

SF (MARGINS- related)	Li Isotopic Investigations Of The Crust And Mantle	
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Accomplishments:

- Demonstrated that alpine eclogites are isotopically light relative to MORB, suggesting that lithium is fractionated during dehydration of the slab (Zack *et al.*, 2003).
- Demonstrated that the upper continental crust, as sampled by granites, shales and loess, has an isotopically light lithium isotopic composition ($\delta^7\text{Li} = 0 \pm 3\text{‰}$) relative to MORB (Teng *et al.*, 2003). This has implications for the lithium isotopic composition of subducted terrigenous sediments.
- Demonstrated extreme Li isotopic fractionation during continental weathering (down to -20‰) (Njo *et al.*, 2003).
- Continued development of lithium isotope techniques at the University of Maryland
- Measurement of SIMS basalt standard for Etienne Deloule, CNRS, Nancy, France.
- International collaborations developed with
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Figures and Captions

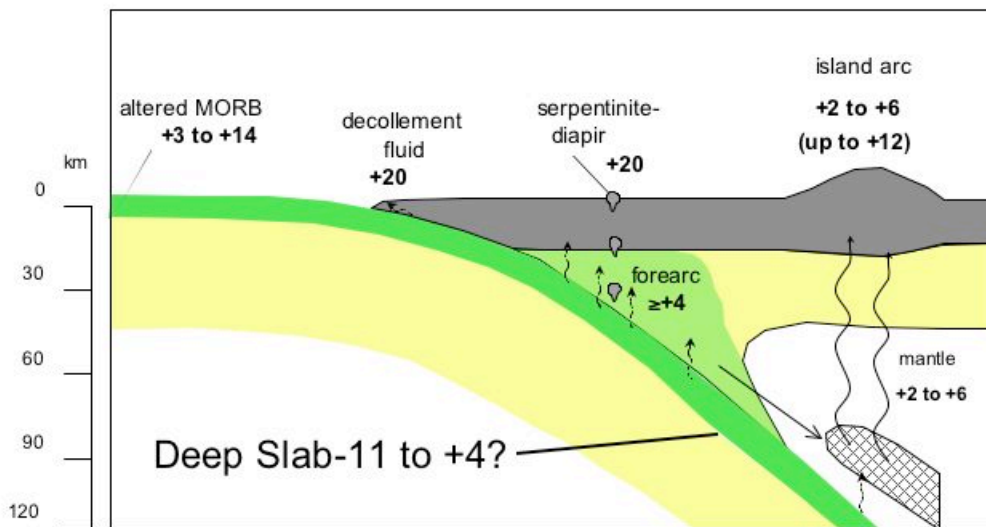


Figure 1: Schematic illustration of $\delta^7\text{Li}$ systematics in a subduction zone setting. Li isotopic fractionation during dehydration of altered MORB ($+3$ to $+14\text{‰}$) is evidenced by heavy Li in fluids from decollement zone and serpentinite diapir (both $+20\text{‰}$) and by light Li in eclogites (-11 to $+4\text{‰}$). The high $\delta^7\text{Li}$ of fluids escaping the slab at low temperatures likely enriches the forearc mantle wedge in ^7Li . Assuming $\delta^7\text{Li}$ of island arc magmas

represent the composition of the mantle underneath them (cross hatched region), large parts of the subarc mantle appear to be unaffected by slab Li (+2 to +6‰). High ^7Li values in some arc magmas (up to +12‰) might be explained by the incorporation of the forearc mantle into the subarc mantle region. From Zack *et al.*, 2003.

Publications and Presentations

Altogether, eleven abstracts and three papers have resulted from this work, highlights of which are:

McDonough, W. F., Teng, , Tomascak, P. B., Ash, R. D., Grossman, J. N., and Rudnick, R. L., (2003) Lithium isotopic composition of chondritic meteorites. *Lunar Planet. Sci. Conf. XXXIV*, Abstr., 1931.pdf.

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Rudnick *et al.*, (2001) Li Isotopic Composition of the Mantle. *Eos Trans. AGU*, 82(47), Abstr. V12C-0995

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Teng, F.-Z., McDonough, W.F., Rudnick, R.L., Dalpè, C., Tomascak, P.B, Chapell, B.W. and Gao, S. (2004) Lithium isotopic composition and concentration of the upper continental crust, *Geochim. Cosmochim. Acta (in review)*.

Zack, T., Tomascak, P.B., Rudnick, R.L., Dalpè, C. and McDonough, W.F. (2003) Extremely light Li in orogenic eclogites: The role of isotope fractionation during dehydration in subducted oceanic crust, *Earth Planet. Sci. Lett.* 208: 279-290.