1	Spatial Variations in Vent Chemistry at the Lucky Strike Hydrothermal Field, Mid
2	Atlantic Ridge (37°N): Updates for Subseafloor Flow Geometry from the Newly
3	Discovered Capelinhos Vent.
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11	• New hydrothermal vent named Capelinhos found at Lucky Strike hydrothermal vent
12	• New model of hydrothermal fluid circulation at Lucky Strike hydrothermal field

• Up to 65% of dissolved hydrothermal Fe stored along the hydrothermal up flow zone

## 14 Abstract

This study aims at characterizing the subseafloor architecture of the Lucky Strike hydrothermal 15 field (LSHF) based on an extensive chemical database of the various vents. Our analysis is 16 motivated by the discovery in 2013 of a new active high-temperature site, named Capelinhos. 17 approximately 1.5 km east of the LSHF. Capelinhos fluids display particular chemical features 18 with chloride and metals (Fe, Mn) concentrations two times lower and four times higher, 19 respectively, compared to other vent sites. Trace element partitioning over the entire chlorinity 20 range indicates a single deep fluid source feeding all the venting sites. Applying the Si-Cl 21 geothermobarometer at Capelinhos, we find phase separation conditions at 435-440°C, and 22 370-390 bars (2500-2800 m below seafloor (mbsf)) consistent with former estimates for the 23 LSHF, while temperatures of fluid-rock last equilibrium are estimated at ~400°C for Capelinhos 24 and 350-375°C for the other sites based on the Fe-Mn geothermometer. We interpret these 25 discrepancies in thermodynamic conditions beneath the sites in terms of crustal residence time 26 which are likely related to permeability variations across the hydrothermal upflow zone. We 27 propose that conductive cooling of the up flowing fluids from the phase separation zone to the 28 seafloor, beneath the main field vent sites, lowers the T conditions of last fluid-rock equilibrium, 29 enabling ~65% of Fe mobilized in the reaction zone to be stored. In comparison, Capelinhos 30 fluids are transported more rapidly from the reaction zone to the seafloor along a high-angle 31 fracture system. The fluids venting at Capelinhos are more representative of the deeper part of 32 the hydrothermal reaction zone. 33

## 35 **1 Introduction**

Hydrothermal fluid circulation at mid-ocean ridges (MOR) is one of the major processes 36 controlling the cooling of the oceanic lithosphere (Chen & Morgan, 1990; Stein & Stein, 1994), 37 38 the geochemical composition of the crust (Kelley & Delaney, 1987; Kelley & Robinson, 1990; Alt, 1995; Alt & Teagle, 2003; Barker et al., 2008; Brant et al., 2012), the chemical composition 39 of the ocean (Elderfield & Schultz, 1996; Resing et al., 2015) and the development of peculiar 40 chemo-synthetic ecosystems (Martin et al., 2008 and references therein). Increasing attention 41 has been drawn to the study of black smokers since their discovery along the East Pacific Rise 42 (EPR) off the Galapagos Islands in 1977. They have shown an unexpected diversity in 43 geological setting, hydrothermal ecosystems and fluid chemistry (Campbell et al., 1988; Von 44 Damm, 1988, 2000; Douville et al., 2002; Ludwig et al., 2006; Schmidt et al., 2007, 2011). 45 46 From the recharge zone to the discharge area, seawater is transformed into a high temperature hydrothermal fluid, acquiring its chemical composition in a reaction zone, which is univocally 47 pictured on top of axial magmatic chambers (AMC) at least along magmatically robust sections 48 of fast (e.g. EPR, 9°50'N), intermediate (e.g. Endeavour segment, Juan de Fuca Ridge) and 49 slow spreading (e.g. Lucky Strike, 37°17'N) ridges. The chemical composition of high 50 temperature fluids can be further modified by either interaction with the rocks along the upflow 51 pathway to the seafloor or precipitation of secondary minerals, depending on the fluid velocity 52 (Saccocia & Seyfried, 1994; Lowell, 2003; Coogan, 2008; Steele-MacInnis et al., 2012). Thus 53 highlights that the P-T estimates for reaction zone conditions are sensitive to the geochemical 54 tracer used and clear depth boundaries of the reaction zone cannot be easily drawn. The water-55 rock interactions which form hydrothermal fluid formation from seawater, occur over a wide 56 57 range of pressure and temperature conditions, i.e. from the deepest part of the hydrothermal cell to the discharge at the seafloor,  $\Delta P$  and  $\Delta T$  can be a few hundred bars and °C, respectively. 58 Chemical variations can be identified depending on the nature of the substratum, i.e. extrusive 59

basaltic and/or mantellic substrate. The chemical compositions of focused hydrothermal fluids
are used to constrain the range of pressure and temperature conditions at which water-rock
interactions take place in the crust (Seyfried et al., 1998; Seyfried, 2003; Von Damm et al.,
2003; Mottl et al., 2011; Reeves et al., 2011). The purpose of the present study is to gain insight
on the subseafloor flow geometry using chemical analysis on fluids from different sites at the
Lucky Strike hydrothermal field (LSHF).

LSHF was discovered at 37°N along the slow-spreading Mid-Altantic Ridge (MAR) in 1992 66 during the FAZAR cruise (Langmuir et al., 1997). The discovery motivated several subsequent 67 research cruises with the objective of better characterizing the geological, geochemical, 68 geophysical and biological context of the vents (Fouquet et al., 1995; Langmuir et al., 1997; 69 Von Damm et al., 1998; Charlou et al., 2000; Ondréas et al., 2009; Barreyre et al., 2012; Pester 70 et al., 2012; Escartin et al., 2015). The first comprehensive study on the LSHF vent chemistry 71 (Von Damm et al., 1998) indicated that the discharge of focused fluids (sampled in 1993 and 72 1996) originated from deep rooted fluids that underwent near-surface processes, e.g. mixing 73 74 with seawater, in the upflow zone (Von Damm et al., 1998). Charlou et al. (2000) analyzed fluids from ten active sites of the LSHF. All samples were depleted in chloride relative to 75 seawater (~420mM to ~520mM) with Cl increasing along a SE-NW transect across the LHSF. 76 These authors proposed that a relatively shallow reaction zone provided vapor-like fluids (i.e., 77 Cl below 545 mM of seawater) to the upflow zone at subcritical conditions (temperature and 78 pressure lower than 407°C and 298bars respectively, equivalent to ~1300 mbsf; Bischoff, 79 1991). Chemical data presented by Charlou et al. (2000) also suggested that vapor-dominated 80 fluids underwent substantial subsurface mixing with altered seawater prior to venting as 81 82 indicated by variable Sr isotope signatures with Cl concentrations still below that of seawater.

