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## Abstract

Developing appropriate monitoring strategies in long-quiescent volcanic provinces is challenging due to the rarity of recordable geochemical and geophysical signals and the lack of experienced eruptive phenomenology in living memory. This is the case in the Massif Central (France) where the last eruptive sequence formed the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes, about 7 ka ago. There, current evidence of a mantle activity reminiscence is suggested by the presence of mineral springwaters, mofettes, and soil degassing. It appears fundamental as a prerequisite to decipher the evolution of the gas phase in the magmatic system at the time of the eruptive activity to understand the meaning of current local gas emissions. In this study, we develop an innovative approach coupling CO<sub>2</sub> densimetry and geochemistry of fluid inclusions from products erupted by the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes. 3D imagery by Raman spectroscopy revealed that carbonate forming in fluid inclusions may lead to underestimation of CO<sub>2</sub> density in fluid inclusions by up to 50 % and thus to unreliable barometric estimates. Fortunately, we found that this effect may be limited by focusing on fluid inclusions with a small diameter (<4 μm) and where no solid phase is detected on Raman spectra. The time evolution of the eruptions of the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes shows a progressive decrease of the pressure of magma storage (from more than 9 kbar down to 1.5-2 kbar) in parallel to magma differentiation (from basanites at Montcineyre to benmoreites at Pavin). The analysis of the noble gases entrapped in fluid inclusions yielded two main conclusions: (1) the helium isotope signature (Rc/Ra = 6.5-6.8) is in the range of values obtained in fluid inclusions from mantle xenoliths in the Massif Central (Rc/Ra = 5.6±1.1, on average) suggesting partial melting of the subcontinental lithospheric mantle, and (2) magma degassing (<sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\* from 4.0 to 16.2) mirrors magma differentiation and the progressive rise of the magma ponding zones of the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes. According to our modelling, about 80 % of the initial gas phase would be already exsolved from these magmas, even if stored at mantle depth. Based on the results obtained from fluid inclusions, we propose a model of the evolution of the signature of noble gases and carbon isotopes from mantle depth to crustal levels. In this frame, gas emissions currently emitted in the area (Rc/Ra = 6.1-6.7 and <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\* = 1.7) point to an origin in the lithospheric mantle. This study strongly encourages the establishment of a regular sampling of local gas emissions to detect potential geochemical variations that may reflect a change from current steady-state conditions.

## Keywords

Fluid inclusions, Barometry, Noble gases, Magma degassing, Monitoring

## 1. Introduction

The global population growth raises severe issues about our way to live in a sustainable world and to face natural disasters. With almost one in eight people living within 100 kilometres of an active

53 volcano (Brown et al., 2015), volcanic eruptions constitute one of the main natural hazards for  
54 humanity (Oppenheimer, 2015). In this regard, long-quiescent volcanic provinces play a peculiar  
55 role. On the one hand, the general lack of eruptive activity in the collective memory tends to favour  
56 the settling of local populations and socio-economic development on lands covered by fertile  
57 volcanic soils (Shoji and Takahashi, 2002). This is even truer in Southern countries where  
58 agriculture represents often one of the main economic sources and is fundamental for the survival of  
59 local populations. On the other hand, long periods of quiescence may strongly favour the energy  
60 accumulation at depth and drive magmas near a critical pressure point leading to violent eruptions  
61 (Chiodini et al., 2016). This parallel evolution significantly increases the probability of fatal  
62 eruptions, even more considering the lack of preparedness of local population in face of a natural  
63 hazard with a low occurrence frequency. The development of appropriate monitoring strategies in  
64 long-quiescent volcanic provinces is also challenged by (1) the rarity of signals that may indicate  
65 residual magmatic activity, and (2) the difficulty of convincing decision-makers of the necessity to  
66 implement a policy of prevention (rather than reaction) in face of an a priori non-imminent risk.  
67 This situation applies to the French Massif Central (France), where the last known eruption is dated  
68 at  $6,730 \pm 170$  a BP (Juvigné and Miallier, 2016). The presence of surface manifestations of a  
69 potential ‘residual’ magmatic activity is testified by the numerous mineral springs spread over the  
70 territory with clear magmatic origin (Matthews et al., 1987; Bräuer et al., 2017; Moreira et al.,  
71 2018), together with areas of intense soil ( $\text{CO}_2$ -Rn) degassing (Battani et al., 2010; Gal and Gadalia,  
72 2011; Gal et al., 2018). However, both types of occurrences remain poorly documented to date.  
73 Although fundamental to the development of regional monitoring strategies, there is no consensus  
74 on the origin of the degassing. Some studies suggest the presence of still partially molten mid-  
75 crustal reservoirs beneath the area (Martel et al., 2013; France et al., 2016), while others refer to  
76 fluid transport in deep reaching faults from magmatic reservoirs within the subcontinental  
77 lithospheric mantle (SCLM; Bräuer et al., 2017).

78 Previous studies about noble gases from the European Cenozoic Rift System are based on  
79 either natural gas emissions (Bräuer et al., 2013, 2017; Moreira et al., 2018) or fluid inclusions in  
80 crystals from mantle xenoliths (Buikin et al., 2005; Gautheron et al., 2005; Rizzo et al., 2018,  
81 2021). Natural gas emissions may be affected by atmospheric-crustal contamination during the  
82 ascent of magmatic fluids (Barry et al., 2013) that may hide the primitive signature of the gaseous  
83 component. For its part, the gas entrapped in fluid inclusions in crystals from mantle xenoliths  
84 could have a different isotopic signature than the one linked to magma ascent. To overcome these  
85 limitations, we aim at studying the geochemical variability (noble gases, carbon isotopes) of the gas  
86 entrapped in fluid inclusions from crystals hosted in tephra erupted by the Pavin’s Group of  
87 Volcanoes, i.e., the youngest volcanoes of the French Massif Central. We compare the results to the  
88 composition of gas found in mantle xenoliths and surface gas emissions. In this study, we couple  
89 geochemical markers to barometric estimations from fluid inclusions to decipher the evolution of  
90 magmatic gases upon ascent (Boudoire et al., 2018) and discuss the origin of the gas released in the  
91 area. To achieve these objectives, we use an innovative approach based on (1) the quantification of  
92 the influence of carbonate precipitation on  $\text{CO}_2$  densities in fluid inclusions to retrieve barometric  
93 estimates, and (2) the first chemical characterization (for the French Massif Central if not for the  
94 European Cenozoic Rift System) of the gas entrapped in fluid inclusions in phenocrysts from lavas.

## 95 96 **2. Geological context and sampling strategy**

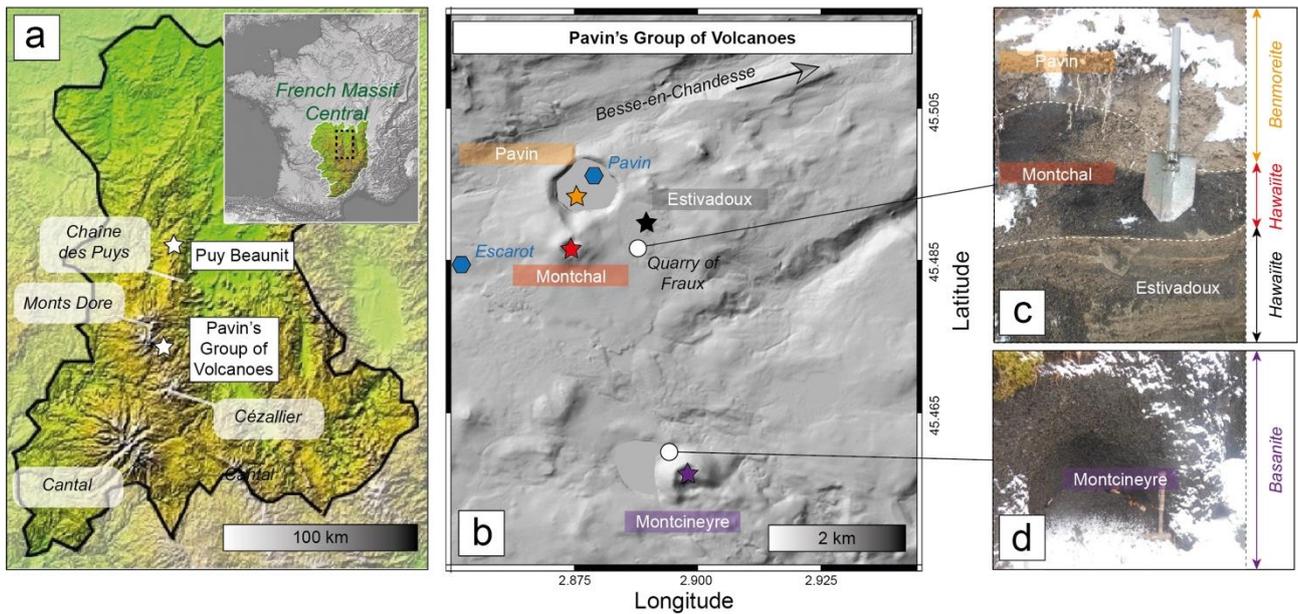
97 The Cenozoic European Volcanic Province (CEVP) was generated by intraplate alkaline volcanism  
98 related to the European Cenozoic Rift System (ECRS) surrounding the Alpine orogen (Merle and  
99 Michon, 2001; Lustrino and Wilson, 2007) and extending over about 1,500 km. The CEVP consists  
100 of three main areas marked by volcanic activity: the French Massif Central, the Rhenish Massif, and  
101 the Bohemian Massif (Ulrych et al., 1999). The youngest volcanic activity in the CEVP formed the  
102 Pavin maar-crater in the French Massif Central about 7 ka ago (**Fig. 1**; Juvigné and Miallier, 2016).  
103 However, the CEVP still presents evidence of a residual or renewed magmatic activity. The

104 province is characterised by current degassing in mineral springs, mofettes, and through the soil  
105 (Bräuer et al., 2013, 2017; Gal et al., 2018; Moreira et al., 2018). Presently active magmatic  
106 processes have been recognised or hypothesised during the last 20 years beneath the Cheb basin, in  
107 the Bohemian Massif (Bräuer et al., 2011), and in the Eifel region, in the Rhenish Massif (Hensch et  
108 al., 2019; Kreemer et al., 2020) with both local seismicity and ground deformation. In the French  
109 Massif Central, petrological investigations have suggested the potential presence of one or more  
110 magma reservoirs, still partially molten, beneath the Chaîne des Puys (Martel et al., 2013; France et  
111 al., 2016; Boivin et al., 2017). These inferences on the current state of magmatic activity in the  
112 CEVP, close to densely populated areas, may raise major concerns about civil protection and risk  
113 management.

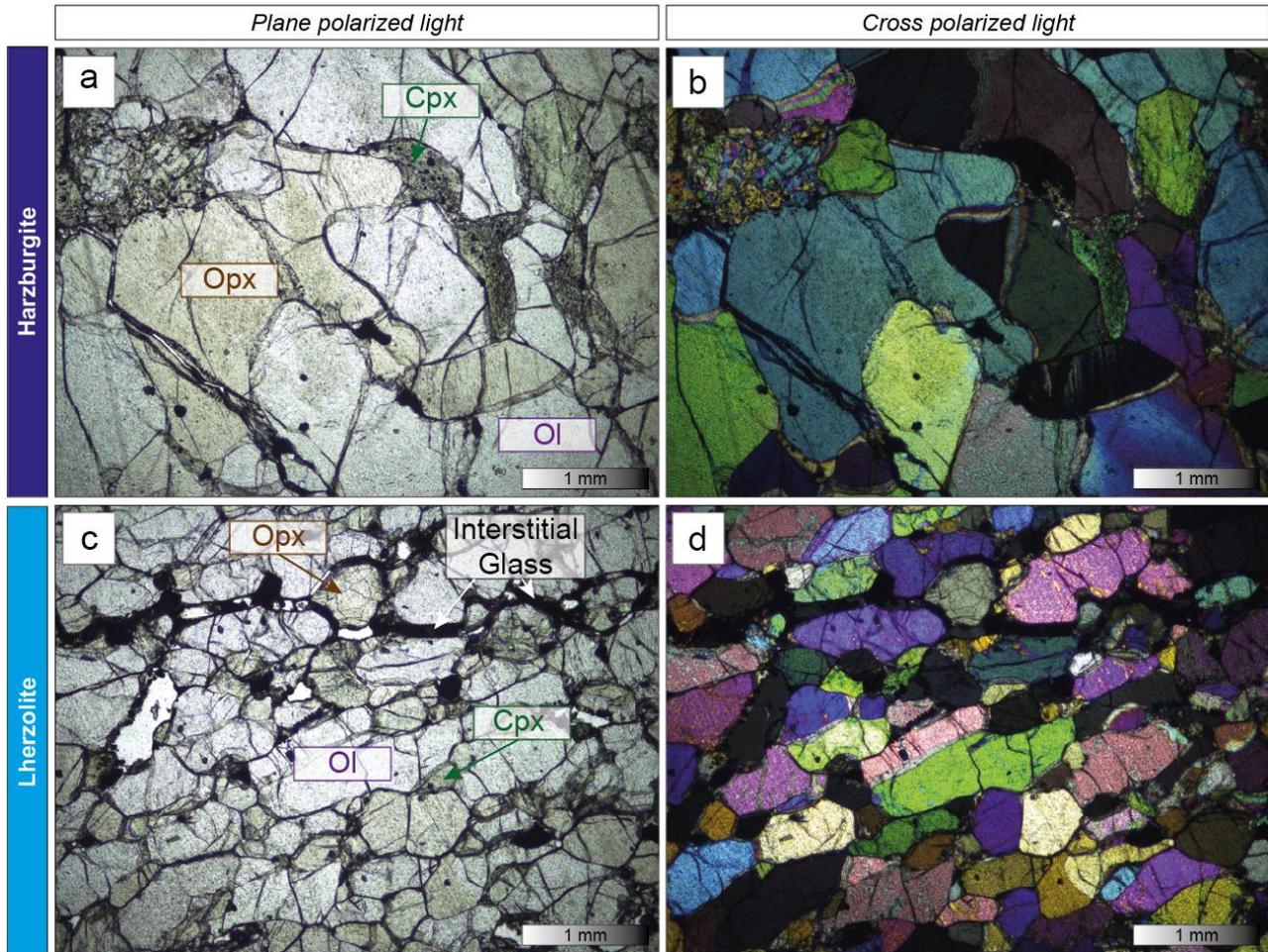
114 The French Massif Central (FMC) is the largest magmatic province of the CEVP and is  
115 characterised by typical intraplate alkaline series (Michon and Merle, 2001). The Cenozoic volcanic  
116 activity spread over three main periods due to local extension and mantle upwelling of the ECRS: a  
117 pre-rift stage (65-34 Ma), a rifting stage (34-15 Ma), and a post-rift stage marked by major  
118 magmatic events. The post-rift stage is subdivided into three phases of volcanism. The first phase  
119 (9-6.3 Ma) is marked by eruptive activity in the Cantal (**Fig. 1a**), Aubrac, Velay, and Coirons. The  
120 second phase (3.5-0.23 Ma) took place mainly in the Monts-Dore (**Fig. 1a**) and Devès. Finally, the  
121 most recent one occurred in the Chaîne des Puys (160-6.7 ka; **Fig. 1a**) and Bas-Vivarais (Nomade  
122 et al., 2016). The last known eruptive site in the FMC (the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes; 6,730±170  
123 a BP; Juvigné and Miallier, 2016) is located at the southern extremity of an alignment of about 80  
124 monogenetic volcanoes oriented N-S and forming the Chaîne des Puys, at the boundary between the  
125 Monts-Dore and the Cézallier (**Fig. 1a**). The Pavin's Group of Volcanoes is composed of 4  
126 monogenetic volcanoes that erupted over a short period of time of about 100-700 years (**Fig. 1b**;  
127 Juvigné and Miallier, 2016): Montcineyre, Estivadoux, Montchal, and Pavin (from the oldest to the  
128 youngest). Volcanic products from these edifices mark a clear trend of magma differentiation from  
129 basanite at Montcineyre (the most primitive lavas erupted in this part of the FMC in the last 200 ka)  
130 to benmoreite at Pavin (maar-diatreme volcano now filled by a meromictic lake with dissolved  
131 gases in depth; Michard et al., 1994; Jézéquel et al., 2016). Very early fractionation of amphibole  
132 was recognised (based on K<sub>2</sub>O, Sc, Co, Y, Nb, Ta, and REEs contents) in the magmatic series of the  
133 Pavin's Group of Volcanoes, which differs from the early fractionation of clinopyroxene identified  
134 in magmas from the Chaîne des Puys (Villemant et al., 2016). In addition to the abundance of  
135 dissolved gases in the monimolimnion layer of the Pavin lake (Aeschbach-Hertig et al., 1999), the  
136 area is also characterised by soil CO<sub>2</sub> gas emissions (Gal and Gadalia, 2011; Gal et al., 2018) and  
137 by degassing at the Escarot mofettes (less than 3 km away). There, the <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He signature is the  
138 most primordial ever found in the FMC and suggests direct gas migration from a magmatic  
139 reservoir in the SCLM to the surface with only minor crustal contamination during the ascent  
140 (Aeschbach-Hertig et al., 1999; Bräuer et al., 2017; Moreira et al., 2018).

