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#### 2 Saintes archipelago, Guadeloupe): application of fluid inclusion and chlorite thermometry.

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## 10 Abstract

Due to its geodynamic location in the Lesser Antilles arc, Basse-Terre of Guadeloupe displays an active volcanism which is favourable to the development of high-enthalpy geothermal energy. An exhumed analogue of the Bouillante geothermal reservoir has been recently characterized in Terrede-Haut island (Les Saintes archipelago), giving an opportunity to study the cooling of a natural geothermal system and the related alterations.

16 By coupling chlorite geothermometry and primary fluid inclusions in associated zoned quartz 17 crystals located in N70 trending fractures, new insights on the Terre-de-Haut paleo-geothermal 18 evolution can be inferred by distinguishing three new different episodes during functioning and 19 cooling of this system : (i) a temperature of at least 240-270°C in fluid inclusions trapped in the 20 quartz core, (ii) chlorite formation at about 120°C, and (iii) temperatures of ~50°C - or less - in 21 fluid inclusions of the quartz outer growth zones. Fluid inclusions also reveal that the hydrothermal 22 fluid is of low salinity (2 wt% NaCl), probably of meteoric and sea water origin. Additionally, a 23 second type of fluid inclusions observed in a banded quartz vein indicates at least an episode of a 24 CO<sub>2</sub>-(H<sub>2</sub>O) fluid, with traces of H<sub>2</sub>S. Hence, some similarities can be highlighted between Terre-de-25 Haut and the Bouillante active geothermal systems in term of the highest temperatures of circulation 26 events and gas composition, despite a difference in fluid origin. This study shows that some

27 alteration episodes also occur at low temperature during the cooling of the geothermal system.

28 Moreover, the N70 trending fractures, that have been identified as drains for the hot temperature

29 fluids, have to be considered for future geothermal exploration.

## 30 Keywords

31 Hydrothermal alteration; fluid inclusion; chlorite thermometry; paleo-geothermal system; Terre-de32 Haut (Guadeloupe)

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# 34 **1. Introduction**

The Lesser Antilles volcanic arc is related to a subduction zone, where the North-American plate sinks under the Caribbean plate. This particular geodynamic system, with active volcanism, is favourable to the formation of geothermal fields. This is the case of Basse-Terre of Guadeloupe, which displays an active geothermal field named Bouillante, exploited for electric power generation and producing 15 MWe (Bouchot et al., 2010).

40 Following the global trend of seeking new sources of clean and renewable energy, the GEOTREF 41 program aims to identify a geothermal resource a few kilometres south of Bouillante, at a depth 42 around 2 km. The nearby Terre-de-Haut island (Les Saintes archipelago, West Indies, France; 43 Bouysse, 1983) has long been known to host a hydrothermally altered zone (Jacques et al., 1984; 44 Jacques and Maury, 1988a, b). Recently, this altered zone was studied in more details from structural 45 and mineralogical points of view (Verati et al., 2016; Beauchamps et al., 2019), emphasizing a clay 46 mineral distribution similar to that encountered vertically in the active geothermal field of Bouillante 47 (Beauchamps et al., 2019). Indeed, the altered zone shows a clear clay mineral zonation, with chlorite 48 in the central part, illite around it and smectite in the outer rim. In fact, Terre-de-Haut corresponds to 49 an exhumed paleo-geothermal system, and can be considered as an analogue of the active system 50 located below Bouillante.

51 The aim of this study is to document the Terre-de-Haut geothermal system evolution, to compare it with the still-active system of Bouillante, and to obtain information about GEOTREF's exploration 52 53 zone. Thanks to erosion, the Terre-de-Haut paleo-geothermal system is exhumed and shows a clear 54 2-D near horizontal insight, allowing the sampling of several newly formed minerals and hydrothermally-altered rocks. Chlorite-bearing altered andesite was sampled in the "chlorite zone" 55 defined by Beauchamps et al. (2019), and neoformed quartz were especially collected in two N70 56 57 oriented fractures. In order to identify the major hydrothermal events of this system, two types of 58 thermometric approaches were applied: the chlorite geothermometry, using the more recent low T-59 adapted thermometers, and fluid inclusion microthermometry, from sampled quartz.

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#### 61 2. Geological Context

Terre-de-Haut island belongs to the Guadeloupe archipelago and more precisely to the Les Saintes sub-archipelago. It is located in the inner active arc of the Lesser Antilles arc (Bouysse, 1983; Figure 1A), that results from the subduction of the North American plate under the Caribbean plate at a velocity of approximately 2 cm.yr<sup>-1</sup> (Hawkesworth and Powell, 1980; DeMets et al., 2000; Symithe et al., 2015).

67 Only few literature has long been available about the geology of Terre-de-Haut (Javey et al., 1974; 68 Jacques et al., 1984; Jacques and Maury, 1988a, b) but structural, petrographic and petrophysical data 69 were recently published (Zami et al., 2014; Verati et al., 2016; Navelot et al., 2018; Beauchamps et 70 al., 2019). Verati et al. (2016) recognise four families of fault systems, active from 3 to 2 Ma, trending, 71 from the oldest to the most recent: (1) N050-N70, (2) N130-N140, (3) N090-N110 and (4) N000-72 N020. According to kinematic indicators and morphostructural observations these four families 73 display normal-slip movements, and three of them also a strike-slip movement (sinistral or dextral). 74 The N090-N110 trending fault system is the only one with no evidence for strike-slip movement. Kinematic indicators revealing both dextral and sinistral strike-slips suggest that the N000-N020 and 75 76 N050-N70 systems were active and reactivated at different stages during the tectonic evolution of the Les Saintes archipelago (Verati et al., 2016). These four families of fault systems are consistent with the global tectonic framework of the entire Guadeloupe archipelago (Verati et al., 2016). The 2004 Mw 6.3 Les Saintes earthquake (Beauducel et al., 2005) was correlated with a pure normal faulting with NW-SE trending nodal planes, compatible with the identified onshore N130-N140 faults. This indicates that the inherited fault network is likely to be reactivated during the present-day plate convergence (Verati et al., 2016).

The most recent geochronological data (Zami et al., 2014) revealed the presence of three main subaerial volcanic phases on Terre-de-Haut (Figure 1B). The first phase,  $2.98 \pm 0.04$  Ma old, consisting of dacitic lava flows and explosive breccia, is located at Fort Napoléon. The second phase, dated at  $2.40 \pm 0.04$  Ma made of basic andesitic lava and phreato-magmatic flows associated with two-pyroxene andesite, is widespread across the island. The third phase, between  $2.08 \pm 0.03$  Ma and  $2.00 \pm 0.03$  Ma, was mainly expressed by the formation of the 'Le Chameau' dacitic dome ( $2.00 \pm$ 0.03 Ma) and is associated with dykes.

90 The occurrence of a hydrothermal zone has been identified and described long ago (Jacques et al., 91 1984; Jacques and Maury, 1988a, b) and recently accurately documented (Verati et al., 2016). 92 According to Verati et al. (2016), the intersection of the two major normal fault systems N090-N110 93 and N130-N140 is responsible for the development of the hydrothermalized area, which is also the 94 case in the Bouillante geothermal field. This zone displays a succession of parageneses that are 95 characteristic of high-temperature hydrothermal alteration in epithermal settings and its retrogression 96 during cooling. Verati et al. (2016) observed a first high-temperature mineral assemblage composed 97 of (i) aggregates of chlorite and epidote developed as pseudomorphs from primary plagioclase and 98 clinopyroxene, or (ii) chlorite, serpentine and oxide aggregates formed at the expense of 99 orthopyroxene. The pseudomorphosed minerals are crosscut by millimetric veinlets filled by quartz 100  $\pm$  chalcedony  $\pm$  pyrite  $\pm$  chlorite  $\pm$  smectite  $\pm$  goethite aggregates. Sometimes, the veinlets connect 101 vesicles filled with chalcedony and zeolites. According to Verati et al. (2016) a final advanced argillic alteration stage generated kaolinite, illite, smectite, and, in the most altered samples, gypsum andjasper are found.

