SYNCHROTRON X-RAY-FLUORESCENCE AND LASER-ABLATION ICP-MS MICROPROBES: USEFUL INSTRUMENTS FOR ANALYSIS OF EXPERIMENTAL RUN-PRODUCTS

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Abstract

The synchrotron X-ray-fluorescence microprobe (SXRFM) and laser-ablation microprobe with inductively coupled plasma – mass spectrometer (LAM–ICP–MS) have been found to be efficient instruments for the accurate measurement of a large suite of trace elements in natural and synthetic minerals and glasses. The small beam-sizes of both instruments (10 and 34 μ m in diameter for SXRFM and LAM–ICP–MS, respectively) permit *in situ* analysis of samples whose cross-section is at least 7500 μ m² (*i.e.*, corresponding to a sampling area of 50 × 150 μ m analyzed by LAM–ICP–MS in rastered grid). This sampling technique applied to LAM–ICP–MS avoids sample damage and minimizes the depth of penetration by the laser using a single hole. Optimization of both instruments was carried out using two in-house basaltic glass standards. The lower limits of detection of the SXRFM for Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, and Nb are approximately 5.5 ppm or less, based upon our in-house standards, and the analyses have an associated precision of ±20% relative. The lower limits of detection of the LAM–ICP–MS are approximately 2 ppm or less; these analyses have a precision of ±10 to 15% relative. Both instruments were used to measure partition coefficients between a Ti-rich calcic amphibole and a Ti-rich basanitic quenched glass produced experimentally. The *D* values determined by SXRFM for Sr, Y, and Zr are: $D_{\rm Sr}$ 0.32 (±0.04), $D_{\rm Y}$ 0.25 (±0.04), $D_{\rm Zr}$ 0.12 (±0.07). Partition coefficients determined by LAM–ICP–MS are: $D_{\rm Rb}$ 0.22 (±0.04), $D_{\rm Sr}$ 0.38 (±0.01), $D_{\rm V}$ 0.33 (±0.01), $D_{\rm La}$ 0.039 (±0.005), $D_{\rm Ce}$ 0.067 (± 0.002), $D_{\rm Nd}$ 0.14 (±0.01), $D_{\rm Hf}$ 0.33 (±0.01), $D_{\rm Sm}$ 0.19 (±0.08), and $D_{\rm Eu}$ 0.35 (±0.02).

Keyword: synchrotron X-ray-fluorescence microprobe, SXRFM, laser-ablation microprobe – inductively coupled plasma – mass spectrometer, LAM-ICP-MS, partition coefficient, pargasite.

Sommaire

La microsonde à fluorescence X générée par synchrotron (SXRFM) et la microsonde par ablation au laser intégrée à un plasma à couplage inductif avec spectromètre de masse (LAM-ICP-MS) sont reconnues comme instruments analytiques efficaces. Ils permettent une mesure précise d'une suite imposante d'éléments traces dans les verres et minéraux naturels et synthétiques. Les deux instruments ont la propriété d'avoir un petit faisceau (10 et 34 µm de diamètre pour SXRFM et LAM-ICP-MS, respectivement) et ainsi de permettre des analyses in situ des échantillons dont la superficie est d'au moins 7500 µm² (i.e., correspondant à une surface échantillonnée par balayage de 50 × 150 µm avec le LAM-ICP-MS). L'optimisation des deux microsondes a été pratiquée sur deux étalons de composition basaltique préparés en laboratoire. Le seuil de détection inférieur fondé sur l'analyse de nos étalons internes pour la SXRFM est de l'ordre de 5.5 ppm ou moins pour Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Nb et d'une précision analytique relative de ±20%. Le seuil de détection pour le LAM-ICP-MS est de l'ordre de 2 ppm ou moins, avec une précision analytique relative de ± 10 à 15%. Les deux intruments analytiques ont été utilisés afin de mesurer les valeurs des coefficients de partage dans des produits d'expérience entre une amphibole calcique enrichie en titane et un verre de composition basanitique également enrichi en titane. Les valeurs D determinés par SXRFM pour Sr, Y et Zr sont: D_{Sr} 0.32 (±0.04), $D_{\rm Y}$ 0.25 (±0.04), $\bar{D}_{\rm Zr}$ 0.12 (±0.07). Les coefficients de partage déterminés par LAM-ICP-MS sont: $D_{\rm Rb}$ 0.22 (±0.04), D_{Sr} 0.38 (±0.01), D_Y 0.33 (±0.03), D_{Zr} 0.12 (±0.01), D_{Nb} 0.05 (±0.01). Le LAM-ICP-MS a également été utilisé pour mesurer les valeurs D des éléments Ba, Ta, La, Ce, Nd, Hf, Sm et Eu, qui sont: D_{Ba} 0.28 (±0.01), D_{Ta} 0.07 (±0.02), D_{La} 0.039 (±0.005), D_{Ce} 0.067 (±0.002), D_{Nd} 0.14 (±0.01), D_{Hf} 0.33 (±0.01), D_{Sm} 0.19 (±0.08), and D_{En} 0.35 (±0.02).

Mots-clés: microsonde à fluorescence X générée par synchrotron, SXRFM, microsonde par ablation au laser intégrée à un plasma à couplage inductif avec spectromètre de masse, LAM-ICP-MS, coefficients de partage, pargasite.

INTRODUCTION

Trace elements provide a powerful tool for the investigation of the petrogenesis of igneous rocks. Using trace-element concentrations in a suite of rock samples, one can construct an inverse model that not only constrains the mechanisms responsible for the genesis of the suite but also can provide information on the source region (e.g., Allègre et al. 1977, Allègre & Minster 1978, Hofmann 1986). These models depend upon accurately characterized partition coefficients (D)between minerals and melts. Most of these partition coefficients are based upon analyses of natural phenocrysts and their enclosing glassy matrix. However, because partition coefficients are sensitive to pressure, temperature, and compositions of mineral and melt (including volatile content and oxygen fugacity), they are best measured in minerals and quenched glasses synthesized in the laboratory under controlled conditions.

Electron-microprobe analysis (EMPA) can be used to measure partition coefficients of major and minor elements in glasses and crystals from experimental runproducts, but EMPA cannot be used for trace elements (<100 ppm). Furthermore, because of the small size of such run products, minerals and quenched glasses only rarely can be separated by magnetic or density techniques for traditional analytical techniques used on natural rocks and minerals (Watson *et al.* 1987). To determine partition coefficients accurately in experimental run-products, these must be analyzed *in situ* for trace elements using a microbeam technique.

Two microbeam instruments, the synchrotron X-ray fluorescence microprobe (SXRFM) and the laserablation microprobe used in conjunction with an inductively coupled plasma - mass spectrometer (LAM-ICP-MS), recently have been used to measure partition coefficients between crystal and glass in experimental run-products (Dalpé et al. 1992, Dalpé & Baker 1994a, b, Jenner et al. 1993, Skulski et al. 1994). Both instruments are rapid and have a lower limit of detection (LLD) near, or below, 5 ppm. These instruments also have been applied to other studies requiring in situ analysis (Sutton et al. 1987, Jackson et al. 1992, Pearce et al. 1992, Federowich et al. 1993, Feng et al. 1993, Feng 1994). In addition, other microbeam instruments have been used for in situ analysis as discussed by Hawthorne (1993) and Green (1994).

The two instruments utilized here are based on different principles and have different analytical characteristics, such as sensitivity, stability, interference, and beam size (Gordon 1982, Bos *et al.* 1984, Jones *et al.* 1984, Sutton *et al.* 1986, Lu *et al.* 1989, Jarvis *et al.* 1992, Jarvis & Williams 1993, Perkins *et al.* 1993). Synchrotron radiation is intense, white light of X-ray wavelengths, more than 105 times more brilliant than that of conventional X-ray tubes, emitted from electrons circling a synchrotron ring. As the specimen is excited by synchrotron X-ray radiation, the SXRFM measures the energies and intensities of X rays emitted by the sample with either an energydispersion or wavelength-dispersion detector. Quantification of the elemental concentrations based on the XRF spectrum is relatively straightforward because the physics of photon interactions with matter is well understood. With the SXRFM, one can analyze geological specimens for trace elements in a nondestructive way. The lower limit of detection is 1-10 ppm for a spot size of $10 \ \mu$ m, depending on the element and the matrix analyzed (Sutton *et al.* 1986, Bajt *et al.* 1992).

