

1 **Stability of rift axis magma reservoirs: spatial and temporal evolution of**  
2 **magma supply in the Dabbahu rift segment (Afar, Ethiopia) over the past 30 kyr**

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21 *TCN: Terrestrial TCN, COT: Continent-Ocean Transition, MSMC: Mid-Segment Magma Chamber*

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23 **HIGHLIGHTS**

24 *Magma chambers are stable over c. 15 kyr at the Dabbahu rift (Afar, Ethiopia)*

25 *New high precision <sup>36</sup>Cl & <sup>3</sup>He cosmogenic ages for lava flow emplacement in Afar*

26 *Two chemically distinct magma chambers, alternately active*

27 *Magmatism is currently unfocussed at the axis*

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30 **ABSTRACT**

31 Unravelling the volcanic history of the Dabbahu/Manda Hararo rift segment in the Afar depression  
32 (Ethiopia) using a combination of cosmogenic ( $^{36}\text{Cl}$  and  $^3\text{He}$ ) surface exposure dating of basaltic lava-  
33 flows, field observations, geological mapping and geochemistry, we show in this paper that magmatic  
34 activity in this rift segment alternates between two distinct magma chambers. Recent activity in the  
35 Dabbahu rift (notably the 2005 - 2010 dyking crises) has been fed by a seismically well-identified  
36 magma reservoir within the rift axis, and we show here that this magma body has been active over the  
37 last 30 kyr. However, in addition to this axial magma reservoir, we highlight in this paper the  
38 importance of a second, distinct magma reservoir, located 15 km west of the current axis, which has  
39 been the principal focus of magma accumulation from 15 ka to the sub-recent. Magma supply to the  
40 axial reservoir substantially decreased between 20 ka and the present day, while the flank reservoir  
41 appears to have been regularly supplied with magma since 15 ka ago, resulting in less variably  
42 differentiated lavas. The trace element characteristics of magmas from both reservoirs were generated  
43 by variable degrees of partial melting of a single homogeneous mantle source, but their respective  
44 magmas evolved separately in distinct crustal plumbing systems.

45 Magmatism in the Dabbahu/Manda Hararo rift segment is not focussed within the current axial  
46 depression but instead is spread out over at least 15km on the western flank. This is consistent with  
47 magneto-telluric observations which show that two magma bodies are present below the segment,  
48 with the main accumulation of magma currently located below the western flank, precisely where the  
49 most voluminous recent (< 15 ka) flank volcanism is observed at the surface.

50 Applying these observations to slow spreading mid-ocean ridges indicates that magma bodies  
51 likely have a lifetime of a least 20 ka, and that the continuity of magmatic activity is maintained by a  
52 system of separate relaying reservoirs, which could in return control the location of spreading. This  
53 long term ( $> 10^5$  yr) alternation between distinct crustal reservoirs located broadly at the same location  
54 relative to the segment appears to be a key feature for organising and maintaining active spreading  
55 centres over stable soft points in the mantle.

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## 57 **1. Introduction**

58 Extension constitutes a major feature of plate tectonics, mainly expressed at mid-oceanic ridges  
59 (MOR) and continental rifts. In both marine and subaerial rifting environments, tectonic and magmatic  
60 processes (e.g. faulting and dyking) interact in various proportions to accommodate extension,

61 depending on the maturity of the rifting system (e.g. early continental rifting stage, ocean-continent  
62 transition stage or mature oceanic ridge stage) and the along-axis distribution of magma at the  
63 segment scale (Ebinger and Hayward 1996; Standish and Sims 2010; Colman et al. 2012). The  
64 development of a magma plumbing system and rift architecture that are stable through time remains  
65 poorly documented at ridge settings due to the inaccessibility of mid-ocean ridges (MOR) and the  
66 resulting lack of chronological constraints on the magmatic processes.

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68 The Afar triple junction, Ethiopia, has often been taken as an analogue of a mature oceanic  
69 spreading centre as, being subaerial, it is more accessible than MOR (Ebinger and Hayward 1996;  
70 Hayward and Ebinger 1996). Even if the process of formation of oceanic crust in the Afar is not  
71 entirely complete with respect to the nature of the crust (Bastow and Keir 2011; Hammond et al.  
72 2011), this area allows the morphological evolution of individual rift segments to be studied directly.  
73 Additionally, the Dabbahu/Manda Hararo (DMH) segment, in the western Afar (Fig. 1A), has been  
74 intensively studied following a major rifting crisis which began in 2005 and affected the northern half  
75 (Dabbahu section) of the DMH rift (Wright et al. 2006); (Ayele et al. 2009; Ebinger et al. 2010;  
76 Ferguson et al. 2010; Grandin et al. 2010a; Grandin et al. 2010b). This crisis allowed the magmatic  
77 reservoirs responsible for successive shallow intrusions to be identified, and the topographic response  
78 induced by successive dike intrusions over the period 2005 - 2010 to be quantified (Wright et al. 2006;  
79 Ayele et al. 2007; Ayele et al. 2009; Grandin 2009; Keir 2009; Ferguson et al. 2010; Belachew et al.  
80 2011; Keir et al. 2011; Desissa et al. 2013; Fig. 1B and detail in Fig. 1C). However, several unsolved  
81 questions remain concerning how rift topography develops. For example, the role exerted by individual  
82 magma reservoirs remains debated, due to a lack of constraints on parameters such as their  
83 replenishment / recurrence time, or the persistence of their spatial distribution particularly over  
84 timescales ranging from  $10^3$  to  $10^5$  years. These questions are fundamental for understanding how  
85 magmatic accretion can be sustained by either ephemeral or long-lived magma chambers and on  
86 which timescale MOR morphology is acquired (Macdonald 2001). According to Ferguson et al. (2013)  
87 the DMH rift already presents focussed magmatic activity (i.e. limited to the axial depression) as is the  
88 case in mature oceanic ridges. However, recent magneto-telluric measurements have shown that a  
89 massive magma body is present in the crust and upper mantle in a slightly off-axis position (West of  
90 the axial magma chamber), representing at least  $500 \text{ km}^3$  of magma encompassing a depth range of

91 about 15-30km (Desissa et al., 2013). This magma volume is large enough to feed about 100  
92 episodes of the magnitude of the 2005 event (Buck 2013). The location of this magma body, if active,  
93 is inconsistent with "focussed" magmatic activity at the DMH rift segment.

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95 In this study, we combine geological mapping of surface topography, structure and lava  
96 architecture, major and trace element analyses and cosmogenic  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  and  $^3\text{He}$  exposure dating of lavas  
97 erupted along an East/West transect of the DMH rift segment (Figs. 1 and 2). The aim of this work is  
98 to assess the stability of the magmatic reservoirs in a rifting environment.

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## 100 **2. Geological setting**

101 The Afar region forms the junction between three extensional systems: the Gulf of Aden Ridge,  
102 the Red Sea Ridge and the Main Ethiopian Rift (Fig. 1A). The separation of the Nubian and Arabian  
103 plates led to the creation of the triangular Afar depression, cutting into a massive pile of continental  
104 flood basalts (CFB), emplaced around 30 Ma ago (Hofmann et al. 1997) and linked to the activity of an  
105 underlying plume (Marty et al. 1996; Pik et al. 2006; Bastow et al. 2008). The rifting stage of the Red  
106 Sea Ridge started 29-25 Ma ago (Wolfenden et al. 2005), and since 2-1 Ma the rift segmentation has  
107 been organised along four en-échelon principal magmatic rift segments (MRS): Erta' Ale, Tat' Ale,  
108 Alayta and Dabbahu/Manda Hararo (DMH) (Fig. 1A and 1B). Those MRS are typically 60-100 km long  
109 and 20-40 km wide, associated with highly faulted differentiated volcanoes (Lahitte et al. 2003; Barberi  
110 et al. 1972; Field et al. 2012; Rowland et al. 2007b).

111 The current spreading rate for Afar obtained by geodetic data is ~15 mm/yr (Calais 2006;  
112 McClusky et al. 2010), comparable to that of Iceland and other slow spreading ridges (Macdonald  
113 2001; Carbotte et al. 2005). However, complete continental break-up has not yet occurred in the Afar,  
114 resulting in a stretched and heavily intruded crust (Tiberi et al., 2005; Bastow et al. 2010; Hammond et  
115 al. 2012) more akin to the continent - ocean transition (COT) stage than to a mature oceanic  
116 spreading centre.

### 117 *The DMH rift segment*

118 Morphologically, the DMH spreading centre can be subdivided into two sub-segments: the Manda  
119 Hararo segment in the south, and the active Dabbahu segment in the North (Fig. 1A and B). The

120 current morphology of the Manda Hararo segment has likely been in place since 220 ka and was  
121 active until at least ~31-39 ka at the axis (Lahitte et al. 2003a). It seems likely, however, that volcanic  
122 activity more recent than this has occurred in the Manda Hararo segment as unweathered lava flow  
123 tops and a lack of cover by aeolian sediments (similar to surfaces of young dated lavas in the  
124 Dabbahu segment) have been observed (Ferguson et al., 2009; Medynski et al, 2013), which implies  
125 <~5 kyr activity. The transition between these two sub-segments is characterised by a shift of the axial  
126 depression to the west (Fig. 1A and B). The Dabbahu sub-segment - which steps to the west relative  
127 the Manda Hararo segment - is about 60km long, and presents an axial rift valley of ~40 to 100 meters  
128 deep. Its last recorded volcanic activity was linked to the 2005 rifting event, with the emission of  
129 fissure lavas in 2007, 2009 (Ferguson et al. 2010) and 2010. The rift axis cuts the rhyolitic and at  
130 present undated Ado-Ale Gommoyta volcanic complex (AVC) in the middle of the segment (Fig. 1C).  
131 There is a small caldera in an elevated section of the rift (about 1 km diameter) present at the  
132 intersection of the rift (Dabbahu segment) with the AVC. This portion of the rift segment is  
133 characterised by a complex fault pattern (Rowland et al. 2007a), associated with a re-orientation of the  
134 axial depression. South of the caldera, the axial rift valley is oriented NW-SE, whereas further north  
135 the faults reorient toward the Dabbahu volcano in a NNW-SSE direction (Fig. 1C).

