

1 **Heterogeneous REE+Y distribution in Early Paleozoic shelly phosphorites: implications**
2 **for enrichment mechanisms**

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11 **Abstract**

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13 Sedimentary phosphorites are important carriers of Rare Earth Elements and Yttrium
14 (REE+Y). Primary biogenic and sedimentary apatite contain very low amounts of REE+Y
15 and enrichment of these elements occurs during diagenesis. Although the influence of post-
16 depositional processes on REE+Y concentrations in sedimentary phosphorites is well
17 established, the processes controlling the degree of enrichment are poorly constrained. In this
18 study, we examine the REE+Y composition of Early Paleozoic shelly phosphorites of the
19 Baltica paleocontinent, using ICP-MS and LA-ICP-MS. Phosphate containing phases in these
20 deposits are (i) phosphatic brachiopod shells, (ii) phosphatic clasts and (iii) phosphatic grain
21 coatings. Measured REE+Y concentrations range from 162.7 to 2415.3 mg/kg. The
22 distribution of REE+Y in phosphatic shells and clasts is heterogeneous, with the highest
23 concentrations found in the outer margins. In the phosphatic shells, remnants of skeletal
24 apatite contain higher REE+Y concentrations than authigenic apatite in baculate laminae. In
25 addition, our results show significant locality-based variability, with up to 14 times
26 differences in REE+Y concentrations from localities situated only a few tens of km apart.
27 Based on (i) the distribution of REE+Y in apatite, (ii) La_N/Yb_N and La_N/Sm_N ratios pointing
28 to diagenetic REE+Y uptake from sediment pore-fluids, as well as (iii) variable pyrite
29 content, the geographic variations of REE+Y in sedimentary phosphorites of the Baltica
30 paleocontinent are most parsimoniously explained by differences in local redox conditions
31 during early diagenesis.

32 1. Introduction

33 Rare Earth Elements (REE) are group of 15 elements from La to Lu with similar chemical
34 properties. REE are often grouped together with Yttrium (referred to collectively as REE+Y)
35 due to identical valence and similar ionic radii of Y and Ho. Under oxygenated redox
36 conditions, most of the REE+Y are in a trivalent state, and their geochemical behaviour is
37 extraordinarily coherent. However, slight changes in the stability of inorganic REE
38 complexes, stemming from the gradual filling of the 4f orbital, lead to increased stability of
39 heavy REE (HREE, Ho to Lu) in seawater (de Baar et al., 1991), resulting in around an order
40 of a magnitude higher Post Archean Australian Shale (PAAS, Taylor and McLennan, 1985)
41 normalized concentrations of dissolved HREE compared to light REE (LREE; La to Nd) in
42 the water column (de Baar et al., 2018). Also, the REE+Y with empty and half-filled 4f
43 orbitals (La and Gd, respectively) are anomalously enriched in seawater (Bau, 1999; Masuda
44 and Ikeuchi, 1979). The largest variability in marine REE+Y concentrations is related,
45 however, to the behaviour of Y, Ho and redox-sensitive Ce. Under oxic conditions, Ce³⁺ is
46 oxidized to Ce⁴⁺ (McArthur and Walsh, 1984) and is preferentially scavenged by sinking Fe-
47 Mn oxyhydroxide particles, leaving oxic seawater depleted in Ce (Byrne and Sholkovitz,
48 1996). The Fe-Mn oxyhydroxides also preferentially scavenge Ho over Y, leading to Y
49 enrichments expressed in Y/Ho ratios of >50 in seawater, compared to chondritic value of
50 around 28 (Bau and Dulski, 1996; Minami et al., 1998). As a result, modern marine PAAS
51 normalized REE+Y patterns display weak La and Gd enrichments (Bau, 1999), strong Ce
52 depletion, HREE enrichment (de Baar et al., 1985), and Y/Ho ratios of >52 (Nozaki et al.,
53 1997).

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55 Sedimentary apatite (Ca-phosphate) and phosphate rocks in general are prominent sinks for
56 the REE+Y in marine settings and are a potential source for the world's growing REE
57 demand (Emsbo et al., 2015). Phosphate phases in sediments can be broadly divided into two
58 groups: (i) biogenic apatite composed of skeletal remnants of apatite-secreting animals, such
59 as brachiopods (e.g., Heinsalu et al., 1994; Lécuyer et al., 2004) vertebrates, and coprolites
60 (e.g., Garnit et al., 2017; Lécuyer et al., 2004); and (ii) microbially mediated authigenic
61 sedimentary apatite (Arning et al., 2009b; Compton and Bergh, 2016; Föllmi, 1996). Both
62 biogenic and sedimentary apatite incorporate low amounts of REE+Y during their formation
63 (Lécuyer et al., 1998; Lumiste et al., 2019). As REE+Y are taken up quantitatively after
64 deposition (Reynard et al., 1999), the REE+Y composition of primary sedimentary and/or
65 biogenic apatite contain information regarding the seawater composition and prevailing

66 paleoredox conditions during their formation (e.g., Emsbo et al., 2015; Felitsyn et al., 1998;
67 Lécuyer et al., 2004, 1998; Reynard et al., 1999; Shields and Webb, 2004; Sturesson et al.,
68 2005; Wright et al., 1987; Zhao et al., 2013). For example, preserved marine REE+Y
69 signatures can be (with some limitations) inferred even from apatite found in metamorphosed
70 Archean rocks (Birski et al., 2019; Lepland et al., 2002). However, due the susceptibility of
71 apatite to accumulate a variety of trace metals and especially REE+Y (Pan and Fleet, 2002),
72 the primary signatures are easily muted by prompt uptake of REE+Y during apatite
73 recrystallization on relatively short timescales already in early diagenetic conditions (Auer et
74 al., 2017; Lumiste et al., 2019; Shields and Stille, 2001).

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76 Cambrian - Ordovician boundary beds in the Baltic Paleobasin in northern Estonia are
77 composed of shallow marine peritidal to beach zone sandstones with abundant phosphatic
78 bioclasts of lingulate brachiopods (Heinsalu and Viira, 1997; Puura, 1996) that form the
79 largest un-mined phosphorite reserve in the European Union with an estimated total resource
80 of about 800 million tons of P₂O₅ (Raudsep, 1997, 1987). Earlier studies of Estonian shelly
81 phosphorite have documented significant variability of REE+Y concentrations (Baturin and
82 Ilyin, 2013; Felitsyn et al., 1998; Lécuyer et al., 1998; Sturesson et al., 2005) but the causes
83 of this variability have remained unclear. In this contribution, we study the REE+Y
84 composition and distribution in phosphatic shells and phosphatic pebbles/clasts in Cambrian-
85 Ordovician phosphorites of Estonia aiming at deciphering the REE+Y uptake and
86 redistribution mechanisms in these sediments.

87 **2. Geological setting**

88 Shelly phosphorites in Estonia and north-western Russia were deposited during Cambrian-
89 Ordovician transition in a shallow epicontinental sea of the Baltica paleocontinent (Heinsalu
90 and Viira, 1997). Furongian-Tremadocian phosphorite of the Kallavere Formation is made up
91 of yellow to light grey cross-bedded quartz sandstones with abundant phosphatic bioclasts
92 and occasional carbonaceous mudstone interbeds (Sturesson et al., 2005), with a maximum
93 thickness of up to 17 m (Heinsalu and Viira, 1997). The main apatite-containing particles in
94 the Kallavere Formation are lingulate brachiopods, dominantly represented by *Ungula*
95 *ingrica* species (Heinsalu et al., 1994; Puura, 1996). Brachiopod valves occur as intact shells
96 or fragments of varying sizes, forming lenses and coquinas throughout the formation.

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98 Shells contain abundant diagenetic pyrite and hematite (Lang et al., 2016), giving them a
99 distinct black-grey or reddish colour, respectively. In addition to biogenic apatite, the
100 medium- to coarse-grained sandstone of the Kallavere Formation contains reworked
101 phosphatic clasts similar to what is found in the phosphorite beds of Vassbo, Sweden (Wallin,
102 1989). Phosphatic clasts with flattened disc shape vary in size from <10 mm to >10 cm and
103 are composed of phosphate and carbonate cemented quartzitic silt to fine sand. The P₂O₅
104 concentrations of the Kallavere Formation vary from 6 to 20 wt.% (Raudsep, 1997), in some
105 coquina lenses, the P₂O₅ concentration can be as high as 30 wt.% (Baturin and Ilyin, 2013).
106 The phosphatic sandstone is typically weakly cemented and friable, although in some
107 localities it is cemented by dolomite (Raudsep, 1987).

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109 The shelly phosphorites were likely deposited under conditions similar to modern Namibian
110 shelf where abundant phosphatic lingulate (mainly *Discinisca tenuis*; Hiller, 1993) shell-rich
111 sediments are found along the coast and organic rich sediments with authigenic sedimentary
112 phosphate on the inner-shelf. By analogy with the Namibian shelf, the coquinas and
113 bioclastic lenses in cross-bedded sandstones of the Kallavere Formation were formed in a
114 high-energy shoreline-peritidal environment, whereas the intercalating and overlying
115 graptolitic carbonaceous mudstones were formed under oxygen-poor deep(-er) water
116 conditions (Hiller, 1993). High abundance of apatite secreting fossils and authigenic apatite
117 cemented clasts as well as the presence of organic rich sediments point towards nutrient-rich
118 conditions and high primary productivity (Baturin and Ilyin, 2013), consistent with the
119 development of an upwelling ecosystem during the deposition of Kallavere phosphorites
120 (Hiller, 1993; Lécuyer et al., 1998; Parrish et al., 1986). By the onset of the Paleozoic, the
121 Baltica paleocontinent was positioned at 40-50° southerly latitudes and drifted (< 10 cm/yr)
122 towards the tropics between the Early Ordovician and Mid-Silurian, reaching near equatorial
123 latitudes by the Late Silurian (Torsvik et al., 2012). During the deposition of the Kallavere
124 Formation in Furongian-Tremadocian, the Baltica paleocontinent was situated at high to
125 intermediate southern latitudes (Torsvik et al., 2012) with the meridionally oriented shoreline
126 of the Baltic Paleobasin facing towards the west, analogous to modern day Namibian shelf.

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128 Peritidal Kallavere phosphorite deposits were rapidly transgressed by the overlying up to 7 m
129 thick carbonaceous mudstones (so-called *Dictyonema* or graptolite shale) of the Türisalu
130 Formation (Artyushkov et al., 2000; Heinsalu and Viira, 1997) enabling the preservation of
131 these otherwise erosion-prone deposits (Sturesson et al., 2005). In some localities at the

132 southern margin of the phosphorite deposit, the shales of the Türisalu Formation are absent,
133 and the Kallavere Formation is unconformably overlain by glauconitic sand- and siltstones of
134 the Tremadocian-Floian Leetse Formation. In these areas, the phosphatic shells have a
135 distinct red color due to the presence of hematite instead of secondary pyrite commonly
136 present within the shells in areas where the phosphorite is overlain by carbonaceous
137 mudstones.

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139 Post-depositional history of Estonian phosphorites is marked by relative stability and
140 subsequent low deposition rates. Despite their age, the phosphorites are largely
141 unconsolidated and friable, indicating shallow burial and immature thermal maturation state.
142 Low conodont alteration indices (CAI = 1-1.5; Heinsalu et al., 2003) of the Kallavere
143 Formation further prove the relatively pristine state of the sediments. Therefore, it is likely
144 that these rocks have not experienced any significant hydrothermal/late-diagenetic
145 overprinting.

146 **3. Material and Methods**

147 Samples of the Kallavere Formation phosphorite were collected from four outcrops (Iru,
148 Ülgase, Maardu, Saka localities) along the north Estonian coastline and from several drill
149 cores penetrating the phosphorite beds in Toolse and Kabala deposits (Fig. 1).

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151 For bulk analysis of trace element concentrations (including REE+Y) the phosphatic shell
152 fragments were handpicked from phosphorite samples, cleaned with milliQ water and 2%_{w/w}
153 ultrapure HNO₃ solution in an ultrasonic bath (1 h for both reagents) to remove terrigenous
154 and other non-apatitic components. After cleaning, samples were dissolved in concentrated
155 HNO₃ for ICP-MS analysis. Trace elemental concentrations were measured using Agilent
156 8800 quadrupole ICP-MS. Indium was used as internal standard and NIST 1640a, NIST
157 1643f and POLC-1 as quality control standards.

