



Linking crustal recycling and osmium isotopes

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Recycling of subducted oceanic crust is widely thought to explain much of the chemical and isotopic heterogeneity of Earth's present-day mantle [1]. Geochemical tracers of recycled subducted ocean crust have included elevated 187Os/188Os in some studies [2,3] and high Ni and low Mn contents in others [4,5]. Here we link these tracers for the first time. For Iceland we observe strong positive correlation between amount of reacted recycled oceanic crust (estimated from Mn/Fe ratios of olivine phenocrysts after [5]) and 187Os/188Os ratio of bulk rocks. This result significantly strengthens the recycling model [1,6]. Furthermore it allows us to estimate the Os isotopic composition of both the recycled crust and the mantle peridotite, thereby constraining the model ages of end-members. We show that Icelandic lavas require ancient crustal component with model ages between 0.6 and 2 Ga and peridotitic end-member close to present-day mantle.

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