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1 Are adakites slab melts or high-pressure fractionated mantle melts?

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7 8 **ABSTRACT**

9 Adakites are unusual felsic rocks commonly associated with asthenospheric slab window opening
10 or fast subduction of young (< 25 Ma) oceanic plate that enable slab melting at shallow depths.
11 Yet, genesis of adakites has remained largely debated, as they are observed in other geodynamic
12 settings where thermal models do not permit slab melting in the forearc region. Here, we present
13 a new approach that provides new constraints on adakite petrogenesis in hot subduction zones
14 (the Philippines) and above an asthenospheric window (Baja California, Mexico). We use
15 amphibole compositions to estimate the magma storage depths and the composition of the
16 parental melts to test the hypothesis that adakites are pristine slab melts. We find that adakites
17 from Baja California and Philippines formed by two distinct petrogenetic scenarios. In Baja
18 California, hydrous mantle melts mixed/mingled with high-pressure (HP) adakite-type, slab melts
19 within a lower crustal (~30 km depth) magma storage region before stalling into the upper arc
20 crust (~7-15 km depth). In contrast, in the Philippines, primitive mantle melts stalled and
21 crystallized within lower and upper crustal magma storage regions to produce silica-rich melts
22 with an adakitic signature. Thereby, slab melting is not required to produce an adakitic

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3 23 geochemical fingerprint in hot subduction zones. Yet, our results also suggest that the downgoing
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5 24 crust melted beneath Baja California.
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17 29 INTRODUCTION

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20 30 At subduction zones, thermal modeling predict that the shallow part of the downgoing oceanic
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22 31 crust (< 80 - 100 km depth to the slab) is usually too cold to cross the water-rich solidus and
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24 32 rarely melts beneath the forearc (Peacock *et al.*, 1994, Peacock, 2004, Plank *et al.*, 2009,
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26 33 Syracuse *et al.*, 2010, Van Keken *et al.*, 2011, Cooper *et al.*, 2012). Geochemistry of forearc lavas
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28 34 and exhumed serpentinitized mantle rocks from the forearc wedge also show that the subducting
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30 35 plate dehydrates efficiently at shallow slab depths (e.g., Hyndman & Peacock, 2003, Savov *et al.*,
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32 36 2007, Kendrick *et al.*, 2011, Ribeiro *et al.*, 2013a, Ribeiro *et al.*, 2015), and slab melting mostly
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34 37 occurs beneath the arc front (Johnson & Plank, 1999, Pearce *et al.*, 2005, Plank *et al.*, 2009,
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36 38 Cooper *et al.*, 2012). Yet, the occasional occurrence of adakites, commonly considered as slab
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38 39 melts, in the forearc region challenges our understanding of the shallow subduction processes
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40 40 (Kay, 1978, Defant & Drummond, 1990, Drummond & Defant, 1990). However, adakite
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42 41 petrogenesis has been largely debated over the past decades and several studies have proposed
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44 42 alternative models such as high-pressure fractionation of mantle melts and melting of under-
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46 43 plated mafic crust (e.g., Schiano *et al.*, 1995, Petford & Atherton, 1996, Sajona *et al.*, 2000a,
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48 44 Prouteau & Scaillet, 2003, Hou *et al.*, 2004, Macpherson *et al.*, 2006, Castillo *et al.*, 2007,
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50 45 Pallares *et al.*, 2007). Thereby, investigating adakite petrogenesis may provide important
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