Petit-spot lavas on the western Pacific Plate: contribution of carbonatite and recycled oceanic crust ~~Carbonatite-induced petit-spot melts squeezed upward from the asthenosphere beneath the Jurassic Pacific Plate~~

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Abstract

Petit-spot volcanism, which occurs owing to the plate flexure, have been reported from around the world. As the petit-spot melts ascent from the asthenosphere, they provide the essential information of the lithosphere–asthenosphere boundary (LAB). ~~The lithosphere-asthenosphere boundary (LAB), which can be seismically detected, stabilizes plate tectonics. Several conflicting hypotheses have been proposed as the causes of LAB discontinuity, such as the contribution of hydrated minerals, mineral anisotropy, and partial melts. The petit-spot melts ascending from the asthenosphere, owing to subducting plate flexures, support the partial melting at the LAB.~~ Here, we observed the lava outcrops of six monogenetic volcanoes formed by petit-spot volcanism in the western Pacific. Thereafter, we determined the $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ ages, major and trace element compositions, and Sr, Nd, and Pb isotopic ratios of the petit-spot basalts. The $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ ages of two monogenetic volcanoes were ca. 2.6 Ma (million years ago) and ca. 0 Ma, respectively. The isotopic compositions of the western Pacific petit-spot basalts suggest ~~their~~ geochemically similar melting sources. They were likely derived from a mixture of high-μ (HIMU) mantle-like and enriched mantle (EM)-1-like components related to carbonatitic/carbonated materials and recycled crustal components. A mass balance-based melting model implied that the characteristic trace element composition (i.e., Zr, Hf, and Ti depletions) of the western Pacific petit-spot magmas could be explained by the partial melting of ~5% crust-bearing garnet lherzolite with 10% carbonatite flux to a given mass of the source. ~~garnet lherzolite with a small degree of carbonatite melt flux with crustal components.~~ This result confirms the involvement of carbonatite melt and recycled crust in the source of petit-spot melts and provides an implication for the genesis of tectonic-induced ~~volcanism~~ volcanoes including Hawaiian North Arch volcanics and Samoan petit-spot like rejuvenated volcanoes having similar trace element composition to petit-spot basalts. ~~with similar geochemical signatures to those of petit-spots.~~

Short Summary

Plate tectonics theory is understood as the motion~~moving~~ of rocky plate (lithosphere) ~~on~~ over ductile zone (asthenosphere). The causes of lithosphere–asthenosphere boundary (LAB) is controversial, but petit-spot volcanism supports the presence of melt at the LAB. We conducted

76 geochemistry, geochronology, and geochemical modeling for~~analyzed chemical composition and~~
77 ~~eruption age of~~ petit-spot volcanoes on the western Pacific Plate, and the results suggested that
78 carbonatite melt and recycled oceanic crust have induced the partial melting at the LAB.
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1 Introduction

Among the upper mantle-derived alkali basaltic lavas in oceanic settings, those on thicker plates away from the mid-ocean ridge, could be divided into plume-related and non-plume-related volcanoes. For example, plume-related North Arch and post-erosional (rejuvenated-stage) volcanoes have been reported in Hawaii and Samoa (Bianco et al., 2005; Bizimis et al., 2013; Clague and Frey, 1982; Clague and Moore, 2002; Dixon et al., 2008; Frey et al., 2000; Garcia et al., 2016; Hart et al., 2004; Konter and Jackson, 2012; Koppers et al., 2008; Reinhard et al., 2019; Yang et al., 2003). Non-plume related intraoceanic alkali volcanoes, called as petit-spot volcanoes, probably originate where nearby plate subduction causes plate flexures and upwelling of asthenospheric magma (Hirano et al., 2006; Hirano and Machida, 2022; Machida et al., 2015, 2017; Yamamoto et al., 2014, 2018, 2020). Therefore, the occurrence of petit-spot volcanisms supports the presence of melt at lithosphere–asthenosphere boundary (LAB) below the area at least.

~~The petrogenesis and origin of the mantle sources of alkali basalts from different tectonic settings have been extensively discussed. For example, plume-related North Arch and post-erosional (rejuvenated) volcanoes have been reported in Hawaii (Bianco et al., 2005; Bizimis et al., 2013; Clague and Frey, 1982; Clague and Moore, 2002; Dixon et al., 2008; Frey et al., 2000; Garcia et al., 2016; Yang et al., 2003). Intracontinental alkali basalts have been reported in northeastern China (e.g., Lei and Zhao, 2005; Ohtani and Zhao, 2009), and the North American Basin and Range province (Axen et al., 2018; Valentine and Hirano, 2010). Non-plume related intraoceanic alkali volcanoes, called petit-spot volcanoes, probably originate where nearby plate subduction causes plate flexures and upwelling of asthenospheric magma (Hirano et al., 2006; Hirano and Machida, 2022; Machida et al., 2015, 2017; Yamamoto et al., 2014, 2018, 2020).~~

The presence of melt in the uppermost asthenosphere could be due to small-scale convection, heating, or the presence of hydrous or carbonatitic components (Hua et al., 2023; Korenaga, 2020). In particular, the presence of CO_2 and carbonated/carbonatitic materials is key in the formation of alkaline, silica-undersaturated melt in the upper mantle (Dasgupta and Hirschmann, 2006; Dasgupta et al., 2007, 2013; Kiseeva et al., 2013; Novella et al., 2014). Experimental studies have shown that the solidus of carbonate-bearing peridotite is lower than that of CO_2-free peridotite (Falloon and Green, 1989. 1990; Foley et al., 2009; Ghosh et al., 2009). In addition, carbonatites and Si-undersaturated melts are generated through the partial melting of CO_2-bearing or carbonated peridotite. The produced melts could exhibit continuous chemical variations depending on pressure (i.e., depth). Namely, carbonatitic

melts are produced in the deep asthenosphere (300 km to 110 km), while carbonated or alkali silicate melts are generated in the shallower upper mantle (~110 km to ~75 or 60 km) the melting of carbonated peridotite can produce carbonatitic and silica-undersaturated alkalic basalts (Keshav and Gudfinnsson, 2013; Massuyeau et al., 2015). Indeed, Pprimary carbonated silicate magma and evolved alkali basalts have been simultaneously observed at the post-spreading ridge in the South China Sea (Zhang et al., 2017; Zhong et al., 2021). Hawaiian rejuvenated volcanoes were also attributed to be explained by a carbonatite-metasomatized source with or without silicate metasomatism (Borisova and Tilhac, 2021; Dixon et al., 2008; Zhang et al., 2022).

Submarine petit-spot volcanoes on the subducting northwestern (NW) Pacific Plate may originate from carbonate-bearing materials and crustal components (pyroxenite/eclogite) based on the characteristic trace element, enriched mantle (EM)-1-like Sr, Nd, and Pb isotopic, and relatively low Mg isotopic compositions (Liu et al., 2020; Machida et al., 2009, 2015). In particular, the depletion of specific high-field-strength elements (HFSEs) (i.e., Zr, Hf, and Ti) and the abundant CO_2 of petit-spot basalts imply that their melting sources are related to carbonatitic carbonated materials (Hirano and Machida, 2022; Okumura and Hirano, 2013). Here, the nature of the uppermost part of the asthenosphere LAB beneath the oldest Pacific Plate aged 160 Ma, was characterized using the eruptive ages and geochemical properties of six newly observed petit-spot volcanoes and lava outcrops. We verified the contribution of carbonatitic components and crustal materials to the melting source of petit-spot volcanoes to understand the nature of the underlying lithosphere-asthenosphere system and model the geodynamic evolution of the region. resolve the critical question of "What melts in the asthenosphere?" in this region.

2 Background

In the last 20 years, the increasing knowledge of petit-spot volcanic settings has provided useful insights on the nature of the lithosphere-asthenosphere system, especially in the NW Pacific region Petit-spots have been studied for approximately 20 years as the fourth kind of volcanic setting on the Earth after mid-ocean ridges, island arcs, and hotspots. These studies provide insights into the nature of the upper mantle, including the oceanic lithosphere and asthenosphere, focusing on the NW Pacific region (e.g., Hirano and Machida, 2022). As other implications, subducted petit-spot volcanic fields with geological disturbances on the seafloor play a role in controlling the hypocentral regions of megathrust earthquakes (Fujiwara et al., 2007; Fujie et al., 2020; Akizawa et al., 2022), and the vestige of hydrothermal activity owing to petit-spot magmatism were recently reported (Azami et al., 2023).

Petit-spot melts, which originated from the asthenosphere unrelated to mantle plume, could be a key to elucidating the nature of the LAB (Hirano and Machida, 2022). Their asthenospheric origin

was supported by MORB-like noble gas isotopic ratios, multi-phase saturation experiment, and geochemistry~~Considering that the mid ocean ridge basalt (MORB) like noble-gas isotopic compositions and the multiphase saturation experiments of petit-spot lavas confirm the petit-spot melts originating from the asthenosphere, petit-spot volcanoes could be a key to elucidating the nature of the LAB, leading to an understanding of plate tectonics~~ (Hirano et al., 2006; Hirano and Machida, 2022; Machida et al., 2015, 2017; Yamamoto et al., 2018). The LAB is identified as a discontinuous transition in seismic velocities at the base of the lithosphere, and its causes are attributed to hydration, melting, and mineral anisotropy with considerations for the unique characteristics in each tectonic setting (e.g., Rychert and Shearer, 2009). The occurrence of petit-spot volcanism substantiates the existence of melt at the LAB below the area at least (Hirano et al., 2006). Recently, similar volcanic activities have been observed worldwide including Java (Sunda) Trench, Tonga Trench, Chile Trench, Mariana Trench, Costa Rica, North American Basin and Range, and southern offshore of Greenland, implying the universal occurrence of petit-spot magmatisms (Axen et al., 2018; Buchs et al., 2013; Falloon et al., 2022; Hirano et al., 2013, 2016, 2019; Reinhard et al., 2019; Taneja et al., 2016; Uenzelmann-Neben et al., 2012; Yamamoto et al., 2018, 2020; Zhang et al., 2019). Although there is still an open question of whether the LAB discontinuity is due to the differences in the physical properties of minerals (e.g., Hirth and Kohlstedt, 1996; Kang and Karato, 2023; Karato and Jung, 1998; Katsura and Fei, ~~2020~~2021; Stixrude and Lithgow-Bertelloni, 2005; Wang et al., 2006)~~, or the~~ presence of partial melts (e.g., Audhkhasi and Singh, 2022; Chantel et al., 2016; Conrad et al., 2011; Debayle et al., 2020; Herath et al., 2022; Hua et al., 2023; Kawakatsu et al., 2009; Mierdel et al., 2007; Sakamaki et al., 2013; Yoshino et al., 2006),~~ or hybrid factor (e.g., Audhkhasi and Singh, 2022; Herath et al., 2022),~~ the occurrence of petit-spot volcanism reveals the partial melting of the asthenospheric mantle of the region because they erupted on the seafloor without hotspot and ridge activities (Hirano et al., 2006; Hirano and Machida, 2022; Machida et al., 2015, 2017; Yamamoto et al., 2014, 2018, 2020).

The petit-spot volcanic province on the abyssal plain of the western Pacific is surrounded by Cretaceous seamounts and oceanic islands of the Western Pacific Seamount Province (Koppers et al., 2003) and located approximately 100 km southeast of the Minamitorishima (Marcus) Island (Fig. 1a). The study area corresponds to the oldest portion of the Pacific Plate aged at 160 Ma and the foot of the outer-rise bulge related to the Mariana subduction system (Hirano et al., 2019; Fig. 1b). Such a subduction-related fore-bulge in front of the Mariana Trench has been numerically modeled and detected in satellite gravity maps despite crosscutting by several seamounts (Bellas et al., 2022; Hirano et al., 2019; Zhang et al., 2014, 2020). The petrography, geochemistry, and geochronology of petit-spot basalts and detrital zircons in peperites, which were collected from a knoll, suggested that petit-spot magmas in this region ascend from the asthenosphere along the concavely flexed plate in response to subduction into the Mariana Trench at younger than ~ 3 Ma (Yamamoto et al., 2018; Hirano et al.,

184 2019). Below the study area, low seismic velocity zone ~~was~~ is observed under the lithosphere (Li et

185 al., 2019; Fig. 1c). Notwithstanding~~Although~~ the low velocity anomalies crosscutting the lower mantle

186 (Fig. 1c), no active hotspots (i.e., heat supplies) have been reported around the western Pacific petit-

187 spot province~~–~~ surrounded by Cretaceous Wake seamount chains including Minamitorishima Island

188 and Paleogene intraplate volcanoes (Koppers et al., 2003; Aftabuzzaman et al., 2021; Hirano et al.,

189 2021) ~~(Fig. 1c)~~. The other petit-spot lava outcrops were observed in a volcanic cluster during three

190 research cruises using the research vessel (RV) *Yokosuka* (YK16-01, YK18-08, and YK19-05S) with

191 five dives using the submersible, *Shinkai* 6500 (6K#1466, 6K#1521, 6K#1522, 6K#1542, and

192 6K#1544; Fig. 2), and fresh basalts were collected. The information of sampling point, depth,

193 thickness of palagonite rind and manganese-crust, and age of the western Pacific petit-spot basalts

194 ~~were~~ are provided in Table 1.

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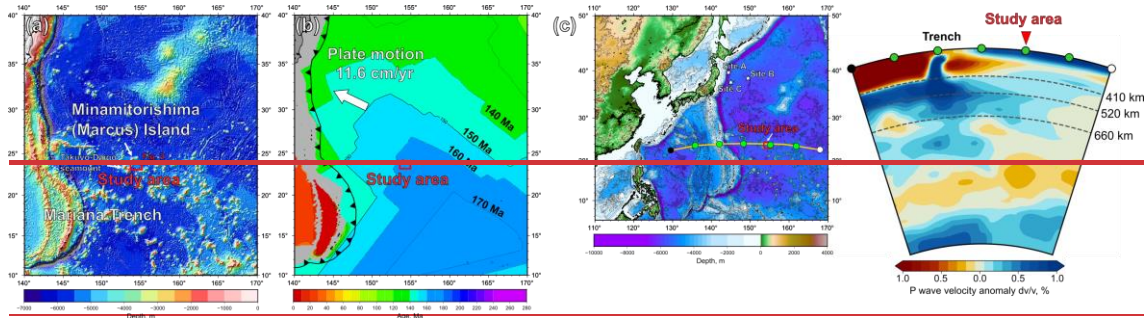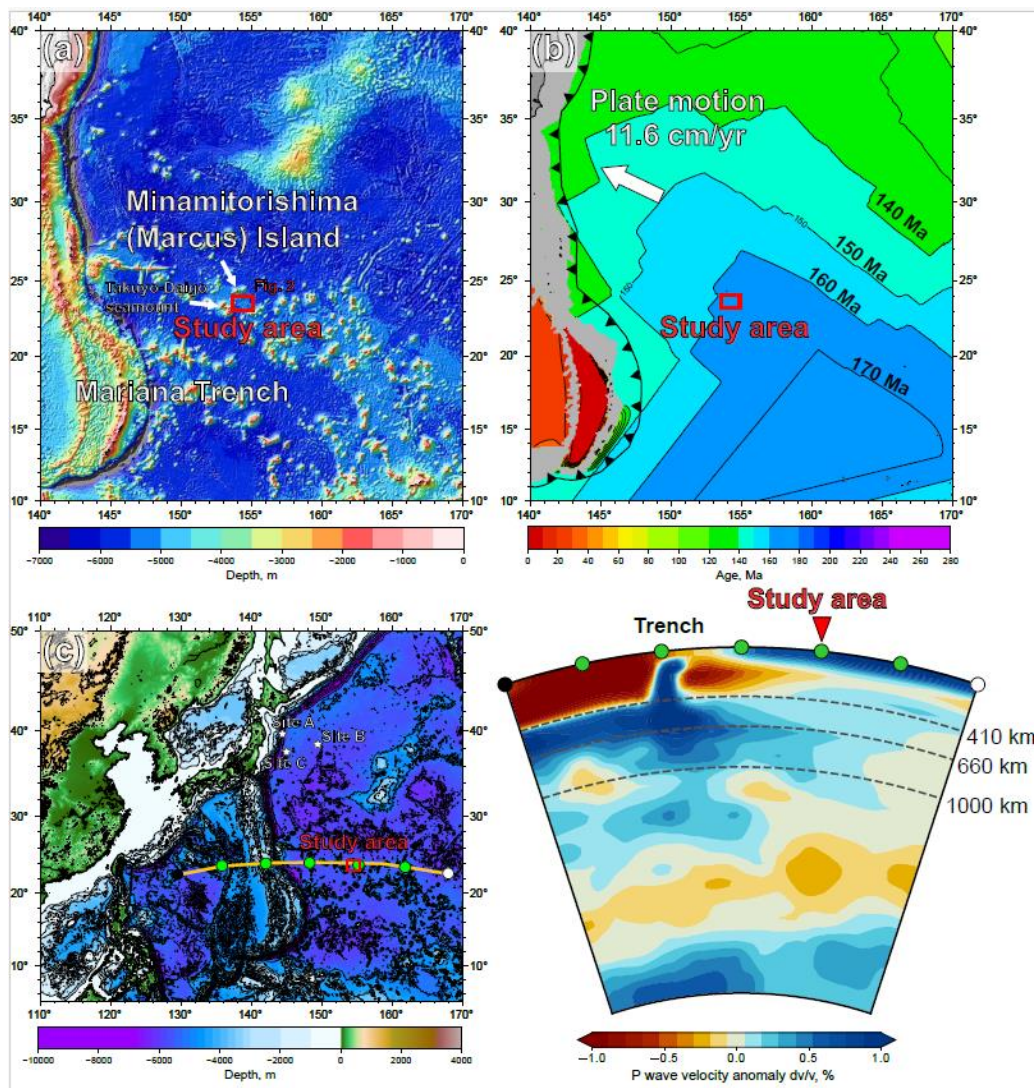
Fig. 1. Geological and geophysical information of the study area. (a) Bathymetry of the western Pacific near the Mariana Trench. The red box shows the study area to the southeast of Minamitorishima (Marcus) Island (Fig. 2). The bathymetric data are adopted from ETOPO1 (NOAA National Geophysical Data Center; http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/). (b) Seafloor age map of the same area as (a). This study area is on a 160–170 Ma Pacific Plate, called the Jurassic Quiet Zone (JQZ) (Tivey et al. 2006). The present absolute motion of the Pacific Plate and the seafloor age ~~were~~ are derived from studies by Gripp and Gordon (1990) and Müller et al. (2008), respectively. (c) The cross-section P-wave tomography beneath the thick white line including the study area on the ETOPO1 bathymetry map (left). The tomographic image (right) was drawn using the SubMachine (Hosseini et al., 2018; http://www.earth.ox.ac.uk/~smachine/cgi/index.php) on applying the data of Lu et al. (2019).

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Table. 1
Information of the collected western Pacific petit-spot basalts

Cruise	Dive	Sample name	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	Depth, m	Palagonite rind, mm [*1]	Manganese crust, mm [*1]	Ar-Ar age, Ma
YK16-01	6K#1466	R3-001	23° 19.1009	154° 15.0950	5453	4.45	7.155	
		R3-04	23° 19.1009	154° 15.0950	5453	3.005	5.805	
		R6-001	23° 19.4475	154° 15.0367	5300	6.61	5.205	2.56±0.34
		R7-001	23° 19.4713	154° 15.0000	5267	5.54	4.31	
		R7-003	23° 19.4713	154° 15.0000	5267	-	–	
YK18-08	6K#1521	R04	23° 5.0880	154° 23.7360	5546	1.045	5.935	
		R05	23° 5.0880	154° 23.7360	5546	-	5.625	
	6K#1522	R01	23° 27.6420	153° 58.3140	5300	6.015	5.78	-0.11±0.23[*2]
		R02	23° 27.6420	153° 58.3140	5300	4.505	2.66	
		R03	23° 27.6420	153° 58.3140	5300	5.44	4.04	
		R05	23° 27.6360	153° 58.3080	5294	2.92	4.785	
		R12	23° 27.4920	153° 58.0620	5189	6.05	5.56	
		R13	23° 27.4920	153° 58.0620	5189	4.545	5.895	
		R14	23° 27.3540	153° 57.8160	5303	2.04	5.475	
		R16	23° 27.4680	153° 57.1200	5182	3.825	3.845	
		R17	23° 27.4680	153° 57.1200	5182	5.19	5.67	
YK19-05S	6K#1542	R03	23° 44.1926	154° 45.6900	5359	3.43	4.26	
		R05	23° 44.1926	154° 45.6900	5359	3.245	4.355	
		R06	23° 44.7064	154° 44.1200	5190	-	-	
		R09	23° 44.7064	154° 44.1200	5190	-	-	
	6K#1544	R04	23° 43.9555	154° 49.4277	5488	4.39	4.955	
		R05	23° 43.9555	154° 49.4277	5488	2.965	4.97	
		R06	23° 43.9555	154° 49.4277	5488	3.425	5.82	

*1: The samples which have no data of palagonite and/or Mn-crust thickness are due to the lack of them or crumbled.

*2: This is a reference value due to the lack of radiogenic ^{40}Ar in this sample.
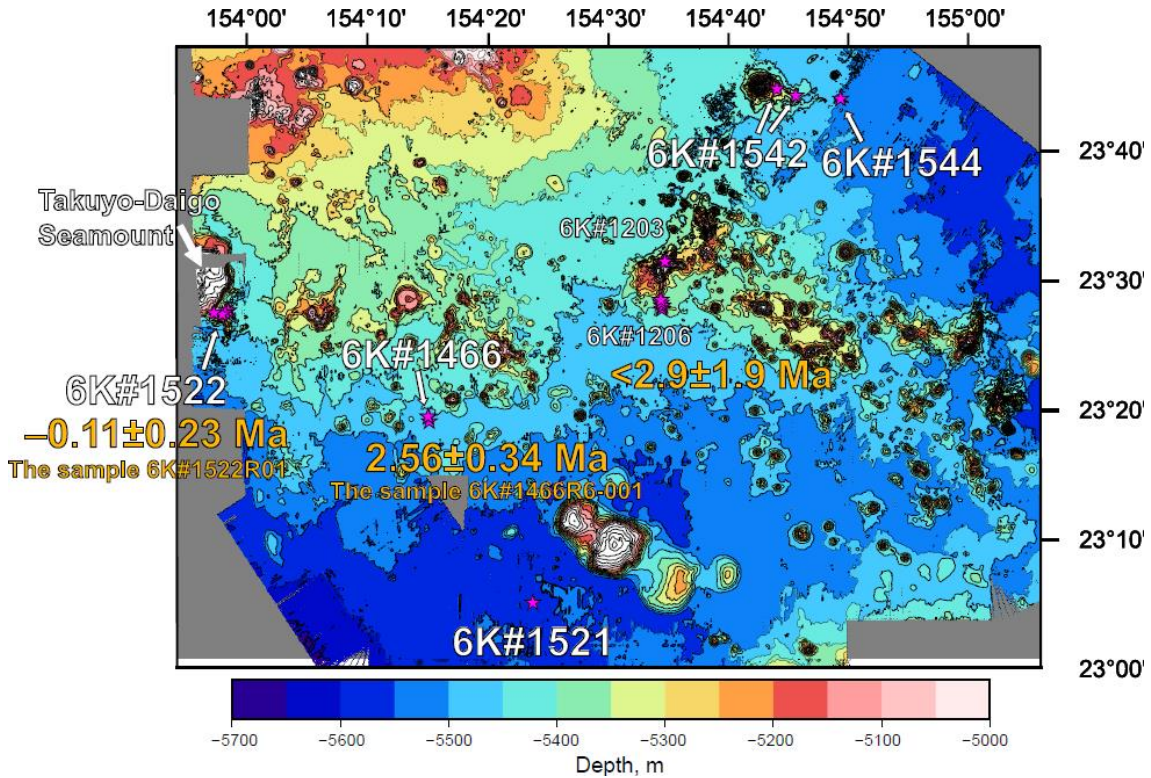
Fig. 2. Detailed bathymetry of the study area. The onboard multibeam data were surveyed during the YK10-05 and the YK18-08 cruises by the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC). The petit-spot knolls and outcrops were investigated during several dives as 6K#1466, 6K#1521, 6K#1522, 6K#1542, and 6K#1544. The pink-colored stars represent the sampling points. The age information was obtained in the present study and Hirano et al. (2019).

