

From hydroplastic to brittle deformation: controls on fluid flow in fold and thrust belts. Insights from the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet (SE Pyrenees)

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Abstract

We present a multidisciplinary study to decipher the controls of deformation on fluid flow regime in fold and thrust belts using the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet in the SE Pyrenees as an example. We integrate field-based and petrographic observations and geochemical and geochronological data to differentiate seven types of fractures, eight types of calcite cement (Cc1 to Cc8) and two sets of stylolites during the deformation stretching the studied thrust sheet.

During syn-sedimentary hydroplastic normal faulting affecting poorly consolidated Upper Cretaceous and Eocene syn-orogenic sediments, calcite cement did not precipitate. During burial, bed-parallel stylolites formed and Cc1 and Cc2 precipitated from formation waters in a closed palaeohydrological system. During the layer-parallel shortening, Cc3 precipitated from formation waters (~+5.4 ‰ VSMOW) with ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr ratios of 0.707922 and at ~70 °C. Cc4 precipitated from formation waters recording different burial conditions, as the up to 4 ‰ dispersion in δ¹⁸O of this cement suggests. Contrarily, during folding and thrusting, Cc5 to Cc7 precipitated in an open palaeohydrological system. Cc6

36 precipitated from formation waters ($\sim+5$ ‰ VSMOW), with $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios of 0.707817
37 and at ~ 75 °C. These fluids carried hydrocarbons and probably interacted with Upper
38 Triassic evaporites. An $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio of 0.708230 for Cc5 indicates that formation waters
39 also interacted with clays within continental deposits. During this period, stylolites formed
40 in relation to faulting, and previous hydroplastic normal faults reactivated as reverse and
41 strike-slip faults allowing fluid flow. Cc7 precipitated after Cc6, also from fluids in isotopic
42 disequilibrium with their adjacent host rock. The fluid system continued open during the
43 Oligocene, when Cc8 precipitated in normal faults affecting syn-orogenic conglomerates
44 deposited during the reactivation of the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet.

45 The influence of deformation on fluid flow observed in the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet
46 is similar to that observed in other fractured areas worldwide.

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48 isotopes, fold and thrust belts.

49 **1. Introduction**

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51 The study of fracture-filling cement in fold and thrust belts reveals changes in the fluid
52 regime and the evolution of fluid-rock interaction through time (Vandeginste et al., 2007,
53 2012; Breesch et al., 2009; Beaudoin et al., 2014; Crognier et al., 2018; Cantarero et al.,
54 2018; Cruset et al., 2018). In the shallow crust, brittle deformation is responsible for the
55 formation of fractures (Marrett and Allmendinger, 1990), which act as preferential
56 conduits or seals for the migration of fluids (Missenard et al., 2014; Ogata et al., 2014;
57 Maher et al., 2017). However, the conduit or barrier behaviour is not steady-state and it
58 can evolve through time, especially due to: 1) variations in the stress field, forcing
59 changes in the tectonic regime (Sibson, 1995; Wiprut and Zoback, 2000; Soumaya et
60 al., 2015); 2) the increase of fluid pressure, which can produce seismically-induced slip
61 and/or hydraulic fracturing (Aydin, 2000; Wiprut and Zoback, 2000; Rutqvist et al., 2013);
62 3) fracture sealing by cement due to fluid regime changes (temperature, pressure,

63 composition; Benedicto et al., 2008; Beaudoin et al., 2014); and 4) a combination of
64 these factors.

65 The reactivation of faults can increase the heterogeneity of fractured reservoirs and the
66 uncertainty during reservoir analysis (Roure et al., 2005; Casini et al., 2011; Khosravi et
67 al., 2012; Tavani et al., 2015). Moreover, these heterogeneities are also controlled by
68 additional factors such as fault core composition and strain distribution during folding,
69 which also affects fault permeability (Egholm et al., 2000; Dimmen et al., 2017; Watkins
70 et al., 2018). The study of these factors in outcrop analogues is key to mitigate the
71 uncertainties related to the evaluation of fractured reservoirs with bad accessibility and
72 those that are under exploration or production stages.

73 The southern Pyrenees is an exceptionally well-preserved fold and thrust belt in which
74 the complete sequence of thrust sheets and the age of their related syn-tectonic deposits
75 are well known (e.g., Vergés et al., 2002). In this compressional belt, the relationships
76 between fluid migration and deformation have been studied either in its Palaeozoic
77 basement (McCaig et al., 1995, 2000; Trincal et al., 2017), cover thrust sheets
78 constituted of Mesozoic and Palaeogene rocks (Travé et al., 1997, 1998; Beaudoin et
79 al., 2015; Crognier et al., 2018; Cruset et al., 2018; Lacroix et al., 2014, 2018; Nardini et
80 al., 2019) and in its foreland basin, constituted of Palaeogene rocks (Travé et al., 2000;
81 Cruset et al., 2016). Other studies in the southern Pyrenees report the presence of
82 fractures formed in hydroplastic (Soliva and Benedicto, 2004, 2005; Soliva et al., 2006,
83 2008) and brittle (Shackleton et al., 2005, 2011; Tavani et al., 2011; Gutmanis et al.,
84 2017) regimes. However, the relationships between fluids and hydroplastic fractures, as
85 well as their evolution through time, have not been studied yet in the southern Pyrenees.

86 In this contribution, we report a whole history of fluid flow evolution from syn-sedimentary
87 hydroplastic deformation to later brittle fracturing in a section of a fold and thrust belt,
88 which includes reactivation of pre-compressive structures. To deal with the aim of this
89 study, we use the Lower Pedraforca thin-skinned thrust sheet in the SE Pyrenees as an

90 example of a fractured reservoir that increases its heterogeneity during progressive
91 folding. The exceptional outcrop exposures of this thrust sheet allowed to work on three
92 meso-scale (metre-scale) fracture systems that are correlative through time: 1)
93 hydroplastic normal faults (as defined by Petit and Beauchamp (1986) and Petit and
94 Laville (1987); 2) background fracture systems, which consist of stratabound bed-
95 perpendicular veins and bed-parallel slip surfaces; and 3) non-stratabound fracture
96 systems formed of reverse, strike-slip and normal faults. The study of the evolution of
97 these fracture systems is combined with petrographic observations and geochemical
98 data (carbon, oxygen and strontium isotopes, clumped isotopes thermometry, elemental
99 composition and U-Pb geochronology) of fracture-filling calcites, extending the fluid flow
100 history reported previously by Cruset et al. (2018) for the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet.
101 The results obtained will be compared with other fractured areas worldwide.

102 **2. Geological setting**

103 The Pyrenees (Fig. 1A) formed due to the continental collision that resulted from the
104 partial subduction of the Iberian plate beneath the Eurasian plate from Late Cretaceous
105 to Miocene (Choukroune et al., 1989; Roure et al., 1989; Muñoz, 1992; Vergés et al.,
106 2002). As a result, the previous Mesozoic rift basins were inverted, and an antiformal
107 stack of thrust sheets constituted of basement units (the Axial Zone) developed along
108 the internal zone of the Pyrenean doubly verging orogenic system (Fig. 1B), acting as a
109 boundary between the north and south Pyrenean fold and thrust belts (e.g., Muñoz,
110 1992; Groot et al., 2018).

111 The south Pyrenean fold and thrust belt (Fig. 1B, C, and 2A) consists of a piggy-back
112 sequence of south-verging thrusts (e.g., Puigdefàbregas et al., 1992), detached
113 predominantly above Upper Triassic (Séguret, 1972) and Eocene evaporites deposited
114 in the foreland basin (Vergés et al., 1992; Sans et al., 1996). In this work, we study the
115 Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet (Fig. 1C and 2A), which emplaced from Lower to Middle
116 Eocene using a detachment level located in the Upper Triassic Keuper facies

117 (Puigdefàbregas et al., 1986; Burbank et al., 1992a). The emplacement of this structural
118 unit took place under marine foreland conditions, as attested by the syn-orogenic fan
119 delta conglomerates of Queralt deposited at the thrust front (Vergés, 1993).

120 The complete stratigraphy of the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet constitutes a
121 sedimentary wedge of up to 2400 m in the northern imbricate and less than 500 m in the
122 frontalmost thrust nappes (Vergés 1993; Fig. 1C). This stratigraphy ranges in age
123 between the Upper Triassic and the Oligocene and consists of pre- to syn-orogenic
124 sedimentary rocks (Fig. 2B). Pre-compressive stratigraphy consists of evaporites and
125 red clays from the Keuper facies, Jurassic limestones and dolostones from the Bonansa
126 Formation and Coniacian to Lower Santonian limestones from the Sant Corneli
127 Formation (Mey et al., 1968; Simó, 1985; Calvet et al., 1993). Syn-orogenic deposits
128 comprise Late Cretaceous, Eocene and Oligocene detrital rocks. Late Cretaceous rocks
129 comprise upper Santonian to Campanian marine sandstones and limestones from the
130 Vallcarga Formation, Campanian-Maastrichtian coastal deposits of the Areny Formation
131 and Maastrichtian-Thantetian continental deposits from the Garumnian (Moeri, 1977;
132 López-Martínez et al., 1999; Rosell et al., 2001; Oms et al., 2007). Eocene rocks
133 comprise lower Ypresian limestones from the Cadí Formation, the upper Ypresian to
134 Lutetian marine conglomerates of Queralt, and middle Lutetian to Bartonian
135 conglomerates of the Coubet Formation (Solé Sugañes and Clavell, 1973). Eocene-
136 Oligocene continental conglomerates deposited during the reactivation of the northern
137 margin of the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet (Vergés, 1993).

138 **3. Methodology**

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140 Five localities (Q, G1, PEG, G2 and EST) located in the southern (Q, G1) and the
141 northern (G2, EST) margins and in the internal nappes forming the Lower Pedraforca
142 thrust sheet (PEG) were chosen to study the structural controls on fluid flow during the
143 development of this structure (Fig. 2).

144 Bedding and fractures were measured in the field, and their crosscutting relationships
145 were recorded. The fracture analysis was carried out using the program Win-Tensor
146 (v5.8.8.) (Delvaux and Sperner, 2003). Restoration of fracture data and associated stress
147 orientations with respect to their adjacent bedding has been done using the same
148 software. Each fracture system is plotted in Lower hemisphere Schmidt stereoplots, and
149 their associated stresses are also calculated with the same software. Additionally,
150 sampling of 58 fracture-filling calcite cement and related host rocks was undertaken for
151 petrographic observations and geochemical analyses.

152 Petrographic observations of 57 polished thin sections made from six different host rocks
153 and eight types of fracture-filling calcite cement were made using optical and
154 cathodoluminescence microscopy. A CL Technosyn cathodoluminescence device Model
155 8200 MkII at 15-18 kV operating conditions and 350 μ A gun current was used to
156 distinguish the different types of cement.

157 The U-Pb dating method was applied to determine the absolute timing of fluid migration
158 and fracturing. This method is similar to that previously described by Ring and Gerdes
159 (2016) and Burisch et al. (2017). U-Pb dates were acquired using laser ablation-
160 inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LA-ICPMS) at FIERCE (Frankfurt
161 Isotope and Element Research Center, Goethe Universität), applying a modified method
162 of Gerdes and Zeh (2006, 2009). A ThermoScientific Element XR sector field ICPMS
163 was coupled to a RESOLUTION 193nm ArF excimer laser (COMpexPro 102) equipped with
164 a two-volume ablation cell (Laurin Technic S155). Samples were ablated in a helium
165 atmosphere (300 mL/min) and mixed in the ablation funnel with 1100 mL/min argon and
166 5 mL/min nitrogen. Signal strength at the ICP-MS was tuned for maximum sensitivity,
167 whereas keeping the oxide formation (monitored as $^{248}\text{ThO}/^{232}\text{Th}$) below 0.2% and no
168 fractionation of the Th/U ratio. Static ablation used a spot size of 213 μ m and a fluency
169 of about 2 J/cm at 12 Hz. For NIST SRM 614 this yielded a depth penetration of \sim 0.6
170 μ m/s and an average sensitivity of 380,000 cps/ μ g for ^{238}U . The detection limit for ^{206}Pb

171 and ^{238}U was ~ 0.2 and 0.03 ppb, respectively. Data were acquired in fully automated
172 mode overnight in three sequences of 598 analyses each. Each analysis consisted of 18
173 s of background acquisition followed by 18 s of sample ablation and 25 s of washout.
174 During 36 s of data acquisition, the signal of ^{206}Pb , ^{207}Pb , ^{208}Pb , ^{232}Th , and ^{238}U was
175 detected by peak jumping in pulse-counting and analog mode with a total integration time
176 of ~ 0.1 s, resulting in 370 mass scans. Prior to analysis, each spot was pre-ablated with
177 8 laser pulses to remove surface contamination. Soda-lime glass NIST SRM 614 was
178 used as a primary reference together with three carbonate reference materials, which
179 were bracketed in between the analysis of samples (see Table S4 for validation results).
180 Raw data were corrected offline using an in-house VBA spreadsheet program (Gerdes
181 and Zeh, 2006, 2009). Following background correction, outliers ($\pm 2\sigma$) were rejected
182 based on the time-resolved $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ ratios. The mean $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ ratio
183 of each analysis was corrected for mass bias 0.3% and the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ ratio for inter-
184 element fractionation ($\sim 5\%$), including drift over the sequence time, using SRM 614. Due
185 to the carbonate matrix, additional offset factors were applied (sequence 1: 1.06,
186 sequence 2: 0.96 and sequence 3: 1.10), which were determined using WC-1 carbonate
187 reference material (Roberts et al., 2017). The $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ fractionation during 20s depth
188 profiling was estimated to be 3%, based on the common Pb corrected WC-1 analyses,
189 and was applied as an external correction to all carbonate analyses. Uncertainties were
190 calculated by quadratic addition of the standard deviation of the mean of the considered
191 isotopic ratios, the counting statistic uncertainties of each isotope, the uncertainty of the
192 primary reference material after drift correction, and the decay constants uncertainties.
193 The mean square of weighted deviates (MSWD) for the WC-1 lower intercept age of
194 each analytical session was about 0.52 to 1.50. Thus, no carbonate matrix-related
195 excess of variance was included in the uncertainty propagation. Reference material
196 ASH15 (3.085 ± 0.044 and 3.005 ± 0.026 Ma; Vaks et al., 2003) was measured. In
197 addition, a stromatolitic limestone from the Cambrian-Precambrian boundary in South-
198 Namibia (here called NAMA) was analysed, and used as a secondary in-house RM for

199 quality control (obtained ages agree with the U/Pb zircon age of 540.1 ± 0.1 Ma from the
200 directly overlying ash layer, Spitskopf formation; Linnemann et al. 2018). Altogether the
201 data imply an accuracy and repeatability of the method of $\sim 2\%$. The analytical results
202 are presented in Tables S3 and S4. Data were plotted in Tera-Wasserburg diagrams and
203 ages were calculated as lower intercepts using Isoplot 3.71 (Ludwig, 2009). All
204 uncertainties are reported at the 2σ level.

