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22 ABSTRACT

23 From oxic atmosphere to metallic core, the Earth's components are broadly stratified with 24 respect to oxygen fugacity. A simple picture of reducing oxygen fugacity with depth may be 25 disrupted by the accumulation of oxidised crustal material in the deep lower mantle, entrained 26 there as a result of subduction. While hotspot volcanoes are fed by regions of the mantle likely 27 to have incorporated such recycled material, the oxygen fugacity of erupted hotspot basalts had 28 long been considered comparable to slightly more oxidised than that of mid-ocean ridge basalt 29 (MORB) and more reduced than subduction zone basalts. Here we report measurements of the 30 redox state of glassy crystal-hosted melt inclusions from tephra and quenched lava samples 31 from the Canary and Cape Verde Islands, that we can independently show were entrapped prior to extensive sulfur degassing. We find high ferric iron to total iron ratios (Fe³⁺/ Σ Fe) of up to 32 0.27–0.30, indicating that mantle plume primary melts are significantly more oxidised than 33 34 those at mid-ocean ridges and even subduction zone contexts. These results, together with 35 previous investigations from the Erebus, Hawaiian and Icelandic hotspots, confirm that mantle 36 upwelling provides a return flow from the deep Earth for components of oxidised subducted 37 lithosphere and suggest that highly oxidised material accumulates or is generated in the lower 38 mantle. The oxidation state of the Earth's interior must therefore be highly heterogeneous and 39 potentially locally inversely stratified.

40 I. INTRODUCTION

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42 Temperature, pressure, volatile content, major element composition and oxygen fugacity (f_{02}) 43 are the five parameters controlling the occurrence and extent of partial melting in Earth's 44 mantle, ultimately dictating where magmatic activity occurs on our planet. Of those, variables, oxygen fugacity of the mantle remains the least constrained yet its influence on phase 45 46 relationship, volatile speciation, element partitioning and mantle physical properties is primary (e.g., Arculus, 1985). In terrestrial rocks, oxygen fugacity varies by over nine orders of 47 48 magnitude (e.g., Parkinson and Arculus, 1999), but it remains to be seen how much oxygen fugacity varies in the upper mantle, especially in regions where melting occurs and if indeed 49 50 systematic differences exist between tectonic contexts.

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52 Our understanding of the oxygen fugacity of the upper mantle feeding volcanoes and their magmatic systems has been largely derived from measurements of the oxidation state 53 (expressed as the Fe³⁺/ Σ Fe ratio) of erupted basalts (e.g., Christie et al., 1986; Carmichael, 54 55 1991; Bezos and Humler, 2005; Rhodes and Vollinger, 2005; Cottrell and Kelley, 2011). Basaltic lavas sampled at hotspot volcanoes (e.g., Mallmann and O'Neill, 2009; Rhodes and 56 57 Vollinger, 2005; Roeder et al., 2003) have an oxidation state typically more reduced than 58 basaltic lavas from subduction zone volcanoes and comparable to that of global mid-ocean 59 ridge basalt (MORB), implying that the oxygen fugacity of mantle plumes is similar to that of 60 the mantle feeding MORB, i.e., near the fayalite-magnetite-quartz (FMQ) oxygen buffer (e.g., 61 Bezos and Humler, 2005; Birner et al., 2018; Cottrell and Kelley, 2011; O'Neill et al., 2018; 62 Zhang et al., 2018). However, it has become increasingly clear, from both theoretical 63 considerations (e.g., Anderson and Wright, 1972; Burgisser and Scaillet, 2007; Métrich et al., 64 2009; Gaillard et al., 2011, 2015) and observations (e.g., Anderson and Wright, 1972;

65 Carmichael and Ghiorso, 1986; Kelley and Cottrell, 2012; Moussallam et al., 2014, 2016; Helz et al., 2017; Brounce et al., 2017; Longpré et al., 2017), that the oxygen fugacity of mantle 66 67 melts can be strongly affected by the degassing of volatiles (especially sulfur) during magma 68 ascent to the surface. While this effect can be minor for MORB magmas erupted under high 69 hydrostatic pressure (e.g., Shorttle et al., 2015), it may be significant for shallow submarine 70 and subaerial eruptions of hotspot volcanoes. Investigation of the oxygen fugacity of the upper 71 mantle feeding hotspot volcanoes therefore demands identification and study of un-degassed 72 melts that preserve the oxidation state acquired in equilibrium with the mantle.

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74 In this work, we examine a series of olivine-hosted melt inclusions, embayments and matrix 75 glasses from tephra and lava ballon samples erupted at the hotspots of the Canary (El Hierro 76 and Lanzarote volcanoes) and Cape Verde (Fogo volcano) Islands whose mantle plume origin 77 from the lower mantle is demonstrated from geophysical observations (French and 78 Romanowicz, 2015). Melt inclusions represent samples of the melt taken at various stages 79 during the degassing process, and previous investigations at these volcanoes have highlighted 80 the presence of volatile-rich melt inclusions entrapped at depths exceeding 10 km (Gómez-81 Ulla, 2018; Longpré et al., 2017) and little affected by sulfur degassing. We report here on 82 measurements of the oxidation state of these melt inclusions obtained by X-ray absorption near-83 edge structure (XANES) spectroscopy at the iron K-edge.

