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- 20 Abstract
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22 Deep, carbonate-rich melts are key constituents of kimberlites and are crucial for 23 understanding the cycle of volatile elements in the mantle. On the Siberian craton, the 24 Udachnaya-East kimberlite hosts extremely well-preserved nodules composed of chlorides + 25 carbonates + sulfates, that do not present any relict sedimentary textures. These salty nodules 26 display textures that are commonly observed in guenched liquids and may thus represent the 27 very last stage liquid of the kimberlite. Alternatively, they could represent assimilated 28 sedimentary material, or even post-magmatic hydrothermal alteration, because kimberlites are 29 known to ascend through the lithosphere while assimilating material from their wall rocks.

30 Here we focus specifically on those chloride-carbonate nodules, which are composed 31 of 70% chloride + 30% alkali-carbonate and sulfate, and used two radiogenic systems (Rb-Sr, 32 Sm-Nd) and the isotopic composition of sulfur, in addition to their major and trace element 33 compositions (n=3). We then compared the results with the same geochemical data on host 34 kimberlites (n=4), sedimentary cover (n=3) and hydrothermal veins (n=3).

35 Taken together, our results show that the nodules are not the product of a 36 contamination by the Cambrian sedimentary cover. Trace element patterns of the nodules 37 display extreme enrichments in the same elements that are relatively depleted in the host 38 kimberlite but also in kimberlites worldwide (K, Rb, Sr, Pb), suggesting that chloride-39 carbonate nodules are snapshots of the latest stage liquid present in the kimberlite system. Their isotopic compositions (Rb-Sr, Sm-Nd and  $\delta^{34}S$ ) are consistent with a common 40 41 magmatic source with their host kimberlite. We propose that chloride-carbonate nodules 42 record a missing compositional endmember, which could explain the trend towards more 43 radiogenic Sr isotope ratios at nearly constant Nd signatures observed in their host kimberlite, 44 as well as in other kimberlites worldwide. This observed trend suggests the presence of a 45 recycled component with high Rb/Sr (such as salts or terrigenous sediments) in the mantle 46 sampled by some kimberlites, either in the lithosphere or the asthenosphere. This study 47 highlights that the role of alkalies and halogens may have been underestimated in the genesis 48 of kimberlites at depths where diamonds are stable, as well as in more evolved magmatic 49 stages. Segregations of chlorides and carbonates occur specifically in sulfate-bearing kimberlites, which may thus sample a mantle domain in which sulfates with  $\delta^{34}S > 0\%$  are 50 51 dominant. The existence of such a reservoir could explain the apparent imbalance observed 52 between the chondritic value ( $\delta^{34}$ S of 0%) and the negative S isotopic compositions of mantle 53 sulfides (MORB and peridotites).

- 54 **1. Introduction**
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56 Kimberlites are volatile-rich volcanic rocks of alkaline composition that contain abundant 57 olivine crystals. Their parental magma originates at great depth beneath continents, in the 58 diamond stability field (>150 km depth). Although the exact nature of their parental magma 59 does not reach a consensus yet, there is evidence for the participation of halogens and other 60 volatiles as well as alkaline elements in the genesis of kimberlites. Some key observations 61 include the presence of syngenetic phlogopite inclusion in kimberlite-hosted diamonds with 62 up to 0.5 wt% Cl (Sobolev et al., 2009), Na ± K-rich compositions of residual melts/fluids (C-63 O-H-Cl bearing) after olivine crystallization (Golovin et al., 2007; Kamenetsky et al., 2009, 64 2014; Giuliani et al., 2017; Abersteiner et al., 2018), as well as Na ± K-chloride inclusions in 65 chromite, perovskite, apatite (Abersteiner et al., 2017), magmatic calcite and olivine from 66 Udachnaya (Tomilenko et al., 2017a, b).

67 The presence of salts at depth raises the exciting question of volatile recycling through 68 time, and its ultimate role on mantle metasomatism, especially upon the compositional 69 spectrum of mantle fluids (Izraeli et al., 2001; Klein-BenDavid et al., 2007; Weiss et al., 70 2015; Zedgenizov et al., 2018). However, the primary origin and concentration of chlorine 71 and other volatiles in various kimberlites worldwide is difficult to unravel because: (1) 72 volatiles are often lost via exsolution during ascent and emplacement, as well as post-73 emplacement alteration (Abersteiner et al., 2017); (2) each kimberlite composition reflects 74 some assimilation of the local lithospheric mantle directly underneath (Francis and Patterson, 75 2009; Tappe et al., 2011; Guiliani et al., 2020), and (3) the percolation of late stage fluids as 76 well as the assimilation of sedimentary or crustal xenoliths during magma ascent near the 77 surface (Kjarsgaard et al., 2009), can seriously modify the primary composition of 78 kimberlites.

79 On the Siberian craton, the Udachnaya-East kimberlite preserves a rare, dry (H<sub>2</sub>O <0.5 80 wt%) and serpentine-free rock type with anomalously high contents of chlorine (up to 6.1 81 wt%), alkalies (Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O up to 10 wt%) and sulfur (S up to 0.50 wt%), referred to as a 82 "salty" kimberlite (Kamenetsky et al., 2012; D'Eyrames et al., 2017). This salty kimberlite 83 contains nodules composed of carbonate, chloride and sulfate, whose origin is a matter of 84 debate and could be either: (1) the segregation by immiscibility from a liquid initially derived 85 from melting of the mantle (Maas et al., 2005; Kamenetsky et al., 2007, 2014), (2) the 86 assimilation of sediments or crustal xenoliths by the ascending magma (Kopylova et al., 87 2013), or (3) a post-magmatic hydrothermal alteration (Kopylova et al., 2013). According to

88 sulfur isotopic compositions, abundant sulfates found in the salty kimberlite of Udachnaya-89 East derive from an oxidized, sulfate-bearing mantle source (Kitayama et al., 2017). Such 90 mantle domains, if confirmed, would represent a little explored but significant reservoir in the 91 global geochemical cycle of volatile elements.

92 In this study, we investigated the genetic link between the chloride-carbonate nodules 93 and their host kimberlite, as well as their possible sources (asthenosphere, lithosphere, 94 granitic crust or sediments). For this purpose, we used a combination of two radiogenic 95 systems (Rb-Sr, Sm-Nd) and the stable isotopic composition of sulfur in chloride-carbonate 96 nodule, salty kimberlite, as well as hydrothermal salts, sulfates, a regional brine and the only 97 salt-bearing host sediment found in drill holes in the area. Our results exclude the Cambrian 98 sedimentary cover as a source of chloride-carbonate nodules and instead support a mantle origin. Calculations of age-corrected <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr and <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd ratios as well as S isotopes 99 100 allowed us to evaluate possible scenarios for the source of salts in nodules and kimberlites.

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# 104 **2. Geological setting**

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106 The Udachnaya-East kimberlite is located in the Daldyn kimberlite field (Aldan province) in 107 the central part of the Siberian craton (Fig. 1). At the craton scale, several kimberlite 108 emplacements from early Devonian to late Jurassic have been reported (Sun et al., 2014). In 109 the Aldan province however kimberlite emplacement ages mostly range from 340 to 360 Ma, 110 with minor occurrences in the intervals 420-400 and 600-500 Ma. The oldest recorded ages 111 (600–500 Ma) may represent older mantle material within the bulk kimberlites, rather than the 112 actual ages of kimberlite activities (Smelov and Zaitsev, 2013). The Udachnaya-East kimberlite was emplaced ~365 Ma, as indicated by  ${
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m ^{39}Ar}$  (362.7±3.7 Ma) and Rb-Sr 113 114 cooling ages (364.6±4.1 Ma) from phlogopite in a kimberlitic clast (Kamenetsky et al., 2009) 115 and U–Pb age (367±5 Ma) of perovskite from the host Udachnaya-East kimberlite (Kinny et 116 al., 1997).

The Udachnaya-East kimberlite was emplaced in a sedimentary sequence ranging in thickness from 2500 m in the northeast to 3100 m in its southwestern part (Kamenetsky et al., 2014 and references therein) and covering a basement of Archean-Proterozoic crustal rocks (Smelov and Zaitsev, 2013). The ages of the sedimentary cover range from early to late Cambrian (542 to 488 Ma). Massive salt beds of the Cambrian evaporite cover are present 122 ~400 km south of Udachnaya around the MIR and International'naya kimberlite pipes (Fig. 123 1), but are absent in sediments in the vicinity of Udachnaya (Kamenetsky et al., 2014 and 124 references therein). At Udachnaya, sediments consist mainly of shales, dolomites, marls, and 125 limestones. Dolomites of the Chukuck suite are the only host rock that contain sulfate-rich 126 veins (Fig. 2-e) and may also contain salts, although these veins are only present locally. 127 These sulfate veins could represent a Cambrian analogue of sabkha where evaporites and 128 dolomites are mixed or alternatively they could have precipitated hydrothermally from brines 129 (Kamenetsky et al., 2014; Kopylova et al., 2016). Indeed, Udachnaya is located within an area 130 of modern brines (Fig. 1), and the precipitation of halite from saline groundwaters (300 g/l) 131 has been observed in the open-pit mine (Kopylova et al., 2013 and references therein). The 132 presence of a Vendian carbonate and evaporite belt with sedimentological characteristics 133 similar to the Chukuck suite were expected just above the crystalline basement (Kopylova et 134 al., 2013 and references therein) but could not be verified, despite extensive drilling near the 135 Udachnaya-East pipe (Kamenetsky et al., 2014).

