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26 • Metamorphic carbonates and silicates in marble show typical mantle  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$ .

27 • Deformation was not a controlling factor during pervasive fluid-marble 28 interaction.

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#### 31 **Abstract**

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33 Deeply subducted crustal carbonate rocks are major transporters of carbon into the 34 asthenosphere. However, mechanism and extent of the interaction of carbonate rocks at 35 mantle depth with external fluids remain unclear. Carbonate interaction with external aqueous 36 fluids derived from silicate rocks is of particular importance, because the associated 37 decarbonation and dissolution reactions (i) influence the input into the subduction carbon 38 cycle, (ii) influence rheology, and (iii) control isotope fingerprints of the interacting rocks, 39 including the mantle. We investigate meta-carbonate rocks from the Dabie UHP unit, where 40 marbles within a several  $km^2$  exposure show  $87$ Sr/ $86$ Sr isotope signatures as low as 0.7037, 41 which are unusual for crustal carbonates, but typical for mantle rocks. We focus on a sample 42 with a large pre-UHP titanite, crystallized in a vein, with crustal  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  signatures  $\frac{87}{5}$ r/ $\frac{86}{5}$ r<sub>i</sub>: 0.7071-0.7075) and its fluid-mediated replacement. The titanite survived 44 subduction to mantle depth and was altered only at its margins during subduction and 45 exhumation. This fluid-mediated replacement is characterized by (i) very low, mantle-like  $87\,\text{Sr}^{86}\text{Sr}$  signatures (as low as 0.7045), both in the titanite reaction rim and the marble matrix, 47 and (ii) significantly higher  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  signatures (ca. 0.7085) related to allanite replacing 48 titanite along discrete veins during retrogression.

49 Combining mineral-scale Sr-isotope analyses with microfabric and mineral-chemical data of 50 titanite, white mica, and calcite, allows for establishing five episodes (A to E) of fluid-mineral 51 interaction linked with the pro- and retrograde reaction history: (A) prograde episode of 52 interaction with aqueous fluid sourced from dehydration reactions in the impure marble or



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### 74 **1. Introduction**

75 Understanding the degree of interaction of aqueous fluids with carbonate rocks in subduction 76 zones is particularly important for comprehending the deep carbon cycle. Carbonate rocks are 77 the major transporters of carbon into the upper mantle, where metasomatism may transfer a

78 significant amount of carbon to the mantle wedge and into the convecting mantle. Infiltration 79 of aqueous fluids is associated with decarbonation and dissolution reactions having an 80 important effect on the CO2 budget in subduction zones (Manning, 2014; Ague and Nicolesu, 81 2014). Extent, mechanisms, timing and pathways of infiltration of aqueous fluids into 82 carbonate rocks during subduction and exhumation, however, are still controversially debated 83 (e.g. Frezotti et al., 2011).

84 Wang and Rumble (1999), Rumble et al. (2003), Zheng et al. (2007), Liou et al. (2012), and 85 Zhang et al. (2011) investigated crustal carbonate rocks in the Dabie and Sulu UHP units, 86 originally formed in the Neoproterozoic (Rumble et al., 2000; Prave et al., 2018) and 87 metamorphosed at UHP conditions during Triassic continental collision. They suggested 88 minor internally buffered fluid-mineral interaction, and only insignificant infiltration of 89 aqueous fluids and metasomatism in the deep subduction zone, until retrogression. In contrast, 90 Romer et al. (2003) showed that aqueous fluids infiltrated carbonate rocks of the Dabie UHP 91 unit during subduction to mantle depths. This idea was increasingly taken up by later studies 92 of deeply subducted carbonate rocks in the Dabie and elsewhere (Ohta et al., 2003; Frezzotti 93 et al., 2011, 2015; Ogasawara, 2014; Ague and Nicolescu, 2014; Wang et al., 2014; Liu et al., 94 2015; Liu et al., 2017; Ferrando et al., 2017; Tao et al., 2018). In line with Romer et al. 95 (2003), Wang et al. (2014) suggested a complete alteration/change of protolith signatures 96 through fluid-mediated reactions, along the subduction zone, based on O and Mg isotope 97 whole rock analyses of marbles and enclosed eclogites (Sulu UHP unit). Liu et al. (2017) 98 suggest metasomatism during early exhumation by fluids originating from previously 99 subducted oceanic crust.

100 The mantle-like  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  values below 0.7045 recorded in the Dabie UHP marbles (Romer et 101 al., 2003) are too low for late Neoproterozoic marine carbonate protoliths that are expected to have  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  values between 0.7070 and 0.7076 (Veizer et al., 1999; Prokoph et al. 2008).

103 The mantle-like  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  values are clearly indicative for the interaction of the marble with 104 MORB- and/or mantle derived fluids  $({}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr)$  values below 0.7045, White 2010). Based on 105 Sr isotope investigations of marbles from the Changpu complex (Dabie UHP unit; Fig. 1 a), 106 combined with petrological and geochemical investigations, Romer et al. (2003) inferred that 107 interaction of aqueous fluids with crustal carbonates occurred along the subduction zone. In 108 accordance with this, the modelled  $XCO<sub>2</sub>$  at peak PT conditions in these rocks has been very 109 low (Romer et al., 2003), as recently confirmed by Liu et al. (2015) for marbles from the 110 Dabie UHP unit. From geochemical results, showing that carbonates from the purest marbles 111 have the least radiogenic Sr isotopic composition and the highest Sr concentration (Fig. 1 b), 112 Romer et al. (2003) interpreted, that the fluid infiltration was paralleled by the introduction of 113 Mg and less radiogenic Sr and the loss of Si, K, and Na. The marbles of the Dabie UHP unit 114 clearly record infiltration of aqueous mantle-derived fluids that metasomatized carbonates 115 within a several km<sup>2</sup> marble exposure (Romer et al., 2003). The Sr isotopic composition of the 116 fluid source is most readily reflected by the marbles having the least radiogenic composition. 117 More radiogenic Sr values in the marbles may relate to incomplete replacement processes and 118 mixing between fluid from dissolved carbonate and the incoming mantle-derived fluid. Thus, 119 these marbles potentially provide insight into the fluid-rock interaction history and associated 120 transport and replacement mechanisms.

121 The mechanisms of fluid transport accounting for the observed loss of the original Sr isotopic 122 fingerprint in the purest UHP marbles were not explained by Romer et al. (2003). This is 123 mainly because the Sr isotope analyses were performed on bulk calcium carbonate fractions 124 from hand specimen. The whole rock data do not allow for (i) linking the results to the fluid-125 mineral reaction history and (ii) detecting multiple fluid-rock interaction processes. 126 Furthermore, they do not allow for identifying, whether and how ductile deformation, discrete 127 pathways or pervasive dissolution-precipitation processes (e.g. Putnis and Austrheim, 2010) 128 were responsible for the infiltration of fluids from an external source.

129 Sr isotopic compositions determined on the mineral-scale are particularly suited to detect fluid 130 interaction processes in carbonate and calcsilicate rocks, as the constituting minerals such as 131 calcite, dolomite, diopside, clinozoisite, titanite, and allanite are almost free of Rb, precluding 132 reaction-induced isotopic heterogeneity to be masked by in-situ  ${}^{87}Sr$  growth. Titanite is 133 capable of recording successive episodes of the fluid-rock interaction history and its  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$ 134 ratio may be a sensitive tracer for successive fluid-mineral-interaction processes (Lucassen et 135 al., 2011).

136 The Sr isotopic compositions of Neoproterozoic marine carbonates, of mantle/MORB*,* of 137 gneisses from Dabie Shan  $({}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr)$  values above 0.7080, Ma et al., 2000), and of the 138 interacting fluids are distinct from each other. This allows for identifying fluid-mineral 139 reactions and for resolving distinct fluid sources and interaction episodes.

