

1 **The role of brucite in water and element cycling**
2 **during serpentinite subduction – Insights from Erro**
3 **Tobbio (Liguria, Italy)**

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16 **Abstract**

17 The Erro Tobbio olivine-antigorite serpentinites and associated dehydration veins represent
18 hydrated oceanic mantle rocks that escaped complete dehydration and recycling into the
19 mantle after subduction to ~ 550-600 °C and 2.0-2.5 GPa. These rocks thus offer valuable
20 insights into the petrological evolution of a slice of hydrated oceanic mantle and the
21 geochemical cycling down to intermediate subduction zone depths. Our study emphasises the

22 role of brucite upon rock-buffered hydration and subduction dehydration employing bulk and
23 *in situ* chemical data sets combined with petrology.

24 Bulk rock data reveal a coherent mantle peridotite slice affected by variable melt depletion and
25 refertilisation. Subsequent fluid-rock interaction stages proceeded isochemically with respect
26 to SiO₂, i.e., without significant SiO₂ enrichment characteristic for hydrothermal ocean floor
27 serpentinisation. Relicts of low-*T* mesh textures after olivine and preservation of precursor
28 mineral and low-*T* hydration geochemical features indicate a lack of subsequent fluid and
29 metamorphic overprinting, even at scales of tens of micrometres. Fluid-mobile element
30 enrichments are modest with exceptions for B and W. Enrichment signatures of U/Cs << 1
31 and Rb/Cs of 4-26 are characteristic of shallow forearc hydration within or atop the slab by
32 fluids derived from breakdown of clays or first dehydration of altered oceanic crust with a
33 subordinate sedimentary pore fluid component. Overall, the geochemical and petrological
34 changes of the Erro Tobbio peridotites during fluid-rock interactions were rock-buffered, in
35 contrast to fluid-buffered hydration accompanied with significant SiO₂ metasomatism at, e.g.,
36 mid ocean ridges.

37 Silica-neutral rock-buffered serpentinisation resulted in prominent brucite formation upon
38 olivine hydration. In absence of excess SiO₂, subsequent serpentine transformation of
39 chrysotile/lizardite to antigorite likely produced even more brucite. Rock-buffered fluid-rock
40 interactions thus provide a mechanism for stabilising brucite in subduction zone serpentinites,
41 presumably along hydration fronts and within deeper sections of the oceanic lithospheric
42 mantle. Finally, brucite + antigorite dehydration produced up to 40 vol. % of metamorphic
43 olivine and prominent olivine + Ti-clinohumite + magnetite vein networks at temperatures <
44 550-600 °C, prior to complete antigorite breakdown. Wall rocks released alkali elements, B,
45 Cr, As, Sb, and Ba into the dehydration fluids, along with substantial Sr, REE and HFSE
46 redistribution into vein minerals.

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48 **1. Introduction**

49 Subduction zones are sites of major geological activity including hazardous seismicity,
50 volcanism and large-scale element cycling between exogenous and endogenous reservoirs.
51 Progressive dehydration of hydrated oceanic lithosphere during subduction releases large
52 amounts of fluid-mobile element (FME)-rich fluids (e.g., Becker et al., 1999; John et al., 2004;
53 Kessel et al., 2005; Spandler and Pirard 2013; Scambelluri et al., 2014) that can metasomatise
54 the overlying mantle wedge (Bostock et al., 2002; Guillot et al, 2001; Zack and John, 2007;
55 Deschamps et al., 2010) and play a crucial role in feeding arc magmatism (Brown et al., 1982;
56 Hattori and Guillot, 2003; Marschall and Schumacher, 2012; Bali et al., 2012; John et al., 2012;
57 Scambelluri and Tonarini, 2012). Moreover, dehydration reactions and escaping fluids are
58 suspected to be linked to certain types of subduction zone seismicity (Hacker et al., 2003;
59 Incel et al., 2017; Bloch et al., 2018; Taetz et al. 2018).

60 Serpentinites are thereby major water and fluid-mobile element carriers, containing up to 13
61 wt. % of structurally-bound H₂O combined with FME enrichments of up to 10⁵ times primitive
62 mantle concentrations (Hyndman and Peacock, 2003; Hattori and Guillot, 2007; Vils et al.,
63 2008; Kodolányi et al., 2012). The stabilities of serpentine (Ulmer and Trommsdorff, 1995,
64 Wunder and Schreyer, 1997) and chlorite (Fumagalli and Poli, 2004) from the ocean floor to
65 subarc levels and beyond facilitate the preservation of chemical and structural records from
66 fluid infiltration (Cannaò et al., 2015; 2016) and *in situ* dehydration fluid production (Plümper
67 et al., 2017; Bloch et al., 2018) during subduction, and enable the transport of large amounts
68 water and FMEs to arc source regions (e.g., Scambelluri and Philippot, 2001; John et al.,
69 2004; Hattori and Guillot, 2003; Spandler and Pirard, 2013; Chen et al., 2019). Investigations
70 of geochemical signatures recorded in serpentinites subducted to different depths hence allow
71 for constraining dehydration-related element loss (Scambelluri et al. 2004; John et al., 2011;
72 Kendrick et al., 2011, 2013; Lafay et al., 2013) and revealing potential interactions with
73 externally derived fluids during subduction (Deschamps et al., 2010; Scambelluri et al., 2014;

74 Cannaò et al., 2015; 2016; Schwarzenbach et al., 2018). Together with structural and textural
75 relations in the field these geochemical data enable obtaining a detailed image of a fossil plate
76 interface, including its physical properties (Hermann et al., 2000; Angiboust et al., 2011; 2015;
77 Agard et al., 2016), and fluid transport mechanisms (John et al., 2012; Plümper et al., 2017;
78 Bloch et al. 2018; Taetz et al., 2018; Chen et al., 2019).

79 A variably important dehydration reaction in serpentinites at intermediate subduction zone
80 depths is the olivine-forming brucite + antigorite consumption at 400-550 °C (Padrón-Navarta
81 et al., 2013; Plümper et al., 2017; Bloch et al., 2018; Bretscher et al., 2018; Kempf and
82 Hermann, 2018), expelling up to a few wt. % of structurally-bound water and thus also fluid-
83 mobile elements (FMEs) into dehydration pathways (Scambelluri et al., 2001; De Hoog et al.,
84 2014; Cannaò et al., 2016; Plümper et al., 2017; Bloch et al., 2018; Gilio et al., 2019). Effective
85 loss into fluids or retention in the host serpentinites is not well-constrained for many FMEs,
86 however. Extensive formation of metamorphic olivine by this reaction further requires large
87 modes of brucite in subducting serpentinites, which would be produced following SiO₂-neutral
88 (“isochemical”) serpentinitisation (Malvoisin, 2015; Schwarzenbach et al., 2016). Present-day
89 ocean floor serpentinites are characterised by scarcity of brucite due to SiO₂ metasomatism
90 prevailing in fluid-dominated serpentinitisation environments; i.e., when serpentinitisation is non-
91 isochemical with respect to SiO₂ (Paulick et al., 2006; Boschi et al., 2008; Harvey et al., 2014;
92 Malvoisin, 2015).

93 The Erro Tobbio (Ligurian Alps, Italy) unit represent variably serpentinitized oceanic mantle
94 rocks subducted to ~ 550-600 °C and 2.0-2.5 GPa (~ 70 km depth; Scambelluri et al., 1991;
95 1995; 1997). Cross-cut by olivine + Ti-clinohumite + magnetite dehydration veins linked to
96 brucite + antigorite consumption (Scambelluri et al., 1995, Plümper et al. 2017). The antigorite
97 serpentinites within this unit thus offer a unique opportunity to study fluid-mediated element
98 cycling from serpentinitisation to partial dehydration at intermediate subduction zones depth
99 (Früh-Green et al., 2001; John et al., 2011; Scambelluri and Tonarini, 2012). We present a

100 detailed study of a suite of Erro Tobbio antigorite serpentinites addressing the role of brucite
101 and of SiO₂ metasomatism during hydration and subduction dehydration employing bulk and
102 *in situ* chemical data sets. Major to trace element signatures are used to constrain fluid
103 imprints, to derive implications on serpentinisation environments, and to reconstruct the
104 petrological evolution. Ultimately, vein and wall rock geochemistry are used to qualitatively
105 estimate the compositions of dehydration-related fluids.

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107 **2. Geological setting and sampling**

108 The Erro Tobbio ultramafic unit is part of the Voltri Group in the Ligurian Alps (Fig. 1), which
109 represents remnants of the Jurassic Ligurian ocean and the suture zone between the
110 European and Adriatic plates after Alpine subduction. The (meta-)peridotites record partial
111 melting processes within the convecting asthenospheric mantle, followed by decoupling and
112 accretion to the overlying lithosphere with recrystallisation under spinel facies conditions
113 (Piccardo and Vissers, 2007). The subsequent lithospheric mantle stage was characterised
114 by a complex tectono-magmatic history in response to the formation of an ocean continent
115 transition zone induced by crustal thinning in an asymmetric oceanic rift (Hoogerduijn Strating
116 et al., 1993), associated uplifting and decompression of the spinel lherzolites starting in the
117 Permian (Rampone et al., 2004), and final opening of the slow spreading Ligurian Tethys in
118 the Late Jurassic. Development of km-scale shear zones during extensional deformation was
119 followed by multiple interactions with ascending MORB-type melts, i.e., local chemical
120 modification of the peridotites (i.e., melt-rock interactions and melt impregnation), and
121 recrystallisation under plagioclase-facies conditions (Fig. 1; Borghini et al., 2007; Piccardo and
122 Vissers, 2007).

123 Exposure to fluids at the Tethys ocean floor and/or during early subduction was accompanied
124 by variable serpentinisation of the peridotites (up to 15-100 %) at low temperatures (< 300 °C;

125 Scambelluri et al., 1991; 1995; 1997). Subsequent subduction was characterised by localised
126 deformation and recrystallisation in the high-strain serpentinites (Hermann et al., 2000), and
127 progressive dehydration up to 550-600 °C and 2.0-2.5 GPa induced serpentine mineral
128 transformation to antigorite, formation of metamorphic olivine during brucite consumption, and
129 growth of Ti-clinohumite and metamorphic diopside. Fluids released by the brucite-consuming
130 reaction were effectively channelised into veins that crystallised the same metamorphic
131 assemblage as in the wall rock serpentinites (Scambelluri et al. 1995; Plümper et al., 2017).

