

# Boron isotopes in tourmaline as a tracer of metasomatic processes in the Bamble sector of Southern Norway

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**Abstract** The Bamble sector of southern Norway comprises metagabbros and metasediments that were metasomatically altered to various extents during a late stage of the Sveconorwegian orogeny (~1.06 Ga). The infiltration of highly saline brines along veins led to penetrative scapolitization and albitization on a regional scale and the local deposition of Fe–Ti oxides. Typical secondary mineral assemblages include either scapolite + apatite + amphibole + phlogopite + tourmaline, or albite + epidote + calcite + chlorite + white mica, indicating that the fluids introduced large amounts of Na, Cl, Mg, Ca, K, P, and B to

the system. Metasomatic tourmalines associated with different alteration stages as identified by variations in major-element composition and initial  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  were analyzed for B isotopic compositions to constrain possible sources and the evolution of the hydrothermal fluid(s). Measured  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values range from  $-5$  to  $+27$  ‰ relative to SRM-951, suggesting marine evaporites interlayered with various amounts of continental detritus and pelagic clay as a possible B source reservoir. The influence of a seawater-derived component is clearly indicated by the heavy B isotope signature of tourmaline related to Al–Mg-rich metapelites. In contrast, negative  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values can be explained by the influence of pneumatolytic fluids associated with granitic pegmatites. On a regional scale (i.e., several km),  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values in tourmaline vary widely, whereas variations within a single outcrop (tens of m) are typically small and can be ascribed to different generations of tourmaline related to several fluid pulses.

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## Introduction

Hydrous fluids play a key role during metamorphic processes. They promote mineral reactions, aid in the achievement of thermodynamic equilibrium among minerals, and may result in complete recrystallization under ambient P–T conditions during prograde metamorphism. Fluids are expelled during prograde metamorphism owing to the breakdown of hydrous phases, and these fluids can change the bulk-rock composition and thus mineralogy considerably by metasomatism. Metasomatically altered rocks are witnesses of large volumes of fluids that have interacted with a host rock and may have changed its

mineralogy, major- and trace-element chemistry, and isotope composition significantly. In turn, the newly formed minerals as well as their chemical and isotope composition can be used to constrain the origin of such metasomatic fluids and provide information on the timing of this process. An area where this allochemical metamorphism is well developed on a regional scale and can be studied in detail is the Kragerø area in the Bamble region of Southern Norway. In this area, metagabbroic and granitoid rocks were scapolitized and albitized regionally during a late stage of the Sveconorwegian orogeny at 1.06 Ga, when hydrothermal fluids infiltrated the high-grade metamorphic rocks. Similar alteration of gabbroic rocks has also been described at Modum (Munz et al. 1994) and appears to be a general process that affected the Kongsberg–Bamble sectors. Pyroxene was completely replaced by amphibole, and plagioclase was either replaced by marialitic scapolite, or transformed to almost pure albite on a regional scale. Veins and pegmatites represent former fluid pathways from which the alteration was initiated and extended into the country rock. Different episodes of metasomatism are recorded by partial replacement textures and secondary mineral assemblages that require the addition of Na, Cl, Mg, Si, Al, K, P, and B to the system, whereas Fe was leached from the country rock and deposited as oxide or sulfide elsewhere (Austrheim et al. 2008; Engvik et al. 2008, 2011).

Despite these observations, the fluid history and evolution of the Bamble sector, and especially the source of the brines, have remained obscure. Possible origins include late-stage magmatic volatiles associated with the intrusion of either juvenile gabbroic dikes (Lieftink et al. 1994; Harlov et al. 2002) or granitic pegmatites (e.g., London and Kontak 2012). In contrast, Sr and Nd isotopes indicate an ancient crustal source for the albitizing fluids, which may have been generated by the breakdown of hydrous minerals within adjacent or underthrust sediments (Munz et al. 1994). However, neither juvenile nor ancient crustal sources alone can account for the strong enrichment in Na and Mg and particularly in Cl. The addition of a seawater-derived component via either sedimentary pore fluids or evaporites mobilized during metamorphism therefore needs to be considered, as suggested by Touret (1985), Visser et al. (1999), and Engvik et al. (2011). In this study, the B and Sr isotope compositions of secondary minerals, particularly tourmaline associated with scapolite or albite, are used as tracers to identify the fluid sources.

## Isotopes as tracers

### Boron isotopes in tourmaline

Boron is a fluid-mobile trace element with an average abundance of  $\sim 10 \mu\text{g/g}$  in the Earth's crust. Its strong

affinity for fluid phases or vapor makes it a useful tracer for hydrothermal fluids in metasomatic alteration processes (Palmer and Swihart 1996). In solution, B occurs as either trigonal  $\text{B(OH)}_3$  or tetrahedral  $\text{B(OH)}_4^-$  molecules, or both, depending on the pH of the fluid. Boron has two stable isotopes,  $^{10}\text{B}$  ( $\sim 20\%$ ) and  $^{11}\text{B}$  ( $\sim 80\%$ ), of which the lighter  $^{10}\text{B}$  prefers the tetrahedral coordination, whereas  $^{11}\text{B}$  favors the trigonal species (Kakihana et al. 1977). The distinct chemical behaviors of these B species result in large isotope fractionations between slightly alkaline fluids such as seawater and the solid phases interacting with or precipitating from such fluids. Seawater meets these conditions today and probably did so throughout most of Earth's history (Kasemann et al. 2010). Modern seawater has a B content of  $4.6 \mu\text{g/g}$  and a  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  value of  $+39.6\%$  (Foster et al. 2010), which is essentially controlled by the preferential adsorption of  $^{10}\text{B(OH)}_4^-$  onto marine clay minerals, biogenic calcite, and altered oceanic crust (Schwarcz et al. 1969; Palmer et al. 1987; Hemming and Hanson 1992). This process has most likely operated since the Proterozoic, and thus, the B isotope composition of seawater has probably not changed significantly over the last  $\sim 1$  Gyr. Owing to its long residence time of  $\sim 10$  Myr, B is homogeneously distributed in seawater, and variations in its isotope composition depend on the interaction with other B reservoirs or changes in pH (Spivack et al. 1987).

Different geologic reservoirs show distinct B isotope signatures (Barth 1993; Marschall and Jiang 2011) with  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  ranging from  $-27\%$  in non-marine evaporites (Palmer and Slack 1989) to  $+55\%$  in marine brines (Vengosh et al. 1992). Mafic magmatic rocks typically contain little B (e.g.,  $0.5\text{--}5 \mu\text{g/g}$ ), whereas substantially higher B concentrations are observed in subduction-related rocks (basaltic andesites, andesites, and rhyolites; ca.  $50\text{--}500 \mu\text{g/g}$ , e.g., Clift et al. 2003; Tonarini et al. 2003; Agostini et al. 2008), and especially S-type granites. The latter may inherit large amounts of B from sediments in their sources, which may then be further concentrated through magmatic differentiation (e.g., Pesquera et al. 2013). Juvenile magmatic rocks as well as those derived from recycling average crust typically have somewhat negative  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values around  $-10\%$ , whereas positive  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values generally indicate a marine contribution, as observed in the seafloor weathering of basalts or in marine sediments. The latter represent a mixture of continental detritus (e.g., illite), authigenic marine clay (such as smectite), and carbonates, resulting in a typical range of  $100\text{--}120 \mu\text{g/g}$  B with  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  between  $-6.6$  and  $+4.8\%$  for an average pelagic clay (Ishikawa and Nakamura 1993). During evaporation of seawater,  $^{10}\text{B(OH)}_4^-$  is incorporated into the early precipitates of the evaporite sequence such as sulfates and carbonates, such that the residual brine becomes progressively enriched in heavy B, with  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  increasing up to  $+55\%$  (Swihart et al. 1986;

Vengosh et al. 1992). Borate minerals crystallizing from such evolved brines have  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values ranging from +11.4 to +36 ‰ (Swihart et al. 1986; Vengosh et al. 1992), which may be ascribed to the influence of interlayered clay minerals (Palmer 1991).

During prograde metamorphism, B is usually quantitatively mobilized from its host rock, transferring the distinct isotope signature of the reservoir to the emerging fluid (Palmer and Slack 1989; Palmer and Swihart 1996). If a fluid percolates through different rock types, B may be leached from various sources. Its isotope composition will then have some intermediate value, depending on B content and isotope signature of the different components. These may vary on a local scale, and regional homogenization of B isotopes within strongly folded and thrust parts of an orogen is unlikely (Chaussidon and Albarède 1992). The contribution of ancient marine evaporites with high concentrations of isotopically heavy B will have a strong influence on the isotope signature of a hydrothermal fluid (Palmer and Slack 1989; Vengosh et al. 1992; Swihart et al. 1986; Xavier et al. 2008). Such brines may also retain other chemical features of the former evaporite such as high Na, Cl, Mg, and K contents, and may lead to the formation of scapolite and Mg-rich silicates, e.g., phlogopite, chlorite, and dravitic tourmaline (Moine et al. 1981).

Tourmaline is a chemically complex borosilicate containing 3 wt% of B. Different members of the tourmaline supergroup are typically associated with distinct chemical systems. Most form complete solid solution series, with intermediate schorl [ $\text{NaFe}_3^{2+}\text{Al}_6\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3(\text{OH})$ ] to dravite [ $\text{NaMg}_3\text{Al}_6\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3(\text{OH})$ ] compositions being the most common. Solid solutions between schorl and elbaite [ $\text{Na}(\text{Li}_{1.5}\text{Al}_{1.5})\text{Al}_6\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3(\text{OH})$ ] are typically found in granitic pegmatites, whereas Mg-rich tourmalines may form in metasedimentary environments (Henry and Guidotti 1985). Dravite with excess Al [olenite,  $\text{NaAl}_3\text{Al}_6\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3\text{O}_3(\text{OH})$ ] and X-site vacancy [foitite component,  $\square(\text{Fe}_2^{2+}\text{Al})\text{Al}_6\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3(\text{OH})$ ] is typical of medium-grade metapelitic Al-rich rocks (Henry and Dutrow 1996). However, metaevaporites and calcareous metasediments commonly contain dravite with an uvite [ $\text{CaMg}_3(\text{Al}_5\text{Mg})\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3(\text{OH})$ ] or povondraite [ $\text{NaFe}_3^{3+}(\text{Fe}_4^{3+}\text{Mg}_2)\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3\text{O}$ ] component, in which some Al is substituted by either Mg or Fe (Henry et al. 2008). The concentration of Ti in tourmaline coexisting with ilmenite or rutile is typically ~0.8 wt%  $\text{TiO}_2$  (Henry and Dutrow 1996).

Prerequisites for tourmaline formation are the enrichment of B in a metamorphic or pneumatolytic fluid and the availability of corresponding major elements such as Al, Si, Mg, and Fe, which are usually host rock derived (Henry and Guidotti 1985; Henry and Dutrow 1996). Another requirement for tourmaline formation is an acidic

fluid (Morgan and London 1989), in which B is dominantly trigonally coordinated. Isotope fractionation during tourmaline precipitation should then be small compared to natural variations in  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  among different reservoirs (Nakano and Nakamura 2001; Meyer et al. 2008; Marschall et al. 2009a). Once formed, the mineral is stable over a wide range of pressures and temperatures, and chemical or isotopic homogenization by volume diffusion is unlikely to occur at temperatures <600 °C (Henry and Dutrow 1996; Dutrow et al. 1999; Bebout and Nakamura 2003). Chemical and isotopic heterogeneities may thus be preserved up to at least amphibolite facies conditions, and where present, they record variable element input during tourmaline growth such as that responsible for prograde metamorphic core-to-rim zonation (Marschall et al. 2008, 2009b; Van Hinsberg et al. 2011).

