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ABSTRACT OF THE THESIS

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A suite of mantle xenoliths from Aitutaki, which forms part of the Cook-Austral hotspot chain, have been examined for highly siderophile element (HSE: Os, Ir, Ru, Pt, Pd, Re) abundances and Re-Os isotope systematics to investigate the compositional nature of Western Pacific mantle lithosphere. These data are complemented by olivine mineral analyses and whole-rock major and trace element abundances. The Aitutaki xenolith suite comprises low-Al dunite, harzburgite, and lherzolite, and high-Al olivine websterite, and pyroxenite lithologies. The xenolith suite is hosted within Aitutaki nephelinite lavas representing low degree (<1%) partial melts from an enriched mantle (EM1/EM2) source ($^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = \sim 0.136$). High-Al xenoliths have experienced significant melt-rock interaction with melts similar in composition to the lavas that host the xenoliths, with pyroxenites having similar HSE abundances and Os isotope compositions to the lavas ($\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 = 5.7\text{-}8.3$ wt.%; $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1263$ to 0.1469). Conversely, Aitutaki lherzolites and harzburgites are similar in composition to abyssal peridotites with respect to their $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios (0.1264

±43), HSE and major element abundances (MgO and Al₂O₃), forsterite content, and typical extents of melt depletion (~10 to 14 %). Aitutaki xenolith compositions would lead to the conclusion of a relatively fertile lherzolitic lithospheric mantle. The geochemical evidence for pervasive melt infiltration, however, suggests that Pacific oceanic plate mantle lithosphere is more depleted than previously thought. The results show that extensive and recent melt-rock reaction is superimposed on both recent melting at the ridge and prior melt depletion evident from Mesoproterozoic time of rhenium depletion ages (~1.5 Ga) in some Aitutaki xenoliths. Similar evidence for melt refertilization superimposed on Proterozoic melt depletion ages are exhibited in xenoliths from the Samoan islands of Savai'i and Tubuai, implying that a wide region of the Western Pacific oceanic mantle lithosphere preserves evidence for extensive melt-depletion in the Mesoproterozoic.

1.1. Introduction

The composition of Earth's mantle is key in understanding processes in terrestrial evolution, including the total heat budget, as well as the surficial expression of the outer-most layer, the lithosphere, and its physical properties. Relatively minor variations in chemical composition within the mantle have been attributed to large effects including response to physical stress and buoyancy (e.g. Karato, 1986; Hirth and Kohlstedt, 1996; Afonso et al., 2007; Simon et al., 2008). Lithospheric mantle composition is also likely to be important in generation of melts at the lithosphere/asthenosphere boundary and, ultimately, after subduction zone recycling (e.g., Zindler & Hart, 1986). Contributing to our understanding of the lithospheric oceanic mantle are abyssal peridotites found at mid-ocean ridges and fracture zones (e.g., Warren, 2016), and mantle xenoliths found at ocean islands (Simon et al., 2008).

Ocean island hotspot tracks allow the opportunity for glimpses into mantle compositions from peridotite and pyroxenite xenoliths brought to the surface by their host lavas. Along their journey to the surface, these melts can react with the original rock at depth and change the lithology of what will eventually become xenoliths (Keleman et al., 1992). It has been shown that melt-rock reaction can fundamentally change basalts forming at mid-ocean ridges (Lissenberg et al., 2008) and form podiform chromitites in the upper mantle (Zhou et al., 1994), both of which are large-scale processes that influence the physical properties of the Earth significantly.

Evidence suggests that the oceanic crust is underlain by melt-depleted peridotite (Johnson et al., 1990), yet there is still uncertainty on large scales, such as entire ocean basins, as to what degree these peridotites have been depleted. Generally, it appears that the Pacific plate is relatively homogenous but can contain old depleted mantle domains (Lassiter et al., 2014; Day et al., 2017). However, the ability to sample the Pacific oceanic lithosphere is limited by fast-spreading, leading to few exposures at transform faults or tectonic features, such as mega-mullions, as are the case for slower spreading oceanic plate. Mantle convection times are on the order of 50 to 200 Ma (Zhong et al., 2005) and it has been shown that over multiple mantle convection cycles strongly depleted peridotite can remain relatively undisturbed and even cluster to form larger heterogeneities within the mantle (Manga, 1996). This suggests that the oceanic crust could be sitting atop larger areas of extremely depleted (up to 20 %) upper mantle.

In this study, I investigated xenoliths from Aitutaki. Aitutaki is an ocean island found in the South Pacific at the north-west end of the Cook-Austral hotspot track (*Figure 1*). The xenoliths offer the opportunity to investigate oceanic mantle in a poorly sampled region of the Western Pacific, with the nearest studied mantle xenoliths being over 1000 km away, with two goals. The first was to examine the nature of Pacific mantle lithosphere and melt-rock reactions with ocean island basalt melts. The second goal was to examine the degree of melt depletion in the Western Pacific lithosphere and to compare these data with ocean island mantle xenoliths from Samoa and with abyssal peridotites.

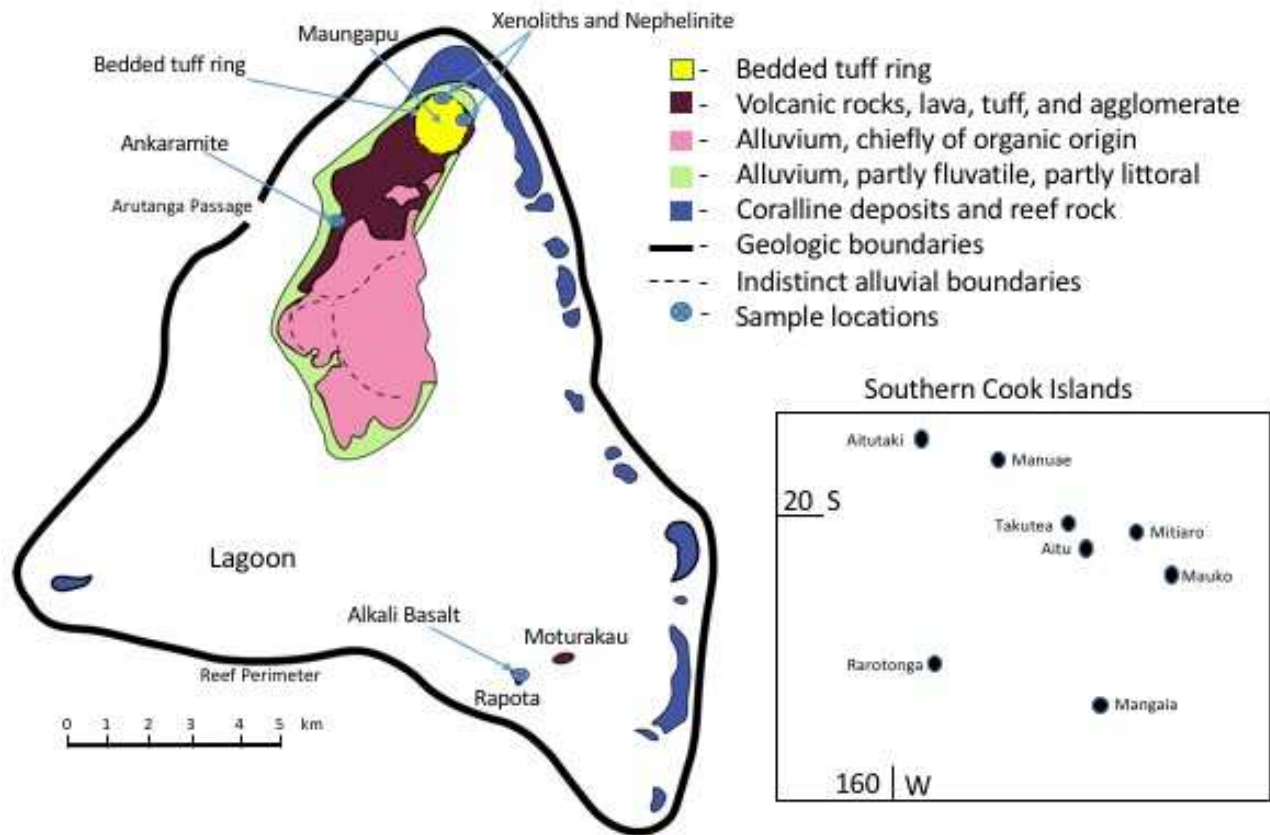


Figure 1: Geologic map of Aitutaki, Southern Cook Islands (inset) with sample locations. Geology is based on map by Wood, 1978.

2. Methods

In this study all whole-rock samples were measured for major- and trace-element abundances. Due to the limited available mass however, AK-1029, AK-1020, AK-1023-1, AK-1023-5, AK-1006, and AK-1005 were not measured for $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ and HSE abundances.

2.1. Olivine mineral major-element analysis

Mineral major- and minor-element analyses were performed on polished one-inch rounds containing olivine grains from Aitutaki xenolith samples. Measurements were made using a *JEOL JXA-8900* electron microprobe analyser at the University of Maryland. Mineral compositions were determined in wave-length dispersive spectral mode using an acceleration potential of 15 keV, a 20 nA beam current, with the beam focused to 2 μm . Peak and background counting times were 20-30 s, and standard ZAF correction procedures were used. Natural and synthetic standards were used for calibration and were measured periodically within analytical sessions. The detection limits (3σ above background) are <0.03 wt. % for all oxides listed.

2.2. Whole-rock major and trace element abundance analyses

Major element compositions were measured by X-ray fluorescence (XRF) at Franklin and Marshall College using a *PW 2404 PANalytical* XRF vacuum spectrometer following the procedures outlined in Boyd & Mertzman (1987). Major element analyses by XRF involved standard lithium tetraborate fusion techniques using 3.6:0.4 g LiBO_4 :sample powder. Ferrous iron concentrations were determined by titration with potassium dichromate. Precision and accuracy are estimated using repeat analyses of standards, with long-term reproducibility (in wt.% and 2σ absolute standard deviation, $n = 13$) of ± 0.13 for SiO_2 , ± 0.01 for TiO_2 , ± 0.09 for Al_2O_3 , ± 0.63 for FeO , ± 0.47 for Fe_2O_3 , ± 0.10 for $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3^{\text{T}}$, ± 0.01 for MnO , ± 0.04 for MgO , ± 0.07 for CaO , ± 0.03 for Na_2O , ± 0.01 for K_2O , and $\pm <0.01$ for P_2O_5 . Accuracy for the average of 13 runs of BHVO-2 relative to USGS values is better than 0.2% for SiO_2 and TiO_2 , $<1\%$ for Al_2O_3 , MgO , $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3^{\text{T}}$, CaO , Na_2O , P_2O_5 , and $<3\%$ for K_2O (Day et al., 2017).

Trace-element abundances were determined at the *Scripps Isotope Geochemistry Laboratory (SIGL)*, Scripps Institution of Oceanography using methods described previously (Day et al., 2014) and can be found in **Table 1**. One hundred milligrams of powder was precisely weighed and digested in a 1:4 mixture of Teflon-distilled HNO₃:HF for >72 Hrs at 150°C on a hotplate. Rock standards (BHVO-2, BIR-1, HARZ-01) and total procedural blanks were prepared with samples. After drying down and sequential HNO₃ dry-down steps to break-down fluorides, clear sample solutions, free of any solid material, were diluted by a factor of 5000 in 2% HNO₃ and doped with a 1 ppb In solution to monitor instrumental drift. Solutions were measured using a *Thermo Scientific* iCAPq c quadrupole inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer at the *SIGL*. Reproducibility of the reference materials was generally better than 5% (RSD) for basaltic and peridotite standards, and element abundances were generally within error of recommended values (see Day et al., 2017).

2.3. Highly siderophile element abundances and ¹⁸⁷Os/¹⁸⁸Os ratios

Osmium isotope and HSE abundance analyses were performed at the *SIGL*. Precisely weighed homogenised powders were digested in sealed borosilicate Carius tubes with isotopically enriched multi-element spikes (⁹⁹Ru, ¹⁰⁶Pd, ¹⁸⁵Re, ¹⁹⁰Os, ¹⁹¹Ir, ¹⁹⁴Pt), and 12 mL of a 1:2 mixture of multiply Teflon distilled HCl and HNO₃ purged of excess Os by repeated treatment and reaction with H₂O₂. Samples were digested to a maximum temperature of 270°C in an oven for 72 hours. Osmium was triply extracted from the acid using CCl₄ and then back-extracted into HBr (Cohen & Waters, 1996), prior to purification by micro-distillation (Birck et al., 1997). Rhenium and the other HSE were recovered and purified from the residual solutions using standard anion exchange separation techniques (Day et al., 2016a).

Isotopic compositions of Os were measured in negative-ion mode on a *ThermoScientific* Triton thermal ionisation mass spectrometer at the *SIGL*. Rhenium, Pd, Pt, Ru and Ir were measured using an *Cetac Aridus II* desolvating nebuliser coupled to a *ThermoScientific* iCAPq c ICP-MS. Offline corrections for Os involved an oxide correction, an iterative fractionation correction using ¹⁹²Os/¹⁸⁸Os = 3.08271, a ¹⁹⁰Os spike subtraction, and an Os blank subtraction. Precision for ¹⁸⁷Os/¹⁸⁸Os, determined by repeated measurement of the UMCP Johnson-Matthey standard was

better than $\pm 0.2\%$ (2 SD; 0.11374 ± 8 ; $n = 6$). Rhenium, Ir, Pt, Pd and Ru isotopic ratios for sample solutions were corrected for mass fractionation using the deviation of the standard average run on the day over the natural ratio for the element. External reproducibility for HSE analyses was better than 0.5% for 0.5 ppb solutions and all reported values are blank corrected. The total procedural blanks ($n = 2$) run with the samples gave $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.183 \pm 0.006$, with quantities (in picograms) of 3 to 6 [Re], 21 [Pd], 3 [Pt], 51 to 59 [Ru], 12 to 15 [Ir] and 0.3 to 0.5 [Os]. These blanks resulted in negligible corrections to samples ($<5\%$) except for high blank additions to AK1017L for Ir (19%) and Ru (26%), and for AK1023-8 for Re (10%). A peridotite standard, MUH-1 was run four times during the analytical campaign, and concentrations and isotopic compositions for this standard reference material are provided along with the sample data in **Table 2**.