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Throughout the text, melt fO_2 is calculated from Fe³⁺/ Σ Fe using Equation 7 from Kress and Carmichael (1991) and Δ FMQ refers to the difference in fO_2 between the melt and the Fayalite-Magnetite-Quartz (FMQ) mineral redox buffer as reported in Frost (1991).

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II. SAMPLES AND METHODS

- Olivine-hosted melt inclusions, matrix glasses and embayments from rapidly-quenched tephra and lava balloon samples collected from the 1824 Lanzarote, 2011-2012 El Hierro, as well as tephra samples from Fogo volcano were polished on both sides to obtain doubly-exposed wafers with at least a 10 x 10 μ m obstruction-free area through the inclusion. The analysed melt inclusions vary in minimum size from 36 to 181 μ m in diameter (Table S1) and consist of brown-coloured transparent glass of ovoid shape (Fig. S1).
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Two samples from Fogo volcano eruption were used in this study. The first (Fogo05) was 98 99 collected on the western part of the Bordeira caldera wall at lat 14.936°; long -24.391°; 2190 100 m asl and consists of amalgamated tephra (poorly sorted, coarse-ashto fine-lapilli size) with 101 abundant orthopyroxene (up to 15%) and rare olivine phenocrysts. The second (Fogo11) was 102 collected on the western part of the Bordeira caldera wall at lat 14.937°; long -24.392°; 2340 103 m asl and consists of nearly aphyric (small pyroxenes and very rare olivine) phreatomagmatic 104 tephra (moderately sorted, medium-to-coarse ash size) deposits. Tephra from "Volcan de Tao" 105 (TAO) 1824 eruption at Lanzarote were used in this study (lat 29.03C; long -13.63V). Tephra 106 are highly vesiculated (50–60 vol%), fine to coarse lapilli in size, with olivine phenocrysts 107 ranging from 5 to 10% and trace amounts of clinopyroxene and plagioclase (see details in 108 Gómez-Ulla, 2018). Samples from El Hierro (EH) used in this study came from seawater-109 quenched lava balloons, with shell ≤ 5 cm thick collected at lat 27.697°; long -17.993°. The 110 lavas contains olivine, clinopyroxenes and Fe-Ti oxides (see details in Longpré et al., 2017).

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- 112 **2.1 XANES data acquisition**

All samples were analysed on Beamline I18 at the Diamond Light Source (DLS) using Fe Kedge XANES (X-ray absorption near-edge structure spectroscopy). The X-rays were focused

115 with Kirkpatrick-Baez mirrors down to 2 μ m (horizontal) \times 1.2 μ m (vertical) beam size. The beamline utilises a liquid nitrogen-cooled double-crystal monochromator with silicon crystals 116 117 and the Si (333) reflection was used to increase the energy resolution. Measurements were 118 performed in fluorescence mode, where we used two energy-dispersive Vortex ME-4 silicon 119 drift detectors positioned at 45 degrees to the incident beam (one located directly above the 120 other and pointing towards the sample). The sample was positioned so that the normal to the 121 sample surface was at 45 degrees to the incident X-ray beam. Default analytical conditions for XANES at I18 yield a photon flux of 10^{10} ph/s by attenuating (using a combination of 122 aluminium foils and slit) a 10^{12} ph/s primary beam upstream of the ion chamber. The beam can 123 124 then be further attenuated (using Al foil). For melt inclusions, the incident X-ray beam was 125 additionally filtered with an Al foil of 0.25 mm thickness to remove the effect of beam damage 126 on the sample (see section below). Matrix glasses, which are water-poor, were analysed using 127 an additional 0.1 mm Al foil attenuation. The energy step sizes and dwell times used are given in Table S2. For melt inclusions, two spectra were acquired and co-added for each analysis. 128 129 All XANES spectra of melt inclusions were examined for contamination from the olivine host. 130 Spectra showing any structure in the edge and post-edge region were rejected (see Fig. S6 in 131 Moussallam et al., 2014 for an example of contaminated spectra).

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133 **2.2 Beam damage**

The effect of sample exposure to focused beams of X-rays on iron speciation has been investigated in several studies under a range of beam and sample conditions (e.g., Cottrell et al., 2018, 2009; Moussallam et al., 2016, 2014; Shorttle et al., 2015). These works showed that the stronger the photon flux and the more water-rich the sample, the higher the amount of photo-oxidation. Accordingly, we performed a series of tests in order to determine the analytical conditions required to avoid beam damage for our samples.