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### 138 **3. Sample description**

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140 Chloride-carbonate nodules were collected from stockpiles of salty kimberlite mined from 141 460-500 m depths. They are rounded or angular, range in size from 3 to 10 cm, and consist of 142 30 to 70% of carbonate, the remaining part being chlorides (Table 1). They do not present any 143 relic sedimentary textures, indicating that they were completely molten before they 144 crystallized in the kimberlite. The samples present intergrowths of randomly oriented sheets 145 of chloride and carbonates (Fig. 2-a and b). These textures are reminiscent of immiscibility 146 between alkaline–carbonate and alkaline–chloride liquids observed ~600°C in melt inclusions 147 trapped in olivine from the same kimberlite (Kamenetsky et al., 2007). Chlorides in these nodules are transparent, greyish (Fig. 2-a and -b) and consist of massive halite (NaCl) with 148 149 sylvite (KCl) globules (Kamenetsky et al., 2007). Carbonates are opaque, white (Fig. 2-a and 150 -b) and display a wide range of alkaline-carbonate compositions (Na-Ca  $\pm$  K  $\pm$  S), showing a 151 positive correlation between SO<sub>3</sub> (up to 13 wt%) and K<sub>2</sub>O contents (up to 14 wt%; 152 Kamenetsky et al., 2007). Among these alkali-carbonates, shortite (Na<sub>2</sub>Ca<sub>2</sub>(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>) and 153 northupite (Na<sub>3</sub>Mg(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl) have previously been identified in similar samples (Kamenetsky 154 et al., 2007). Raman spectra of shortite from a chloride-carbonate nodule also show the 155 presence of SO<sub>4</sub> groups which are either incorporated in the carbonate structure (replacing some CO<sub>3</sub> groups) or form very fine exsolution lamellae of aphtitalite  $((K,Na)_3Na(SO_4)_2;$ D'Eyrames et al., 2017). Finally, most sulfide were too small to be identify in hand specimen and impossible to prepare in thin section due to the nature of the samples. Only one galena crystal (PbS) and one djerfisherite crystal (K<sub>6.05</sub>Na<sub>0.6</sub>(Fe<sub>19.27</sub>Ni<sub>0.47</sub>Cu<sub>3.53</sub>)S<sub>26</sub>Cl<sub>0.91</sub>) have been characterized.

161 To relate these nodules to kimberlite magmatism, we studied four samples of the host 162 kimberlite, carefully chosen with minimal signs of alteration or contamination. Three samples 163 have crustal contamination indices (C.I.)  $\leq 1$  (Table 2, C.I. = (SiO<sub>2</sub> + Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + Na<sub>2</sub>O) / (MgO  $+ 2*K_2O$ ), Kjarsgaard et al., 2009), indicating little crustal contamination. Only one sample 164 165 (UV12-119) had C.I. = 1.6. Although this index is not relevant for quantifying the 166 contamination by surficial lithology (e.g. sediments), it gives an indication of the possible 167 incorporation of continental granitic crust. For an accurate comparison with possible sources 168 of contamination and post-magmatic alteration, we analyzed hydrothermal veins (Fig. 2-c and 169 -d), a sample of country-rock dolomite containing a sulfate-bearing vein (n=1; Fig. 2-e), a 170 sample of regional brine (n=1; Fig. 2-g) and brine precipitates (n=1; Fig. 2-f). The brine 171 sample contains sulfates and was collected from a depth of 750 m in a drill hole 1 km south of 172 Udachnaya. Brine precipitates were collected from 520 m depth in the open pit itself, where 173 they had crystallized after the evaporation of brines from host sediments. The sample of host 174 sediment (dolomite of the Chukuck suite, UV09-305 Fig. 2-e) represents the only known 175 portion of crustal material that may provide sulfate- and perhaps salt-rich xenoliths to the 176 kimberlite. It was collected at a depth of 630 m in a drill hole located between the West and 177 East kimberlite bodies of Udachnaya.

- 178 **4. Analytical techniques**
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### 180 **4.1. Whole rock major and trace element analyses**

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182 Pieces of chloride-carbonate nodules were selected from the interior of the nodules, to avoid 183 contamination by the surrounding kimberlite groundmass. Samples from hydrothermal veins 184 were also selected free of kimberlitic material. Samples of rock powders and brine were analysed for major and trace element geochemistry by the SARM laboratory (Service 185 186 d'Analyses des Roches et des Minéraux, Vandœuvre-Les-Nancy, France). Major element 187 analyses were carried out using an inductively coupled-plasma optical emission spectrometer 188 (ICP OES Icap 6500, from ThermoFisher) and trace element compositions were measured 189 inductively coupled-plasma mass-spectrometer (ICP-MS iCapQ using an from 190 ThermoFisher). Chlorine concentrations were measured by ultraviolet-visible 191 spectrophotometry / potentiometric titration. For whole rock analyses, total CO<sub>2</sub> and S were 192 measured using an elemental analyser while H<sub>2</sub>O+ (referring to water within mineral 193 structures) was measured by Karl-Fisher titration. Major element compositions are expressed 194 both in atomic wt.% and oxide wt.% (Table 2), because oxide wt.% is not applicable for 195 chlorides analyses (NaCl, KCl) and can lead to erroneous totals (<100 wt.% when Cl 196 concentrations are not included and >100 wt.% when included). Trace element compositions 197 are expressed in ppm (Table 3). For the brine solution, measured concentrations were 198 normalized to 100% to enable for a comparison with rock samples.

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- 200 4.2. Radiogenic isotopes
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# 202 Sequential chemical leaching

203 Whole rock analyses were applied on 200 mg porphyrized powder for samples of 204 chloride-carbonate nodules, 300 mg for samples of salty kimberlites and 500 mg for the host 205 sediment. Powdered samples were digested according to a method of sequential leaching in 206 order to avoid the formation of fluorides. A series of chemical leaching separated the water-207 soluble (mainly chlorides), acid-soluble (mainly carbonate) and residual fractions (mainly 208 silicates) of powdered samples. In order to dissolve the water-soluble phases, we started with 209 leaching the samples twice in de-ionized water (18.2 M $\Omega$ .cm) at room temperature. This was 210 followed by leaching twice in acetic acid (10 vol. %) in order to dissolve the acid-soluble 211 phases. Before and after each leaching step of this procedure, we estimated the proportions of 212 leached material by drying and weighing the solid residue. The silicate residue was then 213 digested using hydrofluoric and nitric acids, following the procedure described in Alibert et 214 al. (1983) and Michard et al. (1985). During the preparation of the silicate residue of the host 215 sediment sample, fluorides precipitated. For this sample, we thus only dissolved and analysed 216 the leachate (Table 1). For all other samples (chloride-carbonate nodules and salty 217 kimberlites), we then mixed the three isolated fractions in order to obtain material 218 representative of whole rock samples.

219 We then separated the sample solutions in separate aliquots for Sr, Rb and Sm-Nd analyses. Next, we spiked the aliquots with tracers of <sup>85</sup>Rb, <sup>84</sup>Sr and mixed <sup>149</sup>Sm-<sup>150</sup>Nd 220 221 respectively. We equilibrated the spike and sample for more than 24 hours before separating 222 rare earth elements (REEs), Rb, Sr, Sm and Nd by column chromatography. REEs were 223 separated first using TRU-spec resin (Pin et al., 1994). For samples of chloride-carbonate 224 nodules and host sediment, Rb and Sr were then separated using AG50-X8 cation resin (e.g. 225 Alibert et al. 1983). For samples of salty kimberlites, Rb and Sr were separated using Sr-spec 226 resin (Horwitz et al., 1992). Finally, in both cases, Sm and Nd were separated using LN-spec 227 resin (Pin et al., 1997).

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### 229 **Rb-Sr** isotope analyses

230 Rb concentrations were determined by isotopic dilution, measuring the isotopic 231 composition of spiked samples on an ICPMS Quadrupole (ThermoScientific X-Series 2). To avoid bias related to the interference of <sup>87</sup>Sr on <sup>87</sup>Rb, we always monitored the signal of <sup>88</sup>Sr. 232 When the Rb was not sufficiently purified of Sr (e.g., in samples with extremely high Sr 233 234 concentration), we did not use the Rb concentrations obtained from the spiked samples. Sr concentrations and isotopic compositions (<sup>86</sup>Sr, <sup>87</sup>Sr, <sup>88</sup>Sr, <sup>84</sup>Sr) of spiked samples were 235 236 determined on TIMS (Thermal Ionization Mass Spectrometry - ThermoScientific Triton). Mass-dependent fractionation was corrected to a <sup>86</sup>Sr/<sup>88</sup>Sr ratio of 0.1194 by the exponential 237 law and  ${}^{87}$ Sr/ ${}^{86}$ Sr ratio of the NBS987 was 0.710248 ± 0.000025 (2 $\sigma$ , n = 10) during the 238 239 course of the analyses.

By mass, total analytical blanks represented  $\leq 0.0003$  % of the Rb and  $\leq 0.01\%$  of the 241 Sr contained in the water leachates; they represented  $\leq 0.004$  % of the Rb and  $\leq 0.0002$  % of 242 the Sr contained in the acetic acid leachates; and  $\leq 0.003$  % of the Rb and 0.0015 to 0.3 % of 243 the Sr contained in whole-rock material. <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr isotopic compositions of the blank were 244 0.703 ± 0.003 (2 $\sigma$ ) for water leachates, 0.7090 ± 0.0003 for acid leachates and 0.7081 ± 245 0.0007 for whole-rock material. Isotopic compositions of blanks are variable but uncorrelated

to Rb and Sr concentrations. Rb-Sr data presented in Table 4 are corrected for blank 246 247 contribution. Reported uncertainties at the  $2\sigma$  level correspond to error propagation of 248 individual measurements and blank correction. The analytical precision of concentrations 249 determined by isotopic dilution are ~0.5% for Rb and ~0.2% for Sr. Uncertainties on 250  $^{87}$ Rb/ $^{86}$ Sr ratios are better than 0.1% for ratios > 1. For whole-rock kimberlite samples, Rb 251 concentrations could not be determined by isotopic dilution (incomplete purification of Rb 252 fractions), so we used the concentrations measured by ICP-MS at the SARM laboratory, with larger uncertainties of 5% (Table 4). Uncertainties on the low <sup>87</sup>Rb/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios of these 253 254 samples thus appear to be significantly larger as well (10 to 25% of the values), but are highly 255 overestimated.

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# 257 Sm-Nd isotope analyses

258 Concentrations of Sm and Nd were measured by isotopic dilution using a mixed Sm-Nd spike and measuring Sm (146Nd, 147Sm, 149Sm, 155Gd, 148Sm) and Nd isotopic 259 compositions (<sup>143</sup>Nd, <sup>146</sup>Nd, <sup>147</sup>Sm, <sup>142</sup>Nd, <sup>144</sup>Nd, <sup>145</sup>Nd) during two separate sessions on a 260 261 MC-ICP MS (multi-collector inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer - Neptune Plus). 262 For Nd isotope measurements, the instrument was equipped with an Apex HF desolvating nebulizer (ESI) for increased sensitivity. 143Nd/144Nd ratios were first normalised to 263  $^{146}$ Nd/ $^{144}$ Nd = 0.7219 using an exponential law and then to the JNdi-1 following a pseudo (1 264 265 standard each 4-5 samples) standard-sample bracketing method (Yang et al., 2017).

