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Abstract

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Eclogitization reactions of plagioclase-bearing rocks in water-limited environments are often incomplete. In such domains, metamorphism and strain localization interact, yielding complex strain-transformation patterns in the field. This is the case in the granulite facies anorthosites of Holsnøy, where partial eclogitization proceeds along digitations in the least strained domains. These areas are among the rare examples of preserved early eclogitization textures. The aim of this study is to assess the mechanical alteration induced by plagioclase breakdown reactions, through a detailed petrological study of the very first increments of the eclogitization process, expected to be preserved at the tip of a digitation in an apparently undeformed granulite block. We show that (i) the zoisite-forming reaction within plagioclase grains occurs unbalanced and initiates mechanical twinning, and subgrains individualization, and (ii) kyanite-analcime association at plagioclase grain boundaries gives evidence of partial melting, which might have affected the rock near the peak *P*–*T* conditions in response to early water infiltration. This transient partial melting stage results in the re-crystallization of µm-scale plagioclase grains. Intra-grain and grain boundary transformations therefore induce an effective grain size reduction. It constitutes an alteration of the overall aggregate properties of the burying continental rocks, prior to any significant deformation, at potentially low differential stress. Partially transformed granulites are eventually weaker than initial granulites and are prone to later strain localization.

- 47 **Keywords:** eclogitization process; reaction-induced weakening; partial melting;
- 48 plagioclase mechanical twinning; grain size reduction

1. Introduction

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Eclogitization is known to trigger important changes in mechanical properties of rocks (i.e., strength and density), and is therefore considered as a key process for the dynamics of convergence zones at short time scales (seismicity – Austrheim and Boundy 1994; Lund and Austrheim 2003; Hacker et al. 2003) as well as on the long-term (plate tectonics - Kirby et al. 1996; Jung et al. 2004; Jackson et al. 2004; Hetényi et al. 2021). Concomitance between eclogitization reactions and deformation localization in ductile shear-zones or in pseudotachylytes has been extensively described (Austrheim and Boundy 1994; Früh-Green 1994; Lund and Austrheim 2003; John and Schenk, 2006; Steltenpohl et al. 2006; Scambelluri et al. 2017). Although eclogitization is acknowledged as a trigger for changes in the effective strength of rocks, how eclogitization reactions induce these rheological changes is still under investigation today. Indeed, eclogitization of rocks consists in a set of reactions of variable kinetics, that successively take place with increasing pressure and lead to the eventual formation of garnet and omphacite as index phases, but also secondary phases depending on the chemical system of the rock. These reactions can be responsible for grain size reduction, for the release or consumption of fluids, and can also lead to the nucleation of newly formed weaker or stronger phases, all these processes being able to strongly affect the mechanical properties of the rock. However, as several progressive transformations are involved in the eclogitization process, the first reactions may generate transient phases and textures later obliterated by the subsequent reactions. In particular, within deformed zones where reactions usually reached completion, these transient steps are not visible anymore. It is therefore crucial to study undeformed and partially transformed zones where the first steps of mineral breakdown may have been preserved (Wayte et al. 1989). It is indeed possible that these first reaction steps play a major role in the ultimate localization of deformation (Brodie and Rutter 1985).

Eclogitization of the continental lower crust constitutes a perfect case study for depicting these first reaction stages, due to the low reactivity of dry plagioclase, one of its main rock-forming mineral (Wain et al. 2001; John and Schenk 2003; Young and Kylander-Clark 2015; Schorn and Diener 2017; Shi et al. 2018; Incel et al. 2019). The

breakdown of this phase with increasing pressure involves two chemical systems that present contrasted stoechiometries (Holland 1980; Goldsmith 1982) and decoupled kinetics due to slow interdiffusion of NaSi and CaAl (Wayte et al. 1989): (1) the hydrated Ca-system (zoisite formation from the reaction anorthite + H_2O = zoisite + kyanite + quartz), and (2) the Na-system (jadeite formation from reaction albite = jadeite + quartz). If reaction (2) has often been considered of major importance in the eclogitization process and its mechanical consequences (Shi et al. 2018; Incel et al. 2019), reaction (1) that initiates earlier along the prograde P-T path is still an underrated transformation. For instance, the crystallization kinetics and mechanical properties of epidote are still poorly known, although being one of the most ubiquitous minerals of metamorphism. However, because fluids are involved in its balance, reaction kinetics can be very fast as soon as fluids enter the system (Wayte et al. 1989; Rubie 1998; Pattison et al. 2011). This reaction is also characterized by a sensible volume change (~15%). It is therefore expected to generate fast changes of the state of stress inside the grains themselves, then mechanically destabilizing the rock at an early stage (Stünitz and Tullis 2001).

The island of Holsnøy (Scandinavian Caledonides) is ideal for studying the initial steps of plagioclase breakdown at high pressure, because initial granulite is only partially transformed (20 – 30% - Boundy et al. 1992; Putnis et al. 2017). Zones of ongoing eclogitization of the granulite have been described and mapped (Boundy et al. 1992) in shear-zones (Austrheim and Griffin 1985; Kaatz et al. 2021; Bras et al. 2021), in pseudotachylytes and their damage zones (Austrheim and Boundy 1994; Petley-Ragan et al. 2018, 2019), as well as in undeformed haloes spreading around a central vein, or in the form of diffuse patches (so-called eclogitic fingers – Jamtveit et al. 2000; Zertani et al. 2019; Putnis et al. 2021).

In order to discuss the potential importance of early plagioclase breakdown on the mechanical behavior of its host-rock, we here present a detailed petrological analysis of the first steps of the breakdown processes affecting plagioclase grains at their boundaries as well as at their interior, through a transect into the tip of an eclogite finger. Through the study of plagioclase crystallographic orientation patterns around newly formed zoisite, we elaborate on the stresses recorded within the partially reacted plagioclase grains that can

be accommodated by the activation of twin systems although the granulite remains macroscopically undeformed. At plagioclase-plagioclase grain boundaries, transient products formed after plagioclase breakdown have been identified, such as kyanite-analcime-bearing associations that may result from crystallization after a melt. We use thermodynamic modelling to state that partial melting is possible at pressure and temperature (P-T) conditions close to the one acknowledged for Holsnøy rocks. Eventually, we elaborate on the importance of these initial stages of reaction and how they possibly contribute to mechanical alteration of the plagioclase matrix (grain size reduction, melt production) even before strain localization.

2. Geological setting and sampling strategy

2.1 Geological context

The area studied here is situated in the island of Holsnøy, Bergen Arcs, Western Norway, and is mostly composed of anorthosites an gabbros that underwent granulite facies metamorphism 930 Ma ago, during the Grenvillian orogeny (Bingen et al. 2001). The Bergen Arcs (inset Fig. 1a) have been formed by the nappe stacking of different units, which accretion results from the collision between Baltica and Laurentia during the Caledonian orogeny (Roberts 2003). The island of Holsnøy exposure belongs to the Lindås nappe (Andersen et al. 1991), composed of rocks that underwent high-pressure metamorphism during the collisional Scandian phase at 430 Ma (Austrheim 1991; Kühn et al. 2002, Bingen et al. 2004; Glodny et al. 2008; Jamtveit et al. 2019), and correlated to the Dalsford nappe in the Western Gneiss Complex, and the Jotun nappe within the Scandian nappe pile inland (Andersen et al. 2012, Jakob et al. 2022). This tectonostratigraphic complex has been attributed to the distal part of the Baltica margin (the Jotun microcontinent, Andersen et al. 2022) imbricated within the Scandian wedge and then dilacerated during the late orogenic Caledonian extension.

Grenvilian granulite facies pervasive metamorphism occurred at temperatures of 800–850°C and pressures lower than 1 GPa (Austrheim and Griffin 1985). Incomplete reaction during the Scandian burial event developed a prograde amphibolite facies (0.8–1.0 GPa

~ 600–650°C (Glodny et al. 2008, Centrella et al. 2018, Moore et al. 2020) and peak eclogite facies imprint (2.2 GPa, 690°C; Bhowany et al. 2018) disseminated inside a anorthositic and gabbroic complex. The two events (grenvilian and caledonian) were preserved from later retrogression, restrained to the km-size amphibolite shear zones that surround the granulite-eclogite massif (Boundy et al. 1992). For this reason, Holsnøy partly eclogitized granulites are a precious example of lower continental crust showing the onset of eclogitization reactions, considered therefore as a field analogue of the of lower continental crust portions buried at depth under present-day collisional orogens (like below Tibet for example, Austrheim and Boundy 1994; Jackson et al. 2004; Labrousse et al. 2010 and references therein).

2.2 Eclogitization extent and significance

Mapping of lithologies present in Holsnøy have been described in several petrological studies since the 1980s (Austrheim and Griffin 1985; Austrheim 1987; Putnis et al. 2017, 2021; Bhowany et al. 2018; Bras et al. 2021; Jamtveit et al. 2018, 2021; Zertani et al. 2022) and the systematic relationships between eclogitization and strain led to the definition of: (1) up to km-wide eclogitic shear zones that constitute an anastomosed network inside the pristine granulite, surrounded by less reacted zones where the granulite becomes individualized into blocks by a network of thin m-wide eclogite facies shear zones (breccia zones – Boundy et al. 1992), (2) zones of static eclogitization (Jamtveit et al. 2000, 2016; Zertani et al. 2019, 2022; Putnis et al. 2021) appearing as diffuse halos sometimes from a central fracture, but also (3) pseudotachylytes and their damage zones that recrystallize into high-pressure paragenesis (1.5 GPa ~ 680°C Bhowany et al. 2018; Petley-Ragan et al. 2018), or into lower pressure paragenesis (1.0 GPa ~ 600°C, Petley-Ragan et al. 2019).

It has been proposed that transformations of granulites during the Caledonian metamorphism remained partial because of the limited amount of fluids involved in the reactions (Austrheim 1987; Jamtveit et al. 1990). Fluid supply is therefore a major controlling factor for the eclogitization reaction in Holsnøy (Rubie 1986; Putnis and Austrheim 2010; Putnis et al. 2017; Centrella 2019; Moore et al. 2020; Zertani et al. 2022)

and hence the observed associated heterogeneous strain pattern. It has also been proposed that pressure and stress distribution were actually not homogeneous at the time of metamorphism and strain (Jamtveit et al. 2018; Moore et al. 2019; Putnis et al. 2021, Moulas et al., 2022). The impact of the eclogitization reaction itself has eventually been proposed to explain the observed intimate relationship between strain and eclogite facies imprint (Bras et al. 2021). In this prospect the relative chronology between development of ductile eclogite facies shear zones, spreading of static eclogite facies halos, and brittle deformation (pseudotachylytes) as well as the ability of these localized strain zones to promote fluid percolation are the key evidence for the on-going debate.