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159 For *in situ* trace-element measurements the bulk rock pieces and hand-picked single
160 phosphatic brachiopod shells and clasts were embedded in Spurr's epoxy resin and polished.
161 In some samples it was possible to determine paleontological affinity of the shells to either
162 *Ungula ingrlica*, *Ungula inornata*, *Schmidtites celatus* or *Keyserlingia buchii* species's. The
163 *Ungula ingrlica* was the dominant species in all samples and the shells of this species were
164 selected for comparative *in-situ* REE+Y analysis using specimens from different localities. In

165 addition, in Maardu locality both *Ungula ingrlica* and *Ungula inornata* specimens were
166 sampled to test the REE+Y concentration variability between species from the same locality.

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168 Zeiss EVO MA15 variable pressure scanning electron microscope (SEM) coupled with an
169 Oxford X-MAX energy dispersive detector system (EDS) was used to study the structure and
170 major elemental composition of the samples. Trace element concentrations in individual
171 shells and their different structural layers were measured with laser ablation inductively
172 coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) using an Agilent 8800 quadrupole ICP-MS
173 coupled to a Cetac LSX- 213 G2+ laser with HelEx II fast-washout two-volume large-format
174 cell. LA-ICP-MS raw data were transformed to elemental concentrations, using ^{43}Ca as an
175 internal standard, assuming a stoichiometric concentration of Ca in apatite (39.7 wt.%).
176 Additional standardization was performed using an external standard GSD-1G, with values
177 from Jochum et al. (2011).

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179 For spot analysis, a spot size of 25 μm , 10 Hz frequency and fluence of 2 J/cm^2 was used.
180 Trace elemental mapping was done using the following parameters: 20 μm , 10 $\mu\text{m}/\text{s}$, 10 Hz
181 and 1.3 J/cm^2 , for spot size, scan speed, frequency and fluence, respectively. During LA-ICP-
182 MS analysis, Ba-oxide interferes with Eu signal, and LREE oxides interfere with the HREE
183 (Kent and Ungerer, 2005). The rate of Ba- and LREE-oxide formation was monitored with
184 Th-oxide formation during ablation, which was $<0.25\%$ ThO/Th throughout the analytical
185 sessions.

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187 Post Archean Australian Shale values (PAAS; Taylor and McLennan, 1985) were used to
188 normalize measured REE+Y concentrations. REE+Y based proxies were calculated as:
189 $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = \text{Eu}_N / ((\text{Sm}_N + \text{Gd}_N)/2)$, $\text{Ce}/\text{Ce}^* = \text{Ce}_N / (0.5\text{La}_N + 0.5\text{Pr}_N)$, $\text{Pr}/\text{Pr}^* = \text{Pr}_N / (0.5\text{Ce}_N +$
190 $0.5\text{Nd}_N)$, $\text{Y}/\text{Y}^* = \text{Y}_N / ((\text{Dy}_N + \text{Ho}_N)/2)$, and $\text{Gd}/\text{Gd}^* = \text{Gd}_N / (\text{Eu}_N + \text{Tb}_N)/2$ (Bau and Dulski,
191 1996; Byrne and Sholkovitz, 1996). To assess the degree of middle REE (MREE - Sm, Eu,
192 Gd, Tb and Dy) enrichment, bell shape index (BSI) was calculated as: $\text{BSI} = (2 * (\text{Sm}_N + \text{Gd}_N$
193 $+ \text{Dy}_N)/3) / ((\text{La}_N + \text{Pr}_N + \text{Nd}_N)/3 + (\text{Ho}_N + \text{Er}_N + \text{Tm}_N + \text{Yb}_N + \text{Lu}_N)/5)$ (Tostevin et al.,
194 2016). Subscript N denotes PAAS-normalized values for a given element.

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196 To test the variability in the measured REE+Y concentrations between different localities,
197 ANOVA and Tukey (HSD) tests were applied. RStudios was used for the analysis, and the
198 significance level was set at $\alpha = 0.05$.

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200 **4. Results**

201 **4.1. Microscopy**

202 The apatite in Estonian shelly phosphorites occurs in three forms: (i) abundant biogenic
203 brachiopod shells and their fragments, (ii) early diagenetic cement occurring in reworked
204 clasts and (iii) coatings on quartz grains and the occasional pore-fillings (Fig. 2).

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206 The brachiopod shells vary in size from ~100 µm fragments rounded to a different extent, to
207 >1 cm-size nearly intact valves (Figs. 2a-b). Some shells show signs of plastic deformation
208 (Fig. 2f). The internal structure of the shells consists of alternating layers of baculate and
209 compact laminae that are composed of trellised apatitic rods (bacula) and tightly packed
210 apatite crystallites, respectively (Lang and Puura, 2013; Lang et al., 2016; Fig. 2e). The
211 baculate laminae are often inter-grown with diagenetic pyrite aggregates (Fig. 2g) that give
212 the shells a dark brown to black colour. Shells from Kabala area are pale to reddish in colour
213 due to secondary hematite films and diffuse aggregates intruding the fractured shells (Fig.
214 2h). The phosphatic clasts are made up of angular to sub-angular silt to fine-sand quartz
215 grains, embedded in apatite cement. The size range for flattened clasts is similar to the shells,
216 typically ranging from sub-mm to >1 cm. Some clasts contain shell fragments (Fig. 2d) and
217 in some of the clasts the quartz grains are coated in pyrite. Apatite grain coatings on quartz
218 and the pore-filling apatite cements (Fig. 2c) are less dominant but were found in all localities
219 sampled.

220 **4.2. Trace elements**

221 The average REE concentrations in shells is 1115.7 (SD = 591.4, n = 31) mg/kg, with a
222 maximum and minimum value of 2415.3 mg/kg and 162.7 mg/kg, respectively (Table 1). The
223 *in-situ* LA-ICP-MS analyses and elemental maps show heterogeneous distributions of
224 REE+Y in individual shells (Figs. 3-4). The compact laminae of shells can contain up to
225 tenfold higher REE+Y concentrations than baculate laminae (Figs. 5, 6a). However, the
226 baculate laminae close to the outer surfaces and/or margins of the shell tend to show higher
227 REE+Y concentrations than the internal baculate laminae (Figs. 3,5). In contrast to REE+Y,
228 uranium shows systematically higher concentration in baculate laminae (Fig. 6b), dissimilarly
229 to the REE+Y (Fig. 3). However, the principal shape of the PAAS normalized REE+Y
230 patterns does not vary between the different shell fragments of the same or different species

231 form the same locality, or between the structural layers nor along the same structural layer
232 within a single shell (Figs. 5,7; Table 1).

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234 Principally, two types of patterns can be recognized in the studied samples – patterns with
235 moderate to high degree of MREE-enrichment (e.g., Saka, Iru) and seawater and/or shale like
236 patterns (Maardu, Kabala; Fig. 7). The REE concentrations are the lowest and the most
237 PAAS-like in shells from Kabala locality but show typically wedge shape patterns in shells
238 from other localities, with REE+Y concentrations showing around tenfold enrichment
239 relative to PAAS (Fig. 7). Tukey's HSD Test for multiple comparisons shows that the mean
240 value of REE+Y concentrations are significantly lower in Kabala compared to all other
241 localities except Maardu, at $p < 0.001$ level. Similarly, REE+Y concentrations in Saka
242 locality are significantly higher compared to other localities, whereas there are no statistically
243 significant differences in REE+Y concentrations between Iru, Ülgase and Toolse localities.
244 MREE-enrichment is apparent in samples from all localities (less so in Maardu and Kabala),
245 with an average BSI of 1.55 (SD = 0.20, $n = 31$). BSI and $\sum\text{REE}$ show moderate correlations
246 ($r = 0.61$, $p\text{-value} < 0.01$, $n = 31$), with the highest BSI values corresponding to the highest
247 REE concentrations (Fig. 8). Ce/Ce* values range from 0.72 to 1.04 (Fig. 9), with an average
248 value of 0.95 (SD = 0.08, $n = 31$). Eu/Eu* values are stable in all samples, with values
249 ranging from 0.79-1.05. In contrast, Y/Ho ratios show significant variability, with values
250 ranging from >50 to ~ 30 (Fig 10). Average La_N/Yb_N , La_N/Sm_N and La_N/Nd_N ratios are 1.02
251 (SD = 0.14, $n = 31$), 0.77 (SD = 0.24, $n = 31$), 0.85 (SD = 0.26, $n = 31$), respectively (Table
252 1).

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254 Phosphatic clasts are typically more REE+Y enriched compared to shells from the same
255 locality (Fig. 11; Table 1). In Maardu locality, the average $\sum\text{REE}$ in shells is 569.5 mg/kg
256 (SD = 201.85, $n = 4$), whereas the $\sum\text{REE}$ in a phosphatic clast is 1000.6 mg/kg. On the other
257 hand, REE concentrations are lower in clasts than the shells in the Iru formation (Fig. 11). In
258 phosphatic clasts the most REE+Y rich zones are associated with thin apatite films that were
259 precipitated directly onto the quartz grains, whereas the bulk of the apatite cement has
260 comparatively lower REE+Y (Fig. 4).

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262 **5. Discussion**

263 **5.1. Locality-based variability of REE+Y in phosphorites**

264 The REE content in extant linguliform brachiopods is very low with $\sum\text{REE}$ typically around
265 1 mg/kg and rarely up to 10 mg/kg (Lécuyer et al., 1998; Shaw and Wasserburg, 1985). The
266 maximum $\sum\text{REE}$ concentration in Estonian shelly phosphorites measured in this study
267 reached values up to 2415 mg/kg, and REE concentrations as high as ~2 wt.% have been
268 reported in some sedimentary apatites (Emsbo et al., 2015). It is well established that such
269 vast enrichment with factors of more than 10^7 compared to seawater is driven by diagenetic
270 processes (Shields and Webb, 2004). The REE and Y replace Ca ions in the apatite structure
271 by pairwise substitution mechanism where one REE^{3+} together with one monovalent ion
272 (e.g., Na^+) replace two Ca^{2+} ions (Jarvis et al., 1994; Pan and Fleet, 2002). Alternatively, the
273 Ca^{2+} and P^{5+} can be substituted by REE^{3+} and Si^{4+} (Pan and Fleet, 2002).

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275 Seawater is considered as a common source of REEs for bioapatites (e.g., Girard and
276 Lécuyer, 2002; Herwartz et al., 2013; Reynard et al., 1999) and the REE concentrations of
277 nascent apatite reflect, similar to biogenic carbonates and pure carbonate muds, seawater
278 signals (Barrat et al., 2000; Elderfield and Pagett, 1986; Lécuyer et al., 2004; Webb et al.,
279 2009). The PAAS normalized REE+Y distribution pattern of modern oxygenated seawater is
280 characterized by progressive enrichment from LREE to HREE, negative Ce anomalies (de
281 Baar et al., 1985), slight positive La and Gd anomalies (Bau, 1999), and a Y/Ho ratio of >52
282 (Nozaki et al., 1997). However, numerous studies have inferred that the composition of the
283 bioapatite is significantly modified at shallow burial and most of the REE+Y is taken up
284 during early diagenetic open-system processes where elevated pore-water REE+Y
285 concentrations are sourced from clays, organic matter mineralization and Fe-Mn
286 oxyhydroxide reduction (Abbott et al., 2019; Chen et al., 2015; Deng et al., 2017; Herwartz et
287 al., 2013; Zhao et al., 2013). As a result of differences in the rates of diagenetic processes, the
288 PAAS normalized REE+Y patterns of sedimentary apatites can be divided into three broad
289 groups: (i) seawater-like patterns, mainly characterized by negative Ce-anomalies, varying
290 degree of HREE-enrichment and super-chondritic Y/Ho ratios (Emsbo et al., 2015; Shields
291 and Stille, 2001) (ii) shale-like patterns with small or absent Ce-anomalies, little to no HREE
292 enrichment and (near-)chondritic Y/Ho ratios (Emsbo et al., 2015; Lumiste et al., 2019;
293 McArthur and Walsh, 1984) and (iii) “bell shaped” MREE-enriched patterns, with no Ce
294 anomalies, and depletion of both LREE and HREE (Reynard et al., 1999; Shields and Stille,
295 2001). Typically, the REE+Y concentrations of these three types increase from seawater-like
296 to bell shape patterns, with flat PAAS normalised pattern representing an intermediate state
297 between the two endmembers (e.g., Lécuyer et al., 2004; Lumiste et al., 2019). While

298 enrichments in apatite not exceeding the 10^7 threshold compared to seawater concentrations
299 exhibit seawater-type REE+Y characteristics consistent with quantitative uptake (i.e., the
300 shape of the typical seawater pattern is preserved), higher REE enrichments associating with
301 distinct bell shape patterns reflect either crystal-chemical controls that cause preferential
302 partitioning of MREE during extensive diagenetic alteration (Reynard et al., 1999) or uptake
303 from MREE-enriched anoxic pore-water (Kocsis et al., 2009; Ounis et al., 2008).