In their study of clay mineral assemblages in the hydrothermal zone of Terre-de-Haut, Beauchamps et al. (2019) showed a zonation with isograds of illite and chlorite appearance (Figure 1B). This clay mineral distribution is commonly observed in geothermal contexts and is similar to that observed vertically in Bouillante's boreholes.

From a petrophysical point of view, Navelot et al. (2018) and Beauchamps et al. (2019) show that within the central hydrothermal zone, pathways for the fluids are encountered at all scales, from the micrometre scale (µm-scale) through microcracks within phenocrysts, at grain joints and between clay crystallites, to the metre- and kilometre-scale (m- and km-scale) thanks to fractures and faults.

According to Verati et al. (2016), the age of hydrothermalism is constrained within a time span because the oldest volcanic rocks affected by the hydrothermal activity are dated at  $2.40 \pm 0.04$  Ma (Zami et al., 2014), and none of the most recent volcanic plugs dated at  $1.94 \pm 0.10$  Ma by Jacques et al. (1984) is hydrothermally altered, even when located in the hydrothermally altered zone (Figure 1B). The maximal timescale activity of the Les Saintes paleo-geothermal system is about 400 ky according to Verati et al. (2016), whilst Zami et al. (2014) suggest that the hydrothermal activity lasted around 80 ky between  $2.08 \pm 0.03$  and  $2.00 \pm 0.03$  Ma.



Figure 1 - A: Simplified geodynamic map of the Lesser Antilles Arc. B: Simplified geological map of Terre-de-Haut (Les Saintes archipelago) indicating structural data, volcanic rock types and their ages (modified after Verati et al. 2016; Zami et al. 2014; Jacques and Maury 1988a, b; Jacques et al. 1984). Symbols refer to age of the rock formation, whereas colours refer to rock type. Isogrades of illite (Ilt) in pink and chlorite (Chl) in green refers to Beauchamps et al. (2019).

#### 125 **3. Material and methods**

126 3.1. Material

The samples analysed in this study come from the most hydrothermally altered zone (Jacques et al.,1984; Jacques and Maury, 1988a, b; Verati et al., 2016; Beauchamps et al., 2019), and more precisely from the northern part of Grande Anse (Figures 1 and 2). This zone, which corresponds to the 'chlorite zone' defined by Beauchamps et al. (2019) and its close vicinity, is hundreds of meters in size. This area presents a friable and yellowish general aspect where the initial andesite is no longer identifiable (Figure 2).



134 Figure 2 – Panoramic photograph of the outcrop of North Grande-Anse beach. White stars: sampling location. Focus on

every sample on the outcrop and hand specimens is provided. Red dashed lines represent fractures limits.

136 GPS coordinates for the samples: GEC 285 - 15°51'59.29"N 61°34'37.40"O; GEC 270 - 15°52'02.27"N 61°34'35.27"O;

137 GEC 261 - 15°52'03.45"N 61°34'33.34"O; GEC 236 and 237 - 15°52'04.03"N 61°34'30.34"O

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#### 139 *Chlorite-bearing samples*

Three chlorite-bearing samples are analysed in this study, noted GEC 236, GEC 237 and GEC
270. GEC 236 and GEC 237 samples come from a dark zone of decametric size, harder than the outer
yellowish country rock. This dark zone shows a network of centimetre-size fractures (Figure 2). The
two samples are located twenty centimetres from one another.

Sample GEC 270 is located ~150 metres southwest of samples GEC 236 and 237 (Figure 2). It has been collected twenty centimetres away from a fracture, in the host-rock. This rock presents a colour from greyish to yellowish.

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# 148 Neoformed quartz

Two samples of neoformed quartz, GEC 261 and GEC 285, have been sampled in north part 149 150 of Grande-Anse (Figure 2) 170 meters away from one another, for fluid inclusion analysis. In details, 151 GEC 261 has been sampled in the fracture oriented N70; 80SE (strike; dip) of Figure 2. This fracture 152 is five centimetres thick filled with brecciated rock and aggregates of euhedral quartz in some places. 153 The zone where quartz crystals occur is wider, with a width of ten centimetres and a length of fifteen 154 centimetres, which could be interpreted as a pull-apart extension (Figure 2). Numerous euhedral, 155 prismatic, bipyramidal, millimetre- size quartz are observed in this zone and were individually 156 sampled (Figure 2).

157 Sample GEC 285 has been taken from a banded quartz vein about 10 cm thick, oriented N70;70SE
158 (strike;dip). The banding pattern is regular and made of 1 to 3 mm thick bands of quartz relatively
159 parallel to one another.

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161 3.2. Methods

162 *X-ray Diffraction* 

163 X-ray Diffraction (XRD) analyses were performed at the Institut de Recherche Criminelle de 164 la Gendarmerie Nationale de Cergy-Pontoise (IRCGN, France), on the  $<2 \mu m$  fraction. The XRD was 165 carried out using a Panalytical X'Pert3 Powder (CuK $\alpha$  radiation, 45 kV, 40 mA), with the following 166 acquisition parameters: an angular domain between 2.5 and 30°2 $\theta$  for  $< 2 \mu m$  fraction, a step 167 increment of  $2\theta = 0.01^{\circ}$ , a counting time per step of 0.6 s. The sample preparation used was similar 168 to that proposed by Holtzapffel (1985). Each  $<2 \mu m$  fraction sample was spread on a glass slide to

169	stack clay minerals on their basal planes. Each sample was analysed in two states: (i) air-dried (natural
170	state); (ii) glycolated for one night to allow swelling of specific clay minerals.

Microscopic observations have been done on thin sections using both optical microscopy and
scanning electron microscopy (SEM, Zeiss Gemini 300, EHT = 15kV) belonging to the Plateforme
Microscopies & Analyses, Federation I-Mat of the CY Cergy-Paris University (France).

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#### 177 Electron microprobe

Chemical analyses of chlorite were carried out with a CAMECA SX 100 electron microprobe (EMP) equipped with wavelength dispersive spectrometers (WDS). The equipment belongs to CNRS Research Federation Chevreul in Lille. The analytical conditions were the following: 15 nA, 15 kV, spot size of 1 µm, counting time of 20 s/element. The analysed elements were Si, Al, Fe, Mg, Mn, Ti, Ca, Na and K. The system was calibrated with albite for Na, orthoclase for Al and K, wollastonite for Ca and Si, MgO for Mg, MnTiO<sub>3</sub> for Ti and Mn, and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> for Fe. Prior to analyse, thin sections were coated with carbon.

Numerous punctual analyses were performed to obtain satisfying results: 103 in sample GEC 236, 54 in sample GEC 237, and 60 in sample GEC270. EMP analyses with K<sub>2</sub>O+Na<sub>2</sub>O+CaO > 0.85 wt % were rejected to avoid chlorite contamination (e.g. by smectitic layer). Only analyses with an oxide weight % summing between 84.00 and 89.00 were considered as belonging to the chlorite group. The chlorite structural formulas were calculated on the basis of 14 O atoms (per half formula unit). Quantitative mapping with a resolution of 1, 2 or 3  $\mu$ m/pixel was performed on 4 chlorite crystals, with 8 element analysis (Si, Al, Fe, Mg, Mn, Ca, Na and K).