140 Sr isotopic compositions on the mineral-scale allow for identifying fluid pathways that may 141 be pervasive through the rock volume by dissolution-precipitation replacement (Putnis and 142 Austrheim, 2010) or channelized along veins (Oliver and Bons, 2001). Fluid flow may occur 143 along grain boundaries and tectonic fractures (e.g. Fein et al., 1994; Holness & Graham, 144 1995) that may form an interconnected network, which provides channelized pathways for 145 both externally and internally derived fluids and, thus, represent an open system. Moreover, 146 dissolution-precipitation processes are important for creating fluid pathways by replacement 147 and fracturing (Putnis, 2002, 2009; Jamtveit et al., 2009; Wawrzenitz et al., 2012). In contrast 148 to tectonic fractures, hydrofractures that are the result of increased fluid pore pressure 149 (Jamtveit et al., 2009), commonly do not form an interconnected network that would allow 150 infiltration of external fluids. Once they have formed, hydrofractures are sinks for (internal) 151 fluids released from the adjacent wall rock rather than pathways for external fluid.

152 We study in detail such a marble sample containing a pre-UHP titanite megacryst crystallized 153 from fluids either in a tectonic fracture or in a hydrofracture (Fig. 1 c; Wawrzenitz et al., 154 – 2006). The contrasts in  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  isotopic compositions of titanite core and bulk carbonate 155 matrix (~0.7073 and ~0.7045, resp.), observed by Wawrzenitz et al. (2006), raised the 156 expectation, that *in-situ* Sr-isotope investigations combined with mineral chemical and micro-157 fabric investigations on the grain-scale will give a detailed insight into the fluid-mineral 158 interaction path in deeply subducted carbonate rocks.

159 With the selected sample the following hypotheses are tested:

- 160 (i) Does the Sr isotopic composition of the titanite core reflect the composition of 161 remote external fluids? In this case, the titanite would have precipitated from 162 external fluids channelized in a tectonic fracture.
- 163 (ii) Or does the Sr isotopic composition of the titanite core reflect the composition of the 164 original Neoproterozoic fluids of the carbonate protolith? In this case, the titanite 165 would have precipitated from fluids released from the immediate host rock into a 166 propagating hydrofracture. Fluid overpressure could be the result of pervasive 167 infiltration of external fluid through the carbonate rock.
- 168 (iii)What is the transport mechanism of fluid flow through the carbonate rocks? Did the 169 fluid migrate along cracks and/or silicate-carbonate phase boundaries? Are coupled 170 dissolution-precipitation replacement processes underlying the pervasive 171 infiltration?
- 172 (iv)What is the role of crystal-plastic deformation for the transport of fluid and for 173 chemical and isotopic changes in the titanite megacryst and the marble matrix?
- 174 (v) Did infiltration and metasomatism occur during one or several successive episodes?
- 175 (vi)How are successive episodes of infiltration linked to the mineral reaction and 176 deformation history?

177 We here combine texturally controlled "in-situ" Sr isotope analysis at the crystal-scale in the 178 titanite megacryst with mineral-chemical analysis, using microdrilling and the ID TIMS 179 technique for achieving the required precision and accuracy. We analyze the microstructures 180 and lattice preferred orientations (CPOs) within the titanite megacryst and the reaction rim 181 with a SEM using the EBSD technique (Prior et al., 1999) aiming at determining 182 crystalplastic deformation or other potential deformation mechanisms. In combination with 183 mineral chemical analyses, EBSD mapping allows for recognizing (i) the relationships 184 between deformation mechanisms and chemical changes of titanite during the reaction history 185 and (ii) mechanisms of fluid-induced mineral replacement, i.e. coupled dissolution-186 reprecipitation vs. new crystallization, thus highlighting the role of deformation in fluid-187 titanite interaction.

188 The combination of our results has the potential to characterize the mechanisms of aqueous 189 fluid infiltration and migration in carbonate rocks, modifying the original chemical signatures 190 of these rocks on the km-scale.

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#### 192 **2. Geoiogicai setting**

193 The Qinling–Dabie–Sulu metamorphic belt (Eastern China) is the result of Triassic collision 194 between the Yangtze craton (South China block) in the south and the Sino-Korean craton 195 (North China block) in the north. Crustal rocks underwent UHP-metamorphism and are 196 characterized by a long-lasting (some tens of my) complex metamorphic history of ultradeep 197 subduction and exhumation (Hacker et al., 2004; Zheng et al., 2005, 2009; Wawrzenitz et al., 198 2006; Brouwer et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2012; Wu and Zheng, 2013).

199 The Dabie metamorphic belt consists of tectonic complexes that are characterized by a wide 200 range of P–T conditions (Fig. 1a) and that are bound by shear zones. The following main 201 tectonic complexes were identified: (i) the North Dabie Complex is a high-temperature UHP 202 unit with HT- eclogites, magmatitic gneisses as well as granulitic relics (Wang et al., 1998; 203 Okay et al., 1989; Faure et al., 2003; Bryant et al., 2004) that locally contain UHP minerals 204 (e.g., microdiamonds, Xu et al., 2003); (ii) the Central Dabie Complex also shows UHP relicts 205 (microdiamonds and coesite), but is characterized by lower temperatures; (iii) the South Dabie 206 Complex is a low-temperature unit containing amphibolitized HP rocks with UHP relics (Li et 207 al., 2004); and blueschist-facies rocks in the south.

208 The investigated samples are from the Central Dabie Complex, which is mainly composed of 209 eclogites, paragneisses, orthogneisses, marbles, quartzites, and garnet peridotites. The P-T 210 path of these units is broadly defined by three major equilibration stages: (i) UHP conditions 211 are evidenced by diamond, coesite and jadeite-rich inclusions in garnet; the maximum 212 pressures are >2.8 GPa at 700–800 C (e.g., Hacker et al., 2006); (ii) a first major episode of 213 decompression/exhumation (Liou et al., 2009; Zheng, 2008) associated with a temperature 214 increase from ca. 700° to 780°C (Schmid et al. 2003), locally even to 800°-850°C (e.g. Liu et 215 al., 2015) produced eclogite mineral assemblages at 1.5-2.5 GPa; and (iii) a second major 216 episode of decompression/exhumation into the field of amphibolite facies results in the 217 decomposition of omphacite into symplectites mainly composed of amphibole and plagioclase 218 (Li et al., 2012).

219 Geochronological data of the Northern, Central and Southern Dabie complexes obtained with 220 different methods yielded age constraints for episodes of fluid availability. For instance, U-221 Pb zircon SHRIMP ages of  $242 \pm 2$  Ma and  $227 \pm 2$  Ma of eclogite lenses within the Dabie 222 UHP marbles, including the Changpu unit, have been interpreted by Wu et al. (2006) as stages 223 of zircon growth during two episodes of fluid availability, i.e., at the onset of prograde 224 transition from HP to UHP during deep subduction and at the retrograde transition from UHP 225 to HP regimes during early exhumation. Liu et al., 2006 confirmed these episodes by Shrimp

226 zircon U-Pb dating from dolomitic marble and dated a younger episode at 218-206 Ma. Vein 227 formation, indicating fluid flow at  $217 \pm 2$  Ma and  $210 \pm 2$  Ma has been recorded by Franz et 228 al. (2001), Sheng et al. (2013), and Guo et al. (2012, 2015).

229 The studied calcsilicate marble sample derives from a suite of metacarbonate rocks from the 230 Changpu Unit in the Central Dabie Complex. The metacarbonate rocks in part are 231 characterized by mantle-like Sr isotopic compositions that reflect the infiltration of mantle-232 derived fluids (Fig. 1b, c; Romer et al. 2003). The marbles are tectonically juxtaposed against 233 para- and orthogneisses and contain enclaves of amphibolites, eclogites, and peridotites. They 234 record UHP metamorphism and are retrogressed to variable degree (Schmid et al., 2003). The 235 UHP assemblage including omphacite, garnet, rutile, phengite, calcite (aragonite?), and quartz 236 (coesite) is only preserved in slightly retrogressed calcsilicate rocks. Maximum PT conditions 237 of ca. 42 kbar at 750°C are estimated based on the peak minerals garnet, omphacite, and 238 phengite (Wang and Liou, 1993; Schmid et al., 2003, Liu et al., 2015) and imply exhumation 239 from more than ca. 120 km depth. They are overprinted and locally intensely strained under 240 amphibolite facies conditions at temperatures above 600°C (Liou et al., 1997).

