

Mantle source and melting processes beneath Iceland's Flank and Rift Zones: Forward Modelling of Heterogeneous Mantle Melting

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17 **Key Points:**

- 18• SFZ and Surtsey melts are a homogenized mixture of enriched pyroxenite-derived melts and
19 low-degree lherzolite-derived melts
- 20• Deep homogenized melts mix with shallower lherzolite-derived melts to produce melt
21 compositions of Icelandic neovolcanic zones
- 22• A pyroxenite lithology is required for melt generation in Iceland's neovolcanic zones, with the
23 lowest contribution observed in the NVZ

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44 **1 Introduction**

45 Iceland is an ideal natural laboratory for studying both active volcanic processes and large-scale
46 tectonic processes. Its location over both the Mid-Atlantic Ridge and a deep-seated mantle plume
47 means that Icelandic magmas sample both shallow and deep mantle domains (Einarsson, 2008).
48 The proposed plume centre lies west of the Vatnajökull ice cap (Lawver and Muller, 1994;
49 Wolfe et al., 1997; Bjarnarson, 2008), where high $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ ratios up to 25.9 R_A have been
50 measured in subaerial glasses and geothermal fluids (Harðardóttir et al., 2018). Crustal thickness
51 is greatest in central Iceland at ~40 km, reducing to ~20 km in the active rift zones (Darbyshire et
52 al., 1998; Darbyshire et al., 2000a; Darbyshire et al., 2000b, Jenkins et al., 2018).

53 Iceland's on-axis neovolcanic zones, the Western Volcanic Zone (WVZ), Eastern Volcanic Zone
54 (EVZ) and Northern Volcanic Zone (NVZ) (Figure 1), lie along the sub-aerial manifestation of
55 the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. They typically erupt tholeiitic basalts through a series of *en echelon*
56 fissures that dissect volcanic centres (Hémond et al., 1993). The Snæfellsnes and Snæfell-
57 Örafajökull flank zones are located away from the zones of active rifting and are associated with
58 lower $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ ratios (<10 R_A) than central Iceland (Harðardóttir et al., 2018). The South Iceland
59 Volcanic Zone (SIVZ) is a continuation of the EVZ and has slightly higher $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ ratios than
60 the other flanks (Harðardóttir et al., 2018). The flank zones typically erupt small volumes of
61 transitional to alkali basalts (Hémond et al., 1993; Peate et al., 2010).

62 The Icelandic mantle has been proposed to contain both enriched and depleted components that
63 are different from depleted mid-ocean ridge basalt (MORB) mantle (DMM) (Meyer et al., 1985;
64 Hémond et al, 1993, Kerr et al, 1995; Fitton et al., 1997, Chauvel and Hémond, 2000; Fitton et
65 al, 2003; Thirlwall et al., 2004). The isotopic compositions of these enriched and depleted
66 components vary from the north to the south of Iceland, suggesting that there are multiple
67 enriched and depleted components intrinsic to the Icelandic mantle (Thirlwall et al, 2004;
68 Kokfelt, 2006; Shorttle et al., 2013). The presence of a depleted component in the Icelandic
69 plume distinct from DMM has been contested by Hanan et al. (2000) who suggested that
70 Icelandic melt compositions can be generated by mixing of two enriched components and typical
71 DMM. Despite the lack of consensus on the nature of the depleted component(s) of the Iceland
72 mantle, there is agreement that one of the isotopically and incompatible trace element-enriched
73 components is recycled oceanic lithosphere (Hanan et al., 2000; Chauvel and Hémond, 2000,

74 Fitton et al., 2003; McKenzie et al., 2004; Thirlwall et al., 2004; Kokfelt et al., 2006; Shorttle
75 and MacLennan, 2011; Shorttle et al., 2014, Halldórsson et al., 2016a; Halldórsson et al. 2016b;
76 Matthews et al., 2016; Brown and Lesher, 2016; Brown et al., 2020; Rasmussen et al., 2020;
77 Harðardóttir et al., 2022).

78 In addition to isotopic heterogeneity, several authors have investigated the lithological
79 heterogeneity of the Icelandic mantle (Shorttle and MacLennan, 2011; Shorttle et al., 2014;
80 Matthews et al., 2016; Brown et al., 2020). Shorttle et al. (2014) and Matthews et al. (2016)
81 explored a tri-lithological mantle containing lherzolite, refractory harzburgite and pyroxenite as a
82 source for neovolcanic zone magmas. They used measured melt compositions and temperatures
83 to estimate the fraction of melt derived from a pyroxenite source (F_{px}) and required their
84 modelled mantle lithology abundances to match this F_{px} value. They proposed that the Icelandic
85 mantle is comprised of 9-13 % pyroxenite, ≥ 30 % refractory harzburgite and the remainder
86 depleted lherzolite. Brown et al. (2020) applied an inversion model that requires the abundances
87 and compositions of mantle lithologies to provide a direct match to measured trace element
88 concentrations in erupted basalts. They argue that the trace element compositions of Icelandic
89 melts can be generated without the presence of harzburgite, and indeed the Shorttle et al. (2014)
90 and Matthews et al. (2016) models consider harzburgite to be a non-melting lithology. However,
91 Shorttle et al. (2020) showed that a harzburgite-free mantle would require a potential temperature
92 in excess of any reasonable geochemical estimates (e.g., Matthews et al., 2016, Spice et al.,
93 2016) to produce the observed 20 km crustal thickness of the neovolcanic zones. While these
94 studies estimated the abundance of different lithologies in the bulk Icelandic mantle, the
95 influence of lithological heterogeneity on melt compositions across Iceland is mostly limited to
96 the lengthscale of the neovolcanic zones and has not considered the flank zones (e.g. Shorttle et
97 al., 2014). Rasmussen et al. (2020) used olivine trace element geochemistry to suggest that there
98 is no evidence of a distinct olivine-free pyroxenite lithology in the mantle beneath the
99 Snæfellsnes Flank Zone but did find evidence of a large olivine-bearing pyroxenitic contribution
100 in the SIVZ. Harðardóttir et al. (2022) show that isotopic heterogeneity in Icelandic volcanic
101 rocks relies on lithospheric thickness, with the flank zones preferentially sampling low-degree
102 melts from geochemically enriched “blobs” of recycled origin.

103 The heterogeneous nature of the Icelandic mantle has given rise to striking heterogeneity in the
104 chemical composition of erupted basalts in Iceland. Geochemical variability across a range of

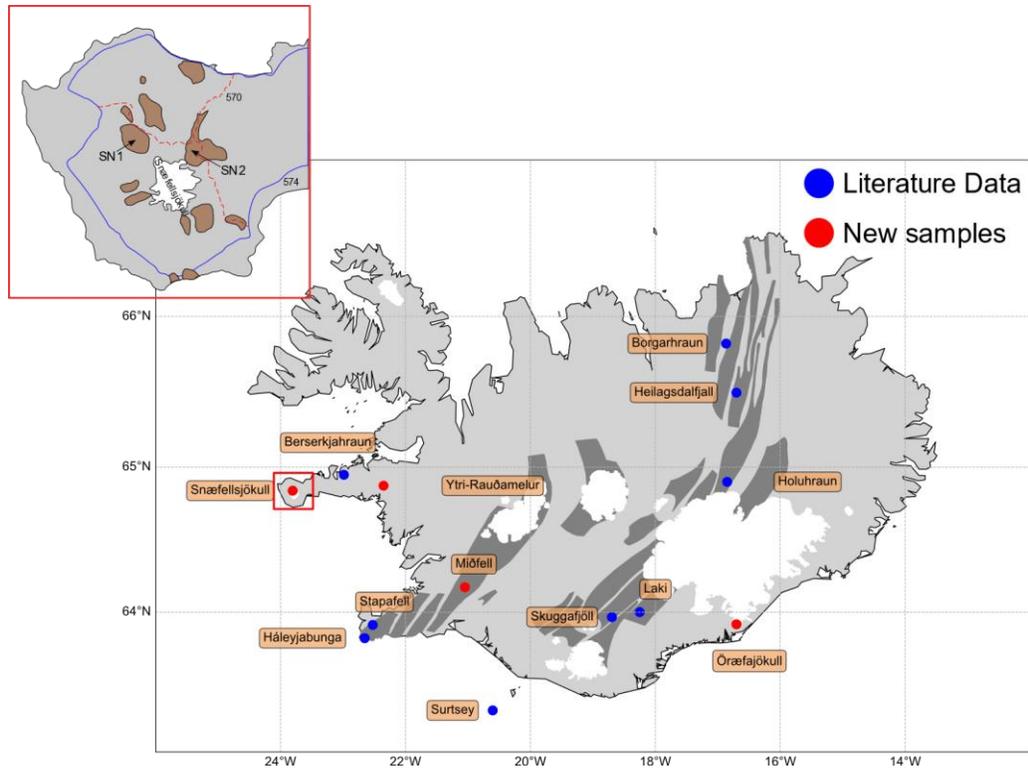
105 scales can be produced by channelized flow in the mantle, where melts are transported rapidly to
106 the surface and compositions produced at depth are preserved (Spiegelman and Keleman, 2003;
107 Weatherley and Katz, 2012; Rudge et al., 2013). Most evidence for channelization in the mantle
108 comes from observations from ophiolites and numerical studies (Kelemen et al., 1995; Kelemen
109 and Dick, 1995; Suhr et al., 1999; Kelemen et al., 2000; Spiegelman et al., 2001; Spiegelman et
110 al., 2003; Liang et al., 2010; Liang et al., 2011; Weatherley and Katz, 2012). The aims of our
111 study are to better understand how the different lithologies' contributions to erupted melts vary
112 across Iceland, how melting processes and transport affect erupted melt compositions and how
113 this information on melting and mixing processes are recorded in the melt inclusion record.

114 To explore how different mantle lithologies contribute to melt compositions across Iceland we
115 have applied melt modelling to reproduce the trace element compositions measured in olivine-
116 and plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions from individual eruptions located in Iceland's active
117 neovolcanic zones and flank zones. We used REEBOX Pro (Brown and Leshner, 2014; Brown et
118 al. 2020) to model the melting of a lithologically heterogeneous mantle. Outputs from REEBOX
119 Pro were then used to assess if observed melt inclusions could be matched by aggregate melt
120 composition and if channelized transport occurs following homogenization or if input from
121 shallower melts is required to produce the observed compositions input to melt mixing models to
122 quantify the relative contributions of different mantle sources to melt production in thirteen
123 localities for which melt inclusion data are available. Our results suggest that channelization in
124 the mantle and rapid transport of a deep homogenized melt fits melt compositions in the majority
125 of Iceland's flank zones, though there is some variation in the threshold for onset of this
126 channelization. In the rift zones aggregate deep melts cannot match the observed compositions
127 and further mixing with shallower melts is required.

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131 **2 Materials and Methods**132 **2.1 Sampling, sample preparation and compilation of melt inclusion literature data**

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134 **Figure 1:** Map of Iceland showing the locations of samples collected as part of this study
 135 (Snæfellsjökull, Ytri-Rauðamelur, Örafajökull, and Miðfell) and of compiled literature melt
 136 inclusion data. Volcanic systems are highlighted in dark grey and mark the extent of the
 137 neovolcanic zones. SFZ – Snæfellsnes Flank Zone, SÖFZ – Snæfell-Örafajökull Flank Zone,
 138 SIVZ – South Iceland Volcanic Zone, NVZ – Northern Volcanic Zone, EVZ – Eastern Volcanic
 139 Zone, WVZ – Western Volcanic Zone. The red box shows a detailed map of Snæfellsjökull and
 140 sample locations. Subglacial eruptions are shown in brown, glacier in white. Roads are
 141 represented by blue and red lines. Samples collected are referred to as SN1 and SN2.

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143 Our samples comprise glassy rinds of subglacial pillow lavas and glassy hyaloclastite fragments.
 144 We sampled three localities that allow us to investigate lithological variations along a transect
 145 across the Icelandic mantle (Figure 1): (1) The Snæfellsnes Flank Zone, far from the plume

146 centre and active rifting; (2) Miðfell, in the active Western Volcanic Zone; and (3) Öräfajökull,
147 a flank zone closer to the active rifts and close to the plume centre.

148 Snæfellsjökull is a volcanic centre located at the western tip of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. The
149 thick lithospheric lid (Table 1) above the Snæfellsnes Flank Zone results in less adiabatic
150 decompression melting than beneath the neovolcanic rift zones, and thus small volumes of
151 relatively enriched melts are generated (Peate et al., 2010). We collected samples of glassy
152 pillow rims from two subglacial basalt eruptive units around the Snæfellsjökull volcanic centre
153 (Figure 2), henceforth referred to as SN1 and SN2, and one sample of olivine-phyric basaltic
154 scoria from Ytri-Rauðamelur, located further inland on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula.

155 Miðfell is located in the Western Volcanic Zone (WVZ) within the Hengill volcanic system
156 (Figure 1). It comprises Late Glacial glassy olivine- plagioclase-, clinopyroxene- and gabbroic
157 nodule-phyric pillow lavas and hyaloclastites (Guernko and Chaussidon, 1995; Gurenko and
158 Sobolev, 2006). Previous studies of olivine-hosted melt inclusions from Miðfell have revealed
159 both enriched and depleted incompatible trace element (ITE) signatures relative to primitive
160 mantle (Guernko and Chaussidon, 1995; Gurenko and Sobolev, 2006; Miller et al, 2019), making
161 Miðfell an ideal location for investigating mantle heterogeneity on the lengthscale of an
162 individual eruption. Basaltic glass sample DICE10 from Miðfell has higher $^{20}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$ and lower
163 $^{129}\text{Xe}/^{130}\text{Xe}$ than MORB mantle, suggesting that this eruption sampled a near-primordial mantle
164 component that has remained largely unmodified and undegassed since ~ 4.45 Ga (Harrison et al.,
165 1999; Mukhopadhyay, 2012).

