

1 **Magnetic Sources in the Earth's Mantle**

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9 **Abstract** - When the Magsat satellite was launched back in 1979, the mantle was considered free of  
10 ferromagnetic minerals and too hot for such phases to carry any magnetic remanence. This non-magnetic  
11 mantle model influenced our interpretation of aeromagnetic and satellite data for decades. Forty years  
12 later, new experimental data, measurements on mantle xenoliths, and improved estimates for the base of  
13 the magnetized layer show the urgency to revisit this issue. Experiments on hematite and its polymorphs  
14 suggest that they could carry a magnetic remanence down to ~600 km depth, for example in cold  
15 subducted slabs. New magnetic data on a large worldwide collection of mantle xenoliths show that pure  
16 magnetite is common in the uppermost mantle (< 150 km), particularly in subduction zones and cratons.  
17 Finally, modern spectral analysis of aeromagnetic data establishes that a magnetized layer exists below  
18 the crust-mantle boundary in multiple tectonic settings. In this review, we examine the xenolith record,  
19 evaluate the latest experimental advances, assess detection methods of deep-seated mantle sources, and  
20 identify salient unsolved questions about magnetic sources in the mantle.

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22 **1. Introduction**

23 Geophysicists use a whole array of geophysical methods rooted on seismic waves, heat flow, gravity  
24 magnetic and electromagnetic fields<sup>1-3</sup> to answer fundamental questions on the nature and evolution of the  
25 interior of the Earth. The general approach, referred to as the inverse problem, aims to reconstruct the  
26 internal composition, structure, and dynamics of our planet from extensive sets of geophysical data. These

27 methods led to key discoveries, such as documenting subducted slabs down to depths greater than 600  
28 km<sup>4</sup> or that the mantle very slowly churns, driven by large convection cells<sup>5</sup>. Investigations of the Earth's  
29 magnetic field also led to major breakthrough in our understanding of the planet's dynamics, for example  
30 with the discovery of seafloor stripes<sup>6</sup>. Yet, the potential of magnetic methods to probe the interior of the  
31 Earth, its temperature and structure remains somewhat underappreciated. The launch of the Swarm  
32 magnetic satellite mission by the European Space Agency in 2013 marks a significant advance in this  
33 situation because the mission includes two satellites flying side-by-side and a third at a different  
34 elevation. This novel configuration provides high-precision and high-resolution data on the strength,  
35 direction and variations of the Earth's magnetic field. This mission, along with recent and critical  
36 advances in our understanding of deep-seated magnetic sources, calls for a review of what is magnetic in  
37 the mantle.

38 The currents of the partially-molten iron-nickel alloy in the outer core generate a non-steady electric  
39 field<sup>7-8</sup>. According to Maxwell's equations, the non-steady currents also produce a time-varying magnetic  
40 field. These fields substantially contribute to the Earth's electromagnetic environment. As the geodynamo  
41 process produces a substantial magnetic field, of about 25 to 65  $\mu\text{T}$  at the surface<sup>9</sup>, ferromagnetic rocks  
42 and materials acquire a magnetization in the geomagnetic field, some of which can be retained as  
43 remanent magnetization<sup>10-11</sup>.

44 Remanent magnetism generally occurs due to the presence of Fe-oxide phases such as magnetite,  
45 titanomagnetite, and hematite or iron sulfides such as pyrrhotite and greigite. These minerals record a  
46 signature of the magnetic field during their formation. If temperatures remain below the magnetic  
47 transition temperature, named Curie/Néel temperature, this signature can be preserved for billions of  
48 years. When the temperature rises and approaches the transition temperature, thermal energy breaks  
49 magnetic ordering and, consequently, minerals lose their magnetization. For this reason, it has been  
50 assumed for many years that down deep in the Earth, at mantle depths, materials even if they contained  
51 magnetite cannot retain magnetization. The upper mantle lies from the bottom of the crust, at  
52 temperatures as low as 200°C, to the top of the lower mantle ( $\approx 670$  km) at  $\approx 1,500^\circ\text{C}$ <sup>12</sup>. In most of this

53 temperature interval, remanent magnetization was previously considered null due to the low Curie/Néel  
54 and blocking temperatures of titanomagnetite and magnetite<sup>10, 13-15</sup>.

55 However, new data from laboratory experiments, and mantle xenoliths, reveal that the assumption of  
56 non-magnetic mantle may not be valid. Mantle xenoliths and xenocrysts, because they are rapidly brought  
57 up to the surface of the Earth, provide constraints on the nature, abundance and properties of mineral  
58 phases present down to depths of 670 km<sup>16-20</sup>. In addition, laboratory experiments, conducted in high-  
59 pressure and high-temperature vessels, provide a wealth of information on the magnetic properties of  
60 minerals in the upper mantle, and reveal that magnetism may be preserved at deeper depths than  
61 previously thought<sup>21-23</sup>.

62 New insights from xenoliths and laboratory experiments are critical as they provide constraints on the  
63 maximum temperature and, therefore, maximum depth of mantle magnetism, which has fundamental  
64 implications for the interpretation of satellite, airborne magnetic and deep-tow magnetic surveys (Figure  
65 1) and could be a strategic resource for understanding the upper mantle structure in multiple geodynamic  
66 settings<sup>24</sup>. The magnetic anomalies from rocks arise from a very small fraction of magnetic minerals  
67 typically hundreds of ppm) and not the bulk properties of rocks (*e.g.*, density). Also, the ability of rocks to  
68 preserve the record of the geomagnetic field led to the detection of marine magnetic stripes and seafloor  
69 spreading<sup>6</sup>, a mechanism that reverses with time unlike gravity and seismic waves. The acute dependency  
70 of magnetism on temperature, with a sharp drop of magnetization at the Curie temperature, makes it an  
71 important tool to understand temperature-dependent processes. Thus, magnetism informs on the geometry  
72 of isotherms and correlated plate tectonic processes. The determination of the Curie depth has also been  
73 used to assess heat flow in regions where experimental data is not available<sup>25</sup>. Finally, investigations also  
74 contribute to a better understanding of intriguingly large magnetic anomalies on Mars and their  
75 significance.

76 In this review we consider the presence and origin of potentially magnetic minerals both in the oceanic  
77 and continental lithospheric mantle, we discuss cutting-edge experiments on magnetic phases likely to be  
78 present at great depth in the mantle and show the power of modern spectral analysis to unravel deep

79 magnetic sources. We then use these key elements to pinpoint a few outstanding questions that will guide  
80 future research.

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## 82 **2. Magnetization in the mantle**

83 Previous investigations on xenoliths and exposed sections of the mantle and lower crust<sup>26-28</sup> had  
84 concluded that magnetite was primarily absent from the mantle and that, even if present, the conditions  
85 would be too hot for it to carry a permanent magnetization. Wasilewski and co-workers referred to the  
86 crust-mantle boundary as the Moho which fundamentally is a seismological boundary<sup>1</sup>. In this review, we  
87 discuss magnetization with respect to the crust – mantle boundary. We acknowledge that, regardless of  
88 the specific model used to approximate the depth of this boundary, uncertainties remain by the very  
89 nature of inversion methods, although their accuracy continuously improves.

