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5 1     **Arclogites and their role in continental evolution; Part 1:**  
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30 14                   **Abstract**

33 16     Arclogites, or clinopyroxene-, garnet-, amphibole-, and Fe-Ti oxide-bearing cumulates and restites  
34 17     (collectively representing residues) to andesitic continental arc magmas, are reviewed here and in  
35 18     a companion paper (Ducea et al., 2020). Experimental petrology and petrologic observations  
36 19     suggest that these eclogite facies rocks form magmatically in deep crustal hot zones beneath arcs  
37 20     with crustal thicknesses exceeding 35-40 km. Volcanic and plutonic products of thinner arcs may  
38 21     instead be entirely extracted from amphibolite to granulite facies and garnet-free pyroxenite  
39 22     residues. Arclogites are perhaps best known as xenoliths, with notable examples from young  
40 23     (Sierra Nevada and Central Arizona) and modern (Colombia) sub-arc environments. We suspect  
41 24     that arclogite occurs more commonly than currently recognized in the xenolith record from  
42 25     orogenic and cratonic domains. Arclogite is also found as discrete intervals in the deepest  
43 26     exposures of the Kohistan arc and as small volume inclusions in tectonically exposed peridotite  
44 27     massifs (e.g., Beni Bousera, Morocco). Geochemically, these rocks are low silica ( $\text{SiO}_2 < 50\%$ )  
45 28     assemblages with low Nb/Ta and Sr/Y ratios and enrichments in heavy REEs such that they  
46 29     represent the complement to the andesitic-dacitic liquids that make up the surface volcanics and  
47 30     batholiths of most arcs. Virtually all rock-forming minerals in arclogites are of similar or greater

density than the underlying mantle, making them ideal candidates for foundering. Arclogites are formed in the lowermost crust of arcs at 35-70 km depth and record high temperatures (~800-1000 °C) at the time of formation which then cool and metamorphose at ~650-750 °C if they remain attached to the crust for an extended period of time. Ages of these rocks are obtainable by Sm-Nd and Lu-Hf garnet isochron geochronology as well as titanite or rutile U-Pb geochronology, although these ages can be reset through long-term storage in hot lower crustal environments. Recent discovery of zircon accessory minerals in arclogites makes these rocks datable with greater precision and greater chance of preserving crystallization ages by U-Pb chronology.

Keywords: arclogite, arc roots, residues, cumulates, restites, thermobarometry, U-Pb zircon geochemistry

## **1. Introduction**

Sub-arc residual eclogite facies assemblages dominated by clinopyroxene-garnet-amphibole and iron-titanium oxides are together known as “arclogites”, a new term introduced to simplify the description of these rocks (Lee and Anderson, 2015). These rocks are cumulates and/or restites left behind by the fractionation/partial melting processes that produces the extensive intermediate melts found in both continental and oceanic arcs (Ducea and Saleeby, 1998a, Ducea, 2001, 2002). However, not all residual masses of large batholiths are arclogitic; thinner arcs are complemented by either plagioclase-rich cumulate sequences (Kay and Kay, 1985; Ducea et al., 2003) that survive in the geologic record as granulite terrains or as ultramafic masses dominated by garnet-free clinopyroxenites (Jagoutz, 2010, Jagoutz and Kelemen, 2015). Sub-arc garnet-free pyroxenites can founder in the mantle under certain circumstances (Jull and Kelemen, 2001), but when garnet is present, these residual masses are almost certain to return to the convective upper mantle due to their extreme negative buoyancy (Lee, 2014). Moreover, the more garnet and/or amphibole and iron oxides present in such assemblages, the higher the silica in the differentiated upper crust. Cumulates of pyroxene and plagioclase have silica concentrations similar to or higher than the bulk basaltic compositions of mantle-derived arc magmas, thus they alone cannot explain the diversification of magmatic arc liquid compositions toward intermediate and silicic values. It has

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4 62 thus been hypothesized that the formation of arclogite residues (restitute and cumulates) is an  
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6 63 important driver for making bulk continental crustal materials at subduction margins in modern  
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8 64 tectonic settings (Ducea, 2002). Similar assemblages could have also formed in the distant  
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17 69 Although continentalization and the driving of continental crust toward intermediate compositions  
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19 70 may rely on subduction-related arc magmatism (Gill, 1981, Taylor and McLemman, 1985, Stern,  
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21 71 2002, Davidson et al., 2007, Ducea et al., 2015, many others), the bulk composition of the  
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23 72 continental crust is also influenced by the formation and removal of low-silica arclogitic residues.  
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25 73 Yet relatively little is known about these arclogitic assemblages in nature. Rocks of arclogitic  
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29 75 also from the lowermost parts of exposed arc roots. Due to their deep origin and high density, these  
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31 76 assemblages are unlikely to be exhumed to the surface and preserved in the geologic record (see  
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35 78 suggested by experimental petrologic results. Moreover, arclogites are the most likely candidates  
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39 80 hypothesized to engage in sub-crustal vertical tectonics, for which many names have been used in  
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41 81 the literature: dripping, delamination, convective removal, deblobbing (in the case of arc roots:  
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43 82 Kay and Kay, 1993, Ducea and Saleeby, 1998a, Ducea, 2002, Lee, 2014, Currie et al., 2015, Lee  
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45 83 and Anderson, 2015, in the more general sense: Arndt and Goldstein, 1989). From this perspective  
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47 84 alone, the details of arclogite petrology and geochemistry are of great significance not only to  
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49 85 subduction-centric arc petrologists but to continental tectonicists in general.

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52 87 Below we review the main xenolith and tectonically exposed locations of these rocks, experimental  
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54 88 findings predicting their distribution under arcs at depth, and their petrography, thermobarometry,  
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56 89 chemical and isotopic characteristics, and ages. In a companion paper, we will review how  
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58 90 arclogites influence the major elemental composition of arcs, arclogite density and susceptibility  
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4 92 term arclogite production on Earth, and their long-term isotopic signatures once recycled into the  
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10 95 **2. Eclogites and arclogites**

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13 97 Eclogites were defined as biminerally mafic rocks consisting of garnet and jadeitic clinopyroxene  
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25 103 forming minerals. Eclogites represent a minuscule fraction of the known continental crust yet have  
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27 104 become a significant influencer of plate tectonics theory due to the realization that the oceanic  
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29 105 crust turns into eclogite upon subduction (Godard, 2001, for references and a view on history of  
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31 106 eclogite research). The negative buoyancy of any dense eclogite-facies subducting slab is a major  
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35 109 Consequently, eclogite has to a first order become synonymous in modern geology with a high  
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37 110 pressure metamorphic equivalent of basalt, and in particular, the subducting oceanic crust. Of  
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39 111 course, any composition other than mafic can become an eclogite facies rock if subjected to high  
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41 112 enough metamorphic pressures. These rocks would display the signature garnet and clinopyroxene  
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43 113 association among other phases stable in that assemblage at high pressure (Philpotts and Ague,  
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45 114 2009). Because eclogitic high-pressure equivalents of basalt typically have high clinopyroxene to  
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47 115 garnet ratios and contain jadeite-rich clinopyroxene, rocks that appear eclogitic but do not display  
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49 116 these characteristics have been referred to as garnet clinopyroxenites, ariegites, pyrigarnites, and  
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51 117 other names (Godard, 2001). As noted in a seminal paper (Coleman et al 1965), there are “eclogites  
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53 118 and eclogites” and that diversity is immediately obvious in their clinopyroxene as well as garnet  
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57 121 A different type of eclogites, termed igneous eclogites, were first observed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century (e.g.  
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59 122 Holland, 1896). High pressure experimental work beginning in the 1960s later predicted that these

igneous eclogites form at high pressures as a result of fractionation of basalts at mantle depths (e.g. Green and Ringwood, 1967 a and b, Banno, 1970, Basaltic Volcanism Study Project, 1981). As a result, many eclogite assemblages found in the mantle, e.g. as xenoliths in kimberlites, were interpreted as primary igneous products (cumulates) rather than as pieces of slabs recycled in the mantle. Terminology is uneven here too, since eclogitic xenoliths in kimberlites are in some cases called pyroxenites and in others eclogites. Kimberlite eclogite literature is too vast and complex to review here (Jacob, 2004, Aulbach and Arndt, 2019 and references therein) and the origin of olivine-free, garnet-pyroxene xenoliths in such rocks is still debated. Without a doubt, however, these rocks were sampled from the lithospheric mantle at the time of entrainment in the host kimberlite. Some are true eclogites, others are garnet pyroxenites, yet they all formed in ancient tectonic environments from processes difficult to constrain due to lack of geologic context.

The presence of small bodies of cumulate-textured garnet pyroxenites within larger masses of peridotites in the classic “upper mantle” sections exposed tectonically in Europe and Northern Africa (Harz, Lherz, Beni Bousera) is also consistent with an igneous origin (Pearson et al., 1993). These are viewed as products of peridotite-melt interaction or as cumulates of basaltic melts (Obata, 1980). It has also been recently suggested that some of these rocks, which have metamorphic textures (El Atrassi et al., 2013), have the characteristics of arc root cumulates and are presumably small fragments of foundered bodies in the mantle (Gisy et al., 2011).

A new class of igneous eclogites, commonly referred to today as *arclogites* (Anderson, 2005; Lee and Anderson, 2015), represent arc root assemblages. These arclogites are the main subject of this contribution. Following Coleman et al. (1965), these rocks are Group B eclogites, and are found as xenoliths in subduction related magmatic arc regions (Mukhopadhyay, 1989, Ducea and Saleeby, 1996, Weber et al., 2002). They have cumulate/restite textures, have been documented to be cogenetic with arc rocks such as batholiths (Ducea and Saleeby, 1998b), and originate from 1.2 to over 3.0 GPa pressures (Mukhopadhyay, 1989, Ducea and Saleeby, 1996). Their discovery coincided with a series of new petrology experiments aimed at producing tonalites and granodiorites by dehydration melting of amphibolites (Rushmer, 1991, Wolf and Wyllie, 1993, 1994, Rapp and Watson, 1995). These experiments noted that at pressures in excess of 1 GPa, abundant garnet forms in equilibrium with intermediate melts. With a better understanding of the

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4 154 roles of plagioclase, pyroxene, garnet, and amphibole fractionation in intermediate melts at deep  
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6 155 crustal levels in thick arcs (the so-called MASH zones, Hildreth and Moorbath, 1988, or hot zones,  
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8 156 Annen et al., 2006), a leading hypothesis emerged that these eclogite-like igneous assemblages  
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16 160 (Ducea and Saleeby, 1998a), which can be entertained as a hypothesis for continental evolution  
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18 161 toward a more silicic crust (Rudnick, 1995, Ducea, 2002). These rocks, which often contain  
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20 162 amphibole in addition to pyroxenes and garnet, were referred to as eclogite (Dodge et al, 1986,  
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22 163 1988), garnet pyroxenites (Mukhopadhyay, 1989, Ducea and Saleeby, 1996), low Mg-pyroxenites  
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24 164 (Lee et al., 2006), garnet-pyroxene-amphibole rocks (Smith et al., 1994), pyribolites, pyroxenites,  
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26 165 pyrigarnites (Weber et al., 2002), “arc-eclogites” (Anderson, 2005), and eventually arclogites (Lee  
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30 168 Note that in contrast to Lee and Anderson (2015), we do not include in the umbrella term  
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32 169 “arclogite” the so-called high-Mg pyroxenites, which are garnet websterites found in virtually all  
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34 170 arclogite locations described below. In contrast to the low-Mg pyroxenites (garnet  
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36 171 clinopyroxenites), which are actually arclogites, garnet websterites equilibrated at higher pressures  
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38 172 that are indubitably located within the mantle (2.5 GPa or more) and are more likely former mafic  
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40 173 melts (not residues) frozen in the uppermost mantle. These rocks are in our view spatially  
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42 174 associated with peridotites as veins within the subcontinental lithospheric mantle, whereas the  
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44 175 arclogites are true deep residues of the arcs, straddling the complex boundary between the crust  
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46 176 and mantle in supra-subduction environments and transitioning at shallower depths to granulite  
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### 49 50 179 **3. Locations**

