

1                   **New insights on asymmetric folding by means of the anisotropy of magnetic**  
2                   **susceptibility, Variscan and Pyrenean folds (SW Pyrenees)**

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15 **ABSTRACT**

16           The main goal of this work is to compare the magnetic fabric and field structural observations  
17 of the limbs of seven asymmetric folds in the Pyrenees to determine the differences of internal  
18 deformation as well as the folding kinematics. The magnetic fabric allows to unravel the petrofabric  
19 of these folded sedimentary rocks with scarce strain markers. Three folds developed during the  
20 Variscan Orogeny in Ordovician and Devonian rocks, and four folds developed during the Pyrenean  
21 Orogeny in Eocene rocks, were studied. Folds show a variety of structural locations, in different thrust  
22 sheets of the Southern Central Pyrenees, different cleavage development, age, geometry and  
23 lithology. Sampling follows an equivalent lithological layer in the two limbs except in one case of  
24 the selected folds. A modified tectonic magnetic fabric is found in most sites showing the magnetic  
25 lineation ( $k_{\max}$ ) on the tectonic foliation plane. A larger scattering of the  $k_{\max}$  axes and a higher  
26 intensity of the preferred orientation of minerals (eccentricity of the AMS ellipsoid) is better observed  
27 in the overturned (short) limb of the asymmetric Variscan folds than in the normal (long) limb, while  
28 shape parameter in Alpine folds is generally larger in the overturned (short) limb respect to the normal  
29 (long) one, a good clustering of  $k_{\min}$  axes is observed in all limbs.

30 The combination of the AMS data with the structural data helps to understand and better constrain  
31 the deformation degree in these asymmetric folds and to unravel the deformational history.  
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35 **INTRODUCTION**  
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37 Folds constitute common geological elements that may develop in all tectonic environments, being  
38 more abundant in fold and thrust belts. During the last decades, numerous works have dealt with

39 folding focused on the geometry of the folded strata and the possible deformation mechanisms during  
40 folding deduced from the study of their geometry and/or internal features (e.g. *Donath and Parker,*  
41 *1964; Ghosh, 1966; Ramsay, 1967; Suppe, 1985; Jamison, 1987*). However, the internal strain that  
42 provides insight about deformation mechanisms still needs to be linked to macroscopic geometrical  
43 models that describe the kinematics of folding (*Amrouch et al., 2011 and references therein*). In this  
44 sense, analysis of the petrofabric associated to strain in folded rocks can contribute to understand  
45 folding mechanism and its deformation history. However, in numerous folds, strain markers are  
46 scarce rendering useful an analysis of the anisotropy of the magnetic susceptibility (AMS). The  
47 parallelism between the fabric due to deformation and the magnetic fabric is already known from  
48 numerous publications since the early works on AMS analyses (*Graham, 1954; Stone, 1962;*  
49 *Graham, 1966; Kneen, 1976; Borradaile, 1988; Borradaile and Tarling, 1981; Rathore and Henry,*  
50 *1982; Borradaile and Jackson, 2004*).

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52 This parallelism is used in a wide array of tectonic regimes, from sedimentary basins where the main  
53 extensional direction is parallel to the magnetic lineation (*Alfonsi, 1997; Mattei et al., 1997; Cifelli*  
54 *et al., 2005*) to compressional settings, where the magnetic lineation, parallel to the elongation  
55 direction, is at large angle to the compression (*Borradaile and Tarling, 1981; Kligfield et al., 1981;*  
56 *Hrouda, 1982 ;Borradaile, 1988; Aubourg et al., 1995; Lüneburg et al., 1999; Parés et al., 1999*).  
57 Recent works aiming to decipher the extensional direction in inverted basins using magnetic fabrics  
58 as strain marker, suggest that the development of a new fabric on consolidated rocks due to a late  
59 compressional event requires a strong deformation to overcome the primary extensional fabric, such  
60 as the development of tectonic foliations (*García-Lasanta et al., 2016*). The transformation of the  
61 fabric is described even in areas where no macroscopic tectonic foliation is observed but where subtle  
62 compressional features at the microscopic scale are found (*Oliva-Urcia et al., 2013*). In foreland basin  
63 sediments, the compression develops a tectonic primary fabric due to early layer parallel shortening  
64 (*Soto et al., 2009*).

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66 A primary fabric later affected by a strong compression event and resulting in a tectonic foliation, a  
67 flexural folding, shearing (i.e., thrust related) and/or flattening, may become partially (composite  
68 fabric) (*Debacker et al., 2004*) or totally (new compressive fabric) overprinted (*Mamtani et al., 1999;*  
69 *Kadzialko-Hofmokl et al., 2004; Anderson and Morris, 2004; Mukherji et al., 2004; Mamtani and*  
70 *Sengupta, 2010*). The imprint of these different tectonic events on the fabric can be studied using  
71 AMS data. The magnetic study must be conducted together with magnetic mineral analyses, since the  
72 addition of tectonic events may affect not only the relationship between AMS and strain but also the  
73 mineralogy of the rocks (*Borradaile, 1987; Hrouda, 1987; Housen and van der Pluijm, 1990;*

74 *Jackson, 1991; Debacker et al., 2009*). For example, it has been known that different deformation  
75 events can be preserved by different magnetic carriers (e.g., *Hirt et al., 2008; Oliva-Urcia et al.,*  
76 *2009*).

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78 In this paper we present new AMS data and field observations from asymmetric folds located in the  
79 South-Central Pyrenees and developed in different lithologies (carbonates, shales, siltstones and  
80 marls). The folds were formed during the Variscan and/or Pyrenean orogenies and six of them show  
81 a macroscopic tectonic foliation due to the mechanisms of pressure-solution. The comparison of the  
82 AMS data coming from both limbs with field observations will contribute to better describe the  
83 evolution of folding, hence to clarify the interplay of deformational mechanisms that took place in  
84 these Pyrenean folds.

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## 86 **2. Geological setting**

87 Two main orogenies are recognizable in the Pyrenees, the Variscan and the Alpine, also called  
88 Pyrenean. The Variscan orogeny is indentifiable in the Pyrenean Axial Zone (PAZ) by the remnants  
89 of the collision between Gondwana and Laurassia during Middle Devonian to Permian times (*Ziegler,*  
90 *1990; Matte, 2001*). The Alpine fold-and-thrust-belt developed when Africa collided with Eurasia  
91 from the late Cretaceous to the Miocene (*Muñoz, 1992*). It is the main cause for the present day  
92 configuration of the Pyrenean Mountain Range. Our study focuses on seven folds located in different  
93 thrust sheets of the south-central Pyrenees. Three of them are developed in Paleozoic rocks, hence  
94 affected by both orogenies, and four folds in Eocene rocks, affected only by the Pyrenean orogeny,  
95 (Figs. 1.a, 1.b, 2 and 4a, Table 1).

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97 The PAZ is the Variscan internal core of the Alpine double vergent Pyrenean Range. It is  
98 characterized by an asymmetrical south verging antiform, constituted by the stacking of thrust sheets  
99 of Variscan rocks unconformably overlain by a discontinuous cover of post-Variscan rocks (*Séguret,*  
100 *1972; Muñoz, 1992*). The outcropping thrust sheets are from top to bottom Gavarnie, Orri and Rialp  
101 (Fig. 1.b). Internal deformation of these Alpine thrust-sheets is moderate to weak, and is mostly linked  
102 to the reactivation of Variscan structures (*Gil-Peña, 2004* among others). Traditionally, two structural  
103 domains have been differentiated in PAZ, the infrastructure and the suprastructure (*Zwart, 1963*). The  
104 study area locates in the suprastructure which is generally characterized by subvertical to south  
105 verging folds with associated cleavage development in a low grade metamorphism environment.  
106 Most of the tectonic foliations and folds observed in the Variscan rocks are Variscan in age. Alpine  
107 thrusts are responsible for the general doming and tilting of the Variscan structures and localized  
108 deformation along the Alpine thrust sheet zones (*Ábalos et al., 2002*). However, no evidence of alpine

109 penetrative structures has been found in the sampled folds. The observed deformational structures in  
110 the Variscan rocks are related to the Variscan deformation imprint (*García-Sansegundo, 2004; Gil-*  
111 *Peña, 2004*), and hence, AMS results will reflect the Variscan poliphase (or not) deformation.

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113 The South Pyrenean Zone (SPZ) is situated to the south of the Axial Zone. The structure of the SPZ  
114 in the west-central part of the Pyrenees is controlled by south verging thrust sheets and related folds.  
115 The older cover thrust sheets are the imbricated system of Larra-Monte Perdido, Lutetian-Bartonian  
116 in age (*Séguret, 1972; Teixell, 1992*), which affects Upper Cretaceous-Eocene rocks and roots to the  
117 north with the Lakora basement thrust sheet in the west (*Teixell, 1996*). This imbricated system is  
118 later affected by foreland breaking sequence basement thrusts (Gavarnie, Bielsa and Guarga) active  
119 from Eocene to Oligocene (*Labauve et al., 1985; Teixell, 1992; Martínez-Peña and Casas-Sainz,*  
120 *2003*), Fig. 4b. The transition between the aforementioned sector of the SPZ in the west and the South  
121 Pyrenean Central Unit (SPCU) (*Séguret, 1972*) in the east is an area where N-S striking folds affect  
122 Mesozoic to Eocene outcropping rocks. The thrust sheets of the SPCU are from north to south  
123 Bóixols, Montsec and Serres Marginals and affect the Cenozoic sedimentary rocks in a foreland  
124 breaking sequence from Late Cretaceous to Oligocene times (*Vergés and Muñoz, 1990; Muñoz, 1992;*  
125 *Muñoz et al., 2013*). The N-S striking folds (Arro system, Boltaña, Añisclo, Balzes anticlines, located  
126 at the western side of the SPCU, not shown in figures) are interpreted to be related to lateral ramps  
127 of the Montsec and the Serres Marginals thrust sheets (SPCU) and their development is related to the  
128 Mesozoic sedimentary thickness variation along strike (among other factors) (*Soto et al., 2002; Soto*  
129 *et al., 2006*).

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131 The migration to the west of the deformation of the Montsec thrust affects the syntectonic deposits in  
132 the area (*Soto et al., 2002; Martínez-Peña and Casas-Sainz, 2003; Tavani et al., 2006*). The Montsec  
133 thrust sheet is part of the foreland sequence thrusts detached over Triassic evaporites in the SPCU.  
134 The N-S orientation of these folds is related to clockwise rotation (from 32° to 80°), paleomagnetically  
135 documented in the western termination of the SPCU (*Dinarès-Turell, 1992; Fernández-Bellón, 2004;*  
136 *Mochales, 2012; Muñoz et al., 2013; Rodríguez-Pintó et al., 2016*). Rotations in nearby areas to the  
137 southwest in the External Sierras (*Pueyo et al., 2002*) and west in the Internal Sierras (*Oliva-Urcia*  
138 *and Pueyo, 2007; Izquierdo-Llavall et al., 2015*) are also found.

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### 140 **3. Structural observations**

#### 141 **3.1. Folds developed in Paleozoic rocks**

142 Three folds affecting the Paleozoic rocks were selected: Erta (ER), Manyanet (MANY) and Ars  
143 (ARS) folds. They are localized in the south central area of the Pyrenean Axial Zone (Fig. 1, Tables  
144 1 and 2) and are developed on Devonian (ER and MANY) or Upper Ordovician (ARS) non- to very  
145 low-grade metamorphic rocks. These three structures form asymmetric Variscan folds with a complex  
146 polyphase and poly-orogenic evolution (Carreras and Capella, 1994; García-Sanseguno et al.,  
147 2011). In the area where the studied folds are located, two main Variscan deformation phases and  
148 their associated structures have been described (D1 and D2, Mey, 1968). The first deformation phase  
149 (D1) caused a large south verging fold and thrust belt, locally related to cleavage (Mey, 1968; de  
150 Sitter, 1959; Gil-Peña and Barnolas, 2001; 2004). The second deformation phase (D2) caused ESE-  
151 WNW south verging folds and thrusts, linked to a well-defined foliation (Mey, 1968; Poblet, 1991;  
152 García-Sanseguno et al., 2011). The structural superimposition of these two deformation phases  
153 produced a complex interference folding pattern (recognized as type 2 according to Ramsay, 1967 in  
154 Erta and Manyanet folds), characterized in the field by the lithological contrast between the Silurian  
155 (shales) and the Devonian (dominated by limestones) (Fig. 2 and sketch of Fig. 4a).