Eleven years later, Pester et al. (2012) used trace element and chloride co-variation in fluids at
five active vents to infer P–T equilibrium conditions during upflow. The samples display both

chloride depletion and enrichment relative to seawater (from 414mM to 588mM). These authors 85 proposed that 1) a unique and deep source feeds the hydrothermal field and 2) fluids underwent 86 phase separation at 430-475°C and 410-480 bars (~2400-3100 mbsf), i.e. much higher P-T 87 conditions than those proposed by Charlou et al. (2000). They attributed the variability observed 88 in fluid chlorinity to subtle changes in pressure and/or temperature. These authors also argue 89 that after phase separation and prior to discharge, the hot fluids cooled conductively and 90 equilibrated with the greenschist facies of basaltic host rocks at lower temperatures (i.e. 350-91 380 °C). 92

These different models of the plumbing circulation system below the LSHF highlight the 93 difficulties that arise when interpreting the chemical composition of vent fluids. This is 94 compounded by the lack of contemporaneous observations between the studied sites. The 95 EMSO-Azores program started in 2010 (FP6-ESONET; Person et al., 2009; Colaco et al., 2011) 96 and led to the set-up of a deep-sea observatory at LSHF. High temperature hydrothermal fluids 97 were collected yearly during maintenance cruises which permitted the discovery of a new, high-98 99 temperature venting site, named Capelinhos (T=324°C, Table 1) in 2013 (Escartin et al., 2015; 100 Fig 1). Capelinhos lies approximately 1.5 km east of the LSHF and a few hundred meters from the seafloor emergence one of the normal faults (referred as F2 in Combier et al., 2015) that 101 rifts the Lucky Strike axial volcano. All other active/inactive venting sites are located to the 102 west around a fossil lava lake on top of the volcano (Humphris et al., 2002; Ondréas et al., 2009; 103 Barreyre et al., 2012; Fig 1). 104

In this study, we report on the first chemical data acquired for the Capelinhos vent site and we compare its chemical characteristics with those from 12 other active LSHF vents sampled during the same cruise in 2013. We use this dataset to show that Capelinhos is a key site to assess the role of subsurface mixing, phase separation, and conductive cooling processes on the 109 chemistry of the LSHF fluids and to propose an up-dated model of hydrothermal circulation110 below the field.

# 111 2 Geological setting

The ~65 km long Lucky Strike segment is located south of the Azores islands along the MAR 112 between 37°03'N and 37°37'N (Detrick et al., 1995). The spreading rate is ~22 mm/yr (Cannat 113 et al., 1999; Miranda et al., 2005). The LSHF is located on top of a volcano at the center of the 114 segment. Seismic data have constrained the presence of an axial magma chamber (AMC) at a 115 depth of about 3500 m below the summit of the volcano (Singh et al., 2006). Microseismic 116 117 events recorded between 2007 to 2009 are located above the AMC at depths between 1800 and 2500 m below seafloor (mbsf), and interpreted as the product of active fracturing induced by 118 penetration of colder down-flowing fluids into the hot rocks (Crawford et al., 2013). These 119 microseismic events document the existence of two predominantly along-axis hydrothermal 120 cells, with a central upflow zone centered beneath the LSHF. Seismic data suggests that the 121 layer 2A depth is variable throughout the hydrothermal field (Arnulf et al., 2011). 122

The long known Lucky Strike hydrothermal field (Von Damm et al., 1998, Charlou et al., 2000, 123 Pester et al., 2012; Chavagnac et al., 2018 Fig.1) comprises 20-30 sites with high-temperature 124 black smokers (T= 200-340°C) and low-temperature diffuse venting (total area about 1800 m<sup>2</sup>, 125 Barreyre et al., 2012). These sites are all clustered around a fossil lava lake (300 m in diameter; 126 Fouquet et al., 1995) framed by two ancient volcanic cones, and one of which has been 127 truncated by N010°-N030° faults and fissures (Ondréas et al., 2009; Fig 1). The newly 128 discovered Capelinhos site is isolated and located 1.5 km to the east of the main field (Escartin 129 et al., 2015). There, chimneys form "candelabra-like structure" on top of 10 m high sulfide 130 mound and expel black smoker-type fluids at temperatures up to 324°C (Figure 2; Table 1). 131 Diffuse venting is limited to the close vicinity of the black smokers, at the base of the edifice. 132

## 133 **3 Sampling and Analytical Methods**

#### 134 3.1 Fluid collection

The fluid samples studied in this paper were collected during the MoMARsat'13 EMSO-Azores 135 maintenance cruise on the French Research vessel Pourquoi Pas? in September 2013. The 13 136 sampling sites (12 on LSHF and Capelinhos) were chosen to document the fluid diversity 137 identified at LSHF by previous studies (Von Damm et al., 1998; Charlou et al., 2000; Pester et 138 al., 2012; Chavagnac et al., 2015). Each vent site was sampled four times in succession (total 139 duration of sampling <1 hour) to allow a better characterization of the end-member 140 141 hydrothermal fluid. In-situ temperatures were measured in each vent prior to fluid sampling using the ROV Victor 6000 high temperature probe. High-temperature fluids were collected 142 with 200ml titanium gas-tight samplers handled and triggered by the hydraulic arm of the ROV. 143 The time between fluid samples at a given vent did not exceed 20 minutes. The samples were 144 processed on board immediately after the ROV recovery. First, gases were extracted from the 145 146 samplers and transferred into vacuumed stainless steel canisters or to ultra-clean water sealed glass bottles, depending on the expected gas volume, for further analysis. The fluid samples 147 were then extracted, filtered through 0.45 µm Millipore filters and split into different aliquots 148 for onshore analysis and stored at 4°C. pH, Eh, salinity and conductivity were measured on-149 board immediately after gas/fluid processing. 150

151 3.2 Analytical methods

All the chemical analyses were conducted at the Geosciences Environment Toulouse (GET) laboratory. Ca, Na, K, Mg, Si, Fe, Mn and Li concentrations were determined with an inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometer (ICP-AES) Horiba Ultima2 instrument. Errors on analyses are indicated in Table 2. The instrument is calibrated using mono elemental solutions, multi elemental solutions, and IAPSO standard solution (Besson et al., 157 2014). The latter is a seawater standard solution provided by OSIL and certified for its salinity. 158 Salinity controls major element concentrations in seawater (Millero et al., 2008). Li 159 concentration measurements of IAPSO give an average concentration of 24.6  $\pm$  0.3  $\mu$ M 160 (rsd=1%; n=4; 26.5  $\mu$ M for seawater, Von Damm et al., 1998). The analytical drift is quantified 161 by the standard bracketing after every 8 samples. Analytical precision is better than 2%.

Sr, Rb and Cs concentrations were measured using an inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer ICP-MS Agilent500. The standard used was a NASS 6 solution (international seawater standard certified for some trace metals) and give values of 79.1  $\mu$ M, 1.17  $\mu$ M, 1.19 nM compared to 87  $\mu$ M, 1.4  $\mu$ M and 2 nM of seawater values for Sr, Rb and Cs respectively (n=3). Drift corrections are made using an in-house multi-elementary standard doped with In and Re before analysis. Anions (Cl, SO<sub>4</sub>, Br) were determined by anionic chromatography calibrated with a IAPSO standard seawater solution.

Sr isotopic composition was measured at the GET laboratory using a MAT FINIGAN 261 thermal ionization mass spectrometer. Analyses were performed on the samples which contain the lowest Mg concentrations. Sr was isolated from the matrix using Sr-Spec resin (Eichrom, USA). The <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratio was defined as the average of 100 measurements of ion intensities following the static multi-collection mode. The <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios were normalized to <sup>86</sup>Sr/<sup>88</sup>Sr = 0.1194. Measured values for NBS 987 standard (recommended values of 0.710250) was <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr = 0.710250  $\pm$  0.000011 (2 $\sigma$ p, n = 14).

We consider end-member hydrothermal fluids calculated by linear extrapolation to zero-Mg of the least-square regression method (Table 2; Von Damm, 1988). The compositions of all analyzed samples for Sr isotope signature are given in the Supplementary Materials (Fig S1 and Table S1). For isotopic composition, the same method of linear extrapolation to a Mg/Sr equal to zero is used.