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54 181 Our main source of information regarding arclogites comes from xenoliths entrained in volcanic  
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4 185 however contain garnet-free pyroxenites, wehrlites, and other garnet-free ultramafites which could  
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11 189 The main North American xenolith arclogite localities are in the central Sierra Nevada, California  
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17 192 and central Arizona (Arculus and Smith, 1979, Esperanca et al., 1988, Chin et al, 2012, Chapman  
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19 193 et al., 2019, 2020, Rautela et al., 2020), and possibly include some of the sub-Colorado Plateau  
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21 194 xenolith localities. In South America, arclogites are known from one notable locality, Mercaderes  
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23 195 in southern Colombia (Webber et al., 2002, Bloch et al, 2017), which is the only known arclogite  
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32 200 All known arclogite xenoliths are entrained within trachyandesitic, latitic, or other intermediate  
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34 201 volcanic material. This is in contrast to peridotite xenoliths, which are commonly hosted by  
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36 202 basaltic rocks (Nixon, 1987). Another common feature within these xenolith localities is the  
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42 205 websterites, and garnet ( $\pm$  spinel) peridotites. As is commonly the case with xenoliths, secondary  
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44 206 breakdown of some phases occurred during their entrainment in the host magma; for example,  
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48 209 Sierra Nevada arclogite xenolith localities include 8-12 Ma trachyandesite plugs that intruded the  
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50 210 Sierra Nevada batholith long after its demise (80 Ma). These are small volume exposures, the most  
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52 211 extensively studied of which are located at Pick and Shovel Mine, Chinese Peak, and near the town  
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54 212 of Big Creek, California (Domenick et al., 1983, Dodge et al., 1986, 1988, Mukhopadhyay, 1989,  
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56 213 Mukhopadhyay and Manton, 1994, Ducea and Saleeby, 1996, 1998a and b, Ducea, 2002, Lee et  
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58 214 al., 2000, 2001 a and b, 2006, Chin et al., 2012). A number of other small localities in the same  
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60 215 region have not been investigated (Ducea and Saleeby, 1996). The Sierra Nevada localities are

particularly instructive because the variety of mineral assemblages within the xenoliths allows construction of a cross section through the lithosphere (Saleeby et al., 2003, Figure 1). Younger (3-4 Ma) xenolith-bearing mafic lavas from the same area in the central Sierra Nevada do not contain any arc root xenoliths; they are much hotter and dominated by spinel peridotites (Ducea and Saleeby, 1996). This has led various authors to suggest that the sub-central Sierra arc root was delaminated at some point during the Pliocene (Ducea and Saleeby, 1996, 1998a, Farmer et al., 2002). In fact, the existence today of a high density (“eclogitic”) anomaly in the mantle beneath the south-central Sierra Nevada as revealed by seismic tomography data has been proposed to represent the delaminated (or foundered) body (Zandt et al., 2004, Jones et al., 2014).

Sierra Nevada arclogites range from garnetites to garnet clinopyroxenites with or without amphibole and Fe-Ti oxides. There are also cumulate rocks with alternating layers of garnet clinopyroxenite and plagioclase (Ducea and Saleeby, 1996), suggesting that a transition from plagioclase-bearing to plagioclase-free assemblages existed in the root of the arc. In addition, hornblende is present in at least half of all known arclogites. Many clinopyroxene grains in these rocks have amphibole cleavages, which suggests clinopyroxene formation as a result of amphibole dehydration. Garnet-free clinopyroxenites with abundant (up to 50%) magnetite-ilmenite are also rather abundant. Garnet peridotites are rare but are among the very few samples of the mantle lithosphere underlying western Cordilleran magmatic arcs (Mukhopadhyay and Manton, 1994, Lee et al., 2000, 2001a). Furthermore, garnet websterites are distinct from arclogites in that they are much more magnesian (Mukhopadhyay and Manton, 1994, Lee et al., 2006, Chin et al., 2012, 2014) and yield significantly higher equilibration pressures (on average ~1 GPa greater than arclogite). As such, garnet websterites are thought to represent fragments of the lithospheric mantle that reside much deeper than the arclogite-bearing near-Moho region.

The central Arizona xenolith localities are hosted by late Oligocene latites (Arculus and Smith, 1979, Esperanca et al., 1988, 1997, Smith et al., 1994, Erdman et al., 2016, Chapman et al. 2020). The best studied localities are Camp Creek and Chino Valley (see Chapman et al., 2019, for a field guide describing locations). Xenolithic rocks are very similar to those of the Sierra Nevada and range in composition from metasedimentary and metaigneous xenoliths representing the local basement to garnet granulites, garnet websterites, garnet-free peridotites, and recently recognized



arclogites (Erdman et al., 2016). Arclogites in this locality have been shown to be roots of the southern California arc displaced eastward (Rautela et al., 2020, Chapman et al., 2020) by ultra-shallow subduction along the Laramide corridor (Saleeby, 2003, Ducea and Chapman, 2018).

The Mercaderes xenolith locality (hosted by the Granatifera Tuff) in southern Colombia is a small presumed Quaternary sequence of satellite eruptions to the greater Dona Juana stratovolcano (Weber et al., 2002). Beneath this locality, the depth to seismic Moho is around 50-60 km (Bloch et al., 2017), although global seismic databases (Laske et al., 2013) shows it closer to 40-45 km. Like the North American localities, the Granatifera Tuffs, which are a sequence of tuffs and lahars, are intermediate in composition (andesites and lamprophyres, Rodriguez-Vargas et al., 2005) and host a variety of xenoliths ranging from volcanic, metasedimentary, granulite, pyroxenite (with and without garnet), garnet-bearing peridotite, to other more exotic assemblages (Rodriguez-Vargas et al., 2005). Based on their age and high recorded temperatures, the latter of which is which is unique among documented arclogitic localities, these rocks are inferred to represent fragments of a residual root formed by the 10-5 Ma arc magmatism that resulted in the buildup of the Dona Juana stratovolcano (Bloch et al., 2017).

A reexamination of published xenolith studies indicates that other possible arclogitic xenoliths exist elsewhere on the planet given their petrographic composition, although they have not been identified as such in the literature and await further study. A good example is the wealth of eclogite-like xenoliths with seemingly arclogitic characteristics found in SE Australia in small-scale Holocene volcanic rocks from western Victoria within the greater Lachlan Fold Belt province (Griffin and O'Reilly, 1986). However, no studies to date have interpreted those eclogite xenoliths as arc root assemblages. Another, albeit less convincing example of arclogite xenoliths is from the North China Craton (Gao et al., 2004, Lee, 2014).

Most ancient segments of the North, Central and South American Cordilleran arcs are exposed to relatively shallow levels (Ducea et al., 2015) less than 10 km on average. Few tectonic windows exist into deeper, usually no more than 30 km paleodepths (Ducea et al., 2015 for a review) that are not quite deep enough to represent the realm of plagioclase-free cumulates. In deeply exhumed arc sections of the North American Cordillera (e.g., the North Cascades, Salinian Block, and

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8 280 Saleeby, 1993; Wernicke and Getty, 1997; Kidder et al., 2003). However, these rocks are still  
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12 282 (Otamendi et al., 2009, 2012), garnet is not present even in the deepest exposures (Walker et al.,  
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14 283 2015). One notable exception to the lack of arclogites in outcrop is the Kohistan arc (Pakistan),  
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16 284 which preserves an extraordinary cross-sectional view of a transitional island arc down to  
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31 292 river and contain units that represent the root of the arc (Zellinger, 2002 and Garrido et al., 2006,  
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33 293 and references therein). The deepest complex of the Kohistan arc, the Jijal complex (Jan and  
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35 294 Howie, 1981, Burg et al., 1998), is believed to expose the paleo-Moho of the arc due to the  
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41 297 consists of a 3 km-thick section of garnet granulites and garnet gabbros, below which the section  
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43 298 transitions to olivine-rich ultramafic rocks (spinel peridotites) that represent the paleo-upper  
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#### 54 304 55 305 **4. Experimental results**

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22 318 think of running them down temperature in order to view the results as products of fractionation  
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24 319 in deep-crustal hot zone magma chambers. Amphibole is a key phase undergoing melting in these  
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26 320 experiments and provides the water for calc-alkaline intermediate melts. Fundamentally, these  
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28 321 classes of experiments can be viewed simply as amphibole dehydration melting reactions, which  
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30 322 take place at higher temperatures (850-950 °C) than muscovite and biotite dehydration reactions.  
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32 323 The main phases in equilibrium with tonalitic and granodioritic melts are plagioclase and  
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34 324 clinopyroxene. At higher pressures, plagioclase is replaced by garnet, leading the way to an  
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36 325 igneous “eclogitic” (arclogitic) assemblage at pressures in excess of 1.5 GPa. These experiments  
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38 326 show that garnet pyroxenite assemblages are not only expected to be in equilibrium with basaltic  
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40 327 melts at mantle pressures (Green and Ringwood, 1967 a and b) but also in intermediate and silicic  
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42 328 melts (Carroll and Wyllie, 1990). Amphibole remains on the liquidus if not entirely consumed by  
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44 329 the melting reaction but can also crystallize from fractions of melt left unextracted from the source  
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46 330 (or magma chamber). The gradual disappearance of plagioclase in favor of garnet with depth is  
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48 331 predicted to take place over a large range of pressures between 1 and 2 GPa and depends on the  
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50 332 bulk composition of the system. Therefore, these experiments reveal that the transition from  
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52 333 plagioclase-only to garnet-only assemblages within the deep crust of arcs is most likely not sharp,  
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54 334 and instead occurs gradually in the depth region of 35-50 km.

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57 336 Figure 2 shows pMELTS-predicted (Ghiorso and Sack, 1995) assemblages on the liquidus of a  
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59 337 tonalitic melt for a bulk basaltic calc-alkaline composition (Schmidt and Jagoutz, 2017)  
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61 338 undergoing dehydration melting at 1 and 2 GPa respectively as a function of partial melt fraction.  
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63 339 The composition of garnet is shown in Figure 3 in the classic Coleman et al. (1965) garnet  
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4 340 classification diagram. Note that the garnets predicted to form in these conditions are  
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6 341 predominantly almandinic (Group B of Coleman et al., 1965). Almandine-bearing arclogites are  
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8 342 significantly denser than eclogites from subducting environments (which contain Group C  
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10 343 garnets), mainly because these group B garnets are more Fe-rich and are also more abundant in  
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12 344 the rocks (see Section 5). These simple forward models anchored in vast amounts of experimental  
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14 345 data illustrate the predicted minerals that are expected to play a role in the differentiation of  
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16 346 granitoid magmas at depth.

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### 18 348 5. Petrography

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21 349 Petrographically, arclogites globally are very similar; consequently, we will describe them as a  
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23 350 group and mention specific localities only when a feature stands out at that locale. These rocks are  
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25 351 relatively coarse-grained (typically  $1 \pm 0.5$  cm in diameter although finer equivalents exist) and  
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27 352 commonly exhibit cumulate textures with the two main phases (clinopyroxene and garnet)  
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29 353 displaying orthocumulate features. Almost all arclogitic xenoliths contain breakdown products  
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31 354 most clearly visible around garnets; these are known as kelyphitic rims which consist of very fine  
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33 355 assemblages of plagioclase, spinels, aluminous pyroxenes, and silicate glass. These features are  
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35 356 generally interpreted to represent breakdown reactions in the host magma carrying the xenolith  
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37 357 and do not have any pre-entrapment geologic significance. In addition to garnet and  
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39 358 clinopyroxene, relatively common minerals within arclogitic assemblages include pargasitic  
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41 359 amphibole, phlogopite, rutile, Fe-Ti oxides (magnetite, ilmenite, pseudobrookite), and  
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43 360 orthopyroxene (sometimes as exsolution lamellae in clinopyroxene). Of these phases, amphibole  
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45 361 and Fe-Ti oxides are the most abundant and can make up as much as 50% of the rock volume. The  
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47 362 difficulty of assigning a common name to these rocks arises from the fact that due to the small size  
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49 363 of xenoliths and large grainsize of constituent minerals, only portions of the rock may be exposed.  
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51 364 As a result, in some cases, true arclogites may be labeled as garnetites (with minor clinopyroxene  
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53 365 and amphibole), while others may be dominated by clinopyroxene or amphibole (Smith et al., 1994  
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55 366 named them “pyroxene-garnet-amphibole” rocks, recognizing their common lineage). Apatite is  
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57 367 also present in some arclogites, as are titanite, aluminous spinel, Cu-Fe sulfides, and zircon,  
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59 368 although these are all accessory phases never exceeding 1% by volume. Interestingly, native gold  
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4 370 has been found in an arclogitic xenolith from Chino Valley in central Arizona (Arculus and Smith,  
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10 373 Many clinopyroxenes have relic amphibole cleavages suggesting that these rocks record the  
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12 374 dehydration melting of amphibolites (Ducea and Saleeby, 1996). However, the opposite is also  
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14 375 recorded: some amphiboles display a pyroxene-like orthogonal cleavage, suggesting that some of  
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16 376 these amphiboles are secondary and come about due to hydration of the nominally anhydrous  
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18 377 garnet-clinopyroxene assemblage (Rautela et al., 2020). In arclogites, amphiboles are reactants in  
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20 378 some occurrences and reaction products in others.

