1 Crestal graben fluid evolution during growth of the Puig-reig anticline

(South Pyrenean fold and thrust belt)

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17 Abstract

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The Puig-reig anticline, located in the South Pyrenean fold and thrust belt, developed during the Alpine compression, which affected the upper Eocene-lower Oligocene sediments of the Solsona and Berga Formations. In this study, we highlight the controls on formation of joints and reverse, strike-slip and normal faults developed in the crest domain of the Puig-reig anticline as well as the relationships between fluids and these fractures. We integrated structural, petrographic and geochemical studies, using for the first time in SE Pyrenees the clumped isotopes thermometry to obtain reliable temperatures of calcite precipitation.

Structural and microstructural analysis demonstrate that at outcrop scale fracturing was controlled by rigidity contrasts between layers, diagenesis and structural position within the anticline, whereas grain size, cementation and porosity controlled deformation at microscopic scale. Petrographic and geochemical studies of calcite precipitated in host rock porosity and fault planes reveal the presence of two migrating fluids, which represents two different stages of evolution of the Puig-reig anticline. During the layer-parallel shortening, hydrothermal fluids with temperatures between 92 and 130°C circulated through the main thrusts to the permeable host rocks, reverse and most of strike-slip faults precipitating as cement Cc1.
 During the fold growth, meteoric waters circulated downwards through normal and some
 strike-slip faults and mixed at depth with the previous hydrothermal fluid, precipitating as
 cement Cc2 at temperatures between 77 and 93°C.

Integration of the results from the Puig-reig anticline in this work and the El Guix anticline
indicates that hydrothermal fluids did not reach the El Guix anticline, in which only meteoric
and evolved meteoric waters circulated along the fold.

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belt

41 1. Introduction

42 A great variety of tectonic, sedimentary and fluid flow interactions take place during 43 deformation of foreland basins at different scales and depths. Thus, fluid-rock interactions during deformation play a significant role during diagenesis, hydrocarbon migration and 44 45 precipitation of ore deposits as it has been widely recognized (Oliver, 1986; Qing and 46 Mountjoy, 1992; Machel and Cavell, 1999; Dewaele et al., 2004; Roure et al., 2005; Evans and 47 Fischer, 2012; Vandeginste et al., 2012; Beaudoin et al., 2011, 2013, 2014; Lacombe et al., 48 2014). In addition, diagenetic processes related to fluid flow can control the fracture patterns 49 of rocks (Shackleton et al., 2005; Laubach et al., 2009).

Fluids are expelled into foreland basins by tectonically-induced squeegee fluid flow, using major thrust faults and permeable rocks as paths (Oliver, 1986; Machel and Cavell, 1999; Sibson, 2005). Moreover, other driving forces such as topography and thermal gradients and changes in tectonic stresses and fluid pressures can control fluid flow at basin scale (Oliver, 1986; Heydari, 1997; Bitzer et al., 2001; Lyubetskaya and Ague, 2009). The palaeohydrological history of these fluids (e.g., fluid composition, pressure, temperature and burial) in deformed

fold and thrust belts and foreland basins is recorded in the composition of the cements precipitated in rock porosity and fractures (Grant et al., 1990; Banks et al., 1991; McCaig et al., 2000a; Bitzer et al., 2001; Roure et al., 2005). Thus, the study of cements sheds light on the diagenetic and geodynamic evolution of fold and thrust belts.

60 Joints and faults related to folding in gently deformed foreland basins allow lateral and vertical 61 migration of fluids across different hydrostratigraphic units (Travé et al., 2000; Lefticariu et al., 62 2005; Fischer et al., 2009; Beaudoin et al., 2011; Barbier et al., 2012; Evans et al., 2012; Evans 63 and Fischer, 2012; Ogata et al., 2014). Previous work on the interactions between folding and 64 fluid flow in fold and thrust belts worldwide have been conducted in many examples such as 65 the Albanian fold and thrust belt (Vilasi et al., 2009), Northern Apennines (Conti et al., 2010), 66 Sicilian fold and thrust belt (Dewever et al., 2013), Appalachians (Srivastava and Engelder, 67 1990; Evans et al., 2012; Chandonais and Onasch, 2014), Bighorn Basin (Beaudoin et al., 2011, 68 2013, 2014), Sevier thrust belt (Ogata et al., 2014), Nuncios Fold Complex (Lefticariu et al., 2005; Fischer et al., 2009) and the Zagros fold and thrust belt (Stephenson et al., 2007; Morley 69 70 et al., 2014).

The South Pyrenean fold and thrust belt and its foreland Ebro basin constitute a well-known and well-preserved case study for tectonic and sedimentary interactions (Vergés et al., 2002a for a review). In this scenario, the study between fluid flow and deformation encompassing a pile of thrust sheets with different ages of emplacement (Vergés et al., 2002b), may contribute to better constrain the large-scale evolution of this fold and thrust belt as well as of its associated foreland basin (e.g., Van Geet et al., 2002; Travé et al., 2004; Ferket et al., 2006; Travé et al., 2007; Dewever et al., 2013; Beaudoin et al., 2014).

A first group of studies regarding the fluid evolution of the south Pyrenees mainly analysed the inner part of the thrust belt in the basement of the Axial Zone (McCaig, 1988; Grant et al., 1990; Banks et al., 1991; Knipe and McCaig, 1994; McCaig et al., 1995; Henderson and McCaig,

81 1996; McCaig et al., 2000a, b). Furthermore, fluid-rock interactions were analyzed in the cover 82 thrust-sheets along the western side of the Central Pyrenees (Travé et al., 1997, 1998a, 2007; 83 Lacroix et al., 2011; Beaudoin et al., 2015). A few more works report the fluid evolution of the 84 southeastern Pyrenees thrusts sheets and foreland basin further east (Travé et al., 2000) as 85 well as the relationships between fluid flow and hydrocarbon migration during the Eocene 86 (Caja et al., 2006).

The Puig-reig anticline is located along the footwall of the SE Pyrenean outcropping basal thrust (the Vallfogona thrust). This anticline evolved during the late stages of deformation and thus, it was affected by the youngest generations of fluids within the fold and thrust belt system. This fact will permit further comparison with more complex fluid flow scenarios when studying older and piled thrust sheets (Cadí, Lower Pedraforca and Upper Pedraforca thrust sheets).

93 In this work, we report the fluid flow system evolution during the development of the Puig-reig 94 anticline, located in the eastern sector and frontal most part of the South Pyrenean fold and thrust belt. We integrate structural, petrographic and geochemical data with the aim of 95 96 determining the origin of the fluids from which cements precipitated in fractures and host rock 97 porosity, and their relationships with deformation. We use for the first time in the southern 98 Pyrenees the clumped isotopes thermometry (Ghosh et al., 2006; Eiler, 2007), which has been 99 recently applied to other fault zones (Swanson et al., 2012; Bergman et al., 2013) allowing to 100 obtain reliable precipitation temperatures when fluid inclusions in calcite does not allow to 101 determine them. Finally, the results from the Puig-reig anticline are compared with the El Guix 102 anticline along the tip-line of the Pyrenean front (Travé et al., 2000, 2007) in order to perform 103 a fluid flow model for the frontal most part of the South Pyrenean fold and thrust belt.

104 2. Geological setting

105 The Pyrenees formed by the continental collision between Iberia and Eurasia plates and 106 consist of a doubly verging orogenic belt generated from Late Cretaceous to Oligocene 107 (Muñoz, 2002; Vergés et al., 2002a) (Fig. 1). This collision produced the underthrusting of the 108 Iberian plate below the Eurasian plate as recognised in deep seismic profiles across the orogen 109 (Choukroune et al., 1989; Roure et al., 1989). As a result, the previous Mesozoic extensional 110 basins were inverted and an antiformal stack constituted of basement-involved thrust sheets 111 in the central part of the chain (Axial zone) developed (Muñoz, 1992). To the north of the Axial zone, the thick-skinned North Pyrenean fold and thrust belt was developed whereas to the 112 113 south, the prevailing structural style was thin-skinned, resulting in the development of the 114 South Pyrenean fold and thrust belt (Fig. 1), detached predominantly above Triassic evaporites 115 (Séguret, 1972) and the Eocene evaporites deposited in the foreland basin (Vergés et al., 116 1992). During the emplacement of the successive thrust sheets, two foreland basins were 117 formed: the Aquitaine Basin, related to the development of the North Pyrenean fold and 118 thrust belt and the Ebro Basin, related to the emplacement of the South Pyrenean fold and 119 thrust belt (Fig. 1). The Ebro Basin represents the non-marine stage of the South Pyrenean 120 foreland basin (Vergés, 1993) developed from middle Priabonian time (Costa et al., 2010). The 121 fold system deforming the eastern region of the Ebro Basin was detached above the Cardona 122 evaporites (Sans et al., 1996; Sans, 2003). The Puig-reig anticline developed at the northern edge of the Cardona evaporitic basin, with an oblique trend to the Pyrenean direction, and 123 124 represents a complex ramp anticline between the Beuda and the Cardona thrust flats (Figs. 1 125 and 2a) (Vergés, 1993).