#### 182 **4. Results**

## 183 Chloride, Sulfate, Bromide

Hydrothermal fluids of the LSHF exhibit chloride concentrations between 415 mM for the 184 South-East (SE) sites (Montsegur, Aisics, and Tour Eiffel; Figure 1) and 574 mM for the North-185 186 East (NE) sites (Y3 and Sintra) and the South-West (SW) sites (South Crystal, Crystal and Sapins). White Castle, Isabel and Cyprès sites have Cl concentration closer to seawater one at 187 values ranging between 470mM and 520mM, also in line with previous data. Interestingly, 188 189 Capelinhos has the lowest chloride concentration ever measured at LSHF at 262 mM (Table 2). All fluids have SO<sub>4</sub> values close to zero. However, some of them (Crystal and Tour Eiffel) have 190 191 calculated end-member value slightly higher than 0 probably due to anhydrite entrainment and dissolution (Von Damm et al., 1998; Table 2). Br concentrations have variations similar to Cl 192

concentrations, whereby maximum Br concentrations are found in Y3 fluids at 0.88 mM close
to the seawater value of 0.84 mM while minimum values are found for Capelinhos fluids at
0.38 mM.

## 196 Iron and Manganese

197 Capelinhos end-member fluid shows very high Fe and Mn concentrations of 2789  $\mu$ M and 639 198  $\mu$ M, respectively. In comparison, Fe and Mn concentrations of LSHF end-member fluids vary 199 between 155  $\mu$ M (Sintra) and 593  $\mu$ M (South Crystal) for Fe (Fig 3a) and between 164 (Sintra) 200 and 232  $\mu$ M (South Crystal) for Mn (Fig 3b).

201 Silica

Silica concentrations of hydrothermal end-members vary from 12.8 mM at Sintra (NE group)
to 18.6 mM at Cyprès (SW group). The Si concentration at Capelinhos is 14.1 mM, a value
similar to the one for the SE sites, despite distinct chlorinities (Fig 3c).

205 Sodium, Calcium and Potassium

Na, Ca and K constitute the major cations in the end-member fluids and are closely linked to
Cl concentration due to charge balance. Maximum Na concentrations (445mM) are found in
Crystal and South Crystal fluids, while the minimum Na concentration (205 mM) is obtained
for Capelinhos.

210 Maximum Ca concentration are found in Sintra, Y3, Crystal and South Crystal fluids with

values around 53 mM while at Capelinhos the Ca concentration is the lowest one at 18mM.

Maximum K concentrations (28.3 mM) are found in South Crystal and Crystal and the minimum concentration (12.1 mM) is measured at Capelinhos.

214 Rubidium, Strontium, Cesium and Lithium

Rb, Cs and Li are ten to 20 times more enriched in the LSHF fluids compared to seawater while Sr concentrations fluctuate around the seawater value at  $\pm$  20%. Concentrations in Rb, Li, Cs and Sr are correlated to the fluid chlorinity (Table 2). Minimum and maximum Rb concentrations are 18.7  $\mu$ M and 50  $\mu$ M for Capelinhos and Crystal, respectively. Minimum and maximum Li concentrations are 197.1  $\mu$ M and 367.9  $\mu$ M, also for Capelinhos and Crystal, respectively. Sr follows the same pattern with a maximum concentration of 180  $\mu$ M for Crystal and a minimum concentration of 35.9  $\mu$ M at Capelinhos.

222 Sr isotopes

The least radiogenic end-member fluid compositions (<sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr=0.70384; Table 2) are obtained for Capelinhos. Y3, Crystal and South Crystal on the Northern and Western side of the fossil lava lake have unradiogenic <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios ranging between 0.7039 and 0.7040. <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr
signatures of the Aisics, Tour Eiffel, and Montsegur sites are the most radiogenic ones at 0.7042
- 0.7043 (Table 2). The Central sites display variable Sr isotope signatures, i.e. Cyprès at
0.70403 and White Castle at 0.70502.

229 **5. Discussion** 

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## 5. 1 Source(s) of hydrothermal fluids

Cl is the major anion present in hydrothermal fluids, and controls the cation abundances due to 231 the charge balance of the solution. We propose to define groups of sites based on Cl 232 233 concentrations and spatial distribution on the seafloor. With the lowest salinity, Capelinhos (Cl = 262 mM) defines its own group; the SE group of sites is composed of Tour Eiffel, Montsegur, 234 Aisics with a Claverage of ~420mM; the Central group characterized by Claverage ~495mM, 235 comprises Isabel, White Castle, Cyprès. We define SW and NE groups for which salinity values 236 are all close to or above seawater, i.e. SW group (Crystal, South Crystal, and Sapin sites; 237 Claverage: ~580mM) and NE group (Y3 and Sintra sites; Claverage: 574 and 537 mM). Due to the 238 conservative behavior of Cl in hydrothermal system, this chemical tracer has been widely used 239 to infer the P-T conditions of the phase separation zone. Charlou et al. (2000) proposed that Cl 240 241 variability observed at the LSHF could be due to subcritical vapors mixing with altered seawater in subsurface conditions prior to fluid venting. To address this hypothesis, we use the Sr isotope 242 compositions of the lowest Mg-rich hydrothermal fluids as a tracer of sources and mixing. 243

A hydrothermal fluid acquires its Sr isotopic signature from the rocks with which it interacts (Albarède et al., 1981), i.e basalt at LSHF. The contrasting Sr isotope compositions of basalt at 0.70298 and seawater at 0.70916 are favorable to the detection of any input of modified seawater in hydrothermal fluids. Any Sr isotopic signature of hydrothermal fluid end-member that departs from that of the basalt, will suggest the contribution from an additional source

(Berndt et al., 1988; Palmer, 1992; Ravizza et al., 2001). The most vapor-dominated fluid at 249 Capelinhos exhibits the least radiogenic Sr isotopic composition at 0.70384. In comparison, the 250 SE, NE and SW groups which exhibit Cl concentrations at 420mM, 574mM and 570mM, 251 respectively, display similar Sr isotopic signatures at 0.7042-0,7044 for SE sites and 0.7040 252 and 0.7042 for NE and SW sites (Table 2). In contrast, the Central group (~495mM of Cl) 253 displays a wide range of <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios, ranging from 0.70403 to 0.70502. The observed range 254 of <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios of fluid end-members do not correspond to the geographical distribution of 255 sites around the fossil lava lake. Moreover, the <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios and the Cl contents of 256 hydrothermal end-members do not correlate positively and linearly. In addition, it is unlikely 257 that the variability of <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios is related to local differences in the substratum, as basalts 258 from a wide selection of samples (including T- and E-MORB) across the Lucky Strike segment 259 have a well-constrained Sr isotopic signature of 0.70298±0.00007 (n=13; Hamelin et al., 2013). 260 The tight but significant differences in Sr isotopic signature between the highest and lowest 261 chlorinity fluids means that Capelinhos fluid, compared to the other sites, has less interaction 262 with radiogenic Sr-rich material such as extensively altered rocks. The fact that <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr is not 263 correlated with Cl rules out a modified seawater component that would mix with hydrothermal 264 fluid in subsurface. However, this does not rule out the contribution of a second deep-rooted 265 hydrothermal cell to produce the Capelinhos fluid. 266

We investigate the distribution of trace element concentrations (Br, Li, Sr, Rb and Cs) over the LSHF chlorinity range, following the methodology of Pester et al. (2012) to detect the potential occurrence of a second hydrothermal source. The elements considered are controlled by vapor/brine partition coefficients during phase separation (Pester et al., 2015; Foustoukos & Seyfried, 2007a, b; Foustoukos et al., 2004; Berndt & Seyfried, 1990; among others). Li and Cs distributions exhibit a negative linear trend while Rb and Sr show a positive trend, indicating a preferential partitioning to the vapor and brine phases, respectively (Figure 4). This is in line

with previous studies (Berndt & Seyfried, 1990; Pokrovski et al., 2005; Foustoukos & Seyfried, 274 2007a; Pester et al., 2015). This is also coherent with the LSHF study of Pester et al. (2012), 275 apart for Rb which shows less brine affinity with the extended Cl range of the present dataset. 276 Note, however, that without Capelinhos fluid, Rb presents a steeper linear slope at +0.38, 277 identical to the one at +0.35 reported in Pester et al. (2012). Element vapor/brine partitioning 278 can be summarized as follow Sr<Rb<<Br<<Cs<Li with increasing affinities for the vapor 279 phase. Therefore, the linear correlation of each of these elements over the Cl range (from 280 262mM to 574mM; Figure 4) supports a phase separation process controlling overall trace 281 element abundances, i.e. a unique deep-rooted fluid source as proposed by Pester et al. (2012). 282 This implies that being 1.5 km away from the other sites, Capelinhos is nevertheless fed by the 283 same upflow zone and is part of the same hydrothermal cell. 284

