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Early evidence of magmatic rise through ³He/⁴He ratio measurements at Dos Aguas cold mineral spring, La Palma, Canary Islands

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1) To monitor the ³He/⁴He ratio at Dos Aguas CO₂-rich cold mineral spring in La Palma Island.

2) To investigate the magmatic component of helium at Dos Aguas CO₂-rich cold mineral spring in La Palma Island.

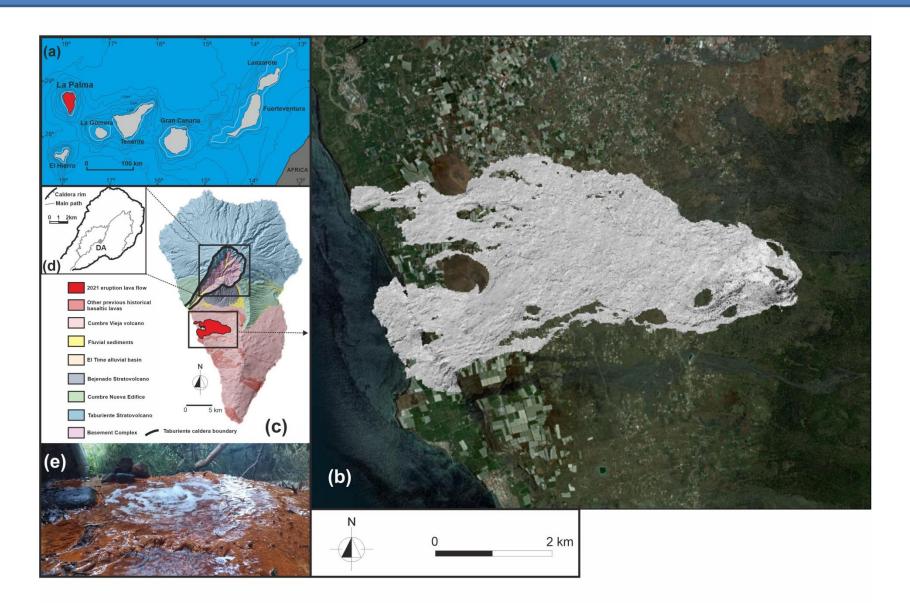
3) To provide early warning signals of future volcanic unrest episodes.



INTRODUCTION

- 1) This type of studies have demonstrated to be sensitive and excellent precursors of magmatic processes occurring at depth.
- Helium represents an important advantage in geochemical volcano monitoring because its geochemical characteristics help it not to be affected by secondary processes during its ascent toward the surface,
- 3) Dos Aguas CO₂-rich cold mineral spring is, in terms of noble gases, the only place of the Canarian archipelago where it is possible to identify a primordial component of the Canary mantle source,



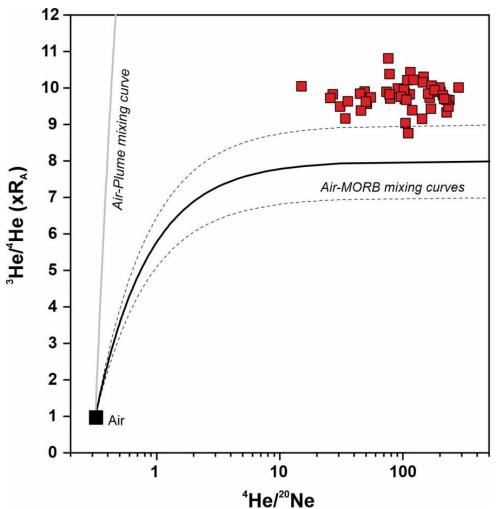








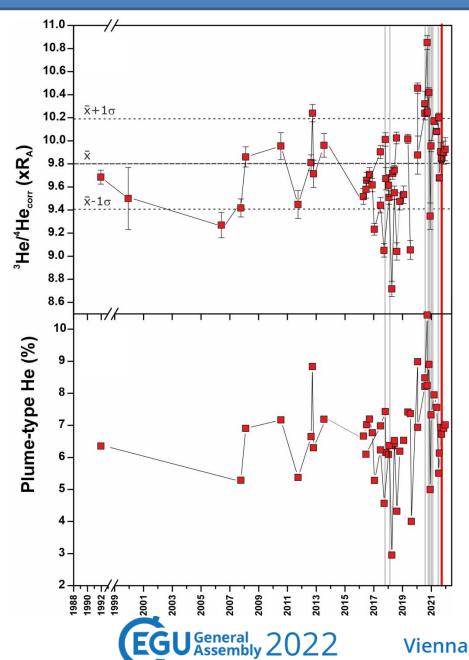
Binary diagram of the ³He/⁴He vs. ⁴He/²⁰Ne measured at Dos Aguas CO₂-rich cold mineral spring



Data from this work (28 new unpublished data), Pérez et al., 1994, Hilton et al., 2000, Padrón et al., 2015, Day and Hilton, 2020 and Torres-González et al., 2020)



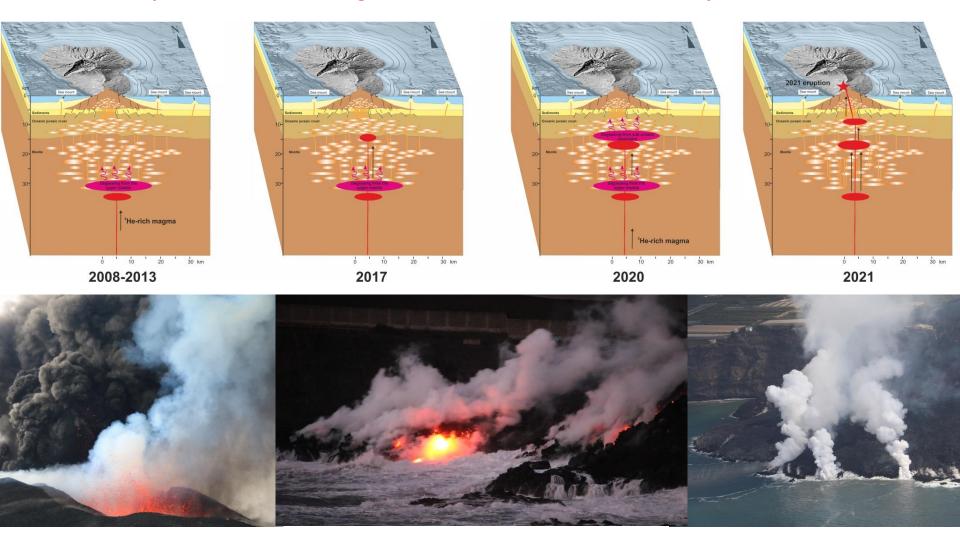




Temporal evolution of the observed changes in the air-corrected ³He/⁴He ratio and the plume-type He estimated once removed the atmospheric contribution measured in Dos Aguas CO₂-rich cold mineral spring



Conceptual model for the magma evolution beneath La Palma in the period 2008-2021





- The average value of the air-corrected ³He/⁴He ratio measured at Dos Aguas CO₂-rich cold mineral spring in the study period exceeded the canonical mid-ocean ridge basalt (MORB) value and has shown variable portions of the primordial component of the Canary mantle source.
- The temporal evolution of the air-corrected ³He/⁴He ratio measured at Dos Aguas CO₂-rich cold mineral spring has been tremendously useful to monitor the magma evolution beneath La Palma in the period 2008-2021.
- Dos Aguas CO₂-rich cold mineral has demonstrated to be an excellent location to monitor the deep magmatic plumbing system of La Palma Island, able to provided the earliest precursory signal of the upcoming eruptive phase of Cumbre Vieja.



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