

Supplementary information

Massive carbon storage in convergent margins initiated by subduction of limestone

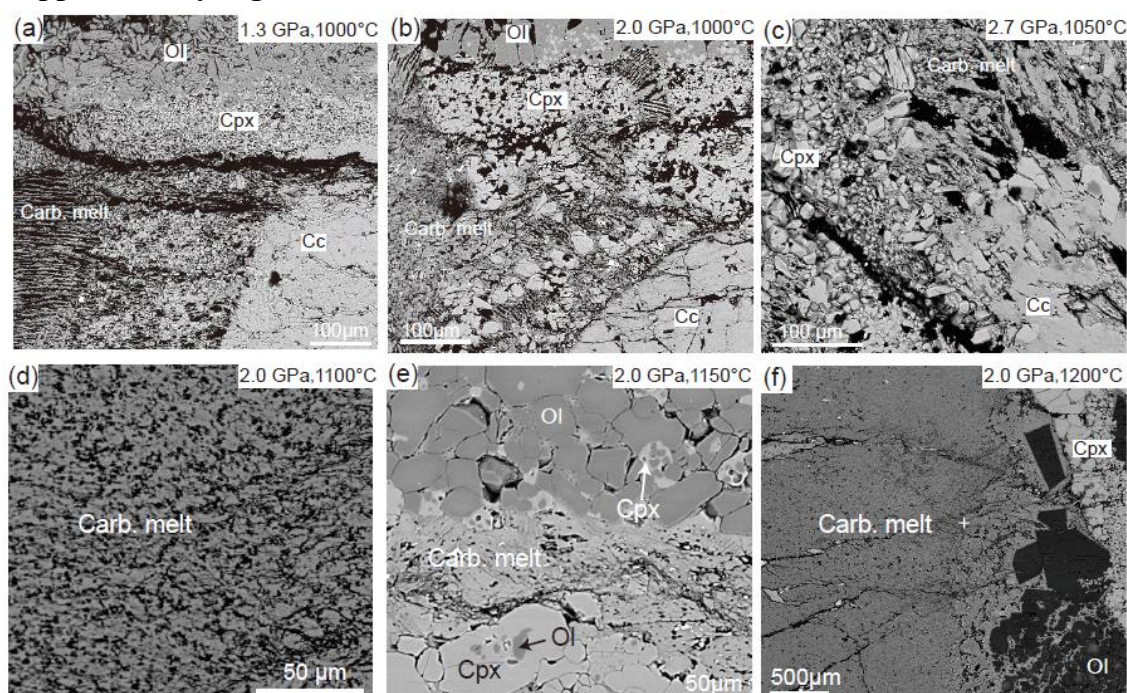
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Data sources for Fig. 1

Global limestones from [Frimmel¹](#), [Qiu, et al.²](#), [Thomas and Aitchison³](#), [Tsikos, et al.⁴](#), [Abdel-Rahman and Nader⁵](#), and [Armstrong-Altrin, et al.⁶](#). The chalks from [Farouk, et al.⁷](#).

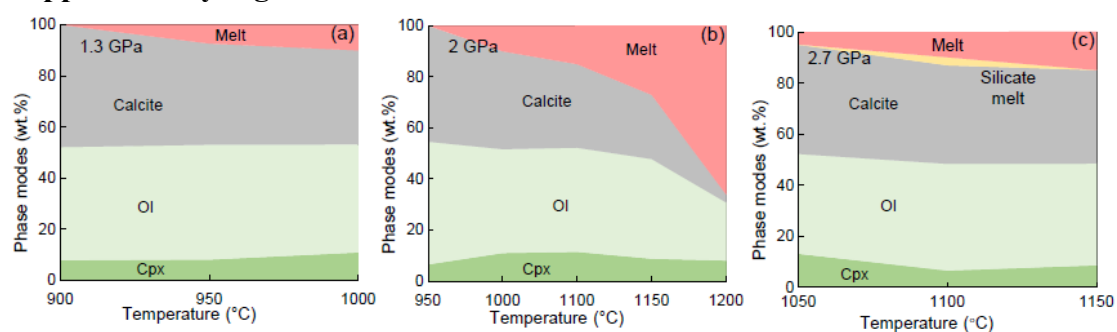
Arc peridotites including harzburgites and dunites from [Pearce, et al.⁸](#), [Ionov⁹](#), [Czertowicz, et al.¹⁰](#), and [Marchesi, et al.¹¹](#).