2.3 Sampling strategy

The relationships between eclogitization front and strain at the shear zone boundaries have been carefully documented in recent studies (Bras et al. 2021, Kaatz et al. 2022), and show that (i) the fluid percolation front is further advanced in the granulite than the effective reaction front (Kaatz et al. 2022) and (ii) that the reactions developing at the outer edge of the strain zone actually involve only part of the bulk rock chemical system and induce a substantial solid volume change (Bras et al. 2021). The very first increment of reactions seem therefore to have a critical effect on the fluid budget and the mechanical alteration of the granulite. The aim of the present study is to complete the existing dataset with detailed petrological observations performed at the locus where those very first reactions increments are expected to be best preserved, i.e. at the tip of a "static" finger within an overall undeformed granulite block.

The rocks studied here were sampled on an outcrop previously described in Bras et al. (2021) at the tip of a meter-scale long and decimeter wide eclogite finger (Figs. 1c-d) that develops into the granulite along its foliation, underlined in the field by elongated coronas of garnet, orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene (red and black Fig. 1d; red zones Fig. 2b). This finger is rooted in a dextral eclogitic shear zone with an orientation to N110, oblique to the granulitic foliation, which strikes N020 (Fig. 1, SZ1 Bras et al., 2021). The orientation of this shear zone is consistent with the global orientation of the shear at the scale of the whole massif (i.e., parallel to the major Hundskjeften shear zone — Boundy et al. 1992;

Zertani et al. 2019 and Fig. 1a). Two thin sections have been prepared through the finger, from the less reacted granulite to more eclogitized zones (Figs. 2,3, 4) and are localized in Fig. 1d and in the inset of Fig. 2a (transect T1 at the tip of the finger contains unreacted granulite whereas transect T2 is more internal, and therefore more eclogitized).

3. Methods

Thin sections were analyzed with scanning electron microscopy (SEM) to backscattered (BSE) images and energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) maps. Analyses were performed at ISTeP (Sorbonne Université, Paris) with a ZEISS Supra 55 variable pressure (VP) SEM-FEG (Field Emission Gun) and at ENS (Paris) with a ZEISS Sigma SEM-FEG, both equipped with backscattered electron (BSE) and energy dispersive (EDS) detectors. Operation conditions for EDS maps were set at 15 kV with a spot size of 2.27 µm for large-scale maps, and 10 kV with a spot size of 0.45 µm for small-scale maps, with a working distance of 15 mm.

Quantitative mineral compositions were measured by electron probe micro-analysis (EPMA) at CAMPARIS facility (Sorbonne Université, Paris) using a CAMECA SX-100 and SX-FIVE electron microprobes. Working conditions were set to 15 kV accelerating voltage, 10 nA beam current, 5 µm beam size and 10 s counting time for major mineral analysis. Albite, orthoclase, Fe2O3, MnTiO3, Cr2O3 and diopside were used as standards. For analcime analysis, they were set to 15 kV accelerating voltage, 4 nA beam current, a counting time of 5 s on the peak for Na, K and Si instead of 10 s for other elements, and a defocussed beam size of 5 µm in order to avoid Na and K losses that are expected while analyzing weakly crystallized phases or glasses (Morgan and London 1996, 2005). These two elements were measured first in that respect. The following reference glasses were used for alkali-loss correction: BCR-2G, BHVO-2G, BIR-1G. H₂O concentrations in analcime and amorphous pools are calculated by difference of chemical analyses totals from 100 %.

For Electron back-scatter diffraction (EBSD) mapping, thin sections were additionally polished with colloidal silica. EBSD analyses were carried out at ISTeP

(Sorbonne Université, Paris) using a ZEISS Supra 55 VP SEM-FEG and at ENS (Paris) 224 using a ZEISS Sigma SEM-FEG, both equipped with an EBSD detector. Samples were tilted to 70° during acquisition, with electron beam set to 15 kV, and a beam current of 10 226 nA at a working distance of 15 mm. At ISTeP, data acquisition was performed with a Quantax Esprit 2.2 software and post-processing done with the same sample software. whereas at ENS data acquisition was performed with an Oxford Instrument Aztec software 229 and post-processing done using Oxford Instruments Channel 5.12 software Tango. Postprocessing consisted in applying a wild spike and iterative nearest neighbour corrections. 230 231 EBSD data were processed with the Matlab Toolbox MTEX (version 5.3.1) for grain reconstruction and crystal orientation analysis (Bachmann et al. 2010). Data sets were 232 cleaned from points with mean angular deviation (MAD) index > 1. Grain boundaries are defined by misorientations ≥ 10°. Grains ≤ 3 pixels were removed. Grain size is calculated from grain areas (A) by the equivalent diameter equation $d=2\sqrt{\frac{A}{\pi}}$. In order to process EBSD data, plagioclase crystal lattice has been defined from labradorite of the American *Mineralogist's* crystal structure database (Wenk et al. 1980) as follows: $a = 8.17 \, \text{Å}$, b =237 12.87 Å, c = 7.10 Å, $\alpha = 93.46^{\circ}$, $\beta = 116.05^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 90.48^{\circ}$, and space group is *P*-1. Twin 238 boundaries are defined by misorientations > 178° between adjacent plagioclase grains, 239 i.e., ± 2° away from the theoretical 180° around b-axis rotation associated to albite and 240 pericline twinning (Figs. 5a, b). Preferential orientation of maximal finite shortening (Z) and 241 stretching (X) directions for each plagioclase grain were plotted in stereodiagrams after calculation from plagioclase crystal theory (Lawrence 1970; Borg and Heard 1970; 244 Egydio-Silva and Mainprice 1999) using pixel orientations in twinned and un-twinned regions (e.g., Fig. 5c). As albite and pericline twinning systems are orthogonal and contain 246 each other Burgers vector, focal mechanism-like «beachballs » could be drawn after the aforementioned stereodiagrams by coloring compression quadrants in white and tension 247 guadrants in black (e.g., inset Fig. 5c). Note that both twin planes express the same stress field, but none of them are required to infer from the best strain ellipsoid. Indeed, as their 250 orientation in the crystal is unique, crystal orientation only is sufficient. Best stress orientation for activation of plagioclase twinning system can also be inferred from Schmid 251 factor (SF) calculations. SF is the coefficient that links the component of externally applied

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stresses normal to the slip plane (σ_0 , Fig. 5a) to the resulting shear stresses acting on the slip plane in the slip direction (τ , Fig. 5a), as expressed by the Schmid law: $\tau = \sigma_0 \times SF$ with $SF = \cos(\alpha) \times \cos(\beta)$, with α the angle between σ_0 and the externally applied force, and β the angle between τ and the externally applied force (Fig. 5a). Maximum value of SF is 0.5 at 45° of slip direction and slip plane pole, as inferred from geometrical considerations (Fig. 5a), and because twinning system not only has a direction but also a sense for gliding, minimum SF value is -0.5. For each plagioclase grain analyzed by EBSD, SF was color-plotted as a spherical function (e.g., Fig. 5c), by calculating the best stress tensor orientations for each pixel of un-twinned regions in order to activate albite or pericline twinning systems.

Raman analysis were performed at ENS with a Renishaw Invia Raman microspectrometer equipped with a 514 nm Cobolt laser. The Lithothèque ENS de Lyon database (https://lithotheque.ens-lyon.fr/Raman/raman.php) was used for mineral identification by peak comparison between reference mineral spectra and spectra that have been acquired with a 50x objective between 175 cm⁻¹ and 2062 cm⁻¹. Intensities between 2432 cm⁻¹ and 3886 cm⁻¹ were additionally collected for water band observation. Resolution was 1.8 cm⁻¹, spectra were integrated over 90 s, and the laser power was 5 mW on the sample. Acquired spectra were normalized to their maximum intensity.

Thermodynamic modelling was used to estimate possible *P-T* conditions for melting, for three different chemical systems and with variable water contents. Perple_X_6.9.1 (Connolly 1990, 2009) was used for this purpose, with the internally consistent thermodynamic database hp62ver.dat (Holland and Powell 2011). The solution models are for ternary feldspar (Holland and Powell 2003), epidote (Holland and Powell 2011), garnet (White et al. 2014), clinopyroxene (Green et al. 2007), clinoamphibole (Green et al. 2016), white mica (White et al. 2014) and melt (Green et al. 2016). We also performed calculations with the thermodynamic database hp11ver.dat (Holland and Powell 2011) with the solution model for haplogranitic melt (Holland and Powell 2001; White et al. 2001) for comparison with the tonalitic melt solution model of Green et al. (2016). This solution model for the melt is more consistent with our chemical system but not well constrained at high pressures. Consistent solution models for the other minerals

- are for ternary feldspar (Fuhrman and Lindsley 1988), epidote (Holland and Powell 2011), garnet (Holland and Powell 1998), clinopyroxene (Holland and Powell 1996), clinoamphibole (Diener et al. 2011), and white mica (Coggon and Holland 2002; Auzanneau et al. 2010).

4. Results

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4.1. Petrological evolution of a static eclogite facies finger

4.1.1. The granulite away from the finger

The less reacted granulite analyzed here consists of ferro-magnesian elongated coronas (~ 30%) that mark the granulitic foliation in an anorthositic matrix (Fig. 2c). Chemical compositions are given in Table 1 and phase abbreviations are after Kretz (1983). Coronas are composed of millimeter-sized euhedral grains of garnet (Alm₂₅Grs₁₉Py₅₆), slightly jadeitized clinopyroxene (Di₆₄Hd₁₇Jd₁₉) and amphibole. Garnet is pervasively fractured within a predominant network of ~N040 to N045 fractures (red arrows in T1, Fig. 2a). Fractures perpendicular to the finger elongation are also discernable on the more internal transect (red arrows in T2, Fig. S1a). Matrix is composed of millimeter-sized euhedral grains of plagioclase (An₄₁Ab₅₈Or₀₁) with minor isolated garnets. Other minor phases can be identified within the granulite as Fe-Ti oxides and apatite (bright minerals Figs. 2a, S1a). This low-transformed area constitutes the first 5 mm from the western part of transect T1, and is almost not present in transect T2. Eclogitization in this area is limited and is marked by the nucleation of zoisite + K-feldspar at plagioclase-plagioclase grain boundaries that are 10-20 µm thick (orange arrows in Figs. 2a, 2c, 3a). Zoisite form sheaves of needles often elongated perpendicular to the grain boundary, inside diffuse patches of potassium feldspar. The initiation of the reaction is also characterized by the growth of a thin rim (20–30 µm) of omphacite at plagioclasegarnet grain boundaries (Figs. 2c,3d). Some µm-thick needles of zoisite and minor kyanite needles also nucleate inside the plagioclase grains.