141 In this study, fresh glassy lapilli from Montcineyre and Montchal, and pumices from Pavin  
142 (outcrop of the Quarry of Fraux) were sampled (**Fig. 1c, d**). Analyses made on tephra favour the  
143 preservation of fluid inclusions in host crystals (Klügel et al., 2020), limit the effect of crystal  
144 recycling and the amount of xenocrysts (Boudoire et al., 2021), and cover the whole differentiation  
145 trend of the magmatic series of the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes (Villemant et al., 2016). In this  
146 study, one tephra sample from each eruptive site was collected and considered representative of the  
147 magma involved in each eruption. This assessment is supported by the chemical, mineral, and  
148 textural homogeneity of the tephra deposits from the same eruptive site along the whole  
149 stratigraphic sequence (Rondet et al., 2019). In addition, two mantle enclaves from the Puy  
150 Gonnard, a part of Puy Beaunit volcano, at the northernmost end of the Chaîne des Puys (**Fig. 1a**),  
151 were sampled to allow the comparison between results obtained from fluid inclusions in tephra  
152 phenocrysts and mantle crystals. Puy Beaunit (43,900±5,100 a BP) is well known for its exceptional  
153 mantle enclave abundance and diversity (Brousse and Rudel, 1964; Féménias et al., 2001, 2004).  
154 Based on textural and mineral abundance analysis of thin sections (**Fig. 2**), these mantle enclaves

155 correspond to a coarse to transitional harzburgite (**Fig. 2a, b**) and a granuloblastic lherzolite (**Fig.**  
 156 **2c, d**) following the nomenclature of mantle enclaves at Puy Beaunit defined by Féménias et al.  
 157 (2004). The geochemical signatures of Montcineyre basanite and Puy Beaunit melt inclusions  
 158 (Jannot et al., 2005) are close enough to assume a common mantle source beneath both areas  
 159 (Villemant et al., 2016). Dissolved gases were also sampled at 70 and 90 m depth in the Pavin lake  
 160 together with gas emissions from the Escarot mofettes to compare the chemistry of the gas phase  
 161 entrapped in fluid inclusions with that of surface gas emissions.  
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 164 **Fig. 1.** (a) Location map of the French Massif Central and the Auvergne region with the two main sampled sites: Puy  
 165 Beaunit (mantle enclaves) and (b) the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes (lapilli, pumices, dissolved gases in Pavin lake,  
 166 Escarot mofettes) in the vicinity of the village of Besse-en-Chandesse. (c, d) Photographs of the outcrops where lapilli  
 167 were sampled.  
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**Fig. 2.** Transmitted light photomicrographs (in plane and cross polarized light) of the thin sections of two mantle enclaves sampled at Puy Beaunit: (a, b) harzburgite and (c, d) lherzolite (nomenclature of ultramafic rocks from Streckeisen, 1974). Ol, olivine; Cpx, clinopyroxene; Opx, orthopyroxene.

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### 3. Methodology

#### 3.1. Crystal composition

Crystals (olivine, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, and amphibole) were hand-picked from crushed and sieved lapilli (Montcineyre, Montchal), pumices (Pavin) and mantle enclaves (Puy Beaunit). Electron microprobe analyses of mineral phases (**Appendix 1**) were performed using a Cameca SXFive at the Laboratoire Magmas et Volcans (Aubière, France) operated with a 15 kV accelerating voltage and a 20 nA current focused beam. Relative errors were 0.5-1.7 % (Si, Mg, Fe, Ca, Al), 16-24 % (Ti, Cr, Mn), and 62-111 % (Ni, K), on average. For olivine, the relative error on CaO was 0.5-15 %. For pyroxene, the relative error on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was 0.9-3 %.

#### 3.2. Fluid inclusions composition

The composition of the fluid inclusions (**Appendix 2**) was determined at the Laboratoire Magmas et Volcans using an inVia confocal Raman micro-spectrometer manufactured by Renishaw. The micro-spectrometer was equipped with a 532.1 ± 0.3 nm diode-pulsed solid state laser (200 mW output power), a Peltier-cooled CCD detector of 1040 x 256 pixels, a Rayleigh rejection edge filter, and a Leica DM 2500 M optical microscope with a motorised XYZ stage. Laser power was periodically checked and reduced to 19 mW on the sample surface. A 100x microscope objective, a 20 µm slit aperture, and a grating of 2400 grooves/mm were used leading to a spectral resolution better than 0.4 cm<sup>-1</sup> and spatial resolutions of 1 µm (horizontal), and 2-3 µm (vertical) near the

196 surface. Calibration of peak positions was performed based on the 520.5 cm<sup>-1</sup> peak of Si and the  
 197 1331.5 cm<sup>-1</sup> peak of diamond. The spectra were recorded with the WiRE™ 4.2 software in a single  
 198 window collection (recommended by Lamadrid et al., 2017, for CO<sub>2</sub> densimetry) of 365-1575 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 199 to cover the vibrational frequencies of mineral phases (host crystals, carbonates, sulphates) and  
 200 gaseous phases (CO<sub>2</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>). Extended spectra were recorded for each family of fluid inclusions (and  
 201 for each sample) in the wavenumber range 60-4500 cm<sup>-1</sup> to investigate the presence of other  
 202 mineral (sulphides) and fluid phases (H<sub>2</sub>O and/or OH molecules). Acquisition time for a single  
 203 analysis was fixed at 60 s and room temperature was kept at ~20.5 °C.

204 He (<sup>3</sup>He, <sup>4</sup>He), Ne (<sup>20</sup>Ne), Ar (<sup>40</sup>Ar, <sup>38</sup>Ar, <sup>36</sup>Ar), C (<sup>13</sup>C/<sup>12</sup>C noted as δ<sup>13</sup>C versus VPDB  
 205 reference in per mil) isotopes were measured at the Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia  
 206 (INGV), Sezione di Palermo (Italy). Measurements were performed either in the gas phase  
 207 entrapped in fluid inclusions hosted in minerals or in surface gas emissions, with small differences  
 208 in the gas extraction or introduction method as well as in the mass spectrometers used for the  
 209 analysis. In detail, 0.4-1.2 g of crystals (among olivine, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, and  
 210 amphibole) were hand-picked for noble gas measurements, while 0.5-3.1 g of orthopyroxene were  
 211 used for CO<sub>2</sub> extraction and carbon isotope measurements. Residual glass around the crystals was  
 212 removed using fluoroboric acid. Then, crystals were cleaned in an ultrasonic bath and loaded in two  
 213 distinct single-step crushers for the noble gas and CO<sub>2</sub> extraction from fluid inclusions, following  
 214 the protocols reported in Rizzo et al. (2018, 2021) and Sandoval-Velasquez et al. (2022). After  
 215 purification and separation of distinct species with cryogenic techniques, He and Ne isotopes were  
 216 analysed using two distinct split-flight-tube mass spectrometers (Helix SFT-Thermo), and Ar  
 217 isotopes using a multi-collector mass spectrometer (Argus, GVI). Typical blanks for He, Ne, and Ar  
 218 were <10<sup>-15</sup>, <10<sup>-16</sup>, and <10<sup>-14</sup> mol, respectively. The analytical uncertainties (1σ) for <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He are  
 219 <2.4 %. The <sup>13</sup>C/<sup>12</sup>C was measured using a Thermo (Finnigan) Delta Plus XP CF-IRMS connected  
 220 to a Trace GC gas chromatograph and a Thermo (Finnigan) GC/C III interface. The absolute δ<sup>13</sup>C  
 221 analytical error is <0.4 ‰ (1σ).

222 In the case of surface gas emission samples, an aliquot of gas was introduced in three  
 223 distinct calibrated pipettes of 0.1 cm<sup>3</sup> each and expanded in three distinct ultra-high-vacuum  
 224 purification lines dedicated to He, Ne and Ar. After purification procedures, He was introduced in a  
 225 Helix SFT-GVI, Ne in a Helix MC Plus-Thermo, Ar in a Helix MC-GVI for the respective isotopic  
 226 measurements, following the purification and analytical protocols reported in Rizzo et al. (2021).  
 227 Measured <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He were corrected for atmospheric contamination based on their <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>20</sup>Ne and the  
 228 values are expressed as Rc/Ra (Ra = <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He in air) with:

$$R_c = \frac{(R_m \times ({}^4\text{He}/{}_{20}\text{Ne})_m - R_a \times ({}^4\text{He}/{}_{20}\text{Ne})_a)}{(({}^4\text{He}/{}_{20}\text{Ne})_m - ({}^4\text{He}/{}_{20}\text{Ne})_a)}$$

230 where R<sub>m</sub> and (<sup>4</sup>He/<sup>20</sup>Ne)<sub>m</sub> are the measured values, and R<sub>a</sub> and (<sup>4</sup>He/<sup>20</sup>Ne)<sub>a</sub> refers to the  
 231 atmospheric value (0.318; Ozima and Podosek, 2002). <sup>40</sup>Ar was also corrected for the atmospheric  
 232 contamination, as follows:

$${}^{40}\text{Ar}^* = {}^{40}\text{Ar}_m - ({}^{36}\text{Ar}_m \times ({}^{40}\text{Ar}/{}^{36}\text{Ar})_a)$$

234 where <sup>40</sup>Ar\* is the corrected value, <sup>40</sup>Ar<sub>m</sub> the measured value, and (<sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>36</sup>Ar)<sub>a</sub> = 298.56 (Lee et al.,  
 235 2006).  
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### 238 3.3. 3D imagery of fluid inclusions

239 Raman tomography was performed on three fluid inclusions using <5 mW laser power.  
 240 Acquisitions were collected with a sampling step distance of 0.5-1 μm in the horizontal plane and 1-  
 241 1.5 μm along the vertical axis, and 10-15 s/point. For each fluid inclusion, 3D mapping produced a

242 single hypermap of ten to fifteen thousand spectra in the XYZ space. The WiRE™ 4.2 software was  
243 used to collect, process, and view 3D volume data, allowing spectral information to be analysed in  
244 all dimensions simultaneously. Data processing consisted of several steps. First, narrow random  
245 peaks known as cosmic rays were identified and removed from the datasets. Second, the baseline  
246 was subtracted from the spectra by fitting the most appropriate polynomial function that passes  
247 through anchor points in peak-free spectral regions. After an initial overview of the inclusion  
248 volume to recognise the phases present, a representative, well distinct peak, generally  
249 corresponding to the strongest vibrational mode, was selected for each phase. A 3D distribution  
250 map of the peak intensity was created using the ‘signal to baseline’ parameter to calculate the area  
251 under the selected peak. The volume occupied by each phase was defined by setting a threshold of  
252 intensity of the selected peak. To precisely delineate the volume of a phase, horizontal and vertical  
253 variations in peak intensity were carefully analysed, since Raman signal intensity decreases quite  
254 rapidly at mineral rims. Volume reconstruction of the inclusion was obtained by merging the 3D  
255 maps of all phases into a combined 3D representation on which different phases are identified by  
256 different colors. Finally, the recovered volume fraction of each phase was converted to a mass value  
257 using the appropriate density. Total CO<sub>2</sub> mass was obtained by adding the mass of fluid CO<sub>2</sub> and  
258 that of CO<sub>2</sub> stored in carbonates. Uncertainties in volume reconstruction from Raman tomography  
259 are mainly due to the vertical spatial resolution of the technique that can be larger than the size of  
260 minerals within the inclusions, resulting in aggregates of very small crystals being represented as  
261 large continuous masses. The volumetric reconstruction and associated uncertainties are therefore  
262 very sensitive to the intensity threshold defined for data processing. For additional details about the  
263 procedure followed for acquisition and processing of 3D maps, and associated uncertainties as well,  
264 the reader is referred to Schiavi et al. (2020).