132 Several geochemical studies investigated the isotope ratio and trace element imprints
133 acquired during serpentinisation in order to constrain the serpentinisation environment(s) of
134 the Erro Tobbio serpentinites, and explored vein chemical signatures to constrain element
135 release during subduction dehydration. Hydrogen and O (Früh-Green et al., 2001), and B
136 (Scambelluri and Tonarini, 2012) isotope studies reported chemical differences between
137 deformed and undeformed serpentinites, and assigned differences to localised and variable
138 fluid imprints acquired at the ocean floor and during shallow subduction in a suprasubduction
139 position. Halogen (John et al., 2011), noble gas (Kendrick et al., 2011, 2013) and N isotope
140 (Halama et al., 2014) studies reported the influence of sedimentary/organic pore fluids during
141 single-stage hydration, inferring a shallow depth of serpentinisation along faults in the bending
142 slabs or within a suprasubduction environment by slab fluids. Cross-cutting veins have been
143 shown to have crystallised from internally-derived fluids based on several isotope studies
144 (Früh-Green et al., 2001; Bonifacie et al., 2008; Halama et al., 2014); however, only very
145 limited trace chemical signatures of the veins have been presented in support of an internal
146 origin of veining fluids derived from the brucite-consuming reaction (e.g., Scambelluri et al.,
147 2001; John et al., 2011; Scambelluri and Tonarini, 2012). Furthermore, Philippot et al. (2007)
148 proposed the ingress of an external mafic fluid component in the veins based on N and O
149 isotope ratio systematics.

150 Antigorite serpentinites and dehydration vein samples investigated in this study were obtained
151 during different sampling campaigns, with most of the samples having been employed and
152 characterised in previous geochemical studies (ETCL samples series; John et al., 2011,
153 Halama et al., 2014). Low- and high-strain antigorite serpentinites and associated veins were
154 solemnly selected based on petrological and textural criteria, i.e., only rocks with a notable
155 metamorphic olivine-bearing assemblage and minimal retrograde overprint were collected to
156 cover deformed (high-strain) and undeformed (low-strain) structural subdomains in outcrops
157 along the Gorzente river (Fig.1). Wall rock serpentinites were sampled along traverses
158 perpendicular to the cross-cutting dehydration veins with 1.5-2.0 cm distance in-between the
159 sub-samples to investigate potential geochemical profiles from the wall rocks into the veins or
160 *vice versa*.

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162 **3. Analytical methods**

163 **3.1. Bulk rock analysis**

164 Samples were analysed for bulk major and trace elements by LA-ICP-MS measurement of
165 nanoparticulate pressed powder pellets (PPP) following the analytical protocol presented in
166 Peters and Pettke (2017) and Garbe-Schönberg and Müller (2014). Measurements were
167 conducted using a GeoLas-Pro 193 nm ArF Excimer laser system (Lambda Physik, Göttingen,
168 Germany) connected to an ELAN DRC-e quadrupole mass spectrometer (Perkin Elmer,
169 Waltham, MA, USA) at the University of Bern, Switzerland. Instrument optimisation ensuring
170 robust plasma conditions closely followed procedures documented previously (Pettke et al.,
171 2012; Peters and Pettke, 2017). External standardisation employed basalt glass GSD-1G from
172 the United States Geological Survey (USGS). Data reduction used the program SILLS
173 (Guillong et al., 2008) with robust limit of detection (LOD) calculation as presented in Pettke
174 et al. (2012). Data reported per sample represent the mean with its 1 standard deviation

175 reproducibility of 6 spot measurements employing a 120 μm beam. The certified reference
176 material powders MUH-1 (serpentinised peridotite) and OKUM (komatiite) of the International
177 Association of Geoanalysts were analysed as unknowns together with the samples to monitor
178 the measurement trueness and reproducibility. The sample and standard measurement data
179 and day-specific optimisation parameters are documented in supplementary material Tab. 1.
180 For samples analysed previously with XRF and solution ICP-MS (see below) the existing bulk
181 rock powders were employed here for the production of PPP for LA-ICP-MS measurements.

182 Bulk rock major element concentrations for some sample powders were measured with a
183 Philips PW1480 X-ray fluorescence spectrometer, and trace element analyses by solution
184 ICP-MS were carried out with an Agilent 7500cs ICP-MS operating under standard conditions,
185 both at the Institute of Geosciences, Kiel University (Germany). The protocol used for sample
186 processing for solution ICP-MS analysis is detailed in Garbe-Schönberg (1993) and John et
187 al. (2008). Analytical results are averages of three replicate measurements after blank
188 subtraction, and measurement trueness and reproducibility were monitored analysing the
189 standard reference powders BHVO-2 (basalt, USGS) and UB-N (serpentinite, Association
190 Nationale de la Recherche Technique) as unknowns (supplementary material Tab. 1). The
191 loss on ignition (LOI) was determined by drying the samples at 120 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ in a drying cabinet for
192 24 h prior to heating in a ceramic oven to 1050 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 2 hours.

193 **3.2. Mineral chemical analysis**

194 Major element electron probe microanalysis (EPMA) of the rock-forming silicates were
195 performed on polished and carbon-coated thin sections using a JEOL JXA-8200 Superprobe
196 equipped with five wavelength dispersive X-ray spectrometers at the Institute of Geological
197 Sciences, University of Bern (Switzerland). All measurements were carried out with an
198 acceleration voltage of 15 kV, a beam current of 20 nA and a beam size of 5 μm as
199 compromise for simultaneous measurement of hydrous and anhydrous phases. Synthetic and
200 natural standards used for calibration were wollastonite (SiO_2 , CaO), almandine (FeO),

201 forsterite (MgO), anorthite (Al₂O₃), albite (Na₂O), ilmenite (TiO₂), bunsenite (NiO), tephroite
202 (MnO), scapolite (Cl), and phlogopite (F). Matrix effects were corrected for by employing the
203 CITZAF algorithm (Armstrong, 1995). All EPMA data are reported in supplementary material
204 Tab. 2.

205 In-situ major to trace element concentration measurements by LA-ICP-MS were carried out at
206 the Institute of Geological Sciences, University of Bern (Switzerland) using the same system
207 as for PPPs. Spot sizes were 60 µm for the external calibrator and ranged from 44 to 120 µm
208 for in-situ measurements of single grains (olivine, Ti-clinohumite, diopside) and monomineralic
209 clusters (antigorite, chlorite). Measurements of monomineralic clusters were only considered
210 when the transient signal did not show any evidence of other phases, or integration intervals
211 were set accordingly to avoid inclusions or interspersed other phases. The basalt glass GSD-
212 1G was employed as matrix-close external calibrator for the mineral measurements, and the
213 standard glass SRM 612 of the National Institute of Standards and Technology was measured
214 as unknown to monitor the measurement trueness and reproducibility. Instrumental
215 optimization strategies and data reduction procedures were identical to those reported above
216 for PPP-LA-ICP-MS. Day-specific optimisation parameters and all LA-ICP-MS mineral and
217 standard measurement data are listed in supplementary material Tab. 3. All LA-ICP-MS data
218 were reduced employing SILLS and using total major element oxides for internal
219 standardisation (e.g., Leach and Hieftje, 2000; Halter et al., 2002).

220 **4. Results**

221 **4.1. Petrography**

222 The Erro Tobbio massif encompasses massive (low-strain), variably serpentinised peridotites
223 and serpentinites, locally cut by mylonitic (high-strain) antigorite serpentinite shear zones (Fig.
224 1). Along with metagabbros and metabasalts, this unit represents a classical example of
225 subduction-metamorphosed slow-spreading oceanic lithosphere. The petrography of the

226 antigorite serpentinites and associated veins will now be described in detail for the high- and
227 low-strain structural domains.

228 The high-strain antigorite serpentinites ETCL4-1b, ETCL4B1 and ETCL4B2 consist of a
229 strongly foliated and fine-grained antigorite ± chlorite matrix with dispersed fine-grained
230 olivine, magnetite, Ti-clinohumite, and diopside. The matrix embeds mm- to cm-sized
231 porphyroclasts of relict mantle clinopyroxene exhibiting characteristic cleavage and hydrated
232 exsolution lamellae (former orthopyroxene; Fig. 2a), along with pseudomorphs after
233 completely serpentinised orthopyroxene and spinel. Olivine is exclusively metamorphic (see
234 below) and occurs occasionally as large grains (Fig. 2b); however, most olivine is small and
235 dispersed in the sheared matrix. The foliation is locally cross-cut by pure antigorite veinlets
236 and olivine shear bands, with the latter overgrowing the former. Relict mantle clinopyroxene
237 is variably serpentinised at the rims and along the exsolution lamellae with replacive antigorite,
238 chlorite, diopside, Ti-clinohumite, and occasional magnetite. Spinel was pseudomorphically
239 replaced by magnetite (in the core) and chlorite (corona around magnetite). Chlorite coronae
240 thereby exhibit an optical zonation in crossed polarised light. Sulphides (undifferentiated) are
241 common accessory phases in the matrix. Modal abundances of the rock-forming minerals are
242 estimated to be ~ 70-75 % antigorite, 15-20 % olivine, 5-7 % chlorite, 3-5 % relict and
243 metamorphic diopside, 1-2 % magnetite, and < 1 % Ti-clinohumite and sulphides.

244 Low-strain antigorite serpentinites are represented by samples ETCL7-1b, ETCL7-4, ETCL7-
245 6, ETCL8-4 and ET08-16. In sample ET08-16 elongated and oriented relict mantle
246 clinopyroxene and pseudomorphs after orthopyroxene and spinel preserve a pre-subduction
247 mantle deformation texture (*cf* also Fig. 2a). The statically grown metamorphic assemblages
248 of these samples consist of olivine + antigorite + diopside + chlorite+ Ti-clinohumite +
249 magnetite, and different textural domains are developed. Static intergrowths of mm-sized
250 metamorphic olivine along with µm to mm-sized antigorite blades are most common. Larger
251 olivine can preserve relict mantle cores that are surrounded by relict mesh textures acquired

252 likely during low-temperature serpentinisation, which in turn were replaced by sub- to euhedral
253 antigorite blades or overgrown by metamorphic olivine (Fig. 3a). Millimetre- to cm-sized mantle
254 clinopyroxene is often preserved in the low-strain domains and variably pseudomorphically
255 serpentinised at the rims and along former orthopyroxene exsolutions with antigorite, chlorite,
256 diopside, Ti-clinohumite, and occasional magnetite (Fig. 3b). Locally, the metamorphic
257 assemblage in these bastite domains is complemented by minor proportions of olivine.
258 Metamorphic olivine and Ti-clinohumite contain numerous opaque and transparent inclusions
259 < 15 μm , dominantly magnetite and antigorite. Pseudomorphs after completely serpentinised
260 orthopyroxene are characterised by small interspersed grains of metamorphic diopside and
261 olivine embedded in the replacive antigorite (Fig. 3c).