166 Öräfajökull, located beneath the southern tip of the Vatnajökull glacier, forms the southern end
167 of the Snæfell-Öräfajökull Flank Zone, approximately 50 km from active rifting (Roberts and
168 Gudmundsson, 2015). Öräfajökull has erupted subglacial basaltic pillow lavas and
169 hyaloclastites, as well as rhyolitic lavas and pyroclastic deposits. Low $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ and high
170 $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios compared to the rift zones suggest the presence of an EM-type
171 mantle beneath Öräfajökull (Prestvik et al., 2001, Kokfelt et al., 2006, Manning and Thirlwall,
172 2014). Notably low $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ ratios suggest that there is limited role of undegassed components of

173 the mantle plume in Öräfajökull (Harðardóttir et al., 2018) We sampled olivine- and plagioclase-
174 phytic glassy hyaloclastite from the western side of Öräfajökull (Figure 1).

175 Samples were hand-crushed and olivine and/or plagioclase macrocrysts containing glassy melt
176 inclusions were hand-picked under a binocular microscope. The macrocrysts were typically
177 around 3-7 mm in their longest dimension and were all fresh bar some minor surface alteration of
178 olivines from Öräfajökull. The melt inclusions were glassy with no daughter crystals and ranged
179 from 50 to 300 μm in length. A small number of inclusions contained vapour bubbles. The
180 olivines host individual isolated inclusions, whereas the plagioclases contain groups of melt
181 inclusions. Individual crystals were polished to expose melt inclusions at the surface, then
182 mounted in epoxy and polished to a flat surface for analysis.

183 We have supplemented our samples with literature melt inclusion data from across Iceland
184 (Figure 1). This provides us greater spatial coverage with which to investigate the relative
185 contributions of mantle domains to melt generation across Iceland. The additional locations are
186 Stapafell (Matthews et al., 2021), Håleyjabunga (Matthews et al., 2021), Skuggafjöll (Neave et
187 al., 2014), Laki (Neave et al., 2013), Holuhraun (Hartley et al., 2018), Heilagsdalsfjall (Matthews
188 et al., 2021) and Borgarhraun (Hauri et al., 2018) in the neovolcanic zones, and Surtsey
189 (Schipper et al., 2016) and Berserkjahraun (Matthews et al., 2021) in the flank zones. We also
190 used Miðfell olivine-hosted melt inclusion compositions (Miller et al. (2019)) to supplement our
191 own data from that eruption.

192 2.2 Electron Probe Microanalysis (EPMA)

193 *Snæfellsjökull, Öräfajökull and Miðfell:* The major element compositions of melt inclusions,
194 their host crystals and glasses were analysed by EPMA at the University of Manchester and
195 University of Bristol using Cameca SX100 electron microprobes. Melt inclusions and glasses
196 were analysed over three sessions, two at the University of Manchester and one at the University
197 of Bristol. The first session at the University of Manchester used a 15kV, 3 nA, 15 μm diameter
198 beam for all elements. The second session used a defocused 20 μm beam and two column
199 conditions: the first measured Fe, Mn, S, K, Ca, P, Ti, Na, and Mg at 10 nA followed by a
200 second condition which measured Al and Si at 2 nA. At the University of Bristol, melt inclusions
201 were measured with a 10 μm diameter, 20 nA beam at 20 kV. An additional glass (EWB6) was

202 measured in a subsequent session at the University of Bristol. In this session two beam
203 conditions were used: Si, Ca, Al, Na, P and Fe were measured first using a 15 kV, 10nA, 5µm
204 beam followed by a second column condition which measured Cr, Mn, S, Cl, F, Mg and Ti with
205 a 15 kV, 5 µm beam. In all the analytical sessions, Na was measured first to prevent migration
206 under the beam. Precision and accuracy were monitored by repeat analysis of NMNH basaltic
207 glass standards A99, VG2 and 113716 (Jarosewich et al., 1980) and BCR2 (Wilson, 1997).

208 Olivine and plagioclase macrocrysts were analysed during two sessions at the University of
209 Manchester using a 1 µm, 15 kV beam. For olivine, two beam conditions were used: major
210 elements (Fe, Mg and Si) were measured first using a beam current of 5 nA, and trace elements
211 (Ca, Na, Co, Ni, Mn, Cr, P, Ti and Al) were measured second using a 40 nA beam. For
212 plagioclase, a beam current of 10 nA was used to measure Ca, K, Al, Na and Si, followed by a
213 current of 100 nA for Fe, Ti, Mg and P. Olivines and plagioclases measured at the University of
214 Bristol were analysed with a focused 1 µm 20 kV electron beam. For olivine, two column
215 conditions were used: first a 20 nA beam to measure Mg, Si, Ca, Mn, Fe, Ca and Ni, and then a
216 100 nA beam to measure Al, P, Ti, Cr and Co. Plagioclases were measured using one column
217 condition with a 20 nA beam current. Olivine and plagioclase internal standards were measured
218 during analysis to monitor accuracy and precision.

219 *Ytri-Rauðamelur*: Major element contents of olivine macrocrysts and melt inclusions were
220 measured by EPMA using a Cameca SX100 at the University of Cambridge following the
221 methodology of Neave et al. (2018). Glass hosting the macrocrysts was rehomogenized and
222 measured alongside the melt inclusions to check precision on a composition as close as possible
223 to that of the melt inclusions.

224 2.3 Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (SIMS)

225 *Snæfellsjökull, Oræfajökull and Miðfell*: Selected trace and rare earth elements (REEs) were
226 obtained from 93 melt inclusions (46 from Snæfellsjökull, 40 from Miðfell and 7 from
227 Öraefajökull) were measured using the Cameca ims-4f secondary ion mass spectrometer at the
228 NERC Ion Microprobe Facility, University of Edinburgh. The following isotopes of each
229 element were measured (count time in seconds in parentheses): ^1H (3), ^7Li (2), ^{11}B (5), ^{19}F (5),
230 ^{26}Mg (2), ^{30}Si (2), ^{35}Cl (2), ^{39}K (2), ^{47}Ti (2), ^8Sr (2), ^{89}Y (2), ^{90}Zr (2), ^{93}Nb (5), ^{138}Ba (2), ^{139}La

231 (2), ¹⁴⁰Ce (2), ¹⁴¹Pr (5), ¹⁴²Nd (5), ¹⁴⁹Sm (8), ¹⁵³Eu (5), ¹⁵⁷Gd (5), ¹⁵⁹Tb (5), ¹⁶¹Dy (5), ¹⁶⁵Ho (5),
232 ¹⁶⁶Er (5), ¹⁶⁹Tm (5), ¹⁷¹Yb (8), ¹⁷⁵Lu (8). Samples were gold-coated prior to analysis. All analyses
233 were carried out with an O⁻ primary beam with a primary accelerating voltage of 10 kV and
234 secondary accelerating voltage of 4.5 kV minus a 75 eV offset and 25 μm image field.
235 Measurements were calibrated using repeat analysis of GSD basaltic glass (Jochum et al., 2006).
236 Counts were normalised to ³⁰Si, and absolute elemental concentrations were calculated by
237 normalising ³⁰Si to the SiO₂ content determined by EPMA.

238 Initial analyses measured all the above listed isotopes using a primary beam intensity of 6.9-3.5
239 nA. The ion beam was rastered for 4 minutes to remove surface contamination. Peak positions
240 were verified during beam rastering. After 4 minutes, isotopes were counted over 10 cycles.
241 Initial results revealed H₂O concentrations <1000 ppm, close to the detection limit. We therefore
242 modified the procedure and subsequently analysed inclusions under two different routines: one
243 for volatiles and light trace elements, and one for heavy trace elements and rare earth elements.
244 Major elements (³⁰Si, ²⁶Mg, ³⁹K, ⁴⁷Ti) were included in both routines to ensure consistency. In all
245 analyses the background was monitored by measuring masses 0.7 (1) and 130.5 (5) and was
246 negligible.

247 Lighter isotopes (¹H, ⁷Li, ¹¹B, ¹⁹F, ³⁵Cl) were measured first, with a primary beam condition of 4-
248 10 nA. The ion beam was rastered for 4 minutes before analysis. After rastering, each mass was
249 measured sequentially over 20 cycles, with the final 10 used to calculate element concentrations.

250 Heavy trace elements (⁸⁸Sr, ⁸⁹Y, ⁹⁰Zr, ⁹³Nb, ¹³⁸Ba, ¹³⁹La, ¹⁴⁰Ce, ¹⁴¹Pr, ¹⁴²Nd, ¹⁴⁹Sm, ¹⁵³Eu, ¹⁵⁷Gd,
251 ¹⁵⁹Tb, ¹⁶¹Dy, ¹⁶⁵Ho, ¹⁶⁶Er, ¹⁶⁹Tm, ¹⁷¹Yb, ¹⁷⁵Lu) were measured second, in the same spots as the
252 light trace element analyses. Measurements were made using a primary beam of 4-9 nA. The ion
253 beam was rastered for 1 minute, during which peak positions were verified. Elements were
254 measured over 10 cycles, and all cycles were used to calculate element concentrations.

255 Precision and accuracy of trace element analyses were monitored by repeat measurements of
256 MPI-DING silicate glass standards StHs/80-G, ML3B-2 and KL2-G (Jochum et al., 2006), and
257 N72, M5, M10 and M24 (Shishkina et al., 2010). Precision is calculated from repeat analysis of
258 all standards. Accuracy is based on repeat measurements of KL2-G as this standard is
259 compositionally most similar to the unknowns. Elements with low abundance in KL2-G return

260 low accuracy ($\pm 20\%$ or greater), which reflects scatter around a low concentration rather than
261 poor analyses.

262 H₂O concentrations were determined by a calibration curve created with measurements of
263 standards GSD, StHs/80-G, N72, M5, M10 and M47, all with known H₂O contents (Jochum et
264 al., 2006, 2011; Shishkina et al., 2010). Precision and accuracy were calculated based on hydrous
265 standards M5, M10 and M47 which contain >1000 ppm H₂O. Precision was better than $\pm 3\%$ and
266 accuracy better than $\pm 14\%$.

267 *Ytri-Rauðamelur*: Trace element contents of melt inclusions were measured by SIMS using a
268 Cameca imf-5f at the Institute of the Earth's Interior at Okayama University, Japan following the
269 methodology of Neave et al. (2018).

270 All EPMA and SIMS compositional data are provided as supporting information.

271 2.4 REEBOX Modelling

272 REEBOX Pro (Brown and Leshner, 2016; Brown et al., 2020) is a stand-alone software package
273 that can be used to model mantle melting in a rifting environment. The strength of REEBOX is
274 its ability to model the melting of more than two mantle components to calculate instantaneous
275 and column accumulate melt compositions over a range of pressures and temperatures. A
276 maximum of 6 lithologies are available to input: hydrous lherzolite, anhydrous lherzolite,
277 harzburgite, and three different pyroxenite compositions: G2 (silica-saturated MORB-like
278 pyroxenite; Pertermann and Hirschmann, 2003), MIX1G (silica-undersaturated garnet
279 pyroxenite; Hirschmann et al., 2003) and KG1 (50:50 MORB and peridotite mix; Kogiso et al.,
280 1998). The user must input the desired mantle lithologies and their proportions, as well as the
281 mantle potential temperature, spreading rate, pre-existing lithosphere thickness, and the style of
282 rifting. The pressure and temperature of melting are incrementally reduced during the
283 calculation, and output melt compositions are produced for each pressure step.

284 We used REEBOX Pro to model melting of a lithologically heterogeneous mantle beneath
285 Iceland. The starting composition of the mantle was 60% anhydrous peridotite of DMM
286 composition (Salters and Stracke, 2004), 30% harzburgite (Salters and Stracke, 2004) and 10%
287 KG1 pyroxenite (E-MORB composition), with lithology proportions derived from Shorttle et al.

288 (2014) and Matthews et al. (2016). The harzburgite fraction is set to be a non-melting component
289 (Matthews et al., 2016, Shorttle et al., 2014), but its presence does affect the productivity of the
290 other melting lithologies through its buffering of mantle temperature during melting. We selected
291 KG1 pyroxenite as this has previously been shown to be a good estimate for the pyroxenite
292 present in the Icelandic mantle (Shorttle et al. 2014, Shorttle and Maclennan, 2011), although
293 choosing G2 or MIX1G pyroxenites does not produce significant variations in the trace element
294 signatures of the bulk crust generated from melting (Brown et al., 2020). We selected a mantle
295 potential temperature of 1480°C (Matthews et al., 2016) for all sample areas, and half spreading
296 rate of 0.1 cm/yr (Karson et al., 2017). We estimate the pre-existing lithosphere thickness in each
297 location based on the thicknesses of crust and lithospheric mantle lid determined by Bjarnason
298 and Schmeling (2009). Lithospheric thicknesses for the flank zones were estimated based on
299 measurements for Northwest Iceland. Lithospheric thicknesses for Western Volcanic Zone were
300 based on measurements from West Iceland, and lithospheric thicknesses for the Eastern and
301 Northern Volcanic Zones were based on the Central Iceland Line (Table 1). Densities of the crust
302 and mantle lithosphere were estimated following Staples et al. (1997).