4.1.2. Evolution toward the finger

The amount of zoisite and kyanite found inside plagioclase grains increases toward the center of the finger. Preferential growth of these minerals is guided by plagioclase clivages, as underlined by the non-random orientation of zoisite and kyanite long axis (Fig. 2d). Plagioclase in this region is more albitic (An₁₃Ab₈₆Or₀₁). Quartz is rarely observed. The omphacite rim around garnet is thicker than in the less transformed area described in Section 4.1.1 and takes the form of an outer rim of hundreds of microns thick and an inner thinner rim, separated by kyanite grains that underline the former plagioclase-garnet grain boundary (Fig. 2d). These kyanite grains are therefore considered as the remnants of an early crystallization stage. A clinopyroxene-plagioclase symplectite at grain boundaries in both rims marks limited retrogression. Omphacite grain-size in these rims is ~ 100 µm (Figs. 2d, 3f). Slight zoning in garnet is visible in BSE images (Figs. 2d, 3e) with a Fe-enriched / Mg-depleted rim (Alm₄₃Grs₁₇Py₄₀) free of inclusions and with a tortuous boundary toward the inner omphacite rim. Although not further elaborated, it is to be noted that garnet in this area re-equilibrated to eclogite facies conditions as described by Raimbourg et al. (2007) (equivalent to re-equilibrated garnet II) while the growth of a Ca-richer eclogitic garnet (garnet III from same authors) is not observed, except as exsolutions along clinopyroxene crystal planes (as described by Raimbourg 2005). Jadeite component in clinopyroxene increased to Di₃₄Hd₁₀Jd₅₃Ts₀₃. Chemical evolution of clinopyroxene as well as fluid flow through the finger have been precisely described in analogue lithologies (Putnis et al. 2021; Zertani et al. 2022; respectively), and are therefore not detailed here.

4.1.3. In the core of the finger

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Complete breakdown of plagioclase is only reached in the center of the finger, in zones where the distance between garnet grains is limited (<1–2 mm) and therefore allowed diffusion of Na-Si and Ca-Al between garnet and plagioclase (Fig. S1a). In these zones (Fig. 2e), plagioclase has been totally replaced by an assemblage of omphacite (Di₃₅Hd₁₀Jd₄₉Ts₀₆) and phengite + kyanite + zoisite + apatite + rutile as minor phases. Kyanite grains underline former grain boundaries between plagioclase and ferromagnesian phases (green arrows in Fig. 2a).

4.2. Strain recorded inside plagioclase grains

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Intragranular plastic deformation inside plagioclase grains in partially transformed zone was estimated by calculating the angular difference between average orientation of each plagioclase grain and individual orientation of pixels belonging to this grain (Mis2Mean, Fig. 5d). High misorientation angle domains (up to 6°) are observed within plagioclase grains and seem limited by zoisite and kyanite inclusions (Fig. 5d), implying that they arise from strain accumulated during or after inclusions development. Although albite and pericline twinning in plagioclase can arise both from growth and plastic deformation. (Borg and Heard 1969; Marshall and McLaren 1977; Smith and Brown 1988), deformation twins can be identified by morphological criteria. They are usually irregular, present lenticular forms, and are limited by lattice defects in the grain (as cracks for example), in opposition to growth twins that have parallel boundaries and strike through the entire grain (Incel et al., 2022). In the studied plagioclase crystal, we can therefore infer that twins are related to strain because (i) they are limited by zoisite inclusions (Fig. 5e, 4b), (ii) they are of variable thickness and some are lenticular, and (iii) they correspond to low misorientation areas (Fig. 5d) and individualize domains of high misorientation, i.e., they also accommodate intragranular deformation. Most of the activated twins are albite twins. Some grains show pericline twins associated with albite twins, but none of the observed grains show pericline twinning activated only.

Plagioclase grains from poorly transformed areas were chosen for SF calculation (see location on T1 Fig. 6a). They present a various but limited quantity of zoisite and kyanite grains growing in their interiors. Best orientation for maximum shortening at the time of twinning formation was deduced from twinned and un-twinned regions orientation (as in the example of Figs. 5d-f, where deformation twins most probably formed in response to a shortening of NNE-SSW orientation). This orientation, approximatively N182, 42°, is visible on the focal mechanism-like «beachballs » stack (Fig. 6b), and quantitatively specified by the synthetic SF spherical function (Fig. 6c) that was calculated by stacking and averaging the SF of the regions of Fig. 6a. Orientation map for a plagioclase grain in a region where the reaction is more advanced (location on Fig. 6a) has been plotted over band contrast image in Fig. 7. We can see that in this region,

plagioclase has been dismantled in small 10 µm-scale plagioclase and zoisite grains (Fig. 7b).

4.3. Analcime-bearing textures

Analcime pools have been identified at former plagioclase-plagioclase grain boundaries (Fig. 8) in partially transformed zones (white arrows Figs. 2a, S1a), as inferred from the association with zoisite sheaves of needles typical from former plagioclase-plagioclase grain boundaries (Fig. 8a). Analcime was identified by Raman analysis (Fig. 9, see also Velde and Besson (1981) for spectra comparison), consistent with microprobe chemical analysis (Table 2) and EBSD indexing in some limited regions (Fig. S3). Non-indexing in other regions (Fig. 10) may be due to the high electron beam sensitivity of such zeolite crystals (Greer and Zhou 2011), or poor crystallinity. Analcime pools are often porous (red arrow Fig. 8c) and electron beam creates a hole inside them (red arrow Figs. 8b, S4a).

Analcime pools which have a diameter of ~10-80 µm, present different morphologies within the sample, but are always associated with kyanite. Indeed, analcime can form a thin rim (< 5 µm) around kyanite (10–20 µm grain size) that crosscut initial plagioclase grains forming an alignment of minerals (Figs. 8a,b). When in contact with plagioclase, analcime pools form cusps with low dihedral angles pointing into plagioclase (red arrows Figs. 10b,c). Sometimes fine-grained plagioclase (< 1 µm) crystallized between kyanite grains and analcime pools (Figs. 8a, 10b-e). These late grains are more calcic (An₂₆₋₂₉Ab₇₀₋₇₂Or₀₁₋₀₂, Table 2) than plagioclase surrounding the analcime-kyanitebearing grain boundary (An₁₅Ab₈₃Or₀₂, « plagioclase in matrix » in Table 2). Several kyanite grains associated with analcime contain 1-2 µm rounded inclusions of quartz (Figs. 8a, 10c). In zones where analcime areas really form pools, we can observe the syntaxial crystallization of K-feldspar (Fig. 8b). Rarely, some euhedral quartz grains also grow inside the analcime pools (Fig. 8c). Where these particular grain boundaries reach a ferro-magnesian mineral as garnet or clinopyroxene, analcime pools are not present and the unique remnant of former grain boundary with plagioclase is kyanite inside the double omphacite rims (green arrows Fig. 2; red arrow Fig. 8e). The zones where

analcime-bearing grain boundaries join omphacite rims are often affected by some retrogression under the form of a Ca-clinopyroxene+plagioclase symplectite, and analcime pools there appear surrounded by a thin layer (~4-5 µm) of the Caclinopyroxene, which indicates that the symplectite develops after formation of these pools (Fig. 8c). Analcime can also be found associated with zoisite needles (Figs. 8a, 10a). In some of these regions, zoisite is directly in contact with analcime and presents straight grain boundaries (Fig. 8a). In other regions (Fig. 10), zoisite is surrounded by fine-grained plagioclase grains (<1 µm, as described above for kyanite). However, in contrast to kyanite which presents straight boundaries, plagioclase surrounding zoisite forms cusps pointing into it with low dihedral angles, so that zoisite boundaries appear tortuous (Fig. 10b). In some places, zoisite ultimately breaks down into anorthite-rich plagioclase. In these areas, analcime around kyanite progressively transforms into anorthite-rich plagioclase forming a continuous network from zoisite to kyanite, while analcime pools seem pseudomorphosed by quartz (Fig. 8f). Analcime also crystallized inside injectite-like veins that crosscut all the paragenesis (yellow arrows Figs. 2, 8d), and even the symplectite after omphacite. Chemical composition of analcime in these veins is reported in Table 2. We did not find any textures indicating that a liquid of analcime composition could have been injected from the veins into the former plagioclase-plagioclase grain boundaries, rather the veins seem to crosscut these grain boundaries (Fig. 8d). Reaction between the veins and the minerals they crosscut is never observed.

5. Discussion

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Our results show that a reaction sequence can be inferred from successive observations from the pristine granulite (out of the finger) to the core of the « static » eclogite finger. Such spatial evolution can be interpreted as the time sequence of successive reactions, following a hydration process from the core to the boundaries of the eclogite finger (Austrheim 1987; Jamtveit et al. 1990; Jamtveit et al. 2000; Zertani et al. 2022). As no significant deformation occurred in our static eclogite facies finger, the petrological record we describe here is interpreted as the earliest stage of the eclogitization process, prior any feedback of strain on reactions. Analcime-bearing textures and twinning observed within plagioclase could therefore correspond to remnants

of the early eclogitization history. We here discuss this point in the light of previous work.