262 Patches of almost pure anhedral and unoriented antigorite with only minor magnetite and
263 metamorphic olivine are dispersed throughout the samples and are often found between
264 abundant cm-sized domains of static olivine + antigorite intergrowths. Spinel is completely
265 replaced by pseudomorphic magnetite and chlorite (Fig. 2d), where magnetite forms the core
266 and chlorite the rims of the pseudomorphic assemblage. Modal abundances of the phases in
267 the low-strain antigorite serpentinites vary between 45-65 % for antigorite, 25-40 % for olivine
268 (the sum of relict and metamorphic olivine), 5-10 % for relict mantle clinopyroxene and
269 metamorphic diopside, 2-5 % for chlorite, 2-3 % for Ti-clinohumite, 1-2 % for magnetite, and
270 < 1% for minor sulphides.

271 The metamorphic assemblage of the antigorite serpentinites is cross-cut by veins containing
272 variable modes of cm-sized olivine, Ti-clinohumite, and magnetite with subordinate amounts
273 of diopside, chlorite and antigorite (Fig. 2c,d; 3e,f). Colourless vein olivine sometimes exhibits
274 brighter patches in BSE images and, locally, yellow olivine is abundant, even in contact with
275 colourless olivine and Ti-clinohumite. Ti-clinohumite further appears to overgrow olivine (Fig.
276 2c). Vein olivine and Ti-clinohumite crystals contain many < 15 μm sized inclusions of
277 transparent and opaque phases as well as rare multiphase fluid inclusion relicts. Diopside is

278 mostly present in fine-grained domains crystallised along shear bands cutting through the
279 veins in high-strain serpentinites (Fig. 2d), along fractures in olivine together with chlorite, or
280 as prismatic to needle-shaped crystals that curve around or pierce into vein olivine and Ti-
281 clinohumite (Fig. 3e,f). Olivine fragments enclosed within diopside + chlorite assemblages are
282 often completely serpentinitised (Fig. 3f). Diopside crystals contain a high number of solid
283 (transparent and opaque), and primary and secondary multiphase fluid inclusions. Olivine is
284 usually serpentinitised along cracks with a very fine-grained, greenish mixture along cracks. It
285 is hence emphasised that all vein samples record variably prominent retrogression as is also
286 evident from high LOI values (see data below, and LOI values of up to 11.3 wt. % for vein
287 samples in Scambelluri et al., 2001).

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289 **4.2. Bulk rock chemistry**

290 Bulk rock data presentation is summarised into antigorite serpentinite and vein data, with
291 differences between the low- and high-strain domains being addressed in the discussion. The
292 entire dataset is tabulated in the supplementary material Tab. 1.

293 *Antigorite serpentinites*

294 The Erro Tobbio metaserpentinites are variably melt-depleted, refertilised, and hydrated
295 mantle rocks that record different extents metamorphic overprint. Metaperidotite compositions
296 are lherzolitic to harzburgitic and follow the trends of residual mantle rocks after melt extraction
297 (Fig. 4a). This is also reflected by the range in X_{Mg} (molar $Mg/(Mg+Fe)$; all Fe considered to
298 be Fe^{2+}) of between 0.89 and 0.93 that corresponds to typical mantle rocks, and by variably
299 lowered concentrations of Al_2O_3 and CaO that range from 1.19 to 2.88 wt. % and 0.22 to 3.61
300 wt. % (Fig. 4b), respectively. Water contents (displayed as LOI because carbonates are
301 negligible in our samples) are higher in the high-strain antigorite serpentinites with = 11.2-12.3
302 wt. %, while the low-strain domains are less hydrated with = 7.6-10.0 wt. %.

303 Transition metal concentration ranges are 7.5-15.6 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ for Sc, 35-80 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ for V, 1540-3730
304 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ for Cr, 78-116 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ for Co, and 1180-2120 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ for Ni. The rare earth elements
305 (REEs), which are thought not to be significantly mobile during serpentinisation (e.g., Allen
306 and Seyfried, 2005) show primitive mantle (PM) normalised patterns (Fig. 4c) strongly
307 depleted in light REEs (La = 0.01-0.04 x PM) and moderately depleted in middle and heavy
308 REEs (Gd = 0.1-0.06 x PM; Lu = 0.3-0.6 x PM), without a Eu anomaly as is often observed for
309 abyssal serpentinites (e.g., Niu, 2004) and subducted equivalents. Serpentinites from low-
310 strain domains exhibit larger trace element variability than those from high-strain domains.

311 In a PM-normalized trace element distribution diagram (Fig. 5a), the high-field strength
312 elements are variably depleted without domain-related differences; hence, they record
313 variable melt depletion in analogy to major element systematics. To the contrary, typical fluid
314 mobile elements are variably enriched (Fig. 5a), most prominently so for B and W with up to
315 100 x PM. Moderate enrichments are observed in Cs, Bi, Pb, As, Sb, and Mo of up to 10 x PM
316 (Fig. 5a). Rubidium, Ba, U, Sr, K, Be, Li, and the chalcophile elements Tl, Cd, In, and Sn
317 appear variably enriched relative to the indicated melt depletion trend (Fig. 5a).

318 *High-pressure veins*

319 Major element compositions of the HP dehydration veins are highly variable due varying modal
320 abundances of the coarse-grained vein-forming minerals. In particular, compositional ranges
321 for $\text{SiO}_2 = 34.3\text{-}41.3$ wt. %, $X_{\text{Mg}} = 0.80\text{-}0.87$, and $\text{CaO} = 0.3\text{-}5.88$ wt. % are prominently larger
322 than in the wall rock serpentinites. Variable contents of $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \leq 1.04$ wt. % and $\text{TiO}_2 = 0.09\text{-}$
323 0.52 wt. % are accompanied by narrow MnO ranges of $= 0.18\text{-}0.23$ wt. %. The veins further
324 display elevated P_2O_5 concentrations of up to 0.23 wt. %, and water contents vary between
325 4.8 and 8.3 wt. % LOI. One strongly retrogressed vein contains 12.1 wt. %.

326 In a PM-normalised trace element distribution diagram (see Fig. 5b) the patterns of vein bulk
327 samples largely mirror those of the host serpentinites, without systematic differences between

328 high-strain and low-strain domains. Yttrium and REE concentrations vary over one order of
329 magnitude with, e.g., Gd = 0.2-0.8 x PM and Tm = 0.2-1 x PM. REE patterns are similar to
330 those of the wall rocks with LREE depletion relative to MREEs and HREEs but exhibit minor
331 enrichments in Yb and Lu (up to 1.5 x PM; Fig. 5b). One vein (ETCL4B2-VEIN) displays
332 distinctly higher LREE abundances (e.g., La = 0.1 x PM; Fig. 5b). High field strength element
333 abundances are similar (Zr = 0.78-1.2 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Hf = 0.032-0.058 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) or enriched relative to
334 wall rocks (Nb = 0.018-0.068 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$; Ta = 0.001-0.003 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$; Fig. 5b). Transition metals are
335 abundant at Sc = 15-48 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, V = 30-48 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Cr = 697-1110 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Co = 122-170 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$,
336 Ni = 1610-2280 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and Zn = 46-63 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$.

337 Alkali and alkaline earth metals concentrations range for Li = 1.9-5.1 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Rb = 0.022-0.07
338 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Sr = 4.1-30 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Cs = 0.011-0.029 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and Ba = 1.9-6.2 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. Three data points
339 for B reveal enrichments of up to 22 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and U and Th concentrations are below LOD
340 except for one sample. Concentrations of chalcophile elements in the veins are at wall rock
341 levels or slightly elevated with As \leq 0.059 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Sb \leq 0.027 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Pb = 0.27-0.55 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and
342 Bi contents of up to 0.01 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. Abundances of the siderophile elements Mo and W range
343 from 0.116-0.294 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ and 0.051-0.33 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, respectively.

344 **4.3. Mineral chemistry**

345 Mineral data are presented by addressing each mineral separately, and major element data
346 represent combined EPMA and LA-ICP-MS data since both are in very good agreement.
347 Chemical compositions are only briefly summarised here for key elements, while details, e.g.,
348 texture-related differences, will be presented more thoroughly in the discussion when required.
349 The entire data set is tabulated in supplementary materials Tab. 2 (EPMA data) and Tab. 3
350 (LA-ICP-MS data).

351 *Olivine*

352 Olivine in the Erro Tobbio antigorite serpentinites and dehydration veins is variably forsteritic
353 with X_{Mg} between 0.77 and 0.90. TiO_2 concentrations are generally ≤ 0.1 wt. % with exceptions
354 of some yellowish olivine grains containing up to 0.82 wt. % TiO_2 . MnO and NiO concentrations
355 range from 0.013 to 1.26 wt. % and 0.12 to 0.45 wt. %, respectively, while Cr is below 100 μg
356 g^{-1} . Alumina, CaO, and Na_2O concentrations are generally very low; few grain cores contain
357 up to 0.027 wt. % of Al_2O_3 and up to 0.092 wt. % of CaO, and 0.034 wt.% of Na_2O , however.
358 REE patterns display a strong depletion in LREEs (Ce = 0.001-0.005 x PM) relative to HREE
359 (Lu = 0.04-5 x PM). Lithium and Sc are abundant at lower concentrations in matrix olivine (Li
360 $\leq 8.0 \mu g g^{-1}$; Sc $\leq 43 \mu g g^{-1}$) than in vein olivine, where these elements are variably enriched
361 (Li up to = 19 $\mu g g^{-1}$; Sc up to = 83 $\mu g g^{-1}$). Boron concentrations are mostly $\leq 5 \mu g g^{-1}$ but rise
362 to = 54 $\mu g g^{-1}$ in some olivine grains.