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157 The three folds are situated in the Orri thrust sheet (Orri dome), an Alpine structure developed by the  
158 reactivation of the plurikilometric D1 helvetic-type Orri nappe (Gil-Peña, 2004), detached onto the  
159 Silurian shales. The ARS fold is developed in the siliciclastic, thinning-upwards, Upper Ordovician  
160 sequence, which interlayers a carbonate unit in its upper part. The cores were sampled in the siltstones  
161 of the Upper Ordovician Cava Formation (Fm) (Hartevelt, 1970). The fold is a decametric to  
162 hectometric scale cylindrical D2 anticline, whose axis is trending E-W (284°, 09°). It has a rounded  
163 hinge area with a subvertical to north dipping overturned south limb and a south dipping to  
164 subhorizontal normal limb and a slaty axial planar cleavage dipping around 45° N. The sampled bed  
165 has a class 1C geometry (Ramsay, 1967). The ARS fold developed at the footwall of the D2 Variscan  
166 Llavorsí thrust, onto the weakly deformed normal limb of the Orri nappe (Gil-Peña and Barnolas,  
167 2004).

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169 The ER and MANY folds developed in Devonian rocks. ER fold is a refolded Variscan fold cored in  
170 the shales and limestones of the Lower Devonian Rueda Fm (Mey, 1968; Sanz-López, 2004); Fig.  
171 1.b. It shows a type 2 interference pattern (Ramsay, 1967) resulting from the superimposition of a  
172 syn-main Variscan cleavage fold (D2) trending WSW-ENE onto a D1 south verging gently inclined  
173 anticline. ER fold outcrops in the hangingwall of the Erta nappe, a Variscan south verging structure,  
174 related to the D1 event, with a presently, southern dipping attitude. The fold is fossilized by the  
175 Stephano-Permian and Triassic rocks. Minor fractures in these rocks are associated to a slight  
176 reactivation of the Erta nappe in fragile mode during the Alpine times. The axial planar foliation

177 related to D1 is slaty to spaced, with variable orientations. The foliation related to D2 is not obvious  
178 in the sampled outcrop, although regionally it shows a WNW orientation, with dips between 45° and  
179 60° to the North. However, this WNW orientation is oblique to the D2 fold orientation (WSW-ENE)  
180 deduced from the interference pattern in map view (*Mey, 1968*). Parasitic D1 folds measured on the  
181 overturned limb are plunging towards the SW 15-55° (*Table 2*). Samples for the AMS study were  
182 collected in the shaly limestones from the Castanesa limestone Fm and in the calcareous slates of the  
183 Fonchanina Fm.

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185 The MANY fold is a decametric to hectometric scale structure, developed in the limestones with  
186 interbedded argillaceous limestones and shales of the Lower Devonian Manyanet Fm. This fold is a  
187 southeast verging antiformal syncline, with long limbs and a bulbous tight hinge area trending to  
188 collapse. It is associated to an axial planar continuous to anastomosed spaced cleavage, developed  
189 during D1. This cleavage is angularly folded in the steeper northern limb by D2 (MANY1), processed  
190 favored by the refraction of cleavage in the multilayer system. However, in the southern limb  
191 (MANY2) S1 exhibits a sigmoidal geometry closer to the bedding plane (as described in *Ham and*  
192 *Bell, 2004*). The MANY fold represents a second order Z-fold (*Ramsay and Huber, 1987*) developed  
193 in the overturned limb of the plurikilometric D1 south-verging Variscan Orri nappe. Its present axial  
194 plunge (030, 12) results from a refolding by D2.

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### 198 **3.2 Folds developed in Eocene rocks**

199 The four asymmetric studied folds affecting Eocene rocks are situated in the Central sector of the  
200 South Pyrenean Zone (SPZ) (*Figs 1.a, 1c, 3, 4b and Table1*). Their development is related to the  
201 evolution of the Pyrenean Mountain Range during the Alpine orogeny (from Upper Cretaceous to  
202 Miocene times. The folds Salarons (SA), Ordesa (ORD) and Sta. Elena (ELE) are decametric  
203 anticlines with a Pyrenean orientation (ENE-WSW) and the Metils fold (MMM) is a kilometeric  
204 syncline with a N-S orientation. SA and ORD represent examples of the Larra-Monte Perdido fold-  
205 and thrust imbricated system and affect the Nummulite Marls (Gallinera Fm, Ilerdian; *van Lunsen,*  
206 *1970; Teixell, 1992*). ELE has a Pyrenean orientation and is a metric scale fold affecting Lutetian  
207 turbiditic deposits (*van Lunsen, H., 1970; Labaume et al., 1985*) of the Jaca-Pamplona basin. It is  
208 related to the emplacement of the Larra-Monte Perdido cover thrust and Gavarnie basement thrust  
209 (*Teixell, 1996*). A regional cleavage is associated to the emplacement of this basement thrust  
210 (*Choukroune and Séguret, 1973; Labaume et al., 1985; Teixell, 1992; 1996; 1998; Izquierdo-Llavall*  
211 *et al., 2013; Rodríguez et al., 2014*). The cleavage affects all folds developed in Eocene rocks and its  
212 orientation mostly follows the main structural directions. This cleavage is axial planar to meso-scale



213 folding in most of the SPZ (*Izquierdo-Llavall et al., 2013*). Notwithstanding the sampled siltstone  
214 layer in ELE fold does not show macroscopically the development of this regional tectonic foliation  
215 as occurs in the other folds, nearby pelite layers do show the macroscopic development of cleavage  
216 planes (tilted ~ 60° towards the N).

217 The N-S trending MMM syncline is located in the western limb of the Añisclo anticline, which is  
218 related to the Montsec thrust sheet (*Tavani et al., 2006; Muñoz et al., 2013*) and it develops in the  
219 Metils Marls Fm (*van Lunsen, H., 1970*). It also shows the preservation of a regional cleavage (*Holl  
220 and Anastasio, 1995*). The MMM fold is part of the Sobrarbe fold system (*Fernández-Bellón, 2004*),  
221 2004), a fold system of detachment and fault-propagation folds deforming the Upper Cretaceous-  
222 Paleogene rocks of the Gavarnie thrust sheet, at the footwall of the Montsec thrust sheet, dated as  
223 Paleocene-late Ypresian and rooted to basement thrusts in the Axial Zone (*Séguret, 1972*).

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225 The three ENE-WSW folds are asymmetric with the northern limb (long/normal limb) gently dipping  
226 to the north and a strongly north dipping overturned or vertical southern limb (short limb). The N-S  
227 oriented fold (MMM) has the eastern limb almost vertical and the western limb gently dipping to the  
228 southwest.

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## 230 **4. Rock magnetic study**

### 231 **4.1. Technical aspects**

232 Different carbonate and siliciclastic lithologies (marls, siltstones, shales and carbonatic rocks) of the  
233 sampled sites were selected to carry out magnetic mineral analyses, namely the temperature  
234 dependence of susceptibility and of the induced magnetization. The samples were analyzed from -  
235 194 to 15°C for their magnetic susceptibility ( $\kappa-T$ ) in a KLY-4S Kappabridge (working at 300 A/m  
236 and 875 Hz) combined with a CS-L/CS-3 apparatus (AGICO Inc.) at the University of Karlsruhe.  
237 From room temperature to 700 °C we used the KLY-4S Kappabridge equipment at the University of  
238 Karlsruhe and a KLY-3S Kappabridge equipment combined with a CS-3 furnace at the University of  
239 Zaragoza. Heating/cooling rates ranged between 3–4 and 11–14 °/min for the low and high  
240 temperature runs respectively. Measurements were performed in an argon atmosphere in order to  
241 avoid mineral reactions with oxygen during heating (flow rate of 100 ml/min). The raw data were  
242 corrected for the empty cryostat/furnace and normalized. The percentage of the ferromagnetic original  
243 content has been calculated considering the ferromagnetic behaviour of the heating curve, as a straight  
244 horizontal line (*Hrouda, 1994*). Low temperature curves (between -195 and 0°C) enhance the  
245 hyperbolic behaviour characteristic of the paramagnetic phase following the Curie-Weiss law  $k_{para} =$   
246  $C/T-\theta$  (where  $k_{para}$  is the paramagnetic susceptibility,  $C$  is the Curie constant,  $T$  is the temperature,  
247 and  $\theta$  the paramagnetic Curie temperature.

248 In addition, 17 samples were analysed in a Variable Field Translation Balance (VFTB) (Petersen  
249 Instruments), at the University of Burgos. Acquisition of isothermal remanent magnetization (IRM),  
250 back field, hysteresis loops (up to 0.8 Tesla) and thermomagnetic curves measuring the variation of  
251 an induced magnetization at ~37 mT with temperature were performed in the Curie Balance on  
252 powder samples (< 450 mg).

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## 254 4.2. AMS

255 Magnetic susceptibility ( $\kappa$ ) is a physical property of solids and represents the capacity of the material  
256 to be magnetized ( $M$ ) in a given magnetic field ( $H$ ),  $M = \kappa \times H$ . This property is anisotropic (Nye,  
257 1957) and the anisotropy of magnetic susceptibility (AMS) is described as a second-rank tensor. AMS  
258 in rocks depends primarily on crystallographic preferred orientation, shape fabric of grains,  
259 composition, magnetic interactions between grains and, to lesser extent, on distribution and size of  
260 microfractures (Tarling and Hrouda, 1993).

261 Three axes define the susceptibility ellipsoid: maximum ( $k_{\max}$ ), intermediate ( $k_{\text{int}}$ ) and minimum  
262 ( $k_{\min}$ ). Their orientations correspond to the eigenvectors of the susceptibility tensor. Other parameters  
263 give information about the shape and degree of magnetic fabric development (Jelinek, 1981): the  
264 magnetic lineation ( $L = k_{\max}/k_{\text{int}}$ ), magnetic foliation ( $F = k_{\text{int}}/k_{\min}$ ), the corrected anisotropy degree,  
265  $P'$  (intensity of the preferred orientation of minerals), and  $T$  shape parameter, varying between -1 and  
266 +1, prolate shapes for  $T < 0$  and oblate shape for  $T > 0$ . The principal axes of the ellipsoid are also  
267 displayed on stereographic projection using *Stereonet 3.4* (Cardozo and Allmendinger, 2013, and  
268 Allmendinger et al., 2013). The Woodcock diagram represents two ratios of the three eigenvalues of  
269 the magnetic ellipsoid ( $E_1 > E_2 > E_3$ ) on a natural logarithmic scale, therefore, clustering of the  $k_{\max}$   
270 and  $k_{\min}$  axes is visualized in the Woodcock diagram (Woodcock, 1977). In this type of graph, the  
271 division line for uniaxial clusters and great-circle girdles distributions is  $k=1$ . Uniaxial clusters plot  
272 where  $E_2 = E_3$ , i.e., along the line  $\ln(E_2/E_3) = 0$ . Axially symmetric plot where  $E_1 = E_2$ , i.e. along  
273 the line  $\ln(E_1/E_2) = 0$ . The  $C$  values are a measurement of the strength of the preferred orientation  
274 (Parés et al., 1999; Larrasoña et al., 2004).

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276 A total of 14 sites were investigated for the study of the AMS. Sites are distributed in pairs at each  
277 limb of seven asymmetric folds. The AMS measurements (7 to 11 specimens per site) were performed  
278 on a susceptibility bridge (Kappabridge KLY-3S (AGICO Inc.) at the University of Zaragoza), by  
279 inserting the sample in 3 different positions and using the rotator, working at AC (875 Hz and 300  
280 A/m). The deviatoric susceptibility tensor is computed after the measurements. The Kappabridge  
281 KLY-2.03 (Geofyzika Brno) of the University of Barcelona was used by measuring 15 directional



282 susceptibilities at a frequency of 920 Hz. Sensitivity of the measurement is about  $5 \times 10^{-7}$  SI and the  
283 matrix elements and individual errors are calculated following *Jelinek (1977; 1981)*.

