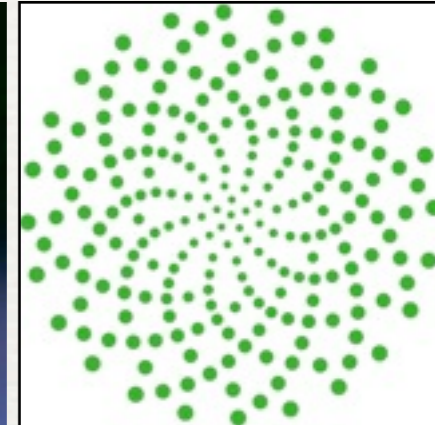




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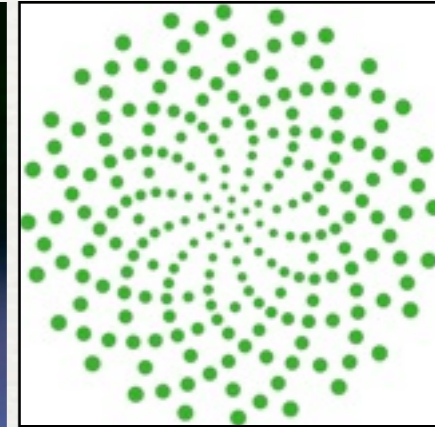
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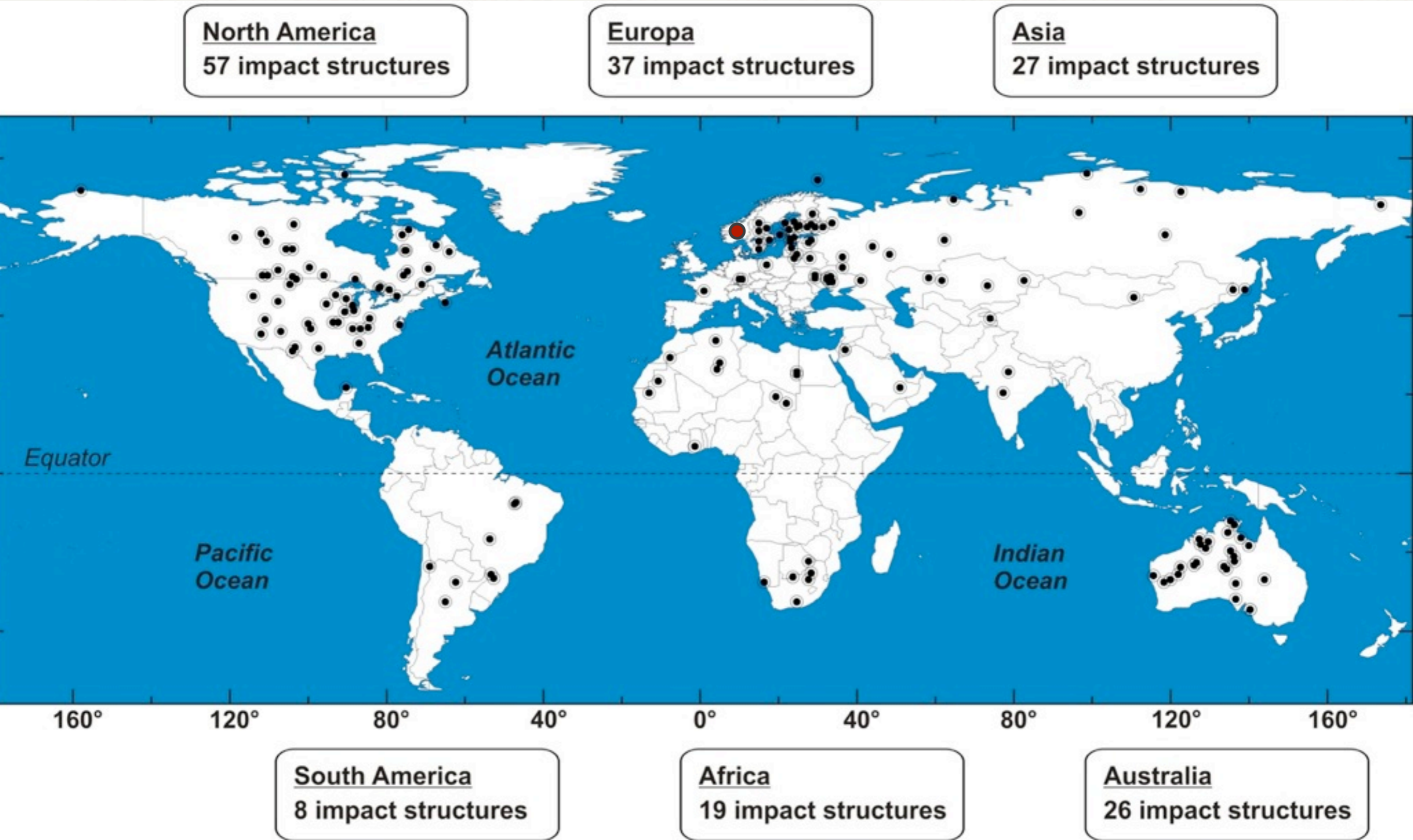
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Location of 176 currently recognized terrestrial impact structures, Koeberl (2007) for only 45 structures a type of projectile has been proposed Data from Earth Impact Database (2008), figure courtesy of Dr. L. Ferrière.

# Projectile ID using crater impact melts & ejecta layers



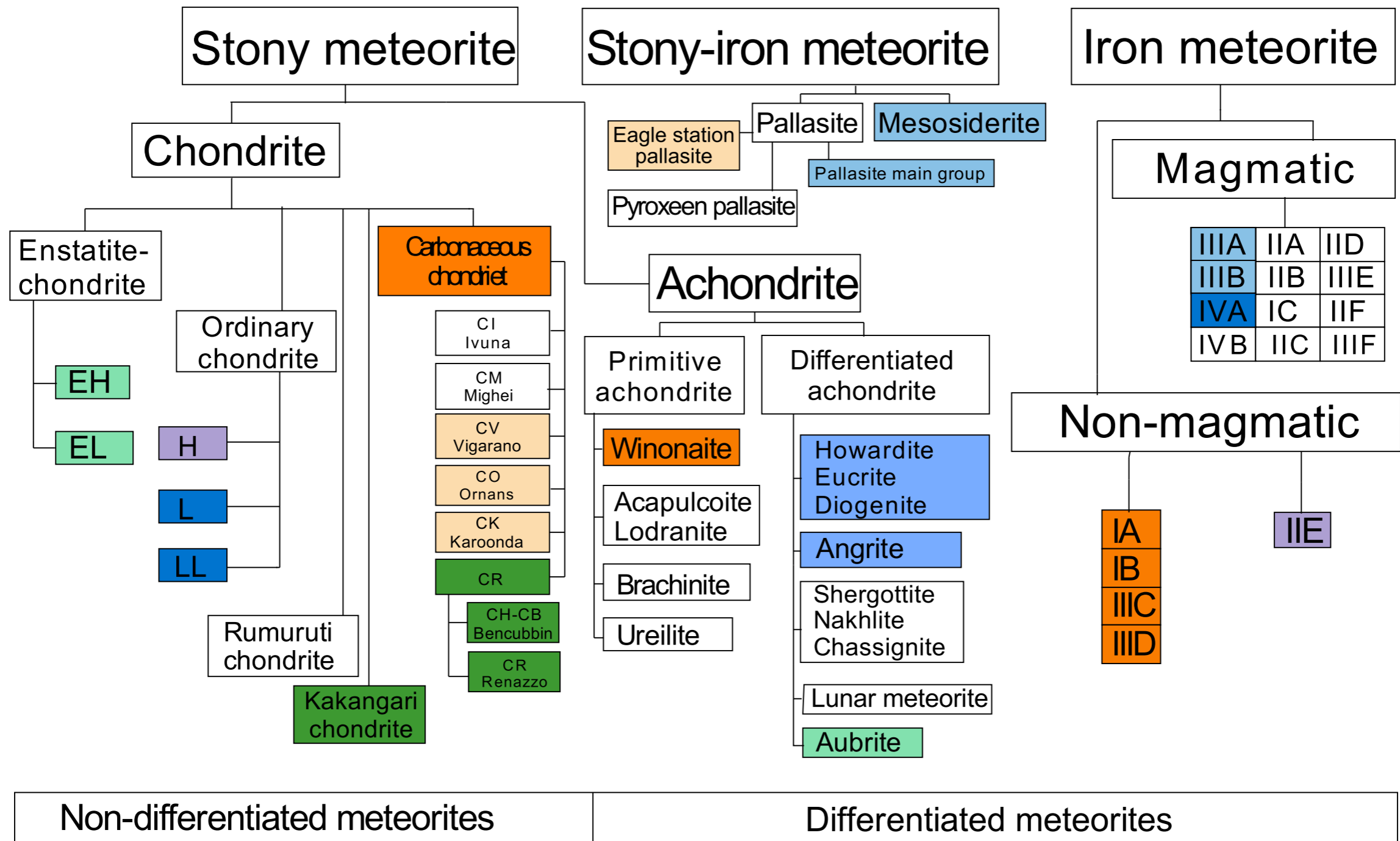
Meteoritic contribution to the melt rock between  $< 0.1$  to 7 wt%



Ejecta layers enriched in PGE

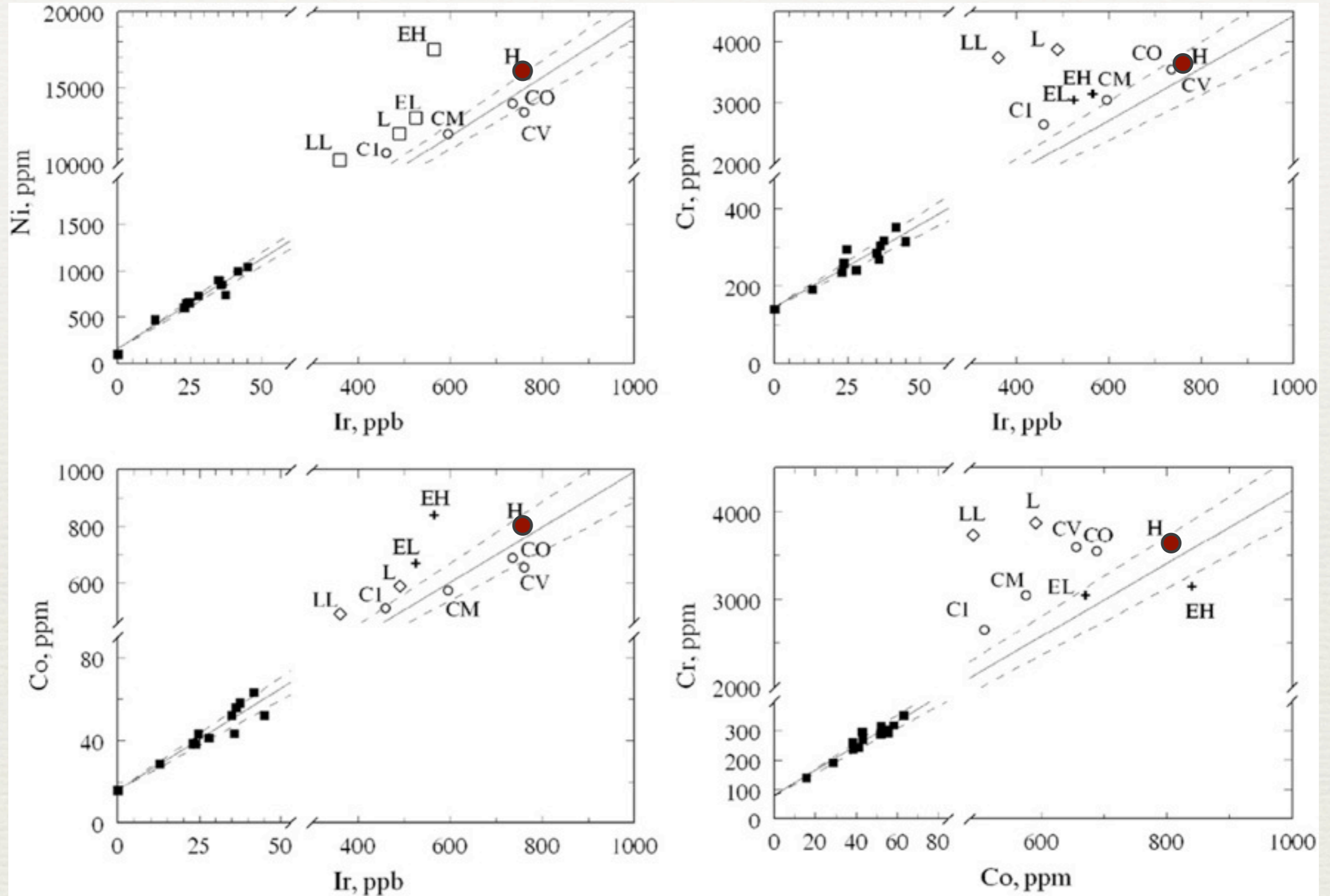
Detect and identify type of projectile: siderophile elements and PGE elemental ratios, and osmium and chromium isotopes

# Compare projectile with meteorite classification...



... and then to asteroid spectral classification

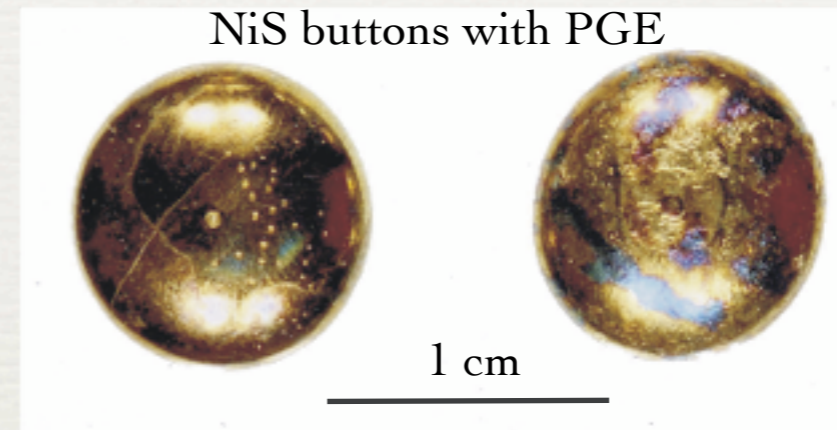
# Siderophile elements



Lappajärvi ~ H chondrite? (Koeberl et al., 2007)