363 *Antigorite*

364 Antigorite in veins and wall rocks is Mg-rich with tightly clustering X_{Mg} of between 0.94 and
365 0.97. Alumina and Cr_2O_3 concentrations vary up to 3.49 wt. % and 1.04 wt. %, respectively.
366 Manganese concentrations in all but one antigorite grain are below 0.07 wt. % MnO, and NiO
367 abundances are ≤ 0.25 wt. % with a tendency towards higher NiO in low-strain domain
368 antigorite. Concentrations of $TiO_2 \leq 0.03$ wt. %, CaO ≤ 0.1 wt. %, and $Na_2O \leq 0.06$ wt. % are
369 generally low in all analysed grains. Chlorine in matrix and vein antigorite of high-strain
370 domains is low (≤ 0.03 wt. %) while concentrations of up to 0.15 wt. % were measured in
371 matrix and vein antigorite of low-strain domains.

372 Rare earth element patterns and Y (not shown) are depleted towards LREE (e.g., La = 0.001-
373 0.02 PM vs. Lu = 0.03-0.2 PM), and concentration ranges for the different structural domains
374 are mostly overlapping. Transition metal contents are highly variable for V = 8-140 $\mu g g^{-1}$, Cr
375 = 29-6700 $\mu g g^{-1}$, and Ni = 85-1380 $\mu g g^{-1}$, while distributions are more homogeneous for Sc
376 = 3-12 $\mu g g^{-1}$, Co = 24-62 $\mu g g^{-1}$, and Zn = 25-42 $\mu g g^{-1}$. High-field strength element

377 abundances in antigorite overlap between the structural domains with Zr = 0.074-1.5 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$,
378 Nb = 0.005-0.028 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ and Hf \leq 0.085 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. Tungsten concentrations are usually \leq 0.02
379 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ but occasionally are as high as 0.12 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$.

380 Boron concentrations scatter non-systematically between domains and textural context from
381 4.2 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ to 30 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. Alkali and alkaline earth metal abundances are low with Li $<$ 0.045 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$,
382 Sr = 0.04-1.4 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Cs \leq 0.034 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and Ba \leq 0.61 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ in low-strain domains, and
383 tend to be higher in higher in the high-strain serpentinites: Li \leq 0.27 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Rb \leq 0.52 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$,
384 Sr = 0.16-1.3 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Cs \leq 0.40 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and Ba \leq 3.7 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. Arsenic concentrations in antigorite
385 are mostly below 0.06 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ but 0.13 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ in low-strain domains and 0.03 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ in high-
386 strain domains independent of textural context. Few significant measurements yielded Sb \leq
387 0.02 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. Antigorite from cross-cutting antigorite veinlets has intermediate compositions for
388 all trace elements, and no trace element data could be obtained for antigorite in the
389 dehydration veins (due to the small crystal size and frequent inclusions).

390 *Ti-Clinohumite*

391 Titania concentrations in matrix and vein Ti-clinohumite vary between 3.25 and 5.19 wt. %
392 with $X_{\text{Mg}} = 0.84-0.90$. Minor constituents are MnO = 0.26-0.53 wt. %, NiO \leq 0.31 wt. %, and
393 Cr₂O₃ \leq 0.10 wt. %. Alumina (\leq 0.038 wt. %) and CaO (\leq 0.044 wt. %), Na₂O (\leq 0.05 wt. %),
394 and Cl (\leq 0.1 wt. %) abundances are low in all analysed grains except for two outliers with
395 high Na₂O (0.40 and 0.52 wt. %) and Cl (0.30 and 0.93 wt. %), for which we suspect the
396 influence of (submicroscopic) fluid inclusions.

397 The high field strengths elements are variably enriched with Zr = 1.5-15 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Nb = 0.012-
398 0.68 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Hf = 0.032-0.51 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Ta = 0.002-0.022 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and W = 0.014-0.45 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. Rare
399 earth element patterns (not shown) are only available for MREE to HREE (Dy-Lu) and display
400 strong depletion towards lighter REEs (Lu = 1-3 x PM to Dy = 0.009-0.03 x PM). Transition
401 metal abundances range from 126 to 187 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ for Co, 1050-2500 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ for Ni, and Sc and

402 Zn concentrations are as high as $57 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ and $119 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, respectively. Boron concentrations
403 in Ti-clinohumite from veins and wall rocks range from 5 to $37 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. Other notable element
404 abundances are $\text{Li} \leq 12 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, $\text{Rb} \leq 0.028 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, $\text{Sr} \leq 1.4 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and $\text{Ba} \leq 2.9 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$.

405 *Diopside*

406 Clinopyroxene in the Erro Tobbio serpentinites and dehydration veins is diopsidic. Relict
407 mantle clinopyroxene displays $X_{\text{Mg}} = 0.90\text{-}0.93$ with 20.9-23.6 wt. % of CaO, while
408 metamorphic and vein diopside contains CaO = 24.5-27.6 wt. % with X_{Mg} ranging from 0.94 to
409 0.98. Mantle clinopyroxene is characterised by TiO_2 contents of up to 0.63 wt. %, $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 = 4\text{-}$
410 7.43 wt. %, $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3 = 0.59\text{-}1.22$ wt. %, and $\text{Na}_2\text{O} = 0.35\text{-}0.84$ wt. % compared to $\text{TiO}_2 \leq 0.12$
411 wt. %, $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \leq 1$ wt. %, $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3 \leq 0.3$ wt. %, and $\text{Na}_2\text{O} \leq 0.35$ wt. % in metamorphic and vein
412 diopside.

413 Trace element data are limited to few relict mantle clinopyroxene and vein diopside
414 measurements since small grain sizes and abundant inclusions did not allow for clean LA-
415 ICP-MS analysis of metamorphic diopside in the wall rocks. Medium and heavy REEs and Y
416 are abundant at 2-6 x PM in relict mantle clinopyroxene whereas measured concentrations for
417 these elements in vein clinopyroxene scatter towards lower values (down to 0.3 x PM for Sm-
418 Lu and Y). Light rare earth elements are increasingly depleted with decreasing atomic mass
419 from Nd = 1 x PM to La = 0.04 x PM in both clinopyroxene types. Concentrations of HFSEs in
420 relict clinopyroxene are high with Zr = $6\text{-}7 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Nb = $0.035\text{-}0.036 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and Hf = $0.35\text{-}0.40$
421 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and lower in metamorphic vein diopside with Zr $\leq 0.75 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Nb $\leq 0.004 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and
422 Hf $\leq 0.07 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$.

423 Vein diopside exhibits high and variable alkaline earth metal concentrations with Sr = 19-56
424 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ and Ba = $0.05\text{-}5.6 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ compared to Sr = $0.31\text{-}4.8 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ and Ba $\leq 0.17 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ in relict
425 mantle clinopyroxene. Lithium abundances are $5.8\text{-}8.3 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ in relict clinopyroxene and 0.7-
426 $8.3 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ in vein diopside, which exhibits Rb enrichments of up to $0.067 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. Boron and Pb

427 concentrations are low in relict clinopyroxene ($B \leq 0.37 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$; $Pb \leq 0.016 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) but range
428 from 4.7-9.3 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ and up to = 0.21 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ in vein diopside, respectively.

429 *Chlorite*

430 Chlorite is Mg- and Al-rich with X_{Mg} between 0.93 and 0.95, and $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 = 11.4\text{-}18.2$ wt. % in the
431 matrix and $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 = 7.15\text{-}11.3$ wt. % in the veins. $\text{TiO}_2 \leq 0.022$ wt. %, $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3 \leq 2.38$ wt. %, MnO
432 = 0.015-0.048 wt. %, $\text{NiO} = 0.049\text{-}0.24$ wt. %, $\text{CaO} \leq 0.053$ wt. %, and Cl concentrations \leq
433 0.024 wt. % vary randomly. Sodium concentrations significantly differ between the strain
434 domains, ranging from 0.073 wt. % to 0.138 wt. % in the high-strain domains, while $\text{Na}_2\text{O} \leq$
435 0.045 wt. % in the low-strain domains.

436 The REE patterns in chlorite (not shown) display LREE depletion ($\text{Ce} = 0.002\text{-}0.02 \times \text{PM}$)
437 relative to MREEs ($\text{Sm} = 0.01\text{-}0.08 \times \text{PM}$) and HREEs ($\text{Lu} = 0.02\text{-}0.1 \times \text{PM}$). Transition metal
438 abundances are $\text{V} = 71\text{-}134 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, $\text{Cr} = 1750\text{-}11800 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, $\text{Co} = 34\text{-}64 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and $\text{Ni} = 350\text{-}$
439 $1560 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. Most alkali and alkaline earth element concentrations are higher in matrix chlorite
440 of high-strain domains for $\text{Li} = 0.13\text{-}0.20 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, $\text{Sr} = 0.72\text{-}0.89 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, $\text{Cs} = 0.003\text{-}0.053 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$
441 1 , and $\text{Ba} = 1.1\text{-}1.8 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ than in matrix chlorite of low-strain domains with $\text{Li} \leq 0.10 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$
442 (one outlier at $0.23 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$), $\text{Sr} = 0.092\text{-}0.74 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, $\text{Cs} = 0.003\text{-}0.053 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and $\text{Ba} = 0.047\text{-}$
443 $0.88 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, while $\text{K} \leq 400 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ and $\text{Rb} \leq 1.3 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ in some matrix chlorites of low-strain
444 domains are higher than in the high-strain serpentinites ($\text{K} \leq 22 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, $\text{Rb} \leq 0.21 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$). Vein
445 chlorite exhibits lower concentrations than matrix chlorite ($\text{Li} = 0.062\text{-}0.18 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$; $\text{K} = 1.3\text{-}16$
446 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ with one outlier at $40 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$; $\text{Rb} = 0.010\text{-}0.16 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$; $\text{Sr} = 0.13\text{-}0.71 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ with one
447 outlier at $3.8 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$; $\text{Cs} = 0.004\text{-}0.12 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$; $\text{Ba} = 0.12\text{-}1.2 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$). Boron abundances range
448 from 1.6 to $9.8 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ in matrix and vein chlorite.