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# 5. 2 Chlorinity variability and geographical repartition

While the distribution of trace element suggests a unique source feeding the hydrothermal 286 upflow at LSHF, the end-member fluids nevertheless display a wide range of chlorinity, from 287 the most vapor-like, low-Cl fluids at Capelinhos to the brine-like, high-Cl fluids at Y3. Venting 288 of low-Cl fluids can unambiguously be ascribed to phase separation processes at depth and 289 flushing of buoyant vapor phase on the seafloor. However, the physics controlling the venting 290 of brine-like fluids is more complex as their thermodynamical (viscosity and density) and 291 surface properties (surface tension) counteracts their buoyancy, impacting therefore their rise 292 towards seafloor. In the literature, numerical models of two-phase flow including transport of 293 salt (considered as NaCl) have proposed scenarios for brine venting (Fontaine et al., 2007; 294 Coumou et al., 2009). 295

296 Phase separation leads to vapor and brine formation but due to different physical behavior, i.e.
297 the wetting effect of the liquid/brine phase, brines will segregate and be stored in backwater

porosity or will coat the walls of larger channels (Fontaine & Wilcock, 2006). As long as brine 298 saturation is lower than a threshold value, the brines do not form a continuous medium and 299 remain immobile. However, when this threshold is reached, and provided that the vertical 300 pressure gradients in the upflow are high enough compared to brine density (if not, the brine is 301 too dense and will sink down; Fontaine & Wilcock, 2006; Fontaine et al., 2007), then the brine 302 phase is able to move upwards. Fontaine and Wilcock (2006) showed that brine (<20-25wt% 303 NaCl) produced under supercritical conditions and stored within the rock backwater porosity 304 in the reaction zone, could still flow towards the surface. Meanwhile, vapor phases flow 305 preferentially through wider cracks (Goldfarb & Delaney, 1988; Fontaine & Wilcock, 2006) 306 307 and are flushed to the seafloor. Fontaine et al. (2007) also developed the hypothesis that vertical 308 permeability gradients could act as a barrier for brine upflow and tend to concentrate brine at the base of layer 2A. When the backwater porosity is saturated with brine, or during cooling of 309 310 the system, brine can be entrained, and mixed with vapor or seawater salinity hydrothermal fluid, which leads to fluid discharge with higher salinity than seawater. 311

312 Alternatively, Coumou et al. (2009) conducted numerical modelling without a permeability gradient to investigate salinity variations at discharge zones for different bottom heat fluxes and 313 system pressures. For a pressure of 150 bars at the seafloor and ~250 bars at the bottom of the 314 system, i.e. phase separation zone  $\sim 1000$  mbsf, the simulations show temporal variations in vent 315 fluid salinity with several spikes at salinity higher than seawater over periods of several years. 316 These salinity spikes are also associated with temperature spikes of a few degrees (<10°C). 317 Coumou et al. (2009) explained these salinity pulses as due to brine mobilization occurring 318 when the porosity of the upflow zone becomes saturated. Further mixing of this brine with 319 320 vapor-dominated fluids during the upflow produces a transient spike in salinity. Salinity then returns to the initial vapor-like one, while the brine layer builds up again and reduce saturation 321 of the backwater porosity. In summary, modeling studies infer that sustained phase separation 322

processes can drive brines to "over-saturate" the porous network causing their remobilization and flushing to the seafloor without major changes in the thermodynamic state of the hydrothermal cell.

326 Brine remobilization and flushing have been already observed and invoked in the natural hydrothermal environment, to explain Cl variability related to periodic (tides) brine flushing at 327 the Main Endeavour Field (Larson et al., 2009). At LSHF, Y3 site exhibits Cl concentrations 328 which increase from vapor-like values at 436 mM in 1993 (Von Damm et al. 1998) to brine-329 like ones at 574 mM in 2013 (this study, Table 2). We infer that this shift in fluid chlorinity of 330 Y3 site could be ascribed to brine over-saturation and mobilization in the porous/fractured crust 331 along the upflow zone, as venting temperature and reaction zone P-T conditions according to 332 the geothermobarometers did not fluctuate significantly over that time period (Pester et al. 333 2011). Based on a study of tidal forcing on LSHF vent fluid temperatures, Barreyre and Sohn 334 (2016) proposed that the permeability structure beneath the LSHF vents is variable, possibly 335 reflecting variations of layer 2A thickness from 300 to 600 mbsf between the west and east of 336 the fossil lava lake area. Such local variations would also be expected to impact brine storage 337 and remobilization beneath the field. Finally, the yearly monitoring of the Y3 vent in 338 comparison to other LSHF sites should provide key information of the temporal evolution of 339 brine venting. Such information is particularly important to better design numerical models of 340 hydrothermal flow dynamics and to gain more insight into the interrelationships between phase 341 separation, brine storage, remobilization and fate beneath the field. 342

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5.3 Pressure and Temperature Conditions in the LSHF hydrothermal system

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- 5.3.1 Conditions at the base of up-flow zone

345 Si and Cl end-member fluid concentrations have been used as a geothermobarometer to 346 determine the depth of the top of the two-phase zone in several hydrothermal systems

worldwide (Fontaine et al., 2009). This depth is considered a good estimate of the base of the 347 upflow zone as phase separation induces large variations in the fluid fluxibility (a measure of 348 the ability of buoyancy-driven water to transport energy), providing the necessary buoyancy 349 for the hydrothermal vapors to flow upwards (Jupp & Schultz, 2000; Coumou et al., 2009). Cl 350 concentration only changes in the two-phase zone, as soon as the vapor-dominated fluid starts 351 to rise it returns to a single-phase, and its Cl content is fixed for the remainder of the ascent to 352 the seafloor, provided no mixing with seawater occurs. The Cl content of flushed vapors are 353 thus representative of the conditions at the top of the two-phase zone. Using Cl-P-T solubility 354 relationships (e.g., Driesner, 2007), one can estimate a range of possible conditions (a iso-Cl 355 line) in P-T space for a given Cl. Now, considering that Si is in equilibrium with quartz during 356 upflow/cooling and using Si-Cl-T-P solubility relationships (e.g., Foustoukos & Seyfried, 357 2007b) one can use the Cl and Si contents of the vented vapors to estimate another range (an 358 iso-Si line) of possible T-P for a given Si. Intersection between these iso-Cl and iso-Si lines 359 gives a unique P-T condition for the roof of the two-phase area. When applying the Si-Cl 360 geothermobarometer to the Capelinhos fluids, we obtain a temperature of 438°C and a pressure 361 of 375 bars for the phase separation zone/base of the reaction zone, that corresponds to a depth 362 of 2600 mbsf (using a cold hydrostatic pressure gradient of  $\rho=800$ kg/m<sup>3</sup>, Fontaine et al., 2009). 363 364 Using the Tour Eiffel chemical data for fluids collected in 1993 (Charlou et al., 2000), Fontaine et al. (2009) determined similar P and T conditions at 390 bars and 440°C for the LSHF phase 365 separation zone. Thus, the deepest part of the upflow zone is quite well constrained with similar 366 estimates for fluids collected 20 years apart and at different site within the LSHF. 367

One should, however, be careful using this geothermobarometer as quartz may precipitate during upflow. Quartz veins in the ocean crust are often associated to greenschist facies minerals such as pyrite, chlorite, amphibole and epidosite at different depth levels (Delaney et al., 1987; Honnorez, 2003; Heft et al., 2008; Alt et al., 2010). The vented Si concentration should, therefore, be taken as a minimum value (the actual Si content of the rising vapor being higher and not constrained) giving a minimum depth to the base of the upflow/roof of the twophase area. The Si-Cl geothermobarometer developed by Fontaine et al. (2009) predicts that the estimated depth of the top of the two-phase zone would deepen by 70-100m per mmol of Si at constant Cl. We note that the equilibrium pressure ranges of 375-390 bars derived with Si-Cl, i.e. 2600-2800 msbf is in good agreement with the 2300-2900 mbsf maximum depth range for micro-seismic activity beneath the hydrothermal field (Crawford et al., 2013).