5.1. Reaction sequence preserved through the static eclogitic finger

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Assuming homogeneous P-T conditions through the whole finger, it is very likely that the edge-to-core petrological evolution described in Section 4.1 corresponds to a temporal evolution of the eclogitization. The very beginning stages of reaction would then have been fossilized at the finger edge, whereas more advanced stages would have been preserved when approaching the center. This could be due to a two-step fluid diffusion in the granulite (first fast H^+/H_2 , then slower H_2O) as it has been proposed for eclogitic shear zones in Holsnøy (Kaatz et al., 2022). The observation of potassium being integrated into K-feldspar in the least transformed areas in opposition to the more transformed domains where it is integrated into phengite is also in agreement with a gradient in water activity. In that prospect, we can propose a reaction sequence for the static eclogitization of the granulite comparable to the ones proposed by Bras et al. (2021) and Kaatz et al. (2022) for eclogitic shear zones. Although reactions involving a solid solution such as plagioclase are by definition divariant, the extreme difference in reaction kinetics between the Na and Ca end-members reactions implies that reactions need to be assessed separately, which does not imply they are independent. The first reaction grain boundaries involves the Ca chemical system with the nucleation of zoisite needles intergrown with K-feldspar (Figs. 2c, 3a,b). Then, reaction starts inside plagioclase grains by the nucleation of zoisite and kyanite needles, which leads to an albitization of the former plagioclase (Fig. 2d). This first stage of reaction corresponds to the anorthite breakdown reaction that can be written under the form of:

450 4 CaAl₂Si₂O₈ + 2 H₂O
$$\rightarrow$$
 2 Ca₂Al₃Si₃O₁₂(OH) + H₂Al₂Si₂O₈
451 4 An + 2 H₂O \rightarrow 2 Zo + H–Pl (1)

as proposed by Kaatz et al. (2022) for the first step of hydrogen influx into the nominally anhydrous plagioclase, followed then by the real hydration reaction:

454 4 CaAl₂Si₂O₈ + H₂O
$$\rightarrow$$
 2 Ca₂Al₃Si₃O₁₂(OH) + Al₂SiO₅ + SiO₂
455 4 An + H₂O \rightarrow 2 Zo + Ky + Qtz (2)

(Golsdmith 1982; Wayte et al. 1989), when the solubility of hydrogen in plagioclase is reached. Na diffusion at plagioclase-ferromagnesian phases grain boundaries then

triggers the formation of omphacite grains, intergrown with kyanite and minor zoisite (Figs.

459 2d, 3d,e,f), following the reactions:

460 3 CaAl₂SiO₆ + 2 NaAlSi₃O₈
$$\rightarrow$$
 2 NaAlSi₂O₆ + 2 Al₂SiO₅ + Ca₃Al₂Si₃O₁₂

461 3 Ca–ts + 2 Ab
$$\rightarrow$$
 2 Jd $\frac{\text{(in Cpx)}}{\text{+ 2 Ky + Grs}}$ (3)

3 CaAl₂Si₂O₈ + NaAlSi₃O₈ + Mg₃Al₂Si₃O₁₂ \rightarrow 3 CaMgSi₂O₆ + NaAlSi₂O₆ + 4 Al₂SiO₅

463 3 An + Ab + Prp
$$\rightarrow$$
 3 Di + Jd + 4 Ky (4)

at plagioclase-clinopyroxene and plagioclase-garnet grain boundaries respectively (Mattey et al. 1994; Schneider et al. 2007). These two reactions can be catalyzed by the presence of water but do not involve water as a stoichiometric reactant. Grossular is only found in exsolutions inside clinopyroxene as already described by Raimbourg (2005). The double omphacite rims separated by a thin layer of kyanite observed around the ferromagnesian phases (Figs. 2, 3), indicate an early event of kyanite nucleation at plagioclase-clinopyroxene and plagioclase-garnet grain boundaries that preceded the Nadiffusion related formation of omphacite. Undulose boundaries of the garnet (Fig. 3d-f) attest for destabilization of this phase at time of omphacite formation, while its rims evolve toward the almandine end-member (Table 1) governed by reaction (4). Reactions (2), (3), and (4) proceed until total breakdown of former plagioclase and Na-Ca equilibration in omphacite (Fig. 2e), which is rarely the case in our samples.

5.2. Twinning in plagioclase: a first deformation stage at low differential stress

The very first step of plagioclase breakdown during pressure increase and fluid influx seems to be the nucleation and growth of zoisite. We have shown that it is associated with strain-related twinning inside plagioclase grains (Fig. 5). Our mechanical analysis of these twins yields a significant anisotropy with a ~ N-S dipping to the south maximum compressive stress direction at the time of twinning (Fig. 6b). No clear direction of minimal compressive stress direction is defined, implying a pure shear regime. This maximum stress orientation deduced from twinning is close to the pole of the eclogite

foliation (i.e., maximal principal shortening) measured for the nearby Hundskjeften zone (Zertani et al. 2019), at the termination of which the studied finger has been sampled. Moreover, such orientation of the stress is also in agreement with the orientation of shear along eclogite-facies shear zones described by Raimbourg et al. (2005). The well defined maximum compressive stress direction and poorly defined minimum compressive stress direction also echoes the axial compression-related finite strain deduced from Crystallographic Preferred Orientation (CPO) analysis in omphacite from Holsnøy sheared eclogites (Bascou et al. 2001). It therefore seems that twinning was controlled by regional field stress state.

On the other hand, most of the twins show clear textural relationship with the zoisite inclusion network within the grains: most of them are bounded by zoisite-filled cracks, and their density fades from the cracks toward the inclusion free domains (Fig. 4), so that twinning seems to be associated to the zoisite inclusion network development. Twinning solely associated with grain-scale stresses is expected to yield a homogeneous isotropic SF density function, as no clear anisotropy is seen in the inclusion pattern. We therefore have both evidence of regional stress state and local process control on the twinning pattern, which suggests that the addition of both local and regional stress states has to be considered.

The complete reaction anorthite + H_2O = zoisite + kyanite + quartz, has a -15% solid reaction change. The observed crystallization of zoisite or kyanite alone in their host grain and the necessary export of silica toward grain boundaries implies an even larger local contraction. In this prospect the development of zoisite inclusions could be seen as an anticrack system, with significant stress increase at its tips (Sternlof et al. 2005). This model would then reconcile the two apparently contradicting observations above, but also implies that the regional differential stress was lower than the poorly constrained activation threshold of the albite twinning system. This requires that local stress disturbance due to the zoisite-in reaction was high enough for the addition of both stress states to yield a maximum stress above this threshold.

An alternative scenario would be to consider twinning as a late feature in regards to zoisite

formation. It is indeed expected that inclusion-bearing plagioclase would also have its twinning domains bounded by the pre-existing inclusions, if they develop later. However, some recent studies (Jamtveit et al. 2018; Putnis et al. 2021) argue for the amphibolite facies event in Holsnøy to be coeval with the eclogite facies state, depending on the pressure field in the granulites. Therefore, even if linked to the amphibolite facies event, twinning would have been activated in response to the same stress field than the one registered by the eclogitic shear zones. However, there is no argument allowing to state that the considered granulitic bloc would have reached its maximum stress only at the time of the amphibolitization, while intense deformation has been accommodated by the surrounding shear zones at the time of eclogitization.

In regions where the reaction is more advanced (Figs. 4,7, see location in Fig. 6a), plagioclase grain size has been reduced. If twin boundaries were to evolve into new grain boundaries, the resulting grain size would be even more reduced, to only a few micrometers (Fig. 7b, c). This evolution of the twins is consistent with previous studies that already emphasized the ability for twin boundaries to facilitate subgrain rotation (Menegon et al., 2011). Twin planes in plagioclase are also prone to fluid infiltration (Incel et al., 2022) or new phases nucleation (Wayte et al., 1989) as high-angle grain boundaries are.

5.3. Partial melting of the partially eclogitized granulites

In order to assess an eventual partial melting stage in the eclogitization process developing at the edge of the studied finger, we develop here the textural evidences supporting the occurrence of a melt at grain boundaries, the $P-T-X_{H2O}$ conditions prone to melting compared to acknowledged P-T path for the Holsnøy granulites, the expected composition of melt, how it compares with paragenesis remaining at grain boundaries, and eventually to what reactions such a partial melting stage can be attributed.

5.3.1. Analcime pools: textural evidence for partial melting?

To our knowledge, it is the first time that analcime pools are described in Holsnøy. Only rare studies already mentioned zeolite in irregularly shaped pools replacing a former

melt (Kiseeva et al. 2017 in mantle xenolites). The recent paper of Liu and Massonne 541 542 (2022) constitutes the first study that truly associates analcime pools to crystallization of a nepheline normative melt, in a garnet clinopyroxenite of the Western Gneiss Region, at 543 544 around 600-650°C. Several characteristics of analcime pools described in Section 4.3 545 constitute arguments for the presence of a former melt, and appear to be very similar to those described by Liu and Massonne (2022). Indeed, the pools have wedge-like 546 547 offshoots, i.e., they form cusps with low dihedral angles toward the host plagioclase (Figs. S4a, 10b,c), sometimes dendritic morphologies (Fig. 10), and present wavy pool-548 plagioclase boundaries (Figs. 8, 10) that are textures typical for crystallization products 549 550 from melt (e.g., Tsuchiyama and Takahashi 1983; Holness and Sawyer 2008; Vernon 551 2011; Ferrero et al. 2012; Liu et al. 2014; Cao et al. 2018). Other textures are similar to 552 what Liu and Massonne (2022) already described as: (i) the euhedral crystals of quartz 553 that grew in some of the analcime pools (Fig. 8c), (ii) the thin rim of micro-metric plagioclase that recrystallized between analcime and kyanite (Fig. 10), (iii) the rim of 554 555 diopside that surround the analcime pools when they are in contact with the symplectite 556 after omphacite (Fig. 8c), and (iv) the euhedral K-feldspar crystals that are growing from 557 the host plagioclase-pools interface toward the center of analcime pools (Figs. 8b, S4a,b). 558 This last texture between associated analcime, K-feldspar and albite is common for 559 magmatic crystallization of hydrous Na-rich melts as described in natural case studies 560 (e.g., Markl 2001; Analcime I from Pe-Piper et al. 2019) and also stated by experimental 561 studies that estimated the conditions of analcime crystallization at <650°C, 0.5–1.3 GPa 562 (Peters et al. 1966; Newton and Kennedy 1968; Boettcher and Wyllie 1969; Kim and 563 Burley 1971a,b,c, 1980; Liou 1971; Thompson 1973; Roux and Hamilton 1976; Johnson 564 et al. 1982). Moreover, a subsolidus assemblage analcime + albite + vapor was observed 565 after crystallization of melt produced at 2 GPa, 750°C in the NASH system (Boettcher and Wyllie 1969). All these aforementioned characteristics of analcime as found in our 566 567 samples allow us to exclude a metasomatic replacement origin of this mineral after albite or jadeite as it has been observed in some Na-rich environment (Harlow 1994; Harlow et 568 569 al. 2011; Tsujimori and Harlow 2012). The close association of kyanite surrounded by 570 analcime (Figs. 8, 10) and quartz surrounded by a thin film of K-feldspar in some plagioclase-plagioclase grain boundaries (Fig. S4b) is an additional argument for 571

crystallization from a former melt. Similar quartz–K–feldspar textures have indeed been characterized as melt filled pores pseudomorphs in migmatites by several studies (Holness and Sawyer 2008; Vernon 2011). We suggest that the rim of kyanite that separates the double omphacite rim around ferro-magnesian phases could be the remnant of analcime-kyanite bearing grain boundaries as described between plagioclase-plagioclase grains.