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## 285 **5. Results**

### 286 **5.1. Rock magnetism**

287 The sampled sites are located in the same lithological level except for ER fold, where the closest  
288 levels were sampled. Samples from the same fold show similar values of the bulk magnetic  
289 susceptibility  $K_m$ , which can be an indication of the ferromagnetic fraction (*Hirt et al., 2008*).

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291 Magnetic susceptibility versus temperature curves are irreversible and indicate the dominance of  
292 paramagnetic minerals as susceptibility carriers, with percentages ranging from 60 % (carbonates and  
293 shales) to 95 % (marls, shales) (calculated with cureval software, AGICO Inc.) except for two cases  
294 (ER1 and ELE6 with 40 and 45% content of paramagnetic minerals respectively). The calculations  
295 take into account the hyperbolic behavior of the curve when paramagnetic minerals dominate  
296 (following the Curie-Weiss law), and subtract a constant ferromagnetic content also obtained from  
297 the curve (*Hrouda, 1994*). However, mineral reactions take place during heating despite the argon  
298 atmosphere, as seen in the variation of the magnetic susceptibility with respect to the temperature  
299 (*Figs. 5a and b, left column*). A ferromagnetic phase is formed during heating, marked by an increase  
300 in magnetic susceptibility before the Curie temperature ( $T_c$ ) of magnetite ( $T_c: 580^\circ\text{C}$ ) between  $400^\circ$   
301 and  $580^\circ\text{C}$  (*Fig. 5*). The cooling run from  $700^\circ\text{C}$  to  $40^\circ\text{C}$  indicates the presence of magnetite. The  
302 increase in magnetic susceptibility with heating has been related to mineral alteration of for example,  
303 clay minerals (*Roberts and Pillans, 1993*). The induced magnetization variation respect to  
304 temperature and hysteresis loops from the VFTB, Petersen Instruments (*Figs. 5 a and b, central and*  
305 *right columns*) also show neo-formation of magnetite during the heating procedure (Curie  
306 temperature at about  $580^\circ\text{C}$ ) and the predominance of a paramagnetic carrier, respectively.

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### 308 **5.2. AMS**

309 The magnetic parameters:  $P'$ ,  $T$  and  $K_m$  values are presented in Table 3 and *Figs. 6a and 6b* for the  
310 Paleozoic rocks and *Figs. 7a and 7b* for the Eocene rocks.

311 The mean values of the corrected anisotropy degree ( $P'$ ) represent the eccentricity of the magnetic  
312 ellipsoid and vary from 1.012 (MANY1) to 1.122 (ARS11). The average value of the shape parameter  
313 ( $T$ ) shows contrasting values depending on the age of the rock; for the Paleozoic rocks, the overturned  
314 (short) limbs are oblate and the normal (long) limbs are prolate, whereas in the Eocene rocks the  
315 overturned (short) limbs are prolate (except SA2) and the normal (long) limbs are oblate. The mean  
316 values of  $K_m$  vary from  $35.7 \times 10^{-6}$  SI (ER1) to  $421 \times 10^{-6}$  SI (ARS11) and most sites have bulk

317 susceptibilities between 150 and 400 x 10<sup>-6</sup> SI corresponding to paramagnetic values, as confirmed  
318 with the k-T curves. The lack of linear correlation between Km and P' also confirm that variation of  
319 the corrected anisotropy degree is not related to the mineral composition. These observations support  
320 the interpretation of the AMS in terms of mineral preferred orientation (petrofabric).

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### 322 Orientation distribution of magnetic susceptibility axes

323 The Woodcock diagram allows to differentiate the distribution of the maximum and minimum axes of  
324 the magnetic ellipsoid, showing that for the Paleozoic rocks, the overturned (short) limbs show a  
325 larger scattering of k<sub>max</sub> axes (Figs. 6c). The clustering of the k<sub>min</sub> axes is not so clear, although two  
326 folds show a better clustering in the long limb (Fig. 6d).

327 The orientation of the magnetic susceptibility ellipsoid is presented in Table 4 and stereoplots of Figs.  
328 6e. In the Paleozoic sites, the k<sub>min</sub> axes overlap with the pole to the cleavage plane in the short limbs  
329 of MANY and ER and in the long limb of ARS. The k<sub>max</sub> axes lie on the cleavage plane in ER and  
330 ARS). This orientation is characteristic of a tectonic fabric, which is a modified fabric due to tectonic  
331 events also responsible for the development of tectonic foliation or cleavage. The best example of  
332 tectonic fabric are ARS sites, where a significant orientation difference can be seen between cleavage  
333 and bedding planes. However, only three samples in the overturned (short) limb of ARS (ARS11) are  
334 oriented with respect to the bedding plane, that is, k<sub>min</sub> axes cluster closed to the pole of the bedding  
335 plane. However, the location of the k<sub>max</sub> axes of those three samples is tectonically modified since  
336 they are located close to the intersection lineation of the bedding and cleavage planes. This orientation  
337 of AMS axes is common in rocks that register only one main compressional event (*Parés et al., 1999*)  
338 *Borradaile and Henry, 1997; Borradaile and Jackson, 2004; Oliva-Urcia et al., 2009*). Generally,  
339 ARS and MANY sites do not show the k<sub>max</sub> axes at the intersection lineation (between bedding and  
340 cleavage planes). In ER sites, cleavage and bedding planes are almost parallel, however, in the long  
341 limb, k<sub>max</sub> axes concentrate around the second order D1 fold axes measured in field.

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343 In the Eocene rocks, according to the Woodcock diagram, the girdle distribution of the k<sub>max</sub> axes is  
344 predominant in the overturned (short) limb (except for MMM1), whereas the k<sub>min</sub> axes show a good  
345 clustering for all sites except for MMM1 (Figs. 7c and 7d). With respect to the orientation of the axes  
346 (Table 4, Fig. 7e), ORD1, 2, SA1, 2 and MMM2 sites show also a tectonic fabric with the k<sub>min</sub> axes  
347 cluster near the pole to the cleavage plane. The clustering of the k<sub>max</sub> axes in the intersection lineation  
348 only occurs in MMM2 (normal/long limb). On the contrary, in MMM1, with a clear prolate shape,  
349 the k<sub>max</sub> is clustered on the bedding plane (not in the intersection lineation). The ELE sites show a  
350 similar dis-orientation regardless the bedding or cleavage planes orientation.

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## 352 6. Discussion

353

354 The petrofabric obtained in both limbs of seven asymmetric folds by means of the anisotropy of the  
355 magnetic susceptibility (AMS) together with field structural observations give clues about the  
356 mechanisms operating during folding, since the modification of the magnetic fabric from deposition  
357 to the final magnetic fabric unravel the deformation evolution. The folds selected for this study show  
358 a variety of lithology, size, geometry and structural position inside the architecture of the Southern  
359 Pyrenees and their deformation history. However, the same layer (or equivalent for ER sites) in each  
360 fold has been sampled for AMS analyses to compare the petrofabric of both limbs in order to  
361 minimize the effect of variations in the magnetic mineralogy on the magnetic fabric. The rock  
362 magnetic analyses indicate that paramagnetic minerals are the main carriers of the magnetic fabric.

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364 The mechanisms of internal deformation in parallel folding are flexural flow and tangential  
365 longitudinal strain (*Ramsay, 1967*). Flexural flow means that strain is concentrated on limbs and no  
366 strain occurs on bedding planes but slip, and when slip planes are more widely spaced, the layer-  
367 parallel shearing would be concentrated along bedding planes (i.e., flexural slip fold, *Price and*  
368 *Cosgrove, 1990*). Tangential longitudinal strain (TLS) has strain concentrated in the hinges of the  
369 fold. These two mechanisms can be accompanied by a variable degree of pure shear (flattening)  
370 (*Ramsay, 1967*). The flexural flow mechanism seems to occur in the alpine folds, as interpreted from  
371 field observations and the AMS analyses (see below). Another folding mechanism is shear folding.  
372 The folding mechanisms are difficult to disentangle from the final deformed rock. In addition, as  
373 deformation evolves, folds can be refolded (with the same mechanisms mentioned above) but their  
374 geometry may appear as parasitic folds. The conditions that result in parasitic folding in multilayer  
375 systems depend on the different combinations of thicknesses and viscosities of their layers, (*Treagus*  
376 *and Fletcher, 2009; Hudleston and Treagus, 2010* and references there in). In practice, refolding is  
377 strongly conditioned by previous structure and is mechanically more difficult when folds of the two  
378 phases are non-coaxial (*Watkinson and Cobbold, 1981*). Hence, low dipping planar features (bedding  
379 and/or foliation) of the early folds will be easily refolded or crenulated by subsequent phases of  
380 deformation, while high dipping planar features will be more probably rotated. *Ham and Bell (2004)*  
381 showed the continuous reactivation of foliations during folding, and how subsequent phases of  
382 deformation affect limbs differently, i.e., which limb shears vs. develops an oblique new cleavage by  
383 rotating the earlier formed oblique foliation into parallelism with S<sub>0</sub>//S<sub>1</sub>. These mechanisms (flexural,  
384 shear folding and flattening) seem to occur in the Variscan folds as interpreted from field observations  
385 and AMS analyses (see below).

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## 387 Variscan folds

388 In the case of the Variscan folds, we have compared the normal and the overturned limbs of a helvetic-  
389 type *nappe* developed during the first Variscan deformational phase (D1) through the investigation  
390 of their second order structures ER and MANY, which are located in the frontal-lateral area of the  
391 *nappe* (Fig. 2b). Figs. 4a, 9). The second Variscan deformational phase (D2) refolded these D1  
392 structures. On the other hand, the second deformation phase (D2) is studied with the ARS fold since  
393 in these structure, D1 internal deformation is negligible (Fig. 4). The Alpine deformational imprint  
394 on this folds is subtle in this area and it is characterized by the antiformal stack of thrust sheets with  
395 shear deformation within the thrust planes and tilting of previous structures. However, no internal  
396 Alpine penetrative deformation within the thrust sheets themselves is observed (Mey 1968, García-  
397 Sansegundo, 2004; Gil-Peña, 2004).

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399 A general observation is drawn from the comparison of the magnetic fabric between the two limbs,  
400 there is a higher scattering of the  $k_{\max}$  axes in the overturned (short) limbs (Fig. 6c; MANY1, ER2,  
401 ARS11), than in the normal (long) limb. This shape of the magnetic ellipsoid is oblate in the  
402 overturned (short) limb, contrary to the prolate geometry obtained in the normal (long) limb. The  
403 shape parameter (Parés et al., 1999 and references therein) and distribution of the maximum and  
404 minimum axes of the magnetic ellipsoid in the Woodcock diagram (Woodcock, 1977) has been used  
405 to differentiate degrees of deformation in weakly deformed mudrocks (folded and with pencil  
406 structures), therefore, deformation increases with girdling of the  $k_{\min}$  axes and clustering of  $k_{\max}$  axes  
407 (Larrasoña et al., 2004) and with increasing eccentricity of the magnetic ellipsoid, shape of the  
408 magnetic ellipsoid changes from oblate to prolate to oblate again (Parés et al., 1999). However, shape  
409 parameter and degree of anisotropy has found to be related to the value of the angle between cleavage  
410 and bedding planes in low-grade pelitic rocks, with higher angles between cleavage and bedding  
411 planes, the magnetic ellipsoid is more prolate and shows a lower degree of anisotropy. These  
412 differences are related to the mineral carriers of the magnetic fabric (Debacker et al., 2004; 2009).

413 Similarly, larger eccentricity parameters of the magnetic ellipsoid were found in the limbs with  
414 respect to the hinge of small-scale folds in Banded Iron Formations (Mukherji et al., 2004). In the  
415 case of the Variscan folds, only ARS show high angle between bedding and cleavage planes, whereas  
416 in MANY2 and ER sites, cleavage and bedding are parallel or almost parallel.

417 For strongly deformed rocks as the ones in this study, with two phases of cleavage development  
418 during the Variscan orogeny in two cases, the Woodcock diagram has to be reassessed.

