2, HT1 and LT suites (modified after Natali et al., 2017 and references
876 therein). Note that the central CFB area correspond to a triple junction defined by the convergence
877 of dike swarms, the distribution of HT2 picrite-basalt and the location of nearly coeval alkaline-
878 carbonatite complexes.

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880 Figure 13 – (a) Sr-Nd and (b) Pb isotopic composition of CFB and coeval alkaline-carbonatite
881 complexes for the Karoo igneous province. Data from GEOROC and from Hawkesworth et al.
882 (1984) and Harmer et al. (1998). Reference mantle end-members (DM, EM1, EM2, HIMU and
883 FOZO) are also reported for comparison (Zindler and Hart, 1986; Hofmann, 1997; Stracke, 2012).
884 Sr-Nd initial isotopic values have been calculated at 180 Ma.

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886 Figure 14 – Impinging of the mantle plume head on the pre-existing lithosphere caused a dramatic
887 thermal anomaly (T_{ex} 250-300°C) coupled with bulging, thinning and development of extensional
888 lineaments that intersected and radiated from the plume axial zone. The combined tectonic and
889 thermal effects at the plume axis could explain the contemporaneous generation, virtually on the
890 same plumbing system, of high-MgO CFB and alkaline magmas from the convective asthenosphere
891 and the overlying lithosphere, respectively, under distinct P-T-X conditions (see inset): 1) high-
892 MgO CFB could derive from volatile-poor sublithospheric mantle sources where the solidus is
893 crossed at T_p 1500-1600°C, 4-5 GPa by moderate-high melting degree under nearly-adiabatic
894 conditions; 2) parental melts of the alkaline-carbonatite complexes formed by a generally low
895 degree of melting in the lower portion of the lithosphere (T_p 1300-1400°C, P 2-3 GPa), where the

896 solidus is variably depressed owing to the common occurrence of hydrated and carbonated
897 components. Data for volatile-rich (hydrated and carbonated lherzolite) and volatile-poor
898 (anhydrous lherzolite) solidi are taken from the literature (Turner et al., 1996; Walter, 1998;
899 Thompson et al., 2001; Green and Fallon, 2005; Gudfinnsson and Presnall, 2005). The thermal
900 regime and composition of the lithosphere is based on mantle xenoliths from the Gondwana realm
901 that consist of Sp- to Gt-lherzolite/harzburgite variably enriched by metasomatic phases
902 (amphibole, phlogopite and carbonates; Rivalenti et al., 2000; Fodor et al., 2002; Dessai et al.,
903 2004; Griffin et al., 2003; Beccaluva et al., 2007; 2008; 2011; Karmalkar et al., 2009; Natali et al.,
904 2013; Bianchini et al., 2014; Sgualdo et al., 2015; Stanley et al., 2015). The hatched area
905 corresponds to the asthenosphere-lithosphere transition.

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907 **Table captions:**

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909 Supplementary Table 1 – Major element composition of calculated primary melts for representative
910 high-MgO CFB and coeval alkaline basic melts Paranà-Etendeka, Deccan Karoo LIPs.
911 Reconstruction of CFB primary melts has been obtained by the Herzberg and Asimow (2015)
912 model assuming a mantle source with mg# 0.90, whereas alkaline primary melt have been obtained
913 using the Putirka (2016) model assuming mg# 0.87 for the metasomatized source.
914 Thermobarometric estimates have been obtained using the models of Gudfinnsson and Presnall
915 (2005), Herzberg et al. (2007), Lee et al., (2009), Herzberg and Asimow (2015), Putirka (2016) for
916 CFB, whereas for alkaline magmas only the Putirka (2016) model could be applied.

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The problem with horizontal axis of Fig. 3 has been fixed.

Arial font has been used for labels in Fig. 4.

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Acronyms of mantle end-members in the isotopic diagrams of Figs. 9, 11 and 13 have been homogenised.

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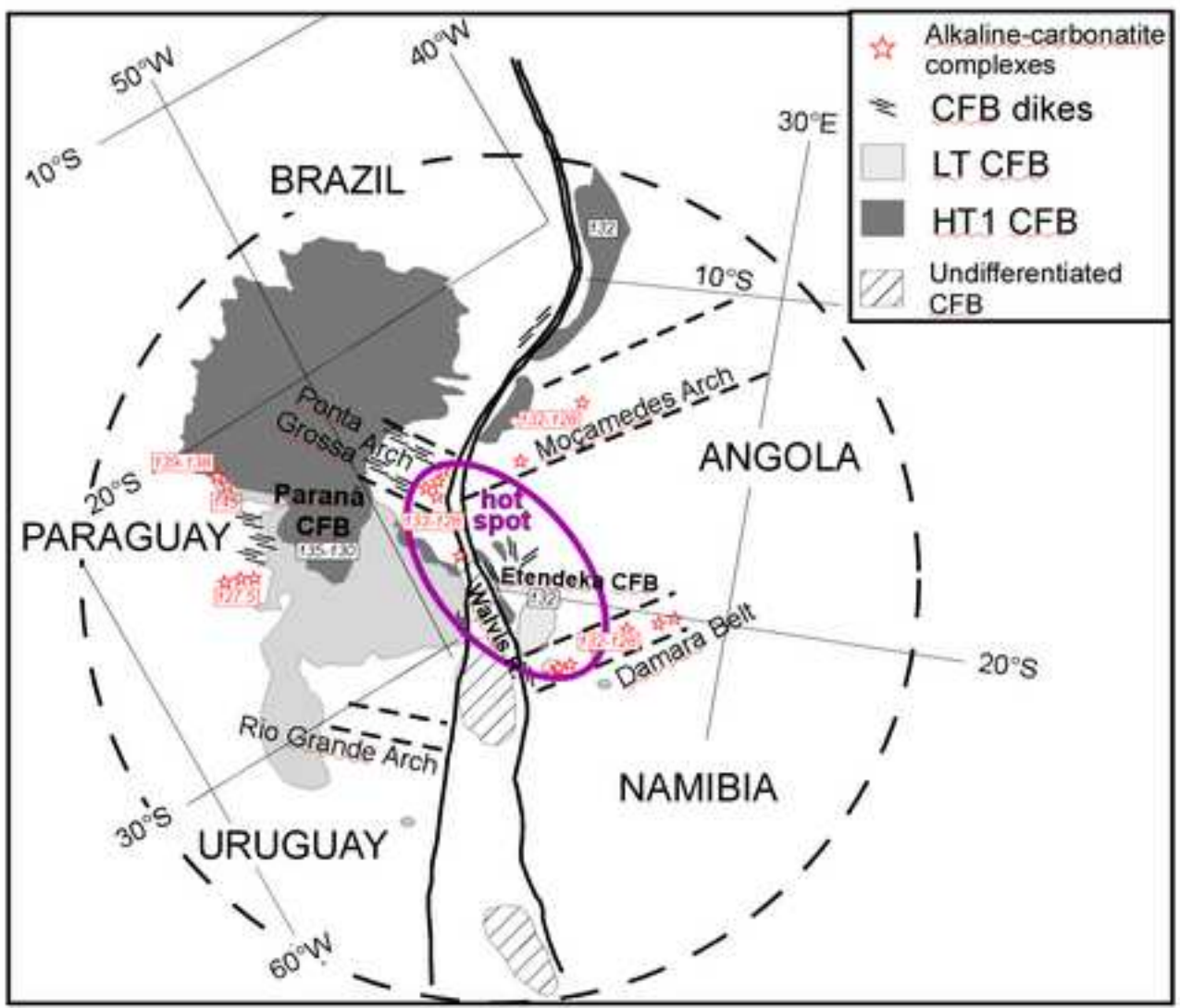


