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2 Shearing within lower crust during progressive retrogression: structural
3 analysis of gabbroic rocks from the Godzilla Mullion, an oceanic core
4 complex in the Parece Vela backarc basin

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16 **Abstract**

17 Microstructural and petrological analyses of gabbroic rocks sampled from the
18 Godzilla Mullion, located along the Parece Vela Basin spreading ridge (Parece Vela
19 Rift), Philippine Sea, reveal the development of a ductile shear zone in the lower crust.
20 The shear zone is interpreted to represent a detachment fault within an oceanic core
21 complex. Microstructures indicative of intense deformation, characterized by
22 porphyroclastic textures consisting dominantly of coarse plagioclase porphyroclasts and
23 lesser clinopyroxene porphyroclasts in a fine-grained matrix, are observed within
24 samples of gabbroic rocks dredged near the breakaway area of the Godzilla Mullion
25 (dredge site D6). Samples are classified into three types based upon the grain size of
26 fine-grained plagioclase in the matrix: coarse (80–130 μm), medium (25 μm), and fine
27 (~10 μm). Although the chemical composition of plagioclase porphyroclasts is
28 consistently An 40–50 among all sample types, the compositions of fine grains in the
29 matrix vary with decreasing grain size, being An 40–50 for the coarse-type, An 30–40
30 for the medium-type, and An 5–30 for the fine-type. This finding implies that the
31 composition of fine-grained plagioclase in the matrix is related to the following
32 retrograde reaction that occurred during deformation: clinopyroxene + plagioclase +
33 Fe-Ti oxide + fluid \rightarrow hornblende + plagioclase. Plagioclase crystal-preferred
34 orientations also show a gradual change with grain size, varying from a (010)[100]
35 pattern for the coarse-type, (010)[100] and (001)[100] patterns for the medium-type,
36 and a weak (001)[100] pattern or random orientations for the fine-type. These patterns
37 are interpreted to result from a change in the deformation mechanism of plagioclase
38 from dislocation creep to grain-size-sensitive creep with decreasing temperature,
39 thereby leading to strain softening and localization during cooling. Although secondary
40 amphibole occurs ubiquitously within all samples, the chemical composition of
41 amphibole varies from pargasitic hornblende (i.e. brown hornblende) to actinolite (i.e.
42 green hornblende) within each of the sample types. However, amphibole in the
43 coarse-type shows no evidence of deformation, whereas brown hornblende in the
44 medium- and fine-types is plastically deformed. As a consequence, we argue that the
45 microstructural development of the gabbroic rocks occurred during uplift-related
46 cooling of the gabbro body and that a primary shear zone developed near the breakaway
47 area at depth under anhydrous conditions at high temperatures above 850 °C; the shear
48 zone subsequently evolved during progressive retrogression in association with
49 hydration of the shear zone, possibly resulting in the development of the detachment
50 fault that gave rise to the Godzilla Mullion.

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53 Gabbro, Shear zone

54 **1. Introduction**

55 Oceanic core complexes (OCCs) are bathymetric features that were first identified
56 along the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (e.g., Karson, 1990; Tucholke and Lin, 1994; Cann et al.,
57 1997; Blackman et al., 1998; Tucholke et al., 1998). Based on morphological
58 characteristics, OCCs usually occur close to the intersection of transform faults and the
59 axis of a spreading ridge (i.e., a ridge-transform intersection), and are characterized by a
60 domal surface, corrugations oriented parallel to the spreading direction, a high mantle
61 Bouguer anomaly, and exposed lower crust and mantle material (e.g., Blackman et al.,
62 1998; Tucholke et al., 1998). By analogy to continental metamorphic core complexes, it
63 has been suggested that OCCs along a spreading axis represent the exhumed footwalls
64 of oceanic detachment faults (e.g., Karson, 1990; Cann et al., 1997; Blackman et al.,
65 1998; Tucholke et al., 1998; Karson, 1999; Dick et al., 1991, 2000; MacLeod et al.,
66 2002; Escartin et al., 2003; Ildfonse et al., 2007; Smith et al., 2008).

67 Ohara et al. (2001) reported an extremely large OCC in the Parece Vela backarc
68 basin within the Philippine Sea (Fig. 1). As this structure is approximately 10 times
69 larger than those commonly found along the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, Ohara et al. (2003a)
70 termed this complex the Godzilla Mullion. Although OCCs generally develop at
71 ultraslow- (full rate: ~1.2-2 cm/y; Dick et al., 2003) or slow-spreading ridges (full rate:
72 1-4 cm/y) such as the Southwest Indian Ridge and the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the Godzilla
73 Mullion developed at a spreading ridge that records intermediate spreading rates (full
74 rate: 7.0 cm/y; Ohara et al., 2001), similar to those of the Chile Ridge (e.g., Martinez et
75 al., 1998), the Australian-Antarctic Discordance (e.g., Christie et al., 1998; Okino et al.,
76 2004), and the 25°S OCC upon the Central Indian Ridge (e.g., Kumagai et al., 2006).
77 The Godzilla Mullion is also unique in that it extends along the full length of the
78 spreading segment (Ohara et al., 2001).

79 Fault rocks derived from lithospheric mantle and lower oceanic crust occur on the
80 surface of the Godzilla Mullion, indicating the occurrence of a detachment fault at the
81 seafloor surface: the mechanism of the development of these fault rocks remains
82 unknown. In this study, we investigate deformed gabbroic rocks dredged from the
83 surface of the Godzilla Mullion (Ohara et al., 2003a). We describe a systematic
84 temporal change in both deformation microstructures and the chemical composition of
85 plagioclase and amphibole in gabbroic rocks, possibly associated with the development
86 of a detachment fault within the Godzilla Mullion at depth.

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88 **2. Geological setting**

89 **2.1. Parece Vela Basin**

90 The Philippine Sea contains a number of active and inactive arcs and backarc
91 basins. The Parece Vela Basin is an extinct backarc basin located between two remnant
92 arcs: the Kyushu-Palau Ridge and the West Mariana Ridge (Fig. 1). The center of the
93 Parece Vela Basin is characterized by a N-S-trending chain of diamond-shaped

94 depressions termed the Parece Vela Rift (Kasuga and Ohara, 1997). The spreading
95 history of the Parece Vela Basin involved two stages: an E–W rifting/spreading event
96 from 26 to 19–20 Ma, followed by NE–SW spreading until 12 Ma (Okino et al., 1998,
97 1999; Ohara et al., 2001). The ridge axis (the Parece Vela Rift) became highly
98 segmented during the second stage of the spreading history, resulting in the
99 development of prominent fracture zones (Ohara et al., 2001). Magnetic anomaly data
100 indicate a spreading rate of 8.8 cm/y (full rate) in the western Parece Vela Basin during
101 the first stage of spreading (Okino et al., 1998) and a rate of 7.0 cm/y (full rate) during
102 the second stage (Ohara et al., 2001).

103 104 **2.2. Bathymetry of the Godzilla Mullion**

105 Bathymetry and gravity-anomaly data for the Godzilla Mullion have been
106 reported by Ohara et al. (2001). The Godzilla Mullion is located on the southwest flank
107 of the inactive S1 spreading segment. Topographic corrugations oriented perpendicular
108 to the Parece Vela Rift are clearly visible across the surface of the Godzilla Mullion (Fig.
109 1). These corrugations extend 55 km along the axis and 125 km perpendicular to the
110 axis (Fig. 1), defining an area that is more than 10 times larger than the OCCs described
111 at the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (Ohara et al., 2001). Further away from the spreading axis,
112 distinct low-relief, linear abyssal hills are oriented parallel to the strike of the axis (Fig.
113 1).

114 115 **3. Dredge samples from the breakaway area**

116 Dredge site D6 is located at the southwestern, distal end of the Godzilla Mullion
117 (Fig. 1), ~15 km from the breakaway area where the fault initially nucleated (Tucholke
118 et al., 1998). This zone is characterized by a lack of the parallel spreading corrugations
119 that are observed further to the SW (Fig. 1; Ohara et al., 2003a). A total of 139 samples
120 were obtained from this site during cruise KR03-01 aboard R/V *Kairei*, including 9
121 basaltic rock samples, 59 gabbroic samples, and 71 ultramafic samples.

122 The retrieved gabbro samples are generally altered and hydrated. We selected 9 of
123 the 59 gabbroic samples, ranging in size from cobble-sized samples to granules for
124 detailed microstructural and petrological analyses; the selected samples display visible
125 structures such as mylonitic foliation (Table 1). Microstructures were analyzed in thin
126 sections oriented perpendicular to the foliation and parallel to the lineation (XZ
127 sections).

128 129 **4. Microstructure**

130 Microstructures were studied by both optical microscopy and scanning electron
131 microscopy (JEOL JSM6300 SEM) at Shizuoka University, Japan. The studied samples
132 are characterized by porphyroclastic textures consisting dominantly of plagioclase
133 porphyroclasts and lesser clinopyroxene porphyroclasts in a fine-grained matrix of

134 plagioclase and amphibole. The samples can be classified into three types based on the
135 sizes of fine-grained plagioclase in the matrix: coarse, medium, and fine (Figs. 2a, c, e,
136 3; Table 1). As described below, each of the three sample types has distinctive
137 microstructural and chemical characteristics.

138 The four coarse-type samples (Figs. 2a, b, 4a, b; Table 1) are Fe-Ti oxide gabbro,
139 consisting of plagioclase, clinopyroxene, amphibole (brown and green hornblende),
140 ilmenite, magnetite and apatite (apatite was only observed in sample D6-1003). The
141 mean grain sizes of fine-grained plagioclase in the matrix vary between 80 and 130 μ m
142 (Fig. 3; Table 1). These samples contain moderately developed foliations defined by
143 alternating layers of plagioclase and clinopyroxene/amphibole. Plagioclase
144 porphyroclasts (~3mm) show features of intracrystalline deformation such as undulose
145 extinction, deformation twinning, and the formation of subgrains (Fig. 2b); no
146 compositional zoning is observed within these plagioclase porphyroclasts. Fine
147 plagioclase grains in the matrix are polygonal and occur dominantly around the
148 plagioclase porphyroclasts. These grains show features of intracrystalline deformation
149 such as undulose extinction and deformation twinning (Fig. 2b). Clinopyroxene grains
150 show undulose extinction and grain-size reduction, and secondary amphibole occurs as
151 both brown and green hornblende. It is important to note that although amphibole grains
152 commonly occur at the rims of clinopyroxene grains (Fig. 4a), they show no evidence of
153 deformation (Fig. 4b). This point is discussed further below.

154 The two medium-type samples are Fe-Ti oxide gabbro, consisting of plagioclase,
155 clinopyroxene, amphibole (brown and green hornblende), ilmenite, magnetite, and
156 apatite (Figs. 2c, d, 4c, d; Table 1). The mean grain sizes of plagioclase grains in the
157 matrix are approximately 25 μ m (Fig. 3; Table 1). These samples contain foliations
158 defined by alternating layers of plagioclase and clinopyroxene/amphibole. Plagioclase
159 porphyroclasts (~2mm) show features of intracrystalline deformation such as undulose
160 extinction and subgrains (Fig. 2d) with no evidence of compositional zoning. Fine
161 plagioclase grains in the matrix are polygonal and occur dominantly around plagioclase
162 porphyroclasts. Brown hornblende occurs as both porphyroclasts and fine grains (Fig.
163 4c): the porphyroclasts show features of intracrystalline deformation such as undulose
164 extinction, whereas the fine grains are equigranular and polygonal in shape (Fig. 4d).
165 The green hornblende mainly occurs at the rims of clinopyroxene and brown hornblende,
166 and, in contrast to the microstructures in brown hornblende, shows little evidence of
167 deformation. Locally, thin chlorite veinlets within the medium-type samples cut across
168 all other microstructures.

