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**Identification of an ancient mantle reservoir and young recycled materials in the source region of a young mantle plume: Implications for potential linkages between plume and plate tectonics**

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24 **Abstract**

25 Whether or not mantle plumes and plate subduction are genetically linked is a  
26 fundamental geoscience question that impinges on our understanding of how the  
27 Earth works. Late Cenozoic basalts in Southeast Asia are globally unique in relation  
28 to this question because they occur above a seismically detected thermal plume  
29 adjacent to deep subducted slabs. In this study, we present new Pb, Sr, Nd, and Os  
30 isotope data for the Hainan flood basalts. Together with a compilation of published  
31 results, our work shows that less contaminated basaltic samples from the synchronous  
32 basaltic eruptions in Hainan-Leizhou peninsula, the Indochina peninsula and the  
33 South China Sea seamounts share the same isotopic and geochemical characteristics.  
34 They have FOZO-like Sr, Nd, and Pb isotopic compositions (the dominant lower  
35 mantle component). These basalts have primitive Pb isotopic compositions that lie on,  
36 or very close to, 4.5- to 4.4-Ga geochrons on a  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  versus  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  diagram,  
37 suggesting a mantle source developed early in Earth's history (4.5–4.4 Ga).  
38 Furthermore, our detailed geochemical and Sr, Nd, Pb and Os isotopic analyses  
39 suggest the presence of 0.5–0.2 Ga recycled components in the late Cenozoic Hainan  
40 plume basalts. This implies a mantle circulation rate of >1 cm/yr, which is similar to  
41 that of previous estimates for the Hawaiian mantle plume. The identification of the  
42 ancient mantle reservoir and young recycled materials in the source region of these  
43 synchronous basalts is consistent with the seismically detected lower mantle-rooted  
44 Hainan plume that is adjacent to deep subducted slab-like seismic structures just  
45 above the core-mantle boundary. We speculate that the continued deep subduction  
46 and the presence of a dense segregated basaltic layer may have triggered the plume to  
47 rise from the thermal-chemical pile. This work therefore suggests a dynamic linkage  
48 between deep subduction and mantle plume generation.

49 **Key words: South China Sea; basalts; ancient mantle reservoir; Hainan mantle**  
50 **plume; subducted oceanic crust; core-mantle boundary**

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## 52 **1. Introduction: Plume versus plate tectonics**

53 Subduction of oceanic slabs to as deep as the core-mantle boundary (CMB) as a part  
54 of plate tectonic processes, and the rise of hot mantle plumes from the lower mantle,  
55 are two of the first-order phenomena that operated through much of Earth's history  
56 (e.g., Hofmann and White, 1982; Li and Zhong, 2009; Zindler and Hart, 1986).  
57 However, it is still unclear how the two systems interact with each other and whether  
58 they are parts of a single geodynamic system. Answers to these questions impinge on  
59 our understanding of how the Earth works (e.g., Li and Zhong, 2009). At least some  
60 plumes are believed to have originated from the CMB, resulting in a bottom-up flux  
61 of energy and mass to the Earth's surface (e.g., Campbell and Griffiths, 1990;  
62 Griffiths and Campbell, 1990; Courtillot et al., 2003). On the other hand, high  
63 resolution seismic tomographic images (e.g., Fukao et al., 2001, 2009; van der Hilst et  
64 al., 1997) show that deep subducted slabs can penetrate the mantle transition zone,  
65 likely to fall into the lower mantle and ultimately accumulate above the CMB. It is  
66 believed that the Earth's materials are circulated between its surface and the lower  
67 mantle through these two processes.

68 Hofmann and White (1982) were the first to link the formation of mantle plumes to  
69 deep subduction in a conceptual model, suggesting that plumes are the results of  
70 rising long-term isolated oceanic crust at the CMB and thus a general consequence of  
71 plate tectonics. Niu and O'Hara (2003) proposed instead that plumes were produced  
72 by subducted oceanic lithospheric mantle (the harzburgite layer) at the CMB that was  
73 separated from the basaltic layer. However, because the oceanic lithospheric mantle is  
74 extremely depleted in incompatible elements, this latter model cannot explain the  
75 typical characteristics of plume-induced rocks that are enriched in incompatible  
76 elements (e.g., Hofmann, 1997; White, 2010).

77 Whether or not deep-subducted oceanic crust can lead to the formation of mantle  
78 plumes also depends on the balance between their thermal buoyancy and  
79 compositional buoyancy (e.g., Ogawa, 2010). Thermal buoyancy due to energy  
80 released by heat-producing elements (U, Th, and K<sub>2</sub>O) and heat conducted from the  
81 Earth's core may ultimately overcome the negative compositional density (Ogawa,  
82 2010; Tackley, 2011). Heat-producing element concentrations of subducted oceanic  
83 crust (Th = 0.48 ppm, U = 0.20 ppm, and K<sub>2</sub>O = 0.33 wt.%; Stracke et al., 2003) are  
84 an order of magnitude higher than those of any peridotitic mantle reservoir including  
85 the depleted upper mantle (Workman and Hart, 2005), the chondritic bulk silicate  
86 Earth (McDonough and Sun, 1995), and the nonchondritic bulk silicate Earth (Carlson  
87 and Boyet, 2008; O'Neill and Palme, 2008). Recent numerical modelling results  
88 showed that both harzburgite and basaltic layers of subducted slabs stored at the CMB  
89 could form plume-like thermal upwelling (plumes?) or could be entrained by classic  
90 plumes (e.g., Ogawa, 2010; Tackley, 2011).

91 To date, geochemical, petrological, and experimental studies have recognized  
92 recycled oceanic lithospheric mantle (e.g., Lassiter and Hauri, 1998), basaltic crust  
93 (e.g., Hauri, 1996; Jackson et al., 2012; Kogiso and Hirschmann, 2006; Mallik and  
94 Dasgupta, 2012; Sobolev et al., 2000, 2005, 2007, 2011b; Takahashi et al., 1998),  
95 gabbro (e.g., Stroncik and Devey, 2011; Yaxley and Sobolev, 2007), and sediments  
96 (e.g., Rapp et al., 2008) in mantle plumes. It is generally accepted that subducted  
97 oceanic crust and its subsequent reaction products are the dominant forms of  
98 heterogeneity in a mantle plume (e.g., Hauri, 1996; Hofmann, 1988; Hofmann, 1997;  
99 Kogiso and Hirschmann, 2006; Mallik and Dasgupta, 2012; Sobolev et al., 2000,  
100 2005, 2007, 2011b; Takahashi et al., 1998).

101 Global supercontinent reconstructions and the large igneous province (LIP) record  
102 show that both the timing and location of plume events appear to have been  
103 dominantly controlled by the first order geometry of global subduction zones (e.g., Li  
104 and Zhong, 2009). It has been speculated that the sinking of subducted slabs to the  
105 lower mantle could not only push the dense chemical layer upward, but also enhance  
106 or trigger thermal instability in the lower mantle and the formation of thermal-  
107 chemical domes (and thus plumes or superplume; e.g., Li and Zhong, 2009;  
108 Steinberger and Torsvik, 2012; Zhong et al., 2007). Thermochemical convection  
109 modelling shows that the formation of the current large and isolated Pacific and  
110 African mantle superswells (or superplumes, a term we prefer to use in this paper)  
111 may be a natural consequence of such plate tectonic processes (e.g., Zhang et al.,  
112 2010; Steinberger and Torsvik, 2012). However, there are yet no clear case studies  
113 that have demonstrated the actual working of such a model with direct linkages  
114 between subduction and mantle plume formation.

115 The late Cenozoic basalt province in southeastern Asia (Fig. 1) is the first example  
116 that may imply direct links between a young mantle plume and deep subduction. A  
117 hypothesised young and lower mantle-rooted plume near Hainan Island is supported  
118 by the existence of extensive synchronous OIB-type basalts (e.g., Flower et al., 1992;  
119 Hoang and Flower, 1998; Tu et al., 1991; Wang et al., 2012; Zou and Fan, 2010), a  
120 lower mantle-rooted plume-like low velocity seismic structure (e.g., Huang and Zhao,  
121 2006; Montelli et al., 2006; Zhao, 2007), a thin mantle transition zone in the region  
122 (Wang and Huang, 2012), high mantle potential temperature (Hoang and Flower,  
123 1998; Wang et al., 2012; Wang and Huang, 2012), and geochemical signatures for the  
124 basalts suggesting a lower mantle plume origin (Zou and Fan, 2010).

125 On the other hand, unlike classic plumes since the Mesozoic that occur dominantly  
126 above the two mantle superplumes (e.g., Anderson, 1982; Burke and Torsvik, 2004),  
127 the Hainan plume is located within the Eurasian mantle downwelling zone and almost  
128 encircled by major subduction zones (Fig. 1). Furthermore, geophysical investigations  
129 not only identified a plume-like seismic structure (e.g., Huang and Zhao, 2006;  
130 Montelli et al., 2006; Zhao, 2007), but also detected deep-subducted slabs down to the  
131 lower mantle (e.g., Li et al., 2008a) or near the CMB (e.g., He and Wen, 2011) in this  
132 region.

133 The Hainan flood basalts represent a microcosm of the volcanic activity in  
134 southeast Asia (e.g., Flower et al., 1992) and are a key to unravelling the petrogenesis  
135 of the late Cenozoic basalts in this region (e.g., Wang et al., 2012; Zou and Fan, 2010).  
136 In this study, we present new high precision Pb, Sr, Nd, and Os isotope data for the  
137 Hainan flood basalts, which share the same isotopic and geochemical characteristics  
138 as synchronous basalts in the nearby Leizhou peninsula, the Indochina peninsula and  
139 the South China Sea seamounts (Fig. 1). They have FOZO-like Sr, Nd, and Pb  
140 isotopic compositions (lower mantle-origin). Their primitive Pb isotopic compositions  
141 suggest a mantle source formed early in the Earth's history (4.5–4.4 Ga). The recycled  
142 oceanic crust is likely to be very young (0.5–0.2 Ga). These new findings, along with  
143 existing geophysical, petrological, and geochemical evidence, present a strong case  
144 that a young mantle plume sampled both an ancient mantle reservoir and young  
145 recycled components.

## 146 **2. Background, sampling and analytical methods**

### 147 **2. 1. The globally unique Hainan plume**



148 Geophysical studies in recent years made a surprise discovery of a plume-like low-  
149 velocity structure down to the lower mantle beneath the Hainan Island-Leizhou  
150 peninsula (Leiqiong) in Southeast Asia (Fig. 1) (e.g., Huang and Zhao, 2006;  
151 Lebedev and Nolet, 2003; Lei et al., 2009; Montelli et al., 2006; Zhao, 2007), called  
152 the Hainan plume. Global seismic tomographic studies suggested that the Hainan  
153 plume is one of no more than a dozen postulated plumes of lower mantle origin  
154 worldwide (e.g., Zhao, 2007). Global occurrences of mantle plumes and subducting  
155 slabs since the Mesozoic generally feature a segregated domainal distribution, with  
156 plumes on top of the broad Pacific and African mantle superplumes and subduction in  
157 mantle downwelling zones (e.g., Li et al., 2008a; Montelli et al., 2006). However, the  
158 Hainan plume-like low-velocity structure sits close to the subduction zones of the  
159 Pacific, the Philippine Sea and the South China Sea slabs to the east, and the Indo-  
160 Australian slab to the south and west (Fig. 1), and is far away from both superplumes  
161 (e.g., Montelli et al., 2006). This makes the Hainan plume a potentially unique  
162 example amongst mantle plumes in being linked to the subduction of tectonic plates,  
163 thus shedding new insights into the workings of the global geodynamic system.

164 Extensive and voluminous late Cenozoic basalts are a prominent feature in  
165 southeast Asia (Fig. 1). These include continental flood basalts (CFBs) found in the  
166 Leiqiong area (called the Leiqiong CFBs) and the nearby Indochina peninsula (Fig.  
167 1a), and seamount basalts in the South China Sea basin (Fig. 1b). The basalts have  
168 been shown to share a common source region (e.g., Hoang et al., 1996; Tu et al., 1992;  
169 Wang et al., 2012; Zhou and Mukasa, 1997). The flood basalts from the Leiqiong area  
170 and the Indochina peninsula erupted toward the end of the opening of the South China  
171 Sea between 30 and 16 Ma and lasted from about 17 Ma to younger than 1 Ma (Wang  
172 et al., 2012). Volcanic seamounts in the South China Sea have circular or oval shapes,

173 are tens to one hundred kilometers across and thousands of meters high (Fig. 1b).  
174 Dredged basalt samples from seamounts were dated at 22–0.4 Ma (Yan et al., 2006;  
175 Yeh et al., 2010) and signify hot spot activities that may have been associated with the  
176 Hainan plume (e.g., Lebedev and Nolet, 2003; Lei et al., 2009).

177 The Hainan plume model is also consistent with high mantle potential temperature  
178 of 1440–1550 °C (Hoang and Flower, 1998; Wang et al., 2012), large-scale surface  
179 uplift since the late Neogene in the Indochina peninsula (Hoang and Flower, 1998)  
180 and from the Oligocene to ca. 5 Ma in southern Hainan Island (Shi et al., 2011). The  
181 identification of a hot and thin mantle transition zone also supports the lower mantle-  
182 rooted Hainan plume model – a recent seismic study demonstrated that the thickness  
183 of this mantle transition zone beneath the Leiqiong flood basalts is about 25 km  
184 thinner than the global average value, suggesting about 200 °C excess mantle  
185 potential temperature (Wang and Huang, 2012). The above evidence shows that the  
186 mantle beneath this region is ~200 °C hotter than the normal convecting upper mantle  
187 (e.g., Herzberg et al., 2007; Lee et al., 2009).

188 The synchronous late Cenozoic basalts in the Leiqiong area, the Indochina  
189 peninsula, and the South China Sea seamounts display light rare earth element (LREE)  
190 enriched patterns, typical ocean island basalt (OIB)-type incompatible element  
191 distributions, normal OIB-like Sr and Nd isotopic compositions, and Dupal-like EM2  
192 (enriched mantle 2) Pb isotope signatures (e.g., Han et al., 2009; Hoang et al., 1996;  
193 Tu et al., 1991, 1992). Recent studies proposed that the Dupal-like EM2 isotopic  
194 signature may have originated from partial melting of lower mantle materials  
195 entrained in the rising Hainan plume (e.g., Zou and Fan, 2010).

## 196 **2.2. Regional geology and sampling**

197 Twenty-seven fresh basalt samples were collected from the north of Hainan Island  
198 for Nd-Pb isotopic analysis, with 24 of these further analysed for Sr isotopes, and 17  
199 for Re and Os concentrations and Os isotopic ratios. All the samples have been  
200 previously analysed for petrography, major-trace element compositions, and for  
201  $^{39}\text{Ar}/^{40}\text{Ar}$  ages (Wang et al., 2012). Chips of the samples were washed ultrasonically  
202 in double-deionized water and then hand-picked under a binocular microscope to  
203 avoid any alteration and/or fractured surfaces. They were crushed to fine powders.  
204 The results are presented in Appendix Tables S1 and S2 and Figures 2–5.

