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#### 18 **Abstract**

19 The global supply of Mo and much of Cu and Au comes from porphyry-type ore deposits 20 associated with hydrous magmas of broadly calc-alkaline composition, thought to be 21 generated by contemporaneous subduction zone processes. Molybdenum is generally 22 considered to be derived from the continental crust while Cu and Au are sourced in the 23 mantle wedge above subducting slabs. Here we show that neither contemporaneous 24 subduction nor derivation of Mo from crustal sources is required to explain the genesis of 25 porphyry-Cu-Mo-Au deposits on Proterozoic lithosphere in the eastern Rocky Mountains. 26 Uniform Pb isotope ratios measured by LA-MC-ICP-MS in individual fluid inclusions from 27 distinct Cu-Au and later Mo ore-forming stages at Bingham Canyon, USA, demonstrate a 28 common metal source. Uranogenic Pb isotope ratios are particularly non-radiogenic (17.494 < 29  $^{206}Pb^{204}Pb < 17.534$ ; 15.553 <  $^{207}Pb^{204}Pb < 15.588$ ) and plot to the left of the geochron and 30 above the mantle Pb evolution line. In  $^{207}Pb/^{206}Pb$  vs.  $^{208}Pb/^{206}Pb$  space, the fluid Pb isotope 31 data cluster at the non-radiogenic end of a mixing line described by >80 feldspar data from 32 igneous rocks intimately associated with magmatic-hydrothermal ore formation , which 33 extends to modern depleted mantle or upper crust. Forward Monte Carlo simulations require 34 three events for the U-Th-Pb isotope evolution of the fluid: (1) Late Archean formation of 35 enriched crust is followed by (2) preferential extraction of Pb from this aged crust into a 36 subduction fluid characterized by drastically reduced U/Pb that metasomatized lithospheric 37 mantle at ~ 1.8 Ga. This mantle reservoir then evolved to produce the retarded uranogenic Pb 38 isotope signatures of the Bingham Canyon Cu-Mo-Au deposit in the Cenozoic (3). 39 Similarly retarded uranogenic Pb isotope data characterize the giant porphyry-Mo and

40 Climax-type Mo deposits of Henderson, Questa, Butte, and SE Arizona that occur in 41 Proterozoic sutures of the central and eastern Rocky Mountains. We propose that Cenozoic 42 melting of subcontinental lithospheric mantle metasomatized by subduction fluids during early 43 Proterozoic amalgamation of terranes to the Wyoming Craton provides the metal endowment 44 and subduction flavour to the giant magmatic-hydrothermal Cu-Mo-Au ore deposits in western 45 North America, which together constitute the world's major molybdenum ore province.

46 **Keywords:** 

- 47 Proterozoic subduction metasomatism,
- 48 subcontinental lithospheric mantle,
- 49 Post-collisional ore deposit,
- 50 lead isotopes,
- 51 laser ablation ICPMS

#### 52 **1. Introduction**

53 Porphyry-type ore deposits form from hydrothermal fluid circulation in and around small 54 intrusions atop large, intermediate to felsic, subvolcanic magma chambers that source the 55 ore-forming fluid and most of the metals (e.g., Burnham, 1979; Dilles, 1987; Halter et al., 56 2002, 2005; Williams-Jones and Heinrich, 2005). Magma mixing, fractional crystallization and 57 assimilation characterize these magmatic systems, sustained through repeated injection of 58 basic mantle-derived magma providing heat and chemical components (Hildreth, 1981; 59 Hattori and Keith, 2001; Maughan et al., 2002; Halter et al., 2005). Upper-crustal processes of 60 ore formation are fairly well understood, but far less is known about the deep source 61 characteristics of ore-forming magmas and their metals. This is partly due to hydrothermal 62 alteration in subvolcanic intrusions hosting the ore deposits, which erases much of the earlier 63 bulk geochemical and isotopic record. The debate is therefore alive, whether specific magma 64 sources are required to form economically significant deposits of Cu, Mo and Au, but also of 65 W, Sn, and platinum-group elements including Re. Empirical evidence for lithosphere-scale 66 source control includes the observation that some regions of the Earth seem particularly well 67 endowed with certain types of ore deposits. Four of the world's six largest molybdenum 68 deposits (Climax, Henderson, Butte, and Bingham Canyon) occur in the western USA within 69 less than 1% of the Earth's land surface (Singer et al., 2005). If lithosphere-scale source 70 characteristics are essential for such extraordinary metal accumulation, the potential of finding 71 new ore resources of the same type would be largely limited to such provinces. Alternatively, 72 if fluid processes in magmatic-hydrothermal systems in the shallow crust alone would account 73 for the formation of these economic geochemical anomalies, any area with a suitable 74 magmatic-hydrothermal architecture could become a target for exploration.

75 Fluid evolution and ore mineral precipitation in hydrothermal systems are recorded by 76 multiple generations of fluid inclusion assemblages and mineral inclusions, and their trapping 77 sequence can be established through careful thin-section petrography. At concentrations of 78 several thousand µg Pb per g of fluid (e.g., Landtwing et al., 2005; Seo et al., 2009; Klemm et 79 al., 2008), the hydrothermal fluid is by far the most Pb enriched phase conserved in the high-80 temperature magmatic-hydrothermal ores; co-existing minerals contain traces of Pb only. 81 Compositional modification of fluid inclusions after their entrapment in non-reactive quartz is 82 unlikely or can be recognized by petrography or microthermometry, whereas trace amounts of 83 Pb in porphyry-stage minerals (feldspars, Cu-Fe-sulphides) are easily modified by later, 84 cooler fluids that commonly deposit galena (PbS) from a potentially different lead source. 85 Direct analysis of Pb-rich high-temperature fluids therefore provides hitherto unavailable, 86 controlled access to the most pristine Pb isotopic signatures of magmatic-hydrothermal ore-87 forming systems.

88 As a new and direct tracer of magmatic fluid source, we report the first in-situ measured 89 Pb isotopic data of individual fluid inclusions from Mo and Cu-Au mineralized veins and 90 magmatic feldspar phenocrysts for the porphyry-Cu-Au-Mo deposit at Bingham Canyon, Utah 91 (Fig. 1), one of the world's largest and best-studied porphyry-type volcano-plutonic systems 92 (e.g., Stacey et al., 1968; Waite et al., 1997; Maughan et al., 2002; Redmond et al., 2004; 93 Redmond and Inaudi, 2010; Landtwing et al., 2005, 2010). We use radiogenic isotope 94 systematics, because these retain a memory of processes which predate the formation of the 95 fluid-generating magmas. Lead isotope systematics are particularly powerful because three 96 radioactive decay chains produce distinct Pb isotopes  $(^{238}U \rightarrow ^{206}Pb. ^{235}U \rightarrow ^{207}Pb$  and  $^{232}Th$  $97 \rightarrow$  <sup>208</sup>Pb). Besides source fingerprinting, Pb isotopes also provide time-integrated information 98 on Pb/U/Th ratios in the melt source, elements that are particularly sensitive to fractionation 99 during fluid-assisted processes in the mantle and crust. Monte Carlo simulations are used to 100 evaluate radiogenic Pb growth scenarios able to reproduce our measured Pb isotope 101 signatures of the ore-forming fluid. Consistent with independent geological and geophysical 102 constraints, we propose that ore-forming magmas and their metal endowment, including 103 notably those sourcing porphyry-type Cu-Mo, Cu-Mo-Au and even large Climax-type Mo 104 deposits in the eastern Rocky Mountains of the USA are derived from anciently

- 105 metasomatized subcontinental lithospheric mantle. Contrary to current views, significant input
- 106 from evolved lower crustal sources, especially for Mo, appears unlikely.