205 For carbon and oxygen stable isotope analysis of calcite cement and carbonate host
206 rocks, a 400 μm -thick dental drill was employed to extract 60 ± 10 μg of carbonate
207 powder from trims. The calcite powder was reacted with 100% phosphoric acid for 2
208 minutes at 70 °C. The resultant CO_2 was analysed using an automated Kiel Carbonate
209 Device attached to a Thermal Ionization Mass Spectrometer Thermo Electron (Finnigan)
210 MAT-252 following the method of McCrea (1950). The International Standard NBS-18
211 and the internal standard RC-1, traceable to the International Standard NBS-19, were
212 used for calibration. The results were corrected using the standard technique from Craig
213 and Gordon (1965) and Claypool et al. (1980), expressed in ‰ with respect to the VPDB
214 (Vienna Pee Dee Belemnite) standard. Standard deviation is ± 0.02 ‰ for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and \pm
215 0.05 ‰ for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$.

216 Clumped isotope thermometry was applied to two fracture-filling calcites to calculate
217 temperatures of cement precipitation as well as the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of the fluids from which
218 calcite cement precipitated. The two analysed samples (Q2 and Q24) are representative
219 of calcite cement Cc3 and Cc6. To analyse them, 2–3 mg aliquots from each cement
220 were measured with the Imperial Batch Extraction system (IBEX), an automated line
221 developed at Imperial College of London. Each sample was dropped in 105% phosphoric
222 acid at 90 °C and reacted for 30 min. The reactant CO_2 was separated using a poropak-
223 Q column and transferred into the elbows of a Thermo Scientific MAT 253 mass
224 spectrometer (Thermo Fisher GmbH, Bremen, Germany). The characterization of a
225 replicate consisted of 8 acquisitions in dual inlet mode with 7 cycles per acquisition. The

226 post-acquisition processing was completed with a software for clumped isotope analysis
227 named Easotope (John and Bowen, 2016). Δ_{47} values were corrected for isotope
228 fractionation during phosphoric acid digestion employing a phosphoric acid correction of
229 0.069 ‰ at 90 °C for calcite (Guo et al., 2009). The data were also corrected for non-
230 linearity applying the heated gas method (Huntington et al., 2009) and projected into the
231 absolute reference frame of Dennis et al. (2011). Carbonate $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values were calculated
232 with the acid fractionation factors of Kim et al. (1997). Samples were measured three
233 times and the average result was converted to temperatures using the calibration method
234 of Davies and John, (2019). Calculated $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of the fluid are expressed in ‰ with
235 respect to the VSMOW standard (Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water).

236 One sample of host limestones and three types of fracture-filling calcites were analysed
237 for $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ isotopes. 100% carbonate samples are dissolved in 5 ml of 10% acetic acid
238 and introduced in an ultrasonic bath for 15 minutes. After this time, samples are dried
239 after being centrifuged during 10 min at 4000 rpm. The remaining sample is digested in
240 1 ml of 3 M HNO_3 and dried. Finally, the resultant product is digested again in 3 ml of 3
241 M HNO_3 and introduced in chromatographic columns. The chromatographic separation
242 of Sr was done using an extraction resin type SrResinTM (Trisken International) (crown-
243 ether (4.4' (5')-di-t-butylcyclohexano-18-crown-6). The Sr is recovered with HNO_3 0.05
244 M as eluent. The fraction where Sr is concentrated is dried, charged on a Re single
245 filament with 1 μl of H_3PO_4 1 M and 2 μl of Ta_2O_5 and analysed on a TIMS-Phoenix mass
246 spectrometer. The method of acquisition of data consists of dynamic multicollection
247 during 10 blocks of 16 cycles each one, with a beam intensity for the ^{88}Sr mass of 3 V.
248 Analyses were corrected for possible interferences of ^{87}Rb . The $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios are
249 normalized with respect to the measured mean value of the ratio $^{86}\text{Sr}/^{88}\text{Sr}=0.1194$ in
250 order to correct possible mass fractionation during filament charge and instrumental
251 analyses. During sample analysis, the isotopic standard NBS-987 was measured seven
252 times obtaining a mean value of 0.710247 and a standard deviation 2σ of 0.000008.

253 These values have been used for the correction of the analysed values in the samples.
254 The precision of the analytical standard error or internal precision is 0.000009. The
255 analytical errors referred to 2σ confidence levels in the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio are 0.000003.

256 Carbon-coated polished thin sections were used to analyse major, minor, and trace
257 element concentrations on a CAMECA SX-50 electron microprobe. The microprobe was
258 operated using 20 kV of excitation potential, 15 nA of current intensity and a beam
259 diameter of 10 μm . Analytical standards included natural silicates, carbonates and oxides
260 as follows: calcite (Ca), dolomite (Mg), Fe_2O_3 (Fe), rhodonite (Mn) and Celestite (Sr).
261 The detection limits were 135 ppm for Mn, 127 ppm for Fe, 101 ppm for Ca, 146 ppm for
262 Na, 180 ppm for Mg, and 390 ppm for Sr. Precision on major element analyses averaged
263 0.64% standard error at 2σ confidence levels.

264 **4. Results**

265 4.1. Locality description

266 The five studied localities (Q, G1, PEG, G2 and EST, from south to north) belong to the
267 thrust system in the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet (Fig. 1B and 2A). Fracture data
268 interpretation and sampling were carried out in representative localities of each exposed
269 thrust nappe.

270 The locality Q corresponds to the frontal part of the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet, one
271 km to the north of Berga city (Fig. 2A). The general structure of this locality consists of
272 three imbricated thrust sheets constituted by the Upper Cretaceous Areny Formation and
273 the Palaeocene Garumnian red beds (Fig. 1C). To the south, the front of the thrust
274 system is unconformably overlain by the upper Ypresian to lower Lutetian conglomerates
275 of Queralt, which define a growth strata. The syn-tectonic conglomerates of Queralt are
276 unconformably overlain by the conglomerates of the Coubet Formation.

277 Localities G1 and PEG are located 3 km to the N and 10 km to the NW from Berga city,
278 along the frontal region of the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet (Fig. 1C and 2A). In locality

279 G1, the hangingwall of the thrust is constituted of the Upper Triassic Keuper facies, which
280 gradually change upwards to the Lower Jurassic Bonansa Formation. These are
281 unconformably overlain by the Upper Cretaceous Vallcarga Formation. The footwall of
282 the thrust in locality G1 is formed by the Upper Cretaceous Vallcarga Formation. In the
283 locality PEG, a thrust fault cuts across Palaeocene Garumnian limestones in both
284 hangingwall and footwall (Fig. 1C and 2A).

285 The locality G2 is located in the northernmost part of the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet,
286 1 km to the S of Bagà village (Fig. 1 and 2A). In this area the entire Lower Pedraforca
287 thrust sheet is folded, during the younger emplacement of the Cadí thrust sheet, and
288 dips south forming the northern flank of the Ripoll syncline (Fig. 1C). The locality G2 is
289 located along the basal thrust of the Lower Pedraforca limiting with the underlying Cadí
290 thrust sheet. The hangingwall of the basal thrust is formed by Upper Triassic Keuper
291 facies overlain by Lower Jurassic limestones, whereas the footwall is constituted by
292 middle Eocene Campdevàrol Formation.

293 Finally, the locality EST is located 3 km to the NE of Gósol village (Fig. 1 and 2A). It
294 consists of Oligocene conglomerates deposited along the northern sector of the Lower
295 Pedraforca thrust sheet once eroded and latter thrust to north during the thrust
296 reactivation during progressive folding. These conglomerates are unconformably
297 overlying the middle Eocene Armànies Formation, belonging to the Cadí thrust sheet
298 (Fig. 2B).

299 4.2. Host rocks

300 The Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet is constituted by a thick Jurassic, Upper Cretaceous,
301 Palaeocene, Eocene, and Oligocene sedimentary successions.

302 The Jurassic Bonansa Formation consists of mudstones without skeletal components
303 and with millimetre-thick sub-horizontal lamination. The Upper Cretaceous host rocks
304 include the marine Vallcarga and Areny Formations. The Vallcarga Formation is formed

305 of grainstones with up to 10% of detrital quartz. Microfauna includes *Orbitoides* and
306 *Hemicyclammina*, indicating a late Santonian age (Pons and Caus, 1996). The Areny
307 Formation is mainly composed of grainstones of peloids, miliolids and bryozoan and
308 echinoid fragments and changes northwards to wackestones of gastropods and algae
309 and scleractinian coral fragments. The Palaeocene Garumnian facies consist of
310 continental detrital and carbonate rocks. Detrital rocks include red clays with orange and
311 purple colorations, with abundant *Microcodium* that occasionally replaces the whole rock
312 and suffer dissolution processes, as well as fine-grained sandstones formed of quartz
313 (~10%) and carbonate clasts (~80-90%). These sandstones have an excellent sorting
314 and are well-cemented. Regarding the Garumnian carbonate deposits, they are grey-
315 brown mudstones and wackestones with charophytes. Middle Eocene syn-orogenic
316 sediments deposited in the Lower Pedraforca thrust front are formed of well-cemented,
317 medium-grained grey sandstones with a good sorting. Detrital components consist of
318 *Microcodium* fragments from the Garumnian (~5-10%), limestone clasts (~70%), quartz
319 (~10%), and *Nummulites* (~10%). Oligocene conglomerates are formed of centimetre-
320 to metre-scale carbonate clasts supported by a matrix constituted of well-cemented and
321 coarse-grained sandstones with a good sorting. Detrital components of the matrix are
322 lithics derived from carbonates (>60%) and metamorphic rocks and quartz.

323 4.3. Fracture analysis

324 The Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet was affected by up to seven fracture sets (F1 to F7)
325 summarized in chronological order in Fig. 3. Fracture classification has been done
326 according to the type of fracture, crosscutting relationships, angular relationships with
327 bedding and U-Pb dating of fracture-filling calcite cement (U-Pb dates will be described
328 in detail in the geochemistry section).

329 After their restoration with respect to bedding, fracture set F1 consists of E-W
330 stratabound normal faults affecting the Upper Cretaceous Areny Formation and Middle
331 Eocene syn-orogenic sediments deposited in the thrust front (Fig. 3). These faults dip

332 45° to 80° either towards the north or south, have a length of up to 2 m with millimetre
333 thickness and they show displacements up to 10 cm and soft, undulated grooves and
334 striae sets (Fig. 4A and B). These features are indicative of hydroplastic deformation as
335 defined by Petit and Beauchamp (1986) and Petit and Laville (1987) and are similar to
336 those faults described in other areas of the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet by Soliva and
337 Benedicto (2004, 2005), Soliva et al. (2006, 2008). Calculated stress orientations
338 indicate an N-S extension (Fig. 3). These fractures do not have calcite cement, although
339 occasionally calcite veins with reverse striae sets have been observed, resulted from a
340 later reactivation. Fracture set F1 has been observed in locality Q.

341 The second fracture set (F2) consists of bed-parallel slip surfaces formed occasionally
342 at the contact between clays and more competent layers of the Areny Formation and
343 Garumnian facies in locality Q (Figs. 3 and 4C). F2 fractures have a thickness of up to
344 0.5 cm and a length of a few centimetres.

345 Fracture set F3 consists of N-S, NNW-SSE, and NNE-SSW bed-perpendicular veins that
346 often display en-échelon arrays (Fig. 3 and 4D and E). F3 is stratabound and show sub-
347 vertical dips after restoring bedding to the horizontal. F3 shows openings of up to 2 cm
348 and lengths of up to 30 cm. These fractures affect the Upper Cretaceous Areny
349 Formation, the Palaeocene Garumnian facies and the Middle Eocene syn-orogenic
350 sediments. Calculated stress orientations for F3 indicate a N-S strike-slip motion (Fig.
351 3). F3 has only been observed in locality Q.

352 Fracture set F4 is constituted of E-W, NNE-SSW, and NNW-SSE reverse fault zones
353 and their associate veins affecting the Jurassic and Upper Cretaceous Bonansa, Areny
354 and Vallcarga Formations (Fig. 3 and 5A). These faults dip between 15° and 75° towards
355 the N and NW, are not stratabound, have a constant orientation regardless of bed dips,
356 are filled with calcite and occasionally contain hydrocarbon seeps. Fault cores are
357 formed of thick S-C zones with the development of pressure-solution cleavage (Fig. 5B)
358 or thin discrete planes formed of up to 2 cm-thick shear veins. F4 shows lengths from a

359 few centimetres to tens of meters. However, in thrust faults in which thick units of Upper
360 Triassic evaporites act as a detachment, hydraulic fracturing is observed within the most
361 competent limestones of the footwall (Fig. 5C). These fractured areas extend tens of
362 meters away from the fault core. The calculated stress orientation for F4 indicates an N-
363 S (localities G1, PEG and G2) and NW-SE (locality Q) reverse motion (Fig. 3). In locality
364 Q, some of the reserve faults formed due to the reactivation of hydroplastic normal faults
365 F1.

366 The fifth fracture set (F5) consists of N-S, NW-SE, NNW-SSE, and NE-SW strike-slip
367 faults dipping between 45° and 90° that affect Upper Triassic, Jurassic, Upper
368 Cretaceous, and Palaeocene rocks. Fault planes are discrete, formed of shear veins with
369 a thickness of up to 2 cm and show striae sets indicating dextral and sinistral motion (Fig.
370 3 and 5D). F5 faults have lengths of up to 5 metres. Calculated stress orientations for F5
371 indicate NW-SE, N-S, and NE-SW strike-slip motion in localities Q, G1, G2, and EST,
372 respectively (Fig. 3). Like F4, strike-slip faults have a constant angle regardless of bed
373 dip.

374 Fractures F6 consists of 1 cm-wide and up to 5 cm-long N-S sub-vertical veins observed
375 occasionally in thrust fault zones of the locality G1 (Fig. 3). These fractures affect folded
376 Jurassic strata at a constant angle, indicating their late-folding formation. The stress
377 orientation for F6 indicates NNW-SSE strike-slip motion (Fig. 3).

378 Fracture set F7 consists of normal faults affecting the Oligocene conglomerates related
379 to the reactivation of the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet studied in locality EST (Fig. 5E).
380 These faults have an NNW-SSE strike, a dip between 60° and 80° either towards the SW
381 and NE and show fault displacements from 1 to 2 m (Fig. 3). Fault planes are discrete,
382 formed of up to 2 cm-thick extensional veins, and show lengths of up to 20 metres.
383 Calculated stress orientations for F7 indicate an ENE-WSW extension.