169 The three fine-type samples consist of plagioclase, amphibole (brown and green
170 hornblende), ilmenite, magnetite, and apatite (Figs. 2e, f, 4e, f; Table 1), making them
171 amphibolites. They contain only minor plagioclase and brown hornblende
172 porphyroclasts, and display a well-developed foliation defined by thin monomineralic
173 layers of either fine-grained plagioclase (gray layer in Fig. 2e) or brown hornblende

174 (brown layer in Fig. 2e) and mixed layers of these minerals. The plagioclase
175 porphyroclasts (~2mm) show features of intracrystalline deformation such as undulose
176 extinction and dynamic recrystallization (Fig. 2f). Compositional zoning is evident in
177 several plagioclase porphyroclasts. The fine plagioclase grains are as small as 8 μ m (Fig.
178 3; Table 1) and are approximately polygonal in shape. The brown hornblende
179 porphyroclasts show σ -type asymmetries (Fig. 4e; e.g., Passchier and Trouw, 2005).
180 Some fine-grained (~20 μ m) brown hornblende porphyroclasts show evidence of
181 compositional zoning, which may indicate anisotropic grain growth (Fig. 4e). The
182 brown hornblende porphyroclasts also show features of intracrystalline plasticity such
183 as undulose extinction and subgrain boundaries (Figs. 4e, f).

185 **5. Mineral chemistry**

186 Analyses of the chemistry of plagioclase, clinopyroxene, and amphibole grains in
187 polished XZ thin sections were undertaken using a JEOL JCXA-733 electron
188 microprobe at Shizuoka University, Japan, and a JEOL JXA-8200 electron microprobe
189 at the University of Tokyo, Japan. Operating conditions were as follows: probe current
190 of 12 nA, accelerating voltage of 15 kV, and correction procedure after Bence and Albee
191 (1968). Mineral compositions of peridotite and gabbro samples from the Godzilla
192 Mullion have been described previously in Ohara et al. (2003b). In the present study, we
193 present the mineral chemistry of the deformed gabbroic samples, as described above.

194 Plagioclase porphyroclasts have similar anorthite contents (An) in all samples,
195 ranging from An 40 to An 50. In the coarse-type samples, plagioclase porphyroclasts
196 and fine grains share the same range in composition (An 40–50; Fig. 5; Table 2). In the
197 medium-type samples, however, the compositions of fine-grained plagioclases are
198 different from those in coarse-type samples (An 30–40; Fig. 5; Table 2). The fine-type
199 samples show contrasting compositions between porphyroclasts and fine grains (An
200 20–30; Fig. 5; Table 2).

201 Coarse-type and medium-type samples have similar clinopyroxene compositions
202 (Table 3). The Mg/(Mg+Fe) number of clinopyroxene is 0.64–0.67 (Table 3); the
203 fine-type samples contain no clinopyroxene. The composition of amphibole in all three
204 sample types varies from pargasitic hornblende (i.e., brown hornblende) to actinolite
205 (i.e., green hornblende; Fig. 6a; Table 4); a plot of Al^{iv} vs. Al^{vi} + Ti + Fe³⁺ + A-site
206 occupancy shows an approximately linear correlation (Fig. 6b).

208 **6. Crystal-preferred orientation**

209 Crystal-preferred orientation (CPO) data for plagioclase and brown hornblende
210 were measured from highly polished XZ thin sections using a JEOL JSM6300 SEM
211 equipped with electron back-scattered diffraction (EBSD) at Shizuoka University, Japan.
212 Operating conditions were as follows: accelerating voltage of 20 kV, probe current of
213 10 nA, working distance of 24 mm, and specimens titled at 70°. We measured the

214 crystal orientations of 201–281 plagioclase grains and 99–253 hornblende grains per
215 sample, visually checking the computerized indexation of each diffraction pattern. All
216 index data represent points with a mean angular deviation (MAD) of $<1^\circ$. The measured
217 plagioclase and hornblende CPOs (Fig. 7) are presented on equal area, lower
218 hemisphere stereographic projections in the structural (X, Y, Z) reference frame.
219 Foliation (XY plane) is vertical, striking E–W, and the lineation (X direction) is
220 horizontal, trending E–W.

221 For plagioclase CPO data, the coarse-type samples show an alignment of [100]
222 subparallel to the lineation and a dominant alignment of (010) subparallel to the
223 foliation (Fig. 7a). One sample (D6-1009) shows an alignment of [100] parallel to the
224 lineation and a girdle distribution of (010) poles perpendicular to the lineation. The
225 medium-type samples show an alignment of [100] subparallel to the lineation and a
226 girdle distribution of poles to (010) planes perpendicular to the lineation (Fig. 7a). For
227 one coarse-type and one medium-type sample, we separately analyzed the CPOs of both
228 plagioclase porphyroclasts and fine grains to test for differences in deformation
229 mechanisms between them (e.g., Kruse et al., 2001): the two sets of grains show similar
230 CPO patterns (Fig. 8).

231 Plagioclase CPO patterns for two fine-type samples (D6-501 and D6-505) show
232 weak girdle distributions of [100] subparallel to the foliation and a weak alignment of
233 (001) within the plane of the foliation, whereas one fine-type sample (D6-502) shows a
234 random pattern (Fig. 7a). Within that sample (D6-502), we separately analyzed the
235 plagioclase CPO in both the monomineralic layer and the mixed layer in order to
236 investigate if there is any difference of deformation mechanism between them: both
237 layers show random orientations (Fig. 8).

238 CPO data for undeformed hornblende in a coarse-type sample reveal a weak
239 pattern, with (100) subparallel to the foliation and [001] lying within the plane of the
240 foliation (Fig. 7b). The two medium-type samples show alignments of [001] parallel to
241 the lineation and weak girdle distributions of poles to (100) perpendicular to the
242 lineation (Fig. 7b). Hornblende CPO patterns are most strongly developed in the
243 fine-type samples, being characterized by an intense alignment of [001] parallel to the
244 lineation and a distribution of (100) planes parallel to the foliation (Fig. 7b). For one
245 fine-type sample (D6-502), we separately analyzed the hornblende CPO in a
246 monomineralic hornblende layer and a mixed layer: the two sets of grains show the
247 similar (100)[001] CPO patterns (Fig. 9).

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249 **7. Interpretation and discussion**

250 **7.1. Petrogenesis and retrograde metamorphism**

251 Both the coarse- and medium-type samples are amphibole-bearing Fe-Ti oxide
252 gabbros with amphibole, as described above. In comparing mineral compositions
253 between the coarse- and medium-types, clinopyroxene grains have similar Mg/(Mg+Fe)

254 values (Table 3), and plagioclase porphyroclasts have similar compositions (An 40–50;
255 Fig. 5). Because the plagioclase porphyroclasts rather than the fine-grained plagioclase
256 are likely to represent primary compositions (see Fig. 5), the similar compositions of
257 both clinopyroxene and plagioclase porphyroclasts in the two sample types suggest that
258 they were originally derived from the one gabbroic body. Since amphiboles in both the
259 coarse and medium types are of secondary rather than igneous origin (based on their
260 microstructural occurrence), we argue that hydrothermal alteration resulted in retrograde
261 metamorphism associated with deformation of the Fe-Ti oxide gabbroic body.

262 The fine-type samples are amphibolites; however, the mineral assemblages are
263 identical to those in both the coarse- and medium-types, except for clinopyroxene. It is
264 important to note that the compositions of plagioclase porphyroclasts and amphibole in
265 the fine-type samples are also comparable with those in the coarse and medium types
266 (Figs. 5, 6). This finding suggests that the amphibole grains in the fine-type samples are
267 the product of retrograde metamorphism that resulted from hydrothermal alteration of
268 the gabbroic body, as proposed for the coarse- and medium-types.

269 Plagioclase compositions are similar for porphyroclasts in the three sample types
270 (i.e., An 40–50), but the compositions of fine grains in the matrix are An 40–50 in the
271 coarse-type, An 30–40 in the medium-type, and An 5–30 in the fine-type (Fig. 5). In the
272 present study, the mineral assemblages in all three sample types contain plagioclase
273 (transformed from calcic plagioclase to sodic plagioclase), clinopyroxene (except for
274 the fine-type samples), amphibole (transformed from pargasitic hornblende to actinolite),
275 ilmenite, magnetite and apatite. During retrograde metamorphism, magmatic
276 plagioclase is generally recrystallized into more sodic plagioclase according to the
277 following reaction (Spear, 1981): clinopyroxene + plagioclase (calcic plagioclase) +
278 Fe-Ti oxide + fluid → magnesio-hornblende + plagioclase (sodic plagioclase). Indeed,
279 the modal composition of amphibole increased from the coarse-type samples, the
280 medium-type samples to the fine-type samples, whereas clinopyroxene disappeared in
281 the fine-type samples (Table. 1). Therefore, this reaction could be responsible for the
282 transformation of this gabbroic body into amphibolite (e.g., Berger et al., 2005).

283 The chemical compositions of amphibole grains depend on the pressure and/or
284 temperature at the time of retrograde reaction (Fig. 6; Spear, 1981). The temperature
285 sensitivity of amphibole can be estimated from a plot of Al^{iv} vs. $Al^{vi} + Ti + Fe^{3+} + A$ -site
286 occupancy (Brown, 1977; Spear, 1981; Díaz Asprioz et al., 2007). Indeed, our results
287 show that the composition of amphibole grains analyzed in the present study was
288 sensitive to temperature (Fig. 6b) and a decrease in Tschermakite components observed
289 in Fig. 6b. This suggests decreasing temperature, with the compositions of early and
290 later-stage amphibole corresponding to pargasitic hornblende and actinolite,
291 respectively.

292 We applied the hornblende–plagioclase geothermometer of Holland and Blundy
293 (1994) to brown hornblende and plagioclase within the three sample types, as shown in

294 Fig. 10. We assumed pressure conditions from 1kbar to 3kbar that corresponding to
295 5–10 km of depth within typical common oceanic crust. We chose pairs of matrix
296 plagioclase (An 40–50) and undeformed brown hornblende (pargasitic hornblende) in
297 coarse-type samples. The calculations yield a temperature range between 650 and
298 850 °C, with an average of approximately 750 °C (Fig. 10a). This suggests that the
299 hydrothermal alteration recorded in the coarse-type samples occurred at temperatures of
300 up to 800 °C. For the medium-type samples, we chose pairs of matrix plagioclase (An
301 30–40) and fine-grained brown hornblende (magnesio-hornblende), yielding
302 temperature estimates in the range of 700–800 °C (Fig. 10b). Applying the
303 hornblende–plagioclase geothermometer to a mixed layer of amphibole
304 (magnesio-hornblende) and plagioclase (An 20–30) within a fine-type sample, we
305 obtained distinctly lower temperature estimates, in the range of 560–775 °C (Fig. 10c).
306 Consequently, we propose that the deformed rocks of all three sample types at site D6
307 were originally derived from a single gabbroic body, and have suffered retrograde
308 metamorphism induced by hydrothermal activity at temperatures of 850–560 °C.
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310 **7.2. Timing of deformation with respect to retrograde metamorphism**

311 All three sample types are characterized by porphyroclastic textures consisting
312 dominantly of plagioclase porphyroclasts in a fine-grained matrix. Such deformation
313 microstructures are typical of mylonite and ultramylonite within ductile shear zones. In
314 contrast, microstructures within amphibole vary markedly among the three sample
315 types.