#### 107 **2. Bingham geology and sample characterization**

108 The giant Cu-Au-Mo deposit at Bingham Canyon formed in the late Eocene as part of a 109 now partly eroded volcano-plutonic complex composed of calc-alkaline to shoshonitic and 110 subordinate alkaline magmatic rocks (e.g., Maughan et al., 2002; Waite et al., 1997; 111 Redmond and Einaudi, 2010). Hosted by a sequence of shallow monzonitic intrusions, it is 112 situated in the Oquirrh Mountains in the easternmost part of the Basin and Range province. 113 The Oquirrh mountains sit on the western projection of the Uinta axis, a Late Proterozoic 114 basin extending along an even older continental suture (Presnell, 1997). To the east follows 115 the Cheyenne Belt, which delineates the suture between Archean crust to the north (the 116 Wyoming Province) and juvenile, accretionary, arc-like, paleo-Proterozoic terranes in the 117 south (Dueker et al., 2001; Karlstrom et al., 2004; Mueller and Frost, 2006; Fig. 1). 118 In the Bingham Canyon deposit, alternating dyke intrusion and veining phases document 119 an intimate relationship between magmatic and hydrothermal activity (Fig. 2). Cross-cutting 120 relationships demonstrate that all Cu ± Au veins are older than a distinct last generation of 121 veins containing most of the molybdenite ( $MoS<sub>2</sub>$ ), which formed after the last stage of dyke

122 intrusion (Redmond et al., 2004; Redmond and Inaudi, 2010).

123 Samples of quartz - chalcopyrite (Cu-Au stage) and quartz - molybdenite (Mo stage) veins 124 contain numerous pseudosecondary fluid inclusion assemblages, which can be

125 petrographically related to distinct phases of Cu-sulphide and molybdenite mineralization (Fig.

126 2). The trapping history of the fluid inclusions plus extensive microthermometric and

127 compositional data are reported in Landtwing et al. (2005, 2010). Both pulses of ore formation

128 occurred between 425 - 350 °C from two-phase aqueous fluids (vapour and brine), which

129 formed by phase separation from a single-phase magmatic-hydrothermal fluid of ~7 wt-%

130 NaCl<sub>equivalent</sub> bulk salinity.

131 Late Eocene shallow intrusive rocks hosting the Bingham porphyry-type Cu-Au±Mo deposit 132 are almost pervasively altered, with the exception of relicts of large magmatic feldspar pheno-133 or xenocrysts. In-situ Pb isotope analyses were thus carried out on K-feldspar and plagioclase 134 from Quartz-Monzonite Porphyry (QMP), Biotite Porphyry (BP) and Quartz Latite Porphyry 135 (QLP), three intrusions that, from old to young, bracket the hydrothermal Cu±Au input into the 136 Bingham Canyon deposit (Waite et al., 1997). These late Eocene - early Oligocene magmas 137 intruded Paleozoic quartzite and limestone. Co-existing plagioclase and K-feldspar were also 138 analyzed in order to test for Pb isotope disequilibrium between different minerals in the same 139 rock. One rock sample (D404-1676) was also tested for the effects of potassic alteration of K-140 feldspar on Pb isotope systematics.

141 Melanephelinite and shoshonite lavas of the less-altered volcanic section of mafic and

142 variably alkaline magmas in Rose Canyon, some 9 km to the SSE of the Bingham Canyon

143 mine, have been interpreted to be directly related to the ore-forming magmas (Maughan et al.,

144 2002). Four bulk rock samples were thus also analyzed for Pb isotope ratios.

#### 145 **3. Analytical techniques**

146 For in-situ Pb isotope analysis we use a new method of laser-ablation multiple-collector 147 inductively-coupled-plasma mass-spectrometry (LA-MC-ICP-MS) developed at ETH Zurich 148 (Pettke et al., 2008; electronic appendix ES 1). A Geolas ArF excimer laser system (Lambda 149 Physik, Germany; Günther et al., 1998) is coupled to two different MC-ICP-MS instruments 150 (Nu Instruments, Wrexham, UK). The pulsed laser beam opens and liberates the entire 151 contents of individual inclusions in a controlled manner, and the fast transient Pb isotopic 152 signals are simultaneously recorded on Faraday detectors in static mode. Mass bias 153 correlation parameters between measured  $^{205}$ TI $^{203}$ TI and Pb isotope ratios are established by 154 measurements on NIST SRM 610 glass and then applied for within-run correction of the fluid 155 inclusion analyses employing aspirated, desolvated Tl (Baxter et al., 2006). Isobaric 156 interference by Hg on mass 204 is subtracted based on measured  $^{202}$ Hg intensities; other 157 interferences were insignificant at the analytical precision obtained, even for SRM 610 glass, 158 a trace element doped (nominally 500  $\mu$ g/g) standard reference material. The analytical 159 procedure has been successfully tested on synthetic Na-K-Pb-Cl fluid inclusions of known Pb 160 isotopic composition (SRM 981), yielding accurate ratios for individual inclusions containing 161 as little as 0.01 ng total Pb. The external precision achieved on our synthetic fluid inclusion 162 analyses converges to  $\pm$  0.08% (2 s.d.) for  $^{208}Pb^{206}Pb$  and  $^{207}Pb^{206}Pb$  and to  $\pm$  0.4 % for Pb

163 isotope ratios containing mass 204. Magmatic feldspar phenocrysts and xenocrysts were 164 analyzed with the same routine.

165 The same feldspar crystals were analyzed for their major and trace element compositions, 166 using a GeolasPro laser system combined with a Perkin Elmer Elan DRC-e ICP-MS 167 instrument at the University of Bern (see Pettke, 2008, for instrumental details and 168 optimization strategies). Data quantification was based on SRM 612 for external calibration, 169 and internal standardization was done by summation of all major element oxides to 100 wt-%. 170 The accuracy of the data is routinely better than  $\pm 3$  % (2 s.d.). 171 Five bulk rock Pb isotopic analyses were also performed. Rocks were crushed and then 172 powdered in agate mills. 100 mg aliquots of rock powder were digested in a mixture of 9:1 173 HF:HNO<sub>3</sub> at 180 °C in Savillex screwtop beakers. Lead was extracted from the samples 174 employing mixed  $HNO<sub>3</sub>$ -HBr ion exchange procedures (Galer, 1986). Measurements were 175 done on a Nu Plasma MC-ICP-MS at the University of Bern in static mode, using Faraday 176 cups and employing Tl addition for within-run correction of mass bias. Measurements on SRM 177 981 performed during the same session were identical to the reference values.