384 4.4. Petrography

385 From petrographic observations and U-Pb geochronology, eight types of calcite cement
386 filling fracture, vug and moldic porosity (Cc1 to Cc8 in chronological order) and two sets
387 of stylolites (St1 and St2) have been identified in the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet.
388 Their main features and crosscutting relationships are summarized in Figs. 3, 6, and 7.
389 Some of the collected samples are located in Fig. 5 for reference.

390 Calcite cement Cc1 and Cc2 are not fracture-related. Cc1 consists of non-luminescent
391 microsparite precipitated in the intergranular and moldic porosity of grainstones from the
392 Areny and Vallcarga Formations in localities Q and G1, respectively (Fig. 6A and B). Cc2
393 consists of blocky calcite crystals of more than 1 mm in size. This cement is non-
394 luminescent and precipitated in vug porosity affecting the Garumnian facies in locality Q
395 and in the intergranular porosity of breccias within the Jurassic limestones in locality G1
396 (Fig. 7). Cc3 precipitated in F2 and F3 fractures and vug porosity postdating Cc1 and
397 Cc2 in locality Q (Fig. 6A, B, and 7). This cement is orange luminescent and consists of
398 blocky calcite crystals ranging from 100 to 300 μm and fibrous calcite crystals parallel to
399 fracture walls varying from 200 μm to 2 mm in length. Blocky crystals have been
400 observed filling rhomb-shaped veinlets formed by crack-seal mechanism in F2 fractures.
401 Cc4 consists of blocky and bladed crystals ranging between 250 μm and 2 mm and
402 between 300 μm and 1 mm in length, respectively. This cement is dull-orange to orange
403 luminescent and precipitated in reactivated F1 fractures and in F3 veins affecting Eocene
404 syn-orogenic sediments in locality Q (Fig. 7). Cc5 consists of sparite crystals ranging
405 from 100 to 700 μm . This cement is zoned, from non-luminescent to dull orange and
406 precipitated in vug porosities within the Areny Formation and in some F4 fractures
407 postdating the previous cement in locality Q (Fig. 6A and B). Cc6 consists of blocky
408 microsparite and from 200 μm to 2 mm fibrous crystals arranged parallel and oblique to
409 fracture walls. Blocky sparite has been also observed filling rhomb-shaped veinlets
410 formed by crack-seal mechanism (Fig. 6C and D). Cc6 is dull-brown luminescent and

411 precipitated in vug porosities within the Areny Formation and in F4 and F5 fractures
412 postdating Cc2 and Cc5 (Fig. 7). Cc6 has been observed in localities Q, G1, G2, and
413 PEG. Cc7 consists of locally zoned blocky calcite crystals ranging from 100 μm to 1mm
414 and up to 1 mm fibrous crystals arranged perpendicular to fracture walls (Fig.7). This
415 cement is dull to bright orange and precipitated in F6 fractures. Cc7 has only been
416 observed in locality G1. Calcite cement Cc8 consists of blocky crystals ranging from 500
417 μm to more than 2 mm in size and shows orange luminescence (Fig. 6E and F). Cc8 has
418 been only observed within normal faults F7 in locality EST.

419 Stylolites St1 consist of a set of bed-parallel stylolites affecting preferentially mudstones
420 from the Jurassic Bonansa Formation and the Palaeocene Garumnian (Fig. 7). St1 are
421 postdated by Cc3 precipitated in F3 veins and have been observed in Q, G1 and G2
422 localities (Fig. 3). St2 stylolites are arranged both parallel and perpendicular to the walls
423 of F4 and F5 fractures containing Cc6. St2 stylolites occasionally affect internally Cc6
424 and occur at the contacts between this cement and its adjacent carbonate host rocks
425 (Figs. 3 and 7). Close to F4 fractures, host carbonates display stylobreccia fabrics in
426 Garumnian mudstones from locality PEG. Crosscutting relationships with Cc7 have not
427 been observed. St2 stylolites have been observed in localities Q, G1, G2 and PEG.

428 4.5. Geochemistry

429 4.5.1. *U-Pb geochronology*

430 U-Pb dating was applied successfully to calcite cement Cc3, Cc4, Cc6, Cc7, and Cc8.
431 The results are presented in Table 1 and Fig. 3. Concordia graphs and analytical data
432 are presented in Table S1 and Fig. S1 from supplementary material, respectively.

433 Calcite cement Cc3, Cc4, Cc6, and Cc7 yielded Lutetian ages. For Cc3, dates of $47.3 \pm$
434 1 and 45.7 ± 1.9 Ma were obtained. However, the youngest date has a mean squared
435 weighted deviate (MSWD) higher than 2, indicating either a mixing of dates, an
436 underestimated analytical error, minor open-system behaviour, or an incomplete initial
437 equilibration of the Pb isotopes (Rasbury and Cole, 2009). Consequently, this date must

438 be interpreted with some caution. Cc4 has U-Pb dates of 47.9 ± 1.3 and 44.8 ± 1.4 Ma.
439 For Cc6, U-Pb dates of 47.2 ± 0.7 Ma and 45.1 ± 1.2 were obtained, whereas Cc7 yielded
440 two younger dates of 42.9 ± 0.9 and 42.3 ± 0.8 Ma. Finally, for Cc8, an Oligocene U-Pb
441 date of 30.2 ± 2 Ma was obtained.

442 *4.5.2. Carbon and oxygen stable isotopes*

443 The carbon and oxygen stable isotopic composition of carbonate host rocks and calcite
444 cement within the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet is presented in Fig. 8A and Table S2.
445 The comparison between $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of the sampled calcite cement and their adjacent host
446 carbonates is shown in Fig. 8B.

447 Lower Jurassic marine limestones have $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ranging from -6.06 to +4 ‰ VPDB and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
448 between -5.2 and -3.6 ‰ VPDB (Fig. 8A). Marine carbonates from the Upper Cretaceous
449 Vallcarga Formation have values between +2.1 and +2.5 ‰ VPDB and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ between -
450 4.1 and -3.1 ‰ VPDB (Fig. 8A). Marine carbonates from the Upper Cretaceous Areny
451 Formation have $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ between +1.5 and +1.7 ‰ VPDB and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ between -4.5 and -3.2
452 ‰ VPDB (Fig. 8). Palaeocene palustrine limestones have $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ between -17.5 and -3.7
453 ‰ VPDB and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ between -8.2 and -4.8 ‰ VPDB (Fig. 8A). A carbonate clast from
454 Oligocene conglomerates has a $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of +1.1 ‰ VPDB and a $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of -2.8 ‰ VPDB (Fig.
455 8A).

456 Calcite cement Cc1 to Cc5 show $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values similar to their adjacent host rocks
457 (Fig. 8B). Cc1 has $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of +1.5 ‰ VPDB and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of -5.2 ‰ VPDB (Fig. 8A). Cc2 has
458 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values between -10.1 and -6.6 ‰ VPDB and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values between -6.5 and -5 ‰
459 VPDB (Fig. 8A). For Cc3, the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ranges between -10.8 and -0.4 ‰ VPDB and the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
460 ranges between -6.4 and -3.9 ‰ VPDB (Fig. 8A). Cc4 has $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values between -5.9 and
461 -3.7 ‰ VPDB and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ between -6.9 and -2.6 ‰ VPDB and Cc5 has $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values
462 between +0.8 and +1.6 ‰ VPDB and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ranging between -5.7 and -4.4 ‰ VPDB (Fig.
463 8A).

464 Calcite cement Cc6 to Cc8 show depleted $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values with respect their adjacent host
465 rocks (Fig. 8B). For Cc6, the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ranges between -8.9 and +3.7 ‰ VPDB and the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
466 between -10.7 and -5.8 ‰ VPDB (Fig.8A). Cc7 has $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values between -1.73 and -0.94
467 ‰ VPDB and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ranging between -11.3 and -9.58 ‰ VPDB (Fig. 8A). The $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ for
468 Cc8 ranges between -0.3 and -0.2 ‰ VPDB and the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ between -7.3 and -6.2 ‰ VPDB
469 (Fig.8A).

470 4.5.3. *Clumped isotopes thermometry*

471 For this study, clumped isotopes thermometry has been applied to calcite cement Cc3
472 and Cc6. The results are presented in a $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{fluid}}$ vs clumped temperature cross-plot (Fig.
473 9) and in Table 2. $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{fluid}}$ in ‰ VSMOW of fluids are calculated from clumped
474 temperatures using the equation of Friedman and O'Neil (1977).

475 For Cc3, the Δ_{47} is 0.579 ± 0.011 ‰, which translates into a temperature of 69.1 ± 5.3 °C
476 and a $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{fluid}}$ of $+5.4 \pm 0.9$ ‰ VSMOW. The analysed Δ_{47} for Cc6 is 0.579 ± 0.008 ‰,
477 which translates into a temperature of 74.2 ± 4 °C and a $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{fluid}}$ of $+5.1 \pm 0.7$ ‰ VSMOW.

478 4.5.4. *Strontium isotopes*

479 The Areny Formation limestone has an $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio of 0.707841 (Fig.9, Table S3). Only
480 calcite cement Cc3, Cc5, and Cc6 could be sampled, obtaining $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios of
481 0.707922, 0.708230, and 0.707817, respectively (Fig.10, Table S3).

482 4.5.5. *Elemental composition*

483 The Fe, Mg, Sr, and Mn contents and Ca/Fe and Mg/Ca molar ratios of calcite cement
484 Cc1, Cc3, Cc4, Cc5, and Cc6 are presented in table S4.

485 The elemental composition of calcite cement Cc1 shows values ranging from 172 to 1940
486 ppm in Fe and from 1096 to 6925 ppm in Mg, Sr, and Mn contents range from below the
487 detection limit to 3592 and 361 ppm, respectively. Calcite cement Cc3 has values
488 ranging from below the detection limit to 548 ppm in Fe and from 289 to 4169 ppm in
489 Mg. The Sr and Mn contents range from below the detection limit to 879 and 477 ppm,

490 respectively. In calcite cement Cc4, the Fe content is below the detection limit, whereas
491 Mg shows values ranging from 801 to 4560 ppm. The Sr and Mn contents range from
492 below the detection limit to 275 and 384 ppm, respectively. For calcite cement Cc5, Mg
493 content ranges from 672 to 2765 ppm and the Fe, Sr and Mn contents range from below
494 the detection limit to 3028, 1851, and 365 ppm, respectively. The Mg content of calcite
495 cement Cc6 range from 679 to 4353 ppm whereas its Fe, Sr and Mn contents range from
496 below the detection limit to 3021, 656, and 362 ppm, respectively.

497 The elemental composition of cement Cc1, Cc3, Cc4, Cc5 and Cc6 shows a good Mg/Fe
498 and Mn/Fe correlation and a bad correlation with the Sr content. The distribution of the
499 Mg/Fe and Mn/Fe results shows two different fields (Fig. 11A and B). The first field (light
500 grey) includes calcite cement Cc1 and Cc3 and shows a wide range of Mg and Mn
501 content and narrow range of Fe content, whereas the second one (dark grey) includes
502 cement Cc5 and Cc6 and shows a wide range of Fe content and narrow range of Mg
503 and Mn content.

504 Although the elemental composition in natural carbonates does not always reflect
505 equilibrium partitioning (Reeder and Grams, 1987; Paquette and Reeder, 1995),
506 precipitation in equilibrium is assumed in this study to differentiate between different
507 types of fluids from which the studied calcites precipitated. Thus, molar ratios between
508 Ca and Fe, Sr, Mn and Mg were calculated for Cc1, Cc3, Cc4, Cc5, and Cc6 since their
509 values yield an estimation of the compositions of the former fluid (Table 3). Molar ratios
510 were calculated using the formula of McIntire (1963) and using $K_{Mg}=0.097$ at 70 °C (Katz,
511 1973), $K_{Fe}=5$ at 25 °C (Tucker and Wright, 1990), $K_{Mn}=8$ at 25° C (Lorens, 1981),
512 $K_{Sr}=0.08$ at 100°C (Kinsman, 1969). The Ca/Fe molar ratio of cement Cc1, Cc3, Cc5 and
513 Cc6 ranges from 1390 to 15903, from 4963 to 19934, from 836 to 6993 and from 880 to
514 3912, respectively. The Mg/Ca molar ratio ranges from 0.047 to 0.304 for Cc1, from
515 0.069 to 0.18 for Cc3, from 0.034 to 0.197 for Cc4, from 0.03 to 0.121 for Cc5 and from
516 0.044 to 0.195 for Cc6. The Ca/Fe and Mg/Ca ratios are plotted in Fig. 11C. The Sr/Ca

517 molar ratios of cement Cc1, Cc3, Cc4, Cc5 and Cc6 range from 0.006 to 0.052, from
518 0.006 to 0.013, from 0.007 to 0.02, from 0.0052 to 0.027 and from 0.006 to 0.019,
519 respectively. The Mn/Ca ratios range from 0.000032 to 0.000085 for Cc1, from 0.000032
520 to 0.00011 for Cc3, from 0.000033 to 0.000091 for Cc4, from 0.00025 to 0.000086 for
521 Cc5 and from 0.000023 to 0.000083 for Cc6.

522 **5. Discussion**

523 5.1. Timing of fracture development

524 The sequence of fractures F1 to F7 documented in this work characterizes the evolution
525 of deformation of the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet.

526 The hydroplastic behaviour of F1 normal faults indicate that they were formed when the
527 sediments were still poorly consolidated (Petit and Beauchamp, 1986; Petit and Laville,
528 1987) and therefore, at shallow depths soon after deposition of the Upper Cretaceous
529 Areny Formation and Middle Eocene syn-orogenic sediments. Similar fracture patterns
530 also affecting the Areny Formation have been observed in other areas of the Lower
531 Pedraforca thrust sheet (Soliva and Benedicto, 2004, 2005; Soliva et al., 2006, 2008)
532 (Fig. 2A).