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450 **5. Discussion**

451 **5.1. Mantle protolith and initial compositional variability**

452 Major and immobile trace element abundances in relict mantle minerals and bulk rock
453 peridotite were usually considered to not change prominently during serpentinisation (e.g.,
454 Niu, 2004; Rampone et al., 2004; Kodolányi et al., 2012) and metamorphism (Deschamps et
455 al., 2013), with location- and condition-specific exceptions of MgO loss by marine weathering
456 (Snow and Dick, 1995), SiO₂ metasomatism (Bach et al., 2004; Paulick et al., 2006), or CaCO₃
457 addition during carbonation (Bideau et al., 1991). A recent study by Malvoisin (2015) revealed,
458 however, that SiO₂ metasomatism, i.e., non-isochemical serpentinisation with respect to SiO₂,
459 is very common in ocean floor serpentinites.

460 Erro Tobbio antigorite serpentinites plot tightly along the melt depletion trend in MgO/SiO₂ vs
461 Al₂O₃/SiO₂ representation (the terrestrial array after Niu (2004) in Fig. 4a), indicating no
462 significant MgO loss nor SiO₂ enrichment during the entire serpentinisation - subduction -
463 exhumation cycle. The plot of Al₂O₃ vs. CaO (Fig. 4b) reveals some scatter around the melt
464 depletion trend, with a few low-strain serpentinites showing enriched CaO for their respective
465 Al₂O₃. Coupling of CaO with Al₂O₃ and REE systematics (Fig. 4b,d) identifies variable diopside
466 modes as the cause for the correlation deviating from the melt depletion trend. Major element
467 compositional variability solemnly related to partial melting or melt-rock interactions thus
468 reveals that subsequent fluid-rock interactions were isochemical with respect to major
469 elements. The chemical homogeneity within the Erro Tobbio unit (e.g., Fig. 4c, d) corroborates
470 that it likely represents a coherent slice of hydrated and subducted oceanic mantle (e.g.,
471 Scambelluri et al., 1991; Rampone et al. 2004, 2005).

472 Mantle relict features also exist at mineral scale. Relict mesh textures after olivine in the low-
473 strain antigorite serpentinites contain occasional darker cores in back-scattered electron
474 (BSE) images that identify relict mantle olivine. It is characterised by $X_{Mg} \sim 0.9$ along with

475 elevated CaO, Al₂O₃, Na₂O, and the lowest MnO (~ 0.17 wt. %; Fig. 6a) and B concentrations
476 of all measured olivine crystals (Fig. 6b; < 0.3 µg g⁻¹; this study; Scambelluri et al., 2004) and
477 differs from the BSE-lighter metamorphic rims with lower X_{Mg} values. These olivine core
478 compositions correspond well to mantle olivine major element compositions reported for Erro
479 Tobbio (Fig. 6a; Scambelluri et al., 1991; Rampone et al. 2004, 2005). Non-serpentinised relict
480 mantle olivine in mesh centres together with antigorite overgrowing the low-*T* serpentine mesh
481 textures closely resembles textures documented for the chrysotile/lizardite to antigorite
482 transformation documented in a serpentinite from DSDP core Leg 84 Site 566 (Kodolányi and
483 Pettke, 2011; compare their Fig. 2d with Fig. 3a in this study).

484 Because compositional re-equilibration during the subduction cycle is subordinate notably for
485 the low strain domains, the two main hydrous phases antigorite and chlorite exhibit fluid-
486 immobile element compositional characteristics that can be ascribed to parent mineral
487 compositions (e.g., Deschamps et al., 2010; Kodolányi et al., 2012). Higher Sc, V and Cr (Fig.
488 6c), Y, Zr, and REE (Fig. 6d) concentrations in antigorite after pyroxene than in antigorite after
489 olivine in the low-strain domains indicate inheritance of these elements from precursor
490 pyroxene. Similar bimodal tendencies are observed for antigorite within the high-strain
491 antigorite serpentinites but overlap between the two compositional end members is common.
492 This overlap likely relates to re-equilibration during subduction metamorphism. Similar bimodal
493 compositions depending on the precursor mineral are indicated for chlorite in the low-strain
494 antigorite serpentinites. Chlorite after clinopyroxene thereby appears to contain higher
495 amounts of e.g., CaO, Na₂O, Sc, Y, and Zr, Hf, REEs, while chlorite after spinel exhibits higher
496 concentrations of Al₂O₃, Nb, and also Cr (not shown).

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498 **5.2. Initial fluid-mobile element imprints**

499 Prominent enrichments of FMEs during hydration of mantle rocks are well-documented in
500 literature and can be used for constraining fluid origins and serpentinisation environments,
501 even for partially dehydrated serpentinites (Guillot et al., 2001; Kodolányi et al. 2012;
502 Deschamps et al., 2013; Peters et al., 2017). Compositional variability of bulk rock FME
503 contents in the antigorite serpentinites covers one order of magnitude (Fig. 5a; Tab. 1), and
504 primitive mantle-normalised trace element patterns are overall uniform for the different
505 structural domains. The strong B and W bulk rock enrichments (Fig. 5a) along with moderate
506 enrichments in Cs, Rb, Pb, As, and Sb readily identify hydration by a fluid of oceanic or
507 possibly early subduction origin (Guillot et al., 2001; Scambelluri et al., 2004; Kodolányi et al.,
508 2012; Deschamps et al., 2013; Andreani et al., 2014; Peters et al., 2017).

509 Fluid-mobile element patterns in antigorite and chlorite spanning over orders of magnitude
510 (Fig. 7,8) indicate disequilibrium, i.e., no or very poor re-equilibration during metamorphism,
511 at the μm - to mm-scale. Antigorite from high-strain domains generally incorporates $< 200 \mu\text{g}$
512 g^{-1} of Cl, which is consistent with bulk rock levels ($141\text{-}210 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$; John et al., 2011) and
513 identifies antigorite as main Cl-carrier. In the low-strain domains, Cl concentrations in many
514 antigorite grains of up to $\sim 900 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ are higher than respective bulk rock concentrations of
515 up to $254 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ and negatively coupled with X_{Mg} (Fig. 8a). In Guatemala forearc serpentinites,
516 Kodolányi and Pettke (2011) attributed the positive correlation between Cl and Fe abundances
517 with a concomitant lack of SiO_2 to the abundance of Fe-rich hydroxides such as iowaite that
518 can be submicroscopically intergrown with low- T serpentine phases. The apparent
519 preservation of this low- T serpentinisation feature supports limited resetting of the residual
520 hydrous phases and that associated characteristics should mainly represent *in situ* chemical
521 features obtained during respective hydration events.

522 Strontium concentrations are tendentially higher in antigorite and chlorite within high-strain
523 domains than within low-strain domains, and in antigorite after pyroxene compared to

524 antigorite after olivine within each structural domain. Precursor mineral concentrations are
525 rarely exceeded. This indicates that most of the fluid-enriched Sr is stored in metamorphic
526 diopside (and respective precursor hydration products), as is corroborated by coupling of Sr
527 enrichments with CaO concentrations (Fig. 8b) at the bulk and mineral scale. Boron is evenly
528 distributed between antigorite and chlorite and the respective textural domains (Fig. 7b, 8c).
529 Magnitudes of B enrichment thereby largely balance the bulk rock budgets but require other
530 B-rich phases, which appear to be metamorphic olivine (*cf* Scambelluri et al., 2004; De Hoog
531 et al., 2014) and Ti-clinohumite (Fig. 7b, 8c). Neither Sr nor B mineral contents are thus
532 suitable tracers of changing serpentinisation fluid compositions.

533 Rubidium, Cs and Ba are notably enriched relative to precursor mineral concentrations.
534 Whereas Rb and Cs contents cover bulk rock compositional ranges, Ba concentrations are
535 generally lower and require another Ba sink (Fig. 7d, e, f). Considering that clinopyroxene is
536 the only Ca-phase in our rocks, we suspect metamorphic diopside to host the majority of Ba
537 (see also vein diopside analyses; supplementary material 3). Enrichment ratios of Rb/Cs
538 (Hulme et al., 2010; Kahl et al., 2015; Peters et al., 2017; Albers et al., in review) in antigorite
539 and chlorite thus appear to represent the most promising tracer of undisturbed serpentinising
540 fluid characteristics.

541 Indeed, Rb/Cs reveal two well-defined enrichment trends representing a main hydration fluid
542 imprint with Rb/Cs of 0.5-4 in the majority of antigorite, chlorite, and the bulk rock data, and
543 another minor component with Rb/Cs up to 24 in samples ETCL7-4 and ETCL8-4 (Fig. 8d).
544 The bulk rock and most mineral Rb/Cs of sample ETCL7-4 fall along the main serpentinisation
545 trend, indicating that high Rb/Cs mineral signatures are locally limited to few textural sites.
546 Similarly, mineral data in sample suite ETCL8-4 plot along the main enrichment trend with
547 exception of one chlorite analysis (Rb/Cs ~ 16), revealing the non-pervasive nature of the high
548 Rb-Cs imprints. Rb/Cs > 10 in serpentine are unusual for forearc serpentinites (Peters et al.,
549 2017; Albers et al., in review) and indicate either very shallow forearc pore fluids (Albers et al.,

550 in review) or even a minor ocean water component with Rb/Cs > 100 (Hulme et al., 2010;
551 Peters et al., 2017). The main dehydration fluid composition fingerprints breakdown fluids of
552 clay-rich sediment with or without first dehydration fluids from altered oceanic crust, rather
553 than (shallower) pore fluids (Kahl et al., 2015; Albers et al., in review). It thus appears likely
554 that the high Rb/Cs imprints represent first fluid ingresses along cracks and faults prior to the
555 main serpentinisation event at slightly deeper forearc levels. Hydration with forearc fluids is
556 corroborated by U/Cs < 1 in the same sample suite (Peters et al., 2017).

557 Based on the sensitivity of Rb/Cs to different fluid sources (Hulme et al., 2010; Kahl et al.,
558 2015; Peters, et al., 2017; Albers et al., in review) and the tightly-constrained main
559 serpentinisation trend, higher absolute enrichments in antigorite after pyroxene compared to
560 antigorite after olivine, and in high-strain serpentinites compared to low-strain serpentinites
561 can be attributed to variable fluid-mineral partitioning (based on higher initial alkali contents;
562 our preferred hypothesis), higher fluid-rock ratios or more concentrated fluids derived from the
563 same source.