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Area	Crustal thickness (km)	Mantle Lid thickness (km)	Crustal density (kg/m ³)	Mantle density (kg/m ³)
Flank zones	24	41	2400	3240
WVZ	19	11	2400	3170
EVZ, NVZ	20	20	2400	3170

305 **Table 1:** Lithospheric thicknesses from Bjarnason and Schmeling (2009) and densities from
 306 Staples et al. (1997) used for different sample areas in our modelling

307 We processed the outputs from REEBOX Pro as follows. All output column accumulate
 308 (aggregate) melt compositions across the full range of melting pressures and temperatures were
 309 compared to the mean measured trace element compositions of melt inclusions from each sample
 310 area. The mean trace element concentration was determined for the elements modelled in each
 311 system and these are illustrated in the supporting information. Acceptable matches were
 312 identified through chi-squared misfit calculations. The chi-squared misfit for each model result
 313 was calculated as follows:

$$314 \quad \chi^2 = \sum \left[\frac{x_i - \mu_i}{\sigma_i} \right]^2,$$

315 where x_i is the mean PEC-corrected concentration of element i in the sample, σ_i is one standard
 316 deviation of the concentration of the element across all measurements and μ_i the concentration
 317 of each element in the modelled melt. The mean composition is taken as an average of the melt
 318 inclusion compositions from each eruption and the standard deviation reflects the variability in
 319 melt inclusion composition within an eruption. Modelled melt compositions were accepted as a

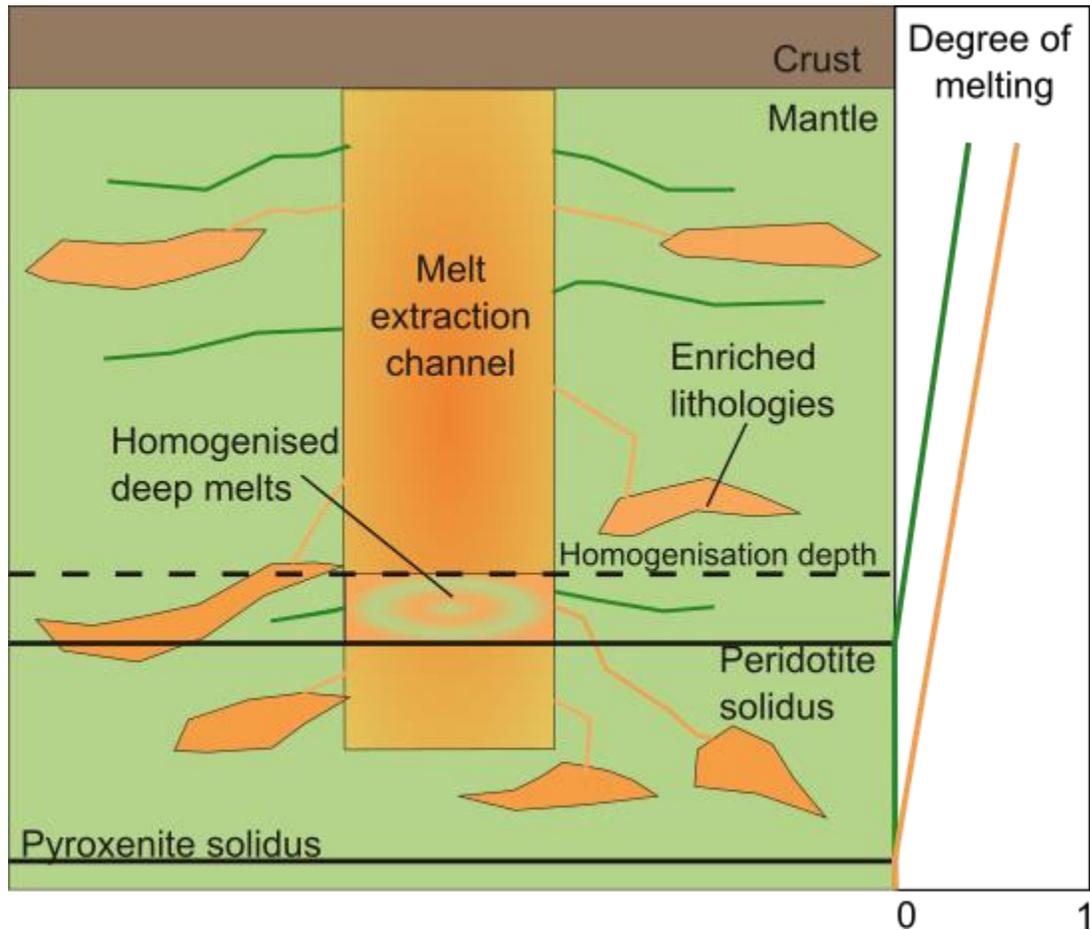
320 potential fit if the chi-squared misfit was below the critical value according to the number of
321 degrees of freedom in the system (number of elements minus one) for a p-value of 0.05.

322 Matching between modelled aggregate (column-accumulated) melts and measured melt inclusion
323 compositions returned acceptable fits for the three Snæfellsnes Peninsula localities and Surtsey,
324 but not for the other locations. The Snæfellsnes Peninsula and Surtsey are distinct from the
325 neovolcanic zone localities in having thicker lithosphere that restricts melting to high pressure
326 and low degrees (Peate et al., 2010). The modelled aggregate melt composition that match those
327 observed in the Snæfellsnes Peninsula and Surtsey are produced by mixing of pyroxenite- and
328 lherzolite-derived melts derived when lherzolite has undergone only low degrees of melting. The
329 homogenized melt produced by the model are analogous to the model of Rudge et al. (2013),
330 who proposed that a deep melt component is created beneath Iceland by mixing pyroxenite- and
331 lherzolite-derived melts produced before lherzolite has undergone 5 % melting. This deep melt
332 component then mixes with shallower lherzolite- and pyroxenite-derived melts as it moves
333 through the mantle column, producing the more depleted melt compositions of the neovolcanic
334 zones (Rudge et al., 2013). Therefore, to fit the compositions of the neovolcanic zones and
335 Öraefajökull Flank Zone we adapted the model described above. Rather than taking aggregate
336 homogenized melts from the melting region, we adopt the model proposed by Rudge et al.
337 (2013) and consider mixing between deep and shallow melts (Figure 2).

338 For the deep melt, we use the aggregate melt composition from REEBOX that best fits the mean
339 composition of Snæfellsjökull melt inclusions. We then mix this deep melt component with the
340 instantaneous melt compositions for lherzolite-derived melts produced by greater than 5%
341 melting. Instantaneous melts are produced at intervals of 0.01 GPa. For simplicity, we did not
342 include shallower pyroxenite-derived melts in the mixing model. This is because shallower
343 pyroxenites have already undergone high degrees of melt extraction and are depleted in
344 incompatible trace elements; therefore, additional instantaneous pyroxenite-derived melts have
345 negligible effect on the incompatible trace element budget of the mixed melt (e.g., Rudge et al.
346 2013). During the deep-shallow melt mixing we vary the degree to which the shallower
347 lherzolite-derived melts have been aggregated, from mixing with individual instantaneous melts
348 to homogenising large groupings of the instantaneous melts. Homogenization was calculated
349 over pressure intervals of 0.03, 0.05, 0.07, 0.10, 0.15, 0.20, 0.25, 0.50, 1.00, 1.50 GPa in extent

350 throughout the melting region (Figure 3). The mixing ratio between the deep melt component
 351 and shallower lherzolite melts to each mixed melt composition was varied in 5% increments
 352 from 0 to 100%.

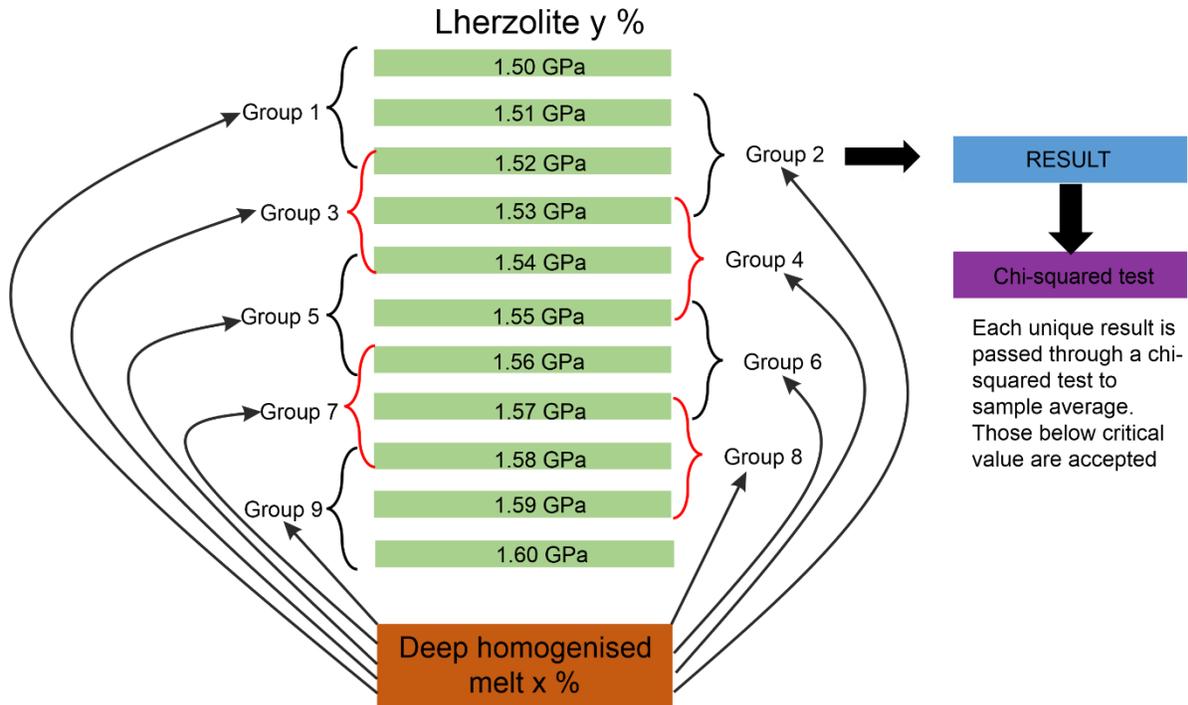
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355 **Figure 2:** Schematic diagram of the melt mixing model of Rudge et al. (2013). Low-degree
 356 melts of lherzolite and higher degree melts of pyroxenite homogenise at depth in the mantle,
 357 before ~5% melting of the lherzolite has been reached. Above this point, the deep homogenized
 358 melt mixes with higher-degree instantaneous or aggregated melts of lherzolite and pyroxenite in
 359 the melt extraction channel.

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362 **Figure 3:** Flowchart through the secondary melt mixing model. X and Y represent the
 363 percentage input of melts from the deep homogenized melt and shallower lherzolite melts to the
 364 mixed composition. The groups show the homogenization intervals, here spanning 0.03GPa of
 365 melt generation. The pressures of the lherzolite melts are for illustrative purposes and do not
 366 show all lherzolite instantaneous melts included in the calculation. Thin arrows represent mixing
 367 between the deep homogenized melt and the homogenized instantaneous melts.

368 In running the model, first the mixing ratio between deep homogenized melt and shallower
 369 lherzolite melts is set. A specific pressure interval of lherzolite instantaneous melts is selected
 370 and homogenized. This is then mixed, in the defined ratio, with the homogenized deep melt
 371 component. Each mixture involving a distinct homogenized group of lherzolite melts produces a
 372 unique result for comparison with the observations. Once all deep-shallow mixtures have been
 373 explored, the model changes the mixing ratio between deep and shallow melts and the process

374 starts again. The model is run for each size of homogenization interval for the lherzolite
375 instantaneous melts. Figure 3 illustrates the selection and mixing of melts as a flowchart.

376 Thirteen trace element concentrations (Nb, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Dy, Y, Er, Yb, Lu) were
377 used to compare the measured and modelled melt compositions. Acceptable fits were returned
378 when the chi-squared misfit was below critical chi-squared value for a 13-component system
379 with a p-value of 0.05 (21.03). Borgarhraun literature data do not include Lu or Pr, so these
380 elements were excluded from Borgarhraun models and the critical chi-squared value altered to
381 18.31 to reflect the change to an 11-component system. Literature data for Surtsey exclude
382 several of the elements selected for the model so we replaced missing elements with different
383 elements that had been analysed, keeping the total at 13 elements. Acceptable fits were returned
384 for all sample areas except Skuggafjöll and Öraefajökull. Skuggafjöll melt compositions possess
385 small anomalies in Nd, Sm, Gd and Eu concentrations when normalised to primitive mantle.
386 These elements were removed from the comparison, and an acceptable fit was achieved with this
387 reduced system, with the critical chi-squared value of 15.51 for a 9-component system. For
388 Öraefajökull we explored different combination of elements and changes in melting regime but
389 did not find any acceptable fit. Thus, we present the best fit found for Öraefajökull for the 13-
390 element system using lherzolite-derived melts from both the modelled EVZ and flank zone
391 melting regimes.

392 **3 Results**

393 3.1 Host mineral compositions

394 In all our samples, melt inclusion-bearing olivine and plagioclase crystals are relatively primitive
395 in composition. Miðfell olivines vary from 81.7 to 90.1 mol% Fo, with an average composition
396 of Fo₈₇ and all but three crystals being more primitive than Fo₈₆. Snæfellsjökull olivines range
397 from 79.4 to 87.2 mol% Fo, with an average composition of Fo₈₄. Snæfellsjökull plagioclases
398 range from 78.9 to 86.8 mol% An with an average composition of An₈₃. Olivines from Ytri-

399 Rauðamelur range from 83.3 to 88.8 mol% Fo, with an average composition of Fo₈₇. Örafajökull
400 has the least primitive olivines ranging from 81.4 to 83.2 mol% Fo.

401 3.2 Melt inclusion major element compositions

402 Melt inclusions experience post-entrapment crystallisation (PEC) where the host mineral
403 crystallizes on the wall of the inclusion following trapping (e.g., Kent, 2008). Olivine-hosted
404 melt inclusions were corrected for PEC and diffusive loss of Fe using Petrolog3 (Danyushevsky
405 and Plechov, 2011). For each melt inclusion, we determined the expected FeO content at the time
406 of inclusion trapping using the relationship between TiO₂ and FeO wt% for a liquid line of
407 descent derived from literature measurements of basaltic glass compositions in the sample area.
408 For Miðfell, PEC corrections of 0.2-18.4% olivine addition were required, with a mean
409 correction of 6.0%. Seven inclusions required olivine removal from the measured melt
410 composition; four of these inclusions have MgO ~9 wt% and required <1% removal of olivine.
411 Three low-MgO inclusions required 10.3-12.0% removal of olivine. Olivine removal indicates
412 that the host crystal was heated above the temperature of inclusion trapping, causing the host
413 crystal to melt and increase the Mg# of the melt inclusion composition (Danyushevsky and
414 Plechov, 2011). Olivine-hosted inclusions from Örafajökull required PEC corrections between
415 15.2-25.4% olivine addition, with a mean correction of 21.1%. Olivine-hosted inclusions from
416 Ytri-Rauðamelur required 5.4-30.6% olivine addition, with a mean correction of 14.2%. Olivine-
417 hosted inclusions from the two Snæfellsjökull samples required 1.6-17.6% olivine addition, with
418 a mean correction of 9.6%; one inclusion required 1.4% removal of olivine from the measured
419 composition.

