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## **Halogen cycling and precious metal enrichment in sub-volcanic magmatic systems: insights from the Rum layered intrusion, Scotland**

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### **Highlights:**

- NI-NGMS is a sensitive method for tracing halogen provenance and evolution in magmatic systems
- Rum halogens exhibit a broad scatter between mantle- and sedimentary-like halogens
- PGE-rich chromitites preserve evidence of a high-I (sedimentary) component

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20 **Abstract**

21 The cycling of the halogens in sub-volcanic systems may play an important role in magmatic  
22 ore deposit formation and the emission of climate-altering gases via volcanic outgassing.

23 However, the mobile and reactive nature of the halogens, as well as their typically low

24 abundances in most intrusive igneous rocks, means that their behaviour in shallow crustal

25 level magmatic systems is difficult to constrain. We present data from the ~60 Ma Rum

26 Layered Suite, NW Scotland, utilising the neutron irradiation-noble gas mass spectrometry

27 (NI-NGMS) technique, to provide insight into the provenance and behaviour of Cl, Br and I in

28 magma chamber processes and precious metal enrichment. As a well-characterised and

29 superbly exposed example of an open system sub-volcanic magmatic body, the Rum

30 intrusion is an ideal locality to investigate halogen behaviour in this context. Our data reveal

31 concentrations of <1 ppm to 124 ppm for Cl, <7 ppb to 484 ppb for Br and ~1 ppb to 363 ppb

32 for I in the Rum rocks. Halogen ratios span a range of  $2.3 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $1.5 \times 10^{-2}$  for Br/Cl and  
33  $4.0 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $7.4 \times 10^{-2}$  for I/Cl, defining an array from MORB-like to sedimentary-like halogen  
34 ratios. Chlorine and Br behave sympathetically in all lithologies, and in the rocks considered  
35 to be primary magmatic differentiates (i.e., peridotites, troctolites and gabbros), the variation  
36 in abundances is likely controlled by accessory quantities of primary hydrous magmatic  
37 phases crystallising from the mush interstitial liquid. Iodine behaviour is decoupled from that  
38 of Br and Cl, and combined with noble gas isotope data, suggests variable but pervasive  
39 contamination by a sedimentary source or sources during crystallisation of the Rum  
40 intrusion. In PGE-rich chromitites, high I/Cl ratios relative to their putative picritic parental  
41 melts point to the involvement of a crustal I source and hydrous fluids during chromitite  
42 formation. Our combined halogen and noble gas isotope datasets therefore reveal a record  
43 of high temperature processes associated with magmatic-crustal interactions and precious  
44 metal mineralisation, and provide new insights into volatile evolution during solidification of  
45 the Rum intrusion. A key implication of this work is that magma-crust interactions in mafic  
46 magmatic systems may lead to I concentration (i.e., from 12% to up to two orders of  
47 magnitude greater than MORB, in the Rum intrusion), before potential outgassing to the  
48 atmosphere.

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## 50 **1. Introduction**

51 The heavy halogen group elements, chlorine, bromine, and iodine, are a suite of highly  
52 incompatible, reactive, and fluid mobile elements that are common constituents of high-  
53 temperature volcanic emissions (e.g., Aiuppa *et al.* 2009; Allard *et al.* 2016). Despite their  
54 relatively low abundances, halogen concentrations in silicate magmas have great  
55 significance in terms of releasing harmful and climate-altering volcanic gases to the  
56 atmosphere (von Glasow *et al.* 2009), as well as affecting magma viscosity and explosivity  
57 during volcanic eruptions (e.g., Pyle and Mather, 2009) and playing a role in rock alteration  
58 by hydrothermal fluids (Reed 1997). The halogens, especially Cl, also play an influential role  
59 in the transportation and redistribution of metals during the formation of magmatic ore

60 deposits (Halter and Webster 2004; Aiuppa *et al.* 2009). For example, the addition of  
61 chloride salts to aqueous fluids produces negatively-charged ligands that complex with  
62 positive metal ions, effectively increasing metal solubilities (cf. Lecumberri-Sanchez and  
63 Bodnar 2018).

64 Layered mafic-ultramafic intrusions are considered to represent the solidified  
65 remnants of basaltic magma chambers (O'Driscoll and VanTongeren 2017), and host the  
66 majority of the world's exploited platinum-group element (PGE) deposits (Mungall and  
67 Naldrett 2008). The crystallisation of layered intrusions is the result of chemical and physical  
68 processes including magmatic differentiation and magma-crust interaction. These systems  
69 therefore represent ideal natural laboratories for evaluating the geochemical evolution of  
70 magma in sub-volcanic reservoirs. Layered intrusion-hosted PGE are principally associated  
71 with base-metal sulfides that concentrate in stratiform 'reefs'; however, there is continued  
72 debate over the mechanisms by which the PGE-enrichment occurs. Orthomagmatic models  
73 focus on immiscible sulfide liquid as a scavenging agent for the PGE. Here, the driver for  
74 sulfide liquid segregation is magma mixing or assimilation of crustal materials or the magma  
75 chamber walls/floor-rock (Mungall and Naldrett 2008). Alternatively, metasomatic processes  
76 involving the percolation of halogen-rich fluid through the footwall have been invoked (e.g.,  
77 for the J-M Reef of the Stillwater Complex, USA; Boudreau *et al.* 1986; Hanley *et al.* 2008).  
78 However, the behaviour of Cl and especially Br and I during the formation of PGE-deposits  
79 in layered intrusions remains poorly constrained. This is due in part to the highly mobile and  
80 reactive nature of the halogens, as well as their low abundance in typical layered intrusion  
81 lithologies, meaning that direct evidence of volatile activity is difficult to detect.

82 In order to elucidate the role of the halogens in PGE-reef formation, as well as  
83 evaluate the processing of the halogens in sub-volcanic basaltic magmatic systems more  
84 generally, we have carried out a detailed study of halogen abundances in the Rum Layered  
85 Suite (RLS), NW Scotland. The heavy halogens range from moderately to highly  
86 incompatible and therefore their distribution should be influenced by first order magmatic  
87 processes, such as partial melting, fractional crystallisation and degassing (Aiuppa *et al.*

88 2009). As fluid mobile elements, they should also be strongly affected by the presence of  
89 aqueous fluids. The Rum intrusion is an ideal locality to carry out this work as it has  
90 undergone relatively little post-emplacement alteration and is otherwise well-characterised in  
91 terms of its petrology and geochemistry (e.g., Brown 1956; Bédard *et al.* 1988; Greenwood  
92 *et al.* 1992; Emeleus *et al.*, 1996; O'Driscoll *et al.* 2009; 2010). We employ the neutron-  
93 irradiation noble gas mass spectrometry (NI-NGMS) technique to measure the heavy  
94 halogen (Cl, Br and I) abundances of PGE-enriched chromitite seams, picrite dykes  
95 (representative of the Rum parental melts), various magmatic differentiates (i.e., cumulates  
96 such as peridotites, gabbros), pegmatoids (representing late-stage volatile-rich magmas)  
97 and their mineral separates (e.g., olivine, amphibole, sulfides). The Rum intrusion was  
98 emplaced into metamorphic and sedimentary rocks of variable age and composition, and an  
99 ancillary aim of this study is to examine whether or not the halogens and noble gas isotope  
100 ratios can be used to trace magma-crust interactions.

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## 102 **2. Geological setting and sample details**

103 The Rum Layered Suite (RLS; Fig. S1) formed at  $60.53 \pm 0.08$  Myr (Hamilton *et al.* 1998)  
104 during opening of the North Atlantic and magmatism associated with the present-day Iceland  
105 mantle anomaly, as part of the British Palaeogene Igneous Province (BPIP). The RLS  
106 intruded into a suite of rocks comprising Archean basement (Lewisian Complex) gneisses  
107 and Neoproterozoic (Torridonian Supergroup) sandstones, as well as a succession of  
108 Mesozoic sediments (Emeleus *et al.* 1996). The Torridonian rocks are largely  
109 unmetamorphosed and comprise arkosic sandstones and shales. The Mesozoic  
110 sedimentary rocks include a condensed sequence of Triassic breccias and sandstones (~80  
111 m thick; Emeleus *et al.* 1996), and fault-bound slivers of Lower Jurassic limestone,  
112 sandstone and mudstone which are thermally metamorphosed by the RLS (Fig. S1c).

113 The RLS exhibits evidence for open system magma chamber behaviour and is sub-  
114 divided into three portions; the Eastern, Western and Central Layered Intrusions (Fig. S1b).  
115 The Eastern Layered Intrusion (ELI; Fig. S1d) comprises 16 individual cyclic units, each

116 thought to represent a new influx of basaltic and/or picritic composition magma, with a  
117 peridotite base and troctolite ( $\pm$ olivine gabbro and anorthosite) top (Brown 1956; Emeleus *et*  
118 *al.* 1996). Platinum-group element-enriched Cr-spinel seams (chromitite), typically 2-4 mm  
119 thick, occur at the boundaries between some units (e.g. 7-8 and 11-12; e.g. O'Driscoll *et al.*  
120 2009). Anhedral accessory base-metal sulfide grains ( $<0.1$  mm) occur within these  
121 chromitite seams, and are the primary hosts for the PGE mineralisation (O'Driscoll *et al.*  
122 2009). The chromitite seams were originally interpreted as the product of crystal settling onto  
123 the plagioclase-rich magma chamber floor (e.g., Brown 1956); however, recent  
124 investigations have advocated an *in situ* crystallisation model for the chromitites (O'Driscoll  
125 *et al.* 2010).

126         Thirty samples were selected for halogen abundance measurements, including bulk  
127 rock and mineral separates, from various lithologies throughout the intrusion (see Table S1  
128 for further details). An important goal of this study is to investigate the halogen geochemistry  
129 of the PGE-reefs, so detailed transects across the Unit 7-8 and 11-12 chromitite seams were  
130 carried out including footwall and hanging wall lithologies. The mineralogy and field  
131 relationships of these rocks have been previously described (e.g., O'Driscoll *et al.* 2009,  
132 2010). Magmatic differentiates from parts of the Rum intrusion devoid of chromitite seams  
133 were also sampled (e.g., Unit 9). A selection of picrite dykes, considered proxies for the  
134 parental magmas that formed the Rum magma chamber, was included. Olivine separates  
135 were analysed from two picrite samples (RM\_16\_010 and RM\_16\_012). Sulfide-bearing  
136 troctolites (RM17) of the contact zone formed due to contamination of magma by S-bearing  
137 sedimentary rocks (Hulbert *et al.* 1992), so were analysed to investigate a potential country  
138 rock halogen signature. Similarly, samples from sulfide-bearing peridotite in a satellite plug  
139 (outside the RLS; RM\_16\_017; Fig. S1) were analysed. Finally, a suite of late-stage  
140 pegmatoids were analysed. Some of the pegmatoids occur at the tops of the macro-rhythmic  
141 units (Units 10, 11) and are considered to represent compaction-driven expulsion of  
142 interstitial melt from the underlying crystal mush (Emeleus *et al.* 1996). Another pegmatoid  
143 (RM\_16\_021) comes from the Central Intrusion, part of a suite that was dated by Hamilton *et*

144 *al.* (1998) as the youngest magmatism associated with the RLS. A variety of country rocks,  
145 including Jurassic mudrocks, Triassic sediments and Torridonian Supergroup sandstones,  
146 were also analysed.

