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3 **UHP eclogite from western Dabie records evidence of polycyclic burial during**
4 **continental subduction**

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9 **ABSTRACT**

10 The behavior of continental crust during subduction is important to understand
11 dynamic processes at convergent plate margins. Although simulations have predicted
12 continental crust may experience multiple burial–partial exhumation cycles during
13 subduction, petrological evidence of these cycles is scarce. In this study at Sidaohe,
14 western Dabie, we combine microstructural observations and mineral chemistry with
15 phase equilibrium modeling, conventional Amp–Pl thermobarometry and Zr-in-rutile
16 thermometry to constrain the P – T evolution for three eclogite samples. All samples have
17 a similar mineral assemblage of garnet + omphacite + symplectite (amphibole +
18 plagioclase \pm clinopyroxene) + quartz, with accessory rutile/ilmenite. Element mapping
19 and analytical traverses across large garnets from two samples show obviously systematic
20 variations in Ca and, less strongly, Mg, Fe and X_{Mg} ($\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}^{2+})$). Based on phase
21 equilibrium modeling and calculated isopleths for grossular, pyrope and X_{Mg} in garnet, we

22 show that P first increased from 23.0 to 28.5 kbar, then decreased to 24.0 kbar, before
23 increasing again to a maximum of 30.5 kbar (± 1.0 kbar, 2 sigma error) concomitant with
24 a small increase in T from 580 to 605 °C (± 20 °C, 2 sigma error) at the late prograde
25 stage. These data are interpreted to indicate multiple burial cycles and partial exhumation
26 of eclogite during ongoing continental subduction. After the P_{\max} stage, T first increased
27 to a maximum of 664–644 °C at 25.0–20.0 kbar, then decreased to 581–561 °C (± 30 °C, 2
28 sigma error) at 15.0–10.0 kbar based on results of Zr-in-rutile thermometry. Further
29 decompression and cooling occurred across P – T fields of 590–567 °C at 12.0–10.0 kbar
30 and 520–504 °C (± 40 °C, 2 sigma error) at 8.0 kbar. Fine-grained symplectite
31 (clinopyroxene + plagioclase \pm amphibole) in the matrix is interpreted to have formed
32 after omphacite due to dehydroxylation of nominally anhydrous minerals during
33 decompression from the P_{\max} stage. By contrast, formation of coarse-grained symplectite
34 (amphibole + plagioclase) and a veinlet of rutile + quartz that crosscuts one sample may
35 be related to influx of externally sourced H₂O. This study shows that (1) evidence of
36 cyclic burial and partial exhumation may be retained in low T eclogite during continental
37 subduction, and (2) fluid contributing to widespread retrogression of eclogite during
38 exhumation may be internally and/or externally sourced.

39 **Keywords:** eclogite, phase equilibrium modeling, multiple burial cycles, continental
40 subduction, western Dabie

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INTRODUCTION

43 Subduction zones play a key role in deciphering material recycling between Earth's
44 surface and its interior (Zheng et al., 2012). Based on geological and geophysical
45 observations and numerical simulations, a model was developed to understand the
46 dynamics of ocean slab subduction beneath arcs or continents into the mantle (Shreve and
47 Cloos, 1986; Cloos and Shreve, 1988; Gerya et al., 2002). In this model, a subduction
48 channel develops between the upper and lower plates where a mélange of sediments,
49 crustal fragments and fluid accommodates deformation, metamorphism and
50 metasomatism (Shreve and Cloos, 1986). Subsequently, the model was applied to
51 interpret geodynamic processes in continental collision zones (e.g. Zheng et al., 2012;
52 Butler et al., 2013). Similar to the model for oceanic subduction, during continental
53 subduction detached fragments of continental crust were predicted to undergo multiple
54 burial–exhumation cycles due to convective flow (Gerya et al., 2002; Gerya and
55 Stockhert, 2006; Zheng, 2019). However, direct petrological evidence for this behavior is
56 sparse (e.g. Beltrando et al., 2007; Rubatto et al., 2011) and the detailed movements of
57 detached fragments of continental crust during subduction are poorly known.

58 To understand geodynamic processes operating in continental subduction channels we
59 need robust determination of the P – T evolution of high-pressure (HP) and
60 ultrahigh-pressure (UHP) rocks (Wei et al., 2010; Li et al., 2016; Xia et al., 2018a; Bovay
61 et al., 2021). Using phase equilibrium modeling and compositional isopleth
62 thermobarometry (Wei et al., 2010; Groppo et al., 2015), we can constrain P – T conditions

63 from rock-forming minerals in eclogite (e.g. garnet, phengite) under the assumption that
64 the chemical composition was not reset or was only slightly reset during the post-peak
65 metamorphic evolution (Caddick et al., 2010; Rubatto et al., 2011; Bovay et al., 2021).
66 For instance, studies of garnet with growth zonation from eclogite in the Chinese SW
67 Tianshan (Li et al., 2016) and from schists in the Sevier hinterland, USA (Harris et al.,
68 2007) have revealed episodes of sharp increase and decrease in P , interpreted to represent
69 multiple burial–exhumation cycles. In both cases, the garnet occurs in rocks with
70 relatively low T at the peak stage (<550 °C), which is beneficial for the retention of P – T
71 information in compositionally-zoned garnet. However, eclogite in continental
72 subduction zones commonly records higher T at the peak or during the retrograde stages
73 (>650 °C; Carswell and Zhang, 1999), which may result in the removal of early-stage P –
74 T information due to compositional re-equilibration (Liu et al., 2006; Caddick et al., 2010;
75 Groppo et al., 2015; Xia et al., 2018a).

76 The Sulu–Dabie belt, which formed during the Triassic collision between the Yangzi
77 and Sino–Korean cratons, has been regarded as the typical example for continental
78 subduction (Fig. 1a; Zheng et al., 2012, 2019). However, no petrological evidence
79 supporting a polycyclic burial–exhumation process has been reported from HP–UHP
80 rocks from the Sulu–Dabie belt. In western Dabie, peak temperature for HP–UHP
81 eclogite was constrained to 520–670 °C at 26.0–31.0 kbar (Zhang and Liou, 1994; Liu et
82 al., 2004, 2006; Wei et al., 2010), distinctly lower than eclogite from the eastern Dabie
83 (average of 700 ± 50 °C at >28.0 kbar) and Sulu (average of 750 ± 50 °C at 29.0–43.0

84 kbar) belts (Zhang et al., 2009; Suo et al., 2012; Wu and Zheng, 2013; Li et al., 2018;
85 Zheng et al., 2019). In addition, previous studies have shown that garnet from eclogite in
86 western Dabie commonly has growth zoning (Liu et al., 2004, 2006; Wei et al., 2010).
87 Therefore, we infer that early-stage P – T information may have been retained in garnet
88 from these eclogites. In this study, we determine P – T conditions for the prograde, peak
89 and retrograde stages and construct a complete P – T path for eclogite at Sidaohe, western
90 Dabie. Based on phase equilibrium modeling using compositional isopleth
91 thermobarometry, we report changes in P from eclogite, which we interpret to represent
92 polycyclic burial–partial exhumation processes during continental subduction.

93 Mineral abbreviations in this study follow Whitney and Evans (2010).

94 GEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

95 In western Dabie (Fig. 1b; also known as the Hong'an block), various types of
96 metabasite (blueschist, greenschist and eclogite) and serpentinite are mainly enclosed in
97 volumetrically dominant metasedimentary rocks and granitic gneiss as blocks, lenses and
98 occasionally, intercalated layers (Liu et al., 2004). From south to north, based on
99 systematic variations of lithologies and metamorphic grade, six lithotectonic units are
100 subdivided (Fig. 1b; Wei et al., 2010), which are: the Mulanshan greenschist–blueschist
101 unit (peak P – T conditions for garnet-bearing blueschist at 5.0–11.0 kbar, 319–427 °C; Liu
102 et al., 2004), the Hong'an HP eclogite unit (peak P – T conditions for eclogite at 19.0–26.0
103 kbar, 485–585 °C; Liu et al., 2004; Lou et al., 2013), the Xinxian UHP eclogite unit (P_{\max}
104 stage P – T conditions for eclogite at 28.0–32.0 kbar, 520–670 °C; Zhang and Liou, 1994;

105 Liu et al., 2004, 2006; Wei et al., 2010), the Huwan HP eclogite unit (peak P - T
106 conditions for eclogite at 18.0–23.0 kbar, 540–630 °C; Liu et al., 2004; Ratschbacher et
107 al., 2006), the Balifan mélange unit (P - T conditions for a mylonitized quartz–feldspathic
108 schist at 9.0–10.0 kbar, 458–516 °C; Liu et al., 2004) and the Nanwan flysch unit. The
109 variation of metamorphic grade and the architecture of units has been interpreted to
110 represent a huge anticline with UHP rocks at the core and HP rocks at the two limbs,
111 similar to the eastern Dabie belt (Hacker et al., 2000; Liu et al., 2004).

112 In western Dabie, geochronological studies on eclogite and country rocks have
113 constrained the prograde stage metamorphism to occur at 239–226 Ma, the peak UHP
114 eclogite facies metamorphism at ~226 Ma, the early retrograde eclogite facies
115 metamorphism at 216–213 Ma and the later retrograde amphibolite facies metamorphism
116 at ~212 Ma (Wu and Zheng, 2013 and references therein). These ages are comparable to
117 the eastern Dabie and Sulu belts, indicating they are a huge continuous Triassic orogenic
118 belt. However, in the western segment of the Huwan HP eclogite unit, late Carboniferous
119 ages of ~310 Ma have been reported for eclogite and its country rock gneisses (Wu et al.,
120 2009; Liu et al., 2011). Based on geochemical signatures of some eclogite showing
121 oceanic crust affinity, these ages were interpreted to represent an early oceanic
122 subduction prior to the Triassic continental collision (Wu and Zheng, 2013).

123 ANALYTICAL METHODS AND SAMPLING

124 Analytical methods

125 Initial mineral analyses and element mapping for symplectite were performed using a

126 JEOL-8230 electron probe microanalyzer with 4 wavelength-dispersive spectrometers
127 (WDS) at the Center for Global Tectonics, School of Earth Sciences, China University of
128 Geosciences (Wuhan). The operating conditions were 15 kV acceleration voltage, 20 nA
129 beam current and 1 μm beam diameter for garnet and clinopyroxene and 5–10 μm beam
130 diameter for amphibole and plagioclase. Raw X-ray intensities were corrected using a
131 ZAF (atomic number, absorption, fluorescence) correction procedure. A series of natural
132 and synthetic SPI standards were used and changed based on the analyzing minerals. The
133 following standards were used: sanidine (K), pyrope garnet (Fe, Al), diopside (Ca, Mg),
134 jadeite (Na), rhodonite (Mn), olivine (Si), rutile (Ti). Elements in unknown samples were
135 all determined within about 2% relative based on analyses of secondary standards.
136 Representative results are given in Tables 1 and 2. Back-scattered Electron (BSE) images
137 and energy dispersive spectrometer (EDS) analyses were obtained using an FEI Quanta
138 200 scanning electron microscope (SEM) equipped with an EDAX EDS system at the
139 State Key Laboratory of Geological Process and Mineral Resources, China University of
140 Geosciences (Wuhan). The images were obtained at an accelerating voltage of 20 kV
141 with a spot size of 200–400 nm, an emission current of $\sim 100 \mu\text{A}$ and a working distance
142 of 11–12 mm.

143 Trace element analyses of rutile grains were performed by the laser
144 ablation-inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LA-ICPMS) method at Wuhan
145 Sample Solution Analytical Technology Co. Ltd. Laser sampling was performed using a
146 GeolasHD laser ablation system (wavelength of 193 nm). Eighty mJ laser energy, 32 μm

147 spot size and 5 Hz laser frequencies were used during the analyses. An Agilent 7900 ICP–
148 MS instrument was used to acquire ion-signal intensities. NIST610, BHVO–2G, BIR–1G
149 and BCR–2G were used as external standards for trace element analysis. Off-line
150 selection and integration of background and analyzed signals, time-drift correction and
151 quantitative calibration for trace element analysis and U–Pb dating were performed by
152 ICPMSDataCal (Liu et al., 2008). For detailed procedure, please reference Liu et al.
153 (2008). For inclusions and matrix rutile, the microbeam analyses were focused on their
154 central part, for megacrystal rutile, two profile analyses were performed. The results are
155 refer to Table 3.

156 The whole rock compositions were analyzed at the State Key Laboratory of Geological
157 Processes and Mineral Resources, China University of Geosciences (Wuhan) using X-ray
158 fluorescence (XRF) using fused glass disks. The samples were first crushed to less than
159 60 mesh in a corundum jaw crusher, then to less than 200 mesh in an agate mill. Then,
160 0.5 g of rock powder, together with 5 g of compound flux ($\text{Li}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7:\text{LiBO}_2 = 12:22$) were
161 fused in a high-frequency melting furnace for 11 minutes at ~ 1050 °C in 95% Pt–5% Au
162 crucibles. The melt was swirled repeatedly to ensure complete dissolution and
163 homogenization of the material, and then poured into a mold to form a thin flat-surfaced
164 disc (34 mm diameter). The loss-on-ignition (LOI) was measured on dried rock powder
165 by heating in a pre-heated corundum crucible to 1000 °C for 90 minutes and recording
166 the percentage weight loss. XRF analysis was carried out on a Shimadzu XRF–1800
167 sequential X-ray fluorescence spectrometer, using a Rh-anode X-ray tube with a voltage

168 of 40 kV and current of 70 mA. Calibration curves used for quantification were produced
169 by bivariate regression of data from ~63 reference materials encompassing a wide range
170 of silicate compositions. The measurement procedure and data quality were monitored by
171 repeated samples (one in eight samples), USGS standard AGV-2 and Chinese National
172 standards GSR-1 and GRS-7.

173 **Sampling**

174 In this study, eclogite samples were collected at Sidaohe (115°3'37.33"E,
175 31°20'32.67"N) in the Xinxian UHP eclogite unit (Fig. 1b). Eclogite occurs as block (4–6
176 m in diameter) and is enclosed in garnet-bearing felsic gneiss (Fig. 2a). From center to
177 rim, it was more severely retrograded with more abundant quartz veins developed at the
178 edge (Fig. 2a, b).

179 To qualify P - T evolution of the eclogite at Sidaohe, we chose three samples (Sdh-1,
180 Sdh-2 and DB17-06) for detailed petrological analysis. Among which, two (Sdh-1 and
181 Sdh-2) were used for phase equilibrium modeling and two (Sdh-1 and DB17-06) for
182 rutile trace element analysis.