Metasomatic tourmaline typically lacks strong, continuous chemical or isotopic zoning and instead shows a few wide chemical zones or a patchy element distribution pattern (Marschall et al. 2006, 2009b). Its major-element composition may be dominated by either fluid or host rock chemistry, with mixtures resulting in rare tourmaline varieties (Henry and Guidotti 1985). Some tourmaline-rich rocks originate from B-rich protoliths such as metaevaporites and contain high modes of metamorphic tourmaline (MacGregor et al. 2013). However, large crystals with high modal abundances in veins and breccias are characteristic of hydrothermal tourmalinization (Henry and Dutrow 1996). In these rocks, B is most likely derived by an external fluid infiltrating previously dehydrated basement rocks (Marschall et al. 2006, 2009b). In such cases, metasomatic tourmaline would have a B isotope composition dominated by that of the external source reservoir, but would have a major-element composition that reflects contributions from both the fluid and the replaced precursor rock. The  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  of natural tourmaline ranges from -22.8 ‰ (Palmer and Slack 1989; Klemme et al. 2011) for Broken Hill (derived from non-marine evaporites) to +28.4 ‰ in subduction zone fluids (Marschall et al. 2006), and +33.5 ‰ in dravite deposited by fluids derived from marine evaporites (Mercadier et al. 2012).

### Strontium isotopes

The Sr isotope composition of Rb-poor minerals such as scapolite, apatite, and tourmaline may also be used as a tracer in hydrothermal alteration processes (King and Kerrich 1989; Mueller et al. 1991). Owing to the  $\beta^-$  decay of  $^{87}\text{Rb}$  ( $t_{1/2} = 49.76$  Gyr, Nebel et al. 2011), the  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  of any reservoir will strongly depend on its Rb/Sr and its age. Average continental crust has high Rb concentrations and high Rb/Sr and is thus enriched in radiogenic  $^{87}\text{Sr}$ , with  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  values typically exceeding 0.71. Rubidium is

incompatible in the depleted mantle, resulting in low Rb/Sr and low  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  values of less than 0.703 in that reservoir. Strontium isotopes in seawater reflect a mixture between radiogenic Sr from continental runoff and mantle contributions at mid-ocean ridges, with typical values of  $\sim 0.709$  today and  $\sim 0.705$  during the Mesoproterozoic (Shields and Veizer 2002).

Minerals having a high Rb content such as mica may be used for Rb–Sr dating if they define an isochron with other Rb-bearing phases having different Rb/Sr values. However, the assumption of coeval crystallization and closure of the system is critical. In Rb-poor minerals, the Sr isotope composition will hardly change with time. For example, tourmaline that is enriched in Sr (up to 4,000  $\mu\text{g/g}$ ) but not in Rb ( $\leq 3 \mu\text{g/g}$ ) typically has an  $^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  of  $\leq 0.01$  (King and Kerrich 1989; Klemme et al. 2011; Marks et al. 2013). Therefore, its calculated initial  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  is insensitive to age uncertainties, and should reflect the Sr isotopic composition of the source reservoir at the time of tourmaline growth. During metasomatic formation of tourmaline, Sr may be supplied by the fluid or inherited from the precursor minerals that are being replaced. A mixture of both Sr sources is likely in coupled dissolution–reprecipitation processes, as already indicated by the heterogeneous Sr isotope compositions of scapolite from the Bamble area (Engvik et al. 2011).

## Geological background

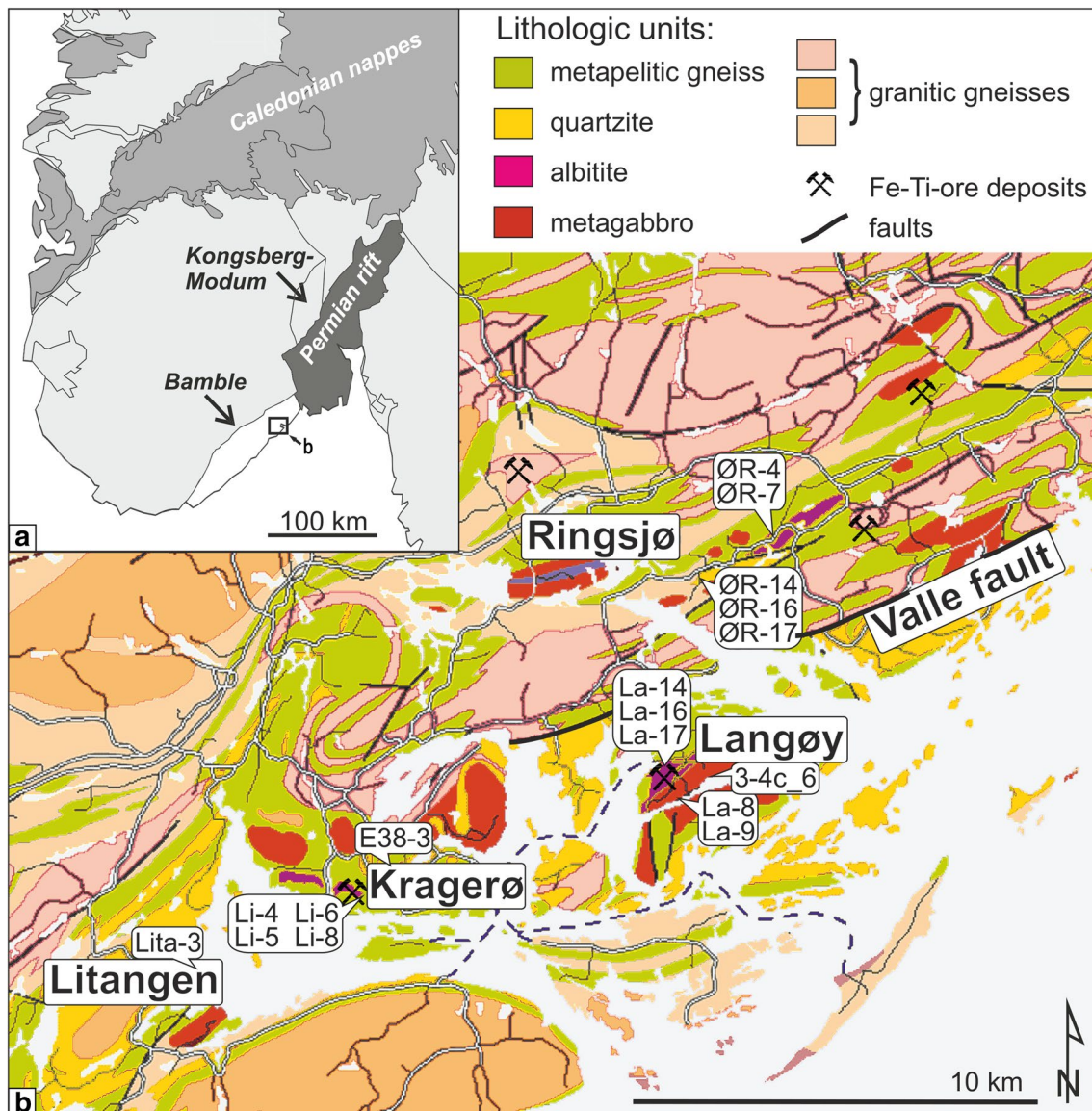
The Bamble sector, southern Norway, is a 20- to 30-km-wide and 150-km-long shear belt located along the Skagerrak coastline (Fig. 1). It is bordered by the mylonitic Porsgrunn–Kristiansand shear zone to the NW and penetrated by several NE–SW-striking faults. The Mesoproterozoic basement comprises granitoid gneisses of Gothian age ( $\sim 1.6$  Ga) such as the Levang Granite Gneiss Dome (Rb–Sr whole-rock ages; O’Nions and Baadsgaard 1971), tonalites emplaced at  $1,294 \pm 38$  Ma (U–Pb zircon ages; Engvik et al. 2011), and gabbroic intrusions derived from a depleted mantle source (de Haas et al. 1993; Alirezai and Cameron 2002). The Ringsjø metagabbro yielded a U–Pb zircon age of  $1,149 \pm 7$  Ma that was interpreted to date magmatic crystallization (Engvik et al. 2011). This age is coeval with the onset of high-grade metamorphism in this area as dated with U–Pb in primary monazite at  $1,145 \pm 3$  Ma (Cosca et al. 1998) and  $1,137 \pm 1$  Ma (Bingen et al. 2008a), indicating that the gabbroic intrusions may have acted as the heat source. This had already been suggested by Munz and Morvik (1991), who obtained a Sm–Nd age of  $1,224 \pm 15$  Ma for a metagabbro in the Modum Complex, which is genetically related to the Bamble sector. The metagabbro collected across the middle part of the Bamble sector is

enriched in large ion lithophile elements (LILE) and light rare earth elements (LREE) relative to normal mid-ocean ridge basalts (N-MORB), which is typical for a destructive plate margin setting (Alirezai and Cameron 2002).

Controversial tectonic models (i.e., continent–continent collision vs. accretion) have been presented for the Sveconorwegian orogeny, but a comprehensive review is beyond the scope of this article and can be found elsewhere (e.g., Nijland et al. 2014). According to Bingen et al. (2008b), the Bamble sector developed as an accretionary wedge in an early phase of the Sveconorwegian orogeny at 1.14–1.08 Ga. Calc-alkaline to tholeiitic rocks (1.66–1.52 Ga) of the Idefjorden Terrane were subducted under magmatic rocks (1.52–1.48 Ga) and quartz-rich sediments (deposited before 1.35 Ga) of the Telemarkia Terrane. Evidence for sutures or an ophiolite sequence is absent in the Bamble area, but owing to its low K calc-alkaline signature, the 1.20–1.18 Ga gabbro–tonalite complex of Tromøy has been interpreted as a remnant of an undeveloped island arc (Smalley et al. 1983; Knudsen and Andersen 1999).

In this scenario, the metasedimentary rocks of the Bamble sector possibly originated in a shallow marine environment under (semi)arid conditions during the Mesoproterozoic (Nijland et al. 1993). This is consistent with the variety of metasediments found in the Bamble sector. Metapelitic gneisses and metagreywackes are widespread, and detrital zircon grains from quartzites yield ages of  $\sim 1.6$ – $1.4$  Ga (Åhäll et al. 1998; de Haas et al. 1999), indicating Idefjorden or Telemarkian provenance. The protoliths of intercalated lenses of orthoamphibole–cordierite gneisses may have included evaporites, as suggested by their high Mg content and highly saline fluid inclusions (Moine et al. 1981; Touret 1985). A metasomatic origin for the orthoamphibole–cordierite rocks of the Kongsberg–Bamble sectors has also been proposed (Munz 1990; Visser et al. 1994; Visser 1995; Engvik and Austrheim 2010; Hövelmann et al. 2014).

The tectonothermal reworking of the metapelitic gneisses started at 1.14 Ga (i.e., the aforementioned monazite dates), and upper amphibolite to granulite facies conditions persisted for another  $\sim 20$  Myr as evidenced by metamorphic zircon ages of  $1,125 \pm 46$  and  $1,124 \pm 8$  Ma (Knudsen et al. 1997; Knudsen and Andersen 1999). Peak metamorphic conditions were estimated by garnet–pyroxene thermobarometry to have been  $0.70 \pm 0.11$  GPa and  $790 \pm 60$  °C (Harlov 2000). Subsequent cooling to below 550 °C was dated by  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ – $^{39}\text{Ar}$  in hornblende at  $1,099 \pm 3$  and  $1,079 \pm 5$  Ma, corresponding to cooling rates of 3–8 °C/Myr and uplift rates of 0.5–1 mm/year from crustal depths of  $\sim 30$  to  $\sim 15$  km (Cosca et al. 1998). During their exhumation, the high-grade metamorphic Bamble rocks were thrust onto the Telemarkia Terrane (Bingen et al.