126 The Puig-reig anticline is located along the footwall of the SE Pyrenean basal thrust (the 127 Vallfogona thrust) (Figs. 1b and 2). It is a long-wavelength, south-verging and ESE/WNW 128 trending anticline, slightly oblique to the main Pyrenean structures. The anticline is formed

above a thrust ramp duplicating middle and upper Eocene marls (Banyoles and Igualada
Formations) between the Beuda and the Cardona evaporitic detachment levels (Fig. 2a)
(Vergés et al., 1992). The backlimb dips between 5 and 17 degrees towards the north, whereas
the forelimb dips up to 40 degrees to the south, being subhorizontal in its frontal part (Fig. 2b).
The Oliana anticline is the continuation of the Puig-reig anticline towards the west (Fig. 1),
showing a much deeper erosion level, reaching the Igualada marls that are not exposed in the
study area.

136 The stratigraphy of the Puig-reig anticline is composed of Lutetian and Bartonian marine marls 137 (Banyoles and Igualada Formations; Serra-Kiel et al., 2003a, b) followed by non-marine lower-138 middle Priabonian Berga and Solsona Formations (Riba, 1973; Puigdefàbregas et al., 1986, 139 1992; Valero et al., 2014). These units represent the endorheic infill of the Ebro basin (García-140 Castellanos et al., 2003; Sáez et al., 2007; Costa et al., 2010; Fig. 3). The Berga Formation 141 consists of up to 2500 m thick alluvial conglomerates, which grade to the south (study area) to 142 finer fluvial sandstones, siltstones and claystones of the Solsona Formation (Williams et al., 143 1998; Barrier et al., 2010).

The Berga and Solsona Formations show growth strata geometries, observed in seismic lines (Vergés, 1993), indicating coeval deposition during the growth of the Puig-reig anticline and emplacement of the Vallfogona thrust (Fig. 2a) (Riba, 1973; Vergés, 1993). The Berga Formation displays outstanding growth strata patterns in the Busa syncline, located between the Puig-reig anticline and the Vallfogona thrust (Riba, 1976; Suppe et al., 1997; Ford et al., 1997) (Fig. 2a).

The study area, along the Cardener River, shows good and continuous exposures of the Berga and mostly Solsona syntectonic formations forming the Puig-reig anticline, cut by a system of faults from which the antithetic normal faults extending its crestal domain are the most prominent.

154 **3.** <u>Methodology</u>

155 **3.1.** Sampling

The structure of the Puig-reig anticline displays a 10 km long geological cross section (Fig. 2b). To characterize the evolution of the fluids during the formation of this anticline, a structural analysis was combined with the petrographic and geochemical study of 32 polished thin sections made from 26 fracture-filling cements and host rocks (Fig. 4).

160 **3.2.** Petrography

161 Petrographic observations were made using optical and cathodoluminescence microscopy. A 162 CITL Cathodoluminescence device Model 8200 Mk5-1 operating at 13.7 kV and 250 µA gun 163 current was used to distinguish the different cements. Images from thin sections were 164 analysed with the software J-Microvision in order to quantify the host rock components (clasts, cements, porosity). A random point-counting was done, using images of 5 mm² for coarse to 165 medium sandstones, 1.5 mm² for fine sandstones, 0.5 mm² for lutites and 20 mm² for 166 167 palustrine-lacustrine limestones. In addition, point-counting was applied in the matrix of host 168 conglomerates using the same image size areas than in sandstones and lutites, depending on 169 the grain size.

170 3.3. Fluid inclusions

Fluid inclusions were examined in vein calcite cements to determine composition and
temperature conditions of the mineral-forming fluid. Thick sections were used for petrographic
characterization of the fluid inclusions and for microthermometric determination.
Measurements were made on a Linkam THMS-600 heating-freezing stage.

Raman microspectroscopy analyses were recorded with a LabRam HR800 Jobin-Yvon[™]
microspectrometer equipped with 600 g/mm gratings and using 785 nm (red) and 532 nm
(green) laser excitations. Acquisition timespan was 10 seconds during 10 accumulation spectra.

178 Vapour bubbles were analysed in order to determine the presence of volatile species (CO₂,
179 CH₄, N₂, H₂S).

180 3.4. Carbon and oxygen isotopes

181 Fracture-filling calcite and carbonate host rocks were sampled for carbon- and oxygen-isotope 182 analysis employing a 400 μ m-thick dental drill to extract 60 ± 10 μ g of powder from trims. The 183 calcite powder was reacted with 100% phosphoric acid for two minutes at 70°C. The resultant 184 CO₂ was analysed using an automated Kiel Carbonate Device attached to a Thermal Ionization 185 Mass Spectrometer Thermo Electron (Finnigan) MAT-252 following the method of McCrea (1950). The results are precise to \pm 0.05‰ for δ^{18} O and \pm 0.01‰ for δ^{13} C and were corrected 186 187 using the standard technique (Craig and Gordon, 1965; Claypool et al., 1980), expressed in ‰ 188 with respect to the VPDB (Vienna Pee Dee Belemnite) standard.

189 3.5. Clumped isotope thermometry

190 Aliquots (replicates) of carbonate samples weighing 2-3 mg were measured using an 191 automated line for clumped isotopes developed at Imperial College (The IBEX: Imperial Batch 192 EXtraction system). The IBEX is a common acid bath device: individual samples are dropped in 193 105 % phosphoric acid maintained at 90°C, and reacted for 30 minutes. The reactant CO_2 is 194 first continuously trapped during the phosphoric acid reaction by freezing it in a trap 195 maintained at liquid nitrogen temperature. Subsequently, water is separated from the gas by 196 heating up the water trap to -100°C under helium flow, and the gas is then passed through a 197 silver trap to remove sulfur, and through a trap densely packed with Porapak Q held at -35°C. 198 This has the effect of separating the clean CO₂ gas from potential contaminants, an essential 199 step given that the analyte measured (mass 47 of CO₂) has a natural abundance of only 44 ppm 200 (Eiler, 2007). Lastly, the CO_2 is captured in a second water trap maintained at liquid nitrogen 201 temperature, transferred into a microvolume, and finally transferred into the bellows of the 202 mass spectrometer. Mass spectrometric analyses were performed on a MAT 253 from Thermo 203 Scientific following analytical protocols first described for the Imperial College lab in Dale et al. 204 (2014), and more generally in Huntington et al. (2009) and Dennis et al. (2011). Full 205 characterization of a replicate consists of 8 acquisitions in dual inlet mode with 7 cycles per 206 acquisition. Each acquisition includes a peak centre, background measurements and an 207 automatic bellows pressure adjustment aimed at a 15V signal at mass 44. The sample gas is 208 measured against an Oztech reference gas standard. Four inter-laboratory carbonate 209 standards from Meckler et al. (2014) were measured to transfer the values into the absolute 210 reference frame (CDES, Dennis et al., 2011), and a fifth standard (Carrara marble) was 211 measured as a sample to ensure data consistency. Correction for non-linearity was performed 212 following the background correction method of Bernasconi et al. (2013). Sample 213 measurements were rejected based on elevated 48 and 49 signals, and the Δ 47 values are 214 corrected for isotope fractionation during phosphoric acid digestion using a phosphoric acid 215 correction of 0.069 ‰ at 90°C for calcite following Guo et al. (2009). This value is consistent 216 with a recent empirical evaluation of the phosphoric acid reaction of calcite and aragonite (e.g., Wacker et al., 2013). Carbonate δ^{18} O values are calculated using the acid fractionation 217 218 factors of Kim and O'Neil (1997). Each sample was measured at least three times, and the 219 results averaged before being converted to temperatures using the calibration of Kluge et al. 220 (2015).