The recent refinement of the laser-ablation technique for ICP-MS analysis allows microsampling and rapid analysis of materials as different as silicate glass, pressed pellets of rocks, minerals, alloys, and ceramics (Jarvis et al. 1992). The LAM ablates a small volume of the sample, some of which is converted into an aerosol and is carried out of the sample cell by argon gas to the inductively coupled plasma (ICP) unit. Inside the ICP, the sample is volatilized, atomized, and ionized; the resulting material undergoes supersonic expansion and is introduced into a quadrupole mass spectrometer (Jarvis et al. 1992). Ions are separated from one another by difference in kinetic energies related to their specific mass, and the abundance of selected stable isotopes of trace elements is detected with a Channeltron electron multiplier (Jarvis et al. 1992). Advantages of laser-ablation ICP-MS analysis include low LLD, 2 ppm down to hundreds of ppb, speed of analysis, and the ease of sample preparation.

In this paper, we compare these two microprobe techniques in terms of their ability to accurately and precisely analyze two different in-house basaltic glass standards. Then we apply the techniques developed to measure partition coefficients of Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, and Nb between a Ti-rich calcic amphibole and a Ti-rich basanitic quenched glass produced from natural starting materials at 1.5 GPa and 1100°C. These techniques are also applicable to the analysis of other solid experimental run-products and small samples of silicate.

PREPARATION OF IN-HOUSE STANDARD MATERIALS

Two natural materials were used for optimization of analytical techniques and as in-house standards for analysis of run products. The first material, P--MT, was made from pargasite megacrysts from a lamprophyre dike of Cretaceous age located in the eastern part of the Island of Montréal, Québec. The second material, HF-13, consists of olivine nephelinite from a Tertiary intrusion located in the Mount Llangorse alkaline volcanic field of northern British Columbia (Francis & Ludden 1995).

The pargasite megacrysts are euhedral, up to 5 cm in length. They contain veins of white material along

some cleavage surfaces; we presume that this material consists of calcite + zeolite + anorthoclase, which has been noted in similar megacrysts (Campbell & Schenk 1950, Wallace 1977). The pargasite megacrysts were first coarsely crushed in a steel percussion mortar, and clean chips free of the white material were hand-picked. These chips were ground to a powder ($<500 \ \mu m$) in an agate mortar. The olivine nephelinite was received as powder (<140 µm) prepared in a tungsten carbide ball mill. It is well known that this type of mill can cause contamination in W, Co, Sc, Ta and, possibly, Nb (Hickson & Juras 1986).

Powders of each material were melted four times at 1400°C in an Fe-treated Pt crucible at 1 atmosphere under a controlled oxygen fugacity equal to that of the Fe_2SiO_4 - Fe_3O_4 - SiO_2 (FMQ) buffer. The duration of each melting was three hours. Controlled oxygen fugacity was used to prevent the crystallization of opaque phases during melting, which is essential to make a homogeneous glass. After each melting, we obtained a clear brown glass free of crystalline material; this glass was crushed using a steel percussion mortar (to <2 mm in size) and cleaned with a magnet to remove any steel filings from the mortar. After the final melting, the glass was removed from the crucible and crushed into chips up to 3 mm across and magnetically cleaned.

ANALYSIS OF THE IN-HOUSE STANDARD GLASSES FOR MAJOR AND MINOR ELEMENTS

These reference glasses were analyzed for major and minor elements with a JEOL 8900 electron microprobe operated at an accelerating potential of 15 kV with a beam current of 10 nA; for each element, counting times were 25 s on the peak and 10 s on each background position. The beam size was chosen to be the same diameter as the beam size of the SXRFM (i.e., 10 µm). Albite (Na), diopside (Si, Ca, Mg), andradite (Fe), orthoclase (K, Al), and pyrophanite (Mn, Ti) were used as standards. We have checked the homogeneity of the synthesized glasses by analyzing different chips of glass (3-4 mm in size) from the top, middle, and bottom of the crucible (Table 1). Boyd's homogeneity index was used to characterize the homogeneity in major elements of both glasses (Boyd & Finger 1975). On the basis of the standard deviation expected from counting statistics, σ_{e} , and the standard deviation associated with data measured on the sample, σ , Boyd & Finger (1975) suggested that a sigma ratio σ/σ_e in excess of 2-3 for a major element "is highly suggestive of the presence of an inhomogeneity" in the material. All major elements from the three subsamples of P-MT glass have sigma ratios less than 1.5, with a maximum of 1.32 calculated for Si at the top position (Table 1). Because manganese is not a major element, high values were calculated in all three positions, and Boyd's homogeneity test could not be applied. Major

TABLE 1. HOMOGENEITY TEST USING BOYD'S INDEX CALCULATED FROM TOP, MIDDLE, AND BOTTOM CHIPS INSIDE THE CRUCIBLE FOR P-MT AND HF-13 GLASSES

	Тор			Middle			Bottom	L	
n	10		Boyd's index ¹	10		Boyd's index	10		Boyd's index
SiO₂	40.64	(0.19)	1.32	40.47	(0.12)	0.82	40.16	(0.14)	0.97
TiO ₂	3.82	(0.04)	0.91	3.82	(0.03)	0.68	3.80	(0.05)	1.19
Al ₂ O ₃	14.81	(0.10)	1.17	14.79	(0.07)	0.80	14.71	(0.06)	0.69
² Fe ₂ O ₃	1.53			1.57			1.58		
² FeO	7.24			7.40			7.46		
³ FeO _T	8.62	(0.15)	1.30	8.81	(0.10)	0.87	8.88	(0.09)	0.79
MnO	0.08	(0.03)	2.81	0.08	(0.03)	3.08	0.10	(0.02)	2.16
MgO	14.44	(0.11)	1.16	14.52	(0.05)	0.55	14.46	(0.06)	0.66
CaO	12.30	(0.06)	0.78	12.34	(0.06)	0.67	12.36	(0.05)	0.61
Na ₂ O	1.92	(0.03)	0.80	1.92	(0.03)	0.80	1.91	(0.03)	0.83
K,O	2.31	(0.03)	0.93	2.28	(0.03)	1.01	2.28	(0.03)	1.03
P ₂ O ₅	0.04	(0.02)	n.d.	0.04	(0.02)	n.d.	0.04	(0.02)	n.d.
Total	98.98 ⁴			99.07			98.70		

HF-13	Glass	
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	Тор			Middle			Bottom		
n	10		Boyd's index	10		Boyd's index	10		Boyd's index
SiO ₂	41.24	(0.21)	1.43	41.43	(0.11)	0.74	41.64	(0.17)	1.12
TiO,	2.45	(0.03)	0.96	2.47	(0.03)	1.04	2.45	(0.02)	0.76
ALÔ,	11.61	(0.06)	0.86	11.63	(0.05)	0.73	11.49	(0.10)	1.37
Fe.O.	2.32			2.31	• •		2.30	• •	
² FeO	10.17			10.16			10.11		
FeO.	12.26	(0.14)	0.96	12.24	(0.23)	1.57	12.18	(0.17)	1.19
MnO	0.24	(0.02)	1.34	0.22	(0.03)	1.68	0.23	(0.03)	1.66
MgO	11.36	(0.04)	0.56	11.37	0.05	0.65	11.34	(0.08)	0.97
CaO	11.01	(0.07)	0.90	11.02	(0.07)	0.91	11.04	(0.06)	0.82
Na-O	5.12	(0.04)	0.63	5.13	(0.06)	0.98	5.11	(0.04)	0.71
K.O	2.02	(0.03)	0.90	2.00	(0.03)	0.89	2.01	(0.02)	0.76
P2O5	1.46	(0.03)	n.d.	1.46	(0.03)	n.d.	1.46	(0.03)	n.d.
Total	98.77 4			98.97			9 8.95		

Concentrations are in weight percent (wt%).

: Boyd's index is calculated using the relationship σ / σ_e where σ is the measured standard deviation from electron probe in the sample and σ_e is expressed by the following equation: $\sigma_e = C / R * [(R * c) / (C * t) + (R * c^2) / (T * C^2)]^{4}$ where: C = concentration of an element in the standard; c = concentration of an elementin the sample; R =counting rates on the standard (= N / T); N =total counts on the standard; T = counting time on the standard; t = counting time on the sample (Boyd & Finger 1975).

