

Evidence for oxygen-conserving diamond formation in redox-buffered subducted oceanic crust (eclogite)

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Supplementary Information

Supplementary Table 1 Parental melt composition modelling based on Wang et al. (2019)³³

$\Delta \log fO_2$	FMQ-2	FMQ-1	FMQ	FMQ+1
~Warm Archaean MORB: $F = 0.2$ and $T_p = 1450$ °C (1549 °C at $F = 0.2$)				
Peridotite-melt Bulk $D(V)$	0.23	0.14	0.09	0.05
V in aggregated melt (ppm)	174	239	301	345
~Cool Archaean MORB: $F = 0.2$ and $T_p = 1400$ °C (1499 °C at $F = 0.2$)				
Peridotite-melt Bulk $D(V)$	0.26	0.16	0.10	0.06
V in aggregated melt (ppm)	154	217	282	333
~Modern MORB: $F = 0.08$ and $T_p = 1300$ °C (1347 °C at $F = 0.08$)				
Peridotite-melt Bulk $D(V)$	0.73	0.44	0.27	0.16
V in aggregated melt (ppm)	81	131	206	314

fO_2 oxygen fugacity; FMQ Fayalite-Magnetite-Quartz; F melt fraction; T_p mantle potential temperature; D distribution coefficient

Note: The spreadsheet of Wang et al. (2019)³³ calculates V distribution coefficients for spinel peridotite as a function of temperature and fO_2 (and of mineral compositions which were adopted from the spreadsheet) and melt compositions at 1 GPa, whereby temperature increases with increasing F ; temperature for the first melt increment is taken to be $T_p + 0.4 \cdot 30$, using the adiabat of Katsura et al. (2010)³⁴ and assuming 30 km = 1 GPa where the melt last equilibrates with its source; V abundances are for aggregated fractional melts

V concentrations in the melt for suggested Archaean and modern conditions are highlighted in bold

16 **Supplementary Table 2** Cumulate composition modelling for sequential mineral
 17 crystallisation
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Sample	$D(V)$ min-melt	Wt. fraction	Min V ppm	Bulk V ppm
~Warm Archaean MORB with parental V concentration = 170 ppm at T_{xx} = 1340 °C and fO_2 = FMQ-2				
Spinel	6.94	0.01	1180	13
Olivine	0.15	0.20	26	5
Plagioclase	0.06	0.28	10	3
Bulk sp-ol-pl cumulate	0.12	0.49		21
Clinopyroxene	2.9	0.16	493	79
BULK+cpx				100
BULK+primitive melt		0.47		100
~Warm Archaean MORB with parental V concentration = 300 ppm at T_{xx} = 1340 °C and fO_2 = FMQ				
Spinel	2.95	0.01	885	10
Olivine	0.05	0.20	15	3
Plagioclase	0.02	0.28	6	2
Bulk sp-ol-pl cumulate	0.05			14
Clinopyroxene	0.85	0.34	255	85
BULK+cpx				100
BULK+primitive melt		0.29	300	100
~Cool Archaean MORB with parental V concentration = 154 ppm at T_{xx} = 1290 °C and fO_2 = FMQ-2				
Spinel	7.76	0.01	1194	13
Olivine	0.16	0.20	25	5
Plagioclase	0.07	0.28	10	3
Bulk sp-ol-pl cumulate	0.14			21
Clinopyroxene	3.77	0.14	581	79
BULK+cpx				100
BULK+primitive melt		0.52	154	100
~Cool Archaean MORB with parental V concentration = 154 ppm at T_{xx} = 1290 °C and fO_2 = FMQ				
Spinel	3.29	0.01	507	6
Olivine	0.05	0.20	8	2
Plagioclase	0.02	0.28	3	1
Bulk sp-ol-pl cumulate	0.05			8
Clinopyroxene	0.71	0.84	109	92
BULK+cpx				100
BULK+primitive melt		0.33	154	100

fO_2 oxygen fugacity; FMQ Fayalite-Magnetite-Quartz buffer; F melt fraction; T_{xx} crystallisation temperature converted from T_p mantle potential temperature using the relationship given in Herzberg and Asimow (2008)³⁵; D distribution coefficient; min. mineral; wt. weight; sp spinel, ol olivine, pl plagioclase, cpx clinopyroxene
 Parental melt V concentrations for modelled conditions and initial melt fraction of 0.2 taken from [Supplementary Table 1](#); V concentrations in bulk cumulates of spinel+olivine+plagioclase shown in bold font; weight fraction of clinopyroxene and primitive melt were adjusted such that the resultant mixture with bulk cumulate yields 100 ppm, corresponding to the low end of abundances in gabbroic eclogites ([Fig. 3](#))

