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 ABSTRACT: In water-bearing porous rocks, pore pressure variations play a major role in deformation, through dissolution−precipitation and fracturing processes. An often-overlooked variation where pressure falls to negative pressure or tension can operate whenever aquifer formations dry out, for 9 instance, in deep storage (nuclear or industrial wastes, long-term CO_2 mitigation, short-term energetic resources, etc.). This can generate capillary tension within the aquifers. This study investigates the mechanical effect of such in-pore tension in the surrounding crystal field, through laboratory experiments at the one-pore scale. Microthermometric procedures were carried out on synthetic fluid inclusions to generate large tensile stress and were combined with Raman microspectrometry to visualize the resulting stress fields in the host quartz. For comparison, we numerically modeled the stress field by linear elasticity theory. The experiments demonstrate that significant damage is produced in crystalline materials by the pore tension. Despite the induced stress measured by micro-

 Raman spectrometry to remain moderate, it is able to fracture the quartz. The volume of the cavity is a prominent controlling parameter for the stress amplitude. The crystalline heterogeneities of the solid are another major parameter for localizing the mean weak stress and accumulating overstress. Our results call for bringing pore-scale micromechanics into the safety assessment of the geological storage of various wastes inside depleted aquifers. They also show the magnifying effect of heterogeneities on propagating stress and localizing it along certain directions, promoting the final failure of water-bearing minerals, rocks, or pore networks.

KEYWORDS: tensile strength, pore rock damage, storage safety, Raman scattering, quartz weakening, fluid inclusions

1. INTRODUCTION

 Modern societies have growing interest in water-depleted aquifers for various storage operations, which are often accompanied by enhanced drying and increasing water tension (liquid negative pressure) in the liquid infilling the pores. Water tension in pores does induce a stress in the solid lattice around the fluid-bearing cavity, which is largely overlooked while possibly conducive to crystal failure. Even in the subcritical cracking regime, low stresses, possibly amplified at the tip of microcracks because of pre-existing flaws in the rock, and slow processes, persisting in the long term, can result in 35 rock failure (e.g., refs. 1,2).

 The micromechanics of such situations can be treated similarly to the drying-driven damage occurring in rocks at 38 variable humidities (e.g., refs.^{3,4}). The theory involves the role of variable water saturation, of capillary bridging forces crossing the micro/nanopores, and of disjoining forces that hinder adsorption of water in nanopores, all processes that cause strain softening and microcracking. In all these studies, it is difficult to distinguish at the relevant scale the mechanical role of field stress created by pore tension from stress corrosion

of chemical origin, which contributes to water weakening.^{5,6} In 45 particular, imaging and quantification of the microstress in the ⁴⁶ solid network, before and after fluid tension sets up in the ⁴⁷ pores, have been missing until now. ⁴⁸

The challenges associated with this area of research are first ⁴⁹ in materials science in which several examples of tension- ⁵⁰ driven fracture processes still require mechanistic explanations ⁵¹ or quantification. While sol−gel processing explains how ⁵² drying-driven stress causes bodies to crack, how nanoparticle ⁵³ suspensions dry is much less understood, depending ⁵⁴ appreciably on molecular-scale physics combining capillary 55 and viscous forces (e.g., refs.^{7,8}). How cementitious materials 56 dry is also of interest. There is little doubt there, ever since the 57 pioneering work^{9,10} showing that the main driving force is ss

Figure 1. Photomicrographs and EBSD measurements of the two inclusions of interest $(L = liquid$ aqueous solution; $V = vapor$). A. CsCl inclusion entirely filled by aqueous solution. B. NaOH inclusion. For each inclusion, two stereoplots show the orientation of the $[0001]$ and $[11\overline{2}0]$ axes within the host quartz, located perpendicular and parallel to the polishing plane, respectively. The redundant coordinate system (a_1 , a_2 , a_3 , c) is used (hexagonal lattice).

 capillary tension, possibly relayed in the smallest spaces by 60 disjoining pressure effects (e.g., refs^{11−14}). However, the main challenges are the role these processes may play in crystalline natural rocks, as for hydrosystems subjected to drying operations. The issue is understanding if and how these processes are able to generate new pore-scale stress fields and modify the cracking network of a rock as well as the air/water permeability throughout the aquifer. For illustration, nuclear waste storage in low-permeability rocks requires shaft and drift mining that dries out the rocks, expected over a few meters 69 around galleries (e.g., refs^{15−19}). On the one hand, ventilation of the tunnels promotes high tensions that can reach −100 71 MPa or more. 1° On the other hand, geochemical traces of air introduction are recorded up to 21 meters from the ventilated tunnel, whereas the formation is assumed to be water-saturated 74 at such a distance (e.g., refs.^{18,20}). The second illustration is the 75 injection of (supercritical) $CO₂$ into deep aquifers. This provokes intense drying in the near field of the wellbore with 77 strong and counterintuitive capillary effects.²¹⁻²³ Third, enhanced-oil recovery operations play with successive

sequences of various fluid injections (air, liquid, and oil). ⁷⁹ The water invasion in dried rocks is known to induce ⁸⁰ weakening effects without a clear viewpoint on the active ⁸¹ mechanisms (e.g., refs. $24,25$). Fourth, salt damage to cultural 82 heritage stones is mostly interpreted as the role of ⁸³ crystallization pressure but is accompanied by significant ⁸⁴ desaturation and capillary effects (e.g., refs. $14,26$).

The key objective of this contribution is therefore to address 86 drying-driven microcracking mechanisms, which may down- ⁸⁷ grade the material's quality and impact the physical properties ⁸⁸ (transmissivity and safety storage) of the damaged rock. Two ⁸⁹ experiments were designed with fluid inclusions synthesized in ⁹⁰ monocrystalline quartz and filled with aqueous solutions. As ⁹¹ such, they stand for pores in crystalline and cemented materials ⁹² but cannot be directly used to draw conclusions on natural ⁹³ fluid inclusions that contain less structural water and lower ⁹⁴ dislocation densities than synthetic fluid inclusions (SFIs). The ⁹⁵ occluded liquid was put under variable high tensions with ⁹⁶ various time frames, according to a microthermometric ⁹⁷ procedure (closed univariant system) (e.g., refs²⁷⁻³¹). The 98

⁹⁹ Raman shift of the quartz was mapped and shown to vary as a ¹⁰⁰ function of the in-pore tension, therefore visualizing the ¹⁰¹ internal stress fields in the host crystal.

 Two levels of damage occurred during the course of these experiments: optically invisible damage at the microscale and visible fracturing of the host quartz. The experimental investigations were compared to a numerical simulation based on isotropic linear elasticity. The distance of influence of the in-pore tension inside the host quartz appears strikingly larger than expectable, while the simulated and measured distributions of stress in the crystal match.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

 2.1. Samples. SFIs have been synthetized in two monocrystalline pieces of hydrothermal quartz. After thermal fracturing, the quartz pieces were healed at high pressure and 113 temperature (P, T) by SiO₂ overgrowth, in the presence of an aqueous solution of known composition.³⁰ One quartz piece was healed in the presence of a CsCl 13.6 M (69.6 wt %) brine, at 630 MPa and 480 °C for 20 days. Under ambient conditions, CsCl inclusions contain either two phases (a bubble of gas and a liquid phase) or a monophasic liquid-only 119 phase (Figure 1). This trapped solution is known to sustain the 120 most extreme tensile strength ever recorded in aqueous fluids 30 and therefore will serve to install super-high tensile stress. In addition, the decreasing water activity associated with the CsCl 123 electrolyte (0.57 from Pitzer calculations at $25^{\circ}C^{32}$) may contribute to water weakening by enhancing solubility, especially at the stress concentration zones.

