



Jolts in the Jade factory: A route for subduction fluids and their implications for mantle wedge seismicity

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ABSTRACT

An increasing number of seismological studies report transient seismicity clusters in the mantle wedge several kilometers above the subduction interface. Their physical significance with respect to subduction zone seismotectonics remains poorly understood. Jadeitites are known to form and/or be associated with mantle wedge serpentinites in the c. 30–70 km depth range, and thus may yield information on deformation mechanisms in this region of deep subduction environments. We herein document and compare brittle-viscous features recorded in jadeitites from Polar Urals (Russia), Kashin state (Myanmar) and Motagua fault region (Guatemala) – some of the most important jadeitite occurrences worldwide. In the Polar Urals we identified ultramafic-hosted pristine jadeitite-bearing veins c. 1 km above a Devonian paleo-subduction interface, interpreted as metasomatized former felsic dyke networks crosscutting the mantle wedge peridotites. Here, both jadeitites and associated amphibole-rich dark granofels display widespread brittle-ductile deformation fabrics such as shear bands, foliated cataclasites and breccias, cemented through dissolution-precipitation processes by omphacite and sodic amphiboles, a mineral assemblage typical of high-pressure–low-temperature subduction zone conditions. Electron probe and laser ablation ICP-MS mapping indicate that these brittle-viscous networks display a substantial metasomatic imprint highlighted in the dark granofels by variations in major and trace elements. Switches between viscous and brittle deformation patterns are attested by crystallographic-preferred orientations of jadeite in some of the shear zones that crosscut the host jadeitites. Strikingly similar mineral assemblages and deformation patterns were observed in the Kashin and Motagua samples. Observed deformation features in these localities can be classified into three categories (tectonic breccias, foliated cataclasites and hydraulic breccias), which may occasionally form in sequence and exhibit mutually overprinting textures. Some of the foliated cataclasites contain fine-grained and foliated “shard-like” features forming a radial omphacite-jadeite spherulitic texture, interpreted as former pseudotachylyte that evokes a paleo-seismic origin. We interpret these healed fault networks as recording external fluid influx within fracture zones that repeatedly ruptured along former “dyke” networks. These high permeability drains likely (i) contribute to the transfer of highly pressurized plate-interface metamorphic fluids into the mantle wedge; and (ii) trigger seismic instabilities recorded in the basal part of active mantle wedge sections. These findings provide new insights into the current understanding of the rheology (e.g., serpentinization ratio) and stress state in the mantle wedge, with implications for subduction interface seismogenesis.

1. Introduction

Understanding processes rooted in the mantle wedge region of

subduction zones is of critical importance because its structure strongly controls the rheology of the subduction interface at the down-dip end of the seismogenic zone (Hyndman and Peacock, 2003; Dessa et al., 2009;

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Agard et al., 2018). Fluids released by metamorphic reactions in the downgoing plate are thought to control the degree of hydration (serpentinization) of the fore-arc mantle wedge (e.g., Hacker et al., 2003; Deschamps et al., 2010; Bostock, 2013). The bulk serpentinization ratio of the mantle wedge, estimated based on the perturbation of seismic wave velocities, is generally considered low (i.e., <20 vol%; Abers et al., 2017) except for specific subduction environments where it may reach up to 60 vol% (e.g., Central Japan: Hyndman and Peacock, 2003; Mariana margin: Hussong, 1981). The serpentinized mantle wedge has long been considered as mostly aseismic due to the presence of weak minerals such as antigorite or talc that are known to substantially reduce rock strength (e.g., Hilairet et al., 2007). Yet, insights gained from detailed studies on the Sumatra 2004 ($M_w = 9.1$) and Maule 2010 ($M_w = 8.8$) mega-earthquakes have shown that some of these exceptional rupture events may nucleate or propagate at the base of the “cold nose” region (e.g., Dessa et al., 2009; Wang et al., 2020). This paradox raises important questions regarding the rheology of the partly serpentinized mantle above the subduction interface. The report of slow earthquakes near the seismogenic downdip end of several subduction megathrusts also changed our vision regarding stress distribution along the deep interface (e.g., Fu and Freymueller, 2013; Frank et al., 2015; Audet and Kim, 2016), with potential implications for mega-earthquake prediction (Obara and Kato, 2016; Bouchon et al., 2018). Whereas it is now accepted that fluids dramatically impact the mechanical stability of the deep serpentinized interface, very little in situ information is known about fluid-rock interaction processes or the feedback between upward transported fluids and seismicity (e.g., Angiboust et al., 2014; Locatelli et al., 2018).

Over the last decade, an increasing number of high-resolution seismological studies have identified the presence of seismicity nests in the partly serpentinized mantle wedge (e.g., Halpaap et al., 2019 and references therein). These events are generally interpreted as mechanically related to the influx of fluids or melts between 30 and 70 km depth (e.g., Davey and Ristau, 2011). A majority of the clusters identified in literature concentrates in the first 15 km above the plate interface (e.g., Greece: Halpaap et al., 2019; Japan: Uchida et al., 2010, Nakajima and Uchida, 2018; New Zealand: Davey and Ristau, 2011; Central Chile: Wang et al., 2020; Colombia: Chang et al., 2019) along steeply-dipping, planar features commonly seen as “vent-like” structures, apparently channelizing plate-interface fluids towards the inner wedge. Normal, strike-slip and thrust focal mechanisms are reported for a large majority of these supra-slab earthquakes, with magnitudes generally spanning a range between 2 and 5 (e.g., Halpaap et al., 2019). The physics of the rupture and the nature of the material where these earthquakes are nested remain unknown. Moreover, the source and the composition of the fluids passing through these networks is also a matter of discussion since the precise location of hydrous mineral breakdown reactions strongly depends on the subduction thermal structure (e.g., Hermann et al., 2006; Syracuse et al., 2010).

Natural mantle wedge samples, despite their scarcity worldwide, represent a unique opportunity to shed light on these deep-seated processes (e.g., Kepezhinskis et al., 1995; Horn et al., 2020). Jadeitites are known to represent fossilized fluid pathways from the base of the hydrated mantle wedge (Harlow and Sorensen, 2005; Harlow et al., 2015). From this perspective, they may provide insights on the physical nature of supra-slab seismic events. However, primary structures from jadeite-bearing localities have been almost systematically overprinted during long-term subduction, extensive serpentinization and exhumation (e.g., Central America: Flores et al., 2015; Kawamoto et al., 2018; Myanmar: Shi et al., 2009a; Japan: Morishita et al., 2007). In the Polar Urals (Russia), the Pus'yerka locality exhibits a relatively undisturbed contact between a jadeite “dyke” network and its ultramafic host (e.g., Meng et al., 2011; Angiboust et al., 2021), thus providing an opportunity to identify deformation processes rooted in these jadeite bodies. Through a combined petrological, microstructural and geochemical investigation of Polar Urals samples, we provide new evidence for brittle-ductile

switches in jadeitites (and associated amphibole-phlogopite granofels) microstructures. These structures are compared with those from samples of loose jadeite boulders from Myanmar and Guatemala, settings where pristine structures are only exceptionally exposed (e.g., Sorensen et al., 2010). We then evaluate their potential meaning in terms of fluid pathways and the genesis of seismic instabilities in the basal region of active mantle wedges.

2. Geological setting

2.1. Pus'yerka jadeite deposit (Polar Urals, Russia)

The Polar Urals belt formed during closure of the Uralian ocean by subduction and by the eastward burial of the European continental margin under an oceanic volcanic arc (e.g., Savelieva et al., 2002). In the Polar Urals, the Main Ural Thrust (MUT; Fig. 1a) corresponds to a major crustal-scale shear zone with peridotites that were thrust over eclogitized continental crust (Marun-Keu complex; e.g., Udovkina, 1971; Dobretsov and Sobolev, 1984; Glodny et al., 2003). Rare ophiolitic, blueschist-facies mélange exposures are restricted to the base of the MUT (e.g., Kazak et al., 1976). Locally, the MUT has been subject to moderate reactivation as a detachment fault during exhumation (e.g., Sychev and Kulikova, 2012). In the Polar Urals,

three peridotite massifs (the Rai-Iz, Syum-Keu and Voikar massifs) were locally transformed into antigorite-schists along the MUT hangingwall (Fig. 1b). These large mantle exposures, mostly harzburgitic and lherzolitic in composition (Savelieva and Suslov, 2014; Shmelev, 2011), exhibit large chromite deposits and are crosscut by numerous sub-vertical dunitic channels interpreted as the melt extraction pathways (Batanova et al., 2011). The MUT hanging wall displays (i) a serpentinization gradient towards the underlying unit; (ii) the presence of jadeite ($\text{NaAlSi}_2\text{O}_6$) veins in the serpentinites from the hanging wall; and (iii) a high pressure–low temperature (HP-LT) metamorphic imprint in the footwall units (e.g., Dobretsov and Ponomareva, 1968; Glodny et al., 2003; Batanova et al., 2011; Shmelev, 2011; Meng et al., 2016). The Rai-Iz, Syum-Keu and Voikar peridotite massifs in the Polar Urals can thus be viewed as good analogues of a supra-subduction setting, enabling the understanding of deep-seated processes below an inferred Paleozoic island arc (e.g., Batanova et al., 2011; Savelieva et al., 2002, 2016; Angiboust et al., 2021), in a region of the deep subduction interface that is not commonly exhumed (Guillot et al., 2009; Agard et al., 2018).

The studied Pus'yerka exposure is located along a jadeite-bearing serpentinized shear zone that is several hundred meters thick and 5 km long, striking N-S and dipping E approximately 1 km above the Main Ural Thrust (MUT; Fig. 1b). In a recent study, Angiboust et al. (2021) have interpreted the MUT hanging wall as a rare natural case study highlighting the structure along the base of a subduction mantle wedge. This major jadeite deposit, discovered and mined in the 1980s (Kuznetsov et al., 1986; Fishman, 2006), represents a unique locality to investigate the structural contacts between the jadeite bodies and its host (e.g., Meng et al., 2011; Angiboust et al., 2021).

The basal serpentinites as well as the jadeite-bearing network exhibit a regional foliation parallel with the MUT (Fig. 1c). Field, geochemical and density measurements indicate serpentinization ratios in the range of 35–65 vol% (in agreement with the 45–65 vol% estimates from Makeyev, 1992), with up to 90–100% approaching the MUT and within the jadeite-bearing networks (Fig. 1b; Angiboust et al., 2021 and references therein). The serpentinite schists that host the jadeite boudins are composed of antigorite with minor amounts of brucite, magnetite and phlogopite (Makeyev, 1992) as well as chlorite, tremolite and magnesite. Within the serpentinite shear zone, tens of whitish jadeite lenses are observed, elongated *en echelon* and stretched parallel to the main foliation dip direction (Fig. 1b). The thickness of these lenses ranges between several tens of centimeters to several meters in the few places where the lenses were observed in situ (e.g., Kuznetsov et al., 1986; Meng et al., 2011).

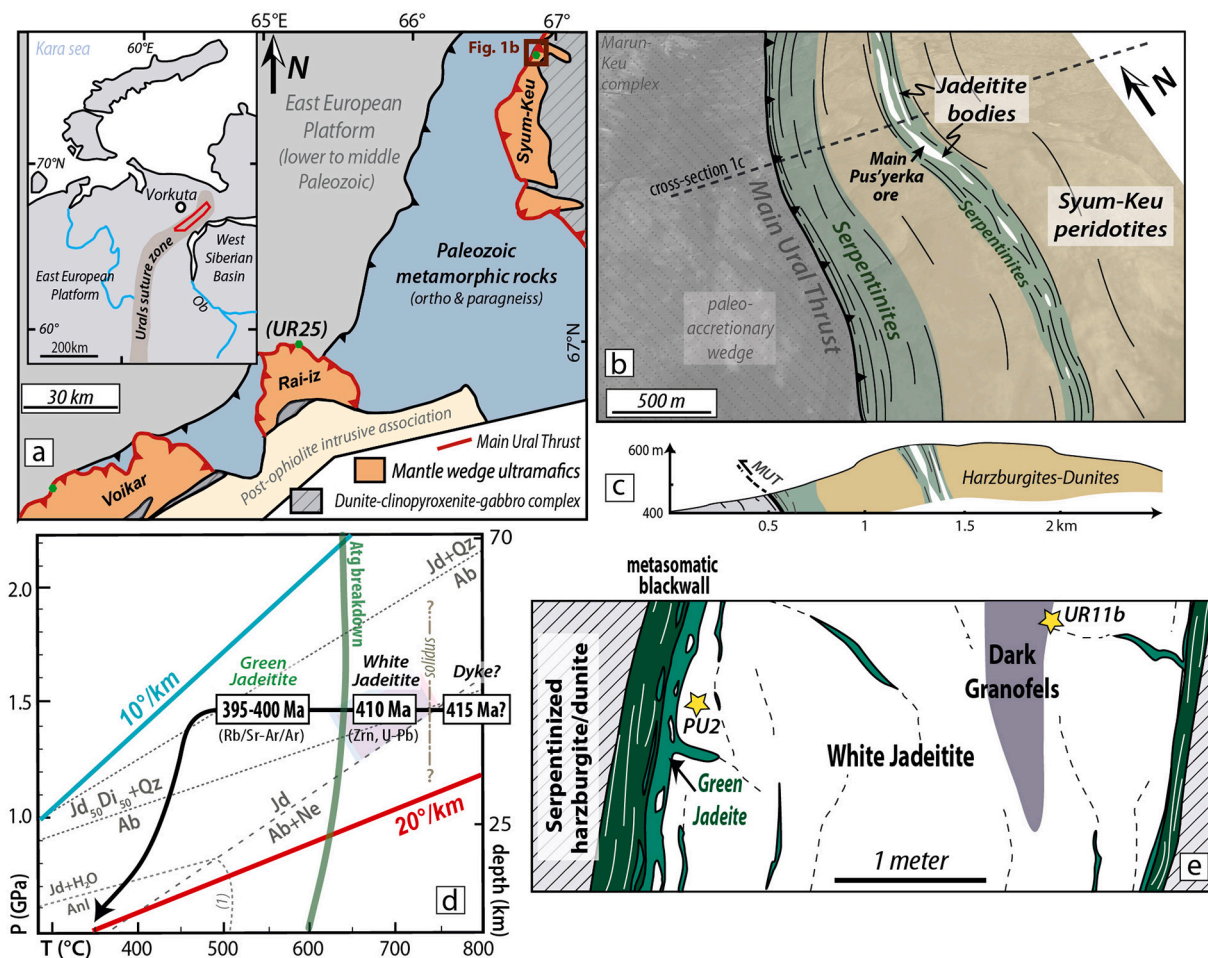


Fig. 1. a. Simplified geological map of the Polar Urals locating the three main mantle wedge sections exposed in this region and the study area at the base of the Syum-Keu massif. The inset localizes the Polar Urals in northern Russia. Green dots correspond to jadeite-bearing localities (modified after Angiboust et al., 2021). b. Geological map showing the structures above the Main Ural Thrust, interpreted as an ancient subduction interface. The studied jadeite "dyke" crops out as a boudinaged sliver wrapped by a network of sheared serpentinites, approximately 1 km above the Main Ural Thrust. c. Cross-section highlighting the geometry of the structures identified in the field (modified after Angiboust et al., 2021). d. Pressure-Temperature-time sketch summarizing the long-term evolution of the Pus'yerka jadeite dyke structure (after Angiboust et al., 2021). Jd₅₀Di₅₀ reaction line is after Maruyama and Liou (1988). Reaction (1): Analcime = Albite + Nepheline. e. Schematic view of the white jadeite "dyke" as observed in situ in the Polar Urals with dismembered patches of dark granofels and dark amphibole-phlogopite bearing blackwalls forming at the contact with the host serpentinitized ultramafic rocks. Mineral abbreviations after Whitney and Evans (2010). (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

Ion probe U-Pb dating of zircon crystals from the main jadeite body yielded U-Pb ages of 404 ± 7 Ma (Meng et al., 2011) and 409 ± 3.3 Ma (Kononov and Sergeev, 2015). These Devonian ages were interpreted by Meng et al. (2011) as dating intra-oceanic subduction initiation of the Uralian ocean realm. Angiboust et al. (2021) proposed that these jadeite bodies derive from the metasomatic replacement of a former trondhjemitic dyke that crystallized from slab-derived melts within an ultramafic mantle wedge setting, in a subduction initiation context (i.e., at a temperature regime much higher than expected in a long-lived subduction context; e.g., Soret et al., 2016 and references therein). Ar-Ar plateau ages and multi-mineral Rb-Sr dating yield ages for phlogopite and amphibole-bearing domains ranging from 410 to 395 Ma, interpreted by Angiboust et al. (2021), in line with the pioneering study of Dobretsov and Ponomareva (1968), as marking the re-equilibration of dyke material during secular cooling from supra-solidus to HP-LT conditions (i.e., from $T > 700$ °C to $T < 500$ °C for a pressure on the order of 1.5 GPa). The studied samples were collected in the main jadeite "dyke" (Fig. 1b, e).