3 Field observations, sample locations, and petrography

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Here, the eruptive sites of monogenetic volcanoes or lava outcrops ~~were~~ are approximately along each dive site numbered 6K#1466, #1521, #1522, #1542, and #1544 conducted using the *Shinkai 6500*. Only the 6K#1466 dive was conducted at two types of monogenetic volcanoes, divided into the glassy (R3) and crystalline, vesicular (R6 and R7) types based on the geochemical and petrographic descriptions and occurrence of basaltic samples.

3.1 YK16-01 cruise and 6K#1466 dive

During the YK16-01 cruise, a small conical knoll (ca. 0.04 km^3) was investigated by a submersible dive, 6K#1466 (Figs. 2 and 3a). The lava flows, observed hollow lava tube resulting in sediment-rolling/disturbing eruption, were located approximately 600 m south of the top of the knoll (extremely fresh and glassy samples; 6K#1466R3-001 and R3-004 basalts) (Fig. 3a). Vesicular pillow basalts were collected on the western slope of the knoll (samples 6K#1466R6-001, R7-001, and R7-003; Fig. 3a). Although only the strong acoustic reflection could not completely distinguish the petit-spot lava fields in ferromanganese nodule fields, this dive revealed lava outcrops using a sub bottom profiler (SBP) and a multi narrow beam echo sounder (MBES). In detail, the petit-spot lava field, as an acoustically opaque layer, was identified by a vigorous backscattering intensity in the MBES with the distributions of the basement and sediment layers in the SBP.

The 6K#1466R3-001 and R3-004 samples were extremely fresh glassy basalts. The R3-001 and R3-004 basalts exhibited similar petrographic features (Fig. 3a). These basalts were covered by 3.0–4.5 mm-thick palagonite (hydrated quenched glass), and their outermost parts were surrounded by 5.8–7.2 mm-thick ferromanganese crust (Fig. 3a). They were less vesicular (<3 vol.%) and dominantly basaltic glass with euhedral–subhedral olivine microphenocrysts (~100–500 μm in size), ferrotitanium oxide (<50 μm in size), and minor plagioclase (~500 μm in size) (Fig. 3a). Secondary phases (e.g., clay minerals) were not observed.

The 6K#1466R6-001, R7-001, and R7-003 basalts, covered with 4.3–5.2 mm-thick ferromanganese crust over 5.5–6.6 mm-thick palagonite rinds, exhibited high vesicularity (20–40 vol.%) (Fig. 3a). Certain pyroxene-dominated xenocrysts and peridotite xenoliths have been reported by Mikuni et al. (2022). The basaltic groundmass comprised needle-shaped clinopyroxene (50–400 μm in size), subhedral olivine partly with aureoles of iddingsite (up to 100 μm in size), ferrotitanium oxide, minor spinel (up to 10 μm in size), glass, and crystallite, notably without remarkable phenocrysts (Fig. 3a). The photomicrograph of R6-001 is shown in Fig. 3a.

3.2 YK18-08 cruise and 6K#1521 and #1522 dives

254   Two submersible dives (6K#1521 and 1522) were conducted during the YK18-08 cruise to

255 investigate petit-spot volcanoes. During the 6K#1521 dive, a small lava outcrop was discovered in the

256 abyssal plain by tracing the strong acoustic reflection, which was expectedly derived from intrusive

257 rock bodies, in the sedimentary layer detected by deep-sea SBP equipped on the *Shinkai* 6500. We

258 observed that the strong reflective surface gradually became shallow during the navigation, revealing

259 the small lava outcrop (Figs. 2 and 3b). Fresh and massive (nonvesicular) basalts were collected from

260 this outcrop (samples 6K#1521R04 and R05; Fig. 3b). The samples from the 6K#1522 dive at a

261 seamount exhibited highly irregular shapes, and massive lava flows, pillows, and lava breccia were

262 observed (Fig. 3c). All the samples were fresh vesicular basalts (6K#1522R01, R02, R05, R12, R13,

263 R16, and R17; Fig. 3c).

264   The fresh, massive, and nonvesicular basalts were obtained by 6K#1521 dive (R04 and R05)

265 and comprised euhedral olivine microphenocrysts (150–400 μm in size), two types of ferrotitanium

266 oxide (50–150 μm in size), and crystallite (Fig. 2b). Secondary phases were not observed as well. They

267 were covered with 5.6–5.9 mm-thick ferromanganese crust and ~ 1.0 mm-thick palagonite rinds (Fig.

268 3b), but R05 did not have palagonite rinds. The photomicrograph of R04 is shown in Fig. 3b.

269   The seven fresh basalts collected during the 6K#1522 dive (6K#1522R01, R02, R05, R12, R13,

270 R16, and R17), exhibited high vesicularity (20–40 vol.%) with 2.9–6.0 mm-thick palagonite rinds

271 covered with 2.7–5.9 mm-thick ferromanganese crusts (Fig. 3c). Euhedral–subhedral olivine

272 microphenocrysts (glomeroporphyritic, 30–200 μm in size), radial–needle-shaped clinopyroxene,

273 iddingsite (<200 μm in size), spinel, and glass with minor xenocrystic olivines were observed (Fig.

274 3c). The photomicrograph of R01 is shown in Fig. 3c.

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276 **3.3 YK19-05S cruise and 6K#1542 and #1544 dives**

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278   A petit-spot knoll and related lava flows were surveyed by the 6K#1542 and #1544 dives,

279 respectively, during the YK19-05S cruise (Fig. 2). During the 6K#1542 dive, geological survey and

280 rock sampling were conducted from two points on the eastern slope of the knoll (Figs. 2 and 3d). Here,

281 the 6K#1542R03 and R05 basalts were collected from the lava-breccia field covered with thin

282 ferromanganese crust (Fig. 3d). Samples R06 and R09 were obtained from the lobate-surface lava

283 between tubular lavas closer to the summit than R03 and R05 (Fig. 3d).

284   High-resolution (one-meter scale) bathymetric mapping was successfully conducted during the

285 6K#1544 dive, and this can contribute to future oceanographic investigations using the Human

286 Occupied Vehicle (Kaneko et al., 2022). During this acoustic survey, several mounds, 10–20 m in

287 height and a few hundred meters in diameter, were recognized (Fig. 3d). We observed these mounds

288 and collected samples from outcrops during the second half of the dive. Pillow lavas, tumuli, and lava

289 breccias were observed, and basaltic samples (6K#1544R04, R05, and R06) were collected (Fig. 3d).

290   Four vesicular basalts (10–30 vol.% vesicularity; 6K#1542R03, R05, R06, and R09) were

291   covered with 4.3–4.4 mm-thick ferromanganese crust. The outer palagonitic rinds were 3.2–3.4 mm-

292   thick (Fig. 3d). A few to 300-μm-sized euhedral–subhedral olivine microlites and microphenocrysts

293   were glomeroporphyritic (Fig. 3d). The groundmass was dominated by needled dendritic

294   clinopyroxenes (~100 μm in size). The others were olivine, spinel, glass, and xenocrystic olivine

295   megacrysts. The photomicrograph of R06 is shown in Fig. 3d.

296   The basaltic samples from the 6K#1544 dive (6K#1544R04, R05, and R06) were covered with

297   ferromanganese crust (5.0–5.8 mm-thick) over palagonitic rinds (3.4–4.4 mm-thick). All the samples

298   exhibited high vesicularity in the range of 20–35 vol.% (Fig. 3d). They comprised olivine

299   microphenocrysts (30–250 μm in size, euhedral–subhedral or columnar), clinopyroxene (<100 μm,

300   needled, columnar, radial or dendritic shape), spinel, and glass without secondary phases (Fig. 3d).

301   The photomicrograph of R04 is shown in Fig. 3d. During macroscopic observations, practically all the

302   basalts from the 6K#1542 and 6K#1544 dives exhibited similar vesicularity and freshness. Their

303   geochemical features were also similar to each other and are described in Sect. 5-1 and 5-2.

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(b)

6K#1521 dive

R04
R05

6K#1521R04
Mn-crust
Palagonite
Basaltic lava
2 cm

6K#1521R05
5 cm

18/07/02 13:13:58
D:5546m
A: 1m

6K#1521R04
Ol
Mgt
PPL
250 µm

XPL
250 µm

BSE
200 µm

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6K#1521 dive

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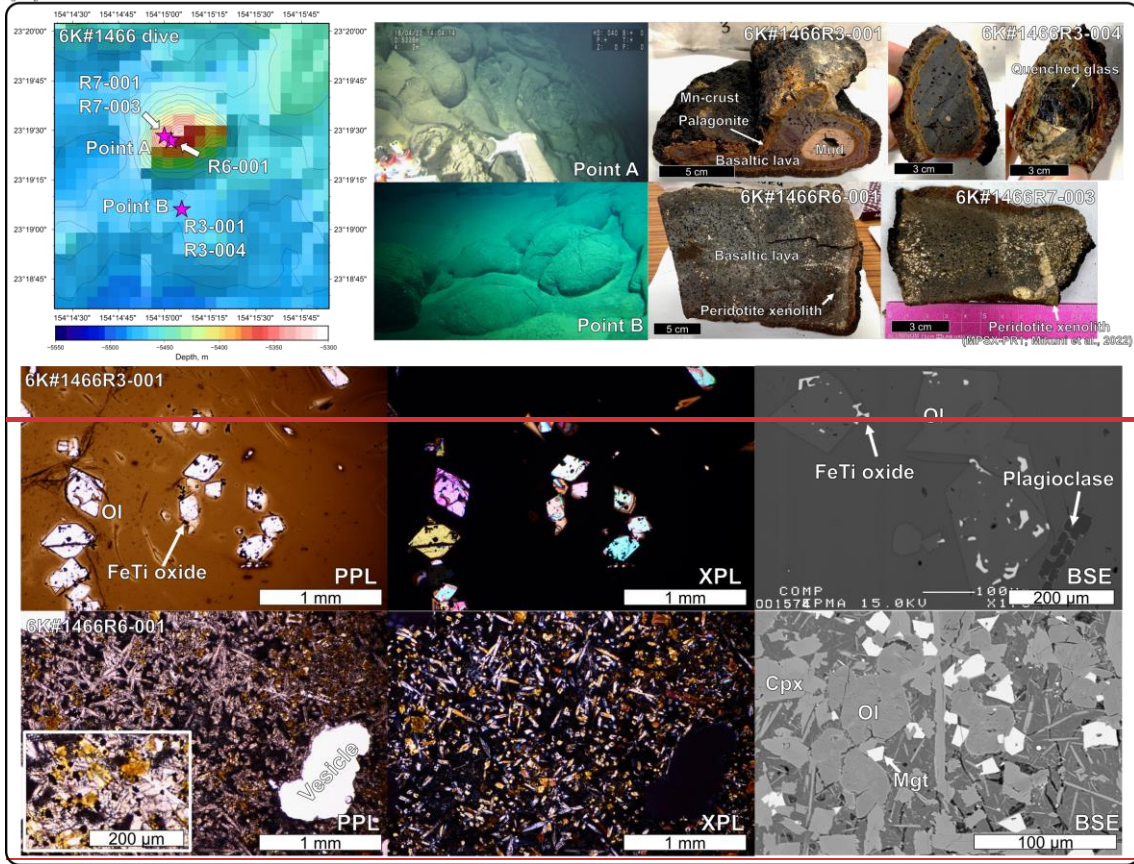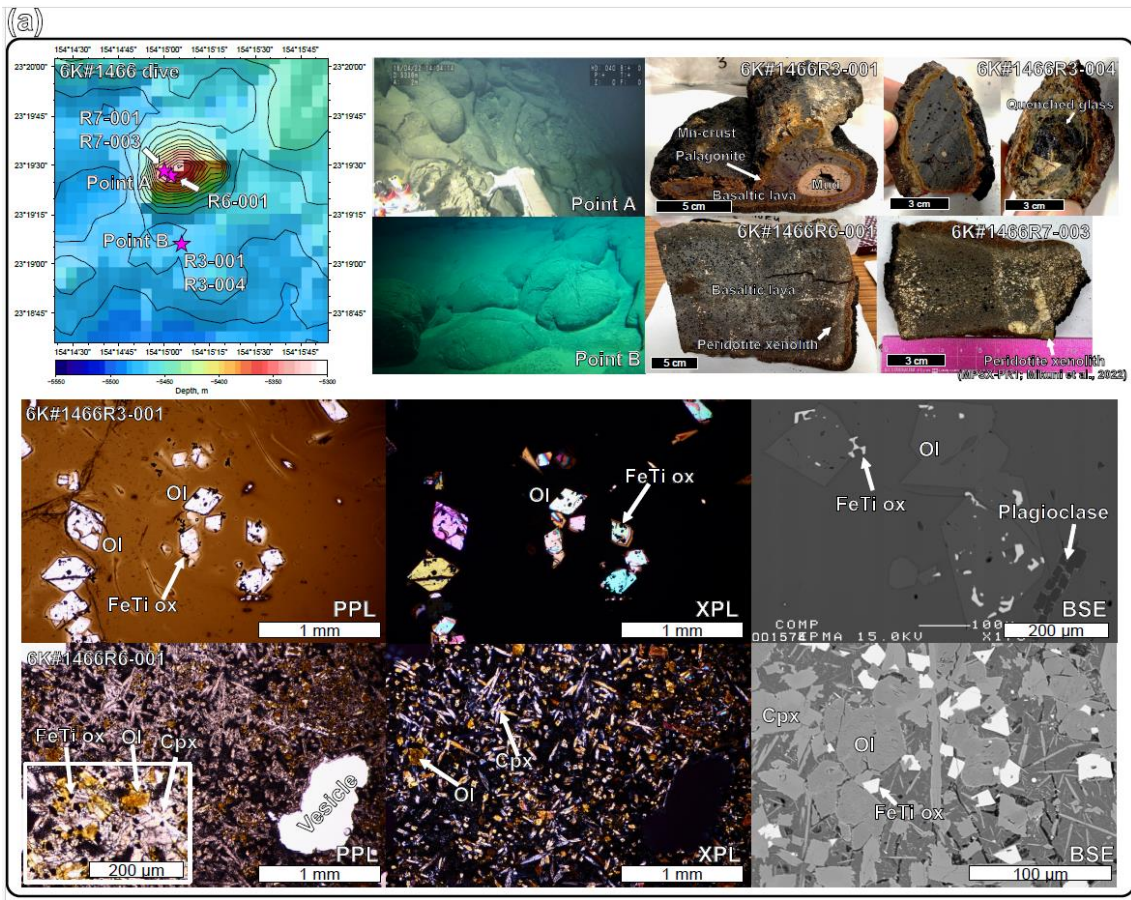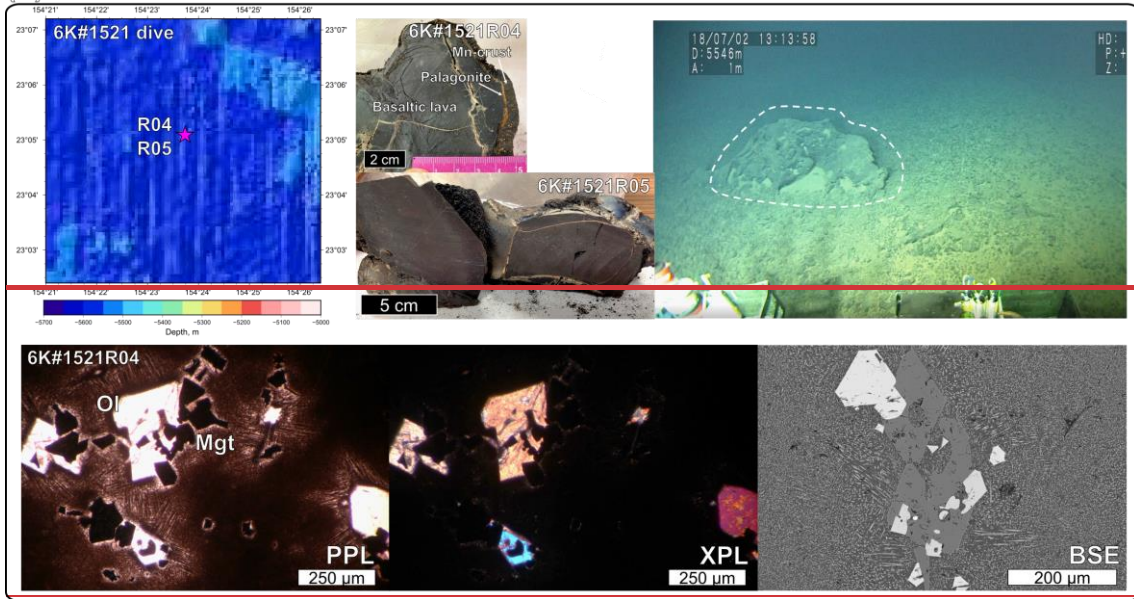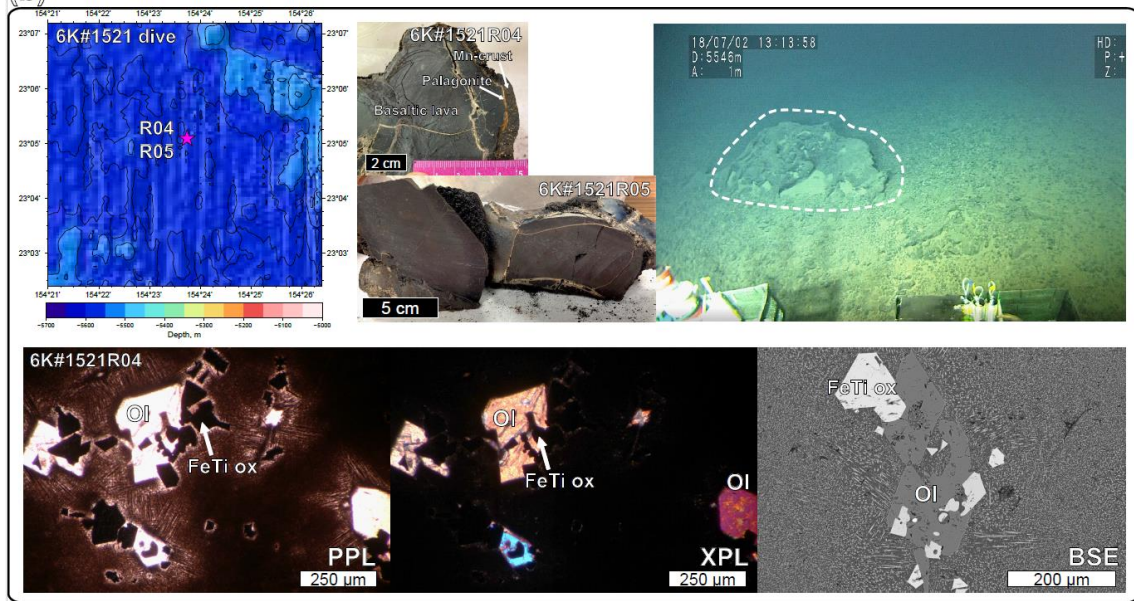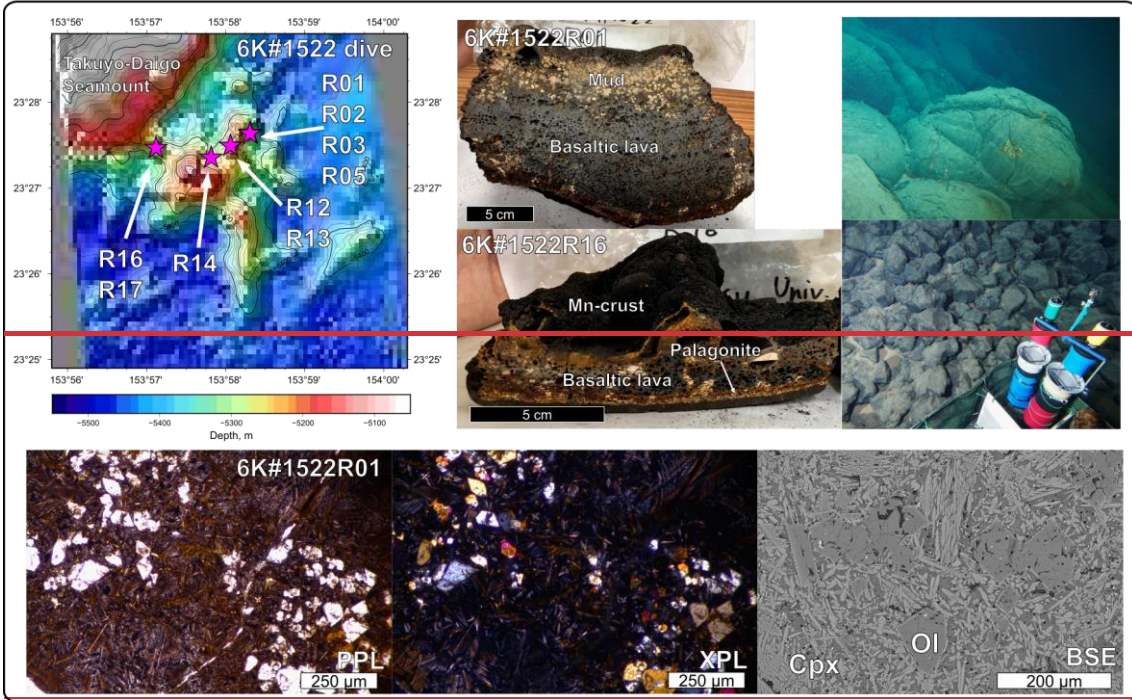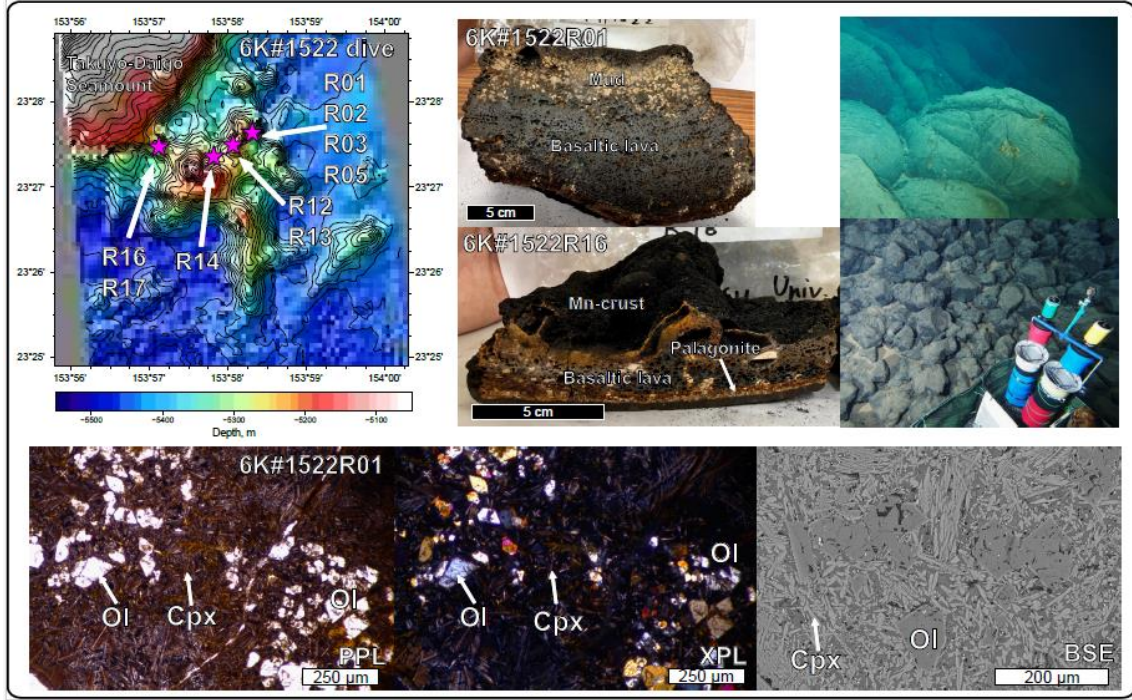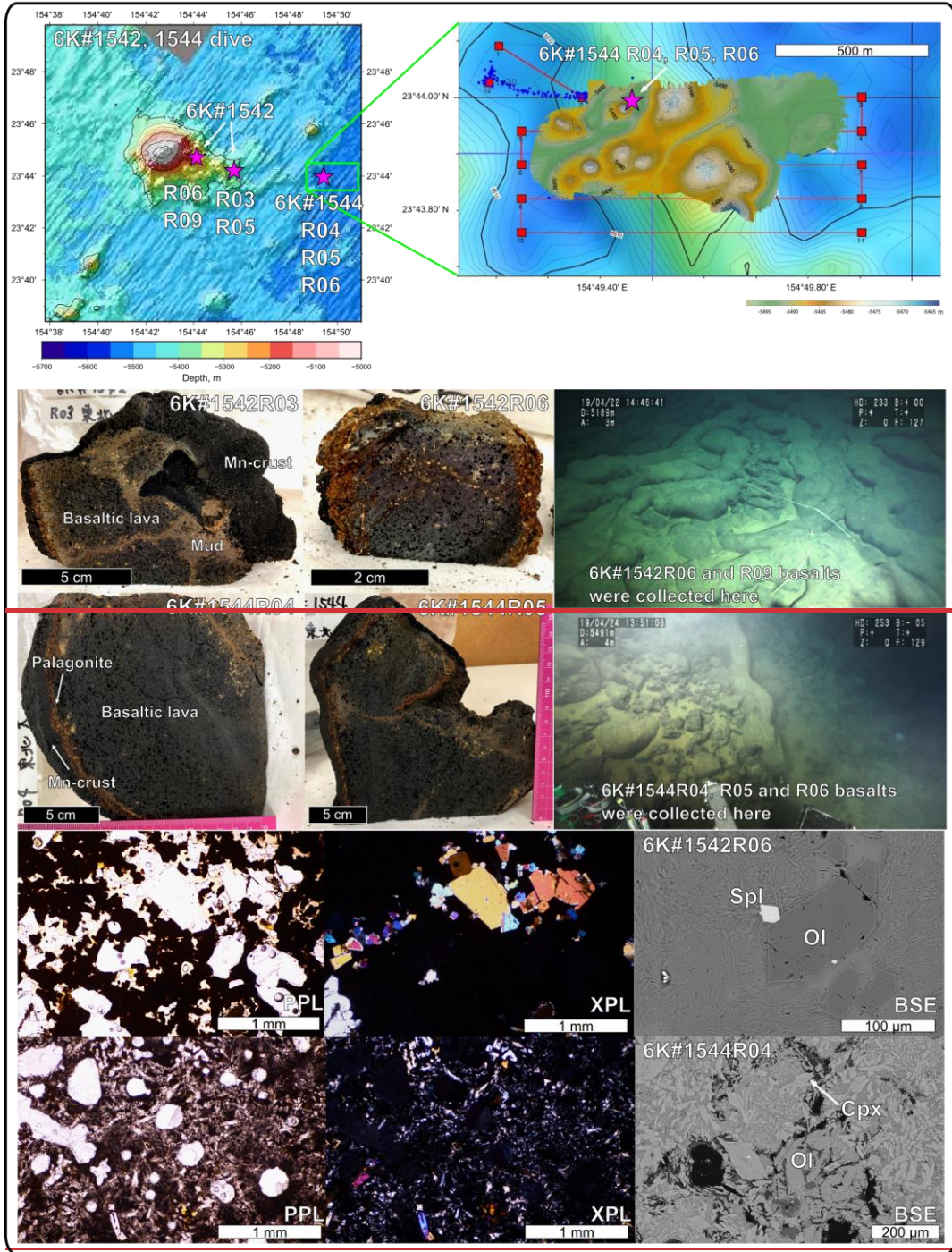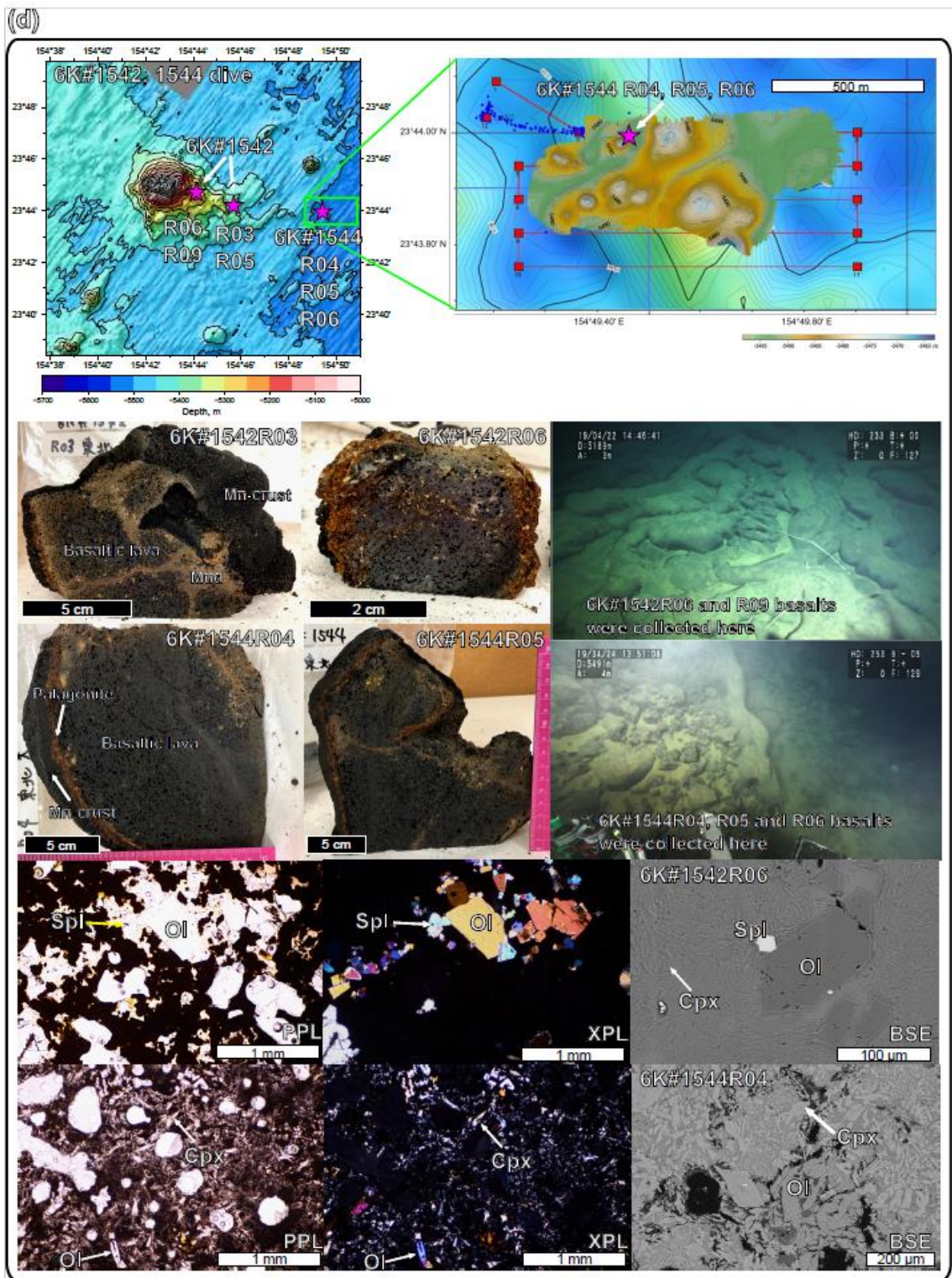
Fig. 3. Bathymetric map with photos of the outcrop, the collected samples, and their photomicrographs with detailed bathymetry of the sampling points. (a) The 6K#1466, (b) 6K#1521, (c) 6K#1522, and (d) 6K#1542 and 6K#1544 dives using the *Shinkai* 6500 by JAMSTEC. The 1-m gridded bathymetry of the 6K#1544 dive is shown in (d), obtained using an MBES equipped with the *Shinkai* 6500 over a 100-m resolution map