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# 5.3.2 Conditions of last equilibrium in the reaction zone

380 Vent fluid Fe and Mn contents can be used to estimate the temperature of the fluid last equilibrium with greenschist facies rocks (Pester et al., 2011). For Capelinhos end-member 381 fluids, which exhibit the highest Fe and Mn concentrations of all the LSHF fluids - equivalent 382 to Fe concentration found at the Broken Spur (29°N) and Snake Pit (23°N) fields on the MAR 383 (Campbell et al., 1988; James et al., 1995; Figure 5) - we find a minimum temperature of 384 greenschist facies equilibrium at 403°C. The Fe-Mn geothermometer does not provide a means 385 to calculate a corresponding equilibrium pressure. If we assume that both quartz and fluid-386 greenschist (Fe and Mn bearing) minerals facies reached equilibrium concomitantly, i.e. that 387 388 the Capelinhos fluids interacted minimally with the surrounding rocks during their ascent from the phase separation zone, then the equilibrium temperature is obtained from the Fe-Mn 389 geothermometer and the vent fluid Si concentration permits to calculate a corresponding 390 equilibrium pressure using Cl-T-P-dependent solubility relationships (Von Damm et al., 1991; 391 Foustoukos & Seyfried, 2007b). At Capelinhos (Si=14.1 mM, Cl=260 mM), the estimated 392 equilibrium pressure is 350 bars, i.e. a depth of ~2300 mbsf (Fig 5a). Applying the same 393 approach to the most brine-dominated hydrothermal fluids from the other LSHF sites, i.e. the 394 SW group and Y3 of the NE group, indicates a lower pressure (300 bars, i.e. ~1600 mbsf) and 395 cooler temperatures 350-375°C for the last fluid-rock equilibrium. These differences in P-T 396

conditions of last fluid-rock equilibrium between the Capelinhos and the other LSHF sites 397 probably indicates that the fluids venting at Capelinhos ascend more rapidly from the phase 398 separation zone than the fluids venting at the other sites so that they react less with the lost 399 rocks upon ascent. This interpretation is also consistent with the least radiogenic Sr isotope 400 signature of Capelinhos end-member fluids which we interpret as the most representative of the 401 basaltic substratum (section 5.1). We thus propose that the observed variability in fluid 402 composition between the LSHF vent sites primarily results from variable fluid residence times 403 within the different areas that compose the upflow zone. We discuss a possible geological factor 404 controlling these processes at Lucky Strike in the next section. 405

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# 5.4 Fluid circulation pathway at LSHF

Based on the Si-Cl geothermobarometer which is in agreement with the depth of micro-seismic 407 activity (Crawford et al. 2013), we propose that fluids at Lucky Strike start to upflow from a 408 depth/pressure of 2600-2800 mbsf/370-390 bars at 430-440 °C below the lava lake. Capelinhos 409 410 is located 300 m to the east of a west-dipping fault that has been imaged in seismic reflection data and shown to extend at least down to a few hundred mbsf under the volcano (F2 in Combier 411 et al., 2015; Figure 6). We infer that small offset faults and fractures parallel to this fault and 412 413 belonging to the same network may intersect the seafloor near Capelinhos (Escartin et al., 2015). We propose that this fault and fracture network intercepts the hydrothermal upflow zone 414 at depth, in the intrusive section (layer 2B), creating a fast-extraction pathway for hydrothermal 415 fluids venting at Capelinhos because of enhanced hydraulic properties (e.g., permeability, 416 porosity) due to tectonically produced faults and fissures (Caine et al., 2010) (Figure 6). This 417 "transverse" and longer (compared to a vertical flow) flow path leads to significant cooling 418 from 403°C in the phase separation zone to 324°C at the vent field but the fast fluid migration 419 and short residence time prevents extensive fluid-rock reactions, and the exiting fluids preserve 420 their metal content. On the other hand, the fluids exiting at the main LSHF sites distributed 421

422 around the lava lake would rise almost vertically, but more slowly due to the lower overall 423 permeability of younger intrusives beneath the fossil lava lake (Arnulf et al., 2011). This longer 424 residence time allows fluids to interact more extensively with the crust to temperature down to 425 350°C, and to precipitate a large part of their metal content, as secondary greenschist minerals 426 including Fe-bearing phases like chlorite.

The low Fe-Mn ratios of the main LSHF sites (~0.8 to 2.5), compared to Capelinhos fluids at ~4.4 (Fig 4), reflects a significant Fe loss within the upflow zone. By using Capelinhos fluids as a reference, we calculate that ~65% ( $\pm$ 14%) of dissolved hydrothermal Fe from sites located around the fossil lava lake is stored most likely as secondary minerals between the phase separation zone and the seafloor. In other words, only ~35% of Fe mobilized in the reaction zone is discharged as dissolved phase into the deep seawater mass at the LSHF.

## 433 6 Conclusion

In 2013, a new active site, named Capelinhos, was discovered at LSHF approximately 1.5 km 434 east of the main Lucky Strike axial graben and fossil lava lake, where the well-known LSHF 435 vents are located. Capelinhos vents high temperature black smoker fluids at 324°C. Its fluid 436 chemistry has two distinct characteristics compared to the other LSHF vent sites: 1) the lowest 437 Cl concentration at ~260 mM ever measured at LSHF and 2) the highest Fe and Mn 438 concentration (2800 µM and 640 µM respectively). The discovery of this site provides the 439 opportunity to reassess the thermodynamic condition within the reaction zone. Applying the Si-440 Cl geothermobarometer of Fontaine et al. (2009), we show that Capelinhos fluids were formed 441 at supercritical conditions, as well as the other vapor-dominated fluids from LSHF. The 442 temperature of the phase separation zone is 438°C at 2600mbsf. These results are in agreement 443 with the maximum depth of microseismic events reported in Crawford et al. (2013) which are 444

interpreted as due to rapid heat exchange between hot rocks and down-going hydrothermalfluids.