2.2. Kashin state Jade Mines Belt (northern Myanmar)

One of the world's largest jadeite-bearing suture zones is exposed in the Kashin state of Myanmar in the famous Jade Mines Belt (e.g., Shi et al., 2012; Nyunt et al., 2017), where loose jadeite fragments are found in conglomerates, river beds or exceptionally embedded within strongly-weathered antigorite schists (e.g., Harlow et al., 2015 and references therein; Ridd et al., 2019). The original jadeite-bearing structures (likely ancient felsic dykes; e.g., Bleek, 1908) were formed within a serpentinitized mantle wedge from a subduction zone of debated Late Jurassic to Late Cretaceous age (Goffé et al., 2002; Shi et al., 2009a, 2012; Yui et al., 2013; Harlow et al., 2016). These metasomatized dykes were extensively affected by exhumation and subsequent strike-slip deformation related to the Sagaing transform fault system (Harlow et al., 2015; Searle et al., 2007; Ridd et al., 2019). Protracted deformation led to the formation of a serpentinite mélange in which jadeite "dykes" and blocks were disrupted and disseminated in the antigorite schist matrix, together with other lenses of seafloor origin such as graphite schists, glaucophane schists, garnet amphibolites and garnet micaschists (Nyunt et al., 2017).

Although the original thickness of the jadeite "dykes" is challenging

to evaluate due to poor exposure conditions and late deformation, some studies mention typical thicknesses on the order of several meters (Shi et al., 2012; Harlow et al., 2015 and references therein), in line with the structures observed in situ in the Polar Urals (Fig. 1e). Texturally secondary chlorite schists (“blackwalls”) as well as albite bands are reported at the contact between the dyke structure and the host (Bleek, 1908; Chhiber, 1934). Na-amphibole-rich bands (mostly eckermannite and glaucophane; see Oberti et al., 2015 for further details on mineralogy) are also found either embedded within the jadeitite “dyke” or lining the contact with the ultramafic host (Bleek, 1908; Nyunt, 2009). Most pressure-temperature estimates for jadeitite formation in the Jade Mine Belt region span a wide range from 1.0–1.5 GPa and 300–500 °C (Mével and Kienast, 1986; Goffé et al., 2002; Shi et al., 2003). The herein studied samples, provided by a local miner, were found as boulders in a conglomerate near the Lonkin township (near Hpakan).

2.3. Motagua fault zone (Guatemala)

The Guatemala suture zone is an E-W-trending major plate boundary zone that separates the Caribbean and North American plates. This strike-slip suture, which puts in contact the Maya block to the north with the Chortis block to the south (e.g., Ortega-Gutiérrez et al., 2007 and references therein), contains many mafic and ultramafic blocks as well as eclogite-, blueschist- and garnet amphibolite-facies crustal and sedimentary fragments interpreted as remnants from a Cretaceous ophiolite (e.g., Brueckner et al., 2009). The Motagua fault zone separates two distinct terranes likely exhumed during two distinct collisional events: the North Motagua and the South Motagua mélanges (e.g., Beccaluva et al., 1995; Gendron et al., 2002; Harlow et al., 2004; Harlow et al., 2011). Different metamorphic ages on jadeitites and eclogites were reported for these two terranes, ranging from c. 100–60 Ma for the North Motagua and c. 160–110 Ma for the South Motagua mélanges (see Flores et al., 2013 and references therein). The highest-pressure rocks from these two mélanges are also slightly different, with 500–650 °C and 1.5–2.3 GPa for the North Motagua mélange (Harlow et al., 2008; Tsujimori et al., 2004) and 470–520 °C and 2.0–2.7 GPa (Tsujimori et al., 2006; Endo et al., 2012) for the South Motagua mélange.

Jadeitites occur as meter-sized blocks within the serpentinite mélanges but are most commonly found as pebbles within streams or as loose blocks in slope debris. As for the Jade Mines Belt in Myanmar, pristine tectonic relationships are extremely difficult to document. The mineralogy of jadeitites is quite varied in terms of minerals and mineral abundances, and with contrasting assemblages in the north and south Motagua mélanges (Harlow et al., 2011; Flores et al., 2013). The herein studied samples were collected as loose boulders in streams from the southern Motagua mélange (Rio El Tambor area) and contain essentially jadeite plus minor omphacite and lawsonite, in agreement with the mineralogy of jadeitites from this mélange (Harlow et al., 2011).

3. Analytical methods

3.1. Electron probe microanalysis

Mineral compositions were quantified via electron probe microanalysis (EPMA) using a Cameca SXFive operated in the CAMPARIS analytical facility at Paris University. Standard analytical conditions (15 keV, 10 nA, beam diameter 5 µm) and a set of synthetic and natural crystals for calibration standards were used: Fe₂O₃ (Fe), MnTiO₃ (Mn, Ti), diopside (Mg, Si), CaF₂ (F), orthoclase (Al, K), anorthite (Ca) and albite (Na). X-ray maps were acquired on the same instrument using analytical conditions of 15 keV, 250 nA, a dwell time of 60 milliseconds and a step size of 2 µm. Some of the X-ray images were processed and quantified with DWImager software (Torres-Roldan et al., 2000; see García-Casco, 2007). A scanning electron microscope (SEM) Zeiss EVO MA10 at the Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris using internal calibration standards was used for microscopic investigations, energy

dispersive X-ray spectral (EDS) mapping and surface composition characterizations. Mineral abbreviations are from Whitney and Evans (2010). Clinopyroxene and clinoamphibole compositions, including estimation of Fe³⁺, are calculated according to the schemes of Morimoto (1989) and Hawthorne and Oberti (2007), respectively. Classification of these minerals also follows the same authors.

3.2. Laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry

Laser Ablation Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) trace element maps were acquired using a Resonetics M-50-LR 193 nm excimer laser coupled to an Agilent 7700× Quadrupole ICP-MS housed at Adelaide Microscopy, University of Adelaide. Instrument conditions and mapping protocols similar to that employed in this study are outlined in Raimondo et al. (2017). Pre-ablation of each raster scan was completed to minimize the effect of redeposition (19 µm, 75% overlap), followed by 15 s washout and 10 s of background measurement. A beam diameter of 19 µm, line spacing of 19 µm and repetition rate of 10 Hz were employed for sample PU2, resulting in an energy density of 3.5 J/cm² at the target. Standards were analyzed in duplicate every 2 h during the mapping session, including reference glasses NIST 610 (Pearce et al., 1997; Jochum et al., 2011a) and GSD-1D (Jochum et al., 2011b). A beam diameter of 51 µm was used for all standard analyses, and included 5 pre-ablation shots (51 µm, 75% overlap) followed by 20 s washout, 30 s background measurement and 40 s ablation time. Data acquisition was performed in time-resolved analysis mode as a single continuous experiment. Each analysis comprised a suite of 38 elements, and dwell times were as follows: 0.01 s (Li), 0.002 s (Na, Mg, Al, Si, K, Ca, Mn, Fe, Ni), 0.005 s (Sc, Ti, V, Cr, Nb, Ba, Hf, Th, U), and 0.008 s (Sr, Y, Zr, Ta, Pb, REEs). The total sweep time was 0.297 s. Post-acquisition processing was performed using the software Iolite (Woodhead et al., 2007; Hellstrom et al., 2008; Paton et al., 2011), with data reduction and image processing procedures following those outlined by Raimondo et al. (2017) and Hyppolito et al. (2018).

3.3. Electron Back-Scattered Diffraction and cathodoluminescence mapping

Electron Back Scattered Diffraction mapping (EBSD) has been performed at the Laboratoire de Géologie of the Ecole Normale Supérieure of Paris using a ZEISS SIGMA Field Emission Gun Scanning Electron Microscope equipped with an EDX (Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy; X-MAX) and an EBSD detector (Nordlys Nano, Oxford Instruments). An acceleration voltage of 15 keV, a beam current of 5 nA, an aperture of 120 µm, an inclination of 70°, an acquisition rate of 100 Hz, a working distance of 14 mm and a mapping step size of 2.8 µm were the analytical parameters chosen for the mapping. Data acquisition, post-processing treatment and statistical analysis were performed using Aztec, Channel 5 and MTEX software (Bachmann et al., 2010; Bachmann et al., 2011). For noise reduction, every single-pixel isolated data point was removed and followed by denoising MTEX procedures. Cathodoluminescence (CL) mosaic images were acquired using the Cathodyne (NEWTEC) device equipped with a motorized stage, a 12 kV and 120 µA plasma, and 2 s of image acquisition time.

3.4. Field constraints on Polar Urals jadeitite body

In the Pus'yerka locality of the Polar Urals, the ore jadeitite body is mostly formed by a white jadeitite core that represents more than 90% of the “dyke” volume (see schematic dyke structure in Fig. 1e). Locally, remnants of felsic lithologies (comprising an albite groundmass with paragonite flakes surrounded by a jadeite-bearing corona) were observed, suggesting that the white jadeitite formed by replacement of a leucocratic dyke (see the model in Angiboust et al., 2021; see also Dobretsov and Ponomareva, 1968 and Kuznetsov et al., 1986). The whitish jadeitite-rich domains comprise weakly to strongly foliated

mafic blocks that host millimeter-sized intricate amphibole and phlogopite crystals (sample PU2). These domains, referred hereafter to as dark granofels (sample UR11b), were interpreted by Angiboust et al. (2021) to be produced by the influx of alkali-rich fluids in a warm mantle wedge environment, before the emplacement of the leucocratic dyke. Such amphibole-rich blocks occupying a similar structural position were reported in the Jade Mine Belt area (Myanmar) by Bleek (1908); see also Harlow et al., 2015).

The white jadeitite is transected by centimeter to decimeter-long cracks filled by phlogopite as well as dark-blueish amphibole-rich domains and emerald-green Cr-rich clinopyroxene (Fig. 2a, b). While the bulk of the white jadeitite mass looks at a first sight microstructurally homogeneous, detailed observations highlight numerous locations where structures are brecciated, ranging from crackle- to mosaic-type breccias (e.g., Woodcock and Mort, 2008). Chaotic breccias, where substantial disruption of the original structure occurred, are also observed in jadeitites and associated dark granofels (Fig. 2b). Lastly, centimeter- to decimeter-thick, strongly sheared phlogopite-rich metasomatic rinds are observed along the margins of the jadeitite body at the contact with the host serpentinite (Fig. 1e; see also Kuznetsov et al., 1986 and Angiboust et al., 2021). Further south, directly below the Rai-Iz peridotite massif, occurs a tectonic *mélange* zone (“Nephrite brook”, Kazak et al., 1976; Fig. 1a) that contains blocks of nephrite and rare jadeitite within a schistose serpentinite matrix. Sample UR25 represents one of these jadeitite pods, considered to be derived from a former “dyke” structure that has been fully disrupted by late subduction zone tectonic deformation.

The nomenclature used in Table 1 is defined based on the following deformation criteria: **Type (I)** corresponds to breccias formed by centimeter- to tens of centimeter-sized clasts exhibiting a substantial shearing component, fracturing and size reduction through indentation processes. Such breccias can typically reflect a damage zone deformation pattern. **Type (II)** brecciated materials are defined as a highly localized fault zone with evidence of pervasive shearing, grain comminution and flow banding, with pulverized wall clasts floating in a fine-grained matrix. Such microstructures are generally known in the vicinity of fault cores and are hereafter termed “foliated cataclases”. **Type (III)** corresponds to hydraulic breccias with millimeter to centimeter-sized clasts (which may have undergone rotation) cemented by clinopyroxene or amphibole. Space-filling material can be either dendritic, oscillatory, or strained.

3.5. Structure of Polar Urals jadeitites

The bulk of the white jadeitite matrix is formed by idiomorphic, oscillatory and intricate 100–500 μm -long jadeite crystals (Meng et al., 2011). Their outer rims are commonly lined by Ca-rich, omphacitic compositions as well as interstitial phlogopitic micas (Angiboust et al., 2021; Fig. S1; Table 1 and Table S1). Despite an apparently homogeneous macroscopic texture, detailed petrographic investigations reveal that jadeite crystals exhibit widespread fracturing, dissolution and replacement textures (Fig. 3a, b). Vein systems that range in colour from white (jadeite composition) to green (Cr-rich jadeite or Cr-rich omphacite; Fig. 2a) are ubiquitously found crosscutting the host jadeitite matrix (see also Franz et al., 2014). These veins are filled by idiomorphic to fibrous clinopyroxene crystals with locally oscillatory and/or dendritic textures (Kuznetsov et al., 1986; sample UR03b in Angiboust et al., 2021: Type III). Clinopyroxene crystals from brecciated samples exhibit clear evidence for pressure-solution (as shown by indentation and truncation textures), as well as solution-precipitation with fracture healing and overgrowth by a new (generally more omphacitic) clinopyroxene composition (Fig. 3a,b; Fig. S2).

The studied white jadeitite sample UR03d exhibits coarse-grained, idiomorphic and sector-zoned jadeite crystals in its matrix (Fig. 4a). These crystals, generally extremely rich in jadeitic molecule (>90 mol %), are hereafter referred to as *Jd₁*. The jadeite growth structures document how early structures have been transected by a localized fine-grained shear zone of oriented jadeite crystals with interstitial omphacite-rich grains. Orientation maps (Fig. 4b) show that [001] axes are dominant along the fine-grained shear zone, whereas [100] and [010] axes become important approaching the margins of the shear band. Intracrystalline misorientation EBSD maps, depicting misorientation angles between each data point and the mean orientation of the parent crystal (Fig. S3), show that grains at the shear zone margins are highly misoriented. In addition, the finer grains within the shear band are consistently devoid of intragranular misorientation except for strongly misoriented larger grains.

We interpret that the strongly misoriented clasts may represent fragmented remnants affected by brittle localized shear followed by dynamic recrystallization, resulting in the ubiquitous lack of misorientation in the surrounding finer-grained material. This pattern is highlighted by microscopic observations and strong crystallographic-preferred orientation (CPO), with [001] axes maxima but also forming a weak girdle along the stretching lineation and the foliation plane,

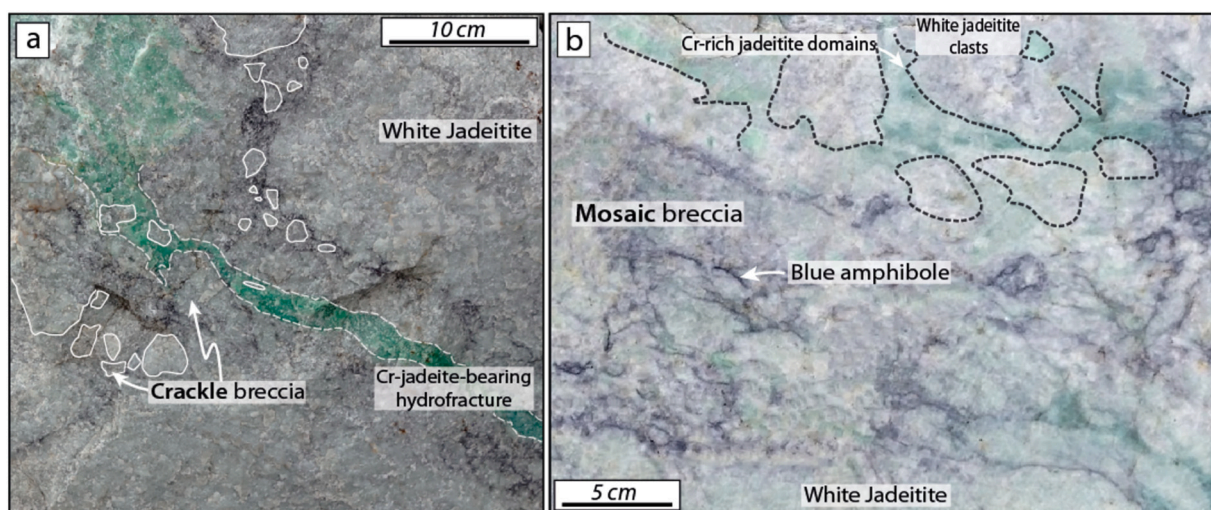


Fig. 2. a. Field photo of a brecciated white jadeitite block, showing a discrete crackle breccia texture transected by a hydrofracture filled with green Cr-rich jadeite. b. Field photo highlighting the structure of a mosaic breccia, with disrupted white jadeite fragments cemented by a Cr-rich jadeitic clinopyroxene. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

Table 1

Summary of selected samples for this comparative study, including their paragenesis and the various fracturing patterns identified therein (see text for details on the criteria used for this classification). Numbers in the last three columns refer to the chronological sequence of fracturing events identified in each sample.