183 **PETROLOGY**

184 All samples at Sidaohe, western Dabie show various retrogression in thin sections
185 (Figs. 2c, d; 3). Both eclogite Sdh-1 and Sdh-2 show a granoblastic texture in the
186 scanned thin section (Fig. 2c) and have a similar mineral assemblage of garnet (43–48
187 vol%) + omphacite (1–3 %) + symplectite of Pl ± Amp ± Cpx (37–42 %) + quartz (10–
188 15 %) and accessory rutile/ilmenite (2–3 %) (Fig. 2c). The eclogite Sdh-1 has slightly

189 more quartz but less symplectite than Sdh-2. For DB17-06 with quartz veinlet, it has
190 been more severely retrogressed with less garnet relics but more Pl ± Amp ± Cpx
191 symplectite in the matrix (Fig. 2d). The veinlet mainly consists of oriented coarse quartz
192 and rutile and Pl ± Amp ± Cpx symplectite (Fig. 2d).

193 Porphyroblastic garnet (anhedral to subhedral, 0.5–3.0 millimeters in diameter) is cut
194 by fractures filled with dominantly fine-grained amphibole and/or fibrous Amp + Pl ±
195 Rt/Ilm symplectite (Fig. 3a, b, f, h). Coronas of Amp ± Pl develop along garnet rims (Fig.
196 3h, i). Inclusions in garnet are mainly omphacite, quartz, Pl ± Amp ± Cpx symplectite,
197 with rare epidote, amphibole, rutile/ilmenite and apatite (Fig. 3a–e, k). Traverses of point
198 analyses (Fig. 4a, b) and element mapping (Fig. 4 c–f) across a large porphyroblastic
199 garnet from both Sdh-1 and Sdh-2 show obvious zoning of Ca and, less strongly, Mg, Fe
200 and X_{Mg} , but no Mn from core to rim. For Sdh-1, Grs first decreases from 31 to 25–26
201 mol% from core to mantle, then increases to 28–29 mol% before decreasing again to 20–
202 21 mol% from mantle to rim. Alm varies antithetically with Grs but consistently with Pyr
203 (Fig. 4a). From core to rim, Alm first slightly increases from 50 to 52 mol%, then
204 decreases to 50 mol% before increasing again to 55 mol%; Prp first increases from 18 to
205 21–22 mol%, then decreases to 18–20 mol% before increasing again to 23 mol%; X_{Mg}
206 varies from 0.26 to 0.30. For Sdh-2, from core to rim, Grs first decreases from 29 to 24–
207 25 mol%, then increases to 28–29 mol% before decreasing again to 23–24 mol%; Alm
208 first increases from 50 to 52–53 mol%, then decreases to 50 mol% before increasing
209 again to 54 mol%; Prp first increases from 18 to 21–22 mol%, then decreases to 20 mol%

210 before increasing again to 22 mol%. X_{Mg} varies from 0.25 to 0.29-0.30. Sps varies little
211 from core to rim (1–2 mol%) for both samples (Fig. 4a, b).

212 Omphacite is only preserved as inclusions in garnet (Fig. 3c, e). In the matrix, it was
213 completely replaced by Pl \pm Amp \pm Cpx symplectite showing short prismatic or granular
214 shapes (Figs. 2c, 3g, h). The reaction was inferred to be $Omp \pm H_2O \rightarrow Pl \pm Amp \pm Cpx$,
215 as has been evidenced by the symplectite partially replacing omphacite in garnet (Fig. 3c).
216 Intergrowths of Cpx, Pl and/or Amp are generally perpendicular to the reaction front
217 (Figs. 3c, g; 5a–g). Previous studies have shown that symplectite usually grew from the
218 original omphacite margins to the reaction front and the thickness of the lamellae usually
219 decreases with decreasing temperature (Joanny, 1991; Waters, 2003; Lanari et al., 2013).
220 Therefore, in the matrix, we define Cpx-bearing symplectites of Cpx1 + Amp1 +
221 Pl1 (mineral grain sizes 50–100 μm in diameter; Figs. 3d, e, g, h, j; 5a, b, d–k) as Sym1
222 and Cpx2 + Pl2 (commonly <20 μm in diameter; Figs. 3g, h; 5a, b) as Sym2. For the
223 Cpx-absent symplectite of Amp3 + Pl3 (commonly >100 μm ; Fig. 3h, i) formed at later
224 amphibolite facies metamorphism (Martin, 2019), we define it as Sym3. For both Sdh–1
225 and Sdh–2, omphacite included in garnet has constant X_{Jd} of 42–45 mol% while Cpx1 in
226 Sym1 has lower X_{Jd} of 12–26 mol% (Fig. 6a). Composition of Cpx2 in Sym2 was not
227 measured due to its small dimensions (<10 μm in diameter).

228 Amphibole in eclogite is found in three textural positions: (1) as inclusions in garnet
229 (Fig. 3a, i). For Sdh–1 and Sdh–2, Amp has comparable $^C(Al + Fe^{3+} + 2Ti)$ of 1.29–1.93
230 apfu and $^A(Na + K + 2Ca)$ of 0.35–0.70 apfu (23 O basis), mostly ranging from

231 sadanagaite to tschermakite, with only one pargasite (Fig. 6b; Hawthorne et al., 2012); (2)
232 together with Pl constituting Sym1 (Amp1; Fig. 5a, b) and Sym3 (Amp3; Fig. 3g, h, i).
233 For Sdh-1, Amp1 has $^C(\text{Al} + \text{Fe}^{3+} + 2\text{Ti})$ of 0.89–1.41 apfu and $^A(\text{Na} + \text{K} + 2\text{Ca})$ of 0.46–
234 0.58 apfu, ranging from pargasite to magnesiohornblende; Amp3 has $^C(\text{Al} + \text{Fe}^{3+} + 2\text{Ti})$
235 of 0.79–0.94 apfu and $^A(\text{Na} + \text{K} + 2\text{Ca})$ of 0.15–0.27 apfu, is magnesiohornblende. For
236 Sdh-2, Amp1 has $^C(\text{Al} + \text{Fe}^{3+} + 2\text{Ti})$ of 1.48 apfu and $^A(\text{Na} + \text{K} + 2\text{Ca})$ of 0.50 apfu, is
237 magnesiohornblende; Amp3 has $^C(\text{Al} + \text{Fe}^{3+} + 2\text{Ti})$ of 0.59–1.03 apfu and $^A(\text{Na} + \text{K} +$
238 $2\text{Ca})$ of 0.07–0.21 apfu, is magnesiohornblende (Fig. 6b); (3) rimming garnet (Fig. 3i, j)
239 or together with Pl and Rt/Ilm in cracks in garnet (Fig. 3f), has $^C(\text{Al} + \text{Fe}^{3+} + 2\text{Ti})$ of
240 1.61–1.77 apfu and $^A(\text{Na} + \text{K} + 2\text{Ca})$ of 0.66–0.71 apfu, belonging to Sadanagaite (Fig.
241 6b).

242 Plagioclase in both Sym1 and Sym3 is albite with $\text{Ab}_{0.92-0.99}$ (mean 0.96). Epidote is
243 included in garnet but absent in the matrix (Fig. 3a). It has Fe^{3+} of 0.61.

244 Rutile shows various occurrences in thin sections: as inclusions in garnet (30–100 μm ;
245 inclusion Rt as type 1; Fig. 3i); in the matrix (100–300 μm ; matrix Rt as type 2; Fig. 3j, k)
246 and as megacrystals in the veinlet (500–4000 μm ; megacrystal rutile as type 3; Figs. 2d,
247 3l). Most of rutile grains have been partially replaced by ilmenite along rims or fractures
248 (Fig. 3j, k, l).

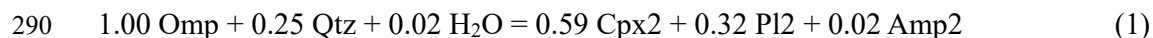
249 Based on the above petrographic observations and mineral compositions, several
250 stages in the metamorphic evolution of the eclogite at Sidaohe, western Dabie may be
251 inferred. Evidence of the prograde metamorphic stage (M0) is recorded by garnet and its

252 inclusions of omphacite, amphibole, quartz, epidote and rutile (type 1). $Pl \pm Amp \pm Cpx$
253 symplectite in the matrix is interpreted to represent former omphacite and is a typical
254 decompression-related texture in eclogite (Joanny, 1991). The peak stage (M1) mineral
255 assemblage is inferred to be $Grt + Omp + Qtz + Rt$ (type 2). The retrograde metamorphic
256 stage (M2) is represented by the breakdown of Omp to form Sym1 ($Cpx1 + Amp1 + Pl1$)
257 and Sym2 ($Cpx2 + Pl2$). The late retrograde metamorphic stage (M3) is represented by
258 Sym3 ($Amp3 + Pl3$) replacing Sym1 and Sym2 (Figure 3e), amphibole/plagioclase and
259 chlorite replacing garnet (Fig. 3c, g). Megacrystal rutile (type 3) in veinlets may be
260 formed prior to stage M3, whereas ilmenite replacing rutile in the matrix may form at this
261 stage.

262 **PHASE EQUILIBRIUM MODELLING**

263 To constrain peak $P-T$ conditions and metamorphic processes for the eclogite at
264 Sidaohe, western Dabie, phase equilibrium modeling was performed using the
265 THERMOCALC software (version 3.40, updated in March 2014) and the associated
266 internally consistent thermodynamic dataset ds62 (Holland and Powell, 2011; updated in
267 November 2016). The chemical system used for modeling is (Mn)NCFMASHTO
268 ((MnO–)Na₂O–CaO–FeO–MgO–Al₂O₃–SiO₂–H₂O–TiO₂–O) system. A–x relationships
269 used in the modeling are as follows: garnet (White et al., 2014); clinopyroxene and
270 amphibole (Green et al., 2016); plagioclase (Holland and Powell, 2003) and epidote
271 (Holland and Powell, 2011). Rutile, sphene, lawsonite, kyanite, quartz and H₂O are
272 considered to be pure phases.

273 In the modeling to constrain the prograde to peak P - T evolution for the eclogite Sdh-1
274 and Sdh-2, whole rock compositions obtained by XRF were used after correction of the
275 CaO content for the P_2O_3 contained in apatite (Table 4). O content (equals to Fe_2O_3 in
276 molar percent) was calculated from the whole rock composition of eclogite sampled in
277 the same locality of this study by Yan et al. (2004). In their study using wet chemistry,
278 eclogite and retrograded eclogite gave a consistent Fe_2O_3 (in molar percent)/ FeO^T (in
279 molar percent) ratio of 7.5%. H_2O was set to be in excess based on the assumption that
280 the prograde evolution may be H_2O saturated considering the progressive transition from
281 a mineral assemblage dominated by hydrous minerals (e.g. epidote, lawsonite, chlorite
282 and glaucophane) to one dominated by anhydrous minerals (e.g. garnet and omphacite),
283 and the observed abundance of hydrous minerals as inclusions in garnet. To constrain P -
284 T conditions for the retrograde stage forming Cpx + Pl + Amp symplectite after
285 omphacite, effective bulk rock composition calculated from equilibrated reaction
286 combined with mineral compositions was used in the phase equilibrium modeling. The
287 balanced reaction forming Sym1 after omphacite using the least square method (software
288 PCalc2.3 by Godard, 2009) applied to compositions of Omp, Cpx1, Pl1 and Amp1 is as
289 follows:



291 TiO_2 in the effective bulk composition is same to the value for modeling Figure 7a and
292 H_2O was set to be in excess (Table 4). Sample compositions (in wt%) and corrected or
293 modified bulk compositions (in mol%) used for phase equilibrium modeling are given in

294 Table 4.

295 **Prograde to peak metamorphic stages**

296 *P–T* pseudosections constraining the prograde to peak *P–T* evolution for the eclogite
297 Sdh–1 (Fig. 7a) and Sdh–2 (Fig. 7b) were calculated in the MnNCFMASHTO system
298 using the bulk compositions in Table 4 for the *P–T* range 12.0–32.0 kbar and 500–700 °C.
299 Both calculations show similar topology for phase relations. For instance, lawsonite is
300 present in the top-left phase assemblage fields and replaced by epidote at $P < 21.0$ kbar at
301 $T < 610$ – 615 °C, and by Grt + Omp ± Ky at $T > 610$ °C; glaucophane/hornblende is
302 replaced by Grt + Omp ± Ky at $P > 20.5$ kbar and $T > 590$ – 595 °C. However, kyanite is
303 modeled to be present at P of 19.5–26.0 kbar at $T > 610$ °C in Fig. 7a, but is absent in Fig.
304 7b; epidote is modeled to be present across the whole T range in Fig. 7a, but is absent at
305 $T > 640$ °C in Fig. 7b.

306 Isopleths for Grs (18–38 mol%), Prp (7–26 mol%) and X_{Mg} (0.25–0.30) in garnet and
307 j(o) ($Na/(Na+Ca)$, 0.45–0.54) in omphacite have been calculated for most of the modeled
308 *P–T* range (Fig. 7c, d). The results show that Grs values in garnet roughly decrease while
309 Prp and X_{Mg} values roughly increase with increasing pressure and temperature (Fig. 7c, d).
310 In the phase assemblage fields of Grt + Omp + Lws + Gln + Coe/Qtz + Rt + H₂O, the
311 measured Grs, Prp and X_{Mg} in garnet from Sdh–1 (Grs = 0.31–0.21, Prp = 0.18–0.23 and
312 X_{Mg} = 0.26–0.30) and Sdh–2 (Grs = 0.29–0.23, Prp = 0.18–0.22 and X_{Mg} = 0.25–0.30)
313 define comparable *P–T* fields of 23.0–30.5 kbar, 585–605 °C and 24.5–29.5 kbar, 580–
314 600 °C, respectively (Fig. 7c, d). From garnet core to rim, P first increases from 23.0 to

315 28.5 kbar, then decreases to 24.0 kbar before increasing again to 30.5 kbar concomitant
316 with a small increase in T from 580 to 605 °C (Fig. 7e, g). In the phase assemblage fields
317 of Grt + Omp + Lws ± Gln + Coe/Qtz + Rt + H₂O, isopleths for $j(o)$ of omphacite have
318 steep positive slopes with $j(o)$ values increasing with temperature. In these fields, the
319 measured $j(o)$ of omphacite correspond to T ranges of 600–650 °C for Sdh–1 ($j(o) =$
320 0.52–0.55) and 595–630 °C for Sdh–2 ($j(o) = 0.49–0.51$) at 25.0–30.0 kbar, respectively.
321 The inferred peak stage (M1) mineral assemblage characterized by Grt + Omp
322 (represented by Pl ± Amp ± Cpx symplectite) + Coe/Qtz + Rt corresponds to the modeled
323 phase assemblage fields of Grt + Omp + Coe/Qtz + Rt + H₂O, defining temperatures
324 of >640 °C in Fig. 7a and >615 °C in Fig. 7b at $P > 19.5$ kbar, respectively. In
325 combination with the P – T conditions constrained by isopleths of Grs and Prp in garnet
326 and $j(o)$ of omphacite, a heating process after the P_{\max} stage may be inferred (Fig. 7f).

