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#### Highlights:

- Mantle at rift initiation is metasomatized by alkaline fluids at 40-90 km depth
- 1100°C mantle isotherm relates to the volatile-bearing peridotite solidus
- Lithospheric mantle has ≈20% of crystallized or ≈10% of fluid-filled vertical veins

#### 1 Abstract

2 We use mantle xenoliths brought to the surface by alkaline lavas to determine the 3 chemical and physical properties of the metasomatized lithospheric mantle that contribute to 4 the earliest rifting stage in East Africa. Our results help to interpret the seismic tomographic 5 images in terms of vein and inclusions proportions in the lithospheric mantle. We focus on 6 mantle xenoliths from the in-rift Pello Hill volcano in the North Tanzanian Divergence (NTD). 7 These xenoliths reveal the presence of refractory mantle harzburgites and dunites with coarse 8 granular to porphyroclastic textures and 6 to 80% of diopside, phlogopite and amphibole-9 bearing veins and phlogopite-rich hornblendite xenolith. The presence of calc-potassic and 10 FeO, TiO<sub>2</sub>-rich veins, and mineral equilibria of olivine and pyroxenes indicate that fluid/melt-11 rock interactions occurred at depth from 40 km to 80-90 km, and indicate the presence of a 12 high-temperature isotherm beneath the NTD (T=1040-1200°C). We computed the seismic 13 properties of the mantle xenoliths with different proportions, compositions, and geometric 14 distributions of crystallized and fluid-filled veins. Compared to vein-free peridotites, for 15 crystallized vein-bearing xenoliths, the velocity is lowered by 2-4% to 28-37% for Vp and by 2-16 3% to 25-29% for Vs for 6% to 60% veins, respectively. For fluid-filled inclusions, hydrous melt 17 lens-shape inclusions are the most effective parameter to reduce P velocity, compared to dry 18 or 2.5%-CO<sub>2</sub> peridotitic melt. A comparison with seismic tomography velocities allows us to 19 discuss the current state of the lithospheric mantle. The best agreement obtained between P 20 teleseismic tomography (Vp anomalies between -9% and -15%) and vein-bearing peridotites 21 (depth 40-90 km) corresponds to 12-25% of crystallized veins or 8-15% for fluid filled-veins for 22 a vertical foliation and transtensional strain regime in the mantle lithosphere beneath the 23 NTD.

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# 25 1 Introduction

26 A remaining challenge for the geophysics and rock physics communities is to separate 27 the different factors affecting seismic properties such as pressure, temperature, 28 compositional variations, fluid presence or mantle anisotropy (Almqvist and Mainprice, 2017; 29 Deschamps and Trampert, 2003; Mavko et al., 2020). Partial melt signature is particularly 30 problematic as different factors may produce similar decreasing effects on seismic velocities 31 (temperature increase, change of shape or increase of size of melt pockets, fluid presence, 32 anisotropy...) (Almqvist and Mainprice, 2017; Deschamps and Trampert, 2003; Mainprice, 33 1997). Laboratory experiments and models have been extensively carried out to quantify 34 these melt effects on seismic velocities and have pointed out a non-linear relationship with a 35 strong dependency on the shape and orientation of the melt pocket (Clark and Lesher, 2017; Goes et al., 2000; Hammond and Kendall, 2016). Seismic velocity also relates to intrinsic 36 37 properties of rocks (from minerals) and extrinsic components (open cracks, crystallized and 38 fluid-filled veins, alteration) (Almqvist and Mainprice, 2017). Mantle metasomatism is one 39 cause for a change in the seismic properties of the rocks, as it affects both their intrinsic and 40 extrinsic components (Dawson, 1984; O'Reilly and Griffin, 2013). The percolation of 41 anhydrous, hydrous, or carbonatitic silicate melts overprints the mantle lithosphere signature. 42 It modifies the viscoelastic and chemical properties by forming compositionally distinct 43 secondary phases (interstitial minerals, metasomatic veins) or by modifying minerals 44 equilibrium (modal and cryptic metasomatism, respectively, Dawson, 1984; O'Reilly and Griffin, 2013). The presence of new metasomatic minerals, such as amphibole or phlogopite,
may in turn, affect the seismic properties of the metasomatized mantle. When metasomatism
is related to a mantle plume, it also alters the geotherm and, consequently, the seismic

48 velocities observed in tomographic models (e.g., Allen et al., 2002; Grijalva et al., 2018).

49 In this study, we aim to quantify the effect of metasomatism on lithospheric seismic 50 velocities. We take advantage of xenoliths collected in the East African rift, in the so-called 51 North Tanzanian Divergence (NTD). Here, the Archaean sub-continental lithospheric mantle 52 has experienced multiple metasomatic events that have modified its composition and 53 rheology (Dawson, 1997; Koornneef et al., 2009; Lee and Rudnick, 1999). In particular, the 54 most recent impingement of the East Africa mantle plume has modified the geotherm and 55 also carried an interaction of volatile-rich melts or fluids with peridotitic mantle (Baptiste et al., 2015; Gibson et al., 2013; Mulibo and Nyblade, 2013a; Reiss et al., 2021; Selway et al., 56 57 2014). In order to evaluate the role of the metasomatic agent on the lithospheric mantle, we 58 perform petrological and petrophysical investigations for vein-bearing, and vein-free mantle 59 xenoliths from Pello Hill in the NTD to: (1) characterize the chemistry, and the depth of the 60 melt/fluid percolation within the lithospheric mantle; (2) determine the seismic properties of 61 the metasomatized mantle; and (3) estimate the proportion of fluid circulating within the 62 lithospheric mantle by comparing seismic properties of mantle xenoliths and P-wave 63 tomographic images. In this study, we evaluate the link between geophysical and petrological data based on: (1) observations made on natural samples considered representative for the 64 65 lithospheric mantle beneath the NTD; and (2) constraints from modeling based on 66 experimental mineral and rock physics laboratory measurements.

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# 68 2 The North Tanzanian Divergence

69 The North Tanzanian Divergence is located at the southern tip of the Eastern branch of the East African Rift. This zone is a relatively young continental rifting zone (~8 Ma, Le Gall 70 71 et al., 2008), compared to the Afar mature zone (45-35 Ma, e.g., Courtillot et al., 1999; 72 Courtillot and Renne, 2003; Ebinger and Sleep, 1998; George et al., 1998) and represents the 73 initial stages of the rifting process. In the NTD, the complex interaction between inherited 74 structures in the highly heterogeneous lithosphere and deep mantle processes leads to diffuse 75 tectonic deformation and magmatism at the surface (Huerta et al., 2009; MacDonald et al., 76 2001; Mulibo and Nyblade, 2013b; O'Donnell et al., 2013; Pik et al., 2006; Tiberi et al., 2019; 77 Weeraratne et al., 2003). The narrow, poorly magmatic Kenya rift abruptly widens when 78 reaching North Tanzania (~3° S) and splits into three different arms: the Eyasi, Manyara and 79 Pangani branches (Figure 1, Corti et al., 2013; Le Gall et al., 2008). These branches develop 80 mainly in Proterozoic mobile belts, at the edge of (or in) cratonic units (Tanzanian Craton and 81 Masai block) with magmatism occurring since ~8-5 Ma (Dawson, 1992; Mana et al., 2015), and 82 a tectonic expression since ~3 Ma (Foster et al., 1997). The volcanism preceded the faulting 83 by ~20 Ma in the Afar (Ebinger et al., 2000), and by a few Ma in the Kenyan rift and in the NTD 84 (Le Gall et al., 2008; Mechie et al., 1997).

The North Tanzania Divergence volcanism is related to the presence of a mantle plume (Adams et al., 2012; MacDonald et al., 2001; Nyblade et al., 2000). The NTD displays broadly distributed volcanic edifices with a highly heterogeneous chemical signature (Dawson,

88 2008; Mana et al., 2015). It encompasses the oldest pre-rift volcano Essimingor and the only 89 active carbonatitic edifice, Oldoinyo Lengai. On a N-S axis, in-rift volcanism is highly alkaline 90 (e.g., Baudouin et al., 2016; Baudouin and Parat, 2020; Klaudius and Keller, 2006; Lee and 91 Rudnick, 1999) and sub-alkaline to alkaline for the E-W axis (Braunger et al., 2021; Mana et 92 al., 2015, 2012; Mollel et al., 2008; Nonnotte, 2007; Roberts, 2003; Wilkinson et al., 1986) 93 (Figure 1). This diversity of magmas results from variable amount (3-6% to 1%, Baudouin and 94 Parat, 2020; Mana et al., 2015) and depths of partial melting. From north to south of the NTD 95 the depth of partial melting increases, from 75-90 km in the Natron-Engaruka basins 96 (Mattsson et al., 2013), and up to 110-130 km for Kwahara and 150 km for Labait volcanoes 97 (Baudouin and Parat, 2020; Gibson et al., 2013).

98 Although the magmatism strongly highlights the presence of recent mantle 99 metasomatism by alkaline melts, previous Re/Os and Nd/Sm isotope studies indicate the 100 presence of ancient events, during the Precambrian or Pan African orogens (Burton et al., 101 2000; Chesley et al., 1999; Koornneef et al., 2009). The records of recent and ancient 102 metasomatic equilibrium indicate that the lithospheric mantle below the NTD is highly 103 heterogeneous and that long-term metasomatism is still present. In the NTD, five volcanoes 104 erupted mantle xenoliths: Eledoi, Pello Hill, Lashaine, Olmani, and Labait (Figure 1). Combined 105 with information from the magmatism, these xenoliths give an insight of the past and almost-106 current mantle state at depth, and allow an estimate of the impact of metasomatism on 107 seismic properties.

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## 109 **2.1** Lithospheric mantle metasomatism beneath the NTD

110 At the NTD, the strong and thick (150-180 km) cratonic lithosphere of the Tanzanian 111 craton highly contrasts with the thinner and younger Proterozoic mobile belt lithosphere 112 (Figure 1, Craig et al., 2011; Fishwick, 2010; Lee and Rudnick, 1999; Tiberi et al., 2019). The 113 roughly N-S suture between these units is thought to have played a first-order structural 114 control on the evolution of the rift (Corti et al., 2013; Ebinger et al., 1997; Koptev et al., 2018, 115 2015). Pre-existing zones of weakness could have prevented the cratonic lithosphere from 116 being deformed by accommodating external stresses (Lenardic et al., 2003). It may also have 117 channelized the mantle upwelling and generation of melts and/or deep fluid-rock interactions 118 inducing modal and/or cryptic metasomatism (Albaric et al., 2009; Baker et al., 1998; Delpech 119 et al., 2004; Dixon et al., 2008; Grégoire et al., 2000; Koptev et al., 2016; O'Reilly and Griffin, 120 1988; Wölbern et al., 2012).

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#### 122 2.1.1 Cratonic mantle

123 The Tanzania cratonic lithospheric mantle, down to ~120 km, has a mean Re-Os age 124 of 2.8-2.0 Ga (xenoliths from the on-craton border Labait volcano, Chesley et al., 1999), 125 suggesting that refractory lithospheric mantle has been metasomatized during a 2.8 Ga melt 126 event. Nd ages of 2.1-1.76 Ga, associated with a Light Rare Earth Elements enrichment in 127 clinopyroxenes from spinel or garnet-bearing peridotites, may indicate cryptic metasomatism 128 induced by subduction-related fluid/melt during the Usagaran belt formation (Koornneef et

129 al., 2009). Deeper garnet-bearing xenoliths (> 120 km) have Re-Os model ages < 1 Ga and are 130 younger than the spinel-bearing xenoliths, suggesting a more recent melting event that 131 overprinted the 2.8 Ga event (Chesley et al., 1999). This is also confirmed by Nd model ages 132 of 698-639 Ma, associated with hydrous fluids, possibly coming from subduction related to 133 the Pan-African Orogeny and/or to the plume ascension and rift opening (Hui et al., 2015; 134 Koornneef et al., 2009). The north Tanzania lithospheric mantle is therefore heterogeneous, 135 with at least two metasomatic events, resulting from asthenospheric Fe-rich melts (Lee and 136 Rudnick, 1999) and silicic fluid circulation (Aulbach et al., 2011). The mantle below Labait has 137 an isotropic composition intermediate between the Depleted Mantle (DM) and Enriched 138 Mantle 1 (EM1) reservoirs that has been associated with former subduction (Aulbach et al., 139 2011). The occurrence of deep metasomatic processes is also supported by the microstructure 140 of xenoliths, where neoblasts crystallized (due to temperature increase) in the deepest 141 garnet-free and uppermost garnet-bearing xenoliths (Vauchez et al., 2005).