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### 148 **3. Analytical techniques**

#### 149 *3.1 Electron microscopy*

150 In order to gain a qualitative overview of halogen distribution in key samples (e.g., the PGE-  
151 rich chromitite seams), X-ray mapping was carried out using the Cameca SX-100 electron  
152 microprobe in Manchester. Chlorine maps were conducted at an acceleration voltage of 15  
153 kV and 200 nA beam current.

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#### 155 *3.2 Halogen abundances and noble gas isotopes by neutron irradiation*

156 A detailed description of the NI-NGMS technique and our sample preparation methodology  
157 is provided in the supplement (S1.1) and in Ruzié-Hamilton *et al.* (2016). NI-NGMS utilises  
158 the neutron conversion of Cl, Br and I into their respective noble gas proxy isotopes [(n,  $\gamma$ ,  $\beta$ )  
159 reaction; producing  $^{38}\text{Ar}$  from Cl,  $^{80,82}\text{Kr}$  from Br, and  $^{128}\text{Xe}$  from I]. The method enables  
160 measurement of the heavy halogens and the natural noble gases simultaneously.  
161 Measurements of the halogens were conducted on the Thermo Scientific Argus VI™ noble  
162 gas mass spectrometer at the University of Manchester. Data were corrected for blanks  
163 (conducted after every 3-4 measurements) and mass discrimination (monitored daily using  
164 air calibrations). Blank contributions were typically  $\ll 1$  % (but up to 3%) for  $^{38}\text{Ar}$ , and  $\ll 0.1$   
165 % for  $^{80,82}\text{Kr}$  and  $^{128}\text{Xe}$ . Data were also corrected for decay of  $^{37}\text{Ar}$  and  $^{39}\text{Ar}$ , air contributions,  
166 and neutron-induced reactions producing  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{39}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{38}\text{Ar}$  and  $^{36}\text{Ar}$ , monitored by the K and  
167 Ca salts placed in the irradiation (Table S2). Individual replicate data is provided together  
168 with specific sample details in Table S2 of the supplement. Between two and five replicate  
169 analyses have been averaged for each sample. Halogen elemental ratios are reported as  
170 weight ratios and uncertainties quoted to 1 standard error of the mean of the replicate  
171 averages provide a measure of sample heterogeneity.



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### 173 3.3 Halogen abundances after pyrohydrolysis extraction

174 The halogen abundances of a selection of Rum sedimentary rocks were measured using the  
175 pyrohydrolysis technique, a detailed description of which is given in the supplement (S1.2)  
176 and in Balcone-Boissard *et al.* (2009) and Schnetger and Muramatsu (1996). Hydrolysis  
177 solutions were analysed by ion chromatography for F and Cl and inductively coupled  
178 plasma-mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) for Br and I. This method was employed for the  
179 sedimentary samples rather than NI-NGMS due to the technical difficulties of producing  
180 high-precision measurements in materials containing abundant organic materials and  
181 carbonates (e.g., Mesozoic mudstones).

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## 183 4. Results

### 184 4.1 Mineral-scale observations

185 The volume proportion of interstitial minerals (representing crystallised interstitial melt) is  
186 variable for the peridotites, troctolites and gabbros. However, hydrous minerals (e.g., biotite,  
187 serpentine and amphibole) are a ubiquitous accessory phase in all of these rocks, occurring  
188 at the boundaries or triple grain junctions between primocrysts and interstitial phases (Fig.  
189 S2a). No apatite is observed. No textural evidence for degassing or fluid escape is observed  
190 in any of these rocks. The picrite dykes are mainly olivine-phyric, with a fine-grained  
191 groundmass comprising intergrown plagioclase and clinopyroxene, but one sample  
192 (RM\_16\_011) is aphyric and exhibits a spinifex-type 'quench' texture suggesting rapid  
193 solidification (Fig. 1a). The pegmatoids contain minor amounts of hydrous phases (biotite  
194 and amphibole) and apatite, except for pegmatoid (RM\_16\_021), which has abundant  
195 amphibole and biotite, as well as apatite and zircon (Fig. 1b).

196 Chromitite seams are always associated with a greater proportion (1-2 vol.%) of  
197 hydrous minerals than their host rocks. Biotite and amphibole occur as anhedral crystals in  
198 interstitial areas to Cr-spinel crystals, as spherical inclusions in Cr-spinel and adjacent  
199 olivine crystals (Fig. S2b,c), and in thin (<1 mm) veins that cross-cut the primary minerals

200 (Fig. S2d). The Cl X-ray maps of the Unit 7-8 boundary chromitite also reveal the presence  
201 of rare apatite grains (<50  $\mu\text{m}$  in size), commonly associated with biotite (Fig. 1c,d). The  
202 apatite has moderate to low Cl contents of <0.4 wt.%. Biotite grains (<1 mm) also appear to  
203 have relatively low Cl contents (<0.1 wt.%). Element mapping of Cl highlights extensive and  
204 pervasive alteration veining along olivine grain boundaries and intra-crystal fractures.

205

#### 206 *4.2 Heavy halogen abundances and ratios for the Rum intrusion and country rocks*

207 The halogen abundance and noble gas isotope data for the Rum samples are presented in  
208 Table 1 and in Figures 2-4. Chlorine, Br and I concentrations range from 1 ppm to 124 ppm,  
209 7 to 484 ppb and <1 to 363 ppb, respectively, in bulk samples and mineral separates. In  
210 general, Br and Cl abundances are positively correlated (Fig. 2a); however, I and Cl are not  
211 correlated (Fig. 2b). Intra-sample variation was not significant in most cases (e.g., within ~  
212 15%) and likely reflects natural sample variability. This is particularly true for some bulk  
213 samples, for instance the B2 Peridotite, where concentrations are low (i.e., <10 ppm Cl) and  
214 therefore the variation over repeat analyses (2-10 ppm Cl over 5 analyses ~62% variation) is  
215 higher.

216 *Picrites.* Picrite samples (n=3) have Cl concentrations of 23-75 ppm, 89-229 ppb Br  
217 and 4-19 ppb I. Picrite olivine separates (n=2) display systematically lower halogen contents  
218 (Cl = 6-13 ppm; Br = 43-48 ppb; I = 0.5-2 ppb). The picrites define a trend to high Cl and low  
219  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  (Fig. 3a), distinct from most other RLS rocks.

220 *Rum intrusion magmatic differentiates.* Peridotites (n=3) overlying the chromitite  
221 seams have halogen contents of 3-16 ppm Cl, 2-78 ppb Br and 1-4 ppb I. Troctolites and  
222 olivine gabbros (n=3) range from ~1-83 ppm Cl, 14-84 ppb Br and 3-60 ppb I. In the Unit 1  
223 troctolite (RM17), for which a sulfide separate and bulk rock were analysed, the sulfide  
224 shows higher I concentrations compared to bulk rock (24 ppb to 6 ppb, respectively) whilst  
225 Cl is similar (~4 ppm). Chromitites (n=4) have halogen contents of 2-3 ppm Cl, 9-35 ppb Br  
226 and 10-102 ppb I. The Unit 7-8 chromitite has high I (75 ppb) compared to Br (29 ppb) and  
227 Cl (2 ppm; Fig. 2a,b). In contrast, the Unit 11-12 chromitite seam has lower Br (10 ppb) and I

228 (17 ppb). Chromitites have low Cl/<sup>36</sup>Ar ratios and define a trend towards high <sup>40</sup>Ar and low Cl  
229 (Fig. 3a, b). The anorthosites (n=3), some of which are closely associated with the chromitite  
230 seams (n = 4), display higher concentrations of Cl (e.g., 11 ppm in the Unit 7 anorthosite)  
231 compared to the chromitite seams, but variable I (29 ppb Unit 7 anorthosite, 50 ppb Unit 11  
232 anorthosite).

233 *Satellite intrusion rocks.* Peridotite plugs (n=2) have halogen abundances of 16 and  
234 99 ppm Cl, 67 and 394 ppb Br and 21 and 50 ppb I.

235 *Pegmatoids.* Pegmatoids (n=4) yield highly variable halogen abundances. Chlorine  
236 contents range from 2-53 ppm, Br ranges from 7-144 ppb and I from 2-363 ppb. Associated  
237 mineral separates, including biotite (n=1) and amphibole (n=3) also show variation.  
238 Amphiboles have halogen contents of 1-39 ppm Cl, 7-20 ppb Br and 2-104 ppb I. Biotite (124  
239 ppm Cl, 29 ppb Br and 200 ppb I) is also Cl- and I-rich.

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#### 241 4.3 Halogens in the Rum intrusion country rocks

242 Halogens, including F, were analysed for a selection (n=7) of RLS country rocks including  
243 Mesozoic sandstones and limestones, as well as Torridonian sandstones (Table S3). The  
244 sedimentary rocks all exhibit concentrations of the heavy halogens that are at the upper end  
245 of the array defined by the RLS rocks (Fig. 2). One calcareous sandstone of Mesozoic  
246 (Triassic) age has a high I/Cl ratio of 0.51 resulting from an I concentration of 3227 ppb and  
247 a relatively low Cl concentration (6 ppm).

#### 248 4.4 Noble gas isotope systematics

249 Noble gas ratios, such as <sup>130</sup>Xe/<sup>36</sup>Ar and <sup>84</sup>Kr/<sup>36</sup>Ar, have well-defined compositions for air,  
250 MORB, seawater and sedimentary rocks (Fig. 4). The RLS data exhibit a degree of scatter,  
251 with no consistent variation, and the sample set overall yields ranges between ~ 17-125 x  
252 10<sup>-3</sup> for <sup>84</sup>Kr/<sup>36</sup>Ar and 0.2-4.8 x 10<sup>-3</sup> for <sup>130</sup>Xe/<sup>36</sup>Ar. Hence, the data range from MORB-like  
253 (<sup>84</sup>Kr/<sup>36</sup>Ar = 0.05, <sup>130</sup>Xe/<sup>36</sup>Ar ~1 x 10<sup>-3</sup>, Moreira *et al.*, 1998; Holland and Ballentine, 2006) to  
254 the field for submarine sediments (<sup>84</sup>Kr/<sup>36</sup>Ar = 0.1 - 0.2 and <sup>130</sup>Xe/<sup>36</sup>Ar = 2-3 x 10<sup>-3</sup>; Matsuda

255 and Nagano, 1986; Staudacher and Allègre, 1988), with some clustering of the data close to  
256 the seawater value  $^{84}\text{Kr}/^{36}\text{Ar} = 0.04$ ,  $^{130}\text{Xe}/^{36}\text{Ar} = 5 \times 10^{-4}$  (Holland and Ballentine, 2006;  
257 Kendrick *et al.*, 2013).