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305 The PAAS normalized REE+Y patterns of the Estonian shelly phosphorites in all localities,
306 except in Kabala and Maardu, are characterized by MREE enrichment, with bell shape index
307 (BSI) values up to 1.55. BSI also correlates with $\sum\text{REE}$ ($r = 0.61$, $p\text{-value} < 0.01$, $n = 31$; Fig.
308 8a), pointing towards an anoxic pore-water source for the REE+Y. Similarly, the decrease in
309 La_N/Nd_N (Fig. 12) and Y/Ho (Fig. 10) ratios with increasing $\sum\text{REE}$ further supports the non-
310 marine pore-water source for the REE. The Y/Ho ratios of Maardu samples show values
311 close or even somewhat higher than the average modern seawater, whereas samples from
312 nearby Iru and Ülgase localities (located within ca. 5 km radius from Maardu outcrop) show
313 values close to chondritic Y/Ho ratio (Fig. 10). Y and Ho have a very similar ionic radii but
314 Ho is preferentially scavenged from seawater column by particulate matter or ionic species
315 resulting in high (>50) seawater Y/Ho ratios, distinctly higher than the typical Y/Ho ratios of
316 25–30 in shales (Bau and Dulski, 1996; McLennan, 2001). Decreasing Y/Ho ratios with
317 increasing $\sum\text{REE}$ in Estonian shelly phosphorite suggest dominant lithogenic source of REEs
318 in phosphatic shells. If the variation of the Y/Ho ratios in Estonian shelly phosphorite were
319 due to contributions from two end-members – seawater and a lithogenic components with
320 Y/Ho ratios of 60 and 28, respectively – then the share of lithogenic fraction in most samples
321 is >50%.

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323 Significant diagenetic overprinting is also evident in Ce/Ce* values that typically are in the
324 0.7 – 1 range, although a true negative Ce-anomaly (*sensu* Bau and Dulski, 1996) was found
325 in only one ICP-MS sample (Fig. 9). REE composition of extant lingulates is characterized
326 by strong negative Ce anomaly expressing the composition of oxygenated seawater (e.g.,
327 Lécuyer et al., 1998). This anomaly is progressively diminished and, in some cases, replaced
328 by a positive Ce anomaly during REE uptake from diagenetically modified pore-water
329 enriched in Ce. Indeed, some Estonian phosphorite samples do show true positive Ce
330 anomaly, possibly indicative of Ce uptake from suboxic pore-water enriched in REE+Y due
331 to the reductive dissolution of Fe-Mn particles (Takahashi et al., 2015).

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333 The La_N/Yb_N and La_N/Sm_N values fall outside the range of modern seawater, indicating a
334 diagenetic source for the majority of REE+Y (Fig. 13). Diagenetic uptake via adsorption
335 mainly increases the La_N/Yb_N ratios, whereas the substitution mechanism should lead to
336 decrease in La_N/Sm_N ratios (Reynard et al., 1999). All measured samples show higher than
337 seawater La_N/Yb_N ratios indicating that the prevalent uptake mechanism was adsorption.
338 Substitution mechanism could be still suggested for some samples, particularly the ones with
339 the highest REE+Y content (Fig. 13). Both extensive recrystallization during late-stage
340 diagenesis (Reynard et al., 1999) and uptake from anoxic pore-water (Kocsis et al., 2009;
341 Ounis et al., 2008) can lead to the development of MREE-enrichment (i.e. high BSI, low
342 La_N/Sm_N), making it difficult to unambiguously trace the source and the uptake mechanism
343 of the REE+Y in apatite. However, extensive late diagenetic uptake is typically accompanied
344 by low La_N/Sm_N ratios (<0.3 ; Lécuyer et al., 2004; Reynard et al., 1999), lower than the
345 values measured from our samples (0.47-1.53; Fig. 13), pointing towards early diagenetic
346 uptake from anoxic pore-water (Haley et al., 2004). Furthermore, Y/Y^* and La_N/Nd_N ratios
347 (Fig. 12) show a positive co-variation with a trend towards diagenetic enrichment, except in a
348 few shells from Kabala and Maardu localities that potentially show weathering influences,
349 which preferentially remove non-tetrad REE (Shield and Stille, 2001).

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351 The studied phosphorite bearing sequences consist of similar medium-to-coarse grained
352 shallow marine quartzose sandstone with abundant phosphatic shell fragments and, while
353 samples from the same localities display remarkably uniform REE content and REE+Y
354 patterns, the variability between different localities can be rather large. The ten-fold
355 difference in REE concentrations of shells from different localities, that are only few tens of
356 km apart, could have been caused both by syn-depositional and early diagenetic (e.g., input of
357 REE+Y carrying phases, sedimentary environment) and/or post-depositional (e.g.,
358 metamorphism, weathering, hydrothermal alteration) processes (Bau, 1991; Bonnand et al.,
359 2020). Redistribution of REE+Y during late-stage diagenesis and metamorphism is largely
360 controlled by the stability of the host-phases but large-scale redistribution of bulk rock
361 REE+Y is rare (Chakrabarti et al., 2007; Ohr et al., 1994), unless influenced by hydrothermal
362 alteration (e.g., Chetty and Gutzmer, 2012). Resetting of the REE+Y signatures due to
363 hydrothermal alteration in Estonian shelly phosphorite seems unlikely given the overall
364 tectonic stability and shallow burial of the sedimentary sequences in the northern Baltica
365 Paleobasin with only limited evidence for hydrothermal activity (Eensaar et al., 2017; Gaškov

366 et al., 2017; Somelar et al., 2010), excellent preservation of conodonts with CAI values <1.5
367 (Heinsalu et al., 2003), and the absence of Eu-anomalies, that would be indicative of
368 $\text{Eu}^{2+}/\text{REE}^{3+}$ decoupling in high temperature (>200 °C) processes (Bau et al., 2010).

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370 However, even in sediments not influenced by hydrothermal activity, protracted uptake of
371 REE+Y by biogenic apatite can still occur during late-stage diagenesis (Herwartz et al., 2011;
372 Kowal-Linka et al., 2014) and can, in some cases, account for >50% of the REE found in
373 apatite (Kocsis et al., 2010). Therefore, the apparent locality-based differences in REE+Y
374 concentrations in the studied samples could have, theoretically, been caused by differences in
375 the availability of these elements during late-stage diagenesis. Well-crystallized biogenic
376 apatite is less susceptible to late-stage diagenesis (Kocsis et al., 2010) and recrystallization
377 rates influence REE+Y fractionation in biogenic apatite (Trueman et al., 2011). Considering
378 that the early diagenetic apatite in compact layers of the shells (Lang et al., 2016) contain
379 more REE+Y (Fig. 5) than the porous authigenic baculate layers, it is unlikely that the
380 majority of these elements could have been incorporated during late-stage diagenesis.
381 Moreover, if a large portion of the REE+Y were taken up during late-stage diagenesis – i.e.
382 the REE+Y composition of the shells would be a mixture of both early and late-stage
383 diagenetic pore-water – the shells would display internal variability (Herwartz et al., 2013).
384 Measurements from a single shell (Fig. 5), however, display remarkable uniformity between
385 compact and baculate laminae REE+Y patterns. Although the precise timing of REE+Y
386 uptake is difficult to constrain and late-stage diagenetic contribution cannot be fully ruled out,
387 it is unlikely that late diagenetic fluids served as the predominant source of REE+Y in the
388 shells.

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390 The only significant difference of the shells with varying REE+Y content is their colouring –
391 dark brown-to-black shells are higher in $\sum\text{REE}$ and light brown pale-to-reddish shells are
392 lower in $\sum\text{REEs}$. The colouring of the shells is due to the presence of secondary pyrite or
393 hematite in black and pale-reddish shells, respectively. Diagenetic pyrite impregnating the
394 shell structures (Fig. 2) is a common secondary phase in phosphorites northern and western
395 areas, whereas in Kabala area the pyrite is largely absent and hematite is the dominant Fe-
396 containing phase (Nemliher and Puura, 2001). The Fe speciation in shells likely reflects the
397 redox state of pore-water during early diagenesis – pyrite inter-grown brachiopods
398 experienced the development of sulfidic early diagenetic pore waters, whereas the presence
399 of hematite is indicative of oxic to suboxic pore-water conditions. Alternatively, the hematite

400 could be the result of oxidation of diagenetic pyrite by percolating meteoric water. As such,
401 the putative remobilization of REE+Y by meteoric water could explain the much lower
402 Σ REE values in the “hematitic” shells from Kabala phosphorites. Deep ground-waters, even
403 if influenced by REE-rich lithologies, are characterized by REE+Y concentrations in the
404 range of ng/L (Munemoto et al., 2015). These low concentrations would likely allow at least
405 some of the REE+Y to be leached out of the apatite, resulting in REE+Y depletion from the
406 surfaces of the shells and phosphatic clasts. However, the elemental distributions in shells
407 from Kabala locality show that the highest REE+Y concentrations are found in the outer
408 margin of the shells (Fig. 3), which is more in line with diagenetic REE+Y uptake (e.g.,
409 Lumiste et al., 2019) rather than leaching and removal of these elements. Therefore, it can be
410 suggested that lower Σ REE values in Kabala do not result from secondary mobilization and
411 removal of these elements but rather reflect limited REE+Y uptake/availability during
412 diagenesis at or near the SWI.

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414 It is interesting that the REE+Y content is particularly low in shells in the southernmost part
415 of the phosphorite deposit where overlying carbonaceous mudstone (“graptolite mudstone”)
416 of the Türisalu Formation is missing in the stratigraphy and the Kallavere Formation is
417 directly overlain by glauconitic sand- and siltstones of the Leetse Formation. It is possible
418 that post depositional remobilisation of REE+Y from overlying carbonaceous mudstone, that
419 has been documented in other basins (e.g., Lev and Filer, 2004), could be considered as a
420 potential REE+Y source for phosphatic shells and would explain the substantial
421 heterogeneity of REE+Y concentrations of different localities. The shell bearing quartz
422 sandstones of the Kallavere Formation themselves were deposited in hydrodynamically active
423 setting and do not contain significant clay/mud material and, therefore, present a poor
424 (internal) source for REE+Y. However, the REE+Y in the lenses of black shales intercalating
425 the sandstones of the Kallavere Formation and particularly in the carbonaceous mudstones of
426 the overlying Türisalu Formation could have been mobilized during early diagenesis and
427 taken up by phosphatic shells.

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429 Alternatively, the highly location specific variability of REE+Y concentrations in Estonian
430 shelly phosphorite could have been controlled by the availability of these elements in ambient
431 seawater and/or pore fluids shortly after deposition. Concentrations of REE+Y in modern
432 marine settings vary significantly, for example, a 2.5-fold differences in dissolved REE
433 concentrations are found between the Northern Pacific and Atlantic oceans (de Baar et al.,

434 2018). Similarly, REE+Y concentrations vary within a single basin, with significant
435 variability between near-shore margins, slope and basin (Deng et al., 2017). Dissolved
436 REE+Y concentrations (excluding Ce) in seawater tend to increase with water depth (Deng et
437 al., 2017; De Baar et al., 2018). In pore-water, however, the REE concentrations increase
438 even more, peaking at the SWI or a few centimetres below (Abbott et al., 2015; Deng et al.,
439 2017; Haley et al., 2004). This is caused by reductive dissolution of organic matter and Fe-
440 Mn oxyhydroxides (Abbott et al., 2015; Haley et al., 2004) and/or dissolution and
441 authigenesis of clay minerals (Abbott et al., 2019) releasing REE+Y to the pore-water during
442 early diagenesis and result in concentrations at least an order of a magnitude higher than the
443 overlying water column (Abbott et al., 2015). The freshly liberated REE+Y diffuse back to
444 the overlying water column (Deng et al., 2017) or are taken up by suitable secondary
445 minerals (Abbott et al., 2019). Given that the majority of these processes occur during early
446 diagenesis, REE+Y concentrations drop rapidly with increasing sediment depth, resulting in
447 deep pore-water being depleted in REE+Y (Soyol-Erdene and Huh, 2013). Furthermore,
448 redox conditions exhibit control on pore-water REE+Y concentrations and can cause both
449 increase (i.e., by Fe-Mn oxyhydroxide and organic matter dissolution) and decrease (e.g., by
450 authigenic apatite formation) in pore-water REE+Y concentrations. The most intensive
451 release of particle bound REE+Y and high REE+Y fluxes are related to anoxia (Deng et al.,
452 2017). The Namibian shelf – a modern day analogue to the Baltic basin during the early
453 Palaeozoic (Hiller, 1993) – is characterized by highly dynamic redox conditions related to
454 upwelling and respiration (Brüchert et al., 2006). High flux of organic matter and its
455 subsequent degradation can lead to the development of local transient anoxia, deposition of
456 organic rich muds and phosphogenesis (Baturin, 2000; Lumiste et al., 2021), while
457 predominantly oxic conditions can prevail in other areas on the shelf (Brüchert et al., 2003).
458 This type of dynamic redox conditions or “poikiloxia” (Algeo and Rowe, 2012) may result in
459 spatially variable REE+Y concentrations in pore-waters even in sediments across short
460 distances, with low pore-water concentrations in sediments with dominantly oxic conditions
461 and REE+Y enriched pore-waters under anoxic conditions (Fig. 14). Poikiloxia could lead to
462 highly variable and mosaic REE+Y distribution in otherwise coeval sediments and could,
463 thus, explain the lateral variability of the REE+Y enrichments in Estonian shelly phosphorite.
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465 **5.2. Heterogenous distribution of REE+Y in phosphatic shells and clasts**

466 Distribution of the REE+Y in Estonian phosphatic fossil lingulate shells is also highly
467 heterogeneous at the individual shell level (Figs. 3,5). The highest REE+Y concentrations are

468 found in the periphery/outer surfaces of the shells, whereas the content of REE+Y is up-to an
469 order of magnitude (typically about 3-5 times) lower in centre of the shells (Fig. 3).
470 Furthermore, the compact laminae commonly display a higher concentration of REE+Y than
471 the baculate laminae (Figs. 3,5). Alternating fossilised compact and baculate laminae (Fig. 2)
472 represent the inner structure of the extant lingulate brachiopod shells that were deposited as
473 highly mineralized laminae alternating with laminae rich in organic matrix (Williams and
474 Cusack, 2007, 1999). The compact laminae are composed of closely packed apatite
475 nanocrystals secreted by the animal and the baculate laminae are composed of trellised
476 apatitic rods (bacula), which during the lifetime of the brachiopod were enmeshed into an
477 organic matrix (Lang et al., 2016; Lang and Puura, 2013; Williams and Cusack, 1999).