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23 380 Garnets are typically the most euhedral of phases and also contain the largest amounts of  
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25 381 inclusions. When they are not transformed to secondary phases, they are orange red in hand  
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27 382 specimen. Acicular rutile, zircon, apatite, and titanites are most commonly found as inclusions in  
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29 383 garnets, which may also contain more minor inclusions of clino- and orthopyroxenes. Garnets fall  
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31 384 in the middle of the Group B field of Coleman et al. (1965); they have more or less equal  
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33 385 proportions of almandine-pyrope and grossular, and if one end member does dominate, it is the  
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35 386 almandinic term. Cooled arclogites such as those from the Sierra Nevada and central Arizona  
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37 387 exhibit clear diffusional profiles (Ducea and Saleeby, 1996) and diffusionally modified growth  
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39 388 zonation (Rautela et al., 2020), respectively. In contrast, recently formed arclogites from  
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41 389 Mercaderes display flat major element profiles (Bloch et al., 2017). Kelyphitic rims are common  
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43 390 to all arclogite garnet samples.

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47 392 Clinopyroxenes are the most abundant of all arclogite phases and probably make up ~50% of these  
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49 393 rocks by volume on average. Most clinopyroxenes are salites and augites in composition. This is  
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51 394 consistent with the composition of arclogitic garnets, which also comprise roughly equal amounts  
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53 395 of the Mg, Fe, and Ca end members. Some rare jadeitic clinopyroxenes as well as grosspyditic  
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55 396 varieties were described from the Sierra Nevada localities (Domenick et al., 1983). Grosspyditic  
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57 397 clinopyroxenes are green to black when not altered, while the rarer jadeitic clinopyroxenes found  
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59 398 at all localities appear bright green. Orthopyroxenes occur as exsolution lamellae in clinopyroxene  
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61 399 and/or as small anhedral intercumulus phases together with clinopyroxenes. In some Sierra Nevada  
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63 400 arclogites, orthopyroxene occurs as small inclusions in garnet (Ducea and Saleeby, 1996). While  
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4 401 orthopyroxene is merely an accessory phase in arclogites and does not occur in many of these  
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6 402 rocks, its presence is important in determining the pressure of equilibration of the assemblage.  
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10 404 Amphiboles are ferroan pargasitic hornblendes and may be an absent or dominant phase in  
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12 405 arclogites, although in most cases they do not comprise more than 20% of the rock. Many  
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14 406 amphiboles have a relatively high concentration of Ti, which gives them a yellow brownish color  
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16 407 in hand specimen.  
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19 409 Fe-Ti oxides are rather common in arclogites, although they remain the least investigated mineral  
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21 410 at all localities. Magnetite, ilmenite, and rutile are most commonly described. While magnetite and  
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23 411 ilmenite can occur as large cumulate crystals that make up as much as 30-40% of some arclogites,  
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25 412 rutile is typically found as inclusions within garnet. Some garnet-free arclogites (clinopyroxenites),  
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27 413 especially those from the Chinese Peak locality in the Sierra Nevada, have up to 50% titanium  
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29 414 magnetites and form distinct layers at the scale of the thin section (Ducea and Saleeby, 1996).  
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32 416 While plagioclase is not a common phase in arclogites, transitions from arclogite to layered  
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34 417 granulite are observed in Sierra Nevada (Dodge et al., 1986), central Arizona (Esperanca et al.,  
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36 418 1988), and Mercaderes collections (Weber et al., 2002). In addition, small inclusions of plagioclase  
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38 419 are found in garnets at all locations. They have compositions ranging from oligoclase to andesine  
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40 420 and average out near the boundary between the two among all locations.  
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43 422 Phlogopite is an accessory mineral found in some hydrated arclogites along with amphibole at all  
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45 423 locations. Phlogopite rarely makes up more than 0.5% of the rock volume and is characterized by  
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47 424 high Ti content (up to 5%). Scapolite is a rare accessory mineral in arclogites and is typically a  
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49 425 sulfate-rich mizzonite (Weber et al., 2002). Apatite is included in garnets and is a fluorapatite with  
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51 426 a more minor hydroxyl component. Zircon, titanite, monazite and clinozoizite, when present, are  
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53 427 included in garnets. Chalcopyrite and other rare arclogitic minerals are not described further here.  
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## 55 429 **6. Cumulates or restites?**

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4 431 The cumulate versus restite origin of arclogitic assemblages has been extensively debated (Lee et  
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6 432 al., 2006, Jagoutz, 2014, Bloch et al., 2017). Geochemically, there is no clear way to uniquely  
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8 433 distinguish between a restite and cumulate origin by studying magmas that were extracted upwards  
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10 434 into the volcanic arc or subvolcanic batholith (Ducea et al., 2015). Petrographically, most of these  
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12 435 rocks have cumulate textures (Figure 4) and thus they are probably collections of minerals that  
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14 436 fractionated and separated within magma chamber environments *sensu lato*. However, the most  
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16 437 likely ratio of arc to residue in these environments is 1:1 to 1:3 (Ducea, 2002), meaning that if  
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18 438 these assemblages were restites of partial melting at high melt fraction, cumulate textures would  
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20 439 probably form anyway. One clear conclusion from Sierra Nevada and central Arizona localities is  
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22 440 that pre-existing lower crust was involved in the mass budget of the batholith (Ducea and Barton,  
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24 441 2007), which is evident in the radiogenic and stable isotopes of the arclogites (Esperança et al.,  
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26 442 1988; Smith et al., 1994; Ducea, 2002) and the presence of inherited Precambrian zircon grains  
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28 443 contained within them (Murphy and Chapman, 2018). This incorporation of the local lowermost  
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30 444 crust rules out a closed system fractionation environment. Altogether, the study of arclogites has  
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32 445 not at present sufficiently resolved the debate regarding cumulate versus restite origin, which has  
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34 446 implications for how hot zones (Annen et al., 2006) (or MASH zones, Hildreth and Moorbath,  
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36 447 1988) form under long-lived arcs and what they may look like in detail. Without a doubt, hot zones  
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38 448 are areas where partial melt resides for a long time (possibly millions of years) with heat constantly  
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40 449 added through intrusions of mantle-derived magma (Dufek and Bergantz, 2005, Annen et al. 2006)  
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42 450 over large areas (Ward et al., 2017, Delph et al., 2017). At high melt fraction in these solid-liquid  
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44 451 systems, searching for the difference between a cumulate and a restite may prove futile.

## 45 7. Geochemistry

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48 453 Because most arclogites occur as cumulate-textured xenoliths that are 10-20 cm in diameter and  
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50 454 consist of relatively large minerals, they are inherently potentially unrepresentative. For this  
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52 455 reason, it is difficult to determine the average mineral abundance or bulk chemistry of arclogites.  
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54 456 Nevertheless, efforts to average various compositions have been made by various researchers (e.g.  
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56 457 Ducea, 2002, Lee, 2014). Average mineralogy or chemistry aside, a number of important features  
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58 458 of these rocks do stand out: (1) they are high-Fe, low-Mg eclogitic rocks, (2) contain little to no  
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60 459 orthopyroxene, (3) have a larger fraction of garnet than oceanic eclogites, averaging ~50% by  
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462 volume, (4) are rich in Fe-Ti oxides (magnetite, ilmenite, and rutile), (5) have a variety of other  
463 accessory minerals such as zircon, apatite, and titanite, and (6) are not quartz normative.

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465 These common threads among all arclogites helped researchers estimate their average  
466 composition. Arclogites are anomalously low silica, which makes them ideal candidates for  
467 residues of intermediate melts. Consistent with this interpretation are the high FeO, and TiO<sub>2</sub>,  
468 which reflects differentiation toward intermediate melts envisioned by many to produce a trend  
469 like that shown in Figure 5 (from Lee et al., 2006). If there is no involvement (assimilation) of pre-  
470 existing intermediate crust, an average arc basalt requires roughly one-part average continental arc  
471 and two to three parts arclogite (Ducea, 2002; Ducea et al., 2015). If pre-existing continental crust  
472 is incorporated during partial melt residence in hot zones of the lowermost crust, the ratio of  
473 granitoid to arclogite decreases toward 1:1. Furthermore, the range of crystallization pressures in  
474 Sierra Nevada arclogites is consistent with a 1:1.5 ratio between batholith and residue (Ducea and  
475 Saleeby, 1996, Saleeby et al., 2003).

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477 Arclogites are enriched in heavy REE (Chin et al., 2014) due to their affinity for garnet, amphibole,  
478 and clinopyroxene. They are also enriched in HFSE such as Nb and Ta (Tang et al., 2019),  
479 providing a reservoir for storage of these elements depleted in arc magmas. An average REE  
480 profile of Sierra Nevada arclogites shows they are overall great complements of the upper- to mid-  
481 crustal batholith (Ducea, 2002; Figure 6).

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483 One of the debated aspects of the chemical evolution of the Earth is the imbalance of the Nb/Ta  
484 ratio in major continent-forming reservoirs – the Nb/Ta ratio is sub-chondritic (~19) in the crust  
485 and the depleted mantle (Rudnick et al., 2000). The missing high Nb/Ta reservoir was proposed to  
486 be some rutile-bearing eclogite from studies of kimberlitic eclogites, which are interpreted to be  
487 recycled oceanic crust (Rudnick et al., 2000). A more convincing explanation providing a direct  
488 link to continental formation was provided by Tang et al. (2019), who noted that rutile-bearing  
489 arclogites from central Arizona have high Nb/Ta ratios. Similarly, high Nb/Ta ratios have been  
490 measured within arclogites of the Sierra Nevada. These highly heterogeneous Nb/Ta ratios range  
491 from 20 to over 100 (Ducea, 2002) and are suggested to result from rutile, a high Nb/Ta phase  
492 abundant in arclogites (Tang et al., 2019) as inclusions within garnet. Additionally, ilmenite may



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4 493 have high Nb/Ta ratios, but this has yet to be precisely quantified. Because oceanic eclogites  
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6 494 (Group C) do not typically contain rutile (Coleman et al., 1965), arclogites are the most likely  
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8 495 reservoir to balance out the sub-chondritic Nb/Ta of the crust and depleted mantle.  
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11 497 Radiogenic isotopes, such as Sr, Nd, and Pb, of the Sierra Nevada arclogites have been studied in  
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13 498 detail at the whole-rock scale (Domenick et al., 1983, Ducea, 2001, 2002). On average, the isotopic  
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15 499 signatures of these arclogites, as well as their ages, are identical to those of the Dinkey Creek  
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17 500 intrusive suite, which makes up the surface geology of the central Sierra Nevada (Kistler, 1990).  
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19 501 Similarly, whole-rock isotopic values determined from central Arizona arclogite xenoliths overlap  
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21 502 those of Mojave Desert plutons, the inferred original (i.e., pre-shallow-angle subduction) location  
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23 503 of central Arizona arclogite (Esperanca et al., 1988, 1997; Smith et al., 1994; Rautela et al., 2020).  
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25 504 As such, both California and Arizona xenolithic arclogites are suspected to be petrogenetically  
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27 505 related to the batholith. Garnet websterites (also referred to as high-Mg pyroxenites by Lee et al.,  
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29 506 2006) and garnet peridotites have slightly more depleted isotopic values indicative of a  
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31 507 subcontinental *enriched* lithospheric mantle (DePaolo, 1981). The similarity in radiogenic isotopes  
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33 508 between arclogites and batholith also argues against massive upper crustal contamination during  
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35 509 the evolution of the arc, since the pre-batholithic framework of the Sierra Nevada is significantly  
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37 510 more enriched in radiogenic isotopes (Ducea, 2001). Whatever assimilation of pre-existing crustal  
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39 511 rocks occurred must have taken place in the deepest crustal hot zone.  
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42 513 Oxygen isotopes add important constraints on the amount of local pre-existing crust that has been  
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44 514 recycled in these systems. Sierra Nevada whole rock  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  calculated based on laser ablation  
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46 515 individual mineral measurements (clinopyroxenes, garnets, amphiboles) within arclogites are 6.5-  
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48 516 8.5‰ relative to SMOW (Standard Mean Ocean Water), with an average of 7.5‰. This is  
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50 517 significantly higher than mantle values (typically  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  of 5.3-5.5 ‰) and those of garnet  
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52 518 websterites from the Sierra Nevada ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  = 6-6.5 ‰). These values argue strongly for the  
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54 519 incorporation of sedimentary rocks that were buried to lower crustal levels after having interacted  
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56 520 with the hydrosphere (Ducea, 2002). Metasedimentary xenoliths are known from the central Sierra  
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58 521 Nevada (Chin et al., 2013, Ducea and Saleeby 1996, 1998b) and are most likely miogeoclinal  
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60 522 (passive margin) rocks transferred to the deep crust through some combination of thrusting from  
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62 523 the east (Ducea, 2001, DeCelles et al., 2009) and convective downward flow from above (e.g.,  
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524 Saleeby, 1990; Paterson and Farris, 2008). Since these sedimentary rocks have  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  around 10 ‰  
525 on average, one can estimate that about 15-25% of the mass of the arclogite-batholith system is  
526 made of these materials. This constraint is important in that it documents a non-trivial amount of  
527 assimilation of local lower crust, bringing the size of the postulate “root” to no more than twice,  
528 and probably more likely ~1.5 times, the size of the batholith.