# Chlorite geothermometry

194 Chlorite geothermometry was applied on the Terre-de-Haut chlorites in order to estimate the temperature of their crystallisation. The used geothermometer was developed by Bourdelle et al. 195 196 (2013) specifically for low-T and low pressure contexts (T <  $350^{\circ}$ C and pressures below 4 kbar). It 197 is a semi-empirical thermometer based on a ratio of end-member activities and directly linking the 198 temperature to a *K* equilibrium constant for a chlorite + quartz equilibrium. This choice was driven 199 by the low P-T conditions prevailing in the studied area, and the Si-rich composition of the Terre-de-200 Haut chlorites (Si > 3 apfu) preventing from the use of thermodynamic models as that developed by 201 Lanari et al. (2014). In addition, Bourdelle et al. (2013)'s thermometer does not require a prior quantification of the  $Fe^{3+}$  content, assuming that all iron is divalent. 202

The formulation of the thermometer of Bourdelle et al. (2013) considers Mg end-members following
the chlorite + quartz equilibrium:

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206 Al-free Mg-chlorite + 3 Mg-sudoite = 3 Mg-amesite + 7 Quartz + 4 
$$H_2O$$
 (1)

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208 The resulting calibrated thermometric equation is:

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$$T(^{\circ}C) = \frac{9400}{23.40 - \log K} - 273.15$$
 (2)

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where *K* is the constant of the equilibrium (1). The thermometer was calibrated assuming H<sub>2</sub>O and SiO<sub>2</sub> activities as  $aH_2O = aSiO_2 = 1$ . Considering the geological system studied here, the H<sub>2</sub>O activity could be considered as close to 1. Besides,  $aSiO_2 = 1$  is justified in the case of quartz-bearing rocks. In the same way, the pressure effect was neglected considering the hydrothermal context. The accuracy of this geothermometer is estimated of ±20°C.

To estimate the Fe<sup>3+</sup> content in the studied chlorites, and the reducing or oxidizing nature of the 217 218 medium, a second geothermometer suitable to Si-rich chlorites from low-T contexts has been used 219 (Inoue et al. 2009). This thermometer has a similar basis that of Bourdelle et al. (2013), i.e. it is a 220 semi-empirical equation based on a ratio of end-member activities and a chlorite + quartz equilibrium. However, the Inoue et al. (2009)'s thermometer needs the  $Fe^{3+}$  proportion to be quantified for each 221 chlorite analysis. That being difficult to obtain, the Fe<sup>3+</sup> content was estimated by convergence of the 222 two thermometers. For this, several  $Fe^{3+}$  contents were tested, covering a  $Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total}$  ratio = 0 to 40% 223 range. The results - and their sensibility to the Fe3+ content - are hereafter discussed. The 224 thermometric results are presented thanks to T-R<sup>2+</sup>-Si diagram (Bourdelle and Cathelineau, 2015). 225

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## Fluid inclusion microthermometry

Fluid inclusions (FIs) are relics of paleo-fluids trapped inside minerals during their growth. The study of FIs allows characterising the paleo-fluid by determining its composition and the pressure-temperature conditions during its entrapment. The validity of fluid inclusion analyses relies on three basic assumptions: 1) the inclusions trapped a single, homogeneous phase; (2) the volume of the inclusions has not changed since entrapment; (3) the composition of the inclusions remains unchanged since it was trapped (Roedder, 1984).

FIs analysis is based on several methods: FIs petrography and typology, microthermometry,
spectroscopic methods. Observations are made on 100µm thick double polished fluid inclusion
wafers. For euhedral quartz crystals, the sections have been realised parallel to the Z crystallographic
axis.

In this study, fluid inclusion analyses were performed at the Laboratory of Civil Engineering and geo-Environment (LGCgE), University of Lille, using a FLUID INC. microthermometric stage (USGS type). The calibration was done by measuring the melting temperature of  $CO_2$  in synthetic aquocarbonic fluid inclusions and of ice in a pure water bath. At high temperature, calibration was done using the homogenization temperature of pure critical H<sub>2</sub>O (374.1°C). The maximum uncertainty above room temperature was  $\Delta$ =0.1°C and  $\Delta$ =1°C at 400°C.

Here, the "Fluid Inclusion Assemblage" (FIA) approach (Goldstein and Reynolds, 1994) was used. This method consists in gathering FIs all formed contemporaneously, by using only petrographic criteria. According to Goldstein and Reynolds (1994), all the inclusions of a given FIA must have the same composition, density and Th. A FIA is typically composed of 15 to 20 inclusions (Goldstein and Reynolds, 1994). This statistical approach allows to eliminate data that diverge more than 10-15°C from the average value.

Salinity based on the temperature of ice melting  $(T_{mi})$  has been calculated using the equation of Bodnar (1993). Homogenization temperature  $(T_h)$  represents the temperature at which one of the two phases (liquid or vapour) disappears by dissolution in the other. The P-T conditions of entrapment were estimated by calculating isochores that represent temperature evolution according to pressure, assuming a constant volume. These isochores were calculated using the empirical equation of state of Zhang and Frantz (1987).

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#### 257 *Cathodoluminescence*

Cathodoluminescence observations were done at the Earth Science Department, University of
Lille, using a cold cathode CITL 8200 MK IV mounted on a standard petrographic microscope.
Tension, vacuum and intensity are automated (between 8 and 27 kV for 200 to 800 mA). Photographs
are done with a Peltier cooled high resolution and low luminosity camera, Spot Flex produced by
Diagnostic Instrument. Exposure time was about 20 seconds.

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264 Raman

Raman analyses were also performed at the Earth Sciences Department, University of Lille, using a Horiba Jobin Yvon HR 800 UV Raman spectrometer. An Ar Lexel laser tuned at 532 nm was used to reach excitation and the time for integration ranged from 180 to 600s. Raman was used to characterise the volatile phase in fluid inclusions, i.e. the bubble density and its composition. For single phase CO<sub>2</sub>-fluid inclusion, density was estimated by measuring the spacing between the two peaks of Fermi diad bands (Yamamoto et Kagi, 2006, 2008). The calibration of the device has been done according to Dubessy et al. (1989) and Burke (2001) procedure to calculate the molar fraction of the different gas species from the area of the spectrum peaks.

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- 274 **4. Results**
- 275 4.1. Petrography
- 276 *Optical microscopy*

The initial mineralogical assemblage, prior to alteration, was constituted by microlithic groundmass, with phenocrysts of plagioclase, clinopyroxene and orthopyroxene of millimetric size with a euhedral shape. Titanomagnetite was also part of the primary mineral assemblage.

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281 GEC 236 and GEC 237:

The rock matrix is fully recrystallized into micro-crystalline quartz (Figure 3A, B, C, D). Phenocrysts of plagioclase are mostly preserved, some of them show more or less intense static replacement by calcite distributed randomly within the mineral.

285 Chlorite occurs as partial or complete primary pyroxene pseudomorph, their euhedral shape being 286 preserved (e.g. Figures 3A, B). Some pseudomorph are entirely composed of chlorite (Figure 3B), 287 some are composed by chlorite and patches of calcite (Figure 3A). Other chlorite minerals are present 288 in the matrix with a much smaller size (few micrometers), and on border of calcite veins (Figure 3D). 289 Rare epidote crystals are observed in the sample, with no geometric relationship with chlorite. 290 Microveins, up to 1 mm thick, constituted of calcite, pyrite, quartz, are present in sample GEC 237.

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292 GEC 270:

Most of the plagioclase phenocrysts present a well-developed fracture network, sometimes showing calcite pseudomorph. The matrix is totally made of micro-crystallized quartz like in GEC 236 and GEC 237. Chlorite crystals, with sizes from 50  $\mu$ m to 500  $\mu$ m, show a light pleochroism. Although the primary minerals are no longer present, the rectangular shape of some chlorite assemblages suggest they are pseudomorphs after ancient primary pyroxenes (Figure 3F). Pyrite crystals from 50  $\mu$ m to 200  $\mu$ m, sometimes euhedral, are also present disseminated in the sample (Figure 3E).