136 The northern extremity of the segment is marked by the presence of Dabbahu volcano, a strato-  
137 volcano supplied by series of stacked sill-like magma reservoirs (Field et al., 2012a), which produced  
138 lavas from 72 ka (Medynski et al. 2013) to 5 ka ago (Field et al., 2012b). This composite volcano  
139 forms the northern end of a NE-SW alignment of numerous volcanic centres and eruptive fissure vents  
140 that define a transform volcanic zone (Fig. 1B). This volcanic transform zone is Pleistocene in age  
141 (Lahitte 2003a; Lahitte et al., 2003b; Ferguson et al., 2013) and extends SW to the Ethiopian  
142 escarpment (Fig. 1A).

143 On the western flank (between the rift axis, the western part of the AVC and Badi volcano - Fig. 1)  
144 stands the small Durrie volcanic complex which overlaps the previous topography. The central portion  
145 of the rift (including the Durrie volcanic complex) is characterised by the emission of pāhoehoe lavas  
146 (Vye-Brown et al. 2012; Vye-Brown 2012; Vye-Brown et al. submitted).

147 Recent magneto-telluric studies show that two low resistivity zones are present at depth below the  
148 DMH segment, which most likely correspond to magma reservoirs, one at about 10 km, the other  
149 between 15 and at least 30 km depth, suggesting that magma storage beneath the rift axis is

150 composite and not restricted to a single reservoir (Dessisa et al., 2013). The first, axial reservoir  
151 matches the position of the mid-segment magma chamber as recorded by the seismic activity during  
152 dike injections (Keir et al., 2009); (Grandin et al., 2009); (Belachew et al., 2011); (Ebinger et al (2008)  
153 The second, larger reservoir, is located slightly off-axis, between the current rift axis and the Badi  
154 volcano (Desissa et al. 2013) directly below the Durrie volcanic complex.

155 In this study we focus on a transect extending across the mid-segment part of the Dabbahu  
156 segment from the axis to the west. This section of the DMH rift lacks temporal constraints on tectonic  
157 and/or magmatic activity with the exception of sparse Ar-Ar dating of lavas on the easternmost  
158 shoulder of the rift (Ferguson et al. 2013).

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### 160 **3. Mapping details**

161 The area studied covers ~270 km<sup>2</sup> between the rift mid-axis and the Badi volcano (Fig. 1 & 2) on  
162 the western flank. This region is beyond the influence of Dabbahu volcano (15 km to the north), which  
163 controls topography acquisition in the northern extremity of the MRS (Medynski et al., 2013).

164 On the western flank, 10 km from the present-day axis, stands a small flank volcano, Durrie, which  
165 is characterised by a central spatter cone surrounded by numerous (>20) smaller cones distributed  
166 over the rift flank. The lava flow fields erupted from the flank cones spread over ~160 km<sup>2</sup> (Fig. 2).  
167 This volcanism resurfaced the western rift margin (the term "resurfacing" is used to indicate a period of  
168 volcanic activity sufficiently intense to erase the underlying topography, for example, by completely  
169 infilling the axial valley): the topographic profile (Fig. 2B) and the geological map (Fig. 2 & Vye-Brown  
170 et al., 2012, Vye-Brown et al., submitted) show that the density of faults diminishes in the vicinity of the  
171 Durrie volcano, which was also confirmed by field observations.

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173 In order to focus sampling on relevant morphological objects relative to rift topography acquisition  
174 and the different volcanic complexes, the methods, software and manipulation of spectral images used  
175 to produce the new geological map of the DMH Rift (Vye-Brown et al. 2012) were applied. In this  
176 portion of the rift, only lobate pāhoehoe lava flows outcrop, making lava unit contacts difficult to  
177 distinguish in the field. Moreover, the petrologic textures of the lavas are similar, with microlithic  
178 assemblages of clinopyroxenes and plagioclases (and rare olivine), further complicating identification

179 of individual units. In this situation, remote sensing techniques (Landsat, ASTER, and LiDAR; see  
180 [SOM 1](#)) can be used in order to distinguish the different lava flow units ([Vye-Brown et al., submitted](#)).

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## 182 **4 Sampling details**

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184 Between 12 to 15 different eruptive units were identified on Durrie based on remote sensing and  
185 field-based data, whereas only 3 units are distinguishable in the axial valley, likely due to stacking of  
186 lavas in the depression: the limited surface available for lava expansion implies more efficient  
187 resurfacing in the axial valley than on the rift flanks where lava flows can spread radially. Sample  
188 locations, carefully selected in order to be representative of the flow units identified from the detailed  
189 mapping, are reported on [Fig. 2](#), and sample details are summarized in [Table 1](#). All 24 lava flow  
190 samples described here were analysed for chemical composition (major and trace elements). In  
191 addition, 15 lava flow samples were dated using cosmogenic  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  (see [SOM 2](#)) and two others were  
192 dated with cosmogenic  $^3\text{He}$ , following the protocol described in [Medynski et al, \(2013\)](#) (**D-2** and **D-29**).

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### 194 *Flank volcanism samples*

195 The Durrie volcanic cones and lavas are composed of piled pāhoehoe flows, mainly focused  
196 around the 40 m high central spatter cone ([Fig. 2A](#), [Table 1](#) for sample details). Samples **D-9** and **D-**  
197 **14** are part of the same eruptive unit, which flows down-slope on the eastern flank of the Durrie main  
198 spatter cone, clearly identified by remote sensing as a single flow field with a distinct contact with  
199 adjacent flow fields visible on the high resolution SPOT DEM (see [SOM 1](#)). This unit was sampled at  
200 its two extremities ([Fig. 2](#)) in order to test the homogeneity of exposure ages on the same unit, and  
201 also to validate the mapping by geochemistry. Sample D-4, taken from the top of the main Durrie  
202 spatter cone, and sample D-5, part of a pre-existing, partly dismantled cone ([Fig. 2](#)), were not suitable  
203 for dating but were analysed for chemistry. Sample D-3 was taken from the northern flank-unit (see  
204 [Fig. 2](#)) was also unsuitable for dating, and is therefore only used here for comparative chemistry.  
205 Samples D-32 and D-31, from the upper units of the Durrie cone, were only intended for chemical  
206 analyses (not dated).

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208 *Rift axis volcanism*

209 The studied portion of the rift axis is characterised by a horst with a well-preserved volcanic cone  
210 (Fig. 2B). East of this horst lies the main rift axis depression, partially in-filled by extremely low albedo  
211 (i.e. recent) lavas. On the western side of the horst, a deep, narrow depression (30 - 40 m deep, 1-2  
212 km wide) extends (with a NW-SE orientation) up to an axial caldera (~10km SE of the axial horst, at  
213 the intersection with the AVC) (Fig. 2). Several fissure vents can be observed in the depression  
214 between the horst and the caldera. Lava flows are piled up in a monotonous sequence, characterised  
215 by the presence of a massive and thick (>4 m) dolerite lava layer (Fig. 3). This dolerite layer outcrops  
216 in the field at the base of the main faults, spreading over several hundred meters, and recurs several  
217 times along the rift depression. The dolerite layer is thick and laterally extensive; flows emplaced after  
218 this are generally thinner, and the height of the surrounding pāhoehoe lava pile gradually decreases  
219 away from the horst cone (Fig. 3), suggesting that the dolerite layer represents the initial stage of an  
220 intense volcanic period. It was sampled at the axis (sample D-20, see Fig. 2) in order to compare its  
221 chemical characteristics with other lava units.

222 The youngest samples are **Gab-C3** (which was reanalysed for cosmogenic <sup>36</sup>Cl after being dated  
223 with cosmogenic <sup>3</sup>He by Medynski et al., (2013)) and **D-16**, which belongs to the same volcanic unit  
224 but at its southernmost extremity (Fig. 2). This eruptive unit looks similar to the lavas erupted in 2007,  
225 2009 and 2010, following shallow dike intrusions (Ferguson et al., 2010; Grandin et al. 2010).  
226 Although the volumes erupted since 2005 are much smaller than the Gab-C3 / D-16 unit, both of these  
227 pāhoehoe flow fields seem to have involved a similar eruption style, issuing from small aligned  
228 eruptive vents suggesting the involvement of a shallow dike.

229 The oldest samples in the stratigraphic lava pile to be dated were samples **D-15**, **D-17** and **D-23**  
230 (see Fig. 2). Sample D-19 was used for chemistry alone.

231 It should be noted that while most of the flows can be related to a spatter cone in the area, there is  
232 no obvious volcanic cone associated with the flow from which D-29 was taken, but the slope variation  
233 is more consistent with an origin from the caldera rather than from a fissure within the axial  
234 depression.

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## 236 5. Chronological constraints

237 While dating lava emissions using cosmogenic nuclide accumulation in lava surfaces is well  
238 adapted to this geological and climatological context, only the uppermost lava in a given pile of lavas  
239 can be dated. The principles behind cosmogenic nuclide dating (by  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  and  $^3\text{He}$ ) and the techniques  
240 used are described in the [Supplementary Online materials \(SOM 2\)](#). The lava surface exposure ages  
241 calculated for the mid-segment Dabbahu MRS lava-flows range from  $5.4 \pm 0.6$  ka (D-13) to  $24.7 \pm 1.6$   
242 ka (D-29) ([Table 1](#) and [SOM2 Tables 3 and 4](#)). The volcanic stratigraphy established on the basis of  
243 these results is summarized in [Figs. 2 and 6](#). A lava flow emplaced on the edge of the depression and  
244 currently dissected by the Eastern faults of the depression was dated by the Ar-Ar technique at  $30.0 \pm$   
245  $5.4$  ka by [Ferguson et al. \(2013\)](#) (sample DF-1 on [Fig. 2](#)).

246 Two main resurfacing events in the axial depression and on the rift western flank can be identified  
247 from the ages of the different flows.