Note: Mineral-melt distribution coefficients for spinel peridotite as a function of temperature and fO_2 are from the spreadsheet of Wang et al. (2019)³³, which also considers mineral compositions (adopted from the spreadsheet); V abundances are for sequential crystallisation of spinel, olivine, plagioclase and clinopyroxene at weight fractions that were modelled for fractional crystallisation of picrite at 0.05 GPa by Aulbach and Jacob (2016, ref. ³⁶; their Appendix 5), ignoring, for simplicity, small differences in phase relations arising from differences in fO_2 (example in ref. ³⁶), and decreasing temperatures with progressive crystallisation

19 **Supplementary Table 3** Melt composition modelling for fractional crystallisation

		Temperature- fO_2 conditions						
T_p		1450 °C	1450 °C	1450 °C	1500 °C	1400 °C		
Parent melt V		170	240	300	190	100		
T_{xx}		1340 °C	1340 °C	1340 °C	1380 °C	1290 °C		
$\Delta \log fO_2$		FMQ-2	FMQ-1	FMQ	FMQ-2	FMQ-2		
		$D(V)$ mineral-melt						
Spinel		6.94	4.52	2.95	6.37	0.76		
Olivine		0.15	0.07	0.05	0.14	0.16		
Plagioclase		0.06	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.06		
		Melt F	Melt MgO (wt.%)	Remaining melt V (ppm)				
Onset ol XX		0.99	16.8	159	231	294	179	100
Onset pl XX		0.79	9.8	194	286	366	218	122
Onset cpx XX		0.51	8.4	363	548	704	410	228

fO_2 oxygen fugacity; FMQ Fayalite-Magnetite-Quartz buffer; F melt weight fraction remaining; T_{xx} crystallisation temperature converted from T_p mantle potential temperature using the relationship given in Herzberg and Asimow (2008, ref. ³⁵); D distribution coefficient; ol olivine, pl plagioclase, cpx clinopyroxene

Parental melt V concentrations for modelled conditions taken from [Supplementary Table 1](#) and mineral-melt distribution coefficients from [Supplementary Table 2](#) or modelled as described therein and in the [Methods](#)

Note: V abundances are for sequential fractionation of spinel, olivine, plagioclase and clinopyroxene, and for weight fractions of the remaining melt, ignoring, for simplicity, small differences in phase relations arising from differences in fO_2 (example in Aulbach and Jacob, 2016, ref. ³⁶), and decreasing temperatures with progressive crystallisation; melt weight fractions as well as melt MgO content from ref. ³⁶ (their Appendix 5) which were modelled for fractional crystallisation of picrite at 0.05 GPa

Supplementary Table 4 Eclogite composition modelling for high-pressure batch melt extraction

Element ppm ($\Delta \log fO_2$)	IW	V (FMQ-4)	V (FMQ-2)	V (FMQ-1)	V (FMQ)	Ce/Yb _{NMORB}
C_0		170	170	170	170	
D rutile-melt		4.96	3.89	3.36	2.82	
D cpx-melt	5.4	6.49	2.14	1.14	0.57	
D garnet-melt	4.2	6.49	2.14	1.14	0.57	
Bulk D eclogite-melt		6.48	2.15	1.15	0.58	

	Concentration (ppm) and ratio in residue from batch melting				
Melt $F = 0.05$	177	174	171	164	0.65
Melt $F = 0.1$	185	179	172	158	0.47
Melt $F = 0.2$	204	190	174	149	0.29
Melt $F = 0.3$	227	202	176	140	0.19

fO_2 oxygen fugacity; IW Iron-Wuestite buffer, FMQ Fayalite-Magnetite-Quartz buffer; F melt fraction; D distribution coefficient; cpx clinopyroxene