¹²⁶ The other quartz piece was hydrothermally treated at 500 127 °C, 600 MPa for 45 days, in the presence of a 0.2 M NaOH ¹²⁸ dilute solution. Under ambient conditions, these NaOH 129 inclusions also contain either two phases-a bubble of gas 130 and a liquid phase-or a monophasic liquid-only phase (Figure ¹³¹ 1). The dilute NaOH solution trapped under high-density ¹³² conditions is prone to install liquid tension at room 133 temperature $(R\hat{T})^{30}$ and so serves to exhibit long-term tensile ¹³⁴ stress.

 These two electrolytes make the quartz more soluble, 136 especially under the synthesis conditions (0.63 GPa, 480 °C, 137 and 20 days for the first; 0.6 GPa, 500 °C, and 45 days, for the second), so they may produce inclusions with very good inner surfaces well prone to hosting superheating processes. 140 According to previous datasets, 30° and as mentioned above, CsCl solutions can sustain the most extreme tensile strength ever recorded in aqueous fluids, while dilute NaOH solutions are efficiently superheated at RT or below (high-density samples). Additionally, the role of both electrolytes during these experiments should have enforced the tensile stress by a chemical "weakening" effect. However, considering the slow kinetics of the dissolution−precipitation process under the thermometric cycle conditions, this effect is certainly of secondary importance.

 Electron back-scattered diffraction (EBSD) was used to determine the crystallographic orientation of the quartz samples around the fluid inclusions, after the microthermo- metric studies, to prevent any electron-driven defects. To do so, thin sections were chemically polished with a colloidal silica 155 suspension (0.04 μ m colloidal silica suspension, Struers) and then carbon-coated to prevent charging effects. All sections were tilted by 70° to the electron beam to produce clear diffraction patterns. Data were collected using an EDAX PEGASUS EDS/EBSD system and processed with OIM DC

6.4 software (manufacturer EDAX, Mahwah, USA), available at ¹⁶⁰ BRGM (Orléans, France). The working distance was of about 161 18 mm, at an accelerating voltage of 25 kV. 162

The samples are platelets containing the *a*- and *b*-axes and 163 thus perpendicular to the crystallographic c-axis (Figure 1). ¹⁶⁴

2.2. Method 1: Establishing Tensile Conditions in the ¹⁶⁵ **Pore Fluid.** High tension can be produced in a liquid 166 occluded inside a closed cavity, by making it monophasic ¹⁶⁷ through increasing temperature and then cooling down this ¹⁶⁸ monophasic liquid below the saturation curve along a constant ¹⁶⁹ volume trajectory. This procedure was largely used in the past ¹⁷⁰ to study the phase diagram of tensile water (e.g., refs.^{27 -31}) 171 and the corresponding changes of phase equilibria (e.g., ¹⁷² refs.^{33,34} using fluid inclusions; refs.^{35,36} using Berthelot tubes). 173

The starting pore material generally contains a biphasic ¹⁷⁴ liquid + vapor assemblage $(L + V)$. With progressive heating, 175 the liquid density and bubble pressure change, and the trapped ¹⁷⁶ liquid progressively invades the whole inclusion space (A to B ¹⁷⁷ path, Figure 2) up to a particular density where there is no 178 f2

Figure 2. Phase diagram of pure water in the P−T space, calculated with the IAPWS-95 equation of state. 37 Each isochore is labeled with the molar volume in cm³·mol⁻¹. The CsCl inclusion micrographs illustrate the fluid content present in the cavity at each characteristic step.

more vapor (point B, Figure 2). The inclusion is then ¹⁷⁹ recognized to be homogenized at the corresponding ¹⁸⁰ "homogenization temperature" (T_H) . Further heating drives 181 the P−T conditions in the inclusion along the isochore curve ¹⁸² inside the stable domain of liquid (B to C path, Figure 2). The ¹⁸³ second step is the progressive cooling of the sample, which ¹⁸⁴ follows the isochoric path as long as the inclusion remains ¹⁸⁵ homogeneously filled with liquid (C to D path without ¹⁸⁶ nucleation at B, Figure 2). Once T_H is crossed without bubble 187 nucleation, the monophasic liquid becomes metastable; that is, ¹⁸⁸ it is less stable than the liquid−vapor assemblage. The ¹⁸⁹ nucleation does not occur as long as the energy cost of the ¹⁹⁰ vapor−liquid interface fabrication is higher than the gain ¹⁹¹ afforded by the bulk energy of the most stable phase. $31,38$ Such 192 a monophasic liquid is superheated (located to the right of the ¹⁹³ saturation curve) and follows an isochoric cooling down to a ¹⁹⁴ certain temperature at which a bubble appears suddenly. This ¹⁹⁵ is the instantaneous nucleation temperature (T_{N}) , which is 196 always located within the tensile domain: nucleation in fluid ¹⁹⁷ inclusions disobeys the saturation conditions. After nucleation, ¹⁹⁸ the newly formed LV assemblage moves instantaneously back ¹⁹⁹ to the saturation curve conditions (D to E path, Figure 2). This ²⁰⁰

 procedure fabricates tensile water similar to that retrieved at the high capillary degree that forms under drying conditions. All thermal sequences were carried out on a Linkam heating−cooling stage THMS600, at a slow rate (2 °C/min) to avoid any temperature overshoot and guarantee a thermal equilibrium at each set point.

 2.3. Method 2: Measuring the Stress in the Container. In situ Raman spectrometry can be used to record the temperature/pressure shift of a solid material because of the 210 anharmonicity of a Raman-active vibration mode.³⁹ Anharmo- nicity is generally considered to have two contributions: explicit ones (as phonon−phonon interactions) and implicit ones coming from changes in bond lengths (under P or T 214 variations) (e.g., refs. 40,41). Both will lead to the wavenumber shift of vibration modes upon external solicitations such as temperature or hydrostatic pressure. A previous study on quartz⁴² investigated the changes in wavenumber and line-218 width of the 206 and 464 cm⁻¹ A₁ Raman modes of SiO₂ from 23 to 800 °C and from 0.1 MPa to 2.1 GPa. It was observed that, under hydrostatic stress, the wavenumber shift of the 464 221 cm⁻¹ peak at RT (23 °C) depends linearly on pressure up to 222 0.5 GPa: $d/dP = 8.7 \text{ cm}^{-1}/\text{GPa}$. The wavenumber shift for the 223 206 cm⁻¹ mode also has linear pressure dependency, twice as 224 much at $d/dP = 20$ cm⁻¹/GPa. Schmidt and Ziemann⁴² 225 considered an isotropic stress according to the Grüneisen formalism, with a linear dependence between stress and Raman wavenumber. This linear approach is certainly the most reliable to treat the complex case of a noncubic crystalline symmetry, noninfinite crystal because of the inclusion vicinity, and nonuniform force field and is the method used here, assuming that the stress field induced by pressure change in the fluid inclusion is similar to hydrostatic stress and considering the isotropy in (a,b)-plane. As no resonant Raman scattering effect occurs here, the stress/Raman shift relation obtained by 235 Schmidt and Ziemann⁴² with a 514.5 nm laser can be used for any other nonresonant Raman excitation laser line.

 The measurements were performed on a Renishaw inVia Reflex spectrometer, using the 633 nm excitation line of a He− Ne laser (less than 10 mW on the sample). The grating was 1800 grooves/mm, giving a wavenumber step between two adjacent pixels of the charge-coupled device equal to 0.97 cm[−]¹ . Each mapping measurement was performed after a wavenumber calibration procedure of the spectrometer on its $_{244}$ internal silicon reference sample (520.5 cm $^{-1}$), without moving the quartz sample, which ensures the calibration state and promotes the best possible reproducibility. The calibration was systematically checked after map acquisitions and was stable 248 within an accuracy much better than ± 0.1 cm⁻¹ over 24 h (no detectable change of the 520.5 cm⁻¹ position). The micro- scope (DM2500 Leica) lens compatible with this configuration was a Leica 50X long front distance (NA = 0.50). Each individual Raman spectrum was obtained with an accumulation time of 10 s. Because of the small diameter of the Raman spot 254 (\approx 2 μ m) and the size of the inclusions, maps of around 7600 points were acquired, with an acquisition total time reaching 20 h. The map acquisitions were performed in the Renishaw StreamlineHR mode, optimizing the acquisition time and the vertical resolution (equivalent to a confocal mode), here 259 estimated to be better than 2 μ m.