# Platinum Group Elements, analytical procedure

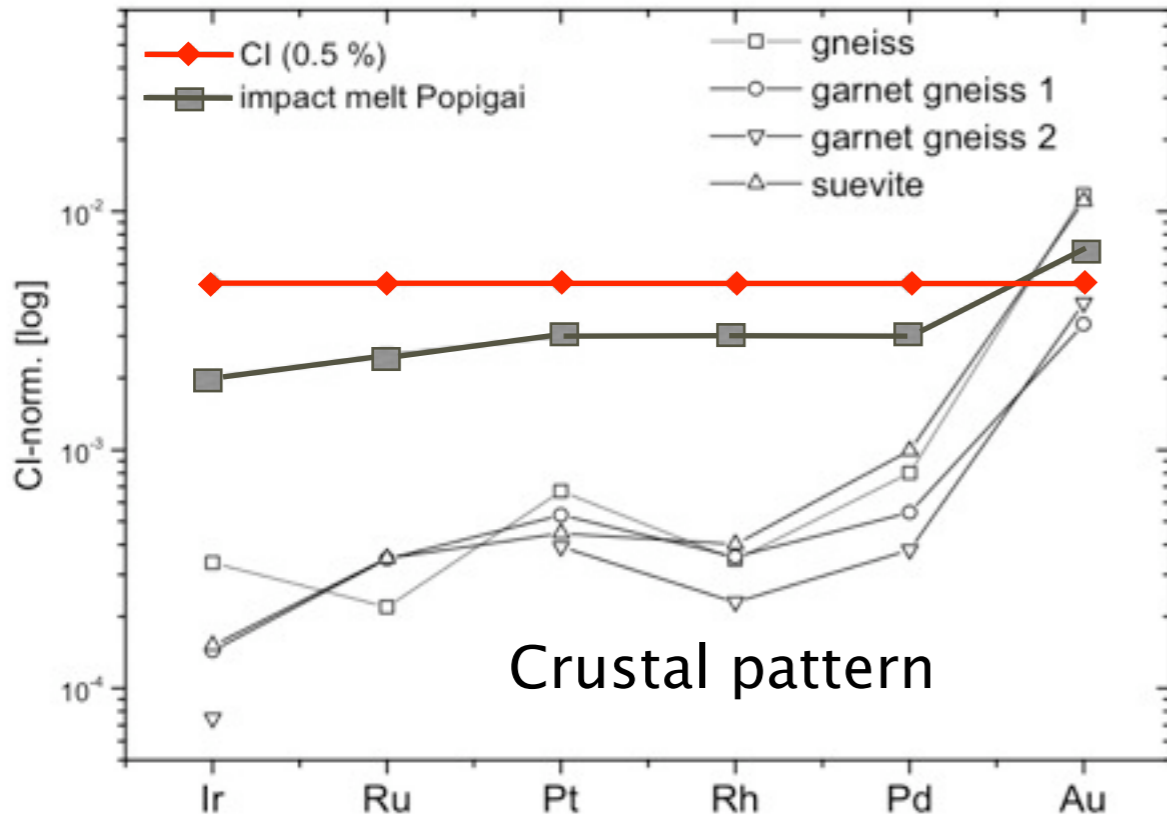
- Nickel sulfide fire assay method combined with ICP-MS, analytical facilities at GFZ, Potsdam



- Advantages:
  - ✓ Low detection limit (60 ppt Ru, 20 ppt Rh, 190 ppt Pd, 60 ppt Ir, 70 ppt Pt)
  - ✓ Up to 70 g per analysis (less nugget effect)
  - ✓ Very good reproducibility down to 5 to 10 g material
  - ✓ All PGE (except Os) determined at once

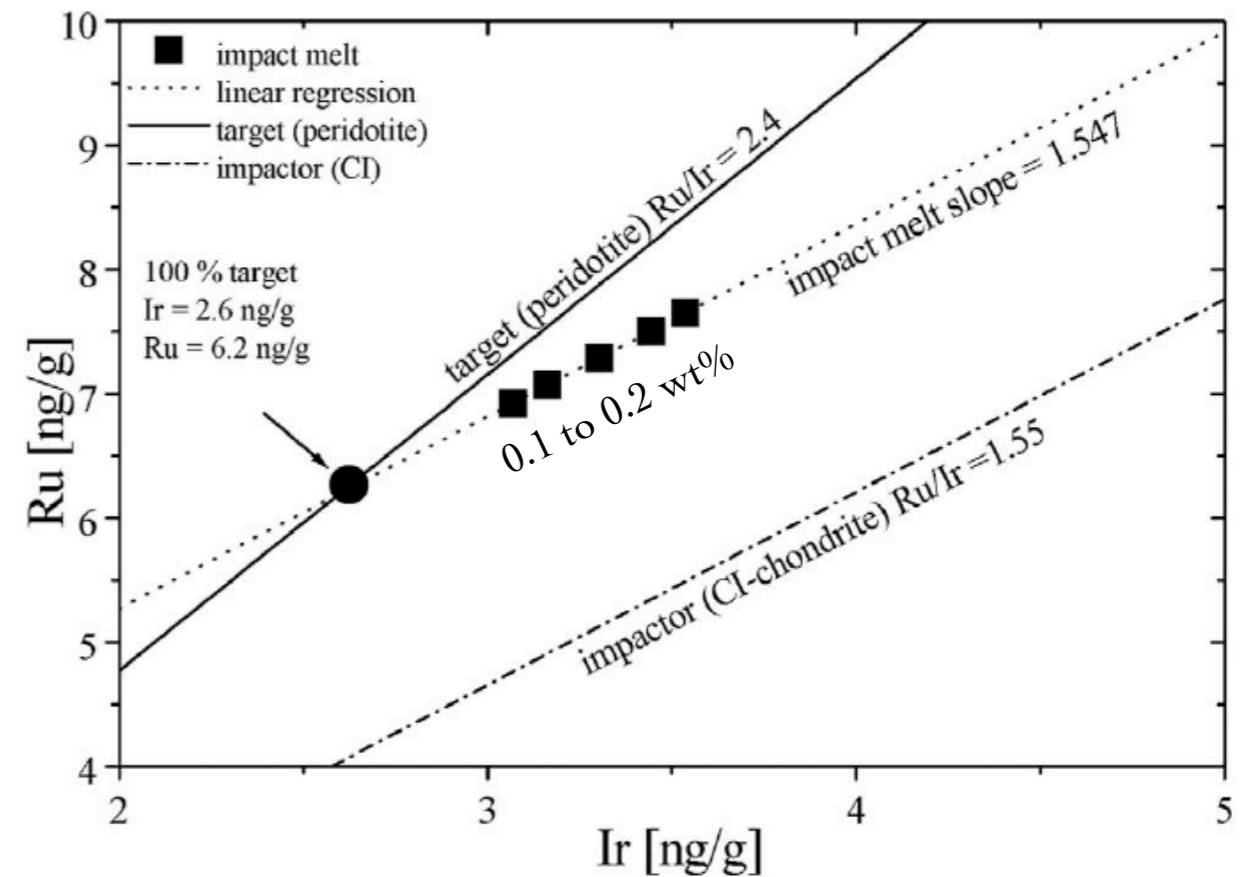
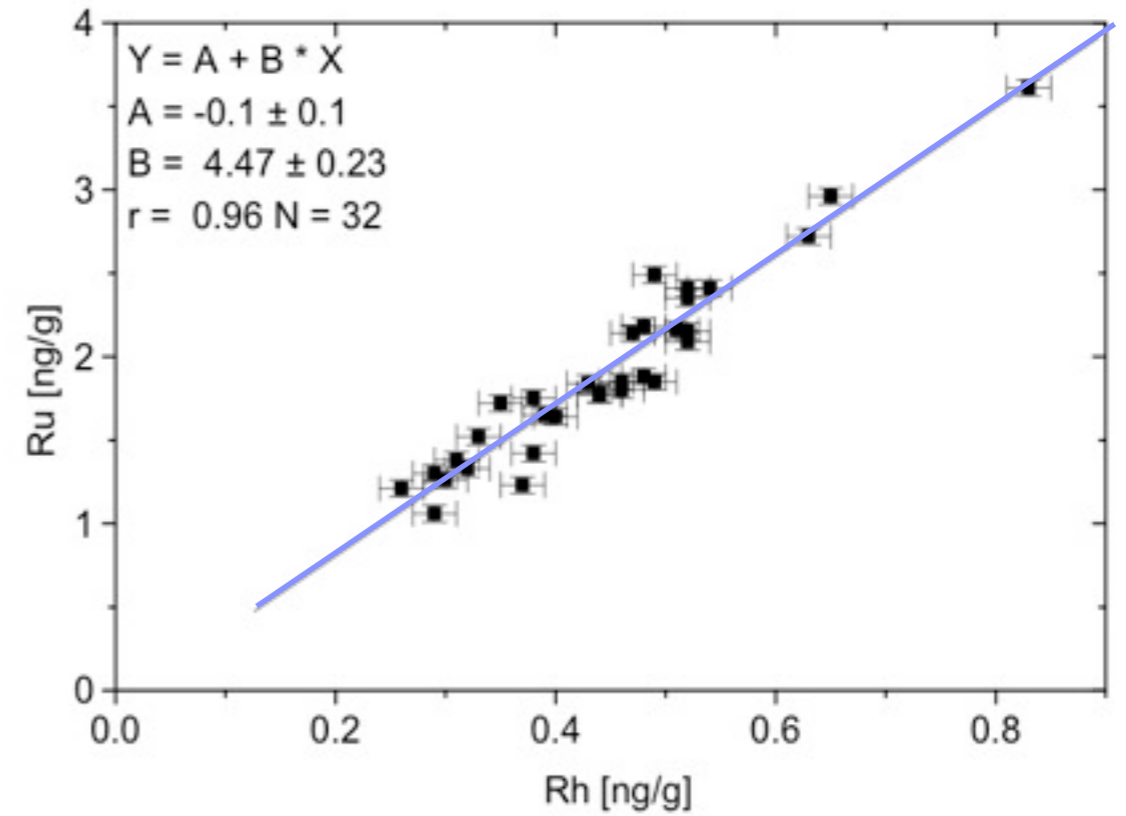
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Pattern vs CI