221 3.6. Strontium isotopes

For ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr analyses, four samples of 100% calcite from veins, a mudstone and a marly host rock were fully dissolved in 0.5M acetic acid, dried and redissolved in 3M HNO₃. To eliminate the solid residue resulting from reprecipitation after chemical dissolution, samples were centrifuged at 4000 rpm during 10 minutes before being charged in chromatographic columns. Samples were analysed on Re single filament with 1µl of H_3PO_4 1M and 2µl of Ta_2O_5 on a TIMS-Phoenix mass spectrometer. The data acquisition method consists of dynamic multicollection during 10 blocks of 16 cycles each one, with a beam intensity in the ⁸⁸Sr mass of 3V. Analyses have been corrected for possible interferences of ⁸⁷Rb. During the analyses, the NBS 987
standard was analysed 5 times obtaining a mean value of 0.710248 and a double standard
deviation (STDEV 2σ) of 0.000008. The results were standardized with respect the ⁸⁸Sr/⁸⁶Sr
value of 0.1194 in order to correct possible mass fractionations during sample analysis.
Precision on major element analyses average 0.01% standard error at 2σ confidence levels.

234 3.7. Elemental composition

Carbon-coated polished thin sections were used to analyse major, minor and trace element
concentrations on a CAMECA SX-50 electron microprobe. The microprobe was operated using
20 kV of excitation potential, 15 nA of current intensity and a beam diameter of 10 μm. The
detection limits were 140 ppm for Mn, 198 ppm for Fe, 552 ppm for Ca, 128 ppm for Na, 500
ppm for Mg and 430 ppm for Sr. Precision on major element analyses averaged 0.64%
standard error at 2σ confidence levels.

241 4. Structural observations

The studied section of the Puig-reig anticline is deformed by a system of fractures, which includes planar joints perpendicular to bedding and normal and strike-slip faults with displacements smaller than 20 m defining a crestal graben system (Fig. 2b). Few small lowangle thrusts are observed in the forelimb.

Normal faults, observed in the crest of the Puig-reig anticline, are trending NW-SE, oblique to the local fold axis but sub-parallel to the regional trend of the Puig-reig anticline (Fig. 1a). Normal faults dip from 40 to 70 degrees either towards the foreland or the hinterland and intersect bedding at high angle (Fig. 5a). They show displacements from a few centimeters to 15 meters. Kinematic indicators on fault planes show a pure strike-slip or oblique-slip set overprinted by a dip-slip set, pointing to the extensional reactivation of previous strike-slip faults. Fault cores are defined by centimetre-thick discrete planes in normal faults with small displacements and by 2 m-thick gouges and cataclasites along normal faults showing larger
displacements. The damage zone is constituted of non-cemented small normal faults and
joints.

256 Dextral and less abundant sinistral strike-slip faults are planar or undulated. They display a 257 high dispersion of trends, dipping from 40 to 90° either towards the foreland and the 258 hinterland, and punctually develop conjugated fault sets (Fig. 5b). Strike-slip faults show high 259 angle relative to bedding, although it is not constant along the studied section. Kinematic 260 indicators on fault planes show a pure strike-slip or extensional oblique-slip motion. Fault 261 cores are few centimetres thick discrete planes filled by calcite or up to 2 m thick fault gouges 262 and cataclasites, whereas damage zones are constituted of small strike-slip faults filled by 263 calcite.

264 Reverse faults, only observed in the forelimb, are NE-SW trending, nearly sub-perpendicular to 265 the fold axis and are characterized by flat-ramp-flat geometries. Displacements are small, 266 ranging from a few centimetres to 2 m (Fig. 5b). Reverse faults show low angle relative to 267 bedding, regardless of structural position and bedding dip domain. Fault damage zones are not 268 developed whereas discrete planes define fault cores. Slickenlines developed on fault planes 269 indicate in most of cases dip-slip motion. Reverse faults are spatially related to layer-parallel 270 faults, showing both faults detachment horizons at the contact between shales and 271 sandstones.

Joints are stratabound fractures affecting the more competent layers (sandstones andconglomerates) all along the studied section of the Puig-reig anticline.

274 4.1. Microstructures

The microstructures in the reverse, strike-slip and normal faults zones are similar and consistof calcite shear veins, extension veins and stylolites.

277 **4.1.1. Shear veins**

278 Shear veins are up to 1 centimeter-thick tabular bodies extended along fault planes, bounded 279 by striated shear surfaces and in most cases containing internal, mm-spaced shear surfaces. 280 Shear veins are formed of several millimeter-thick bands of calcite parallel to the vein walls, 281 locally showing rhomb-shaped veinlets separated by host rock bands (Fig. 6a). These veinlets 282 were generated by a crack-seal mechanism and its obliquity with respect shear planes 283 indicates the sense of shear (Ramsay, 1980; Labaume et al., 1991). In addition, sometimes 284 shear veins define S-C patterns with cleavage planes (Fig. 6a). Locally, stylolites parallel to 285 shear planes are present.

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4.1.2. Extension veins

287 The extension veins observed in the studied host rock have been classified in four types 288 according to their shapes, orientations and formation mechanisms: 1) microscopic feather 289 fractures; 2) irregular veins; 3) dilational jogs; and 4) bedding-perpendicular veins. Microscopic 290 feather fractures are formed perpendicular to the cleavage developing S-C structures by 291 shearing (Fig. 6a). They are defined by tapered fractures that are thicker at the contact with 292 shear veins thinning away from the fault. They have been interpreted to form after fault slip 293 (Conrad and Friedman, 1976; Friedman and Logan, 1977; Blenkinsop, 2008). Irregular 294 extension veins exhibit fuzzy contacts with the adjacent host rock (Fig. 6b). Fuzzy contacts may 295 form by alteration of the host rock wall or by deformation and recrystallization of veins with 296 sharp boundaries (Passchier and Trouw, 2005). Dilational jogs are rhomb-shaped veins formed 297 in relay zones between segments of non-cemented shear planes to form vein arrangements 298 (Fig. 6c). Bedding-perpendicular veins are not related to shear planes and punctually show 299 stylolite contacts with clayey host rocks (Fig. 6d). The contact between microscopic feather 300 fractures, dilational jogs and bedding-perpendicular veins and host rock is sharp. Punctually, 301 extension veins show irregular morphologies when are affected by a late stage of shear.

302 5. Petrology

303 5.1. Host rock

The Berga and Solsona Formations consist of alluvial and fluvial conglomerates, sandstones and lutites and thin intervals of lacustrine mudstones arranged in thickening and coarsening upward sequences.

Sandstones are stacked in tabular and channelized bodies with grain sizes ranging from fine to coarse. They are formed of mature sublitharenites constituted of 70-80% clasts, 0-5% clay matrix, 10-20% calcite cements and 5% porosity. Sandstones are well-sorted with subrounded clasts made of 80-90% quartz, 10-20% lithic fragments (limestones and metamorphic rocks) and traces of feldspar. In coarse-grained sandstones, some carbonate clasts have undergone ductile deformation to form pseudomatrix.

313 Conglomerates, which are stacked in channelized bodies, are grey in colour, heterometric, 314 polymictic and present both matrix- and clast-supported fabrics. They are constituted of 50-315 80% clasts, 10-20% matrix, 10-20% calcite cement and 0-15% porosity. Clasts are rounded, 316 with sizes ranging from 2 mm to 20 cm and consist of lithic fragments mainly derived from 317 Mesozoic and Palaeogene dolostones and limestones in addition to less abundant Palaeozoic 318 granitoids and metamorphic rocks. When clasts of different compositions are in contact, 319 pressure solution processes occur. The matrix is formed by well sorted sandstones (mainly 320 quartz grains) and red lutites.

Lutite layers are composed of red claystones and siltstones. Claystones are constituted of 90-100% of clay minerals and 0-10% of silt grains (mainly subhedral quartz) whereas siltstones are constituted of 50-80% of silt grains and 20-50% of clay minerals.

Carbonates are tabular bodies, up to 0.5 m thick, consisting of palustrine-lacustrine greyyellow marlstones and brown mudstones. Sometimes they exhibit vug porosities cemented by calcite cement and displaying geopetal structures.

327 5.2. Host rock and fracture relationships

Point counting indicates that the abundance of fractures highly differs depending on the composition of the host rock (Fig. 7).

Lutite layers characterized by more than 70% of clay matrix are hardly affected by cemented
 fractures (Fig. 7). However, when the amount of silt increases the fracture porosity raises up to

fractures (Fig. 7). However, when the amount of silt increases the fracture porosity raises up to
13-25 % (Fig. 7).

In fine and medium-grained mature sandstones, the intergranular porosity is totally occluded by calcite cement. In such cases, sandstones are not affected by fractures (Fig. 7). In contrast, in coarse-grained sandstones, grains are affected by small fractures, increasing up to a 15% the presence of microfractures filled by calcite cement (Fig. 7).

In conglomerates, the development of fractures differs depending on the fabric. In matrix
 supported conglomerates, calcite veins are less abundant than in clast supported
 conglomerates (Fig. 7). These fractures crosscut one or several clasts. The contact between
 clasts and matrix sometimes is open and filled by calcite cement (Fig. 8a).