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#### 143 2.1.2 In-rift mantle

144 Below the Masai block and the East-West volcanic axis (in-rift xenoliths from Lashaine 145 and Olmani volcanoes), the lithospheric mantle is at least 3.4 Ga old (Burton et al., 2000) and 146 was also subject to different metasomatic events. A melting event was dated by U-Pb for 147 Lashaine garnet-bearing xenoliths at 2.0 Ga, and Re-Os analyses on silicate minerals from 148 garnet-bearing Lashaine xenoliths display ages of 15.4-31.4 Ma (Burton et al., 2000; Cohen et 149 al., 1984). The garnet-bearing peridotites have higher Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO and Na<sub>2</sub>O concentrations 150 than garnet-free peridotites, but both have similar Mg# (Gibson et al., 2013; Rudnick et al., 151 1994). These compositions were interpreted reflecting fluid/melt derived from subducted 152 oceanic crust, and the EM1 and EM2 reservoirs as detrital sediment component in the hotter 153 Archean mantle (Aulbach et al., 2011; Rudnick et al., 1994). The metasomatism in Olmani 154 xenoliths is marked by the presence of clinopyroxene and phosphates, suggesting an 155 interaction of the peridotites with carbonatitic melt (Rudnick et al., 1994).

156 Below the Pello Hill volcano, the lithosphere was dated to at least 1.3 Ga by Re-Os isotopes 157 for a lherzolite, and Os model ages might indicate an Archean lithosphere (Aulbach et al., 158 2011). A negative correlation of Re-Os isotopes evolution may suggest that the lithospheric 159 mantle has been metasomatized less than 16 Ma ago by melts with silicic and carbonatitic 160 intermediate compositions (Aulbach et al., 2011; Burton et al., 2000). In addition, isotopic 161 signatures for OI Doinyo Lengai and the Ngorongoro volcanic complex are evidence of even 162 more diverse enriched mantle signatures (HIMU and EM1, Aulbach et al., 2011; Bell and 163 Simonetti, 1996; Mollel et al., 2011, 2009).

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# 165 **3 Methods**

#### 166 **3.1 Samples**

167 To overview the lithospheric mantle metasomatism below the in-rift Pello Hill 168 volcano, we selected a representative set of 12 xenoliths with and without veins, and with 169 variable amounts of interstitial metasomatic minerals Table 1. Among those 12 samples, 7 170 samples are free of veins (PH1, PH2, PH8, PH13, PH17, PH24, PH26) and 4 samples have 6 to 171 80% of clinopyroxene-phlogopite-amphibole veins crosscutting the xenoliths (PH4, PH9, PH18 172 and PH27). The host xenoliths are dunites (PH4, PH8, PH9, PH18 and PH26) and harzburgites (PH1, PH2, PH13, PH17, PH24 and PH27), plus 1 phlogopite-rich, olivine-, and clinopyroxene-173 174 bearing hornblendite (PH23). We made 12 thin sections, perpendicular to the veins if present, 175 in order to have a representative vein proportion of the mantle xenoliths and to perform 176 EPMA and EBSD analyses.

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#### 178 **3.2** Pressure and temperature estimate

179 Major element concentrations of minerals were measured at the Paul Sabatier 180 University of Toulouse, with a Cameca SXFive electron microprobe (EPMA). The analyses were carried out with an accelerating voltage of 15 kV, a 10 or 20 nA beam current depending on 181 182 the mineral resistance under the beam (10 nA for amphibole and phlogopite; 20 nA for olivine, 183 pyroxene, garnet, and oxides), a focused beam (inferior to the  $\mu$ m) for olivine, clinopyroxene, 184 orthopyroxene, garnet, oxide and defocused (2  $\mu$ m) for amphibole and phlogopite. The 185 analyzed surface is about  $2 \times 2 \mu m^2$ . The counting time was fixed to 10 seconds for all elements 186 except for fluorine which was set to 20 seconds. The standards used for calibration were albite 187 for Na, wollastonite for Si and Ca, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> for Al, sanidine for K, MnTiO<sub>3</sub> for Mn and Ti, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> for 188 Fe, topaz for F, MgO for Mg, tugtupite for Cl, BaSO<sub>4</sub> for Ba, Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> for Cr, SrSO<sub>4</sub>-MAC for S, 189 native metal for Cu and Ni (Ni-G5), and sphalerite for Zn.

190 We estimate the equilibration depth and temperature of mantle xenoliths using 191 orthopyroxene-clinopyroxene and olivine-clinopyroxene equilibria that have been calibrated 192 experimentally by Brey and Köhler (1990) and Köhler and Brey (1990), respectively. The 193 equilibria between orthopyroxene-clinopyroxene and olivine-clinopyroxene were tested by 194 using Fe/Mg partitioning between minerals (Fe<sup>2+</sup>/Mg  $\times$  100, Brey and Köhler, 1990; Putirka, 195 2008, and Supplementary Material 1). For all mineral equilibrium, we chose grains as close as 196 possible to each other, and far from veins. By using the two-pyroxenes thermometer from 197 Putirka (2008), we determined an a priori equilibrium temperature (T<sub>input</sub>). Then, an a priori 198 pressure (P<sub>input</sub>) is determined graphically from the geotherm modified by a plume thermal 199 anomaly from Selway et al. (2014) and T<sub>input</sub>. Finally, T<sub>input</sub> and P<sub>input</sub> were implemented in 200 PTEXL3 spreadsheet (from T. Koehler and modified by A. Girnis; http://www.mineralogie.uni-201 frankfurt.de/index.html), where the final temperatures is determined with the 202 orthopyroxene-clinopyroxene equilibrium from Brey and Köhler (1990). In the case of xenoliths without orthopyroxene, the partitioning of Ca between the olivine and the 203 204 clinopyroxene from Köhler and Brey (1990) was used. The final pressure was computed using 205 Ca partitioning between the olivine and the clinopyroxene from Köhler and Brey (1990) for 206 the garnet-free mantle xenoliths from Pello Hill.

The calcium concentration in olivine was measured with EPMA, and several analyses
 were confirmed by Laser Ablation Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (LA-ICPMS)
 at AETE-ISO platform (OSU OREME, University of Montpellier). A 130 μm diameter laser beam
 was used for olivine with a pulsed 193 nm Excimer CompEx 102 laser (GeoLas Q+ platform).
 The laser repetition rate was 6 Hz and the laser power was 5.75-6 J.cm<sup>-2</sup>. Concentrations were

calibrated with the intern standard NIST612, and SiO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were previously measured by the electron microprobe. The external standard is BIR. The raw laser data were processed with GLITTER software (Griffin et al., 2009), which converts the signal (signal intensity/time) to elemental concentrations. For thermobarometry, the pressuretemperature (P-T) conditions were computed using both microprobe and LA-ICPMS analyses.

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## 218 **3.3 Crystallographic preferred orientation**

219 We analyzed ten samples with the Camscan Crystal Probe X500FE Electron Back 220 Scattered Diffraction (EBSD) microscope at Geosciences Montpellier (MEA platform, 221 University of Montpellier) to determine the crystallographic preferred orientation (CPO) and 222 phase proportion of olivine, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, phlogopite, amphibole, and 223 oxides. Measurements were performed using an acceleration voltage of 20 kV and an average 224 working distance of 25 mm. For each sample, the map covers almost the entire thin section 225  $(30 \times 40 \text{ mm})$ . The step size between hitting points varies from 12 to 40  $\mu$ m depending on the 226 sample. The indexing rate varies between 84% (PH23, olivine-clinopyroxene-phlogopite-227 amphibole-oxide vein) and 96% (PH26 dunite), depending on the mineral species and the 228 degree of fractures in the sample. The lowest indexing rates are for samples containing a high 229 proportion of phlogopite, which is difficult to index.

230 **3.4 Crystallographic textures and seismic properties** 

### 231 3.4.1 Crystallographic textures

The MTEX toolbox has been used to determine and represent the crystallographic textures and the J-index from EBSD data (Hielscher and Schaeben, 2008; Mainprice et al., 2011). The J-index quantifies the fabric strength and is dimensionless. It results from the integration of the density of the Orientation Distribution Function (ODF, f(g)) at a g orientation over the entire volume (Ismaïl and Mainprice, 1998):

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$$J = \int f(g)^2 dg \qquad (1)$$

where  $dg=d\varphi_1 d\phi d\varphi_2 \sin \phi/8\pi^2$  and  $\varphi_1$ ,  $\phi$  and  $\varphi_2$  are the Euler angles, which represent the orientation of a crystal within the sample reference frame. J = 1 for a random distribution of the crystallographic axes, while J is infinite for single crystal orientation.

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## 242 3.4.2 Seismic properties

We use the AnisEulerSC program to model the seismic properties of the Pello Hill mantle xenoliths. It allows us to consider the presence of different mineral phases, the crystallographic preferred orientations, and the presence of fluid and melt inclusions (Kim et al., 2020). AnisEulerSC is an extended version of the MTEX program (Hielscher and Schaeben, 2008; Mainprice et al., 2011) which uses the CPO of the major phases (measured with EBSD), their respective modal content, and the stiffness tensor for each phase. In addition, the AnisEulerSC program considers the grain mean aspect ratio and the grain volume for the

250 seismic property computation (Kim et al., 2020) (see Supplementary Material 2 for comparison between MTEX and AnisEulerSC velocities for two very contrasting compositions). 251 252 It is important to note that the elastic tensor of the aggregate varies as of function of the grain 253 aspect ratio (Koch et al., 2004). AnisEulerSC also offers the possibility to consider oriented 254 cracks that can be filled with crystallized minerals or fluids. It is based on the introduction of 255 elastic inclusions into a background medium and the calculation of the average Self-Consistent 256 (SC) elastic tensor (Eshelby, 1957; Hill, 1965) from the individual stiffness tensor of the fluid 257 or the different minerals in the aggregate. For this method, each component is considered as 258 an isolated inclusion in an infinite isotropic homogeneous background medium (Berryman and 259 Berge, 1993).

260 For our study, we consider the stiffness tensors at a confining pressure of 2 GPa and 261 ambient temperature. The 2 GPa pressure matches the mean depth (between 40 and 90 km 262 depth) of the mantle xenoliths used in this study. The temperature effect was not 263 implemented in the stiffness tensor due to the lack of experimental temperature derivatives 264 for phlogopite and amphibole. The stiffness tensors used in the calculations are from 265 Abramson et al. (1997) for olivine, Sang and Bass (2014) for diopside (clinopyroxene), Chai et 266 al. (1997) for orthopyroxene, Peng and Mookherjee (2020) for amphibole, Chheda et al. (2014) 267 for phlogopite and Da Silva et al. (1999) for ilmenite. The magnetite stiffness tensor of 268 Reichmann and Jacobsen (2004) was used instead of chromite (which was indexed as 269 magnetite in EBSD) because we found no pressure derivatives for chromite in the literature. 270 Moreover, the chromite phase is present in a small amount, so the expected impact on the 271 calculated velocities should be negligible. We corrected the effect of temperature on 272 velocities for vein-free and crystallized vein-bearing peridotites aggregate (Table 1 and Table 273 2, respectively) by applying a percentage decrease. This latter was calculated by using the 274 velocity variation between a peridotite at 2 GPa/ambient temperature and 2 GPa/1200°C. At 275 1200°C, the mean average velocities decrease is 7% for Vp<sub>max</sub>, 9% for Vp<sub>min</sub>, 10% for Vs<sub>1 max</sub>, 276 and 11% for  $Vs_{1 \min}$ ,  $Vs_{2 \max}$  and  $Vs_{2 \min}$  (Supplementary Material 3).

