

# **Melilite-bearing lavas in Mayotte (France): An insight into the mantle source below the Comores**

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#### **1. Introduction**

 Olivine melilitites are alkaline and ultracalcic basic igneous rocks rich in melilite, a calcic sorosilicate, and devoid of feldspar. They are thought to be produced by low degree of 33 partial melting of a  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ -rich mantle source in both continental and oceanic contexts (Gudfinnsson and Presnall, 2005; Dasgupta et al., 2007). In continental zones, they are found at or near rifting zones, often in association with carbonatites. In the African continent, (olivine) melilitites have been observed in Sahara (Dautria et al., 1992), East African Rift (Bailey et al., 2005; Dawson, 2012; Mattsson et al., 2013), South Africa (Rogers et al., 1992; Janney et al., 2002), and Madagascar (Melluso et al., 2011). In oceanic setting, the olivine melilitites are produced in intraplate volcanoes (Maaløe et al., 1992; Hoernle and Schmincke, 1993). They correspond generally to post-erosional, late units (Brey, 1978). In the vicinity of the Africa continent, olivine melilitites have been collected in Gran Canaria (Brey, 1978; Hoernle and Schmincke, 1993) and Cape Verde Islands (Brey, 1978). Several authors have highlighted the chemical resemblance, for incompatible trace element and isotopic ratios, between (olivine) melilitites and ocean island basalts (OIB), sometimes with a HIMU (or high  $\mu$ , where  $\mu = {}^{238}U/{}^{204}Pb$ ) affinity (Rogers et al., 1992; Wilson et al., 1995; Janney et al., 2002). The Comores Archipelago, composed of four volcanic islands (Mayotte, Anjouan, Moheli, and Grande Comore) is located in the Mozambique Channel between the continental blocks of Africa and Madagascar (Fig. 1). The initial volcanism period of the oldest island – Mayotte – onto the ocean floor is estimated to be ca. 15-10 Ma (Nougier et al., 1986), whereas the Karthala volcano of Grande Comore (the youngest island) is still active.

 The mantle beneath the Comores is probably metasomatized, with modal amphibole and/or phlogopite (Späth et al., 1996; Class and Goldstein, 1997). In fact, Coltorti et al. 53 (1999) evidenced a  $CO_2$ -related cryptic metasomatism episode beneath Grande Comore. The origin of the Comores volcanism is attributed by Hajash and Armstrong (1972) and Emerick and Duncan (1982) to the upwelling of a mantle plume. Nougier et al. (1986) proposed that the Comorian magmas derive from the upper mantle, beneath an ocean-continent transitional crust structured by old and deep lithospheric fractures, which were reactivated during late Tertiary. Four Comores lavas – one sample from Moheli and the three analyzed samples from Anjouan (Reisberg et al., 1993; Späth et al., 1996; Salters and White, 1998) – have a more radiogenic Pb composition than the other Indian OIB. They display an isotopic signature close to that of the Atlantic islands near the western African coast, as Cape Verde and Canary Islands (Sushchevskaya et al., 2013). The present study of Mayotte Island (Comores Archipelago), based on new petrological and geochemical data, reveals the coexistence of a large number of melilite-65 bearing (including olivine melilitites) and HIMU-like lavas (with  $^{206}Pb^{204}Pb > 20$ ). Mayotte Island is thus a good example for studying the genesis of melilite-bearing lavas and their relation with a specific mantle composition. **2. Geological setting**

 Mayotte is the oldest island of the Comores archipelago (Fig. 1), emplaced, while intraplate, in an active tectonic area. The present-day geography of the area is the consequence of the Permian-Trias Karoo NW-SE rifting, which resulted in the separation between Gondwana and Indian-Madagascan continental blocks (Malod et al., 1991; Piqué, 1999). The oceanic basins of Somalia and Mozambique opened during the Jurassic, while the  Madagascar Island drifted southwards along the Davie Ridge. The main part of the sedimentary products in the Mozambique Channel results from the erosion of the Davie Ridge surrected during an Eocene compression phase (Leclaire et al., 1989). Since the middle Miocene, the tectonic regime in the Mozambique Channel is dominated by E-NE–W-SW extension, also identified in the East African Rift and in Madagascar (Bertil and Regnoult, 1998; Piqué, 1999).

 Although the volcano morphology in the Comores archipelago is rather consistent with a chronological progression of the volcanism northwestwards (freshest reliefs in Grande Comore; presence of a coral reef only in Mayotte and, to a less extend, in Moheli: Fig. 1), the K-Ar geochronological data of the archipelago suggest a more complex history (Fig. 1). With exception of Grande Comore, in which old lavas do not crop out, each island displays a Neogene volcanic activity (shield stage?) together with a more recent one. The oldest subaerial lavas of the archipelago are found in Mayotte, consistently with its eroded morphology and the presence of a large coral reef. Only one coarse-grained rock of Anjouan is older (11.1±0.5 Ma, Nougier et al., 1986), very different from the shield lavas (from 3.9±0.3 Ma to 1.5±0.2 Ma, Nougier et al., 1986). However, no dating is available for the rocks constituting the submarine flanks of the islands. It is therefore very difficult to reasonably establish, or not, a chronological progression of volcanism throughout the archipelago.

 Mayotte is located 300 km westward of Madagascar and 70 km southwestward of Anjouan (Fig. 1). It is constituted of two main volcanic islands (Grande Terre and Petite 97 Terre: 348 km<sup>2</sup> and 16 km<sup>2</sup> in surface, respectively) and around twenty islets, within a lagoon 98 of 1100 km<sup>2</sup> bordered by a 160 km-long coral reef (Fig. 2a). Grande Terre is a north-south lengthened island, culminating at 660 m (Bénara Mount). The emerged reliefs correspond to the superstructure of two coalescent eroded shield volcanoes, subsiding for 1.5 Ma (Debeuf,

 2004; Nehlig et al., 2013). Petite Terre is a 5 km-long island located 4 km eastward of Grande Terre (Fig. 2d). **3. Sampling and analytical techniques** *3.1. Sampling* The rocks presented here were collected during three field trips, in 2001 (sampling: D. Debeuf and P. Bachelery), 2010 and 2011 (sampling: P. Nehlig, F. Lacquement, and J. Bernard, with the financial and logistic support of the French BRGM). Mayotte Island is characterized by an intense lateritic weathering and an important plant cover. Consequently, the main part of the volcanic substratum cannot be sampled. Although only the freshest rocks have been collected, a residual meteoric alteration induces relatively high loss on ignition (LOI) values in several samples. As all the samples having a LOI > 4.6 wt.% are affected by significant argillaceous / hydroxidic alteration, we have rejected them for the geochemical study. Among about a hundred of samples collected in 2001, 24 lavas have been dated; 51 118 samples have been analyzed for major and trace elements, 17 for  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$ , 23 for  ${}^{143}Nd/{}^{144}Nd$  isotopes, and 8 for Pb isotopes. Among the 35 samples collected in 2010 and 2011: 19 120 samples have been analyzed for major and trace elements, 10 for  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  isotopes, and 14 for Nd and Pb isotopes. A selection of geochronological and chemical data is shown in Tables 1, 2, and 3. The complete dataset is given in the supplementary Table S1. 124 3.2. <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar datations