327 **Retrograde metamorphic stage**

328 A P – T pseudosection constraining the retrograde P – T evolution was calculated for the
329 eclogite Sdh–1 in the NCFMASHTO system using the effective bulk composition in
330 Table 4 for the P – T range 5.0–25.0 kbar and 450–650 °C (Fig. 8a). In Fig. 8a, the
331 observed mineral assemblage in Sym1 corresponds to the modeled phase assemblage
332 fields of O/Dio + Hbl + Pl ± Qtz + Rt + H₂O, defining P of 5.0–13.0 kbar at the modeled
333 T range. In these fields, $j(o)$ values in omphacite increase with increasing pressure and the
334 maximum $j(o)$ content in the symplectitic Cpx2 from Sdh–1 (0.28) and Sdh–2 (0.30)
335 corresponds to pressures of 10.5–11.5 kbar and 11.0–12.0 kbar at 580–650 °C,

336 respectively. The lower $j(o)$ content (0.10–0.27) in omphacite may indicate a decrease of
337 P during further exhumation retrogression.

338 To evaluate H_2O influence on the formation of Sym1, we calculated a P – M_{H_2O}
339 pseudosection for the eclogite Sdh–1 in the NCFMASHTO system using the bulk
340 composition in Table 4 at $T = 580$ °C for the P range of 5.0–25.0 kbar (Fig. 8b). The H_2O
341 content ranges from 0.00 to 2.00 mol%. In Fig. 8b, free H_2O is present in fields with
342 M_{H_2O} above 1.12 mol% and P below 21.5 kbar (the red solid line as the H_2O -saturation
343 boundary). The phase assemblage fields of Dio + Hbl + Pl ± Omp ± Qtz ± H_2O develop
344 at P below 11.0 kbar and M_{H_2O} above 0.56 mol%. Along decompression process during
345 retrogression, eclogite may evolve along the yellow dotted line from A to D with M_{H_2O}
346 content of ~1.12 mol% at $P < 11.0$ kbar. We infer H_2O in the bulk rock saturating Sym1
347 may be ~1.12 mol%, corresponding to 0.4 wt%.

348 AMP–PL THERMOBAROMETRY

349 In this study, we use conventional Amp–Pl thermobarometry to constrain P – T
350 conditions for the formation of Sym1 with Cpx and Sym3 without Cpx during
351 retrogression. In this study, we calculate temperature for the formation of Sym1 at 12.0
352 kbar based on the modeling results in Fig. 8a. On the other hand, considering the lower
353 Al_2O_3 content in Amp3 than Amp1 in Sym1 which may yield a P difference of ~4.0 kbar
354 using the barometry of Schmidt (1992), we calculate T for the formation of Sym3 at 8.0
355 kbar, similar to that of Martin (2019). The calculation uses the Amp–Pl thermometry B
356 (edenite + albite = richterite + anorthite) by Holland and Blundy (1994). The results show

357 that T for Sym1 (calculated at fixed Ab of 0.96) ranges from 567–590 °C and for Sym3
358 (calculated at fixed Ab of 0.97) ranges from 504–520 °C, respectively. Uncertainties for
359 these results could be ± 40 °C within 2 sigma error (Holland and Blundy, 1994).

360 TRACE ELEMENT COMPOSITION OF RUTILE AND ZR-IN-RUTILE

361 THERMOMETRY

362 Trace element analyses were applied to rutile with various occurrences from the
363 samples Sdh-1 and DB17-06. Figure 9 shows Nb/Ta vs Nb, Ta and Zr, and Zr vs Sc, U
364 and Hf characteristics for rutile in various occurrences. The inclusion rutile (type 1) has
365 limited variations of Nb/Ta ratios (14.9–17.2) and Nb (322.4–362.6 ppm), Ta (15.5–26.8
366 ppm), Zr (75–124 ppm) and Hf (2.8–3.7 ppm) contents (Fig. 9a, b, c, f; Table 3). The
367 matrix rutile (type 2) has relatively higher Nb/Ta ratios (15.4–21.0) and Nb (324.3–483.8
368 ppm), Zr (96–248 ppm) and Hf (3.1–7.1 ppm) contents (Fig. 9a, f) than type 1 rutile. The
369 megacrystal rutile in the veinlets (type 3) has slightly more scattered Nb/Ta ratios
370 (13.9–22.5) and Ta contents (15.5–26.8 ppm; Fig. 9b), but relatively consistent Zr (72–105
371 ppm), Sc (1.1–2.4 ppm), Hf (3.3–4.5 ppm) and U (0.3–0.9 ppm, except for two analyses
372 6.1, 4.6 ppm) contents (Fig. 9d, e, f; Table 3).

373 We use the P -dependent Zr-in-rutile thermometry by Tomkins et al. (2007) to calculate
374 temperature for rutile in various occurrences. Beforehand, P should be primarily
375 constrained. The inclusion rutile (type 1) armored by garnet has relatively consistent Zr
376 content (Fig. 9c), may imply a closed system to Zr (Zhang et al., 2010). Therefore, we
377 use P of 25.0–30.0 kbar at the late prograde stage (Fig. 7f) for further calculation. The Zr

378 content of 75.2–124.3 ppm results in T of 608–664 °C with the upper limit of the
379 interquartile T range of 634–654 °C (Fig. 10a, c, d). For the matrix rutile (type 2), it has
380 been interpreted to coexist with the main rock-forming minerals (e.g. garnet and
381 omphacite) at T_{\max} or near T_{\max} stages. Therefore, we calculate T for type 2 rutile at 25.0–
382 20.0 kbar and the Zr content of 95.7–247.8 ppm resulting in T of 698–605 °C with the
383 upper limit of the interquartile T range of 664–644 °C (Fig. 10a, c, d). The megacrystal
384 rutile (type 3) in the veinlet may be formed at a later stage at the transition of eclogite to
385 amphibolite facies metamorphism (Zheng et al., 2011a). Therefore, we calculate T at
386 15.0–10.0 kbar and the Zr content of 71.9–105.0 ppm results in T of 592–548 °C with the
387 upper limit of the interquartile T range of 581–561 °C (Fig. 10b, c, d). The LA-ICPMS
388 analytical error for Zr in rutile is 4.7–16.6 ppm (within 2 sigma), corresponding to T
389 uncertainties of 4–6 °C. However, following the recommendation of Tomkins et al.
390 (2007), the uncertainty on T could be ~30 °C (within 2 sigma) using Zr-in-rutile
391 thermometry. In this study, we adopt the upper limit of the interquartile T range for
392 further discussion as recommended by Taylor–Jones and Powell (2015).

393 **DISCUSSION**

394 ***P–T* evolution**

395 Compositional isopleths including Grs, Prp and X_{Mg} in garnet and $j(o)$ of omphacite in
396 eclogite are commonly used for $P–T$ constraint in phase equilibrium modeling (Powell
397 and Holland, 2008; Wei et al., 2010; Groppo et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2020; Xia et al.,
398 2018b, 2020). Although compositional re-equilibration could be expected at $T > 700$ °C

399 (Caddick et al., 2010), modified garnet growth zonation has been identified in MT–UHP
400 eclogite or even in granulite undergoing UHT metamorphic conditions (e.g. O’Brien,
401 1997; Schmid et al., 2000; Jiao et al., 2021). In this study, because of intense fluid
402 activity during exhumation, the eclogite at Sidaohu in western Dabie have been
403 retrograded during exhumation. However, in carefully selected samples, there are
404 vestiges of prograde information being preserved in large refractory porphyroblastic
405 garnet. We interpret the obvious zoning of Ca in garnet to be original, thus, the
406 fluctuations in Ca contents from core to rim may be due to *P* variations according to our
407 phase equilibrium modeling. On the other hand, the less strong zoning of Mg, Fe and X_{Mg}
408 and no zoning of Mn may be ascribed to partial diffusional re-equilibration during
409 retrogression. The more obvious zoning of Ca than Mg, Fe and Mn in large garnet may
410 be due to its larger ionic size and significantly more sluggish volume diffusion according
411 to numerical modeling (Chakraborty and Ganguly, 1991; Schwandt et al., 1996; Vielzeuf
412 et al., 2007).

413 When interpreting the results of phase equilibrium modeling, it is important to estimate
414 the uncertainties which may comprise systematic and random uncertainties (Powell and
415 Holland, 2008; Xia et al., 2020). The systematic uncertainties on *P* and *T* propagated
416 from each endmember enthalpy in the dataset are calculated to be ± 0.4 kbar and ± 12 °C
417 (2 sigma error) using Thermocalc, respectively. On the other hand, the random
418 uncertainties propagated from the analytical uncertainties for EPMA (within ~2% relative)
419 and the AX software for calculating mineral formulae (~1–2% relative) could be ~0.6

420 kbar on P and ~ 10 °C on T (2 sigma error; Xia et al., 2020). Therefore, the absolute
421 uncertainties on P are ± 1.0 kbar and on T are ± 20 °C (2 sigma error). However, we
422 should take these values as minima if considering other systematic uncertainties
423 propagated from $a-x$ models and random uncertainties from the bulk rock composition.

424 By combining the $P-T$ results from phase equilibrium modeling, Amp-Pl
425 thermobarometry and Zr-in-rutile thermometry, a complete $P-T$ path is proposed for the
426 eclogite at Sidaohe, western Dabie (Fig. 11), from the prograde stage to the peak stage,
427 and then through several retrograde stages.

428 **The prograde to P_{\max} stages.** Based on inclusions of Omp + Amp + Ep + Qtz +
429 Rt/Ilm in garnet and the composition of garnet and omphacite, we propose that the
430 prograde $P-T$ evolution (M0) passed through the modeled phase assemblage fields of Grt
431 + Omp + Lws \pm Gln + Coe/Qtz + Rt + H₂O. Lawsonite and glaucophane have not been
432 observed in the thin section, and most likely were replaced by epidote and calcium-rich
433 amphibole (pargasite to tschermakite), respectively, during exhumation (Wei et al., 2010;
434 Lou et al., 2013). Fractures around epidote and amphibole inclusions in garnet (Fig. 3a, b)
435 may have acted as pathways for fluid infiltration to trigger retrogression. Based on garnet
436 compositional isopleth thermobarometry, we propose an increase of P from 23.0 to 28.5
437 kbar, then a decrease to 24.0 kbar, before an increase to 30.5 kbar (± 1.0 kbar, 2 sigma
438 error) concomitant with a small increase in T from 580 to 605 °C (± 20 °C, 2 sigma error;
439 Fig7. c, d, e). However, since we are uncertain about the extent to which the Prp and X_{Mg}
440 zoning profiles in garnet have been flattened, the T results based on Prp and X_{Mg} isopleths

441 in garnet should be treated with appropriate caution. Anyway, we infer two periods of
442 compression separated by a period of decompression during the prograde evolution of the
443 eclogite at Sidaohe, western Dabie (Fig. 7e, f). A compression path with a steep positive
444 slope that reached P - T conditions for the P_{\max} stage of 29.0–30.5 kbar/590–605 °C are
445 consistent with the results from an eclogite at Sibian about 20 km to the northwest in the
446 same Xinxian UHP unit (Fig. 1b; Wei et al., 2010). This type of prograde evolution is
447 similar to that modeled for oceanic crust in modern subduction zones due to coupling
448 between the subducting slab and the overlying mantle wedge (e.g., model W1300;
449 Syracuse et al., 2010), but at lower T and has been interpreted to represent fast subduction
450 (Wei et al., 2010). The UHP metamorphism for the P_{\max} stage is consistent with the report
451 of coesite pseudomorphs in eclogite at Sidaohe (Yan et al., 2005) and coesite in eclogite
452 and the country rock gneisses in the Xinxian UHP unit (e.g. at Guojiahe and
453 Chengmagang, Fig. 1; Zhang and Liou, 1994; Liu et al., 2004, 2006). In the modeled
454 phase assemblage field of Grt + Omp + Lws + Coe/Qtz + Rt + H₂O (Fig. 7d), a T of 595–
455 650 °C (± 20 °C, 2 sigma error) at 25.0–30.0 kbar is constrained by isopleths of $j(o)$ of
456 omphacite and is comparable to the T range of 634–654 °C (± 30 °C, 2 sigma error; here
457 and subsequently, we use the upper limit of the interquartile range in T for the Zr-in-rutile
458 thermometry results) recorded by rutile included in garnet (type 1), indicating a T
459 increase after the P_{\max} stage (Fig. 10c).

460 **The T_{\max} stage.** Initial exhumation to the T_{\max} stage (M1) produced an inferred mineral
461 assemblage of Grt + Omp + Coe/Qtz + Rt, which indicates the P - T evolution passed

462 through the modeled phase assemblage fields of Grt + Omp + Coe/Qtz + Rt + H₂O after
463 the P_{\max} stage (Fig. 7a, b). In these fields, the calculated modal contents of Grt and Omp
464 are 47.0 and 36.7%, respectively, typical of a biminerally eclogite as observed in thin
465 sections (Fig. 2c). For type 2 rutile in the matrix, using Zr-in-rutile thermometry we have
466 calculated T of 664–644 °C (± 30 °C, 2 sigma error) at 25.0–20.0 kbar, interpreted to
467 represent P – T conditions for the T_{\max} stage (Fig. 10c, d), similar to the results obtained
468 using conventional thermobarometry by previous researchers (Zhang and Liou, 1994; Liu
469 et al., 2004). Along the P – T path from the P_{\max} to T_{\max} stages, Gln and Lws disappear via
470 the reactions $\text{Lws} + \text{Omp} + \text{Gln} = \text{Grt} + \text{Qtz} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{Lws} + \text{Omp} \pm \text{Gln} = \text{Grt} + \text{Qtz} +$
471 H_2O , respectively (Figs. 7f, 12).

472 **The retrograde stages.** During subsequent exhumation, rock-forming omphacite in
473 the matrix broke down to form Amp + Pl + Cpx symplectite (Sym1). Based on phase
474 equilibrium modeling and conventional Amp–Pl thermometry, we estimate that Sym1
475 formed at 567–590 °C/12.0 kbar. This T range is similar to the T of 581–561 °C
476 calculated at 15.0–10.0 kbar for type 3 rutile in the veinlets (Fig. 11). These P – T
477 estimates are interpreted to represent a decrease of T during the retrograde stage M2
478 decompression. Late retrogression (M3) led to the formation of Sym3 at T of 504–520 °C
479 calculated at 8.0 kbar using Amp–Pl thermometry.