90 These early views have influenced the interpretation of satellite magnetic data for the past four  
91 decades. Yet an increasing number of studies, for example in Australia, the Réunion Island, or the South  
92 American platform, show that the uppermost mantle is unambiguously magnetized<sup>29-31</sup>. Also, several  
93 spectral studies of magnetization use windows that are too small to detect a deeper base of  
94 magnetization<sup>32-33</sup>, which leaves uncertainties in the above assumptions. Moreover, many researchers  
95 have used magnetic anomaly data where long-wavelengths are contaminated by distortions in data created  
96 during the process of compilation from a really small magnetic surveys<sup>90</sup>. Thus, there are uncertainties in  
97 the derived basal depth of magnetization where the magnetic anomaly compilations are not pristine or not  
98 specifically processed to retain all anomaly wavelengths, where studies do not use a really large windows  
99 (or at least examine them to ensure that they are not needed in the region), or studies that do not examine

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100 the fractal nature of magnetization because the fractal nature of magnetization makes shallower the  
101 derived depths to different layers.

102 In this section, we first review the information provided particularly in the last ten years by mantle  
103 xenoliths. Then we discuss the recent results from laboratory experiments specifically on the stability of  
104 magnetically remanent phases. Finally, we consider the insights from satellite and aeromagnetic surveys.

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## 106 **2.1. The magnetic record of mantle xenoliths**

107 Identification of magnetic remanence in mantle rocks<sup>33-42</sup> raises the possibility that deep-seated  
108 magnetic remanence is present on earth. Mantle magnetization can be investigated further by considering  
109 the origin of long-wavelength magnetic anomalies<sup>2</sup> in remote sensing data. Pioneer work on the  
110 identification of magnetic phases in the upper mantle focused on the oceanic mantle because it is more  
111 directly accessible than the continental mantle. Most of these studies ultimately recognized that sea water  
112 inevitably percolates through fracture zones in the uppermost mantle, which leads to serpentinization<sup>37-40</sup>.  
113 This process generally forms iron oxides, namely magnetite, whose occurrence is confirmed through  
114 rocks dredged from the oceanic fracture zones<sup>38,41</sup>, recovered from ocean-floor drilling<sup>42</sup>, and more  
115 recent detailed vertical magnetic mapping of the oceanic crust and uppermost mantle<sup>43-45</sup>. Serpentinization  
116 is the main mechanism through which the oceanic mantle acquires a permanent magnetization.

117 Further work to characterize the magnetic properties of mantle materials subsequently focused on  
118 metamorphosed peridotites from the Central Alps, in Switzerland and Italy, and from Mt. Stuart in  
119 Washington, USA<sup>35</sup>, or serpentinites from the Manitoba nickel belt<sup>36</sup>. However, these efforts were  
120 somewhat flawed because the materials selected were either altered<sup>33</sup> or not representative of mantle  
121 materials at mantle depth. An alternative source of information is provided by upper mantle xenoliths,

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<sup>2</sup>The term long-wavelength for magnetic anomalies is relative and has changed meaning since 1970s because magnetic surveys were confined to regions smaller than 200-300 km and no continent-wide compilations were available<sup>77, 78</sup>; wavelengths > 60 km). POGO and Magsat satellite magnetic anomaly models extended the wavelengths of magnetic surveys all the way to the truncated core magnetic field models (~3,000 km). We use a definition based on the smallest wavelengths globally detectable from modern satellite data, *i.e.*, > 400-500 km.

122 such as those from from Lanzarote Island<sup>34</sup>, which are fragments brought up to the surface embedded in  
123 an igneous rock.

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#### 125 2.1.1 Mantle oxidation and formation of magnetic minerals

126 Based on the presence of native iron in xenoliths from the lower continental crust in the West African  
127 craton<sup>50-51</sup>, researchers extrapolated the stability conditions of native iron based on  $fO_2$  (oxygen fugacity)  
128 to depths of 95 km, *i.e.*, below the crust-mantle boundary. The origin of deep magnetic phases was, at the  
129 time of these investigations, intriguing and several studies explained the formation of new magnetic  
130 phases through recrystallization below the crust-mantle boundary<sup>52-53</sup>. A broader dataset of upper mantle  
131 to lower crust xenoliths suggesting that the transition from granulite- to eclogite-facies might push the  
132 base of magnetization below the crust-mantle boundary, due to reactions involving magnetic phases, was  
133 compiled<sup>28</sup>. Based on Mossbauer  $Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+}$  ratios in mantle xenoliths,  $fO_2$  high enough for magnetite  
134 stability below the crust-mantle boundary were proposed<sup>54</sup>. Moreover, a recent analyses of inclusions of  
135 ultra-high pressure garnets in diamonds demonstrated that, in subduction settings, relative oxygen  
136 fugacity increases with depth, at least down to the depth of the mantle transition zone<sup>55</sup>, thus expanding  
137 the stability field of magnetite. Reports of the magnetic properties of upper mantle xenoliths have become  
138 more abundant<sup>17, 56-60</sup>, acknowledging partial oxidation of iron phases in the upper mantle.

139 More recently, the initial hypothesis of a non-magnetic upper mantle has been revisited with a careful  
140 analysis of new suites of fresh mantle xenoliths from different tectonic settings<sup>61</sup>. The identification of a  
141 Verwey transition univocally fingerprints magnetite in cold settings, suggesting the upper mantle can be  
142 magnetic. A new database of magnetite identified in mantle xenoliths includes North America<sup>19</sup>, Massif  
143 Central, and Hawai'i<sup>20, 62</sup> and the North China Craton<sup>63</sup>. This empirical work led to further petrologic and  
144 magnetic models of oxidation of iron under mantle conditions<sup>62</sup>. Additionally, investigations have  
145 recently proven that oxidation of natural olivine is also plausible when mantle xenoliths ascend through  
146 the lithosphere under oxidizing conditions<sup>64</sup>, extending an experimental result already reported for  
147 synthetic olivine samples<sup>65</sup>.

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149 2.1.2 Primary and secondary magnetisation in mantle xenoliths

150 Kimberlitic pipes and alkali basalt volcanoes naturally bring samples of mantle materials in the form  
151 of xenoliths to the Earth's surface from great depths<sup>46-47</sup>, possibly as deep as 400 km<sup>16</sup>. The ascent of  
152 these xenoliths is extremely rapid, up to 90 km/h<sup>48-49</sup>, which does not allow for significant alteration or  
153 phase changes, hence their geochemical and petrological properties are considered representative of in-  
154 situ compositions at depth, including potential magnetic carriers. Several pitfalls that need to be avoided  
155 to measure the true magnetization of mantle xenoliths are outlined below. Some samples may undergo  
156 alteration during and after their ascent. For example, inclusions of iron oxides, such as magnetite and  
157 ilmenite, may form in iron-bearing silicates at mantle depth<sup>66</sup>, during ascent, or through metasomatism  
158 and crack healing<sup>67-70</sup>. Also, contamination by the host basalt occurs commonly by percolation along grain  
159 boundaries during dilation related to ascent-decompression. Ultimately, supergene alteration may form  
160 serpentine or hematite along grain boundaries. Any of these processes would substantially modify the  
161 original and in-situ magnetic properties of mantle materials. For example, many previously analyzed  
162 xenoliths<sup>26</sup> included materials marred by such contaminations and resulted in attributing a magnetization  
163 that did not correspond to the upper mantle.

164 In contrast, more recently analyzed xenoliths<sup>19-20, 61</sup> from different regions of the world were fresh,  
165 unaltered and free of such contaminations (Figure 2). The following criteria assist in the identification of  
166 fresh material. First, when the Alt-S% index<sup>71</sup> <10%, this constitutes proof of a low degree of alteration in  
167 primary sulfides. Second, when the loss-on-ignition (LOI) is less than 1%, this indicates of a low degree  
168 of serpentinization<sup>61</sup>. Finally, a single thermal remanent magnetization (TRM) component in thermal  
169 demagnetization experiments<sup>20</sup> shows the lack of chemical remanent magnetization or alteration. When  
170 all these criteria are concurrently met, then the natural magnetic remanence (NRM) provided by mantle  
171 xenoliths reflects the magnetic properties at the exposure level from which magnetic properties at depth  
172 can be extrapolated.