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317   obtained using the surface ship, R/V *Yokosuka* (Kaneko et al., 2022). The photomicrographs of

318   representative samples are shown for plane-polarized light (PPL), cross-polarized light (XPL), and

319   backscatter electron (BSE). Ol, olivine; Cpx, clinopyroxene; Mgt, magnetite; Spl, spinel.

4. Analytical methods

4.1 Major and trace element analysis of volcanic glass, mineral, and whole-rock

326   Major element compositions of glasses and minerals were determined using an electron probe
327   micro analyzer (EPMA; JXA-8900R). JXA-8900R at Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute
328   (AORI), the University of Tokyo was used for glass analysis and JXA-iHP200F at GSJ, AIST was
329   used for mineral analysis. The analyses were performed using an accelerating voltage of 15 kV, a beam
330   current of 12 nA, and a beam diameter of 10 μm for glass and 2 μm for mineral. A peak counting time
331   of 20 s and a background counting time of 10 s were used, except for Na and Ni, for which a peak
332   counting time of 30 s and a background counting time of 15 s. 5s and 30 s and a background counting
333   time of 2s and 15 s were used, respectively. For Na analysis of glass, the peak counting time was 5 s
334   and the background counting time was 2 s. Natural and synthetic minerals were used as standards, and
335   data were corrected using a ZAF online correction program (Akizawa et al., 2021). Major element
336   composition of glass was determined by the mean value of 10 analytical points.
337   The trace element compositions of minerals were determined using a laser ablation-inductively
338   coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS; New Wave Research UP-213 and Agilent 7500s) at
339   Kanazawa University. The Nd: YAG deep UV (ultraviolet) laser's wavelength is 213 nm. The analyses
340   were conducted with 100 μm spot size. A repetition frequency of 6 Hz and a laser energy density of 8
341   J cm^{-2} were used. NIST612 glass (distributed by National Institute of Standards and Technology) was
342   employed for calibration, using the preferred values of Pearce et al. (1997). Data reduction was
343   undertaken with ^{29}Si as the initial standard, and SiO$_2$ concentrations were obtained by an electron
344   microprobe analysis (Longerich et al., 1996). BCR-2G (distributed by the United States Geological
345   Survey) was used as a secondary standard to assess the precision of each analytical session (Jochum
346   and Nohl, 2008).
347   Whole-rock major and trace element compositions of rock samples were analyzed by Activation
348   Laboratories Ltd., Canada, using Code 4Lithoresearch Lithogeochemistry and ultratrace5 Exploration
349   Geochemistry Package. The former package uses lithium metaborate/tetraborate fusion with
350   inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (FUS-ICP-OES) and inductively coupled
351   plasma mass spectroscopy (FUS-ICP-MS) for the major and trace element analyses, respectively. The
352   latter package uses inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES) and

353　inductively coupled plasma mass spectroscopy (ICP-MS) for the major and trace element analyses,
354　respectively.
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356　**4.2 Sr, Nd, and Pb isotope analysis**
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358　**4.2.1 Acid leaching**
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360　　Acid leaching was conducted for the selected basaltic samples on the basis of the procedure of
361　Weis and Frey (1991, 1996) as follows: [1] About 0.3–0.4 or 0.6 g of rock powder is weighed into an
362　acid-washed 15 mL Teflon vial (Savilex®). [2] 10 or 12 mL of 6N (N: normality) HCl were added, and
363　then heated at 80°C for 20–30 min. [3] After heating, the suspension is ultra-sonicated in 60°C water
364　for 20 min. [4] The supernatant is decanted. Steps [2] to [4] were repeated more than 4 times (up to 6
365　times) until the supernatant become clear or pale yellow to colorless. [5] TAMAPURE-AA Ultrapure
366　water (Tama Chemicals; Co., Ltd.), which includes a lower Pb blank than milli-Q H_2O, were added
367　instead of 6N HCl, and the suspension is ultra-sonicated for 20 min. This step is conducted twice. [6]
368　The leached rock powder is dried on a hot plate at 120°C. [7] After cooling, the powder is weighed.
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370　**4.2.2 Extraction of Pb, Sr, and Nd**
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372　　The extraction of Pb, Sr, and Nd was performed following the procedures of Tanimizu and
373　Ishikawa (2006) and Machida et al. (2009). First, from ~50 to ~100 mg of rock powder was weighted
374　in a 7 mL Teflon vial (designated as "vial A"), and digested using mixed acid composed of HF and
375　HBr. The separation was conducted by cation exchange resin (AG-1X8; Bio-Rad Laboratories Inc.)
376　on the basis of procedures described in Tanimizu and ishikawa (2006). All fractions from the first and
377　second supernatant loading (0.5 M HBr) to the elution of other elements (mixed acid composed of
378　0.25 M HBr and 0.5 M HNO_3) were collected in another 7 mL Teflon vial (designated as "vial B") for
379　Sr and Nd separation. Finally, Pb was extracted by 1 mL of 1M HNO_3 in another 7 mL Teflon vial
380　(designated as "vial C"). The procedural blanks for Pb totaled less than 23 pg.
381　　The Sr and Nd-bearing solution in the vial B was transferred into the vial A containing residues
382　of digested samples. 2 mL of $HClO_4$ and 2 mL HNO_3 was further added to the vial A, and the residue
383　was dissolved at 110 °C. ~~The~~ Both Sr and Nd were separated by column with a cation exchange resin
384　(AG50W-8X; Bio-Rad Laboratories Inc.) and a Ln resin (Eichrom Tech- nologies Inc.) on the basis of
385　procedures described in Machida et al. (2009). The separated Sr and Nd were further purified by
386　column separation with a cation exchange resin. The total procedural blanks for Sr and Nd were less
387　than 100 pg.
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4.2.3 Analytical procedure

Pb isotopic ratios were obtained using the multi-collector ICP-MS (MC-ICP-MS; Neptune plus, Thermo Fisher Scientific), with nine Faraday collectors, at Chiba Institute of Technology (CIT), Japan. The NIST SRM-981 Pb standard was also analyzed and yielded the average values of $^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb$ = 16.9303 ± 0.0005, $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$ = 15.4828 ± 0.0006, and $^{208}Pb/^{204}Pb$ = 36.6710 ± 0.0016. These correspond to previous values determined using MC-ICP-MS with Tl normalization, but they were slightly lower than values determined by TIMS in Tanimizu and Ishikawa (2006) from the $^{207}Pb–^{204}Pb$ double-spike. Reproducibility was monitored by an analyses of the JB-2 GSJ standard, and the obtained values was were $^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb$ = 18.3326 ± 0.0005, $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$ = 15.5453 ± 0.0006, and $^{208}Pb/^{204}Pb$ = 38.2240 ± 0.0017.

Sr and Nd isotopic analyses for powdered rocks and glasses were conducted using the thermal ionization mass spectrometry (TIMS; Triton XT, Thermo Fisher Scientific) with nine Faraday collectors, at CIT. 1.5 µL of 2.5M HCl and 0.5M HNO_3 was used for loading of separated Sr and Nd of sample on the single and double Re-filament, respectively. The measured isotopic ratios were corrected for instrumental fractionation by adopting the $^{86}Sr/^{85}Sr$ value to be 0.1194 and that of $^{146}Nd/^{144}Nd$ to be 0.7219. The average value for the NIST SRM-987 Sr standard was 0.710239 ±0.000005 (2σ, n =2), and that for the GSJ JNdi-1 Nd standard was 0.512103 ±0.000005 (2σ, n =2). They agree well with values from the literature for the NIST SRM-987 ($^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ = 0.710252–0.710256; Weis et al., 2006) and JNdi-1 ($^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd$ = 0.512101; Wakaki et al., 2007). Consequently, we did not correct the values of the unknowns for offsets between the measurements and the values for the Sr and Nd standards.

4.3 $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ dating

Samples for $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ dating were prepared by separating crystalline groundmass after crushing them to sizes between 100 and 500 µm. The separated groundmass samples were leached by HNO_3 (1 mol/L) for one hour to remove clays and altered materials. All samples were wrapped in aluminum foil along with JG-1 biotite (Iwata, 1998), K_2SO_4, and CaF_2 flux monitors. Any amorphous (e.g., quenched glass) was removed because ^{39}Ar may move from one phase to another in a process known as "recoil." This can create a disturbed age spectrum when ^{39}Ar is produced from ^{39}K in amorphous material through interaction with fast neutrons during irradiation of the sample. Samples were irradiated for 6.6 days in the Kyoto University Research Reactor (KUR), Kyoto University. Argon extraction and isotopic analyses were undertaken at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the University of Tokyo. The sample gases were extracted by incremental heating of 10 or 11 steps between 600°C and 1500°C. The analytical methods used are the same as those used by Ebisawa et al.

425   (2004) and Kobayashi et al. (2021).

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427   ~~**4.4 Geochemical modeling**~~

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429   ~~The partial melting model was established using the open-system mass balance modeling~~
430   ~~(OSM-4) of Ozawa et al. (2001), referring the parameters of Borisova and Tilhac (2021). This model~~
431   ~~was based on the mass conservation equations of one-dimensional steady-state melting. In the model~~
432   ~~in this study, the critical melt fraction (α_c; mass fraction of melt when melt separation begins = melt~~
433   ~~connectivity threshold) was fixed at 0.01. The system was opened to fluxing at a constant melt~~
434   ~~separation rate (γ) when the system reached the α_c. The final trapped melt fraction (α_f; mass fraction~~
435   ~~of melt trapped in the residue) was also fixed at ~0 (it was calculated as 10^{-6} owing to mass balance).~~
436   ~~We calculated the trace element composition of partial melts at various degree of melting (F), rate of~~
437   ~~influx (β) and melt separation (γ). We assumed a primitive mantle (PM) source as a lherzolite with or~~
438   ~~without a normal (N)-MORB source as the recycled oceanic crust (Sun and McDonough, 1989), such~~
439   ~~as pyroxenite and eclogite. The recycled crust (N-MORB component) was mixed in the source as~~
440   ~~compositional heterogeneity calculated as "0.05N-MORB + 0.95PM" for the trace element~~
441   ~~concentration, and the considered mineral phases and their proportions were derived only from garnet~~
442   ~~lherzolite (i.e., olivine, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene, and garnet). The mineral mode of garnet~~
443   ~~lherzolite (olivine 55%, orthopyroxene 20%, clinopyroxene 15%, and garnet 10%) and the melting~~
444   ~~reaction mode (olivine 8%, orthopyroxene −19%, clinopyroxene 81%, and garnet 30%) were based~~
445   ~~on studies by Johnson et al. (1990) and Walter (1998), respectively. In this situation, the clinopyroxene~~
446   ~~was consumed at an F (degree of partial melting) of ~19%; therefore, the system was calculated up~~
447   ~~to 18% partial melting. The carbonatite melt, as an influx, in this model was "average carbonatite"~~
448   ~~from a study by Bizimis et al. (2003). The partition coefficient of trace elements was generally based~~
449   ~~on a study by McKenzie and O'Nions (1991) excluding Y (White, 2013), and Ti for clinopyroxene~~
450   ~~and garnet (Kelemen et al., 2003). The variables of β (influx rate) and γ (melt-separation rate) were~~
451   ~~changed during the modeling within the mass balance ($\gamma \leqq \beta + 1$). The modeled melts were outputted~~
452   ~~as "total melt," considering the instantaneous and accumulated melts. Non-modal batch melting for~~
453   ~~garnet lherzolite was also performed using the same parameters and Shaw (1970)'s equation.~~

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455   **5 Results**

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457   To describe the geochemical and chronological results, each sample group was denoted by its
458   dive number, e.g., the sample group obtained from the 6K#1521 dive was labeled "1521 samples".
459   The basalts from the 6K#1466 dive were divided into two groups for R3 (collected from the seafloor
460   south of the knoll) and R6–R7 (sampled on the knoll) based on their geographical, petrological, and

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461   compositional differences. The mineral compositions of each petit-spot basalt are shown in Fig. S1
462   and Table S1, S2 and S3.
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464   **5.1 Major and trace element compositions**
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466   The major and trace element compositions for the whole rock and glass of the petit-spot basalts
467   are listed in Table 2 and 3, respectively. The basalt compositions for a petit-spot knoll were reported
468   by Hirano et al. (2019) (expressed as "1203, 1206" in each figure). The data are discussed along with
469   the reported NW Pacific petit-spots (Hirano and Machida, 2022). Using a total alkali vs. silica (TAS)
470   diagram, virtually all the samples were classified as alkalic rocks, but the 1542 and 1544 basalts were
471   plotted near the boundary between alkalic and non-alkalic (Fig. 4a). Two petit-spot basalts (1466R7-
472   001 and R7-003) from the petit-spot knoll were notably silica-undersaturated (i.e., SiO_2 = 39.3–39.4
473   wt%) and classified as foidite (Mikuni et al., 2022). All the western Pacific petit-spot basalts, except
474   for the 6K#1466R7 basalts, were sodic (K_2O/Na_2O = 0.24–0.58), and were notably discriminated to
475   those of the potassic NW Pacific petit-spots (Fig. 4b).
476   Selected major element oxides and trace element ratios vs. MgO plots for the petit-spot basalts
477   are shown in Figs. 5 and 6, respectively. The MgO concentrations of the 1466R3 and 1521 samples
478   each exhibiting similar petrographic features (i.e., nonvesicular, and glassy) were characterized by
479   values (4.0–4.4 wt%) lower than those of other vesicular samples (6.6–9.3 wt%). The K_2O, Na_2O,
480   Al_2O_3, and SiO_2 contents negatively correlated with MgO (Figs. 5a–d). The CaO, FeO_T, and
481   CaO/Al_2O_3 abundances exhibited positive correlations with MgO (Figs. 5e–g). The TiO_2
482   concentrations exhibited no correlations with MgO (Fig. 5h), as well as the selected trace element
483   ratios (Figs. 6a–g) except for the Sm/Hf ratio with positive correlations (Fig. 6h). The Sm/Hf ratio also
484   negatively correlated with SiO_2 (Fig. S2). The study samples exhibited whole-rock loss on ignition
485   (LOI) in the range of 0.67–1.72 wt%, excluding two relatively altered samples, 6K#1466R7-001 (LOI
486   = 2.68 wt%) and R7-003 (LOI = 6.29 wt%).
487   The PM-normalized (Sun and McDonough, 1989) trace element patterns for the petit-spot
488   basalts, including those reported by a previous study (Hirano et al., 2019), were shown for each dive
489   compared towith the representative ocean island basalt (OIB) in Figs. 7a–f. The petit-spot basalts
490   generally showed high light rare earth element (LREE)/heavy REE (HREE) ratios. Negative Zr, Hf,
491   Ti, and Y anomalies were commonly observed in these western Pacific petit-spots as well as those of
492   the NW Pacific petit-spots (Fig. 7g). The 1466 basalts collected on the seafloor south of the knoll
493   (6K#1466R3-001 and R3-004) were compositionally different from those obtained on the knoll
494   (6K#1466R7-001, R7-003). The basalts from the 6K#1542 and 1544 dives, collected from nearby
495   locations, had the same compositions in major and trace element ratios in both whole rock and glass,
496   respectively (Figs. 4, 5, 6, 7e, and f). These samples in the Ba/Nb and Sm/Hf diagrams were plotted

497   in the range of "Group 3" in the discrimination of the NW Pacific petit-spot basalts (Machida et al.,

498   2015), indicating their negative Zr and Hf anomalies without notable U, Th, Nb, and Ta anomalies in

499   the PM-normalized trace element patterns (Fig. 7h). The Sm/Hf ratio of the differentiated 1466R3

500   samples was lower than that of other samples. A positive correlation between fluid mobile and

501   immobile elements, Ba vs. Nb (Fig. 8a) and U vs. Th (Fig. 8b), respectively, was observed, excluding

502   the Ba of the 1466R7 samples (Fig. 8a).

