

# **GEOPT9 - AN INTERNATIONAL PROFICIENCY TEST FOR ANALYTICAL GEOCHEMISTRY LABORATORIES - REPORT ON ROUND 9 / July 2001 (OU-6 Penrhyn slate).**

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## **Abstract**

Results are presented for round nine, GeoPT9, of the international proficiency testing programme for analytical geochemistry laboratories. The sample distributed for this round was OU-6 Penrhyn slate, a sample collected and prepared by The Open University as a proficiency testing sample. In this report, contributed data are listed, together with an assessment of assigned values, z-scores and charts showing both the distribution of contributed results and the overall performance of participating laboratories.

## **Introduction**

This ninth round of the international proficiency testing programme, GeoPT9, was conducted in a similar manner to earlier rounds. The programme is designed to be part of the routine quality assurance scheme of analytical geochemistry laboratories. The trial involves distributing a sample of established homogeneity to participating laboratories, which are required to analyse the sample using a well-characterised technique or techniques operated under routine analytical conditions. Results are then tabulated by the organisers and z-scores calculated by comparing each analysed result submitted with the value assigned to be the best estimate of the true composition. These assigned values were estimated

by robust statistical analysis of all the contributed data. By examining the magnitude of the z-score, participating laboratories can decide whether the quality of their data is satisfactory in relation to both their chosen fitness-for-purpose criteria and results submitted by all the other laboratories contributing to the round and choose to take corrective action if this appears justified.

Full details of the programme have been included in reports of previous rounds, the current publication status of which is listed in Appendix 1. In this report, therefore, only the features of the present round are included and readers interested in further details are invited to review the previously published reports.

**Steering Committee for Round 9:** M. Thompson (Chair), P.J. Potts (Secretary), P.C. Webb and J.S. Watson.

**Sample:** OU-6 is slate from the Penrhyn Slate Quarries, Bethesda, North Wales. (UK grid reference SH 615 643). The sample was obtained from powdered material prepared as a commercial product. The Penrhyn slate quarry is situated in a belt of well cleaved Cambrian slates that extends N-S across part of

Snowdonia. Much of the rock is a fine grained purplish grey slate. Originally deposited as a mud, the rock became recrystallised during low grade metamorphism, when the fine grained mica was aligned under the influence of Caledonian deformation to produce the slaty cleavage. However, the rock remains mineralogically homogeneous on a fine scale, except for occasional green reduction ( $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ) spots and crystals of pyrite.

The sample was tested for homogeneity by selecting at random ten of the packets prepared for distribution. Duplicate test portions from each packet were analysed by WD-XRF at the OU. For the elements that could be evaluated from these results, homogeneity was considered to be satisfactory for use in the GeoPT9 round. A breakdown of these results is listed in Appendix 2.

#### **Timetable for GeoPT9:**

Distribution of sample: March 2001.

Deadline for submission of analytical results: 15th May 2001.

Distribution of preliminary report: July 2001

#### **Submission of results**

Results were submitted by the seventy-eight laboratories in this round. All results submitted under codes J1 to J74 and listed in Table 1 contributed to the assessment of assigned values. The remaining results were not included in this assessment owing to late submission.

#### **Assigned values**

Following procedures described in earlier rounds, a robust statistical procedure was used to derive assigned value concentrations [ $X_a$ ], these being judged to be the best estimates of the true composition of this sample. Data in Table 2 lists assigned values for 12 major and 41 trace elements. Values were assigned on the basis that: (i) Sufficient laboratories had contributed data for

an element. (ii) The statistical assessment gave confidence that the results showed a central tendency approximating to a normal distribution. Part of this assessment involved examining a bar chart for each element to judge the distribution of results. Bar charts for elements shown in Figure 1 were judged to have satisfactory distributions, namely:  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3\text{T}$ ,  $\text{FeO}$ ,  $\text{MnO}$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ , LOI, As, Ba, Be, Ce, Co, Cr, Cs, Cu, Dy, Er, Eu, Ga, Gd, Hf, Ho, La, Li, Lu, Nb, Nd, Ni, Pb, Pr, Rb, Sb, Sc, Sm, Sn, Sr, Ta, Tb, Th, Tl, Tm, U, V, Y, Yb, Zn, Zr.

Charts in Figure 2 show data for elements:  $\text{H}_2\text{O}^+$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ , B, Bi, Cd, Cl, F, Ge, Mo, W. that were not judged to be satisfactory in the statistical analysis to assign values. In the present round, values could not be assigned to these elements.

Insufficient data were available to present charts for: Ag, Au, Br, Hg I, In, PGE, Re, S, Se, Te,

The most common reasons for elements failing the assessment of assigned values were as follows:

- (i) Insufficient number of contributed results.
- (ii) Results showing a strong positive skew in the frequency distribution diagram, sometimes with hints of multimodality.
- (iii) A robust mean clearly different from the mode, which makes the determination of a consensus impracticable.
- (iv) A very wide distribution of results as judged by the sigma value, so that no matter where the consensus were placed most of the participants would receive an 'unsatisfactory' classification if z-scores were calculated.

#### **Z-score analysis**

As in previous rounds, laboratories were invited to choose one of two performance standards against which their analytical results would be judged:

**Data quality 1** for pure geochemistry laboratories, where analytical results are designed for geochemical research and where care is taken to provide data of high precision and accuracy, sometimes at the expense of a reduced sample throughput rate.

**Data quality 2** for applied geochemistry laboratories, where, although precision and accuracy are still important, the main objective is to provide results on large numbers of samples collected as part of geochemical mapping projects or geochemical exploration programmes.

The target precision  $[H_a]$  for each element assessed was calculated from a modified version of the Horwitz function as follows:

$$[H_a] = k \cdot [X_a]^{0.8495}$$

Where  $X_a$  is the concentration of the element expressed as a *fraction*, and the factor  $k = 0.01$  for pure geochemistry labs and  $k = 0.02$  for applied geochemistry labs.

Z-scores were calculated for each elemental result submitted by each laboratory from:

$$z = [X - X_a] / H_a$$

where

$X$  is the contributed result,  $X_a$  is the assigned value and  $H_a$  is the target precision.

Z-score results are listed in Table 3 and participating laboratories are invited to assess their performance using the following criterion:

Z-score results in the range  $-2 < z < 2$  are considered to be satisfactory. If the z-score for any element falls outside this range, contributing laboratories are advised to examine their procedures to ensure that determinations are not subject to unsuspected analytical bias.

### **Participating laboratories**

Laboratories that contributed data to this proficiency testing round are listed in Table 4.

### **Overall performance**

As a summary of the overall performance of individual laboratories in this round, a multiple z-score chart is plotted in Figure 3. In this chart, the z-score performance for each element is distinguished by symbols that make it simple to identify whether the results were satisfactory or gave z-score values that were greater or lower than the acceptable z-score limits. These data are designed to help individual laboratories to judge their overall performance in this proficiency testing round.

### **Participation in future rounds**

The benefit from proficiency testing arises from regular participation and laboratories are invited to contribute to the GeoPT10 round, the sample for which will be distributed during September 2001.

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## **Appendix 1**

### **Publication status of proficiency testing reports**

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#### **GeoPT1**

Thompson M., Potts P.J., Kane J.S. and Webb P.C. (1996)

GeoPT1. International proficiency test for analytical geochemistry laboratories - Report on round 1. Geostandards Newsletter: The Journal of Geostandards and Geoanalysis, 20, 295-325.

#### **GeoPT2**

Thompson M., Potts P.J., Kane J.S., Webb P.C. and Watson, J.S. (1998)

GeoPT2. International proficiency test for analytical geochemistry laboratories - Report on round 2. Geostandards Newsletter: The Journal of Geostandards and Geoanalysis, 22 127-156.

#### **GeoPT3**

Thompson M., Potts P.J., Kane J.S. and Chappell B.W. (1999a)

GeoPT3. International proficiency test for analytical geochemistry laboratories - Report on round 3. Geostandards Newsletter: The Journal of Geostandards and Geoanalysis, 23, 87-121.

#### **GeoPT4**

Thompson M., Potts P.J., Kane J.S., Webb P.C. and Watson J.S. (1999b)

GeoPT4. International proficiency test for analytical geochemistry laboratories - Report on round 4. Submitted for publication to the electronic version of Geostandards Newsletter: The Journal of Geostandards and Geoanalysis (Summer 2000).

#### **GeoPT5**

Thompson M., Potts P.J., Kane J.S., and Wilson S. (1999c)

GeoPT5. International proficiency test for analytical geochemistry laboratories - Report on round 5. Submitted for publication to the electronic version of Geostandards Newsletter: The Journal of Geostandards and Geoanalysis (Summer 2000).

#### **GeoPT6**

Potts P.J., Thompson M., Kane J.S., Webb P.C. and Carignan J. (2000)

GEOPT6 - an international proficiency test for analytical geochemistry laboratories - report on round 6 (OU-3: Nanhoron microgranite) and 6A (CAL-S: CRPG limestone). International Association of Geoanalysts: Unpublished report.

#### **GeoPT7**

Potts P.J., Thompson M., Kane J.S., and Petrov L.L. (2000)

GEOPT7 - an international proficiency test for analytical geochemistry laboratories - report on round 7 (GBPG-1 Garnet-biotite plagiogneiss). International Association of Geoanalysts: Unpublished report.

#### **GeoPT8**

Potts P.J., Thompson M., Kane J.S., Webb, P.C. and Watson J.S. (2000)

GEOPT8 - an international proficiency test for analytical geochemistry laboratories - report on round 8 / February 2001 (OU-4 Penmaenmawr microdiorite). International Association of Geoanalysts: Unpublished report.

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## **Appendix 2**

### **GeoPT9 Homogeneity Report**

Homogeneity testing was based on analysis of duplicate test portions taken from each of 12 packets, which had been selected at random. These samples were analysed in duplicate by WD-XRF at the Open University for the major and minor elements ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{MnO}$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ , LOI, Ba, Cr, Ni) on glass discs and the trace elements (As, Ba, Co, Cr, Cu, Ga, Mo, Nb, Ni, Pb, Rb, S, Sc, Sr, Th, U, V, Zn, Zr) on powder pellets, following the procedures described in the GeoPT1 report.

Statistical analysis of homogeneity data was carried out using a new sequence of tests developed by Thompson (pers. comm.) as follows:

**DATATEST** is the outcome of a range of tests designed to identify analytical problems and discrepancies that could mask differences in analytical results related to inhomogeneity effects. All elements listed in the Tables below, passed these tests.

**CONC** is the average concentration derived from the XRF results.

**SIGMAP** is the target value for the standard deviation derived using the same modified form of the Horwitz function that was used to calculate the target precision for pure geochemistry laboratories (data quality = 1), described above.

**F** is the well-known F-statistic for one way analysis of variance. When compared to the relevant critical value of 4.94 (majors) or 2.78 (traces) all elements passed the F-test, except Ba.

**VARSAM** is the estimated between-sample variance, which is used to calculate:

**SAMRATIO**, which is the ratio of the  $\sqrt{(\text{VARSAM})} / \text{SIGMAP}$ . Where this ratio has a value of less than 0.3, the element data is considered to have passed the harmonised protocol (**HP**).

In interpreting these data, it is considered that the principal demonstrator of homogeneity is that elemental results 'pass' the classical F-test. However, this is not the ultimate arbiter of homogeneity, since the Harmonised Protocol requires that homogeneity will have an insignificant effect on the interpretation of proficiency testing results. If the within-packet variance is particularly small, the F-test may detect a significant level of between-packet variance (indicating inhomogeneity effects), which is, in fact, insignificant in relation to the target precision, against which the results from participating laboratories are evaluated. In order to test the significance of data that 'fails' the F-test, the ratio of sampling precision to target precision is calculated. If this ratio is less than 0.3, elemental results are considered to be compatible with those of a homogeneous sample, in the context of this proficiency testing programme. Barium was the only data set that did not pass the F-test, but the SAMRATIO of 0.1797 indicates that this (and all the other elements) are fit-for-purpose and compatible with criteria for acceptance in the harmonised protocol. Tables presenting these statistical parameters for both major and trace elements are listed below.

**Table 1 GeoPT9  
OU-6: Pentlyn Slate - Results submitted to the GeoPT9 round**

Round identifier	J1	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6	J7	J8	J9	J10	J11	J12	J13	J14	J15	J16	J17	J18	J19	J20	J21	J22							
Technique codes	M	M	IR, X	X	T,X	X	IR,X	A	A,M	A,M	A,M	A,A.M.	A,IR,	M	M	M	A tit,	X	X	tit,X	M,X	X	X							
Test portion (g)	0.1	0.1	0.45	0.5	0.6	0.54	0.8	0.1	0.07	0.25	0.1	0.25	0.2	0.1	0.075	0.27	0.1	0.1	0.05	0.01	0.7	8	0.1	0.8	0.14	1	1.9	1		
Data quality	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2					
SiO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m	57.57	57.7	56.95	57.48	58.095	62.89	58.64	57					58.84		57.05	58.12	57.36	57.6	56.37										
TiO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m	1.01	1.04	0.985	0.9955	1.015	0.79	0.964	0.96					1.02		0.97	0.99													
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	% m/m	20.58	20.3	20.28	20.52	20.834	14.87	20.37	20.5					20.61		20.55	20.81													
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	% m/m	9.031	8.9	8.77	9.031	9.259	5.92	9.332	9.4					8.98		9.22	9	10.2	8.92	9	9.29	8.7	9.2							
Fe(II)O	% m/m																	1.53	1.63											
MnO	% m/m	0.284	0.29	0.28	0.2872	0.304	0.14	0.292	0.27					0.284		0.28	0.29	0.29	0.283	0.29	0.28	0.28	0.24							
Mgo	% m/m	2.31	2.33	2.43	2.36	2.538	2.36	2.408	2.46					2.43		2.35	2.52	2.4	2.4	2.23	2.23	2.72								
CaO	% m/m	0.74	0.76	0.742	0.7575	0.7	4.54	0.769	0.69					0.69		0.73	0.72	0.76	0.75	1.08	1.08	0.69								
Na <sub>2</sub> O	% m/m	1.69	1.75	1.75	1.727	1.589	1.688	1.7	1.74					1.88		1.57	1.77	1.76	1.7	2.27	1.76	1.93								
K <sub>2</sub> O	% m/m	3.08	3.11	3.03	3.049	3.107	3.005	3.01	3.21					2.98		3.25	3.1	3.05	3	2.18	2.18	2.64								
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	% m/m	0.117	0.11	0.095	0.1214	0.19	0.0851	0.13	0.09					0.123		0.11	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.22								
H <sub>2</sub> O+	% m/m	0.41		4.11																										
CO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m	3.32	3.56	3.62	3.628	0.387	3.673	10.49	3.54					0.257		3.4														
LoI	% m/m																													
A9	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																													
A8	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																													
AU	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																													
B	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																													
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Ga	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																													
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Technique codes	M	M	IR, X	X	TX	X	IRX	A	AM	M	M	A	AA, M,	AIR,	M	M	X	X	X	X	MX	X		
Test portion (g)	0.1	0.1	0.45	0.5	0.654	0.8	0.10.7	0.25	0.1	0.25	0.2	0.10.75	0.27	0.1	0.1	1.05	0.01.07	8	0.10.8	0.14	1	1.9		
Data quality	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	
Ir	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	33.5	66	30.3				27.9	32.6	33	33.3	34.2	35.01			24	29	37	33.3					
La	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>							0.47	0.44	0.464	0.44	0.47	0.494			1				105	0.45	0.47		
Li	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>							0.7												0.8				
Lu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.456																						
Mo	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																							
N	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																							
Nb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	30.55	12	12.5	13.4	12.5	16.8		11.86	12.4	15.49		17			15	14	13	16					
Nd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>		24	21.1	26.35	30.5	29		30.6	29.5	30.91		27			30	33	33	32.1					
Ni	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	45	45	43.5	21	38.01	38		41	39.4	42.13		43			45	45	41	50					
Os	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																							
Pb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	29	19	29.9					28	23	27.6	27.9	29.66			28	32	29	31					
Pd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																							
Pr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	8.07	7						8.67	8	8.24	8.1	8.55	8.394			8			8.8				
Pt	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																							
Rb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	122.3	119	126					120.46	115	113	121.6	11.6	126.1			120	123	122	122	122	128		
Re	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																							
Rh	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																							
Ru	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																							
S	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																							
Sb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																							
Sc	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																							
Se	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																							
Sf	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	6.1	2.4																					
Sn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>		5.6																					
Sr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>		4.4																					
Ta	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	137	131	122	96	125	128	136	137	128.8	137	138.7		130	132	137	133	133	130	130	130	130	130	130
Tb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																3	3	2	2	0.8	0.8	0.93	
Tc	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.841															1							
Th	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	11.47	9.7	12.3					11.53	11.3	11.5	11.6	10.6	12.03			10	12	12.3	13	14	14	12.82	
Tl	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>		0.5																					
Tm	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.436																						
U	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.963		2.3																				
V	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>				121																			
W	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>					8																		
Y	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	26.69	26	27.1																				
Yb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	2.993																						
Zn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>					120	115	72	105	110	104	123.4		143.2	158	193	160	181	172	172	172	172	172	
Zr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	175.7	169	182	192	174.5	170	165																

Technique codes: A=ICP-AES; AA=AAS; E=emission spectrometry; G=gravimetric; I=INAA;

ign=ignition; IR=infrared detection; SE=ion selective electrodes; M=ICP-MS; O=other;

tit=titrimetry; W=wet chemistry; X=X-ray fluorescence.