Supplementary Fig. 1:



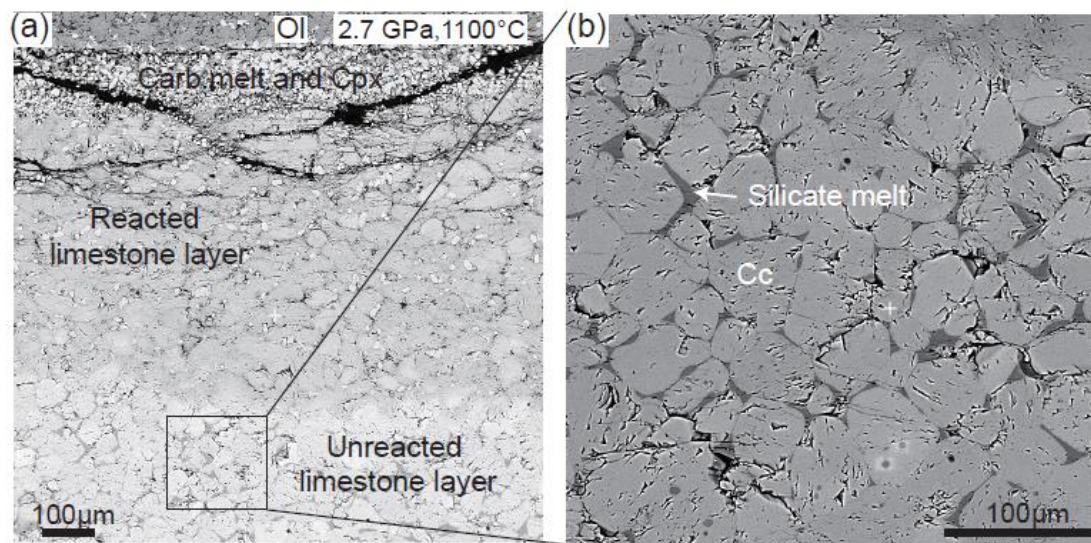
Supplementary Fig. 1. Backscattered electron images of carbonatite melts in the reaction zones between limestone and dunite layers in the experiments performed at (a) 1.3 GPa, (b) 2.0 GPa, and (c) 2.7 GPa. Near-solidus carbonatite melts occur in the reaction zone dominated by clinopyroxene. (d) shows the structure of the carbonatite melt without quenched minerals. Relict olivine inclusions overgrown by newly grown clinopyroxenes show that the clinopyroxene layer replaces the dunite (e). (f) The limestone layer is entirely molten at 1200 °C and 2.0 GPa. The dunite layer was removed to the right of the capsule during melting.

Supplementary Fig. 2:



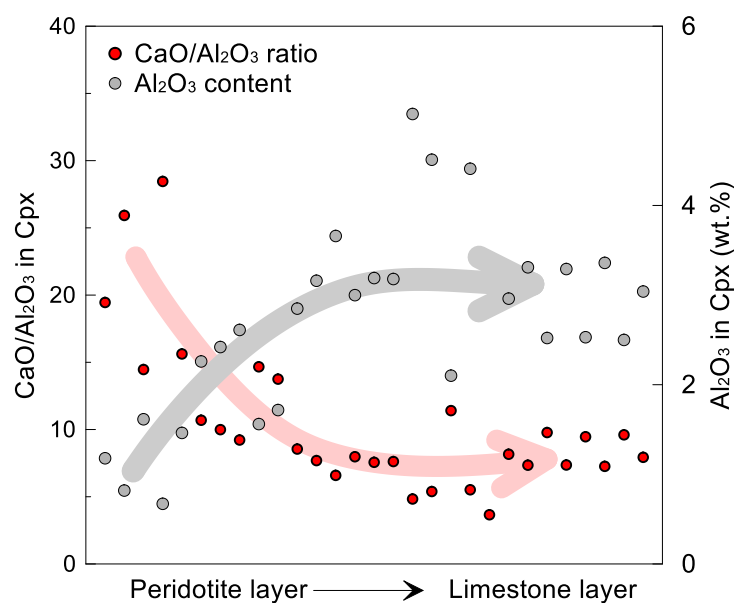
Supplementary Fig. 2: The variation of mineral and melt modes with increasing temperature at various pressures (Supplementary Table 1). Ol-olivine, Cpx-clinopyroxene, Carb.melt-carbonatite melt, and Sili.melt-Silicate melt. Compared to the experiments of 1050 °C and 1150 °C at 2.7 GPa, lower Cpx mode at 1100 °C and 2.7 GPa is attributed to no complete reaction between silicate melt and olivine (and calcite) in the capsule. Note: the temperatures on the x-axis are not evenly spaced.