173 Yet, the NRM measured in the laboratory at 1 atmosphere is different from magnetic remanence at a  
174 higher temperature and greater depths for three main reasons. First, the Curie temperature of pure  
175 magnetite increases with pressure/depth<sup>72-73</sup>, such that, for example, Curie temperature for magnetite is  
176 ~600°C at 1 GPa. Second, magnetic remanence increases with pressure<sup>21, 74</sup>; and finally the integrated  
177 magnetic remanence of a large volume peridotitic source at depth is likely weaker than that of the  
178 measured 1 cm<sup>3</sup> in the laboratory<sup>75</sup>.

179 All existing magnetic studies of spinel-facies peridotite xenoliths concur that stoichiometric, pure  
180 magnetite, is the dominant magnetic phase, in unaltered mantle peridotites (for depths 30 to 80 km), with  
181 concentrations ranging from a few ppm to a maximum of ~3,500 ppm in the Bearpaw Mountains from the  
182 hydrated Farallon Plate<sup>19</sup>. Native iron, iron-nickel alloys (*e.g.*, josephinite, awaruite, and wairuite) and  
183 sulfides, when detected, are only present in trace amounts and do not carry a significant portion of the  
184 magnetic remanence, primarily because magnetite is quasi-ubiquitous in upper mantle xenoliths and  
185 dominates the NRM. Very few magnetic studies included garnet-facies peridotite xenoliths<sup>26</sup> and further  
186 investigations may reveal additional magnetically remanent phases.

187 Figure 2 shows the room-temperature variations of NRM as a function of low-field magnetic  
188 susceptibility ( $K_{lf}$ ) in a collection of mantle xenoliths from distinct tectonic settings. This representation,  
189 known as Königsberger plot compares induced magnetization and remanent magnetization and pinpoints  
190 the material's thermoremanent magnetization acquired upon cooling and ascent. Overall  $K_{lf}$  remains  
191 bound within a narrow range of values around  $500 \cdot 10^{-6}$  [SI] regardless of tectonic setting. These values  
192 indicate that bulk magnetic susceptibility in fresh mantle rocks is primarily controlled by the  
193 paramagnetic ferromagnesian mineral assemblage (olivine, orthopyroxene, and clinopyroxene). The  
194 petrological composition of mantle rocks is homogeneous at a large scale, ranging from harzburgite to  
195 lherzolite. The primary NRM (TRM) reflects the abundance of magnetite and seems correlated with the  
196 tectonic setting: island arc xenoliths are less magnetic than those coming from continental rifted and  
197 cratonic areas. Yet xenoliths from hydrated deep mantle regions, such as the Bearpaw Mountains in  
198 Montana<sup>76</sup>, exhibit a unique signature characterized by relatively high Königsberger ratios, indicative of

199 potential contributions to long-wavelength<sup>#1</sup> anomalies<sup>19</sup>. These xenoliths bear antigorite, a serpentine  
200 phase indicative of hydration at temperatures around 600 °C. Their hydration is attributed to the shallow  
201 subduction of the Farallon Plate<sup>76</sup>. Those magnetite grains lay in a Day-Dunlop plot<sup>147</sup> very close to the  
202 ideal SD state<sup>19-20, 61</sup> indicative of potential contributions to long-wavelength anomalies. Moreover, SD  
203 particles are the most effective TRM intensity recorders<sup>11</sup> that can be one order of magnitude higher than  
204 PSD grains.

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## 207 **2.2. Insights from laboratory experiments**

208 In addition to studies of natural samples, presented in the previous section, high-pressure experiments  
209 also support their importance as a deep source of magnetic remanence. Iron oxides, although  
210 volumetrically minor phases in crustal and mantle rocks, are the most relevant magnetic phases in the  
211 mantle owing to their high Curie or Néel temperatures<sup>79</sup>. Recent studies of natural samples and high-  
212 pressure experiments both support their importance as a deep source of magnetic remanence.

213 However, data pertaining to the magnetic properties of minerals under mantle conditions are still  
214 scant and the available information is only extrapolated from experimental data at lower pressure-  
215 temperature (Supplementary Table S1). In the 2000s, Gilder and co-workers developed a novel approach  
216 employing diamond anvil cells coupled with a superconducting quantum interference device (SQUID)  
217 magnetometer to directly measure the magnetization vector of minerals under pressures exceeding 5  
218 GPa<sup>80</sup>. Studies on the titanomagnetite solid-solution ( $\text{Fe}_{3-x}\text{Ti}_x\text{O}_4$ ) series show a 2.8 fold increase of the  
219 saturation remanent magnetization and magnetic coercivity of multidomain magnetite as a function of  
220 increasing pressure<sup>21-22, 80</sup>. We acknowledge that the magnetic saturation generally decreases as  
221 temperature increases but overall remains relatively high until the Curie / Néel temperature is reached.  
222 Similar observations on SD magnetite indicate a marked increase in remanent coercivity and saturation  
223 remanent magnetization between 1 and 3 GPa, corresponding to depths of ~30 to 90 km (op. cit.). The

224 variations of magnetic properties as a function of titanium content are not relevant in mantle rocks  
225 because magnetite in these rocks contains virtually no titanium.

226 The strong remanences and high coercivities shown by natural and synthetic samples under pressure  
227 (Supplementary Table S1), together with the steep increase of the Curie temperature by  $\sim 20$  °C/GPa<sup>72-73</sup>  
228 (Figure 3) that can be increased to 600°C at 1 GPa, also supports the role of magnetite as a deep source of  
229 magnetization in cold settings as inferred from the natural records<sup>61</sup>.

230 However, magnetite is not stable below  $\sim 300$  km depth (Figure 3) where it decomposes in equal  
231 molar fractions of hematite,  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, and Fe<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>81</sup> (Figure 3c) that could only recombine to form a high-  
232 pressure Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> phase below 600 km depth<sup>82</sup>. The Néel temperatures of hematite and the Fe<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> phase have  
233 been recently investigated to mantle P-T conditions (Figure 3). The Néel temperature of Fe<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> falls  
234 slightly above room temperature at ambient pressure<sup>83</sup> and does not increase significantly with pressure to  
235 play a role in mantle magnetism (Vasiukov et al., pers. comm., 2019). Hematite, on the other hand, retains  
236 its long-range magnetic order to temperatures in excess of 900 °C at 20 GPa,  $\sim 600$  km depth<sup>23</sup>, and it  
237 could likely be responsible for long-wavelength magnetic anomalies as discussed below.

238 Ultimately, these results highlight that the magnetic properties of minerals at depths relevant to the  
239 upper mantle (670 – 30 km) need further systematic investigations to fully evaluate their contributions to  
240 long-wavelength magnetic anomalies.