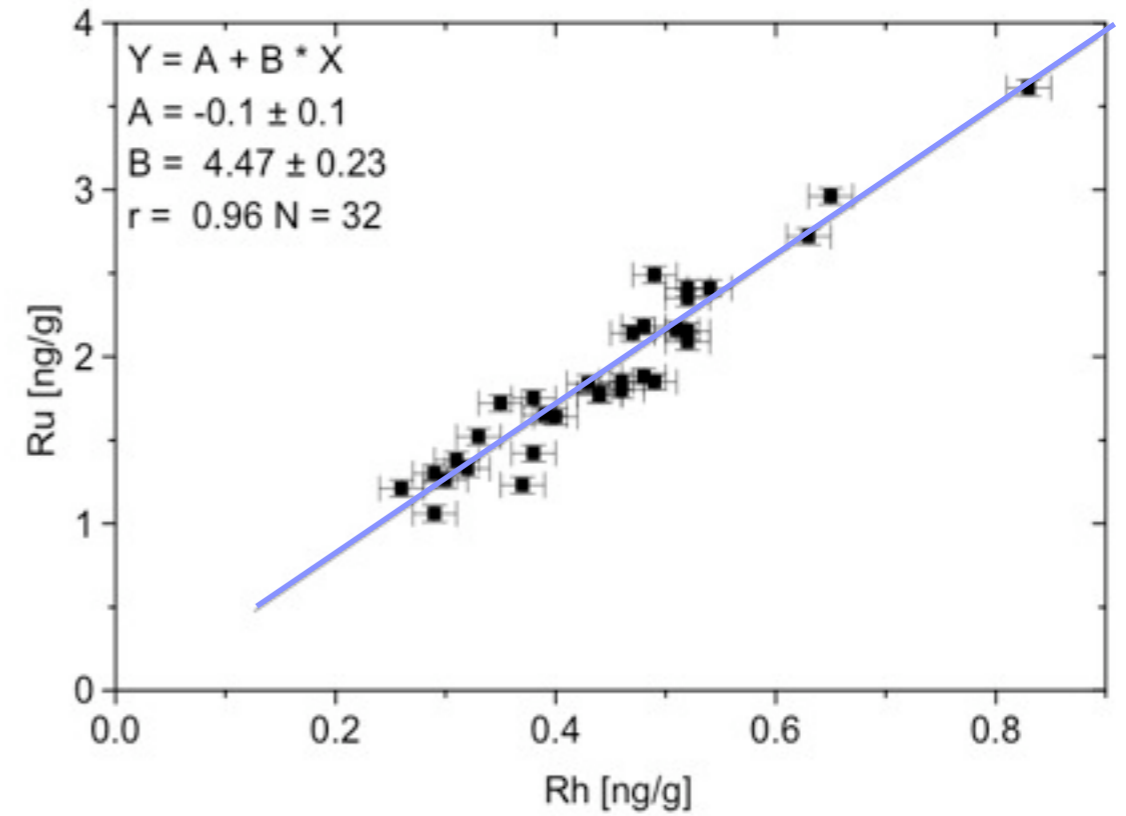
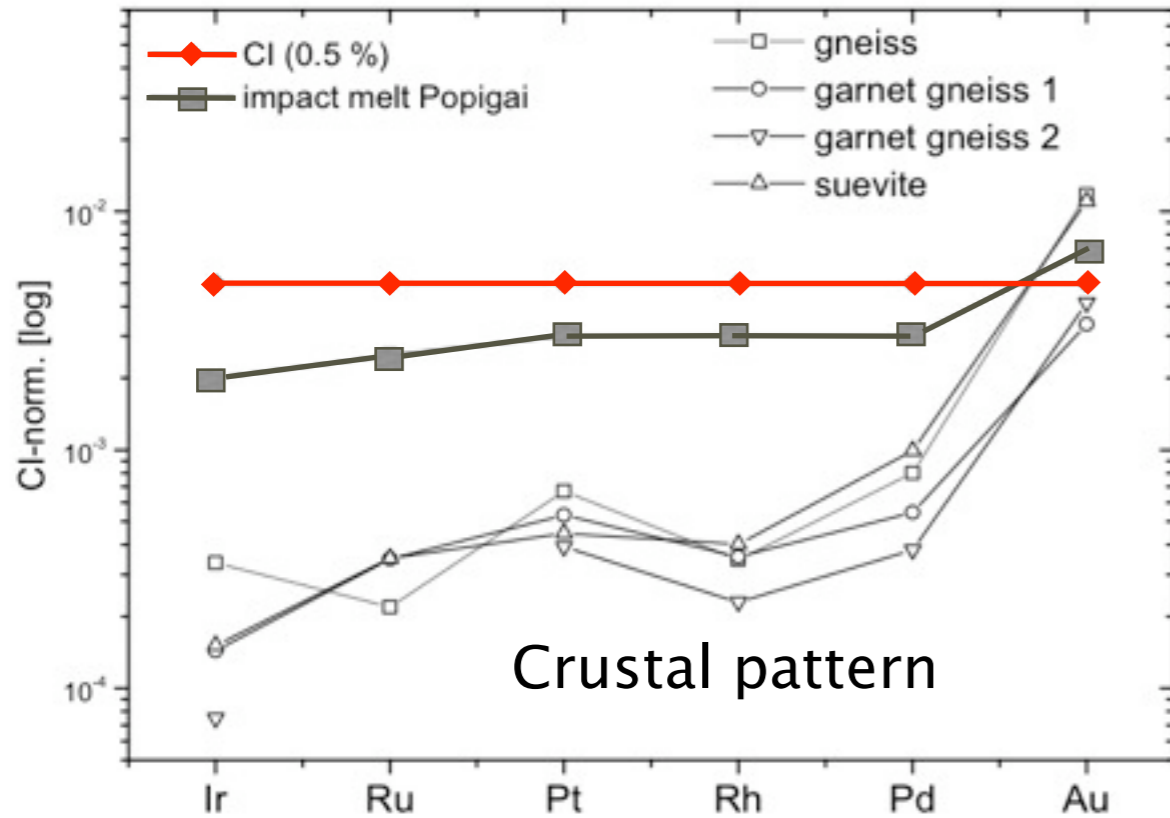
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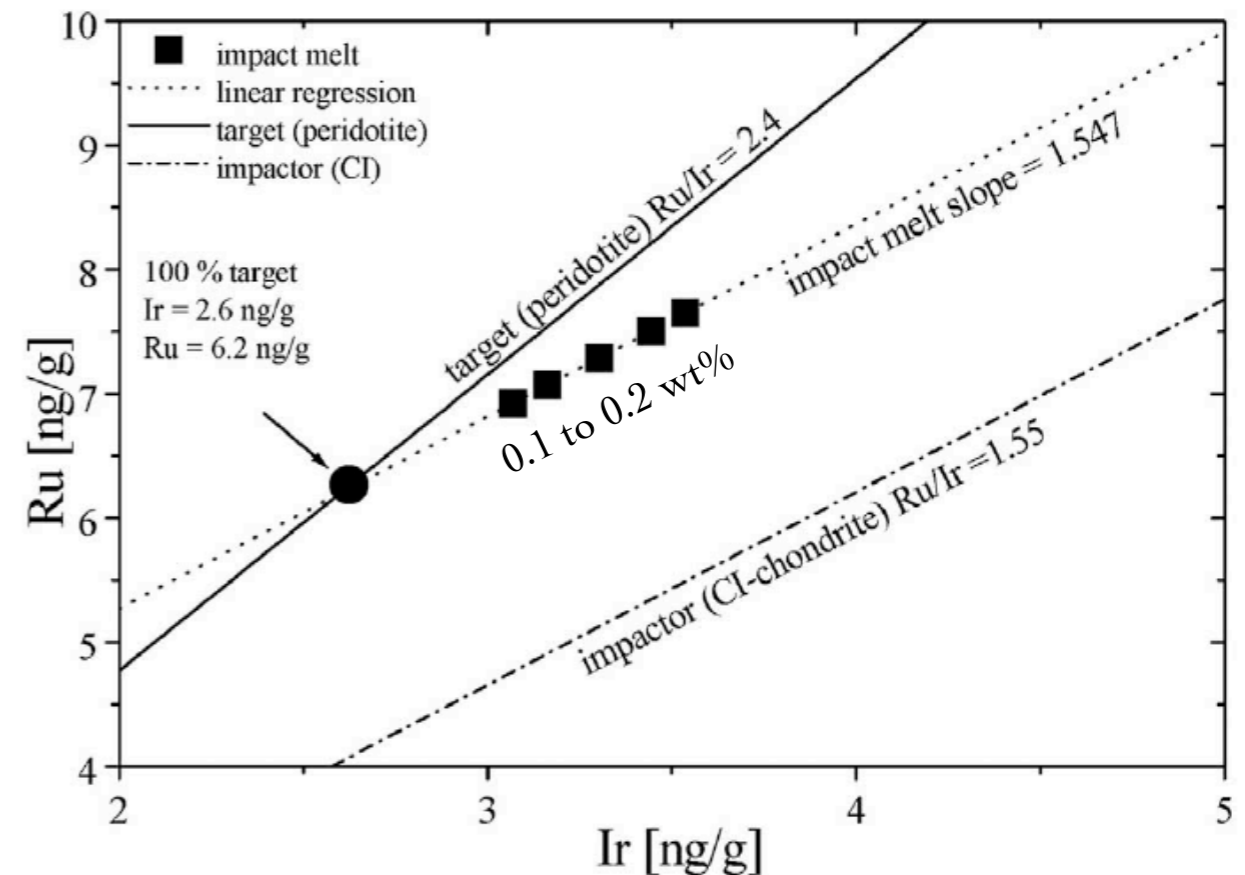


Elemental ratios: Ru/Rh etc.

Pattern vs CI

Ideal cases ID projectile  
 down to type of chondrite

No need to subtract PGE  
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# Compared PGE elemental ratios in impact melt or ejecta with meteorite database (Tagle 2004; Tagle and Hecht 2008)

Type	Number of analyses in the database						
	Total	Ir	Ru	Pt	Rh	Pd	Ni
Chondrite	605	549	269	163	31	158	386
Achondrite*	600	168	12	3	0	5	315
Iron	2,002	1,361	231	458	133	194	1,706
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,207</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>2,407</b>

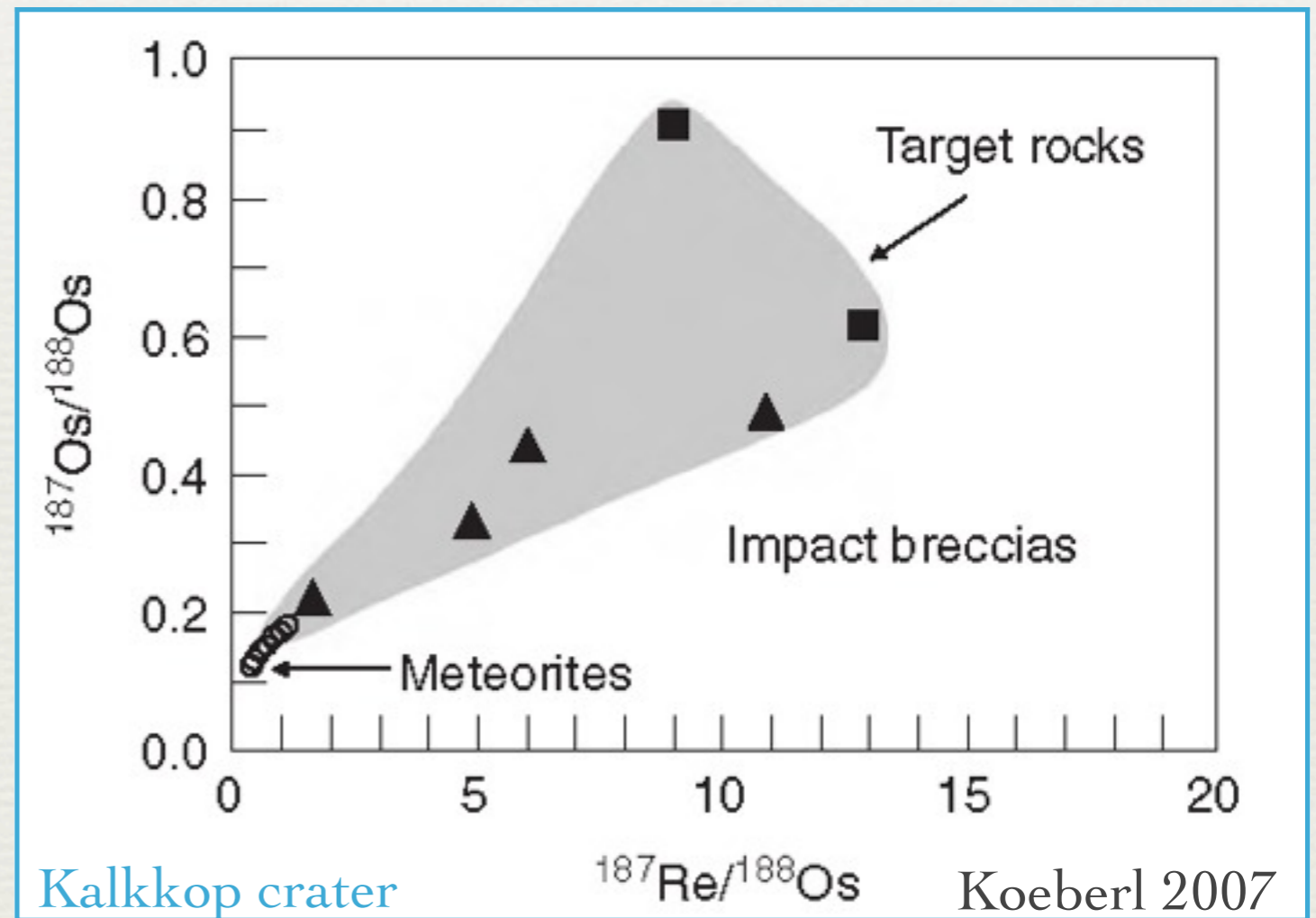
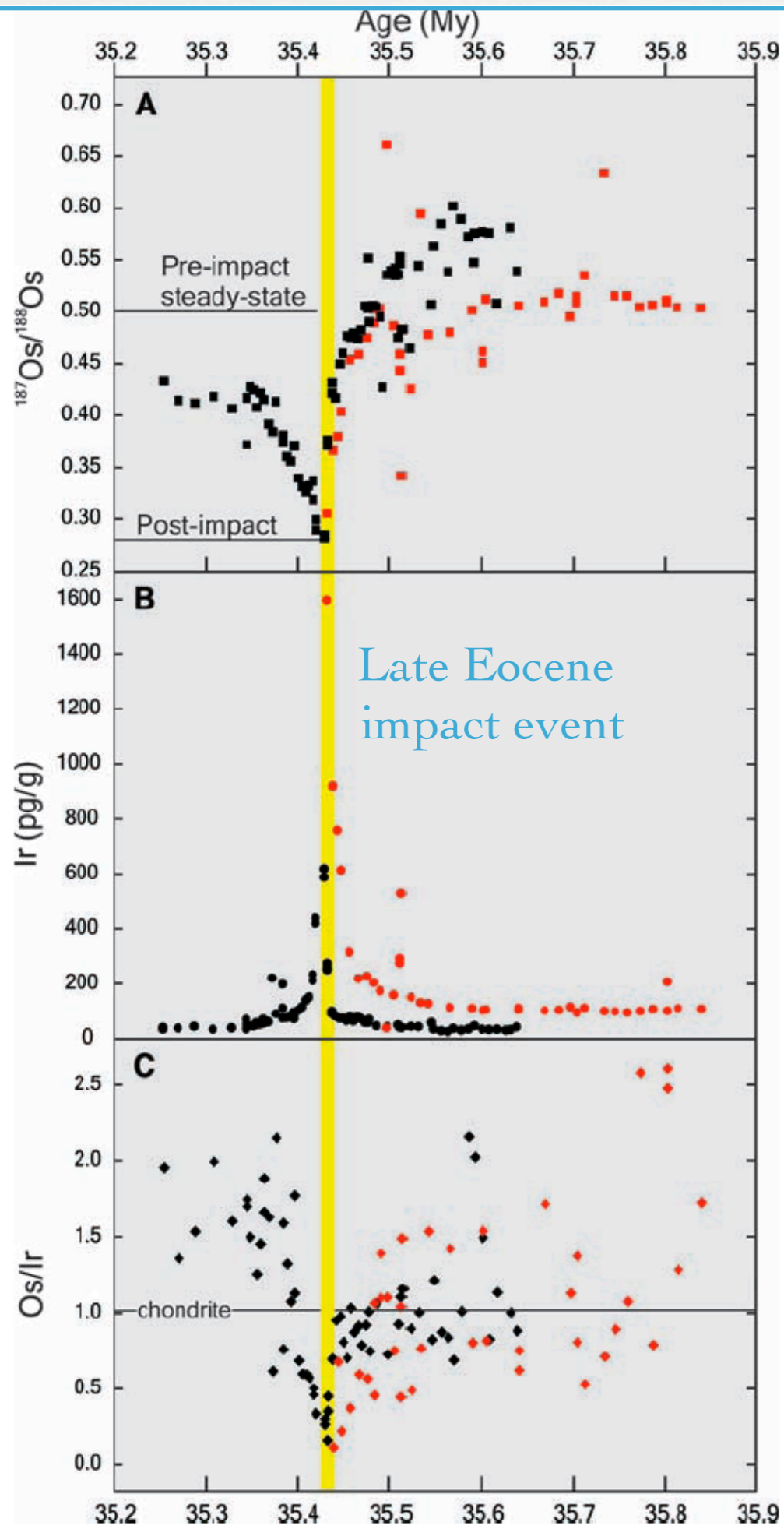
\* Primitive & differentiated

- CC, OC & EC have different patterns
- Iron meteorites are richer in PGE but depleted in Cr compared to CI chondrites
- Some analyses by NAA, on small samples, nugget effect ?
- Continuously refined by new measurements

# Osmium system

Highly sensitive tool for detection of ET material, not for ID!