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Major and trace element compositions of western Pacific petit-spot basalts.

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Sample name	6K#1466R3-001	6K#1466R8-3-001	6K#1466R7-001	6K#1466R7-003	6K#1521R04	6K#1521R05	6K#1522R01	6K#1522R01	6K#1522R02	6K#1522R05	6K#1522R12	6K#1522R13	6K#1522R16	6K#1522R17	6K#1542R03	6K#1542R03	6K#1542R05	6K#1542R06	6K#1542R09	6K#1544R04	6K#1544R04	6K#1544R05	6K#1544R06
Sample type	Glass	Glass	Whole rock	Whole rock	Glass	Glass	Glass	Whole rock	Glass	Glass	Glass	Glass	Glass	Glass	Glass	Whole rock	Glass	Glass	Glass	Glass	Whole rock	Glass	Glass
wt%																							
SiO_2	51.56	50.63	39.40	39.27	48.42	46.78	45.92	45.28	45.90	45.38	46.02	47.09	45.22	45.06	49.35	48.66	48.77	49.66	50.09	49.08	50.54	49.08	50.53
TiO_2	2.31	2.19	3.82	3.68	3.65	3.32	2.37	2.43	2.51	2.33	2.45	2.50	2.58	2.67	2.16	2.11	2.13	2.25	2.24	2.13	2.04	2.13	2.08
Al_2O_3	14.99	15.10	11.41	11.46	15.12	14.38	12.74	12.48	12.82	11.99	12.91	13.08	12.55	12.55	12.52	13.49	13.38	12.55	12.78	13.25	13.18	13.25	12.94
Cr_2O_3	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.03
FeO^*	9.68	9.17	15.12	14.90	10.66	9.77	11.72	12.32	11.64	10.77	11.62	11.74	11.94	11.89	11.40	10.60	10.47	10.22	10.44	11.13	10.46	11.13	10.77
MnO	0.14	0.14	0.21	0.20	0.16	0.14	0.18	0.18	0.16	0.15	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16
MgO	4.04	3.99	9.34	7.66	4.43	4.36	7.36	7.26	7.33	7.12	7.14	6.63	7.24	7.24	8.18	7.29	7.29	7.03	7.11	7.50	7.00	7.50	7.10
CaO	7.71	7.41	11.19	10.02	8.34	7.80	10.72	11.18	10.81	10.33	10.79	11.01	11.17	11.19	10.74	10.03	10.00	9.90	10.03	10.67	10.63	10.67	10.36
Na_2O	4.61	4.38	2.15	2.29	3.84	4.05	3.53	3.53	4.16	4.16	4.01	4.16	4.30	4.28	2.59	3.30	3.36	3.39	3.26	2.90	3.54	2.90	3.52
K_2O	2.31	2.24	1.65	2.08	2.25	2.13	1.38	1.42	1.40	1.31	1.38	1.42	1.52	1.51	0.77	0.80	0.80	0.89	0.91	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.83
NiO	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
P_2O_5	0.93	0.91	1.08	1.12	1.53	1.51	0.80	0.83	0.80	0.82	0.77	0.83	0.95	0.95	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.51	0.52	0.57	0.54	0.57	0.55
Total	98.28	98.16	98.10	99.02	98.38	94.24	97.35	98.67	97.56	94.40	97.31	98.66	97.67	97.54	99.12	98.96	96.91	96.62	97.60	98.91	98.98	99.09	97.50
$Mg\#$	42.64	43.68	52.42	47.82	42.57	44.33	52.83	51.24	52.89	54.11	52.28	50.18	51.93	52.04	56.13	55.07	55.38	55.07	54.83	54.04	54.39	54.57	54.41
LOI			2.68	6.29				1.72								0.67					0.83		

FeO^* as total values.

LOI is "loss on ignition".

$Mg\# = 100 \times Mg/(Mg+Fe^*)_{molar}$

Cruise	YK16-01	YK16-01	YK16-01	YK18-08	YK18-08	YK18-08	YK18-08	YK18-08	YK18-08	YK18-08	YK18-08	YK18-08	YK18-08	YK19-05S	YK19-05S	YK19-05S	YK19-05S	YK19-05S	YK19-05S	YK19-05S	YK19-05S	YK19-05S
Sample name	6K#1466R3-001	6K#1466R7-001	6K#1466R7-003	6K#1521R04	6K#1521R05	6K#1522R01	6K#1522R01	6K#1522R02	6K#1522R05	6K#1522R12	6K#1522R13	6K#1522R16	6K#1522R17	6K#1542R03	6K#1542R03	6K#1542R05	6K#1542R06	6K#1542R09	6K#1544R04	6K#1544R04	6K#1544R05	6K#1544R06
Sample type	Glass	Whole rock	Whole rock	Glass	Glass	Glass	Whole rock	Glass	Glass	Glass	Glass	Glass	Glass	Glass	Whole rock	Glass	Glass	Glass	Glass	Whole rock	Glass	Glass
ppm																						
Li	7.60	7.32		7.39	7.00	7.00	8.10	7.69	7.83	7.71	8.06	8.53	8.42	5.54		5.52	6.00	6.19	6.21		6.30	6.16
B	2.92	3.17		3.05	3.48	2.38	2.34	2.34	2.78	2.69	2.83	2.77	2.94	1.60		1.88	1.89	1.80	2.28		2.38	2.14
Sc	14.9	15.2	25.0	15.7	15.4	20.1	20.6	20.6	21.2	21.1	21.5	19.7	20.6	22.5	24.0	22.3	22.7	23.7	22.0	22.0	22.8	23.6
V	159	160	363	167	157	204	208	208	207	207	217	213	209	188	222	223	200	201	203	215	197	191
Cr	36.8	37.1	324	157	157	215	204	218	213	222	231	203	203	334	350	317	269	267	292	330	285	273
Co	29.7	28.9	190	32.8	31.2	46.2	49.0	46.9	46.1	47.3	44.3	47.2	46.8	42.3	49.0	42.1	42.1	41.8	44.9	47.0	43.4	42.0
Rb	47.5	47.6	57.0	34.1	33.4	25.8	24.4	26.0	26.8	26.6	28.0	30.3	29.7	22.8	14.0	22.4	17.4	17.4	17.0	17.0	17.0	16.4
Sr	976	991	307	1385	1361	848	827	924	943	901	930	1063	1086	565	487	568	622	643	579	519	595	604
Y	21.8	22.2	37.0	33.1	32.2	24.4	25.0	26.0	27.6	26.7	27.0	27.9	29.6	22.8	20.0	22.4	22.5	23.7	22.9	21.0	24.0	25.1
Zr	254	260	259	293	286	163	168	168	177	171	173	184	194	122	120	122	134	140	123	122	128	132
Nb	56.4	57.5	64.0	58.7	57.6	49.5	52.0	55.3	55.7	54.6	55.7	64.2	65.7	65.7	23.0	24.0	25.1	25.9	27.0	25.0	27.3	27.4
Cs	0.58	0.58	0.00	0.35	0.34	0.32	0.32	0.35	0.37	0.34	0.36	0.41	0.40	0.18	0.00	0.20	0.22	0.21	0.25	0.00	0.25	0.23
Ba	613	623	463	565	565	447	479	512	528	500	514	584	590	255	219	254	292	301	286	259	297	297
La	44.1	45.4	90.8	58.7	57.7	42.8	51.5	55.3	51.4	48.6	49.3	58.1	60.9	56.6	26.1	58.1	28.6	29.8	27.8	28.0	28.8	29.5
Ce	93.2	95.4	164	44.2	42.3	88.1	110	120	120	120	120	120	122	120	26.6	58.8	58.8	60.4	59.8	60.9	60.9	60.0
Pr	10.6	10.8	16.6	13.4	13.0	9.9	12.4	11.3	11.6	11.2	11.5	13.3	13.8	6.65	7.37	6.79	7.10	7.42	7.20	7.60	7.34	7.41
Nd	42.5	43.7	62.6	59.5	57.6	39.4	47.4	45.5	45.7	45.7	46.6	53.3	55.7	6.29	30.0	29.3	30.3	31.7	30.4	31.3	31.3	31.8
Sm	8.39	8.65	12.0	12.8	12.3	8.27	10.1	9.60	9.83	9.60	9.71	10.8	11.4	6.65	7.00	6.64	6.82	7.21	6.79	7.10	7.10	7.27
Eu	2.78	2.83	3.76	4.17	4.03	2.72	3.39	3.13	3.19	3.14	3.21	3.58	3.67	2.14	2.41	2.23	2.28	2.38	2.34	2.42	2.39	2.44
Gd	7.08	7.23	10.7	11.0	10.6	7.12	9.20	8.27	8.93	8.53	8.57	9.42	9.92	6.29	6.80	6.26	6.53	6.82	6.45	6.90	6.75	6.90
Tb	0.89	0.94	1.50	1.40	1.35	0.93	1.30	1.08	1.14	1.10	1.12	1.20	1.27	0.85	1.00	0.85	0.87	0.93	0.89	1.00	0.91	0.96
Dy	4.94	4.99	8.00	7.55	7.31	5.05	6.60	5.94	6.23	6.05	6.10	6.38	6.81	4.89	5.30	4.83	4.88	5.10	4.91	5.40	5.17	5.33
Ho	0.79	0.81	1.30	1.24	1.19	0.82	1.10	0.97	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.10	0.82	0.90	0.82	0.84	0.87	0.84	0.90	0.89	0.91
Er	1.96	2.04	5.30	3.01	2.94	2.03	2.60	2.46	2.53	2.41	2.46	2.47	2.63	2.19	2.30	2.13	2.22	2.22	2.10	2.30	2.27	2.32
Tm	0.23	0.25	0.44	0.34	0.34	0.22	0.31	0.28	0.29	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.30	0.26	0.28	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.26	0.29	0.28	0.27
Yb	1.43	1.48	2.60	2.12	2.02	1.40	1.70	1.64	1.70	1.69	1.70	1.67	1.75	1.57	1.70	1.57	1.60	1.60	1.58	1.70	1.66	1.71
Lu	0.19	0.19	0.36	0.28	0.26	0.18	0.24	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.22	0.21	0.23	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.23
Hf	5.33	5.54	5.80	6.42	6.12	3.14	3.90	4.08	3.95	4.01	4.08	4.08	4.36	2.95	3.10	2.95	3.20	2.95	2.95	3.00	3.00	3.18
Ta	3.04	2.81	4.80	3.34	2.83	2.01	2.80	2.34	2.40	2.35	2.40	2.63	2.77	2.77	1.30	1.10	1.16	1.23	1.21	1.40	1.23	1.24
Pb	3.55	3.39	6.00	2.82	2.59	3.06	6.40	2.34	2.77	3.64	3.71	4.38	4.29	4.29	0.00	1.76	1.82	1.85	1.94	0.00	1.98	1.82
Th	4.87	5.11	6.88	3.52	3.40	4.65	6.88	5.73	5.69	5.69	5.69	6.88	7.29	6.88	2.80	2.47	2.78	2.89	2.72	3.00	2.85	2.95
U	1.29	1.29	1.40	0.97	0.91	1.08	1.08	1.28	1.31	1.26	1.31	1.57	1.58	0.62	2.80	0.63	0.66	0.66	0.71	3.00	0.68	0.85

Table. 2
Major and trace element compositions of western Pacific petit-spot basalts.

	YK16-01 6K#1466R3-001 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK16-01 6K#1466R3-004 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK16-01 6K#1466R7-001 Whole rock *	YK16-01 6K#1466R7-003 Whole rock *	YK18-08 6K#1521R04 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK18-08 6K#1521R05 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK18-08 6K#1522R01 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK18-08 6K#1522R01 Whole rock *	YK18-08 6K#1522R02 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK18-08 6K#1522R05 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK18-08 6K#1522R12 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ
wt%																			
SiO_2	51.56	0.93	50.63	0.79	39.40	39.27	48.42	0.36	46.78	0.97	45.92	1.40	45.28	45.90	0.79	45.38	1.56	46.02	0.69
TiO_2	2.31	0.20	2.19	0.22	3.82	3.68	3.65	0.30	3.32	0.25	2.37	0.17	2.43	2.51	0.20	2.33	0.13	2.45	0.21
Al_2O_3	14.99	0.57	15.10	0.37	11.41	11.46	15.12	0.31	14.38	0.45	12.74	0.23	12.48	12.82	0.25	11.99	0.53	12.91	0.14
Cr_2O_3	-	-	-	-	0.03	0.03	-	-	-	-	0.01	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.04
FeO^T	9.68	0.30	9.17	0.62	15.12	14.90	10.65	0.29	9.77	0.79	11.72	0.16	12.32	11.64	0.42	10.77	1.02	11.62	0.24
MnO	0.14	0.04	0.14	0.05	0.21	0.20	0.16	0.04	0.14	0.03	0.18	0.04	0.18	0.16	0.04	0.15	0.05	0.17	0.05
MgO	4.04	0.14	3.99	0.11	9.34	7.66	4.43	0.08	4.36	0.10	7.36	0.17	7.26	7.33	0.10	7.12	0.23	7.14	0.16
CaO	7.71	0.11	7.41	0.25	11.19	10.02	8.34	0.68	7.80	0.29	10.72	0.14	11.18	10.81	0.22	10.33	0.68	10.79	0.10
Na_2O	4.61	0.24	4.38	0.50	2.15	2.29	3.84	0.31	4.05	0.55	4.16	0.21	3.53	4.16	0.29	4.16	0.24	4.01	0.46
K_2O	2.31	0.08	2.24	0.12	1.65	2.08	2.25	0.27	2.13	0.12	1.38	0.06	1.42	1.40	0.13	1.31	0.10	1.38	0.04
NiO	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.02	-		0.04	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.04
P_2O_5	0.93	0.03	0.91	0.06	1.08	1.12	1.53	0.11	1.51	0.03	0.80	0.06	0.83	0.80	0.08	0.82	0.06	0.77	0.04
Total	98.28		96.16		98.10	99.02	98.38		94.24		97.35		98.67	97.56		94.40		97.31	
Mg#	42.64		43.68		52.42	47.82	42.57		44.33		52.83		51.24	52.89		54.11		52.28	
LOI					2.68	6.29							1.72						

FeO^T as total values.
Mg# = 100 x Mg / [Mg+Fe^{2+}]$_{molar}$:
" - ": not detected
*: Analyzed by ActLab

Table. 2 continued

	YK18-08 6K#1522R13 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK18-08 6K#1522R16 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK18-08 6K#1522R17 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK19-05S 6K#1542R03 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK19-05S 6K#1542R03 Whole rock *	YK19-05S 6K#1542R05 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK19-05S 6K#1542R06 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK19-05S 6K#1542R09 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK19-05S 6K#1544R04 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK19-05S 6K#1544R04 Whole rock *	YK19-05S 6K#1544R05 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ	YK19-05S 6K#1544R06 Glass EPMA mean of n=10	2σ
SiO_2	47.09	0.68	45.22	0.73	45.06	0.98	48.66	1.14	49.35	48.77	1.51	49.66	1.11	50.09	0.93	50.54	0.43	49.08	50.53	0.61	49.59	1.18
TiO_2	2.50	0.20	2.58	0.20	2.67	0.27	2.11	0.19	2.16	2.13	0.18	2.25	0.22	2.24	0.20	2.04	0.23	2.13	2.08	0.25	2.07	0.24
Al_2O_3	13.08	0.33	12.55	0.17	12.55	0.14	13.49	0.18	12.52	13.38	0.19	12.55	0.43	12.78	0.33	13.18	0.12	13.25	12.94	0.34	12.94	0.36
Cr_2O_3	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.08	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.07	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.04
FeO^T	11.74	0.49	11.94	0.40	11.89	0.26	10.60	0.30	11.40	10.47	0.36	10.22	0.51	10.44	0.34	10.46	0.34	11.13	10.77	0.37	10.53	0.49
MnO	0.17	0.05	0.18	0.05	0.18	0.05	0.15	0.04	0.17	0.14	0.04	0.15	0.04	0.16	0.04	0.16	0.02	0.16	0.16	0.05	0.15	0.05
MgO	6.63	0.64	7.24	0.25	7.24	0.17	7.29	0.17	8.18	7.29	0.20	7.03	0.13	7.11	0.12	7.00	0.16	7.50	7.10	0.15	7.05	0.15
CaO	11.01	0.25	11.17	0.24	11.19	0.25	10.03	0.14	10.74	10.00	0.10	9.90	0.32	10.03	0.24	10.63	0.26	10.87	10.36	0.17	10.33	0.22
Na_2O	4.16	0.36	4.30	0.33	4.28	0.39	3.30	0.28	2.59	3.36	0.24	3.39	0.19	3.26	0.46	3.54	0.25	2.90	3.52	0.39	3.42	0.28
K_2O	1.42	0.17	1.52	0.08	1.51	0.06	0.80	0.05	0.77	0.80	0.06	0.89	0.04	0.91	0.06	0.85	0.08	0.85	0.85	0.06	0.83	0.04
NiO	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.04
P_2O_5	0.83	0.05	0.95	0.07	0.95	0.03	0.48	0.04	0.50	0.50	0.04	0.51	0.04	0.52	0.06	0.54	0.03	0.52	0.57	0.05	0.55	0.04
Total	98.66		97.67		97.54		96.96		99.12	96.91		96.62		97.60		98.98		99.09	98.91		97.50	
Mg#	50.18		51.93		52.04		55.07		56.13	55.38		55.07		54.83		54.39		54.57	54.04		54.41	
LOI									0.67									0.83				

Table 3

μg/g	YK16-01 6K#1466R3-001 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK16-01 6K#1466R3-004 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK16-01 6K#1466R7-001 Whole rock *	YK16-01 6K#1466R7-003 Whole rock *	YK18-08 6K#1521R04 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK18-08 6K#1521R05 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK18-08 6K#1522R01 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK18-08 6K#1522R01 Whole rock *	YK18-08 6K#1522R02 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK18-08 6K#1522R05 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK18-08 6K#1522R12 Glass LA-ICPMS
Li	7.60	7.32			7.39	7.00	8.10		7.69	7.83	7.71
B	2.92	3.17			3.05	3.48	2.38		2.34	2.78	2.69
Sc	14.9	15.2	25.0	25.0	15.7	15.4	20.1	21.0	20.6	21.2	21.1
V	159	160	353	324	167	157	204	234	208	207	207
Cr	36.8	37.1	200	190	0.52	0.48	215	190	218	213	222
Co	29.7	29.9	61.0	57.0	32.8	31.2	46.2	49.0	46.8	46.1	47.3
Rb	47.5	47.6	26.0	32.0	34.1	33.4	25.8	28.0	26.9	26.6	26.6
Sr	976	991	577	307	1385	1361	848	827	924	943	901
Y	21.8	22.2	37.0	58.0	33.1	32.2	24.4	25.0	26.0	27.6	26.7
Zr	254	260	259	248	293	286	157	163	168	177	171
Nb	56.4	57.5	65.0	64.0	58.7	57.6	49.5	52.0	55.3	55.7	54.6
Cs	0.58	0.58	-	-	0.35	0.34	0.32	-	0.35	0.37	0.34
Ba	613	623	453	317	577	565	447	479	512	528	500
La	44.1	45.4	65.2	90.8	44.2	42.8	42.8	51.5	49.6	51.4	48.6
Ce	93.2	95.0	138	164	105	101	88.1	110	101	103	98.3
Pr	10.6	10.8	16.6	23.8	13.4	13.0	9.9	12.4	11.3	11.6	11.2
Nd	42.5	43.7	62.6	89.3	59.5	57.6	39.4	47.4	45.5	47.5	45.7
Sm	8.39	8.65	12.0	17.6	12.8	12.3	8.27	10.1	9.60	9.83	9.60
Eu	2.78	2.83	3.76	5.38	4.17	4.03	2.72	3.39	3.13	3.19	3.14
Gd	7.08	7.23	10.7	15.7	11.0	10.6	7.12	9.20	8.27	8.93	8.53
Tb	0.89	0.94	1.50	2.30	1.40	1.35	0.93	1.30	1.08	1.14	1.10
Dy	4.84	4.99	8.00	12.2	7.55	7.31	5.05	6.60	5.94	6.23	6.05
Ho	0.79	0.81	1.30	2.10	1.24	1.19	0.82	1.10	0.97	1.01	1.00
Er	1.96	2.04	3.30	5.30	3.01	2.94	2.03	2.60	2.37	2.53	2.41
Tm	0.23	0.25	0.44	0.69	0.34	0.34	0.22	0.31	0.26	0.29	0.27
Yb	1.43	1.48	2.60	4.10	2.12	2.02	1.40	1.70	1.64	1.71	1.69
Lu	0.19	0.19	0.36	0.60	0.28	0.26	0.18	0.24	0.22	0.23	0.22
Hf	5.33	5.54	5.80	6.20	6.42	6.12	3.14	3.90	3.76	4.01	3.92
Ta	3.04	2.81	4.80	5.30	3.34	2.93	2.01	2.80	2.34	2.35	2.37
Pb	3.55	3.39	-	-	6.00	2.82	2.59	6.40	3.68	3.64	3.59
Th	4.87	5.11	6.90	7.70	3.52	3.40	4.65	6.40	5.73	6.07	5.69
U	1.29	1.29	1.40	7.70	0.97	0.91	1.08	6.40	1.28	1.27	1.26