141	We used a hydrated experimental glass of basaltic composition (49.36 wt.% SiO ₂ , 1.47 wt.%
142	TiO ₂ , 14.36 wt.% Al ₂ O ₃ , 8.61 wt.% FeO, 0.16 wt.% MnO, 9.08 wt.% MgO, 11.71 wt.% CaO,
143	3.26 wt.% Na ₂ O, 1.3 wt.% K ₂ O) with a Fe ³⁺ / Σ Fe = 0.22 (obtained using the Smithsonian basalt
144	glass calibration and Zhang et al., (2018) $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ values from Mössbauer spectroscopy and
145	under the beam damage-free analytical conditions described below). This glass was chosen
146	because it contains 5.2 wt.% H ₂ O (as determined by SIMS), which is considerably more than
147	any of the natural glasses analysed subsequently, hence it represents a worst-case scenario in
148	terms of beam damage. We positioned the monochromator at a fixed energy of 7114.3 eV,
149	corresponding to the oxidised peak of the pre-edge doublet. We then opened the shutter and
150	counted the fluoresced X-rays every second for 1000 sec (~17 min) (Fig. 1). This beam damage
151	test was popularised by Shorttle et al., (2015) and further used by Cottrell et al., (2018) and has
152	the advantage over the more classic repeated quick-scan approach (e.g., Moussallam et al.,
153	2016, 2014; Wilke et al., 2008) to allow identification of any beam damage occurrence over
154	the first seconds of sample-beam interaction. We found that, under our analytical conditions
155	and using an Al foil of 0.25 mm that attenuates the beam to about 1% of its original flux
156	(calculated based on theoretical absorption, equivalent to $\sim 10^8$ photon/s or $\sim 10^7$ to 10^8
157	photon/s/µm ²), no change in fluoresced intensity was recorded under beam exposure. By
158	contrast, using a 0.10 mm Al foil or no attenuation at all produced significant photo-oxidation
159	of the iron. These results indicate that Fe in our natural samples, measured using a 0.25 mm Al
160	foil, was not oxidised during XANES analyses. Note that conditions at each synchrotron
161	beamline are slightly different, so the conditions under which we observe no resolvable beam
162	damage at I18 are entirely reproducible but not directly transposable to another
163	synchrotron/beamline. In the same way that calibration with glass standards is required before

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164 each XANES analytical session, we recommend that a beam damage test and identification of
165 beam damage-free analytical conditions be performed before each XANES analytical session.



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168 *Figure 1*: *Time series of normalised fluoresced intensity* (*FF*) *over* I_0 *at 7114.3 eV integrated* over 1 s intervals for a hydrated (5.2 wt.% H_2O) basaltic glass under three different beam 169 170 attenuation conditions. A fresh spot was illuminated with a 2.5 x 1.2 μm^2 beam for each 171 analysis. While photo-oxidation can clearly be seen with no beam attenuation and with an 172 attenuation down to about 16% of the original beam flux (using a 0.1 mm Al foil), no photo-173 oxidation can be detected once the beam has been attenuated down to 1% of its original flux (using a 0.25 mm Al foil). Note that in order to improve the signal/noise level during the test 174 175 with a 0.25 mm Al foil, the detectors were moved closer to the (another time series acquired on another spot without the detector adjustment is shown in Fig. S5). 176

178 **2.3 Standards and Mössbauer spectroscopy**

179 Glass standards for the XANES analyses were prepared in a controlled atmosphere furnace at 180 the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge using a controlled CO₂-CO gas 181 mixture. For each experiment, 50 mg of sample was placed in a platinum crucible. The sample 182 was then introduced into the furnace and heated at 1400°C and left to equilibrate for two hours. 183 At the end of each experiment, rapid quenching preserved chemical equilibrium as the sample 184 dropped into a container of deionised water. The drop was initiated by short-circuiting the thin 185 platinum wire by passing a current through the thick platinum wires. Six basanite standards of 186 2011-2012 El Hierro magma composition (44.4 wt.% SiO₂, 5.0 wt% TiO₂, 13.7 wt.% Al₂O₃, 187 12.5 wt.% FeOt, 0.2 wt.% MnO, 8.1 wt.% MgO, 10.7 wt.% CaO, 3.5 wt.% Na₂O, 1.4 wt.% K₂O and 0.5 wt.% P₂O₅) were equilibrated at various fO₂ conditions (FMQ-1, FMQ, NNO, 188 189 NNO+0.5, NNO+1 and NNO+1.5). All experiments were performed twice; first, in order to 190 equilibrate the Pt crucible with Fe at each fO_2 (during 24h) and, second, to produce the glass 191 used as standard. All standard glasses were subsequently analysed by electron microprobe. A 192 20-point electron microprobe transect was made across each standard to ensure all samples 193 were homogeneous and that neither iron nor sodium loss had occurred.

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All basanite glass standards were analysed for Fe³⁺/ Σ Fe by Mössbauer spectroscopy at the 195 196 Bayerisches Geoinstitut. Samples were analysed at room temperature using a constant 197 acceleration Mössbauer spectrometer in transmission mode with a nominal 370 MBg ⁵⁷Co 198 point source in a 12 µm Rh matrix. The active dimensions of the point source were 500 x 500 199 μ m. The velocity scale was calibrated relative to α -Fe and line widths of 0.36 mm/s were 200 obtained for the outer lines of α -Fe at room temperature. Fits to Mössbauer spectra were 201 performed using MossA (Prescher et al., 2012) according to the approach used by Zhang et al. 202 (2018) (xVBF model). A linear baseline was added to account for the shadowing effect and all fits used the full transmission integral to account for thickness effects of source and absorber (Rancourt, 1989). Conventional constraints (doublet components with equal widths and areas) were used and $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ ratios were determined from the relative areas corrected for recoil-free fraction effects according to Zhang et al. (2018). All Mössbauer spectra are shown in Fig. S2 and values are reported in Table S3.