5.3.2. $P-T-X_{H20}$ conditions prone to partial melting

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To elaborate on the possible conditions for partial melting of our transforming granulite, we calculated P-T and $P-X_{H2O}$ pseudosections with the tonalitic melt solution model from Green et al. (2016) which is the only one constrained at pressures up to 1.3 GPa and often used for calculations at these pressures (e.g., Putnis et al. 2021; Liu and Massonne 2022). Results of the calculations are presented in Fig. 11 and Fig. S6 (see Method section for details). Calculations with the haplogranitic melt solution model from Holland and Powell (2001) and White et al. (2001) have also been performed (Fig. S5, S6) but considered as poorly constrained for our samples in the eclogite *P–T* range. We performed the calculation for three different effective compositions (Table 3) in order to examine the possibility for partial melting of our samples at different stages of equilibration during the ongoing eclogitization. For local equilibrium at different stages of plagioclase breakdown in matrix domains, we use (1) the pristine plagioclase composition of our granulite facies area (Granulite Table 1, and Pl₀ Table 3) and (2) the more albite-rich composition of plagioclase in partially eclogitized area (Table 1 and Pl₁ Table 3) in the CKNASH system. Depending on the effective local chemical system considered, thermodynamic modelling indicates that partial melting is possible near the peak P-T- X_{H2O} conditions experienced by our samples provided that: (i) the local water content is ≥0.4 wt% for albitized plagioclase chemical system, or (ii) pressure drops down to 1.6 GPa or temperature rises to 730°C for a fully hydrated (1 wt% H₂O) initial plagioclase chemical system. As already asserted by Liu and Massonne (2022) according to experimental studies (Peters et al. 1966; Roux and Hamilton 1976) analcime can coexist with melt at temperatures ≤ 650°C at eclogite facies pressures and could therefore have crystallized just below 650°C at the time of symplectite crystallization. The observed injectite-like veins filled by analcime as described in Section 4.3, crosscut all the paragenesis, including the analcime-kyanite grain boundaries as well as the symplectite after omphacite (yellow arrows Figs. 2, 8d). Neither the temporal nor the genetic relationships between these analcime veins and analcime-kyanite grain boundaries can be unequivocally determined, but it is obvious that injection of the veins corresponds to a late event, at least post-dating the retrogression into symplectite, while the analcime-kyanite grain boundaries constitute an early stage in the rock evolution. Veins could on one hand correspond to a late injection of a melt of analcime composition, formed at higher pressures and maintained liquid during the retrograde path. Volume increase caused by the melt decompression could have fractured the host rock. It is on the other hand unlikely that injection veins came from a low pressure pseudotachylyte further away in the outcrop that we did not see while sampling since no analcime-bearing pseudotachylyte remnants has ever been described in Holsnøy, and melt produced in pseudotachylytes have initial compositions close to their host-rock (Zhong et al. 2021).

5.3.3. Expected composition of the melt

Melt compositions from thermodynamic calculations are roughly constant on the whole range of $P-T-X_{H2O}$ conditions, and regardless of the solution model chosen for melt. All compositions cluster close to 58 SiO₂; 14 Al₂O₃; 1 CaO; 6 Na₂O; 1 K₂O; 20 H₂O in wt % so they are quartz and corundum normative (9 and 1 wt% respectively) instead of beingnepheline normative as expected if considering analcime pools as a crystallized former melt. This inconsistency was also highlighted by Liu and Massonne (2022) but as they stated, very few studies already described this type of partial melting phenomena, particularly in K-poor high-pressure rocks like those described here. Moreover, melt models are not well constrained at such high pressures so compositions extracted from thermodynamic modelling should be cautiously handled. It is also highly possible that analcime only represents the final crystallization of the last liquid phase and that initial melt composition was different. In addition, compilation from both natural and experimental data (Labrousse et al. 2011) emphasized that high-pressure melts evolve toward more Na-rich compositions (i.e., trondhjemitic) with increasing pressure. Hence, it is probable that a melt formed at 2 GPa would be Na-rich, and possibly enough to lead to

5.3.4. Partial melting reactions

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Textural observations as described in Section 5.3.1 emphasized the association of kyanite, zoisite, plagioclase and analcime in the partial melting textures. In regions where analcime pools are present, zoisite grain boundaries are tortuous, and they are only found at initial plagioclase-analcime contact zones but totally absent from the center of these regions (Fig. 10). Thus, it appears highly possible that zoisite was consumed by the partial melting reaction. While textures evidence that analcime and plagioclase recrystallized grains around kyanite result from crystallization after a melt, it is more difficult to decipher the implication of kyanite in the partial melting process. A possible melting reaction would be Zo + Ab + Qtz → Melt + Ky, which constitutes a plagioclase-involving version of the reaction Zo + NaAl–Cpx + Qtz → Melt + Ky + CaMg– Cpx proposed by Skjerlie and Patiño Douce (2002) for zoisite dehydration melting at high pressures. In this reaction quartz is consumed. This could constitute an explanation to the general lack of quartz in our sample. Moreover, this is in agreement with experimental studies in the NASH system (Boettcher and Wyllie 1969) which proposed that metastable plagioclase could be involved in melting reactions in the presence of free fluid. The resulting melt can in a second time crystallize into AnI + Qtz + PI + Fluid which in turn could explain the association of analcime with quartz and kyanite, and also the crystallization of small plagioclase grains around kyanite.

Zoisite dehydration melting at water absent conditions is reached at temperatures much higher than the one reached by our samples (Skjerlie and Patiño Douce 2002; Cao et al. 2018). However, at water present conditions, melting of zoisite has been described at reasonable temperatures at 2 GPa (~800°C for zoisite + kyanite + quartz + vapor = melt, Schmidt and Poli 2004), depending on the chemical system involved. Schmidt and Poli (2004) also showed that in the presence of a K-bearing phase, zoisite melting reactions would take place at even lower temperatures, e.g., the reaction zoisite + white mica + quartz + vapor = kyanite + melt at 725°C – 2 GPa.

As a conclusion, we propose that textural evidence point toward a limited partial

melting stage, due to zoisite and metastable Na-rich plagioclase melting in the local presence of a free fluid, at conditions close the acknowledged peak in the eclogite facies provided a transient hydration level higher than 0.4 wt%, a limited temperature increase or a limited pressure decrease.

5.4. Implications for the early mechanical alteration of the reacting granulite

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Our structural analysis of twins in plagioclase with no shape preferred orientation (i.e., not significantly strained) implies that differential stress for twinning was lower than the creep strength of plagioclase. Twinning activation threshold in plagioclase is poorly documented but experiments indicate a plastic yield close to 100 MPa at 800°C, 1 GPa (Borg and Heard 1969). A renewed estimate would ultimately constitute a missing paleopiezometer for deformation of rocks at high confining pressure strain in the lower crust.

Partial melting at high pressure in the presence of H₂O-rich fluids has already been described in the Western Gneiss Region (Labrousse et al. 2002; Ganzhorn et al. 2014; Liu and Massonne 2022). Major implications on the rheology and strength of the continental crust have been highlighted, like the important weakening the presence of such a melt could induce (Rosenberg and Handy 2005; Vanderhaeghe 2009; Brown 2010; Wang et al. 2014). This weakening can be responsible for the decoupling between the lower crust and the rest of the subducting slab, and the following exhumation. In the island of Holsnøy, felsic pegmatite veins intruding the high-pressure eclogites have already been described and associated with the crystallization after partial melting of the eclogites (of felsic to intermediate composition) at peak P-T conditions and in the presence of a H₂Orich fluid (Andersen et al. 1991). A recent study of Jamtveit et al. (2021) also described pegmatites and dykes intrusions in the Lindås nappe and proposed the anorthositic granulites of Holsnøy as possible source for the melts that crystallized in these intrusions. 1.3–1.5 GPa, 710–750°C and 2–4 wt% H₂O conditions were proposed for partial melting with temperature increase driven by shear heating at the base of the Lindås nappe. Melting is possible in plagioclase after zoisite formation at the same temperature as proposed by Jamtveit et al. (2021), even at pressures and water contents that have been

estimated for the eclogite peak conditions. A slight increase in temperature due reaction enthalpy release (Zertani et al. 2022) or a transient pressure drop cannot be excluded. Indeed, both stress and pressure field at the tip of the propagating eclogite finger are expected to be transiently disturbed by (i) the volume change associated with plagioclase breakdown, as at the tip of an elongated inclusion (Sternlof et al. 2005; Yamato et al. 2022), or (ii) strength drop due to eclogitization (Mancktelow 2008; Moulas et al. 2014), the combination of the two being also possible. The part of the rock located at the tip of the finger (Fig. 12) may transiently pass from an over-pressurized domain to an underpressurized domain while the finger propagates. The estimated 0.4 GPa decompression necessary for partial melting at constant temperature (Fig. 11) can therefore be reached at a background pressure of 2.0 GPa. It is to be noted that while the over-pressurized domain remains limited to the very tip of the propagating finger, under-pressure is expected to affect a much wider area along the finger walls. Once initiated, partial melting, if occurring at fluid present conditions (as proposed in Section 5.3.4), can also enhance the negative volume change already initiated by the eclogitization reaction (Clemens and Droop 1998) and further amplify the stress/pressure field disturbance at the tip of the finger.

Even though observations and thermodynamic modelling in the present study point toward limited partial melting extent, well below any Rheologically Critical Melt Percentage (RCMP ~ 7%, Rosenberg and Handy 2001), the transient presence of a melt phase in the plagioclase matrix at grain boundaries may also activate deformation mechanisms, such as melt-assisted switch from dislocation creep to diffusion creep (Dimanov et al. 2000; Nasipuri and Bhattacharya 2007). If fluid infiltration precedes the development of eclogite facies shear zones, as currently acknowledged (Austrheim 1987, 2013; Jamtveit et al. 1990), such processes could also be part of the transient weakening mechanisms needed to explain widening of eclogite facies shear zones during their development (Bras et al. 2021, Kaatz et al. 2021).

