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

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Abstract

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

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

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

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

1. Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Geological setting and sampling

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

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

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

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

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

3. Analytical methods

3.1. Bulk rock analysis

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

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

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

3.2. Mineral chemical analysis

Major element electron probe microanalysis (EPMA) of the rock-forming silicates were performed on polished and carbon-coated thin sections using a JEOL JXA-8200 Superprobe equipped with five wavelength dispersive X-ray spectrometers at the Institute of Geological Sciences, University of Bern (Switzerland). All measurements were carried out with an acceleration voltage of 15 kV, a beam current of 20 nA and a beam size of 5 µm as compromise for simultaneous measurement of hydrous and anhydrous phases. Synthetic and natural standards used for calibration were wollastonite (SiO₂, CaO), almandine (FeO),

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

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

4. Results

4.1. Petrography

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4.2. Bulk rock chemistry

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

Antigorite serpentinites

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

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 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ 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 (REEs), which are thought not to be significantly mobile during serpentinisation (e.g., Allen and Seyfried, 2005) show primitive mantle (PM) normalised patterns (Fig. 4c) strongly depleted in light REEs ($\text{La} = 0.01\text{-}0.04 \times \text{PM}$) and moderately depleted in middle and heavy REEs ($\text{Gd} = 0.1\text{-}0.06 \times \text{PM}$; $\text{Lu} = 0.3\text{-}0.6 \times \text{PM}$), without a Eu anomaly as is often observed for abyssal serpentinites (e.g., Niu, 2004) and subducted equivalents. Serpentinites from low-strain domains exhibit larger trace element variability than those from high-strain domains.

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

High-pressure veins

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

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

high-strain and low-strain domains. Yttrium and REE concentrations vary over one order of magnitude with, e.g., Gd = 0.2-0.8 x PM and Tm = 0.2-1 x PM. REE patterns are similar to those of the wall rocks with LREE depletion relative to MREEs and HREEs but exhibit minor enrichments in Yb and Lu (up to 1.5 x PM; Fig. 5b). One vein (ETCL4B2-VEIN) displays distinctly higher LREE abundances (e.g., La = 0.1 x PM; Fig. 5b). High field strength element 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 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 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 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Ni = 1610-2280 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and Zn = 46-63 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$.

Alkali and alkaline earth metals concentrations range for Li = 1.9-5.1 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, Rb = 0.022-0.07 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, 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 for B reveal enrichments of up to 22 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and U and Th concentrations are below LOD except for one sample. Concentrations of chalcophile elements in the veins are at wall rock 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 Bi contents of up to 0.01 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. Abundances of the siderophile elements Mo and W range from 0.116-0.294 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ and 0.051-0.33 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, respectively.

4.3. Mineral chemistry

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

Olivine

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

Antigorite

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

Rare earth element patterns and Y (not shown) are depleted towards LREE (e.g., La = 0.001-0.02 PM vs. Lu = 0.03-0.2 PM), and concentration ranges for the different structural domains are mostly overlapping. Transition metal contents are highly variable for V = 8-140 $\mu g\ g^{-1}$, Cr = 29-6700 $\mu g\ g^{-1}$, and Ni = 85-1380 $\mu g\ g^{-1}$, while distributions are more homogeneous for Sc = 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

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

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

Ti-Clinohumite

Titania concentrations in matrix and vein Ti-clinohumite vary between 3.25 and 5.19 wt. % with $X_{Mg} = 0.84\text{--}0.90$. Minor constituents are $MnO = 0.26\text{--}0.53$ wt. %, $NiO \leq 0.31$ wt. %, and $Cr_2O_3 \leq 0.10$ wt. %. Alumina (≤ 0.038 wt. %) and $CaO (\leq 0.044$ wt. %), $Na_2O (\leq 0.05$ wt. %), and $Cl (\leq 0.1$ wt. %) abundances are low in all analysed grains except for two outliers with high Na_2O (0.40 and 0.52 wt. %) and Cl (0.30 and 0.93 wt. %), for which we suspect the influence of (submicroscopic) fluid inclusions.