533 Fractures F2, F3, F4 and F6 have been dated using U-Pb geochronology of calcite
534 cement Cc3, Cc4, Cc6 and Cc7. The obtained ages (from 47.9 ± 1.3 Ma to 42.3 ± 0.8
535 Ma) indicate that these fractures formed during the emplacement of the Lower
536 Pedraforca thrust sheet during the Lutetian. Furthermore, crosscutting relationships
537 between fractures and bedding allow differentiating stages of deformation during this
538 emplacement. Thus, fracture systems F2 and F3 arranged parallel and perpendicular to
539 bedding, respectively, probably formed at the same stage of deformation since they both
540 contain calcite cement Cc3 (from 47.3 ± 1 Ma to 45.7 ± 1.9 Ma). These fracture systems
541 formed during layer-parallel shortening, and are associated to the first stages of

542 compression in many fold and thrust belts (Casini et al., 2011; Tavani et al., 2015).
543 Fracture systems F4, F5, and F6 have a constant orientation regardless of the beds dip,
544 indicating that they formed during the main or late stages of folding, once strata were
545 already tilted (Casini et al., 2011). Considering crosscutting relationships between the
546 different types of calcite cement (Fig. 7), F4 containing Cc5 probably formed prior to F5
547 containing Cc6. Contrarily, F4 containing Cc6 and F5 formed at the same time since they
548 contain the same type of calcite cement (from 47.2 ± 0.7 Ma to 45.1 ± 1.2 Ma). The
549 presence in the thrust front of hydroplastic normal faults F1 with Cc6 and striae sets
550 showing a reverse motion indicate that they were reactivated during this stage. This
551 reactivation has also been observed in other areas of the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet
552 (Fig. 2A), where they show oblique and strike-slip striae sets (Soliva and Benedicto,
553 2004, 2005). F1 hydroplastic normal faults were reactivated probably to accommodate
554 tilting and changes in the orientation during folding due to a tectonically-induced fluid
555 pressure increase or because they represent a weak surface that facilitates reactivation
556 (Letouzey et al., 1990; Sibson, 1995; Aydin, 2000; Wiprut and Zoback, 2000; Chi et al.,
557 2012; Cobbold et al., 2013; Rutqvist et al., 2013; Soumaya et al., 2015; Wisseall et al.,
558 2018). The presence of hydraulic breccias in thrust fault zones and normal faults tilted to
559 low angles, or 0° , can be accounted for by a combination of both processes. U-Pb dates
560 of 42.9 ± 0.9 Ma and 42.3 ± 0.8 Ma obtained for calcite cement Cc7 in fractures F6 reveal
561 that these fractures formed after F4 and F5.

562 Normal faults F7 affect well-cemented Eocene-Oligocene conglomerates. Their NNW-
563 SSE orientation is not consistent with the E-W trend of the main south Pyrenean
564 structures (Vergés and Muñoz, 1990). The U-Pb age obtained for cement Cc8
565 precipitated in F7 (30.2 ± 2 Ma) suggests that their formation could be related to an E-W
566 local extension affecting the Eocene-Oligocene conglomerates, which were deposited
567 during the reactivation of the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet (Vergés, 1993).

568 5.2. Evolution of the palaeohydrological system

569 The evolution of the palaeohydrological system through time within the Lower Pedraforca
570 thrust sheet is inferred from the geochemical data of calcite cement Cc1 to Cc8.

571 The $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of most of the studied calcite cement is similar to their adjacent host rocks,
572 indicating a high interaction between fluids and host rocks (Fig. 8). This similarity is not
573 observed for Cc2 in locality G1, thus indicating the influence of soil-derived CO_2 or
574 oxidation of organic matter within the host rocks (Irwin et al., 1977; Cerling et al., 1989).
575 In the same locality, cement Cc6 postdating Cc2 is also in disequilibrium with their
576 adjacent host rock whereas it has similar $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ to that of Cc2 (Fig. 8). This could indicate
577 that the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of fluids from which Cc6 precipitated locally reequilibrated with Cc2 instead
578 of with the host carbonates. The $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of Cc2 suggest that this cement probably
579 precipitated from meteoric waters (Veizer and Hoefs, 1976) (Fig. 8).

580 Regarding to the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, values for calcite cement Cc1 to Cc5 are similar to their host
581 carbonates (Fig. 8). This could indicate a relatively closed palaeohydrological system, in
582 which fluid-host rock interaction was high enough to equilibrate the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of the host
583 carbonates with that of the fluid (Banner and Hanson, 1990) but not high enough to
584 modify the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ signature of the host rock, as evidenced by the wide spread of values
585 for each cement (Fig. 8). This different behaviour of the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ may be related to
586 the different concentrations of these isotopic species in the host rock, which require
587 different fluid/rock ratios to be reequilibrated with fluids (Banner and Hanson, 1990). For
588 calcite cement Cc6, Cc7 and Cc8, however, the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ is progressively more depleted with
589 respect to their adjacent host carbonates, suggesting an opening of the
590 palaeohydrological system or higher temperature conditions during calcite precipitation
591 (Fig. 8). In this setting, and in opposition with that for Cc1 to Cc5 calcite cement, fluid-
592 host rock interaction was not sufficient to re-equilibrate the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of host rocks with that
593 of fluids due to a lower water/host rock ratio. The opening of the palaeohydrological

594 system could have been favoured by the development of fractures F4 to F7, which have
595 a major length and width than that of F2 and F3. The development of longer and wider
596 fractures increased the reservoir permeability and facilitated the opening of the system
597 to external fluids and the decrease the water/host interaction (Travé et al., 2000; Hurai
598 et al., 2015; Muñoz-López et al., 2020). The depletion in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of Cc6, Cc7, and Cc8 with
599 respect to their host rocks could be due to the input of hotter fluids or mixing between
600 formation and more diluted meteoric waters (Zheng and Hoefs, 1993; Travé et al., 1997;
601 Immenhauser et al., 2007; Breesch et al., 2009; Vilasi, 2010; Vandeginste et al., 2012;
602 Beaudoin et al., 2014; Lacroix et al., 2014; Cruset et al., 2016; 2018; Nardini et al., 2019).
603 The presence of oil seeps trapped within Cc6 precipitated in F4 fractures also evidences
604 an open fluid system. The origin of these hydrocarbons is unclear since the main source
605 rock in the SE Pyrenees is the Armàncies Formation (Caja et al., 2006). This unit consists
606 of lower Eocene carbonates in the footwall of the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet below
607 its main Upper Triassic detachment (Fig. 1C). However, in the western continuation of
608 the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet, the Montsec and Serres Marginals thrust units, Early
609 Jurassic source rocks have been identified (Martínez-del Olmo, 2019). Therefore, a
610 possible Jurassic origin for oil in the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet cannot be ruled out.
611 The low $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ value measured in one sample of Lower Jurassic limestones from locality
612 G2 (-6.06 ‰ VPDB) could account for organic matter oxidation (Irwin et al., 1977).
613 Contrarily, the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of the other measured Jurassic host rocks are within the range of
614 Jurassic-Cretaceous marine carbonates (Veizer et al., 1999) (Fig. 8). In this scenario, F4
615 fractures, where Cc6 precipitated, may have facilitated interconnection between different
616 hydrostratigraphic units and the migration of hydrocarbons to shallower areas.

617 The two fields observed in the Mn/Fe cross-plot (Fig. 11B) also indicate the behaviour of
618 the palaeohydrological system during fluid migration within the Lower Pedraforca thrust
619 sheet. Thus, as the distribution coefficient of Mn (K_{Mn}) is higher than the distribution
620 coefficient of Fe (K_{Fe}), in a closed palaeohydrological system, the Mn content decreases

621 faster than the Fe content in the fluid as calcite precipitates (Dromgoole and Walter,
622 1990). In contrast, if Fe content decreases faster than that of Mn during calcite
623 precipitation, it will necessarily imply an open system. In the Lower Pedraforca thrust
624 sheet, calcite cement Cc1 and Cc3 fall in the field with a faster decrease in Mn than in
625 Fe (Fig. 11B), and thus, reflecting a relatively closed system and high fluid-rock
626 interaction. Contrarily, cement Cc5 and Cc6 fall in the field with a faster Fe decrease
627 than Mn and therefore, that they precipitated in a more open palaeohydrological fluid
628 system in which fluid-rock interaction was low.

629 The elemental composition of the calcite cement also records the composition of fluids
630 migrating within the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet. The Mn/Ca and Sr/Ca molar ratios
631 of fluids from which calcite cement Cc1, Cc3, Cc4, Cc5 and Cc6 precipitated range from
632 0.000231 to 0.000091 for Mn/Ca and from 0.0052 to 0.0522 for Sr/Ca. These values are
633 similar to those of calcites precipitated from formation waters (McIntire, 1963; Howson
634 et al., 1987; Tucker and Wright, 1990). The Mg/Ca and Ca/Fe ratios of calcite cement
635 Cc1 and Cc3 (from 0.03 to 0.304 for Mg/Ca and from 1390 to 19934 for Ca/Fe) indicate
636 the influence of marine, formation and meteoric waters (Tucker and Wright, 1990; Kolker
637 and Chou, 1994; Steuber and Rauch, 2005; Ligi et al., 2013) (Fig. 11C), whereas in
638 calcite cement Cc4, Cc5 and Cc6 (from 0.03 to 0.197 for Mg/Ca and from 836 to 6993
639 for Ca/Fe) these ratios suggest the presence of meteoric and formation waters (Howson
640 et al., 1987; Tucker and Wright, 1990; Kolker and Chou, 1994). These results suggest
641 that during the evolution of the fluid system, the influence of marine waters is stronger
642 during the precipitation of cement Cc1 and Cc3, when the fluid system was relatively
643 closed (Fig. 11C). In contrast, during the precipitation of calcite cement Cc5 and Cc6,
644 the influence of meteoric waters was stronger, suggesting the opening of the fluid system
645 to these fluids (Fig. 11C).

646 The $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios of calcite cement Cc3 (0.707922) and Cc5 (0.708230) are higher
647 than expected for cement precipitated from Middle Eocene seawater (McArthur et al.,

2001) and thus, fluids had to interact with a more radiogenic source. The $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio of Cc3 falls within the range of the Upper Triassic evaporites from Keuper facies (Fig. 10), indicating that fluids from which this cement precipitated probably interacted with these evaporites. An alternative interpretation would imply fluids interacting with clay minerals such as illite and/or smectite (Katz and Bullen, 1996), indicated by the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio of Cc5 higher than Upper Triassic evaporites (Fig. 10). The source of these minerals could be the Garumnian continental deposits. On the other hand, calcite cement Cc6 shows the lowest $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio (0.707817, Fig. 10), which could indicate the influence of either middle Eocene seawater or of brines from the Upper Triassic Keuper facies, which act as a detachment of the thrust system. The absence in Cc6 of any marine influence in the Ca/Fe and Mg/Ca ratios (Fig. 11C), together with its $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{fluid}}$ of $+5.1 \pm 0.7$ ‰ may support the influence of Upper Triassic evaporites rather than middle Eocene seawater.

5.3. Relationships between deformation style and fluid flow

A conceptual model divided in five stages showing the relationships between fluid flow and fracturing during the development of the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet is presented (Fig. 12).

During the first stage (T1, Fig. 3 and 12A), hydroplastic normal faults F1 formed soon after the deposition of the Upper Cretaceous Areny Formation at shallow conditions. During this event, there was no cement precipitation within faults, probably because faulting occurred in poorly consolidated sediments with internal heterogeneities that act as zones of low permeability (Caine and Minor, 2009; Loveless et al., 2011), or because the fluid that migrated along fractures was undersaturated with respect to calcite.

During T2 (Fig. 12B), Cc1 and Cc2 precipitated in the intergranular, moldic and vug porosities within the Jurassic Bonansa and Upper Cretaceous Areny Formations and the Palaeocene Garumnian facies. Cc1 and Cc2 probably precipitated from formation and

674 meteoric waters, respectively. These two types of cement precipitated before the
675 Lutetian shortening event related to the emplacement of the Lower Pedraforca thrust
676 sheet, as evidenced by crosscutting relationships between these types of cement and
677 cement Cc3 (Fig. 6A and B and 7). Therefore, they probably precipitated during burial
678 diagenesis of the Jurassic, Upper Cretaceous, and Palaeocene sediments. During this
679 burial stage, bed-parallel stylolites St1 formed in carbonate rocks of the Bonansa and
680 Areny Formations and Garumnian facies.

681 The Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet was emplaced during the Lutetian (stages T3 and
682 T4). At stage T3, fractures F2 and F3 formed during layer-parallel shortening, and calcite
683 cement Cc3 and Cc4 precipitated post-dating stylolites St1 (Fig. 3 and 12C). During this
684 period, formation waters, possibly derived from Upper Triassic evaporites and in isotopic
685 equilibrium with adjacent Upper Cretaceous and Palaeocene host rocks, migrated along
686 fractures in a closed system. The precipitation temperature of ~ 70 °C obtained for Cc3
687 is higher than expected by burial in the frontalmost part of the Lower Pedraforca thrust
688 sheet, where the complete pile of sediments is less than 500 m (Vergés, 1993).
689 Considering a linear geothermal gradient of 30 °C, which is slightly high for foreland
690 basins, the estimated burial depth is ~ 2.3 km. This thermal gradient was tested in the
691 southern Pyrenean foreland basins by Vergés et al. (1998). This depth is consistent with
692 the stratigraphic thickness of the northern imbricated Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet (Fig.
693 1C; Vergés 1993), fact that could indicate that formation waters migrated from the deeper
694 parts of the thrust sheet to the shallow thrust front along F2 and F3 fractures. Rapid fluid
695 flow would account for thermal disequilibrium with their adjacent host rocks (Bons et al.,
696 2012; Beaudoin et al., 2014). During T3, fractures F3 cut hydroplastic normal faults F1
697 in the Upper Cretaceous Areny Formation. In the thrust front, however, hydroplastic
698 normal faults developed within middle Eocene syn-orogenic sediments in Q. These faults
699 were reactivated during progressive tilting of bedding and Cc4 precipitated. The
700 dispersion in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of this cement (from -6.9 to -2.6 ‰ VPDB) could indicate different

701 precipitation temperatures, probably related to different burial conditions during the
702 progressive deposition of the syn-orogenic sediments.