## 8. Ages

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532 There are two successful methods employed so far in the dating of arclogites: (a) Sm-Nd or Lu-Hf  
533 garnet (and another mineral or whole rock) isochron geochronology or (b) zircon or titanite U-Pb  
534 chronology. Since the community has only recently become aware of the presence of accessory  
535 zircon in arclogites (see Rautela et al. 2020), we expect most future chronology studies of these  
536 rocks will be done by U-Pb. Only two studies so far have attempted to measure U-Pb ages on  
537 titanite, which appears to be reset ages (Chin et al., 2015; Erdman et al., 2016). Garnets are great  
538 candidates for Sm-Nd or Lu-Hf chronology; however, the hot environments in which these rocks  
539 form and possibly reside in for long periods of time renders them susceptible to resetting, as the  
540 closure temperatures for these techniques are in the 600-900 °C range (Ducea and Saleeby, 1998b,  
541 Wendtland et al., 1996). An additional complication comes from textural observations and  
542 chemical zonation patterns suggesting that garnet growth can occur during cooling of the sub-  
543 batholithic root to temperatures as low as ~600 °C (Smith et al., 1994; Rautela et al., 2020). In  
544 these circumstances, garnets are likely to yield ages younger than the corresponding arc (perhaps  
545 10s of Ma younger, if the cooling rate is slow). On the other hand, if isochron ages of arclogites  
546 are much older than their corresponding arc, we must reject the developing hypothesis for the  
547 origin of these rocks. Below, we give examples of ages measured so far in these types of rocks  
548 along with their significance, implications, and limitations.

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550 The Sierra Nevada arclogites are cogenetic with the surface batholith. This has been established  
551 not only by the coherence of isotopic measurements between the arclogites and the surface Dinkey  
552 Creek and Shaver Intrusive suites but also by age dating using garnet-clinopyroxene Sm-Nd  
553 chronology (Ducea and Saleeby, 1998b; Chin et al., 2015). The ages of these assemblages are 80-  
554 120 Ma (with relatively large errors typical for garnet Sm-Nd dating in this age range), coincident

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4 555 with the age of the surface batholith. The Sierra Nevada arclogites remained in place for at least  
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6 556 70 Myr after the cessation of batholith-forming magmatism, since they came up as cold xenoliths  
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8 557 entrained in Miocene volcanic rocks that erupted through the batholith. Cooling of these rocks  
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10 558 commenced with the demise of the great batholith at 80 Ma and they were never heated regionally  
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12 559 again. The coincidence of isotopic characteristics (Ducea, 2002) and Sm-Nd garnet ages (Ducea  
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14 560 and Saleeby, 1998b; Chin et al., 2015) between the arclogites and the upper crustal batholith was  
15 561 taken to show these arclogites are sub-batholith rocks.  
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19 563 Mercaderes arclogites have been dated to around  $5\pm 20$  Ma by multi-grain garnet and whole rock  
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21 564 Sm-Nd isochron (Ducea, unpublished) and to  $5\pm 5$  Ma by garnet Lu-Hf isochron (Bloch et al.,  
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23 565 2017) (same rock samples). Given the extremely large half-lives of these systems, 5 Ma ages come  
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25 566 with errors that make these numbers indistinguishable from zero ages. This is not surprising  
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27 567 because the temperatures recorded in these rocks exceed  $1000^{\circ}\text{C}$  (and the eruption ages are close  
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29 568 to zero) so even if they formed at a distinct age in the past these isochrons would be reset.

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32 570 Central Arizona arclogites have Sm-Nd garnet ages that are largely reset to a mid-Cenozoic value  
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34 571 (Esperanca et al., 1988, Chapman et al., 2020, Figure 7). These rocks have been dated by zircon  
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36 572 U-Pb to be Mesozoic. However, because the sub-Arizona lowermost crust was hot and was likely  
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38 573 part of a thick and magmatically active orogenic plateau until around the end of the Oligocene (J  
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40 574 Chapman et al., 2015), these rocks stayed above the closure temperatures for these systems long  
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42 575 after they formed (Rautela et al., 2020). An Eocene (57 Ma) titanite U-Pb age for one arclogite  
43 576 from Chino Valley (Chin et al., 2015) is consistent with these findings.  
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47 578 The discovery of zircon in arclogites (Smith et al., 1994; Chapman et al., 2020, Rautela et al. 2020,  
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49 579 Figure 8) paves the way for new geochronologic efforts aimed at unraveling their igneous  
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51 580 crystallization ages. Since these rocks were in equilibrium with intermediate magmas, the presence  
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53 581 of zircon is not surprising. Rautela et al. (2020) show that the central Arizona arclogites have U-  
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55 582 Pb zircon ages coincident with the major pulses of magmatism in the California arc (Figure 8) and  
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57 583 therefore argue that these arclogites represent the southern California arc root that was translated  
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59 584 eastward toward the continental interior during the Laramide orogeny (Chapman et al., 2020).  
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61 585 Future studies of xenoliths or other rocks suspected to be arclogites will certainly use zircon U-Pb  
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4 586 as a main tool for dating their formation age. The only difficulties in this approach is that sample  
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## 10 590 **9. Thermobarometry: modern and decayed**

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17 593 orthopyroxene when present; Ellis and Green, 1979 calibration or more modern updates, e.g.  
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19 594 Nakamura, 2009), garnet-amphibole calibrations, Ti-in-zircon thermometry (Watson et al., 2006),  
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21 595 and garnet-clinopyroxene rare-earth element (REE) thermobarometry (Sun and Liang, 2015).  
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23 596 Barometry is performed on orthopyroxene-garnet pairs (using Harley and Green, 1982, Harley,  
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25 597 1984 or equivalent Al-in-orthopyroxene in equilibrium with garnet barometers) whenever  
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27 598 orthopyroxene (particularly when included in garnets) is present, even in small amounts.  
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29 599 Otherwise the garnet-clinopyroxene barometer (Mukhopadhyay, 1989) is used. Another method is  
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31 600 to calculate minimum pressures using garnet-pyroxene-plagioclase-quartz barometers (Perkins  
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33 601 and Newton, 1981; Newton and Perkins, 1982 or equivalent) (lack of quartz and feldspar providing  
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35 602 a minimum estimate). In more recent papers, some arclogite pressures and temperatures were  
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37 603 determined using the Gibbs free energy minimization software package THERIAK-DOMINO  
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39 604 (deCapitani & Petrakakis, 2010). A good example of this method is a recent study of arclogites  
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45 607 Despite the difficulty of estimating pressures on garnet-clinopyroxene rocks, it is fairly well  
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47 608 established that arclogites equilibrated between 1.5 GPa and 2.5 GPa at all known localities and  
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49 609 that they transition to granulitic assemblages at lower pressures. This is precisely the pressure  
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51 610 range over which garnet- and pyroxene-rich residues are predicted by experimental petrology to  
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53 611 be stable (e.g. Rapp and Watson, 1995). One published arclogite pressure determination (0.33 GPa  
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55 612 at 801 °C, Chin et al., 2015), based on the new garnet-clinopyroxene REE thermobarometer of Sun  
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57 613 and Liang (2015), is significantly lower than the 1.5-2.5 GPa range. We consider this value to be  
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59 614 spurious given that granulitic assemblages are predicted at those conditions and also because the  
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61 615 LREE distribution in clinopyroxene from this sample is significantly lower than that expected at  
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63 616 equilibrium (E. Chin, personal communication, 2020).

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None of the arclogites studied so far display mineral chemistry (and by inference barometric) evidence for major upward or downward vertical movement, with downward migration being relevant to foundering. Some form of foundering has been postulated by Bloch et al. (2017) for the Mercaderes arclogites, but this is more of a proposed hypothesis rather than a valid interpretation due to the fact that evidence for this process does not exist at the mineral grain scale in these arclogites. Garnet websterites and garnet peridotites from Sierra Nevada and Colombian locations, which originate at greater pressures (1.5 to >4 GPa) than arclogites, are not related to foundering and instead represent sub-continental lithospheric mantle assemblages (Mukhopadhyay and Manton, 1994, Ducea and Saleeby, 1996, Lee et al., 2001, Rodrigues Vargas et al., 2005) (Figure 9).

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All xenolithic arclogites display well constrained temperatures in the range of 700-950 °C (Figure 9). The only outliers are arclogites measured by Bloch et al. (2017), which are much hotter (1150 -1250 °C) than the 700-900 °C temperatures reported for similar assemblages by Weber et al. (2002). It is unclear why this discrepancy exists between the Bloch et al. study and all other temperature measurements of arclogitic assemblages. Garnet websterites and peridotites also record much higher temperatures with estimates similar to those for arclogites reported by Bloch et al. (2017). However, altogether, the temperatures recorded on arclogites in studies from California (Ducea and Saleeby, 1996; Lee et al., 2006; Chin et al., 2015), Arizona (Esperanca et al., 1988, Smith et al., 1994, Erdman et al., 2016, Rautela et al., 2020), the Kohistan arc (Dhuime et al., 2009), and in Beni Bousera (Gysi et al., 2011) are consistent with the relatively limited temperature range known to define the sub-arc lower crust (Depine et al., 2008), which is near-isothermal with a 800-900 °C temperature range.

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An intriguing aspect of arclogite thermobarometry is the apparent negative PT slope of the Sierra Nevada arclogitic xenoliths, which has been produced independently on at least two datasets using different samples (Mukhopadhyay, 1994, Ducea and Saleeby, 1996). Evidently, prior to convective removal, these rocks had cooled from near-magmatic temperatures to the much colder conditions of the late Cenozoic Sierra Nevada (Ducea and Saleeby, 1996, 1998a). A likely explanation for such cooling is the refrigeration of the Sierra Nevada from below (Dumitru, 1990)

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## 10 651 **10. Densities of the hot zones**

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15 654 It is well known that arclogites are denser than the underlying mantle (Ducea, 2002, Lee, 2014,  
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17 655 Lee and Anderson, 2015 and references therein) as garnet and other phases are all among the  
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19 656 densest rock-forming minerals in an igneous environment. Consequently they will be negatively  
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21 657 buoyant with respect to the underlying mantle and will likely founder, although the size of  
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23 658 founder fragments, the frequency of foundering events, and the consequences of foundering on  
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25 659 magmatism and surface evolution are debated (Kay and Kay, 1993, Ducea and Saleeby, 1998a,  
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27 660 Jull and Kelemen, 2001, Lee, 2014). These aspects are summarized in the companion paper (Ducea  
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29 661 et al., 2020). Here, we point out that while arcs are active, the negative buoyancy argument may  
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31 662 be offset by the presence of positively buoyant granitic partial melt in the deep crustal hot zones  
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37 665 Large areas of partial melt are known to exist beneath the frontal arc of the southern and central  
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41 667 Gonzales Vidal et al., 2018). While researchers originally focused on a mid-crustal (~20 km deep)  
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43 668 partial melt reservoir in the Altiplano-Puna (Chiemelowski et al., 1999) named the “Altiplano-  
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47 670 central Andean crust in areas where arc magmas are present at the surface. This is not surprising  
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49 671 and is predicted by most models of intermediate storage of arc magmas (Hildreth and Moorbaht,  
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55 674 If one assumes that the average melt stored in the lowermost crust in an arclogitic reservoir is  
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59 676 et al., 2015), one can calculate the density of the arclogite-intermediate magma system at depth.  
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63 678 version of Abers and Hacker (2016) to average the density of the system (Figure 10).  
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Figure 10 shows that for melt fractions of 0.22 (melt percentage of 22%) and higher (which are expected as discussed elsewhere in this review), the “hot zone” will not be negatively buoyant while magma is present even if all cumulates are arclogitic (Bowman and Ducea, 2020). As magma is extracted out of this reservoir (and evidence suggests that it takes place in peaks and lulls, Ducea and Barton, 2007), the density of the root increases significantly (up to 600 kg/m<sup>3</sup>); post-arc cooling of the root contributes additionally to an increase of density (150 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). However, for as long as the melt fraction remains at around 22% or more in an active arc, the root is not negatively buoyant, and this is an important constraint to keep in mind when one models specific dripping scenarios.