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### 206 **2.3. Analytical methods**

207 For lead isotopic analyses, 100-150 mg of each whole rock powder was dissolved  
208 with distilled HF+HNO<sub>3</sub> in Savillex Teflon screw-cap beakers at 150 °C for seven  
209 days. Lead was separated and purified using anion resin exchange techniques with  
210 HBr as eluant. Procedural blanks were < 0.2 ng for Pb. Isotopic ratios were measured  
211 on a Finnigan MAT-262 thermal ionization mass spectrometer (TIMS) at the Institute  
212 of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing. Lead was loaded  
213 with a mixture of Si-gel and H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> onto a single-Re filament and measured at  
214 1300°C. Measured Pb isotopic ratios were corrected for instrumental mass  
215 fractionation of 0.11% per atomic mass unit by reference to repeated analyses of the  
216 NBS-981 Pb standard. Repeated analyses of NBS-981 gave  $^{204}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb} = 0.05897 \pm$   
217  $0.00015$ ,  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb} = 0.91445 \pm 0.00080$ ,  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb} = 2.1617 \pm 0.0018$  (2 $\sigma$ ).

218 Rhenium-Osmium isotopes of the samples were determined at the Guangzhou  
219 Institute of Geochemistry. Powdered bulk rock samples (2–3g each) were spiked with  
220 solutions enriched in  $^{190}\text{Os}$  and  $^{185}\text{Re}$  and digested in inverse aqua regia in a sealed

221 Carius tubes at 240°C for at least 24 hours (Shirey and Walker, 1995). Osmium was  
222 extracted by carbon tetrachloride and subsequently back extracted into high-purity  
223 concentrated HBr (Pearson and Woodland, 2000). Further purification of Os was  
224 accomplished via microdistillation in a conical Teflon vial. Afterwards, Re was  
225 extracted from the solution in anion exchange columns (AG1×8, 200–400 resin). Os  
226 isotope measurements were conducted by negative thermal ionization mass  
227 spectrometer (N-TIMS) on a Thermo-Fisher TRITON instrument (Creaser et al.,  
228 1991). Total blank levels were  $3.0 \pm 0.9$  pg and  $10.6 \pm 0.5$  for Os and, Re (2 SD, n = 6),  
229 respectively. Both Os and Re were corrected for blanks. The blank  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratio  
230 was  $0.256 \pm 0.034$  (2 SD, n = 6). The quality of the Os data was also confirmed in a  
231 comparative analytical study using the international peridotite standard rock WPR-1.  
232 During the course of this study, WPR-1 yielded  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratio of  $0.14475 \pm$   
233  $0.00057$  (2 SD, n = 6), and the Re and Os concentrations (ppb) were  $10.7 \pm 0.6$  and  $17$   
234  $\pm 1$  (2 SD, n = 6) for five measurements, respectively.

235 [Neodymium](#) isotopic compositions were determined using a Micromass Isoprobe  
236 multi-collector ICP-MS (MC-ICP-MS) at the Guangzhou Institute of Geochemistry,  
237 following analytical procedures described in Li et al. (2004). Measured  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$   
238 ratios were normalized to  $^{146}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.7219$ , and the reported  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratios  
239 were further adjusted relative to the Shin Etsu JNdi-1 standard of 0.512115,  
240 corresponding to the La Jolla standard of 0.511860 (Tanaka et al., 2000). During the  
241 course of this study, international standard rocks BHVO-2, JB-1 and JB-3 yielded  
242  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.512970 \pm 8$  (2 $\sigma$ , n = 5),  $0.512778 \pm 5$  (2 $\sigma$ , n = 5),  $0.513063 \pm 13$  (2 $\sigma$ ,  
243 n = 4), respectively.

### 244 **3. Results**

### 245 3.1 Sr-Nd-Pb isotopes

246 The Sr-Nd-Pb isotope data are presented in Appendix Table S1 and Figures 2 and 3.

247 The Hainan basalts exhibit fairly uniform  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  (0.7045–0.7031) and  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$   
248 (0.51287–0.51297) ratios, with average values of  $0.7039 \pm 0.0005$  (1 SD) and  $0.51287$   
249  $\pm 0.00005$  (1 SD), respectively. This is comparable to the present-day value for the  
250 superchondritic Earth model (SCHEM, a nonchondritic bulk silicate Earth) with  
251  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.512997 \pm 0.000103$  and  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.7030 \pm 0.004$  (Caro and  
252 Bourdon, 2010). The oceanic basalt-like Nb/U ratios, the broad negative correlation  
253 between MgO/SiO<sub>2</sub> and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$ , and the lack of correlation between Nb/U and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  rule  
254 out significant crustal contamination in the generation of the Hainan basalts (Fig. 2).  
255 The studied samples display a narrow range of  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  ratios (18.6–18.8), but a  
256 relatively large range of  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  (15.45–15.65) and high  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ratios (38.4–  
257 39.1). They define a good linear correlation of  $(^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}) = 0.4567 (\pm 0.0791) \times$   
258  $(^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}) + 7.0702 (\pm 1.4717)$ ,  $r = 0.76$  (Fig. 3a). This linear correlation, when  
259 interpreted as a model isochron, yielded an source differentiation age of  $4.1 \pm 0.3$  Ga,  
260 which is much older than those of global oceanic basalts at  $2.0 \pm 0.2$  Ga (e.g., Sun,  
261 1980). This implies long-term isolation of the Hainan mantle source from the Earth's  
262 mantle stirring (e.g., Allegre and Lewin, 1995), and possibly formed in Earth's early  
263 history (e.g., Jackson et al., 2010). Another prominent characteristic of the studied  
264 Hainan samples is linear correlation between  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  and  $^{208}\text{Pb}^*/^{206}\text{Pb}^* [^{208}\text{Pb}^*/^{206}\text{Pb}^* =$   
265  $(^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} - 29.475)/(^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} - 9.306)$  (Hofmann, 1997)] (red filled circles in Fig.  
266 3d). This means that Th/U correlate with Sm/Nd in the Hainan mantle plume  
267 evolution.

268 Figure 3 also shows that the Pb, Sr, and Nd isotopic compositions of the studied  
269 samples are comparable to those of young Indian-Ocean MORBs, and show an  
270 affinity with the FOZO (focal zone) mantle component.

### 271 **3.2 Re-Os isotopes**

272 The Re-Os concentration and isotopic results are given in Appendix Table S2 and  
273 Figures 4 and 5. Osmium concentrations range from 0.009 to 10.87 ppb (mostly 0.1 to  
274 0.4 ppb) and rhenium concentrations vary from 0.027 to 0.199 ppb.  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios  
275 range from 0.088 to 21 (mostly 1.1 to 5.3).  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios range from 0.1227 to  
276 0.1829 (mostly 0.129 to 0.150). The osmium concentrations of the Hainan basalts plot  
277 in the fields of normal OIB and high-magnesium lavas (Fig. 4a), being significantly  
278 higher than most MORBs (mostly  $<0.05$  ppb) (e.g., Gannoun et al., 2007; Schiano et  
279 al., 1997; Shirey and Walker, 1998) and synchronous (3–17 Ma) Philippine Sea plate  
280 seamount basalts of nonplume origin (mostly  $<0.07$  ppb; Dale et al., 2008). The  
281 Hainan basalts have low Re contents compared with those of MORB. The Os isotopic  
282 ratios of the Hainan basalts ( $\text{Os} \geq 0.07$  ppb) are similar to those of the Hawaiian  
283 plume-originated OIBs and early Iceland plume-related high-magnesium lavas (Fig.  
284 4b).

285 There are covariations of  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  with Os concentration and  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios in  
286 the Hainan flood basalts (Fig. 4b and c). Sample 08HN-22D possesses the highest Os  
287 concentration (10.87 ppb) and the lowest  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratio (0.1227). In contrast,  
288 08HN-5F and 08HN-14A have the lowest Os concentrations (0.025 and 0.009 ppb,  
289 respectively) and the highest  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios. Excluding the end-member samples,  
290 there are no meaningful correlations of  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  with Os and  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$ . With the

291 exception of sample 08HN-5F, the Hainan basalts define a good correlation between  
292  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  and Fe/Mn (Fig. 4d).

## 293 **4. Discussion**

### 294 **4.1 Contamination versus source heterogeneity**

295 Our new isotope data, along with a compilation of published data from the Hainan  
296 Island-Leizhou peninsula (the Leiqiong area) (Flower et al., 1992; Han et al., 2009;  
297 Tu et al., 1991; Wang et al., 2012; Zou and Fan, 2010), the Indochina peninsula  
298 (Hoang et al., 1996; Zhou and Mukasa, 1997) and the South China Sea seamount  
299 basalts (Tu et al., 1992; Yan et al., 2008), are plotted in Figures 2 and 3.

300 As shown in Figure 2a, the high- $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  ( $> +3$ ) samples define a broad negative  
301 correlation between  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  and  $\text{MgO}/\text{SiO}_2$ , whereas the low- $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  ( $\leq +3$ ) samples, mostly  
302 from the Indochina peninsula, have a positive correlation. The oceanic basalt-like  
303 Nb/U ratios and the correlation between Nb/U and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  (Fig. 2b) further demonstrated  
304 that the effect of crust contamination is insignificant in high- $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  ( $> +3$ ), but the low-  
305  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  ( $\leq +3$ ) samples underwent significant crustal contamination. Such samples will  
306 be excluded from further discussions.

307 Within the 17 analyses, sample 08HN-22D represents an Os-rich and  $^{187}\text{Os}$ -  
308 depleted end-member, a typical characteristic of sub-continental lithospheric mantle  
309 (SCLM)-derived melts (Figs. 4 and 5). Because the partial melting mainly occurred  
310 within the asthenospheric mantle (Wang et al., 2012), the Hainan basalts may have  
311 been affected by assimilation of SCLM. The Os concentration of sample 08HN-22D  
312 is higher than both fertile (2.8–3.4 ppb) and depleted mantles (0.8–9 ppb) and  
313 komatiites (0.5–6 ppb) (Shirey and Walker, 1998). Such an extreme enrichment of Os

314 requires a very high proportional involvement of SCLM. This is inconsistent with its  
315 incompatible trace element and Sr-Nd isotope compositions. It has OIB-like trace  
316 element compositions, such as high Nb/La (1.34), La/Sm (5.8) and Re (0.199 ppb)  
317 and low Sm/Nd (0.19). In addition, this sample has Sr ( $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.7041$ ) and Nd  
318 ( $\epsilon\text{Nd} = +4.2$ ) isotopes similar to the other 16 samples (Figs. 3 and 4). These features  
319 therefore suggest the involvement of trace Os-enriched phases (e.g., Os-bearing  
320 sulfides or Os alloy phases) through assimilation or entrapment. Such trace phases,  
321 probably originating from within the SCLM, would have caused the Os-rich and  
322  $^{187}\text{Os}$ -depleted features of the primary melt, but have had little effect on incompatible  
323 trace element concentrations (such as Re) and Sr-Nd isotopic ratios due to mass  
324 balance.

325 Samples 08HN-14A and 08HN-5F represent the Os-poor and  $^{187}\text{Os}$ -enriched end-  
326 member (Figs. 4 and 5). This characteristic can be attributed to assimilation of  
327 continental crust or injection of recycled oceanic crust into the source region.  
328 Incompatible trace element signatures of continental crust and recycled oceanic crust  
329 are different (Fig. 5a and b). For example, the oceanic crust is characterized by high  
330 Sm/Nd (0.28–0.38) and low La/Sm (0.74–1.85; Stracke et al., 2003), whereas  
331 continental crust displays low Sm/Nd (0.17–0.25) and high La/Sm (2.9–6.6; Rudnick  
332 and Gao, 2003). Thus, the mixing of continental or oceanic crust with asthenospheric  
333 mantle-derived melts would produce different trends (Fig. 5a and b). As shown in  
334 Figures 5a and b, with the exceptions of the two end-members (08HN-22D and  
335 08HN-14A), the remaining samples define good linear correlations of Os with Sm/Nd  
336 and La/Sm. The Os-poor ends of each linear trend converge to recycled oceanic crust  
337 rather than to continental crust (Fig. 5a and b). This is inconsistent with crustal  
338 contamination. Compared with the main linear trends, sample 08HN-14A is



339 characterized by its depletion in Os at given Sm/Nd and La/Sm ratios (Fig. 5a and b).  
340 This may have been caused by either crustal contamination or the loss of sulphides.  
341 The characteristics of high Nb/La ratio (1.5), high  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  value (+5.7) and low  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$   
342 (0.703) ratio of this sample exclude the possibility that the depletion in Os was a  
343 result of crustal contamination. Thus, the decoupling of Os is likely attributed to loss  
344 in sulphides that co-precipitated with silicate. The large ranges in Os concentration  
345 and  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratio are therefore attributed mainly to mantle source heterogeneity  
346 rather than crustal contamination.

#### 347 **4. 2 Lower mantle isotopic characteristics**

348 The synchronous less-contaminated basalts ( $\epsilon\text{Nd}>+3$ ) from the Leiqiong area, the  
349 Indochina peninsula, and the South China Sea seamounts (called the LIS basalts  
350 hereafter) share common Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic characteristics (Figs. 2 and 3). They fall  
351 close to or within the range suggested for a FOZO (focal zone) mantle component  
352 (Hauri et al., 1994). FOZO is commonly identified as a major component of the lower  
353 mantle (e.g., Campbell and O'Neill, 2012; Hart et al., 1992; Hauri et al., 1994).

354 The osmium isotopic ratios and Re and Os concentrations of the Hainan basalts (Os  
355  $\geq 0.07$  ppb) are similar to those of lower mantle-rooted plume-induced basalts, such  
356 as the Hawaiian plume OIBs and the ca. 60 Ma Iceland plume picrites (Fig. 4),  
357 suggesting a lower mantle origin.

358 The lower mantle Sr, Nd, Pb, and Os isotopic signatures are therefore consistent with  
359 the previously proposed lower mantle-rooted Hainan plume model (e.g., Huang and  
360 Zhao, 2006; Montelli et al., 2006; Wang et al., 2012; Zhao, 2007; Zou and Fan, 2010).  
361 The low-temperature thermochronological evidence for a 30–23 Ma episode of rapid  
362 uplift and unroofing in Hainan Island (Shi et al., 2011), early (about 22 Ma) hot spot

363 activity (Fig. 1b), and possible ca. 30 Ma plume-induced magmatic events (e.g., Yeh  
364 et al., 2010) imply that the head of the Hainan plume likely impinged on the base of  
365 the lithosphere at around 30 Ma.

#### 366 **4. 3. A very early-formed mantle reservoir for the Hainan plume**

367 The LIS basalts are characterized by a narrow range of  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ , but large  
368 variations in  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ , leaving them well bracketed by the 4.5 and 4.4 Ga geochrons  
369 (Fig. 3a). Such a Pb isotopic characteristic suggests that these basalts were derived  
370 mainly from an early Earth mantle reservoir that has remained in isolation since the  
371 earliest days of planetary accretion some 4.5 Ga ago (e.g., Jackson and Carlson, 2011;  
372 Jackson et al., 2010).