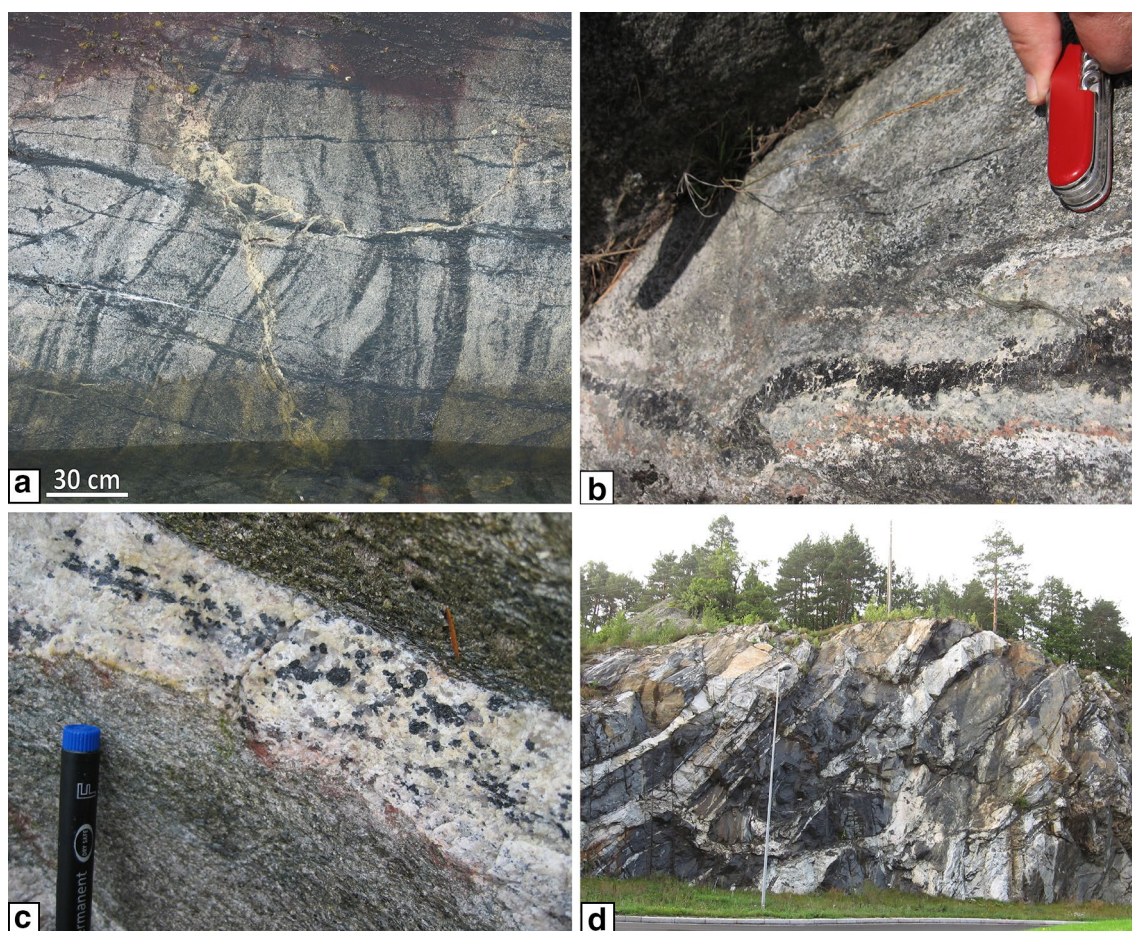
**Fig. 1** **a** Overview map of southern Scandinavia pointing out the Bamble sector, from Engvik and Austrheim (2010), **b** geological map of the Bamble sector from the Norwegian Geological Survey (NGU)

bedrock map database after Padget and Brekke (1996), with sample locations indicated

2008b), resulting in crustal thickening and prograde metamorphic dehydration of the Telemarkian sediments.

In the Bamble area, a subsequent period of extension was accompanied by the emplacement of granitic pegmatites at 1.06 Ga (Baadsgaard et al. 1984) and pervasive fluid infiltration along grain boundaries and fractures, resulting in abundant veining and widespread metasomatism (Engvik et al. 2011). Multiple apatite generations (Engvik et al. 2009) and replacement textures inferred from zircon coronas (Austrheim et al. 2008) record at least two stages of metasomatic alteration. The first episode was initiated by the infiltration of highly saline brines that replaced plagioclase with marialitic scapolite and F-apatite with Cl-apatite (Engvik et al. 2009).

Scapolitization of the magmatic gabbro was associated with Mg metasomatism as documented by ferromagnesian minerals having high Mg contents such as phlogopite, edenitic amphibole, and dravitic tourmaline (Austrheim et al. 2008). The corresponding depletion in Fe is further recorded by the replacement of ilmenite by rutile during both scapolitization and albitization (Austrheim et al. 2008; Engvik et al. 2009, 2011). Albitization was the second pervasive alteration process and affected both the scapolite–metagabbro and granitoid rock units, producing albitite veins and pegmatite bodies. Dominated by porous albite, the typical albitite mineral assemblage comprises varying amounts of chlorite, calcite, epidote, quartz, apatite, and rutile (Engvik et al. 2008, 2009).



**Fig. 2** Typical tourmaline occurrences associated with different alteration features: **a** scapolitized metagabbro along the shore of the island of Langøy, **b** tourmaline vein and red-stained albite in scapolitized

metagabbro on the island of Langøy, **c** tourmaline-bearing albite–quartz vein crosscutting the amphibolite at Lindvikkollen, **d** heavily altered country rock along road E-38 close to Kragerø

In some places, albite appears as a dusty-looking, fine-grained alteration product that has also been sericitized, reflecting prevalent subsequent K-metasomatism. Albitites and scapolite-rich rocks are associated with Fe or Ti mineral deposits, and fine-grained hematite inclusions redden the albitized rock (Putnis et al. 2007; Engvik et al. 2008).

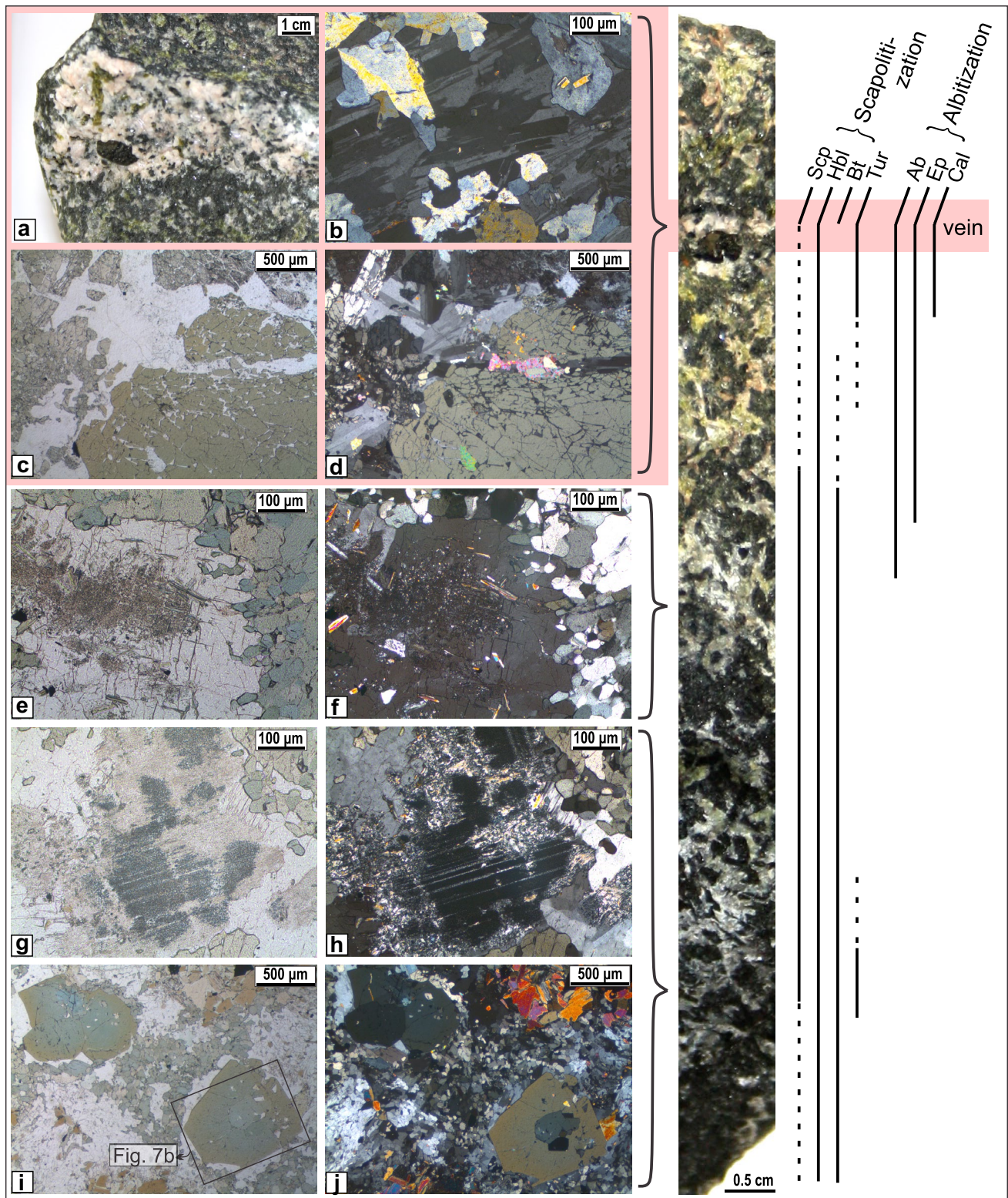
### Sample descriptions and petrography

Different types of metasomatically altered rocks occur in the sampled localities (Fig. 1), including scapolitized metagabbro and albitite on the island of Langøy, a pegmatite in Lindvikkollen (close to Kragerø), and various metasediments. Tourmaline is typically related to veins or pegmatites, independent of the prevailing country rock (Table S1).

#### The island of Langøy

The metagabbro on the island of Langøy (Fig. 2a), an important source of iron ore in the past, is pervasively

scapolitized and crosscut by tourmaline-bearing veins (Fig. 2b) that comprise varying amounts of albite, epidote, and calcite (Fig. 3a, b) as well as minor amounts of chlorite, biotite, and Fe oxides or sulfides. Tourmaline crystals are coarse-grained and euhedral (Fig. 3c, d) but cracked, with the fractures typically being filled with other minerals of the albitite assemblage. The influence of Na metasomatism is restricted to the realm of the vein, where albite is abundant and mafic phases have been chloritized. Scapolitization penetrated more deeply into the rock, replacing the metagabbro with a fine-grained mineral assemblage of amphibole and scapolite. Phlogopite and Fe oxides formed at the expense of ilmenite. Within the best-preserved parts, the metagabbro still exhibits a subophitic texture (Fig. 3, right-hand side). At ca. 10 cm from the vein, the onset of scapolitization is documented by remnant plagioclase, which has been partially replaced and blackened by inclusions of spinel (Fig. 3g, h). Small tourmaline crystals (1.5 mm diameter, sample La-8\_small, Fig. 3i, j) are color zoned, with a gradation from blue–green cores to brown rims.



**Fig. 3** Photographs, and plane- and cross-polarized light photomicrographs showing the different alteration stages recorded in sample La-8: **a** tourmaline in sample La-8 situated at the albitized vein, **b** cross-polarized light image of the epidote-bearing albite vein, **c**, **d**

fractured tourmaline and amphibole within the vein, **e**, **f** scapolitized metagabbro, **g**, **h** partly scapolitized plagioclase with preserved twinning, blackened by spinel, **i**, **j** small tourmaline crystals (sample La-8\_small) in scapolitized metagabbro

The albitized vein samples, La-16 and La-17, were found on the western part of the island, where a Fe oxide-bearing albitite breccia (sample La-14) crosscuts the scapolitized metagabbro. This coarse-grained rock is dominated by porous albite, which is in places sericitized along cleavage planes, and also contains quartz, tourmaline, calcite, white mica, and accessory biotite and zircon. Zoned tourmaline crystals with blue cores and brown rims are crosscut by brownish tourmaline veins and have inclusions of euhedral albite.