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### 266 **3.4. Barometry based on CO<sub>2</sub> density in fluid inclusions**

267 CO<sub>2</sub> density was calculated from the Fermi dyad split ( $\Delta$ ; Van den Kerkhof and Olsen, 1990;  
268 Frezzotti et al., 2012) between the 1388 and 1285 cm<sup>-1</sup> peaks (Boudoire et al., 2021). The linearity  
269 of the spectrometer was tested by the use of a diamond standard (peak at 1331.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>). Corrected  
270 splitting of the CO<sub>2</sub> Fermi dyad was then determined following the expression (1) of Lamadrid et al.  
271 (2017). Using the corrected instead of the measured splitting of the Fermi dyad has a negligible  
272 effect on the calculated CO<sub>2</sub> density (<0.01 g/cm<sup>3</sup>). Precautions were taken during the crystal  
273 preparation to get homogeneous host crystal radius (around 1 mm) together with limited crystal  
274 thickness (between 200 and 400  $\mu$ m) to reduce the variability of temperatures in fluid inclusions  
275 induced by laser heating (Hagiwara et al., 2021a). Based on the equation of Hagiwara et al. (2021b),  
276 we estimated a maximum temperature of 42.6 °C for fluid inclusions investigated in this study. For  
277  $\Delta$  between 102.85 and 105 cm<sup>-1</sup>, this value of 42.6 °C leads to a maximum uncertainty on CO<sub>2</sub>  
278 density of 0.038 g/cm<sup>3</sup> with respect to room temperature by using the equations of Sublett et al.  
279 (2020). This part of the uncertainty related to temperature is called hereafter  $\epsilon$ (temperature). If we  
280 recognise that the use of Raman spectroscopy at room temperature for the evaluation of CO<sub>2</sub> density  
281 in fluid inclusions is not applicable between 0.22 and 0.74 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (coexistence of gas and liquid  
282 CO<sub>2</sub>), we highlight that, in this study: (i) only 10 fluid inclusions fall in this CO<sub>2</sub> density range (for  
283 a total of 70 fluid inclusions) and (ii) laser heating using a 19 mW power on the sample is expected  
284 to rise the temperature of fluid inclusions above the critical temperature of CO<sub>2</sub> (31 °C; Hagiwara et  
285 al. 2021a). Consistently, no moving CO<sub>2</sub> vapour bubble was detected in these fluid inclusions  
286 immediately after the analysis arguing for the presence of a homogeneous CO<sub>2</sub> phase during the  
287 analysis. Three Raman spectra were acquired for each fluid inclusion to test the reproducibility of  
288 the analyses. If the CO<sub>2</sub> densities estimated from these three Raman spectra differed by more than  
289 0.05 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, the fluid inclusion was discarded from the dataset. In this way, the cases of two-phase  
290 gas-liquid mixture can also be identified. In the absence of calibrated curves for our instrument  
291 (Lamadrid et al., 2017), we tested the reliability of the experimental equations of Song et al. (2009),  
292 Fall et al. (2011), Wang et al. (2011) and Lamadrid et al. (2017) on a set of 4 pure CO<sub>2</sub> fluid

293 inclusions (0.60-0.92 g/cm<sup>3</sup> of CO<sub>2</sub> determined by microthermometry) used as internal standards.  
294 The equation of Song et al. (2009) provided the most reliable results with a deviation,  $\varepsilon(\text{analytical})$ ,  
295 not exceeding 0.037 g/cm<sup>3</sup> of CO<sub>2</sub>, and was used in this study. Finally, the total uncertainty,  
296  $\varepsilon(\text{TOT})$ , on CO<sub>2</sub> density related to the use of the CO<sub>2</sub> densimeter of Song et al. (2009) and to the  
297 analysis of fluid inclusions is (Boudoire et al., 2021):  
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$$\varepsilon(\text{TOT}) = \sqrt{\varepsilon(\text{analytical})^2 + \varepsilon(\text{temperature})^2 + \varepsilon(\text{processing})^2}$$

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300 where  $\varepsilon(\text{processing})$  is the uncertainty related to the spectral resolution by peak fitting (<0.014  
301 g/cm<sup>3</sup>; Kobayashi et al., 2012). In this study  $\varepsilon(\text{TOT})$  is equal to 0.054 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, which corresponds to a  
302 maximum uncertainty of 70 MPa, following the procedure described below. Rare sulphates,  
303 sulphides, carbonates, and either liquid or vapour water were sometimes detected in a few fluid  
304 inclusions. This observation points to the presence of a CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O initial mixture (Boudoire et al.,  
305 2018, 2021). In agreement with previous inferences made on CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O initial mixture in fluid  
306 inclusions analysed in other similar studies (Hansteen and Klügel, 2008; Zanon and Frezzotti,  
307 2013), we consider an upper limit of 10% mol of H<sub>2</sub>O in the initial exsolved phase. Such a value  
308 leads to a maximum increase of density of 0.03 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Pressure was estimated with the ISOC code  
309 (Bakker, 2003) using the equation of state of Duan et al. (1992, 1996) set for CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O mixture on a  
310 large range of pressure and temperature. Based on the composition of the lavas (Villemant et al.,  
311 2016) and the MgO-thermometer of Putirka (2008), the temperature was fixed at 1300 °C, 1200 °C,  
312 and 1050 °C for the basanite of Montcineyre, the hawaiiite of Montchal, and the benmoreite of  
313 Pavin. Previous estimations made for the benmoreitic magma of Pavin are in the range 950-975 °C  
314 (Rondet et al., 2019). Any uncertainty on temperature results only in minor errors on pressure (<50  
315 MPa for a shift of 100 °C). Following the results obtained by Féménias et al. (2001) on mantle  
316 enclaves at Puy Beaunit, the temperature was fixed at 850 °C and 1000 °C for granuloblastic  
317 lherzolite and transitional harzburgite, respectively. Finally, the cumulated uncertainty on pressure  
318 estimates from CO<sub>2</sub> densimetry in fluid inclusions does not exceed 90 MPa in this study.  
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## 321 4. Results

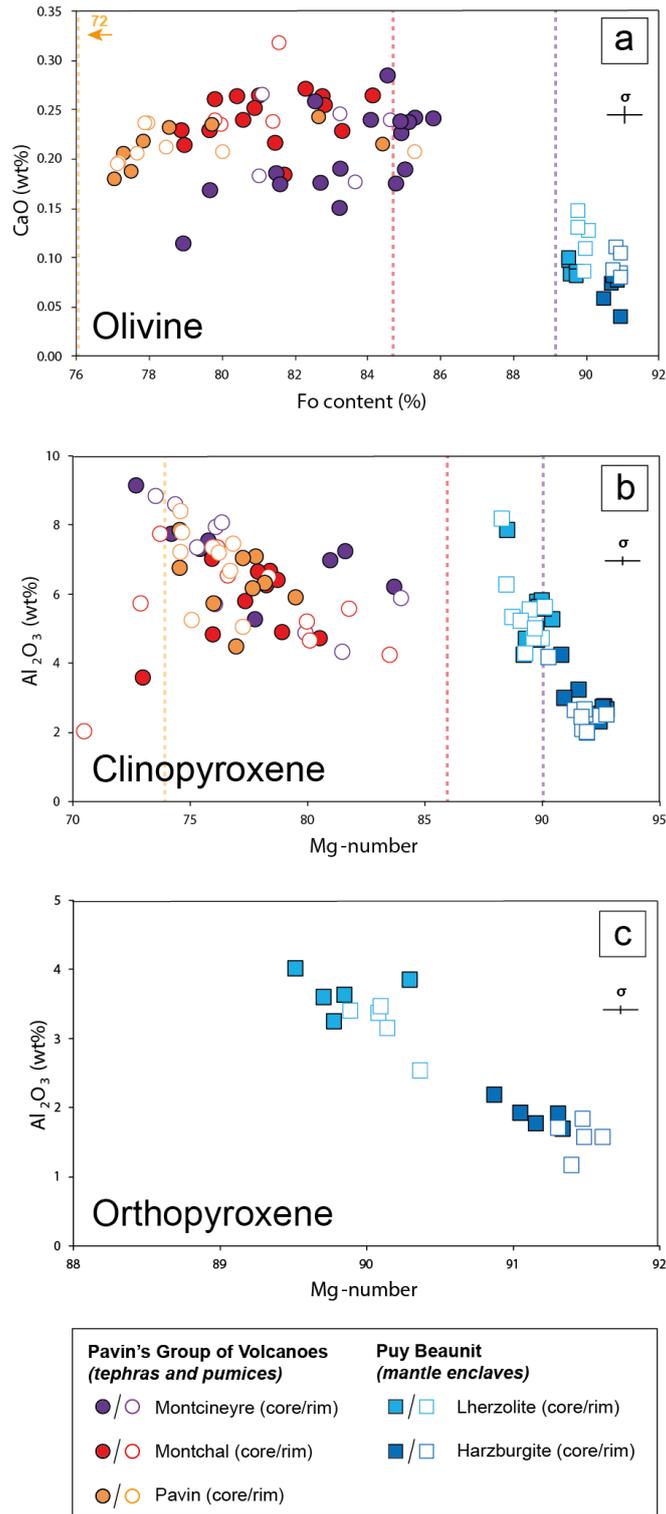
### 322 4.1. Mineralogy

323 The compositions of olivine crystals from the lapilli and pumices of the three volcanoes largely  
324 overlap (**Fig. 3a**): from Fo<sub>78.9</sub> to Fo<sub>85.8</sub> at Montcineyre, from Fo<sub>78.9</sub> to Fo<sub>84.1</sub> at Montchal, and from  
325 Fo<sub>77.1</sub> to Fo<sub>85.3</sub> at Pavin. Meanwhile, the average forsterite (Fo) content of olivine crystals slightly  
326 decreases from Montcineyre (Fo<sub>83.2</sub>) to Montchal (Fo<sub>81.1</sub>) and Pavin (Fo<sub>79.1</sub>) products. Noteworthy,  
327 part of olivine crystals from Montcineyre show a lower CaO content (0.12-0.19 wt%) than that from  
328 Montchal and Pavin (0.18-0.36 wt%) at constant forsterite content (**Fig. 3a**). The Mg-numbers  
329 (Mg#) of olivine crystals from lapilli and pumices differ from those of olivine crystals at  
330 equilibrium with the bulk rock: they are lower at Montcineyre and Montchal, and higher at Pavin  
331 (**Fig. 3a**). Both normal and reverse zoning is observed in olivine crystals from Montcineyre and  
332 Pavin, whereas only normal zoning was identified in the few analysed olivine crystals from  
333 Montchal (**Table 1**). The range of composition of olivine crystals from mantle enclaves is narrow  
334 (**Fig. 3a**): from Fo<sub>89.5</sub> to Fo<sub>90.1</sub> for the lherzolite and from Fo<sub>90.5</sub> to Fo<sub>91.0</sub> for the harzburgite. In both  
335 enclaves, an increase of the CaO content at constant forsterite content is observed from crystal core  
336 to rim.

337 As in the case of olivine, the compositions of clinopyroxene crystals from the lapilli and  
338 pumices of the three volcanoes overlap widely (**Fig. 3b**): the Mg-number ranges from 72.7 to 84.0  
339 at Montcineyre, from 70.5 to 83.5 at Montchal, and from 74.5 to 79.5 at Pavin. The decrease of the  
340 Mg-number of clinopyroxene crystals is coupled with a decrease in SiO<sub>2</sub> and CaO contents and with  
341 an increase in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, and Na<sub>2</sub>O contents, which mirror the behaviour described for  
342 clinopyroxene crystals from mantle enclaves. A few clinopyroxene crystals from Montcineyre

343 display the highest Mg-numbers together with an enrichment in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> contents. In the  
344 same way as for olivine crystals, the Mg-numbers of clinopyroxene crystals from lapilli and  
345 pumices differ from the Mg# computed for clinopyroxene at equilibrium with the bulk rock: they  
346 are lower at Montcineyre and Montchal, and higher at Pavin (**Fig. 3b**). Complex normal and reverse  
347 zoning is observed in clinopyroxene crystals from all lapilli and pumices, whatever the eruptive site  
348 (**Table 1**). Clinopyroxene crystals are mainly diopside in both mantle enclaves, lapilli, and pumices.  
349 In mantle enclaves, the Mg-number of clinopyroxene crystals decreases (as well as SiO<sub>2</sub> and CaO  
350 contents) from harzburgite (Mg# = 91.9±0.7) to lherzolite (Mg# = 89.5±0.6) together with an  
351 increase in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Na<sub>2</sub>O contents (**Fig. 3b, Appendix 1**). No compositional zoning is observed  
352 from crystal core to rim.

353 Orthopyroxene crystals were found only in mantle enclaves. The Mg-number decreases (as  
354 well as SiO<sub>2</sub> content) from harzburgite (Mg# = 91.3±0.2) to lherzolite (Mg# = 90.0±0.3) together  
355 with an increase in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and CaO contents. A clear reverse zoning is systematically observed in  
356 crystals from both harzburgite and lherzolite (**Fig. 3c**). Amphibole crystals in the pumices of Pavin  
357 are kaersutite (Leake et al., 1997).  
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**Fig. 3.** Composition of (a) olivine, (b) clinopyroxene, and (c) orthopyroxene crystals from mantle enclaves (Puy Beaunit) and tephra and pumices (Pavin's Group of Volcanoes). Dashed lines represent the compositions of olivine and clinopyroxene at equilibrium with the bulk rock (Villemant et al., 2016): in purple for Montcineyre (sample P13-8), in red for Montchal (sample P13-4), and in orange for Pavin (sample KBP3b\*). For the calculations, the Fe-Mg distribution coefficients between melt and crystals ( $K_D$ ) were set at 0.30 and 0.27 for olivine and clinopyroxene, respectively (Putirka, 2008). Fo represents the forsterite content of olivine crystals ( $Fo = 100 \times \frac{Mg^{2+}}{Mg^{2+} + Fe^{2+} + Ca^{2+}}$ ) and Mg# is the Mg-number of other crystals ( $Mg\# = 100 \times \frac{Mg^{2+}}{Mg^{2+} + Fe^{2+}}$ ).

371 **4.2. Fluid inclusions**

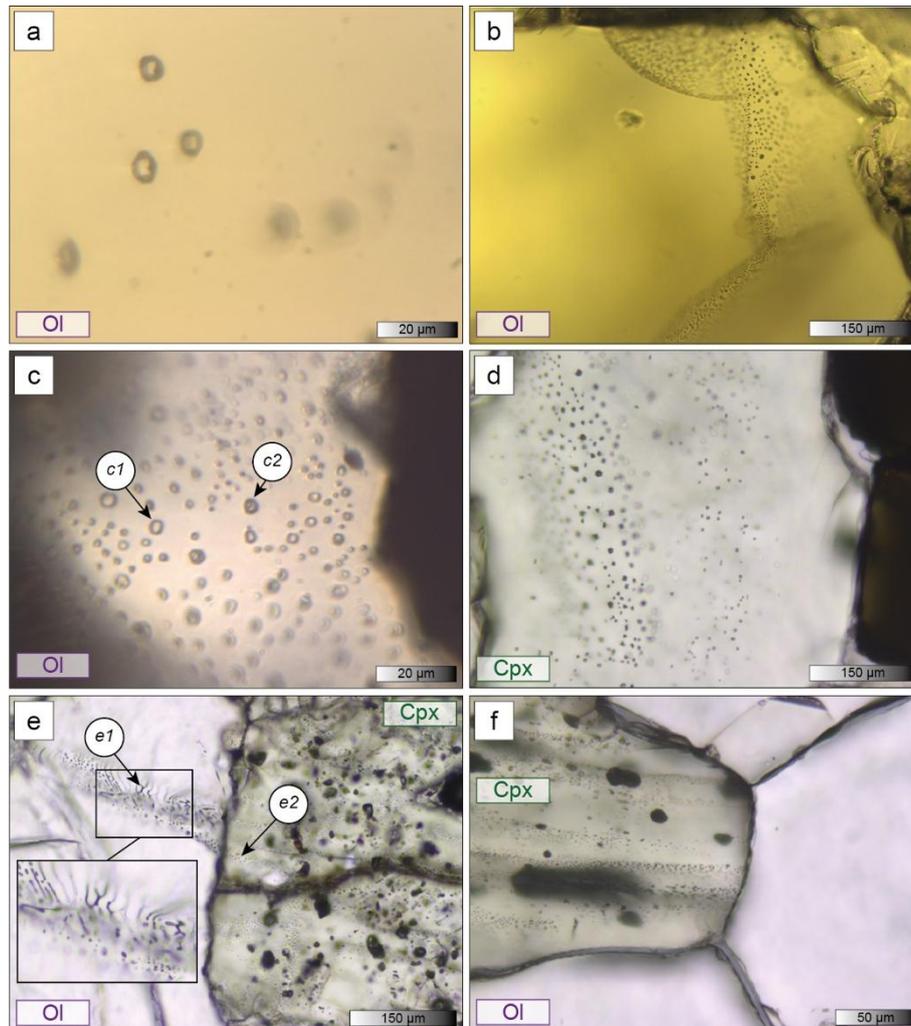
372 For lapilli and pumices of the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes, fluid inclusions were essentially  
373 observed in olivine and clinopyroxene crystals. Five families of fluid inclusions were distinguished  
374 (**Table 2**): (*F1*) rare primary negatively-shaped fluid inclusions with a homogeneous trapping (**Fig.**  
375 **4a**), (*F2*) rare pseudo-secondary rounded fluid inclusions with a homogeneous trapping, (*F3*) trails  
376 of secondary rounded fluid inclusions with a homogeneous trapping (**Fig. 4b**), (*F4*) primary  
377 rounded fluid inclusions with a heterogeneous trapping characterised by the presence of either a  
378 single phase or a mixture of liquid-vapour phases and, (*F5*) trails of secondary rounded fluid  
379 inclusions with a heterogeneous trapping (**Fig. 4c**). All fluid inclusions are CO<sub>2</sub>-rich. Water vapour  
380 (3640 cm<sup>-1</sup> Raman peak) or a thin film of liquid water on the wall of fluid inclusions (3250-3550  
381 cm<sup>-1</sup> Raman band; Frezzotti et al., 2012) were sometimes detected. Additionally, traces of SO<sub>2</sub> (*F1*-  
382 *F5*), carbonates (mainly (Fe-)magnesite and minor Mg-calcite, *F2-F3-F5*), and sulphides (mainly  
383 chalcopyrite-pyrite, *F5*) were sometimes detected by Raman spectroscopy (**Appendix 2**).