" - ": not detected
*: Analyzed by ActLab

Table. 3 continued

	YK18-08 6K#1522R13 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK18-08 6K#1522R16 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK18-08 6K#1522R17 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK19-05S 6K#1542R03 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK19-05S 6K#1542R03 Whole rock *	YK19-05S 6K#1542R05 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK19-05S 6K#1542R06 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK19-05S 6K#1542R09 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK19-05S 6K#1544R04 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK19-05S 6K#1544R04 Whole rock *	YK19-05S 6K#1544R05 Glass LA-ICPMS	YK19-05S 6K#1544R06 Glass LA-ICPMS
Li	8.06	8.53	8.42	5.54		5.52	6.00	6.19	6.21		6.20	6.16
B	2.83	2.77	2.94	1.60		1.88	1.89	2.09	2.28		2.38	2.14
Sc	21.5	19.7	20.6	22.5	24.0	22.3	22.7	23.7	22.0	22.0	22.8	23.6
V	217	213	209	189	222	188	200	201	203	215	197	191
Cr	231	203	203	334	350	317	269	267	292	330	285	273
Co	44.3	47.2	46.8	42.3	49.0	42.7	42.1	41.8	44.9	47.0	43.4	42.0
Rb	28.0	30.3	29.7	14.2	14.0	14.5	17.4	17.4	17.0	17.0	17.0	16.4
Sr	930	1063	1086	565	487	568	622	643	579	519	595	604
Y	27.0	27.9	29.6	22.8	20.0	22.4	22.5	23.7	22.9	21.0	24.0	25.1
Zr	173	184	194	122	120	122	134	140	123	122	128	132
Nb	55.7	64.2	65.7	24.0	23.0	24.0	25.1	25.9	27.0	25.0	27.3	27.4
Cs	0.36	0.41	0.40	0.18	-	0.20	0.22	0.21	0.25	-	0.25	0.23
Ba	514	584	590	255	219	254	292	301	286	259	297	297
La	49.3	58.1	60.9	26.8	26.6	26.6	29.8	27.8	28.0	28.6	28.8	29.5
Ce	101	120	122	56.6	62.8	56.5	58.8	60.4	59.8	66	60.9	60.0
Pr	11.5	13.3	13.8	6.86	7.37	6.79	7.10	7.42	7.20	7.60	7.34	7.41
Nd	46.6	53.3	55.7	29.3	30.0	29.0	30.3	31.7	30.4	31.3	31.3	31.8
Sm	9.71	10.8	11.4	8.65	7.00	6.64	6.82	7.21	6.79	7.10	7.10	7.27
Eu	3.21	3.58	3.67	2.24	2.41	2.23	2.28	2.38	2.34	2.42	2.39	2.44
Gd	8.57	9.42	9.92	6.29	6.80	6.26	6.53	6.82	6.45	6.90	6.75	6.90
Tb	1.12	1.20	1.27	0.85	1.00	0.85	0.87	0.93	0.89	1.00	0.91	0.96
Dy	6.10	6.38	6.81	4.89	5.30	4.83	4.88	5.10	4.91	5.40	5.17	5.33
Ho	1.00	1.02	1.10	0.83	0.90	0.82	0.84	0.87	0.84	0.90	0.89	0.91
Er	2.46	2.47	2.63	2.12	2.30	2.13	2.10	2.22	2.10	2.30	2.27	2.32
Tm	0.28	0.28	0.30	0.26	0.28	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.29	0.28	0.27
Yb	1.70	1.67	1.75	1.57	1.70	1.57	1.52	1.60	1.58	1.70	1.66	1.71
Lu	0.22	0.21	0.22	0.21	0.23	0.21	0.20	0.22	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.23
Hf	3.95	4.08	4.36	2.95	3.10	2.95	3.20	3.39	2.95	3.00	3.12	3.18
Ta	2.40	2.63	2.77	1.08	1.30	1.10	1.16	1.23	1.21	1.40	1.23	1.24
Pb	3.71	4.38	4.29	1.67		1.76	1.82	1.85	1.94		1.98	1.82
Th	5.69	6.88	7.29	2.47	2.80	2.47	2.78	2.89	2.72	3.00	2.85	2.95
U	1.31	1.57	1.58	0.62	2.80	0.63	0.66	0.66	0.71	3.00	0.68	0.65

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Fig. 4. Relationships between the SiO$_2$ and alkali contents. (a) Total alkali vs. silica diagram using the platform of Le Bas et al. (1986). The dividing line of alkaline and sub-alkaline is from Irvine and Baragar (1971). The data are plotted as the total 100 wt%. The triangles and circles show the whole-rock and quenched-glass compositions, respectively. The compositions of the NW Pacific petit-spots are represented by gray triangles (Hirano and Machida, 2022). (b) K$_2$O vs. Na$_2$O diagram. The maximum K$_2$O/Na$_2$O value of kimberlite is from PetDB database (https://search.earthchem.org/). The data of OIB and MORB are compiled from Stracke et al. (2022) as "Expert datasets" in GEOROC database (https://georoc.eu/georoc/new-start.asp).SiO$_2$ vs. K$_2$O/Na$_2$O diagram. The data of Kimberlite, OIB (Ocean Island Basalt), and MORB (Mid Ocean Ridge Basalt) compiled in (b) were obtained from PetDB (https://search.earthchem.org/).

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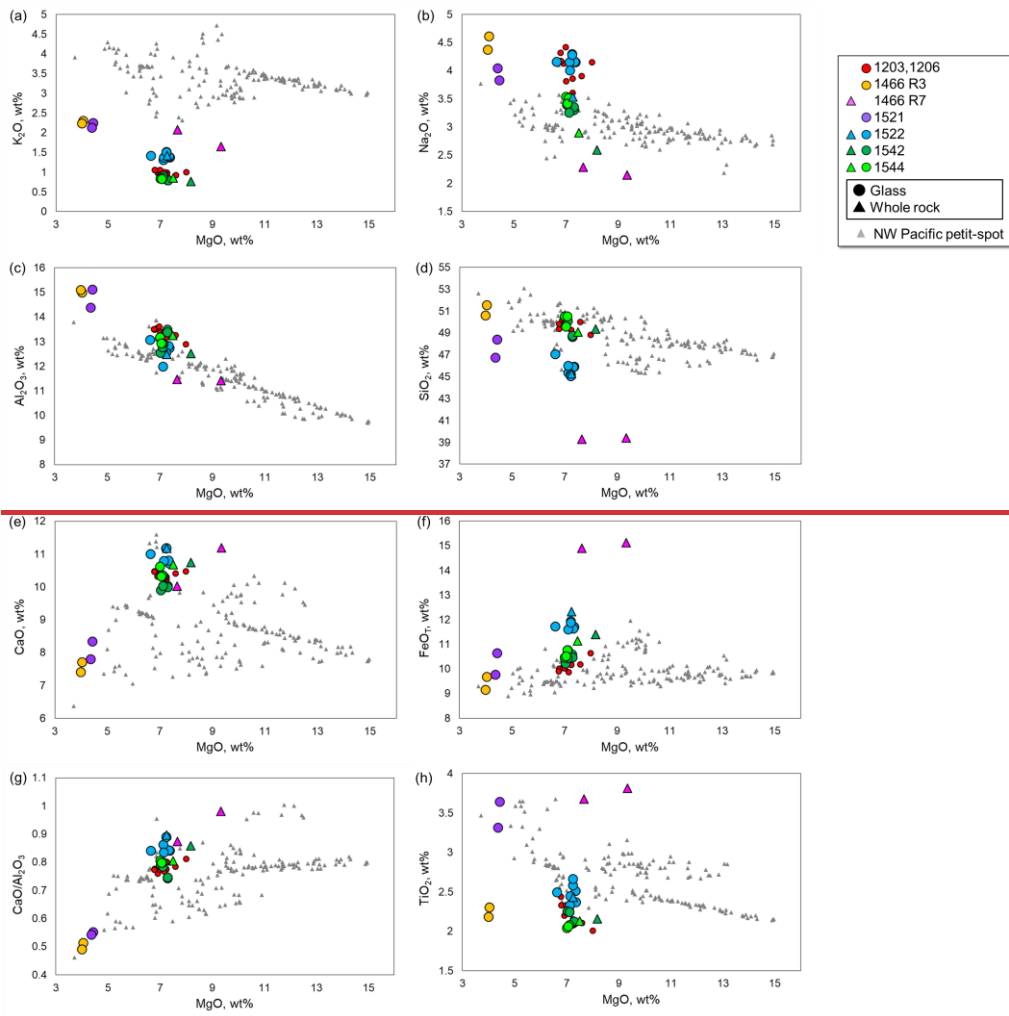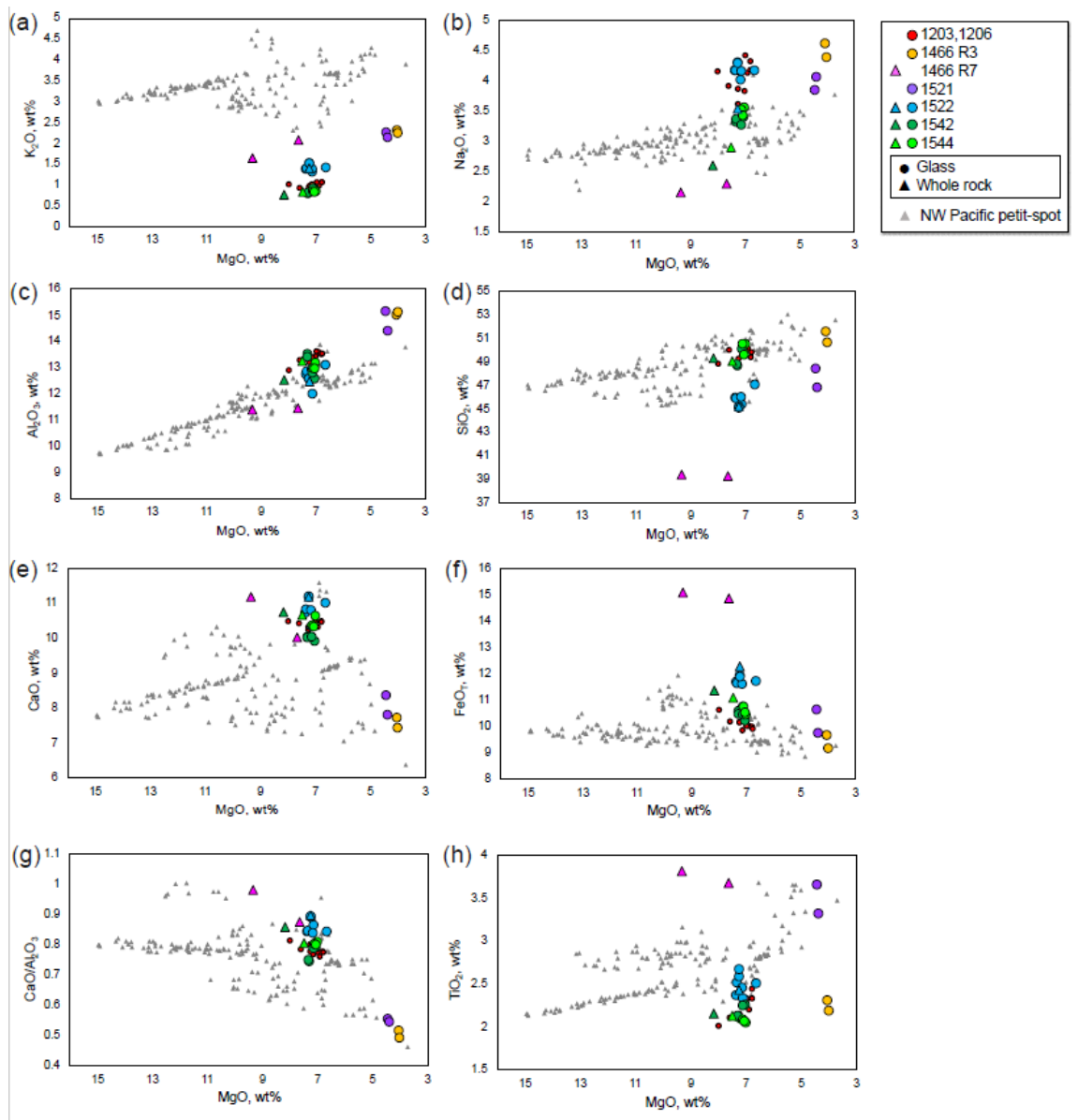
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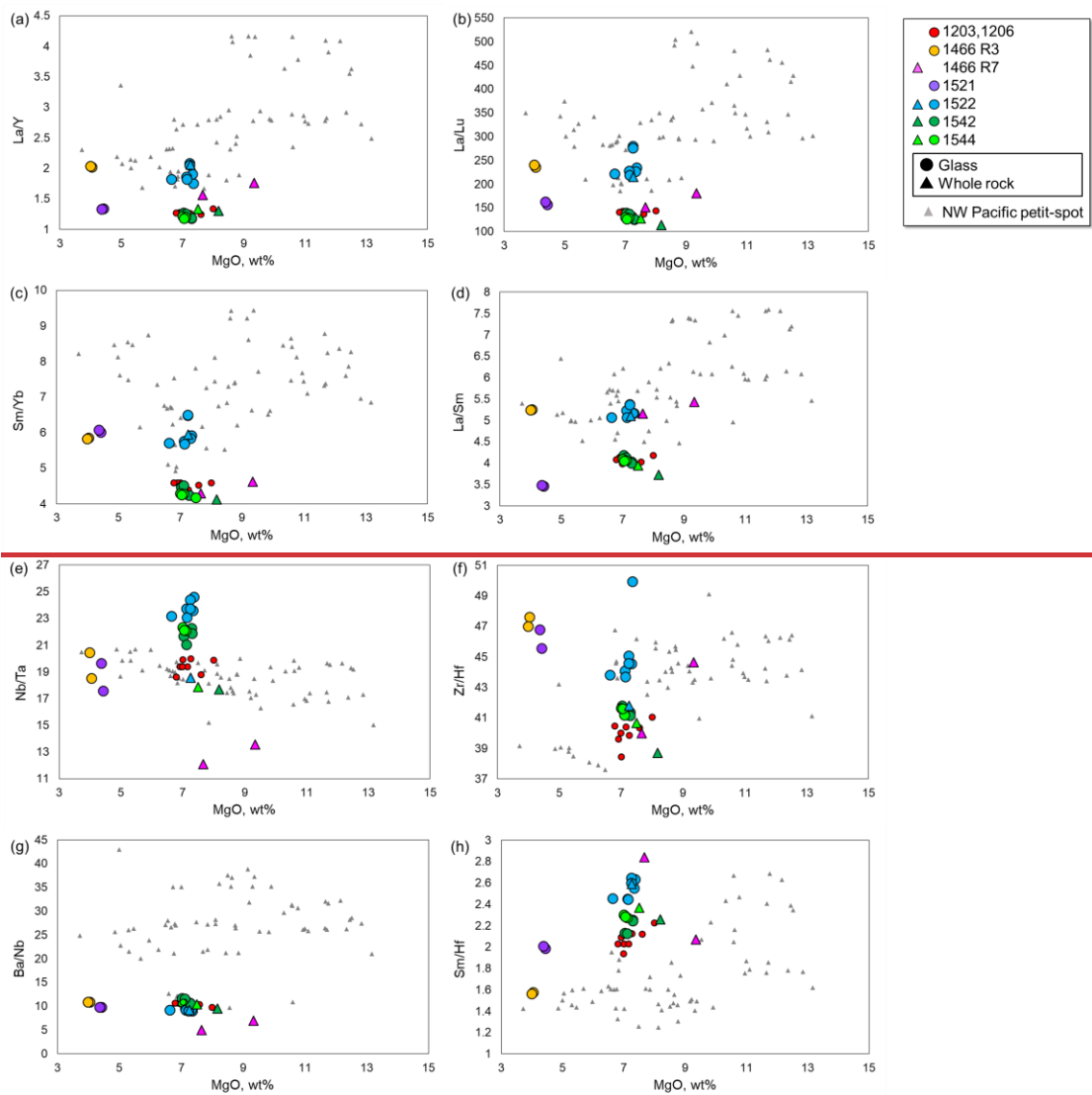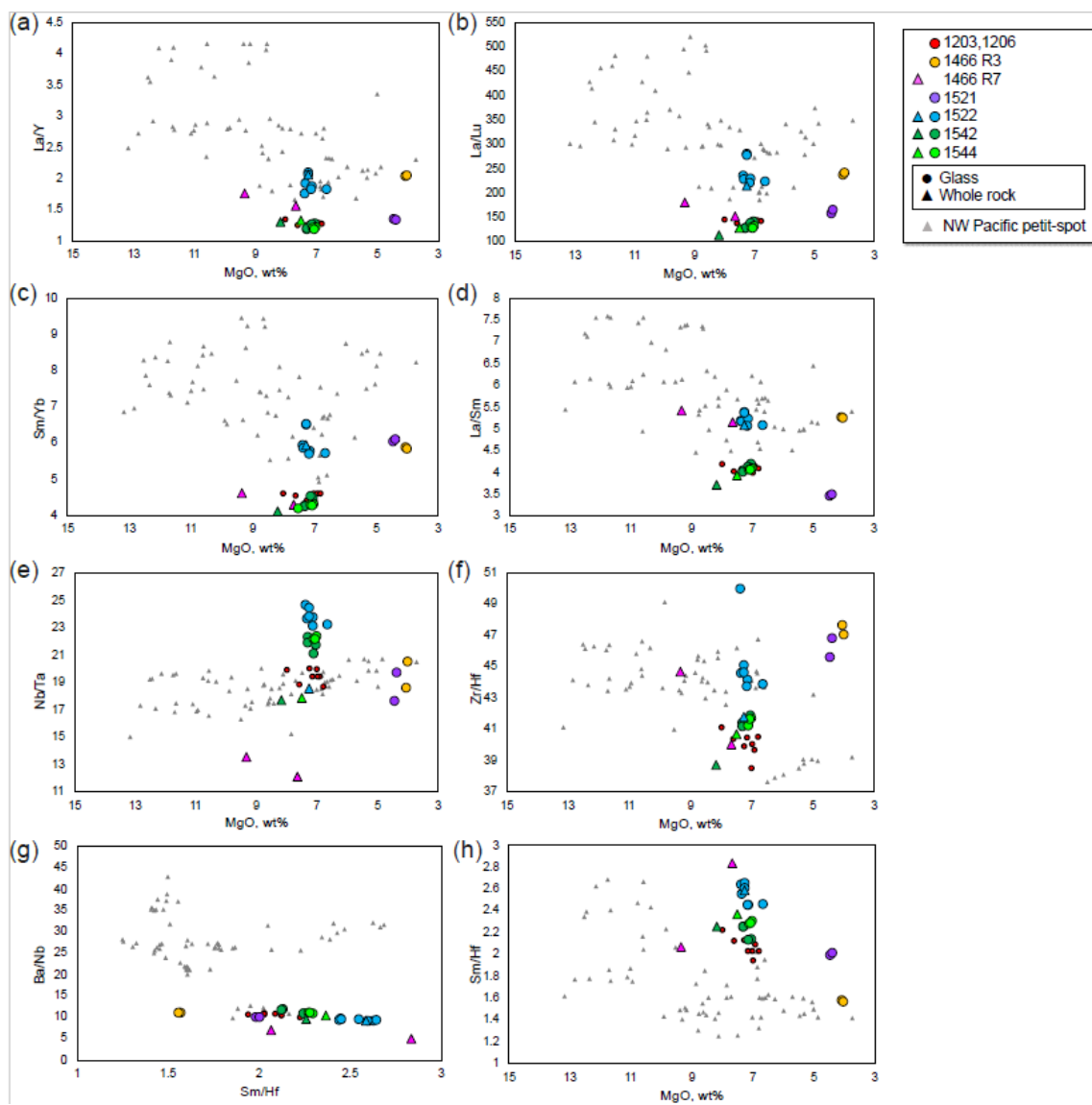
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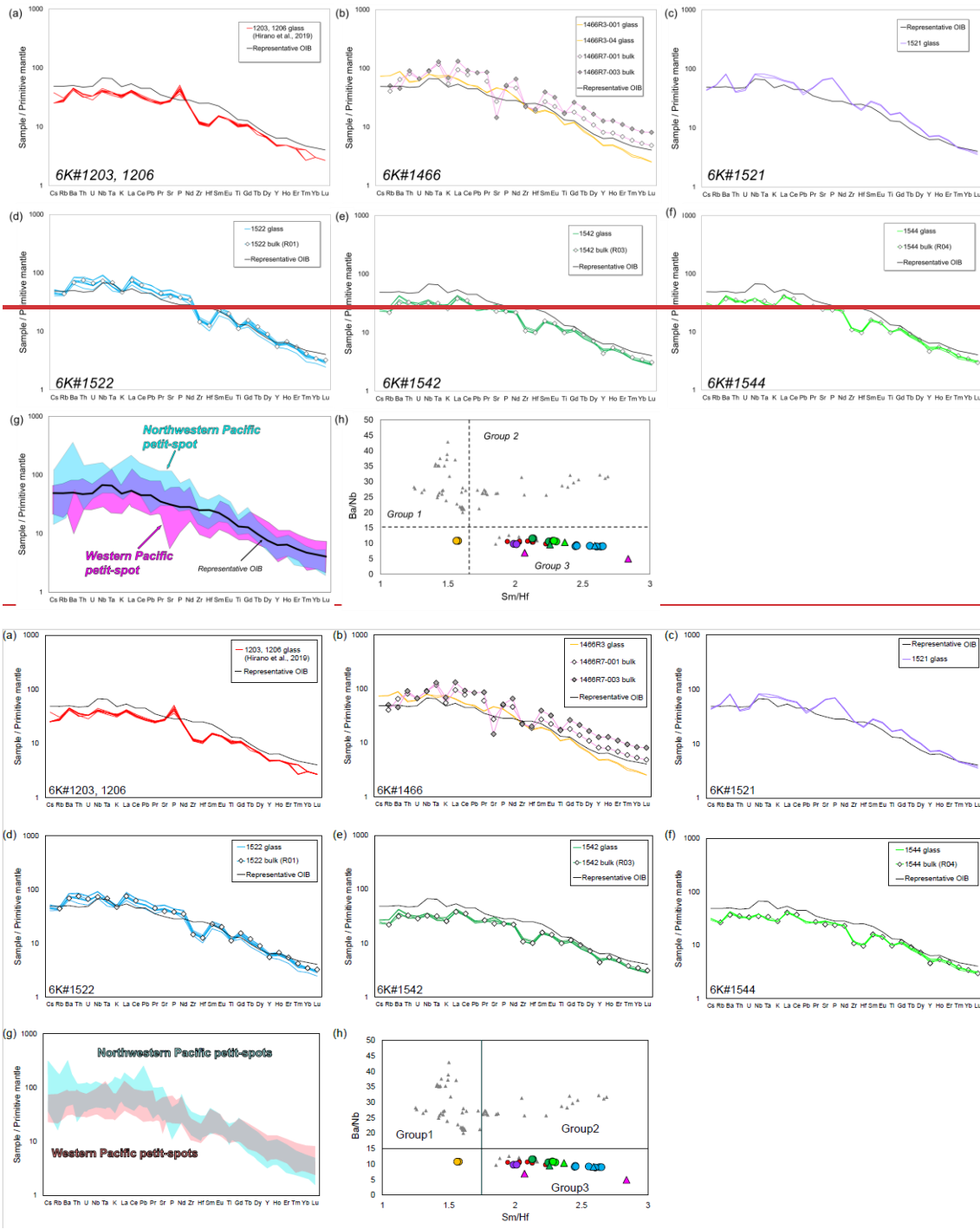
Fig. 7. Primitive mantle (PM, Sun and McDonough, 1989)-normalized trace-element patterns (a)–(g) and element ratios (h). (g) The compositional range of the study samples and NW Pacific petit-spots (Hirano and Machida, 2022). (h) The Ba/Nb and Sm/Hf ratios of the petit-spot basalts to discriminate the three groups after Machida et al. (2015). The data of 6K#1203, 1206 basalts and 6K#1466R7 basalts are from Hirano et al. (2019) and Mikuni et al. (2022), respectively. The symbols and compiled data in the (h) correspond to those in Fig. 3. The symbols correspond to those in Fig. 3. The PM composition was based on a study