266 Total analytical uncertainty represented 4.8 to 5.6 % of the Sm mass and 1.2 to 1.3 % of the Nd mass contained in whole-rock material. <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd isotopic compositions of the 267 268 blank was  $0.512231 \pm 0.000577$  (2 $\sigma$ ) for water leachates,  $0.511551 \pm 0.000620$  for acetic acid 269 leachates and  $0.512137 \pm 0.000578$  for whole-rock material. Blanks levels are high and 270 characterized by variable isotopic compositions, which suggests that blanks are related to both 271 the long evaporation times resulting from handling large amounts of samples, and to the 272 complex procedure of subsequent leachings and recombining of solutions (designed to avoid 273 the formation of fluoride). Whole rock compositions for Sm and Nd are reported after 274 correcting for blank contribution (Table 5). Reported uncertainties at the  $2\sigma$  level correspond 275 to error propagation of individual measurements and blank correction. Precisions on Sm and 276 Nd concentrations were always better than 0.2% for both Sm and Nd. Whole-rock  $^{147}$ Sm/ $^{144}$ Nd ratios are estimated precise to ~2% for kimberlite samples and better than 0.5% 277 278 for chloride-carbonates samples.

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# 281 **4.3 Stable isotopes**

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### 3 Sulfur isotope analyses by chemical extraction and gas source mass spectrometry

284 Sulfides and sulfates were extracted by wet chemistry using the sequential extraction 285 procedure described in Kitayama et al. (2017). This sequential method (i.e. S extraction from 286 sulfides using HCl and a chromium reducing solution, followed by S extraction from sulfate 287 using a strongly reducing hydriodic hypophosphorous acid, in the same digestion flask) 288 enables us to extract sulfides and sulfates from the same powder aliquot, thus also giving a 289 measurement of their respective proportions. S isotope ratio measurements were carried out at 290 the IPGP (Institut de Physique du Globe Paris) using a fluorination line to convert the 291 extracted  $Ag_2S$  to  $SF_6$  gas. After separation and purification, the  $SF_6$  gas was analyzed using a 292 dual inlet ThermoFinnigan MAT 253 isotope ratio mass spectrometer (Thomassot et al., 293 2015). Sulfur isotope measurements are reported in the  $\delta$  notation with respect to V-CDT 294 (Vienna-Canon Diablo Troilite) defined as:

295  $\delta^{34}S$  (in  $\%_{v-CDT}$ ) = 1000 \* [ $({}^{34}S/{}^{32}S)_{sample} / ({}^{34}S/{}^{32}S)_{v-CDT} - 1$ ]

The standard deviation of the  $\delta^{34}$ S values was calculated as the quadratic sum of the internal and external errors. The internal standard deviation calculated for each sample ( $2\sigma_{int}$ ) is 0.05‰ for  $\delta^{34}$ S. During our sessions, the standard IAEA-S3 was measured 12 times, giving an external error ( $2\sigma_{ext}$ ) of 0.38‰ for  $\delta^{34}$ S.

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302 **5. Results** 

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# **304 5.1. Major and trace element compositions**

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Major element compositions are reported in Table 2 and presented in Figure 3. Three salty 306 307 kimberlite samples have on average, 30 wt.% MgO, 8.5 wt.% CO<sub>2</sub>, 26 wt.% SiO<sub>2</sub>, 8 wt.% 308 FeO total and their major element compositions are consistent with a mixture between olivine, 309 alkali-carbonates and chlorides. One sample (UV12-119; Table 2) deviates from the general 310 trend, indicating a possible contribution from phlogopite (Fig. 3-a, -b). Chloride-carbonate 311 nodules have from 17 to 19 wt.% CO<sub>2</sub>, 10 to 14 wt.% CaO, 18 to 23 wt.% Na, 9 to 11 wt.% 312 K, 1 to 5 wt.% S and 17 to 31 wt.% Cl. Such major element compositions reflect the presence 313 of alkali-carbonates (e.g., shortite and/or nyerereite), chlorides (mainly halite) and alkalisulfates (e.g., aphtitalite; Fig. 3). Compared to chloride-carbonate nodules, chlorides from hydrothermal veins and brine deposits have higher Na (from 36.3 to 39.4 wt.%) and lower K (<0.3 wt.%) contents (Table 2, Fig. 3). In contrast, the host sediment differs from the nodules in being poor in alkalies (K + Na < 0.1 wt.%) and Cl (~ 0.35 wt. %) despite S and Ca contents similar to those of chloride-carbonate nodules.

319 Salty kimberlites from Udachnaya are enriched in alkalies, chlorine and sulfur 320 compared to non-salty kimberlites and other Siberian kimberlites (Figs. 3-d, -e and -f), and 321 thus record a larger contribution from alkali-carbonates and chlorides. Rb contents of 322 chloride-carbonate nodules are poorly correlated with Ca (Fig. 4-a) and CO<sub>2</sub> (Fig. 4-d), 323 indicating that carbonates are not the only phases containing Rb. Rb contents of nodules are 324 also inversely correlated with both Na (Fig. 4-b) and Cl (Fig. 4-e) while halite is generally 325 Rb-poor (e.g., Schock and Puchelt, 1971). The only positive correlations of Rb contents are 326 with K (Fig. 4-c) and S (Fig. 4-f), suggesting that Rb is associated to chloride (sylvite), 327 carbonate ((shortite or/and nyerereite) and sulfate (aphthitalite) phases. In salty kimberlites, 328 chloride carbonate nodules and chloride nodules, Sr is positively correlated with CO<sub>2</sub> (Fig. 4-329 g) and Ca, with a trend towards alkali-carbonate compositions (Kamenetsky et al., 2007), 330 therefore Sr is largely held within carbonate minerals. Moreover, chloride-carbonate nodules 331 show a trend of decreasing Sr with increasing Cl (Fig. 4-h) and Na + K contents (Fig. 4-i) 332 indicating that Sr is not held within chloride or alkali-sulfate (aphtitalite).

333 Trace element compositions are presented in Table 3 and Figure 5. Kimberlites tend to 334 be enriched in the more incompatible trace elements compared to primitive mantle and thus 335 display steep trace element patterns, except for depletions in Cs, Rb, U, Pb and Ti (Fig. 5-a). 336 In contrast, chloride-carbonate nodules are depleted in most trace elements compared to 337 kimberlites but display marked enrichments in Rb, Pb and Sr, up to concentrations higher than 338 those of the kimberlites (Fig. 5-b). Brine salts and hydrothermal salt veins barely contain any 339 trace element (< detection limit or  $\leq$  1ppm) except for Ba, Cr, Pb, Rb, Sr and V (Table 3) and 340 they are enriched in Rb, Pb and Sr (Fig. 5-c). The trace element pattern of the host Chukuck 341 sediment differs from those of other samples in that its base is not subparallel to the 342 kimberlite pattern and shows enrichments in Ba, U, Pb, extremely high Sr contents and a 343 depletion in Rb (Fig. 5-d).

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345 **5.2 Radiogenic isotopes (Rb-Sr, Sm-Nd)** 

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347 5.2.1. Rb-Sr isotopes

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Results of Rb-Sr isotopes are reported in Table 4. Chloride-carbonate nodules have wholerock <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios of 0.707. Salty kimberlite samples have whole-rock <sup>87</sup>Rb/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios ranging from 0.10 to 0.49 and <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios ranging from 0.70435 to 0.70739.

352 In order to account for the difference in the Rb/Sr ratios, we have calculated the 353  ${}^{87}$ Sr/ ${}^{86}$ Sr ratio at the time of kimberlite eruption ( ${}^{87}$ Sr/ ${}^{86}$ Sr<sub>365Ma</sub>). The mean  ${}^{87}$ Sr/ ${}^{86}$ Sr<sub>365Ma</sub> of chloride-carbonate nodules is 0.7055  $\pm 0.0004$  (2 $\sigma$ , n=2), similar to the <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr<sub>365Ma</sub> of the 354 kimberlite (0.7038 to 0.7050; n=4; Fig. 6-a). In comparison, the brine has an <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr<sub>365Ma</sub> of 355 356 0.7088. For the host sediment, we could not dissolve the silicate residue entirely so we could 357 not obtain a whole-rock analysis. The acetic acid leachate of the host sediment, which represent ~ 71% of the whole rock, has an  ${}^{87}$ Sr/ ${}^{86}$ Sr<sub>365Ma</sub> of 0.7088, identical to the brine 358 359 sample.

360 For spiked whole-rock samples of salty kimberlites, the use of Sr-spec resin for 361 column separation failed to separate Rb and Sr effectively enough and thus, no Rb 362 concentrations could be determined by isotopic dilution. Concentrations measured by isotopic 363 dilution are usually within uncertainty of those measured on a different aliquot by ICP-MS at 364 the SARM laboratory (Fig. 7). Only for whole-rock chloride-carbonate nodules, Rb 365 concentrations measured by isotopic dilution were 30-40% higher than those measured ICP-366 MS at the SARM laboratory (Fig. 7-a). The most likely explanation is that the chemical 367 composition of the rock matrix (Rb-rich alkali-carbonate and chloride) is very different from 368 that of standard material used at the SARM laboratories, making the calibration less accurate. 369 Salty kimberlites are not as rich in alkali-carbonate and chloride as the nodules, thus, for 370 whole-rock salty kimberlites, we assume that Rb concentrations measured at the SARM 371 laboratory (Table 3) are within uncertainty of the Rb concentrations that would be measured 372 by isotopic dilution and use these values in further calculations (Table 4).