$^{187}\text{Re} \xrightarrow{\beta} ^{187}\text{Os}$   
(42.3 Ga)



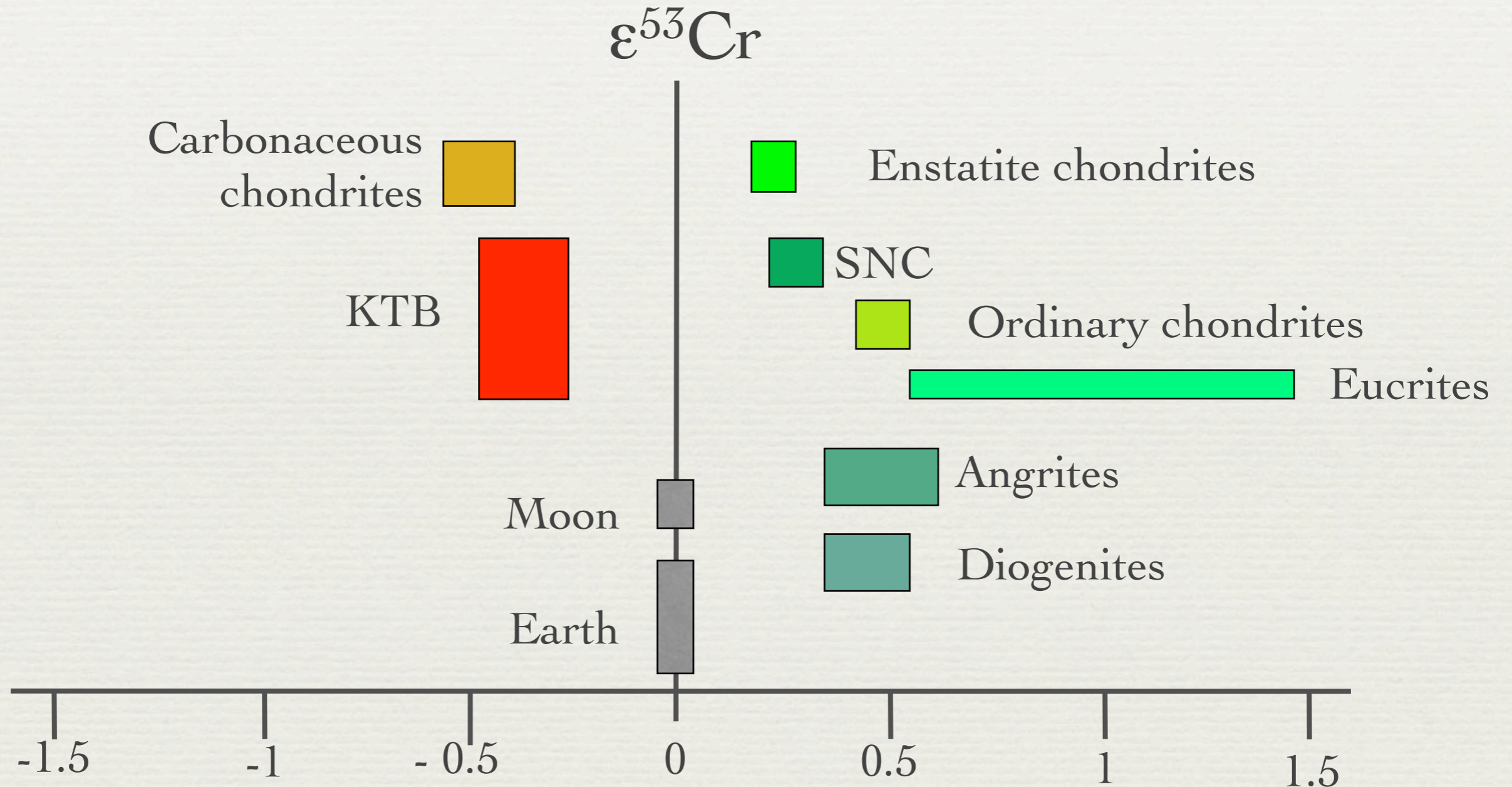
+ Projectile size estimation next to Ir fluence!

Paquay et al. 2008

# Chromium system



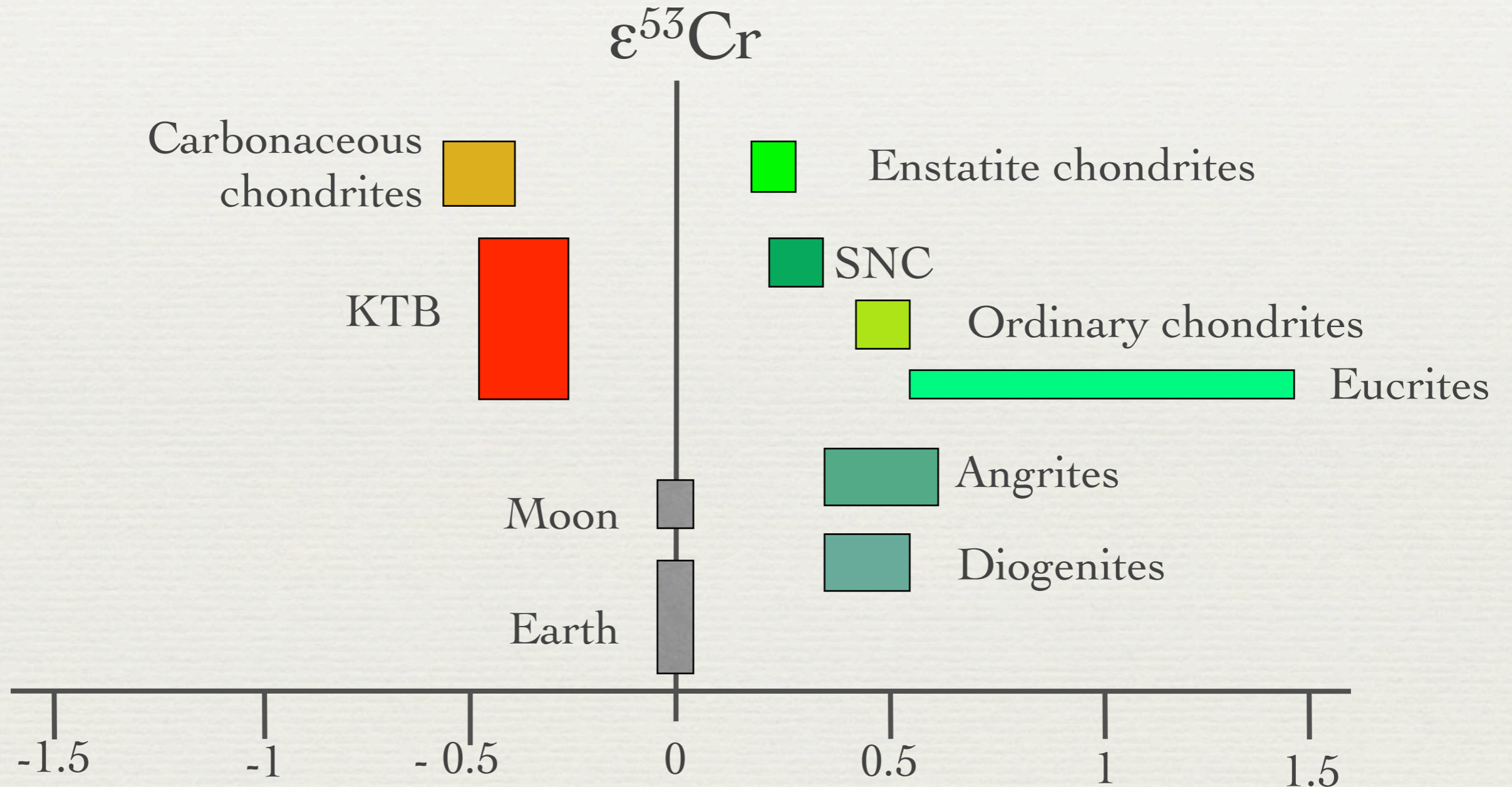
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Clear distinction between carbonaceous & other meteorites

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Wabar	Saudia Arabia	0.10 <sup>a</sup>	21°30'N, 50°28'E	IIIAB iron	M, S	Morgan <i>et al.</i> (1975), Mittlefehldt <i>et al.</i> (1992b)
Kaalijärvi	Estonia	0.11 <sup>a</sup>	58°24'N, 22°40'E	IAB	M	Buchwald (1975)
Henbury	Australia	0.16 <sup>a</sup>	24°35'S, 133°09'E	IIIAB	M, S	Taylor (1967)
Odessa	USA	0.17 <sup>a</sup>	31°45'N, 102°29'W	IIIAB	M	Buchwald (1975)
Boxhole	Australia	0.17	22°37'S, 135°12'E	IIIAB	M	Buchwald (1975)
Macha	Russia	0.3 <sup>a</sup>	59°59'N, 118°00'E	Iron	MS	Gurov (1996)
Aouelloul	Mauritania	0.4	20°15'N, 12°41'W	Iron (IIIB, IIID?)	S, Os	Morgan <i>et al.</i> (1975), Koeberl <i>et al.</i> (1998)
Monturaqui	Chile	0.46	23°56'S, 68°17'W	IAB	M, S	Bunch and Cassidy (1972), Buchwald (1975)
Kalkkop	South Africa	0.64	32°42'S, 24°26'E	Chondrite?	S, Os	Koeberl <i>et al.</i> (1994a), Reimold <i>et al.</i> (1998)
Wolfe Creek Meteor	Australia	0.9	19°18'S, 127°46'E	IIIAB	M, S	Attrep <i>et al.</i> (1991)
(Barringer)	USA	1.2	35°02'N, 111°01'W	IAB	M, S	Morgan <i>et al.</i> (1975), Mittlefehldt <i>et al.</i> (1992a)
Saltpan	South Africa	1.2	25°24'S, 28°05'E	Chondrite	S, Os	Koeberl <i>et al.</i> (1994a)
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# Os isotopes already been done

Table 5. RE-OS abundances and isotopic compositions of Gardnos rocks.

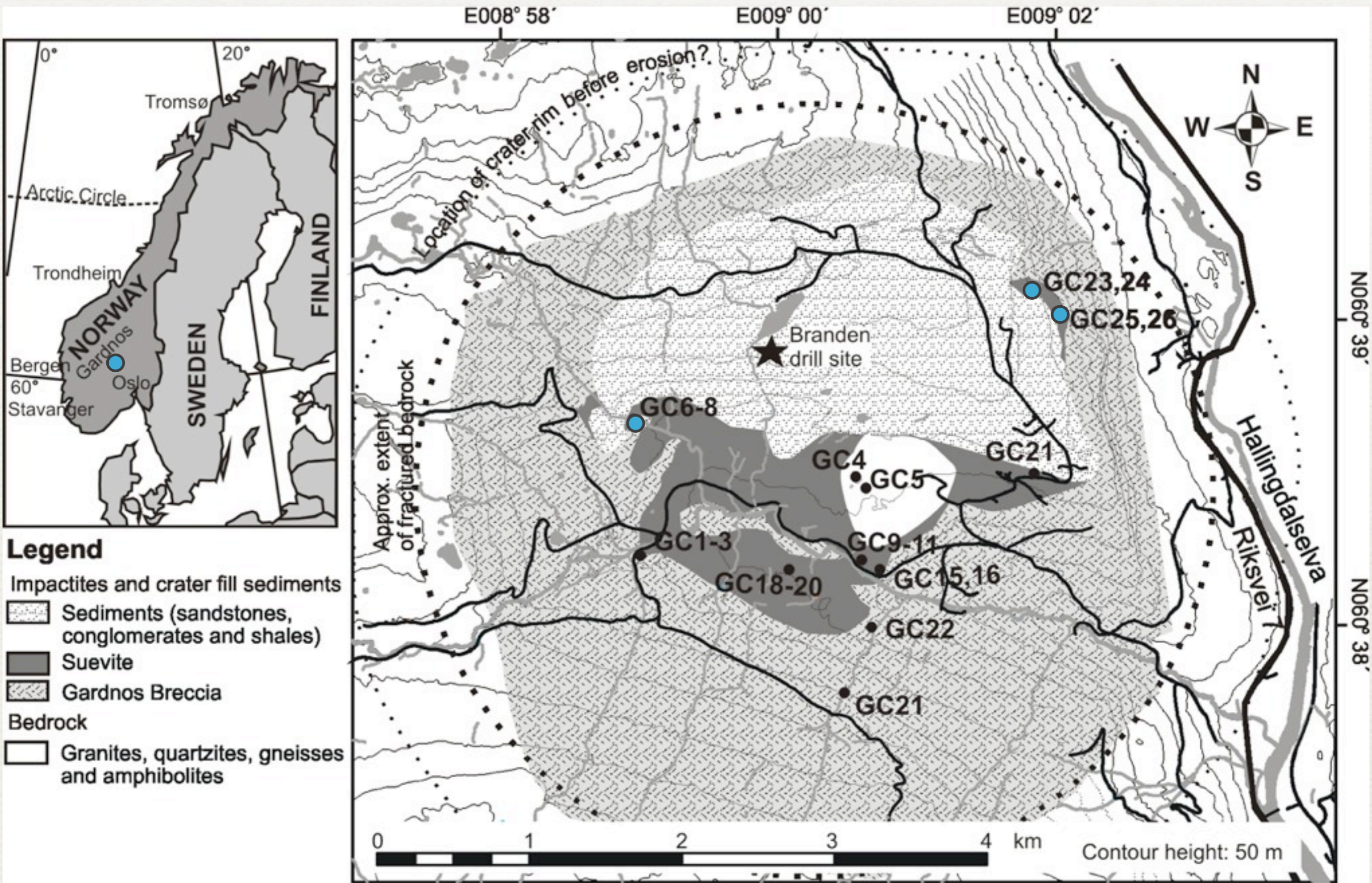
Sample	Re (ppb)	<sup>188</sup> Os	Os (ppb)	<sup>187</sup> Os (%)	<sup>187</sup> Re/ <sup>188</sup> Os	<sup>187</sup> Os/ <sup>188</sup> Os	( <sup>187</sup> Os/ <sup>188</sup> Os) <sub>650Ma</sub>
<b>Target rocks</b>							
NG-94-2 (Amphibolite)	2.36	18.2	0.0346	26.0	435.2	2.605	-2.06
NG-94-11 (Gneiss)	0.0029	2.34	0.0035	4.62	4.17	0.363	0.32
NG-94-12 (Gneiss)	0.0063	3.71	0.0058	9.40	5.713	0.777	0.72
<b>Melt-matrix breccias</b>							
NG-94-30	0.770	476	0.683	1.87	5.437	0.141	0.083
(-12% Amphibolite)	0.48				3.442		0.104
(-20% Amphibolite)	0.30				2.107		0.118
NG-99	1.98	231	0.332	1.82	30.17	0.137	-0.19
(-12% Amphibolite)	1.69				24.61		-0.127
(-20% Amphibolite)	1.51				21.86		-0.097