480 **Summary.** For eclogite at Sidaohé, western Dabie, we propose a P – T path with a
481 prograde segment showing two cycles of P increase to the P_{\max} stage, then a T increase
482 during initial exhumation to the T_{\max} stage, before a decrease in both P and T during

483 subsequent retrograde stages. The clockwise, open convex P - T path is similar to those in
484 the studies of Zhang and Liou (1994) and Liu et al. (2004, 2006) on eclogite from
485 western Dabie, but differs from those in the studies of Wei et al. (2010) and Cheng and
486 Cao (2015) who inferred isothermal decompression after the P_{\max} stage.

487 **H₂O behavior along the P - T evolution**

488 **From the prograde to the P_{\max} stage.** H₂O contents in the bulk rock are mainly
489 controlled by the stability of hydrous minerals and the P - T fields related to various
490 continuous and discontinuous reactions rock crossed during subduction (Schmidt and Poli,
491 2014; Zheng and Chen, 2016). In this study, P - T fields at 23.0–31.0 kbar (with Qz then
492 Coe), 580–600 °C were constrained for a segment of the P - T evolution from the late
493 prograde to P_{\max} stages (Fig. 7f). In these fields, previous experimental studies on
494 metabasite compositions suggest that the hydrous minerals are mainly Lws, Ctd, Ph and
495 Ep/Zoi with Gln decomposed at $P > 23.0$ kbar (Schmidt and Poli, 2014), while Wei et al.
496 (2020) considered the stable minerals to be Lws, Ph, Amp and Ta. In our study, due to the
497 absence of significant K₂O and the low MgO content in the bulk composition (Table 3),
498 Ph and Ta were not formed and H₂O in the bulk rock was retained only in Lws and Gln.
499 Along the P - T path from A to B in Fig. 7f, calculated modals of Gln decrease from 12.5
500 (A) to 0.3 (B) mode% whereas Lws slightly increase from 7.2 to 8.3 mode%. Accordingly,
501 calculated H₂O content in the bulk rock slightly decreases from 0.92 to 0.88 wt%,
502 implying the release of H₂O by the Gln-out reaction is compensated by an increase in
503 modal Lws. Therefore, in subduction zones at low thermal gradients (5–7 °C/Km), Lws in

504 eclogites could be the most important H₂O reservoir. Indeed, it may take H₂O to 40.0
505 kbar at $T < 700$ °C, before destabilizing to form normally anhydrous garnet and omphacite
506 (Schmidt and Poli, 2014; Zheng and Chen, 2016; Wei et al., 2020). In addition, numerous
507 studies in Sulu–Dabie and elsewhere have shown that at UHP conditions, nominally
508 anhydrous minerals (NAMs) such as Grt and Omp can incorporate a considerable amount
509 of structural hydroxyl (OH⁻) and molecular water (H₂O) in point defects within the
510 crystal lattice (Chen et al., 2007), allowing fluid to be carried into the deeper mantle
511 (>200 km), and even to the mantle transition zone (Katayama and Nakasima, 2003;
512 Zheng, 2009).

513 **From the P_{\max} to T_{\max} stages.** In Fig. 7f, the P – T evolution from B to C sequentially
514 crosses the Gln- and Lws-out curves and the modelled H₂O content for relevant
515 assemblages rapidly decreases from 0.88 to 0 wt% (in the modelled assemblages there is
516 no structural hydroxyl in the NAMs). Without considering hydroxyl/H₂O contained in
517 NAMs, the eclogite would become biminerally and be effectively dry, consistent with our
518 observations (Fig. 2c). The released H₂O may migrate out of the local rock system to
519 promote crust–mantle interactions, the exhumation of deeply subducted continental crust
520 and the retrogression of HP/UHP rocks in continental subduction channels (Chen et al.,
521 2007; Zheng and Chen, 2016).

522 **The retrograde stage.** Strong fluid activity during the retrograde exhumation is
523 evidenced by pervasive retrogression and the development of quartz veins/veinlets (Fig.
524 2c, d). During this process, H₂O may act as a kinetic facilitator for the destabilization of

525 omphacite, as a component of the reaction to form amphibole in symplectite or as a
526 carrier for components required to precipitate minerals in veinlets (Joanny, 1991; Martin,
527 2019). For UHP eclogite, numerous studies have shown that H₂O may be released from
528 the NAMs during retrograde exhumation (e.g. Chen et al., 2007; Zheng et al., 2011a;). In
529 Sulu–Dabie, the amount of structural hydroxyl could be 115–1300 ppm in omphacite and
530 92–1735 ppm in garnet (Xia et al., 2005; Chen et al., 2007). The total H₂O concentration
531 including fluid inclusions, hydrous mineral inclusions and structural hydroxyl could even
532 be up to 1170–20745 ppm in Omp and 522–1584 ppm in garnet (Chen et al., 2007).

533 In this study, Sym2 at the reaction front with only rare or no Amp (Fig. 5c–k) may
534 require very little H₂O for its formation. By contrast, our modeling shows that Sym1,
535 which has Amp several tens of μm in diameter (Fig. 5d–g), requires a H₂O content of 0.4
536 wt% (equals to 4000 ppm) to hydrate the mineral assemblage (Fig. 8b). Considering
537 Sym1 only developed at limited places around Sym2 (assumed <10 vol% in thin sections;
538 Figs. 2c, 3g), we assume a maximum H₂O content of 400 ppm in the bulk rock may be
539 sufficient to the formation of Sym1. Such an amount of H₂O may be provided by H₂O
540 released from the NAMs during decompression. Therefore, we interpret that the H₂O to
541 trigger the formation of both Sym1 and Sym2 was internally sourced. A similar
542 conclusion was reached by Anderson and Moecher (2007) and Martin (2019) in their
543 studies of symplectite. In support of this interpretation in our study, rutile in the matrix
544 (type 2) has comparable Ta, Sc and U contents to rutile included in garnet (type 1; Fig. 9b,
545 d, e), implying the properties of fluid at this stage had an affinity with that forming type 1

546 rutile. The high Zr and Hf contents of the matrix rutile may be related to the breakdown
547 of garnet.

548 The coarse-grained rutile (type 3) in veinlets has more scattered Nb/Ta ratios and Ta
549 contents, but limited variation in Nb, Zr and Hf contents, distinctly different from the
550 inclusion rutile and the matrix rutile (Fig. 9a, b, f), which may imply different properties
551 for the metamorphic fluid compared with that at the prograde to peak stages (Zheng et al.,
552 2011a). We interpret the rutile in veinlets to be formed from an external fluid source with
553 constant Nb, Zr and Hf contents but varied Ta content and Nb/Ta ratios. More abundant
554 quartz veins developed at the transition zone of the eclogite block and the country rock
555 gneisses may support this conclusion (Fig. 2a). The shear zone between the main
556 interface of the eclogitic block and the country rock may act as a preferential path for
557 fluid entering the rock during retrogression (cf. Martin, 2019). Fluid may also promote
558 the formation of Sym3 with coarse-grained Amp and Pl of comparable amount in the
559 matrix, as has been evidenced by its more abundant development near the veinlets (Fig.
560 2b, d).

561 IMPLICATIONS

562 **Polycyclic burial of eclogite in continental subduction channel**

563 In this study, our modeling results show that eclogite within a single unit at Sidaohe
564 records two cycles of P increase during the prograde metamorphic stage. The first cycle
565 records a P increase from 23.0 to 28.5 kbar, followed by partial exhumation and then a
566 second cycle records a P increase from 24.0 to 30.5 kbar (Fig. 7e, f). Variations of the

567 minimum to maximum P conditions for each cycle are up to 6.5 kbar, implying the two
568 cycles of prograde P increase are a reliable result. The result is distinctly different from a
569 single P – T loop commonly described for eclogite in Sulu–Dabie by previous studies
570 (Zhang and Liou, 1994; Liu et al., 2004; Cheng and Cao, 2015; Wei et al., 2010; Xia et al.,
571 2018a; Zheng et al., 2019).

572 In other places in the world, rocks showing P cycles during a single orogenic event
573 have been reported and interpreted to represent burial–partial exhumation cycles
574 (Brueckner et al., 2006; Beltrando et al., 2007; Blanco–Quintero et al., 2011; Rubatto et
575 al., 2011; Li et al., 2016). Overall, two scenarios have been proposed to interpret these
576 cycles: (1) they are related to orogenic-scale shortening–extension switches mostly
577 developed in the continental subduction environment (Brueckner et al., 2006; Rubatto et
578 al., 2011), and (2) they are developed within Franciscan-type subduction channels in
579 oceanic subduction zones (Blanco–Quintero et al., 2011; Gerya et al., 2002; Li et al.,
580 2016). In the first case, rocks showing short-term, multiple eclogite facies metamorphism
581 from the Sesia zone in the Italian Western Alps were interpreted to be formed due to
582 oblique subduction along the convergent plate margin. Episodic switches from
583 transpressional to transtensional deformation led to alternating burial and partial
584 exhumation for rocks in the subduction zone (Rubatto et al., 2011). In the second case,
585 convective movement of rocks occurs within a thin and rapidly sheared layer of
586 unconsolidated sediments (Lister et al., 2001) or serpentinites (Blanco–Quintero et al.,
587 2011) mixed with fluid along the plate interface in the subduction channel (Cloos and

588 Shreve, 1988; Zheng et al., 2011b). The driving forces could be competing drag and
589 buoyancy combined within a convecting fluid (Gerya et al., 2002; Blanco–Quintero et al.,
590 2011; Zheng et al., 2012). For instance, eclogite from the Chinese western Tianshan
591 records a polycyclic burial–partial exhumation evolution that was interpreted to be due to
592 convective flow in the subduction channel (Li et al., 2016).

593 In this study, we interpret the multiple burial and partial exhumation cycles of eclogite
594 at Sidaohe to be formed in a continental subduction channel. A crustal slice containing
595 the eclogite may have been detached from the surface of the descending lower plate due
596 to fracturing. After the crust had been subducted to a depth of ~100 km, a slice was
597 detached and partially exhumed to ~82 km depth, before being subducted again to a
598 depth of ~107 km. This polycyclic movement may have proceeded due to convective
599 flow in the channel. Metasedimentary rocks, well-exposed in western Dabie, may have
600 acted as a weak, low-viscosity material along the plate interface (Cloos, 1982; Lister et
601 al., 2001; Gerya et al., 2002). In addition, dehydroxylation of NAMs and fluid ingress
602 into eclogite, as discussed above, may facilitate convective movement of rock fragments
603 in the continental subduction channel (Zheng et al., 2011b).

604 Our study indicates that information for polycyclic P – T evolution could be potentially
605 preserved in garnet from low T eclogite. Especially Ca may preserve prograde chemical
606 variation considering its larger ionic size and lower diffusivity than the other divalent
607 cations. By combining garnet zoning profile and phase equilibrium modeling, we regard
608 more rocks showing polycyclic P – T evolution could be revealed in further studies.

609 **Thermal relaxation during exhumation**

610 The exhumation P – T path shows an increase in T from the P_{\max} to T_{\max} stages,
611 followed by a decrease of both P and T (Fig. 11). The exhumation path depends on the
612 balance between the rates of exhumation and temperature increase (Carswell and Zhang,
613 1999). In the early stages of exhumation, unless the exhumation rate is exceedingly fast,
614 deeply subducted rocks may continue to experience heating, resulting in the T_{\max} after the
615 P_{\max} along the exhumation path (Carswell and Zhang, 1999). Such a process has been
616 anticipated by thermal modeling of subducted crustal slabs (England and Thompson,
617 1984). The increase in T after the P_{\max} is generally interpreted to be due to thermal
618 relaxation by conductive heat transfer (Carswell and Zhang, 1999; Winter, 2013). For
619 deeply subducted continental crust, conductive heating driven by relaxation of isotherms
620 may operate on timescales of tens of Ma (England and Thompson, 1984). Large UHP
621 terranes with ancient crustal protoliths may experience UHP metamorphism over long
622 timescales with slow exhumation rates, while small UHP terranes commonly with
623 juvenile crustal protoliths may experience UHP metamorphism over short timescales with
624 rapid exhumation rates (Kylander–Clark et al., 2012; Zheng et al., 2019). As one of the
625 largest UHP terranes on Earth, the Dabie–Sulu orogen has a metamorphic duration of 15
626 \pm 2 Ma at subarc depths (Wu and Zheng, 2013; Zheng et al., 2019). Therefore, in western
627 Dabie, the relatively long duration of HP/UHP rocks at mantle depths may be sufficient
628 for thermal relaxation during initial exhumation.

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870 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

871 Figure 1. **(a)** Tectonic framework of the Sulu–Dabie orogen in central China. It is
872 located between the Yangtze craton to the south and the Sino–Korean craton to the north;
873 **(b)** Geological map of the western Dabie (modified from Wei et al., 2010). Based on
874 lithologies and metamorphic grade, western Dabie is subdivided into 6 units. From south
875 to north, they are: the Mulanshan greenschist–blueschist unit, the Hong’an HP eclogite
876 unit, the Xinxian UHP eclogite unit, the Huwan HP eclogite unit, the Balifan mélange
877 unit and the Nanwan flysch unit.

878 Figure 2. **(a)** Eclogitic block enclosed in the host garnet-bearing felsic gneiss. Eclogite
879 is strongly retrogressed from the center towards the rim. Abundant quartz veins are at the
880 edge of the block, with less in its interior; **(b)** Small veinlets in the center of the block

881 where eclogite Sdh-1 was sampled. Close to veinlet, eclogite was more strongly
882 retrogressed; **(c)** Thin section for Sdh-1 showing bimineralic texture with omphacite in
883 the matrix completely replaced by Pl ± Amp ± Cpx symplectite; **(d)** Thin section for
884 DB17-06 with veinlet of megacrystal rutile and quartz cross-cutting eclogite.

885 Figure 3. Photomicrographs showing the mineralogy and microstructures of eclogite in
886 BSE images **(a, b, c, f, l)**, under cross-polarized light **(e)** and plane-polarized light **(d, g, h,**
887 **i, j, k)**. **(a)** Subhedral garnet porphyroblast from Sdh-1 with inclusions of Ep, Amp, Omp
888 and Qtz; cracks in garnet are mainly filled with Amp + Pl + Rt/Ilm. Traverses of point
889 analyses roughly follow the solid white line; **(b)** Subhedral garnet porphyroblast from
890 Sdh-2. Traverses of point analyses roughly follow the solid white line; **(c)** Omphacite
891 inclusion in garnet of Fig. 3a. Omphacite was partly replaced by Cpx + Pl symplectite
892 (Sym2) which was rimmed by coarse Amp; **(d, e)** Omphacite inclusion in garnet. In the
893 matrix, Pl ± Amp ± Cpx symplectite shows short prismatic or granular shapes interpreted
894 to be pseudomorphs after omphacite; **(f)** Fractures in garnet filled with fibrous Amp + Pl
895 ± Rt/Ilm symplectite; **(g, h)** Cpx + Pl + Amp (Sym1), Cpx + Pl (Sym2) and Amp + Pl
896 (Sym3) symplectites in the matrix showing short prismatic shape; **(i)** Rutile inclusions in
897 garnet (type 1); **(j)** Rutile as single grains in the matrix abutting garnet (type 2); **(k)** Rutile
898 in the matrix surrounded by Qtz + Amp or Pl ± Amp ± Cpx symplectite (type 2); **(l)**
899 Megacrystal rutile in quartz veinlet crosscutting eclogite (type 3). Rutile has been
900 partially replaced by ilmenite along rims or fractures.