316 In the coarse-type samples, secondary brown and green hornblende that replaced
317 clinopyroxene show no evidence of deformation, in contrast to intensely deformed
318 plagioclase and clinopyroxene grains (Figs. 2, 4). Furthermore, the compositions of
319 fine-grained plagioclase in the matrix (An40–50) are similar to that of the plagioclase
320 porphyroclasts (An 40–50). This trend indicates that deformation of the coarse-type
321 samples occurred before hydration alteration, as hydration reactions would have
322 changed the plagioclase composition. These observations provide clear evidences that
323 hydrothermal alteration postdated the deformation event recorded in the coarse-type
324 samples; therefore, the primary deformation would have occurred within the gabbroic
325 body under anhydrous conditions at temperatures above 850°C (Fig. 10a), before the
326 growth of amphibole during hydrothermal activity.

327 In the medium-type samples, secondary brown hornblende shows deformation
328 features such as undulose extinction and subgrain boundaries (Fig. 4), whereas the
329 secondary green hornblende is undeformed. This observation indicates that
330 high-temperature hydrothermal alteration was synchronous with the deformation, with
331 the low-temperature hydrothermal alteration postdating the deformation recorded in the
332 medium-type samples. We therefore argue that subsequent to the first anhydrous stage
333 under anhydrous conditions, the medium-type samples was deformed under hydrous

334 conditions at temperatures as high as 800 °C (Fig. 10b).

335 In the fine-type samples, secondary brown hornblende occurs as relatively small
336 porphyroclasts and within the fine-grained matrix. Secondary green hornblende occurs
337 at the grain boundaries of brown hornblende (Figs. 2, 4). These observations suggest
338 that although the fine-type samples appear to have been deformed at temperatures as
339 high as 775 °C (Fig. 10c), they continued to be deformed until the rock encountered
340 conditions at which green hornblende was able to grow, possibly at temperatures as low
341 as 560 °C (Fig. 10c).

342 We classified our deformed samples into three types based on the grain sizes of
343 fine-grained matrix plagioclase (Fig. 3). It is generally accepted that the size of
344 dynamically recrystallized grains is a function of flow stress during deformation (e.g.,
345 Michibayashi, 1993; Passchier and Trouw, 2005), with fine grain-sizes forming under
346 higher flow stresses at relatively low temperatures. Plagioclase porphyroclasts in all
347 three sample types show features of intracrystalline deformation such as undulose
348 extinction and subgrain boundaries (Fig. 2). Furthermore, the observed decrease in the
349 grain size of matrix plagioclase is consistent with the observed reduction in anorthite
350 composition (Fig. 11). Therefore, we argue that the fine-grained matrix plagioclase
351 dominantly resulted from the dynamic recrystallization of coarser plagioclase grains
352 during cooling of the gabbroic body. Consequently, we interpret the three sample types
353 to represent the progressive deformation of a single gabbroic body under decreasing
354 temperature (i.e., progressive retrogression).

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356 **7.3. Deformation mechanism of plagioclase**

357 CPO patterns have traditionally been used to assess which slip systems were
358 active during dislocation creep in plastically deformed rock materials (e.g., Nicolas and
359 Poirier 1976; Wenk, 1985; Passchier and Trouw, 2005). In the coarse-type samples of
360 the present study, the observed plagioclase CPO pattern for both porphyroclasts and
361 matrix grains is consistent with the well described (010)[100] slip system (Figs. 7, 8a;
362 e.g., Montardi and Mainprice, 1987; Kruhl, 1987; Ji and Mainprice, 1988; Kruse et al.,
363 2001; Rosenberg and Stünitz, 2003), suggesting that dislocation creep was the dominant
364 deformation mechanism for plagioclase.

365 Similarly, because the microstructures in medium-type samples are also
366 dominated by intracrystalline deformation and comparable plagioclase CPO patterns
367 were obtained for porphyroclasts and matrix grains, dislocation creep might have been
368 the dominant deformation mechanism in these samples (Figs. 7, 8b). However, the CPO
369 patterns of the medium-type samples are slightly different from those of the coarse-type
370 samples, comprising an intense alignment of [100] subparallel to the lineation and a
371 weak girdle of both (010) and (001) poles subperpendicular to the lineation. These
372 patterns are consistent with the activation of (010)[100] and (001)[100] slip systems in
373 these samples.

374 The fine-type samples are dominated by a fine-grained matrix and plagioclase
375 porphyroclasts; the matrix consists of mixed layers and monomineralic layers. Because
376 the fine-type samples resulted from intense amphibolitization, it is unclear whether
377 plagioclase grains in the fine-grained matrix formed via the dynamic recrystallization of
378 originally coarse plagioclase grains; however, as some plagioclase porphyroclasts
379 contain dynamically recrystallized grains (Fig. 2f), in these cases there is no difference
380 in grain size between the fine-grained matrix and the dynamically recrystallized grains
381 around porphyroclasts. Therefore, we argue that at least some of the plagioclase grains
382 in the matrix were derived from dynamic recrystallization, indicating that dislocation
383 creep remained active at lower temperatures in these samples. In fact, the plagioclase
384 CPO patterns obtained for two samples (D6-501 and D6-505 in Fig. 7) suggest the
385 dominance of weak dominant (001)[100] slip. It must also be emphasized that a
386 decrease in grain size enhances the activity of grain-size-dependent deformation
387 mechanisms such as diffusion creep and grain boundary sliding (e.g., Jiang et al., 2000;
388 Passchier and Trouw, 2005; Warren and Hirth, 2006). Therefore, the strong grain-size
389 reduction (8 μ m) observed in the matrix within the fine-type samples may have enabled
390 grain-size-sensitive creep at the time when dislocation creep remained active. In fact,
391 the plagioclase CPO pattern for one of the fine-type samples (D6-502 in Fig. 7a) shows
392 a very weak or random pattern, with both the mixed and monomineralic layers showing
393 a highly scattered CPO (D6-502 in Fig. 8); these observations indicate that
394 grain-size-sensitive creep (e.g. Warren and Hirth, 2006) could have been the dominant
395 deformation mechanism in this sample.

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397 **7.4. Deformation mechanism of amphibole**

398 Various deformation mechanisms have been reported for amphibole, including
399 (–101) mechanical twinning (e.g., Rooney et al., 1975), dynamic recrystallization with
400 dislocation creep and fracturing (e.g., Hacker and Christie, 1990), and brittle behavior
401 with minor solution mass transfer and dissolution-precipitation creep (e.g., Imon et al.,
402 2004). Rigid body rotation is also considered to play an important role in CPO
403 development in clinoamphibole (e.g., Díaz Aspiroz et al., 2007).

404 In the coarse-type samples of the present study, brown and green hornblende
405 shows no evidence of plastic deformation (Fig. 4b); therefore, the measured CPO
406 pattern is considered to have formed during hydrothermal alteration (Fig. 7b). Brown
407 hornblende grains in the medium-type samples show intracrystalline deformation,
408 without anisotropic grain growth or compositional zoning (Fig. 4e, f); these features are
409 indicative of plastic deformation. The CPO patterns of brown hornblende show
410 alignments of [001] parallel to the lineation and a weak distribution of (100) planes
411 within the plane of the foliation (Fig. 7b), consistent with activation of the (100)[001]
412 slip system (e.g., Díaz Aspiroz et al., 2007). Therefore, the deformation mechanism of
413 brown hornblende is likely to have been dominated by dislocation creep.

414 In contrast to the weak CPO patterns in plagioclase, the fine-type samples tend to
415 record intense amphibole CPO patterns (Fig. 7). We found a few evidences of
416 anisotropic grain growth and compositional zoning in brown hornblende (Fig. 4e), but
417 also undulose extinction and subgrain boundaries (Figs. 4e, f). However, the possibility
418 of dissolution-precipitation creep is probably very low, as this generally occurs at
419 relatively low temperatures such as those of the greenschist facies to lower amphibolite
420 facies (e.g., Imon et al., 2004). In contrast, the samples studied here were deformed
421 within the upper amphibolite facies or at higher grades (e.g., Fig. 10), as discussed
422 above. Therefore, it may be likely that the dominant deformation mechanism was
423 dislocation creep via (100)[001] slip, although we cannot exclude the other deformation
424 mechanisms such as dissolution-precipitation creep. A more detailed study on the
425 deformation mechanisms of amphibole is required in the future.

427 **7.5. Significance of a gabbroic shear zone within the Godzilla Mullion**

428 Given that the three sample types were probably derived from the same gabbroic
429 body, each type is interpreted to represent a different stage of deformation during
430 progressive retrogression. Plagioclase appears to exhibit a change in deformation
431 mechanism from dislocation creep in the coarse- and medium-types to
432 grain-size-sensitive creep in the fine-type, as grain size decreases with decreasing
433 temperature. Thus, the fine-type samples are inferred to represent the final stage of
434 ductile deformation along a shear plane that possibly extended upward to a detachment
435 fault at shallow levels in the crust. Furthermore, since hydrothermal alteration within
436 the fine-type samples is more than that within the coarse- and medium-type samples, we
437 argue that the hydration was preferentially localized within the shear zone.

438 The fault rocks exposed at the surface of the Godzilla Mullion are mainly material
439 derived from the deep oceanic lithosphere, such as gabbro and peridotite (Ohara et al.,
440 2003b; Harigane et al., 2005). Because these fault rocks also include talc schist,
441 indicative of low-temperature deformation, they are thought to represent a detachment
442 fault within the Parece Vela Rift (Harigane et al., 2005) such as that within the
443 Mid-Atlantic Ridge 15°45'N in discussed MacLeod et al. (2002) and Escartin et al.
444 (2003). In this paper, we propose that samples of Fe-Ti oxide gabbro dredged from site
445 D6 were deformed during progressive retrogression, probably related to uplift of the
446 gabbroic body.

447 The dredged site, D6, is located ~15 km from the breakaway area, the distal end
448 of the Godzilla Mullion (Fig. 1). Tucholke et al. (1998) proposed that the breakaway
449 fault is likely to cut through the entire crust and extend into the upper mantle. Indeed,
450 the nature of the deformed gabbroic rocks from site D6 suggests that they are possibly
451 mylonitic gabbros derived from a shear zone(s) related to the initial detachment faulting
452 associated with the development of the Godzilla Mullion. Among mylonitic peridotites
453 and gabbros sampled from or near the surface of OCCs (e.g., Dick et al., 1991; Cannat

454 et al., 1992; Jaroslow et al., 1996; Agar and Lloyd, 1997; Karson, 1999; Schroeder and
455 John, 2004), mylonites of highly evolved Fe-Ti oxide-rich gabbro at Atlantis Bank,
456 adjacent to the Atlantis II transform and ~90 km south of the active Southwest Indian
457 Ridge, are regarded as a direct link to a detachment fault (Dick et al., 1991, 2000).