French et al. 1997

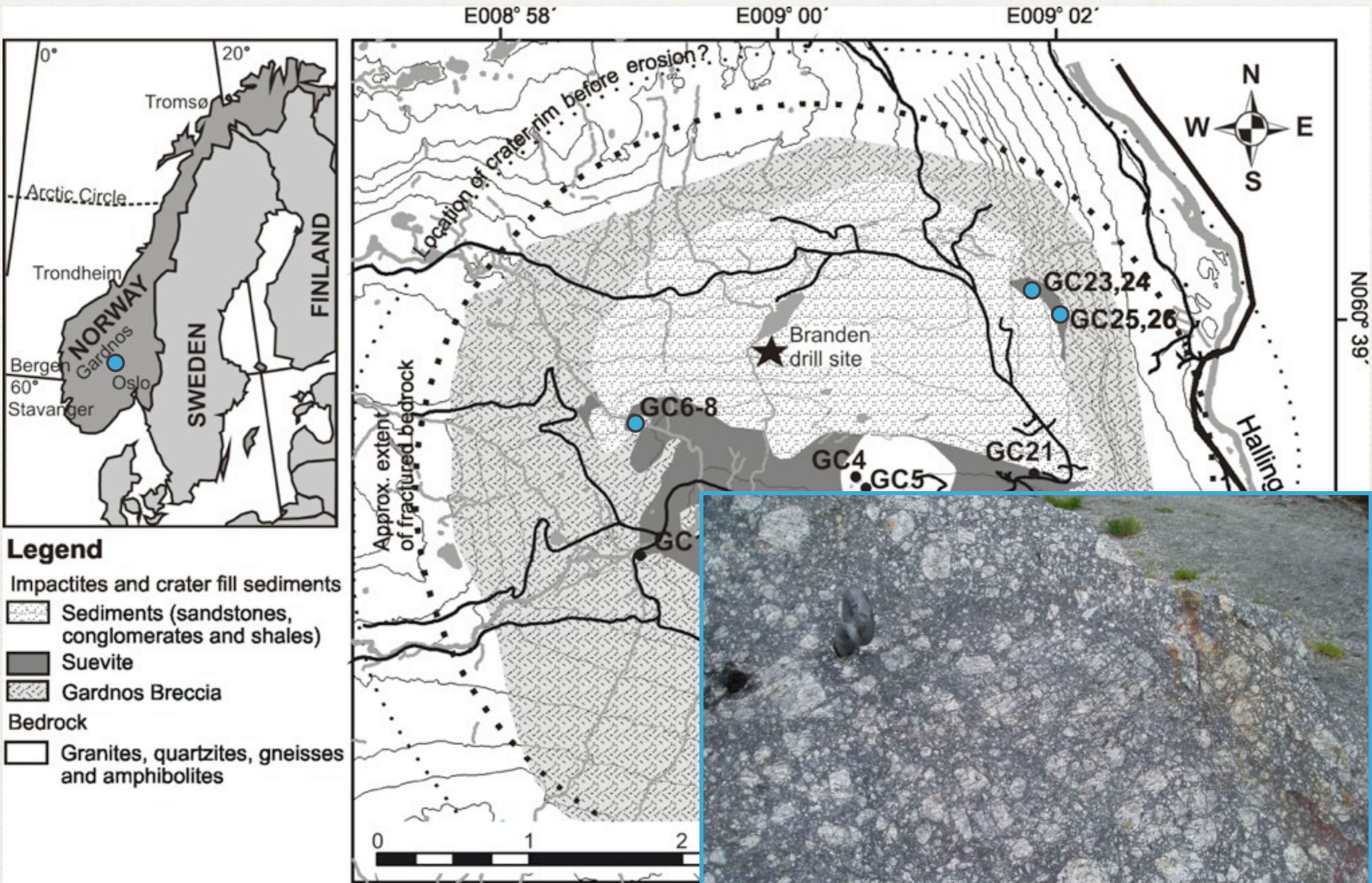
compared to <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os **0.11-0.18** for chondrites and iron meteorites (e.g., Smoliar et al. 1996; Koeberl et al. 2002)

Possible amphibolitic contribution?

+ avg. Ir content of  $1.3 \pm 0.4$  ng/g in suevites

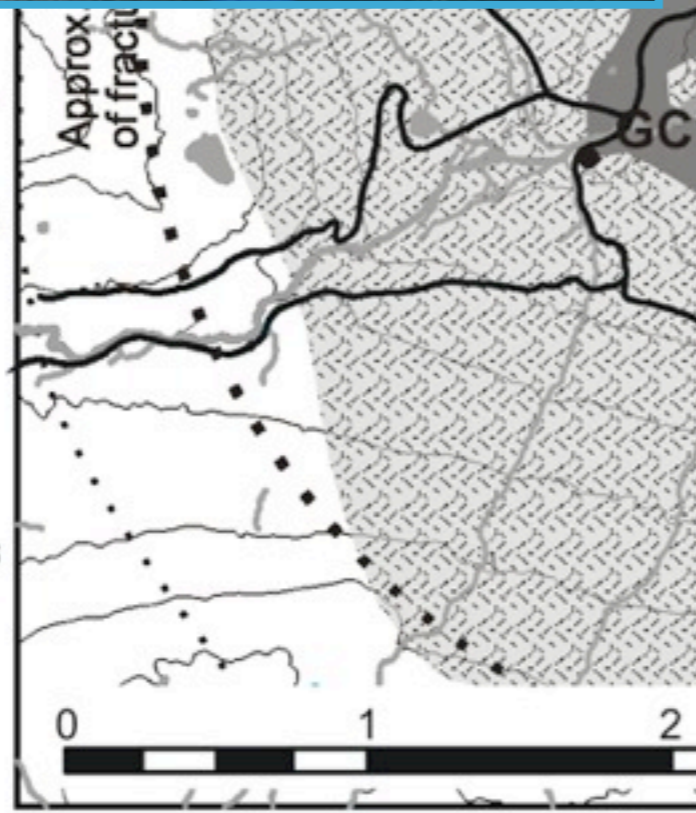
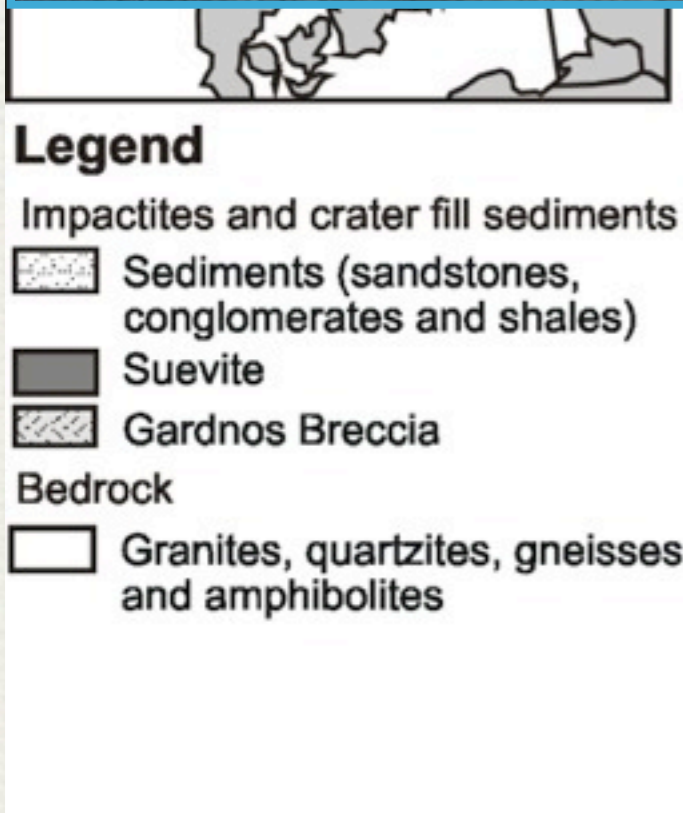
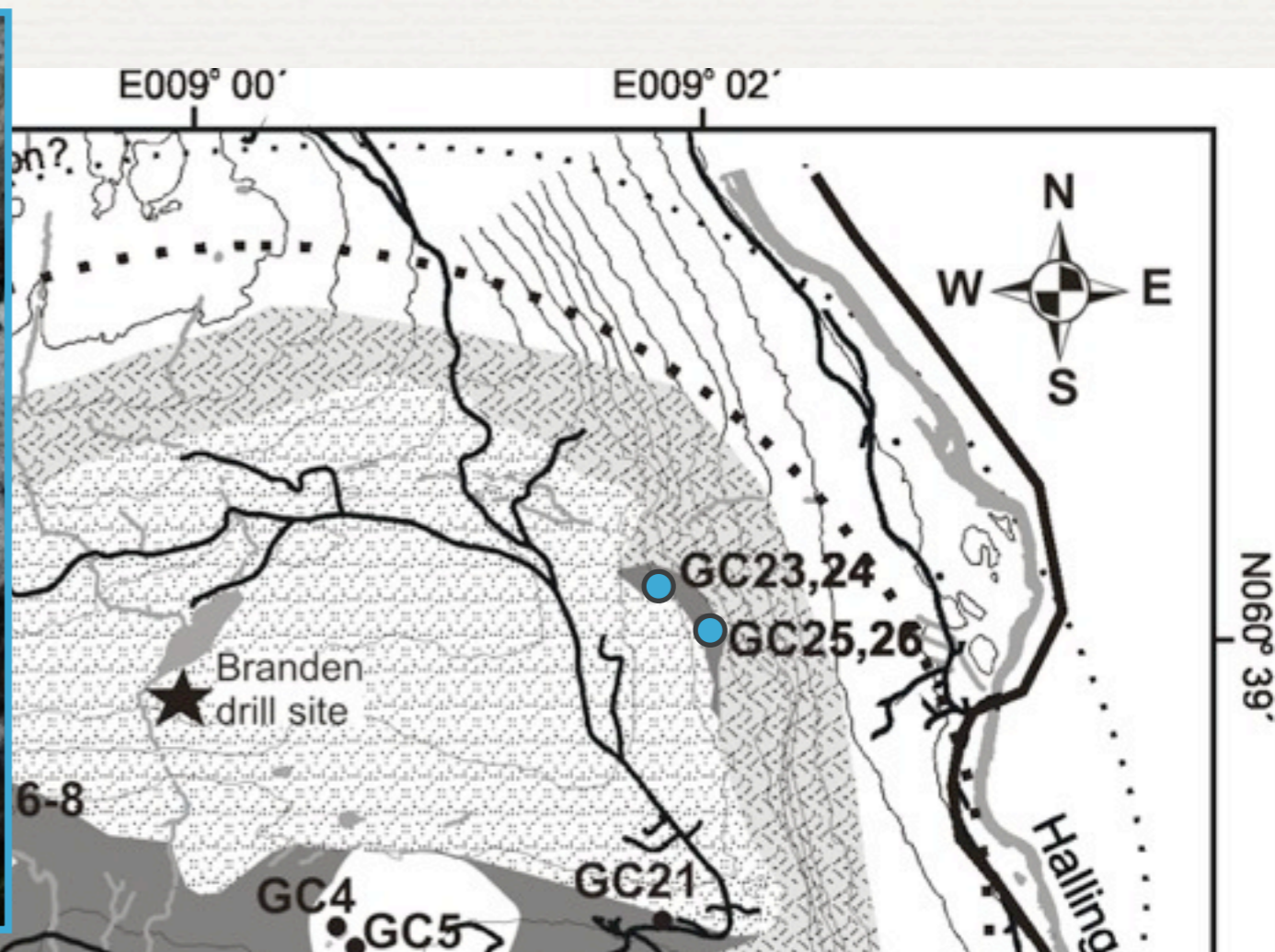


Location of sampled sites at Gardnos, and distribution of target and impactite lithologies, modified after [Kalleson et al. 2008](#)