901 Figure 4. Traverses of point analyses for garnet from **(a)** Sdh-1 and **(b)** Sdh-2. Half A

902 and B represent analyses for one half and the other half of the garnet, respectively; **(c–d)**
903 element mapping of Ca and Mg for a large porphyroblastic garnet from Sdh–1; the dotted
904 lines may represent garnet zoning patterns; **(e–f)** Ca and Mg element mapping for a large
905 porphyroblastic garnet from Sdh–2; the dotted lines represent suggested garnet zoning
906 patterns.

907 Figure 5. Photomicrographs showing the microstructures of symplectite in Sdh–1
908 under plane-polarized light **(a)** and in BSE images **(b, c)**. Element maps of Sym1 **(d–f)**
909 and Sym2 **(h–k)** showing intergrowths of Cpx, Pl and/or Amp generally oriented
910 perpendicular to the reaction front. From Sym1 to Sym2, Amp (in volume content)
911 decreases while Cpx increases **(d–k)**.

912 Figure 6. Compositions of omphacite and amphibole from the eclogite Sdh–1 and Sdh–
913 2. **(a)** Compositions of omphacite. WEF represents endmembers for Wo (wollastonite),
914 En (enstatite) and Fs (ferrosilite) after Morimoto et al., (1988); **(b)** Classification of
915 amphibole with various occurrences (after Hawthorne et al., 2012). Ing, as inclusions in
916 garnet; ring, rimming garnet.

917 Figure 7. **(a, c)** *P–T* pseudosection for the eclogite Sdh–1. ① Grt Dio Gln Lws Spn,
918 ② Grt Gln Lws Ep Spn, ③ Grt Gln Lws Dio Omp Ep, ④ Grt Gln Lws Dio Omp Ta,
919 ⑤ Grt Lws Omp Ky, ⑥ Grt Gln Omp Ky, ⑦ Grt Gln Omp Ky Ep, ⑧ Grt Gln Omp
920 Ep Spn, ⑨ Grt Gln Lws Dio; **(b, d)** *P–T* pseudosection for the eclogite Sdh–2. ①
921 Grt Dio Gln Lws Spn, ② Grt Gln Lws Ep Spn, ③ Grt Gln Lws Dio Ep, ④ Grt Dio
922 Gln Ep Spn, ⑤ Grt Gln Dio Omp Lws Ep, ⑥ Grt Gln Dio Ep, ⑦ Grt Gln Dio Omp

923 Lws-Ta, ⑧ Grt-Gln-Dio-Lws, ⑨ Grt-Omp-Lws; (e) Variations of P defined by isopleths
924 of Grs in Grt from core to rim; (f) Compilation of the inferred P - T evolution from the
925 later prograde to the P_{\max} , then to the T_{\max} stages for both P - T pseudosections for Sdh-
926 1 and Sdh-2. The whole rock compositions are given in Table 4. “cg” represents
927 calculated isopleths for Grs in garnet, “mg” represents calculated isopleths for Prp in
928 garnet, xmg represents calculated isopleths for X_{Mg} in garnet and “jo” represents
929 calculated isopleths for j(o) of omphacite. Lws-Ec represents lawsonite eclogite facies,
930 Ep-Ec represents epidote eclogite facies, Amph-Ec represents amphibolite facies,
931 Ep-Bs represents epidote blueschist facies, EA represents epidote amphibolite facies,
932 AM represents amphibolite facies, HGR represents high pressure granulite facies (after
933 Liou et al., 2004). In this study, according to a - x models of amphibole for modeling
934 phase diagram using Thermocalc, glaucophane is defined to have high z (0.8–1, Na on
935 the M4 site) and y (0.9–1, octahedral Al) combined with low a (0–0.2, A-site Na) and c
936 (0–0.2, Ca), whereas hornblende is defined to have high a (0.2–0.6), y (0.2–0.6) and c
937 (0.6–0.9).

938 Figure 8. (a) P - T and (b) P - $M_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ pseudosections for the eclogite Sdh-1. The whole
939 rock compositions are given in Table 4. “jo” represents calculated isopleths for j(o) of
940 omphacite.

941 Figure 9. (a–c) Nb/Ta vs Nb, Ta and Zr, and (d–f) Zr vs Sc, U and Hf characteristics
942 for rutile with various occurrences.

943 Figure 10. The calculated T using the Zr-in-rutile thermometer by Tomkins et al. (2007)

944 for rutile with various occurrences. **(a)** Calculated at 25.0–30.0 kbar for type 1 rutile; **(b)**
 945 Calculated at 25.0–20.0 kbar for type 2 rutile; **(c)** Calculated at 15.0–10.0 kbar for type 3
 946 rutile and summary of the *T* calculated for rutile with various occurrences; **(d)** The
 947 interquartile *T* range for rutile with various occurrences. Box represents the interquartile
 948 *T* range. The thick black line in the rhombic field from a–c represents the upper limit of
 949 the interquartile *T* range.

950 Figure 11. Summary of *P–T* paths from this and previous studies of eclogite from
 951 western Dabie. The purple arrows represent the *P–T* path from our study. The solid arrow
 952 was inferred from garnet compositional isopleth thermobarometry; the dashed arrow was
 953 inferred from a combination of phase equilibrium modeling, Zr-in-rutile thermometer
 954 (blue rhombus) and Hb–Pl thermobarometry (green diamond).

955 Table 1. Representative compositions of garnet from eclogite at Sidaohe, western Dabie.

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sample	Sdh-1						Sdh-2					
mineral	Grt	Grt	Grt	Grt	Grt	Grt	Grt	Grt	Grt	Grt	Grt	Grt
position	r	r	r	c	c	c	r	r	r	c	c	c
SiO ₂	39.00	39.25	39.44	39.57	39.33	39.33	39.18	38.13	39.35	39.13	39.30	39.40
TiO ₂	bd	0.03	0.04	0.13	0.10	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.06	0.12	0.22	0.06
Al ₂ O ₃	21.57	21.50	21.43	21.11	21.51	20.96	21.38	20.72	21.35	21.08	21.16	21.24
Cr ₂ O ₃	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd
FeO	25.30	24.56	24.48	23.62	23.50	23.21	24.98	25.00	24.04	24.19	23.69	23.64
MnO	0.65	0.53	0.51	0.74	0.68	0.58	0.55	0.53	0.55	0.65	0.58	0.58
MgO	6.04	5.65	5.66	5.02	5.17	4.81	5.74	5.67	5.13	5.21	5.09	5.07
CaO	7.38	8.95	9.26	10.16	10.36	11.13	8.22	8.49	9.60	9.74	10.04	10.72
Na ₂ O	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.01
K ₂ O	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	0.01	bd	bd	0.01	0.01	bd	bd
Totals	99.94	100.48	100.85	100.39	100.69	100.10	100.16	98.61	100.13	100.17	100.12	100.72
Oxygens	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00

Si	3.02	3.03	3.03	3.06	3.03	3.05	3.03	3.00	3.04	3.04	3.04	3.04
Ti	bd	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00
Al	1.97	1.96	1.94	1.92	1.95	1.92	1.95	1.92	1.95	1.93	1.93	1.93
Cr	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd
Fe ³⁺	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fe ²⁺	1.64	1.58	1.57	1.53	1.51	1.50	1.62	1.58	1.56	1.57	1.53	1.52
Mn	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Mg	0.70	0.65	0.65	0.58	0.59	0.56	0.66	0.67	0.59	0.60	0.59	0.58
Ca	0.61	0.74	0.76	0.84	0.85	0.92	0.68	0.72	0.80	0.81	0.83	0.89
Na	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
K	bd	bd	bd	bd	bd	0.00	bd	bd	0.00	0.00	bd	bd
Sum	7.99	7.99	8.00	7.98	8.00	7.99	7.99	8.00	7.98	8.00	7.98	8.00
Alm	0.55	0.53	0.52	0.51	0.50	0.50	0.54	0.53	0.52	0.52	0.51	0.50
Prp	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.19	0.20	0.18	0.22	0.22	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.19
Grs	0.21	0.25	0.25	0.28	0.28	0.31	0.23	0.24	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.29
Sps	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

957 Note: c, core; r, rim. The mineral formulae were calculated using the program AX (updated in October,
958 2019; <https://filedn.com/IU1GlyFhv3UuXg5E9dbnWFF/TJBHpages/ax.html>). bd, below detection.

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960 Table 2. Representative compositions of clinopyroxene, amphibole and plagioclase from eclogite at Sidaohe, western Dabie.

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sample		Sdh-1						Sdh-2							
minerals	Omp	Cpx1	Amp	Amp	Amp	Amp	Pl	Pl	Omp	Cpx1	Amp	Amp	Amp	Pl	Pl
position	ing	Sym1	ing	ring	Sym1	Sym3	Sym1	Sym3	ing	Sym1	ing	Sym1	Sym3	Sym1	Sym3
SiO ₂	55.69	53.68	40.67	39.16	43.92	49.19	66.84	68.61	56.44	54.25	42.38	42.20	48.52	67.84	68.57
TiO ₂	0.01	0.05	0.21	0.08	0.10	0.32	bd	0.01	0.10	0.19	0.21	0.83	0.46	bd	0.00
Al ₂ O ₃	10.53	4.39	18.85	20.34	11.92	6.72	20.97	19.73	10.35	8.54	14.63	15.12	7.51	20.83	20.16
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.03	bd	bd	bd	bd	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.04	0.14	bd	0.00
FeO	6.19	7.96	14.67	11.84	16.68	13.86	0.24	0.17	6.63	9.25	13.77	14.56	13.10	0.21	0.17
MnO	0.01	0.00	0.11	0.12	0.06	0.07	bd	bd	0.00	0.02	0.28	0.45	0.07	bd	0.02
MgO	8.27	11.78	9.57	11.11	10.56	15.38	bd	0.00	7.62	9.99	12.18	10.98	13.91	bd	0.01
CaO	11.93	18.05	9.15	10.91	11.25	9.90	1.68	0.26	11.81	13.47	9.99	9.68	11.45	1.19	0.35
Na ₂ O	7.34	2.98	2.59	2.84	2.04	1.17	10.91	11.62	6.80	3.20	2.70	2.50	1.15	11.08	11.74
K ₂ O	0.00	0.00	bd	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.00
Totals	99.95	98.89	95.88	96.44	96.56	96.63	100.68	100.42	99.76	98.97	96.17	96.39	96.33	101.14	101.01
Oxygens	6.00	6.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	8.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	8.00	8.00
Si	1.98	1.98	6.02	5.73	6.55	7.12	2.91	2.99	2.02	1.98	6.26	6.24	7.09	2.94	2.97
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.09	0.05	bd	0.00
Al	0.44	0.19	3.29	3.51	2.10	1.15	1.08	1.01	0.44	0.37	2.55	2.63	1.29	1.06	1.03
Cr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		bd	bd	bd	0.00	0.00		0.01	0.02	bd	0.00
Fe ³⁺	0.11	0.05	0.46	0.51	0.40	0.54	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.44	0.42	0.32	0.01	0.01
Fe ²⁺	0.08	0.20	1.36	0.94	1.68	1.14	bd	bd	0.20	0.28	1.27	1.38	1.29	bd	0.00
Mn	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	bd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.06	0.01	bd	0.00

Mg	0.44	0.65	2.11	2.42	2.35	3.32	0.00	0.00	0.41	0.54	2.68	2.42	3.03	0.00	0.00
Ca	0.45	0.72	1.45	1.71	1.80	1.54	0.08	0.01	0.45	0.53	1.58	1.53	1.79	0.06	0.02
Na	0.51	0.21	0.74	0.81	0.59	0.33	0.92	0.98	0.47	0.23	0.77	0.72	0.33	0.93	0.99
K	0.00	0.00	bd	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Sum	4.00	4.00	15.46	15.65	15.49	15.17	5.00	5.00	3.99	3.94	15.61	15.50	15.21	4.99	5.01
X_{Mg}	0.45	0.42	0.61	0.72	0.58	0.74			0.38	0.40	0.68	0.64	0.70		
j(o)	0.53	0.23							0.51	0.30					
Ab							0.92	0.99						0.94	0.98

962 Note: The mineral formulae were calculated using the program AX (Tim Holland's AX software page:
 963 <http://www.esc.cam.ac.uk/research/research-groups/research-projects/tim-hollands-software-pages/ax>) except Amp whose formulae was calculated after
 964 Locock (2014) conforming to the IMA guidelines. bd, below detection. ing, inclusions in garnet; ring, rimming garnet; $X_{Mg} = Mg/(Mg+Fe^{2+})$; j(o) =
 965 Na/(Na+Ca).
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967 Table 3. Representative composition of rutile from eclogite at Sidaohe, western Dabie and calculated *T* using Zr-in-rutile thermometer.