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565 **5.3. The relevance of brucite in precursor serpentinites**

566 Stable phases and reactions in serpentinites are highly dependent on the activity of SiO₂
567 throughout the serpentinisation-subduction-exhumation cycle (Bach et al., 2004; Frost and
568 Beard, 2007; Klein et al., 2009; Schwarzenbach et al., 2016). External SiO₂ input and
569 subordinate internal SiO₂ re-distribution during hydration of pyroxene (Toft et al., 1990) are
570 common, limiting stable brucite modes in ocean floor and forearc serpentinites (Bach et al.,
571 2004; Malvoisin, 2015). In the Erro Tobbio antigorite serpentinites, however, the olivine-
572 forming reaction

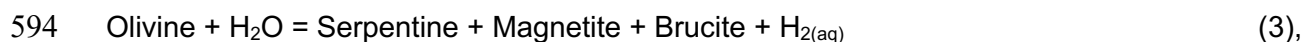


574 is considered to have been the main dehydration reaction (Scambelluri et al. 1995; Plümper
575 et al., 2017) during subduction to 550-600 °C and 2.0-2.5 GPa. With maximum concentrations
576 of MnO ~ 0.35 wt. % (Rampone et al. 2004; 2005) and B < 0.3 µg g⁻¹ (this study; Scambelluri
577 et al., 2004) in pristine mantle olivine of Erro Tobbio (grey field in Fig. 6b; supplementary
578 material 3), it becomes evident that the vast majority of olivine (up to ~ 40 vol. %;
579 supplementary material 4) is non-mantellic with lower X_{Mg} and MnO, and notably enriched in
580 B (Fig. 6a,b). Sole diffusive olivine re-equilibration with surrounding phases during subduction
581 metamorphism thereby appears unlikely, as X_{Mg} zonations in olivine indicate disequilibrium at
582 the µm-scale (Fig. 3a). Frequent inclusions of magnetite or antigorite in olivine demonstrate
583 overgrowth, i.e., olivine formation by metamorphic reactions at the expense of former hydrous
584 phase(s) that were produced along with magnetite upon hydration. The rare occurrence of
585 mantle relicts (notably clinopyroxene) suggests that initial hydration was close to completion
586 even in the low-strain domains.

587 Following reaction (1), such high metamorphic olivine modes in the Erro Tobbio antigorite
588 serpentinites require substantial initial brucite modes, the likelihood of which is now
589 addressed. Silica-neutral rock-buffered serpentinisation of the peridotites (section 5.1) thereby
590 allows for reconstructing prograde reaction paths. In a SiO₂ preserving system, olivine
591 hydration proceeds via

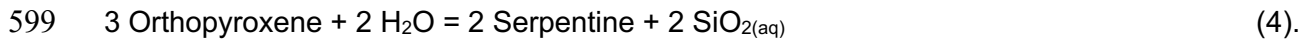


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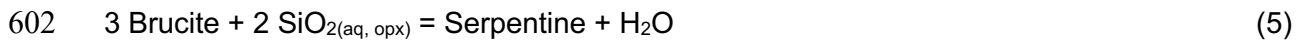


595 with reactions (2) and (3) being dependent on temperature, SiO₂ activity, fluid-rock ratios, and
596 the degree of serpentinisation (Frost and Beard, 2007; Andreani et al., 2013; Evans et al.,
597 2013; Klein et al., 2014)

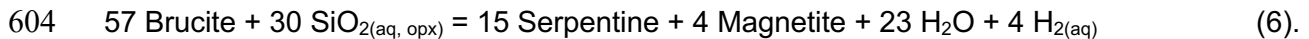
598 Orthopyroxene is hydrated via (after Bach et al. 2006; Klein et al., 2009)



600 Consumption of brucite by internally-derived SiO₂ released upon pyroxene hydration is then
601 possible via (Bach et al. 2006; Klein et al., 2009)



603 and



605 Considering the harzburgitic compositions of the Erro Tobbio peridotites with 73-82 vol. % of
606 olivine and 11-17 vol. % of orthopyroxene (Rampone et al. 2004: chemical variability in
607 MgO/SiO₂ and Al₂O₃/SiO₂ is comparable with our samples), i.e., molar olivine:orthopyroxene
608 ratios of up to 6:1 in the most primitive peridotites, silica released from pyroxene hydration can
609 only consume up to one third of all brucite produced during complete and SiO₂-neutral olivine
610 hydration (supplementary material 4; cf also Malvoisin, 2015). Note that chlorite formation after
611 spinel further reduces the amount of SiO₂ available from pyroxene hydration, and
612 clinopyroxene hydration is subordinate at best. Consequently, large brucite modes are
613 expected for rock-buffered serpentinisation environments.

614 Upon prograde metamorphism, chrysotile/lizardite will react to form antigorite in a SiO₂-
615 preserving system (Evans, 2004) via



617 The sluggish and highly *T*-dependent reaction (7) is thereby considered to be the main
618 serpentine phase transformation reaction in a SiO₂-preserving system (Evans 2004; Kodolányi
619 and Pettke, 2011; Evans et al. 2013), while other olivine-producing reactions are metastable

620 (Evans, 2004) and thus not considered here. Antigorite inclusions in olivine further require
621 antigorite stability prior to olivine formation.

622 In a third step, the major olivine-forming and H₂O-liberating reaction (1) proceeded leading to
623 the formation of the olivine-rich dehydration veins in equilibrium with the antigorite
624 serpentinites (after Evans, 2004; 2010; Plümper et al., 2016). Other major olivine-forming
625 reactions, which involve antigorite breakdown and talc or orthopyroxene formation, proceed
626 at temperatures above those reached by the Erro Tobbio rocks ($T_{\text{Max}} = 550\text{-}600\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$).

627 In summary, reaction (1) remains the only viable mechanism to produce large modes of
628 metamorphic olivine in our samples, implying that substantial modes of brucite were stable
629 throughout prograde subduction until consumption via this reaction. Considering the maximum
630 thermal stability of brucite to 550 °C (Bretscher et al., 2018), all brucite is expected to have
631 reacted out at Erro Tobbio, notably the low X_{Mg} brucite that decomposes at lower temperature
632 in the continuous brucite dehydration reaction. Overall, a prograde reaction path involving
633 reactions (2)-(6) during hydration, (7) during serpentine transformation, and (1) during partial
634 dehydration at intermediate subduction zone depths well explains the petrological and
635 geochemical features of our samples and of serpentinite systems devoid of SiO₂
636 metasomatism. Other subducted serpentinites that do not exhibit significant SiO₂
637 metasomatism (Fig. 4a) and developed notable modes of metamorphic olivine within the
638 antigorite stability field during subduction such as Zermatt and Lago di Cignana (Gilio et al.,
639 2019) likely followed similar reaction paths.

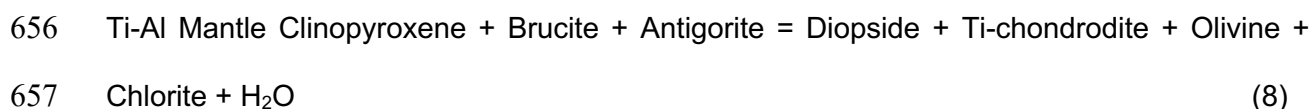
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641 **5.4. Element inventory of the dehydration veins**

642 The mm to cm-thick veins cross-cutting the Erro Tobbio antigorite serpentinites contain the
643 same metamorphic phases (olivine, Ti-clinohumite, magnetite, diopside, chlorite, antigorite -
644 and retrograde serpentine) as their host rocks. No hydrothermal alteration envelope around

645 the veins can be recognized; hence, the vein-forming fluid can be considered to have been in
646 chemical and thermodynamic equilibrium with the enclosing serpentinites. Our observations
647 (section 5.3) underline the importance of the brucite-out reaction (1) in the studied rocks, in
648 agreement with numerous studies that have investigated mechanical and structural
649 (Scambelluri et al., 1995; Plümper et al., 2017), isotopic (e.g., Früh-Green et al. 2001;
650 Scambelluri and Tonarini, 2012; Halama et al., 2014) and chemical aspects (e.g., Scambelluri
651 et al., 2001 John et al., 2011).

652 Besides the continuous brucite-out reaction, replacement of relict mantle clinopyroxene by
653 metamorphic diopside, Ti-clinohumite, chlorite, and minor magnetite in the wall rocks indicate
654 the progress of another multivariant dehydration reaction producing Ti-clinohumite
655 (Trommsdorff and Evans, 1980), i.e.,



658 Progress of the multivariant reactions (1) and (8) continuously liberated minor fluid pulses
659 derived from different chemical subdomains of the dehydrating system (Plümper et al., 2017)
660 into the developing vein systems, allowing for progressive vein reworking and extensive
661 mineral inter- and overgrowth (Fig. 1c-d, 2e-f). Consequently, modal abundances of the vein-
662 forming minerals are different from those in the wall rocks and highly variable as vein
663 assemblages continuously equilibrate with fluid components derived from nearby dehydration
664 reactions.

665 Bulk vein and vein mineral compositional patterns are generally similar to the wall rocks (Fig.
666 5b), but bulk compositions display highly variable and partly elevated Li, Sr, Y, REE, HFSE
667 and W (+Mo) abundances compared to the host serpentinites. Coupling of Sr, Y, and Dy with
668 CaO bulk rock abundances along a mixing trend with diopside (Fig. 9a), and of Nb, Zr (not
669 shown), and W or Nb with TiO₂ along a mixing trend with Ti-clinohumite (Fig. 9b) reveal that

670 the variable element abundances in the veins are controlled by the variable modes of these
671 mineral repositories in the veins. Similar mineral compositions in veins and wall rocks (Fig. 10)
672 thereby support an internal derivation of vein-forming fluids.