458 Consequently, in the context of the present study, the development of a shear zone
459 related to the initiation of a detachment fault might have occurred according to the
460 following steps (Fig. 12). (1) An Fe-Ti oxide gabbro body was initially sheared at
461 temperatures above 850 °C under anhydrous conditions and subsequently subjected to
462 alteration at around 650 °C, resulting in the formation of the coarse-type samples in
463 high-temperature shear zones as described above (Fig. 12a). These samples could
464 represent the primary shear zone associated with the detachment fault developed within
465 the Godzilla Mullion. (2) The shear zone subsequently developed under hydrous
466 conditions with decreasing temperature, possibly associated with uplift of the gabbro
467 body, resulting in formation of the medium-type samples in progressively narrower
468 mylonitic zones (Fig. 12b). (3) The shear zone was further influenced by hydrothermal
469 alteration under retrogressive conditions and temperatures as low as 560 °C during
470 uplift of the gabbro body, resulting in the amphibolitization evident in the fine-type
471 samples (Fig. 12c). Because the fine-type samples are microstructurally ultramylonitic
472 amphibolites (Figs. 2, 4), and because they record a wide range of temperatures
473 (560–850 °C; Fig. 10c), it is possible that intense shear localization (i.e. progressive
474 narrowing of mylonitic zones overprinting high-temperature shear zones) occurred in
475 association with hydrothermal activity in the primarily high-temperature shear zone (Fig.
476 12). Thus, the fine-type samples are inferred to represent the last stage of ductile
477 deformation within the Fe-Ti oxide gabbro body, along the slip plane associated with
478 the detachment fault in the Godzilla Mullion. Alternatively, they could represent a
479 deformation event related to emplacement of the gabbros at depth, being unrelated to
480 the detachment fault. Therefore, the above model requires further testing via further

481 structural studies of deformed rocks dredged from various parts of the Godzilla Mullion .

482 Nonetheless, the results of this study suggest that the surface geology of the Godzilla
483 Mullion is consistent with an OCC capped by a deep-rooted detachment fault, and that
484 the involvement of gabbros in the structural development of the Godzilla mullion—in a
485 similar way to that described at the Atlantis Bank in the Southwest Indian Ridge (Dick
486 et al., 2000) —is consistent with the working hypothesis that large gabbro intrusions are
487 always associated with OCC development (Ildefonse et al., 2007).

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489 **8. Conclusions**

490 (1) Dredge samples of gabbroic rock collected from near the breakaway of the
491 Godzilla Mullion (dredge site D6) contain microstructures indicative of intense ductile
492 deformation, characterized by porphyroclastic textures dominantly of plagioclase

493 porphyroclasts and lesser clinopyroxene porphyroclasts in a fine-grained matrix.

494 (2) Samples are classified into the three types based upon the grain size of
495 fine-grained plagioclase in the matrix: coarse (80–130 μm), medium (25 μm), and fine
496 (~10 μm). Although the chemical composition of plagioclase porphyroclasts is
497 consistently An 40–50 among all three sample types, the compositions of fine grains in
498 the matrix vary with grain size, being An 40–50 for the coarse-type, An 30–40 for the
499 medium-type, and An 5–30 for the fine-type. This finding implies that the chemical
500 composition of plagioclase in the matrix is related to the following syn-deformation
501 retrograde reaction: clinopyroxene + plagioclase + Fe-Ti oxide + fluid \rightarrow hornblende +
502 plagioclase.

503 (3) Plagioclase crystal-preferred orientations show a gradual change from a
504 (010)[100] pattern in coarse-type samples, (010)[100] and (001)[100] patterns in
505 medium type, and a weak (001)[100] pattern or random orientations in fine type. This
506 variation in CPO pattern resulted from a change in the deformation mechanism of
507 plagioclase from dislocation creep to grain-size-sensitive creep with decreasing
508 temperature, thereby leading to strain localization during cooling.

509 (4) Within each of the sample types, the composition of amphibole varies from
510 pargasitic hornblende to actinolite. Amphibole in the coarse type shows no evidence of
511 deformation, meaning that it postdates plagioclase deformation and recrystallization; in
512 contrast, brown hornblende in the medium- and fine-types are plastically deformed. The
513 dominant deformation mechanism could be dislocation creep via (100)[001] slip.

514 (5) The microstructural development of the gabbroic rocks occurred during
515 uplift-related cooling of the gabbro body, and a primary shear zone developed at the
516 breakaway zone at depth under anhydrous conditions at high temperatures above 850 $^{\circ}\text{C}$.
517 The shear zone subsequently evolved during progressive retrogression in association
518 with hydration, possibly resulting in the development of the detachment fault that gave
519 rise to the Godzilla Mullion.

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688 **Figure captions**

689 Fig. 1. Left: Major bathymetric features of the Western Pacific Ocean (after Ohara et al.,
690 2001). The rectangle shows the location of the study area at the site of the
691 Godzilla Mullion, Parece Vela Basin. Right: Bathymetric map of the Godzilla
692 Mullion (outlined by dashed line), showing the location of dredge site D6 and
693 other dredge sites conducted during cruises KR03-01 and KH07-02-Leg2/Leg4.
694 The inactive spreading segments S1 and S2 (Ohara et al., 2001) are marked by
695 thick red lines.

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697 Fig. 2. Photomicrographs of plagioclase microstructures within samples of mylonitic
698 gabbro (coarse, medium, and fine types) collected from the Godzilla Mullion.
699 (a) Plagioclase porphyroclast and matrix in a coarse-type sample (D6-1002). (b)
700 Enlargement of the area outlined by the yellow rectangle in (a). (c) Plagioclase
701 porphyroclast and matrix in a medium-type sample (D6-1005). (d) Enlargement
702 of the area outlined by the yellow rectangle in (c). (e) Plagioclase porphyroclast
703 and matrix in a fine-type sample (D6-502). The grayish layer mainly consists of
704 plagioclase grains (i.e. monomineralic plagioclase layer). The brownish layer
705 consists of amphibole grains (i.e. monomineralic amphibole layer). The mixed
706 layer is the area where both plagioclase (grayish color) and amphibole (brownish
707 color) are present. (f) Enlargement of the area outlined by the yellow rectangle
708 in (e). All images were taken under crossed nicols.

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710 Fig. 3. Logarithmic grain-size distributions of fine-grained plagioclase grains. Outlines
711 of plagioclase grains were traced from photomicrographs and back-scattered
712 electron images, and shape parameters were measured using ImageJ software.
713 We measured a total of 113 to 645 plagioclase grains per sample. The gabbro
714 samples can be classified into three types based on the sizes of dynamically
715 recrystallized plagioclase grains: coarse-type (upper row; average grain size,
716 80–130 μm), medium-type (middle row; average grain size, 25 μm), and
717 fine-type (lower row; average grain size, 8 μm). All of the distributions are
718 log-normal. Triangles indicate the average grain size within each sample.

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720 Fig. 4. Photomicrographs of amphibole microstructures within samples of mylonitic
721 gabbro (coarse, medium, and fine types) collected from the Godzilla Mullion.
722 (a) Clinopyroxene grains are replaced by amphibole in a coarse-type sample
723 (D6-1002). Open nicols. (b) Enlargement of the area outlined by the yellow
724 rectangle in (a). Open nicols. (c) Clinopyroxene porphyroclast surrounded by
725 fine-grained amphibole grains in a medium-type sample (D6-1005). Open nicols.
726 (d) Enlargement of the area outlined by the yellow rectangle in (c). Crossed
727 nicols. (e) Amphibole porphyroclasts and matrix in a fine-type sample (D6-502).

728 Crossed nicols. The brown area is made up of brown hornblende grains. (f)
729 Crystal-preferred orientation map (data collected by EBSD) of brown
730 hornblende in the area outlined by the yellow rectangle in (e). The map was
731 collected at a 1 μ m step size, and is rotated 90° anticlockwise from the
732 orientation shown in (e), which is shown by yellow arrow. Color indicates Euler
733 axes. White points were unable to be indexed (i.e. zero solution). Black lines
734 indicate grain boundaries, defined as a 10° (or greater) misorientation between
735 adjacent points. Cyan and magenta lines indicate subgrain boundaries defined by
736 misorientation of 5° and 2°, respectively. Cpx: clinopyroxene, BHb: brown
737 hornblende, GHb: green hornblende, Pl: plagioclase.

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740 and fine grains in the matrix (large white diamonds) for coarse, medium, and
741 fine sample types. Anorthite content is calculated as $Ca \times 100 / (Ca + Na + K)$.

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744 fine-type samples. Estimates of cation contents and Fe^{3+} in all sample types were
745 made following Holland and Blundy (1994). (a) Plot of A-site occupancy vs. Si
746 content for amphibole within all three sample types. Terminology and
747 classification scheme are from Leake et al. (1997). (b) Plot of Al^{IV} vs. $Al^{VI} + Fe^{3+}$
748 + Ti + A-site occupancy for amphibole within all three sample types. Increasing
749 values along the dashed line indicate broadly increasing temperature.

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752 amphibole grains in samples with coarse-type texture (D6-1001, D6-1002,
753 D6-1003, D6-1009), medium-type texture (D6-500, D6-1005), and fine-type
754 texture (D6-500, D6-502, D6-505). The measured plagioclase and hornblende
755 CPOs are presented on equal area, lower hemisphere projections in the structural
756 (XZ) reference frame. The data for hornblende grains in coarse-type samples are
757 sourced only from sample D6-1002 because of the small number of analyzed
758 grains in coarse-type samples. In all plots, the foliation is vertical (XY plane)
759 and the lineation (X) is horizontal within the plane of the foliation.

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762 coarse-type texture (D6-1002), medium-type texture (D6-1005), and fine-type
763 texture (D6-502). The measured plagioclase CPOs are presented on equal area,
764 lower hemisphere projections in the structural (XZ) reference frame. Data for
765 coarse- and medium-type samples include both porphyroclasts (black squares)
766 and neoblasts (open squares). Data for fine-type samples include grains from
767 mixed layers (black squares) and monomineralic layers (open squares). In all

768 plots, the foliation is vertical (XY plane) and the lineation (X) is horizontal
769 within the plane of the foliation.

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772 fine-type texture (D6-502). The data are presented on equal area, lower
773 hemisphere projections in the structural (XZ) reference frame, showing data for
774 both mixed layers (black squares) and monomineralic layers (open squares). The
775 foliation is vertical (XY plane) and the lineation (X) is horizontal within the
776 plane of the foliation.

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779 geothermometer of Holland and Blundy (1994) to coarse- (D6-1002), medium-
780 (D6-1005), and fine-type samples (D6-502).

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783 grain size decreases with decreasing anorthite content.

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786 Godzilla Mullion. See text for further details.

