The Evolution of Calcite-Bearing Kimberlites by Melt-Rock Reaction – Evidence from Polymineralic Inclusions within Clinopyroxene and Garnet Megacrysts from Lac de Gras Kimberlites, Canada

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Abstract

Megacrystic (> 1 cm) clinopyroxene (Cr-diopside) and garnet (Cr-pyrope) xenocrysts within kimberlites from Lac de Gras (Northwest Territories, Canada) contain fully crystallized melt inclusions. These "polymineralic inclusions" have previously been interpreted to form by necking down of melts at mantle depths. We present a detailed petrographical and geochemical investigation of polymineralic inclusions and their host crystals to better understand how they form and what they reveal about the evolution of kimberlite melt. Genetically, the megacrysts are mantle xenocrysts with peridotitic chemical signatures indicating an origin within the lithospheric mantle (for the Cr-diopsides studied here ~ 4.6 GPa, 1015°C). Textural evidence for disequilibrium between the host crystals and their polymineralic inclusions (spongy rims in Cr-diopside, kelyphite in Cr-pyrope) is consistent with measured Sr isotopic disequilibrium. The preservation of disequilibrium establishes a temporal link to kimberlite eruption. In Cr-diopsides, polymineralic inclusions contain phlogopite, olivine, chromite, serpentine, and calcite. Abundant fluid inclusion trails surround the inclusions. In Cr-pyropes, the inclusions additionally contain Al-spinel, clinopyroxene, and dolomite. The major and trace element compositions of the inclusion phases are generally consistent with the early stages of kimberlite differentiation trends. Extensive chemical exchange between the host phases and the inclusions is indicated by enrichment of the inclusions in major components of the host crystals, such as Cr_2O_3 and Al_2O_3 . This chemical evidence, along with phase equilibria constraints, supports the proposal that the inclusions within Cr-diopside record the decarbonation reaction: dolomitic melt + diopside \rightarrow forsterite + calcite + CO₂, yielding the observed inclusion mineralogy and producing associated (CO_2 -rich) fluid inclusions. Our study of polymineralic inclusions in megacrysts provides clear mineralogical and chemical evidence for an origin of kimberlite

that involves the reaction of high pressure dolomitic melt with diopside-bearing mantle assemblages producing a lower pressure melt that crystallizes a calcite-dominated assemblage in the crust.

Keywords

Kimberlite; Cr-rich Megacrysts; Polymineralic Inclusions; Melt Inclusions; Decarbonation Reaction; Kimberlite Evolution

Introduction

Despite over 100 years of research on kimberlites, the nature and origin of their primary melt(s) and their magmatic evolution path to the observed low pressure mineral assemblages remain controversial and elusive issues. The entrainment of, and reaction with, xenoliths and xenocrysts spanning the entire lithosphere greatly complicates the search for the primary kimberlite melt, and the picture is further obscured by post-emplacement alteration (Mitchell 1986; Mitchell 1995; Price et al. 2000; Kopylova et al. 2007; Sparks et al. 2009; Kjarsgaard et al. 2009). Two of the key issues in kimberlite research that are still debated are: 1) Whether the primary kimberlite is carbonatitic (Dawson 1971; Dawson and Hawthorne 1973; Russell et al. 2012; Kamenetsky and Yaxley 2015; Kamenetsky 2016), a carbonated silicate melt (e.g., Nielsen and Sand 2008; Brey et al. 2008), or a highly saline carbonatite (e.g., Kamenetsky et al. 2012); and: 2) The mechanism for generating the calcite-bearing kimberlites observed in the crust – all experimental evidence suggests that a primary melt formed from the melting of a peridotitic source must produce Mg-rich carbonate, namely dolomite (e.g., Wyllie and Huang 1975; Dalton and Presnall 1998a).

The idea that kimberlites start off as end-member carbonatites that then react with mantle phases, mostly orthopyroxene (opx), to create a more Si- and Mg-rich melt has recently gained ground following experimental studies (Russell et al. 2012; Kamenetsky and Yaxley 2015). However, so far attention has focused on opx dissolution as a dominant process in kimberlite magma evolution and eruption from the base of the lithosphere, although this has not yet been validated through experiments at upper mantle

conditions (e.g., Stone and Luth 2016; Sokol et al. 2016), and could be reproduced only for a limited pressure range (Kamenetsky and Yaxley 2015). Here, we focus on the reaction of early high pressure kimberlite melt with clinopyroxene (cpx) and garnet (grt), manifest as solidified melt inclusions within kimberlite-hosted xenocrysts from the Lac de Gras kimberlite field (including the Diavik and Ekati diamond mines). Using reconstructed bulk compositions of these inclusions that trace extensive reaction with the host xenocrysts, we try to further constrain the possible nature of kimberlite melt at depth. Most importantly, we present evidence for reactions between the ascending melt and mantle minerals that lead to the eventual low pressure calcite-dominated mineralogy of kimberlites emplaced in the crust.

Polymineralic Inclusions in Kimberlite Xenocrysts

This study focuses on polymineralic inclusions (composed of multiple discrete mineral phases) that represent crystallized melt inclusions trapped in kimberlite megacryst phases (cpx and grt). Such polymineralic inclusions, also referred to as "spheroids" or "globules", have been reported to occur in a range of different megacryst minerals from kimberlites in different localities worldwide since the mid 1970s. Commonly reported phases in such inclusions are: phlogopite, olivine, carbonates (dominantly calcite), spinel, and serpentine. Haggerty and Boyd (1975) first described polymineralic inclusions in olivine megacrysts from the Monastery kimberlite in South Africa and interpreted them as early kimberlite melt with an immiscible sulphide liquid. Schulze (1985), studying inclusions in grt and cpx megacrysts, adopted this interpretation and extended it to propose that the trapped kimberlite melt may also constitute the magma from which the hosts crystallized. More recent studies of melt inclusions in Crdiopside from the Diavik Diamond Mine in the Slave Craton, Canada, established a link to carbonatitic melts not in equilibrium with the host phases (van Achterbergh et al. 2002). In follow-up studies on the same samples, melt differentiation towards more silicate-rich melts was proposed, based on the observation of two end-member types of inclusions; carbonate-rich and more silicate-rich (van Achterbergh et al. 2004). Araújo et al. (2009) challenged the need for different inclusion end-members and stated that the spectrum of melt inclusions could "have formed through melt differentiation after wall–rock interaction and fractionation from melts with kimberlitic composition". The presence of pure calcite in the inclusions has previously been attributed to disequilibrium unmixing and quenching in the final stages of kimberlite emplacement (van Achterbergh et al. 2004). Pivin et al. (2009) reported similar polymineralic inclusions within grt megacrysts in kimberlites from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and tentatively interpreted them as products of destabilization of an unknown original phase due to metasomatism.

Geological Setting

The Archean Slave Craton forms the north-western part of the Canadian Shield and is exposed in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut (e.g., Kusky 1989; Padgham 1992). The Slave Craton formed by tectonic accretion of a pre-3 Ga nucleus in the west to a Neoarchean juvenile arc in the east, creating a north-south trending suture (e.g., Davis et al. 1996). Collisional events in the Paleoproterozoic led to the formation of the Thelon-Taltson and Wopmay orogens that now partially surround the craton (e.g., Isachsen and Bowring 1994). The Slave Craton hosts multiple kimberlite fields with various emplacement ages ranging from Cambrian to Eocene (e.g., Creaser et al. 2004; Heaman et al. 2004). The central Lac de Gras (LDG) kimberlite field, which contains the Diavik and Ekati diamond mines, was principally active from 75 to 45 Ma (Cretaceous to Eocene) (Sarkar et al. 2015).

The LDG field is located east of the inferred craton suture (Fig. 1). Its kimberlite pipes define a 100 km by 200 km northwest-trending zone (Lockhart et al. 2004). The generally small pipes (2-12 ha surface area) intrude into metamorphosed Archean basement rock and are overlain by Quaternary glacial deposits (Fedortchouk and Canil 2004; Nowicki et al. 2004). For a detailed description of Diavik and Ekati kimberlites, the reader is referred to Moss et al. (2008) and Nowicki et al. (2004), respectively. The geochemistry of the LDG kimberlite field has been discussed in detail by Kjarsgaard et al. (2009). We studied inclusion-bearing xenocrysts from the Diavik and Ekati kimberlites (Fig. 1), where Cr-diopside hosted polymineralic inclusions are common.

Analytical Methods

Polished thin sections of megacrysts, some with surrounding kimberlite, were prepared avoiding the use of water, to prevent the dissolution of inclusion material. Samples with abundant and well-preserved inclusions were selected for imaging in back-scattered electron (BSE) mode using a scanning electron microscope (SEM) in the Canadian Centre for Isotopic Microanalysis (CCIM).

Major and minor element analyses of megacrysts and inclusion phases were collected in multiple analytical sessions by wavelength dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (WDS) using a JEOL 8900 electron probe microanalyzer (EPMA) at the University of Alberta. Analytical conditions and secondary standard results for the different minerals are given in Supplementary Data (Table S1). Trace element analyses for phlogopite were obtained by laser inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) at the CCIM Arctic Resources Laboratory, University of Alberta, using a RESOlution 193 nm ArF excimer laser ablation system coupled to a Thermo Scientific ELEMENT XR 2 mass spectrometer. Measuring conditions and secondary standard results are given in Supplementary Data (Table S1). LA-ICP-MS data reduction was performed using the Iolite software (Paton et al. 2011).

To obtain modal compositions of the inclusions, six megacrysts of cpx and seven of grt from the Point lake kimberlite, Ekati, were selected for automated mineralogical analysis using QEMSCAN[®] at the Universidad Católica del Norte, Chile. A detailed description of this technique is given in Ayling *et al.* (2011) and the operating conditions for these analyses were similar to those in Menzies et al. (2015). EPMA compositions were used in the elemental bulk calculations using mass balance.

Strontium isotopes were measured by thermal ionization mass spectrometry (TIMS) at the CCIM Arctic Resources Laboratory using a Thermo Scientific TRITON-Plus mass spectrometer. Carbonates in the inclusions were dissolved directly with 6N HCl. Host megacrysts were crushed and clear fragments were picked, undergoing two cleaning cycles (in 6N HCl at 120°C overnight, and rinsed in MQ water). The crystal fragments were dissolved in a mixture of HF and HNO₃. Column chemistry procedures to separate

Sr from other potentially interfering elements are described by Sarkar *et al.*, (2015). A drop of H_3PO_4 was added to the sample solution before drying down at 90 °C. TaCl₅ was added as an activator to the sample solution, which was then loaded to Re filaments. Two analyses of the NBS987 standard yielded a ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr ratio of 0.71027 with a standard error of 0.00001. No corrections were made to the measured data.

Results

Megacryst Hosts

The cpx and grt samples in this study commonly exceed 1 cm in size and thus are megacrysts in a nongenetic sense (Mitchell 1986).

Cpx megacrysts were collected directly from drill core at the Diavik Diamond Mine. The host kimberlite is coherent (hypabyssal) kimberlite from the A154-North pipe containing abundant fresh olivine, plus ilmenite and grt megacrysts, and calcite of different textural populations. The cpx megacrysts are generally veined/fractured but often contain zones where the cpx has a fresh, clear appearance (Fig. 2a-c). Some cpx megacrysts show signs of post-emplacement reaction with the host kimberlite in the form of embayments or reaction rinds (brownish discoloration of the surrounding kimberlite, Fig. 2a). Calcite segregations within the host kimberlite were often observed in direct contact with cpx megacrysts (Fig. 2b). Four cpx megacrysts (> 2 cm in size) containing abundant inclusions were selected for further analysis.

Diavik grt samples were obtained from ~1 cm mineral concentrates (Fig. 2e). Their original spatial relationship to the kimberlite is unclear, however, some grains have attached remnants of the host kimberlite (kimberlite rinds). Grt crystals in this study have different genetic origins, as suggested by a color range from orange (eclogitic or low-Cr megacrystic) to red (lherzolitic or high-Cr megacrystic) and purple (harzburgitic) (Fig. 2e) (McLean et al. 2007). Polymineralic inclusions are most common in red grt grains (lherzolitic or high-Cr megacrystic). A total of 14 separate grt grains with inclusions were analyzed.

Megacryst minerals from the Point lake and Wolverine kimberlite pipes, located on the Ekati Mine claim block, were also examined. Both cpx and grt were obtained from mineral concentrates (> 6 mm) and are likely to represent fragments of even larger crystals. A total of nine cpx grains and 17 grt grains from Point Lake were found to contain inclusions. From the Wolverine sample suite, three cpx grains and six grt grains with inclusions were selected.