Figure 3 - Optical microscopy photograph with plane polarized light (X) and crossed polarized light (X') of samples GEC
236 (A, B), GEC 237 (C, D), and GEC 270 (E, F). Mineral abbreviations according to Whitney and Evans (2010).

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303 XRD

304 X-Ray Diffraction analyses have been performed on the  $< 2\mu$ m fraction from samples GEC 305 236, GEC 237 and GEC 270. Sample GEC 270 shows an assemblage of smectite (Sme) + chlorite 306 (Chl) ± illite (III) as can be seen in Figure 4. For sample GEC 236 and GEC 237, the assemblage is 307 composed of smectite (Sme) + chlorite (Chl) as in Figure 4. However, regarding sample GEC 237, a 308 slight shift towards lower angles of the chlorite peak at the Ethylene-Glycol state (14.9Å) and the 309 non-symmetrical shape, reveals the presence of mixed-layers minerals with an expandable phase, 310 such as chlorite/smectite (C/S) mixed-layer mineral (Figure 4).



Figure 4 - X-ray diffractogram of the clay mineral assemblages of sample GEC 237 (G) and GEC 270 (H). (d(001) and
d(002) are indexed. Mineral abbreviations according to Whitney and Evans (2010).

# 315 4.2. Chlorite study

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# Chemical mapping and intra-mineral microstructure characterisation



320 Chemical mapping of chlorite pseudomorphs allows to observe chemical zonations in a totally 321 transformed primary mineral. Figure 5A displays results of such a mapping of the mineral presented in Figure 3F (sample GEC 270). As observed in Figure 5A, composition of the altered primary 322 323 mineral is not homogeneous. First of all, the rectangular shape of the primary mineral is well visible and the circular chemical zonation clearly highlighted. The core of the mineral presents only Si and 324 Al, the first inner ring is rich in Si, Ca and Al. The second inner ring shows an enrichment in K; a 325 326 third ring shows a depletion in K, Al and Si, associated to an enrichment in Fe, Mg and Mn (not 327 represented here). The outer ring is similar to the second ring with the well visible enrichment in K. 328 These chemical variations are synthesized in Figure 5B. Therefore, only Si and Al in the core of the 329 mineral suggest the presence of kaolinite. Ca in the first inner ring might show a residual composition 330 of a Ca-rich pyroxene, which is consistent with the occurrence of augite in this type of rocks (Jacques et Maury, 1988b), or a smectitic composition. K enrichment in the second and outer rings is due to 331 332 the presence of illitic phase, and the enrichment in Fe and Mg in the third ring leads to chlorite phase. This zone has been investigated through scanning electronic microscopic observations showing this 333 334 pseudomorph mineral presents multiple contrasts, which are well related with the chemical sequence previously described (Figure 5C). 335



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Figure 5 – A: Chemical mapping done with Electronic Microprobe of a transformed primary volcanic mineral in sample
GEC270. B: sketch synthesizing the chemical variation. Chlorite composition is found in the Fe-Mg rich zone. C:
Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) image. (EHT: 15.00 kV; WD:9.4mm). Dashed line represents the border of the
sketch in B.

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#### Chemical composition and chlorite thermometry

343 Some representative analyses of chlorite are presented in Table 1, among the 75 that were 344 considered of good quality (50 for GEC 236, 17 for GEC 237, 8 for GEC 270; available in 345 supplementary material).

Comm1.	GEC 236		GEC 2	237	GEC 270		
Sample	z1	z2	z5	z6	z7	z9	
Oxide weight %							
SiO <sub>2</sub>	31.89	31.52	32.96	31.99	35.63	35.13	
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.11	0.14	
$Al_2O_3$	16.60	15.75	16.77	15.98	20.02	19.86	
FeO	20.62	19.10	16.43	17.99	2.50	2.97	
MnO	0.66	0.53	0.64	0.58	0.47	0.54	
MgO	16.82	18.18	20.54	18.04	27.02	29.31	
CaO	0.66	0.48	0.44	0.65	0.31	0.23	
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.10	0.02	0.07	0.03	0.04	0.07	
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.02	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.32	0.13	
Total	87.39	85.66	87.92	85.34	86.41	88.37	
CaO+Na <sub>2</sub> O+K <sub>2</sub> O	0.78	0.57	0.57	0.72	0.79	0.43	
apfu (O <sub>14</sub> )							
Si	3.26	3.27	3.27	3.31	3.32	3.22	
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	
Al	2.00	1.93	1.96	1.95	2.20	2.15	
Fe <sup>II</sup>	1.76	1.66	1.36	1.56	0.19	0.23	
Mn	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	
Mg	2.57	2.81	3.04	2.78	3.76	4.01	
Ca	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.03	0.02	
Na	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	
K	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.02	

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Table 1 – Representative chemical analyses obtained by electron microprobe on chlorite crystals (apfu = Atoms Per
Formula Unit).

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Microprobe analyses show that all these chlorites are Si-rich  $(3.1 \le Si \le 3.4 \text{ apfu}; \text{ Table 1})$ , with an Al content of around 2 apfu. Only Fe/Mg ratio shows variations (Figure 6): in GEC 236 and GEC237 samples, chlorites are ferromagnesian (XFe is around  $0.39 \pm 0.1$  for GEC 236, and around  $0.34 \pm 0.05$ for GEC 237), whereas chlorites in GEC 270 are magnesian, characterised by a XFe of  $0.09 \pm 0.2$ . These two different chlorite compositions are clearly observed in a Mg-Fe<sup>II</sup>-IV</sup>Al diagram (Figure 6).



Figure 6 - Chlorite octahedral content plotted in a ternary diagram (Mg, <sup>VI</sup>Al, Fe<sup>II</sup>). Red: GEC236; Orange: GEC 237;
Green: GEC 270

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GEC 237 chlorite compositions draw a trend towards Fe-Sudoite while GEC 236, sampled 20 cm
away, shows a more homogeneous group of compositions. But both groups of composition are grossly
overlapped. Conversely, GEC 270 sample chlorites have a very low Fe content.

Temperature calculations using the geothermometer developed by Bourdelle et al. (2013), on 18 chlorites, show a temperature range from 72°C to 158°C with an average temperature of 120°C (Figure 7). The majority of the T estimates are grouped around 120°C, with  $R^{3+} = 2$ , while only few measures (and especially those for GEC 270) are trending towards less  $R^{2+}$  - lower T°C. This could be correlated to the amount of Ca and K in these chlorites, suspecting a possible mixing with smectite or illite, beyond the chemical criteria applied to select the chlorite analysis.

370 Chlorites display no zonation in terms of temperature. Temperatures obtained in the core or in the

371 border of the minerals are similar.



Figure 7 - Si-R<sup>2+</sup> diagram developed by Bourdelle et al. (2015) showing the location of the samples analysed in this study
(GEC 236 in red, GEC 237 in orange, GEC 270 in green).

