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29	Abstract
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The Permian magmatic rocks from Morocco contain crustal xenoliths that sample the Variscan 31 crust in a context of widespread magmatism. A series of such xenoliths was collected in Permian 32 dykes of the Central Massif, in the region of Mrirt. The metapelitic xenoliths are silica poor to 33 34 intermediate (44<SiO₂<57 wt.%) and alumina-rich (17<Al₂O₃<34 wt.%) and are notably enriched in some HFSE (Nb, Ta, Ti) and some transition elements (Cr, V, W, Ni). Their petrographic 35 evolution depicts a multi-stage evolution from an early, subsolidus, metamorphic history related 36 to regional metamorphism, of which biotite, garnet and sillimanite are the witnesses toward a late 37 38 thermal evolution coeval with the entrapment in the magma, marked by pervasive partial melting 39 and development of peritectic spinel and cordierite together with K-feldspar and ilmenite. The overall presence of corundum, which relates to the high Al₂O₃ content, accounts for an initial 40 stage of partial melting and magma escape, prior to the entrapment in the magma. Textural and 41 chemical observation suggests further xenolith digestion and melt flux from the xenoliths toward 42 the magma during ascent. Thermodynamic modelling allowing the determination of the pressure-43 44 temperature history of each xenolith shows that the initial pressure varies from ca. 1.5 to ca. 6 45 kbar, which, considering lithostatic pressure, corresponds to sampling depths of ca. 5 to 25 km. The temperatures recorded by the parageneses coeval with partial melting in the presence of 46 spinel are in the range 800-900 °C whatever the pressure, which accounts for rapid heating due to 47 thermal equilibration with the magma. U-Th/Pb dating of monazite by EMPA gives a poorly 48 49 resolved Permian age of 293 ± 25 Ma for metamorphism in the xenoliths, in accordance with the stratigraphic age of the host rock. The pressure conditions are similar to those recorded for 50 regional metamorphism in the other Variscan outcrops in Morocco, namely the Jebilet, the 51 Rehamna and the Aouli-Mibladen granitic complex, while the maximal temperatures are much 52 higher. The xenoliths thus appear as typical of the Late Variscan geological evolution of the deep 53

54	crust in the Moroccan Mesetas, where abundant magmatism was responsible for local crustal
55	heating of a crust previously affected by regional metamorphism.
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58	Highlights
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60	• Metapelitic xenoliths sample Moroccan Variscan crust from 5 to 25 km depth
61	• Xenoliths record a first stage of regional metamorphism
62	• High-temperature metamorphism at low-pressure is due to xenoliths entrapment in the
63	magma
64	• EMPA monazite dating confirms the Permian age of the microgranodioritic dykes
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68	Keywords: crustal xenoliths, Moroccan Central Massif, metamorphism, thermal history,
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72 **1. Introduction**

The presence of granulite facies rocks and migmatites in metamorphic rocks formed at 73 74 middle to lower crustal level in mountain belts accounts for high geothermal gradients (>30°/km). Such gradients cannot be sustained by normal radioactivity in a crust of standard thickness. Their 75 occurrence claims either for an increase of crustal thickness (England and Thompson, 1984), 76 77 which induces an increase in radioactive heat production, or for additional heat sources associated to orogenic processes. Specifically, the injection in the crust of magmas of mantle 78 origin may explain significant increase of the temperature (*e.g.* Juez-Larré and Ter Voorde, 2009) 79 80 whereas magma transfer ensures near-isothermal conditions in middle-low crustal level and high gradients at upper crustal levels (Depine et al., 2008). Magmatic and metamorphic rocks that 81 82 outcrop together in high temperature orogenic crust are invaluable witnesses of crustal heating but prograde metamorphism is often obliterated by later retrogression associated to a long 83 84 exhumation history in a thermally unstable orogenic crust. By contrast, crustal xenoliths 85 transported to the surface in volcanic rocks have been shown to record the pressure-temperature conditions prevailing in the crust in the very moment of sampling by the magmas, thanks to their 86 rapid ascent toward the surface. A remarkable example is that of the metamorphic xenoliths 87 trapped in Neogene lavas of SE Spain (e.g. Cesare, 2000; Acosta-Vigil et al., 2010; Álvarez-88 Valero and Kriegsman, 2007), that record, from west to east, both crustal thinning (decreasing 89 90 pressure) and crustal heating (increasing temperature) and image crustal extension and increasing heat flux related to the opening of the Alborán Sea. Nevertheless, xenoliths also undergo strong 91 albeit short heating during their ascent (Álvarez-Valero *et al.*, 2015), possible partial melting and 92 93 digestion, that may hamper the record of the PT conditions prevailing during magma injection in the crust (e.g. Díaz-Alvarado et al. 2011; Johnson et al., 2011). 94

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96 The Variscan crust underwent high-temperature, granulite facies metamorphism associated to

97 magmatism in the Ivrea zone in the Alps (Kunz *et al.*, 2018; Petri *et al.*, 2017), Calabria

98 (Graessner and Schenk, 2001; Fornelli et al., 2011; Duchene et al., 2013), Corsica (Corsini and

99 Rolland, 2009; Rossi *et al.*, 2015) and Pyrenees (Guitard *et al.*, 1995; Siron *et al.*, 2020). In

100 Morocco, there are only limited outcrops of the Variscan median crust, that mainly shows

101 *MP/MT* greenschist to amphibolite facies metamorphism. However, high temperature granulitic

conditions are retrieved from abundant crustal xenoliths sampled both by Permian and Neogene 102 magmatic rocks (Bouloton et al., 1991; Bouloton and Gasquet, 1995; Moukadiri and Bouloton, 103 1998; Ntarmouchant, 2003; Dostal et al., 2005; Elabouyi et al., 2019) that appear as a window 104 into the underlying crust. Here we propose to study a set of crustal metapelitic xenoliths trapped 105 106 in Permian dykes from the Moroccan Central Massif, in the late stages of the Variscan orogeny, in order to decipher the relative contributions to the metamorphic record of i) general 107 108 metamorphism and ii) heating during magma emplacement. More specifically, through petrographic observation and thermodynamic modelling, we intend to retrieve the petrogenetic 109 110 evolution of xenoliths, their pressure – temperature evolution from regional metamorphism 111 toward entrapment in the magma during its ascent and explore the intensity of thermal and chemical crustal – melt interaction. 112

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115 **2. Geological context**

116 In Morocco, witnesses of the Variscan belt are exposed in the Mauritanides, in the Anti-Atlas and in the Meseta domain (Fig. 1a) as summarized by Simancas et al. (2005, 2009), 117 Hoepffner et al. (2005) and Michard et al. (2008, 2010). It is believed that these domains 118 represent the former Gondwana passive margin and are the southern termination of the Variscan 119 belt (Simancas et al., 2005, 2009; Michard et al, 2010; Martínez Catalán et al., 2021). This 120 121 passive margin was involved into the orogeny when closure of the Rheic ocean eventually led to 122 the collision between Armorica and Gondwana. No remnant of an oceanic suture exists in the Moroccan Variscan belt, so that several models for the orogeny have been proposed, from that of 123 124 an intracontinental orogeny (Piqué and Michard, 1989) to a subduction -related orogeny due to either south-eastward subduction of the Rheic ocean under the northern margin of Gondwana 125 126 (Michard et al., 2010) or north-westward subduction of an eastern Paleotethyan oceanic domain (Roddaz et al., 2002; Stampfli and Borel, 2002) or a succession of both (Martinez Catalán et al., 127 2021). 128

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130 The Central Massif is one of the Paleozoic massifs that constitute the Western Meseta domain,

- 131 west of the Middle Atlas high. It is composed of a sequence from Cambrian to Permian
- sediments. The study area is located close to the locality of Mrirt (Fig. 1b), close to the Tighza

Massif and is described in detail in Ntarmouchant (2003). The oldest Paleozoic, undifferentiated 133 Cambrian-Ordovician sediments are detrital sandstones and pelites. Silurian sediments are black 134 to purple shales which represent the decollement level for a series of Devono-Carboniferous 135 duplex system (Ben Abbou et al., 2001). The overlying Devonian sediments are intercalations of 136 137 carbonates and pelites. The detrital Visean-Namurian stratas, progressively turning into continental deposits, are discordant on the Ordovician to Devonian sediments and have been 138 139 interpreted as syn-tectonic sediments (Ben Abbou et al., 2001; Roddaz et al., 2002; Accotto et al., 2020) deposited in a foreland basin. Finally, the Hercynian structures are sealed by Upper 140 Stephanian-Autunian continental redbeds that unconformably overlay the Visean-Namurian 141 142 sediments and are affected by late Hercynian faulting.

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Numerous gabbroic and doleritic bodies intrude the Carboniferous sedimentary layers and 144 form vein swarms parallel to the Hercynian structures. Since they are folded together with the 145 Carboniferous sediments, they are considered as late-Visean to Serpukovian in age 146 147 (Ntarmouchant, 2003). Later magmatism takes the form of microgranitic dykes or granitoid plutons that crosscut the Carboniferous stratas and structures, but are mainly oriented parallel to 148 the schistosity. A final pulse of magmatic activity is represented by microgranodioritic enclave-149 150 rich dykes that crosscut the regional schistosity and all granitic bodies. As they do not cross the 151 mesozoic stratas, those dykes are considered as Permo-Triassic in age.

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153 The following chronology of magmatic events can be depicted in the Western Meseta domain. 1) 154 The early magmatic stage, characterized by a bimodal association, is constrained at 358-330 Ma by U-Pb zircon dating in the Jebilet Massif (358-336 Ma, Delchini et al. 2018; 331.18-155 156 329.67 Ma, Essaifi et al., 2003). 2) The emplacement of syn-tectonic granodioritic to granitic 157 bodies is dated by SHRIMP U-Pb dating on magmatic zircons from xenoliths by Dostal et al. 158 (2005) at 285-328 Ma and by ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar ages on a syn-tectonic granite and associated contact metamorphism between 280 and 295 Ma. These ages confirm earlier whole-rock Rb/Sr ages by 159 Mrini et al. (1992) in the Jebilet massif and in the Oulmès and Ment area in the Central Massif. In 160 the Tichka area, the granitic stocks have been dated by U-Pb on zircon at 295-280 Ma (Rossi et 161 al., 2016). 3) Late to post-tectonic magmatism is generally considered as Permo-Triassic, based 162 163 on whole-rock Rb-Sr data at 268 ± 6 Ma obtained on the Rehamna by Mrini et al. (1992) and

white micas 40 Ar/ 39 Ar cooling ages (275 Ma) on a post-tectonic pluton from the Rehamna by Chopin *et al.* (2014), whereas U-Pb lower intercept age on a zircon rim from granulitic xenolith obtained by Dostal *et al.* (2005) suggests Jurassic activity at 235 ± 8 Ma. 4) In the Mrit area, a K-Ar age of 286 Ma obtained on a granitic dyke crosscut by microgranodioritic dyke (Cheilletz, 1984) provides an upper age limit, whereas the age for the latest dykes is constrained by Th/Pb on monazite in the associated Pb-Zn-Ag veins located 2 km south of the sampling area at 254 ± 16 Ma (Rossi *et al.*, 2016).