Classification and Thermobarometry

The majority of the cpx and grt mineral hosts to the polymineralic inclusions classify as Cr-diopside and Cr-pyrope, respectively (see Supplementary Table S2 for EPMA analyses). Their Cr-rich compositions may suggest a genetic link to the Cr-rich megacryst suite, first documented by Eggler *et al.* (1979). To obtain P-T estimates of equilibration for Cr-diopside megacrysts, the single cpx thermobarometer of Nimis and Taylor (2000) was used in combination with the compositional filters suggested by Grütter (2009). This exercise yielded temperatures averaging around 1015°C and pressures around 4.6 GPa (Table 1).

Polymineralic Inclusions

Polymineralic inclusions can be very abundant, especially in cpx, with up to 10 inclusions observed in single sample sections (Fig. 2c) (see also van Achterbergh et al. 2002; 2004). In total, 80 polymineralic inclusions have been found and imaged in 20 cpx grains, and 51 inclusions in 29 grt grains. Polymineralic inclusions are usually rounded and up to 2 mm in diameter (Fig. 2). Depending on whether their mineralogy is carbonate- or silicate-rich, they appear brownish-white or dark in thin section. The inclusions are generally located where veins/fractures with abundant fluid inclusions converge in the host grain (Fig. 2d, f). Optical microscopy and preliminary Raman spectroscopy indicate that the fluid inclusions are CO₂-rich (Gleeson, S.A., pers. comm.). Larger inclusions along these trails are often filled by phlogopite, calcite, and/or serpentine indicating that the veins are genetically related to the polymineralic inclusions (Fig. 2d, f). Hence, the polymineralic inclusions strictly are secondary in nature, as defined by Roedder (1984). However, although the veins occasionally connect to the host kimberlite

(where preserved) the appearance of polymineralic inclusions and kimberlite is markedly different (Fig. 2f). Some megacryst grains contain dark blebs close to grain edges that are in direct contact with the host kimberlite (Fig 2b). On the basis of similar mineralogy to the host kimberlite groundmass, the blebs most likely represent late-stage kimberlite melt that infiltrated the grain rims.

It is important to distinguish polymineralic inclusions from other mineral inclusions. For example, cpx megacrysts can contain rounded inclusions of fresh olivine. In grt crystals (especially purple grains) mineral inclusions of olivine are common but often pervasively altered (Fig. 2e). The resulting alteration assemblage is remnant olivine, with serpentine, calcite, and Ni-rich sulphide (vaesite or pentlandite). The proportion of secondary calcite that replaces olivine can exceed 50%, so that altered olivine inclusions in grt can be mistaken for carbonate-rich polymineralic inclusions (described below).

Mineralogy of Inclusions in Clinopyroxene

Polymineralic inclusions in cpx are commonly surrounded by a reaction rim containing abundant microinclusions (Fig. 3a-c). EPMA element distribution maps (Fig. 4) show that these rims are enriched in Ca, and depleted in Al and Na (also see Fig. 9). The maps further highlight the presence of phlogopite, calcite, and serpentine in the micro-inclusions. Inside polymineralic inclusions, common phases are calcite, phlogopite, serpentine/chlorite, olivine, and chromite (Fig. 3a-c). Two end-member inclusion types are distinguished based on the groundmass mineralogy of the inclusions. The groundmass can be composed entirely of calcite, which may display bright and dark zones in BSE images (Fig. 3a). Alternatively, the groundmass is comprised of hydrated Mg-Fe-silicates (serpentine or chlorite) often with a distinctive vermicular texture (Fig. 3c). In such inclusions calcite appears as small euhedral crystals or as blebs. In intermediate inclusions calcite can have a colloform texture (Fig. 3b). Based on the observation that inclusions may either contain a calcite-rich or a serpentine/chlorite-rich groundmass, a division into 'carbonate-rich' and 'silicate-rich' inclusions, as proposed by van Achterbergh et al. (2004), is justified.

Mineralogy of Inclusions in Garnet

Phases observed in polymineralic inclusions in grt megacrysts are the same as those within cpx megacrysts, but further include Al-rich cpx, Al-spinel, and Ni-sulphides (vaesite or pentlandite) (Fig. 3d-f). Al-spinels can have chromite cores, evident in BSE images as bright inner zones. Phlogopite crystals commonly line the inclusion walls. Importantly, carbonates within polymineralic inclusions in grt can be more Mg-rich (dolomite and Mg-calcite) as well as calcite (Fig. 3e). Alteration rims showing an enrichment/depletion of the host grt around inclusions are absent. Instead, inclusions are surrounded by grt dissolution features akin to kelyphite rims usually observed at the grt-kimberlite interface (e.g., Canil and Fedortchouk 1999). Analyzing these kelyphite zones using energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) with a defocused electron beam yielded similar spectra to those of pristine grt. Both silicate-rich and carbonate-rich 'end-members also seems practical for polymineralic inclusions in grt megacrysts.

Polymineralic inclusions in both host phases can contain accessory apatite and sulfides. Representative QEMSCAN[®] maps of the end-member inclusion types in Cr-diopside and Cr-pyrope are shown in Supplementary Figure 1.

Mineral Chemistry of Inclusion Phases

Olivine

Within polymineralic inclusions from both Cr-diopside and Cr-pyrope megacrysts, olivine appears as typically euhedral, oblate to elongate crystals comprising up to 25% of the inclusion area. Individual olivine crystals are compositionally homogenous, whereas significant compositional variation can be observed among different inclusions (Supplementary Table S3). Olivine also occurs as single-phase mineral inclusions in some Cr-pyrope and in Cr-diopside megacrysts. For comparison, olivine in kimberlite rinds attached to megacryst hosts was also analyzed.

Olivine compositions from polymineralic inclusions and as mineral inclusions in grt and cpx are compared to LDG kimberlite olivine core and rim data (Fig. 5). The LDG kimberlitic olivine data can be divided into two main trends: 1) cores with high NiO (and low CaO) at variable Mg/(Mg+Fe) (Mg#), and 2) rims with decreasing NiO (and increasing CaO) at relatively constant Mg# (arrow in Fig. 5a) (e.g., Fedortchouk and Canil 2004; Brett et al. 2009; Bussweiler et al. 2015).

Olivines in kimberlite rinds attached to cpx and grt hosts plot along the expected trends for LDG kimberlite olivine. In contrast, olivines within the polymineralic inclusions are distinguished by lower NiO and higher MnO, CaO, and Cr_2O_3 contents with decreasing Mg# (Fig. 5). Olivines from polymineralic inclusions in Cr-pyrope megacrysts have lower NiO, CaO, and Cr_2O_3 and higher MnO compared to those in cpx megacrysts. Viewed together, olivines from inclusions in the two hosts define a trend of decreasing NiO and Mg# that diverges off the olivine rim trend in kimberlites (Fig. 5a). A similar trend has been documented for megacrystic olivine in kimberlites and attributed to crystallization from a magma at depth (Boyd 1974).

Single phase olivine inclusions all plot in the field for olivine from LDG peridotite xenoliths (Fig. 5d) and partially overlap with compositions of olivines included in diamond (Stachel et al. 2003; Donnelly et al. 2007). Thus, altered olivine mineral inclusions in grt megacrysts, which can mimic polymineralic inclusions in terms of mineralogy, are easily distinguished by the chemical composition of remnant olivine, for example by their high NiO and Mg#.

Phlogopite

Phlogopite (Supplementary Table S4) occurs in nearly all polymineralic inclusions, comprising up to 25% of the inclusion area within Cr-diopside, and up to 50% of the inclusion area in Cr-pyrope. Phlogopite is usually homogeneous, but crystals zoned in Cr₂O₃ are observed. Phlogopite also occurs as single-phase mineral inclusions, and as intergrowths with other mineral inclusions.

Major element compositions of phlogopite in polymineralic inclusions fall into the range of kimberlitic phlogopite, but define a more restricted window in Mg# space (0.85 - 0.94; Fig. 6a). Phlogopite in polymineralic inclusions is further distinguished by higher Cr₂O₃ and more restricted TiO₂. Such elevated Cr contents have been observed in phlogopite from the Snap Lake kimberlite, NWT (Kopylova et al. 2010). Importantly, compared to global carbonatite- and kimberlite-derived phlogopite compositions (Reguir et al. 2009), the phlogopite data from polymineralic inclusions fall into the kimberlite field (Fig. 6d), suggesting that the polymineralic inclusions considered to be 'carbonate-rich' are in fact also of kimberlitic lineage.

Compositional differences among phlogopite in polymineralic inclusions are controlled by the host crystal rather than kimberlite pipe or inclusion type; phlogopite in polymineralic inclusions in Cr-pyrope has higher Cr_2O_3 (up to 4.5 wt.%) and slightly lower Mg# (~0.90) than phlogopite in polymineralic inclusions in Cr-diopside (Fig. 6). Phlogopite in polymineralic inclusions in Cr-pyrope also has higher Al_2O_3 contents and extends to higher Na_2O (Supplementary Table S4). BaO contents in phlogopite are relatively low in inclusions from either host phases, usually < 0.5 wt.% (0.2 wt.% on average), but tend to be higher in inclusions in Cr-pyrope (up to ~1.4 wt.%) (Supplementary Table S4). Phlogopite as single mineral inclusions, as megacrystic intergrowths (with grt, olivine and diopside), or cores of zoned phlogopite have significantly lower Cr_2O_3 contents.

Halogen contents in phlogopite were generally low (mostly F < 0.5 wt.%, Cl < 0.1 wt.%) (Supplementary Table S4). The highest F concentration (0.86 wt.%) was measured in a phlogopite in a 'carbonate-rich' inclusion in Cr-diopside from Diavik. The highest Cl concentration (0.13 wt.%) was measured in a megacrystic phlogopite intergrown with Cr-pyrope from Diavik.

Giuliani et al. (2016) performed a detailed investigation of phlogopite from the Bulfontein kimberlite, South Africa. Compared to their compositional fields for groundmass phlogopite (late crystallization) and high Ti-Cr cores (crystallization at depth), the trace element composition of phlogopite in polymineralic

inclusions are low in Zr, Ba, and Mn while extending to Cr-rich compositions and are thus clearly more similar to phlogopite crystallizing at depth (Fig. 6d-f).

Carbonates

Carbonate forms the groundmass in 'carbonate-rich' end-member inclusions. In intermediate to 'silicaterich' inclusions carbonate is present as distinct crystals with colloform texture, as blebs, or as euhedral phenocrysts. Compositional zoning, evident as darker and brighter areas in BSE images, is common. Most analyzed carbonates are calcite with < 1.0 wt.% MgO; rarely calcite contains up to 5.0 wt.% MgO (Supplementary Table S5). Within 'silicate-rich' inclusions in Cr-pyrope megacrysts, dolomite (up to ~22 wt.% MgO) is present. FeO contents are generally low in calcite (< 0.5 wt.%) but are higher in dolomite (up to ~4.5 wt.%).

All analyzed carbonates in polymineralic inclusions plot within the reported compositional range of kimberlitic carbonates in terms of Ca# (Ca/(Ca+Mg+Fe)) and SrO contents (e.g., Armstrong et al. 2004) (Fig. 7a). In polymineralic inclusions, calcite has generally low SrO (< 1.0 wt.%). Higher SrO concentrations are restricted to bright zones (in BSE images) in either the groundmass of 'carbonate-rich' inclusions in Cr-diopside or zoned single crystals in 'silicate-rich' inclusions in Cr-pyrope. Dolomite within inclusions in Cr-pyrope also has low SrO contents (< 0.5 wt.%) and thus overlaps dolomite compositions in kimberlite. Carbonates in polymineralic inclusions, especially in 'silicate-rich' inclusions in Cr-pyrope, extend to higher MnO contents than kimberlitic calcite (Fig. 7b).

Chromite and Spinel

Chromite occurs in all polymineralic inclusions, whereas Cr-rich Al-spinel only occurs in polymineralic inclusions in Cr-pyrope. No clear compositional differences were found between 'carbonate-rich' and 'silicate-rich' inclusions (Supplementary Table S6).

Kimberlite chromite data show a trend of decreasing Cr# and increasing Ti contents at relatively constant Fe# (Fe/(Fe+Mg)), which is referred to as "magmatic spinel trend 1" according to the terminology of

Mitchell (1986, 1995). The less common "magmatic trend 2" is characterized by Fe-enrichment prior to an increase in Ti contents, which has been tentatively attributed to preceding crystallization of phlogopite (Mitchell 1995).

Chromites in polymineralic inclusions classify as titanian-magnesian-chromite (TIMAC, Mitchell (1986)) and overlap core compositions of chromite found in the kimberlite groundmass (Fig. 8). Such chromites are characteristic for kimberlites and are not present in carbonatites (Mitchell 1986). Chromites in polymineralic inclusions generally lie at the beginning of the two differentiation trends (Fig. 8). Analyses of chromites in polymineralic inclusions in Cr-diopsides, and some analyses in Cr-pyropes, plot along the beginning of magmatic trend 2 (Fig. 8b). This Fe-enrichment is in accordance with the abundant presence of phlogopite in the polymineralic inclusions. Co-crystallization of olivine may also play a role in Mg-depletion, as evident in the olivine differentiation trend (Fig. 5a).

