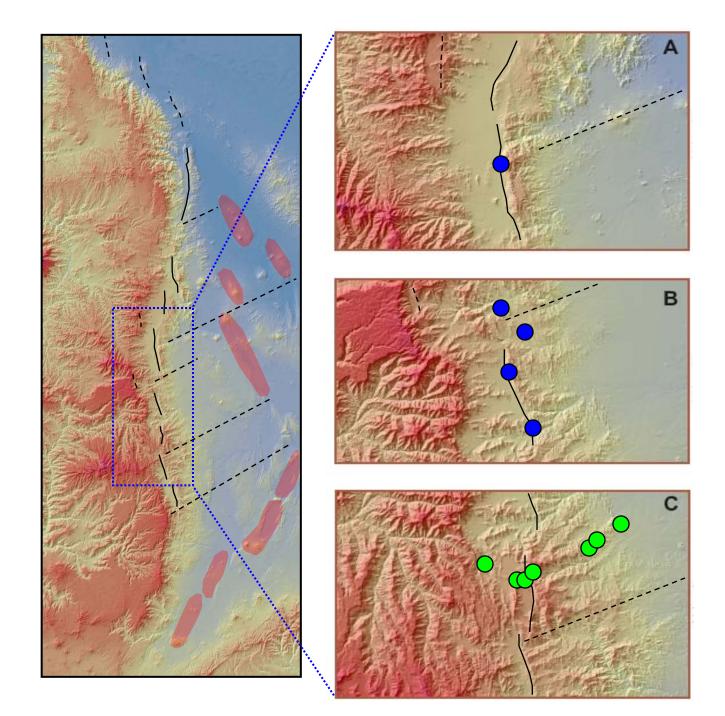
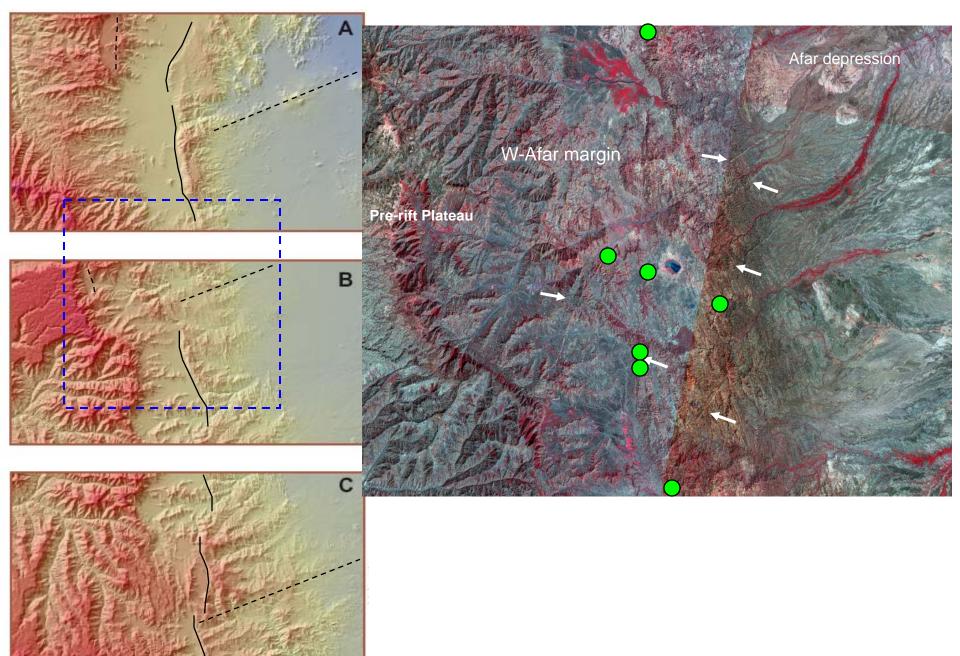
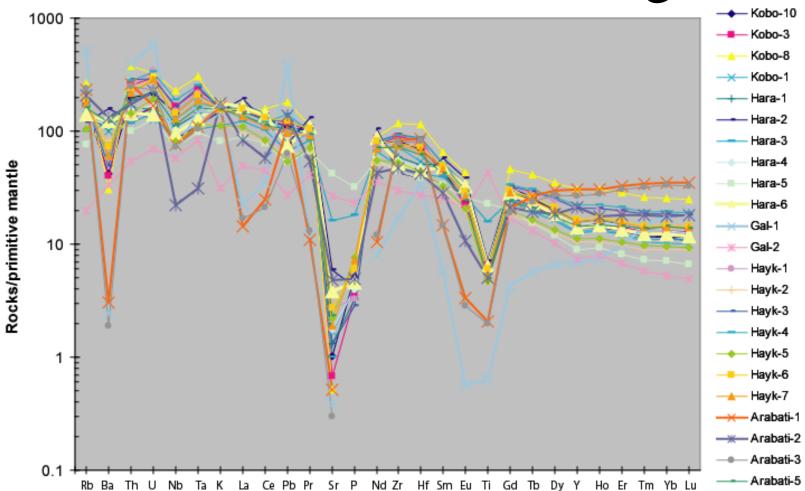
Magma evolution during the course of extension along a segment of the West Afar margin (Ethiopia)