C_0 for V is chosen as an example, for Ce and Yb it corresponds to concentrations in NMORB of Gale et al. (2013, ref. ³¹); $D(V)$ rutile-melt and $D(V)$ cpx-melt as a function of fO_2 were parameterised from results reported in Holycross and Cottrell (2020, ref. ³⁷) and Mallmann and O'Neill (2009), respectively; $D(V)$ garnet-melt was assumed to be identical to that of cpx based on results reported in Mallmann and O'Neill (2009, ref. ³⁸); cpx-melt $D(Ce)$ and $D(Yb)$ from Barth et al. (2002, ref. ³⁹); bulk D was calculated for 0.005 rutile, 0.445 cpx and 0.55 garnet following Aulbach and Jacob (2016, ref. ³⁶); Ce/Yb_{NMORB} is the NMORB-normalised ratio

Average of mineral-melt $D(V)$ for experiments carried out near the iron-wuestite (IW) oxygen buffer are from Barth et al. (2002, ref. ³⁹)

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Supplementary Table 5 Metasomatic clinopyroxene modelling

Metasomatic melt V (ppm)	Temperature- fO_2 conditions					
	100	150	100	150	100	150
T_{xx}	1100 °C	1100 °C	1200 °C	1200 °C	1200 °C	1200 °C
$\Delta \log fO_2$	FMQ	FMQ	FMQ	FMQ	FMQ+1	FMQ+1
	$D(V)$ clinopyroxene-melt					
	3.53	3.53	1.84	1.84	1.00	1.00
	V concentration (ppm) in clinopyroxene					
	353	530	184	276	100	150

fO_2 oxygen fugacity; FMQ Fayalite-Magnetite-Quartz buffer; T_{xx} crystallisation temperature; D distribution coefficient; cpx clinopyroxene

Metasomatic clinopyroxene is assumed to crystallise from a kimberlite-like melt with V concentrations of 100-150 ppm, reflecting average concentrations in different kimberlites from the Superior craton as examples (Tappe et al., 2017, ref. ⁴⁰); cpx-melt distribution coefficients as a function of temperature and fO_2 derived from Wang et al. (2019, ref. ³³) as described in [Supplementary Table 2](#) and in the [Methods](#)

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Supplementary Table 6 Ti and V concentrations in synthetic rutile and in three samples determined by EPMA compared to LAM-ICPMS