sample	position	REE content (ppm)								Zr-in-rutile results (°C)						
		Nb	Ta	Nb/Ta	Sc	U	Hf	Zr	2σ (Zr)	T10	T20	T25	T30	2σ	Z2004	W2006
Sdh-1	ing	326.9	21.6	15.1	2.2	0.6	3.7	124.3	9.1	583.9	623.8	643.7	659.5	5.5	606.4	577.6
Sdh-1	ing	362.6	22.1	16.4	6.3	1.2	2.8	75.2	6.6	550.3	588.7	607.8	622.5	6.1	542.0	544.1
Sdh-1	ing	350.2	21.3	16.5	3.1	1.1	3.3	100.8	8.1	569.5	608.8	628.4	643.7	5.9	579.6	563.3
Sdh-1	ing	340.8	22.8	14.9	5.9	2.8	3.5	114.2	9.1	578.0	617.6	637.5	653.0	5.9	595.5	571.8
Sdh-1	ing	322.4	18.8	17.2	4.7	0.5	3.7	105.0	7.9	572.3	611.6	631.3	646.7	5.5	584.7	566.0
Sdh-1	ing	330.5	19.3	17.1	4.6	0.4	3.6	89.3	6.4	561.5	600.3	619.8	634.8	5.2	564.0	555.3
Sdh-1	ing	334.7	22.0	15.2	5.0	0.6	3.5	100.7	8.7	569.4	608.7	628.3	643.6	6.3	579.4	563.2
Sdh-1	matrix	466.9	22.2	21.0	5.5	1.5	5.2	152.0	12.6	598.0	638.6	658.9	675.2	6.4	632.1	591.8
Sdh-1	matrix	381.8	22.1	17.3	4.4	1.2	4.5	163.3	10.2	603.2	644.0	664.4	680.9	5.0	641.2	597.0
Sdh-1	matrix	324.3	19.3	16.8	3.9	1.1	3.8	96.3	8.2	566.5	605.6	625.1	640.3	6.2	573.7	560.2
Sdh-1	matrix	383.0	19.0	20.1	3.3	1.7	4.2	160.9	9.1	602.1	642.9	663.3	679.7	4.5	639.3	595.9
Sdh-1	matrix	483.8	29.3	16.5	5.0	2.7	7.1	247.8	16.6	634.5	676.8	697.9	715.6	5.7	694.5	628.3
Sdh-1	matrix	338.6	21.0	16.1	4.2	1.5	5.0	221.3	13.4	625.8	667.7	688.6	705.9	5.1	680.0	619.6
Sdh-1	matrix	356.0	21.3	16.7	4.9	2.5	3.3	135.3	9.2	589.8	630.0	650.1	666.1	5.2	617.2	583.6
Sdh-1	matrix	407.8	19.8	20.6	2.4	2.0	3.1	95.7	7.7	566.1	605.2	624.7	639.9	5.8	572.9	559.8
Sdh-1	matrix	347.7	21.0	16.6	2.5	2.1	3.2	109.2	7.8	575.0	614.5	634.2	649.7	5.3	589.8	568.7
Sdh-1	matrix	364.6	21.9	16.6	3.9	1.0	6.2	189.9	11.2	614.3	655.6	676.3	693.2	4.8	660.5	608.1
Sdh-1	matrix	328.2	19.6	16.7	2.1	0.7	3.6	96.5	7.5	566.6	605.7	625.3	640.5	5.7	574.0	560.4
Sdh-1	matrix	342.1	20.5	16.7	1.8	0.9	4.1	102.4	7.2	570.6	609.9	629.6	644.9	5.2	581.6	564.4
Sdh-1	matrix	393.0	21.2	18.5	2.4	0.6	5.6	150.8	10.2	597.4	638.0	658.3	674.6	5.3	631.0	591.2
DB17-06	mega	336.7	19.4	17.3	1.2	0.7	4.0	83.7	6.2	557.2	595.9	615.2	630.1	5.2	555.7	551.0
DB17-06	mega	376.8	21.8	17.3	1.2	0.9	3.9	96.6	6.0	566.7	605.8	625.4	640.6	4.5	574.1	560.5
DB17-06	mega	339.7	20.0	17.0	1.3	0.5	3.7	86.9	6.4	559.7	598.5	617.9	632.8	5.3	560.6	553.5

DB17-06	mega	354.0	22.6	15.6	1.2	0.4	3.9	84.0	5.1	557.5	596.2	615.5	630.4	4.3	556.2	551.3
DB17-06	mega	343.0	20.0	17.2	1.1	0.4	3.4	76.8	4.7	551.7	590.1	609.3	624.0	4.3	544.7	545.4
DB17-06	mega	345.2	18.9	18.3	1.2	0.5	4.4	88.9	5.1	561.2	600.0	619.5	634.5	4.1	563.5	555.0
DB17-06	mega	348.1	15.5	22.5	1.1	0.6	4.5	105.0	7.7	572.3	611.6	631.3	646.7	5.4	584.7	566.1
DB17-06	mega	361.9	26.1	13.9	1.0	0.4	3.9	91.8	6.0	563.3	602.3	621.8	636.9	4.7	567.7	557.1
DB17-06	mega	369.2	20.4	18.1	1.4	0.5	3.5	82.0	4.9	555.9	594.5	613.8	628.6	4.2	553.1	549.7
DB17-06	mega	323.9	19.3	16.8	1.0	6.1	3.6	84.0	5.4	557.5	596.1	615.5	630.4	4.6	556.2	551.2
DB17-06	mega	336.2	19.0	17.7	0.9	0.6	3.9	81.0	5.4	555.1	593.7	613.0	627.8	4.7	551.6	548.9
DB17-06	mega	331.7	17.7	18.7	2.4	0.3	3.3	75.2	5.1	550.4	588.7	607.9	622.5	4.8	542.2	544.2
DB17-06	mega	344.6	18.7	18.4	2.0	0.5	3.4	89.1	7.3	561.3	600.2	619.6	634.6	5.9	563.8	555.1
DB17-06	mega	356.9	19.8	18.0	1.8	0.5	3.6	83.9	4.8	557.4	596.1	615.4	630.3	4.1	556.0	551.2
DB17-06	mega	355.9	22.6	15.8	1.6	0.4	3.5	71.9	4.8	547.5	585.7	604.9	619.4	4.6	536.5	541.3
DB17-06	mega	363.1	21.0	17.3	2.2	0.3	3.6	84.4	6.0	557.8	596.5	615.8	630.7	5.1	556.8	551.6
DB17-06	mega	352.1	17.5	20.1	1.6	0.4	3.6	90.3	6.2	562.2	601.1	620.6	635.6	4.9	565.5	556.0
DB17-06	mega	435.1	26.8	16.2	1.5	0.3	3.6	87.4	7.4	560.1	598.9	618.3	633.3	6.0	561.3	553.9
DB17-06	mega	357.0	20.1	17.8	1.8	4.6	3.6	76.2	5.1	551.2	589.6	608.8	623.4	4.7	543.8	545.0
DB17-06	mega	348.5	18.9	18.4	1.7	0.5	3.4	82.3	6.3	556.2	594.8	614.1	628.9	5.4	553.6	549.9

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Note: ing, rutile as inclusions in garnet (type 1); matrix, rutile in the matrix (type 2); meta, megacrystal rutile in quartz veinlet (type 3). T10, *T* calculated at 10.0 kbar using the Zr-in-rutile thermometer calibrated by Tomkins (2007), similar to T20, T25 and T30; Z2004, Zack et al. (2004); W2006, Watson et al. (2006).

973 Table 4. Whole rock compositions (in wt%) together with modified bulk compositions (in mol%) used for phase diagram calculations
 974 for eclogite at Sidaohe, western Dabie. For the modified bulk compositions, FeO^T represents total iron. Oxygen (in mol%) is equal to
 975 Fe₂O₃ (in mol%).

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Samples	Figures	H ₂ O	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	CaO	MgO	FeO (FeO ^T)	K ₂ O	Na ₂ O	TiO ₂	MnO	Fe ₂ O ₃ (O)	P ₂ O ₅
Primary bulk rock composition (wt%)													
Sdh-1		*	50.99	13.97	9.54	5.52	14.28	0.03	2.87	2.46	0.22	*	0.39
Sdh-2		*	48.02	13.73	9.99	6.04	14.85	0.04	2.87	2.32	0.21	*	0.43
Corrected bulk rock composition (mol%)													
Sdh-1	Fig. 7a, c	excess	54.53	8.80	10.34	8.80	11.49	0.02	2.97	1.98	0.19	0.86	
	Fig. 8a	excess	57.59	6.18	11.82	10.98	4.80	0.00	5.65	1.99	0.00	0.98	
	Fig. 8b	0.00	57.59	6.18	11.82	10.98	4.80	0.00	5.65	1.99	0.00	0.98	
		2.00	56.43	6.06	11.59	10.76	4.71	0.00	5.54	1.95	0.00	0.96	
Sdh-2	Fig. 7b, d	excess	52.22	8.80	10.98	9.79	12.15	0.03	3.02	1.90	0.19	0.91	

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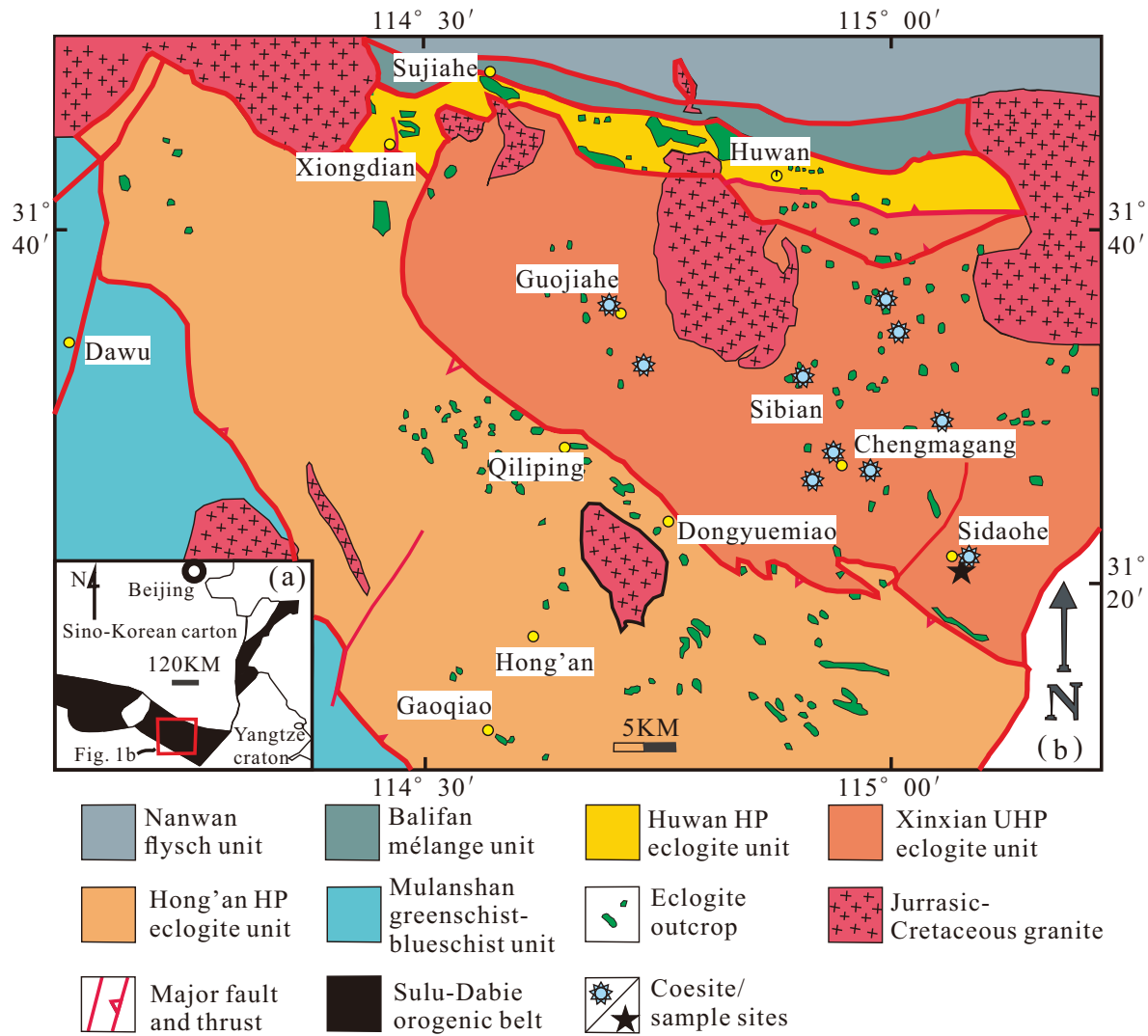


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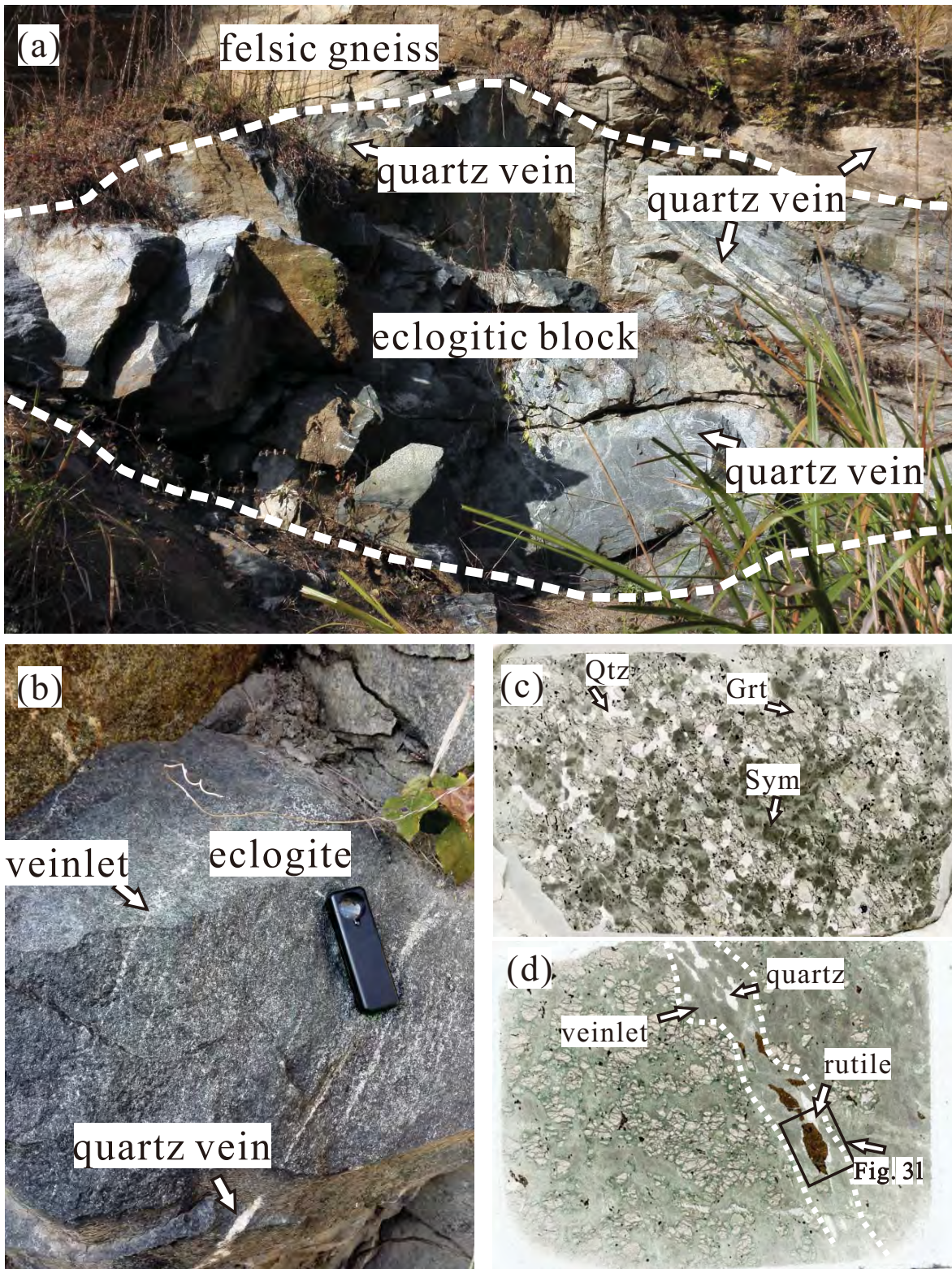