3. Results

3.1. Sample descriptions and olivine compositions

A total of nineteen xenoliths and three lavas from Aitutaki were examined in this study. The majority of xenolith samples are spinel lherzolites ($n = 12$; $\sim 80\%$ modal olivine, $\sim 15\%$ modal orthopyroxene, $\sim 5\%$ modal clinopyroxene), with singular examples of spinel dunite, spinel harzburgite, olivine clinopyroxenite, olivine pyroxenite, pyroxenite, high- Al_2O_3 pyroxenite, and olivine websterite. Generally, the lherzolite xenoliths appear fresh as inclusions within lavas, except for samples AK-1023-4, AK-1023-B, and AK-1023-A, all of which have patchy olivine alteration. Grain sizes for the xenoliths range from 0.1-0.5 cm in maximum dimension, in contrast to the lavas, which are aphanitic. Lava samples are nephelinites to alkali basalts, with nephelinites containing xenoliths as well as megacrysts of pyroxene and ilmenite (**Figure 2**). Visually, the lava and xenolith samples (**Figure 3**) are similar to those previously described in the only previous study of Aitutaki xenoliths, by Fodor et al. (1982). They noted that the nephelinite hosting the xenoliths is olivine-microporphyritic, with microcrystalline groundmass of olivine, clinopyroxene, magnetite-ilmenite oxides, and interstitial nepheline, whereas the lherzolite xenoliths vary in proportions of olivine, clinopyroxene and orthopyroxene, with pervasive evidence of reaction with melt.

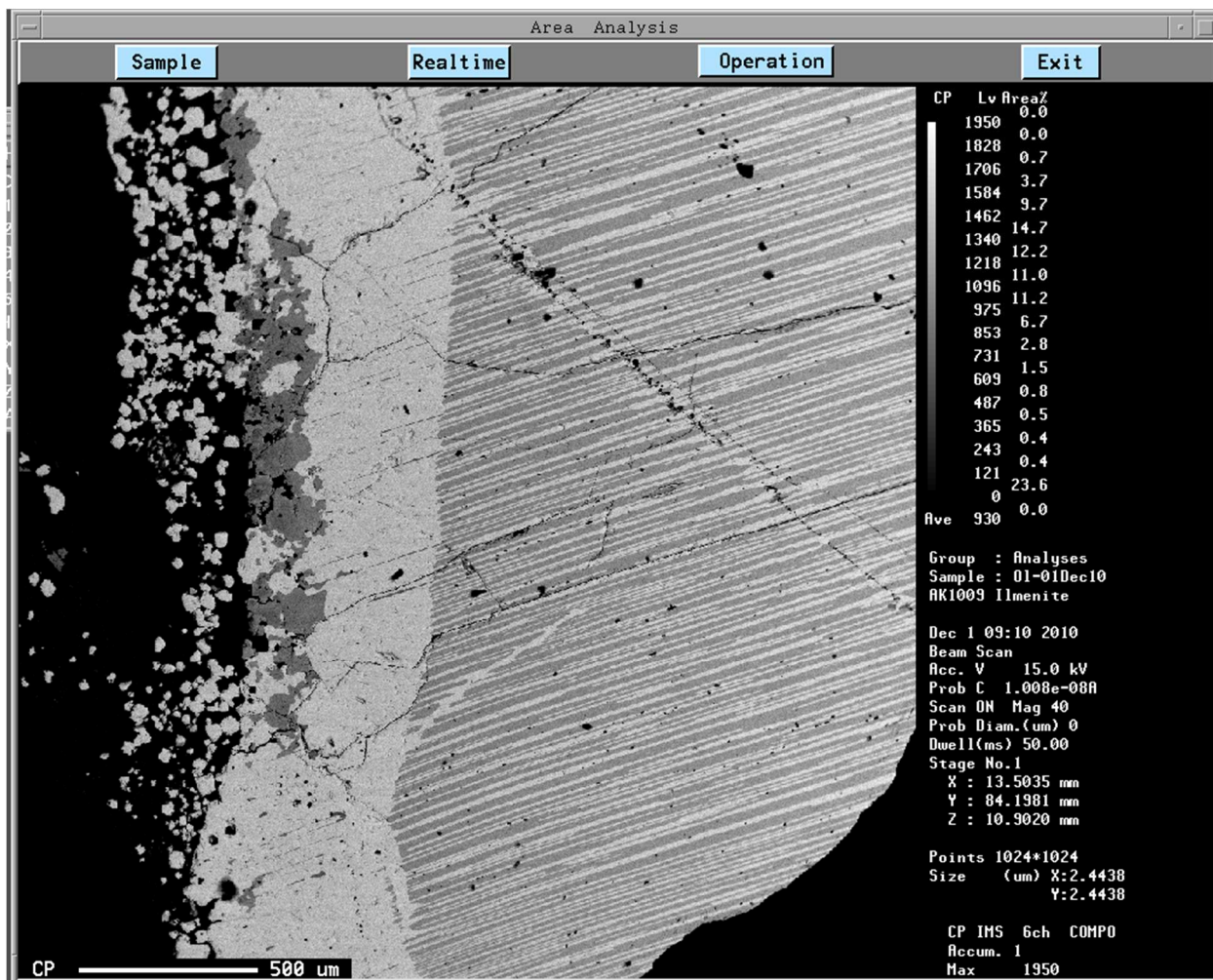


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Olivine compositions for Aitutaki xenoliths range from Fo_{88} to $Fo_{90.9}$, with low CaO (<0.1 wt.%), and NiO that correlates with increasing Fo content. Compared with residual abyssal peridotites, olivine grains from Aitutaki xenoliths have generally lower forsterite contents (*Figure 4*).

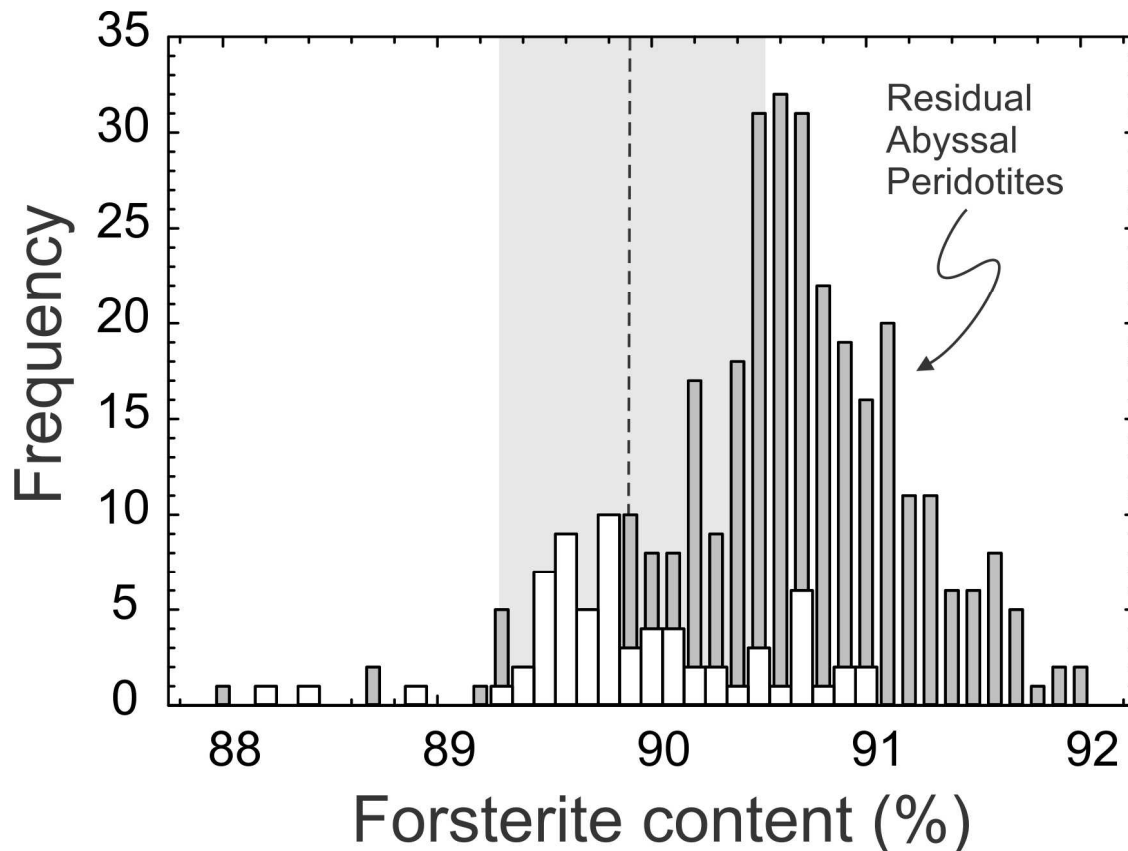


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3.2. Whole-rock major- and trace- element abundances

We recognize three suites of rock in this study: xenoliths with less than 5 wt. % Al_2O_3 (low-Al), xenoliths with greater than 5 wt. % Al_2O_3 (high-Al), and lavas. This distinction is made in order to separate lherzolites, dunites and harzburgites from the other recognized lithologies as seen in **Figure 5 and 6**. Xenoliths with low-Al (lherzolites, harzburgite and dunite) have similar major element compositions to residual abyssal peridotites (**Figure 5**), but the high-Al Aitutaki xenolith suite (pyroxenites, high-Al pyroxenite and websterite) trend to more incompatible element rich compositions with decreasing MgO content. The lherzolites span a range of MgO (35.3 to 41.2 wt. %) and Al_2O_3 (2.08 to 4.53 wt. %), with the dunite having 46.7 wt. % MgO and 0.26 wt. % Al_2O_3 , and the harzburgite, 41.8 wt. % MgO and 1.52 wt. % Al_2O_3 . Concentrations of MgO (14.6 to 28.6 wt. %) are much lower and Al_2O_3 (5.75 to 8.91 wt. %) higher in the high-Al xenoliths. Loss on

ignition for both high- and low-Al xenoliths ranges from 0.3 to 4 wt.% and corresponds with visual evidence for limited alteration to samples.

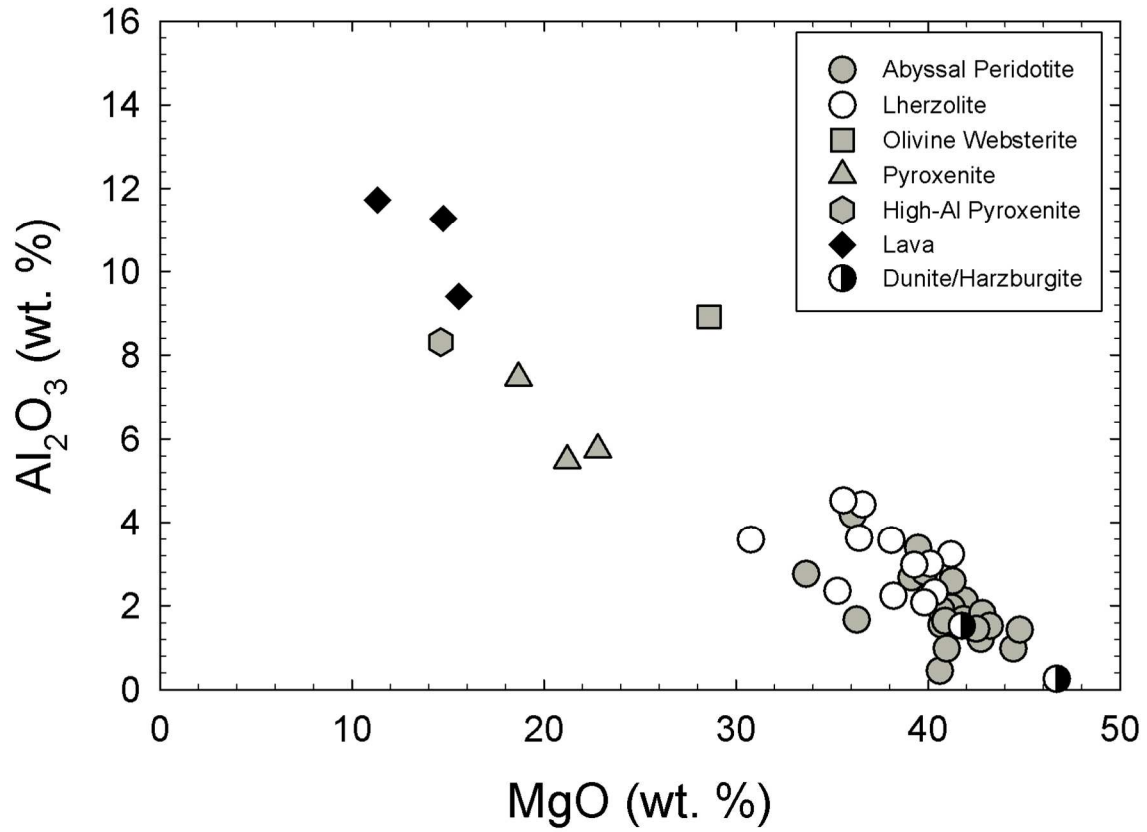


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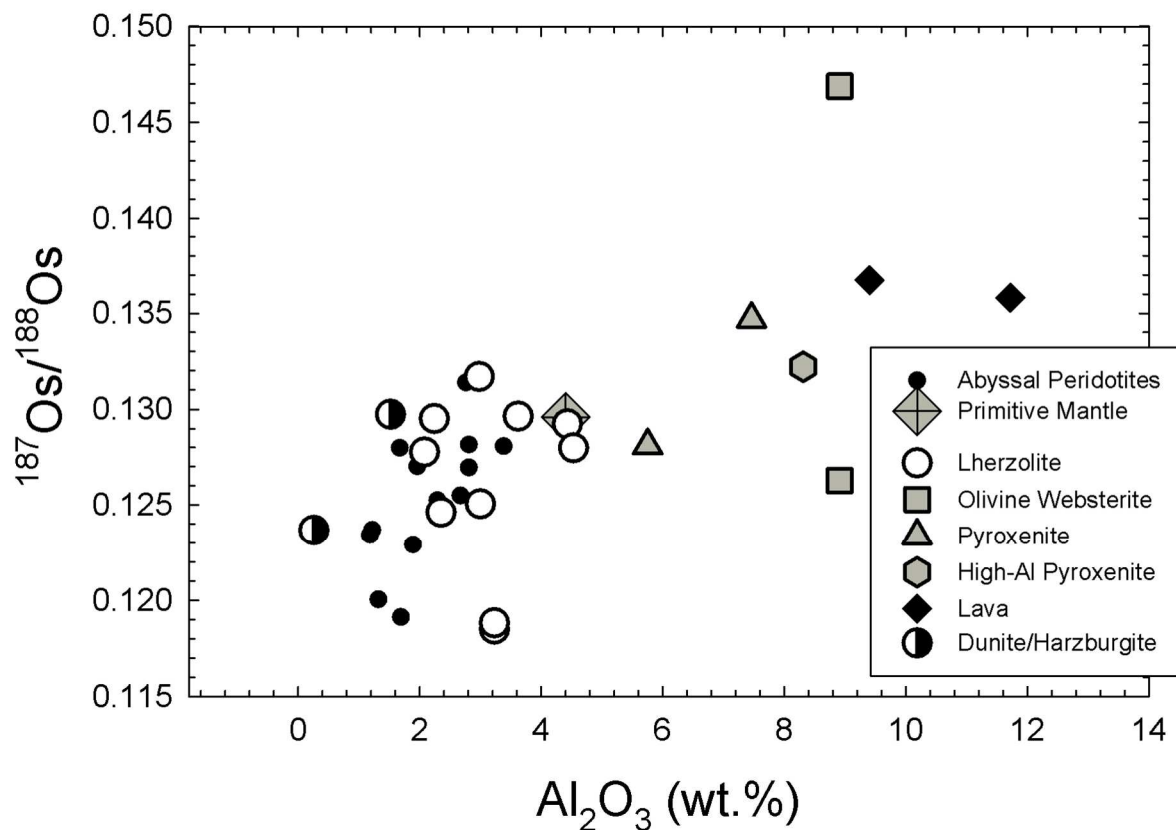


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We analyzed three lavas from Aitutaki; nephelinite that hosts the xenoliths (c.f., Fodor et al., 1982), an ankaramite (picro-basalt), and an alkali basalt. The lavas range from 11.3 to 15.5 wt.% MgO with high Al_2O_3 (9.4-11.7 wt.%), CaO (10.2-13.4 wt.%), and TiO_2 (2-2.8 wt.%) and loss on ignition from 2.3 to 4.1 wt.%.