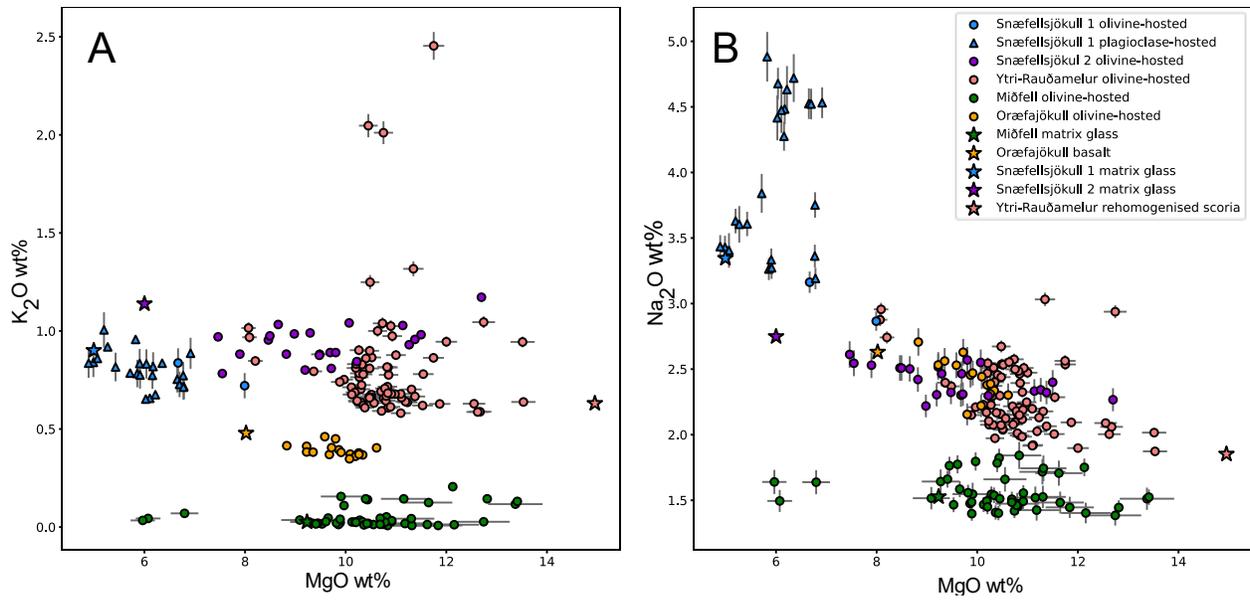
420 Plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions from Snæfellsjökull were corrected for PEC using the method
421 of Neave et al. (2017). Equilibrium plagioclase composition is added back into the melt inclusion
422 until its Al₂O₃ content matches the liquid line of descent predicted from Al₂O₃-MgO systematics
423 of basalts and basaltic glasses from the Snæfellsnes Flank Zone. These inclusions required PEC
424 corrections of <10%. Additional details of PEC calculations are available in the supporting
425 information.

426 PEC-corrected major element compositions of our melt inclusions are presented in Figure 4.

427 Olivine-hosted melt inclusions from Miðfell typically contain between 9.1 and 13.4 wt% MgO,

428 except for three inclusions with 6.0-6.8 wt% MgO. Örafajökull melt inclusions are generally
429 more evolved, containing 8.8-10.6 wt% MgO. Melt inclusions in the two samples from
430 Snæfellsjökull have different compositions. The first sample, SN1, is plagioclase-phyric, and the
431 plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions contain 4.9-6.9 wt% MgO. The second sample, SN2, is
432 olivine-phyric, and its melt inclusions are more primitive, containing 7.5-12.7 wt% MgO. Ytri-
433 Rauðamelur melt inclusions have similar MgO contents to SN2, varying between 8.1 and 13.5
434 wt% MgO. Melt inclusions from the flank zones are more alkalic than those from Miðfell, with
435 Snæfellsjökull being the most enriched in K₂O. Inclusions from sample SN1 have distinctive
436 high Na₂O concentrations of up to 4.9 wt%. All samples except SN1 have remarkably primitive
437 melt compositions. They should therefore have undergone minimal crustal processing and
438 closely resemble near-primary mantle-derived melt compositions.

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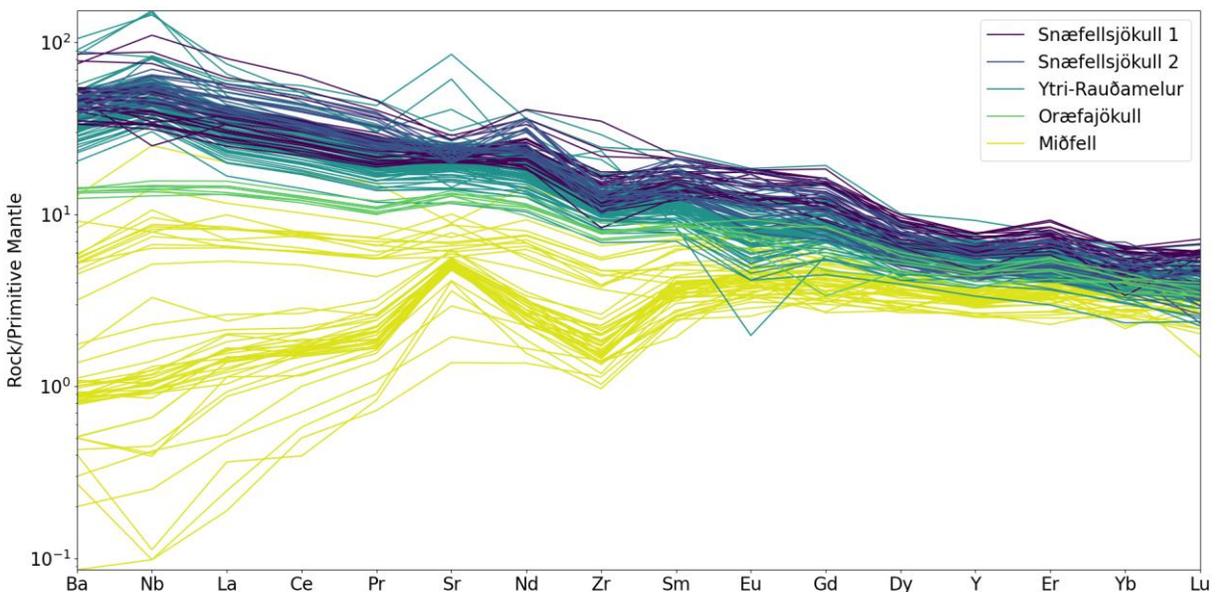
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441 Figure 4: PEC-corrected major element compositions of crystal-hosted melt inclusions from
 442 Iceland. Stars show the matrix glass compositions for the samples from Snæfellsjökull 1 (SN1),
 443 Snæfellsjökull 2 (SN2) and Miðfell or, for Ytri-Rauðamelur, the composition of glass made from
 444 rehomogenized scoria. For Oræfajökull, the star is a basalt from a nearby location to our samples
 445 (Manning and Thirlwall, 2014). Uncertainty shown as 1σ external error from precision on
 446 secondary standards.

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448 3.3 Melt inclusion trace element compositions

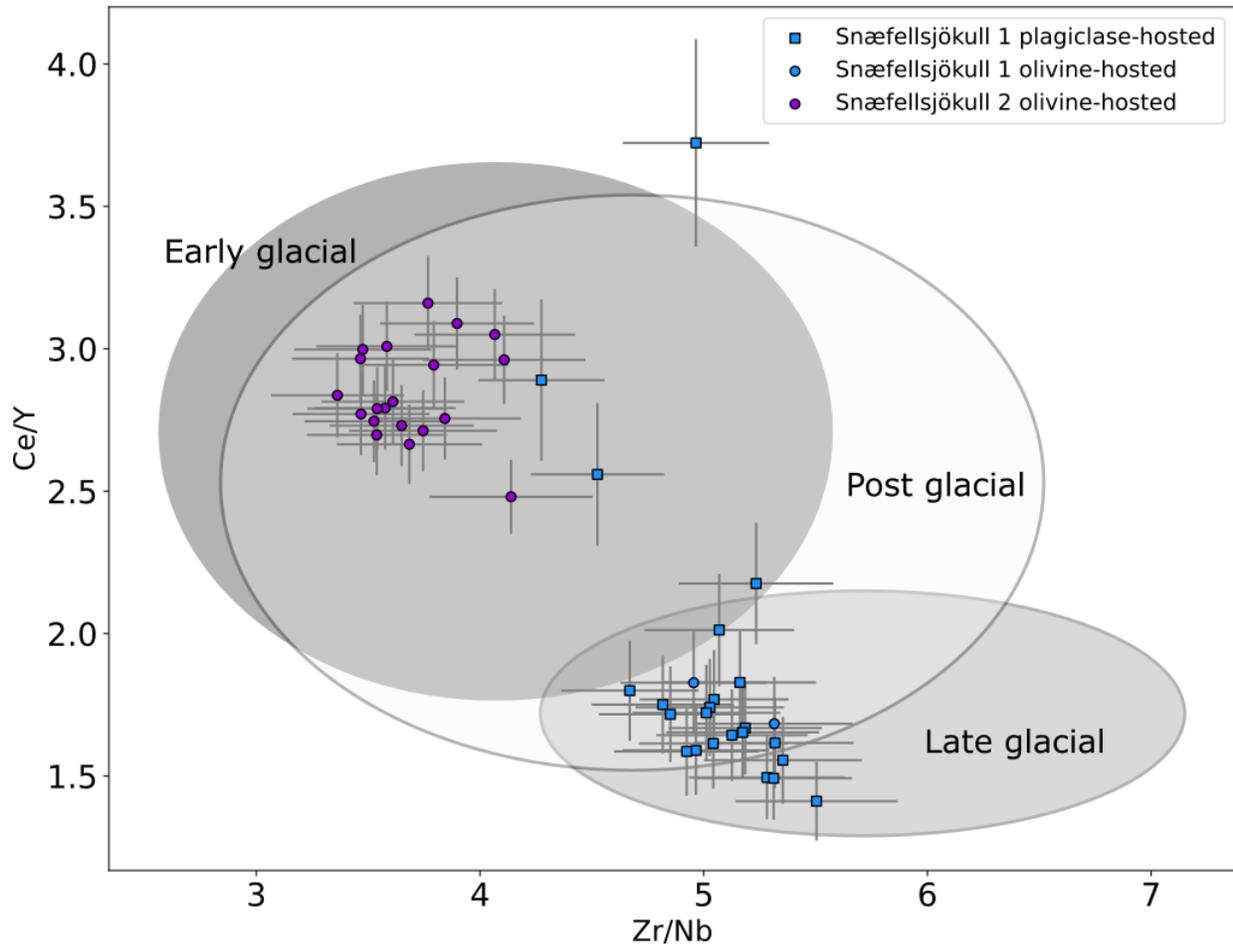
449 Melt inclusion trace element compositions were corrected for PEC using partition coefficients
 450 collated from O'Neill and Jenner (2012), McKenzie and O'Nions (1991), Marschall et al. (2017),
 451 Beattie (1994), Nikogosian and Sobolev (1997), and Schnetzler and Philpotts (1970). Corrected
 452 trace element compositions for all samples are presented as multi-element plots normalized to
 453 the primitive mantle values of Sun and McDonough (1989) (Figure 5). Samples from the
 454 Snæfellsnes Flank Zone are particularly enriched in the most incompatible trace elements (Ba
 455 and Nb). Öraefajökull melt inclusions are somewhat less enriched in the most incompatible trace
 456 elements than Snæfellsnes samples. Miðfell melt inclusions fall into two compositional groups.
 457 The first group show mild enrichment in the most incompatible trace elements. The second
 458 group is depleted in the most incompatible trace elements. The positive Sr and negative Nd
 459 anomalies in the Miðfell melt inclusions have been observed previously and may be the result of
 460 melts interacting with gabbroic crust during ascent (Gurenko and Sobolev, 2006; Miller et al.,
 461 2019). These elements are therefore not considered when trying to model source contributions.



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463 Figure 5: Multi-element plot of melt inclusions from Iceland. All compositions are normalized to
 464 primitive mantle (Sun and McDonough, 1989).

465 Figure 6 shows Zr/Nb vs Ce/Y for the two Snæfellsjökull samples SN1 and SN2. Hardarson and
466 Fitton (1991) used these trace element ratios to define compositional differences between early-,
467 late- and post-glacial volcanism in the Snæfellsjökull volcanic centre. The melt inclusions plot in
468 two distinct clusters (Figure 6). Plagioclase-dominated sample SN1 clusters within the range of
469 late glacial melts from the volcanic centre. The few outliers from this range, with higher Ce/Y,
470 may be inclusions formed towards the end of the late glacial period when melting began to shift
471 towards greater depths. Olivine-dominated sample SN2 clusters within the range of early glacial
472 melts. Both the early glacial and postglacial melts are proposed to have been produced by >2%
473 partial melting near the garnet-spinel transition based on whole-rock trace element compositions.
474 Retreat of the 2 km-thick glacier during the late glacial period resulted in isostatic rebound, and
475 an associated small increase in the degree of melting and a shift towards spinel lherzolite melting
476 (Hardarson and Fitton, 1991). SN2 inclusions may have been erupted earlier and the shift in
477 composition to SN1 reflective of melting of the mantle source at lower pressures.