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## 259 **5. Discussion**

260 Halogen ratios (Br/Cl and I/Cl) are useful for discriminating between specific reservoirs (e.g.,  
261 MORB, sediments, etc.; Tables 1, S2; Fig. 2c). The RLS displays significant variations in  
262 halogen concentrations and ratios throughout the intrusion, with a broad general trend from  
263 mantle-like values ( $2.86 \pm 0.6$  and  $60 \pm 30 \times 10^{-6}$  wt. Br/Cl and I/Cl; Kendrick *et al.* 2012; 2013;  
264 2014) in the picrites towards fields for sedimentary rock compositions (Fig. 2c). The ELI  
265 exhibits elevated I/Cl compared to the picrite samples and MORB and OIB values in general.  
266 This is especially true of certain pegmatoids and chromitite horizons, where I concentrations  
267 are significantly higher and decoupled from Cl and Br (Fig. 2b). In the following sections, we  
268 discuss these trends in the context of primary magmatic (i.e., magma differentiation-related)  
269 processes, mineralogical controls on the halogens and secondary processes (including  
270 crustal contamination and late-stage alteration).

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### 272 *5.1 The Rum parental magmas and primary magmatic processes*

273 *Parental melt characteristics.* The RLS and associated intrusions, including the picrite dykes  
274 and satellite plugs (Emeleus *et al.* 1996; Upton *et al.* 2002; Meyer *et al.* 2009), are the result  
275 of Palaeogene volcanism associated with opening of the North Atlantic Ocean and proto-  
276 Iceland plume activity. Picrites reveal Br/Cl and I/Cl ratios that are similar to established  
277 mantle values (e.g., Kendrick *et al.* 2012, 2013, 2014), consistent with previous suggestions  
278 for the composition of the Rum mantle source region (O'Driscoll *et al.* 2009). Br/Cl and most  
279 of the I/Cl sample ratios lie close (within an order of magnitude) to the MORB trend (Fig.  
280 2a,b), further supporting a primary origin for the picrite halogens. The picrite samples exhibit  
281 amongst the highest Cl concentrations in our Rum dataset. Given that these rocks represent  
282 the primitive magmas that formed the Rum intrusion, we suggest that Cl has been

283 subsequently lost during the magma chamber processes responsible for crystallisation of the  
284 cumulate lithologies (peridotites, troctolites and gabbros). Conversely, the picrites have <11  
285 ppb iodine, a factor of 2-10 lower than I in many of the Rum intrusion rocks.

286 *Magmatic differentiation.* Bromine and Cl abundances correlate well throughout the  
287 Rum intrusion rocks (Fig. 2a), from typically low Br and Cl in the chromitites and  
288 anorthosites, to higher Br and Cl in the picrites and peridotites. Troctolite and gabbro  
289 samples vary along this spectrum. Iodine and Cl, however are not well-correlated and show  
290 no trend with compositional group (except for the picrites, which lie close to the MORB line;  
291 Fig. 2b). This suggests that the process(es) or phase(s) (minerals, inclusion, etc.) controlling  
292 Br and Cl distribution in these rocks is the same, whilst I behaviour is different. Here, we  
293 evaluate the potential for fractional crystallisation to explain the halogen variations observed.  
294 The halogens are highly incompatible elements ( $D_{halogen}^{mineral/melt} \ll 1$ ) and thus should behave  
295 similarly during progressive crystallisation of magma. Major element fractional crystallisation  
296 indices (e.g., Ni and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> versus MgO content; Fig. S3a,b) correlate well with mineral  
297 abundances in the cumulates. However, halogen abundances and ratios show no correlation  
298 with MgO content (Fig. S4a-c). Calculations based on estimated bulk partition coefficients for  
299 Cl and Br show no significant fractionation of these elements from one another during  
300 crystallisation of the parental melt (Table S4, Fig. S5), in agreement with the Rum data (Fig.  
301 2a). Therefore, halogen distributions in the cumulates are not explained by simple fractional  
302 crystallisation processes, in line with previous studies on basaltic glass (e.g., Schilling *et al.*,  
303 1980, Kendrick *et al.*, 2013), which have shown that halogens are not fractionated by melting  
304 and crystallisation processes.

305 *Shallow-level magmatic degassing and fluid-melt partitioning.* Rum cumulates are Cl-  
306 deficient compared to the picrites considered to be their parental magma(s). Here we  
307 examine if shallow magmatic degassing processes can explain these differences. Halogen  
308 degassing into the vapour phase is expected only at pressures <1 MPa (Edmonds *et al.*,  
309 2009), but partitioning of halogens into aqueous fluid is considered. Chlorine partitions

310 preferably into the fluid phase over the melt ( $D_{Cl}^{fluid/melt} \gg 1$ ) across most of the range of P-  
311 T conditions relevant to shallow-crustal magmatic systems. Limited data for Br and I  
312 partitioning between fluid and melt exist for felsic magmas (e.g., albitic melt) and indicate  
313 that  $D_{Cl}^{fluid/melt} \sim 8$ ,  $D_{Br}^{fluid/melt} \sim 18$  and  $D_I^{fluid/melt} \sim 104$  (Bureau *et al.*, 2000). Therefore, in  
314 the presence of aqueous fluid, the halogens should degas in the order  $I \gg Br > Cl$ , meaning  
315 even minor degassing could influence the halogen budget of the RLS.

316 Experimental constraints (Webster *et al.* 1999; Alletti *et al.*, 2009) suggest that the  
317 maximum Cl capacity of a melt analogous to the Rum parental magma is  $\sim 2.15$  wt.% (Fig.  
318 S6a), whilst melt inclusion data indicate that mafic silicate melts contain a maximum of 0.5-  
319 1.0 wt.% Cl (Webster *et al.*, 1999). These values exceed the  $\sim 75$  ppm measured in picrite  
320 RM\_16\_011, suggesting either an initially Cl-poor melt or degassing of Cl into an aqueous  
321 fluid (e.g., a first boiling process driven by  $H_2O$  exsolution). At  $\sim 2$  km depth ( $4.9 \times 10^7$  Pa), a  
322 reasonable depth of emplacement for the Rum magma chamber (Holness 1999),  
323 ( $D_{Cl}^{fluid/melt} = 9.1$  (Fig. S6b; Alletti *et al.*, 2009), suggesting that early aqueous fluids exsolved  
324 from the RLS magmas could have removed significant Cl (Fig. S6c). Despite experimental  
325 and melt inclusion constraints suggesting the potential for high Cl concentrations,  
326 petrographic and geochemical evidence for the aqueous fluid required to extract the  
327 halogens is absent from the Rum cumulates. For instance, only small amounts ( $< 1$  vol. %;  
328 see above) of hydrous magmatic minerals (e.g., biotite and apatite) are present.  
329 Furthermore, there is no evidence of fluid inclusions and the loss on ignition (LOI) values for  
330 the cumulates are low (typically  $< 0.5$  wt.% and up to 1.70 wt. %; O'Driscoll *et al.* 2009). We  
331 therefore suggest that the Rum parental melt was either Cl-poor or very efficiently degassed  
332 during pre-crystallisation first boiling, due to the high ( $D_{Cl}^{fluid/melt}$ , along with the  $H_2O$  that  
333 drove degassing, a process for which no field or petrographic evidence now remains.

334 *Mineralogical controls on halogen distributions.* Previous work on the trace element  
335 geochemistry, as well as the radiogenic and stable isotope systematics of the RLS have  
336 shown that low temperature alteration and/or hydrothermal processes did not play a major

337 role in during the evolution of the Rum intrusion (e.g., Palacz 1985; Greenwood *et al.* 1992;  
338 Meyer *et al.* 2009; O'Driscoll *et al.* 2009). The mineralogy and textures of RLS rocks  
339 (particularly the cumulates) support this suggestion; alteration is generally minor and  
340 spatially confined (e.g., localised alteration veins in chromitites; **Fig. 1b**), with no evidence  
341 for widespread low-temperature modification or recrystallisation.

342 The cumulate rocks are mixtures between primocrysts and interstitial melt. In line  
343 with other work on these rocks (Emeleus *et al.* 1996), we interpret the accessory hydrous  
344 phases present as reflecting volatile enrichment in the residual liquid, during progressive  
345 crystallisation of the crystal mush. By contrast, the chromitites contain microstructural  
346 evidence for volatile mobility, including greater amounts of interstitial biotite and apatite, and  
347 secondary biotite-amphibole-bearing veins. In order to determine if the hydrous phases  
348 might control the bulk rock halogen abundances, contributions from these phases can be  
349 compared to bulk rock halogen abundances. The modal proportions of apatite, biotite and  
350 amphibole required to account for bulk rock Cl, are calculated using halogen concentrations  
351 (**Fig. S7** and **Table S5a**) in these phases, estimated from the amphibole and biotite  
352 separates analysed from the Rum pegmatoids (these rocks are not directly petrogenetically  
353 related, but aid a first order approximation). Apatite was approximated using the median  
354 halogen composition of OH apatite (Kusebach *et al.*, 2015). Apatite can account for the  
355 lowest bulk Cl abundances (<0.5 vol.%), but not Cl in the highest abundance samples, which  
356 would require ~10 vol.% apatite. Apatite can account for the highest Br and I abundances  
357 (<3.9 vol.%); however, a lack of correlation between bulk rock P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and any of the heavy  
358 halogens suggests that apatite alone does not control halogen contents (**Fig. S7d**). Biotite  
359 and amphibole can account for the lowest I abundances only (<0.6-1.1 vol.%). Therefore,  
360 whilst the full range of Br and I abundances in the Rum rocks can be best accounted for by  
361 apatite, biotite, which is ubiquitously present, is a more realistic carrier for halogens in all but  
362 the highest concentration samples (the latter do contain apatite). A caveat is that Br and I  
363 whole rock abundances show no correlation in these rocks (which would be expected if they  
364 were hosted by the same phase) yet Cl and Br are strongly correlated. Thus, we conclude

365 that the heavy halogen budgets of the cumulates are controlled in general by hydrous  
366 accessory phases related to the final stages of crystallisation of the interstitial liquid, and the  
367 precise nature of the control on the variations between lithologies is likely a function of  
368 contributions from mixtures of these phases in each whole rock sample.