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The Paleozoic series of the Moroccan Variscan belt have been metamorphosed under greenschist 172 173 to amphibolite facies conditions (Michard et al., 2008; 2010). The highest metamorphic 174 conditions are observed along a NE-SW shear zone (the Western Meseta Shear Zone) that crosscut the Central, the Rehamna and the Jebilet massifs (Michard et al., 2008). The syn-175 176 tectonic metamorphic PT conditions in the Rehamna domain, reaching locally 620 °C, 6 kbar (Wernert et al., 2016), correspond to a MP/MT gradient of ca. 35°C/km (Aghzer and Arenas, 177 178 1995; 1998). Similar temperatures ($628 \pm 50 \text{ °C}$) are recorded in the Jebilet area (Delchini *et al.*, 2016). In the study area however, metamorphic conditions do not exceed greenschist facies 179 conditions (365 \pm 7°C, Lahfid *et al.*, 2019). The age for *MP-MT* metamorphism is constrained by 180 few direct radiometric in the Rehamna by U-Pb dating on monazite and ⁴⁰Ar-³⁹Ar dating on 181 amphibole and micas (Chopin et al., 2014; Wernert et al., 2016). The microstructural analysis 182 associated to *in situ* dating depicts a multistage metamorphic history, beginning in the late 183 Carboniferous (minimum ⁴⁰Ar-³⁰Ar age of *ca*. 310 Ma) with a prograde metamorphic phase 184 associated to thickening followed by a syn-convergence exhumation phase at 310-295 Ma and 185 ending in the Permian (292-275 Ma), while late tectonic granites were emplaced. Contact 186 metamorphism related to syn- to post-tectonic magmatism is described in the Rehamna (Michard 187 188 et al., 2010) and in the Jebilet (Delchini et al., 2016), where maximum temperature reaches 189 600 °C for maximal pressure of 3 kbar. In the Central Massif, metamorphic aureoles characterized by the presence of andalusite - biotite - K-feldspar association have been described 190 around the syn-tectonic calc-alkaline plutons and the post-tectonic leucogranitic bodies in Zaër, 191 Oulmès and Ment (Boushaba and Cailleux, 1992; Dahmani, 1995), which leads to pressure 192 estimates of 1.3 to 2 kbar and maximal temperatures of 600 °C. 193 194

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Moreover, metamorphic xenoliths of sedimentary origin and of high metamorphic grade 196 (amphibolite to granulite facies conditions) have been sampled by late- to post-hercynian 197 magmatic bodies. In the Jebilet massif, late-hercynian granodioritic dykes contain both partially 198 199 molten quartz, feldspar, biotite bearing gneisses and K-feldspar, plagioclase, cordierite, garnet, spinel, aluminosilicate, corundum and ilmenite bearing peraluminous enclaves (Bouloton et al., 200 201 1991; Bouloton and Gasquet, 1995). In the quaternary basalts of the Middle Atlas, metasedimentary enclaves are characterized by a quartz-feldspar-sillimanite-garnet association, 202 the rarity of biotite and the development of hercynite and orthopyroxene as a product of 203 204 incongruent melting in the granulite facies (Moukadiri and Bouloton, 1998; van Hoeflaken, 2011). In the Zaër granitic pluton (a late-hercynian intrusion of the Central Massif), Haïmeur et 205 al. (2003) describe a diversity of metapelitic enclaves, generally characterized by the presence of 206 quartz, biotite, feldspar and cordierite. Several types of xenoliths are distinguished based on the 207 presence or absence of aluminosilicate (andalusite partly replaced by fibrous sillimanite) and of 208 209 corundum, pyroxene and spinel relics. Corresponding PT conditions vary from 600-650 °C, 2 to 2.5 kbar for andalusite bearing samples and 690-770 °C, 4 to 5 kbar in the spinel bearing 210 xenoliths from the Zaër pluton (Haïmeur et al., 2003), 750-800 °C, 3.5 to 3.9 kbar in the Jebilet 211 212 (Bouloton et al., 1991) and up to 900 °C, 9-11 kbar in the recent lavas from Middle Atlas (Moukadiri and Bouloton, 1998). Note also that granulite facies conditions (830-870 °C; 6 kbar) 213 are reported for high-grade migmatites and enclaves associated to mafic to acidic magmatism 214 from the Eastern Meseta domain (Elabouyi et al., 2019). 215 216

217 A set of crustal xenoliths has been collected in the locality of Kariane, 2 km east of Mrirt. Two dykes of 1 to 2 meters in thickness intrude the Ordovician metasediments, with a broadly N40 218 219 orientation (Ntarmouchant, 2003) and can be followed over a distance of *ca.* 2 km (Fig. 2a). The 220 emplacement depth of these dykes is not constrained. However, dykes of similar petrographic type and stratigraphic age have been shown to crosscut both Variscan plutons and the Paleozoic 221 metasediments in the eastern Moroccan Massif Central (Ntarmouchant, 2003), or the contact 222 metamorphic aureoles in the Tighza district (Rossi et al., 2016) and Oulmès and Ment plutons, 223 for which pressures were estimated at 2 and 1.3 kbar respectively (Dahmani, 1995; Delchini et 224 225 al., 2016), which converts to depths of 5 to 7.5 km (considering lithostatic pressure and a density

of 2700 kg/m³). Moreover, metamorphic temperatures of the Paleozoic metasediments and the 226 227 geothermal gradient prevailing during the Variscan collision have been estimated from RSCM in the Zaian mountains, and indicate depth of burial of 5 to 8.5 km (Lahfid et al., 2019). We 228 consider this as an upper limit for the emplacement depth of the dykes. One of the two dykes of 229 230 the Kariane locality is of granitic composition and comprises few metasedimentary xenoliths. Only one of those xenoliths has been collected for this study (2Kar8). The second dyke is a 231 232 microgranodioritic dyke which crosscuts the former one and is considered as post-orogenic since it also crosscuts the regional schistosity (Fig. 2b). It comprises numerous granitic and 233 metasedimentary enclaves (metagreywackes and metapelites) (Ntarmouchand, 2003). The 234 235 metasedimentary enclaves (Fig. 2c and d) are of small size (less than 10 cm), often elongated in shape and are non-oriented with respect to the dyke orientation. They can present or not an 236 internal schistosity and also present a mineralogic variability (e.g. presence or not of andalusite). 237 Twenty-one samples of metapelitic xenoliths from the microgranodioritic dyke have been 238 collected at different places along the dyke and studied in thin sections. A representative set of 239 240 those samples will be described in the following.

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242 **3. Methods**

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Samples collected in the field are centimer size xenoliths (4-10 cm in length) included in their 244 245 microgranodioritic or microgranitic host rock. Each sample has been prepared in order to separate i) one slice for thin section across the xenolith ii) one fragment (10 - 50 g) of xenolith for whole-246 rock analysis and iii) in eight samples, one fragment of the host rock (ca. 100 g) for whole-rock 247 248 analysis. Thin sections have been made in the Géosciences environmement Toulouse laboratory (Toulouse, France). Samples selected for whole-rock analyses were crushed with a jaw crusher 249 250 and pulverized in an agate mill. Five samples have been selected for detailed petrological 251 investigation on the basis of petrographical observation by optical microscopy and SEM. 252

Petrological studies by SEM and EPMA were carried out at the Géosciences environnement
Toulouse laboratory (GET, Université de Toulouse, France). Backscattered electron images as
well as EDS maps were obtained using the JEOL JSM 6360 LV Scanning Electron Microscope
(SEM) coupled to an energy dispersive spectrometry (EDS) analysis system Bruker Quantax 800

at the GET laboratory. The analytical conditions used were 20 kV for the acceleration voltage, 257 while a tungsten filament was used as the electron source. Semi-quantitative analytical 258 composition were extracted from selected micro-domains in the chemical maps using the Bruker 259 Hypermap software. Electron Probe Micro Analyses (EPMA) were obtained using the 260 261 CAMECA SX 50 on polished thin sections using a beam current of 20 nA and an acceleration voltage of 15 keV for major elements. Monazites were analysed for U-Th-Pb dating with an 262 263 accelerating voltage of 15 kV and 300 nA probe current. The age and associated confidence interval were calculated with the Rpackage NileDam (Montel et al. 1996; Seydoux-Guillaume et 264 265 al., 2012; Villa-Vialaneix et al., 2013). Analysis of the reference crystal MOACYR gave ages of 266 487 ± 25 Ma, in accordance with the recommended value of 474 ± 1 Ma (Seydoux-Guillaume et al., 2002), later revised to 504.3 \pm 0.2 Ma (Gasquet et al. 2010) and 507.7 \pm 1.3 Ma (Gonçalves 267 268 *et al.*, 2016).

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Major elements and trace elements bulk-rock analyses were obtained by ICP-OES and ICP-MS
respectively in the Service d'Analyse des Roches et des Minéraux (SARM), Nancy (France),
following the analytical procedures described by Carignan *et al.* (2001).

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274 Isochemical phase diagrams (pseudosections) were calculated in order to constrain metamorphic 275 conditions, *i.e.* pressure and temperature range, of the aluminous xenoliths. Mineral equilibrium calculations were made in the NCKFMASHMT (Na₂O-CaO-K₂O-FeO-MgO-Al₂O₃-SiO₂-276 H₂O–MnO-TiO₂) system using Perple X 07 software (Connolly, 2005; Connolly, 2009) with the 277 278 Holland and Powell (1998) database updated in 2002. Except for sample Malo, the composition of the system was fixed at a local scale from SEM EDS maps. One pseudosection at the whole-279 280 rock scale has been calculated for sample Ma10. We have estimated the water content from T- $X_{\rm H2O}$ diagrams by choosing $X_{\rm H2O}$ leading to the best agreement with observed assemblages as 281 described in the petrography section, in particular the low volume of hydrous phases (namely 282 283 biotite and cordierite). The solid solutions models are: biotite (Tajčmanová et al., 2009); chlorite (Holland and Powell, 1998); garnet (Holland and Powell, 1998); melt (Holland and Powell, 2001; 284 285 White et al., 2001); cordierite (Berman and Aranovich, 1996); plagioclase (Newton et al., 1980); 286 K-feldspar (Waldbaum and Thompson, 1968); ilmenite (White et al., 2000); spinel (Holland and Powell, 1998); staurolite (Holland and Powell, 1998) and white mica (Coggon and Holland,
2002). Phase abbreviations are from Whitney and Evans (2010).

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290 4. Petrography

291 *4.1. Xenolith Ma3*

Sample Ma3 (Table 1) is characterized by a foliation underlined by biotite, sillimanite and 292 elongated garnet (Fig. 3a and b, Fig. 4a). Crystals of biotite are sometimes skeletal (Fig. 3a and 293 4a). Garnet forms elongated corroded crystals included in alkali-feldspar and contains inclusions 294 of ilmenite, biotite and numerous sillimanite needles oriented parallel to the main foliation (Fig. 295 296 3a and 4a). Spinel is rimmed by alkali-feldspar and often contains an inner foliation parallel to 297 the main foliation (Fig. 3b). Cordierite appears as large clear invasive crystals in textural equilibrium with feldspar, locally enclosing internal schistosity marked by sillimanite fibers and 298 containing ilmenite grains (Fig. 3a). 299

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Sample *Ma3* thus records a multi-stage metamorphic history. Biotite, sillimanite and garnet are syn-kinematic minerals and constitute an early mineral paragenesis. Garnet and spinel are both contemporaneous to late compared to the foliation, which they both enclose and crosscut in several places. Feldspar and cordierite are post-kinematic minerals. The overgrowth of Kfeldspar at alkali feldspar rims (Fig. 4a and g) as well as the presence of interstitial alkali feldspar enclosing euhedral porphyroblasts of spinel (Fig. 3b) suggest they grew from a melt, in equilibrium with cordierite.