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### 242 **2.3 Remote detection of deep-seated magnetization**

243 Identification of magnetic phases in mantle rocks raises the possibility that deep-seated magnetization  
244 is present on Earth. Mantle magnetization can be investigated further by analyzing magnetic anomaly  
245 data<sup>9</sup>. Amplitudes of the magnetic anomaly field arranged according to their wavelength (commonly  
246 known in the discipline as the Fourier amplitude spectrum) and specifically, slopes of the amplitude  
247 spectrum curve are theoretically related to depths of magnetic sources<sup>24</sup>. The determination of depth and  
248 depth extent of magnetic sources applies this concept<sup>84-87</sup>; the longer the wavelengths available to

249 construct the spectrum, the deeper one can sense (wavelengths needed are approximately 10 times the  
250 expected depth extent<sup>88</sup>. However, until this century, no accurate magnetic anomaly maps existed of  
251 large continental-scale regions, which are usually compiled from data collected over smaller areas at  
252 different times. Merging of neighboring smaller surveys was performed with ad-hoc data merging  
253 techniques to make their appearance seamless and, thus wavelengths between 100 and 500 km in these  
254 compilations, the most critical part of the wavelengths for probing depths below the middle of the  
255 continental crust were corrupted<sup>89</sup>.

256 At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, methodologies of magnetic field data processing were developed<sup>90</sup> to  
257 ensure retention of long-wavelengths in the near-surface magnetic anomaly datasets. These included the  
258 use of temporally continuous core field models that attempt to model simultaneously all long-wavelength  
259 magnetic fields observed in the near-Earth environment (i.e., the core, crustal, ionospheric, and  
260 magnetospheric magnetic fields) using data from geomagnetic observatories and near-Earth magnetic  
261 field satellites such as POGO, Magsat, CHAMP, and Swarm (these models are called “the  
262 Comprehensive Models” of the magnetic field)<sup>91</sup>. The common approach in deriving magnetic anomaly  
263 maps has been the remove a five year period IGRF (International Geomagnetic Reference Field) core  
264 field models which have evolved over time to include shorter wavelength core derived magnetic fields.  
265 The magnetic field data collected over the years and processed with their respective five year period  
266 IGRFs do not merge well and they have to be modified at the individual small survey boundaries (the  
267 process called “stitching”) in order to make compilations over larger regions. The process of stitching  
268 modifies the wavelength content of the resulting map<sup>90</sup> and any analysis of these maps introduces errors  
269 in its interpretation. One of the first continental-scale databases that included practically all wavelengths  
270 of the magnetic field “anomalies” from lithospheric sources was compiled for North America in the first  
271 decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century<sup>92</sup> and now makes it possible to probe the continental mantle through spectral  
272 analysis of magnetic surveys. Australia is another continent-scale example where robust magnetic field  
273 anomalies of all wavelengths from lithospheric magnetic sources are available due to its Australia-Wide  
274 Airborne Geophysical Surveys magnetic anomaly survey backbone<sup>93-94</sup>.

**Comentado [MG1]:** Can we expand a bit on what these methodologies are?

275 In the meantime, the spectral methods for probing deep magnetizations also needed to mature.  
276 Although the initial spectral depth determination techniques were developed in the 1960s and 1970s, it  
277 took considerable efforts to bring them to their present state. Like many natural phenomena, lithospheric  
278 magnetization is also found to be fractal in its distribution<sup>95-100</sup> and not necessarily made up of a  
279 collection of sources of uniform magnetization or having overall random distribution as has been  
280 previously considered<sup>84-87</sup>. This difference is important for the depths derived from the spectral depth  
281 determination techniques because the fractal (known also as having a “power-law”) nature of  
282 magnetization intrinsically increases the slopes of magnetic anomaly spectra from which the depths are  
283 derived. Not considering (or not removing) fractalness of magnetization consistently increases the  
284 derived depths to magnetic layers and, thus, it makes the results of studies conducted without the  
285 cognizance of the fractal (or power-law) relationship inconclusive for determining whether the  
286 magnetization lies in the mantle. Depths from amplitude spectra can be estimated after making  
287 “correction” for the power-law behavior of the magnetic field spectra. The term coined for the removal  
288 of power-law or fractal characteristics from spectra is “de-fractaling”.

289 Currently used spectral magnetic depth determination approaches for regional studies that take into  
290 account the power-law nature of magnetization use a number of related methodologies including directly  
291 using slopes of de-fractaled amplitude spectra<sup>102</sup>; matching observed magnetic spectra with spectra  
292 computed from layers of fractal magnetization<sup>29, 101-104</sup>; matching the peak in the magnetic spectra  
293 formed by the base of magnetization in the very long-wavelength part of the spectrum, when the peak  
294 exists from satisfying the random magnetization condition<sup>90, 105-106</sup> and a method specifically called the  
295 de-fractal method<sup>107-108</sup> which uses concurrently the methods of deriving depths from the slopes of de-  
296 fractaled amplitude spectra and matching the peak of the de-fractaled magnetic spectra. One of its  
297 advantages, that the other fractal parameter-based methods lack, is that it also can estimate the fractal  
298 parameter of the magnetic field. Its disadvantages are that it requires larger areas to construct reliably the  
299 low-wavenumber part of the amplitude spectra and it is currently not implemented automatically. The  
300 theoretical model study and real data examples of its implementation are discussed below.

301 Verification of the estimated fractal parameter is an integral part of the de-fractal method, where the  
302 derived fractal parameter is validated by the consistency of depth estimates from the first method  
303 discussed above<sup>102</sup>. On the other hand, the large uncertainty in the base of magnetization estimates is  
304 present when the fractal parameter (the parameter that governs the spatial characteristics of  
305 magnetization) cannot be estimated correctly<sup>101</sup>, which hampers the accuracy of depth estimates from the  
306 first two methods above. Interestingly, the fractal parameter of the field can be estimated also by the  
307 slope of the log-log spectra. Even though the quality of this direct estimate depends on the noise in the  
308 spectra, it does provide an approximate cross-check on the fractal parameter derived from the de-fractal  
309 method.

310 The advantage of the de-fractal method is that it allows one to determine estimates of the base of  
311 magnetization over geologically meaningful regions. A simulation for a 40 km-thick magnetic crust and  
312 a fractal parameter  $\alpha = 2$  for the magnetic field is given in Figure 4a. A practical example of spectral  
313 depth determination is given for the depth to the base of magnetization estimates in the cold Archean  
314 Superior province in eastern Canada (Figure 4c). Using previously published data<sup>109-110</sup> the de-fractal  
315 method suggests that the base of magnetization ranges between 60 and 95 km, based on several estimates  
316 in the region, offset by a few tens of kilometers and thus not representing lateral variation. The region  
317 has low surface heat flow (30-40 mW/m<sup>2</sup>,<sup>111</sup>), the crust-mantle boundary depth is 30-35 km<sup>112</sup>, and the  
318 upper mantle temperature estimates, based on S-wave tomography, range from 250°C just below the  
319 crust-mantle boundary to ~650°C at 80 km depth<sup>113</sup>. Thus, even with the shallowest base of  
320 magnetization estimates, these results show that the mantle does contribute to magnetic anomalies.

321 Recently, a spherical coordinate expression of magnetic anomaly spectra, taking into account the  
322 thickness of a magnetic layer and its magnetization and fractal parameter, was proposed<sup>114</sup>. However,  
323 because the unknown parameters are dependent on one another, they resorted to fixing the fractal  
324 parameter *a priori*, a previously chosen approach<sup>104</sup>, which does not take into account the variation of the  
325 fractal parameter from region to region and can affect the estimates of depth of magnetization. Of  
326 interest to mantle magnetization, in a previous model for the regions of high quality<sup>114</sup>, eastern North

327 America (east of 90°W) is the only continental region where the magnetic thickness is substantially  
328 greater than the Moho depth. One limitation of their present model is that the magnetic thickness and  
329 magnetization at each location is an average of data in 30° of a spherical cap (> 3000 km diameter).  
330 Thus, the actual variations related to most geologic and tectonic provinces are smeared out and subdued.  
331 In Australia, another region of high-quality continent-scale magnetic anomaly data, because of the >  
332 3000 km large window of their study<sup>114</sup>, the only estimates in central Australia covers largely the  
333 continental region. Other non-central estimates over Australia reflect combined results from continental  
334 and oceanic regions, where the magnetic thickness of the latter is generally much lower than its  
335 continental counterpart. Consequently, this averaging results in an extremely smooth variation of their  
336 magnetic thickness map with bias towards shallow values and thus these estimates<sup>114</sup> are unable to shed  
337 light on the issue of mantle magnetization.