373 If the composition of such an ancient mantle reservoir either represents that of the  
374 bulk silicate Earth (Andreasen et al., 2008) or was formed shortly after the formation  
375 of the core and has remained unaffected by subsequent events, then the  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  [ $\epsilon\text{Nd} =$   
376  $[(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{\text{sample}}/0.512638-1] \times 10,000$ ] value for the ancient reservoir today  
377 should be +5 to +9 (e.g., Bourdon et al., 2008; Caro and Bourdon, 2010). The less-  
378 contaminated LIS basalts have  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values ranging from about +3 to +8 (Figs. 2 and  
379 3), similar to the present-day value predicted for the ancient mantle reservoir. Similar  
380 Nd isotopic characteristics have also been recognized in other plume-related flood  
381 basalts (Jackson and Carlson, 2011) and in two oceanic plateaus—the Kerguelen and  
382 Ontong Java plateaus (Campbell and Griffiths, 1992; Campbell and O'Neill, 2012).  
383 The ancient mantle reservoir components plot within 100 Ma of the 4.5-Ga geochron  
384 on a  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  versus  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  diagram, suggesting that they were developed early  
385 in Earth's history (e.g., Jackson and Carlson, 2011).

386 Previous studies (Jackson and Carlson, 2011; Jackson et al., 2010) suggested that  
387 such an ancient mantle reservoir represents a residue of an ancient global depletion  
388 event. However, the estimated Nb/La ratios for such an ancient reservoir is 1.41  
389 (Jackson et al., 2010) that is much higher than any known depleted reservoir, such as  
390 the modern depleted mid-ocean-ridge basalt (MORB) mantle reservoirs (Nb/La =  
391 0.64–0.97; Workman and Hart, 2005) and the early depleted reservoirs (Nb/La =  
392 0.74–0.79; Carlson and Boyet, 2008). Furthermore, this implies that such an ancient  
393 reservoir is rather enriched in terms of the Nb/La ratio. This study shows that this  
394 ancient mantle reservoir also has a large range of  $^{208}\text{Pb}^*/^{206}\text{Pb}^*$  values (Fig. 3d) and  
395 high  $^{208}\text{Pb}^*/^{206}\text{Pb}^*$  values similar to some EM-1 type OIBs (e.g., Hofmann, 1997).  
396 This suggests an enriched component with Th/U ratios >4. The high end-member of  
397 the  $^{208}\text{Pb}^*/^{206}\text{Pb}^*$  array is associated with the lowest  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values (about +3.5), again  
398 suggesting an enriched end-member. Thus, the ancient mantle reservoir is likely  
399 chemically heterogeneous, possibly containing both depleted (low- $^{208}\text{Pb}^*/^{206}\text{Pb}^*$  and  
400 high-  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$ ) and enriched (high- $^{208}\text{Pb}^*/^{206}\text{Pb}^*$  and low- $\epsilon\text{Nd}$ ) end-member components.

401 To understand the formation of such an ancient mantle reservoir requires knowledge  
402 about the density contrast between solid and melt fractions (e.g., Lee et al., 2010;  
403 Nomura et al., 2011). The prevailing view is that the differentiation of Earth's silicate  
404 mantle was driven by the extraction of low-density melts. Lee et al. (2010) proposed a  
405 fresh perspective on the way of silicate differentiation occurred in the early Earth  
406 whereby liquids sink instead of rising. It was suggested that under certain high-  
407 pressure conditions in the upper mantle, peridotite partial melts may be more dense  
408 than solid peridotite because such liquids are Fe-rich and more compressible than  
409 solids (e.g., Lee et al., 2010; Miller et al., 1991; Stolper et al., 1981; Suzuki et al.,  
410 1998). Recent experimentally determined iron partitioning over the entire mantle

411 pressure range also suggests that liquids formed at  $\geq 1,800$  km are denser than  
412 coexisting solids in the lower mantle (Nomura et al., 2011).

413 Crystallization of a magma ocean would produce an enriched denser liquid phase at  
414  $\geq 1,800$  km (e.g., Caro et al., 2005; Labrosse et al., 2007; Nomura et al., 2011). Shortly  
415 after magma ocean crystallization, a high degree of partial melting of depleted  
416 peridotite at depth of 300-410 km depths (Lee et al., 2010) would produce depleted  
417 type of denser melt. Thus, early global differentiation of bulk silicate Earth at 4.55–  
418 4.40 Ga might have resulted in both enriched and depleted types of denser melts that  
419 were preserved close to the CMB (Jackson and Carlson, 2011; Lee et al., 2010;  
420 Nomura et al., 2011), isolated from subsequent mantle convection (Carlson and Boyet,  
421 2008; Coltice et al., 2011; Nomura et al., 2011).

#### 422 **4. 4 A minor 0.5–0.2 Ga recycled component in the source region of the Hainan** 423 **plume**

424 Our new Os isotopic results suggest high- and low-Os end-members for the  
425 generation of the Hainan basalts (Fig. 5). The high-Os end-member displays typical  
426 characteristics of a melt generated from a peridotitic source, such as low SiO<sub>2</sub> and  
427 Sm/Nd and high MgO, La/Sm and Os ( $\geq 0.4$  ppb). In contrast, the low-Os end-  
428 member shows an affinity to melts derived from pyroxenitic sources with high silica  
429 and Sm/Nd and low MgO and La/Sm (Fig. 5 and Appendix Fig. S1). The studied  
430 samples display moderate correlations of  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  with SiO<sub>2</sub> ( $r = 0.53$ , Appendix  
431 Fig.S1c) and MgO ( $r = -0.63$ , Appendix Fig. S1d), and a good correlation with Fe/Mn  
432 ( $r = 0.90$ ), also evidence for the presence of pyroxenitic components in the source  
433 region.

434 The Os characteristics of our samples are consistent with previous findings that the  
435 source of the Hainan basalts is a mixture of predominantly mantle peridotite with  
436 some mafic components (Wang et al., 2012). The mafic components were likely  
437 derived from recycled oceanic crust, as suggested by the high Fe/Mn ratios, high Ni  
438 contents and positive Sr anomalies (Wang et al., 2012) and Os isotopes (this study).

439 The LIS basalts are also characterized by evolution from high- and low-silica end-  
440 member melts (Wang et al., 2012; Fig. 6). The high-silica end-member is  
441 characterized by depletions in incompatible trace elements, low Os, K<sub>2</sub>O, TiO<sub>2</sub> and  
442 MgO, and high Fe/Mn and <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os (Wang et al., 2012; this study). As shown in  
443 Fig. 6, the high-silica end-member is similar to melt derived from bulk recycled  
444 oceanic crust (ROC; Stracke et al., 2003) and oceanic gabbro (Yaxley and Sobolev,  
445 2007). By contrast, the low-silica end-member has 44 wt.% SiO<sub>2</sub>, 2.5 wt.% TiO<sub>2</sub> and  
446 18 wt.% MgO (Wang et al., 2012), which compares well with the composition of  
447 partial melt of garnet peridotite at 3 GPa and 1430–1460 °C (Davis et al., 2011).

448 The isotopic composition of recycled components is strongly dependent on parent-  
449 daughter ratios and recycling ages (e.g., Sobolev et al., 2011a; Stracke et al., 2003,  
450 2005). Recycling time estimations for subducted oceanic crust vary from 1–2.5 Ga  
451 (e.g., Allegre and Lewin, 1995; Sun, 1980) to 0.2–1.0 Ga (e.g., Becker, 2000; Sobolev  
452 et al., 2011a). Therefore, young and ancient recycled components should possess  
453 unique time-integrated isotope signatures (e.g., Demény et al., 2004; Stracke et al.,  
454 2003, 2005). As a consequence, mixing between typical mantle peridotite and ancient  
455 recycled oceanic crust can produce correlations between isotopic ratios and major  
456 elements (e.g., Hauri, 1996; Huang and Frey, 2005; Jackson et al., 2012; Kokfelt et al.,  
457 2006), and/or trace element ratios (e.g., Demény et al., 2004; Kokfelt et al., 2006;  
458 Lassiter and Hauri, 1998). On the contrary, injection of recent recycled oceanic crust

459 into peridotitic source should produce good correlations between major and trace  
460 elements, but good correlations between isotopes and elements are not expected. The  
461 latter has been observed in the LIS basalts (Fig. 6 and Appendix Figs. S1 and S2),  
462 suggesting a young recycled component in their source. This is illustrated by the  
463 following numerical modelling of isotope evolution.

464 The initial Sr, Nd and Pb isotope composition of ancient oceanic crust at the time of  
465 recycling is modeled according to the method proposed by Stracke et al. (2003) with  
466 changes made to some parameters. Because the averages of global MORB and south  
467 Indian Ocean MORB plot on the 4.45-Ga and 4.48-Ga geochrons, the differentiation  
468 age at which time the MORB mantle was derived from the bulk silicate Earth is  
469 adjusted from 2.0 Ga (Stracke et al., 2003) to 4.5 Ga. Due to homogeneous and  
470 superchondritic  $^{142}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  isotopic ratios in all modern terrestrial samples (e.g.,  
471 Jackson and Carlson, 2012), our calculation was undertaken using a super-chondritic  
472 Earth Model (SCHEM) (Caro and Bourdon, 2010) following a two-stage evolutionary  
473 model (Stracke et al., 2003). Because the average Sr and Nd isotopes of south Indian  
474 Ocean MORB, with  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.5130 \pm 0.0001$  (1 SD,  $n = 292$ ) and  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$   
475  $= 0.7031 \pm 0.0004$  (1 SD,  $n = 255$ ), are identical to those of SCHEM whose average  
476 Pb isotope plots on the 4.5-Ga geochron, the average Pb isotopes of the south Indian  
477 Ocean MORB were used to calculate the initial Pb isotope of recycled oceanic crust  
478 with  $\mu = ^{238}\text{U}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 8.7$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}/^{238}\text{U} = 3.8$ . A quantitative Os isotopic modelling  
479 method (Dale et al., 2007) has also been applied to test the effect of lithologies and  
480 recycling ages on the range of Pb-Os isotopes of the recycled components (Fig. 7).

481 The modelling results (Figs. 3 and 7) have several important implications. First, the  
482 present-day Pb isotopic compositions of recycled components evolved along the OIB

483 arrays as a function of recycled ages (Fig. 3a and b). This implies that recycled  
484 oceanic crust may be the dominant factor controlling Pb isotopic heterogeneities in  
485 OIB sources. The lead isotopic array of  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ - $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  implies that the age of  
486 recycled oceanic crust should be younger than 0.6 Ga (Fig. 3a) in the source of LIS  
487 basalts. Second, extremely high  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios recently reported in oceanic crust  
488 (80 to 675) (e.g., Dale et al., 2007; Peucker-Ehrenbrink et al., 2012) would lead to  
489 extremely radiogenic  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios ( $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 2\text{--}12$ ) over 1 Ga (Fig. 7a),  
490 suggesting that such a component cannot be present in the LIS basalt source. Third,  
491 both ancient ( $> 0.6$  Ga) gabbro- and bulk oceanic crust-derived melts possesses  
492 distinctive Pb-Sr-Nd (Fig. 3) and Os (Fig. 7) isotopic signatures that are significantly  
493 different from what we observe in the LIS basalts. Overall, our modelling suggests  
494 that the age of recycled oceanic crust in the LIS mantle source should be younger than  
495 0.6 Ga, probably 0.5–0.2 Ga. Such a young age is comparable with the age range of  
496 0.65–0.20 Ga for recycled oceanic crust in the source region of the Hawaiian OIBs  
497 (Sobolev et al., 2011a).

498 Although the current data support the recycled oceanic crust model, the following  
499 evidence shows that it was only a minor component in the mantle source region.  
500 Figure 6a shows that the La/Sm-Sm/Nd array of the LIS basalts matches well with  
501 partial melting of a peridotitic source. This implies that partial melting processes may  
502 be a controlling factor for the geochemical diversity. Variations in major element  
503 compositions may also be attributed to partial melting processes (Fig. 6b).  
504 Furthermore, the inferred residual mineral assemblages indicate that the source of the  
505 high-silica melts (tholeiites) should be dominantly peridotite (Wang et al., 2012). In  
506 addition, we demonstrated above that the low-silica end-member melts were derived  
507 mainly from peridotitic sources. We thus conclude that the  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ - $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$

508 array in Figure 3a should be mainly attributed to an ancient peridotitic source, and this  
509 suggests an early isolation of the FOZO-like component.

#### 510 **4. 5. Possible linkage between mantle plume and plate tectonics**

511 The unique tectonic setting for the Hainan plume implies that it may be genetically  
512 linked to the sinking of subducted slabs surrounding it to the core-mantle boundary.  
513 Geophysical studies identified stagnated oceanic slabs at both the mantle transition  
514 zone in the vicinity of Hainan Island and ongoing subduction reaching the lower  
515 mantle (e.g., He and Wen, 2011; Huang and Zhao, 2006; Huang et al., 2010; Li et al.,  
516 2008a; Zhao, 2004; Zhao et al., 2011). High-quality differential-travel-time analysis  
517 further revealed that the lower mantle beneath the South China Sea has a weak low  
518 velocity anomaly that is nearly encircled by two prominent high velocity patches  
519 above the CMB (He and Wen, 2011). The two high velocity anomalies have been  
520 interpreted as representing subducted Pacific and Indo-Australia plates in the past 30–  
521 60 Ma (He and Wen, 2011). Based on the seismic, geochemical and geological  
522 evidence, we propose that the avalanches of the subducted Indo-Australian and  
523 Pacific slabs to the core-mantle boundary may have pushed up a thermal-chemical  
524 pile to form the Hainan plume (Fig. 8 and detailed discussion below) following  
525 conceptual models by Maruyama (1994) and Li et al. (2008b).

526 High-resolution seismic images (Lei et al., 2009) show a bent geometry of the  
527 Hainan plume in the upper mantle, which may be attributed to shallow mantle  
528 circulation (Lei et al., 2009). The presence of both a large scale (1000-2000 km wide)  
529 and thin low-velocity layer under the South China Sea below the 660-km  
530 discontinuity (e.g., Zhao, 2007) and a small-scale thin mantle transition zone with a  
531 diameter of about 200 km beneath northwest Hainan Island may reflect the ponding of



532 hot plume materials beneath the transition zone (e.g., Lei et al., 2009; Wang and  
533 Huang, 2012). A similar broad seismic structure has been found beneath the transition  
534 zone west of Hawaii (Cao et al., 2011), suggesting that the typical plume-induced  
535 Hawaiian volcanism may not have been caused by a stationary narrow plume that rose  
536 from the CMB, but by hot plume materials first held back beneath the 660 km  
537 discontinuity, and then entrained under the transition zone before rising up to the  
538 surface (Cao et al., 2011). However, the Hainan plume may be more complex than the  
539 Hawaii plume because of the influence of deep subduction (Lei et al., 2009).  
540 Interactions between the mantle plume, the mantle transition zone, stagnant slabs, and  
541 previous mid-ocean ridges may have transformed the lower mantle plume into several  
542 smaller secondary thermal upwellings in the upper mantle (Cao et al., 2011; Davies  
543 and Bunge, 2006) (Fig. 8).