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	J23	J24	J25	J26	J27	J28	J29	J30	J31	J32	J33	J34	J35	J36	J37	J38	J39	J40	J41	J42		
Round identifier	X	X	M,V, X	X	A,E, X	X	M	M	X	X	A,AA, W	X	M	X	A,AA, O,X	X	X	A,I, M,X	A,I, M,X			
Technique codes	X	1	M,V, X	X	A,E, X	X	M	M	X	X	A,AA, W	P,Y							A,I, M,O,V			
Test portion (g)	1.05	0.15	0.27	1.36	0.112	0.05	0.1	0.1	0.21	1.2	1	0.17	0.12	0.1	0.4	0.23	0.710	10	0.108	1.29	0.110	0.21
Data quality	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
Si02	% m/m	60.34	56.901	60.57	56.9				56.84	57.49	56.65	56.41	56.60	57.8	57.37	57.21	57.2	57.51	57.42	57.9		
Ti02	% m/m	1	1.095	0.98	1.011				1.15	0.98	1.08	1.06	0.90	1	1.09	0.985	1.043	1.095	1.043	0.98	0.97	
Al2O3	% m/m	18.55	20.83	20.78	20.45				20.8	20.48	20.07	21.08	20.90	20.6	20.42	20.72	20.5	20.5	20.23	20.58	20.5	
Fe2O3	% m/m	8.91	5.98	9.091	9.48	9.14			8.93	8.91	9.4	10.28	9.40	8.92	8.87	8.993	8.87	8.852	8.83	8.83	9.05	
Fe(II)O	% m/m	0.27	0.21	0.28	0.28	0.284			0.288	0.28	0.305	0.32	0.28	0.28	0.287	0.276	0.281	0.289	0.25	0.287	1.7	
MnO	% m/m	0.27	0.21	0.28	0.28	0.284	0.242		0.268	0.2340	0.294	0.235	0.240	0.245	0.238	0.2347	0.238	0.249	0.252	0.242		
MgO	% m/m	0.7	0.834	0.73	0.855				0.84	0.710	0.83	0.95	0.72	0.75	0.738	0.738	0.765	0.765	0.72	0.72		
CaO	% m/m	2.26	1.98	1.709	1.54	1.78			1.68	1.9	1.45	1.72	1.82	1.81	1.77	1.759	1.763	1.73	1.76	1.8		
Na2O	% m/m	3.21		3.112	3.1	3.27			3	3.09	3.16	3.12	3.05	3.13	3	3.028	3.047	3.039	3.09	3.03		
K2O	% m/m	0.13		0.125	0.12	0.116			0.17	0.13	0.15	0.104	0.105	0.11	0.113	0.123	0.055	0.122	0.12	0.12		
H2O+	% m/m																3.65					
CC2	% m/m																0.212					
LoI	% m/m																3.61					
Ag	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																0.14					
As	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	14.5															3.613					
Au	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																3.55					
B	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	3.5				
Ba	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																					
Be	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																					
Br	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																					
Cd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.32																				
Ce	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	84	80.1	60.516	75.2	0.03	78	77.87	56.74	66	77.5	65.2	77.5	65.2	84.97							
Cl	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																					
Co	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	28.0	36						33.0	27.4	15	42	27	27	23.8	30.1						
Cr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	87	71	89					67.0	62	71	88	7.59	81	79.8	75.4	91.7					
Cs	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	7.77							7.0	8.9	7.898											
Cu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>								50.0	4.9	4.58	4.69	4.83	47	47							
Dy	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>								2.7	5.2	4.972	2.91	2.99	4.69	4.69							
Er	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.40	2.113	3.2					1.3	1.28	1.314	1.08	1.33	1.33	1.33							
Eu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.445							500.0													
F	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																					
Ga	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>								24.0	5.1	5.194	4.85	5.33	23	23	23.1	23.9	24.7	25			
Gd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>		4.679	4.7					1													
Ge	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																					
Hf	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	4.87																				
Hg	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																					
Ho	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																					
In	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																					

0.09

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Round identifier	J23	J24	J25	J26	J27	J28	J29	J30	J31	J32	J33	J34	J35	J36	J37	J38	J39	J40	J41	J42			
Technique codes	X	Y	M,V,	X	A,E,	M	M	M	X	X	X	A,A,G	M	X	A,A,A,	M,X	X	X	M,X	A,ir,	M,O,V		
Test portion (g)	1.05	0.15	0.27	1.36	0.11.2	0.05	0.1	0.1	0.21	1.2	1	0.17	0.12	0.1	0.4	0.23	0.710	10	0.10.8	1.29	0.110	0.21	
Data quality	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	
I <sub>r</sub>	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
La	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	33.1	35.238		32.5		33.7		19.5														
Li	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>				92.0		100		53														
Lu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.64	0.296		0.4		0.428		0.34														
Mo	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
N	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	17	17	16	17.0		13.9		14.08		19		23		7		15.31		14.5		14.67		16.5
Nb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	35	24.633		29.5		47.0		30.8		30.94		24.18		39		36		30.53		4.95		0.46
Nd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	55	38.5	25	37																0.179	0.645	0.4
Ni	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
Os	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
Pb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
Pd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
Pr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
Pt	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
Rb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	127	116.5	141	121	110.0		119		119.1													
Re	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
Rh	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
Ru	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
S	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
Sb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.69	21.9																				
Sc	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	21	23.8																				
Se	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
Sm	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	6.10	4.767		6.0		6.2		6.1		5.31												
Sn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
Sr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	131	161	128	136.0		3.8		129		131.5		153		144	125.5		5.84		6.23		21.1	
Ta	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
Tb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.04	0.76	0.674																			
Te	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
Th	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	11.52	11		11.3																		
Tl	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																						
Tm	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	2	1.99	0.311	0.3																		
U	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	148	167		125		140.0		128		1.91		1.824		114		130		2.52		1.93		0.445
V	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.5																					
W	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	35	43		2.4		24.0		28.8		26.27		22.63		41		20		29.2		24.5		28.7
Y	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	30	1.887		2.4		2.96		2.926														
Zn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	113	118	141	106	100.0	177.0	144															
Zr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	186	180	189	158																		

Round identifier	J43	J44	J45	J46	J47	J48	J49	J50	J51	J52	J53	J54	J55	J56	J57	J58	J59	J60
Technique codes	A.M. X	A.M. X	T.X	AA.O. tit	A.W	M.X	M.T. X	X	X	A.I.M. T.X	M.X	A.Ir. M.T.X	M.T.X	A.Ir. X	A.Ir. X	A.M X	X	X
Test portion (g)	0.25	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.25	0.6	0.25	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.01	1.2	1.0	0.20	0.1	2.0	1.0
Data quality	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1
SiO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m	57.5362	57.9	58.297	57.61	57.71	57.27	57.95	55.3	57.31	57.35	57.331	56.6	59.010	57.94	58.23		
TiO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m	0.98445	0.967	0.945	0.985	0.99	1.03	0.99	1.01	0.97	0.99	1	0.9911	1.002	0.96	1.01		
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	% m/m	57.5362	20.54	20.819	20.42	20.61	20.29	20.33	20.41	19.95	20.4	20.52	20.33	19.27	20.3			20.61
Fe2O <sub>3</sub>	% m/m	8.8083	9.03	8.944	8.43	8.756	9.11	8.93	9.04	8.66	8.72	8.95	8.81	9.041	9.08			
Fe(II)O	% m/m		1.69	1.65	0.304	0.272	0.27	0.29	0.28	0.288	0.272	0.288	0.28	0.2876	0.299	0.26	0.277	0.28
MnO	% m/m	0.308	0.285	0.285	0.2436	2.465	2.35	2.34	2.33	2.4	2.39	2.36	2.48	2.461	2.43	2.35	2.3	2.445
MgO	% m/m	2.41205	0.737	0.747	0.718	0.718	0.74	0.77	0.74	0.732	0.8	0.72	0.73	0.762	0.78	0.69	0.758	0.83
CaO	% m/m	0.71365	1.805	1.946	1.875	1.894	1.64	1.83	1.71	1.801	1.78	1.87	1.78	1.756	1.99	1.62	1.76	1.875
Na <sub>2</sub> O	% m/m	1.74495	3.34	3.041	2.948	3.078	3.06	3.01	3.09	3.081	2.92	3.05	3.22	3.059	3.01	2.85	3.02	2.89
K <sub>2</sub> O	% m/m	3.0413	0.121	0.121	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.115	0.12	0.11	0.1177	0.119	0.09	0.122		
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	% m/m	0.1239																
H <sub>2</sub> O+	% m/m																	
CO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m																	
LOI	% m/m	3.83	3.57	3.685	3.52	3.66	3.61	3.51	3.51	3.69	3.57	3.6	3.573	3.71	3.59	3.6		
A <sub>9</sub>	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
A <sub>8</sub>	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.32	14.25															
Au	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
B	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
Ba	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	114	467	497	412	411.6	491	2.65	2.34	0.3	51.1							
Be	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
Bi	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
Br	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
Cd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	2.28	71.83	65														
Ce	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
Cl	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
Co	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	2.72	28.52	30.8	31.3	30	27.3	46	27	29.8	30	27.48	29.37	27	24			
Cr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	8.04	70.77	78.5	68.9	8.23	64	80	88	63	60.37	64.8	66.6	79				
Cs	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	2.18	7.89	42.9	34	33.7	7.58	36	8.81	7.911	8.3	8.93	8.9					
Cu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	4.35																
Dy	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
Er	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.27																
Eu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
F	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
Ga	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
Gd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
Ge	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
Hf	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
Hg	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
Ho	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																	
In	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.23																

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Round identifier	J43	J44	J45	J46	J47	J48	J49	J50	J51	J52	J53	J54	J55	J56	J57	J58	J59	J60	J60
Technique codes	A,M,X	X	X	T,X	AA,O,tit	A,W	A	M,X	M,T,X	X	X	A,I,M,X	X	M,X	A,Ir,X	M,T,X	A,tt,X	A,tt,X	X
Test portion (g)	0.25	1.5	1.0	1.0	0.25	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.1	0.01	1.2	1.0	0.20	0.1	0.12	0.24	0.123.5
Data quality	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1
I <sub>r</sub>	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																		
La	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	8.25	33.23																
Li	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	25.5																	
Lu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.399	0.46																
Mo	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																		
N	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																		
Nb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	14.9																	
Nd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	31.82																	
Ni	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	3.63																	
Os	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																		
Pb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	7.02																	
Pd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																		
Pr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																		
Pt	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	43.2																	
Rb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																		
Re	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																		
Rh	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																		
Ru	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																		
S	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																		
Sb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.54																	
Sc	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	23.55																	
Se	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																		
Sf	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	6.05																	
Sn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.513																	
Sr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	29.4																	
Ta	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.13																	
Tb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.905																	
Tc	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																		
Th	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	3.15	12.03																
Tl	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																		
Tm	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.367																	
U	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	14.3																	
V	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>																		
W	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	5.49																	
Y	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	3.07																	
Zn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	11.1	120	111.1	88.6	83.1	240	80.7	115	106.9	109	118	126	107.1	94	105	107	166	160
Zr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	9.14	173.3	173.3	140.8	140.2	174	156.6	193	180	177	175	172.4	174	166	160	160	160	160

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Round identifier	J61	J62	J63	J64	J65	J66	J67	J68	J69	J70	J71	J72	J73	J74
Technique codes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A,X	A,X	A,A	A,M,X	X
Test portion (g)	0.810	0.810	1.6	1.6	1.45	1.03	0.2	0.2	0.66	0.254	0.55	0.1	0.5	0.25-0.35
Data quality	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2
SiO <sub>2</sub> % m/m	57.24	57.29	57.29	58.2	56.95	57.57	57.1	61.78	56.39	57.43	57.74			
TiO <sub>2</sub> % m/m	0.995	0.961	1.01	1	1.04	1.01	1.02	0.997	0.95	0.977	0.99			
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> % m/m	20.73	20.51	19.73	20.4	22.11	20.26	21.33	20.52	20.22	20.28	20.05	20.05		
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> % m/m	9.09	8.7	9.06	9.1	8.61	9.11	8.09	9.11	9.55	9.3	8.97	9.27	9.11	
Fe(II)O % m/m														
MnO % m/m	0.294	0.293	0.29	0.28	0.28	0.29	0.275	0.272	0.098	0.27	0.31	0.301	0.3	0.292
MgO % m/m	2.38	2.35	2.38	2.4	2.5	2.39	2.5	2.49	1.14	2.15	2.32	2.402	2.18	2.37
CaO % m/m	0.77	0.73	0.75	0.7	1.05	0.73	0.43	0.77	0.85	0.74	0.84	0.741	0.69	0.73
Na <sub>2</sub> O % m/m	3.13	1.78	1.83	1.7	1.78	1.6	1.53	1.86	2.11	1.63	1.97	1.95	1.52	1.81
K <sub>2</sub> O % m/m	1.73	3.015	3.08	3	3.22	3.06	2.75	3.1	2.37	3.49	2.9	3.036	3.05	3.09
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> % m/m	0.126	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.092	0.13	0.22	0.095	0.111	0.14	0.11	
H <sub>2</sub> O+ % m/m														
CO <sub>2</sub> % m/m	3.61	3.584	3.69	3.5	3.5	3.62	3.62	3.62	3.9	3.458	3.67	3.63		
LOI % m/m														
Ag mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
As mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	14.5													
Au mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
B mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
Be mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
Bi mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
Br mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
Cd mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	2.7													
Ce mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	77	73.5	0											
Cl mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
Co mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	32.3	23	32.8	31	27.5	32	31	31	71	0.101	0.05	61.1		
Cr mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	97	71	73	76	69.8	72	67	67		420	2200	88	512.8	488
Cs mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	33	39	33.6	51	8.76	10	96.7	37		5	5	1.5		
Cu mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
Dy mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
Er mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
Eu mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
F mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
Ga mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
Gd mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
Ge mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
Hf mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
Hg mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
Ho mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														
In mg kg <sup>-1</sup>														