² : Fe₂O₃ and FeO proportions are calculated using total iron from the electron probe at T = 1400 °C, P = 1 atm, and $f O_2 = FMQ$ (Kress & Carmichael 1991). ³: Total iron is calculated as FeO from electron probe.

⁴: Totals are calculated using FeO_T.

n.d. : Not determined.

Values in parentheses are based on one standard deviation from multiple analyses (10).

elements in HF-13 glass samples displayed sigma ratios less than 2, with a maximum of 1.57 for FeO_t in the middle subsample. Here too, the test for manganese could not be applied. These low values of the sigma ratio indicate that P-MT and HF-13 glasses are homogeneous in major elements.

ANALYSIS OF IN-HOUSE STANDARD GLASSES BY SOLUTION ICP-MS TECHNIQUES

Two grams of each glass (mixtures from the top, middle, and bottom of the crucible) were ground to a TABLE 2a. IN-HOUSE GLASS STANDARD COMPOSITIONS (MAJOR AND MINOR ELEMENTS)

Ref. Glass comp.	P-MT Glas Pargasitic	8	HF-13 Glass		
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n	30		30		
SiO ₂	40.43	(0.25)	41.44	(0.24)	
TiO ₂	3.81	(0.04)	2.46	(0.03)	
Al ₂ O ₃	14.77	(0.09)	11.58	(0.10)	
Fe ₂ O ₃	1.56		2.31		
FeO	7.37		10.15		
² FeO _T	8.77	(0.16)	12.23	(0.18)	
MnO	0.09	(0.03)	0.23	(0.03)	
MgO	14.48	(0.09)	11.36	(0.06)	
CaO	12.34	(0.06)	11.02	(0.07)	
Na ₂ O	1.92	(0.03)	5.12	(0.05)	
K ₂ O	2.29	(0.03)	2.01	(0.03)	
P ₂ O ₅	0.04	(0.02)	1.46	(0.03)	
Total	98.94 ³		98.91		

Concentrations are in weight percent (wt%).

¹: Fe₂O₃ and FeO proportions are calculated using total iron from the electron probe at T = 1400 °C, P = 1 atm, and $f O_2 = FMQ$ (Kress & Carmichael 1991).

²: Total iron is calculated as FeO from electron probe.

³: Totals are calculated using FeO_T.

powder (<245 µm) in an agate mortar, split into 1-gram aliquots, and sent to two different laboratories (Memorial University of Newfoundland and Université de Montréal) for analysis by solution ICP-MS techniques. Table 2a shows the concentrations of major and minor elements measured by electron microprobe, and Table 2b shows the concentrations of trace elements measured by solution ICP-MS techniques. The solution ICP-MS analyses performed at Memorial University of Newfoundland used the method of standard addition to correct for matrix effects (Jenner et al. 1990, Longerich et al. 1990); at the Université de Montréal, a method of calibration based on matrixmatched external standardization and nonlinear response drift-corrections was used (Cheatham et al. 1993). The composition of the original HF-13 bulk rock before melting, analyzed by three different techniques, also is listed in Table 2b. This composition was recalculated on an anhydrous basis for comparison with the actual glass composition after melting. At the two-sigma level for most elements, no systematic difference appears between the original composition and the results of solution-mode ICP-MS analyses of the HF-13 glass after melting (Table 2b). The only exceptions are Ta, La, and Eu, whose concentrations are higher than those reported in the original bulk-rock analysis. Comparison of the results of different ICP-MS analyses of in-house glass standards from both laboratories demonstrate that they are in very good agreement for the majority of elements, with the exception of Y, Nb, Ba, Pr, Nd, and Yb (Table 2b). The concentrations of Nb, Ba, Nd are systematically higher, and those of Y, Pr, Yb, lower, for glasses analyzed at Memorial University of TABLE 2b. IN-HOUSE GLASS STANDARD COMPOSITIONS (TRACE ELEMENTS)

Ref. Glass	P-MT	Glass			HF-13 Glass						
comp.	Pargasi	ite			Ol-normative nephelinitic						
	sol. IC	P-MS ¹			sol. ICP-MS	XRF+I0 Before melting	CP ²				
	ΩM ³		MII ⁴		UM ³	MU ⁴					
n	3		4		2	1	3				
Li	n.d.		2.7	(0.5)	n.d.	12.40	n.d.				
Rb	16.2	(0.31)	16.9	(0.5)	29.0	28.4	29.72	(0.45)			
Sr	461.7	(13.4)	474.6	(5.20)	1532	1485	1498	(37.6)			
Y	12.00	(0.32)	9.73	(0.25)	30.46	23.89	27.40	(2.28)			
Zr	53.08	(1.95)	52.35	(1.46)	301.9	292.7	299.9	(13.9)			
Nb	13.25	(0.89)	16.62	(0.38)	103.6	114.6	90.78	(7.28)			
Ba	360.4	(12.7)	365.9	(8.90)	320.9	337.1	391.4	(62.4)			
Hf	2.14	(0.12)	2.35	(0.12)	6.05	6.54	5.99	(0.25)			
Та	0.96	(0.07)	1.02	(0.06)	5.79	5.87	4.68	(0.05)			
Pb	3.83	(0.17)	4.50	(1.06)	0.61	0.45	n.d.				
Th	0.17	(0.01)	0.21	(0.04)	9.13	9.21	9.61	(1.34)			
ប	0.05	(0.002)	0.06	(0.01)	2.84	2.81	2.47	(0.25)			
La	5.77	(0.21)	5.78	(0.06)	82.82	83.73	77.87	(1.19)			
Ce	17.01	(0.75)	18.07	(0.21)	159.18	167.76	139	(11)			
Pr	3.11	(0.11)	2.89	(0.04)	20.03	18.67	n.d.				
Nd	14.53	(0.53)	15.31	(0.40)	73.35	76.91	67.17	(3.16)			
Sm	3.74	(0.15)	3.91	(0.23)	14.06	14.42	13.85	(0.25)			
Eu	1.29	(0.05)	1.36	(0.06)	4.48	4.49	4.08	(0.13)			
Gd	3.41	(0.16)	4.40	(0.31)	11.31	11.76	10.88°				
Tb	0.48	(0.03)	0.52	(0.04)	1.53	1.47	1.40	(0.08)			
Dy	2.53	(0.14)	2.62	(0.12)	6.97	7.04	6.71°				
Но	0.43	(0.02)	0.45	(0.01)	1.06	1.11	1.18	(0.13)			
Er	1.08	(0.03)	1.05	(0.06)	2.72	2.45	n.d.				
Tm	0.13	(0.01)	0.12	(0.01)	0.30	0.27	0.27°				
Yb	0.73	(0.05)	0.68	(0.01)	1.61	1.38	1.47	(0.02)			
Lu	0.10	(0.004)	0.09	(0.01)	0.20	0.18	0.20	(0.01)			

Concentrations are in parts per million (ppm).

¹: Analyzed by solution inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry at respectively laboratories show in table.

²: Analyzed by X-ray fluorescence, solution ICP-MS, and irradiation neutron activation (INA) at McGill University and the Université de Montréal before melting the bulk powder to make standard (D. Francis, pers. comm., 1994). Concentrations of trace elements are recalculated on anhydrous basis.

³: Analyses done at the Laboratoire Ultratrace du Département de Géologie de l'Université de Montréal by G. Gauthier and A. Khoury.
⁴: Analyses done at the Department of Earth Sciences, Memorial University of Newfoundland

⁴: Analyses done at the Department of Earth Sciences, Memorial University of Newfoundland by S.E. Jackson.

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n.d. : Not determined.

Values in parentheses are based on one standard deviation from multiple analyses (10). Sample chips from both glasses are available upon request to the first author.