 Spectra were treated with Renishaw Wire 3 software. The Raman spectra were not baseline-corrected but directly fitted with a Gauss−Lorentz (G/L hereafter) profile, to involve even the tiniest distortions in the analysis. Very small differences

between mono- and biphasic conditions could thus be probed ²⁶⁴ because the spectra were acquired with strictly identical ²⁶⁵ conditions (optical configuration and temperature), apart from ²⁶⁶ the pressure inside the inclusion. No Bose−Einstein thermal ²⁶⁷ correction was performed 43 because Raman shifts were 268 compared at identical temperatures under two different ²⁶⁹ pressure conditions (monophasic and biphasic regimes). 39

2.4. Method 3: Super-Stressing the Container toward ²⁷¹ Failure. Two methods were used to establish whether the 272 stress induced in quartz by the in-pore tension was able to ²⁷³ provoke the quartz failure. First, the characteristics of the CsCl ²⁷⁴ fluid inclusion allowed us to subject it to high tension ²⁷⁵ cyclically. The procedure was simply to put the inclusion at ²⁷⁶ various temperatures of measurements (T_{Meas}) corresponding 277 to different high tensions and leave the inclusion in this ²⁷⁸ monophasic metastable state until cavitation occurs, bringing ²⁷⁹ back the inclusion to the LV equilibrium state. Then, the ²⁸⁰ inclusion was homogenized and again cooled down to a certain ²⁸¹ T_{MERA} pursuing the cycle. From a mechanical point of view, 282 these repeated stress conditions can damage the solid ²⁸³ depending on the lattice's defaults, the intensity of the stress, ²⁸⁴ and the number of cycles. 285

Second, the NaOH fluid inclusions allowed us to install ²⁸⁶ high-tension conditions at RT, so the liquid tension could be ²⁸⁷ readily maintained over a long time. Therefore, stress is ²⁸⁸ accumulated within the sample over time, as long as bubbles ²⁸⁹ are absent (easily verified by optical observations) in the ²⁹⁰ superheated inclusions: this was a permanent or "enduring" 291 tension experiment, corresponding to purely static stress ²⁹² conditions.

2.5. Method 4: Simulating the Stress in the Host ²⁹⁴ Crystal as a Function of in-Pore Fluid Tension. Numerical ²⁹⁵ simulations of the experiments were performed by finite ²⁹⁶ element analysis (FEA hereafter) using Comsol Multiphysics ²⁹⁷ software for a deeper understanding of the stress change ²⁹⁸ observed by Raman spectroscopy. In the first approach, the ²⁹⁹ sample was modeled as a 2D axisymmetric solid containing an ³⁰⁰ oblate spheroidal inclusion.⁴⁴ The stress field around a cavity 301 has been studied many times. In particular, Eshelby⁴⁵ studied 302 how an applied stress, uniform at large distances, is disturbed ³⁰³ by a cavity. From this early work, many analytical or closed- ³⁰⁴ form analytical solutions have been proposed for spherical or ³⁰⁵ spheroidal inclusions and considering isotropic or anisotropic ³⁰⁶ materials.^{46–54} The problem becomes more complicated for a 307 spheroidal cavity hosted in an anisotropic solid. On the other ³⁰⁸ hand, FEA has proved its reliability for solving mechanical ³⁰⁹ problems especially in the case of linear elastic problems but ³¹⁰ also in the case of geometric nonlinearity and with nonlinear ³¹¹ isotropic elastic materials.⁵⁵ Actually, FEA can be applied 312 whatever the geometry of the inclusion.

In a first approach, the sample was modeled as a 2D ³¹⁴ axisymmetric solid containing an oblate spheroidal inclusion, 44 315 and the finite-element-based results were compared with ³¹⁶ theoretical results obtained using the code recently developed ³¹⁷ by Meng et al.⁵¹⁻⁵³ which gives quasianalytical strain/stress 318 fields following Eshelby's solution, with the elliptic integral ³¹⁹ approximated through a numerical routine. The purpose of this ³²⁰ comparison was to determine the size of the solid surrounding ³²¹ the cavity to avoid boundary effects and define the meshing ³²² strategy to avoid numerical artifacts or errors and to better ³²³ understand the stress field building around the inclusion. An ³²⁴ isotropic elastic material was defined in the solid part with ³²⁵ Young's modulus of 100 GPa and Poisson's coefficient of ³²⁶

Figure 3. Normalized stress along the radial axis. The normalized stresses are calculated by dividing the stresses by the pressure applied onto the inclusion wall. The normalized radial coordinate is the radial coordinate divided by the half-length of the spheroid, $r^* = r/a$. The stresses denoted "Esh" were calculated following Eshelby's theory⁴⁵ by applying script developed by Meng et al.^{51–53} and according to the superposition principle for linear elastic mechanics (top-left of the figure). Stresses that were noted by FEA were calculated using Comsol Multiphysics software. For all the calculations, Young's modulus and Poisson's coefficient were 100 GPa and 0.06, respectively, according to ref.⁵⁶

327 0.06.⁵⁶ These elastic properties correspond to equivalent quasi-328 isotropic quartz obtained by Voigt–Reuss–Hill averaging.⁵⁶ ³²⁹ The inclusion was defined with null elastic constants, and a 330 negative pressure P_{FI} (e.g., $P_{FI} = -1$ MPa) was applied on the ³³¹ cavity wall. For the theoretical solution, the superposition ³³² principle was applied as the code because it does not directly f3 333 apply pressure on the cavity wall (Figure 3, top, left). ³³⁴ Unstructured triangular quadratic elements were applied for ³³⁵ the FEA, and zero displacement was applied to the symmetry ³³⁶ plane (horizontal) perpendicular to the revolution axis 337 (vertical). The stresses $\sigma_{\rm ii}/P_{\rm FI}$ lying along the radial direction ³³⁸ were compared (Figure 3). For the sake of simplicity, the stress ³³⁹ sign convention commonly used in mechanics has been ³⁴⁰ changed in this paper, and a positive stress refers to a 341 compressive state. The pressure has also been changed $P_T =$ $342 Tr(\overline{\overline{\sigma}})/3$ instead of $P_T = -Tr(\overline{\overline{\sigma}})/3$ to keep its usual meaning, ³⁴³ namely, a positive value refers to a compressive state. The 344 stresses were normalized by dividing each of them by P_{FI} ($345 \sigma_{ii}^* = \sigma_{ii}/P_{FI}$), and the radial coordinate was divided by the half-346 length of the ellipse $a (r^* = r/a)$.