341 Mudstones are slightly affected by fractures (Fig. 7), which locally are interconnected with vug 342 porosities (Fig. 6e and 6f).

343 5.3. <u>Calcite cements</u>

344 Two generations of calcite cement have been recognized:

The first generation (Cc1) shows a zoned bright-orange to bright-red luminescence and is observed in the intergranular porosity of the clastic host rocks, vug porosity of host-carbonates

347 and in veins of reverse and most of strike-slip faults. In the intergranular porosity, Cc1 is 348 formed of 5 to 10 µm in size euhedral blocky crystals that partially replace the host rock and 349 previous cementation phases. Evidences of replacement include textures such as: 1) corroded 350 borders of quartz and feldspar grains and protrusions of calcite cement (Fig. 8a and B); 2) 351 pseudomorphs of sand and silt grains (Fig. 8c) and previous fibrous cements (Fig. 8d); and 3) 352 patches of Cc1 microsparite within carbonate-derived conglomerate clasts (Fig. 8e and f). 353 Contrarily, calcite cement Cc1 in veins shows a wider variety of morphologies, such as fibrous, 354 blocky and bladed crystals. Fibrous crystals fill shear veins and change laterally to blocky 355 sparite (Fig. 9a). They are arranged parallel to shear planes indicating a synkinematic growth. 356 The size of fibrous calcite is around 1-1.5 mm long and 100-200 μ m thick. Blocky crystals, with 357 growth zonation in punctual cases (Fig. 9b), show differences depending on the type of veins 358 where they precipitated. In shear veins, the size of blocky crystals ranges from 100 to 500 μ m 359 whereas in extension veins the size is smaller (from 5 to 10 μ m). Bladed crystals, with widths 360 and lengths up to 100 μ m and 300 μ m respectively, are developed in the margins of all vein 361 types.

The second generation of calcite cement (Cc2) shows a zoned dull-orange to dull-red
luminescence and it has been only observed in shear veins of all normal and some strike-slip
faults. It consists of blocky crystals with sizes ranging from 100 μm to 5 mm.

The contact between Cc1 and Cc2 calcite cements within shear veins is sharp (Fig. 9c and d) or gradual (Fig. 9e and f). Moreover, all the cement textures in veins and the intergranular porosity show mechanical twinning, subgrain formation and serrated borders.

368 6. Fluid inclusion analysis

Fluid inclusions trapped in calcite cements have been studied by optical microscope andRaman spectroscopy.

371 Primary and secondary fluid inclusions have been observed in both calcite cement generations. 372 However, their irregular shape and variable vapour/liquid ratios indicate that they were 373 stretched as it is also attested by the wide range of temperatures of homogenization (between 374 130 to 210°C for Cc1 and 120 to 280°C for Cc2) (Fig. 10). Therefore, these fluid inclusions are 375 unusable for microthermometry analysis. In addition, the salinity of the fluid could not be 376 determined since the obtained elevated ice melting temperatures indicate the presence of 377 clathrates (Goldstein and Reynolds, 1994), which hide the final disappearance of ice during 378 melting (Diamond, 1994). It has not been possible to determine the eutectic temperature in 379 this case. Raman spectroscopy was also applied in fluid inclusions trapped in calcite cements 380 Cc1 and Cc2. However, in all samples, the strong fluorescence of calcite crystals did not allow 381 to analyse their liquid and vapour phases.

382 7. <u>Geochemistry</u>

383 7.1. Carbon and oxygen isotopes

Within the host rock, carbonate clasts of conglomerates show δ^{13} C values between -3.22 and +3.11‰ VPDB and δ^{18} O values between -8.91 and -3.43‰ VPDB (Fig. 11; Table 1). Palustrinelacustrine limestones show δ^{13} C values between -3.3 and -2.4‰ VPDB and δ^{18} O values between -7.28 and -6.91‰ VPDB (Fig. 11; Table 1). These values are within the range of carbonates precipitated in lakes fed by rivers of Pyrenean provenance (Oberhänsli and Allen, 1987).

390 Calcite cement Cc1 shows δ^{13} C values between -2.5 and +1 ‰ VPDB and δ^{18} O values between -391 9 and -6 ‰ VPDB (Fig. 11, Table 1). Calcite cement Cc2, shows δ^{13} C values between -2 and 392 +0.5‰ VPDB and δ^{18} O values between -14 and -9.5‰ VPDB (Fig. 11, Table 1).

393 7.2. Clumped isotope thermometry

For calcite cement Cc1, the measured Δ_{47} values by clumped isotope geochemistry are 0.548 ± 0.009 ‰ and 0.493 ± 0.0010 ‰, which translates into temperatures of 92 ± 5°C and 129 ± 8°C using the form of Kluge et al. (2015) (Table 2). In addition, the $\delta^{18}O_{\text{fluid}}$ composition for calcite cement Cc1 can be reconstructed using the clumped isotope temperatures, the $\delta^{18}O_{\text{calcite}}$ and the equation of Friedman and O'Neil (1977). Thus, the $\delta^{18}O_{\text{fluid}}$ for Cc1 is estimated to range between +4.7 ± 0.6 and +9.2 ± 0.7‰ VSMOW.

400 The measured Δ_{47} values for calcite cement Cc2 are 0.574 ± 0.010 ‰ and 0.551 ± 0.004 ‰,

401 which translate to temperatures of $77 \pm 5^{\circ}$ C and $93 \pm 1^{\circ}$ C using the calibration of Kluge et al.

402 (2015) (Table 2). The estimated $\delta^{18}O_{\text{fluid}}$ for calcite cement Cc2 ranges between -1.7 ± 0.7 and -

403 0.7 ± 0.3‰ VSMOW.

404 7.3. Strontium isotopes

- The host mudstone has a ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr ratio of 0.708865 and the calcite fraction of the marls has a
 ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr ratio of 0.708967 (Fig. 12; Table 3).
- 407 ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr ratios for calcite cement Cc1 range between 0.709138 and 0.709246 and between
- 408 0.708947 and 0.709002 for calcite cement Cc2 (Fig. 12, Table 3).

409 7.4. Elemental composition

- 410 The elemental composition of calcite cement Cc1 (Fig. 13, Table 4) show values ranging from
- 411 600 to 4500 ppm in Mg and from 600 to 2800 ppm in Mn. Fe and Sr contents range from
- 412 below the detection limit up to 3100 and up to 700 ppm, respectively.
- 413 Calcite cement Cc2 (Fig. 13, Table 4) show values from 300 to 2300 ppm in Mn and from 300 to
- 414 3200 ppm in Fe. Mg and Sr contents range from below detection limit up to 2400 and 3000
- 415 ppm, respectively.

416 **8. Discussion**

Discussion is organized in 5 main subsections discussing 1) the mechanical stratigraphy; 2) the type and origin of fluids across the Puig-reig anticline; 3) the mechanisms of calcite cement precipitation; 4) the relationships between fluid flow and the structural evolution of the Puigreig anticline and 5) the evolution of fluid flow at the basin scale comparing the Puig-reig anticline results with the El Guix anticline (~32 km southwards), which is located along the SE Pyrenean deformation front within the Ebro basin.

423 8.1. Mechanical stratigraphy

424 Cementation during early burial mostly affected sandstone and conglomerate layers due to 425 their higher porosity and permeability than clayey units. This early cementation, however, 426 increased the relative mechanical strength of these layers and thus localizing the generation of 427 stratabound joints across the entire anticline as described in other deformed basins (David et 428 al., 1998; Shackleton et al., 2005; Laubach et al., 2009). Differences in rock mechanics between 429 layers also controlled the development of bed-parallel slip surfaces and associated reverse 430 faults in the forelimb of the Puig-reig anticline during compression, as was also observed in other thrust belts (Treagus, 1988; Bai and Pollard, 2000; Sanz et al., 2008). 431

432 Joints were reactivated as strike-slip and normal faults by shearing as evidenced by the high 433 angle dips with respect to bedding and the stratabound character of some faults (like joints). 434 Some of these faults crosscut competent and non-competent layers and they are mainly 435 located in the crest and forelimb of the Puig-reig anticline. Thus, at outcrop scale, fracture 436 patterns in the Puig-reig anticline were controlled by tectonic stress related to contraction, 437 rock mechanics, diagenesis and structural position within the anticline. These controls on 438 fracturation have been also observed in other foreland fold belts (Shackleton et al., 2005; 439 Laubach et al., 2009; Watkins et al., 2015).