#### Kragerø area

The country rock at Lindvikkollen in the vicinity of Kragerø is a banded amphibolite that comprises clusters of green amphibole in a matrix of biotite and plagioclase, which is in some places strongly sericitized. Within this very fine-grained alteration product, a 0.8-cm diameter euhedral tourmaline crystal occurs in apparent equilibrium with albite and hematite (sample Li-5). The amphibolite is cut by numerous tourmaline-bearing, quartz–albite–K-feldspar veins (samples Li-4 and Li-6, Fig. 2c). As summarized by Larsen (2008), the amphibolite at Lindvikkollen hosts a granite–pegmatite described early on by Brøgger (1906). The pegmatite consists mostly of quartz and reddened microcline, and is known as a rutile deposit (Korneliussen and Furuhaug 2000). In sample Li-8, a network of tourmaline veinlets containing a few inclusions of quartz extends into a large crystal of pink-stained microcline. The 7.5-cm-long black tourmaline crystal is fractured and displays a macroscopically visible vein network and inclusions of chlorite.

Extensively tourmalinized metasediments were also found north of Lindvikkollen along road E38 (Kragerøveien). Partly migmatized and deformed metasediments are strongly altered and interlayered with granitic pegmatites (Fig. 2d, sample E38-3). The tourmaline crystals from this area are typically fractured perpendicular to the *c*-axis and crisscrossed by calcite–apatite veins that contain minor Fe sulfides and oxides.

#### Litangen quartzite quarry

The Kragerø domain comprises massive quartzites that are commercially exploited at Litangen (sample Lita-3). In the Litangen quartzite quarry, up to 5-cm-long crystals of tourmaline and quartz occur together with sillimanite and several types of mica. In sample Lita-3, white mica, rutile, and zircon occur as inclusions in both tourmaline and quartz. The outer parts of the tourmaline crystals were mechanically broken, and the fractures were filled with quartz, white mica, and zircon. Quartz recrystallized to large, unfractured grains, and is either pure white or, in other

places, reddened by hematite, indicating the mobility of Fe during hydrothermal alteration.

#### Ødegården–Ringsjø area

The mylonitic Valle Fault delimits these distinct metasedimentary units to the NW and separates the Kragerø domain from the adjacent Ringsjø area (Padget 2004), where tourmaline was found in strongly albitized rock units related to Mg–Al-rich metasediments (samples ØR-4, ØR-7, ØR-14, ØR-15, ØR-19).

Two localities were sampled north of the Valle fault along the Frosteveien in the Ødegården–Ringsjø area. A strongly altered rock (sample ØR-4) was found along an albitization front in a transect that merges into a tourmaline-bearing orthoamphibole–cordierite gneiss (sample ØR-7). The large tourmaline crystals of sample ØR-4 are altered along grain boundaries and contain calcite inclusions. In some places, a sharp replacement front is visible. The albite is porous and in some places strongly sericitized. Biotite has inclusions of zircon, and amphibole has been altered to chlorite.

An albitite containing tourmaline in veins as well as single crystals ranging from a few mm in diameter (sample ØR-15) up to several cm (sample ØR-14) was also sampled. In thin section, the larger (>1 cm) crystals typically display a patchy optical zonation and are related to fine-grained alteration products of albitization. Small (~1 mm) tourmaline crystals typically occur in clusters together with quartz. Albite and K-feldspar are both strongly altered, and the albitization seems to have been coupled to hematite precipitation resulting in reddening of the rock. The albitite also contains quartz, apatite, white mica, and scapolite, with accessory opaque Fe oxides, ilmenite, and rutile.

## Methods

### In situ analyses of major elements and B isotopes

The major-element chemistry of tourmaline was analyzed with an electron microprobe (JEOL JXA 8900 Superprobe, Institut für Mineralogie, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster) equipped with four wavelength-dispersive spectrometers (WDS). The B isotope compositions were measured with an ion microprobe (Cameca ims 3f) at the Institut für Geowissenschaften, Universität Heidelberg. Analyses were performed on thin sections and grain mounts consisting of several tourmaline crystals embedded in epoxy.

For electron probe microanalyses (EPMA), a beam current of 15 nA and an accelerating voltage of 15 kV were used. Counting times of 5 s were applied for the volatile alkali metals and halogens and 10 s for all other elements, with interposed background measurements lasting 2.5



and 5 s, respectively. Detection limits were generally better than 200  $\mu\text{g/g}$ . The relative standard deviation ( $1\sigma$ ) on reported values is typically  $<3\%$  for most elements, except for Ti with  $1\sigma < 5\%$ . The  $\varphi(\rho Z)$  correction method of Armstrong (1988, 1991) was used for data reduction. Tourmaline compositions were calculated assuming 31 O atoms per formula unit (apfu) and stoichiometric amounts of B (3 apfu) as suggested by Henry and Guidotti (1985).

For element mapping, Na, Mg, Si, and Al were determined with an energy-dispersive spectrometer (EDS), whereas B, Ca, Fe, and Ti were measured by WDS. Again, an accelerating voltage of 15 kV was applied. However, the beam current was raised to 50 nA to reduce counting times to 150–250 ms per spot while still getting acceptable count rates. The electron beam was defocused to 5 or 10  $\mu\text{m}$  to cover a larger area with no space between adjacent spots.

For the B isotope determinations in tourmaline by secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS), the analytical protocol of Marschall et al. (2009a) was used. The  $\text{O}^-$  primary ion beam was accelerated to 14.5 keV at a beam current of 1 nA. The diameter of the spot used for sputtering was 5–10  $\mu\text{m}$ . To remove surface contamination and to reach steady-state conditions, spots were presputtered for 4 min before the actual analysis started. The energy window was adjusted to 100 eV, and no energy offset was applied. Molecular interferences (e.g.,  $^9\text{BeH}$ ,  $^{10}\text{BH}$ , and  $^{30}\text{Si}^{3+}$ ) were sufficiently resolved by using a mass resolution of  $\sim 1,200$ . Secondary  $\text{B}^+$  ions were separated by a double-focusing mass spectrometer and were detected by a single electron multiplier in pulse-counting mode. The settling time between the two different masses was 200 ms. Each  $^{11}\text{B}/^{10}\text{B}$  measurement consists of 50  $^{10}\text{B}$ – $^{11}\text{B}$ – $^{10}\text{B}$  cycles, with integration times of  $2 \times 1.66$  s for  $^{10}\text{B}$  and 1.66 s for  $^{11}\text{B}$  and typical count rates of  $\sim 5 \times 10^4$   $\text{s}^{-1}$  ( $^{10}\text{B}$ ) and  $\sim 2 \times 10^5$   $\text{s}^{-1}$  ( $^{11}\text{B}$ ). The total analysis time was  $\sim 10$  min for each spot. Three different reference tourmalines (98114 elbaite, 108796 dravite, and 112566 schorl; Dyar et al. 2001; Leeman and Tonarini 2001) were used to determine the instrumental mass fractionation  $\alpha_{\text{inst}}$ . For a detailed description of the analytical setup, see Ludwig et al. (2011). The reference materials were analyzed before, during, and after the measurement session, resulting in a mean  $\alpha_{\text{inst}}$  of  $0.9571 \pm 0.0006$  ( $1\sigma$ ) for the first and  $0.9564 \pm 0.0008$  ( $1\sigma$ ) for the second analytical session. The internal precision of a single analysis was better than 0.5 ‰ ( $1\sigma$ ), with an external reproducibility of  $\pm 0.5$  ‰ ( $1\sigma$ ). Boron isotope ratios are reported in  $\delta$ -notation ( $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ ) as per mil deviation relative to the NIST boric acid standard SRM-951 as reported by Catanzaro et al. (1970). To check for correlations between  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  and bulk composition during multi-spot traverses of zoned tourmaline, the secondary ion intensity of  $^{56}\text{Fe}^+$  was recorded manually after some of the B isotope analyses.

## Rb–Sr analyses

Selected rock samples were crushed with a steel mortar and sieved. After pre-concentration with a Frantz<sup>®</sup> magnetic barrier separator, mineral separates from the  $>250$   $\mu\text{m}$  fraction were prepared by handpicking inclusion-free grains under a binocular microscope. For plagioclase, scapolite, biotite, amphibole, epidote, tourmaline, and whole-rock fractions, aliquots of 10–50 mg were weighed into Savillex<sup>®</sup> Teflon<sup>®</sup> vials. A mixed  $^{87}\text{Rb}$ – $^{84}\text{Sr}$  tracer was then added before dissolving the sample in distilled acids ( $\text{HF}:\text{HNO}_3 = 5:1$ ) at 120 °C for 48 h. Afterwards, the samples were dried down on a hot plate at 120 °C. In contrast, tourmaline and whole-rock samples were decomposed in  $\text{HF}:\text{HNO}_3$  (5:1) under pressure in Savillex<sup>®</sup> vials placed in Parr<sup>®</sup> bombs at 180 °C for 5 days and then dried down with  $\text{HClO}_4$  to break down fluorides. Residues from both types of digestion were then dissolved in 6 M HCl, dried down, taken up in 2.5 M HCl, and centrifuged for 10 min. Rubidium and Sr were separated by cation exchange chemistry in quartz columns filled with Bio-Rad AG 50W-X8 resin, 200–400 mesh. After the Rb cut was separated, the Sr-bearing cut was processed through the column chemistry once again to remove any remaining Rb. Maximum procedural blanks were 21 pg Sr and 6 pg Rb.

Isotope analyses were carried out by multi-collector thermal ionization mass spectrometry (MC-TIMS) at the Institut für Mineralogie, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster. Strontium isotope ratios were measured on a Finnigan Triton, whereas Rb was measured on a VG Sector 54. Replicate analyses of the NIST standards SRM-987 (Sr) and SRM-607 (Rb) yielded mean values of  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.710120 \pm 9$  and  $^{87}\text{Rb}/^{85}\text{Rb} = 0.3844 \pm 63$  (2 s.d.), which is within error of the certified values. The estimated external reproducibilities based on repeated measurements of spiked samples and standards (2 s.d.) are 0.004 ‰ for  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  and 1 ‰ for  $^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ . The initial  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  values were calculated using  $\lambda^{87}\text{Rb} = 1.393 \times 10^{-11}$   $\text{year}^{-1}$  (Nebel et al. 2011) and an estimated age of 1,060 Ma (Engvik et al. 2011).

## Results

### Tourmaline major-element chemistry

The tourmaline compositions as determined by EPMA are summarized in Table 1 and classified according to their principal X- and Y + Z-site occupancy (Henry et al. 2011) in Fig. 4. Although chemically diverse, all investigated tourmaline samples are Na-dominated on the X-site and thus belong to the alkali group (Fig. 4a). They show minor Ca components or X-site vacancies ( $\square$ ) that correlate with Al

contents of 5–7 apfu, indicating an additional uvite or foitite component. The ternary Al–Fe–Mg-diagram (Fig. 4b) was proposed by Henry and Guidotti (1985) to classify tourmaline according to different genetic environments. However, newly crystallized, metasomatic tourmaline may inherit chemical and isotopic characteristics of both precursor rock and fluid, and may thus display a composition that does not correspond to a single environment. Furthermore, hydrothermal tourmaline associated with metaevaporites may define a trend between “oxy-dravite” and povondraite (dotted line in Fig. 4b) as described by Henry et al. (2008). Most of the investigated tourmalines roughly follow this trend. Only samples Li-6, La-14, ØR-14, and ØR-15 are rather Fe-rich, with  $X_{\text{Mg}}$  ( $= \text{Mg}/[\text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Mg}]$ )  $< 0.3$  and plot in fields 1, 2, and 3.