> We considered three shapes defined by the semiaxis ratio $b/$ a (hereafter called shape factor), where a and b are the semiaxes in the radial and axial directions, respectively. The third semiaxis c is equal to the radial axis in the oblate spheroid. Simulated results are in very good agreement with theoretical results for all the stresses, proving that the solid model size was large enough and the meshing strategy was suitable. The FEA model was validated. The results show clearly the stress concentration effect induced by the cavity and the dependence of the concentration amplitude on the shape

factor b/a. For a sphere, $b/a = 1$, the axial and tangent stresses 357 are equal and compensate the radial stress, and the resulting 358 pressure is null. Each stress does not exceed the pressure, and ³⁵⁹ no stress concentration effect occurs. On the contrary, when 360 the spheroid is flattened, the axial and tangent stresses are not $_{361}$ equal any longer, and they do not compensate the radial stress. 362 The axial stress largely predominates the other stresses and 363 reaches up to 12 times the fluid inclusion pressure. The ³⁶⁴ positive values of the axial stress and pressure indicate a ³⁶⁵ compressive state in equatorial plane although a tensile stress is ³⁶⁶ applied on the cavity wall (negative pressure PFI) (Figure 4). $367 f4$ This effect is due to the flattening of the spheroid and is 368 magnified when the shape factor decreases. 369

Once validated, the ellipsoid-based model was used to ³⁷⁰ simulate the experiments. A negative (tensile) pressure was 371 applied on the 2D elliptical edge to simulate the in-pore ³⁷² pressure change. No gradient or interfacial effects of any sort 373 that may "buffer" the liquid-to-solid pressure transmission were 374 taken into account. The anisotropy of α -quartz was considered, 375 and the elastic moduli were defined according to Calderon et 376 al.⁵⁷ al.⁵⁷ 377

Second, the sample was modeled with a 3D prismatic solid ³⁷⁸ containing a faceted inclusion to look like the inclusion ³⁷⁹ observed with Raman spectroscopy (Figure 5). Only an eighth 380 f5 of the sample was modeled considering symmetry conditions, ³⁸¹ and the dimensions were defined to match the inclusion ³⁸² actually considered. Zero displacement was applied to the 383 three symmetry planes (SP), and a negative pressure was again ³⁸⁴ applied on the inner surfaces of the inclusion. The same ³⁸⁵

Figure 4. Simulation of a host with a spherical or spheroidal inclusion with a negative (tensile) pressure applied on the wall cavity. See Figure 1 for more details on the model. Normalized pressure simulated with FEA and depending on shape factor b/a, maps, and values along the radial axis. For each shape factor, the continuous line and marks represent the FEA-based pressure and the Eshelby-based pressure, respectively.

Figure 5. Geometry of the 3D mechanical model of the inclusion for the FEA. Because of symmetries (SP), only an eighth of the solid is modeled. The image size is not scaled with the prism size for visibility purposes.

³⁸⁶ anisotropic elastic moduli as for the previous simulation were ³⁸⁷ used.

3. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND INTERPRETATION

³⁸⁸ 3.1. Stressing the Container (CsCl Inclusion). The CsCl 389 fluid inclusion has a T_H of 205.6 \pm 0.4 °C and T_{IN} of 89 \pm 1.4 ³⁹⁰ °C. Drawing a straight line from the synthesis conditions (630 391 MPa and 480 °C) to the $(T_{\mu\nu}P_{\mu})$ pair $(dP/dT = 2.3 \text{ MPa} / \text{°C})$, 392 and extrapolating this line to the T_{N} value, gives the liquid ³⁹³ tension existing in the inclusion just before the nucleation, at 394 -266 ± 3 MPa (Figure 6).

 First, the Raman maps all around a CsCl inclusion were 396 recorded at 120 $\,^{\circ}$ C while the internal pressure in the liquid was either 0.12 MPa, corresponding to biphasic liquid−vapor assemblage, or − 194 MPa, corresponding to the metastable monophasic state with liquid under tension. Each mapping took 20 h. The chosen temperature of 120 °C was sufficiently 401 above the T_{IN} to avoid any nucleation during the Raman measurement time. Indeed, the metastable lifetime depends 403 exponentially upon the distance to $T_{\text{\tiny IN.}}^{58-60}$

Two A_1 Raman modes of SiO₂ with highest wavenumbers 404 were studied: the mode at 464 cm^{-1} and the mode at 206 405 cm^{-1} . The signal was mapped in the quartz around the 406 inclusion (width 70 μ m \times height 110 μ m) that contained the 407 fluid. A G/L profile was fitted with the recorded spectrum at 408 each point, and the characteristic wavenumber of the G/L ⁴⁰⁹ profile was used to build the map. The map obtained with the ⁴¹⁰ 464 cm⁻¹ mode in the stable state (biphasic liquid-vapor 411 assemblage) shows actual wavenumbers ranging from 462.5 to ⁴¹² 463.1 cm⁻¹ with a mean value of 462.8 cm⁻¹ (Figure 7). Black 413 f7 spots correspond to regions where the Raman line intensity ⁴¹⁴ decreases below a threshold and were used to locate the ⁴¹⁵ inclusions. The barycenter of the black spot corresponding to ⁴¹⁶ the inclusion of interest was used as the origin of the map. ⁴¹⁷ Finally, a micrograph of the inclusion of interest has been ⁴¹⁸ superimposed by aligning the lattice directions determined ⁴¹⁹ with EBSD with the Raman map with a perfect match. The ⁴²⁰ dark spot is slightly bigger than the inclusion image because of ⁴²¹ the empirical determination of the threshold. ⁴²²

Applying the Schmidt and Ziemann⁴² relation at 120 °C 423 gives an expected wavenumber of 462.4 cm^{-1} , which can 424 favorably be compared with our mean measured wavenumber ⁴²⁵ 462.8 cm⁻¹. Because of uncertainties (absolute calibration of 426 two different spectrometers, accuracy on the wavenumber of a ⁴²⁷ "reference" quartz totally stress-free at RT), these values look ⁴²⁸ similar. Though the wavenumbers of the map seem to follow a ⁴²⁹ rather narrow spread, their spatial distribution is well organized ⁴³⁰ around the inclusion. Four zones aligned with the crystal axes ⁴³¹ show a remarkable symmetry (Figure 7, left). In the upper and ⁴³² lower triangular zones (where green predominates), the ⁴³³ wavenumber is close to 462.75 cm⁻¹ while it is close to 463 434 $cm⁻¹$ in the lateral zones (orange/red pixels). The sharp 435 variation in internal pressure between these domains leads us ⁴³⁶ to think of some localized strains on planar defects, presumably ⁴³⁷ connected with how the inclusion formed (thermal fracturing ⁴³⁸ followed by $SiO₂$ overgrowth).

The map obtained from inclusion in the monophasic state ⁴⁴⁰ for the same A_1 Raman mode is presented in Figure 7 on the 441 right. Again, the micrograph of the inclusion of interest has ⁴⁴² been superimposed. In this figure, the dark spot is hidden by ⁴⁴³ the inclusion image, indicating that the dark spot is smaller ⁴⁴⁴ than that of the biphasic state map. That is also the case for the ⁴⁴⁵ other spot located at the bottom-right of each map. This shows ⁴⁴⁶ that the confocal z plane slightly changed. The mean ⁴⁴⁷ wavenumber is 463.0 cm^{-1} , ranging from 462.8 to 463.3 448 cm⁻¹. Again, the temperature-corrected wavenumber calcu- 449 lated with the Schmidt and Ziemann⁴² relationship compares 450 favorably with the "monophasic" average value. However, it is ⁴⁵¹ the gap between the "biphasic" and "monophasic" values which ⁴⁵² is of special interest. It is very small $(0.25 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ between 462.75 453 and $\widehat{463}$ cm⁻¹), but both measurements were performed on the 454 same spectrometer with the same calibration procedure, and ⁴⁵⁵ on the same points of one quartz sample. Only the ⁴⁵⁶ spectrometer stability is involved here. It is worth noting ⁴⁵⁷ that the color scale for the monophasic state map slightly ⁴⁵⁸ differs from the LV state one. The color scale of each map has ⁴⁵⁹ been chosen to emphasize the similarities between the spatial ⁴⁶⁰ distributions of the colors and consequently of the wave- ⁴⁶¹ numbers. Globally, the increase of the Raman wavenumbers of ⁴⁶² the monophasic state map indicates the development of ⁴⁶³ compressive stress although no optical evidence of quartz ⁴⁶⁴ failure was recorded during this experiment, which therefore 465 follows a purely elastic behavior. ⁴⁶⁶

Figure 6. Thermal procedure, microthermometric features, and schematics of the cyclic tension applied to the sample, before (label 1, Section 3.1) and after (label 2, Section 3.2) the stretching irreversible failure of the inclusion.