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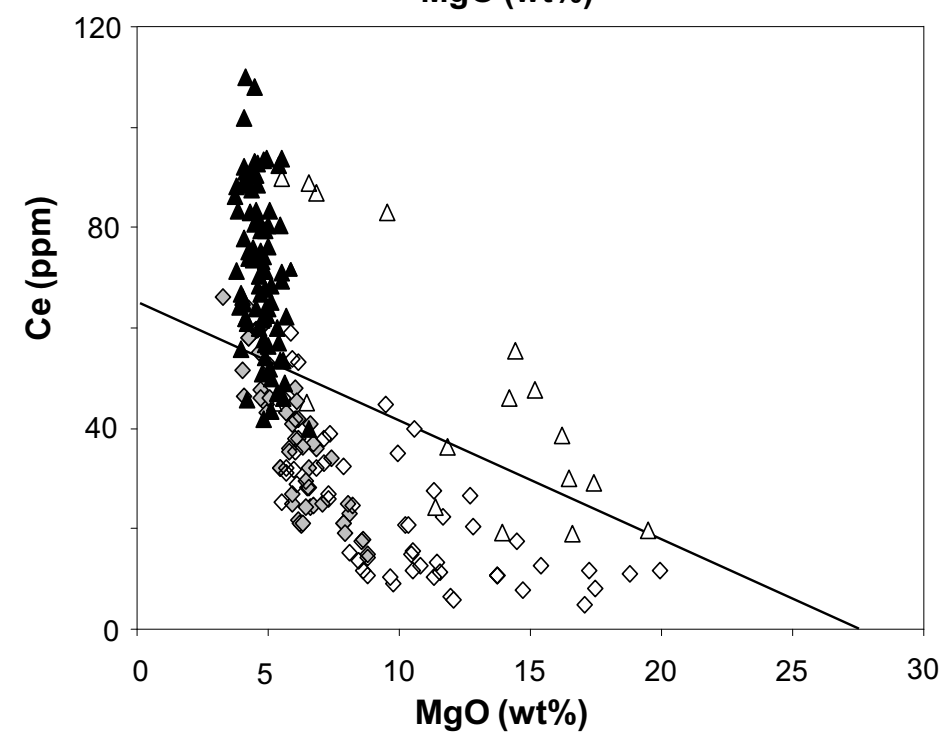
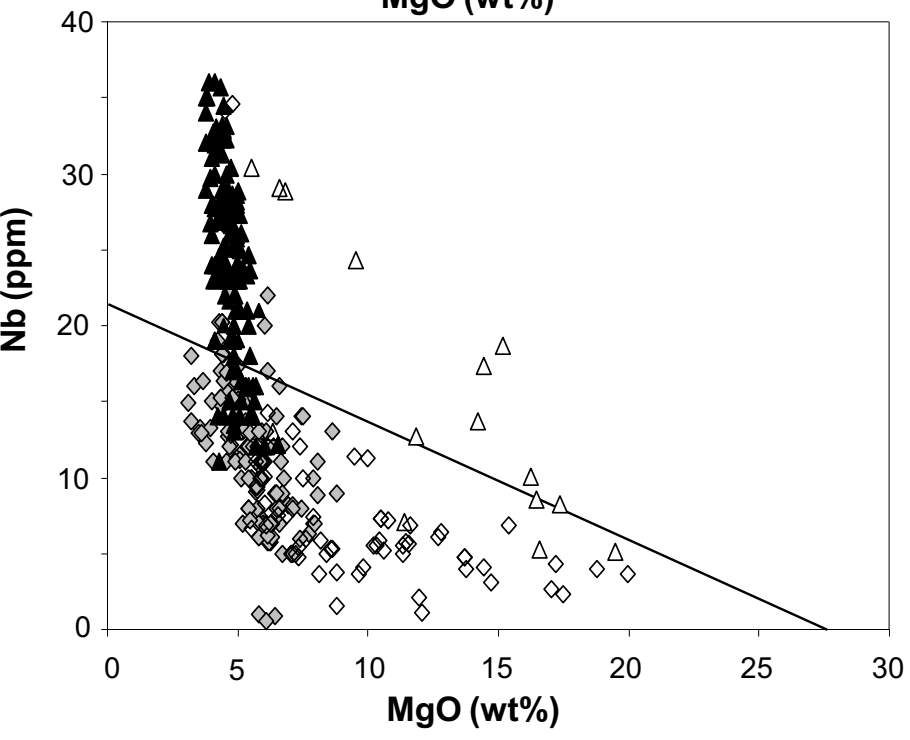
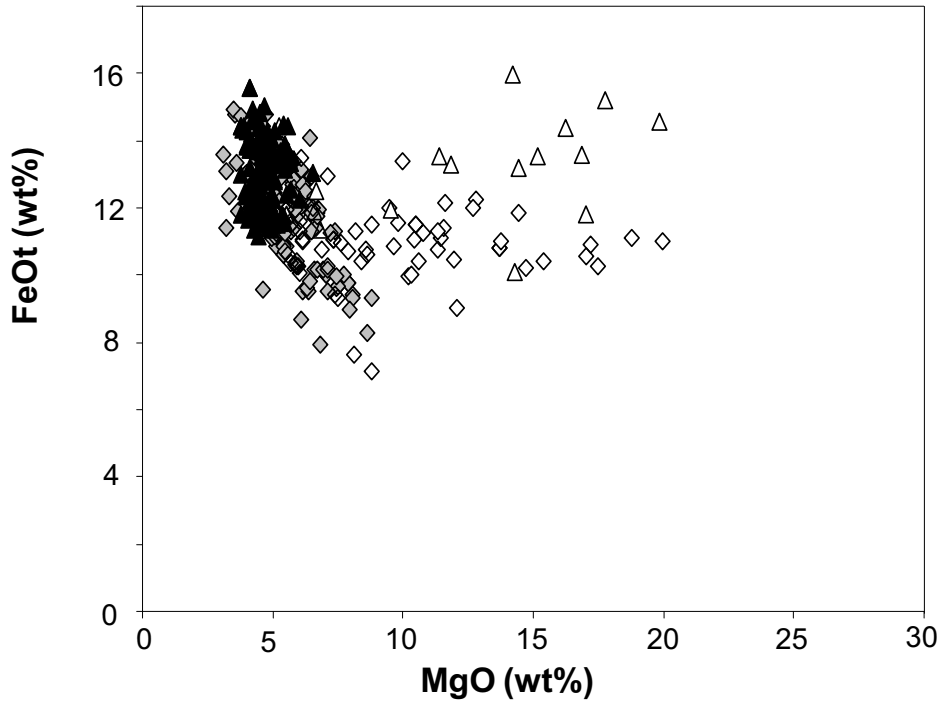
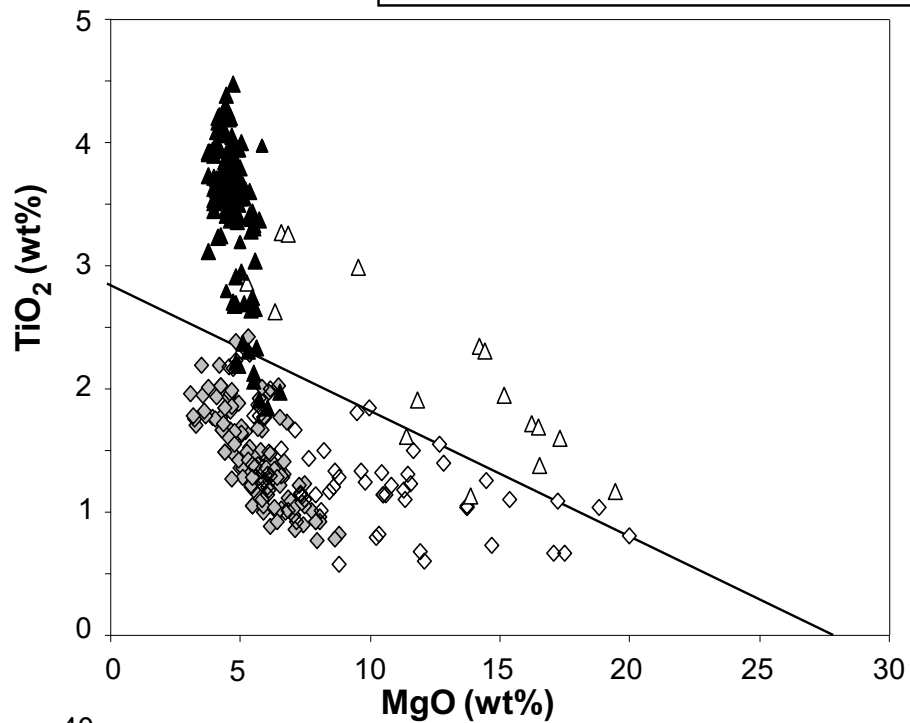
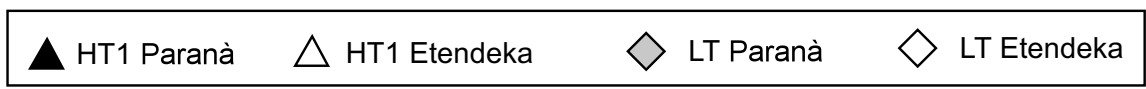


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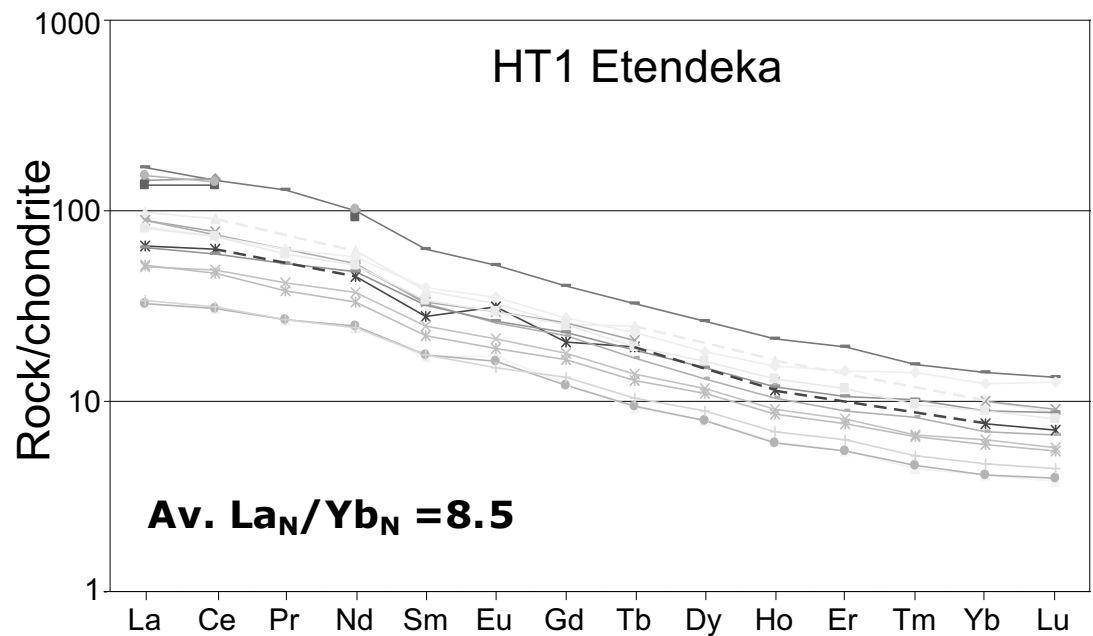
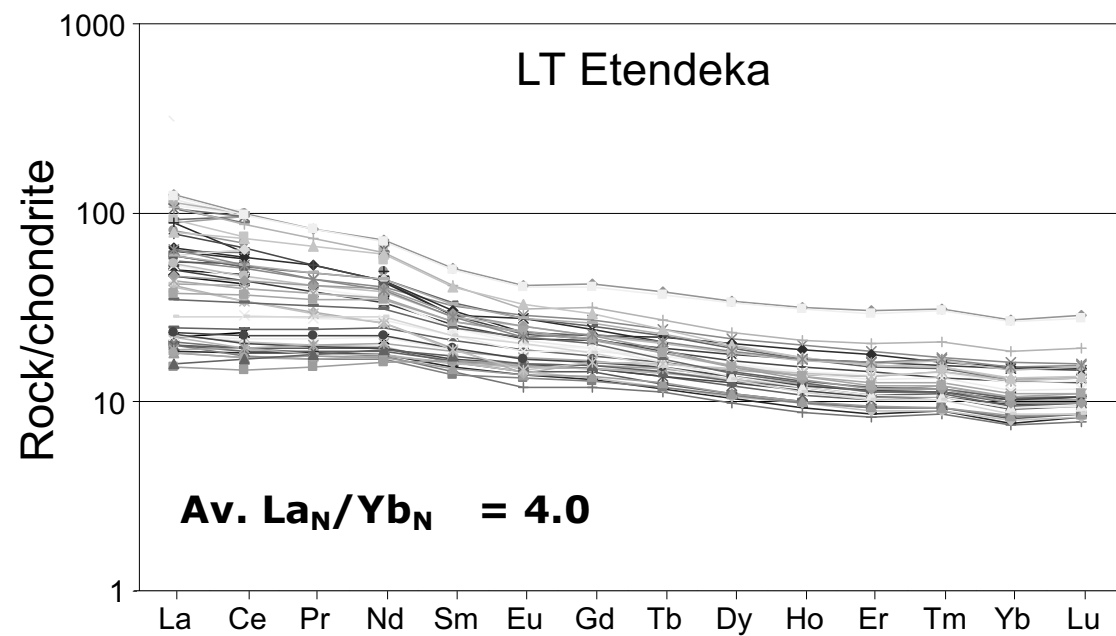
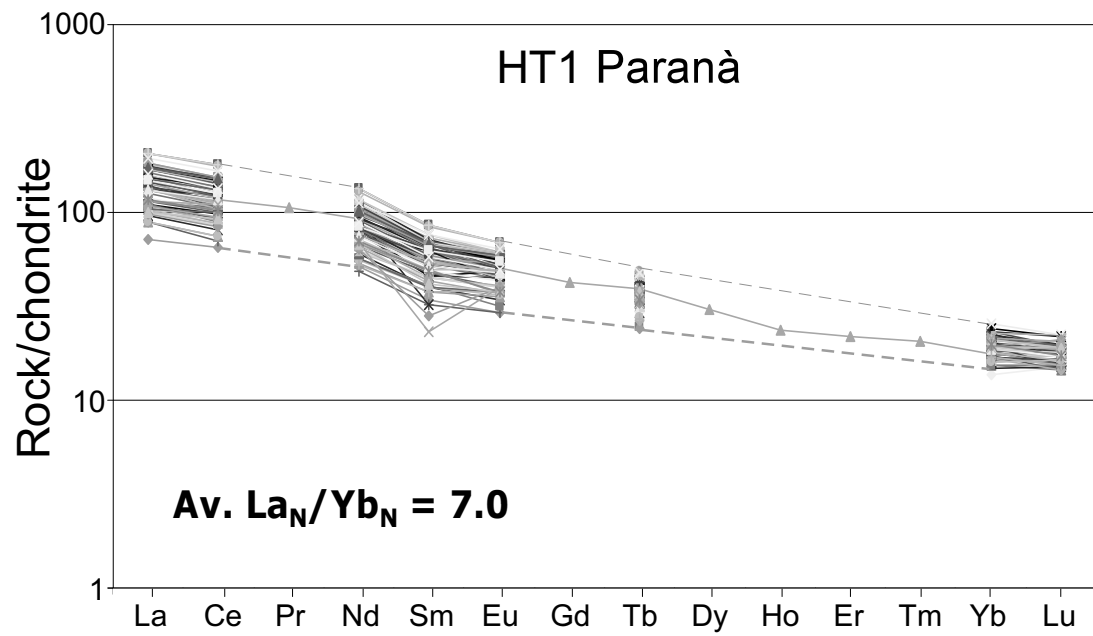
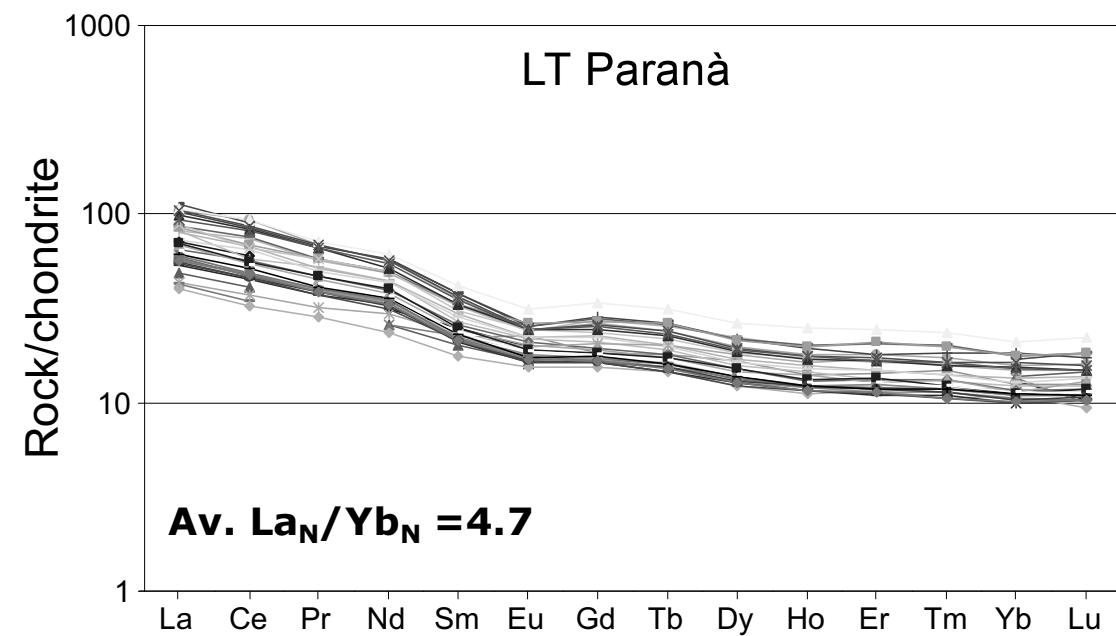