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309 *4.2. Xenolith Ma10*

Euhedral porphyroblasts of andalusite and garnet are dispersed in a matrix composed of 310 311 feldspar, biotite, spinel and ilmenite (Fig. 3c and d) (Table 1). Andalusite shows a chiastolitic form and appear surrounded by spinel and plagioclase coronas (Fig. 3c and d). In places, 312 andalusite crystals are fractured and filled with the same mineral association as in the matrix (Fig. 313 3d; Fig. 4c and i). Rare corundum spreads in the matrix or appears enclosed in garnet or 314 andalusite (Fig. 4c and i). Feldspars are either alkali feldspar or plagioclase. Plagioclase is 315 observed at the rim or in the cracks of andalusite crystals (Fig. 4b, c, h and i). Plagioclase forms a 316 317 continuous strip in contact with broken prisms of andalusite whereas K-rich feldspar is scattered

in the middle of the fracture (Fig. 4c and i). Tiny crystals of orthoclase are included within the

- corona of cordierite around garnet. Sillimanite crosscuts and partly replaces and alusite (Fig. 3d),
- 320 locally also clearly crosscutting the feldspar bearing microcracks (not shown). Garnet crystals are
- rimmed by cordierite and alkali feldspar (Fig. 3d and 4b). Spinel occurs around and within
- andalusite crystals and as inclusion in feldspar (Fig. 3d).
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324 To conclude, and alusite, garnet, corundum, alkali feldspar, biotite and ilmenite appear as an early mineral association, whereas plagioclase, spinel, sillimanite and cordierite belong to later 325 parageneses. Several lines of evidence account for the presence of a melt. These include i) the 326 327 presence of feldspar-rich veinlets (Fig. 4c and i), ii) the clear spatial association of feldspar surrounding euhedral porphyroblasts of spinel in the vicinity of aluminosilicate, which is 328 interpreted to record a melting reaction with spinel as peritectic product (e.g. Powell & Downes, 329 1990; Johnson et al., 2004; Álvarez-Valero et al., 2007) (Fig. 3d), iii) the zoning pattern in 330 plagioclase, characterized by a outwards decrease of the anorthitic content in the coronas 331 332 surrounding andalusite crystals and a decrease of the anorthitic content away from the edges in the microfractures, which witnesses fractional growth from a liquid (Fig. 4i). iv) The presence of 333 ternary feldspars (e.g. Or₂₀, An₁₅, Ab₆₅ (Fig. 5a) which suggest that they formed under partial 334 335 melting conditions at ca. 900°C (Elkins and Grove, 1990).

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337 *4.3. Xenoliths Ma6 and Kar2b*

Large euhedral fragmented crystals of andalusite are scattered in a fine-grained matrix of plagioclase (Fig. 3e) (Table 1). Andalusite is rimmed by a spinel-plagioclase association (Fig. 3e and f, Fig. 4d). Rare biotite (not shown) is scattered in the matrix. Acicular corundum appears as inclusions within andalusite (Fig. 3f and h; Fig. 4d). Locally, fibers of sillimanite develop upon andalusite (Fig. 3e and h). Large grains of cordierite are observed in the matrix, always separated from andalusite by a spinel-plagioclase association (Fig. 3e).

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Thus, corundum and andalusite are considered as early mineral phases, whereas sillimanite, cordierite, plagioclase and spinel belong to later parageneses. The presence of plagioclase-spinel association at andalusite rim and the presence of interstitial anhedral plagioclase enclosing euhedral porphyroblasts of spinel (Fig. 3g) are interpreted as the witnesses of former partial melting reactions including spinel as a peritectic phase (*e.g.* Powell & Downes, 1990; Johnson *et al.*, 2004; Álvarez-Valero *et al.*, 2007).

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352 *4.4. Xenolith Ma5*

353 Grey abundant spinel appears within large prisms of euhedral plagioclase (Fig. 3i and j; Table 1) and scattered in a matrix composed of plagioclase and rare and biotite (Fig. 31) (Table 1). 354 355 Corundum forms generally rounded crystals (Fig. 3k and 4f; Fig. 4l). Corroded garnet crystals (Fig. 31) form isolated relics rimmed by cordierite and enclosing ilmenite. The rounded shape of 356 357 garnet and corundum and the plagioclase matrix forming in places large euhedral crystals suggest 358 the former presence of melt. Anhedral interstitial cordierite (Fig. 4f) forms around feldspar and some corundum crystals are rimmed by spinel and/or cordierite (Fig. 3k). This is broadly similar 359 to sample Ma10, except for the absence of andalusite in sample Ma5. However, the former 360 presence of andalusite is suggested by the squared shape of plagioclase-rich domains (Fig. 3i) 361 that can be interpreted as pseudomorphs of andalusite crystals. 362

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The early mineral paragenesis therefore comprises garnet, corundum, biotite and ilmenite, whereas spinel, cordierite and plagioclase belong to later parageneses. The presence of a former partial melt is indicated by i) the euhedral twinned plagioclase crystals (Fig. 3j), ii) the presence of interstitial anhedral plagioclase and/or alkali feldspar enclosing euhedral porphyroblasts of corundum (Fig. 3j and k), iii) rational crystal faces of felspar crystals and iv) formation of overgrowths of spinel and cordierite on grains adjacent to feldspar (Fig. 3k) (Johnson *et al.*, 2010).

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372 **5. Mineral chemistry**

373 Feldspars

In xenolith *Ma3*, only alkali-feldspar is present and crystals present chemical zoning (Or 62 to 90 mol.%, Table 2, Fig. 5a). Alkali-feldspar domains are formed by Na-rich crystals with interstitial K-rich domains (Fig. 4g). In xenolith *Ma10*, feldspars composition is highly variable from plagioclase (An 35 to 45 mol.%) to alkali feldspar (Or 47 to 92 mol.%) with several intermediate ternary feldspar compositions (Table 2, Fig. 4h and 5a). Feldspar in xenoliths *Ma6* and *Kar2b* is mainly plagioclase (An 26 to 74 mol.% and 15 to 45 mol.% respectively, Table 2, Fig. 5a) associated with corundum and spinel in replacement of andalusite (Fig. 4j and k). Rare

alkali feldspar (Or 57 to 88 mol.%) is also present in sample *Ma6*. In xenolith *Ma5*, feldspar is a

- homogeneous (Table 2, Fig. 4l and 5a), with An content comprised between 45 and 53 mol.%.
- 383
- 384 Spinel

Most of crystals of spinel are grey and belong to hercynitic spinel (Table 3). X_{Fe} varies from sample to sample but appears mostly homogeneous in each xenolith. The lowest X_{Fe} (0.57 to 0.64) is observed in xenolith *Ma5*, the highest in xenolith *Ma6* (0.70 to 0.74), whereas it is intermediate in samples *Ma3* (0.67-0.72), *Ma10* (0.63-0.79) and *Kar2b* (0.64-0.69). The ZnO content reaches 0.5 wt.%.

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- 391 *Garnet*

Garnet is present in xenoliths *Ma3*, *Ma10* and *Ma5*. They are almandine-pyrope garnets, with composition ranging from $X_{Alm} = 64$ to 73 % in *Ma3* and from $X_{Alm} = 59$ to 67 % in *Ma10* (Table 4). Garnet from *Ma10* is generally spessartine - richer than garnet from *Ma3* (X_{Sps} up to 6 %), with spessartine content presenting typical bell-shaped profile (not shown).

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- 397 Biotite

Biotite is generally Ti-rich (TiO₂ 3 to 7 wt.% in *Ma10* and up to 8 wt.% in *Ma3*) (Table 4, Fig. 5b). The lowest TiO₂ is observed in sample *Ma5* (TiO₂ < 5 wt.%). X_{Mg} varies from 0.45 in *Ma3*, 0.4 to 0.56 in *Ma10* and 0.49 to 0.56 in *Ma5*.

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402 **6.** Petrological and geochemical relationships between host rocks and xenoliths

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404 *6.1. Host rocks and xenolith contacts*

The microgranodiorite host rock has a porphyritic texture with phenocrysts of plagioclase, amphibole, biotite and quartz in a fine-grained matrix composed of quartz, plagioclase, Kfeldspar and rare biotite (Fig. 6a). In sample *Ma3* (Fig. 6b), the contact is sharp. A few xenocrysts of biotite from the xenolith are nevertheless present in the host rock near the contact, accounting for mechanical exchange between the host magma and the xenolith. In sample *Ma10* (Fig. 6c), the contact is characterized by a two mm large rim along the xenolith limit where abundant

pinnite replaces cordierite. In sample Ma6, the contact is underlined by the presence of large 411 412 andalusite crystals broadly similar to those of the core of the xenoliths and preserving spinel relics (Fig. 6d and e). Such andalusite crystals are sometimes fully enclosed in the host rock, 413 414 featuring mechanical exchange between the host magma and the xenolith. In sample Ma5 (Fig. 415 6f), the contact is sharp, with a two mm large rim along the xenolith limit. In the rim, the host rock is characterized by reduced crystal size, the lack of phenocrystals, and the absence of biotite. 416 417

6.2. Geochemistry of host rocks and xenoliths 418

419 Major and trace elements have been analyzed in the xenoliths and their host rocks (Table 420 5). Xenoliths have a low to intermediate SiO₂ content of 44 to 57 wt.% (Table 5, Fig. 7a). They are characterized by a high although variable Al₂O₃ content (18-34 wt.%) that reaches very high 421 422 values (*ca.*> 30 %) in the silica poorer samples. Alkali content is high ($5 \le Na_2O+K_2O \le 9$ wt.%). Host rocks have a SiO₂ content of 62 to 68 wt.% (Table 5). In the SiO₂-Na₂O+K₂O diagram (Fig. 423 7b, Cox et al., 1979), 6 samples fall in the field of quartz diorite. One sample, 2Kar 8, coming 424 425 from a different dyke, has the composition of a granite. Compared to the host rock, the xenoliths are enriched in a number of trace elements (Fig. 8a and 9), notably HFSE (Nb, Ti) and some of 426 the transition elements (Cr, V, W, Ni). By contrast, there is no element for which there is a 427 428 systematic enrichment of the host rock compared to the xenolith.

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430 Host rocks present very similar decreasing REE spectra, with (La/Yb)_N in the range 13-16 (Fig.

8b and 9a). The microgranitic sample 2Kar 8 presents a slight Eu anomaly. Xenolith samples also 431

432 display decreasing REE spectra, broadly parallel, either above or below the host-rock spectra,

with 5 samples presenting (La/Yb)_N values similar to that of the host rock and 4 samples 433

presenting (La/Yb)_N scattered between 5 and 30 (Fig. 8b). Note that the (La/Yb)_N ratio is not 434

435 correlated to the SiO₂ content of the xenolith. The overall REE content varies by an order of

magnitude in the xenoliths, the more enriched samples (Ma3, Ma10, Ma5, 2Kar5, Kar2b) having 436

the lowest SiO₂ content (44-51 wt.%). The extended spectra highlight negative anomalies for both 437

the host rocks and the xenoliths in Nb, Ta, Ti and P, and a positive anomaly in Pb. No correlation 438

was found between the chemical composition of the host rock and corresponding xenolith. 439

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441 7. Mineral equilibria modeling

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443 *7.1. Ma3 xenolith*

A pseudosection has been drawn for the local composition of a microdomain in sample 444 Ma3 (EDS map Fig. 6a and Fig.10). The microdomain is fully representative of the mineral 445 446 assemblages at the thin section scale. The mineral assemblage (biotite + melt + plagioclase + Kfeldspar + spinel + garnet + sillimanite + ilmenite) is stable in the pseudosection for a 447 448 temperature range of 850-900°C and for a pressure higher than 5 kbar. Isopleths curves for garnet and biotite are reported in the pseudosection and are in agreement with such PT range. They 449 define a narrow range between 850 and 915 °C. Modes at this temperature correspond to K-450 451 feldspar 50 wt.%, biotite 10 wt.%, garnet 15 wt.%, ilmenite 5 wt.%, melt 10 wt.%, plagioclase <5 wt.%, sillimanite <5 wt.% and spinel 5 wt.%, in agreement with petrographic observations. 452 The fraction of melt calculated at 850-900 °C is estimated as 15-25%. Partial melting may have 453 454 started at a temperature of ca. 725 °C in the stability field of garnet and sillimanite for a pressure above 5 kbar. The presence of cordierite accounts for a decompression below 5 kbar. These 455 456 characteristics are accounted for by a prograde path at a pressure above 5 kbar from 725 to 850-900 °C, followed by a decompression path toward lower pressure and temperature conditions, as 457 shown in Fig. 10. 458