As expected for mantle residues after partial melt extraction, there are high concentrations of compatible elements in the low-Al xenoliths (177-3392 ppm Cr, 1106-2416 ppm Ni, 80-133 ppm Co) compared with the lavas (202-1150 ppm Cr, 167-565 ppm Ni, 63-70 ppm Co), with the high-Al xenoliths lying generally intermediate to these values (643-3544 ppm Cr, 231-997 ppm Ni, 44-

79 ppm Co). In an incompatible trace element plot (**Figure 7**), low-Al xenoliths show depletions in K, Ti, Zr, and Hf, and relative enrichments in U (0.025 to 0.202 ppm), Pb (0.093 to 2.31 ppm), and Sr (12.6 to 78 ppm). The presence of U and Sr enrichment is similar to that in abyssal peridotites (Day et al., 2017), although the extent of enrichment in Aitutaki xenoliths is not as pronounced. Low-Al xenoliths AK-1005, AK-1006, and AK-1017 also have substantially elevated Cs. In general, abundances of the incompatible trace elements are <10 and $>0.1 \times$ PM values. In a rare earth element (REE) plot (**Figure 8**), low-Al xenoliths show a slight negative slope with most lherzolites showing slight light REE enrichments while the harzburgite and dunite are more depleted. Lanthanum/Yb ratios range from 2.3 to 29.2 with a standard deviation of 6.9.

High-Al xenoliths show slight depletions in Zr and Ti, and large depletions in K (8.30 to 1400 ppm) and P (74.2 to 148 ppm) (**Figure 9**). In general, abundances of the incompatible trace elements are <20 and $>0.1 \times$ PM values. A REE plot (**Figure 10**) shows a slight negative slope for high-Al xenoliths, with the high Al_2O_3 pyroxenite sample having a convex-upward pattern (Pr to Ho). Lanthanum/Yb ratios range from 5.01 to 9.4 with a standard deviation of 1.7. In **Figure 9**, lavas show much greater enrichment in incompatible trace elements than the high-Al xenoliths but have similar primitive mantle-normalized patterns, suggesting evidence of melt-rock reaction between melts responsible for the lavas, and the xenoliths. However, anomalies in Zr (130.5 to 250 ppm) and Hf (3.5 to 5.6 ppm) for the lavas are not as pronounced in the xenoliths. **Figure 10** shows a steeper negative slope for the lavas than the high-Al xenoliths. Lanthanum/Yb ratios range from 14.3 to 60.7.

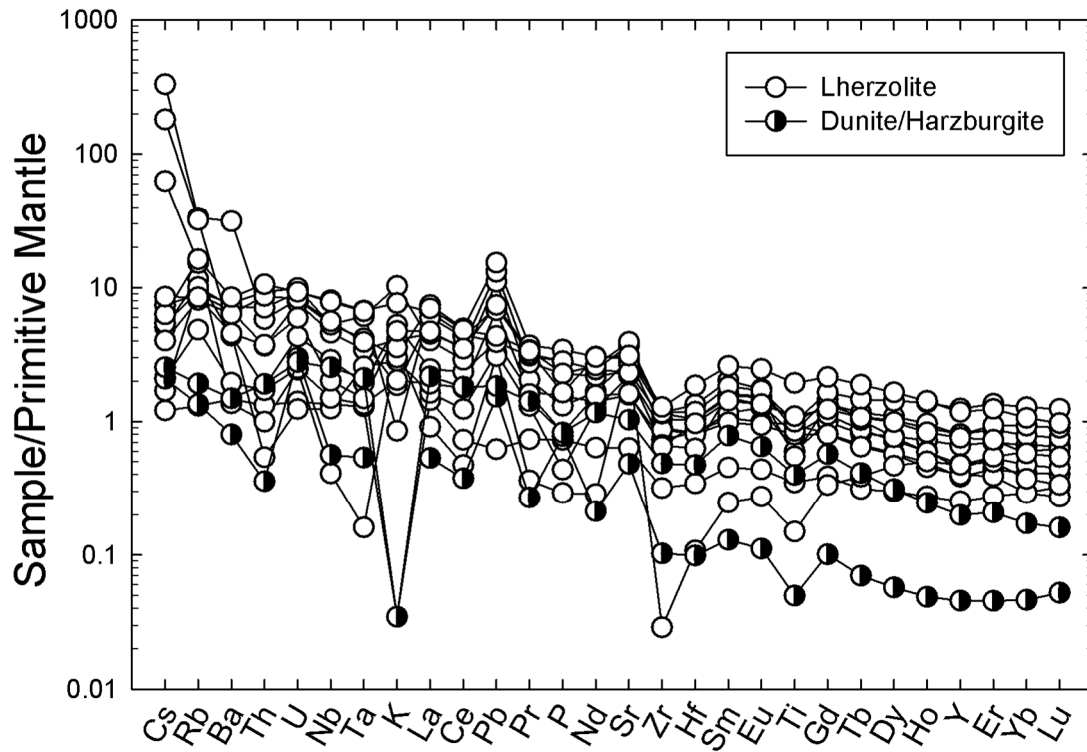


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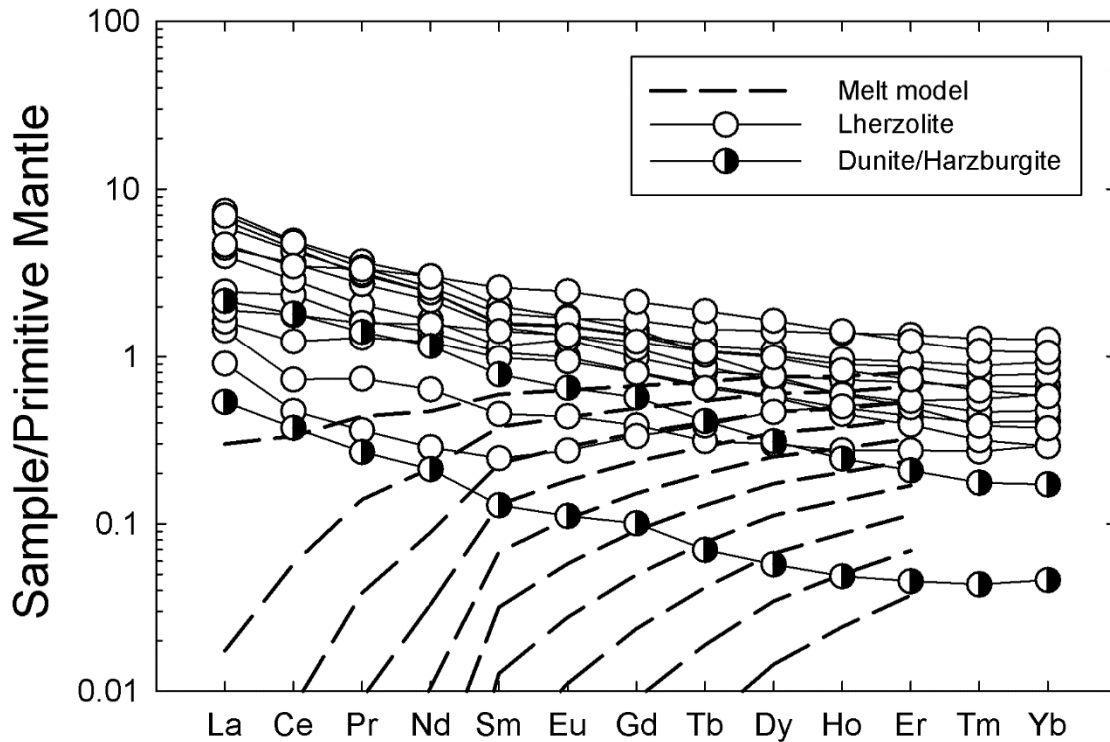


Figure 8: Primitive mantle normalized plot of Aitutaki ‘Low-Al’ (lherzolite, harzburgite and dunite) xenoliths. Primitive mantle normalization given in McDonough and Sun (1995). Black dashed lines indicate 2% melt increments for a non-modal fractional melting model, where increasing melt depletion results in lower absolute abundances of the REE and increasing depletion in the LREE relative to HREE. As a robust means for estimating melt depletion, we use a non-modal fractional melting model for whole-rock abyssal peridotites that assumes an initial starting composition of depleted MORB mantle (Workman & Hart, 2005), uses partition coefficients from Suhr et al. (1998) for spinel and Sun & Liang (2014) for olivine and pyroxene, and melt reactions discussed in Warren (2016). The model leads to general levels of melt depletion similar to those calculated using the spinel compositions. Model parameters and normalization are from Day et al. (2017).

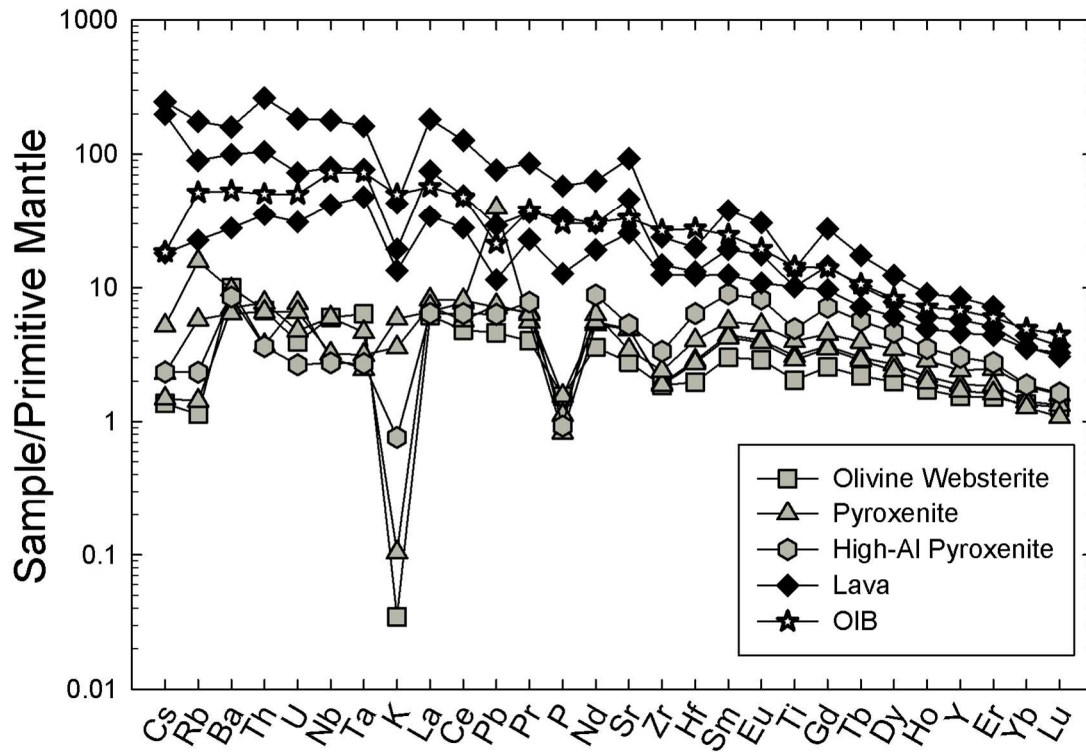


Figure 9: Primitive mantle normalized plot of Aitutaki ‘High-Al’ (olivine websterite, pyroxenite, and high-Al pyroxenite) xenoliths and lavas measured in this study. Ocean Island Basalt (OIB) from McDonough and Sun (1989). Primitive mantle normalization from McDonough and Sun (1995).

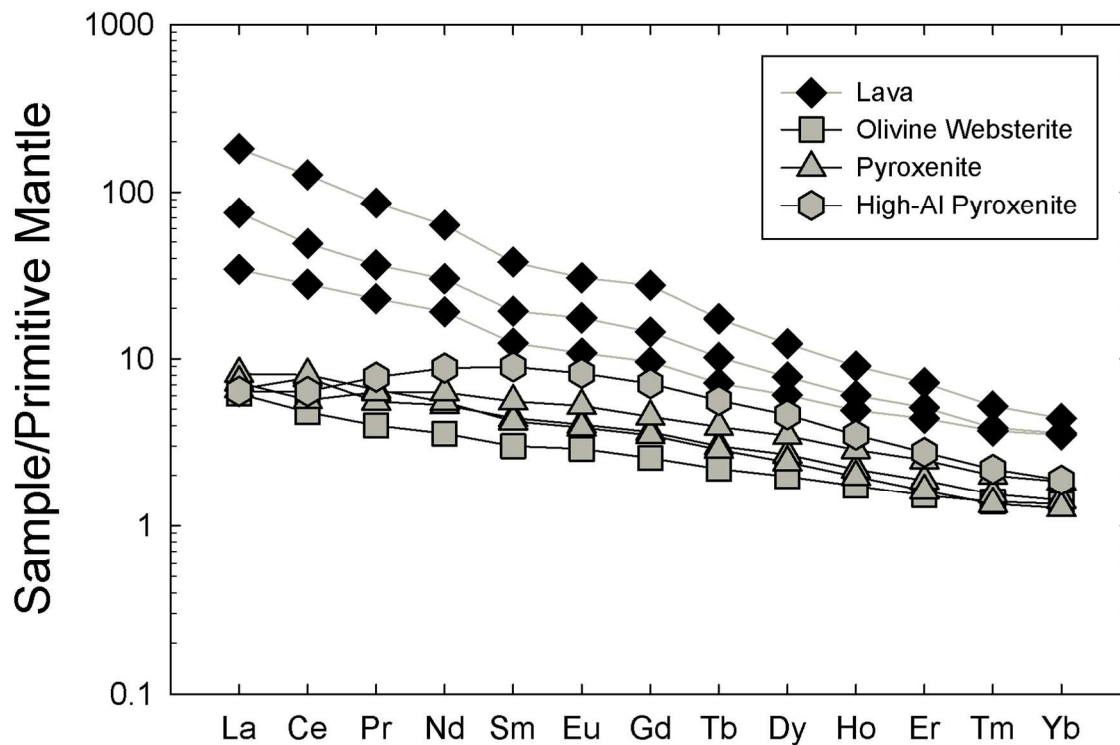


Figure 10: Primitive mantle normalized plot of Aitutaki ‘High-Al’ (olivine websterite, pyroxenite, and high-Al pyroxenite) xenoliths and lavas measured in this study. Primitive mantle normalization from McDonough and Sun (1995).