277 We first determined the velocities of all the xenoliths (peridotite or peridotite + vein) 278 by computing the SC tensor in only one step (Figure 4). For the computation, we use the elastic 279 tensor, a mean measured aspect ratio, and an ellipse approximation for each mineral. To 280 consider the orientation of veins in the mantle xenoliths, we then determined the velocity by 281 computing the average SC tensor in two or three steps, considering fluid-filled or crystalline 282 veins, respectively, for 4 vein-bearing samples (PH4, PH9, PH18 dunites, and PH27 283 harzburgite). For peridotite with crystalline veins, we compute 1) the vein-free peridotite 284 average SC tensor, 2) the crystallized vein average SC tensor, and 3) the average peridotite + 285 vein SC tensor for a given vein orientation. In the final step (3), to obtain only the mean SC 286 tensor of the peridotite (without orientation), the peridotite minerals are defined as spheres 287 while we approximate the vein minerals by ellipses. For the fluid-filled veins, we omit the 288 second step (SC tensor of the vein) as the fluid bulk moduli are known from experimental 289 density measurements (Genge et al., 1995; Sakamaki et al., 2011, 2010, 2009).

Finally, the velocities are calculated in all directions from the average SC tensor using the equation from (Christoffel, 1877) which relates the elastic stiffness tensor with Vp, Vs<sub>1</sub>, Vs<sub>2</sub>, and the anisotropy. The anisotropy (AV) is computed as followed:

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$$AV = 200 \times \frac{V_{max} - V_{min}}{V_{max} + V_{min}}$$
(2)

where  $V_{max}$  is the maximum velocity and  $V_{min}$  the minimum velocity for Vp or Vs<sub>1</sub> or Vs<sub>2</sub> in the sample.

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# 297 4 Pello Hill mantle xenoliths

### 298 4.1 Texture and mineralogy

299 Pello Hill mantle xenoliths are refractory vein-free and vein-bearing harzburgite and 300 dunite with coarse granular to porphyroclastic textures with subequant to tabular olivine and 301 pyroxene grains (0.1–5 mm) (Table 1, Table 2). Some of the largest olivine crystals are 302 elongated, with shape ratios up to 1:10. Their shape-preferred orientation marks the foliation. 303 These large crystals usually display undulose extinction and subgrain boundaries suggesting 304 deep and intracrystalline deformation (Passchier and Trouw, 2005). Orthopyroxenes (2 to 20 305 modal percent in dunite and harzburgite, respectively) present either exsolution of 306 clinopyroxene, amphibole inclusions, or clinopyroxene growth at rims (Figure 2.a). 307 Clinopyroxenes in peridotites (out of the vein) are scarce, occur as isolate interstitial crystals 308 with curved margins (Figure 2.b), and can be associated with phlogopite and amphibole small 309 interstitial grains, or as inclusions. Phlogopites and/or amphiboles are present as interstitial 310 "patches", sometimes associated with clinopyroxenes (Figure 2.c and d). Some patches 311 contain spinels with no coronitic reaction. Oxides can be found as inclusions in clinopyroxene 312 and phlogopite (Figure 2.c and d) or interstitial in the peridotite (Figure 2.b). Some interstitial 313 sulfurs are also present within the peridotites.

314 In the vein-bearing xenoliths, the vein proportion ranges from 6% (PH18) up to 100% 315 (PH23) of the thin section (Table 1). The rims of the vein are well-defined with large crystals 316 (Figure 2.f) or diffuse with small interstitial grains (crystals with 500-2100  $\mu$ m in size in the 317 center of the vein and 80-150 µm in size at the rim; Figure 2.e). Veins comprise an assemblage 318 of clinopyroxene, phlogopite, amphibole, and oxide (Figure 2.e, f and h). The proportions of 319 clinopyroxene, phlogopite, amphibole, and oxide vary from (Table 1): high proportion of 320 clinopyroxene (40-60%) and low proportion of amphibole (12-17%) (PH4 and PH18) to high 321 amphibole (41-52%) and low clinopyroxene (19%) and phlogopite (18-22%) proportions (PH9 322 and PH27). PH23 xenolith is a hornblendite with amphibole (46%), phlogopite (20%), 323 clinopyroxene (17%), and interstitial olivine (16%) (Figure 2.g).

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## 325 4.2 Mineral composition

## 326 4.2.1 Olivine

Olivines are Mg-rich with Mg# (=Mg/(Mg+Fe<sup>2+</sup>)×100) ranging from 87.7 (PH4) to 93.1 (PH18) in vein-bearing peridotites, and from 92.0 (PH26) to 93.1 (PH13) in vein-free peridotites. Olivines from PH18 dunite have a Mg# gradient with Mg# decreasing approaching the metasomatic vein (89.5 near the vein and 93.1 far from the vein). Olivines in veins (PH23) have low NiO and SiO<sub>2</sub> contents (0.1-0.2 wt.% and 38.5-39.7 wt.%, respectively) and low Mg# 332 (77.5 to 79.6) compared to olivine in peridotites (0.3-0.5 wt.% NiO, 40.9-42.1 wt.% SiO<sub>2</sub> and
 333 Mg# = 87.7-93.1; Supplementary Material 4).

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#### 335 4.2.2 Pyroxenes

Orthopyroxenes, present in most of peridotites, are enstatites (Supplementary Material 4). Orthopyroxenes in the vein-bearing samples have a lower Mg# (<92), i.e. higher concentrations in FeO (> 5 wt.%) and lower concentrations in MgO (< 35 wt.%) compared to vein-free peridotites (Mg# = 92.4-93.8).

340 Clinopyroxenes have diopside/augite compositions (Wo<sub>45</sub>En<sub>51</sub>Fs<sub>4</sub> to Wo<sub>33</sub>En<sub>63</sub>Fs<sub>4</sub>). 341 Clinopyroxenes are diopsides in the veins and vein-bearing peridotites (PH4, PH9, PH18, 342 PH23), and are augite in the vein-free samples (PH1, PH13, PH17, PH26). Compared to 343 clinopyroxene in peridotites, the clinopyroxenes in veins are enriched in CaO (21-23 wt.%, Figure 3.a) and depleted in Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (< 1 wt.% in vein and 1.5-4 wt.% out of vein, Supplementary 344 345 Material 4). In the vein-bearing samples (PH4, PH9, and PH18), there is a chemical gradient 346 from the vein to the peridotite from 0.02 up to 3.0 wt.% for Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and from 22.7 to 19.2 wt.% 347 for CaO (Figure 3.a). In the dunite sample (PH4), the core of clinopyroxenes in the veins have 348 0.03-0.17 wt.% of  $Cr_2O_3$  and 22.0-22.7 wt.% of CaO, whereas near the vein,  $Cr_2O_3$  and CaO 349 concentrations in clinopyroxene core are 2.4-2.5 wt.% and 21.4 wt.%, respectively. In the 350 dunite, far from the vein, clinopyroxenes have 2.9-2.9 wt.% of Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 21.2-21.3 wt.% of 351 CaO (Figure 3.a). All clinopyroxenes are unzoned except in dunite sample PH4 with  $Cr_2O_3$ 352 ranging from 2.4-3 wt.% in the core down to 1.6-2.1 wt.% at the rims. The vein-bearing dunite 353 PH9 has clinopyroxenes in the peridotite with a large variation in Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> concentrations (from 354 0.7 to 2.4 wt.%). These clinopyroxenes with the lowest Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> values have similar 355 concentrations to clinopyroxenes occurring within the veins (Supplementary Material 4).

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#### 357 **4.2.3** Amphibole

The amphiboles are calcium-rich (8.8-11.0 wt.% CaO) with Mg# ranging from 77.8 (vein sample, PH23) up to 93.4 (vein-free sample, PH13) (Figure 3.b and c). Most of them are edenite (Leake et al., 1997). Only rare amphiboles in veins from sample PH4 and PH23 are classified as pargasite.

362 Amphiboles present in veins or as interstitial minerals in peridotites (further called 363 "patch amphibole") are chemically distinct. Three chemical groups can be defined: i) vein-free samples and a PH18 patch (lowest vein proportion, 6%) contain amphiboles with FeO < 3.1 364 365 wt.%, Mg# > 91, TiO<sub>2</sub> < 1.5 wt.%, CaO < 9.5 wt.% and Na<sub>2</sub>O > 4 wt.%, ii) amphiboles from veins 366 and PH4 and PH9 (22% an 62% vein bearing peridotites) patches have 3.1 wt.% < FeO < 6 wt.%, 367 85 < Mg# < 91, TiO<sub>2</sub> > 2 wt.%, CaO > 9.7 wt.% and Na<sub>2</sub>O < 4 wt.%, iii) PH23 (hornblendite) 368 amphiboles have FeO > 7 wt.%, Mg# < 85 and TiO<sub>2</sub> > 2.5 wt.% (Figure 3.b, c and Supplementary 369 Material 4).

### 371 4.2.4 Phlogopite

372In the Pello Hill xenoliths, there are at least two chemical groups of phlogopite. These373within patches have concentrations of  $TiO_2 \le 2$  wt.%,  $Cr_2O_3 > 2$  wt.%, Mg# > 92, and  $K_2O < 9$ 374wt.%, whereas phlogopites in veins have  $TiO_2 > 3$  wt.%,  $Cr_2O_3 < 1$  wt.%, Mg# < 92 and 7.2 <375 $K_2O < 8.6$  wt.% (Figure 3.d, and Supplementary Material 4). The phlogopites in the vein sample376PH23 have a very low Mg# (80.6-81.8) compared to other phlogopites in vein from other Pello377Hill xenoliths (Mg# > 88) (Figure 3.d).

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### 379 4.2.5 Oxides

380 Two distinct types of oxides are present in the Pello Hill xenolith samples: chromite 381 and ilmenite. Chromites are present in the peridotites or in the metasomatic vein edges. They 382 are interstitial or occur as inclusions in phlogopite, amphibole, and less frequently in 383 clinopyroxene (Figure 2.b, c and d). Ilmenites are only interstitial in the metasomatic veins 384 (PH9 sample, Figure 2.h). The concentration of  $Cr_2O_3$  in chromites ranges from 47 to 60 wt.%. 385 Chromites at the rim of the veins have higher titanium (> 2.5 wt.% TiO<sub>2</sub>) and lower chromium 386 concentrations (< 50 wt.%  $Cr_2O_3$ ) than those located farther within the peridotite (0.05-1.9 wt.% TiO<sub>2</sub> and 53.2-60.2 wt.% Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). The titanium concentration is higher in the interstitial 387 388 chromites (0.5 and 1.6 wt.% TiO<sub>2</sub> in PH26 and PH9, respectively) and chromium content is 389 higher in chromites occurring as inclusions (1.5 and 2 wt.% Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in PH26 and PH9, 390 respectively) (Supplementary Material 4).

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## 392 4.3 Microstructures

In the vein-free xenolith, some of the largest olivine porphyroclasts are elongated, parallel to the olivine [100] axis. The subgrain boundaries (undulose extinction) are perpendicular to the olivine [100] axis (Supplementary Material 5). The olivine J-index ranges from 4.00 to 4.79 (Supplementary Material 5). These values are in the lower range of the Jindex estimated for worldwide natural olivine aggregates (between 3.2 and 27.0) by (Ismaïl and Mainprice, 1998).