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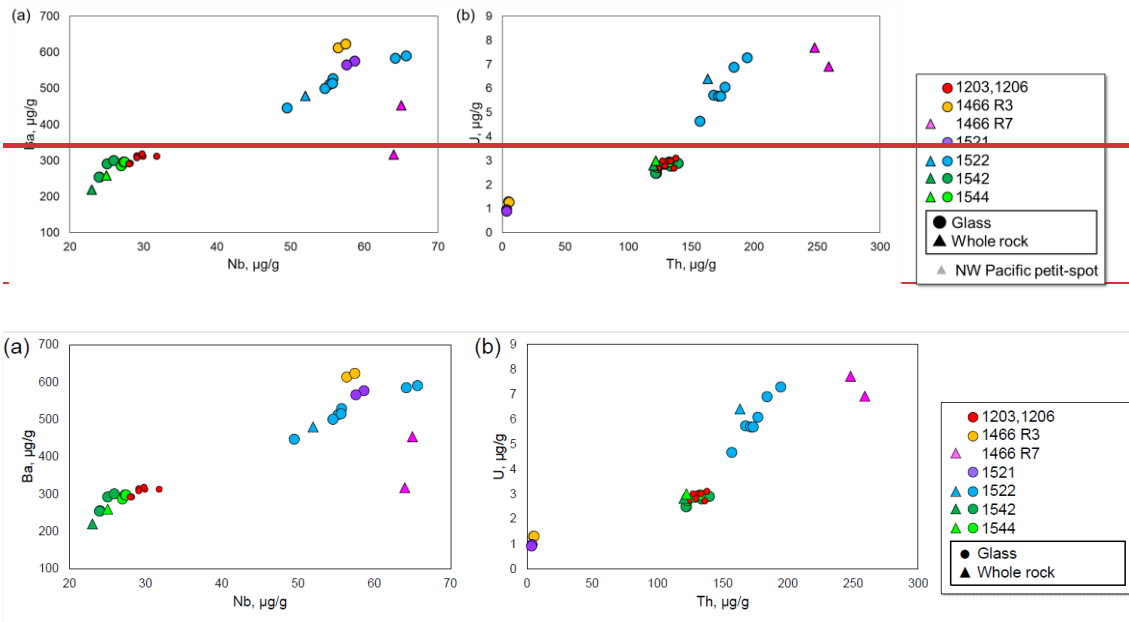
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540 Fig. 8. Alteration sensitive elements (Ba and U) vs. insensitive elements (Nb and Th). The symbols correspond to

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544 **5.2 Sr–Nd–Pb isotopic composition**

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546   The Sr, Nd, and Pb isotopic compositions of the leached, unleached whole rock, and fresh glasses

547 in this study (presented in Table ~~3~~4) were in practically identical ranges of $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ (0.703412–

548 0.704424), $^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd$ (0.512694–0.512890), $^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb$ (18.6582–18.7778), $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$ (15.5086–

549 15.5749), and $^{208}Pb/^{204}Pb$ (38.6506–38.8041) despite their different locations (Figs. 9a–d, Table ~~3~~4).

550 The isotopic compositions of the quenched glass and whole rock were identical, indicating that the

551 characteristics of the melting source could be obtained through the geochemistry of the young and

552 fresh volcanic quenched glass. The leached and unleached materials of the same sample also had

553 similar isotopic ratios, except for the 1466R7-003 basalt, which had a relatively high LOI~~loss on~~

554 ~~ignition (LOI)~~ (6.29 wt%) (Figs. 9a–d). The Sr–Nd–Pb isotopic three-dimensional (3D) plot is shown

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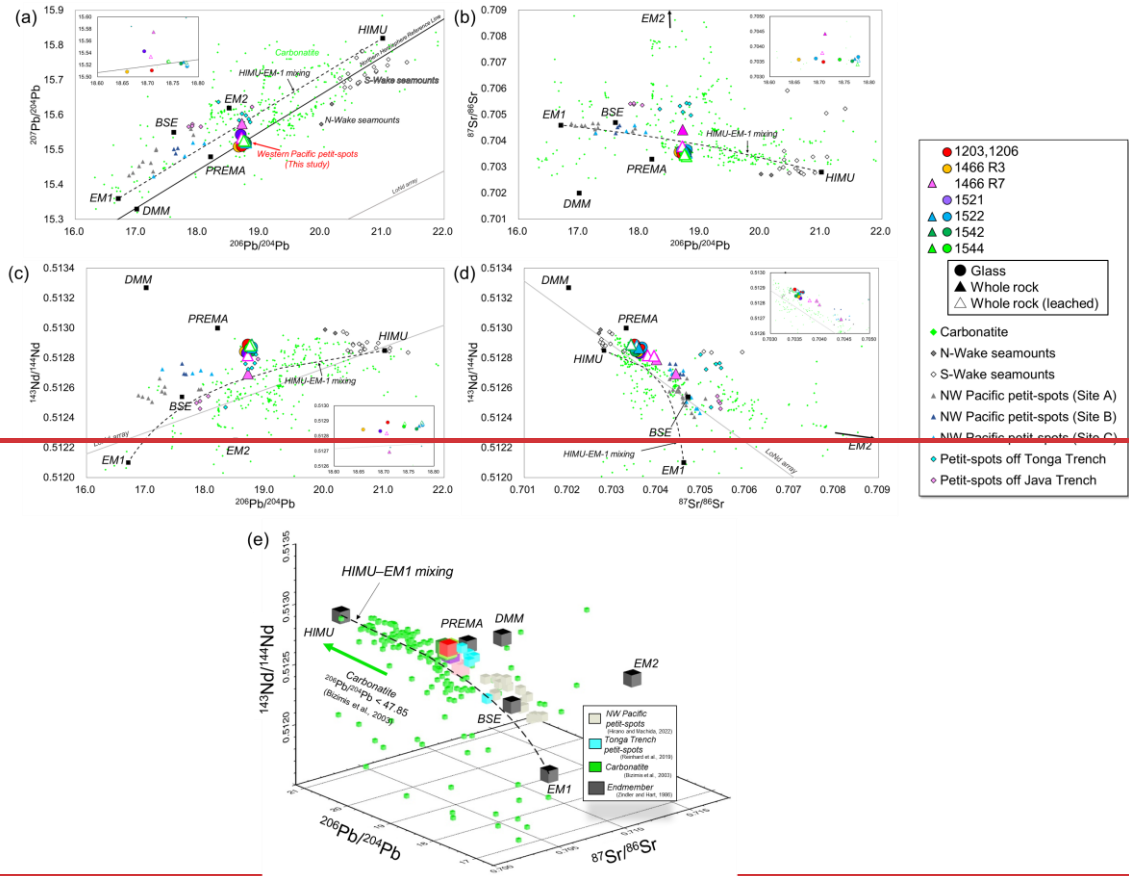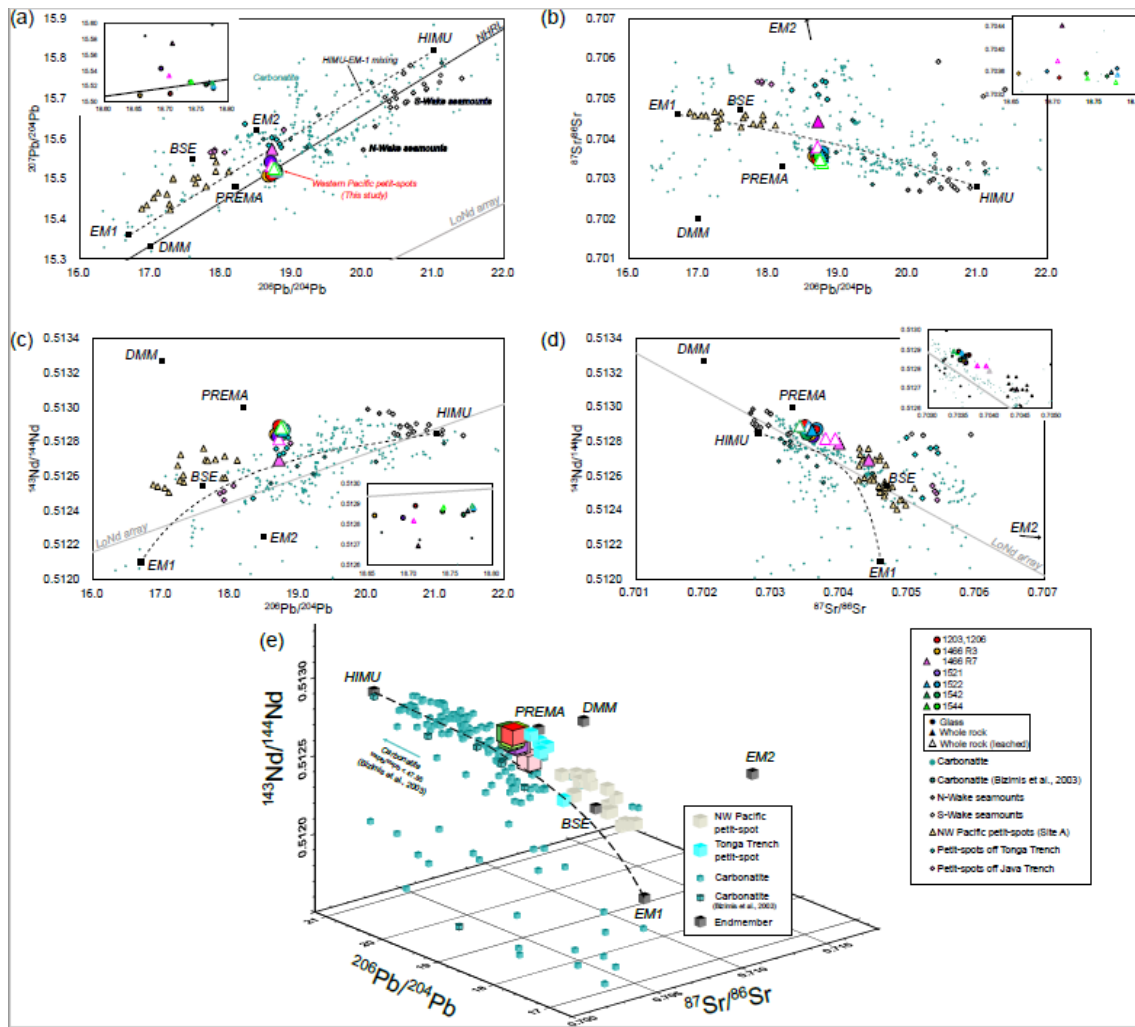
Fig. 9. Sr–Nd–Pb isotopic variations of the petit-spot basalts. The mantle endmembers were are derived from a study by Zindler and Hart (1986). The open triangles in (a)–(d) represent the acid-leached samples. Carbonatite data were compiled from GEOROC (https://georoc.eu/georoc/new-start.asp) with Bizimis et al. (2003). Carbonatite data with $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr > 0.706$ by GEOROC were eliminated. The northwestern (NW) Pacific petit-spots and petit-spots off the Tonga Trench were are from Hirano and Machida (2022) and Reinhard et al. (2019), respectively. The petit-spots off the Java trench were are from Taneja et al. (2016) and Falloon et al. (2022). The data of the Wake seamounts were are from studies by Konovalov and Martynov (1992), Koppers et al. (2003), Konter et al. (2008), Natland (1976), Smith et al. (1989), and Staudigel et al. (1991). The northern hemisphere reference line (NHRL) and Low Nd (LoNd) arrays were are from studies by Hart (1984) and Hart et al. (1986), respectively. (e) The three-dimensional (3D) plot of the Sr–Nd–Pb isotopic compositions. The compilation and mantle endmembers correspond to (a)–(d). The color usages of the plots were the same as (a)–(d). The mixing line between HIMU and EM-1 is described as the following equation:

$$R_m = \frac{R_a f y + R_b (1-y)(1-f)}{R_a f y + R_b (1-y)(1-f)},$$

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Table. 3
Sr, Nd, and Pb isotopic compositions of western Pacific petit-spot basalts and measured standards.

Cruise	Sample name	Sample type	^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr	^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd	^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb	^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb	^{208}Pb/^{204}Pb
YK16-01	6K#1466 R3-004	Glass	0.703568 (06)	0.512842 (05)	18.6582 (07)	15.5086 (06)	38.6506 (19)
YK16-01	6K#1466 R7-001	Whole rock leached	0.703790 (05)	0.512817 (07)	18.7054 (20)	15.5337 (20)	38.8041 (50)
YK16-01	6K#1466 R7-001	Whole rock unleached	0.703989 (05)	0.512790 (06)			
YK16-01	6K#1466 R7-003	Whole rock leached	0.703933 (11)	0.512815 (05)			
YK16-01	6K#1466 R7-003	Whole rock unleached	0.704424 (05)	0.512694 (05)	18.7107 (06)	15.5749 (06)	38.7618 (17)
YK18-08	6K#1521 R04	Glass	0.703605 (05)	0.512832 (04)	18.6924 (06)	15.5428 (06)	38.7005 (19)
YK18-08	6K#1522 R01	Whole rock leached	0.703544 (05)	0.512881 (06)	18.7778 (09)	15.5209 (08)	38.7991 (22)
YK18-08	6K#1522 R01	Whole rock unleached	0.703590 (05)	0.512866 (06)	18.7705 (07)	15.5248 (07)	38.7905 (22)
YK18-08	6K#1522 R01	Glass	0.703656 (06)	0.512872 (04)	18.7773 (08)	15.5178 (07)	38.7904 (21)
YK19-05S	6K#1542 R03	Whole rock leached	0.703412 (07)	0.512890 (06)	18.7759 (10)	15.5244 (11)	38.7574 (36)
YK19-05S	6K#1542 R05	Glass	0.703517 (06)	0.512847 (04)	18.7653 (08)	15.5224 (07)	38.7345 (19)
YK19-05S	6K#1544 R04	Whole rock leached	0.703480 (04)	0.512883 (05)	18.7413 (14)	15.5262 (14)	38.745 (41)
YK19-05S	6K#1544 R04	Glass	0.703568 (05)	0.512863 (04)	18.7400 (08)	15.5253 (09)	38.7347 (22)
YK10-05	6K#1206 R04	Glass	0.703492 (05)	0.512890 (04)	18.7074 (06)	15.5109 (07)	38.6970 (19)
YK10-05	6K#1206 R04 duplicate	Glass			18.7071 (07)	15.5119 (07)	38.6950 (18)
Type of value	Standared for each isotope		^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr	^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd	^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb	^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb	^{208}Pb/^{204}Pb
Analyzed value	JB-2		0.703721 (05)	0.513094 (04)	18.3326 (05)	15.5453 (06)	38.2240 (17)
Reference value	JB-2	Sr, Nd: Orihashi et al. (1998), Pb: Tanimizu and Ishikawa (2006)	0.703709 (29)	0.513085 (08)	18.3315 (25)	15.5460 (21)	38.2240 (55)
Analyzed value	JNdi-1 (n=2)			0.512103 (05)			
Reference value	JNdi-1 Wakaki et al. (2007)			0.512101 (11)			
Analyzed value	SRM987 (n=2)		0.710239 (05)				
Reference value	SRM987 Weis et al. (2006)		0.710254 (02)				
Analyzed value	SRM981				16.9303 (05)	15.4828 (06)	36.6710 (16)
Reference value	SRM981 Tanimizu and Ishikawa (2006)				16.9308 (10)	15.4839 (11)	36.6743 (30)

576 Errors shown in parentheses represent 2σ and apply to the last two digits.

Table. 4
Sr, Nd, and Pb isotopic compositions of western Pacific petit-spot basalts and measured standards.

Cruise	Sample name	Sample type	^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr	^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd	^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb	^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb	^{208}Pb/^{204}Pb
YK16-01	6K#1466 R3-004	Glass	0.703568 (06)	0.512842 (05)	18.6582 (07)	15.5086 (06)	38.6506 (19)
YK16-01	6K#1466 R7-001	Whole rock leached	0.703790 (05)	0.512817 (07)	18.7054 (20)	15.5337 (20)	38.8041 (50)
YK16-01	6K#1466 R7-001	Whole rock unleached	0.703989 (05)	0.512790 (06)			
YK16-01	6K#1466 R7-003	Whole rock leached	0.703933 (11)	0.512815 (05)			
YK16-01	6K#1466 R7-003	Whole rock unleached	0.704424 (05)	0.512694 (05)	18.7107 (06)	15.5749 (06)	38.7618 (17)
YK18-08	6K#1521 R04	Glass	0.703605 (05)	0.512832 (04)	18.6924 (06)	15.5428 (06)	38.7005 (19)
YK18-08	6K#1522 R01	Whole rock leached	0.703544 (05)	0.512881 (06)	18.7778 (09)	15.5209 (08)	38.7991 (22)
YK18-08	6K#1522 R01	Whole rock unleached	0.703590 (05)	0.512866 (06)	18.7705 (07)	15.5248 (07)	38.7905 (22)
YK18-08	6K#1522 R01	Glass	0.703656 (06)	0.512872 (04)	18.7773 (08)	15.5178 (07)	38.7904 (21)
YK19-05S	6K#1542 R03	Whole rock leached	0.703412 (07)	0.512890 (06)	18.7759 (10)	15.5244 (11)	38.7574 (36)
YK19-05S	6K#1542 R05	Glass	0.703517 (06)	0.512847 (04)	18.7653 (08)	15.5224 (07)	38.7345 (19)
YK19-05S	6K#1544 R04	Whole rock leached	0.703480 (04)	0.512883 (05)	18.7413 (14)	15.5262 (14)	38.745 (41)
YK19-05S	6K#1544 R04	Glass	0.703568 (05)	0.512863 (04)	18.7400 (08)	15.5253 (09)	38.7347 (22)
YK10-05	6K#1206 R04	Glass	0.703492 (05)	0.512890 (04)	18.7074 (06)	15.5109 (07)	38.6970 (19)
YK10-05	6K#1206 R04 duplicate	Glass			18.7071 (07)	15.5119 (07)	38.6950 (18)
Type of value	Standared for each isotope		^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr	^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd	^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb	^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb	^{208}Pb/^{204}Pb
Analyzed value	JB-2		0.703721 (05)	0.513094 (04)	18.3326 (05)	15.5453 (06)	38.2240 (17)
Reference value	JB-2	Sr, Nd: Orihashi et al. (1998), Pb: Tanimizu and Ishikawa (2006)	0.703709 (29)	0.513085 (08)	18.3315 (25)	15.5460 (21)	38.2240 (55)
Analyzed value	JNdi-1 (n=2)			0.512103 (05)			
Reference value	JNdi-1 Wakaki et al. (2007)			0.512101 (11)			
Analyzed value	SRM987 (n=2)		0.710239 (05)				
Reference value	SRM987 Weis et al. (2006)		0.710254 (02)				
Analyzed value	SRM981				16.9303 (05)	15.4828 (06)	36.6710 (16)
Reference value	SRM981 Tanimizu and Ishikawa (2006)				16.9308 (10)	15.4839 (11)	36.6743 (30)

577 Errors shown in parentheses represent 2σ and apply to the last two digits.

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5.3 Age determination and estimation

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581   The ^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar ages were determined for two samples (1466R6-001 and 1522R01) (Fig. 10a,

582   Table ~~S2~~S4). The secondary material (e.g., alteration products) plausibly causes the recoil loss and

583   redistribution of Ar during irradiation of samples, particularly fine-grained groundmass separates of

584   submarine basalt (Koppers et al., 2000). This effect is negligible for ^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar dating samples in this

585   study because the total K/Ca ratios estimated using the irradiated ^{39}Ar$_K$/^{37}Ar$_{Ca}$ ratio (0.089 for

586   6K#1466R6, 0.080 for 6K#1522R01; Table S4) are mostly correspond to the bulk K/Ca ratios

587   calculated using the major element compositions of Table 2 (0.088 for 6K#1466R7-001, 0.076 for

588   6K#1522R01). This is supported by the rock descriptions recognized no secondary materials of

589   crystalline ^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar specimens. Sample 1466R6-001 had a plateau age of 3.03 ± 0.18 Ma in seven

590   fractions comprising 94.1% released ^{39}Ar. However, the plateau age was recognized as apparently old,

591   owing to excess ^{40}Ar, as indicated by the initial ^{40}Ar/^{36}Ar ratio of 325 ± 15, which exceeded the

592   atmospheric ratio (296.0; Nier, 1950) in the inverse isochron. The inverse isochron age of 2.56 ± 0.34

593   Ma showed the best age estimate for the 1466R6-001 basalt (Fig. 10a). The 1522R01 sample released

594   almost no radiogenic daughter nuclide of ^{40}Ar in the K–Ar age system~~The 1522R01 sample released~~

595   ~~almost no radiogenic daughter nuclide (^{40}Ar in the K–Ar age system), and an age of −0.11 ± 0.23 Ma~~

596   ~~was gained in three fractions comprising 49% of the total released ^{39}Ar~~ (Fig. 10a).

597   The ranges of eruption age were estimated for all the samples using the average thickness (n =

598   20) of ferromanganese crust and palagonite rind (hydrated quenched glass) with their

599   deposition/formation rates on the seafloor (ferromanganese crust, 1–10 mm/Myr; Hein et al., 1999;

600   palagonite, 0.03–0.3 mm/Myr; Moore et al., 1985) (Fig. 10b). Using this approach, the western Pacific

601   petit-spots were expected to have erupted later than ca. 9 Ma. The ranges of eruption age estimated

602   from palagonite rind did not overlap with those from ferromanganese crust showing older durations,

603   although they had general correlations (Fig. 10b). The ^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar ages of two samples and the U-Pb

604   age of zircon in the 1203 and 1206 peperites~~detrital zircon age of the 1203 and 1206 samples~~ (Hirano

605   et al., 2019) were overlaid within these ranges.