	Sample	Region	Pre-fracturing assemblage	Paragenesis associated w/brittle def.	Fracturing pattern		
					Type I	Type II	Type III
Polar Urals	PU2	Pus'yerka	white Jd (Jd ₁), Ed	Omp, Mg-ktp, Rct, Eck, Phl, Clc		x (1)	x (2)
	PU5	Pus'yerka	white Jd (Jd ₁)	Omp, Phl, Clc ($\pm$ Cal)		x	
	UR11b	Pus'yerka	Ed or Mg-ktp with Omp inc.	Jd ₂ , Omp, Mg-ktp, Eck/Nyb, Ttn, Chr	x		
	UR03b,03d	Pus'yerka	white Jd (Jd ₁)	Jd ₂ , Omp			x
	UR25	Nephrite brook	white Jd (Jd ₁)	Jd ₂ , Omp, Ttn	x		
Guatemala	MTG00	Motagua region	white Jd	Omp (not analyzed)	x		
	MTG01	South Motagua	white Jd (Jd ₁)	Jd ₂ , Omp, Lws, Ttn	x		
	MTG02	South Motagua	white Jd (Jd ₁)	Jd ₂ , Omp, Ttn			x
	MTG03	South Motagua	white Jd (Jd ₁)	Jd ₂ , Omp, Ttn ($\pm$ REE-rich Ep)		x	
	MTG12	South Motagua	white Jd (Jd ₁)	Jd ₂ , Omp, Ttn		x	
Myanmar	KAS01	Hpakan (Kashin)	white Jd (Jd ₁)	Jd ₂ , Omp, Eck	x (1)		x (2)
	KAS04	Hpakan (Kashin)	white Jd (Jd ₁)	Jd ₂ , Omp, Eck, Clc ($\pm$ Clc)	x (1)	x (2)	x (3)
	KAS06	Hpakan (Kashin)	Ed (+Omp?)	Jd ₂ , Omp, Rct, Eck	x		
	KAS07	Hpakan (Kashin)	white Jd (Jd ₁) and Mg-ktp	Jd ₂ , Omp, Eck, Chr		x (1)	x (2)
	KAS10	Hpakan (Kashin)	white Jd (Jd ₁)	Jd ₂ , Eck		?	

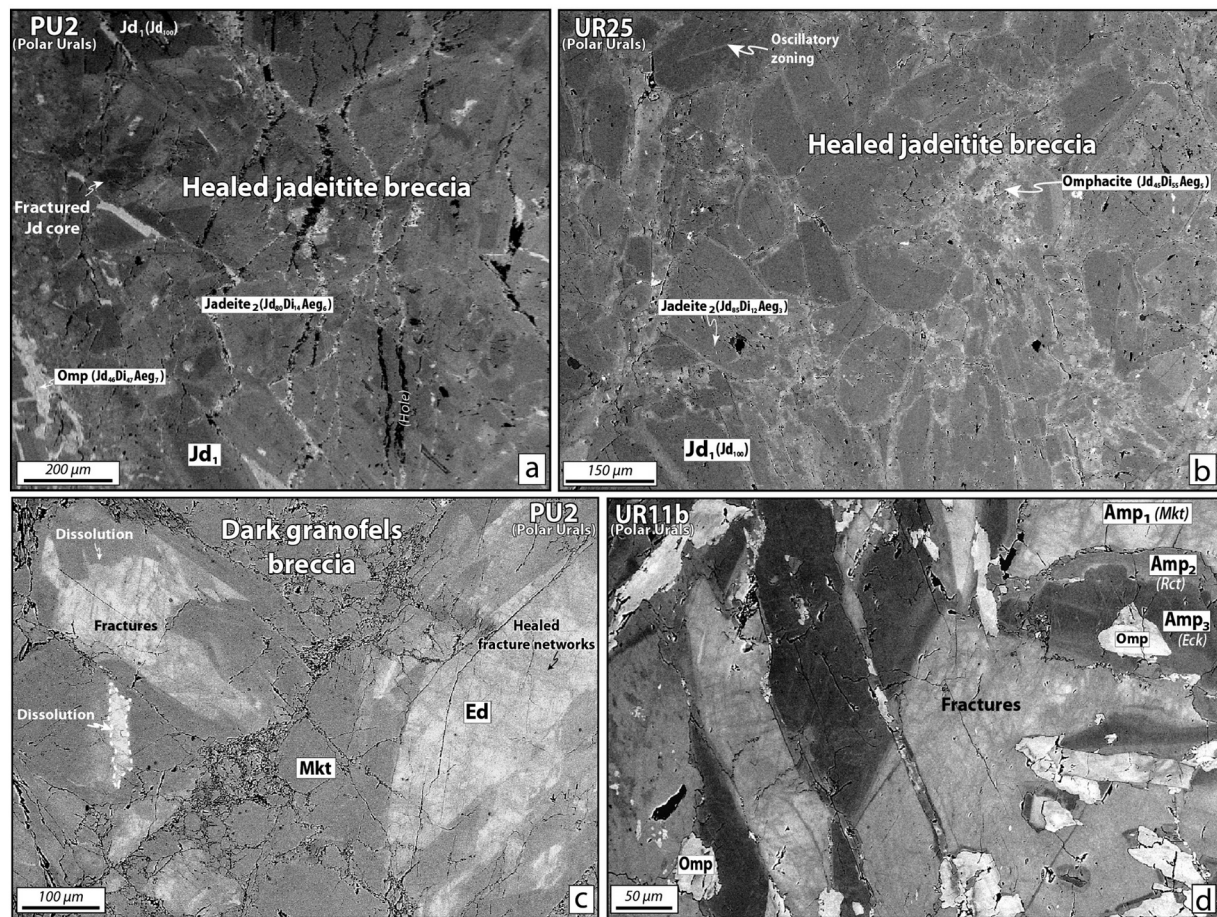


Fig. 3. Backscattered electron (BSE) images for Polar Urals samples. a. White jadeitite specimen (PU2) showing highly disrupted clasts with evidence for fracturing, dissolution, indentation and re-precipitation. Several clinopyroxene generations can be identified with increasing diopside component towards clast rim. b. Example of a cryptic jadeitite breccia showing extensive fracturing, comminution and dissolution of dark white jadeitite clasts (locally exhibiting oscillatory zoning pattern). Location of sample UR25 given in Fig. 1a. c. Dark, amphibole-rich granofels that is heavily brecciated, with similar dissolution-reprecipitation features as well as extensive healed microfractures (sample PU2). d. Fractures associated with the growth of several amphibole compositions such as richterite (Rct) and eckermannite (Eck) overgrowing magnesio-katophorite (Mkt). Note that omphacite grows lately within a crack in textural equilibrium with Rct and Eck (sample UR11b).

respectively, whereas [010] and [100] display maxima sub-perpendicular to it (normal to and within the foliation plane, respectively; Fig. 4c). This fabric, similar SL-type tectonites, is reported in many previous omphacite (a mineral rheologically similar to jadeite and diopside) fabrics in eclogites (e.g., Philippot and van Roermund, 1992;

Godard and van Roermund, 1995; Keppler et al., 2016), compatible with near-plain strain dislocation creep deformation mechanisms (e.g., Zhang et al., 2006; see also the review paper from Keppler, 2018). In addition, truncation of oscillatory zoning in jadeite crystals from the shear band denotes the contribution of solution-precipitation mechanisms. Thus,

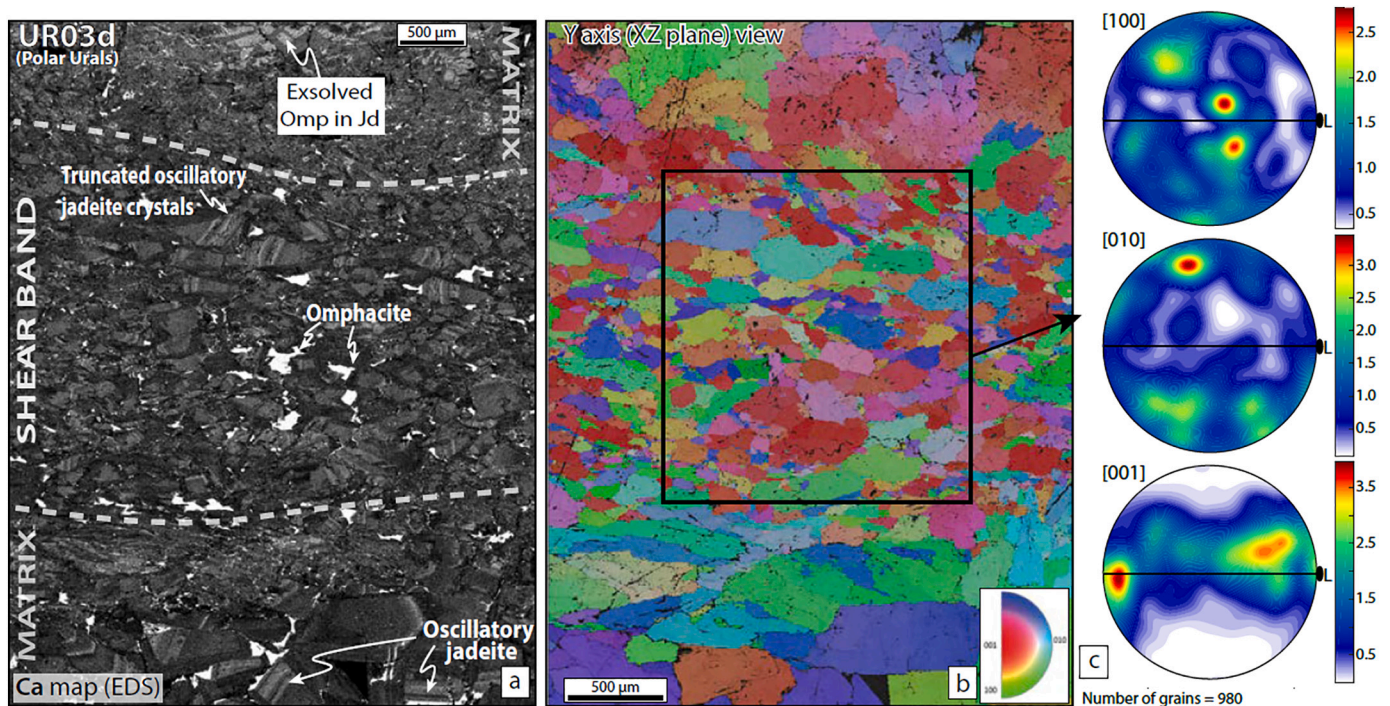


Fig. 4. a. EDS X-ray map (counts of Ca, brighter shades indicating greater elemental concentrations) showing the structure of a shear band that transects a white jadeite sample (PU3) from the Pus'yerka deposit. The coarse-grained oscillatory white Jd_1 crystals are deformed within the shear band into oriented and truncated aggregates of jadeite crystals with local omphacite overgrowths. b. EBSD orientation map colored according to the inverse pole figure key (IPF) of jadeite (bottom right), showing a shape preferred orientation to the X direction of the strain ellipsoid (i.e., stretching orientation). View (XZ plane) corresponding to the Y axis of the finite strain ellipsoid. c. Pole diagrams of jadeite from the shear band (black square in panel b) represented in an upper hemisphere equal-area projection for [100], [010] and [001] crystallographic axes. Contours are multiples of uniform density distributions. The bold dot on the L axis represents the stretching lineation direction (X direction of the strain ellipsoid), and the black line represents the foliation plane.

the fabrics herein observed indicate that a large part of the material involved in the shear zone (in particular the dark-shaded, fine-grained jadeite rims visible in Fig. 4a) grew *syn*-kinematically, most likely via crystal-plastic deformation processes coupled with dissolution-precipitation creep.

4. Texture and mineral chemistry of Polar Urals dark granofels

The dark granofels found within and along the white jadeite "dykes" from the Pus'yerka locality exhibits striking evidence for ductile and brittle shearing. Coarse idiomorphic calcic to sodic-calcic amphibole cores of edenite ($\text{NaCa}_2\text{Mg}_5\text{Si}_7\text{AlO}_{22}(\text{OH})_2$) to Mg-katophorite ($\text{Na}(\text{CaNa})\text{Mg}_4\text{AlSi}_7\text{AlO}_{22}(\text{OH})_2$; Amp_1) brighter Ca-rich cores in BSE imaging mode) form a dense network of dark, sealed fractures as well as indentation and dissolution-precipitation features (Fig. 3c, d). Various mutually overgrowing generations of amphiboles ranging from Mg-katophorite (Amp_2 on Fig. 3d) to sodic amphiboles such as eckermannite ($\text{NaNa}_2(\text{Mg}_4\text{Al})\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{22}(\text{OH})_2$; Amp_3) or richterite ($\text{Na}(\text{CaNa})(\text{Mg},\text{Fe})_5\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{22}(\text{OH})_2$) fill the breccia inter-clast space in apparent textural equilibrium with omphacite (see also Angiboust et al., 2021). In sample PU2, a dark granofels layer is observed (adjacent to a microfractured white jadeite domain), containing oriented sodic-calcic amphibole-phlogopite ($\pm$ omphacite $\pm$ clinocllore) crystals (Fig. 5a). Pervasive grain size reduction occurred through micro-brecciation (Fig. 5b, c, d) followed by further comminution that ultimately led to the formation of anastomosing foliated cataclasite networks (Fig. 5e, f, g; Type II). During (or after) grain size reduction, the large primary amphibole porphyroclasts of edenitic to magnesio-katophoritic compositions (with irregular Cr enrichments; Fig. 5c, g) were re-equilibrated along their rims and fractures with very fine-grained pulverized domains with richteritic to eckermannitic compositions (Fig. 5c, f). It thus appears that fracturing and milling occurred after (or during) the

formation of Mg-katophorite around the edenitic rims. LA-ICP-MS trace element mapping shows that the Mg-katophorite clasts are enriched in Cr, Nd, Zr and Y, whereas the fine richterite-eckermannite intergrowths are relatively enriched in Li and Ni (see Fig. S4).

An example of Type I mosaic breccia can be seen in Fig. 6a (sample UR11b), where clasts of Mg-katophoritic composition were also heavily affected by multiple fracturing events. Remnants from the most pristine amphiboles lie along the edenite-Mg-katophorite transition (see Table S1 and Fig. S4 for chemical properties). Omphacitic clinopyroxene is very common as inclusions within clast cores as well as along sealed fractures (Fig. 6d). Several generations of Mg-katophorite (with the younger exhibiting increasing Na(B) and decreasing Ca contents; Fig. 6c) can be identified within and around the clasts. Texturally late eckermannite crystals (together with nyboite: $\text{NaNa}_2(\text{Mg}_3\text{Al}_2)\text{Si}_7\text{AlO}_{22}(\text{OH})_2$) are found filling the clast's cracks as well as replacing quadrangular inclusions in the cores of the fragments (Fig. 6b; see Angiboust et al., 2021 for details on mineral chemistry). The inter-clast space is filled with fine-grained Mg-katophorite fragments that coexist with zoned clinopyroxene (ranging from jadeite to omphacite in composition; Fig. 6d) as well as micrometer- to tens of micrometer-sized chromian spinel crystals (surrounded by Cr-clinopyroxene; Fig. 6b; Fig. S2). Electron probe mapping demonstrates that the inter-clast domain is relatively enriched in Al, Na, Ca and Cr with respect to the Mg-katophorite clasts (Fig. S5).