The high field strengths elements are variably enriched with $Zr = 1.5\text{--}15 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, $Nb = 0.012\text{--}0.68 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, $Hf = 0.032\text{--}0.51 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, $Ta = 0.002\text{--}0.022 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, and $W = 0.014\text{--}0.45 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. Rare earth element patterns (not shown) are only available for MREE to HREE (Dy-Lu) and display strong depletion towards lighter REEs ($Lu = 1\text{--}3 \times PM$ to $Dy = 0.009\text{--}0.03 \times PM$). Transition 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

Zn concentrations are as high as $57 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ and $119 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, respectively. Boron concentrations in Ti-clinohumite from veins and wall rocks range from 5 to $37 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. Other notable element 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 $\text{Ba} \leq 2.9 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$.

Diopside

Clinopyroxene in the Erro Tobbio serpentinites and dehydration veins is diopsidic. Relict mantle clinopyroxene displays $X_{\text{Mg}} = 0.90\text{-}0.93$ with 20.9-23.6 wt. % of CaO, while metamorphic and vein diopside contains CaO = 24.5-27.6 wt. % with X_{Mg} ranging from 0.94 to 0.98. Mantle clinopyroxene is characterised by TiO_2 contents of up to 0.63 wt. %, $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 = 4\text{-}7.43$ 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 $\text{TiO}_2 \leq 0.12$ 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 diopside.

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

Vein diopside exhibits high and variable alkaline earth metal concentrations with $\text{Sr} = 19\text{-}56 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ and $\text{Ba} = 0.05\text{-}5.6 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ compared to $\text{Sr} = 0.31\text{-}4.8 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ and $\text{Ba} \leq 0.17 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ in relict mantle clinopyroxene. Lithium abundances are $5.8\text{-}8.3 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ in relict clinopyroxene and $0.7\text{-}8.3 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ 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 $= 0.015\text{-}0.048$ 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 $V = 71\text{-}134 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, $\text{Cr} = 1750\text{-}11800 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, $\text{Co} = 34\text{-}64 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, 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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5. Discussion

5.1. Mantle protolith and initial compositional variability

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

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

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

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

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

5.2. Initial fluid-mobile element imprints

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5.3. The relevance of brucite in precursor serpentinites

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

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

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

and

with reactions (2) and (3) being dependent on temperature, SiO₂ activity, fluid-rock ratios, and the degree of serpentinisation (Frost and Beard, 2007; Andreani et al., 2013; Evans et al., 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 SiO_2 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/SiO_2 and $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{SiO}_2$ 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 SiO_2 -neutral olivine
610 hydration (supplementary material 4; cf also Malvoisin, 2015). Note that chlorite formation after
611 spinel further reduces the amount of SiO_2 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 SiO_2 -
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 SiO_2 -preserving system (Evans 2004; Kodolányi
619 and Pettke, 2011; Evans et al. 2013), while other olivine-producing reactions are metastable

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

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

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

5.4. Element inventory of the dehydration veins

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5.5. Geodynamic implications

Rock-buffered serpentinisation environments

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

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

Our data on both the geochemistry and petrology of the Erro Tobbio antigorite serpentinites characterise subducted serpentinite that formed close to the hydration front where a rock-buffered hydration environment prevails. This is documented by the incomplete degrees of mantle rock hydration (i.e., mantle relics are common), both on mineral (Fig. 1a, 2a,b) and on rock body scales (e.g., Rampone et al., 2005) and by trace element enrichment patterns (Figs. 5a and 8) characteristic of rock-buffered fluid conditions. Such rock-buffered or “isochemical” (for SiO_2) hydration, driven by depleted or dilute fluids and low fluid-rock ratios, might be particularly relevant for deeper sections of hydrated slab mantle (as inferred from geophysical data; Peacock, 2001; Korenaga 2017; Bloch et al., 2018; Cai et al., 2018), and dehydration fronts. Substantial brucite stability within these environments would be consequential and is indeed suggested by geophysical data for the deeper slab (lower seismic zone; Bloch et al., 2018). The magma-poor nature of the Ligurian Ocean, as evidenced by a scarcity of igneous rocks, could further have limited the generation of SiO_2 -rich fluids due to a scarcity of SiO_2 -