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Round identifier	J61	J61	J62	J62	J63	J63	J64	J64	J65	J65	J66	J66	J67	J67	J68	J68	J69	J69	J70	J70	J71	J71	J72	J72	J73	J73	J74
Technique codes	X	X	X	X	X	X	A,AA,	X	X	X	X	X	A,X	X	AA,X	X	AA	A,A,	A,A,	A,M,X	A,M,X	M,X	M,X	X	X		
Test portion (g)	0.810	0.810	1.6	1.6	1.45	1.45	1.03	0.2	0.66	0.66	0.254	0.55	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.35	0.25	0.35	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75		
Data quality	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	
Ir	mg kg-1	28		31.5				35	32.5				33				52.8	26.3									
La	mg kg-1							85	0.49				96				3.5	0.35									
Li	mg kg-1												0.51														
Lu	mg kg-1																										
Mo	mg kg-1																										
N	mg kg-1	16		5		14.7																					
Nb	mg kg-1																										
Nd	mg kg-1																										
Ni	mg kg-1	47.7		32.5		46		41					29				31	24.6									
Os	mg kg-1																31	31	42								
Pb	mg kg-1	30.9		36		29.4		26					39	29.3	28		10.5		31.15								
Pd	mg kg-1																										
Pr	mg kg-1																										
Pt	mg kg-1																										
Rb	mg kg-1	124		124.5		125.3																					
Re	mg kg-1																										
Rh	mg kg-1																										
Ru	mg kg-1																										
S	mg kg-1					115																					
Sb	mg kg-1																										
Sc	mg kg-1																										
Sb	mg kg-1																										
Sc	mg kg-1																										
Sb	mg kg-1																										
Sc	mg kg-1																										
Sr	mg kg-1																										
Sr	mg kg-1	134.8		134		130.2		113					138				132	138									
Ta	mg kg-1																										
Tb	mg kg-1																										
Te	mg kg-1																										
Th	mg kg-1	11															12	12	10.8								
Tl	mg kg-1																										
Tm	mg kg-1	1.7		120.5																							
U	mg kg-1																										
V	mg kg-1																										
W	mg kg-1																										
Y	mg kg-1	30.9		26		26.5		26					3.18				28	24.3	25								
Yb	mg kg-1	119		107.5		110.8		116					129	110			131	119	125	18	18	2.43	2.43	55	55		
Zn	mg kg-1	191.5		168		176.6		182					179	175			186	179	150	125	125	93	109	111	111		
Zr	mg kg-1																										

Table 2 GeoPT 9

Assigned values and robust statistical analysis of contributed data

	X <sub>a</sub> % m/m	H <sub>a</sub> % m/m	s % m/m	H <sub>a</sub> /s ratio		X <sub>a</sub> mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	H <sub>a</sub> mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	s mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	H <sub>a</sub> /s ratio
SiO <sub>2</sub>	57.513	0.625	0.095	0.153	Hf	4.70	0.30	0.09	0.290
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.998	0.020	0.004	0.214	Ho	1.01	0.08	0.02	0.196
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	20.500	0.260	0.032	0.124	La	33.00	1.56	0.51	0.325
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> T	9.001	0.129	0.033	0.258	Li	92.65	3.75	2.64	0.705
FeO	1.650	0.031	0.019	0.625	Lu	0.45	0.04	0.01	0.184
MnO	0.284	0.007	0.001	0.207	Nb	14.79	0.79	0.31	0.388
MgO	2.398	0.042	0.010	0.245	Nd	29.01	1.40	0.52	0.373
CaO	0.740	0.015	0.005	0.312	Ni	39.83	1.83	0.71	0.387
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1.778	0.033	0.016	0.494	Pb	28.22	1.37	0.50	0.368
K <sub>2</sub> O	3.051	0.052	0.012	0.235	Pr	7.80	0.46	0.13	0.293
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.118	0.003	0.002	0.479	Rb	120.20	4.68	0.90	0.192
LOI	3.604	0.059	0.011	0.192	Sb	0.55	0.05	0.02	0.477
	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>		Sc	22.10	1.11	0.43	0.389
					Sm	5.92	0.36	0.08	0.222
As	13.00	0.71	0.45	0.638	Sn	2.72	0.19	0.11	0.573
Ba	477.24	15.09	4.80	0.318	Sr	130.89	5.03	1.16	0.231
Be	2.66	0.18	0.11	0.579	Ta	1.06	0.08	0.02	0.278
Ce	74.42	3.11	1.11	0.356	Tb	0.85	0.07	0.01	0.199
Co	29.11	1.40	0.48	0.341	Th	11.51	0.64	0.17	0.267
Cr	70.87	2.99	1.39	0.465	Tl	0.53	0.05	0.02	0.525
Cs	8.02	0.47	0.13	0.283	Tm	0.44	0.04	0.01	0.152
Cu	39.62	1.82	1.05	0.578	U	1.96	0.14	0.02	0.153
Dy	4.99	0.31	0.07	0.209	V	129.35	4.98	1.63	0.327
Er	2.98	0.20	0.03	0.166	Y	27.35	1.33	0.47	0.353
Eu	1.36	0.10	0.02	0.186	Yb	3.00	0.20	0.02	0.099
Ga	24.33	1.20	0.29	0.239	Zn	111.18	4.38	1.40	0.321
Gd	5.27	0.33	0.07	0.218	Zr	174.15	6.41	1.59	0.247

s=standard deviation of submitted results calculated using 'robust' statistics

H<sub>a</sub>=target precision calculated using a modified version of the Horwitz equation

**Table showing the results of homogeneity testing on the WD-XRF major element data.**

ANALYTE	DATA TEST	CONC	SIGMAP	F	F-TEST	SAMRAT	HP-TEST
SiO <sub>2</sub>	PASS	57.231	0.622455	2.40676	PASS	0.094268	PASS
TiO <sub>2</sub>	PASS	0.9827	0.019705	1.50444	PASS	0.090109	PASS
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	PASS	20.641	0.261736	2.09801	PASS	0.062504	PASS
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	PASS	8.9317	0.128476	2.14943	PASS	0.035527	PASS
MnO	PASS	0.2741	0.00666	1.79085	PASS	0.106606	PASS
MgO	PASS	2.3463	0.04127	0.51039	PASS	0	PASS
CaO	PASS	0.7385	0.015458	2.27778	PASS	0.163512	PASS
Na <sub>2</sub> O	PASS	1.7845	0.032709	1.77778	PASS	0.144572	PASS
K <sub>2</sub> O	PASS	3.0097	0.050993	1.70647	PASS	0.106663	PASS
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	PASS	0.1215	0.003336	1.01336	PASS	0.037047	PASS
LOI	PASS	3.664	0.060267	1.04233	PASS	0.069961	PASS
Critical level				4.94		0.3	

**Table showing the results of homogeneity testing on the WD-XRF trace element data.**

ANALYTE	DATA TEST	CONC	SIGMA-I	VAR-SAM	F	F-TEST	SAMRATIO	HP-TEST
Rb	PASS	122.231	4.7431	0.02884	1.2425	PASS		
Sr	PASS	130.565	5.0164	0	0.99168	PASS		
Y	PASS	28.815	1.3898	0	0.93054	PASS		
Zr	PASS	174.902	6.4306	0	0.47404	PASS		
Nb	PASS	14.548	0.7777	0.00237	1.07614	PASS		
Ba	PASS	524.3	16.3412	8.62051	2.95007	NEXT STAGE	0.17967	PASS
Pb	PASS	26.044	1.2754	0	0.52275	PASS		
Th	PASS	12.194	0.6694	0	0.89863	PASS		
U	PASS	2.2	0.1563	0.0712	1.3995	PASS		
Sc	PASS	22.313	1.1184	0	0.82134	PASS		
V	PASS	138.838	5.2852	0	0.4815	PASS		
Cr	PASS	79.365	3.2865	0	0.98368	PASS		
Co	PASS	22.694	1.1346	0	0.57498	PASS		
Ni	PASS	38.725	1.7865	0	0.63923	PASS		
Cu	PASS	33.765	1.5901	2.16691	1.43481	PASS		
Zn	PASS	106.258	4.2111	0	0.83316	PASS		
Ga	PASS	22.944	1.1452	0	0.91684	PASS		
As	PASS	14.656	0.7826	0.19091	1.21084	PASS		
S	PASS	37.352	1.7325	1.79506	1.51059	PASS		
Critical leve					2.78		0.3	

**Table 3 GeoPT9****OU-6: Penrhyn Slate: Z-scores calculated for the GeoPT9 round**

Round identifier	J1	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6	J7	J8	J9	J10	J11	J12	J13	J14
Technique codes	M	M	IR, X	X	T,X	X	IR,X	A	A,M	A,M	M	A	AA,M,	A,IR,	M
Test portion (g)	0.1	0.1	0.45	0.5	0.6-5.4	0.8	0.1-0.7	0.25	0.25	0.1	0.25	0.2	0.1-0.75	0.2-7	0.1
Data quality	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1
SiO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m	*	*	0.05	0.30	-0.76	-0.03	0.47	8.60	0.90	-0.41	*	*	*	1.06
TiO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m	*	*	0.31	2.13	-0.32	-0.05	0.44	-10.40	-0.84	-0.94	*	3.20	*	0.56
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	% m/m	*	*	0.15	-0.77	-0.42	0.03	0.64	-21.64	-0.25	0.00	*	0.00	*	0.21
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	% m/m	*	*	0.12	-0.78	-0.89	0.12	1.00	-23.82	1.28	1.54	*	0.73	*	-0.08
Fe(II)O	% m/m	*	*	*	*	0.33	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MnO	% m/m	*	*	0.00	0.87	-0.29	0.23	1.45	-20.98	0.58	-1.02	*	0.43	*	0.00
MgO	% m/m	*	*	-1.05	-1.62	0.38	-0.45	1.66	-0.91	0.12	0.74	*	0.50	*	0.38
CaO	% m/m	*	*	-0.02	1.26	0.05	0.55	-1.31	245.23	0.92	-1.63	*	1.95	*	-1.34
Na <sub>2</sub> O	% m/m	*	*	1.35	-0.85	-0.43	-0.78	-2.90	*	-1.38	-1.19	*	-0.58	*	1.57
K <sub>2</sub> O	% m/m	*	*	0.28	1.14	-0.21	0.02	0.54	*	0.45	-0.40	*	1.54	*	-0.69
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	% m/m	*	*	-0.18	-2.50	-3.63	0.50	*	22.05	-5.07	1.82	*	-4.32	*	0.74
LOI	% m/m	*	*	2.39	-0.74	0.14	0.21	0.58	115.89	*	-0.54	*	*	*	-1.71
As	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	2.83	*	0.00	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.21
B	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ba	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.60	*	0.46	*	0.06	*	*	8.17	-1.16	-0.41	0.52	0.75	-0.89	0.67
Be	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.12	*	*	*	*	0.15
Ce	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.25	*	-0.23	*	-0.44	*	*	*	0.74	0.74	1.67	*	0.82	-0.37
Co	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.67	*	1.82	*	*	6.50	-0.72	-1.11	0.21	-1.47	-0.04	-0.18
Cr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	-2.83	*	-1.05	*	*	-5.65	-1.39	-0.98	*	0.19	0.04	0.69
Cs	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.31	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.24	-0.34	*	*	0.13	-0.22
Cu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	3.46	*	-1.19	*	*	9.12	1.09	1.48	*	1.48	1.70	0.65
Dy	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.35	-0.14	0.00	*	-0.06	0.13
Er	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.46	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.01	-0.43	0.07	*	-0.09	0.01
Eu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.23	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.81	0.18	1.61	*	-0.40	0.13
Ga	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	1.11	*	0.36	*	*	5.26	1.24	*	1.38	*	0.36	-0.14
Gd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.08	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.39	-0.25	0.60	*	0.81	0.63
Hf	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.19	-2.02	*	*	*	*	0.77	0.00	0.43	*	-0.89	-0.39
Ho	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.06	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.50	0.26	0.01	*	-0.30	0.19
La	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.32	*	10.58	*	-0.87	*	*	*	-1.64	*	-0.26	0.00	0.10	0.38
Li	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.98	*	*
Lu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.13	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.24	-0.13	0.32	*	-0.13	0.24
Nb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	-1.77	*	-1.45	*	*	-2.91	-0.88	-1.45	2.54	*	1.86	-1.52
Nd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.10	*	-1.79	*	-2.83	*	*	*	-0.95	0.53	-0.01	*	0.57	0.18
Ni	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	1.41	*	1.00	*	*	-10.29	-0.50	-0.50	*	0.32	-0.12	-0.47
Pb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.57	*	3.38	*	0.61	*	*	*	-0.08	*	-1.91	-0.23	0.12	1.05
Pr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.58	*	-0.88	*	*	*	*	*	0.94	0.21	0.95	*	0.32	0.81
Rb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.45	*	-0.13	*	0.62	*	*	*	0.03	-0.56	-1.54	*	0.15	-11.61
Sb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	23.37	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.21	*	*	*	-0.42
Sc	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-1.90	0.76	0.18	*	0.40	-1.67	1.62
Sm	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.49	*	-0.44	*	*	*	*	*	0.60	-0.03	-0.09	*	0.00	0.60
Sn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	4.49	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.48	*	*	*	-1.20
Sr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.22	*	0.01	*	-0.88	*	*	-6.94	-0.59	-0.29	1.02	0.61	-0.21	0.61
Ta	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.87	-0.03	*	*	-0.81	-0.51
Tb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.16	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-1.45	*	-0.09	0.47	*	0.06
Th	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.07	*	-1.42	*	0.62	*	*	*	0.01	-0.17	-0.02	*	0.07	0.72
Tl	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.30	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-1.34
Tm	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.06	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.27	-1.07	*	0.02	0.14
U	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.00	*	1.19	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.22	1.53	*	-0.26	-0.05
V	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.24	*	-0.84	*	*	9.31	-0.24	-0.64	*	-0.94	-0.83	-0.14
Y	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.50	*	-0.51	*	-0.09	*	*	17.04	0.88	0.02	0.87	1.37	-0.77	0.24
Yb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.03	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.10	0.79	*	0.37	0.79
Zn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	1.01	*	0.44	*	*	-8.95	*	0.71	*	0.13	-0.82	1.47
Zr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.12	-0.40	*	0.61	*	*	2.79	0.03	-0.32	-1.43	*	2.42	-1.26

Technique codes: A: ICP-AES; AA: AAS; E=emission spectrometry; G=gravimetric; I=INAA;

ign=ignition; IR= infra red detection; ISE=ion selective electrodes; M=ICP-MS; O=other.

tit=titrimetry; W= wet chemistry; X=X-ray fluorescence.