673 The high Sr concentration in vein ETCL4B2-VEIN, which is prominently higher than in the
674 other veins and slightly off-trend for Sr vs. CaO, is associated with the highest P₂O₅ (note the
675 overall positive P anomalies in the veins) and LREE concentrations of all veins and may
676 indicate the presence of apatite in the sampled vein segment. We did not observe any apatite
677 in the thin section, however. Hafnium and Ta, as well as HREEs are concentrated in both,
678 diopside and Ti-clinohumite. HREEs are also significantly incorporated into olivine, thus
679 accounting for elevated HREE abundances in the vein bulks. Prominent vein bulk enrichments
680 in Li indicate loss from the serpentinites (Fig. 5b; see also Fig. 7a), and elevated Li
681 concentrations in metamorphic (Fig. 7a) and vein olivine reveal Li redistribution during the
682 brucite-consuming reaction (1). The effect of retrograde hydration on the bulk trace element
683 signatures of the veins appears to be limited for the elements discussed above since bulk vein
684 concentrations appear to be linked to chemical signatures of the initial prograde vein-forming
685 minerals.

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687 **5.5. Geodynamic implications**

688 *Rock-buffered serpentinisation environments*

689 Hydration signatures in the Erro Tobbio antigorite serpentinites reveal moderate FME
690 enrichments and isochemical serpentinisation with respect to major elements. A lack of
691 prominent U enrichments (measured Th/U ratios range between 1.6 and 0.3 relative to modern
692 depleted mantle of ~2.5; U/Cs << 1) characteristic of MOR environments (Peters et al., 2017),
693 and alkali enrichments with Rb/Cs of between 4 and 26 are indicative of shallow forearc
694 hydration by early dehydration fluids from clays and altered oceanic crust as well as,

695 subordinately, sedimentary pore fluids (Kahl et al., 2015; Albers et al., in review). Such shallow
696 forearc fluid imprints can potentially be expected in a suprasubduction position (Früh-Green
697 et al., 2001; Scambelluri and Tonarini, 2012; Kahl et al., 2015; Albers et al., in review) or along
698 bend-faults in the down-going slab (Fig. 11; Ranero et al., 2003; Faccenda et al., 2009; John
699 et al., 2011; Kendrick et al., 2011; Halama et al., 2014). In contrast to studies by Früh-Green
700 et al. (2001) and Scambelluri and Tonarini (2012) conducted on another sample suite, we do
701 not observe evidence for ocean water-dominated hydration or geochemical differences
702 between structural domains. Considering the apparent coherency of the Erro Tobbio unit,
703 numerous shear zones (Fig. 1a), and strong fluid localisation on the metre-scale during
704 subduction (Hermann et al., 2000; Früh-Green et al., 2001; Cannà et al., 2016), such
705 heterogeneity could indicate heterogeneous fluid imprints within the Erro Tobbio unit. The
706 exact position of the Erro Tobbio unit during hydration and subduction remains unclear due to
707 the lack of comparable bend fault serpentinite data and the poorly constrained spatial
708 variability of fluid imprints within the Erro Tobbio unit.

709 Our data on both the geochemistry and petrology of the Erro Tobbio antigorite serpentinites
710 characterise subducted serpentinite that formed close to the hydration front where a rock-
711 buffered hydration environment prevails. This is documented by the incomplete degrees of
712 mantle rock hydration (i.e., mantle relics are common), both on mineral (Fig. 1a, 2a,b) and on
713 rock body scales (e.g., Rampone et al., 2005) and by trace element enrichment patterns (Figs.
714 5a and 8) characteristic of rock-buffered fluid conditions. Such rock-buffered or “isochemical”
715 (for SiO₂) hydration, driven by depleted or dilute fluids and low fluid-rock ratios, might be
716 particularly relevant for deeper sections of hydrated slab mantle (as inferred from geophysical
717 data; Peacock, 2001; Korenaga 2017; Bloch et al., 2018; Cai et al., 2018), and dehydration
718 fronts. Substantial brucite stability within these environments would be consequential and is
719 indeed suggested by geophysical data for the deeper slab (lower seismic zone; Bloch et al.,
720 2018). The magma-poor nature of the Ligurian Ocean, as evidenced by a scarcity of igneous
721 rocks, could further have limited the generation of SiO₂-rich fluids due to a scarcity of SiO₂-

722 richer rocks/sources. To the contrast, fluid-buffered or “non-isochemical” hydration in the
723 upper few 100 metres of the oceanic lithosphere (Fig. 11; Bach et al., 2004; Paulick et al.,
724 2006; Kodolányi et al., 2012; Malvoisin, 2015), commonly considered representative of
725 serpentinised oceanic lithospheric mantle, and along most of the subduction interface
726 (Scambelluri et al., 2014; Cannaò et al., 2015; 2016) appears to be accompanied by pervasive
727 Si metasomatism.

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729 *Element loss from serpentinites during subduction dehydration*

730 Comparison of reactant and product phase compositions of reactions (1) and (8) for vein-wall
731 rock pairs allows for a qualitative estimate of the dehydration fluid composition. The lack of
732 residual brucite in the antigorite serpentinites does not allow for considering potential brucite
733 contributions in reaction (1), however, data from Kodolányi et al. (2012) suggests that brucite
734 does not incorporate considerable amounts of FMEs. Higher concentrations of Na, Cl, As, Cr,
735 and Ba in matrix antigorite of low-strain domains (Fig. 10a), and of B, Cr, As, Rb, Sb, and Cs
736 in matrix antigorite from high-strain domains (Fig. 10b) compared to the respective
737 metamorphic olivine compositions indicate an effective loss of these elements from the
738 dehydrating serpentinites into the fluid. Few Na- and Cl-rich vein olivine analyses in the high-
739 strain domains are suspicious, however, and we attribute these unusual compositions to sub-
740 microscopic salt or fluid inclusions that could not be resolved optically or in the transient LA-
741 ICP-MS signals. Product phases of reaction (8) contain prominently less Na in general, as well
742 as less Cr, Sb, and Cs in the low-strain domains (Fig. 10c), and less B, As, Rb, and Cs in the
743 high-strain domains (Fig. 10d) compared to the reactants. Strontium and Ba are scavenged
744 by diopside. On grounds of the higher enrichment in alkali and alkaline earth metals in
745 serpentine after pyroxene (section 5.2), reaction (8) that consumes this type of high-Sr-Ba-
746 Rb-Cs antigorite might play an essential role in the cycling of these elements during partial
747 serpentinite dehydration at intermediate depths (Fig. 11).

749 **6. Conclusions**

750 Our geochemical and petrological study of a suite of Erro Tobbio antigorite serpentinites and
751 associated dehydration veins provides new insights into the serpentinisation and subduction
752 history of these rocks. Bulk rock compositions are variably melt-depleted and reveal the
753 absence of significant SiO₂ and CaO addition or loss throughout hydration and dehydration.
754 At mineral scale, preservation of precursor mineral chemical signatures along with low-*T*
755 textural and chemical serpentinisation features reveal limited overprint and chemical
756 disequilibria even at scales of tens of μm. Geochemical and petrological changes of the Erro
757 Tobbio peridotites during serpentinisation and subduction were thus buffered by the initial rock
758 compositions, in contrast to fluid-buffered hydration accompanied by significant SiO₂
759 metasomatism at, e.g., mid ocean ridges. Fluid-mobile element enrichment patterns with U/Cs
760 << 1 and Rb/Cs of between 4 and 26 thereby fingerprint fluids sourced from early clay or
761 altered oceanic crust dehydration with a minor sedimentary pore fluid component within the
762 shallow forearc as part of the slab or in a suprasubduction position. While hydration imprints
763 are mostly uniform within the studied antigorite serpentinites, it remains unclear whether the
764 same applies to the whole Erro Tobbio unit.

765 As a consequence of SiO₂-neutral serpentinisation, olivine hydration resulted in pronounced
766 brucite formation. Internal SiO₂ release from orthopyroxene could only compensate for one
767 third of all brucite produced by complete olivine hydration. Serpentine phase transformation
768 without external SiO₂ likely produced even more brucite along with antigorite, before partial
769 dehydration by brucite + antigorite consumption produced up to 40 vol. % of metamorphic
770 olivine and extensive olivine + Ti-clinohumite + magnetite vein networks.

771 Rock-buffered fluid-rock interactions thus provide a mechanism for stabilising brucite in
772 subduction zone serpentinites, presumably along hydration fronts and within deeper sections

773 of the oceanic lithospheric mantle. Subsequent brucite consumption drives metamorphic
774 olivine formation and partial serpentinite dehydration at temperatures < 550 °C and prior to
775 antigorite breakdown. Fluids released during the olivine-Ti-clinohumite-magnetite-diopside
776 vein-forming reactions in the Erro Tobbio antigorite serpentinites infer effective loss of alkali
777 elements, B, Cr, As, Sb, and Ba from the wall rocks into the plate interface and mantle wedge,
778 and important Sr, REE and HFSE redistribution into vein minerals. Such fluid cycling from
779 hydration to subduction is complementary to that associated with SiO₂-metasomatised and
780 brucite-poor serpentinites formed near the ocean floor, usually considered representative of
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1084 **Figure captions**

1085 **Figure 1** Schematic geological maps of the Erro Tobbio unit including sample locations of this
1086 study: a) modified after Vissers et al. (1991) and b) modified after Scambelluri et al. (1995).

1087 **Figure 2** Petrographic images of the Erro Tobbio high-strain antigorite serpentinites and cross-
1088 cutting dehydration veins: **a)** Partially serpentinised and internally deformed relict mantle
1089 clinopyroxene (Cpx₁) porphyroblast in a fine-grained foliated metamorphic matrix of antigorite
1090 (Atg₂) + olivine (Ol₂) + magnetite (Mag₂). **b)** Metamorphic olivine porphyroblast (Ol₂) in fine-
1091 grained antigorite (Atg₂) + olivine (Ol₂) + magnetite (Mag₂) matrix. **c)** Apparent overgrowth of
1092 vein olivine (Ol_v) by vein Ti-clinohumite (Ti-Chu_v) in back-scattered electron image (BSE) and
1093 in plane polarised light (PPL); note the zonation in the BSE image, the magnetite inclusions,
1094 and that crystal fractures continue from Ol_v into Ti-Chu_v. **d)** Sheared olivine (Ol_v) + Ti-
1095 clinohumite (Ti-Chu_v) + magnetite (Mag_v) vein with crack-filling of fine-grained diopside (Di_v).