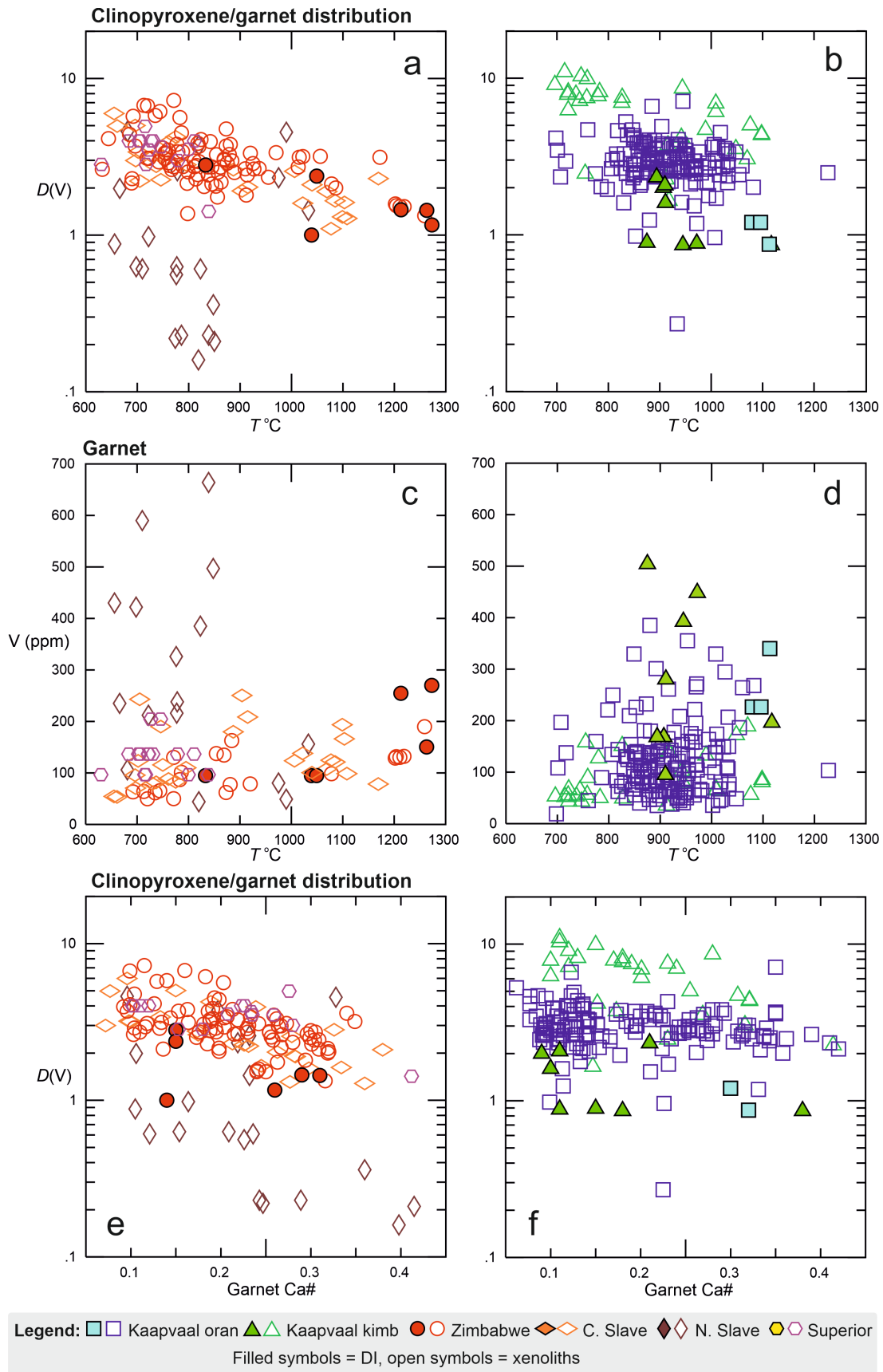
Sample	TiO ₂ wt.%	Total V ppm	Apparent V ppm ¹	% Total V	Corrected V ppm	LAM- ICPMS V ppm ²	% Deviation EPMA vs LAM
Avg dl cpx	0.03	152					
Avg dl gt	0.03	159					
Synth Rutile (13)	99.73	2660	2660				
1σ	0.45	68	68				
OE23 cpx (6)	0.49	279	13	5	266	252	5
1σ	0.01	42	0	1	42		
OE16 cpx (2)	0.36	445	10	2	436	455	-4
1σ	0.01	11	0	0	11		
OE34 cpx (9)	0.35	216	9	5	207	198	4
1σ	0.01	59	0	2	59		
OE23 gt (6)	1.01	219	27	13	192	188	3
1σ	0.02	45	0	3	45		
OE16 gt (3)	0.19	118	5	9	113	101	12
1σ	0.01	90	0	11	90		

EPMA Electron Probe Micro Analyser, LAM-ICPMS Laser Ablation Microprobe-Inductively-Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer; cpx clinopyroxene, gt garnet, dl detection limit, synth synthetic; number in parentheses = spots measured