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Temperature calculations have also been performed using the thermometer developed by Inoue et al. 376 377 (2009). Temperatures obtained for the representative analyses are shown in Figure 8. The major 378 difference with the thermometer developed by Bourdelle et al. (2013), is that the one of Inoue et al. (2009) requires a prior estimation of the  $Fe^{3+}$  content of the chlorite. As this element cannot be 379 quantified by WDS, the Fe<sup>3+</sup> content was estimated by the convergence of the two thermometers, 380 381 with the temperatures calculated with the Bourdelle's thermometer as a reference. For this, various contents of Fe<sup>3+</sup> have been tested (Figure 8). The difference between temperatures obtained by the 382 383 two geothermometers is in average less than 30°C. Considering the error range of ±20°C of each geothermometer, the difference of 30°C is less than the two errors accumulated (Figure 8) and tends to show the robustness of the T estimates. Moreover, the minimum differences between the two geothermometers are observed when  $XFe^{3+}$  (i.e.  $Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total}$ ) value is equal to 0.00. This allows supposing that  $XFe^{3+}$  in these chlorites is very low, and that the medium is not oxidizing.



Figure 8 - Temperature estimations for representative chlorite analyses using both Bourdelle et al. (2013)'s and Inoue et
 al. (2009)'s geothermometers. For Inoue et al. (2009)'s geothermometer, different XFe<sup>3+</sup> values have been tested.

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- 4.3. Microthermometry on fluid inclusions in quartz crystals
- 393 Sample GEC 261

394 Using the approach developed by Goldstein and Reynolds (1994) and based on the vapour
395 filling ratio (Flv), two types of FIAs can be distinguished in GEC 261 sample (Figure 9 A, B):

- -Type #1 contains only two phases (liquid+vapour; LV) with consistent Flv of about 20% (Figure
  9A).
- -Type #2 is composed of all-liquid (L) fluid inclusions associated with rare two-phase LV inclusions
  with variable Flv (Figure 9B).

Inclusion sizes vary from about 10 µm to up to 40 µm, and their shape is generally oval, and 400 401 sometimes hexagonal or complex. A crystal fragment of sample GEC 261 is a key sample to 402 understand FIAs distribution and relative chronology. Figure 9C is a representation of the 5 mm-long 403 longitudinal section. This crystal fragment has been studied by microscopy and cathodoluminescence, 404 revealing a clear zoning. The core of the crystal hosts FIAs of type #1 inclusions (respectively FIAs 405 1, 2 and 3), whereas the outer zone of the crystal contains FIA composed of type #2 inclusions (FIA 406 4; Figure 9C). Inclusions are undoubtfully of primary origin, indicating that they formed during 407 crystallization of quartz.



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409 Figure 9 - A: Photograph of type #1 FIA. B: Photograph of type #2 FIA. C: Crystal fragment n°2 with
410 cathodoluminescence photograph showing the intra-crystal zonation.

In type #1 FIAs, ice melting temperatures (Tmi) are comprised between -0.2°C and -1.1°C for the
whole set of inclusions, corresponding to salinities of 0.4 to 1.9 wt % eq. NaCl respectively. The

414 eutectic melting has not been observed because of the low salinity of the fluid. The homogenization
415 temperatures (Th) are comprised between 230 and 280 °C. The mean Th per FIA are within 240°C
416 and 271°C (Table 2). The low standard deviation (less than 14°C per FIA) means that inclusions were
417 not affected by post-trapping processes.

Regarding type #2 FIAs, Goldstein and Reynolds (1994) demonstrated that FIAs containing both LV and L inclusions, where all-liquid inclusions are not paired with two-phase inclusions but in the same size range, testify of a formation temperature lower than 50°C. Tmi was measured only in the twophase inclusions as the liquid-vapour equilibrium makes Tmi directly open to interpretation in terms of salinity. Tmi values are comprised between 0 and -1.0°C, corresponding to a salinity of less than 1.7 wt % eq. NaCl. Th was not measured as they do not represent temperature-pressure trapping conditions (see discussion below).

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	FIA	Crystal fragment n°	FIA n°	Number of FI		Tmi	Th	Th (°C)	
	type				Mean	Standard deviation	Calculated salinity (wt% eq. NaCl)*	Mean	Standard deviation
			1	16	-0.7	0.2	1.2	268	6
Constal		2	2	15	-0.4	0.1	0.8	256	14
Crystal	#1		3	6	-0.7	0	1.3	271	13
Cole		13	1	11	-0.4	0.1	0.6	240	10
		10	1	9	-0.5	0.1	0.9	267	6
		2	4	15	-0.8	0.1	1.4		
Carvatal		3	1	13	-0.8	0.1	1.4		
rim	#2	11	1	3	0.7	0.1	1.2		
		13	2	6	-0.4	-	0.7		
		14	1	4	0	0	0		

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427 Table 2 – Synthetic table of the different measures done on the different crystals of the sample GEC 261.
428 (Tmi=Temperature of ice melting; Th= Homogenization temperature). \* Bodnar (1993).

- 430 Microthermometric data indicate that the fluid trapped in both inclusion types is almost pure water,
- 431 salinity being less than 2 wt % eq. NaCl. Presence of gases, CO<sub>2</sub> among others, cannot be excluded.
- 432 At first, the small size of vapour bubbles and their mobility at room temperature prevent any analysis

433 using Raman microspectrometry. Secondly, a cycling procedure was applied to try to detect the presence of gas hydrates. Indeed, after the final ice melting temperature, a rapid cooling of inclusions 434 435 with a 2°C step was applied in order to observe the potential deformation or move of the vapour 436 bubble. Neither shape change nor move of the bubble were observed, which lead to neglect the presence of any volatile component in the bubble. Phase relationships in the system H<sub>2</sub>O-CO<sub>2</sub> 437 438 (Diamond, 2003) however indicate that a maximum CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 1 mol% could be allowable. 439 The distribution of the two types of fluid inclusions allows to establish a relative chronology and to 440 constrain the evolution of fluid properties. Hence, the fluid trapped in the crystal core has Th around 441 240-270 °C, which represents nearly trapping conditions as isochores in the H<sub>2</sub>O-NaCl system are 442 nearly sub-vertical lines. The FIAs located in the rim of the crystal have recorded a later event, much 443 cooler, with temperatures probably below 50°C. The general trend of fluid evolution in quartz is 444 therefore the recording during quartz precipitation of a cooling process from a first episode at 240-445 270°C to a second episode at less than 50°C, with a relatively low salinity probably referring to a 446 mixing between meteoric and sea waters.

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#### 448 *Sample GEC 285*

In this sample, quartz bands sometimes show gulf-like pattern. A large amount of residual porous space can be observed, partially occupied by euhedral quartz (Figure 10A). Laminae of hematite, as identified with Raman, are incorporated within the quartz bands; They present an elongated heel shape, perpendicular and associated to the quartz vein.



454 Figure 10 – A: Photograph of the thick section from sample GEC 285, where residual pore space and hematite bands are
455 parallel to the quartz bands. B: Optical microscopy photograph of hematite heel shape associated to some fluid inclusion.
456 C: Photograph of a FIA with remarkable CO<sub>2</sub>-rich fluid inclusion.

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458 Three FIAs have been identified and located within the same quartz band (Figure 10A). They are 459 located close to aggregates of hematite laminae. These FIAs are mainly composed of dark single-460 phase inclusions (Figure 10B, C), interpreted as all-vapour (V) fluid inclusions. Their sizes vary from 461 10 µm to 25 µm, and their shapes are generally regular (oval) and sometimes hexagonal. In the same 462 FIAs single-phase inclusions are also present, much clearer, interpreted as all-liquid (L) fluid 463 inclusions. Very rare two-phase, liquid dominant inclusions are also present, with a Flv of 5 to 20%. 464 As fluid inclusions are not distributed along planes, we can exclude a secondary origin; So these fluid inclusions are contemporaneous with the formation of the quartz band. 465

466 During cooling down to -130°C, none of the vapour-exclusive fluid inclusions reacted, neither by 467 appearance of solid nor by liquid-vapour phase separation. Tmi could be measured in two LV fluid 468 inclusions were -1.1°C and -2.3°C, indicating salinities of 1.9 and 3.8 wt% eq. NaCl respectively. No 469 eutectic temperature could be measured. Data on LV inclusions are too scarce to be representative 470 of fluid properties.