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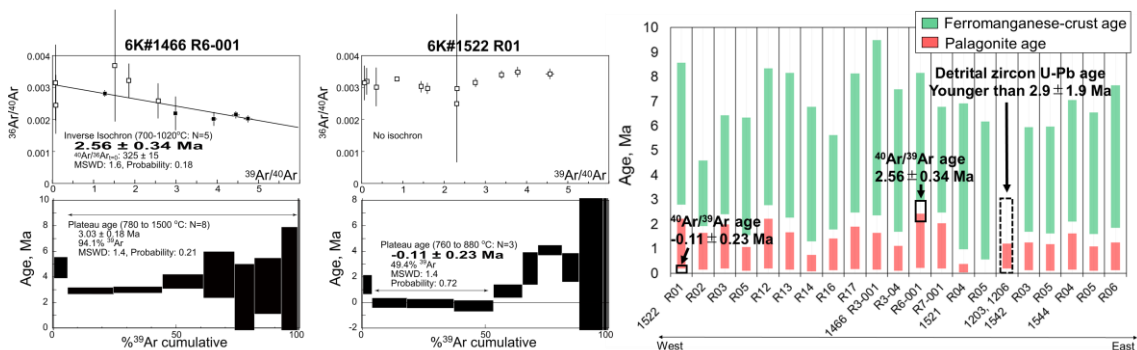
608   Fig. 10. Geochronological data. (a) The ^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar ages of the 6K#1466R6-001 and 6K#1522R01 basalts. The errors

609   show a 2-sigma confidence level. (b) Estimated relative ages using the thickness of ferromanganese crust

610   (green bands) and palagonite (hydrated quenched-glass rind; red bands) covered with petit-spot basalts.

611   These values were estimated using the average for each sample (n = 20). The U-Pb age of zircon in the

612   6K#1203 and 1206 peperites are from Hirano et al. (2019).

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6 Discussion

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6.1 Eruptive setting of western Pacific petit-spots

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618   Here, two crystalline petit-spot basalts were ~~successfully~~ subjected to $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ dating. A

619   previously reported petit-spot knoll in this region (examined during the 6K#1203 and 1206 dives) aged

620   "younger than 3 Ma" was investigated using the U–Pb dating of eight detrital zircons in peperites (Fig.

621   10b) (Hirano et al., 2019). The results showed that the silica-undersaturated vesicular basalt of

622   6K#1466R6-001, as a host of ultramafic xenoliths (Mikuni et al., 2022), exhibited a $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ age of

623   2.56 ± 0.34 Ma (Fig. 10). Oppositely, the fresh vesicular basalt of 6K#1522R01, which erupted at the

624   foot of the 100-Ma Takuyo-Daigo seamount (Fig. 2) (Nozaki et al., 2016), did not exhibit radiogenic

625   ^{40}Ar highlighting that this sample is quite young (approximately 0 Ma) (Fig. 10). The ranges of

626   eruption ages were estimated using the average thickness of ferromanganese crust and palagonite rind

627   (seawater-hydrated quenched glass) with their deposition/formation rates on the seafloor. The

628    $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ and zircon U–Pb ages were within these ranges (Fig. 10). Here, the petit-spot volcanic field

629   ~~was~~ is surrounded by Cretaceous seamounts (Koppers et al., 2003) and irregular Paleogene volcanoes

630   (Aftabuzzaman et al., 2021; Hirano et al., 2021). However, no zero-aged hotspots were observed in

631   this region, and the P-wave tomographic image of the surface to the core–mantle boundary of the study

632   area did not exhibit a plume-like low-velocity zone (Fig. 1c; Lu et al., 2019). Furthermore, the MORB-

633   like to more depleted noble-gas isotopic compositions of the petit-spot knoll (6K#1203, 1206)

634   suggested its upper mantle origin (Yamamoto et al., 2018). Along with the outer-rise bulge in front of

635   the Mariana Trench detected through a positive gravitational anomaly (Hirano et al., 2019), these data

636   suggest~~ed~~ that the western Pacific petit-spot volcanoes could have erupted at ~0–3 Ma owing to the

637   flexure of the subducting Pacific Plate into the Mariana and Ogasawara Trenches.

638   The petit-spot basalts from the 6K#1542 and 1544 dives could have originated from the same

639   eruptive source based on their similar petrographic and geochemical features despite a distance of

640   approximately 6.8 km between both (Figs. 3d, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9). Contrarily, in terms of their

641   petrography and geochemistry~~petrographies and geochemistries~~, the basalts from the 6K#1466 dive

642   ~~were~~ are discriminated between the samples from the lava flows on the abyssal plain (R3-001 and R3-

643   004) and the samples from the knoll site (R6-001, R7-001, and R7-003). The R3 basalts were collected

644   at a lava outcrop 600 m south of the knoll, and the R6 and R7 samples were collected on the western

645   slope of the knoll (Fig. 3a). The 6K#1466R3 series were glassy with a high SiO_2 content (50.6–51.6

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646   wt%), including minor plagioclase and less vesicles (Figs. 3a and 4a). However, the 6K#1466R6 and

647   R7 series exhibited silica-undersaturated compositions (SiO_2 = 39.3–39.4 wt%) and high vesicularities

648   (20–40 vol.%) (Figs. 3b and 4a). Combining these observations with the differences in MgO contents

649   and trace element compositions, the R3 and R6–R7 basalts were suggestedare implied to have different

650   parental magmas (Figs. 6 and 7b). Generally, vesicular samples (6K#1203, 1206, 1466R7, 1522, 1542,

651   and 1544 basalts) were are relatively primary (i.e., MgO > 6.63 wt%), whereas nonvesicular samples

652   (6K#1466R37 and 1521 basalts) were are evolved (i.e., MgO < 4.43 wt%). This correlates with the

653   compositions of olivine microphenocrysts in the low forsterite content (Fo# = 100 ×

654    $Mg/[Mg+Fe^{2+}]_{cation}$) of olivine in evolved basalts and the high Fo# of olivine in the relatively primary

655   basalts (Figs. S1a–c).

656   The CI chondrite-normalized REE ratios of this studyese samples were are within those of OIBs,

657   and the REE patterns exhibit revealed HREE-depleted patterns (Fig. S3). However, among the western

658   Pacific petit-spots, the REE and trace element ratios differed for each volcano (i.e., parental magmas)

659   (Figs. 6 and S3). Given the lack of correlation between MgO and the trace element ratios, each volcano

660   could have originated from isolated sources (i.e., melt ponds) with different chemical compositions

661   and degrees of melting (Fig.6). Oppositely, the radiogenic Sr, Nd, and Pb isotopic ratios of the samples

662   were nearly identical, and the components in the source were are probably equivalent (Fig. 9).

663   Summarily, (1) the western Pacific petit-spot volcanoes erupted at ~0–3 Ma owing to the plate

664   flexure related to the subduction of the Pacific Plate into the Mariana Trench (Figs. 1 and 2). (2) The

665   6K#1542 and 1544 samples originated during the same magmatic event (Fig. 3d). However, the basalts

666   from the 6K#1466 dive were subdivided into two parental magmas (R3 and R6–R7 basalts) (Fig. 3a).

667   (3) Each volcano originated from isolated source and/or ascending processes based on the independent

668   trace element ratios. The geochemical components involved in the source, however, were similar

669   among the western Pacific petit-spot volcanoes because of the nearly identical Sr, Nd, and Pb isotopic

670   compositions (Figs. 6 and 9). A variation in the trace element compositions among the volcanoes was

671   plausibly due to the degree of contribution of carbonatite flux and/or the recycled crustal component

672   to the source, as discussed below.

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674   **6.2 Petit-spot magma composition and its evaluation**

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676   Post-eruption seawater alteration might have affected the chemical composition of oceanic

677   basalts. Thus, various approaches, including petrographic observation, geochemical investigation, and

678   acid leaching, have been employed to evaluate the primary features and the removal of this effect for

679   isotopic analysis (Hanano et al., 2009; Melson et al., 1968; Miyashiro et al., 1971; Nobre Silva et al.,

680   2009; Resing and Sansone, 1999; Staudigel and Hart, 1983; Zakharov et al., 2021). The study samples

681   exhibited whole-rock LOI in the range of 0.67 ≤1.72 wt%, excluding two relatively altered samples,

682　6K#1466R7-001 (LOI = 2.68 wt%) and R7-003 (LOI = 6.29 wt%). Pristine quenched glasses are
683　preserved in most of the samples, excluding three exceptional samples (the 6K#1466R6-001, R7-001,
684　and R7-003 basalts). The lack of secondary phases (e.g., clay minerals) implied that the seawater
685　alteration of petit-spot basalts was limited. The present petit-spot basalts generally comprised fresh
686　olivine, clinopyroxene, glass, and certain minor phases. These features corresponded to the
687　petrography of typical monogenetic alkaline basaltic volcanoes (Brenna et al., 2021). Pristine
688　quenched glasses were preserved in most of the samples, excluding three exceptional samples (the
689　6K#1466R6-001, R7-001, and R7-003 basalts). Positive correlations were are observed between the
690　alteration-insensitive (e.g., Nb, Th) and -sensitive (e.g., Ba, U) incompatible elements. This indicated
691　indicats that the effect of seawater alteration was not extensive, excluding the 6K#1466R7-001 and
692　R7-003 basalts (Fig. 8). Although each sample was derived from different volcanic edifices, the
693　positive correlation of all the study samples was is due to the chemical similarity of the source
694　compositions for certain elements (i.e., Ba/Nb and U/Th ratios were are nearly constant among the
695　samples), as well as the Sr, Nd, and Pb isotopic compositions (Fig. 9). These observations showed that
696　practically all most of the petit-spot basalts were unaffected by seawater alteration with a few
697　exceptions (i.e., 1466R7-001 and R7-003 basalts).

698　　　　The variable MgO (4–9 wt%), Ni (<263 ppm), and Cr (<350 ppm) contents in the samples were
699　are lower than the expected values of primary mantle-derived melt (MgO >10 wt%, Ni >400 ppm, Cr
700　>1000 ppm; Frey et al., 1978). Similarly, the Mg# $(100 \times Mg/[Fe^{2+} + Mg]_{molar})$ values were
701　differentiated in the range of 41–57 (Table 2) against the primary basaltic melt, which was equilibrated
702　with the upper mantle (Mg# = 66–75; Irving and Green, 1976). No phenocrysts were observed (only
703　microphenocryst), despite such differentiated compositions as well as most of the NW Pacific petit-
704　spot basalts. This suggests that the western Pacific petit-spots experienced crystal fractionation in the
705　lithosphere as well as the case of NW Pacific petit-spot (Machida et al., 2017; Valentine and Hirano,
706　2010; Hirano, 2011; Yamamoto et al., 2014). Therefore, the calculation of primary composition of the
707　petit-spot basalts using the mineral modal composition on the thin section could not be performed. No
708　phenocrysts were discovered (i.e., only microphenocryst were observed), despite such differentiated
709　compositions as well as most of the NW Pacific petit-spot basalts. This suggested that the western
710　Pacific petit-spots experienced magma-stagnation and crystal fractionation in the lithosphere as well
711　(Machida et al., 2017; Valentine and Hirano, 2010; Hirano, 2011; Yamamoto et al., 2014). The mass
712　balance calculation of the fractional phases of the petit-spot basalts using the mineral modal
713　composition could not be performed because of inadequate phenocrysts. However, the trends of the
714　major elements of the samples implyied the crystal fractionation of the same phases. The negative
715　trends of the Al_2O_3 content and the positive trends of the CaO and CaO/Al_2O_3 content with a decrease
716　in MgO indicated the occurrence of olivine, spinel, and clinopyroxene fractionation (Figs. 5c, e, and
717　g). The absence of visible correlations of the K_2O, Na_2O, SiO_2, and TiO_2 contents against MgO

718　~~suggested~~ suggests that the fractionation of plagioclase and the Fe–Ti oxides was insignificant. The
719　Fe–Ti oxides as minor phases in the groundmasses and plagioclases were only observed in the most
720　differentiated 1466R3-001 and R3-004 basalts (Figs. 3, 5a, b, d, and h). However, these major
721　elemental trends should be interpreted as apparent trends because each petit-spot volcano originated
722　from an isolated parental magma with different chemical composition or degree of partial melting as
723　discussed above.

724　　　　The trace element composition of alkali basalts can be used to determine the melting source
725　rather than major elements (Hofmann, 2003; Machida et al., 2014, 2015). Trace element composition
726　of magma, however, could be modified by crustal and/or mantle assimilation and fractionation of
727　certain minerals. The relatively primitive basalts (6K#1203, 1206, 1466R6, R7, 1522, 1542, and 1544)
728　included xenocrystic olivines and partly ultramafic xenoliths, indicating a rapid magma ascent (Hirano
729　et al., 2019; Mikuni et al., 2022; Fig. S4). However, since the stagnation of ascending petit-spot magma
730　could occur to create fertile peridotite and pyroxene-rich veins from the middle to lower depths of the
731　lithosphere (Mikuni et al., 2022; Pilet et al., 2016), the chemical composition of the petit-spot magma
732　could be modified because of assimilation with the ambient lithospheric peridotite. According to
733　Hirano and Machida (2022), ascending silica-undersaturated melt would mainly consume
734　orthopyroxene (±spinel) and become a more silicic composition with Zr and Hf depletion. This is
735　because of the relatively higher Zr–Hf partition of orthopyroxene than those of other trace elements
736　(Pilet et al., 2008; Shaw, 1999; Tamura et al., 2019). The orthopyroxenes of fertile pyroxenites and
737　lherzolite xenoliths metasomatized by petit-spot melts exhibit~~ed~~ Zr and Hf enrichment (Mikuni et al.,
738　2022; Fig. S5). If this silica-enrichment (i.e., melt–rock interaction) was significant, a positive
739　correlation between SiO_2 and Sm/Hf ~~was~~ is expected as a mantle assimilation trend. However, the
740　samples exhibited a negative correlation, similar to those of the NW Pacific petit-spots (Hirano and
741　Machida, 2022) (Fig. S2). Considering the relationship between the Sm and Hf partition coefficients
742　of clinopyroxene (i.e., $D^{Hf} < D^{Sm}$; McKenzie and O'Nions, 1991; Kelemen et al., 2003), we suggest
743　that the negative correlation between the Sm/Hf and SiO_2 of the petit-spot basalts probably ~~reflected~~
744　reflects the crystal fractionation of clinopyroxene rather than mantle assimilation. The Ba/Nb ratios of
745　the samples ~~were~~ are nearly constant and ~~did~~ do not correlate with the MgO and SiO_2 contents (Figs.
746　6g and S2g). The lack of correlation between the other trace element ratios, excluding Sm/Hf and
747　Ba/Nb (i.e., La/Y, La/Lu, Sm/Yb, La/Sm, Nb/Ta, Zr/Hf), and the MgO concentration ~~implied~~ imply
748　that crystal fractionation may not have been involved with those of the incipient melt (Fig. 6). However,
749　it is difficult to independently follow the evolution of the trace element composition for each volcano
750　since each volcano originated from isolated sources. Thus, considering the observations above, the
751　fresh and zero-aged 6K#1522 basalts (the highest Sm/Hf ratios and lowest SiO_2 contents among the
752　fresh samples and higher MgO contents) were selected for further analysis with geochemical modeling.
753　Considering that the 6K#1522 samples had MgO in the range of 6.63–7.36 wt%, olivine was

754　expectedly the dominant phase of crystal fractionation (Asimow and Langmuir, 2003; Helz and
755　Thornber, 1987; Herzberg, 2006). When the olivine maximum fractionation model (Takahashi et al.,
756　1986; Tatsumi et al., 1983) was applied to test two samples, the calculated primary trace element
757　contents did not significantly differ from those of the analytical compositions (Table S3 and Fig. S6).
758　Thus, the 6K#1522 basalts were assumed to be the most primary petit-spot basalt samples and were
759　used to evaluate the geochemical modeling results.

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761　**6.3 Melting source of western Pacific petit-spots**

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763　~~Petit-spot magma is considered to originate from the asthenospheric mantle based on MORB-~~
764　~~like noble gas isotopic compositions and a multiphase saturation experiment (Hirano et al., 2006, 2013;~~
765　~~Machida et al., 2015, 2017; Yamamoto et al., 2018, 2020).~~ The depletions of specific elements (e.g.,
766　~~U, Th, Nb,~~ Ta, Zr, Hf, and Ti) of petit-spot basalts potentially demonstrate the involvement of
767　carbonatitic materials in conjunction with a large amount of CO_2 and lower Mg isotopic ratio than that
768　of the normal mantle (Bizimis et al., 2003; Dasgupta et al., 2009; Hirano and Machida, 2022; Hoernle
769　et al., 2002; Liu et al., 2020; Okumura and Hirano, 2013). Other oceanic lavas originating from the
770　asthenosphere (e.g., Hawaiian rejuvenated lavas and North Arch volcanoes) exhibited characteristic
771　trace element signatures (i.e., Zr and Hf depletion) similar to those of petit-spot lavas. This ~~implied~~
772　implies that their melting sources were involved with carbonatitic materials with or without plume-
773　derived components (Fig. S7; Borisova and Tilhac, 2021; Clague and Frey, 1982; Clague et al., 1990;
774　Dixon et al., 2008; Yang et al., 2003). In addition, the involvement of recycled crustal components
775　was inferred from the geochemical features of the petit-spot basalts, and the upper mantle was revealed
776　to be heterogeneous (Liu et al., 2020; Machida et al., 2009, 2015). Such a scenario of the source on
777　petit-spot magma ~~was~~ is consistent with the previously suggested petrogenesis of alkaline rocks
778　explained by the addition of CO_2-rich components and/or recycled crustal materials with or without
779　sediment to the mantle (e.g., Dasgupta et al. 2007; Hofmann~~Hoffmann~~, 1997). Conversely, the melting
780　of an amphibole-rich metasomatic vein explains the major and trace element composition of alkali
781　basalts (Pilet et al., 2008; Pilet, 2015). However, the experimentally produced melts exhibited Pb
782　depletion and a positive Nb-Ti anomaly in the PM-normalized trace element patterns (Fig. S8)
783　inconsistent with the petit-spot basalts (Fig. 7). In addition, Juriček and Keppler (2023) demonstrated
784　that amphibole dehydration is not the cause for the oceanic LAB by high-pressure experiment on the
785　realistic condition. The fertile pyroxenitic xenoliths and pyroxene xenocrysts occurring in the 1466R6
786　and R7 basalts, which originated from the metasomatic vein related to prior petit-spot magmatism,
787　had neither amphiboles nor other hydrous minerals (Mikuni et al., 2022).
788　　　To discuss the involvement of carbonatitic and crustal components in petit-spot melts, a partial
789　melting model of the heterogeneous mantle ~~was~~ is provided. The involvement of carbonatitic fluids

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790 and recycled materials in the genesis of petit-spot melts has been~~was~~ suggested, and the open-system

791 model with carbonatite influx from the outer system was employed using "OSM-4" of Ozawa (2001)),

792 referring the parameters of Borisova and Tilhac (2021). This model is based on the mass conservation

793 equations of one-dimensional steady-state melting. In this present study, the model uses a critical melt

794 fraction (α_c; mass fraction of melt when melt separation begins = melt connectivity threshold) at 0.005

795 or 0.01. The system is opened to fluxing at a constant melt-separation rate (γ) when the system reaches

796 the α_c. The final trapped melt fraction (α_f; mass fraction of melt trapped in the residue) was fixed at ~0

797 (it was calculated as 10^{-6} owing to mass balance). We calculated the trace element composition of

798 partial melts at various degree of melting (F), a few rates of influx (β) and melt separation (γ). We

799 assumed a primitive mantle (PM) source as a lherzolite with or without a normal (N)-MORB source

800 as the recycled oceanic crust (Sun and McDonough, 1989), such as pyroxenite and eclogite. The

801 recycled crust (N-MORB component) was mixed in the source as compositional heterogeneity

802 calculated as "0.05N-MORB + 0.95PM" for the trace element concentration, and the considered

803 mineral phases and their proportions were derived only from garnet lherzolite (i.e., olivine,

804 orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene, and garnet). The mineral mode of garnet lherzolite (olivine 55%,

805 orthopyroxene 20%, clinopyroxene 15%, and garnet 10%) and the melting reaction mode (olivine 8%,

806 orthopyroxene −19%, clinopyroxene 81%, and garnet 30%) are based on studies by Johnson et al.

807 (1990) and Walter (1998), respectively. The proportion of olivine and garnet was also changed to

808 evaluate the effect of garnet modal ratio to the produced melt composition. In this situation, the

809 clinopyroxene is consumed at an F (degree of partial melting) of ~ 19%; therefore, the system was

810 calculated up to 18% partial melting. The carbonatite melt, as an influx, in this model is "average

811 carbonatite" from a study by Bizimis et al. (2003). The partition coefficient of trace elements is

812 generally based on a study by McKenzie and O'Nions (1991, 1995) excluding Ti for clinopyroxene

813 and garnet (Kelemen et al., 2003). The variables of β (influx rate) and γ (melt-separation rate) were

814 changed during the modeling within the mass balance ($\gamma \leqq \beta + 1$). The modeled melts were outputted

815 as "total melt," considering the instantaneous and accumulated melts. For the carbonatite composition,

816 the value of "average carbonatite" of Bizimis et al. (2003) is applied because the chemical composition

817 of carbonatite is largely diverse, and this value is recommended for geochemical modeling (Bizimis

818 et al., 2003). The parameters are listed in Table S6. As a result, partial melting of garnet lherzolite with

819 10% carbonatite influx to a given mass of source (i.e., garnet lherzolite) can roughly explain the trace

820 element pattern of petit spot basalts (Figs. 11a–e), and the presence of 5% crustal component in the

821 source is the most plausible model of petit-spot magma generation (Figs. 11b and d). In addition,

822 slightly less garnet in the lherzolite source than the modal ratio of Johnson et al. (1990) fits the petit-

823 spot better (Fig. 11b). In both cases, the presence of a crustal component in the source yields more

824 plausible results (Figs. 11a–d). The higher carbonatite influx (β =1.0) could not explain the trace

825 element composition of the petit-spot basalts (Fig. 11f). The melt connectivity threshold (α_c) of 0.01

826   is plausible because higher connectivity of melt (i.e., lower α_c value) leads to enrichment of LILEs and

827   LREEs (Fig. 11g). The results also showed that the melt-separation ratio is insignificant to the trace

828   element composition of the calculated melts (Figs. 11d and e). Thereafter, we concluded that the partial

829   melting of ~5% crustal component-bearing garnet lherzolite with ~10% carbonatite flux to a given

830   mass of the source plausibly explains the melting source of petit-spot volcanoes (Figs. 11b and d).

831   Assuming that the trace element composition of 6K#1203, 1206, 1542, and 1544 basalts are also

832   primitive, they may be explained by a partial melting of garnet lherzolite with 5% crustal component

833   and lower carbonatite influx rate ($\beta = 0.03$) (Fig. S9). Actually, the 6K#1203, 1206, 1542, and 1544

834   basalts exhibited the similar MgO contents and Mg# to those of 6K#1522 basalts (Fig. 4 and Table 2).