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Round identifier	J14	J15	J16	J17	J18	J19	J20	J21	J22	J23	J24	J25	J26	J27	J27	J28
Technique codes	M	X	A.tit,	X	tit,X	M,X	X	I	X	X	I	M,V,	X	A,E,	A,E,	M
			X									X	X	X	X	
Test portion (g)	0.1	1.0-5	0.01-0.7	8	0.1-0.8	0.1-4	1	1.9	1	1.0-5	0.15	0.2-7	1-3.6	0.1-1.2	0.1-1.2	0.05
Data quality	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1
SiO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m	*	-0.37	0.97	*	-0.12	0.07	0.91	*	0.54	2.26	*	-0.98	4.89	-0.98	*
TiO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m	*	-0.69	-0.38	*	-0.19	0.81	2.06	*	0.81	0.06	*	4.88	-0.88	0.67	*
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	% m/m	*	0.10	1.19	*	-0.17	0.00	0.69	0.35	2.36	-3.75	*	1.24	1.08	-0.19	*
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	% m/m	*	0.85	-0.01	4.64	-0.31	0.00	1.12	-2.33	0.77	-0.35	-23.36	0.70	3.70	1.08	*
Fe(II)O	% m/m	*	*	-3.92	*	-0.33	*	*	*	*	*	*	15.03	*	*	*
MnO	% m/m	*	-0.29	0.87	0.43	-0.08	0.43	-0.29	0.59	3.21	-1.02	*	0.59	0.59	*	0.00
MgO	% m/m	*	0.57	2.90	*	0.02	0.02	-2.00	*	3.83	-2.71	*	2.43	7.89	*	0.26
CaO	% m/m	*	-0.34	1.32	*	0.63	0.31	10.96	*	-1.63	-1.31	*	6.04	-0.68	7.39	*
Na <sub>2</sub> O	% m/m	*	-3.19	-0.24	*	-0.27	-1.19	7.55	-0.55	2.33	7.39	6.20	-2.11	-7.29	0.07	*
K <sub>2</sub> O	% m/m	*	1.93	0.95	*	-0.01	-0.50	-8.44	*	3.99	1.54	*	1.18	0.95	4.24	*
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	% m/m	*	0.28	-2.50	*	0.28	0.28	15.63	*	*	1.82	*	2.10	0.57	*	-0.33
LOI	% m/m	*	0.47	0.44	*	0.22	0.87	-0.62	*	0.64	*	*	0.78	*	*	5.86
As	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	-7.07	3.18	*	-1.41	*	2.69	*	*	2.12	*	*	*	0.64
B	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.91
Ba	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.51	3.50	*	-0.21	0.57	*	2.77	*	1.85	-0.22	3.50	*	*	-1.07
Be	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	7.34	*	*	-0.15	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.42
Ce	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.51	*	-1.67	1.70	*	0.46	*	1.54	1.83	-4.47	*	0.25	*
Co	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	2.06	*	0.04	0.04	*	-0.65	*	*	-0.79	4.92	*	*	1.39
Cr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	2.39	*	-0.15	-0.31	*	0.78	*	2.70	0.04	6.07	*	*	0.65
Cs	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	-2.17	*	*	*	*	0.61	*	*	-0.52	*	*	*	1.08
Cu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	-0.34	*	0.93	-2.09	*	*	*	*	*	-4.18	*	*	2.85
Dy	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	25.57	*	*	0.66	*	0.67	*	*	*	3.64	*	-0.16	*
Er	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.12	*	*	0.31	*	*	*	*	*	4.27	*	-1.61	*
Eu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	6.13	*	*	0.66	*	0.26	*	*	0.36	0.79	*	-0.22	*
Ga	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.55	*	-0.55	1.11	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.28	*
Gd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	5.28	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-1.79	*	-1.67	*
Hf	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	2.36	*	*	-1.68	*	0.66	*	*	0.56	*	*	1.67	*
Ho	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	-0.11	*	*	0.57	*	*	*	*	*	3.22	*	-1.10	*
La	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	5.77	*	-1.28	1.28	*	0.19	*	*	0.06	1.44	*	-0.32	*
Li	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	1.65	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.17	*
Lu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	-0.01	*	0.47	*	*	*	3.81	*	1.99	*
Nb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	1.40	0.26	-0.50	1.14	0.76	*	*	*	1.40	*	2.80	1.53	*	1.40
Nd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	-1.44	*	0.36	1.43	*	2.21	*	2.14	*	-3.13	*	0.35	*
Ni	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.63	*	1.74	1.41	-0.50	0.32	*	5.56	*	4.15	-0.72	8.10	-1.54	*	1.96
Pb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.16	1.38	-0.28	1.02	*	*	*	*	*	-2.36	*	*	-0.52
Pr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.43	*	*	1.09	*	*	*	*	*	-2.22	*	0.60	*
Rb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.02	0.60	0.19	0.19	0.19	*	1.67	*	0.73	-0.79	4.45	0.17	-2.18	*
Sb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	9.35	*	*	0.52	*	3.74	*	*	2.91	*	*	*	*
Sc	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	2.80	*	*	1.31	*	1.63	*	-0.50	-0.18	*	*	*	3.65
Sm	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	5.73	*	*	0.52	*	0.74	*	*	0.49	3.19	*	0.13	*
Sn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	6.84	*	*	-0.59	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.75
Sr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.09	0.22	0.61	0.21	-0.09	*	*	*	*	0.02	5.99	-0.57	1.02	*
Ta	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	23.24	*	*	5.64	*	-8.90	*	*	0.18	*	*	0.42	*
Tb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	2.12	*	*	-0.37	*	1.12	*	*	-1.32	2.55	*	1.32	*
Th	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	1.19	0.76	0.62	1.16	1.95	*	2.05	*	*	0.01	0.81	*	-0.34	*
Tl	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	0.24	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.79
Tm	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	0.02	*	*	*	*	*	-3.21	*	2.48	*
U	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	14.36	0.48	*	-0.22	*	0.75	*	0.13	0.19	*	*	1.32	*
V	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.60	*	-0.27	*	-0.64	0.77	*	1.14	*	1.87	*	7.57	-0.87	*	1.07
Y	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.24	3.50	0.24	-0.13	-0.13	*	*	*	2.88	*	11.77	*	*	-1.26
Yb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.00	*	*	0.00	*	0.39	*	*	0.00	5.47	*	-2.75	*
Zn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.87	0.67	-0.25	-0.71	*	*	*	0.21	1.56	6.82	-1.18	-2.55	*
Zr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-1.10	1.07	-0.17	-0.17	-0.56	*	*	*	0.93	0.91	2.32	-2.52	*	0.22
																4.71

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Round identifier	J29	J29	J30	J31	J32	J33	J34	J35	J36	J37	J38	J38	J39	J40	J40	J41	
Technique codes	M	M	A,AA,	X	X	X	AA,G	M	X	A,AA,	X	X	A,I,	X	X	M,X	
			W				P,V			O,X							
Test portion (g)	0.1	0.1	0.2-1	1.2	1	0.17	0.1-2	0.1	0.4	0.2-3	0.7-10	10	0.1-0.8	1.2-9	1.2-9	0.1-10	
Data quality	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m	*	*	0.54	0.04	1.38	1.76	1.46	*	0.23	-0.23	0.48	*	-0.50	-0.01	*	0.15
TiO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m	*	*	3.82	0.88	4.13	3.13	4.89	*	0.06	4.63	0.63	*	-0.13	2.28	*	0.88
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	% m/m	*	*	0.58	0.08	1.65	2.23	1.54	*	0.19	0.31	0.83	*	0.00	-1.03	*	0.31
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	% m/m	*	*	0.27	0.70	3.09	9.89	3.09	*	-0.31	-1.01	-0.06	*	-1.01	-1.15	*	1.32
Fe(II)O	% m/m	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.23	*	*	6.54	*	*	*	*	*	*
MnO	% m/m	*	*	0.29	0.59	3.05	5.24	0.59	*	-0.29	0.43	-1.17	*	-0.44	0.72	*	4.96
MgO	% m/m	*	*	3.35	1.38	12.89	1.14	0.05	*	0.62	-0.43	-1.21	*	-0.43	0.50	*	2.90
CaO	% m/m	*	*	3.21	1.97	3.84	5.78	13.52	*	-0.66	0.61	-0.16	*	-0.48	1.58	*	1.32
Na <sub>2</sub> O	% m/m	*	*	1.50	3.75	10.05	1.77	1.29	*	0.49	0.24	0.58	*	-0.45	1.47	*	0.55
K <sub>2</sub> O	% m/m	*	*	0.50	0.75	2.11	1.33	0.02	*	0.76	0.99	-0.45	*	-0.08	-0.24	*	0.75
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	% m/m	*	*	7.95	3.64	9.77	-4.34	4.04	*	-1.25	1.58	1.49	*	19.38	1.30	*	0.57
LOI	% m/m	*	*	0.62	-0.40	-1.74	-0.06	-0.06	*	*	0.11	-0.06	*	0.16	-0.90	*	0.95
As	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.93	*	0.57	1.43	*	*	0.42
B	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Ba	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.18	-0.41	0.12	-2.14	*	*	-1.32	*	-1.08	*	1.60	1.29	4.96	*	1.24
Be	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.61	*	*	0.30	*	*	2.26
Ce	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.11	*	2.84	-2.71	*	*	*	0.99	*	2.96	*	*	3.39	*	-2.32	2.31
Co	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.67	-0.08	-10.06	9.20	*	*	*	1.50	*	-1.89	0.71	*	*	1.85
Cr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.02	0.38	0.04	5.74	*	*	*	3.39	*	1.50	1.52	6.98	*	4.16
Cs	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.25	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.91	*	*	*	*	-0.33	*	*	1.29
Cu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	1.75	*	*	*	*	*	4.05	-3.63	*	1.32	3.06	*	-1.82	
Dy	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.06	*	-0.65	*	*	*	*	-0.96	*	-0.51	*	*	0.74	*	*	0.32
Er	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.32	*	0.26	*	*	*	*	0.07	*	-2.06	*	*	0.27	*	*	0.57
Eu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.47	*	-1.36	*	*	*	*	-0.31	*	-1.66	*	*	0.84	*	*	0.46
Ga	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	-1.11	-1.11	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.51	0.30	0.30	*	0.55
Gd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.22	*	-0.18	*	*	*	*	-1.27	*	0.19	*	*	1.35	*	*	0.22
Hf	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.44	*	*	*	*	*	-1.08	*	*	*	*	2.84	*	*	-0.41
Ho	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.01	*	-0.68	*	*	*	*	0.14	*	1.50	*	*	0.32	*	*	0.76
La	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.22	*	4.33	*	*	*	*	-0.38	*	-7.37	*	*	1.69	*	-4.46	0.94
Li	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	5.29	*	*	*	*	*	2.31	*	*	1.96	*	*	*	
Lu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.03	*	1.36	*	*	*	*	0.84	*	0.47	*	*	110.66	*	*	0.22
Nb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.45	2.67	10.40	9.88	*	*	0.65	*	-2.28	-0.37	*	-0.16	0.77	*	0.06
Nd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.38	*	-1.73	*	*	*	*	1.09	*	-1.58	*	*	3.45	*	-6.69	1.96
Ni	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	-0.23	2.28	0.64	-2.09	*	*	*	-4.82	-1.22	*	0.49	-2.36	*	1.68
Pb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.62	*	6.31	*	*	*	*	-0.58	*	-2.36	0.06	*	1.59	8.92	*	0.06
Pr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.47	*	-1.69	*	*	*	*	0.03	*	-2.41	*	*	0.95	*	*	1.58
Rb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.24	*	*	3.38	-0.26	*	*	1.05	*	-1.75	0.47	*	0.60	0.07	*	0.21
Sb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-5.01	*	*	1.25
Sc	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.41	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.45	2.40	0.99	*	1.53
Sm	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.49	*	-0.84	*	*	*	*	-0.23	*	0.85	*	*	2.50	*	*	0.90
Sn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.00	*	*	2.19
Sr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.12	*	2.20	2.61	-1.07	*	*	-1.91	*	-3.14	0.00	*	0.82	-0.46	*	0.82
Ta	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-1.33	5.64	*	*	*	*	0.06	*	*	*	*	1.02	*	*	0.42
Tb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.20	*	-1.30	*	*	*	*	-0.60	*	2.55	*	*	0.83	*	*	0.26
Th	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.80	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.18	*	*	*	1.01	0.60	3.16	*	-0.49
Tl	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.74	*	*	-0.16
Tm	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.04	*	-0.48	*	*	*	*	0.16	*	-3.24	*	*	1.98	*	*	*
U	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.98	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.23	*	0.26	*	-0.22	2.23	*	*	-0.66
V	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	-1.54	*	*	0.13	*	*	*	-0.67	*	1.17	-0.01	8.33	*	0.83
Y	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.81	*	-1.78	10.27	-5.53	5.53	*	1.39	*	-2.14	1.02	*	0.71	2.07	*	-0.34
Yb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.36	*	-1.18	*	*	*	*	0.15	*	0.20	*	*	1.87	*	*	0.10
Zn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.09	-1.41	-0.95	*	*	*	*	-0.27	-1.32	*	0.57	-1.07	*	0.78
Zr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.84	-2.12	3.41	0.60	-2.52	*	*	*	0.29	0.02	*	*	3.11	*	1.30

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Round identifier	J42	J43	J44	J44	J45	J45	J46	J47	J48	J49	J50	J51	J51	J52	J53	J54		
Technique codes	A,ir.	A,M,	I	I	T,X	T,X	AA,O,	A,W	A	M,X	M,T,	X	X	A,I,M,	X	M,X		
	M.O.V	X			tit					X				T,X				
Test portion (g)	0.2-1	0.25-1.5	1.0-10	1.0-10	0.25-6	0.25-6	0.1-0.5	0.25-0.5	0.05-0.5	0.1-0.5	0.01-1.2	1.0-20	1.0-20	0.1-2	1.0-6	0.1-12		
Data quality	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2		
SiO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m	0.31	0.02	*	*	0.62	*	*	1.25	*	0.16	0.32	0.39	*	0.35	1.77	0.16	
TiO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m	-0.69	-0.33	*	*	-1.53	*	*	-2.63	-0.32	-0.38	1.62	-0.38	*	0.31	-0.69	-0.19	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	% m/m	0.00	71.16	*	*	0.13	*	*	1.23	-0.15	0.42	-0.81	-0.65	*	-0.17	-1.06	-0.19	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	% m/m	0.19	-0.74	*	0.11	-0.44	*	*	-4.38	-0.95	0.84	-0.55	0.30	*	-1.32	-1.09	-0.20	
Fe(II)O	% m/m	0.82	*	*	*	1.31	*	0.00	*	*	*	*	6.54	*	*	-0.82	*	*
MnO	% m/m	0.22	1.74	*	*	0.11	*	1.45	*	-0.88	-2.05	0.87	-0.59	*	0.29	-0.88	0.31	
MgO	% m/m	0.26	0.17	*	*	0.90	*	*	1.59	-0.57	1.38	1.62	0.05	*	0.10	0.45	0.57	
CaO	% m/m	-0.66	-0.87	*	*	0.23	*	*	0.42	-0.73	1.90	-0.03	1.90	*	-0.27	1.92	-0.66	
Na <sub>2</sub> O	% m/m	0.34	-0.50	*	0.42	5.16	*	*	2.98	1.78	-4.23	1.60	2.08	*	0.36	0.03	1.41	
K <sub>2</sub> O	% m/m	-0.21	0.10	*	2.80	0.20	*	*	-2.00	0.26	0.17	-0.80	0.75	*	0.29	-1.27	0.01	
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	% m/m	0.28	0.88	*	*	0.87	*	*	*	*	0.57	0.57	0.57	*	0.59	-0.48	0.28	
LOI	% m/m	-0.87	1.91	*	*	0.57	*	*	1.37	*	-1.41	0.95	0.11	*	-0.79	0.73	-0.28	
As	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-1.41	-8.26	*	0.88	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.00	*	2.13	0.00	0.00	
B	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-1.81	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.36	*	*	
Ba	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.24	12.04	*	-0.34	1.31	*	-2.16	*	-2.18	0.91	*	*	*	1.15	1.15	-1.11	
Be	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.42	-5.80	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.03	-1.72	*	*	1.90	*	-1.31	
Ce	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.83	*	-0.83	*	*	*	-1.51	*	*	-1.58	-0.20	*	*	1.06	-0.87	0.35	
Co	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.04	-9.41	*	-0.21	*	*	0.60	*	0.78	0.64	-1.29	*	6.02	0.25	0.32	0.58	
Cr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-2.99	-10.52	*	-0.02	2.56	*	-0.33	*	*	-5.99	-2.30	3.06	*	2.87	-1.32	-1.76	
Cs	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.36	-6.23	*	-0.13	*	*	*	*	*	0.46	-0.93	*	*	0.85	*	-0.11	
Cu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.20	-9.68	*	*	1.80	*	-1.54	*	-1.62	-1.44	3.06	1.99	*	0.05	-0.72	0.38	
Dy	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.26	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-1.11	0.23	*	*	0.10	*	-0.06	
Er	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.06	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.92	-0.67	*	*	0.80	*	0.13	
Eu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.52	*	-0.89	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.51	-0.46	*	*	0.11	*	0.09	
Ga	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.06	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.22	-1.02	2.21	*	0.82	-0.55	-0.14	
Gd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.13	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.48	0.80	*	*	0.54	*	-0.17	
Hf	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.51	*	*	0.48	*	*	*	*	*	3.45	-0.65	*	*	0.82	5.53	0.18	
Ho	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.13	*	2.74	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.26	-0.23	*	*	0.01	*	0.01	
La	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.80	-7.94	0.15	*	*	0.64	*	*	*	-1.80	-1.41	*	*	0.99	1.60	-1.00	
Li	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.98	-8.96	*	*	*	*	-0.17	*	0.65	*	-0.60	*	*	0.54	*	0.00	
Lu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.13	-0.64	0.22	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.96	-0.51	*	*	0.24	*	-0.04	
Nb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.08	*	*	*	0.13	*	*	*	*	0.64	-2.15	2.80	*	2.67	0.13	-0.91	
Nd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.36	*	2.01	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.85	-1.08	*	*	1.64	*	-0.25	
Ni	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.87	-9.89	*	*	1.84	*	-1.87	*	-2.36	6.11	-0.89	0.10	*	-0.17	0.87	0.05	
Pb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.28	-7.76	*	*	0.28	*	*	*	*	4.89	*	*	1.02	0.75	-0.81	0.28	
Pr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.52	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-1.08	-0.66	*	*	1.63	*	-0.10	
Rb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.94	*	*	0.73	0.26	*	*	*	*	-5.18	-2.10	*	0.62	-0.24	0.09	-0.02	
Sb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.10	*	*	-0.10	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.27	*	-0.10	
Sc	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.85	*	*	0.65	*	*	*	*	*	-2.26	-0.91	*	*	0.51	*	-0.95	
Sm	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.31	*	0.35	*	*	*	*	*	*	-1.36	-0.61	*	*	0.12	*	-0.17	
Sn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.59	-5.90	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.59	*	-0.62	
Sr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.40	-10.09	*	*	0.20	*	-1.78	*	-1.84	-4.75	0.14	*	1.21	0.51	0.01	0.41	
Ta	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.39	*	*	0.45	*	*	*	*	*	1.49	0.78	*	*	2.06	*	0.28	
Tb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.34	*	0.76	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.31	-0.89	*	*	0.27	*	-0.18	
Th	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.38	-6.56	*	0.40	*	*	*	*	*	-2.42	-2.89	3.90	*	-0.17	1.95	-0.50	
Tl	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.24	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.05	*	*	0.83	*	-1.55	
Tm	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.14	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.21	-0.47	*	*	0.02	*	0.10	
U	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.13	-5.63	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-2.35	-0.09	*	*	0.73	*	-0.22	
V	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.04	-11.56	*	*	0.93	*	*	*	*	-9.11	0.61	7.16	*	1.57	1.17	-1.35	
Y	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.13	-8.22	*	*	1.54	*	*	*	*	0.49	-3.20	4.25	*	-0.21	0.62	-1.27	
Yb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.00	*	0.34	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.13	-1.13	*	*	0.07	*	0.02	
Zn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.55	-11.43	*	1.01	-0.02	*	-2.58	*	-3.21	29.44	-6.96	0.87	*	-0.49	-0.25	0.78	
Zr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-1.89	-12.88	*	*	0.13	*	-2.60	*	-2.65	-0.02	-2.74	2.94	*	1.47	0.46	0.22	