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# 5.2.2. Sm-Nd isotopes

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Results of Sm-Nd isotopes are reported in Table 5 for chloride-carbonate nodules (n=2) and salty kimberlite samples (n=4). Whole-rock concentrations in Sm and Nd measured by isotopic dilution are within uncertainty of the concentrations measured by ICP-MS at the SARM laboratory (Table 3; Fig. 7-c and -d). All epsilon Nd values are reported at the time of kimberlite eruption, 365Ma. 381 Chloride-carbonate nodules have marginally radiogenic Nd isotope values, with 382 epsilon Nd values of  $2.0 \pm 4.7$  and  $5.2 \pm 2.9$  that overlap with those of the salty kimberlite 383 (from  $3.1 \pm 0.2$  to  $4.6 \pm 0.2$ ). The acetic acid leachate of the host sediment is less radiogenic 384 with an epsilon Nd value of  $-4.5 \pm 3.6$ .

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# 386 **5.3 Sulfur abundances, speciation (sulfide, sulfate) and isotopes (\delta^{34}S)**

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Results of sulfur contents, speciation (sulfide or sulfate) and isotopes ( $\delta^{34}$ S in  $\%_{0 \text{ vs V-CDT}}$ ) are 388 389 reported in Table 6. Chloride-carbonate nodules are the most sulfur-rich samples, with up to 390 ~3.9 wt% S, whereas salty kimberlites samples contain up to 0.30 wt% S. The veined 391 sediment also has very high sulfur content (1.7 wt% S). In contrast, only ~31 ppm of S was 392 extracted from the regional brine, which corresponds to 180 ppm if all the measured 393 elemental concentrations are normalized to 100 atomic wt.% (see notes in Tables 2 and 3). 394 Sulfur extractions were also applied to hydrothermal salt veins and salts precipitated from 395 brines, but no sulfur could be extracted. Sulfur in the salt nodules is oxidized, with sulfate 396 representing more than 99% of total sulfur while this proportion drops down to ~90% in the salty kimberlites. Isotopic compositions of sulfides are similarly depleted in <sup>34</sup>S relative to V-397 CDT in chloride-carbonate nodules (with  $\delta^{34}$ S ranging from -2.7 to -1.2%) and salty 398 kimberlites (with  $\delta^{34}$ S ranging from -2.8 to -0.4%; Fig. 8-a). Importantly, sulfates of chloride-399 carbonate nodules ( $\delta^{34}$ S ranging from 11.5 to 11.9%) and salty kimberlites ( $\delta^{34}$ S ranging from 400 401 11.2 to 11.9%) have the same S isotopic compositions, significantly lower than those of the 402 host sedimentary rock (Chukuck suite) and local brine samples (with both  $\delta^{34}$ S of 34%; Fig. 403 8).

- 404 **6. Discussion**
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406 6.1. Why the Cambrian sedimentary cover is not the source of chloride-carbonate407 nodules

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409 Chloride-carbonate nodules are much more enriched in alkalies (Na+K > 20 wt.%, Fig. 3-d, -e 410 and -f) and Cl (Fig. 3-e) compared to the wall-rock Chukuck sediment (0.10 wt.% Na+K and 411 0.35 wt.% Cl). They are also more enriched in S (1 to 5 wt.%) compared to the Chukuck 412 sediment (1.7 wt.% S) or brine precipitates (S  $\leq$  0.11 wt.%; Fig. 3-d), thus Cambrian Chukuck 413 suite sediments and brines cannot be their only sulfur source.

In terms of trace elements, hydrothermal veins and brine precipitates (Fig. 5-c) are depleted in all trace elements compared to chloride-carbonate nodules (Fig. 5-b) so they cannot represent a source of trace elements to the nodules. The Chukuck suite sediment is more enriched in trace elements than hydrothermal vein and brine precipitates, but its pattern is distinct from those of chloride-carbonate nodules in having flatter and more enriched heavy rare earth elements (HREE), a larger Sr enrichment, smaller Pb enrichment, U and Ba enrichments and the absence of Rb enrichment (Fig. 5-d).

From an isotopic point of view, <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr<sub>365Ma</sub> of bulk chloride-carbonate nodules 421 422  $(0.7055 \pm 0.0004; 2\sigma, n=2; Table 4, Fig. 6-a)$  are significantly lower than the regional brine and country-rock sediment analysed in the present study  $({}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr_{365Ma} = 0.7088)$ , Table 4, Fig. 423 424 6-a) or reported in previous works (Zaitsev et al., 1985 in Kopylova et al., 2013). Just like Sr 425 isotopes, sulfur signatures are significantly different in the country-rocks and in the chloridecarbonate nodules. Sulfates extracted from the nodules have  $\delta^{34}$ S from 11.5 to 11.9%, within 426 the compositional range of their host salty kimberlites ( $\delta^{34}$ S<sub>sulfate</sub> from 9.2 to 12.0%; Kitayama 427 428 et al., 2017; Fig. 8-a). These sulfate compositions are lower than those of the Chukuck suite sediment (33.5%), regional brine (33.7%), hydrothermal sulfate minerals (15.6 to 429 430 34.3%; Kitayama et al., 2017), and much lower than any country-rock sediment of the 431 Siberian platform (≥ 25‰; Kitayama et al., 2017 and Vinogradov and Ilupin, 1972 in 432 Kopylova et al., 2013; Fig. 8). Taken together, Sr and S isotopes indicate that chloride-433 carbonate nodules are neither xenoliths of Cambrian sediments nor precipitates from 434 hydrothermal fluids.

To further test the possible contribution (even minimal) of Cambrian surficial material in the bulk composition of the nodules, one can use mixing calculations. In Fig. 8-b, mixing between the sulfate-rich wall-rock sediment of the Chukuck suite and the salty kimberlite 438 endmember would lead to a concave mixing trend (because [Sr]/[S] is 3 times higher in the 439 kimberlite than in the sediment). However, in such a diagram as presented in Fig 8-b, salty 440 kimberlite and chloride-carbonate samples display a horizontal trend of increasing  ${}^{87}$ Sr/ ${}^{86}$ Sr 441 ratios at a constant  $\delta^{34}$ S, unlike this mixing trend.

442 Similarly, we have considered a possible contribution from the local brine. Mixing 443 calculations of kimberlite material with  $\leq 30\%$  of this brine produce a horizontal trend of increasing  ${}^{87}$ Sr/ ${}^{86}$ Sr ratios at a constant  $\delta^{34}$ S. If true, the nodule should have an intermediate 444 composition lying between de brine and the kimberlite endmembers, in all compositional 445 spaces. This is not consistent with the trend observed in  $\delta^{34}$ S vs 1/[S] (Fig 8-c). In this 446 graphical space, kimberlites are the samples with intermediate composition. Based on this 447 448 observation, we can rule out a contribution from any known surficial reservoir in the genesis 449 of chloride-carbonate nodules. Their sulfates represent the endmember compositions of 450 kimberlitic sulfates observed in the salty kimberlites of the Udachnaya-East pipe.

These kimberlitic sulfates must come from a source that has yet to be identified, below the Cambrian sedimentary cover. In the absence of a known crustal component with such a signature, we further explore the interpretation that these characteristics are derived from the mantle source of kimberlites.

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### 457 **6.2.** A late-stage chloride-carbonate liquid, segregated from the evolving kimberlite

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459 One of the most remarkable features of kimberlites worldwide is their very similar trace 460 element patterns (Khazan & Fialko, 2005, Giuliani et al., 2020). This similarity is interpreted 461 to reflect that even kimberlites with highly variable major element compositions had a 462 broadly similar parental melt before lithosphere assimilation. They would either derive from 463 similar sources or have equilibrated with a common mantle component (Tappe et al., 2018; 464 Giuliani et al., 2020). If the broad similarity between all kimberlites is accepted, the origin 465 and the nature of their mantle source remain unclear. In particular, trace element patterns of 466 kimberlites worldwide display some systematic depletions in K, Rb, Pb and Sr (Khazan & 467 Fialko, 2005), which have yet to be fully discussed and explained.

468 Chloride-carbonate nodules from the Udachnaya-East kimberlite display extreme 469 enrichments in Rb, Pb and Sr, while the distribution of other trace elements is subparallel to 470 that in salty kimberlites, with the same base-line trend of trace element enrichments albeit at 471 ~2 orders of magnitude lower in abundances compared to kimberlite samples (Fig. 5-b). Only 472 carefully chosen portions from the core parts of the nodules were analyzed, in order to 473 minimize the effect of a possible contamination by the host kimberlite. Chloride-carbonate 474 nodules are extremely enriched in K, Rb, Pb and Sr. In fact, they appear as the perfect 475 counterparts of their host kimberlite, which are depleted in K, Rb, Pb and Sr. This suggests 476 that the chloride-carbonate nodules may be linked to their host kimberlite by a process that 477 led to the selective fractionation of these specific elements. To explain the subparallel base-478 line, as well as the marked enrichments in Rb, Pb and Sr in the chloride-carbonate nodules 479 (Fig. 5-b), we propose that they were formed by the segregation of a chloride-carbonate 480 liquid. The nodules are essentially composed of chloride and carbonates, and they are much 481 more enriched in alkalies (Na + K), Cl and S compared to salty kimberlites (Fig. 3-d and -e). 482 Rb is compatible in chloride, alkali-carbonate and perhaps also sulfur-bearing phases (Fig. 4-a 483 to -f), whereas Sr is compatible in alkali-carbonate (Fig. 4-g, -h and -i) and Pb is a soluble and chalcophile element that also fits well into carbonates (as Pb<sup>2+</sup>). Therefore, the striking 484 485 enrichments of the chloride-carbonate nodules in Rb, Sr and Pb above the contents observed 486 in kimberlites (Fig. 5-b) as well as the slight depletions of the same elements in kimberlites 487 (Fig. 5-a) are consistent with the chloride-carbonate nodules being a late-stage liquid, 488 segregated from the evolving kimberlite.

489 This scenario is in agreement with the major element composition of salty kimberlites 490 all falling within the mixing range of olivine (mantle or early liquidus), phlogopite (liquidus 491 or metasomatized mantle) and chloride-carbonates (Fig. 3). The peculiar texture of chlorides 492 and carbonates, reminiscent of immiscibility between alkaline-carbonate and alkaline-493 chloride liquids observed ~600°C in melt inclusions trapped in olivine from the same 494 kimberlite (Kamenetsky et al., 2004, 2007), suggests that chloride-carbonate nodules are 495 snapshots of a liquid that was quenched  $\sim 600^{\circ}$ C at the closure of the kimberlite magma 496 evolution. The convex pattern shaped by the relative abundances of light REE (from La to 497 Sm) in Figure 9 as well as the smooth rise with increasing atomic number towards heavy REE 498 is best explained by the crystallization of a phase enriched in light REE, such as apatite or 499 perovskite, before the chloride-carbonate liquid exsolved. This is also consistent with a very 500 late-stage segregation of the chloride-carbonate liquid from the kimberlite itself.

