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1 **Ancient high Pt/Os crustal contaminants can explain**
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29 **Abstract**

30 The origin of variations in $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios amongst mantle-derived basaltic and komatiitic
31 lavas remains controversial, with opposing models arguing for deep core-mantle versus shallow
32 mantle sources. Crustal contamination has generally not been favoured due to the low Os
33 contents of such sources, meaning that variations in $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ would require involvement of
34 extremely high proportions of crustal material. Here we re-examine crustal contamination as an
35 effective means for generating significant $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ variations in Earth materials. Using
36 chromitites and peridotites from the Stillwater, Muskox and Rum layered intrusions, we show
37 that radiogenic $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios are correlated with $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios and can only be explained
38 by shallow-level mixing processes and crustal contamination. The samples have $\delta^{186}\text{Os}$
39 ($[\{(^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}_{\text{sample}(t)}/^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}_{\text{PM}(t)}) - 1\} \times 1000]$, where the modern primitive mantle [PM]
40 $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ is 0.1198388) values ranging between 0.04 to 0.15 for the ~2.7 Ga Stillwater Igneous
41 Complex, -0.05 to 0.17 for the ~1.27 Ga Muskox Intrusion, and 0.02 to 0.13 for the ~0.06 Ga
42 Rum Layered Suite. The highly siderophile element (HSE: Os, Ir, Ru, Pt, Pd, Re) contents of the
43 chromitites and peridotites can be modelled through high sulfide-melt partitioning (typically
44 >8000) and emphasise the role of S-saturation and HSE scavenging. Considering the high
45 sulfide-melt partitioning and accounting for high silicate melt to sulfide melt ratios (R-factor), it
46 is possible to explain the variations in ^{186}Os - ^{187}Os in layered intrusions using calculated Os
47 isotope crustal evolution growth models. These calculations indicate that $<4\%$ of ancient high
48 Pt/Os crustal contributions can explain the composition of the chromitites and peridotites that
49 were examined. Our observations are consistent with published models for chromitite genesis
50 that invoke either crustal melt-primitive melt mixing, or cumulate assimilation. A crustal origin
51 for radiogenic ^{186}Os is a possible cause for $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratio variations observed in some
52 komatiites. It is more difficult to explain radiogenic $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ measured in Hawaiian lavas by
53 crustal contamination processes. Instead, ancient high Pt/Os oceanic crust, shallow mantle
54 sources such as metasomatic sulfide, or metal-rich large low-shear wave velocity provinces at the
55 core-mantle boundary, all remain valid explanations.

56 1. Introduction

57 The long-lived ^{190}Pt - ^{186}Os chronometer (470 Ga half-life, $\lambda = 1.54 \times 10^{-12} \text{ y}^{-1}$; Walker et al.,
58 1997) has been considered as a potential tracer of outer core contributions to deeply-sourced
59 mantle plumes (Walker et al., 1997; Brandon et al., 1998; 1999; 2003). High-precision ^{186}Os -
60 ^{187}Os studies have shown that radiogenic $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios occur in some Hawaiian ocean island
61 basalts (OIB), as well as Archean komatiites, but are not pervasive features of intraplate
62 magmatism (Puchtel et al., 2005; Brandon et al., 2007; Ireland et al., 2011). The concept that
63 early inner core crystallization (with preferential incorporation of Os into early-crystallizing
64 phases) would lead to high Pt/Os in the outer liquid core that would then contribute to mantle
65 plumes, has become increasingly untenable. This is mainly due to the young inferred age of the
66 inner core of ≤ 2.5 Ga, and likely between 0.7-1.5 Ga (Labrosse et al., 2001; Lassiter, 2006;
67 Nimmo, 2007; Biggin et al., 2015). Derivation of radiogenic ^{186}Os from deep long-lived high-
68 Pt/Os reservoirs represented by geophysically-detected 'large low-shear-velocity provinces'
69 (LLSVPs) at the core-mantle boundary (Humayun, 2011) remains to be fully tested, with shallow
70 long-lived Pt/Os reservoirs also being suggested to cause ^{186}Os enrichment in some lavas (e.g.,
71 Smith, 2003; Baker & Jensen, 2004; Lassiter, 2006; Luguet et al., 2008).

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73 The likely sources of radiogenic $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ are restricted by the fact that ^{190}Pt makes up only
74 0.01292% of natural Pt, and is an extremely long-lived unstable isotope, so a radiogenic ^{186}Os
75 component must have the characteristics of both being extremely old (>1 Ga) and having high
76 time-integrated Pt/Os. A compounding issue is that peridotites and mantle-derived melts
77 typically have relatively high Os (≥ 1 ppb), compared to sources with high Pt/Os, like continental
78 crust, which only has 0.031 ppb Os (Peucker-Enrinbrink & Jahn, 2001; Day, 2013). Sources of
79 high time-integrated Pt/Os have been suggested to include metasomatic sulfides and pyroxenites
80 with high Os contents (e.g., Luguet et al., 2008; O'Driscoll et al. 2015). It is possible that crust
81 with high time-integrated Pt/Os can generate radiogenic ^{186}Os in some intraplate magmas. This is
82 due to Pt and Os both being highly siderophile elements (HSE: Os, Ir, Ru, Pt, Rh, Pd, Re, Au)
83 that are also high chalcophile. It has been demonstrated that sulfide fractionation in S-saturated
84 melts can lead to effective scavenging of the HSE, with very high sulfide-melt partitioning (D
85 $>100,000$; Mungall & Brenan, 2014). These high D values coupled with the mass ratio of silicate
86 magma available to equilibrate with sulfide liquid (R; Campbell & Naldrett, 1979):

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$$\text{Sulfide liquid content} = (\text{HSE}_{\text{content of silicate magma}} \times D[\text{R}+1]) / (\text{R}+D)$$

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90 can lead to significant enrichment from otherwise low HSE sources.

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92 The so-called 'R-factor' models have been applied to layered intrusions with considerable
93 success to explain enrichment of the HSE and associated mineralization (e.g., [Barnes & Ripley,](#)
94 [2016](#)). These models, when coupled with Os isotopes and other tracers of crustal contributions,
95 have revealed significant crustal contributions of both S and the HSE to mantle-derived magmas
96 (e.g., [Day et al., 2008](#); [O'Driscoll et al., 2009](#)). These observations raise the possibility that
97 scavenging of the HSE by sulfide can lead to enhanced crustal contributions to intraplate
98 magmas and, correspondingly to potential enrichments in both ^{187}Os and ^{186}Os from high time-
99 integrated Re/Os and Pt/Os sources. In this contribution, we demonstrate the importance of this
100 process for chromitite seams from layered intrusions of differing ages (2.7 Ga Stillwater Igneous
101 Complex; 1.27 Ga Muskox Intrusion; 0.060 Ga Rum Igneous Complex) and discuss how it may
102 be important in other intraplate magmatic settings.

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104 2. Methods

105 Osmium isotope and highly siderophile element (HSE; Os, Ir, Ru, Pt, Pd, Re) abundance
106 analyses were performed at the *Scripps Isotope Geochemistry Laboratory*. Bulk rock samples
107 were ground to fine powders. In the case of Muskox chromitites, two separate powders were
108 made for each seam. An appropriate amount of powder to obtain 100 ng total Os was precisely
109 weighed into cleaned Pyrex Carius tubes and sealed with 7 mL of multiply Teflon distilled (TD)
110 15.7M HNO_3 purged of Os by repeated treatment with H_2O_2 , and 4 mL of TD 12M HCl. The
111 Carius tubes were shaken, placed into a convection oven and then heated for 72 hrs at 270°C .
112 After cooling, the Carius tubes were broken and solutions were completely liberated and placed
113 in new pre-cleaned Teflon vials where they were precisely weighed. An aliquot representing 5%
114 of the total mass was removed and used to obtain isotope dilution HSE (Os, Ir, Ru, Pt, Pd, Re)
115 abundance data and $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$ and $^{190}\text{Pt}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios. Carbon tetrachloride (CCl_4) was added to
116 the remaining 95% HNO_3/HCl solution to extract Os. A total of four CCl_4 extractions were
117 performed to remove Os, with the CCl_4 being equilibrated with triple Teflon distilled 9M HBr.