835   These results provide quantitative evidence on the petrogenesis of petit-spots, i.e., the contribution of

836   carbonatite melt and recycled oceanic crust. ~~The parameters are listed in Table S4, and the details are~~

837   ~~described in Sect. 4.4. As a result, the low carbonatite-influx melting (β = 0.1) of garnet lherzolite with~~

838   ~~a small amount (5%) of the crustal component was the most plausible model of petit-spot magma~~

839   ~~generation (Figs. 11a and b). The results also showed that the melt-separation ratio was insignificant~~

840   ~~to the trace element composition of the calculated melts (Figs. 11a and b). The partial melting of garnet~~

841   ~~lherzolite with carbonatite influx without crustal components exhibited small offsets of Sm to Lu from~~

842   ~~the petit-spot basalts in the trace element patterns (Figs. 11c, d). The high carbonatite influx could not~~

843   ~~explain the trace element composition of the petit-spot basalts (Fig. 11e). Moreover, the modeled~~

844   ~~partial melting of garnet lherzolite by non-modal batch melting (Shaw, 1970) was inconsistent with~~

845   ~~the petit-spot patterns (Fig. 11f). Thereafter, we concluded that the partial melting of garnet lherzolite~~

846   ~~with low carbonatite flux and small crustal components plausibly explained the source of petit-spot~~

847   ~~volcanoes (Figs. 11a and b). Assuming that the trace element composition of 6K#1203, 1206, 1542,~~

848   ~~and 1544 basalts were also primitive, they may be explained by a partial melting of garnet lherzolite~~

849   ~~with 5% crustal component and lower carbonatite influx rate (β = 0.03) (Fig. S9). Actually, the~~

850   ~~6K#1203, 1206, 1542, and 1544 basalts exhibited the similar MgO contents and Mg# to those of~~

851   ~~6K#1522 basalts (Fig. 4 and Table 2). These result provides quantitative evidence on the petrogenesis~~

852   ~~of petit-spots and asthenospheric magmas with similar trace element compositions, i.e., the~~

853   ~~contribution of carbonatite melt and recycled oceanic crust.~~

854   Although the melting source contained small proportions of carbonatite melt and crustal

855   components, these components could have contributed to the isotopic composition because of their

856   abundant incompatible elements rather than the ambient mantle. The determination of the Sr, Nd, and

857   Pb isotopic compositions revealed that they had geochemically identical prevalent mantle (PREMA)-

858   like sources (Fig. 9). They ~~did~~ do not belong to any mantle isotopic endmembers (i.e., depleted MORB

859   mantle (DMM); EM-1, -2; and HIMU; Fig. 9) contrary to those of NW Pacific petit-spots toward the

860   EM-1 isotopic composition (Machida et al., 2009; Liu et al., 2020). In the Pb isotopic space, the present

861   samples ~~did~~ do not correlate with those of the neighboring HIMU-like Cretaceous seamounts (Fig. 9a)

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(N-Wake, S-Wake seamounts; Konter et al., 2008; Koppers et al., 2003; Natland, 1976; Smith et al., 1989; Staudigel et al., 1991). For the melting source of the NW Pacific petit-spot basalts, the contributions of the eclogite/pyroxenite endmember as recycled oceanic crust and the carbonated endmember were suggested based on the major and trace elements and the Mg, Sr, Nd, and Pb isotopic compositions with the Mg diffusion modeling (Liu et al., 2020). The higher FeO/MnO ratios of the present melts (65.9–78.0), compared with those of partial melts originating from peridotite (50–60), ~~were~~ are attributed to the presence of recycled pyroxenite (Herzb~~eu~~rg, 2011). This could have contributed to the crustal components in the melting source. However, the western Pacific petit-spots in this study identically exhibited a PREMA-like isotopic signature without extreme endmember contributions as described above (Fig. 9). Such isotopic compositions with the world's petit-spots can be possibly explained by the diverse mixing proportion of HIMU and EM-1 components (Fig, 9e). The ~~the~~ isotopic compositions of the NW Pacific petit-spots (off the Japan Trench), Samoan petit-spots (off the Tonga Trench), petit-spot dikes in Christmas Island (off the Java trench), and western Pacific petit-spots (off the Mariana Trench in this study) ~~were~~ are roughly along the HIMU–EM-1 mixing line (Fig. 9e). Furthermore, the isotopic compositions of global carbonatites can be generally explained by the mixing of HIMU and EM-1 (Bell and Tilton, 2002; Hoernle et al., 2002; Hulett et al., 2016). The contributions of the carbonated material/carbonatite and crustal components to the melting source were suggested in terms of the origin of HIMU and EM-1 (Collerson et al., 2010; Hanyu et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2018; Weiss et al., 2016; Workman et al., 2004; Zindler and Hart, 1986). However, ~~Although~~ the HIMU and EM-1 components could not be determined to be carbonated ~~component~~carbonatite and recycled crust, respectively, owing to the various views on each tectonic setting for the mantle endmember~~.~~, The variability of global carbonatite isotopic compositions also makes it difficult to determine their representative isotope ratios (Fig. 9). Although such issues make a quantitative isotopic mixing model challenging, the HIMU-EM-1 like trend of the global petit-spot volcanoes may reflect~~the isotopic signatures may suggest~~ the involvement of carbonatitic and recycled crustal materials. Conclusively, t~~T~~he mass balance models on the trace elements and the isotopic variations in the petit-spot volcanoes confirmed the contribution of carbonatite melt and the recycled oceanic crust to the melting source of the western Pacific petit-spots (Fig. 12). Experimental studies have revealed the various petrogenesis of carbonatite and carbonatitic alkali-rich magma under high pressures (Dasgupta et al., 2006; Ghosh et al., 2009). The geochemistry of petit-spot basalts including Mg isotopes suggested that the conceivable origin of carbonatite related to the petit-spot melt is subducted "carbonated" pelite, pyroxenite/eclogite, or peridotite stored as diamond or metal carbide in the reduced lower portion of the upper mantle (Liu et al., 2020; Rohrbach et al., 2007). Subducted carbonated pelite, for example, would melt under high pressure (>8 GPa) through the oxidation at the redox boundary where the the iron-wüstite (IW) buffer changes to the quartz–fayalite–magnetite (QFM) buffer (i.e., redox melting; Grassi and Schmidt, 2011). Chen et al. (2022) demonstrated that

the alkali-rich carbonatite melt could occur under a pressure higher than 6 GPa, particularly exhibiting K-rich and Na-rich carbonatites under 6–12 and >12 GPa, respectively. This pressure-dependent alkalinity of the produced carbonatite melts might explain the variation between potassic NW Pacific petit-spot lavas and present sodic petit-spot lavas (Fig. 4b). On the other hand, an experimental study pointed out the existence of carbonate-rich layer in the LAB owing to the horizontally spread carbonate from around the wedge mantle rather than upwelling from the deep mantle (Hammouda et al., 2020). Several high pressure–temperature experiments and modeling revealed that the chemical composition of intraplate magmas from upper mantle depends on their original depth; carbonatitic melt can be generated beneath thick cratonic lithosphere (~250–200 km), kimberlitic melt would be produced at >120 km in depth, and alkali basalt would occur at 100–60 km in depth by partial melting of "original" CO_2 and H_2O-bearing mantle (Massuyeau et al., 2021). These depth-dependent compositional variation, that is, K-rich kimberlite to alkali basalt may also explain the geochemical gap between K-rich NW Pacific petit-spots and K-poor western Pacific petit-spots (Fig. 4b). Although the multiple origins of carbonatite are merely suggested and remain unclear, carbon-rich components play a key role in the partial melting of mantle at the LAB (Sifré et al., 2014), that is, the source of petit-spot magma.
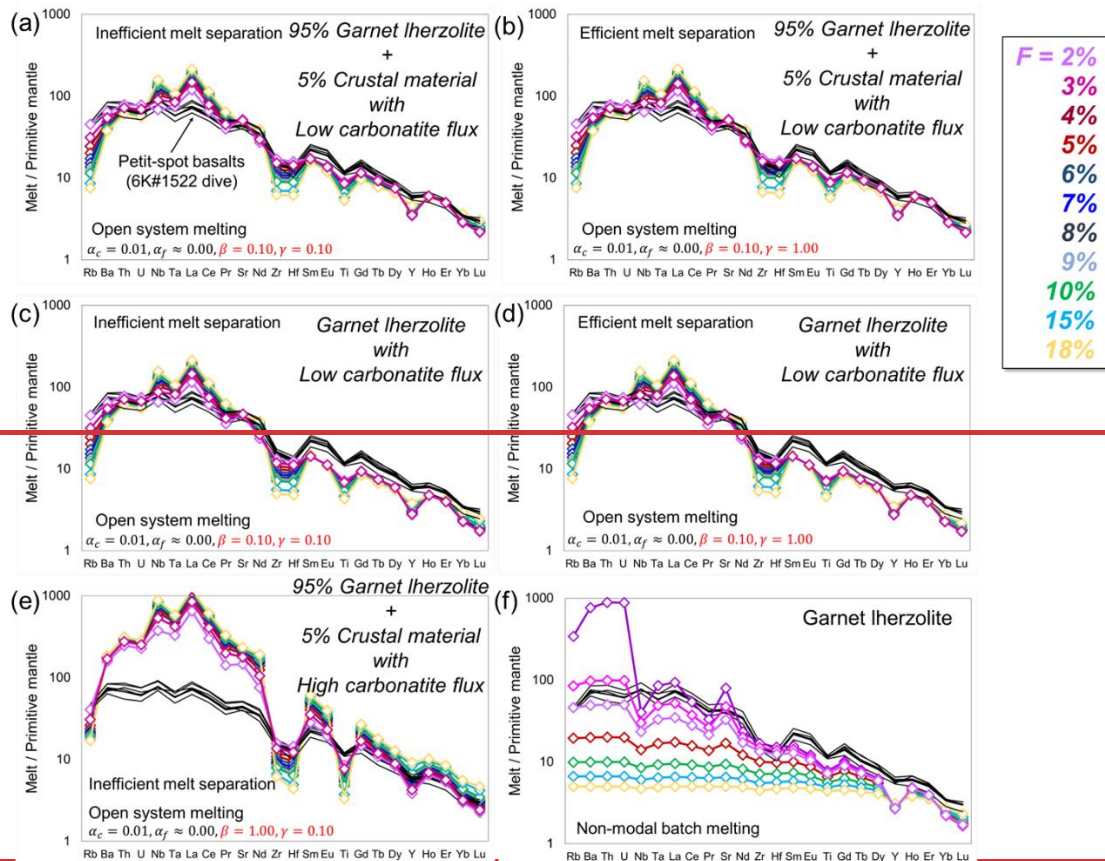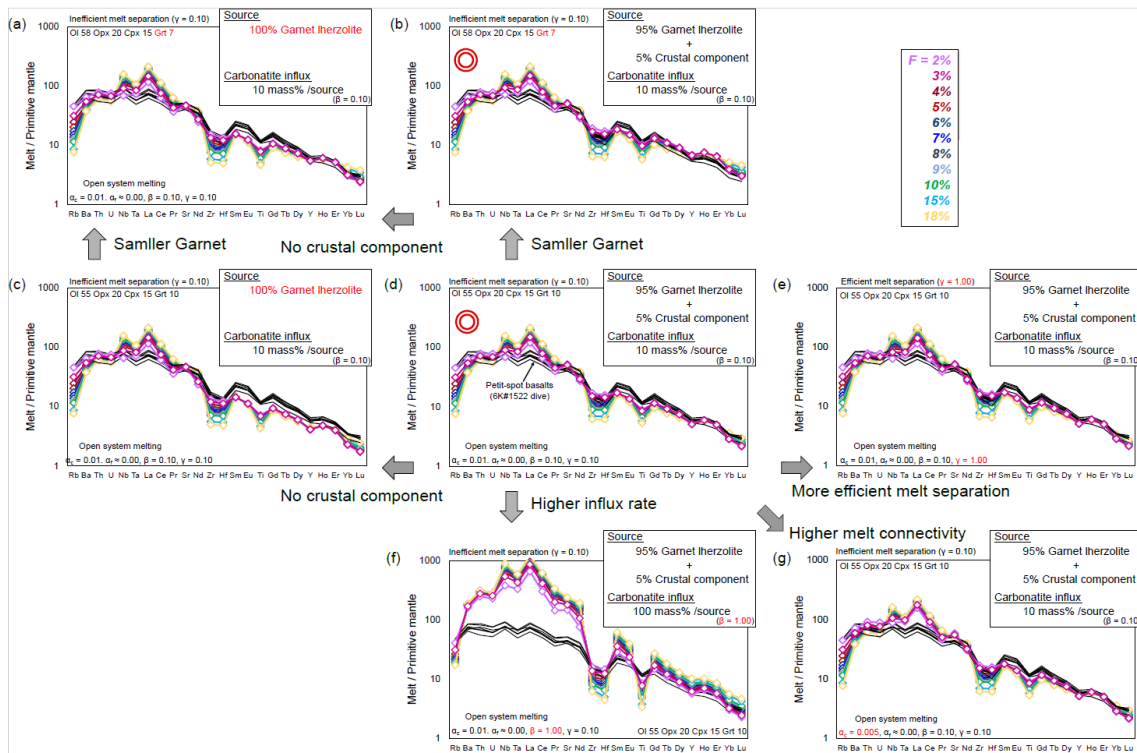
Fig. 11. Geochemical modeling for the primitive mantle (PM)-normalized trace-element pattern. The calculated hypothetical melts are a production of carbonatite influx melting of garnet lherzolite with or without 5% crustal component. Detailed information of the parameters is described in Section 6-3 and Table S6. F is the degree of melting (%). The trace-element composition of the western Pacific petit-spot basalts from the 6K#1522 dive is shown as black lines for comparison. The PM composition of lherzolite and the N-MORB composition of recycled crust were based on a study by Sun and McDonough (1989). The influx carbonatite is the "average carbonatite" of a study by Bizimis et al. (2003). The parameters used in the open-system melting models were as follows: a_c is a critical melt fraction, a_f is a final trapped melt fraction, β is a melt influx rate, and γ is a melt-separation rate. Model results are compared by varying each parameter, i.e., garnet modal ratio and presence of crustal material (a–d), melt-separation rate (d and e), carbonatite influx rate (d and f), and critical melt fraction (d and g). Each figure is expressed based on the difference from the condition in (d). ~~The calculated hypothetical melts of 5% crustal component-bearing lherzolite with low (β = 0.1) carbonatite influx at an (a) inefficient melt-separation rate (γ = 0.1), and (b) efficient melt-separation rate (γ = 1.0) are shown. The same models without crustal components are also represented at an (c) inefficient melt-separation rate (γ = 0.1) and (d) efficient melt-separation rate (γ = 1.0). (e) The 5% crust-bearing lherzolite with high carbonatite-fluxing. (f) Non-modal batch melting of garnet lherzolite. F is the degree of melting (%). The trace-element composition of the western Pacific petit-spot basalts from the 6K#1522 dive is shown as black lines for comparison. The PM composition of lherzolite and the N-MORB composition of recycled crust were based on a study by Sun and McDonough (1989). The influx carbonatite is the "average carbonatite" of a study by Bizimis et al.~~

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936   (2003). The parameters used in the open-system melting models were as follows: a_c is a critical melt

937   fraction, a_T is a final trapped melt fraction, β is a melt influx rate, and γ is a melt-separation rate.

938   Detailed information is provided in Section 4.4 and Table S2.

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941 **6.4 Where does carbonatite originate from?**

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943   The origin of carbonatite is under debate and is ambiguous. The expected petrogenesis of

944 carbonatite is diverse, and a wide range of views exist on how carbonatite melt occurs in the deep

945 mantle (Carnevale et al., 2021). Natural carbonatites frequently used as reference values originate from

946 the Canary and Cape Verde hotspots in the Atlantic Ocean (Hoernle et al., 2002). Those used as average

947 values originate from the East African Rift, Canadian Craton, and South African Craton (i.e., average

948 carbonatite; Bizimis et al., 2003). The presence of such carbonatite magmas accounts for the carbon

949 cycle in the deep mantle. Previous studies on the direct measurement of deep-originated carbonatite

950 have focused on the carbonatite fluid inclusion in diamonds (Weiss et al., 2016) and the carbonate

951 globule observed in the post-spreading ridge basalt in the South China Sea (Zhang et al., 2017; Zhong

952 et al., 2021).

953   Experimental studies have revealed the various petrogenesis of carbonatite and carbonatitic

954 alkali-rich magma under high pressures (Dasgupta et al., 2006; Ghosh et al., 2009). Among their

955 interpretations, the conceivable origin of carbonatite possibly related to the occurrence of petit-spot

956 melt is subducted carbonated pelite, pyroxenite/eclogite, or peridotite stored as diamond or metal

957 carbide in the reduced lower portion of the upper mantle (Liu et al., 2020; Rohrbach et al., 2007).

958 Subducted carbonated pelite, for example, would melt under high pressure (>8 GPa) in a transition

959 oxidation state (i.e., redox melting; Grassi and Schmidt, 2011). Chen et al. (2022) demonstrated that

960 the alkali-rich carbonatite melt could occur under a pressure higher than 6 GPa, particularly exhibiting

961 K-rich and Na-rich carbonatites under 6–12 and >12 GPa, respectively. This pressure-dependent

962 alkalinity of the produced carbonatite melts might explain the variation between potassic NW Pacific

963 petit-spot lavas and present sodic petit-spot lavas (Fig. 4b). An experimental study pointed out the

964 existence of a carbonate-rich layer in the LAB owing to the horizontally spread carbonate from around

965 the wedge mantle rather than upwelling from the deep mantle (Hammouda et al., 2020). The small

966 degree of partial melt containing 5–6 wt% CO_2 at 3 GPa also explains the electrical conductivities of

967 the asthenosphere (Sifré et al., 2014). Although the multiple origins of carbonatite are merely

968 suggested and remain unconfirmed, carbon-rich components exist in the upper mantle and function as

969 melting agents of petit-spot magma, given the geochemical characteristics of petit-spot basalts.

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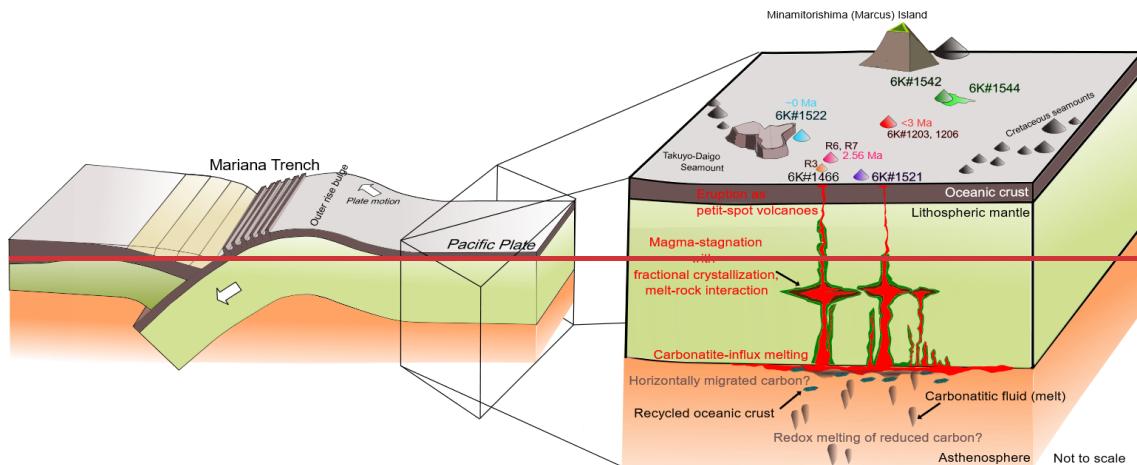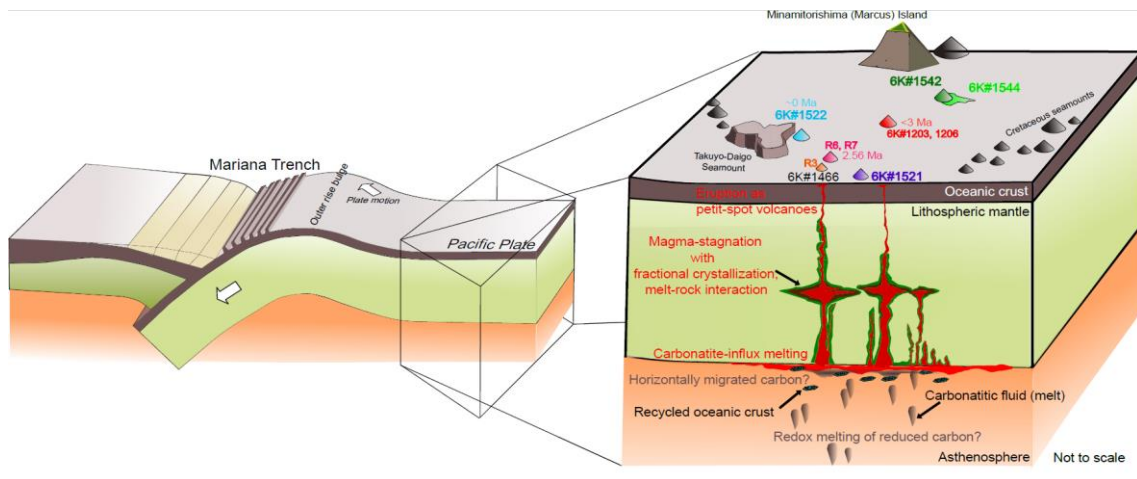
Fig. 12. Schematic illustration of the magmatic processes of the western Pacific petit-spot volcanoes.

Carbonatitic melt and recycled oceanic crust potentially induce partial melting of asthenospheric mantle beneath the western Pacific region. Carbonatitic melt might have originated from a carbon-rich component horizontally migrated from a subduction zone (Hammouda et al., 20212020), or a redox melting of reduced carbon in the deep mantle (Chen et al., 2022; Grassi and Schmidt, 2011; Rohrbach et al., 2007). Petit-spot magma stagnated in the lithosphere with fractional crystallization and melt-rock interaction (Mikuni et al., 2022), and they have erupted at ~0–3 Ma.

7 Conclusion

The occurrence of petit-spot volcanism supports partial melting at the LAB, providing crucial implications for the nature of this geophysical discontinuity. Multiple petit-spot magmatisms on the western Pacific Plate occurred at ~ 0–3 Ma, originating from similar PREMA-like melting sources based on $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ dating and the Sr, Nd, and Pb isotopic compositions. The mass balance-based open-

system modeling for trace elements revealed that the western Pacific petit-spot magma was generated by the partial melting of a small amount (5%) of oceanic crust-bearing garnet lherzolite with 3–10% carbonatite influx to a given mass of the source~~carbonatite influx~~. ~~This correlated with the theory of previous studies on petit-spots and several experimental studies for the generation of LAB.~~ The Sr, Nd, and Pb isotopic compositions of this study samples, with those of the NW Pacific petit-spots, off the Tonga and Java Trenches, could be explained by mixing the EM-1-like and HIMU-like components, which contribute to subducted carbonated/crustal materials. The tectonic-induced magmatism, like a petit-spot, may have the same melting mechanism.

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The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

Data availability

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