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249 *Rift-axis volcanism: a major resurfacing event of the depression at about 25-20 ka*

250 The first major resurfacing event spreads north from the vicinity of the caldera, and took place at  
251 about 25-20 ka. Samples Cald-1 and D-29 (that represent the samples closest to the axial caldera -  
252 [Fig. 2](#)) yield indistinguishable ages (respectively  $24.3 \pm 2.6$  and  $25.0 \pm 1.7$  ka) suggesting a rapid  
253 succession of eruptive units. About 5km north of the caldera stands an eruptive cone ([Fig. 2](#)),  
254 preserved due to its location on the horst described above. This cone was active coevally with the  
255 caldera units, and produced lavas between  $24.4 \pm 2.2$  ka (sample D-17) and  $19.6 \pm 2.3$  (D-23). It is  
256 likely that this episode ended with the formation of the caldera, with a rapid emptying of a shallow  
257 reservoir. The lavas dated around 24-20 ka in this study share similar geomorphologic characteristics  
258 with the 30 ka lavas of the Eastern rift shoulder ([Ferguson et al., 2013](#)). The broad spatial distribution  
259 of their associated eruptive vents within the rift and the formation of an axial caldera, suggest that this  
260 was a major resurfacing event that may have spread over the whole Dabbahu rift segment. This  
261 resurfacing event represents a considerable volume of lava for the DMH itself; at least  $5 \text{ km}^3$  of lava  
262 was emitted (this is a minimum estimate because the base of this eruptive episode is not constrained -  
263 we estimated an average lava pile height of closely-spaced (temporally and spatially) eruptions of  
264 about 20 meters for a surface of  $280 \text{ km}^2$ ).

265 The youngest activity recorded in the depression consists of lavas that were emplaced at the rift  
266 axis at about 6 ka. These younger flows filled the graben on the eastern side (Fig. 2) in the vicinity of  
267 eruptive fissure vents, and may represent much smaller lava volumes (less than 100 km<sup>2</sup> covered with  
268 an estimated lava pile thickness of less than 10 meters from field observations). These flow fields are  
269 clearly identifiable on satellite images as low albedo lava flows, and which, in contrast to the previous  
270 resurfacing event (20-25ka), were clearly flowed up against existing fault scarps.

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272 *Flank volcanism: a recent (<15 ka) resurfacing of the western shoulder of the rift*

273 The second major resurfacing event occurred on the western flank of the rift, at the Durrie volcanic  
274 complex. The ages of the various units of the Durrie flank volcano range from 16.3 ± 2.8 ka (D-2) to  
275 5.4 ± 0.6 ka (D-13), coeval with the last resurfacing episode in the rift axis (samples D-16 and Gab-C).  
276 Emission of individual lava units was distributed along the different mapped eruptive centres. For  
277 instance, the oldest recorded lava flow field (samples D-2 and D-6, dated at 15.0 ± 1.5 ka and 14.9 ±  
278 1.5 respectively) spread concentrically away from the main spatter cone, which we interpret as the  
279 source of this flow field. The subsequent unit (D-9 and D-14, dated at 11.7 ± 1.2 ka and 11.9 ± 1.2 ka  
280 respectively) erupted from an eastern cone that is located ~1km away from that of the D-2/D-6 flow  
281 field. Samples D-30, D-31 and D-1 display similar ages (at 9 ka) and were emitted from small cones to  
282 the south-east of the main spatter cone. The last (youngest) lava was erupted at 5.4 ± 0.6 ka (D-13)  
283 further north, closer to the rift axis (Fig. 2) and is characterised by thinner and less laterally extensive  
284 flows than those related to the main spatter cone (Fig. 2). The widely dispersed eruptive centres (in  
285 purple on Fig. 2) associated with volumes of lava < 2 km<sup>3</sup> strongly suggest that this flank volcanism  
286 corresponds to a significant resurfacing event at 15-10 ka. The volume estimation was made based on  
287 a 160 km<sup>2</sup> area covered and an average lava pile height of 10 meters. However, the lava volumes  
288 could possibly be higher, depending on how the basement topography is estimated: a maximum value  
289 of 4 km<sup>3</sup> is obtained if we instead use an average pile height of 25 meters, a plausible possibility given  
290 that some relics of the AVC complex outcrop in the vicinity of the Durrie main spatter cone - Fig.2,  
291 suggesting a shallow basement.

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## 293 **6 Two geochemically distinct magmas present within the same rift segment**

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295 Major and trace element concentrations were determined by ICP-OES and ICP-MS  
296 respectively, at the Service d'Analyse des Roches et des Minéraux (SARM, CRPG–Nancy, France)  
297 following the protocol established by Carignan et al. (2001), either on whole rock material or on  
298 separated matrix for phenocryst-bearing lavas. The samples are all sub-alkaline basalts and the  
299 variations of some selected major and minor elements are presented on Fig. 4 (for the complete lava  
300 compositions see SOM 3).

301 The axial and flank (Durrie) lavas are chemically distinct, notably with axially erupted lavas  
302 being richer in  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3\text{T}}$  and  $\text{TiO}_2$ , in incompatible elements (except Sr), and depleted in  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  for a  
303 given MgO content (Fig. 4). The use of compatible elements is particularly appropriate to assess the  
304 crystallisation sequence occurring within magma chambers; especially Ni that is compatible with  
305 olivine and pyroxene, whereas Cr is compatible only with pyroxene. The decrease in Ni correlates  
306 perfectly with MgO depletion in both series, while Cr decreases only in axial lavas (Fig. 4); these  
307 variations show that only olivine crystallizes in the flank magma chamber, whereas fractionation of  
308 both olivine and clinopyroxene occur in the axial magma (Fig. 4). Nevertheless, this crystallization  
309 sequence *cannot* account for the differences in  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3\text{T}}$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ , and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  between the two (axial and  
310 flank) lava series. This major element variability is also associated with variations in trace element  
311 concentrations, with axial lavas being slightly enriched in incompatible elements (except Sr) in  
312 comparison to flank lavas (e.g. Durrie - Fig. 4, 5). These compositional differences can be most easily  
313 attributed to either crustal contamination or to primary liquid differences (different degrees of melting  
314 or different mantle domains). An immature, more reactive plumbing system below the flank volcanoes  
315 might be expected to result in a greater proportion of crustal contamination at Durrie relative to axial  
316 lavas. However, crustal contamination alone cannot account for the observed chemical variations,  
317 notably the difference in  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3\text{T}}$  (at a given MgO) is unlikely to result from assimilation of a  
318 predominantly felsic crust. Also, contamination via assimilation of previously crystallized and possibly  
319 hydrothermally altered basaltic rocks (the most likely lithologies constituting the magma chamber  
320 margins) would result in the contaminated melts displaying negative Eu and Sr anomalies (France et  
321 al., 2014), which are not observed (Fig. 5). Importantly, the geochemical markers that discriminate  
322 axial from flank lavas (Fe, Ti, Al, incompatible elements) also correlate with trace element ratios that  
323 are sensitive to the fraction of partial melt in the mantle source region, such as Sm/Yb (Fig. 4). Sm/Yb  
324 fractionates in the presence of garnet-bearing mantle, while La/Sm variations can indicate variable

325 degrees of melting of a spinel-bearing mantle. Additionally, a pronounced positive Sr anomaly would  
326 mark a contribution from low-pressure plagioclase-bearing mantle. In the present case, flank lavas  
327 display strong positive Sr anomalies (while axial lavas display no anomaly), similar La/Sm to axial  
328 lavas, and lower Sm/Yb than axial lavas. These results are consistent with higher degrees of melting  
329 of a garnet-bearing mantle in the flank lavas, a similar degree of partial melting of spinel-bearing  
330 mantle, and an influence of low-pressure plagioclase-bearing mantle present only in the flank lavas  
331 (Chalot-Prat et al., 2010). Mantle-derived melts that have equilibrated, at least partially, with  
332 plagioclase bearing mantle have been shown to be Al-richer, and poorer in Fe+Ti than mantle melts  
333 originated in deeper (spinel- or garnet-bearing) mantle domains (Chalot-Prat et al., 2010), consistent  
334 with the differences observed between the flank (influence of plagioclase bearing mantle), and axial  
335 lavas (no influence of plagioclase bearing mantle). Higher degrees of partial melting for flank lavas are  
336 also consistent with their lower concentration in incompatible elements (Fig. 4, 5).

337

338 Given that there is both a higher partial melt fraction derived from deep garnet-bearing mantle and an  
339 influence from a shallow plagioclase-bearing mantle in the flank lavas, we expect a larger melting  
340 column in the flank area than at the axis. This also implies that the thermal anomaly is centred slightly  
341 to the west of the present day morphological axis (~15 km to the west). These conclusions are  
342 consistent with recent magnetotelluric data that image a larger magma body ~15 km to the west of the  
343 present day morphological axis (Desissa et al., 2013; Fig. 7).

344

345 Thus we conclude that two distinct parental magmas are present in this portion of the DMH, with the  
346 flank lavas characterised by slightly higher partial melt fractions of the same mantle source than that  
347 implicated in the axial magmatism. The geomorphological and geochronological identification of two  
348 distinct volcanic eruptive centres (e.g. the Durrie volcano and the mid-axis magma chamber, Fig. 2),  
349 well-separated in space and time, is therefore also supported by their geochemistry. However, a few  
350 samples which present a “rift-axis chemical affinity” were actually erupted on the flank (for example,  
351 flow field D-9/D-14 and flow field D-36; Fig. 2). Based on this observation, in the following discussion  
352 we distinguish flank and rift-axis volcanics on the basis of their composition (Fig 2), bearing in mind  
353 that lavas genetically linked to the rift-axis reservoir can also erupt up to 6km west of the axis. In

354 addition, some infiltration of axial-type magma into the flank volcanism may have occurred, particularly  
355 when looking at the spread of Sr/Sr\* in Durrie (flank) volcanic products (Fig. 4).