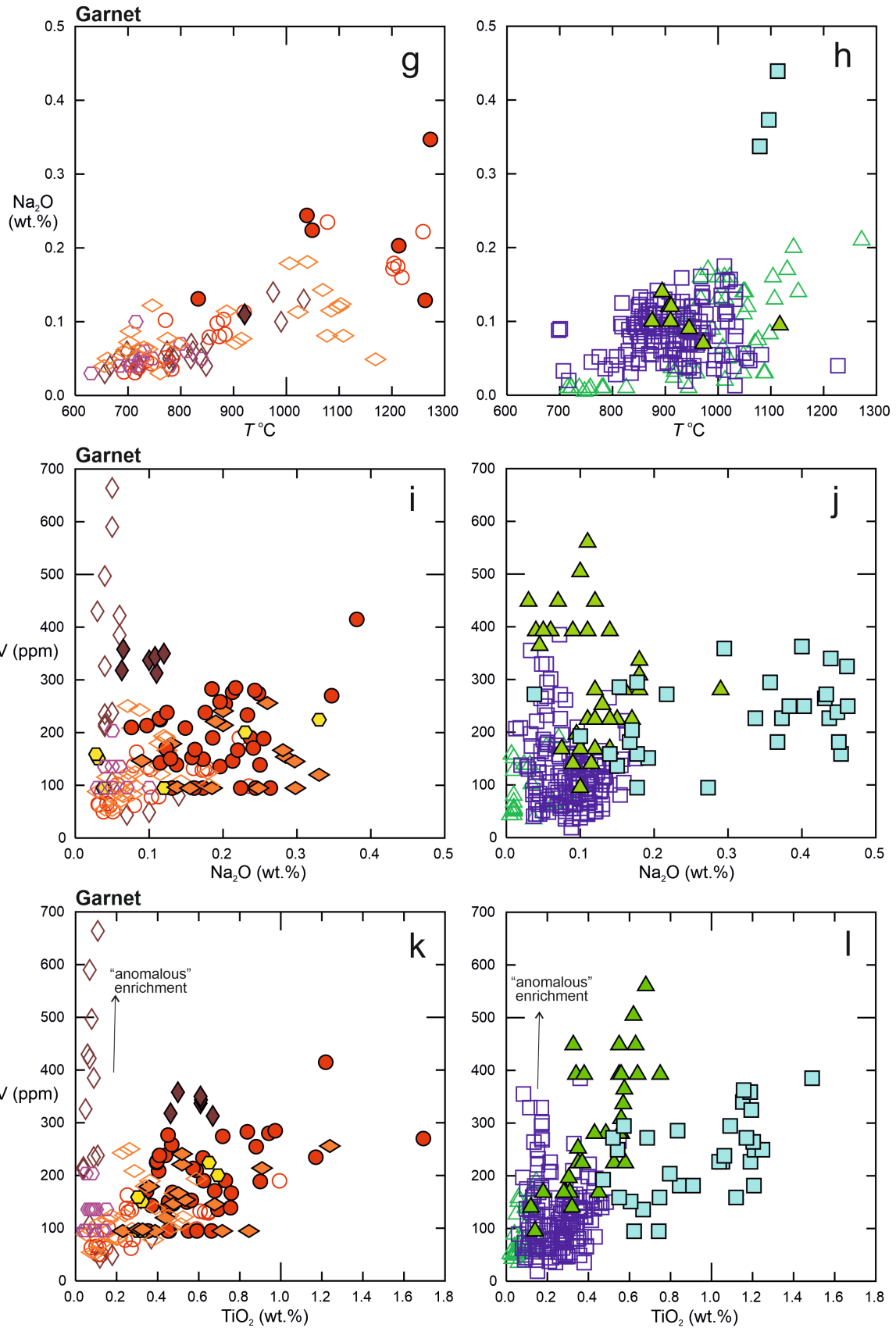
¹ V concentration arising from the overlap of TiKβ on the VKα peak, as determined by measurement of V₂O₃ in the pure synthetic rutile standard and amounting to 26.7±0.7 ppm V per wt.% TiO₂

² V concentration reported in Aulbach et al. 2020 (ref. ¹⁴)