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479 Biogenic apatite of the lingulate shells is readily recrystallized *post-mortem* due to relatively
480 high degree of structural disorder and small crystallite sizes (Lang et al., 2016; Lang and
481 Puura, 2013; Nemliher and Puura, 2001). However, the apatite in compact laminae was
482 interpreted by Lang et al. (2016) as an early diagenetically recrystallized skeletal apatite,
483 which has preserved some of its original characteristics like low F-content, nanometer-scale
484 crystallite size and apatite crystal structure lattice parameter values similar to the apatite in
485 modern lingulate brachiopod shells. Extant brachiopods, unlike other animals with
486 hydroxyapatite skeleton, precipitate carbonate and fluoride enriched form of apatite that is
487 similar to carbonate-fluorapatite (Neary et al., 2011), which is thermodynamically more
488 stable under marine and pore-water conditions (Jahnke, 1984) and could be preserved
489 through geological time with only minor modifications. The baculate laminae in lingulates
490 from Estonian shelly phosphorites, in contrast, represent non-skeletal, mostly authigenic
491 apatite (Nemliher and Puura, 2001) that show higher CO_3^{2-} and F^- content and are
492 characterized by well crystalline micrometer-size crystallite frameworks (Lang et al., 2016).
493 The phosphatization of the organic rich mesh likely happened relatively early, possibly
494 concomitantly with the degradation of organic matter by microbial sulfate reduction (Lécuyer
495 et al., 1998) as evidenced by partially preserved fragile organic frameworks (Lang and Puura,
496 2013) and close association with diagenetic pyrite (Lang et al., 2016).

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498 The phosphatic shells of the Estonian phosphorite are, in composition, similar to modern
499 authigenic sedimentary apatites (*sensu* Mänd et al., 2018) that form at the SWI (Lumiste et
500 al., 2021) on the Namibian Shelf. REE+Y enrichment in these modern phosphatic sediments
501 occurs through the dominant adsorption mechanism in diagenetically modified pore-water

502 utilizing REE+Y released by organic matter degradation, reduction of Fe-Mn oxyhydroxides
503 and detrital clay phases gradually diminishing the seawater characteristics with increasing
504 Σ REE (e.g., Lumiste et al., 2019). The comparatively higher REE+Y concentration in
505 compact laminae of Estonian phosphatic shells could be thus explained by higher surface area
506 and therefore more effective REE+Y uptake by the nanometer-size apatite crystallite
507 aggregates. In contrast to the REE+Y, U content is remarkably higher in baculate laminae
508 (see Fig. 3, 6). U is mostly taken up into apatite structure as U^{4+} via substitution with Ca^{2+}
509 (Pan and Fleet, 2002). As U^{4+} is the dominant species in reduced depositional environments
510 (Barnes and Cochran, 1990), and the phosphatization of the baculate laminae is possibly tied
511 to the mineralization of the organic matter and establishment of (at least) locally reduced
512 environments required for stabilization of pyrite, it is likely that U in Estonian shelly
513 phosphorite was fixed in baculate laminae of shell structure during early diagenesis. The
514 heterogeneity between the external and internal parts of the shell can be most plausibly
515 explained by enhanced ion-exchange and diffusion between REE+Y-rich fluids (either
516 seawater or pore-water) and the exterior of the shells, similar to modern day REE+Y uptake
517 in phosphogenic sediments (Lumiste et al., 2019).

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519 The less prevalent apatite bearing constituents in Estonian shelly phosphorite are
520 allochthonous flat/rounded phosphatic clasts, and *in-situ* grain coatings. The clasts are made
521 of carbonate and apatite cemented poorly rounded fine-sand to coarse-silt grain size quartz
522 aggregates that were likely transported to a shallow shore-face environment during singular
523 high energy event (i.e., storms) when the wave base was low enough to move sediments from
524 the middle-or-inner shelf to near-shore facies. The REE+Y patterns of phosphatic clasts
525 exhibit MREE-enrichment, absence of Eu- or Ce-anomalies and lower than seawater Y/Ho
526 ratios (average 44.5, SD = 3.9, n = 3), and rather low Σ REE (average 824.8 mg/kg, SD =
527 247.6, n = 3). Similar to the shell fragments, the REE+Y distribution in the phosphatic clasts
528 and grain coatings is heterogenous and the highest REE+Y content is found at the outer
529 margin of the clasts and in phosphatic grain coatings precipitated immediately onto quartz
530 grains, whereas the centres of the clasts have significantly lower REE content. Similar clasts
531 of apatite cemented fine sandstone with similar REE+Y content and MREE enrichment are
532 described across the lower–middle Cambrian transition in Scania, southern Sweden (Álvoro
533 et al., 2016) that were possibly sourced from apatite-cemented sandstones and hardgrounds
534 described, for example, in the Vassbo area in central Sweden (Wallin, 1989). The source area
535 of the apatite cemented clasts in the Estonian shelly phosphorite is not known but the

536 development of such phosphatized sediments could be similar to the sedimentary phosphorite
537 deposition on the modern Namibia and Peru inner shelf where high rates of primary
538 production and subsequent degradation of the resulting organic matter leads to fluctuating
539 redox conditions near the seafloor apatite precipitation at SWI (Arning et al., 2009a; Brock
540 and Schulz-Vogt, 2011; Brüchert et al., 2000; Compton and Bergh, 2016; Goldhammer et al.,
541 2010; Lumiste et al., 2021), The REE+Y occurrence in phosphatic clasts (Fig. 4) mirrors their
542 distribution in biogenic shells, suggesting that the REE+Y enrichment was likely coeval in
543 both apatite phases and happened during early diagenetic stage through the scavenging of
544 REE+Y released into pore-water.

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546 **Conclusions**

547 REE concentrations in Paleozoic shelly phosphorites of Estonia vary from 162.7 to 2415.3
548 mg/kg, with significant variability between localities only a few tens of km apart. For
549 example, Saka locality phosphorites contain up to 14 times more REE than the Kabala
550 locality. PAAS normalised REE+Y patterns also vary between localities, with shale-like
551 patterns in the REE+Y depleted localities and bell-shaped patterns in REE+Y enriched
552 localities. \sum REE and BSI show moderate correlation ($r = 0.61$, p -value <0.01 , $n = 31$),
553 pointing towards a diagenetic source for these elements. Y/Ho ratios range from >50 to
554 around 30, signalling a gradual loss of seawater signatures during diagenetic REE+Y
555 enrichment. La_N/Yb_N and La_N/Sm_N ratios of the phosphorites resemble marine pore-water
556 values, further implicating the role of early diagenetic uptake of the REE+Y.

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558 In addition to locality-based variability, the distribution of REE+Y within the shells of
559 phosphatic brachiopods is heterogeneous. Typically, the diagenetically altered compact
560 laminae of skeletal origin contain more REE+Y, whereas the baculate laminae – composing
561 mostly of phosphatized authigenic remnants of organic rich meshes – contain less REE+Y.
562 Dissimilarly, the baculate laminae contain more U than compact laminae. Although there is
563 variability between the different types of apatite found in the shells, the most substantial
564 variation is related to the spatial distribution of REE+Y in the shells, with the highest
565 concentrations found in the periphery of shells. Besides phosphatic shells, the phosphorites
566 contain phosphatic clasts and *in-situ* grain coatings. The REE+Y distribution in the clasts
567 resemble biogenic shells, pointing towards a uniform source for these elements. The internal
568 distribution trends of REE+Y in the shells and clasts, high BSI, pore-water-like La_N/Yb_N ,

569 La_N/Sm_N ratios and the mosaic variability of REE+Y concentrations in different localities are
570 most parsimoniously explained by dynamic redox conditions controlling the availability of
571 REE+Y in pore-water during early diagenetic transformation of the shells and clasts.

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909 **Figures**

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911 **Figure 1.** Distribution and thickness of the phosphorite bearing Kallavere Formation and
912 main Estonian phosphorite localities used in this study with corresponding stratigraphic
913 columns. Legend: (1) glauconite sand (2) clay (3) black shale, (4) shelly phosphorite
914 sandstone, (5) siltstone (6) sandstone. Modified after Heinsalu and Viira (1997), Popov et al.
915 (1989), Raudsep (1997, 1987).

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919 **Figure 2.** Optical and backscattered scanning electron microscope images: (a) complete
920 shells and a phosphatic clast (b) fragmented shells (c) different apatite phases in the
921 phosphorites (Clst –phosphatic clast, Brah. – brachiopod shells. Dia.AP –diagenetic apatite
922 grain coatings.) d) remnant of a brachiopod shell inside a phosphatic clast, e) two distinct
923 apatite laminae present in brachiopod shells (B – mostly authigenic baculate laminae, C –
924 diagenetically altered compact lamina), f) brachiopod shell showing signs of plastic
925 deformation, g) a brachiopod shell intergrown with diagenetic pyrite (Py), h) secondary
926 hematite (Hem) inside a fractured shell. Scale bars represent 100 μm for SEM images, 1000
927 μm for optical microscopy images.

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929 **Figure 3.** Backscattered scanning electron (BSE) microscope image (top) of a brachiopod
930 shell and element distribution maps measured by LA-ICP-MS from the area indicated by a
931 dashed line on the BSE image. The concentrations are semi-quantitative. All scale bars are in
932 mg/kg.

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934 **Figure 4.** Backscattered scanning electron microscope (BSE) image (top) of a phosphatic
935 clast measured by LA-ICP-MS and element distribution maps measured by LA-ICP-MS from
936 the area indicated by a dashed line on the BSE image. The concentrations are semi-
937 quantitative. Ca and P scale bars in counts per second (cps), the rest are mg/kg. (Py – pyrite,
938 Brah. – Brachiopod, Clst – phosphatic clast).

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940 **Figure 5.** PAAS-normalized REE+Y patterns measured from a single (a) *Ungula inornata*
941 and (b) *Ungula ingrlica* shell. Both shells from Maardu locality.

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943 **Figure 6.** Concentrations of (a) Σ REE and (b) U in compact and baculate shell structure
944 types (baculate laminae n = 47, compact laminae n = 29).

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946 **Figure 7.** PAAS-normalized REE+Y patterns of phosphorite samples from different localities
947 measured by ICP-MS.

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949 **Figure 8.** Scatter plots of Σ REE and (a) bell-shape index, (b) PAAS-normalized La/Yb
950 ratios, (c) strontium concentrations, (d) MREE/MREE* and HREE/LREE, (e) Y/Ho ratios,
951 (f) Ce-anomalies, (g) PAAS-normalized La/Ce ratios. HREE/LREE ratios is the average of
952 Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu over the average of La, Ce, Pr and Nd. MREE/MREE* is the average of
953 Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy over the averages of LREE and HREE (*sensu* Haley et al. 2004).