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## 357 **7. Discussion**

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### 359 **7.1 Distribution and longevity of magma reservoirs along the DMH rift**

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361 The volcanism encased in the rift axis depression and the western flank volcanism linked with the  
362 Durrie volcanic cones were supplied by at least two distinct reservoirs, whose peaks of activity are  
363 asynchronous, e.g. the axial reservoir had its maximum input rate around 30-20ka while the Durrie  
364 volcano has been the main source of magmatic activity since 15ka. This change in the focus of  
365 magmatic activity constrains the stability of magma dynamics in space and time, demonstrating that  
366 unfocussed magmatic activity is a feature on certain time and length scales in the central DMH rift. In  
367 this section we examine the distinct stages of volcanism on the flank and in the rift and show that  
368 variable magma supply to the surface (in flux and in spatial distribution) is linked to the differentiation  
369 and lifetime of discrete magma reservoirs in the crust.

370

371 *A "dying" axial reservoir:*

372 The presence of a magma chamber (the "mid-segment magma chamber", MSMC) located below  
373 the rift axis approximately 1 km south of the caldera (Fig. 1) has been identified from geomechanical  
374 modelling of crustal movement following the 2005 dike injection (Grandin et al., 2009; Wright et al.,  
375 2006) and from seismicity (e.g. Ebinger et al, 2008). Our rift-axis lavas were likely erupted from this  
376 mid-segment magma reservoir. These lavas exhibit a drastic decrease in MgO content since 10 ka  
377 (Fig. 6), which probably result from differentiation processes. It appears from the age / composition  
378 correlation on Fig. 6 that this reservoir was previously at steady state (i.e. extrusion = supply) due to  
379 periodic replenishment balancing lava production. The subsequent period of intense volcanic activity  
380 and resurfacing from 25 to 10 ka likely started with the eruption of the more primitive massive doleritic  
381 lavas (D20: MgO = 9.2 %) that recurrently outcrop at the base of the 20 m thick lava pile throughout  
382 the rift axis. This major eruption episode could have triggered the formation of the axial caldera,  
383 present directly above the MSMC. However, after 10 ka, the MSMC evolved towards distinctly more

384 differentiated basalts (Fig 6), most likely associated with a decrease or a permanent break in magma  
385 supply from depth.

386

387 *A "fully active" rift flank reservoir:*

388 In contrast, chemical variations in lavas erupted on the flank from 14.5 to 5.4 ka are less  
389 pronounced. During this time span, MgO content is maintained within a restricted range from 7.9 to 8.6  
390 wt%, equivalent to the composition of axial lavas older than 10 ka. These limited compositional  
391 variations over a long period of time reflect the fact that shallow reservoirs have been periodically  
392 refilled by more primitive magmas from deeper in the crust or at the crust/mantle boundary. From the  
393 perspective of the magmatic cycles described above, this would put the Durrie volcano in a phase of  
394 high magma input, with rapid, and possibly frequent magma replenishments (Fig. 6 and 7).

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396 *Comparison with present-day magma repartition within the crust:*

397 Dessisa et al. (2013) collected magnetotelluric data (MT) along the same transect as our samples  
398 (Fig. 2). These data indicate a 35 km-wide zone of high electrical conductivity at crustal/upper mantle  
399 depths. Using compositional constraints from geochemistry of lava samples and two-phase mixing  
400 laws, they deduced that the high conductivity zone contains at least 500 km<sup>3</sup> of magma (with up to  
401 ~13% of melt). Two magma bodies can be identified from the MT, one located beneath the mid-  
402 segment axis and the second located beneath the Durrie volcanic complex on the western rift flank  
403 (Fig. 7). Although MT imaging cannot determine whether these two magma bodies are connected, it  
404 nevertheless provides strong constraints on the relative volumes and locations of magma that might  
405 be available.

406 Our conclusions are remarkably consistent with the MT imagery (Fig. 7). Indeed, it appears that  
407 the volume of magma currently available below the rift axis (i.e. the mid-segment magma chamber) is  
408 considerably less than that available below the flank (Fig. 7), consistent with the recent vigorous  
409 activity at Durrie that we have documented here. Moreover, this restricted amount of magma below  
410 the current neo-volcanic zone is concentrated in the upper crust, whereas it extends down to at least  
411 the crust/mantle boundary below the Durrie flank volcanism. Therefore, the most straightforward  
412 explanation of the chemical evolution observed in Fig. 6 is that there was a recent deficit in magma  
413 supply from depth to the MSMC resulting in more extensive crystallisation and increased

414 differentiation of the magmatic products. According to our dating results, this likely occurred around 10  
415 ka. As a result of this crystallisation phase, the magma body imaged by MT is presumably smaller  
416 than it was at ~25 ka when it was connected with fresh magma stored deeper in the crust. The present  
417 day larger magma body, located under the western flank, first appeared to be active at ~15 ka. This  
418 demonstrates that such large magma bodies stored at the base of the crust are stable at least for  
419 periods of 10 -15 ka over which they can sustain and buffer the composition of shallow reservoirs and  
420 erupted lavas by frequent replenishment with fresh magma.

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422 A recent seismic study ([Hammond, 2014](#)) showed that the reservoirs below the Durrie volcanic  
423 centre are most likely sill-shaped. This reservoir geometry is compatible with our model ([Fig. 6](#)) and  
424 could account for the larger compositional variability observed at Durrie. However, one of the main  
425 interpretations of the [Hammond et al](#) study was that the present-day axial volcanism is fed from deep  
426 off-axis reservoirs whereas, from the chemistry of the different lavas, we show that the axial and flank  
427 magmas evolved in separate reservoirs, in agreement with [Ferguson et al \(2013\)](#). Minor mixing  
428 between rift-axis and flank magmas may nevertheless occur, which is consistent with some  
429 interconnected plumbing between Durrie and the axis.

430

431 *Relation with the recent magmato-tectonic activity in the DMH and future evolution.*

432 The two magma bodies with vastly different volumes imaged by MT strengthens the idea of a mid-  
433 segment reservoir that is magma-starved and that the magma supply has relocated to below the  
434 western margin ([Fig. 7](#)). Our dating results suggest that this started around 15 ka. This in good  
435 agreement with the 2005 rifting event which involved the participation of three magma reservoirs,  
436 including the mid-segment magma chamber, beginning with those beneath the volcanic centres of the  
437 northern end of the segment ([Wright et al. 2006](#), [Grandin et al., 2009](#), [Ayale et al., 2009](#)). This magma  
438 injection disrupted the stability of the mid-segment magma chamber, leading to the intrusion of the  
439 “mega-dike” (a 60 km long, 6-8 m wide dike that opened in 2005 ([Wright et al. \(2006\)](#))) from the  
440 MSMC. The absence of MSMC replenishment (which would have been seen with InSAR and/or  
441 seismic techniques; [Hamling et al, 2009](#)) explains why the latest lavas derived from the MSMC (2007  
442 and 2009, [Ferguson et al. 2010](#)) are positioned at the end of the continuous differentiation trend (MgO  
443 < 6 wt % - [Fig. 6](#)), and have not been rejuvenated to more primitive compositions. If the mid-axis

444 magma chamber continues to evolve as a closed system (without further replenishment of primary  
445 magma), the next logical step in the evolution would be eruption of even more differentiated products.  
446 This has been frequently observed in the older volcanic activity of Afar ([Lahitte et al., 2003](#)). This long  
447 term recurrence of alternating basic and acidic products at the same location appears to be a key  
448 feature of the organisation and maintenance of such active spreading centres on top of stable soft  
449 points in the mantle (e.g. areas of the mantle extending over 10's of kilometres, softened by localized  
450 melting process [Geoffroy, 2005](#)).

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## 453 **7.2 Morphological evolution along the axis over the past 30 ka due to *unfocussed*** 454 **magmatic activity**

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456 There have been at least two major resurfacing events during the past 30ka over the studied  
457 transect, spatially distributed between the axial depression and the flank location of the Durrie volcanic  
458 cones.

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460 The first major resurfacing event is sourced from the mid-axial magma reservoir. Our cosmogenic  
461 exposure ages, combined with the Ar-Ar age from [Ferguson et al. \(2013\)](#) on the eastern margin, show  
462 that a voluminous, monotonous lava pile was emplaced before construction of the modern fault-  
463 bounded axial valley. This intense magmatic phase took place around 20-25 ka, and likely erased all  
464 the pre-existing topography ([Fig. 8](#)). Because lavas in the depression are stacked, and cosmogenic  
465 dating can only be performed on the latest, currently outcropping lava, it is impossible to say if lava  
466 emplacement in the axial depression was continuous between 19 ka and 6 ka, or if there was a hiatus  
467 in volcanic activity at the current rift axis. However, based on field observations, the 6 ka event seems  
468 to be significantly smaller in terms of volume erupted (although lava thicknesses are not available for  
469 this unit).

470 The second major resurfacing event is due to the flank activity which erased the pre-existing  
471 topography, and was also sufficiently intense to build a significant volcanic cone ([Figs. 2 & 7](#)).  
472 Currently, the flanks of the Durrie volcano are not tectonically dissected, although open fractures have  
473 started to develop.

474 A major implication is that, for the past 15 kyrs at least, magmatism is *not* limited to the axial  
475 topographic depression, and asynchronous volcanic activity can be distributed over more than 15 km  
476 from it. This contrasts with most mid-ocean ridge models where focussed (< 5km) magma supply is  
477 inferred (MaccDonald 2001). This could be due to the fact that the Dabbahu rift is still immature and is  
478 not representative of a true oceanic spreading centre. However Standish and Sims (2010) have shown  
479 that off-axis magmatism (up to 10 km from the spreading axis) occurred concomitantly with on-axis  
480 magmatism at the South West Indian Ridge (SWIR). Our data therefore support the idea that the DMH  
481 rift segment is representative of slow oceanic ridge systems, where magma chambers exist for a few  
482 tens of kyrs, and can be distributed in a 15-20 km wide zone. The steady state buffered composition of  
483 volcanism occurring by the DMH active magmatic reservoirs (7.9 - 8.6 wt% MgO) is also in good  
484 agreement with the composition of magmas evolving in a system controlled by a slow spreading rate  
485 with low melt supplies which are uniformly less differentiated than other types of ridge (e.g. fast  
486 spreading ridges) but are more likely to retain variations inherited from the underlying mantle (Rubin  
487 and Sinton, 2007).