Cr-rich Al-spinels within inclusions in Cr-pyrope are characterized by low TiO_2 contents (usually < 2.0 wt.%). Such spinels have no counterpart in the groundmass of LDG kimberlites (Armstrong et al. 2004; Roeder and Schulze 2008). However, some Cr-rich Al-spinels were found to contain cores of chromite. Such zoned spinels may also be the cause for mixed analyses of relatively low Cr# and elevated TiO_2 contents (Fig. 8c).

Spinel in peridotitic mantle xenoliths (coarse spinel-grt peridotites from Jericho) overlaps spinel in polymineralic inclusions in Cr# vs. Fe# space but can be distinguished by lower TiO₂ (Kopylova et al. 1999).

Serpentine and Chlorite

Serpentine/chlorite (Supplementary Table S7) is present in most polymineralic inclusions. In 'carbonaterich' inclusions, serpentine (Mg-rich) commonly replaces olivine, and chlorite (Al-bearing) replaces phlogopite. In 'silicate-rich' inclusions, an intergrowth of serpentine and chlorite forms the groundmass and can display a characteristic vermicular texture. Serpentine in kimberlites is defined by a broad range in Mg# (~0.80 - 0.95) and mostly has low Al₂O₃ contents (< 1.0 wt.%). However, Al₂O₃ concentrations up to ~8.0 wt.% have been reported in the literature (e.g., Mitchell, 1986). Serpentine within inclusions in Cr-diopsides from LDG lies at the high-Mg# end and extends to Al₂O₃ contents of up to ~5.0 wt.%, whereas serpentine within polymineralic inclusions in Cr-pyrope can have even higher Al₂O₃ contents (up to ~9.0 wt.%) (Supplementary Fig.2). Serpentine associated with altered olivine inclusions in Cr-pyrope has intermediate Mg# and Al₂O₃ contents, and low Cr₂O₃ and TiO₂ contents.

Clinopyroxene in Polymineralic Inclusions

Cpx is only present in polymineralic inclusions within Cr-pyrope hosts and occurs exclusively in 'silicaterich' inclusions. Cpx in polymineralic inclusions generally classifies as Al-rich, Cr-bearing augite and less commonly diopside (Supplementary Table S8). It is chemically distinct from the Cr-diopside megacrysts hosts and the modified cpx in the alteration rims around the polymineralic inclusions (Fig. 9). There is some compositional overlap between cpx in inclusions in Cr-pyrope and the global cpx megacryst trend, for example in Mg# and TiO₂ contents. However, cpx in inclusions is more enriched in Cr₂O₃, Al₂O₃, and CaO, and has significantly lower Na₂O contents than typical cpx megacrysts (Fig. 9). Most prominently, cpx in inclusions has higher MnO contents (clustering around 0.3 wt.%) than all other cpx populations (Fig. 9f).

Strontium Isotopes

Sr isotopes were measured for 'carbonate-rich' inclusions and their Cr-diopside and Cr-pyrope hosts. Because Rb concentrations were generally very low (commonly below detection limits), the measured ratios were not corrected for radiogenic ingrowth of Sr since kimberlite eruption.

Inclusions in Cr-diopside have ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr ratios of 0.7049 to 0.7053, whereas inclusions in Cr-pyrope are more radiogenic (0.7061 to 0.7071; Fig. 10). If a previous analysis of carbonate-rich globules in Cr-diopside megacrysts by van Achterbergh et al. (2002) is included, there is overlap in the range of Sr

isotopic values of the inclusions in the two hosts. Compared to groundmass calcite from the Jos kimberlite, Somerset Island (Malarkey et al. 2010), signatures of 'carbonate-rich' inclusions in both host minerals are less radiogenic than those of late-stage kimberlitic calcite that is presumed to be affected by increased crustal contamination experienced by kimberlite melts during ascent plus subsequent low-T hydrothermal alteration. But there is overlap (Fig. 10) with a population of "early" kimberlitic calcite, interpreted to be the product of magmatic crystallization (Malarkey et al. 2010).

Except for the most radiogenic 'carbonate-rich' inclusion in Cr-pyrope, the Sr signatures of the inclusions overlap with those of LDG kimberlites (Tappe et al. 2013). The host kimberlite (Diavik A154) has the most radiogenic signature of all LDG kimberlites and is slightly more radiogenic (0.70619) than inclusions in Cr-diopsides. The relatively radiogenic character has been previously attributed to derivation from a fertile peridotite domain within an otherwise highly depleted domain in the convecting upper mantle (Tappe et al. 2013). However, since LDG kimberlite isotope ratios were obtained from bulk samples, their more radiogenic Sr may be influenced by sampling of late-stage crustal components. The latter scenario seems plausible, because Sr isotope signatures measured in LDG perovskites - an early crystallizing phase in kimberlites - are lower (~0.70424) and have a narrower range (Sarkar et al. 2015).

Importantly, the Sr isotope ratios of the LDG host megacrysts are significantly lower than those of their inclusions, indicating isotopic disequilibrium, as found also by van Achterbergh *et al.* (2002). In addition, it can be noted that the difference in Sr ratios between inclusion and host is smaller for Cr-diopside than for Cr-pyrope (Fig. 10).

Reconstructed Bulk Compositions of Polymineralic Inclusions

Major element bulk compositions of polymineralic inclusions were reconstructed using modal proportions obtained with QEMSCAN[®] or EPMA element maps and mineral compositions measured with EPMA. The overall uncertainty of the reconstructed bulk compositions is thus a function of 1) the uncertainty of the modal abundances and 2) the variability of the averaged mineral compositions used in the calculation.

For 1), we have adopted a universal relative uncertainty of 5%, noting that this may be lower for major phases and higher for accessory phases. For 2), we observe that relative standard deviations of multiple EPMA analyses of a given component (in a given phase and in a given inclusion) are up to 10%. This uncertainty may be lower for major components (such as MgO, FeO and SiO₂) and higher for minor components (such as Na₂O and SrO). Thus, we report a propagated overall uncertainty of ~11% for each component of the reconstructed bulk compositions (Table 2).

Oxide totals range from ~63 wt.% in 'carbonate-rich' inclusions to ~86 wt.% in 'silicate-rich' inclusions (Table 2). Low totals are attributed to major components that were not analyzed, such as CO_2 in carbonates and H_2O in phlogopite and serpentine. P_2O_5 and S hosted in accessory apatite and sulfides presumably have a minor effect on the bulk composition, as well.

Notably, reconstructed bulk compositions of the inclusions plot along nearly continuous trends rather than forming discrete clusters of 'carbonate-rich' and 'silicate-rich' end-members (Fig. 11). The calculated bulk compositions of 'carbonate-rich' inclusions (>50% modal calcite) in Cr-diopside consistently lie below the threshold of 20 wt.% SiO₂ required for the designation of "carbonatite" (Le Maitre et al. 2002), whereas 'silicate-rich' inclusions extend to SiO₂ contents of up to ~40 wt.%. CaO steeply decreases with increasing SiO₂ content (Fig. 11a) whereas MgO and FeO increase (Fig. 11b, c). Polymineralic inclusions in the two hosts display similar general trends, but inclusions in Cr-pyrope are significantly more enriched in the components FeO, Cr₂O₃, and Al₂O₃ (Fig. 11d), as expected from the mineral chemistry described in the previous sections.

The Mg#s of the reconstructed bulk compositions have a large range from 0.76 to 0.98 (Table 2). Inclusions hosted in cpx have a mean Mg# of 0.93, whereas inclusions in grt have lower Mg# averaging around 0.81. It should be noted that Mg# is highest in inclusions where a great proportion of high-Mg serpentine and phlogopite is exposed. Mg# thus appears to be easily skewed by a sampling or cross-section effect (see Discussion).

Polymineralic Inclusions as Snapshots of Melt-Rock Reaction

Each polymineralic inclusion within Cr-diopside is surrounded by a halo of micro-inclusions of phlogopite and calcite within a matrix of recrystallized cpx depleted in the jadeite component (Fig. 4). We interpret this halo as a reaction rim between incoming melt and the original host phase. The textural and chemical character of these reaction rims is independent of whether the inclusion is of the 'carbonate-rich' or 'silicate-rich' type and is similar to the spongy rims commonly observed around the outside of cpx grains in mantle-derived xenoliths (Taylor and Neal 1989; Ionov 1998; Carpenter et al. 2002; Su et al. 2012; Lu et al. 2015). Similarly, Cr-pyropes display a kelyphitic reaction zone around polymineralic inclusions of both types. Kelyphite – typically as a fine-grained intergrowth of opx, spinel, olivine, phlogopite and glass – is a commonly observed product of reaction between kimberlite melt and grt xenocrysts (e.g., Canil and Fedortchouk 1999; Spetsius and Taylor 2002).

We interpret spongy textures in Cr-diopsides and kelyphite zones in Cr-pyrope as different textural representations of the same process, namely the reaction of a melt with mantle minerals during ascent. Thus, it seems likely that the original melt in the two different host minerals was the same, as previously suggested for polymineralic inclusions in cpx and grt megacrysts from Kentucky kimberlites (Schulze 1985).

New and published Sr isotopic data on the host megacrysts and inclusions support the reaction relationship deduced from textures (Fig. 10). The host megacrysts are less radiogenic than the carbonate within the polymineralic inclusions, but the range in Sr isotopic compositions of the inclusions trends towards their hosts. This trend is more evident for carbonate included within Cr-diopside, for which there are two possible explanations: 1) The reaction between melt and host scavenges more Sr from the Cr-diopside (usually containing ~200 ppm Sr) than from the Cr-pyrope (< 2 ppm Sr); 2) The reaction between melt and host Cr-diopside is stronger, as indicated by the presence of spongy rims around

polymineralic inclusions that can be > 100 μ m wide (Fig. 2d, 3, 4) and possibly by reaction rims around the outside of single Cr-diopside megacrysts (Fig. 2a). Polymineralic inclusions in Cr-pyrope tend to be smaller and their kelyphite zones narrower, so that the volume of interaction is smaller. But both hosts record clear evidence of reaction with the invading melt.

Evidence for Decarbonation Reactions

Both textural and isotopic data indicate that the melt parental to the polymineralic inclusions has reacted with their mantle-derived hosts, with a potentially stronger reaction observed for Cr-diopsides. The possible driving factors behind these processes might lie in a suite of decarbonation reactions – reactions that release CO_2 – long suspected to occur during the ascent of kimberlites (e.g., Wyllie and Huang 1975; Eggler 1986). In addition to the commonly invoked reaction of melt with opx (enstatite + dolomite melt \rightarrow forsterite + diopside + CO₂; "opx dissolution"), the decarbonation reaction involving diopside has the form:

diopside + dolomite (melt) \rightarrow forsterite + calcite + CO₂,

(more general: diopside + L \rightarrow forsterite + calcite +V)

This reaction is expected to occur at pressures < 2.5 GPa (Stone and Luth 2016; Stone 2016). Polymineralic inclusions in Cr-diopside appear to preserve direct evidence of this reaction, as their mineralogy is dominated by the presence of pure calcite and forsteritic olivine, while the abundant fluid inclusion trails extending outward from the polymineralic inclusions could be the result of the accompanying exsolution of CO₂. General exsolution of a vapor phase (if H₂O is included in the system) may further be responsible for the crystallization of phlogopite and serpentine inside polymineralic inclusions, and/or in the surrounding micro-inclusions (e.g., Fig. 4).

Polymineralic inclusions in Cr-pyrope also show evidence for extensive chemical interaction with the host (as evident from kelyphite zones), but commonly contain dolomite. As there is no experimental

evidence for an analogous reaction between dolomite melt and grt to produce calcite, it seems logical that the dolomite preserved in polymineralic inclusions in Cr-pyrope could be pristine in nature.

Process and Timing of Melt Entrapment

A likely process for entrapment of a melt in mantle minerals is described as "necking down" by Roedder (1984) and has been proposed in previous studies on polymineralic inclusions in megacrysts (Schulze 1985; van Achterbergh et al. 2002; van Achterbergh et al. 2004; Araújo et al. 2009). In this process, a melt enters the host crystal along fractures and cleavage planes by dissolution and recrystallization. Surface reduction then results in the entrapment of discrete inclusions that may coalesce to form larger, rounded inclusions. Hence, reaction and the production of new minerals are an integral part of the necking down process. This process of melt infiltration may be further aided by crack formation due to rapid decompression, as described for the formation of fractures in kimberlitic olivine lined with carbonate (Brett et al. 2015).