The four peridotite samples with veins have a vein orientation oblique or subperpendicular to the olivine [100] axis (Figure 4). There is no preferential orientation of clinopyroxene, amphibole, and phlogopite in veins, even if the amphibole [001] axis of PH9 and PH4 seems to be parallel to the olivine [100] axis.

For almost all Pello Hill samples, vein sample PH23 and peridotite PH27 with 80% vein excluded, the olivines have a marked orientation with a point pattern for the [100] axis, and a girdle pattern for [010] and [001] axes (Figure 4 and Supplementary Material 5).

The aspect ratios of the main phases (olivine, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene, amphibole, phlogopite) used for velocity computation correspond to the mean aspect ratio, which is the measured mean longest axis divided by the mean shortest axis. For the full aggregate (peridotite or peridotite + vein) velocity computation, the mean aspect ratios

- 410 calculated from all measured samples are: 1:1.6:1 for olivine, 1.6:1:0.6 for orthopyroxene and
- 411 clinopyroxene, 1:1.7:1 for amphibole, 0.6:1:2 for phlogopite, 1:1:1 for magnetite and 1:1:2.8
- 412 for ilmenite. For the seismic properties of oriented veins, we used the average aspect ratio for
- 413 clinopyroxene, amphibole, and phlogopite (1.7:1:1).
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# 415 **5** Seismic properties of mantle xenoliths

# 416 **5.1 Mantle peridotites**

417 In harzburgites PH13 and PH27, and dunites PH8 and PH26, the foliation is marked 418 by olivine elongation, with lineation sub-parallel to [100] axes and a girdle distribution of [010] 419 axes perpendicular to the foliation. The fast and slow Vp follow the [100] and [010] olivine 420 axes, respectively, indicating that olivine controls the velocity amplitude and orientation 421 (Supplementary Material 5 and Table 2). The fast and slow Vs<sub>1</sub> are along [101] and a 422 combination of [001] and [100] axes, respectively. Vs<sub>2</sub> presents its maximum along [100] and 423 its minimum for a combination of [001] and [010] axes, respectively. All vein-free samples 424 have millimetric olivine with sub-grains. The fast velocities (Vp, Vs<sub>2</sub>) are parallel to the olivine 425 porphyroclast elongation (Supplementary Material 5, unbroken lines on Vp plots).

426 Except for the dunite PH8 which exhibits lower velocities (Vp=6.9-7.7 km.s<sup>-1</sup> and Vs<sub>1</sub> 427 =4.1-4.3 km.s<sup>-1</sup>, and Vs<sub>2</sub> = 4.0 to 4.1 km.s<sup>-1</sup>), all vein-free samples and samples with low vein 428 proportions (<22%) have homogeneous velocities with Vp<sub>min</sub> ranging from 7.3 to 7.5 km.s<sup>-1</sup>, 429 Vp<sub>max</sub> from 8.4 to 8.5 km.s<sup>-1</sup>, Vs<sub>1 min</sub> from 4.3 to 4.4 km.s<sup>-1</sup>, Vs<sub>1 max</sub> from 4.5 to 4.6 km.s<sup>-1</sup>, Vs<sub>2 min</sub> 430 from 4.1 to 4.2 km.s<sup>-1</sup>, and Vs<sub>2 max</sub> from 4.3 to 4.4 km.s<sup>-1</sup> (Table 2). The lower velocities and 431 maximum Vp/Vs ratio for PH8 are most probably due to the presence of interstitial 432 phlogopite/amphibole (7.8%).

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# 434 **5.2** Clinopyroxene, phlogopite, amphibole-bearing mantle veins

In all clinopyroxene, phlogopite, amphibole-bearing mantle veins, the fast and slow
velocity directions follow the amphibole axes ([001] and [100] axes, respectively). However,
when the proportion of phlogopite is higher than amphibole, the phlogopite also partly
controls the fast ([100] and [010] axes) and the slow ([001] axis) velocities (Supplementary
Material 6).

440 For all mineral assemblage (clinopyroxene, amphibole, and phlogopite), the 441 computed velocities of the veins at 2 GPa and  $1200^{\circ}C$  are similar and vary from 3.3 to 5.5 km.s<sup>-1</sup> 442 <sup>1</sup> for Vp, 2.4 to 3.1 km.s<sup>-1</sup> for Vs<sub>1</sub>, and 2.2 to 2.7 km.s<sup>-1</sup> for Vs<sub>2</sub> (Supplementary Material 6). It 443 should be noted that there is no clear correlation between velocities and relative phase 444 proportion of amphibole, phlogopite, and clinopyroxene. The velocity of veins is always lower 445 than the velocities of peridotites.

## 447 **5.3 Mantle peridotites and veins**

For the peridotite containing a low vein proportion (PH18, 6% of vein), the presence of the vein in the peridotite decreases the mean velocity from 8.4-7.4 to 8.2-7.1 km.s<sup>-1</sup> for Vp, and from 4.5-4.1 to 4.4-4.0 km.s<sup>-1</sup> for Vs. This corresponds to a decrease by 2-4% Vp and 2-3% Vs compared to the peridotite (PH18, Figure 4 and Table 2). However, the velocity orientation is still controlled by the olivine orientation (Figure 4).

453 In peridotite containing 22% of veins (with 17-18% of phlogopite/amphibole), the 454 presence of the veins causes a mean decrease of the velocity from 8.5-7.4 to 7.6-6.5 km.s<sup>-1</sup> for 455 Vp and from 4.6-4.1 to 4.1-3.7 km.s<sup>-1</sup> for Vs. That corresponds to a decrease by 10-12% Vp and 456 9-10% Vs compared to the peridotite (PH9, Figure 4 and Table 2). This vein proportion initiates 457 a shift of the velocity directions, and the slowest Vp direction does not follow the olivine [010] 458 axis. The veins and peridotite + vein minimum velocities almost have the same orientation 459 suggesting that the slowest velocities are controlled by the vein velocity tensor 460 (Supplementary Material 6 and Figure 4, respectively) and the vein orientation.

461 Compared to the peridotite, peridotites with 62% and 80% of veins (PH4 and PH27) 462 generate a mean decrease in the velocity from 7.5-7.2 to 4.5-4.6 km.s<sup>-1</sup> and from 8.4-8.3 to 463 6.0-5.4 km.s<sup>-1</sup> for Vp<sub>min</sub> and Vp<sub>max</sub> (-38 to -40% and -29 to -35%, respectively), from 4.4-4.1 to 464 2.9-3.1 km.s<sup>-1</sup> and from 4.6-4.3 to 3.0-3.4 km.s<sup>-1</sup> for Vs<sub>min</sub> and Vs<sub>max</sub> (-29 to -31% and -25 to -465 31%, respectively) (Figure 4 and Table 2). With 60% of phlogopite/amphibole vein assemblage, 466 the velocity direction completely shifts away from the main-driving-velocity olivine axes 467 (Figure 4, PH4).

468 In the vein-rich samples, the maximum and minimum Vp of the full sample follow the 469 orientations of amphibole ([001] and [100] axes respectively) and clinopyroxene ([001] and 470 [010] axes, respectively) (Figure 4 and Supplementary Material 6). The Vp fast and slow axes 471 of phlogopite ([010], [100] and [001]) are overwritten by the slow and fast axes of the 472 amphibole, respectively. The fast Vs<sub>1</sub> mostly follows an intermediate direction between the 473 amphibole ([001]) and the phlogopite ([100]) axes. The slow Vs<sub>1</sub> is oriented parallel to the slow 474 Vp, while the fast  $Vs_1$  is uniformly oriented perpendicular to the slow  $Vs_1$ . The fast  $Vs_2$  is 475 oriented parallel to the fast Vp, while the slow Vs<sub>2</sub> is uniformly oriented perpendicular to the 476 fast Vp (Supplementary Material 6).

The main direction of the velocity also depends on the vein orientation (Kim et al.,
2020 and Supplementary Material 7). The maximum of Vp and Vs<sub>2</sub> velocities are perpendicular
(PH4, PH27) or oblique/sub-perpendicular to the orientation of the veins (PH18, PH9, Figure
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4). The vein orientation follows the main orientation of the olivine [010] axis for a vein
proportion < 60%.</li>

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# 483 **5.4 Fluid-veins in mantle peridotite**

The composition of lavas from the NTD ranges from H<sub>2</sub>O-CO<sub>2</sub>-rich sub-alkaline to highly alkaline magmas attesting of complex fluid/melt compositions within the lithospheric mantle (Baudouin and Parat, 2020; De Moor et al., 2013; Lee and Rudnick, 1999; Lee et al., 2017; Mana et al., 2015, 2012; Muirhead et al., 2020). To account for the variable geochemical

488 composition of magmas and fluid percolation in the mantle, we determined the seismic 489 properties of the mantle for vein-bearing peridotite considering different vein orientations 490 relative to the olivine CPO, and 4 different melt compositions. These melts are: a dry 491 peridotitic melt, used as a reference for dry basalt, a CaCO<sub>3</sub> fluid, which refers to carbonatitic 492 melt, a hydrous peridotitic melt and a CO<sub>2</sub>-bearing peridotitic melt (Table 4; Genge et al., 1995; 493 Sakamaki et al., 2011, 2010, 2009).

494 First, we use AnisEulerSC to calculate the elastic tensor of the peridotite at 2 GPa and 495 1200°C, with mineral proportion, CPO and aspect ratio, as performed for crystallized vein-496 bearing peridotites (step 1). Then, the tensor of the whole aggregate with fluid-filled 497 inclusions (high pressure and high temperature) is computed from the peridotite elastic tensor 498 and an isotropic fluid tensor. The fluid tensor is defined by the bulk modulus of the fluid (Table 499 4; Genge et al., 1995; Sakamaki et al., 2011, 2010, 2009). We fix the aspect ratio of the 500 inclusions 5:1:5 (lens shape) to model an intermediate geometry between an isolated melt 501 pocket and interconnected pores filled with melt (intergranular melt; Clark and Lesher, 2017). 502 These are the usual shapes of the first liquids observed in partial melting experiments 503 (Hammond and Humphreys, 2000).

The seismic properties of PH4 and PH27 cannot be fully modeled with fluid-filled inclusions because the vein proportion is too large and prevents the Vs from propagating (calculated Vs < 0.2 km.s<sup>-1</sup>). In these samples, it induces unrealistic Vp/Vs (above 18) and Pwaves velocities are reduced to less than 3 km.s<sup>-1</sup>.

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#### 509 **5.4.1** Orientation of the fluid-filled inclusions in peridotite

510 Three lens-shape inclusion orientations have been chosen relative to the structural 511 frame (X,Y,Z) of the host peridotite PH9 (Figure 5 and Supplementary Material 7), defined 512 following the observation of the foliation plane (X,Y) and lineation (X). The fastest velocities 513 have orientations parallel to directions that combine the longest axes of the inclusions (A1) 514 and the maximum velocity of the host rock, i.e., parallel to the [100] axis of olivine. For 515 instance, peridotite with 5:5:1 oriented inclusions displays higher maximum velocity than the 516 peridotite with 1:5:5 orientations, where the long axis of the inclusions is perpendicular to the 517 [100] axis of olivine.

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## 519 **5.4.2** Velocities for different fluid compositions in lens shape inclusions

For lens-shaped fluid-filled inclusions, the velocities and Vp/Vs ratios vary as a function of fluid composition and aspect ratio for  $H_2O$  and  $CaCO_3$  composition (Kendall, 2000; Mainprice, 1997 and Table 3). The velocities and Vp/Vs ratios for  $CO_2$ -bearing peridotitic melt (2.5% of  $CO_2$ ) and anhydrous peridotitic melt are very similar, with velocity variations lower than 0.05 km.s<sup>-1</sup>.