126 Bulk rock samples (flows, dykes and domes) were dated by the  ${}^{40}Ar/{}^{39}Ar$  method. Analyses were performed on the 150- 250 µm-size groundmass fraction. For each sample, one or more aliquots on different separates (typically feldspar and volcanic glass) were irradiated 129 on January 2002 at the McMaster reactor, Ontario, in the 5C position for 26 h under a  $10^{18}$ 130 neutrons  $cm^{-2}s^{-1}$  flux. The irradiation standard is a Fish Canyon sanidine standard with an age

131 of  $28.02 \pm 0.16$  Ma (Renne et al., 1998), with reproductive values within 0.6%.

 Ages were obtained at the University of Montpellier 2, following a protocol similar to that described in Arnaud et al. (2003) and Garcia et al. (2003). Details on the analytical conditions are available from the authors upon request. Age given from age spectra are weighted mean plateaus (Fleck et al., 1977) or simple mean ages. The latter case corresponds 136 to the situation where either subsequent steps overlap only at the  $1\sigma$  level or total <sup>39</sup>Ar cumulated from these steps is insufficient to define a classical plateau. All errors from age spectra take the error on the J factor into account. Plateau criterions being rarely achieved, sometimes simple mean age is given. The isochron ages are obtained in an inverse isochron 140 diagram of  ${}^{36}Ar^{40}Ar$  versus  ${}^{39}Ar^{40}Ar$  (Roddick et al., 1980), which allows homogeneous excess components to be individualized in many occasions. Errors on age and intercept age include individual errors on each point and linear regression by York's method (York, 1969). The goodness of it relative to individual errors is measured by Mean Square Weighted Deviation (MSWD).

*3.3. Mineral and whole rock analyses*

 Mineral compositions have been determined using a Cameca SX-100 electron microprobe (Microsonde Ouest, Brest, France) with an acceleration voltage of 15 kV and a beam current of 20 nA. Some high precision analyses of olivine were acquired using a JEOL

 JXA-8230 electron microprobe (ISTerre, Grenoble, France) with an acceleration voltage of 25 kV and a beam current of 900 nA.

 Major and trace element analyses for the rocks sampled in 2001 were determined at the CRPG (Centre de Recherches Pétrographiques et Géochimiques, Nancy, France), whereas samples collected in 2010-2011 were analyzed at the PSO/IUEM (Pôle Spectrométrie Océan, Institut Universitaire Européen de la Mer, Brest, France). Whole-rock major elements were analyzed by inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES) following the analytical method described by Cotten et al. (1995). Relative standard deviations are < 2%  $\left($  < 1% for SiO<sub>2</sub>). Whole-rock trace elements were analyzed by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) following the sample preparation and analysis method of Barrat et al. (1996). Relative standard deviations are < 5% for most of the trace elements and < 10% for Nb, Gd, Tb, Ta, Ni, Zn and Rb. The concentrations found in the Mayotte OIB are well above the detection limits for all the trace elements analyzed. Sr and some Nd isotopic ratios were measured by thermal ionization mass spectrometry (TIMS, Laboratoire Magmas et Volcans, Clermont-Ferrand, France and PSO/IUEM/IFREMER, Brest, France), while Pb and some Nd isotopic ratios were measured on a multicollector ICP-MS (PSO/IFREMER, Brest, France). Samples were leached in 2N HCl for about one hour and rinsed three times in ultrapure water to remove weathering effect. The protocol for element separation is described in Chauvel et al. (2011). Measured blanks are lower than 20 picograms (pg) for Nd, 60 pg for Sr and 100 pg for Pb (except one analysis session with 300 pg blank). Values used for mass fractionation corrections and relative standard deviations are given in Table 3.

**4. Geochronology of Mayotte**

 geomorphological observations, ages available in the literature (Hajash and Armstrong, 1972; Emerick and Duncan, 1982; Nougier et al, 1986; McDougall unpublished in Debeuf, 2004), 179 and new  ${}^{40}Ar/{}^{39}Ar$  ages obtained on 24 samples (Table 1). The most eroded – and thus oldest – area is the southern part of the main island (Fig. 2b), where the hydrographic network is intensely erosive and most headlands correspond to 182 inverted reliefs. The main building volcanic phase  $(> 10.6 - 3.0$  Ma) is mainly formed by alkali basalt, basanite and olivine nephelinite lava flows (Fig. 2c), strongly weathered to lateritic products. This phase ended with the intrusion of around fifteen phonolitic protrusions,

Four volcanic domains have been recognized on Mayotte Island from geological and

associated with nephelinitic/phonolitic lava flows and pyroclastic density currents (3.9-3.1

Ma). The post-shield phase began with the emplacement of the tephriphonolitic/phonolitic

Combani massif circa 2.4 Ma ago. The last events in the south domain are emission of

pyroxene-bearing basanitic and nephelinitic lava flows (ca. 2.0-~1.5 Ma).

 The northwest domain is characterized by sharp reliefs of moderately weathered basaltic-basanitic lava flow piles, contemporaneous to the southern main building phase (> 7.1-~4.0 Ma). These lavas constitute a second shield volcano, which would have emerged after the southern one (Stieljes, 1988). Lavas are cut by a basaltic intrusive network (sills and N–S-trending dykes). This volcanism was followed by an extension-related mafic magmatism, at about ~4.0-< 1.0 Ma, which renewed the reliefs. The two melilititic lava flows were probably emplaced during this event. Phonolitic domes (3.3 and 2.5 Ma) are especially

rare (Fig. 2c).