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209 **2.4 XANES spectra processing, Fe³⁺/**∑Fe calibration and data quality

210 As stated above, in order to avoid any beam damage and photo-oxidation of iron under the X-211 ray beam, all analyses of melt inclusions were performed using a highly attenuated beam (1% 212 of initial photon flux). These analytical conditions resulted in acquired spectra of lower quality 213 than typical for XANES analyses at the Fe K-edge (examples of such spectra are shown in Fig. 214 $\frac{2}{2}$). Noise in the acquired spectra made typical fitting of the pre-edge region with a combination 215 of a linear function and a damped harmonic oscillator function (DHO), and subsequent centroid 216 determination (e.g., Wilke et al., 2001; Farges, 2001; Berry et al., 2003; Wilke et al., 2004; 217 Cottrell et al., 2009; Moussallam et al., 2014) imprecise. To circumvent this problem, we used 218 the ratio of the pre-edge peak heights, on which we found spectra quality had a lesser effect, to derive $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ from natural spectra. In detail, the pre-edge region was still fitted with a 219 220 combination of a linear function and a damped harmonic oscillator function (DHO) but instead 221 of determining the centroid we measured the relative height of the $1s \rightarrow 3d$ pre-edge feature 222 absorption multiplet peaks. The peak height ratio was then parameterised against the Fe valence 223 state using our basanite glasses standards (Fig. 3).



Figure 2: Example of edge-step normalised XANES spectra (two co-add) obtained using a 0.25
mm Al plate attenuation. Spectra from both more oxidised (dashed lines) and more reduced
(dotted lines) melt inclusions are shown for El Hierro (red), Lanzarote (blue) and Fogo (green)
volcanoes.



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231 Figure 3: : Calibration line of the peak height ratio determined by XANES compared with the $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ ratios determined by Mössbauer spectroscopy in basanite standard glasses (this 232 233 study) and basaltic standard glasses from the Smithsonian (Mössbauer values from Zhang et 234 al., (2018)). A linear regression through the basanite and basalt standards data (dotted black line) yields an equation of y = 0.37x - 0.09 with an R² of 0.98, a P-value of 1.6x10⁻⁶ and a 235 236 standard error on the regression of 0.013. Dashed red lines show 95% confidence intervals. Note that the relationship between the peak height ratio and $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ is well captured by a 237 linear regression for $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ between 0.1 and 0.4 (see supplementary Fig. S6), in agreement 238 239 with previous studies (e.g., Cottrell et al., 2009).

In order to estimate the effect of lower quality spectra on the estimation of the peak height ratio we compared the ratio obtained from the processing of two co-added low quality spectra

243 produced with a 0.25 mm Al plate attenuation to the ratio retrieved from normal high quality spectra obtained with 0.1 mm Al plate attenuation for twelve basaltic Smithsonian standards 244 (Fig. S3). The standard deviation between these analyses was used to determine the error on 245 the peak height ratio ($1\sigma = 0.03$) which translates to a standard deviation of 0.012 on the 246 measured Fe³⁺/ Σ Fe ratio. Note that this is the relative error from XANES analyses, the absolute 247 error in term of Fe³⁺/ Σ Fe is given by the standard error on the calibration curve (1 σ = 0.013). 248 249 Matrix glasses were acquired with lower attenuation (0.1 mm Al plate) and hence processed 250 using the more commonly used centroid method (e.g., Cottrell et al., 2009; Moussallam et al., 251 2016, 2014).

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253 **2.5 Major elements and volatile analyses**

254 Major and volatile (S, Cl, and F) element concentrations were measured on a Cameca SX-100 255 electron microprobe at the Laboratoire Magmas et Volcans, in Clermont-Ferrand using an accelerating voltage of 15 keV, a beam current of 6 nA for major elements and 40 nA for 256 257 volatiles with a 10 um spot diameter. Sodium was analysed first to prevent Na loss. The counting time was 10 s for Na, Ca, Ti, P and Si, 20 s for Mg and Al, 30 s for Mn and finally 40 258 s for Fe and K. The instrument was calibrated on natural and synthetic mineral standards and 259 260 glasses. The Kilauea basaltic glass VG-A99 (Jarosewich et al., 1979) and a pantellerite glass 261 from Eburru Kenya KE12 (Mosbah et al., 1991), which are all international glass standards, 262 were used as an inter-laboratory check for major element, S and Cl and F concentrations, 263 respectively.

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H₂O and CO₂ concentrations were determined by FTIR spectroscopy using a Vertex 70 Bruker
spectrometer equipped with an infrared microscope (Hyperion) and an MCT detector at the
Laboratoire Magmas et Volcans, in Clermont-Ferrand. Absorption spectra were acquired with

128 scans in the near-infrared region at a resolution of 4 cm^{-1} . The total amount of water was 268 calculated from the absorbance of the fundamental OH-stretching vibration at about 3535 cm^{-1} 269 270 while the amount of CO₂ was calculated using the "carbonate doublet" (Blank and Brooker, 1994) at 1515 and 1430 cm⁻¹. The sample thickness was measured on a Raman microscope 271 272 and background correction (using a cubic function for CO₂ and a linear function for H₂O) was 273 performed using PeakFit software (Jandel Scientific) to measure absorption peak heights. We 274 used molar absorptivity values for basanite from Shishkina et al., (2014). Melt inclusions major 275 and volatile compositions are given in Tables S4 and S5.