471 Single phase vapour inclusions have been analysed by Raman microspectroscopy using long 472 integration time from 180 s to 600 s. The characteristic signal of CO<sub>2</sub> (Fermi diad bands) has been 473 detected (Figure 11). The majority (75%) of inclusions have revealed the presence of this component. In one case, H<sub>2</sub>S has been detected in a dark large (25 µm) fluid inclusion during a very long 474 acquisition time (600 s). Neither CH<sub>4</sub> nor H<sub>2</sub>O has been detected. N<sub>2</sub> signal was never higher than 475 476 that of air, excluding the presence of this gas inside the inclusion. Regarding the few LV fluid inclusions, Raman analyses indicate the vapour phase is composed of CO<sub>2</sub>, and the liquid phase of 477 478 H<sub>2</sub>O. Some clear single-phase inclusions have been analysed and show the common H<sub>2</sub>O band (3000 479 -3600 cm<sup>-1</sup>).



481 Figure 11 – CO<sub>2</sub> Raman spectrum obtained in a dark inclusion in sample GEC 285

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An estimation of the density of CO<sub>2</sub> has been obtained by measuring the resonance splitting between the two peaks of Fermi diad bands (Yamamoto and Kagi, 2006, 2008). This method leads to estimate a CO<sub>2</sub> density comprised in the interval [0.03 - 0.13] g.cm<sup>-3</sup>. Note that the CO<sub>2</sub> densimeter is calibrated for density between 0.1 - 1.24 g.cm<sup>-3</sup>, and the interval measured in this study is in the lower limit of this densimeter. The lack of unmixing during cooling to low temperatures suggests that CO<sub>2</sub> density is probably in the lower part of this range and close to the CO<sub>2</sub> critical density (0.0140 g.cm<sup>-3</sup> ; Angus et al., 1976).

Through the calibration of the device according to Dubessy et al. (1989) and Burke (2001) procedure, the molar fraction of H<sub>2</sub>S has been calculated from the area of the spectrum peaks, and was estimated between 3 and 4 mol%. The presence of  $CO_2$  vapour inclusions on one hand, one-phase water inclusions on the other hand, and water- $CO_2$  inclusion furthermore, converges on the idea that the fluid was a low temperature (< 50°C) mixture of  $CO_2$  and H<sub>2</sub>O in an immiscible state.

#### 496 **5.** Discussion

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5.1. Chlorites of Terre-de-Haut: composition and temperature comparison with active geothermal systems.

499 Chlorites are ubiquitous in hydrothermal, metamorphic and diagenetic rocks. Thus, chlorites are 500 found in many geothermal fields of different geological contexts (Browne, 1978). Chlorites found in 501 active geothermal systems at temperature less than or equal to 150°C are not unusual. In fact, chlorite 502 can be formed through a wide range of temperatures, from 70 to 600°C. Different examples from 503 geothermal systems show chlorite formation temperatures below 150°C, as in Cerro-Prieto (Mexico; 504 Reed, 1976) and Los Humeros (Mexico; Martinez-Serrano and Dubois, 1998). Hence, the occurrence 505 of chlorite at this temperature suggests a late apparition, during the cooling of the hydrothermal 506 system.

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#### Relevance of the temperature estimates

509 The quality of chlorite analyses and the homogeneity of these chlorites could be questioned, in 510 particular by the presence of C/S, which would call into question the applicability of thermometers 511 and the temperature estimates. Some facts can be advanced to justify the relevance of the temperature 512 estimates proposed here.

(i) *precaution of analysis.* First, and although the XRD data confirms the presence of C/S,
microprobe analyses were carried out on crystallites whose petrological and chemical
characteristics are those of true chlorite. Second, chemical criteria were applied to exclude
analyses which contain significant Ca, Na and K contents.

(ii) a weak influence of residual smectite layers on the temperature calculation. Even very low Ca,
Na and K contents could modify the structural formula calculation. On this point, it can be
argued that low-T chlorites usually having a high Si content, often higher 3 apfu (Bourdelle and
Cathelineau, 2015), even smectite sheets equivalent to an interlayer charge of 0.1 apfu cannot
strongly influence the structural formula calculation (i.e. increasing artificially the Si content),

- and even less influence the estimate of temperatures. The impact can be quantified around 40°C
  on temperature estimates, that is not sufficient to consider the thermal difference with
  Bouillante as no significant (see below).
- 525 (iii) *the temperature range of C/S*. Even so, the presence of C/S would not call into question the 526 low-T character of the Terre-de-Hauts system: either selected chlorites come from a fluid 527 circulation, and "interlayer cations" are consequently artefacts and temperature estimates are 528 valuable, or the observed chlorites are C/S or the result of an unachieved chloritization of 529 smectite, and the low-T character of the system is supported, since C/S are often observed for 530  $T < 200^{\circ}C$ .
- (iv) *comparison with other studies*. It can also be noticed that Favier et al. (2021), also analysing
  chlorites from Terre-de-Haut, presents chlorite compositions with Ca+Na+K contaminations
  similar to that in the present study, without obtaining temperature estimates as low as those
  obtained here (see below): residual contaminations do not thus explain the low-T character of
  our estimates.
- In consequence, it can be considered that the very low temperatures estimated here from chlorites are valid. Therefore, results from Terre-de-Haut chlorites can be compared with those obtained from other (active or not) geothermal systems related to volcanic arc where chlorite minerals have been characterized, as Guadeloupe (Mas et al., 2006; Verati et al., 2018; Favier et al., 2021), Saint-Martin (Beaufort et al., 1990) and Toyoha (Japan, Inoue et al., 2010).
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# Chlorites from Terre-de-Haut

543 Petrographic features of chlorite from Terre-de-Haut do not show clear fracture-controlled 544 alteration at microscopic scale, as chlorite is present both as pseudomorphosed minerals and in micro-545 veins. This feature can lead to imagine a widespread propylitic alteration, located in the "chlorite 546 zone" defined in Beauchamps et al. (2019). However, this propylitic alteration seems located in the most fractured area of Terre-de-Haut. This suggests that fractures, by enhancing fluid circulation,increased the heat input, which then diffused homogeneously through the rock.

549 The compositional analyses underline the presence of two groups of chlorite, one characterized by a 550 mix Fe-Mg composition (samples GEC 236 and GEC 237) and one by a Mg-rich composition (sample GEC 270), probably resulting from two different fluids. These fluids do not seem to be able to be 551 552 differentiated by temperature, results of chlorite geothermometry showing that this alteration was 553 achieved at a temperature of about 120°C. In fact, at very low-T as here, the temperature can only be 554 related to the di-tri and Tschermak substitutions, not to the Fe-Mg substitution; the Fe/(Fe+Mg) ratio 555 is sensitive to the fluid and rock composition. In other words, the formation of these two chlorite 556 groups might be from two different fluids with different compositions, but were formed in the same 557 temperature range.

Although no other chlorite family has been identified in the present study, the formation of higher temperature chlorite is a hypothesis that must be considered. Favier et al. (2021) performed thermometric study on chlorite from two samples located in north of Grande-Anse beach. Different ranges of temperature are calculated associated to their petrographic features from which two types of chlorites are distinguished:

-Type 1 are grey automorphous chemically-zoned crystals associated with muscovite, quartz and epidote, developed at the expense of magmatic pyroxenes, displaying a composition zoning from cores to rims. The Si-poor chemistry of the core leads the author to use Lanari et al. (2014)'s geothermometer which indicates a temperature range of 320-380°C (Figure 12). In contrast, their rims are Si-rich so the Bourdelle et al. (2013)'s geothermometer estimates a formation temperature of 180-350 °C (Figure 12; Favier et al., 2021).