Applying other geochemical indicator, such as Fe–Mn geothermometer of Pester et al (2011), 447 448 a range between ~370°C for LSHF fluids and ~400°C for Capelinhos is obtained. By combining quartz solubility with these calculated temperatures, the minimum equilibration temperature 449 and pressure in the reaction zone appears to be deeper for Capelinhos fluids (350 bars) than for 450 LSHF (300 bars). Because the fluids vent at temperatures that are still well within the 451 greenschist facies realm, these conditions are not considered as completely representative of 452 the top of the reaction zone. More accurately, they are indicative of significant differences in 453 the residence time of the fluid in the upflow zone between Capelinhos and the other LSHF 454 vents. 455

We propose a revised model of the hydrothermal path based on the discovery of Capelinhos. 456 When crossing the 2-phase boundary, at ~2600 mbsf, the fluid starts flowing upwards, with 457 brine entrainment to different extent from site to site. At the fossil lava lake, fluids (vapor and 458 brines) undergo more conductive cooling than Capelinhos vent along their upflow to the surface 459 due to longer residence time in the substratum. Brine mixing and cooling processes likely result 460 in the formation of secondary Fe-bearing minerals like chlorite beneath the fossil lava lake, 461 resulting in the storing of up to 65% of Fe mobilized in the reaction zone. Fluids discharging at 462 Capelinhos (the most vapor dominated fluid of the LSHF), reach the sea-surface by a high angle 463 normal fault zone, and undergo significant cooling but still preserve high dissolved Fe and Mn 464 concentrations. 465

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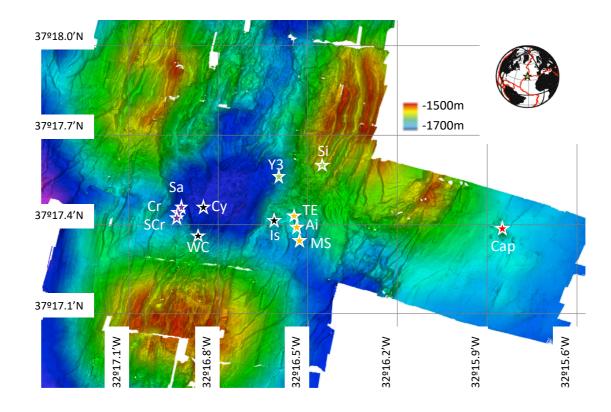
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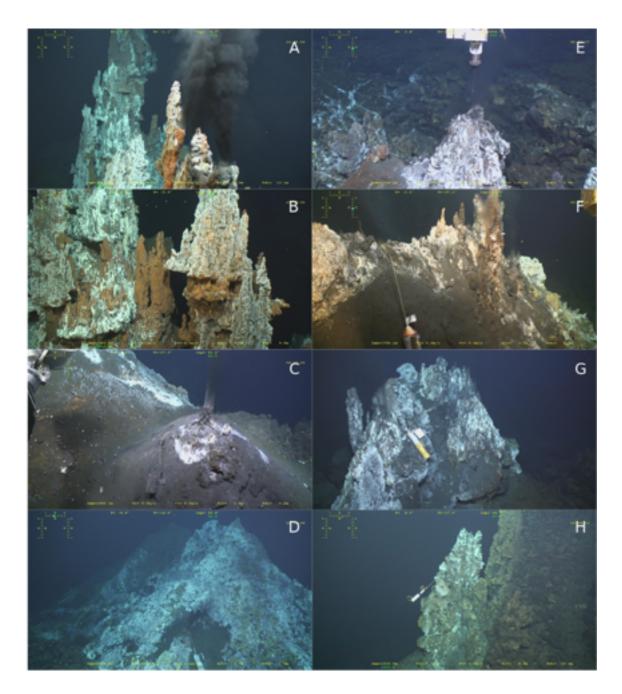
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reported. Violet star: SW group composed of Sapins (Sa), Crystal (Cr) and South Crystal (SCr);
Yellow star: SE group composed of Tour Eiffel (TE), Aisics (Ai) and Montsegur (MS); Green
star: NE group composed of Sintra (Si) and Y3; Black star: Central group composed of Cyprès
(Cy), White Castle (WC) and Isabel (Is); The red star locates Capelinhos (Cap). See text for
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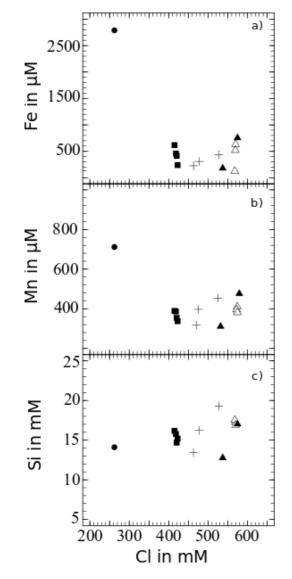


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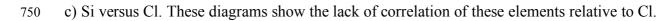
**Figure 2.** Overview of vent morphology. Snapshots of ROV videos (Ifremer-CNRS, MoMARsat 13), a), b) Capelinhos; c) Aisics; d) Montsegur; e) Cyprès; f) White Castle; g) Crystal; h) Sintra. a) and b) show candelabra-like structures that discharge focused high T fluid at Capelinhos vent site. c) and d) show hydrothermal mounds in the South Eastern hydrothermal area. The Aisics mound (c) is not as developed as the Montsegur mound (d) but both lack of tall indurated chimneys. e), f) and g) are situated in the South Western hydrothermal area. There, high-T vents are commonly set on elongated wall-like structures related to underlying

- fissures. h) is situated in the waning North Eastern hydrothermal area and shows tall indurated
- chimneys which are probably inherited from past intense activity.





**Figure 3.** Fe, Mn and Si vs. Cl. in end-member fluids a) Fe versus Cl; b) Mn and versus Cl and



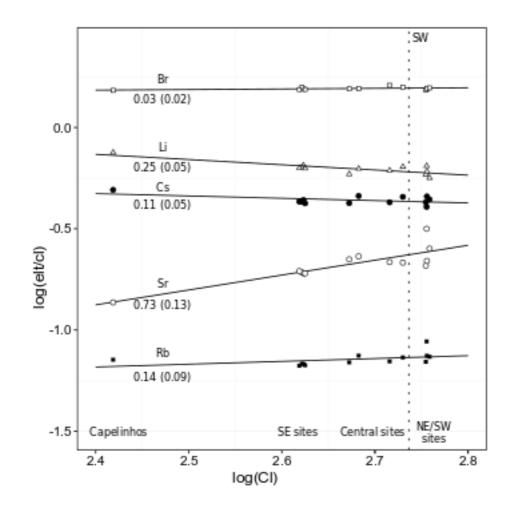


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relationship between trace element and chlorinity, a proxy for the effect of phase separation.

**Figure 5.** Geochemical information for P and T. a) Quartz geothermobarometer based on Foustoukos and Seyfried (2007b). Points represent Si measured in fluids with calculated temperature based on the Fe-Mn geothermometer. Grey dashed lines represent the "classical" approach to evaluate P and T (see text for details). b) Fe and Mn concentrations on a logarithm scale (Modified from Pester et al., 2011). Grey line represent basalt alteration line and black dashed lines are isotherms calculated from the Fe/Mn geothermometer.

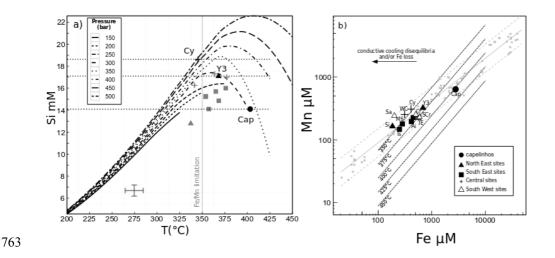
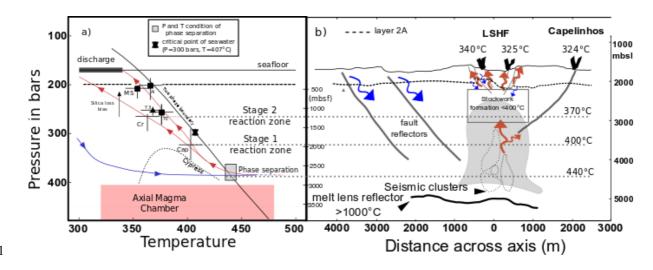