338 On the other hand, in the Archean Yilgarn and Gawler cratons, studies that consider appropriate data  
339 widths, stabilization of long-wavelength spectral estimates, and fractal magnetization have yielded  
340 depths to the base of magnetization of 60-70 km<sup>29</sup> and are unambiguously in the mantle<sup>115-116</sup>.

341 In general, spectral methods are of limited use in investigating magnetization in most subducting  
342 slabs because to ascertain magnetization at the depths of 50 to 100 km, one requires wavelengths of >  
343 500 km to 1000 km, and this is much larger than the widths of the magnetic features atop subduction  
344 zones (which are less than 150 km). Here, forward modeling is most helpful in ascribing the sources and  
345 depths of magnetization, especially where geometries are better constrained and temperature models  
346 exist<sup>24, 117</sup>.

347 In the last 50 years, since pioneer works<sup>84</sup>, there have been a large number of studies that use spectral  
348 depth estimates without appropriately large windows, without sufficient model validation, without  
349 considering fractal nature of magnetization, and assumptions of fractal parameters. Many of these results  
350 may be quite useful for making geological inferences (as every segment of the amplitude spectrum  
351 implies depth to some magnetic subsurface horizon); however, because of the above limitations, they are

352 not able to definitively inform us about the magnetic nature of the uppermost mantle in regions where  
353 temperatures are sufficiently cold for its existence.

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### 355 **3. Location of the magnetized mantle?**

356 Spectral analysis, laboratory experiments, and xenolith data is starting to show that magnetisation can  
357 exist in the mantle when it is relatively cold and hydrated or oxidized. Multiple studies<sup>26, 125</sup> reported trace  
358 volumes of magnetite in mantle xenoliths from continental cratonic and non-cratonic settings, as well as  
359 in the oceanic setting of Hawai'i. Yet these studies interpreted iron oxides supposedly at paramagnetic  
360 state formed in the late cooling of a non-depleted mantle as opposed to a primary phase<sup>26</sup>. Overall, the  
361 upper mantle should be expected to be magnetized in cold geothermal settings where the Curie depth  
362 would be below the crust-mantle boundary. Such settings include primarily cratons and subduction zones.  
363 This prediction is currently supported by remote spectral detection from magnetic anomalies<sup>29</sup>.

364 Whilst, the strongest magnetic anomalies in the subduction setting are generally related to the crust of  
365 fossil or active volcanic arcs<sup>118-119</sup>, a few studies have suggested that significant lateral magnetization  
366 contrast may be associated with the relatively cold subducting slabs<sup>120</sup>. The slabs deflect the Curie depth  
367 isotherm downwards from the comparatively warmer lithospheric mantle<sup>117, 121</sup>. Such colder regions are  
368 where the most prominent and deepest long-wavelength magnetic anomalies have been reported to date  
369 from aeromagnetic and satellite surveys<sup>24, 29, 122-123</sup>.

370 An important source of mantle magnetization in the subduction regime is also the serpentinized  
371 mantle wedge between the subducting slab and the overriding lithosphere<sup>24</sup>. Because serpentinization  
372 reduces the density of the peridotitic mantle significantly, the telltale sign of serpentinized units is a low  
373 Bouguer gravity anomaly corresponding to the magnetic anomaly high which is observed over several  
374 subduction zones<sup>24, 124</sup>.

375 Subduction settings also provide the most favorable geochemical-geodynamical context for the  
376 enrichment in iron oxides beyond crustal and mantle averages. The rapid subduction of oceanic slabs has  
377 two effects on the overriding mantle: in some cases, it introduces large volumes of magnetite-rich,

378 serpentinized oceanic peridotites deep in the subduction zone<sup>126</sup>; and it also transports large quantities of  
379 ferric iron, from the hydrothermally altered and/or serpentinized oceanic crust, into the mantle wedge  
380 region<sup>127</sup>, hence a shift in  $fO_2$  that promotes magnetite and/or hematite formation. These oxides can  
381 eventually reach the core-mantle boundary<sup>128</sup> due to their stability along subduction paths<sup>129</sup>. The  
382 potential sources of magnetic anomalies may, however, vary with depth, encompassing changes in the  
383 magnetic mineralogy in the slab.

384 Figure 3 compares the Curie and Néel temperatures in the  $Fe_3O_4$ -system with computed temperatures  
385 of the core of cold (*e.g.*, Solomon), hot (*e.g.*, North Lesser Antilles), and very hot (*e.g.*, South Chile) of  
386 subducting slabs to assess their role as deep mantle sources. While the Néel temperature of  $Fe_4O_5$  is too  
387 low to sustain magnetic order at mantle depth even in cold settings, hematite remains magnetic at the  
388 depth of the mantle transition zone (670 km) along cold and possibly some of the moderately hot  
389 subduction geotherms<sup>23</sup>. The vast majority of these slabs are located in the Western Pacific region,  
390 suggesting that this region should be ferromagnetically very distinct from its surroundings. The strength  
391 of magnetic anomalies from deep sources in the subduction setting might be enhanced further by the  
392 piling of slab material associated with slab stagnation in the transition zone<sup>130</sup>.

393 The presence of a frame of hematite-bearing magnetized rock in cold slabs at transition zone depths  
394 has far-reaching implications for the interpretation of the paleomagnetic records<sup>23</sup>. The strength of the  
395 remanent magnetization of hematite and its concentration in the subducted rocks will determine its  
396 contribution to magnetic anomalies observed on the surface of the planet. Hematite acquires near  
397 saturation remanent magnetization in weak fields that amounts to  $\sim 0.5 [(A \times m^2)/kg]$  at ambient  
398 conditions. Therefore, the remanent magnetization of hematite is 10-15 times stronger than the induced  
399 magnetization of magnetite of equal mass, and decreases very moderately with temperature (only by  
400  $\sim 10\%$  at temperatures 100 K below the critical temperature<sup>79</sup>). Nevertheless, as discussed in section 2.3.,  
401 sources at 600 km depth will be difficult to detect due their small width and very small amplitudes at the  
402 Earth's surface.

403 The current knowledge on the Curie and Néel temperatures in iron oxides places the magnetic  
404 boundary in subducting slabs at approximately 600 km: the high-pressure Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> phase, stable at lower  
405 mantle conditions has temperatures of magnetic ordering below 227°C in the 20-40 GPa pressure range<sup>132</sup>  
406 and decreases even further at higher pressures. However, the search for even deeper magnetic sources is  
407 far from being closed. For instance, at room temperature, the high-pressure phase of wüstite (FeO) is  
408 magnetic at pressures down to the base of the lower mantle<sup>134</sup>, although the Curie or Néel temperatures of  
409 this phase at such high pressures are unknown. Moreover, a series of previously unknown iron oxides,  
410 stable at deep mantle conditions, have been discovered over the last decade<sup>129, 135-140</sup>. Some of these  
411 phases are stable down to the core-mantle boundary conditions but investigations of their Curie/Néel  
412 temperatures and other magnetic properties are still awaited.