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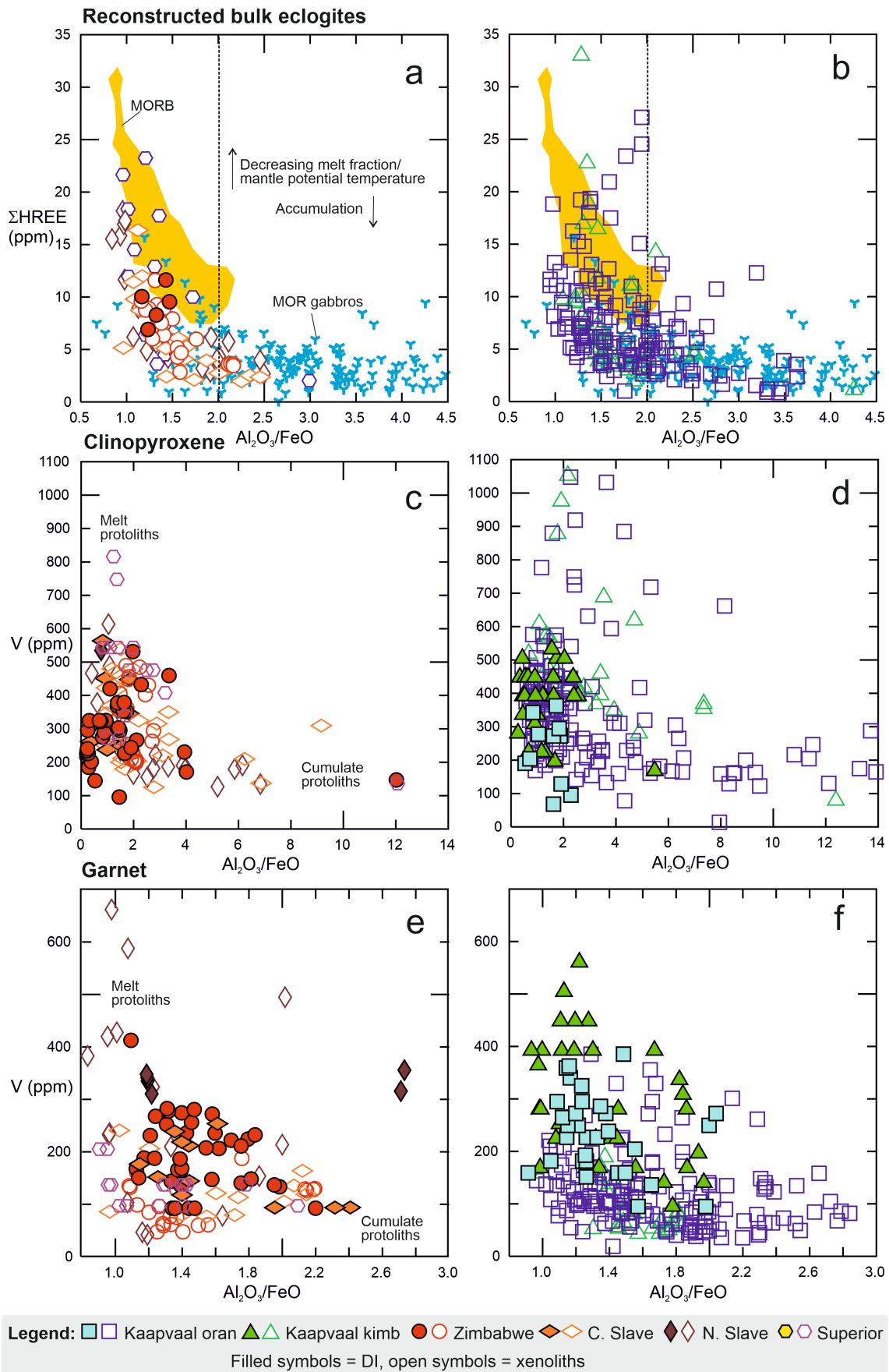