We propose that the trace-element patterns of kimberlites worldwide (Giuliani et al., 2020 and references therein) may also reflect the segregation a late-stage chloride-carbonate liquid. This hypothesis, however, is challenged by the apparent lack of "salty nodules" in most kimberlite-hosted deposits where major diamond mining operations retrieve very fresh and unaltered rocks (e.g., Siberia, Slave, Superior, Kaapvaal, Tanzania, Congo). Weathering and 506 dissolution of the nodules may explain that chloride-carbonate materials are missing in other 507 localities. We did observe that alkali-carbonates and chlorides are extremely soluble and 508 sensitive to changes in air moisture, even in the controlled environment of the laboratory. 509 Nonetheless, some few kimberlite localities do have a coexisting discrete carbonate phase that 510 can be interpreted as a product of kimberlite-carbonatite immiscibility at depth, or even as the 511 coexistence of such distinctive components as primary liquids (Tappe et al., 2017; Howarth et 512 al., 2019; Tappe et al., 2020a). These examples partially support our preferred model. If true 513 this would imply a wider occurrence of chlorides and alkali-carbonates in kimberlites than 514 previously thought.

515 At the time of kimberlite emplacement, chloride-carbonate nodules have epsilon Nd 516 that overlap with those of their host salty kimberlites (Table 4, Fig. 6-b), kimberlitic 517 perovskite from the same pipe/field (Kamenetsky et al., 2009; Sun et al., 2014) and more 518 generally with other Siberian kimberlites (Carlson et al., 2006; Sun et al., 2014; Agashev et 519 al., 2018) and Group I kimberlites from Southern Africa (Nowell et al., 2004; Smith, 1983; 520 Tappe et al., 2020b; Fig. 6-b). Unlike Nd, it is generally accepted that Sr isotopes of 521 kimberlites are easily overprinted during magma cooling in the presence of fluids and 522 volatiles. This is best illustrated when comparing groundmass perovskite (with less radiogenic <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr, Fig. 6-a) to their host kimberlite (whose <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios extend to more radiogenic 523 524 values at more or less unchanged epsilon Nd values, Fig. 6-b). A similar trend is observed in 525 kimberlites from Western Greenland kimberlites (Fig. 4 in Tappe et al., 2012). It is worth 526 noticing that the Sr isotope range in salty kimberlites is bracketed on one side by the 527 perovskite composition (Kamenetsky et al., 2009), and on the other side by the chloride-528 carbonate nodule composition (Fig 6). We thus suggest that chloride-carbonate nodules 529 represent the endmember fluid composition that stretches the range of Sr isotopic 530 compositions in kimberlites to more radiogenic values. The aim of the following section is to 531 explore the possible source(s) for the radiogenic isotope composition of these chloride-532 carbonate nodules.

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### 535 **6.3.** A high Rb/Sr component in the mantle sampled by kimberlites

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Pearson et al. (1995) have shown that peridotite xenoliths of the lithospheric mantle below the
Udachnaya-East kimberlite pipe have heterogeneous radiogenic isotope composition (e.g.,
epsilon Nd from -39.2 to + 8.2, Fig. 6-b). It seems unlikely then, that assimilation of dry

540 lithospheric material had a dominant impact in the clustered compositions found in salty 541 kimberlites and associated nodules. Similarly, the continental crust of the Northeastern Siberian craton (Fig. 6-b; epsilon Nd =  $-22 \pm 4$  and  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr = 0.7126 \pm 0.0045$ , both 542 543 recalculated at 365Ma; Rosen et al., 2006) is very distinct from the signatures observed in our 544 samples and is thus not a likely source for the chloride-carbonate nodules. Instead, epsilon Nd 545 of kimberlites and chloride-carbonate nodules (from +2 to +5.2) as well as their <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr 546 ratios (from 0.7038 to 0.7056), are both consistent with a moderately depleted mantle. These 547 signatures may reflect a source in the ambient convecting upper mantle from which minor 548 recycled components would be oversampled during low-degree partial melting. Although we 549 cannot precisely define the specific type of sediments involved, they must have high Rb/Sr 550 ratios in order to yield radiogenic Sr compositions over time. Such geochemical flavor with 551 radiogenic Sr composition is comparable to what is found is some modern ocean island 552 basalts (OIB) classified as enriched mantle 2 (EM2, e.g., Samoa, Hofmann, 2003; Fig. 6-b). The high <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios of EM2 basalts has been interpreted by some authors as the recycling 553 554 of terrigenous sediments (high Rb/Sr, Chauvel et al., 1992; Hofmann, 2003 and references 555 therein), whereas the recycling of pelagic/carbonate-rich sediments (low Rb/Sr ratios) would 556 lead over time to less radiogenic Sr-compositions such as observed in EM1-type basalts (Fig. 557 6-b). The recycling of salts with very high Rb/Sr ratio, could also well explain the radiogenic 558 Sr composition of salty kimberlites and chloride-carbonate nodules.

559 If not from the asthenosphere, the enrichment seen in kimberlites could have been 560 acquired from alkalies, chlorine and sulfur-rich fluids that were percolating within the 561 lithospheric mantle before being assimilated by the parental magma of the kimberlite (Francis 562 and Patterson, 2009; Tappe et al., 2011; Guiliani et al., 2020). Metasomatism of the base of 563 the lithospheric mantle, which would then initiate kimberlite magmatism, could have been 564 fueled by the many subduction zones surrounding the Siberian continent in Neoproterozoic-565 Cambrian times, enriching the lithospheric mantle in volatile elements such as H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> 566 (Kolesnichenko et al., 2017). This alternative hypothesis is supported by the presence of 567 secondary melt inclusions in olivine from sheared peridotites at Udachnaya that equilibrated 568 from 230 to 180 km depth (Golovin et al., 2018, 2020). These inclusions have trace element 569 patterns with marked enrichments in Cs, Rb, Pb and Sr (Golovin et al., 2018) much like the 570 chloride-carbonate nodules (Fig. 5-b).

571 Both scenarios (involving either an asthenospheric or lithospheric source of chlorides 572 in kimberlite) are strongly supported by positive  $\delta^{37}$ Cl signatures recently reported in West 573 Greenland kimberlite samples (Hoare et al., 2021) and by large quantities of halogens found in the lithospheric mantle beneath the Udachnaya-East kimberlite (Broadley et al., 2018).
These evidences support our hypothesis for the presence of a salt-rich component in the
mantle sampled by kimberlites.

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# 579 6.4. A mantle domain in which sulfates are dominant

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Sulfides of chloride-carbonate nodules (with  $\delta^{34}$ S ranging from -2.7 to -1.2%) and salty 581 kimberlites (with  $\delta^{34}$ S ranging from -2.8 to -0.4‰) have S-isotopic compositions consistent 582 with mantle sulfides (MORB compositions of ~ -1%, Labidi et al., 2013 and 0 ± 1.65% for 583 584 peridotitic sulfides from Udachnaya-East, Rudnick et al., 1993; Fig. 8-a). Similarly, sulfates 585 of these nodules ( $\delta^{34}$ S ranging from 11.5 to 11.9%) have the same S-isotopic compositions as sulfates from the salty kimberlite ( $\delta^{34}$ S ranging from 11.2 to 11.9%), within the range of 586 587 kimberlitic sulfates proposed by Kitayama et al., 2017; Fig. 8-a). These sulfate isotopic 588 compositions correspond to the composition of sulfate in isotopic equilibrium with sulfide 589  $(\delta^{34}$ S of -1%) at a temperature between 460°C and 570°C (Ohmoto and Rye, 1979; Miyoshi et al., 1984). Just like major, trace elements and radiogenic isotopes, S isotope systematics 590 591 indicate that the chloride-carbonate nodules and salty kimberlites share a common mantle 592 source, which retains mantle signatures instead of a signature contaminated by the Cambrian 593 sedimentary cover.

594 The dominance of sulfate over sulfide in these nodules, as well as their S-isotopic 595 composition provide some insights into the S-isotope composition of the mantle. Globally in 596 the mantle, the isotope budget for reduced sulfur is not balanced: sulfides in mantle xenoliths, 597 mid-ocean ridge basalts (Labidi et al., 2013, 2014) and in ocean island basalts (HIMU, Cabral 598 et al., 2013; EM1, Delavault et al., 2016) all have  $\delta^{34}S < 0\%$ , when we expect balance to be achieved around the chondritic value of 0% (Canon Diablo Troilite). To explain this 599 imbalance, it has been proposed that the depleted mantle itself has strictly negative  $\delta^{34}S$  (~ -600 601 1%, Labidi et al., 2013, 2014). According to Labidi et al. (2013), this would result from 602 isotopic fractionation during core-mantle segregation: <sup>34</sup>S would have been preferentially dissolved in the core, leaving behind an excess of <sup>32</sup>S in the mantle. Alternatively, sulfates 603 with  $\delta^{34}S > 0\%$  stored in the mantle source of kimberlites could represent the missing  ${}^{34}S$ 604 605 reservoir needed to achieve mass balance at the planetary scale. Labidi et al. (2015) have 606 suggested that oxidized sulfur in EM2-type lavas (from the ocean island of Samoa) could be 607 the product of the interaction between magmatic water and reduced sulfur from the magma,

following the reaction:  $S^{2+} + 4H_2O = SO_4^{2-} + 4H_2$ . Although it is beyond the scope of this study, a similar reaction happening in the sulfur pool of the Udachnaya-East kimberlite, where most reduced sulfur becomes oxidized in a reaction with water, could be used to explain both the isotopic compositions of sulfates and the absence of water in the sulfate-rich, salty kimberlites.

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# 614615 7. Conclusions

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### 617 Chloride-carbonate nodules derived from the kimberlitic mantle source.