525 For CaCO<sub>3</sub> melt and 6% of lens-shape inclusions (PH18), only Vp has a significant 526 change compared to the anhydrous inclusions (+0.09, +0.23 km.s<sup>-1</sup> compared to dry melt, 527 equivalent to +1% and +3.4% respectively, Table 3). When the inclusion proportion in the sample is 22% (PH9), the velocities variations do not have the same trend: Vp<sub>max</sub> increases by
 0.07 km.s<sup>-1</sup> (+1%) while Vp<sub>min</sub> decreases by 0.12 km.s<sup>-1</sup> (-2%) compared to dry melt.

For hydrous lens-shape inclusions (5 wt.% water in the melt), there is an important decrease of Vp compared to anhydrous melt: down to -0.32 km.s<sup>-1</sup> (equivalent to -5%) when 6% of inclusions is present in the sample, and down to -0.85 km.s<sup>-1</sup> (equivalent to -16%) when there is 22% of inclusions (Table 3). The maximum velocity of Vs<sub>2</sub> is also significantly impacted with a decrease of -0.16 km.s<sup>-1</sup> (-5% of variation) with 22% of inclusions.

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## 536 6 Discussion

#### 537 6.1 Depth of fluid/melt-rock interaction and geotherm beneath the NTD

538 Characterizing the deep asthenospheric mantle source of alkaline magmas is crucial 539 because it represents the source of the metasomatic agent leading to the formation of veins 540 within the lithospheric mantle. In the southern part of the NTD, the Labait and Pello Hill 541 volcanoes erupted CO<sub>2</sub>-rich nephelinites and melilitites with very close trace element 542 composition (Baudouin and Parat, 2020; Dawson and Smith, 1988) suggesting the presence of 543 a deep phlogopite-carbonate-garnet-bearing source beneath the Lithosphere Asthenosphere 544 Boundary (LAB > 120 km, Baudouin and Parat, 2020; Lee and Rudnick, 1999). Labait volcano 545 carried garnet-bearing xenoliths, whereas at Pello Hill volcano, only spinel-peridotite xenoliths 546 have been sampled. This either suggests a shallower depth of partial melting for highly alkaline 547 parental magmas as observed for the Natron-Engaruka volcanoes (75-90 km, Mattsson et al., 548 2013), or that melilitite magma did not sample garnet-bearing xenoliths because of different 549 mantle rheology or lower volume of magmas. The few experimental studies carried out at 550 lithospheric conditions (up to 3 GPa, e.g. Condamine et al., 2016) do not allow to estimate the 551 depth of partial melting of peridotite that leads to the formation of alkali magmas. Only one 552 empirical equation has been calibrated for partial melting producing basaltic melts, based on 553 the SiO<sub>2</sub> and MgO contents of the primary melts (Albarède, 1992). Using this empirical 554 equation and the composition of Pello Hill melilitite (CaO+Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O = 16.34 wt.%, SiO<sub>2</sub>+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 555 = 47.61 wt.%, Supplementary Material 9), we propose a melting pressure of 5.3 GPa (175 km). 556 This depth is located below the estimated LAB beneath the NTD from surface wave 557 tomography (Craig et al., 2011; Fishwick, 2010; Priestley et al., 2008), and is deeper than the 558 CO<sub>2</sub>-free partial melting experiments (e.g., Adam, 1990; Condamine et al., 2016; Foley et al., 559 2012; Frey et al., 1978; Green and Falloon, 1998). It corroborates however the deep origin of 560 magma and mantle xenoliths beneath the NTD (this study, and Lee and Rudnick, 1999).

561 The depth and temperature we estimated from mineral equilibrium in the vein-free peridotites from Pello Hill suggest that xenoliths originate from ~ 37 km (PH4, dunite) down 562 to 150 km depth (PH13, harzburgite), with temperatures ranging from 1040 to 1200°C (Figure 563 564 6, Supplementary Material 8). Spinel-phlogopite-bearing Pello Hill Iherzolites (PH17, PH26) 565 originate from 82 to 91 km depth (Figure 6). In contrast, mineral equilibrium in the vein-free-566 and spinel-bearing harzburgite (PH13, 150 km) indicates deeper mantle origin although garnet 567 was not observed in the xenoliths. The P-T conditions agree with the stability field 568 experimentally determined for phlogopite, extended for 1100-1350°C and 3-6 GPa (90-180 569 km) (Condamine et al., 2016 and Condamine personal communication). The P-T conditions are

570 close to or just above the stability field of spinel in CMAS or MAS experiments (up to 180 km 571 in the harzburgitic mantle, e.g., Klemme, 2004; Ziberna et al., 2013). However, it should be 572 noted that the presence of phlogopite and carbon may influence the experimental barometer 573 calibration determined by Brey and Köhler (1990) and Köhler and Brey (1990) for garnet 574 lherzolite.

575 It was not possible to estimate the depth for most vein-bearing xenoliths because 576 either (i) there is no orthopyroxene in the samples (PH23) or (ii) the chemical equilibrium 577 between orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene or olivine and clinopyroxene was not reached 578 (PH1, PH23).

579 The NTD deep mantle xenoliths (> 100 km) display estimated temperatures 580 consistent with the plume-modified geotherm (Figure 6) (Gibson and McKenzie, 2023; Selway et al., 2014). This is in accordance with several geophysical and geochemical studies, and the 581 582 presence of a mantle plume upwelling below the Tanzanian Craton and the NTD (Clutier et al., 583 2021; Huerta et al., 2009; MacDonald et al., 2001; Mulibo and Nyblade, 2013a; Pik et al., 2006; 584 Tiberi et al., 2019; Weeraratne et al., 2003). Shallower lithospheric xenoliths (< 100 km) exhibit 585 higher temperatures than the plume-modified geotherm, ranging from 1040°C to 1200°C 586 (Figure 6). The overall P-T distribution of NTD mantle xenoliths cannot be simply explained by 587 Cenozoic, Proterozoic, cratonic or even mantle plume-modified geotherms (Artemieva, 2009; 588 Selway et al., 2014). The Pello Hill mantle xenoliths rather follow a 1100°C isotherm, near the 589 carbonated peridotite solidus (Dasgupta et al., 2013), and most likely relates to the volatile-590 bearing peridotite solidus and crystallization temperatures of phlogopite and amphibole. This 591 is in accordance with the presence of CO<sub>2</sub>-rich silicate magmas and carbonatites in the region 592 (Dawson and Smith, 1988; De Moor et al., 2013; Muirhead et al., 2020).

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#### 594 6.2 Lithospheric mantle geochemical evolution

595 The presence of veins in mantle xenoliths attests to extensive metasomatism 596 beneath the NTD. Both modal abundances and chemical signatures strongly suggest the 597 occurrence of one or several metasomatic event(s) (Aulbach et al., 2011; Chesley et al., 1999; 598 Cohen et al., 1984; Koornneef et al., 2009; Lee and Rudnick, 1999; Rudnick et al., 1994). In the 599 southern part of the NTD (Labait volcano), few veins have been observed in mantle peridotites 600 (Koornneef et al., 2009; Vauchez et al., 2005) and only a few spinel-peridotites display 601 interstitial phlogopite, suggesting weak modal metasomatism. On the contrary, in the 602 northern part, the Pello Hill xenoliths provide evidence of intense metasomatic events at 603 relatively shallow depths (40-90 km) (Aulbach et al., 2011; Koornneef et al., 2009; this study).

The mineral assemblages and composition of veins in the Pello Hill xenoliths (e.g., Fe and Ti-rich ilmenite, low- $Cr_2O_3$  and high-TiO\_2 diopside, phlogopite and amphibole, this study) indicate the presence of FeO- and TiO\_2-rich alkaline mafic silicate melts/fluids within the lithospheric mantle. Those melts/fluids are also CaO-rich, as evident from the high CaO concentrations in clinopyroxenes and amphiboles from veins or vein-bearing xenoliths (Figure 3). In addition, amphiboles in the veins are potassium-rich, which may be interpreted as the imprint of a subduction-related fluid (e.g., Soltanmohammadi et al., 2018).

611 We also observed chemical variations between the core and rim of minerals, and depending on the distance from the vein. Orthopyroxenes are zoned with higher Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 612 613 Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> concentrations in the core than in the rim indicating that the enstatite either re-614 equilibrated at the rim with a circulating fluid or melt, or that the core of minerals crystallized 615 deeper than the rim (Longhi et al., 1993). The decrease of Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> concentration observed in 616 clinopyroxenes of PH4 dunite from the core (2.4-3 wt.%) to rim (1.6-2.1 wt.%) also argues for 617 metasomatic fluid/melt circulation and re-equilibration of the minerals. In addition, the 618 chemical gradient observed for clinopyroxene and olivine from the vein to the peridotite may 619 result from a diffuse metasomatic percolation within the whole rock mantle peridotite 620 associated to the metasomatic veins (Bodinier et al., 1990). Furthermore, a higher proportion 621 of veins may indicate a higher volume of melt within the peridotite as well as a longer time of 622 percolation and re-equilibration between host-peridotite and alkaline melt (e.g., low NiO in 623 olivine for vein proportion > 50%, PH4).

624 The presence of harzburgites with no or rare phlogopites and amphiboles (PH1 and 625 PH2, Table 1) indicates that such a refractory lithospheric mantle below Pello Hill underwent 626 melt extraction, and may be linked to subduction magmatism (Archean, Proterozoic?) or 627 recent intraplate magmatism (Aulbach et al., 2011; Rudnick et al., 1994). On the other hand, 628 harzburgites with interstitial phlogopites or amphibole patches (PH13, PH18 and PH24), and 629 2-10% clinopyroxene-rich PH8 and PH26 dunites, suggest later re-fertilization processes 630 associated with metasomatic events. The interstitial metasomatic phlogopites and 631 amphiboles are often associated with chromite with no coronitic reaction, suggesting that the 632 presence of "primary" spinel may favor phlogopite and/or amphibole growth during 633 metasomatic event. These patches of minerals are MgO, Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Na<sub>2</sub>O-rich compared to 634 those occurring within the veins. These new minerals were formed during a metasomatic 635 event involving hydrous and potassic fluids/melts. These fluids may be subduction-related 636 before the Mozambique Belt orogen (Aulbach et al., 2011; Rudnick et al., 1994) or may be 637 more recent and plume-related, with intermediary composition between carbonatitic and 638 silicic (Aulbach et al., 2011; Bell and Simonetti, 1996; Mollel et al., 2009). Further studies, 639 especially isotopic dating, would help to decipher between the metasomatic event(s) and 640 long-term re-equilibration below Pello Hill (e.g., Koornneef et al., 2009).

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## 642 **6.3** Seismic properties of metasomatized lithospheric mantle

#### 643 6.3.1 Seismic properties of crystallized-vein lithospheric mantle

644 In the Pello Hill mantle peridotites, the foliation is marked by the elongation of olivine 645 porphyroclasts parallel to the [100] axis, and the veins crosscut the foliation (perpendicular to 646 oblique to the olivine [100] axis) (Figure 4 and Baptiste et al., 2015). The fast and slow Vp 647 follow the [100] and [010] olivine axes, respectively, indicating that olivine controls the 648 velocity amplitude and orientation (the fast velocity Vp being parallel to [100] axis). The 649 presence of weak modal metasomatism (8% interstitial phlogopite and amphibole, PH8) 650 decreases Vp by about 7 to 9%, Vs<sub>1</sub> by 6%, and Vs<sub>2</sub> by 4 to 5% compared to vein-free 651 peridotites (Figure 4 and Table 2). Still, it does not modify the velocity orientation, that is 652 controlled by the olivine orientation (CPO).