Figure 7. Raman map of the wavenumber of the high wavenumber A1 quartz mode, with infilling fluid at the liquid−vapor saturation state (left) and monophasic liquid state (right). The wavenumber values are given by the color scale. The inclusion of interest has been superimposed as well as the crystal axes determined with EBSD.

Figure 8. Raman line center histograms at 120 °C of the 464 (left) and 206 (right) cm[−]¹ bands of quartz around a fluid inclusion filled with either a biphasic liquid−vapor stable mixture (green, blue = repetition to test for reproducibility) or a monophasic tensile liquid (red).

 To extract the mean Raman shift provoked by the in-pore tension in the actual sample over the experimental area, the whole data set collected with each map was redrawn as the histogram of the number of occurrences in each wavenumber range, for the two Raman mode maps $(464$ and $206 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ 472 under the two stressed conditions (Figure 8). This shows how the wavenumbers measured vary within the experimental area for the two Raman modes and also shows how regular the datasets are.

 The liquid−vapor series gives the Raman modes at saturation pressure: the Gaussian maxima are at 462.8 and 199.9 cm^{-1} . These measurements were double-checked to test the reproducibility of the recorded values (blue and green histograms), and both datasets match well. The match is strictly perfect for the high wavenumber mode (same main 482 wavenumber and same width) while the low wavenumber A_1 483 mode gave a 0.015 cm^{-1} change for wavenumber (showing the high stability of the experiment) with the total width varying by a maximum of 0.1 cm^{-1} . The main information we take from these graphs is the Raman gap that exists between the two 120 °C datasets at different pressures. Each mode (464 and 206 cm[−]¹) has a specific gap, quite moderate with respect to the precision of the spectrometer, but largely beyond any instrumental effect. Note that here the key factor of the spectrometer is its stability, not its spectral resolution. Specific care was taken to improve stability by avoiding thermal fluctuations and then any human presence in the experimental room. Now, using the calibration of the Raman shift with 495 pressure, 42 it is possible to estimate the level of strain involved. The two modes agreed remarkably well for the resulting stress: 497 20 MPa \pm 2.5 MPa (Figure 8). The small difference between the values (22.2 MPa for 464 cm[−]¹ mode and 17.6 for 206 cm[−]¹ mode) can be related to the wavenumber measurement uncertainty, and by the application of only one parameter on a noncubic structure, which is, moreover, not subjected to a hydrostatic pressure but to a complex stress field.

⁵⁰³ The Raman shift difference of the 464 cm[−]¹ mode between ⁵⁰⁴ the biphasic and monophasic modes was plotted as a map f9 505 (Figure 9). This plot is a spatial representation of the Raman

Figure 9. Shift difference between biphasic and monophasic modes for the 464 cm[−]¹ Raman mode. Top-left: Map of the shift difference. Top-right: global histogram of this map. Bottom: Histograms of the four regions indicated by the red rectangles on the map, with a geographic-like denomination.

wavenumber change, that is to say the stress distribution ⁵⁰⁶ induced by the in-pore pressure change. The difference is 507 positive or zero, except for very rare occurrences. In addition, ⁵⁰⁸ the average wavenumber shift and standard deviation were ⁵⁰⁹ evaluated in four zones surrounding the inclusion. The area 510 above the inclusion in the map is called "North," and so on. ⁵¹¹ The statistics are very close in the three zones West, North, 512 and East (see Figure 9) with a mean wavenumber shift $\delta_{\Delta \nu}^{av}$ 513 close to the 0.2 cm⁻¹ overall shift (Figure 8) and a very $\frac{1}{2}$ constant standard deviation. This proves that the stress field 515 produced by the in-pore pressure change is superimposed on ⁵¹⁶ an initial spatial stress/strain distribution observable in the 517 Raman map under LV conditions (Figure 7, left). The 518 southern zone shows a different behavior with a higher 519 Raman shift difference (0.249 cm^{-1}) corresponding to a 520 Raman pressure of 28 MPa. It is worth noting that the highest 521 shift difference represented by the red/orange pixels in Figure ⁵²² 9 follows the crystallographic axis. ⁵²³

3.2. Nonvisible Failure of the Container (CsCl 524 **Inclusion).** The experiment was carried out repeatedly (see 525 Section 2.4 with the cyclical procedure). After around 80 cycles 526 carried out over 3 weeks, with tension lasting from some 527 minutes to some days during each cycle, a brutal change of T_H 528 was observed, expressing an internal failure (usually called ⁵²⁹ "inclusion stretching" in the inclusionist's glossary; see ref. 61 530 for a review about the different types of damage in inclusions) 531 and a change of the cavity volume. T_H was then upshifted by 16 532 °C, and logically, the T_{IN} changed by a similar value, at $T_{\text{IN}} = 533$ 111 °C (Figure 6). Despite this thermometric evidence, the 534 change in the cavity shape or volume was so small that it could ⁵³⁵ not be observed optically (this is usual with this "inclusion ⁵³⁶ stretching"), leading us to infer that the volume change 537 resulted from the formation of damage at the microscale as a ⁵³⁸ network around the inclusion, below the optical limit.

The Raman maps were then measured at 140 $^{\circ}$ C, that is to 540 say, for the same $T-T_{\text{IN}}$ difference as for the previous data sets. 541 They showed a very weak Raman shift between the biphasic ⁵⁴² and the monophasic situations (Figure 10), much weaker than $\frac{543}{100}$ in the precracked state (Figure 8). This fact matches very well ⁵⁴⁴ with the presence of a dense network of microcracks, ⁵⁴⁵ diminishing the lattice stress detectable with Raman spectros- ⁵⁴⁶ copy. ⁵⁴⁷

Figure 10. Histograms of the line center of the high wavenumber band, at 140 °C, along the equatorial plane of the inclusion, after the T_{H} -recorded damage.

 It means that, despite the low stress thus registered, the cyclical procedure led to a real damage all around the cavity 550 materialized by a brutal increase of T_H . The local damage is also evidenced by the Raman maps recorded after the damage of the inclusion, which show much lower values of the peak stress (i.e., for the largest tension in the inclusion), +6.7 MPa (Figure 10), compared to the precracked state (+20 MPa in the plane, Figure 8). This large drop of the in-plane stress is interpreted as the presence of a dense network of microcracks, able to adjust the liquid tensile stress by a multitude of microdisplacements inside the crack, instead of provoking a lattice stress detectable with Raman spectroscopy.

⁵⁶⁰ 3.3. Fracturing the Container (NaOH Inclusion). The ⁵⁶¹ NaOH sample contains four inclusions shaped as "negative f11 562 quartz crystals" (Figure 11), numbered 1 to 4. T_H is revolving

Figure 11. Upper panel, installing the "enduring tension" situation by isochoric cooling of a high-density SFI. Bottom left, observation of three fluid inclusions numbered (1−3) with microcracking in the quartz at each corner of the negatively shaped cavity. The fourth (num. 4), which does not tolerate tensile stress (see the bubble), is intact. Bottom-right, crystallographic axes measured by EBSD are reported on the right micrograph.

563 around 140 °C, corresponding to a mean water density of D \approx 564 926 kg/m³ according to IAPWS EoS (pure water approx-565 imation³⁷) (Figure 11). Inclusions 1–3 did not show any ⁵⁶⁶ instantaneous nucleation in the positive (Celsius) temperature 567 area. At RT and after isochoric cooling from T_{H} , the liquid ⁵⁶⁸ tension in the three monophasic inclusions 1−3 was −132 569 MPa (Figure 11). Inclusion 4 had T_{IN} equal to 44 °C so this ⁵⁷⁰ inclusion was never under tension under ambient conditions ⁵⁷¹ while the three others were, giving us a "reference" inclusion ⁵⁷² without a fluid pressure effect on the nearby surroundings.