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#### 242 **3. Analytical techniques**

10 243 Mechanical microsampling, sample dissolution, chemical separation of Rb and Sr and the ID-244 TIMS technique allowed resolving small  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  isotope variations within the reaction rim of 245 the titanite megacryst at the grain scale (Fig. 2a). We used Rb/Sr microsampling to obtain 246 titanite, calcite, and allanite samples of about 0.14-0.64 mg resulting in ca. 30 ng Sr. The 247 microsamples for the Rb/Sr study have been milled out of a 100 µm polished thick section 248 using a New Wave Merchantek™ System at the universities of Münster and Potsdam, 249 following the technique described in Charlier et al. (2006). Calcite has been obtained by 250 microdrilling single grains, avoiding calcite grain boundaries that show a different 251 composition and texture with fewer pores. In addition, small fragments of titanite, allanite and 252 calcite have been broken directly from the megacryst and selected under the microscope. 253 From a small ca. 3x2x1 cm sized host rock volume bordering to the titanite megacryst, we 254 analysed multigrain fractions of matrix titanite, clinozoisite, calcite, and amphibole. Matrix 255 titanite was separated under the microscope in one fraction containing rutile inclusions and 256 another fraction without rutile inclusions. A critical point in microsampling the titanite 257 reaction rim is to avoid mixed sampling domains. Therefore, the selection of drill sites based 258 on SEM-BSE and element distribution images as well as reflected and transmitted light 259 microscopy. Moreover, we determined the Ca/Al and Ti/Al ratios (ICP-OES) from part of the 260 dissolved titanite samples to detect and exclude calcite impurities possibly incorporated 261 during microdrilling of titanite. The Al-F rich and poor domains of the titanite rim could not 262 be drilled separately.

263 Chemical separation of Rb and Sr was performed using Sr specific resin in 50 µl columns 264 following the procedure described in Pin and Bassin (1992) and Lucassen et al. (2011). Rb/Sr 265 isotope analyses were performed at GFZ on a Triton MC TIMS (Thermo Fisher), using Re 266 filaments and a TaF activator (modified after Birck, 1986) for Sr analyses. Rb and Sr 267 concentrations were determined by isotope dilution, using mixed  $87Rb-84Sr$  spikes. The data 268 were corrected for isotope fractionation to  ${}^{86}Sr/{}^{88}Sr=0.1194$ , Strontium reference material 269 NBS 987 yielded 0.710244  $\pm 8$  (2 $\sigma$ , n = 10) during this study. For comparison, McArthur et 270 al., 2000 give a value of  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr = 0.710248 \pm 3$  (2SE). Decay constants are those 271 recommended by Villa et al. (2015). Standard errors of  $\pm 0.005\%$  for  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  ratios and of 272 ±1.5% for Rb/Sr ratios, as derived from replicate analyses of spiked samples, have been 273 applied. Analytical uncertainties are reported as  $2\sigma_m$  for Sr and as  $2\sigma$  for Rb. Rb/Sr analytical 274 data are given in Table 1 and are shown in Fig. 4. Major-element compositions and element 275 distribution maps in titanite and matrix minerals were performed with a JEOL Hyperprobe 276 electron microprobe with a WDS/EDS combined micro-analyzer at GFZ using the following 277 analytical conditions: 15 kV accelerating voltage, 20 nA beam current and 2  $\mu$ m spot size. 278 The counting time varied between 10 s and 60 s for different elements. Natural and synthetic 279 oxides were used as standards, and a program on the basis of the ZAF procedure was used for 280 calibration. The back-scattered electron (BSE) images were made with the FEG ZEISS SEM 281 at GFZ.

282 Crystallographic preferred orientations (CPO) of titanite, calcite, quartz, and rutile were 283 determined via automated indexation of electron backscatter patterns (EBSD) in a scanning 284 electron microscope (Prior et al., 1999). The sample was first polished using standard 285 methods with diamond pastes of different grain sizes up to 0.25  $\mu$ m. To remove any effect of 286 damage on the sample's surface we conducted a chemical-physical polishing step using a soft 287 cloth and an alkaline solution of colloidal silica for 1 hour. The EBSD measurements were 288 carried out using a FEI Quanta 3D FEG dual-beam machine equipped with an EDAX-TSL 289 Digiview IV EBSD detector and TSL software OIM 5.31, installed at GFZ. The analysis was 290 conducted on an uncoated sample under low vacuum (10 Pa of  $H_2O$ ) using the following SEM 291 parameters: 15 kV accelerating voltage; 8 nA beam current; 12 mm working distance; step 292 size of 1 µm and 70° sample tilt. Post-acquisition treatment included the standardization of 293 the confidence index (CI) of different points and CI correlation between neighbour points. 294 Grain dilation were carried out in three steps considering the grain tolerance angle of  $10^{\circ}$  and 295 a minimum grain size of 10 pixels. Only data with CI>0.1 are shown here.

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297 **4. Results** 

#### 298 **4.1 Mineral record of successive metamorphic episodes**

299 The investigated calcsilicate sample (Changpu unit; Dabie UHP complex; sample 9864 from 300 Wawrzenitz et al., 2006; coordinates N30°42.454/E116°15.007) is special as it contains a 301 large titanite porphyroclast (Fig. 1c and Fig. 2a) whose core has a U-Pb age of ca. 244 Ma that 302 is linked to prograde metamorphism. Mineral relicts of the UHP assemblage are phengite (Si 303 content 3.6 p.f.u.) and rutile.

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### 305 *4.1.1 Mineral record of the matrix and relation to successive metamorphic reaction*  306 *episodes*

307 The rock matrix (Fig. 2b) mainly consists of calcite (c. 80%) and rare dolomite. The core of 308 the grains is highly porous; the pores are typically decorating cleavage planes (Fig. 3a). The 309 chemical composition of the carbonate grains varies according to their microstructural 310 position (Fig. 3b). In the calcite grains, the Mg content increases around pores. Locally, 311 dolomitic patches are aligned along cleavage planes in the calcite grains. The Sr content of 312 calcite in the matrix is significantly higher than in the reaction rim and in veins within the 313 core of the large titanite (Table 1). Pyrite locally precipitated along calcite pore walls. Allanite 314 crystallized at calcite grain boundaries.

315 Additional matrix minerals include three generations of phengite that differ in chemical 316 composition (from Si contents >3.6 p.f.u. in unzoned old grains to 3.3 p.f.u. in retrograde 317 grains), biotite, titanite  $(X_{\text{Al}} = 0.09 - 0.15)$ , the same chemical composition as titanite III in the 318 reaction rim) with and without rutile inclusions, and symplectites of intergrown clinozoisite, 319 An-plagioclase, amphibole, and rare titanite, forming pseudomorphs after Ca-clinopyroxene 320 (diopside). The mineral assemblages, representative for the successive metamorphic reaction 321 stages are shown in Supplement S1. Several stages of decompression are recorded:

13 322 The oldest stage of decompression recorded by the microfabrics comprises the decomposition 323 of omphacite to Ca-clinopyroxene and albite. During this stage, titanite and phengite formed 324 at the expense of older high Ti-phengite, which is typical for UHP conditions (Fig. 2c). The Si 325 content of unzoned phengite is 3.6 p.f.u.

326 During a later decompression stage, from HP to amphibolite facies conditions, symplectites 327 after diopside formed (Fig. 2b). Subsequently, biotite, and titanite formed at the rim of 328 phengite (Fig. 2c). This phengite shows a Si content of 3.3 p.f.u. at the rims, locally increasing 329 towards 3.4 p.f.u. in the core. In both, little and strongly retrogressed marbles, an early 330 deformation increment, probably at HP-UHP conditions is reflected by shape-preferred 331 orientation of phengite and omphacite, which became replaced by elongated symplectites, and 332 of rutile, now rimmed by titanite. The external foliation deflects around the titanite megacryst 333 (Fig. 1c).