1096 **Figure 3** Petrographic images of the Erro Tobbio low-strain antigorite serpentinites and cross-
1097 cutting dehydration veins: **a)** Relict mesh textures with mantle olivine in mesh centres (Ol₁;
1098 highlighted with purple lines) and metamorphic antigorite (Atg₂) and olivine (Ol₂) grown along
1099 the former serpentine mesh; **b)** Partially hydrated relic mantle clinopyroxene (Cpx₁; EPMA
1100 measurement spots ET08-16-W-36 and ET08-16-W-44 in supplementary material 2) replaced
1101 by chlorite (Chl₂), magnetite (Mag₂), Ti-clinohumite (Ti-Chu₂), along with minor metamorphic
1102 diopside and antigorite (too small to be indicated). **c)** Mantle orthopyroxene (Opx₁) bastite
1103 containing fine-grained metamorphic diopside (Di₂) and olivine (Ol₂). **d)** Alteration
1104 pseudomorph after spinel with magnetite (Mag₂) in the core surrounded by a chlorite (Chl₂)
1105 corona. **e)** Vein Ti-clinohumite (Ti-Chu_v) pierced by diopside needles (Di_v). **f)** Close-up of **e)**
1106 displaying intergrowth of diopside (Di_v) and chlorite (Chl_v) with interspersed magnetite (Mag_v)
1107 and strongly serpentinised olivine (serp. Ol).

1108 **Figure 4** Geochemical characteristics of the Erro Tobbio antigorite serpentinites with **a)** bulk
1109 rock MgO/SiO_2 vs. $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{SiO}_2$ (Data for mid ocean ridge (MOR) serpentinites (serp.) from
1110 compilation in Peters et al. (2017), for subducted slab serpentinites from Debret et al. (2013;
1111 Lanzo) and Gilio et al. (2019; Zermatt-Saas; Lago di Cignana), and for subduction channel
1112 serpentinites from Scambelluri et al. (2014; Cima di Gagnone) and Cannaò et al. (2016; Voltri).
1113 Note that all Erro Tobbio samples plot atop the terrestrial array, thus implying that their SiO_2 -
1114 $\text{MgO}-\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ contents were not significantly modified upon hydration. **b)** bulk rock Al_2O_3 vs.
1115 CaO , **c)** primitive mantle (PM)-normalised rare earth element patterns for bulk rock data with
1116 shaded fields of spinel peridotite and mantle clinopyroxene data for Erro Tobbio from
1117 Rampone et al. (2004, 2005), and **d)** bulk rock and clinopyroxene contents of Ce, Gd, and Yb
1118 vs. CaO . Data from supplementary materials 1 and 3. Primitive mantle values after Palme and
1119 O'Neill (2014). Abbreviations: AS (hs) = antigorite serpentinite (high-strain); AS (ls) = antigorite
1120 serpentinite (low-strain), and relict mantle clinopyroxene (Cpx_1)).

1121 **Figure 5** Primitive mantle normalised bulk rock trace element distribution diagrams, illustrating
1122 fluid-mobile element enrichments in **a)** the Erro Tobbio antigorite (atg) serpentinites, and **b)**
1123 associated dehydration veins (data from supplementary material 1). The grey band visualises
1124 the apparent melt depletion trend in **a)**. Primitive mantle (PM) values after Palme and O'Neill
1125 (2014).

1126 **Figure 6** Mineral compositional characteristics for **a)** X_{Mg} vs. MnO and **b)** MnO vs. B in olivine
1127 (ol; all analyses), and **c)** V vs. Cr and **d)** bulk-normalised Yb vs. Dy in antigorite (Atg_2) from
1128 the Erro Tobbio low- and high-strain antigorite serpentinites. Data points comprise EPMA data
1129 from supplementary material 2 in **a)**, and LA-ICP-MS data in **a-d)** from supplementary material
1130 3. Grey-shaded fields of mantle relicts of olivine (Ol_1), orthopyroxene (Opx_1 ; measured on relict
1131 mantle orthopyroxene in a retrogradely overprinted serpentinitised dunite from Erro Tobbio)
1132 and clinopyroxene (Cpx_1) compositions include data from supplementary material 3 and
1133 Rampone et al. (2005). The red-shaded area in **d)** displays the limits of detection (LODs) for

1134 several measurements of antigorite after olivine that did not yield significant concentrations
1135 (LOD variability stems from variable laser spot sizes between measurements).

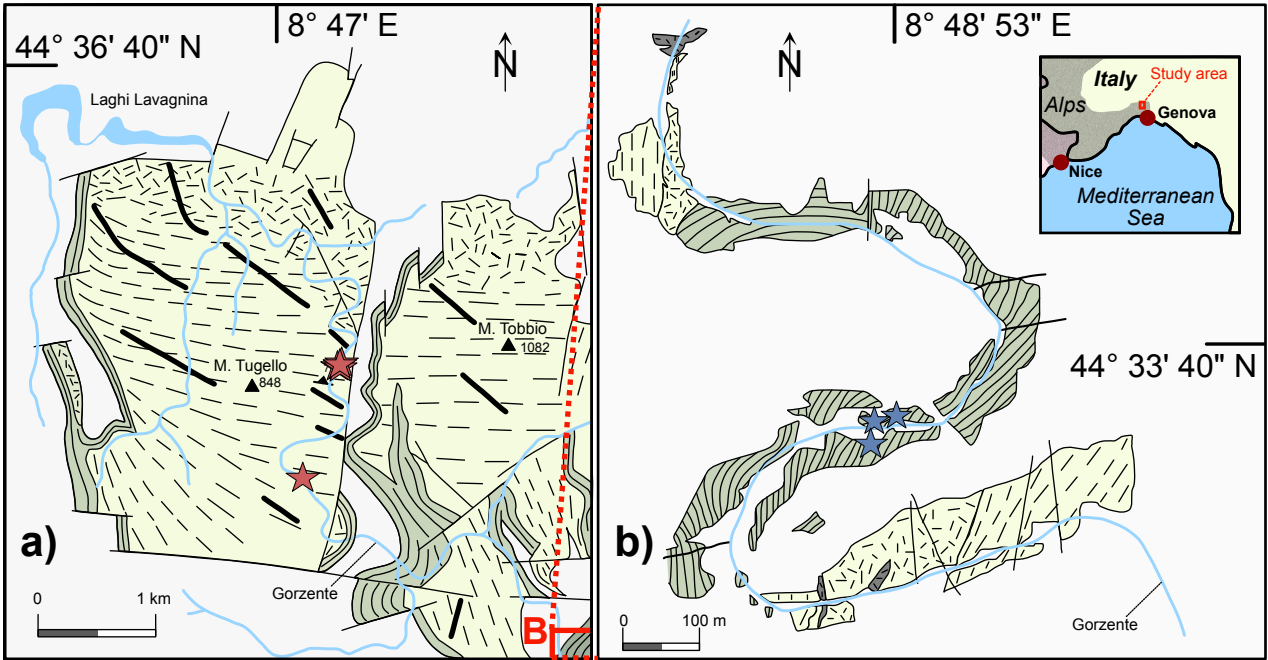
1136 **Figure 7** Fluid mobile element enrichment distribution plots in the rock-forming silicates and
1137 bulk rocks (data from supplementary materials 1 and 3) for **a) Li, b) B, c) Sr, d) Ba, e) Rb, f)**
1138 **Cs, g) As, and h) Sb.** Abbreviations: Ol_1 = mantle olivine; Cpx_1 = mantle clinopyroxene; Opx_1
1139 = mantle orthopyroxene; Atg_2 = metamorphic antigorite; after Ol_1 = metamorphic antigorite
1140 (Atg_2) after mantle olivine (Ol_1) ; after Px_1 = metamorphic antigorite (Atg_2)/chlorite (Chl_2) after
1141 mantle clino- (Cpx_1) or orthopyroxene (Opx_1); after Spl_1 = metamorphic chlorite after mantle
1142 spinel₁; Ol_2 = metamorphic olivine; $Ti-Chu_2$ = metamorphic Ti-clinohumite; < LOD = below
1143 limits of detection. Note that Opx_1 reference data were measured on relict mantle
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
1145 **Figure 8** Fluid-mobile element enrichment characteristics in the Erro Tobbio antigorite
1146 serpentinites (AS) and antigorite (Atg_2) and chlorite (Chl_2) for **a) Cl vs. X_{Mg}** with bulk rock Cl
1147 concentrations (shown as bars) from John et al. (2011), **b) Sr vs. CaO** (bulk-rock normalised),
1148 **c) B vs. Sr, and d) Rb vs. Cs** including bulk rock data for Erro Tobbio, mid ocean ridge (MOR)
1149 and forearc (FA) serpentinites (Peters et al., 2017), and mineral data for serpentine mud from
1150 South Chamorro (Kahl et al., 2015). Data taken from supplementary materials 1-3.
1151 Abbreviations: after Ol_1 = metamorphic antigorite after mantle olivine (Ol_1) ; after Px_1 =
1152 metamorphic antigorite (Atg_2)/chlorite (Chl_2) after mantle clino- (Cpx_1) or orthopyroxene
1153 (Opx_1); after Spl_1 = metamorphic chlorite after mantle spinel₁.


1154 **Figure 9** Trace element patterns in high-pressure dehydration veins in the Erro Tobbio
1155 antigorite (Atg) serpentinites for **a) Sr, Y, and Dy vs. CaO** in vein bulks and diopside (Di_v), and
1156 **b) Nb, W, and Ta** in vein bulks and Ti-clinohumite ($Ti-Chu_v$) . Abbreviations: hs = high-strain;
1157 ls = low-strain.


1158 **Figure 10** Selected trace element inventories in reactant and product phases for the
1159 dehydration reactions brucite-consumption (a, b) and Ti-clinohumite-in (c, d). Ellipses indicate
1160 effective element loss into the liberated fluid. Data taken from supplementary materials 2 and
1161 3. Olivine analyses with $\text{Na}_2\text{O} > 0.04$ wt. % and $\text{Cl} > 0.1$ wt. % in the high-strain domains were
1162 not considered (see text). * = upper concentration limit as lower limit < limit of detection for the
1163 respective phase (LOD).


1164 **Figure 11** Sketch depicting expected characteristic FME imprints and major element
1165 compositional changes during hydration and partial dehydration in **a)** mid-ocean ridge, **b)**
1166 shallow forearc, and **c)** deeper forearc settings. Brucite consumption curve given in **c)** for
1167 reference. Potential hydration environments of the Erro Tobbio unit are indicated in **b)**, and
1168 dehydration fluid compositions related to brucite consumption are in listed in **c)**.






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
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