## 11. Crustal or mantle rocks?

Arguably, arclogites are petrologically crustal rocks; they represent the processed residues (cumulates or restites) of mafic melts extracted out of the mantle at subduction zones. They are, however, mantle-like rocks because they are ultramafic in composition and have densities and seismic velocities similar to the Earth’s upper mantle (Ducea, 2002, Lee, 2014). Since they are located in the deepest parts of the crust in active arc environments, the question is: are arclogites identified as crustal or sub-crustal rocks by geophysical techniques?

The continental crust to mantle transition, known as the Mohorovicic discontinuity or simply the Moho, is typically well-defined in areas that are either cratonic or have undergone extensional collapse at the end of orogenic cycles (Meissner, 1986). The Basin and Range in the Western US is one such example (Klemperer et al., 1986), where the Moho is fairly flat and typically found at 30 km below the surface. The Sierra Nevada batholith, which presumably has undergone foundering and has been affected by nearby extension, has a flat and well-defined Moho at 33 km (Fliedner and Ruppert, 1996; Wernicke et al., 1996). Beneath active convergent margins and especially those that contain magmatic arcs, it is much more difficult to resolve depth to Moho using seismic data. For example, the depth to Moho in the Puna plateau in South America ranges from 35 km to over 70 km within 1-degree grids over which teleseismic receiver function data was acquired (Yuan et al., 2002), although better resolutions have been more recently obtained

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4 710 (Assumpcao et al., 2013, Gonzales Vidal et al., 2018). Additionally, large discrepancies exist  
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8 712 the Andean frontal arc (Tassara et al., 2007). These discrepancies bring to light the question of  
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12 714 from crustal mafic to mantle ultramafic (peridotitic) lithologies as implied by most studies seeking  
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14 715 the location of the Moho, or whether the seismic and petrologic “Mohos” are actually rather  
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16 716 different in sub-arc environments (Herzberg et al., 1983, Griffin and O’Reilly, 1987). It is quite  
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18 717 plausible that the transition from granulite to arclogite facies in deep crustal hot zones is recorded  
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20 718 as the seismic Moho in these areas, which in reality may be over 20-30 km shallower than the  
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22 719 transition to true lithospheric mantle (Figure 1). The complexities that arise from the addition of  
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24 720 partial melt (discussed in Section 10) additionally influence the depth to Moho; a greater fraction  
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26 721 of melt within hot zones would drive both the density of the residue and the location of the Moho  
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28 722 towards greater depths. Consequently, it may be impossible to identify a single major refractor that  
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30 723 represents the Moho beneath thick arcs like the modern Andes, and in particular the central Andes  
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32 724 and parts of the northern Andes. At peak magmatism and before melt has been largely extracted  
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34 725 from hot zones, the seismic and petrologic Moho may coincide and are deep, whereas at the end  
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36 726 of magmatism but before any major foundering, the seismic Moho may be tens of km shallower  
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38 727 than the petrologic one (Figure 1). The post-foundering Moho may be a much sharper feature  
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## 41 730 **12. Continental evolution implications**

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46 733 arclogites, then their crust-mantle architecture is somewhat unusual in that a dense root of sizable  
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50 735 upper to middle crust (Figure 1). This picture emerges from many studies of arc sequences in the  
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52 736 geologic record (Ducea, 2002, Saleeby et al., 2003, Lee et al., 2006, Jagoutz and Schmidt, 2013).  
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56 738 chemical parameters in surface intermediate volcanics (Mamani et al., 2010) or the corresponding  
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58 739 batholith (Ducea et al., 2015) require that many arcs have a deep counterpart, with plagioclase  
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60 740 playing only a limited role in magmatic diversification. However, not all arcs display these  
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4 741 signatures: numerous arcs, including some that are locally exposed to deep crustal levels, are thin  
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6 742 enough such that they require only a granulitic residue, not an arclogitic one. For example, both  
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8 743 Famatinian (Otamendi et al., 2009) and Salinian (Chapman et al., 2014) arcs lack garnet signatures.  
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10 744 Similarly, there is no garnet-rich lower crust where the Sierra Valle Fertil (Otamendi et al., 2009,  
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12 745 2012, Walker et al., 2015) or Salinia (Ducea et al., 2003) are exposed to 30 km paleodepths.

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15 747 However, garnet and amphibole (Davidson et al., 2007, Profeta et al., 2015, Ducea et al., 2015)  
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17 748 signatures resembling arclogitic residues seem to be dominant in global databases. Simply put, if  
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19 749 only Sr/Y and the REEs are taken into consideration, the average of most young Cordilleran  
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21 750 batholiths are intermediate rocks straddling the border between adakitic and non-adakitic  
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23 751 compositions (Ducea et al., 2015). In contrast to the original hypothesis for the origin of adakites,  
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27 753 of magma generation (Ducea and Barton, 2007). Therefore, these garnet and amphibole markers  
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29 754 and the lack of a plagioclase signature must have been acquired in a deep crustal, arclogitic-like  
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34 757 Balica et al. (2020) used zircon petrochronology on Hadean to Phanerozoic detrital zircons in an  
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36 758 effort to calculate the trace elemental chemistry and in particular the REE chemistry of granitoids  
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38 759 in equilibrium with those zircons. This global approach showed two remarkably consistent trends  
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40 760 over time. First, most of the zircon archive is made of igneous zircons (low U/Th zircons) that  
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42 761 crystallized in the Ti-in-zircon temperature window most consistent with granitic melts (650-858  
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44 762 °C). Second, granitoids of all ages require a garnet-pyroxene-amphibole residue based on the  
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46 763 La/Yb and Sm/Yb ratios calculated for whole rocks in equilibrium with these zircons over time  
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48 764 (Figure 112). This does not require that the processes taking place at modern convergent margins  
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50 765 have operated since the Hadean; granitoids and by inference the continental crust could have been  
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52 766 extracted out of thick oceanic-like plateaus or other tectonic environments (Dhuime et al., 2015).  
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54 767 However, the global zircon dataset does imply that conditions for arclogite generation must have  
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56 768 existed since the time in Earth's history when felsic magmas began being generated.

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59 770 Yet a still common perception is that only continental (also known as Andean or Cordilleran) arcs  
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61 771 can be complemented by arclogites. This raises the following question: if Andean/Cordilleran arcs

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6 773 continental crust, and how did it all start? The resolution is two-fold: first, the widely held opinion  
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10 775 and has been repeatedly proven false as some modern island arcs are intermediate in bulk  
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12 776 chemistry (e.g. Gill, 1981, Jagoutz and Kelemen, 2015). Different arcs built onto oceanic or  
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14 777 continental crust can in reality have surprisingly variable average silica contents – some  
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16 778 continental arcs are more mafic on average than other oceanic ones (Ducea et al., 2015). Secondly,  
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20 780 more than 40 km (Jagoutz and Schmidt, 2012, Davidson and Arculus, 2006). Environments that  
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22 781 are more easily studied on land (the western North American batholiths or the central Andes  
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24 782 volcanic arcs) do exist in an intra-oceanic realm as well.  
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27 784 Overall, the arclogite model proposes that these rocks complement large intermediate magmatic  
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29 785 arcs at depth. Arclogite formation drives silica up in the corresponding melt due to the  
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31 786 crystallization of the low silica minerals that characterize these assemblages. Melt extraction from  
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33 787 lower crustal melt-solid zones allows these arclogites to reach a critical density such that they  
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35 788 founder into the mantle and leave behind a continental crust that is intermediate in composition  
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37 789 (Ducea, 2002, Lee, 2014, Lee and Anderson 2015).  
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### 39 791 **13. Implications moving forward**

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43 793 The big picture implications and questions for the arclogite model are:  
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46 795 (1) With clinopyroxene, garnet, amphibole, and Fe-Ti oxides within the residue, intermediate rocks  
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48 796 formed at magmatic arcs have a much easier path to high silica contents than magmatic systems  
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50 797 that start out with bulk basaltic chemistries and form granulitic residues. Garnet, amphibole, and  
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52 798 all oxides have lower silica (or no silica in the case of oxides) than a basalt. Plagioclase, in contrast,  
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54 799 has a silica content that is similar to or higher than a basaltic bulk composition, while  
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802 (2) After significant melt extraction, the extreme density of these materials make the roots of arcs  
803 prone to detachment, removal (foundering), and integration into the convective mantle. These  
804 rocks are significantly denser than typical oceanic eclogite in subduction systems because they are  
805 richer in garnet, are more Fe-rich, and contain other dense phases, like magnetite and ilmenite, that  
806 contribute significantly to the negative buoyancy;

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808 (3) After removal via some form of foundering into the mantle, these assemblages are prone to  
809 remelting (Elkins Tanton 2007, Ducea et al., 2013, Tang et al., 2019). It is critical to understand  
810 the products of this process, as these types of garnet pyroxenites are already massively depleted of  
811 a felsic component. Arclogitic garnet pyroxenites thus significantly differ from generic basaltic  
812 garnet pyroxenites (Hirschmann and Stolper, 1996, Peterman and Hirschmann, 2003), which are  
813 capable of producing intermediate melts or at least a sizable fraction of mafic melt compared to  
814 peridotite.

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816 (4) If these assemblages undergo long term storage in the mantle, what is the isotopic signature of  
817 a long-term archived arclogite if its signature were to reappear in an oceanic island basalt (Tatsumi,  
818 2000, Tatsumi, 2005)? Where in the mantle geodynamics isotopic space (Zindler and Hart, 1986)  
819 can one identify ancient recycled arclogites?

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821 These issues and questions are dealt with in a companion paper (Ducea et al., 2020).