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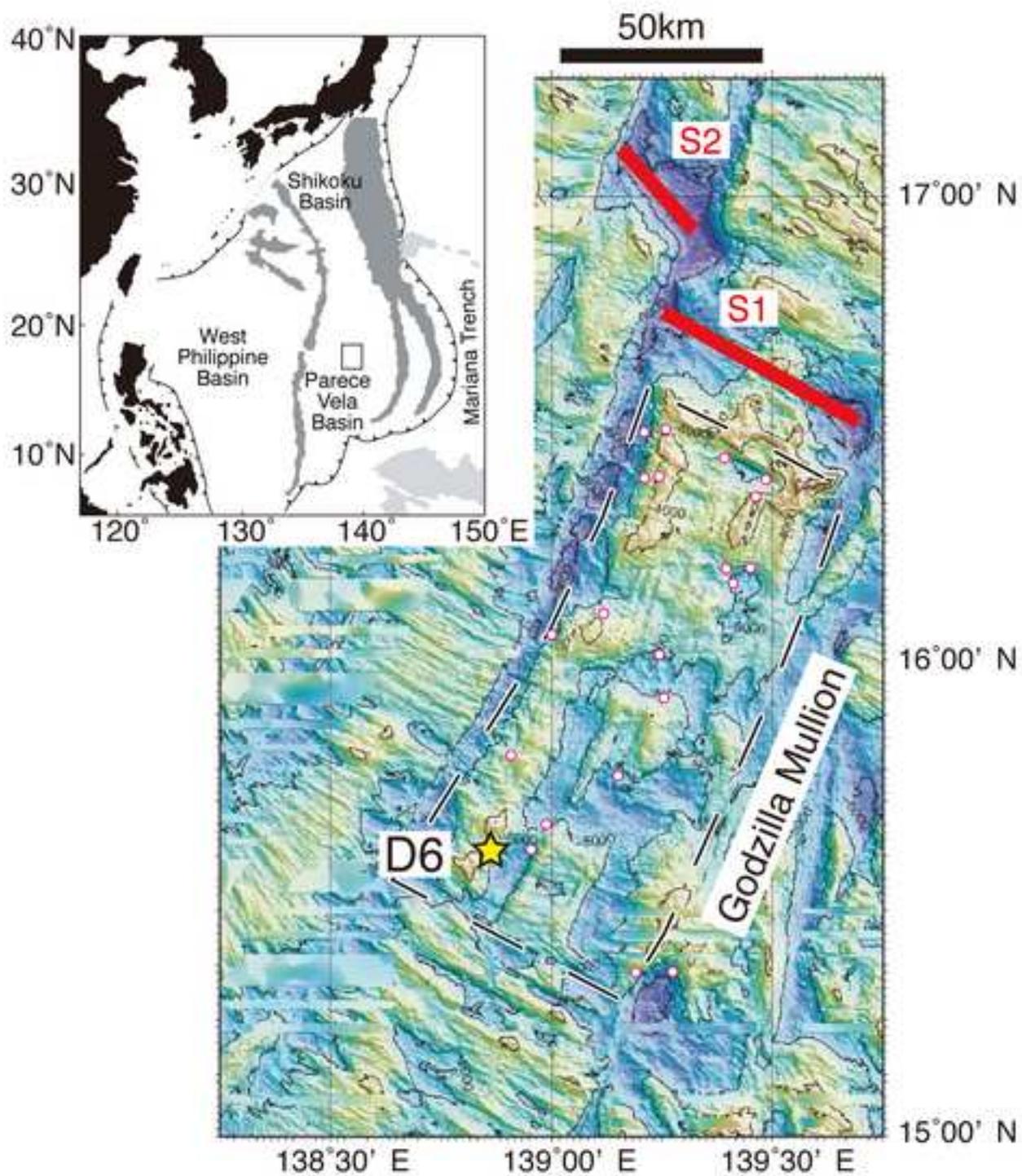


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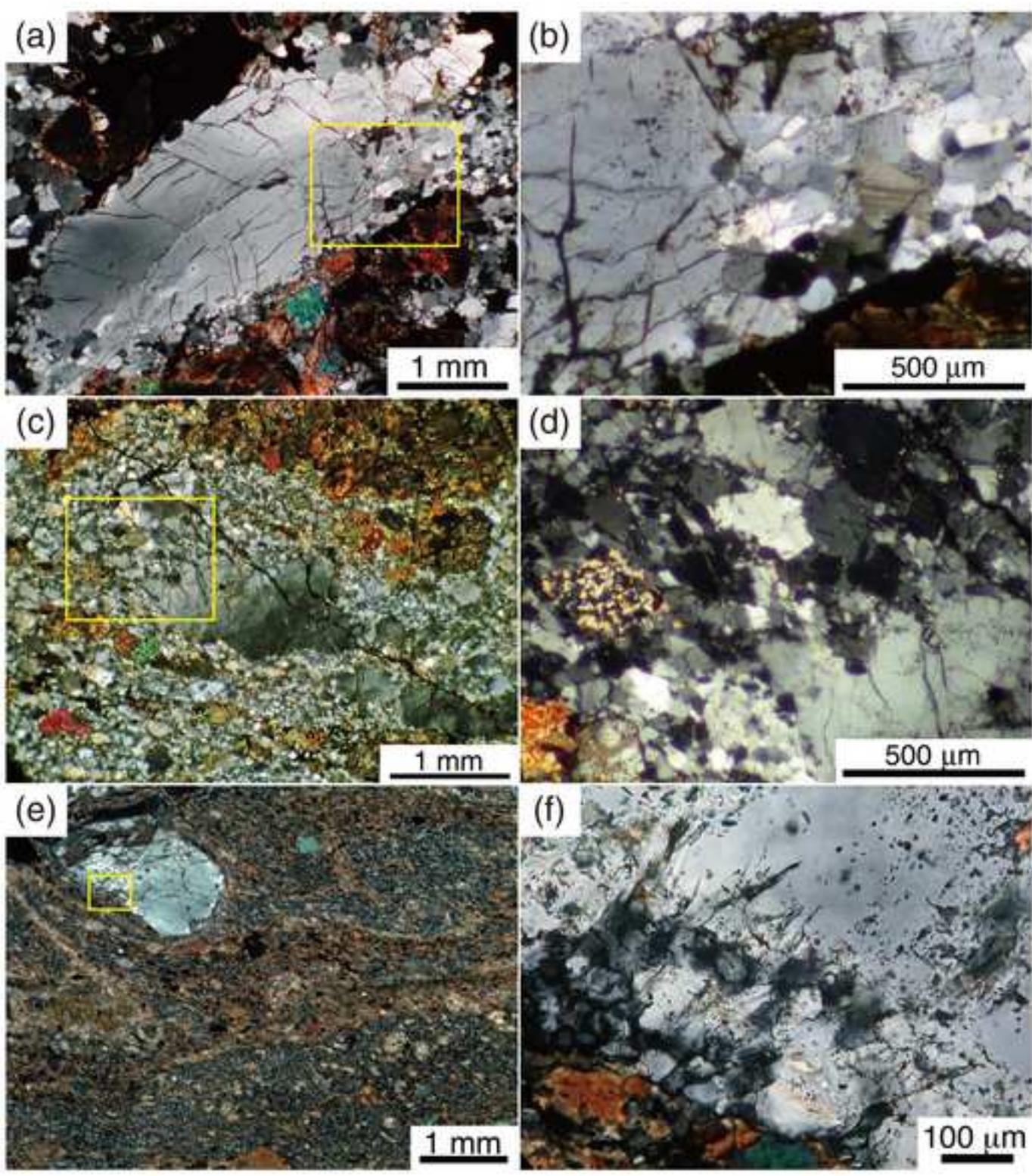


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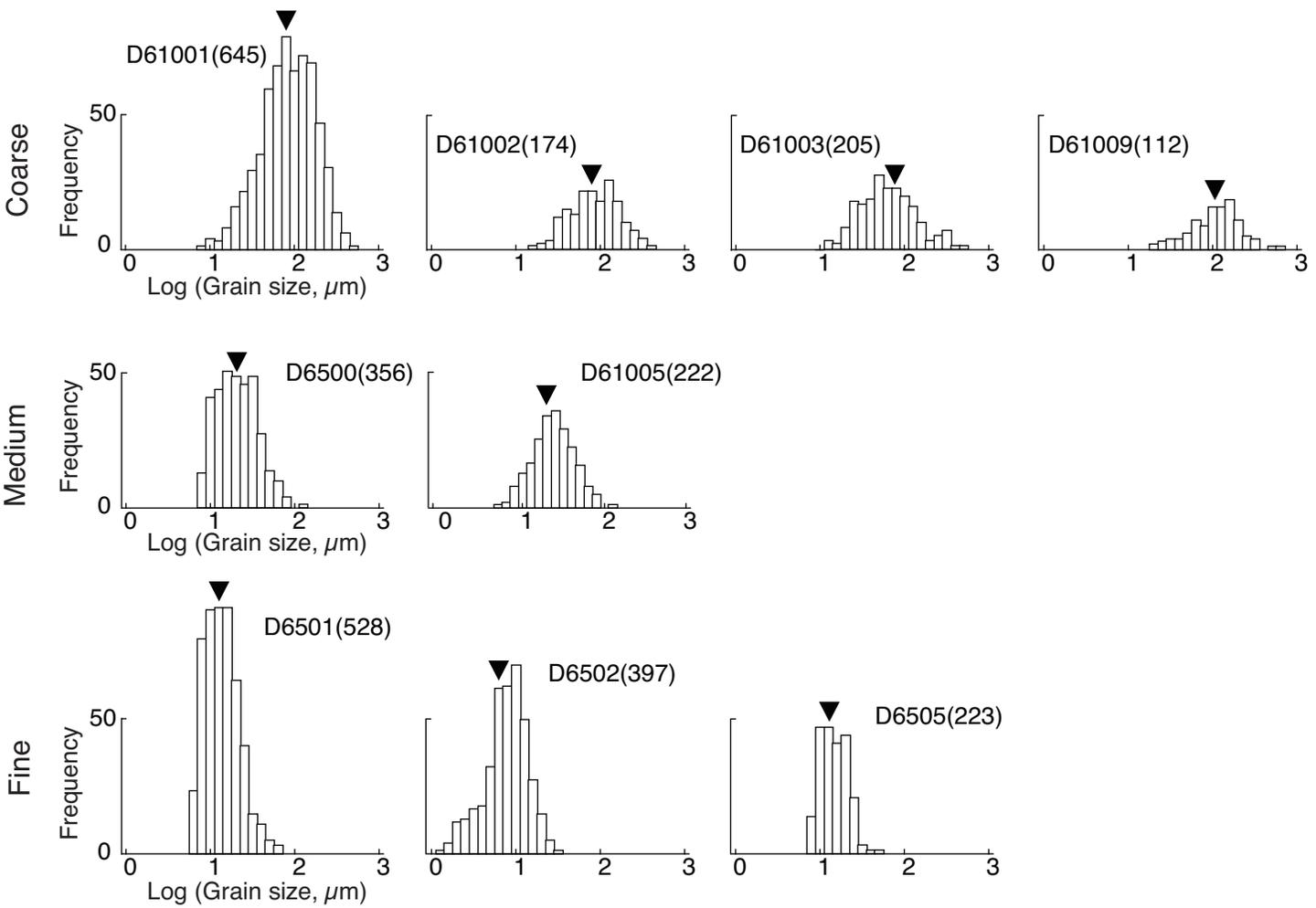