653 The computed velocities for vein-bearing peridotites clearly indicate that the proportion of metasomatic minerals (clinopyroxene, amphibole, and phlogopite) decreases 654 655 Vp and Vs, with phlogopite being the most effective mineral, followed by amphibole and then 656 clinopyroxene (Figure 4, Table 1 and Table 2), in agreement with single crystal seismic 657 properties (Almqvist and Mainprice, 2017). The presence of 22% of crystallized veins in the 658 peridotite decreases Vp by 10 to 12%, and Vs<sub>1</sub>, and Vs<sub>2</sub> by 9 to 10% (PH9, Figure 4). These 659 values are close to those previously determined for vein-bearing peridotite xenoliths from 660 Eledoi volcano using MTEX program (not considering grain volume) at ambient pressure and 661 temperature (28% of vein, Baptiste et al., 2015). However, the consideration of the grain volume in AniseulerSC decreases the maximum velocities by 0.6 km.s<sup>-1</sup> for Vp and Vs<sub>2</sub> (-7% 662 663 and -12%, respectively) and 0.5 km.s<sup>-1</sup> for Vs<sub>1</sub> and (-12%) compared to Baptiste et al. (2015). 664 Importantly, when the vein-bearing peridotites is with  $\geq 60\%$  of vein, the P-wave velocity 665 anisotropy is dominated by the velocity orientation of the vein, and no more by the main 666 olivine orientation (Figure 4).

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## 668 6.3.2 Seismic properties of deep fluid/melt in the lithospheric mantle

669 The presence of fluid/melt in the lithospheric mantle beneath the NTD is strongly 670 supported by the presence of recently erupted magmas at the surface (Mana et al., 2015), 671 and by low velocity zones in tomographic images (Mulibo and Nyblade, 2013b; Tiberi et al., 672 2019). Melt percolation is a deep (175 km, Pello Hill melilitite, Figure 6) and continuous 673 process leading to mantle-rock interactions and changes of mantle rheology. The volume, 674 distribution, and composition of melt may have important implications for the seismic 675 properties of the mantle (Clark and Lesher, 2017). In addition to melt fractions and aspect 676 ratio (Clark and Lesher, 2017; Kendall, 2000; Kendall et al., 2006), the mineralogical variations 677 (Stixrude and Lithgow-Bertelloni, 2005), the presence of volatile species (Karato and Jung, 678 1998), and the anelasticity enhanced by high temperatures (Faul and Jackson, 2005) may 679 contribute to lower seismic velocities.

680 The percolation of deep highly alkaline and alkaline magmas in the lithospheric 681 mantle beneath the NTD is supported by the occurrence of melilitites and nephelinites, 682 whereas the presence of carbonatite and  $CO_2$ -rich and/or  $H_2O$ -rich melt inclusions in minerals 683 and hydrous minerals in magmas suggests a wide range of magma compositions (Baudouin et 684 al., 2018, 2016; Baudouin and Parat, 2020; Dawson, 2012; Guzmics et al., 2012).

685 Our computation of seismic properties of natural mantle xenoliths from Pello Hill 686 clearly indicates that the presence of melt and/or fluids in peridotitic rocks decreases both Vp 687 and Vs (Figure 4 vs Figure 5 and Table 2 vs Table 3). The presence of anhydrous peridotitic 688 melt in the crystallized peridotitic mantle would lower the P-velocity by 5 to 8% and S-velocity 689 by 4 to 10% for 6% of the melt fraction (peridotite + fluid/melt velocities in Table 3 and 690 peridotite velocity in Figure 4). This agrees with the elastic properties of silicate melts which 691 predict a P and S wave velocity decrease of up to 9 and 11%, respectively, for 1-5% of the 692 anhydrous melt between 70 and 150 km deep (Clark and Lesher, 2017).

693 Interestingly, the addition of 2.5 wt.% of CO<sub>2</sub> in anhydrous melt does not change the 694 seismic properties compared to anhydrous peridotitic melt (Table 3). However, the lack of 695 experimental determination of bulk modulus for higher CO<sub>2</sub> content at high pressure does not 696 allow evaluation of carbonate-rich composition effect on seismic properties (CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in 697 alkaline magmas can be as high as 15%, Brooker et al., 2001; Moussallam et al., 2015). 698 Nevertheless, the presence of 5 wt.% of water in 22% of peridotitic melt in the crystallized 699 peridotitic mantle strongly reduces the seismic velocities down to 39% for Vp<sub>min</sub> and down to 700 33-34% for Vs<sub>1 min</sub> and Vs<sub>2 min</sub> (Table 3 and Figure 4). It should be noted that when fluid 701 inclusions are added in the crystallized peridotitic mantle, the S velocities decrease faster than 702 the P velocities, except from hydrous melt. This is due to the low bulk modulus used in the 703 computation which accounts for the supercritical behavior of water. This means that at the 704 depth/temperature conditions at which we modeled the xenoliths, water behaves as a gas, 705 leading to a faster decrease of Vp than Vs.

706 Numerous experimental and physical modeling (Clark and Lesher, 2017 and 707 references herein) demonstrate that the distribution of the melt in the peridotite may have a 708 strong influence on seismic velocity. In the case of computed fluid-filled inclusions in mantle 709 xenoliths, the fast velocities have orientations parallel or sub-parallel to the longest axes of 710 the inclusions (A1). This is observed for all inclusion orientations regardless of the fluid's 711 nature/composition (Figure 5). The maximum velocity is then obtained when the CPO of 712 olivine ([100] axis orientation) and maximum Vp and Vs<sub>2</sub> are parallel to the longest axis of the 713 inclusion (parallel to A1) (Figure 4 and Figure 5).

For a peridotitic melt (anhydrous, 5% hydrous or with 2.5%  $CO_2$ ), the lower bound velocities values for lens-shape inclusions are lower and the Vs<sub>1</sub> upper bound values are higher than for acicular inclusions. Two patterns are competing: seismic components perpendicular to the longest lens axes (perpendicular to A1 and A2) have to bypass the inclusion, whereas seismic components parallel to the longest axes are "guided" along the inclusion elongation (Figure 5).

720 Metasomatism can be viewed as present-day ascent of volatile-rich small-fraction 721 melts or past crystallized veins. The superposition of both veins would have a strong effect on 722 seismic velocities. However, if we assume that crystallized veins with clinopyroxene-723 amphibole-phlogopite have a composition close to a peridotitic melt with water, the presence 724 of melt would further reduce velocities compared to crystallized veins. For peridotite with 6% 725 of lens-shaped inclusions filled with peridotitic melt with 5% H<sub>2</sub>O, Vp decreases by 4 to 9% and 726 Vs decreases by 1 to 7% compared to peridotite with crystallized veins (PH18). For peridotite 727 with 22% lens-shaped inclusions filled with peridotitic melt with 5% H<sub>2</sub>O (PH9), Vp decreases 728 by 9 to 31% and Vs decreases by 7 to 28% (Figure 4 vs Figure 5).

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## 730 6.4 In situ seismic properties versus travel-time tomography

The scale over which petrophysics and seismic tomography consider the seismic wave propagation varies from tens of centimeters up to several hundreds of kilometers, respectively. At the kilometer-scale, the travel-time tomography reflects a current regional and integrative effect of temperature, composition and anisotropy, whereas the seismic properties calculations on xenoliths only refer to local properties for a given composition at a specific depth (2 GPa in this study). We propose here to use our in situ seismic property results to explain recent tomographic images in the NTD (Clutier et al., 2021). To transfer our natural sample-scale results to the regional scale, we first have to convert the mantle xenolith seismic variations into tomographic variations (Clutier et al., 2021). We compute the percentage difference between the IASP91 model (Kennett and Engdahl, 1991) and the mantle xenolith-estimated velocities as follows:

$$\Delta V = \frac{V_x - V_i}{V_i} \times 100$$
 (3)

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744 where  $V_x$  is the mantle xenoliths estimated Vp, and  $V_i$  is the velocity of IASP91 model (Kennett 745 and Engdahl, 1991), also used as the reference in the P-wave tomography (Figure 7), at the 746 mantle xenolith depth (40-90 km). The velocity variations relative to the IASP91 model ( $\Delta V$ ) 747 are reported in Table 2 and Table 3. It should be noted that in relative arrival-time 748 tomography, because the regional model is lost during the process, the 0% value of the final tomographic model may be different from the real global average (Bastow, 2012). In Clutier 749 750 et al. (2021) tomographic inversion, the insertion of an a priori 3D crustal velocity model 751 restricts this problem of shift between the regional mean model and the IASP91 mean model. 752 Therefore, we can compare the velocity variations from the P-wave tomography and the ones 753 from the xenoliths computed with equation (3). Moreover, to check this latter statement, we 754 calculated the difference between the mean absolute velocity of the Clutier et al. (2021) in 755 the resolved area, and the value of IASP91 at 80, 135 and 185 km depth. The Clutier et al. 756 (2021) model has a maximum variation of -1.02% compared to IASP91 (-0.49% at 80km, -757 0.46% at 135km and -1.02% at 185km).

The travel-time tomography beneath the NTD shows that a low-velocity anomaly is present beneath the rift axis from the Moho (35 km) down to the asthenosphere (Figure 7 and Clutier et al., 2021). This central negative anomaly is flanked by two high-velocity anomalies, on the west side beneath the Tanzanian Craton and on the east side beneath the Proterozoic belt. The P velocity variations from tomography range from -15% to +9% for the whole area. It is restricted between -15% and -9% for the xenolith estimated location beneath Pello Hill (depth range from 40 to 90 km, Figure 7).

765 Such a range in Vp anomalies, also reported in density anomalies (Tiberi et al., 2019), 766 cannot be accounted for by only a temperature effect. First, the depth of the partial melting 767 estimated from Pello Hill melilitite is located at the downward border of the low-velocity 768 tomographic anomaly at -2% of P velocity variation (Figure 7). Then, an increase of 100°C 769 would decrease Vp by ca. 0.8% at 100 km and for a 1100-1200°C isotherm (Cammarano et al., 770 2003). The temperatures estimated from olivine-pyroxene equilibrium in mantle xenoliths 771 suggest a temperature range isotherm of 1040 to 1200°C beneath the rift axis. These 772 temperatures are then 300°C (80-90 km depth) and 600°C (40 km depth) higher than the 773 plume-modified cratonic geotherm (Figure 6). Following this linear decrease of Vp with 774 increasing temperature, such temperature variations can account for only 2.4% anomalies at 775 80-90 km depth and 4.8% close to the Moho. Even if anelasticity may introduce non-linearity 776 into temperature-seismic velocity relationship that are not taken into account here 777 (Cammarano et al., 2003; Goes et al., 2000; Karato, 1993; Kuskov and Kronrod, 2006; Sobolev 778 et al., 1996), the presence of metasomatic veins is probably the most robust candidate to 779 explain velocity anomaly values of  $\sim$  -10% within the lithosphere.

780 To compare the seismic properties of crystallized vein-bearing peridotites and IASP91 781 model, we calculate the effect of vein proportion on Vp<sub>max</sub> and Vp<sub>min</sub> for the vein bearing 782 samples (PH4, PH9, PH18 and PH27), and correct the resulting velocities from temperature effects (1200ºC instead of ambient temperature, Supplementary Material 3). We computed 783 784 the velocities in three steps (see section 3.4.2) using the elastic properties of vein-free 785 peridotite and the ones from veins from the xenoliths PH4, PH9, PH18 and PH27. The relative 786 difference of the maximum and minimum Vp to IASP91 are plotted as a function of crystallized 787 vein proportion in Figure 8.a. It also should be mentioned that for the calculated  $\Delta Vp$  of 788 peridotites with vein, Vp<sub>max</sub> is slightly higher or equal to the IASP91 model ( $\Delta$ Vp<sub>max</sub> = +0.6 to 789 +4%, Figure 8.a) and Vp<sub>min</sub> is lower than the IASP91 model ( $\Delta$ Vp<sub>min</sub> = -5; -9%, Figure 8.a). This 790 difference is due to local anisotropy, which indicates higher temperatures and the percolation 791 of a partial-melting front across the lithosphere.