-Type 2 are green-grey to yellow fibrous homogeneous Si-rich chlorites associated with fibrous white
micas, quartz, calcite, pyrite and/or talc, preferentially located at the rims of pseudomorphosed
pyroxenes. Favier et al. (2021) estimate their formation temperatures between 125-230°C by using
Bourdelle et al. (2013)'s geothermometer (Figure 12).

573 In contrast to Favier et al. (2021), the present study shows that low formation temperature can be 574 estimated also from the cores of automorphous crystals (type 1), without displaying a temperature 575 zonation within the crystal. This allows highlighting the close link between the nucleation and growth 576 of chlorites and the fluid circulations, in terms of temperature, composition and duration. In our samples, only low temperature chlorites have been observed, with a high homogeneity, which could 577 578 be explained by the recrystallization/neoformation of these minerals during the final stages of system 579 cooling. The presence of rare epidotes can be considered as a high temperature relic, concordant to 580 the high temperature event described by Favier et al. (2021). No textural relationship between chlorite 581 and these rare epidotes have been observed. In fact, the coexistence in the same samples of HT 582 epidotes with LT chlorites is common in systems which are not totally reequilibrated with the 583 variation of the P-T conditions. The new data from the present study are perfectly compatible with 584 the temperature estimates from Favier et al. (2021), strengthen the hypothesis of a late - low 585 temperature episode. Hence by looking chlorite thermometry a progressive cooling record can be 586 drawn from 380°C to 78°C (Figure 12).



Figure 12 - Synthesis of thermometric data obtained from the chlorites of Terre-de-Haut. Data are from this study and *Favier et al.* (2021).

591 *Chlorites from Guadeloupe* 

592 Chlorite has already been studied (i) in the active geothermal system of Bouillante (Mas et al., 593 2006) and (ii) in Tillet Creek (north of Guadeloupe, in the Basal Complex; Verati et al., 2018; Favier 594 et al., 2019). The latter is not considered as a paleo-geothermal system but corresponds to the oldest 595 volcanic rocks of Guadeloupe 2.8 to 2.7 Ma (Samper et al., 2007) having undergone low-grade 596 hydrothermal metamorphism (Verati et al., 2018). 597 In the Bouillante geothermal system, the chlorite zone corresponds to a pervasive propylitic alteration,

598 considered to be the first alteration stage, at 700 - 900 m depth and a temperature around 250-260°C

599 (Mas et al., 2006). There are some textural differences between chlorites from Bouillante and Terre-600 de-Haut. Those of Bouillante are located in the porosity of the altered rocks, and made of euhedral 601 crystallites exhibiting a subhexagonal shape with an average width ranging from 2 to 5  $\mu$ m (Mas et 602 al., 2006), whereas those of Terre-de-Haut and Tillet (Verati et al., 2018) are disseminated within 603 matrix and as pseudomorph of former pyroxenes, with no euhedral shape visible.

604 For comparison, the chemical compositions of Bouillante (Mas et al., 2006), Tillet (Verati et al., 2018; Favier et al., 2019) and Terre-de-Haut chlorites are plotted in a Si-R<sup>2+</sup> diagram (Figure 13). Chlorites 605 606 from Bouillante and Tillet are slightly depleted in Si and enriched in Al than those of Terre-de-Haut 607 (Figure 13), i.e. closer to the clinochlore composition. Therefore, the Tschermak and Di-Trioctahedral 608 substitutions are more advanced in Bouillante and Tillet chlorites than in Terre-de-Haut chlorites, that 609 is often an indicator of higher P-T conditions (Bourdelle and Cathelineau, 2015). Using Bourdelle et 610 al. (2013)'s geothermometer applied to chlorite compositions from Mas et al. (2006), estimated 611 temperatures for chlorites in Bouillante are in the range 157-312°C, with a median around 225°C. These estimations are consistent with the temperature range measured in-situ in the well in the chlorite 612 613 zone (Mas et al., 2006), and higher than temperature estimated for Terre-de-Haut.

On the other side, according to Verati et al. (2018) and Favier et al. (2019), chlorites from Tillet Creek
return estimated formation temperatures slightly higher than those observed at Bouillante, i.e. 270°C
in average as it is shown in Figure 13.

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# Chlorites from Saint-Martin (Lesser Antilles Arc) and Toyoha (Japan)

619 Similarly to the active system of Bouillante, the paleo-hydrothermal system of Saint-Martin 620 (Lesser Antilles Arc) shows a multi-stage alteration revealed in part by fluid inclusions in quartz and 621 calcite, and additionally by petrographical observations. Hence, three cooling stages have been 622 described, from 510°C to < 50°C (Beaufort et al., 1990, 1992). These chlorites belong to three 623 different assemblages associated to only one alteration event: (i) chlorite + epidote in volcanic and sedimentary host rocks; (ii) chlorite + epidote + hematite in volcanic and sedimentary host rocks; (iii)
chlorite + phengite ± magnetite in phyllic veins.

Data obtained from fluid inclusion analyses in quartz, calcite and baryte lead to an estimated temperature formation between 230 and 300°C for the chlorites co-existing with epidote (Beaufort et al., 1990). These temperatures are consistent with the ones found by using Bourdelle et al. (2013)'s geothermometer (see T-Si-R<sup>2+</sup> diagram; Figure 13). C/S interstratified minerals (or "swelling chlorite") have also been observed in the peripheral part of the system (Beaufort et al., 1992). The transition between C/S mixed-layer and chlorite is near 200-220°C. Calcite was associated with C/S and I/S at temperature lower than 200°C (Beaufort et al., 1992).

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634 In the Toyoha geothermal system (Japan), chlorites have been deeply studied by Inoue et al. (2009, 2010). Chlorites from the propylitic zone have been distinguished from chlorites from the ore 635 636 mineralized zones. For comparison, these chlorite compositions have been plotted in the T-Si-R<sup>2+</sup> diagram (Figure 13). Toyoha chlorites present similar Si and R<sup>2+</sup> values to the ones of Bouillante and 637 Tillet Creek, except for one chlorite from the propylitic zone. The formation temperature of the 638 chlorite from the two zones are estimated to be within the range of 150-300°C (Inoue et al., 2010), 639 640 similarly to the one obtained by using Bourdelle et al (2013)'s geothermometer (Figure 13), but it 641 must be emphasized that chlorite from propylitic zone gives similar temperature estimates than the 642 highest temperature chlorite analysed in Terre-de-Haut.



Figure 13 – T-Si-R<sup>2+</sup> diagram developed by Bourdelle et al. (2015) showing the location of the samples analysed in this
study (in green, orange and red) together with that of chlorite encountered in Bouillante's geothermal wells (grey dots),
at Tillet Creek (Black dots; 30km north of Bouillante), in Japan (squares) and in Saint-Martin (grey circles).

Thus, geothermal systems similar to Terre-de-Haut in term of geodynamic context, especially the Guadeloupean system of Bouillante, often present chlorite formation at higher T than at Terre-de-Haut. These new data bring certain precision regarding the analogy between the Bouillante geothermal system and Terre-de-Haut in term of clay mineralogy: their distributions in both sites show a similar zonation (Beauchamps et al., 2019), but with a chemical contrast of chlorites attesting to a more advanced cooling stage in the case of Terre-de-Haut.

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#### 5.2. The cooling of the Terre-de-Haut paleo hydrothermal system

657 The thermometric results obtained in this study allow us to develop a general model drawing the658 cooling of the hydrothermal system. These results are synthetized in a Pressure-Temperature diagram

659 (Figure 14), where the isochores for the high temperature stage 1 (orange) are calculated with the 660 model of Zhang and Frantz (1987), and for CO<sub>2</sub> are calculated with the equation of Duan et al. (1995).