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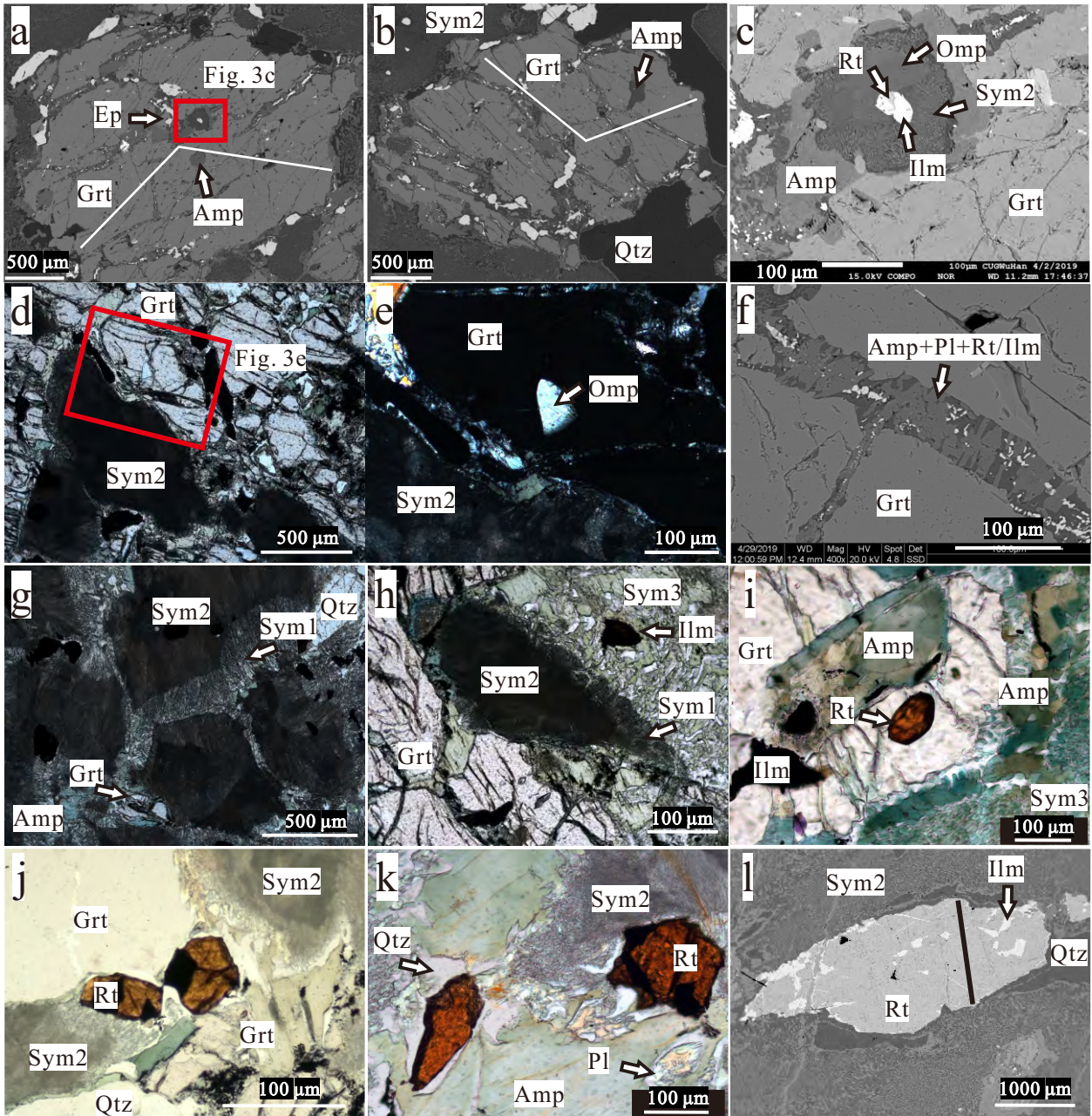


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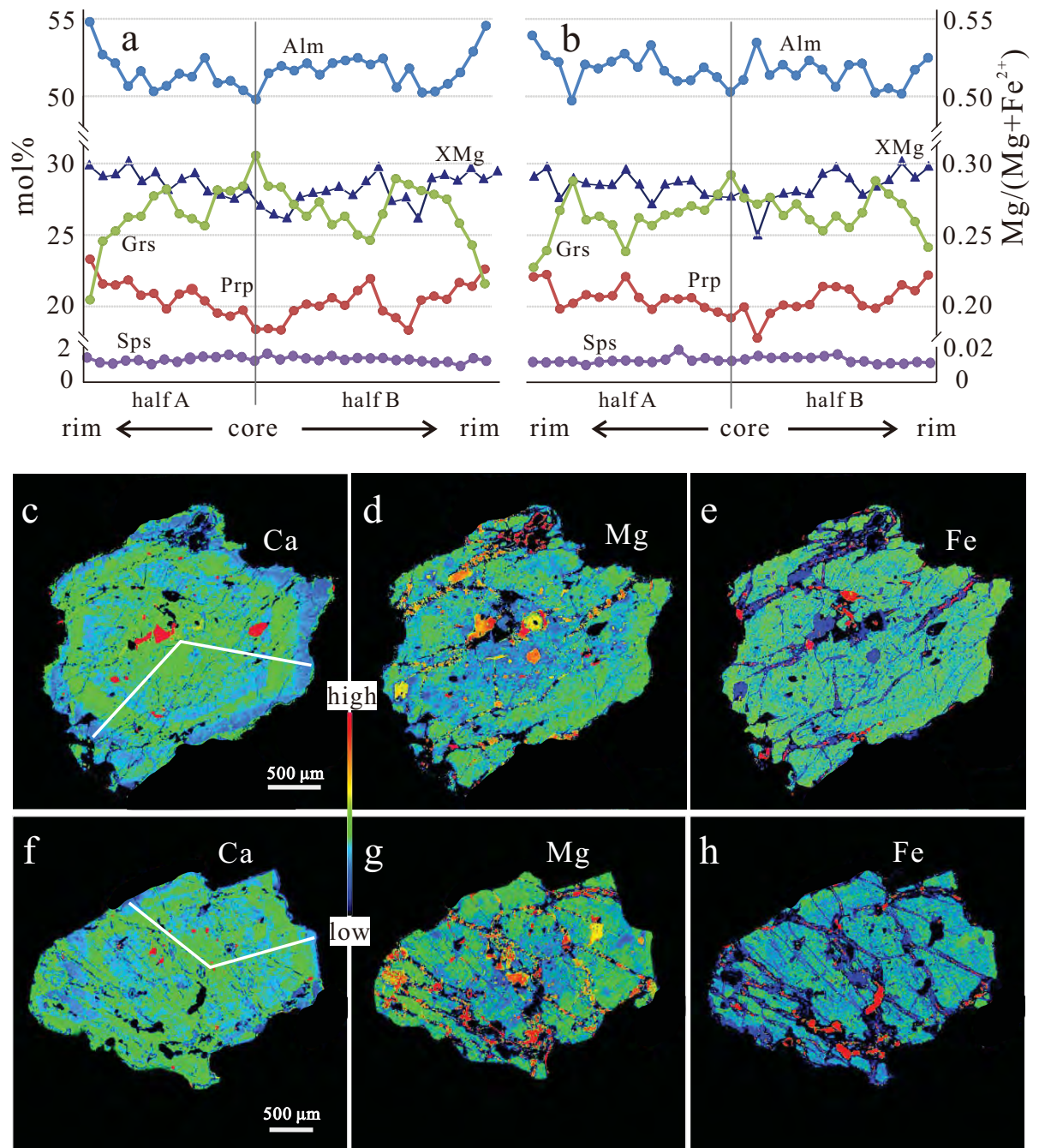


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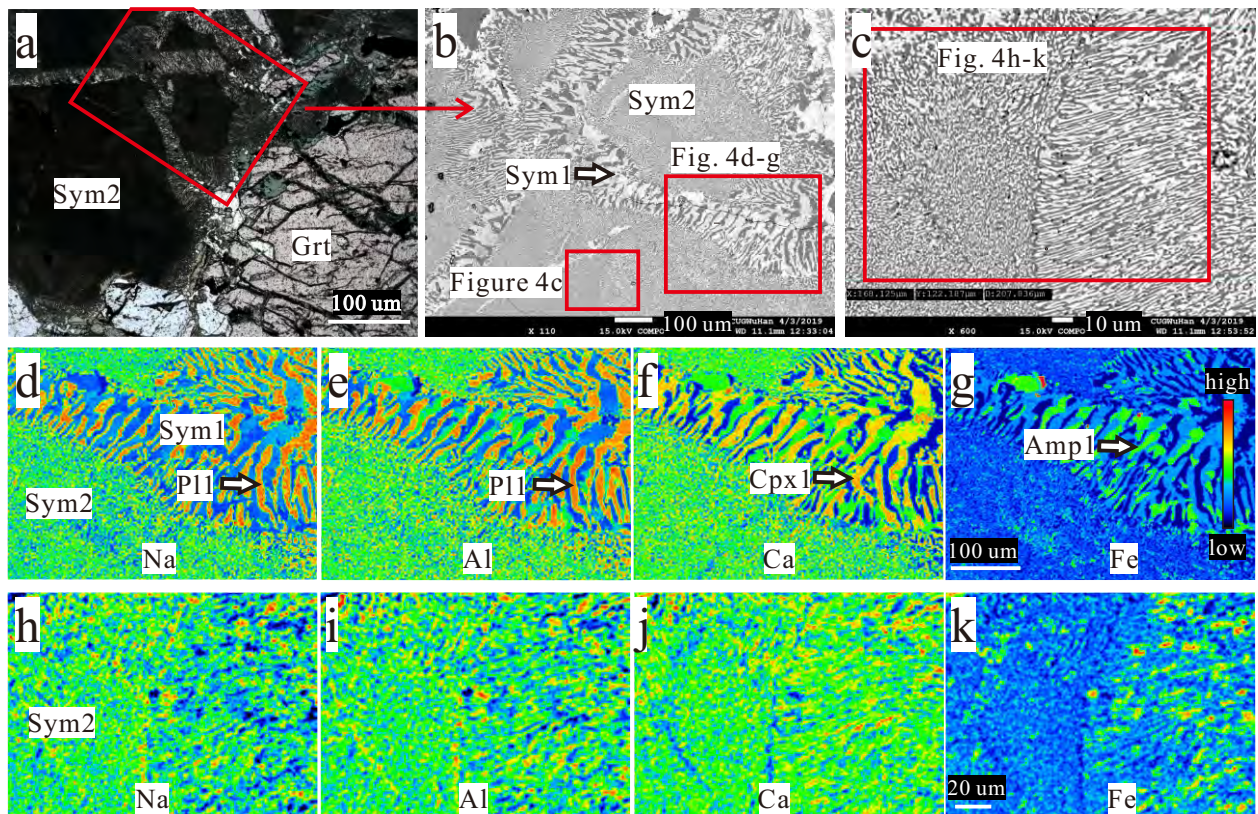


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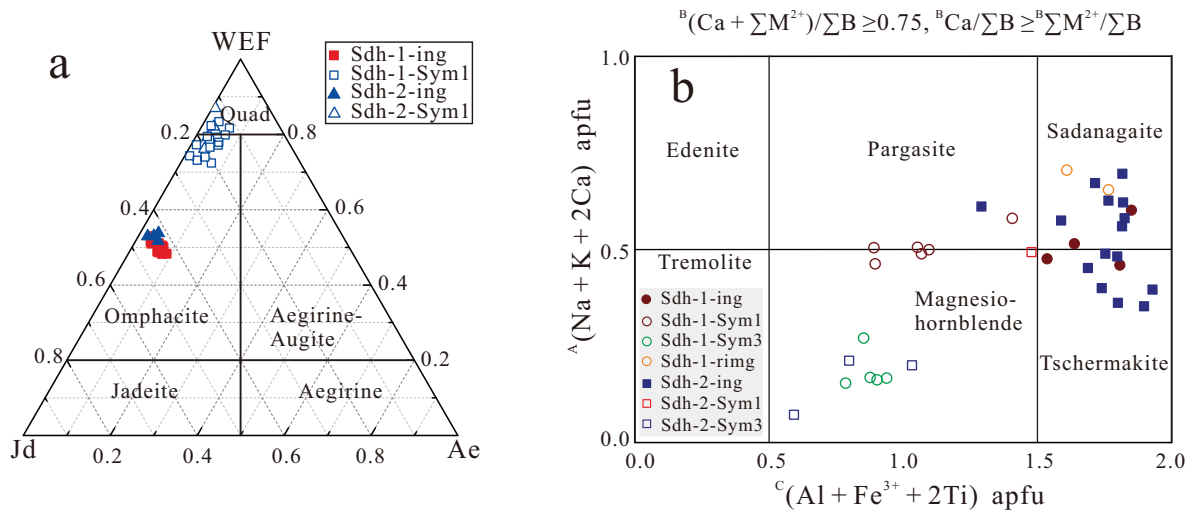