Supplementary Fig. 3:



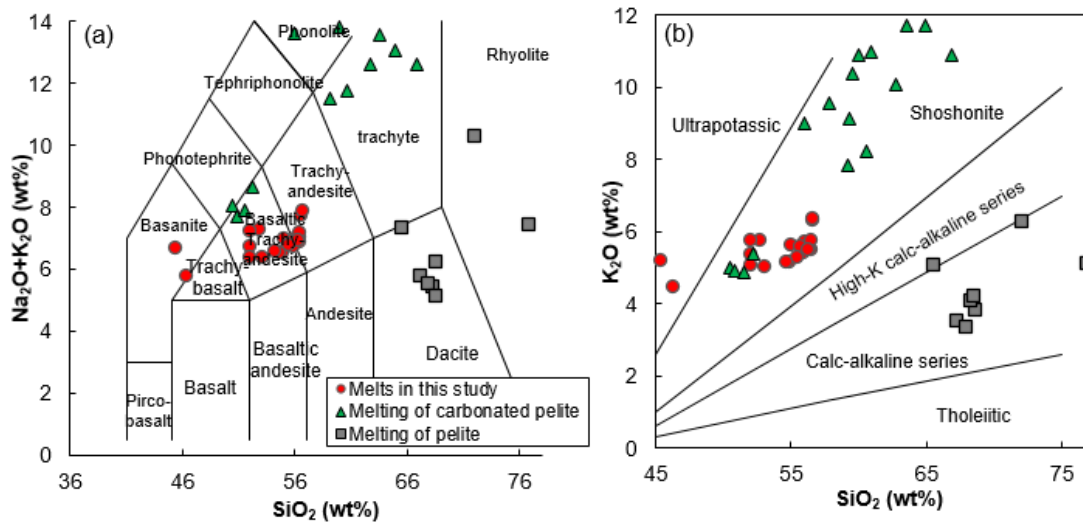
Supplementary Fig. 3: Backscattered electron images of experimental products at 2.7 GPa and 1100 °C. Silicate melts occur along boundaries between calcite crystals in the former limestone zone that has not reacted with peridotite.

Supplementary Fig. 4:



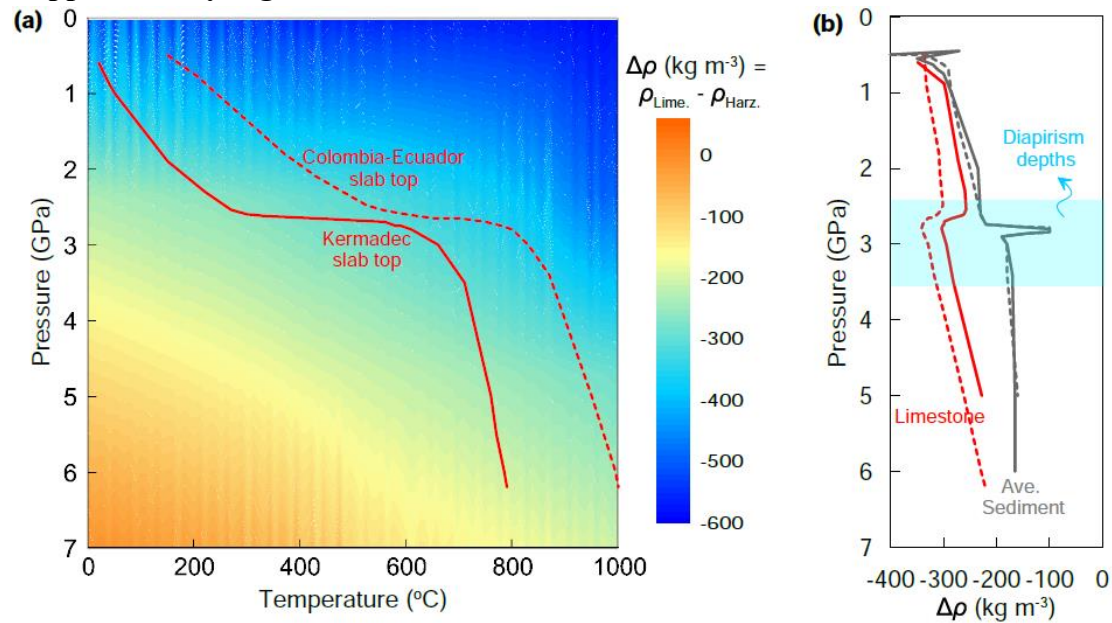
Supplementary Fig. 4: The variation of $\text{CaO}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ratio (pink) and Al_2O_3 content (grey) in newly grown clinopyroxenes across the capsule from the peridotite layer to the limestone layer (experiments at 2 GPa, 1150 °C). The $\text{CaO}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ratio and Al_2O_3 contents decrease and increase from the peridotite layer to the limestone layer, respectively.

Supplementary Fig. 5:



Supplementary Fig. 5: Major element compositions of silicate melts in the experiment at 2.7 GPa and 1100 °C compared to experimental silicate melts from melting of carbonated pelite¹² and pelite without carbonate¹³.

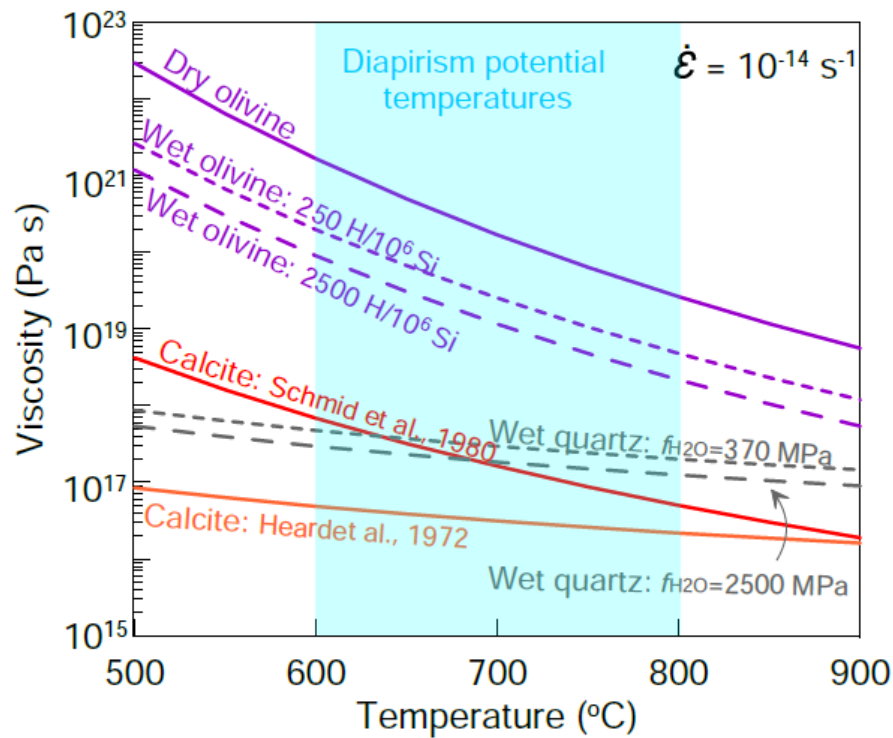
Supplementary Fig. 6:



Supplementary Fig. 6: Calculated density of limestone (starting material used in our high-pressure experiment) along typical subduction zone geotherms using Perple_X 6.9.0¹⁴. (a) Density contrast between the limestone and mantle wedge harzburgite¹⁵ as a function of temperature and pressure. Red solid and dotted lines represent slab-top geotherms for Kermadec and Colombia-Ecuador¹⁶, respectively. (b) Density contrast as a function of pressure along Kermadec (red solid line) and Colombia-Ecuador (red dotted line) slab geotherms. The density contrast of the average ultrahigh-pressure metasediment along Izu-Bonin (cold subduction, grey solid line) and Cascadia (warm subduction, grey dotted line) from Behn, et al.¹⁷ are shown for comparison. The