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420 To consider the possible changes in the orientation of the magnetic ellipsoid through the Variscan  
421 orogeny, ARS sites are the starting scenario, since ARS is a D2 fold developed on the non-deformed

422 long limb of the D1 Orri nappe. The magnetic fabric in ARS shows a typical tectonic fabric  
423 (*Borradaile and Henry, 1997*), with  $k_{\max}$  and  $k_{\text{int}}$  axes on the tectonic foliation plane and  $k_{\min}$  axes  
424 clustered around the pole to the tectonic foliation plane, although only in the normal (long) limb and  
425 few samples of the overturned (short) limb, the  $k_{\max}$  axes cluster near the intersection lineation. The  
426 few samples clustered near the intersection lineation in ARS overturned (short) limb result in a higher  
427 eccentricity of the magnetic oblate ellipsoid ( $P'$ ) for that limb. Considering the classical view of  
428 shape/eccentricity and degree of clustering of magnetic axes, the results are contradictory, since  
429 girdling of  $k_{\min}$  axes and eccentricity would suggest a higher degree of deformation in the overturned  
430 (short), whereas the low clustering of  $k_{\max}$  axes indicates the contrary. The higher deformation degree  
431 in the overturned (short) limb would be expected in a flexural flow deformation mechanism since  
432 simple shear is expected to be more intense in that limb.

433

434 The refolded Erta anticline (ER) shows a consistent magnetic fabric with well-clustered axes, which  
435 is not surprising considering the parallelism between bedding and cleavage planes. An interchange  
436 between  $k_{\min}$  and  $k_{\text{int}}$  axes in the normal (long) limb (ER1), that is, the  $k_{\text{int}}$  axes are clustered around  
437 the pole to the bedding plane leaving the  $k_{\min}$  axes located near the bedding plane the most prolate  
438 magnetic ellipsoid of all Variscan folds. In addition, the  $k_{\max}$  axes in ER1 and ER2 lie near parallel to  
439 the second order D1 fold axis. The orientation of the clustered  $k_{\max}$  axes is close to the maximum  
440 dipping direction of the bedding//cleavage plane, which is a consequence of the doming of D1 folds  
441 by D2 structures. This could indicate that in the ER fold, in spite of the general obliquity between D1  
442 and D2, stretching due to D2 refolding parallels the D1 phase. Therefore, both deformations in this  
443 case, flexural flow and shear folding, add, reinforcing a common stretching direction. The stretching  
444 due to D2 seems to be more intensive in the 'external' normal limb (ER1) of the D2 structure and it  
445 will explain why ER1 develops a prolate magnetic fabric. Shear mechanism involved in the formation  
446 of the D1 ER fold would do expectable a high angle between the axis of D1 minor folds and the  $k_{\max}$   
447 axes, which is not seen. Considering the classical view of shape/eccentricity and degree of clustering  
448 of magnetic axes, the results are contradictory, since shape/eccentricity would suggest a higher degree  
449 of deformation in the overturned (short) limb, whereas the clustering of the magnetic axes indicates  
450 the contrary (for the classical view of the Woodcock diagram for weakly deformed mudrocks).

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452 In the Manyanet fold (MANY), the magnetic fabric of the overturned (short) limb (MANY1) is  
453 weakly defined, in contrasts with the well-defined fabric in the normal (long) limb (MANY2). This  
454 reflects a different behaviour of folding respect to the Erta fold during the D2 refolding phase. This  
455 observation is clear at outcrop scale where in the short limb (MANY1) the originally low dipping  
456 cleavage (in green in *Fig. 4 and Fig. 9*) has been folded by D2 structures (*Figs. 2a, 4*). However, in

457 the gently dipping limb (MANY2) the originally steep cleavage rotates to be almost parallel to the  
458 bedding plane. Despite the cleavage development,  $k_{\max}$  axes are still on the bedding plane. Some  
459 samples show the  $k_{\min}$  axes on the bedding plane, indicating an interchange with the  $k_{\text{int}}$  axes (at the  
460 pole of the bedding plane) probably due to the similar magnitude of both axes in the prolate magnetic  
461 ellipsoid, as it occurs in ER1 (equivalent long limb in D2). However, the magnetic fabric in MANY1  
462 shows the petrofabric due to the folded cleavage, and, as this is not a penetrative feature, the resulting  
463 ellipsoids become highly scattered. The successive deformation events result in a better definition of  
464 the magnetic fabric in the long limb of the fold, probably due to a flattening in that limb, whereas  
465 flattening in the short limb results in S1 folding which in turns provokes a scattering of the magnetic  
466 ellipsoid axes.

467 The XY plane obliquity with respect to bedding is a function of layer competence. When a high  
468 competence contrast occurs between adjacent levels, it results in a marked refraction of cleavage  
469 (MANY1). During the D2 deformation event, the short limb rotates, what results in the amplification  
470 of S1 refraction by folding of the cleavage. S1 folding is favored by switching from layer parallel  
471 shortening to stretching because of rotation with increasing fold amplification. Deformation  
472 accommodates then in the hinge area, where TLS folding is accompanied by some degree of inner  
473 arc volume loss through pressure-solution mechanism (hinge collapse). In the short limb (MANY1)  
474 the new XY plane becomes the axial plane of the folded D1 cleavage. This new XY plane results  
475 almost parallel to bedding, and x axis will follow the dip direction of such plane. Therefore, the two  
476 ellipsoids of D1 and D2 are non-coaxial, since the one related with D1 is oblique to bedding and the  
477 one related to D2 is parallel to bedding. We interpret the petrofabric (and hence the magnetic fabric)  
478 as a sum up of two different folding mechanisms (shear folding and flattening) as in Erta, and the  
479 final result will depend on the orientation and geometry in every position of the structure. In the  
480 MANY2 long limb, S1 forms to a low angle with  $S_0$ . D2 deformation rotates S1 planes into parallelize  
481 with  $S_0$ , reinforcing the original fabric. The interchange of  $k_{\min}$  and  $k_{\text{int}}$  axes in the normal/long limb  
482 of ER and MANY is a common feature that seems unrelated to the magnetic mineralogy (Fig. 5a). In  
483 both limbs D1 and D2 cleavages show a similar orientation and are oblique to bedding. The  
484 superposition of deformational events seems to produce a rotation of the prolate ellipsoid, leaving the  
485  $k_{\min}$  axes in the cleavage plane and the  $k_{\text{int}}$  axes perpendicular to the cleavage plane. This interchange  
486 of axes does not occur in ARS, where apparently only D2 affects the Cambro-Ordovician rocks (Fig.  
487 9). The  $k_{\max}$  axes in ER and MANY plunge to the S (ER1 and ER2 to the SW, and MANY2 to the  
488 SE, in response to its position in the reverse limb of the D1 Orri nappe) what could be related with  
489 the general southward emplacement of the Variscan nappes (D1) and thrusts (D2) and the southward  
490 tilting of these structures by Alpine orogeny.



491 The clustering of  $k_{\max}$  axes as seen in the Woodcock diagram of the Variscan folds would suggest a  
492 higher degree of flattening in the normal (long) limbs for strongly deformed rocks by poliphase  
493 events.

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#### 495 Pyrenean folds

496 In the folds developed in the Eocene rocks 3 out of 4 overturned (short) limbs (except MMM1) show  
497 a higher scattered distribution of the  $k_{\max}$  axes with respect to their normal limbs, as it happens in the  
498 folds developed in Paleozoic rocks (Figs. 6 and 7), and ELE6 is close to an isotropic distribution. In  
499 the case of the Pyrenean folds, this observation is explained by the superposition of different magnetic  
500 fabrics due to the evolution of the deformation. Looking at the temporal relationship between folding  
501 and cleavage, three of the sampled structures developed prior to the regional alpine cleavage, which  
502 later overprints these structures (SA, ORD and MMM) and only ELE is folded while regional alpine  
503 cleavage develops (Priabonian to Rupelian times, *Labaume et al., 1985; Teixell, 1992; Izquierdo-*  
504 *Llavall et al., 2013*). From a geometrical point of view, cleavage is coherent with the folds when it is  
505 observed on their normal limbs. Therefore, the XY plane of the strain ellipsoid for the normal limb is  
506 parallel to the cleavage (Fig. 9). This observation implies that cleavage superposition to the folding  
507 ‘reinforces’ the original tectonic fabric of the fold, and hence the magnetic fabric. However, as both  
508 mechanisms are coaxial it is not possible to differentiate if the magnetic fabric is the result of only  
509 one deformative event (cleavage development) or if some limb deformation (typically by flexural  
510 flow) had previously accommodated the deformation in the fold. On the contrary, in the overturned  
511 limb, the inferred ellipsoid linked to folding with limb deformation is oblique to the deformation  
512 ellipsoid defined by cleavage (Fig. 9). Consequently, when cleavage overprints an overturned limb  
513 with flexural flow or flexural slip, the addition of both ellipsoids will be a new ellipsoid that only will  
514 share one axis (x or y). This suggests that the scattering of the axes in the short limb is related to the  
515 deformation in the limb of the fold prior to cleavage development and therefore the petrofabric show  
516 the remains of the first tectonic developed fabric (related to folding due to Larra-Monte Perdido  
517 imbricated thrust system).

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519 The large scattering in both limbs of ELE is probably related to grain size and carbonatic content of  
520 the sampled layer, being higher than in the other Eocene folds, which indicates lower content of  
521 phyllosilicates and a poorer definition of the magnetic fabric.

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#### 523 **7. Conclusions**

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525 The analyses of seven asymmetric folds developed in Paleozoic and Eocene rocks in the Axial and  
526 the South Pyrenean Zone respectively by means of the anisotropy of magnetic susceptibility and  
527 structural field observations allows deciphering how the internal deformation during folding affects  
528 the petrofabric. The AMS, carried mainly by the paramagnetic fraction, reflects the sum of the  
529 different tectonic phases (D1 and D2) and mechanisms (flexural, shearing, TLS, flattening) in the  
530 case of the Paleozoic rocks, and folding and cleavage development (flexural folding mechanism and  
531 flattening) in the case of the Eocene rocks with the total obliteration of the original sedimentary fabric.  
532 The folded layers show a tectonic fabric with  $k_{\max}$  axes on the cleavage plane and  $k_{\min}$  or  $k_{\text{int}}$  at the  
533 pole to the cleavage plane (except in ELE, MMM and MANY1), and generally, sites in the overturned  
534 (short) limb show a higher scattering of magnetic axis and higher eccentric magnetic ellipsoid respect  
535 to the corresponding normal (long) limb.

536 Coaxiality of Variscan deformation phases D1 and D2 is deduced in the Paleozoic rocks for ER  
537 overturned site, and non-coaxiality for MANY overturned site due to a more intensive degree of shear  
538 deformation during D1 in the reversal limb of the Helvetic type Orri nappe (represented by the MANY  
539 fold) than in the normal limb (represented by ER fold). In MANY the higher scattering in the short  
540 limb is related to the folding of the first cleavage plane (related to D1 and due to flattening) respect  
541 to an axial plane that is the second cleavage (developed with D2). This folding of cleavages does not  
542 occur in the long limb, but a rotation of cleavage planes, which get parallel to  $S_0$ . The parallelism in  
543 the long limbs of ER and MANY folds between bedding and D2 cleavage planes results in a prolate  
544 ellipsoid, suggesting a higher flattening deformation than in the short limb. The petrofabric in the  
545 Eocene rocks also show a tectonic orientation and a higher scattering of the magnetic lineation in the  
546 overturned limb suggesting a superposition and coaxiality in the normal limb of the flexural flow  
547 deformation related to folding with the strain related to the cleavage development (XY plane). This  
548 is not happening in the overturned limb, where flexural flow and shear folding deformation do not  
549 overlap, therefore the folding fabric related to the Larra-Monte Perdido thrust system remains  
550 scattered. The Woodcock diagram of the  $k_{\max}$  axes allows differentiate the degree of flattening within  
551 the same folded layer for strongly deformed rocks by poliphase deformational events in a similar  
552 fashion than for the degree of deformation in weakly deformed rocks. The Woodcock diagram of the  
553  $k_{\min}$  axes is not conclusive in the studied cases.