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Round identifier	J55	J55	J56	J57	J57	J58	J59	J60	J60	J61	J61	J62	J62	J63	J63	J64	
Technique codes	A.ir.	A.ir.	M,X	A.tit.	A.tit.	A,M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A.AA.	
	M,T,X	M,T,X	X	X												X	
Test portion (g)	0.2-4	0.2-4	0.12-3.5	0.2-7.5	0.2-7.5	0.2-0.5	1.5	1.0-8	1.0-8	0.8-10	0.8-10	1.6	1.6	1.4-5	1.4-5	1.0-3	
Data quality	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m	0.26	*	0.29	1.46	*	1.20	0.34	1.15	*	0.44	*	0.36	*	0.36	*	0.55
TiO <sub>2</sub>	% m/m	0.12	*	0.32	0.22	*	0.94	0.31	*	*	0.13	*	1.83	*	0.62	*	0.06
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	% m/m	0.08	*	0.12	0.65	*	2.36	0.38	*	0.20	0.88	*	0.02	*	2.96	*	0.19
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	% m/m	1.48	*	0.31	0.61	*	2.83	0.31	1.89	*	0.69	*	2.33	*	0.46	*	0.38
Fe(II)O	% m/m	0.65	*	*	0.98	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.74
MnO	% m/m	0.59	*	0.52	2.18	*	1.75	0.51	0.59	*	1.45	*	1.23	*	0.87	*	0.29
MgO	% m/m	1.95	*	1.50	0.76	*	0.57	1.17	1.12	*	0.43	*	1.14	*	0.43	*	0.02
CaO	% m/m	0.68	*	1.39	2.55	*	1.63	0.57	5.78	*	1.90	*	0.68	*	0.61	*	1.31
Na <sub>2</sub> O	% m/m	0.07	*	-0.67	6.51	*	2.42	-0.27	2.98	*	41.47	*	0.07	*	1.60	*	1.19
K <sub>2</sub> O	% m/m	3.27	*	0.15	-0.80	*	1.95	-0.30	3.13	*	25.61	*	0.70	*	0.56	*	0.50
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	% m/m	-2.50	*	-0.14	0.26	*	4.32	0.59	*	*	2.41	*	2.66	*	0.57	*	0.28
LOI	% m/m	-0.06	*	-0.52	1.79	*	*	-0.12	-0.06	*	0.11	*	-0.33	*	1.45	*	-0.87
As	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	3.25	*	*	*	2.12	*	*	*	*	*	2.12
B	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.00
Ba	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.44	1.24	*	0.39	*	*	*	0.98	*	3.73	*	0.55	*	1.10
Be	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.89	*	4.06	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ce	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.11	0.31	3.28	*	0.42	*	*	*	0.83	*	0.29	*	*	*	-0.07
Co	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.09	*	-1.50	*	1.82	*	*	*	2.28	*	4.36	*	2.63	*	0.67
Cr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-1.02	-1.43	2.72	*	0.82	*	*	*	8.75	*	0.04	*	0.71	*	0.86
Cs	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.30	1.95	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	2.58	3.17	1.86	*	0.38	*	-7.48	*	3.63	*	-0.34	*	-3.30	*	3.12
Dy	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.43	1.92	1.25	*	-0.94	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Er	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.83	0.71	*	*	-0.93	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Eu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.49	1.07	0.02	*	-0.78	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ga	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.19	-0.94	2.77	*	1.38	*	*	*	0.55	*	0.97	*	-0.61	*	*
Gd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.41	0.61	-0.26	*	0.36	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hf	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.24	0.72	0.24	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-0.51
Ho	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.24	1.33	*	*	-1.30	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
La	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.99	0.99	-2.24	*	1.28	*	*	*	3.21	*	-0.96	*	*	*	0.64
Li	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.02
Lu	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.01	0.86	-3.71	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.20	2.80	*	*	*	*	*	1.53	*	12.42	*	0.12	*	*
Nd	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.00	0.04	0.21	*	-0.72	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ni	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.61	0.92	0.10	*	-1.05	*	-0.45	*	4.30	*	4.00	*	3.38	*	0.32
Pb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.01	2.66	-3.09	*	1.91	*	*	*	1.96	*	5.69	*	0.86	*	-0.81
Pr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.46	-0.90	*	-0.51	-0.66	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Rb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.76	-0.47	*	-1.41	*	-1.75	*	0.81	*	0.92	*	1.09	*	*
Sb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.00	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sc	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.11	4.50	-0.09	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-1.27	*	*
Sm	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.33	1.38	-1.28	*	-0.86	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.95	*
Sn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.40	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.53	0.72	2.01	*	-0.49	*	-1.17	*	0.78	*	0.62	*	0.14	*	-1.78
Ta	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.45	-0.44	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Tb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.52	1.09	0.55	*	-0.37	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.64	*
Th	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.57	2.30	-0.81	*	*	*	*	*	0.81	*	*	*	*	*	*
Tl	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	1.00	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Tm	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.64	*	-0.74	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
U	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.22	0.59	*	3.66	*	*	*	*	-1.85	*	*	*	*	*	*
V	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.54	-0.39	1.34	*	-1.44	*	*	*	*	*	-1.78	*	*	-0.06	-1.14
Y	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.46	1.93	-2.97	*	-0.88	*	*	*	2.67	*	-1.02	*	-0.64	*	-0.51
Yb	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.17	-0.01	-3.39	*	-0.98	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Zn	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	1.69	-0.93	-3.93	*	-0.71	*	-0.95	*	1.79	*	-0.84	*	-0.09	*	0.55
Zr	mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.07	-0.27	-0.02	*	-0.64	*	*	-1.10	2.71	*	-0.96	*	0.38	*	0.61

GeoPT9 Table 3

Round identifier	J65	J65	J66	J66	J67	J68	J69	J70	J71	J72	J73	J74
Technique codes	I	I	X	X	AA,X	A,X	AA	AA	A,	A,M,	M,X	X
Test portion (g)	0.2	0.2	0.66	0.66	0.25	0.4	0.55	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.5
Data quality	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2
SiO <sub>2</sub> % m/m	*	*	0.90	*	0.05	0.33	*	6.83	*	-0.90	-0.07	0.18
TiO <sub>2</sub> % m/m	*	1.06	0.62	*	0.56	-0.01	*	*	-2.38	-0.52	-0.19	0.31
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> % m/m	6.19	*	0.92	*	1.59	0.04	*	-1.08	*	-0.42	-0.86	0.33
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> % m/m	-3.02	*	0.84	*	3.52	0.42	26.22	4.25	2.31	-0.12	1.04	0.42
Fe(II)O % m/m	*	*	*	*	*	-1.63	*	*	*	*	*	*
MnO % m/m	-0.59	*	0.87	*	-0.66	0.88	27.10	-2.05	3.78	1.23	1.16	0.58
MgO % m/m	*	1.21	-0.19	*	1.21	1.09	29.92	-5.90	-1.86	0.05	-2.60	0.33
CaO % m/m	*	9.99	-0.68	*	10.02	0.95	7.07	-0.03	6.42	0.02	-1.67	0.34
Na <sub>2</sub> O % m/m	0.07	*	5.45	*	3.80	1.26	10.19	4.53	5.89	2.64	3.95	0.49
K <sub>2</sub> O % m/m	3.27	*	0.17	*	2.92	0.47	13.20	8.51	-2.93	-0.15	-0.01	0.38
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> % m/m	*	*	3.64	*	4.01	1.82	*	*	-7.11	-1.10	3.30	-1.25
LOI % m/m	*	*	*	*	*	0.14	*	4.99	*	-1.23	0.56	0.22
As mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	2.26	*	*	0.00	*	1.41	*	*	*	*	*	*
B mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	-0.30	*	*	640.71	1.21	*	*
Ba mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.66	1.51	*	2.05	0.26	*	*	-3.79	2.89	1.18	0.36
Be mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	-0.70	*	*	12.79	3.15	*	*
Ce mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	2.28	*	0.78	*	*	-0.55	*	*	*	-2.14	*	*
Co mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-1.15	*	2.06	*	0.67	*	*	*	3.49	*	-0.69	1.11
Cr mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.36	*	0.38	*	*	-0.65	*	*	*	*	-1.49	1.49
Cs mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.59	*	*	2.12	*	*	*	*	2.17	*	0.40	*
Cu mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	-3.63	*	15.67	-0.72	*	*	7.35	-0.72	-1.82	0.72
Dy mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.83	*	*	*	-0.62	*	*	*	-1.04	*	*
Er mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	1.05	*	*	*	-1.47	*	*
Eu mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.46	*	*	*	*	-0.69	*	*	*	-0.54	*	*
Ga mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.35	-0.28	*	*	0.28	*	*	*	*	-1.05	*
Gd mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	-0.10	*	*	*	-1.02	*	*
Hf mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.06	*	*	*	*	-0.51	*	*	*	*	0.48	*
Ho mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	-1.61	*	*	*	-1.11	*	*
La mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.32	*	*	*	*	0.00	*	*	*	2.15	*	*
Li mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	0.45	*	*	-10.63	*	*	*
Lu mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.96	*	*	*	*	0.73	*	*	*	1.24	*	*
Nb mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	1.14	1.21	-0.19	*	*	*	*	0.25	*
Nd mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-0.36	2.15	*	*	0.00	*	*	*	-1.58	*	*
Ni mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	0.64	*	0.87	-0.50	*	*	4.82	2.41	0.59	3.60
Pb mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	3.95	0.39	-0.08	*	*	-12.98	*	1.07	0.65
Pr mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	-0.33	*	*	*	-1.40	*	*
Rb mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-1.33	*	1.88	*	-0.45	0.56	*	*	-1.75	*	-0.45	14.52
Sb mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	1.35	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sc mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.08	*	*	*	*	-0.50	*	*	4.60	*	*	*
Sm mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	1.62	*	*	*	*	-1.13	*	*	*	-1.33	*	*
Sn mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	0.75	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sr mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	1.42	*	0.11	0.71	*	*	-4.16	2.08	-0.59	0.81
Ta mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	-1.05	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.42	*
Tb mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.27	*	*	*	0.92	*	*	*	*	*	*
Th mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	-0.02	*	*	0.38	0.38	-0.56	*	*	*	*	0.15	-1.19
Tl mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	-0.48	*	*	*	-1.11	*	*
Tm mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
U mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-6.39	0.13
V mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.73	*	0.93	*	0.07	-0.94	*	*	4.15	*	0.57	*
Y mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	*	*	0.24	-1.15	0.88	*	*	-7.03	3.52	0.02	10.40
Yb mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	0.89	*	*	*	*	-0.20	*	*	*	-1.40	*	*
Zn mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	2.04	-0.27	*	2.27	0.89	*	*	3.16	-2.08	-0.25	-0.02
Zr mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	*	0.38	0.13	*	0.93	0.38	*	*	-6.57	*	*	*