#### 178 **4. Results**

179 24 individual fluid inclusions from 8 assemblages in 5 samples were investigated in two 180 analytical sessions (Table 1). The precise results (Fig. 3) document identical Pb isotopic 181 signatures for the successive (Fig. 2) Cu-Au *and* Mo ore stages at Bingham Canyon. The Pb 182 isotopic signatures are conspicuously non-radiogenic, with averages for individual fluid 183 inclusion assemblages restricted to 17.494  $<sup>206</sup>Pb/204Pb < 17.534$ , 15.553  $<sup>207</sup>Pb/204Pb <$ </sup></sup> 184 15.588, 38.22 <  $^{208}Pb/^{204}Pb$  < 38.31, 0.88805 <  $^{207}Pb/^{206}Pb$  < 0.88955, 2.1803 <  $^{208}Pb/^{206}Pb$  < 185 2.1853. Such a non-radiogenic signature is rare for Phanerozoic rocks and has never been 186 reported for classical subduction-related calcalkaline magmas, with or without associated 187 porphyry-type ore deposits. Data on element concentrations of Mo, Cu, Au, Pb, U and Th are 188 also reported in Table 1. For Bingham ore fluids, measured U/Pb ratios are ~ 0.001 and 189 Th/Pb ratios are << 0.001; hence, correction for in-situ grown radiogenic Pb since fluid 190 inclusion formation at ca. 38 Ma (Parry et al., 2001) is insignificant. We thus report measured 191 Pb isotope ratios.

192 The fluid inclusion results lie at the non-radiogenic end of a linear trend in  $207Pb/206Pb$  vs. 193  $^{208}$ Pb/ $^{206}$ Pb space defined by ~80 in-situ analyses on feldspar phenocrysts and xenocrysts 194 from the associated intrusions (Fig. 4; Electronic Supplementary Table ES2). This linear trend 195 extends towards more radiogenic values of present-day depleted mantle. Some K-feldspar 196 phenocrysts host melt and fluid inclusions. Inclusion-poor and inclusion-rich analyses 197 randomly align along the same Pb isotopic trend; the one analysis on a sample devoid of 198 inclusions lies in the central part of the trend (Fig. 5A). Lead isotope systematics in co-existing 199 K-feldspar and plagioclase often show Pb isotope disequilibrium within the same rock (Fig. 200 5B), their data conforming to the same trend, however.

201 Compositionally, the feldspars are strikingly uniform (Table ES2). Most importantly, all 202 feldspar analyses have U/Pb and Th/Pb abundance ratios smaller than 0.0003 and 0.0002, 203 respectively, thus requiring no correction for in-situ grown Pb since 38 Ma. Anorthite contents 204 in plagioclase vary little across the successive intrusions, from An22 to An25. K-feldspar  $205$  Na<sub>2</sub>O/K<sub>2</sub>O ratios are variable. Inclusion-free K-feldspar (e.g., sample 4890-2080) has  $206$  Na<sub>2</sub>O/K<sub>2</sub>O up to 0.28, while inclusion-rich feldspar domains from hydrothermally overprinted 207 sample D404-1676 are characterized by  $Na<sub>2</sub>O/K<sub>2</sub>O \sim 0.14$ , consistent with ore-related potassic 208 alteration. Contents of Ba are 1 wt-% on average, in line with the conspicuously high Ba 209 contents of the bulk rocks (Maughan et al., 2002).

210 Bulk rock Pb isotope data for the melanephelinite and shoshonite rock suites, which occur 211 peripherally to the Bingham Canyon mine and were considered to be co-sanguineous with the 212 ore-forming magma (Waite et al., 1997, Maughan et al., 2002), do not plot on the Bingham Pb 213 isotope trend (Fig. 4) but are enriched in <sup>208</sup>Pb relative to <sup>207</sup>Pb. The melanephelinite samples 214 show the most radiogenic Pb isotope compositions measured on Bingham magmas, 215 interpreted to reflect the most significant addition of present-day common mantle Pb, this 216 being in tune with their largest content of compatible elements. However, the Pb isotopic 217 composition of the propylitically altered pre-mineralization Equigranular Monzonite sample 218 from the Bingham Canyon pit plots on the mixing trend defined by the in-situ feldspar and fluid 219 inclusion analyses.

#### 220 **5. Discussion: Source of Bingham ore fluids**

221 The fluid Pb isotope signatures for the chemically distinct and temporally successive Cu-222 Au and Mo mineralization stages of the Bingham Canyon deposit are identical, implying a 223 common metal source. The ore fluids occupy the non-radiogenic end of a dominantly binary 224 mixing array populated by feldspar phenocryst data from the ore-related porphyry intrusions 225 (Figs. 4, 5). These subvolcanic intrusions are too small to be the source of the ore fluids, 226 indicating that the ore fluids and the subvolcanic intrusions originate from a common, much 227 larger but only partially homogenized magma reservoir (cf. Halter et al., 2005). The more 228 radiogenic lead isotope component of the feldspar phenocryst mixing array may be of mid- to 229 upper crustal derivation (cf. Stacey et al., 1968) or may represent addition of a common 230 mantle component. The non-radiogenic mixing component dominating in the ore fluids thus 231 represents a deep endmember component and probably relates to the magma source that 232 also contributed the ore metals. The origin of this deep and retarded uranogenic lead 233 component plotting to the left of the geochron (Fig. 6A) is the focus of the following 234 discussion.

#### 235 **5.1 A lower crustal magma and metal source?**

236 The classic view on Cretaceous to Tertiary evolved magmatism in Precambrian crustal 237 domains of the Rocky Mountains, including the Bingham – Uinta district, interprets the 238 dominant parental melt to be derived from evolved lower continental crust assembled during 239 the Proterozoic (e.g., Stacey et al., 1968; Zartman, 1974; Farmer and De Paolo, 1983, 1984). 240 Arguments for this lower-crustal melt source are based on combined radiogenic isotope 241 systematics (variably negative present-day  $\varepsilon_{Nd}$ , moderately radiogenic Sr, and non-radiogenic 242 Pb isotope ratios) and the often peraluminous character of the most evolved magmas.