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812 Table 1a. Location of the studied sites, Geographic coordinates (UTM), bedding (So) orientation,  
 813 indication of fold limb: Long (normal) or Short (overturned or vertical) and tectonic foliation (S1)  
 814 orientations

		<b>UTM (E-W)</b>	<b>UTM (N-S)</b>	<b>So</b> (Strike, Dip and Dip Direction)	<b>Long/Short limb</b>	<b>S1</b> (Strike, Dip and Dip Direction)
MANY-1	31T	327055	4701693	062, 88 S	S	057,74 N/081, 70 S
MANY-2	31T	327055	4701693	032, 24 S	L	028, 49 S
ER-1	31T	322573	4699114	170, 37 W	L	168, 39 W
ER-2	31T	322518	4699113	175, 21 W	S	174, 23 W
ARS11	31T	366147	4699964	100, 90	S (near hinge)	090, 52 N
ARS12	31T	366151	4699947	096, 44 S	L	088, 39 N
ELE6	30T	719102	4723288	077, 86 N	L	103, 57 N
ELE7	30T	719102	4723288	153, 20 NE	S	103, 57 N
MMM1	31T	259567	4711690	170, 80 W	L	163, 45 E
MMM2	31T	258466	4713498	145, 40 W	S	166, 49 E
ORD2	30T	744901	4729189	098, 68 N	L	117, 22 N
ORD1	30T	744901	4729189	100, 11 N	S	110, 32 N
SA2	30T	740354	4728927	088, 22 N	L	111, 37 N
SA1	30 T	740382	4728990	125, 38 N	S	095, 36 N

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832 Table 1b. Summarized description of the folds, age, lithology, type\* (after Ramsay, 1967 and van  
 833 Hise, 1894), main deformation event, thrust sheet location/main deformation event and tectonic  
 834 foliation (for more details, see text)  
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	Name	Age/Lithology	Type*. Main deformation event	Thrust sheet location /Main deformation phase/tectonic foliation
Variscan	MANY	Devonian argillaceous limestones (Manyanet Fm), carbonates/marls	Minor fold in second order Z-fold* (antiformal syncline). D1 variscan fold refolded by D2.	Overtured limb of D1 fold, refolded by D2 (anastomosed cleavage of D1 folded in steeper limb)
	ER	Devonian black shales and carbonatic shales (Castanesa and Fonchanina Fms), shales	Type 2* interference (D2 onto D1)	Hangingwall of Erta nappe (D1). Reactivation in alpine. D1 slaty tectonic foliation with variable orientation, unclear D2 tectonic foliation (45-60° N)
	ARS	Upper Ordovician, Cava Fm, siltstones	Cylindrical D2 anticline	At the footwall of Variscan Llavorsi thrust (normal limb of Orri nappe). Tectonic foliation dipping to the N
Alpine	ELE	Eocene (Lutetian) Turbidites (competent layer: siltstone)	Similar*	Larra-Monte Perdido cover thrust and Gavarnie basement thrust. Tectonic foliation dipping to the N
	MMM	Eocene (Ilerdian). Metils Marls Fm	Similar*	Montsec thrust sheet. Tectonic foliation dipping to the E
	ORD	Eocene (Ilerdian) Gallinera Fm, marls	Similar*	Larra-Monte Perdido cover thrust. Tectonic foliation dipping to the N
	SA	Eocene (Ilerdian). Gallinera Fm, marls	Similar*	Larra-Monte Perdido cover thrust. Tectonic foliation dipping to the N

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Table 2. Orientation of minor fold axis and crenulations in the Paleozoic folds

	E1 (axes of minor folds)	Lcr (crenulation, l2)	Thrusting towards S or SW
ER1 (long/normal)	236, 35 242, 56	330, 05	Overlapped type 2. Regionally, Orri nappe detaches towards S-SSW, with a curved axis of the helvetic nappe, and both ER and MANY are located in a lateral zone of the nappe. Originally, D1 fold axes would be oriented with an immersion towards the NW. The D2 emplacement direction of the thrust sheets is also S-SSW, but previous deformation leaves the beds oblique to the new transport direction, the D1 fold axes scatter with D2.
ER2 (short/reverse)	228, 35 209, 32 191, 14 258, 16	072, 10	
MANY2 (long)	030, 12 112, 16 (D2)		
MANY1 (short)	---		
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842 Table 3. Mean values of the magnetic ellipsoid parameters. Magnetic lineation (L), magnetic foliation  
 843 (F), corrected anisotropy degree (P'), shape parameter (T) and bulk susceptibility. s.d.: Standard  
 844 deviation.

	Long/Short limb	L	s.d.	F	s.d.	P'	s.d.	T	s.d.	$K_{\text{mean}}(10^{-6})\text{SI}$	s.d.
ER1	L	1.021	0.010	1.012	0.004	1.034	0.014	-0.224	0.201	35.696	7.379
ER2	S	1.038	0.004	1.069	0.017	1.112	0.017	0.257	0.167	291.133	8.138
MANY1	S	1.005	0.002	1.007	0.004	1.012	0.004	0.064	0.388	103.751	21.196
MANY2	L	1.022	0.009	1.020	0.005	1.043	0.015	-0.035	0.088	213.388	51.012
ARS11	S (near hinge)	1.043	0.018	1.074	0.007	1.122	0.013	0.279	0.237	420.890	19.807
ARS12	L	1.036	0.007	1.034	0.010	1.072	0.008	-0.030	0.196	389.920	6.930
ELE6	L	1.013	0.004	1.008	0.004	1.022	0.004	-0.235	0.335	109.976	12.192
ELE7	S	1.004	0.002	1.009	0.001	1.013	0.002	0.414	0.137	138.880	75.100
MMM1	L	1.022	0.006	1.008	0.003	1.031	0.007	-0.480	0.226	255.090	57.546
MMM2	S	1.014	0.005	1.034	0.008	1.050	0.009	0.418	0.197	168.160	18.450
SA1	S	1.028	0.007	1.039	0.020	1.071	0.017	0.071	0.304	169.120	17.491
SA2	L	1.009	0.005	1.074	0.011	1.092	0.013	0.777	0.129	195.860	5.308
ORD1	S	1.016	0.004	1.019	0.004	1.037	0.001	0.079	0.241	286.419	83.636
ORD2	L	1.026	0.008	1.025	0.009	1.052	0.007	-0.044	0.291	243.108	16.054

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846 Table 4. AMS directional data

847 Bingham distribution (eigenvector orientation – azimuth and inclination of E1, E2 and E3– and  
 848 eigenvalue –[E1], [E2] and [E3] –) at every site of  $k_{max}$ ,  $k_{int}$  and  $k_{min}$ .

	<i>kmax</i>						<i>kint</i>						<i>kmin</i>					
	E1	E1	E2	E2	E3	E3	E1	E1	E2	E2	E3	E3	E1	E1	E2	E2	E3	E3
ER1	226.44	0.9595	131.06	0.0307	35.46	0.0097	47.45	0.9502	315.02	0.0400	223.45	0.0098	317.01	0.9300	51.83	0.0542	227.07	0.0158
ER2	247.17	0.9791	153.14	0.0205	25.68	0.0005	341.11	0.9813	249.11	0.0162	117.74	0.0025	102.70	0.9929	226.12	0.0050	319.17	0.0021
MANY1	149.19	0.5832	27.57	0.2952	249.26	0.1215	169.70	0.4463	62.06	0.3656	330.19	0.1881	264.29	0.5208	18.36	0.3991	146.41	0.0801
MANY2	145.30	0.9789	343.59	0.0141	240.08	0.0070	281.53	0.8531	40.2	0.1353	142.29	0.0115	43.21	0.8547	292.43	0.1395	151.39	0.0058
ARS 11	94.18	0.8501	263.72	0.1441	3.03	0.0058	344.38	0.8379	248.08	0.1497	248.51	0.0124	194.41	0.8620	30.48	0.1291	291.08	0.0089
ARS 12	58.50	0.9603	320.07	0.0261	224.39	0.0136	297.22	0.9737	71.59	0.0220	199.20	0.0043	193.30	0.9796	51.54	0.0172	295.18	0.0032
ELE6	72.63	0.8958	213.22	0.0937	310.16	0.0105	231.25	0.8120	345.41	0.1539	119.39	0.0340	322.06	0.8755	228.34	0.1003	60.55	0.0090
ELE7	120.45	0.7834	225.15	0.2077	328.41	0.0089	216.07	0.7713	115.59	0.2195	310.31	0.0092	216.41	0.9655	49.04	0.0292	144.49	0.0404
MMM1	201.63	0.9527	291.00	0.0251	21.27	0.0112	307.07	0.7507	39.16	0.2251	194.72	0.0242	40.29	0.7684	304.10	0.2174	196.59	0.0142
MMM2	167.11	0.9604	72.25	0.0233	278.63	0.0163	64.48	0.9680	162.07	0.0243	257.41	0.0077	40.29	0.7684	142.34	0.0200	27.32	0.0061
SA1	351.46	0.8268	88.07	0.1518	184.43	0.0214	93.13	0.8186	357.28	0.1756	205.59	0.0058	194.45	0.9573	104.00	0.0331	14.46	0.0096
SA2	307.12	0.6037	45.33	0.3886	200.54	0.0077	43.28	0.5998	312.03	0.3951	217.62	0.0051	205.59	0.9758	18.31	0.0139	110.03	0.0103
ORD1	45.35	0.9655	297.23	0.0208	181.46	0.0137	313.03	0.9668	223.06	0.0305	68.84	0.0027	219.56	0.9708	92.22	0.0202	351.24	0.009
ORD2	48.54	0.7287	144.04	0.2372	237.36	0.0341	304.08	0.6905	47.59	0.2256	209.30	0.0839	216.35	0.8565	319.19	0.1032	73.49	0.0404