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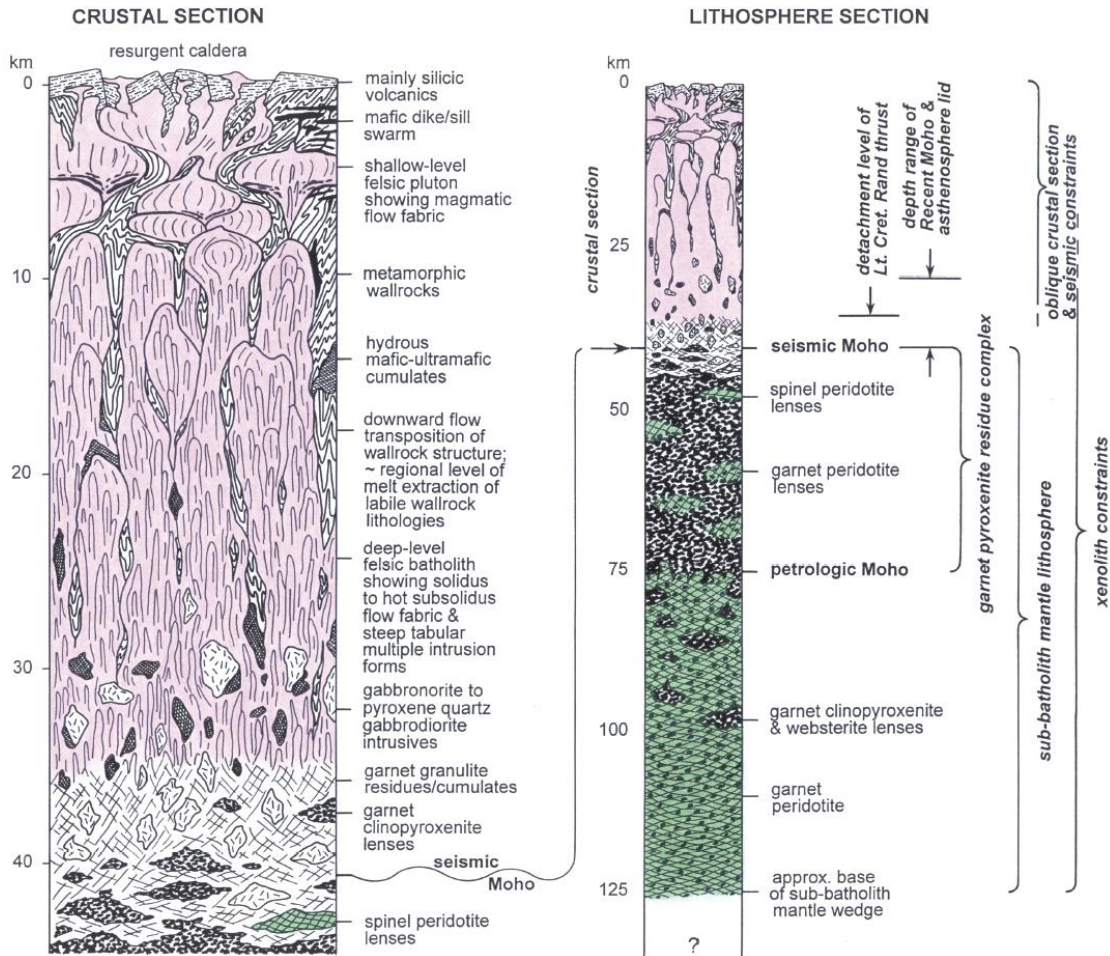
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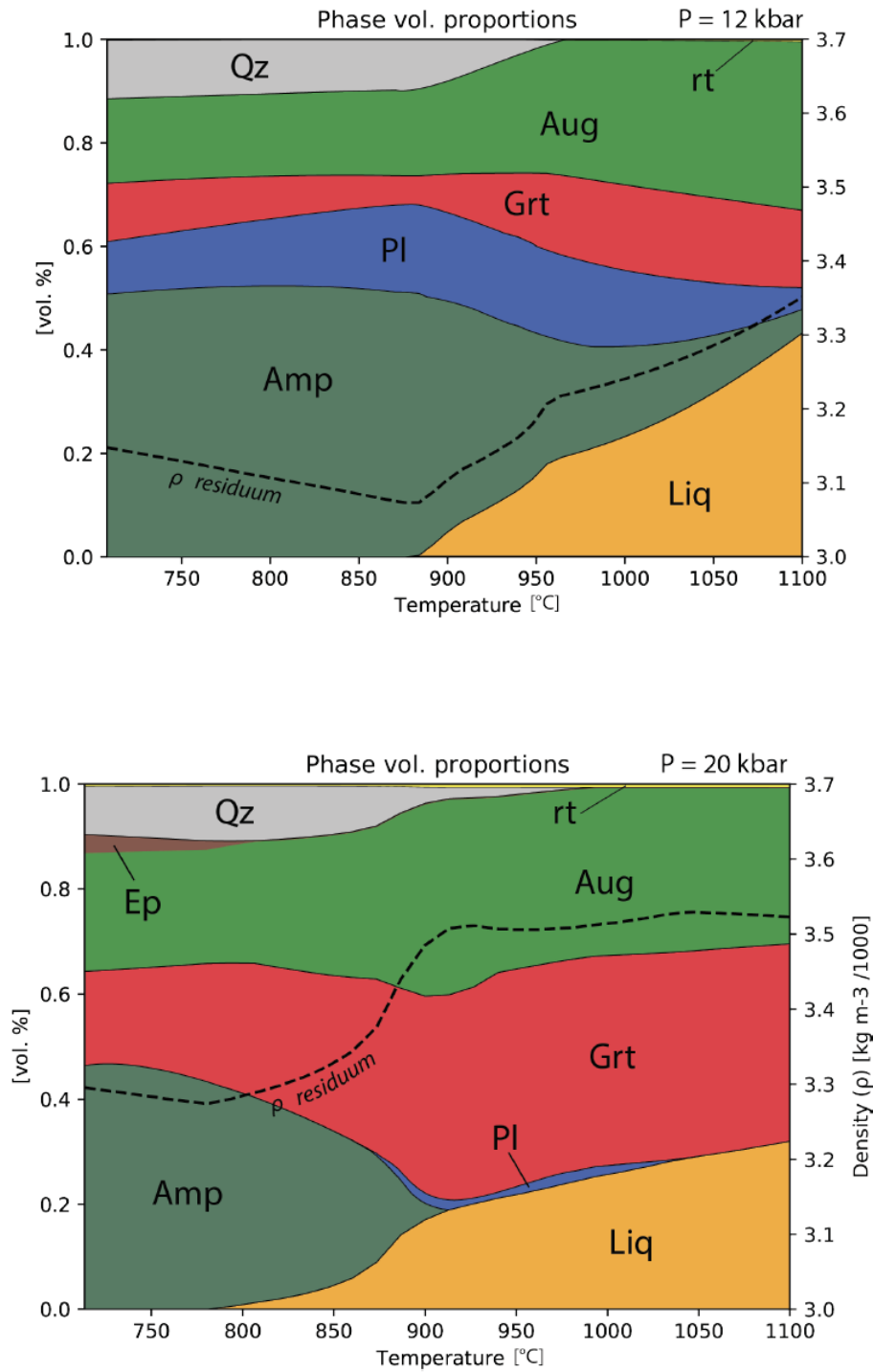


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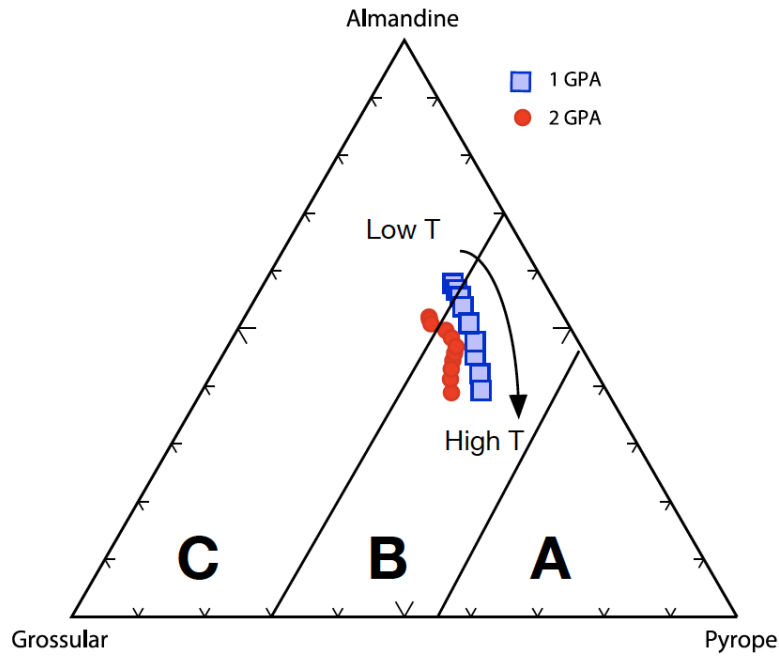
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44 1405 **Figure 1.** Schematic vertical composition of the lithosphere beneath a Cordilleran arc (modified  
45 after Saleeby et al., 2003), as revealed by the Sierra Nevada exposures (0-30 km paleodepths) and  
46 1406 various post batholithic xenolith localities described in text. The lithosphere is about 125 km thick  
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48 1408 abundance of ultramafic residues. Rocks referred to as “garnet clinopyroxenites” in this figure by  
49 1409 Saleeby et al. (2003) and most other researchers at the time, are now renamed arclogites.  
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**Figure 2.** Experimental prediction of garnet, plagioclase, amphibole and other phases on the liquidus of an intermediate melt and below the solidus for an average arc basalt starting

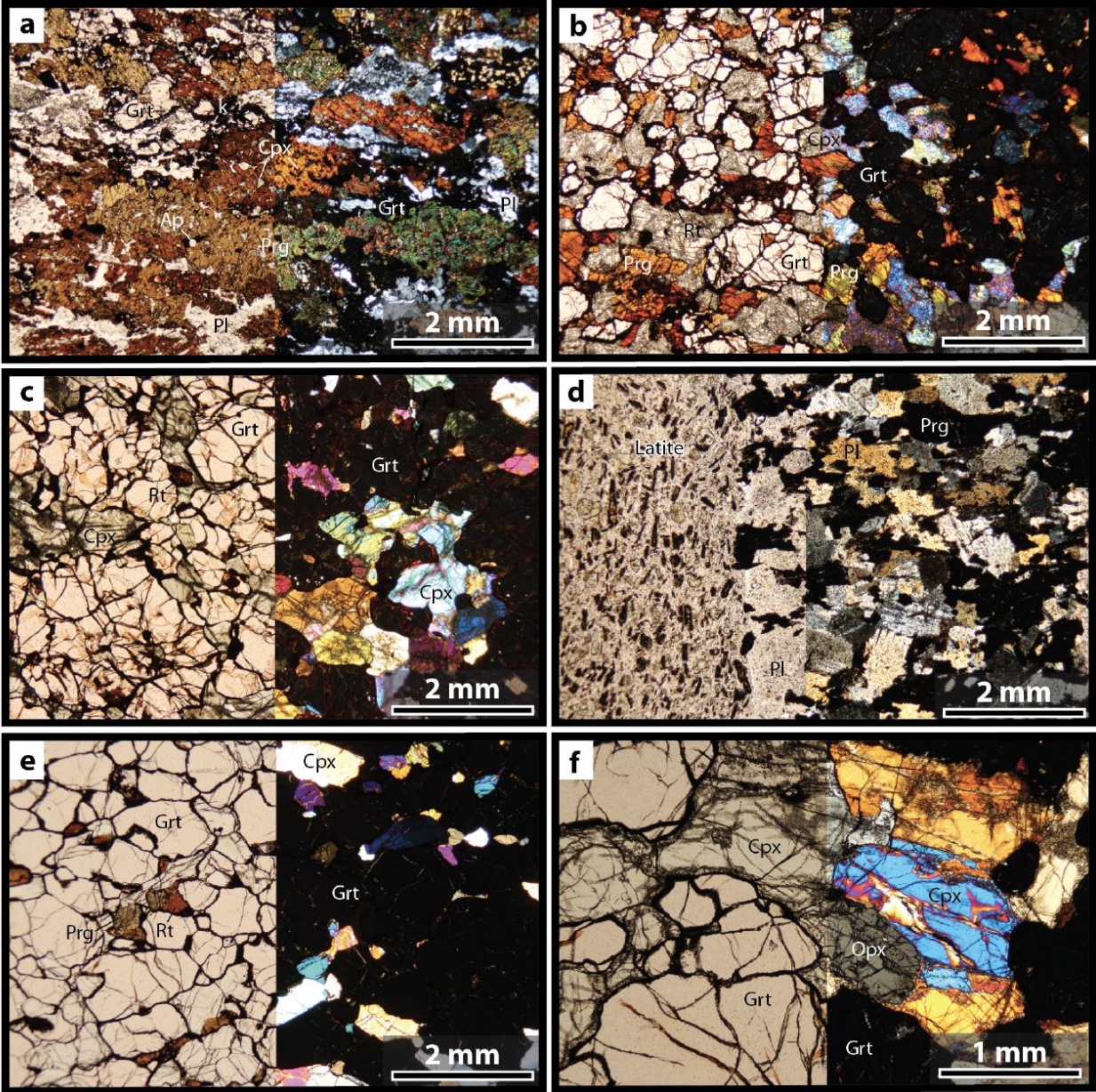
composition (with 4% water). Phases are shown at 1.2 GPa (panel above) and 2 GPa (panel below). Density of the residual phases are shown on the right in  $g/cm^3$ . Calculated using deCapitani & Petrakakis (2010). Abbreviations: Qz-quartz, Amp-amphibole, Pl- Plagioclase, Ep-Epidote, Rt-rutile, Grt-garnet, Aug-Augite, Liq-liquid.