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955 **Figure 9.** Ce-anomalies in studied samples. Modified after Bau and Dulski (1996). Field I –
956 no La or Ce anomalies. Fields IIa and IIb – apparent negative and positive Ce-anomaly,
957 respectively, Fields IIIa and IIIb – true positive and true negative Ce anomaly, respectively.
958 “Locality LA” denotes laser ablation measurements, “locality” are ICP-MS measurements
959 from a single bulk shell or clast.

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962 **Figure 10.** Locality-based variations in Y/Ho and Sm_N/Yb_N ratios. Modified after Kocsis et
963 al. (2016) “Locality LA” denotes *in-situ* laser ablation ICP-MS measurements, whereas
964 “locality” are ICP-MS measurements of single bulk shell or clast.

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966 **Figure 11.** PAAS-normalized REE+Y patterns of phosphatic clasts. The grey areas mark the
967 variability of measured REE+Y values within a locality, the coloured lines mark the REE+Y
968 concentrations of the clast.

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970 **Figure 12.** Cross-plot of Y-anomalies and PAAS-normalized La/Nd ratios. “Locality LA”
971 denotes *in-situ* laser ablation ICP-MS measurements, whereas “locality” are ICP-MS
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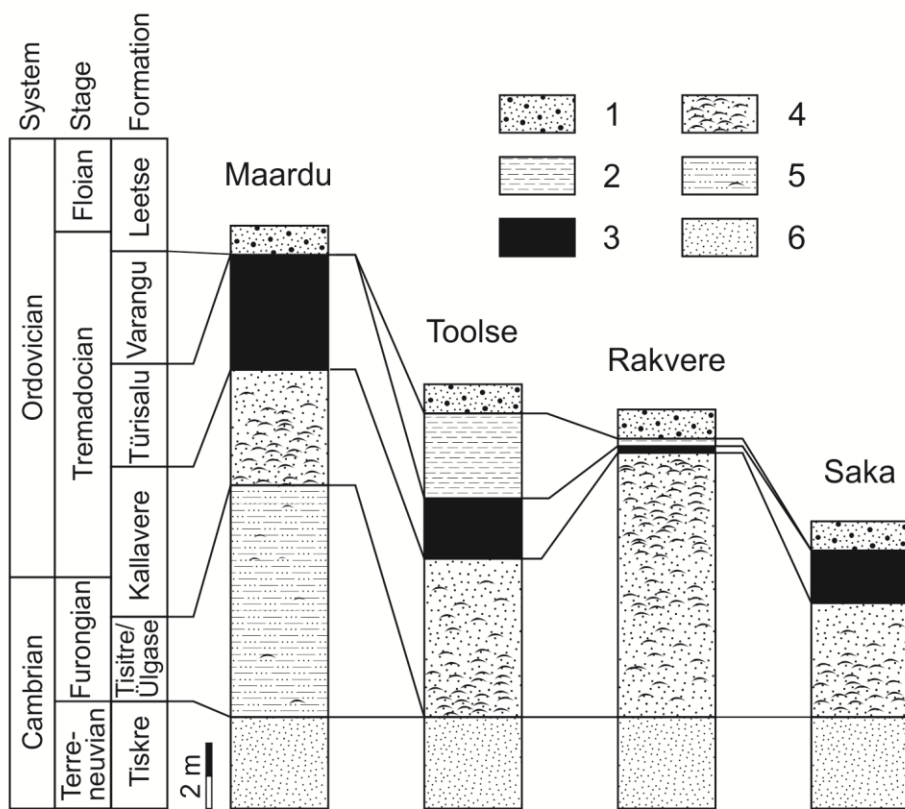
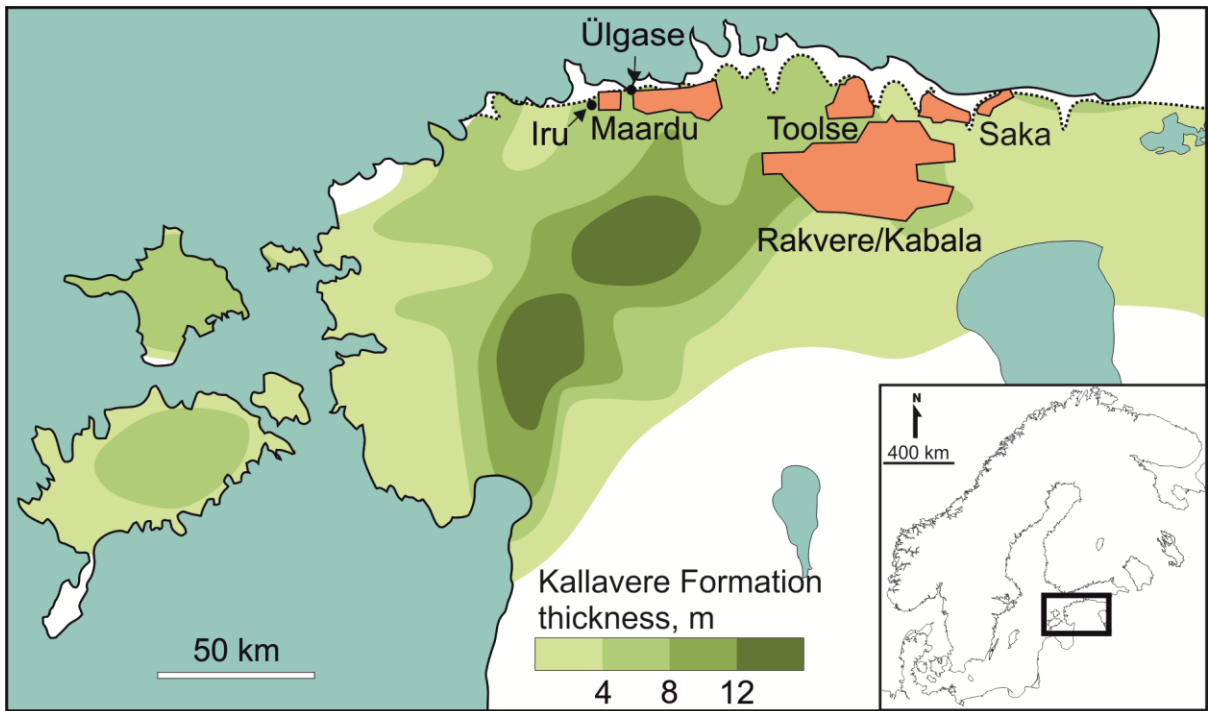
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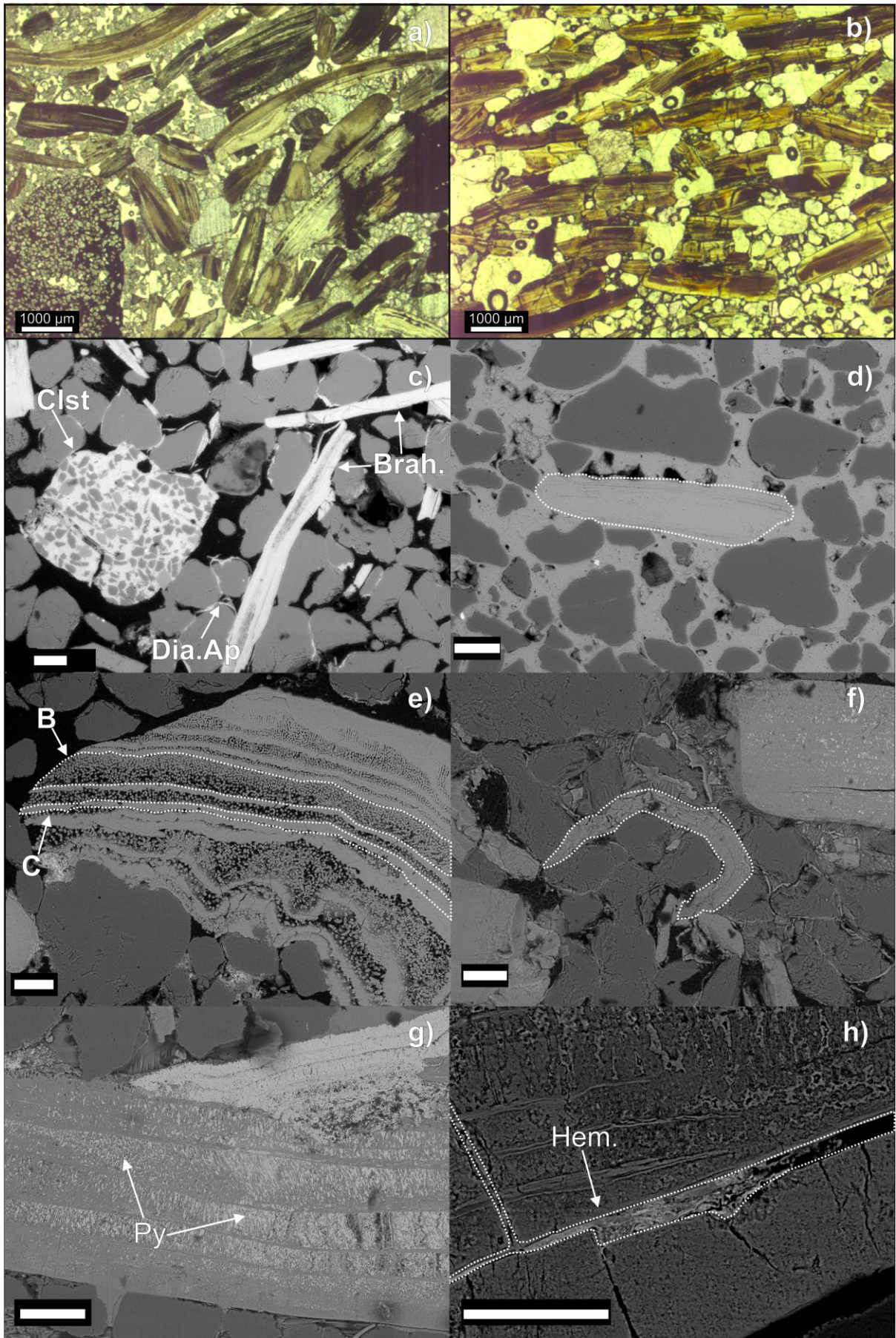
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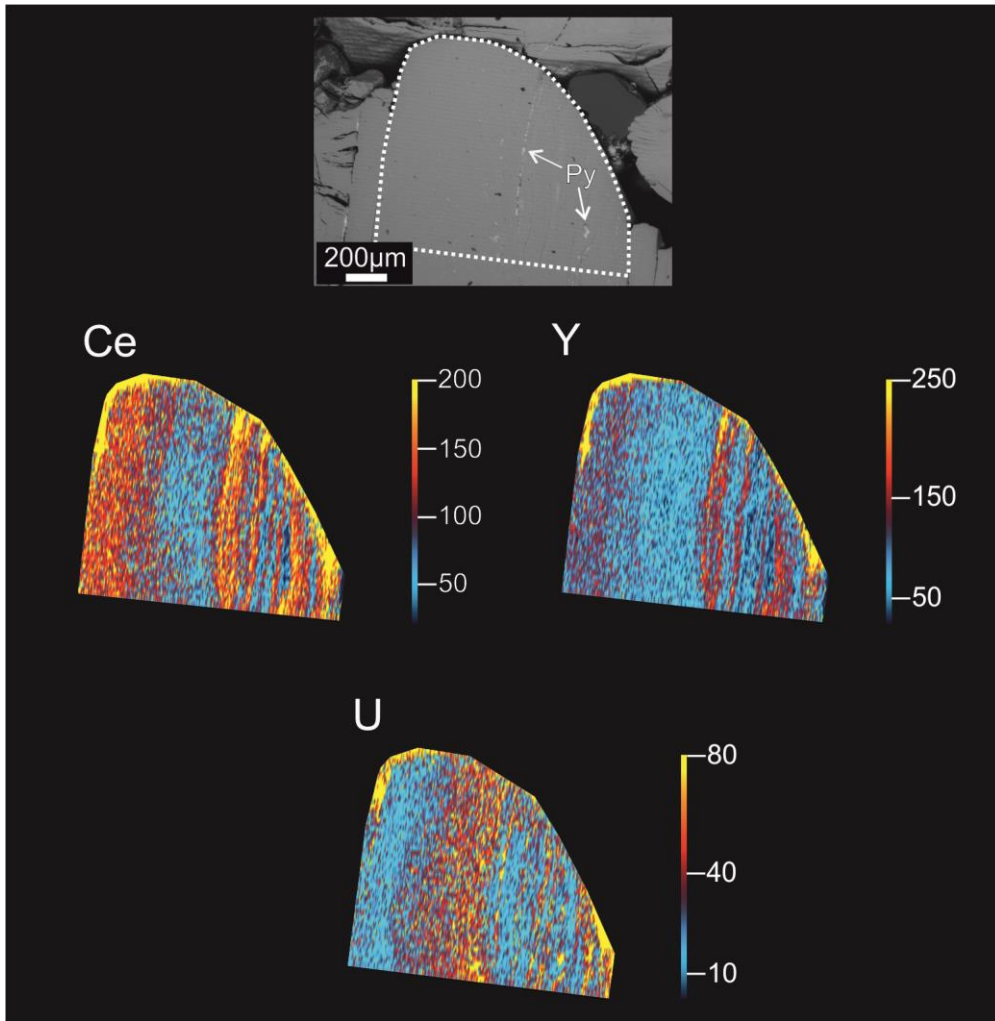
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979 **Figure 14.** Conceptual model of REE+Y uptake under variable redox conditions. Under
980 reducing conditions, particle-bound REE+Y are released more rapidly, due to the dissolution
981 of carrier phases, driving up pore-water REE+Y concentrations near the SWI.
982 Recrystallization of biogenic apatite likely starts immediately after deposition, allowing more
983 of the REE+Y to be sequestered. Under oxic conditions, initial recrystallization of
984 brachiopod shells occurs in REE+Y depleted pore-water, and the uptake is limited by the
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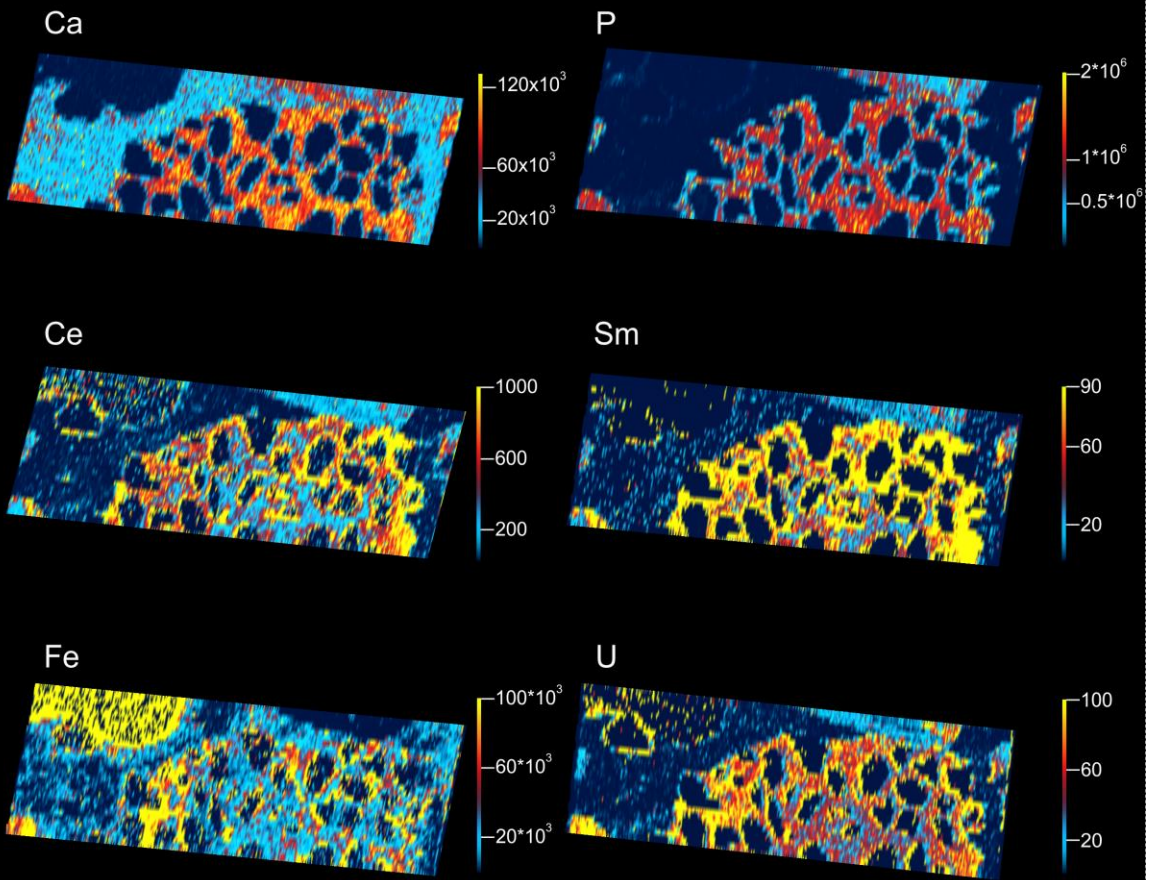
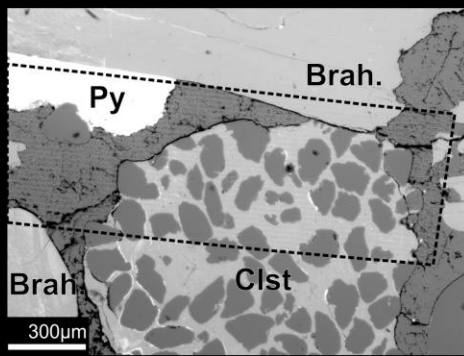
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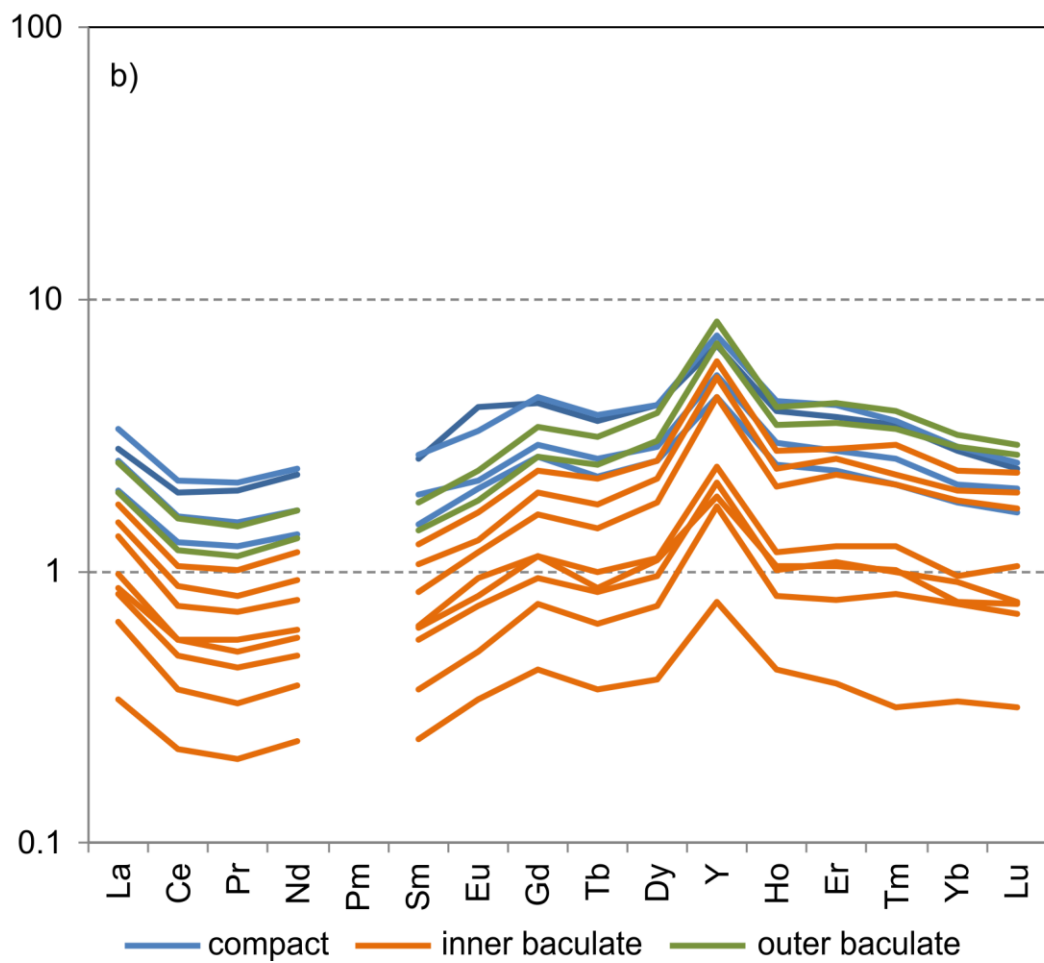
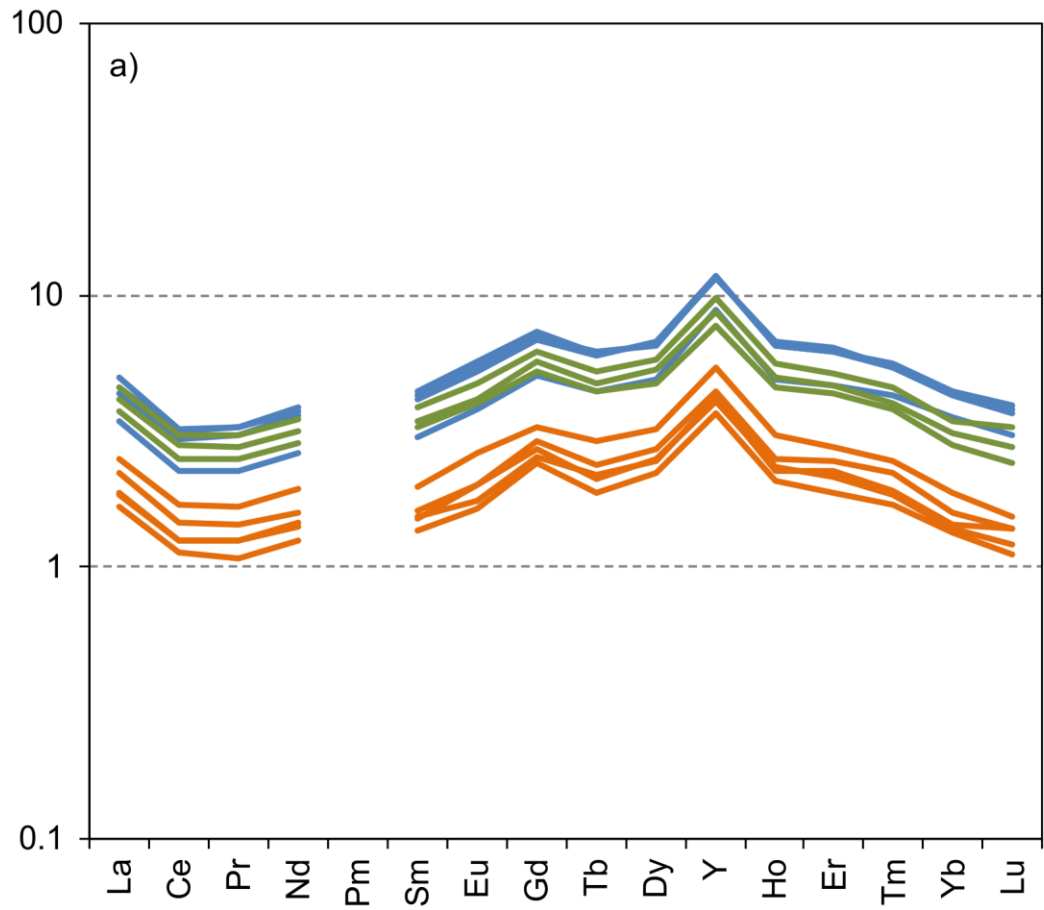