440 At microscopic scale, the development of microstructures was controlled by grain size, host 441 rock cementation and porosity. In fine to medium-grained sandstones and matrix-supported 442 conglomerates, fractures are absent, whereas in coarse-grained sandstones and clast-443 supported conglomerates, grain crushing increases up to 15 % and 8 %, respectively (Fig. 7). In 444 conglomerates in which carbonate and silicic clasts are in contact, stylolite contacts are 445 developed instead of fractures. Intergranular porosity of all these sediments was occluded by 446 calcite cement Cc1 indicating that cementation together with grain size exerted a strong 447 control on fracture development. In this study, coarse-grained rocks are more prone to 448 fracturing than finer rocks, as was also observed from experimental tests by Chuhan et al. 449 (2002) in sandstones, reporting an increase of grain crushing during compaction related with 450 an increase of grain size. In fine lutite units (claystone) and conglomerates supported by clay 451 matrix fractures are hardly present (Fig. 7) because the absence of cements makes them to 452 behave as ductile levels when are affected by deformation. Siltstone layers were more 453 permeable, and are partially cemented, increasing their stiffness and facilitating brittle 454 deformation. Therefore, development of fractures in lutite layers was controlled by 455 cementation, which changed rock mechanics (Laubach et al., 2009). Fractures in palustrine-456 lacustrine mudstones were controlled by vug porosity (Fig. 6e and 6f), which probably 457 facilitated fracture nucleation (Vajdova et al., 2010).

458 8.2. Type and origin of the fluids

The type of fluid that flowed through the intergranular porosity of host rocks and fault planes has been determined by using the isotopic and elemental composition of the carbonate cements (Meyers and Lohmann, 1985; Banner and Hanson, 1990).

462 **8.2.1. Cement Cc1**

Calcite cement Cc1, precipitated in the intergranular porosity, reverse and most of strike-slip
faults. The temperatures from which cement Cc1 precipitated (between 92°C and 129°C)
would imply burial depths between 4 and 5 km, assuming a geothermal gradient of 25°C km⁻¹.

466 These depths have never been attained according to previous works based on cross sections 467 (Vergés, 1993), stratigraphic profiles (Barrier et al., 2010) and vitrinite reflectance data (Clavell, 468 1992; Vergés et al., 1998), which indicate a maximum depth of 1.7 km for the Solsona 469 Formation in the Puig-reig anticline. Thus, with a thickness of 1.7 km and a geothermal gradient of 25°C km⁻¹, the temperature reached at the base of the Solsona Formation was 470 471 around 42°C, which is lower than that obtained from clumped isotopes. These results account 472 for the occurrence of hydrothermal fluids circulating channelized along the thrust faults from 473 the Palaeozoic basement at depths of around 4-5 km upwards to the shallower Solsona 474 Formation (Fig. 2a). This hydrothermal fluid should have flowed rapid enough to be at thermal 475 disequilibrium with its adjacent host rock (Beaudoin et al., 2011).

476 Calcite cement Cc1 is characterized by a narrow range of δ^{18} O (from -7.53 to -5.93‰ VPDB) 477 and δ^{13} C within the same range of the host carbonates (Fig. 11), probably a result of the 478 buffering of the pore-water isotopic composition by the host carbonates (Marshall, 1992; 479 Travé et al., 1998b; Fig. 14). δ^{18} O of strike-slip faults have a wider range of values (from -9.63 480 to -6.25‰ VPDB), with some veins in disequilibrium with their host carbonates (Fig. 14).

The calculated $\delta^{18}O_{fluid}$ from clumped isotope thermometry (Table 3) range between +4.7 and 481 482 +9.2 ‰ VSMOW, within the range of formation, metamorphic and magmatic waters (Taylor, 483 1987). Magmatic waters are ruled out since magmatism is not developed during the formation 484 of the Pyrenees. However, we have no evidences to discern between formation and metamorphic waters. The high ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr values (between 0.709138 and 0.709246) indicate that 485 486 the hydrothermal fluid interacted with a highly radiogenic source (Fig. 12, Table 2). The source for this highly radiogenic fluid can be the Palaeozoic basement located at depth and/or the 487 Palaeozoic-derived silicic clasts of the Solsona and Berga Formations. The ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr of Pyrenean 488 Palaeozoic sedimentary rocks range between 0.709600 and 0.717000 and between 0.706633 489 490 and 0.715405 for granitic rocks (Bickle et al., 1988; Banks et al., 1991). The low radiogenic

491 underlying evaporite units of the Cardona (between 0.70798 and 0.70800), Barbastro 492 (0.70796) and Beuda (between 0.707739 and 0.707980) Formations (Travé et al., 2000; 493 Carrillo, 2012; Carrillo et al., 2014), do not seem to be involved. The δ^{18} O of the Palaeozoic 494 metamorphic rocks in the Pyrenees (between +10 and +16 ‰ VSMOW; Wickham and Taylor, 495 1985, 1987) and Hercynian granodiorites (up to +9 ‰ VSMOW; Wickham and Taylor, 1987; 496 Losh, 1989; Tempest, 1991) is also consistent with a fluid highly interacted with the Palaeozoic 497 basement.

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8.2.2. Cement Cc2

The δ^{13} C of cement Cc2 is similar to that of cement Cc1 (Fig. 11). However, the δ^{18} O relationship between calcite cement and host rock indicates that the fluid from which Cc2 precipitated was not in equilibrium with its adjacent host carbonates (Fig. 14). The depletion in δ^{18} O of Cc2 with respect to Cc1 is interpreted as the progressive input of a meteoric external fluid (Travé et al., 1997), more evident in the crest of the anticline (Fig. 15). The lower ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr of cement Cc2 with respect to Cc1 (Fig. 12) indicates not interaction of the fluid with a radiogenic source.

The $\delta^{18}O_{\text{fluid}}$ obtained from clumped isotopes (Table 3), between -1.7 ‰ and -0.7 ‰ VSMOW, are higher than those of modern rainfall in the same area (from -6.4 to -4.6‰ VSMOW; Travé and Calvet, 2001) and probably also of the upper Eocene and lower Oligocene rainwater, taking into account that during this time the Iberian plate was in similar latitude than present day (Rosenbaum et al., 2002). These values may result from mixing of meteoric waters with a more $\delta^{18}O$ -enriched fluid. The wide range of $\delta^{18}O$ (Fig. 11), low Mg and Mn content and high Fe and Sr content (Fig. 13), also account for a mixing between fluids.

Temperatures obtained for calcite cement Cc2 (between 77°C and 93°C), although lower than those obtained for Cc1, they still account for hydrothermal fluid flow, taking into account the minimum burial depth of 1.7 km and assuming a geothermal gradient of 25°C km⁻¹. This temperature decrease would also agree with Cc2 precipitation from the mixing between the

517 hydrothermal fluid responsible of Cc1 precipitation and a low temperature meteoric fluid.

The increase in Fe and Sr content in cement Cc2 compared to Cc1 could be controlled by the progressive burial and compaction of shale units of the Solsona Formation, leading to ion expulsion from shales (Coplen and Hanshaw, 1973; Hanshaw and Coplen, 1973; Travé et al., 1997) and increasing the Fe content towards the deeper stratigraphic levels (Fig. 15).

522 8.3. Mechanisms of calcite cement precipitation

523 Calcite cements Cc1 and Cc2 are in thermal disequilibrium with the surrounding host rock. 524 However, since calcite has a retrograde solubility, and preferentially precipitates when 525 temperature increases, other parameters have to take into account when calcite precipitates 526 from a hot ascending fluid (Segnit et al., 1962; Fein and Walther, 1987). According to Bons et 527 al. (2012) and Beaudoin et al. (2014), controlling parameters such as changes in pH and in 528 oxidation conditions as well as fluid mixing influence the Ca oversaturation of the fluid, which 529 can promote precipitation of calcite cement, even when fluids are decreasing their 530 temperature. Another controlling parameter is the decrease in pCO_2 during fracture opening. 531 Moreover, during faulting, zones of low pCO₂ are developed, allowing fluid migration into 532 fractures and precipitation of calcite cements Cc1 and Cc2 (Bons et al., 2012).

533 If calcite cement precipitation was coeval with fracture opening (as evidenced by veins with 534 elongated blocky calcite), the δ^{18} O composition allows us to determine which specific 535 parameters controlled calcite precipitation (Beaudoin et al., 2014). Thus, the narrow range of 536 δ^{18} O values for calcite cement Cc1 present in the intergranular porosity and reverse and some strike-slip faults indicates that precipitation was controlled by pCO₂ drop related to fracturing. 537 In contrast, the wide range in δ^{18} O in calcite cement Cc1 and Cc2 present in some strike-slip 538 539 and in all normal faults may be indicative that the main controlling parameter of calcite 540 precipitation was mixing of two fluids.