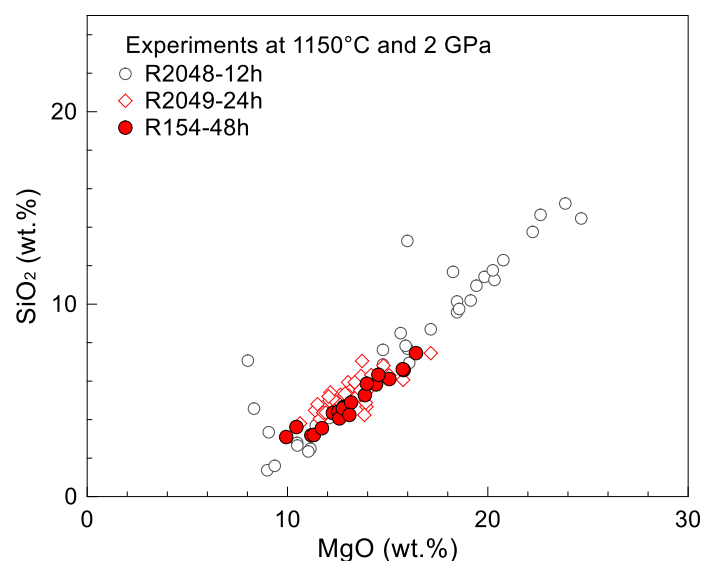
calculated depths of diapir initiation for sediments involving limestone (2.4-3.5 GPa, see main text) are shown.

Supplementary Fig. 7:



Supplementary Fig. 7: Flow viscosity of dry and wet olivines ($C_{\text{OH}} = 250$ and $2500 \text{ H}/10^6\text{Si}$)¹⁸, wet quartz ($f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 370$ and 2500 MPa)¹⁹, and calcite^{20,21} as a function of temperature at a strain rate of 10^{-14} s^{-1} . Note that calcite from Schmid, et al.²⁰ has a similar or slightly lower viscosity than wet quartz, but about $100 \times$ less viscous than that of wet olivine at the temperature of 600-800 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ (the approximate temperature range over which diapirs form).

Supplementary Fig. 8:



Supplementary Fig. 8: Effect of experimental duration (12 h, 24 h, and 48 h) on MgO and SiO₂ contents of carbonatite melts at 1150 °C and 2 GPa. Carbonatite melts for 24 h and 48 h experiments are more homogeneous than those of the 12 h experiment, indicating that equilibrium is approached after 24 hours.

Supplementary Table 1 The conditions and results of the reaction experiments between limestone and dunite.

NO.	P (GPa)	T (°C)	Duration (h)	Mineral modes (wt.%)						ΣR^2	Fe loss (wt.%)
				Ol	Calcite	Mg-calcite	Cpx	Carb. Melt	Sil. Melt		
R162	1.3	900	120	48	45	2	5			1.48	12.3
R166	1.3	950	120	45	39		8	9		0.46	8.5
R165	1.3	1000	108	42	37		11	10		0.73	11.3
R163	2.0	950	120	47	46	2	5			1.24	3.9
R2063	2.0	1000	120	42	43		11	5		0.01	9.5
R157	2.0	1100	48	41	33		11	15		0.49	14.6
R2048	2.0	1150	12	39	32		10	19		0.88	19.2
R2049	2.0	1150	24	40	31		10	19		0.85	33.6
R154	2.0	1150	48	37	30		13	20		1.08	31.6
R150	2.0	1200	48	26	0		6	68		2.68	63.7
MO-20-28	2.7	1000	60	48	42	4	5			0.46	3.8
CH-3	2.7	1050	24	39	43		13	5		0.54	23.7
CH-1	2.7	1100	24	44	27	10	5	11	3	0.13	17.1
CH-2	2.7	1150	24	34	38		12	16		0.52	26.5

All experiments are reaction experiments between limestone and dunite by packing limestone and dunite powders with a 1:1 weight ratio as separate blocks in the capsule. The phase modes were estimated by mass balance calculation which is presented in the Methods and materials in detail. Note: Ol-olivine, Cc-Calcite, Cpx-Clinopyroxene, Carb.melt-Carbonatite melt, Sil.melt-Silicate melt.