Thermobarometry of the host Cr-diopsides indicates that they equilibrated at pressures of 4 - 5 GPa (~130 - 160 km), deep in the lithospheric mantle (Table 1). The preservation of polymineralic inclusions and the striking compositional zoning around them, such as spongy rims in Cr-diopside, suggest that the melt infiltration occurred shortly prior to or during kimberlite ascent. Otherwise the compositional zoning would have equilibrated quickly at their original deep lithospheric mantle temperature conditions (e.g., Schulze 1985). Similarly, the fine-grained texture of the kelyphite zones around inclusions within Cr-pyrope documents a rapid process during kimberlite ascent. In fact, dissolution experiments of grt xenocrysts in kimberlite melt suggest that this process occurs on a time scale of minutes (Canil and Fedortchouk 1999). Moreover, the decarbonation reaction proposed to account for the calcite-olivine(-phlogopite) assemblage of the inclusions within Cr-diopsides should take place at pressures < 2.5 GPa, consistent with reaction during kimberlite ascent.

Compositional Link to the Transporting Kimberlite Magma

Detailed investigation of individual mineral phases within polymineralic inclusions has shown that their compositions are similar to those crystallizing from kimberlite magma. Moreover, the phase compositions lie at the beginning of kimberlite mineral differentiation trends, suggesting that an early stage of kimberlite melt was trapped at mantle pressures. Particularly the evolution of spinels along magmatic trend 2 of the kimberlite compositional array (Fig. 8), and olivines falling along the megacryst trend (Fig. 5), suggests that polymineralic inclusions in both Cr-diopsides and Cr-pyropes from LDG kimberlites represent snapshots of kimberlite melt reacting with the lithospheric mantle during ascent. This model is further supported by the clear difference in the trace element compositions of phlogopite within the polymineralic inclusions shows a striking similarity to high Ti-Cr phlogopite zones interpreted to have crystallized at depth (Giuliani et al. 2016).

No significant differences in mineral compositions exist between 'carbonate-rich' and 'silicate-rich' inclusion types, or between samples from different kimberlite pipes. Instead, mineral compositions appear to be controlled mainly by reaction and equilibration with the host megacrysts. Extensive chemical exchange between the invading melt and the host megacrysts is evident from the enrichment of individual inclusion phases in components such as Cr₂O₃, Al₂O₃, FeO, and MnO, in relation to the chemical character of their hosts; i.e. greater enrichment of these elements in Cr-pyropes compared to Cr-diopsides. In Cr-pyropes, elemental exchange may even lead to the stabilization of additional phases that are not typical of kimberlite, such as Al-rich cpx and Al-spinel by Al exchange.

The continuous range of bulk compositions from 'carbonate-rich' to 'silicate-rich' inclusions (Fig. 11) led van Achterbergh et al. (2002) to propose separate origins for the two inclusion types. However, we posit that the range in inclusion mineralogy and hence bulk compositions can be explained by a combination of: 1) The way in which the inclusions are exposed during sectioning will lead to random sampling of an assemblage dominated by carbonate and silicates (olivine, phlogopite, etc.), yielding the nearly

continuous range in bulk compositions illustrated well by CaO-SiO₂ and MgO-SiO₂ relations (Fig. 11a, b). 2) Small-scale fractional crystallization of the melt in a small fixed volume will produce different compositions that are then exposed in two-dimensional sections. This can explain observations such as the two generations of calcite in the inclusions, with the later generation being more enriched in incompatible elements such as Sr (evident as bright zones in BSE images). 3) The polymineralic inclusions represent trapped melts at various stages of reaction and differentiation prior to entrapment. Evidence for differentiation of the melt prior to entrapment comes from the range of olivine compositions seen in different inclusions that define a typical igneous fractionation trend (Fig. 5), as documented originally in olivine megacrysts by Boyd (1974). Fractionation is also clearly evident in the range of spinel compositions (Fig. 8). Differentiation is likely to be associated with the progressive assimilation of mantle material, such as opx (Kamenetsky et al. 2008; Russell et al. 2012; Pilbeam et al. 2013; Brett et al. 2015) and cpx – as observed here.

Because bulk compositions are easily skewed by a combination of the above processes (in addition to reaction with the host), the Mg# of the reconstructed bulk compositions cannot be reliably compared to the expected range of Mg# for LDG kimberlite liquids (Canil and Bellis 2008). Instead, we think it is more instructive to examine the calculated melts in equilibrium with olivine inside the polymineralic inclusions. Using the equation by Canil and Bellis (2008) along with their lower and upper estimates for Kd_{FeMg} ol/liq (0.12 and 0.27) we arrive at average Mg# for all polymineralic inclusions of 0.50 and 0.69, respectively. Olivines within inclusions in cpx yield higher liquid Mg# (0.52 and 0.71, respectively) than those in inclusions in grt (0.47 and 0.66, respectively), as expected from the higher Mg# of the host cpx relative to grt. These estimates of liquid Mg# overlap those by Canil and Bellis (2008) for LDG kimberlites (mostly < 0.60) which we interpret as further evidence that the polymineralic inclusions in cpx and grt megacrysts are linked to the early evolutionary stage of the transporting kimberlite magma.

A Glimpse at Primary Kimberlite Melt?

The reconstructed bulk compositions of polymineralic inclusions in Cr-diopside fall along a distinct trend in CaO-SiO₂ and MgO-SiO₂ space, produced by a combination of the three mechanisms described above (cross-section effect, internal fractional crystallization, and melt differentiation prior to entrapment), which essentially describes a mixing line between the end-member inclusion phases calcite and olivine (Fig. 12). The compositions of polymineralic inclusions in Cr-pyrope generally also fall along this trend, although they are more enriched in SiO₂, FeO, Cr₂O₃, and Al₂O₃ due to equilibration with the host (Fig. 11c, d).

The clear evidence of reactions between melt and host crystals makes an *original melt* composition difficult to obtain. The only possible result, using the inclusions themselves, is to arrive at an estimate for the composition of the melt after it has experienced reaction with the host. This composition will, necessarily, be subject to large uncertainties. Based on the observation that inclusions within Cr-pyrope have been more influenced by later equilibration with the host and noting that the reconstructed bulk compositions represent random samples of melt compositions, we use the average of the range of bulk compositions of inclusions in Cr-diopsides to obtain an average bulk composition. The resulting composition, which represents a melt *after* reaction with the host, has ~22 wt.% SiO₂, ~24 wt.% CaO and ~15 wt% MgO (star symbol in Fig. 11, 12). This composition is compared to experimental melts and primary kimberlite magma estimates in order to explore possible precursor melts (Fig. 12).

Partial melts of carbonated peridotite produced in different experimental studies (at $T \le 1500^{\circ}C$) generally lie at lower SiO₂ contents. However, a correlation of SiO₂ with T is observed in these experiments, so that the high T (1500°C) runs, e.g., by Gudfinnsson and Presnall (2005), approach our estimate of the average melt composition. These experiments are ~500°C above the equilibration temperature of the Cr-diopside megacrysts (Table 1), which seems excessively high. Alternatively, the experimental melts can be shifted onto the polymineralic inclusion array by reaction with the host crystals. In Fig. 12, this is demonstrated with reaction vectors towards cpx and grt compositions extending from one possible primary composition characterized by maximum overlap of the experimental fields at melting conditions of roughly 6 GPa and 1400°C (question mark in Fig. 12). The digestion of other mantle silicates, especially opx, causes a similar displacement and may have started before the melt became trapped in the Cr-diopside and Cr-pyrope hosts (Karnenetsky et al. 2008; Russell et al. 2012; Pilbeam et al. 2013; Brett et al. 2015). Recent experimental studies, using carbonatite compositions obtained from previous low-degree partial melting experiments on mantle peridotite, suggest that opx dissolution does not occur until the kimberlite magma reaches pressures < 3.5 GPa (Stone and Luth 2016, and references therein). An indication that opx dissolution may be an important process during final (< 100 km) ascent and phenocryst crystallization of kimberlite magma – as opposed to the melt trapped as inclusions in cpx and grt megacrysts – lies in the mineral chemistry of olivine: Whereas olivines within the polymineralic inclusions define a fractionation trend (Fig. 5a), phenocrystic rims on olivines in kimberlite show a characteristic trend of decreasing Ni at buffered Mg# (arrow in Fig 5a) which has previously been attributed to the effect of opx dissolution (e.g., Pilbeam et al. 2013; Bussweiler et al. 2015).

Previous estimates of primary or parent kimberlite magma obtained through whole rock considerations (Le Roex et al. 2003; Kjarsgaard et al. 2009) also plot along the trend of reconstructed bulk compositions of polymineralic inclusions (Fig. 12). Compared to our average bulk composition, they are characterized by lower CaO and higher MgO and SiO₂ contents, which may suggest that these magma compositions, as well, have experienced some degree of mantle assimilation.

While the polymineralic inclusions constitute snapshots of kimberlite melt reacting with mantle minerals during ascent, it is important to note that they do not represent the primary or protokimberlite melt. Evidence for such precursor melts to LDG kimberlites may be preserved as melt inclusions in phenocryst phases (Kamenetsky et al. 2013), or as fluid inclusions in fibrous diamonds (Klein-BenDavid et al. 2007; Weiss et al. 2015), or can be gleaned from isotopic studies (Tappe et al. 2013). Together with the occurrence of sublithospheric diamonds at LDG (e.g., Tappert et al. 2005) these studies point towards an asthenospheric origin of the protokimberlite. The generally SiO₂-poor and CaO-rich compositions of the

already reacted kimberlite melt, as represented by the now crystallized polymineralic inclusions, is consistent with suggestions of the carbonatite-like nature of the protokimberlite melt (e.g. Dawson 1971; Dawson and Hawthorne 1973; Russell et al. 2012; Kamenetsky and Yaxley 2015; Kamenetsky 2016).

General Role of Decarbonation Reactions in Producing Calcite-Bearing Kimberlites

Oxybarometry studies applied to cratonic grt peridotites have shown that the lithospheric mantle below the LDG kimberlite field of the central Slave Craton tends to be more oxidized than the mantle below other cratons (Creighton et al. 2010; Luth and Stachel 2014), especially in the pressure-range of 4.5 to 6 GPa (~140 – 180 km), corresponding roughly to the depth of formation of the host megacrysts (Table 1; Supplementary Fig. 3). This has been attributed to the oxidizing effects of carbonate-rich fluids/melts (e.g., Creighton et al. 2008). The result of this metasomatism is the oxidation of local zones in the mid- to lowermost lithosphere beneath the LDG kimberlite field to levels conducive to the stabilization of carbonate. The expected stable carbonate phase is Mg-rich in any four-phase peridotite assemblage, i.e. dolomite (e.g., Wyllie and Huang 1975; Dalton and Presnall 1998a) or magnesite at higher pressure (Brey et al. 1983), and the melt produced from such carbonated peridotites is always dolomitic in composition (e.g., Irving and Wyllie 1975; Brey et al. 2008). However, LDG kimberlites, and kimberlites globally, are mostly dominated by calcite (e.g., Skinner and Clement 1979; Armstrong et al. 2004), as are the early kimberlite melts trapped as polymineralic inclusions in LDG megacrysts.

The reactions illustrated by the polymineralic inclusions provide an explanation for this discrepancy between expected high pressure melt compositions produced from carbonated peridotite and the calciterich nature of kimberlites in general, via the decarbonation reaction:

diopside + dolomite (melt) \rightarrow forsterite + calcite + CO₂,

This reaction is expected to begin during kimberlite ascent at depths around 70 km based on experimental and theoretical constraints (Wyllie and Huang 1975; Stone and Luth 2016; Stone 2016). The reaction may continue up to kimberlite emplacement in the crust, as indicated by the presence of reaction rinds (often

containing calcite segregations) around single Cr-diopside megacrysts in their host kimberlite (Fig. 2a, b). The latter observation also indicates that the dolomite-diopside decarbonation reaction is not just relevant for melt differentiation within the limited volume of polymineralic inclusions, but affects the entire rising batch of kimberlite magma. The similarity of the phase composition variations present in the kimberlite melt inclusions with those observed in kimberlites emplaced in the crust, indicates that this process of melt-rock reaction is critical in producing the observed compositions and mineralogy of kimberlites worldwide. In this scheme, the resulting exsolution of a vapor phase during the proposed reaction may be responsible for the crystallization of phlogopite and serpentine in the inclusions (and in the host kimberlite), as water may be present in the original melt and will accumulate during reaction and crystallization. In addition to driving the evolution of a dolomitic to a calcitic kimberlite melt at pressures in the shallower portion of the lithospheric mantle, the reaction provides a means of further CO_2 exsolution, which is seen as an important process in driving kimberlite emplacement (e.g., Eggler 1986; Brey et al. 1991; Russell et al. 2012). The reaction could proceed as long as the kimberlite magma contains a dolomitic melt component that can react with disaggregated diopside (either as Cr-diopside megacrysts or from peridotite xenoliths). While the abundance of diopside in lithospheric peridotites is relatively low (~10%), the presence of lherzolites and discrete Cr-diopside megacrysts in kimberlites is ubiquitous, indicating the likelihood of this reaction occurring in any section of cratonic lithosphere.