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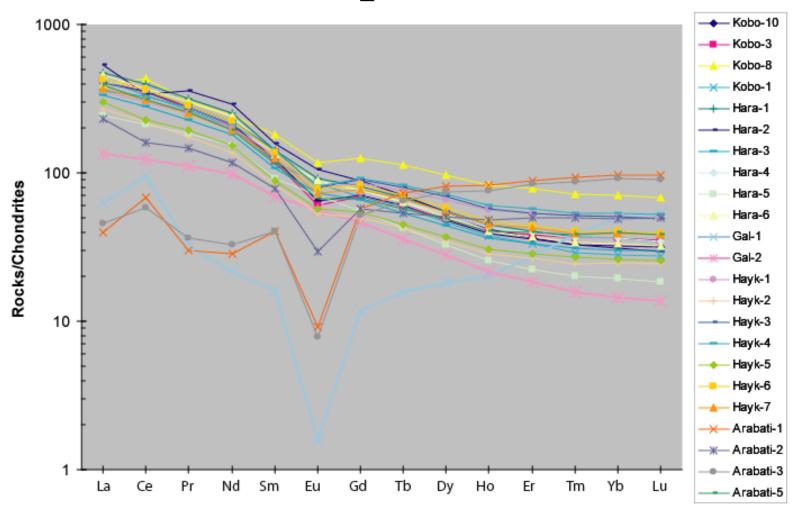


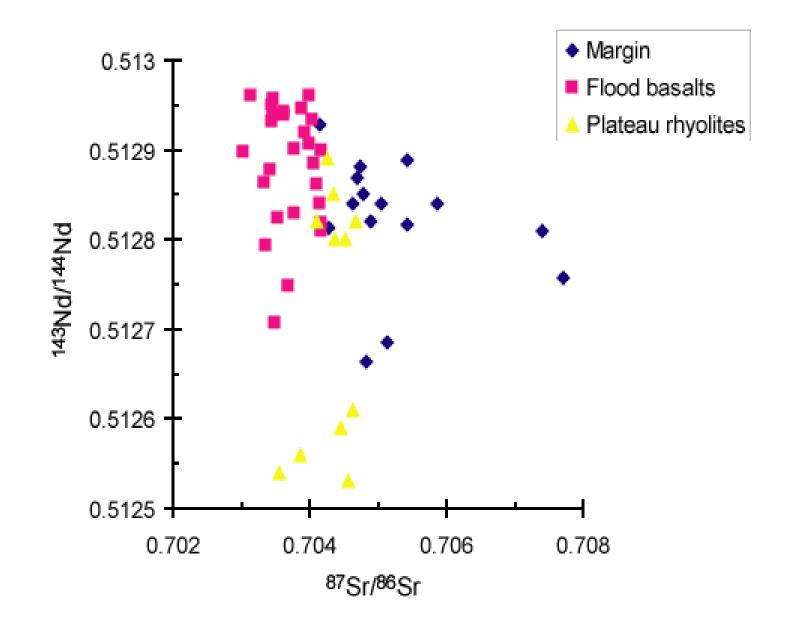


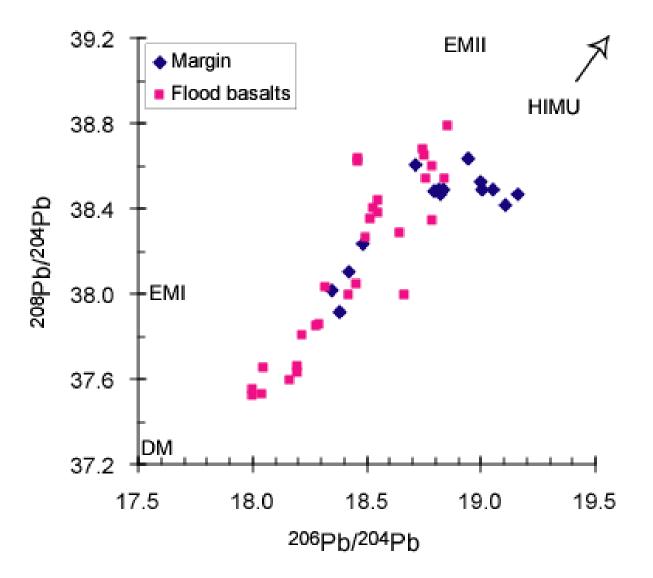
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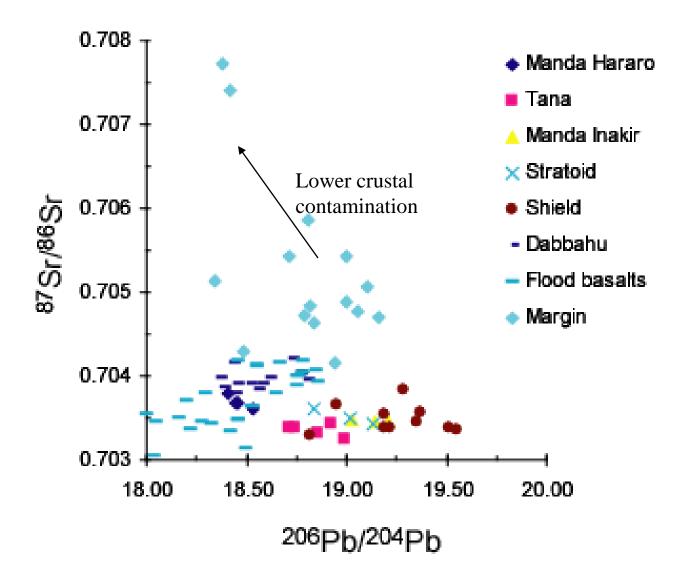


REE patterns









Summary

- Homogeneous signature from Oligocene pre-rift CFBs to to the incipient spreading magmatic segments
 - long-lasting melting of discrete portions of mantle over the plume head (plume material +/lithosphere)
 - segmentation of the margins are inherited from the very early stages of continental break-up