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#### 335 *4.1.2 Titanite megacryst and its reaction rim*

336 The titanite megacryst forms a prograde relict within the foliated calcsilicate host rock 337 (Wawrzenitz et al., 2006) and is accordingly interpreted as titanite I (Fig. 2a). The titanite 338 megacryst crystallized during prograde metamorphism of marine carbonate rocks. Its large 339 size of ca. 2x3 cm is typical for a hydrothermal mineral precipitated in a vein. The core of the 340 titanite megacryst (titanite I) shows a homogeneous chemical composition  $(X_{\text{Al}} = 0.18-0.19)$ .

341 Only in the rim, the titanite megacryst has been altered by later reaction (Fig. 2; Supplement 342 S1). This reaction rim formed between the titanite megacryst and the marble. It is sharply 343 bounded against the core of the titanite (Fig. 2d). The reaction rim consists of titanite, rutile, 344 quartz, and calcite (Figs. 2d-h). The rutile inclusions are aligned parallel to the external trace 345 of the foliation in the marble around the titanite megaryst. Rutile formed by the reaction 346 titanite+fluid  $(CO_2) \rightarrow$ rutile+SiO<sub>2</sub>+CaCO<sub>3</sub>. Rutile could have formed as a result of PT changes  $347$  during subduction or, alternatively, a change in XcO<sub>2</sub> of the fluid. Wawrzenitz et al. (2006)

348 interpreted rutile to have formed during prograde fluid-rock interaction based on 349 microstructural relationships.

350 A back-reaction from rutile to a chemically distinct titanite is recorded by growth of titanite at 351 the expense of rutile (Figs. 2g, h). The boundary between this titanite and the core (titanite I) 352 is sharp. In contrast to the chemically homogeneous core, the titanite in the reaction rim is 353 characterized by irregular compositional zoning of portions with higher  $(X_{\text{Al}}= 0.21$ -0.27, 354 titanite II) and lower Al and F contents  $(X_{Al}= 0.09-0.15$ , titanite III) than in the core (Figs. 2d, 355 e, f; S2; S4).

356 In the outer part of the rim, albite formed from the jadeite-component of omphacite during the 357 early decompression and fluid-interaction. The relict mineral assemblage (high  $X_{\text{Al}}$  titanite II, 358 albite, and calcite) was found only in the outer rim. Local apatite and fluorite highlight the 359 high fluorine content of the infiltrating fluid. During a later decompression stage, allanite 360 replaced titanite in veins of the large pre-UHP titanite (Fig. 2i-n). In addition, calcite and Fe-, 361 CuFe-, Pb, and Sb- sulfides precipitated in these veins.

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#### 363 **4.2 Rb-Sr isotope data**

364 We determined the initial Sr isotopic compositions of the successive titanite and calcite 365 generations in vein and matrix, as well as of clinozoisite, amphibole, albite, and of allanite in 366 fractures and along grain boundaries. We sampled titanite from the core and the reaction rim 367 and calcite and allanite from the veins by microdrilling. The results of the Rb-Sr analysis are 368 shown in Fig. 4 and listed in Table 1.

369 Calcite, clinozoisite, amphibole, and small titanite grains obtained by mineral separation from 370 the marble matrix adjacent to the titanite megacryst, have isotopically homogeneous and 371 unusually low <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr values ranging between 0.70467 $\pm$ 1 for clinozoisite and 0.70445 $\pm$ 1 for

372 calcite (calculated back to 240 Ma). These values are unusual for crustal carbonates, but 373 typical for mantle. Porous cores of calcite grains, microdrilled close to and distant from the 374 titanite megacryst, also show  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  values of 0.70445 $\pm$ 1 - 0.70449 $\pm$ 1 (calculated back to 375 240 Ma). The Sr content of calcite in the matrix is significantly higher than in the reaction rim 376 and in veins within the core of the large titanite.

The core of the titanite megacryst shows initial  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  values, ranging between 0.70705 $\pm 1$ 378 and 0.70744±1 (calculated back to 240 Ma), consistent with previous data obtained from 379 larger sample volumes of the titanite core (Wawrzenitz et al., 2006)*.* These values fall within 380 the range of values typical for Neoproterozoic and younger marine carbonates that are likely 381 protoliths of the Dabie carbonates (Romer et al., 2003 and references therein, Veizer et al., 382 1999).

383 The titanite samples obtained by microdrilling the titanite reaction rim represent mixtures, 384 with Al-F rich domains dominating. All titanite rim samples fall on a two-component mixing 385 line (Fig. 4). The radiogenic  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  end member composition corresponds to that of the 386 titanite core (> 0.70705). The less radiogenic  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  end member composition of the mixing 387 line is c. 0.70533±1, recorded in the samples of calcite and titanite from the reaction rim. This 388 is the same  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  value recorded in albite associated with the titanite reaction rim, and in a 389 calcite vein in the titanite core. This composition is significantly more radiogenic than the one 390 of the mineral phases in the matrix (calcite, clinozoisite, titanite, amphibole) showing  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$ 391 values of 0.7045 – 0.7047.

392 A distinctly more radiogenic  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  value (c. 0.7080) is recorded in allanite and a calcite 393 vein in the titanite core. There are two types of allanite, i.e., allanite that replaced titanite I 394 occurs in veins in the titanite core and allanite that precipitated along calcite grain boundaries 395 in the marble matrix. Both types of allanite show the same  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  ratio (Fig. 4, Table 1).

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#### 397 **4.3 Microstructural record**

398 Calcite grains within the marble matrix are equant shaped lacking shape-preferred orientation, 399 and show equilibrium grain boundary configurations. The shape-preferred orientation of 400 mineral relicts of the HP-UHP stage, i.e. of phengite with Si about 3.6 p.f.u., of symplectites 401 that replaced the elongated omphacite, and of rutile (rimmed by titanite) suggest 402 crystallization during ductile deformation. Hence, this early deformation increment probably 403 relates to HP-UHP conditions.

404 The internal fabric of the symplectites and the replacement products of phengite suggest that 405 ductile deformation had ceased before recrystallization of matrix minerals. The 406 recrystallization and the subsequent episodes of fluid-rock interaction during decompression 407 were not accompanied by the ductile deformation of the matrix that formed the foliation 408 around the titanite megacryst.

409 In agreement with this, titanite and calcite within the reaction rim do not show any indications 410 of crystalplastic deformation such as subgrain boundaries and undulatory extinctions. A 411 pattern of conjugate fractures developed in the titanite megacryst, but not in the marble matrix 412 (Fig. 2a). These fractures are preferably oriented at high angle to the trace of the foliation in 413 the marble matrix. Under the microscope, they are visible as trails of secondary fluid 414 inclusions.

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#### 416 *4.3.1 EBSD mapping of titanite*

417 The optically undeformed core of titanite I is generally free of subgrains that would be 418 indicated by lattice misorientations (Fig. 5a). The titanite II and III at the rim consists of (i) re-419 or newly crystallized grains showing a variable and large degree of misorientation of the 420 crystal lattice with respect to the core (Fig. 5a; b) and (ii) portions that show lattice orientation 421 identical to that of the core (Fig. 5c; d). Reaction-driven fracturing of rutile is recorded by 422 fractures propagating from etch pits at the rutile-titanite-interface (Fig. 2g; h). Titanite II 423 crystallized in these fractures.

424 (Isotope)chemical changes are not systematically related to subgrains. In our previous study, 425 the chemical composition has been shown to be rather homogeneous along a profile across the 426 megacryst core (Wawrzenitz et al., 2006). Only one subgrain has been observed. This 427 subgrain is spatially related to fractures and cleavage planes, along which slip occurred (Fig. 428 5f). Local chemical changes in the core are spatially linked with fractures and formation of 429 allanite (Fig. 2j; n).