 With this RT superheating installed in inclusions 1−3, we started observing the inclusions subjected to a permanent tension from the in-pore liquid. Surprisingly, after only some weeks and before any Raman records or accumulation of data on the inclusions of interest, the host quartz cracked all around

the three inclusions hosting tensile liquid, consistent with the 578 crystallographic axis (Figure 11, bottom-right panel). 579

The quartz failure occurred with optically visible cracks 580 appearing at the edge of the three inclusions 1−3. The bright ⁵⁸¹ border is underlined by a similar black edge when zooming: ⁵⁸² the cracks cannot be due to an optical artifact. Inclusion 4, ⁵⁸³ which was never subjected to long tension ($T_{\text{N}} > RT$), was not s84 damaged. The coexistence between the two mechanical ⁵⁸⁵ behaviors, so well correlated with the microthermometric ⁵⁸⁶ features, is a clear indication that the liquid tension is able to 587 fracture the surrounding quartz.

3.4. Numerical Models of Stress Concentration and 589 Fracturing. 3.4.1. Ellipsoidal Model and Pressure in the 590 Equatorial Plane. The simulated stresses and pressure ⁵⁹¹ resulting from FEA simulation based on oblate spheroids ⁵⁹² with a shape factor $b/a = 0.1$ are represented in Figure 12. The 593 f12

Figure 12. 2D axisymmetric mechanics model of an ellipsoidal-shaped inclusion. Bottom: Normalized pressure map around an inclusion. The vertical symmetry axis is the revolution axis. Top: Stresses and pressure magnitude along the radial axis in the optical plane.

pressure is highly concentrated close to the inclusion edge ⁵⁹⁴ where it reaches four times the fluid inclusion pressure and ⁵⁹⁵ decreases sharply along the radial axis. The pressure ⁵⁹⁶ distribution corroborates the Raman observations (Figure ⁵⁹⁷ 10): a compressive stress (positive) lies within the equatorial ⁵⁹⁸ plane around the cavity (red color). This can be explained by ⁵⁹⁹ the flattening of the spheroid, like what occurred with the ⁶⁰⁰ remote stress above. The simulation indicates that the principal ⁶⁰¹ stresses are aligned with the geometrical axes, that is, the radial, ⁶⁰² tangent, and axial directions of the ellipsoid (see the r , t , and z 603 directions, respectively, in the inset top-right in Figure 12). In ⁶⁰⁴ the equatorial plane, the compressive axial stress \square_z is the 605 largest contribution to the total pressure while the magnitudes 606 of the tangent and radial stresses \Box_t and \Box_r are much smaller. 607 The tangent stress σ_{t} is compressive as well and contributes to 608 a lesser extent to the total pressure. On the other hand, radial ⁶⁰⁹ stress σ , does not have a monotonous change. It has a negative 610 value in the very vicinity of the edge, quickly inhibited by the ⁶¹¹ global flattening of the inclusion yielding a compressive stress. ⁶¹²

3.4.2. Real Inclusion Shape and the Stress Concentration ⁶¹³ in the CsCl Inclusion. The Raman shift can be evaluated from ⁶¹⁴ either from Grüneisen's constant as shown above or from the 615 deformation phonon potentials, usually noted p , q , and r , 616

 which are the components of the fourth rank tensor relating the changes of the spring constants of the lattice and the 619 deformation tensor. 62° They generally are determined from hydrostatic pressure Raman experiments using diamond anvil cells, uniaxial stress experiments, or strained thin film grown by strained-layer epitaxy. It is worth noting that the third potential r relates the shear strain components of the tensor. Briggs and Ramdas 63 determined the deformation potential constants of 625 the zone-center optical phonons of α -quartz under uniaxial stress experiments. Finally, the Raman shift can also be evaluated from the stresses using the components of the fourth rank elastic tensor relating stress and strain.

 In the present case, the radial, tangent, and axial stresses are also the principal stresses because of the symmetry of the geometry and the loading, and it is therefore possible to derive the expected Raman shift from either the principal stresses or the radial, tangent, and axial stresses. Here, the constants 634 determined by Briggs and Ramdas⁶³ were used to calculate the 635 464 cm⁻¹ Raman shift from the stresses considering that the z- axis of the model coincides with the crystallographic c-axis as shown in Section 2.1:

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\delta\nu_{A_{1,464cm^{-1}}}=0.21\bullet10^{-2}\times(\sigma_{t}+\sigma_{r})+0.38\bullet10^{-2}\times\sigma_{z}
$$

638 where the stresses are in MPa and $\delta\nu$ in cm⁻¹. The Briggs' 639 potentials were determined with an uncertainty of ± 0.02 , 10^{-2} ⁶⁴⁰ cm[−]¹ /MPa. Note that they are here positive because of the ⁶⁴¹ change in the sign of the stresses. The uncertainty of the ⁶⁴² Raman shift evaluated from uncertainty propagation depends 643 on the stresses and reaches a maximum value of 0.5 cm^{-1} .

644 The Raman shift was also calculated following the Grüneisen ⁶⁴⁵ formalism:

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\delta\nu_{A_{1,464cm}^{-1}} = 8.7 \bullet 10^{-3} \times P
$$

646 where P is in MPa and $\delta \nu$ in cm⁻¹.

Both Raman shifts were evaluated along with the radial axis f13 648 (Figure 13). The very good agreement between Briggs and

Figure 13. Raman shift evaluation along the radial axis.

⁶⁴⁹ Grüneisen formalisms confirms that the Grüneisen's constant-⁶⁵⁰ based approach was really reliable in this study, as proposed in ⁶⁵¹ Section 2.3.

 Focusing on the inclusion described in Section 3.1, the Raman pressure at the bottom-right corner of the inclusion (Figure 9) was compared with the simulation of the oblate $f14$ 655 cavity with a shape factor $b/a = 0.1$ and anisotropic properties

(Figure 14). The simulated pressure (blue line FEA) quickly $656 f14$ tends asymptotically to zero upon moving away from the 657 inclusion, as expected from a direct application of the theory of ⁶⁵⁸ solid mechanics. In the meantime, the experimental values ⁶⁵⁹ showed that the sample is under stress over the total area (red ⁶⁶⁰ stars, Figure 14; see also the green and blue pixels, Figure 9). ⁶⁶¹ The pressure derived from the Raman measures shows a slight 662 decrease, especially close to the inclusion (gray area), where ⁶⁶³ the values are in the same order of the simulation. Considering ⁶⁶⁴ the difficulty in localizing the edge of the Raman map and the ⁶⁶⁵ assumptions for the Raman pressure calculation and the ⁶⁶⁶ simplified geometry for the simulation and despite the ⁶⁶⁷ dispersion of the measured values, measurements and ⁶⁶⁸ simulation can be estimated as consistent at least from a ⁶⁶⁹ qualitative point of view. However, the Raman pressure seems ⁶⁷⁰ to remain constant around 25 MPa when looking over the ⁶⁷¹ whole map even farther from the inclusion. This asymptotic 672 mean pressure is not at all expectable and constitutes one of ⁶⁷³ the main surprises of this experimental study. Although we do ⁶⁷⁴ not have explanations for this bias, it may be compared with ⁶⁷⁵ the Raman gap averaged over the whole map $(0.212 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, i.e., 676 24 MPa). Another point to be considered is the presence of 677 another cavity, which might not be alone, close to the studied ⁶⁷⁸ inclusion. The stress fields induced by these surrounding ⁶⁷⁹ cavities might produce such a general overstress. Finally, the ⁶⁸⁰ general overstress may also be related to the localized strain/ ⁶⁸¹ stress induced by the inclusion synthesis procedure.