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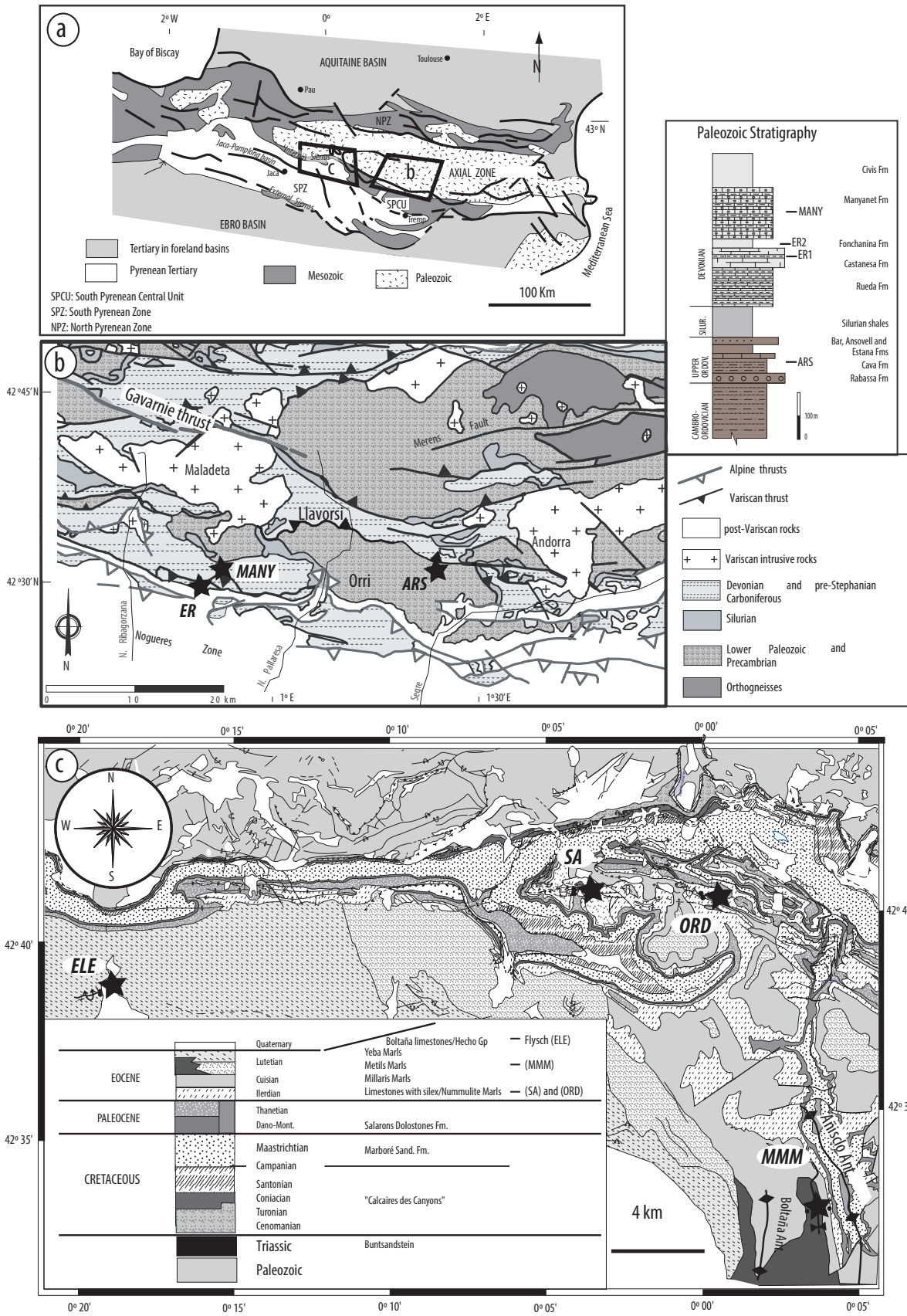
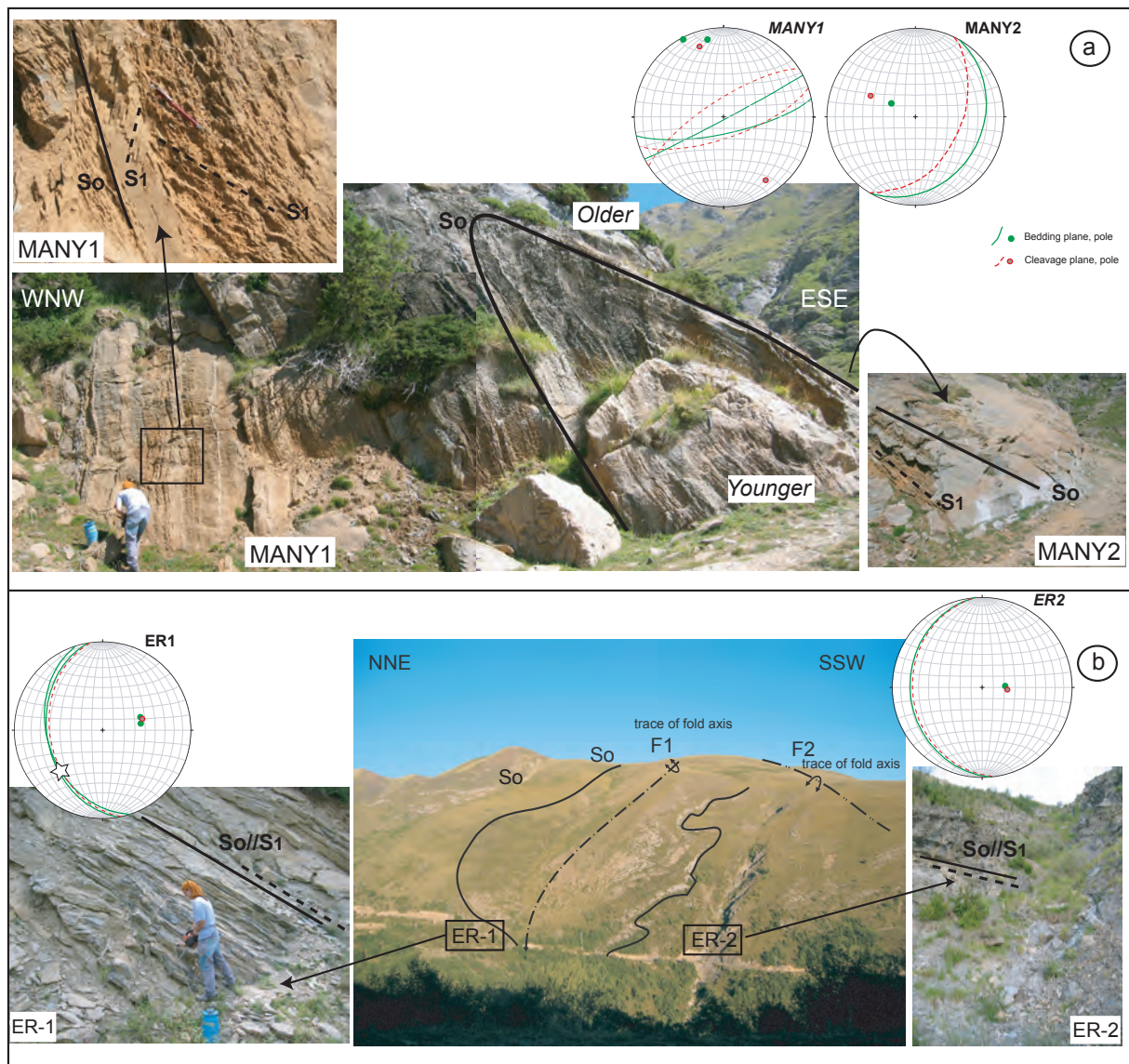


FIG. 1. Oliva-Urcia et al.

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858 Fig. 1. a) General map of the Pyrenees; b) detailed geological map of the Paleozoic folds and  
 859 stratigraphy; c) detailed geological map of the Eocene folds (simplified from Oliva-Urcia, 2004).





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 861 Fig. 2. Field pictures of Paleozoic folds. a) Manyanet (MANY); b) Erta (ER). Stereoplots show  
 862 geographic projection of bedding and cleavage (plane and pole). In ER1 stereoplot, the star  
 863 represents the stretching direction measured in the field.  $S_0$ : bedding orientation;  $S_1$ : tectonic  
 864 foliation orientation; F1: D1 deformation trace of fold axis; F2: D2 deformation trace of fold axis.

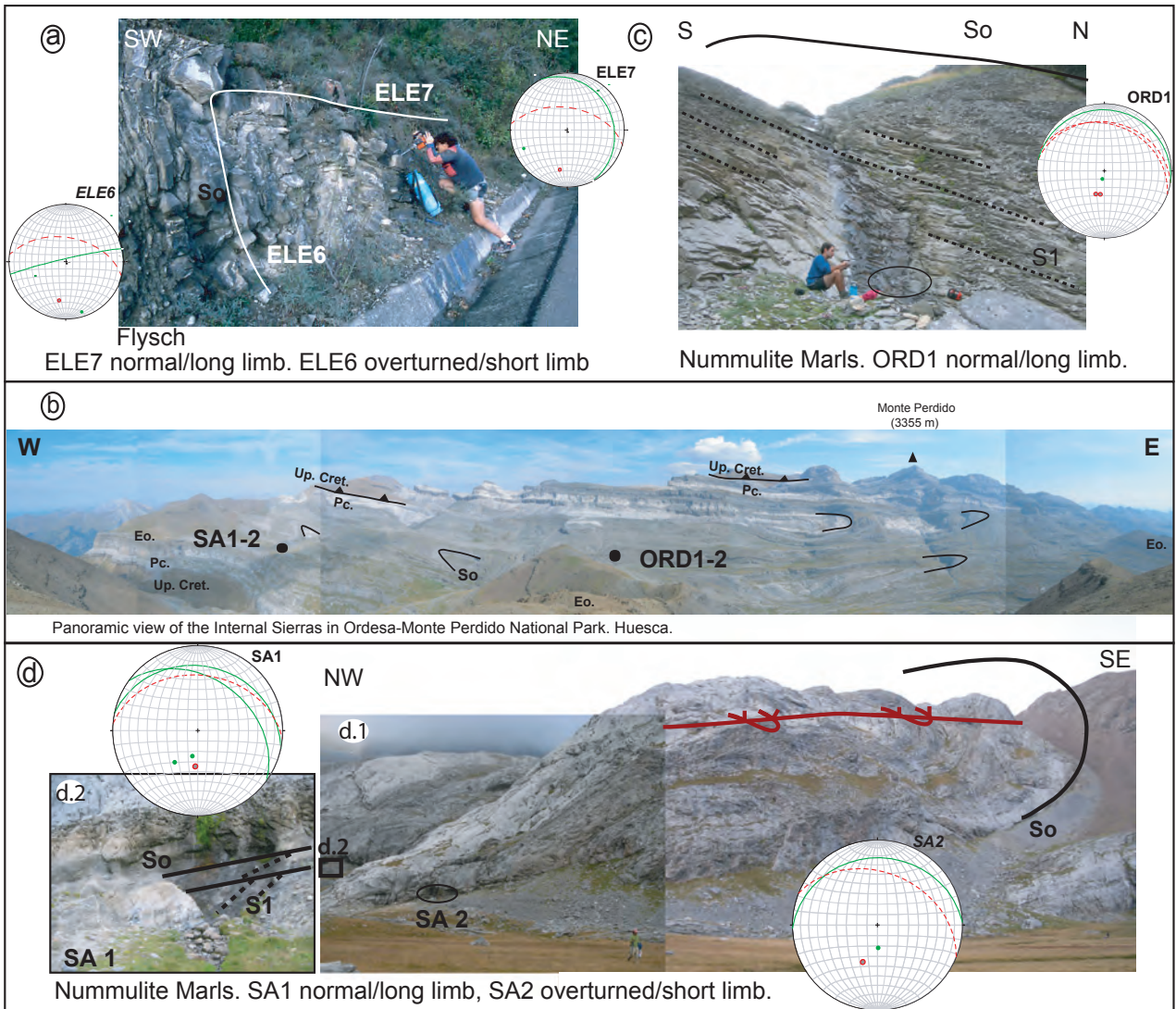
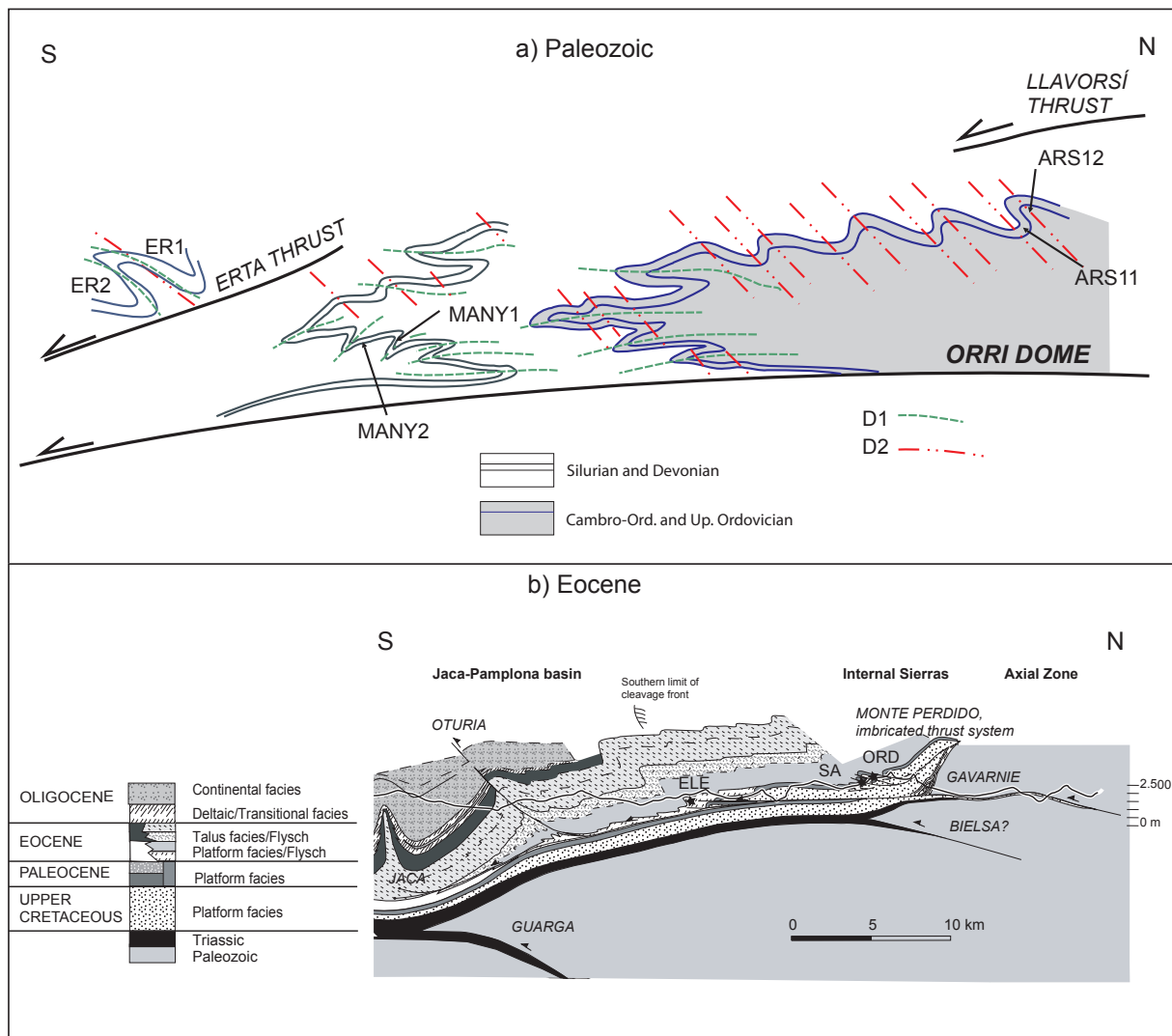
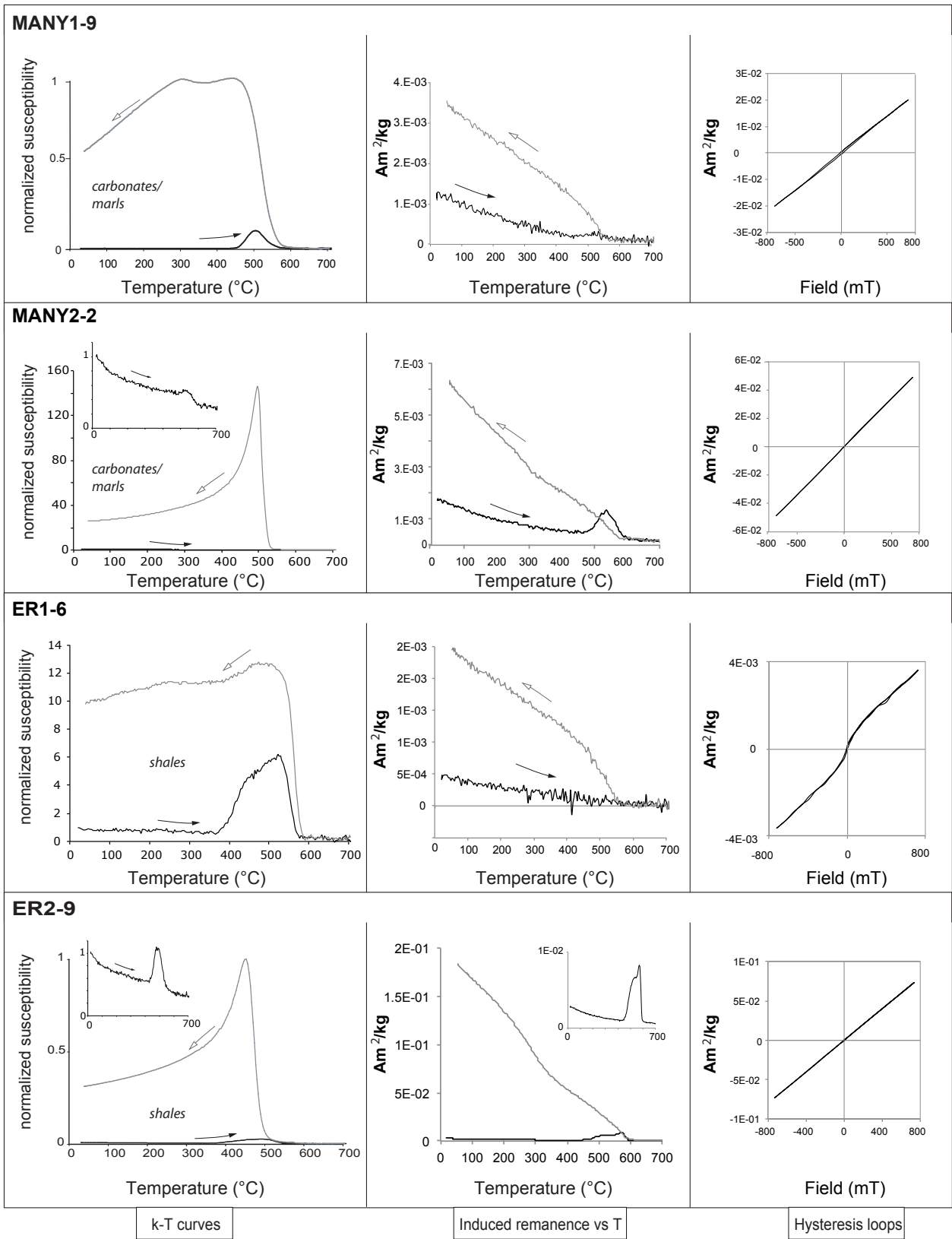