8.4. <u>Relationship between fluid flow and structural evolution of the Puig-reig</u> anticline

In the Puig-reig anticline, calcite cements Cc1 and Cc2 are related to two fluid flow stages during fold growth. Cement Cc1 is related to layer-parallel shortening whereas cement Cc2 relates to the fold growth. Earlier cements precipitated before the growth of the anticline and are totally replaced by calcite cement Cc1 (Fig. 8).

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8.4.1. Fluid flow during layer-parallel shortening (time T1)

548 Relationships between fractures and calcite cement Cc1 in the Puig-reig anticline indicate 549 precipitation during layer-parallel shortening as evidenced by the constant angular relations 550 between reverse and most of the strike-slip faults with bedding (Fig. 16). The same 551 relationships between bedding and fractures during layer-parallel shortening have been also 552 observed in anticlines formed in the Zagros fold and thrust belt (Casini et al., 2011; Reif et al., 553 2012; Tavani et al., 2015). Reverse faults in the forelimb and strike-slip faults in the hinge of 554 the Puig-reig anticline could have been formed due to an increase of fluid pressure, controlled 555 by fluid migration to the fold crest and/or by syntectonic sedimentation, as pointed out in 556 other fold-fluid systems (Evans and Fischer, 2012).

557 During T1, hydrothermal fluids migrated upwards, using faults as preferential paths. This fluid 558 migrated along the blind thrust system responsible for the development of the Puig-reig 559 anticline reaching the overlying Solsona and Berga Formations through the reverse and strike-560 slip fault planes affecting these units (Figs. 16 and 17). These fractures allowed hydrothermal 561 fluid circulation, cementing the permeable layers in the system (sandstones, conglomerate 562 sand matrix and siltstones) and replacing earlier cements. Although the studied reverse and 563 strike-slip faults are relatively small, they probably form a well-connected network allowing 564 lateral and vertical fluid migration across different stratigraphic units, as already observed in 565 the Bighorn Basin (Beaudoin et al., 2013).

566 **8.4.2. Fluid flow during fold growth (time T2)**

567 During the second stage of fluid flow, cement Cc2 precipitated (Fig. 16). Normal faults, which 568 are sub-parallel to the regional fold axis, were formed due to the outer-arc extension of the 569 Puig-reig anticline during fold growth. In addition, during T2, previous faults and bedding-570 perpendicular joints were passively rotated into the limbs and suitably oriented strike-slip 571 faults were reactivated as normal faults, as observed by the presence of dip-slip striae 572 overprinting strike-slip markers in the same fault planes.

573 Cement Cc2 is only present in fault planes due to the entire cementation of the more 574 permeable units by cement Cc1 during T1. Small normal and strike-slip faults formed during T2 575 developed sufficient vertical connectivity to allow vertical fluid flow across the previously 576 cemented sedimentary units. The newly formed normal and strike-slip faults changed the 577 palaeohydrological system acting as paths for low-temperature, probably meteoric, fluids (Fig. 578 16). These fluids reached the interface between the Solsona and Igualada Formations in the 579 core of the Puig-reig anticline (Fig. 17), in accordance with the fault-valve model (Sibson, 1981; 580 Henderson and McCaig, 1996). According to this model, fluids migrate downwards through 581 short-displacement faults by decrease in fluid pressure (P_f) at depth after the seismogenic 582 cycle of an underlying thrust fault (Fig. 17). The low-temperature fluids were enriched at depth 583 in Fe and Sr and mixed with the hydrothermal fluid from which cement Cc1 precipitated, 584 according to the model of Bons et al. (2014). After mixing, fluids migrated upwards through 585 normal and strike-slip faults (precipitating cement Cc2 by pCO₂ drop) due to an increase of P_f 586 related to the build-up stresses developed during compression, as described in the central 587 Pyrenees (Henderson and McCaig, 1996).

588 This evolution of the fluid flow model is consistent with previous works done in fold-fluid 589 systems, reporting the opening of the fluid system to external fluids and mixing during

development of fold-related fractures (Travé et al., 2000; Fischer et al., 2009; Beaudoin et al.,
2011; Evans et al., 2012; Ogata et al., 2014).

592 8.5. Fluid flow at basin scale

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8.5.1. The El Guix anticline

594 The El Guix anticline developed at the southern tip line of the South Pyrenean fold and thrust 595 belt during the lower Oligocene (Sans and Vergés, 1995). This anticline is detached above the 596 Cardona salt, which is the main detachment level between the deformed and non-deformed 597 foreland basin (Figs. 1b and 2a). The El Guix anticline has a long wavelength (5.6 km), small 598 amplitude and consists of two anticlines at the present erosion level (Sans, 2003). The 599 sedimentary cover forming the El Guix anticline consists of the distal part of the Solsona 600 Formation, the deltaic-lacustrine units of the Súria and Torà formations and the Barbastro 601 gypsum (Travé et al., 2000). These sediments are located 300 m above the Cardona 602 detachment horizon and are affected by a set of thrusts and backthrusts with dips ranging from 27 to 40° (Sans and Vergés, 1995). 603

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8.5.2. Puig-reig anticline vs El Guix anticline

In the El Guix anticline, three fluid flow stages were established, whereas in the Puig-reiganticline only 2 fluid flow stages have been determined in this study.

The first fluid flow stage of the El Guix anticline was characterized by local migration of meteoric waters through microfractures developed by layer-parallel shortening in a relatively open system. In the Puig-reig anticline this stage has not been observed. However, the presence of early cements replaced by calcite cement Cc1 indicates the presence of a previous fluid flow stage.

The second fluid flow stage of the El Guix anticline took place during the folding and thrusting.During these events, external meteoric fluids flowed downwards to the detachment horizon

614 located in the Cardona Formation and through the main backthrusts, which acted as effective 615 channelized paths for these fluids (Travé et al., 2000). During their migration, these meteoric 616 waters evolved to a formation water composition. In contrast, in the Puig-reig anticline, 617 hydrothermal fluids circulated along the basal thrust of the South Pyrenean thrust system 618 (Figs. 2a and 17). These hydrothermal fluids were mixed at depth with meteoric waters that 619 percolated downwards through normal and strike-slip faults. Cement Cc2 precipitated when 620 the mixed fluids migrated upwards during compression. The lack of such cements in the El Guix 621 anticline reveals that hydrothermal fluids did not reach the frontal most part of the fold and 622 thrust system, indicating that these fluids were probably diluted during their forward 623 migration, as has been already pointed in other fold and thrust belts such as the Bighorn Basin 624 (Beaudoin et al., 2014).

Formation waters in the El Guix anticline and hydrothermal fluids in the Puig-reig anticline circulated in a rock-buffered system, as evidenced by the δ^{13} C signal of calcite cements and carbonate host rocks. In both structures, fluids interacted with the upper Eocene-lower Oligocene lacustrine mudstones and marlstones (between -5.6 and -3.71 ‰ VPDB in the El Guix anticline and between -3.3 and -2.4‰ VPDB in the Puig-reig anticline). In addition, in the Puig-reig anticline, hydrothermal fluids also interacted with conglomerate clasts derived from Jurassic, Cretaceous and Paleogene marine carbonates (between -3.22 and +3.11‰ VPDB).

The last fluid flow stage of the El Guix anticline was interpreted to have developed during the extensional elastic rebound of the south eastern margin of the Ebro basin during the opening of the Valencia Trough in late Oligocene-early Miocene times (Lewis et al., 1996). During this extensional stage, local meteoric fluids flowed through fractures and through vug porosity developed within the cement of previous microstructures (Travé et al., 2000).

637 **8.5.3. Migration paths**

As discussed previously, hydrothermal fluids are only recognised in the Puig-reig anticline and not in the El Guix anticline. Two possible origins are pointed for these hydrothermal fluids: formation waters or metamorphic fluids. In both cases, large thrust faults would have acted as channelled paths for fluids that migrated from the inner part of the Pyrenees towards the thrust front, as was also stated in the Ainsa basin (Travé et al., 1997).

Later, low temperature meteoric waters were introduced into the palaeohydrological system in the frontal part of the South Pyrenean fold and thrust belt. In the El Guix anticline, local meteoric fluids, which evolved to formation waters, migrated downwards by lateral variations of the topography to the detachment level in the Cardona salts (Travé et al., 2000), whereas in the Puig-reig anticline, fluids percolated to deeper parts of this fold through the crestal graben fracture system reaching the Solsona-Igualada interface and the blind thrust system that created the anticline.

650 **9. Conclusions**

A multidisciplinary approach has been used in this study to determine controls on deformation and fluid interactions within a fault system (normal and strike-slip faults) cutting Eocene-Oligocene alluvial and fluvial deposits of the Berga and Solsona Formations, along the crestal domain of the Puig-reig anticline in the SE Pyrenees.