LA-ICP-MS trace element mapping of the brecciated region from the dark granofels (UR11b) shows Mg-katophorite cores exhibiting Cr oscillations equivalent to sample PU2 (Fig. 5g), revealing cryptic fractures healed with amphiboles substantially enriched in Zr, Hf, Y, Cr, Li and Ba (Fig. 6e, f, g; Fig. S5). Similar enrichments are distinguished within clinopyroxene-rich fracture-fill material (Fig. S5). Patchy enrichment in Li, Ba, Sr, Y and Ce (among other elements) is also visible in the amphibole-clinopyroxene inter-clast domain (see Fig. S5 for further

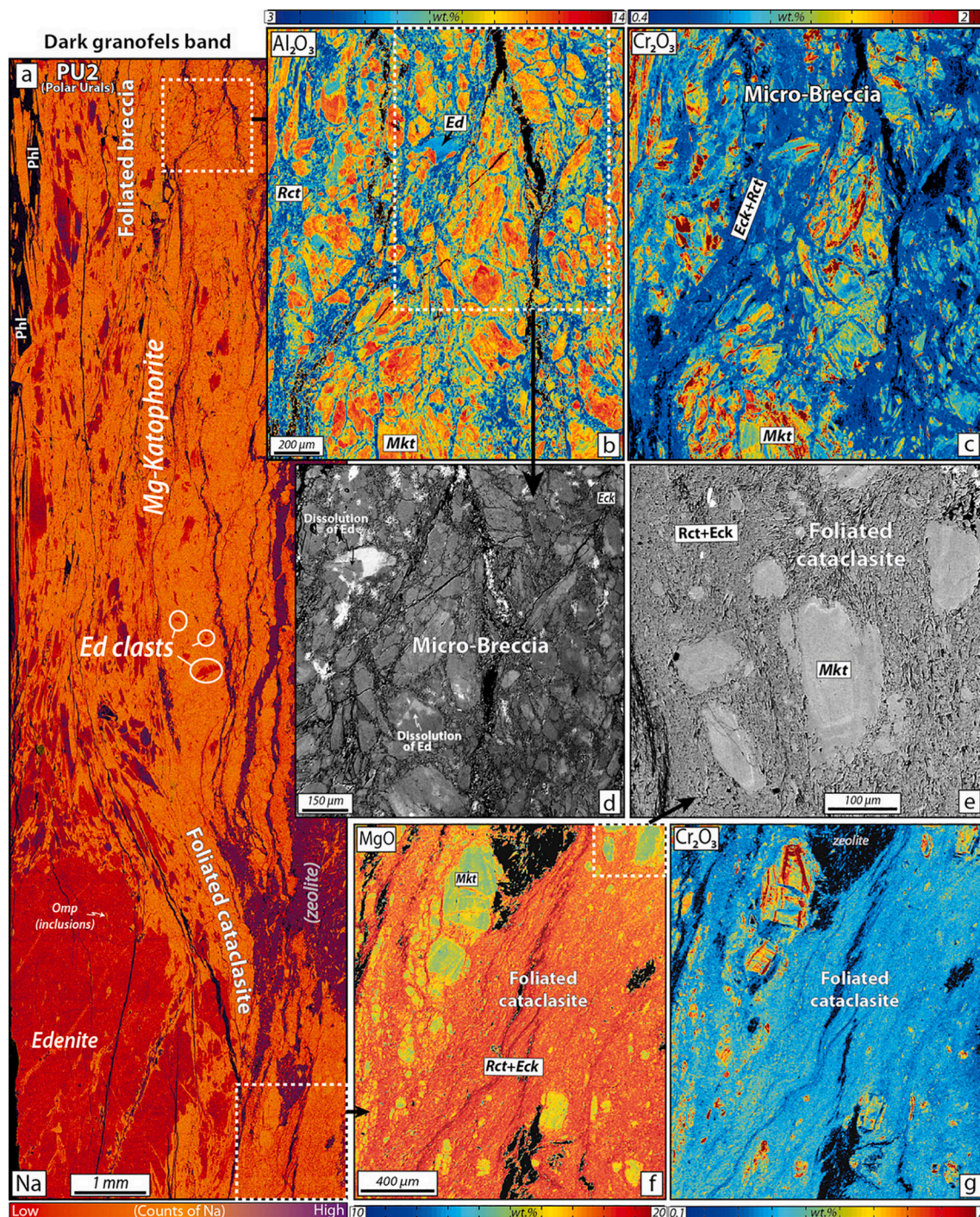


Fig. 5. a. EDS X-ray map (counts of Na) showing the internal structure of a shear band crosscutting a dark granofels (sample PU2, Polar Urals). Primary edenite compositions (large clast) are gradually transformed along their rims into Mg-katophorite to richteritic compositions. Remnants of the original edenite clasts are found floating in the Mg-rich domain, associated with oriented phlogopite (Phl) as well as rare omphacite and clinoclone crystals. b and c. EPMA X-ray maps showing a close-up on the foliated, matrix-rich, clast-supported chaotic breccia. d. BSE image showing dissolution features of the primary edenitic amphibole. e. BSE image showing a region of the shear band exhibiting a typical foliated cataclasite texture with Mg-katophorite clasts wrapped in a richterite+eckermannite fine-grained matrix. f and g. EPMA X-ray maps showing the internal structure of the foliated cataclasite as well as the presence of pre-fracturing Cr sector zoning in Mg-katophorite crystals. Some trace element maps for this sample are provided in Fig. S4. Texturally late Na- and Ca-rich zeolites grow as patches and along fractures parallel with the main foliation.

maps as well as normalized trace-element spider diagrams).

4.1. Deformation and mineral chemistry of Motagua (Guatemala) jadeite breccias

Macroscopic evidence for brecciation of the Motagua region jadeites is widespread in the studied samples (see also Harlow et al., 2011

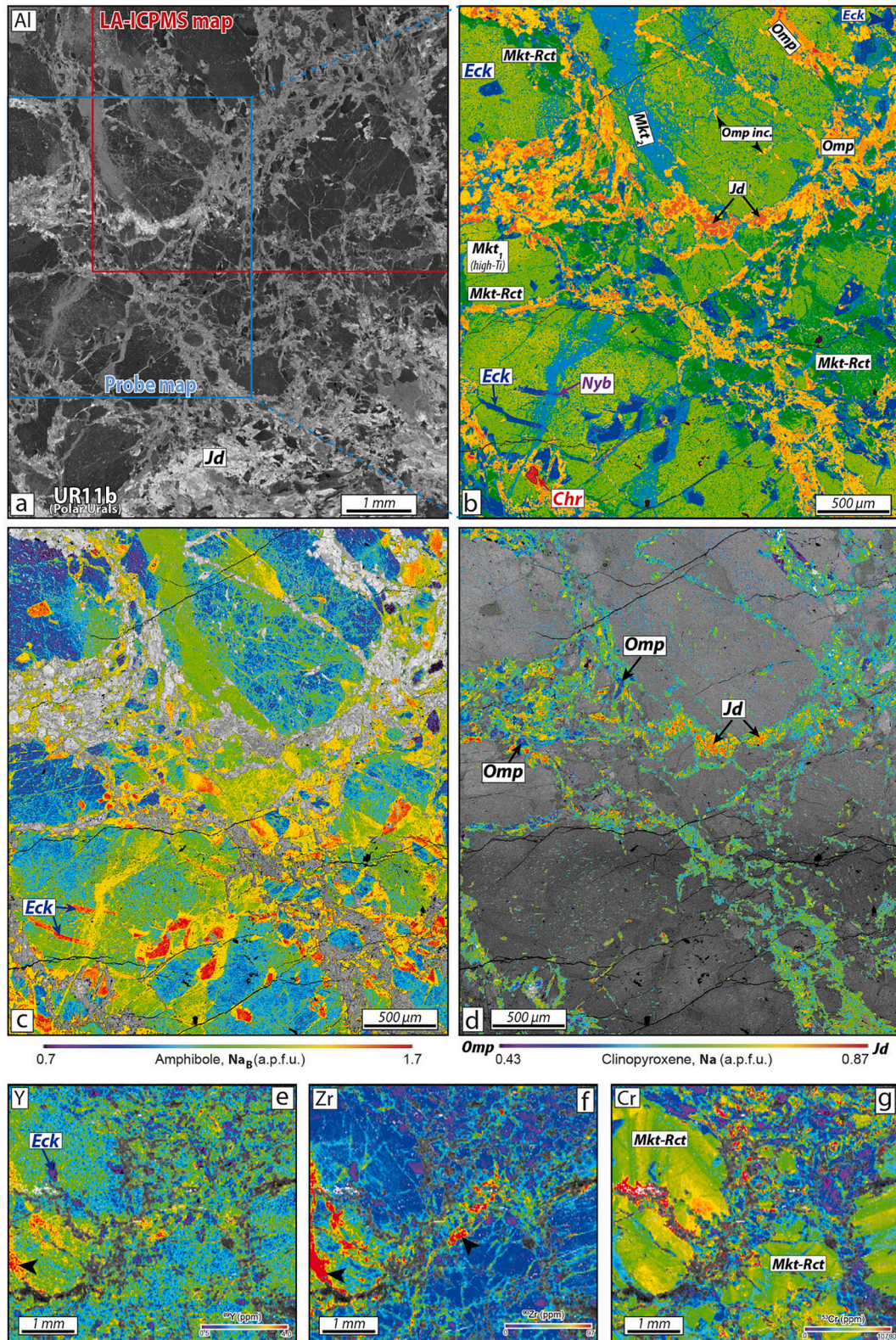


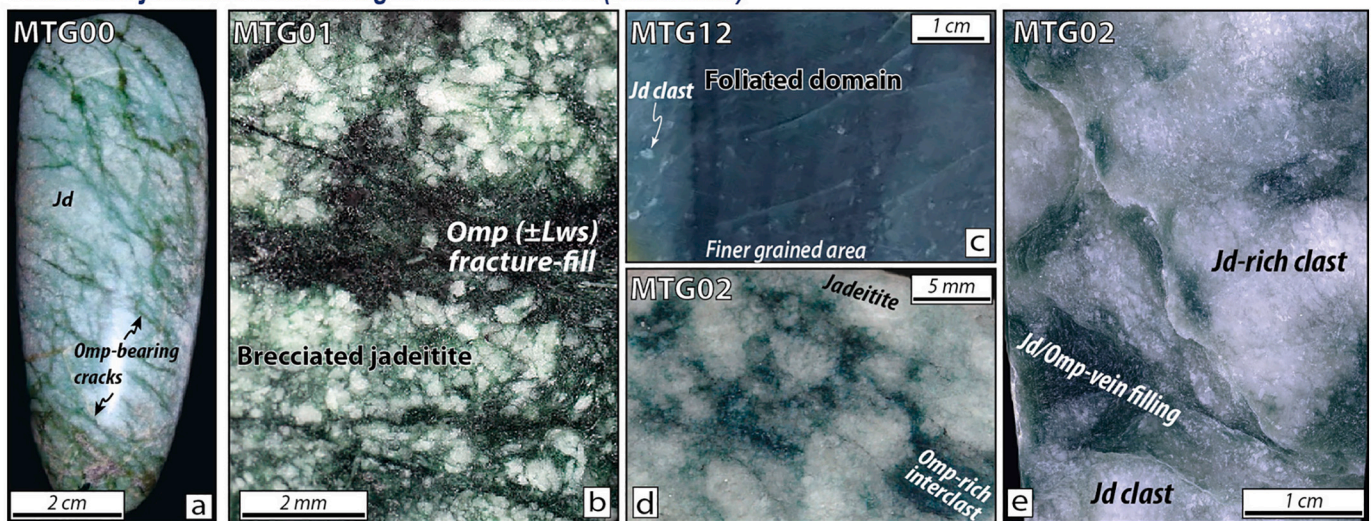
Fig. 6. a. EDS X-ray map (counts of Al, brighter shades indicating greater elemental concentrations) depicting the chaotic breccia texture with the various healed fracture networks, as well as the location of both LA-ICP-MS and electron probe maps (sample UR11b, Polar Urals). b. EPMA-based masked phase map showing the various Mg-katophorite generations (green), eckermannite (blue) and nyboite (violet). Omphacite is in light yellow shades, jadeite in deep orange and chromite (Chr) in red. Note how the various fracture generations are mutually overprinting. c. Amphibole masked map showing the Na(B) content. Increasing Na(B) is commonly viewed as reflecting a decreasing P/T ratio (closer to HP-LT conditions). d. Masked map of Na content in clinopyroxene showing two distinct compositions in the breccia-filling material. e, f and g. LA-ICP-MS masked trace element maps (amphiboles only) showing Y, Zr and Cr concentrations (in ppm). The full analytical dataset is given in Fig. S5. Black arrows indicate Zr and Y enrichments in the healed fractures and in the inter-clast matrix. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

and references therein). Three types of deformation patterns were observed: (i) deep green fractures crosscutting white jadeitites (Type I, Fig. 7a, b); (ii) finely comminuted foliated breccia and cataclastic patterns (Type II, Fig. 7e); and (iii) hydraulic-like breccias where millimeter- to centimeter-sized angular clasts are infiltrated by a fibrous, oriented jadeite (bluish) cement (Type III, Fig. 7c, d; see below). Whereas the clasts forming the breccias are systematically whitish to light-greenish along their rims, the fracture- and breccia-filling material is always darker, ranging from dark green (Fig. 7a, b) to deep blue (Fig. 7c, d, e). The inter-clast domain filling these breccias is always enriched in Ca, Mg and Fe and depleted in Na and Al, as a consequence of omphacite growth. The replacement of the original jadeite (Jd_1 , of near pure jadeite composition) by a secondary clinopyroxene (Jd_2 , commonly slightly poorer in jadeite molecule ($80 < Jd_2 < 90$ mol%) and

Omp) is pervasive, affecting the entire breccia and not only the clast margins (Fig. 8a, b). Fracture-filling clinopyroxene exhibits feather-like omphacitic crystals (Fig. S2) as well as a texturally strained appearance (Fig. 8a). The Mg EDS map in Fig. 8a shows relict white jadeite clast cores (also visible on the hand specimen image in Fig. 7e) affected by pervasive re-equilibration (dissolution-precipitation) by Ca-rich jadeite and omphacite compositions along crystal joints, fractures, grain boundaries and micro-faults.

In Type II fault rocks, a centimeter-thick layering with variable shades of blue-grey (Fig. 7c) is observed transecting the original white jadeite (Fig. 9a). Pale, clast-like patches (of pure jadeite composition) are macroscopically visible both in the host jadeite as well as within the deep blue layers (see Table S1 for representative mineral compositions). Microscopically, the bands are composed of very fine-grained

Tectonized jadeitites from Motagua fault zone area (Guatemala)



Tectonized jadeitites from Hpakan area (Kashin region, Myanmar)

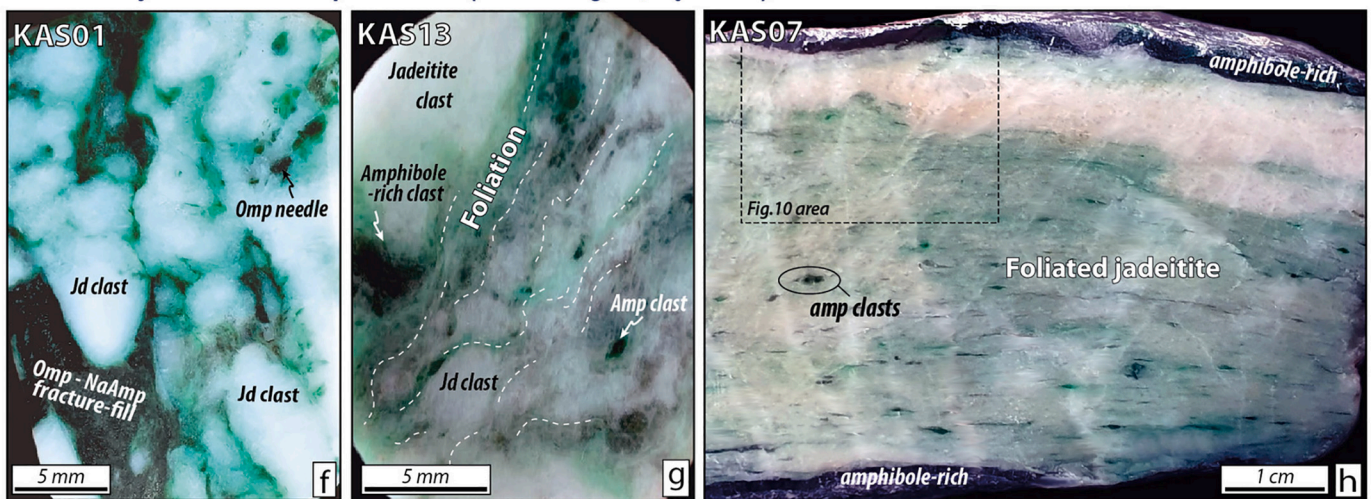


Fig. 7. a. Polished axe carved in a Motagua fault zone jadeite. This artefact has been found in El Manati excavation (Olmec civilization, 2500–500 B-C; Veracruz state, Mexico; length: 105 mm, weight 189.5 g, density 3.24). It shows numerous omphacite-bearing fractures characteristic of a nearby fault zone system (Type I). Courtesy of F. Gendron (MNHN, Paris). b. Polished rock slab showing numerous white jadeite domains rimmed by a dark-green omphacitic clinopyroxene. This sample is cut by a fracture that exhibits fibrous omphacite crystals as well as rare lawsonite crystals. c. Type II jadeite sample showing the host that is transected by a foliated domain comprising white jadeite clasts. d. Jadeite breccia (Type III) with clasts fractured and healed by a blueish omphacite. e. Jadeite breccia (Type III) with clasts pervasively fractured and partly recrystallized along their rims by a secondary, greyish jadeite composition, and later cemented by a deep blue ('Olmec') jadeite composition. f. White jadeite clasts forming a breccia texture with Cr-enrichments along their rims and cemented by fibrous sodic clinopyroxenes (Type III). g. Moderately foliated breccia showing intermixed dark amphibole-rich clasts and white jadeite clasts. h. Strongly foliated white jadeite matrix in between two foliated dark granofels bands (Type II). Note the large amount of blue amphibole clasts wrapped in the main clear foliation. The white boudin corresponds to a remnant of the pre-deformation pure jadeite (Jd_1). (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