6. Conclusions

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Eclogitization of rocks is a continuous process that involves multiple breakdown

reactions of different kinetics and mechanical implications, during increasing pressure. In anorthosites where plagioclase constitutes the principal reactive system, these reactions are often delayed because of the sluggishness of NaSi-CaAl interdiffusion in water-limited environments. Transient parageneses and textures can therefore persist metastably through the whole P-T history of the rock, and control its mechanical behavior. Early stages of these plagioclase breakdown reactions have been preserved within the undeformed partially eclogitized granulites studied. Transformation proceeds differently inside the protolith plagioclase grains and at their boundaries. In both cases, zoisite crystallization has a first order impact. Indeed, zoisite nucleation and growth inside the grains distort the plagioclase crystal lattice acting as defects for the activation of twinning in response to far field stresses. At former grain boundaries, kyanite-analcime association attests of a partial melting event that could have affected the rocks near the peak P-T conditions in response to water infiltration, local *P*–*T* changes, or transient changes in the effective chemical system due to zoisite crystallization. Grain size reduction took place in the whole transforming rock via the crystallization of small grains from a melt, as well as after an event of twinning under stress that triggered the creation of new grain boundaries. This may contribute to mechanical alteration of the reacting granulite over probably short timescales, not mentioning effective viscosity drop induced by even small volumes of melt production at grain boundaries. Rheological contrasts generated between partially transformed and preserved granulite then predispose the rock to potential further localization of the deformation.

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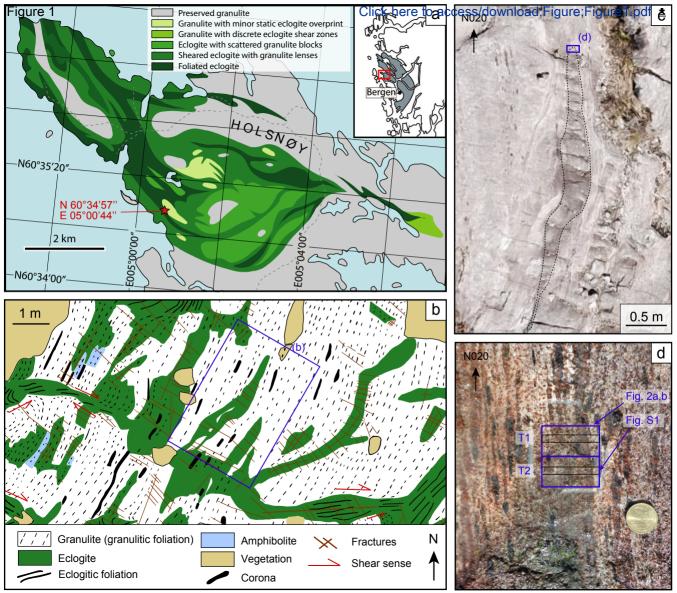
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- 1196 Figure captions
- 1197 **Fig.1 Sample location. a** Geological map of northern Holsnøy, Norway, modified from
- Bras et al. (2021) after Austrheim et al. (2013) and Zertani et al. (2019). Red star: location
- of the outcrop studied. **b** Lithological map of the outcrop studied. The blue rectangle
- 1200 corresponds to photograph displayed in c. c Field photograph of the eclogite finger
- sampled. **d** Detailed field photograph of the finger (enlargement from **c**). Blue rectangles:
- location of the thin sections. T1 and T2 black rectangles: studied transects presented in
- 1203 Figure 2 and Figure S1
- 1204 Fig.2 Ongoing eclogitization through the finger. BSE images (a,c-e) and
- photomicrograph in plane-polarized polarized light (b) of transect T1 (see location in
- 1206 Fig.1d). Red zones in (b): corona structures that define the granulitic foliation. Orange
- arrows: plagioclase-plagioclase grain boundaries in low transformed areas. White arrows:
- 1208 analcime-kyanite decorated grain boundaries. Yellow arrows: analcime-bearing injectite
- vein. Green arrows: intersection of kyanite-bearing ferromagnesian rims and analcime-
- 1210 kyanite decorated plagioclase grain boundaries. Red arrows: fractures inside garnet. BSE
- image (e) is localized in Figure S1a
- 1212 Fig.3 Successive textures at grain boundaries. BSE images illustrating plagioclase-
- plagioclase grain boundaries (a-c) and plagioclase-garnet grain boundaries (d-f). (f) minor
- retrogression of omphacite into a fine-grained symplectite (s)
- 1215 Fig.4 Evolution of plagioclase twinning. Cross-polarized microphotographs of
- 1216 plagioclase twins through the transect. (a) Growth twins in preserved granulite (b)

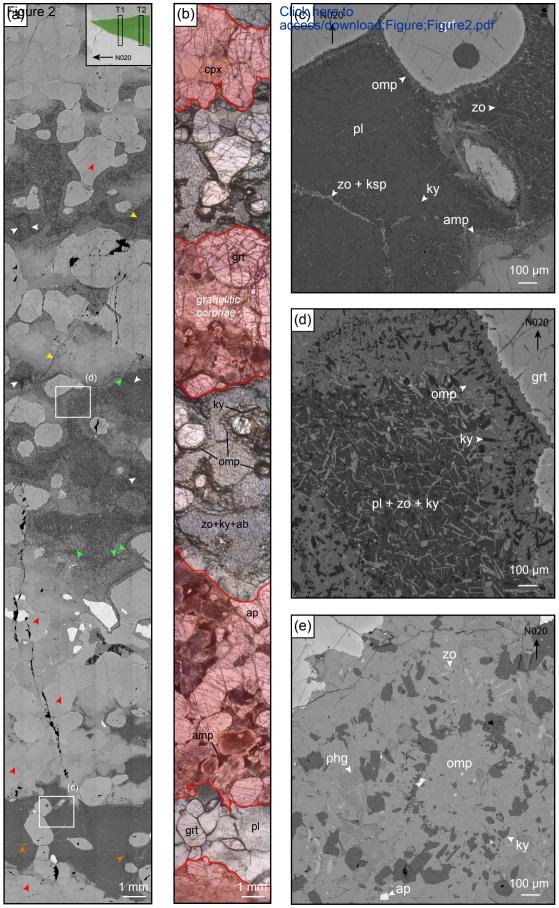
- mechanical twins in a partially reacted area, and (c) lack of twins in the final recrystallized plagioclase.
- Fig.5 Plagioclase twinning systems: principle and application. 3D representation of 1219 1220 the albite (a) and of the pericline (b) twin systems. R: rhombic section. (c) Color plot of 1221 the Schmid factor (SF) with geometric elements of albite (red symbols) and pericline (light 1222 blue symbols) twin systems represented. Inset: corresponding focal mechanism-like 1223 «beachball». (d) Map of misorientation angle of a plagioclase grain in a partially 1224 transformed zone of the finger. (e) Orientation map of the same area as in (d) plotted with 1225 a colormap (inset) corresponding to the angle between X direction, here defined as parallel to the [100] direction, and the thin section plane. Y perpendicular to the plane 1226 1227 (010). Blue: untwinned, green: twinned, red contours: twin boundaries. (f) Stereogram of twins in the plagioclase crystal from (d). Inset: corresponding focal mechanism-like 1228 1229 «beachball»
- Fig.6 BSE image of the low transformed area of transect T1, showing location of grains where focal mechanism-like «beachballs» have been extracted. (b) Stacked «beachballs» of plagioclase grains indicated in (a). (c) Spherical functions of stacked and averaged Schmid factor
- 1234 Fig.7 Twinning and reaction induced grain size reduction of plagioclase. (a)
 1235 Orientation map of a former plagioclase grain from a reacted area (see location in Fig.
 1236 6a), plotted with a colormap (inset) corresponding to the angle between X direction, here
 1237 defined as parallel to the [100] direction, and the thin section plane. Y perpendicular to the
 1238 plane (010). (b) Grain size histogram of "grains" delimited by grain- and twin- boundaries.
 1239 (c) Enlargement showing grain size reduction induced by zoisite formation and twinning.
- 1240 Twin boundaries are indicated in red and low angle grain boundaries in white.
- 1241 Fig.8 Chronological and textural relations in analcime-bearing grain boundaries.
- N020 orientation in (**b**) is valid for all other panels of this figure. Red arrow in (**b**): hole created by the EPMA electron beam. Red arrow in (**c**): porosity in an analcime pool. Red arrow in (**e**): intersection of kyanite-bearing ferromagnesian rims and analcime-kyanite decorated plagioclase grain boundaries

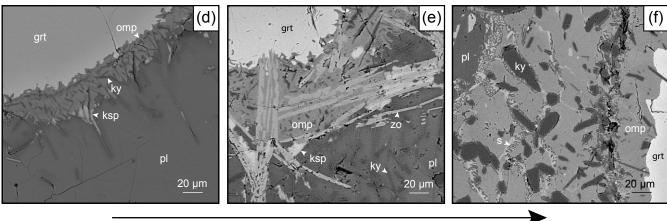
- 1246 **Fig.9 Raman spectrum of analcime.** Characteristic peaks are indicated in green. Inset:
- 1247 water peaks of the mineral
- 1248 Fig.10 Plagioclase grain size reduction in a kyanite-analcime-bearing grain
- boundary. BSE image (a): location of the EBSD phase map (d), and additionnal details
- 1250 (b,c). Red arrows: low dihedral angles of the analcime pools toward re-crystallized
- plagioclase grains. (e) Grain size distribution of plagioclase and kyanite grains from the
- 1252 EBSD map shown in (d)
- Fig.11 *P-T* pseudosections at X_{H2O} = 1 wt % (left) and *P-X_{H2O}* pseudosections at *T* =
- 1254 **700°C (right).** Chemical composition used to performed the calculations (listed in Table
- 1255 3) are, from top to bottom: the initial granulitic plagioclase composition and the albitized
- plagioclase composition (Fig.2d). Calculations have been performed using the melt
- solution model of Green et al. (2016), see Method section for details. Melt modes (in
- volume %) are indicated by the red lines, and X_{An} by the yellow lines. Zones where melt
- is predicted are highlighted in red.
- 1260 Fig.12 Finger Propagation. Pressure field evolution at the tip of a reacting and
- propagating finger (modified from Yamato et al., 2022). ΔP corresponds to variation of
- pressure P relative to background pressure P_{bg} such as $\Delta P = (P-P_{bg})/P$
- 1263 **Table captions**
- 1264 **Table 1** Representative mineral composition (wt%) of granulity to eclogite parageneses.
- 1265 Composition of granulite-facies minerals results from analyses in the core of the grains,
- while analyses in minerals from the partially-transformed area have been performed at
- grain rims. The structural formulae of plagioclase, garnet and pyroxene were calculated
- based on 8 oxygens, 12 oxygens and 6 oxygens, respectively, b.d.l = below detection
- 1269 limit. n.a = not analysed. All Fe is counted as Fe2+
- 1270 **Table 2** Representative mineral composition (wt%) of analcime, matrix plagical placed and
- plagioclase around kyanite in analcime-kyanite grain boundaries. The structural formulae
- of plagioclase were calculated based on 8 oxygens. b.d.l = below detection limit. n.a = not