Figure 6. Fluid circulation. a) Calculated P and T of some vents at equilibria with quartz are 764 presented. P and T were calculated using the Fe/Mn geothermometer of Pester et al. (2011), 765 quartz geothermobarometer (Foustoukos & Seyfried, 2007b) and NaCl-H<sub>2</sub>O solution properties 766 (Driesner et al., 2007) (See details in text). Dotted lines represent the depth of the base of layer 767 2A for western and eastern sites (Arnulf et al., 2011). The red shaded domain represents the 768 range of depth to the top of the axial magma chamber as identified by Singh et al. (2006) and 769 Combier et al. (2015). Grey lines represent fault labeled F1, F1b in Combier et al. (2015), dotted 770 grev line correspond to F2. The blue line represents the inferred P–T path in the recharge zone 771 where cold seawater percolate through oceanic crusts and gradually interacts with rocks. Red 772 lines represent the inferred P–T path in the upflow zone, based on the conditions estimated from 773 fluid chemistry. The grey rectangle represents the phase separation zone estimated from the Si 774 and Cl concentrations in the low salinity fluids (Capelinhos, TE) using the geothermobarometer 775

proposed by Fontaine et al. (2009). b) Modified from Escartin et al. (2015). Cartoon representing the hydrothermal cell under the LSHF. Blue arrows represent downward flow of seawater; red arrows are focused hot fluid moving upward through cracks and faults. Black star represents the hypothetic position of Capelinhos fluid extraction through a high angle fault. Seismic clusters are from Crawford et al. (2013). F1, F1b and F2 from Combier et al. (2015).



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**Table 1.** Summary of fluid sampling. The table presents location, depth and details on fluid sampling for each site (minimum pH, minimum Mg measured and corresponding seawater entrainment, and maximum temperature measured in the vent prior to sampling).

site depth (mbsl) Longitud		Longitude (W)	Latitude (N)	Hydrothermal Group	pH_	Mg (mM)#	n sample	%SW *	T in situ (ºC)
Capelinhos	1665 32º15.830' 3		37º17.350'	Capelinhos	2,56	1,63	4	3,02	324
Aisics	1689,3	32º16.530'	37º17.338'	South-East	3,1	1,11	7	2,06	295
Tour Eiffel	1684	32º16.532'	37º17.343'	South-East	3,26	0,89	3	1,65	325
Montségur	1701	32º16.534	37º17.284'	South-East	3,33	1,63	2	3,02	316
Cyprès	1738,7	32º16.863'	37º17.450'	Central	2,84	1,53	3	2,84	304
Isabel	1683,7	32º16.638'	37º17.377'	Central	2,93	1,55	3	2,87	224
White Castle	1708,9	32º16.869'	37º17.383'	Central	2,9	1,18	3	2,18	317
Crystal	1723,3	32º16.921'	37º17.453'	South-West	3,17	1,61	2	2,98	335
Sapins	1718,6	32º16.888'	37º17.439'	South-West	3,56	3,6	3	6,67	280
South Crystal	1720,5	32º16.935'	37º17.445'	South-West	2,93	0,75	3	1,39	340
Sintra	1614,7	32º16.498'	32º17.529'	North-East	3,89	12,99	1	24,06	196
Y3	1727,3	32º16.671'	37º17.512'	North-East	2,92	1,06	3	1,97	325
_: on-board pl	l measuremer	nt at ambient te							
		on samples for e							
*: calculated f	rom Mg conce	ntration							

ite	group	Ca mM	K mM	Na mM	Fe μM Mn μM	Mn µM	SimM	GmM	SimM CImM SO4 mM Br mM	Br mM	Rb µM		SrµM LiµM		Cs µM 87Sr/86Sr	T**	P**
Capelinhos	Cap	17.97±0.16 12.1±0.3	12.1±0.3	205.0±1.7	205.0±1.7 2789.4±84.8 639.5±27.6 14.1±1.1 262.3±0.1 -0.4±0.04 0.40±0.02 18.7±0.3 35.89±0.65 197.3±0.3 0.129±0.003	639.5±27.6	14.1±1.1	262.3±0.1	-0.4±0.04	0.40±0.02	18.7±0.3	35.89±0.65	197.3±0.3	0.129±0.003	0,70384	403	350
visics	SE	35.46±1.44	19.6±0.6	309.7±19.7	309.7±19.7 417.6±8.0 195.3±4.0 14.86±0.12 419.9±1.8 0.11±0.23 0.65±0.01 28.5±0.1	195.3±4.0	14.86±0.12	419.9±1.8	0.11±0.23	0.65±0.01	28.5±0.1	80.06±0.38	272.9±0.3	80.06±0.38 272.9±0.3 0.184±0.07	0,70422	368	225
Aisics	SE	37.25±0.12	19.0±0.1	316.8±1.1	316.8±1.1 452.03±10.24 226.3±4.86 15.7±0.12 418.4±1.1 0.02±0.07 0.66±0.04 28.5±0.2	226.3±4.86	15.7±0.12	418.4±1.1	0.02±0.07	0.66±0.04	28.5±0.2		266.3±0.4	80.5±0.7 266.3±0.4 0.18±0.001	0,70428	365	n.d.
Montségur	SE	36.13±.46	$19.6\pm0.1$	325.3±0.8	325.3±0.8 283.7±20.7 179.2±8.4 15.25±0.04 421.7±1.3 -0.06±0.03 0.65±0.02 28.3±0.03 80.3±1.1	179.2±8.4	15.25±0.04	421.7±1.3	-0.06±0.03	0.65±0.02	28.3±0.03	80.3±1.1	265±0.4	265±0.4 0.179±0.002	0,70423	354	225
rour Eiffel	SE	39±0.64	$19.7\pm0.4$	334.4±6.5	19.7±0.4 334.4±6.5 574±68.19 229±15.51 15.1±0.82 415.7±4.7 0.9±1.29 0.64±0.02 27.7±1.3 81.16±0.53 262.6±0.4 0.179±0.008	229±15.51	$15.1\pm0.82$	415.7±4.7	0.9±1.29	0.64±0.02	27.7±1.3	81.16±0.53	262.6±0.4	0.179±0.008	0,70448	376	300
Cyprès	Central	43.24±0.03 23.4±0.1	23.4±0.1	399.34±2.2	399.34±2.2 411.33±16.64 309.01±11.58 18.62±0.27 519.7±2.7 -0,48±0.08 0,84±0.01 36.37±0.47 112.47±0.77 319±0.3 0.222±0.074 0,70403	309.01±11.58	18.62±0.27	519.7±2.7	-0,48±0.08	0,84±0.01	36.37±0.47	112.47±0.77	319±0.3	0.222±0.074	0,70403	345	n.d.
sabel	Central	39.6±0.37	22.3±0.2	373.8±5.7	373.8±5.7 250.42±21.29 147.05±1.92 14.1±0.3 470.3±11.2 -0.2±0.31 0.73±0.01 32.56±1.39 105.0±4.3 276.8±04 0.199±0.004	147.05±1.92	14.1±0.3	470.3±11.2	$-0.2\pm0.31$	0.73±0.01	32.56±1.39	105.0±4.3	276.8±04	$0.199\pm0.004$	0,7043	357	n.d.
White Castle	Central	38.35±0.11	23.2±0.1	381.8±1.4	381.8±1.4 312.7±11.37 254.4±16.34 16.26±0.11 481.4±25 -0,2±0.01 0.75±0.01 35.95±0.1 111.19±0.28 301.6±0.1 0.221±0.003	254.44±16.34	$16.26\pm0.11$	481.4±2.5	-0,2±0.01	0.75±0.01	35.95±0.1	111.19±0.28	301.6±0.1	0.221±0.003	0,70502	341	n.d.
Crystal	SW	53,55±3.9	28.4±0.1	445,9±0.4	507±68.55	260±19.4	17,3±0.77	569,5±0.3	2,56±2.69	0,88±0.01	50±5.65	180±45.85	367.9±0.3	260±19.4 17,3±0.77 569,5±0.3 2,56±2.69 0,88±0.01 50±5.65 180±45.85 367,9±0.3 0.231±0.004	0,70414	364	300
South Crystal	SW	49.3±0.8	28.3±0.1	445±1.5		593.4±31.7 231.8±10.04 17±0.12	17±0.12	569,9±1.3	0.1±0.02	0.89±0.05	42.5±0.11	125±0.42	346.1±0.4	569,9±1.3 0.1±0.02 0.89±0.05 42.5±0.11 125±0.42 346.1±0.4 0.260±0.004	0,704	377	300
Sapins	SW	48.3±0.72	26.6±0.3	441.8±4.7		245.4±14.45	17.5±0.45	568.4±8.8	-0.28±0.97	0.87±0.01	39.6±0.87	118.1±2.36	332.9±.5	201.7±21.6 245.4±14.45 17.5±0.45 568.4±8.8 -0.28±0.97 0.87±0.01 39.6±0.87 118.1±2.36 332.9±.5 0.243±0.05	0,70429	322	n.d.
Sintra	NE	53.7	27.1	433.2	185.5	164.1	12.8	537	0.35	0.85	39.3	115.5	343.5	0.244	0.70423	337	n.d.
3	NE	52.9±0.5	25.5±0.4	432.0±4.5		323.0±18.0	17.1±0.2	573.7±8.5	0.03±0.12	0.90±0.01	42.3±0.05	144.7±0.6	323.3±0.3	686.7±11.3 323.0±18.0 17.1±0.2 573.7±8.5 0.03±0.12 0.90±0.01 42.3±0.05 144.7±0.6 323.3±0.3 0.253±0.001	0,70401	368	300
Seawater		10.31	9.8	464	0	0	0.17	545	28.3	0.84	2.0	87.0	25.6		0,70916		
*: Temperature	**: Temperature calculated by the Fe/Mn geothermometer and pressure estimated from Fe/Mn and Si concentrations (see text for details)	e/Mn geothem	ometer and p	pressure estim	hated from Fe/	Mn and Si con	centrations (s	ee text for de	etails)								
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- 787 **Table 2.** End-member composition of fluids from the LSHF. The concentration of end-member
- fluids for each site is calculated based on linear least-square regression of element vs. Mg, at
- 789 Mg=0 (Albarède et al., 1981; Ravizza et al., 2001; Fig S1).