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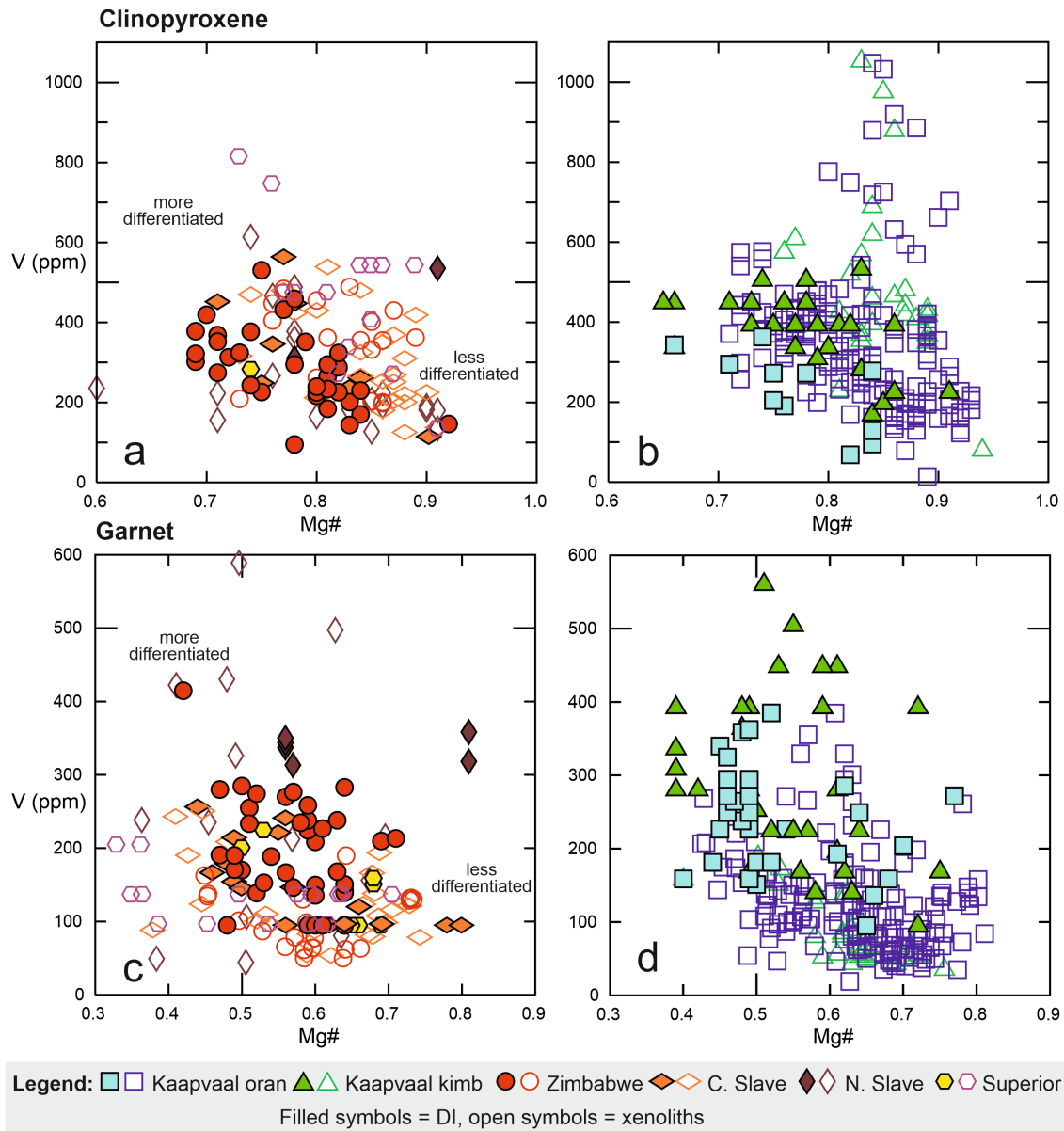
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32 **Supplementary Fig. 1** Scatter plots illustrating relationships between various variables
33 suggested to be related to temperature-crystal-chemically-controlled uptake of V and other
34 minor and trace elements. **a-b** Distribution D of V between clinopyroxene and garnet in
35 eclogite xenoliths and DI as a function of temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$; thermometer of Krogh, 1988, ref.
36 ⁴¹, calculated iteratively with regional conductive model geotherms; see [Methods](#)); **c-d** V
37 contents (ppm) in garnet as a function of temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$); **e-f** $D(\text{V})$ as a function of Ca#
38 ($\text{Ca}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}^{\text{total}}+\text{Ca}+\text{Mn})$ molar); **g-h** Na_2O contents (wt.%) in garnet as a function of
39 temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$); **i-j** V abundances in garnet (ppm) as a function of Na_2O contents (wt.%); **k-**
40 **l** V abundances in garnet (ppm) as a function of TiO_2 content (wt.%). Several samples from
41 Kaapvaal and the northern Slave craton show anomalous (relative to the main trend)
42 enrichment in V; data for different localities are split up into two panels to avoid clutter, those
43 for the Kaapvaal craton show orangeite-hosted (oran) and kimberlite-hosted (kimb) samples,
44 reflecting two distinct periods of magmatism, separately. Average 1σ uncertainties on V
45 abundances in garnet from DI are 117 ppm and from xenoliths 5.6 ppm (corresponding to
46 typical uncertainties for multiple analyses per sample reported in the literature, see [Methods](#)).
47 Data sources in [Supplementary Data 1](#).