703 The fourth stage (T4) is related to folding and thrusting when F4 reverse and F5 strike-
704 slip faults and F6 veins formed (T4, Fig. 3 and 12D). During this event, recorded by
705 cement Cc5, Cc6, and Cc7, the fluid system opened to formation waters carrying
706 hydrocarbons (Fig. 8, 10 and 11C). These fluids probably interacted with Upper Triassic
707 evaporites as indicated by the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio of Cc6 (0.707817). This new input of
708 formation waters was coupled with a progressive decrease of the water/host rock
709 interaction, resulting in the precipitation of calcite cement Cc6 and Cc7, with $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
710 depleted with respect to their adjacent host rocks (Fig. 8). The temperature about 74 °C
711 obtained for Cc6 is also higher than expected by burial. Considering the geothermal
712 gradient of 30 °C, an estimated burial depth of ~2.4 km is obtained, which is consistent
713 with the stratigraphic thickness of the northern imbricate Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet
714 (Fig. 1C; Vergés 1993). The increase of temperature of Cc6 with respect to Cc3 could
715 indicate an increase of burial during deposition of the Bellmunt Formation
716 conglomerates, which buried the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet during the Lutetian
717 (Burbank et al., 1992a). As deformation progressed, St1 stylolites were passively rotated
718 in the fold limbs and St2 stylolites postdating Cc6 formed parallel and orthogonal to F4
719 and F5 fractures. St2 formed due to shortening during the emplacement of the Lower
720 Pedraforca imbricates. The preferential development of these stylolites in close
721 relationship with F4 and F5 accounts for this scenario. During progressive folding, F1
722 hydroplastic normal faults in the Upper Cretaceous Areny Formation were reactivated as
723 reverse faults in the thrust front, whereas in the central area of the Lower Pedraforca
724 thrust sheet (Fig. 2A), they were reactivated as strike-slip faults, allowing fluid migration
725 (Soliva and Benedicto, 2004, 2005; Soliva et al., 2006, 2008). Such reactivations
726 increased the fracture reservoir heterogeneity and are interpreted to have been induced
727 by fluid pressure build-up and/or reorientation of pre-existing fractures during folding, as

728 reported in other fractured reservoirs worldwide (Letouzey et al., 1990; Sibson, 1995;
729 Aydin, 2000; Wiprut and Zoback, 2000; Roure et al., 2005; Chi et al., 2012; Cobbold et
730 al., 2013; Rutqvist et al., 2013; Soumaya et al., 2015; Wisseall et al., 2018). Fluids
731 migrated along discrete fault planes or through hydraulic fracturing triggered by fluid
732 overpressures in the footwall of thrusts displaced along Upper Triassic evaporites.
733 According to Aydin (2000) in the Uinta basin (United states), hydraulic fractures act as
734 preferential paths for fluids in areas with low permeability.

735 Finally, during the reactivation of the thrust system (T5, Fig. 3 and 12E) at the Oligocene,
736 normal faults F7 formed and fluids also in disequilibrium with their adjacent host rocks
737 migrated through fractures precipitating cement Cc8 in a relatively open system.

738 5.4. Pyrenees fluid flow comparison to other fold and thrust belts examples

739 The Lower Pedraforca corresponds to a single thrust sheet and its emplacement
740 represents a short period of time of the whole south Pyrenean foreland basin evolution
741 under marine conditions (Vergés et al., 1995). Despite these limited area and time
742 scales, the fluid flow behaviour in the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet is similar to that of
743 in other Pyrenean transects as well as in larger scale fold and thrust belts (Fig. 13). In all
744 cases, fluid-related processes are controlled by the evolution of deformation patterns,
745 from layer-parallel shortening (Fig. 13A) to subsequent folding and thrusting (Fig. 13B).
746 The Puig-reig anticline, in the south Pyrenean foreland basin, is located to the south of
747 the frontal thrust and thus corresponding to a younger foreland region than that of the
748 Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet. In this anticline, hydrothermal fluids migrated through
749 early stratabound strike-slip faults and low angle thrusts. Subsequently, during folding
750 and crestal graben development, the palaeohydrological system opened to the input of
751 meteoric waters that mixed at depth with the hydrothermal fluids (Cruset et al., 2016). A
752 similar opening of the fluid system through time is observed in other south Pyrenean
753 structures developed at different periods of time and at different foreland domains than

754 the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet, such as the Vallfogona, l'Escala, l'Abocador, Larra-
755 Eaux-Chaudes and Jaca thrusts (Lacroix et al., 2014; Crognier et al., 2018; Cruset et al.,
756 2018). Elsewhere, in larger fold and thrust belts such as the Bighorn Basin in the Sevier
757 thrust belt and in the Ionian fold belt of Albania, a closed palaeohydrological system
758 prevailed during layer-parallel shortening, which opened to external fluids during
759 fracturing associated to folding and thrusting (Vilasi et al., 2006; Beaudoin et al., 2013).
760 Likewise, in the Mexican fold and thrust belt and in the central Appalachians, fluids were
761 stratigraphically segregated during the early deformation, whereas the fluid system
762 became interconnected during fold tightening (Ferket et al., 2000, 2003; Lefticariu et al.,
763 2005; Fischer et al., 2009; Fitz-Diaz et al., 2011; Evans et al., 2012). In the Northern
764 Oman Mountains, pre-burial fluids migrated through fractures in a rock-buffered system,
765 and deep-sourced fluids migrated through thrust faults during the main stage of
766 compression (Breesch et al., 2009). In this example of fold belt from Oman, main thrust
767 faults acted as barriers for transversal fluid flow, since evidence of migration of fluids
768 were not observed in the hangingwall carbonates. Finally, the anticlines from the
769 Lurestan Province of Iran, in the Zagros fold belt, show a fracture pattern similar to that
770 observed in the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet, although the Iranian folds are located in
771 a more external domain of the foreland basin. In this area, syn-sedimentary normal faults
772 were passively rotated into the anticline limbs during the main and later stages of folding
773 and were reactivated as reverse faults, where calcite cement containing hydrocarbons
774 precipitated (Casini et al., 2011; 2018). Like in the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet, the
775 presence of hydrocarbons within fracture-filling calcites indicates the opening of the fluid
776 system during this main stage of folding and the input of exotic fluids in contact with
777 petroleum source rocks.

778 The changes of the fluid regime in compressional settings are also observed in
779 extensional regimes such as the Neogene Vallès-Penedès (Baqués et al., 2010;
780 Cantarero et al., 2014) and the Corinth rift (Benedicto et al., 2008) extensional systems.

781 In these examples, during the first stages of upward propagation of normal faults, the
782 palaeohydrological system was relatively closed with high fluid-rock interaction, whereas
783 during the final stages of normal faulting it changed to a more open one, with lower fluid-
784 rock interaction.

785 **6. Conclusions**

786 The integration of field-based and petrographic observations, together with geochemical
787 and geochronological data allowed to differentiate up to eight types of calcite cement
788 (Cc1 to Cc8) and two sets of stylolites (St1 and St2) revealing the evolution of the
789 palaeohydrological system during the emplacement of the Lower Pedraforca thrust
790 sheet.

791 Relationships between calcite cement and fractures indicate that during hydroplastic
792 deformation related to the pre-shortening stage within the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet,
793 there was no precipitation of calcite cement in fractures. During the progressive burial,
794 calcite cement Cc1 and Cc2 precipitated from formation waters in isotopic equilibrium
795 with their adjacent host rocks. Burial was also responsible for development of the bed-
796 parallel stylolites St1.

797 During middle Eocene (Lutetian) layer-parallel shortening, calcite cement Cc3 and Cc4
798 precipitated from fluids in a relatively closed palaeohydrological system with high fluid-
799 host rock interaction. Clumped isotopes thermometry indicates that calcite cement Cc3
800 precipitated from formation waters ($\sim +5.4$ ‰ VSMOW) at temperatures around 70 °C.
801 This temperature, together with an $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio of 0.707922, indicates that formation
802 waters migrated forwards from the deeper domains in the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet
803 to the shallower thrust front and probably interacting with Upper Triassic evaporites at
804 the base of the hangingwall succession. The $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ dispersion up to 4 ‰ VPDB of calcite
805 cement Cc4 could indicate different precipitation temperatures during the progressive
806 burial of syn-orogenic sediments deposited in the thrust front (Emery, 1987).

807 Progressive folding and thrusting, during Lutetian age, was coupled with tilting of St1
808 stylolites and precipitation of calcite cement Cc5 to Cc7. Clumped isotopes thermometry
809 indicates that Cc6 cement precipitated from formation waters ($\sim +5$ ‰ VSMOW) at
810 temperatures around 75 °C, which are also interpreted as migrated from the deeper
811 regions of the thrust sheet to the thrust front. The $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ depletion of calcite cement Cc6
812 and Cc7 with respect to their adjacent host rocks and the presence of hydrocarbons in
813 Cc6 indicate an opening of the palaeohydrological system. The $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios of Cc5
814 (0.708230) and Cc6 (0.707817) suggests the influence of clay minerals, probably from
815 the Garumnian continental deposits, and of Upper Triassic evaporites, respectively.
816 During this period, stylolites St2 formed and previous hydroplastic fractures were
817 reactivated as reverse and strike-slip faults facilitating fluid flow. Cc7, precipitated after
818 Cc6 according to U-Pb geochronology, also precipitated from fluids in isotopic
819 disequilibrium with their adjacent host rocks.

820 Finally, large-scale folding of the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet due to the emplacement
821 of younger thrust sheets below, induced the reactivation of its basal thrust during the
822 Oligocene. During this period, fluids in isotopic disequilibrium with their adjacent host
823 rocks migrated through local normal faults that cut Oligocene conglomerates in the
824 footwall of the Lower Pedraforca basal thrust and Cc8 precipitated.

825 The progressive shortening and concomitant fracturing and fluid flow in the Lower
826 Pedraforca thrust sheet share a common fluid evolution with other fold and thrust belt
827 domains in the Pyrenees as well as elsewhere alike the Sevier, Appalachians, Bighorn
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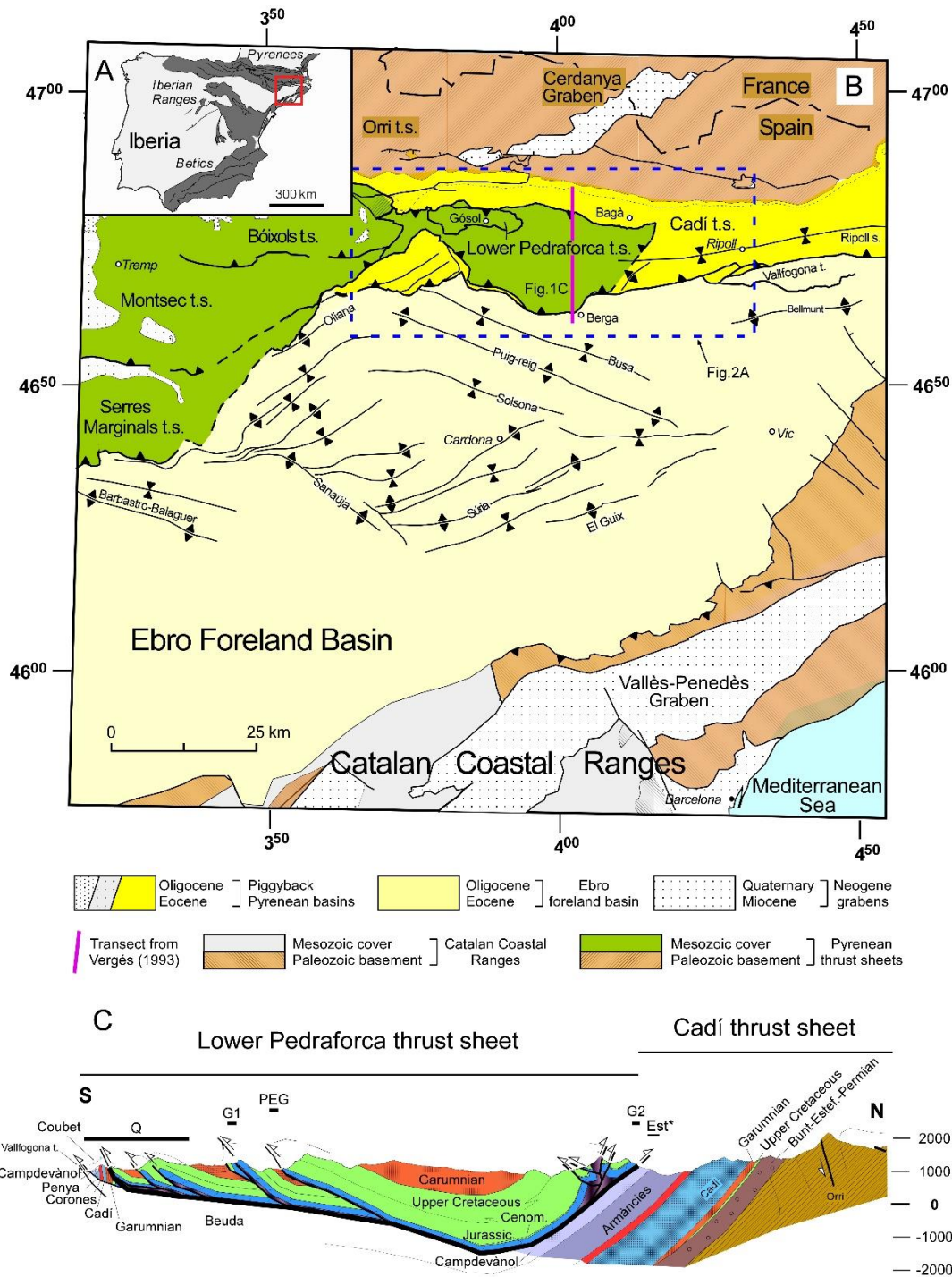
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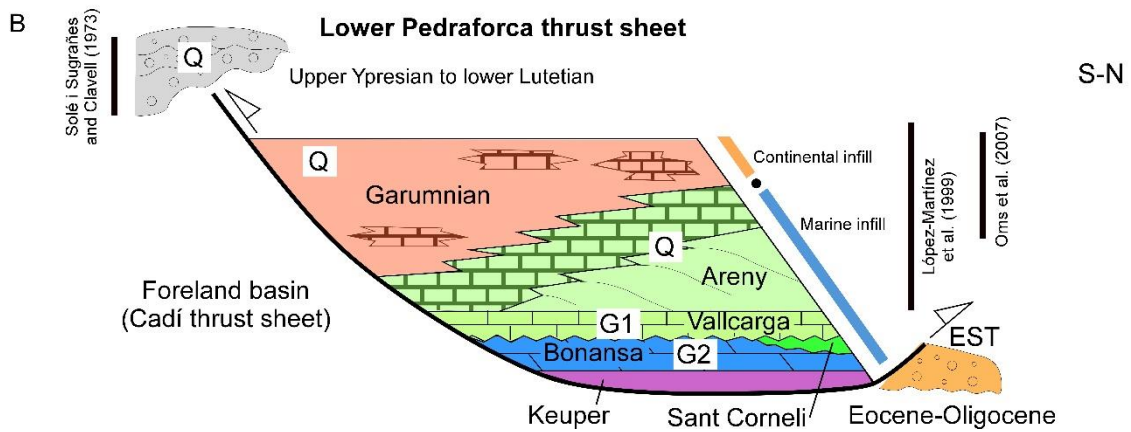
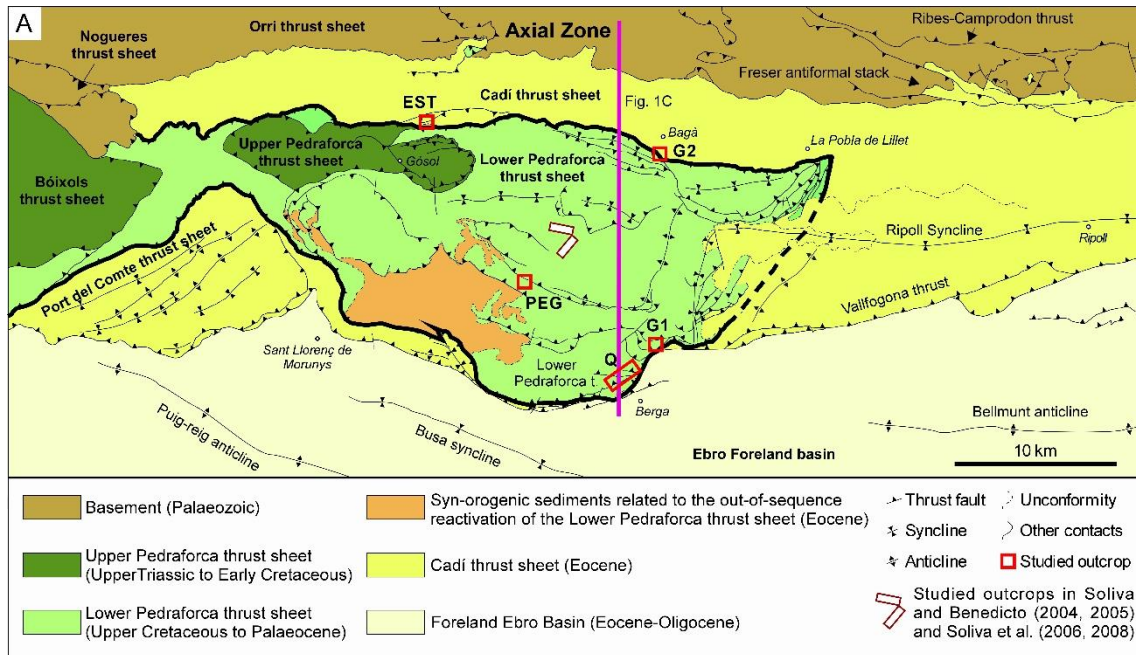
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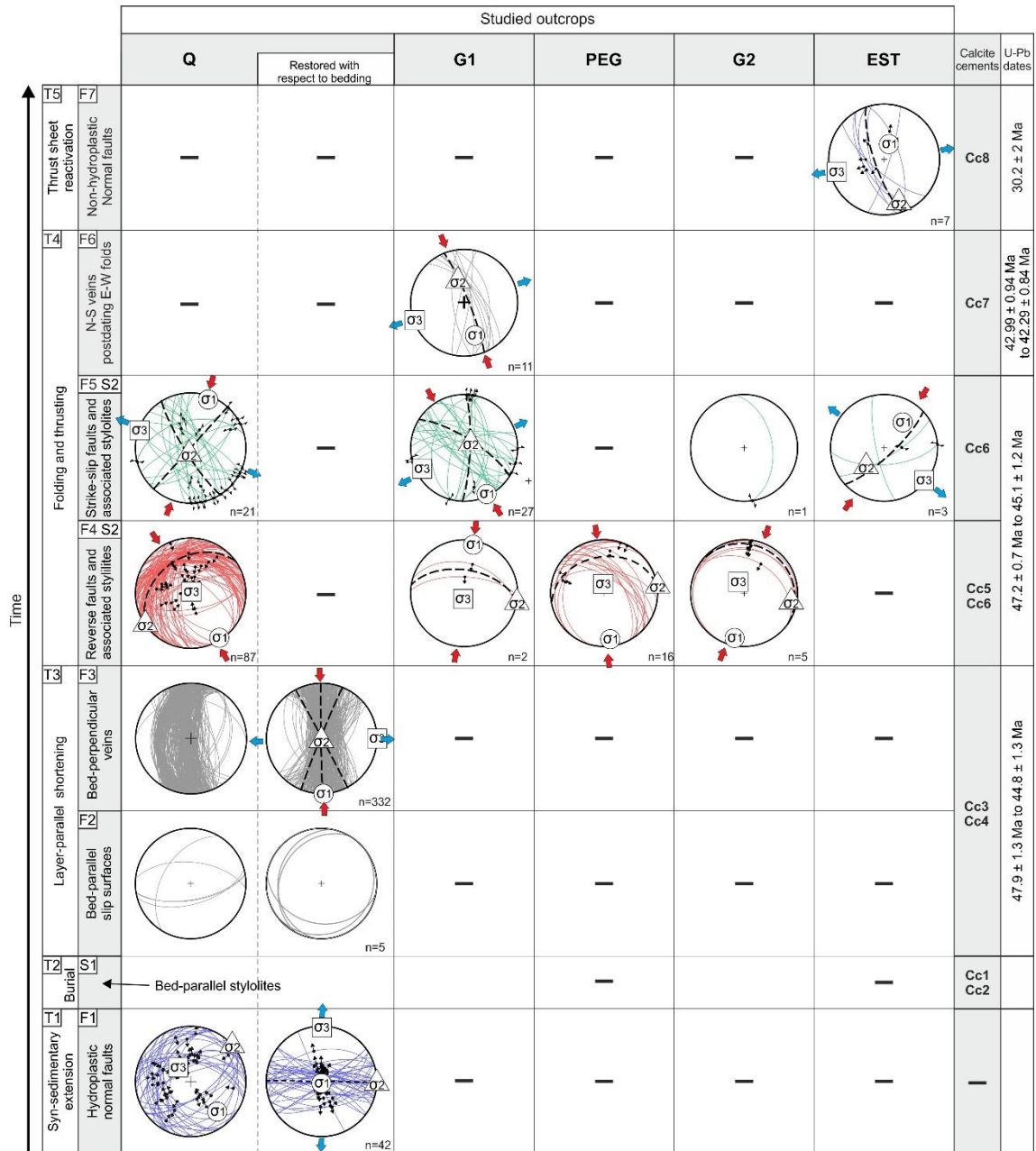
1268 **Fig. 1** A) Regional map of the Iberian Peninsula showing the location of the South
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 1271 pink line indicates the location of the cross-section shown in Fig. 1C. The dashed blue
 1272 box indicates the location of Fig. 2A. C) Geological cross-section of the Lower Pedraforca