792 The decrease of P velocity can be also explained by the presence of lens-shape fluid-793 filled inclusions (Figure 5 and Table 3). As with the crystallized veins, we calculated the vein 794 proportion effect on the velocities for vein bearing samples at 2 GPa and 1200°C (Figure 8 .b 795 to .d), but in two steps (see section 3.4.2), using the elastic properties of vein-free peridotite 796 (at 2 GPa and 1200°C) and the ones from fluids (Table 4). Lens-shape hydrous melt would 797 more efficiently reduce the P velocity in peridotite. The presence of 6 to 22% of lens-shape 798 hydrous melt would decrease Vp<sub>int</sub> by 15 to 20% (Table 3 and Figure 8.b to .d, depending on 799 inclusion orientation). Comparatively, for the same proportion of vein in the peridotite, Vp<sub>int</sub> 800 would decrease by 13 to 17% with lens-shape dry or 2.5%-CO<sub>2</sub> melt, and by 9 to 14% with lens-801 shape CaCO<sub>3</sub> melt (Figure 8.b to .d). Compared to crystallized veins, the mean velocity 802 variations of fluid-filled inclusions are higher for hydrous, anhydrous and 2.5%- CO<sub>2</sub> melts, 803 while they are similar for  $CaCO_3$  melts.

804 Microstructures and CPO analysis of the Tanzanian xenoliths show that the 805 lithospheric mantle in the Northern Tanzanian Divergence zone is pervasively deformed 806 (Baptiste et al., 2015; Vauchez et al., 2005; this study). However, the strong heterogeneity in 807 mantle xenoliths, microstructures, and olivine CPO suggest that this deformation was 808 acquired during multiple tectonic events (Aulbach et al., 2011; Baptiste et al., 2015; Koornneef 809 et al., 2009). Among peridotite from the rift axis, the most common olivine CPO pattern is the 810 axial-[100] pattern, consistent with a strong simple shear component and a transtensional 811 strain regime in the mantle lithosphere beneath the central part of the East-African rift 812 (Baptiste et al., 2015; Tommasi et al., 1999). For these conditions, Vauchez et al. (2005) and 813 Baptiste et al. (2015) suggest that the foliation is expected to be near vertical and the lineation 814 close to horizontal and slightly oblique to the rift axis (Figure 9). Kendall et al. (2006) also 815 suggested that vertical structures, such as vertical melt pockets oriented parallel to the rift 816 axis, are also required in addition to olivine CPO to explain shear wave anisotropy for the more 817 evolved northern part of the East African Rift System.

818 The maximum P velocity (Vp<sub>max</sub>) is representative of velocity parallel to the alignment 819 of the olivine [100] axis, i.e., parallel to the foliation and perpendicular to the crystallized vein 820 for peridotite with low vein proportions (PH18, Figure 4). However, the vein is oblique to the 821 foliation and to the alignment of olivine [100] axis for high crystallized vein proportion (PH4, 822 PH27). For lens-shaped fluid-filled melt inclusions, the maximum P velocity is parallel to the 823 lens inclusion, while the minimum velocity is perpendicular to the maximum elongation of the 824 inclusion.

825 Then, considering the incident tomographic P-wave being vertical, a vertical foliation 826 with horizontal lineation, and the presence of vertical metasomatic veins in the mantle 827 crosscutting obliquely or perpendicularly the foliation, we expect the global P wave path to 828 follow the mean P velocity (Vp<sub>int</sub>) for crystallized veins and for fluid-filled veins of the modeled 829 mantle xenoliths velocities (Figure 8, and between models c) and d) in Figure 9). In other 830 words, the P velocity anomalies from tomography (-9 to -15% of Vp variation) could be 831 explained by high-temperature anomalies (200°C at 80-90 km) and the presence of 12 to 25% 832 of crystallized veins oblique to the vertical foliation, or between 8 and 15% of lens-shape fluid-833 filled melt inclusions with a vertical orientation (Figure 9.d). Any hybrid composition between 834 these two end-members can also fulfill the conditions.

835 The lower bounds of our Vp<sub>min</sub> estimate (6-22% in Table 2, 6% in Table 3, and 6-15% 836 in Figure 8) are just above the mean vein proportion in the lithospheric mantle for MORB 837 source regions, around 2-5%, reported by Hirschmann and Stolper (1996). Our estimates 838 remain a mean/lower bound for vein proportion in NTD lithospheric mantle, as other 839 processes may favor higher values. The low Mg# in olivine in in-rift vein-bearing dunite 840 xenoliths (PH23, and Baptiste et al., 2015) might represent melt channels, or melt 841 accumulation levels within the mantle lithosphere, concentrating vein proportion in specific 842 areas (Berger, 1985; Berger and Vannier, 1984; Kelemen et al., 1995; Kelemen and Dick, 1995; 843 Tommasi et al., 2004). The presence of numerous and undeformed hydrous phases in veins or 844 diffuse pockets in mantle xenoliths suggests extensive post-kinematic metasomatism by 845 hydrous fluids or melts. The presence of deep asthenospheric alkaline magmas located at the 846 downward border of the low-velocity tomographic anomaly at -2% of P velocity variation and 847 close to the plume-modified geotherm (Figure 7 and Figure 6, respectively) may correspond 848 to the presence of deeply isolated melt pockets or interconnected melt (Clark and Lesher, 849 2017; Hammond and Humphreys, 2000). The presence of Archean metasomatic events from 850 ancient subduction zones and the presence of numerous volcanoes at the NTD may contribute 851 to a very high proportion of melt (Fritz et al., 2013; Koornneef et al., 2009; Mulibo and Nyblade, 2013b; Pik et al., 2006; Tiberi et al., 2019). The maximum proportion of crystallized 852 853 and fluid-filled veins in metasomatic peridotites would, however, be less than 40% and 30%, 854 respectively (Figure 8) when considering  $\Delta V p_{max}$  for natural mineral assemblage in veins and 855 peridotitic melt (dry, hydrous and 2.5%-CO<sub>2</sub>).

856 The petrological and petrophysical studies of xenolith samples provide constraints to 857 tomographic images in terms of composition and local structure of the mantle. The distinction 858 between the presence of crystallized melt and/or fluid could be further addressed with S-wave 859 lithospheric tomography below the NTD. The relative differences in both amplitude and 860 location of the Vp and Vs anomalies could give us relevant information to identify the presence 861 of melt/fluids and compositional variations (Ito et al., 1979; Watanabe, 1993). Vp is more 862 sensitive to the presence of gas, whereas Vs will drop faster when some melt is present. Then, 863 the tomographic Vp/Vs ratio would be essential to extract more information about the nature 864 of fluids (crystallized or melt-bearing veins) present in the magmatic area of the NTD (Husen et al., 2004; Julian et al., 1998; Nakajima et al., 2001). Coupling the geochemical and 865 866 petrophysical study of xenolith samples and tomography can provide 3D information on 867 mantle dynamics, while paying attention to the change in spatial and temporal scale, since 868 tomography images the current state of the mantle.

# 870 **7** Conclusions

871 We combined petrological and seismic property modeling of mantle xenoliths to 872 characterize the impact of metasomatic processes in the lithospheric mantle beneath the NTD 873 on the teleseismic P-wave tomography. First, the presence of an isotherm at 1040-1200°C 874 from olivine-pyroxene equilibria in peridotite beneath the NTD reveals temperature 875 anomalies up to 600°C compared to regional geotherm. This difference can explain 2.4 to 4.8% 876 of Vp decrease at lithospheric depth compared to global earth models. In addition, the seismic 877 properties of vein-bearing and vein-free mantle xenoliths sampled from the in-rift Pello Hill 878 volcano indicate a significant influence of vein proportion, orientation, and composition on 879 seismic properties.

880 When considering vertical foliation with azimuth parallel to the rift axis and 881 horizontal lineation, the presence of 12 to 25% of amphibole-phlogopite-clinopyroxene-882 bearing crystallized veins can decrease of a vertically incident P-wave by 9 to 15% at 40-90 km 883 depth. The presence of active volcanoes beneath the rift argues for the presence of present-884 day melt percolation. We estimate the partial melting for alkaline magmas to take place below 885 the LAB. The melt percolation (presence of fluid-filled veins) could explain the observed 886 tomographic low-velocity zone, which amplitudes are mainly controlled by the aspect ratio 887 of the inclusion and the nature of the fluid. 8 to 15% (depending on the melt composition) of 888 vertical lens-shape inclusions filled with melt would be necessary to decrease the tomographic 889 velocities by 9 to 15% at 40-90 km depth.

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## 903 Figure captions

905	Figure 1: Tecto-volcanic map of the NTD. The first-order geological units are indicated (Dawson
906	and Smith, 1988; Fritz et al., 2013; Smith and Mosley, 1993): orange for the Tanzanian Craton,
907	blue and green for the Western and Eastern parts, respectively, of the Mozambique Belt. The

908 inferred edges of the Masai block are represented by the blue dashed line. The major normal 909 faults are represented by the continuous black lines: EBF = Eyasi Border Faults, NBF = Natron 910 Border Fault, MBF = Manyara Border Fault, OOF = Ol Doinyo Ogol Fault, PBF = Pangani Border 911 Fault. Green triangles indicate the location of the main volcanoes. The red star indicates the 912 sample area of this study (Pello Hill). The ages of the volcanism are written in italic next to the 913 volcanic edifices (Dawson, 1992; Macintyre et al., 1974; Mana et al., 2015, 2012; Manega, 914 1993; Mollel, 2007; Nonnotte, 2007; Sherrod et al., 2013; Wilkinson et al., 1986). The two N-S 915 and E-W chemical axes are represented by the green and purple arrows, respectively. 916 Volcanoes abbreviations: B = Burko, El = Eledoi, Em = Embakai, Es = Essimingor, G = Gelai, H = 917 Hanang, Ke = Kerimasi, Ket = Ketumbeine, Ki = Kilimanjaro, Kw = Kwahara, Lab = Labait, La = 918 Lashaine, M = Monduli, Me = Meru, Ng = Ngorongoro, OL = Ol Doinyo Lengai, Olm = Olmani, 919 *PH* = *Pello Hill*, *T* = *Tarosero*. *The East-West red dashed line represents the track of the P-wave* 920 tomographic vertical cross-section in Figure 7.

921 *Figure 2: Photomicrographs of Pello Hill mantle xenolith thin sections in plane polarized light:* 922 a) orthopyroxene, with amphibole inclusion, and reaction rim with clinopyroxene (PH13); b) 923 interstitial clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene and chromite in PH18 dunite; c) Typical multi-924 millimeter amphibole/phlogopite/clinopyroxene patch surrounding chromites in PH13; d) 925 amphibole-clinopyroxene aggregates around chromites in PH4 dunite; e) Diffused vein border 926 with fine amphibole and clinopyroxene grains, and well-crystallized grains within the major 927 vein in PH18; f) Distinct vein/peridotite boundary in PH4 dunite; g) Multi-millimeter phlogopite 928 surrounded by aggregates of clinopyroxene-phlogopite-amphibole-olivine of 100-500  $\mu$ m in 929 the PH23 vein sample; h) Typical vein composition with clinopyroxene, amphibole, phlogopite, 930 and ilmenite (PH9). Mineral abbreviations: Amph = amphibole; Chr = chromite; Cpx = 931 clinopyroxene; Ilm = Ilmenite; OI = olivine; Opx = orthopyroxene; PhI = phlogopite. Red continuous and dashed lines delimit the distinct and diffused vein/peridotite boundary, 932 933 respectively.

Figure 3: Major element compositions for a) clinopyroxenes, b) and c) amphiboles, and d) phlogopites from the Pello Hill mantle xenoliths. Triangles are for in-vein minerals, circles for in-peridotite minerals and crosses for lava minerals.  $Mg# = Mg/(Mg+Fe^{2+}) \times 100$ .