118 This mixture was left overnight, after which the CCl_4 was removed and the HBr was dried down.
119 Three micro-distillations were then performed for each sample using $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4\text{-Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ as the
120 oxidizer and TD 9M HBr as the distillate (Day et al., 2017).

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122 High-precision Os isotope data were obtained by negative thermal ionization mass
123 spectrometry (N-TIMS) using a *ThermoScientific* Triton, with a high purity O_2 bleed at a
124 constant source pressure of 1×10^{-7} mbar. Data were collected in static mode using Faraday
125 collectors with signal intensities of >100 mV on mass 234 ($^{186}\text{Os}^{16}\text{O}_3^-$), generated for >360 ratios
126 (17s integration time per ratio, 30 s baselines measured every 20 ratios), with the goal of
127 obtaining an in-run precision of ± 25 ppm (2 Sigma Error), or better, for $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ on 75 ng Os
128 loads. We used a $^{17}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$ composition of 0.0003749 and $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$ of 0.0020439, identical to that
129 of Day et al. (2017). Following O corrections, an instrumental mass fractionation correction was
130 applied using the exponential law and a $^{192}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratio of 3.083. Potential interferences were
131 monitored during runs at masses 230 ($^{198}\text{Pt}^{16}\text{O}_2^-$), 231 ($^{183}\text{W}^{16}\text{O}_3^-$) and 233 ($^{185}\text{Re}^{16}\text{O}_3^-$); these had
132 no measurable effects on Os isotopic compositions. During the analytical campaign, 12 separate
133 75 ng Os loads of the Johnson Matthey Os internal standard (UMCP) yielded an average
134 $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ of 0.1198460 ± 13 (2 SD) and $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ of 0.1137950 ± 23 (2 SD). These values
135 agree well with previously reported measurements for mantle rocks by Brandon et al. (2000;
136 2006) and Day et al. (2017). As an independent measure of analytical reproducibility, we
137 measured the OSUM8 standard ($^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1198383 \pm 13$ and $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1314654 \pm 27$;
138 $n = 12$), obtaining values within error of previously reported values ($^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1198390 \pm 5$
139 and $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1314615 \pm 23$; $n = 30$; Day et al., 2017). As suggested by Day et al. (2017),
140 we normalized samples in this study to their nominal UMCP values ($^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1198458$;
141 $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1137852$).

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143 For HSE abundance data, the 5% aliquots were digested in sealed borosilicate Carius
144 tubes with isotopically enriched multi-element spikes (^{99}Ru , ^{106}Pd , ^{185}Re , ^{190}Os , ^{191}Ir , ^{194}Pt), 7
145 mL of a 1:2 mixture of TD 12M HCl and purged TD 15.7M HNO_3 . Samples were digested to a
146 maximum temperature of 270°C in an oven for 72 hours. Osmium was triply extracted from the
147 acid using CCl_4 and then back-extracted into HBr, prior to triple purification by micro-

148 distillation, and Re and the other HSE were recovered and purified from the residual solutions
149 using standard anion exchange separation techniques (Day et al., 2016). Isotopic compositions
150 and abundances of Os were measured in negative-ion mode using the *Triton*, and Re, Pd, Pt, Ru
151 and Ir were measured using a *Cetac Aridus II* desolvating nebuliser coupled to a
152 *ThermoScientific* iCAP Qc ICP-MS. Offline corrections for Os involved an oxide correction, an
153 iterative fractionation correction using $^{192}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 3.08271$, a ^{190}Os spike subtraction, and
154 finally, an Os blank subtraction. Precision for $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$, determined by repeated measurement
155 of the UMCP Johnson-Matthey standard, was better than $\pm 0.2\%$ (2 SD; 0.11379 ± 11 ; $n = 5$).
156 Rhenium, Ir, Pt, Pd and Ru isotopic ratios for sample solutions were corrected for mass
157 fractionation using the deviation of the standard average run on the day over the natural ratio for
158 the element. External reproducibility on HSE analyses was better than 0.5% for 0.5 ppb
159 solutions. Total procedural blanks ($n = 2$) run with samples had $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.42 \pm 0.02$, with
160 quantities (in picograms) of 1.8 to 2.2 [Re], 8 to 16 [Pd], 2.7 to 3.2 [Pt], 9.9 to 11 [Ru], 0.6 to 1.4
161 [Ir] and 0.07 to 0.2 [Os]. All samples are blank corrected, with blanks representing $<1\%$ of the
162 total analyte.

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164 3. Results

165 Chromitite seams from the Stillwater, Muskox and Rum layered intrusions were targeted
166 for their Os isotope and HSE abundance systematics (*Supplementary Table 1*), together with a
167 native-iron bearing basalt lava from Disko Island, West Greenland, described previously (Pernet-
168 Fisher et al., 2017). Chromitite from the Stillwater, Muskox and Rum layered intrusions have
169 similar relative and absolute abundances of Os, Ir, Ru and Re (13-148 ppb Os, 16-156 ppb Ir, 49-
170 300 ppb Ru, 0.04-2.5 ppb Re), resulting in a restricted range in Re/Os (0.052 ± 0.065), Ir/Os (5.0
171 ± 3.5) and Ru/Os ratios (1.39 ± 0.76) (**Table 1; Figure 1**). The chromitites show more extreme
172 ranges in Pd and Pt contents, with the Stillwater chromitites having relatively low abundances of
173 these elements (94-200 ppb Pd, 2-16 ppb Pt) and low Pt/Os (0.025-0.24) and Pd/Os (1.2-2.9)
174 ratios relative to Muskox (1065-4100 ppb Pd; 377-597 ppb Pt; Pt/Os = 8.8-36.8; Pd/Os = 21-
175 304) or Rum (322-1312 ppb Pd, 226-1525 ppb Pt, Pt/Os = 2.6-19; Pd/Os = 0.9-22) chromitites.
176 Rhenium and Os contents of the Muskox and Stillwater chromitites are within the ranges of
177 previously reported data (Marcantonio et al., 1993; Lambert et al., 1994; Horan et al., 2001; Day
178 et al., 2008). The Rum Unit 12 peridotite has a similar HSE pattern and concentrations to the

179 Unit 7/8 and Unit 11/12 chromitites, but the Unit 8 peridotite has relatively low Pt and Pd, and a
 180 broadly flat primitive-mantle normalized HSE pattern, in agreement with previous data
 181 (O'Driscoll et al., 2009). The Fe-bearing West Greenland Picrite analyzed in this study has an
 182 identical pattern to that previously obtained by Pernet-Fisher et al. (2017), with a positive Pt
 183 abundance anomaly.

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185 High-precision $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ measurements for chromitites from the Stillwater G and H
 186 seams (0.11547-0.11834; $\gamma^{187}\text{Os} = 4\text{-}7.4$, where $[\gamma^{187}\text{Os} = ([^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}_{\text{sample}(t)}/^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}_{\text{SPM}(t)}] - 1)$
 187 $\times 100]$, with PM being the primitive mantle composition), Muskox chromitites (0.13217-
 188 0.16899; $\gamma^{187}\text{Os} = 8.4\text{-}26.6$), and Rum chromitites and peridotites (0.13464-0.13703; $\gamma^{187}\text{Os} = 4.2\text{-}$
 189 5.9) are within the range of previously reported values for these units (Lambert et al., 1994; Day
 190 et al., 2008; O'Driscoll et al., 2009) (**Figure 2**). The measured $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratio (0.1636; $\gamma^{187}\text{Os} =$
 191 23) for the Fe-bearing West Greenland picrite is more radiogenic than previously reported ratios
 192 (0.150-0.155), probably reflecting initial isotopic heterogeneity in the sample, as noted
 193 previously (Pernet-Fisher et al., 2017). The Fe-bearing West Greenland picrite yields the least
 194 radiogenic $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratio (0.119832; $\delta^{186}\text{Os} = -0.06$, where $[\delta^{186}\text{Os} =$
 195 $([^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}_{\text{sample}(t)}/^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}_{\text{SPM}(t)}] - 1) \times 1000]$), with Stillwater (0.119838-0.119850; $\delta^{186}\text{Os} =$
 196 $0.04\text{-}0.15$) and Rum (0.119842-0.119856; $\delta^{186}\text{Os} = 0.02\text{-}0.13$) lying intermediate between this
 197 value and the generally more radiogenic Muskox chromitites (0.119847-0.119924; $\delta^{186}\text{Os} = -$
 198 $0.05\text{-}0.17$) (**Table 1**).