Tourmaline samples from Langøy are sodic with Ca contents between 0.1 and 0.3 apfu and no significant X-site vacancy. Tourmaline associated with the scapolitized metagabbro is typically dravitic ( $X_{\text{Mg}} > 0.6$ ) with an uvite component that is minor in samples 3–4c\_6, La-8, and La-9, but more significant in samples La-16 and La-17, which have an Al content of ~5 apfu. Tourmaline associated with the Langøy metagabbro is significantly enriched in Ti, with contents up to 0.24 apfu, except for sample La-14, which is a somewhat heterogeneous schorl ( $X_{\text{Mg}} = 0.3$ ) with low Ti content (0.04 apfu).

Tourmaline from Lindvikkollen is generally sodic to calcic with little to no X-site vacancy. With  $X_{\text{Mg}} = 0.15$ , sample Li-6 contains homogeneous schorl such as that typically found in granitic pegmatites. Although sampled within 100 m of Li-6, samples Li-4 and Li-5 are dravitic tourmaline with  $X_{\text{Mg}} > 0.6$  that contain an uvite component with Ca contents up to 0.3 apfu and Al  $\leq 5$  apfu. The tourmalines from Li-4 and Li-5 have similar chemical compositions, although they come from different lithological units (albitite and amphibolite, respectively). The chemically heterogeneous tourmaline in sample Li-8 plots along the “oxy-dravite”–povondraite trend.

Tourmalines in samples E38-3 and Lita-3 are chemically similar, although found at different localities in distinct lithological units (tourmalinized metasediments including quartzite). Both are slightly heterogeneous dravite with  $X_{\text{Mg}} > 0.8$  and Ca contents up to 0.3 apfu. The X-site vacancies of 0.2 apfu and excess Al up to 6.5 apfu indicate an additional foitite component, which is common for tourmaline in medium- to high-grade metapelites. For sample E38-3, element mapping by EPMA revealed pseudomorphic replacement features recorded by an intricate chemical zonation reminiscent of hierarchical reactive fracture formation in other minerals (Fig. 5).

Tourmalines associated with the orthoamphibole–cordierite rocks in Ringsjø (samples ØR-4 and ØR-7) are dravitic with  $X_{\text{Mg}}$  between 0.60 and 0.75. Sample ØR-4

contains a significant uvite component (0.4 apfu Ca), which is typical for tourmaline associated with calcareous meta-sediments. However, no remnants of such sediments were found in the field, so the tourmaline-forming fluids may derive from a different type of source rock. The tourmaline crystal is further enriched in Ti with 0.22 apfu and has a Ca–Ti-poor alteration zone with some additional overgrowth. The major-element chemistry of sample ØR-7 is similar to this secondary tourmaline rim.

Samples from the albitite pegmatite in Ringsjø contain chemically heterogeneous tourmaline with variable  $X_{\text{Mg}}$  ranging from ~0.2 to ~0.4 (ØR-14 and ØR-15), or ~0.6 (ØR-19). Significant foitite components are displayed by X-site vacancies up to 0.25 and excess Al up to 7.5 apfu (ØR 15).

### Boron isotopes in tourmaline

The measured ranges in  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values for each sample are given in Table 2. The results are compared to typical isotope signatures of possible B source reservoirs (Fig. 6). The B isotope signatures vary throughout the studied field area, with an overall spread in  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values of 33 ‰, ranging from  $-5.6$  to  $+27.4$  ‰. The lowest  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values are observed for tourmaline from Lindvikkollen with  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  as low as  $-5.6$  ‰ (sample Li-6). The  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  of Li-5 is as low as  $-4.8$  ‰, whereas Li-4, sampled some hundred meters away, has less negative  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values of  $-3.1$  to  $-1.9$  ‰. Sample Li-8, which was collected from the mine tailings, has more positive and variable  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values ranging from  $-0.4$  to  $+3.7$  ‰, with no obvious correlation to major-element abundances. Boron isotope signatures within a similar range are observed for tourmalinized sediments found in the vicinity of Kragerø (sample E38-3). Although this tourmaline is heterogeneous with respect to its major-element composition (Fig. 5), its  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  ranges only from  $+1$  to  $+2.4$  ‰. Tourmaline related to the Litangen quartzite (Lita-3) has  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values that overlap with those from Lindvikkollen, but are generally more positive and range from  $+1.3$  to  $+6.6$  ‰.

Tourmalines from the island of Langøy have  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values that cluster around 0 to  $+3$  ‰. However, tourmaline samples such as La-8\_small, La-14, and La-17 are somewhat different, showing a larger spread in  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  from  $-2.5$  to  $+8.4$  ‰,  $-1.9$  to  $+4.2$  ‰, and from  $-3.2$  to  $+2.3$  ‰, respectively. For the small tourmaline crystals of sample La-8, a negative correlation between their  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values and their Ti contents is observed (Fig. 7). Furthermore, the B isotope signature and Ti content of the rim are similar to those of the large tourmaline sampled along the vein in La-8 (Fig. 3). The variations in sample La-14 are attributed to different generations of tourmaline as identified by the Fe distribution (Fig. 8a). In accordance with other

**Table 1** Tourmaline major-element chemistry; B is calculated stoichiometrically as three apfu

wt %	Li-4	Li-5	Li-6	Li-8	Lita-3	E38-3	3-4c_6	La-8 vein	La-8* core	La-8* rim	La-9
B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.21	10.25	9.98	10.08	10.63	10.77	10.54	10.44	10.62	10.49	10.49
SiO <sub>2</sub>	35.85	35.99	33.91	35.36	35.75	36.92	36.22	35.79	36.53	36.05	36.34
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	24.69	24.30	28.14	24.30	32.94	32.10	29.51	28.92	29.88	28.91	28.41
TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.10	1.24	0.45	0.96	0.51	0.73	0.93	1.08	0.33	0.99	1.28
FeO	8.97	10.59	19.24	15.56	3.61	3.03	4.85	6.83	6.58	6.85	5.99
MgO	10.32	9.93	1.98	6.79	8.54	9.51	9.73	8.84	9.14	9.13	9.28
CaO	1.76	1.91	0.59	1.66	1.80	1.46	1.21	1.46	1.44	1.31	0.95
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.01	1.90	2.47	1.98	1.50	1.73	2.54	2.32	2.46	2.35	2.61
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.05	0.06	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.03
Σ wt %	95.06	96.32	97.20	96.85	95.46	96.45	95.57	95.87	96.98	96.11	95.91
<i>Apfu</i>											
B	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Si	6.10	6.10	5.91	6.10	5.85	5.96	5.98	5.95	5.98	5.97	6.02
Al <sub>T</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Al <sub>Z</sub>	4.95	4.85	5.77	4.94	6.00	6.00	5.74	5.67	5.76	5.64	5.55
Al <sub>Y</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ti	0.14	0.16	0.06	0.12	0.06	0.09	0.12	0.14	0.04	0.12	0.16
Fe	1.28	1.50	2.80	2.25	0.49	0.41	0.67	0.95	0.90	0.95	0.83
Mg	2.62	2.51	0.51	1.75	2.08	2.29	2.39	2.19	2.23	2.25	2.29
Y total	4.05	4.19	3.43	4.13	3.00	2.91	3.20	3.30	3.20	3.35	3.35
Ca	0.32	0.35	0.11	0.31	0.32	0.25	0.21	0.26	0.25	0.23	0.17
Na	0.66	0.62	0.84	0.66	0.47	0.54	0.81	0.75	0.78	0.75	0.84
K	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
X total	1.00	0.98	0.97	0.99	0.80	0.80	1.03	1.01	1.04	0.99	1.01
F	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cl	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01
X <sub>Mg</sub>	0.67	0.63	0.15	0.45	0.81	0.85	0.78	0.70	0.71	0.70	0.73
n	3	21	3	110	57	6	18	13	4	3	4
wt %	La-14	La-14 <sup>#</sup>	La-16	La-17	ØR-4	ØR-4 <sup>†</sup>	ØR-7	ØR-14	ØR-15	ØR-15 <sup>‡</sup>	ØR-19
B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.10	10.66	10.20	10.28	10.33	10.35	10.61	10.32	10.55	10.60	10.53
SiO <sub>2</sub>	33.84	36.77	35.50	35.93	35.52	36.10	36.50	34.71	34.20	35.53	35.78
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	29.55	29.28	24.84	25.11	26.38	28.82	31.03	32.04	36.82	33.70	31.88
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.31	0.56	1.89	1.84	1.74	0.07	0.58	0.22	0.36	0.49	0.55
FeO	15.35	8.28	9.95	10.48	9.20	9.42	5.28	14.49	11.73	8.89	8.11
MgO	3.67	7.56	8.99	8.94	9.04	7.87	8.76	2.59	1.45	5.13	6.50
CaO	0.53	0.76	1.79	1.27	2.23	0.60	0.66	0.60	0.32	0.64	0.95
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.71	2.38	2.10	2.34	1.74	2.47	2.47	2.31	2.12	2.20	2.10
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.08	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.08	0.02	0.01	0.08	0.10	0.07	0.07
Σ wt %	96.68	98.55	95.55	96.41	96.33	95.77	95.91	97.46	88.99	89.10	96.54
<i>Apfu</i>											
B	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Si	5.82	6.00	6.05	6.07	5.97	6.06	5.98	5.85	5.63	5.83	5.91
Al <sub>T</sub>	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.37	0.17	0.08
Al <sub>Z</sub>	5.89	5.63	4.99	5.00	5.23	5.70	5.98	5.98	6.00	6.00	5.96
Al <sub>Y</sub>	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.38	1.15	0.51	0.25
Ti	0.04	0.07	0.24	0.23	0.22	0.01	0.07	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.07
Fe	2.21	1.13	1.42	1.48	1.29	1.33	0.72	2.04	1.62	1.22	1.12
Mg	0.94	1.84	2.28	2.25	2.27	1.97	2.14	0.65	0.36	1.26	1.60
Y total	3.37	3.33	3.98	3.99	3.79	3.31	2.97	3.11	3.20	3.06	3.05

**Table 1** continued

wt %	La-14	La-14 <sup>#</sup>	La-16	La-17	ØR-4	ØR-4 <sup>†</sup>	ØR-7	ØR-14	ØR-15	ØR-15 <sup>‡</sup>	ØR-19
Ca	0.10	0.13	0.33	0.23	0.40	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.06	0.11	0.17
Na	0.90	0.75	0.69	0.77	0.57	0.80	0.78	0.75	0.68	0.70	0.67
K	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01
X total	1.02	0.89	1.03	1.00	0.99	0.92	0.90	0.88	0.75	0.82	0.85
F	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cl	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01
X <sub>Mg</sub>	0.30	0.62	0.62	0.60	0.64	0.60	0.75	0.24	0.18	0.50	0.59
n	17	1	14	23	32	9	16	21	13	9	24