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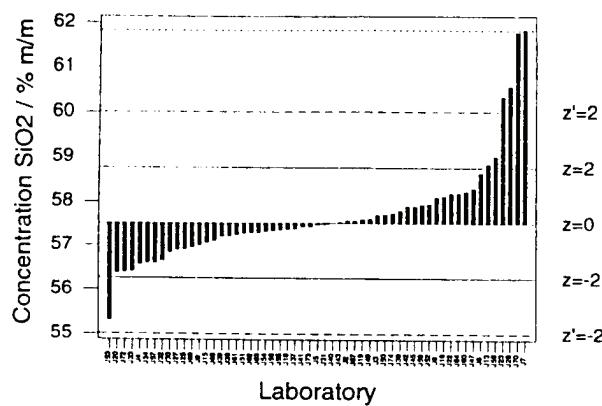
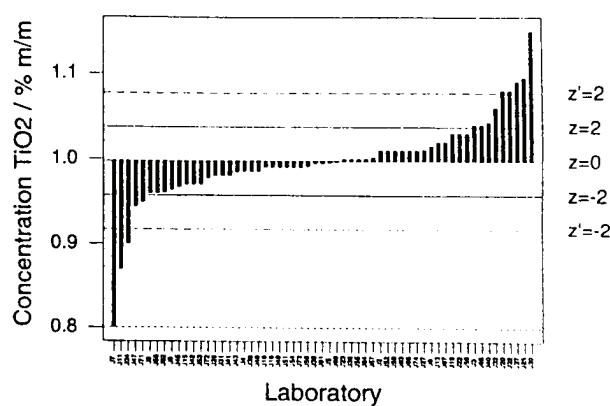
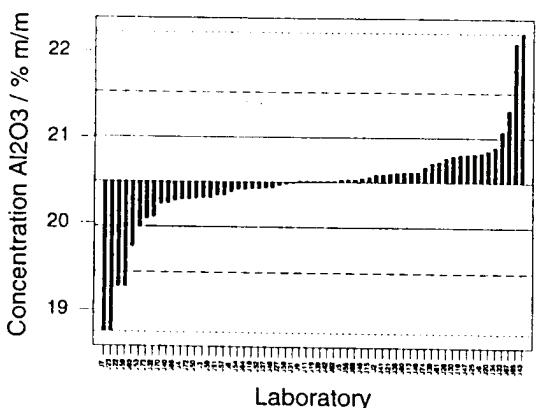
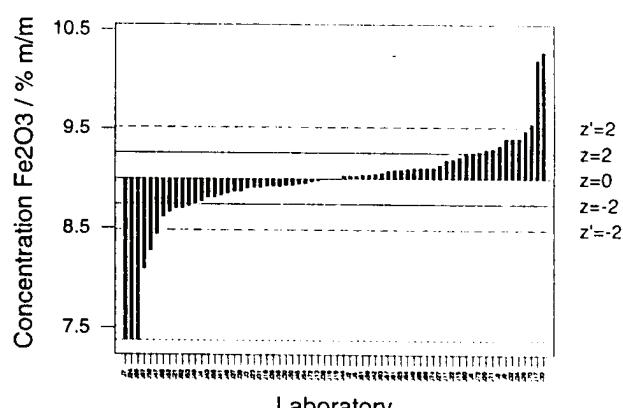
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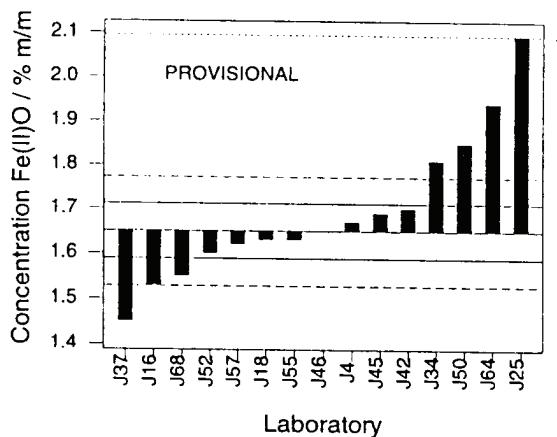
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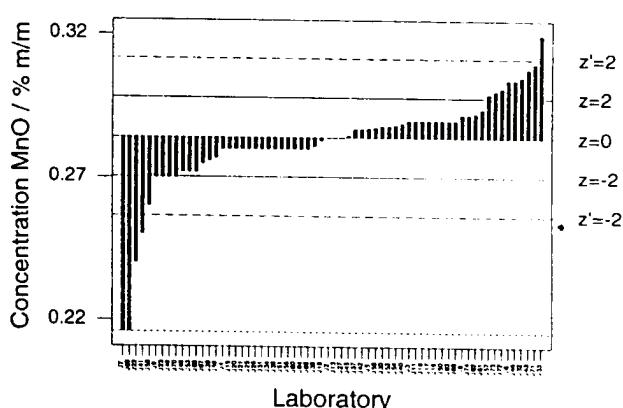
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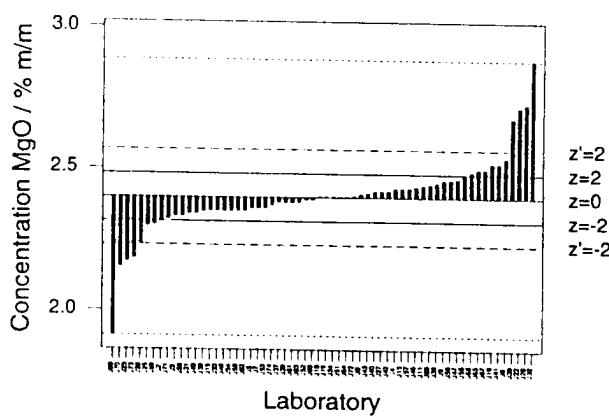
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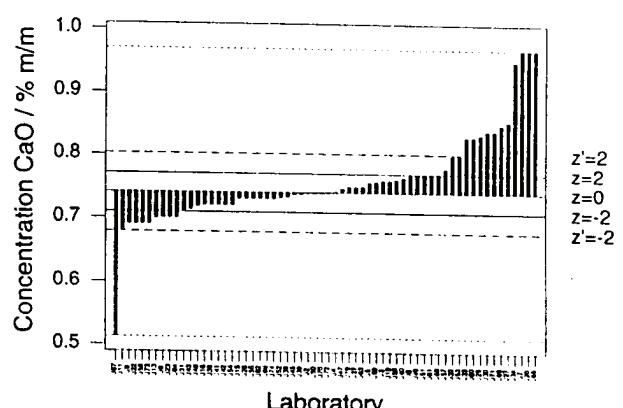
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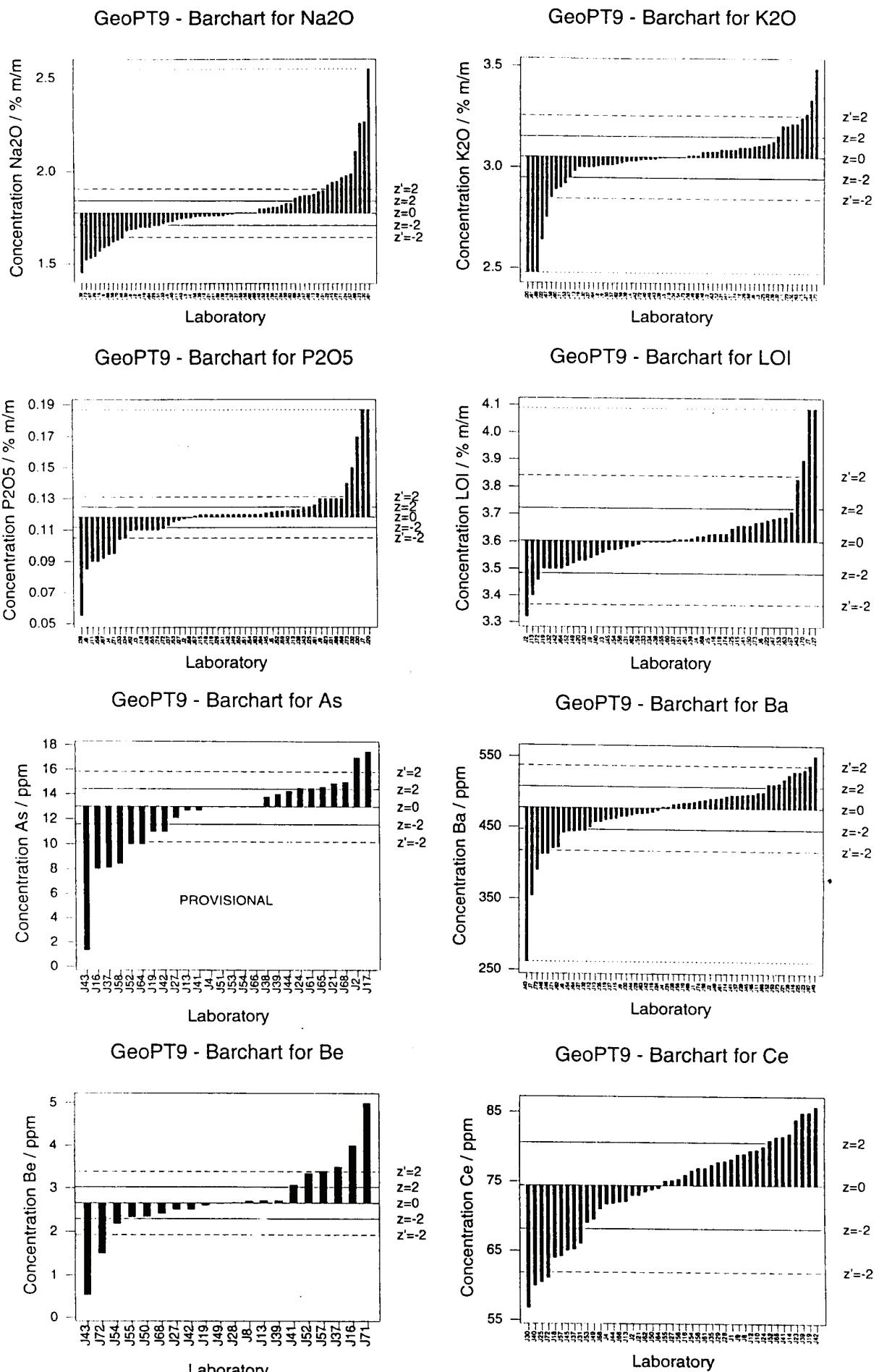
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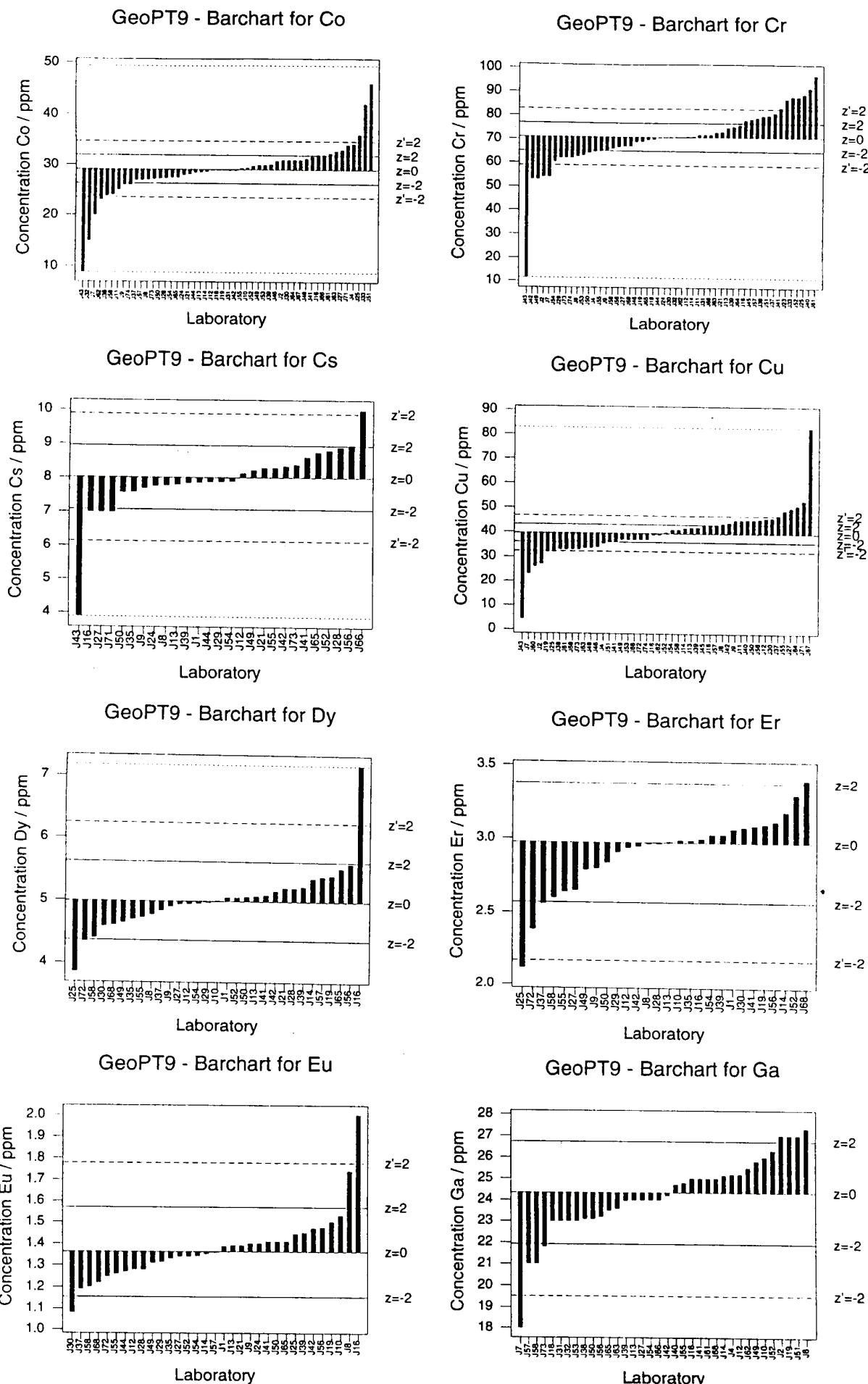
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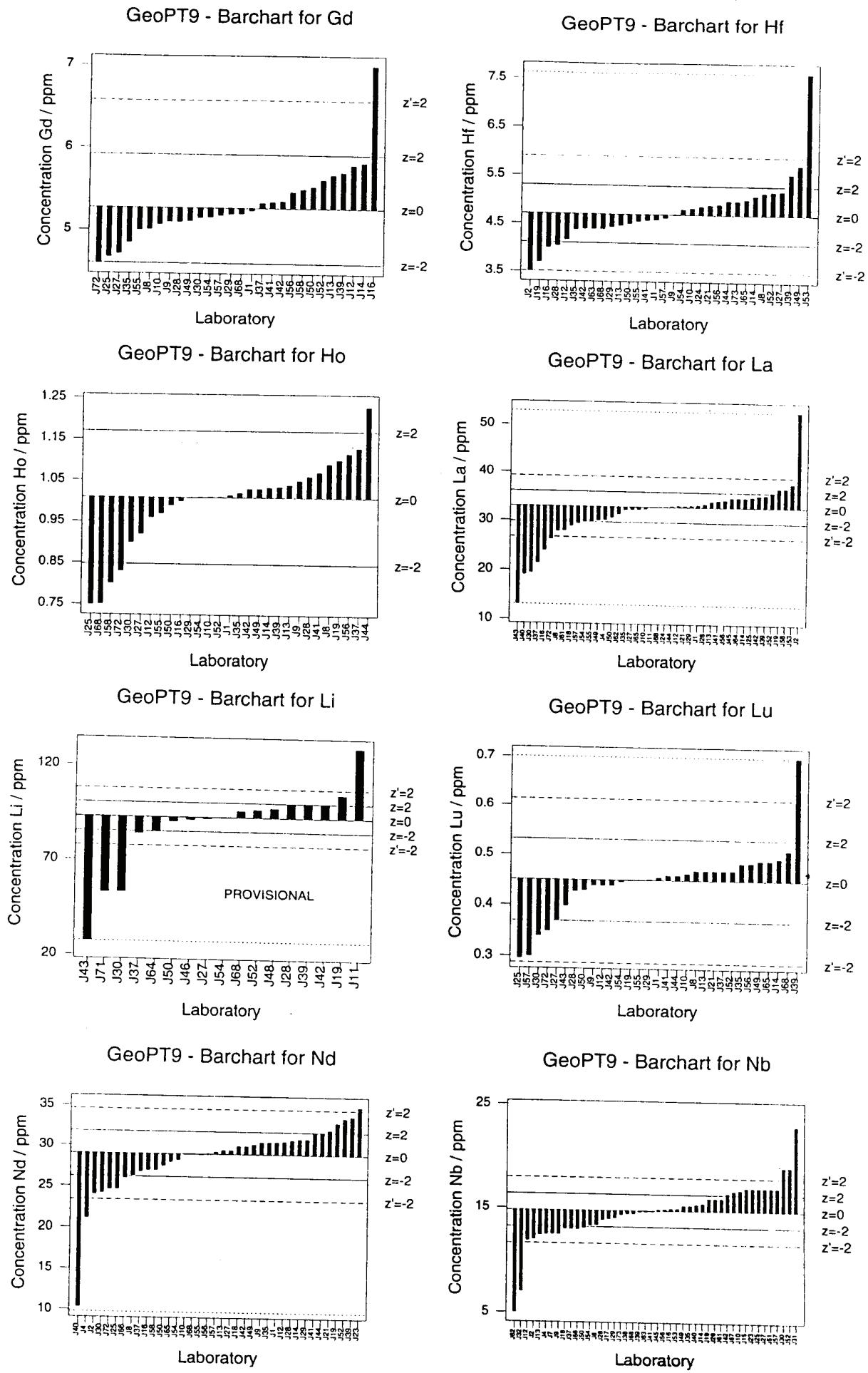
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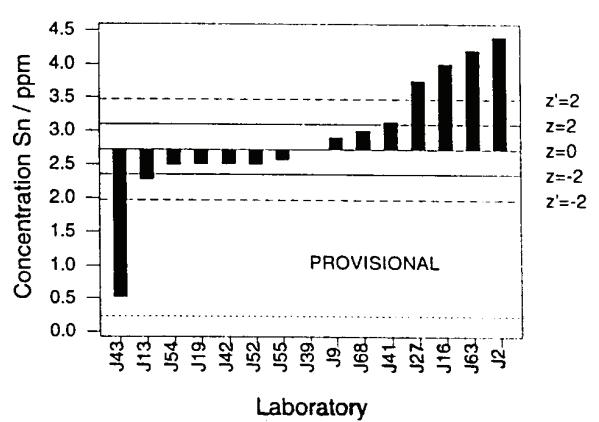
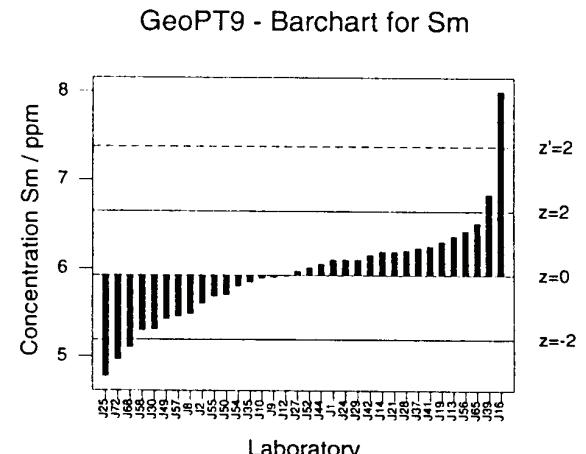
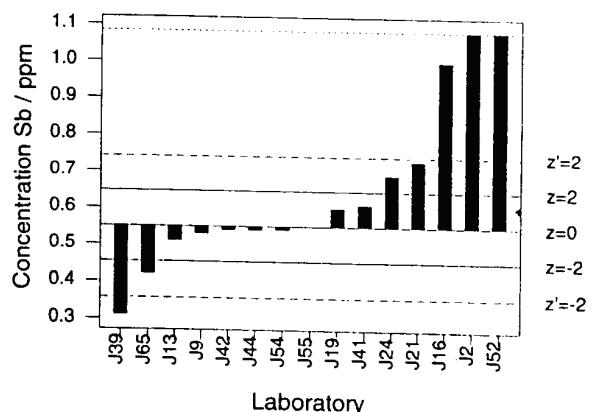
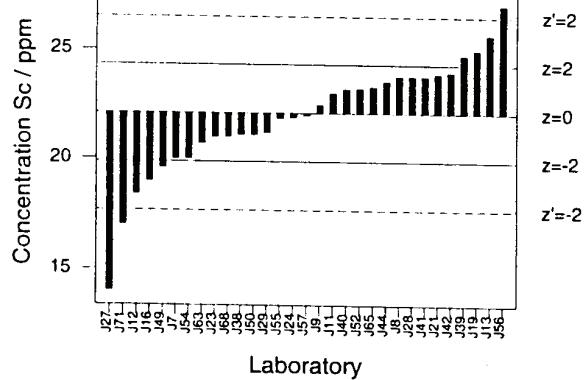
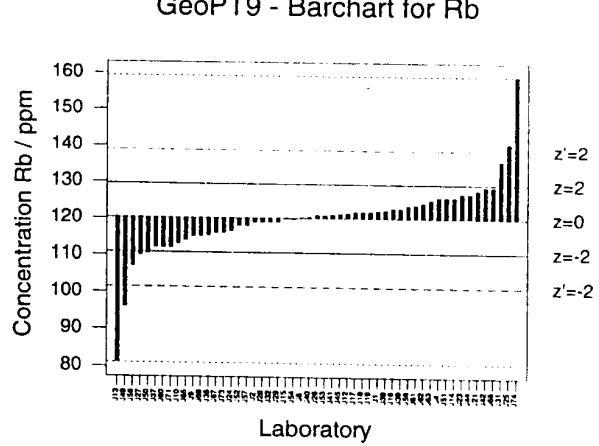
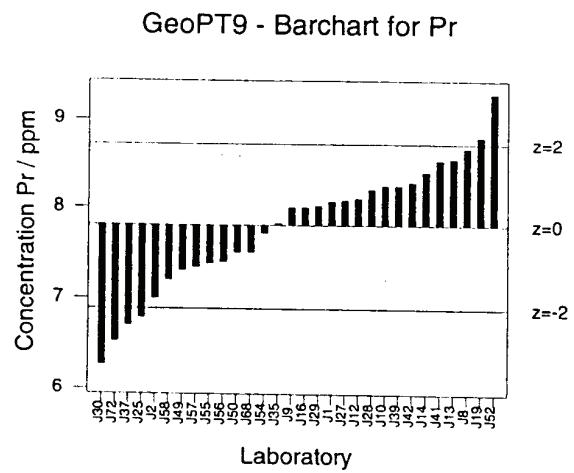
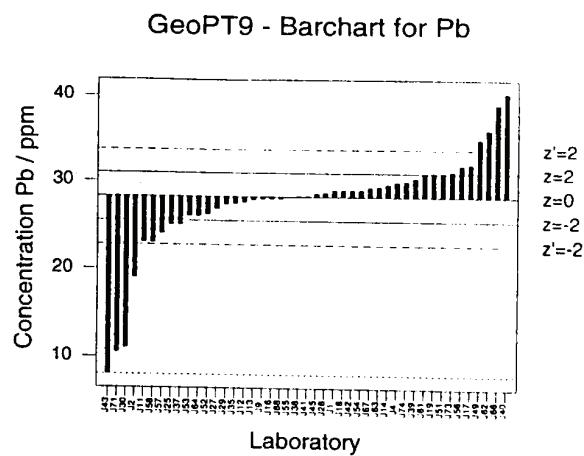
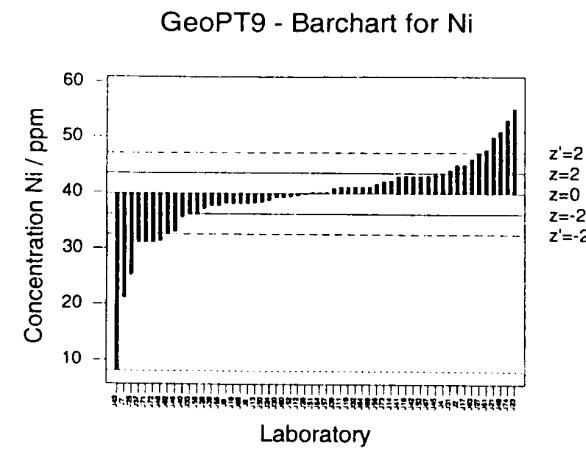
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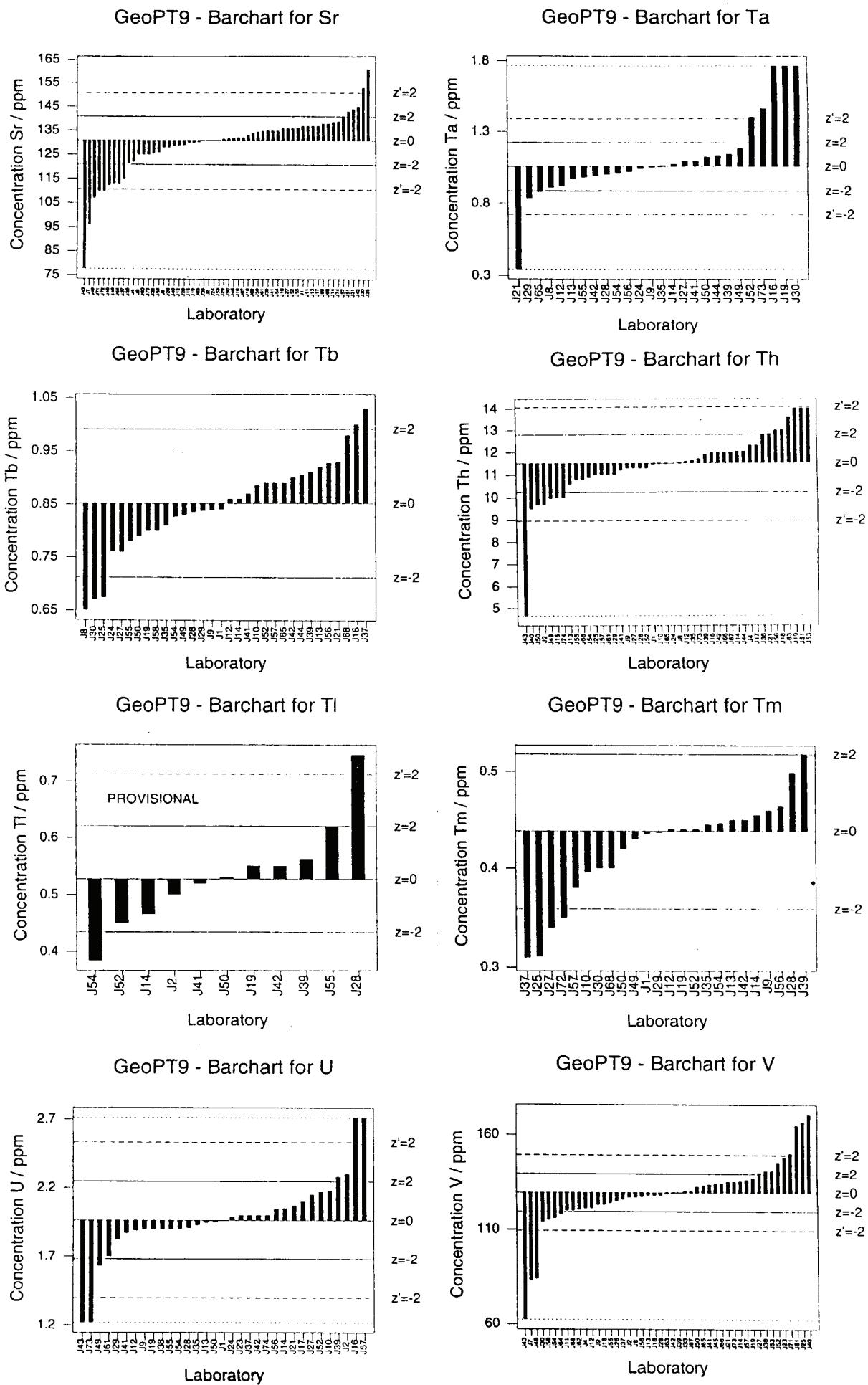
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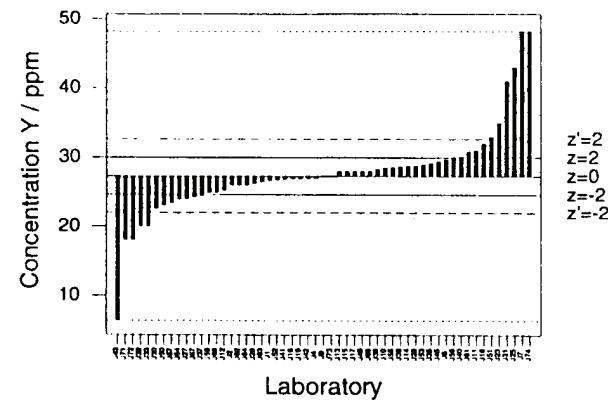