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200 4. Discussion

201 4.1 Chromitite formation and sulfide fractionation effects

202 Chromitite seams from the Stillwater, Muskox and Rum igneous complexes have similar
 203 absolute abundances of Os, Ir, Ru and Re, but more variable Pt and Pd. The compositions of the
 204 parental melts that fed the Muskox and Rum intrusions are preserved as the Keel dike (Muskox;
 205 Day et al., 2008) and as cross-cutting picrite dikes (Rum; Upton et al., 2002). The Muskox and
 206 Rum dikes have similar HSE abundances (in ppb: Keel dike = ~ 1.9 Os, ~ 1.6 Ir, ~ 6 Ru, ~ 10 Pt,
 207 ~ 2.5 Pd, ~ 0.4 Re [Day et al., 2008]; Rum M9 picrite dike = ~ 2.5 Os, ~ 0.9 Ir, ~ 2.9 Ru, ~ 3.5 Pt,

208 ~5.3 Pd, ~0.8 Re [O'Driscoll et al., 2009]). A comparison of the two dikes versus the chromitites
209 from their respective intrusions provides HSE enrichment factor estimates for chromitite
210 formation, which range from as low as a factor of 2-3 for Re, to ~16-95 times for Or, Ir and Ru
211 and from 50 to 965 for Pt and Pd (**Figure 3**). While this form of exercise cannot be performed
212 for Stillwater, where no primary melt HSE composition has been defined, the similarity in its
213 chromitite Os, Ir and Ru contents might suggest a similar enrichment factor during chromitite
214 petrogenesis.

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216 The cause of HSE enrichment in stratiform mineralized zones in layered intrusions is
217 generally attributed to scavenging of these elements within sulfide and alloy phases. The HSE
218 are both siderophile and chalcophile with extremely high partition coefficients between sulfide
219 melt and silicate melt of 10^3 to 10^6 (Mungall & Brenan 2014). The consequence of this
220 behaviour is that sulfide-rich sidewall deposits and some sulfide-rich stratiform deposits can
221 become extremely enriched in the HSE (e.g., Barnes & Ripley, 2016), including economically
222 significant resources such as the Merensky Reef of the Bushveld Igneous Complex and the J-M
223 Reef of the Stillwater Igneous Complex.

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225 To explore sulfide fractionation effects, we present models of sulfide-melt partitioning using
226 experimental values from Mungall & Brenan (2014) and empirical sulfide-melt partitioning
227 values from Chazey & Neal (2005) for the Muskox chromitites/Keel dike and the Rum
228 chromitites/M9 picrite dike (**Figure 3**). The experimentally determined sulfide-melt partitioning
229 from Mungall & Brenan (2014) is too high for Pd, Pt, Ru, Ir and Os to adequately explain the
230 HSE enrichments in either the Muskox or Rum chromitites. Conversely, the Chazey & Neal
231 (2005) values reproduce the Rum pattern well, but not the absolute enrichment factors. A best-fit
232 model to obtain the average enrichments of the HSE in the Muskox and Rum intrusions are
233 around 500 for Re, 8000 for Os and Ru, 16,000 for Ir, 25,000 for Pd and 30,000 for Pt. The low
234 Pt observed in the Stillwater chromitites suggest a low sulfide-melt partitioning for Pt for that
235 intrusion of ~2000. These model emphasise that sulfide-melt partitioning was broadly similar for
236 the HSE in chromitite seams for the Stillwater, Muskox and Rum layered igneous complexes.

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238 **4.2 Platinum-Os isotope evolution of mantle and crustal reservoirs**

239 The most precise determinations of the long-term ^{187}Re - ^{187}Os evolution of mantle and crustal
240 reservoirs have revealed high $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$ (34.5), radiogenic average upper crust ($^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} =$
241 1.4; [Peucker-Ehrinbrink & Jahn, 2001](#)) and a primitive mantle (analogous to bulk silicate Earth;
242 BSE) composition ($^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.4253$; $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1296 \pm 8$; [Meisel et al., 2001](#)) that is
243 only marginally more radiogenic than ordinary or enstatite chondrite groups (Ordinary
244 chondrites $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.4179$; $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1280 \pm 8$; Enstatite chondrites $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} =$
245 0.4206 ; $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1284 \pm 20$; Carbonaceous chondrites $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.3827$; $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} =$
246 0.1258 ± 16 ; [Day et al., 2016](#)). Correspondingly, the average $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ value of the depleted
247 upper mid-ocean ridge basalt mantle (DMM), based on abyssal peridotites is 0.1247 ± 0.0075
248 ([Lassiter et al., 2014](#); [Day et al., 2017](#)), and is consistent with continental crust extraction to form
249 a rhenium-depleted upper mantle through time.

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251 Due to their typically very low Os contents, it is much harder to directly measure $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$
252 variations at high precision in continental crustal materials. Instead, we infer the gross crustal
253 evolution curve from the difference between the depleted mantle $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ (0.1198356 ± 21)
254 and BSE $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ estimates (0.1198388 ± 29 ; [Day et al., 2017](#)) to calculate the long-term
255 Pt/Os ratio of the bulk crust (**Figure 4**). From these calculations, a $^{190}\text{Pt}/^{186}\text{Os}$ ratio of 0.00568 is
256 obtained, and $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ of 0.119856 averaged over 4.5 Ga. These values are lower than those
257 estimated for the upper continental crust ($^{190}\text{Pt}/^{186}\text{Os} = 0.0176$, $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.119885$), from
258 loess assuming an average crustal age of 2.2 Ga ([Peucker-Ehrinbrink & Jahn, 2001](#)). These
259 differences reflect the average compositional variation between crustal and mantle reservoirs
260 assuming 4.5 Ga of differentiation versus the specific evolution of upper continental crustal
261 reservoirs. In both cases the inference is that continental crustal reservoirs, while poor in Os (31
262 ppt in the upper crust), are radiogenic with respect to $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$, on average by up to 0.4‰ (or
263 400 ppm) for $\delta^{186}\text{Os}$. Chromitites seams from the Rum, Muskox and Stillwater intrusions and
264 Noril'sk (Russia) sulfides all have more radiogenic $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ compositions, on average, than
265 BSE or DMM values, lying between these values and inferred crustal compositions. We explore
266 the reasons for these compositions in *Section 4.4*, but first consider the unusual $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$

267 composition inferred for the Bushveld Igneous Complex (South Africa), which is a clear outlier
268 in **Figure 4**.

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270 **4.3 The Bushveld Igneous Complex**

271 Prior work to examine $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ variations in layered intrusions at high-precision has
272 been restricted to the study of sulfide ores from the ~250 Ma Noril'sk intrusions using negative
273 thermal ionization mass spectrometry (N-TIMS; Walker et al., 1997), and the study of grains of
274 laurite, cooperite, laurite-platarsite, sperrylite and Pt-Fe alloys from the Merensky Reef of the
275 ~2050 Ma Bushveld Igneous Complex using laser ablation multi-collector inductively coupled
276 plasma mass spectrometry (LA-MC-ICP-MS) (Coggan et al., 2011). While the study of Noril'sk
277 ores yielded a relatively radiogenic initial $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ composition and was also used to
278 empirically derive the Pt-decay constant, the Merensky Reef study revealed a composite
279 isochron age of 1995 ± 50 Ma and an unradiogenic initial $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ of 0.119819 ± 6 (Coggan et
280 al., 2011). This initial $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratio for the Merensky Reef lies close to or below (within
281 uncertainty) the Solar System Initial value estimated from chondrite meteorites (0.119823 ± 5 ;
282 Day et al., 2016b) or IIIAB iron meteorites (0.119824 ± 9 ; Cook et al., 2004), and is significantly
283 lower than the primitive mantle or chondritic values for $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ estimated at 2.05 Ga
284 (0.119832 ± 5) (**Figure 4**). For the measurement of Merensky grains, Coggan et al. (2011)
285 directly ablated materials into the carrier gas and Ar plasma, with measurement of potential
286 interferences and offline interference corrections, including correction of a direct interference
287 from ^{186}W using ^{182}W . Any over-correction on ^{186}Os for a potential ^{186}W interference would
288 result in underreporting of the $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratio. Given the very low initial $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ value for
289 the Merensky Reef reported by Coggan et al. (2011), and the clear distinctiveness of Bushveld
290 data compared with the other layered intrusion data, we do not consider the available Bushveld
291 data further in this discussion. High-precision N-TIMS analyses of Bushveld Igneous Complex
292 chromitites and Merensky Reef materials would be valuable for establishing the ^{186}Os - ^{187}Os
293 systematics of the world's largest layered igneous complex.