488

489 Given that there has been an established magma supply under the western flank of the rift for at  
490 least 15 ka, it seems probable that the centre of magmatic accretion is shifting. We speculate that  
491 future intrusion of dikes will be focussed where magma is currently most abundant, i.e. 15 km to the  
492 west of the present day axial depression: the central DMH segment is undergoing a minor "ridge-  
493 jump". While the timescales involved are highly debatable, it seems likely that within the next tens of  
494 kyrs a new accretionary axis will be in place westward of the present-day recognized "neo-volcanic  
495 zone".

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## 497 **8. Conclusions**

498 In this study, cosmogenic <sup>36</sup>Cl and <sup>3</sup>He lava surface exposure dating, combined with field  
499 observations, geological mapping and geochemistry, show that the magmatic activity in a 15km  
500 section across the Dabbahu – Manda Harraro segment is sustained by two distinct reservoirs: one  
501 beneath the axis and a second lying 15km to the west beneath the Durrie volcanic complex. The trace  
502 element characteristics of these magmas show that they were generated by variable degrees of partial  
503 melting of a homogeneous mantle source. The magmas evolved separately in distinct plumbing

504 systems. The axial magma chamber differentiated slowly over time, consistent with a decrease in  
505 magma supply between 20 ka and the present day. Conversely, the slightly off-axis ("flank") reservoir  
506 appears to have been regularly supplied with magma since 15 ka, resulting in less variably  
507 differentiated lavas. Interconnections between these two reservoirs have occurred, as well as the  
508 eruption of lavas displaying an "axial" signature in an off-axis position (Fig. 8). The steady state  
509 buffered composition of volcanism emitted on top of the DMH active magmatic reservoirs (7.9 - 8.6  
510 wt% MgO) is in good agreement with the composition of magmas evolving in a system controlled by  
511 slow spreading rate with low melt supplies.

512

513 Our data show that magmatism in the DMH segment is not focussed within the current axial  
514 depression but instead is spread out over at least 15km of the western flank. Coeval lava production  
515 occurred from volcanoes that were separated by at least 15 km. Magma supply from two different  
516 reservoirs is consistent with magneto-telluric observations by [Desissa et al., \(2013\)](#) which show that  
517 two magma bodies are present below the segment, with the main magma body currently located  
518 below the western flank, precisely where the most voluminous flank volcanism occurs. The axial  
519 reservoir only represents 25 km<sup>3</sup> of melt, i.e. about 5% of the total (but still 10 times the amount  
520 injected during the dyking events in the current crisis e.g. [Desissa et al., 2013](#)). However, given the  
521 principal magma location (i.e. in a separate reservoir below the western flank, inactive during the 2005  
522 event) it is likely that future dike intrusions (once the current episode has ceased, i.e. all the stress has  
523 been relieved) will originate from and close to the Durrie (flank) reservoir, rather than from the axial  
524 magma chamber.

525 We infer that the Durrie reservoir is currently taking over as the principal magma chamber in the  
526 mid-segment, while the axial magma chamber (the source of the 2005 diking event) is not being  
527 replenished and is therefore dying. As a consequence, the expression of magmatism over a wider  
528 area than the present-day depression alone could be an indicator for a future minor ridge jump. At the  
529 scale of slow spreading mid-ocean ridges, this could indicate that magma bodies have a lifetime of at  
530 least 10-15 ka, and that the continuity of the magmatic activity is maintained by a system of distinct  
531 reservoirs broadly distributed between the current axis and the flanks. In return, the long term  
532 recurrence of this change in the focus of magmatic activity could control the location of spreading.  
533 Therefore, magma distribution and magma chamber longevity appear to be key features of the

534 organisation and maintenance of active spreading centres on top of stable soft points in the mantle.  
535 These observations of a rift close to the continent-ocean transition provide valuable information for  
536 models of mature oceanic ridge development.

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547 **Table caption**

548 **Table 1:** Sample labels and details for all samples analysed here. Those given in italics were analysed  
549 for chemistry alone. Samples in regular font were dated by the cosmogenic  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  technique, and those  
550 in bold using cosmogenic  $^3\text{He}$ .

551 \* The "rift axis" refers here to the middle of the axial valley (dotted line on [Fig. 2](#)).

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553 **Figure caption**

554 **Figure 1: A:** Regional topography of the Afar region (after [Hayward and Ebinger et al. 1996](#)). Active  
555 magmatic segments are in red. **B:** Regional topography of the DMH segment and its relation with the  
556 Alayta segment and the Transform Volcanic Zone. **C:** Detail of the DMH segment and the extent of  
557 volcanic products issued from the volcanic complexes of the rift. AVC is the Ado-Ale Volcanic  
558 Complex and MSMC is for the mid-segment magma chamber which feeds the current rift axis (striped  
559 area). Note the small Durrie volcano, on the western flank of the rift, between the AVC, the Badi  
560 volcano and the rift axis.

561

562 **Figure 2.A:** Detailed map of the area studied with sample locations. Small circles denote samples  
563 analysed for chemistry alone. Large circles and diamonds were also dated by cosmogenic nuclides.  
564 Lava surfaces are coloured as a function of their eruptive location (rift flanks / rift axis): blue represents  
565 flank volcanism, whereas green represents volcanism from the current neo-volcanic zone; volcanic  
566 spatter cones are in purple. Chemical analyses show that some flank lavas present the chemical  
567 characteristics of the rift axis lavas (discussed in the text). As a result, the corresponding flow fields  
568 are marked in green (=rift affinity) despite the fact that they are geographically located on the adjoining  
569 flank. DF-1 & DF-2 (squares) are from [Ferguson et al. \(2013\)](#) and were dated by the Ar-Ar technique.  
570 The boundaries of these lava flow fields (a flow field can encompass multiple indistinguishable lava  
571 flows) are defined by a combination of mapping (including remote sensing data), field observations,  
572 age determinations and chemical data.

573 **B:** Topographic profile (from the Lidar DEM of the NERC-funded Afar Rift Consortium, courtesy of  
574 Barbara Hoffman) along the transect, showing the topographic influence of the Durrie flank volcano on  
575 the rift morphology. Note that the limit between Durrie volcanism and the rift axis is controlled by pre-  
576 existing topography (see the normal West-dipping fault between samples D-15 and D-30). Also note

577 that the contact with the axial / Durrie volcanism and the basement (most likely the dissected Ado-Ale  
578 volcanic complex) is hypothetical, because it does not outcrop in the field.

579 For more details on the mapping of the North of the segment – e.g. the contact zone with the Dabbahu  
580 volcanics – please see [Medynski et al., 2013](#). For more details on the mapping in un-sampled areas,  
581 please see [Vye-Brown et al., 2012](#).

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583 **Figure 3:** Top figure shows the orientation of the photo montage, oriented toward the Dabbahu  
584 volcano (coordinates: lat. 12°22'51.84"N, long. 40°33'26.39"E), note the eruptive spatter cone on the  
585 axial horst. We identified two fault locations (circles) where the same massive doleritic lava unit  
586 outcrops, suggesting that its emplacement extends over more than 2 km from the rift axis. This layer is  
587 recognizable as shown on the lower photos (the photo on the right corresponds to the sampling site of  
588 sample D-20 – coordinates: lat. 12°23'32.02"N, long: 40°33'22.96"E). It is notable that the height of the  
589 lava pile overlying this recurrent massive dolerite lava flow diminishes from the rift axis toward its  
590 flanks, suggesting an axial emission point (see left photo – coordinates: lat. 12°22'51.30"N, long.  
591 40°33'6.74"E). The recurrence of this pattern seems to be representative of a complete magmatic  
592 phase, starting with the dolerite layer, and followed by the emplacement of piled basalt flow fields.

593

594 **Figure 4:** Chemistry of lava samples. Heavy and light rare earth element (REE) compositions are  
595 normalized to E-MORB ([Gale et al., 2013](#)). The Sr anomaly (noted Sr\*) was calculated after  
596 normalizing the trace element ratio to N-MORB (Gale et al., 2013).  $Sr^* = Sr / ((Pr + Nd) / 2)$ .  
597 Diamonds: samples outcropping on the flank and with flank-affinity chemistry; filled circles: axial  
598 samples; empty circles: samples outcropping on the flank but with axial chemical affinity (see text for  
599 description of axial and flank chemical affinities).

600

601 **Figure 5:** Spider diagram, normalized to E-MORB ([Gale et al., 2013](#)). The youngest lavas (erupted at  
602 6-7ka and in 2007) are in black and are enriched in incompatible elements compared to the other  
603 lavas (from the axis and the flanks) due to their higher degree of differentiation. As expected, the axis  
604 lavas (green) display higher values than the flank lavas (blue), due to the higher partial melt fraction  
605 occurring beneath the flanks. However, it seems that there is a compositional continuum between the  
606 two groups of lavas, illustrated by the blue empty squares of the flank lavas.

607

608 **Figure 6:** Magma replenishment and differentiation through time at the rift axis and on the flank  
609 (Durrie). Symbols as for Figure 3. Although the MSMC has been continuously active since at least ~30  
610 ka ago, this diagram illustrates that there was a dramatic change in behaviour at around 10 ka, after  
611 which more differentiated lavas were erupted at the axis, indicative of a reduced magma supply to the  
612 MSMC. Flank volcanism was first recorded at about 15 ka, by contrast all lava products on the flanks  
613 are relatively undifferentiated, indicating a sustained magma supply. Coeval lava emission occurred in  
614 the axial depression and on the flank (~15 km to the west) over a period of at least 15 ka.