Newfoundland compared to those analyzed at Université de Montréal. Both laboratories use different methods to establish the concentration of those elements. Calibration curves for Y at Université de Montréal are based upon the average values of Y in the standards BIR-1, BHVO-1, JB-1, and BR (Govindaraju 1989), whereas at Memorial University of Newfoundland, a pure Y metal is used for calibration. The Y concentrations obtained by Memorial University of Newfoundland on different international reference materials are reported to be 20% lower than values previously suggested (G. Jenner, pers. comm., 1995). So without any evidence to the contrary, and knowing that both laboratories can reproduce compositions of basaltic reference standards with excellent accuracy using different procedures of calibration (typically better than $\pm 5\%$; Jenner et al. 1990, Cheatham et al. 1993), we decided to use the average trace-element concentrations for Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Nb, Ba,

TABLE 3. LEVELS OF DIFFERENT TRACE ELEMENTS AS DETERMINED BY SXRF AND LASER-ABLATION ICP-MS MICROPROBES

			P-MT Gla	55		
	Working	SXRF	м			
	values	Top		Middle		LLD ³
n		5		5		10
Rb	16.6	16.0	(0.89)	13.6	(0.49)	2.90
Sr	469	449	(10.9)	359	(3.41)	3.26
Y	10.7	10.6	(0.49)	9.40	(0.80)	3.14
Zr	52.7	42.4	(1.50)	29.2	(0.98)	5.08
Nb	15.2	12.4	(1.02)	10.2	(1.17)	5.19
		LAM	ICP-MS ²			
		Top		Middle		LLD
n		5		5		10
Rb	16.6	16.7	(0.21)	20.08	(0.53)	0.71
Sr	469	451	(1.94)	456	(2.42)	0.81
Y	10.7	9.24	(0.32)	9.75	(0.26)	0.86
Zr	52.7	52.4	(0.72)	53.3	(1.19)	1.09
Nb	15.2	13.9	(0.18)	14.3	(0.29)	0.72
Ba	364	407	(1.11)	417	(3.71)	0.12
La	5.78	5.78	(0.14)	5.93	(0.12)	0.18
Ce	17.6	18.9	(0.32)	19.3	(0.15)	0.11
Nd	14.9	15.8	(0.37)	16.2	(0.20)	0.10
Sm	3.84	4.44	(0.28)	4.27	(0.35)	0.37
Eu	1.33	1.29	(0.09)	1.35	(0.08)	0.09
Hf	2.26	2.49	(0.21)	2.32	(0.07)	0.09
Ta	1.0	1.06	(0.07)	1.14	(0.05)	0.10

HF-13 Glass

		SXRF.	M			
	Working	Top		Middle		11.03
n	141203	.5		5		10
Rb	28.8	33.0	(0.89)	28.6	(1.02)	2.46
Sr	1516	1718	(9.80)	1432	(65.2)	2.75
Y	28.3	27.4	(0.80)	23.8	(1.72)	3.35
Zr	299	290	(5.31)	229	(14.4)	4.97
Nb	107	92.6	(2.06)	74.6	(3.88)	4.13
		LAM-	ICP-MS ²			
		Тор		Middle	;	LLD
n		5		5		10
Rb	28.8	33.6	(0.51)	31.0	(0.61)	0.65
Sr	1516	1506	(5.28)	1506	(2.45)	0.65
Y	28.3	25.4	(0.41)	25.3	(0.47)	0.77
Zr	299	316	(2.91)	320	(3.11)	0.90
Nb	107	101	(0.64)	101	(1.06)	0.66
Ba	326	344	(3.83)	347	(2.28)	0.12
La	83.1	87.3	(0.44)	88.3	(0.84)	0.19
Ce	162	171	(0.65)	170	(1.17)	0.11
Nd	74.5	80.6	(0.85)	79.8	(1.43)	0.10
Sm	14.2	14.2	(0.85)	16.0	(0.45)	0.36
Eu	4.5	4.41	(0.08)	4.60	(0.08)	0.09
Hf	6.2	6.86	(0.18)	7.06	(0.22)	0.09
Ta	5.8	6.02	(0.10)	6.38	(0.05)	0.09

¹: Working values are based on average of solution ICP-MS analyses.

²: Analytical masses used are listed in Table 4.

³: Lower Limit of Detection are based on 10 different analyses from spots (SXRFM) or grids (LAM-ICP-MS).

Values in parentheses are based on one standard deviation from multiple analyses (10).

MICROBEAM TRACE-ELEMENT ANALYSIS

Synchrotron X-ray-fluorescence microprobe

SXRFM analyses were performed on beam line X26A at the National Synchrotron Light Source at Brookhaven National Laboratory (Upton, New York). The synchrotron storage ring was operated at 2584 MeV, with an electron current in the range of 110 to 202 mA. Figure 1 shows a schematic view of the X26A beam line and includes the major devices used during analyses. The X radiation from the synchrotron is reduced to a 10- μ m beam by a series of collimators (slits) and a final pinhole. The beam intensity is measured in a He-filled ion chamber upstream of the pinhole, and the X-ray fluorescence from the sample is detected by a Si(Li) energy-dispersion spectrometer (EDS) (150 eV resolution at MnK α) positioned at 90°



La, Ce, Nd, Sm, Eu, Hf, and Ta determined from the two solution-mode ICP-MS analyses as the working values for the in-house standard glasses HF-13 and P-MT (Table 3). In any case, discrepancies between the different values for Y, Nb, Ba, Pr, Nd, and Yb concentrations will not affect the conclusions of this study.

FIG. 1. Schematic view of the X26A beam line at the National Synchrotron Light Source, Brookhaven National Laboratory. The X radiation is emitted from the divergent electrons along their trajectory inside the ring, passes through a series of collimators (slits) and pinhole before exciting the specimen 9 m downstream. The sample is mounted vertically and at 45° to the incident X-ray beam. The fluorescence and scattered X-rays from the specimen are detected with a Si(Li) EDS detector mounted at 90° to the incident beam. to the incident beam (Bos *et al.* 1984, Lu *et al.* 1989, Sutton *et al.* 1986). Between the detector and the sample, an aluminum filter either 85 or 170 μ m thick (depending upon the sample's composition) is positioned to suppress the intense K fluorescence lines of major elements, principally Ca and Fe in our samples. Counting dead-time for the EDS detector was maintained in the range of 20 to 30%. Concentrations of trace elements were measured on the same areas previously analyzed by electron microprobe (position located at $\pm 10 \ \mu$ m to the previously analyzed area on the basis of back-scattered electron images). Live time was selected to be 300 s for analyses, yielding a real acquisition time of 390 s. The energy window of the measured spectra was between 2 and 20 keV.

Computation of element concentrations and their precision and accuracy

Typical SXRFM spectra of P-MT and HF-13 are shown in Figure 2. The net areas under the peak in each spectrum were obtained by fitting and subtracting a polynomial background, then fitting Gaussian functions to the residual. Trace-element concentrations are based on the technique of internal standard analysis using a modified version of the program NRLXRF (Sutton et al. 1987, Bajt et al. 1992). This program calculates concentrations of trace elements with corrections for filters (incident beam and detector filters), major-element composition, self absorption, secondary fluorescence, and the specimen's density and thickness. The thickness of each specimen at the point of analysis was measured with a NIKON binocular microscope at 100× and corrected with the material's mean index of refraction to yield the true thickness. The index of refraction of the glasses was measured using immersion oils. Glass densities were calculated using the model of Bottinga et al. (1982). Indices of refraction and densities of crystalline phases were estimated using values from Deer et al. (1985) for minerals of similar composition. A trace element's concentration is determined by a comparison of the area of the trace element's $K\alpha$ peak with the area of the $K\alpha$ peak of an element whose concentration in the sample is known. The internal standard used was iron, previously determined by EMPA at the same point analyzed by SXRFM. The areas of the FeK α peak and trace element's Ka peak were combined with the concentration of iron in the specimen to determine the concentration of a trace element using the relation



$$C_i = S_i \times \frac{I_i}{I_{\rm Fe}} \times C_{\rm Fe}$$

in which C_i is the concentration of a trace element *i*, S_i is detection sensitivity (ppm/count) for an element *i* relative to that for Fe calculated by the NRLXRF program, I_i represents the integrated counts from element *i* (K α peak), I_{Fe} stands for the integrated counts from the FeK α peak, and C_{Fe} is the Fe content of the specimen (expressed as the weight fraction of the element; Sutton *et al.* 1987, Lu *et al.* 1989).

We calculated the effects of errors in thickness, density, and iron content of the specimen on the measured concentrations of the trace elements. An error of $\pm 10\%$ relative on either the thickness or the density of a specimen produces a maximum error of $\pm 7\%$ relative in the trace-element concentrations; an error of $\pm 10\%$ relative in the iron concentration results in a maximum error of $\pm 10\%$ relative in the trace-element concentrations. Other potential, systematic errors associated with the SXRFM include uncertainties in the thickness and composition of the filters used between the specimen and the detector (Lu *et al.* 1989). As we show below, by careful analysis, we can analyze our materials for trace elements using SXRFM to accuracies within $\pm 20\%$ relative of the accepted values, at concentrations in the ppm range.