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#### 431 **5. Discussion**

#### 432 **5.1 The successive fluid-rock interaction episodes**

433 The different  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  values in the marble matrix, titanite core, reaction rim and in late veins 434 and along grain boundaries (allanite and calcite) correspond to successive episodes of fluid-435 mineral interaction. We resolved five successive fluid-rock interaction episodes (Figs. 4 and 436 6; Table 2). The results exemplarily illustrate that isotope data on minerals are required to 437 resolve a multistage fluid - mineral reaction history of a rock, rather than bulk rock data.

438 The partly replaced titanite megacryst is a microfabric relict. It is an archive preserving the 439 prograde and early retrograde episodes of fluid-rock interaction. Its calcsilicate matrix 440 preserves multistage mineral replacements related to the retrograde metamorphism of the 441 rocks. The product phases of the successive mineral reactions show several diagnostic 442 features of fluid-mineral interaction, i.e. porosity, vugs, fractures, sharp boundaries between 443 chemically distinctive zones in mineral grains, and demonstrably reflect fluid-mineral 444 interaction during all replacement episodes (Putnis, 2009).

445 During the dissolution-precipitation reactions, the product phases incorporate Sr from the 446 interacting fluid and from the dissolved precursor. The varying Sr isotopic composition traces 447 locally restricted and/or successive replacement processes. It is important to note that

448 (i) interaction with a reactive fluid does not necessarily relate to infiltration of external 449 fluid. Changes in PT, deformation and mineral reaction processes (dehydration 450 reaction, melting during subduction) may decrease the pore volume and release fluids, 451 hence increase the fluid pressure. This may influence the composition and reactivity of 452 the internal fluid, and mediate a new episode of interaction with the mineral phases, 453 without infiltration of an external fluid.

454 (ii) variations in Sr isotopic composition among or within product phases do not 455 necessarily reflect pulses of infiltration of new fluids introducing Sr with different 456 isotopic composition. Small-scale heterogeneity of  $87\text{Sr}/86\text{Sr}$  ratios may be the result of 457 dissolution of different local sources (Romer, 2001; Wawrzenitz et al., 2015). For 458 instance, titanite I is a local source for radiogenic Sr  $({}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr \sim 0.7075)$  that may shift 459 the Sr isotopic composition of the product minerals that precipitate in the reaction rim 460 towards more radiogenic compositions. A few mm away from titanite I, the influence 461 of less radiogenic Sr  $({}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr \sim 0.7045)$  from the fluid dominates the Sr isotopic 462 composition of the minerals that precipitate in the marble matrix. Accordingly, the Sr 463 isotopic composition of minerals (i.e. titanite, calcite) that precipitated during one 464 fluid-interaction episode may be locally heterogeneous. This particularly occurs when 465 little fluid is involved and/or the Sr isotopic compositions of precursor minerals and 466 infiltrating fluid are very different. On the other hand, a homogeneous isotopic 467 composition among precipitated minerals indicates important fluid percolation (and Sr 468 mixing) during dissolution-precipitation processes. The scale over which the external

469 fluids migrate and support homogenization mainly depends on fluid pathways and 470 fluid composition as dissolution-precipitation processes are fast compared to 471 diffusion-controlled processes (Putnis and Austrheim, 2010; Villa, 2006).

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#### 473 *5.1.1 Episode A, formation of vein titanite*

474 The titanite megagcryst formed during episode A (Table 2, Fig. 6). The shape-preferred 475 orientation of HP/UHP mineral relicts in the matrix is deflected around the titanite megacryst 476 (Wawrzenitz et al., 2006), which implies that this titanite I formed during the prograde PT-477 path preceding the HP/UHP episode (Fig. 6). The prograde formation of titanite I is consistent 478 with its U-Pb TIMS age of 244 ±4 Ma (Wawrzenitz et al., 2006). The same age range (245- 479 240 Ma) has been recorded by Li et al. (2004) and Wu et al. (2006) for subduction prior to the 480 onset of peak ultrahigh-pressure metamorphism in the Dabie UHP rocks.

481 The Sr isotopic composition of several marble samples across the Changpu unit in Dabie Shan 482 range from 0.7085 to 0.7037 (Romer et al., 2003). The higher  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  values fall in the range 483 typical for late Proterozoic and younger marine carbonates (~ 0.7070-0.7076, Veizer et al., 484 1999; Jacobsen and Kaufman, 1999). Rocks with lower  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  values are characterized by 485 higher MgO and lower  $SiO_2$ ,  $Al_2O_3$ , and  $K_2O$  contents, which was interpreted to reflect fluid-486 mediated exchange with a low- ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  reservoir (Romer et al., 2003). As the marbles had 487 experienced UHP metamorphism, this low- $87$ Sr $/86$ Sr reservoir was inferred to be the mantle 488 (Romer et al., 2003). The Sr isotopic composition (~ 0.70711-0.70759) preserved in the core 489 of the titanite megacryst falls in the range expected for the likely protoliths of the marbles. It 490 contrasts to the mantle-like Sr isotopic composition of the adjacent marble matrix (~ 0.70445- 491 0.70467) and the reaction rim of titanite I (~ 0.70705-0.70533). Therefore, the titanite 492 megacryst formed before the matrix minerals acquired their more unradiogenic Sr. This is 493 consistent with the observed (re)crystallization history.

494 The titanite I precipitated in a fracture from a fluid, whose Sr isotopic composition was 495 dominated by Sr derived from the original marine carbonates. Thus, the fluid is internally-496 derived and released into the fracture from the adjacent protoliths. There is no need for an 497 externally-derived fluid prior infiltration of the mantle-like fluid. Guo et al. (2012, 2015) 498 show a comparable example, in which multistage epidote precipitation in a vein in UHP 499 eclogite first occurred from internally-derived fluids from the immediate eclogite, then from 500 externally-derived fluids during retrogression under amphibolite-facies conditions, by using 501 in-situ La-ICPMS Sr isotope data.

502 The fracture may have formed because of increased pore fluid pressure during subduction 503 (hydrofracture). Such an increase in pore fluid pressure may result from (i) a decrease of the 504 pore volume during subduction, (ii) dehydration reactions in the rocks, i.e. decomposition of 505 hydrous minerals (Getty and Selverstone, 1994; Zheng and Hermann, 2014), or (iii) the 506 infiltration of an external fluid into the rock. The titanite I acted as a sink for Sr released from 507 protolith limestone and for Al, Si, and Ti, possibly released from silicate minerals in the 508 marble, during prograde metamorphism.

509 The range of the  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  ratios within the titanite core is small compared to the drastically 510 different Sr isotopic compositions between vein and matrix. The variation in Sr composition 511 in the titanite core demonstrates that there was no isotopic homogenization at the scale of the 512 megacryst. The variability reflects the availability of Sr from different sources (e.g., Romer 513 and Xiao, 2005; Romer and Rötzler, 2011). The range of Sr isotopic compositions in the core 514 may reflect contrasting contributions of Sr from carbonate and silicate minerals from the 515 marine limestone precursor during the growth of titanite.

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#### 517 *5.1.2 Episode B, replacement of titanite I by rutile*

518 The large metastable titanite I crystal survived subduction to UHP conditions, deformation of 519 the marble, and exhumation and has only been incompletely replaced. Replacement of titanite 520 I is recorded by the presence of rutile, calcite, and quartz in the reaction rim according to the 521 reaction titanite + fluid  $(CO_2) \leftrightarrow$  rutile + quartz (coesite) + calcite (aragonite). This fluid-522 mineral replacement occurred during episode B (Table 2; Fig. 6).

523 Based on the microfabric relationships of the shape-preferred orientation of rutile grains 524 parallel to the foliation of the marble matrix, we suggest that rutile in the rim of the titanite 525 megacryst formed during fluid-interaction and ductile deformation at the HP-UHP stage. In 526 calcsilicate marbles from the same unit, which have similar bulk rock compositions, but have 527 been less modified by retrogression, rutile belongs to the peak-PT mineral assemblage and 528 formed during prograde HP to UHP metamorphic conditions (Schmid et al., 2000).