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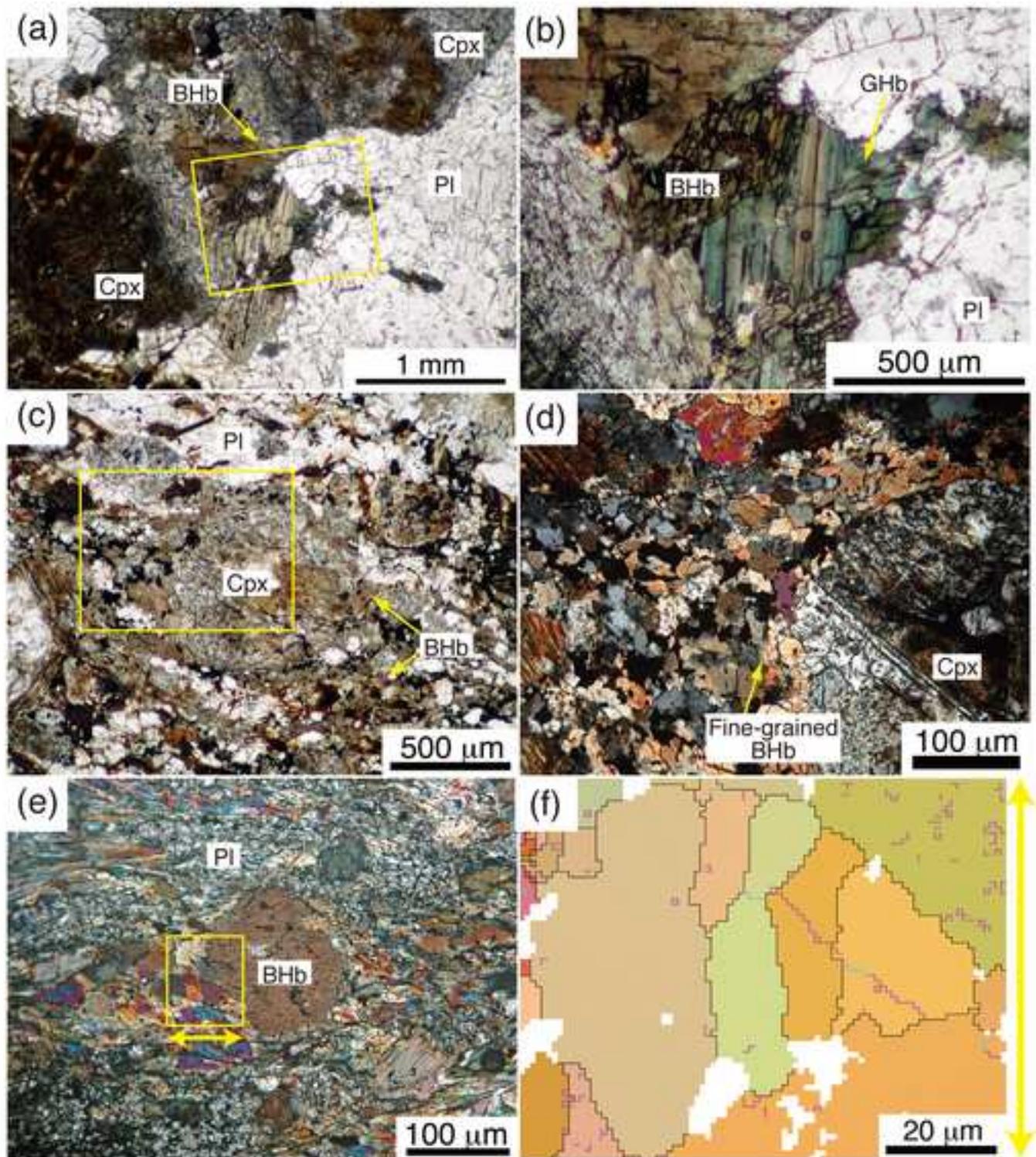


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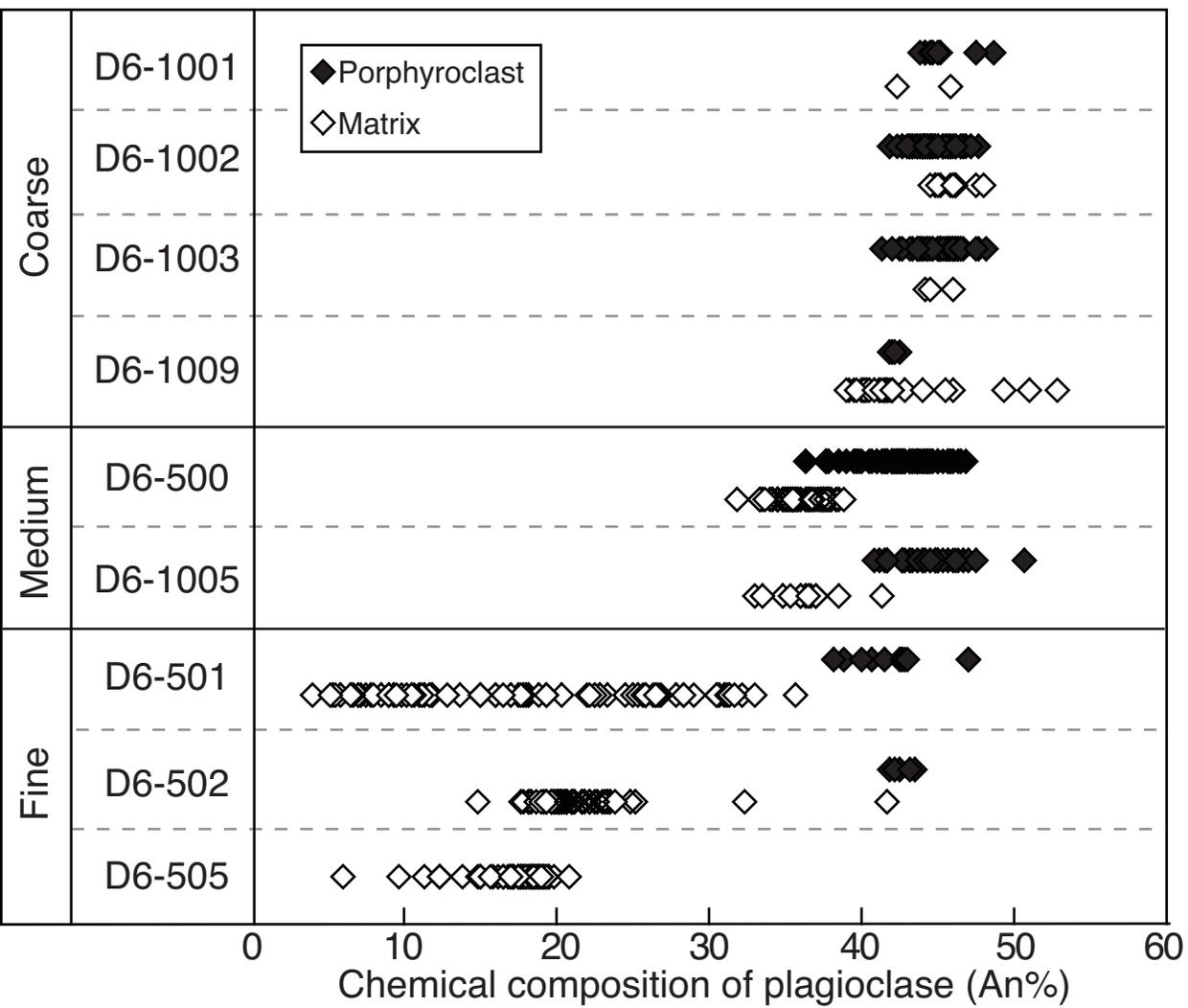


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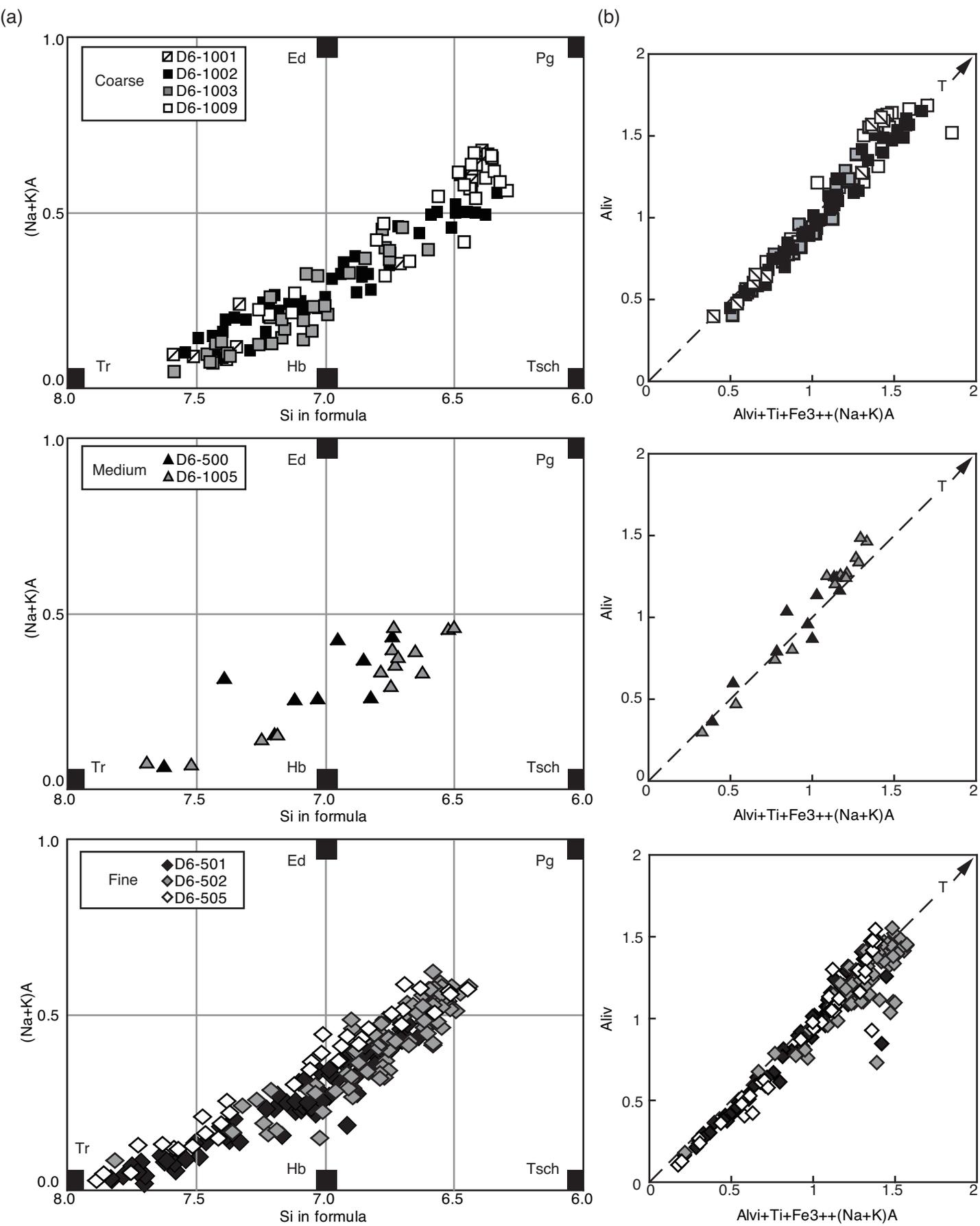