 The north central sector of Grande Terre is characterized by the least eroded, youngest reliefs (Fig. 2b). This is consistent with lava ages mainly comprised between 2.4 and 0.8 Ma, i.e. more recent than in both south and northwest domains. Two older samples have been dated at 3.4 Ma (Hajash and Armstrong, 1972) and 3.35 Ma (Emerick and Duncan, 1982), but  Mtsapéré stratovolcano (basaltic-tephritic lava flows intruded by phonolitic protrusions, Fig. 2c), lying on the northwest shield formations. The fourth volcanic zone is a recent explosive complex comprising small pyroclastic edifices (tuff rings and cones) built by phreatomagmatism and strombolian eruptions along the east coast of Grande Terre and in Petite Terre (Fig. 2c). The activity is estimated from 500 000 to 150 000 years in Grande Terre and up to 4 000 years in Petite Terre, where the volcanic edifices lay on a Holocene barrier reef younger than 9000 years (Camoin et al., 2004). The subaerial explosive volcanoes lay on lateritized lava flows in Grande Terre. The first strombolian phase built edifices with interbedded lava flows and pyroclastic levels (scoriaceous blocks and lapilli, and ash). Then, the volcanism became phreatoplinian, with pumice-bearing tuff ring structures. Two of them crop out in Grande Terre and four in Petite Terre (three in the eastern part and a fourth in the southernmost area, Fig. 2c). **5. Petrology** *5.1. Lavas and hypabyssal rocks* The mineral assemblage of the studied lavas is presented in Fig. 3. The petrographic nomenclature is based on mineralogy, total alkali-silica (TAS) and basanite-nephelinite- melilitite classification schemes of Le Bas et al. (1986) and Le Bas (1989), respectively (Figs. 4 and 5). Most of the lava flows of south and northwest domains are alkali basalts and basanites. Lavas are usually porphyritic, sometimes cumulative (> 35 vol.% phenocrysts), with

they have not been analyzed for major and trace elements. From west to east, the north central

sector is composed of: (1) the Digo massif, made of basaltic-tephritic lava flows; and (2) the

226 clinopyroxene and/or olivine  $(Fo_{79-85})$  phenocrysts. Groundmass generally has a microlitic 227 texture. It is constituted of clinopyroxene (fassaite-diopside), olivine  $(Fo_{62-81})$ , plagioclase (An<sub>47-64</sub>), nepheline, Fe-Ti oxides and apatite. Perovskite crystals have been identified as inclusions in clinopyroxene phenocrysts of one basanite from the south domain. Two olivine melilitite lavas were collected near Mtsangamouji in the northwest 231 domain. They are porphyritic with zoned olivine phenocrysts  $(F_{O84-88})$  immersed in a 232 microlitic groundmass constituted of melilite, olivine (Fo<sub>79-84</sub>), titanomagnetite, apatite, clinopyroxene, and tiny nepheline. One sample displays mingling features. Olivine-free and olivine-bearing nephelinites occur as lava flows or dykes in the south domain and in a few areas of the northwest domain. They have a porphyritic texture with phenocrysts of clinopyroxene (fassaite-diopside) and nepheline. Groundmass crystals include 237 nepheline, clinopyroxene, Fe-Ti oxides, and apatite. Olivine phenocrysts  $(Fo_{74-87})$  and 238 microcrysts  $(Fo_{69-78})$  are only present in the olivine nephelinites, whereas hornblende, aegirine-augite, perovskite and titanite are detected only in olivine-free nephelinites. Microcrystals of melilite (< 10 vol.%) have been identified in two olivine nephelinites (PN2 and PN12f). Tephritic and tephriphonolitic lavas occur in the south and north central domains. They have a porphyric fluidal microlitic texture. Phenocrysts are zoned augite and kaersutite, whereas groundmass includes plagioclase, clinopyroxene, Fe-Ti oxides, hastingsite and apatite. Tephriphonolites can be distinguished from tephrites by the presence of both K- feldspar as phenocrysts and arfvedsonite and aegirine-augite as microcrysts. Phonolites occur as protusions or as derived lava flows, mainly in the south and north central domains and, sparsely, in the northwest one. They have a porphyritic microlitic texture, sometimes fluidal. Diopside, hornblende, K-feldspar, nepheline, and apatite occur as

phenocrysts and microcrysts. Moreover, the groundmass contains titanite, aegirine-augite,

ferro-arfvedsonite, ferro-eckermannite and Fe-Ti oxides.

*5.2. Pyroclastites and cumulates*

 Two types of pyroclastic formations have been identified: stombolian and phreatoplinian deposits, mainly located in the most recent domains of Mayotte (NE coast of Grande Terre and Petite Terre), and only sparsely represented in the older north central and south domains (Fig. 2c). Elements of the primary pyroclastic breccias are locally reworked as volcanogenic sedimentary deposits. The strombolian edifices are small reddened scoria cones, composed of basaltic indurated lapilli- and bomb-sized fragments alternating with lava flows and ash levels. Locally, blocks of sedimentary rock (sandstone, arkose) are embedded in the breccias. The fragments bear iddingsitized olivine, pyroxene, nepheline and Fe-Ti oxides.

 The phreatoplinian deposits are constituted of meter-sized interbedded sequences of pumice levels and hyaloclastite layers. Pumices range in size from 5 to 50 cm. They have a vesicular hyaloporphyric texture, with euhedral phenocrysts of K-feldspar, hornblende, and Fe-Ti oxides. Among the xenoliths, fragments of coral, lavas and scoria, dunitic and pyroxenitic cumulates are present. The basanitic xenolith PN5b, cumulative in olivine and clinopyroxene, has been found in the pumice sample PN5a.

 Cumulates have been collected as xenoliths or blocks. They are dunites, pyroxenites, essexites and ijolites.

**6. Geochemistry**



299 Except for the P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>-rich <sub>N</sub>larnite-bearing lavas, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> increases with decreasing MgO up to MgO ~ 5 wt.%, then decreases.

*6.2. Trace elements*

 We investigate in Figs. 6e-h the chemical distinction of the volcanic domains using incompatible trace element variations against Th.

 (1) The post-shield lavas of the north central domain form linear trends versus Th. They are distributed in two groups with different Th concentrations and variable contents on Nb, Hf, and Yb. These samples have the lowest Nb/Zr ratios of the collection, displaying a decreasing trend with increasing Th.

 (2) The recent phonolitic pumices of Petite Terre have the highest Nb, Hf, and Yb contents. Their Nb/Zr values range from 0.25 to 0.27.

 (3) Most of the south domain samples plot linearly on the trace variation diagrams. Most of the corresponding lavas are contemporaneous with the shield phase. The trend has a slope especially low in the Hf versus Th diagram of figure 6f. The south domain samples are scattered in the Nb/Zr versus Th diagram of figure 6h.

 (4) Amongst the south domain samples, the figure 6 diagrams can be used to discriminate four lavas, all of them located in the post-shield Combani massif. They plot apart in both Nb and Hf vs. Th diagrams (Fig. 6e and f), together with the Petite Terre pumices,.

 (5) The northwest domain, mainly constituted of shield mafic lavas, cannot be easily distinguished in the figure 6 trace diagrams. The corresponding lavas plot either in the north central trend (Fig. 6a and f) or with the southern samples (Fig. 6e and g). Post-shield olivine melilitites M66 and FL386, presented above, belong to this domain.