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460 *7.2. Ma10 xenolith*

The pseudosection (Fig. 11) for sample Ma10 has been calculated for whole rock 461 composition (recalculated from Table 5 for a water content of 0.54 wt.% determined from $T-X_{H2O}$ 462 section) since none of the microdomain was representative of the sample. In the pseudosection 463 the mineral assemblage (biotite + cordierite + plagioclase + K-feldspar + garnet + spinel + 464 sillimanite + ilmenite+melt) is reached for temperatures between ~800 to 850 °C and pressures 465 466 between 4 to 6 kbar. The upper and lower temperatures are constrained by the presence of biotite 467 and spinel in the mineral assemblage respectively, whereas pressure is constrained by the garnet-468 cordierite stability field. The isopleths for plagioclase, biotite and garnet compositions better constrain the temperature to ~850 °C (Fig. 11). Modes at 850 °C correspond to biotite 15 wt.%, 469 plagioclase 10 wt.%, K-feldspar 20 wt.%, sillimanite 30 wt.%, garnet 10 wt %, cordierite 470 <5 wt.%, spinel <5 wt.%, melt <5 wt% and ilmenite <5 wt.%, and are in agreement with 471 petrographic observations. In addition, the observations of i) corroded garnet grains and 472

cordierite growth in the presence of biotite and spinel and ii) spinel at andalusite/sillimanite rims 473 474 (Fig. 3c) indicate a temperature increase above 4 kbar to reach the peak PT conditions. Andalusite chiastolite attests for an early metamorphism (PT conditions outside of the range of 475 the pseudosection). Sillimanite may have grown at the expense of andalusite during heating. 476 477 Sillimanite fibers crosscutting the feldspar-rich veins and the modes calculated from the model (Supplemental material 2) suggest as an alternative that cooling may then have produced both 478 479 crystallization of feldspar from the melt and growth of sillimanite fibers fringing andalusite crystals. 480

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482 *7.3. Ma6 xenolith*

The composition of a microdomain (Fig. 4d and j), silica poor and alumina rich, has been 483 used to compute a pseudosection (Fig. 12). It is representative in terms of petrographic 484 characteristics of the sample at the thin section scale. The H₂O content was fixed to be just low 485 enough to account for the absence of biotite at the solidus, in order to match the observations, *i.e.* 486 487 no biotite on the microdomain and rare biotite at the xenolith scale. In the pseudosection, partial melting takes place above 800 °C thanks to the consumption of K-feldspar and, at low pressure 488 (<3 kbar) produces small amounts of spinel (e.g. Fig. 3g) while consuming cordierite 489 490 (Supplemental material 3). The observed assemblage corresponds to temperatures higher than 900 °C, as constrained by partial melting and the absence of K-feldspar. Modes at 900 °C 491 correspond to plagioclase 30 wt.%, corundum 15 wt.%, cordierite 20 wt.%, melt 10 wt.%, spinel 492 493 10 wt.%, K-feldspar 5 wt.%; sillimanite 10 wt.% and ilmenite <0.4 wt.%, in agreement with petrographic observations. Moreover, the presence of andalusite resorbed and rimmed by a spinel 494 - plagioclase association accounts for an initial metamorphic stage at a temperature lower than 495 700 °C and a pressure lower than 2 kbar. Andalusite then remains in a metastable state, without 496 497 being replaced by sillimanite in this microdomain. To summarize, sample Ma6 thus record partial 498 melting at low pressure (< 2 kbar) with a temperature increase from less than 700 °C to more than 900 °C. 499

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501 *7.4. Kar2b xenolith*

502 The composition corresponding to the microdomain of Fig. 4e and k, silica poor and alumina 503 rich, has been used to compute the pseudosection of Fig. 13. The petrographical features are representative of the sample at the sample scale. The H_2O content was fixed to be just low enough to account for the absence of biotite at the solidus, in order to match the observations, *i.e.* no biotite on the microdomain and rare biotite at the xenolith scale.

- The absence of K-feldspar suggests its almost total consumption by partial melting reaction at *ca*. 507 508 900 °C, whereas the absence of garnet constraints pressure to below 4 kbar (Fig. 13). At such low pressure, partial melting would produce spinel (Fig. 3h) at the expanse of cordierite 509 510 (Supplemental material 4). Modes at this PT range correspond to plagioclase 45 wt.%, cordierite 10 wt.%, sillimanite 10 wt.%, corundum 10 wt.%, spinel 10 wt.%, melt 15 wt.%, ilmenite 511 <1 wt.%. Moreover, metastable andalusite grains account for an initial temperature below 512 513 650 °C, at a pressure that is further constrained by the absence of garnet to below 2 kbar. As a whole, the observations suggest an increase of temperature from ca. 650 °C to more than 900 °C, 514 at a pressure lower than 2 kbar. This evolution is fully consistent with the evolution estimated for 515 sample Ma6. Cooling may then have produced both crystallization of feldspar from the melt and 516 possibly sillimanite fibers growing on andalusite crystals (Supplemental material 4). 517
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519 *7.5. Ma5 xenolith*

A pseudosection (Fig. 14) has been drawn for the local composition of a microdomain in 520 521 sample Ma5 (Fig. 4f and 1). It differs from the sample at the sample scale in that there is no garnet relict. In the pseudosection, the mineral assemblage (cordierite + plagioclase + spinel + 522 523 corundum + ilmenite \pm biotite) is stable for temperature of higher that 800°C and for pressure 524 lower than 5 kbar. Mineral modes at 850 °C correspond to plagioclase 55 wt.%, cordierite 9 wt.%, spinel 10 wt.%, ilmenite 2 wt.%, K-feldspar 7 wt.%, corundum 1 wt.% and melt 525 16 wt.%. These proportions are in close agreement with petrographic observations. The 526 527 petrographic observation of spinel corona surrounding corroded corundum (Fig. 3k) argues for an 528 increase of spinel proportions along with decrease of corundum above a temperature of 800 °C 529 (Supplemental material 5). Although not visible in the microdomain, the presence of garnet relics elsewhere in the xenolith records previous mineral equilibrium at lower temperature and/or 530 higher pressure (650 to 800 °C for pressures in the range 2.5 - 5 kbar). 531

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533 8. Ages constraints

A few small (<10 μ m) monazite crystals have been found in xenoliths *Ma3* and *Ma6*. These were too small and rare for LA-ICPMS analyses but U-Pb dating was attempted by the U-Th-Pb chemical dating method by EPMA. The diameter of the interaction volume below the electron beam (4 μ m) allowed only 7 analysis to be done in sample *Ma6* and 21 in sample *Ma3*. In sample *Ma6*, individual data give ages lower than 230 Ma that do not define a single population. By contrast, in sample *Ma3*, the analyses, although slightly dispersed, provide an age of 293 ± 25 Ma, or, if restricted to a more coherent population of 11 analyses, 304 ± 3 Ma (Fig. 15).

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9. A petrogenetic model for the crustal xenoliths from the Moroccan Central Massif

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544 9.1. Evidence for prograde multi-stage evolution and partial melting in the xenoliths

Regional metamorphism is best represented in sample *Ma3* where biotite, sillimanite and garnet underline the foliation and indicate pressure above *ca*. 5 kbar. In low pressure xenoliths (*Ma6* and *Kar2b*), euhedral crystals of andalusite, randomly scattered in the matrix, belong to an early paragenesis and may have formed during contact metamorphism prior to the entrapment or at the onset of heating in the dyke.

The peak temperature parageneses formed during ongoing partial melting, as shown by i) textural observations, *i.e.* the presence of feldspar-rich veinlets (*e.g.* Fig. 4c) and magmatic textures of feldspar associations (Fig. 3b, g and j), ii) chemical zoning of feldspar which witnesses fractional growth from a liquid (Fig. 4g, k), iii) the presence of ternary feldspar (Fig. 5a) that suggest that they formed under partial melting conditions at *ca.* 900 °C (Elkins and Grove, 1990).

In high pressure samples (*Ma3*, *Ma10*, *Ma5*), post-kinematic mineral associations formed during partial melting overprint foliated domains. These include coronas of cordierite +ilmenite + alkali feldspar around garnet (Fig. 3e, Fig. 4b and h) and spinel crystals crosscutting initial foliation (Fig. 3b) or as coronas around andalusite pseudomorphs (Fig. 3i). In low-pressure samples, secondary minerals associated to partial melting include coronas of spinel and plagioclase around and inside andalusite (Fig. 3f, Fig. 4e and k), and secondary sillimanite developed upon porphyroblasts of andalusite (Fig. 3e). The new products (including melt, neoblasts of spinel, 562 cordierite, K-feldspar, ilmenite) formed from the (garnet) - biotite – andalusite (sillimanite)
563 assemblages. (Cesare 2000; Álvarez-Valero et *al.*, 2007; Álvarez-Valero and Waters, 2010).

Partial melting reactions relevant to the conditions observed in the xenoliths of the Moroccan 564 565 Central Massif have been reproduced in experiments designed to reproduce assimilation of metasedimentary xenoliths in a granodioritic magma at lower crustal level (4 kbar) under water 566 undersaturated conditions by Díaz-Alvarado et al. (2011). During heating and partial melting, 567 they have shown that the initial parageneses of metapelitic xenoliths have evolved to form 568 569 cordierite, spinel and K-feldspar. These minerals may be formed according to the well-studied reactions (e.g. Bouloton et al., 1991; Vielzeuf and Holloway, 1988; Patiño Douce and Johnson, 570 1991; Johnson et al., 2004; Álvarez-Valero et al. 2007) : 571

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$$Bt + And/Sil + Qz + Pl = Crd (or Grt) + Kfs + melt$$
 (1)

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$$Grt + And/Sil + Bt + Pl = Spl + Crd + Kfs + melt$$
 (2)

574 or, in garnet-free samples (Buick et al., 2004) :

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$$Qz + Bt + Pl + And/Sil = Crd + Spl + melt$$
 (3)

576 Experiments undertaken at 3 kbar from 700 ° to 1000 °C on water-rich or water-poor metapelites in order to explain contact metamorphism assemblages (Buick et al., 2004) also display mineral 577 assemblages and melting reactions relevant to the present study. In water poor samples, partial 578 melting begins slightly below 750 °C while muscovite, quartz, and alusite, biotite and plagioclase 579 remain from the protolith and sillimanite appears as well as new crystals of cordierite, biotite and 580 plagioclase. Spinel appears in the experiments at *ca*. 800 °C and orthopyroxene at 1000 °C. Melt 581 production is progressive with a main production between 800 and 950 °C when melt fraction 582 583 reaches ca. 50 %. An association of spinel + secondary plagioclase surrounding relicts of andalusite is noteworthy above 800 °C. Moreover, this secondary plagioclase appears richer in 584 An, and melt is peraluminous granitic in composition with normative corundum. This evolution 585 can be compared to that of the more silica-rich sample Ma3, the others having different, silica-586 depleted compositions. In sample *Ma3*, the paragenesis (Bt, Grt, Crd, Pl, Kfs, Spl, Ilm and melt) 587 is comparable to those observed in the experiments between 800 and 900 °C, whereas the 588

comparison with the thermodynamic model (Fig. 10) allows to reduce this interval to 850-900 °C for a pressure of *ca*. 5 kbar.