618 The combination of major, trace element, Rb-Sr, Sm-Nd and S-isotopes indicates that 619 chloride-carbonate nodules are magmatic products derived from a moderately depleted mantle 620 source. Our results exclude the possibility that these chloride-carbonate nodules are xenoliths 621 from the Cambrian sedimentary cover or crystallized from Cambrian brines infiltrating the 622 kimberlite. They support the hypothesis that alkali-carbonates and their associated chlorides 623 and sulfates in salty kimberlites have a mantle origin (either lithospheric or asthenospheric), 624 tied to the genesis of their host kimberlite. Radiogenic isotope compositions indicate that a 625 recycled component with high Rb/Sr (such as salts or terrigenous sediments) may be present 626 in the mantle sampled by the salty kimberlite of Udachnaya-East, and perhaps of some other 627 kimberlites as well. Such a component is consistent with the abundance of sulfates in the salty 628 kimberlite and associated chloride-carbonate nodules.

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# 630 Segregation and preservation of the last-stage chloride-carbonate liquid of kimberlite.

631 The trace element signatures of chloride-carbonate nodules can be explained by a 632 magmatic fractionation during the segregation of a late-stage chloride-carbonate liquid from 633 the rest of the kimberlite. This late-stage carbonate-chloride liquid was then quenched, 634 resulting in a texture of intertwined chlorides and carbonates. Although most kimberlites 635 worldwide are free of such distinct chloride-carbonate nodules, we propose that their 636 strikingly similar trace element patterns (Khazan & Fialko, 2005, Giuliani et al., 2020) - in 637 particular, their depletions in K, Rb, Pb and Sr – reflect the ghost signatures of such nodules 638 and attest for their past existence in kimberlites worldwide.

Furthermore, in kimberlites worldwide, Sr isotopes display a range that extends to
 radiogenic Sr compositions at nearly constant Nd isotope values. The origin of such a range is
 most often interpreted as the result of overprint during magma cooling in the presence of

fluids (Tappe et al, 2012). However, in the absence of any sample of these hypothetical fluids,
this interpretation has remained highly speculative. Based on their Nd-Sr isotope composition,
here we propose that chloride-carbonate nodules are actually snapshots of these fluids,
recording a missing compositional endmember.

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# 647 An alternative hypothesis for the global imbalance of mantle sulfur.

648 A mantle domain in which sulfate are dominant could partly explain why mantle 649 sulfides do not match the chondritic value. Sulfate compositions in the chloride-carbonate nodules point toward a S isotope composition enriched in <sup>34</sup>S ( $\delta^{34}$ S of +11‰) that correspond 650 651 to the composition of sulfates in isotopic equilibrium with mantle sulfides ( $\delta^{34}$ S of -1‰) at the temperature at which nodules crystallized (~570°C). Such a <sup>34</sup>S-enriched domain may explain 652 653 the apparent imbalance observed between the chondritic value ( $\delta^{34}$ S of 0%) and the negative compositions of both MORBs ( $\delta^{34}$ S of -1‰, Labidi et al., 2013, 2014) and peridotites ( $\delta^{34}$ S of 654 655 -1‰, e.g., Rudnick et al., 1993).

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945 *Figure 1:* Map showing the distribution of kimberlite fields on the Siberian craton and the
946 location of the Udachnaya-East kimberlite pipe relative to the extent of brine-bearing
947 sediments and Cambrian saliferous sediments (modified after Sharygin et al., 2011).

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949 *Figure 2*: *Photographs of salt-bearing samples from the Udachnaya-East kimberlite pipe and* 950 area. Chloride-carbonate nodules and their host kimberlite, samples UV11-201 (a) and 951 UV11-203 (b). Chloride-carbonate nodules show an intricate network of alternating chloride 952 and carbonate sheets, interpreted as immiscibility textures formed during quenching. (c) Grey 953 halite from a hydrothermal vein. (d) Hydrothermal vein with blue and clear halite showing 954 smooth weathered surfaces, cutting through the kimberlite. (e) Country rock sediment of the 955 Chukuck suite with a sulfate-rich vein, sample UV09-305. (f) Brine precipitates collected from 956 520m depth in the open pit, where they have crystallized after the evaporation of brines, 957 sample UV09-720 (pen for scale). (g) Brine collected at a depth of 750 m from a drill hole 1 958 km south of Udachnaya (0.5 L bottle).

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960 Figure 3: Major element compositions of samples from the Udachnaya-East kimberlite pipe 961 and area, showing the contributions of silicate (e.g., olivine, phlogopite), carbonate (e.g. 962 calcite, northupite, shortite, nyerereite), sulfate (e.g. aphtitalite) and chloride (e.g. halite, 963 sylvite) compositions to the whole-rock compositions. (a, b, c) Olivine, phlogopite, chloride 964 and carbonate (the mineral endmembers connected by grey lines) are the main constituents of 965 kimberlites (red squares and white circles) from Udachnaya-East. (d, e, f) Aphtitalite, halite, 966 and shortite (the alkali-minerals connected by grey lines) are the main constituents of 967 chloride-carbonate nodules (purple diamonds with black rims). Other Siberian kimberlites 968 are also shown for comparison (small grey circles).

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973 Figure 4: Rb concentrations with respect to CaO (a), Na (b), K (c), CO<sub>2</sub> (d), Cl (e) and S (f)

974 and Sr concentrations with respect to  $CO_2(g)$ , Cl(h) and Na + K(i) in mineral and whole

975 rock compositions of samples from the Udachnaya-East kimberlite and area. The host

- 976 sediment is outside the displayed range of Sr compositions. Other Siberian kimberlites are977 also shown for comparison.
- 978 References: [1] Kamenetsky et al., 2008; [2] Kamenetsky et al., 2007 CO<sub>2</sub> contents were
- 979 not included in the analyses of alkali-carbonate sheets so we estimated them assuming only
- 980 *CO*<sub>2</sub> was missing from a total oxide wt.% of 100; [3] Kamenetsky et al., 2004; [4] This study,
- 981 D'Eyrames et al., 2017 and Kamenetsky et al., 2012; [5] Agashev et al., 2018.
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- 983 *Figure 5:* Trace element concentrations normalized to primitive mantle (McDonough and 984 Sun, 1995), for salty kimberlites compared to kimberlites worldwide (a), chloride-carbonate
- 985 *nodules (b), hydrothermal salt veins and brine salts (c) and host sediment (d).*
- 986 *Reference:* [1] Giuliani et al., 2020.
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Figure 6: (a) <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios calculated at 365 Ma chloride-carbonate nodules and salty 988 989 kimberlites (both whole-rock compositions) from the Udachnava-East pipe, compared to 990 those of the Cambrian host sediment (acid leachate) and regional brine, as well as other 991 ranges from the literature including Siberian sediments, Siberian kimberlites, kimberlitic 992 perovskite and clinopyroxene from the Udachnaya-East pipe and the Daldyn kimberlite field, 993 silicate residue of salty kimberlite from the Udachnaya-East pipe, peridotite xenoliths from 994 the Udachnaya-East pipe, depleted mantle and enriched mantle. (b) Epsilon Nd vs <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr 995 (at 365 Ma) of salty kimberlites (whole-rock and silicate residue) and chloride-carbonate 996 nodules (whole-rock) of the Udachnaya-East pipe, as well as the Chukuck suite sediment of 997 the Cambrian sedimentary cover (acetic acid leachate). Kimberlitic perovskite and 998 clinopyroxene from the Udachnaya-East pipe and the Daldyn kimberlite field, peridotite 999 xenoliths from Udachnaya-East, other Siberian kimberlites, Group I and Group II kimberlites 1000 from Southern Africa are shown for comparison (the values displayed correspond to the 1001 initial isotopic compositions, calculated at the time of each kimberlite eruption). Endmember 1002 compositions of modern basalts (Hofmann, 2003), including the depleted MORB mantle (DMM, epsilon Nd = +11 and  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr = 0.703$  at 365 Ma) and enriched mantle (EM1, 1003 *epsilon* Nd = -2 and  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr = 0.705$  and EM2, *epsilon* Nd = +2 and  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr = 0.706$ , *both* 1004 1005 at 365 Ma), as well as the average continental crust from the Northeastern Siberian craton (epsilon Nd =  $-22 \pm 4$  and  ${}^{87}$ Sr/ ${}^{86}$ Sr = 0.713  $\pm 0.005$  at 365 Ma, outside the graphical range, 1006 1007 Rosen et al., 2006) are also shown for comparison. References: [1] Kostrovitsky et al., 1986 in Kopylova et al., 2013; [2] Nowell et al., 1998; 1008

1009 Agashev et al., 2018; Carlson et al., 2006; Sun et al., 2014; [3] Maas et al., 2005; [4]

1010 Kamenetsky et al., 2009; Sun et al., 2014; [5] Pearson et al., 1995; [6] Zindler and Hart,
1011 1986; Hofmann 2003; [7] Smith, 1983; Nowell et al., 2004; Tappe et al., 2020a; [8] Rosen et
1012 al., 2006.

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**Figure 7:** *Rb* (*a*), *Sr* (*b*), *Sm* (*c*) and *Nd* concentrations (*d*) of whole-rock samples measured by acid digestion and isotopic dilution (*ID*) compared to the concentrations measured by fusion and *ICP-MS* at the SARM laboratory. Concentrations obtained by the two methods are within uncertainty, except for the Rb-contents of chloride-carbonate nodules due to their nonconventional matrix compositions (*Rb-rich alkali-carbonate*).

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**Figure 8:** Sulfur isotopic compositions ( $\delta^{34}S$ ) measured in sulfides and sulfates from salt-1020 bearing samples of the Udachnaya-East pipe: with respect to 1/[S] in wt.% (a) and with 1021 respect to their <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios at 365 Ma (**b**). Literature ranges for Siberian sediments (pale 1022 1023 yellow area), primitive mantle (black cross), MORB and peridotitic sulfides from the 1024 Udachnaya-East pipe (green area) are shown for comparison. (a) Sulfides from chloride-1025 carbonate nodules (filled diamonds) and salty kimberlites (filled squares) are all within the 1026 mantle range, whereas sulfates from chloride-carbonate nodules (open diamonds) and salty kimberlites (open squares) define kimberlitic sulfate compositions. In plots of  $\delta^{34}S$  vs 1/[S], 1027 1028 binary mixing between two endmember compositions produces linear correlations between 1029 them. Sulfates from chloride-carbonate nodules represent the endmember composition found 1030 in salty kimberlites. They cannot be explained by mixing between other known sulfur sources. (b) Sulfates dominate the sulfur budget of all samples, thus, only the sulfur isotopic 1031 compositions of sulfates are represented. In plots of  $\delta^{34}S$  vs.  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  ratios, binary mixing 1032 between two end-member compositions produces non-linear correlations between them. The 1033 1034 curvature of the mixing lines depends on the endmembers' relative S and Sr concentrations.