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295 **4.4 Crustal contamination and radiogenic ^{186}Os**

296 Studies of $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios in layered intrusions have primarily attributed the large isotopic

297 variations to variable contributions from high time-integrated Re/Os crustal contaminants. A
298 compilation of layered intrusion initial $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios reveals significant crustal additions to
299 locations including Sudbury, Duluth, Voisey's Bay and Conowarra (Day et al., 2008). Crustal
300 contamination of lithologies in the Stillwater, Muskox and Rum intrusions have all been
301 demonstrated using Re-Os isotope systematics, typically in the range of 2 to 5 wt.% additions to
302 mantle-derived melts (Marcantonio et al., 1993; Lambert et al., 1994; Horan et al., 2001; Day et
303 al., 2008; O'Driscoll et al., 2009). The chromitite and peridotite samples measured all have
304 $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ consistent with variable crustal contributions. For example, the Unit 8 peridotite and
305 associated Unit 7/8 chromitite are marginally less radiogenic than their Unit 11/12 equivalents in
306 the Rum intrusion, plausibly consistent with increasing crustal contamination between the two
307 units (O'Driscoll et al., 2009). Likewise, the Muskox Intrusion chromitites that we studied have
308 variable $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios, consistent with changing contributions from crustal sources in the
309 same cyclic unit (Day et al., 2008). It is more difficult to see systematic variation in the
310 Stillwater chromitites, but it is well-established that chromitites lower in the ultramafic series of
311 this intrusion show greater ranges in $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ and putatively higher degrees of crustal
312 contamination than in the upper chromitites (Horan et al., 2001). Logic suggests that if variations
313 in $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ originate from crustal contamination, then accompanying $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ variations
314 were similarly generated, in this case by mingling of mantle-derived melts with high time-
315 integrated Pt/Os crust.

316
317 All three of the studied layered intrusions reside wholly or partly within relatively ancient
318 crust. The Stillwater Complex intruded Archean gneisses that yield ages >3.2 Ga (Boudreau,
319 2016). The Muskox intrusion was emplaced at the boundary between ~ 1.66 Ga sandstones of the
320 Hornby Bay Formation and the >1.8 Ga Wopmay paragneiss (Day et al., 2008), and the Rum
321 intrusion was emplaced at the unconformable contact between Archean-to-Paleoproterozoic
322 (Lewisian Complex) quartzofeldspathic gneisses and amphibolites and Neoproterozoic arkosic
323 sedimentary rocks of the (~ 1 Ga) Torridon Supergroup. A few of these rock-types have been
324 directly measured and have Pt/Os between 12 and 70 (Day et al., 2008). The overall evolution of
325 crustal sources would lead to radiogenic $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ based on our calculations (Section 4.3), and
326 high Pt/Os basaltic and granitic crust are evident from the fractionation of compatible Os from
327 less compatible Pt during sulfide-fractionation processes (e.g., Day et al., 2013). The expectation

328 is therefore that crustal rocks have systematically high Pt/Os, and evolved with radiogenic
329 $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$, as also shown by [Peucker-Ehrinbrink & Jahn \(2001\)](#).

330
331 To examine the role of crustal contamination on mantle melt $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios we apply two
332 component R-factor mixing models between (type-1) a primitive mantle-like melt composition
333 ($\gamma^{187}\text{Os} = 0$, $\delta^{186}\text{Os} = 0 \pm 0.05$) and (type-2) a modified melt composition ($\gamma^{187}\text{Os} = 5$, $\delta^{186}\text{Os} = -$
334 0.05) and calculated crustal sources after fractional crystallization and sulfide fractionation
335 (**Figure 5**). The choice of the two compositions reflects the possibility that some layered
336 intrusions were replenished by mantle-derived melts that experienced limited prior crustal
337 contamination, whereas others were fed from staging reservoirs in the deeper crust. The models
338 assume that melts coming into the magma reservoir are either uncontaminated (type-1), or partly
339 contaminated (type-2) and then interact with crustal melts generated by partial fusion with
340 surrounding country rocks. Sulfide melt-silicate melt segregation occurs in these models due to
341 S-saturation, either from fractional crystallization and/or from assimilation of crustal S. The
342 result is a high R-factor, which is consistent with the requirement for high melt-rock ratios to
343 provide the Cr in forming the chromitites. Also shown in **Figure 5** are two-component mixing
344 models between the type-2 melt composition and potential Muskox Intrusion contaminants (i.e.,
345 Hornby Bay sandstone, Wopmay paragneiss).

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347 The models in **Figure 5** reveal that simple two component mixing cannot account for the
348 radiogenic $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ measured in the chromitites and peridotites, but that R-factor models that
349 specifically involve sulfide fractionation can explain the variations with reasonable amounts of
350 crustal assimilation (<1% to 4%). These models are so successful at explaining the variations in
351 coupled ^{186}Os - ^{187}Os for layered intrusion chromitites that alternate explanations, such as core
352 interactions are simply not required in these circumstances. There is strong evidence from
353 $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ data in many layered intrusions that incorporation of a crustal component is an
354 important, possibly ubiquitous, trigger for chromitite petrogenesis (e.g., [Schoenberg et al. 1999](#);
355 [Horan et al. 2001](#); [Marques et al., 2003](#); [Day et al., 2008](#); [O'Driscoll et al. 2009](#)), strongly
356 supporting the R-factor mixing models presented here. Whether the crustal component is
357 introduced by the mixing between crustal and mantle melts (cf. [Irvine, 1977](#)), or by assimilation
358 of footwall feldspathic cumulate ([O'Driscoll et al., 2010](#)), for which prior magma-crust

359 interactions may have been involved (so that crustal isotopic signatures can be 'recycled' in the
360 magma reservoir), does not mitigate against these arguments.

361

362 **4.5 Core-mantle interaction is not required to explain radiogenic ^{186}Os**

363 A critical aspect of the new results for the Stillwater, Muskox and Rum layered intrusions is
364 that significant $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ variations occur within and between units that can only be explained
365 by shallow crustal-level processes. Therefore, while deep mantle plume sources may have been
366 postulated for some of these locations (e.g., [Schaefer et al., 2000](#)), they are not necessary to
367 explain the radiogenic $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ variations. For example, the Paleogene North Atlantic Igneous
368 Province encompasses the Rum Layered Suite, as well as basaltic-picritic lavas occurring on
369 Baffin Island, West Greenland, East Greenland, Ireland and the UK that are ancestral to modern-
370 day Iceland. The new $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratio for the West Greenland Fe-bearing cumulate is consistent
371 with a primitive mantle-like composition, and no evidence for enriched ^{186}Os sources, similar to
372 Icelandic lavas ([Brandon et al., 2007](#)). This is despite extensive interaction between
373 carbonaceous sediment and basalt at the West Greenland locality ([Pernet-Fisher et al., 2017](#)),
374 suggesting that enhanced enrichment of radiogenic ^{186}Os from crustal sources was not
375 accomplished in an R-factor like model as proposed for chromitites. Compared with the Rum
376 intrusion rocks, these results illustrate the importance of crustal contamination to generate ^{186}Os
377 variations, without the need for deep mantle ^{186}Os enrichments. As with the example of Rum, the
378 Muskox and Stillwater chromitite data are consistent with crustal contributions leading to
379 $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios higher than primitive mantle compositions. In turn, these suggest that the
380 Noril'sk $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios can also be explained by crustal contamination processes (**Figure 6**);
381 indeed, extensive crustal contamination has been invoked at Noril'sk in order to explain the large
382 sulfide ore deposits there ([Barnes et al. 2017](#), and references therein).