The Raman pressure appears to be a good probe of the ⁶⁸³ stress fields around the water-bearing cavity, and a highly ⁶⁸⁴ resolved measurement of the instantaneous/local stress is ⁶⁸⁵ certainly possible according to our preliminary results. It is also ⁶⁸⁶ clear that any change in the in-pore pressure drives a significant 687 modification in the poromechanical stress field, over an ⁶⁸⁸ unexpected long-range scope. To address these findings, ⁶⁸⁹ further studies should involve the anisotropic strain prop- ⁶⁹⁰ agation in the matrix along preferential axes (crystallography, ⁶⁹¹ dislocations, etc.) by carefully plotting how the quartz band ⁶⁹² varies from place to place, at saturation pressure. It was already ⁶⁹³ clear (Figure 7 left) that our hydrothermal monocrystalline ⁶⁹⁴ quartz was not uniform in terms of Raman shift. ⁶⁹⁵

3.4.3. Real Inclusion Shape and the Fracturing of the ⁶⁹⁶ NaOH Inclusion. The objective of the FEA simulation 697 performed on the 3D faceted cavity (Figure 5) was to model ⁶⁹⁸ the fracturing of the NaOH hexagonal shaped inclusions as a ⁶⁹⁹ result of tensile liquid in the cavity (Figure 11). As a preamble, ⁷⁰⁰ it is well known that geometrical singularities yield artificially ⁷⁰¹ increased stress in finite elements depending on the meshing. ⁷⁰² In addition, the real interface between the inclusion and the ⁷⁰³ contained liquid is not as clear as in the geometrical model ⁷⁰⁴ where the interface corresponds to a wall. Therefore, values of ⁷⁰⁵ the simulated pressure must be carefully considered. The main ⁷⁰⁶ purpose is to obtain tendencies that give us a better ⁷⁰⁷ understanding of crack formation. As expected, the (negative) ⁷⁰⁸ tensile pressure applied on the inner wall of the cavity (−200 ⁷⁰⁹ MPa) yields a tensile state within the major part of the solid ⁷¹⁰ domain proved by the negative value of the simulated pressure ⁷¹¹ (Figure 15, left). Like for the oblate spheroid model, the shape 712 f15 factor effect is observed as the pressure increase concentrates ⁷¹³ around the inclusion, reaching positive values along the cavity ⁷¹⁴ edges lying in the symmetry plane A, significantly higher than ⁷¹⁵ the applied inner pressure and indicating a compressive state in ⁷¹⁶ the plane induced by the predominant flattening of the cavity. ⁷¹⁷ The pressure reaches its highest values rather in the middle of ⁷¹⁸

Figure 14. Left, Zooming in the southern area having the larger average wavenumber Raman shift (i.e., Figure 9). Right, Raman pressure (red stars) vs simulation (blue curve). The behavior close to the interface is highlighted as a gray area.

Figure 15. Pressure field showing (left) stress concentration along the longest edge lying in the symmetry plane XY (see Figure 5) near inclusion wall angles and (right) domains of negative/positive stress in the XZ symmetry plane.

⁷¹⁹ the equatorial edges (e.g., points B and D) instead of the apex ⁷²⁰ (e.g., point C) where the cracks form.

 Focusing on the symmetry plane A (equatorial plane) that contains edges B-C-D of the inclusion, we observe that two principal stresses lie in plane A and that last one is perpendicular to the plane. This can be explained by the geometrical symmetry, quartz trigonal symmetry, and the orientation of the inclusion with respect to the crystallographic axes. The highest compressive stress is perpendicular to the 728 equatorial plane aligned with crystallographic $c \rightarrow \alpha$ xis and is f16 729 very concentrated along the cavity edges (Figure 16). The second compressive stress lies in the equatorial plane with lower magnitude (Figure 16b, compare the color scale with that of Figure 16a). The third principal stress also lies in the equatorial plane and shows negative values corresponding to tensile stress. It reaches its maximum magnitude around the apex C (Figure 16c, tensile stress). The tensile stress direction being along the line with the same origin and orientation as experimentally observed in the studied inclusions (Figure 11) confirms the possibility of crack formation along this line.

4. DISCUSSION

 4.1. The Raman Pressure. Micro-Raman was here used to dynamically follow the internal pressure in a crystal hosting a variable pore tension. It is assumed that the applicability of the Grüneisen formalism allows us to translate the Raman shift into pressure. The anisotropy of monocrystalline quartz and

the imperfections of the crystal lattice even under room ⁷⁴⁴ conditions (see the Raman "irregularities" in Figure 7 left) ⁷⁴⁵ limit this applicability. However, our study relies on the ⁷⁴⁶ comparison of two datasets obtained at two different pore ⁷⁴⁷ pressures, with all other parameters being constant. In ⁷⁴⁸ addition, the shift is observed for two different Raman ⁷⁴⁹ vibration modes, and it is very comparable. In that sense, the ⁷⁵⁰ recorded Raman shift cannot be related to mechanisms other ⁷⁵¹ than lattice deformation and can be interpreted with ⁷⁵² confidence using the solid's linear elasticity. 753

Raman microspectrometry of silica minerals is commonly ⁷⁵⁴ used to determine the pressure conditions of polymineralic 755 assemblages containing various solid inclusions in minerals ⁷⁵⁶ (e.g., refs^{64-70}). The dominant compression mechanism is 757 considered to be the reduction of (Si-O-Si) (e.g., ref.⁷¹). A 758 similar Raman barometry is used for the $P-T$ conditions of the 759 diamonds' source regions, based on determination of the ⁷⁶⁰ internal pressure in olivine inclusions and the stresses in the ⁷⁶¹ surrounding diamond (e.g., refs. $72,73$). More recently, the 762 Raman shifts of sapphires around a zircon inclusion were ⁷⁶³ converted to hydrostatic pressure and deviatoric components ⁷⁶⁴ of the stress tensor, combining micro-Raman and photo- ⁷⁶⁵ luminescence imaging techniques, linked by the piezospectro- ⁷⁶⁶ scopic effects on Raman and photoluminescence spectra.⁷⁴ 767 The internal stress was highly concentrated at the tips of the 768 zircon crystal, resulting in a compressive stress of several ⁷⁶⁹ hundreds of MPa and leading to most inclusions in radial 770

c) Tensile stress map and direction along the straight line of potential fracture.

Figure 16. Principal stress magnitude map near the corner of the symmetry plane XY (see Figure 5, plane noted A). (a) Principal compressive stress (σ_{\perp}) perpendicular to the plane. (b) Second principal compressive stress (σ_{II}) field near the corner of the symmetry plane XY (Figure 5, plane noted A). The double black arrows indicate the direction of σ_{II} along the line corresponding to the potential crack direction. (c) Principal tensile stress (σ_T) field near the corner of the symmetry plane XY (see Figure 9, plane noted A). The double black arrows indicate the direction of σ_I along the line corresponding to the potential crack direction. Note that negative/positive values indicate tensile/compressive stress.

 cracks propagating in the host sapphire crystal from the apex of the hexagonal zircon. The present paper affords evidence that cracking can be invisible while leading to significant variation of the residual pressure. It could explain the growing observations in natural samples of a wide scattering of residual 776 pressure sealed in inclusions (e.g., refs.^{75–78}).

777 4.2. Crystal Host Stress Field. The comparison between simulation and Raman measurements is to some extent hindered by the heterogeneity displayed by the sample. When recording the spectroscopic signatures at RT, namely, the reference state without any external constraint, the data set showed significant variations of the Raman peaks across the whole map. Raman peaks showed a distribution into four quadrants, which remained almost unchanged whichever the fluid pressure (Figure 5). These measurements demonstrate that the host crystal is not the perfect, stress-free monocrystal assumed in the simulations. Experiments confirm the idea that the elastic deformations induced by the growing fluid pore tension retain and even magnify the initial imperfections. The Raman maps clearly show that the tension-driven shifts are amplified along the crystallographic axes. Therefore, both the Grüneisen formalism to convert Raman signatures into pressure and a direct comparison of such values to FEA simulations done through isotropic elastic theory can only approximately describe the complex mechanical behavior of ⁷⁹⁶ quartz.