384 For mantle enclaves at Puy Beaunit, fluid inclusions were observed in olivine,  
385 clinopyroxene, and orthopyroxene crystals. Four families of fluid inclusions were identified (**Table**  
386 **2**): (*f1*) trails of secondary negatively-shaped fluid inclusions with a homogeneous trapping (**Fig.**  
387 **4d**), (*f2*) trails of secondary necking down fluid inclusions (**Fig. 4e**), (*f3*) trails of secondary rounded  
388 fluid inclusions with a homogeneous trapping (**Fig. 4f**), and (*f4*) trails of secondary rounded fluid  
389 inclusions with a heterogeneous trapping. Independently of the family of fluid inclusions, those in  
390 crystals from the harzburgite show traces of SO<sub>2</sub> (*f2-f3-f4*). Few crystals from the lherzolite show  
391 traces of sulphate (mainly anhydrite and possibly kieserite, *f3*) and carbonate (dolomite, *f3*). Few  
392 crystals from the harzburgite show traces of carbonate (mainly dolomite, *f3*) and sulphate  
393 (anhydrite, *f3*). Viewable fluid inclusions are abundant in clinopyroxene or orthopyroxene crystals.  
394 For the harzburgite, trails of secondary rounded fluid inclusions present in clinopyroxene or  
395 orthopyroxene crystals either (1) take a necking down shape (**Fig. 4e**) or (2) are not viewable  
396 anymore in adjacent olivine crystals (**Fig. 4f**).

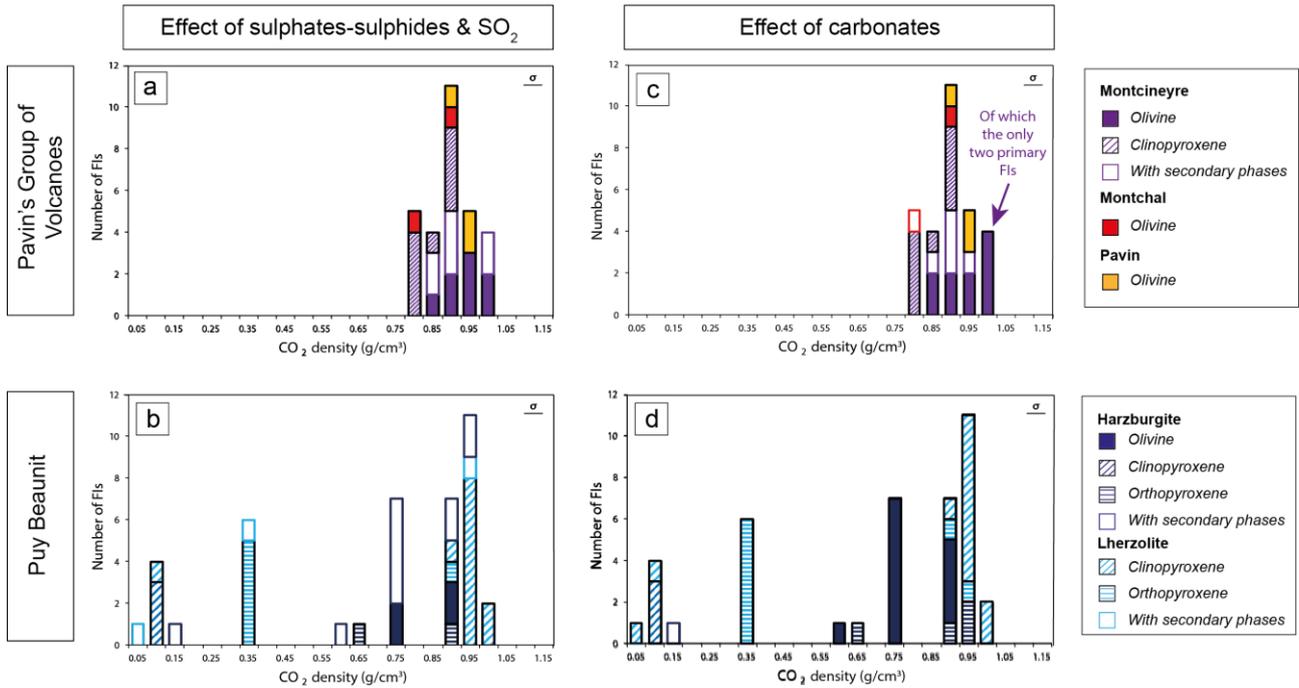
397 For lapilli and pumices of the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes, the CO<sub>2</sub> density ( $\rho$ ) in fluid  
398 inclusions is systematically higher than 0.83 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. The maximum CO<sub>2</sub> density decreases from  
399 Montcineyre ( $\rho_{\max} = 1.04$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>) to Pavin ( $\rho_{\max} = 0.98$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>) and Montchal ( $\rho_{\max} = 0.91$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>).  
400 For mantle enclaves at Puy Beaunit, the CO<sub>2</sub> density in fluid inclusions covers a larger range of  
401 values (from 0.08 to 1.01 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) without clear distinction between harzburgite ( $\rho_{\max} = 0.97$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>)  
402 and lherzolite ( $\rho_{\max} = 1.01$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>). Leaving aside the very low-density values, this range of CO<sub>2</sub>  
403 density is close to that reported by Bilal and Touret (1977) for catazonal xenoliths from the Bournac  
404 volcano in the FMC (0.72 – 1.08 g/cm<sup>3</sup>). Differences in CO<sub>2</sub> density (average, maximum) among  
405 fluid inclusions are noteworthy between (1) primary and secondary/pseudo-secondary fluid  
406 inclusions, (2) families of fluid inclusions in each sample, and (3) hosting mineral phases, such as  
407 olivine vs. clinopyroxene (**Table 2, Fig. 5**). This phenomenon was extensively documented in other  
408 studies focused on fluid inclusions (Hansteen and Klügel, 2008, for a review). These density  
409 differences may be related to the history of fluid inclusion entrapment during crystal growth  
410 (Hansteen and Klügel, 2008) and/or distinct re-equilibration effects depending on the crystal lattice  
411 (Hildner et al., 2011).

412 Additionally, the effect of the presence of secondary phases in fluid inclusions on CO<sub>2</sub>  
413 density was qualitatively evaluated (**Fig. 5, Appendix 2**). No significative difference is observed  
414 between pure CO<sub>2</sub>-rich fluid inclusions and those characterised by the presence of sulphates or SO<sub>2</sub>  
415 (with a low intensity Raman peak at 1148-1150 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (**Fig. 5a, b**). This is consistent with previous  
416 inferences noting that small amounts of additional components in CO<sub>2</sub>-dominated fluid inclusions  
417 do not affect the interpretation of the trapping conditions (Van den Kerkhof and Olsen, 1990;  
418 Frezzotti et al., 2012). Conversely, we suspect a potential role of carbonate precipitation in the  
419 decrease of the CO<sub>2</sub> density in some fluid inclusions belonging to the same family (**Fig. 5c, d**). For  
420 instance, the CO<sub>2</sub> density of the *F5* family in Montcineyre crystals decreases from 1.00 g/cm<sup>3</sup> in  
421 fluid inclusions without carbonates to 0.88-0.91 g/cm<sup>3</sup> in fluid inclusions with carbonates. 3D

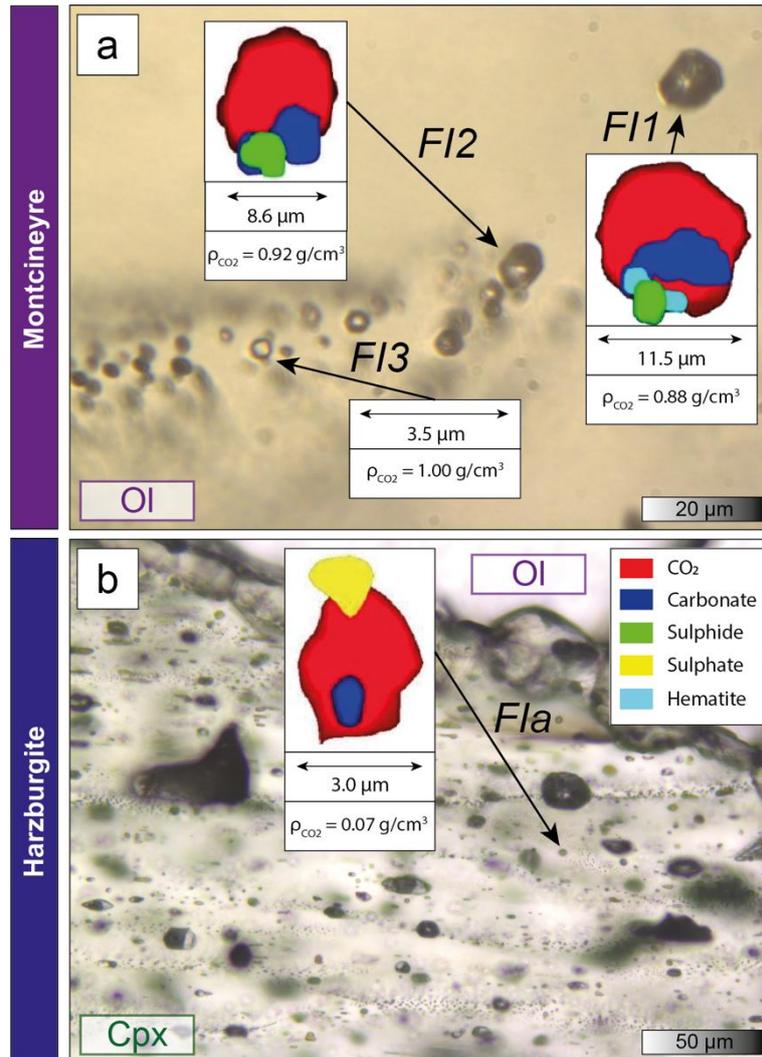
422 Raman imaging confirmed the presence of accessory carbonate, sulphide, and/or sulphate in some  
 423 fluid inclusions, especially in the largest ones (**Fig. 6**). Hematite was detected in a large fluid  
 424 inclusion (**Fig. 6a**). Within a same trail of secondary fluid inclusions in olivine crystals from  
 425 Montcineyre, the CO<sub>2</sub> density decreases from 1.00 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (FI3 without secondary phases) to 0.92  
 426 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (FI2 with carbonate and sulphide), and to 0.88 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (FI1 with carbonate, sulphide, and  
 427 hematite). This evolution also mirrors a change in the diameter of the fluid inclusions, from 3.5 to  
 428 11.5 μm (**Fig. 6**). The effect of both carbonate precipitation and volume of fluid inclusions on CO<sub>2</sub>  
 429 density will be discussed in a following section.  
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 433 **Fig. 4.** Transmitted light photomicrographs of the families of fluid inclusions (see text for explanations) in crystals from  
 434 lapilli and pumices (Pavin's Group of Volcanoes) and mantle enclaves (Puy Beaunit). (a) Primary negatively-shaped  
 435 fluid inclusions (*FI*) in an olivine crystal from Montcineyre. (b) Secondary rounded fluid inclusions (*F3*) in an olivine  
 436 crystal from Montcineyre. (c) Secondary rounded fluid inclusions (*F5*) from an olivine crystal from Montcineyre that  
 437 present a heterogeneous trapping with both single-phase fluid inclusions (*c1*) and a mixture of liquid-vapor phases (*c2*).  
 438 (d) Secondary negatively-shaped fluid inclusions (*fi*) in a clinopyroxene crystal from the Iherzolite. (e) Continuous trail  
 439 of secondary fluid inclusions cutting both olivine and clinopyroxene crystals from the harzburgite. Note the inclusions  
 440 of olivine in the clinopyroxene crystal. Fluid inclusions have a necking down shape in the olivine crystal (*e1*) but are  
 441 rounded in the clinopyroxene crystal (*e2*). (f) Trail of secondary fluid inclusions in a clinopyroxene crystal from the  
 442 harzburgite that stops at the contact with the olivine crystal.  
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 445 **Fig. 5.** Distribution of CO<sub>2</sub> density in fluid inclusions from olivine, clinopyroxene, and orthopyroxene from mantle  
 446 enclaves (Puy Beauunit) and lapilli and pumices (Pavin's Group of Volcanoes). FIs: Fluid Inclusions. "With secondary  
 447 phases" denotes the crystals where either sulphate-sulphide-SO<sub>2</sub> or carbonate were detected in fluid inclusions by  
 448 Raman spectroscopy. (a) and (b) show the effect of the presence of either sulphate-sulphide or SO<sub>2</sub> in fluid inclusions  
 449 on the distribution of CO<sub>2</sub> densities. (c) and (d) show the effect of the presence of carbonates in fluid inclusions on the  
 450 distribution of CO<sub>2</sub> densities.  
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 453 **Fig. 6.** 2D section of some fluid inclusions extracted from the 3D Raman images. (a) FI1, FI2, FI3 are three single fluid  
 454 inclusions from a trail of secondary fluid inclusions in an olivine crystal from Montcineyre. (b) Fla is one fluid  
 455 inclusion in a trail of secondary fluid inclusions cutting a clinopyroxene crystal of the harzburgite. The size of the  
 456 inclusions and the raw CO<sub>2</sub> density (i.e., not calculated by considering the presence of a CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O initial mixture) of the  
 457 gas phase are reported.