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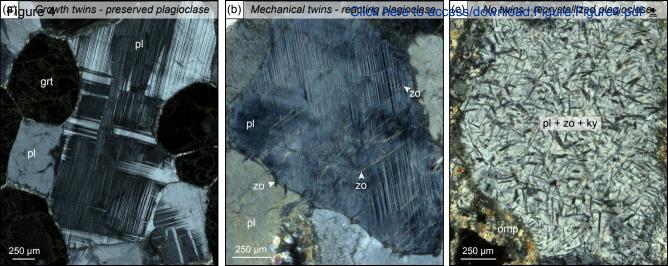
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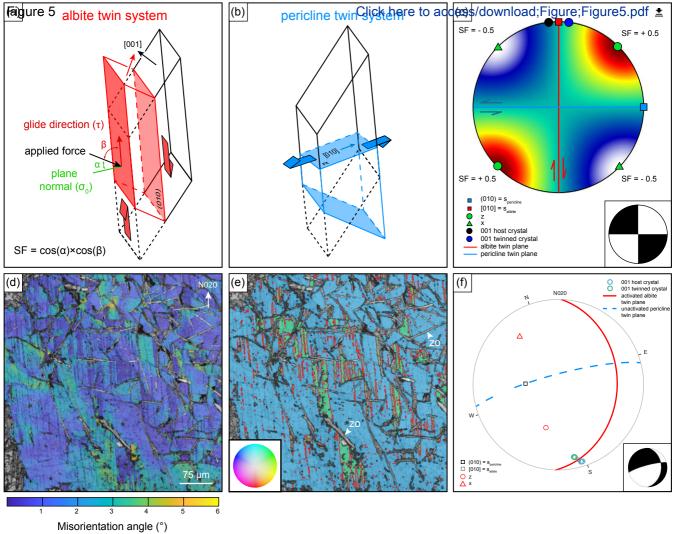


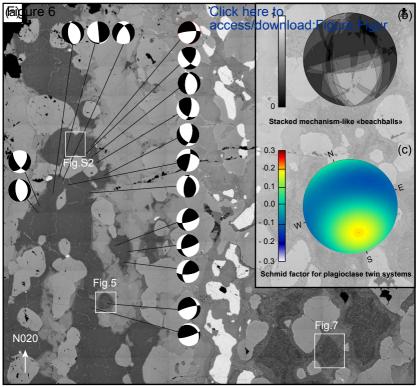


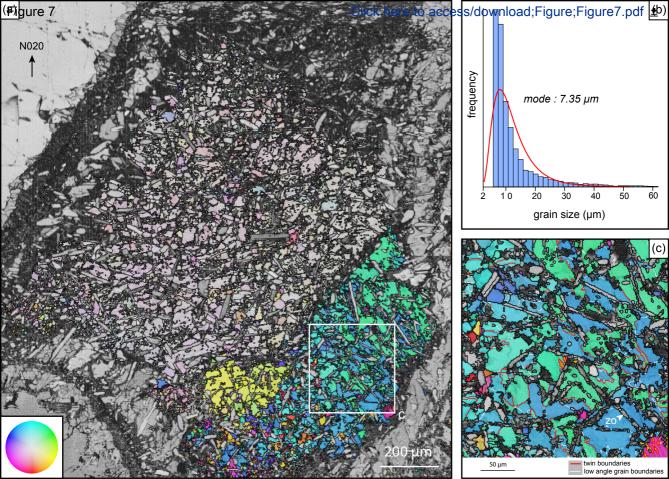


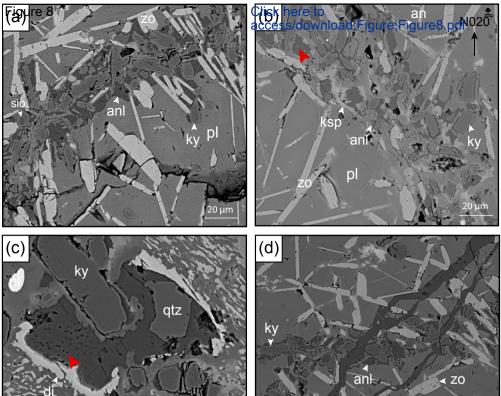
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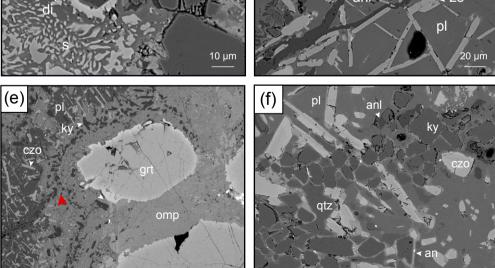






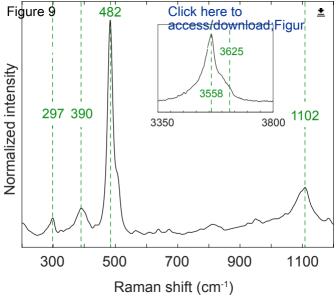


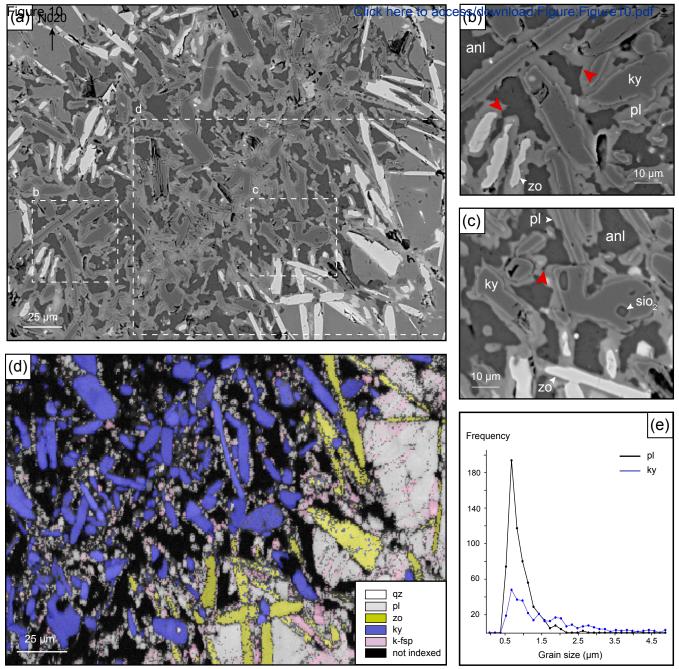


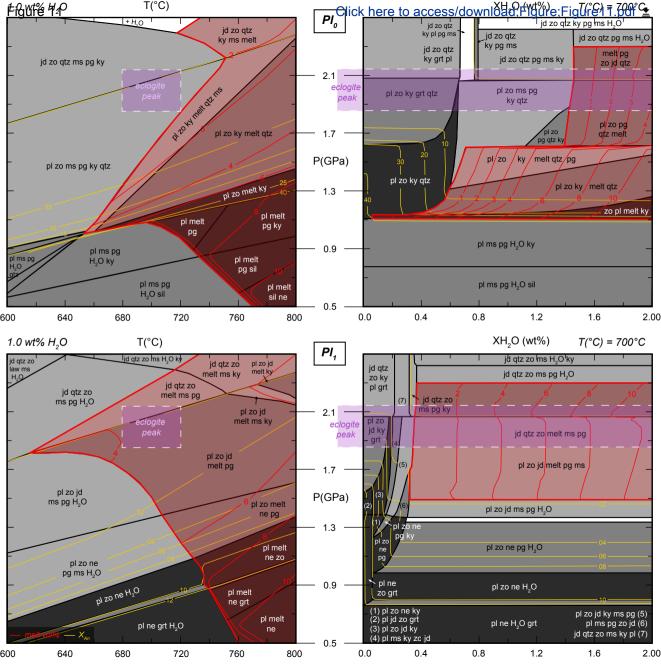


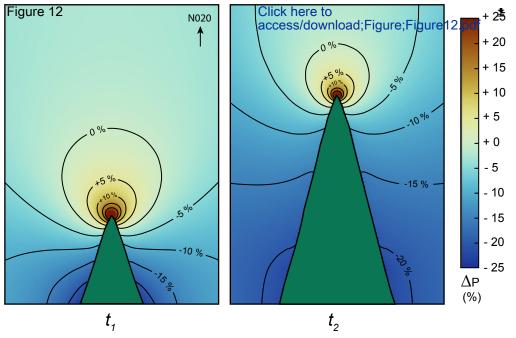
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Paragenesis		Granulite (a	s in Figure 2 ₀	;)	Par	tially eclogitize	ed (as in Figur	e 2 _d)
Mineral	Plagioclase	Garnet	Pyroxene	Amphibole	Plagioclase rim	Clinozoisite	Garnet rim	Pyroxene rim
Number of analysis	s 4	10	9	4	12	16	8	3
SiO ₂	58.3	41.3	46.8	41.2	64.5	39.2	36.4	55.7
TiO ₂	0.0	0.2	1.6	1.6	0.0	b.d.l	0.5	0.1
Al_2O_3	27.6	23.8	13.8	18.3	22.0	33.3	22.6	14.9
FeO	0.0	14.1	5.1	5.8	0.0	0.9	23.2	3.4
MnO	0.0	0.2	b.d.l	b.d.l	0.0	b.d.l	0.9	b.d.l
MgO	b.d.l	15.4	10.5	14.6	0.0	b.d.l	11.3	6.7
CaO	8.6	7.4	21.2	12.2	2.8	24.1	6.5	11.8
Na ₂ O	6.6	b.d.l	2.3	2.6	10.4	b.d.l	b.d.l	7.4
K ₂ O	0.3	b.d.l	b.d.l	2.2	0.3	b.d.l	b.d.l	b.d.l
Cr_2O_3	0.0	b.d.l	b.d.l	b.d.l	0.0	b.d.l	b.d.l	b.d.l
P_2O_5	0.0	b.d.l	b.d.l	b.d.l	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a
SO_2	b.d.l	b.d.l	b.d.l	b.d.l	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a
CI	0.0	b.d.l	b.d.l	0.1	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a
BaO	0.1	b.d.l	b.d.l	b.d.l	0.1	b.d.l	n.a	n.a
Total	101.6	102.4	101.3	98.6	100.1	97.5	101.4	100.0
	An 41 Ab 58 Or 01	Py 56 Alm 25 Grs 19	Ts 00 Di 64 Hd 17 Jd 19		An 13 Ab 86 Or 01		Py 40 Alm 43 Grs 17	Ts 03 Di 34 Hd 10 Jd 53