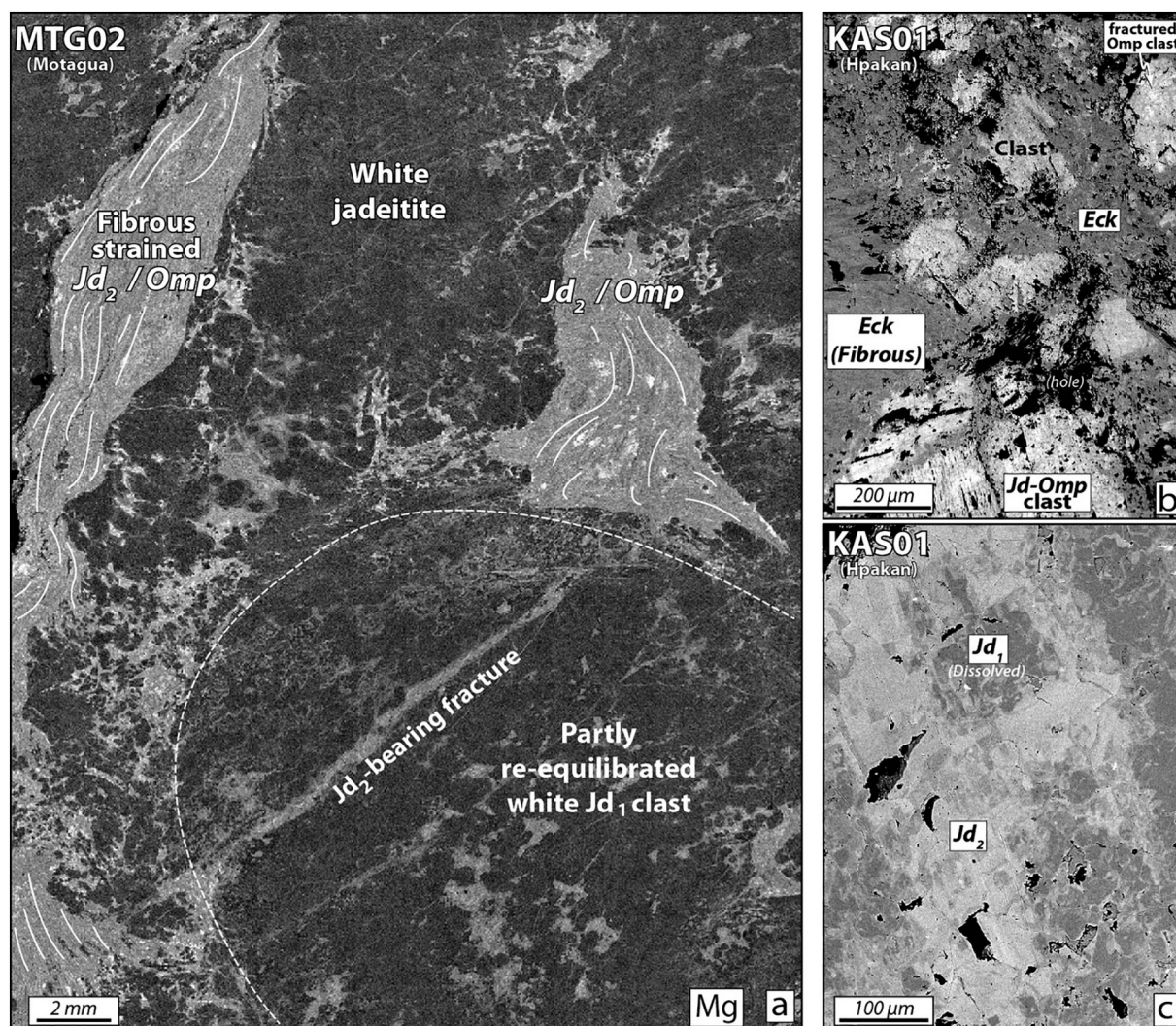


Fig. 8. a. EDS X-ray map (counts of Mg, brighter shades indicating greater elemental concentrations) depicting a Type III hydraulic breccia texture with fibrous clinopyroxene fills (see Fig. S2 for further images; Motagua region, Guatemala). Note how the Jd_1 clasts are corroded and replaced by a secondary jadeite (richer in omphacitic component) along grain boundaries, micro-fractures as well as inside the clasts. b. BSE image of a brecciated jadeitite with fibrous eckermannite (sodic amphibole) infills (Myanmar). c. BSE image showing dissolved primary Jd_1 generation (nearly Jd_{100}) replaced by a secondary Jd_2 composition (slightly more enriched in omphacite).

(5–15 μm on average diameter) jadeitite fragments cemented by omphacite-rich compositions in interstitial positions (Fig. 9b, c, d, g). Interestingly, this apparently pulverized domain also hosts “shard-like” features ranging in size from several tens to hundreds of microns (Fig. 9e,f,g). These shards (locally showing ptygmatic folds and contortion) define a weak lamination, resembling the “fiamme” textures known in ignimbrites and other pyroclastic flow deposits. Many of these shards display a fibro-radial intergrowth of jadeite and omphacite fibers that evoke the textures reported in spherulites formed after the devitrification of a former glass (Fig. 9g). SEM-based surface estimates of these shards yield compositions ranging between those measured for jadeite and omphacite crystals (Fig. 9c, h). The shard-bearing fault zone domain shown in Fig. 9b is transected by a dark, very fine-grained omphacitite band that seems connected with the network of omphacite-bearing hydrofractures that transect the rock volume. Remnants from foliated fragments of the host (namely the white jadeitite Jd_1 but also the foliated shard-bearing domain) are observed, strongly dissolved, within this omphacitite band. A metasomatic reaction front also appears to have formed at the contact between these two domains (Fig. 9b).

5. Deformation and mineral chemistry of Hpakan (Myanmar) jadeitite breccias

Further evidence for brecciation of jadeitites can be obtained observing the hand specimens from Myanmar shown in Fig. 7f, g and h. These samples exhibit the most complex sequence of mutually cross-cutting brittle events (Table 1). In Fig. 7f, white (and slightly rounded) jadeitite clasts are rimmed by omphacite (light green domains) and wrapped by dark blue amphibole (eckermannite)-clinopyroxene intergrowths (Fig. 8b). The pristine jadeitic pyroxene composition (Jd_1) is only preserved as islands in the middle of a brighter (in BSE) more omphacitic pyroxene (Jd_2 and Omp; Fig. 8c). In sample KAS10, dissolved cores exhibiting exsolution features can also be observed, with two pyroxenes forming at the expense of a former one (Fig. S2). Jd_1 seems to have been replaced along grain boundaries by a fluid that triggered pervasive re-equilibration (mixed Type I and Type III deformation). In other samples, the same meso-scale structure exhibits a weak, omphacite-rich foliation wrapping remnants of the white jadeitite and dismembered amphibole-rich fragments (Fig. 7g). This texture suggests that viscous flow may occasionally overprint previously formed brittle (Type I) brecciated zones.

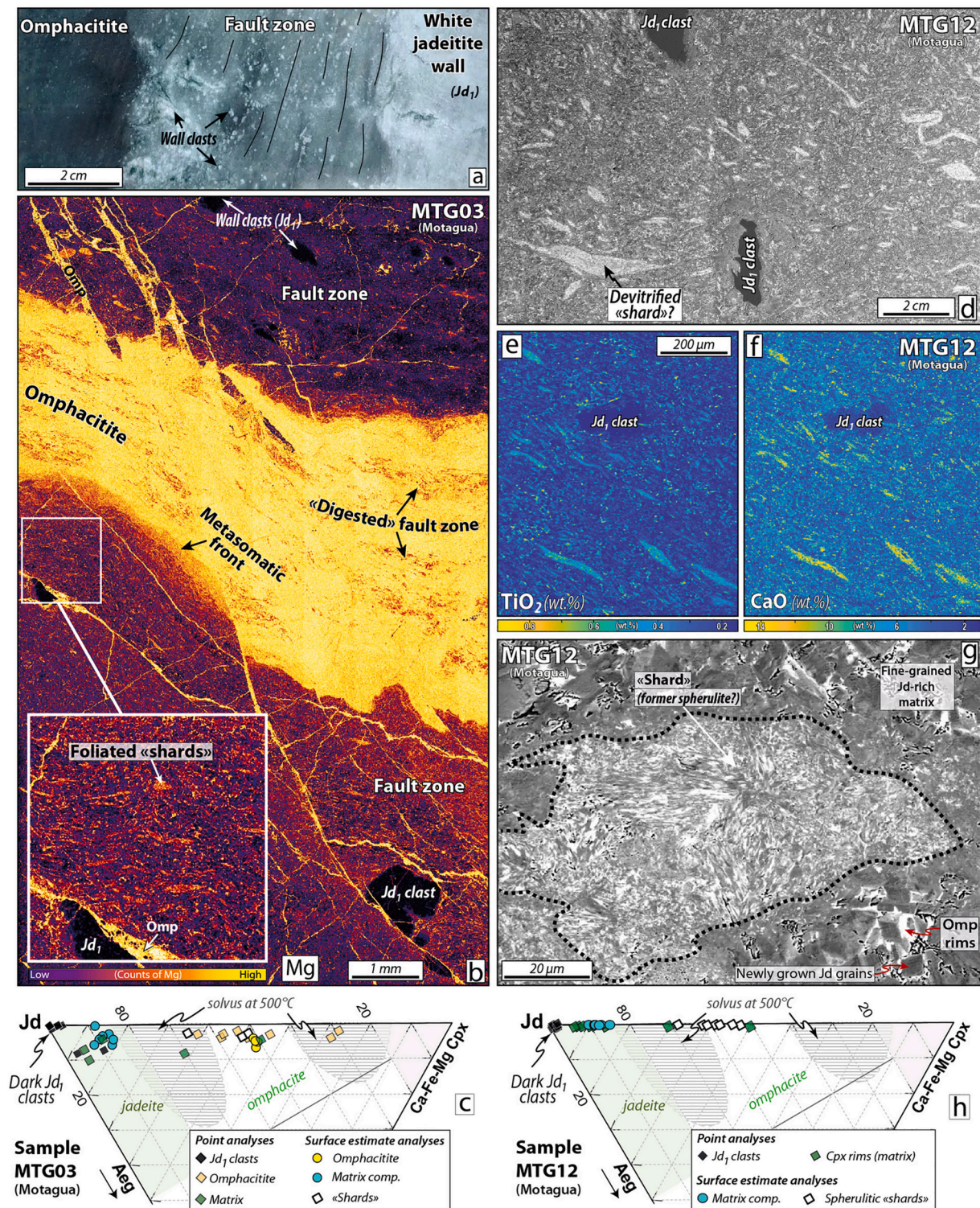


Fig. 9. a. Hand specimen image of a Motagua jadeitite showing deformation features of the pristine white jadeitite on the right, the foliated clast-bearing domain in the center (Type II texture) and a secondary omphacite band on the left. b. EDS X-ray map (counts of Mg) depicting a Type II matrix hosting white jadeitite clasts (in black), foliated «shards» as well as late omphacite-bearing hydrofracture networks. c. Clinopyroxene composition in the Jd-Di-Aeg triangle (after Morimoto, 1989; MTG03). Solvus domains for clinopyroxene are derived from García-Casco et al. (2009). d. BSE image showing the typical appearance of a Type II foliated cataclastic matrix where shards and partly re-equilibrated white jadeitite clasts coexist. Note how the shards are randomly folded but yet define a mild foliation. e and f. Quantified EPMA X-ray maps of TiO₂ and CaO contents (in wt%) showing elemental distributions in a clast and shard-bearing, Type II foliated cataclastic matrix. g. High-magnification BSE image showing a shard that exhibits a fibro-radial internal structure that evokes devitrification spherulites. Note how the finely-comminuted clasts forming the pulverized matrix were overgrown by a new (locally faceted) omphacitic clinopyroxene composition during fault consolidation and fluid-enhanced sealing. h. Clinopyroxene composition in the Jd-Di-Aeg triangle (sample MTG12). Note how shards are systematically enriched in omphacitic content.

Sample KAS07 displays a whitish, foliated band separating two dark granofels domains (Fig. 7h). The leucocratic band comprises small, flattened dark amphibole fragments oriented parallel with the main foliation (Fig. 10a), as well as green trails characteristic of Cr-bearing omphacitic clinopyroxenes. A cathodoluminescence image (Fig. 10b) of the whitish domain reveals the presence of three distinct jadeite-forming events in a Type II pattern deformation zone. The first is a green-colored aggregate (Jd_1 ; white jadeite: $Jd_{91}Quad_5Aeg_4$ on average) wrapped within a pink-colored foliated band (mostly Jd_2) that hosts numerous angular, green-shaded fragments clearly derived from the

green Jd_1 aggregate on the left of the image (Fig. 10b). These green clasts range in size from several tens to hundreds of microns, and display widespread evidence of fracturing, dissolution and re-precipitation/overgrowth by a brighter, slightly more omphacitic composition (see for example Fig. 10c; $Jd_{84}Quad_6Aeg_{10}$ on average). This fabric evokes a deformation by micro-fracturing, with substantial comminution accompanied with shearing and flow banding of the pink cataclastic domain.

In the same sample, an eckermannite-filled extensional vein (Type III) is observed crosscutting at low angles the foliated cataclastic domain

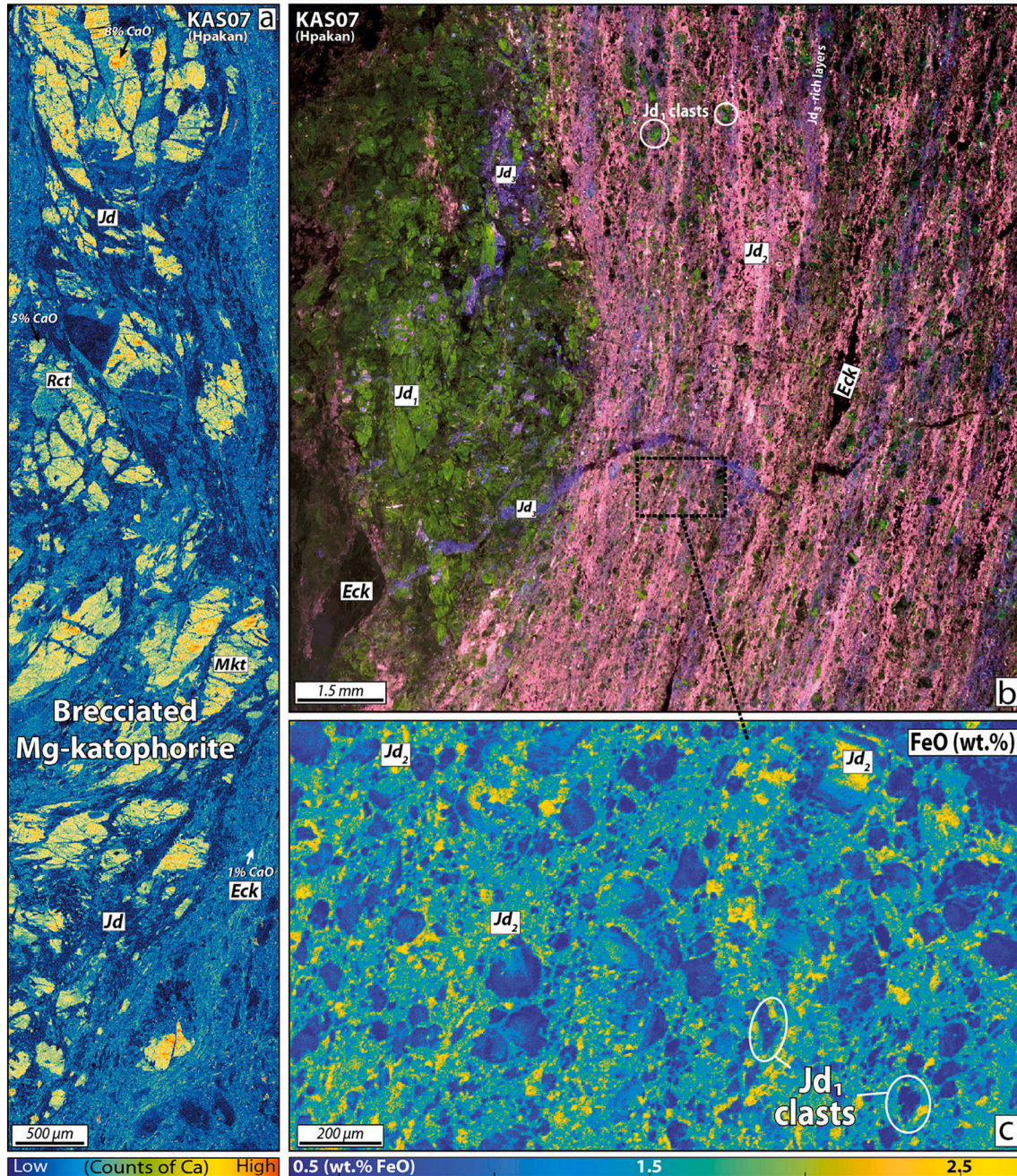


Fig. 10. a. EDS X-ray map (counts of Ca) showing the internal structure of a foliated and brecciated dark granofels layer with Mg-katophorite cores (locally containing up to 8 wt% CaO) wrapped within a jadeite-eckermannite-bearing foliation. b. Cathodoluminescence image of the whitish, foliated part of sample KAS07. Note the white jadeite (Jd_1 ; CL-colored in green) fragments now dispersed in the Type II foliated cataclasite matrix (Jd_2 ; CL-colored in pink) and the black trails parallel with the foliation that are mostly made of sodic amphibole (e.g., eckermannite). Late Cr-rich jadeite (Jd_3 ; CL-colored in purple) is also observed parallel with the main foliation as well as along cracks. c. EPMA X-ray map showing FeO distribution in the whitish foliated cataclastic domain. Note the random (Fe-poor) Jd_1 clast size distribution as well as the apparent absence of internal deformation (such as plasticity) of Jd_1 clasts. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

(Fig. S2). A late pure jadeite formation event (Jd_3 , in purple on Fig. 10b) also occurs as foliation parallel bands, as patchy domains in the green-colored Jd_1 *augen* on the left of the image, as well as filling late cracks that crosscut all previous features. Sheared amphibole fragments (mostly eckermannite) appear dark in the cathodoluminescence image in the main foliated area (Fig. 10b). BSE imaging and composition analysis reveal that the amphibole-rich band from the left part of this thin section (Fig. 10a) locally contains Mg-katophorite cores rimmed by eckermannite or nyboite compositions (see Table S1 for representative mineral compositions). This brecciated amphibole-rich domain (likely a former Type I) has been cemented by a clinopyroxene-Na-amphibole mixture and foliated parallel to the adjacent foliated cataclasite domain (Figs. 7h, 10b). A striking feature of this dark domain is the systematic decrease of Ca content in amphibole from the cores (Mg-katophorite; 7 wt% CaO) to the foliated matrix, where amphiboles are extremely enriched in Na_2O (>11 wt%) and depleted in CaO (<1.5 wt%). Similar observations were made in sample KAS06 where cores are edenitic (up to 10 wt% CaO), whereas crystals lining the foliation correspond to eckermannite, also closely associated with strained jadeite crystals (see Fig. S2 for EDS mapping and further details on mineral chemistry).