55 Structural analyses indicate the timing of fracture development, which consists first in the 556 development of joints, small reverse and strike-slip faults and the later extensional 557 reactivation of suitably oriented strike-slip faults as normal faults. At outcrop scale, 558 development of these fractures was controlled by rigidity contrasts between layers, diagenesis 559 and structural position within the anticline, whereas grain size, cementation and porosity 560 controlled deformation at microscopic scale.

661 Structural, petrographic and geochemical data from intergranular cements and calcite veins 662 reveal the presence of two migrating fluids producing two cementation events: Cc1 related to 663 the layer-parallel shortening and Cc2 linked to the anticline growth.

664 Cc1 cement precipitated from an ascending hydrothermal fluid at temperatures between 92 and 130°C. This fluid had $\delta^{18}O_{fluid}$ between +4.7 and +9.2 ‰ VSMOW, relatively high 87 Sr/ 86 Sr 665 ratio, and high Mn and Mg content and relatively low Sr and Fe content. This fluid was 666 667 probably a result of the buffering of the pore-water isotopic composition by the host 668 carbonates. Hydrothermal fluids migrated from around 4-5 km depth through the fracture system, including most of the strike-slip faults, to reach the Berga and Solsona Formations, 669 670 during the layer-parallel shortening, partially replacing the host rocks by calcite. Cc1 671 precipitation was induced by pCO2 drop related to fracturing.

672 Cc2 cement precipitated from a fluid in disequilibrium with its adjacent host rock at a 673 temperature between 77 and 93°C. This fluid, with $\delta^{18}O_{fluid}$ between -1.7 ‰ and -0.7 ‰ 674 VSMOW, relatively low ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr and Mg, and high Sr and Fe content, resulted from the mixing 675 at depth of the hydrothermal fluid from which Cc1 precipitated and low-temperature, 676 probably meteoric, waters. Low-temperature fluids percolated through the crestal graben fault 677 system according to the fault-valve model during the growth of the Puig-reig anticline.

Fluid flow patterns between the Puig-reig and the El Guix anticlines along the same transect reveal that hydrothermal fluids migrated from N to S but did not reach the El Guix anticline along the tip line of the South Pyrenean fold and thrust belt. In this anticline, local meteoric and evolved meteoric fluids circulated along the fold.

682 Hydrothermal fluids derived from the inner part of the Pyrenean Chain migrated 683 forelandwards, whereas meteoric fluids in the Puig-reig and the El Guix anticlines were added 684 into the fluid system along the frontal parts of the evolving Ebro foreland fold and thrust belt.

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Fig. 3



























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Layer-parallel shortening (T1) SSW

NNE



Fold growth (T2)





Fig. 1 (a) Regional map of the Iberian Peninsula showing the location of the South Pyrenean fold and thrust belt (black box; Fig 1b). (b) Simplified geological map of the main structural units of the South Pyrenean fold and thrust belt (Vergés, 1993). The purple line shows the trace of the geological cross section shown in Fig. 2a. The thick red line shows the study area.

Fig. 2 (a) Geological cross section of the frontal part of the South Pyrenean fold and thrust belt (Vergés, 1993). The horizontal black line shows the structural position of Fig. 2b. (b) Geological cross section of the Puig-reig anticline performed in this work. Faults are drafted according to true dips. The black box indicates the location of Fig. 4.

- **Fig. 3** N-S stratigraphic panel of the eastern Pyrenees and the eastern Ebro Foreland Basin modified from Vergés et al. (1998). The age of sedimentary units has been defined according to Burbank et al. (1992a, b), Costa et al. (2010) and Valero et al. (2014). The sedimentary record of the foreland basin is separated in Paleocene to upper Eocene marine sediments and upper Eocene to upper Oligocene continental sediments. The red box indicates the sedimentary units in the frontal part of the South Pyrenean fold and thrust belt.
- 1132 **Fig. 4** Detail of Fig. 2b where are shown the sampled structures in this work.

1133 Fig. 5 Outcrop interpretation of the main structural features observed in the Puig-reig 1134 anticline. (a) Normal faults (thick blue lines) affecting the forelimb close to the hinge of the 1135 Puig-reig anticline. (b) Strike-slip (thick black lines) and reverse (thick red line) faults affecting 1136 the forelimb of the Puig-reig anticline. Thin black, blue and green lines represent 1137 conglomerates, sandstones and lutite layers, respectively. Dip directions and dips of faults are 1138 given. White points show sample locations. Stereograms for all bedding and fault dips and fault 1139 striae sets measured in the studied section of the Puig-reig anticline are given. Bedding dips 1140 are plotted as lines.

1141 Fig. 6 Images from polarizing optical microscope and cathodoluminescence (CL) of the main 1142 features of the microstructures affecting the studied host rocks. (a) Sample GP-R11. Calcite 1143 shear vein with an associated microscopic feather fracture (crossed nicols). Note how cleavage 1144 perpendicular to the extensional fracture walls is developed in the host rock. (b) Sample GP-1145 R11. Irregular extension vein (white triangle) affecting a siltstone layer (crossed nicols). Note 1146 how the contact of cement with the host rock is fuzzy. (c) Sample GP-R7. Dilational jog filled by 1147 blocky calcite (crossed nicols). (d) Sample GP-R2. Bedding-perpendicular veins (white triangles) 1148 (crossed nicols). (e) Sample GP-R4. Vein interconnected with a void filled by calcite cement 1149 displaying geopetal structures (white triangle). (f) Sample GP-R4. CL image of Fig. 6e (white 1150 triangle). Note how the vein and the void are filled by the same calcite cement.

Fig. 7 Fracture porosity vs clay matrix content cross-plot. For each type of host rock the following samples have been analyzed by point counting: Mudstone (GP-R4); Claystones (GP-R2, 303 and 317); Siltstones (GP-R2, GP-R7, GP-R9 and GP-R10); Fine-grained sandstones (309A, 309B, 313A, 314D1 and 314D2); Medium-grained sandstones (311A, 311B, 312A and 314C; Coarse-grained sandstones (GP-R5 and GP-R12); Matrix supported conglomerates (GP-R13, 302 and 311F); Clast supported conglomerates (314A).

Fig. 8 Images from polarizing optical microscope and cathodoluminescence (CL) of the main replacement textures observed in host rocks. (a) Sample GP-R13. Calcite cement replacing partially a conglomerate clast made of polycrystalline quartz (white arrows). Note how the contact between silicic clast and conglomerate matrix is open and filled by calcite cement (crossed nicols). (b) Sample GP-R5. Protrusions of calcite (white triangles) into a quartz grain (Q) indicating replacement of detrital quartz (crossed nicols). (c) Sample GP-R12. Calcite cement Cc1 replacing a detrital grain (crossed nicols). Note how a remnant of de replaced

- grain is preserved (white triangle). (d) Sample GP-R12. Replacement of fibrous spherulite by calcite (crossed nicols). (e-f) Sample 302. CL image of a dolomite conglomerate clast (nonluminescent) affected by a vein filled by cement Cc1. Patches of microsparite with the same luminescence of Cc1 cement (white triangles) are developed in the conglomerate clast.
- **Fig. 9** Images from polarizing optical microscope and cathodoluminescence (CL) of the main features of calcite cements. (a) Sample GP-R1. Shear vein (white dashed line) filled by fibrous sparite passing laterally to blocky calcite (crossed nicols). (b) Sample 311A. Blocky calcite cement with growth zonation present in some crystals (white triangles). (c-d) Sample 311A. CL image where is shown the sharp contact between cements Cc1 and Cc2. (e-f) Sample 314D2. CL image where is shown the gradual change from calcite cement Cc1 to Cc2.
- 1174 Fig. 10 Sample 311D. Image of optical microscope where is show a fluid inclusion assemblage.
 1175 Note how fluid inclusions are stretched, showing an irregular shape (white triangles).
- 1176 **Fig. 11** δ^{18} O vs δ^{13} C cross-plot of carbonate host rocks and calcite cements of the Puig-reig 1177 anticline.
- Fig. 12 ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr composition of the calcite cements and carbonate host rocks. Green diamonds
 represent veins with calcite cement Cc1. Red squares represent veins with calcite cement Cc2.
 Blue triangles represent palustrine-lacustrine carbonates.
- 1181 Fig. 13 Elemental composition of the calcite cements. For Mg, Mn, Fe and Sr. Minimum,1182 maximum and mean contents are given.
- 1183Fig. 14 δ18O calcite cement vs δ18O host rock cross plot. Green diamonds represent veins with1184calcite cement Cc1. Red squares represent veins with calcite cement Cc2. Δ represents the1185isotopic difference between calcite cements and carbonate host rocks.
- 1186 **Fig. 15** Detail of the Puig-reig anticline showing the trends in δ^{18} O and Fe²⁺ content in calcite 1187 cement Cc2. The δ^{18} O decreases and the Fe²⁺ content increases downwards the stratigraphic 1188 record. Minimum and maximum values are given.
- **Fig. 16** Conceptual models of the structural and fluid flow evolution of the Puig-reig anticline. Red, blue and green arrows indicate fluid movement. No vertical exaggeration. Fluid flow during the layer-parallel shortening. Hydrothermal fluids migrated along the main faults and more permeable sedimentary units. Below, fluid flow during fold growth. During this event, meteoric fluids circulated downwards the normal faults formed by outer arc extension and mixed with the hydrothermal fluids at depth.
- **Fig. 17** Fluid flow model of the northern part of the Ebro Basin. Red arrows indicate fluid migration of deep formation waters during T1 and T2. Blue arrows indicate fluid migration of shallow meteoric waters during T2. For sedimentary units legend see Fig. 2a.