544 The presence of 0.2–0.65 Ga (Sobolev et al., 2011a) and 0.5–0.2 Ga young  
545 recycled sources in the Hawaiian and Hainan plumes, respectively, imply a timescale  
546 of general mantle circulation with a rate higher than 1 cm/yr, assuming that subducted  
547 crust was delivered to the CMB at 2,900 km depth, and the Hawaiian and Hainan  
548 plumes rise from that depth. However, strong  $^{230}\text{Th}$  excesses suggest a slow upwelling  
549 rate ( $<1\text{cm/yr}$ ) for the Hainan plume (Zou and Fan, 2010). The difference can be  
550 reconciled because the U-series data reflect recent ( $< 0.35\text{ Ma}$ ) upwelling rates  
551 whereas this study provides an average long-term upwelling rate.

## 552 **5. Conclusions**

553 In this study, we present new high precision Pb, Sr, Nd, and Os isotope data for the  
554 Hainan flood basalts. Together with a compilation of published data, our work shows  
555 that less contaminated and synchronous basaltic samples from the Hainan-Leizhou

556 peninsula, the Indochina peninsula and the South China Sea seamounts have FOZO-  
557 like Sr, Nd, and Pb isotopic compositions. Their primitive Pb isotopic compositions  
558 suggest a mantle source developed early in the Earth's history (4.5–4.4 Ga). A very  
559 young (0.5–0.2 Ga), but minor, recycled component is also suggested to have  
560 contributed to the Hainan plume basalts. The presence of a 0.5–0.2 Ga recycled  
561 component in the late Cenozoic basalts suggests a mantle circulation at a rate higher  
562 than 1 cm/yr. The identification both of an ancient mantle reservoir and young  
563 recycled materials in the young Hainan plume is consistent with geophysical  
564 observations showing a plume adjacent to deep subducted slab-like seismic structures  
565 just above the core-mantle boundary. We therefore propose a dynamic linkage  
566 between deep subduction and mantle plume generation.

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580 **Figure Captions**

581 **Fig. 1** Geological and bathymetric map of the South China Sea and adjacent regions  
582 showing late Cenozoic basaltic volcanism, ridge spreading directions and seamounts  
583 in the South China Sea (SCS). Italic numbers in white in (a) show the spreading ages  
584 in Ma (Braitenberg et al., 2006). Inset in (a) shows the major subduction zones in the  
585 region where HI stands for Hainan Island. (b) Three-dimensional geomorphologic  
586 features of seamounts in the South China Sea modified after Braitenberg et al. (2006).  
587 Yellow stars are sites where seamount basalts have been dated (Yan et al., 2006). The  
588 bathymetric map in (a) is from website: <http://cmtt.tori.org.tw/data/Appmap>  
589 [/maplist.htm](http://cmtt.tori.org.tw/data/Appmap).

590 **Fig. 2** Plots of (a) MgO/SiO<sub>2</sub> and (b) Nb/U against εNd values for late Cenozoic  
591 basalts from the Leiqiong area (Flower et al., 1992; Han et al., 2009; Tu et al., 1991;  
592 Wang et al., 2012; Zou and Fan, 2010), the Indochina peninsula (Hoang et al., 1996;  
593 Zhou and Mukasa, 1997) and the South China Sea seamount (Tu et al., 1992; Yan et  
594 al., 2008).  $\epsilon\text{Nd}(t) = [({}^{143}\text{Nd}/{}^{144}\text{Nd})_{\text{sample}}/0.512638-1] \times 10,000$ . The corresponding  
595 major-trace element data for the Hainan basalts analysed in this study are from Wang  
596 et al. (2012). Nb/U is one of the most effective parameter for discriminating between  
597 crustal and mantle-derived materials (e.g., Hofmann, 1997; Hofmann et al., 1986).  
598 Basalts from the Leiqiong area and the South China Sea seamounts have Nb/U ratios  
599 similar to those of oceanic basalts (37–57; Hofmann et al., 1986) with little correlation  
600 with εNd, indicating insignificant crustal contamination. By contrast, the high-εNd (>  
601 +3) samples from the Indochina peninsula have high Nb/U ratios, varying from ~40 to  
602 70 and negatively correlated with εNd, whereas the low-εNd (≤ +3) samples from the  
603 same region have lower Nb/U ratios similar to those of continental crust (10;

604 Hofmann et al., 1986) and positively correlated with  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$ . These diagrams show that  
605 the samples with  $\epsilon\text{Nd} \leq +3$  are significantly affected by crustal contamination. The  
606 Nb/U values for oceanic basalts and continental crust are from Hofmann et al. (1986).

607 **Fig. 3** Sr, Nd and Pb isotopes of least-contaminated late Cenozoic LIS basalts from  
608 the Leiqiong area, the Indochina peninsula, and the South China Sea seamounts  
609 compared with the Pacific and south Indian Ocean MORBs. The fields of the Pacific  
610 and south Indian Ocean MORBs were based on data compilation by Meyzen et al.  
611 (2007). The field of FOZO (focal zone) mantle component is defined by  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} =$   
612  $0.703\text{--}0.704$ ,  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.5128\text{--}0.5130$ ,  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 18.5\text{--}19.5$ ,  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} =$   
613  $15.55\text{--}15.65$ ,  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 38.8\text{--}39.3$ , and  $^{208}\text{Pb}^*/^{204}\text{Pb}^* = 0.964\text{--}1.014$  (Hauri et al.,  
614 1994). The isotope evolution of recycled oceanic crust (99% bulk igneous crust + 1%  
615 sediments), bulk recycled igneous crust (25%N-MORB + 25% altered MORB + 50%  
616 gabbro), and gabbros are shown. Numbers next to crosses indicate the recycling ages  
617 (in Ga). To minimize the effect of crustal contamination, samples with  $\epsilon\text{Nd} \leq +3$  have  
618 been excluded. Data sources are the same as for Figure 2. OIB arrays:  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}\text{--}$   
619  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  OIB array,  $y = 13.605 + 0.1025x$  ( $r = 0.88$ ,  $n = 660$ );  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}\text{--}$   
620  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  OIB array,  $y = 22.321 + 0.871x$  ( $r = 0.90$ ,  $n = 660$ ). OIB lead isotopic data  
621 used in linear regression are from the Georoc database  
622 ([georoc.mpchmainz.gwdg.de/georoc](http://georoc.mpchmainz.gwdg.de/georoc)). Only OIB samples with  $\text{SiO}_2 = 44\text{--}51$  wt.%,  
623  $\text{MgO} = 10\text{--}18$  wt.%, and totally dry between 97 wt.% to 101 wt.% were used. The  
624 parent-daughter ratios used for the calculation have taken into account the effect of  
625 subduction processes (e.g., Stracke et al., 2003). See text for details about calculation  
626 of initial isotopic compositions. Other related parameters and modelling results are  
627 given in the Appendix.

628 **Fig. 4** (a) Re concentrations versus Os concentrations and (b)  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios versus  
629 Os contents of the Hainan basalts compared with 3–17 Ma seamount basalts from the  
630 Philippine Sea plate (PSP) (Dale et al., 2008), the Hawaiian plume-induced lavas  
631 (Ireland et al., 2011; Ireland et al., 2009; Lassiter and Hauri, 1998; Lassiter et al.,  
632 2000) and early (ca. 60 Ma) Iceland plume-induced picrites from Baffin Island and  
633 west Greenland (BIWG) (Dale et al., 2009; Kent et al., 2004; Schaefer et al., 2000).  
634 PUM in (b) indicates putative present-day primitive upper mantle with  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} =$   
635  $0.1296 \pm 0.0008$  (Meisel et al., 2001). The  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios in (b) for the Hawaiian  
636 and the Iceland plume lavas have been corrected to their initial values. Data for  
637 abyssal peridotite (A.P.) in (b) are from Liu et al. (2008) and Dale et al. (2009). (c)  
638  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  versus  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  and (d)  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  versus Fe/Mn (Wang et al., 2012)  
639 for the Hainan basalts. The Hainan basalts have low Re contents compared to MORB  
640 (Gannoun et al., 2007; Schiano et al., 1997) and plot in the fields of OIB and high-  
641 magnesian samples (modified after Shirey and Walker, 1998). The error bars in (c)  
642 indicate 2 standard error (2 SE). The correlation of  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  versus  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  is  
643 likely due to melt mixing or crustal contamination. With the exceptions of two low-Os  
644 samples (08HN-5F and 08HN-14A), the remainder are scatter and broadly plot along  
645 the isochron of 22 Ma, suggesting an insignificant effect of crustal contamination on  
646 most samples.

647 **Fig. 5** Plots of Sm/Nd and La/Sm against (a) and (b) Os concentration and (c) and (d)  
648  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratio. The open red circles in (a) and (b) indicate the data points that were  
649 excluded in calculating the least square linear regression lines (dashed lines). The  
650 composition of recycled oceanic crust and the bulk continental crust is from Stracke et  
651 al. (2003) and Rudnick and Gao (2003), respectively. The black solid lines with  
652 arrows represent crustal contamination trends.

653 **Fig. 6** Plots of (a) La/Sm and (b) SiO<sub>2</sub> against Sm/Nd ratios for the LIS basalts. The  
654 chondritic bulk silicate Earth (BSE; McDonough and Sun, 1995), nonmodal batch  
655 partial melting (solid lines with squares or circles) and binary mixing (dark blue  
656 dashed lines) are shown. The modelling parameters for nonmodal partial melting are  
657 from Stracke et al. (2003). Recycled oceanic crust (ROC) is composed of 25%N-  
658 MORB (Hofmann, 1988) + 25%altered MORB (Staudigel et al., 1995) + 50%gabbro  
659 (Hart et al., 1999) with 1.93 ppm La, 7.37 ppm Nd, 2.45 ppm Sm. The recycled  
660 oceanic crust has 51 wt.% SiO<sub>2</sub>, similar to primitive MORB (Kelemen et al., 2007).  
661 The peridotite-derived melt represents the enriched end-member (La = 3.7 ppm, Nd =  
662 3.85 ppm, Sm = 1.27 ppm, SiO<sub>2</sub> = 44 wt.%). Partial melts of gabbros were  
663 experimentally determined (C-1913; Yaxley and Sobolev, 2007). Each filled circle or  
664 square on the partial melting lines in (a) represents a 5% increment of the melting  
665 fraction. Each cross on the binary mixing lines in (b) indicates 0.1 increments of  
666 recycled components. It should be pointed out that binary mixing between high  
667 melting of recycled oceanic crust (65%) and low (about 5–8%) to intermediate (15%)  
668 melting of peridotite is not a unique way to produce the correlation between SiO<sub>2</sub> and  
669 Sm/Nd in (b) because either the source heterogeneity (e.g., Hauri, 1996; Sobolev et al.,  
670 20005; Wang et al., 2012) or the melting conditions (e.g., Albarède, 1992; Haase,  
671 1996; Walter, 1998) can contribute to variations in major element compositions. For  
672 example, SiO<sub>2</sub> content in melts of peridotitic sources correlates positively with melt  
673 fraction at intermediate melt fractions (0–40%; Walter, 1998) and negatively with  
674 melting pressure (Albarède, 1992; Haase, 1996). In addition, Sm/Nd ratio in melts  
675 also increases with increasing melt fraction because the bulk partition coefficient for  
676 Sm/Nd between melt and solid during partial melting of peridotitic sources is higher  
677 than 1 (e.g., Workman and Hart, 2005). Thus, changing melt fraction can also produce

678 such a positive correlation. Furthermore, the inferred residual mineral assemblages  
679 indicate that the source of the high-silica melts (tholeiites) should be dominantly  
680 peridotite (Wang et al., 2012). The mineral/melt partition coefficients and melting  
681 proportions used in the non-modal batch partial melting calculations are presented in  
682 the Appendix. Data sources are the same as Fig. 3.

683 **Fig. 7** (a) Evolution of MORB, gabbro and complete oceanic crust in  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ –  
684  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  space, (b) mixing peridotite mantle ( $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.123$ ,  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} =$   
685  $18.7$ ,  $\text{Os} = 3.1$  ppb,  $\text{Pb} = 0.03$  ppm) and recycled oceanic crust (50% MORB + 50%  
686 gabbro,  $\text{Pb} = 0.09$  ppm,  $\text{Os} = 0.045$  ppb), and gabbro ( $\text{Pb} = 0.114$  ppm,  $\text{Os} = 0.055$   
687 ppb), and (c) mixing between peridotite-derived melts ( $\text{Os} = 0.5$  ppb,  $\text{Pb} = 1.0$  ppm)  
688 and partial melts of recycled oceanic crust ( $\text{Pb} = 0.54$  ppb,  $\text{Os} = 0.045$  ppb) and  
689 recycled gabbro ( $\text{Pb} = 0.172$  ppm,  $\text{Os} = 0.055$  ppb), (d) plot of  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  against  
690  $\text{Sr}/\text{Sr}^*$ .  $\text{Sr}^*/\text{Sr} = \text{Sr}_N/(\text{Ce}_N \times \text{Nd}_N)^{0.5}$  (subscript N indicates primitive mantle  
691 normalized values). The bulk recycled oceanic crust (50% MORB + 50% gabbro) has  
692  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  and  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  isotopic ratios at 0.1 Ga, 0.3 Ga and 0.5 Ga as follows:  
693  $18.39$ ,  $18.71$ ,  $19.04$  and  $0.493$ ,  $1.197$ ,  $1.903$ . Similarly,  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 18.16$ ,  $18.03$ ,  
694  $17.89$  and  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.315$ ,  $0.662$ ,  $1.01$  for recycled gabbro according to recycling  
695 age in 0.1 Ga, 0.3 Ga, and 0.5 Ga. The Os concentrations for bulk oceanic crust and  
696 oceanic crust gabbro are from Peucker-Ehrenbrink et al. (2012). The fields of  
697 enriched plume mantle (EP) and EM2-type OIBs are modified after Shirey and  
698 Walker (1998). Data source for Sr, Ce and Nd data of Gabbro: average Gabal Gerf  
699 gabbro (Zimmer et al., 1995); average gabbro, 735B (Hart et al., 1999).