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#### 414 **4. Summary and Future Perspective**

415 The old paradigm of a non-magnetic mantle has been challenged from several independent  
416 perspectives. New experimental data now shows the expanded stability of iron oxides to great depths (at  
417 least down to 670 km). Recent measurements on very fresh mantle xenoliths show that they  
418 systematically contain magnetite. New spectral methods to analyze magnetic anomaly data shows that  
419 crustal only sources cannot account for satellite observations. In addition to these advances, with the  
420 availability of new satellite data, such as the field gradients from future lower altitudes from the Swarm  
421 Mission, come new opportunities to evaluate the possible existence of deep sources of long-wavelength  
422 magnetic anomalies within the Earth's interior because these data can constrain the long-wavelengths  
423 necessary to derive estimates to the base of magnetization.

424 Clearly, these anomalies, previously thought to originate primarily from the Earth's crust<sup>109, 141-143</sup>  
425 most likely have mantle origins. Further, new experiments show that the remanence of iron oxides  
426 significantly increases with pressure<sup>23</sup>. These advances, combined with the revision of the nature of  
427 magnetic sources in the mantle through xenoliths rapidly brought to the surface of the Earth<sup>19-20, 61-62</sup>  
428 indicate that the mantle could contribute to magnetic anomalies, contrary to previous views held since

429 1979. The extent of these deep contributions would be, however, limited to specific regions of relatively  
430 cold temperatures (ancient cratons and subducting slabs) and to areas where the upper mantle has been  
431 substantially hydrated (Figure 5)<sup>19, 24, 76</sup>.

432 The actual contributions from the upper mantle to magnetic anomalies can be quantified through  
433 further analysis of satellite magnetic data using modern methods such as de-fractal spectral analysis.  
434 Priority should be given to investigations in promising, low-geotherm regions, such as cratonic,  
435 subduction zones and old (>100 Ma) oceanic plates. Advanced studies focusing on the high pressure-high  
436 temperature magnetic properties of iron-bearing phases including iron oxides are also necessary to  
437 advance our understanding of deep magnetic sources in the Earth's interior. The already existing  
438 collections of deep mantle xenoliths, including lherzolites equilibrated in the garnet facies (eclogites),  
439 majorite-bearing and Ni-Fe alloy-bearing specimens, and possibly any wadsleyite-bearing specimens  
440 would also contribute to the validation of experimental studies. Finally, significant advances in our  
441 understanding of magnetic sources in the upper mantle, may also arise from new ab-initio calculations of  
442 magnetic properties of main ferromagnetic phases under high temperature and high pressure.

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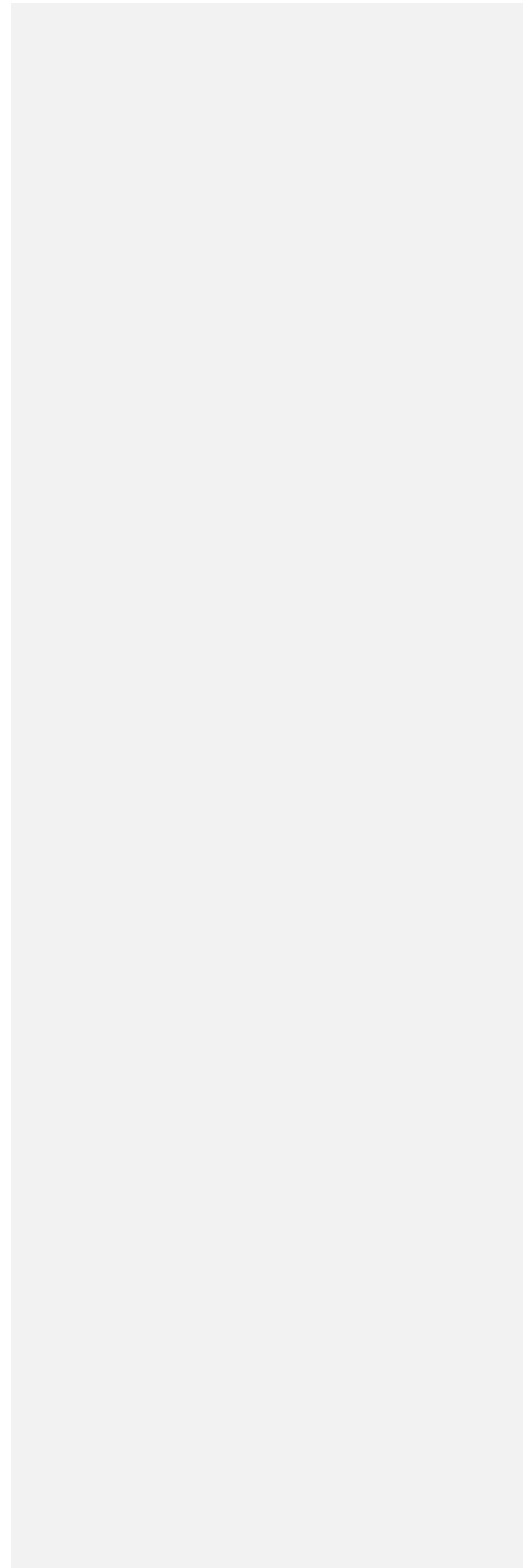
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841 **Figure 1. Earth's lithospheric magnetic field variations.** Total intensity magnetic anomaly field model  
842 (the part of the field originating from lithospheric magnetic sources) from CHAMP and Swarm magnetic  
843 field satellites<sup>144</sup>. Magnetic anomalies have a complex but systematic relationship with the magnetization  
844 of their sources depending on the geomagnetic core field intensity and latitude. (See Note 1) Arrows with  
845 labels “forearc anomaly” point to subduction zones where expected zones of magnetic slabs,  
846 serpentinized mantle wedges, and deep-seated magnetizations of island arcs are found. Arrows with labels  
847 “no forearc anomaly” demarcate examples of subduction zones where combination of factors related to  
848 slabs (steepness, high plate motion and hence temperatures at depth) result in little magnetic anomaly.  
849 Kursk, Bangui, and West Africa are a few of the continental cold cratonic regions of strongest  
850 magnetization where some of the magnetization may reside in the mantle. The square in the east-central  
851 ancient cold cratonic region of Canada where the base of magnetization was determined at approximately  
852 80 km depth in the uppermost mantle from the North American aeromagnetic database. Yilgarn and  
853 Gawler cratons in Australia are some of the other key cratonic regions where magnetization is detected in  
854 the mantle. Depending on the magnetic latitude and the intensity of the core magnetic field,  
855 anomalies have systematic relationships with respect to magnetic sources. Near both magnetic  
856 poles, where the Earth's core magnetic field is near-vertical (roughly  $>\pm 70^\circ$ ), magnetic “highs”  
857 (reds and whites in Figure 1) result from magnetizations aligned in the direction of the field. If  
858 the bulk of the rock's present magnetization were formed during a reversed magnetic epoch,  
859 magnetic “lows” form at high latitudes (blues and blacks in Figure 1). Near magnetic equator  
860 magnetic “lows” occur over regions of high magnetizations (*e.g.*, Bangui anomaly in Figure 1).  
861 The magnetic equator is at approximately 10°N geographic latitude from Africa to Asia and  
862 gradually dips to 15°S at the western margin of South America. Because the intensity of the core  
863 generated magnetic field is roughly half of that at the pole, the same amount of induced

864 magnetization in a rock results roughly half the amplitude of magnetic anomalies at the magnetic  
865 equator than at both north and south magnetic poles. This is one of the causes of smaller  
866 anomaly amplitudes in South America and central to northern Africa. Given this relationship one  
867 can understand the exceptional strength of Bangui magnetic anomaly in central Africa and some  
868 of the anomaly features in the West African craton.