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## 370 *5.2 Magma-crust interactions and the high I component in the RLS*

371 *The Rum I source.* Chlorine and Br are present in MORB-relative abundances in the RLS  
372 rocks. Iodine, however, is decoupled from Cl and Br in its abundance and ratio patterns and  
373 requires an alternative explanation. We therefore consider the role of crustal contamination  
374 to explain the high I seen in some lithologies (e.g., Déruelle *et al.* 1992; Muramatsu and  
375 Wedepohl 1998). Studies based on different radiogenic isotopic techniques (e.g., Sr, Nd, Os)  
376 have demonstrated that the RLS rocks preserve evidence for crustal contamination (Palacz  
377 1985; Meyer *et al.* 2009; O'Driscoll *et al.* 2009). Palacz (1985) estimated contamination of  
378 the Rum parental magma by up to 7% Lewisian Complex gneiss to account for Sr isotope  
379 signatures in the RLS cumulates. Similarly, O'Driscoll *et al.* (2009) suggested 5-8%  
380 contamination of a suite of Rum rocks by Lewisian gneiss on the basis of Os isotope data.  
381 Upton *et al.* (2002) calculated  $\leq 4\%$  crustal contamination of a suite of picrite dykes, including  
382 the M9 picrite from this study, on the basis of Sr, Nd and Pb isotopes. Here, we consider the  
383 role that contamination by Torridonian Supergroup and Mesozoic sedimentary country rocks  
384 may have had. Whilst we have no halogen data for the basement Lewisian gneisses, it is  
385 unlikely that they contributed significant amounts of heavy halogens, particularly I, to RLS  
386 magmas (because of pre-intrusion metamorphism and their initially low abundances – they  
387 mainly have igneous protoliths).

388         Due to its biophilic behaviour, I is enriched in organic sediments (e.g., marine shales)  
389 and is a sensitive indicator of contamination by sediments (Li and Schoonmaker 2003;  
390 Muramatsu and Wedepohl 1998; Kendrick *et al.* 2017). The I concentrations of the  
391 sediments that may have yielded the fluid contaminant range from 11-183 ppb (n=3,  
392 Jurassic mudstones and calcareous sediments), 33-3227 ppb (n=2, Triassic sandstone and



393 calcareous sediment) and 47-122 ppb I (n=2, Torridonian sandstones). For comparison, the  
394 bulk continental crust has an estimated I concentration of 700 ppb (Rudnick and Gao, 2003).  
395 Assuming solid assimilation of country rock, different degrees of contamination would be  
396 required to account for the variation in I enrichment relative to the picrites (maximum I = 11  
397 ppb). Iodine enrichment is not lithology dependant; high-I (>45 ppb) samples include  
398 peridotite, troctolite, anorthosite and chromitite (**Table 1**). Using average I concentrations for  
399 each of the country rock reservoirs, assimilation of 0.1-6.2% of the Triassic rocks best  
400 accounts for the elevated I abundances seen in the RLS rocks in terms of consistency with  
401 previous studies (Tables S3; S5b; Palacz 1985; Meyer *et al.* 2009; O'Driscoll *et al.* 2009).  
402 Torridonian sandstones and Jurassic sediments require greater degrees of assimilation  
403 (>10% and 15%, respectively) to account for even the lowest levels of I enrichment in the  
404 RLS rocks. The Rum intrusion was emplaced close to the unconformity between the  
405 Lewisian gneisses and the Torridonian rocks, and clearly interacted with Mesozoic rocks too,  
406 so it is likely that mixtures of these different reservoirs interacted with the Rum parental  
407 melts (see below).

408         Direct country rock assimilation can explain the ubiquitous enrichment of I in the Rum  
409 samples, relative to MORB. The picrites show the lowest I concentrations, lying closest to  
410 the MORB reference line (Fig. 2b), and supporting their interpretation as proxies for the Rum  
411 parental melts. However, assimilation of solid country rock would not obviously fractionate I  
412 from Br and Cl (i.e., addition of halogens would be congruent) in the manner shown by the  
413 data (Fig. 2b), so it is useful to further consider the nature of the contaminant that introduced  
414 I into the RLS magmas. As noted above, the cumulate lithologies do not preserve any field  
415 or petrographic evidence for significant fluid flow. However, it is possible that the pervasive I  
416 enrichment in the RLS rocks reflects addition to the parental melts of fluid generated by  
417 dehydration of country rocks such as the Triassic sediments, prior to crystallisation of the  
418 cumulates. Based on what little is known about I partitioning (e.g., in felsic systems a high  
419 fluid-melt partition coefficient of  $D \sim 104$ ; Bureau *et al.*, 2000), even small amounts of fluid  
420 extracted during devolatilisation of sediments would likely contain enough I to account for the

421 relative enrichment over the picrites, whilst accounting for the low LOI and low abundances  
422 of hydrous phases in the RLS rocks. It is worth noting that the Jurassic country rocks occur  
423 in fault-bound blocks in close proximity to the intrusion and may have undergone  
424 devolatilisation-related I loss, relative to Cl (11 ppb versus 34 ppm, respectively; Fig. 2c),  
425 based on comparisons with a global marine shale average (Li and Schoonmaker 2003).

426 *Evidence of crustal contamination from noble gas isotope signatures.* The RLS noble  
427 gas isotope data lend support to crustal contamination sourcing some of the halogens. Many  
428 samples (including chromitites, cumulates and pegmatoids) trend towards and into a field in  
429  $^{130}\text{Xe}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  versus  $^{84}\text{Kr}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  space defined by oceanic sediments (Fig. 4). Elevated  $^{130}\text{Xe}/^{36}\text{Ar}$   
430 ratios are often measured in marine shales due to their high organic content (e.g., Ozima  
431 and Podosek 2002); therefore, the enriched  $^{130}\text{Xe}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  and  $^{84}\text{Kr}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  ratios may suggest  
432 assimilation of Mesozoic sedimentary rocks into the Rum parental magmas. The Ar isotope  
433 data are also useful here. We calculated age-corrected  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  ratios, based on the  
434 anticipated ingrowth of radiogenic Ar (over  $60.53 \pm 0.08$  Ma; Hamilton *et al.* 1998) for the  
435 RLS and measured K concentrations (Table S2). The K-contents of the RLS samples are  
436 generally low (~40-3000 ppm; with the exception of some pegmatoid samples), and  
437 therefore ingrowth cannot have led to the  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  ratios observed, over ~60 Ma. A wide  
438 range (330-9300) in  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  ratios is observed (Table S2; Fig. 3a), and the age-correction  
439 for  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  results in only a small change to the  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  ratio, on the order of 0.1-1%. The  
440 lowest, air-like ratios ( $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  air = 298.6; Lee *et al.*, 2006), occur in the ELI pegmatoids  
441 and satellite plug and the highest ratios are exhibited by some cumulates (Fig. 3a). Mineral  
442 separates, such as amphibole, clinopyroxenes and sulfides, have ratios that are generally  
443 elevated slightly above air, whilst bulk samples preserve higher and more variable  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$   
444 ratios of ~2000 to 9300 (Fig. 3a). This may indicate siting of  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  in grain boundary or fine-  
445 matrix material.  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  is generally not correlated with K (Fig. 4b), and the  $^{40}\text{Ar}/\text{K}$  ratios  
446 measured in most of the RLS samples far exceed those expected for a ~60 Ma intrusion  
447 ( $^{40}\text{Ar}^*/\text{K} \approx 6.34 \times 10^{-9}$ ; Fig. 4b).

448 The excess  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  component probably either comes from the mantle source of the  
449 Rum intrusion (maximum  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar} \sim 44,000$ ; Moreira *et al.*, 1998) or from the surrounding  
450 crustal rocks. We suggest that the latter is a more likely scenario, given previously  
451 documented evidence for crustal contamination in RLS (Palacz 1985; Meyer *et al.* 2009;  
452 O'Driscoll *et al.*, 2009), and also a positive correlation between excess  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  and I abundance  
453 in a subset of the Rum samples (Fig. 3d). Of the three possible K-bearing crustal sources of  
454 the excess  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  (Archean gneisses, Torridonian sandstones and Mesozoic sediments), it is  
455 worth noting that the Torridonian sediments locally contain tourmaline, which is known to  
456 host significant  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  (several orders of magnitude greater than co-genetic crustal minerals;  
457 Saito *et al.*, 1984). Together with the fact that many of the Torridonian sandstones are  
458 arkosic (K-rich), they represent at least one potential source for the high  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  concentrations  
459 observed in the RLS rocks. Alternatively, as noted above, the  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ -I relationship seen in the  
460 Unit 11-12 rocks (i.e., Fig. 3d) may point to multiple crustal source signatures ( $^{40}\text{Ar}$  from  
461 Lewisian gneisses, I from Mesozoic sediments) being brought together.

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### 463 *5.3 Implications for PGE-enrichment and sub-volcanic processing of the halogens*

464 The variations in Rum halogen geochemistry, particularly in the chromitites and associated  
465 lithologies (Fig. 5), offer new insights into the mechanisms of precious metal concentration in  
466 sub-volcanic systems. The development of PGE-rich chromitite seams in layered intrusions  
467 has been attributed to *in situ* reaction of incoming melt with the footwall rocks, i.e., the  
468 magma chamber floor, in an essentially metasomatic process (Mathez and Kinzler, 2017). It  
469 is important to note in this respect the greater abundances of hydrous phases within Rum  
470 chromitite seams, compared to the footwall and hanging wall rocks (Fig. 1c,d). The two key  
471 observations from a halogen standpoint for the Rum PGE-rich lithologies are their relatively  
472 low Cl and relatively high I abundances. Previous work proposed that the Rum chromitites  
473 and anorthosites formed following downward percolation of picritic magma and dissolution of  
474 the felspathic footwall (O'Driscoll *et al.* 2010). If the Unit 7 footwall rocks had an I/Cl ratio  
475 similar to that of the Unit 10 pegmatoid (RM\_16\_022) prior to emplacement of the Unit 8

476 magma(s), a reasonable proposition given that there is no chromitite at the base of Unit 11,  
477 assimilation of pegmatoidal material could have triggered localised volatile exsolution to  
478 produce the hydrous phases in the Unit 7-8 chromitite seam. The relatively low Cl  
479 abundances in the chromitites together with localised petrographic evidence for fluid flow  
480 probably reflect subsequent volatile loss (Figs. 5, S2d). Furthermore, given the arguments  
481 made above for high I concentrations being a consequence of crustal contamination, it would  
482 seem that the footwall assimilation process recycled these crustal I signatures to the  
483 resultant chromitites. The noble gas isotope data support this conclusion, with well-  
484 developed coupled enrichments observed between excess  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  and I in the Unit 11  
485 anorthosite (Fig. 3d). The Unit 11 anorthosite and Unit 11-12 chromitite plot closely together  
486 in I/Cl versus Br/Cl space; suggesting a petrogenetic association between both that is not  
487 evident at the Unit 7-8 boundary. This discrepancy could be a consequence of assimilation  
488 of compositionally variable footwall.