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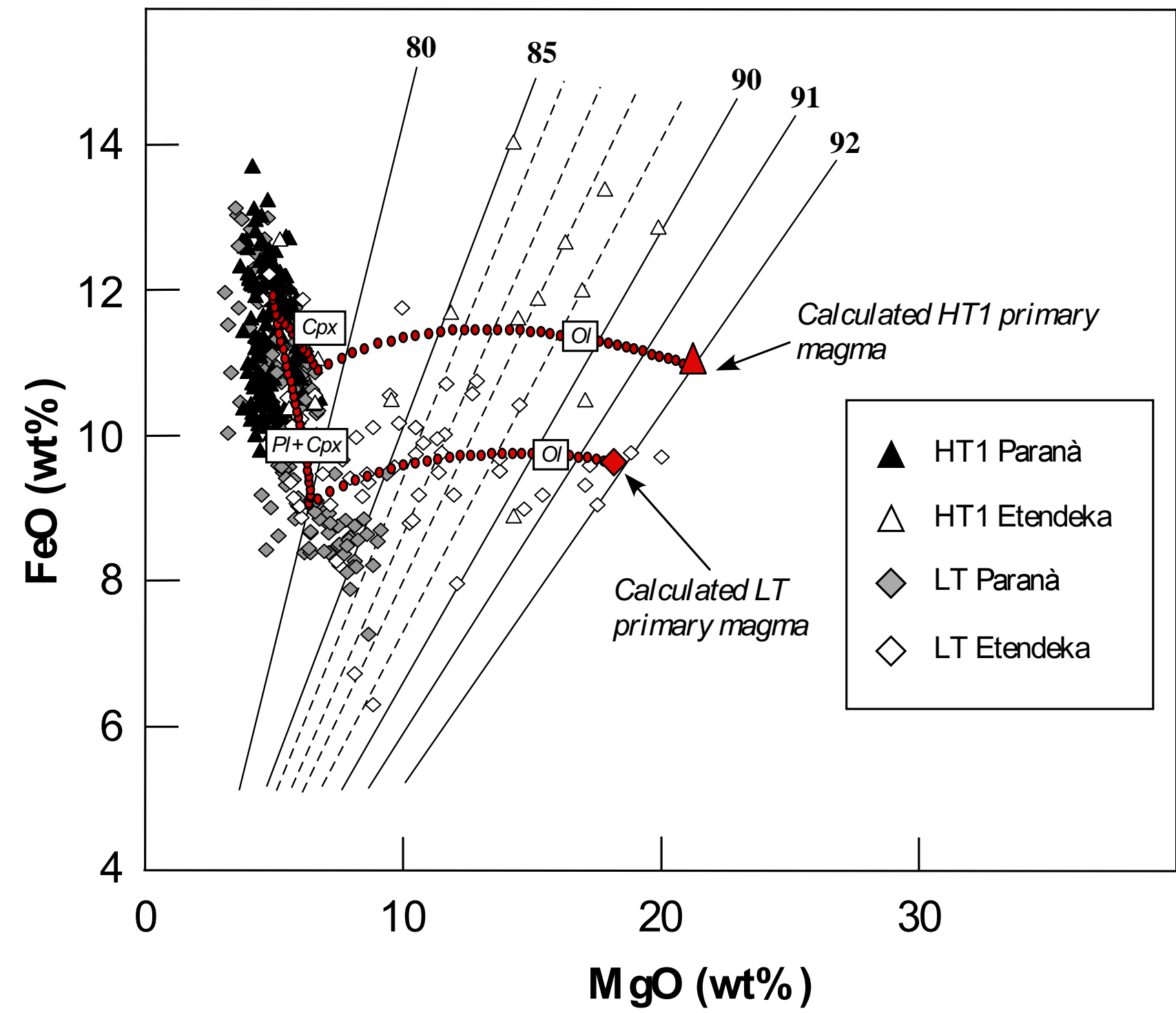


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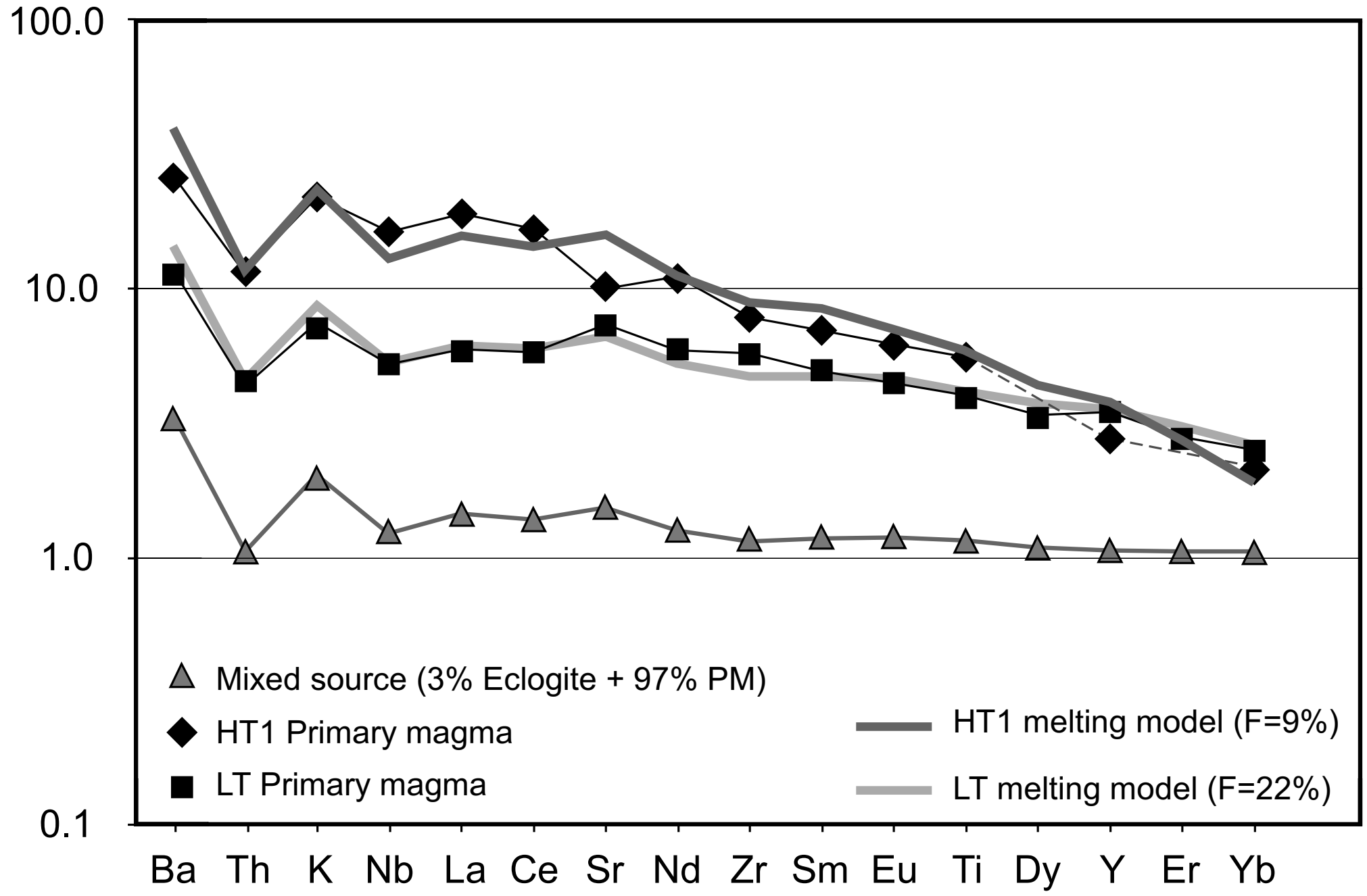