243 Figure 6 compares xenolith Pb isotope data for lower crust and lithospheric mantle below 244 western North America with the Bingham data. Lower crustal xenolith data scatter strongly 245 and plot above the MORB-source mantle evolution line, for the Archean Wyoming Craton at 246 variably low  $^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb$ , and for Proterozoic crust at variably higher  $^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb$ . Xenoliths of 247 metasomatized subcontinental lithospheric mantle from the Wyoming Craton and the adjacent 248 Great Falls Tectonic Zone tend to have  $^{206}Pb^{204}Pb$  ratios intermediate to these groups and 249 cluster around the Bingham data, with slightly elevated  $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$  and less radiogenic

 $250$   $^{206}$ Pb/ $^{204}$ Pb compared to Proterozoic crustal xenoliths. Galena and feldspar data from the 251 Bingham - Oquirrh region plot at high  $^{207}Pb/204Pb$  for a given  $^{206}Pb/204Pb$ , identified by Stacey 252 et al. (1968) as mixing between subordinate upper crustal radiogenic Pb and a more remote 253 Pb source assumed to be ancient lower crust. While the scatter in the feldspar  $^{206}Pb^{204}Pb$ 254 data might be due to upper-crustal contamination or represent subordinate contribution of 255 modern mantle Pb (as indicated by the extension of the feldspar data towards Aleutian arc 256 lava signatures), the source of the endmember component dominating the fluid data remains 257 ambiguous. Lead, Nd and Sr isotope systematics alone do not allow a clear distinction 258 between a lower crustal and a modified lithospheric mantle source of the parental magmas. 259 As an alternative to lower-crustal melt generation, other workers have favoured a 260 metasomatized lithospheric mantle source for mafic magma components with comparable 261 radiogenic isotope systematics, occurring in Proterozoic crustal domains characterized by 262 lithospheric thinning (e.g., Kempton et al., 1991; Harry and Leeman, 1995; Hawkesworth et 263 al., 1995; Johnson et al., 1990; Johnson, 1991; Hart et al., 1997).

#### 264 **5.2 An ancient lithospheric mantle magma and metal source for Bingham Canyon**

265 In the following section, we show that the ore-fluid endpoint can be explained by a 266 guantitative U-Th-Pb evolution model, in which the parental magma is derived by melting a 267 subcontinental lithospheric mantle that had been metasomatized by subduction fluids about 268 1.8 billion years ago. The model reproduces the present-day Pb isotope ratios measured in 269 the ore fluids, while satisfying independent geochemical and geodynamic boundary 270 conditions. Two long-lasting evolution stages bounded by three events are required by the 271 uranogenic Pb isotope signatures to have affected the source region of the Bingham 272 magmas, as indicated schematically in Figure 7 and tested with Monte Carlo simulations 273 (Table 2). Thorogenic Pb systematics contribute complementary information only, but are 274 consistent with the model. One-stage evolution models cannot satisfy uranogenic Pb isotope 275 systematics and are therefore rejected. Variations of  $\pm$  0.2 Ga in the timing of events 1 and 2 276 are easily tolerated in our preferred model, variations that exceed those permitted by the 277 known geological evolution of the region. Figure 8 depicts our preferred Pb evolution model, 278 which leads to the conspicuously non-radiogenic Pb isotopic composition of the ore-forming 279 fluid that lies to the left of the geochron and above the MORB source mantle evolution line

280 (Kramers and Tolstikhin, 1997), in <sup>207</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb and <sup>208</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb vs. <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb representation, 281 together with the three major events marked by solid stars.

282 **Event 1:** Late Archean juvenile crust formation is widespread in western North America 283 (Carlson and Irving, 1994; Chamberlain et al., 2003; Souders and Frost, 2006; Frost et al., 284 2006a). This was the first essential event, leading to elevated µ values  $(^{238}U/^{204}Pb)$  because 285 of the higher incompatibility of U relative to Pb during shallow partial mantle melting. Melt 286 extraction from a MORB-source mantle (Kramers and Tolstikhin, 1997) during the late 287 Archean (Table 2, simulation 1) would necessitate very high µ1 values (>14.0) for newly 288 formed crust (stage 1), too high to be compatible with significant fractions of mantle melting. 289 U-Pb fractionation factors between such a MORB source mantle and its melt products as 290 required by the model would become lower and thus more plausible for significantly older 291 separation ages (e.g., 3.2 Ga; simulation 2), but there is no independent indication for 292 significant mid-Archean crust formation in the southern Wyoming Province (e.g., Chamberlain 293 et al., 2003; Frost et al., 2006a). Consequently, melt extraction from an already evolved Pb 294 isotope reservoir is indicated, i.e., a high-µ late Archean mantle, modified perhaps by 295 recycling of older crustal materials. Our simulation 5 (Table 2) returns a plausible µ value of 296 8.5 for this mantle reservoir, consistent with the enriched mantle reservoir proposed for the 297 late Archean Wyoming Province  $(8.5 > \mu > 8.65)$ : Frost et al., 2006b; Mueller and Frost, 2006). 298 The late Archean crust produced by Event 1 subsequently evolved in isolation for about 1 Ga 299 (stage 1 from 2.8 - 1.8 Ga; Fig. 8), resulting in time-integrated Pb isotope signatures that plot 300 well above the MORB-source mantle of Kramers and Tolstikhin (1997) or a primitive mantle 301 evolution line in  $^{207}Pb^{204}Pb$  vs.  $^{206}Pb^{204}Pb$  space.

302 **Event 2:** Subduction and accretion of arc terranes to the Wyoming Craton along its southern,

303 western and north-western margins assembled Laurentia around 1.8 Ga (e.g., Chamberlain,

304 1998; Mueller et al., 2002; Karlstrom et al., 2004, Foster et al., 2006; Mueller and Frost,

305 2006). The Cheyenne Belt (Fig. 1) marks the suture between Archean crust to the North and

306 juvenile 1.8-1.7 Ga Proterozoic island arc crust. A north-dipping, high velocity mantle anomaly

307 beneath the southern rim of the Wyoming Craton is still visible today, most likely representing

308 an ancient slab fragment subducted at ~1.8 Ga (Dueker et al., 2001; Karlstrom et al., 2004).

309 We propose that this Event 2 metasomatized a depleted mantle wedge above the northward

310 subducted Cheyenne slab, by fluids that devolatilized from late Archean crustal material 311 produced in Event 1 (Fig. 7). Slab fluids are characterized by enrichment in light rare earth 312 elements (LREE) and large ion lithophile elements (LILE), most importantly K, Pb, Rb, Ba and 313 Sr (e.g., Kessel et al., 2005). The resulting lowered Sm/Nd and moderately elevated Rb/Sr 314 ratios are consistent with the present-day negative  $\varepsilon_{Nd}$  and moderately radiogenic Sr isotopic 315 ratios measured in Bingham magmas (e.g., Maughan et al., 2002, Waite et al., 1997). Most 316 importantly, this subduction metasomatism led to drastically reduced u values in the mantle 317 beneath Bingham (simulations 1 - 5 in Table 2), as the enrichment of Pb >> U is diagnostic for 318 an aqueous fluid component released during devolatilization of crust at cool, sub-solidus 319 conditions and shallower than about 150 km (Kessel et al., 2005). Mass balance modelling 320 demonstrates that addition of aqueous slab fluids to depleted mantle will dominate the 321 incompatible element inventory of the metasomatized mantle product and thus its U-Th-Pb 322 system. Consequently, we interpret the elevated  $^{207}$ Pb signature as compared to MORB-323 source mantle Pb isotopic composition as a signature of subducted late Archean crust, 324 transferred to the overlying mantle wedge at 1.8 Ga. Phlogopite-bearing and partially veined 325 (veining dated at ~1.8 Ga) dunite and harzburgite xenoliths from Eocene minette dikes 326 intruded within and along the NW margin of the Wyoming craton in the Great Falls Tectonic 327 Zone (Fig. 1; Carlson and Irving, 1994) may represent samples of such a metasomatized 328 lithospheric mantle analogue. After terrane amalgamation in Event 2, the metasomatized 329 material evolved in isolation as subcontinental lithospheric mantle for ~1.7 billion years (stage 330 2; Fig. 8), until the onset of Cenozoic magmatic activity.