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 459 **4.3. Noble gases and carbon isotopes of CO<sub>2</sub>**

460 Noble gas abundances and isotopic composition, together with CO<sub>2</sub> abundance and carbon isotopy  
 461 ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ) of CO<sub>2</sub> obtained by crystal crushing are given in **Table 3**. The helium abundance (<sup>4</sup>He)  
 462 varies from  $4.6 \times 10^{-13}$  mol/g (harzburgite) to  $3.5 \times 10^{-12}$  mol/g (Iherzolite) with the highest  
 463 abundances in orthopyroxene crystals and the lowest ones in olivine crystals. Crystal crushing from  
 464 the tephras of the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes yields a more restricted range of abundances ( $1.2 -$   
 465  $2.0 \times 10^{-12}$  mol/g). <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>20</sup>Ne measured in our samples varies from 60 to 5603. Rc/Ra values vary  
 466 from 6.5 to 6.8 for crystals from tephras, with an increase from Pavin to Montchal to Montcineyre  
 467 products (**Fig. 7a**). This variability is close to the analytical uncertainty ( $2\sigma = 0.2$  for tephras) and  
 468 requires to be cautious about this potential increase between products. Rc/Ra values vary from 6.6  
 469 to 7.0 for crystals from mantle enclaves, with higher values in orthopyroxene crystals than in  
 470 olivine ones (**Fig. 7a**). The range of <sup>4</sup>He abundances and Rc/Ra values measured in our study is  
 471 consistent with previous measurements obtained in mantle enclaves from the CEVP (Buikin et al.,  
 472 2005; Gautheron et al., 2005; Rizzo et al., 2018, 2021).

473 The <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>36</sup>Ar varies from 325 to 2735, which is higher than the atmospheric signature  
 474 (<sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>36</sup>Ar = 298.56; Lee et al., 2006). <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\* ranges from 4.0 to 16.2 for crystals from tephras  
 475 with an increase from Montcineyre to Montchal to Pavin products (**Fig. 7b**). <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\* varies from

476 0.3 to 1.5 for crystals from mantle enclaves, with the lowest values for the lherzolite (0.3 and 0.7 for  
477 orthopyroxene and olivine crystals, respectively). The systematic increase of  $^4\text{He}/^{40}\text{Ar}^*$  from  
478 orthopyroxene crystals to olivine crystals coupled with a decrease of  $^4\text{He}$  abundances (and of  
479  $\text{Rc/Ra}$ ) discards any diffusive fractionation of noble gases between orthopyroxene and olivine  
480 crystals (**Fig. 7b**) (Yamamoto et al., 2009; Rizzo et al., 2018, 2021).

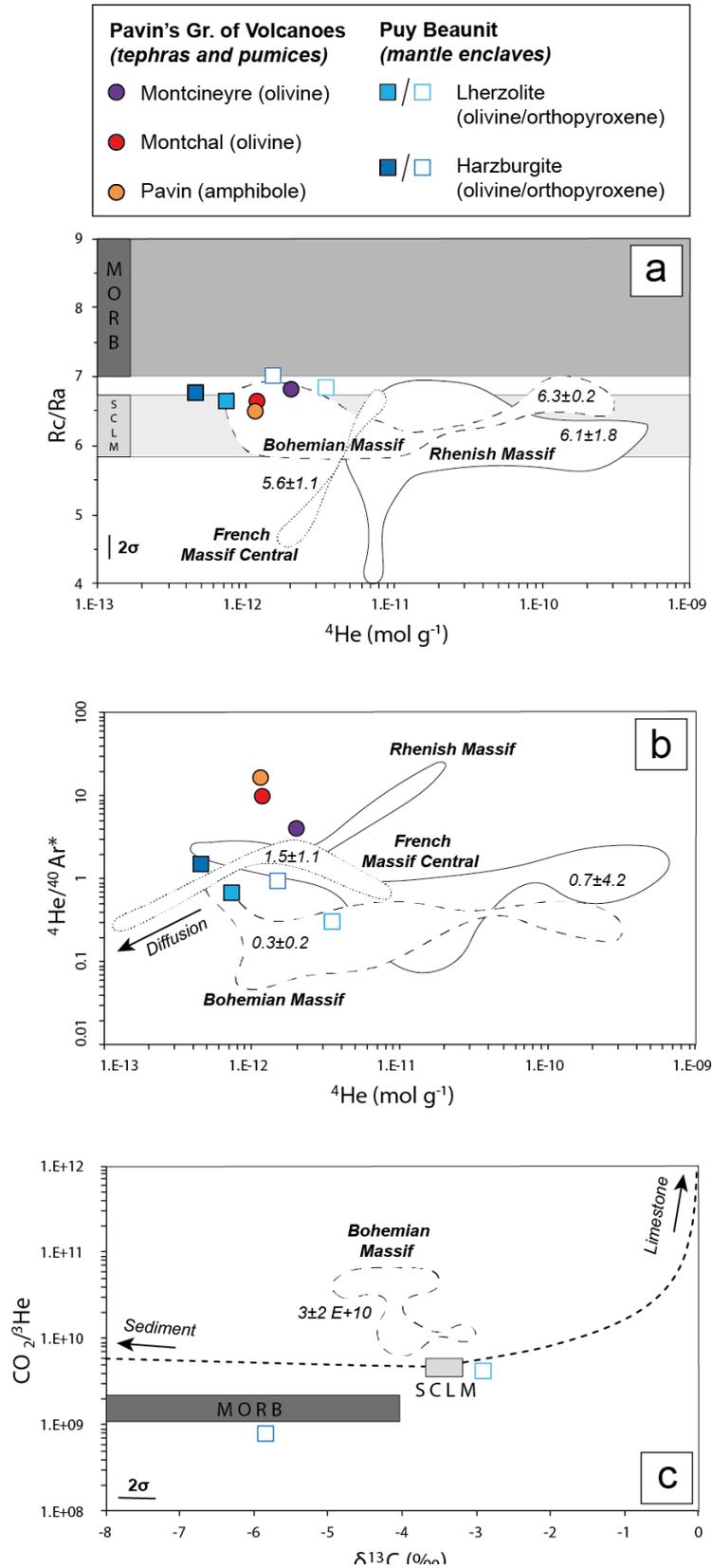
481 The  $\text{CO}_2/{}^3\text{He}$  ratio ranges from  $1.6 \times 10^8$  to  $4.0 \times 10^9$  for mantle enclaves at Puy Beaunit,  
482 with the lowest value measured in olivine crystals and the highest value measured in orthopyroxene  
483 crystals from the lherzolite. The range of values for tephras from the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes is  
484 narrower ( $1.1 - 3.1 \times 10^8$ ). The analysis of carbon isotopes of  $\text{CO}_2$  was possible only by crushing  
485 orthopyroxene crystals from both lherzolite and harzburgite due to their higher gas abundance  
486 (**Table 3**).  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of  $\text{CO}_2$  varies from -2.9 ‰ for the lherzolite (close to the range of documented  
487 values for mantle enclaves within the CEVP) down to -5.8 ‰ for the harzburgite (**Fig. 7c**).

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489 Measurements of dissolved gases in Lake Pavin (at 70 and 90 m-depth) in 2021 yielded  $\text{Rc/Ra}$   
490 values in the range 6.5-6.7, and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of  $\text{CO}_2$  varying from -2.8 to 0.8 ‰ (**Table 4**). Gas emissions  
491 from the Escarot mofettes sampled in 2021 show slightly lower  $\text{Rc/Ra}$  (= 6.1) and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of  $\text{CO}_2$  (= -  
492 3.4 ‰) than those reported for the Pavin Lake (**Table 4**). The  $^4\text{He}/^{40}\text{Ar}^*$  and the  $\text{CO}_2/{}^3\text{He}$  are equal  
493 to 1.7 and  $5.3 \times 10^9$ , respectively.

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**Fig. 7.** (a)  ${}^4\text{He}$  abundance vs.  $Rc/Ra$ , (b)  ${}^4\text{He}$  abundance vs.  ${}^4\text{He}/{}^{40}\text{Ar}^*$ , and (c)  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  vs.  $\text{CO}_2/{}^3\text{He}$  from the gas entrapped in fluid inclusions and released by crystal crushing. The distribution fields of the literature data for the CEVP (French Massif Central, Bohemian Massif, Rhenish Massif) are reported as well as the average value for each field. Data sources: Buikin et al. (2005), Gautheron and Moreira (2002), and Rizzo et al. (2018). SCLM, MORB, Limestone and Sediment endmembers from Sano and Marty (1995), Gautheron and Moreira (2002), Bräuer et al. (2016, 2017), and Rizzo et al. (2018).

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## 508 5. Discussion

### 509 5.1. Architecture of the magmatic system beneath the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes

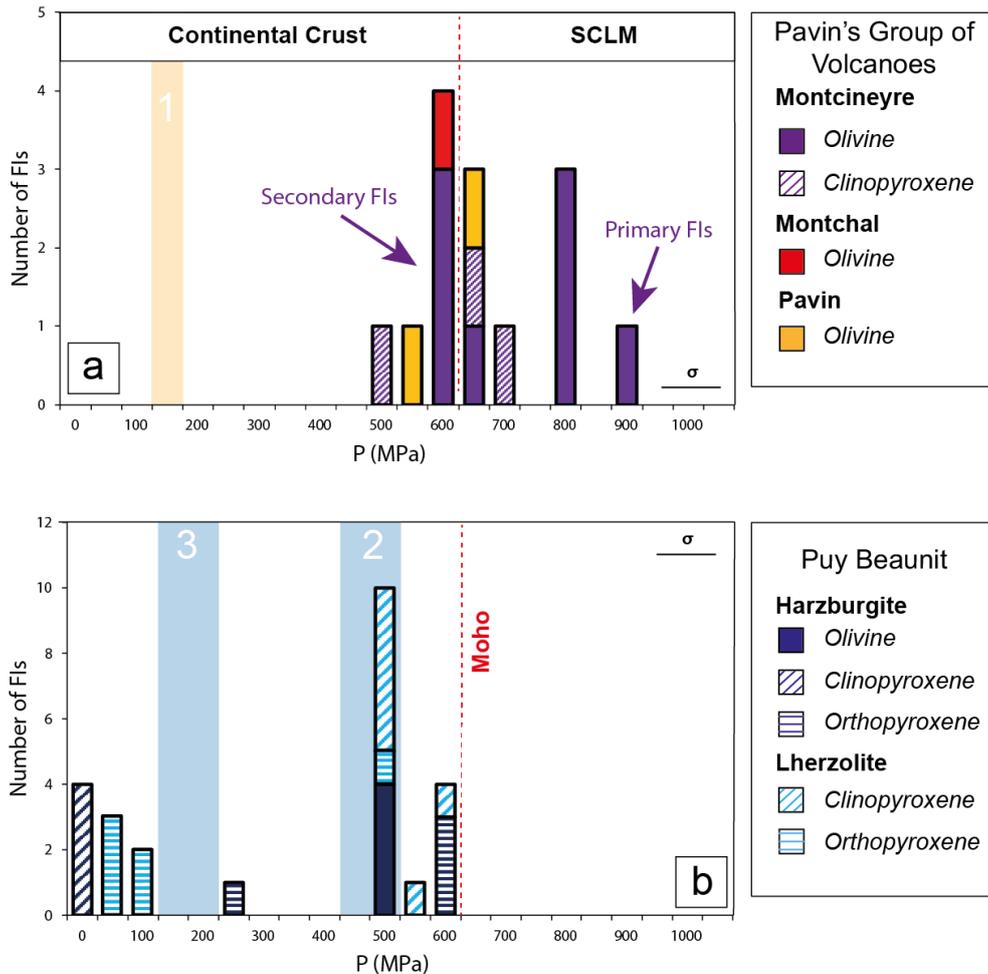
510 Barometry based on CO<sub>2</sub> density in fluid inclusions is extensively used to decipher the architecture  
511 of magmatic systems by pointing out the pressure of magma crystallisation and ponding zones  
512 during magma ascent (see Hansteen and Klügel (2008) for a complete review). To reach this aim, a  
513 careful analysis of the post-entrapment processes that may affect fluid inclusions is required to  
514 avoid erroneous interpretation (cf. "Roedder's rules"; Roedder, 1984). The fluid inclusions FI1-FI2-  
515 FI3 described in a trail of secondary fluid inclusions in an olivine crystal from Montcineyre (**Fig.**  
516 **6a**) are a representative example of a process of CO<sub>2</sub> density decrease due to either post-entrapment  
517 volumetric re-equilibration (stretching or decrepitation) or carbonate precipitation (Schiavi et al.,  
518 2020; Venugopal et al., 2020). If we assume that the CO<sub>2</sub> density and the volume of FI1-FI2 were  
519 identical to those of FI3 at the moment of the entrapment, then the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in fluid  
520 inclusions should remain the same in time, independently of the volumetric change. By considering  
521 the volume of FI1-FI2-FI3 and the measured CO<sub>2</sub> density, the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in fluid inclusions  
522 varies by more than an order of magnitude (from  $2.2 \times 10^{-11}$  g of CO<sub>2</sub> in FI3 to  $5.9-6.6 \times 10^{-10}$  g  
523 of CO<sub>2</sub> in FI1) (**Table 5**). Accordingly, a scenario of post-entrapment volumetric re-equilibration  
524 starting with three inclusions of the same size and density cannot explain the variability of CO<sub>2</sub>  
525 density in this trail of secondary fluid inclusions. We recognise that the actual importance of post-  
526 entrapment volumetric re-equilibration cannot be quantified precisely because the initial size of the  
527 inclusions is not known. However, one can anticipate that this process plays a minor role in  
528 explaining the variability of CO<sub>2</sub> density compared to that of carbonate precipitation in our study.  
529 Indeed, by using 3D Raman imaging to estimate the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> consumed to form carbonates  
530 in FI1 and FI2 (see Methods; Schiavi et al., 2020) we obtain a similar initial CO<sub>2</sub> density for the two  
531 inclusions:  $1.06 \pm 0.09$  and  $1.12 \pm 0.07$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>, respectively (instead of a measured CO<sub>2</sub> density of 0.88  
532 and 0.92 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, respectively) (**Table 5**). Considering the total uncertainty,  $\epsilon(\text{TOT})$ , on  
533 measurements of CO<sub>2</sub> density in fluid inclusions in our study (0.05 g/cm<sup>3</sup>; see Methods), these  
534 values overlap with the CO<sub>2</sub> density measured in FI3 (1.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) where carbonate was not detected  
535 on Raman spectra. A similar calculation was performed in a fluid inclusion (FIa) hosted in a trail of  
536 secondary fluid inclusions cutting a clinopyroxene crystal of the harzburgite and where carbonate  
537 was detected on Raman spectra (**Fig. 6b**). The CO<sub>2</sub> density increases from 0.14 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (measured) to  
538  $0.26 \pm 0.09$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> (**Table 5**). These calculations show that carbonate formation in fluid inclusions  
539 may lead to an underestimation of CO<sub>2</sub> density in fluid inclusions by up to 50 % and thus to  
540 unreliable barometric estimates. To limit this effect, in the following parts, we filtered our dataset  
541 by considering only fluid inclusions free of solid phases and of small diameter (<4 µm) (**Fig. 8**).  
542 The selection of small inclusions is justified because, within the same family of fluid inclusions,  
543 secondary solid phases are more abundant and/or CO<sub>2</sub> density is lower in larger fluid inclusions.  
544 Such a protocol is in line with previous recommendations made to discard fluid inclusions affected  
545 by post-entrapment processes (Wanamaker and Evans, 1989; Frezzotti and Touret, 2014; Boudoire  
546 et al., 2018).