383

384 To date, the only location where radiogenic $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ has been measured in OIB is Hualalai
385 on Hawaii ([Brandon et al., 1999](#); [Ireland et al., 2007](#)). Radiogenic $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ has also been
386 measured in some (Kostomuska, Weltevreden, Gorgona) but not all (Komati, Abitibi, Belinge)
387 komatiites ([Brandon et al., 2003](#); [Puchtel et al., 2005](#); [2014](#)). Processes of minor continental
388 crustal contamination are possible to envisage in some komatiites (e.g., [Foster et al., 1996](#)), but
389 less so in Hawaiian basalts. For komatiites, high-temperatures of eruption have been shown to

390 lead to effective scavenging of the HSE by S-rich crustal contaminants. For Hawaiian basalts, no
391 such sources are evident, with the underlying Pacific lithosphere considered to be relatively
392 young (<90 Ma). Alternative sources of high Pt/Os are required for this location but might
393 include enrichment from ancient high Pt/Os recycled oceanic crust contained within the
394 peridotite mantle (O'Driscoll et al., 2015).

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396 5. Conclusions

397 We have examined chromitites and peridotites from three mafic-ultramafic layered
398 intrusions, as well as a native-Fe cumulate from West Greenland, and report significant
399 variations in both measured and initial $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios. The lowest $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ (0.119832)
400 occurs in the West Greenland native iron cumulate, which is broadly consistent with data for
401 Icelandic picrites (Brandon et al., 2007). In contrast, the ranges in $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ for the ~2.7 Ga
402 Stillwater (0.119838-0.119850), ~1.27 Ga Muskox (0.119847-0.119924) and ~0.06 Ga Rum
403 (0.119842-0.119856) intrusions are large and track with $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ variations in the same
404 samples. We argue that this can only be explained by shallow-level mixing processes and crustal
405 contamination. The highly siderophile element (HSE: Os, Ir, Ru, Pt, Pd, Re) contents of the
406 chromitites and peridotites can be modelled through high sulfide-melt partitioning (typically
407 >8000) illustrating the role of S-saturation and HSE scavenging. Taking both high sulfide-melt
408 partitioning and high silicate melt-to-sulfide melt ratios (R-factor) into consideration, it is
409 possible to successfully explain the variations in ^{186}Os - ^{187}Os in layered intrusions using
410 calculated Os isotope crustal evolution growth models. These calculations indicate that <4% of
411 ancient high Pt/Os crustal contributions can explain the composition of the chromitites and
412 peridotites that were examined, if effective sulfide scavenging of the HSE occurred. Our
413 observations support models for chromitite genesis that invoke either crustal melt-primitive melt
414 mixing (Irvine, 1977), or cumulate assimilation (O'Driscoll et al., 2010). The new data for
415 layered intrusions also indicate that contamination by ancient high Pt/Os crustal materials can
416 generate significant $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ variations. This may be a possible reason for $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$
417 variations observed in some komatiites. It is more difficult to explain radiogenic $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$
418 measured in Hawaiian lavas by crustal contamination processes. Instead, ancient high Pt/Os
419 ocean crust, shallow mantle sources that contain metasomatic sulfide, or metal-rich large low-
420 shear wave velocity provinces at the core-mantle boundary all remain valid explanations.