529 The formation of rutile at the expense of titanite could result from the increase of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  activity 530 in the fluid/rock system or/and the increase of pressure (Fig. 6). Low  $XCO<sub>2</sub>$  may favor the 531 stability of titanite even at ultrahigh pressures (Ye et al., 2002, Xiao et al. 2017). For instance, 532 banded UHP calcsilicate rocks with mineral assemblages containing either rutile or titanite 533 may result from centimeter-scale local heterogeneity in fluid compositions  $(XCO<sub>2</sub>)$  during 534 UHP metamorphism/metasomatism (Ogasawara, 2014). Thus, the replacement of titanite I by 535 rutile and the back-reaction to titanite II and III could result from changes in the local 536 fluid/rock geochemical system or infiltration of an external fluid.

537 Microfabric observations, i.e. rutile alignment parallel to HP/UHP minerals, suggest that 538 changing  $XCO<sub>2</sub>$  due to fluid infiltration were not the sole cause for rutile formation during 539 episode B. Instead, rutile formed during prograde HP to UHP metamorphism associated with 540 deformation and pressure increase, in line with Schmid et al. (2001). The calculated rutile-in-541 field for impure marbles agrees well with fluid-infiltration during subduction below 60 km 542 (~2 GPa).

#### 544 *5.1.3 Episode C, interaction with mantle-derived fluid and back-reaction to titanite*

545 Rutile is consumed by titanite II and titanite III, having higher and lower  $X_{\text{Al}}$ , respectively, 546 than titanite I (Fig. 2g; 2h). These small-scale variations of titanite chemistry reflect fluid-547 interaction processes controlling the back-reaction to titanite II and III. The interfaces 548 between titanite I, II, III, and rutile are sharp. The irregular distribution of the chemically 549 different titanite II and III resembles the patchy titanite formed in the hydrothermal 550 experiments of Lucassen et al. (2010). These authors related the irregular Ti-Al zoning in 551 titanite replacing rutile to small-scale variations of fluid composition, reflecting one single 552 fluid-interaction process. In addition to the irregular patches, titanite II and III locally show 553 two chemically distinct, straight reaction fronts replacing titanite I (Supplement S3). In this 554 case replacement of high  $X_{\text{Al}}$  titanite II by low  $X_{\text{Al}}$  titanite III (Fig. 2d-f) may be related to 555 successive fluid-interaction episodes (C and D) during decompression (Carswell et al., 1996).

556 The re- or newly crystallized grains of titanite II and III grew at the expense of oriented rutile. 557 They show no indication for syn-deformative growth (Fig. 5a). Instead, the varying and large 558 degree of misorientation angles of the crystal lattice with respect to the titanite core and the 559 low-energy grain boundaries indicate progressive replacement under stress-free conditions. 560 This interpretation is supported by the increase of size of newly formed grains with increasing 561 distance from the rutile and is in accordance with matrix microfabrics that indicate 562 decomposition of HP-minerals under stress-free conditions during decompression. The 563 internal fabric of symplectites and replacement products of phengite suggest that the 564 subsequent episodes of fluid-rock interaction during decompression have not been 565 accompanied by ductile deformation of the matrix. This contrasts to the formation of rutile 566 during deformation, suggesting a change of the state of the imposed stress during the back567 reaction to titanite. This further supports the interpretation, that changing PT-conditions and 568 not solely changing  $XCO<sub>2</sub>$  controlled the back-reaction.

569 The minerals titanite (II/III), calcite, and albite in the reaction rim have lower  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  values 570 than titanite I, recording infiltration and interaction with a fluid with mantle-like Sr, typical 571 for mantle-derived fluids. Sr isotope data from titanite I, together with all titanite and calcite 572 samples from the reaction rim (titanite II/III, calcite, Fig.4) fall on a two–component (end 573 member) mixing line. As a result of the dissolution-precipitation process, the Sr isotopic 574 composition of newly precipitated titanite (II and III) in the reaction rim between the titanite 575 megacryst and the marble matrix represents a mixture of Sr derived in different proportions 576 from the incoming fluid and the fluid from dissolved titanite I. Titanite I provides a local 577 source for Sr with high  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  values, corresponding to the upper end-member (Fig. 4).

578 The  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  values (c. 0.7053) of minerals within the reaction rim preserve an earlier state of 579 the infiltration history that is erased in the matrix. The original  $87$ Sr $/86$ Sr of the external fluid 580 might have been as low as 0.7037, indicated by the marble with the lowest  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  (Fig. 1b; 581 Romer at al., 2003). During the course of migration through the marble, the external fluid 582 interacted with the marble minerals. Thus, the Sr isotopic composition of the fluid is shifted 583 towards more radiogenic values, whereas the Sr isotopic composition of the newly formed 584 minerals is shifted towards a less radiogenic Sr isotopic composition. Thus, the Sr isotopic 585 composition (c. 0.7053) of the reaction rim minerals does not reflect the original isotopic 586 composition of the external fluid that infiltrated the marble, but represents already a mixture.

587 The relict mineral assemblage (titanite II, III, and calcite) of the titanite reaction rim and its Sr 588 isotopic compositions (c. 0.7053) may document fluid-rock interaction (episode C) that is not 589 observed in the calcsilicate marble matrix (c. 0.7045), where it has been overprinted and 590 erased during the pervasive fluid-mineral-interaction episode D.

#### 592 *5.1.4 Episode D, pervasive interaction of the marble matrix with mantle-derived fluid*

593 The reaction rim of the titanite megacryst records incomplete replacement. It is not clear 594 whether replacement of high  $X_{\text{Al}}$  titanite II by low  $X_{\text{Al}}$  titanite III (Fig. 2d-f, Supplement S2) 595 record two successive fluid-interaction episodes (C, D) during decompression. This may 596 become only clear if these episodes are sufficiently separated in time to be resolved by U-Pb 597 dating.

598 In contrast to the reaction rim, the marble matrix underwent pervasive recrystallization. The 599 older mineral assemblage, including diopside, observed in impure marble from the Dabie 600 UHP unit (Schmid et al., 2003; Liu et al., 2017), has been consumed in our sample under 601 amphibolite facies conditions. Instead, the mineral phases calcite, titanite, amphibole, and 602 clinozoisite formed during decompression from eclogite to amphibolite facies conditions (Fig. 603 6). The similar Sr isotopic composition of  $\sim 0.7045$  (Table 1) of these minerals indicates that 604 equilibration with the interacting fluid resulted in isotopic homogenization. The clinozoisite-605 titanite III pair from the matrix yields an  $^{206}Pb/^{238}U$  age of 214 $\pm$ 4 Ma for this reaction 606 (Wawrzenitz et al., 2006). Elsewhere in Dabie Shan, this amphibolite facies retrogression has 607 been dated at 218-214 Ma (e.g. Wu et al., 2006).

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#### 609 *5.1.5 Episode E, late localized fluid infiltration*

610 Allanite is rare and occurs in two different positions: (i) along calcite grain boundaries in the 611 marble matrix and (ii) in fractures in the core of the large pre-UHP titanite (Fig. 2i-n). 612 Allanite in both positions has a radiogenic  ${}^{87}Sr^{86}Sr$  value (0.7080), which is even higher than 613 in the titanite core. This implies infiltration of a new fluid with a  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  ratio of c. 0.7080, 614 significantly more radiogenic than the previously infiltrated mantle-derived fluid (episode E).

615 In contrast to the mantle-derived fluid, this later fluid interacted only locally. This is 616 documented by the localized precipitation of (i) allanite at grain boundaries and along 617 fractures, (ii) dolomitic patches along the cleavage planes and Mg-rich carbonates around the 618 pores in calcite grains, and (iii) tiny sulfide minerals along these pore walls and in small 619 veins. This suggests that the previously formed porosity in the carbonate matrix served as 620 pathway of this late fluid. This fluid must have introduced LREE, Sr, Mg, and Th, now 621 incorporated in allanite, and Fe, Pb, and Sb, now precipitated as sulfides. Allanite replaced 622 titanite I by a coupled dissolution-precipitation mechanism. Since allanite has a much higher 623 Sr concentration than titanite, the additional Sr must have been introduced by the fluid and 624 was mainly incorporated into allanite.