- 1273 thrust sheet from Vergés (1993) showing the structural position of the studied localities.
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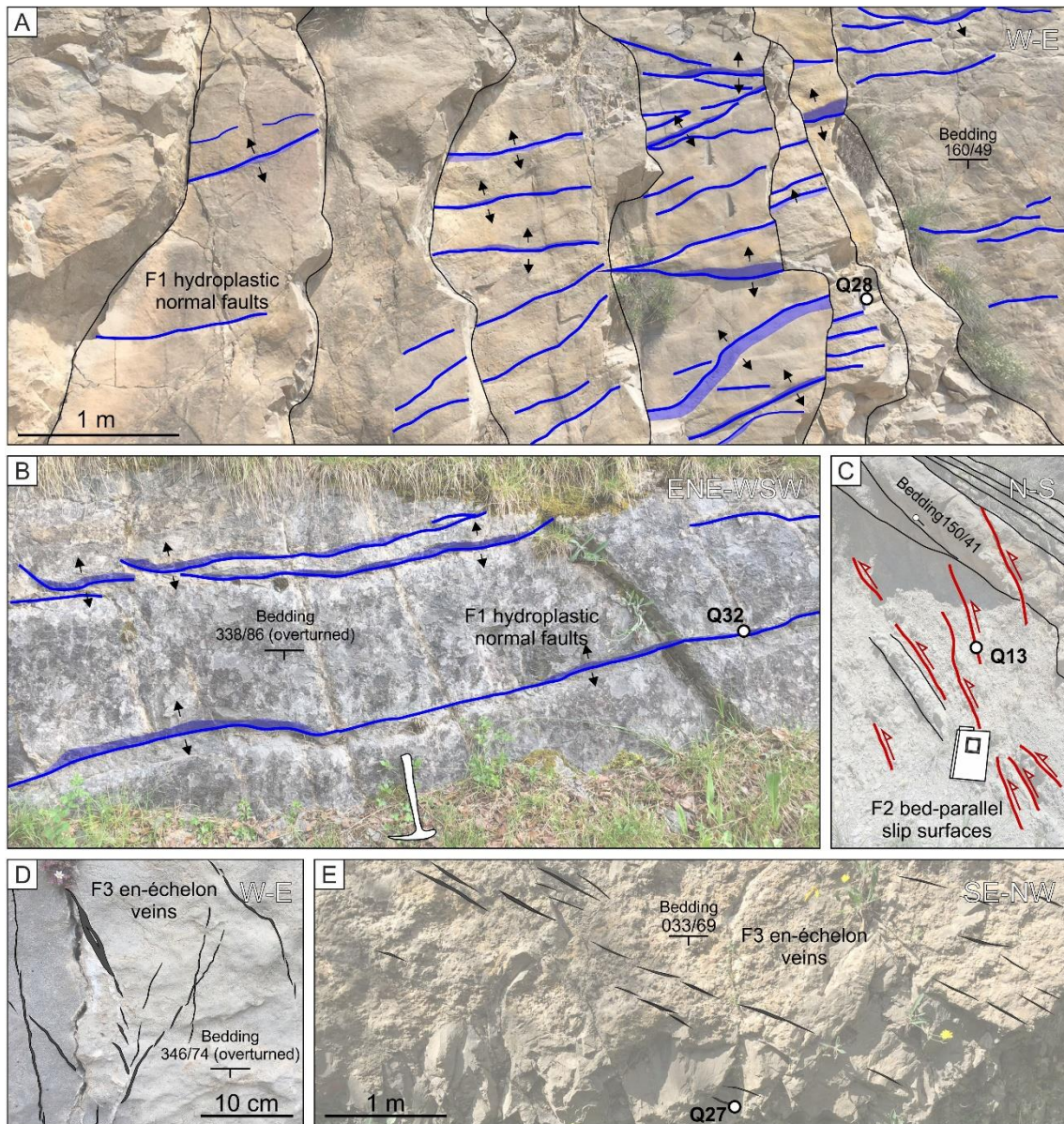
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1276 **Fig. 2** A) Structural sketch of the studied area with locality locations. White boxes
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 1278 and Soliva et al. (2006, 2008) in the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet. The thick pink line
 1279 indicates the location of the cross-section shown in Fig. 1C. B) N-S stratigraphic panel
 1280 of the Lower Pedraforca sheet. The age of sedimentary units has been defined according
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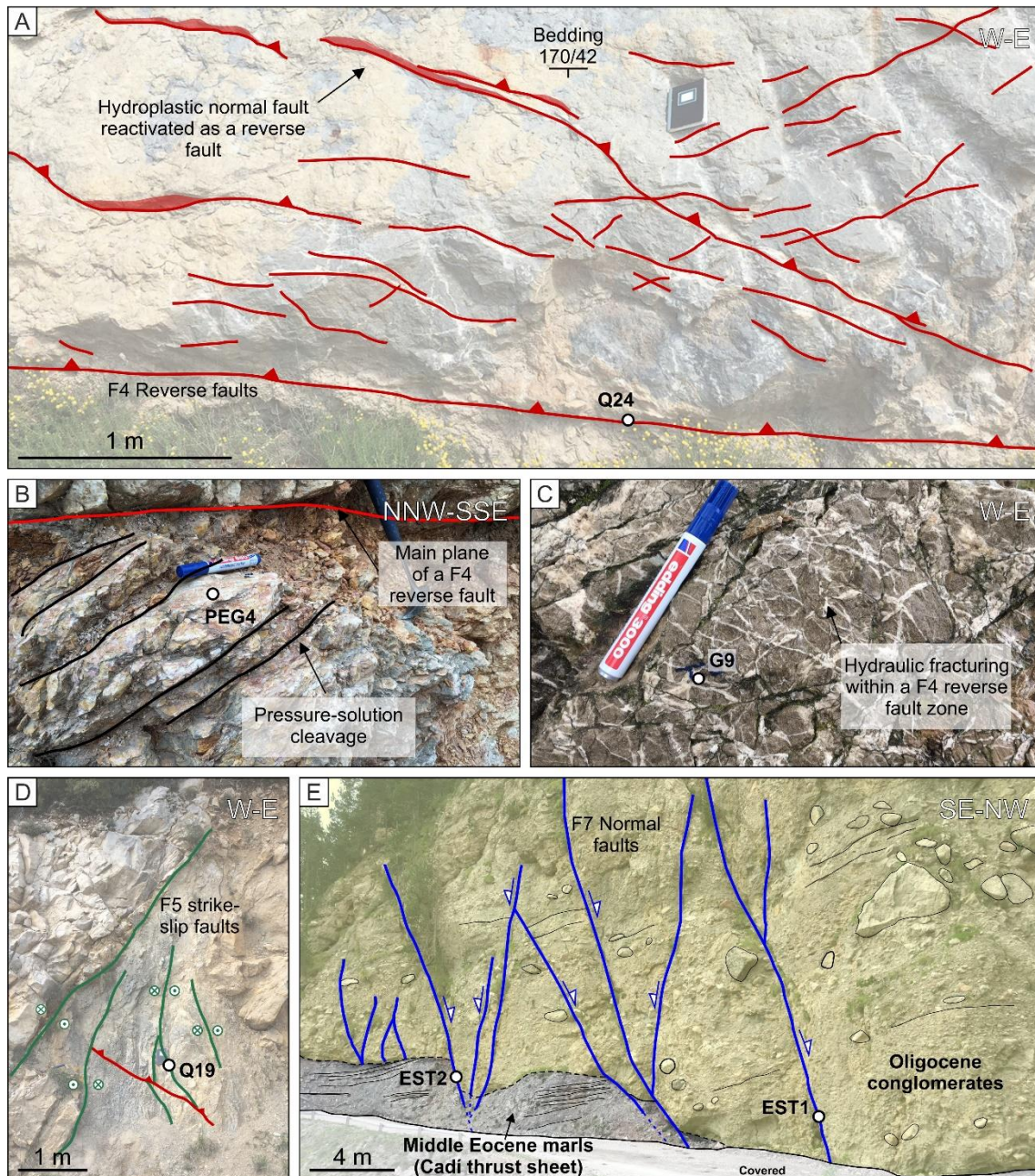
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1284 **Fig. 3** Lower hemisphere Schmidt stereoplots representing fracture data from the
 1285 different studied localities, their associated calcite cement and different stages of
 1286 deformation and stylolitization. Fracture systems F1, F2 and F3 are presented at their
 1287 current orientation and restored with respect to bedding. The grey boxes with references
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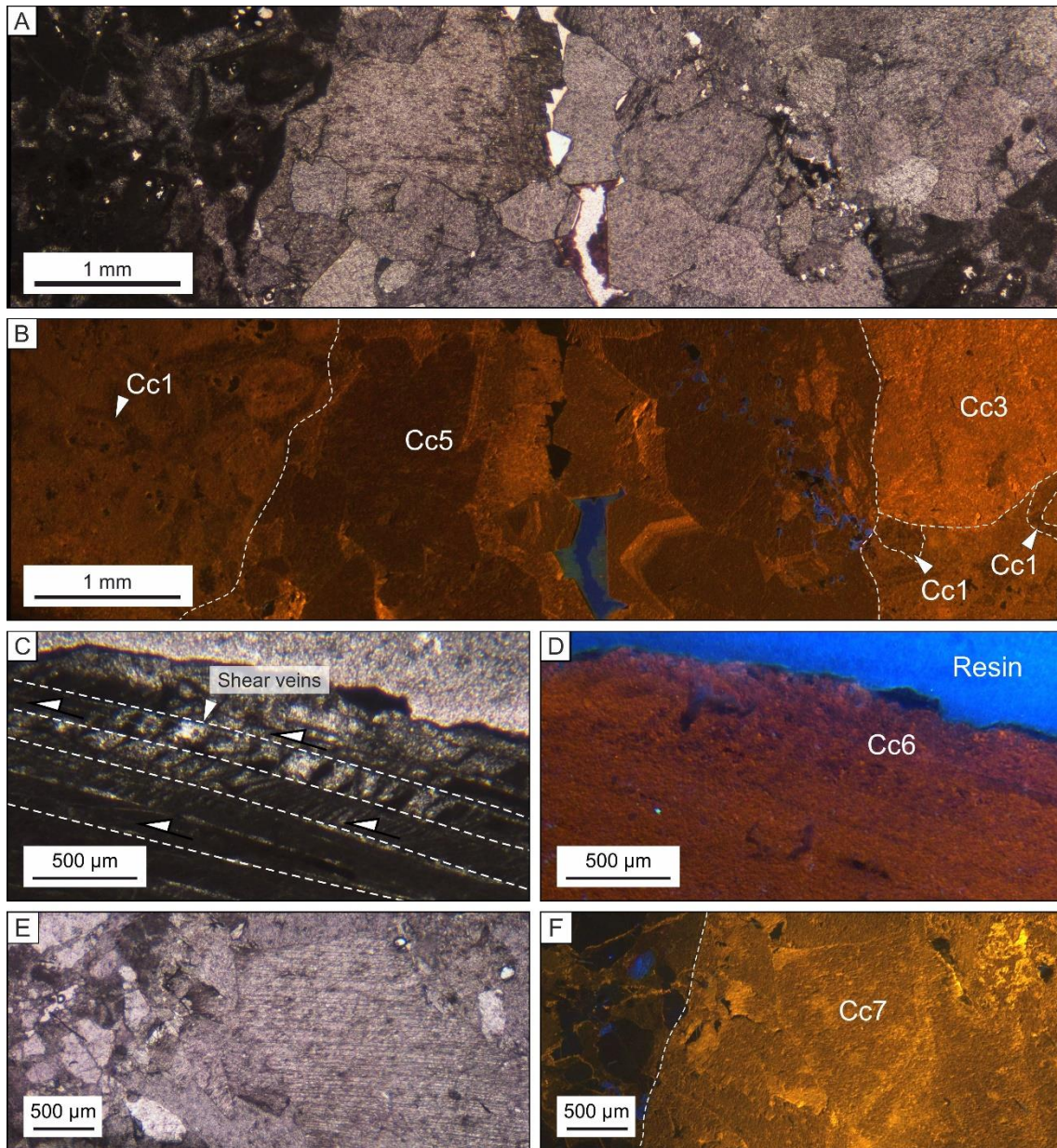
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1291 **Fig. 4** Outcrop images showing the main features of fracture systems F1, F2 and F3
 1292 within the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet. A-B) E-W hydroplastic normal faults F1 in the
 1293 Upper Cretaceous Areny Formation and middle Eocene syn-orogenic sediments,
 1294 respectively. C) Bed-parallel slip surfaces F2 affecting Palaeocene sediments. D-E) N-
 1295 S, NNW-SSE and NNE-SSW en-échelon vein arrays F3 affecting middle Eocene syn-
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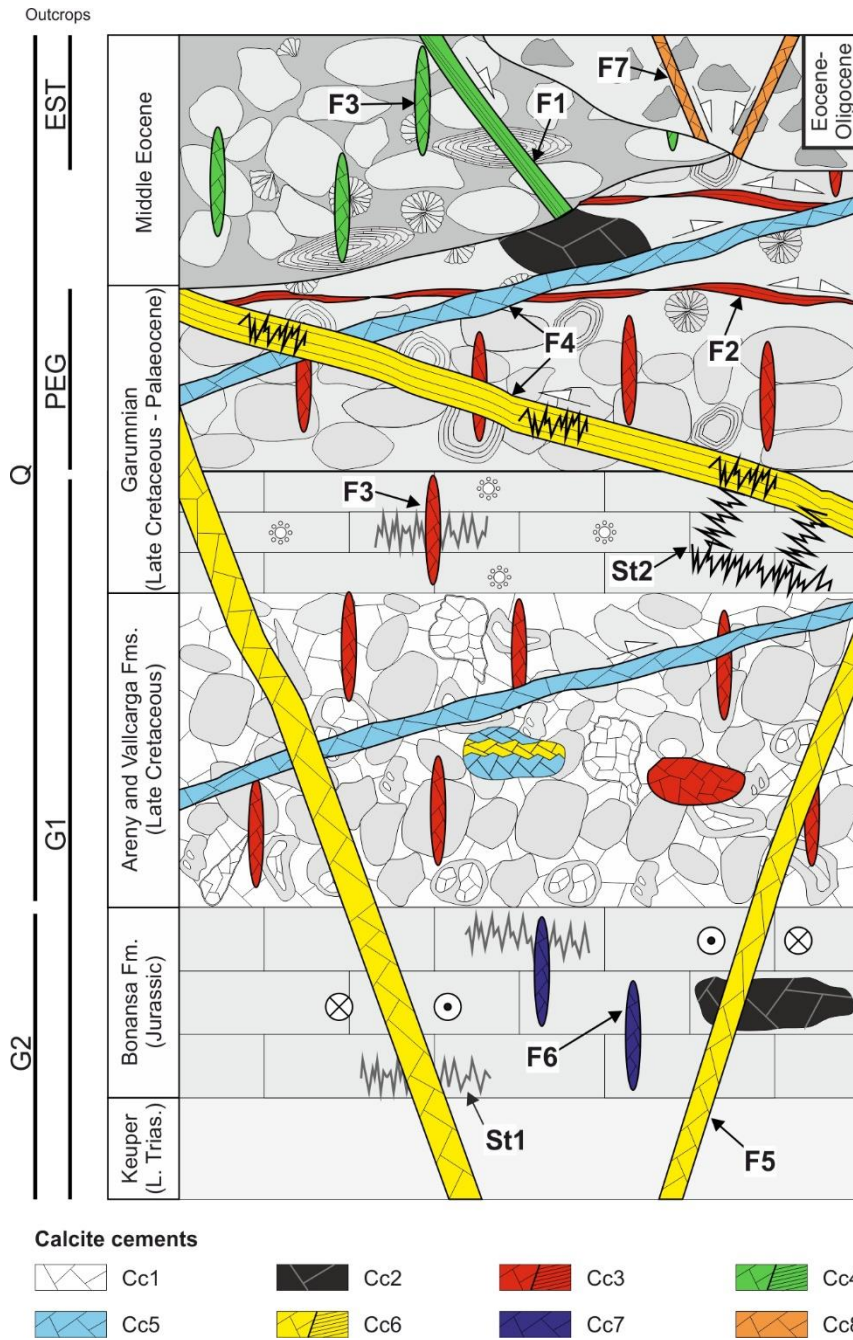
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1299 **Fig. 5** Outcrop images showing the main features of fracture systems F4, F5 and F7
 1300 within the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet. A) Reverse faults F4 and associated veins
 1301 within the Upper Cretaceous Areny Formation. Bed dip direction and dip is given. B)
 1302 Pressure solution cleavage formed in the core of a F4 thrust fault. C) Hydraulic fracturing
 1303 formed in the damage zone of a F4 thrust fault. D) F5 strike-slip faults affecting the Upper
 1304 Cretaceous Areny Formation. E) F7 normal faults affecting Oligocene conglomerates.
 1305 White points indicate sample location.