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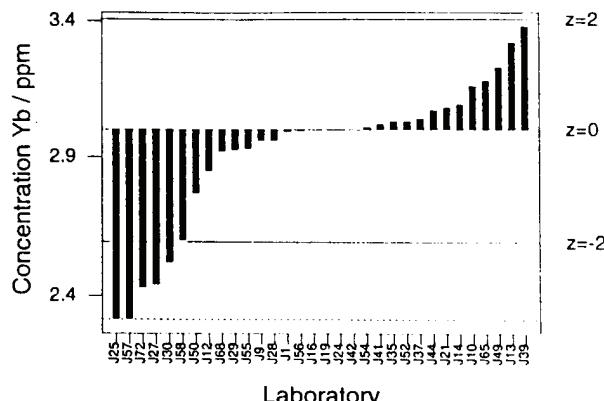


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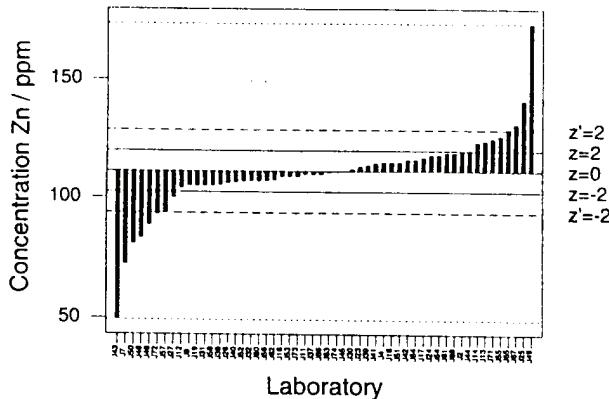
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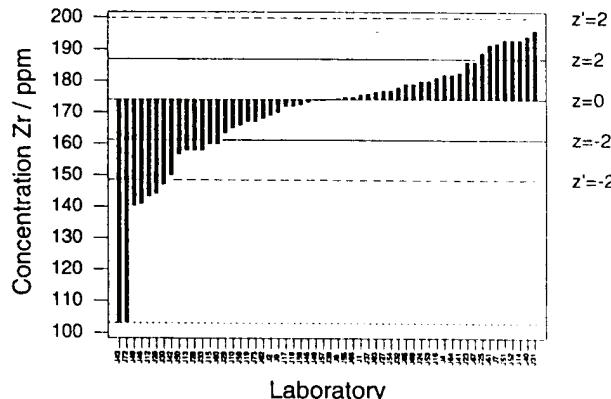
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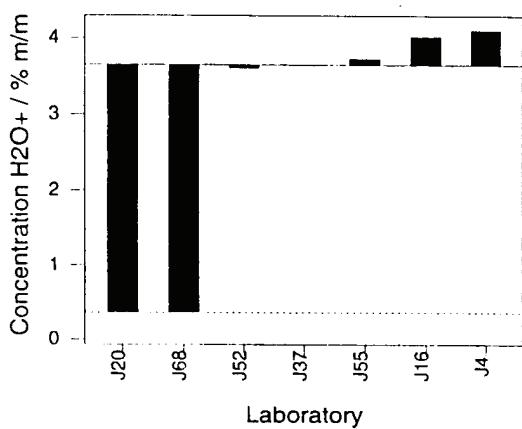


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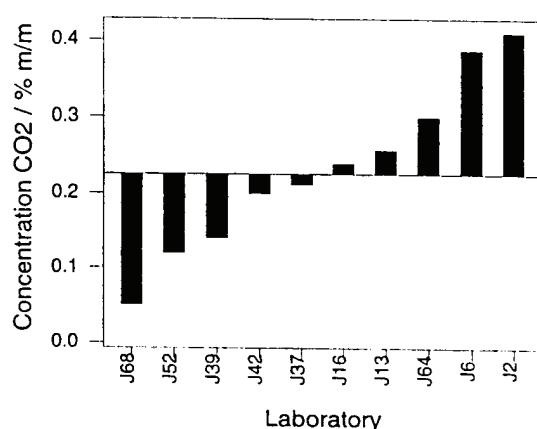


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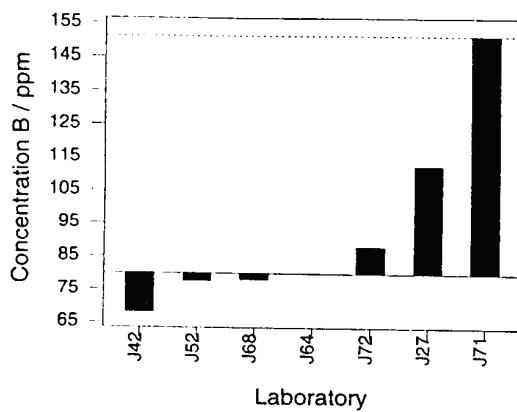