625 Sr with more radiogenic composition, Th and LREE may derive from interaction of the fluid 626 with crustal rocks, e.g., para- and orthogneisses, that have been tectonically juxtaposed to the 627 marbles at episode E and that are intercalated with the marbles. These crustal rocks have 628 much higher initial  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  values >0.7100 (Wawrzenitz et al., 2006).

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#### 630 **5.2 The role of deformation and fluid**

631 Combining the mineral-scale Rb-Sr isotope and microprobe data with microfabric and EBSD 632 studies allow for identifying mechanisms and pathways of fluid infiltration. During successive 633 episodes, the predominance of different processes related with Sr isotope exchange varied.

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#### 635 *5.2.1 Titanite I crystallization in a hydrofracture*

636 During subduction, the breakdown of volatile-bearing mineral phases like dolomite, phengite, 637 clinozoisite, zoisite, and amphibole probably increased the fluid-pressure and induced 638 hydrofracturing. The vein hosting the titanite megacryst likely was such a hydrofracture that 639 formed during subduction. Far-field tectonic stress is not needed for this process.

640 During episode A, fluids were released from the adjacent wall rocks into hydrofractures. The 641 fractures may be sealed with the precipitating minerals. These vein-filling minerals and the 642 adjacent wall-rock minerals will be in equilibrium with the fluid. Partial replacement of this 643 assemblage (vein-filling/wall rock) may occur during a new interaction episode, when the 644 fluid is no longer in equilibrium with the original product assemblage (Bucher – Nurminen, 645 1989). Replacement products (in the vein and wall rock) will be in equilibration with the new 646 evolved fluid.

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#### 648 *5.2.2 Stress-free growth of titanite in the reaction rim*

649 The replacement of titanite I by titanite II/III resulted in sharp boundaries between chemically 650 distinctive zones. This is diagnostic for dissolution-precipitation processes (Putnis, 2010; 651 Harlov et al., 2011). As the titanite I megacryst represents a porphyroclast within the foliation 652 of the marble, deformation is likely to have played an important role in creating of fluid 653 pathways. Crystal-plastic deformation may create low-angle subgrain boundaries and, 654 provides a mechanism that generates pathways for the fluid. EBSD mapping, however, does 655 not show low-angle grain boundaries or subgrain-rotation in the rim of the titanite megacryst 656 and there is no chemical change associated with the only subgrain mapped in the core of 657 titanite I (Fig. 5f). Thus, EBSD mapping implies that crystal-plastic deformation was not 658 active during the formation of the reaction rim and slip on dislocations did not significantly 659 influence the chemical and Sr isotopic composition of the titanite megacryst.

660 In contrast, the newly formed grains at the rim indicate recrystallization at low stress in 661 presence of a fluid. These grains show a high degree of misorientation with respect to each 662 other and to the orientation of the core of the titanite megacryst (Fig. 5a). Some titanite

663 portions in the rim show a lattice orientation identical to that of the core. These sections have 664 inherited their lattice orientation from titanite I (cf. Putnis 2010) and may have formed by a 665 coupled dissolution-precipitation process during episodes C and/or D.

666 The resorption fabrics of rutile replaced by titanite II/III (episodes C and D) show stress-free 667 growth. Furthermore, the increasing grain size of titanite II/III with increasing distance to 668 rutile demonstrates that this replacement process occurred under static conditions (Fig 5b). 669 This suggests that deformation ceased before episode C-D. The reaction of rutile to titanite 670 results in volume increase (Fig. 2g; h), which leads to fracturing of rutile. These fractures 671 propagate from etch pits at the rutile-titanite interface and were filled with titanite. Such 672 reaction-driven fracturing of rutile may accelerate the replacement process (Jamtveit et al., 673 2009).

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#### 675 *5.2.3 Pervasive versus localized fluid migration*

676 In agreement with the low stress conditions indicated by the microfabrics for titanite growth 677 in the reaction rim, the matrix minerals also recrystallized at low stress conditions. This 678 suggests that dissolution-precipitation reactions and not deformation-controlled mass 679 transport and isotope homogenization among calcite, titanite, clinozoisite, and amphibole in 680 the matrix (episodes C, D). The complete recrystallization of calcite records pervasive fluid 681 migration and interaction. Channelized fluid migration and mass transport in fluid films along 682 carbonate grain boundaries may not explain complete replacement and results in internal 683 zonation pattern of carbonate grains (Ferrando et al. 2017) and calcsilicate minerals (Liu et 684 al., 2017).

685 The porosity observed in the calcite grains is the result of the fluid-mediated replacement 686 (Harlov et al., 2005; Hövelmann et al., 2010), and provided fluid pathways to transport matter 687 from and to the reaction front (Putnis and Austrheim, 2010).

688 Fluid migration through the pores is highlighted by the dolomitic patches around the pores, as 689 well as the precipitation of tiny sulfide minerals within the pores. Fluid migration along grain 690 boundaries, cleavage planes and fractures, is indicated by precipitation of allanite in marble 691 matrix and titanite I. This demonstrates that porosity together with grain boundaries, cleavage 692 planes and fractures served as fluid channels during episode E, probably providing an 693 interconnected network. In contrast to earlier episodes, episode E did not result in complete 694 replacement of grains by dissolution-precipitation mechanisms.

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#### 696 **Conclusion**

697 The results are consistent with the following fluid-rock-interaction history:

- 698 The prograde episode A is linked to subduction of the carbonate rock. Episode A is 699 related with interaction with an aqueous fluid sourced from dehydration reactions 700 in the impure marble or from subducting crustal rocks.
- 701 Increasing overpressure during subduction results in hydrofracturing and the 702 formation of veins in which the titanite megacryst precipitated from fluids released 703 from the wall rocks of the impure marble (at ca. 244 Ma). This titanite acted as a 704 sink for HFSE and preserves the Sr isotopic composition of the late 705 Neoproterozoic marine carbonate protoliths  $({}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  values of 0.7076-0.7072).
- 706 Ongoing subduction and deformation with successive episodic fluid interaction 707 resulted in the growth of rutile at the titanite rim at HP-UHP conditions (episode

708 B). This episode is possibly, but not necessarily, related to infiltration of mantle-709 derived aqueous fluids with characteristic mantle-like Sr isotopic composition. 710 • During episode C*,* infiltration and interaction of mantle-derived fluid is indicated 711 by the replacement of rutile by titanite II and possibly III, which formed in the 712 reaction rim of the titanite megacryst and show reduced  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  values (0.7055-713 0.7053). During successive dissolution-precipitation replacement, the precipitating 714 titanite incorporated Sr derived from both the dissolved precursor mineral and the 715 fluid.

- 716 During episode D, the mantle-derived fluid mediated pervasive dissolution 717 reprecipitation reactions in the marble matrix and probably in the reaction rim 718 (titanite III). The mineral reaction history of the marble links episode D to post 719 UHP — HP/amphibolite facies conditions at ca. 214 Ma (U-Pb isochron age, 720 calculated with calcite and titanite from the matrix).
- 721 Carbonate and silicate phases in the marble matrix show homogeneous, mantle-722 like  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  (~0.7045), implying the matrix preserved only the signature of the 723 final pervasive metasomatism. Successive pervasive dissolution-precipitation 724 processes (episodes A-D) represent the mechanism that may metasomatize large 725 volumes of carbonate rocks during subduction and exhumation.
- 726 During episode E, channelized infiltration of fluids with a high  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  value 727 (>0.7080) occurred along grain boundaries, fractures, and pores. This late low-728 grade fluid triggered localized replacement reactions and precipitation of REE-rich 729 allanite.

730 • The Sr isotopic compositions of the mineral phases that precipitated during the 731 successive dissolution-precipitation processes reflect a mixing between the fluid 732 from the dissolving precursor phases and the incoming fluids.