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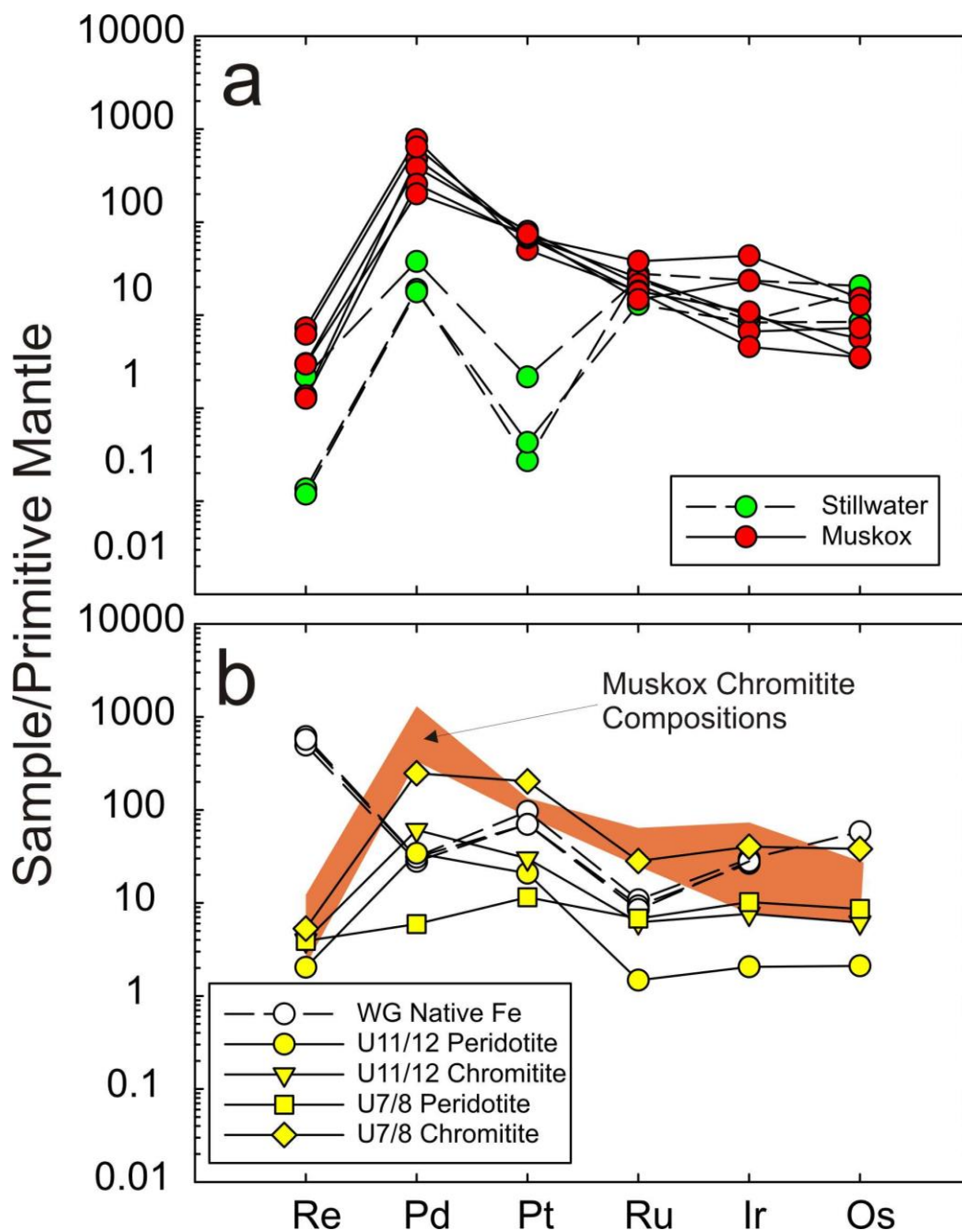
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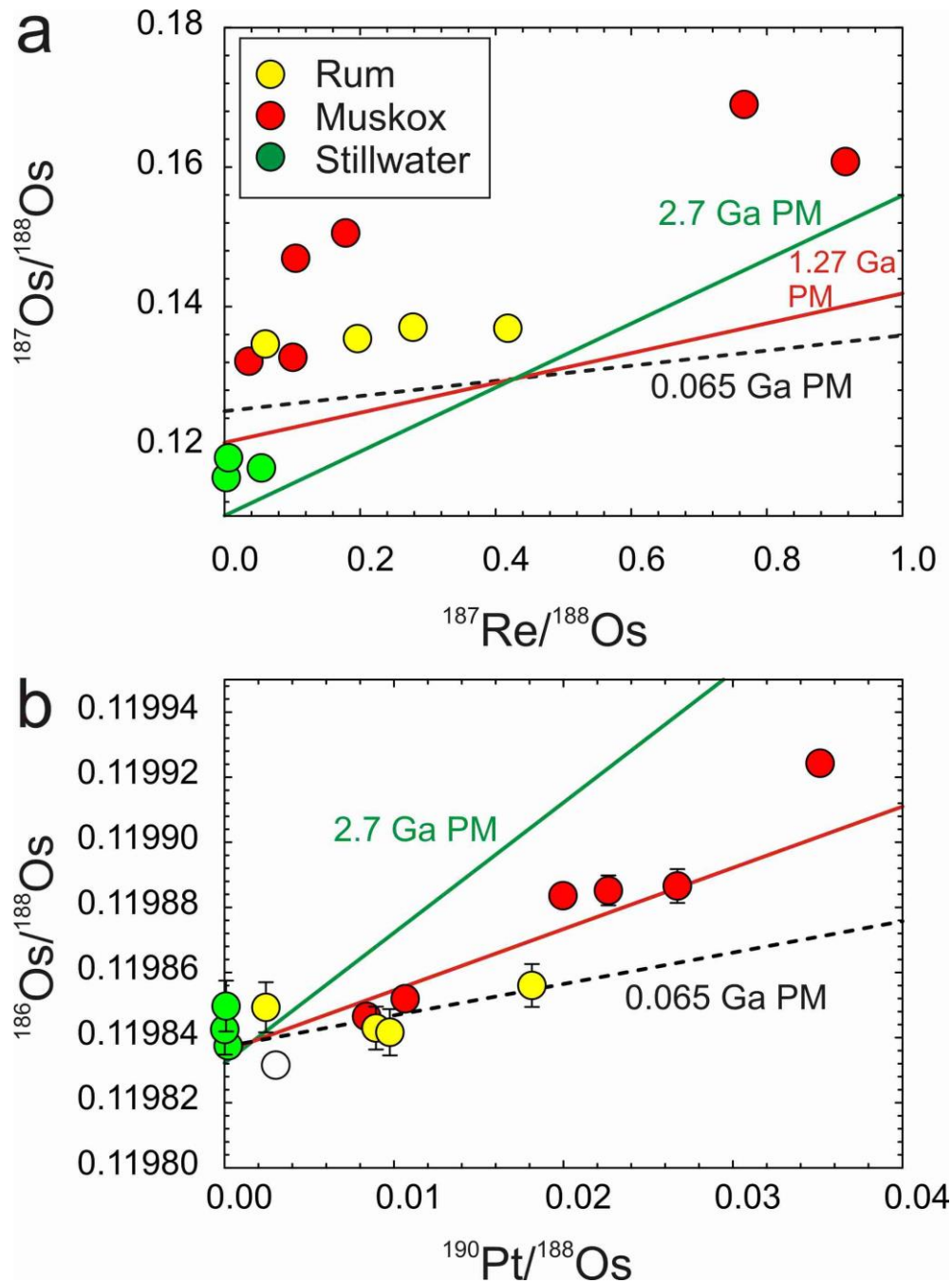
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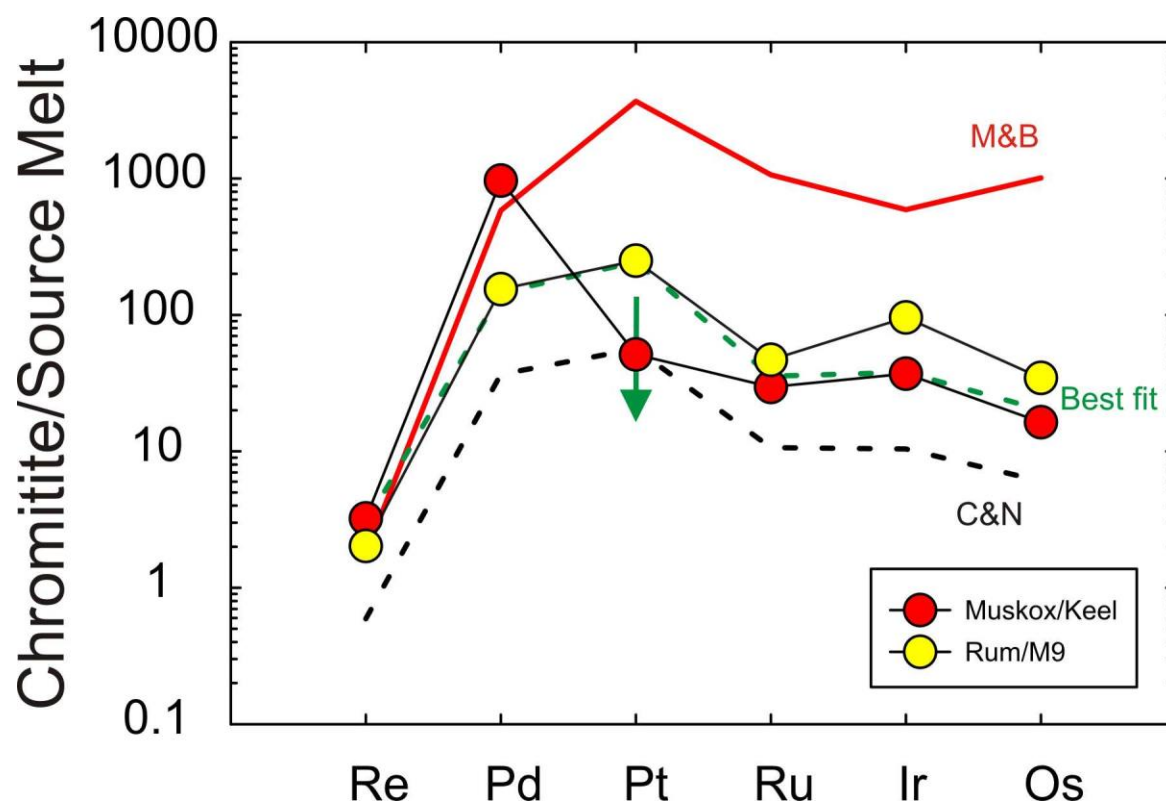
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 569 Igneous Complex and Muskox Intrusion chromitite samples, and (b) Rum Layered Suite
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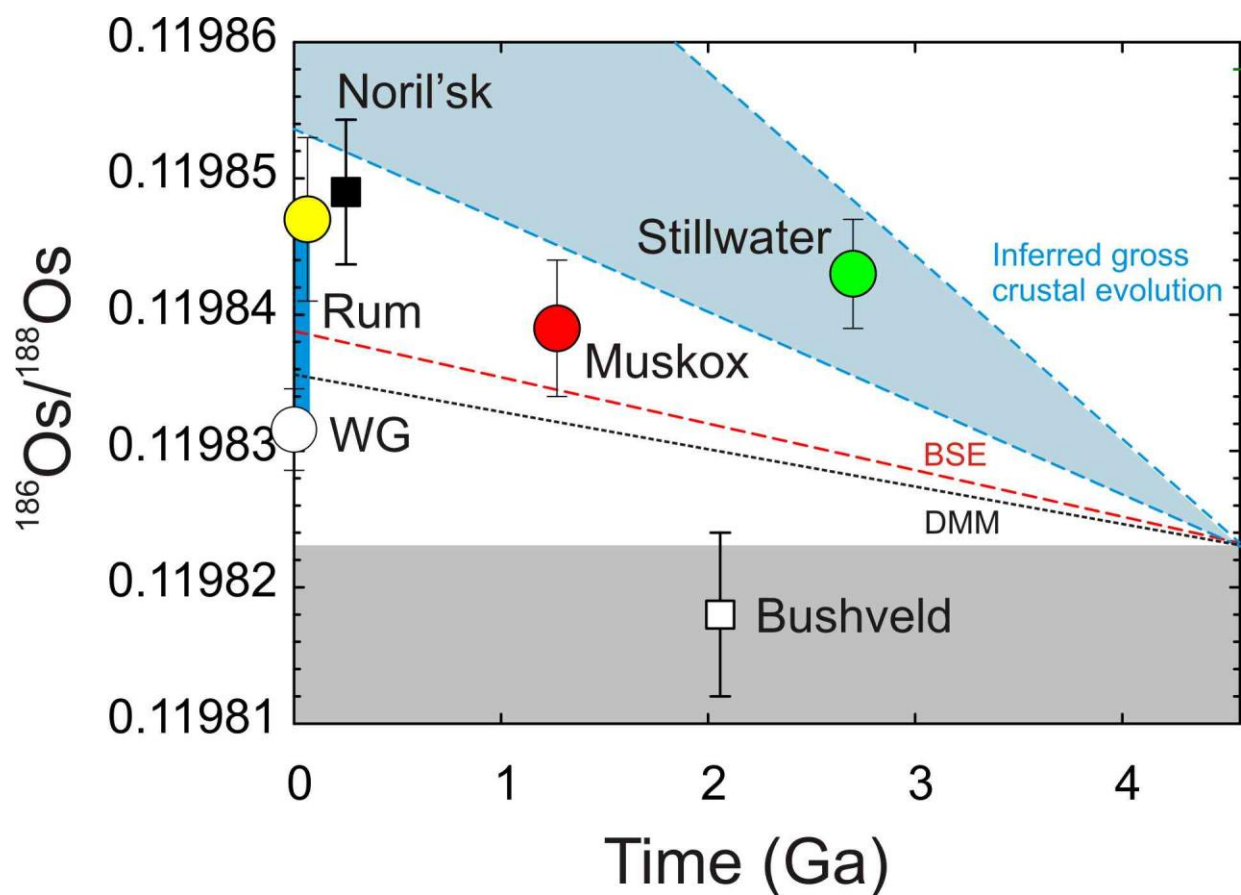
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 576 Stillwater Igneous Complex and Muskox Intrusion chromitite samples and Rum Igneous
 577 Complex peridotite and chromitite samples. Shown are 2.7, 1.27 and 0.065 Ga reference
 578 isochrons for the two isotope systems, anchored to the primitive mantle $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ and
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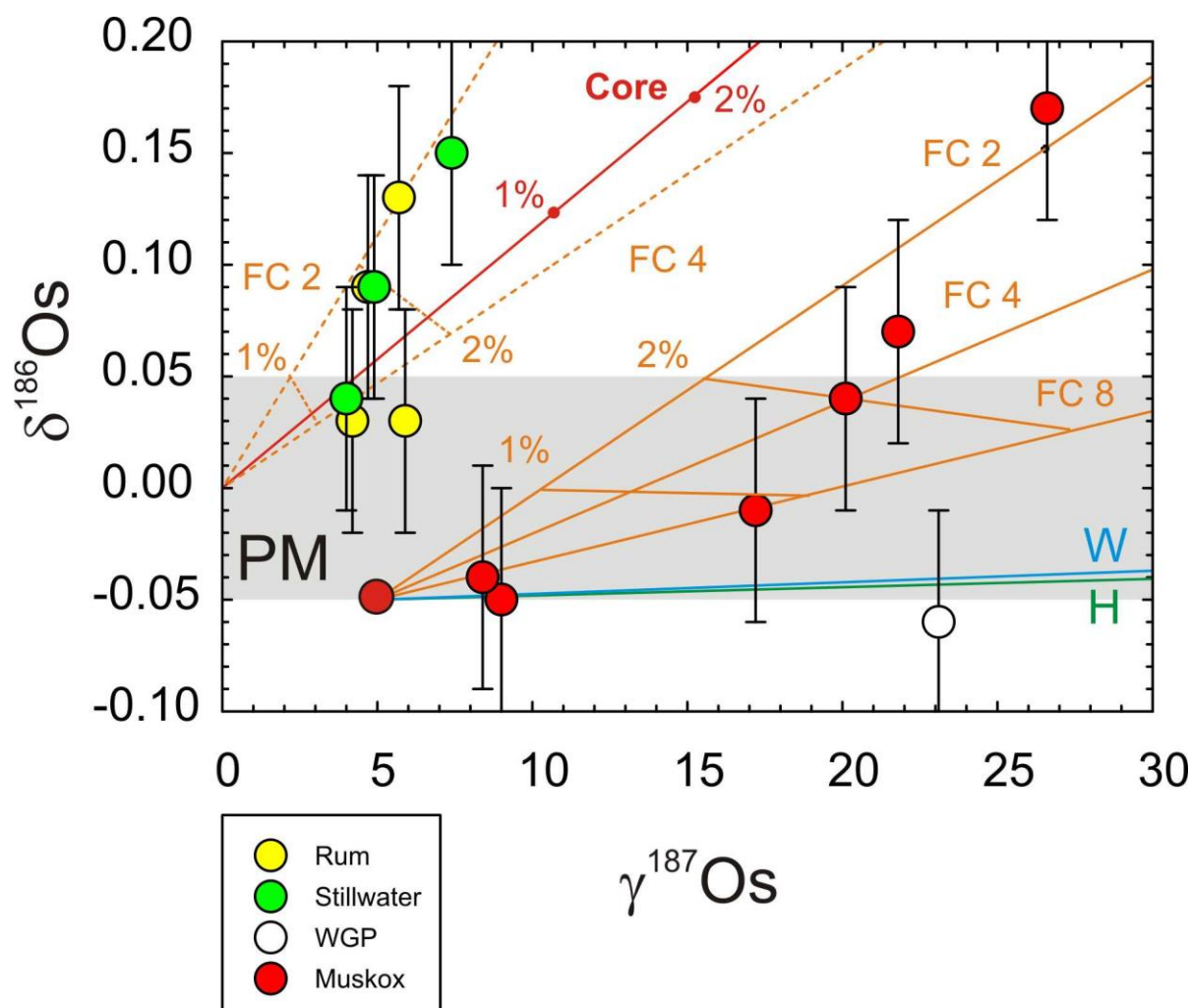
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 584 instant sulfide compositions during melt fractionation using the sulfide-melt partitioning from
 585 [Mungall & Brenan \(2014\)](#) [M&B] anchoring values to Pd sulfide-melt partitioning of 100,000
 586 (Os = 400,000; Ir = 250,000; Ru = 240,000; Pt = 450,000; Re = 300) and the sulfide-melt
 587 partitioning estimated by [Chazey & Neal \(2005\)](#) assuming identical partition coefficients for Ru
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 589 dashed line) to achieve the enrichments has sulfide-melt partitioning for Re of ~500, Os and Ru
 590 of ~8000, ~16,000 for Ir, ~25,000 for Pd and ~30,000 for Pt. The green arrow shows the effect of
 591 lower sulfide-melt partitioning to achieve the low Pt Stillwater chromitite compositions (~2000).
 592 The Muskox Keel dike and Rum M9 picrite dike compositions are from [Day et al. \(2008\)](#) and
 593 [O'Driscoll et al. \(2009\)](#), respectively.