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616 **Figure 7:** Correspondence between surface topography and sub-surface resistivity (magneto-telluric  
617 image and Moho depth from [Desissa et al., 2013](#)). The voluminous magma storage zone can be  
618 divided into (at least) two reservoirs: a shallow axial magma chamber (which was also identified from  
619 data collected during the 2005 crisis) and a slightly deeper reservoir below the western flank volcanic  
620 system. Remnant inter-connectivity is still possible between the two reservoirs, consistent with some  
621 of the sampled lava compositions which show evidence of mixing between the axial and flank affinities  
622 (magneto-telluric cross section and magma volume estimations from [Desissa et al., 2013](#)). The sill-  
623 shape illustrated for the Durrie reservoir is inspired from [Hammond \(2014\)](#), who showed that the  
624 seismic anisotropy observed here is best explained by the presence of magma stored in sills. These  
625 MT observation perfectly fit the geochemical observations which predict the presence of a greater melt  
626 column (extending to garnet-bearing mantle) beneath the Durrie volcanic complex than beneath the rift  
627 axis (Spinel-bearing mantle).

628

629 **Figure 8:** Schematic evolution of the DMH rift over the past 30ka illustrating the two main resurfacing  
630 events at 30-25ka (from the mid-axis reservoir) and at 15ka (from the Durrie reservoir). The evolution  
631 of these two magma reservoirs through time suggests relaying magmatic activity from the axis to the  
632 western flank, and may prefigure a rift-jump.

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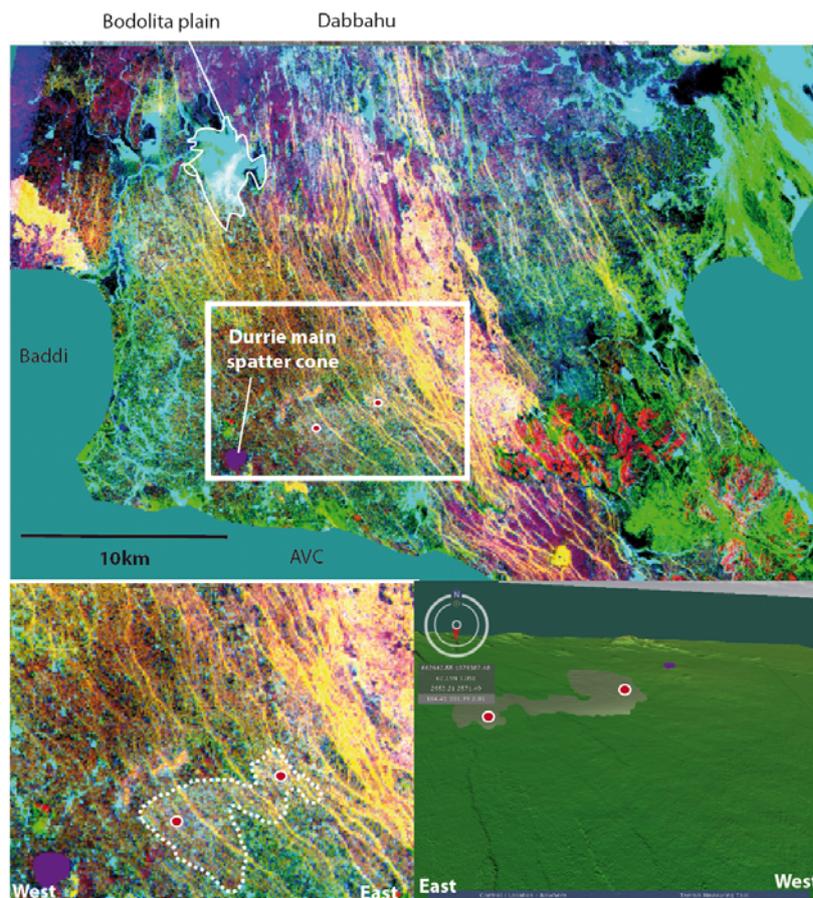
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## Supplementary Online Material

### SOM 1. Mapping techniques

Within the field area, characterised by an arid climate, the spectral signature of satellite imagery reflects the rock surface and its properties (including surface roughness, composition and temperature) with little interference. The analysis of topography and surface rock chemistry was performed using Landsat, ASTER, and LiDAR imagery, conducted in ENVI® and compared with topographic maps and a LiDAR digital elevation model (DEM). Multiple images were generated and enhanced through a series of interactive techniques (false-colour-composite and histogram stretching) and statistical manipulation techniques (principal component analyses and decorrelation stretching) to increase the contrast or visual interpretation between eruptive units. Interpretation of geological linework was digitised and compiled in Arc GIS. Further visualisation of the data was conducted in GeoVisionary™ with the LiDAR DEM to provide a sense of relative stratigraphy through evaluation of the slope, relief and lava flow contacts. These interpretations were subsequently ground-validated by targeted field studies during two campaigns in 2010 and 2011, and the final high resolution map (Fig. 2 - after (Vye-Brown et al. 2012)) is the result of a combination of field observations, remote sensing imagery analysis (Vye-Brown et al., 2012), chemical analysis and dating.



Landsat 7 composite image enhancing the composition contrast between distinct lava flow fields

SRTM view of the Western flank of the DMH rift - a topographic limit between the two lava flow fields is also observed

## SOM 2. Cosmogenic exposure ages

### <sup>36</sup>Cl Analytical techniques

Terrestrial cosmogenic nuclides (TCN) provide a robust technique for determining chronologies in a variety of geological settings (see reviews in (Gosse and Phillips 2001; Niedermann, 2002; Dunai, 2010)). The low rainfall and erosion in the Afar are ideal conditions for TCN exposure dating as full preservation of lava or fault scarp surfaces is required (Gosse and Phillips, 2001). Exposure dating can provide information about either the emplacement of individual lava flows or the cessation of an eruptive phase. Indeed, in confined environments such as a rift axial depression, rapidly emitted lava flows are stacked, shielding pre-existing lava surfaces from cosmic ray exposure. In this context, only the last outcropping flows can be dated with TCN, indicating abandonment of the eruptive unit.

The TCN <sup>36</sup>Cl is applicable to timescales of  $\sim 10^3$  to  $>10^6$  years (e.g. Dunai 2010). It has been extensively used for dating surfaces with carbonate lithologies (including fault scarps - e.g. (Palumbo et al. 2004)), as calcium is one of the main target elements for the in situ production of <sup>36</sup>Cl (besides potassium). A few studies have also used <sup>36</sup>Cl measurements in volcanic whole rocks to date the emplacement of lava flows (Zreda et al. 1993; Kelly et al., 2008) or to calibrate TCN production rates (Schimmelpfennig et al. 2011). Although it has been shown that pure Ca- and K-bearing minerals, such as feldspars, are preferable for <sup>36</sup>Cl dating due to their appropriate chemistry compared to whole rocks ((Licciardi and Pierce 2008, Schimmelpfennig et al. 2011)), the lack of sufficient phenocrysts in the studied lavas often imposes the use of whole rocks. In this study, the sampled lavas present aphyric or microlithic textures, preventing the use of separated mineral phases for exposure dating. We therefore use whole rock <sup>36</sup>Cl analysis in order to estimate exposure ages of the lavas. TCN



Figure 1: Example of lava sampling in the studied area.

production rates are presented in [SOM2-Table 1](#).

#### *Physical and chemical sample preparation*

The sample preparation and analysis was performed at CEREGE (Aix-en-Provence, France) applying the chemical  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  extraction protocol established by [Schimmelpfennig et al., 2009](#). Chemical analysis of major and trace elements were performed at the Service d'Analyse des Roches et des Minéraux (SARM, Nancy, France), and the analysis are presented in [SOM2-Table 2 and 3](#). Initial Cl concentrations in samples range between 54 - 165 ppm, however, these Cl concentrations in the untreated bulk rock measured by the SARM are less reliable than the Cl concentrations determined by isotope dilution AMS in the target fraction ([SOM2-Table 3](#)). Because high Cl concentrations (>~150-200 ppm for volcanic rocks) can induce considerable age uncertainties ([Schimmelpfennig et al., 2009](#)), samples were leached to about ~50% of their weight before total dissolution to reduce the Cl concentration in the bulk (based on [Schimmelpfennig et al., 2009](#); see [SOM2 Table3](#)). After leaching, Cl concentrations in samples range between 22.9 - 195.6 ppm ([SOM2-Table 3](#)).

One procedural blank was performed in order to assess cleanliness during chemical extraction and to correct sample measurements for laboratory  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  and stable Cl sources. Concentrations of  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  and Cl were determined using the accelerator mass spectrometer facility ASTER at CEREGE. Isotope dilution (addition of a  $^{35}\text{Cl}$ -enriched carrier) allows simultaneous determination of  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  and Cl concentrations ([Ivy-Ochs et al. 2004](#)).  $^{36}\text{Cl}/^{35}\text{Cl}$  ratios were determined by normalizing to a  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  standard prepared by K. Nishiizumi ([Sharma et al., 1990](#)). The stable ratio  $^{35}\text{Cl}/^{37}\text{Cl}$  was also normalized to this standard, assuming a natural ratio of 3.127. Measured ratios and their uncertainties are presented in [SOM2.Table 3](#). The precision of the  $^{35}\text{Cl}/^{37}\text{Cl}$  ratios is 2% or less (standard deviation of repeated measurements). The precision of the  $^{36}\text{Cl}/^{35}\text{Cl}$  ratios ranges from 4 to 18%. The blank  $^{36}\text{Cl}/^{35}\text{Cl}$  ratio is  $3.23 \times 10^{-16}$ , and is two to three orders of magnitude lower than the sample  $^{36}\text{Cl}/^{35}\text{Cl}$  ratios ([SOM2.Table 3](#)). The resulting blank-corrected  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  and Cl concentrations range from  $(1.09 \text{ to } 9.09) \times 10^4 \text{ atoms } ^{36}\text{Cl g}^{-1}$ .