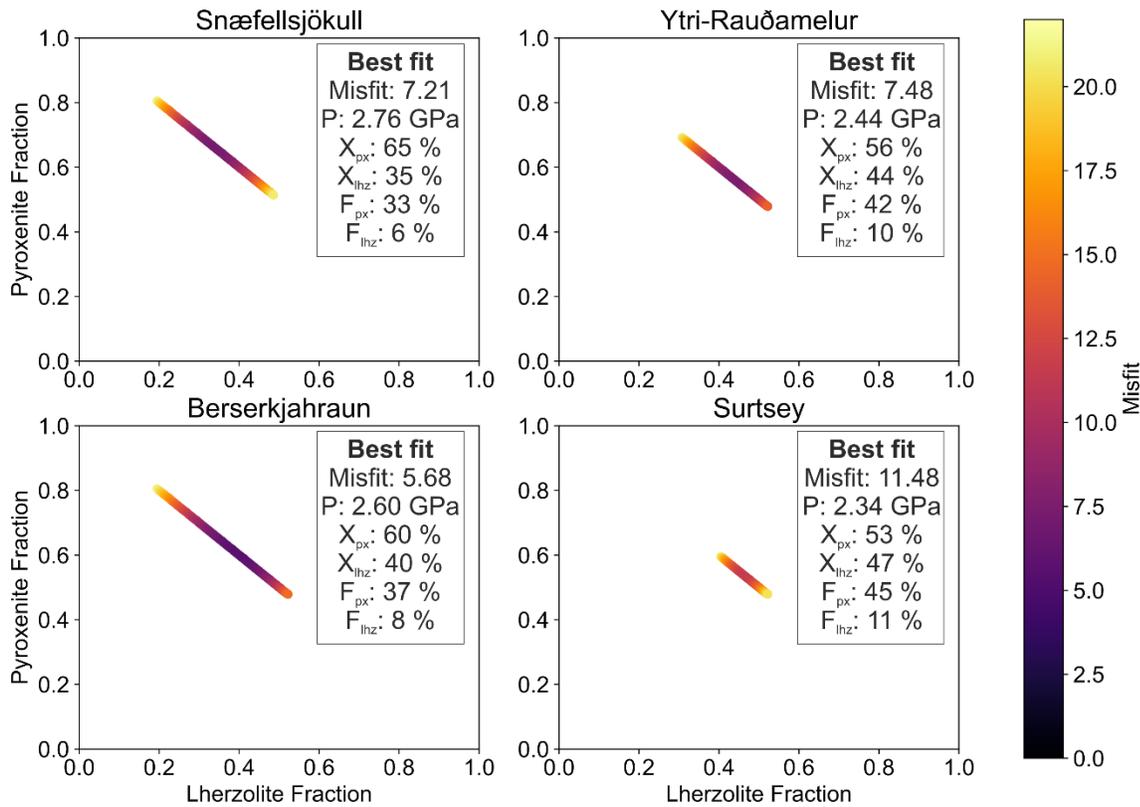


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479 Figure 6 - Zr/Nb vs. Ce/Y for melt inclusions from the Snæfellsjökull. The stars show the
 480 average compositions of Early, Late and Post-Glacial basalts from Snæfellsjökull (Hardarson and
 481 Fitton, 1991), with 1σ error bars.

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483 3.4 Melting under Iceland's flank zones



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485 **Figure 7:** Misfit results for homogenized melts for flank zones. Fractions on axes refer to the
 486 fraction of melts from each lithology in the homogenized melts. Only results with misfits below
 487 the critical chi-squared value (21.03) are displayed. Details of the best fit model melt
 488 composition for each area is detailed in an internal box. X refers to the contribution of melts
 489 from each lithology to the homogenized melts. F refers to the fraction of melting undergone by
 490 each lithology. P refers to the pressure at the top of the melting column from which melts are
 491 homogenized. Px = pyroxenite, lhz = lherzolite.

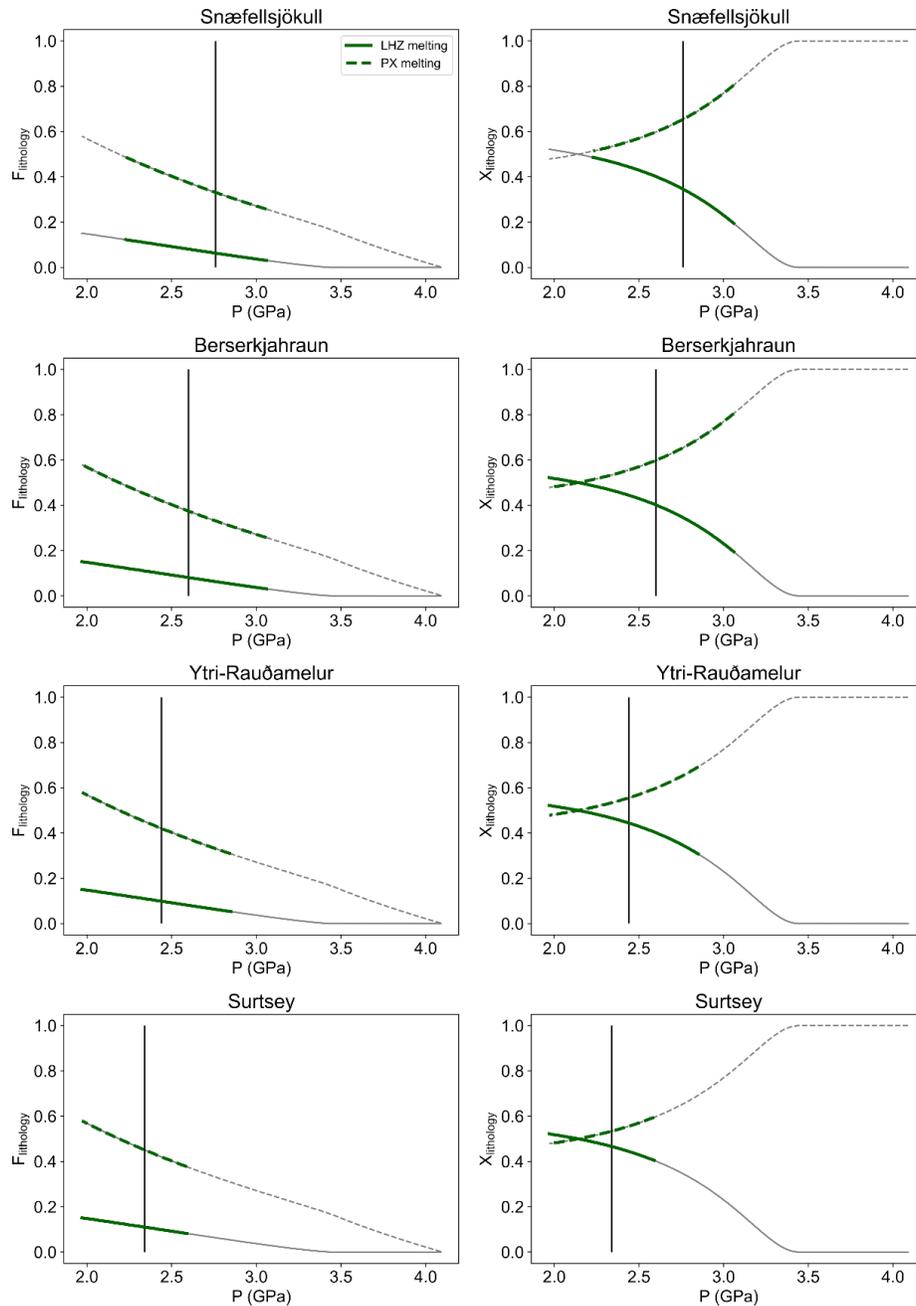
492 The following section compares the results of the output column accumulate (aggregate/
 493 homogenized) melts from REEBOX Pro with measured and compiled literature melt inclusion
 494 compositions from the flank zones. The output melt compositions from REEBOX represent
 495 melts produced by homogenization of all instantaneous melts of lherzolite and pyroxenite below

496 a given pressure. Öraefajökull melt inclusion compositions could not be matched by any
497 homogenized melt component; this location is discussed separately in Section 3.7.

498 The misfit of the modelled compositions to the melt inclusion compositions of the flank zones
499 are detailed in Figure 7. Modelled homogenized melt compositions return acceptable fits to the
500 mean PEC-corrected melt inclusion composition for Snæfellsjökull, Ytri-Rauðamelur,
501 Berserkjahraun and Surtsey. An average for Snæfellsjökull was determined from combining
502 the compositions of both eruptions. Accepted fits are determined as those whose misfit to the
503 mean trace element composition of a sample is lower than the critical chi-squared value. The
504 homogenized melt compositions have a high contribution from pyroxenite-derived melts, with
505 the highest (65 %) seen in the best fit composition to the combined Snæfellsjökull data. All flank
506 zone melts are produced from relatively high pressures and involve low-degree melting of
507 lherzolite (6-11 %, Figure 7).

508 Melting of both lherzolite and pyroxenite in the flank zone mantle are further explored in Figure
509 8. Model melts that match the observed flank zone compositions are produced at the greatest
510 pressure and from the lowest degrees of melting of each lithology beneath Snæfellsjökull, and
511 trend towards lower pressures, greater degrees of melting and greater contribution from
512 lherzolite-derived melts from Snæfellsjökull in the West to Ytri-Rauðamelur in the East. At
513 Surtsey, melt inclusions are best fit by homogenized melts generated at the shallower depths of
514 melting and higher degree melts from lherzolite (11 % melting) compared to the Snæfellsnes
515 Flank Zone.

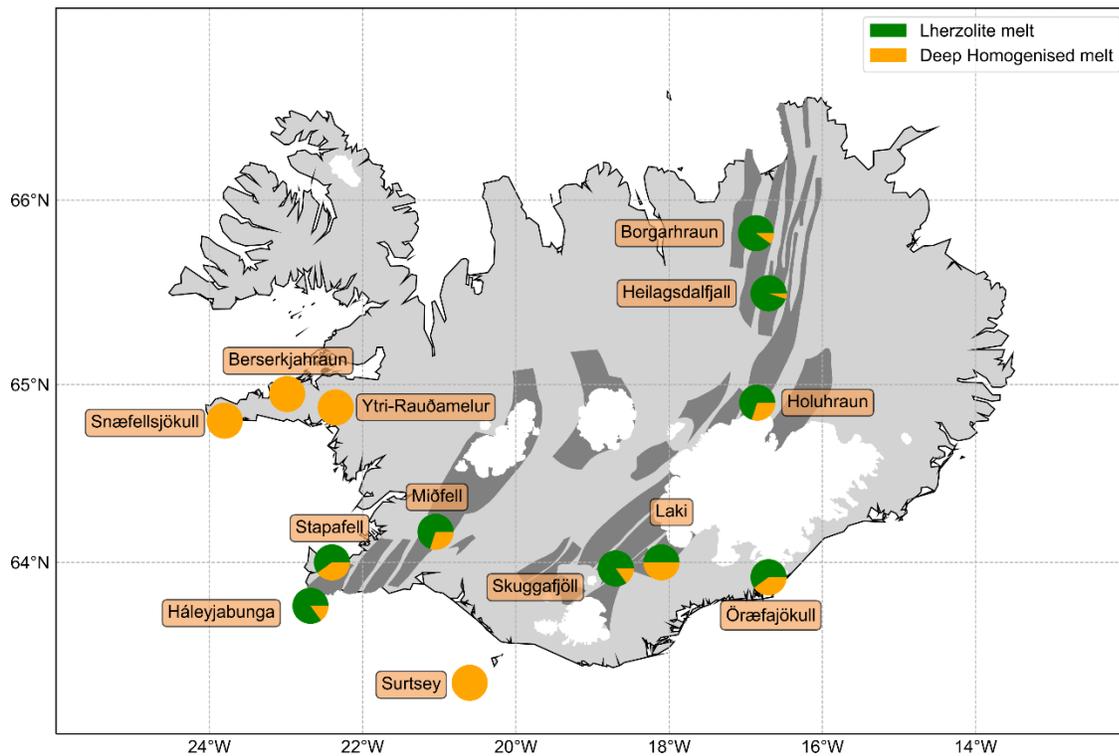
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518 Figure 8: Lherzolite- and pyroxenite-derived melts contributing to the homogenized bulk melt
 519 composition. The grey lines show all the melting model outputs from REEBOX along the full
 520 decompression path. The green lines show the range of output melt compositions that match
 521 observed compositions below the critical chi-squared value. The best fit compositions with the
 522 lowest chi-squared value are represented by the vertical black lines. $F_{\text{lithology}}$ is the degree of
 523 fractional melting of a lithology. $X_{\text{lithology}}$ is the fraction each lithology contributes to the mixed
 524 melt composition.

525 3.5 Melting under Iceland's active rift zones



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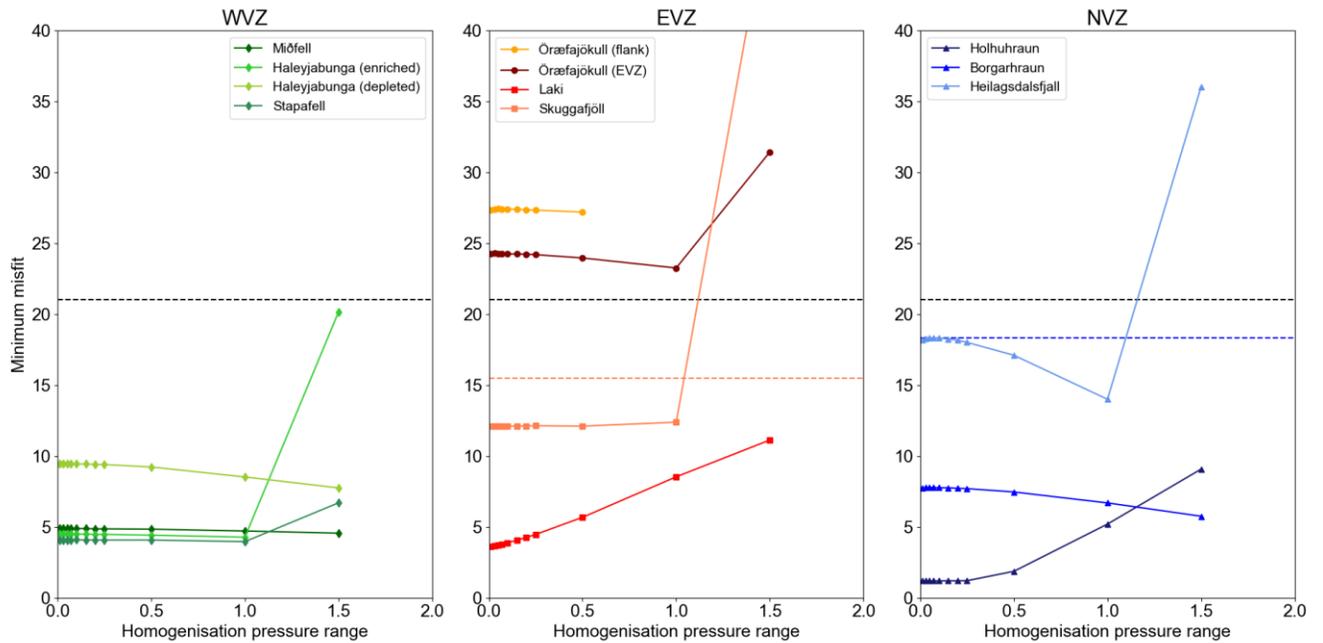
527 Figure 9: Map showing the contributions of deep homogenized and shallower lherzolite-derived
 528 melts to the average melt inclusion composition at different locations.