331 **Event 3:** Cenozoic magmatism at Bingham Canyon probably involved dominant melting of 332 this ancient metasomatized mantle plus a smaller contribution from ordinary (depleted) 333 mantle, to generate the binary lead isotope mixing trend recorded by the igneous feldspars 334 and the ore fluids (Fig. 4). It has been tentatively argued that the calcalkaline to shoshonitic 335 subduction flavour of late Eocene Bingham magmas may be related low-angle subduction of 336 the Farallon Plate beneath western North America (Maughan et al., 2002; Waite et al., 1997). 337 However, the lead isotopes show little, if any, contribution of Pb from modern oceanic 338 lithosphere, and the subduction front was >500 km to the west of Bingham, farther away than 339 what can be reconciled with common subduction zone geometries and subsequent basin-

340 and-range extension. Moreover, preservation of a Proterozoic lithospheric keel >200 km thick 341 beneath the eastern Rocky Mountains (Karlstrom et al., 2004) is inconsistent with a model of 342 low-angle subduction of the Farallon plate reaching as far east as Bingham. We therefore 343 propose that incipient extensional tectonics during late Eocene triggered partial melting of 344 subcontinental lithospheric mantle domains below the Bingham area, and that the modern 345 magmas and fluids acquired their subduction signature from an event that occurred some 1.7 346 Ga earlier (Fig. 7). Metasomatized mantle rocks are expected to melt selectively at lower 347 temperature than enclosing depleted peridotite (Leeman and Harry, 1993). High degrees of 348 melting of metasomatized mantle rocks (e.g., phlogopite + orthopyroxene + clinopyroxene  $\pm$ 349 amphibole - veined harzburgite as sampled in xenoliths from the Great Falls Tectonic Zone; 350 Carlson and Irving, 1994; Downes et al., 2004) can produce voluminous mafic magmas of 351 mildly alkaline character (Pilet et al., 2008) rich in incompatible elements, consistent with Pb 352 isotope data as well as the arc-like trace element signature and the conspicuous Ba 353 enrichment that characterize Bingham magmas (Maughan et al., 2002, Waite et al., 1997). It 354 is conceivable that substantial enrichments in highly refractory elements such as Ni, Cr and 355 Mg (Maughan et al., 2002, Waite et al., 1997) and the subordinate radiogenic Pb component 356 originated from interaction of the lithospheric melts with non-metasomatized portions of 357 depleted subcontinental lithospheric mantle. Our fluid Pb isotope results clearly demonstrate, 358 that modern mantle derived Pb is, at most, a minor component in these magmas, consistent 359 with the Nd-Sr-Pb systematics of the previous studies.

#### 360 **6. Ancient, metasomatized mantle: key to a global ore province**

361 Four of the six largest molybdenum deposits in the world (Henderson, Climax, Bingham 362 Canyon, Butte) and several other world-class Mo ± Cu deposits are located in the western 363 USA. We propose that the geodynamic and geochemical source model developed for 364 Bingham Canyon also applies to these other giant Mo-rich ore deposits, and that such an 365 extended lithospheric pre-history may be a defining hallmark and essential metallogenic 366 component of the premier global molybdenum province.

367 All four giant deposits and several other Mo-rich ore districts in this province are located 368 along Proterozoic lithospheric boundaries (Fig. 1). The ancient suture zones are delineated by

369 velocity contrasts in mantle tomography images resulting from compositional heterogeneities 370 (Dueker et al., 2001; Karlstrom et al., 2004). Climax and Henderson lie in the Colorado 371 Mineral Belt, interpreted to follow a NE striking Proterozoic arc-arc suture. The Mo-deposit at 372 Questa, New Mexico, lies on the eastern flank of the Rio Grande Rift (Johnson et al., 1990), 373 near the Jemez suture zone believed to represent the reactivated boundary between the 1.8- 374 1.7 Ga Yavapai and Mazatzal Provinces. Near the SW end of this lineament, in the southern 375 Eastern Transition Zone of the Basin and Range province (e.g., Kempton et al., 1991), Mo-376 rich Cu porphyries define the northern part of the SE Arizona district (SEAZ in Fig. 8). Finally, 377 the giant Cu-Mo deposit at Butte, Montana (Doe et al., 1968), occurs at the southwest end of 378 the Great Falls Tectonic Zone, a Proterozoic collisional suture between two Archean terranes 379 (e.g., Mueller et al., 2002). These Mo-rich ore deposits occur in different crustal domains, but 380 they all are located on or near Proterozoic crustal boundaries atop volatile-rich lithospheric 381 mantle (e.g., Carlson and Irving, 1994; Downes et al., 2004; Karlstrom et al., 2004). Ore-382 forming Cenozoic magmatism occurred during early stages of tectonic perturbation (extension 383 and/or asthenospheric upwelling) of these ancient lithospheric structures, with little or no 384 temporal or spatial relationship to modern subduction.

385 All of these Mo-rich deposits and the associated magmas are characterized by retarded 386 uranogenic Pb isotope signatures (Fig. 8). In any one magmatic-hydrothermal ore district, the 387 ore minerals from the largest deposits and their most intimately associated igneous rocks 388 show the most extreme uranogenic Pb isotope retardation compared to smaller deposits and 389 less-directly ore-related magmas (Stacey et al., 1968; Doe et al., 1968; Bouse et al., 1999; 390 Johnson et al., 1990; Stein and Hannah, 1985). Molybdenum endowment therefore seems to 391 be correlated with the contribution of this retarded source component. The origin of this 392 component has been suggested to be the lower crust, mainly because the molybdenum-only 393 porphyries (Climax, Henderson, Questa) are all associated with highly silicic and partly 394 peraluminous intrusions and variably non-radiogenic Nd and moderately radiogenic Sr isotope 395 signatures (e.g., Farmer and DePaolo, 1984). However, several lines of evidence suggest 396 that metasomatized subcontinental lithospheric mantle is at least a permissive alternative 397 source, as previously suggested by Kempton et al. (1991), Johnson (1991) and Hawkesworth 398 et al. (1995). All of the mineralized igneous complexes include at least minor mafic (~basaltic)

399 components (e.g., Johnson et al., 1990; Waite et al., 1997). Lower-crustal xenoliths in SE 400 Arizona have distinctly more radiogenic <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb (Esperanca et al., 1988; Kempton et al., 401 1990) than the Mo-rich porphyries in this district (Bouse et al., 1999). Peraluminous granite 402 magmas do not necessarily require sediment assimilation; they can also be generated by 403 fractional crystallization of typical mantle-wedge melts of picrobasaltic composition (Muntener 404 and Ulmer, 2006). The volume of basaltic melt required to generate progressively Mo-405 enriched felsic magmas (e.g., Carten et al., 1993) is consistent with partial melting of 406 metasomatized subcontinental lithospheric mantle during early stages of extension, as 407 discussed by Harry and Leeman (1995) for the Proterozoic Rocky Mountains domain. The 408 isotopic composition of sulphur in giant molybdenum deposits is also consistent with 409 fractionation of the associated rhyolitic magmas from mantle melts (Henderson, Questa: +1 <  $410 \qquad \delta^{34}$ S < 5.3 ‰; Stein and Hannah, 1985).