The melting reactions can be deciphered by a comparison of textural observation and 591 592 thermodynamic modeling. For the composition of the microdomain in Ma3 (Fig. 10), at high pressure (6 kbar), melting begins at ca. 750 °C (Fig. 16a) and involves consumption of biotite, 593 plagioclase, quartz and produces low amount of garnet (reaction 1). The appearance of spinel is 594 linked to a second major melt-producing reaction at 900°C involving the consumption of 595 sillimanite and biotite and the production of ilmenite together with spinel. This leads to the 596 observed mineral assemblage in sample Ma3 if we except late cordierite that appears at the 597 598 expanse of garnet during decompression and cooling. At lower pressure (2.5 kbar, Fig. 16b), 599 thermodynamic modeling shows that melting reaction begins at lower temperature (ca. 680 °C) and produces cordierite instead of garnet. The appearance of spinel as a peritectic phase takes 600 place at ca. 850 °C and melt is produced at the expense of biotite, plagioclase, K-feldspar and 601 602 cordierite. Note also that partial melting leads to the disappearance of quartz at high temperature at 775 to 825 °C depending at low and high pressure respectively. However, for the composition 603 604 of the microdomain in sample Ma5 (Fig. 14), melting is slightly different (Fig. 16c). It is shifted to higher temperature (800 °C) and involves a single process of consumption of biotite, 605 plagioclase and cordierite but also corundum and production of spinel, K-feldspar and ilmenite. 606 607 According to the simulation, the growth of secondary cordierite in low temperature sample Ma5 and Kar2b would not be directly related to partial melting but rather to an earlier solid-state 608 609 reaction consuming biotite, sillimanite and small amounts of spinel to form cordierite, K-feldspar and corundum. 610

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612 9.2. The significance of corundum and the depleted protolith of the xenoliths

613 Corundum has been observed in all samples except *Ma3*. These samples are characterized by 614 their poor to intermediate SiO₂ and high Al₂O₃ content (44 to 57 wt.% SiO₂, 17.5 wt.% to 615 33.8 wt.% Al₂O₃). Corundum belongs to the early mineral parageneses since it appears as 616 inclusion in andalusite and garnets. However, it remains euhedral and stable in the late, high 617 temperature parageneses together with feldspar and spinel. Thermodynamic calculations show

that the presence of corundum is controlled by the chemical composition rather than by the 618 619 pressure-temperature conditions. Thus, in the simulations, corundum is absent when SiO_2 is higher than 50 wt.% and Al₂O₃ lower than 30 wt.% (Fig. 10), present over the whole PT range 620 when SiO₂ is lower than 40 wt.% and Al₂O₃ higher than 45 wt.% (Fig. 12 and 13) and restricted 621 622 to limited low-pressure domains (<5 kbar) at high temperature (>600 °C) for intermediate SiO₂ and Al₂O₃ contents (Fig. 11 and 14). Reaction textures preserved in spinel-corundum-feldspar-623 624 rich rocks show corundum partially replaced by spinel, which is consistent with numerical modelling that shows corundum consumption and spinel production above 800°C (Fig. 16c) and 625 has been already described by Johnson et al. (2010). It has been suggested that the presence of 626 627 corundum is favoured by high H₂O content (Johnson et al., 2010). However, according to thermodynamic modelling corresponding to the composition of sample Ma5 (Fig. 16d), an 628 increase in H₂O content (from 0 to the observed value of 0.56 wt.%) would rather correspond to 629 630 the disappearance of corundum. At the composition corresponding to the studied microdomain, corundum is present at a pressure of 3kb from 550 °C to 980 °C with a maximum modal 631 632 abundance of 6% at ca. 850 °C.

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634 9.3. Magma – xenoliths interactions and the origin of the refractory nature of the xenoliths

There are two lines of evidence for chemical – mechanical magma-xenolith interactions in the 635 samples from the Moroccan Central Massif. The first one is the petrographic observation of some 636 637 digestion of the xenolith by the enclosing magma. This is marked by the presence of biotite and andalusite xenocrysts in the host rock at the contact with xenoliths in a number of samples (Fig. 638 639 3b, d and e). The second one is the observation of a linear relationship between the transition 640 element and SiO_2 content in the host rock sampled in the vicinity of the xenoliths, which we 641 tentatively interpret as a witness of chemical mixing between transition element enriched xenoliths and the enclosing magma (Fig. 8a). Such digestion of the xenoliths by the enclosing 642 643 magma, and partial melting and melt loss due to heating at their contact, has been long observed and taken as a marker of crustal contamination during magma ascent. In particular, this process 644 645 has been recently addressed on Díaz-Alvarado et al. (2011), which explained the shift from calc-646 alkaline magmas toward peraluminous granite composition by the assimilation of crustal xenolith

that underwent partial melting and retained a solid fraction containing in particular the peritecticphases formed by partial melting reactions.

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Such a process requires substantial amount of melt loss, which is difficult to evidence from the 650 chemistry and the mineralogy of the residue. Indeed, as recalled by Johnson et al. (2010), melt 651 652 loss at a given temperature would not change significantly mineral proportion and chemical composition of the residue. Hence, the refractory nature of the xenolith, marked by the abundance 653 of aluminosilicate phases, spinel and corundum, the low SiO₂ and large Al₂O₃ content, must be 654 largely inherited from the protolith. Considering the partition coefficient from Bea et al., (1994) 655 relevant for partial melting of crustal material, we have calculated the evolution of the trace 656 element content of the residues for samples Ma3 (model 1) and Ma5 (model 2) in the case of non 657 658 modal batch melting, *i.e.*

$$\frac{C_l}{C_0} = \frac{1}{D + F(1 - P)}$$

where C_l is the concentration of the element of interest in the partial melt, C_0 is the concentration 660 in the initial solid, D is the bulk partition coefficient of the solid and P is the partition coefficient 661 weighted by the proportion that each mineral contributes to the melt. Mineral proportion at the 662 663 onset of cooling and the proportion of the mineral that contributes to the melt at a final temperature of 900°C are taken from the thermodynamic calculation (Table 6). The two samples 664 represent contrasted situation where, in the case of Ma3, melting is dominated by the 665 666 consumption of biotite and quartz and garnet growth in the solid as a peritectic phase, while in the case of Ma5, cordierite and Kfs contribute significantly to melting in addition to biotite, in the 667 668 absence of garnet. In the first case, the bulk partition coefficients for REE vary from 0.30 (Sm) to 12.17 (Lu) while in the second case, they vary from 0.89 (Sm) to 2.78 (La) (Table 6), i.e. in the 669 first case, the LREE and MREE will behave as slightly incompatible elements whereas the HREE 670 will behave as compatible elements, whereas in the second case, all REE but Sm and Yb will 671 672 behave as compatible elements during partial melting. In both cases, the bulk partition coefficients for transition elements are much higher than 1 and are generally higher in the case of 673 674 Ma3. As a result, there will be very little variation in the trace element content of the residual solid Cs compared to the initial solid C_0 during partial melting at the considered temperature, 675 where the melt fraction does not exceed 20%. The C_s/C_0 is in the range 0.7 to 1.23 and 0.96 to 676

1.1 respectively for REE for model 1 and model 2, and is in the range 1.14 to 1.23 and 1.05 to 677 678 1.15 for transition elements (Table 6). This is much lower than the observed variations among xenoliths (Fig. 9, Table 5), where the REE content varies by a factor of 4.5 to 7.5 depending on 679 the REE and the transition element content by a factor of 2.1 to 2.9. Thus, the chemical diversity 680 681 among xenolith cannot be attributed to different degrees of partial melting and melt extraction due to their incorporation in the magma. The diversity in major and trace element composition 682 683 must be attributed to the diversity of their metapelitic protoliths. Thus, the protolith from which xenoliths have been derived must have undergone first partial melt extraction to explain their 684 variable depletion in SiO₂ and enrichment in Al₂O₃ compared to standard metapelites. This must 685 686 have taken place before entrapment in the magmas, *i.e.* during either earlier regional metamorphism or contact metamorphism related magma emplacement, as will be discussed 687 below. This conclusion is in line with those proposed by other authors (e.g. Aguilar et al., 2016) 688 that multiple melt extraction is necessary to shift the composition of the solid residue toward 689 marked refractory composition. 690

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10. Xenoliths as witnesses of metamorphic conditions of late Hercynian metamorphism in Moroccan Meseta

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696 Three types of xenoliths can be distinguished based on their pressure-temperature record (Fig. 17). The first type, represented by samples Ma3 and Ma10, record pressures higher than 5 kbar 697 (as demonstrated by the presence of garnet) for temperatures exceeding 800°C (as demonstrated 698 by the presence of spinel associated to partial melting). A decompression path at high 699 700 temperature is recorded in both samples by the transformation of garnet into cordierite. The 701 second type, represented by sample Ma5, records intermediate pressure of ca 3 kbar for a 702 temperature of 750 to 800 °C. Few garnet relics surrounded by a corona of cordierite testify for limited heating / decompression path. At last, samples *Ma6* and *Kar2b* exemplify a third type of 703 xenoliths, that record low pressure (<2.5 kbar), as demonstrated by the abundance of andalusite 704 705 relics and the absence of garnet. The transformation of an initial andalusite bearing assemblage 706 into a sillimanite-corundum-spinel-cordierite assemblage associated to partial melting records a major heating from below 700°C to ca. 900°C at constant pressure. 707

709 As a whole, the xenoliths have thus sampled a crustal segment from *ca*. 5 to 25 km (Fig. 17), considering a lithostatic pressure and a density of 2700 kg.m⁻³. The overall pressure range 710 711 recorded by the xenoliths matches the pressure range recorded by metamorphic rocks 712 outcropping in the Rehamna (6 to 9 kbar; Aghzer et Arenas, 1998; Wernert et al., 2016), in the Jebilet (1.5 to 5 kbar; Delchini et al., 2016) and in the Eastern Meseta (6 kbar, Elabouyi et al., 713 714 2019) and by the crustal xenoliths in late Hercynian magmas from the Jebilet (3 kbar, Bouloton et al., 1991), in the Middle Atlas (9-11 kbar; Moukadiri and Bouloton, 1998), and in the Zaër pluton 715 716 (2-5 kbar, Haïmeur et al., 2003). The absence of xenoliths recording a pressure higher than 717 11 kbar suggests either that the lower crustal levels have not been sampled by the magmas coming from the underlying mantle or that the Hercynian orogenic crust was only moderately 718 719 thickened (less than 40 km) in the area.

Based on geochemical and isotopic data, it has been argued that the analogue Permian granodioritic magmas have a mixed mantle-crustal origin with limited crustal component (⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr up to 0.705; Mrini *et al.*, 1992, for the Central Massif and the Rehamna; Gasquet *et al.*, 1992 for the Tichka Massif; Youbi *et al.*, 2001 and Dostal *et al.*, 2005 for the dykes of the Jebilet). This is confirmed by the trace element data on the microgranodiorite and microgranite dykes from Kariane that show a marked negative Nb–Ta anomaly that can best be explained by crustal contamination in a late orogenic context.

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The PT conditions recorded by the xenoliths corresponding to the maximum temperature are 728 consistently in the range 800 to 900 °C, regardless of the pressure. Moreover, in xenoliths Ma3 729 and Ma10, which record the highest pressure (ca. 6 kbar), the temperature associated to the 730 731 earliest metamorphic stage (>850 °C) is higher than the metamorphic temperature at the same 732 pressure reported from regional metamorphism associated to the orogenic stages in the D1- D2 733 deformation events in the Rehamna (Aghzer et Arenas, 1998; Wernert et al., 2016), in the Jebilet (Delchini et al., 2016) and in the Eastern Moulouya (Elabouyi et al. 2019) (Fig. 17). This 734 suggests that the maximal temperature records thermal metamorphism associated to the 735 736 incorporation into the magma, as already suggested by Bouloton et al. (1991). The peaktemperature range (800-900 °C) recorded by the xenoliths lies in between the solidus (700-737 738 800 °C) and liquidus (900-1000 °C) temperatures calculated for the host magmas (Table 5) over

the pressure range of 1-6 kbar with MELTS-Excel sheet (Gualda and Ghiorso, 2015). Given the 739 740 small size of the xenoliths (<10 cm), thermal equilibrium between the host magma and the xenolith should be achieved in less than one day. On the other hand, the persistence of andalusite 741 in a metastable form suggests a short metamorphic history. This is consistent with the 742 743 characteristic cooling time t of ca. 10 days that can be estimated for a dyke of half-thickness d of 1 m considering a thermal diffusivity K of ca. 1×10^{-6} m² s⁻¹ and a conductive model where 744 $t = d^2/(4K)$ (Turcotte and Schubert, 2003). The pressures and temperatures recorded by the 745 746 xenoliths in Kariane are in good agreement with those reported in xenoliths in other places in Morocco (Fig. 17). The xenoliths in Oulad Ouaslam (Jebilet) described by Bouloton et al (1991) 747 record PT conditions of ca. 750 °C, 3 kbar, similar to xenolith Ma5. The xenoliths from the Zaër 748 749 pluton (Central Massif) studied by Haïmeur et al. (2003) record PT conditions of 600-650 °C, 2 to 2.5 kbar for andalusite-bearing xenoliths, similar to xenoliths Ma6 and Kar2b, while 750 corundum-spinel-bearing xenoliths record PT conditions of 690-770°C, 4 to 5 kbar, similar to 751 752 samples Ma3 and Ma10. The PT conditions retrieved from migmatitic terrains associated to both 753 M-I type and S-type magmatism in the so-called Colline à Essaim d'Enclaves of the Eastern 754 Meseta by Elabouyi et al. (2019) record an isobaric heating history with maximal PT condition in full agreement with those recorded by samples Ma3 and Ma10. At last, granulitic xenoliths from 755 756 Plio-Quaternary basalts from the Middle Atlas record the highest pressures (9-11 kbar) for 757 temperatures of ca. 900 °C similar to those of samples Kar2b and Ma6. In the case of the 758 xenoliths from the Kariane locality, the age of the magmatic event responsible for the entrapment 759 of the xenoliths in the dykes and the associated metamorphism is not well constrained. It can be attributed to the Permian both on stratigraphic grounds and on previous radiometric dating 760 (Cheilletz, 1984; Rossi et al., 2016). The ages obtained in the present study on monazites from 761 762 the xenolith (EPMA age of 293 ± 25 Ma) are consistent with those earlier age estimates.