3.3. Highly siderophile element (HSE) abundances and osmium isotope systematics

In this study, due to limited samples mass, samples were generally measured once, except for samples AK-1021 and AK-1028 that were both measured twice, using different fragments of the xenoliths that were crushed and powdered separately to determine the possibility of cm-scale heterogeneities within each sample, and are referred to as AK-1021-A, AK-1021-B, AK-1028-A, and AK-1028-B.

The highly siderophile element (HSE: Os, Ir, Ru, Pt, Pd, Re) concentrations of one dunite, one harzburgite, 10 lherzolites, two pyroxenites, a high-Al₂O₃ pyroxenite, and two olivine websterites,

as well as two lavas (an ankaramite and nephelinite), are reported in **Table 2**. In general, low-Al xenolith samples have fairly-flat primitive mantle (PM) normalized HSE patterns ranging between ~0.1 to 1 times PM values with Os ranging from 0.531 to 4.26 ppb (**Figure 11**). Samples AK-1021-A and AK-1021-B, taken from a single xenolith, represent the most enriched and depleted samples for Re (0.011 to 0.57 ppb), and are also most depleted in Pd (0.8 to 0.94 ppb) compared to the range of other lherzolite samples (2.35 to 4.56 ppb). Palladium/Ir ratios range from 0.54 to 3.05 with a standard deviation of 0.69, while Ru/Ir ratios range from 1.72 to 2.40 with a standard deviation of 0.19.

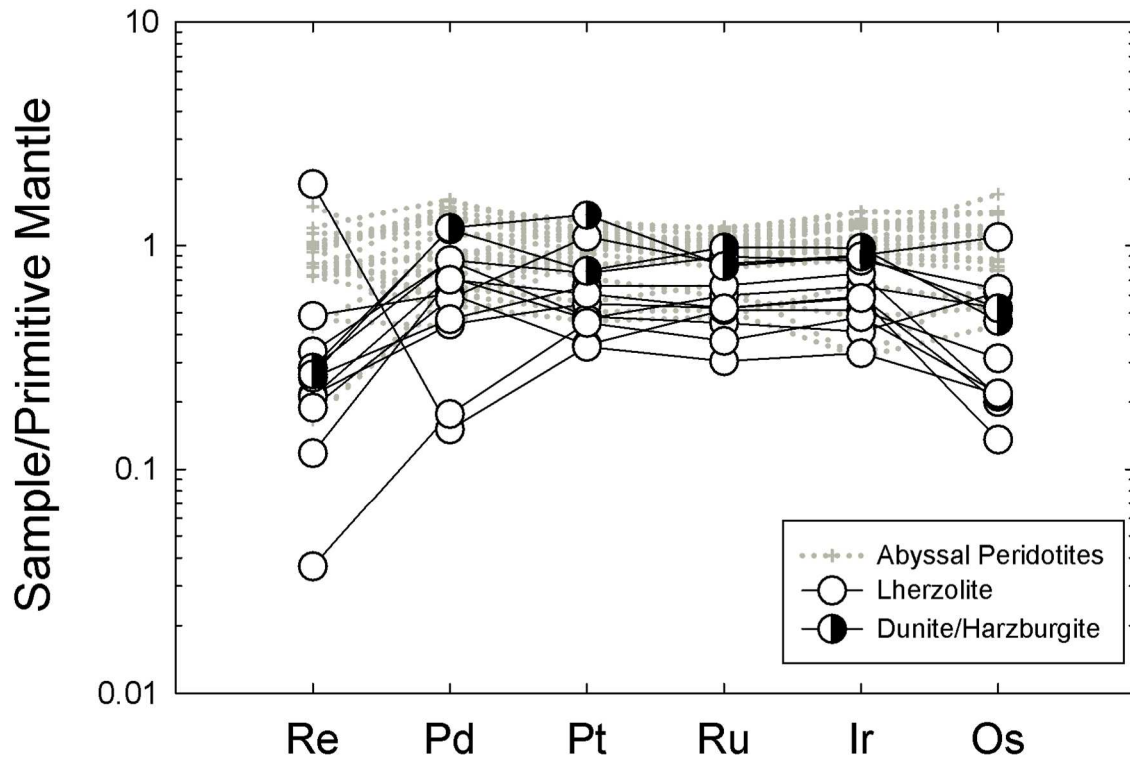


Figure 11: Primitive mantle normalized plot of Aitutaki ‘Low-Al’ (lherzolite, harzburgite and dunite) xenoliths versus abyssal peridotite compositions from Day et al., 2017, Liu et al., 2008 and 2009, and Stracke et al. 2011. Data are shown with most incompatible elements on the left (cf. Day, 2013). Primitive mantle normalization given in McDonough and Sun (1995).

The high- and low-Al xenoliths and lava concentrations are reported in **Table 2**. The lherzolites, harzburgite, and dunite are mostly clustered in **Figure 12** with an average $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ of $0.1264 \pm$

ppb), Pt (0.238 to 5.55 ppb), Pd (0.692 to 4.83 ppb), and Re (0.040 to 0.264 ppb). Palladium/Ir ratios range from 0.948 to 42.1 with a large standard deviation (17.8), while Ru/Ir ratios range from 1.61 to 4.98 with a smaller standard deviation (1.37). Lava samples have similar primitive mantle normalized patterns, with the exception of Pt and Ir, both of which are more depleted in the nephelinite sample.

The high-Al xenoliths show much more variable concentrations in both $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ (0.1263 to 0.1469) and $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$ (0.173 to 11.0) than the low-Al xenoliths. The two pyroxenite samples, AK-1023-2 and AK-1023-3, and lavas, AK-1017-L and AK-1025-L, show similar $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ values but significantly different $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$ values. However, the two olivine websterite samples, AK-1028-A and AK-1028-B, have similar $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$ values but AK-1028-B has higher $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ values.

Standard reference material, harzburgite MUH-1 (aliquots red, blue and black, from T. Meisel, University of Leoben, Austria) was also analyzed in this study and values for it are reported in **Table 2**. The average Re is 0.24 ± 0.12 with a median value of 0.21, Pd is 10.3 ± 2.1 with a median value of 10.1, Pt is 8.09 ± 2.69 with a median value of 7.73, Ru is 8.15 ± 2.5 with a median value of 7.9, Ir is 3.99 ± 1.42 with a median value of 3.73, and Os is 4.27 ± 1.76 with a median value of 4.14 (2SD; n = 4). The average $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ values for the standard are 0.1260 ± 0.0017 with a median value of 0.126; the average $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$ values is 0.228 ± 0.093 with a median value of 0.221 (2SD; n = 4).

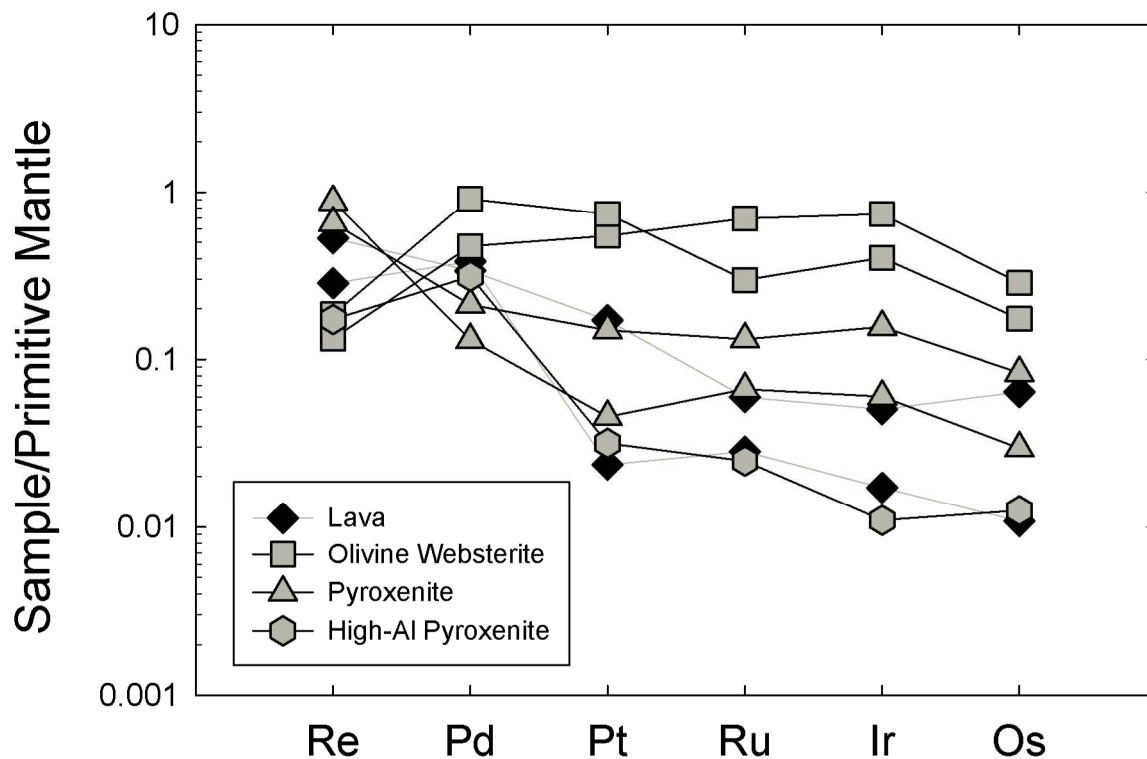


Figure 13: Primitive mantle normalized highly siderophile element patterns for Aitutaki ‘High-Al’ (olivine websterite, pyroxenite, and high-Al pyroxenite) xenoliths and lavas measured in this study. Data are shown with most incompatible elements on the left (cf. Day, 2013). Primitive mantle normalization given in McDonough and Sun (1995).

4. Discussion

4.1. Aitutaki lavas formed by low-degree melting of an enriched OIB source

Aitutaki is part of the Cook Islands and the westernmost of the exposed volcanoes of the Cook-Austral hotspot track (e.g., Clouard & Gerbault, 2008). The hotspot responsible for Aitutaki is considered to be presently underlying the Macdonald seamount (Morgan et al., 1972), located greater than 2200 km southeast of Aitutaki (Bonneville et al. 2006). Using K-Ar age dating techniques, Aitutaki’s major volcanic rock types, olivine nephelinite and basanite (Wood, 1967; Wood, 1978a), span a range from 0.66 ± 0.06 Ma (Dalrymple et al. 1975) to 8.05 ± 0.66 Ma

(Turner et al., 1981), while the lithosphere beneath Aitutaki has been found to be ~87 Ma (Calmant et al., 1990).

We show that our lavas, found in the northwest end of the tuff ring on the main islet of Aitutaki (**Figure 1**), represent low degree (< 1%) partial melts of an enriched mantle source (**Figure 14**), and consider this to be due to rejuvenated volcanism induced by lithospheric flexure from loading of the local plate by Rarotonga which has an age of 1.19 ± 0.04 Ma to 1.83 ± 0.13 Ma (Dalrymple et al. 1975). Comparison of incompatible trace-element (ITE) abundances for the three Aitutaki lavas show that they are similar to one another (**Figure 9**). It has previously been shown that Aitutaki lavas have EM1/EM2-type signatures, reflected by their ranges in $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ (0.70440 to 0.70506) and $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ (0.512715 to 0.512789) (Schiano et al., 2001; Nakamura and Tatsumoto., 1988). A comparison of the HSE patterns for the nephelinite and ankaramite with Hawaiian (Ireland et al. 2009) and Canary Island lavas (Day et al. 2010) show that Aitutaki lavas have steeper HSE patterns than Hawaii and compare well with Canary Island alkali basalt lavas, except for greater depletion in Re and Pt in Aitutaki lavas compared to Canary island lavas. Aitutaki lavas also have slightly radiogenic $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ signatures (**Figure 12**), with an average ratio of 0.1363, similar to that previously measured for an Aitutaki lava of 0.1370 (Schiano et al., 2001). Enriched major- and trace-element compositions, compared with the depleted xenoliths that the lavas entrain, radiogenic osmium values and steep HSE patterns are all consistent with Aitutaki lavas originating from an enriched mantle source.