411 We propose that magmas originating from a metasomatized subcontinental lithospheric 412 mantle are the decisive ingredient for the formation of giant Mo-rich porphyry deposits and 413 this unique molybdenum ore province. Parental melt compositions were probably similar to 414 basalts from the Eastern Transition Zone, characterized by high LIL/HFS element ratios and 415 retarded uranogenic Pb signatures of an age of ca. 1.8 Ga (Kempton et al., 1991). Mafic 416 magmatism commonly occurred late in the evolution of mineralized complexes (e.g., 417 Maughan et al., 2002; Johnson et al., 1990), inconsistent with progressive melting of felsic 418 crust. Sustained mantle magma input (e.g., Harry and Leeman, 1995; Hildreth and Moorbath, 419 1988) allows for protracted fractional crystallization promoting enrichment of the incompatible 420 ore metals in the residual melt. Assimilation of lower crust lithologies, possibly indicated by 421 more radiogenic <sup>208</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb and less retarded <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb (Fig. 6), can be an ancillary 422 consequence of long-lived magmatic systems (e.g., Hildreth and Moorbath, 1988), rather than 423 a prerequisite to province-scale molybdenum enrichment as commonly inferred (e.g., Farmer 424 and DePaolo, 1984; Bouse et al., 1999).

425 Our genetic model for Mo-rich porphyry deposits may also apply to the Gangdese belt in 426 the Tibetan orogen. Here, world-class porphyry Cu-Mo deposits formed from high-K 427 calcalkaline magmatism some 50 million years after arc magmatism (Hou and Cook, 2009).  $428$   $\,$  These systems are characterized by mantle-like  $\delta^{34}$ S but less radiogenic Nd, slightly more

429 radiogenic Sr, and enriched  $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$  ratios compared to present-day mantle (Qu et al., 430 2007), but lack the retarded uranogenic Pb isotope ratios due to the short time span between 431 mantle metasomatism and melt extraction.

432 Lithospheric mantle domains enriched by ancient subduction metasomatism occur down to 433 at least 200 km (e.g., Scambelluri et al., 2008) and may be a world-wide factor determining 434 the distribution of major metal provinces and giant ore deposits. Based on global xenolith 435 geochemistry and geophysical data, Griffin et al. (2009) concluded that the roots of most 436 Proterozoic shields consist of refertilized Archean lithospheric mantle that has escaped 437 reintegration into the convecting mantle, because strongly depleted but subsequently 438 subduction-metasomatized mantle rocks are buoyant (cf. Carlson and Irving, 1994). The 439 cause for selective mantle enrichment in Mo, but possibly also in S, Cu and Au is not clear. It 440 could relate to the redox evolution of the latest Archean to early Proterozoic hydrosphere, 441 which favoured the enrichment of chalcophile metals and gold in predominantly reduced 442 deep-sea shales (e.g., Holland, 2005), prior to their subduction in a period of intensive 443 continental (re)construction during the paleo-Proterozoic. Irrespective of the mechanism of 444 this ancient mantle source enrichment, our results endorse modern approaches to global 445 mineral exploration and resource assessment, which place increasing weight on mapping the 446 chemical and thermal prehistory of large-scale lithospheric mantle domains, and on identifying 447 their boundaries by geophysical methods and mantle xenolith data (Begg et al., 2009).

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#### 655 **Figure Captions**

656 Fig. 1: Sketch of SW Laurentia (W USA) identifying major crustal segments (modified from 657 Karlstrom et al., 2004, Foster et al., 2006). Archean crustal blocks (grey) are delimited 658 by Proterozoic accretionary tectonic zones. Segments to the south of the Cheyenne 659 Belt (CB) are terranes accreted during assembly of Laurentia, and sutures represent 660 early Proterozoic subduction zones. The dash-dotted line separates terranes 661 accreted to the Laurentian crustal block in the Phanerozoic. Filled black circles 662 denote Bingham (Bh), situated on the Uinta Axis, Butte (Bt), Henderson (H) in the 663 Colorado Mineral Belt, Questa (Q) on the eastern rim of the Cenozoic Rio Grande Rift 664 (omitted for clarity), and the northern SE Arizona (SEAZ) ore district. F-L SZ refers to 665 the Farewell Mt. - Lester Mt. Suture Zone.

666 Fig. 2: (A) Polished drill core cut showing the temporal relationships between successive 667 intrusions and veining events at Bingham (Landtwing, 2004). The Quartz Monzonite 668 Porphyry (QMP) is veined by stockwork quartz sulphide veins (Cu-Au vein) and then 669 intruded by the Quartz Latite Porphyry (QLP). Hair quartz veinlets (not visible 670 macroscopically) penetrated the rock before late quartz-molybdenite veining (Mo-671 vein) occurred. (B) Thick section photograph showing fluid inclusions and  $672$  molybdenite crystals (black, labelled MoS<sub>2</sub>) in a quartz crystal from a quartz-673 molybdenite vein. The blow-up (C) identifies 3 brine inclusions analyzed for Pb 674 isotope ratios that lie on the same plane as the black molybdenite crystal in the top-675 right corner. Labels correspond to analysis numbers in Table 1.

 $676$  Fig. 3:  $^{208}Pb^{206}Pb$  and  $^{207}Pb^{204}Pb$  results for individual fluid inclusions from Bingham. A 677 uniform Pb isotopic composition characterizes the texturally distinct Cu-Au (full 678 symbols) and Mo (empty symbols) ore stages. Dashed lines separate inclusions from 679 different samples (labels shown at the top of the diagram), identical symbols identify 680 inclusions from the same fluid inclusion assemblage. Error bars are two standard 681 error measurement uncertainties (2 s.e.m.), some of them smaller than symbol size. 682 Fig. 4: Graph of  $^{207}Pb/^{206}Pb$  vs.  $^{208}Pb/^{206}Pb$  for Bingham Cu-Mo-Au and other Mo-rich 683 magmatic-hydrothermal ore deposits from the eastern Rocky Mountains. Bingham 684 feldspar and fluid data define a linear trend (black solid line), which extrapolates to

685 the more radiogenic values of the Butte porphyry-type Cu-Mo deposit and associated

686 magmatic rocks and to values measured for present-day depleted mantle (dotted 687 area; Kramers and Tolstikhin, 1997), indicating a mixing relationship. Note that the Pb 688 compositions of the fluid inclusions are uniform and cluster tightly at the non-689 radiogenic end (top right corner) of the Bingham array. Data for melanephelinite and 690 shoshonite samples (Maughan et al., 2002) show more enriched  $^{208}$ Pb, interpreted to 691 reflect source heterogeneities. The white star represents a propylitically altered pre-692 mineralization monzonite sample (Last Chance Stock) from Bingham. Data for lower-693 temperature galena of distal vein deposits at Bingham (Stacey et al., 1967), data 694 fields for the least radiogenic Miocene hornblende andesite samples from the Latir 695 Volcanic Field associated with Questa (Johnson et al., 1990) and for porphyry-Cu-Mo 696 deposits from the northern SE Arizona district (SEAZ; Bouse et al., 1999) are shown 697 for comparison. Analytical uncertainties (2 s.e.m.) are smaller than symbol size.