733 • Deformation was not a controlling factor during mineral replacement by 734 dissolution-precipitation processes.

735 Our observations demonstrate multiphase metasomatism of impure marbles in the subduction 736 zone by externally derived fluids. The mechanisms by which the infiltrating fluids interacted 737 with the carbonates changed during the mineral-fluid-reaction history. Such multiphase fluid-738 rock interaction histories are revealed by (sub)mineral-scale isotope analyses, but not by 739 conventional whole-rock analysis. Our results indicate that during deep subduction mantle-740 derived fluids may remove nearly completely the original crustal fingerprint of the marble.

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#### 993 **Figure captions**

994 Fig. 1. The studied rock sample is a calcsilicate marble from the Changpu area, UHP unit in 995 the Dabie Shan. a) Location map with  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  ratios of marbles from the Changpu Unit. The 996 studied sample is marked by an asterisk. Modified after Schmid, 2001; Romer et al., 2003 and 997 Zheng et al., 2005.

998 b) Diagram showing Sr content in ppm vs.  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  ratios from calcium carbonate data from 999 the metasomatized marbles. Calcite with highest Sr contents show mantle-like  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  ratios. 1000 Calcite data from the studied sample (rhombs) plots on the mixing line defined by the samples 1001 with the highest and lowest Sr isotope values, respectively.

1002 c) The marble sample selected for this study. The marble matrix hosts a titanite megacryst. 1003 The foliation is recorded by the elongated shape of minerals and deflects around the 1004 megacryst.

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43 1006 Fig. 2. BSE images and element distribution maps of the sample. Mineral abbreviations as in 1007 Whitney and Bernhard (2010). For details see text. Fig. 2a shows the microsampling sites. 2b) 1008 Elongated shape of symplectites defining foliation. 2c) Titanite at the rim of phengite 1009 recording retrograde mineral reaction and decomposition of older high-Ti phengite. 2d) 1010 Element distribution map showing the homogeneous titanite core (titanite I) and the patchy 1011 rim with titanite II (high Al content) and III (low Al content). 2e and f) Element distribution 1012 maps (Ti and Al content, respectively) showing the irregular distribution of titanite II and III. 1013 2g and h) BSE and Ti distribution map showing the replacement of rutile by titanite II. 1014 Cleavage planes in titanite I acted as fluid pathways. The reaction results in volume increase, 1015 visible at the domed reaction interface, and fracturing of rutile with fractures propagating 1016 from etch pits. Resorption microstructures record displacement of the former rutile phase 1017 boundary. 2i and j) BSE and Al distribution map showing the replacement of allanite at the

1018 expense of titanite I. Allanite precipitated along a fracture. 2k) BSE map showing the 1019 replacement of titanite by allanite. 2l and m) Replacement is related to fracturing of titanite I 1020 and to patchy allanite with variations of Ca and REE contents. 2n) Ti enrichment in titanite I 1021 adjacent to allanite related to reincorporation of Ti in titanite I during the dissolution-1022 precipitation reaction.

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1024 Fig. 3a. BSE image of calcite showing reaction-induced porosity and precipitation of sulfides 1025 (pyrite) in pore walls. 3b) Ca-Mg-(Fe+Mn) diagram shows the chemical composition of 1026 carbonates in distinct microstructural positions.

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1028 Fig. 4.  ${}^{87}Sr$  / ${}^{86}Sr$  isotopic ratios (calculated for 240 Ma) vs. Sr concentration. Two samples, 1029 the one with the lowest (titanite I sample) and the one with the highest Sr concentration 1030 (titanite rim sample), have been used for calculation. All other samples from the reaction rim 1031 plot along this two-component mixing curve. Their respective position on the mixing 1032 hyperbola reflects the mixing of Sr from both sources (titanite I and fluid, in different 1033 proportions) in the minerals precipitating in the reaction rim. Titanite I provides a local source 1034 for Sr with higher  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  values, corresponding to the crustal end-member (original impure 1035 carbonates). The interacting fluid corresponds to the mantle-like end-member. The isotopic 1036 composition of the incoming fluid may have shifted towards higher  $87\text{Sr}/86\text{Sr}$  values before it 1037 reached the titanite rim due to interaction and mixing processes with the matrix minerals. The 1038  $87\text{Sr}$ <sup>87</sup>Sr/ $86\text{Sr}$  value of the fluid source, however, may be  $\leq$  0.7037, as reflected by the purest 1039 marbles in the Changpu unit.

1040 The Al-F - rich and Al-F - poor domains of the titanite rim could not be sampled separately.

1041 Therefore, the Sr isotopic composition of the Al-F poor domains (titanite III) is not known.

44 1042 The Sr isotopic composition of titanite III in the rim and pure calcite from the reaction rim 1043 constrains the less radiogenic end of the mixing line of ca. 0.7053, which differs from the 1044 composition of matrix calcite (0.7045). The Sr isotopic composition of titanite III reflects 1045 variable re-incorporation of Sr from titanite I during dissolution-precipitation reactions rather 1046 than mechanical mixing of *two* isotopically distinct titanite types. Note, titanite in the matrix 1047 showing the same chemical compositions as titanite III, has a  ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$  value of 0.7045 (Table 1048 1), which corresponds to the composition of matrix calcite.

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1050 Fig. 5. Inverse pole figure (IPF) orientation maps (a, c, e) and phase maps (b, d, f) generated 1051 via Electron Backscatter Diffraction (EBSD). The maps illustrate the grain microstructures in 1052 titanite core and rim, and rutile, calcite and quartz in the reaction rim. Grain boundaries in the 1053 phase maps (b, d, f) are boundaries with misorientation angles >10°.

1054 Color scheme for grain orientation of titanite (in a) is given in the hemicircle. The titanite core 1055 lacks internal deformation and subgrain rotation (homogeneous pale green). The titanite rim 1056 consists of individual grains showing varying degrees of misorientation with respect to the 1057 core.

1058 Maps c and d show titanite, rutile and calcite, that all lack internal deformation and subgrain 1059 boundaries. Maps e and f show the homogeneous titanite core with local subgrain formation 1060 along a fracture. Note the small angle  $(\leq 3^{\circ})$  of misorientation.

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1062 Fig. 6. Schematic PT-loop (modified after Romer et al., 2003; Schmid, 2001; Carswell et al., 1063 2000) showing the likely conditions of successive episodes of fluid-rock interaction during 1064 subduction to mantle depth and subsequent exhumation. The position of the titanite vs. rutile 1065 forming reaction depends on  $XCO<sub>2</sub>$  (dashed lines). Higher  $XCO<sub>2</sub>$  shifts the curve to higher

- 1066 temperatures. For details on the calculation of the reaction curves see Romer et al. (2003), p.
- 1067 334. Mineral abbreviations as in Whitney and Bernhard (2010).















Table 1. Rb-Sr isotope data for titanite megacryst and minerals from its matrix.



<sup>a</sup> Concentrations were determined by isotope dilution and mixed <sup>87</sup>Rb-<sup>84</sup>Sr tracers.

b Concentration was determined by microprobe analysis. Calculated to 240/214 Ma using decay constant recommanded by Villa et al. (2015)

Table 2. Overview of successive fluid-mineral interaction stages, Sr isotope compositions and chemical compositions of titanite I-III.



Supplement S1. Mineral assemblages related to the successive epidodes.



Supplement 2. Chemical compositions of titanite core, reaction rim, and matrix titanite



Supplement S3.

Distribution map of Al from the titanite reaction rim, showing two reaction fronts (titanite II and III) with straight boundaries (arrows), replacing titanite I. Warm colors relate to high, cold colors to low Al concentration, resp.



#### S4. Representative chemical composition of titanite I, II, III. Analyses in wt%. Mineral formulae calculated according to Franz and Spear (1985).



 $(A|3++Fe3+)= (OH- + F-)$ 

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Representative chemical composition of carbonate from marble matrix, reaction rim and veins. Analyses in wt%.