700 **Fig. 8** A carton model illustrating the formation mechanism of the Hainan plume  
701 based on both seismic imaging results (Huang and Zhao, 2006; Lebedev and Nolet,  
702 2003; Lei et al., 2009; Montelli et al., 2006; Wang and Huang, 2012; Zhao, 2007) and

703 this study. Broad low velocity anomalies beneath the lithosphere and the transition  
704 zone are prominent in this region (Huang and Zhao, 2006; Lebedev and Nolet, 2003;  
705 Li et al., 2008a; Zhao, 2007), but the interpreted secondary plumes beneath the  
706 Indochina peninsula volcanic province and seamounts in the South China Sea (SCS)  
707 have not been reported in seismic tomographic data yet. The volcanism in the  
708 Indochina peninsula and the South China Sea may have been caused by past thermal  
709 plumes, or small-scale thermal upwellings from the edge of the broad anomaly. The  
710 possible lower mantle chemical domains is drawn according to the upside-down  
711 differentiation model (Lee et al., 2010), early silicate reservoirs recognized in plume-  
712 induced basaltic rocks (Jackson and Carlson, 2011; Jackson et al., 2010), and  
713 chemical-thermal properties of plumes (Campbell and O'Neill, 2012; Griffiths and  
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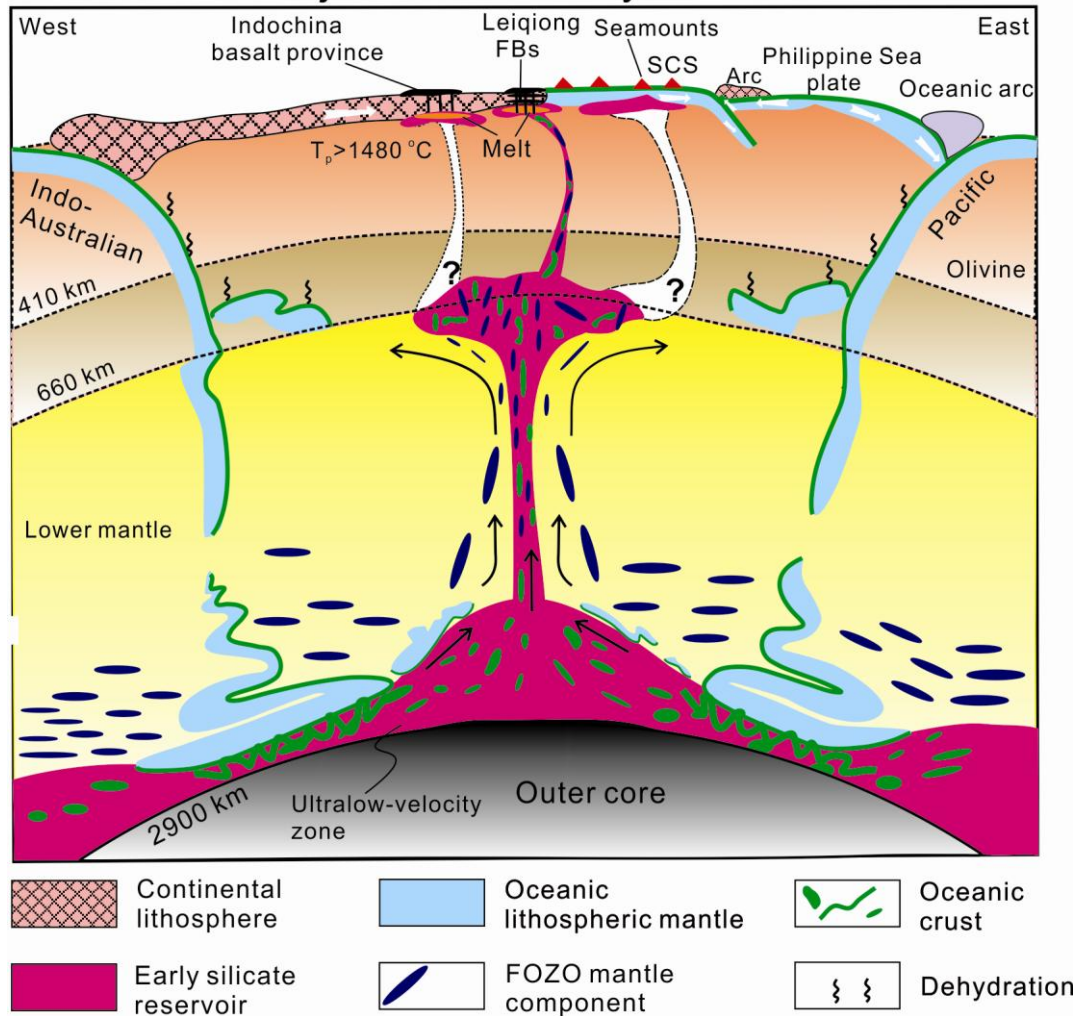
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## Highlights

- Late Cenozoic basalts in Southeast Asia display primitive Sr, Nd and Pb isotopes.
- Coexistence of a 4.5– 4.4 Ga-old reservoir and a minor young recycled component.
- Support dynamic linkages between deep subduction and mantle plume generation.

Graphical abstract

### Formation mechanism of the Hainan plume close to major subduction systems



This study may provide the first observational support for dynamic linkage between deep subduction and mantle plume generation.

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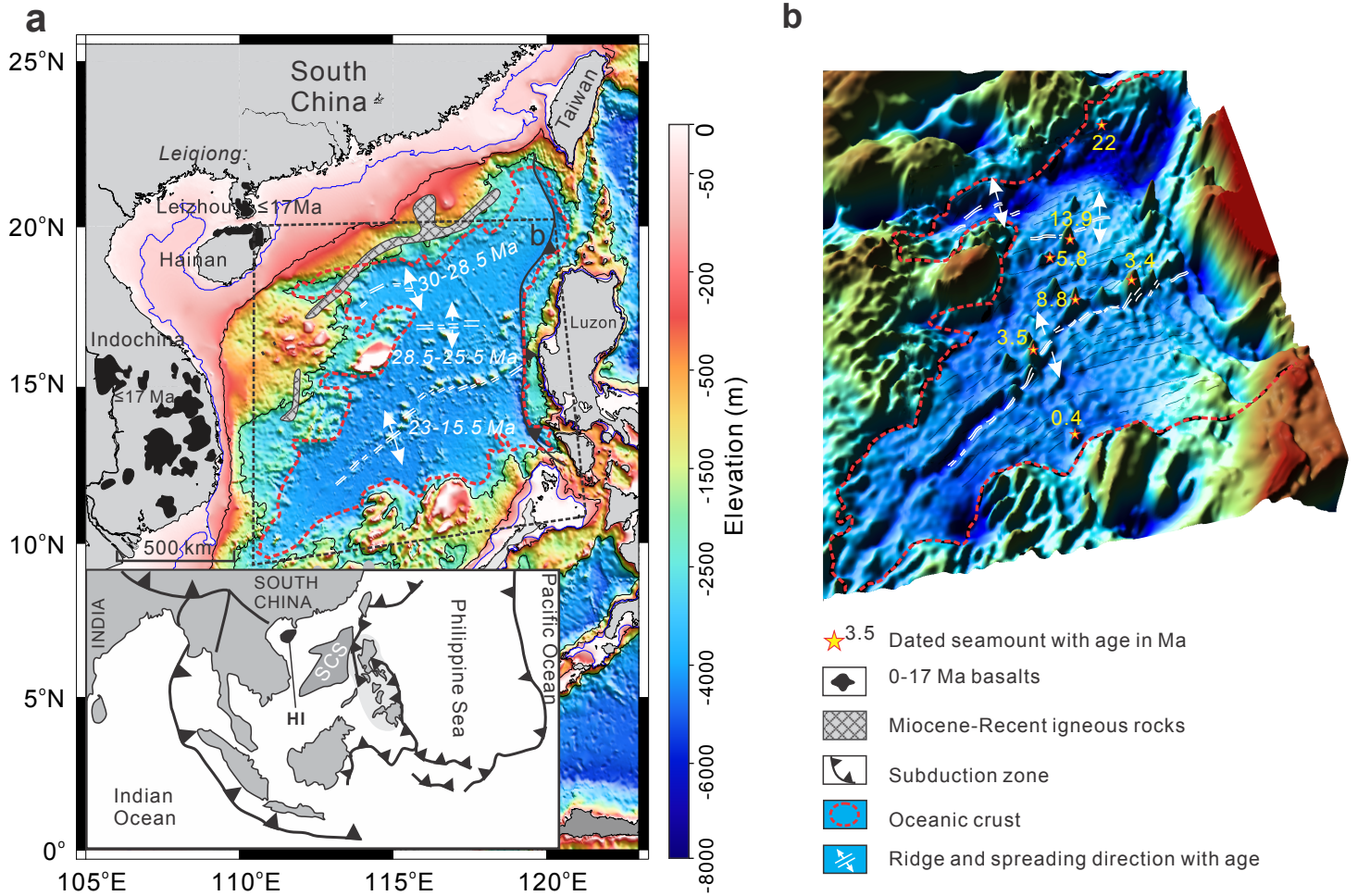
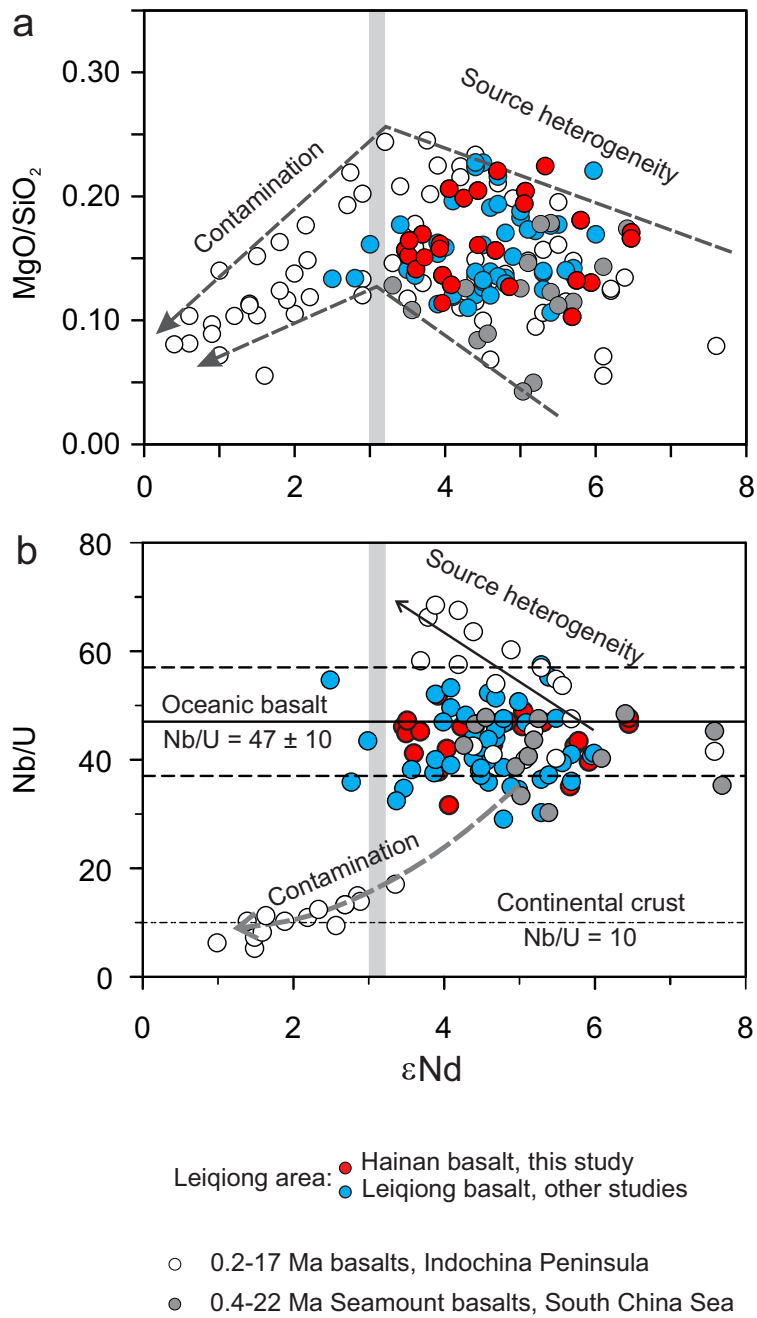