698 Fig. 5: In-situ Pb isotope data for feldspar phenocrysts and xenocrysts. Plot (A) shows K-699 feldspar data variably affected by the presence of polyphase inclusions in the ablated 700 sample volume. The dashed arrows indicate the shift from inclusion-poor to inclusion-701 rich parts of the analytical signal of an individual spot ablation. Overall, there is no 702 clear trend in Pb isotope data since the one analysis devoid of inclusions lies in the 703 central part of the mixing trend. Plot (B) reveals distinct Pb isotopic difference 704 between K-feldspar and plagioclase, indicating that magma mixing is at least partially 705 responsible for the variable Pb signatures of the samples. Inter-sample and intra-706 sample Pb isotope disequilibrium characterizes the magmatic rocks at Bingham, 707 reflecting primary variability (i.e., magma mixing) and, for K-feldspar, partial 708 equilibration during magmatic-hydrothermal overprinting. Analytical uncertainties are 709 2 s.e.m., often smaller than symbol size.

710 Fig. 6: Comparison of Pb isotope data for xenoliths from lower crust and lithospheric mantle 711 of the US Archean to Proterozoic lithosphere with the Bingham fluid inclusion and 712 feldspar results. Data for SCLM are metasomatized mantle xenoliths (Carlson and 713 Irving, 1994; Carlson et al., 2004), data for lower crust are represented by granulitic 714 xenoliths (Proterozoic: Esperanca et al., 1988; Kempton et al., 1990; Carlson et al., 715 2004; Wyoming Craton: Bolhar et al., 2007; Mirnejad and Bell, 2008), Bingham

- 716 galena data are from Stacey et al. (1967), and Aleutian arc lava data (Singer et al., 717 2007) represent modern subduction zone magmatism. MORB-source mantle is after 718 Kramers and Tolstikhin (1997). (A) Uranogenic diagram, (b) thorogenic diagram. Note 719 that the Bingham data cluster tightly near the metasomatized mantle xenoliths from 720 the Great Falls Tectonic Zone (Carlson and Irving, 1994) while crustal xenoliths vary 721 strongly and are generally less (Wyoming Craton) or much more (Proterozoic 722 terrains) radiogenic.
- 723 Fig. 7: Sketch illustrating our favourite scenario with 3 events (marked by stars on horizontal 724 time axis) and two stages (dashed arrows) required to explain the Pb isotopic 725 signatures of Bingham ore fluids. Juvenile crust, formed in the late Archean (event 1), 726 evolves in isolation (stage 1) until this crust is subducted northwards during assembly 727 of Laurentia in the early Proterozoic. Subduction fluids are released and 728 metasomatize the overlying depleted mantle (dotted region, event 2) that evolves in 729 isolation (stage 2) until partial melting of this metasomatized subcontinental 730 lithospheric mantle is triggered by mild extensional tectonics in the late Eocene (event 731 3) to generate Bingham magmatism. Note that Cenozoic subduction is far to the west. 732 WC refers to the Wyoming craton, CC to continental crust, and Prot. SCLM to 733 Proterozoic subcontinental lithospheric mantle.
- 734 Fig. 8: (A) Forward modelling of the uranogenic (A) and thorogenic (B) two-stage Pb isotope 735 evolution (stage 1, thick lines; stage 2, thin lines) that reproduces the measured Pb 736 isotope signatures of Bingham ore fluids (grey star at 38 Ma). µ values denote  $737$  <sup>238</sup>U/<sup>204</sup>Pb, κ values <sup>232</sup>Th/<sup>238</sup>U. Ages are in million years (Ma) before present, the 738 black stars marking the beginning of stages 1 and 2, respectively. The dashed MORB 739 source mantle evolution line (Kramers and Tolstikhin, 1997) represents convecting, 740 depleted mantle, the dotted line (A only) depicts primitive mantle. Data for other Mo-741 enriched porphyry deposits of the eastern Rocky Mountains, US (Area 1 of Zartman, 742 1997), are shown for comparison (Butte: Doe et al., 1968; Henderson: Stein and 743 Hannah, 1985; hornblende andesite associated with Questa: Johnson et al., 1990; 744 SEAZ: northern SE Arizona district Cu-Mo centres; Bouse et al., 1999). Variability in 745 thorogenic Pb at relatively uniform  $^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb$  is interpreted to reflect heterogeneities
- 746 in Proterozoic subduction metasomatism as subduction devolatilization may generate
- 747 large variations in Th/U of product fluids (Kessel et al., 2005).



Figure 1











Figure 5



Figure 6









Fluid inclusions were analyzed using a Nu Plasma 1700 ICP-MS, except for samples 211-113.5, analyzed using a Nu Plasma ICP-MS<br>For inclusions, uncertainties are reported as twice the standard error of the mean of measureme

Sample average denotes the average fluid composition of inclusions belonging to three fluid inclsuion assemblages of that sample

n.m. not measured

\$ Data from this study. See Pettke (2008) for analytical details † Data from Landtwing (2004) \* Data from Seo et al. (2009)

Simulation number	µ post-diff	T <sub>1</sub> (Ga)	$^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb$ init (at $T1$ )	$^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$ init (at $T1$ )	$^{208}Pb/^{204}Pb$ init (at $T1$ )	u1	к1	T2 (Ga)	$\mu$ 2	к2
	$\sim$	$2.8 \pm 0.1$	12.88 - 13.21	14.25 - 14.42	$32.44 - 32.75$	$14.0 - 18.0$	$3.7 - 4.7$	$1.8 \pm 0.1$	$2.3 - 3.9$	$5.3 - 10.2$
	$\sim$	$3.2 \pm 0.1$	$12.13 - 12.51$	13.79 - 14.04	$31.72 - 32.09$	$11.1 - 12.6$	$3.7 - 4.7$	$1.8 \pm 0.1$	$3.8 - 5.0$	$4.8 - 7.9$
3	$\sim$	$2.8 \pm 0.1$	12.88 - 13.21	14.25 - 14.42	32.44 - 32.75	$14.0 - 18.0$	$4.5 - 5.5$	$1.8 \pm 0.1$	$2.3 - 3.9$	$2.5 - 6.9$
4	$8.0 \pm 0.2$	$2.8 \pm 0.1$	12.82 - 13.37	14.16 - 14.58	32.24 - 33.07	$11.6 - 19.8$	$3.7 - 4.7$	$1.8 \pm 0.1$	$1.2 - 5.3$	$4.8 - 13.1$
5	$8.5 \pm 0.2$	$2.8 \pm 0.1$	$13.03 - 13.63$	14.41 - 14.85	$32.50 - 33.30$	$7.3 - 13.9$	$3.7 - 4.7$	$1.8 \pm 0.1$	$4.1 - 7.7$	$4.6 - 7.0$
6	$9.0 \pm 0.2$	$2.8 \pm 0.1$	13.26 - 13.87	14.65 - 15.12	23.66 - 33.52	$1.1 - 8.2$	$3.7 - 4.7$	$1.8 \pm 0.1$	$7.1 - 10.6$	$4.5 - 5.6$