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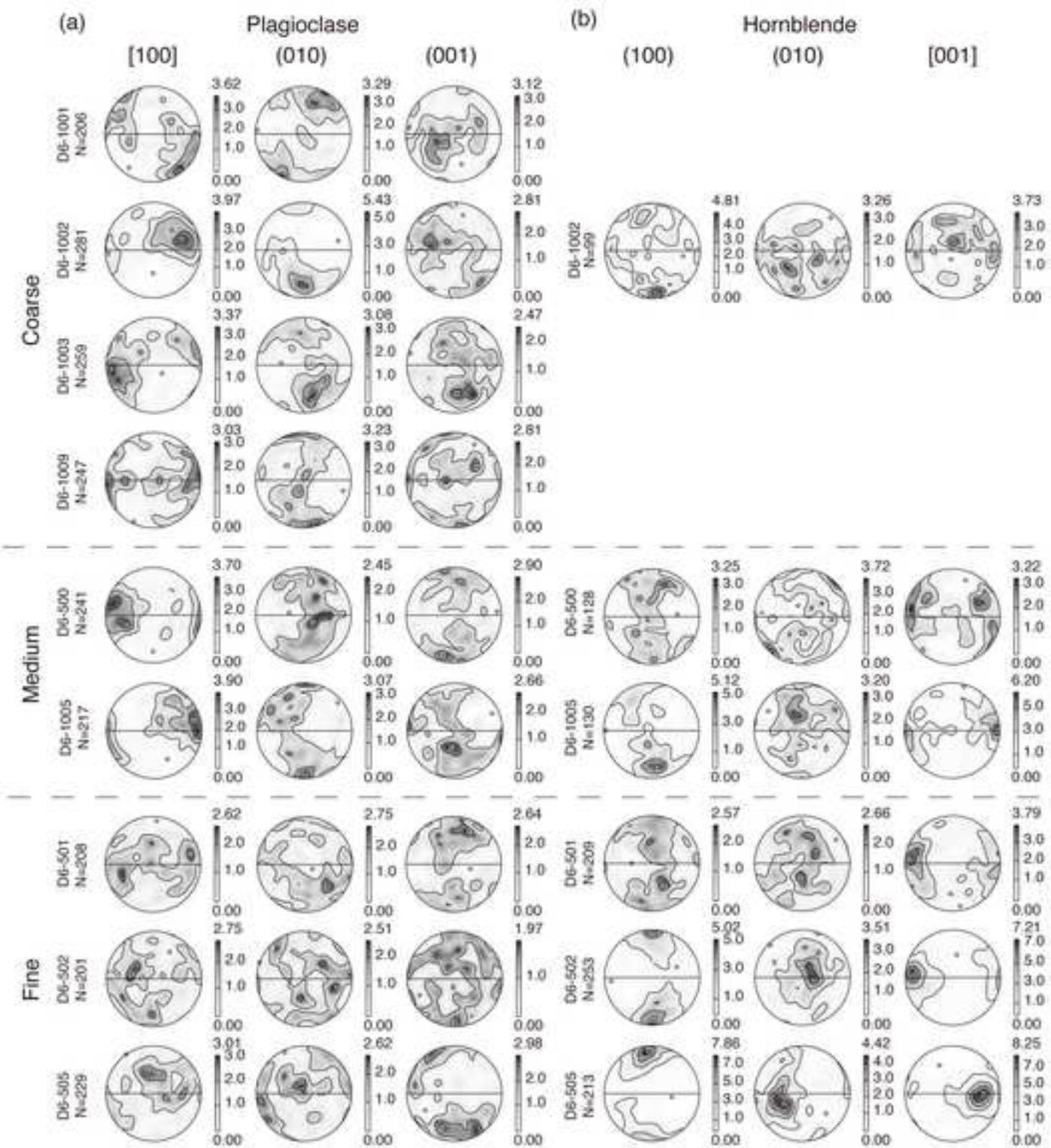


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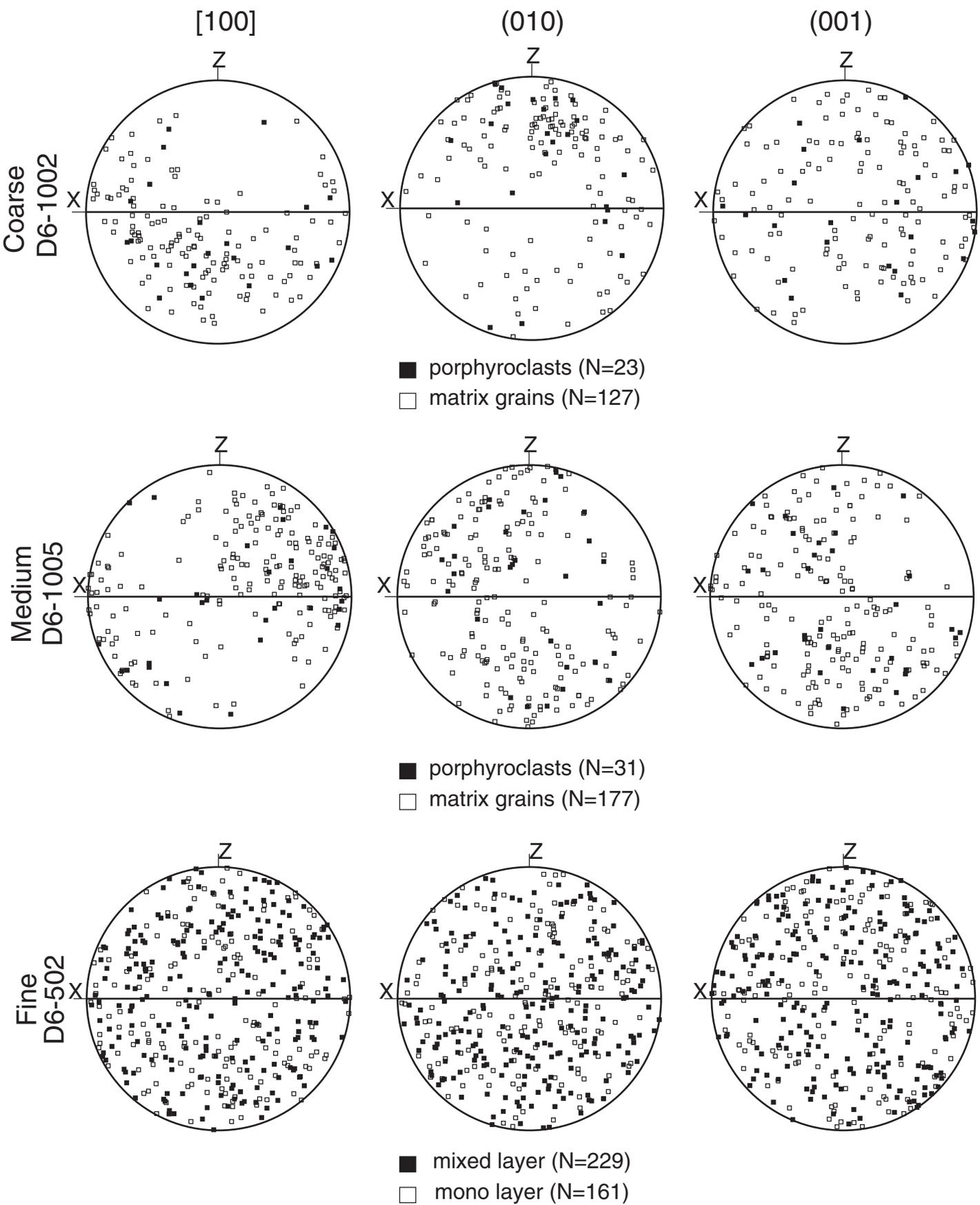


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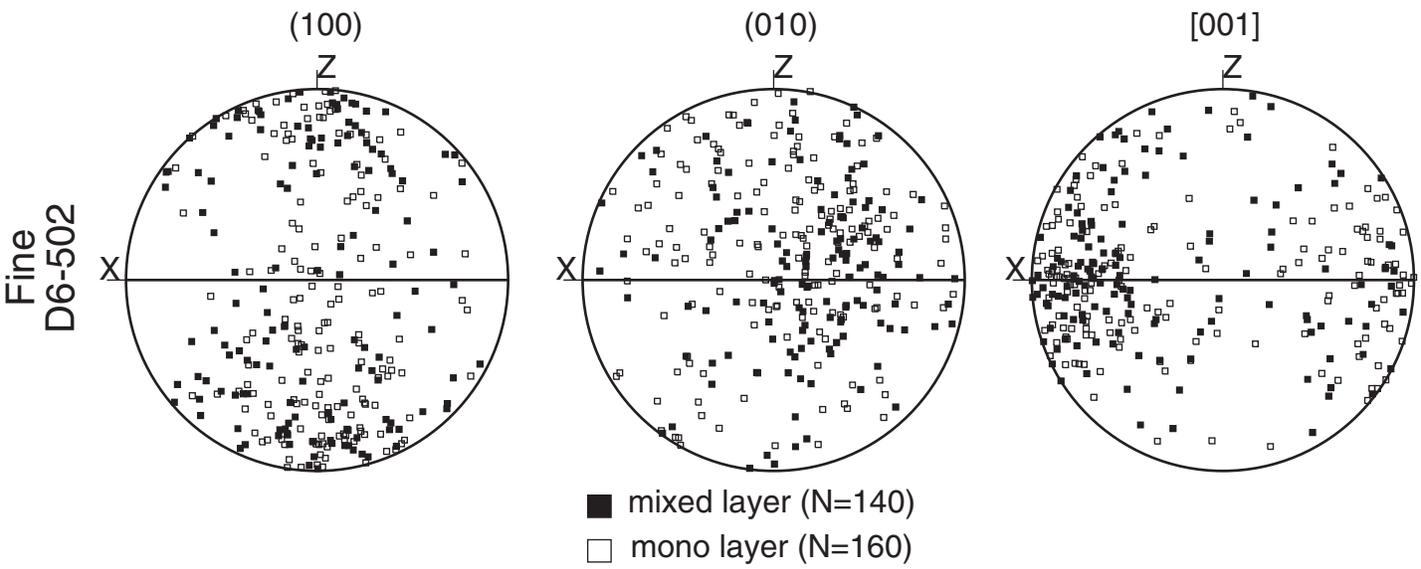


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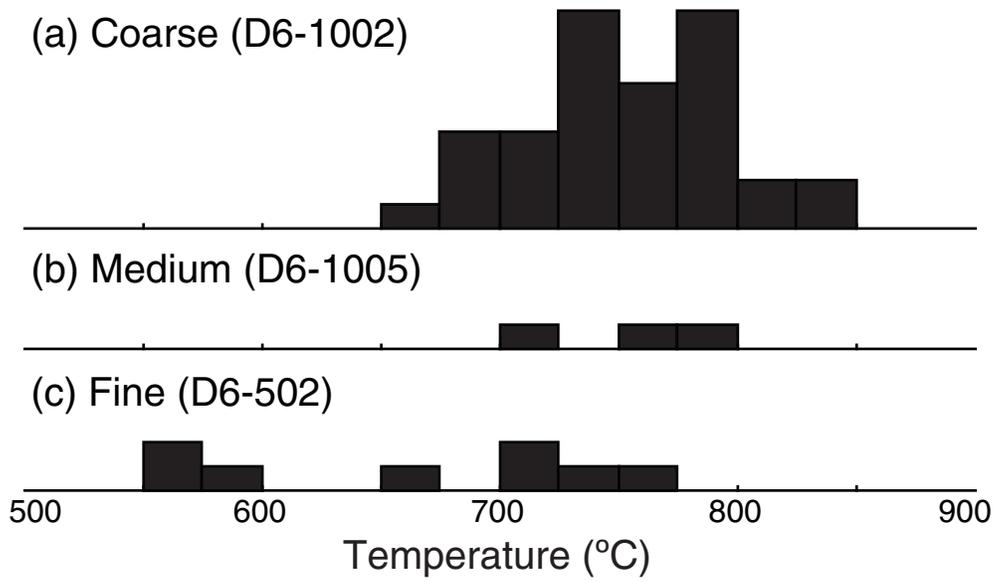