 In spite of these limitations, the Raman measurements do retrieve features expected from elastic theory: (i) a compressive stress develops within the equatorial plane and (ii) the stress concentration is maximal in the vicinity of the cavity tip (Figure 14). Furthermore, the shape of the pore cavities plays a role in the stress field to build up a potentially complex 3D result (Figures 15 and 16). This complexity is ⁸⁰³ certainly increased by the pre-existence, before installing any ⁸⁰⁴ new constraints, of a certain degree of heterogeneity that is ⁸⁰⁵ visible in the Raman maps at RT (Figure 7 left). 806

4.3. Stress Accumulation and Fracturing Threshold. It 807 is difficult to be quantitative here; however, the stress sos generated around the water-bearing cavity appears moderate, ⁸⁰⁹ especially compared to the observations of the damage $(T_{\text{H}} s_{10})$ variations, apex fractures) in the host quartz. One proposition ⁸¹¹ for reconciling low stress and evidence of cracking is the role ⁸¹² played by fatigue effects in the resistance of materials. Stresses ⁸¹³ that vary with time and in intensity are able to cause the rock ⁸¹⁴ failure while below the yield strength, and even in the linear ⁸¹⁵ elastic domain (e.g., refs. $5,79-81$). The best illustration is what is 816 known as "reequilibration" in fluid inclusions studies, which is ⁸¹⁷ a modification of the inclusion shape and/or a fluid leakage ⁸¹⁸ because of the effective stress, namely, the pressure difference 819 between host mineral stress and cavity-filling fluid pressure ⁸²⁰ (e.g., refs⁸²⁻⁸⁶). One strong hypothesis, often claimed to infer 821 various deep fluid conditions from fluid inclusions, is their ⁸²² isochoric behavior along the rock pathway throughout the ⁸²³ Earth's crust (burial and/or uplift). To validate it, the ⁸²⁴ resistance of quartz to differential stresses was measured on ⁸²⁵ SFIs for internal under- or overpressure (respectively $P_{\text{solid}} > 826$ P_{fluid} or $P_{\text{solid}} < P_{\text{fluid}}$). Overpressure causes reequilibration from 827 reaching 100 MPa.^{82,85} Underpressure caused visible cracks 828 from around 200 MPa, while reequilibration proceeded by ⁸²⁹ dissolution−precipitation in the range of 100−200 MPa (e.g., ⁸³⁰ ref. 83). In a later study, cracking was observed when internal 831 underpressure only exceeded 270 MPa.⁸⁵ 832

In our case, the amplitude of tensile stress in the inclusion, ⁸³³ analogous to an underpressure stress, is either ∼200 MPa ⁸³⁴

 (CsCl sample) or ∼140 MPa (NaOH sample). In spite of internal underpressure lower than [82−83]'s, we observed the formation of cracks with the lower differential stress. The simplest explanation for the difference is the effect of confining pressure, absent in our present study, while it is known to 840 inhibit cracking.⁸⁵ An additional effect lies in the geometrical shape of the fluid inclusion, commonly spheroidal for natural inclusions. Our FEA modeling shows that the stress concentration at the tip of the inclusion reached a larger amplitude for the negative crystal shape (as displayed by the SFIs we used) than the spheroidal one. The geometry thus promotes the concentration of stress in the very limited area of the apex, which may facilitate crack initiation.

 Furthermore, we can speculate a little more about the micromechanical mechanisms that underlie the development of cracks at low levels of tension. For instance, the 851 microprestress theory⁴ offers a comprehensive view of how capillary and disjoining pressures can drive the nucleation and growth of tensile microcracks in the complex pore network of an aging cement. In particular, hindered adsorption inside the nanoscale pores (1 to 10 molecular width and 0.3 to 3 nm) within hardened cement paste plays a pivotal role. It is appealing to hypothesize, for our experiments, the existence of tiny quantities of water present along the quartz dislocations comparable to the gel pores for cement. The liquid tension existing in the cavity might therefore spread over the nearby crystal lattice owing to minute water-bearing dislocations, propagating the tensile stress farther from the cavity and concentrating the constraints.

5. CONCLUSION AND PERSPECTIVES

 The tension of water occluded in a crystalline cavity has a pore-scale micromechanical effect, as exemplified by the visible cracking for the NaOH sample, and the microthermometric 867 features change $(T_H$ increasing) for the CsCl sample. We demonstrated here that Raman spectroscopy is able to monitor in space and time the pressure in the quartz crystal around a fluid inclusion. The Raman maps revealed that the stress fields induced by the pore tension within the crystalline host rock are nonuniform and concentrated along the crystallographic orientations and, probably, crystal defects. The exact value of stress at these overstressed sites cannot be ascertained by the Raman technique because they may operate at a much smaller scale than the Raman scattering volume. The numerical-model simulated stress field and stress concentration match the measured 3D distribution of stress well and outline the role of geometry in terms of stress concentration in the region where fracturing was observed. On the contrary, the Raman estimates of how stress changes with distance from the inclusion do not match the elastic theory, showing that the crystal defects probably play a role in the stress distribution. Technically, micro-Raman associated with SFI microthermometry appears to be a powerful tool for deciphering the micromechanical mechanisms involved in complex field stress in rocks and porous media.

 To summarize, our study demonstrates unambiguously that a permanent low stress as well as repeated cyclic stresses established in a crystal lattice by reducing the in-pore pressure in an occluded water-bearing cavity (related to capillary-type effects) is able to damage the hosting quartz despite its high resistance. The mechanical role pressurized pore fluids can play in weakening and embrittling rocks has long been known (e.g., 895 refs.^{87,88}), and this paper is a first step in envisioning the role of tensile pore fluids. Furthermore, this result poses the question ⁸⁹⁶ of the mid/long-term safety of geological storage $(CO₂, 897)$ nuclear wastes, energy) wherever the geological formations are ⁸⁹⁸ subjected to drying operations that make it possible to install ⁸⁹⁹ liquid tension in large masses of unsaturated hydrosystems. In ⁹⁰⁰ particular, the use of clayey formations to guarantee the ⁹⁰¹ confinement of the nuclear species owing to this impermeable ⁹⁰² barrier must be questioned if the consequent tension of tunnel ⁹⁰³ ventilation was able to enhance permeability in the massif by ⁹⁰⁴ creating fissures. In the same way, the integrity of the caprocks ⁹⁰⁵ in $CO₂$ storage is a crucial property that prevents any leakage 906 from occurring. However, the injection of supercritical $CO₂$ 907 severely dries out the formation, especially at the highest part ⁹⁰⁸ where the $CO₂$ bubble accumulates at the very contact with the 909 caprock, establishing the right conditions for tension-driven ⁹¹⁰ processes.

During the course of the study, the initiation of micro- ⁹¹² cracking and brittle failure was also discussed in association ⁹¹³ with the water distribution in rock. This aspect is of great ⁹¹⁴ significance in natural systems, beyond the question of storage ⁹¹⁵ safety. At high pressure and temperature, where deformation ⁹¹⁶ proceeds mainly as a result of temperature-dependent viscous ⁹¹⁷ creep processes (dislocation- or diffusion creep), fracturing is ⁹¹⁸ still present. These brittle precursors promote grain-size ⁹¹⁹ reduction and therefore the fluid flow and chemical reactions ⁹²⁰ that activate water corrosion. $89-91$ High fluid pressures, up to 921 confining pressure values, are necessary to open cracks, but the ⁹²² mechanisms are not well understood, even if we know that the ⁹²³ physical state of the water present in mineral assemblages with ⁹²⁴ very low porosity is often involved as a triggering ⁹²⁵ mechanism. ^{92,93} This study demonstrates that reducing fluid 926 pressure also induces cracking mechanisms rooted at the small ⁹²⁷ scale, even if the generality versus specificity of such ⁹²⁸ mechanisms in the various pressure contexts is still to be ⁹²⁹ explored. 930

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