 Mafic samples (alkali basalts, basanites, olivine nephelinites and olivine melilitites) from Mayotte are enriched in light and middle REE (LREE and MREE, respectively) with respect to heavy REE (HREE), consistently with their OIB characteristics (Fig. 7a). Slope of the REE patterns increases from basalts/basanites to olivine nephelinites and to olivine melilitites. These latter are also slightly more enriched in middle MREE. In the primitive mantle-normalized multi-element diagram (Fig. 7b), patterns of the mafic lavas are bell shaped, as expected for OIB, and show strong negative anomalies in Rb, K and Pb, and, to a lesser extent, in U and Ti. Olivine melititites – especially FL 386 – display high values in U, Sr, P, Nd, Sm, Eu and Gd. Olivine-free nephelinites have, on average, higher REE contents than the mafic rocks (Fig. 7c). Phonolites have characteristic concave-up REE patterns, with low MREE values, and LREE and HREE compositions close to those of mafic and intermediate rocks. The pumices of Petite Terre, which have the highest REE contents amongst the phonolites, show a negative anomaly in Eu. Olivine-free nephelinites and all evolved rocks display negative anomalies in P and Ti (Fig. 7d). Moreover, phonolites (lavas and pumices) are depleted in Ba and phonolitic pumices also in Sr.

*6.3. Isotopes*

 A selection of Sr and Nd isotopic ratios and all the Pb data are given in Table 3. In the  $^{207}Pb^{204}Pb$  vs.  $^{206}Pb^{204}Pb$  diagram of Figure 8a, there are evident relationships between the isotopic compositions of the samples and their geographic location and age. In fact, most of the lavas from the south and northwest shield volcanoes exhibit the most radiogenic  $^{207}Pb^{204}Pb$  (> 15.64) and  $^{206}Pb^{204}Pb$  (> 19.87), whereas the post-shield north central domain 346 lavas display the lowest ratios  $(^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb < 15.6$  and  $^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb < 19.35$ ). The post-shield Combani lavas, northwest olivine melititites, and Petite Terre samples (xenolith PN5b apart)

 show isotope ratios between these two groups but closer to north central lavas. This isotopic distribution seems to roughly reflect the volcanological history of the island. In general, lavas showing the most radiogenic Pb ratios have been sampled in the oldest parts of the island (> 351 3.0 Ma), whereas the other samples belong to formations having an age  $\langle \sim 2.5$  Ma. The only exceptions are the HIMU-flavored M25 and DMM-like M137 lavas, samples respectively dated to 2.0 and 5.0 Ma but for which no plateau age could be calculated (Table 1). There is also an uncertainty about the olivine melilitites (M66 and FL386), the age of which ranges 555 from 4.0 to < 1.0 Ma. Even if the variations in the  $^{143}$ Nd/ $^{144}$ Nd vs.  $^{206}Pb^{204}Pb$  diagram are less 356 contrasted, similar trends can be observed. The  $^{143}$ Nd/ $^{144}$ Nd ratios of the rocks from the shield volcanoes, highly radiogenic in Pb, are more scattered and in average lower than those of the 358 other samples. The  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  ratio is less discriminative (Table 3).

 When compared to other Comores Islands and mantle end-member (Depleted MORB-360 Mantle: DMM; high <sup>238</sup>U/<sup>204</sup>Pb: HIMU; Enriched Mantle: EM1 and 2, of Zindler and Hart, 1986) isotope compositions, the most recent lavas from Mayotte tend towards the depleted mantle, such as all the lavas produced by the La Grille volcano in Grande Comore and two samples from Moheli. In contrast, samples collected in the south and northwest shield volcanoes have a clear HIMU affinity, such as one sample from Moheli and all the lavas from Anjouan that have been analyzed for Pb isotopes.

 The south alkali basalt M41, that spatially belongs to south group but that shows less silica-undersaturated composition, displays a Sr-Nd composition close to that of the Karthala volcano in Grande Comore, which tends toward the EM end-members (Table 3): its  $143\text{Nd}^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratio is low (0.51272) and its  ${}^{87}\text{Sr}^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratio especially high (0.70383). M41 is 370 relatively fresh (LOI=1.1) and it has low Rb/Sr ratio (0.5) suggesting that its high  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$ ratio is a pristine characteristic. M41 sample has not been analyzed for Pb isotopes. As EM-

 like composition is restricted to this sample in Mayotte, sampling date and location have been thoroughly checked and confirm the expression of EM mantle component in Mayotte.

*6.4. Spatial and temporal distribution of the geochemical characteristics*

 The lavas from the main building phase of the shield volcanoes (south and northwest domains) have more radiogenic Pb compositions than the post-shield rocks (Combani massif, north central domains and Petite Terre).

*Shield units*

The lavas from the south shield are among the highest silica-undersaturated of the

island (Fig. 4) including olivine-bearing and olivine-free nephelinites, basanites and

phonolites. They have the highest CaO contents together with the northwestern melilitites

(Fig. 6a), and include most of the Nlarnite samples (Table 2). The south shield lavas have a

HIMU affinity, with high Pb isotope ratios (Fig. 8).

Most of the analyzed samples from the northwest shield are moderately silica-

undersaturated mafic lavas, mainly basanites, with characteristic low incompatible trace

element contents. They show a HIMU affinity (Fig. 8). The basanitic xenolith PN5b from

Petite Terre (Table 2) shares the trace and isotopic signature of the northwest shield lavas.

These features suggest that this sample could correspond to a lava from the northwest shield

substratum, extracted during an explosive event and incorporated within the pumices.

*Post-shield units*

 The only olivine melilitites of Mayotte are emplaced in the northwest domain during a post-shield extensional phase.

The post-shield lavas from the north central domain are moderately silica-

undersaturated. They follow linear evolutionary trends in major and trace element diagrams

 from basalts/basanites to phonolites through tephrite/tephriphonolites (Fig. 6). All the petrological types have a similar isotopic composition (e.g., Nd isotope ratios ranging from 0.51288 to 0.51290, Fig. 8b). Such features suggest that chemical variations in north central lavas reflect differentiation processes from melts generated from a rather homogeneous mantle source, more depleted than for the other lavas. The Combani evolved samples follow the highly silica-understurated trend in the TAS diagram (Fig. 4). They have, however, lower CaO with respect to highly silica-undersaturated intermediate and felsic lavas of the south domain (Fig. 6a). Both groups have also similar behavior in HREE vs. Th diagrams (Fig. 6g and Table 2), reflecting probably comparable modalities of crystal fractionation. However, the Combani lavas are close to those of the north central domain in Hf vs. Th (Fig. 6f) and they have specific high Nb contents (Fig. 6e). 408 Amongst the post-shield lavas, they have the most radiogenic <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb values (Fig. 8). The pumices of Petite Terre are phonolitic in composition. They belong to the moderately silica-undersaturated trend in the TAS diagram (Fig. 4) and plot in a restricted area of the trace element diagrams (Fig. 6e-g), away from all the other Mayotte samples. **7. Discussion** *7.1. Olivine melilitite genesis* The olivine melilitites are ultracalcic mafic lavas, characterized by high contents in 418 CaO and MgO; high silica-undersaturation, with  $SiO<sub>2</sub>$  contents < 40 wt.% (Wilson et al., 419 1995); low values in  $A_2O_3$ , and, to a lesser extent, alkalis; and straight slopes in chondrite- normalized REE diagrams (Brey, 1978; Rogers et al., 1992; Wilson et al., 1995). Based on such chemical features, Brey (1978) and Rogers et al. (1992) have proposed that melilititic