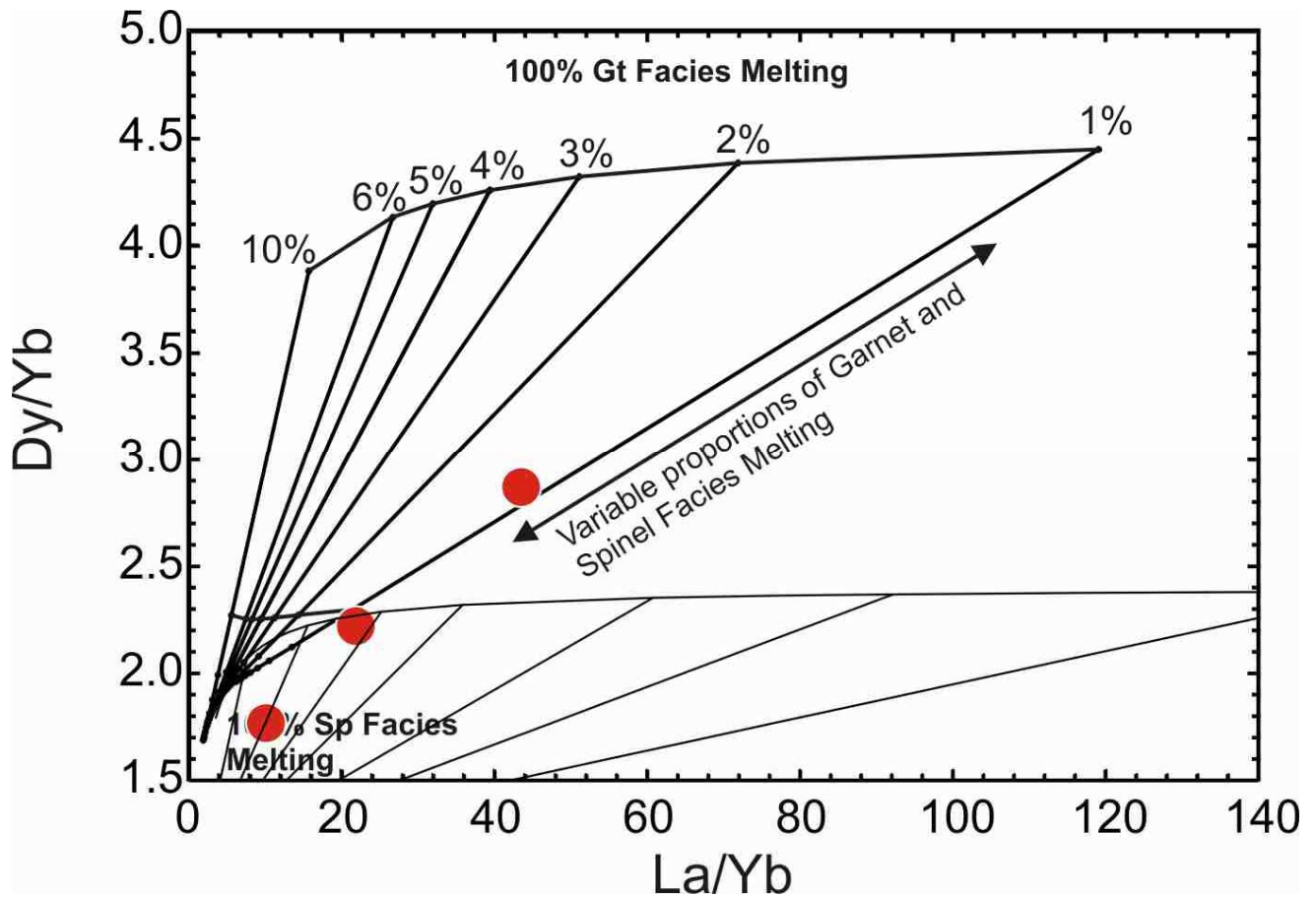


Figure 14: La/Yb versus Dy/Yb for Aitutaki lavas (red circles). Shown are models of melt compositions produced by 1-20% of incremental batch partial melting of a primitive mantle source, with 0-100% melting occurring in the presence of residual garnet (Sp100, Gar100) (thick bold lines) and for a MORB-like partial melt model (fine lines). The melting models assume the following modes and proportions of olivine, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene and spinel/garnet, respectively: 0.4/0.3/0.1/0.1 and 0.25/0.25/0.25/0.25. Primitive mantle normalization and MORB data are from Sun and McDonough (1989).

4.2. Alteration in the Aitutaki xenolith suite

Hand samples of high- and low-Al xenoliths show variable evidence for alteration. Some xenoliths appear fresh while others have distinct reddish alteration patches from weathering of olivine. The loss on ignition (LOI) content for both xenolith suites ranges between 0.3 to 4 wt. %. These low LOI values and petrography of the samples support observations that post-eruptive alteration is limited. Uranium, Sr, and Pb - three elements that have been suggested to reflect alteration during serpentinization (e.g., Niu 2004; Deschamps et al., 2011) have been plotted against LOI (**Figure 15** and **Figure 16**) and we see little to no correlation for Pb and U. However,

Sr shows a slight positive correlation suggesting potential evidence for post-eruptive alteration for the more fluid mobile elements.

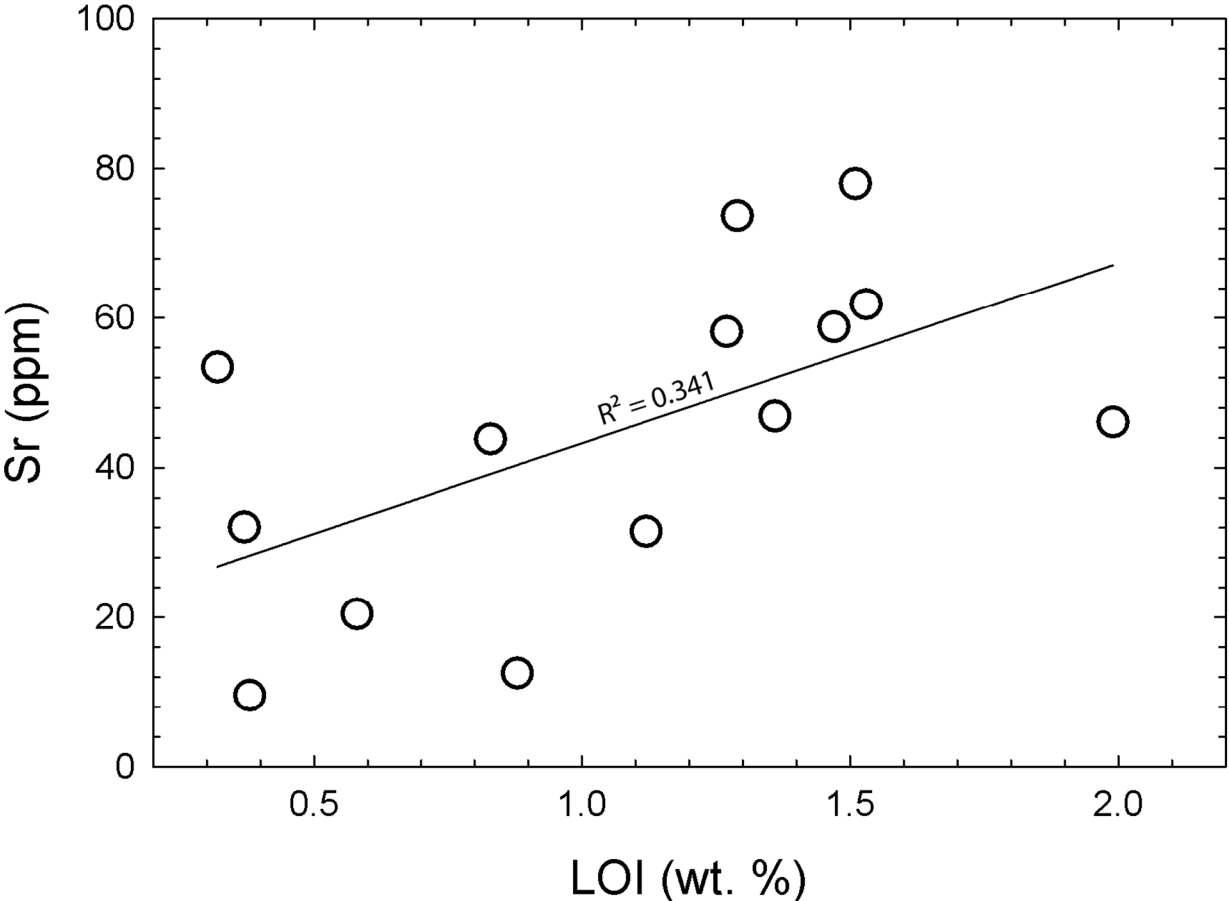


Figure 15: LOI (wt. %) versus Sr for ‘Low-Al’ and ‘High-Al’ xenoliths measured in this study.

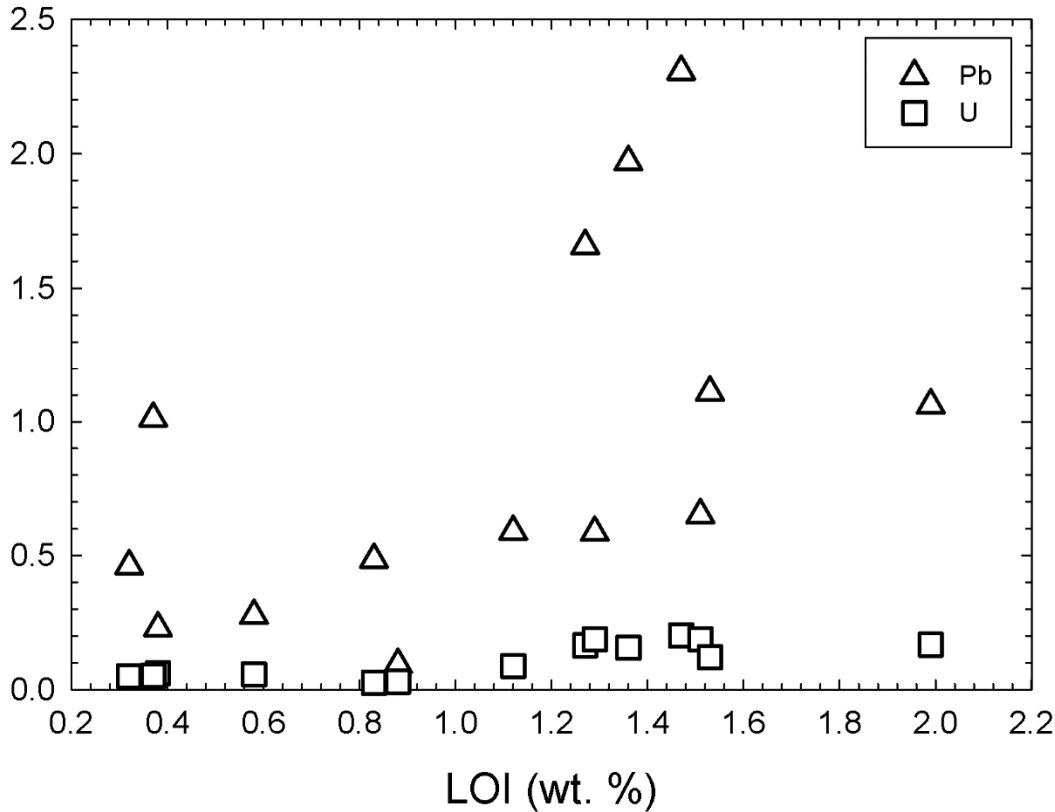


Figure 16: LOI (wt. %) versus Pb and U for ‘Low-Al’ and ‘High-Al’ xenoliths measured in this study.

4.3. Melt rock reaction in the Aitutaki xenolith suite

Aitutaki lavas and high-Al xenoliths both show slight depletions in Zr and Hf, a large depletion in P, and high variability in K on an ITE plot (*Figure 9*). High-Al xenoliths also exhibit elevated REE abundances (*Figure 9* and *10*), and in an MgO versus Al₂O₃ plot (*Figure 5*) span the range between Aitutaki lavas and abyssal peridotites. These lines of evidence all suggest that melt-rock reaction is responsible for the formation of the high-Al xenoliths by melt infiltration of Aitutaki lava parental melt like compositions. Melt-rock reaction is supported by HSE patterns (*Figure 13*) for the pyroxenite and high Al₂O₃ pyroxenite samples that are similar to the lava compositions, yet HSE patterns for the olivine websterites are similar to the low-Al xenoliths.

In general, low-Al xenoliths also exhibit evidence for melt-rock reaction, including LREE inflections similar to the lavas (*Figure 7*). Elements Ti, K, Zr, and Hf all show similar depletions

to the lavas, while samples AK-1005, AK-1006, and AK-1017 all have elevated Cs and Rb, much like the host nephelinite. However, the LREE in low-Al xenoliths (**Figure 7** and **8**) are more depleted and have a steeper negative slope than the lavas or high-Al xenoliths. Low-Al xenoliths generally cluster to low Al₂O₃ and high MgO contents, like abyssal peridotites (**Figure 5**). HSE patterns for low-Al xenoliths are much flatter than the lavas, with elevated Os, Ir and Ru abundances (**Figure 11**) and, notably, the patterns for the olivine websterite samples are more similar to the low-Al xenoliths than to the lavas or high-Al xenoliths (**Figure 13**), suggesting a threshold for melt-rock reaction to strongly affect the HSE.

Selected hand specimens are shown in **Figure 3**. Harzburgite and dunite samples are not shown due to limited available sample mass. In the figure, the lherzolite is shown with patchy red olivine alterations and dark clinopyroxene. In general, the lherzolite is fairly fresh in comparison to the two pyroxenite samples where the red patchy alterations are much more prevalent and clinopyroxene is much more abundant. The olivine websterite sample is similar to the pyroxene samples with regards to alteration but it lacks the abundant clinopyroxenes. These lines of evidence support the geochemical indices of melt-rock reaction recognized in the Aitutaki xenolith suite.

Since Aitutaki's lithosphere is over 80 Ma we can assume that the island sits atop 80 to 90 km thick lithosphere (e.g., Sclater et al., 1970). With limited evidence of post-eruptive alteration to the xenolith suite, along with the evidence presented above for melt-rock reaction, and that our samples are all spinel-bearing, we suggest that the xenoliths originate from Pacific plate oceanic lithosphere. Contrastingly, the lavas come from a distinct and enriched mantle source. Our results imply that the lavas originated at a depth greater than or equal to 90 km, implying they started in the asthenosphere, or the asthenosphere/lithosphere boundary, and entrained the xenoliths on their way to the surface.

4.4. Heterogeneity within the lithosphere of Aitutaki

It has been recognized that mantle heterogeneity exists in Earth on scales ranging from hundreds of kilometers to meters (e.g., Zindler and Hart, 1986; Hart 1984; Hofmann, 1997, 2003; Hart and Hauri, 1992), but at the scale of the hand specimen, heterogeneity is less well documented. In

order to investigate this issue, we measured four aliquots of MUH-1 and split hand samples AK-1021 and AK-1028 into four separately analyzed fragments, each with their own individual crush and powder. Harzburgites are notoriously more heterogeneous than lherzolites for refractory trace elements, such as the HSE (e.g., Luguet & Reisberg, 2016), due to the presence of micro-inclusions of HSE-rich sulfides and alloys. Therefore, the standard reference material MUH-1 represents a threshold for the heterogeneity we might expect from the ‘nugget effect’ within sample powders. MUH-1 shows a maximum variation of twenty percent with respect to absolute concentrations of the HSE, while the variations found within the Aitutaki xenoliths are greater than one hundred percent. While there is no doubt that nuggeting can generate some of the abundance variations observed in Aitutaki xenoliths, this effect alone, cannot account for the entire range of HSE abundances in the samples.

Within the Aitutaki xenolith suite itself, centimeter-scale heterogeneity is apparent in the case of samples AK-1021-A/B and AK-1028-A/B (*Figure 12*). Sample AK-1021-A has significantly higher $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$ than AK-1021-B but both are similar with respect to $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$, reflecting late ^{187}Re addition via melt re-fertilization to AK-1021-A. Contrastingly, sample AK-1028-B has significantly higher $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ than AK-1028-A but both are similar with respect to $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$. We interpret the higher $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ in AK-1028-B to reflect greater addition of radiogenic ^{187}Os from infiltrating melt similar to the host nephelinite, consistent with variations seen in sample clinopyroxene abundances in the websterite xenoliths. Both of these small-scale heterogeneities support a model of cm-scale heterogeneity of melt infiltration within the mantle beneath Aitutaki. Heterogeneity undoubtedly exists for HSE abundances and $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ in the suite of rocks that we have analyzed, and the cause of this heterogeneity is a mixture of nugget effect (~20% variation) and heterogeneity, melt infiltration processes and prior melt-depletion (~50-80% of the total variation).