1035 References: [1] Kitayama et al., 2017; [2] Labidi et al., 2013, 2014; [3] Rudnick et al., 1993;
1036 [4] McDonough and Sun, 1995; [5] Kostrovitsky et al., 1986 and Vinogradov and Ilupin,
1037 1972 in Kopylova et al., 2013.

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**Figure 9:** Rare Earth Element (REE) concentrations in the chloride-carbonate nodules normalized to the average composition of salty kimberlites. The smooth rise in these ratios with increasing atomic number of the REEs suggests either that chloride-carbonate nodules equilibrated after the crystallization of a phase enriched in light REE (apatite being a good candidate as we did observe it in kimberlite samples).

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Cambrian saliferous sediments

### **Kimberlite fields:**



Mesozoic (251 - 65.5 Ma)



Paleozoic (542 - 251 Ma)

















mixing line and range



**Table 1:** Chloride fraction (in wt.%) estimated from major element compositions compared to weighed proportions (in wt.%) of the water leachates, acid leachates and residual solids of the leached samples.

Sample	Rock type	estimated chloride fraction <sup>[1]</sup>	water leachate <sup>[2]</sup>	acetic acid leachate <sup>[2]</sup>	solid residue <sup>[2]</sup>
UV11-201	chloride-carbonate nodule	28%	71%	26%	3%
UV11-203	chloride-carbonate nodule	34%	73%	26%	1%
UV09-305	host sediment	1%	5%	71%	24%

### Notes:

[1] Percentage in the sample estimated from the major element composition of bulk powder assuming all Na and Cl form NaCl or KCl.

[2] Percentage in the sample estimated as the difference in weight before and after each leaching step.

		salty kin	nberlites		Chlori	de-carbo	nate nodule	es [1]	Hydroth	nermal salt v	veins <sup>[1]</sup>	Sedimentary cover [1]		
Sample:	UV04-24	UV11-70	UV12-119 U	JV12-120	UV11-180 U	JV11-201	UV11-203	UV11-203	UV14-111	UV14-111	UV14-111	UV09-720 J	V14-brine	UV09-305
Note:								picked carbonate	grey halite	colorless clear halite	clear blue halite	brine precipitate	regional brine [5]	host sediment
Major element	compositio	ns in oxide	wt.%											
SiO <sub>2</sub>	26.3	25.8	30.9	26.1	0.3	2.39	0.69	1.06	0.12	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.08	na	1.76
TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.56	1.24	1.23	1.05	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	na	< L.D.
$AI_2O_3$	2.08	1.55	4.36	1.60	< L.D.	0.37	0.12	0.295	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	na	0.11
FeO total	9.23	7.32	6.40	7.21	0.079	0.300	0.089	0.063	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	na	0.259
MnO	0.191	0.133	0.105	0.135	0.0023	0.017	0.0049	0.0044	0.0008	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.0045	na	0.02
MgO	31.2	28.8	22.3	29.4	0.256	1.54	0.44	0.638	0.071	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.191	na	15.5
CaO	11.0	9.9	10.8	11.7	10.0	13.5	14.1	17.8	0.523	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.75	na	29.3
Na <sub>2</sub> O	4.84	7.02	6.18	5.61	30.6	24.3	26.7	24.2	51.6	53.1	52.2	48.9	na	0.08
K <sub>2</sub> O	1.23	2.14	3.72	1.96	12.8	13.2	11.2	10.3	0.331	0.178	0.178	0.303	na	0.046
$P_2O_5$	0.73	0.39	0.47	0.41	< L.D.	0.14	0.17	0.23	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	na	< L.D.
LOI	11.6	20.2	14.4	18.2	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	na	40.9
Total <sup>[2]</sup>	100.0	104.5	100.9	103.3	54.1	55.8	53.5	54.5	52.7	53.3	52.4	50.2	na	87.9
CO <sub>2</sub> total	8.46	7.83	8.7	9.65	nd	17.2	19.2	24.9	0.39	0.11	0.1	0.04	nd	34.5
$H_2O+$ total	0.27	0.56	0.18	0.38	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	na	nd
Major element	compositio	ns in atomi	c wt.%											
Si	12.3	12.0	14.4	12.2	0.14	1.12	0.32	0.50	0.06	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.04	< L.D.	0.82
Ti	0.94	0.74	0.74	0.63	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.
AI	1.10	0.82	2.31	0.85	< L.D.	0.20	0.06	0.16	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.0007	0.06
Fe	7.17	5.69	4.98	5.61	0.06	0.23	0.07	0.05	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.20
Mn	0.15	0.10	0.08	0.10	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.005	0.01
Mg	18.8	17.4	13.5	17.7	0.15	0.93	0.26	0.38	0.04	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.12	9.1	9.32
Ca	7.88	7.11	7.74	8.38	7.17	9.66	10.1	12.7	0.37	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.54	52.1	20.9
Na	3.59	5.21	4.59	4.16	22.7	18.0	19.8	17.9	38.3	39.4	38.7	36.3	28.4	0.06
К	1.02	1.78	3.09	1.62	10.6	11.0	9.27	8.51	0.27	0.15	0.15	0.25	9.4	0.04
Р	0.32	0.17	0.21	0.18	< L.D.	0.06	0.07	0.10	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.
0	35.1	33.3	34.9	33.7	13.2	14.6	13.5	14.1	na	na	na	na	na	15.6
S	0.29	0.30	0.57	0.25	1.33	4.47	2.90	3.63	0.21	0.04	0.06	0.11	0.02	1.70
CI	1.05	6.59	4.52	4.79	30.8	16.9	20.4	8.76	57.8	58.3	58.3	56.6	nd	0.35
Total <sup>[3]</sup>	98.5	99.6	100.5	100.2	86.3	94.3	96.0	91.7	97.5	98.0	97.3	94.0	99.0	83.6
K <sub>2</sub> O/Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.006	0.003	0.003	0.006	na	0.6
C.I. <sup>[4]</sup>	1.0	1.1	1.6	1.1	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Table 2: Major element compositions of salty kimberlites and chloride-carbonate nodules from the Udachnaya-East pipe, as well as hydrothermal veins from the same pipe and salt-bearing samples from the sedimentary cover.

### Notes:

[1] For salt analyses, LOI was not measured and [CI], [CO<sub>2</sub>], and [S] were measured instead; [CO<sub>2</sub>] and [S] are considered qualitative given the salt matrix.

[2] Total oxide wt.% is the sum of major elements, using FeOtotal. When LOI was determined (e.g. kimberlite samples), total oxide wt.% is calculated using LOI and LOI  $\approx$  [Cl] + [CO<sub>2</sub>] + [H<sub>2</sub>O] + [S]. When LOI was not measured (e.g. salt-bearing samples), total oxide wt.% is calculated using [CO<sub>2</sub>] + [H<sub>2</sub>O] and is < 100% because [CI] and [S] are not taken into account. [3] Total atomic wt.% is the sum of major elements in atomic wt.%, plus  $[CO_2] + [H_2O]$ . Because it includes [S] and [CI], it is usually  $\approx$  100%. Total atomic wt.% <100% indicate that either  $[CO_2]$ ,  $[H_2O]$ , [CI] or [S] was missing from the analysis.

[4] The contamination index of kimberlite samples is calculated such that C.I. = (SiO2 + Al2O3 + Na2O)/(MgO + 2\*K2O), according to Kjarsgaard et al. (2009) and references therein. Although this index is not relevant for quantifying the contamination by surficial lithology (e.g. sediments), it gives an indication of the possible incorporation of continental granitic crust. Typically, C.I. values < 1 are considered uncontaminated.

[5] Concentrations in the brine solution are normalised to 100 atomic wt.% in order to allow for a direct comparison with rock samples. The measured total atomic wt.% was 12.51 wt.%, including both major and trace elements.

< L.D. is lower than detection limit; nd is not determined; na is not applicable.