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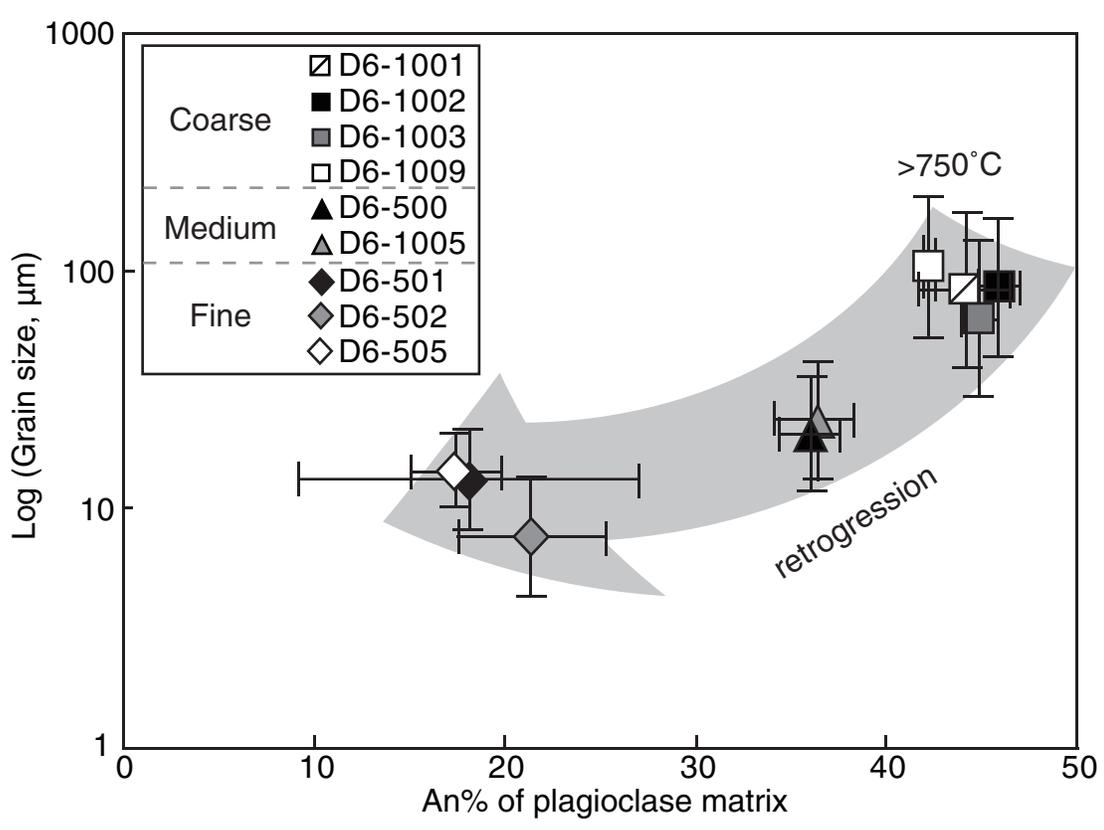


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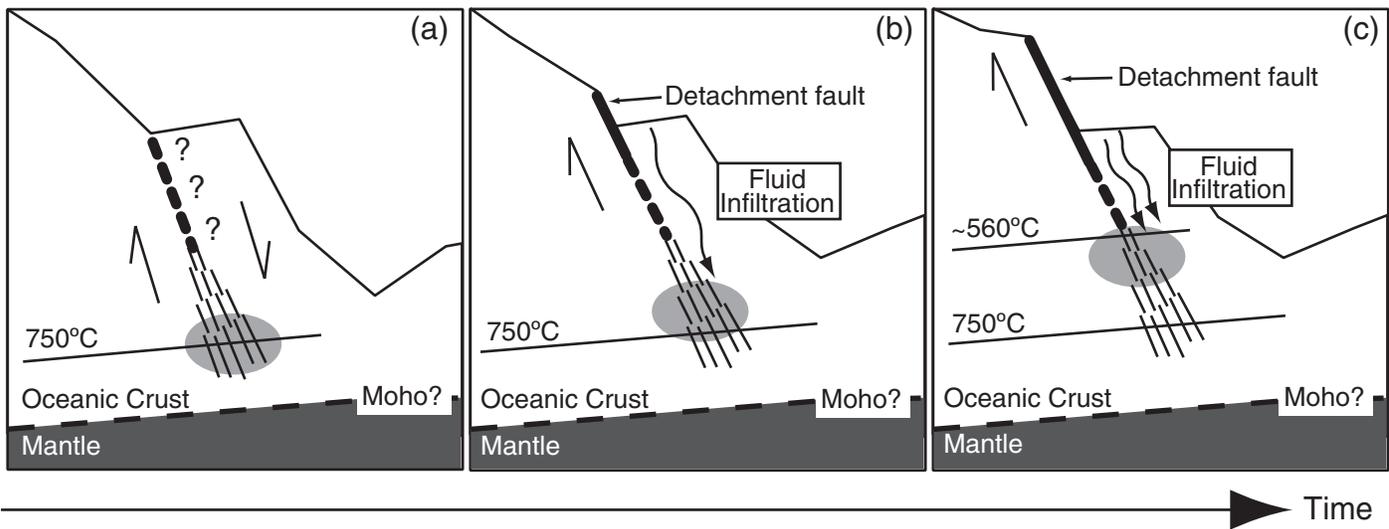


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Table1. The features of analyzed gabbroic rocks

Sample number	D6-1001	D6-1002	D6-1003	D6-1009	D6-500	D6-1005	D6-501	D6-502	D6-505
Microstructure	mylonitic gabbro coarse size matrix				mylonitic gabbro medium size matrix		ultramylonite fine size matrix		
Mineral assemblage	Pl, Cpx, Amp(including brown Hb and green Hb), Ilm, Mt, Ap				Pl, Cpx, Amp(including brown Hb and green Hb), Ilm, Mt, Ap, Chl		Pl, Amp(including brown Hb and green Hb), Ilm, Mt, Ap, Chl		
Mineral mode (%)	-	Pl: 55.2 Cpx: 13.8 Amp: 18.1 Ilm & Mt: 9.35 Others: 3.6	Pl: 51 Cpx: 25.25 Amp: 7.2 Ilm & Mt: 2.5 Others: 14.05	Pl: 36.9 Cpx: 23.05 Amp: 5.05 Ilm & Mt: 18.9 Others: 16.1	Pl: 48.25 Cpx: 12 Amp: 21.85 Ilm & Mt: 9.25 Others: 8.65	Pl: 42.75 Cpx: 11.2 Amp: 17.65 Ilm & Mt: 15.3 Others: 13.1	Pl: 25.6 Amp: 55.05 Ilm & Mt: 10.2 Others: 9.15	Pl: 23.1 Amp: 72.194 Ilm & Mt: 0.805 Others: 3.907	Pl: 63.82 Amp: 30.32 Ilm & Mt: 1.86 Others: 4
PI matrix Average grain-size (µm)	107.3	105.1	83.9	129.8	24.0	27.8	15.3	8.9	15.6
PI porphyroclast anorthite contents	45.3	44.6	45.0	42.4	42.7	44.2	42.1	42.6	-
PI matrix anorthite contents	44.1	45.9	44.9	42.2	35.9	36.3	18.1	21.4	17.4

Pl: plagioclase, Cpx: clinopyroxene, Amp: amphibole, Ilm: ilmenite, Mt: magnetite, Ap: apatite, Chl: chlorite.

Others in mineral mode includes chlorite, apatite and crack.

Table2

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Table 2. Microprobe analyses of plagioclase. Fe* is calculated by all Fe²⁺.
P- and M- are porphyroclast and matrix grain, respectively.

Thin section	D6-1002		D6-1005		D6-502	
Analysis No.	P-6	M-34	P-917	M-859	P-418	M-556
SiO ₂	58.31	57.13	57.30	60.33	57.38	63.79
TiO ₂	0.12	0.05	0.23	0.08	0.10	0.02
Al ₂ O ₃	26.65	26.56	26.48	25.01	26.89	22.85
FeO	0.22	0.20	0.63	0.27	0.10	0.30
MnO	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
MgO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.03
CaO	9.33	8.85	9.00	7.46	8.85	4.41
Na ₂ O	6.24	6.33	6.17	7.22	6.43	8.80
K ₂ O	0.07	0.03	0.05	0.13	0.04	0.01
total	100.93	99.17	99.85	100.49	99.80	100.22
Cations / O	8	8	8	8	8	8
Si	2.589	2.580	2.576	2.677	2.575	2.811
Ti	0.004	0.002	0.008	0.003	0.003	0.001
Al	1.394	1.414	1.403	1.308	1.422	1.187
Fe*	0.008	0.008	0.024	0.010	0.004	0.011
Mn	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Mg	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002
Ca	0.444	0.428	0.433	0.354	0.425	0.208
Na	0.538	0.554	0.538	0.621	0.559	0.752
K	0.004	0.001	0.003	0.007	0.002	0.001
total	4.981	4.989	4.985	4.981	4.992	4.972
An%	45.04	43.52	44.49	36.06	43.10	21.68

Table3

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Table 3. Microprobe analyses of clinopyroxene.
Fe* is calculated by all Fe²⁺.

Thin section	D6-1002	D6-1002	D6-1005	D6-1005
Analysis No.	CPX-26	CPX-33	CPX-832	CPX-882
SiO ₂	50.50	51.19	51.50	52.21
TiO ₂	0.86	0.88	0.43	0.17
Al ₂ O ₃	2.54	2.62	1.20	1.01
FeO	11.14	12.83	11.60	12.16
MnO	0.30	0.39	0.30	0.29
MgO	12.59	13.71	12.41	12.89
CaO	22.16	17.88	21.81	20.45
Na ₂ O	0.58	0.65	0.32	0.28
K ₂ O	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01
total	100.68	100.14	99.57	99.46
Cations / O	6	6	6	6
Si	1.900	1.924	1.957	1.979
Ti	0.024	0.025	0.012	0.005
Al	0.113	0.116	0.054	0.045
Fe*	0.351	0.403	0.369	0.385
Mn	0.010	0.013	0.010	0.009
Mg	0.706	0.768	0.703	0.729
Ca	0.893	0.720	0.888	0.830
Na	0.042	0.047	0.023	0.021
K	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001
total	4.040	4.016	4.016	4.004
Mg/Mg+Fe	0.668	0.656	0.656	0.654
Wo	45.81	38.06	45.30	42.71
En	36.22	40.61	35.89	37.47
Fs	17.98	21.33	18.81	19.82

Table4

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Table 4. Representative compositions of amphiboles in gabbroic rocks.
Estimate of Fe³⁺ follow Holland and Blundy (1994).

Thin section	D6-1002		D6-1005		D6-502	
Analysis No.	Amp-15 Act	Amp-67 Pg	Amp-844 Act	Amp-904 Mg-Hb	Amp-313 Act	Amp-538 Pg
SiO ₂	51.40	41.36	51.23	43.18	54.50	43.35
TiO ₂	0.22	0.90	0.31	2.73	0.17	1.83
Al ₂ O ₃	2.71	9.49	3.26	9.40	1.16	9.53
FeO	15.87	24.59	18.75	18.20	14.70	17.06
MnO	0.28	0.26	0.25	0.12	0.26	0.19
MgO	13.84	6.37	13.78	10.22	15.53	11.71
CaO	11.89	11.15	9.19	11.20	11.75	10.20
Na ₂ O	0.59	1.83	0.51	1.83	0.48	2.38
K ₂ O	0.03	0.20	0.06	0.20	0.02	0.11
total	96.82	96.15	97.34	97.08	98.56	96.36
Cations / O	23	23	23	23	23	23
Si	7.551	6.462	7.521	6.504	7.815	6.496
Al ^{iv}	0.449	1.538	0.479	1.496	0.185	1.504
Al ^{vi}	0.019	0.209	0.085	0.173	0.011	0.178
Ti	0.024	0.106	0.035	0.309	0.018	0.206
Fe ³⁺	0.348	0.698	0.344	0.349	0.105	0.609
MgC	3.031	1.485	3.015	2.294	3.319	2.614
Fe ²⁺	1.601	2.515	1.957	1.942	1.657	1.528
Mn	0.034	0.034	0.032	0.015	0.032	0.024
Ca	1.871	1.867	1.445	1.807	1.805	1.637
Na	0.169	0.554	0.144	0.535	0.133	0.692
K	0.006	0.039	0.012	0.038	0.004	0.021
total	15.10	15.51	15.07	15.46	15.09	15.51