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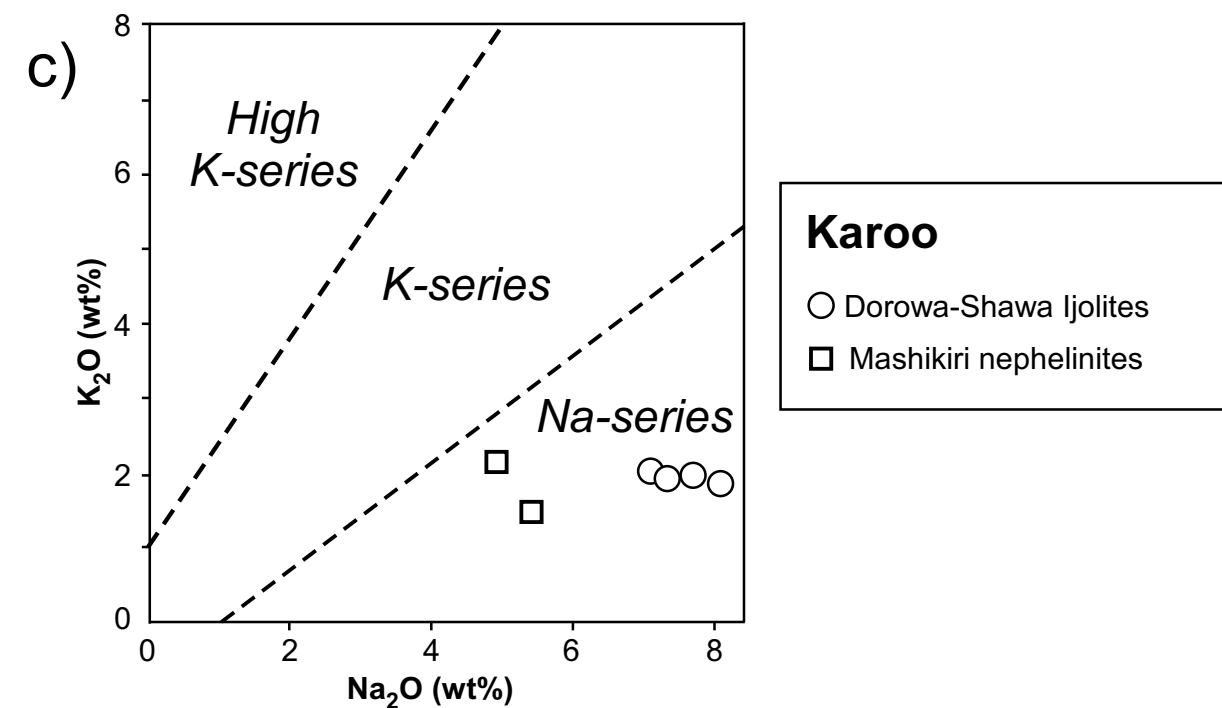
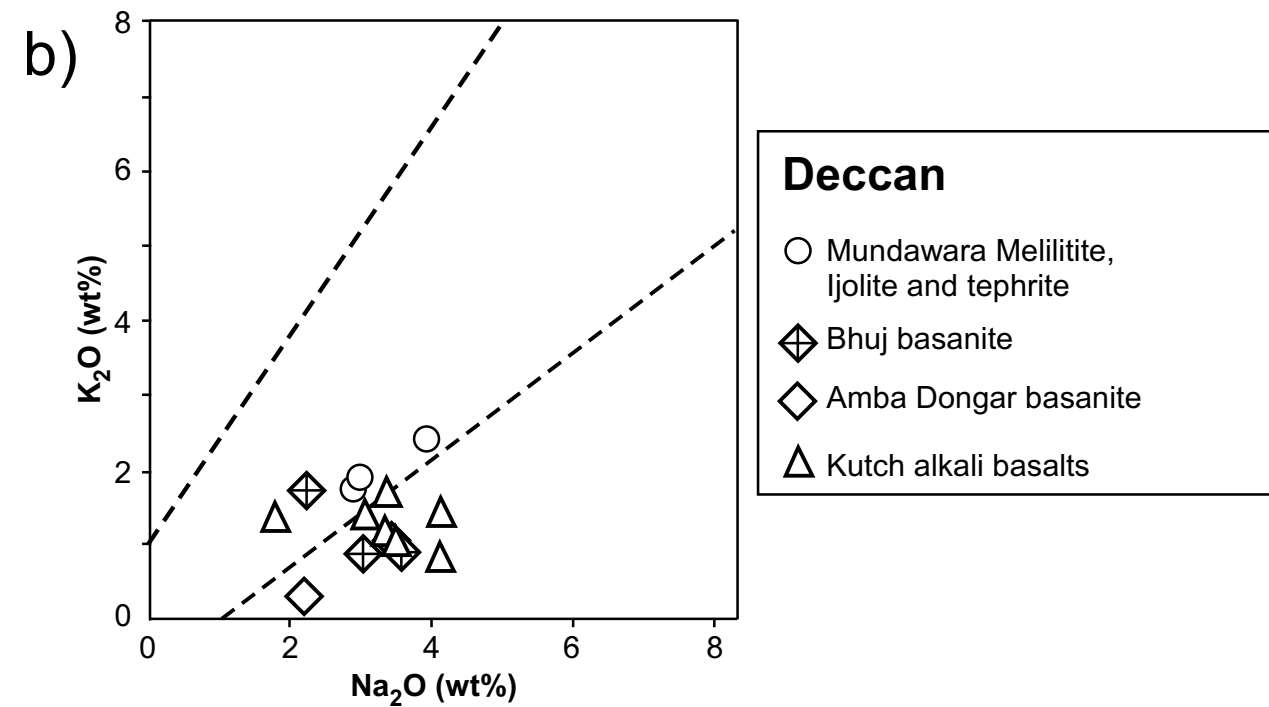
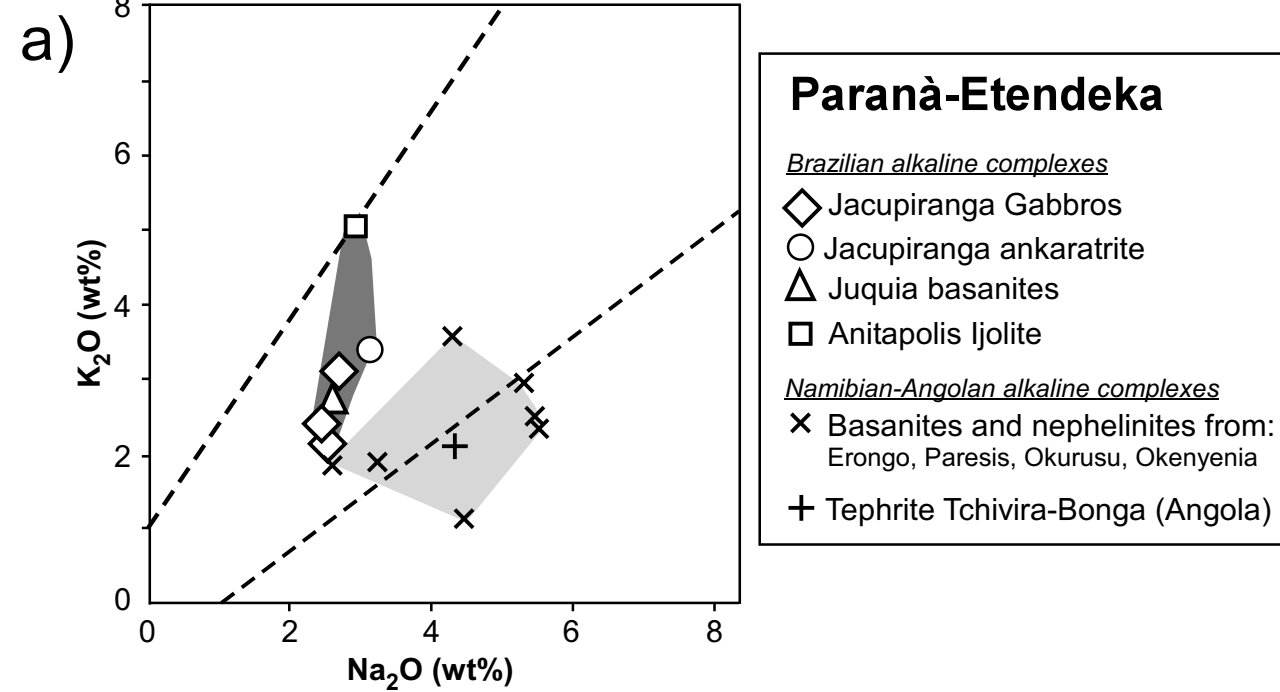


Figure 7

Paraná-Etendeka

Brazilian alkaline complexes

- ◇ Jacupiranga Gabbros △ Juquia basanites
- Jacupiranga ankaratrite □ Anitapolis Ijolite

Namibian-Angolan alkaline complexes

- × Basanites and nephelinites from: Erongo, Paresis, Okurusu, Okenyenia
- † Tephrite Tchivira-Bonga (Angola)

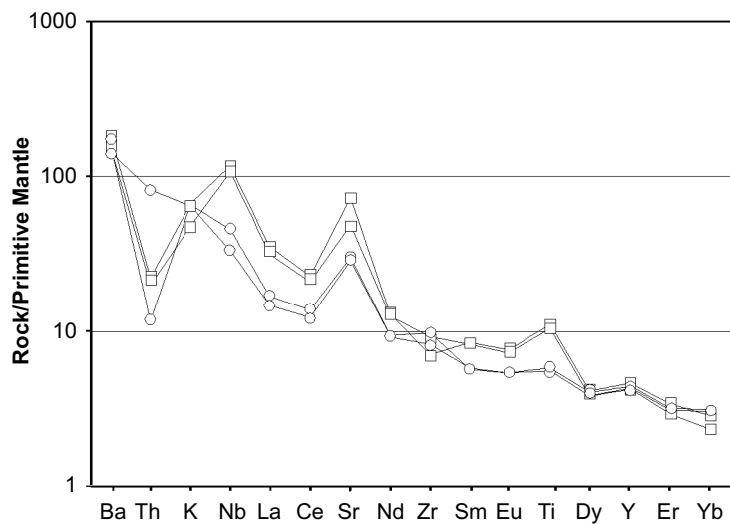
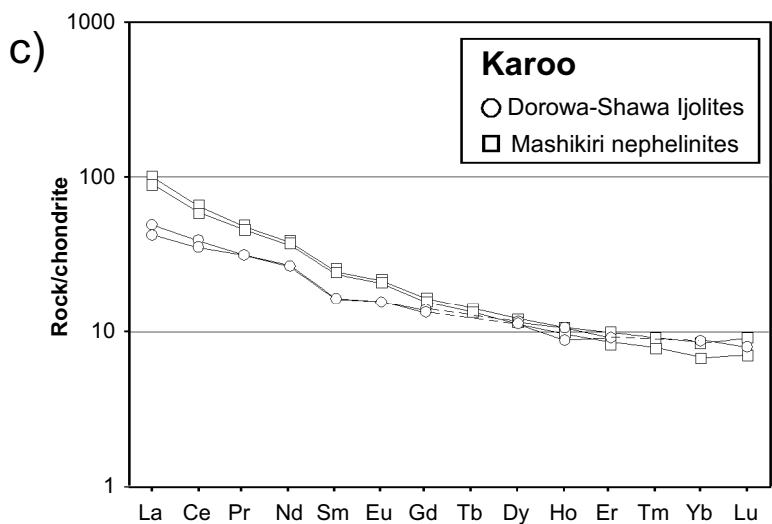
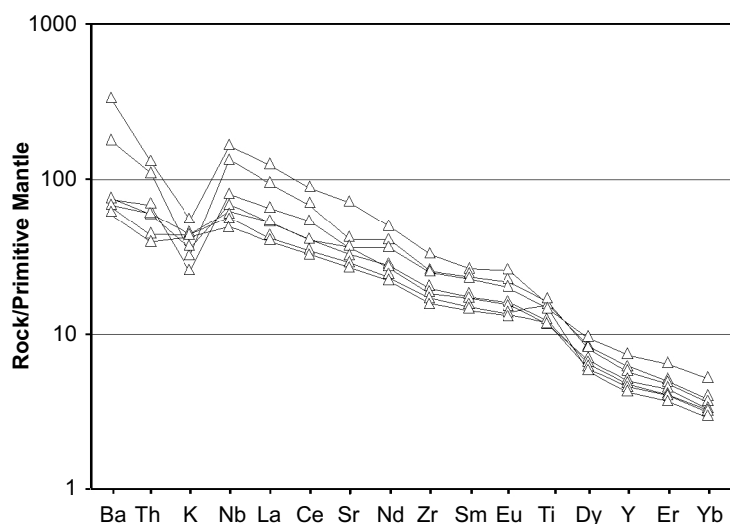
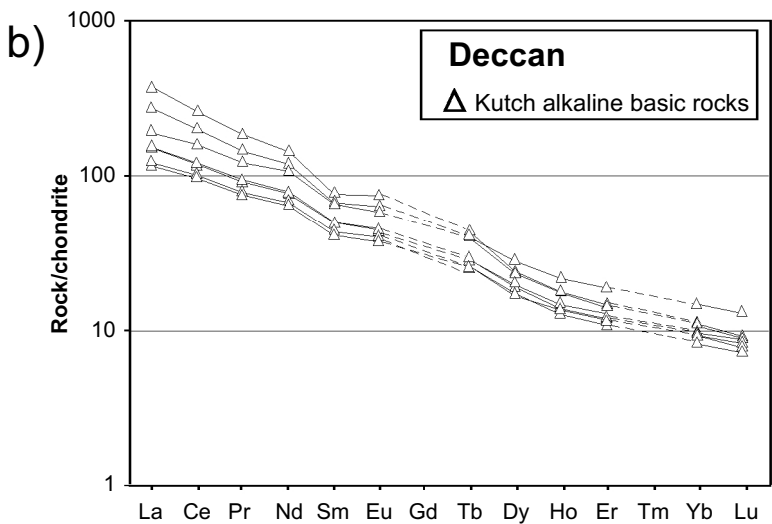
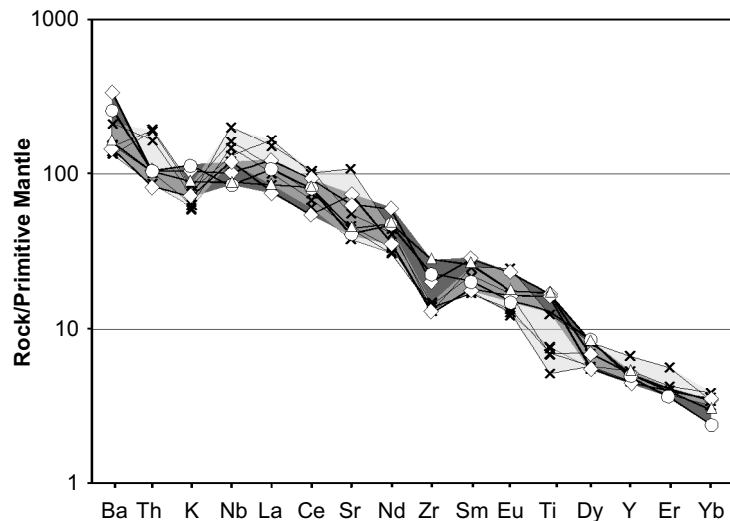
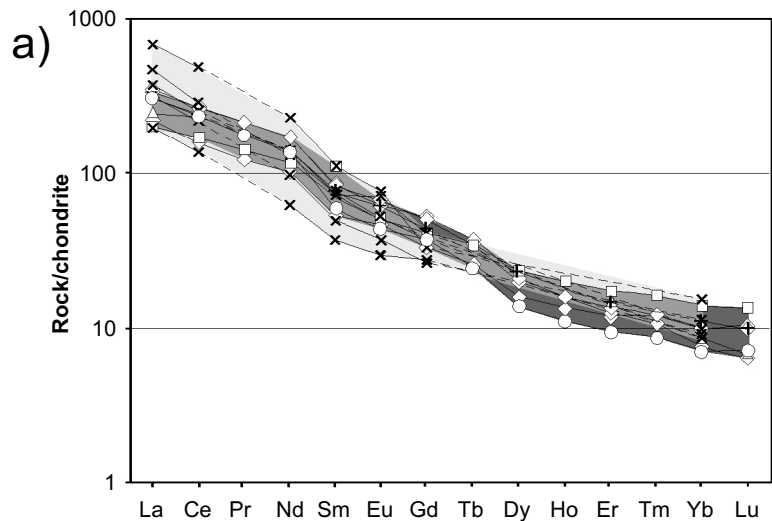