The most compelling evidence pointing to repeated brittle deformation events is exhibited in Fig. 11 (sample KAS04). Three chemically distinct domains can be distinguished: (i) the white jadeite clasts (likely a former Type I structure); (ii) the blue amphibole fibrous veins that “inject” between breccia clasts (e.g., hydrofracture-filling material); and (iii) a very fine-grained, greenish Type II foliated omphacite domain at the top of the sample (Fig. 11a, Fig. 12f). Locally, the contact between the blue amphibole domains and the white clasts exhibits structures that evoke Type III hydrofracturing processes (with local embayments pointing to interface-coupled dissolution-precipitation mechanisms; Fig. 11b; e.g., Putnis and Austrheim, 2013). A large surface of the same sample (KAS04) has been mapped using EDS (Fig. 11c) in order to image millimeter-scale relationships between these three domains. The largest rounded, Al-rich white jadeite clast (colored in red) is transected along its base by a sharp micro-fault plane, along which the green, very fine-grained material (“foliated cataclasite”) is found. The green omphacite domain is formed by tens of micrometer-sized crystals (Fig. 11d) that commonly contain dark clasts (in BSE mode) with a composition similar to the large white jadeite clasts (Fig. 12f). Cathodoluminescence imaging reveals that the clasts in the foliated cataclasites have a similar purple CL colour as the large white jadeite clasts, confirming their genetic link (Fig. 12a, b, c). These clasts are rimmed by two distinct clinopyroxene compositions (Jd_2 and Omp) with increasing omphacitic content (Figs. 11e, 12f), the interfaces between which appear to be dissolved (see black arrows on Fig. 11d).

Elongated patches with omphacitic composition are aligned with the main foliation, and invade the fault as well as its damage zone (Fig. 12a, b). The foliated nature of this fine-grained jadeite-omphacite rich domain is evidenced using EBSD mapping (Fig. 12d). This image shows a shape-preferred orientation, with elongated jadeitic clinopyroxene grains (aspect ratios up to 6:1) defining a lineation subparallel to the strong crystallographic-preferred orientation well visible in [001] (Fig. 12e). Similarly to Polar Urals jadeitites, the [010] crystallographic axes are highly concentrated normal to the foliation plane but [100] are aligned within the foliation plane perpendicular to [010]. This defines a fabric akin to LS-type tectonites, confirming the likely presence of crystal-plastic deformation mechanisms associated with a near-plain strain geometry, as also supported by experimental investigations and numerical simulations (Ulrich and Mainprice, 2005; Zhang et al., 2006). In addition, intragranular misorientation maps show that several highly misoriented grains are surrounded by clusters of finer-grained crystals devoid of internal deformation. The former likely represent remnant fragments, and the latter dynamically recrystallized grains along the foliation (Fig. 12d, Fig. S3).

A late faulting event that led to the precipitation of blue amphibole

as well as clinocllore along micro-fault planes affects the white jadeite domain and the foliated cataclasites (Fig. 11c, e). Celsian crystals (a Bar-rich feldspar) are commonly found texturally associated with these apparently late clinocllore-bearing fault zones (black arrows on Fig. 11c). To summarize, textural relationships visible in sample KAS04 suggest the following deformation sequence: (i) tectonic brecciation of the white jadeite; (ii) cataclasis of some of the white jadeite and foliation of this cataclased domain; (iii) re-brecciation (hydraulic) of the volume and precipitation of the Na-amphibole-rich domain between brecciated and cataclased domains; and (iv) crystallization of clinocllore and celsian along late discrete fault zones oblique to the previous fault structures (Fig. 11c).

6. Discussion

6.1. Worldwide jadeitites record mixed deformation regimes

Our comparative and analytical investigation reveals that most of the studied samples from Russia, Guatemala and Myanmar display widespread and similar markers of fracturing that have received little attention in previous studies (e.g., Dobretsov and Ponomareva, 1968; Shi et al., 2009b). Brittle deformation markers span a broad range, from Type I breccias typical of damage zones (e.g., Figs. 2, 6, 10a, 13a), to Type II variably foliated cataclasites that are more diagnostic of strongly localized fault systems (e.g., Rowe et al., 2011; Angiboust et al., 2015; Oncken et al., in revision; Figs. 5, 9, 13b), to Type III hydraulic breccias thought to develop at high fluid pressure conditions as extensional veining (e.g. Woodcock et al., 2007). A common feature of all studied materials are arrays of healed mineral fractures commonly coupled with grain size reduction, crystal indentation and dissolution-precipitation processes. This pattern, sometimes hardly visible using optical microscopy, requires the use of specific analytical approaches such as cathodoluminescence imaging or electronic microscopy to be documented (e.g., Figs. 3, 12; Shi et al., 2003; Sorensen et al., 2006; Takahashi et al., 2017). Pure extensional fracturing (e.g., hydrofracturing; Type III; Fig. 13c) has been identified in several samples, with fragments of the host that appear to have been snatched into clinopyroxene or amphibole-rich veins (Fig. 10b). When several brittle events can be distinguished, Type III events always occur late in the sequence (Table 1). In all localities, it is always the original white jadeite material (Jd_1) that undergoes shearing-related brecciation and subsequent cementation by a darker clinopyroxene (Jd_2 or Omp ; Fig. 7e) and/or by sodic amphiboles (e.g., eckermannite; Figs. 7f, 11a).

Evidence for viscous deformation has been observed in a shear band transecting the coarse-grained Polar Urals white jadeite body (Fig. 4a), as well as within Myanmar jadeitites (Shi et al., 2009b). This observation reveals that the white jadeite body, once crystallized, underwent differential stresses high enough to generate crystal plasticity (most likely via dislocation creep) yielding a CPO. Following the argument developed in Angiboust et al. (2021), it is hypothesized that this shearing occurred at c. 650 °C, i.e., above the antigorite stability field (Fig. 14d), because no evidence for Cr enrichment was found in this shear band (even though other processes may also contribute to Cr availability in the system; e.g., Huang et al., 2019). Assuming a strain rate of 10^{-14} s^{-1} (a median value commonly inferred for ductile shear zones; e.g., Pfiffner and Ramsay, 1982) and using the experimentally-based dislocation creep flow laws from Orzol et al. (2006) and Zhang et al. (2006), it is possible to estimate the differential stresses required for creating the shear band of sample UR03 to be between 125 and 40 MPa, respectively. Note that these values likely represent an upper bound since other competing deformation mechanisms such as pressure solution creep would likely be activated at lower stress values (e.g. Godard and van Roermund, 1995). The implications of these values will be discussed hereafter.

The CPO observed in KAS04 sample and other Type II samples likely results from a combination of dislocation creep and solution-

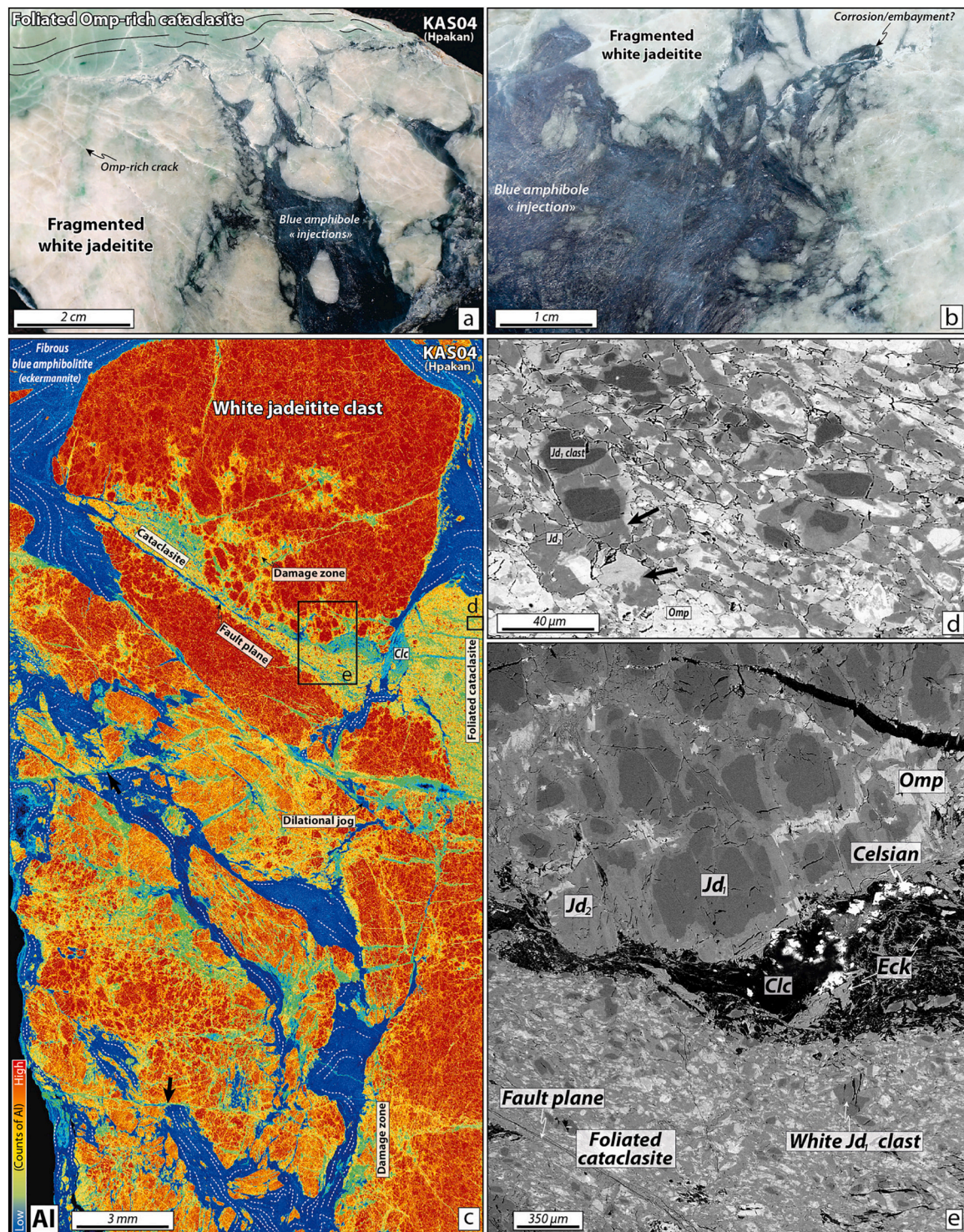


Fig. 11. a. Polished hand specimen of a brecciated jadeitite from Myanmar (KAS04), where white jadeitite clasts are transected by a green, strongly foliated cataclastic domain (Type II). The sample is lately affected by a stage of pervasive, fibrous sodic amphibole (eckermannite) growth, infiltrating along cracks. b. Higher magnification image showing how the white jadeitite has been hydrofractured and filled by sodic amphibole, leaving embayments that may be interpreted as resulting from the dissolution by a reactive fluid. Note also the distribution of sodic amphibole fibers infiltrating the Type III breccia. c. EDS X-ray map (counts of Al) showing the great complexity of the internal structure in sample KAS04, where several brittle deformation and fluid-rock interaction events can be identified, including deformation features along ancient fault planes with injecting cataclastic material as well as damage zone formation. d. BSE image of the foliated cataclasite domain where white Jd_1 clasts are now dissolved and embedded within a Jd_2 -omphacite matrix. e. BSE close-up image of the faulted area in panel c showing the foliated cataclasite domain, the micro-fault plane as well as the partly re-equilibrated damage zone. The contact between the large white jadeitite clast has been re-activated and filled by a clinocllore-eckermannite-celsian paragenesis. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

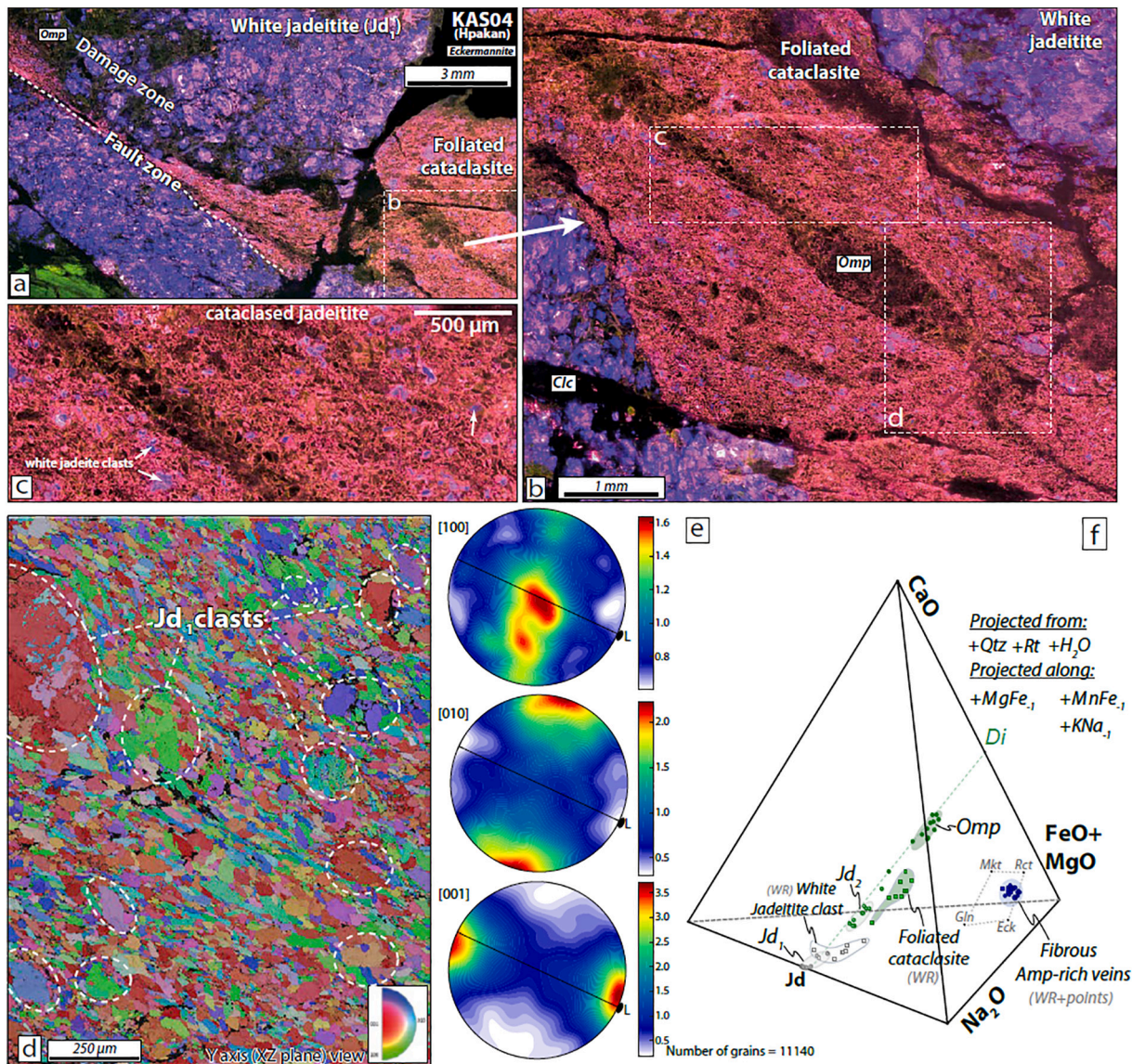


Fig. 12. a, b, c. Cathodoluminescence images showing the relationships between the different textural domains of sample KAS04. Note how the Jd_1 fragments (pink colors) are dragged within the foliated cataclasite domain. d. EBSD orientation map colored according to the inverse pole figure key (IPF) of jadeite (bottom right), showing a shape preferred orientation of jadeite to the X direction of the strain ellipsoid (i.e., stretching orientation). View (XZ plane) corresponding to the Y axis of the finite strain ellipsoid. e. Pole diagrams of jadeite crystals smaller than 100 μm in diameter (larger crystals are considered as clasts, as indicated in the figure and more detailed in Fig. S3), represented in an upper hemisphere equal-area projection for [100], [010] and [001] crystallographic axes. Contours are multiples of uniform density distributions. The bold dot on the L axis represents the stretching lineation direction (X direction of the strain ellipsoid) and the black line the foliation plane. f. Projection in a $\text{CaO}-\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3-(\text{FeO} + \text{MgO})-\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ system of the different groups of mineral compositions, as well as local surface estimates of bulk major element composition (WR: whole-rock). Circles are single point measurements and squares are SEM-based surface compositional estimates (WR).