 primary magmas are generated by very low degree of partial melting of a garnet- (and 423 phlogopite-?) bearing  $CO_2$ -rich mantle source. Such low partial melting models for melilititic melts are consistent with the experimental works of Gudfinnsson and Presnall (2005). Wilson et al. (1995) and Melluso et al. (2011) have suggested that carbonates (probably dolomite) were involved in the melting process. From data of experimental petrology, Gudfinnsson and Presnall (2005) have positioned the field of the mantle at the origin of melilititic primary 428 melts in the domain of garnet stability, in presence of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ , at pressures ranging from 3 and 4 GPa. Partial melting experiments of carbonated peridotite at 3 GPa generate melt 430 compositions close to melilititic lavas (Hirose, 1997; Dasgupta et al., 2007), except for  $TiO<sub>2</sub>$ 431 and FeO<sup>T</sup>, lower in these experimental melts than in natural olivine melilitites. To account for their geochemistry, Dasgupta et al. (2006, 2007) propose as melting source a carbonated peridotite metasomatized by pyroxenitic melts.

434 Besides the wide range of geochemical features listed above, the olivine melilitites of 435 Mayotte present specific characteristics, namely high  $P_2O_5$  and Sr contents (Figs. 6d and 7b, 436 and Table 2), and relative enrichments in MREE with respect to the other mafic rocks (Fig. 437 7a). The sole other mention of P-rich melilitites has been made by Bailey et al. (2005) for 438 Ugandan rocks. In the figure 6d diagram, it is shown that all the  $\beta$ larnite samples are enriched 439 in P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. Consequently, to explore the melilititic character of the P-rich <sub>N</sub>larnite lavas, we have 440 reported them in the P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> vs. CaO/(SiO<sub>2</sub>+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) diagram of figure 9: the higher this ratio is, 441 the more silica-undersaturated, CaO-rich and  $Al_2O_3$ -poor the rock is. The positive correlation 442 demonstrates that a high  $P_2O_5$  content is also a melilititic feature in Mayotte. The  $P_2O_5$ 443 enrichment of the Narnite lavas (Figs. 6d and 9), together with the relatively high Sr and 444 MREE contents of both olivine melilitites (Table 2 and Fig. 7), is consistent with the 445 hypothesis of an apatite contribution in the genesis of these lavas. Apatite can be involved 446 through two mechanisms: (1) melting at very low degree of apatite-bearing pyroxenite veins



 and to discuss the contribution of the mantle sources, this section focuses on relatively mafic 460 lavas (MgO  $> 5$  wt.%). As evidenced in Figure 8, the isotopic composition of Mayotte lavas is consistent with mixing between depleted mantle and HIMU components.

 The HIMU-flavored mafic lavas, characterized by high Pb isotopic ratios, are reputed to be enriched in Nb and Ta and depleted in alkali/earth-alkali elements relative to the other incompatible trace elements (Dupuy et al., 1989; Willbold and Stracke, 2006). These features are noticeable in the HIMU-like olivine nephelinites collected in the south shield of Mayotte (Table 2 and Fig. 7b). Nevertheless, rocks from the northwest shield, which also have a clear HIMU isotopic signature, do not show these trace element features.

 The HIMU mantle end-member is generally considered as the signature of a long-lived 469 mantle reservoir  $(> 1 \text{ Ga})$ . It has been ascribed to  $(1)$  a metasomatized mantle that has undergone a removal of Rb and Pb (Zindler and Hart, 1986) and/or an U enrichment through CO<sub>2</sub>-rich fluids (Nakamura and Tatsumoto, 1988); (2) an ancient subduction-modified

 oceanic lithosphere, depleted in LILE as the result of dehydration (White and Hofmann, 1982; Dupuy et al., 1989); or (3) combination of both models, i.e. a peridotite metasomatized with carbonated silicate melts, carbonatites derived from a recycled oceanic crust (Jackson and Dasgupta, 2008) or carbonated eclogites (Dasgupta et al, 2010). The fact that the lavas from the northwest shield are not enriched in Ta and Nb (Table 2) is not really consistent with the model (2).

 In Mayotte, only the oldest rocks show a HIMU signature. Contrary to some Marquesas examples as Ua Pou (Duncan et al., 1986; Legendre et al., 2005) and Eiao (Caroff et al., 1995), where the HIMU-like lavas have distinct petrographic and geochemical features compared to the other rocks, here, the isotopic composition is disconnected from the silica- undersaturation and elemental (major and trace elements) composition of the lavas, which precludes any connection between source composition and partial melting modalities.

 The isotopic composition of Mayotte lavas is consistent with a mixing between DMM and HIMU end-members (Fig. 8). This feature has already been stated for the Canary Archipelago by Gurenko et al. (2009) and Aulinas et al. (2010). However, the HIMU-like lavas in Gran Canaria correspond to a post-shield phase (Aulinas et al., 2010), unlike Mayotte. Isotopic data for Canaries and Mayotte are both consistent with the assumption of small-scale HIMU heterogeneities in a depleted mantle (see section 7.3).

490 We compare the Nd/Yb vs.  $SiO<sub>2</sub>$  and Nd/Yb vs. Nb/Zr diagrams (Fig. 10) and the isotopic ratios (Fig. 8) in order to discriminate source composition, apatite contribution and melting degree. Apatite contribution during a deep metasomatism episode increases Nb/Yb 493 ratio at constant Nb/Zr ratio and  $SiO<sub>2</sub>$  content. Decrease of melting degree induces a decrease 494 of  $SiO<sub>2</sub>$  content and an increase of Nd/Yb and Nb/Zr ratios. From the data distribution in 495 Figure 10, Narnite-bearing lavas would result from low partial melting degree of a 496 metasomatized apatite-bearing mantle source, with  $\binom{n}{k}$  armite-bearing nephelinites) or without

 (olivine melilitites) HIMU affinity (Fig. 8). South and northwest shield lavas would derive from a similar HIMU-like mantle source (Fig. 8) and their elemental distinction results from increase of the partial melting degree from south to northwest lavas. North central post-shield lavas derive from a more depleted mantle (Fig. 8), through higher melting degrees than lavas of the main building stage (Fig. 10).