Fig. 3. Field pictures of Eocene folds. A) Metric scale anticline in turbidites of the Jaca-Pamplona basin. Flysch, ELE7: normal/long limb, ELE6: overturned/short limb. b) General view of the Internal Sierras (Ordesa-Monte Perdido National Park), where folds related to the Larra-Monte Perdido imbricated thrust system are shown. Up Cret: Upper Cretaceous, Pc: Paleocene, Eo: Eocene. Dashed lines represent bedding in the periclinal area of some fold-related thrust. c) Normal limb in ORD1 and regional cleavage. d) Nummulite Marls. SA1: normal/long limb, SA2: overturned/short limb. d1) SA fold with location of both sites. d2) Regional cleavage (dashed line) and bedding plane (continuous line) shown in the normal limb. Stereoplots with geographic projection where bedding and cleavage are represented, legend as in Fig. 2.

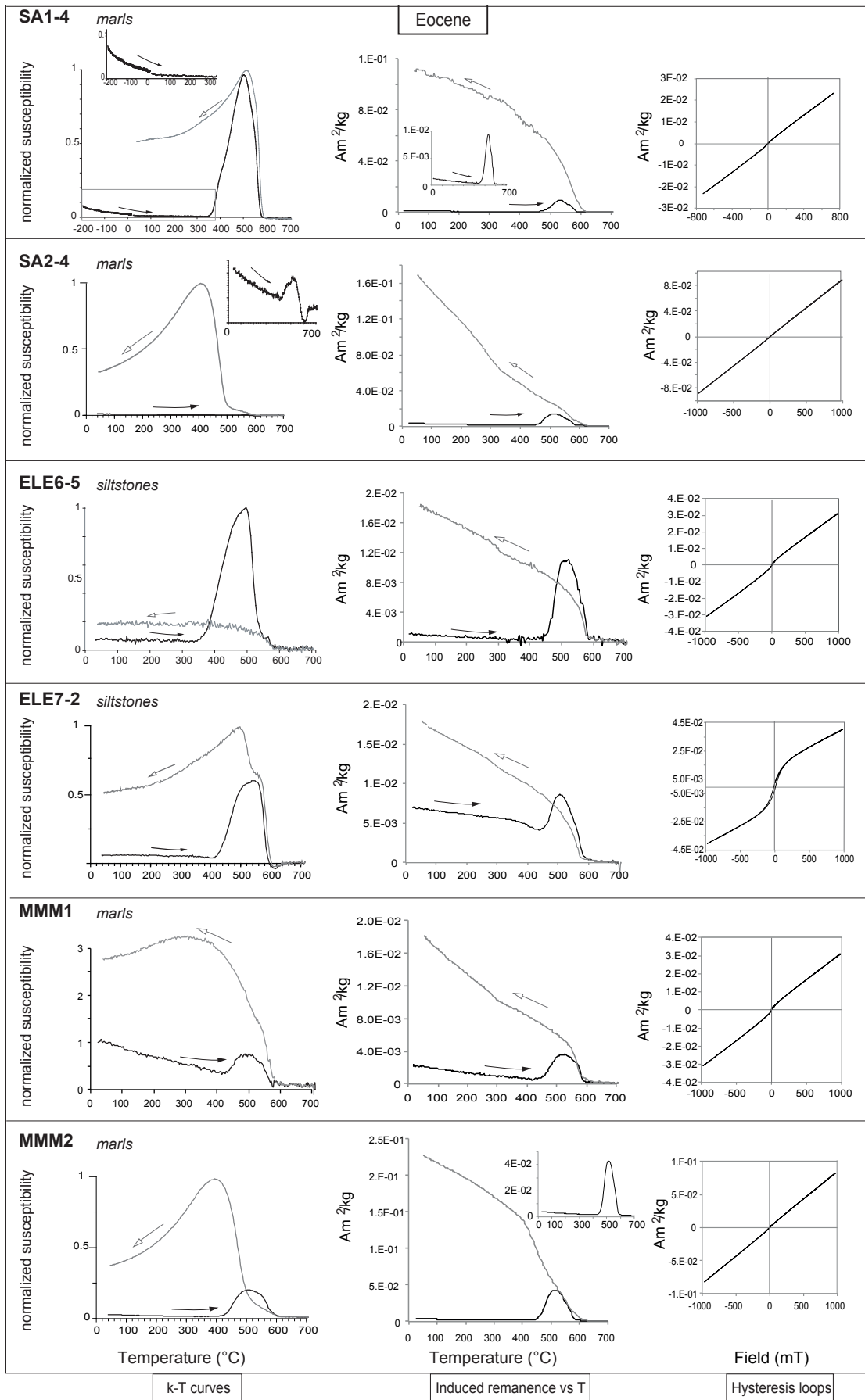


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 877 affecting Paleozoic rocks. b) Cross-section showing the structural position of three folds affecting  
 878 Eocene rocks (modified from Oliva-Urcia, 2004).





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 880 Fig. 5. Temperature dependence of magnetic susceptibility curves, remanent magnetization  $M_r$   
 881 acquired after application of 268 Oe, and induced magnetization  $M$  as function of applied field  
 882 (hysteresis loops) for selected Paleozoic samples.

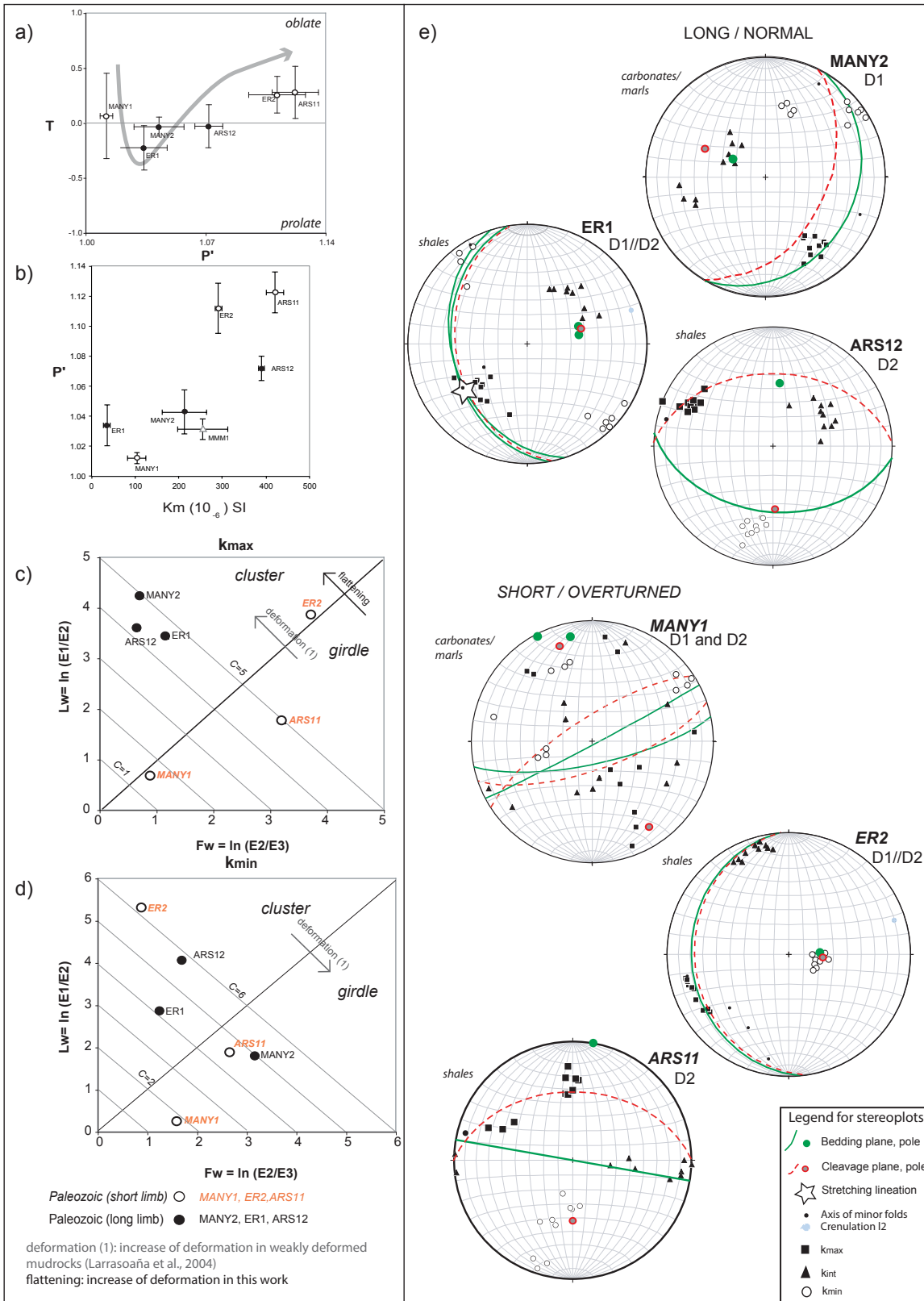


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Fig. 6. The same as in Fig. 5, but for selected Eocene samples.