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277 **2.6** Assessment of post-entrapment modification of melt inclusions.

278 2.6.1 Post-entrapment crystallisation

279 The amount of post-entrapment crystallisation was estimated using the Petrolog3 software 280 (Danyushevsky and Plechov, 2011). Calculations were performed using the olivine-melt model 281 of Danyushevsky, (2001), the density model of Lange and Carmichael, (1990), the model for 282 melt oxidation of Kress and Carmichael, (1988) and the model of Toplis, (2005) for the 283 compositional dependence of the olivine-liquid Fe-Mg exchange coefficient (Kd). Note that calculations in Petrolog3 are performed under anhydrous conditions at 1 atm. Calculations were 284 performed assuming a system closed to oxygen, in which case Fe^{3+} is treated as an incompatible 285 element. The Fe³⁺/ Σ Fe ratios measured by XANES were used to calculate Fe₂O₃ and FeO 286 contents for each melt inclusion as input for the calculations. 287

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Fig. 4 compares the measured Fo content of the host olivine to its expected value at equilibrium based on uncorrected melt inclusion composition. Most calculated olivine compositions agree with measured compositions within a few Fo% suggesting a limited amount of post-entrapment crystallisation or Fe-loss by re-equilibration. Another method to estimate if iron has been loss from melt inclusions is to compare measured melt inclusion compositions to liquid lines of descent defined by published bulk rocks and glasses at each hotspot locality (Fig. S7). Using this method, we find that melt inclusions from Lanzarote and to a lesser extent, El Hierro, might have suffered some amount of iron loss. We consider this second method to be less accurate, however, as it assumes a co-genetic link between rock sequences that might be unrelated.

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Figure 4: Comparison between measured and equilibrium Fo content of host olivine for melt
inclusions from Fogo (blue), El Hierro (green) and Lanzarote (red). Equilibrium Fo contents
are calculated by Petrolog3 software (Danyushevsky and Plechov, 2011) using the model
of Toplis, (2005) for the compositional dependence of the olivine-liquid Fe-Mg exchange
coefficient (Kd).

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306 Since post-entrapment crystallisation and re-equilibration calculations are highly model 307 dependent and current models of Fe-Mg exchange coefficient are not well calibrated for basanite composition, we choose not to use PEC results from Petrolog3 to "correct" the measured oxidation state of iron in the melt inclusions. We note that the calculated amount of PEC from Petrolog3 is small (from 0 to 3.7%, average of 1.3%, median of 1%) and hence that the measured oxidation states of the melt inclusions are representative of the melt oxidation states at the time of entrapment. Post-entrapment crystallisation corrected compositions are reported in Table S7.

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- 315 2.6.2 Volatile diffusion

316 Post-entrapment diffusion of volatiles either through the olivine host (for H) (Hauri, 2002; 317 Massare et al., 2002) or in the vapor bubble (for CO₂) (Anderson and Brown, 1993; Steele-318 Macinnis et al., 2011) can modify the original volatile content of melt inclusions. As such, our 319 measurements of H₂O and CO₂ can be considered as minimum estimates of the original 320 amounts dissolved in the inclusions even though all of our samples are from rapidly quenched 321 tephra and lava ballons. Higher (than measured) original H_2O and CO_2 contents of the melt 322 inclusions would yield greater calculated entrapment pressures but would make no difference 323 to the conclusions presented here. H diffusion out of a melt inclusion could, however, also have 324 an impact on the oxidation state of the inclusion with a predicted increase of the oxidation state 325 of the melt inclusion with increasing amount of H diffusion (some experiments have shown no 326 effect (Rowe et al., 2007) while others found a complete re-equilibration with the groundmass 327 (Bucholz et al., 2013; Gaetani et al., 2012)). Although this process cannot be ruled out, the 328 opposite correlation between H₂O and oxidation state shown by previous datasets as well as 329 ours (see Results section) strongly argues against this process dominating the observed data 330 variability.

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2.7 Effect of differentiation

Fig. S8 shows an absence of correlation between three proxies of melt differentiation and the 334 oxidation state of the melt, indicating that differentiation is not the dominant factor affecting 335 336 melt oxidation state in our data set. To assess the potential effect of pre-entrapment crystallization of olivine on $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$, we modelled reverse crystallization paths for our melt 337 inclusions along olivine-control lines using PRIMELT3 (Herzberg and Asimow, 2015) until 338 the melts reached equilibrium with Fo₉₀ olivine. The results shown in Fig. 5 and Table S8 339 indicate a modest decrease in $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ with reverse crystallization, demonstrating that melts 340 341 parental to our melt inclusions were already oxidised.