*7.3. Genesis of Comores lavas*

 Two groups of mantle source models below Comores are proposed, which imply interactions between melt issued (1) from an EM1-HIMU heterogeneous plume and a DMM metasomatized lithosphere (Deniel, 1998); and (2) from a homogeneous plume with a dominant EM1 signature and a DMM-HIMU metasomatized lithosphere (Class and Goldstein, 1994, 1997; Späth et al., 1996; Class et al., 1998). In the latter models, the HIMU component would be introduced in the Comorian mantle reservoir through delamination or thermal erosion of a continental lithosphere during the Gondwana break-up. This group of models is consistent with the geographic position of the Comores Archipelago between two HIMU-bearing continental blocks: Africa and Madagascar (Bell and Tilton, 2001; Melluso et al., 2011).

 Our data are rather consistent with the second type of models for the mantle source below Mayotte (Fig. 11): clear DMM-HIMU mixing and quasi absence of EM1 compositions (except M41, Table 3). During the main building stage, partial melting of a DMM-HIMU CO2-metasomatized lithosphere produced the south and northwest shield melts, with lower partial melting degrees for the south lavas (Fig. 10). The melting processes occurred in the 520 garnet stability field, as suggested by the presence of  $\beta$ larnite-bearing ultracalcic melts (Brey and Green, 1977). During the post-shield phase, the more isotopically depleted homogeneous

 north central melts were formed through higher melting degrees. The other post-shield rocks have Nd and Pb isotopic features intermediate between this north central group and the lavas of the main building phase (Fig. 8). The progressive increase of the depleted component influence through time (Fig. 8), especially for the north central rocks (Fig. 10), can be related to a lower proportion of HIMU component in the mantle source or to a progressive dilution of the melts issued from fusible and small-sized HIMU heterogeneities when melt productivity increases. However, HIMU-flavored northwest lavas are produced by similar melting degrees as the depleted north central lavas. We thus propose that the isotopic signature of the post- shield north central lavas is related to a high partial melting of a source where the HIMU component would have been partially consumed during the main building stage. The olivine 532 melilitities would be generated from a source isotopically equivalent, but enriched in  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  and 533 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (probably with modal dolomite  $\pm$  apatite) and with a low degree of partial melting. The most plausible lithologies for generating the silica-undersatured primary melts of Mayotte lavas are carbonated garnet peridotite (Hirose, 1997; Dasgupta et al., 2007) and/or silica- deficient garnet pyroxenite/eclogite (Hirschmann et al., 2003, Dasgupta et al., 2010; Le Roux et al., 2011). Considering that the HIMU signature of the rocks is disconnected from partial melting modalities and that the Mayotte lavas, more or less fractionated, are not primary magmas, it would be difficult to go further in characterization of the source lithology. The model of a depleted lithospheric mantle with HIMU small-scale heterogeneities

 can be extended to the other islands of the Comores archipelago. Indeed, the mixing trend DMM-HIMU is clear for Moheli, Anjouan and "La Grille"-type lavas from Grande Comore (Fig. 8). Nevertheless, the "Karthala"-type recent lavas from Grande Comore show a specific 544 EM1 signature  $({}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr > 0.70350$  and  ${}^{143}Nd/{}^{144}Nd < 0.51275$ ). Class et al (1998) argued that the "Karthala"-type lavas result from mixtures between plume and lithosphere melts. Thus, we propose that Comores lavas are mainly generated by partial melting of a DMM-HIMU

 CO<sub>2</sub>-metasomatized lithospheric mantle. The EM1 Comorian mantle plume would just have a thermal effect, except for the "Karthala"-type lavas – and for the Mayotte basalt M41, exhibiting an equivalent Sr-Nd isotopic composition – which probably resulted from plume/lithosphere interactions (Fig. 11). **8. Concluding remarks** The new set of geochronological and geochemical data presented in this study is used to discuss the chemistry and the mineralogy of the mantle source below Mayotte. The two main results are: (1) the characterization for the first time in the Comores of melilite-bearing lavas, including two olivine melilitites; and (2) the clear evidence of a HIMU signature in the shield lavas. Both features may or may not concern same samples. Without doubt, the melting mantle source involved in the genesis of the Mayotte lavas

 is chemically and mineralogically heterogeneous at small scale. The HIMU affinity could find 561 its origin in lithospheric components metasomatized by  $CO_2$ -rich fluids, whereas melilite- bearing lavas would derive from partial melting at very low degree of a mantle source, isotopically similar or not, bearing modal carbonate and apatite. Time-increasing partial melting during the main building phase of the shield volcanoes would favor the expression in the post-shield lavas of a more depleted mantle signature, as the consequence of the dilution of the HIMU heterogeneities in the mantle, maybe coupled with their partial consumption during the shield phase.

 Petrological and geochemical data can thus be used to draw a composite picture of the mantle below Mayotte, which probably changes with time. Regardless of what lavas are concerned, the melting lithosphere below Mayotte presents a general characteristic feature, 571 which reconciles both isotopic and mineralogical data: it has undergone  $CO_2$ -metasomatism.

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**Figure captions**

 Fig. 1. The Comores archipelago. K-Ar age ranges are indicated for each island: Grande Comore (2 data by Hajash and Armstrong, 1972, and Emerick and Duncan, 1982); Moheli (12 data by Emerick and Duncan, 1982, and Nougier et al., 1986); Anjouan (8 data by Hajash and Armstrong, 1972, Emerick and Duncan, 1982, and Nougier et al., 1986); Mayotte (34 data by Hajash and Armstrong, 1972, Emerick and Duncan, 1982, and Nougier et al., 1986, and one relative age determined by Zinke et al., 2003, for a pumice layer interbedded in the lagoon stratigraphic succession). The value of 11.1 Ma of Anjouan corresponds to a remote value measured on a syenitic xenolith. The Mayotte new age range of Table 1 is indicated in italic.

Inset: Mayotte in its geodynamical context.

Fig. 2. Geophysical and geological maps of Mayotte. (a) Bathymetry (from Audru et al.,

2006). (b) Digital terrain model (DTM) of Mayotte (Nehlig et al., 2013); mounts: 1. Mlima

Dziani Bolé (472 m); 2. Mlima Digo (255 m); 3. Mlima Mtsapéré (572 m); 4. Mlima

Combani (477 m); 5. Mlima Bénara (660 m); 6. Mlima Choungui (594 m). (c) Geological

sketch of Mayotte, based on Debeuf (2004) and Nehlig et al. (2013); the main four domains

(south, northwest, north central, Petite Terre), limited by bold dashed lines, have been defined

from topographic, geochronological, petrographic and geochemical criteria; M&I rocks: mafic

and intermediate rocks; samples listed in Tables 1 and 2 are positioned. (d) Volcanological

sketch of Petite Terre, showing tuff ring structures.

Fig. 3. Summary of petrographic data for Mayotte lavas: mineral occurrence and their

809 compositional range. NC: north central domain; Fo: forsterite; Wo: wollastonite; En: enstatite;

Ne: nepheline; An: anorthite; Or: orthoclase; Aegir.-augite: aegirine-augite; Fe-arfv.: ferro-

arfvedsonite; Fe-ecker.: ferro-eckermannite. Nomenclature of amphiboles based on Tindle

and Webb (1994).