Laser-ablation microprobe – inductively coupled plasma – mass spectrometry

LAM-ICP-MS analyses were performed with a Fisons PQ2+ ICP-MS mass spectrometer equipped with a laser microprobe at the Université de Montréal. The laser is of the Nd:YAG type, operating at a wavelength of 1064 nm. This laser can be used in two modes: "Q-switched" and "free-running". In the Q-switched mode, laser radiation does not exit the laser cavity until the radiation reaches a critical level of





power, which produces a high-power, short-duration pulse (Jarvis et al. 1992, Williams & Jarvis 1993). In the free-running mode, all laser radiation exits the laser cavity; this radiation is of lower power than radiation in the Q-switched mode, but is emitted as a relatively long sequence of pulses (Jarvis et al. 1992). The Q-switched mode is used routinely at our facility because it is practically impossible to ablate clear glass samples (e.g., NIST-612 standard) using the free-running mode owing to lower overall efficiencies in ablation (Federowich et al. 1993).

However, for the analysis of small samples, the freerunning mode has the advantage of minimizing damage to the sample. We have measured the ablation rates for both Q-switched and free-running modes on HF-13, P-MT and NIST-612 glasses with a laser blank voltage of 945 V and a repetition rate of 4 Hz. In the present study, the ablation rate of the free-running mode is $\sim 80 \,\mu\text{m/min}$, whereas in Q-switched mode, the ablation rate is 25% greater, ${\sim}100~\mu\text{m/min}.$ Furthermore, diameters of the ablation craters are smaller for the free-running than the Q-switched mode, 34 and 62 µm, respectively. The same response in crater diameter between both modes was observed by Williams & Jarvis (1993). Thus the free-running mode is better suited for the analysis of small samples than the Q-switched mode. However, the free-running mode must be used with a colored sample and results in minimum limits of detection that are a factor of 10 to 100 times greater than with the O-switched mode (discussed below).

TABLE 4. LASER MICROPROBE AND ICP-MS: OPERATING CONDITIONS

Laser Microprobe	
laser mode	"Free-running"
voltage	945 V
repetition rate	4 Hz/4 shots
grid parameters	matrix of 2 x 10 ablation holes (increments of 20 μm along x-axis and 15 μm along y-axis)
total shots per grid	80
element menu	17 elements including ⁴⁴ Ca as internal standard
size of sampling grid	50 x 150 x 80 (L x W x D) µm ³
uptake	one full grid (25 s/grid)
focus condition	on sample surface
ICP-MS	100 · 000 II
extraction lens	-188 to -202 V
collector lens	1.36 to 3.4 V
nebulizer flow rate	1.144 to 1.192 L/m
cooling gas	13.50 to 13.75 L/m
auxiliary gas	0.800 to 0.825 L/m
mass resolution	0.8 at 10 % peak height
acquisition mode	peak jumping
measuring point / peak	3 points separated by 1/200 AMU ¹
dwell-time per point	10.24 ms/pt
acquisition time	45 s
numbers of repeats	3 (total time = 135 s)
completed sweep	65
total time / mass	1.997 s/mass
analytical masses	⁴⁴ Ca, ⁸⁵ Rb, ⁸⁸ Sr, ⁸⁹ Y, ⁹⁰ Zr, ⁹³ Nb, ¹³⁷ Ba, ¹³⁹ La, ¹⁴⁰ Ce, ¹⁴¹ Pr, ¹⁴⁶ Nd, ¹⁴⁷ Sm, ¹⁵¹ Eu, ¹⁷⁸ Hf, ¹⁸¹ Ta, ²³² Th, ²³⁸ U

1 : Atomic mass unit.

The specimen was ablated inside a silica-glass sample cell under a microscope, with the laser in the free-running mode at a 945 V blank voltage and repetition frequency of 4 Hz. The parameters used for analysis in the free-running mode are listed in Table 4. To minimize damage, the specimen was rastered during ablation and analysis. Each analysis results from a 2×10 matrix of ablation holes, which corresponds to a volume of $50 \times 150 \times 80$ (L × W × D) μ m³ (Fig. 3). This mode results in relatively little damage to the anhydrous and hydrous samples, but cannot be used where elements have abundances below ~ 0.1 ppm (Table 3). The ablated material from the sample cell was transferred to the ICP-MS torch via a polyurethane tube of 3 mm (i.d.) over a distance of approximately 1.5 m by a continuously flowing stream of Ar gas at atmospheric pressure.

Protocol used during the LAM-ICP-MS analyses

The protocol followed during the analyses begins with a gas blank to establish the instrument's background levels, three analyses of our HF-13 in-house glass standard for external calibration, another gas blank, and then five unknowns. For our purpose, we repeated that protocol twice to analyze a total of 10 unknowns in 1.5 h. Prior to data collection for every analysis of the in-house standard and unknowns, the sample was ablated with the laser for 1.25 s at each of the 20 points of the grid (Fig. 3a); this procedure removed the sample's surface (to a depth of $\sim 34 \,\mu\text{m}$) and any contaminants adhering to it. Between each analysis, a pause of one minute served to flush the gas line between the sample cell and the ICP-MS unit, and also to allow the mass spectrometer to stabilize at background levels.

The acquisition time for one complete analysis was fixed at three repetitions of 45 s each on the same grid for a total time of 135 s (Table 4). In this way, each analysis represents ~22 laser shots in each of the 20 holes made in the 2×10 grid. For a typical menu of 17 isotopes, the total time spent on each mass during one complete analysis is approximately 2 s. The internal standard used was ⁴⁴Ca because it successfully reproduces trace-element concentrations of P-MT and HF-13 glasses within a relative difference of $\pm 15\%$ compared to the solution-mode results obtained on the HF-13 in-house glass standard.

Computation of element concentrations and their precision and accuracy

Trace-element concentrations were calculated from the measured count-rates for each isotope by comparing the average background-corrected ablation values of the specimen to an in-house basaltic glass standard (HF-13). As mentioned previously, basaltic glass was used instead of NIST glasses because the Nd:YAG



FIG. 3. Physical characteristics of the laser-ablation rastered grid. (a) Schematic view of the ablation-grid pattern. Back-scattered (b) electron images of anhydrous glass (HF-13) showing top view of rastered grid produced "free-running" in mode at operating conditions shown in Table 4 (scale bar: 100 µm).

laser does not inductively couple with transparent glasses in the free-running mode at the conditions used (Table 4). Concentrations were calculated with the relation:

 $C_{elem, unk} = \frac{\left(\frac{Cps_{isotope}}{Cps_{Ca}}\right)_{unk}}{\left(\frac{Cps_{isotope}}{Cps_{Ca}}\right)_{stand}} \times \frac{CaO_{unk}}{CaO_{stand}} \times C_{elem, stand}$

where $C_{elem, unk}$ stands for the calculated concentration of a particular element in the unknown sample (in oxide wt%, ppm, ppb, etc.), $Cps_{isotope}$ represents the background-corrected counts per second of a particular isotope, Cps_{Ca} represents the background-corrected counts per second of the internal standard reference isotope, ⁴⁴Ca, unk is the unknown sample, stand is the in-house standard sample, CaO_{unk} is the CaO content in the unknown sample analyzed by EMPA or other analytical techniques (in oxide wt%), CaO_{stand} is the CaO content in the in-house standard sample analyzed by EMPA or other analytical techniques (in oxide wt%), and $C_{elem, stand}$ is the concentration of the element in the in-house standard analyzed previously by EMPA or other analytical techniques (in oxide wt%, ppm, ppb, *etc.*).

An error of $\pm 10\%$ relative in the Ca concentration measured by the EMPA on both materials (i.e., CaO determined in unknown and in-house standard) results in a maximum error of ±20% relative for all the elements analyzed with the LAM-ICP-MS using the above formula. This error is similar to that for the SXRFM. Other variables associated with the instrument and the specimen will affect both precision and accuracy: focusing below the surface of the specimen, differences in total abundance of rare-earth elements (REE) between the standard and specimen, thermal fractionation between the internal isotope and the isotopes monitored during ablation, irregular rate of sampling during the ablation owing to physical weakness (e.g., internal fractures in glass due to quench, fluid inclusions and cleavage in crystals), and differential characteristics in the absorption of infrared light between the standard and specimen (e.g., Moenke-Blankenburg 1989, Jackson et al. 1992, Jarvis et al. 1992, Fedorowich et al. 1993, Feng et al. 1993, Jarvis & Williams 1993, Williams & Jarvis 1993, Feng 1994, Jenner et al. 1993). Also, instrumental drift of the ICP-MS can affect precision and accuracy of the analysis. This drift is corrected by using an external standard for calibration (in our case, HF-13 glass, as mentioned in the above protocol).