#### *Cosmogenic $^{36}\text{Cl}$ exposure age calculation*

Calculations of cosmogenic  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  exposure ages were done using the Excel® spreadsheet published by [Schimmelpfennig et al. \(2009\)](#), applying the scaling method by ([Stone 2000](#)) and the production rates by [Schimmelpfennig et al. \(2011\)](#). To take all  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  production reactions into account, chemical compositions of the bulk-rock were analyzed. Major elements were determined by ICP-OES and trace elements by ICP-MS, except Li (atomic absorption), B (colorimetry),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Karl Fischer titration) and Cl (spectrophotometry) at the SARM. Bulk-rock concentrations of the major elements and of H, Li, B, Sm, Gd, U, Th and Cl are given in [SOM2.Table 3](#). These analysis are required for calculating thermal and epithermal (low-energy) neutron distributions at the land/atmosphere interface, which can significantly affect  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  production in a rock sample (see below) via n-capture of low energy neutrons by  $^{35}\text{Cl}$ . Aliquots of the leached mineral grains, taken before their complete dissolution, represent the part of sample dissolved for  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  extraction and are retained for the analysis of the

corresponding target element concentrations (Ca, K, Ti and Fe). These concentrations ([SOM2.Table 3](#)) and the Cl concentrations, determined by isotope dilution during AMS measurements ([SOM2.Table 3](#)), were used to calculate  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  production from all production mechanisms in the dissolved samples.

Cosmogenic  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  is produced by three different production reactions: (1) spallation of Ca, K, Ti and Fe, (2) slow negative muon capture by Ca and K and (3) low-energy neutron capture on the trace element  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  (review in [Schimmelfennig et al., 2009](#)). Regarding this last production reaction, a significant proportion of  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  can result from a high level of Cl (>50 ppm) in a sample ([Schimmelfennig et al., 2009](#)). The production rate of  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  via this reaction is hard to quantify due to the complexity of the thermal and epithermal neutron fluxes and the related  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  production reaction [[Phillips, 2001 #8](#)]. It has been shown that high Cl concentrations can lead to significantly over-estimated  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  exposure ages ([Schimmelfennig et al., 2009](#)). Since our samples have Cl concentrations ranging from ~20 to 200 ppm (after leaching), the calculated exposure ages of those samples with the highest Cl concentration (>100ppm) must be treated with caution, as they might be over-estimated. This concerns samples D-14, D-16 and Gab-C3.

**SOM2. Table 1: Upper part: locations and description of samples used for  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  dating. All lavas are pahoehoe; flow surface samples are pahoehoe ropes. For all analysed samples the grain size fraction 140-500 $\mu\text{m}$  was used. Lower part: locations and description of samples used for  $^3\text{He}$  dating. Self-shielding factors, scaling factor (Stone, 2000) and  $\text{P}^3\text{He}_{\text{cos}}$  rates were calculated using Cosmocalc calculator of (Vermeesch 2007).**

<b>CHLORINE SAMPLES</b>	<b>Latitude (°N)</b>	<b>Longitude (°E)</b>	<b>Altitude (m)</b>	<b>Sample thickness (cm)</b>	<b>Total shielding correction</b>	<b>Stone scaling factor (neutrons)</b>	<b>Scaling factor for muonic prod.</b>		
<i>Durrie volcano lavas</i>									
D1	12° 22.148'	40° 26.732'	574	3	0.98	0.94	0.81		
D6	12° 22.780'	40° 29.382'	560	4	0.98	0.93	0.81		
D9	12° 23.483'	40° 30.255'	466	3	0.98	0.87	0.78		
D11	12° 23.903'	40° 30.777'	449	3.5	0.98	0.86	0.78		
D13	12° 24.588'	40° 31.120'	442	3	0.98	0.85	0.77		
D14	12° 24.385'	40° 32.013'	434	3	0.98	0.85	0.76		
D30	12° 22.620'	40° 31.848'	473	3	0.98	0.87	0.78		
D31	12° 21.707'	40° 31.108'	490	3	0.98	0.88	0.78		
D36	12° 28.575'	40° 28.957'	367	3		0.81	0.74		
<i>Rift Axis lavas</i>									
D15	12° 23.903'	40° 32.742'	436	3	0.98	0.83	0.76		
D16	12° 23.860'	40° 33.532'	430	3	0.98	0.85	0.74		
D17	12° 23.783'	40° 33.367'	440	3	0.98	0.85	0.77		
D23	12° 23.932'	40° 32.795'	396	3	0.78	0.83	0.75		
Cald-1	12° 21.157'	40° 34.957'	576	5	0.97	0.94	0.74		
Gab-C3	12.4834	40.5351	383	5	0.96	0.82	0.75		
<b>HELIUM SAMPLES</b>	<b>Latitude (°N)</b>	<b>Longitude (°E)</b>	<b>Altitude (m)</b>	<b>Sample thickness (cm)</b>	<b>Total shielding correction</b>	<b>Stone scaling factor</b>	<b>Local <math>\text{P}^3\text{He}_{\text{cos}}</math> at <math>\text{g}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}</math></b>	<b><math>\pm</math></b>	<b>Petrology</b>
<i>Durrie volcano lavas</i>									
<b>D2</b>	12° 22.844'	40° 26.359'	554	5	0.96	0.94	108	8	small olivines
<i>Rift Axis lavas</i>									
<b>D29</b>	12° 22.553'	40° 33.448'	495	4	0.97	0.90	103	8	small olivines

**SOM2. Table 2: Target element concentrations in leached lava samples..**

<b>Target fraction</b>	<b>CaO [wt-%]</b>	<b>K2O [wt-%]</b>	<b>TiO2 [wt-%]</b>	<b>Fe2O3 [wt-%]</b>
<i>Durrie volcano lavas</i>				
D1	10.38	0.26	1.71	9.85
D6	10.61	0.31	1.73	10.23
D9	10.51	0.32	2.41	11.91
D11	10.61	0.34	1.74	10.66
D13	10.32	0.29	1.67	10.41
D14	9.98	0.58	2.79	12.03
D30	10.69	0.29	2.05	10.51
D31	9.82	0.20	2.20	11.31
D36	9.88	0.43	2.39	11.75
<i>Rift Axis lavas</i>				
D15	10.20	0.29	2.64	12.69
D16	10.25	0.58	2.68	13.03
D17	10.86	0.21	2.70	11.36
D23	10.38	0.26	1.71	9.85
Cald-1	10.05	0.32	2.54	11.85
Gab-C3	9.58	0.61	2.56	12.51



## Helium exposure ages

Two samples presented enough olivines to be separated for  $^3\text{He}$  analysis (D-2 and D-29). They were analysed following the protocol of [Medynski et al., \(2013\)](#) to retrieve  $^3\text{He}$  cosmogenic exposure ages.

### SOM 2. Table 4: Helium data and cosmogenic exposure ages.

<sup>a</sup>: \* indicates samples that were crushed before fusion in order to reduce the magmatic  $^3\text{He}$  and  $^4\text{He}$  contributions

<sup>b</sup> Magmatic ratios calculated by the isochron method (Blard and Pik, 2006),

<sup>c</sup> Radiogenic  $^4\text{He}$  concentrations, estimated from measured U and Th concentrations, following the method of (Farley et al. 2006)

	Phase <sup>(a)</sup>	Magmatic $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ <sup>(b)</sup>		$^4\text{He}_{\text{fusion}}$		$^3\text{He}_{\text{fusion}}$		$(^3\text{He}/^4\text{He})_{\text{fusion}}$		R factor <sup>(c)</sup>	$^3\text{He}$ cos		$^3\text{He}$ exposure age		
		(R/Ra)	±	( $10^{11}\text{at.g}^{-1}$ )	±	( $10^6\text{at.g}^{-1}$ )	±	R/Ra	±		( $10^6\text{at.g}^{-1}$ )	±	kyrs	±	
<i>Durrie volcano lavas</i>															
D-2	olivine	8	2	1.20	0.01	2.79	0.17	16.86	1.05	0.98	1.5	0.4	<b>14.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	
<i>Rift Axis lavas</i>															
D-29	olivine*	10	2	0.14	0.02	2.8	0.2	146.4	26.8	0.99	2.6	0.2	<b>25.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	

## SOM 3. Chemical analyses

Major and trace element concentrations were determined by ICP-OES and ICP-MS respectively, at the Service d'Analyse des Roches et des Minéraux, CRPG–Nancy, France on whole rock material following the protocol established by (Carignan et al. 2001). The samples are all sub-alkaline basalts and the variations of some selected major and minor elements are presented on Fig. 4. Flank samples are identified in italic while rift axis samples are regular (see text for discussion). Samples A1 & A2 are from Ferguson's Thesis, and samples DF1 & DF2 are from Ferguson et al., 2010.