Supplementary Table 2. Major element compositions of the starting materials and averages of carbonatite melt and silicate melt in the experiments.

NO.	Comment		P	T	Time	n	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	FeO	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	Na ₂ O+K ₂ O	SO ₂	H ₂ O	Total	Ca/(Ca+Mg)
			GPa	°C	h															atomic ratio
Limestone	SM	WR					4.5	0.06	0.81	0.32	0.03	0.6	50.3	0.3	0.01		0.24	0.90	56.7	
		Clay (7.4%)					61.3	0.75	10.9	4.3	0.42	2.71		4.11	0.10		3.31	12.1	100.0	
Dunite	SM						41.1	0.03	0.02	9.98	0.14	48.2	0.03	0.01	0.01				99.5	
R166	Carbonatite melt		1.3	950	120	6	4.09	0.07	0.85	3.47	0.07	6.14	37.2	0.40	0.18	0.58			52.5	0.81
						sd	1.19	0.05	0.42	1.61	0.07	1.4	6.66	0.18	0.09					
R165	Carbonatite melt		1.3	1000	108	10	2.56	0.08	0.29	3.17	0.07	7.44	34.8	0.28	0.15	0.43			48.8	0.77
						sd	0.59	0.06	0.13	0.67	0.07	1.48	2.87	0.09	0.05					
R2063	Carbonatite melt		2	1000	120	5	3.31	0.09	0.76	4.43	0.12	9.39	33.2	0.43	0.17	0.60			51.8	0.72
						sd	0.63	0.06	0.27	0.86	0.03	3.85	0.69	0.4	0.08					
R157	Carbonatite melt		2	1100	48	9	2.97	0.09	0.61	4.42	0.12	10.5	32.2	0.62	0.41	1.03			51.9	0.69
						sd	2.43	0.08	0.53	2.34	0.02	2.9	5.86	0.42	0.5					
R154	Carbonatite melt		2	1150	48	20	4.9	0.04	0.45	2.5	0.11	13.2	37.3	0.19	0.15	0.34			58.8	0.67
						sd	1.3	0.02	0.2	0.45	0.02	1.8	1.46	0.18	0.09					
R150	Carbonatite melt		2	1200	24	30	13.3	0.03	0.64	1.2	0.07	15.7	36.7	0.12	0.06	0.18			67.8	0.63
						sd	1.18	0.02	0.18	0.11	0.02	1.58	1.38	0.05	0.03					
R151	Carbonatite melt		2	1250	24	50	10.7	0.04	0.83	2.03	0.08	14.2	35.8	0.23	0.12	0.35			64.0	0.64
						sd	1.29	0.02	0.24	0.21	0.02	1.18	1.09	0.08	0.05					
CH3	Carbonatite melt		2.7	1050	24	13	4.12	0.05	1.18	3.28	0.13	13.2	35.5	0.27	0.4	0.67			58.2	0.66
						sd	1.57	0.04	0.75	0.96	0.05	2.06	2.08	0.07	0.27					
CH1	Carbonatite melt		2.7	1100	24	5	2.5	0.05	0.08	1.89	0.1	11.1	41.2	0.15	0.07	0.22			66.1	0.73
						sd	3.09	0.05	0.03	0.55	0.02	2.86	3.1	0.09	0.04					
	Silicate melt					18	54.9	0.69	15.4	1.64	0.17	1.27	8.64	1.40	5.57	6.97			89.73	
						sd	1.7	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.3	1.1	0.1	0.4					
CH2	Carbonatite melt		2.7	1150	24	9	5.25	0.1	0.36	2.92	0.07	15.6	35.7	0.15	0.08	0.23			60.3	0.62
						sd	1.51	0.07	0.23	0.93	0.05	1.86	2.34	0.12	0.07					

Note: The compositions of melts are averages of melts in the experiment. The detailed data are given in Supplementary Data 1.

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