 Fig. 4. Total alkali-silica (TAS) discrimination diagram for lavas and pumices from Mayotte (weight percent). The fields are from Le Bas et al. (1986). For this diagram, major element values were recalculated to 100% in a free water basis. The Combani samples (south domain) are identified by a bold half circle. Fig. 5. Nephelinite-melilitite-basanite classification diagram of Le Bas (1989) for mafic lavas (MgO > 5 wt.%) from Mayotte (weight percent). Inset: olivine melilitite-nephelinite discrimination diagram of Wooley et al. (1996), same samples. Symbols as in figure 4. 823 Fig. 6. Variation of CaO,  $A_2O_3$ ,  $K_2O$  and  $P_2O_5$  vs. MgO (weight percent) and Nb, Hf, Yb and Nb/Zr vs. Th (ppm) for lavas and pumices from Mayotte. Symbols as in figure 4. Fig. 7. Trace element patterns of representative Mayotte samples. (a) and (b): mafic lavas 827 (MgO  $>$  5 wt.%); (c) and (d): intermediate nephelinites and phonolites. (a) and (c): chondrite- normalized REE patterns (normalization values: Barrat et al., 2012); (b) and (d): primitive mantle-normalized incompatible trace element patterns (normalization values: McDonough and Sun, 1995). 832 Fig. 8. (a) <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd vs. <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb and (b) <sup>207</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb vs. <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb isotope diagrams showing Mayotte data compared with previously published data (Grande Comore: Dupré and Allègre, 1983; Reisberg et al., 1993; Späth et al., 1996; Class and Goldstein, 1997; Class et al., 1998; Deniel, 1998; Class et al., 2005; Class et al., 2009; Anjouan: Reisberg et al, 1993;

840 Fig. 9. P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> vs. CaO/SiO<sub>2</sub> (wt. %) diagram for the <sub>N</sub>larnite lavas. Symbols as in figure 4. 

842 Fig. 10. (a) Nd/Yb (ppm) vs.  $SiO<sub>2</sub>$  (wt. %) and (b) Nd/Yb vs. Nb/Zr (ppm) diagrams for the

 basic lavas from Mayotte. PM: partial melting. The grey areas correspond to HIMU-flavored 844 hava samples  $(^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb > 19.87)$ .

Fig. 11. Schematic model showing the mantle structure below Mayotte during its main

847 building phase. Partial melting of a DMM-HIMU CO<sub>2</sub>-metasomatized lithosphere produced

848 the south and northwest shield melts, with lower partial melting degrees for the south lavas.

The melting processes occurred in the garnet stability field.























Fig. 8







# Mayotte main building phase  $(> 10.6 - 3.0$  Ma)

<b>Sample</b>				Plateau age			Inverse isochron age					<b>Integrated</b> age	<b>Preferred</b> age	<b>Remark</b>
Unit		<b>Number Location</b>	<b>Petrological type</b>	<b>Type</b>	Age (Ma)	<b>Steps</b>	<b>Type</b>	Age (Ma)	$^{40}Ar/^{36}Ar$ ; MSWD Steps			Age (Ma)	Age (Ma)	
Northwest	M104	Lava flow	<b>Basanite</b>	SMA	$6.1 \pm 0.3$ 1-3				$4.3 \pm 0.1$ $311 \pm 10$	0.1	$1-6$	$5.0 \pm 0.1$	$6.1 \pm 0.3$	SMA is maximum age Data too clustered on isochron
	M112	Dyke	Ol.-nephelinite	SMA	$5.2 \pm 0.3$ 1-3				$4.4 \pm 1.0$ 305 $\pm 10$	2.4	$1 - 5$	$5.3 \pm 0.1$	$4.4 \pm 1.0$	
	M108	Dyke in M104	<b>Basanite</b>	SMA	$3.8 \pm 0.1$ 1-4				$4.2 \pm 0.8$ 291 $\pm 10$	7,1	$1-6, 8$	$3.2 \pm 0.1$	$3.8 \pm 0.1$	
	M25	Lava flow	Alkali basalt	NO					$2.0 \pm 0.9$ 382 $\pm 46$	26,8	$1-4$	$3.2 \pm 0.1$	$2.0 \pm 0.9$	Maximum age
	M20	Dyke	<b>Basanite</b>	<b>SMA</b>	$0.6 \pm$ 1.25	$4 - 5$	NO				$\blacksquare$	$8.9 \pm 0.2$	$< 1$ Ma	Maximum age
	M59	Lava flow	<b>Basanite</b>		WMP $0.8 \pm 0.2$ 1-5				$0.8 \pm 0.1$ 303 $\pm$ 150 0.1		$1-6$	$0.8 \pm 0.2$	$0.8 \pm 0.2$	Data too clustered on isochron
North central	M97	Lava flow	<b>Basanite</b>	<b>SMA</b>	$1.9 \pm 0.1$	$1 - 5$		$2.4 \pm 0.3$ 291 $\pm 6$		$\overline{4,8}$	$1-5$	$1.8 \pm 0.1$	$\overline{2.4 \pm 0.3}$	
	M <sub>4</sub>	Lava flow	Tephrite	NO					$2.3 \pm 0.3$ 240 $\pm$ 30	12,7	$1-3, 5-$	$3.5 \pm 0.6$	$2.3 \pm 0.3$	Maximum age
	M29	Dome	Trachyte	NO			N <sub>O</sub>				÷.	$2.9 \pm 0.6$	$<$ 3 Ma	Maximum age
	M123	Lava flow	Tephriphonolite		$1.2 \pm 0.1$ $1.4 \pm 0.1$	$\mathbb{Z}^2$	NO <sub>1</sub>					$1.2 \pm 0.1$ / $1.4 \pm 0.1$	$1.4 \pm 0.1$	
	M56	Lava flow	Basaltic trachy- andesite	SMA	$1.5 \pm 0.6$ 1-3				$1.4 \pm 0.1$ $311 \pm 11$	2.6	$1 - 4$	$1.4 \pm 0.1$	$1.4 \pm 0.1$	
	M82	Lava flow	<b>Basanite</b>		SMA $1.4 \pm 0.1$ 1-4				$2.1 \pm 0.1$ $265 \pm 10$	0.9	$1-4$	$1.1 \pm 0.1$	$1.1 \pm 0.1$	
	M58	Lava flow	Phonolite		SMA $0.2 \pm 0.1$ 1-3				$0.8 \pm 0.1$ 345 $\pm$ 18	4,3	$1-6$	$0.6 \pm 0.1$	$0.8 \pm 0.1$	Nice isochron
Petite Terre	M53	Strombolian cone	Alkali basalt	NO	$\sim$		N <sub>O</sub>				$\sim$	$0.5 \pm 0.1$	$0.2 \pm 0.1$	All individual steps below 0.2 Ma
South	M137	Lava flow	Ol.-nephelinite	N <sub>0</sub>	$\mathbf{r}$	$\omega$		$5.0 \pm 0.3$ 319 ± 2		$\overline{1,1}$	$1-6$	$13.1 \pm 0.2$	$5.0 \pm 0.3$	
	M41	Lava flow	Alkali basalt	NO				$10.6 \pm$ 0.5	$270 \pm 20$	5,9	$2 - 6$	$6.2 \pm 0.1$		$10.6 \pm 0.5$ Steps used are the richest in <sup>39</sup> Ar
	M140	Lava flow	Ol.-free neph.		WMP $5.9 \pm 0.1$ 1-4			$6.1 \pm 0.1$ 306 $\pm$ 5		2,2	$1 - 5$	$5.8 \pm 0.1$	$5.9 \pm 0.1$	
	M93	Lava flow	Ol.-nephelinite	N <sub>O</sub>				$3.4 \pm 0.2$	$308 \pm 6$	4,8	$1-4$	$4.4 \pm 0.1$	$3.4 \pm 0.2$	
	M132	Lava flow	Ol.- nephelinite		SMA $3.8 \pm 0.1$ 2-4			$4.0 \pm 0.3$ 302 $\pm 7$		5,5	$1-6$	$4.7 \pm 0.1$	$4.0 \pm 0.3$	
	M38	Lava flow	Ol.-nephelinite	<b>SMA</b>	$4.6 \pm 0.1$ 1-2		N <sub>O</sub>				$\blacksquare$	$3.9 \pm 0.1$	$3.9 \pm 0.1$	The integrated age is preferred to badly defined plateau
	M <sub>39</sub> A	Dome	Phonolite		WMP $3.9 \pm 0.4$ 2-7				$4.7 \pm 0.9$ $263 \pm 49$	0,8	$2 - 7$	$4.3 \pm 0.1$	$3.9 \pm 0.4$	Good plateau
	M55	Lava flow	Ol.-free neph.	NO					$3.6 \pm 0.4$ 291 $\pm 42$	5,9	$1-4, 7$	$3.8 \pm 0.5$	$3.6 \pm 0.4$	
	M115	Lava flow	Ol.-nephelinite	N <sub>O</sub>					$1.9 \pm 0.2$ 327 $\pm$ 11	6,4	$1 - 7$	$2.1 \pm 0.4$	$1.9 \pm 0.2$	
	M95	Lava flow	Ol.-nephelinite		SMA $2.5 \pm 0.2$ 1-2		NO <sub>1</sub>					$1.5 \pm 0.8$	$< 2.5$ Ma	