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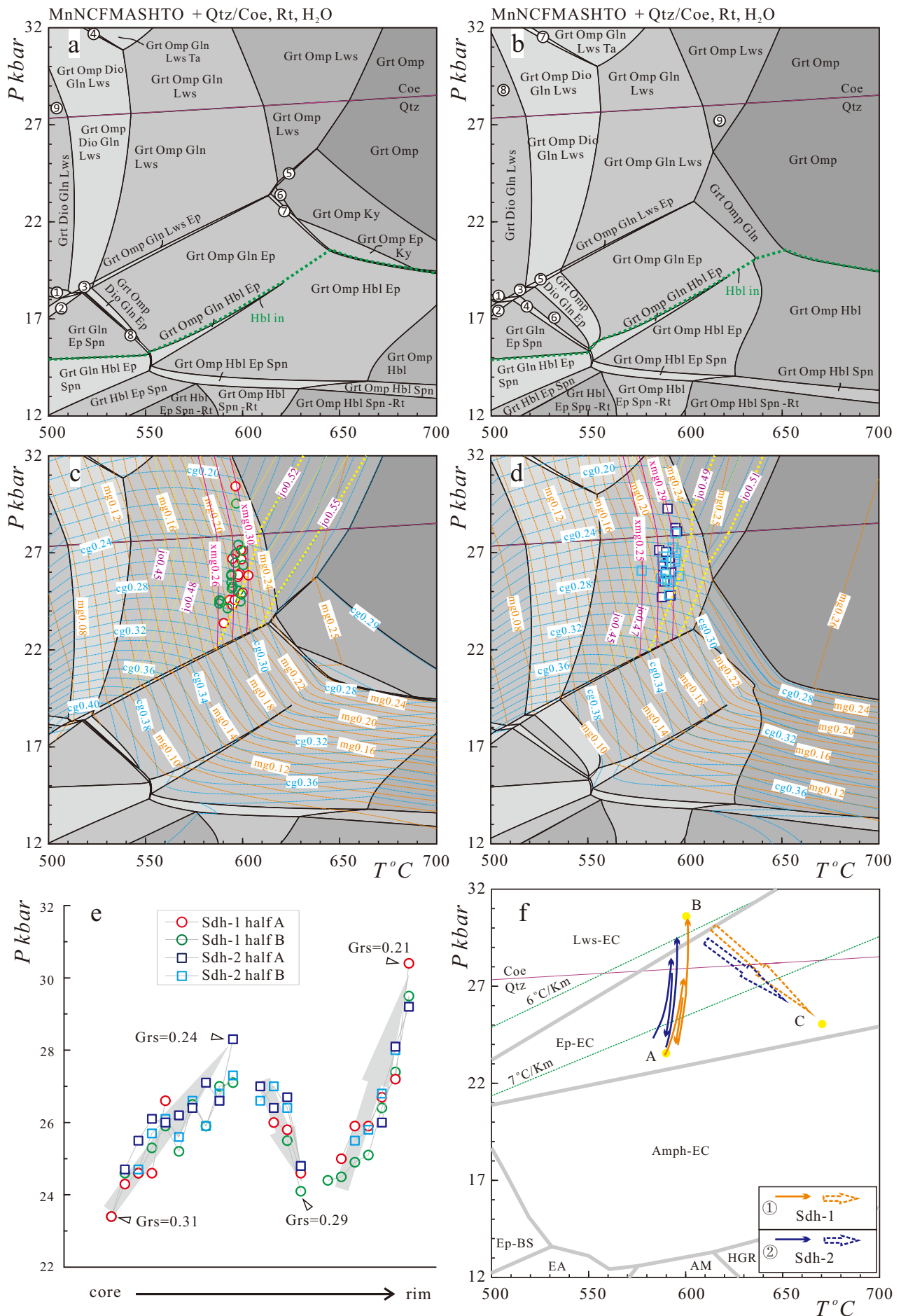


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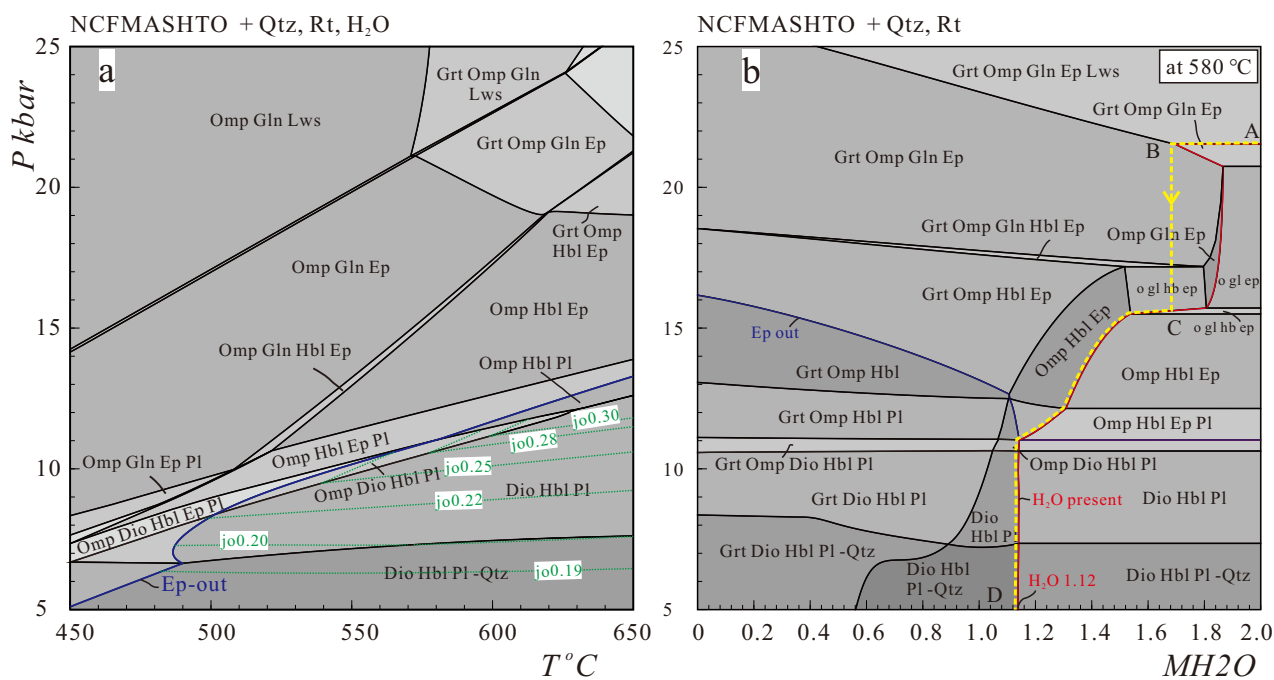


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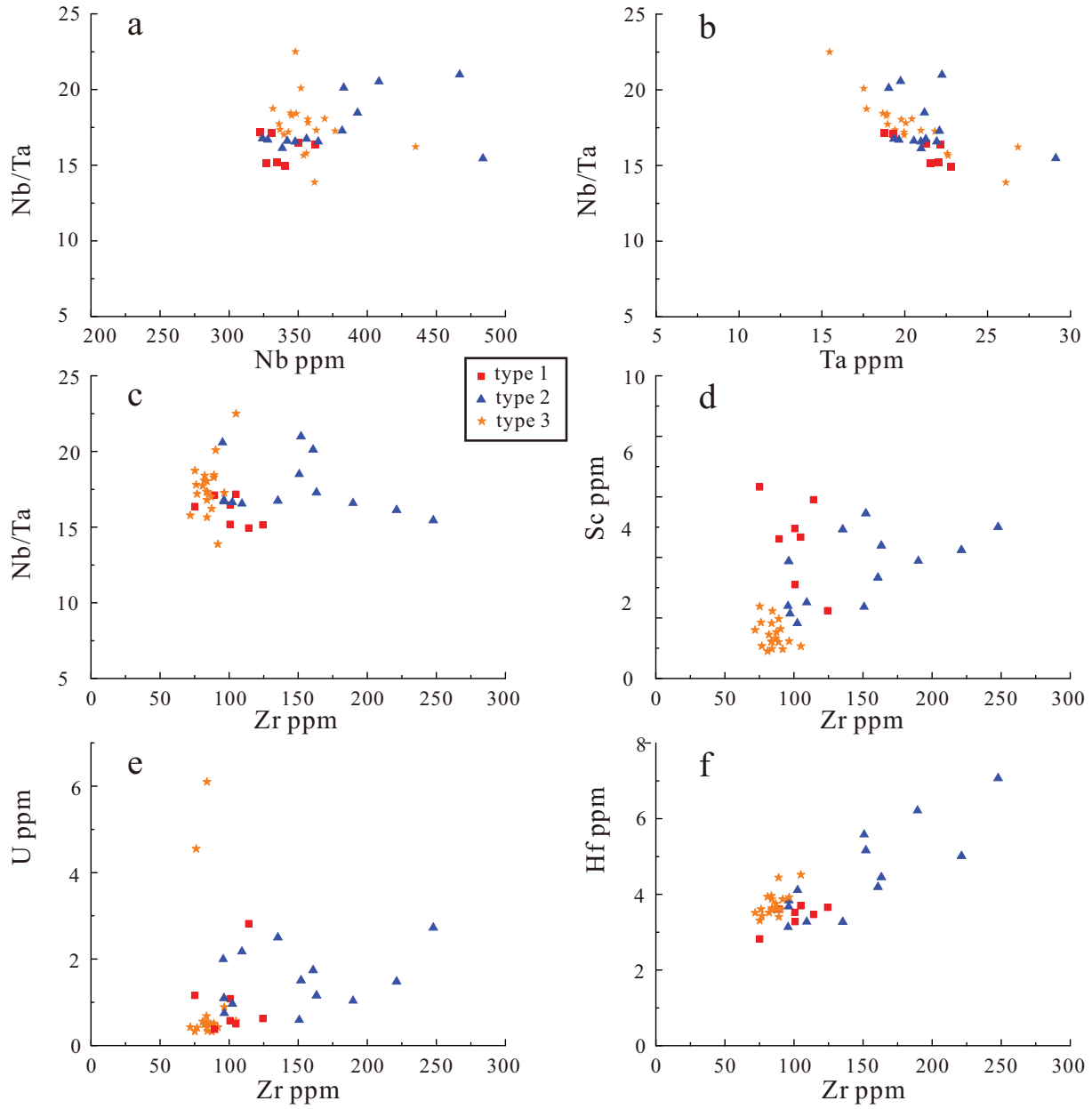


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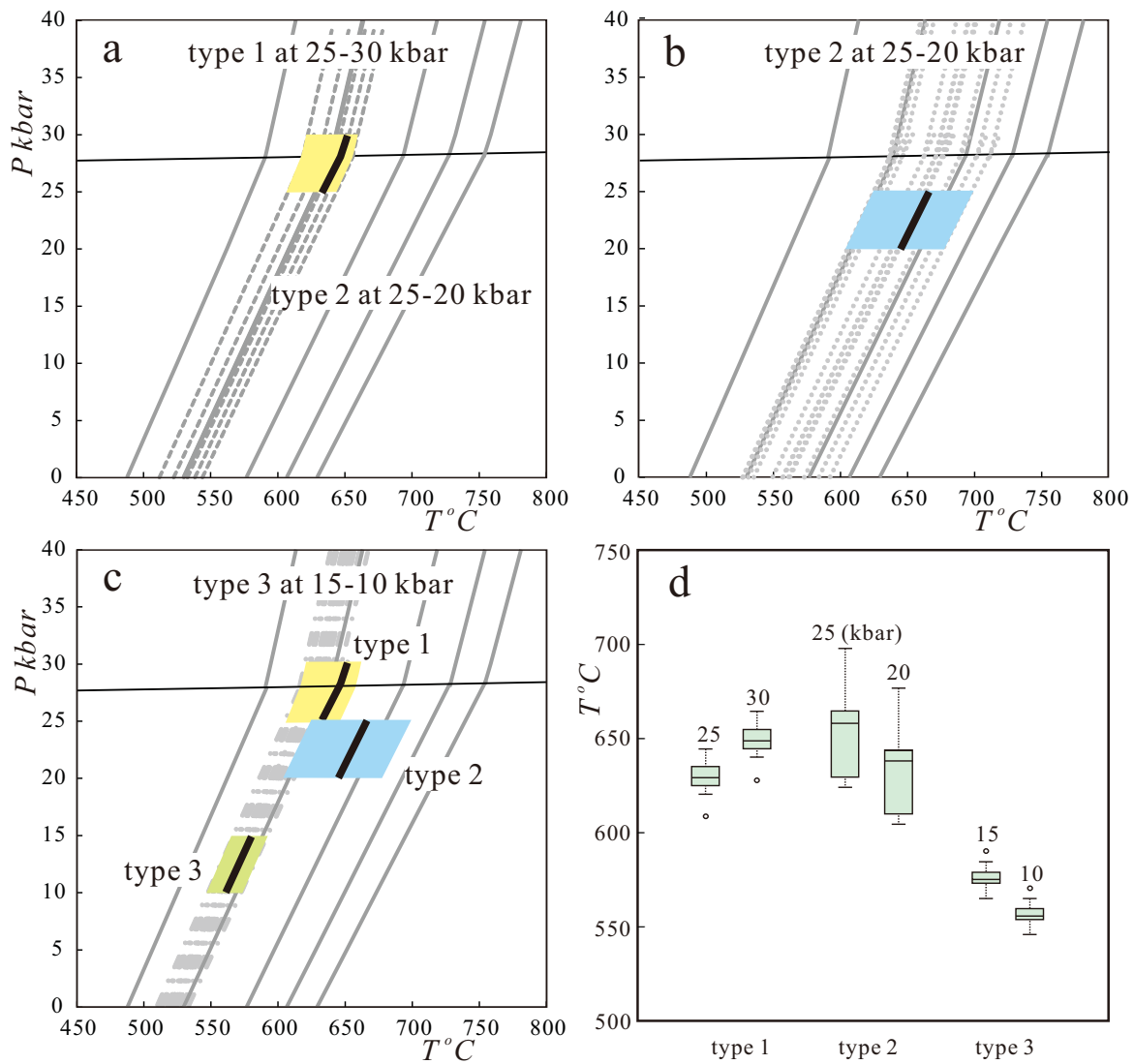


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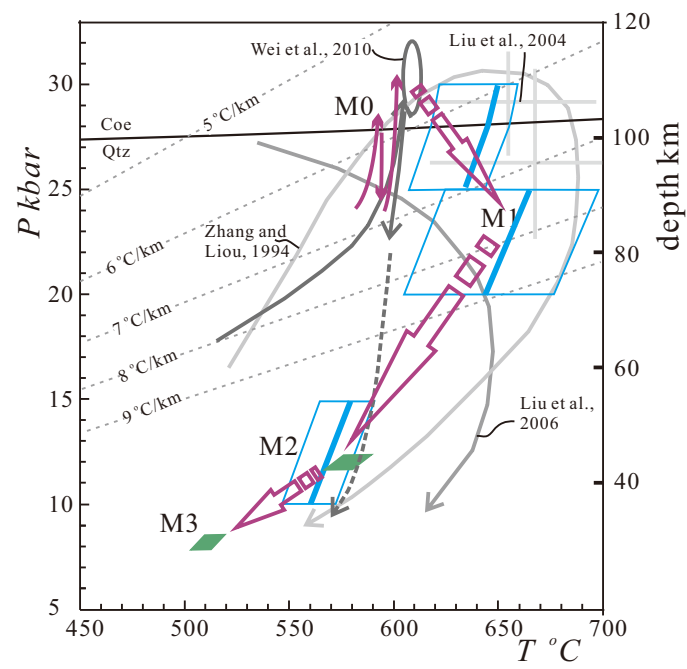


Figure 11