4.5. Are lherzolites primary or melt infiltrated?

Aitutaki lherzolites represent oceanic lithosphere and generally compare well to abyssal peridotites, which represent oceanic mantle that has been processed through ridges (Niu et al.,

2004; Day et al., 2017). Evidence for similarities with abyssal peridotites are shown from similar major element compositions, high concentrations of compatible elements, and very similar HSE patterns in *Figures 5, 7, and 11*. However, as I have demonstrated, Aitutaki lherzolites show evidence for melt infiltration by enriched OIB-type melts. It is visible in hand sample that lherzolites have clinopyroxene added back into the rock through melt infiltration processes (*Figure 3*), suggesting that lherzolites may have started off as harzburgite, or even dunite. Additionally, light rare earth element and incompatible trace element abundances for the lherzolites are inconsistent with evidence for significant melt depletion (*Figure 7 and 8*). Finally, olivine compositions (*Figure 4*) track progressive Fe-enrichment from the olivine websterites through to the lherzolites and harzburgites, that is similarly tracked by enriched $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ in more melt-refertilized xenoliths. All of these lines of evidence cast doubt on the Aitutaki xenoliths representing primary mantle compositions.

The overarching evidence is that melts with compositions similar to lavas have pervasively melt-refertilized the oceanic lithosphere beneath Aitutaki subsequent to formation of the oceanic lithosphere at the mid-ocean ridge. I suggest that melt-rock reaction has driven compositions from dunite/harzburgite to lherzolite and even olivine websterite and pyroxenite due to pervasive but heterogeneous melt-rock reaction (*Figure 17*). In this model, small degrees of melt from the asthenosphere and/or lithosphere/asthenosphere boundary make their way towards Earth's surface through 80 to 90 km of lithosphere, primarily consisting of harzburgite but also containing old mantle domains consisting of dunite/harzburgite. Proximity to melt veins and melt conduits may reflect and bias the rock types that ultimately get expressed at the surface. The rocks nearest the melt veins would see the greatest melt-rock reaction, driving the compositions to pyroxenite and olivine websterite. Further from these regions of pervasive melt-rock reaction more cryptic metasomatism would drive compositions from harzburgite to lherzolite. The expression of dunite/harzburgite at the surface reflects the least amount of melt-rock reaction. Overall, the observations are that Aitutaki lherzolites started as lithologies more like harzburgite or dunite and through re-fertilization of the mantle via hotspot lavas, were transformed by melt infiltration.

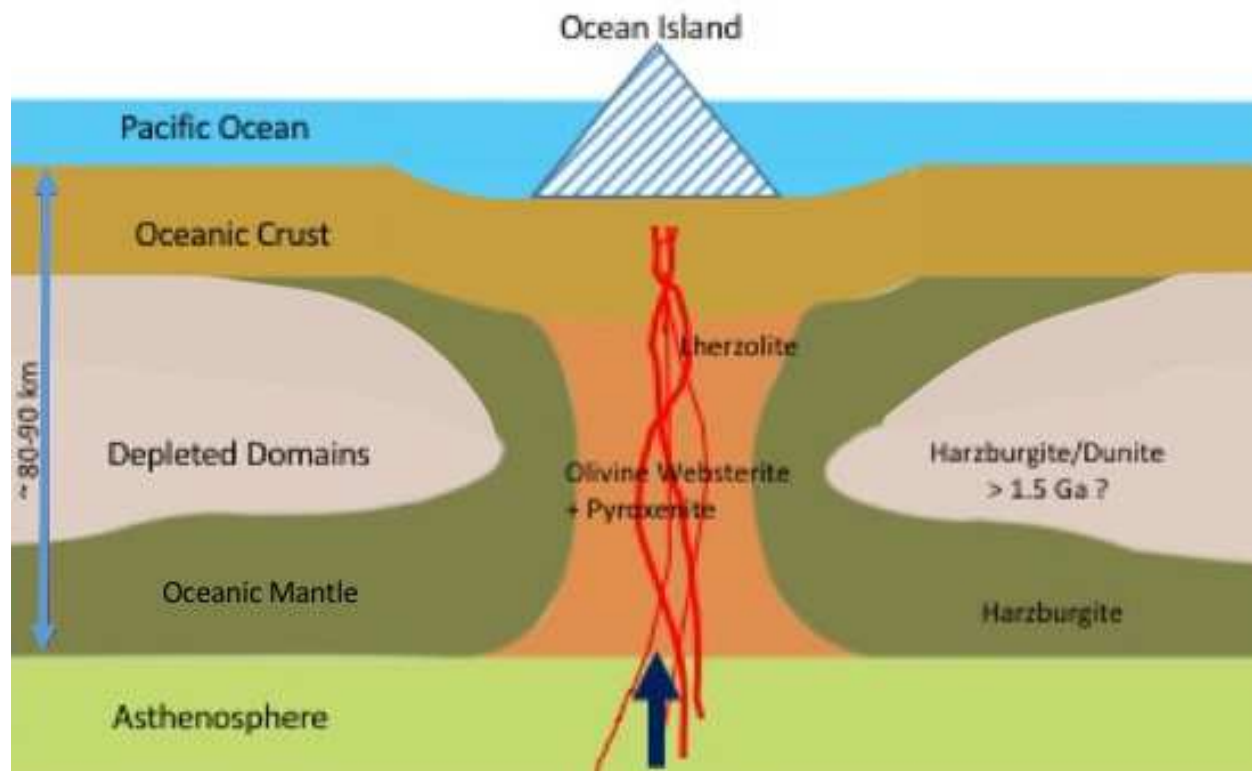


Figure 17: Summary diagram of melt infiltration beneath Aitutaki and of the possible relationship of Western Pacific mantle lithosphere.

4.6. Implications for the nature of the Western Pacific Lithosphere

Depleted mantle domains have been found in Hawaii (e.g., Simon & Neumann, 2008), Samoa (Jackson et al., 2016), and now the Cook Islands (this study), all of which are found in the Western Pacific. Aitutaki xenoliths have preserved old melt depletion ages up to 1.5 Ga, and Jackson et al. (2016) have reported old melt depletion ages in Savai'i up to 1.5 Ga and in Tubuai up to 1.8 Ga, both of which are part of the Samoan Island chain (*Figure 18*). However, most of the studied peridotites in these locations trend to much younger depletion ages.

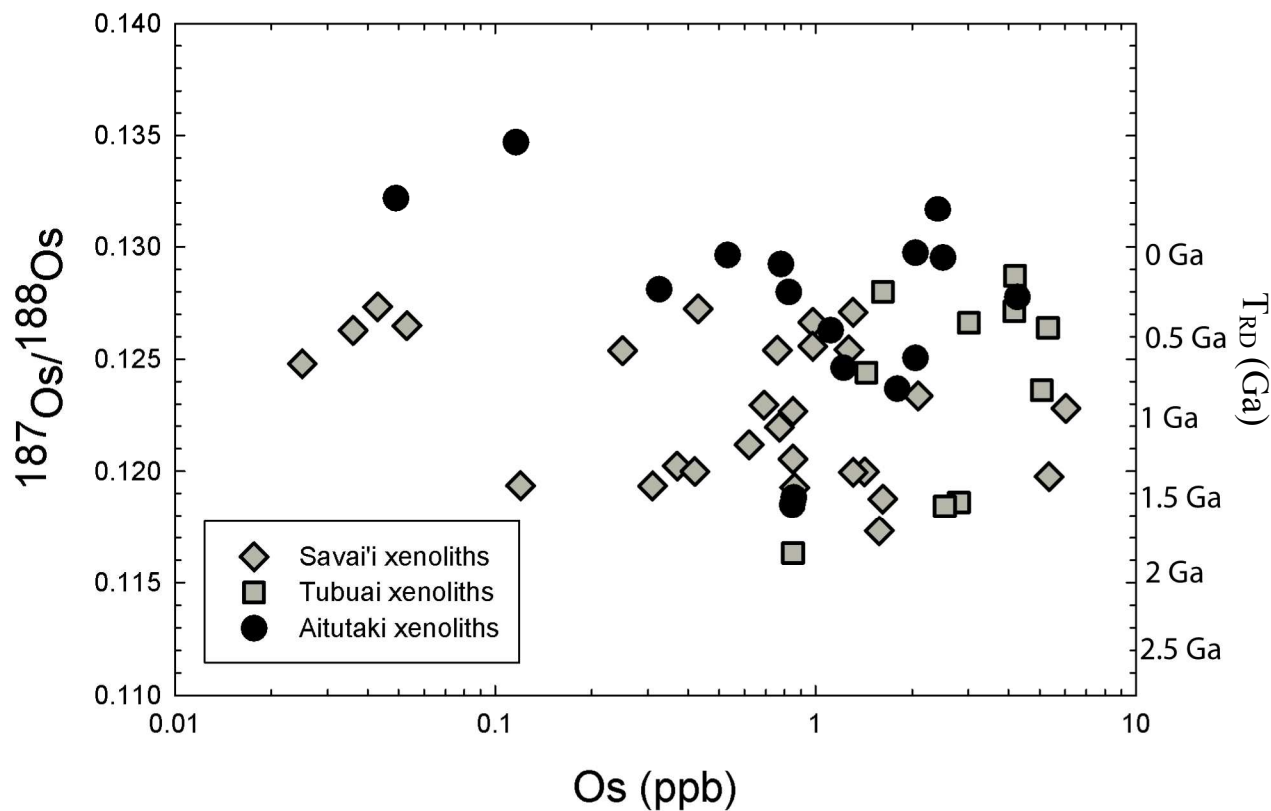


Figure 18: Relationship between $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ and Os concentrations for Aitutaki xenoliths. Savai'i and Tubuai xenoliths (Jackson et al., 2016) are also plotted for comparison.

New results of detailed trace-element geochemistry and HSE abundances allow us to identify melt-refertilization as an important process in the generation of the Aitutaki xenolith suite. Extrapolation of this information to Savaii and Tubuai xenoliths leads to the inference that the variations in Os isotope compositions seen throughout these regions reflects later melt-infiltration processes superimposed on prior melt depletion. The western pacific lithosphere appears similar to oceanic mantle preserved by abyssal peridotites (e.g., Lassiter et al., 2014), but that it can trend to much old depletion ages. On top of this, while melt depletion for the lherzolites and harzburgites are typical for abyssal peridotite (~10 to 14 %; **Figure 8**), the single Aitutaki dunite xenolith preserves evidence for extreme melt depletion, up to 20 % (AK 1008). Large regions of the Western Pacific mantle lithosphere may represent strongly depleted mantle that was subjected to

Mesoproterozoic melt depletion, but melt-refertilization processes are pervasive in ocean island xenolith suites and bias determination of the extent of lithospheric melt-depletion.

5. Conclusions

Aitutaki xenoliths represent oceanic lithosphere that has been entrained by low-degree partial melts from an enriched mantle source. It has been shown that limited and variable evidence for post-eruptive alteration to Aitutaki xenoliths exists in this suite of rocks, however, strong evidence exists for pervasive melt-rock reaction to both high- and low-Al xenoliths. The presence of abundant lherzolites in our suite of Aitutaki xenoliths shows that melt infiltration via hotspot magmas can fundamentally modify oceanic lithosphere and more generally, melt-refertilization by OIB melts can strongly bias evidence from OIB derived mantle peridotites.

Compositions of OIB xenoliths, including Aitutaki, would lead to the conclusion of the existence of a fertile mantle, yet the Pacific plate is more-likely significantly melt depleted. Evidence for old time of rhenium depletion ages up to 1.5 Ga, along with some samples that show extensive melt depletion, up to 20 % (**Figure 8**), indicate that Western Pacific lithosphere could be highly depleted and may have experienced a Mesoproterozoic melt depletion event that has been recorded in Savai'i, Tubuai, and Aitutaki.

Future Work

There are three areas of future work that are likely to be beneficial in the study of Aitutaki xenoliths and the Western Pacific oceanic mantle lithosphere:

First, polished thin-sections are being prepared in order to do more detailed petrology and petrography and to confirm melt refertilization and melt-extraction processes. The lack of available polished thin-sections for this project was due, in part, to the limited available material, but would definitively confirm the relationship of melt refertilization seen in the major- and trace-element data and the relationship inferred in *Figure 17*.

Second, further study of Samoan xenoliths from Savai'i and Tubuai for trace-element compositions, highly siderophile element abundances and other compositional information would enable assessment of melt-refertilization processes as shown for Aitutaki.

Third, hafnium isotope compositions would be valuable for gaining a more complete view of melt depletion in Aitutaki. Evidence for Hf isotopes being a long-term recorder of melt-depletion in abyssal peridotites (Stracke et al., 2011), has been recently questioned based on coupled Os-Hf isotope systematics in abyssal peridotites (Day et al., 2017), and Western Pacific mantle lithosphere samples would be useful for investigating melt-depletion relationships in lithophile and chalcophile isotope systems.