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The retrieval of the *PT* conditions that prevailed before the incorporation of the xenolith into the magma is difficult to assess. Regional metamorphism or syn-tectonic contact metamorphism is attested in the xenoliths from the Kariane locality by the oriented sillimanite-biotite-garnet association in sample *Ma3*, but the pressure-temperature record is obliterated by the temperature increase due to the entrapment in the magma. The early andalusite-bearing paragenesis in samples *Ma6* and *Kar2b* records pressures and temperature conditions of *ca*. 600 °C for a

pressure lower than 2.5 kbar, which is consistent both with the PT estimates of some of the 770 771 xenoliths from the Zaër Pluton (Haïmeur et al., 2003) and with the temperature and pressure associated to contact metamorphism in amphibolite facies in metapelites from the Jebilet Massif 772 773 by Delchini et al. (2016). However, in sample Ma10, the presence of andalusite chiastolite attesting for an early contact metamorphism implies a priori a pressure lower than 4 kbar, which 774 is not consistent with the peak PT conditions (>4.5 kbar). This discrepancy may be explained 775 776 either by a burial of the sample after contact metamorphism and before entrapment in the magma (orange line in Fig. 17), or if we admit a high-pressure high-temperature position for the silicate 777 triple point $(4.5 \pm 0.5 \text{ kbar}, 550 \pm 35 \text{ °C})$ (Pattison, 1992; Cesare *et al.*, 2003) rather than the 778 779 position of the triple point from Holland and Powell (1998) data base used in the thermodynamic 780 models (Fig. 17). In the latter case, slightly higher P and T conditions for the early and alusite-781 bearing stages are retrieved both for samples Ma6 and Kar2b (ca. 700 °C for a pressure lower than 2.5 kbar) and the prograde evolution of sample Ma10 can be explained by isobaric heating 782 from 550°C toward 800 °C at ca. 4.5 kbar (dashed orange line in Fig. 17). There is no available 783 784 dating of those initial stages of metamorphism, which can represent either the early stage of heating and incorporation in the Permian dykes, or a former stage of contact metamorphism of 785 the metasedimentary protoliths due to the intrusion of Carboniferous to Permian granitoids, such 786 787 as described in the Jebilet, in the Rehamna, or in the neighbouring granitoid of Ment (e.g. Dahmani, 1995; Chopin et al., 2014; Delphini et al., 2016). Both regional metamorphism of the 788 789 protolith and a pre-entrapment contact metamorphism and could have promoted early partial 790 melting and melt extraction from the metasedimentary protolith and explain their refractory 791 nature.

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793 11. Conclusion

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A suite of metapelitic xenoliths enclosed in a micro-quartz diorite dyke from the Moroccan

796 Central Massif records granulite facies metamorphism, with maximal temperatures of 800 °C to

⁷⁹⁷ 900 °C. Peak pressure conditions varying from *ca*. 1.5 to 6 kbar depending on the xenolith.

798 Stratigraphic constrains assign a Permian age for the micro-quartz diorite dyke, whereas U-Th/Pb

EPMA dating on monazite in the xenoliths gives a date of 293 ± 25 Ma which, although poorly

800 defined, confirms a late Variscan age for this metamorphism. The xenoliths therefore sample the

first 25 km of the Variscan crust. However, the recorded maximal temperatures are systematically higher than the temperatures of the regional metamorphism associated to the Variscan tectonometamorphic history. It is therefore concluded that the high temperature recorded in the xenoliths results from heating by the hot granodioritic host magmas.

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The chemistry of the metapelitic xenoliths is generally silica-poor, aluminum-rich, which results 806 807 in peculiar metamorphic quartz-absent assemblages comprising aluminosilicate (andalusite ± sillimanite), corundum, spinel, cordierite and sometimes garnet. Although partial melt may have 808 809 escaped the xenolith during entrapment in the magma, it is shown that melt loss cannot explain 810 the refractory conditions observed in the xenoliths. The protoliths must therefore have been preconditioned by regional metamorphism or previous contact metamorphism at high 811 temperature condition by a first depletion due to partial melting and melt loss. The remnants of 812 this initial metamorphic stage can be found in the presence of andalusite, biotite and garnet 813 crystals in some xenoliths. 814

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1102 Figure Captions

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- **Fig. 1 Geological maps** (a) Tectonic map of Morocco and location of the study area (b)
- 1105 Geological map of the study area (d'après Ntarmouchant, 2003)
- Fig. 2 Field photographs of the sampling area (Kariane locality) (a) Field view of the
 microgranodioritic dyke (b) Contact between the dyke and the Ordovician metasediments
- 1108 (c, d) Two examples of crustal xenoliths in the microgranodioritic host rock

1109 Fig. 3 Photomicrographs showing the assemblages and microstructures within the

- 1110 **xenoliths.** (a) *Ma3* Foliation underlined by sillimanite, skeletal biotite and elongated corroded
- 1111 garnet grains with sillimanite needles underlining and internal schistosity. Note the large
- 1112 cordierite flake enfolding all other mineral phases. (b) *Ma3* Note the presence of spinel
- 1113 overprinting the foliation. (c) Ma10 Large chiastolitic and alusite prisms surrounded by a spinel +
- 1114 plagioclase corona. (d) *Ma10* Broken enbay crystal partly transformed into sillimanite and

surrounded by a spinel-rich corona; cordierite corona surrounding garnet; plagioclase corona

- surrounding spinel. (e) Ma6 Crystal of andalusite partially replaced by sillimanite and
- 1117 plagioclase; plagioclase contains spinel and separates and alusite from cordierite (f) Ma6
- 1118 Andalusite pseudomorph including corundum and transformed into plagioclase. (g) Ma6
- 1119 Plagioclase-spinel matrix displaying magmatic texture. (h) Kar2b Corundum and spinel within
- 1120 plagioclase replacing andalusite. (i) Ma5 Plagioclase pseudomorphose of a crystal of andalusite
- 1121 (square section is recognizable). (j) *Ma5* Plagioclase euhedral twinned crystals with Spl
- inclusions. (k) Ma5 Corundum rimmed by cordierite and spinel. (l) Ma5 Corroded garnet grain
- rimmed by brown cordierite flakes. Mineral abbreviations from Whitney and Evans (2010).

Fig. 4 BSE images and EDS maps of the xenoliths. (a,g) Ma3. Note oriented inclusions of 1124 1125 sillimanite and ilmenite in garnet and the K enrichment at alkali feldspar boundaries (b) Ma10 1126 Feldspar – cordierite rims at garnet crystal. Note the complex alkali-feldspar / plagioclase concentric pattern (c) Ma10 Plagioclase - alkali feldspar association filling microcracks in 1127 1128 andalusite crystal (d) Ma6 Andalusite crystals resorbed into a plagioclase – spinel association (d) Kar2b Andalusite crystals resorbed into a plagioclase – spinel association (f) Ma5 Note resorbed 1129 corundum in a plagioclase matrix and the presence of cordierite. Quantitative EDS maps (g, j, k, 1130 1) have been used to quantify local composition for thermodynamical modelling. Mineral 1131

abbreviations from Whitney and Evans (2010).

- **Fig. 5 Mineral chemistry** a) Ternary diagram for feldspar with solvus isotherms at 5 kbar from Elkins and Grove (1990) (b) $Ti+Al^{VI} = f$ (Fe+Mg) diagram for biotite.
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1136 Fig. 6 Photomicrographs of the host rock and contacts with the xenoliths (a)

1137 *Microgranodioritic host rock*. Note the porphyritic texture with phenocrysts of plagioclase,

1138 amphibole, biotite and quartz in a fine-grained matrix composed of quartz, plagioclase, K-

1139 feldspar and rare biotite. (b) *Ma3* Sharp contact, with a few xenocrysts of biotite from the

1140 xenolith in the host rock. (c) *Ma10* Sharp contact between xenolith and host rock underlined by

1141 a two mm large zone where abundant pinite replaces cordierite. (d, e) *Ma6* Host rock / xenolith

1142 contact underlined by the presence of large andalusite crystals sometimes fully enclosed in the

1143 host rock. (f) Ma5 Host rock / xenolith contact marked a localized (<1 mm large) chloritized

1144 band. Mineral abbreviations from Whitney and Evans (2010).

Fig. 7 Major element characteristics of xenoliths and host rocks (a) Harker diagrams showing Al₂O₃, Na₂O+K₂O and TiO₂ variation as a function of SiO₂ (b) Cox classification diagram for plutonic rocks (Cox *et al.* 1979), plotted with GCDKit software (Janoušek *et al.*, 2006). Note that sample Kar2b corresponds to the host rock of the corresponding studied xenolith.

Fig. 8 Trace element characteristics of xenoliths and host rocks (a) Harker diagrams showing
selected transition element variation as a function of SiO₂. (b) La/Yb as a function of SiO₂.

Fig. 9 Spidergrams for xenoliths and host rocks (a) REE elements normalized to chondrite
(Nakamura *et al.*, 1974) (b) Trace element spectra normalized to primitive mantle (McDonough
and Sun, 1995). Diagrams plotted with GCDKit software (Janoušek *et al.*, 2006)

Fig. 10 Pressure-temperature pseudosection for sample *Ma3.* Composition in weight percent from EDS mapping of the microdomain shown in Fig. 4g. Also shown are the relevant isopleths for plagioclase (X_{Ab}), garnet (X_{Alm}) and biotite (X_{Mg} , Ti-Bio pfu) corresponding to the observed compositions (Tables 2 and 4), and the upper stability of cordierite. Pressure-temperature field corresponding to the paragenesis observed in the microdomain is underlined in yellow. The suggested prograde and retrograde paths are indicated by white dashed arrows. Mineral abbreviations from Whitney and Evans (2010).

Fig. 11 Pressure-temperature pseudosection for sample *Ma10*. Composition in weight percent
from whole-rock composition (Table 5). Also shown are the relevant isopleths for plagioclase

1163 (X_{Ab}) , garnet $(X_{Alm}, X_{Grs}, X_{Prp})$ and biotite (X_{Mg}^{Bt}) corresponding to the observed compositions 1164 (Tables 2 and 4), and the upper stability of cordierite. Pressure-temperature field corresponding to 1165 the paragenesis observed in the microdomain is underlined in yellow. The suggested prograde 1166 path is indicated by a white dashed arrow. Mineral abbreviations from Whitney and Evans 1167 (2010).