489         Models for PGE-enrichment in layered intrusions (notably the Stillwater intrusion)  
490 appeal to Cl-rich fluids exsolved from the magma to transport and concentrate the PGE into  
491 reefs (e.g., Boudreau *et al.* 1986). Such (saline) fluids are known to have high solubilities for  
492 the PGE (up to ppm levels; Hanley *et al.* 2005), which could account for the high levels of  
493 enrichment in Pt and Pd in the Rum chromitites (e.g., several ppm in the Unit 7-8 chromitite;  
494 O'Driscoll *et al.* 2009). However, comparatively little is known about the relationship between  
495 the halogens and the base metal sulfides that sequester the PGE in high-temperature  
496 magmatic systems. In particular, there are open questions around the ability of crystallising  
497 sulfide melt to fractionate the halogens from one another, and whether or not base metal  
498 sulfides can host significant halogen concentrations (Mungall and Brenan 2003). Limited  
499 experimental evidence suggests halogens preferentially partition into silicate melts during  
500 sulfide-silicate melt immiscibility, although sulfide melts are capable of dissolving up to 2000  
501 ppm halogens (Mungall and Brenan 2003; Lecumberri-Sanchez and Bodnar 2018). It has  
502 been demonstrated that I may be moderately chalcophile (Fuge and Johnson 1984). Whilst  
503 Cl may also display chalcophile behaviour, at lower temperatures exsolved halides mix with

504 aqueous fluids (resulting in high Cl/Br ratio fluids; Mungall and Brenan 2003; Lecumberri-  
505 Sanchez and Bodnar 2018); hence, Cl is more easily lost to a fluid phase. Sulfide separates  
506 from the Unit 1 troctolite (RM17) and the satellite peridotite plug (RM\_16\_17) yield higher  
507 Br/Cl and I/Cl ratios compared to their respective whole rock values (Fig. 2c, Table 1).  
508 Sulfides from the troctolite in particular appear to be enriched in I, by a factor of ~4,  
509 compared to their bulk rock counterpart (~24 ppm versus ~6 ppm; Fig. 2b). These troctolites  
510 and the satellite peridotites have  $\delta^{34}\text{S}$  values of -14.8‰ and -18.3‰, respectively, attributed  
511 by Hulbert *et al.* (1992) to incorporation of biogenic S from the adjacent Jurassic sediments.  
512 It would seem likely that the I enrichment in these rocks also reflects a crustal contamination  
513 signature (Fig. S1c). Sulfides are a relatively minor phase in the chromitites (<5 vol.%), so it  
514 is unlikely that sulfides alone can account for the entire chromitite I budget. However, the  
515 possibility that I may exhibit chalcophile tendencies in high-temperature magmatic systems  
516 highlights the need for further experimental work on silicate melt-sulfide melt and sulfide  
517 melt-sulfide I partitioning behaviour, to shed light on this relatively poorly constrained part of  
518 the I geochemical cycle.

519 The Rum intrusion was emplaced at a depth of ~2 km and likely underlay a  
520 significant volcanic edifice (Emeleus *et al.*, 1996), so the implications of our halogen dataset  
521 extend past magma chamber processes and ore genesis, to elucidating the distribution of  
522 halogens in sub-volcanic systems prior to and/or during eruption. In particular, I abundances  
523 in Rum samples are 12% to two orders of magnitude greater than typical MORB  
524 compositions (based on a global range of 1-90 ppb reported by Kendrick *et al.*, 2013),  
525 suggesting that crustal contamination might have led to pre-concentration of the halogens in  
526 the Rum system before possible injection into the atmosphere on eruption (Aiuppa *et al.*,  
527 2009; Bureau *et al.*, 2000; Pyle and Mather, 2009). Iodine has significantly deleterious  
528 effects on atmospheric composition, including tropospheric ozone depletion and the  
529 formation of aerosols (e.g., Vogt, 1999). It is worth noting that Rum represents a relatively  
530 small (~700 km<sup>3</sup>; Emeleus *et al.*, 1996) end-member compared to layered intrusions such as  
531 the Bushveld Complex (South Africa), with an estimated magma volume of ~1 × 10<sup>6</sup> km<sup>3</sup>

532 (Cawthorn, 2015). Establishing the abundances and distributions of the heavy halogens in  
533 these larger layered intrusions may represent an important avenue for future work, by  
534 revealing whether or not the associated magmatism had the potential to introduce significant  
535 quantities of I (and Cl, Br) into the atmosphere at punctuated periods in Earth history.

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## 537 **6. Conclusions**

538 In a suite of Rum picrites, cumulates, pegmatoids and chromitites, Cl and Br abundances  
539 are present in MORB-relative proportions and correlate well with one another. Their  
540 distribution can be accounted for by mineral phases observed in the rocks (e.g., biotite,  
541 amphibole and apatite). In the cumulates, these are primary magmatic hydrous phases  
542 representing final crystallisation of interstitial liquid in the crystal mush. Iodine behaviour is  
543 decoupled from that of Cl and Br; elevated I abundances (and I/Cl ratios relative to MORB)  
544 are observed in all samples except for the picrites. The I enrichment points to crustal  
545 contamination of the Rum magmas, for which Triassic sedimentary rocks are a likely  
546 candidate (maximum 3227 ppm I). Noble gas isotope compositions, particularly  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ ,  
547 also suggest crustal assimilation and in some samples correlate well with I abundance (Fig.  
548 3d). While mass balance calculations suggest that direct solid assimilation fits with previous  
549 estimates for the degree of crustal contamination of Rum magmas (based on radiogenic  
550 isotopes), this does not explain the fractionation of I from Cl and Br. Instead, addition of a  
551 fluid derived by country rock dehydration might better explain the pervasive I enrichment.  
552 High I abundances indicate the presence of a crustal component in the PGE-rich chromitites,  
553 and together with petrographic evidence for the presence of a fluid phase, suggests  
554 reprocessing of pegmatoidal footwall rocks during chromitite petrogenesis. In summary, our  
555 study reveals insights into the relative importance of magmatic, crustal contamination and  
556 degassing processes in controlling halogen abundances and fractionation in layered  
557 intrusions. The importance of aqueous fluids in transporting and redistributing the halogens  
558 is emphasised, with implications for their metal-carrying capacity and role in forming  
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746 **Figure captions**

747 Figure 1. (a) Photomicrograph (in cross-polarised light) of a Rum picrite with a groundmass  
748 comprising 'sprays' of olivine and plagioclase, suggesting rapid solidification. (b)  
749 Photomicrograph (in plane-polarised light) of apatite and biotite in a Rum pegmatoid. Ap =  
750 apatite, Bt = biotite, Ol = olivine, Plg = plagioclase, Mt = magnetite. (c) Backscatter electron  
751 micrograph image from approximately 2 mm above the main Unit 7-8 boundary seam (arrow  
752 points to location of seam). (d) Cl element map (quantified) of the same area as (c). Note the  
753 presence of elevated Cl concentrations in the groundmass around olivine and Cr-spinel  
754 crystals, and in fractures in olivine primocrysts.

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756 **Figure 2.** Bromine (a) and I (b) normalised to Cl and the Br/Cl and I/Cl (c) ratios for all Rum  
757 samples. Mineral separates from picrites, troctolites and pegmatoids are shown as open  
758 symbols of the same shape and outline colour as the bulk rock equivalent. MORB data  
759 points are small black dots and the reference ratio line is solid black. Data are from Kendrick  
760 *et al.* (2012; 2013; 2014). The seawater ratio reference line is dashed and taken from Li and  
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764 continental crust is represented as a brown-outlined star and is from Rudnick and Gao  
765 (2003). Subcontinental lithospheric mantle (SCLM) from Burgess *et al.* (2002) is represented  
766 by red star symbols. In (c), a global marine shale average composition is depicted as a  
767 black-outline triangle (Li and Schoonmaker, 2003).

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769 **Figure 3.** (a) Age-corrected  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  ratio as a function of the molar  $\text{Cl}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  ( $\times 10^{-6}$ ) in the  
770 RLS rocks by sample type. Mineral separates from picrites, troctolites and pegmatoids are  
771 shown as open symbol of the same shape and outline colour as the bulk rock equivalent.  
772 Two trends are observed for the bulk rock and mineral separates (inset) with different  $^{40}\text{Ar}/\text{Cl}$   
773 ratios. The  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  ratio in air ( $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}_{\text{air}} = 298.56$ ; Lee *et al.*, 2006) is shown by the dashed

774 black line. The potential influence of crustal input to the elevated  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  ratio is shown  
775 schematically. (b) Molar  $^{40}\text{Ar}/\text{Cl}$  as a function of the molar K/Cl ratio by sample type. The lack  
776 of correlation indicates the  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  is decoupled from the K-content and therefore not the result  
777 of *in situ* K-decay (excess Ar). The  $^{40}\text{Ar}/\text{K}$  ratio for the 60 Ma is  $\sim 6.34 \times 10^{-9}$ , which is  
778 essentially at the origin in this plot. . The mineral separates (inset) show a distinct trend  
779 compared to the bulk rock samples. (c) The molar  $^{40}\text{Ar}/\text{K}$  ( $\times 10^{-5}$ ) ratio as a function of the  
780 molar I/K ratio ( $\times 10^5$ ) in the RLS. Mineral separates from the pegmatoids show a high I/K  
781 ratio weakly correlated with their low  $^{40}\text{Ar}/\text{K}$  ratio - see also inset and (d). (d) Excess  $^{40}\text{Ar}$   
782 (mol/g) as a function of I (mol/g) concentration in the Unit 11-12 peridotite, anorthosite and  
783 chromitites. The long dash line ( $R^2=0.99$ ) is a linear fit to the B2 chromitite data (black  
784 squares) and one B2 anorthosite point (blue squares). The short dash line ( $R^2=0.99$ ) is a  
785 linear fit to the B2 peridotite data (green squares) and data for three B2 anorthosite samples.

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788 **Figure 4.**  $^{130}\text{Xe}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  versus  $^{84}\text{Kr}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  isotope plot of all RLS rocks. Mineral separates from  
789 picrites, troctolites and pegmatoids are shown as open symbol of the same shape and  
790 outline colour as the bulk rock equivalent. Reference values, including, MORB (orange  
791 outline stars) include Bravo Dome and 'popping rock', seawater (grey outline star) and air  
792 (blue outline star); data from Moreira *et al.* (1998), Holland and Ballentine (2006) and Ozima  
793 and Podosek (2002). The marine sediments range (grey field) is a reference range from  
794 Ozima and Podosek (2002).