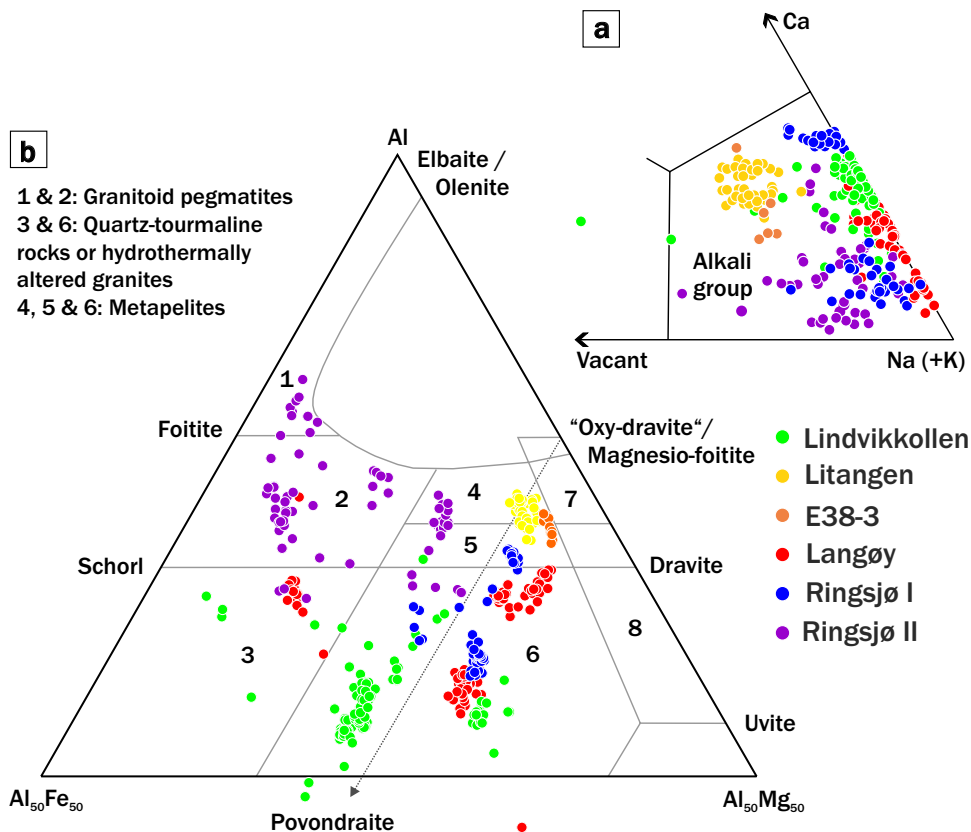
\* Small (1.5 mm diameter) tourmaline crystal in sample La-8

<sup>#</sup> Tourmaline veins in sample La-14

<sup>†</sup> Overgrowth in sample ØR-4

<sup>‡</sup> Fe-poor growth zone in tourmaline ØR-15

**Fig. 4** Tourmaline major-element chemistry, data are sorted by tourmaline sample location; most samples roughly follow the “Oxy-dravite”-Povondraite trend (across fields 4, 5, 6), whereas a few others (ØR-14, ØR-15, La-14, Li-6) are rather Fe-rich (fields 2, 3)



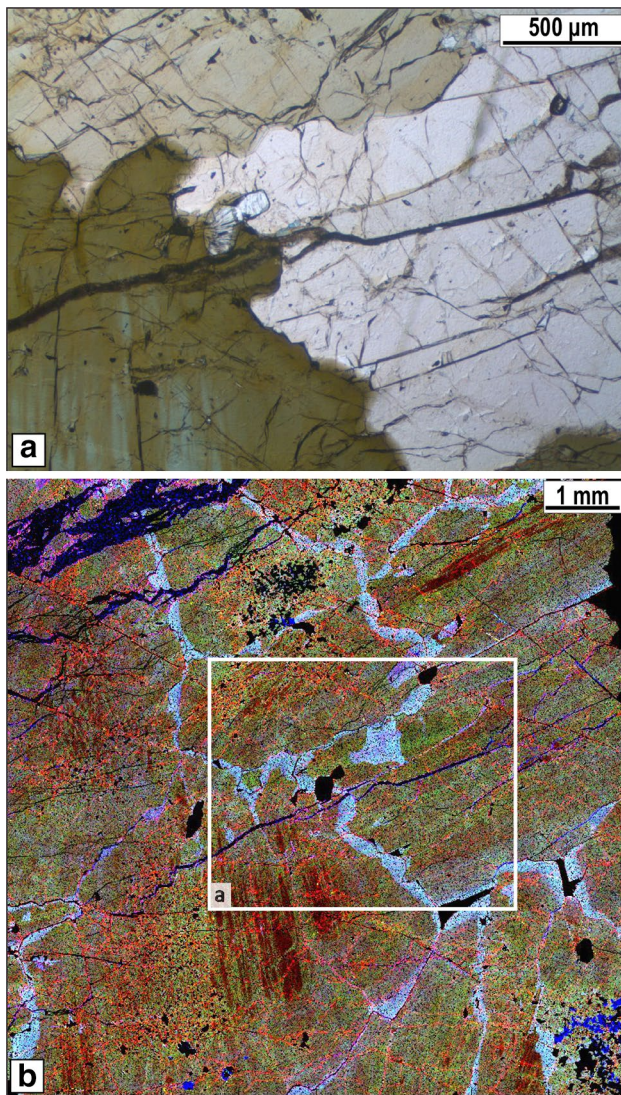
tourmaline samples from Langøy, the first tourmaline generation of La-14 has  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values around +3 ‰ (Fig. 8b). However, the isotopic compositions of the later, Fe-poor tourmaline veins cluster around -1 ‰ and are thus significantly different.

Large tourmaline crystals from Ringsjø have fairly homogeneous B isotope signatures ranging from +4.8 to +6.2 ‰ in sample ØR-14 and from +3.8 to +5.9 ‰ in sample ØR-19. However, a small tourmaline crystal from the same outcrop (ØR-15) shows a larger spread in  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ , ranging from +3.5 to +9.5 ‰. Again, the variability can be attributed to different generations of tourmaline (Fig. 8c), and Fe contents correlate with B isotopes in the Fe-poor growth zone (Fig. 8d).

The isotopically heaviest B with  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  up to +27.4 ‰ was detected in tourmaline from Ringsjø (ØR-4) that was found close to an orthoamphibole–cordierite gneiss. This 8-mm-diameter tourmaline crystal has a Ca–Ti-poor growth zone at its rim, where  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values decrease to +18 ‰ (Fig. 9). However, tourmaline directly associated with orthoamphibole and cordierite (sample ØR-7) has less positive  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  signatures between +7.3 and +10.7 ‰.

#### Strontium isotopes

The measured Rb and Sr concentrations and  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ , as well as the calculated initial  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  values are given in Table 3 for all rocks and minerals analyzed. Linear



**Fig. 5** **a** Thin section image of sample E38-3, and **b** composite element map (red = Fe, green = Ti, blue = Ca) showing pseudomorphic tourmalinization; single-element maps for B, Fe, Ca, and Ti can be found in Fig. S1 in the electronic supplementary material

regressions for mica and the Rb-poor minerals scapolite, amphibole, tourmaline, epidote, and feldspar were constructed for each sample using Isoplot (Ludwig 2009). The resulting Rb–Sr dates (utilizing all phases analyzed) are  $1,062 \pm 23$  Ma (Li-5),  $1,068 \pm 10$  Ma (Lita-3),  $1,070 \pm 15$  Ma (ØR-4),  $1,051 \pm 12$  Ma (La-8), and  $1,043 \pm 16$  Ma (ØR-19/20). The slopes of these isochrons are mainly defined by mica ( $^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr} > 55$ ); thus, the dates obtained from the regressions potentially reflect the metasomatic formation ages of the mica or their cooling below the closure temperature for the Rb–Sr system. Large scatter among the low Rb/Sr minerals results in high MSWD values ( $\geq 64$ ), indicating that inherited (precursor) minerals were only partially equilibrated during metasomatism or

their Rb–Sr systems closed at slightly different times. As a result, individual minerals of each sample reveal highly variable initial  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  values calculated for an estimated age of 1,060 Ma. Unrealistic values below 0.69898 (i.e., BABI, basaltic achondrite best initial; Papanastassiou and Wasserburg 1969) are due to differing Sr evolution of the individual minerals used in the regression and lack of isotopic homogenization at 1,060 Ma. Despite these effects, two-point isochrons between mica and the whole rock or any one of the low Rb/Sr phases yield consistent dates within and between rock samples, suggesting that metasomatic mica crystallization indeed occurred at ca. 1.07–1.04 Ga, in agreement with Engvik et al. (2011).

## Discussion

### Different alteration stages

Late-stage orogenic hydrothermal alteration processes in the Kragerø area can be subdivided into several metasomatic stages related to different fluid pulses. Initially, brines rich in Na, Cl, Mg, K, P, and B caused pervasive amphibolitization and scapolitization of gabbros and other precursor rocks (Austrheim et al. 2008; Engvik et al. 2011; Kusebauch et al. 2014). Biotite also formed early in the metasomatic alteration history, when K was still available, and incorporated Ti, which was mobilized by the brine. This metasomatic biotite is commonly easily recognizable by its distinct reddish color typical for phlogopite-rich biotite. Simultaneously, Ti-poor tourmaline (cores of sample La-8 small) formed. These first tourmaline crystals have positive  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values up to +8.4 ‰. Subsequently grown rims as well as the large tourmaline crystal sampled along the vein in sample La-8 have higher Ti contents and less positive  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values around +3 ‰. The initial Sr isotope compositions of tourmaline and amphibole are in the same range (ca. 0.703, Table 3) and suggest that these minerals formed at the same time from the same reservoir. The signature reflects mantle-derived Sr, which may have been inherited from the gabbroic precursor during the first alteration stage, i.e., scapolitization. In contrast, epidote is clearly enriched in radiogenic Sr ( $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.706$ , Table 3), which may have been derived by the crustal fluid that caused albitization. This secondary alteration stage is documented by varying amounts of albitite, epidote-group minerals, calcite, and chlorite. Veins that acted as fluid pathways recrystallized to this albitite mineral assemblage (e.g., sample La-8, Fig. 3). Here, secondary tourmaline did not form during the albitization, suggesting that insufficient B was available or that tourmaline was not stable in the fluid. Instead, euhedral tourmaline crystals found along those veins were apparently broken mechanically by hydrostatic pressure of the

**Table 2** Summary of the Boron isotope compositions of tourmaline; all measured data can be found in Table S2 in the electronic supplementary material

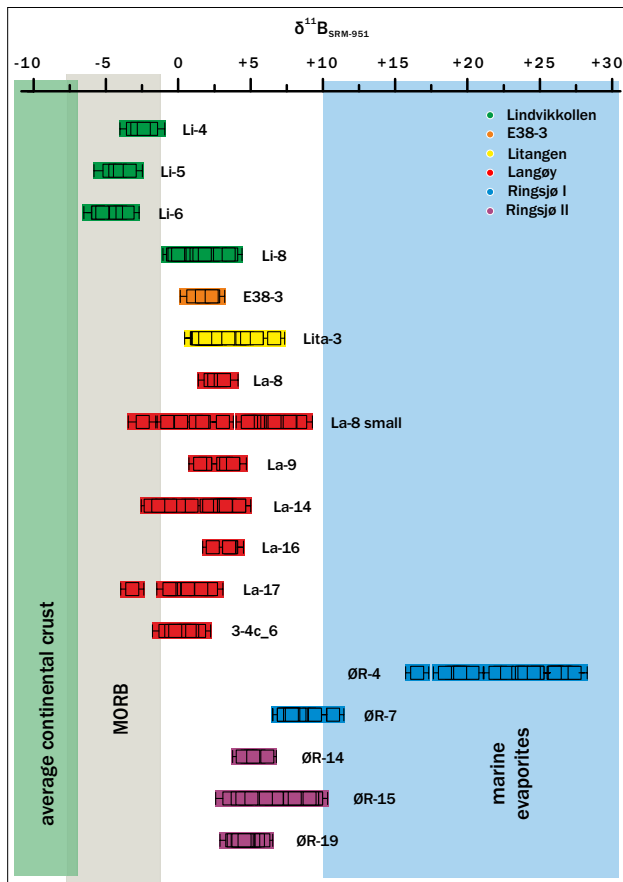
Sample	$\delta^{11}\text{B}_{\text{low}}$	s.d.	$\delta^{11}\text{B}_{\text{high}}$	s.d.	$\delta^{11}\text{B}_{\text{mean}}$	s.d.	<i>N</i>
<i>Lindvikkollen</i>							
Li-4	-3.1	0.9	-1.9	1.0	-2.6	0.5	4
Li-5	-4.8	1.1	-3.4	0.9	-4.2	0.5	5
Li-6	-5.6	0.8	-3.5	0.8	-4.6	0.8	7
Li-8	-0.4	0.7	+3.6	0.8	+1.3	1.1	20
<i>Litangen</i>							
Lita-3	+1.3	0.9	+6.6	0.7	+2.6	1.2	42
<i>Kragerø</i>							
E38-3	+1.0	0.9	+2.4	0.8	+1.8	0.6	5
<i>Langøy</i>							
La-8	+2.2	0.8	+3.2	1.0	+2.7	0.4	4
La-8 small	-2.5	1.0	+8.4	0.9	+4.6	2.8	29
La-9	+1.5	0.8	+3.8	0.9	+2.7	1.0	5
La-14	-1.9	0.7	+4.2	0.8	+2.0	1.9	25
La-16	+2.4	0.7	+3.7	0.9	+3.3	0.6	4
La-17	-3.2	0.8	+2.3	0.8	+0.5	1.6	12
3-4c_6	-0.9	0.9	+1.4	0.8	+0.3	0.6	14
<i>Ødegården/Ringjø</i>							
ØR-4	+16.5	0.8	+27.4	0.7	+23.4	3.2	32
ØR-7	+7.3	0.8	+10.7	0.8	+8.2	0.9	19
ØR-14	+4.5	0.7	+6.2	0.6	+5.2	0.6	6
ØR-15	+3.5	0.9	+9.5	0.7	+7.5	1.5	50
ØR-19	+3.7	0.8	+5.9	0.7	+4.7	0.5	29