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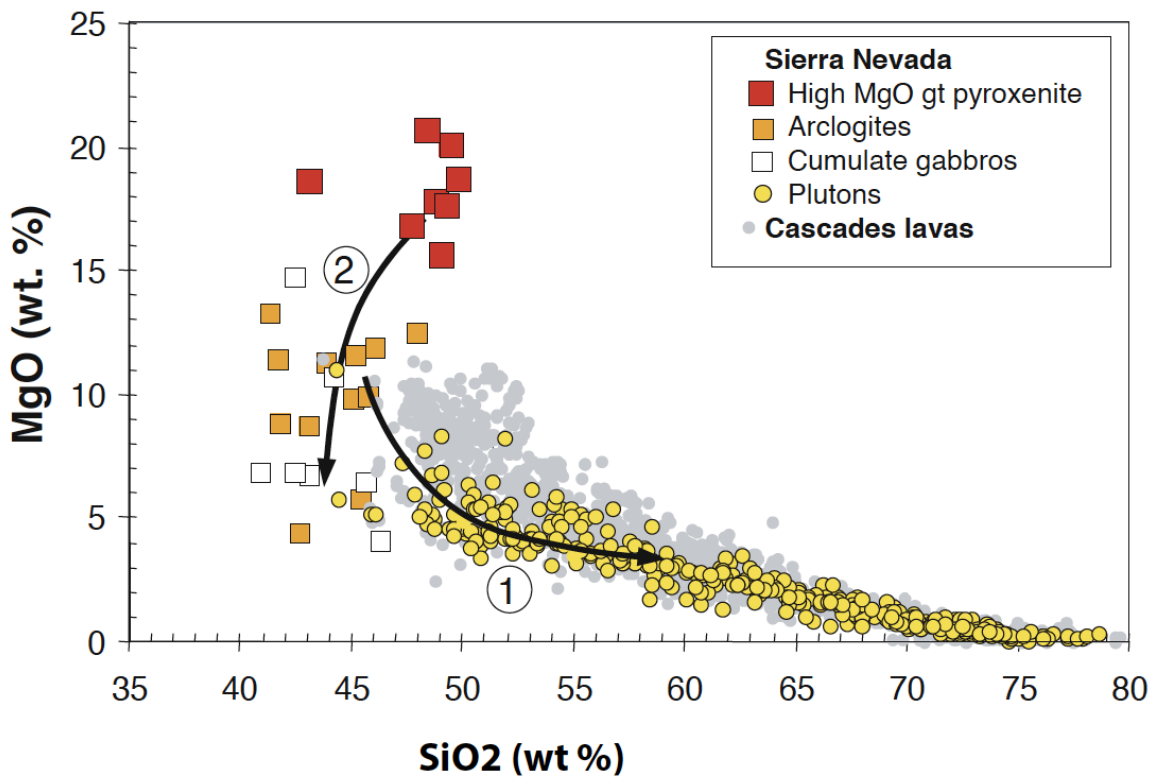
**Figure 3.** Predicted garnet compositions for the fractionation of an intermediate magma at 1 and 2 GPa, using pMELTS (Ghiorso and Sack, 1995). Starting material is an average arc basalt (Schmidt and Jagoutz, 2017). The ternary classification diagram for garnets is from Coleman et al. (1965).



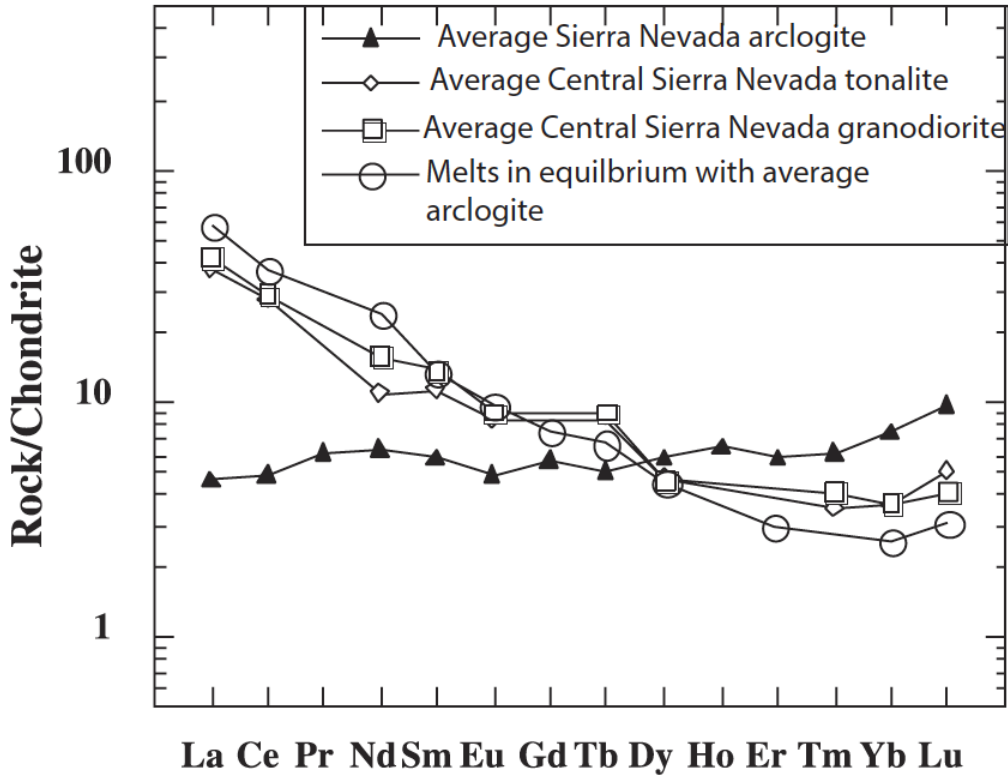


**Figure 4.** Photomicrographs of petrologic features in Central Arizona localities: arclogites and related xenoliths (from Chapman et al., 2019). All panels show plane-polarized light on the left and cross-polarized light on the right, respectively. (A) Camp Creek garnet clinopyroxenite (group 1) with relict clinopyroxene in cores of amphibole, which has replaced most of the primary clinopyroxene. Note plagioclase-rich injected melt pockets, kelyphitized garnet rim domains, and moderately strong foliation defined by elongate amphibole running from left to right of frame. (B) Camp Creek arclogite with a higher proportion of primary clinopyroxene to secondary amphibole than sample shown in A. (C) Equigranular Camp Creek fresh arclogite.

(D) Chino Valley amphibolitized felsic granulite gneiss. Note biotite-clinopyroxene latite showing flow foliation from top to bottom of photo. (E) Chino Valley fresh arclogite with minor secondary pargasitic amphibole replacing clinopyroxene (group 2). (F) Chino Valley fresh garnet-websterite. Sample yields Late Jurassic garnet-whole rock isochron age. Mineral abbreviations: Ap—apatite; Krs—kaersutitic amphibole; Cpx—clinopyroxene; Grt—garnet; Ilm—ilmenite; K—kelyphite; Opx—orthopyroxene; Prg—pargasitic amphibole; Pl—plagioclase; Rt—rutile.

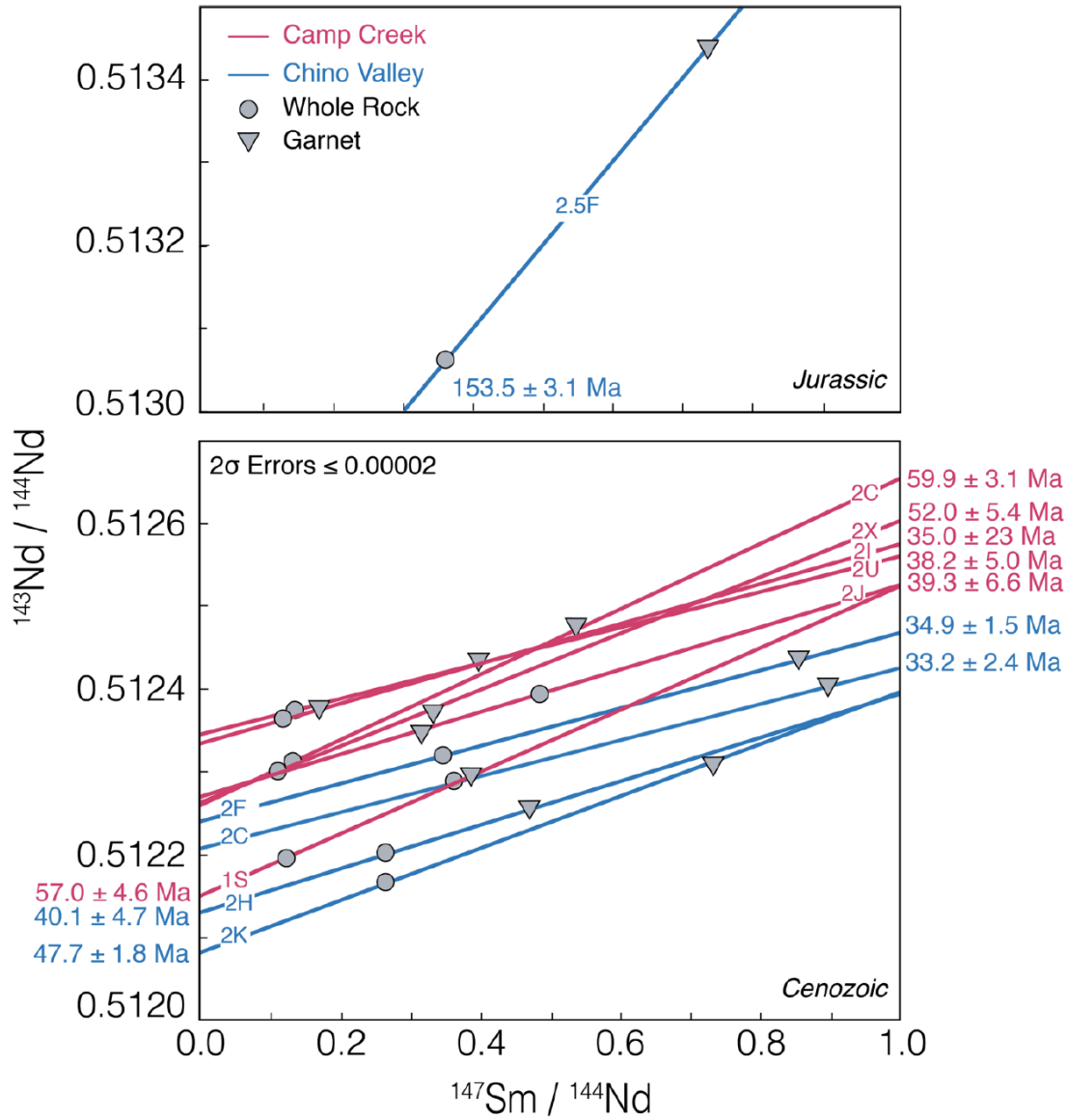


**Figure 5.** Harker diagram showing compositional trends of two major arcs (plutons from the Sierra Nevada and volcanic rocks from the modern Cascades) (trend 1) and the opposite trend (2) typical for cumulate and restites of the Sierra Nevada (modified from Lee et al., 2006). This trend is identical to those seen in other studies (see Ducea, 2002 for example). High Mg garnet pyroxenites here are high pressure (mantle-derived) garnet westeritic assemblages (see text for details).

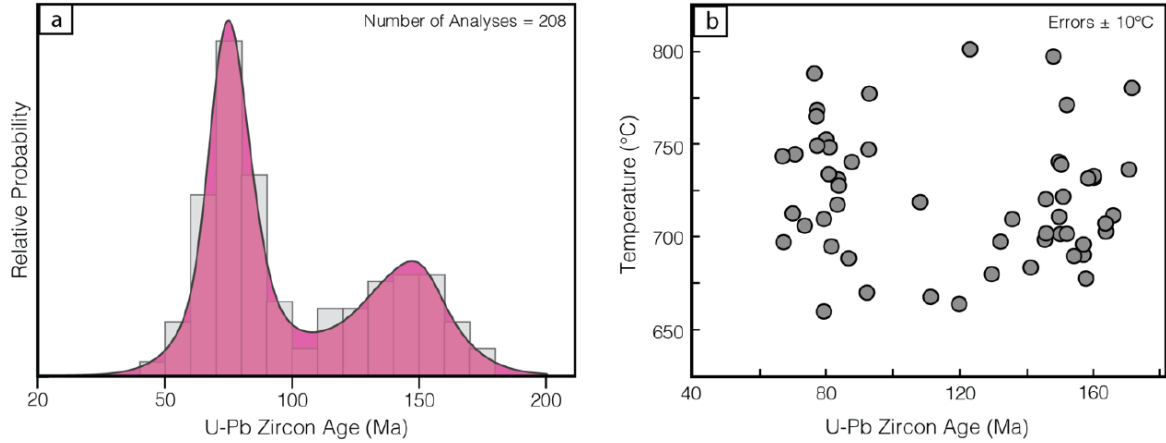


**Figure 6.** Rare earth elemental chemistry of average Sierra Nevada arclogite (Ducea, 2002), calculated melts in equilibrium with that residue (using partition coefficients listed in Ducea, 2002), as well as average composition of the main lithologic types in the central Sierra Nevada batholith, tonalites and granodiorites (numerous sources compiled in NAVDAT.org).