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796 **Figure 5.** Halogen data (Cl data in ppm and Br and I data in ppb) as a function of the  
797 stratigraphic column of units 7 to 14 of the Eastern Layered Intrusion of Rum, including  
798 schematic diagrams of unit boundary textural relationships where the PGE-rich chromitites  
799 occur (redrawn after O'Driscoll *et al.* 2009). Halogens show the full range (e.g., all replicate  
800 analyses; Table S2) of data. PGE data of O'Driscoll *et al.* (2009) are included for  
801 comparison.



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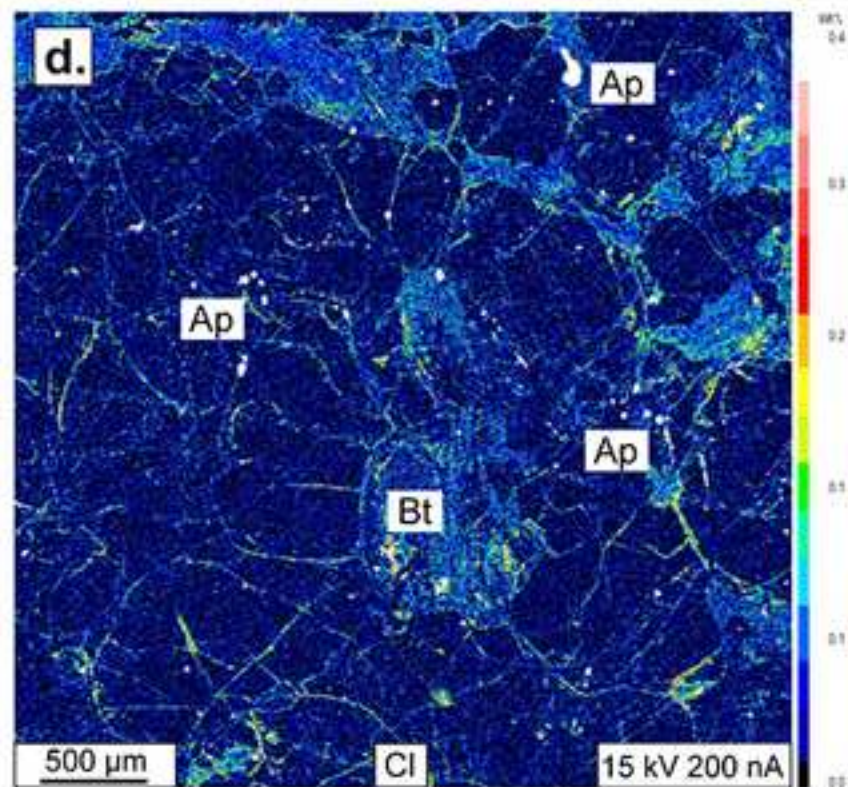
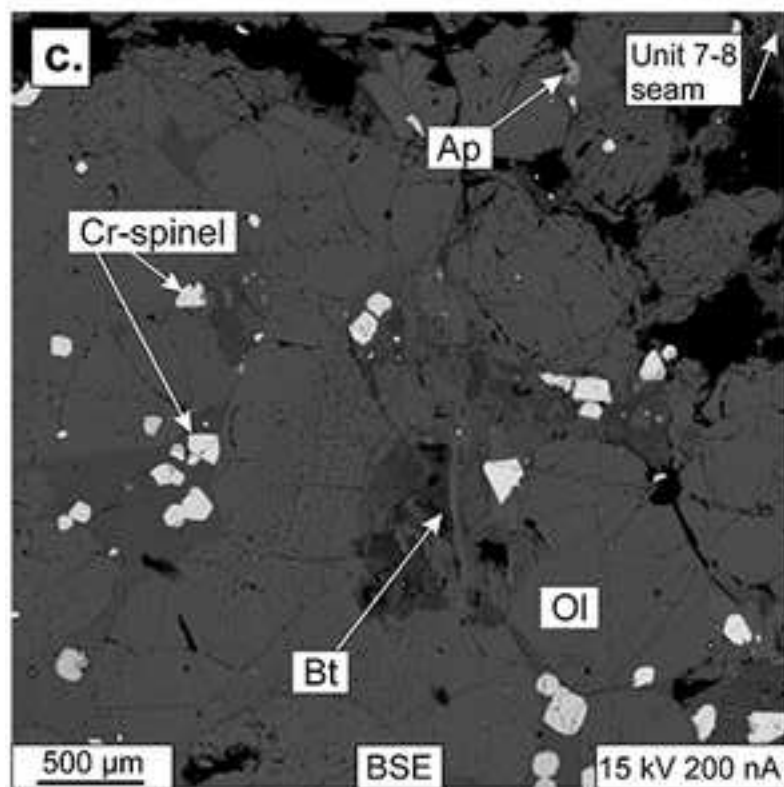
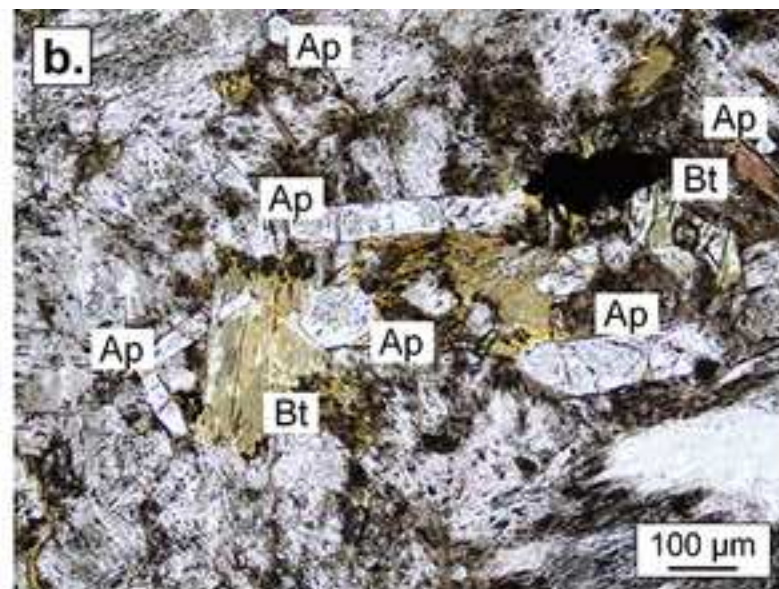
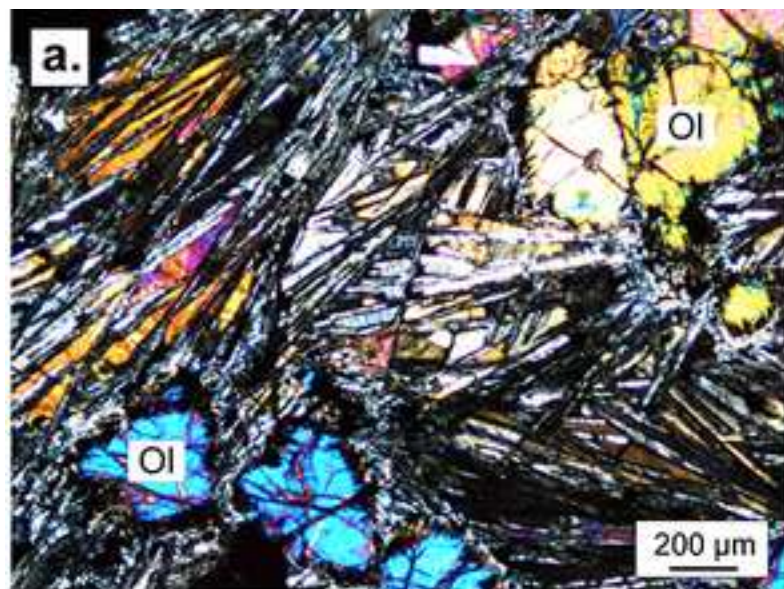


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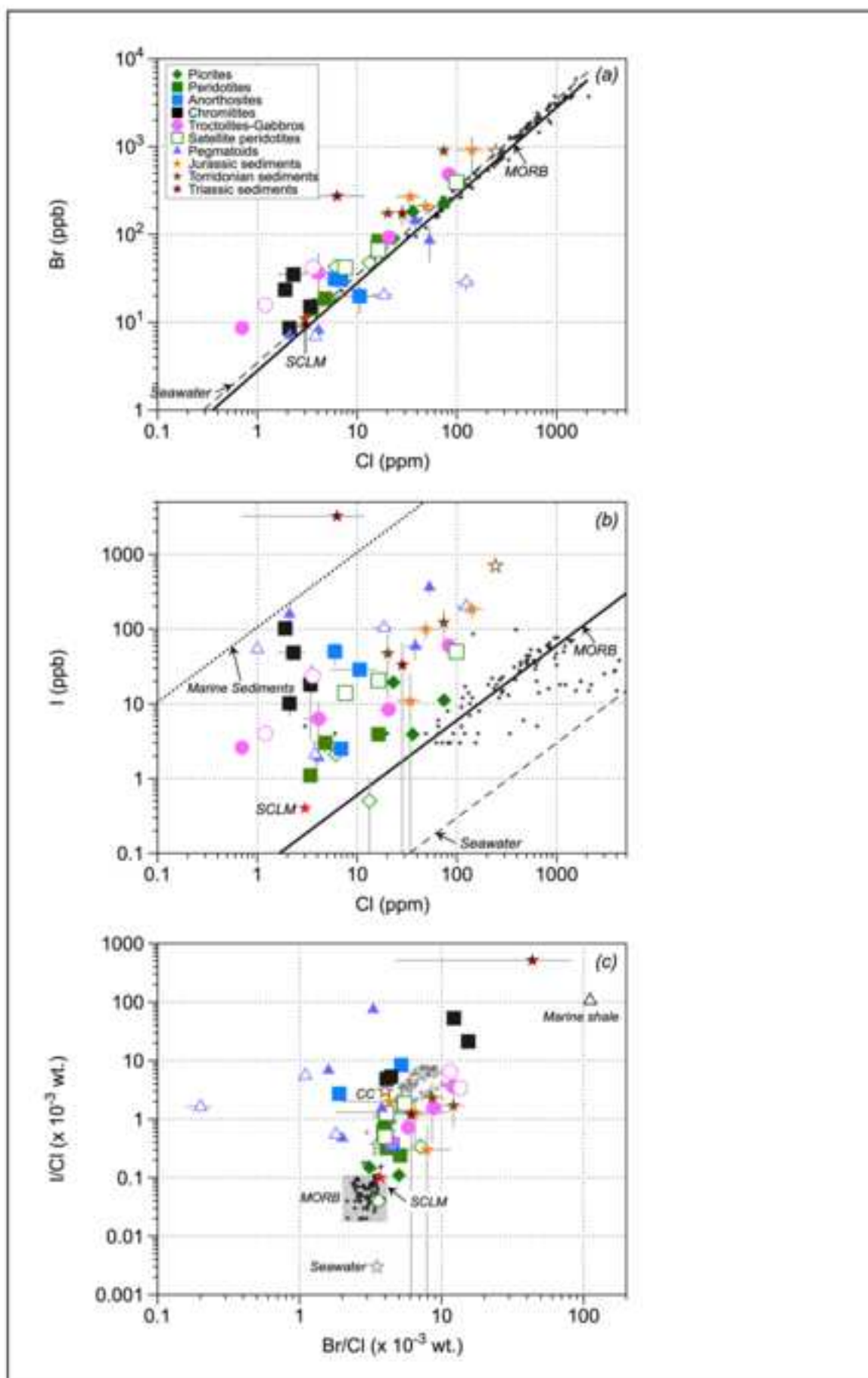