529 Melt inclusion compositions from the neovolcanic zone samples and Örfafjökull are modelled
 530 by mixing the deep homogenized melt composition constrained with data from Snæfellsjökull
 531 with lherzolite instantaneous melts produced at lower pressure than that of the deep
 532 homogenized melts. The contributions of the deep homogenized melts and the shallower
 533 lherzolite-derived melts that best match the observed melt inclusion compositions are
 534 summarised by Figure 9. Changing the pressure range over which shallower lherzolite
 535 instantaneous melts homogenise does not change the proportion of shallow lherzolite to deep
 536 melt that mix to produce the best fit composition presented in Figure 9. Miðfell and
 537 Háleyjabunga melt inclusions were separated into 'enriched' and 'depleted' groups due to the
 538 large variability of trace element compositions in their melt inclusion populations, and these
 539 groups were modelled separately (see supporting information). We could not determine a match
 540 for the Miðfell depleted group, even by considering only instantaneous melts of depleted

541 lherzolite. This indicates that the mantle beneath Miðfell may include an ultra-depleted
542 component that is not captured in our REEBOX model (cf. Gurenko and Chaussidon, 1995).
543 Enriched Háleyjabunga melt inclusions are best fit by a 15% contribution from the deep melt
544 component, while the depleted melt inclusions require only a 5% contribution from the deep melt
545 component. Öraefajökull melt inclusion compositions were not matched by any of our models;
546 the closest fit was obtained by setting the REEBOX calculation parameters to those of the EVZ
547 (Table 2).

548 The misfit of the best fit compositions for each sample area is detailed in Table 2. All areas but
549 Borgarhraun (11 elements) and Skuggafjöll (9 elements) are modelled on a 13-element system,
550 as detailed in the methodology. For most sample areas the pressure range of lherzolite melt
551 homogenization has negligible effect on the misfit value up to an interval of 0.5 GPa (Figure 10).
552 A large increase in misfit in Skuggafjöll, Heilagsdalsfjall and Háleyjabunga (enriched) at the 1.5
553 GPa lherzolite melt homogenization range suggests that this large homogenization interval does
554 not capture the natural processes of lherzolite melting and mixing. For Heilagsdalsfjall the
555 lowest misfit is achieved with a homogenization range of 1 GPa and this sample may require a
556 larger degree of homogenization of shallow lherzolite melts. Laki has the minimum misfit at low
557 homogenization pressure range, with the misfit increasing at ranges >0.1 GPa. Borgarhraun and
558 Háleyjabunga (depleted) show a trend towards lower misfit at larger homogenization pressure
559 ranges. We cannot identify any spatial correlation in the degree of homogenization of lherzolite
560 melts required to match the observed melt inclusion compositions. In the next sections we
561 explore the model outputs for individual eruptions in each of Iceland's active rift zones in more
562 detail.

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565 Figure 10: Minimum misfit of mixed melt compositions across differing homogenization
 566 pressure ranges. The critical chi-squared value (excluding Borgarhraun and Skuggafjöll) is
 567 shown by the black dashed line. The critical chi-squared value for Borgarhraun is shown by the
 568 blue dashed line and for Skuggafjöll by the orange dashed line.

Sample Area	Deep melt component (%)	Shallow lherzolite melt component (%)	Misfit	Homogenization pressure range (GPa)
Miðfell (enriched)	30	70	4.56	1.50
Stapafell	40	60	3.96	1.00
Háleyjabunga (enriched)	15	85	4.27	1.00
Háleyjabunga (depleted)	5	95	7.75	1.50
Laki	50	50	3.60	0.01
Skuggafjöll	15	85	12.10	0.05
Holuhraun	30	70	1.19	0.07
Borgarhraun	10	90	5.75	1.50
Heilagsdalsfjall	5	95	14.00	1.00
Öræfajökull (EVZ)	40	60	23.26	1.00
Öræfajökull (flank zone)	40	60	27.21	0.50

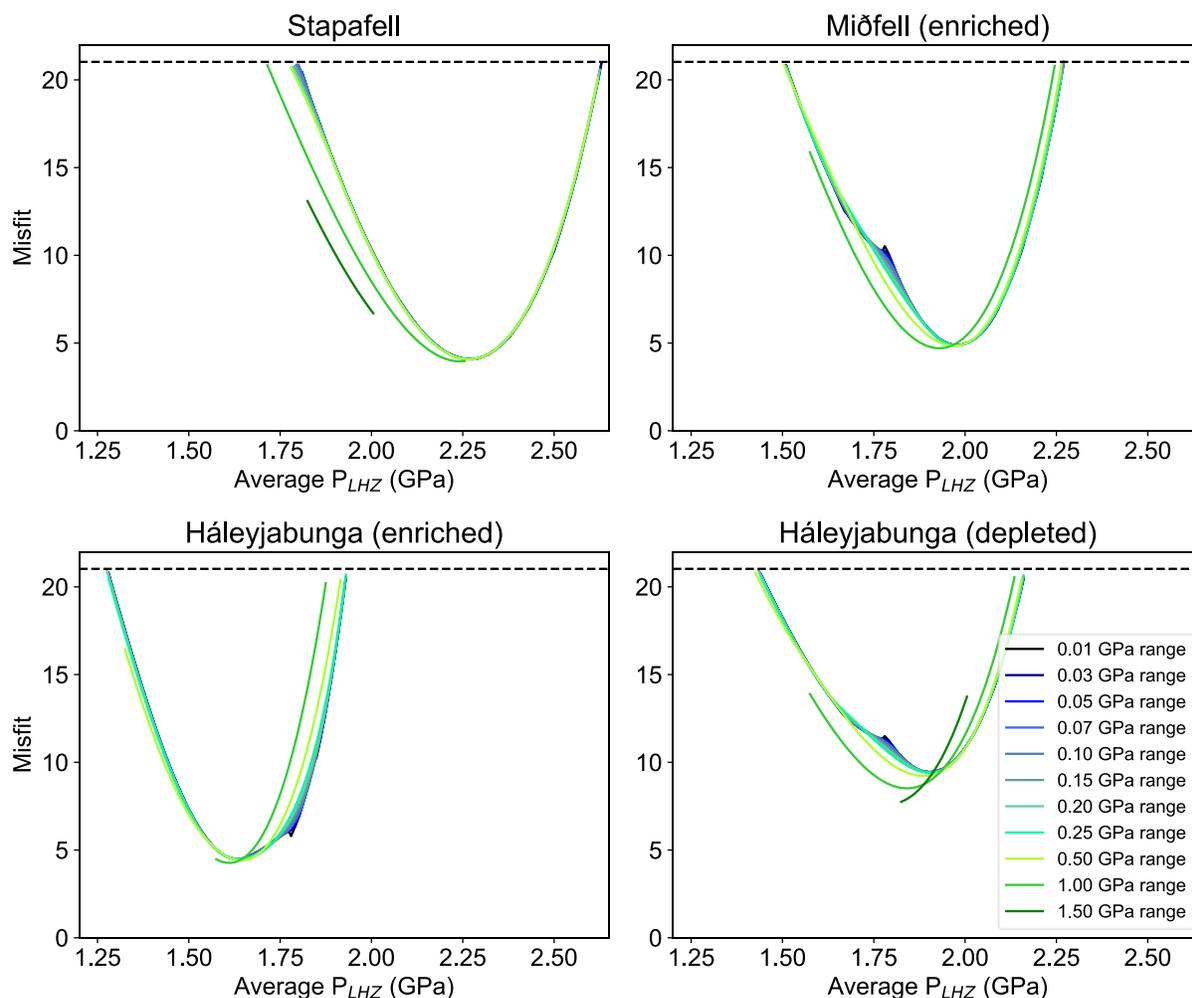
569 Table 2: Minimum misfit for each sample detailing the contributions from each lithology and
570 homogenization intervals used.

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574 3.6 Melting under the Western Volcanic Zone



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576 Figure 11: Average pressure of lherzolite instantaneous melt homogenization interval vs. misfit
 577 of the modelled composition to melt inclusion composition for samples in the WVZ. Critical chi-
 578 squared value = 21.03 for all sample areas shown by dashed line.

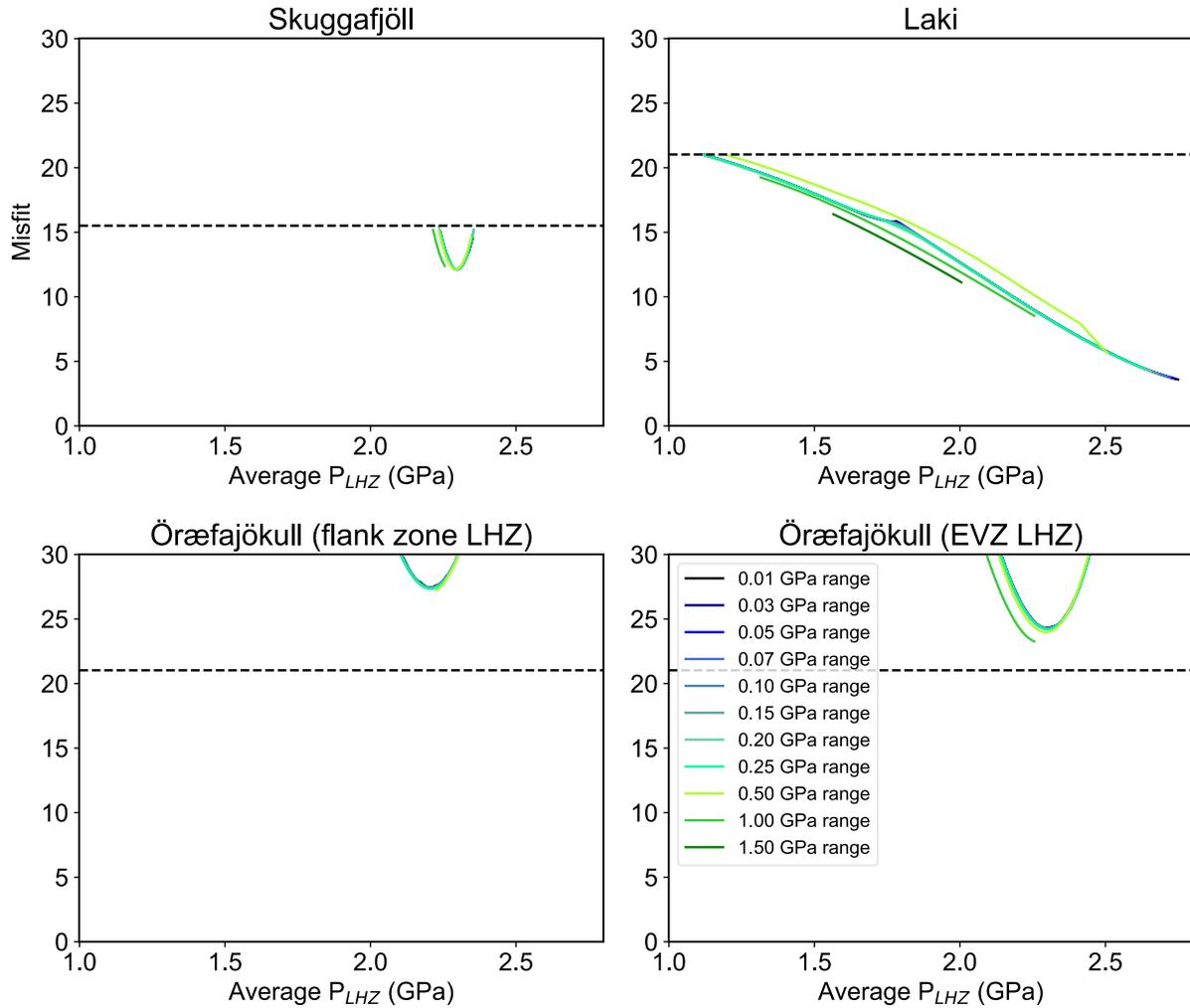
579 Misfits to the models of Miðfell, Háleyjabunga and Stapafell are presented in Figure 11. All
 580 homogenization pressure ranges tend to have lowest misfit at a similar mid-point of the range.
 581 That is, no matter how many melts are in the homogenized composition, the best fitting average
 582 pressure of melting in the group remains consistent. The average pressure of melting of lherzolite
 583 in the WVZ varies from ~1.6 GPa at Háleyjabunga to ~2.3 GPa at Stapafell. The average
 584 pressure of lherzolite melting in the enriched and depleted melt groupings of Háleyjabunga

585 varies between ~1.6 GPa (enriched) and ~1.9 GPa (depleted). This, combined with the low misfit
586 preserved at homogenization intervals of 50 and 100, suggests melts from Háleyjabunga involve
587 homogenization of lherzolite instantaneous melts over a significant range of pressures.