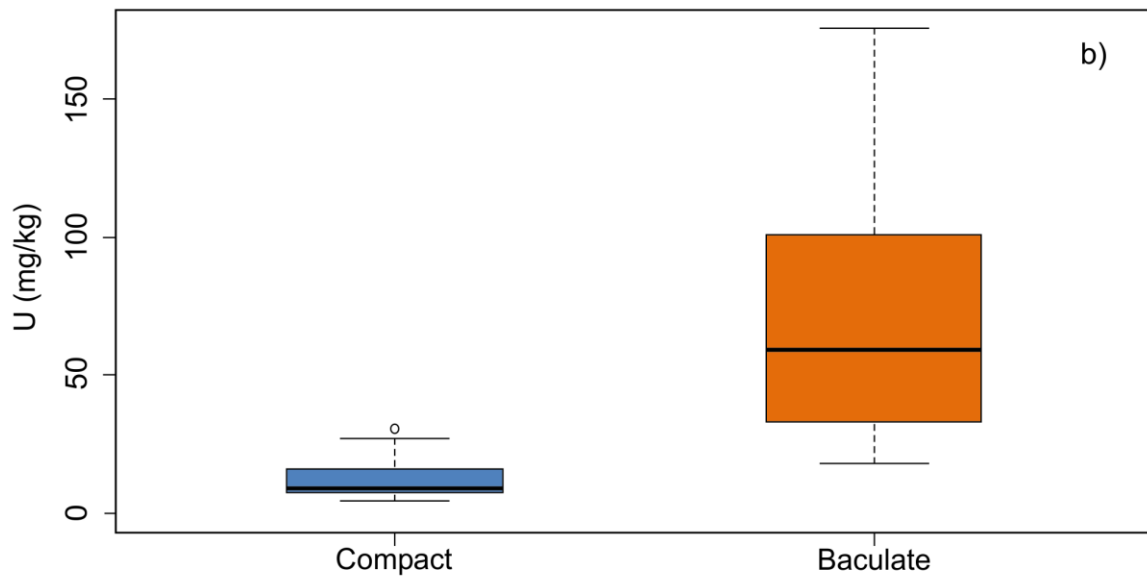
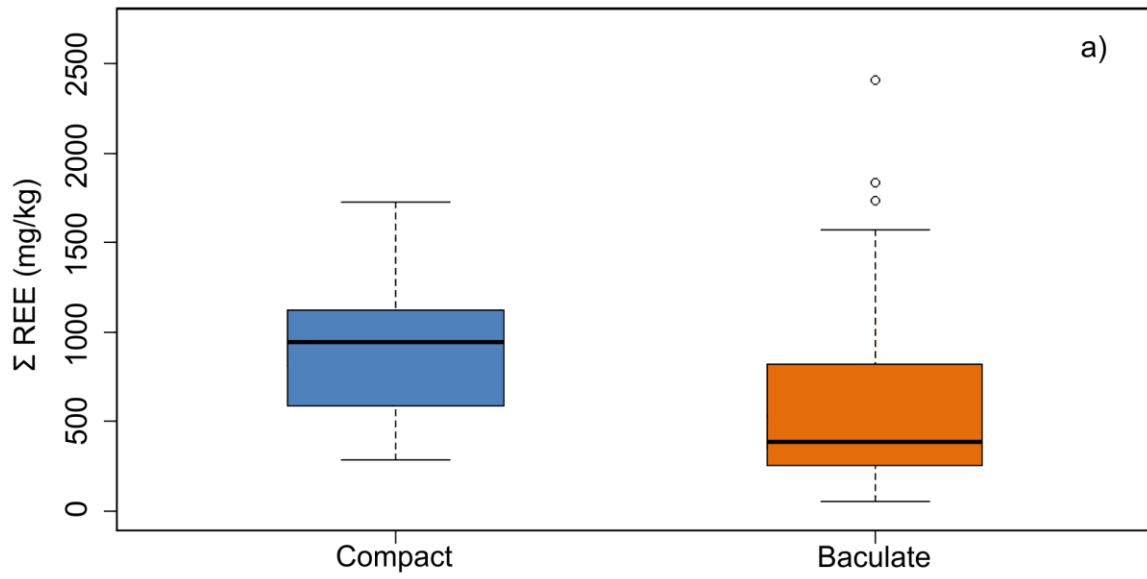