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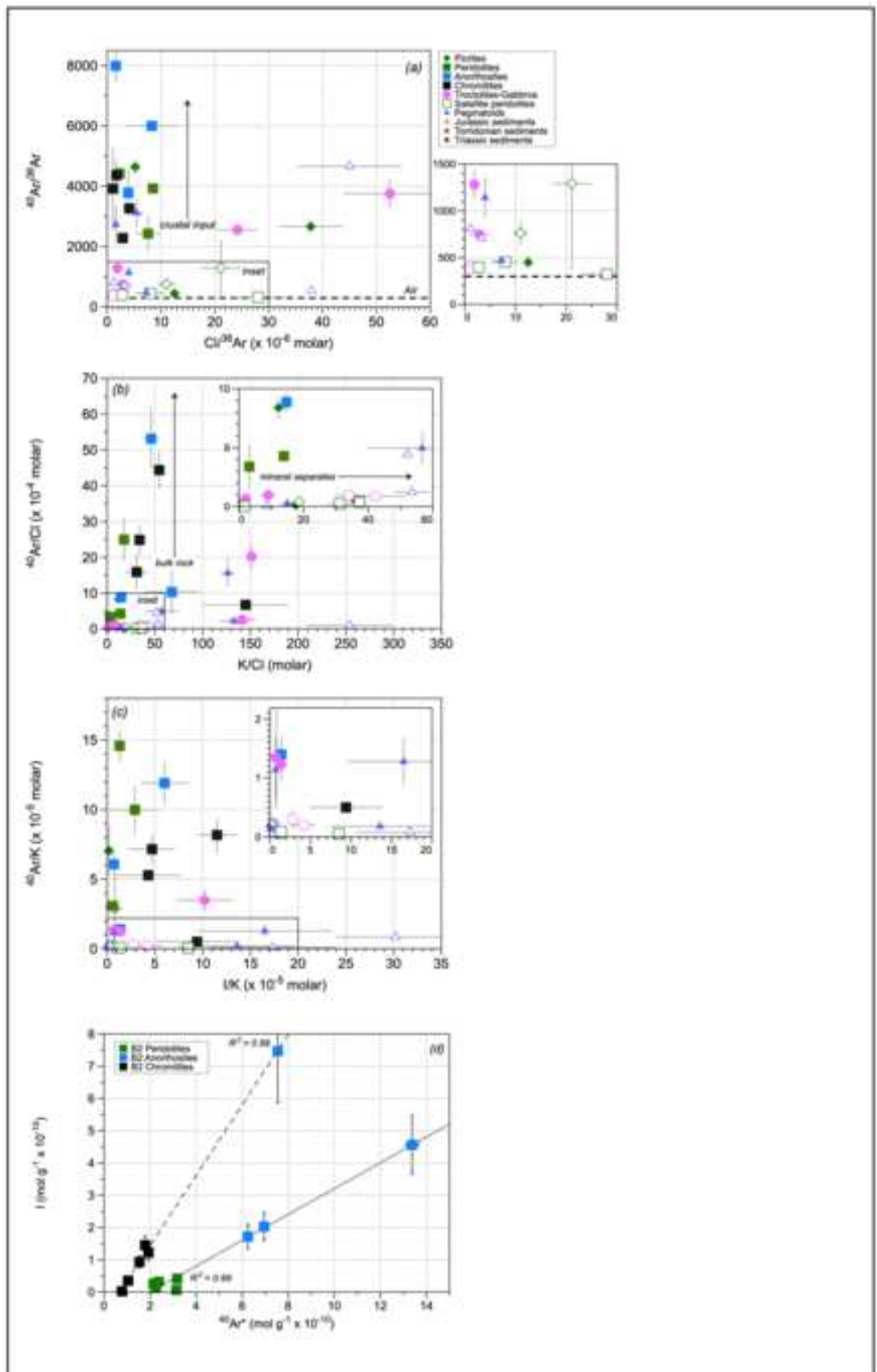


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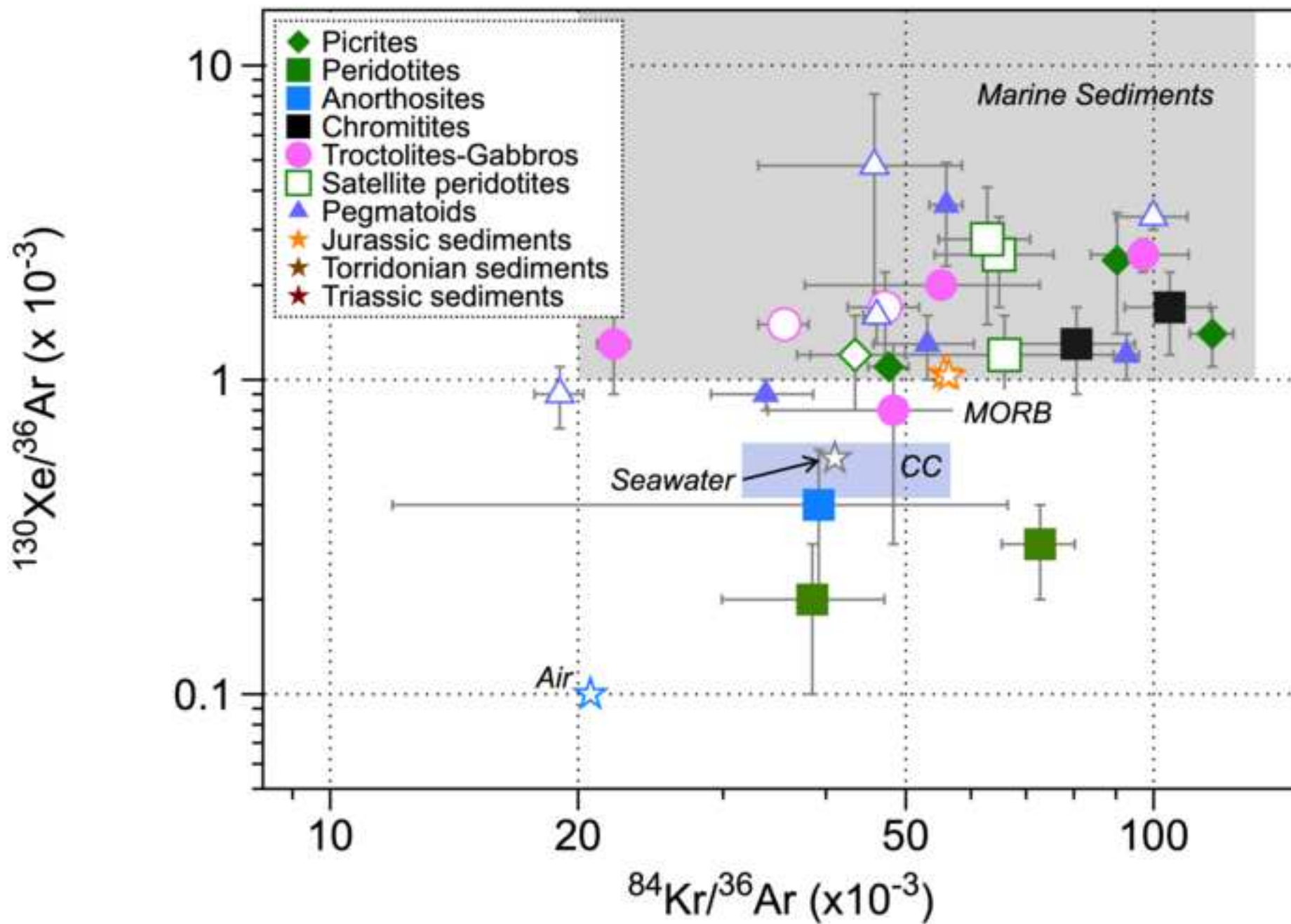