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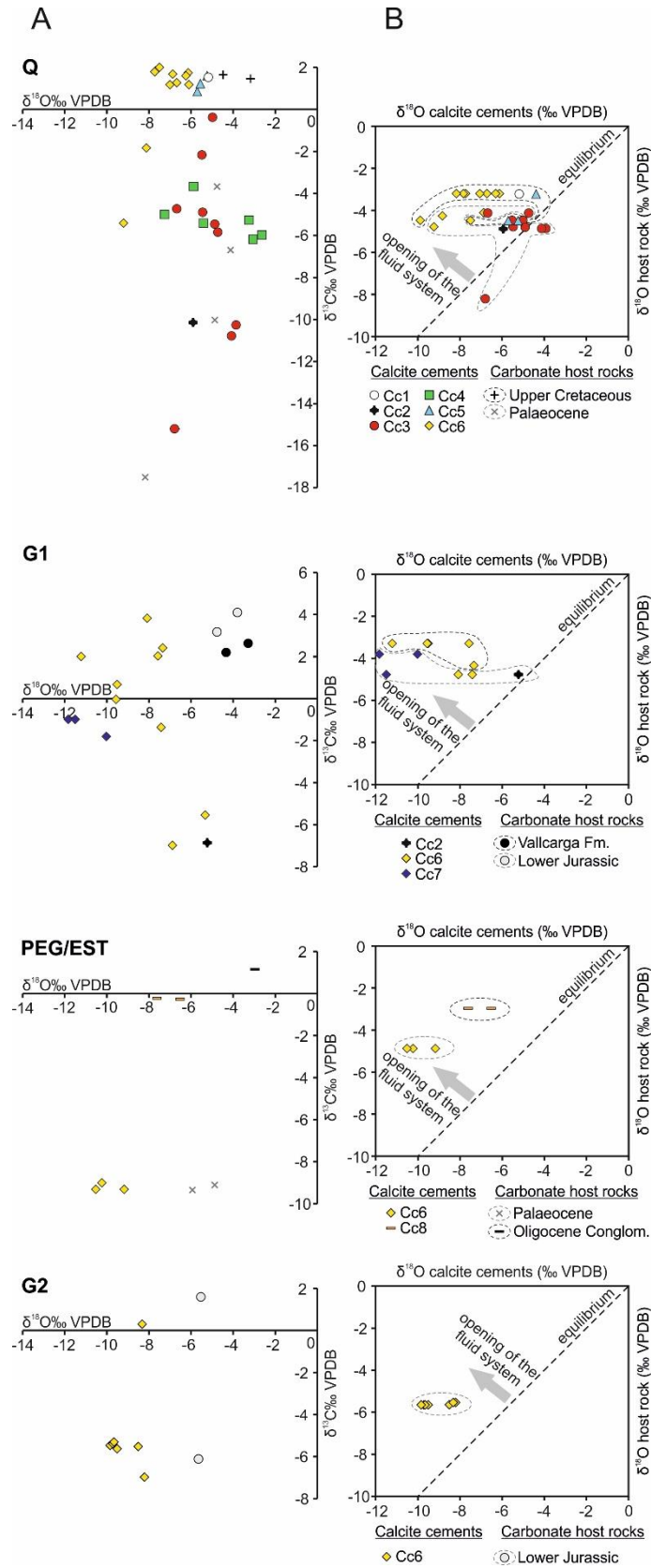
1307 **Fig. 6** Images from polarizing optical and cathodoluminescence (CL) microscopy of the
 1308 main features of calcite cement and microstructures. A-B) Crosscutting relationships
 1309 between intergranular porosity and veins filled with calcite cement Cc3 and Cc5. C-D)
 1310 Image showing veins filled with calcite cement Cc6 in F4 reverse faults. E-F) Calcite
 1311 cement Cc8 filling veins in F7 normal faults.



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1313 **Fig. 7** Schematic representation of the crosscutting relationships between fractures,

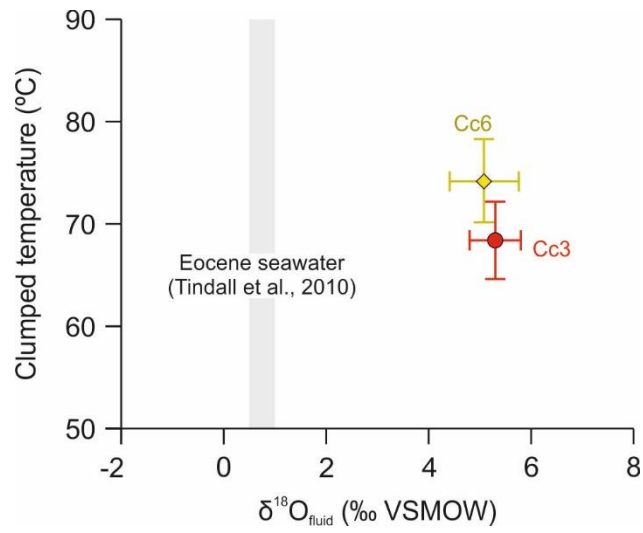
1314 stylolites and related calcite cement in the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet.