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Figure 5: Sensitivity analysis of the effects of post-entrapment crystallisation and preentrapment crystallization of olivine on melt $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$. Post-entrapment crystallisation estimated using Petrolog3 software (Danyushevsky and Plechov, 2011) assuming a system closed to oxygen, with Fe^{3+} behaving incompatibly, leads to a decrease in $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ in corrected inclusions. The effect of pre-entrapment crystallization of olivine, modelled with PRIMELT3 (Herzberg and Asimow, 2015) until melt–Fo₉₀ olivine equilibrium is reached, is

shown to have modest effects on $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ over large MgO ranges, suggesting that primary 350 351 magmas were oxidised. Note that samples from Lanzarote (red) might have experienced Feloss (Fig. S9). 352

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III. **RESULTS**

Melt inclusions from all three localities have $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ ratios of 0.17 to 0.30 (with one sigma 354 355 error of 0.012). These values are representative of the oxidation state of the melt at the time of 356 entrapment and of their parental primitive magmas (see calculation of the effect of preentrapment processes in the methods section). The Fe³⁺/ Σ Fe ratios of the melt inclusions do 357 not correlate with major element composition (see methods section) but they are strongly 358 359 correlated with volatile contents (Fig. 6 A to C). More volatile-rich melt inclusions, i.e., those 360 entrapped at greater depths, are systematically more oxidised than their volatile-poor 361 counterparts. This trend is even clearer when comparing our results with reported analyses for 362 the Erebus (Moussallam et al., 2014), Icelandic (Hartley et al., 2017) and Hawaiian (Moussallam et al., 2016; Brounce et al., 2017) hotspots. 363



365 Figure 6: Volatile contents of melt inclusions, embayments and matrix glasses and 366 corresponding volatile saturation pressures, for Fogo, Lanzarote and El Hierro (this study) and 367 for Kīlauea (Moussallam et al., 2016), Mauna Kea (Brounce et al., 2017), Laki (Hartley et al., 2017) and Erebus (Moussallam et al., 2014) versus $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$, determined by XANES. A. S 368 369 concentration (in ppm; determined by electron microprobe). **B**. H₂O concentration (in wt%; 370 determined by Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy). C. CO₂ concentration (in ppm; 371 determined by Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy). D. Calculated entrapment pressure 372 (using the model of Iacono-Marziano et al., 2012 and accounting for S in the data of this study), 373 with CO_2 -H₂O saturation curves shown in the supplementary information. Note that 374 entrapment pressure estimates are always a minimum and that samples from Lanzarote might 375 have experienced Fe-loss.

376 IV. DISCUSSION

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4.1 A case for oxidised mantle plumes

The most volatile-rich inclusions from El Hierro, Lanzarote and Fogo record $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ ratios 379 ranging from 0.27 to 0.30, corresponding to oxygen fugacities around 1.5 to 2 log units above 380 381 the FMO buffer. The only available comparable data, from very-deeply entrapped melt 382 inclusions recording conditions prior to extensive degassing, are from Ross Island, Antarctica 383 where similarly high oxygen fugacities have been found (Moussallam et al., 2014). The finding 384 that all investigated hotspot volcanoes (El Hierro, Lanzarote, Fogo and Erebus), for which 385 deeply-entrapped (> 8 km) melt inclusions are available, are associated with strongly oxidised 386 primitive melts suggests a global relationship. This is corroborated by three other lines of 387 evidence: (i) the observation of increasingly-oxidised MORB approaching hotspots such as Iceland (Shorttle et al., 2015); (ii) the abundance of S^{6+} in hotspot basalts (Brounce et al., 2017; 388 389 Jugo et al., 2010); and (iii) the determination of slightly more oxidizing (up to FMQ+1) 390 conditions in the least-degassed melt inclusions and glasses available from other hotspot 391 volcanoes (Hawai'i (Brounce et al., 2017; Moussallam et al., 2016) and Iceland (Hartley et al., 392 2017)).

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The most volatile-rich and deeply-entrapped melt inclusions should record conditions closest to the original mantle melt. From our dataset the effect of crystal fractionation on fO_2 appears to be minimal (see methods section). Even the most deeply-entrapped inclusions, however, likely experienced some amount of degassing. The original, pre-degassing, degree of oxidation of the melt can be estimated if we know how volatile-rich, especially how sulfur-rich, that melt was prior to degassing. Previous studies for Lanzarote (Gómez-Ulla, 2018) and El Hierro (Longpré et al., 2017) reported melt inclusions with sulfur contents of up to 3900 and 5000 401 ppm, respectively, while for Hawaii (at Lō'ihi) sulfur contents of up to 3300 ppm have been 402 reported (Hauri, 2002). Extrapolating from our dataset, and in coherence with previous 403 degassing models (Moussallam et al., 2014), such sulfur contents would imply a mantle melt 404 oxygen fugacity about 2.0 log units above the FMQ buffer (Fig. 7), hence a mantle source about 405 two log units more oxidised than that feeding mid-ocean ridges (around FMQ; e.g., Berry et 406 al., 2018; Bezos and Humler, 2005; Birner et al., 2018, 2017; Bryndzia and Wood, 1990; 407 Cottrell and Kelley, 2011; Zhang et al., 2018). These estimates are also significantly more 408 oxidised than those inferred for primitive melts in the mantle wedge feeding arc magmas 409 (around FMQ+1; e.g., Bénard et al., 2018; Brandon and Draper, 1996; Parkinson and Arculus, 1999). 410