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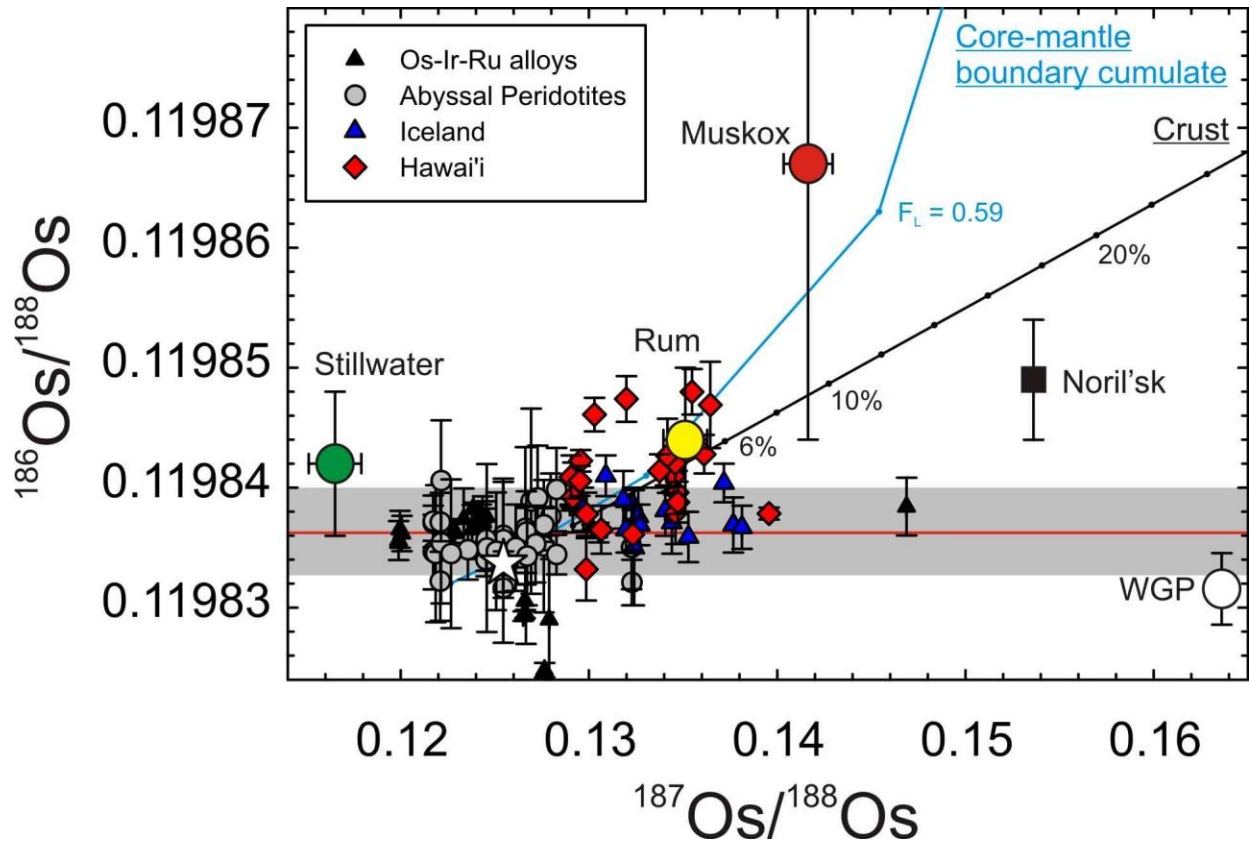
596 **Figure 4:** Platinum-osmium isotope evolution diagram for chromitite seam average compositions
 597 from the Stillwater Igneous Complex, Muskox Intrusion, Rum Layered Suite, a native Fe-
 598 bearing West Greenland sample, the Bushveld Igneous Complex (attained by LA-MC-ICP-MS;
 599 [Coggan et al., 2011](#)) and the Noril'sk Complex ([Walker et al., 1997](#)) with Pt/Os evolution curves
 600 for the DMM and BSE, as well as inferred gross crust and upper crust composition (this study
 601 and [Peucker-Enrinkbrink & Jahn, 2001](#)). Blue bar shows the range in $^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ measured for
 602 modern terrestrial basalts ([Brandon et al., 2007](#); [Ireland et al., 2011](#)). Grey shaded region denotes
 603 area below the Solar System Initial value (see [Day et al., 2016b](#)). Evolution curves for DMM and
 604 BSE are from [Day et al. \(2017\)](#).