Proof of homogeneity of in-house standards at the trace-element level using EMPA, SXRFM, and LAM-ICP-MS

Trace-element homogeneity of both in-house standards has been investigated by EMPA, SXRFM, and LAM-ICP-MS. The EMPA was operated at an accelerating potential of 25 kV, with a beam current of 50 nA and a beam diameter of 10 µm. The first test was to analyze subsamples of HF-13 for Sr (concentration in HF-13: 1516 ppm). The amount of Sr in P-MT standard (469 ppm; see Table 3) is too low to give reliable counting-statistics by EMPA. The SrL α line was counted for 100 s, and backgrounds on both sides for 50 s. Based on four line-profiles of 10 points each, located randomly on HF-13 subsamples, the relative standard deviation (RSD: standard deviation/average) based on 40 analyses is 3.9%. The similarity of the theoretical RSD based upon counting statistics (i.e., $\sqrt{N_{\text{net counts}}}/N_{\text{net counts}} = 4.43\%$) with the measured RSD suggests that the sample is homogeneous in Sr.

Other tests were performed for Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, and Nb using SXRFM and LAM-ICP-MS and Ba, La, Ce, Nd, Sm, Eu, Hf, and Ta using LAM-ICP-MS. The RSD determined on the P-MT in-house standard using both microbeam instruments is close to or less than 10%, with the exception of Zr and Nb, as obtained by SXRFM, which display an RSD maximum of 19% (Fig. 4a). For the HF-13 in-house standard, the RSD values of all elements are close to, or below, 12% for both instruments (Fig. 4b). However, the RSD values calculated on both in-house standards for Rb, Sm, Eu, Hf, and Ta by LAM-ICP-MS are higher than that for Sr, Y, Zr, Nb, Ba, La, Ce, and Nd. One hypothesis is that these elements do not behave in a similar manner to the internal standard (in our case, ⁴⁴Ca) during the ablation and ionization (Williams & Jarvis 1993). The RSD values for both in-house standards have a similar pattern and similar relative values for each instrument. The low values of RSD calculated for both in-house standards show that they are homogeneous in Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Nb, Ba, La, Ce, Nd, Sm, Eu, Hf, and Ta using the different microprobe techniques and suggest that they are probably homogeneous in other trace elements.

The upper portions of Figure 4 show the measured concentrations of Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Nb, Ba, La, Ce, Nd, Sm, Eu, Hf, and Ta in P-MT and HF-13 using SXRFM and LAM-ICP-MS results compared to solution-mode ICP-MS analyses of the glasses (Table 3). For LAM-ICP-MS analyses, HF-13 was used for calibration. These plots are based on average values from ten-point, SXRFM, and ten-grid, LAM-ICP-MS analyses from top and middle subsamples of each glass. With the exception of Zr, trace-element concentrations in P-MT can be reproduced to within ±20% by SXRFM and within ±15% by LAM-ICP-MS (Fig. 4a). The concentration of Zr determined by SXRFM has a large difference relative to the working value (>30%). This correlates with the high RSD calculated previously (RSD of Zr: 19%), and may be explained by imperfect peak-fitting. We know that in the highenergy range of the spectra (e.g., 14.5 to 17 keV), there exists a zone where many peaks overlap. A better peakfitting routine will improve the results for these elements, but the present results are still acceptable. The trace-element concentrations of HF-13 can be reproduced well by the SXRFM technique with a relative error of $\pm 20\%$ based on average values (Fig. 4b), with the exception of Nb determined by SXRFM, which shows a larger discrepancy, $\sim 20\%$. Again, better peak-fitting should improve the results. Overall, the SXRFM results are very good and compare favorably with systematic errors previously reported for this instrument, ±20% relative (Lu et al. 1989). The accuracies associated with concentrations of Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Nb, Ba, La, Ce, Nd, Sm, Eu, Hf, and Ta by LAM-ICP-MS on the HF-13 glass are similar to those on P-MT glass (±10 to 15%). In general, the LAM-ICP-MS gives better reproducibility than SXRFM for Sr, Y, Zr, and Nb. The LAM-ICP-MS has poor precision for Rb, Sm, Eu, Hf, and Ta, resulting in large standard deviations on multiple analyses (Fig. 4).



FIG. 4. SXRFM and LAM-ICP-MS results on both in-house glass standards. The concentration of each element is normalized to solution-mode ICP-MS values in Table 3. (a) P-MT standard. (b) HF-13 standard. Symbols denote: average value based on top and middle subsamples performed by LAM-ICP-MS (diamond); average value based on top and middle subsamples performed by SXRFM (circle). The error bars shown reflect ±1 standard deviation of ten-point (SXRFM) or ten-grid (LAM-ICP-MS) analyses. Standard deviations smaller than symbol size are not shown in this and subsequent figures. The relative standard deviation (RSD in %) is calculated from the net counts and based on ten analyses, including top and middle subsamples.

Lack of matrix matching in major, minor and trace elements, variation in ablation coupling-absorption, physical features, *etc.*, cannot explain these differences for those elements because of the similarity of the in-house standard and the unknown (Jackson *et al.* 1992, Williams & Jarvis 1993). Furthermore, the Rb, Sm, Eu, Hf, and Ta isotopes determined by LAM–ICP–MS and solution ICP–MS are the same (*i.e.*, ⁸⁵Rb, ¹⁴⁷Sm, ¹⁵¹Eu, ¹⁷⁸Hf, ¹⁸¹Ta), and there is no evidence of any interferences.

Sensitivity and detection limits of SXRFM and LAM–ICP–MS techniques

The sensitivities of SXRFM and LAM-ICP-MS were tested using both in-house standard glasses. The purpose of this test was to verify the linear response of the SXRFM and LAM-ICP-MS to changes in the concentrations of different trace elements in our in-house glasses. Also, this test was done for the LAM-ICP-MS to determine the possibility of calibrating with a single in-house standard (in our case, HF-13) for quantitative analysis of our experimental run-products for a suite of trace elements. We define sensitivity by the relation

$$S_i = \frac{(Counts_{net-i})}{(T_{live} \times Abund_i)}$$

where S_i is the sensitivity of a particular element *i*, $Counts_{net-i}$ are the background-corrected counts for element *i* (K α or isotope peaks for SXRFM and LAM-ICP-MS, respectively), T_{live} is the live time spent during acquisition for the element *i* (values of 390 s and 1.997 s were used for the SXRFM and the LAM-ICP-MS analysis, respectively), and Abund_i is the relative abundance of the isotope *i* analyzed with the LAM-ICP-MS [for SXRFM, this variable equals one for all the elements; abundance values taken from De Bièvre & Barnes (1985)].

The sensitivity behaves linearly for both instruments to 30 ppm for Rb, 1600 ppm for Sr, 30 ppm for Y, 300 ppm for Zr, and 120 ppm for Nb (the maximum concentrations of these elements in our in-house standards). However, a larger scatter at low count-rates has been found for all elements in P--MT glass analyzed by SXRFM compared to LAM-ICP-MS results. This reflects the lower sensitivity of the SXRFM with a small beam-spot at low concentrations, or the higher background-levels of the SXRFM compared to the LAM-ICP-MS. The overall sensitivity of the LAM–ICP–MS is about 1.5 to 2 orders of magnitude (*i.e.*, $10^{1.5}$ to 10^2 , respectively) greater than the SXRFM for Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, and Nb.

The lower limit of detection for both instruments can be calculated following Bos *et al.* (1984) with the relation

$$LLD = 3.29 \times f \times Conc_i \times Abund_i \times \frac{(N_{bkg-i})^{1/2}}{N_{net \ peak-i}}$$

where LLD is the lower limit of detection, 3.29 is a constant (defined previously by Currie 1968, Eq. 5b), f is the correction factor for low background-counts $(1 \le f \le \sqrt{2})$; a value of $\sqrt{2}$ was used for both instruments by considering the propagation of the errors between the background and peak; Currie 1968), $Conc_i$ is the concentration of the element *i* (ppm), Abund_i is the relative abundance of the isotope iquantified with the LAM-ICP-MS [for SXRFM. this variable equals one for all elements; abundance values taken from De Bièvre & Barnes (1985)], N_{bke-i} is the total number of background counts of element i(Ka or isotope peaks for SXRFM and LAM-ICP-MS, respectively), and N_{net peak-i} is the total backgroundcorrected counts of the peak of element i (K α or the isotope peaks for SXRFM and LAM-ICP-MS, respectively).