**Table 2: Parameters explored in Monte Carlo simulations of Pb isotope evolution to reproduce the measured Bingham fluid Pb isotope data**

#### **Parameters used for modelling Pb evolution:**

The target Pb isotope signature for the simulations is that measured in Bingham fluid inclusions:<br>  ${}^{206}Pb/{}^{204}Pb = 17.515$ ,  ${}^{207}Pb/{}^{204}Pb = 15.573$ ,  ${}^{208}Pb/{}^{204}Pb = 38.252$ 

Simulations 1-3 derive the starting Pb compositions for stage 1 from the model of Kramers and Tolstikhin (1997)

μ- and κ-values prior to core segregation are 0.85 ±0.15 and 3.92 ±0.10, respectively

μ post-diff μ value after Earth's core segregation at 4.52 ±0.010 Ga (Kleine et al., 2002, Schoenberg et al., 2002)

κ post-diff κ value after Earth's core segregation, set at 3.92 ±0.20

T1 Start of stage 1 (in billion years before present)

Pb init Range of initial Pb isotopic compositions at T1

μ1 and κ1 Range of μ and κ values of stage 1

T2 Start of stage 2 set to 1.8 billion years before present

μ2 and κ2 Range of μ and κ values of stage 2

### **Supporting Online Material:**

**The magma and metal source of giant porphyry-type ore deposits, based on lead isotope microanalysis of individual fluid inclusions**

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All LA-MC-ICP-MS Pb isotope analyses were performed at ETH Zurich using a GeoLas 200Q (Lambda Physik, Germany) laser system with computer-controlled sample stage connected to either a Nu Plasma 1700 or a Nu Plasma MC-ICP-MS instrument (Nu Instruments Ltd, Wrexham, UK). Table ES 1 summarizes the operating conditions for LA-ICP-MS analysis of Pb isotopes.

#### **Table ES 1: LA-MC-ICP-MS instrument and data acquisition parameters**

#### **193 nm ArF Excimer laser Compex 110I**





#### **Notes:**

Values reported in parentheses are the ranges explored during method development SRM refers to SRM 610 glass from NIST

FI refers to fluid inclusions

FSP refers to plagioclase or K-feldspar phenocrysts

\* Operating conditions used at Nu Plasma MC-ICP-MS are similar to those reported here, with the exception of acceleration voltage (4kV) and mass resolution (ca. 400).

The MC-ICP-MS instrument was optimized daily for maximum sensitivity and perfect peak flatness and coincidence by admixing a desolvated aerosol generated from a 30 ppb Pb - 32 ppb Tl solution to the He flow from the LA chamber. Minor retuning was then performed by laser ablation on SRM 610 in line scan mode. The analyses were performed in static time-resolved mode, collecting the analytes simultaneously in Faraday cups calibrated daily for their preamplifier gains. For sample analysis, a background signal with laser off was acquired, then the Tl-solution was aspirated, and once the Tl signal was stable, LA was started, superimposing the sample signal on the Tl signal from the desolvating unit. Each ablation chamber loading was bracketed by 3 SRM 610 analyses to monitor instrument conditions.

Transient signal data reduction was done by revisiting the individually stored readings using modified Nu Instruments transient signal software, followed by off-line evaluation on Excel spreadsheets. After background correction of the analyte signals, Hg interference correction on raw mass 204 was effected based on the measured  $^{202}$ Hg beam and a  $^{204}$ Hg/ $^{202}$ Hg ratio of 4.32, adjusted to the fractionated state by use of an exponential mass bias coefficient derived from the measured  $^{205}$ TI $/^{203}$ TI ratio and its common value of 2.3871 (Dunstan et al., 1980). Final <sup>20x</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb ratios (corrected for mass bias) do not correlate with  $^{202}$ Hg/Pb<sub>(total)</sub> ratios (not shown), thus demonstrating proper correction for Hg interference. Mass bias correction was exclusively done in within-run mode, using the Baxter et al. (2006) approach. Measurements of SRM 610 from NIST in line scan mode from >10 analytical sessions were used to define the mass bias, i.e., the instrument-specific *lnTl - lnPb* relationship for each Pb isotope ratio. For each sample analysis, the measured <sup>205</sup>TI/<sup>203</sup>TI isotope ratio was then used to correct for mass bias employing the *lnTl - lnPb* relationship established on the SRM 610 measurements. The sample Pb isotope ratios were obtained through individual processing of readouts from 0.2 s integration time slices. Data from each time-slice are individually treated for interference and mass bias correction, and the means calculated from these individual results then provide the isotope ratios of the sample.

Test measurements were performed on individual inclusions from synthetic fluid inclusions standards (prepared by A. Audetat, University of Bayreuth) containing ca. 5000 µg SRM 981 Pb per g of NaCl-KCl solution of ca. 17 wt-% bulk salinity. Accurate Pb isotope data can be obtained on fluid inclusion assemblages with 2 SD uncertainties on inclusion-to-inclusion reproducibility of 0.06 %  $(208Pb/206Pb$  and  $207Pb/206Pb$  ratios) and 0.3% (Pb isotope ratios involving mass 204), respectively (Fig. S1). This is only possible, however, given controlled ablation of the entire fluid inclusion and integration of the entire transient signal (Pettke et al., 2008), in order to minimize bias originating from differences in signal decay parameters among the Faraday amplifiers used to record fast transient signals in multi-collector mode (more details to be published elsewhere). Acceptably reproducible results (± 1 ‰ and 5 ‰, respectively) were obtained for inclusions containing as little as 0.005 ng Pb using our setup with Faraday detectors.



#### **Fig. S1:**

Thallium-normalized <sup>208</sup>Pb/<sup>206</sup>Pb and <sup>207</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup> Pb ratios of individual synthetic fluid inclusions (inset) containing ca. 5000 µg SRM 981 Pb per gram of Na-K-Cl fluid. Average measured isotopic ratios are reported with their 2 standard error uncertainty and reproduce the reference values of the standard (Baker et al., 2004) shown by the thick dashed lines. Analyses represented by grey symbols were excluded from the data set because fluid inclusion ablation was not well controlled.

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**Table ES 2: continued**



Notes: For sample identifiers beginning with a letter followed by XXX-YYY, XXX is the drill core number and YYY is the depth (in ft) of core (Mine Grids are given in brackets)<br>For sample identifiers of the form XXXX-YYY, X

Lithologies are field determinations (Landtwing, 2004) ‡ Elevated U content due to ablation of inclusions

clean Indicates no visible inclusions

Uncertainties are reported as the one standard error of the mean of measurement (1 s.e.m.) <value Element concentration below the limit of detection (3σ criterion)

† Coordinates for bulk rocks are not available, except Mine Grids for P 8a (-1150 E / -4850 N)