Location of sampled sites at Gardnos, and lithologies, modified after

Gardnos Breccia

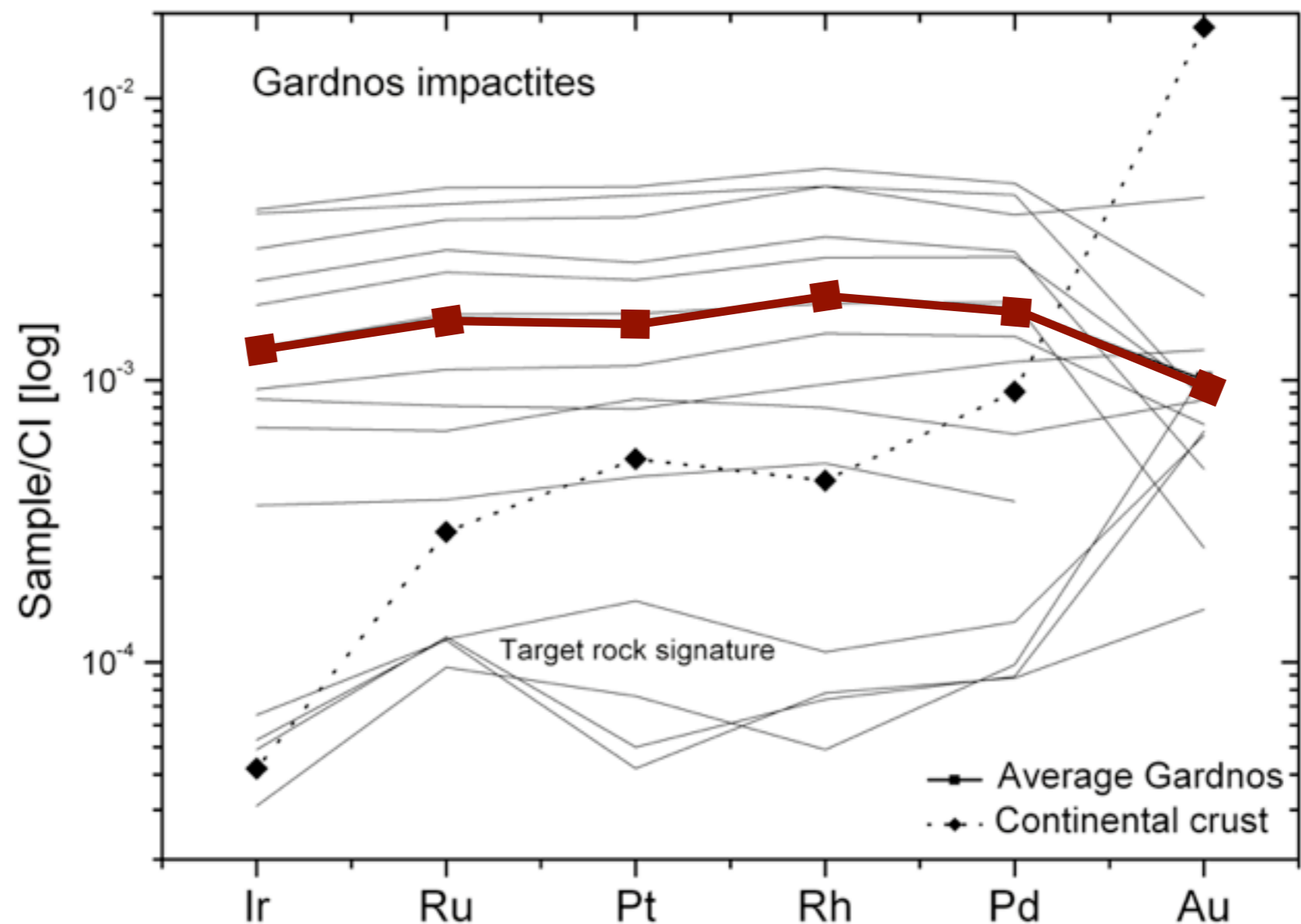


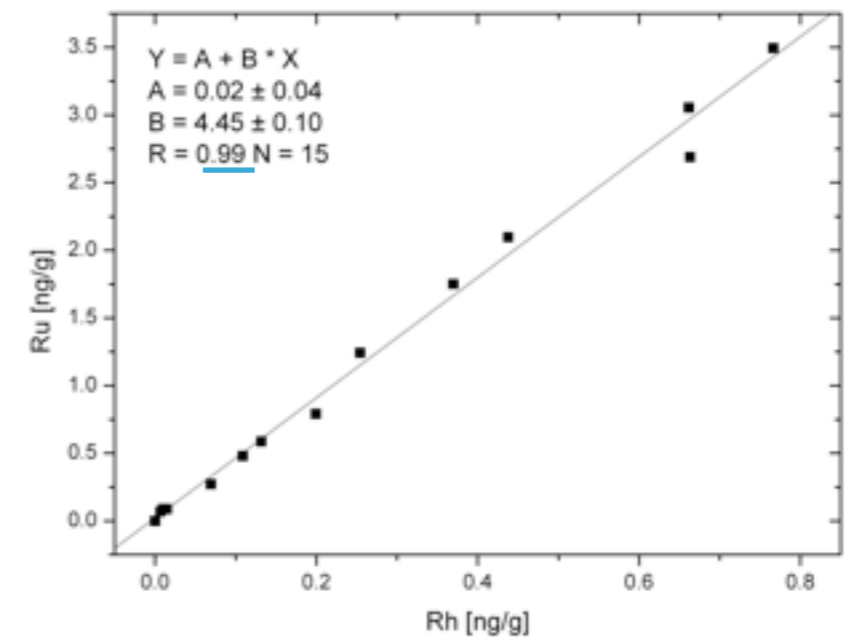
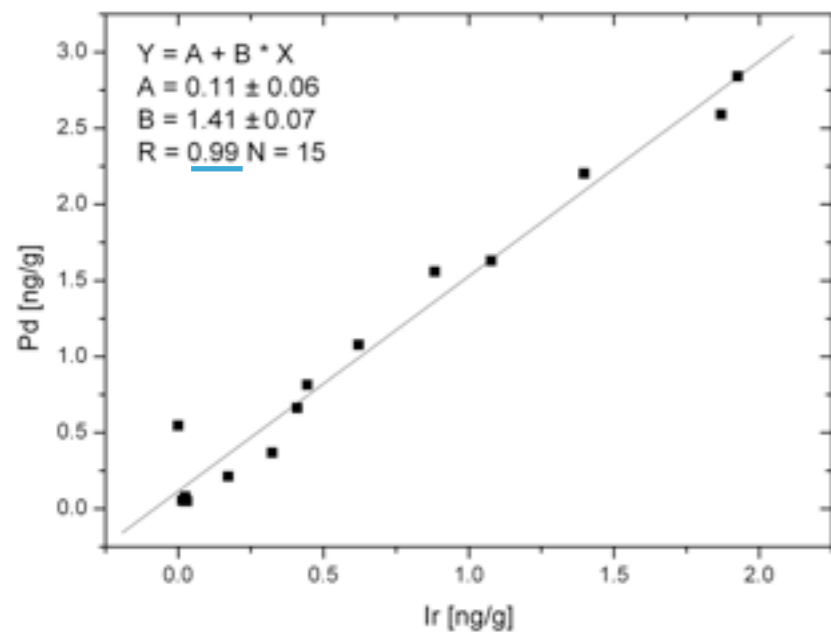
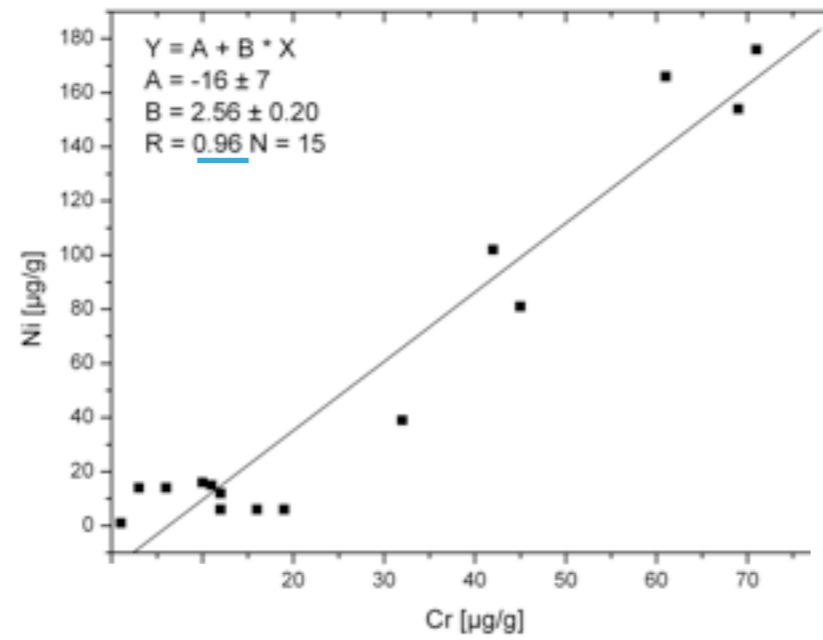
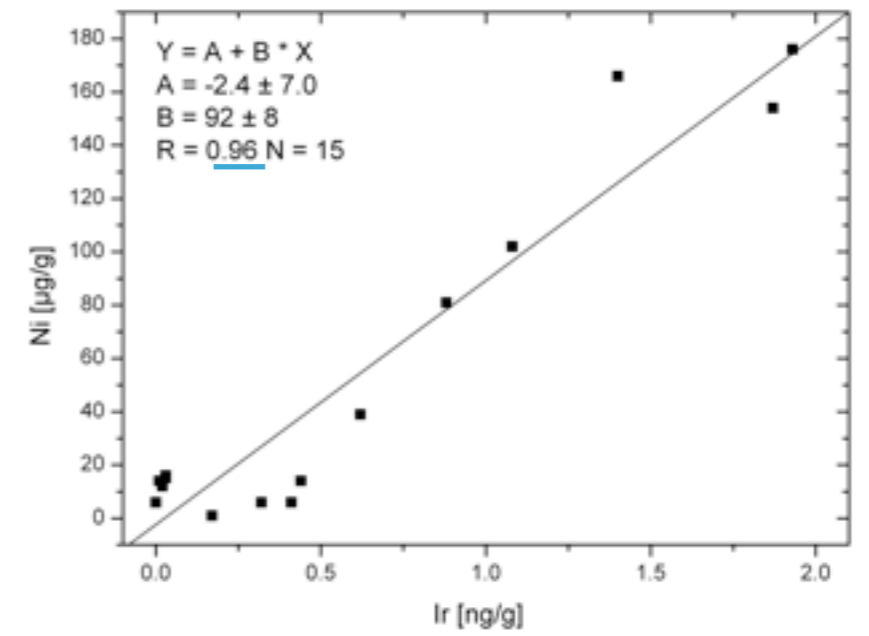
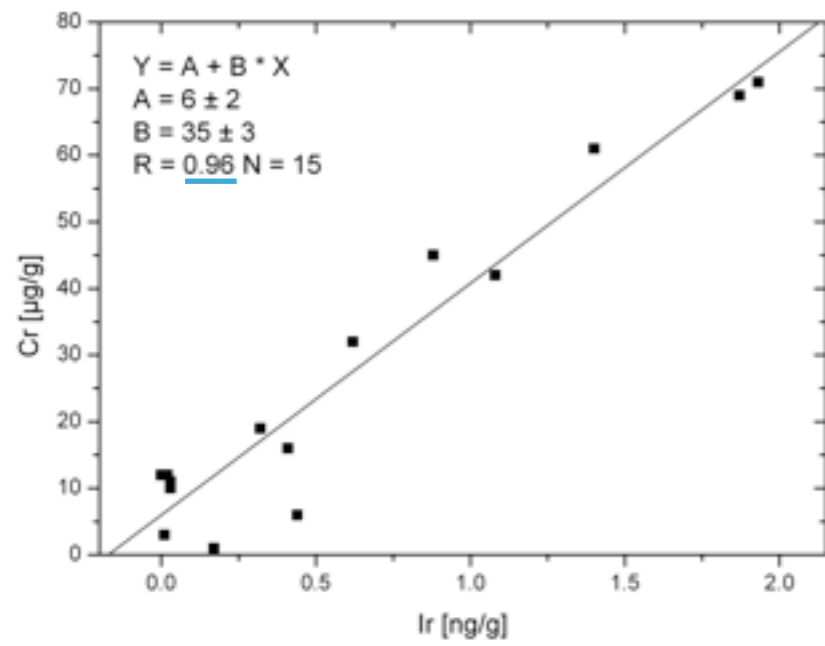
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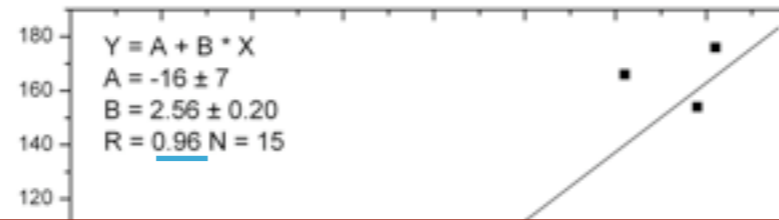
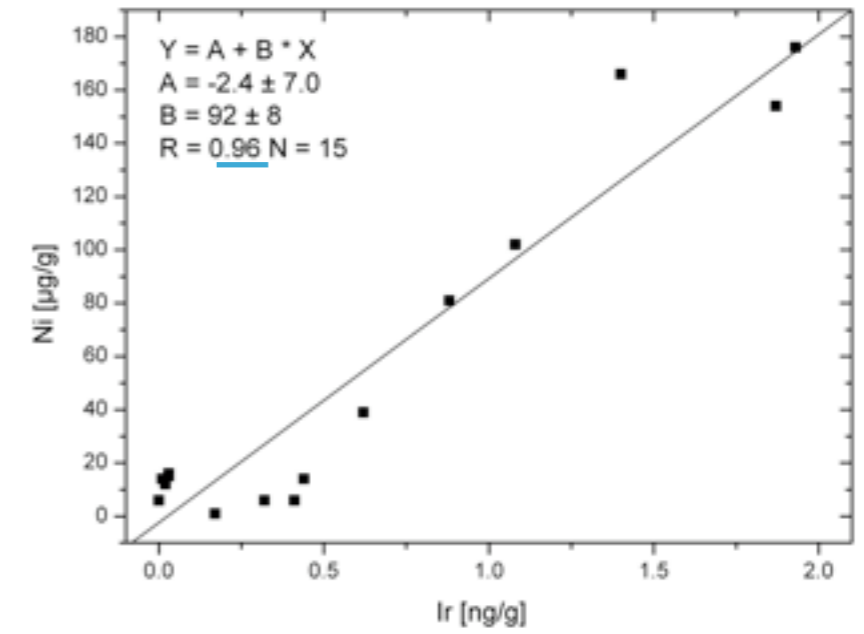
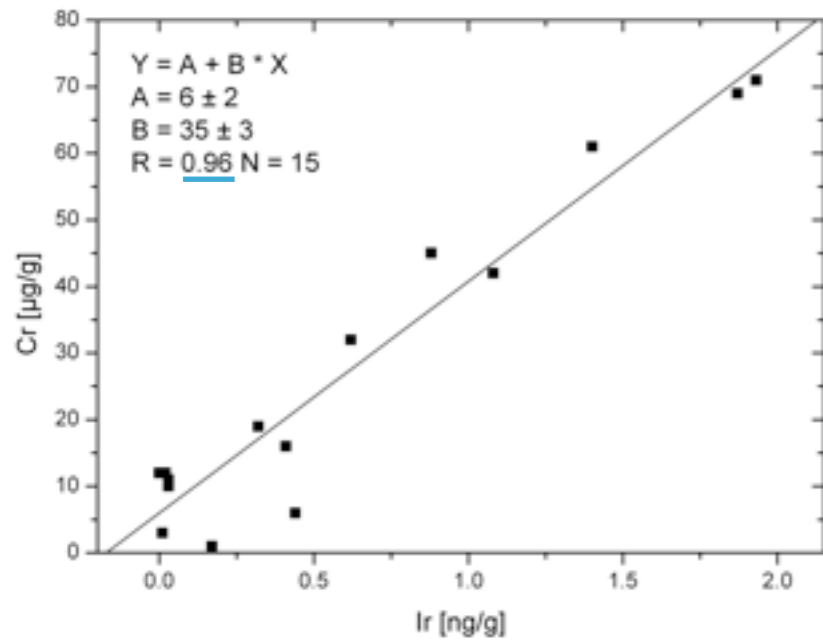
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# 15 samples were analyzed for major, trace, and PGE content