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1316 **Fig. 8** A) $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ vs $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ from the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet. B) Cross-plots comparing
 1317 the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of calcite cement with their adjacent host rocks. The dashed areas group

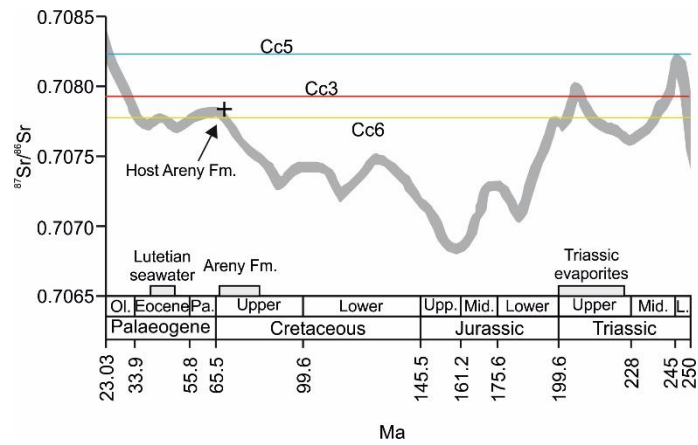
1318 cement according to their adjacent host rocks. The dashed black line represents the
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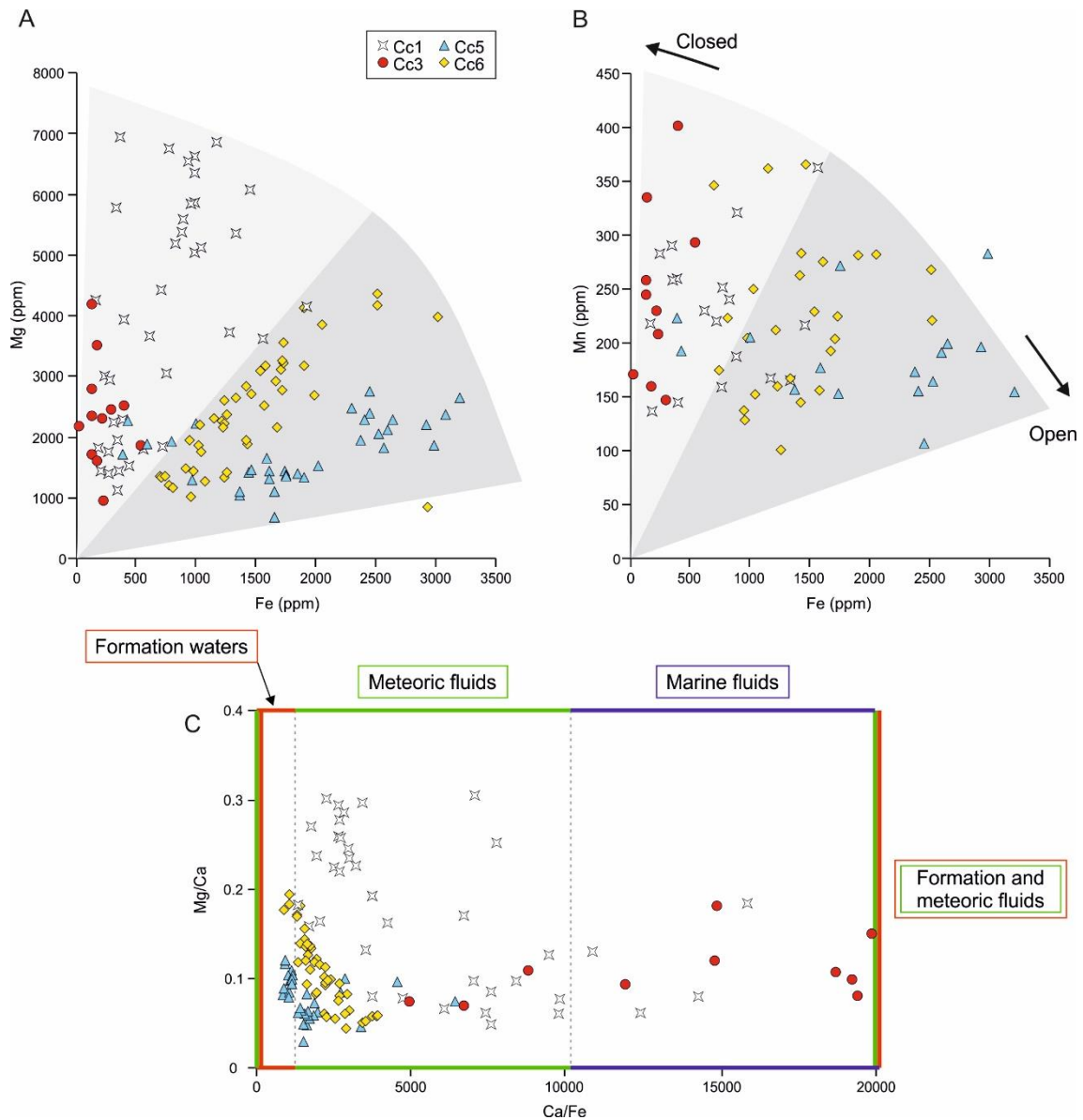
1321 **Fig. 9** Clumped isotope temperatures in °C vs calculated $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{fluid}}$ (‰ VSMOW) for calcite

1322 cement Cc3 and Cc6. $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of Eocene seawater according to Tindall et al. (2010).



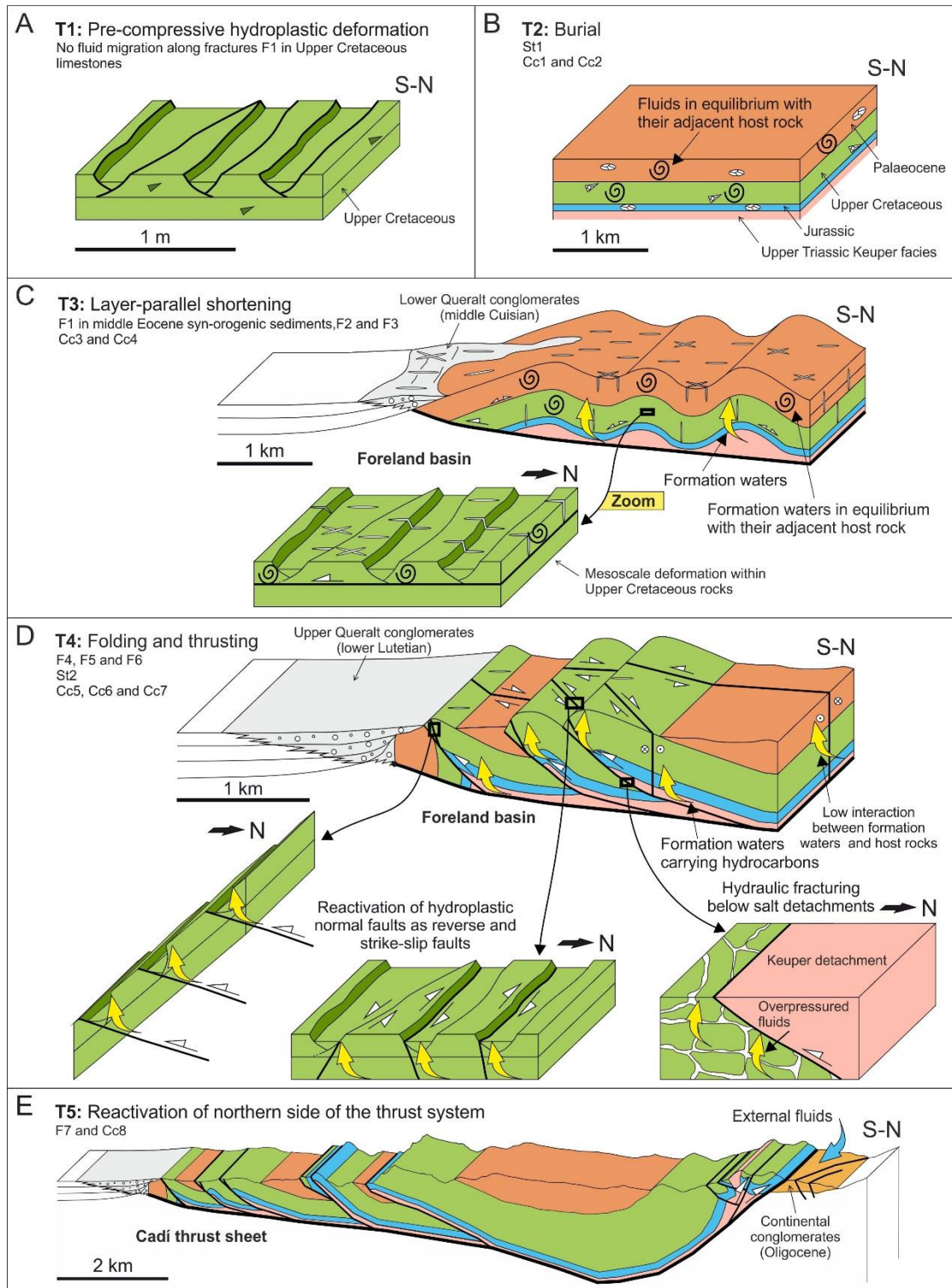
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1324 **Fig. 10** $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ composition of calcite cement and carbonate host rocks. The $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$
 1325 ratios of the LOWESS curve from McArthur et al. (2001) are also plotted. The grey area
 1326 boxes indicate the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio of middle Eocene and Upper Triassic seawater from
 1327 McArthur et al. (2001).



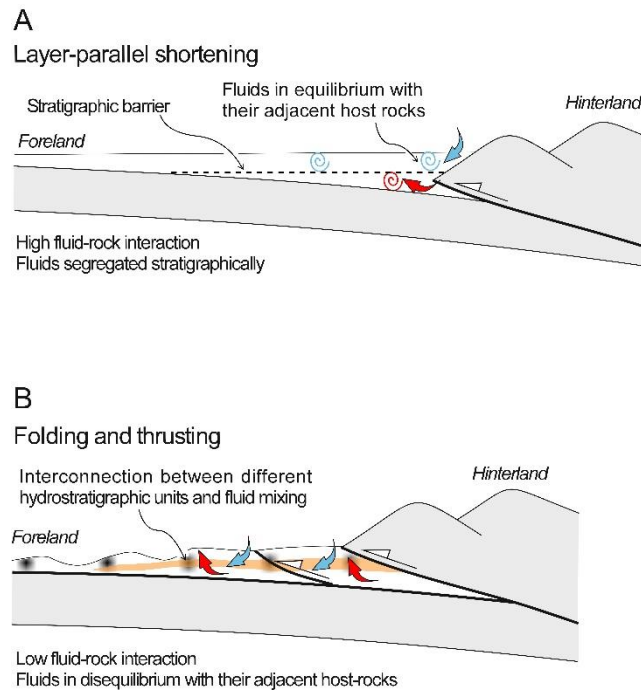
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1329 **Fig. 11** Elemental composition of the calcite cement. A-B) Fe vs Mg and Fe vs Mn cross-
 1330 plots of calcite cement Cc1, Cc3, Cc5 and Cc6. C) Ca/Fe vs Mn/Ca molar ratios cross-
 1331 plot of calcite cement Cc1, Cc3, Cc5 and Cc6. Areas bounded by blue, green and red
 1332 thick lines represent the composition of marine, meteoric and formation fluids,
 1333 respectively. Fluid compositions are based on McIntire (1963), Howson et al. (1987),
 1334 Tucker and Wright (1990), Kolker and Chou (1994), Steuber and Rauch (2005) and Ligi
 1335 et al. (2013).



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1337 **Fig. 12** Fluid flow evolution during the emplacement of the Lower Pedraforca thrust
 1338 sheet. A) T1, pre-compressive hydroplastic deformation. B) T2, burial diagenesis. C) T3,
 1339 layer-parallel shortening. D) T4, folding and thrusting. E) T5, reactivation of the northern
 1340 sector of the thrust system. For each stage, the type of migrating fluids, associated
 1341 calcite cement and fractures are given.



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1343 **Fig. 13** Conceptual model of fluid flow in fold and thrust belts. A) Layer-parallel
 1344 shortening stage. Fluids are in equilibrium with their adjacent host rock and fluid-host
 1345 rock interaction is high. Fluids are segregated stratigraphically. B) Folding and thrusting
 1346 stage. The paleohydrological system opens, allowing the interconnection between
 1347 different hydrostratigraphic units and fluid mixing. The fluid-host rock interaction is low.

348 **Table 1.** U-Pb dates of calcite cement Cc3, Cc4, Cc6, Cc7 and Cc8.

Sample	Locality	Fracture set	Cement type	Age (Ma)	$\pm 2\sigma$	MSWD	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ Upper intercepts	$\pm 2\sigma$	Number of spots
Q27	Q	F3	Cc3	45.7	1.9	2.2	0.845	0.033	25
Q3-1	Q	F4	Cc3	47.3	1	1.3	0.879	0.036	24
Q11	Q	F3	Cc4	47.9	1.3	1.7	0.827	0.03	31
Q33	Q	F3	Cc4	44.8	1.3	1.4	0.8756	0.0062	23
Q24	Q	F4	Cc6	45.1	1.2	1.09	0.8327	0.0028	32
Q29	Q	F4	Cc6	47.2	0.7	1.4	0.829	0.013	27
G3	G1	F6	Cc7	42.9	0.9	1.8	0.705	0.004	32
G3b	G1	F6	Cc7	42.3	0.8	1.5	0.8091	0.0043	20
EST2	EST	F7	Cc8	30.2	2	1.8	0.843	0.011	21

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350 **Table 2.** $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, Δ_{47} and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{fluid}}$ of the calcite cement Cc3 and Cc6 within the Lower Pedraforca thrust sheet. n
 351 represents the number of analyses per sample.

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Sample	Locality	Cement type	n	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ‰ VPDB ^a	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ‰ VPDB ^a	Δ_{47} ^b	T °C	$\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{fluid}}$ ‰ VSMOW
Q2	Q	Cc3	4	+0.33 (0.01)	-5.02 (0.06)	0.579 ± 0.011	69.1 ± 5.3	$+5.4 \pm 0.9$
Q24	Q	Cc6	3	+1.6 (0.04)	-6.1 (0.03)	0.569 ± 0.008	74.2 ± 4	$+5.1 \pm 0.7$

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354 ^a 1 σ error for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of calcite cement.

355 ^b Error for Δ_{47} is presented as standard error and calculated by the replicate standard deviation divided by square root
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Table 3. Mg/Ca, Sr/Ca, Ca/Fe and Mn/Ca ratios for calcite cement Cc1, Cc3, Cc4, Cc5 and Cc6 precipitated in locality Q.

Cement type	Mg/Ca		Sr/Ca		Ca/Fe		Mn/Ca	
Cc1	Max.	0.304	Max.	0.052	Max.	15903	Max.	0.000085
	Min.	0.047	Min.	0.006	Min.	1390	Min.	0.000033
	Mean	0.175	Mean	0.014	Mean	5570	Mean	0.000053
Cc3	Max.	0.18	Max.	0.013	Max.	19934	Max.	0.000111
	Min.	0.069	Min.	0.006	Min.	4963	Min.	0.000032
	Mean	0.011	Mean	0.008	Mean	13357	Mean	0.000054
Cc4	Max.	0.197	Max.	0.020	Max.	-	Max.	0.000091
	Min.	0.034	Min.	0.007	Min.	-	Min.	0.000033
	Mean	0.104	Mean	0.01	Mean	-	Mean	0.000048
Cc5	Max.	0.121	Max.	0.027	Max.	6993	Max.	0.000086
	Min.	0.03	Min.	0.005	Min.	836	Min.	0.000025
	Mean	0.078	Mean	0.015	Mean	1916	Mean	0.000051
Cc6	Max.	0.194	Max.	0.019	Max.	3912	Max.	0.000083
	Min.	0.044	Min.	0.006	Min.	880	Min.	0.000023
	Mean	0.107	Mean	0.011	Mean	2149	Mean	0.000049

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