A schematic illustration of the formation of polymineralic inclusions and the concomitant evolution of the host kimberlite is summarized in Fig. 13. In sequence, the process is envisioned as (1) the formation of a dolomitic silico-carbonatite melt via melting of carbonated peridotite, (2) initial reaction with lithospheric mantle and early high pressure CO_2 exsolution, (3) lower pressure reactions with lithospheric wall rocks that change the bulk composition and release more CO_2 , producing calcite, (4) the emplacement in the crust of the evolved kimberlite with the calcite-bearing mineral assemblage. The widespread occurrence of polymineralic inclusions in kimberlite megacrysts from numerous cratons (Haggerty and Boyd 1975;

Schulze 1985; van Achterbergh et al. 2002; Pivin et al. 2009; Araújo et al. 2009) is evidence of the general applicability of this process to the evolution of kimberlites.

Conclusions

- Lac de Gras Cr-diopside and Cr-pyrope megacrysts contain abundant, large (up to 2 mm) polymineralic inclusions formed by necking down of melts starting at lithospheric mantle depths. The megacrysts genetically are mantle xenocrysts with peridotitic chemical signatures. Geothermobarometry suggests that they originate from within the lithospheric mantle (~4.6 GPa, 1015°C).
- 2. There is clear textural and isotopic evidence for disequilibrium between the host crystals and their polymineralic inclusions, the preservation of which establishes a temporal link to the kimberlite eruption.
- 3. The inclusion phases are broadly characteristic of kimberlite, with their compositions being overall consistent with the early stages of kimberlite differentiation trends. Enrichment of inclusion phases in components more abundant in the host crystals, such as Cr₂O₃ and Al₂O₃, points towards extensive reaction between inclusions and hosts. Trace element signatures of phlogopites within the inclusions constrain their crystallization from the melt inclusions at lithospheric mantle depths.
- 4. Although scattered by sectioning effects and reaction with the host phases, reconstructed bulk compositions of the inclusions bear a general resemblance to the experimentally derived partial melts of carbonated peridotites, if allowance is made for the assimilation of mantle minerals (including the host minerals cpx and grt). Thus, the polymineralic inclusions represent snapshots of kimberlite melt reacting with the lithospheric mantle during ascent.
- 5. Inclusions in Cr-diopside record direct evidence for a decarbonation reaction of the form: dolomitic melt + diopside → forsterite + calcite + CO₂, expected to begin at pressures < 2.5 GPa.</p>

This reaction may play an important role in the en-route transformation of an upward moving dolomitic silico-carbonatite melt into the calcite-bearing kimberlite observed at the surface. As such, it is one of many reactions likely to occur between carbonatitic melt and lithospheric mantle that drive the chemical and volatile evolution in kimberlite.

Figure Captions

Fig. 1 Geological overview map of the Slave Craton indicating the location of major diamond mines, modified from Bleeker et al. (2004). Dashed line indicates inferred suture based on Pb isotopic studies (Davis et al. 1996).

Fig. 2 a) Section through kimberlite drill core exposing cpx megacryst with brownish reaction rind. b) Thin section of cpx megacryst in direct contact with calcite segregations in coherent (hypabyssal) kimberlite from the A154N pipe, Diavik. c) Thin section of cpx megacryst with abundant polymineralic inclusions and remnant host kimberlite ('kimberlite rind'). d) Photomicrograph of a polymineralic inclusion in cpx megacryst (courtesy of V.S. Kamenetsky). Polymineralic inclusions are typically located where fractures/veins with fluid inclusions converge and are typically surrounded by a thick reaction rim (spongy rim). e) Sample mount section of grt megacrysts from < 1 cm concentrates from Diavik. Color range indicates different origins. Polymineralic inclusions are most common in red grt grains (lherzolitic or megacrystic). f) Back-scattered electron (BSE) image of a polymineralic inclusion in a grt megacryst. Veins connect polymineralic inclusion to the host kimberlite, but mineralogy of inclusion and host kimberlite is markedly different.

Fig. 3 BSE images for polymineralic inclusions in Cr-diopside megacrysts (a-c) and in Cr-pyrope (grt) megacrysts (d-f). All inclusions in cpx are surrounded by spongy 'reaction rims', whereas inclusions in grt are surrounded by 'kelyphite zones'. a) 'Carbonate-rich' end-member inclusion with calcite (cc) groundmass composed of bright and dark zones, containing phlogopite (phl), olivine (ol), serpentine (srp), and chromite (chr). b) Intermediate inclusion with 'colloform' cc in Mg-Fe silicate groundmass, containing phl and chr. c) 'Silicate-rich' end-member inclusion with Mg-Fe-silicate groundmass composed of srp/chlorite (with distinctive vermicular texture), containing cc blebs and chr. d) 'Carbonate-rich' end-member inclusion with Mg-Fe silicate groundmass composed of srp/chlorite (with distinctive vermicular texture), sp, and chr. e) Intermediate inclusion with cc groundmass, containing phl, ol, srp, and chr. e) Intermediate inclusion with cc groundmass, containing phl, ol, srp, and chr. e) Intermediate inclusion with cc groundmass, containing phl, ol, srp, and chr. e) Intermediate

cpx in addition to phl and chr. f) 'Silicate-rich' end-member inclusion with Mg-Fe-silicate groundmass containing cc as irregular blebs, phl, and chr.

Fig. 4 EPMA element distribution maps for Ca, Al, Na, Mg, K, and Sr of a polymineralic inclusion (intermediate type) in a cpx megacryst. Warmer colors indicate higher element concentrations. Reaction rims are enriched in Ca, and depleted in Al and Na. The maps highlight the presence of phlogopite (phl), calcite (cc), and serpentine (srp) in micro-inclusions around the main inclusion.

Fig. 5 Bivariate plots for olivine in polymineralic inclusions resolved by megacryst host (Cr-diopside and Cr-pyrope), and olivine in kimberlite rinds (a-c) and as mineral inclusions and intergrowths (d). Olivine was analyzed in eight polymineralic inclusions in Cr-diopside from Diavik and Point Lake (seven 'carbonate-rich', one 'silicate-rich'), and in four polymineralic inclusions in Cr-pyrope from Diavik (two 'carbonate-rich', two 'silicate-rich'). 12 olivine mineral inclusions were measured in Cr-pyropes from Diavik, one in Cr-pyrope from Point Lake, and one in Cr-diopside from Diavik. Reference data for LDG kimberlite olivines divided into cores and rims are from Brett et al. (2009) and Bussweiler et al. (2015). The arrow in (a) highlights the differentiation trend of phenocrystic rims (see text). Data of olivine inclusions in diamond from Lac de Gras, Slave Craton, Canada, are from Donnelly et al. (2007) and Stachel et al. (2003).

Fig. 6 A-C: Major element (EPMA data) bivariate plots for phlogopite in polymineralic inclusions resolved by megacryst host (Cr-diopside and Cr-pyrope). Phlogopite was analyzed in polymineralic inclusions in Cr-diopside from Diavik and Point Lake (five 'carbonate-rich', 19 'silicate-rich'), and in polymineralic inclusions in Cr-pyrope from Diavik, Point Lake, and Wolverine (four 'carbonate-rich', 29 'silicate-rich'). Reference data for phlogopite in kimberlites are from Eccles et al. (2004), Armstrong et al. (2004), and Kopylova et al. (2010). Mantle phlogopite data are from Menzies et al. (2004) and Giuliani et al. (2014). D-F: Trace element (LA-ICP-MS data) bivariate plots for phlogopite in polymineralic inclusions. The inset in D shows compositional fields for global carbonatite- and kimberlite-derived phlogopite (Reguir et al. 2009). Phlogopite in polymineralic inclusions clearly falls into the kimberlite

field. Compositional fields for groundmass phlogopite and high Ti-Cr phlogopite cores are based on data from Giuliani et al. (2016). Phlogopite in polymineralic inclusions is similar to the high Ti-Cr group (crystallized at depth) in many trace elements.

Fig. 7 Bivariate plots for carbonates resolved by megacryst host (Cr-diopside and Cr-pyrope). Carbonate was analyzed in polymineralic inclusions in Cr-diopside from Diavik (10 'carbonate-rich', 26 'silicate-rich'), Point Lake (four 'carbonate-rich', five 'silicate-rich'), and in polymineralic inclusions in Cr-pyrope from Diavik (two'carbonate-rich', nine 'silicate-rich') and Point Lake (three 'carbonate-rich', 11 'silicate-rich'). Carbonate was further analyzed in veins, kimberlite rinds, and altered olivine inclusions (in Cr-pyrope). Reference data for kimberlitic carbonate are from Armstrong et al. (2004).

Fig. 8 Bivariate plots for chromite/spinel in polymineralic inclusions resolved by megacryst host (Crdiopside and Cr-pyrope) and in kimberlite rinds. Chromite/spinel was analyzed in inclusions in Crdiopside from Diavik (six 'carbonate-rich', 21 'silicate-rich') and Point Lake (one 'silicate-rich'), and in inclusions in Cr-pyrope from Diavik (one 'carbonate-rich', 13 'silicate-rich'), Point Lake (one 'carbonaterich', 19 'silicate-rich') and Wolverine (four 'silicate-rich'). In addition, chromite was analyzed in veins, kimberlite rinds, and around altered mineral inclusions. Reference data for spinel in LDG kimberlites are from Armstrong et al. (2004) and Roeder and Schulze (2008), for spinel in Jericho mantle xenoliths (peridotite/pyroxenite) from Kopylova et al. (1999). Shaded field represents magmatic spinel trend in kimberlitic chromites from Mitchell (1986).

Fig. 9 Bivariate plots for major and minor elements of cpx in polymineralic inclusions in Cr-pyrope. Data are compared against Cr-diopside hosts and spongy reaction rims (around polymineralic inclusions) from this study, and against megacrysts worldwide (Eggler et al. 1979; Hunter and Taylor 1984; de Bruin 2005; Pivin et al. 2009).

Fig. 10 ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr ratios for 'carbonate-rich' inclusions and their Cr-diopside and Cr-pyrope hosts. Data points marked with * are previous analyses from van Achterbergh et al. (2002). Reference data for calcite

in the Jos kimberlite, Somerset Island, Nunavut, Canada are from Malarkey et al. (2010). LDG kimberlite whole rock data are from Tappe et al. (2013). LDG perovskite data are from Sarkar et al. (2015).

Fig. 11 Reconstructed bulk compositions of polymineralic inclusions resolved by megacryst host (Crdiopside and Cr-pyrope). Inclusions in Cr-diopside are further resolved by end-member type based on carbonate-rich or silicate-rich groundmass. The star symbol represents an estimate of the average bulk composition as an average of all inclusions hosted in Cr-diopside (see Discussion).

Fig. 12 Schematic diagram relating the observed range of reconstructed bulk compositions of polymineralic inclusions (dashed, grey, double-arrow field) to partial melts of carbonated peridotite produced in high-P-T experiments, by reaction with the host phases Cr-diopside (cpx) and Cr-pyrope (grt), and to previous estimates of primary kimberlite magma based on whole rock geochemistry of hypabyssal kimberlites from Kimberley, South Africa (Le Roex et al. 2003) and from Lac de Gras (Kjarsgaard et al. 2009). Only experimental melts produced at T \leq 1500°C are included in the fields, so that experimental conditions for the different melts are as follows, Gudfinnsson and Presnall (2005): 3.2-5.9 GPa, 1340-1500°C; Dalton and Presnall (1998a): 3-7 GPa, 1245-1430°C; Dalton and Presnall (1998b): 6 GPa, 1380-1480°; Brey et al. (2008): 6-10 GPa, 1300-1500°C; Foley et al. (2009): 4-6 GPa, 1090-1290°C.

Fig. 13 Schematic model of formation for polymineralic inclusions in Cr-diopside and Cr-pyrope megacrysts and the concomitant evolution of the host kimberlite. 1) Formation of a dolomitic silico-carbonatite melt via partial melting of carbonated peridotite close to the base of the lithosphere. 2) Ascending kimberlite melt infiltrates megacrysts after interaction with other mantle minerals (above 150 km) and is trapped by process of necking down (Roedder 1984) and/or decompression cracking (Brett et al. 2015). 3) Decarbonation reactions cause chemical exchange between inclusions and hosts during kimberlite ascent, forming spongy rims around inclusions in Cr-diopside, whereas kelyphite zones around inclusions in Cr-pyrope form by decompression reactions. In Cr-diopside, all Mg-carbonate is transformed to calcite, whereas primary dolomite may be preserved in inclusions in Cr-pyrope. Some

trails of fluid inclusions and veins form outwards due to the release of CO₂. Importantly, the reaction also occurs around the outside of the megacryst hosts, thereby releasing calcite and CO₂ into the transporting kimberlite. 4) Upon kimberlite emplacement globules have fully crystallized to polymineralic inclusions. 'Carbonate-rich' and 'silicate-rich' zones, formed by internal fractional crystallization within the inclusions, are exposed in two-dimensional sections and create the impression of compositional bimodality. Reaction rims and calcite segregations around Cr-diopsides and kelyphite rims around Cr-pyropes may suggest that they react with the host kimberlite until emplacement.