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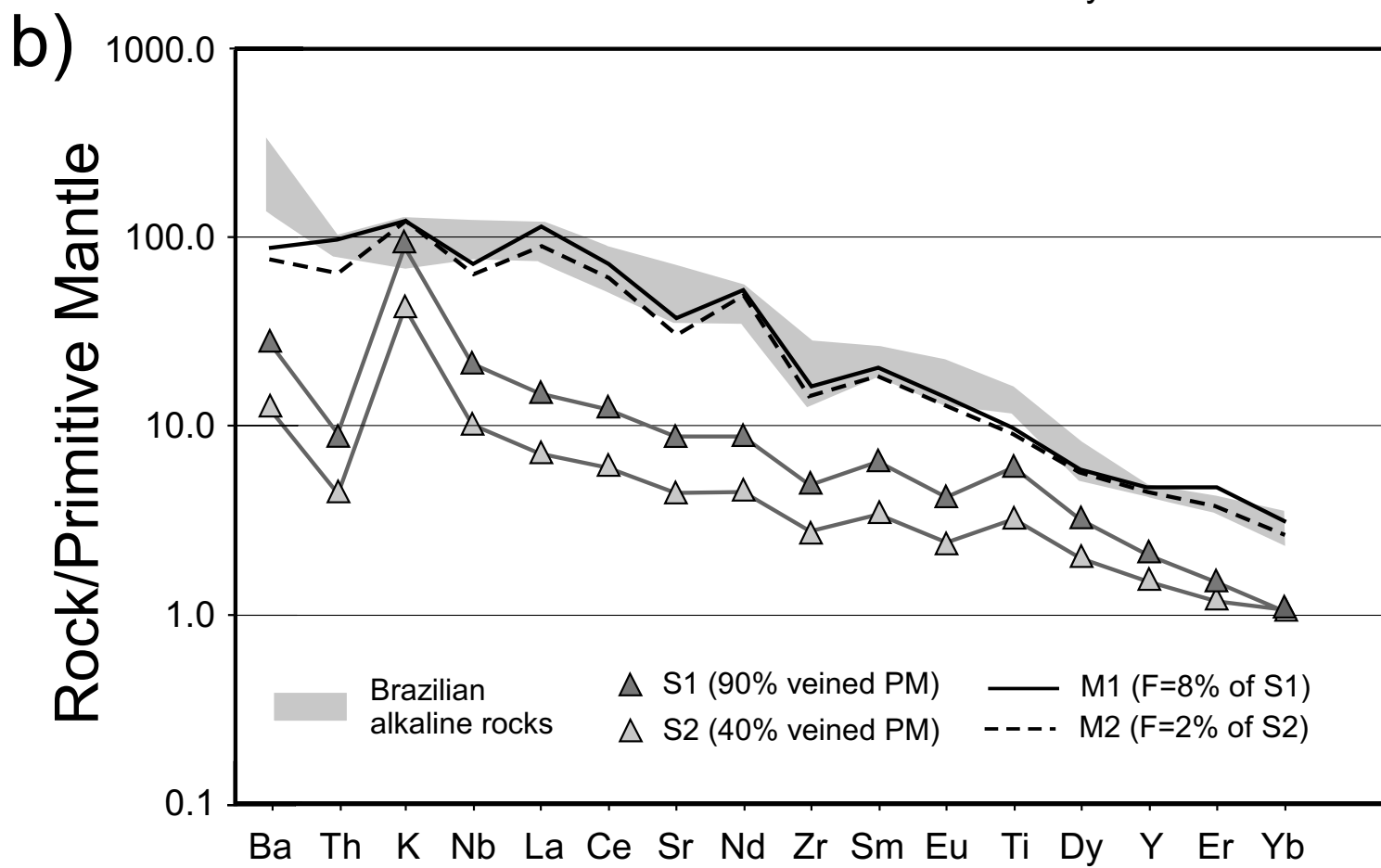
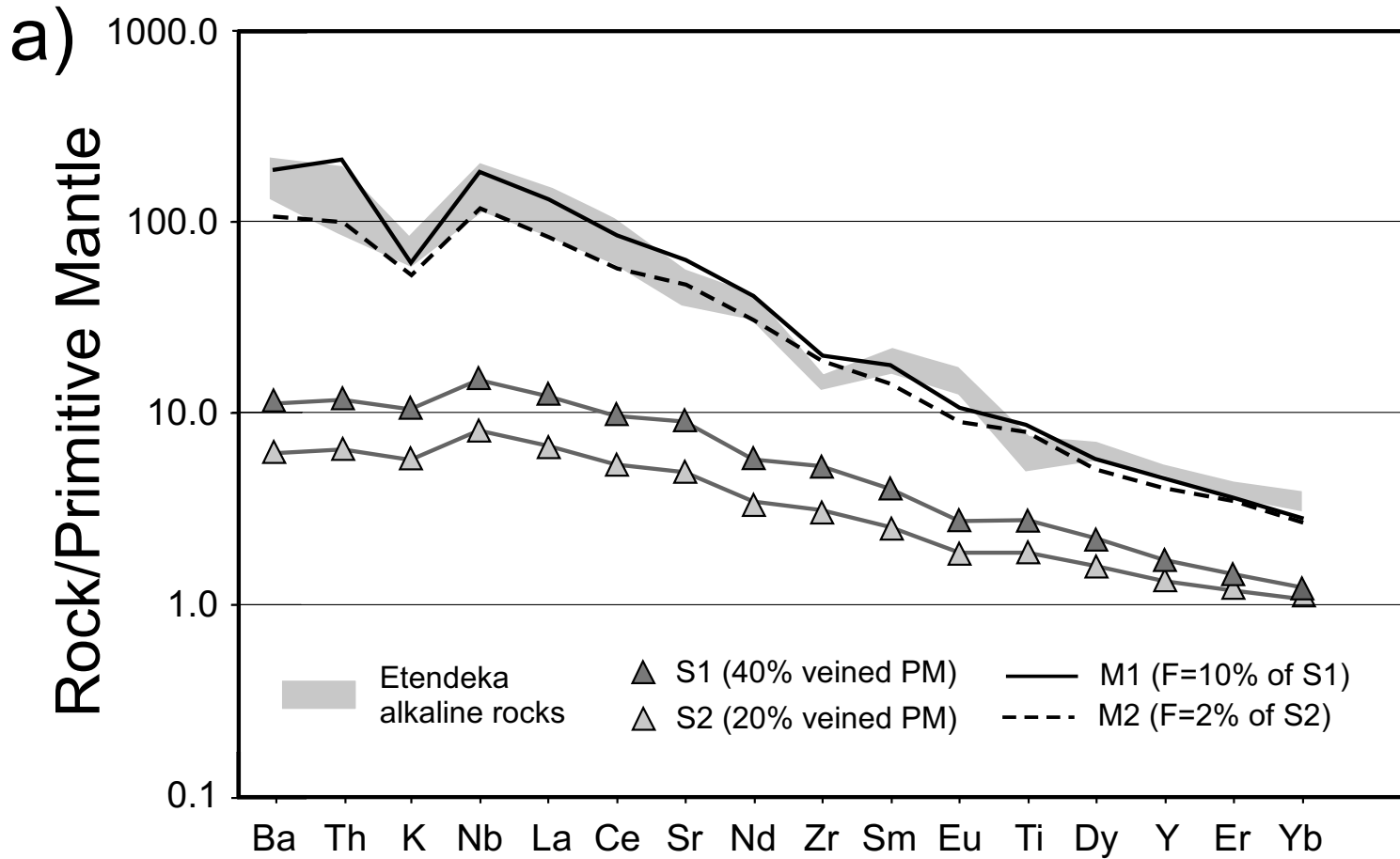
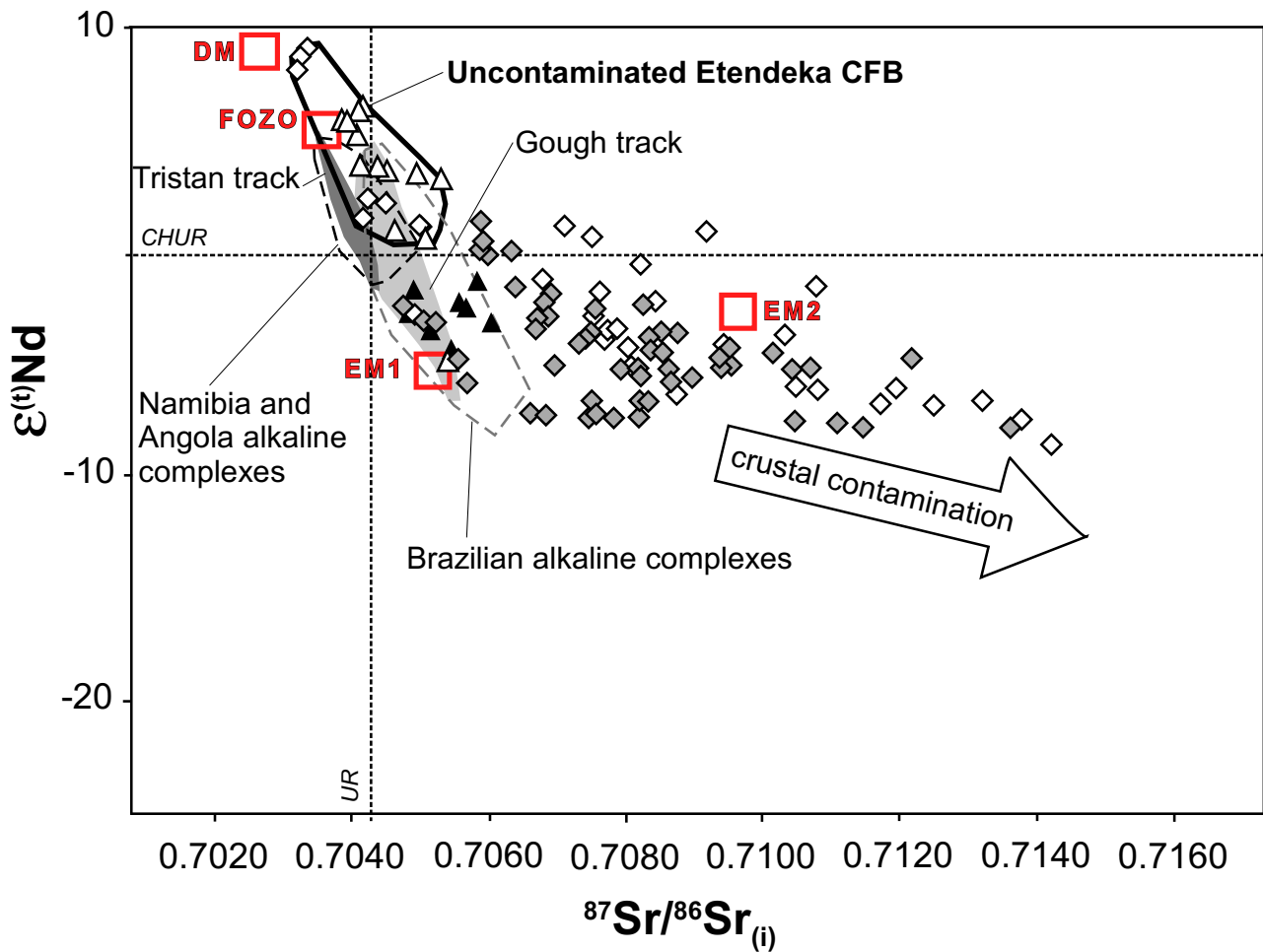