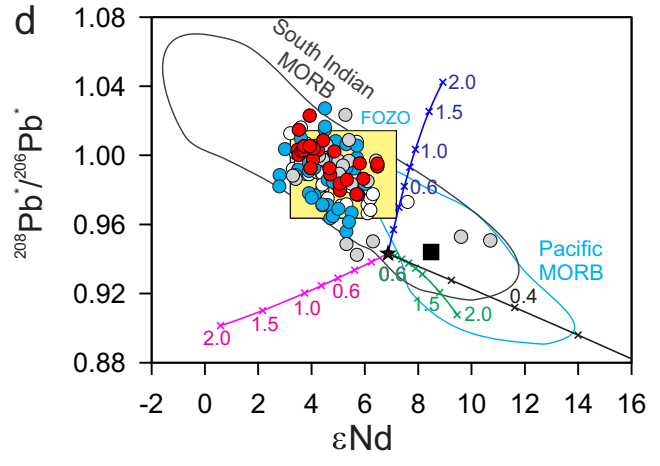
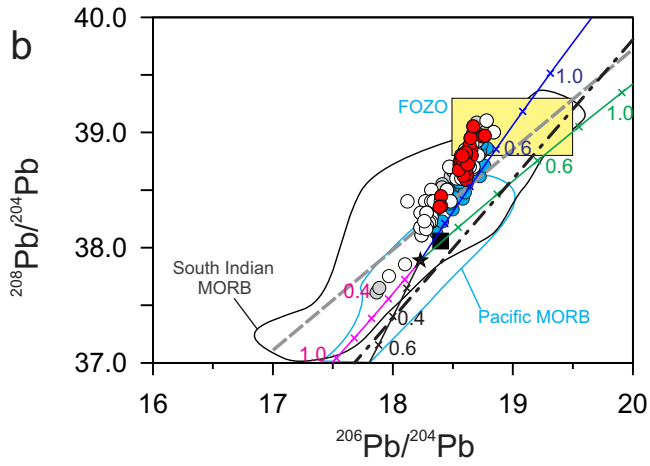
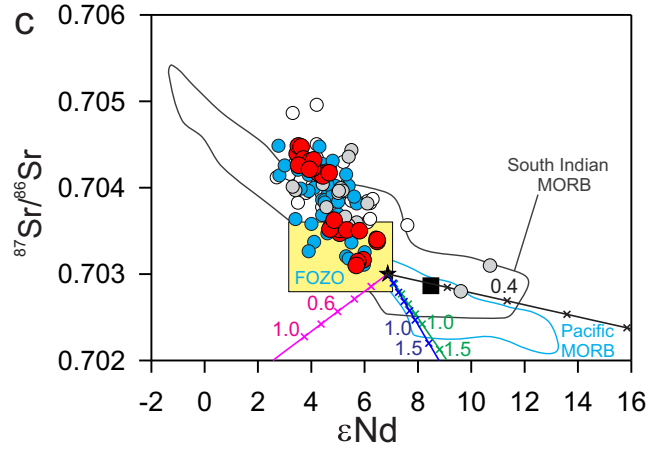
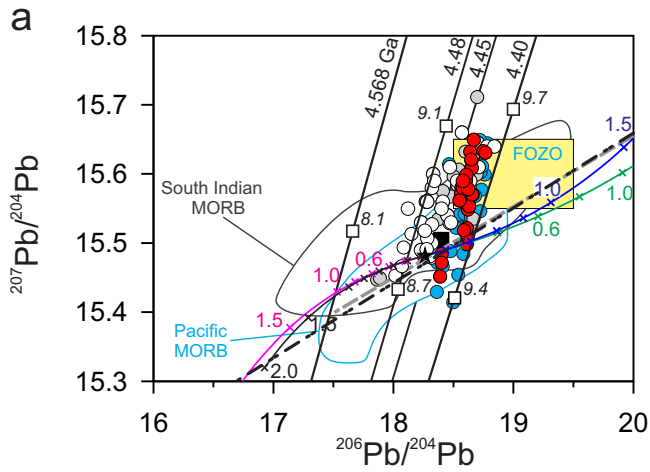
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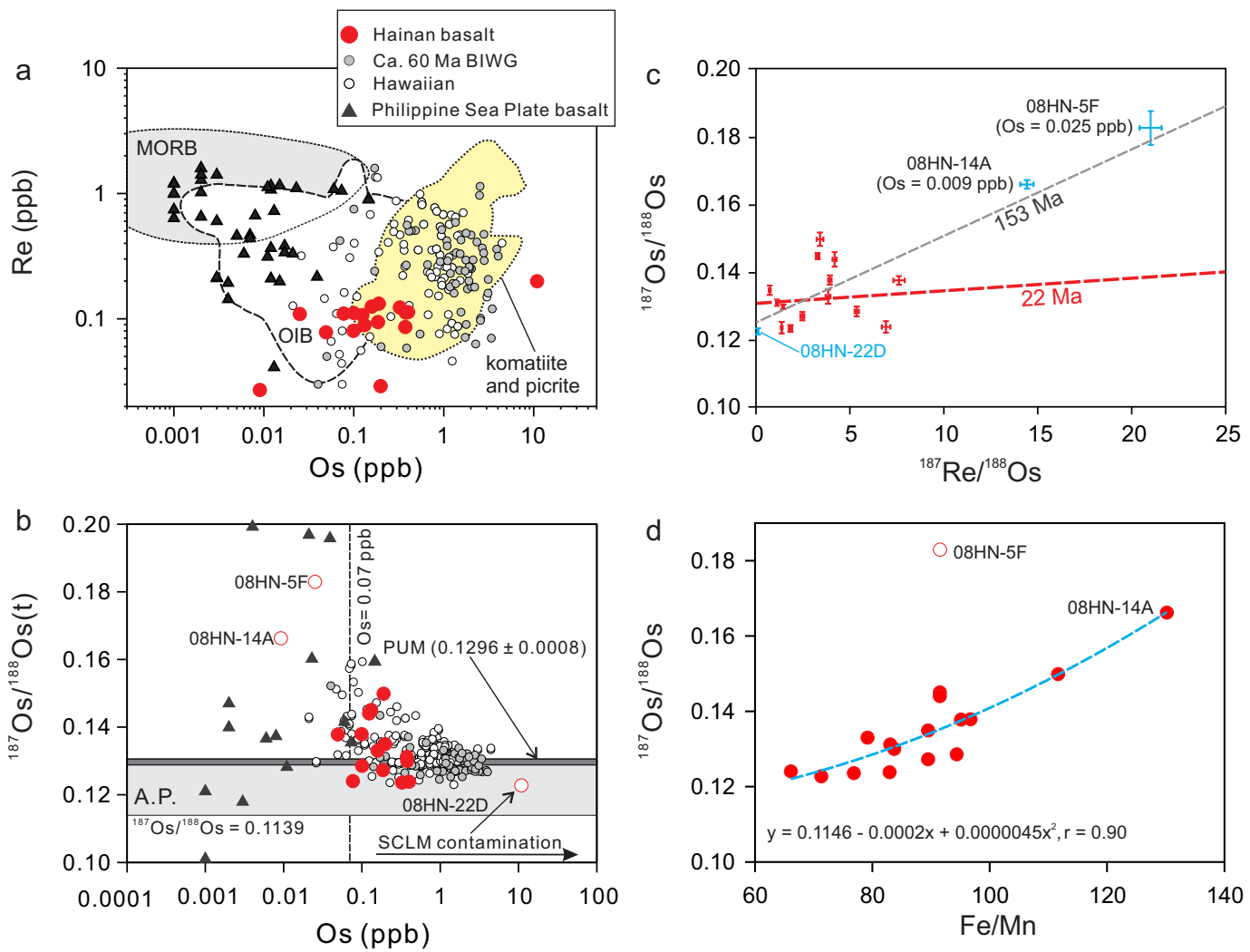
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 ○ 0.4-22 Ma Seamount basalts, South China Sea  
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 ★ Average south Indian MORB
- OIB array  
 - - - - Northern Hemisphere Reference Line (NHRL)

- x— Present-day recycled bulk igneous crust composition as a function of recycling age (Ga)  
 —x— Present-day recycled 0.99 bulk igneous crust + 0.01 sediment composition as a function of recycling age (Ga)  
 —x— Present-day recycled gabbro (average, 735B) compositions as a function of recycling age (Ga)  
 —x— Present-day recycled gabbro (average, Gabal Gerf) compositions as a function of recycling age (Ga)



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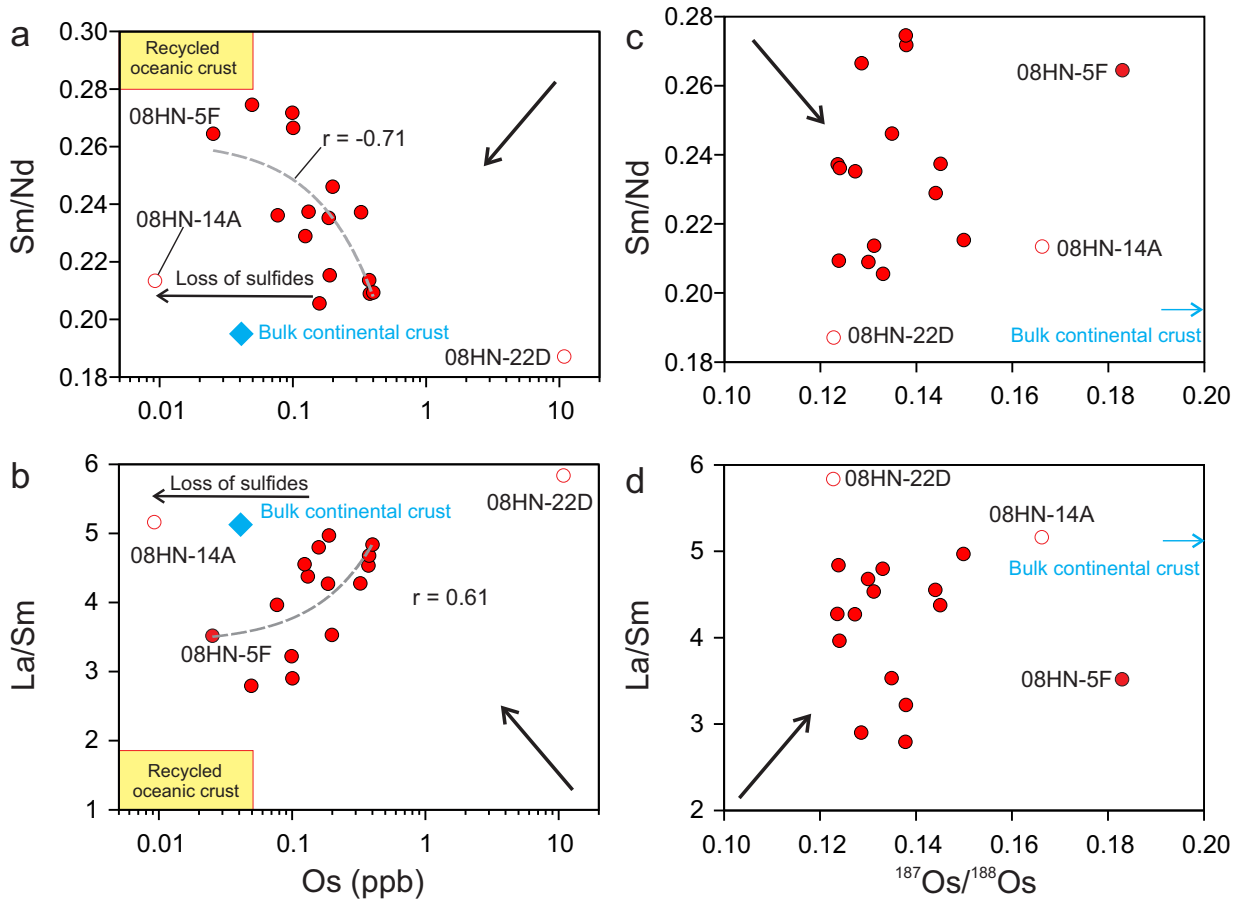
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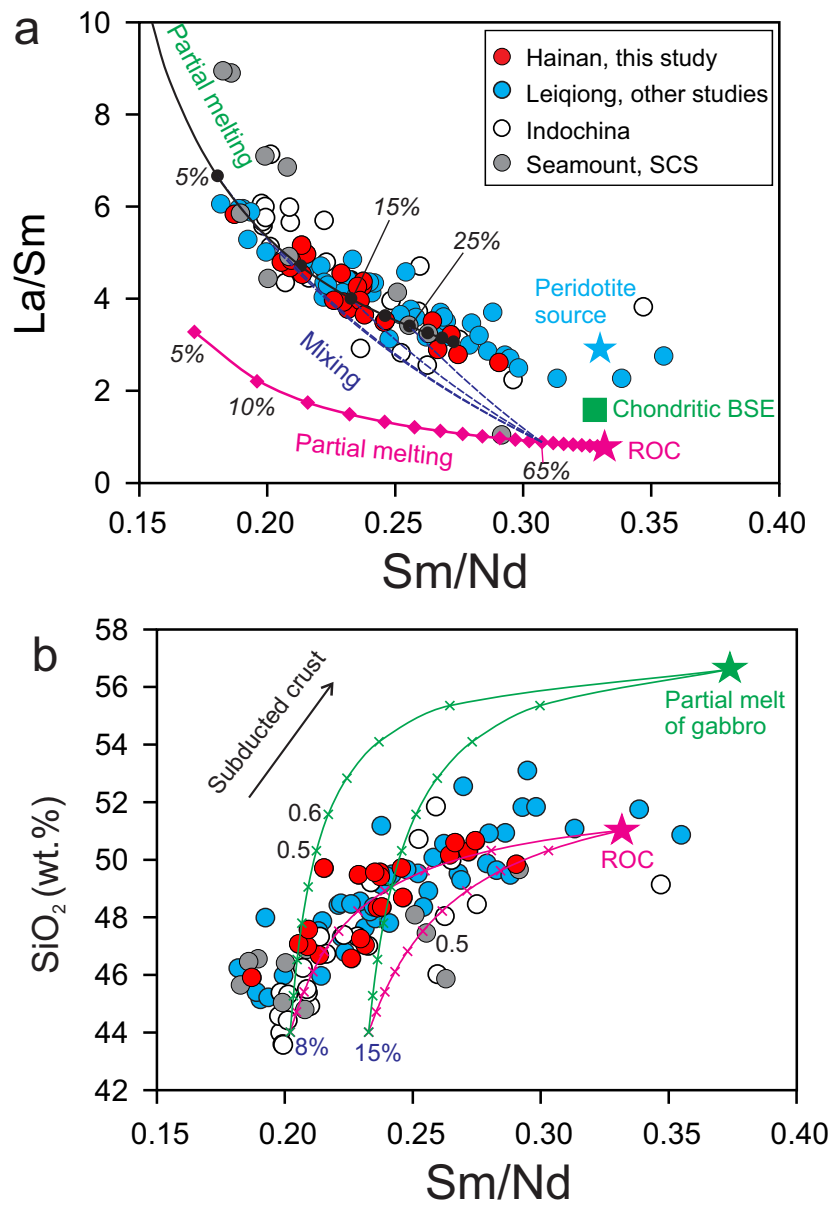