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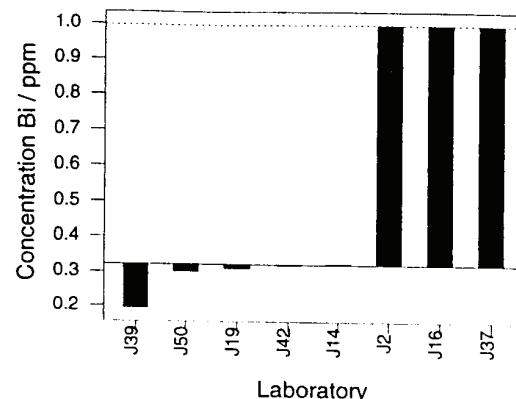


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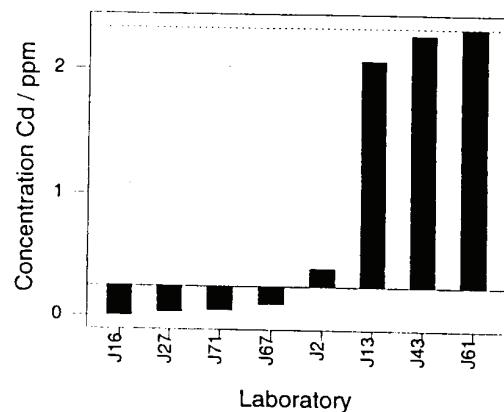
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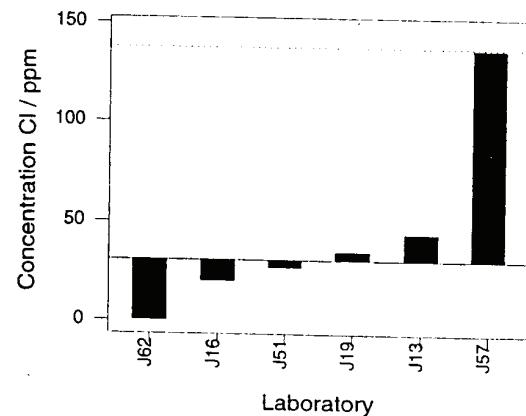
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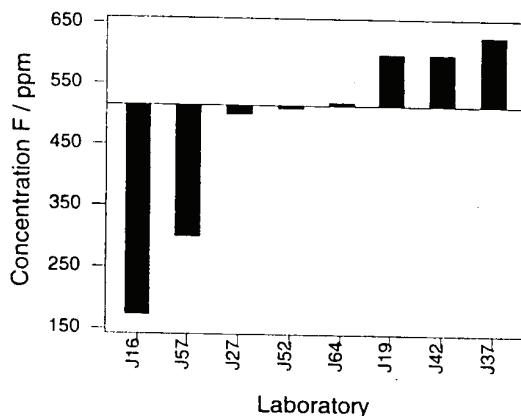
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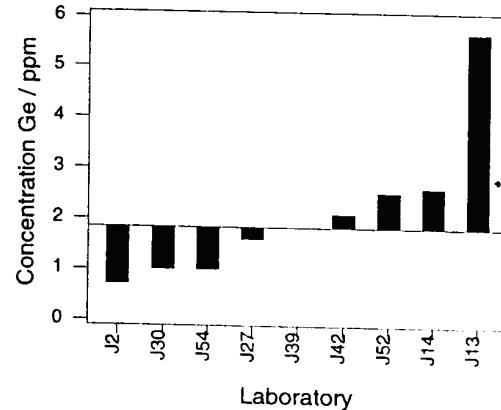
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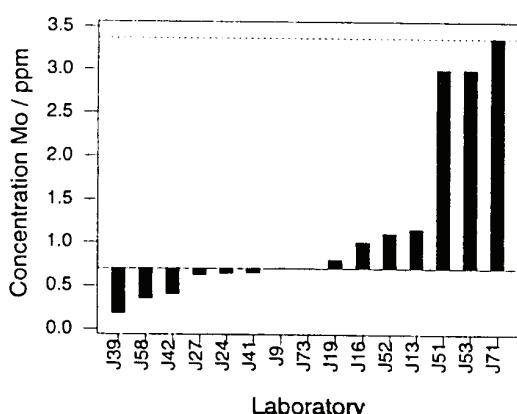
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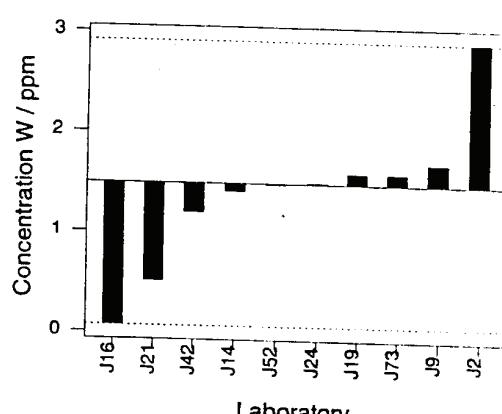
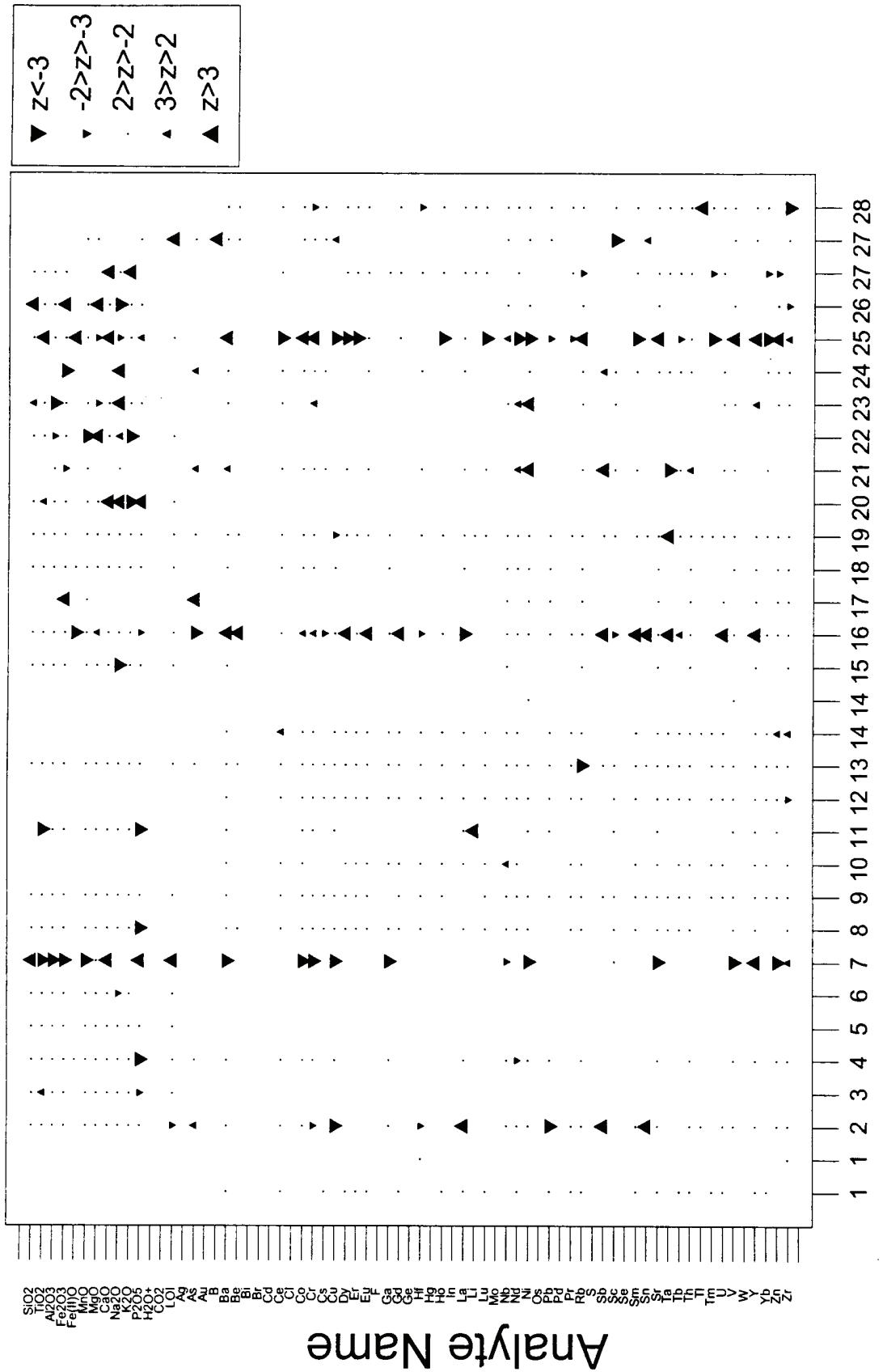


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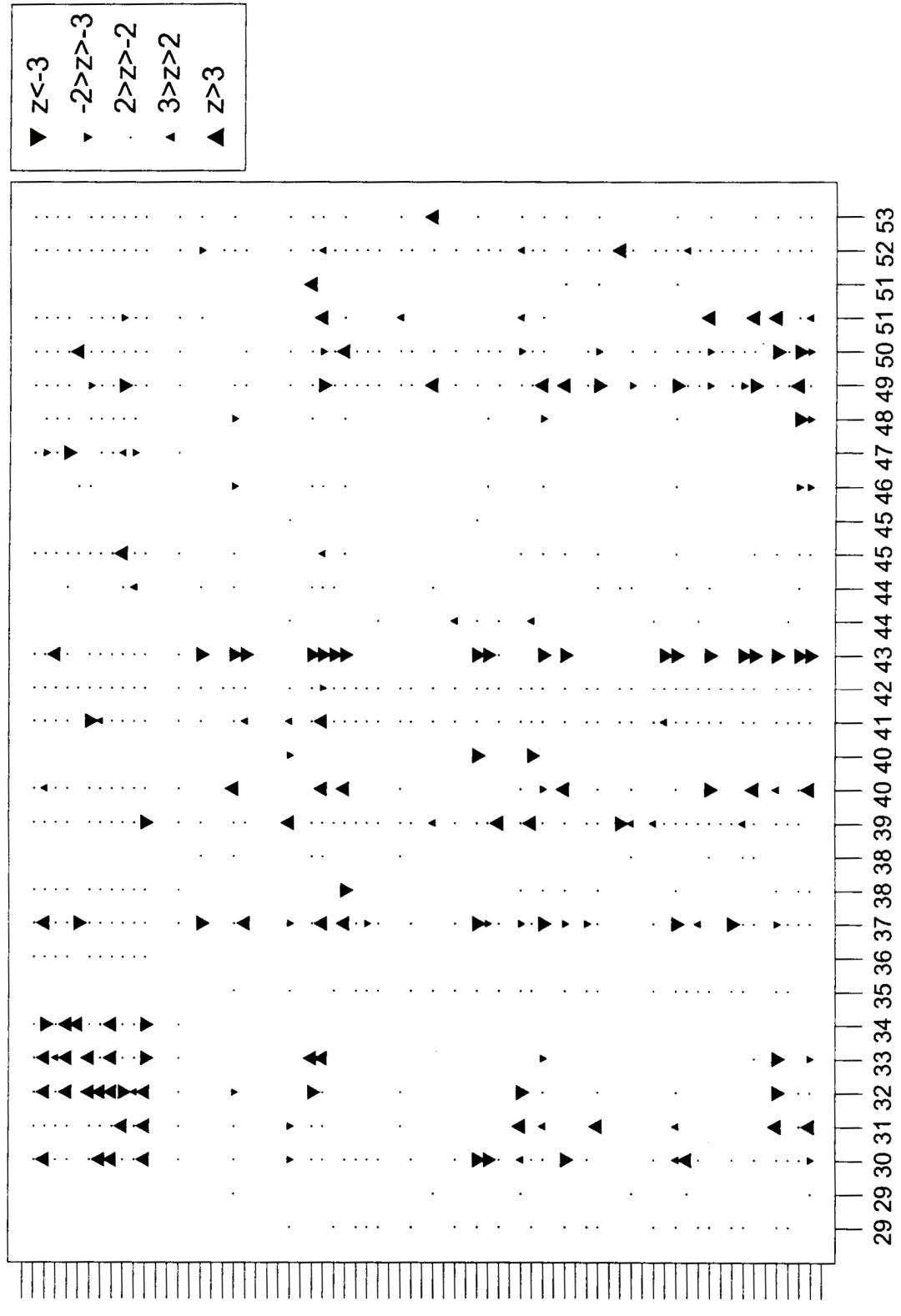
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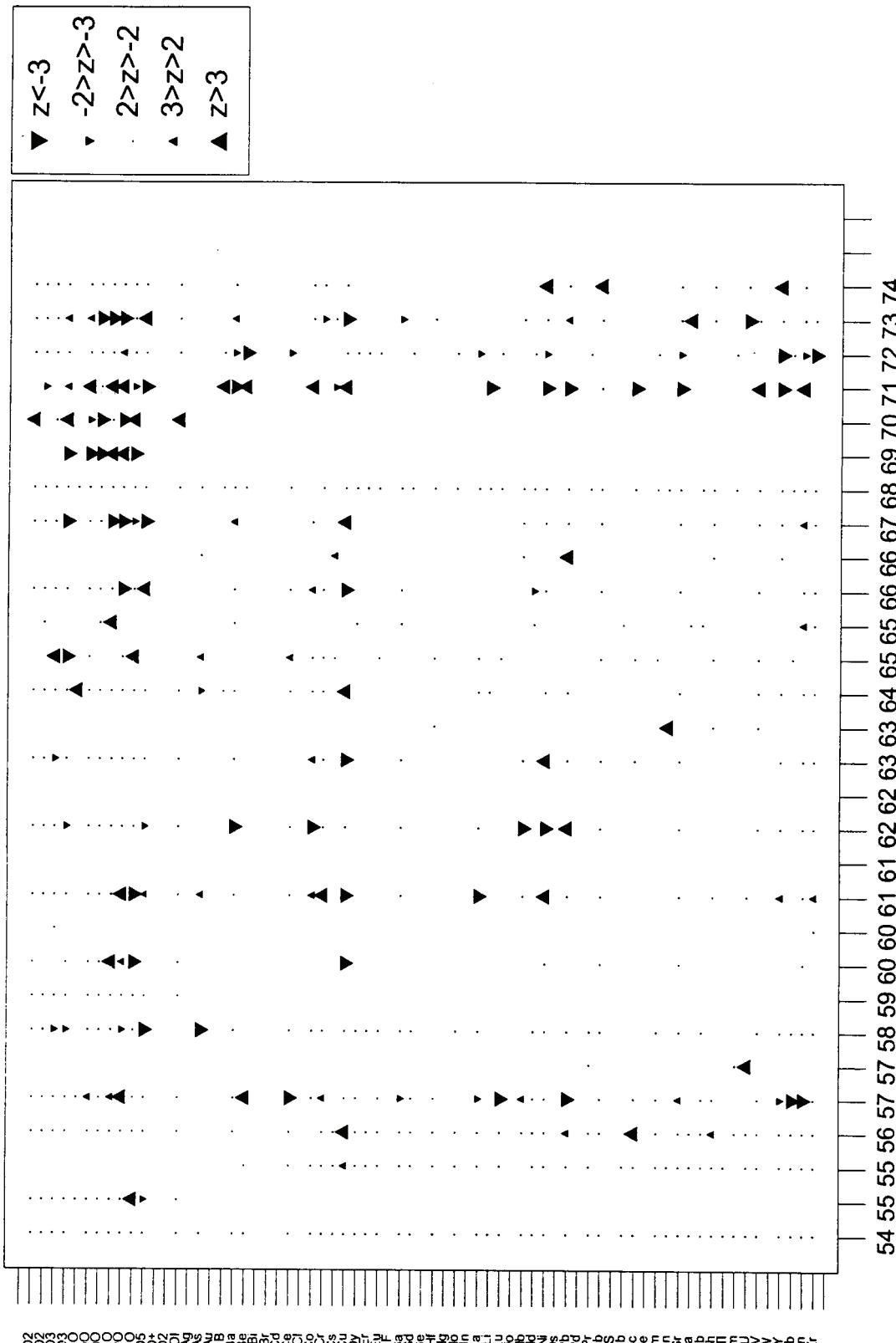
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