This formula was used to calculate LLD values for SXRFM analysis and could be used for any analytical instrument (Currie 1968). However, it seems in general to overestimate the LLD calculated for LAM–ICP–MS by an average factor of 1.7 for Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Nb, Ba, La, Ce, Nd, Sm, Eu, Hf, and Ta if compared to the relation (H. Longerich, pers. comm., 1995):

$$LLD = 3 \times Conc_i \times Abund_i \times \frac{Std_{bkg-i}}{C_{net \ peak-i}}$$

where Std_{bkg-i} is the standard deviation of the total background counts (or cps) of the element *i* (K α or isotope peaks for SXRFM and LAM–ICP–MS, respectively), $C_{net peak-i}$ stands for the backgroundcorrected counts (or cps) of the element *i* (K α or isotope peaks for SXRFM and LAM–ICP–MS, respectively).

Typical lower limits of detection for Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, and Nb have been calculated for both glasses using the relation of Bos *et al.* (1984), and are listed in Table 3. The overall lower limits of detection for elements determined by SXRFM and LAM–ICP–MS are on the order of 5.5 ppm and 2 ppm or less, respectively, and are assumed to be the most conservative LLD values that could be determined for LAM–ICP–MS (Table 3). Those results are of the same order of magnitude as those reported in previous studies (Sutton *et al.* 1986, Bajt *et al.* 1992, Jackson *et al.* 1992, Williams & Jarvis 1993).

PARTITION COEFFICIENTS FROM RUN PRODUCTS USING SXRFM AND LAM-ICP-MS DATA

Kaersutite megacrysts from Hoover Dam, Arizona, were ground ($<500 \,\mu$ m) and used as starting materials. Mixtures of this kaersutite powder + 10 wt% deionized water were enclosed in graphite capsules and then sealed inside Ag₅₀Pd₅₀ capsules. Experiments were performed in a piston-cylinder apparatus with an NaCl-pyrex assembly 1.91 cm in diameter (Baker 1993, Fig. 8.10). Temperatures was measured with a type-D thermocouple, and no corrections were applied for the effect of pressure on EMF. Experiments were performed by bringing the pressure and temperature of the assembly to 1.5 GPa, 1200°C for 1 h to totally melt the amphibole. The samples then were isobarically cooled at a rate of 10°C/min to 1100°C, and that temperature was maintained for 100 h before quenching. Our previous experiments have shown that constant partition-coefficients seem to be reached within 10 h, but long-duration experiments result in larger crystals that are easier to analyze (Dalpé et al. 1992). Run products were inspected optically under oil, and chips of quenched glass + crystals were mounted in epoxy for analysis by EMPA, SXRFM and LAM-ICP-MS.

Run products consist of prisms of calcic amphibole (up to 1 mm along their longest axis; modal proportion: 85%) and hydrated Ti-rich quenched glass (modal proportion: 15%). The calcic amphibole is Ti-rich pargasite based on the classification of Leake (1978), and has a higher Mg number [*i.e.*, Mg# = $100Mg/(Mg+Fe_t) = 85$] compared to the amphibole in other experimental studies [e.g., Nicholls & Harris (1980): average Mg# 72; Green & Pearson (1985): Mg# 70; Adam et al. (1993): average Mg# 77; Adam & Green (1994): average Mg# 77, J. Adam (pers. comm., 1994): Mg# 72]. The crystal chemistry of our pargasite shows the same amount of calcium in the M4 site $[^{VIII}Ca_{M4}, normalized on a basis of 23 atoms of oxygen$ per formula unit (apfu)], but a higher proportion of titanium in the M1, M2 and M3 octahedral sites (VITi_{M1,2,3} 0.47 apfu) compared to that found in other studies [Philpotts & Schnetzler (1970): VITi 0.41; Nicholls & Harris (1980): ^{VI}Ti 0.27; Green & Pearson (1985): ^{VI}Ti 0.40; Adam et al. (1993): ^{VI}Ti 0.23, Adam & Green (1994): VITi 0.23, J. Adam (pers. comm., 1994): ^{VI}Ti 0.25]. The composition of the quenched glass is listed in Table 5. It has an Mg# of 65, and contains 7 wt% normative Ne. It is a Ti-rich basanitic glass based on the classification of Yoder & Tilley (1962).

Line traverses were performed by EMPA across the pargasite and quenched glass to evaluate their homogeneity in major and trace elements (Fig. 5). The EMPA was operated at an accelerating potential of 15 kV, with a beam current of 50 nA and a beam diameter of 10 μ m. The Mg profile shows two flat

TABLE 5. COMPOSITION OF PARGASITE AND QUENCHED TI-RICH BASANITIC MELT FROM RUN PRODUCTS AT 1.5 GPA, 1100 $^\circ\mathrm{C}$

Major elements (in wt%) determined by EMPA1:

	Pargasite	•	Ti-rich hydrous basanitic quenched melt				
n	18		17				
SiO,	41.13	(0.42) ²	38.82	(1.14)			
TiO,	4.33	(0.21)	5.67	(0.26)			
ALO,	14.03	(0.43)	13.90	(0.87)			
FeO	5.08	(0.25)	7.11	(0.58)			
MnO	0.07	(0.02)	0.18	(0.03)			
MgO	16.70	(0.19)	6.82	(1.72)			
CaO	11.37	(0.37)	11.26	(0.85)			
Na ₋ O	2.19	(0.12)	1.70	0.28			
K₂Ô	1.36	(0.38)	1.07	(0.43)			

86.51

Trace elements (in ppm) determined by3:

96.26

Total

	SXRFM Pargasit	SXRFM Pargasite		LAM-ICP-MS ⁴ Pargasite		SXRFM Quenched melt		LAM-ICP-MS ⁴ Quenched melt	
n	5		5		9		5		
Rb	B-LLD ⁵	•	2.02	(0.34) ²	9.78	(1.69)	9.19	(0.91)	
Sr	311	(41.4) ²	334	(4.76)	958	(82.8)	889	(2.71)	
Y	8.80	(1.17)	9.61	(0.76)	35.9	(4.43)	28.8	(0.74)	
Zr	13.0	(7.26)	15.7	(1.18)	109	(9.96)	127	(1.43)	
Nb	B-LLD		3.19	(0.37)	54.7	(5.89)	63.7	(1.40)	
Ba			115	(2.95)			415	(7.46)	
La			0.62	(0.08)			16.0	(0.25)	
Ce			4.01	(0.13)			60.1	(0.82)	
Nd			5.91	(0.27)			41.5	(0.79)	
Sm			2.06	(0.80)			11	(0.98)	
Eu			1.20	(0.07)			3.42	(0.08)	
Hf			1.38	(0.20)			4.16	(0.16)	
Ta			0.27	(0.06)			3.67	(0.09)	
Partit	ion coeffic	ient value	s deter	mined by:					
	EMPA			SX	RFM		LAM-I	CP-MS	
Tï	0.76			Rb D_m	_ = 0.30 ⁴	5	0.22	(0.04)7	
ĸ	1.27			Sr 0.3	2 (0.05)7	0.38	(0.01)	
				Y 0.2	5 (0.04)	0.33	(0.03)	
				Zr 0.1	2 (0.07)	0.12	(0.01)	
				Nb D _m	_{aa} = 0.09		0.05	(0.01)	
				Ba			0.28	(0.01)	
				La			0.039	(0.005)	
				Ce			0.067	(0.002)	
				Nd			0.14	(0.01)	
				Sm			0.19	(0.07)	
				Eu			0.35	(0.02)	
				Hf			0.33	(0.05)	
				Ta			0.07	(0.02)	

¹: Operating conditons used: see the INTRODUCTION section.

²: Values in parentheses are based on one standard deviation from multiple analyses (10).

³: Operating conditions used: see the MICROBEAM TRACE ELEMENT ANALYSIS section.

⁴: Analytical masses used are listed in Table 4.

⁵: B-LLD = concentration Below the Lower Limit of Detection.