precipitation processes in a dominant simple shear regime but also with some degree of pure shear, as suggested by the observed LS-type fabric but also a weak girdle of [001], respectively (Figs. 4c, 12e). These deformation mechanisms have been already documented in eclogite-facies clinopyroxene by Godard and van Roermund (1995); see also Ulrich and Mainprice, 2005) (e.g., Fig. 12b). It is clear from the fragmented jadeitite clast distribution (along with the cathodoluminescence colour of the various crystals; Fig. 12b) that cataclastic flow (during brittle deformation) operated through localized faulting *before* CPO formation (see also Oncken et al., in revision; Fig. 10c). In other words, we infer that the observed foliated cataclasite structure is the protracted result of consecutive brittle flow followed by slower, viscous creep. This sequence of events may be the record of one or several seismic cycles where fast co-seismic slip is immediately followed by a slower after-slip event (e.g., Sibson, 1986; Rowe et al., 2011). Indeed, many of the

reported fabrics resemble the structures documented in fault cores at shallower/colder environments where multiple episodes of particle fluidization are reported on the principal slip zone (Figs. 5f, 10c; e.g., Sibson, 1986; Snoke et al., 2014; Cox and Munroe, 2016; Muñoz-Montecinos et al., 2021a). Interestingly, the main brecciation/cataclasis event in sample KAS04 is followed by an episode of hydraulic brecciation where Na-amphibole precipitates Type III; Fig. S2). Similar deformation patterns have been observed in dark granofels that also comprise breccias (Fig. 6), foliated cataclasites (Fig. 5) and multiple fracturing events (Fig. 3c; Fig. S5; Table 1).

Exceptionally, the finding of elongated spherulitic shards in a fine-grained sheared domain (Figs. 7c, 9d) – possibly formed by the devitrification of former glass fragments – may be indicative of former pseudotachylytes (i.e., a glassy injection domain formed by melting during fault slip at seismic strain rates; e.g., Austrheim and Boundy,

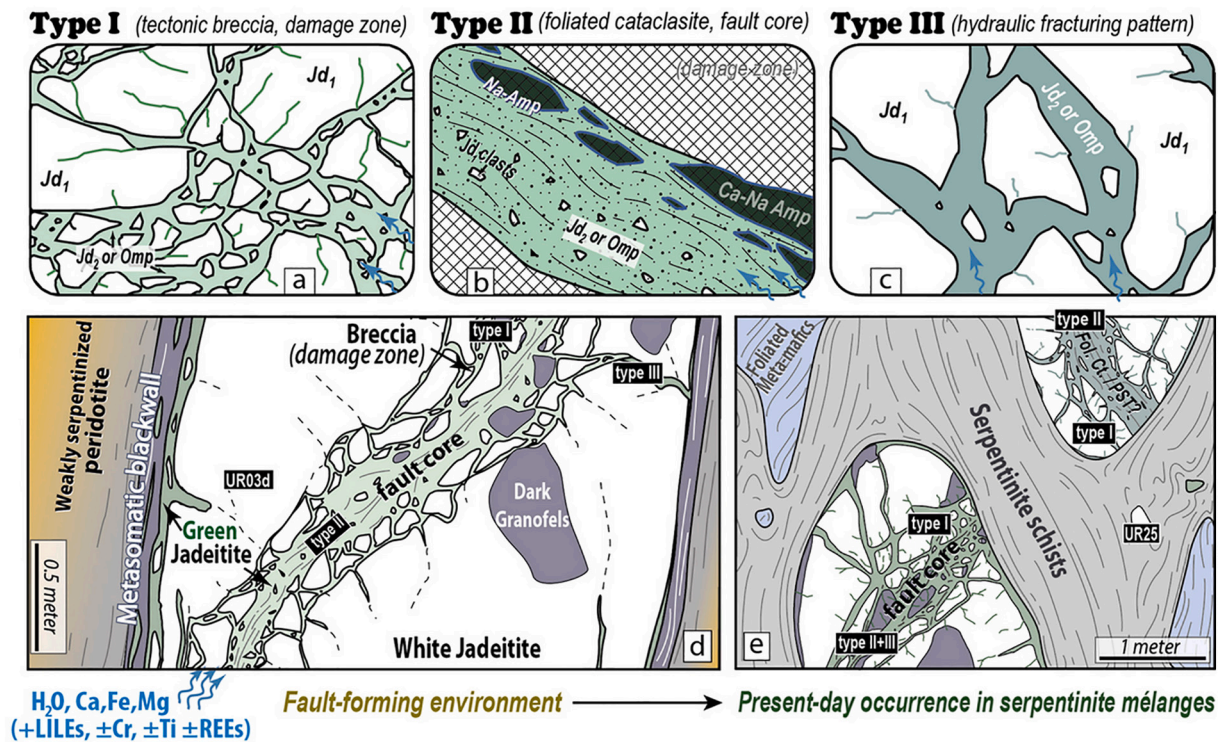


Fig. 13. a, b and c. Sketches showing the key features of the three main categories of tectonized jadeitites identified in this comparative study. d. Sketch depicting the white jadeite structure (derived from observations from the Pus'yerka body) at the time of brecciation, indicating the various elements identified in the field and their position with respect to the main fault and host ultramafics. e. Sketch highlighting the structure of jadeite blocks as exposed in HP-LT serpentinite mélanges, where they are commonly associated with blueschist and/or eclogite-facies crustal rocks. We posit that the faulting frequently observed within jadeite blocks has been acquired earlier, when the jadeite was a dyke-like structure hosted by weakly serpentinized mantle wedge peridotites.

1994; Austrheim and Andersen, 2004). The *Jd1* clasts found floating in the comminuted matrix display extensive fracturing, grain-size reduction and stress-driven corrosion that characterize pseudotachylite-bearing systems (e.g., Kirkpatrick and Rowe, 2013). Glassy shards similar to those shown in Fig. 9g are mostly reported in ignimbrite deposits (e.g., Bull and McPhie, 2007) and in rocks from ancient impact craters (e.g., Dressler and Reimold, 2001). Although, to the best of our knowledge, such shard-like textures have not been described in ancient fault zones, the discovery of unreported textures must be expected because the formation environment of these slip events strongly differs from other paleo-earthquake reports made in the downgoing lithosphere (see below).

6.2. Jadeite formation and pressure-temperature conditions of brittle deformation

In most serpentinite mélange settings, the original structure at the time of jadeite formation has been obliterated or disrupted by subduction zone tectonics (e.g., Harlow et al., 2015). Whereas in several cases jadeitites appear to be directly precipitated from hydrothermal fluids ("P-type" jadeite, according to the classification from Tsujimori and Harlow, 2012; e.g., García-Casco et al., 2009; Harlow et al., 2011), some localities preserve textural features typical of a replacement process ("R-type" jadeite according to the same classification), including igneous zircon crystals with older crystallization ages (Yui et al., 2012; Yui et al., 2013; Hertwig et al., 2016) or the presence of incompletely "jadeitized" trondhjemitic remnants in the dyke volume (Angiboust et al., 2021). Indeed, early observations from Dobretsov and Ponomareva (1968) and Kuznetsov et al. (1986) in Russia, as well as Bleek (1908) and Chhiber (1934) in Myanmar, reveal that original jadeite may form as dyke-like structures. It is plausible that these dykes were jadeitized during long-term cooling within the high-pressure field, coeval with

replacement of a former felsic intrusive body formed earlier in the mantle wedge above the subduction interface, and possibly shortly after subduction initiation in a warm thermal regime (see the recent model by Angiboust et al., 2021; see also Meng et al., 2011 and Fig. 14). Such secular cooling has also been documented above the metamorphic soles from New Caledonia (e.g. Soret et al., 2016) and Oman ophiolites (e.g. Prigent et al., 2018).

A number of recent studies (e.g., García-Casco et al., 2009; Schertl et al., 2012; Angiboust et al., 2021) have suggested that jadeitites may commonly form at temperatures far above 500 °C, perhaps up to 700 °C. García-Casco et al. (2009) and Cárdenas-Párraga et al. (2012) have also suggested that exsolution features, as observed in sample KAS10 (Fig. S2), could evidence the cooling of a clinopyroxene of intermediate jadeite-omphacite composition below the solvus at 500 °C. This implies that white jadeitites including the Myanmar samples formed at temperatures higher than generally expected. Consistent with this interpretation, Harlow and Sorensen (2005) suggested that the whitish colour of the relatively high temperature jadeite may be due to Cr stability in the host ultramafic chromite and clinopyroxene crystals. In other words, it is likely that Cr-poor white jadeite bodies formed at T conditions above the antigorite stability field, i.e., before serpentinization of the host ultramafic (Fig. 14), even though some Cr may also be hosted in high temperature chloritite blackwall (not documented in the studied localities; see Cárdenas-Párraga et al., 2012). Following this logic, it can be concluded that the systematic observation of darker-shaded clinopyroxene precipitates/overgrowths within breccias or cataclasites in many jadeite localities indicate that fracturing and fluid-rock interaction events occurred during long-term cooling at $T < 600$ °C (e.g., García-Casco et al., 2009; Schertl et al., 2012; this study).

Whereas breccias and cataclasites are classically reported for rather shallow – and hence colder – environments (<15 km depth, $T < 300$ °C; Sibson, 1986), a number of field examples have recently shown that such

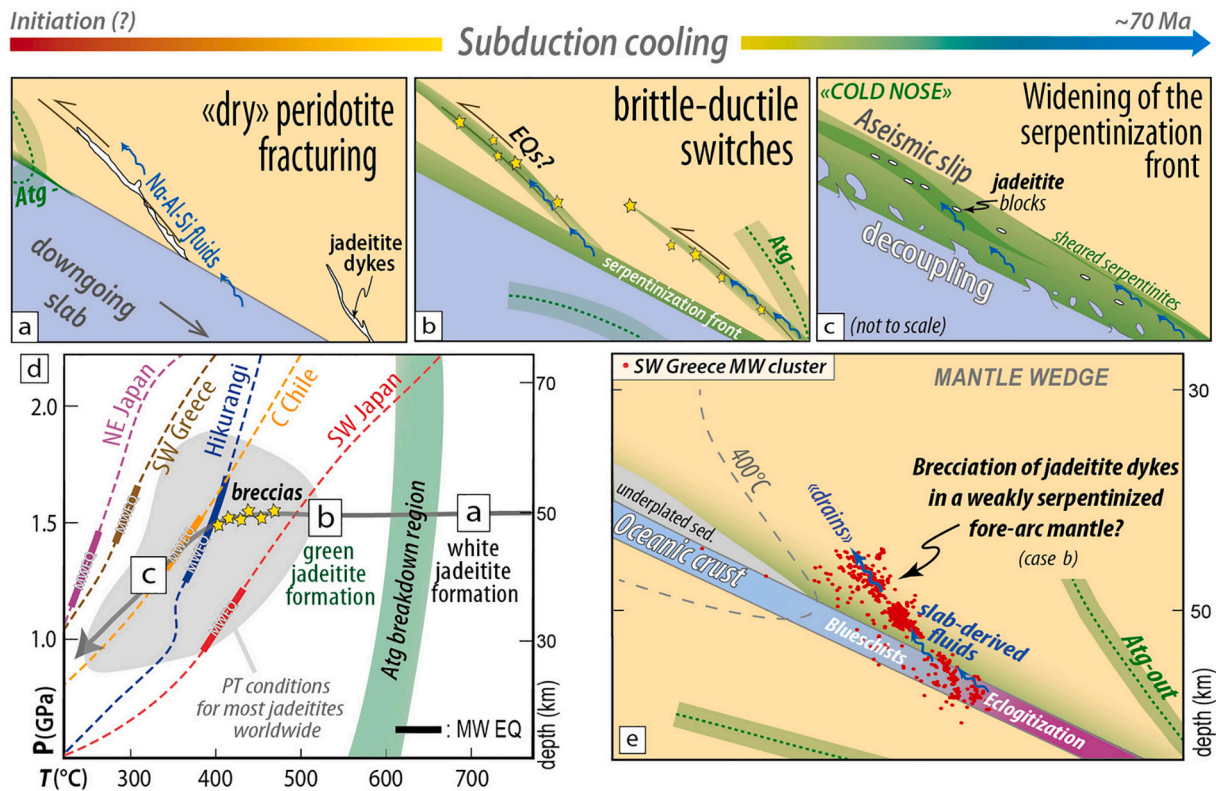


Fig. 14. a, b and c. Sketches depicting the long-term tectonic evolution of jadeite “dykes” along the base of the mantle wedge, from their formation (by replacement of a previous dyke structure or from direct precipitation from a fluid) to their fracturing, dismembering and wrapping as blocks in a chaotic serpentinite mélange. Previous geochronological data (Angiboust et al., 2021) confirms that several tens of millions of years of subduction activity and mantle wedge hydration are required to achieve a structure as shown in panel (c). Atg-: antigorite dehydration reaction. d. Pressure-Temperature diagram indicating the conditions of formation of the main white jadeite bodies documented worldwide, and the conditions of the green jadeite tectonic overprint (and associated sodic amphibole generation). After, and only after brecciation (yellow stars), the dyke fragments can be exhumed along the plate interface, provided that the hangingwall serpentinization rate is sufficiently high to enable return-flow of these dense blocks in a buoyant, serpentinitized matrix (e.g., Gerya et al., 2002; Guillot et al., 2009). P-T conditions for jadeites are sourced from the compilations by Tsujimori and Harlow (2012) and Harlow et al. (2015). Also shown are the slab-top temperature estimates as calculated by Antriasian et al. (2019, Hikurangi), Wang et al. (2020, central Chile), Halpaap et al. (2019, W Greece) and Peacock (2003, NE and SW Japan). References used for the depth of mantle wedge earthquakes (MW EQ) are provided in text. e. Location of one of the MW clusters identified by Halpaap et al. (2019) in W. Greece and interpreted as marking the trace of plate-interface fluids migrating along a vent structure. The formation of this EQ nest (corresponding to the yellow stars from panel d) likely implies that the serpentinization ratio of the subduction interface hanging wall is very low, thus pointing to a structure analogous to the sketch drawn in panel (b).

features can form at depths greater than 30 km in the downgoing subducted crust (e.g., Angiboust et al., 2012, 2015; Hertgen et al., 2017; Muñoz-Montecinos et al., 2021a; Oncken et al., in revision). Minerals filling the studied breccias and growing within these fault zones encompass (i) omphacite (and locally lawsonite) in Guatemalan samples; (ii) omphacite, jadeite, phlogopite and Na-rich amphiboles in the Polar Urals samples; and (iii) Na-amphiboles, jadeitic and omphacitic clinopyroxenes in Myanmar samples. These parageneses point to HP-LT conditions ranging between 1 and 2 GPa and 300–500 °C as documented in the reviews of Tsujimori and Harlow (2012) and Harlow et al. (2015; Fig. 14d). Angiboust et al. (2021) have demonstrated that the phlogopite-bearing fracturing event seen crosscutting Polar Urals jadeites occurred at least 15 Ma after the HT jadeite-forming event (see also Meng et al., 2011), thus providing an independent confirmation of the secondary nature of the brecciation process. We conclude that in the studied set of samples – and perhaps as a rule in fossil and active subduction systems – brittle deformation of jadeites is a deep process occurring at or near peak-burial depths in a cooling environment (as suggested in Fig. 14), rather than as a consequence of late exhumation-related deformation. In order to undergo brittle deformation, the rock must be in-situ and surrounded by mechanically strong material, rather than as a tectonic block floating in a serpentinite-matrix mélange where stress is dissipated in the weak matrix.