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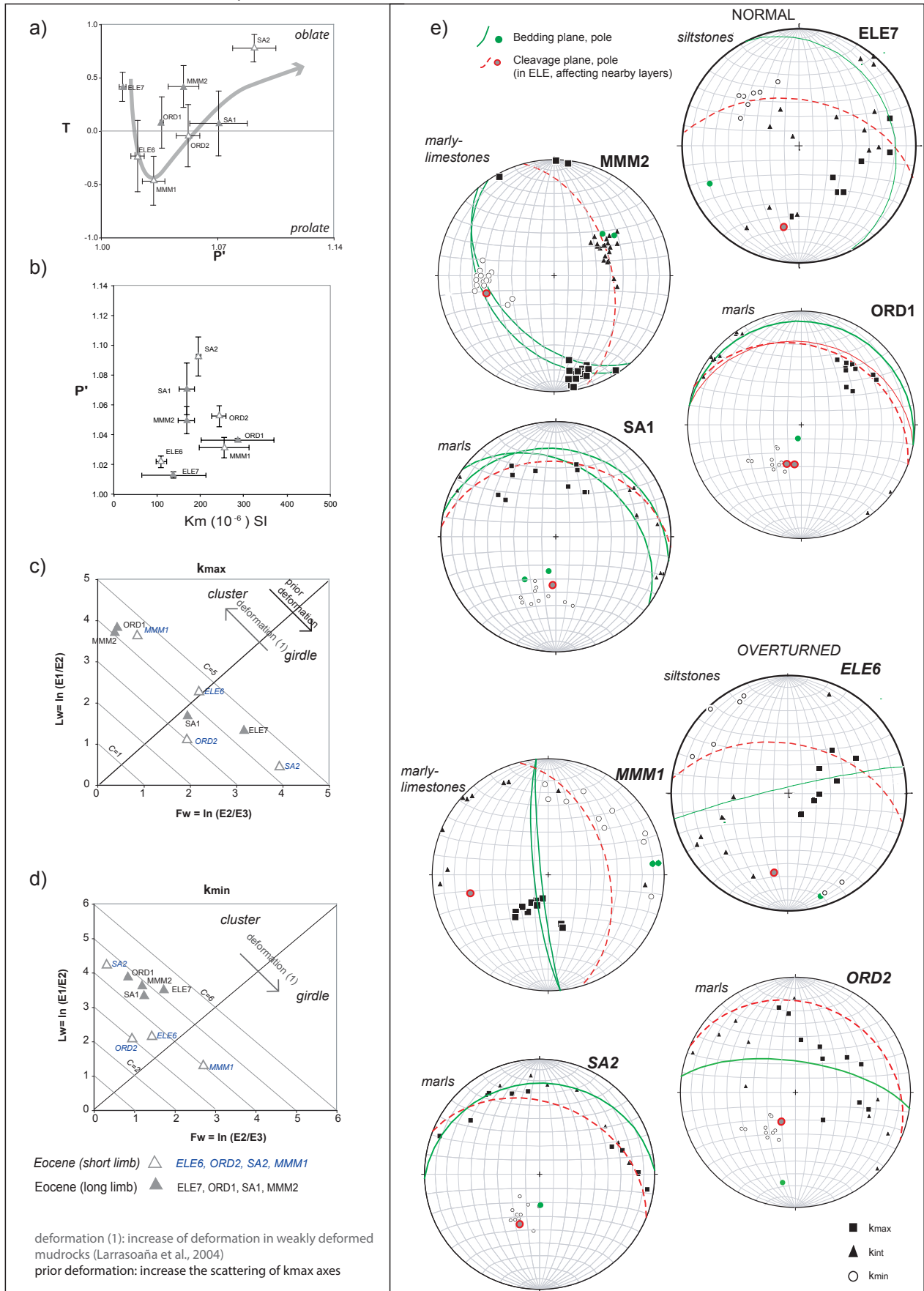


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 887 parameter ( $T$ ) and corrected anisotropy degree ( $P'$ ); b)  $P'$  and bulk susceptibility ( $\kappa_{mean}$ ) diagram;  
 888 c) Woodcock diagram for  $k_{max}$  axes and d) Woodcock diagram for  $k_{min}$  axes (see text for more  
 889 detail); increase of deformation is marked with a grey arrow for weakly deformed rocks (Larrasoña  
 890 et al., 2004); e) stereographic projections in geographical coordinates of the magnetic ellipsoid axes.

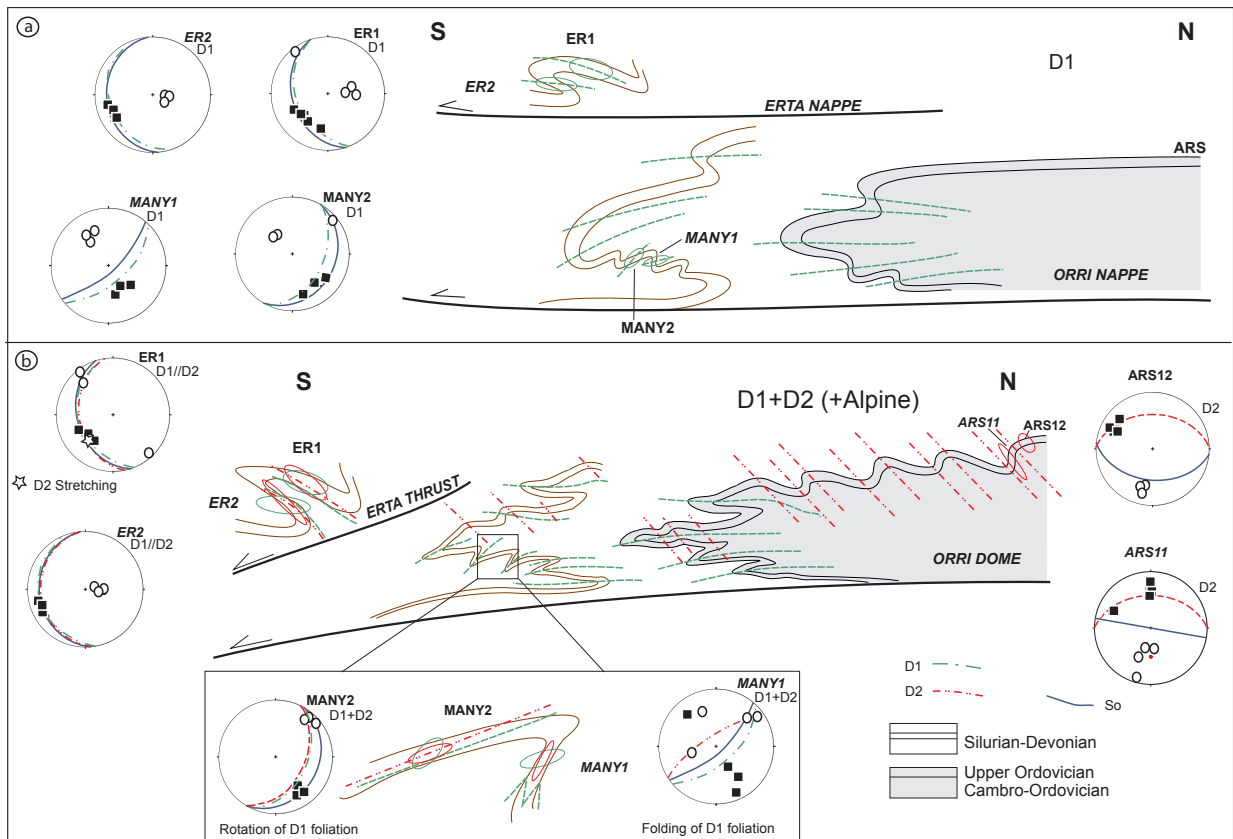
Alpine folds

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Fig. 8. The same as in Fig. 7, but for the Eocene rocks.



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 895 deformational phase, and b) the final situation of the petrofabric in the D2 deformational phase.

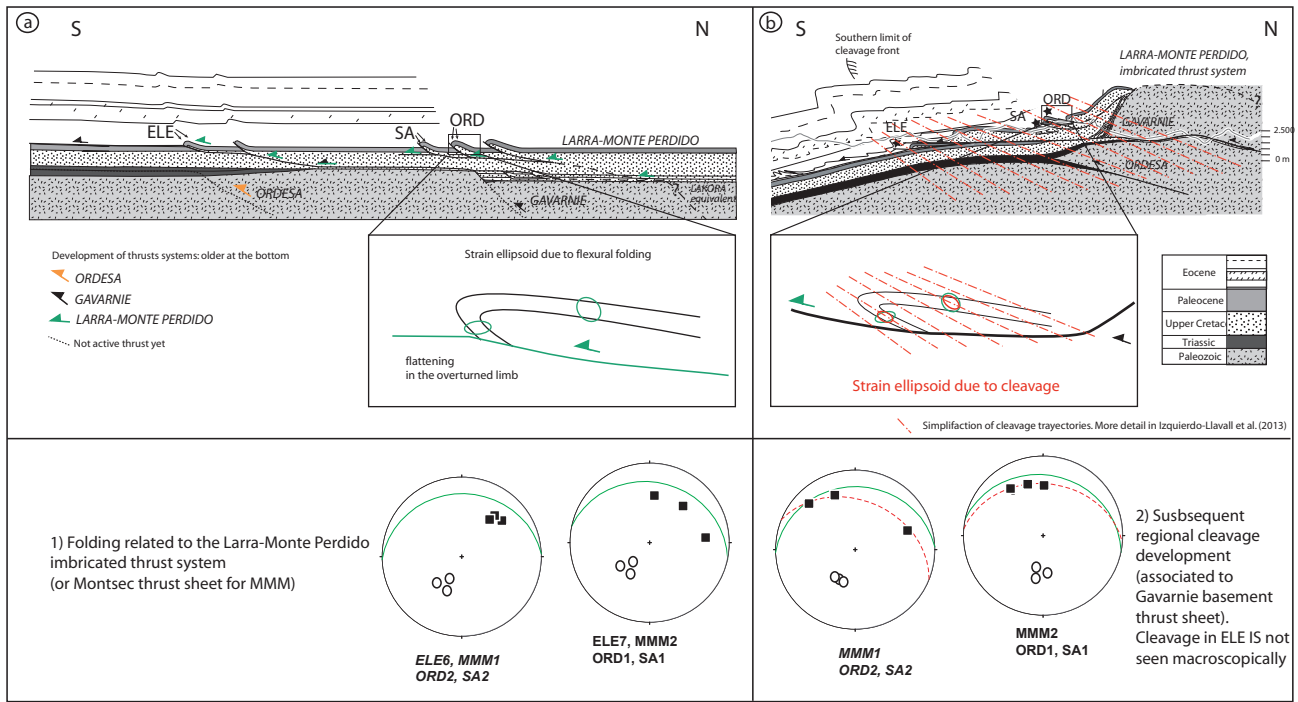
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901 Fig. 10. Evolution of the magnetic fabric in the folds developed in Eocene rocks. a) Folding due to  
 902 the Larra-Monte Perdido thrust system, and b) superposition of the cleavage development due to the  
 903 activity of the basement thrust sheets (mainly Gavarnie). Simplified cross sections based on Oliva-  
 904 Urcia (2004).