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548 Beneath the Chaîne des Puys (close to the area of study; **Fig. 1**), the Moho was imaged at a depth of  
549 24 km, which corresponds to a pressure of about 650 MPa considering an average crustal density of  
550  $2750 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}$  for the European plate (Spooner et al., 2019). Fixing the temperature at 1300 °C for  
551 Montcineyre, 1200 °C for Montchal, and 1050 °C for Pavin (see section 3.4), barometric estimates  
552 from the fluid inclusions in crystals from lapilli and pumices of the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes  
553 define two main modes (**Fig. 8a**): (1) at 800-900 MPa and at (2) 600-700 MPa. The first mode is  
554 only observed in olivine-hosted fluid inclusions from Montcineyre. A maximum pressure of 903  
555 MPa is recorded in primary fluid inclusions that may represent a deep magma crystallisation zone  
556 (of olivine) in the lithospheric mantle. Actually, Montcineyre olivine phenocrysts have the highest

557 average forsterite content ( $Fo_{83-84}$ ) among the olivine crystals of the Pavin's group of volcanoes.  
558 This is consistent with the primitive nature of basanitic lavas erupted at Montcineyre (Villemant et  
559 al., 2016), but also shows that advanced differentiation processes already occurred in the  
560 lithospheric mantle as the forsterite content in our samples does not exceed  $Fo_{85.8}$ . The second mode  
561 of barometric estimates corresponds to the Moho depth and is defined by most of the secondary  
562 fluid inclusions hosted in olivine and clinopyroxene crystals from Montcineyre, Montchal and  
563 Pavin. As documented beneath many volcanic provinces (Jennings et al., 2017; Boudoire et al.,  
564 2021), the boundary zone between the lithospheric mantle and the crust could be a major interface  
565 beneath the area for (1) magma ponding, as indicated by partial or total re-equilibration of some  
566 primary fluid inclusions and by the similarity of  $CO_2$  density in distinct families of fluid inclusions  
567 (**Table 2**), (2) magma mixing, as suggested by the complex normal and reverse zoning patterns  
568 observed in both olivine and clinopyroxene crystals, and by their large range of compositions  
569 (**Table 1**), and (3) advanced magma differentiation involving olivine and clinopyroxene fractional  
570 crystallisation (**Fig. 3**). The barometric estimates obtained in our study from Pavin's pumice (596-  
571 663 MPa, i.e., Moho depth) differ from pre-eruptive barometric conditions set by experimental  
572 petrology (150-200 MPa, i.e., crustal level; Rondet et al., 2019) (**Fig. 8a**). This discrepancy is  
573 presumably due to the fact that our barometric estimations are based on fluid inclusions in olivine  
574 crystals. Such olivine crystals are rare in Pavin's pumice, in which plagioclase, amphibole and  
575 clinopyroxene are the most abundant crystals, and unusual for differentiated benmoreitic magmas  
576 (Rondet et al., 2019). They may be either xenocrysts from older surrounding volcanic rock material  
577 carried during the explosive eruption (Villemant et al., 2016) or phenocrysts from a more primitive  
578 melt that mixed with the benmoreitic magma at crustal level before the eruption. Further work is  
579 required to evaluate these hypotheses.

580 Considering a temperature of 850 °C for the lherzolite and 1000 °C for the harzburgite (see  
581 section 3.4), barometric estimates from the fluid inclusions in crystals from mantle enclaves of Puy  
582 Beaunit range from 26 to 636 MPa for the harzburgite and from 96 to 624 MPa for the lherzolite  
583 with a main mode around 500-550 MPa (**Fig. 8b**). These pressures are essentially crustal and are far  
584 from what one may expect for mantle enclaves. Despite the filtering of the fluid inclusions  
585 described above, it is clear that the inclusions have undergone post-entrapment re-equilibration  
586 processes such as stretching or decrepitation. Interestingly, we note that helium abundances released  
587 by crystal crushing from mantle enclaves are quite similar (if not lower) to those from tephros  
588 (**Table 3**). This result contrasts with what we observed, for example, at the Piton de la Fournaise  
589 volcano, Réunion Island (Boudoire et al., 2018), where the total gas content released by crystal  
590 crushing increases with pressure. The extensive post-entrapment re-equilibration observed at Puy  
591 Beaunit better supports the idea of a partial decrepitation of fluid inclusions during the ascent of the  
592 magma carrying the mantle enclaves. The main mode of barometric estimates around 500-550 MPa  
593 corresponds to the deepest pressure mode measured in fluid inclusions in phenocrysts from lavas at  
594 Puy Beaunit (**Fig. 8b**; Bilal and Touret, 1977). This good pressure match suggests magma ponding  
595 at this depth (Bilal and Touret, 1977), in which the pressures in the fluid inclusions from mantle  
596 enclaves have been reset.  
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600 **Fig. 8.** Distribution of barometric estimates calculated from filtered CO<sub>2</sub> density in fluid inclusions (see Methods) in  
601 crystals from (a) tephros of the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes and (b) mantle enclaves at Puy Beaunit. Shaded bar 1  
602 highlights the pre-eruptive barometric conditions for the Pavin explosive event (Rondet et al., 2019). Shaded bars 2 and  
603 3 are the two barometric modes identified from fluid inclusions in phenocrysts from lavas at Puy Beaunit (Bilal and  
604 Touret, 1977).  
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### 606 5.2. Origin and evolution of the magmatic fluids

607 The Sub-Continental Lithospheric Mantle beneath the FMC was extensively studied by  
608 petrological, geochemical, and geophysical means (Lenoir et al., 2000; Féménias et al., 2001, 2004;  
609 Babuška et al., 2002; Uenver-Thiele et al., 2014, 2017). Compared to the southern domain, the  
610 northern lithospheric domain of the FMC, where our sampling sites are located, is more refractory  
611 and oxidised due to several episodes of melt extraction and metasomatism by subduction-related  
612 fluids during Variscan times, including local carbonatite metasomatism (Uenver-Thiele et al.,  
613 2017). These phenomena are documented in detail in mantle enclaves at Puy Beaunit (Féménias et  
614 al., 2004).

615 In our study, the increase in MgO in olivine, clinopyroxene, and orthopyroxene (**Fig. 3a**)  
616 together with the decrease in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in clinopyroxene and orthopyroxene (**Fig. 3b, c**) from  
617 granuloblastic lherzolite to transitional harzburgite are similar to previous observations made  
618 beneath the Rhenish Massif, for instance (see Rizzo et al., 2021, for a review). These trends  
619 highlight the transition from a fertile mantle source (lherzolite) towards a more refractory mantle  
620 source (harzburgite) (Arai, 1994; Bonadiman et al., 2011; Upton et al., 2011).

621 We showed that <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\* and Rc/Ra values increase while CO<sub>2</sub>/<sup>3</sup>He and δ<sup>13</sup>C decrease  
622 from the lherzolite to the harzburgite (**Fig. 7**). These trends contrast with the decrease in <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\*  
623 and Rc/Ra classically associated to partial melting (Yamamoto et al., 2009) and rather suggest  
624 preferential metasomatic enrichment of the refractory mantle subsequent to partial melting and melt

625 extraction. The slight increase in CaO and MgO in olivine crystal rims as well as the decrease in  
626 Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> coupled with the increase in MgO in orthopyroxene crystal rims (**Fig. 3a, c**) may testify of  
627 this interaction with a metasomatic agent. Higher Rc/Ra values together with lower CO<sub>2</sub><sup>3</sup>He and  
628 δ<sup>13</sup>C for harzburgite are consistent with an enrichment due to fluids with MORB-like features (**Fig.**  
629 **7a, c**). Similar enrichment processes of the SCLM were documented beneath the Bohemian Massif  
630 (Matusiak-Malek et al., 2017; Rizzo et al., 2018), the Rhenish Massif (Rizzo et al., 2021), and the  
631 FMC (Uenver-Thiele et al., 2017).

632 In both harzburgite and lherzolite, we also documented higher Rc/Ra and lower <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\*  
633 values in orthopyroxene with respect to olivine (**Fig. 7a, b**). This observation is common in mantle  
634 enclaves from the CEVP (Rizzo et al., 2018) and suggests partial recrystallisation of orthopyroxene.  
635 Actually, we noted that (1) trails of secondary fluid inclusions preferentially cut orthopyroxene  
636 rather than olivine crystals (**Fig. 4e, f**) and (2) gas abundance released by crystal crushing is higher  
637 for orthopyroxene. These observations support the idea of preferential recrystallisation and fluid  
638 inclusions entrapment in orthopyroxene under the influence of a metasomatic agent.

640 Noble gases in fluid inclusions in crystals from tephros of the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes exhibit a  
641 range of Rc/Ra values (6.5-6.8) similar to the range in mantle enclaves at Puy Beaunit (6.6-7.0).  
642 These first values obtained from phenocrysts in lavas suggest that the magma erupted at the Pavin's  
643 Group of Volcanoes could be directly linked to partial melts from the local SCLM (Rc/Ra from 5.2  
644 to 7.0; Gautheron and Moreira, 2002). The main difference in noble gases between tephros and  
645 mantle enclaves concerns <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\* (**Fig. 7b**). Higher values for tephros (>4) are not reconcilable  
646 with either (1) an effect of various partial melting degrees of the mantle source (Yamamoto et al.,  
647 2009), whose <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\* values are systematically lower than 1.5, or (2) a process of diffusive  
648 fractionation (Trull and Kurz, 1993) that should decrease both <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\* and Rc/Ra.

649 Conversely, in magmatic rocks, an increase of the <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\* can be indicative of a process  
650 of magma degassing due to the higher solubility of He in silicate melts with respect to Ar (Burnard,  
651 2004). With the aim of testing this hypothesis, we modelled degassing trends using the equations of  
652 Batch Equilibrium Degassing (BED) and of Fractional Equilibrium Degassing (FED) for <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\*,  
653 <sup>4</sup>He/CO<sub>2</sub> and δ<sup>13</sup>C (Jambon et al., 1986; Shaw et al., 2004). The complete description of the  
654 equations is detailed in Boudoire et al. (2018). Starting conditions were defined as follows:

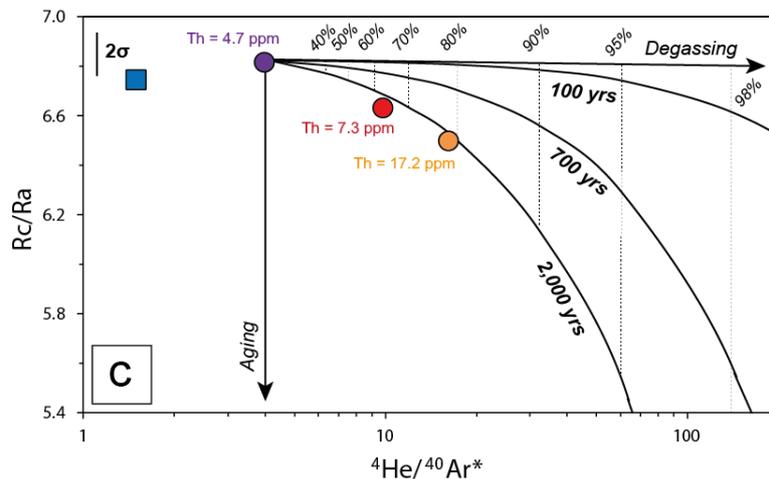
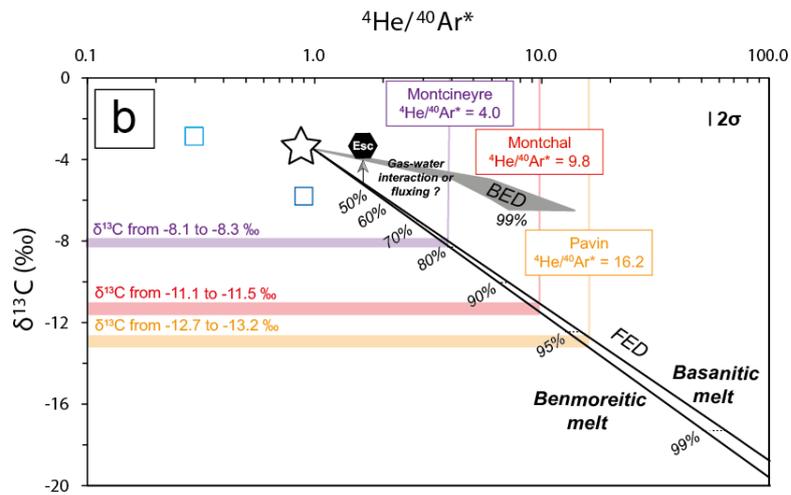
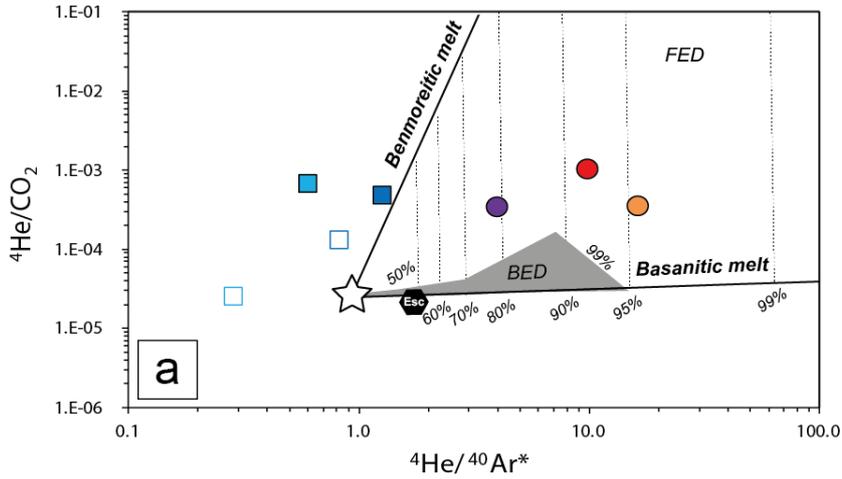
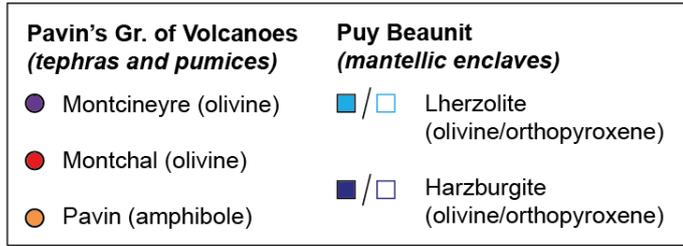
- 655 (1) Initial ratios correspond to the values already defined for the SCLM associated to the  
656 ECRS (Bräuer et al., 2017; Rizzo et al., 2018). <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\* was fixed at 1.0. This value is  
657 similar to the values measured (i) in fluid inclusions in the orthopyroxene crystals of the  
658 harzburgite analysed in this study (<sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\* = 0.9) and (ii) in fluid inclusions in crystals  
659 from phlogopite/amphibole-bearing mantle xenoliths along the ECRS (Rizzo et al.,  
660 2021). This choice is further supported by the fact that low-silica magmas such as  
661 basanites (Montcineyre) cannot be produced by partial melting of dry lherzolite in the  
662 SCLM but rather require the presence of metasomatic lithologies (Pilet, 2015) as  
663 suggested for the harzburgite in our study. <sup>4</sup>He/CO<sub>2</sub> was set at 2.5 × 10<sup>-5</sup> and δ<sup>13</sup>C at -  
664 3.5 ‰. These values are similar to the values proposed by Rizzo et al. (2018). They are  
665 also in the range of those defined for the SCLM in Europe (δ<sup>13</sup>C from -3.5 to -2 ‰) by  
666 Bräuer et al. (2017) and close to the values obtained in fluid inclusions in orthopyroxene  
667 crystals from the lherzolite analysed in this study (**Fig. 7c**).
- 668 (2) Solubilities of He, Ar and CO<sub>2</sub> (S<sub>He</sub>, S<sub>Ar</sub>, S<sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>) were estimated for basanitic and  
669 benmoreitic melts to cover the magmatic variability of the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes.  
670 We used the model of Iacono-Marziano et al. (2010) for He and Ar, and that of Eguchi  
671 and Dasgupta (2018) for CO<sub>2</sub> (**Appendix 3**). These models require an estimation of the  
672 composition and density of the magma, and of the pressure-temperature conditions.  
673 Importantly, S<sub>He</sub>/S<sub>Ar</sub> remains quite constant, whereas S<sub>He</sub>/S<sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub> increases during magma  
674 ascent (Boudoire et al., 2018). Note that the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> depends significantly on  
675 melt composition, especially for alkaline melts (Iacono-Marziano et al., 2010; Eguchi