Supplementary Fig. 1 QEMSCAN[®] maps of polymineralic inclusions in Cr-diopside (a = PL_CPX_03 In01; b = PL_CPX_03 In10) and Cr-pyrope (c = PL_GRT_04 In13; d = PL_GRT_04 In05). Inclusions a) and c) are of the 'carbonate-rich', and b) and d) of the 'silicate-rich' end-member type. Modal proportions of the inclusions as obtained with QEMSCAN[®] are as follows: a) 10.3% ol; 11.4% srp; 11.2% phl; 65.8% cc; 0.1% ap. b) 4.0% ol; 60.4% srp; 16.5% phl; 15.2% cc; 0.1% ap. c) 8.2% ol; 0.2% cpx; 15.0% srp; 30.2% phl; 3.7% spl; 40.7% cc; 0.9% dol; 0.1% py. d) 0.8% ol; 2.0% cpx; 45.7% srp; 31.1% phl; 6.2% spl; 0.1% cc; 6.0% dol; 0.1% ap; 0.1% py. Mineral abbreviations are as follows: ol = olivine; cpx = clinopyroxene; srp = serpentine; phl = phlogopite; spl = spinel; cc = calcite; dol = dolomite; ap = apatite; py = pyrite.

Supplementary Fig. 2 Bivariate plots for major and minor elements in serpentine/chlorite in polymineralic inclusions resolved by megacryst host (Cr-diopside and Cr-pyrope) and in altered olivine mineral inclusions in Cr-pyrope. Reference data for kimberlitic serpentine are from Hayman et al. (2009) and Mitchell (1986).

Supplementary Fig. 3 Δ logfO2 (FMQ) values for grt peridotites from different cratons (modified from Luth and Stachel 2014). Samples from the central Slave Craton (Creighton et al. 2010) are notably more oxidized than those from other cratons.

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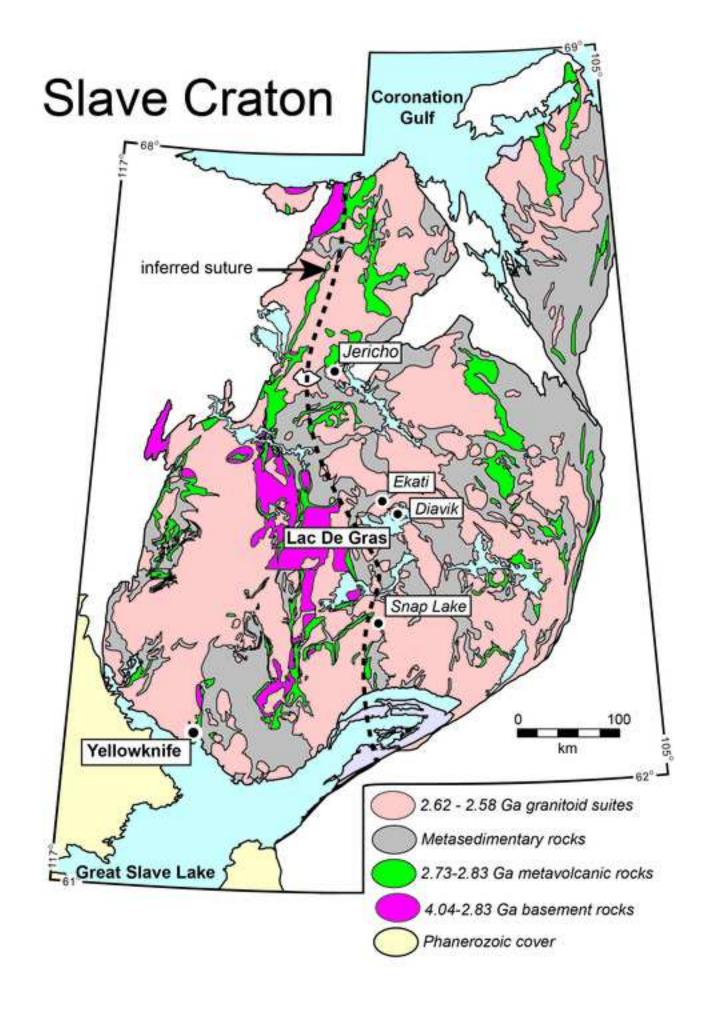
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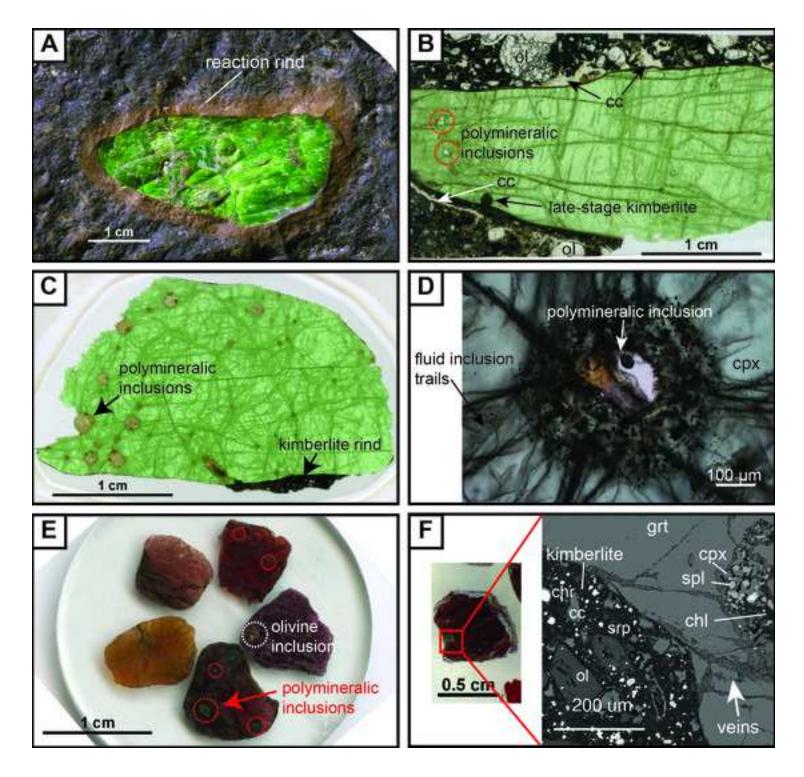
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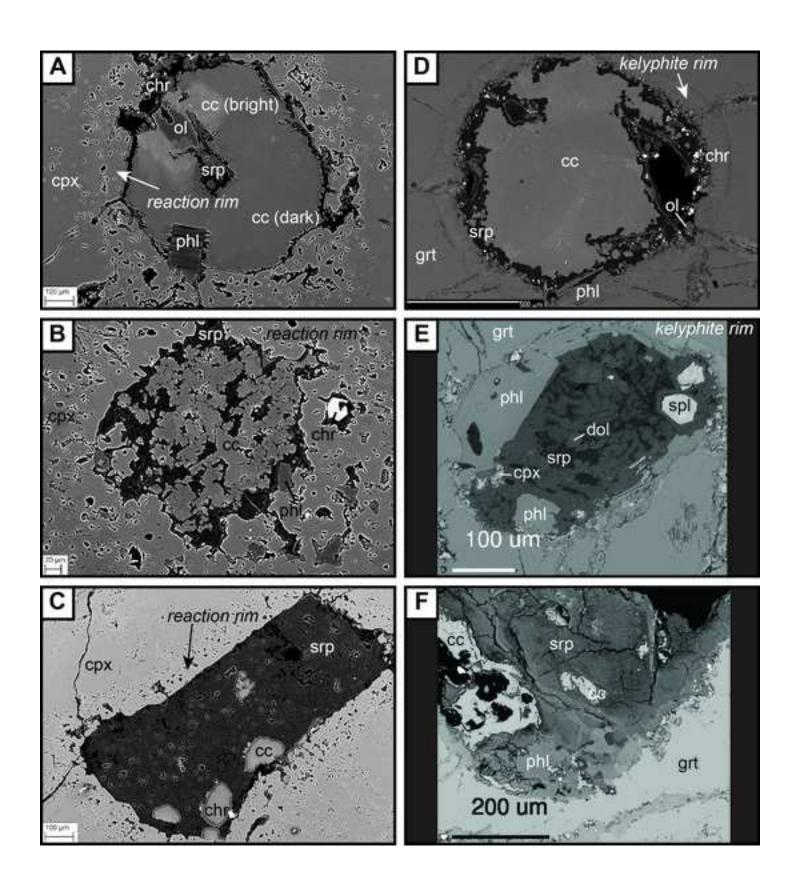
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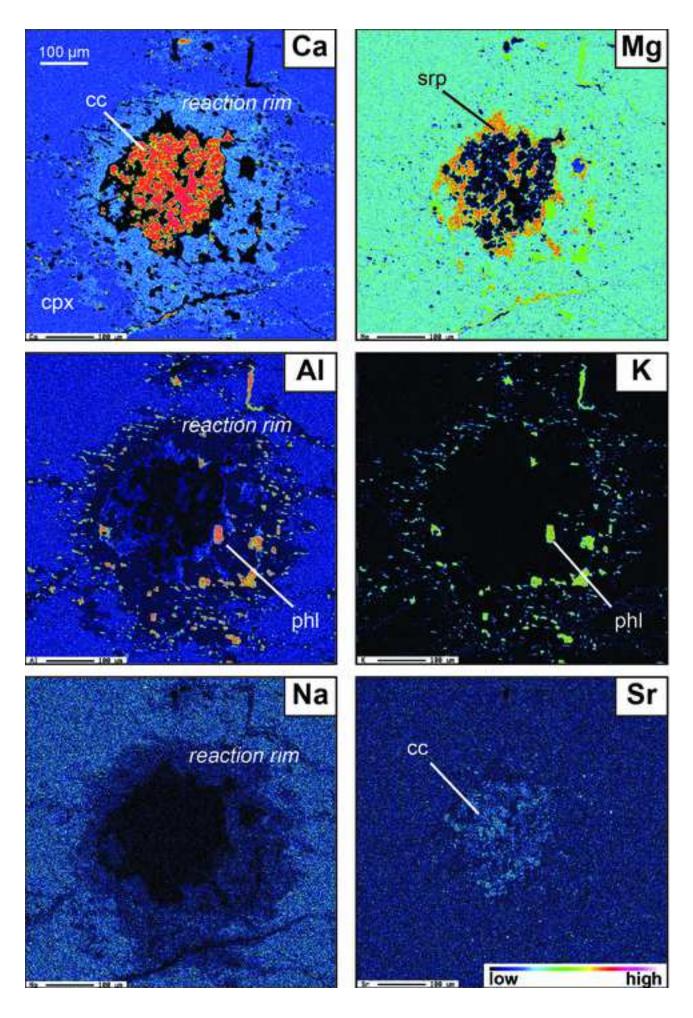
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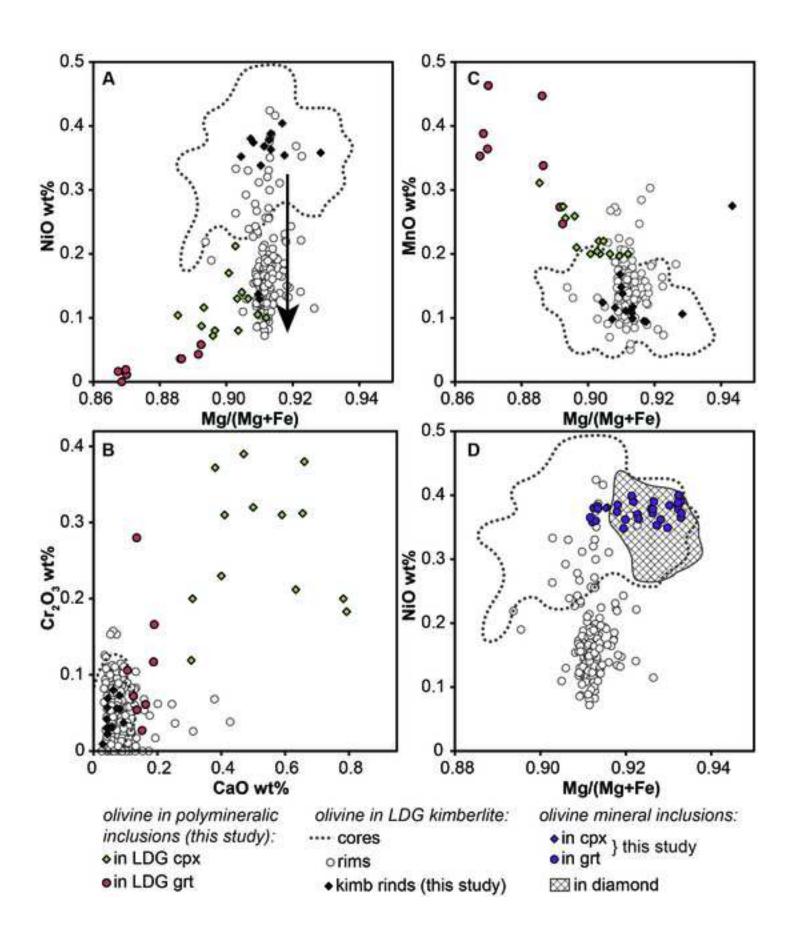
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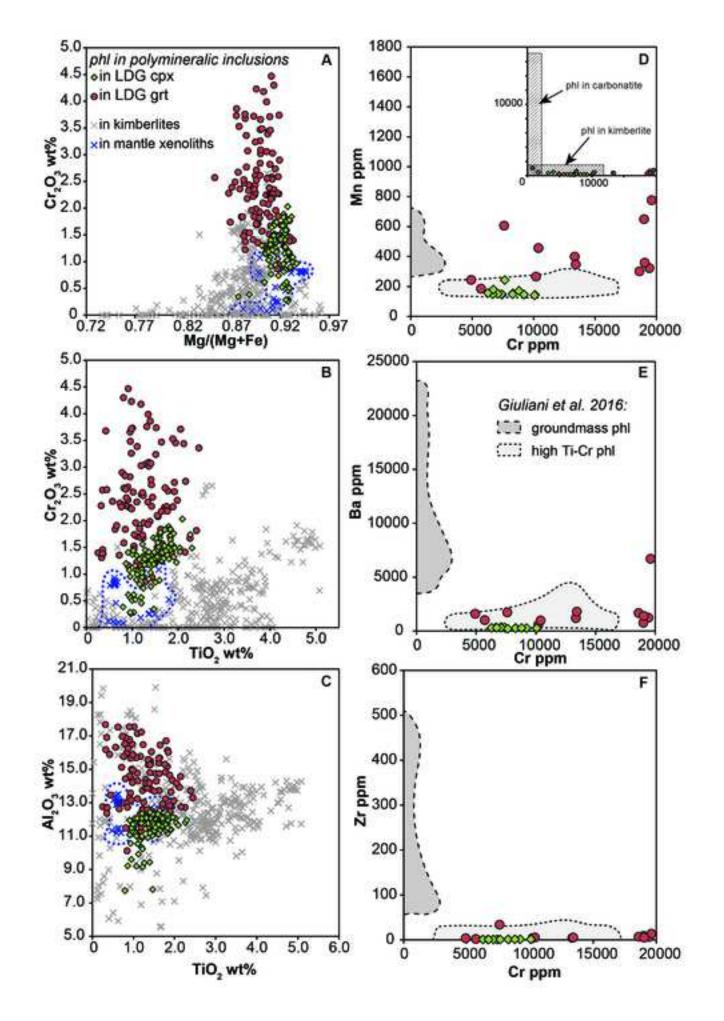