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412 It should be noted that by equating the oxidation state of deep melts to that of their mantle 413 source we are assuming that melts are effectively buffered by their mantle source during partial 414 melting. For MORBs, several lines of evidence support this hypothesis; (i) the lack of correlation between $Fe^{3+/\Sigma}Fe$ of MORB glasses and parameters sensitive to the degree of partial 415 416 melting (Bézos and Humler, 2005, Cottrell and Kelley, 2011), (ii) the similarity in measured 417 oxidation state of MORB glasses and co-located peridotites (Birner et al., 2018), and (iii) experimental investigations of partial melting showing that the melt $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ ratios remain 418 419 constant over varying degrees of partial melting (Sorbadere et al., 2018). In plume contexts it is currently unknown if this assumption remains valid. The relationship between Fe^{3+/} Σ Fe and 420 fO_2 in low-degree, volatile- and alkali-rich, partial melts is not well established, and it is 421 422 conceivable that partial melting in some contexts would operate as an open system favouring the generation of Fe^{3+} -rich melts (Fe^{3+} being mildly incompatible during partial melting, e.g., 423 Canil et al., 1994; Holloway and Burnham, 1972; Mallmann and O'Neill, 2009; Sorbadere et 424 425 al., 2018). Given the current lack of evidence of such open-system partial melting processes taking place, we assume here that partial melting in plume contexts operates similarly to partial
melting in mid-ocean ridge contexts in terms of oxidation state, and hence that the oxidation
state of partial melts pre-degassing is similar to that of their source.



Figure 7: Sulfur contents of melt inclusions, embayments and matrix glasses from this study 430 431 and for Kīlauea (Moussallam et al., 2016), Mauna Kea (Brounce et al., 2017), Laki (Hartley et 432 al., 2017) and Erebus (Moussallam et al., 2014) compared with the oxygen fugacity of the melt 433 expressed as the deviation from the fayalite-magnetite-quartz buffer. The pink shaded area represents inferred conditions of the primitive mantle melt feeding hotspots, extrapolated from 434 435 the data trend to the maximum reported sulfur contents (of around 3000 to 5000 ppm) in melt inclusions from hotspot volcanoes. The light orange arrow shows the expected relationship 436 437 between sulfur content and melt oxidation state due to sulfur degassing (e.g., Moussallam et al., 2014, 2016). The dashed grey line shows the maximum amount of sulfur that can be 438

dissolved at a given oxidation state in common basaltic melts at 200 MPa (Botcharnikov et al.,
2011). Note that samples from Lanzarote might have experienced Fe-loss.

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4.2 Recycling of oxidised subducted material

443 Mantle plumes, as the source of hotspot volcanism, might therefore be considerably more 444 oxidised than their surrounding mantle. The simplest explanation for this phenomenon is that 445 these plumes entrain recycled surface-derived material such as subducted oceanic crust. Indeed, isotopic and trace element evidence indicating the presence of recycled oceanic (and sometimes 446 447 continental) crust in mantle plumes is abundant (Chauvel et al., 1992; Day et al., 2010; Gómez-Ulla et al., 2017; Hauri, 1996; Hofmann and White, 1982). In particular, helium, argon, lead 448 449 and strontium isotopic ratios suggest that in both the Canary (e.g., Day and Hilton, 2011; 450 Hiltona et al., 2000)) and Cape Verde (e.g., Christensen et al., 2001; Doucelance et al., 2003; 451 Millet et al., 2008) hotspots a lower mantle and a HIMU component (interpreted as recycled 452 subducted oceanic crust) must have mixed to explain the isotopic composition of extruded 453 lavas. The observation that oxidised mantle melts in hotspot settings are also S-rich (Fig. 7) 454 might additionally suggest the presence of recycled oceanic crust in their parental mantle since hydrothermally-altered crust is enriched in S (Alt et al., 1993), although multiple lines of 455 456 evidence suggest that most of the S in the subducting slab might migrate to the mantle wedge, 457 with potentially limited amounts being brought deep into the mantle (Bénard et al., 2018; Jégo 458 and Dasgupta, 2014, 2013; Prouteau and Scaillet, 2013; Tomkins and Evans, 2015). An 459 alternative mechanism to explain the oxidised nature of mantle plumes is the decomposition of 460 subducted Fe₂O₃ from banded iron formations to Fe₃O₄ and Fe₂₅O₃₂ at pressures above ~60 461 and \sim 70 GPa, respectively (Bykova et al., 2016). This would generate an oxygen-rich fluid in 462 the lower mantle that could be sampled by ascending plumes. Yet another possibility relies on pressure effects on iron coordination. It has been proposed that pyrite-structured iron oxide 463

464 (FeO₂ – referred to as P-phase) may form under extreme pressure and temperature in the Earth's 465 interior (Hu et al., 2016). If so, highly oxidised patches containing iron in the 3+ valence state 466 may accumulate in the deep lower mantle (Hu et al., 2017, 2016; Streltsov et al., 2017). Early 467 incorporation of such material into mantle plumes would result in decomposition to Fe₂O₃ and 468 release of O₂ during decompression (reaction 1 in Hu et al., 2016), providing an additional 469 mechanism for generation of oxidised hotspot conditions. The hypothesis we favour, the most 470 simple, is the incorporation of recycled surface-derived material in plumes.