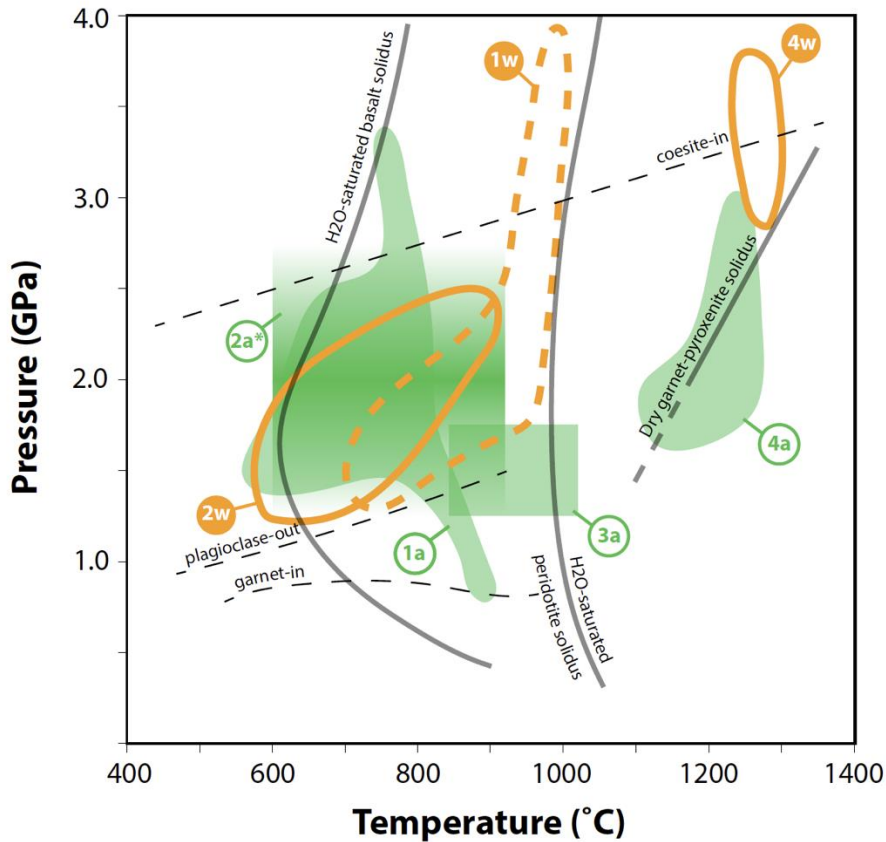


**Figure 7.** Sm-Nd garnet-whole rock geochronology for the central Arizona arclogites. One Chino Valley sample 16CV2.5F records a Jurassic age. Remaining samples yield Late Cretaceous – Early Cenozoic ages, suggesting partial re-equilibration of the samples with host latite (Chapman et al. 2019, Rautela et al, 2020)

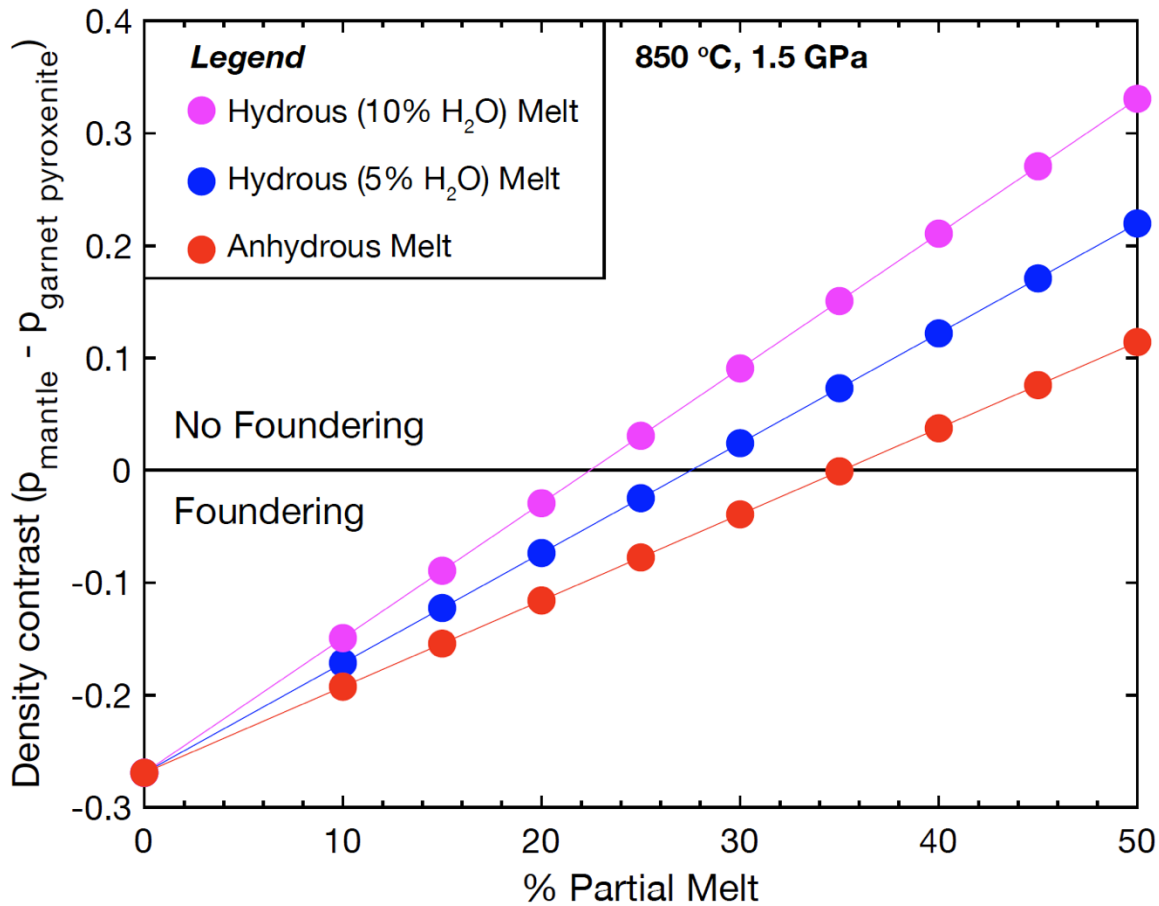


**Figure 8.** Zircon U-Pb age distribution and Ti-in-zircon thermometry trend over time for the central Arizona arclogites (from Chapman et al., 2019, 2020 and Rautela et al., 2020). (a) A probability density diagram of U-Pb zircon ages of the samples (data from Chapman et al., 2020). Note two age peaks at ca. 150 Ma and ca. 70 Ma. (b) Ti-in-zircon thermometry (Watson et al., 2006) showing elevated temperatures (>650 C) from Jurassic through Cenozoic time.

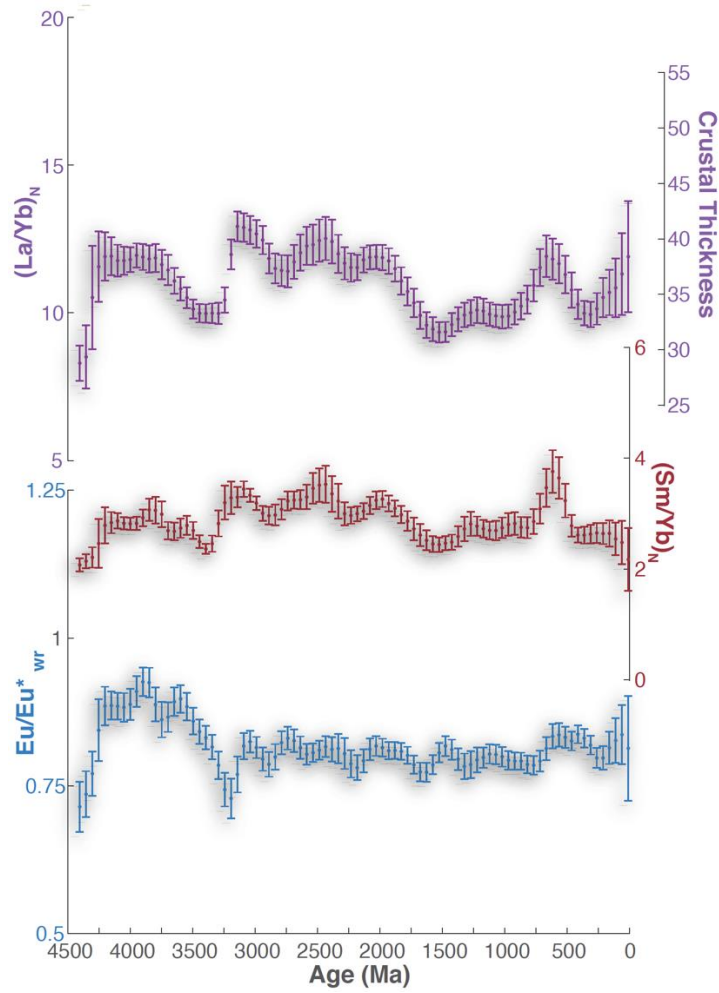




**Figure 9.** Summary of pressure-temperature constraints available from arclogite (labeled “a” in green filled fields) plus garnet websterite and garnet peridotite (combined and labeled “w” in fields with orange outlines) xenoliths. Fields 1-4 contain data from central Sierra Nevada (California; Mukhopadhyay and Manton, 1994; Ducea and Saleeby, 1996; Lee et al., 2000, 2001, 2006; Chin et al., 2015), central Arizona (Esperanca et al., 1988; Smith et al., 1994; Erdman et al., 2016; Rautela et al., 2020), Beni Bousera (Morocco; Gysi et al., 2011), and Mercaderes (Colombia; Bloch et al., 2017) localities, respectively. Plagioclase-out and garnet-in isograds from Wolf and Wyllie (1993, 1994), Hydrous basalt and peridotite solidi from Rapp and Watson (1995) and Vielzeuf and Schmidt (2001), dry garnet clinopyroxenite solidus and low P-T projection (dashed) from Petermann and Hirschmann (2003). \*Temperatures calculated at 2.0 GPa (garnet-orthopyroxene thermobarometry on websterite xenoliths from Chino Valley). A minimum pressure constraint of 0.9 GPa on central Arizona garnet clinopyroxenite is provided by garnet-plagioclase-orthopyroxene-quartz barometry on granulite xenoliths from Camp Creek.



**Figure 10.** Diagram showing the density contrast between typical upper mantle peridotite and arclogite at 850 °C and 1.5 GPa, with various fractions of intermediate partial melt for anhydrous melt, 5% H<sub>2</sub>O and 10% H<sub>2</sub>O. If density contrast is positive (root denser than melt), foundering is possible, otherwise not. Diagram shows that if percentage of partial melt is >22-35% , arclogitic roots are not gravitationally unstable. Average arclogitic compositions from Ducea (2002) Lee et al. (2006) was used here. Density calculated with a modified version of Hacker and Abers (2016).



**Figure 11.** Global calculated whole rock  $La/Yb_n$ ,  $Sm/Yb_n$  and  $Eu/Eu^*$  from zircon petrochronology (Balica et al., 2020). Crustal thickness over time is also shown on the right (as determined by Profeta et al., 2015 based on  $La/Yb$ ). 98% all analyzed zircons are from granitoid magmas (Balica et al., 2020). Diagram shows that to a first order, granitoids were fractionated out of magmatic systems at 35-45 km over time, similar to conditions required to make arclogitic roots. Mechanisms for fractionating or remelting basalts under lower crustal conditions may however have been different in the geologic past compared to modern arc settings (Balica et al., 2020).