		salty kimb	erlites		Chlo	oride-carbo	nate nodul	es	Hydro	thermal salt	veins	Sedimentary cover			
Sample:	UV04-24	UV11-70 U	V12-119 U	JV12-120	UV11-180 l	JV11-201 (	UV11-203	UV11-203	UV14-111	UV14-111	UV14-111	UV09-720 IV14-brine UV09-305			
Note:								picked carbonate	grey halite	colorless clear halite	clear blue halite	brine precipitate	regional brine [1]	host sediment	
Trace elem	ent composit	ions in ppm													
As	1.9	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	3.4	3.1	3.2	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	
Ва	966	896	1233	907	28	144	39	112	13	< L.D.	< L.D.	6.4	15	1162	
Be	0.51	0.94	4.7	0.90	< L.D.	1.5	1.5	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	
Ві	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	1.0	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	
Cd	0.24	0.14	0.15	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	
Ce	204	121	133	126	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.1	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	3.5	
Со	80	73	62	75	< L.D.	3.5	1.5	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.61	0.85	
Cr	1679	970	1131	924	35	28	29	15	90	76	86	76	< L.D.	4.7	
Cs	0.40	0.28	1.8	0.38	0.60	0.93	1.2	0.84	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	2.6	< L.D.	
Cu	74	55	61	46	24	10	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	7.6	< L.D.	
Dy	3.3	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.061	0.38	0.12	0.11	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.24	
Er	1.1	0.60	0.60	0.59	< L.D.	0.25	0.059	0.053	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.13	
Eu	2.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	0.035	0.062	0.040	0.033	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.090	
Ga	6.9	4.1	7.9	4.1	< L.D.	1.1	< L.D.	0.86	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	
Gd	6.6	3.6	3.9	3.7	0.086	0.24	0.13	0.11	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.28	
Ge	0.9	0.76	0.75	0.77	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	
Hf	3.6	2.0	2.3	1.9	< L.D.	0.11	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.033	
Но	0.4	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.008	0.087	0.025	0.021	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.051	
In	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	
La	109	69	75	72	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.8	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	1.8	
Lu	0.088	0.051	0.050	0.051	< L.D.	0.035	0.0070	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.018	
Мо	1.3	2.8	3.0	1.6	10	24	25	20	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	
Nb	174	110	112	105	0.68	0.41	0.30	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.20	
Nd	73	41	46	43	0.51	0.42	0.37	0.34	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	1.7	
Ni	1091	1120	851	1152	< L.D.	16	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	12	5.6	
Pb	4.4	5.4	4.3	5.7	208	21	21	3.4	9.9	6.3	8.0	5.1	1.1	2.4	
Pr	22	12	14	13	0.15	0.12	0.10	0.091	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.44	
Rb	26	53	125	55	123	159	144	110	7.0	6.0	6.5	6.3	100	0.94	
Sb	16	8.6	10	9.1	0.95	2.2	3.1	0.62	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	
Sc	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.22	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	
Sm	10	5.5	6.0	5.7	0.09	0.12	0.089	0.077	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.34	
Sn	1.4	0.81	1.0	0.76	< L.D.	1.2	1.1	1.0	< L.D.	< L.D.	8.8	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	
Sr	835	738	771	847	1313	1635	1766	2506	102	< L.D.	< L.D.	76	9863	51560	
Та	13	8.1	7.6	7.1	0.073	0.037	0.021	0.024	< L.D.	0.081	0.29	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.010	
Tb	0.75	0.42	0.44	0.42	< L.D.	0.050	0.018	0.014	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.038	
Th	15	8.4	9.4	8.9	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.079	
Tm	0.11	0.066	0.066	0.064	< L.D.	0.036	0.0080	0.0060	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.017	
U	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.1	< L.D.	0.079	0.087	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.020	0.56	
V	97	94	126	89	37	72	64	74	29	28	28	25	< L.D.	1.7	
W	0.83	1.5	1.9	1.7	7.0	22	17	18	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	
Y	12	6.8	7.0	6.8	< L.D.	3.2	0.90	0.78	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.045	1.9	
Yb	0.64	0.38	0.38	0.36	< L.D.	0.24	0.049	0.041	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	0.12	
Zn	81	62	58	63	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	56	14	
Zr	156	85	100	83	< L.D.	7.0	2.6	3.0	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	< L.D.	1.4	

**Table 3:** Trace element compositions of salty kimberlites and chloride-carbonate nodules from the Udachnaya-East pipe, as well as hydrothermal veins from the same pipe and salt-bearing samples from the sedimentary cover.

#### Notes:

[1] Concentrations in the brine solution are normalised to 100 atomic wt.% in order to allow for a direct comparison with rock samples. The measured total atomic wt.% was 12.51 wt.%, including both major and trace elements. Measured contents before normalisation were 13 ppm for Rb and 1233 ppm of Sr.
 < L.D. is lower than detection limit.</li>

Sample	Rock type	Method	Fraction	[Rb]	± 2σ	[Sr]	± 2σ	<sup>87</sup> Rb/ <sup>86</sup> Sr	± 2σ	<sup>87</sup> Sr/ <sup>86</sup> Sr	± 2σ	<sup>87</sup> Sr/ <sup>86</sup> Sr <sub>365Ма</sub>	± 2σ
				(ppm)		(ppm)						[4]	
UV11-201	carbonate	[1]	whole-rock	206.64	1.10	1745.32	0.91	0.34	0.01	0.70739	0.00044	0.70564	0.00045
UV11-203	carbonate	[1]	whole-rock	206.12	1.16	1872.78	0.15	0.32	0.01	0.70695	0.00007	0.70532	0.00008
UV04-24	salty kimberlite	[2]	whole-rock	26.45	3.97	751.24	2.15	0.10	0.15	0.70435	0.00203	0.70383	0.00217
UV11-70	salty kimberlite	[2]	whole-rock	53.18	2.66	721.72	1.01	0.21	0.05	0.70611	0.00099	0.70502	0.00103
UV12-119	salty kimberlite	[2]	whole-rock	125.40	6.27	738.52	0.33	0.49	0.05	0.70739	0.00032	0.70488	0.00041
UV12-120	salty kimberlite	[2]	whole-rock	54.54	2.73	754.49	8.46	0.21	0.05	0.70606	0.00798	0.70499	0.00799
UV09-305	host sediment	[1]	leachate [3]	0.65	0.004	1878	0.47	0.001	0.01	0.70881	0.00018	0.70880	0.00018
brine	regional brine	na	solution	10.23	0.03	949.74	0.06	0.03	0.003	0.70893	0.00007	0.70877	0.00007

Table 4: Rb-Sr concentrations and isotopic compositions of salt-rich nodules and other samples from the Udachnaya-East kimberlite pipe and area.

### Notes:

[1] In this first method, we used acetic acid for the second leaching following water, and separated Rb and Sr using AG50-X8 cation resin.

[2] In this second method, we used HCl for the second leaching following water, and separated Rb and Sr using Sr-spec resin. For Sr-rich samples, columns with Sr-spec resin failed to separate Rb and Sr effectively enough to prevent some interference of <sup>87</sup>Sr on <sup>87</sup>Rb. The [Rb] and associated uncertainties for those samples correspond to SARM analyses. [3] Due to the precipitation of fluorides when preparing the silicate residue of this sample, we only analysed its acetic acid leachate (71 wt.% of the whole-rock, Table 1). [4] <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios at the time of kimberlite eruption (365Ma) are calculated using the measured <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr and <sup>87</sup>Rb/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios in the Rb-Sr decay equation: <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr = [<sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr]<sub>@365Ma</sub> + <sup>87</sup>Rb/<sup>86</sup>Sr \* (e<sup>\lambdat</sup>-1) where  $\lambda^{87}$ Rb = 1.3972 x 10<sup>-11</sup> per year is the decay constant of <sup>87</sup>Rb and t = 365 × 10<sup>6</sup> years is the time since eruption. na: not applicable **Table 5:** Sm-Nd concentrations and isotopic compositions of nodules and other samples from the Udachnaya-East kimberlite pipe and area.

Sample	Rock type	Fraction	[Sm]	± 2σ	[Nd]	± 2σ	<sup>147</sup> Sm/ <sup>144</sup> Nd	± 2σ	<sup>143</sup> Nd/ <sup>147</sup> Sm	± 2σ	εNd <sub>365Ma</sub>	± 2σ
			(ppm)		(ppm)						[2]	
UV11-201	chloride-carbonate nodule	whole-rock	0.071	0.00001	0.374	0.0001	0.114	0.0003	0.512707	0.00015	5.21	2.86
UV11-203	chloride-carbonate nodule	whole-rock	0.063	0.00001	0.357	0.0002	0.107	0.0005	0.512525	0.00024	2.01	4.70
UV04-24	salty kimberlite	whole-rock	9.085	0.008	66.653	0.087	0.082	0.002	0.512600	0.00001	4.61	0.19
UV11-70	salty kimberlite	whole-rock	5.461	0.007	41.253	0.047	0.080	0.002	0.512570	0.00001	4.13	0.21
UV12-119	salty kimberlite	whole-rock	5.444	0.004	41.367	0.073	0.079	0.002	0.512514	0.00001	3.05	0.22
UV12-120	salty kimberlite	whole-rock	4.704	0.006	34.886	0.037	0.081	0.002	0.512569	0.00001	4.03	0.19
UV09-305	host sediment	leachate [1]	0.407	0.00007	2.186	0.001	0.112	0.0004	0.512206	0.00019	-4.50	3.64

### Notes:

[1] Due to the precipitation of fluorides when preparing the silicate residue of this sample, we only analysed its acetic acid leachate (71 wt.% of the whole-rock, Table 1).

[2] <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd ratios at the time of kimberlite eruption (365Ma) are calculated using the measured <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd and <sup>147</sup>Sm/<sup>144</sup>Nd ratios in the Sm-Nd decay equation:

 $[{}^{143}\text{Nd}/{}^{144}\text{Nd}] = [{}^{143}\text{Nd}/{}^{144}\text{Nd}]_{@365\text{Ma}} + [{}^{147}\text{Sm}/{}^{144}\text{Nd}] \times (e^{\lambda t} - 1)$ 

where  $\lambda^{147}$ Sm = 6.54 × 10<sup>-12</sup> per year is the decay constant of <sup>147</sup>Sm and t = 365 × 10<sup>6</sup> years is the time since eruption.

Nd isotopic compositions are then expressed in epsilon, as:  $\epsilon_{Ndi} = (([^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd]_{sample} / [^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd]_{CHUR}) - 1) \times 10000$ 

where  $[^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd]_{CHUR} = 0.512170$  at 365 Ma, calculated from the current CHUR values of 0.512638 and a  $^{147}Sm/^{144}Nd$  ratio of the CHUR of 0.1967.

Sample	Rock type	δ <sup>34</sup> S <sub>sulfide</sub> (‰ <sub>vs V-CDT</sub> )	[S] <sub>sulfide</sub> (ppm)	δ <sup>34</sup> S <sub>sulfate</sub> (‱ <sub>vs V-CDT</sub> )	[S] <sub>sulfate</sub> (ppm)	δ <sup>34</sup> S <sub>bulk</sub> (‱ <sub>vs V-CDT</sub> )	[S] <sub>bulk</sub> (ppm)
UV11-201	chloride-carbonate	-1.24	386	11.86	38270	11.73	38656
UV11-203	chloride-carbonate	-2.72	169	11.47	25048	11.38	25217
UV04-24	salty kimberlite	-0.40	230	12.04	2724	11.07	2954
UV11-70 UV12-119 UV12-120	salty kimberlite salty kimberlite salty kimberlite	-2.82 nd -2.40	159 nd 178	11.25 11.40 11.51	2459 2348 1625	10.40 nd 10.14	2618 > 2348 1803
UV09-305	host sediment	nd	nd	33.73	17000	33.73	17000
UV14-brine	brine	nd	nd	33.45	31	33.45	31

**Table 6:** S concentrations and isotopic compositions (as sulfide and sulfate) of nodules and other samplesfrom the Udachnaya-East kimberlite and area

### Note:

nd = not determined