Fig. 12 Pressure-temperature pseudosection for sample *Ma6.* Composition in weight percent from EDS mapping of the microdomain shown in Fig. 4j. Also shown are the lower stability of garnet, the upper stability of K-feldspar and the solidus. Pressure-temperature field corresponding to the initial and final parageneses observed in the microdomain is underlined in yellow. Mineral abbreviations from Whitney and Evans (2010).

Fig. 13 Pressure-temperature pseudosection for sample *Kar2b***.** Composition in weight percent from EDS mapping of the microdomain shown in Fig. 4k. Also shown are the lower stability of garnet, the upper stability of K-feldspar and the solidus. Pressure-temperature field corresponding to the initial and final parageneses observed in the microdomain is underlined in yellow. Mineral abbreviations from Whitney and Evans (2010).

Fig. 14 Pressure-temperature pseudosection for sample *Ma5*. Composition in weight percent
from EDS mapping of the microdomain shown in Fig. 4l. Also shown is the lower stability of
garnet. Pressure-temperature field corresponding to the assemblage observed in the microdomain
is underlined in yellow. Mineral abbreviations from Whitney and Evans (2010).

1182 Fig. 15. U-Th-Pb chemical ages of monazite for sample *Ma3*.

1183 Fig. 16 Evolution of modal proportions of minerals from thermodynamic modeling.

1184 Cumulated modal proportion as a function of temperature for sample *Ma3* at 6 kbar (a) and 2.5

1185 kbar (b) and for sample *Ma5* at 3 kbar (c). (d) Modal proportion of corundum as a fonction of *T*

and $X(H_2O)$ in sample *Ma5*, with X=1 corresponding to 0.56 wt.% H₂O.

1187 Fig. 17 Summary of pressure and temperature estimates for xenoliths of the Kariane

- 1188 locality. Pressure and temperature conditions for amphibolite to granulite facies Variscan
- 1189 metamorphism in Morocco estimated from previous work in regional metamorphism, contact
- 1190 metamorphism and in xenoliths from other localities are also shown. Position of the triple point
- 1191 for Al₂SiO₅ according to (HP) Holland and Powell (1998) or (P) Pattison (1992).



Figure 1

2-column fitting image



Figure 2





Figure 3 (continue)







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Figure 4 (continue)

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Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9

2-column fitting image

Sample Ma3 (Microdomain)

SiO2 55.40, TiO2 1.22, Al2O3 21.07, FeO 7.85, MnO 0.14, MgO 1.85, CaO 0.41, Na2O 1.64, K2O 9.46, H2O 0.95



Sample Ma10 (Whole-rock)

SiO₂ 46.20; TiO₂ 2.08; Al₂O₃ 35.47; FeO 6.50; MnO 0.13; MgO 1.81; CaO 0.70; Na₂O 2.03; K₂O 4.52; H₂O 0.54



Figure 11

2-column fitting image

Sample Ma6 (Microdomain)

P(kbar)

SiO₂ 38.72; TiO₂ 1.06; Al₂O₃ 45.69; FeO 5.25; MnO 0.06; MgO 1.06; CaO 5.14; Na₂O 2.37; K₂O 0.65; H₂O 0.1



Figure 12

Sample Kar2b (Microdomain)

SiO₂ 35.76; TiO₂ 0.32; Al₂O₃ 49.11; FeO 6.46; MnO 0.07; MgO 1.75; CaO 3.17; Na₂O 1.71; K₂O 0.19; H₂O 0.14



Figure 13

2-column fitting image

Sample Ma5 (Microdomain)

SiO₂ 46.84; TiO₂ 1.44; Al₂O₃ 32.11; FeO 5.73; MnO 0.10; MgO 2.18; CaO 5.34; Na₂O 3.95; K₂O 1.77; H₂O 0.53



Figure 14



Figure 15



Figure 16

2-column fitting image



Figure 17

Summary of petrological description of xenoliths

	Ma3	Ma10	Ma6 and Kar2b	Ma 5
Xenolith chemistry	Ma3 Sill Crd Grt Grt Afs June June SiO2 46.76 % Al2O3 20.26 % SREE 1317 ppm	M@10 crd Grt Grt Afs And Spi Spi SiO2 44.07 % Al2O3 33.84 % SREE 1297 ppm	Mall Sp And SiO2 56.24 % (Ma6) 100 µm SiO2 56.24 % (Ma6) 100 µm Al2O3 24.91 % (Ma6) 30.99 % (Kar2b) SPEE 522 mm (Ma6) 30.99 % (Kar2b)	SiO ₂ 44.99 % Al ₂ O ₃ 30.99 % ΣREE 1495 ppm
Pre-entrapment metamorphism remnants	Biotite, sillimanite, garnet	Andalusite, garnet	Andalusite, corundum	Garnet, corundum, biotite, ilmenite
Contact metamorphism	Garnet, spinel, alkali feldspar, biotite, ilmenite, melt Late cordierite, K-feldspar	Plagioclase, alkali feldspar, biotite, spinel, ilmenite, sillimanite, cordierite, melt	Spinel, plagioclase, biotite, sillimanite, cordierite, melt	Spinel, cordierite, corundum, ilmenite, plagioclase, Afs, melt
Mineral chemistry	Afs Or 62-90 Spl X_{Fe} 0.67-0.72 Grt X_{Alm} 0.64-0.73 Bt X_{Mg} 0.45 TiO ₂ 6-8%	Pl An 35-45 Afs Or 47-92 Spl X_{Fe} 0.63-0.79 Grt X_{Alm} 0.59-0.67 Bt X_{Mg} 0.4-0.56 TiO ₂ 3-7%	Pl An26-74 (<i>Ma6</i>) An15-45 (<i>Kar2b</i>) Afs Or 57-88 Spl X _{Fe} 0.64-0.69 (<i>Ma6</i>) X _{Fe} 0.70-0.74 (<i>Kar2b</i>)	Pl An 45-53 Spl X_{Fe} 0.57-0.64 Bt X_{Mg} 0.49-0.56 TiO ₂ < 5%
Contact <i>P</i> - <i>T</i> conditions	<i>P</i> > 5 kbar <i>T</i> 850-900°C	<i>P</i> 4-6 kbar <i>T</i> 850 °C	P < 2 kbar T > 900 °C	<i>P</i> < 5 kbar <i>T</i> 800-850 °C

Representative electron microprobe analyses of feldspars in xenoliths

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	Ma3	МаЗ	Ma3	Ma10	Ma10	Ma10	Ma6	Ma6	Ma6	Kar2b	Kar2b	Kar2b	Ma5	Ma5	Ma5
SiO ₂	66.03	64.78	64.52	55.72	63.49	65.32	54.02	65.8	59.23	65.9	57.77	62.1	57.12	55.09	55.97
TiO ₂	0.00	0.28	0.06	0.03	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.09	0.18	0.14	0.03	0.06	0.02
Al_2O_3	18.8	18.9	18.87	28.71	19.21	22.10	29.25	18.37	25.49	22.13	26.6	24.39	27.00	28.62	27.89
Fe_2O_3	0.1	0.11	0.02	0.25	1.56	0.00	0.25	0.06	0.22	0.38	0.50	0.13	0.12	0.18	0.10
CaO	0.31	0.00	0.16	9.24	0.07	3.03	11.44	0.2	5.39	3.28	8.93	5.83	9.23	11.05	10.13
Na ₂ O	4.2	0.74	3.24	6.31	0.61	8.98	4.70	2.89	7.71	10.24	6.26	8.53	5.93	5.02	5.52
K_2O	10.93	15.32	11.73	0.46	14.35	1.21	0.34	12.55	1.02	0.20	0.57	0.19	0.65	0.49	0.59
Total	100.36	102.32	98.62	100.73	100.31	100.64	100.01	99.94	99.19	102.23	100.9	101.4	100.08	100.50	100.23
Si	2.99	2.99	3.03	2.58	2.96	3.01	2.51	3.05	2.79	3.01	2.67	2.86	2.65	2.55	2.59
Al	1.00	1.03	1.05	1.57	1.06	1.20	1.60	1.00	1.41	1.19	1.45	1.32	1.48	1.56	1.52
Ti	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fe ²⁺	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Ca	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.46	0.00	0.15	0.57	0.01	0.27	0.16	0.44	0.29	0.46	0.55	0.50
Na	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Κ	0.63	0.90	0.70	0.03	0.85	0.07	0.02	0.74	0.06	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.03
Ab	36.32	6.84	29.33	53.84	6.05	78.42	41.79	25.67	67.87	84.04	54.11	71.82	51.75	43.85	47.97
An	1.48	0.00	0.80	43.57	0.38	14.62	56.22	0.98	26.22	14.88	42.65	27.13	44.52	53.34	48.65
Or	62.20	93.16	69.87	2.58	93.57	6.95	1.99	73.35	5.91	1.08	3.24	1.05	3.72	2.82	3.37

Chemical formulae were calculated on the basis of 8 oxygens

	Ma3	Ma3	Ma10	Ma10	Ma6	Ma6	Kar2b	Kar2b	Ma5	Ma5
SiO ₂	0.13	0.05	0.08	0.21	0.22	0.15	0.19	0.03	0.04	0.19
TiO_2	0.21	0.26	0.34	0.36	0.14	0.19	0.32	0.37	0.21	0.42
Al_2O_3	60.01	59.23	61.14	62.47	59.38	60.64	60.43	60.57	60.51	60.84
Cr_2O_3	0.04	0.13	0.07	0.17	0.04	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.17	0.09
Fe_2O_3	1.00	2.51	1.05	0.00	0.92	0.00	0.93	0.96	1.48	0.21
FeO	29.31	29.04	27.84	29.59	31.52	29.59	30.08	27.87	24.66	27.98
MnO	0.00	0.04	0.25	0.24	0.27	0.34	0.53	0.40	0.20	0.23
MgO	7.72	7.88	9.05	8.47	6.32	7.22	7.43	8.76	10.56	8.80
ZnO	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.15	0.00	0.53	0.22	0.00	0.07	0.33
Total	98.42	99.14	99.93	101.66	98.81	98.72	100.15	99.00	97.90	99.09
Si	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Ti	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Al VI	1.97	1.93	1.96	1.97	1.96	1.97	1.96	1.96	1.96	1.96
Cr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fe ³⁺	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Fe ²⁺	0.68	0.67	0.63	0.66	0.74	0.69	0.69	0.64	0.69	0.64
Mn^{2+}	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Mg	0.32	0.33	0.37	0.34	0.26	0.30	0.30	0.36	0.30	0.36
Zn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
XFe ²⁺	0.68	0.67	0.63	0.66	0.74	0.70	0.69	0.64	0.69	0.64