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607 **Figure 5:** Models of osmium isotopic compositions resulting from core additions and crustal
 608 contributions to primitive mantle melts (Gray field of error for PM composition). Shown is a
 609 core addition model using values from [Brandon et al. \(2003\)](#) (Red line) and models for >1.8 Ga
 610 Wopmay Paragneiss (W) and 1.66 Ga Hornby Bay Sandstone (H) contamination in a Muskox
 611 Keel dike composition from [Day et al. \(2008\)](#). Orange dashed lines show models of mixing
 612 between PM and calculated crustal sources involving an R-factor model (1000:1) after fractional
 613 crystallization and sulfide fractionation (see text for details). Orange solid lines denote the
 614 mixing models, but with a source composition with low $\delta^{186}\text{Os}$ (-0.05) and higher $\gamma^{187}\text{Os}$ (+5), as
 615 inferred for the Muskox Intrusion. Model curves shown with percentage increments.



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618 **Figure 6:** Osmium isotope systematics of layered intrusions average compositions versus abyssal
 619 peridotite compositions, Os-rich alloys, and lavas from Iceland and Hawai'i with the
 620 composition of the carbonaceous chondrite Allende provided for comparison (star). Shown are a
 621 core-mantle boundary cumulate model from Humayun (2011) and a crustal contamination model
 622 (FC4) from Figure 5. Data for abyssal peridotites, Os-rich alloys and Allende are from Brandon
 623 et al. (2000), Chatterjee & Lassiter (2016) and Day et al. (2017b), respectively. Data for Hawaiian
 624 lavas are from Ireland et al. (2011) and for Icelandic lavas are from Brandon et al. (2007).

Table 1: Highly siderophile element abundances and ^{187}Os - ^{186}Os systematics for layered intrusions

Sample	Horizon	Re	Pd	Pt	Ru	Ir	Os	$^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$	2SE	$^{190}\text{Pt}/^{188}\text{Os}$	2SE	$^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$	2SE	$^{186}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$	2SE	$\gamma_{\text{Os}}(\text{‰})$	$\delta\text{Os}(\text{‰})$	
2.7 Ga Stillwater Intrusion, USA																		
ST1203	G	0.77	199.56	16.23	192.52	31.40	67.78	0.05460	0.00082	0.000227	0.000003	0.116859	0.000003	0.1198375	0.0000033	4.0	0.04	
ST1204	G	0.05	99.89	2.04	220.48	84.78	80.35	0.002381	0.000043	0.000024	0.000000	0.115473	0.000008	0.1198425	0.0000077	4.9	0.09	
ST1217A	H	0.04	94.00	3.21	102.73	30.00	33.03	0.006062	0.000091	0.000092	0.000001	0.118337	0.000007	0.1198497	0.0000078	7.4	0.15	
1.27 Ga Muskox Intrusion, Canada																		
HDB-2000-MX4a	Unit 22	0.475	2524.9	520.18	199.82	35.449	21.86	0.1050	0.0016	0.022650	0.000340	0.146942	0.000005	0.1198852	0.0000046	20.1	0.04	
		1.053	2054.5	597.56	168.77	24.038	28.48	0.1787	0.0027	0.019978	0.000300	0.150555	0.000003	0.1198836	0.0000024	21.8	0.07	
HDB-2000-MX26a	Unit 22	2.550	4096.5	377.65	143.40	38.920	13.48	0.916	0.014	0.026719	0.000401	0.160788	0.000005	0.1198866	0.0000052	17.2	-0.01	
		2.174	3379.7	506.03	139.59	16.430	13.74	0.766	0.011	0.035147	0.000527	0.168992	0.000003	0.1199243	0.0000027	26.6	0.17	
HDB-2000-MX40a	Unit 22	0.444	1354.9	524.39	299.66	156.52	59.34	0.0361	0.0005	0.008395	0.000126	0.132171	0.000002	0.1198465	0.0000014	9.0	-0.05	
		1.038	1065.0	557.28	116.10	84.345	49.65	0.1008	0.0015	0.010664	0.000160	0.132730	0.000001	0.1198519	0.0000009	8.4	-0.04	
0.060 Ga Rum Intrusion, UK																		
Unit 12 Peridotite	Unit 11/12	0.710	180.90	156.40	11.64	7.41	8.20	0.4180	0.0063	0.018137	0.000272	0.136896	0.000006	0.1198560	0.0000066	5.7	0.13	
Unit 11/12 Chromitite	Unit 11/12	1.383	322.84	225.60	48.81	27.48	24.00	0.2781	0.0042	0.008934	0.000134	0.137031	0.000006	0.1198429	0.0000066	5.9	0.03	
Unit 8 Peridotite	Unit 7/8	1.366	31.45	86.28	53.62	36.74	33.60	0.1961	0.0029	0.002440	0.000037	0.135412	0.000009	0.1198493	0.0000077	4.7	0.09	
Unit 7/8 Chromitite	Unit 7/8	1.852	1311.86	1524.69	222.86	144.87	148.42	0.0602	0.0009	0.009762	0.000146	0.134641	0.000008	0.1198416	0.0000071	4.2	0.02	
0.06 Ga West Greenland Native Iron Cumulate																		
WGLB	Disko Island	214.7	166.1	719.8	85.4	106.6	226.7	4.59	0.07	0.003028	0.000045	0.1636055	0.000029	0.1198316	0.0000030	23.1	-0.06	
		173.5	147.7	524.0	73.2	95.3												
		199.9	163.4	522.8	66.9	100.9												