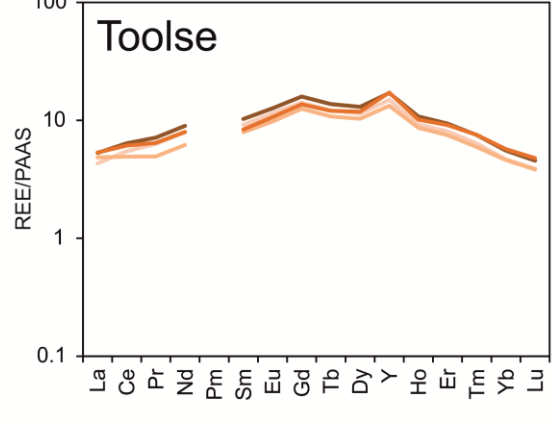
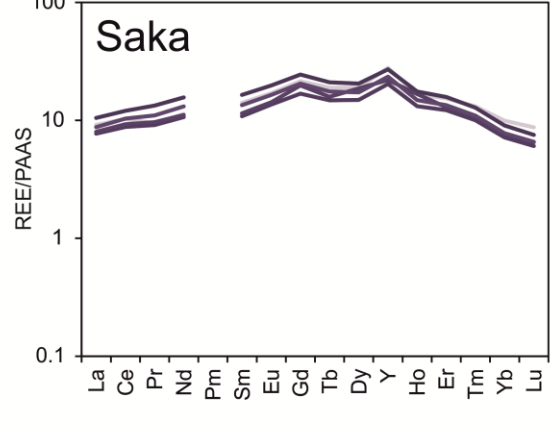
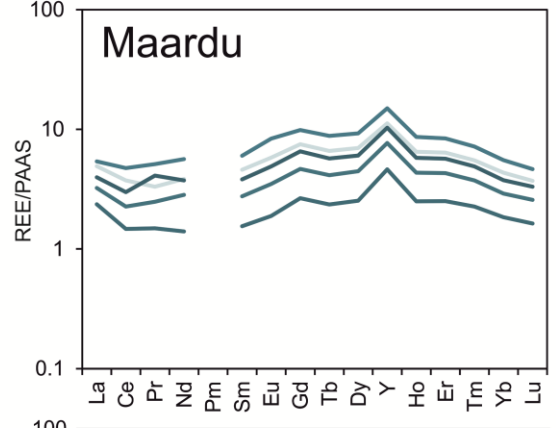
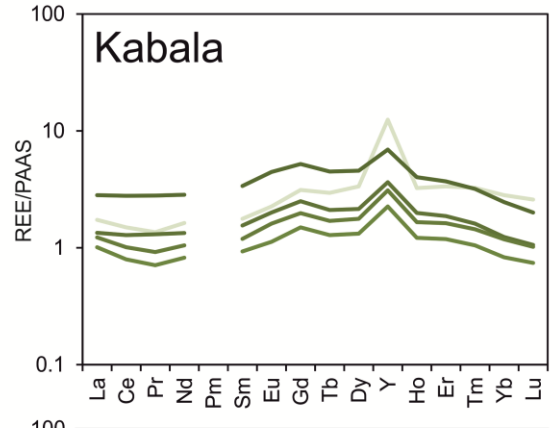
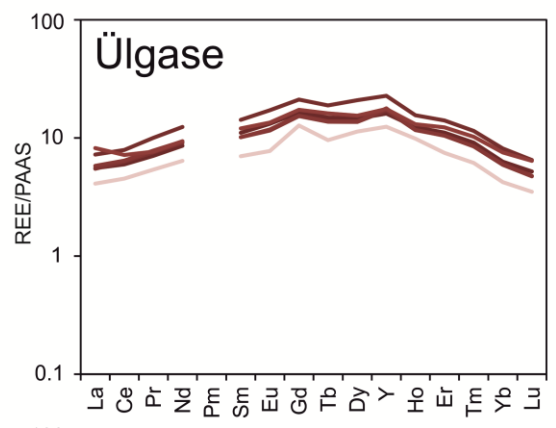
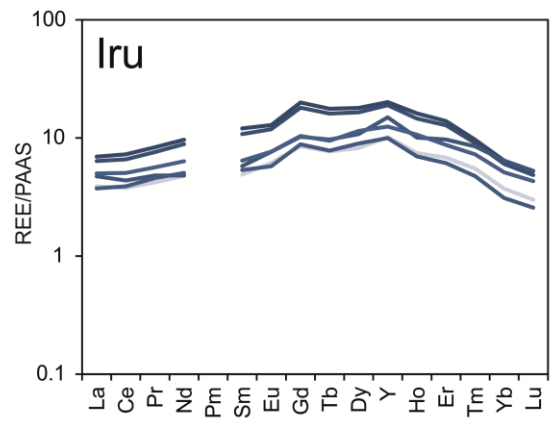


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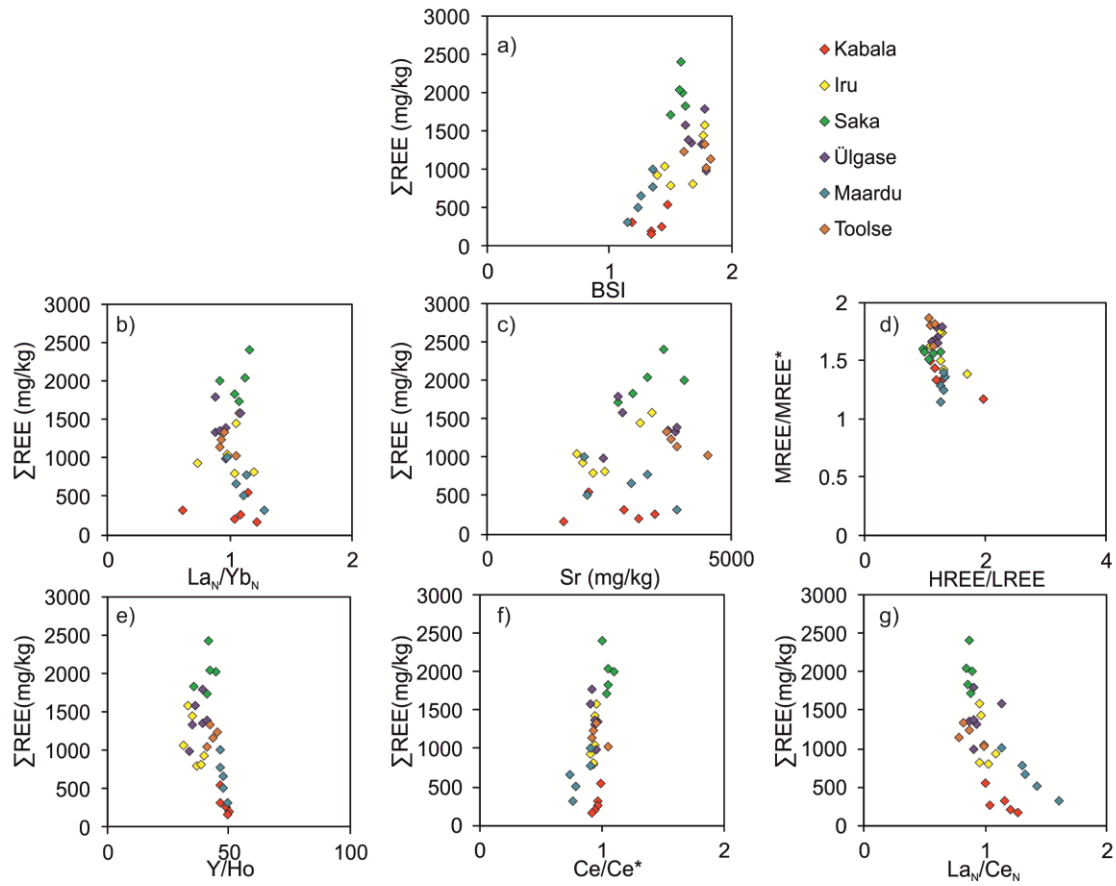