Sample	<i>durrie 1</i>	<i>durrie 2</i>	<i>durrie 3</i>	<i>durrie 4</i>	<i>durrie 5</i>	<i>durrie 6</i>	<i>durrie 9</i>	<i>durrie 11</i>	<i>durrie 13</i>	<i>durrie 14</i>	<i>durrie 15</i>	<i>durrie 16</i>	<i>durrie 17</i>	<i>durrie 19</i>	<i>durrie 20</i>	<i>durrie 23</i>	<i>durrie 28</i>	<i>durrie 30</i>	<i>durrie 31</i>	<i>durrie 32</i>	<i>durrie 33</i>	<i>durrie 36</i>	Cald 1	Gab C	A1	A2	DF-1 2805	DF-2 SA02	
(wt %)																													
SiO2	46.89	46.89	47.15	45.79	46.77	45.48	47.60	47.37	48.16	47.26	46.56	47.57	45.71	45.98	46.44	45.39	44.63	46.73	47.04	47.53	47.24	44.80	46.88	47.65	47.96	47.98	46.64	47.24	
Al2O3	15.18	15.18	15.20	14.64	14.10	15.19	15.00	14.28	14.97	14.94	13.22	13.69	14.14	14.21	14.12	13.55	13.79	14.18	15.09	14.83	14.76	14.08	13.95	13.55	13.68	14.09	14.47	14.75	
Fe2O3 (total)	11.43	11.43	11.62	13.41	13.38	12.06	11.58	12.69	11.78	11.55	13.19	14.74	13.66	13.90	15.03	13.29	13.38	14.18	12.35	12.13	11.80	12.43	13.65	15.16	15.91	15.37	13.88	13.75	
MnO	0.18	0.18	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.19	0.18	0.21	0.18	0.19	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.22	0.22	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.21	0.21	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.209	0.206	
MgO	8.10	8.10	8.01	8.98	7.55	8.11	8.10	7.82	7.88	8.24	8.51	6.10	8.14	7.92	9.20	8.18	7.56	8.05	8.55	8.30	7.39	8.14	7.26	5.88	5.37	5.29	8.26	9.42	
CaO	12.15	12.15	11.25	12.05	11.36	11.83	12.25	11.71	12.21	12.50	11.52	10.50	11.95	11.50	10.39	12.01	12.96	10.48	11.82	11.63	12.89	12.59	11.69	10.37	9.47	9.85	10.35	10.09	
Na2O	2.18	2.18	2.48	2.20	2.32	2.06	2.22	2.18	2.33	2.20	2.03	2.82	2.05	2.30	2.39	2.19	2.07	2.58	2.24	2.26	2.20	1.93	2.34	2.82	2.98	3.03	2.46	2.41	
K2O	0.31	0.31	0.47	0.23	0.41	0.22	0.37	0.33	0.40	0.34	0.34	0.59	0.24	0.30	0.40	0.34	0.28	0.56	0.33	0.37	0.29	0.27	0.37	0.61	0.71	0.69	0.403	0.328	
TiO2	1.71	1.71	1.96	2.09	2.22	1.84	1.68	2.03	1.75	1.66	2.13	2.65	2.18	2.30	2.39	2.21	2.22	2.47	1.87	1.84	1.81	1.93	2.32	2.76	3.18	2.99	3	2.2	
P2O5	0.29	0.29	0.33	0.33	0.47	0.28	0.33	0.40	0.28	0.28	0.45	0.43	0.46	0.41	0.38	0.45	0.48	0.47	0.34	0.36	0.29	0.45	0.46	0.45	0.51	0.48	0.266	0.3	
PF	0.41	0.41	0.16	1.59	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.19	1.30	2.28	2.33	0.62	-0.20	0.24	-0.35	0.24	-0.35	
Total	98.8	98.8	98.8	100.0	100.0	98.5	101.1	100.8	100.6	100.4	100.8	100.6	100.7	100.1	101.2	100.7	101.2	100.4	101.0	100.7	99.2	99.7	99.3	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.3	100.3	
Mg#	84.9	84.9	84.5	82.7	81.7	84.2	84.7	83.0	84.1	85.0	83.6	76.6	82.5	81.8	82.9	83.0	81.7	81.8	84.6	84.4	83.2	83.8	80.8	75.4	72.8	73.2	82.5	84.4	
CaO/Al2O3	0.80	0.80	0.74	0.82	0.81	0.81	0.78	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.84	0.87	0.77	0.85	0.82	0.74	0.89	0.94	0.74	0.78	0.87	0.89	0.84	0.77	0.69	0.70	0.72	0.68	
Sample (ppm)																													
Ba	133.2	140.6	162.8	117.9	147.7	133.5	167	137	135.9	199.2	180	182.8	152.1	159.4	135	171.9	167.1	129.2	141.4	143.8	129.9	178.3	155.8	208.4	260.89	161	136		
Be	0.59	0.642	0.86	0.67	0.824	0.729	0.795	0.677	0.614	0.998	0.867	0.869	0.766	0.856	0.797	0.943	0.892	0.686	0.867	0.7	0.794	0.747	1.088	1.088	1.088	1.088	1.088		
Cd	0.16	0.156	0.159	0.202	0.134	0.224	0.134	0.259	< L.D.	0.17	0.177	0.252	0.127	0.207	0.218	0.132	0.319	0.334	0.208	0.213	0.174	0.175	0.136	0.248	0.155	55.51	40.2	32.7	
Ce	25.85	27.21	33.16	30.64	35.05	25.51	37.02	25.68	24.43	41.13	38.43	37.95	39.04	36.32	32.96	38	39.77	27.38	30.74	27.85	26.86	36.82	37.48	43.45	40.2	40.2	32.7		
Co	45.22	46.82	44.42	49.56	46.58	45.42	49.49	44.68	44.87	49.36	51.96	39.98	53.77	50.73	59.03	50.05	48.59	47.21	46.87	47.29	43.15	51.05	46.5	43.6	52.30	52.2	32.7		
Cr	316.4	332.9	318.4	329.6	305.1	323.7	292.8	310.1	322	235.6	298.4	74.04	319.8	282.1	348.6	319.3	280.1	312.7	307.2	322.3	319	257	273.4	70.13	266	270			
Cs	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.096	0.109	0.131	0.082	< L.D.	0.119	0.172	0.117	0.114	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.107	0.104	0.092	0.103	0.117	0.099	0.094	< L.D.	0.118	0.15	114	91		
Cu	115.4	108.8	93.99	70.46	118.7	123	97.96	164.6	136.2	104	110	50.07	96.18	121	96.95	146.2	95.68	120.9	91.19	123.9	141.2	116.3	52.53	52.53	114	91			
Dy	4.105	4.439	4.649	4.967	5.282	4.021	5.355	4.13	3.858	5.484	5.266	5.548	5.757	5.526	5.099	5.345	5.476	4.379	4.705	4.417	4.345	5.682	5.446	6.355	8.66	114	91		
Er	2.261	2.418	2.534	2.715	2.881	2.211	2.894	2.293	2.169	2.916	2.869	3.065	3.073	2.957	2.76	2.856	2.963	2.368	2.517	2.417	2.357	3.03	2.981	3.511	4.67	114	91		
Eu	1.388	1.491	1.649	1.743	1.861	1.346	1.85	1.407	1.322	1.977	1.861	1.964	1.976	1.981	1.906	1.923	1.924	1.489	1.562	1.486	1.459	1.963	1.99	2.249	2.72	19	19.7		
Ga	16.47	16.81	17.66	17.64	18.33	16.5	18.81	16.39	16.02	18.94	17.58	18.19	18.81	18.53	18.37	18.65	17.98	17.07	16.62	17.28	17.04	18.9	18.69	20.26	19	19.7			
Gd	4.166	4.492	4.848	5.081	5.492	4.074	5.406	4.107	3.904	5.812	5.514	5.792	5.83	5.713	5.298	5.488	5.798	4.479	4.751	4.425	4.38	5.803	5.736	6.611	8.60	114	91		
Ge	1.472	1.547	1.482	1.547	1.552	1.467	1.512	1.489	1.398	1.498	1.482	1.449	1.473	1.504	1.449	1.398	1.554	1.449	1.519	1.572	1.565	1.584	1.685	1.629	8.60	114	91		
Hf	2.47	2.63	2.976	3.141	3.504	2.409	3.377	2.506	2.366	3.721	3.319	3.438	3.471	3.477	3.314	3.35	3.364	2.691	2.79	2.688	2.632	3.504	3.533	4.001	5.70	114	91		
Ho	0.813	0.887	0.982	1.049	1.149	0.812	1.052	0.831	0.796	1.16	1.046	1.11	1.118	1.083	0.997	1.045	1.069	0.856	0.877	0.875	1.102	1.088	1.292	1.504	1.74	114	91		
In	< L.D.	0.201	< L.D.	0.126	0.135	0.113	0.092	0.116	0.117	0.131	0.109	0.148	0.102	0.141	0.124	0.089	0.126	0.12	0.122	0.111	0.115	0.124	0.142	0.139	0.139	0.139	0.139		
La	11.94	12.78	15.4	12.79	14.6	10.84	15.81	10.89	10.34	17.27	16.31	15.89	16.95	14.83	13.46	15.74	16.11	11.49	13.17	11.75	11.26	15.37	15.5	18.21	24.69	13.6	14.1		
Lu	0.344	0.357	0.363	0.396	0.42	0.326	0.427	0.332	0.317	0.425	0.408	0.45	0.444	0.427	0.408	0.419	0.413	0.342	0.365	0.352	0.344	0.435	0.429	0.509	0.62	13.6	14.1		
Mo	0.558	0.933	0.882	0.403	0.997	0.917	0.885	0.826	0.847	1.053	1.268	1.151	0.723	0.774	0.858	0.746	0.777	0.685	0.596	0.797	0.716	0.894	0.958	1.327	2.11	2.06			
Nb	13.4	13.75	18.28	14.86	16.36	12.85	16.72	13.23	12.5	21.57	16.31	19.9	16.85	16.65	17.25	16.33	17.18	13.82	14.63	14.08	13.61	18.38	18.23	22.55	29.44	20.9	17		
Nd	15.71	16.83	19.45	19.38	21.5	15.54	21.33	15.73	14.93	24.46	22.1	22.77	23.38	22.48	21.12	22.23	23.35	16.91	18.5	17.2	16.36	22.74	23.02	26.23	32.58	22.2	19.9		
Ni	113.9	115	110.7	116.1	92.63	117.7	103.2	102.4	117.7	105.1	122.4	28.39	111	103.3	138.7	120.1	94.01	122.9	109.4	121.5	87.99	108.1	82.31	31.14	91	115			
Pb	1.3128	1.3945	1.7741	1.7049	1.9472	1.6071	1.9279	1.6053	1.5772	2.0995	2.3182	1.914	1.8931	1.9898	1.5937	2.0877	2.9197	1.8175	1.9769	1.6795	1.5229	1.8532	2.9488	2.467	2.32	93	2.26		
Pr	3.55	3.845	4.473	3.918	4.425	3.204	4.847	3.246	3.053	5.056	5.027	4.718	5.224	4.593	4.211	4.907	4.811	3.413	3.849	3.481	3.365	4.635	4.72	5.42	7.39	3.31	115		
Rb	5.225	2.806	8.451	2.188	6.961	6.639	6.451	7.52	6.195	9.506	7.245	9.998	4.652	4.468	6.416	5.894	5.473	5.534	6.026	6.179	4.758	7.711	5.556	11.75	15.51	8	7		
Sc	no data	no data	no data	39.98	39.95	no data	37.82	37	39.13	37.44	36.5	40.47	38.88	39.51	35.53	38.29	39.92	36.05	37.78	37.28	40.9	38.66	41.69	41.09	36	31.5			
Sm	3.844	3.844	4.05	4.633	5.172	4.161	3.827	5.313	3.854																				

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