Sample	Description	Fault type	Cement generation	$\delta^{13}\text{C VPDB}$	$\delta^{18}\text{O VPDB}$
GP-R4	Palustrine-lacustrine carbonate	Strike-slip		-2.73	-7.26
302	Carbonate-derived clast	Strike-slip		-3.22	-4 70
302	Carbonate-derived clast	Strike-slip		3 11	-3.12
303 311F	Carbonate-derived clast	Strike-slip		1 22	-7 19
3116	Carbonate-derived clast	Strike-slip		-0.84	-8 91
2124	Carbonate-derived clast	Normal		0.59	-0.51
SIZA	Paluctrino lacustrino carbonato	Normai		0.59	-5.45
EIVI-1	Palustrine la sustrine carbonate			-2.44	-6.92
PR-1A	Palustrine-lacustrine carbonate			-3.3	-7.28
PR-1B	Palustrine-lacustrine carbonate			-2.52	-7.22
GP-R1	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-1.51	-6.74
GP-R1	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-1.51	-6.85
GP-R1	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc2	-1.44	-11.41
GP-R1	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc2	-1.52	-11.06
GP-R1	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc2	-1.34	-12.16
GP-R2	Calcite extension vein	Strike-slip		-1.93	-6.67
GP-RZ	Calcite extension vein	Strike-slip		-1.91	-6.60
GP-RZ	Intergranular cement	Strike-slip		-1.07	-6.25
GP-R4	Vug porosity	Strike-slip		-1.57	-0.37
GP-R4	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip		-1.22	-6.30
GP-R4		Strike-slip		-1.41	-0.25
	Calcite chear voin	Strike-slip	CC1	0.53	-5.93
GP-K5		Strike-slip	0.2	-2.06	-10.67
GP-R5	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip		-2.05	-9.96
GP-R7	Calcite shear vein	Reverse	Cc1	-1.71	-6.29
GP-R7	Calcite shear vein	Reverse	Cc1	-1.79	-7.76
GP-R/	Intergranular cement	Reverse		-0.62	-6.25
GP-R9A	Calcite extension vein	Strike-slip		-0.59	-6.54
GP-R9A	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip		-0.78	-6.17
GP-R9A	Latergranular compat	Strike-slip		-0.82	-6.26
GP-K9A	Calaita chaar wain	Strike-slip		-0.09	-6.72
		Strike-slip		-0.85	-0.54
GP-R9B	Calcite chear voin	Strike-slip		-0.02	-0.74
GP_R11	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-0.11	-0.70
GD_R11	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-1.08	-7.19
GP-R11	Intergranular cement	Strike-slip	Cc1	-1 04	-6.69
GP-R11	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip		-1 61	-9.67
GP-R12	Intergranular cement	Normal	Cc1	-1.31	-7.53
GP-R12	Calcite shear vein	Normal	Cc2	-1 95	-9.63
GP-R12	Calcite shear vein	Normal	Cc2	-1.99	-9.62
GP-R13	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-1.37	-6.41
GP-R13	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-1.42	-6.44
GP-R13	Intergranular cement	Strike-slip	Cc1	-0.65	-6.23
302	Calcite extension vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	0.21	-8.02
302	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	0.25	-8.02
302	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-0.51	-9.39
303	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	0.10	-7.81
309A	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	0.23	-7.29
309A	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	0.11	-7.37
309B1	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-0.40	-7.36
309B1	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-0.40	-7.65
310	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	0.96	-6.90
310	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	0.75	-7.12
311A	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-0.69	-8.79
311A	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc2	-0.73	-12.68
311A	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc2	-2.13	-11.98
311B	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-0.67	-7.21
311B	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-1.30	-9.09
311D	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc2	-0.95	-13.07
311D	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc2	-0.51	-12.46
311F	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	0.74	-7.05
311F	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	0.74	-7.07
311G	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc2	0.19	-12.99
312A	Calcite shear vein	Normal	Cc1	0.63	-7.57
312A	Calcite shear vein	Normal	Cc2	0.02	-13.11

313A	Calcite shear vein	Normal	Cc2	-1.40	-12.88
313A	Calcite shear vein	Normal	Cc2	-1.80	-13.30
313A'	Calcite shear vein	Normal	Cc1	-2.34	-7.59
313A'	Calcite shear vein	Normal	Cc2	-2.30	-11.14
314A	Small fracture affecting clasts	Normal	Cc1	0.15	-7.50
314A	Calcite shear vein	Normal	Cc2	-1.60	-13.10
314A	Calcite shear vein	Normal	Cc2	-0.95	-10.64
314B	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	0.00	-7.23
314B	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	0.05	-7.23
314C	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-0.22	-7.41
314C	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-0.23	-7.83
314D1	Calcite shear vein	Normal	Cc1	-1.11	-7.85
314D1	Calcite shear vein	Normal	Cc2	-1.79	-12.80
314D2	Calcite shear vein	Normal	Cc1	-1.34	-9.27
314D2	Calcite shear vein	Normal	Cc2	-1.47	-13.95
314D2	Calcite shear vein	Normal	Cc2	-2.46	-12.21
317	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-1.23	-8.09
317	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	-1.34	-7.50

Sample	Cement type	n	$\delta^{13}CVPDB$	$\delta^{18}\text{O} \text{ VPDB}$	Δ_{47}	T ⁰C	$\delta^{18}O_{fluid}VSMOW$
309B1	Cc1	3	-0.44	-7.77	0.548 ± 0.009	92 ± 5	4.7 ± 0.6
317	Cc1	3	-0.99	-6.95	0.494 ± 0.010	129 ± 8	9.2 ± 0.7
311A	Cc2	3	-0.77	-12.32	0.574 ± 0.010	77 ± 5	-1.7 ± 0.7
311D	Cc2	3	-0.73	-12.85	0.551 ± 0.004	90 ± 3	-0.7± 0.3

Sample	Description	Fault type	Cement generation	⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr
GP-R4	Eocene-Oligocene host-mudstone	Strike-slip		0.708865
IP-R	Eocene-Oligocene host-marly limestone			0.708967
309A	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	0.709246
311A	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc2	0.708947
311D	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc2	0.709002
314C	Calcite shear vein	Strike-slip	Cc1	0.709138

Filling		Analysed		Mg	Mn (nnm)	Fe (nnm)	Sr (ppm)
stage	n	samples		(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)
Calcite cement Cc1	45	GP-R1 GP-R4 309A 311A 314D2	Min. Max. Av.	600 4500 2171	600 2800 1406	<d.l. 1100 544</d.l. 	<d.l. 600 537</d.l.
Calcite cement Cc2	45	GP-R1 311A 311D 312D2	Min. Max. Av.	<d.l. 2400 1038</d.l. 	300 2300 1268	300 3200 1080	<d.l. 3000 886</d.l.

Table 1 δ^{18} O and δ^{13} C values of the host-carbonates and calcite cements Cc1 and Cc2. For the third and fourth columns, the blank spaces represent host rock samples which are not affected by faults and do not contain calcite cement, respectively.

Table 2 Calcite cement δ^{13} C, δ^{18} O, Δ_{47} and δ^{18} O_{fluid}. n represents the number of analyses per sample.

Table 3 ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr values of palustrine-lacustrine host-carbonates and calcite cements Cc1 and Cc2. For the third and fourth columns, the blank spaces represent host rock samples which are not affected by faults and do not contain calcite cement, respectively.

Table 4 Minimum, maximum and average values of the elemental composition of the calcite cements Cc1 and Cc2. n represents the number of analyses per calcite cement generation. For fault types affecting the analyzed samples see Table 1.