6.3. Origin of brecciated dark granofels and relationships with fluid-rock interaction events

A striking similarity characterizes the textural relationships between the dark granofels and jadeites from the Polar Urals and Myanmar. In both localities, they occur as thin layers or pods of “amphibolites” of several tens of centimeters (Chhiber, 1934; Angiboust et al., 2021; Fig. 1e), generally striking parallel to the main “dyke” foliation and deformed coeval with the associated jadeites. Their amphibole compositional patterns are also nearly identical, with relicts of Ca-rich amphiboles in the granofels mineral cores (mostly edenite and Mg-katophorite), and Ca-poor, Na-rich amphiboles along their rims and along highly metasomatized domains (Shi et al., 2003; Fig. S2). Field observations (Chhiber, 1934; Angiboust et al., 2021) and petrological investigations suggest that two distinct dark granofels occurrences may exist: (i) as disaggregated fragments (the “schistose amphibolite inclusions” from Chhiber, 1934; see also Harlow et al., 2015) inherited from a pre-jadeitization event; and (ii) as amphibole-rich blackwalls formed at the contact between the jadeite body and the host ultramafic (Shi et al., 2003). The latter should in theory have formed lately at $T < 350$ °C (Shi et al., 2003) and only exhibit Na-amphiboles (since no Ca chemical potential gradient exists between ultramafics and jadeites), thus hampering the formation of calcic and sodic-calcic amphiboles such

as edenite or Mg-katophorite in the reaction blackwall. The former should instead contain these sodic-calcic amphibole species (e.g., Figs. 5a, 6b, 10a) as remnants of an early HT event, associated with the infiltration of alkali-rich fluids and/or melts (likely trondhjemitic in composition) within ultramafics in a subduction initiation setting. This process is known to occur in anomalously high subduction thermal regimes (see also the discussion in Angiboust et al., 2021 and similar structures and rock assemblages in Lázaro et al., 2011 and Soret et al., 2016). Brecciation, followed by boudinage, late tectonic disaggregation and block-in-matrix deformation, most likely blurred the primary contacts, hampering an accurate reconstruction of the geometry of the original jadeitite-dark granofels boundaries (e.g., Fig. 10a).

6.4. Fluid ingress and metasomatic imprint

A common feature reported in jadeitites worldwide is the enrichment in Ca, Fe and Mg of jadeitic clinopyroxenes due to the infiltration of Ca-Fe-Mg-rich fluids associated with dissolution-precipitation processes during late fluid-rock interaction events (e.g., Sorensen et al., 2006; García-Casco et al., 2009; Harlow et al., 2011; Cárdenas-Párraga et al., 2012; Angiboust et al., 2021; this study). The formation of dissolution features (Fig. 3c), re-equilibration of clast rims (Fig. 8a) and the metasomatic overprint left in the rock record (Fig. 9b) are witnesses to the apparently corrosive nature of the infiltrating fluids, which were at thermodynamic disequilibrium with respect to the infiltrated material. The absence of carbonates in most jadeitite occurrences suggests that the fluids were CO₂-poor, most likely because the CO₂ precipitated as carbonates before reaching the jadeitite-forming location. Substantial Cr enrichments are also visible in some of the sheared domains and between breccia fragments (as shown for instance by the growth of chromian spinel around Mg-katophorite clasts in sample UR11b; Fig. 6b; see also the green overgrowths around white jadeitite clast in Fig. 7f).

As discussed earlier, the release of Cr may be related to serpentinization of the host peridotite during fluid-rock interaction. It is important to note that (i) jadeite/omphacite is found growing within brecciated white jadeitites (Figs. 3b, 8a and 11c) and amphibole-rich dark granofels (Fig. 6d); and (ii) amphibole growth is observed in brecciated dark granofels (Fig. 5b) and between white jadeitite breccia fragments (Figs. 7f, 11a, 11b). From these observations, it appears that the incoming fluid composition was not buffered by the wall-rock composition and that brittle events contributed to a chemical and mechanical homogenization of the original dyke-forming lithologies. Furthermore, the widespread formation of texturally late micas (e.g., phlogopite in the Polar Urals: Angiboust et al., 2021, see also Fig. S1; phengite or phlogopite in Guatemala: Harlow et al., 2011; Flores et al., 2013; white mica in W. Japan: Shigeno et al., 2012) associated with enrichments in LILEs and other fluid mobile elements (Figs. S3 and S4) confirm that fluid sources were variable in time, switching from a mafic oceanic crust signature to a more hybridized composition with transient highs in sedimentary input (e.g., Sorensen et al., 2006, 2010; Morishita et al., 2007; Meng et al., 2011, 2016; Harlow et al., 2015; Chen et al., 2018; Cárdenas-Párraga et al., 2012). This temporal variability of incoming fluid chemistry from a more mafic to a more sedimentary signature could likely be explained by variations in the amount of sedimentary material undergoing devolatilization reactions in the underlying subduction channel (e.g., Bebout, 2007; Scambelluri et al., 2019). This chronological sequence confirms that the same fluid pathways (namely the jadeitite “dykes”) were used over several millions of years as major drains for highly pressurized plate-interface fluids, on their way to the partly hydrated mantle wedge (e.g. Doglioni et al., 2009; Spandler and Pirard, 2013).

The distribution of jadeitite “dykes” as seen in the Polar Urals (Fig. 1b; see also Angiboust et al., 2021) demonstrates that fluid pathways are rather discrete in the overlying plate (i.e., jadeitite does not precipitate randomly everywhere in the fore-arc mantle). It also indicates that less mechanical energy is required to re-fracture a pre-

existing physical discontinuity (e.g., a dyke-like structure) than creating new channels for draining plate-interface fluids. This implicitly requires that breccia sealing must have been faster than rupture recurrence to explain the mutual crosscutting relationships documented between the various events identified in our study (see also Woodcock et al., 2007). It seems clear that nearly lithostatic pore fluid pressure was sustained throughout the entire jadeitite drain activity as demonstrated by the ubiquitous evidence for fluid-rock interaction in the three types of brittle features reported here (Table 1; see also Kuznetsov et al., 1986 and Angiboust et al., 2021). Yet, transient overpressures likely triggered the formation of some of the (explosive) breccia features (Type III) within already-tectonized Type I and Type II domains (Figs. 11c, 13a, b). These findings are consistent with the episodic opening of vein systems and filling of voids by omphacitic compositions documented by García-Casco et al. (2009) and Cárdenas-Párraga et al. (2012) in the Sierra del Convento serpentinite mélange (E. Cuba), and also in other subduction HP-LT mélanges environments (e.g., Muñoz-Montecinos et al., 2021b).

6.5. Insights on slip properties in a fluid-saturated mantle fault zone

Brecciated rocks have long been recognized as potential markers of seismic deformation (e.g., Sibson, 1986; Angiboust et al., 2012; Melosh et al., 2014). Evidence of fault-zone rocks with diagnostic elements such as damage zones and fault cores (Fig. 13a, b) highlights for the first time that jadeitites (and associated dark amphibole-rich granofels) host abundant brittle deformation events, most likely along fast-slipping seismogenic fault planes. Estimating slip or strain rates along paleo-fault surfaces (or shear zones) is a challenging task, subject to great uncertainties. While Oncken et al. (in revision) have recently demonstrated that foliated cataclasites can form in slow slip environments for strain rates in the range 10^{-3} to 10^{-5} s⁻¹, the lack of well-preserved pseudotachylites in the studied samples hampers a direct identification of seismic slip rates (i.e., on the order of m/s). However, the discovery of a foliated fault zone with abundant “shards” exhibiting structures analogous to devitrified spherulites (Fig. 9g) opens the possibility for constraining former slip events at strain rates approaching seismic slip velocities, fast enough to generate co-seismic temperatures as high as 1500 °C (e.g., Sibson et al., 2006; Menant et al., 2018) and trigger frictional melting. Note that chemical modification of the system is required to explain the enrichment in Ca, Fe and Mg of the shard-bearing fault zone as shown in Fig. 9b, c. As earlier stated by Magloughlin (1992) and Swanson (1992), cataclasites and pseudotachylites may be closely intricated in fault zone rocks, both exhibiting evidence for open-system modification of the pristine host composition. Thus, the structures herein observed may have formed through (i) metasomatic fault-zone alteration associated with fluid influx within a finely-crushed cataclastic domain (likely a structure as shown in Fig. 13b), followed by (ii) fast-slip along narrow zones where local melting of the previously-formed cataclasites occurred (thus explaining the enrichment in omphacitic component of “shards” and devitrified spherulites, Fig. 9d–h). Subsequent shear deformation contributed to the apparent banding systematically observed in Type II fault rocks (e.g., Fig. 9b). It is therefore proposed that the reported features can be explained by fluctuations in slip rate velocities in a fluid-saturated fault zone.

6.6. Implications for mantle wedge seismicity and plate-interface rheology

Observations made on the Myanmar and Guatemalan loose samples are challenging to link to their respective formation context because pristine field relationships were obliterated during block-in-matrix dismembering as well as sedimentary transport into conglomerate deposits. A few exceptional observations in Myanmar document the presence of jadeitite-bearing “dykes” that are several hundred meters long and meters to tens of meters thick (e.g., Bleek, 1908), but most of these bodies have been mined. The Polar Urals Pus'yerka locality (and to a

lesser extent other jadeitite localities in Siberia; Dobretsov and Ponomareva, 1968) has the potential to yield in situ information on the dimensions of ruptured bodies as well as refining the chronology of the processes at stake. Kuznetsov et al. (1986) report that jadeitite “dykes” in the Pus’yerka locality (also mined in the 1990s and mostly exhausted) were locally up to several tens of meters thick, pinching out to meter-thick bands at the northern and southern terminations of the several kilometer-long dyke structure (Fig. 1b). These observations provide critical insights into the minimum size for mantle wedge earthquakes. Assuming a planar geometry for a single event that ruptured the Pus’yerka jadeitite body (before the dyke structure was boudinaged), a squared 3×3 km rupture, a 10 cm co-seismic displacement and a shear modulus of 84 GPa for jadeitite (Hao et al., 2019), a magnitude of $M_w = 4.5$ can be calculated (Sibson, 1989). This magnitude estimates ranges between 3 and 5 when changing fault dimensions and displacements within bounds compatible with field and structural observations.

Is this range of magnitudes comparable with the events reported in the forearc lithospheric mantle clusters in active subduction zones? Davey and Ristau (2011) report a subvertical, 10 km-large cluster of earthquakes (average maximum magnitude of 4.5 for normal, inverse and strike-slip events) above the subduction interface at 40–50 km depth in the northern Hikurangi margin. These authors note their spatial relationship with the inferred 700 °C isotherm, where they expect full antigorite breakdown and relate these earthquakes to dehydration embrittlement processes. Released upwelling fluids infiltrate the mantle wedge, possibly explaining volcanism in the above back-arc basin. Nakajima and Uchida (2018) have identified a nest of supra-slab microseismicity ($M_w = 1–3$) located 10–15 km above the Philippine plate in central Japan, between 25 and 35 km depth with focal mechanisms corresponding to normal and strike-slip events. Interestingly, seismic activity markedly increased after the 2011 Tohoku megathrust rupture, leading Nakajima and Uchida (2018) to consider these events as marking the trace of highly pressurized fluids, cyclically drained above the plate interface along a “highly fractured, pre-existing mature pathway”. According to this model, several months are required for these fluid pulses to travel the few kilometers that separate these nests from the megathrust area (see also White et al., 2016). Similar structural conclusions were drawn by Yu and Zhao (2020) who focused on 35–55 km depth microseismicity events in the NE Japan forearc mantle using P-wave velocity perturbations. Halpaap et al. (2019) have demonstrated that several seismicity nests ranging in magnitude from 2 to 4 occur under Western Greece in a weakly serpentinized mantle. These events (mostly extensional) occur between 45 and 55 km depth along a diffuse structure that dips at 45° to the subduction interface plane (see hypocenter distribution plotted in Fig. 14e). Halpaap et al. (2019) conclude that plate-interface fluids transiently migrate along fault-bounded vents, diminishing the pore pressure along the interface, thus decreasing plate-interface seismicity. This non-exhaustive list of studies confirms that fluids are unequivocally required to explain the seismotectonic features documented in the remote mantle wedge. It also appears that these nests are transient in the context of subduction zone evolution and spatially localized within well-defined structures.

The formation of mantle wedge earthquakes has critical implications for plate-interface rheology and more specifically may provide precious constraints on the volumetric abundance of serpentine in the forearc mantle. A vibrant debate exists on the abundance and distribution of serpentine in the mantle wedge based on the interpretation of seismic wave velocity perturbations and the effect of serpentine anisotropy (e.g., Hyndman and Peacock, 2003; Liu et al., 2020; Luo and Wang, 2021). It is likely that serpentine distribution is highly uneven in the mantle wedge, with the highest serpentinization rates directly above the interface and fairly low rates (likely less than 15 vol%) within the innermost forearc mantle (e.g., Reynard, 2013; Abers et al., 2017; Halpaap et al., 2019). Stress accumulation in the mantle must be inhibited by serpentine formation, which is known to flow at very low stresses (e.g., Escartin et al., 2001; Reynard, 2013 and references therein). The

stress level required for enabling plastic deformation of jadeitites (40–125 MPa according to our calculations) is several orders of magnitude greater than the stresses required for the flow of serpentinites (approximately 1 MPa at 600 °C using the calibration from Hilairet et al., 2007). In order to transfer plate-interface stresses into the overlying mantle and trigger plastic deformation of jadeitites (Fig. 4), the host peridotite must have been relatively dry (i.e., with serpentinization rates far lower than 10 vol%) as inferred for many active subduction settings (e.g., Abers et al., 2017; Halpaap et al., 2019). The triggering of multiple cataclastic events as documented by our observations (Fig. 9b) could be explained by transient increases in strain rate (during slow slip events or earthquakes), by an increase of pore fluid pressures, or by a combination of both. The latter option is supported by the discovery of fabrics typically observed in faulted jadeitites (e.g., Figs. 9, 12), as well as major and trace element chemical arguments that point to mass transfer and opening of the system to external fluids (e.g., Fig. 6), most likely sourced in the subduction interface region.

From these considerations, we can conclude that (i) the seismic events recorded above the subduction interface in several active subduction zones likely correspond to the brittle deformation of jadeitite bodies (Fig. 14d, e), which according to field observations are themselves derived from the metasomatic replacement of former felsic dyke bodies or direct precipitation from fluids (see discussion in Harlow et al., 2015 and Angiboust et al., 2021); and (ii) brittle jadeitite deformation may have occurred in the fossil subduction record and in present-day settings in a relatively dry peridotitic mantle, thus providing valuable insights into the serpentinization degree of the interface hangingwall and the stress distribution at the base of the megathrust region (Halpaap et al., 2019; Luo and Wang, 2021). This record of the deep conduits draining plate-interface fluids into the overlying mantle wedge sheds light on the structure of the “cold nose” above the subduction interface, with implications for volatile budget estimates, the rheology of the plate interface itself (including the various types of seismicity), and the interpretation of V_p/V_s and Poisson's ratios from active subduction settings worldwide.

7. Conclusions

A vein network from the Polar Urals composed of jadeitite and amphibole-phlogopite granofels is hosted in mildly serpentinized peridotites. This structure formed by metasomatic replacement of a former magmatic dyke above the subduction interface at c. 50 km depth, in a young and dry mantle wedge environment. During subsequent cooling of the subduction zone, this jadeitized “dyke” experienced mixed brittle-viscous deformation regimes associated with several serpentinite- and oceanic crust-derived fluids. Extensive fracturing, well-visible in the amphibole-rich granofels and more cryptic in the jadeitite bodies, led to the local formation of breccias and foliated cataclasites. The associated metasomatic imprint confirms the importance of these fault zones as major drains for overpressurized plate-interface metamorphic fluids. Very similar features, including omphacite- and amphibole-rich breccias together with foliated cataclasites, are also observed in loose jadeitite boulders from Myanmar and Guatemala serpentinite mélanges. We propose that supra-slab seismicity nests recorded in present-day subduction margins (e.g., N Hikurangi, NE Japan, W Greece) may reflect the repeated fluid-assisted breakage of planar bodies formed by jadeitite “dykes”. The local presence of these rupture events implies that the serpentinization rate was locally low (probably <10–15 vol%) along the base of the mantle wedge during “dyke” faulting activity. These results shed light on the importance of physical discontinuities such as jadeitite bodies for draining plate-interface fluids into the mantle wedge, and provide key constraints on the stress distribution in deep subduction margins.

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