- 676 and Dasgupta, 2018). As a result, the degassing curves show a higher variability of  
677  $^4\text{He}/\text{CO}_2$  (relative to  $^4\text{He}/^{40}\text{Ar}^*$ ) depending on melt composition.
- 678 (3) The carbon isotope fractionation factor between vapour and melt ( $\Delta$ ) was fixed at 3 ‰ in  
679 accordance with the average value of experimental and natural data (Javoy et al., 1978;  
680 Aubaud et al., 2005; Paonita et al., 2012).
  - 681 (4) The composition of the lava erupted at Montcineyre (sample P13-8; Villemant et al.,  
682 2016) and at Pavin (sample KBP3b\*; Villemant et al., 2016) was taken as representative  
683 of the basanitic and benmoreitic melts, respectively (**Appendix 3**). The density of the  
684 melts was calculated from the equation of Lange and Carmichael (1990).
  - 685 (5) Temperature was calculated from the composition of the lava by using the equation of  
686 Putirka (2008): 1300 °C at Montcineyre and 1050 °C at Pavin. Pressure was fixed at 650  
687 MPa (Moho depth) in accordance with most of the barometric estimates obtained in this  
688 study for the products of the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes (**Appendix 3**).

689 The modelling of magma degassing revealed that the  $^4\text{He}/^{40}\text{Ar}^*$  variability is best explained by a  
690 FED process (**Fig. 9a**). The degree of magma degassing increases from Montcineyre (basanite) to  
691 Montchal (hawaiite) to Pavin (benmoreite), and thus mirrors the differentiation trend of the Pavin's  
692 Group of Volcanoes. We note that even the more primitive melt at Montcineyre, with barometric  
693 estimates referring to mantle level, is already strongly degassed ( $\approx 80\%$ ) with respect to primary  
694 mantle conditions. This indicates that melts stored in the lithospheric mantle beneath the area have  
695 already undergone an advanced degree of degassing and differentiation (in agreement with the  
696 absence of olivine crystals with forsterite content exceeding  $\text{Fo}_{85.8}$ , as discussed above). A similar  
697 conclusion was reached in other volcanic systems, such as in oceanic islands at Piton de la  
698 Fournaise (La Réunion; Boudoire et al., 2018) or El Hierro (Canary Islands; Longpré et al., 2017),  
699 and attributed to early magmatic processes occurring in deeper mantle storage zones. Such an  
700 advanced degree of degassing is expected to have an important impact on  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values of the vapour  
701 phase exsolved from melts of the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes due to preferential partitioning of  $^{13}\text{C}$   
702 in gas bubbles (Aubaud et al., 2004). Unfortunately, direct measurements of  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of  $\text{CO}_2$  released  
703 by crystal crushing was analytically impossible in these samples due to a low gas abundance. By  
704 using the same starting conditions as reported above, we can calculate the expected  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of  $\text{CO}_2$  in  
705 the vapour phase (**Fig. 9b**): from -8.1/-8.3 ‰ at Montcineyre down to -12.7/-13.2 ‰ at Pavin (for a  
706 melt composition that spans between basanite and benmoreite). These estimations show that very  
707 negative  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values may be reached with a "purely" magmatic contribution without (1) mixing  
708 with  $^{13}\text{C}$ -depleted compounds (organic matter, C3-C4 plants; Boudoire et al., 2022) or (2) a  $\text{CO}_2$   
709 condensation process (Mook et al., 1974).

710 A potential slight decrease of  $\text{Rc}/\text{Ra}$  with time in the fluid inclusions of the Pavin's Group of  
711 Volcanoes may be observed (**Fig. 9c**). If established (the variability is almost overlapped by the  
712 analytical uncertainty), this decrease is not reconcilable with degassing processes, as this ratio does  
713 not fractionate. More likely, it could result from progressive enrichment in  $^4\text{He}$  due to (1) magma  
714 degassing coupled to aging and/or (2) crustal contamination (Kurz et al., 1996; Moreira, 2013) (**Fig.**  
715 **9c**). We recognise that further work is required to investigate the role of these processes in the  
716 magma evolution of the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes.

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**Fig. 9.** (a) Modelling of the evolution of  ${}^4\text{He}/{}^{40}\text{Ar}^*$  and  ${}^4\text{He}/\text{CO}_2$  during degassing. (b) Modelling of the evolution of  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of  $\text{CO}_2$  by degassing. The values of  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of  $\text{CO}_2$  for the vapour phase exsolved from the melts of the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes are estimated by coupling the measured  ${}^4\text{He}/{}^{40}\text{Ar}^*$  and the theoretical curves of fractional equilibrium degassing for basanitic and benmoreitic melts. (c) Modelling of the aging-degassing processes in the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes: evolution of Rc/Ra and  ${}^4\text{He}/{}^{40}\text{Ar}^*$  in the vapour phase exsolved from the melts. Th is the composition in thorium of the lavas (Villemant et al., 2016). The amount of radiogenic  ${}^4\text{He}$  ingrowth (in  $\text{cm}^3/\text{g}$ ) from the decay of U and Th over time ( ${}^4\text{He}^*$ ) in magma can be estimated through the equation of Graham et al. (1987):  ${}^4\text{He}^* = 2.8 \times 10^{-8} \times [\text{U}] \times (4.35 + \frac{\text{Th}}{\text{U}}) \times t$  where  $t$  is the time in Ma, [U] is the uranium concentration in ppm (1.3 ppm in sample P13-8 at Montcineyre; Villemant et al., 2016), and Th/U is the thorium-uranium atomic ratio (3.6 for the same sample). FED: Fractional Equilibrium Degassing, BED: Batch Equilibrium Degassing (grey field for the full field of values considering either a basanitic or a benmoreitic composition). The white star represents the starting conditions in the SCLM (see text for explanations). The black polygon highlights the chemical composition of the gas emissions at the Escarot mofettes.

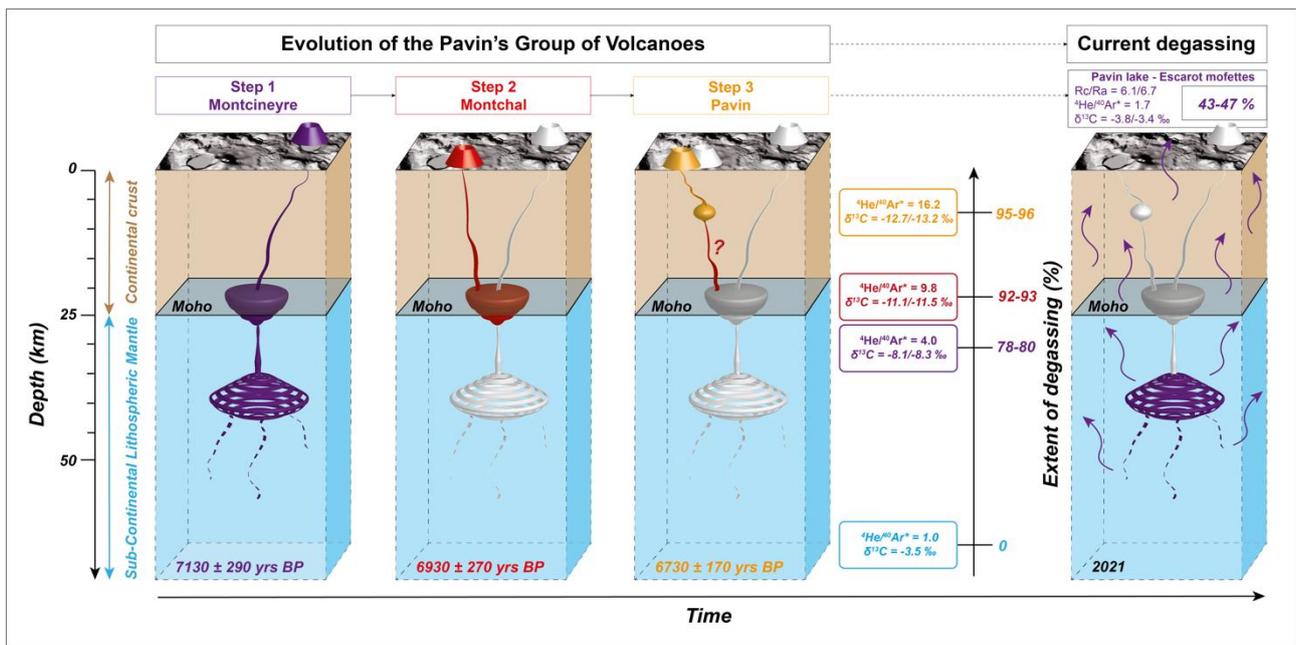
### 5.3. Implications for the monitoring of a long-quiet volcanic province

By coupling barometric estimates and the extents of degassing based on  ${}^4\text{He}/{}^{40}\text{Ar}^*$  (starting from an initial ratio of 1.0 at the source; see previous section) we can build an interpretative scheme of the magma plumbing system beneath the Lake Pavin area and of the evolution of the exsolved gas phase (**Fig. 10**). The magma differentiation documented for the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes (Villemant et al., 2016; Rondet et al., 2019) is accompanied by progressive magma degassing together with a decrease of the pressure of magma ponding from Montcineyre (basanite,  ${}^4\text{He}/{}^{40}\text{Ar}^* = 4.0$ , Moho depth and deeper) to Montchal (hawaiiite,  ${}^4\text{He}/{}^{40}\text{Ar}^* = 9.8$ , Moho depth) to Pavin (benmoreite,  ${}^4\text{He}/{}^{40}\text{Ar}^* = 16.2$ , crustal level).

The model in Figure 10 sheds new light on the origin of current gas emissions in the area. Previous measurements of dissolved gases in Lake Pavin between 1969 and 1996 show an Rc/Ra value of 6.5 below the chemocline at 60 m-depth (Aeschbach-Hertig et al., 1999; Olive and Boulègue, 2004). Our measurements in 2021 yield a Rc/Ra in the range 6.5-6.7 (**Table 4**) that is consistent with previous analyses. In gas emissions from the Escarot mofettes, a Rc/Ra in the range of 6.0-6.3 and a  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  from -3.8 to -3.6 ‰ were documented in 2011-2015 (Bräuer et al., 2017). The measurements we performed in 2021 (Rc/Ra = 6.1 and  $\delta^{13}\text{C} = -3.4$  ‰; **Table 4**) are similar to these values. In addition to the stability of these geochemical markers in time, it is worth noting the high Rc/Ra values in the surface gas emissions, which are the most elevated in the FMC until now (Bräuer et al., 2017). These high Rc/Ra values are close to those documented in the gas entrapped in fluid inclusions from mantle enclaves at Puy Beaunit (Rc/Ra = 6.6-7.0) and from tephras belonging to the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes (Rc/Ra = 6.5-6.8). In addition,  ${}^4\text{He}/{}^{40}\text{Ar}^*$  was measured at 1.7 in the gas emissions from the Escarot mofettes (**Table 4**). According to our degassing model and interpretative scheme, such a value should place the depth of degassing at mantle level (**Fig. 10**). This suggests the absence of a residual crustal magma reservoir involved in feeding the surface gas emissions in the Lake Pavin area and rather supports the idea of fluid transport along deep reaching faults from a magma reservoir within the SCLM (Bräuer et al., 2017). However, in the event of a new batch of magma rising from mantle depth to shallower levels, our interpretative scheme allows us to predict a slight increase in Rc/Ra (less crustal contamination and/or less ageing) and in  ${}^4\text{He}/{}^{40}\text{Ar}^*$  (by degassing upon magma ascent) with respect to current values measured in local gaseous emissions. Considering this scenario, we recommend that an appropriate monitoring strategy for gaseous emissions in the area be put in place. In particular, we highlight the necessity to sustain a long-term monitoring of noble gases in several mineral springs representative of the chemical heterogeneity of these markers on a regional scale (Bräuer et al., 2017).