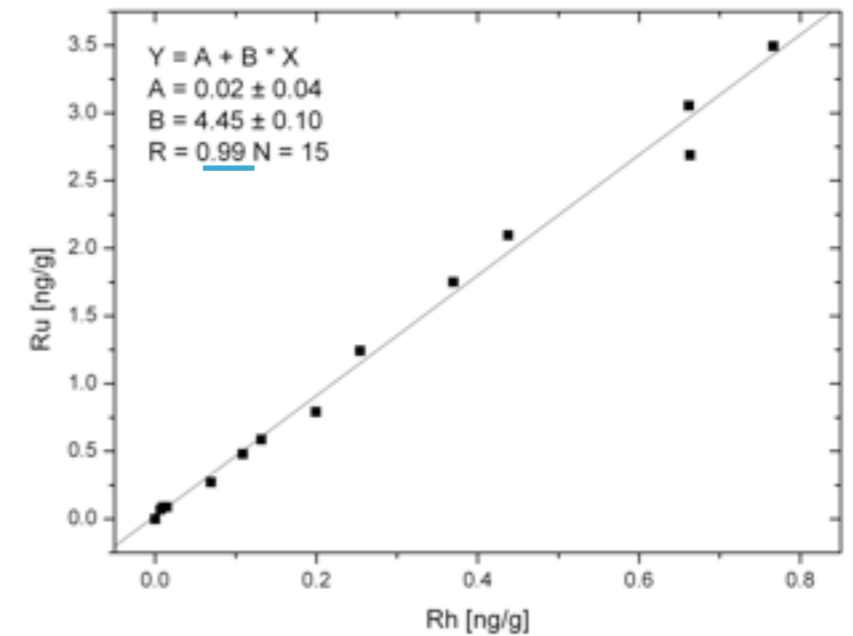
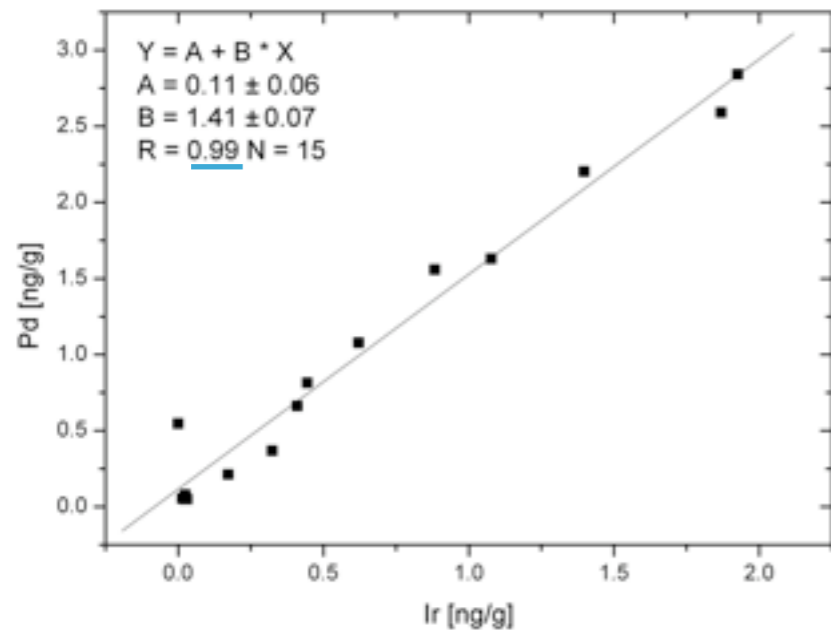
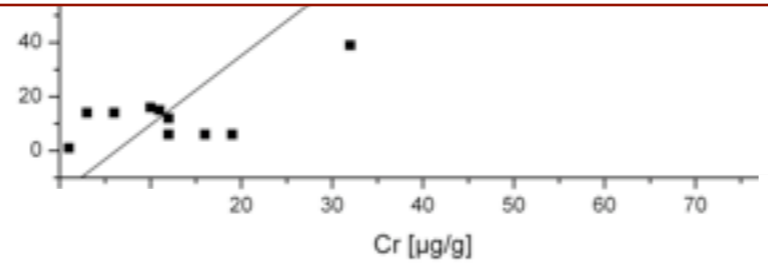
Large variations in Ni (1–176  $\mu\text{g/g}$ ), Cr (1–71  $\mu\text{g/g}$ ), and Ir (bdl–1.926  $\text{ng/g}$ ) contents.  
Highest PGE at boundary between suevites and overlying post-impact sedimentary infill.





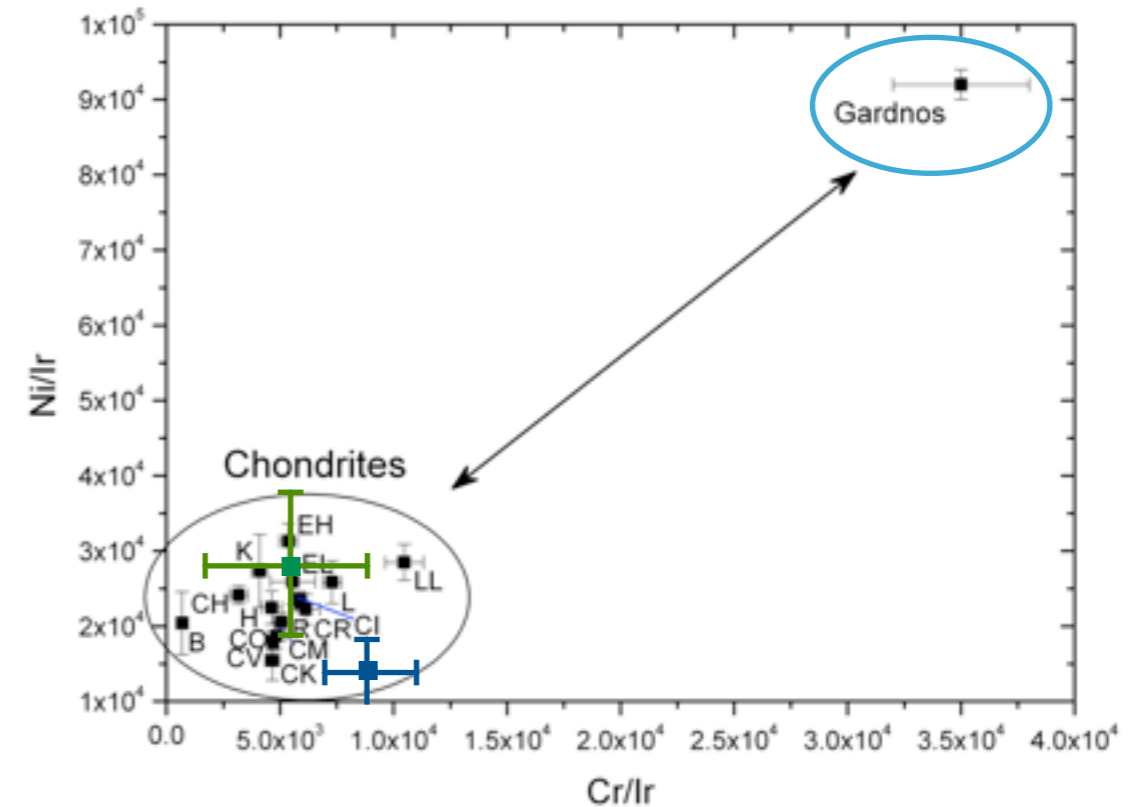
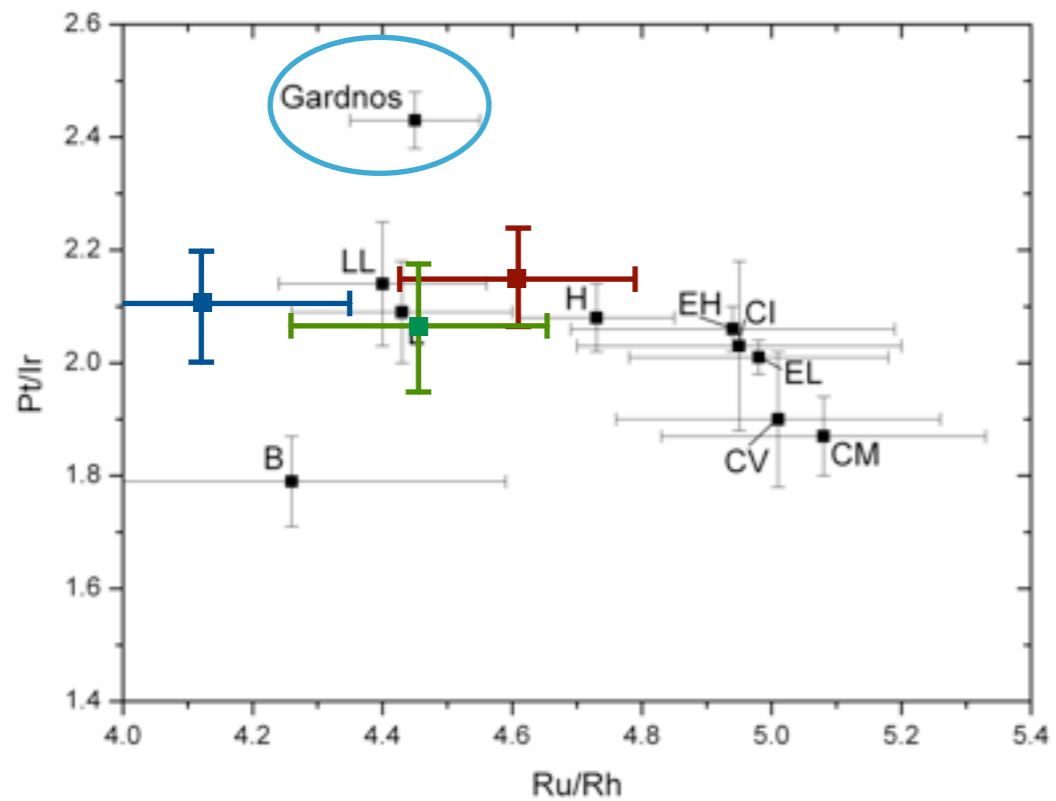
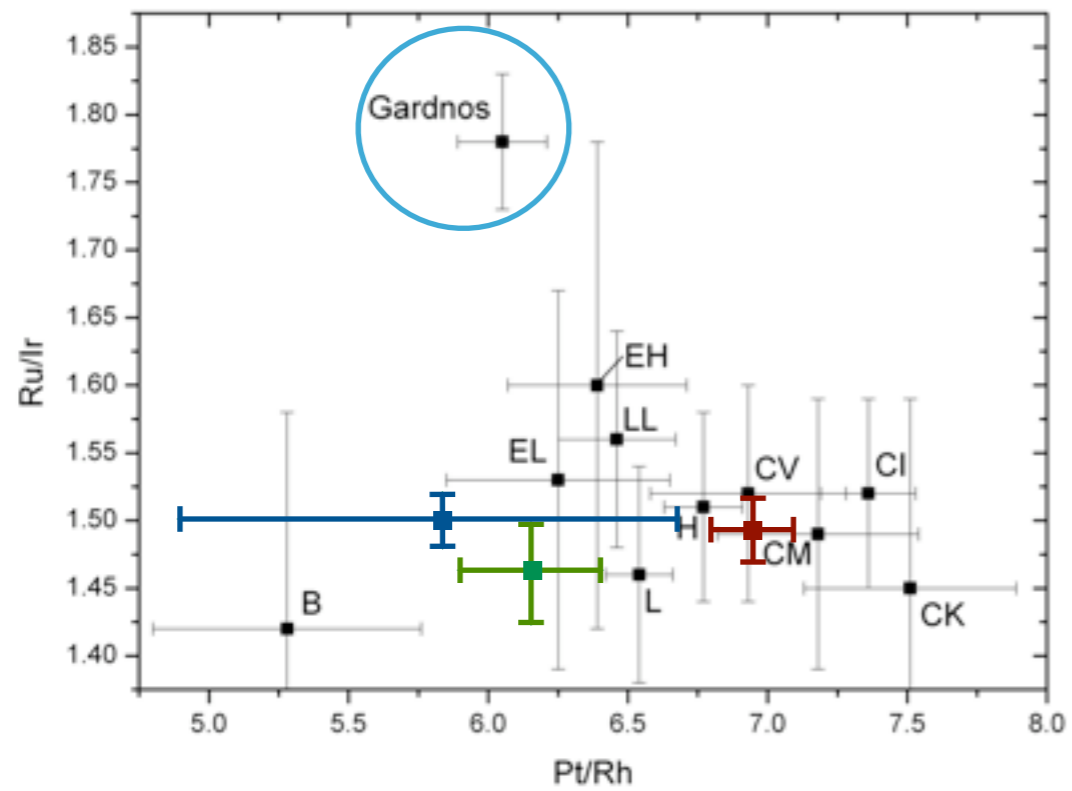