s.d. standard deviation, *N* number of analyses

albitizing fluid (sample La-8, Fig. 3c, d), and the resulting cracks were filled with minerals of the albitite assemblage. In some cases, the tourmaline was also altered, potentially by the albitizing fluid, as documented by an Fe-rich variety found in an albite-dominated rock at the old mines on the island of Langøy (sample La-14, Fig. 8a, c). Its B isotope signature is similar to the  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values identified for the scapolitizing fluids, which may indicate that tourmaline has been completely replaced during pervasive albitization without significant exchange of B. The mobility of Fe during albitization is further displayed by the co-precipitation of fine-grained hematite, which reddened the feldspar (e.g., sample ØR-14).

The tourmaline crystal in sample La-14 is crisscrossed by Fe-poor but Ca- and Ti-rich tourmaline veins, which represent yet another alteration stage. This latest generation of tourmaline appears in veins related to sericitization of the surrounding albite and contains significantly lighter B isotope signatures of around  $-1\text{‰}$  (sample La-14, Fig. 8a, c), reflecting a predominantly crustal fluid that again introduced K into the system. Pervasive sericitization of albite was also observed in the tourmaline-bearing albitite samples ØR-14, ØR-15, and ØR-19 from Ringsjø. In sample ØR-15, albite is only slightly sericitized, and the mm-sized tourmaline crystal that was analyzed is highly complex and

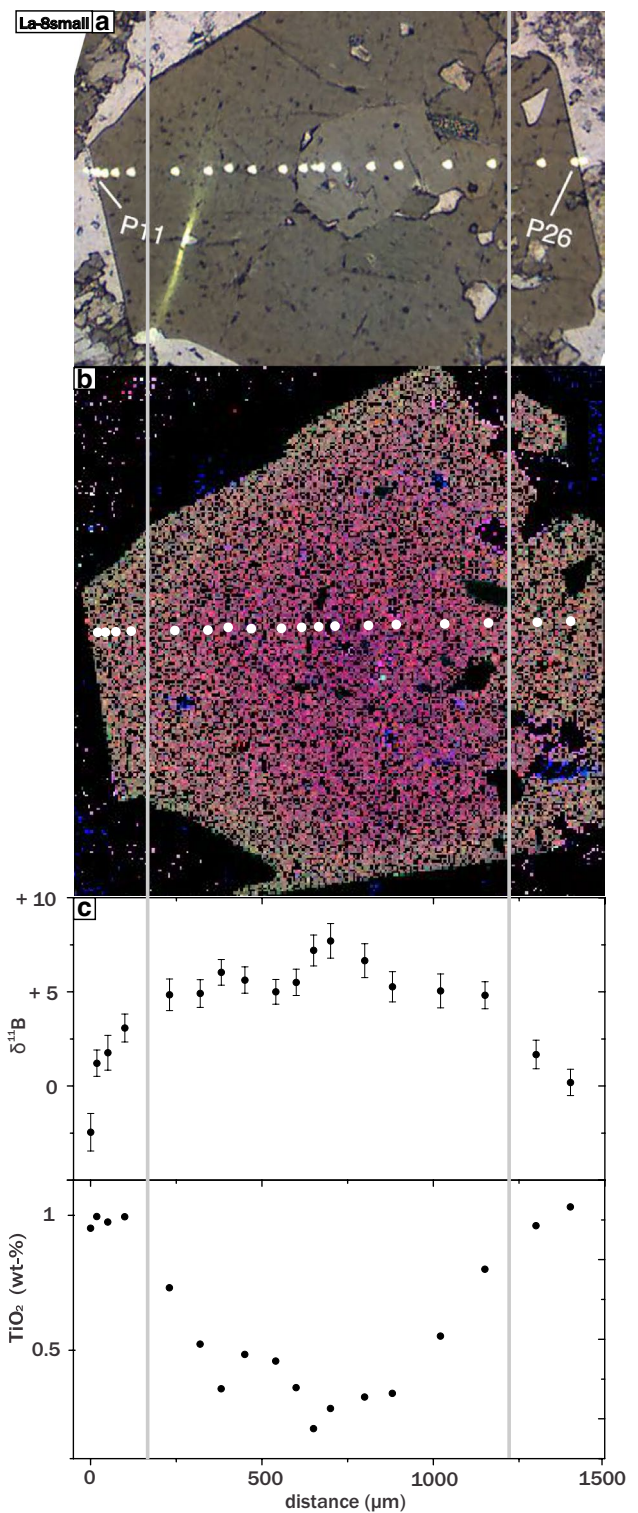
documents different tourmaline generations. The older part of the crystal is Fe–Al-rich and fractured (Fig. 8b, d). Its B isotope composition ranges from  $+7$  to  $+9.5\text{‰}$  and is independent of the Fe concentration. However, the secondary growth zone shows a good correlation between Fe content and  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values, which are systematically up to  $5\text{‰}$  lighter and match the B isotope signatures of samples ØR-14 and ØR-19. The large tourmaline crystals in samples ØR-14 and ØR-19 are chemically highly variable and show a patchy optical zonation. Their B isotope compositions are however fairly homogeneous at ca.  $+4\text{‰}$ , which suggests a pervasive fluid-induced tourmalinization of a heterogeneous precursor rock. Tourmalinization is also evident in the mineral replacement textures observed in sample E38-3. The orientation of the precursor grains was apparently retained as suggested by variable pleochroism and inherited major-element characteristics (Fig. 5). Such preservation of textural and chemical features of the precursor minerals would demonstrate the close coupling between the dissolution of the parent gabbro and the reprecipitation of the tourmaline and emphasizes the importance of the composition of the interfacial fluid in controlling the tourmaline composition (Putnis 2009). The B isotopes are again fairly homogeneous with a total spread of only  $1.4\text{‰}$ .



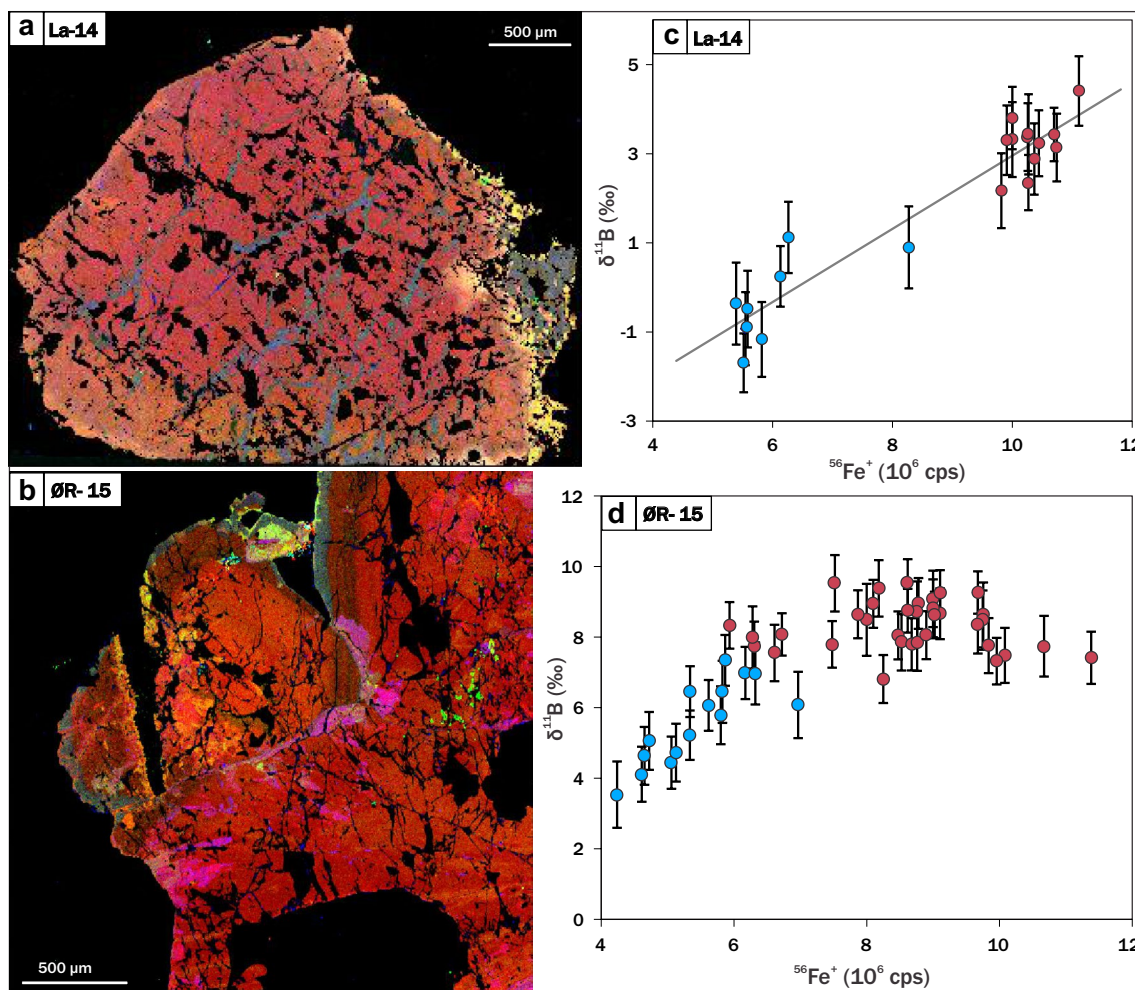
**Fig. 6** Regional distribution of the measured tourmaline  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values for all samples compared to typical isotope signatures of different B source reservoirs

**Pegmatites**

The granite–pegmatite at Lindvikkollen and the amphibolite surrounding it both contain metasomatic tourmaline with slightly negative  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values reflecting the influence of pneumatolytic fluids (samples Li-4, Li-5, and Li-6). However, positive B isotope signatures up to +3.7 ‰ (sample Li-8) clearly indicate mixing with isotopically heavier B from a different source. The major-element chemistry of tourmaline Li-8, which plots along the “oxy-dravite”–povondraite trend, suggests a possible relationship to metaevaporitic fluids. These may have also added K, Mg, and Fe to the system as documented by massive reddened K-feldspar and abundant chlorite veins in sample Li-8. Furthermore, the Sr isotope compositions of tourmaline and albite in sample Li-5 are relatively radiogenic, with initial  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  values around 0.71, which requires a contribution of Sr from an aqueous fluid or melt that was derived from ancient rather than juvenile (i.e., freshly mantle-derived) crust.