Figure	Figu	ıre 7a	Figure 7c		Fig	ure 7d			Figure S3 a	
Mineral /	analcime	plagioclase	analcime	analcime	analcime	plagioclase	plagioclase	analcime	analcime in	plagioclase
Texture	pools	in matrix	pools	pools	in vein	in matrix	around ky	pools	matrix	around ky
Number of analysis	7	4	7	8	7	3	1	2	1	3
SiO ₂	57.8	63.1	57.3	57.9	57.3	64.0	64.1	57.5	64.1	60.5
TiO ₂	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Al_2O_3	23.1	23.3	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.3	22.0	22.2	22.1	25.3
FeO	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
MnO	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MgO	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CaO	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	3.2	0.0	3.2	5.6
Na ₂ O	10.0	9.2	11.6	9.8	11.9	10.2	10.3	11.6	10.1	8.4
K_2O	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.3
Cr_2O_3	n.a	0.0	n.a	n.a	n.a	0.0	0.0	n.a	0.0	0.1
P_2O_5	n.a	0.1	n.a	n.a	n.a	0.0	0.0	n.a	0.0	0.0
SO ₂	n.a	0.0	n.a	n.a	n.a	0.0	0.0	n.a	0.0	0.0
CI	n.a	0.0	n.a	n.a	n.a	0.0	0.0	n.a	0.0	0.0
BaO	n.a	0.1	n.a	n.a	n.a	0.0	0.1	n.a	0.2	0.0
Total	91.0	100.2	91.7	90.4	92.0	100.1	100.1	91.3	100.1	100.2
		An 19				An 15	An 29		An 14,5	An 26
		Ab 79				Ab 83	Ab 70		Ab 83,5	Ab 72
		Or 02				Or 02	Or 01		Or 02	Or 02

	Pl_0	Pl_1	Whole rock
SiO ₂	57.52	64.53	49.03
TiO ₂	0.00	0.00	0.18
Al_2O_3	27.23	22.05	22.96
FeO	0.00	0.00	6.27
MgO	0.00	0.00	7.66
CaO	8.50	2.76	10.27
Na ₂ O	6.55	10.40	3.22
K_2O	0.20	0.26	0.40

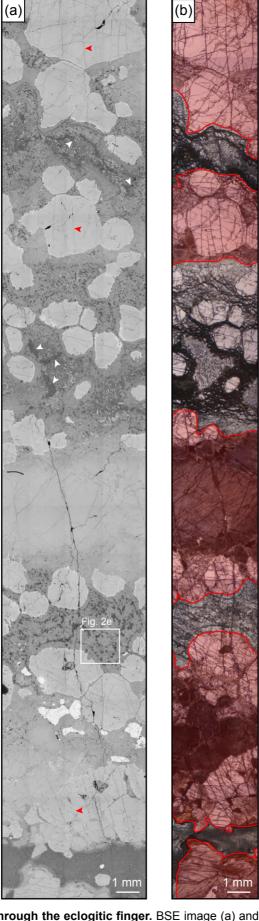


Figure S1. Transect T2 through the eclogitic finger. BSE image (a) and photomicrograph in unanalyzed polarized light (b), see location in Figure 1d. Red zones in (b): corona structures that define the granulitic foliation. Orange arrows: plagioclase-plagioclase grain boundaries in low transformed areas. White arrows: analcime-kyanite decorated grain boundaries. Red arrows: fractures inside garnet.

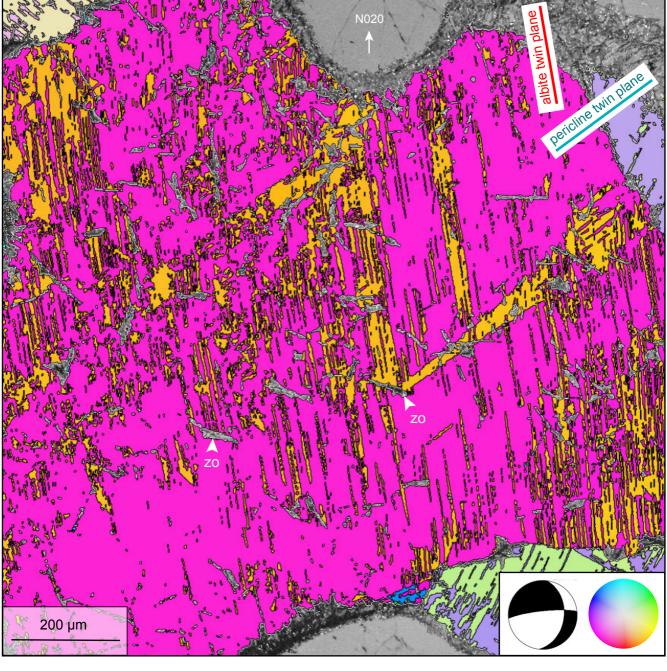


Figure S2. Orientation map of a plagioclase grain plotted with a colormap (inset) corresponding to the angle between X direction, here defined as parallel to the [100] direction, and the thin section plane. Y perpendicular to the plane (010). Pink: untwinned, yellow: twinned. Inset also shows corresponding focal mechanism-like «beachball»

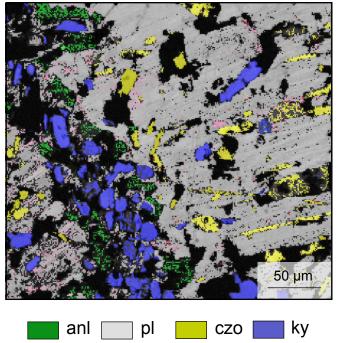


Figure S3. EBSD image of an analcime-kyanite bearing grain boundary. In this map, analcime has been indexed.

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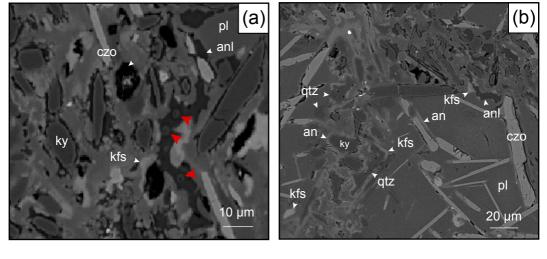
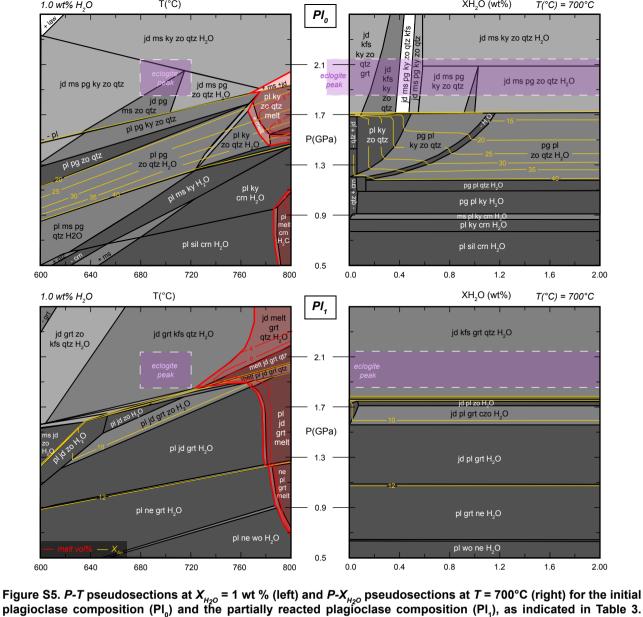


Figure S4. Textures of analcime-bearing grain boundaries (a) BSE image of an analcime bearing plagioclase-plagioclase grain boundary. Red arrows: holes created by the electron beam in an analcime pool. (b) BSE image of the intersection of two analcime-kyanite bearing plagioclase grain boundaries.



plagioclase composition (PI_0) and the partially reacted plagioclase composition (PI_1), as indicated in Table 3. Calculations have been performed using the melt solution model of Holland & Powell 2001, see Method section for details. Zones where melt is predicted are highlighted in red. Melt modes (in volume %) are indicated by the red lines, and anorthite content in plagioclase by the yellow lines.

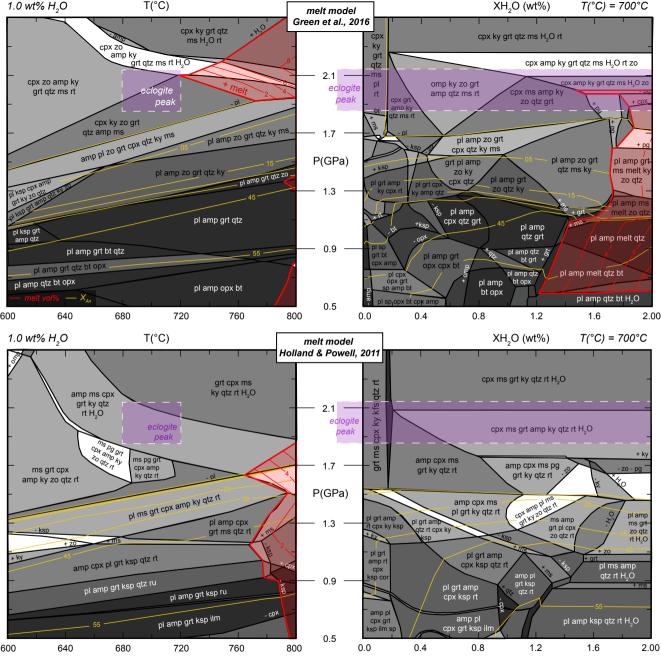


Figure S6. P-T pseudosections at X_{H_2O} = 1 wt % (left) and P- X_{H_2O} pseudosections at T = 700°C (right) for the whole rock composition of the studied sample, as indicated in Table 3. Calculations have been performed using the melt solution model of Green et al. (2016) (top) and Holland & Powell (2001) (bottom), see Method section for details. Zones where melt is predicted are highlighted in red. Melt modes (in volume %) are indicated by the red lines, and anorthite content in plagioclase by the yellow lines.