937 Figure 4: Comparison between the whole sample, the peridotite (without vein), and the vein 938 seismic properties (each one being computed in one step) for PH18, PH9, PH4, and PH27 939 xenoliths, at pressure 2 GPa and 1200°C. The peridotite was computed directly with 940 AnisEulerSC while the peridotite + vein and the vein were corrected from the temperature 941 effect by applying a percentage decrease (Supplementary Material 3). The proportion of the 942 vein in a sample is provided in brackets next to the sample name. All plots are lower 943 hemisphere. Vein orientations are represented by the red lines on the olivine [100] axis pole 944 figures. The black dashed lines on the Vp plot represent the elongation azimuth of sub-grains 945 (undulose extinction) in the peridotite. N is the number of measurements used to compute the 946 J-index (J) for the olivine.

Figure 5: Seismic property calculations with different lens-shape inclusion orientations and
fluid filling in PH9 22% vein-bearing xenolith sample. Calculations are at pressure 2 GPa and
temperature 1200°C with AnisEulerSC. The first row shows, a sketch of the orientation of the
inclusions in the sample reference frame, where (X,Y) is the foliation plane and X the lineation
(olivine [100] axis). A1 and A3 are the longest and shortest ellipse axes, respectively. A1 = A2

952 = 5 and A3 = 1. AZ stands for the azimuth (counter clockwise) of the ellipse axes and INC for
953 their vertical inclination. The velocity plots are lower hemisphere, and the maximum and
954 minimum velocities are marked by a black square and a white circle, respectively.

955 Figure 6: Calculated temperature and pressure for Pello Hill xenoliths with Brey and Köhler 956 (1990) and Köhler and Brey (1990) thermobarometers (orthopyroxene-clinopyroxene and 957 olivine-clinopyroxene couples). Lashaine P-T conditions are from Rudnick et al. (1994) and 958 Gibson et al. (2013). The Labait xenoliths P-T conditions are from Lee and Rudnick (1999) and 959 Koornneef et al. (2009). The P-T conditions of the partial melting of the Labait nephelinite are 960 calculated from Baudouin and Parat (2020). Additional data of vein-free xenoliths from Pello 961 Hill (black crosses, Dawson and Smith, 1988) were used to calculate P-T conditions as a 962 comparison. The Pello Hill and Labait Moho were determined with receiver functions from 963 Plasman et al. (2017) and A. Clutier personal communication, respectively. The LAB depth 964 below the Labait and Pello Hill were estimated by Craig et al. (2011) with surface wave 965 tomography (vertical resolution of  $\pm$  25km). Cratonic geotherm (44 mW.m<sup>-2</sup>, Selway et al., 966 2014), plume modified geotherm (50 mW.m<sup>-2</sup>, Gibson and McKenzie, 2023), Proterozoic and 967 Cenozoic geotherms (Artemieva, 2009) are also reported. The two peridotite solidi and the 968 modeled melt  $CO_2$  isopleths (thin grey lines, with  $CO_2$  wt.% in the melt) are from Dasgupta et 969 al. (2013).

Figure 7: West-East vertical cross-section at latitude 2.76  $^{\circ}$ S (cross-section track on Figure 1) in the P-wave tomographic model from Clutier et al. (2021), with the depth of Pello Hill mantle xenoliths (grey triangles and diamonds) and lava partial melting (white star) from this study. Contours of velocity variations are every 3%. The LAB is taken from Craig et al. (2011) (vertical resolution of  $\pm$  25km). Abbreviations: Kit. = Kitumbeine volcano; NBF = Natron Border Fault;

975 *OL = Ol Doinyo Lengai; OOF = Ol Doinyo Ogol Fault; PH = Pello Hill volcano.* 

976 Figure 8: Maximum (square), minimum (triangle) and mean (crosses) P-wave velocity 977 variations ( $\Delta Vp$ ) computed for a) the crystallized vein-bearing mantle xenoliths with equation 978 (3) and with temperature correction (1200  $^{\circ}$ ), and b-d) for lens-shaped fluid-filled inclusions 979 in PH9 mantle xenoliths: b) vertical veins perpendicular to the foliation (1:5:5), c) vertical veins 980 parallel to the foliation (5:5:1), d) horizontal veins perpendicular to the foliation (5:1:5). The 981 red and orange straight lines delimit the range of the tomographic low velocity variations 982 induced by the metasomatizing fluid circulation. In graph a), the variation of velocity between 983 the different samples for a common vein percentage is induced by the mineralogical 984 assemblage.

Figure 9: Simplified structural diagram of a west-east profile in the North Tanzanian Divergence with representations (a-d) of possible relationship between fluid-filled veins (yellow planes) and the peridotites from natural xenoliths in the mantle. The orientation of the seismic velocities in the NTD are constrained by the vertical foliation and horizontal lineation in peridotite (with no veins) far from the rift axis (a), and by foliation, horizontal lineation and veins (perpendicular to the rift) in the rift axis (d), i.e. with intermediate vertical velocity. Spinelgarnet boundary is from Lee et al. (2000). Diagram modified from Kendall et al. (2006).

# **Tables**

# 995 Table 1: Modal composition of Pello Hill mantle xenoliths determined by EBSD.

	Comple	Voin proportion in comple (%)	Tota	al samp	le moo	dal cor	Vein composition (%)				
	Sample	vein proportion in sample (%)	OI	Орх	Срх	Phl	Amph	Ох	Срх	Phl	Amph
PH2	Harzburgite	0	77	21	0	0	1	0			
PH8	Dunite	0	84	0	7	0	7	0			
PH13	Harzburgite	0	85	13	0	0	1	1			
PH24	Harzburgite	0	85	13	1	0	1	0			
PH26	Dunite	0	92	4	2	1	0	0			
PH18	Dunite	6	85	6	5	2	2	0	45	37	18
PH9	Dunite	22	71	2	8	5	12	2	21	19	60

PH4	Dunite	62	33	0	40	19	8	0	59	29	12
PH27	Harzburgite	80	27	2	16	20	33	3	23	27	50
PH23	Vein	100	16	0	17	20	46	0			

998Table 2: Seismic properties computed with AnisEulerSC at 2 GPa and 1200°C. Velocity variations are relative to the IAPS91 Earth model (Kennett999and Engdahl, 1991) for Pello Hill mantle xenolith samples, crystallized full aggregates.

Sam	Vein propo rtion	Seismic properties - AnisEuler										Variations relative to IAPS91				
ple	in sampl e (%)	Vp max	Vp min	A V p	Vs1 max	Vs1 min	AV s1	Vs2 max	Vs2 min	AV s2	Vp/Vs 1 max	Vp/Vs 1 min	Vp/Vs 2 max	Vp/Vs 2 min	ΔVp max (%)	ΔVp min (%)
PH2	0	8.4	7.5	11 .3	4.6	4.4	4. 1	4.4	4.2	4. 8	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.8	4	-7
PH8	0	7.7	6.9	10 .9	4.3	4.1	4. 3	4.1	4.0	4. 0	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.7	-4	-14
PH1 3	0	8.5	7.5	13 .3	4.6	4.4	4. 3	4.4	4.2	6. 0	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.8	6	-7
РН2 4	0	8.4	7.5	11 .6	4.6	4.4	4. 5	4.4	4.2	5. 4	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.8	5	-7
PH2 6	0	8.4	7.3	14 .3	4.5	4.3	4. 2	4.3	4.1	6. 6	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.8	4	-10

8 8	6	8.2	7.1	.3	4.4	4.3	4. 4	4.3	4.0	о. 2	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.8	2	-11
-	-															
				15			2.			6.						
PH9	22	7.6	6.5	.3	4.1	4.0	7	4.0	3.7	9	1.9	1.6	1.9	1.7	-6	-19
				27			10			7.						
PH4	62	6.0	4.5	.9	3.4	3.1	.5	3.1	2.9	4	1.8	1.4	1.9	1.5	-26	-44
PH2	90	E /	16	16	2 2	2.0	4.	2.0	2.0	3.	17	1 5	1 0	16	22	40
/	80	5.4	4.0	.4	5.2	3.0	9	3.0	2.9	U	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.0	-32	-43
רחס				20			7			c						
3	100	4.9	3.7	.2	2.8	2.6	7. 8	2.6	2.5	0. 3	1.8	1.4	1.9	1.5	-39	-54

*Table 3: Seismic properties computed with AnisEulerSC at 2 GPa and 1200°C. Velocity variations are relative to the IAPS91 Earth model* (Kennett 1003 and Engdahl, 1991) *for Pello Hill mantle xenolith samples with vertical 5:5:1 fluid-filled inclusions.* 

Sam	Propo rtion of	Fluid /		Seismic properties with fluid or melt-filled veins - AnisEuler													Variations relative to IAPS91		
ple vein ple in sampl e (%)		melt	Vp max	Vp min	A V p	Vs <sub>1</sub> max	Vs <sub>1</sub> min	A Vs 1	Vs₂ max	Vs₂ min	A Vs 2	AVs max	Vp/ Vs <sub>1</sub> ma x	Vp/ Vs <sub>1</sub> min	Vp/ Vs <sub>2</sub> ma x	Vp/ Vs <sub>2</sub> min	ΔVp max (%)	ΔVp min (%)	
PH1 8	6	Dry perid	8.0	6.8	15 .8	4.3	4.0	8. 4	4.1	3.8	8. 7	12.5	1.9	1.7	2.0	1.8	-1	-16	
PH9	22	otitic melt	7.1	5.4	28 .2	3.8	2.9	26 .8	3.3	2.7	18 .3	30.7	1.9	1.7	2.5	1.8	-11	-33	
PH1 8	6	CaCO	8.1	7.0	13 .8	4.4	4.0	8. 3	4.1	3.8	9. 2	12.4	1.9	1.7	2.0	1.8	0	-13	
PH9	22	3 melt	7.2	5.2	31 .6	3.9	3.0	27 .1	3.3	2.8	17 .5	31.0	1.9	1.7	2.4	1.8	-11	-35	

PH1 8	6	Perid otitic melt +	8.0	6.8	16 .0	4.3	4.0	8. 4	4.1	3.8	8. 7	12.5	1.9	1.7	2.0	1.8	-1	-16
PH9	22	2.5% CO <sub>2</sub>	7.2	5.4	28 .9	3.8	2.9	26 .9	3.3	2.8	18 .2	30.7	1.9	1.7	2.5	1.8	-11	-33
PH1 8	6	Perid otitic melt	7.9	6.5	19 .7	4.3	4.0	8. 6	4.1	3.8	7. 9	12.6	1.9	1.6	2.0	1.7	-2	-20
PH9	22	+ 5% H₂O	6.9	4.5	42 .3	3.8	2.9	28 .2	3.1	2.7	14 .2	32.1	1.9	1.6	2.4	1.6	-14	-44

1006	Table 4: Bulk moduli used for the computation of velocities for the fluid-filled vein-bearing
1007	samples in Figure 5, at 1-4 GPa.

Fluid	Bulk modulus (GPa)	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Reference
Dry peridotitic melt	24	2.935	Sakamaki <i>et al.</i> 2010
CaCO₃ melt	18.87	2.35	Genge <i>et al.</i> 1995
Peridotite melt + 5% $H_2O$	8.8	2.75	Sakamaki <i>et al.</i> 2009
Peridotite melt + 2.5% CO <sub>2</sub>	22.9	2.7	Sakamaki <i>et al.</i> 2011

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#### 1507 <u>3 Highlights (<85 characters)</u>:

- 1508 Mantle at rift initiation is metasomatized by alkaline fluids at 40-90 km depth
- 1509 1100°C mantle isotherm relates to the volatile-bearing peridotite solidus
- 1510 Lithospheric mantle has ≈20% of crystallized or ≈10% of fluid-filled vertical veins
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Vertical foliation (xy) and horizontal lineation in peridotite





d) veins perpendicular to the rift