Table 1. Dating results from  $A^{\text{10}}Ar - A^{\text{39}}Ar$  geochronology for Mayotte samples

For each sample, the plateau age and the isochron age are given when available; the preferred age is indicated in the last column.

MSWD: mean square weighted deviation. SMA: simple mean age, WMP: weighed plateau age.

Type of statistical approach: NO: no plateau or isochron could be calculated; SMA: simple mean age; WMP: weighed mean plateau age







S: south domain; S<sup>C</sup>: Combani; NW: northwest domain; NC: north central domain; PT: Petite Terre. Narnite for normative larnite; Nepheline for normative nepheline. CIPW norms was calculated for basic lavas using the ratio: (1) Samples collected in 2001, major and trace elements analyzed by ICP-AES and ICP-MS respectively (CRPG, Nancy, France). (2) Samples collected during two field trips in 2010 and 2011, major elements analyzed by ICP-AES ( France) following the analytical method described by Cotten et al (1995), trace elements analyzed by ICP-MS (PSO/IUEM, Brest, France) following the sample preparation and analysis method of Barrat et al (1996).

#### Table 3. Sr, Nd, Pb isotopic data for Mayotte.

(1) S: south domain; S<sup>C</sup>: Combani Massif; NW: northwest domain; NC: north central domain; PT: Petite Terre domain (see Fig. 2c for domain location).

(2) Sr and Nd isotopic ratios measured in 2003 on a TI-MS (Laboratoire Magmas et Volcans, Clermont-Ferrand, France) – Debeuf (2004). Average value of NBS 987 (standard for Sr) is  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr = 0.710253 \pm 0.000020$ 



( $1\sigma$ ; n=39) and average value of Rennes-AMES (internal standard for Nd) is  $^{143}Nd^{144}Nd = 0.511960 \pm 0.000010$  ( $1\sigma$ ; n=41).

(3) Sr and Nd isotopic ratios measured in 2013 on a TI-MS (PSO/IUEM, Brest, France). Sr and Nd isotopic values are corrected for mass fractionation to  ${}^{88}Sr/{}^{86}Sr = 8.372509$  and  ${}^{146}Nd/{}^{144}Nd = 0.721903$  respectively Average value of NBS 987 is  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr = 0.710237 \pm 0.000006$  ( $2\sigma$ ; n=8) and average value of La Jolla (standard for Nd) is  ${}^{143}Nd/{}^{144}Nd = 0.511873 \pm 0.000008$  ( $2\sigma$ ; n=6). Pb isotopic ratios measurements were performed by a MC-ICP-MS (PSO/IFREMER, Brest, France). Pb isotopic values are corrected for drift of  $^{205}Tl/^{203}Tl$  ratio and for the blank. Average values of NIST SRM 981 (standard for Pb) are  $^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb$  =  $16.9314 \pm 0.0005$  (2σ ; n=7);  $^{207}Pb^{204}Pb = 15.4850 \pm 0.0006$  (2σ ; n=7);  $^{208}Pb^{204}Pb = 36.6764 \pm 0.0018$  (2σ ; n=7).

(4) Nd and Pb isotopic ratios measured in february 2014 on a MC-ICP-MS (PSO/IFREMER, Brest, France). Nd isotopic values are corrected for mass fractionation to  $^{146}Nd^{144}Nd = 0.721903$ . Average values of JNDi and La Jolla (standards for Nd) are <sup>143</sup>Nd<sup>/144</sup>Nd = 0.512105 ± 0.000008 (2σ ; n=6) and <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd = 0.511859 ± 0.000010 (2σ ; n=4) respectively. Pb isotopic values are corrected for drift of <sup>205</sup>Tl/<sup>203</sup>Tl ratio a the blank. Average values of NIST SRM 981 (standard for Pb) are <sup>206</sup>Pb<sup>/204</sup>Pb = 16.9300 ± 0.0006 (2σ; n=10); <sup>207</sup>Pb<sup>/204</sup>Pb = 15.4844 ± 0.0007 (2σ; n=10); <sup>208</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb = 36.6743 ± 0.0019 (2σ; n=10).