⁵: D_{max} is obtained from: highest LLD of the element / conc. of the element in quenched melt (see Table 3 for LLD values).

⁷: Values in parentheses are based on one standard deviation from the relationship: S.D. = $[(C_m^2 * S.D_d^2) / (C_d^2)) + (S.D_d^2 - (C_d^2))^{1/2}$ where: C = concentration; m = mineral; gi = glass (Adam et al. 1993).

patterns, one from core to rim in the pargasite crystal and a second located about 100 μ m away from the rim (referred to the quenched glass) (Fig. 5a). RSD factors of 1.3 and 12.6% were calculated for the two phases, respectively. Some peaks and troughs along the crystal profile are related to fractures made during the polishing and to cleavage in the thin crystal. As we cross from the rim of the crystal to the quenched glass, a rapid drop is observed in Mg, which then gradually increases to a plateau (beyond 100 µm). That pattern is attributed to modification of the melt during quenching (referred as quench-modified glass). The Sr profile shows two flat patterns also separated by a quenchmodified region (Fig. 5b). Sr in the quench-modified glass shows a profile reverse from that of Mg because Sr is incompatible and Mg compatible (Fig. 5). The calculated RSD values for Sr are 31 and 13.5% for pargasite crystal and quenched glass, respectively. The high RSD calculated for Sr in the pargasite is not due to inhomogeneity, but reflects low net counts and physical features such as fractures in the crystal. The RSD calculated in the quench glass for Sr and Mg are similar (<15%) and indicate homogeneity in both cases.

Concentrations of major, minor and trace elements were measured using the procedures previously described in the pargasite and quenched glass with the EMPA, SXRFM and LAM–ICP–MS (Table 5). Within one standard deviation, there is agreement for Sr, Y, and Zr in pargasite, as documented by both SXRFM and LAM–ICP–MS (Table 5). However, the concentrations of Rb and Nb are below the limit of detection for the SXRFM (<3 and 5.5 ppm, respectively; Table 3).

For the quenched glass, we report data collected 100 μ m beyond the zone of quench-modified glass (Fig. 5). This is possible owing to large areas of quenched glass found in this run product (glass area of 400 × 700 μ m). The level of concentration of Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, and Nb determined by SXRFM in the quenched glass lies within, or close to, one standard deviation of LAM-ICP-MS values (Table 5) and invariably within two standard deviations.

Partition coefficients (*i.e.*, $D = C_i^{crystal}/C_i^{mel}$) of selected trace elements were calculated based on SXRFM (Sr, Y, Zr) and LAM-ICP-MS (Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Nb, Ba, La, Ce, Nd, Sm, Eu, Hf, Ta) data on pargasite and quenched Ti-rich basanitic glass (Table 5). The partition coefficients D_{Sr} , D_{Zr} and D_Y measured by SXRFM between the crystal and the quenched glass are within two standard deviations of values derived from the LAM-ICP-MS data (Table 5).

The partition coefficients D_{Ba} , D_{Rb} , D_{Ta} , D_{Nb} , D_{La} , D_{Sr} , D_{Zr} , and D_Y measured by both techniques agree well with previous experimental results, with the exception of D_{Sm} , which is lower than the values measured by Nicholls & Harris (1980), Green & Pearson (1985), Adam *et al.* (1993), Adam & Green (1994), and J. Adam (pers. comm., 1994) (Fig. 6a). Our new values for D_{Ce} , D_{Nd} , D_{Hf} , and D_{Eu} determined from LAM–ICP–MS data agree well with the interpolated fields that are formed by previous experimental results (Fig. 6a). In general, our partition coefficients are lower than partition coefficients measured between natural pargasite and coexisting matrix (Higuchi & Nagasawa 1969, Philpotts & Schnetzler 1970,



FIG. 5. Line traverse showing results of backgroundcorrected qualitative analyses by EMPA on BD1008 run products. (a) Mg; (b) Sr. Symbols denote: pargasite crystal (star); quench-modified glass close to rim (cross); quenched glass located at >100 μm from rim position (triangle).



FIG. 6. Partition coefficients determined by SXRFM and LAM-ICP-MS between pargasite and Ti-rich basanitic quenched melt. (a) Experimental run-products. Symbols denote: SXRFM (circle); LAM-ICP-MS (diamond); other experimental results [sources: Nicholls & Harris (1980), Green & Pearson (1985), Adam *et al.* (1993), Adam & Green (1994), J. Adam (pers. comm., 1994)]. The error bars shown reflect one standard deviation from the relationship: S.D. = $[(C_m^2 * S.D.^2_{gl}/C_{gl}^4) + (S.D.^2_m/C_{gl}^2)]^{0.5}$, where C represents concentration, *m* stands for mineral, and *gl* stands for glass (Adam *et al.* 1993). (b) Natural pairs showing minimum and maximum partition-coefficients between pargasite and host rocks [sources: Higuchi & Nagasawa (1969), Philpotts & Schnetzler (1970), Nagasawa (1973), Sun & Hanson (1976), Irving & Price (1981), Liotard *et al.* (1983) and Lemarchand *et al.* (1987)].

Nagasawa 1973, Sun & Hanson 1976, Irving & Price 1981, Liotard *et al.* 1983, Lemarchand *et al.* 1987) (Fig. 6b). Such discrepancies between natural and experimental studies are well documented and may suggest disequilibrium in the case of natural pairs (Green & Pearson 1985, Beattie 1994).

Partition coefficients for the *REE* determined in this study are low compared to those documented in most other studies (Fig. 6a). The glass compositions of these earlier experimental studies range from basanitic to tholeiitic and do not demonstrate any obvious effects of composition on the partition coefficients. However, it is possible that slight differences in amphibole composition (perhaps differences in VITi_{M1,2,3} in the pargasitic run-products, as mentioned previously) have a significant effect on the partition coefficients of trivalent elements. Adam & Green (1994) noted that for amphibole and clinopyroxene, there is a linear relationship between partition coefficients for Ti and the *REE*; as D_{Ti} increases, *D* values for the *REE* increase at constant pressure and temperature. The low partitioncoefficients for Ti and the *REE* measured in this study are qualitatively consistent with the results of Adam & Green (1994). However, the influence of the structure of pargasite and the quantitative relationships between *REE* partition coefficients and Ti cannot be established more firmly without more experiments.

COMPARISON OF SXRFM AND LAM-ICP-MS, AND CONCLUSIONS

The two analytical techniques are reliable and convenient techniques for the quantitative determination of the level of concentration of trace elements. The SXRFM offers the possibility of analyzing silicates for all elements between chlorine and molybdenum using $K\alpha$ lines (2.822 to 20 keV) at a very small spatial resolution (on the order of tens of μ m) without specimen damage. The LAM–ICP–MS offers the possibility of analyzing a larger suite of elements (*e.g.*, from mass ⁷Li to ²³⁸U) at lower limits of detection than the SXRFM, but damages the sample during analysis.

The overall lower limit of detection for Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, and Nb is on the order of 5.5 ppm and 2 ppm, respectively, for SXRFM and LAM-ICP-MS techniques; the techniques can reproduce the concentrations of these elements within $\pm 20\%$ and $\pm 15\%$ of the accepted values, respectively. However, the LAM-ICP-MS data reveal irregular precision in the Rb, Sm, Eu, Hf, and Ta concentrations, which we attribute to the different behaviors of Rb, Sm, Eu, Hf, and Ta relative to the internal standard, ⁴⁴Ca, during ablation. Furthermore, the larger area sampled by the LAM-ICP-MS limits this instrument to use on specimens that are homogeneous at the scale of hundreds of μ m. Future development of LAM-ICP-MS should allow a significant decrease in this size.

Both instruments were used to measure the partition coefficients (*i.e.*, $D = C_i^{crystal}/C_i^{mel}$) between pargasite and a Ti-rich basanitic quenched melt on the same runproducts. Similar values of $D_{\rm Sr}$ and $D_{\rm Y}$, and identical values of $D_{\rm Zr}$, were measured by both instruments. Also, these D values, together with $D_{\rm Ba}$, $D_{\rm Rb}$, $D_{\rm Ta}$, $D_{\rm Nb}$, $D_{\rm La}$ measured by LAM-ICP-MS, agree well with published results of experimental studies. New values of $D_{\rm Ce}$, $D_{\rm Nd}$, $D_{\rm Hf}$, and $D_{\rm Eu}$ from experimental results in a basaltic system are reported here for the first time.

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