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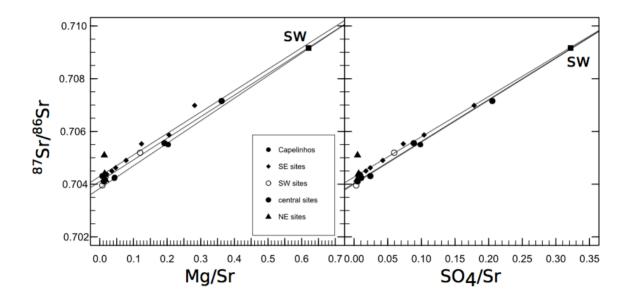




Figure S1. Diagram of <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr as a function of Mg/Sr in (a) and SO<sub>4</sub>/Sr in (b). SW stands for 812 seawater. a) shows the usual way of determining the Sr isotope signature of end-member fluids 813 based on the Mg/Sr ratio. b) is an alternative method based on sulfate concentration. Sulfate 814 contents of fluids will be dependent on seawater entrainment during sampling, as SO<sub>4</sub> is 815 enriched in seawater compared to pure hydrothermal fluid. Sulfate will also be dependent on 816 anhydrite. Dissolution of anhydrite may contribute to Ca, SO<sub>4</sub> and Sr concentrations measured 817 in the fluid and may modify its Sr isotope signature. Assuming Sr isotope signatures of seawater 818 and hydrothermal fluid, dissolution of anhydrite dissolution bias can be corrected as shown in 819 Fig S1b. Consequently, endmember determined for South-West sites are better determined by 820 SO<sub>4</sub>/Sr least square regression. When no suspicion of anhydrite dissolution, Mg/Sr should be 821 preferred instead of SO<sub>4</sub>/Sr, i.e. for slightly negative end-member SO<sub>4</sub> value (e.g. Capelinhos). 822 All the data are reported in Table S1. 823

Table S1. Geochemical compositions and Sr isotope signatures of hydrothermal fluids collected during the MoMARSAT'13 cruise.  ${}^{87}$ Sr/ ${}^{86}$ Sr ratios of hydrothermal end-members are calculated by linear extrapolation to zero Mg/Sr or SO<sub>4</sub>/Sr of the least-square regression method (r<sup>2</sup> are provided). All geochemical measurements made aboard the cruise are available in the cruise report at the following doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.17600/13030040.

site	groupe	sample	Cl mM	Mg mM	SO4 mM	Sr μM	Mg/Sr	SO4/Sr	87Sr/86Sr	r2
Capelinhos	сар	M13FLU028	322.7	8.69	4.22	42.78	0.203	0.099	0.705501	
Capelinhos	сар	M13FLU029	275	1.68	0.42	38.98	0.043	0.011	0.704226	
Capelinhos	сар	M13FLU031	265.4	1.63	0.40	36.86	0.044	0.011	0.704256	
		end-member					0		0.70384	0.999
		end-member						0	0.704034	0.999
Aisics	SE	M13FLU002	466.1	16.77	8.48	81.55	0.206	0.104	0.705865	
Aisics	SE	M13FLU003	435	2.86	1.41	80.42	0.036	0.018	0.704499	
Aisics	SE	M13FLU042	429.2	1.14	0.55	82.34	0.014	0.007	0.704386	
Aisics	SE	M13FLU043	442.3	6.28	3.43	80.44	0.078	0.043	0.7049	
Montségur	SE	M13FLU010	434.1	3.86	1.97	81.92	0.047	0.024	0.70462	
Montségur	SE	M13FLU011	431.7	1.63	0.76	79.51	0.02	0.01	0.704376	
Tour Eiffel	SE	M13FLU044	424.5	0.89	0.42	80.61	0.011	0.005	0.704324	
Tour Eiffel	SE	M13FLU045	487.1	23.74	15.03	84.21	0.282	0.178	0.706983	
Tour Eiffel	SE	M13FLU047	451.2	10.27	6.07	82.92	0.124	0.073	0.705528	
		end-member					0		0.70430	0.987
		end-member						0	0.704267	0.998
Cyprès	Central	M13FLU039	530.7	1.93	0.48	111.73	0.017	0.004	0.704174	
Isabel	Central	M13FLU008	497.6	1.55	0.73	108.61	0.014	0.007	0.704413	
White Castle	Central	M13FLU015	483.4	1.47	0.57	110.25	0.013	0.005	0.705108	
		end-member					0		0.704453	0,969
		end-member						0	0.704487	0.971
Crystal	SW	M13FLU022	563.0	19.16	8.85	99.66	0.192	0.089	0.705554	
Crystal	SW	M13FLU023	572.6	1.61	4.93	203.94	0.008	0.024	0.704307	
Sapins	SW	M13FLU049	576.6	33.87	19.22	93.54	0.362	0.205	0.707153	
South Crystal	SW	M13FLU017	573.9	1.49	0.64	123.70	0.012	0.005	0.704104	
		end-member					0		0.704102	0,997
		end-member						0	0.704004	0,998
Sintra	NE	M13FLU027	550.1	12.99	6.46	108.5	0.124	0.06	0.705191	
Y3	NE	M13FLU032	601.2	1.06	0.45	144.61	0.007	0.003	0.703953	
Y3	NE	M13FLU035	578.4	2.29	1.15	141.84	0.016	0.008	0.704275	
		end-member					0		0.704071	0,997
		end-member						0	0.70909	0,996
		seawater (SW)		54	28	87	0.621	0.322	0.709162	