All extremely well correlated! = Single, common source





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 Compare to chondrites:  
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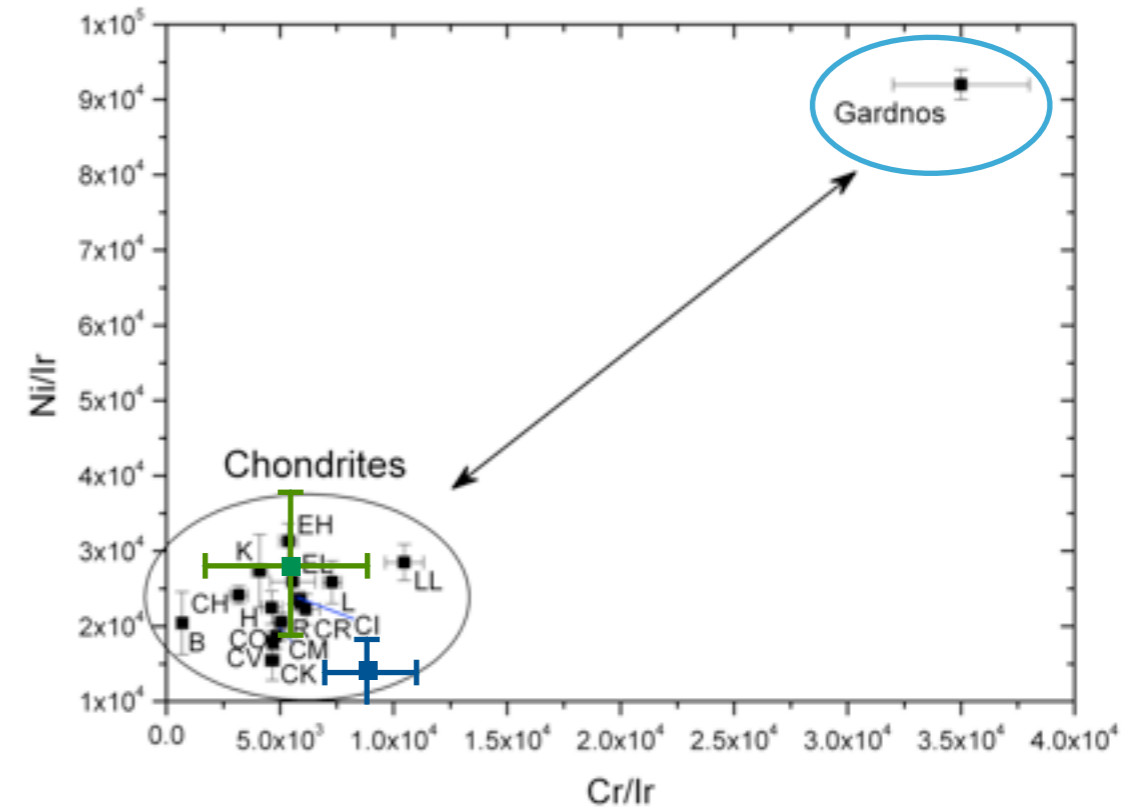
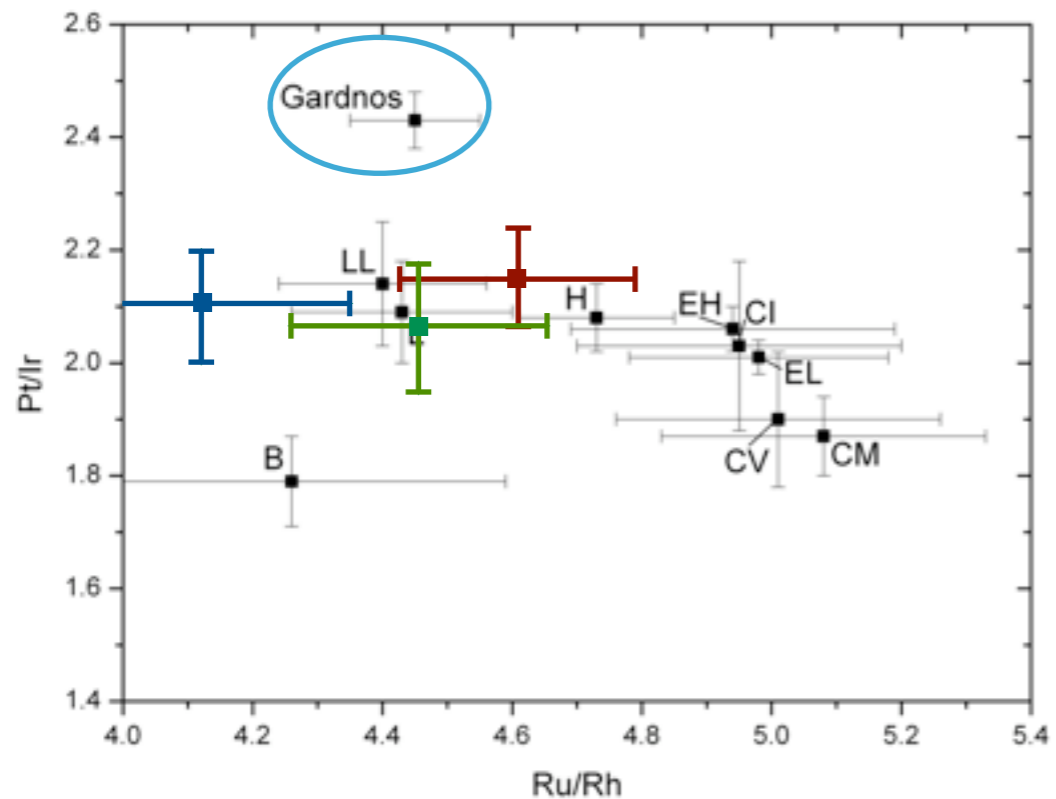
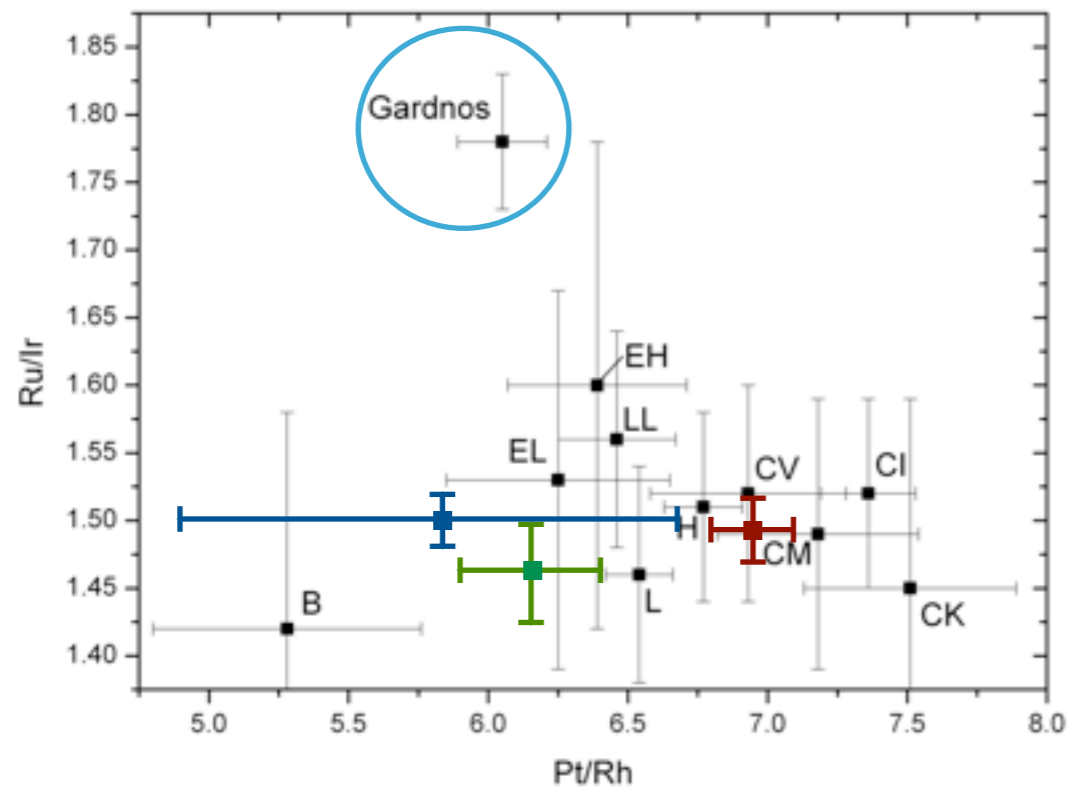
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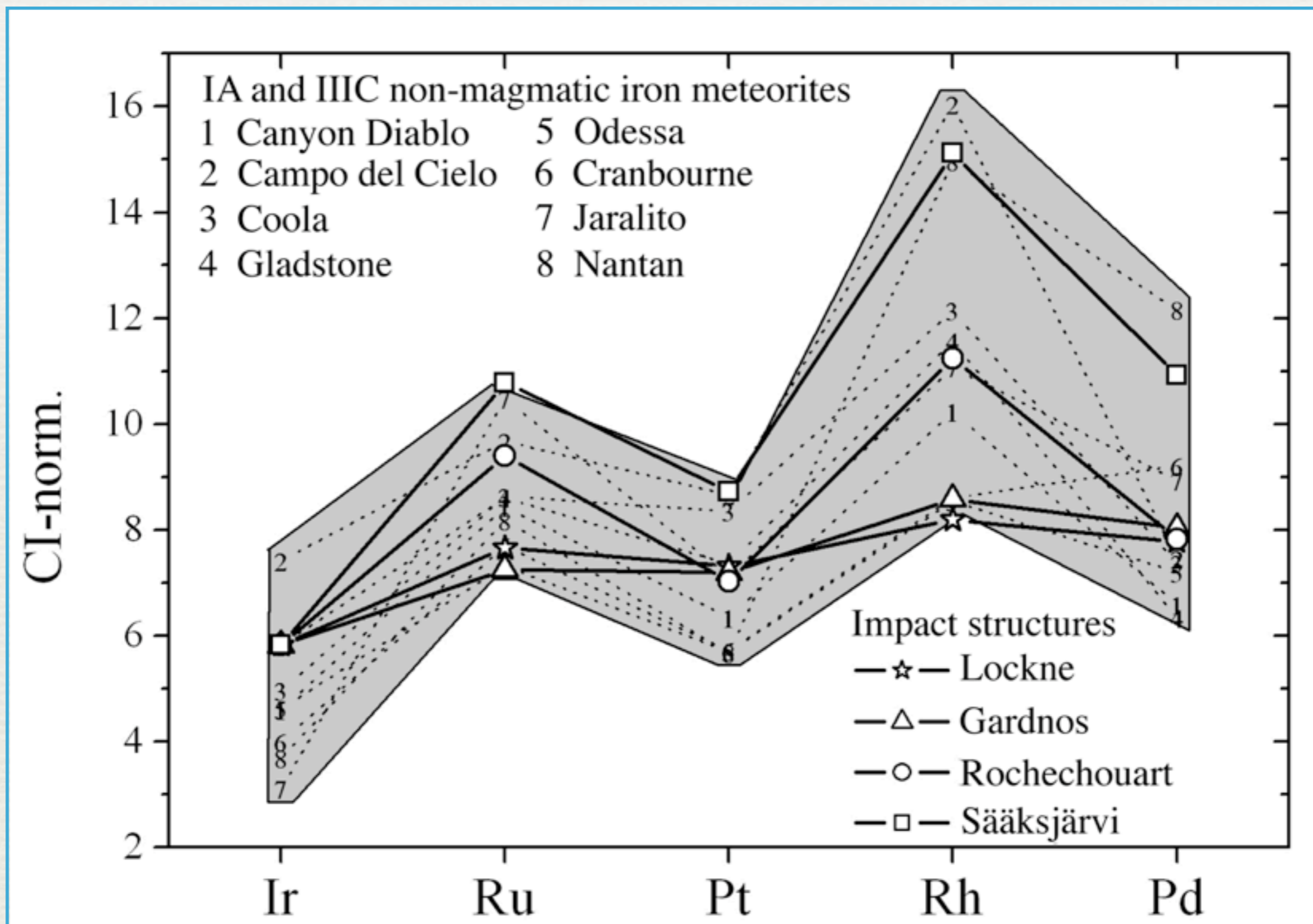
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Close but no cigar!



Recently, different type of projectile has been ID'ed:  
**Non-magmatic iron (NMI) meteorites**



# What are **NMI** (IAB, IIICD, and IIE irons)?

1 cm



IA Udei ~ 20 vol% silicates in iron matrix but can contain **up to 90 vol%** and more!  
(Mittlefehldt et al. 1998)

Second largest group of iron meteorites, including **Canyon Diablo** (Barringer Crater)

NMI are irons that underwent poorly understood processes  
**Break-up and reassembly** of the **same parent body**

IAB irons + primitive winonaites = common parent body and link with the IIICD irons (e.g., Mittlefehldt et al. 1998).

H chondrites + silicate inclusions in IIE irons = similar bulk and mineral compositions, textures, and O-isotopic compositions (Olsen et al. 1994; Casanova et al. 1995)

Main mineral phases are **olivine**, **pyroxene**, and **metal**  
= OC

= **S-type asteroids?**

However metallic iron has no characteristic absorption band and is hard to recognize from Earth  
(Burbine 2002)

**Future plans:** confirm + constrain metal/silicate ratio using Cr isotopes

# Implications?

Gardnos was **not** formed by an **ordinary chondrite**, but by a related type of impactor, namely an **'iron'**

**Meteorites, asteroids, and impactors** = mixture with a range in compositions + different genesis

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Building blocks were all the same = chondritic

Larger structures (~ 5 km) also created by iron meteorites

**Thank you!**