588 3.7 Melting under the Eastern Volcanic Zone and Öräfajökull

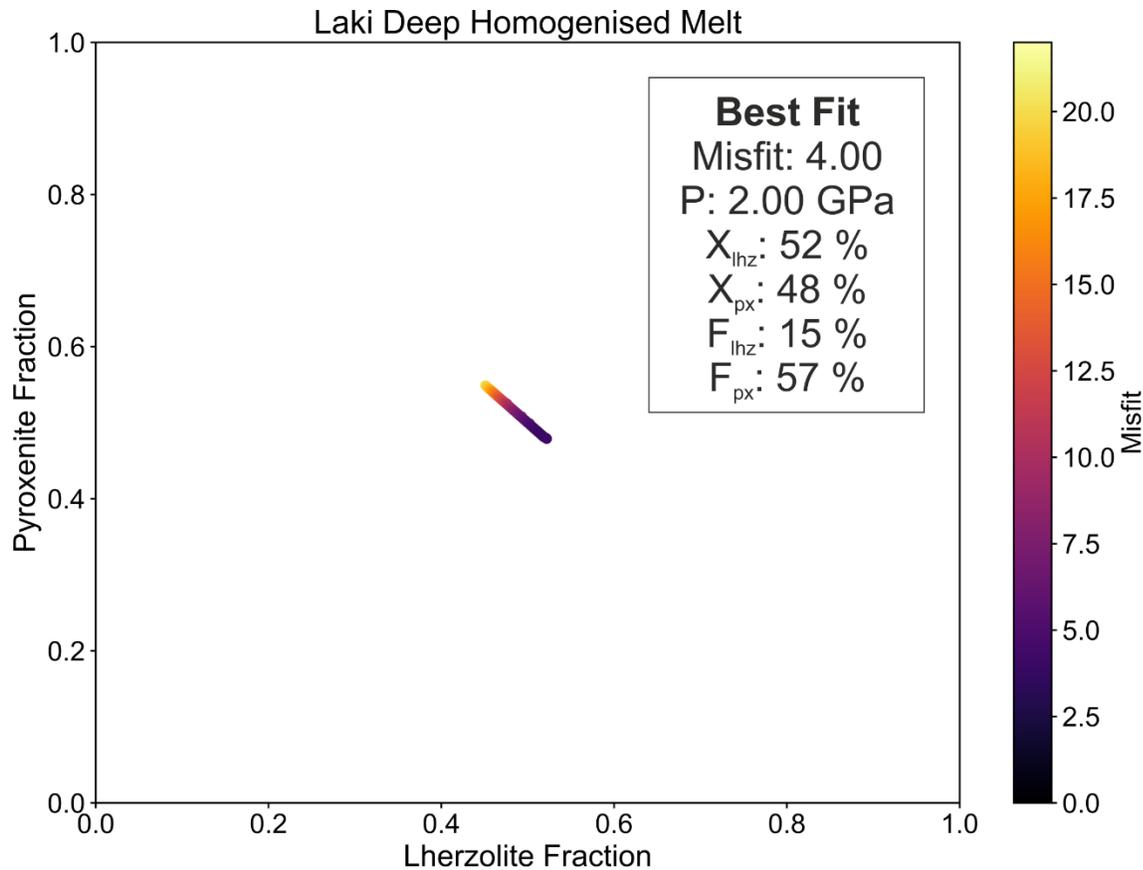
589 The misfit and average pressure of melting for EVZ models are displayed in Figure 12. All
590 sample areas show higher average pressures of melting of lherzolite than in the WVZ: from ~2.2-
591 2.3 GPa beneath Öräfajökull and Skuggafjöll to ~2.6 GPa beneath Laki, which is just lower than
592 the pressure the deep melt component is derived from (2.76 GPa). The lherzolite homogenization
593 pressure range has little effect on the average pressure of melting of the lherzolite.

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596 Figure 12: Average pressure of lherzolite instantaneous melt homogenization pressure range vs.
 597 misfit of the modelled composition to melt inclusion composition for samples in the EVZ. The
 598 1.50 GPa range has been removed from Skuggafjöll as it does not return results below the critical
 599 chi-squared value. Critical chi-squared values are shown by dashed lines: 21.03 for Laki and
 600 Öräfajökull, and 15.51 for Skuggafjöll.



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602 Figure 13: Misfit of the deep homogenized composition modelled beneath the flank zones in
 603 REEBOX compared to the mean melt inclusion composition of Laki. Fractions on axes refer to
 604 the fraction of melts from each lithology in the homogenized melts. Results below the critical
 605 chi-squared value are returned for Laki using both the deep homogenized melt and mixing the
 606 homogenized melt with shallower lherzolite-derived melts. F refers to the melt fraction of each
 607 lithology. X refers to the contribution of melts from each lithology to the homogenized melts. Px
 608 = pyroxenite, lhz = lherzolite.

609 Laki has anomalous results compared to the other locations as the average pressure does not
 610 converge on a minimum as an inverted bell curve (Figure 12). Instead, the minimum misfit is
 611 achieved by mixing lherzolite instantaneous melts produced just after the homogenization of the
 612 deep melt component (Figure 12). The deep homogenized column-accumulate melts produced by
 613 REEBOX for the flank zones can also provide a match to the composition of Laki melt
 614 inclusions if more than 5% melting of lherzolite is allowed to occur before homogenization. The
 615 best fit (deep) homogenized composition is detailed in Figure 13. This melt involves 15%

616 fractional melting of lherzolite before homogenization, with melting occurring at ~2.0 GPa. This
617 melt also requires greater input of lherzolite-derived melts compared to the composition derived
618 for the flank zones.

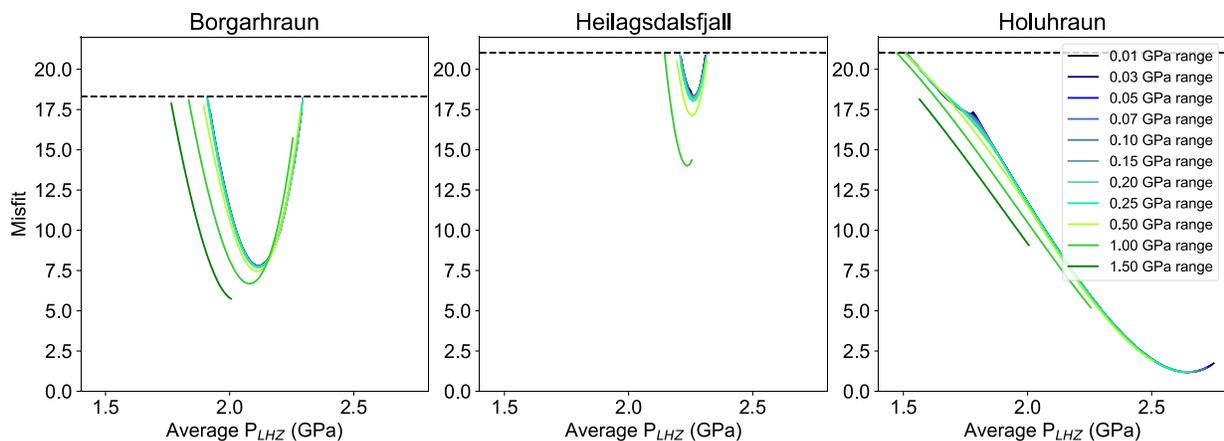
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620 3.8 Melting under the Northern Volcanic Zone

621 Figure 14 details the average pressure of lherzolite melt homogenization, and the corresponding
 622 misfits, for samples in the NVZ. The average pressure only varies on reaching high
 623 homogenization pressure range (1.0-1.5 GPa). All areas require melting of lherzolite at pressures
 624 similar to the EVZ. Shallower lherzolite-derived melts are drawn from lower pressures at
 625 Borgarhraun (~2.1-2.2 GPa) compared to Heilagsdalsfjall and Holuhraun (>2.3 GPa).

626 Holuhraun shows an anomalous trend similar to that of Laki (Figure 14). When the melt
 627 inclusion compositions of Holuhraun are compared to the deep melt generated in the flank zones,
 628 no match is found to the measured compositions.

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631 Figure 14: Average pressure of lherzolite instantaneous melt homogenization interval vs. misfit
 632 of the modelled composition to melt inclusion composition for samples in the NVZ. The 1.5 GPa
 633 homogenization range has been removed from Heilagsdalsfjall as it does not return results below
 634 the critical chi-squared value. Critical chi-squared values are 21.03 for Heilagsdalsfjall and
 635 Holuhraun, and 18.31 for Borgarhraun.

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638 **4 Discussion**

639 4.1 Variation in the depth of melt homogenization across Iceland

640 As seen in Figure 7 (section 3.4) a single composition of deep homogenized melts modelled
641 beneath the flank zones does not provide the best fit to all the flank zone data. In each of the
642 flank zones the pressure at which melts homogenise, the degrees of melting of each lithology and
643 proportional input from each lithology vary. The melt composition determined from
644 Snæfellsjökull provides the closest match to the model envisaged by Rudge et al. (2013), where
645 homogenization occurs with lherzolite-derived melts produced before ~5 % melting of lherzolite.
646 Moving east along the Snæfellsnes Flank Zone to Berserkjahraun and Ytri-Rauðamelur, the deep
647 homogenized melt requires mixing with melts derived from higher degrees of melting from both
648 lherzolite and pyroxenite at lower pressures than that observed in Snæfellsjökull. This is also true
649 of Surtsey, where lherzolite is predicted to undergo 11 % melting before homogenization of the
650 melts. The variation in pressure where the deep melt is produced beneath the flank zones shown
651 in Figure 8.

652 Hardarson and Fitton (1991) demonstrated that differences in trace element compositions of
653 basalts from Snæfellsjökull result from glacial retreat and isostatic rebound increasing the degree
654 of mantle melting and shifting from the garnet stability field to the spinel stability field. The
655 increase in the degree of melting of lithologies in the mantle beneath the Snæfellsnes Flank Zone
656 could be influenced by changing ice thickness altering the melting behaviour of the mantle.
657 However, the variation of melting in Surtsey cannot be linked to the same rebound in the SFZ, as
658 it is spatially distant and postdates ice-sheet retreat.

659 The homogenized compositions of deep melts expressed in flank zone melt inclusions reflect the
660 onset of channelization in the mantle (Rudge et al., 2013). Channelization results in rapid
661 transport of partial mantle melts to the surface, preserving heterogenous melt compositions
662 (Spiegelman and Katz, 2003; Weatherly and Katz, 2012). The models of the homogenized deep

663 melt from the flank zones in this study suggest that the threshold for onset of channelization may
664 be somewhat variable across Iceland.

665 Öräfajökull is an anomalous flank zone system as it appears to require a contribution from
666 shallower lherzolite-derived melt in addition to the deep homogenized melt. This could be
667 influenced by the ridge jump towards Eastern Iceland that is transferring rift-type melting
668 towards the Snæfell-Öräfajökull Flank Zone (Einarsson, 2008). This may explain the better fit of
669 the Öräfajökull model using shallow lherzolite melts from the EVZ melting regime.

670 Additionally, thinner lithosphere beneath Öräfajökull compared to Snæfellsjökull would mean
671 lherzolite melts may be derived at shallower mantle depths compared to other flank zones. There
672 are only six measured melt inclusion compositions from Öräfajökull. Greater sampling may
673 provide a more accurate mean melt composition for the model to match. Recycled sediment is
674 thought to contribute to the melt composition at Öräfajökull (Prestvik et al., 2001; Kokfelt et al.,
675 2006; Manning and Thirlwall, 2014), but this is not accounted for in our model and could explain
676 the poor fits.

677 The model shows two possibilities for the generation of Laki melt inclusion compositions. The
678 first scenario allows greater flexibility in the generation of the deep homogenized melt
679 composition across Iceland, whereby higher degrees of lherzolite melting can occur before the
680 deep melt component is homogenized. The second scenario requires restricting the range of
681 melting that produces the deep homogenized melt to a limited pressure across Iceland and
682 mixing with deeper lherzolite instantaneous melts shortly after homogenization.

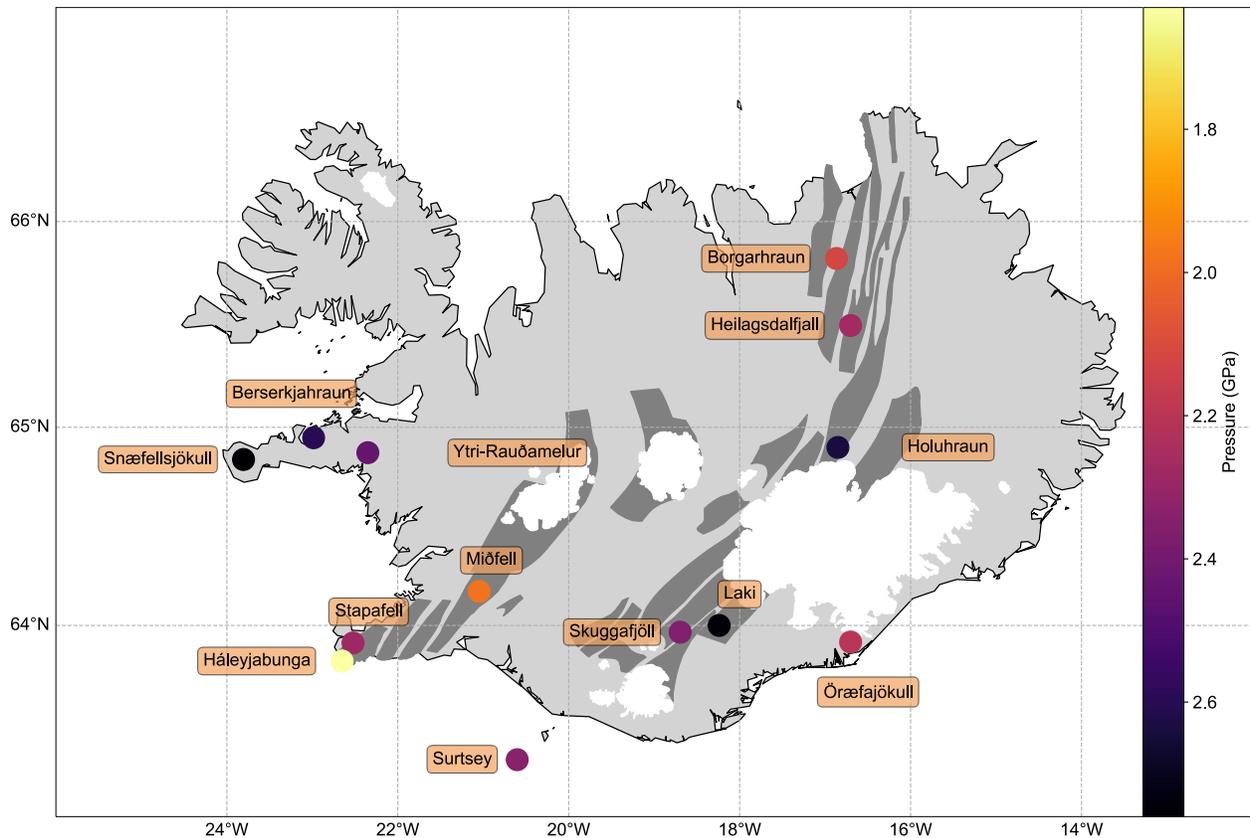
683 Holuhraun shows a similar trend to Laki however there is no match found between Holuhraun
684 melt inclusions and the homogenized composition when produced at lower pressure and with
685 greater degrees of melting of lherzolite than in the flank zones. This suggests that, for Holuhraun,
686 it is more likely that a deep homogenized component similar to that produced at Snæfellsjökull,
687 mixes with lherzolite instantaneous melts formed at pressures just above where the homogenized

688 melt is produced. As Laki and Holuhraun are both located in central Iceland, melting of
689 lherzolite at higher pressures could be linked to their proximity to the plume centre.

