Mantle Plumes as Probes into the Composition of Earth's Interior: Hawai'i vs all others



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Mantle Geochemistry Hawai'i vs the others Hawai'i update





Lavas as Probes of the Mantle's Composition

Radiogenic isotopes (e.g., ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr, ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd, ²⁰⁶Pb/²⁰⁴Pb) and some trace element ratios are not changed between solid and melt during partial melting.



⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr solid mantle (peridotite) = ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr melt (basalt)







Time Scales for Planetary Processes



of solar nebula

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Mantle Components & Reservoirs

Certain oceanic islands or groups of islands are characterized by specific isotopic compositions and can be used to "map" a series of distinct mantle components or reservoirs, which may be identifiable separate volumes in the mantle or extremes of a continuum of compositions:

- mid-ocean ridge basalts.
- sediment.
- EM-2 = enriched mantle 2, mantle that reflects addition of recycled oceanic crust.
- A common mantle component variously referred to as:
 - PREMA = prevalent mantle
 - C = "common"' component
 - FOZO = focal zone

• **DMM** = depleted MORB mantle, the continuously depleted upper mantle reservoir, source of

• EM-1 = enriched mantle 1, mantle that reflects addition of crustal materials, either recycling of delaminated subcontinental lithospheric mantle, or recycling of subducted ancient pelagic

HIMU = high μ, where μ = U/Pb (and Th/Pb), reflecting recycling of "enriched" oceanic lithosphere that has been infiltrated by low-degree partial melts.



Oceanic Islands, Mantle Plumes and Mantle Énd-Members



Stracke, 2012

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All OIBs "point" to a common mantle component FOZO (or PREMA)

FOZO or PREMA is a ubiquitous component in all deep sourced OIBs globally

> Ambient deep mantle, very close to bulk silicate earth composition

Societies

Samoa

Azores

N. Cape Verde

Cameroons

St. Helena

HIMU

Mangaia

Hart et al, 1992 Redrawn by White.

Isotopic Mixing Modelling

We can model the mixing of melts with different concentrations and isotopic compositions using a simple equation

0.5

Albarède & Van der Hilst 2002

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How could the mantle not be heterogeneous?

Hotspot Track: Ninetyeast Ridge

*Goodliffe & Martinez 1997 Mahoney J. J. & Coffin M. F. (eds.) 1997

Hotspot Locations on top of a Global Tomography Shear Velocity Model

Zhao et al 2015

Global Distribution ³He/⁴He Ratios

0.0 - 10.010.1 - 20.0 C 20.1 - 30.0 30.1 - 40.0> 40.0 $R_{\rm A} = (^{3}{\rm He}/^{4}{\rm He})_{\rm atmosphere}$ • MORB O OIB

Williams et al 2015

Hawai'i?

I - Largest buoyancy flux and erupted volume of lavas
II - The Hawai'i mantle plume flux has become stronger with time
III - Volcanoes arranged in 2 parallel geographical chains, geochemically distinct
IV - Dominated by tholeiitic shield compositions
VI - Deep Mantle Origin - CMB, where
VII - the Loa trend samples enriched (EM-I) compositions

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Mountains from Space

Hawaiian Swell - seafloor bulge: 1 km high & 1000 km wide

Plate motion since 0.78 Ma ~14 cm/yr

10x

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SW U (km) 2 Depth 9 6

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Age (thousands of years)

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Hawaiian Shield Basalts Evolution over 4.5 myr Northwestern Hawaiian Ridge: 45 myr

Hawai'i

Kilauea Crater, April 2008

2.2-4.5 Ma

18

Mauna Loa

-150

W

Penguin Bank

0.9-2.5 Ma Maui

Lana'i Kaho'olawe

Mahukona

E Hana Ridge

Kohala Mauna Kea

Kilauea

-155'

Moloka'i fracture

zone

Hu'alalai

Mauna Loa

-156"

0-0.7 Ma

Lo'ihi

23

22

Haleakala

Samples, Chem Lab Preparation and Isotopic Analyses

1) Sample Collection

2) Sequential Acid Leaching

3) Chemical Separation

Pb-Pb Isotope Systematics: Improved Resolution: Mixing lines

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High-Precision Pb Hawai'i Where did it start?

$$\frac{{}^{208*}Pb}{{}^{206*}Pb} = \frac{\left({}^{208}Pb/{}^{204}Pb\right)_{sample} - \left({}^{208}Pb/{}^{204}Pb\right)_{init}}{\left({}^{206}Pb/{}^{204}Pb\right)_{sample} - \left({}^{206}Pb/{}^{204}Pb\right)_{init}} \approx \frac{Th}{U}$$

where init stands for Earth's primordial Pb isotopic composition



High-Precision Pb Isotope Data: Hawai'i Shield Lavas



Only shield lavas

>700 samples (MC-ICP-MS or TS)/NORM

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Kea end-member:

common to many Pacific islands • similar to "c" or super chondritic BSE

Loa trend volcanoes:

• higher ²⁰⁸Pb/²⁰⁴Pb ratios for a given ²⁰⁶Pb/²⁰⁴Pb, higher ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr and lower ε_{Nd} and ε_{Hf} more heterogeneous





Possible plume location cross-section



after Breger & Romanowicz 1998



Pacific ULVZ

Loa Trend volcanoes Kea Trend volcanoes

Complex CMB



CMB

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Experiments at 1 atm, 298 K







Back to Hawai'i Shield Lavas





Kaua'i, Kalalau Valley



















Parametric Statistical Analysis: all 6 Hawaiian Subgroups: LDA Canonical Scores

More multivariate space exists between each sub group when all isotopic systems are applied as predictors compared to when only Pb isotope ratios are used





Kea and Loa: LDA Canonical Scores, all Radiogenic Isotope Systems











Transitional Kea E Moloka'i - W Maui Haleakala Kohala

KEA





-155

Lōʻihi

-154













Over 5 Myr, Lōʻihi to Kauaʻi















Weis et al 2020

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Seismically-Imaged Mantle Heterogeneity and Potential Source of Hawaiian **Geochemical Variation**

Cross-section of possible lower mantle origin of Hawaiian geochemical groups



French & Romanowicz 2015 Torsvik et al 2017



Potential Origin of Hawaiian Geochemical Groups from Seismically-Imaged Heterogeneity at the CMB



Yu & Garnero 2018







Williamson et al 2021

δ¹⁸Ο



Hawaiian Islands Geochemistry

There is a clear difference between Loa and Kea trend volcanoes: Kea Volcanoes ~ Ambient Pacific Mantle (+ ancient, recycled pelagic sediment) The Kea trend samples the Pacific deep mantle. Loa enriched compositions come from LLSVP and ULVZ (Enriched Loa).

• Statistically, six groups can be identified on Hawaii: • two major ones: Kea and Loa, plus,

Both Loa and Kea trends are *heterogeneous* and composed of multiple compositional components. Loa is much more heterogeneous (by a factor of 1.5-2)

Hawai'i is also unique because there are enough samples and high precision data for robust statistical analysis.

• four minor ones, finite in time/space: (WMaui-EMoloka'i, Kohala), (Enriched Loa, Lō'ihi).



Hawaiian Ridge - Emperor Seamounts: 85 myr



Loa Trend Heterogeneities: The Lō'ihi Example





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Emperor Seamounts clearly have a Depleted Component not present anywhere else in Hawai'i





-160°

NWHR Pb Isotope Variations vs Plume Magmatic Flux and Distance from Kilauea Islands **Emperor Seamounts**



Harrison et al 2017



NWHR Pb Isotope Variations vs Plume Magmatic Flux and Distance from Kilauea

Islands





Emperor Seamounts

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Evolution of the Hawaiian Plume Source at the CMB since inception



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Implications for the Deep Mantle and LLSVPs

Mantle plume tails are dynamic and can change compositionally with time.

Hawaiian plume drift samples multiple mantle domains which has impact on: Geochemistry, spatial organization and timing • Magmatic Flux Volcanic Propagation Rate

The EM-I geochemical signatures are related to the presence of enriched, recycled continental material in these anomalous velocity zones at the CMB - each with a different composition (African LLSVP, slightly more enriched - older?).

The appearance of Loa signatures early on the NWHR indicates that LLSVP are long-lived features of the deep mantle that also play a significant role in the geochemical signature of strong mantle plumes.



Model: a Fine Structure of the Hawaiian Mantle Plume

with a compositional gradient away from the Pacific ULVZ that provides the enriched components in the Loa Trend volcanoes





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Conceptual Cross Section: Mapping the Hawaiian Geochemical Components at the Base of the Mantle



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Kaua'i, Sunset



ULVZ Thickness Distribution Map



N-S Vertical Slice of the SEMUCB-WM143 Mantle Tomography Model through the Pacific LLSVP





High (blue) and Low (red) Seismic Shear Velocity Variations in Earth's Mantle



Shear velocity perturbations between 660 km depth and the CMB, isocontoured at ±0.6% (blue/red) for model S20RTS. Sharp LLSVP edges = yellow dashed lines.

Deep-mantle shear velocities





Why Hawai'i?



Link Deep Mantle and Geochemistry Magma Flux and Source Components Origin of Enriched Components (EM-I)





New Nd-Hf Array for Hawaii

V. Radiogenic Hf isotopes (EpiHf up to 43 in continental xenoliths) originate from ancient MORB melting that creates small fractionations of Lu-Hf, Sm-Nd in the restite lithosphere that grow to large differences in isotopic signature; High Hf also in Hawaiian xenoliths!







NWHR Shield Isotopes







lawallan Islands:



Geochemical Signatures