In our model, if  ${}^4\text{He}/{}^{40}\text{Ar}^*$  increases by degassing in gas emissions from the Escarot mofettes up to 1.7 (with respect to the starting conditions in the SCLM),  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of  $\text{CO}_2$  is expected to decrease down to -5.2/-5.4 ‰ in gas emissions from the Escarot mofettes. Such a discrepancy with the measured value (-3.4 ‰; **Table 4**) is intriguing. A first hypothesis to reconcile these values is to consider a process of partial dissolution of  $\text{CO}_2$  in shallow aquifers. Under appropriate pH and

772 temperature conditions such a process may trigger the Rayleigh fractionation of CO<sub>2</sub> towards more  
 773 positive values of δ<sup>13</sup>C (Mook et al., 1974; Hoefs, 1997). It could also partially explain the  
 774 enrichment in He and CH<sub>4</sub> (Caracausi et al., 2003) with respect to the composition of other local gas  
 775 emissions (Bräuer et al., 2017). A second hypothesis to explain the relatively high value of δ<sup>13</sup>C of  
 776 CO<sub>2</sub> measured at the Escarot mofettes is to consider a process of CO<sub>2</sub> fluxing from depth. Indeed,  
 777 the extensive CO<sub>2</sub> degassing we documented in this study (more than 80 % of the initial CO<sub>2</sub> would  
 778 be lost for melts of the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes) suggests the presence of a deeper CO<sub>2</sub> vapour  
 779 phase. This inference is supported by recent results in experimental petrology that show a  
 780 significant enrichment in volatile elements in primary mantle melts beneath the FMC (Buso et al.,  
 781 2022). This CO<sub>2</sub> phase, exsolved early and thus characterised by a less negative δ<sup>13</sup>C of CO<sub>2</sub>, may  
 782 contribute to flux overlying magma reservoirs (Edmonds, 2008) and consequently to modify the  
 783 pristine signature of the melt-related CO<sub>2</sub>. Carbon dioxide fluxing may also affect the solubility of  
 784 other gaseous species like H<sub>2</sub>O and SO<sub>2</sub>, and thus potentially lead to the early exsolution of an  
 785 enriched H<sub>2</sub>O-S vapour phase (Spilliaert et al., 2006; Boudoire et al., 2021). This process may  
 786 provide an explanation to the detection of SO<sub>2</sub> and/or sulphate-sulphide by Raman spectroscopy in  
 787 some fluid inclusions entrapped at mantle level (**Fig. 5**) whereas SO<sub>2</sub> is expected to strongly degas  
 788 only at crustal levels (<250 MPa; Boulling and Wood, 2022). Further work is required to evaluate  
 789 these hypotheses but in light of them it seems relevant to pursue the monitoring of gas emissions  
 790 from the Escarot mofettes and to promote the installation of a soil CO<sub>2</sub> station there.  
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 794 **Fig. 10.** Interpretative scheme of the evolution in time of the magmatic system and of the composition of the exsolved  
 795 vapor phase for the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes obtained by coupling (1) barometric estimates, (2) measured <sup>4</sup>He/<sup>40</sup>Ar\*,  
 796 (3) estimated δ<sup>13</sup>C of CO<sub>2</sub> from fluid inclusions. A comparison is made with the current status of degassing in the area  
 797 (composition of dissolved gases in Lake Pavin and of gas emissions from the Escarot mofettes). The question mark in  
 798 step 3 denotes the hypothesis of a potential pre-eruptive arrival of deep magmatic fluids in the crustal magma reservoir  
 799 of the Pavin eruption (150-200 MPa; Rondet et al., 2019). Equivalent depth was calculated considering the Moho depth  
 800 at 24 km and average crustal and mantle densities for the European plate of 2750 and 3300 kg.m<sup>-3</sup>, respectively  
 801 (Spooner et al., 2019).  
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## 803 6. Conclusion

804 We conducted a coupled study of CO<sub>2</sub> densimetry and geochemistry of fluid inclusions from  
 805 products erupted by the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes, i.e., in the place of the most recent eruptive  
 806 activity in the French Massif Central. Our results showed a progressive decrease (in time) of the  
 807 pressure of magma storage (from more than 900 MPa down to 150-200 MPa) in parallel to magma

808 differentiation (from basanites at Montcineyre to benmoreites at Pavin). The geochemical analysis  
809 of the noble gases entrapped in fluid inclusions led to two main conclusions. Firstly, Rc/Ra (6.5-  
810 6.8) is in the range of ratios measured in fluid inclusions from mantle xenoliths in the Massif  
811 Central (5.6±1.1, on average) in agreement with an origin from the Sub-Continental Lithospheric  
812 Mantle (SCLM). Secondly, magma degassing ( $^4\text{He}/^{40}\text{Ar}^*$  from 4.0 to 16.2) follows magma  
813 differentiation and the progressive rise of the magma ponding zones. Based on these results, we  
814 proposed an interpretative scheme of the evolution of the signature of noble gases and carbon  
815 isotopes from mantle depth to crustal levels. Gas emissions currently emitted in the area (Rc/Ra =  
816 6.1-6.7 and  $^4\text{He}/^{40}\text{Ar}^* = 1.7$ ) point to an origin in the lithospheric mantle according to this model.  
817 Meanwhile, an increase in Rc/Ra and in  $^4\text{He}/^{40}\text{Ar}^*$  values in gaseous emissions is expected in the  
818 case where a new batch of magma will rise from mantle depth to shallower levels. This inference  
819 strongly encourages the establishment of an appropriate monitoring strategy of gaseous emissions in  
820 the area focused on the time evolution of (1) noble gas ratios from local mineral springs and (2) soil  
821 gas ( $\text{CO}_2$ , Rn) emissions.

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**Tables**

<b>Δ Mg-number between core and rim</b>	<b>Olivine</b>					<b>Clinopyroxene</b>				
	<b>n</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>σ</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>σ</b>
<b><u>Pavin's Group of Volcanoes</u></b>										
<b>Montcineyre</b>	4	-3.6	0.4	-1.1	1.9	8	-2.4	7.6	0.8	3.5
<b>Montchal</b>	4	0.3	3.3	1.4	1.3	10	-7.0	6.8	0.1	4.8
<b>Pavin</b>	8	-0.9	4.2	0.4	1.6	9	-1.3	3.0	1.2	1.4
<b><u>Puy Beaunit</u></b>										
<b>Harzburgite</b>	5	-0.5	0.1	-0.1	0.2	10	-0.7	1.1	0.4	0.6
<b>Lherzolite</b>	5	-0.5	0.0	-0.3	0.2	10	-0.5	1.0	0.4	0.4

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**Table 1.** Difference between the Mg-number calculated for the core and the rim of each single crystal of olivine and clinopyroxene from mantle enclaves (Puy Beaunit) and lapilli and pumices (Pavin’s Group of Volcanoes). Negative value denotes a reverse zoning whereas positive value highlights a normal zoning. Note that zoning patterns of clinopyroxene crystals revealed by Backscattered electrons (BSE) imagery during EPMA analyses appear much more complex than simple normal or reverse zoning and would deserve a dedicated focus that is not the scope of the present study. ‘n’ denotes the number of crystals where the pair core-rim was analysed.

Host mineral	Group	Type	Shape	Trapping	n	Fermi dyad split $\Delta$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )				CO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O mixture density $\rho$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )				Other phases	
						Min	Max	Average	$\sigma$	Min	Max	Average	$\sigma$		
<b><u>Pavin's Group of Volcanoes</u></b>															
Montcineyre	Olivine	F5	Secondary	Rounded	Homogenous	8	104.69	105.07	<b>104.79</b>	<b>0.13</b>	0.89	1.04	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.05</b>	SO <sub>2</sub> - Carbonate - Sulphide
	Olivine	F3	Secondary	Rounded	Heterogenous	5	104.64	104.97	<b>104.85</b>	<b>0.15</b>	0.88	1.00	<b>0.96</b>	<b>0.06</b>	Carbonate
	Olivine	F1	Primary	Negatively shaped	Homogenous	2	104.99	105.00	<b>104.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>	1.01	1.01	<b>1.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	SO <sub>2</sub>
	Clinopyroxene	F3	Secondary	Rounded	Homogenous	9	104.53	104.80	<b>104.66</b>	<b>0.11</b>	0.83	0.94	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.04</b>	
Montchal	Olivine	F2	Pseudo-Secondary	Rounded	Homogenous	1	104.58	104.58	<b>104.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	0.85	0.85	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.00</b>	Carbonate
	Olivine	F4	Primary	Rounded	Heterogenous	1	104.72	104.72	<b>104.72</b>	<b>0.00</b>	0.91	0.91	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.00</b>	-
Pavin	Olivine	F3	Secondary	Rounded	Homogenous	3	104.80	104.90	<b>104.85</b>	<b>0.05</b>	0.94	0.98	<b>0.96</b>	<b>0.02</b>	
<b><u>Puy Beaunit</u></b>															
Harzburgite	Orthopyroxene	f3	Secondary	Rounded	Homogenous	4	104.21	104.89	<b>104.70</b>	<b>0.33</b>	0.69	0.97	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.14</b>	SO <sub>2</sub>
	Clinopyroxene	f3	Secondary	Rounded	Homogenous	4	102.92	103.03	<b>102.97</b>	<b>0.04</b>	0.10	0.15	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.02</b>	Carbonate - Sulphate
	Olivine	f2	Secondary	Necking	Homogenous	8	104.01	104.45	<b>104.36</b>	<b>0.15</b>	0.60	0.80	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.06</b>	SO <sub>2</sub>
	Olivine	f4	Secondary	Rounded	Homogenous	4	104.73	104.75	<b>104.74</b>	<b>0.01</b>	0.91	0.92	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.00</b>	SO <sub>2</sub>
Lherzolute	Orthopyroxene	f3	Secondary	Rounded	Heterogenous	8	103.48	104.85	<b>103.84</b>	<b>0.61</b>	0.36	0.96	<b>0.52</b>	<b>0.27</b>	Sulphate
	Clinopyroxene	f3	Secondary	Rounded	Homogenous	2	102.86	102.92	<b>102.89</b>	<b>0.04</b>	0.08	0.10	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.02</b>	Sulphate
	Clinopyroxene	f1	Secondary	Negatively shaped	Homogenous	11	104.80	104.98	<b>104.90</b>	<b>0.06</b>	0.94	1.01	<b>0.98</b>	<b>0.02</b>	-

**Table 2.** Number of analysed fluid inclusions (n), Fermi dyad split ( $\Delta$ ), CO<sub>2</sub> density ( $\rho$ ) (by considering the presence of a CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O initial mixture), and secondary phases detected by Raman spectroscopy for each family of fluid inclusions (F1-F5 for the Pavin's Group of Volcanoes and f1-f4 for Puy Beaunit; see text for explanation). Max: maximum. Min: minimum. Av: average. The standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) on the average was also calculated.

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	Absolute Gas Contents (mol/g)											Ratio							Carbon isotopy		
	Gas	<sup>4</sup> He	<sup>3</sup> He	<sup>20</sup> Ne	<sup>40</sup> Ar	<sup>38</sup> Ar	<sup>36</sup> Ar	<sup>40</sup> Ar*	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	<sup>4</sup> He/ <sup>20</sup> Ne	<sup>4</sup> He/ <sup>40</sup> Ar*	<sup>4</sup> He/CO <sub>2</sub>	R/Ra	Rc/Ra	2σ	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>36</sup> Ar	CO <sub>2</sub> / <sup>3</sup> He	CO <sub>2</sub> (mol/g)	δ <sup>13</sup> C (‰)	
	10 <sup>-9</sup>	10 <sup>-13</sup>	10 <sup>-18</sup>	10 <sup>-16</sup>	10 <sup>-13</sup>	10 <sup>-16</sup>	10 <sup>-15</sup>	10 <sup>-13</sup>	10 <sup>-9</sup>	10 <sup>-10</sup>	10 <sup>-4</sup>							10 <sup>8</sup>		10 <sup>-8</sup>	
<b><u>Pavin's Group of Volcanoes</u></b>																					
<b>Montcineyre</b>	<b>OI</b>	6.44	20.3	19.3	3.63	13.4	5.17	2.80	5.11	5.89	5.23	5603	3.98	3.45	6.82	6.82	0.14	486	3.05		
<b>Montchal</b>	<b>OI</b>	1.61	12.0	11.1	18.2	16.4	9.32	5.14	1.22	1.16	4.14	657	9.82	10.3	6.63	6.63	0.16	325	1.05		
<b>Pavin</b>	<b>Am</b>	3.84	11.6	10.5	32.2	4.63	2.49	1.32	0.72	3.28	5.48	361	16.17	3.54	6.49	6.50	0.18	356	3.12		
<b><u>Puy Beaunit</u></b>																					
<b>Harzburgite</b>	<b>OI</b>	1.33	4.63	4.33	76.5	34.0	18.8	10.5	3.11	0.95	3.04	60	1.49	4.87	6.71	6.75	0.22	331	2.19		
	<b>Opx</b>	12.7	15.1	14.7	18.8	23.4	4.37	2.38	16.4	11.7	9.76	802	0.92	1.29	7.00	7.00	0.18	1001	7.91	1.06	-5.8
<b>Lherzolite</b>	<b>OI</b>	2.33	7.37	6.81	46.1	26.9	9.68	5.41	10.9	1.06	12.3	160	0.67	6.94	6.62	6.63	0.32	507	1.56		
	<b>Opx</b>	138	35	33	50	130	8.79	4.83	116	135	34.4	705	0.30	0.26	6.84	6.84	0.16	2735	40.4	10.3	-2.9

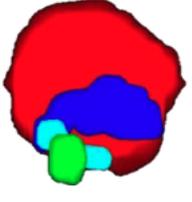
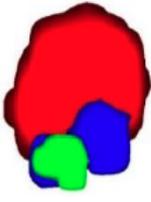
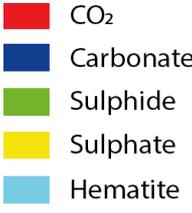
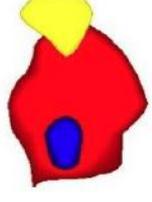
**Table 3.** Analysis of gas abundance, noble gases, and carbon isotopy (δ<sup>13</sup>C) of CO<sub>2</sub> released by crystal crushing. OI: olivine. Am: amphibole. Opx: orthopyroxene.

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<b>Lac Pavin -70m</b>	296.2	0.06	0.1880	0.0001	10.7	6.55	6.72	0.04		1.31E+09	8.09E-05	0.8
<b>Lac Pavin -90m</b>	296.0	0.05	0.1882	0.0001	4.1	6.02	6.45	0.04		2.07E+09	5.34E-05	-2.8
<b>Escarot</b>	407.2	0.13	0.1862	0.0003	921	6.07	6.07	0.03	1.73	5.25E+09	2.24E-05	-3.4

**Table 4.** Analysis of noble gases and carbon isotopy ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ) of  $\text{CO}_2$  in natural gas emissions in the area of study (see Fig. 1).

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<b>Measured CO<sub>2</sub> density</b>				
$\rho$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	0.88	0.92	1.00	0.14
<b>Volume</b>				
Spherical Volume ( $\mu\text{m}^3$ )	825	332	22	17
Max. Error on Volume ( $\mu\text{m}^3$ )	41	15	-	3
<b>Volumetric distribution of the phases</b>				
CO <sub>2</sub> (% volume)	86	86	100	79
Carbonate (% volume)	10	11	-	6
Sulphide (% volume)	2	3	-	-
Sulphate (% volume)	-	-	-	15
Hematite (% volume)	2	-	-	-
<b>Mass of CO<sub>2</sub> and carbonates</b>				
CO <sub>2</sub> (g)	(5.94-6.56)E-10	(2.52-2.76)E-10	2.24E-11	(1.43-2.26)E-12
Carbonate (g)	(1.15-1.32)E-10	(5.08-5.80)E-11	-	(1.01-1.87)E-12
<b>Recalculated initial CO<sub>2</sub> density</b>				
$\rho$ (Initial CO <sub>2</sub> ) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.06	1.12	1.00	0.26
$\sigma$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	0.09	0.07	-	0.09

**Table 5.** Reconstruction of the initial CO<sub>2</sub> density in some fluid inclusions characterised by the presence of carbonate.  $\rho$  is the measured CO<sub>2</sub> density used in this reconstruction (see Methods).

1289 **Supplementary material**

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1291 **Appendix 1.** Composition of the crystals analysed in this study

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