Figure 9

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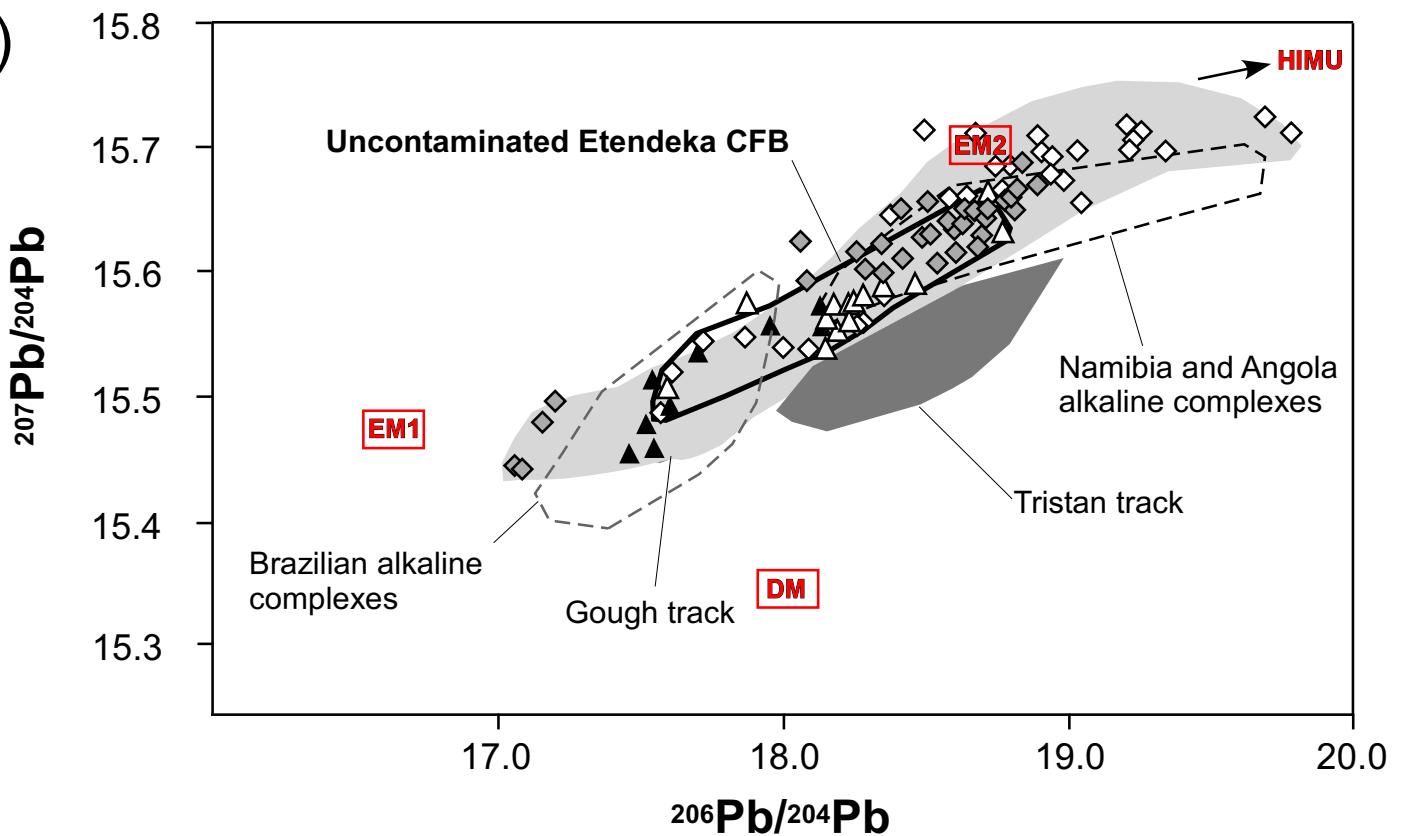
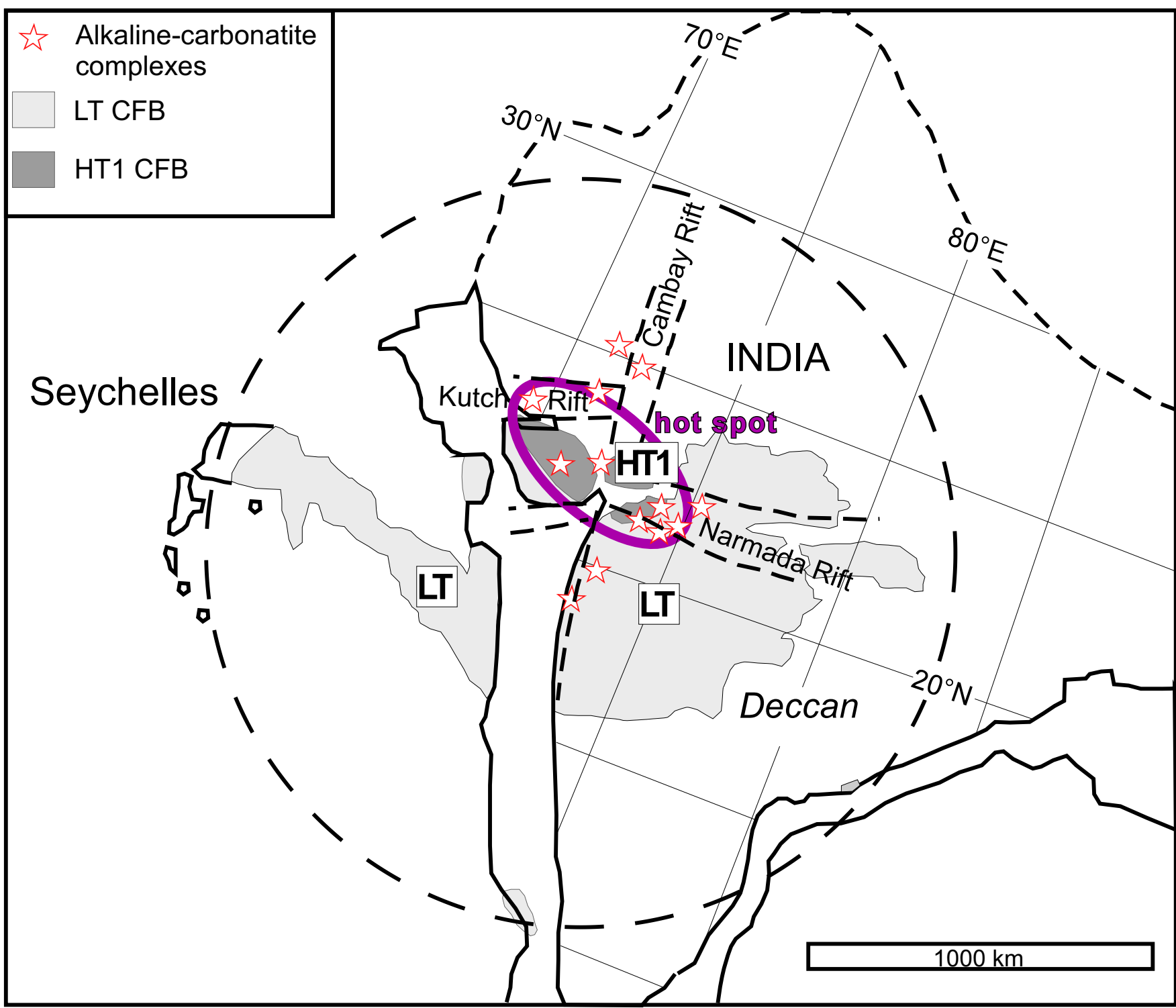
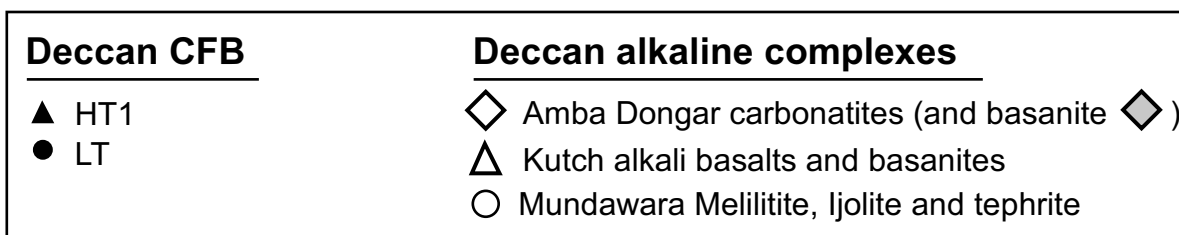
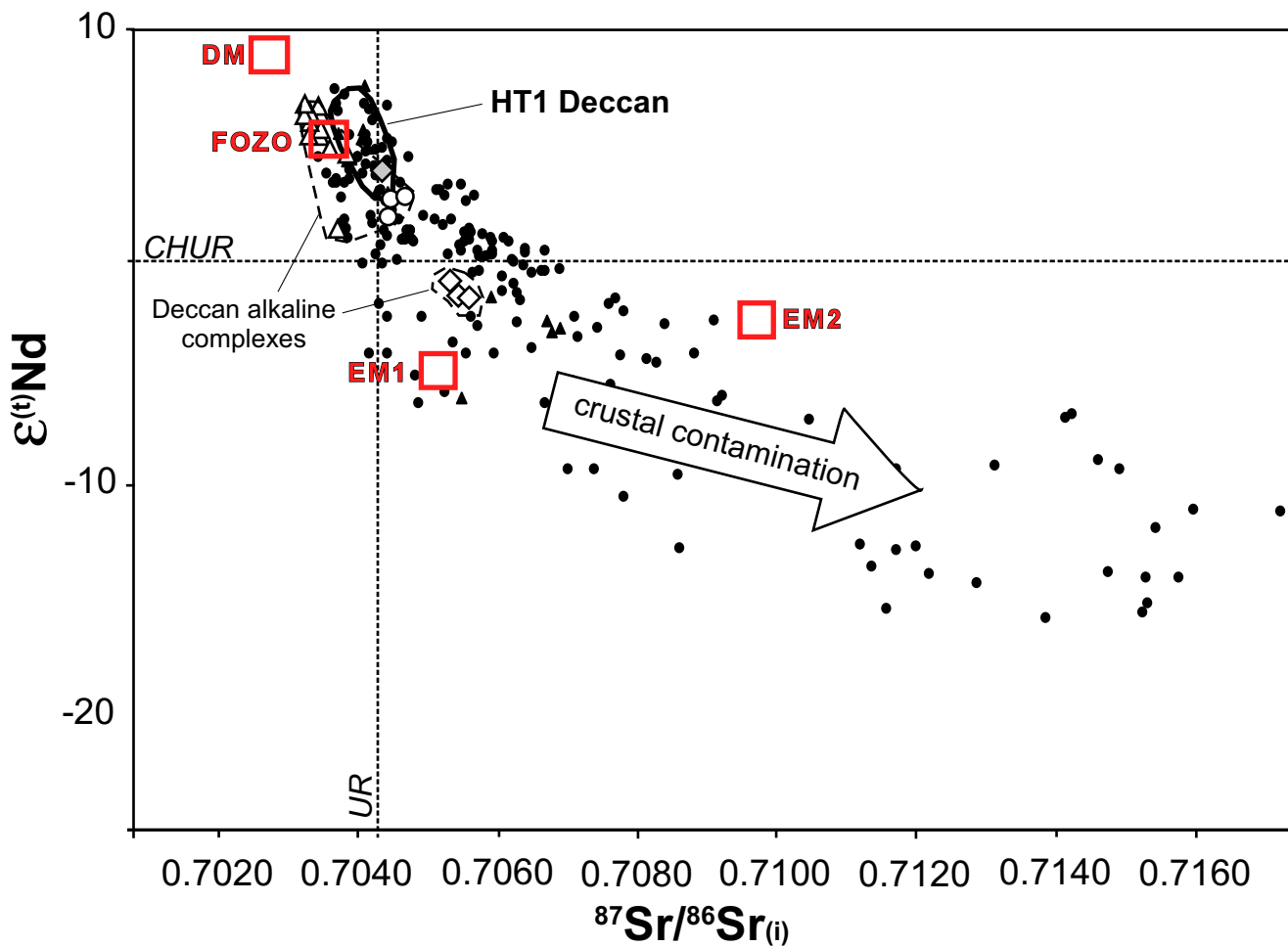