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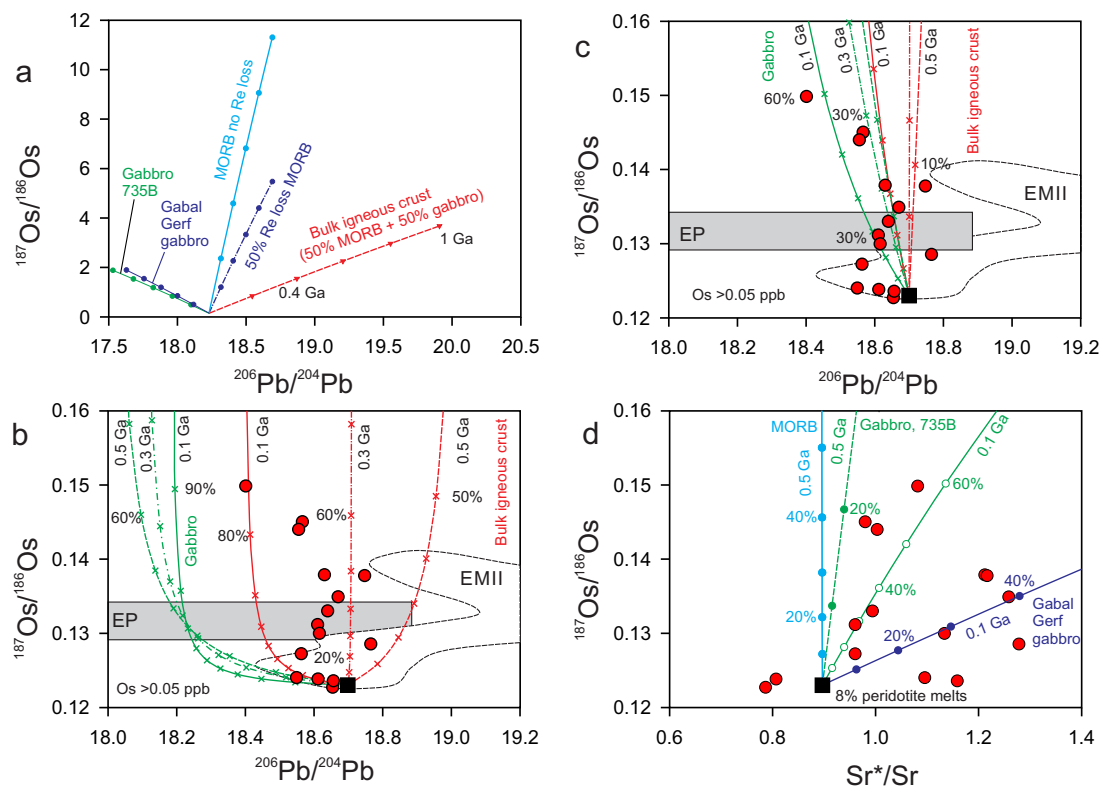
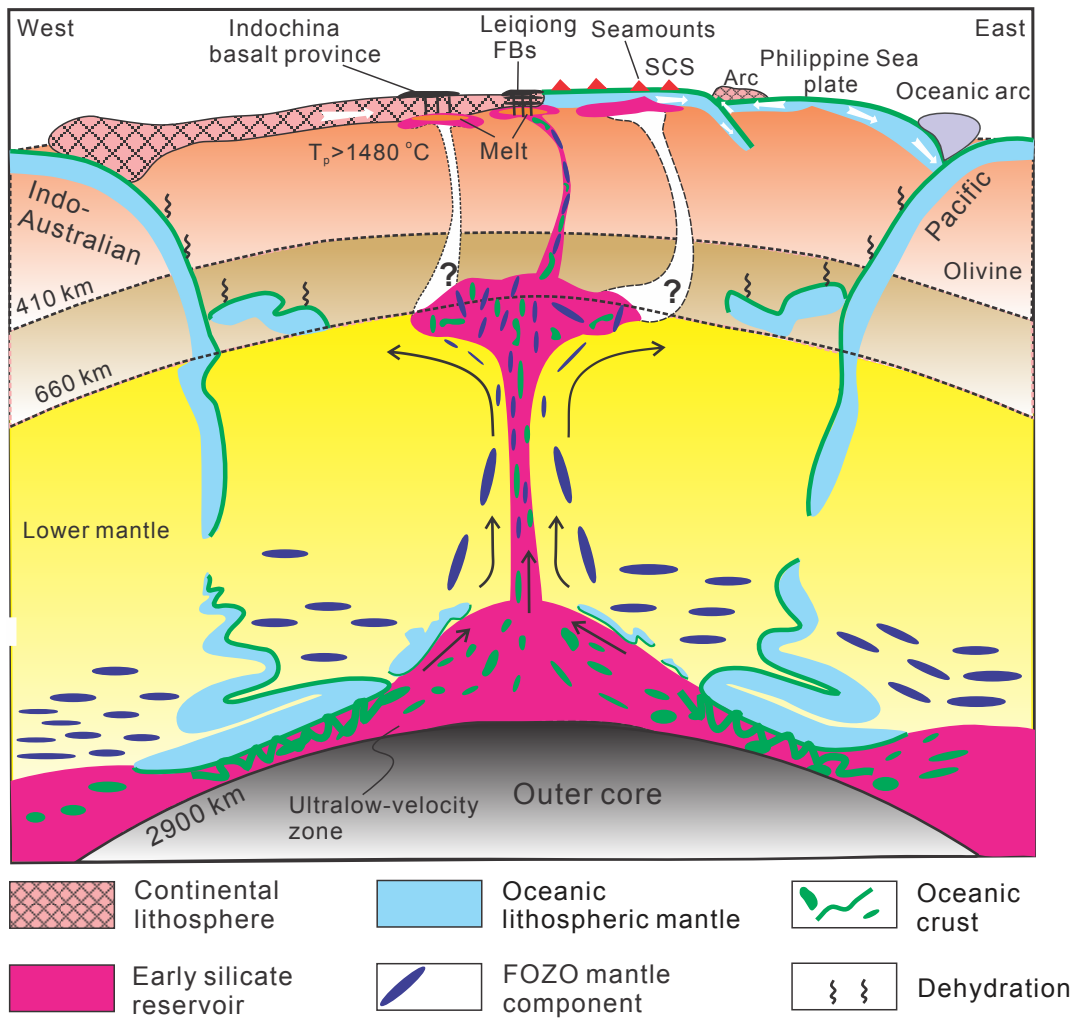
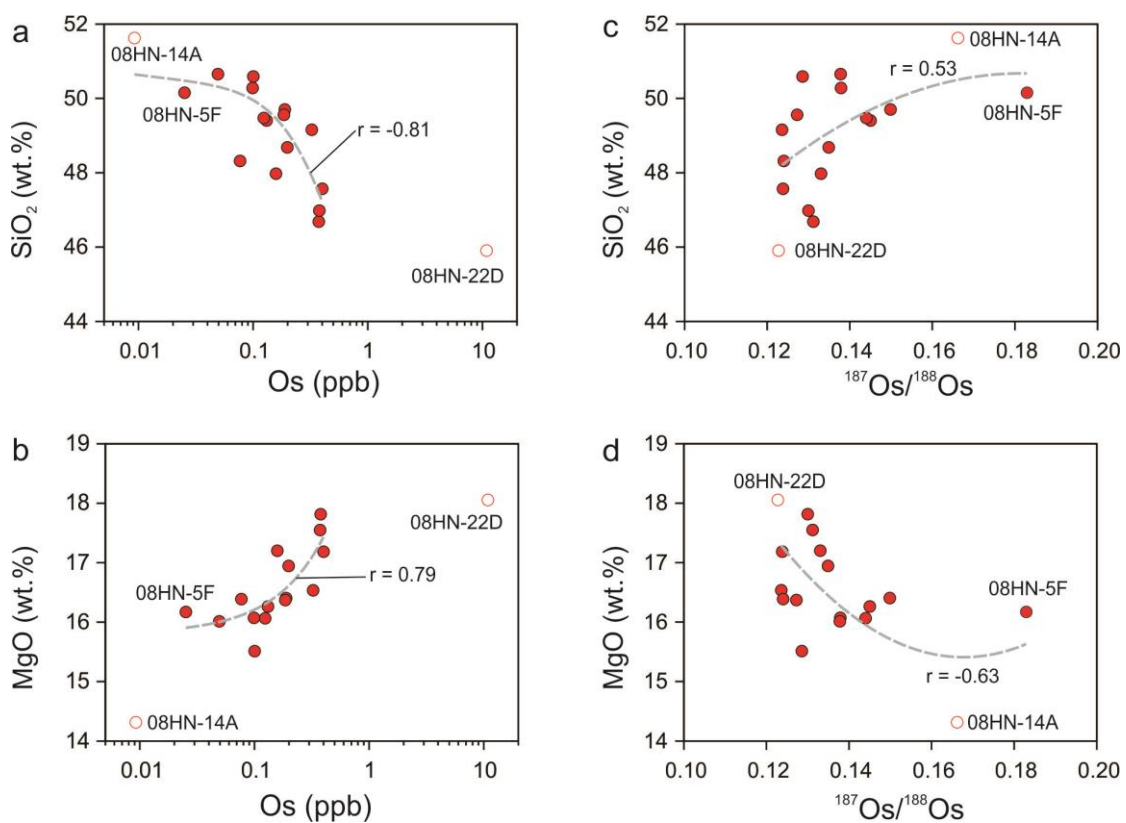


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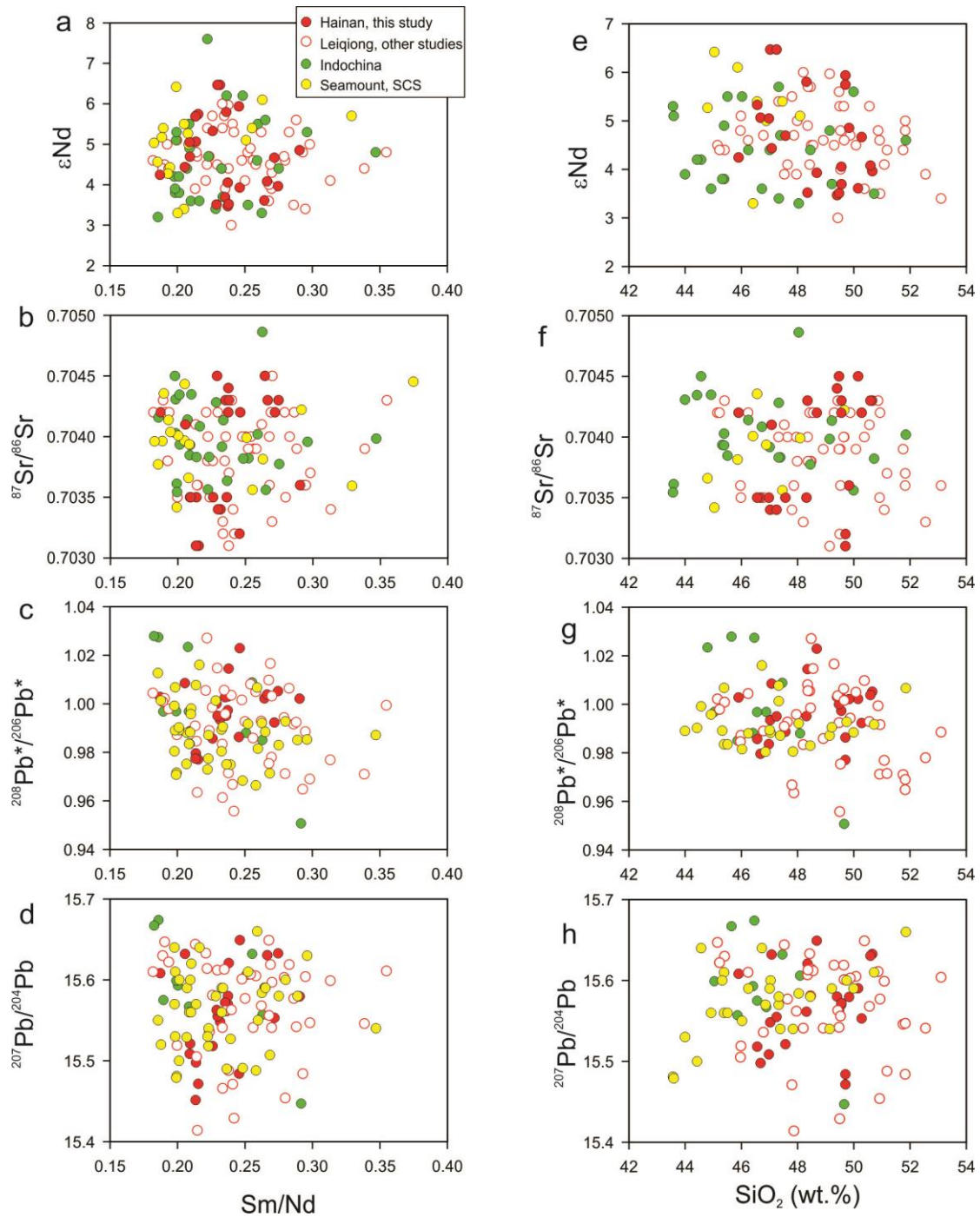
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## 1. Supplementary Figures S1 to S3



**Fig. S1** Plots of SiO<sub>2</sub> and MgO against (a)–(b) Os concentration and (c)–(d) <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os. The open red circles indicate the data points are excluded in calculating the least square linear regression lines (dashed lines).



**Fig. S2** Plots of  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$ ,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ,  $^{208}\text{Pb}^*/^{206}\text{Pb}^*$ , and  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  against (a)–(d) Sm/Nd and (e)–(h) SiO<sub>2</sub>. The data source is same in main Fig. 2.

## 2. Supplementary Tables S1 to S3

**Table S1 Re-Os isotope composition of the Hainan flood basalts (this study)**

	Re (ppt)	2 SE	Os (ppt)	2 SE	$^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$	2 SE	$^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$	2 SE
<b>Alkali basalt</b>								
08HN-1A	113	3	400	9	0.12383	0.00169	1.36	0.05
08HN-2A	86	4	373	4	0.13116	0.00094	1.11	0.06
08HN-2B	112	3	377	4	0.12998	0.00066	1.43	0.04
08HN-16C	132	7	189	4	0.14986	0.00201	3.39	0.18
08HN-22D	199	8	10870	3064	0.12272	0.00092	0.09	0.03
08HN-24B	125	3	158	3	0.13302	0.00209	3.82	0.12
ZK03-24-4	111	2	100	1	0.12855	0.00145	5.35	0.12
<b>Tholeiite</b>								
08HN-4B	80	2	99	0	0.13789	0.00133	3.92	0.09
08HN-4D	123	5	324	4	0.12358	0.00101	1.82	0.08
08HN-5C	89	2	131	1	0.14503	0.00087	3.27	0.09
08HN-5E	107	2	124	2	0.14399	0.00212	4.17	0.11
08HN-5F	109	3	25	0	0.18292	0.00500	21.00	0.59
08HN-5J	94	3	185	5	0.12724	0.00126	2.45	0.10
08HN-8A	110	3	77	2	0.12401	0.00170	6.92	0.23
08HN-10B	78	3	49	0	0.13778	0.00127	7.60	0.31
08HN-14A	27	1	9	0	0.1662		14.41	0.58
08HN-25C	29	2	198	4	0.13491	0.00139	0.72	0.04



**Table S2 Sr, Nd, and Pb isotope composition of the Hainan flood basalts (this study)**

	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	2SE (%)	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	2SE (%)	$^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	2SE (%)	$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$	2SE	$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	2SE	$\epsilon\text{Nd}$
08HN-1A	18.6114674	0.014	15.52	0.015	38.67	0.016	0.70352	0.000014	0.512877	0.000006	4.69
08HN-2A	18.61	0.01	15.50	0.01	38.59	0.01	0.70347	0.000013	0.512896	0.000010	5.06
08HN-2B	18.62	0.015	15.51	0.015	38.63	0.016	0.70352	0.000010	0.512895	0.000007	5.05
08HN-3	18.59	0.011	15.52	0.013	38.62	0.015	0.70351	0.000011	0.512909	0.000007	5.33
08HN-4B	18.63	0.013	15.55	0.013	38.73	0.012	0.70417	0.000014	0.512875	0.000009	4.67
08HN-4D	18.66	0.013	15.57	0.013	38.80	0.015	0.70422	0.000015	0.512844	0.000008	4.05
08HN-5C	18.57	0.008	15.58	0.007	38.76	0.008	0.70439	0.000011	0.512814	0.000006	3.47
08HN-5E	18.55	0.017	15.56	0.017	38.72	0.017	0.70448	0.000014	0.512816	0.000008	3.51
08HN-5F	18.60	0.013	15.59	0.013	38.79	0.013	0.70447	0.000013	0.512821	0.000008	3.61
08HN-5J	18.56	0.015	15.57	0.014	38.76	0.014	0.70433	0.000011	0.512825	0.000008	3.69
08HN-8A	18.55	0.019	15.56	0.021	38.67	0.023	0.70350	0.000010	0.512933	0.000006	5.80
08HN-10B	18.75	0.019	15.63	0.019	38.96	0.023	0.70431	0.000015	0.512839	0.000007	3.96
08HN-11A	18.77	0.012	15.63	0.012	38.97	0.014	0.70432	0.000015	0.512845	0.000008	4.08
08HN-14A	18.39	0.011	15.45	0.011	38.35	0.011	0.70310	0.000014	0.512928	0.000008	5.69
08HN-16A	18.40	0.015	15.48	0.016	38.45	0.019	0.70316	0.000013	0.512940	0.000007	5.94
08HN-	18.40	0.014	15.47	0.014	38.36	0.014	0.70314	0.000013	0.512931	0.000006	5.74