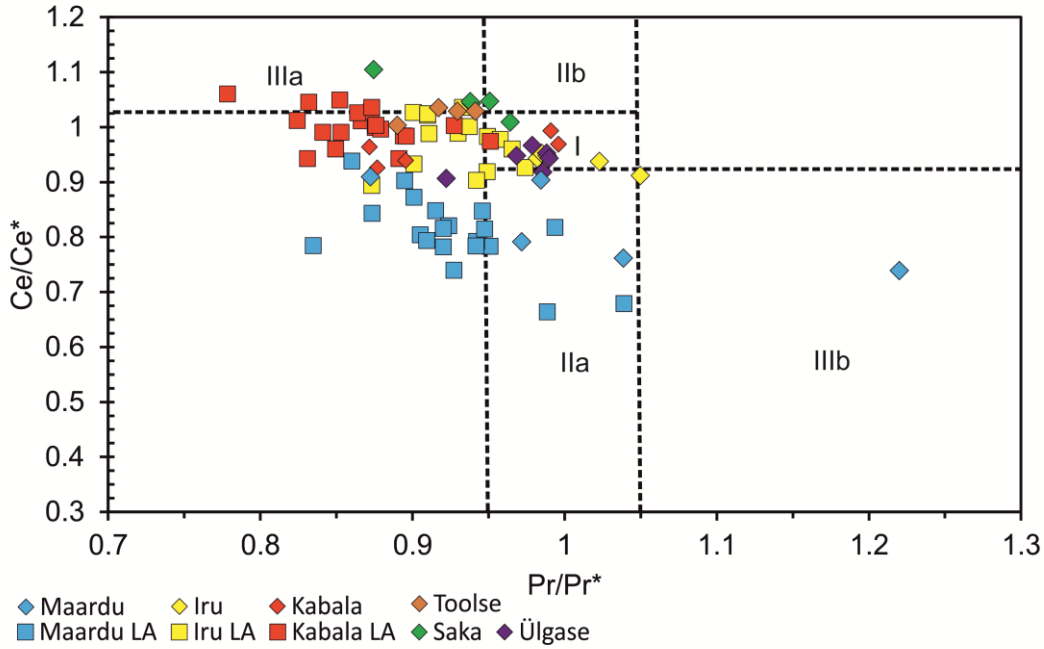




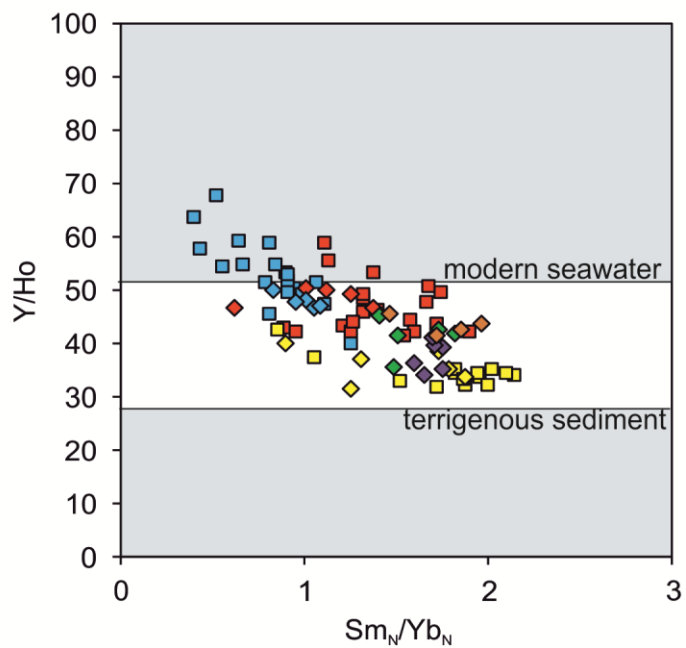
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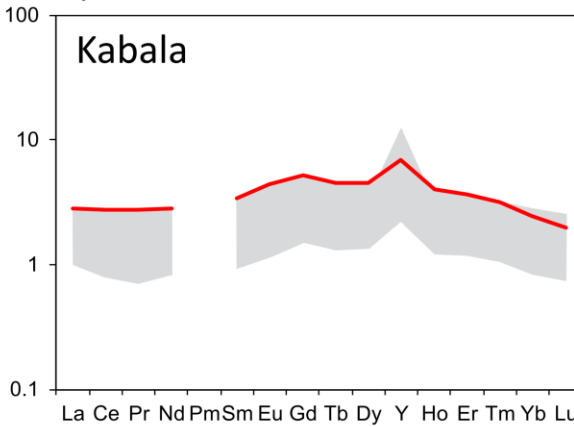
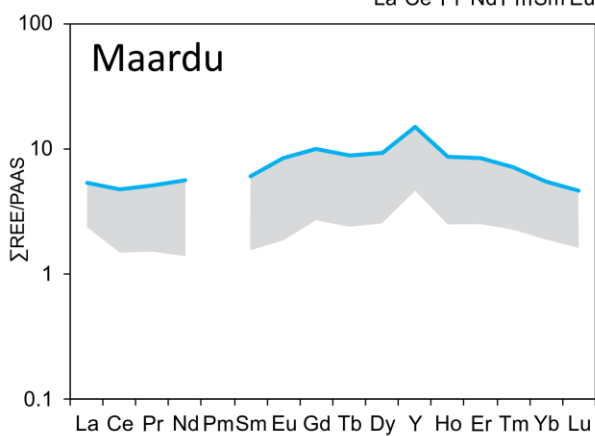
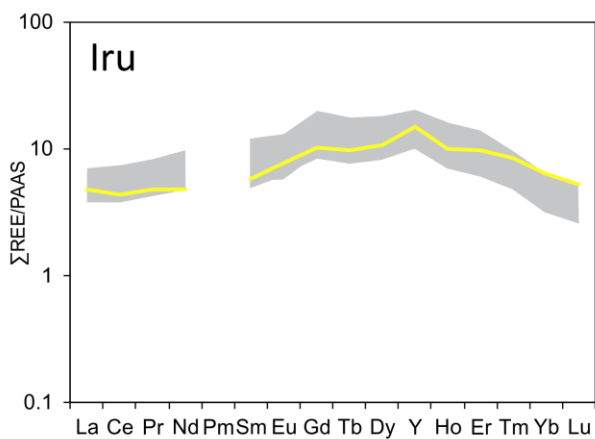


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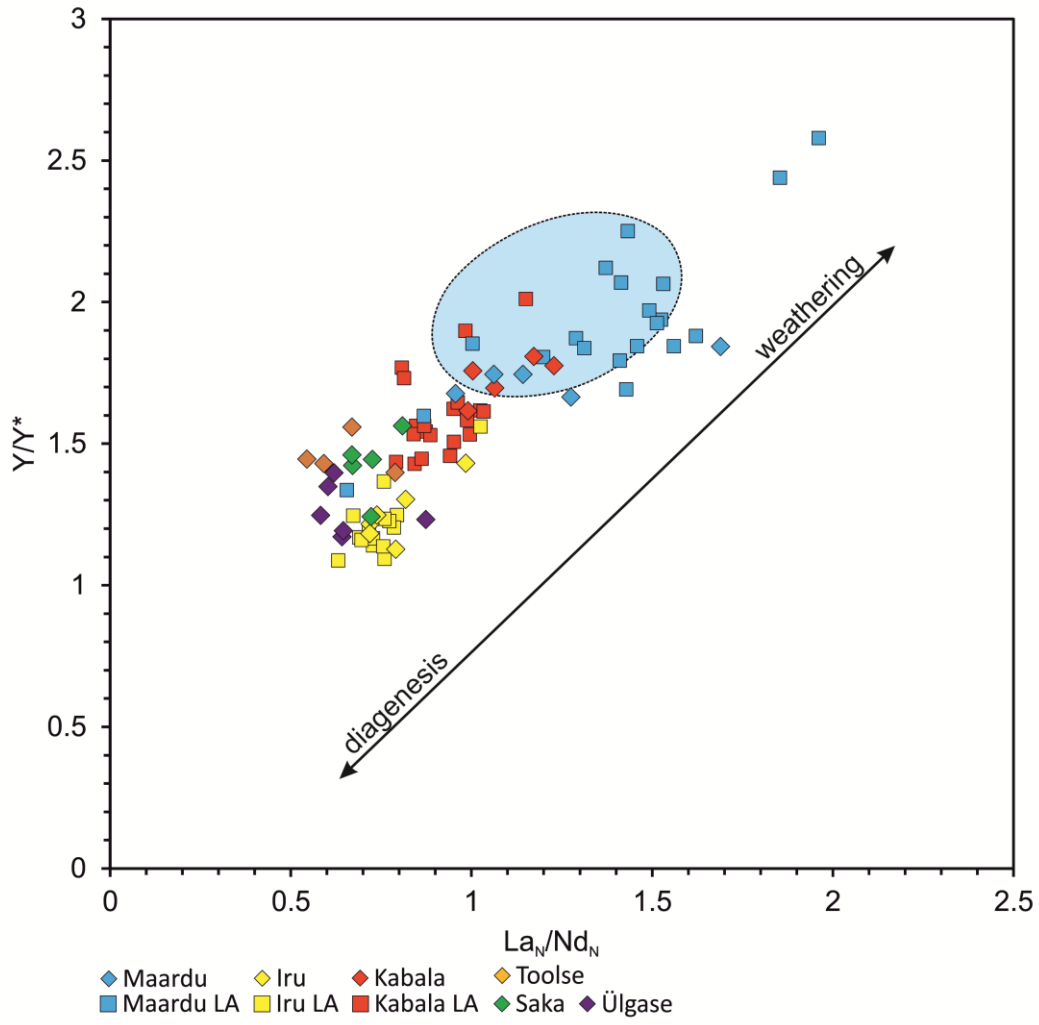


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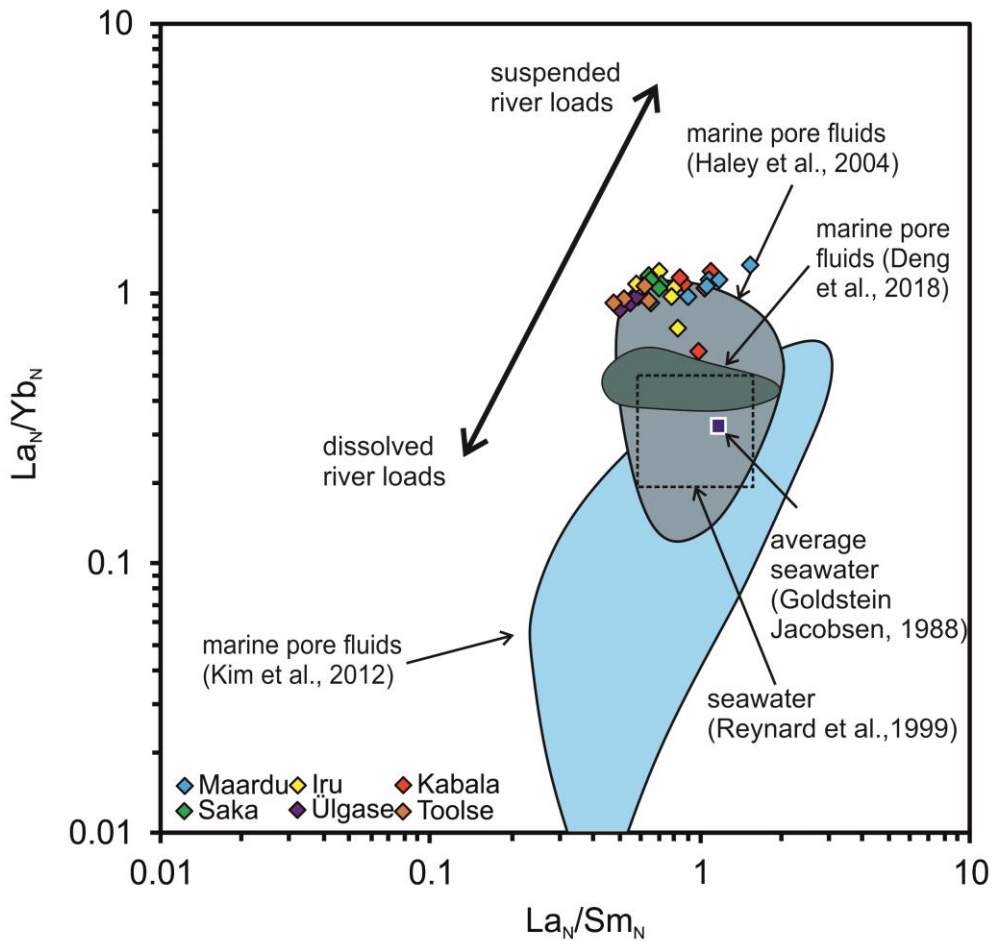
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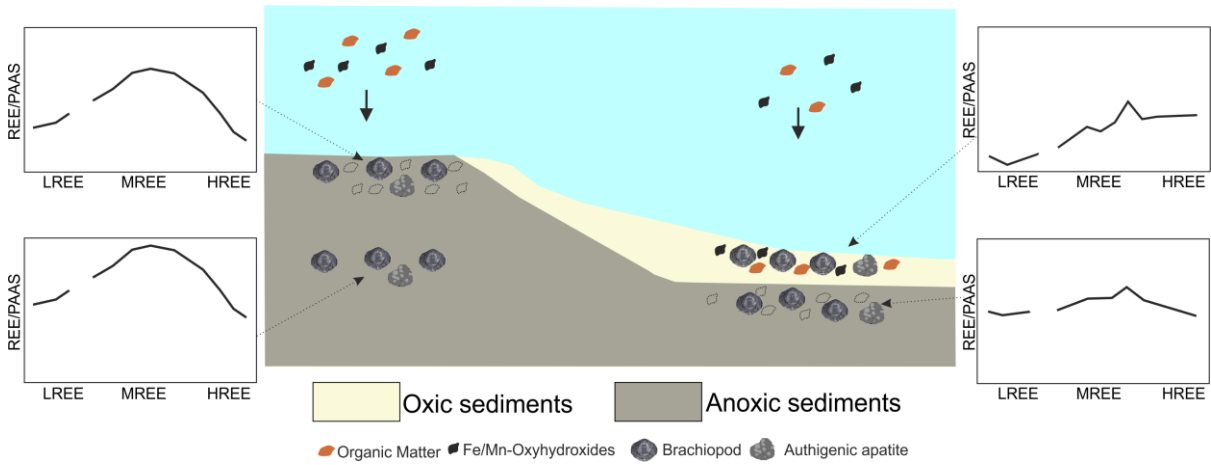
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