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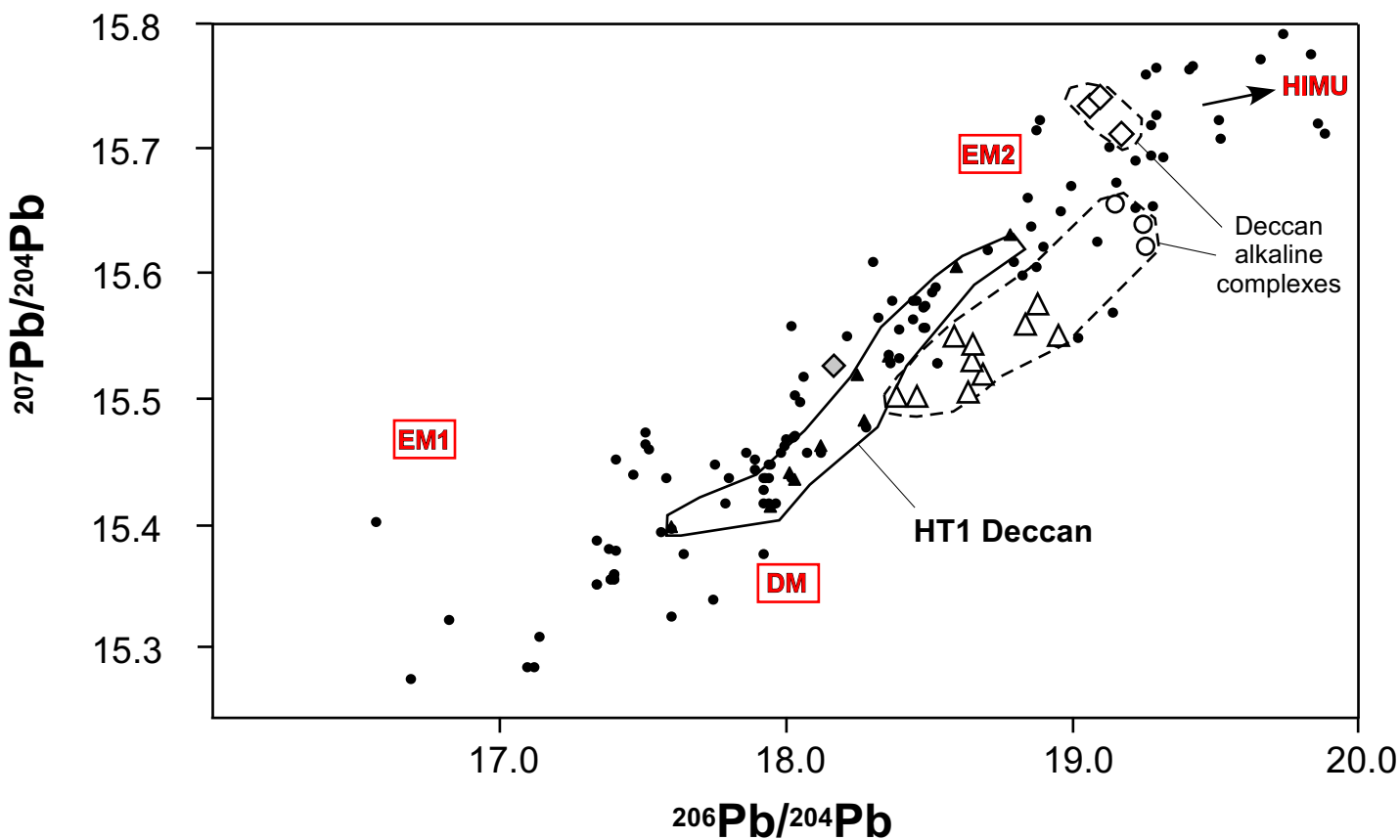
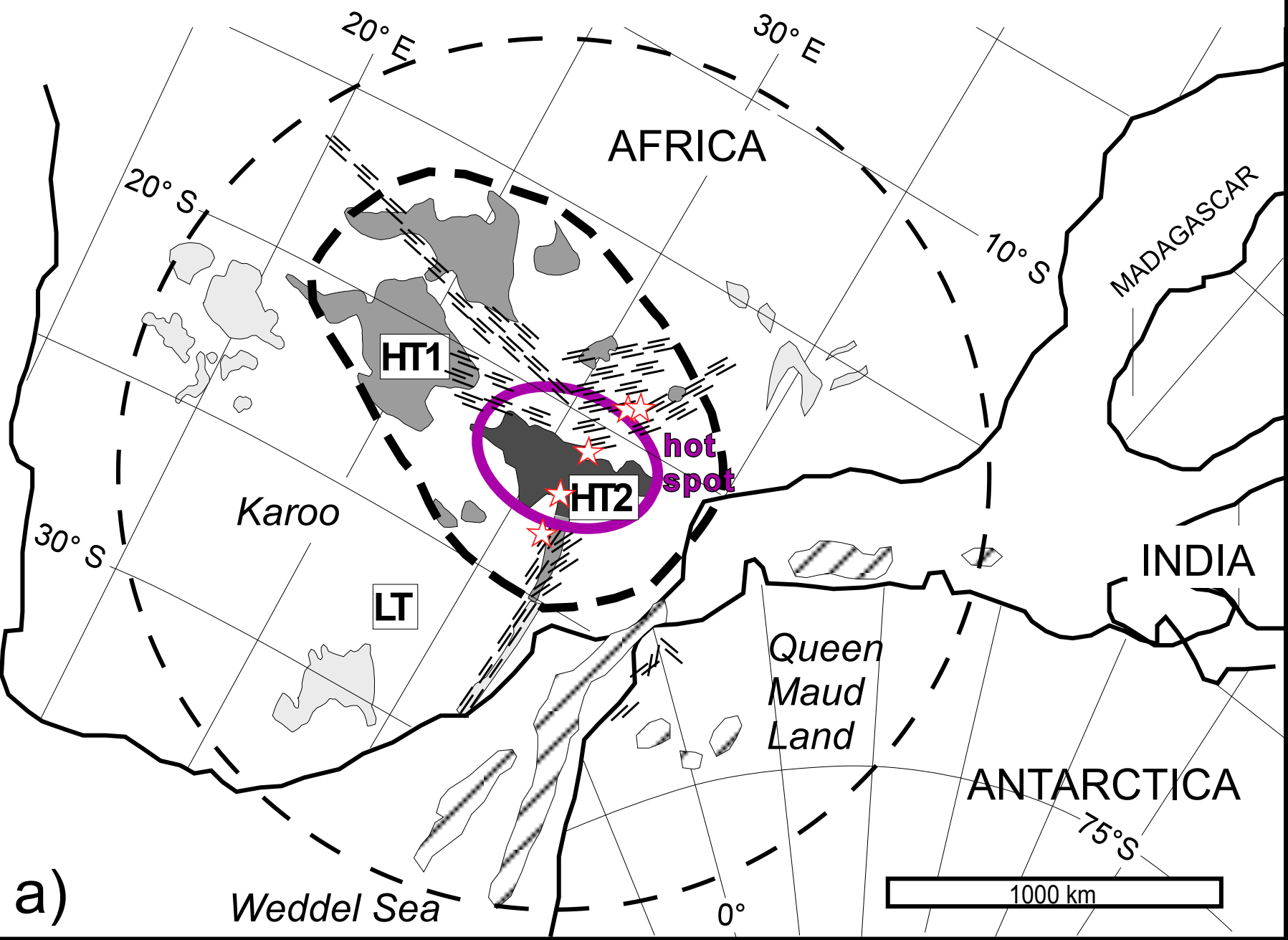
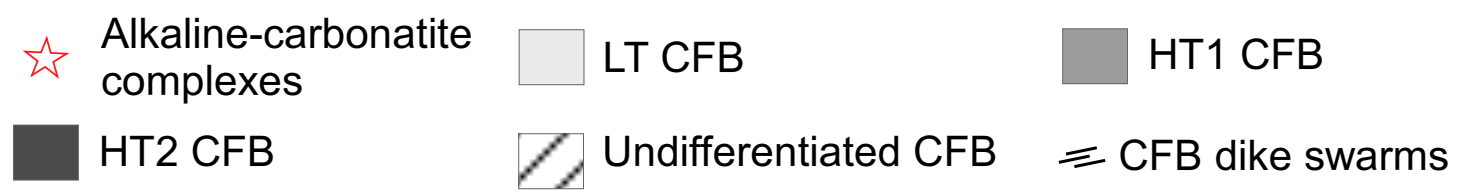