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Table 1. Major and trace element abundances data for Alutakhi xenolith and lavas

Sample/Wg- Lithology	AK-1008 Harzburgite	AK-1027 Harzburgite	AK-1021 Harzburgite	AK-1025-5 Harzburgite	AK-1017 Harzburgite	AK-1023-4 Harzburgite	AK-1006 Harzburgite	AK-1023-7 Harzburgite	AK-1005 Harzburgite	AK-1025-B Harzburgite	AK-1023-B Harzburgite	AK-1023-8 Harzburgite	AK-1025-A Harzburgite	AK-1023-5 Harzburgite	AK-1023-1 Harzburgite	AK-1028 Websterite	Pyroxenite	Pyroxenite	AK-1029 Pyroxenite	AK-1023-3 Pyroxenite	AK-1025 Pyroxenite	AK-1017R Nephelinite	AK-1020 Alkali Basalt
SiO ₂	46.9	43.2	43.1	42.0	43.6	40.6	43.6	42.3	44.9	44.2	43.6	44.3	42.9	43.1	43.1	45.6	46.5	49.6	47.0	47.3	44.5	39.0	45.7
TiO ₂	0.01	0.08	0.07	0.19	0.12	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.03	0.20	0.11	0.20	0.22	0.39	0.41	0.62	0.58	0.80	0.80	0.99	2.03	2.78	2.04
Al ₂ O ₃	0.26	1.52	3.23	2.32	3.00	2.08	2.98	2.24	3.57	4.43	3.62	4.53	2.35	3.58	8.91	5.75	5.49	7.46	8.31	9.40	9.40	11.72	11.27
Fe ₂ O ₃ T	11.2	10.4	10.5	12.6	8.4	14.7	10.0	13.5	8.5	10.8	12.0	10.5	12.9	10.5	14.2	11.6	10.2	9.5	8.5	8.5	12.9	15.3	12.5
MnO	0.18	0.15	0.134	0.167	0.131	0.195	0.129	0.170	0.13	0.155	0.155	0.149	0.148	0.170	0.170	0.19	0.181	0.18	0.150	0.13	0.18	0.231	0.195
MgO	46.7	41.8	41.2	40.3	39.3	38.2	38.3	38.2	36.1	36.6	36.4	36.6	35.3	36.8	36.8	22.8	21.2	18.7	14.6	15.5	14.6	15.5	14.8
CaO	0.24	2.08	0.95	1.55	2.40	1.45	3.05	2.67	3.75	2.40	3.46	5.68	6.88	5.68	11.39	11.37	15.32	18.78	13.35	12.07	10.19	10.19	10.19
Na ₂ O	0.06	0.12	0.09	0.21	0.61	0.20	0.42	0.19	0.15	0.39	0.21	0.49	0.28	0.43	0.44	0.55	0.63	0.69	1.18	1.22	4.85	2.01	4.85
K ₂ O	<0.001	0.001	0.001	0.152	0.297	0.118	0.062	0.087	0.103	0.221	0.054	0.025	0.059	0.137	0.001	0.169	0.003	0.103	0.022	0.022	0.387	1.244	0.560
P ₂ O ₅	0.016	0.017	0.015	0.032	0.027	0.047	0.009	0.071	0.006	0.058	0.058	0.047	0.017	0.054	0.032	0.017	0.032	0.023	0.019	0.026	1.195	0.682	
Total	99.60	99.31	99.26	99.55	99.73	99.30	99.63	99.55	99.21	99.43	99.22	99.33	99.76	99.65	99.29	99.54	99.34	99.54	99.34	99.54	99.84	99.70	99.88
LOI	0.38	0.58	0.88	1.12	1.27	1.36	0.83	1.47	0.32	1.29	1.99	1.51	0.37	1.53	0.32	4.06	1.02	2.74	0.99	2.30	2.70	4.07	
XRF - ppm																							
Rb	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	9	51	19
Sr	10	23	13	17	48	32	42	37	37	74	37	56	10	25	26	51	53	22	83	419	1389	798	
Zr	4	6	2	1	11	6	6	8	5	13	5	9	3	6	16	13	9	16	23	120	227	161	
V	9	59	64	86	71	88	80	96	91	78	120	85	120	157	150	176	194	247	306	270	204	200	
Cr	254	2690	2990	3172	2024	4175	2153	3442	3780	2031	2888	2484	1402	2703	4078	1712	2387	1475	559	1087	418	1076	
ICP-MS - ppm																							
Li	2.0	0.4	0.7	2.2	9.7	6.3	2.8	9.4	1.4	2.0	3.3	3.9	3.9	5.4	2.0	9.6	2.0	6.3	3.6	9.6	18.4	11.6	
B	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.8	1.8	
Sc	2.0	6.1	5.9	9.0	10.3	8.3	7.8	13.2	16.3	8.3	15.8	15.9	19.4	25.4	19.5	47.8	34.1	43.6	56.5	45.2	20.7	24.0	
Ti	176.0	566.2	453.8	1102.4	807.5	909.3	996.3	1024.9	316.4	1204.9	741.4	1255.0	1355.9	2291.3	2381.9	3619.9	3558.1	4889.6	6581.7	12240.7	16927.6	11720.2	
Cr	5.6	52.5	44.2	62.9	58.1	62.1	66.6	75.5	76.6	65.7	96.1	75.5	93.6	131.5	141.5	155.4	198.4	246.1	355.7	276.0	188.1	159.8	
V	177.4	2644.9	2331.5	2724.5	1747.4	3391.5	1616.9	3074.1	2207.2	1698.1	2619.0	2276.4	1170.5	2262.5	3544.1	1648.9	2396.8	1278.3	643.3	1150.2	201.6	738.8	
Mn	979.5	765.0	783.9	930.3	850.0	1172.1	753.0	1117.9	792.7	942.0	1076.7	1008.4	932.0	1176.9	1099.8	1162.9	1299.4	1006.1	1030.2	1317.8	1776.7	1349.0	
Co	133.0	96.2	97.0	104.2	96.7	123.5	98.1	110.6	79.5	95.0	108.9	105.4	104.9	102.3	72.1	78.8	63.6	60.4	43.5	70.1	62.7	67.3	
Ni	2416.3	1808.6	1926.8	1898.1	1917.7	1762.4	1967.8	1405.8	1512.7	1575.4	1666.4	1556.8	1378.5	1105.6	997.2	848.8	559.8	471.2	230.5	354.2	167.0	565.3	
Cu	5.7	34.3	7.7	14.9	9.5	18.3	12.4	37.3	15.4	15.1	24.9	16.2	30.8	38.7	12.0	79.8	45.2	29.2	49.2	26.8	47.5	40.1	
Zn	46.1	44.2	49.9	57.2	44.8	77.1	44.4	81.2	32.5	43.1	51.8	41.2	54.0	78.9	58.5	55.5	45.7	49.0	58.5	40.8	91.8	151.0	
Ga	1.684	1.874	3.095	3.675	5.011	4.037	3.630	4.052	2.475	4.163	4.248	4.072	3.189	6.037	9.908	9.251	9.063	9.952	15.734	15.520	23.257	18.924	
Ge	0.987	0.754	0.849	0.921	0.830	1.031	0.852	1.029	0.742	0.910	0.982	1.049	1.049	1.145	0.947	1.119	1.191	1.191	1.222	1.570	2.508	1.656	
Rb	0.807	1.153	0.785	6.946	20.064	5.375	19.270	5.539	9.168	6.055	4.845	9.794	2.906	5.074	0.679	9.442	0.858	3.443	1.398	13.573	105.027	53.889	
Sr	9.579	20.472	12.563	31.532	58.138	46.883	43.856	58.778	53.397	73.748	46.097	78.003	32.102	61.866	55.315	97.003	97.662	68.290	104.992	508.336	1844.883	921.552	
Y	0.196	0.854	1.081	1.659	2.849	1.919	1.717	2.058	2.034	3.459	3.426	5.371	3.245	5.067	6.611	8.071	7.283	10.380	12.959	19.691	36.128	24.605	
Zr	1.076	5.087	3.327	7.651	9.469	10.885	9.113	12.258	10.885	11.986	6.984	12.215	6.787	13.482	19.500	20.265	19.709	25.139	35.040	130.523	249.842	155.567	
Nb	0.370	1.671	0.884	1.894	3.494	3.027	3.469	3.469	2.668	5.279	3.687	5.152	3.985	1.324	3.930	1.969	3.916	2.110	1.806	27.451	117.910	52.381	
Mo	0.038	0.058	0.027	0.312	0.093	0.232	0.203	0.830	0.077	0.332	0.170	0.292	0.262	0.279	0.109	0.135	0.079	0.820	0.064	0.854	4.745	1.080	
Sn	0.238	0.334	0.818	0.266	0.293	0.260	0.328	0.289	0.217	0.253	0.240	0.294	0.324	0.346	0.376	0.506	0.488	0.601	0.995	1.125	1.839	1.523	
Cs	0.044	0.053	0.025	0.106	0.643	0.155	3.805	0.114	1.321	0.036	0.084	0.132	0.044	0.179	0.029	0.109	0.031	0.048	0.049	0.380	5.139	4.150	
Ba	5.275	9.846	9.695	28.841	207.100	44.050	29.781	50.598	8.999	47.692	41.799	55.945	12.862	62.963	66.300	63.831	46.425	42.138	56.040	183.726	1048.465	658.646	
La	0.346	1.407	0.935	1.594	2.604	2.918	1.059	4.792	0.589	4.228	3.859	4.520	1.239	3.041	4.005	4.271	5.278	4.686	4.148	22.175	117.810	48.600	
Ce	0.627	3.048	1.219	3.947	4.846	6.071	2.070	8.269	0.791	7.449	7.183	8.050	2.994	5.857	8.053	12.902	13.448	9.492	10.708	46.790	212.409	82.073	
Pr	0.068	0.359	0.187	0.424	0.522	0.695	0.331	0.940	0.092	0.786	0.812	0.868	0.407	0.854	1.015	1.412	1.662	1.609	1.975	5.818	21.778	9.253	
Nd	0.265	1.452	0.795	1.756	2.085	2.743	1.538	3.804	0.357	3.055	3.063	3.268	1.960	3.787	4.473	6.626	6.913	7.886	10.999	23.936	37.635		
Sm	0.053	0.318	0.184	0.431	0.470	0.611	0.399	0.819	0.100	0.635	0.743	0.580	1.056	1.321	1.798	1.718	2.259	3.641	5.039	15.354	7.835		
Eu	0.017	0.100	0.067	0.152	0.195	0.206	0.144	0.269	0.042	0.234	0.238	0.263	0.208	0.380	0.446	0.623	0.598	0.807	1.264	1.671	4.710	2.706	
Gd	0.055	0.309	0.210	0.441	0.537	0.612	0.435	0.798	0.181	0.727	0.736	0.900	0.670	1.167	1.387	1.990	1.900	2.452	3.865	5.231	14.974	7.884	
Tb	0.007	0.041	0.031	0.066	0.080	0.086	0.064	0.102	0.038	0.107	0.11												

Table 1 (continued)

	BHVO-2 (n=St Dev		RSD %	BIR1a (n=2) St Dev		RSD %	HARZ-01		St Dev	RSD %	TAB (n=2)
Li	4.8	0.3	7%	3.1	0.2	8%	0.345	0.021	6%	0.0001	
B	1.0	0.1	7%	0.3	0.0	3%	1.838	0.117	6%	0.0774	
Sc	32.0	2.2	7%	40.5	2.7	7%	3.965	0.575	14%	0.3962	
Ti	16300.0	961.6	6%	5746.5	411.6	7%	12.974	1.854	14%	0.0020	
V	317.0	19.6	6%	329.7	20.5	6%	33.619	2.167	6%	0.0471	
Cr	280.0	17.1	6%	380.8	25.6	7%	2871.468	219.410	8%	0.0020	
Mn	1320.0	71.7	5%	1356.5	79.6	6%	797.891	73.252	9%	0.0020	
Co	45.0	2.7	6%	54.3	3.9	7%	107.175	7.552	7%	0.0020	
Ni	119.0	6.8	6%	175.6	11.4	6%	2350.464	151.866	6%	0.0020	
Cu	127.0	6.7	5%	118.8	6.8	6%	4.253	0.467	11%	0.0002	
Zn	103.0	2.6	3%	67.8	2.4	4%	53.309	4.068	8%	1.2786	
Ga	22.0	0.8	3%	15.9	0.7	4%	0.446	0.024	5%	0.0006	
Ge	1.6	0.1	5%	1.2	0.1	4%	0.865	0.073	8%	0.0008	
Rb	9.1	0.7	7%	0.1	0.0	1%	0.038	0.019	51%	0.0002	
Sr	396.0	22.1	6%	107.0	2.8	3%	0.027	0.023	85%	0.0002	
Y	26.0	1.0	4%	15.8	0.8	5%	0.028	0.016	58%	0.0002	
Zr	172.0	6.1	4%	15.3	0.5	4%	0.649	0.043	7%	0.0029	
Nb	18.1	0.8	4%	0.5	0.0	4%	0.005	0.005	101%	0.0002	
Mo	4.0	0.2	5%	0.1	0.0	9%	0.134	0.008	6%	0.0002	
Sn	1.7	0.1	5%	1.2	0.1	4%	0.284	0.060	21%	0.2377	
Cs	0.1	0.0	13%	0.0	0.0	17%	0.125	0.028	23%	0.0001	
Ba	131.0	3.0	2%	7.1	0.0	1%	0.346	0.210	61%	0.0757	
La	15.2	0.4	2%	0.6	0.0	1%	0.032	0.007	22%	0.0002	
Ce	37.5	0.8	2%	2.0	0.1	4%	0.443	0.021	5%	0.0002	
Pr	5.4	0.1	2%	0.4	0.0	3%	2.432	0.189	8%	0.0002	
Nd	24.5	0.3	1%	2.4	0.0	2%	0.219	0.042	19%	0.0002	
Sm	6.1	0.1	2%	1.1	0.0	3%	0.002	0.002	111%	0.0002	
Eu	2.1	0.0	1%	0.5	0.0	1%	0.001	0.001	154%	0.0002	
Gd	6.2	0.1	2%	1.7	0.0	2%	0.239	0.020	8%	0.0002	
Tb	0.9	0.0	1%	0.3	0.0	1%	0.001	0.000	34%	0.0002	
Dy	5.3	0.1	1%	2.6	0.0	0%	0.003	0.002	77%	0.0002	
Ho	1.0	0.0	2%	0.6	0.0	2%	0.001	0.000	46%	0.0002	
Er	2.5	0.0	1%	1.7	0.0	0%	0.241	0.024	10%	0.0002	
Tm	0.3	0.0	2%	0.2	0.0	1%	0.001	0.000	17%	0.0000	
Yb	2.0	0.0	1%	1.6	0.0	0%	0.011	0.001	7%	0.0002	
Lu	0.3	0.0	2%	0.2	0.0	1%	0.002	0.000	8%	0.0000	
Hf	4.4	0.1	2%	0.6	0.0	2%	0.017	0.001	7%	0.0006	
Ta	1.1	0.0	2%	0.0	0.0	1%	0.003	0.001	21%	0.0000	
W	0.2	0.0	2%	0.0	0.0	2%	6.500	0.222	3%	0.0011	
Pb	1.6	0.1	8%	5.3	0.0	1%	189.325	20.143	11%	0.0002	
Th	1.2	0.0	3%	0.0	0.0	0%	0.002	0.000	10%	0.0002	
U	0.4	0.0	3%	0.0	0.0	1%	0.001	0.000	11%	0.0000	

Table 2: Re-Os isotope and highly siderophile element abundance data for Aitutaki xenoliths and lavas