16C											
08HN-18B	18.58	0.013	15.58	0.013	38.76	0.016	0.70362	0.000013	0.512885	0.000008	4.85
08HN-19A	18.62	0.016	15.55	0.015	38.73	0.015	0.70338	0.000014	0.512968	0.000006	6.47
08HN-19C	18.62	0.01	15.55	0.012	38.74	0.014	0.70340	0.000011	0.512968	0.000006	6.47
08HN-22D	18.65	0.01	15.61	0.01	38.85	0.009	0.70417	0.000011	0.512854	0.000008	4.24
08HN-24B	18.64	0.017	15.63	0.018	38.89	0.02	0.70413	0.000013	0.512863	0.000008	4.43
08HN-25A	18.65	0.017	15.62	0.02	38.95	0.023	0.70426	0.000014	0.512816	0.000008	3.52
08HN-25C	18.67	0.016	15.65	0.017	39.05	0.017	0.70421	0.000013	0.512837	0.000007	3.93
ZK03-29-1	18.59	0.015	15.51	0.015	38.70	0.014	0.70367	0.000010	0.512863	0.000006	4.43
ZK04-10-5	18.62	0.02	15.58	0.023	38.72	0.025			0.512839	0.000009	3.96
ZK05-21.1	18.61	0.019	15.60	0.02	38.82	0.022			0.512827	0.000009	3.72
ZK05-25-4	18.58	0.018	15.59	0.018	38.80	0.021			0.512837	0.000007	3.93

**Table S3 Compilation Sr, Nd, and Pb isotopic data on late Cenozoic basalts in the Leiqiong and the Indochina peninsula, and on seamounts basalts in the South China Sea**

	Ref.	SiO <sub>2</sub>	MgO	<sup>206</sup> Pb/ <sup>204</sup> Pb	<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>204</sup> Pb	<sup>208</sup> Pb/ <sup>204</sup> Pb	<sup>208</sup> Pb*/ <sup>206</sup> Pb*	<sup>87</sup> Sr/ <sup>86</sup> Sr	<sup>143</sup> Nd/ <sup>144</sup> Nd	εNd
<b>Leiqiong flood basalts</b>										
HXSF	1	50.4	6.9	18.58	15.54	38.61	0.986	0.70391	0.512875	4.6
HHLA-26	1	53.0	7.5	18.73	15.58	38.82	0.992	0.70420	0.512819	3.5
HQBA-10	1	50.7	6.8	18.53	15.53	38.59	0.989	0.70414	0.512783	2.8
HWNA	1	48.6	6.5	18.52	15.52	38.52	0.982	0.70448	0.512768	2.5
HXYA-1A	1	49.2	5.9	18.62	15.58	38.72	0.993	0.70400	0.512850	4.1
HWGA-3	1	48.2	10.4	18.50	15.41	38.33	0.964	0.70357	0.512878	4.7
HXYB-5	1	49.3	7.6	18.59	15.56	38.72	0.996	0.70396	0.512838	3.9
HWPB0	1	52.3	7.3	18.54	15.45	38.44	0.971	0.70347	0.512872	4.6
HHJA-15	1	53.7	6.5	18.72	15.55	38.62	0.971	0.70386	0.512865	4.4
HLMA1-4	1	53.2	6.4	18.76	15.60	38.71	0.977	0.70337	0.512848	4.1
HWPA-12	1	53.6	7.1	18.58	15.48	38.42	0.965	0.70357	0.512884	4.8
HWPA-18	1	46.5	10.3					0.70311	0.512944	6.0
GD137	1	45.6	8.1	18.37	15.47	38.24	0.967	0.70336	0.512921	5.5
SY13-5	1	50.4	7.0	18.36	15.43	38.13	0.956	0.70320	0.512909	5.3
JY5	1	53.2	9.4	18.64	15.60	38.71	0.989	0.70363	0.512815	3.4
Y12-10	1	53.7	6.1	18.57	15.54	38.53	0.978	0.70326	0.512840	3.9
CK280	1	51.8	7.2	18.48	15.49	38.38	0.972	0.70368	0.512864	4.4
SY9-7	1	51.8	5.5	18.41	15.47	38.23	0.961	0.70318	0.512913	5.4
R8	1	50.0	8.1	18.62	15.56	38.82	1.004	0.70425	0.512791	3.0
AN6	1	50.9	8.1	18.62	15.56	38.55	0.975	0.70358	0.512844	4.0
GD9-10	1	52.4	9.6	18.60	15.55	38.48	0.969	0.70369	0.512893	5.0
T471	1	46.9	7.9	18.55	15.54	38.57	0.983	0.70325	0.512945	6.0
8-1	1	47.9	7.8	18.78	15.64	38.86	0.991	0.70415	0.512839	3.9
<b>Hainan Island flood basalt</b>										
HN9901	2	51.7	6.5	18.63	15.61	38.85	1.005	0.70385	0.512868	4.5
HN9902	2	50.8	6.8					0.70392	0.512884	4.8
HN9907	2	49.1	9.6	18.66	15.63	38.87	1.005	0.70418	0.512848	4.1
HN9908	2	45.3	10.3	18.69	15.65	38.88	1.002	0.70423	0.512869	4.5
HN9910	2	45.5	10.2	18.70	15.63	38.87	1.001	0.70427	0.512861	4.4
HN9912	2	45.3	10.3	18.71	15.62	38.85	0.998	0.70418	0.512862	4.4
HN1	3,4	48.6	9.1					0.70383	0.512891	5.0
HN10	3,4	50.8	6.9	18.73	15.60	38.84	0.994	0.70422	0.512876	4.7
HN19	3,4	48.8	5.4	18.62	15.60	38.82	1.003	0.70447	0.512859	4.3
HN22	3,4	49.6	6.5	18.46	15.61	38.88	1.027	0.70382	0.512866	4.5
HN27	3,4	47.0	9.0	18.66	15.61	38.87	1.004	0.70417	0.512874	4.6
HN33	3,4	49.4	7.5	18.65	15.61	38.89	1.008	0.70402	0.512885	4.9
HN36	3,4	52.5	6.3	18.67	15.60	38.85	1.002	0.70403	0.512871	4.6
HN40	3,4	51.8	6.5	18.68	15.62	38.91	1.006	0.70403	0.512907	5.3
HN41	3,4	52.1	7.1	18.72	15.65	38.98	1.010	0.70399	0.512819	3.6
HN55	3,4	49.1	7.9	18.67	15.61	38.98	1.015	0.70419	0.512868	4.5
HN62	3,4	47.5	8.4					0.70402	0.512912	5.4
HN76	3,4	50.5	6.9	18.64	15.58	38.79	0.998	0.70383	0.512930	5.7
HN77	3,4	50.0	7.1	18.66	15.61	38.88	1.006	0.70381	0.512926	5.7
HN83	3,4	51.5	7.2	18.59	15.54	38.69	0.992	0.70389	0.512925	5.6
HN90	3,4	52.4	7.3	18.68	15.57	38.78	0.993	0.70415	0.512908	5.3
HN91	3,4	52.2	6.8	18.74	15.61	38.90	0.999	0.70431	0.512881	4.8
HN95	3,4	51.7	6.9	18.67	15.62	38.99	1.017	0.70418	0.512866	4.5
HN97	3,4	46.9	9.1	18.65	15.54	38.71	0.989	0.70354	0.512876	4.7
HN98	3,4	46.9	8.1	18.62	15.52	38.67	0.987	0.70354	0.512897	5.1
HN99	3,4	46.9	8.0	18.62	15.51	38.64	0.985	0.70357	0.512881	4.8
<b>Seamount basalt from the South China Sea</b>										

V36D8-2	5	49.2	5.7	18.70	15.61	38.33	0.942	0.70359	0.512929	5.7
V32D8-4	5	49.7	6.1	18.60	15.63	38.85	1.009	0.70356	0.512916	5.4
V36D9-1	5	49.1	5.5	18.67	15.54	38.68	0.983	0.70443	0.512922	5.5
V36D9-2	5	48.9	3.4	18.95	15.59	38.99	0.986	0.70397	0.512813	3.4
V36D10	5	49.3	6.3	18.88	15.59	38.93	0.988	0.70401	0.512805	3.3
SO23-40	5	47.7	6.8	18.60	15.56	38.63	0.985	0.70381	0.512952	6.1
SO23-37-31	5	50.1	7.3	18.54	15.61	38.60	0.988	0.70399	0.512898	5.1
SO23-37-7	5	48.4	6.1	18.48	15.57	38.62	0.997	0.70394	0.512894	5.0
SO23-35-6	5	47.4	8.5	18.41	15.58	38.55	0.997	0.70436	0.512913	5.4
S04-11	6	44.8	7.8	18.69	15.60	38.83	0.997	0.70342	0.512965	6.4
S04-12-8	6	48.8	2.4	18.41	15.56	38.52	0.994	0.70396	0.512901	5.2
S04-12-12	6	45.4	3.8	18.62	15.60	38.77	0.998	0.70404	0.512863	4.4
S04-12-18	6	50.0	2.1	18.37	15.53	38.44	0.989	0.70396	0.512894	5.0
S04-12-20	6	47.0	5.9	18.50	15.60	38.67	1.000	0.70414	0.512855	4.3
S04-16	6	44.4	7.9	18.70	15.71	39.09	1.023	0.70366	0.512906	5.3
S05-34A	6	46.8	4.2	18.70	15.65	38.93	1.006	0.70377	0.512870	4.6

**Late Cenozoic basalts from the Indochina peninsula**

NR-8	7	50.9	2.8	18.24	15.49	38.11	0.966	0.70384	0.512950	6.1
NR-9	7	50.8	3.6	18.28	15.51	38.19	0.971	0.70360	0.512947	6.1
NR-10	7	49.7	3.4	18.32	15.53	38.26	0.975	0.70380	0.512872	4.6
NR-11	7	47.5	5.9	18.23	15.49	38.17	0.975	0.70364	0.512956	6.2
NR-12	7	47.6	6.0	18.28	15.49	38.16	0.968	0.70382	0.512952	6.2
NR-13	7	47.7	4.9	18.26	15.52	38.23	0.977	0.70387	0.512957	6.3
PNG-33	7	43.5	6.8	18.30	15.48	38.21	0.972	0.70354	0.512906	5.3
PNG-34	7	43.6	6.5	18.32	15.48	38.22	0.971	0.70361	0.512897	5.1
PNG-35	7	48.2	4.8	18.47	15.53	38.41	0.975	0.70368	0.512865	4.5
BR-7	7	52.8	5.6	18.59	15.57	38.58	0.981	0.70550	0.512736	2.0
BR-17	7	49.5	6.6	18.49	15.54	38.48	0.981	0.70491	0.512787	2.9
BR-18	7	49.5	7.2	18.54	15.58	38.63	0.992	0.70486	0.512806	3.3
BR-19	7	50.9	6.0	18.52	15.54	38.67	0.998	0.70519	0.512747	2.2
PPK-6	7	53.0	5.5	18.58	15.56	38.55	0.978	0.70551	0.512714	1.5
PPK-20	7	51.8	3.7	18.65	15.60	38.72	0.989	0.70556	0.512689	1.0
PPK-22	7	52.6	5.5	18.66	15.54	38.51	0.966	0.70550	0.512697	1.2
PPK-23	7	49.9	7.0	18.51	15.53	38.43	0.973	0.70573	0.512685	1.0
PR-14	7	51.9	4.2	18.59	15.56	38.50	0.972	0.70581	0.512666	0.6
PR-15	7	52.3	4.2	18.56	15.56	38.55	0.981	0.70585	0.512659	0.4
PR-16	7	53.0	5.5	18.62	15.55	38.53	0.972	0.70579	0.512667	0.6
SR-25	7	53.6	5.2	18.65	15.57	38.60	0.977	0.70569	0.512681	0.9
SR-26	7	53.2	4.7	18.65	15.57	38.57	0.974	0.70570	0.512683	0.9
SR-27	7	52.6	6.0	18.64	15.56	38.84	1.003	0.70564	0.512706	1.4
OS-II	8	52.9	7.0	18.57	15.66	38.80	1.007	0.70402	0.512870	4.6
QN-3B	8	44.3	11.5	18.47	15.61	38.70	1.007	0.70403	0.512831	3.8
SC-5C	8	46.5	5.1	18.65	15.62	38.80	0.998	0.70496	0.512853	4.2
90/15	8	54.3	6.3	18.68	15.62	38.80	0.995	0.70585	0.512731	1.9
90/58	8	43.6	9.8	18.84	15.64	39.00	0.999	0.70450	0.512849	4.2
121/16	8	52.3	6.3	18.70	15.60	38.80	0.993	0.70512	0.512786	2.9
121/33	8	46.1	10.8	18.34	15.59	38.40	0.988	0.70414	0.512860	4.4
121/108	8	46.2	8.9	18.41	15.57	38.40	0.980	0.70434	0.512776	2.7
121/229	8	47.2	9.5	18.54	15.60	38.60	0.988	0.70483	0.512784	2.9
121/299	8	48.2	7.3	18.89	15.64	38.80	0.973	0.70497	0.512715	1.5
45/5	8	45.1	9.0	18.28	15.56	38.30	0.984	0.70393	0.512887	4.9
45/10	8	45.5	9.3	18.28	15.56	38.30	0.984	0.70385	0.512919	5.5
45/14	8	45.8	7.4	18.40	15.55	38.40	0.982		0.512919	5.5
45/17	8	47.4	5.5	18.41	15.56	38.40	0.980		0.512859	4.4
63/31	8	48.2	7.1	18.66	15.57	38.90	1.008	0.70383	0.512927	5.7
960/30	8	45.1	9.1	18.33	15.60	38.40	0.989	0.70394	0.512833	3.8
PL- 1	8	49.2	7.3	18.53	15.59	38.60	0.989	0.70392	0.512859	4.4
804/27	8	47.4	10.0	18.45	15.54	38.50	0.987	0.70383	0.512878	4.7

804/52	8	52.4	6.0	18.64	15.59	38.70	0.988	0.70356	0.512922	5.6
804/178	8	50.5	6.8	18.59	15.58	38.60	0.983	0.70377	0.512864	4.4
804/230	8	49.0	4.7	18.57	15.58	38.60	0.985	0.70429	0.512902	5.2
804/250	8	51.2	5.4	18.67	15.63	38.70	0.985	0.70396	0.512910	5.3
51 I/8	8	41.9	12.6	18.12	15.52	38.30	1.001	0.70412	0.512773	2.7
511/4	8	40.5	9.9	18.12	15.55	38.40	1.013	0.70416	0.512798	3.2
516/4	8	48.3	10.0	18.32	15.58	38.50	1.001	0.70428	0.512809	3.4
507/2	8	45.0	7.2	18.27	15.56	38.40	0.996	0.70435	0.512819	3.6
507/11	8	43.4	9.8	18.23	15.53	38.30	0.989	0.70431	0.512834	3.9
507/30	8	44.0	9.5	18.32	15.50	38.40	0.990	0.70435	0.512853	4.2
SL-1	8	57.6	3.2	18.24	15.59	38.50	1.010	0.70481	0.512716	1.6
R-2	8	50.0	5.6	18.19	15.54	38.30	0.993	0.70532	0.512708	1.4
756/4	8	52.9	6.2	18.71	15.61	38.80	0.992	0.70382	0.512813	3.5
736/24	8	51.3	7.1	18.45	15.54	38.50	0.987	0.70398	0.512882	4.8
736/240	8	51.2	6.7	18.62	15.59	38.70	0.991	0.70414	0.512824	3.7
9/85	8	47.2	8.4	18.78	15.64	39.10	1.016	0.70408	0.512819	3.6
CC-1	8	51.1	4.1	18.48	15.53	38.40	0.973	0.70356	0.513026	7.6

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