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691 4.2 Variation in the depth of shallow lherzolite-derived melt across Iceland

692 Mixing of deep homogenized melts with shallower lherzolite-derived melts is an important
693 mechanism for generating variable melt compositions in the axial rift zones. Figure 15 shows the
694 average pressures at which lherzolite melts are sourced in each sample area to mix with the deep
695 melt component and provide the best fit to sample data. Shallower lherzolite-derived melts
696 appear to be sourced at the greatest pressure in central Iceland, close to the proposed plume
697 centre. This pressure decreases northwards along the NVZ and the lowest pressures of melting
698 are observed in the WVZ. The pressures of lherzolite melting in central Iceland are close to the
699 pressure where the deep homogenized component is derived. This suggests that mixing of the
700 homogenized melt and lherzolite-derived melts happens at greater depths in the mantle with
701 greater proximity to the mantle plume centre. The higher pressure of melting and lower melt
702 fractions involved in central Iceland (Holuhraun and Laki) correlate with crustal thickness
703 (Jenkins et al., 2018). A thicker lithospheric lid has been shown generate lower melt fractions in
704 central Iceland compared to elsewhere along axial rifts (Harðardóttir et al., 2022). Deeper
705 melting in central Iceland is therefore likely also partly a consequence of the thicker crust, with
706 decreasing crustal thickness in the volcanic zones allowing for higher melt fractions to be
707 generated.



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 709 Figure 15: Average pressure of melting of lherzolite melt (using the 0.03 GPa homogenization
 710 range) which provides the best fit model composition for each sample area (neovolcanic zones
 711 and Örfæfjökull (flank zone melt regime). Flank zones show best fit pressure of melting for deep
 712 homogenized melt.

713 The source of lherzolite melts close to the pressure where the deep melt component is generated
 714 at both Laki and Holuhraun raises further questions about how this deep melt component is
 715 produced and when channelization begins across the Icelandic mantle. Allowing homogenization
 716 to take place at shallower depths (i.e., lower pressure and greater degrees of melting) can explain
 717 the compositions of melt inclusions from Laki, but not Holuhraun. The observations from Laki
 718 may be consistent with a propagating rift and a mantle less preconditioned to host channels,
 719 resulting in later onset of channelization. Although more extensive melting and homogenization
 720 prior to channelization may occur near the plume centre, our homogenized melt component alone
 721 cannot match all the compositions observed in central Iceland. Further mixing with shallower
 722 lherzolite-derived melts following the onset of channelization may still be required for some
 723 areas of central Iceland, such as Holuhraun. Denser coverage of melt inclusion studies across

724 both central Iceland and the neovolcanic zones would allow us to determine if the proposed
725 changes in melting and homogenization of mantle melts is true of all locations near the plume
726 centre, or a localised feature that is distinctive of Laki and Holuhraun.

727 To convert our proposed best fit pressures to depths where melting occurs for either the deep
728 homogenized melt or shallower lherzolite melts, we employ the hydrostatic equation to calculate
729 a suitable relative depth in the mantle. We separate the overlying crustal thicknesses from the
730 unknown depth of mantle as follows:

$$731 \quad \mathbf{P} = \rho_1 g h_1 + \rho_2 g h_2$$

732 Where P = pressure (GPa), g = acceleration due to gravity (9.8 ms^{-1}), ρ_1 = density of crust
733 (kg/m^3), ρ_2 = density of mantle (kg/m^3), h_1 = thickness of crust (km), h_2 = thickness of mantle
734 (km). Densities and crustal thicknesses were taken from Staples et al. (1997) and Bjarnason and
735 Schilling (2009) respectively (Table 1). Taking the pressure of melting determined for a
736 harzburgite-bearing mantle, we calculated depths of melting for lherzolite and pyroxenite in each
737 sample area (Table 3).

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Sample Area	Melt component	Best fit pressure (GPa)	Calculated depth (km)
Snæfellsjökull	Deep homogenized melt	2.76	93
Ytri-Rauðamelur	Deep homogenized melt	2.44	83
Berserkjahraun	Deep homogenized melt	2.60	88
Surtsey	Deep homogenized melt	2.34	80
Stapafell	Shallower lherzolite	2.28	78
Háleyjabunga (enriched)	Shallower lherzolite	1.63	57
Háleyjabunga (depleted)	Shallower lherzolite	1.90	66
Miðfell (enriched)	Shallower lherzolite	1.98	68
Laki	Shallower lherzolite	2.74	93
Skuggafjöll	Shallower lherzolite	2.29	79
Holuhraun	Shallower lherzolite	2.64	90
Heilagsdalsfjall	Shallower lherzolite	2.27	78
Borgarhraun	Shallower lherzolite	2.12	73
Öræfajökull (flank zone)	Shallower lherzolite	2.20	76
Öræfajökull (EVZ)	Shallower lherzolite	2.30	79

739 Table 3: Depths where shallow lherzolite-derived melts (neovolcanic zones) or the homogenized
740 deep melt component (flank zones) are produced, determined for each sample area. The pressure
741 used to calculate melting of shallow lherzolite is from the 0.03 GPa homogenization range.

743 4.3 Varying the melting model inputs: lithological proportions and temperature

744 Our model makes several assumptions to look at variations across Iceland. Firstly, we have
745 assumed that the proportions of lherzolite, pyroxenite and harzburgite in the mantle remain
746 constant across all of Iceland. This decision was made to simplify the model and only consider
747 variations caused by differing input of melts derived from different lithologies. Further work to
748 determine how proportions of mantle lithologies vary across the flank and neovolcanic zone on a
749 smaller scale would be beneficial before attempting our modelling technique with different
750 lithological proportions.

751 We investigated two scenarios for Snæfellsjökull with different lithological proportions in the
752 mantle from our initial model, greater pyroxenite and greater harzburgite, to see what effect this
753 had on the genesis of deep homogenized melts. Increasing the percentage of pyroxenite in the
754 mantle from 10% to 15% (55% lherzolite: 15% pyroxenite: 30% harzburgite) resulted in the best
755 fit melt composition being produced at a lower pressure (2.56 GPa compared to 2.76 GPa) and a
756 greater input from pyroxenite-derived melts (72% compared to 65%). Both lherzolite and
757 pyroxenite underwent similar degrees of melting in the higher pyroxenite model. Increasing the
758 proportion of harzburgite in the mantle to 45% (with the same 10% KG1 pyroxenite; 45%
759 lherzolite: 10% pyroxenite: 45% harzburgite) resulted in the best fit melt being produced at a
760 similar pressure and from similar degree of melting but increased the contribution of pyroxenite-
761 derived melt in the homogenized melt (70%). These results show that changing the proportion of
762 pyroxenite and lherzolite in the mantle across Iceland determines the proportion of melts from
763 each lithology that contributes to the deep homogenized component, similar to the findings of
764 Shorttle et al. (2014). Lithological differences may also affect the pressure at which melts are
765 produced, even though the degree of melting that each lithology undergoes is relatively
766 unchanged.

767 We assumed a constant mantle potential temperature of 1480°C (Matthews et al., 2016) to model
768 all our sample areas. While this removes a variable from our modelling, there will be some
769 natural variation in the mantle potential temperature across Iceland. Harðardóttir et al. (2022)
770 suggest that mantle potential temperature has only a limited effect on melt fraction and the
771 generation of geochemical heterogeneity, and that melting in off-axis flanks zones occurs within

772 the same temperature range as the axial rift zones (1299-1539 °C). Nonetheless, we investigated
773 the extreme case where there is no temperature anomaly beneath the Snæfellsnes Flank Zone,
774 assuming an ambient mantle potential temperature of 1318 °C (Matthews et al., 2016), and an
775 intermediate case with a nominal T_p of 1390 °C. At T_p of 1318°C no aggregate melt composition
776 could match the measured melt inclusion compositions. At 1390 °C the best fit homogenized
777 melt composition has a misfit of 5.55 and is produced at 1.96 GPa and comprises 27% lherzolite-
778 derived melts and 73% pyroxenite-derived melts. For comparison, the best fit melt composition
779 produced with a T_p of 1480 °C has a misfit of 7.21 and is produced at 2.76 GPa, with 35%
780 lherzolite-derived melts and 65% pyroxenite-derived melts. The fraction of melting changes
781 slightly with 4% melting of lherzolite instead of 6%. A thermal anomaly is therefore required
782 beneath the Snæfellsnes Flank Zone, but if the thermal anomaly is lower than that under central
783 Iceland then melting would necessarily take place at shallower depths and a higher contribution
784 from pyroxenite-derived melts to the homogenized melt is required.

785 Neave et al. (2019) showed that in magmatic systems with geochemically variable input melts,
786 enriched melt compositions survive crustal processing more effectively than depleted
787 compositions, which biases erupted compositions towards those from enriched recycled
788 lithologies. As the majority of melt inclusion compositions measured and used in this study are
789 primitive, they are relatively robust to modification during crystallisation and processing in the
790 crust. This is true whether modification concerns mixing biasing towards enriched compositions
791 (Neave et al., 2019) or modification by the RTMX processes (O'Neill and Jenner, 2012).

792 4.4 Pyroxenite in the Icelandic Mantle

793 Our study shows that pyroxenite lithologies are present in both the rift and flank zones of the
794 Icelandic mantle, as well as near to and far from the plume centre. Pyroxenite-derived melts
795 contribute to deep homogenized melts when mixed with low-degree lherzolite melts. These
796 homogenized melts then mix with lherzolite melts produced at shallower depths in the mantle to
797 produce the trace element compositions observed in the neovolcanic zones.

798 Rasmussen et al. (2020) argue that olivine compositions from the Snæfellsnes Flank Zone show
799 that melts are derived from a purely peridotitic mantle, with no contribution from a recycled
800 pyroxenite lithology. They specifically refer to the Snæfellsnes source being olivine-bearing, and

801 suggest that enriched compositions may be linked to a refertilised peridotite source. The KG1
802 pyroxenite of Kogiso et al. (1998) used in our model is a silica-deficient olivine-bearing
803 lithology generated by mixing 50% MORB with 50% KLB-1 peridotite. Thus, our model does
804 not require that recycled oceanic lithosphere is a distinct olivine-free pyroxenite in the Icelandic
805 mantle. Rather, we suggest that the recycled material has mixed with surrounding peridotite to
806 create a modally enriched, olivine-bearing pyroxenite-lherzolite hybrid lithology. Modally
807 enriched components in the mantle may be enriched in pyroxene (\pm garnet) whilst also containing
808 olivine, as has been inferred for the Icelandic mantle by Shorttle and MacLennan (2011); Neave
809 et al. (2018) likewise conclude that enriched heterogeneities in the Icelandic mantle are olivine-
810 bearing lithologies. Lambart et al. (2017) modelled decompression melting of G2 (eclogite),
811 KG1 (50% MORB + 50% peridotite) and KG2 (33% MORB + 66% peridotite) in the Icelandic
812 mantle under a potential temperature of 1480 °C (as used in this study). In this model, the trace
813 elements and isotopic systems of Icelandic basalts are best fit by a mantle containing 20% KG1,
814 indicating that recycled material refertilises peridotites in the Icelandic mantle to create a hybrid
815 lithology. We therefore agree with Rasmussen et al. (2020) that the enriched lithology present in
816 the Icelandic mantle must be a hybrid pyroxenite-peridotite composition such as KG1, and not
817 unreacted olivine-free pyroxenites. Modally enriched peridotites generated from the
818 refertilisation of peridotite with recycled crustal material (e.g. Yaxley and Green., 1998) may be
819 important lithologies in the widespread production of oceanic melts (Neave et al., 2018).

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821 **5 Conclusions**

822 Collection of new melt inclusion compositions and models of mantle melting beneath Iceland's
823 flank zones show that the trace element compositions of samples in the SFZ and Surtsey can be
824 generated by deep homogenized melts similar to those envisaged by Rudge et al. (2013). These
825 homogenized components are the result of mixing low-degree melts of lherzolite with higher-
826 degree melts of pyroxenite produced at \sim 2.35-2.75 GPa. The Rudge et al. (2013) model suggests
827 homogenized melts include lherzolite-derived melts produced at up to 5% lherzolite melting.

828 Our models suggest that the lherzolite melt fraction could be as high as 15% for samples in the
829 SNF.

830 The neovolcanic zones and Öraefajökull require the deep homogenized melt to mix with
831 lherzolite instantaneous melts produced at lower pressures, following onset of channelization, to
832 match measured melt inclusion compositions. The pressure these instantaneous melts are
833 sampled at varies with locality, but we observe an increase in pressure (and therefore depth in the
834 mantle) in samples closer to the mantle plume centre. The proportion of the deep homogenized
835 melt contributing to the modelled melt composition is greatest close to the plume centre and is
836 markedly lower in the NVZ than elsewhere in Iceland. The NVZ has previously shown to be
837 geochemically distinct from Iceland, particularly in lithophile isotopic composition. Laki also
838 provides evidence that at localities closer to the mantle plume homogenization of lherzolite- and
839 pyroxenite-derived melts occurs shallower depths in the mantle prior to the onset of
840 channelisation. Further work is required to constrain how the production of the deep
841 homogenized melt varies across Iceland, and whether a homogenized component is of greater
842 influence closer to the plume centre than elsewhere in the neovolcanic zones.

843 Our results are consistent with previous suggestions that Phanerozoic-age subducted lithosphere,
844 possibly associated with Iapetus closure, is present in the upper mantle of the North Atlantic
845 (Thirlwall et al., 2004; McKenzie et al., 2004; Halldórsson et al., 2016b). The rising Icelandic
846 mantle plume then entrains this recycled material as it rises through the upper mantle. Low-
847 degree melting beneath the Snæfellsnes Flank Zone and Surtsey, far from the centre of the
848 mantle plume, results in bulk melt compositions being dominated by melts source from the ITE-
849 enriched recycled material relative to surrounding lherzolite, producing highly ITE-enriched
850 compositions of the flank zone basalts.

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859 **Open Research**

860 Composition data of measured melt inclusions and crystal hosts are available as an excel
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862 explanations of the post entrapment crystallization corrections carried out in this work are
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