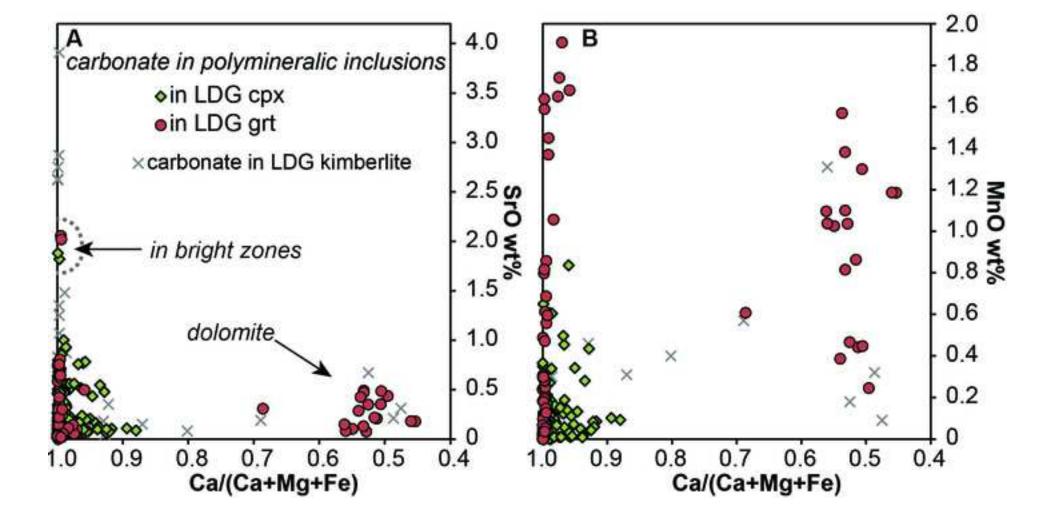




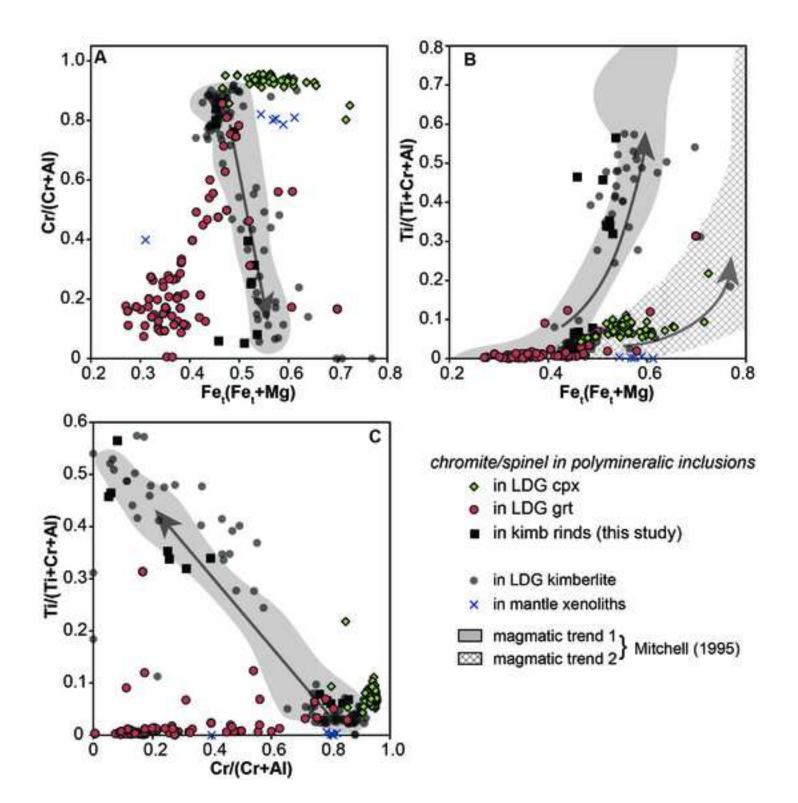


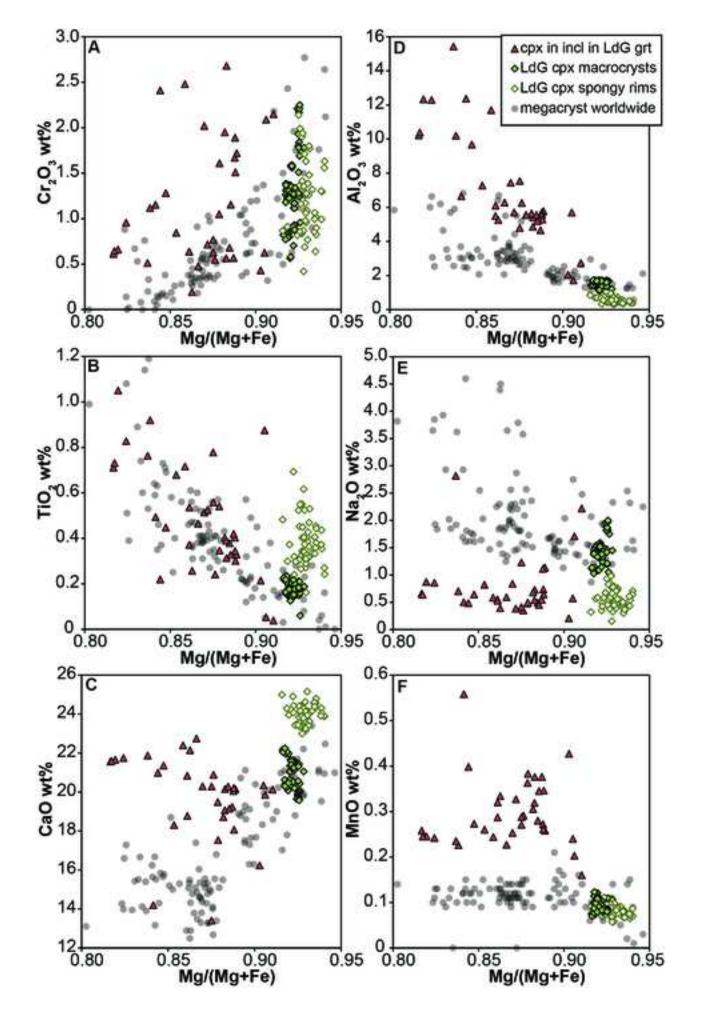




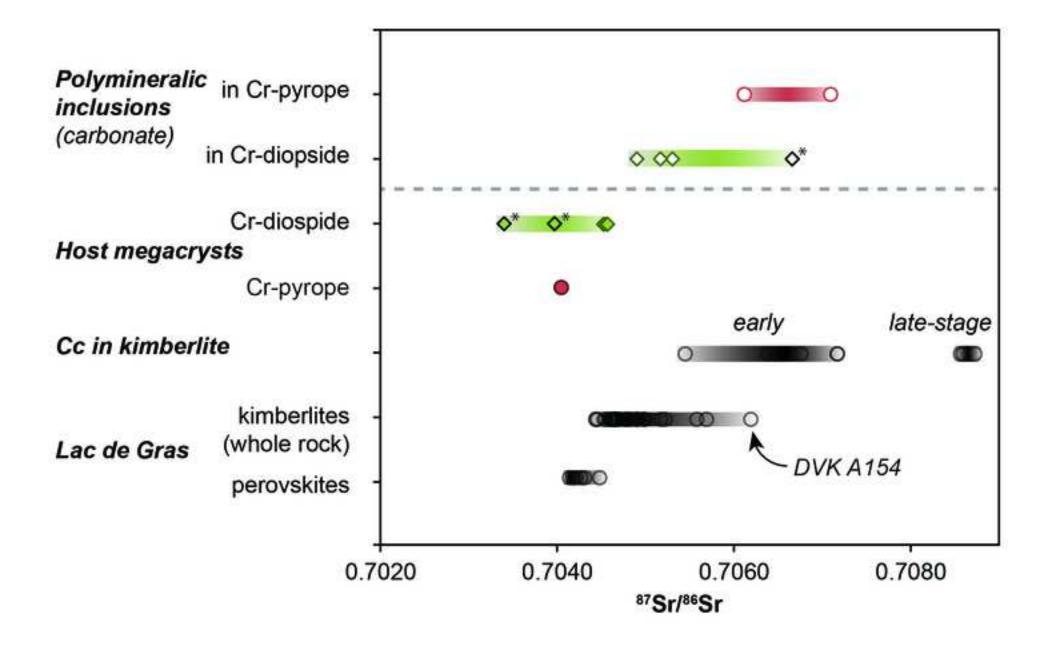




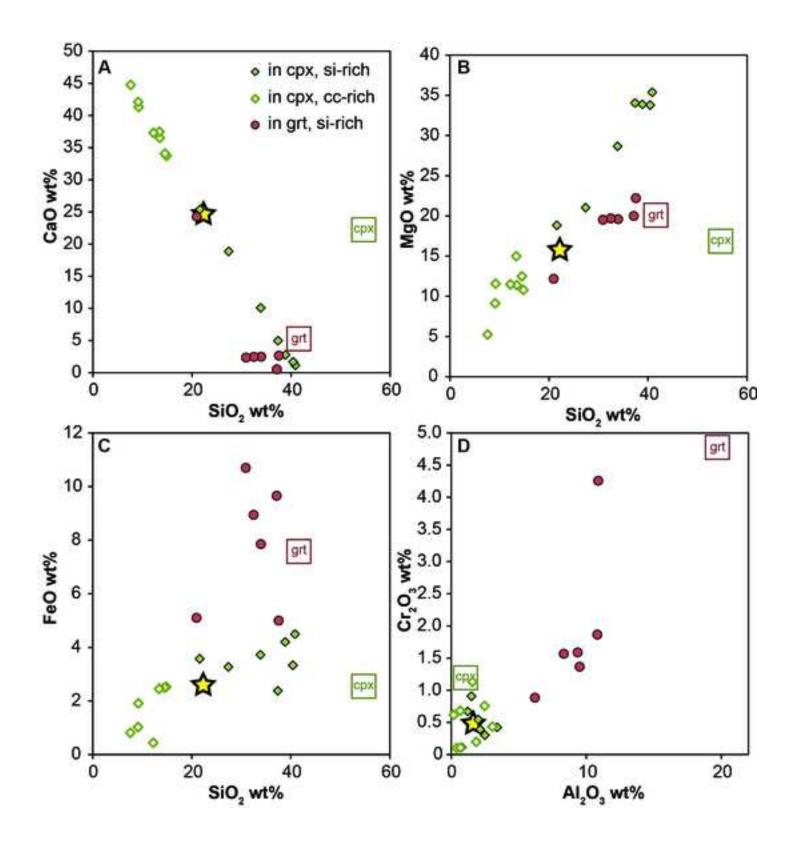




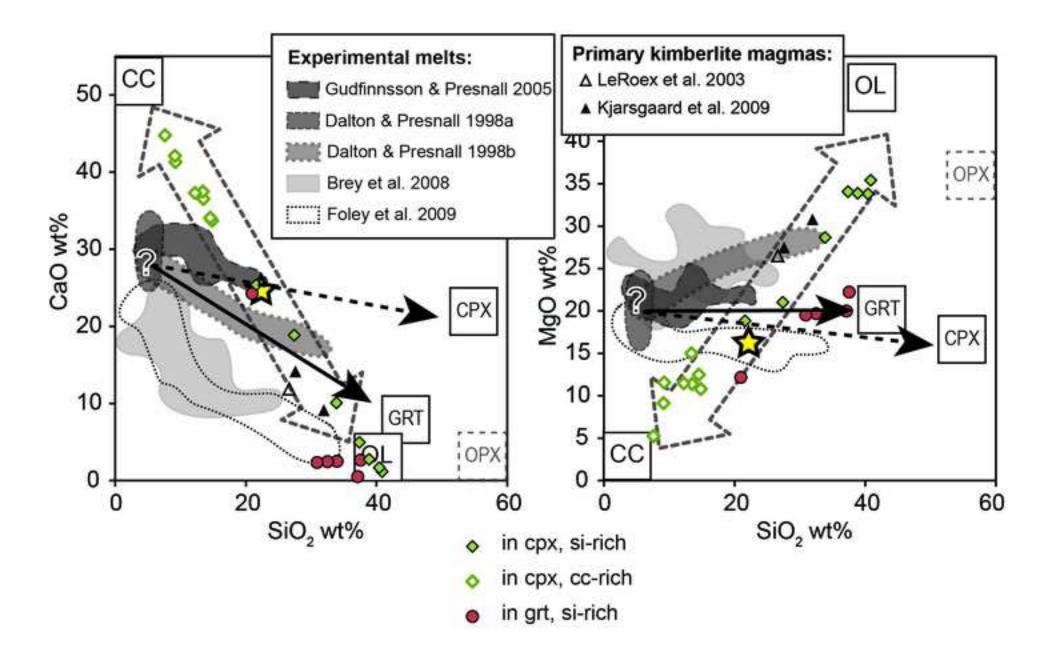




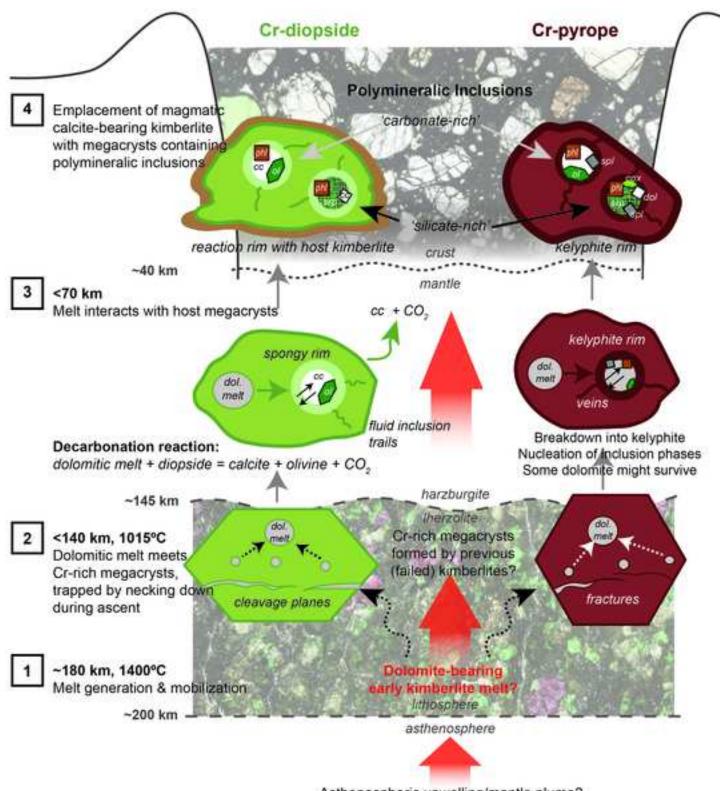












Asthenospheric upwelling/mantle plume?

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Location		Diavik - A154N				
Sample	DVK_CD_04B	DVK_CD_06A	DVK_CD_06B	PL_CD_03	PL_CD_03	PL_CD_03
				(In01 - 04)	(In05)	(In06)
T [°C]	1043	1009	1031	1025	965	1040
P [GPa]	5.3	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.6

Table 1: P-T results for Cr-diopside megacryst hosts using single-cpx thermobarometry (Nimis and T

Faylor, 2000)

	E	kati - Point lal	ke						
PL_CD_03	PL_CD_03	PL_CD_03	PL_CD_06	PL_CD_06	PL_CD_06	PL_CD_07	PL_CD_07		
(In07 - 08)	(In09)	(In10)	(In01, 04)	(In02, 02b)	(In03)	(In01 - 03)	(In04 - 06)		
1025	938	1046	1017	1014	997	1043	1011		
4.6	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.5		

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Location								
Sample	DVK_	CD_01	DVK_	DVK_CD_01		CD_01	DVK_CD_01	
	_Ir	n07	_In	n04	_In	102	_Ir	n01
Туре	CC-1	rich	CC-1	rich	CC-1	rich	CC-1	rich
		1σ		1σ		1σ		1σ
SiO ₂	14.8	1.66	14.5	1.63	13.4	1.50	12.2	1.37
TiO ₂	0.2	0.02	0.2	0.02	0.1	0.01	0.2	0.02
Al_2O_3	1.6	0.18	3.1	0.34	0.2	0.02	0.7	0.07
Cr ₂ O ₃	1.1	0.13	0.4	0.05	0.6	0.07	0.7	0.08
MnO	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01	0.5	0.06	1.1	0.12
FeO	2.5	0.28	2.5	0.28	2.4	0.27	0.4	0.05
NiO	-		-		-		-	
MgO	10.8	1.21	12.5	1.40	15.0	1.68	11.5	1.28
CaO	33.7	3.77	34.1	3.81	37.5	4.19	37.3	4.17
BaO	1.3	0.14	-		-		-	
Na ₂ O	-		0.1	0.01	-		-	
K ₂ O	0.7	0.08	2.8	0.31	-		0.2	0.03
SrO	0.8	0.09	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01
F	-		0.1	0.01	-		-	
Cl	-		-		-		-	
Total	67.6		70.3		69.9		64.4	
Mg/(Mg+Fe)	0.88		0.90		0.92		0.98	
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Table 2: Reconstructed bulk compositions of polymineralic inclusions in wt%

*overall uncertainty is ~11% and includes uncertainty on modal proportions obtained by QEMSCAN (~

				Poly	mineralic i	nclusions in	n clinopyro	xene		
				Di	avik - A154	4N				
DVK_	CD_01	DVK_	CD_01	DVK_CD_01		DVK_0	DVK_CD_6A		DVK_CD_6A	
_Ir	n08	_Ir	n03	_Ir	n05	_Ir	105	_In	06	
cc-	rich	CC-1	rich	CC-1	rich	si-r	rich	si-r	ich	
	1σ		1σ		1σ		1σ		1σ	
9.2	1.03	9.1	1.02	7.6	0.85	40.9	4.57	40.4	4.52	
0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01	0.2	0.02	0.3	0.03	0.4	0.05	
0.4	0.05	0.7	0.08	1.9	0.21	2.0	0.22	2.5	0.28	
0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01	0.2	0.02	0.5	0.06	0.3	0.03	
0.3	0.03	-		-		0.1	0.02	0.1	0.01	
1.9	0.21	1.0	0.11	0.8	0.09	4.5	0.50	3.3	0.37	