Sample	Lithology	Al ₂ O ₃ (wt. %)	MgO (wt. %)	Re	Pd	Pt	Ru	Ir	Os	¹⁸⁷ Re/ ¹⁸⁷ Os	2σ	¹⁸⁷ Os/ ¹⁸⁸ Os	2σ
AK1008	Dunite	0.26	46.7	0.086	6.258	5.787	7.749	3.517	1.798	0.225	0.003	0.12368	0.00009
AK1027	Harzburgite	1.52	41.8	0.080	6.355	10.299	6.402	3.220	2.048	0.184	0.003	0.12974	0.00009
AK1006	Lherzollite	2.98	39.3	0.101	4.527	3.616	3.561	1.484	2.406	0.202	0.003	0.13171	0.00006
AK1023-6	Lherzollite	2.35	35.3	0.146	3.231	2.700	4.075	1.847	1.222	0.575	0.009	0.12461	0.00009
AK1023-3	Pyroxenite	7.46	18.7	0.264	0.692	0.342	0.526	0.217	0.116	11.01	0.17	0.13471	0.00019
AK1023-B	Lherzollite	4.43	36.6	0.065	2.351	4.123	4.152	2.136	0.779	0.399	0.006	0.12923	0.00009
AK1017	Lherzollite	3.00	40.1	0.063	3.829	3.528	4.717	2.367	2.049	0.149	0.002	0.12505	0.00009
AK1023-4	Lherzollite	2.08	39.8	0.057	3.062	8.208	6.545	3.255	4.259	0.064	0.001	0.12776	0.00010
AK1023-A	Lherzollite	4.53	35.6	0.077	2.483	4.934	5.230	2.703	0.824	0.452	0.007	0.12799	0.00011
AK1023-7	Lherzollite	2.24	38.2	0.085	4.561	5.647	7.045	3.080	2.498	0.164	0.002	0.12952	0.00007
AK1026	Gabbro	8.31	14.6	0.052	1.660	0.238	0.196	0.039	0.049	5.13	0.08	0.13221	0.00047
AK1021	Lherzollite	3.23	41.2	0.570	0.798	2.647	2.402	1.189	0.845	3.25	0.05	0.11849	0.00010
AK1021	Lherzollite	3.23	41.2	0.011	0.937	3.389	2.966	1.725	0.854	0.062	0.001	0.11883	0.00006
AK1028	Websterite	8.91	28.6	0.040	2.516	4.105	5.482	2.655	1.114	0.173	0.003	0.12628	0.00007
AK1028	Websterite	8.91	28.6	0.056	4.829	5.546	2.349	1.455	0.681	0.394	0.006	0.14689	0.00012
AK1023-8	Lherzollite	3.62	36.4	0.035	3.730	4.564	4.141	2.096	0.531	0.322	0.005	0.12963	0.00015
AL1023-2	Pyroxenite	5.75	22.8	0.196	1.122	1.119	1.044	0.563	0.325	2.90	0.04	0.12811	0.00013
AK1017 L	Nephelinite	11.7	11.3	0.085	2.034	0.177	0.224	0.062	0.042	9.79	0.15	0.13582	0.00023
AK1025 L	Ankaramite	9.4	15.5	0.158	1.790	1.284	0.471	0.182	0.250	3.06	0.05	0.13673	0.00016
MUH-1 Black	SRM			0.325	9.380	10.005	7.014	5.037	3.503			0.12724	0.00008
MUH-1 Blue	SRM			0.204	11.769	7.970	8.472	3.717	5.311	0.185	0.003	0.12599	0.00008
MUH-1 Red	SRM			0.215	9.721	6.916	9.767	3.740	4.688	0.221	0.003	0.12535	0.00008
MUH-1 Black	SRM			0.207	10.390	7.487	7.326	3.468	3.581	0.278	0.004	0.12687	0.00009

Table S1: Total analytical blank values (in pg) and calculated percentages of blanks to samples

Sample	Re	Pd	Pt	Ru	Ir	Os	$^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$	2 σ
TAB 1	0.006	0.021	0.003	0.051	0.015	0.000	0.1869	0.0065
TAB 2	0.003	0.021	0.003	0.059	0.012	0.000	0.1785	0.0040
	Blk% Re	Blk% Pd	Blk% Pt	Blk% Ru	Blk% Ir	Blk% Os		
AK-1008	3.6%	1.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.04%		
AK-1027	1.9%	0.7%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.02%		
AK-1006	0.5%	0.8%	1.0%	0.5%	0.4%	0.10%		
AK-1023-6	2.3%	0.6%	0.1%	1.4%	0.6%	0.03%		
AK-1023-3	1.3%	3.0%	0.8%	11.2%	5.4%	0.32%		
AK-1023-B	5.5%	0.9%	0.1%	1.4%	0.5%	0.05%		
AK-1017	5.4%	0.5%	0.1%	1.3%	0.5%	0.02%		
AK-1023-4	6.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.9%	0.4%	0.01%		
AK-1023-A	4.6%	0.8%	0.1%	1.1%	0.4%	0.05%		
AK-1023-7	4.2%	0.5%	0.0%	0.8%	0.4%	0.02%		
AK-1026	6.8%	1.3%	1.2%	30.1%	29.7%	0.79%		
AK-1021-A	0.6%	2.6%	0.1%	2.5%	1.0%	0.05%		
AK-1021-B	0.4%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.01%		
AK-1028-A	0.4%	0.9%	0.7%	0.8%	0.4%	0.01%		
AK-1028-B	6.2%	0.4%	0.1%	2.5%	0.8%	0.06%		
AK-1023-8	10.0%	0.6%	0.1%	1.4%	0.6%	0.07%		
AK-1023-2	1.8%	1.9%	0.2%	5.6%	2.1%	0.12%		
AK-1017 L	4.2%	1.0%	1.6%	26.4%	18.9%	0.91%		
AK-1025 L	2.2%	1.2%	0.2%	12.5%	6.4%	0.15%		

Table S2: Olivine major element chemistry for Aitutaki xenoliths

Run ID	Sample	MgO	FeO	Al ₂ O ₃	CaO	SiO ₂	MnO	NiO	Total	Fo content
218	,AK1006 1	48.96	10.42	0.05	0.08	41.12	0.12	0.39	101.1	89.33
219	,AK1006 2	49.32	10.47	0.06	0.09	40.96	0.15	0.39	101.4	89.35
220	,AK1006 3	48.86	10.46	0.04	0.08	41.30	0.13	0.39	101.3	89.27
221	,AK1006 4	49.26	10.09	0.04	0.08	40.28	0.11	0.40	100.2	89.69
222	,AK1006 5	49.01	10.33	0.05	0.07	40.58	0.12	0.37	100.5	89.42
223	,AK1006 6	49.06	10.12	0.05	0.09	40.91	0.13	0.39	100.7	89.62
224	,AK1006 7	49.22	10.38	0.05	0.07	40.76	0.15	0.37	101.0	89.42
225	,AK1006 8	49.20	10.19	0.04	0.07	40.63	0.17	0.38	100.7	89.59
244	,AK1028 8	47.39	11.37	0.03	0.04	40.47	0.12	0.37	99.8	88.13
245	,AK1028 9	48.11	11.32	0.01	0.04	40.53	0.12	0.31	100.5	88.33
247	,AK1016 1	49.20	10.36	0.03	0.00	40.38	0.14	0.35	100.5	89.44
248	,AK1016 2	49.10	10.18	0.00	0.02	40.73	0.11	0.40	100.5	89.58
249	,AK1016 3	49.46	10.04	0.01	0.00	40.46	0.14	0.39	100.5	89.77
250	,AK1016 4	49.65	10.15	0.01	0.01	40.28	0.10	0.36	100.6	89.70
251	,AK1016 5	49.70	10.09	0.01	0.00	40.84	0.13	0.37	101.1	89.78
252	,AK1016 6	49.64	9.95	0.02	0.00	41.05	0.13	0.38	101.2	89.89
253	,AK1016 7	49.26	9.99	0.02	0.01	40.56	0.13	0.38	100.3	89.79
254	,AK1016 8	49.32	10.07	0.03	0.01	40.75	0.13	0.37	100.7	89.72
255	,AK1016 9	49.42	10.02	0.01	0.01	40.85	0.14	0.42	100.9	89.78
256	,AK1005 1	49.30	9.70	0.01	0.00	40.80	0.14	0.41	100.4	90.05
257	,AK1005 2	49.73	9.75	0.01	0.02	40.96	0.13	0.37	101.0	90.09
258	,AK1005 3	49.66	9.64	0.00	0.01	41.11	0.10	0.39	100.9	90.18
259	,AK1005 4	49.39	9.79	0.00	0.00	40.91	0.14	0.41	100.6	89.99
260	,AK1005 5	49.59	9.77	0.00	0.00	40.96	0.12	0.41	100.9	90.04
261	,AK1014 1	49.35	10.10	0.03	0.07	40.48	0.09	0.34	100.5	89.70
262	,AK1014 2	49.49	10.09	0.06	0.05	40.73	0.12	0.37	100.9	89.73
263	,AK1014 3	49.54	10.09	0.03	0.08	40.51	0.12	0.35	100.7	89.75
264	,AK1014 4	49.04	9.84	0.04	0.06	40.90	0.13	0.38	100.4	89.88
265	,AK1014 5	49.15	9.96	0.04	0.09	41.03	0.12	0.38	100.8	89.79
266	,AK1017 1	49.17	9.85	0.06	0.08	41.03	0.15	0.34	100.7	89.90
267	,AK1017 2	49.44	9.82	0.06	0.04	40.39	0.14	0.35	100.2	89.97
268	,AK1017 3	49.25	9.80	0.06	0.05	40.67	0.15	0.37	100.3	89.95
269	,AK1017 4	50.63	9.98	0.07	0.09	41.04	0.14	0.39	102.3	90.04
270	,AK1017 5	49.22	9.84	0.04	0.07	40.91	0.12	0.40	100.6	89.91
271	,AK1019 1	49.82	9.39	0.02	0.00	40.81	0.15	0.46	100.6	90.43
272	,AK1019 2	49.75	9.50	0.00	0.03	40.82	0.12	0.40	100.6	90.32
273	,AK1019 3	49.27	9.58	0.00	0.00	40.71	0.11	0.37	100.0	90.16
274	,AK1019 4	49.69	9.39	0.01	0.00	40.84	0.13	0.37	100.4	90.41
275	,AK1019 5	49.68	9.60	0.02	0.00	41.02	0.14	0.41	100.9	90.21
276	,AK1019 6	49.96	9.58	0.01	0.00	41.21	0.15	0.41	101.3	90.28

Table S2: Olivine major element chemistry for Aitutaki xenoliths

Run ID	Sample	MgO	FeO	Al ₂ O ₃	CaO	SiO ₂	MnO	NiO	Total	Fo content
282.0221	,AK1006 9	49.75	9.51	0.02	0.02	40.87	0.13	0.39	100.7	90.31
283.2666	,AK1006 10	49.77	9.49	0.02	0.02	40.88	0.13	0.39	100.7	90.34
284.5112	,AK1006 11	49.79	9.47	0.02	0.02	40.88	0.13	0.39	100.7	90.36
281	,AK1011 5	50.00	9.32	0.02	0.01	41.03	0.12	0.38	100.9	90.53
282	,AK1011 6	49.88	9.18	0.00	0.00	41.00	0.13	0.39	100.6	90.64
283	,AK1011 7	50.11	9.26	0.01	0.00	40.94	0.13	0.43	100.9	90.60
284	,AK1012 1	50.16	8.99	0.00	0.00	40.75	0.09	0.41	100.4	90.86
285	,AK1012 2	50.09	8.89	0.02	0.00	41.25	0.13	0.42	100.8	90.94
286	,AK1012 3	50.11	8.89	0.02	0.00	40.99	0.14	0.38	100.5	90.95
287	,AK1012 4	50.16	9.26	0.00	0.01	40.88	0.10	0.36	100.8	90.61
288	,AK1012 5	50.15	9.00	0.01	0.01	41.01	0.14	0.41	100.7	90.85
289	,AK1012 6	50.21	9.16	0.02	0.01	40.74	0.10	0.43	100.7	90.71
290	,AK1023A	49.00	10.28	0.05	0.08	40.72	0.14	0.35	100.6	89.47
291	,AK1023A	49.22	10.20	0.04	0.06	40.65	0.12	0.40	100.7	89.59
292	,AK1023A	48.84	10.24	0.03	0.07	40.10	0.12	0.38	99.8	89.47
293	,AK1023A	48.82	10.02	0.05	0.08	40.33	0.18	0.40	99.9	89.67
294	,AK1023A	48.85	10.18	0.05	0.08	40.99	0.15	0.38	100.7	89.53
295	,AK1023A	48.93	10.20	0.08	0.06	40.52	0.12	0.33	100.2	89.53
296	,AK1023A	48.80	10.07	0.07	0.08	40.79	0.11	0.39	100.3	89.62
297	,AK1023B	48.37	10.86	0.03	0.07	40.53	0.15	0.36	100.4	88.81
298	,AK1023B	49.09	10.23	0.05	0.08	40.55	0.14	0.41	100.5	89.53
299	,AK1023B	48.62	10.19	0.04	0.06	40.68	0.13	0.37	100.1	89.47
300	,AK1023B	48.79	10.29	0.07	0.08	40.84	0.15	0.38	100.6	89.42
301	,AK1023B	48.88	10.14	0.04	0.07	40.53	0.15	0.38	100.2	89.57
83	,AK1023-B	49.15	10.15	0.03	0.05	40.32	0.12	0.38	100.2	89.61
84	,AK1023-B	48.78	10.17	0.06	0.07	40.42	0.13	0.39	100.0	89.52
85	,AK1023-B	48.83	10.16	0.05	0.07	40.50	0.14	0.35	100.1	89.54
226	,AK1006 9	19.72	12.03	57.24	0.00	0.08	0.10	0.38	89.6	74.49
227	,AK1006 10	44.11	10.42	0.10	0.08	36.79	0.14	0.34	92.0	88.29
228	,AK1021 1	33.17	6.32	4.47	0.63	55.50	0.16	0.06	100.3	90.34
229	,AK1021 2	33.19	6.20	4.38	0.61	55.44	0.14	0.06	100.0	90.51
230	,AK1021 3	33.00	6.16	4.31	0.60	55.41	0.16	0.11	99.8	90.51
231	,AK1021 4	32.55	6.19	4.41	0.59	55.28	0.13	0.10	99.2	90.36
232	,AK1021 5	32.70	6.18	4.73	0.59	55.16	0.13	0.11	99.6	90.41
233	,AK1021 6	32.88	6.24	4.66	0.63	54.75	0.17	0.11	99.4	90.37
234	,AK1021 7	33.19	6.33	4.52	0.53	55.20	0.16	0.10	100.0	90.34
235	,AK1021 8	33.24	6.12	4.49	0.57	55.52	0.15	0.07	100.2	90.64
236	,AK1021 9	33.21	5.97	4.59	0.58	55.08	0.14	0.08	99.7	90.83
237	,AK1028 1	32.24	7.34	4.05	0.75	54.78	0.12	0.11	99.4	88.67
238	,AK1028 2	32.24	7.14	4.03	0.74	54.95	0.11	0.12	99.3	88.95
239	,AK1028 3	32.20	7.36	4.12	0.74	54.97	0.11	0.11	99.6	88.64
240	,AK1028 4	32.27	7.22	3.93	0.73	54.62	0.12	0.13	99.0	88.84
241	,AK1028 5	32.52	7.27	3.99	0.76	54.98	0.15	0.08	99.8	88.85
242	,AK1028 6	32.37	7.47	3.99	0.78	54.81	0.14	0.09	99.6	88.53
243	,AK1028 7	32.25	7.08	4.01	0.74	55.25	0.13	0.10	99.6	89.04
246	,AK1028 10	32.36	7.26	3.98	0.77	54.80	0.10	0.11	99.4	88.81