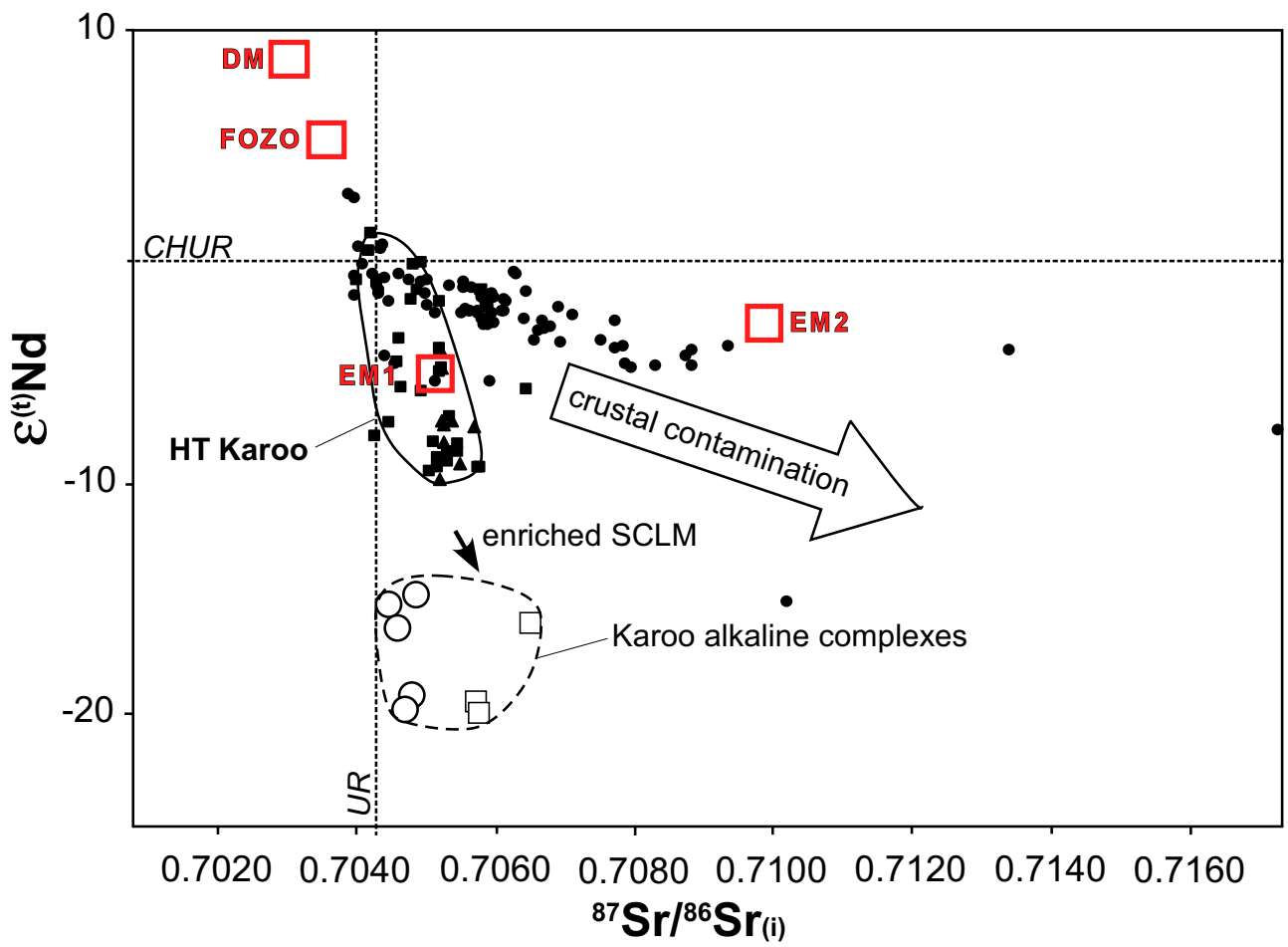
Figure 12



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**Karoo CFB**

- LT Basalts
- ◆ HT Basalts
- HT Picrites

Karoo alkaline complexes

- Nephelinite
- Ijolite (s.l.)

b)

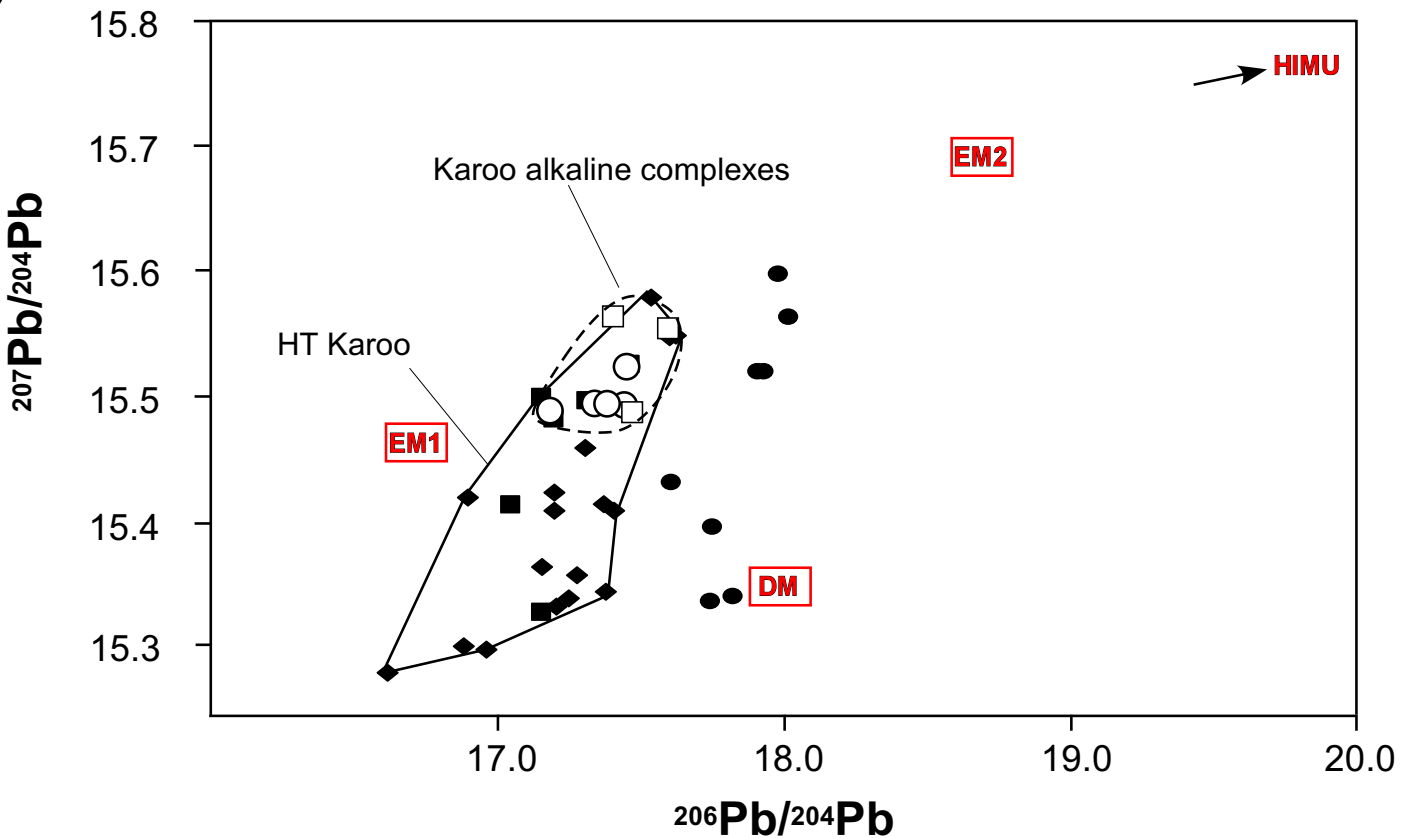
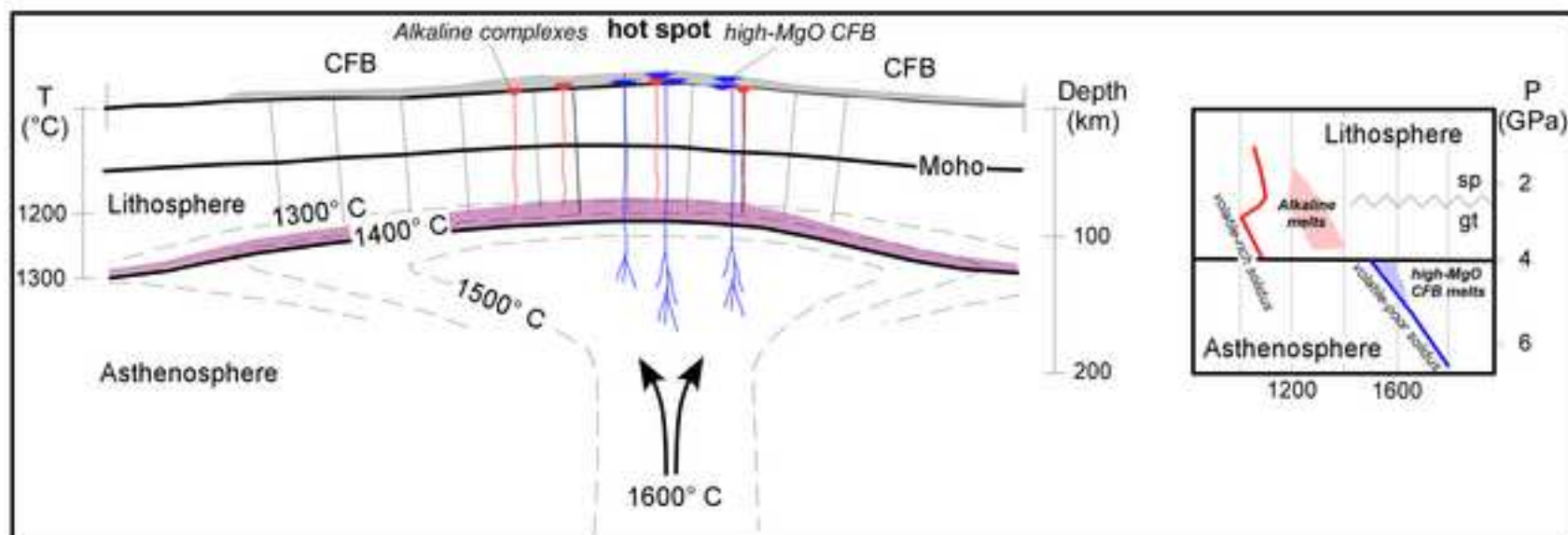


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