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2 **4.3 Implication for** *f***O**₂ **stratification and partial melting in Earth's mantle**

473 Mantle plumes might therefore play a key role in the deep oxygen - and potentially S - cycles, 474 providing a counterflow to subduction zones, and channelling oxidised material out of the deep 475 Earth. The oxidised nature of mantle plumes might also partly explain their seismic velocity 476 structure. It has been shown that the seismic properties of olivine are highly dependent on iron oxidation state, with olivine containing more Fe³⁺ showing enhanced anelastic relaxation (Ii et 477 478 al., 2018). The low-velocity anomalies found beneath hotspot volcanoes (e.g., French and 479 Romanowicz, 2015; Zhao, 2007) might then not only indicate elevated mantle temperatures 480 but also raised mantle oxygen fugacity.

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While the geochemically-layered view of the Earth's mantle that prevailed in the twentieth century has been progressively dismantled over the past four decades (e.g., White, 2015), our picture of mantle oxidation state has remained mostly one-dimensional, i.e., fO_2 decreasing steadily with depth (Frost and McCammon, 2008; Rohrbach and Schmidt, 2011; Woodland and Koch, 2003). Our findings suggest that geochemical, geophysical and redox heterogeneities should be linked in the Earth's mantle. A heterogeneous mantle in terms of oxidation state implies that processes such as carbon redox melting (the production of carbonated melts from the oxidation of CH₄ or native carbon (Taylor and Green, 1988; Foley, 2010; Rohrbach and Schmidt, 2011)) should occur over a wide range of depths in distinct regions of the mantle. Following Stagno et al., (2013), for instance, and considering that the mantle domains feeding hotspots are two log units more oxidised than those beneath mid-ocean ridges, redox melting associated with hotspots should prevail at much greater depths (Fig. 8), especially if these domains are also more carbon-rich.



Figure 8: Relationship between depth and oxygen fugacity (expressed as the deviation from the FMQ buffer) for variable $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ from Stagno et al., (2013). The stability fields of diamond and graphite are shown and bounded by the carbonate redox melting reaction line (thick black line). The green arrows (from Stagno et al., (2013)) show the expected evolution of an upwelling mantle with $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ ratio of 0.04, initiating carbonate melting at ~150 km. The blue arrows show the expected evolution of an upwelling mantle with a $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ ratio of

502 0.12, initiating carbonate melting at ~300 km depth. Both scenarios arbitrarily consider mantle sources with 30 ppm carbon (causing a reduction of the bulk rock Fe³⁺/ Σ Fe ratio by 1% during 503 504 redox melting). For greater carbon contents in the mantle sources (likely for hotspot mantle sources), a greater initial Fe³⁺/ Σ Fe ratio is required for the oxygen fugacity to remain in the 505 506 range estimated for MORB and hotspot sources. The relationship between $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ ratio and 507 oxygen fugacity for the mantle is calculated from equation 6 of Stagno et al., (2013) and differs 508 from that for the melts (calculated using Kress and Carmichael, (1991)). The boxes for hotspot 509 (this study and Moussallam et al., 2014), subduction zone (SZ) (e.g., Bénard et al., 2018; 510 Brandon and Draper, 1996; Parkinson and Arculus, 1999) and MORB (e.g., Berry et al., 2018; 511 Bezos and Humler, 2005; Christie et al., 1986; Zhang et al., 2018) primitive melts indicate oxidation state only (not depth). 512

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V. CONCLUSION

515 We have investigated the redox state of glassy crystal-hosted melt inclusions in lavas of the 516 Canary and Cape Verde Islands by XANES and compared them with similar measurements 517 from Ross Island, Hawaii and Iceland. We showed that, at all five investigated hotspots to date, 518 the apparently reduced state of erupted lavas is primarily acquired from degassing during 519 magma ascent.

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We found that the most deeply entrapped samples, i.e., those preserving mantle equilibrium conditions and found at the Canary, Cape Verde and Erebus hotspots, are highly oxidised. This leads us to infer that globally, present day mantle plumes might be up to two orders of magnitude more oxidised than mantle beneath mid-ocean ridges (that is fO_2 two log units above the FMQ buffer) and also more oxidised than the mantle wedge beneath subduction zone volcanoes. What emerges is a novel view of the oxidation state of the mantle, in which large heterogeneities exist both vertically and laterally.

529 We further argue that mantle plumes play a key role in the deep oxygen cycle, providing a 530 counterflow to subduction zones by channelling oxidised material out of the deep Earth. This can help to explain why the mean oxidation state of the upper mantle has changed little since 531 532 the Archean, despite several billion years of subduction of oxidised material. Our findings also 533 have implications for the interpretation of low seismic velocity anomalies beneath hotspot 534 volcanoes, as these might reflect the presence of more oxidised mantle as well as higher mantle temperatures. The more oxidised conditions imply in turn that carbonate redox melting 535 536 underneath hotspots should take place at much greater depths than underneath mid-ocean 537 ridges.

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