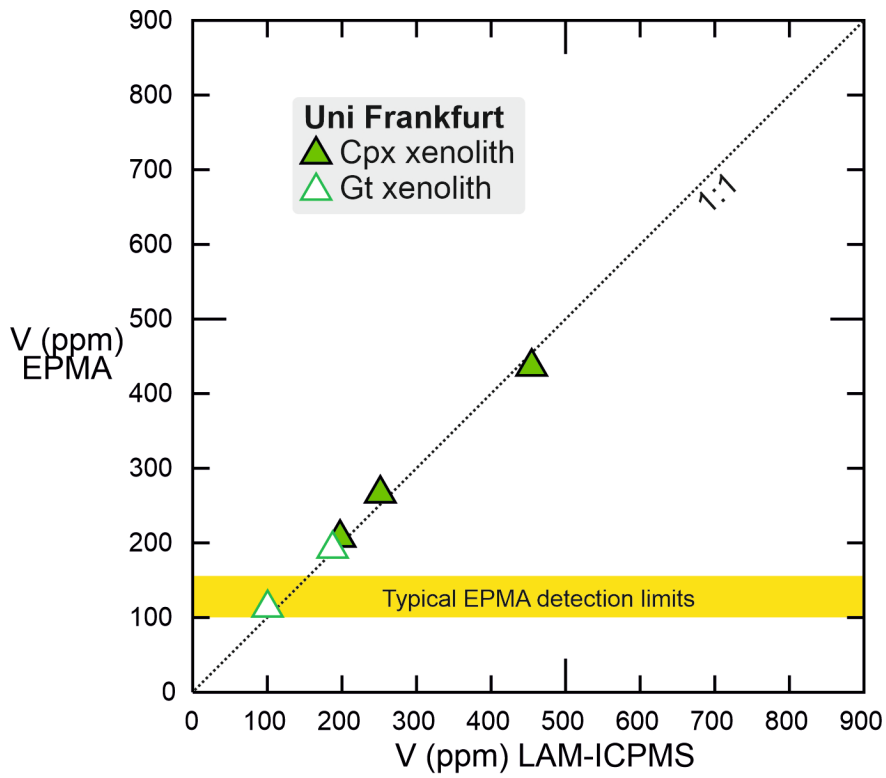
50 **Supplementary Fig. 2** Scatter plots illustrating the effect of accumulation and differentiation,
51 using $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{FeO}$ as a proxy for plagioclase accumulation during low-pressure protolith
52 formation, on trace element and V abundances in eclogite. **a-b** ΣHREE (ppm; summed from
53 Tb to Lu) in reconstructed eclogite xenoliths and DI. Effect of accumulation, and of
54 decreasing mantle potential temperatures and lower resulting melt fractions, are indicated
55 with arrows in **a**, also shown for comparison are mid-ocean ridge basalts (MORB; yellow
56 field; data from Jenner and O'Neill, 2012, ref. ⁴²) and MOR gabbros (blue tristar,
57 $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* > 1.05$; from PetDB: www.earthchem.org/petdb). Stippled line shows suggested cut-off
58 between cumulates and melts; there are few diamonds with clinopyroxene-garnet pairs from
59 which bulk rocks can be reconstructed, and few of those with REE data. Vanadium
60 abundances (ppm) in **c-d** clinopyroxene and **e-f** garnet. Samples with suggested cumulate vs.
61 melt protoliths are indicated. Average 1σ uncertainties on V abundances in clinopyroxene,
62 garnet and reconstructed bulk eclogites from DI are 67, 117 and 69 ppm, respectively, from
63 xenoliths they are 14.5, 5.6 and 29 ppm, respectively (corresponding to typical uncertainties
64 for multiple analyses per mineral and sample reported in the literature, and to propagated
65 uncertainties for reconstructed bulk eclogites, see [Methods](#)). Data sources in [Supplementary](#)
66 [Data 1](#).

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Supplementary Fig. 3 Vanadium abundances (ppm) as a function of Mg# ($\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}^{\text{total}})$), as a proxy for the degree of differentiation during protolith formation. **a-b** Clinopyroxene and **c-d** garnet from eclogite xenoliths and DI. For typical 1σ uncertainties see caption to [Supplementary Figure 2](#).



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Supplementary Fig. 4 Vanadium abundances (ppm) in clinopyroxene (cpx) and garnet (gt) determined by electron probe microanalyser (EPMA) vs. laser ablation inductively-coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LAM-ICPMS) at Goethe-University Frankfurt. Typical reported detection limits for EPMA are shown as yellow bar.

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