Representative electron microprobe analyses of spinel in xenoliths

Chemical formulae were calculated on the basis of 4 oxygens

Representative electron microprobe analyses of garnet and biotite in xenoliths

		Ga	arnet		_	Biotite						
-	Ma3	Ma3	Ma10	Ma10		Ma3	Ma3	Ma3	Ma10	Ma5	Ma5	Ma5
SiO ₂	39.00	37.45	37.94	37.23	SiO ₂	34.62	36.23	34.67	36.05	35.4	35.17	36.17
TiO ₂	0.21	0.18	0.14	0.39	TiO ₂	7.98	6.21	8.14	4.29	5.15	3.77	4.91
Al_2O_3	21.98	20.88	22.4	21.04	Al_2O_3	17.33	16.18	16.71	16.81	15.56	17.15	15.71
Cr_2O_3	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	Cr_2O_3	0.01	0.18	0.3	0.06	0	0.02	0.08
$Fe_2O_3(c)$	0.19	0.91	1.49	1.06	FeO	16.87	18.45	17.68	17.23	18.81	17.35	18.13
FeO	30.37	32.61	26.85	31.05	MnO	0.07	0.09	0	0.21	0.02	0	0.1
MnO	0.57	0.35	1.60	2.69	MgO	8.8	8.6	8.89	11.12	10.19	12.28	11.34
MgO	8.62	6.14	8.57	5.86	CaO	0	0.03	0.06	0.02	0	0.1	0.15
CaO	0.4	0.81	1.36	1.32	Na2O	0.37	0.45	0.44	0.47	0.56	0.5	0.43
Total	101.42	99.33	100.35	99.66	K2O	8.78	8.98	8.71	8.28	8.99	8.27	8.41
					BaO	0.11	0.18	0.23	0.47	0	0.6	0.35
Si	2.99	2.98	2.93	2.96	NiO	0.04	0	0.06	0	0.04	0.08	0
Ti	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	F	1.24	1.28	1.76	1.22	2.64	1.93	2.02
Al IV	0.01	0.02	0.07	0.04	Cl	0.15	0.25	0.16	0.28	0.78	0.21	0.65
Al VI	1.97	1.94	1.97	1.93	Total	96.37	97.11	97.81	96.51	98.14	97.43	98.45
Cr	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00								
Fe ³⁺	0.01	0.05	0.09	0.06	Si	2.585	2.703	2.566	2.686	2.629	2.604	2.660
Fe ²⁺	1.95	2.17	1.73	2.00	Ti	0.448	0.349	0.453	0.240	0.288	0.210	0.272
Mn ²⁺	0.04	0.02	0.11	0.18	Al IV	1.415	1.297	1.434	1.314	1.362	1.396	1.340
Mg	0.98	0.73	0.99	0.69	Al VI	0.110	0.125	0.024	0.163	0.000	0.101	0.022
Ca	0.03	0.07	0.11	0.11	Fe ²⁺	1.054	1.151	1.094	1.074	1.168	1.074	1.115
					Mn^{2+}	0.004	0.006	0.000	0.013	0.001	0.000	0.006
Pyrope	32.80	24.00	33.59	23.00	Mg	0.980	0.956	0.981	1.235	1.128	1.355	1.243
Almandin	64.87	73.00	59.02	67.00	Ca	0.000	0.002	0.005	0.002	0.000	0.008	0.012
Spessartine	1.24	1.00	3.56	6.00	Na	0.054	0.065	0.063	0.068	0.081	0.072	0.061
Andradite	0.54	0.00	3.83	0.00	Κ	0.836	0.855	0.822	0.787	0.852	0.781	0.789
Uvarovite	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	Ba	0.003	0.005	0.007	0.014	0.000	0.017	0.010
Grossulaire	0.29	2.00	0.00	4.00	Ni	0.002	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.002	0.005	0.000
XMg	0.34	0.26	0.36	0.24	F	0.293	0.302	0.412	0.287	0.620	0.452	0.470
					Cl	0.019	0.032	0.020	0.035	0.098	0.026	0.081
					XMg	0.482	0.454	0.473	0.559	0.491	0.558	0.527

Chemical formulae were calculated on the basis of 12 oxygens for garnet and 11 oxygens for biotite

Whole rock analyses of selected host rocks and xenoliths (Major elements in wt.%, trace elements in ppm)

	Host	rocks					2	Xenoliths	5				
	Kar2b	2Kar8	Kar2b	Kar 7	2Kar 2	2Kar 3	2Kar 4	2Kar 5	2Kar 8	Ma6	Ma5	Ma3	Ma10
SiO_2	67.58	70.76	44.99	57.01	54.03	56.47	53.76	51.25	55.84	56.24	51.51	46.76	44.07
Al_2O_3	15.49	15.11	30.99	21.46	20.39	20.12	22.22	27.39	17.58	24.91	29.29	20.26	33.84
Fe ₂ O ₃	5.15	2.74	9.41	6.22	8.75	8.98	8.08	5.92	12.66	5.31	6.01	9.55	6.20
MnO	0.22	0.04	0.25	0.24	0.16	0.18	0.10	0.15	0.12	0.11	0.22	0.15	0.13
MgO	1.82	1.00	2.67	2.37	3.17	4.33	2.55	2.26	4.15	1.78	1.57	3.31	1.74
CaO	2.37	2.34	2.94	2.88	4.62	1.97	4.04	2.13	2.91	3.40	1.53	3.58	0.67
Na ₂ O	3.18	3.57	2.98	2.68	3.49	4.01	4.45	3.86	2.82	3.49	2.60	2.74	1.94
K ₂ O	3.39	3.94	3.98	5.62	3.25	2.69	3.69	5.17	1.78	3.25	5.36	4.38	4.29
TiO ₂	0.60	0.36	1.56	1.41	1.78	1.15	1.03	1.60	1.95	1.42	1.81	1.22	2.00
P_2O_5	0.20	0.14	0.23	0.10	0.37	0.09	0.08	0.28	0.19	0.10	0.12	1.36	0.09
L.O.I	2.62	3.38	3.22	3.25	6.45	4.35	2.16	3.86	5.81	7.93	3.62		
Ba	812	842	895	1531	260	725	1126	1724	603	1426	2954	1108	2390
Be	2.41	3.05	5.60	4.00	2.62	2.70	2.79	4.33	3.47	10.87	7.92	4.77	10.03
Cd	16.82	0.48	1.56	1.23	0.58	2.03	0.31	0.34	1.50	0.25	0.42	0.52	0.16
Ce	65.03	60.44	105.80	72.16	31.31	56.36	99.05	133.10	37.03	69.62	191.70	124.10	151.70
Co	21.44	4.16	19.09	11.74	29.04	24.20	16.83	14.15	16.92	13.27	19.60	25.04	18.59
Cr	25.10	16.86	143.90	149.50	57.32	84.55	90.22	142.90	112.0	100.90	160.90	91.68	167.20
Cs	2.71	2.37	7.23	3.07	10.52	2.72	3.70	9.43	2.66	12.86	6.98	6.82	6.36
Cu	17.77	9.41	6.00	8.78	6.27	18.66	18.26	0.00	40.17	14.38	7.84	7.01	5.82
Dy	3.37	3.15	5.54	2.90	2.94	2.57	3.25	7.07	3.00	2.32	7.70	15.10	9.02
Er	1.77	1.66	2.83	1.35	1.79	1.27	1.15	3.59	1.56	1.14	4.05	7.43	5.01
Eu	1.11	0.84	1.79	1.85	0.90	1.31	2.14	2.38	1.73	1.50	3.72	3.75	3.73
Ga	20.52	20.20	37.71	28.55	28.21	28.76	32.22	34.25	34.53	29.58	33.02	26.96	40.14
Gd	4.01	3.73	6.73	4.15	2.92	3.33	4.91	8.02	3.35	3.19	9.87	17.63	9.40
Ge	1.45	1.34	1.90	1.58	1.55	1.65	1.88	2.19	1.74	2.04	3.01	2.00	4.50
Hf	4.56	4.59	6.92	5.12	3.72	8.27	7.24	7.69	3.42	5.94	8.51	20.46	8.48
Но	0.68	0.62	1.09	0.53	0.67	0.49	0.51	1.38	0.62	0.44	1.52	2.76	1.76
La	32.77	30.12	53.55	34.47	14.25	27.73	48.09	66.34	18.48	34.49	89.82	54.26	76.65
Lu	0.26	0.25	0.43	0.21	0.26	0.21	0.18	0.53	0.18	0.18	0.60	1.09	0.80
Мо	3.70	0.00	1.22	0.66	1.78	1.22	1.03	5.15	0.00	0.80	0.89	0.50	0.52
Nb	8.89	8.20	22.32	19.87	13.94	22.19	20.45	23.92	29.03	14.03	23.70	19.07	21.88
Nd	26.86	24.64	45.64	30.20	14.93	22.70	38.62	55.05	16.25	26.83	82.41	61.38	64.28
Ni	40.64	10.95	45.82	37.63	39.26	57.29	32.79	27.70	47.96	30.10	30.30	35.97	55.67
Pb	431.85	51.84	142.78	542.61	43.15	151.1	39.06	30.79	299.0	11.57	43.81	41.64	22.47
Pr	7.33	6.74	12.28	8.05	3.73	6.16	10.76	14.91	4.09	7.46	21.78	15.25	17.46
Rb	103.60	128.1	148.60	136.90	201.3	104.8	151.20	147.30	76.03	137.70	185.50	189.90	169.00
Sm	4.91	4.71	8.39	5.82	3.15	4.37	6.77	10.23	3.66	4.51	15.09	16.35	11.43
Sr	360.1	263.1	387.8	652.9	316.4	573.6	464.3	477.7	214.5	350.8	545.0	312.7	377.0
Та	0.99	1.03	2.00	1.73	1.33	1.65	1.58	2.06	1.91	1.29	2.47	1.73	2.40
Tb	0.58	0.53	0.94	0.55	0.45	0.46	0.64	1.22	0.49	0.43	1.36	2.68	1.50
Th	13.07	15.44	15.88	10.89	5.13	16.30	20.07	21.83	6.03	7.89	24.65	18.77	22.16
U	6.51	5.88	3.16	4.18	3.19	4.79	3.46	4.03	4.10	2.58	4.00	5.81	3.62
v	62.05	32.99	204.1	192.9	162.2	99.54	124.8	205.2	182.6	156.3	216.8	140.5	234.0
W	1.59	0.41	2.94	4.91	2.94	2.65	1.40	22.49	2.17	1.94	1.62	2.74	1.66
Y	18.41	18.34	27.05	13.63	17,70	13.18	12,13	35,19	18.43	11.57	37.15	79,46	45.80
Yb	1.68	1.59	2.73	1.27	1.68	1.28	1.08	3.39	1.25	1.10	3.96	7.22	5.16
Zn	1636.0	73.21	776.1	348.7	154.4	260.1	257.6	339.2	440.3	123.3	120.6	200.4	244.0
Zr	174.20	160.10	246.60	179.00	154.80	299.50	255.40	287.10	129.60	224.20	307.10	685.50	301.50
ΣREE	529	487	873	570	305	451	735	1083	352	522	1495	1317	1297

Non modal partial melting models

	Μ	odel 1 M	a3	Model 2 Ma5					
Pressure <i>P</i> (kbar)		6		3					
Solidus temperature $T_0(^{\circ}C)$		738		810					
Peak temperature T (°C)		900			900				
Phase proportions (wt %)	at T_0	in th	e melting	at T_0	he melting				
		asse	mblage		asse	mblage			
Bt	0.31		0.55	0.14		0.43			
Crd	0.00			0.14		0.21			
Pl	0.05		0.11	0.59		0.23			
Kfs	0.48			0.03					
Qz	0.10		0.23	0					
Sil	0.05		0.11	0					
Gt	0.02			0					
Sp	0.00			0.04					
Ilm	0.00			0.01					
Crn	0.00			0.06		0.13			
melt	0								
Final melt fraction (wt%)		21			15				
	$D_{ m bulk}$	Р	Cs/C ₀	$D_{ m bulk}$	Р	Cs/C_{θ}			
La	0.72	0.54	0.94	2.78	1.08	1.11			
Ce	0.61	0.46	0.90	2.34	0.91	1.10			
Pr	0.64	0.51	0.91	2.55	1.01	1.11			
Nd	0.40	0.33	0.78	1.55	0.63	1.07			
Sm	0.30	0.19	0.71	0.89	0.38	1.00			
Eu	1.27	0.36	1.07	1.85	0.70	1.08			
Gd	0.52	0.28	0.88	1.29	0.57	1.05			
Tb	1.26	0.42	1.07	1.92	0.94	1.08			
Dy	2.11	0.31	1.14	1.33	0.72	1.05			
Но	3.69	0.29	1.18	1.34	0.82	1.05			
Er	8.39	0.34	1.22	1.63	1.17	1.07			
Tm	9.91	0.30	1.23	1.43	1.07	1.05			
Yb	7.69	0.16	1.22	0.76	0.61	0.96			
Lu	12.17	0.26	1.23	1.44	1.32	1.05			
V	24.64	44.08	1.23	11.05	34.25	1.15			
Cr	13.74	23.59	1.22	6.17	18.45	1.13			
Ni	3.23	5.59	1.14	1.98	5.02	1.05			
Nb	7.82	13.91	1.20	3.41	10.55	1.09			