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870 **Fig. 2. Magnetic records from mantle xenoliths.** Natural remanent magnetization (NRM) vs. total low-  
871 field magnetic susceptibility, *i.e.*, Koenigsberger diagram, for mantle xenoliths showing predicted  
872 contributions of the upper mantle to magnetic anomalies<sup>19, 61-62</sup> and unpublished data.  $Q_n$  indicates the  
873 Koenigsberger ratio.

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875 **Fig. 3. Stability and magnetic properties of the  $Fe_3O_4$  system at upper mantle pressure-temperature**  
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878 (top) upon laser heating. (b) Representative Mössbauer spectra of antiferromagnetic (bottom) and  
879 paramagnetic (top) hematite at upper mantle conditions. Solid lines show the theoretical fits, the  
880 percentage bars indicate the relative absorptions. (c) Magnetic boundaries in the  $Fe_3O_4$  system. The  
881 breakdown of  $Fe_3O_4$  into ( $\alpha$ - $Fe_2O_3$  (hematite) and  $Fe_4O_5$  is shown by the black line<sup>81</sup>. Brown and green  
882 lines indicate the Curie temperature of  $Fe_3O_4$ <sup>72</sup>, and Néel and Morin transition temperatures of  $\alpha$ -  
883  $Fe_2O_3$ <sup>23</sup>. The Néel temperature of  $Fe_4O_5$  is too low for this phase to play a role in mantle magnetism  
884 and it is not reported for the sake of clarity (see discussion in the text). Blue, light red, and red curves  
885 depict, respectively, the pressure-temperature profiles for cold (*e.g.*, Solomon), hot (*e.g.*, North Lesser  
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890 **Figure 4. Depth to base of magnetization analysis of magnetic data.** (a) Simulation of a 40 km thick  
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893 fractalized (see the text) with a range of fractal parameters and dashed lines depict corresponding  
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895 modeled spectral curves and the model curves in gray do not fit adequately their respective de-  
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897 curves vs fractal parameter of the magnetic field. The best-fitting curves are usually near the minima  
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909 **Fig. 5. The magnetic mantle.** Schematic cross-section showing magnetic sources in the upper mantle in  
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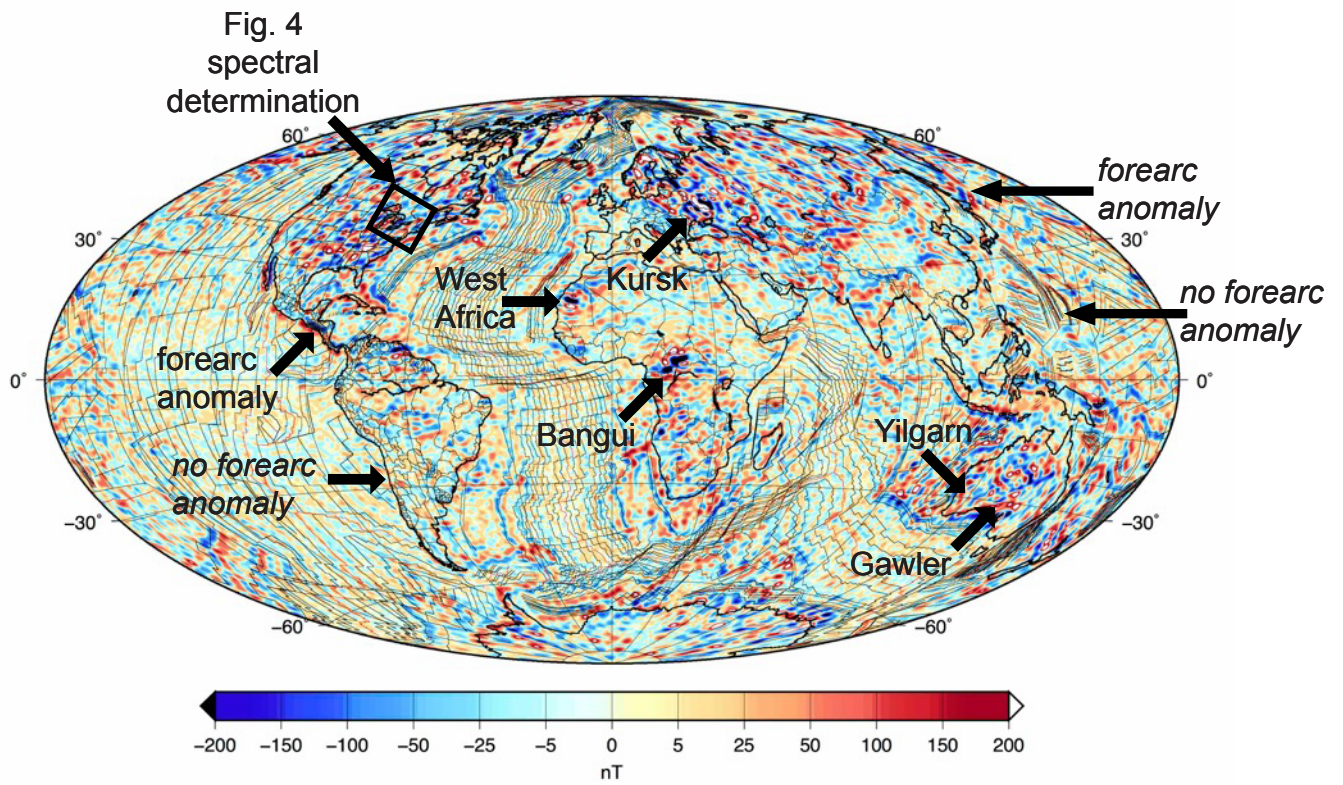
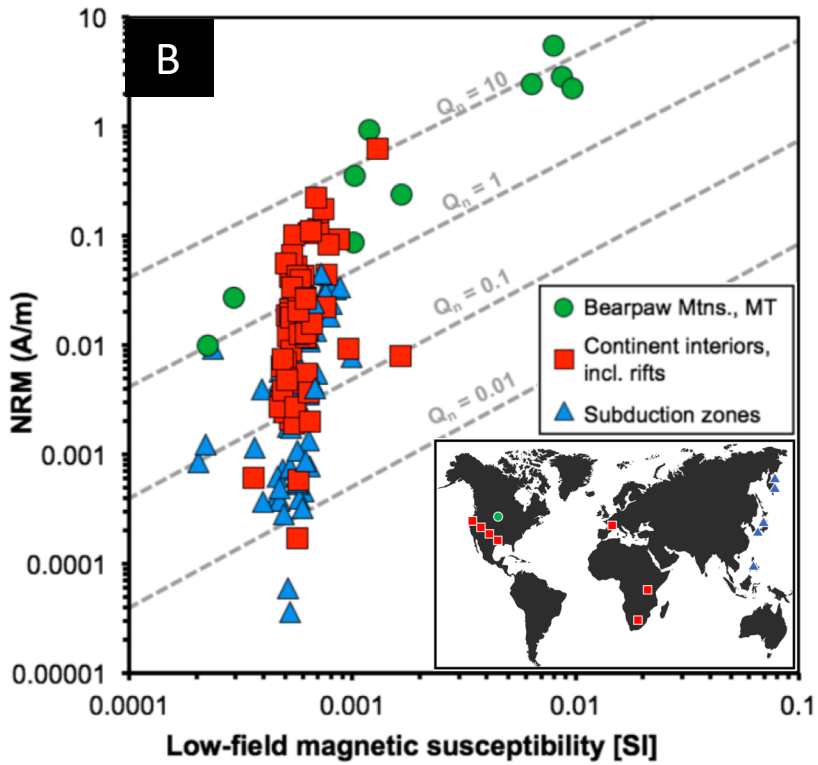
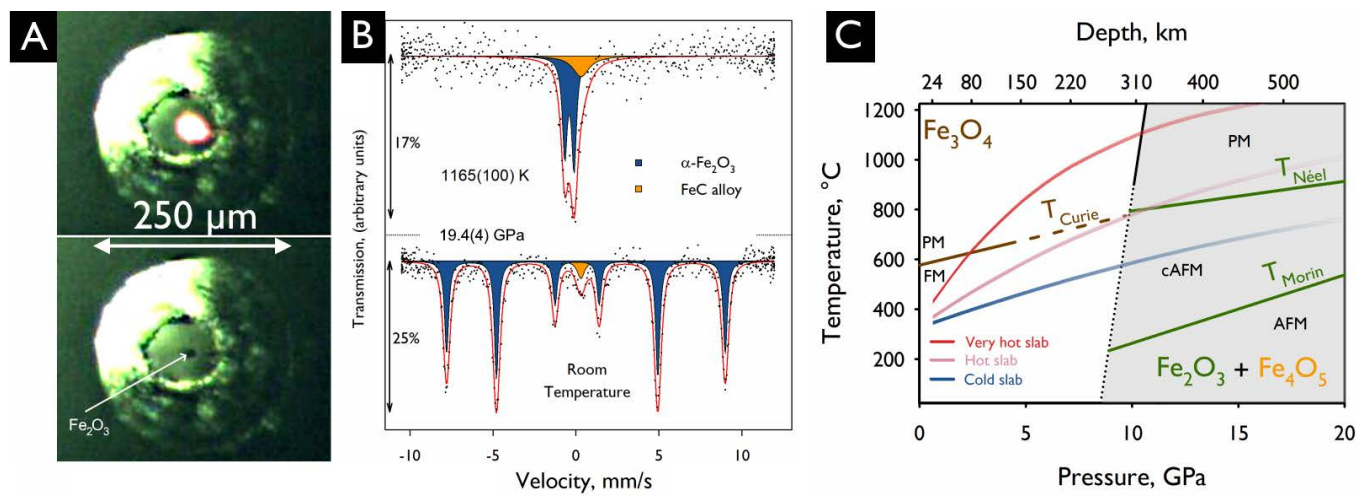