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Figure 14 - Pressure-Temperature diagram summarizing the results of chlorite and fluid inclusions thermometry. The high-T low salinity fluid corresponds to the second episode of fluid circulation, whereas the low-T fluids to the third episode. The liquid-vapour curve of H<sub>2</sub>O is from Haar et al. (1984), the liquid-vapour curve of CO<sub>2</sub> from Angus et al. (1976). C (CO<sub>2</sub>): critical point of pure CO<sub>2</sub>. T (CO<sub>2</sub>): triple point of pure CO<sub>2</sub>. d: density. The CO<sub>2</sub> isochore 0.03 g.cm<sup>-3</sup> corresponds to the lowest density estimation using the Raman densimeter; 0.0140 g.cm<sup>-1</sup> is the density of the CO<sub>2</sub> triple point (Angus et al., 1976). Geotherm at Bouillante measured in well BO6 from Mas et al. (2006).

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The temperature profile of Bouillante (Traineau et al., 1997; Mas et al., 2006; Bouchot et al., 2010) has been used to estimate the temperature-pressure path of the Terre-de-Haut fossil hydrothermal system. The pressure-depth relationship is from data of the well BO-2 (Traineau et al., 2015). This study of quartz sampled in fractures has shown evidences of fracture-controlled fluid circulation through two N70 oriented fractures. Three episodes of fluid circulation representing the cooling of the system can be drawn:

- 676 (1a) A very high temperature episode from 380°C to 180°C. This stage corresponds to the 677 formation of type 1 chlorite described by Favier et al. (2021). 678 (1b) A high temperature episode from 250°C to 115°C conducting to the formation of type 2 679 chlorite described by Favier et al. (2021). 680 681 (2) A high-temperature  $(240 - 270^{\circ}C)$  fluid circulation, deduced from the intersection of the 682 isochores of type 1 inclusions with the temperature profile of the well BO-2, with a probable 683 mixed meteoric and sea-water fluid source (represented by the orange box in Figure 14). 684 Considering the geothermal profile of Bouillante, the fluid pressure was above 100 bar, 685 corresponding to a depth superior to 700 m (Traineau et al., 2015; Figure 14). 686 687 (3a) A low-temperature ( $<50^{\circ}$ C) fluid circulation episode (represented by the blue area in Figure 688 14). Considering the Bouillante thermal profile, the pressure of entrapment can be estimated under 689 8 bars which suggests a very shallow depth of trapping. 690 (3b) Another low-temperature (<50°C) fluid circulation episode (represented by the purple box 691 in Figure 14), associated to a crack and seal functioning (Ramsay, 1980) with antitaxial 692 mechanism (Cox, 1987). These structures suggest a low seismic activity (Jebrak, 1992). The 693 presence of a CO<sub>2</sub>-rich fluid, probably as an immiscible phase in water, could have resulted from 694 a fluid acidification with an impact of the redox conditions, associated to hematite precipitation 695 (Kokh et al., 2017). According to the P-T diagram of Figure 14, trapping pressures were between 696 18 and 8 bars by using the density estimations. 697 No relative chronology can be established between the two low-temperature episodes (3a and 3b) as 698 they were recorded in two different structures. 699 700 Based on these observations, it is possible to propose the following scenario:
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(1) Development of brittle structures oriented N70 which may be due to the reactivation of the fault
system corresponding to the valley of La Desirade and to the northern vast scarps bordering this island
(Verati et al., 2016).

704 (2) Episode of fluid circulation (1) at high temperature (270-240°C) involving quartz formation in
705 N70 fractures.

(3) Diffuse heat transfer with nearly stagnant fluid leading to chlorite formation at 120°C, during the
general cooling of the system (as described in Bouillante by Mas et al., 2006).

708 (4) Two low-temperature fluid circulations associated with quartz deposition ( $\leq 50^{\circ}$ C).

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A different chronology could be that the chlorite episode was the first to appear, associated to a pervasive propylitic alteration as described in Bouillante by Mas et al. (2006). However, the fact that chlorite is found only in the highly-fractured area of North Grande-Anse beach (Beauchamps et al., 2019), might link the crystallization of chlorite to some fracture-controlled fluid circulations.

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Fluid temperature in the active geothermal reservoir of Bouillante is about 250-260°C (Sanjuan et al., 2001; Mas et al, 2006; Guisseau et al, 2007; Bouchot et al, 2010). This temperature corresponds to the temperature estimated for the first fluid circulation event at Terre-de-Haut. However, at Bouillante, the geothermal fluid of around 18-20g/L TDS is interpreted as a mixture of sea water (58%) and fresh water (42%; Sanjuan et al., 2001). In Terre-de-Haut, the very low saline paleo-fluid could be considered being from meteoric origin to a mixture of sea water and fresh water.

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Gas composition has been determined in Bouillante geothermal reservoir, through wells BO-2 and BO-4. Its CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S content is 95.1 mol% and 2.78 mol% respectively (Sanjuan et al., 2001) which is very similar to the ones estimated in the CO<sub>2</sub> rich fluid-inclusions at Terre-de-Haut. This similitude suggests a similar source, which could be from mixed origin (sedimentary, magmatic) as it is suggested in Bouillante and in the Lesser Antilles Arc by Sanjuan et al. (2001). However, Stimac et al. (2015) shows that gas compositions are sensitive to reservoir rocks, and reservoirs hosted in
carbonates or volcanic rocks are usually enriched in CO<sub>2</sub>.

From an exploration point of view of a potential new geothermal resource located in the south of Basse-Terre, as the tectonic framework of Terre-de-Haut is similar to the one of Basse-Terre (Verati et al., 2016), this study reveals the importance of taking into consideration N70 trending faults as fluid pathway for high temperature geothermal fluid.

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# 734 **6.** Conclusion

The major interest and complexity of studying a paleo-geothermal system is that the whole hydrothermal history is recorded, from the thermal peak to the death of the geothermal system, thanks to the newly formed hydrothermal minerals and fracturing episodes. In this way, this study brings more precisions to the analogy of the Terre-de-Haut paleo-geothermal system with the Bouillante active geothermal system located 35 km NNW of Terre-de-Haut:

- First fluid circulation event recorded in the quartz of Terre-de-Haut, at the same temperature as
  the current deep fluid circulation of Bouillante.
- Gas composition found in fluid inclusions corresponding to the low-temperature event, similar
  to the current gas composition of Bouillante.
- The source of the fluid during the high-temperature fluid circulation event in Terre-de-Haut, is

supposed to be of mixed meteoric and sea-water origin, as in Bouillante reservoir.

746 However, some important differences have been highlighted:

- In Bouillante, no N70 trending structure is known to drive the hydrothermal fluid circulation.

- Even if the clay mineral sequences are similar, the T conditions of their formation are quite

- different. Chlorites of Bouillante are chemically different from those observed in Terre-de-Haut,
- and their formation temperatures are more than 100°C higher than those in Terre-de-Haut.

752 These new data allow to better constrain the thermal history of the paleo-geothermal system of Terrede-Haut, and to distinguish 3 different episodes during the functioning and the cooling of this system, 753 754 from 270-240°C to below 50°C. The high temperature episode represents the functioning of the 755 geothermal reservoir. The temperature is therefore similar and consistent with the actual geothermal 756 fluid temperature at Bouillante. The low temperature evidences, which have not been identified yet 757 at Bouillante, may represent the end and death of the reservoir, and suggest a change of connectivity 758 to the thermal resource. Hence, these thermometric data demonstrate for the first time the record of 759 the fluid cooling during system evolution in Terre-de-Haut.

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