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

Element loss from serpentinites during subduction dehydration

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

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

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Figure captions

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

Figure 2 Petrographic images of the Erro Tobbio high-strain antigorite serpentinites and cross-cutting dehydration veins: **a)** Partially serpentinised and internally deformed relict mantle clinopyroxene (Cpx_1) porphyroclast in a fine-grained foliated metamorphic matrix of antigorite (Atg_2) + olivine (Ol_2) + magnetite (Mag_2). **b)** Metamorphic olivine porphyroblast (Ol_2) in fine-grained antigorite (Atg_2) + olivine (Ol_2) + magnetite (Mag_2) matrix. **c)** Apparent overgrowth of vein olivine (Ol_v) by vein Ti-clinohumite (Ti-Chu_v) in back-scattered electron image (BSE) and in plane polarised light (PPL); note the zonation in the BSE image, the magnetite inclusions, and that crystal fractures continue from Ol_v into Ti-Chu_v . **d)** Sheared olivine (Ol_v) + Ti-clinohumite (Ti-Chu_v) + magnetite (Mag_v) vein with crack-filling of fine-grained diopside (Di_v).

Figure 3 Petrographic images of the Erro Tobbio low-strain antigorite serpentinites and cross-cutting dehydration veins: **a)** Relict mesh textures with mantle olivine in mesh centres (Ol_1 ; highlighted with purple lines) and metamorphic antigorite (Atg_2) and olivine (Ol_2) grown along the former serpentine mesh; **b)** Partially hydrated relic mantle clinopyroxene (Cpx_1 ; EPMA measurement spots ET08-16-W-36 and ET08-16-W-44 in supplementary material 2) replaced by chlorite (Chl_2), magnetite (Mag_2), Ti-clinohumite (Ti-Chu_2), along with minor metamorphic diopside and antigorite (too small to be indicated). **c)** Mantle orthopyroxene (Opx_1) bastite containing fine-grained metamorphic diopside (Di_2) and olivine (Ol_2). **d)** Alteration pseudomorph after spinel with magnetite (Mag_2) in the core surrounded by a chlorite (Chl_2) corona. **e)** Vein Ti-clinohumite (Ti-Chu_v) pierced by diopside needles (Di_v). **f)** Close-up of **e)** displaying intergrowth of diopside (Di_v) and chlorite (Chl_v) with interspersed magnetite (Mag_v) and strongly serpentinised olivine (serp. Ol).

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

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

Figure 6 Mineral compositional characteristics for **a)** X_{Mg} vs. MnO and **b)** MnO vs. B in olivine (ol; all analyses), and **c)** V vs. Cr and **d)** bulk-normalised Yb vs. Dy in antigorite (Atg_2) from the Erro Tobbio low- and high-strain antigorite serpentinites. Data points comprise EPMA data from supplementary material 2 in **a**, and LA-ICP-MS data in **a-d** from supplementary material 3. Grey-shaded fields of mantle relicts of olivine (Ol_1), orthopyroxene (Opx_1 ; measured on relict mantle orthopyroxene in a retrogradely overprinted serpentinitised dunite from Erro Tobbio) and clinopyroxene (Cpx_1) compositions include data from supplementary material 3 and 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: Ol₁ = mantle olivine; Cpx₁ = mantle clinopyroxene; Opx₁
1139 = mantle orthopyroxene; Atg₂ = metamorphic antigorite; after Ol₁ = metamorphic antigorite
1140 (Atg₂) after mantle olivine (Ol₁) ; after Px₁ = metamorphic antigorite (Atg₂)/chlorite (Chl₂) after
1141 mantle clino- (Cpx₁) or orthopyroxene (Opx₁); after Spl₁ = metamorphic chlorite after mantle
1142 spinel₁; Ol₂ = metamorphic olivine; Ti-Chu₂ = metamorphic Ti-clinohumite; < LOD = below
1143 limits of detection. Note that Opx₁ reference data were measured on relict mantle
1144 orthopyroxene in a retrogradely overprinted serpentinised dunite from Erro Tobbio.

1145 **Figure 8** Fluid-mobile element enrichment characteristics in the Erro Tobbio antigorite
1146 serpentinites (AS) and antigorite (Atg₂) and chlorite (Chl₂) 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 Ol₁ = metamorphic antigorite after mantle olivine (Ol₁) ; after Px₁ =
1152 metamorphic antigorite (Atg₂)/chlorite (Chl₂) after mantle clino- (Cpx₁) or orthopyroxene
1153 (Opx₁); after Spl₁ = 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.

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

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

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granular peridotite

peridotite tectonite

★ low-strain antigorite serpentinite sample

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low-strain
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high-strain antigorite serpentinite

pyroxenite layer

metagabbro

★ high-strain antigorite serpentinite sample