Calcium isotopic compositions of arc magmas: the absence of subduction signal

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To investigate the effect of subduction components on the Ca isotopic budget of mantle wedge, we measured Ca isotopic composition of 36 well-characterized arc magmas from Southern Lesser Antilles, Central-Eastern Aleutian and Central America arc. These rocks show typical arc characteristics with high LILE and fluid-mobile elements content and enriched Sr-Nd-Pb isotope compositions, suggesting the contributions of fluids/melts derived from subduction slab.

 $\delta^{44/40}Ca$ of these rocks show an average value of 0.82±0.12‰ (2SD, n=36) ranged from 0.70±0.14 to 1.00±0.02‰, which are lighter than that of BSE^[1] (0.94±0.05‰) and comparable to the reported values of fresh MORB (0.83±0.11‰)^[2,3] and BABBs (0.80±0.08‰, n=21)^[4].The δ^{44} Ca in our investigated rocks shouldn't be modified by post-magmatic process because they show no correlations with CIA and Rb/TiO2. Also, correlations were not observed between $\delta^{44/40}$ Ca and CaO, MgO, Sr/Nd and Eu/Eu*, indicating limited or insignificant Ca isotope fractionation induced by clinopyroxene, plagioclase and amphibole fractional crystallization. In fact, even though the mantle source of arc magmas investigated here were strongly affected by materials derived from subduction sediments or altered oceanic crust either in the form of fluids or melts, we observed no systematic variations of δ^{44} Ca with Ba/La, Ba/Th, Sr/Y, Hf/Lu and ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr. The absence of subduction signals in Ca isotope compositions of arc magmas may reflect: (1) low CaO content in subduction sediments, (2) incongruent releasing of Ca²⁺ and CO₃²⁻ during carbonate breakdown in the sub-arc region, (3) a "mantle chromatograph" which attenuates the Ca isotope signal during slab fluids/melts ascent through the mantle wedge.

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