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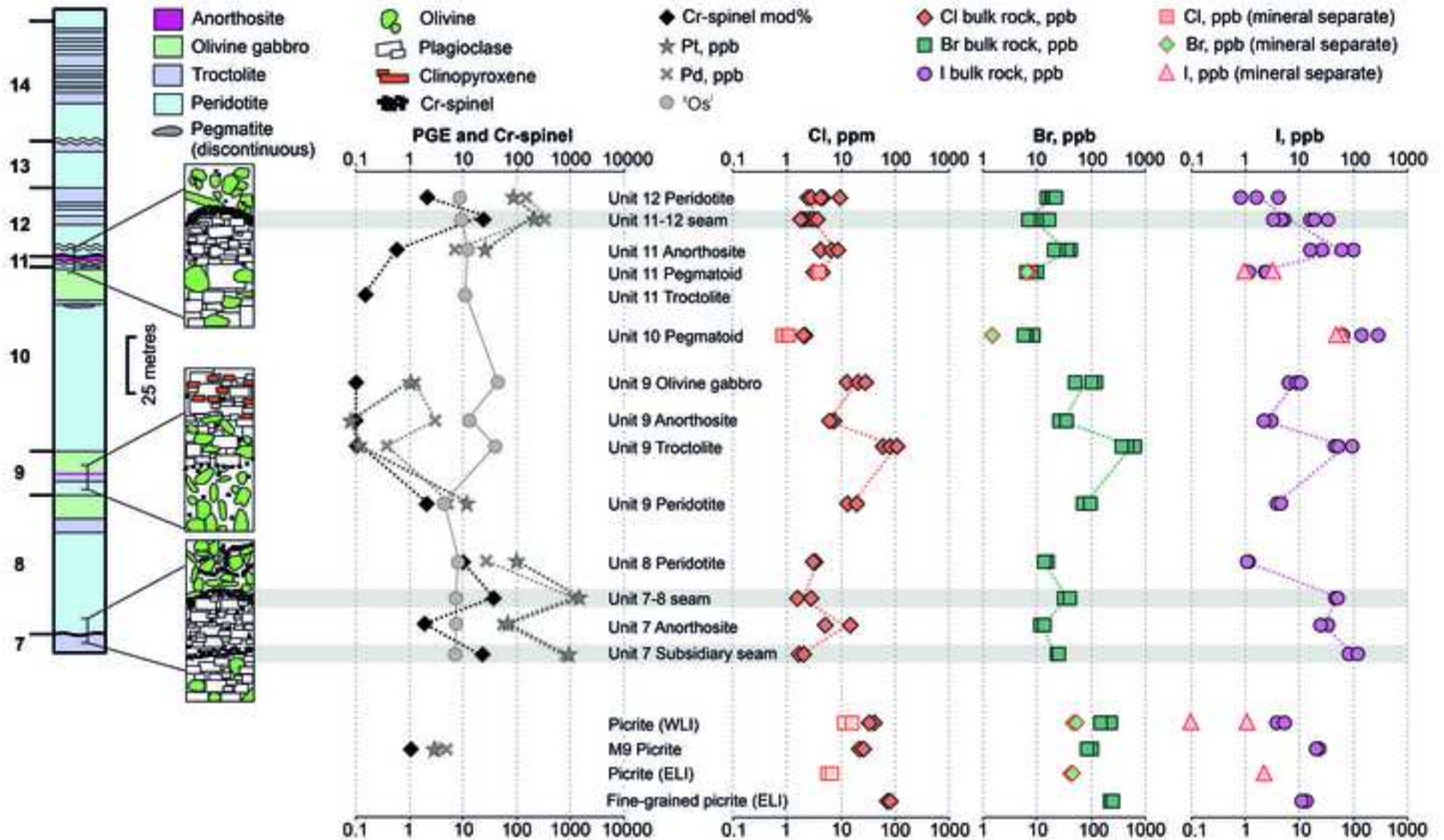


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Table 1. Sample lithology/provenance details and K and halogen abundances/ratios. Data are averages and the uncertainties are 1 sigma SEM

Sample ID	Sample lithology/provenance*	Sample type	K (ppm)	Cl (ppm)	Br (ppb)	I (ppb)	K/Cl (wt.)	Br/Cl (wt. x10 <sup>-3</sup> )	I/Cl (wt. x10 <sup>-3</sup> )
<i>Picrites</i>									
M9 Picrite	M9 Picrite, WLI	Bulk	451 ± 69	23.1 ± 2.0	89.9 ± 5.4	19.4 ± 0.5	19.4 ± 1.3	3.89 ± 0.06	0.84 ± 0.02
RM_16_010 Olivine	Picrite (olivine), ELI	Separate	125 ± 19	6.1 ± 0.5	43 ± 0.2	2.1 ± 0.1	20.5 ± 1.4	7.1 ± 0.08	0.34 ± 0.01
RM_16_011	Picrite (fine grained), ELI	Bulk	2908 ± 94	74.5 ± 4.7	229 ± 14	11.2 ± 1.2	39.1 ± 1.2	3.07 ± 0.04	0.15 ± 0.01
RM4 (RM_16_012)	Picrite, WLI	Bulk	484 ± 19	36.1 ± 3.8	181.6 ± 35.4	3.9 ± 0.6	13.6 ± 2	5.03 ± 0.16	0.11 ± 0.01
RM_16_012 Olivine	Picrite (olivine), WLI	Separate	17 ± 8	13.3 ± 2.2	47.8 ± 5	0.5 ± 0.5	1.2 ± 0.4	3.59 ± 0.12	0.04 ± 0.01
<i>Rum intrusion rocks</i>									
B2 Peridotite	Unit 12 peridotite, ELI	Bulk	71 ± 6	4.8 ± 1.3	18.6 ± 1.2	3.0 ± 0.8	19.5 ± 5	3.9 ± 0.16	0.63 ± 0.07
B2 Anorthosite	Unit 11 anorthosite, ELI	Bulk	283 ± 39	6 ± 1.1	31.1 ± 4.7	50.1 ± 17	50.8 ± 9.1	5.2 ± 0.18	8.38 ± 0.83
B2 Chromite	Unit 11-12 Chromitite, ELI	Bulk	77 ± 3	2.1 ± 0.2	8.6 ± 0.5	10.1 ± 3.4	37.5 ± 2.5	4.14 ± 0.06	4.84 ± 0.49
RM11 Chromitite	Unit 11-12 Chromitite, ELI	Bulk	120 ± 54	3.4 ± 0.3	15.1 ± 1.7	18.1 ± 14.9	34.2 ± 12.9	4.45 ± 0.09	5.31 ± 0.10
U9 Troctolite	Unit 9 troctolite, ELI	Bulk	179 ± 6	83.1 ± 14.3	484.5 ± 77.8	60 ± 14.2	2.3 ± 0.5	5.83 ± 0.19	0.72 ± 0.07
U9 Olivine Gabbro	Unit 9 gabbro ELI	Bulk	181 ± 21	20.7 ± 4.5	92.1 ± 21.6	8.4 ± 1.2	10 ± 2.9	4.44 ± 0.18	0.41 ± 0.03
U9 Peridotite	Unit 9 Peridotite, ELI	Bulk	53 ± 13	16.4 ± 3	84.2 ± 14.2	3.9 ± 0.4	3.5 ± 1.4	5.14 ± 0.17	0.24 ± 0.01
U9 Anorthosite	Unit 9 anorthosite, ELI	Bulk	111 ± 4	6.9 ± 0.6	30.6 ± 5.1	2.5 ± 0.4	16.2 ± 0.9	4.46 ± 0.09	0.37 ± 0.02
U7-8 Peridotite	Unit 8 peridotite, ELI	Bulk	52 ± 1	3.4 ± 0.1	14 ± 0.6	1.1 ± 0.1	15.4 ± 0.2	4.15 ± 0.03	0.32 ± 0.01
C8 Chromite-Peridotite	Unit 8 chromitite-peridotite boundary, ELI	Bulk	319 ± 126	1.9 ± 0.2	23.5 ± 0.5	102.1 ± 19.1	160 ± 49	12.16 ± 0.15	52.85 ± 3.23
RM_16_008	Unit 7-8 chromitite, ELI	Bulk	135 ± 36	2.3 ± 0.7	35 ± 4	48.2 ± 2.2	60.1 ± 1.7	15.39 ± 0.58	21.19 ± 1.86
C8 Anorthosite	Unit 7 anorthosite, ELI	Bulk	624 ± 48	10.6 ± 5.2	19.8 ± 7.3	28.7 ± 4.4	74.7 ± 32	1.87 ± 0.14	2.71 ± 0.47
RM17 Troctolite	Unit 1 troctolite, ELI	Bulk	665 ± 245	4.1 ± 1.2	36.5 ± 25	6.3 ± 4.4	156.1 ± 15.7	8.8 ± 1.14	1.53 ± 0.28
RM17 Sulfide	Unit 1 troctolite (sulfide), ELI	Separate	164 ± 8	3.6 ± 0.6	42 ± 10.8	23.5 ± 9.7	46.7 ± 10	11.51 ± 0.42	6.44 ± 0.77
RM7 Olivine gabbro	Gabbro (cpx-rich), CI	Bulk	119 ± 8	0.7 ± 0.02	8.6 ± 1.6	2.6 ± 0.6	166.8 ± 5.9	12.1 ± 0.24	3.58 ± 0.24
RM7 Cpx	Gabbro (cpx-rich), CI	Separate	44 ± 6	1.2 ± 0.1	15.7 ± 0.8	4.0 ± 0.4	37.6 ± 5.1	13.52 ± 0.09	3.41 ± 0.10
<i>Satellite intrusion rocks</i>									
RM_16_013	Satellite peridotite plug, West Sgaorishal	Bulk	186 ± 20	98.7 ± 11.9	393.8 ± 61.7	49.7 ± 0.3	1.9 ± 0.4	3.99 ± 0.1	0.50 ± 0.02
RM_16_017	Satellite peridotite plug, West Sgaorishal	Bulk	568 ± 112	16.4 ± 1.2	66.7 ± 1.5	20.5 ± 2.0	34.4 ± 4.3	4.08 ± 0.04	1.25 ± 0.04
RM_16_017 Sulfide	Satellite peridotite plug (sulfide), West Sgaorishal	Separate	314 ± 11	7.6 ± 0.2	42 ± 2.6	13.9 ± 2.8	41.2 ± 2.6	5.5 ± 0.05	1.83 ± 0.10
<i>Pegmatoids</i>									
RM_16_022 A	Unit 10 pegmatoid, ELI	Bulk	295 ± 12	2.1 ± 0.05	7.1 ± 0.8	158 ± 62.2	139.4 ± 8.7	3.32 ± 0.05	74.31 ± 8.27
RM_16_022 Amphibole	Unit 10 pegmatoid (amphibole), ELI	Separate	56 ± 8	1.0 ± 0.1	nd	53.8 ± 6.1	57.5 ± 0.6	nd	55.15 ± 2.78
RM_16_024	Unit 11 Pegmatoid, ELI	Bulk	586 ± 8	4.1 ± 0.5	8.1 ± 1.0	1.9 ± 0.4	146.6 ± 16.3	1.98 ± 0.06	0.47 ± 0.03
RM_16_024 Amphibole	Unit 11 Pegmatoid (amphibole), ELI	Separate	226 ± 32	3.8 ± 0.2	6.9 ± 0.2	2.1 ± 1.1	59 ± 6	1.82 ± 0.01	0.55 ± 0.08
RM3 Pegmatoid	Pegmatoid, WLI	Bulk	2569 ± 907	38.3 ± 7.8	143.7 ± 30	58.7 ± 20.6	62.5 ± 18.7	3.75 ± 0.07	1.53 ± 0.18
RM_16_021 A	Pegmatoid, CI	Bulk	861 ± 94	53.2 ± 4.5	85.8 ± 37.4	362.7 ± 81.9	16.6 ± 2.3	1.61 ± 0.08	6.82 ± 0.47
RM_16_021 Amphibole	Pegmatoid (amphibole), CI	Separate	187 ± 70	18.6 ± 4.3	20.4 ± 1.5	103.7 ± 13	9.7 ± 1.5	1.1 ± 0.04	5.57 ± 0.44
RM_16_021 Biotite	Pegmatoid (biotite), CI	Separate	34739 ± 6184	124 ± 26.3	28.9 ± 6.3	200.7 ± 40.1	280 ± 49.9	0.23 ± 0.04	1.62 ± 0.13

\*ELI, WLI and CI are Eastern Layered Intrusion, Western Layered Intrusion and Central Intrusion, respectively