-		-		-		-		-		
11.6	1.29	9.1	1.02	5.2	0.59	35.4	3.96	33.8	3.78	
41.3	4.62	42.1	4.71	44.8	5.01	1.2	0.13	1.7	0.19	
-		0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01	-		-		
-		-		-		-		0.1	0.01	
0.3	0.03	0.5	0.06	1.6	0.18	0.7	0.08	1.3	0.15	
0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01	-		-		
-		-		0.1	0.01	-		-		
-		-		-		-		-		
65.4		63.0		62.5		85.6		84.0		
0.92		0.94		0.92		0.93		0.95		

5%) and variability of mineral compositions of inclusion phases obtained by EPMA (~10%).

DVK_(_In		DVK_ _Ir	CD_01 106	DVK_(_In	CD_6A 102		CD_6A 101	DVK_(_Ir	
si-r	ich	si-1	rich	si-r	rich	si-r	rich	si-r	rich
	1σ		1σ		1σ		1σ		1σ
38.9	4.35	37.4	4.18	33.9	3.79	27.4	3.06	21.6	2.41
0.2	0.02	0.2	0.02	0.2	0.03	0.5	0.05	0.2	0.02
1.2	0.14	0.8	0.09	2.2	0.24	3.4	0.38	1.5	0.17
0.7	0.07	0.1	0.01	0.4	0.04	0.4	0.05	0.9	0.10
0.1	0.02	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01
4.2	0.47	2.4	0.27	3.7	0.42	3.3	0.37	3.6	0.40
-		-		-		-		-	
33.9	3.79	34.1	3.81	28.7	3.20	21.0	2.35	18.8	2.11
2.8	0.31	5.0	0.56	10.1	1.13	18.9	2.11	25.4	2.84
-		-		-		0.1	0.01	-	
0.1	0.01	-		-		0.1	0.01	-	
0.3	0.04	0.2	0.02	0.8	0.08	2.7	0.30	0.5	0.06
-		-		0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01	0.2	0.02
-		-		-		0.1	0.01	-	
-		-		-		-		-	
82.4		80.1		80.0		77.9		72.9	
0.93		0.96		0.93		0.92		0.90	

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						Polymine	eralic inclus	ions in gar	net
Eka	ati - Point la	ke				H	Ekati - Point	t lake	
I	PL_CD_03	PL	_GRT_04	PL_	GRT_04	PL_	GRT_04	PL_	GRT_04
	_In01		_In14		_In7	-	_In04	-	_In05
	cc-rich		si-rich	S	si-rich	S	i-rich	S	i-rich
	1 c	5	1σ		1σ		1σ		1σ
13	.5 1.5	37.6	4.20	37.1	4.15	33.9	3.80	32.5	3.63
0.	4 0.0	0.6	0.06	0.4	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.2	0.03
2.	5 0.2	8 8.3	0.93	9.5	1.06	10.8	1.21	9.4	1.05
0.	8 0.0	1.6	0.18	1.4	0.15	1.9	0.21	1.6	0.18
0.	3 0.0	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.02
2.	5 0.2	.8 5.0	0.56	9.7	1.08	7.9	0.88	8.9	1.00
-		0.1	0.01	0.4	0.04	0.3	0.03	0.4	0.04
11	.4 1.2	22.2	2.48	20.0	2.24	19.6	2.19	19.7	2.20
36	.5 4.0	2.7	0.30	0.5	0.06	2.5	0.28	2.5	0.28
-		-		-		-		-	
-		0.1	0.01	0.1	0.02	0.2	0.02	0.3	0.04
2.	3 0.2	.5 3.2	0.36	5.1	0.57	5.1	0.57	2.9	0.33
0.	1 0.0	- 2		-		-		-	
0.	4 0.0	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.02	0.1	0.01
-		-		-		-		-	
70	.6	81.5		84.4		82.8		78.6	
0.8	39	0.89		0.79		0.82		0.80	

_	RT_04 n03	PL_GRT_04 _In13 si-rich				
si-	rich					
	1σ		1σ			
30.9	3.46	20.9	2.34			
0.3	0.04	0.6	0.06			
10.9	1.22	6.2	0.69			
4.3	0.48	0.9	0.10			
0.1	0.02	0.1	0.01			
10.7	1.20	5.1	0.57			
0.3	0.03	0.2	0.02			
19.5	2.18	12.2	1.36			
2.4	0.26	24.3	2.71			
-		-				
0.4	0.04	0.1	0.01			
1.5	0.17	3.1	0.35			
-		-				
-		0.3	0.03			
-		-				
81.3		73.9				
0.76		0.81				