**Fig. 7** **a** Thin section image and **b** composite element map (red = Fe, green = Ti, blue = Ca) for tourmaline sample La-8\_small (single-element maps for B, Fe, Ca, and Ti can be found in Fig. S2 in the electronic supplementary material), **c** rim-core-rim variation in  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  and Ti content



**Fig. 8** **a, b** Composite element maps (red = Fe, green = Ti, blue = Ca; all non-tourmaline material blacked out) revealing 2 generations of tourmaline with different Fe contents, which **c, d** correlate

with measured  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values; single-element maps for B, Fe, Ca, and Ti can be found in Fig. S3 (sample La-14) and Fig. S4 (sample ØR-15) in the electronic supplementary material

### Regional-scale variations

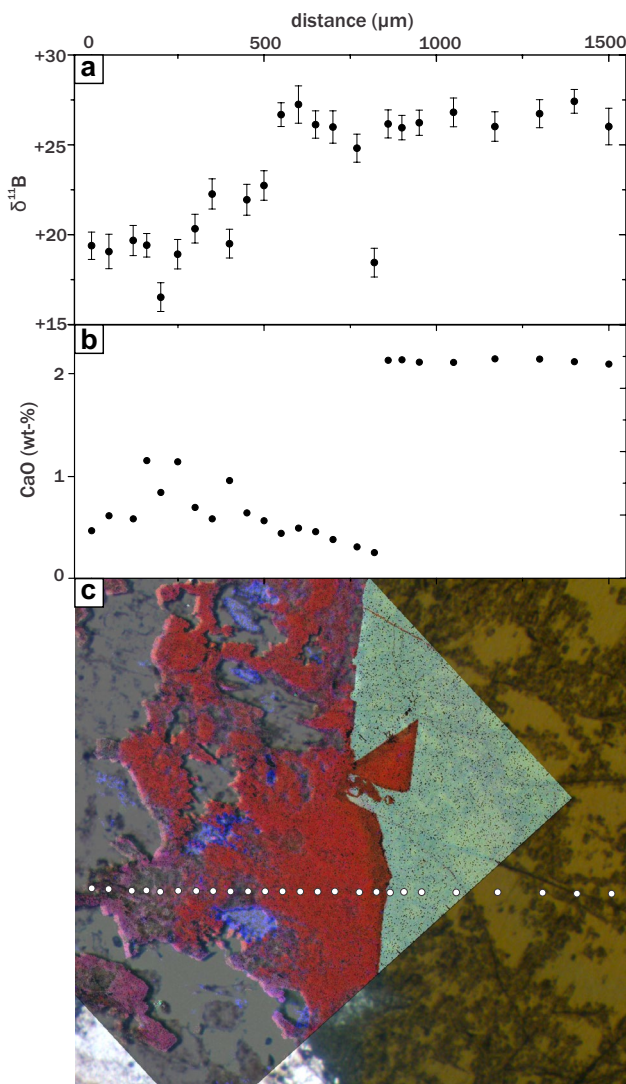
Different types of metasomatically altered rocks were sampled within 20 km in the Bamble sector, and tourmaline was used as a probe of the hydrothermal fluids. While the tourmaline major-element chemistry may depend on its host rock, its B isotope systematics can be used as a tracer for the fluids. Boron isotope variations on the outcrop scale are typically small and commonly related to different alteration stages as documented by several generations of tourmaline. For the penetrative process of scapolitization, we hypothesize that large amounts of almost homogeneous fluids infiltrated the rocks in the studied field area forming Mg-rich tourmaline with slightly positive  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values. Most tourmaline sampled on the island of Langøy, plus samples Li-8, E38-3, and Lita-3 from other regions belong to this group.

Variations between different outcrops were also observed. Negative  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values in tourmaline from the Lindvikkollen pegmatite reveal the influence of late-stage magmatic fluids. North of the Valle Fault, tourmaline samples from metasedimentary rocks have higher and more variable  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values up to +27.4 ‰ (sample ØR-4). These locally distinct chemical and isotopic compositions seem to depend on local variations in the prevalent sedimentary component which generated the fluid. A systematic sampling campaign in a specific area could help to understand the large-scale relationships between different source rocks in detail.

### Implications for possible fluid sources

Metasomatic alteration processes affected large volumes of high-grade metamorphic rocks during a late stage of the Sveconorwegian orogeny as confirmed by the Rb–Sr ages





**Fig. 9** a, b Boron isotopes correlate with Ca content in tourmaline sample ØR-4, c the 3-element map (red = Fe, green = Ti, blue = Ca) overlay on top of a thin section image indicates the first generation (tur 1, pale green-blue, right corner of map) with a sharp alteration front, a porous reacted area (tur 2, red) and tourmaline overgrowth (tur 3, purple); single-element maps for B, Fe, Ca, and Ti of sample ØR-4 can be found in Fig. S5 in the electronic supplementary material

of metasomatic biotite. The estimated upper amphibolite to granulite facies conditions were reached at 1.14–1.12 Ga (Cosca et al. 1998; Bingen et al. 2008a), implying prograde metamorphic dehydration of the Bamble rocks prior to their metasomatic overprint at 1.08–1.04 Ga (Engvik et al. 2011). Therefore, fluids were most likely derived from an external source. The high-grade granite gneisses of Gothian age and gabbros emplaced before the continental collision cannot have generated significant amounts of fluid. Following the model of Bingen et al. (2008b), the high-grade metamorphic Bamble rocks were thrust onto sedimentary

units of the adjacent Telemarkia Terrane during uplift and exhumation. These sedimentary units have probably been deposited within a shallow marine environment and may have consisted of a mixture of detrital components, pelagic clays, carbonates, and additionally, evaporites. During the first phase of the Sveconorwegian orogeny, these rocks probably remained at higher crustal levels, e.g., in the upper part of the suggested accretionary wedge, and were then juxtaposed to the exhumed high-grade metamorphic rocks at ~1.08 Ga. Crustal thickening was accompanied by increasing P–T conditions and led to subsequent devolatilization of the Telemarkian sediments, which underwent high-grade metamorphism at 1,035 Ma (Bingen et al. 2008b).

The hydrothermal fluids carried large amounts of Na, Cl, Mg, K, P, and B (Engvik et al. 2008, 2011). The only known source that could provide all these elements at once are evaporites, potentially interlayered with various amounts of pelagic clay and other crustal sources. The sampled orthoamphibole–cordierite rocks were described earlier as potential metaevaporites (Touret 1985). The measured  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values up to +27.4 ‰ in sample ØR-4 now confirm the influence of a marine evaporite-derived component.

Several fluid pulses might be attributed to different stages of dehydration. We hypothesize that sedimentary pore fluids were mobilized first and may have dissolved carbonates and evaporites, resulting in an aggressive fluid that could have triggered the scapolitization and Mg metasomatism of the infiltrated rock units. Subsequent alteration processes typically show ~4 ‰ lighter B isotope signatures and an enrichment in K, and may thus be related to the breakdown of OH-bearing clay minerals at higher P–T conditions.

## Conclusions

Tourmaline from the Bamble sector of southern Norway investigated in this study was formed during late-stage orogenic hydrothermal alteration processes. The fluids were highly enriched in elements typically found in seawater such as Na, Cl, Mg, and B as documented by secondary mineral assemblages. Metasomatic tourmaline recorded chemical and isotopic information about the sources of the hydrothermal fluids. The tourmaline  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values indicate variable source reservoirs on a regional scale, as may be found within a sedimentary depositional environment. Heavy B isotope compositions in Mg-rich tourmalines associated with scapolitization imply a seawater-derived component such as marine evaporites. These evaporites may have been intercalated with pelagic clays and continental detritus within a shallow marine environment,

**Table 3** Rb-Sr data, the initial  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  is back-calculated to 1,060 Ma

Sample	Mineral	Rb (ppm)	Sr (ppm)	$^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$	$\pm 2$ s.d.	$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ present	2 s.e.	$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ initial
Li-5	tur	2.25	54.3	0.1197	0.0012	0.715143	15	0.713362
	plag	45.3	72.4	1.818	0.018	0.738592	23	0.711551
	bt	496	6.92	299.2	3.0	5.247392	87	0.797248
	hbl	7.75	4.34	5.209	0.052	0.783512	19	0.706021
	wr	110	29.5	10.96	0.11	0.839893	14	(0.676904)
Lita-3	tur	0.0811	71.5	0.003287	0.000033	0.723456	12	0.723407
	mica	228	12.9	55.52	0.56	1.571855	42	0.745933
OR-4	tur	0.176	150	0.003397	0.000034	0.706927	14	0.706877
	K-fsp	101	359	0.8176	0.0082	0.721877	18	0.709715
	ab	184	202	2.652	0.027	0.742486	14	0.703033
	hbl	5.00	14.8	0.9773	0.0098	0.721641	13	0.707103
	bt	276	3.45	353.6	3.5	6.12048	73	0.861142
	wr	104	191	1.582	0.016	0.728820	11	0.705287
La-8	tur	0.274	303	0.002614	0.000026	0.703550	13	0.703511
	ep	1.39	3,480	0.001153	0.000011	0.706198	23	0.706181
	amph	6.58	45.8	0.4156	0.0042	0.710128	18	0.703946
ØR-19	bt	254	9.52	87.22	0.87	2.015690	4	0.718262
	wr	43.8	480	0.2645	0.0026	0.709999	11	0.706064
	tur	6.91	176	0.1135	0.0011	0.707905	16	0.706217
ØR-20	ab	153	192	2.307	0.023	0.742422	21	0.708105
	sep	9.74	248	0.1134	0.0011	0.707577	18	0.705890
	bt	426	3.90	582.4	5.8	9.304660	19	(0.641254)
	wr	72.6	18.1	11.79	0.12	0.869607	31	(0.694227)

*tur* tourmaline, *plag* plagioclase, *bt* biotite, *hbl* hornblende, *wr* whole rock, *mica* white mica, *K-fsp* K-feldspar, *ab* albite, *ep* epidote, *amph* amphibole, *sep* scapolite; samples ØR-19 and ØR-20 are from a single rock. For  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ , stated analysis uncertainties refer to the least significant digits

resulting in locally variable  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  signatures within the source reservoir. Subsequent fluid pulses (e.g., albitizing, then sericitizing fluids) and their chemical variety may be ascribed to different stages of dehydration, as sedimentary pore fluids will be released early on at low P–T conditions, and evaporites may be mobilized before the breakdown of OH-bearing clay minerals occurs.

Metasomatism converted existing minerals into tourmaline, or existing tourmaline reacted in the presence of a fluid of suitable composition to a tourmaline of different chemical composition. During the replacement process, the B budget was dominated by the precursor tourmaline, whereas some of the other major elements were strongly influenced by the infiltrating fluid. New tourmaline overgrowths require the addition of B, and these overgrowths have an isotope composition dominated by the fluid. Detailed petrographic investigations revealed different stages in the alteration history recorded by several tourmaline generations. The Sr isotope compositions of tourmaline and coexisting minerals enabled us to assign tourmaline formation to distinct metasomatic events, demonstrating the potential of combined isotope investigations.

The different episodes of mineral formation and replacement were enabled by fluids of different compositions that were generated during the Sveconorwegian orogeny. These fluids were derived episodically from different rock units

associated with the Bamble sector. A key role can be attributed to a source containing marine evaporites and pelitic continental detritus. These observations demonstrate the importance of large quantities of fluids, their specific compositions, and their large-scale mobility on the resulting mineral assemblages and the major chemical changes that can occur during regional metamorphism.

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