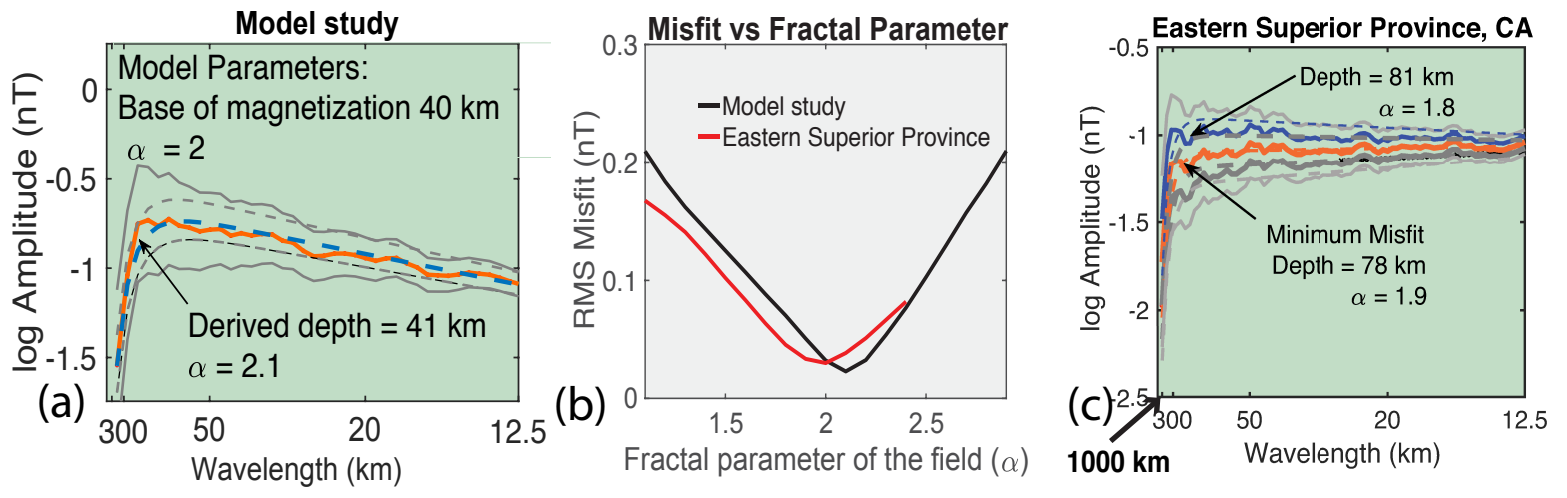
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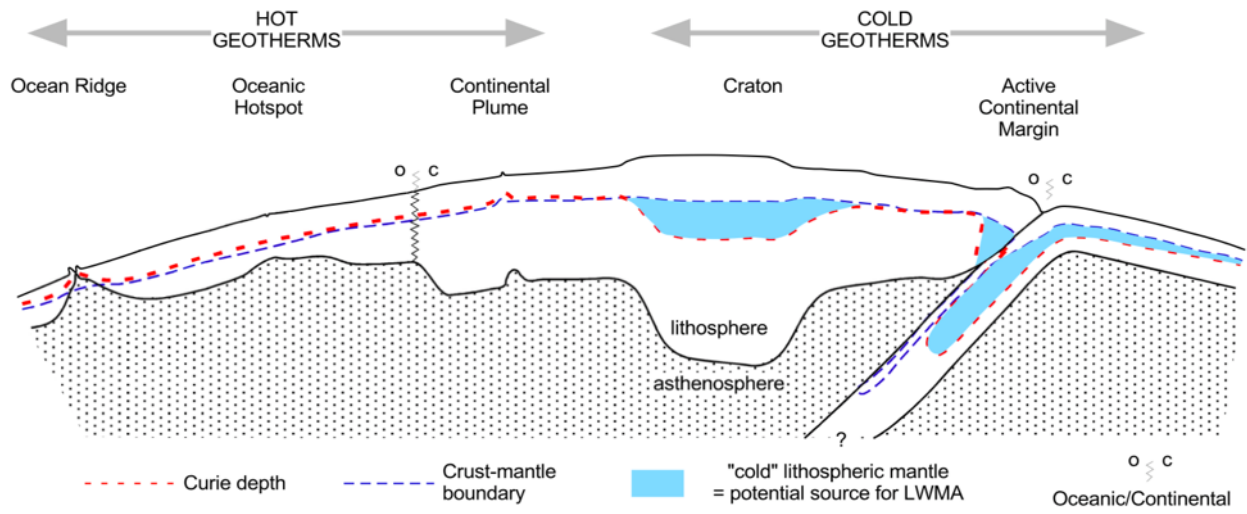
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**Figure 3**



**Figure 4**



**Figure 5**