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# Disorientation control on trace element segregation in fluid-affected low-angle boundaries in olivine

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## ABSTRACT

The geometry and composition of deformation-related low-angle boundaries in naturally-deformed olivine were characterized by electron backscattered diffraction (EBSD) and atom probe tomography (APT). EBSD data show the presence of discrete low-angle tilt boundaries, which formed by sub-grain rotation recrystallisation associated with the (100)[001] slip system during fluid-catalysed metamorphism and deformation. APT analyses of these interfaces show the preferential segregation of olivine-derived trace elements (Ca, Al, Ti, P, Mn, Na and Co) to the low-angle boundaries. Boundaries with  $< 2^\circ$  show marked enrichment associated with the presence of multiple, non-parallel dislocation types. However, at larger disorientation angles ( $> 2^\circ$ ), the interfaces become more ordered and linear enrichment of trace elements coincides with the orientation of dislocations inferred from the EBSD data. These boundaries show a systematic increase of trace element concentration with disorientation angle. Olivine-derived trace elements segregated to the low-angle boundaries are interpreted to be captured and travel with dislocation as they migrate to the sub-grain boundary interfaces. However, the presence of exotic trace elements Cl and H, also enriched in the low-angle boundaries, likely reflect the contribution of an external fluid source during the fluid-

24 present deformation. The observed compositional segregation of trace elements has significant  
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25 implications for the deformation and transformation of olivine at mantle depth, the interpretation of  
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26 geophysical data and the redistribution of elements deep in the Earth. The observation that similar  
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27 features are widely recognised in manufactured materials, indicates that the segregation of trace  
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28 elements to mineral interfaces is likely to be widespread.

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30 **KEYWORDS:** Olivine; Deformation microstructures; Grain boundaries; Mineral interfaces; Atom  
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35 crystals. Grain boundary interfaces are only a few nanometres wide, and represent only a small  
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37 mechanical properties of rocks at a broad range of scales. For example, diffusion rates along interfaces  
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Despite the increasing importance of grain boundary characterization in all rocks, the study of  
grain boundary properties in geological materials has focused primarily on olivine  $[(\text{Mg,Fe})_2\text{SiO}_4]$ ,  
because of its importance in the mantle and therefore its role in large-scale geodynamic processes. A  
significant focus of this research is the characterization of olivine deformation through the  
quantification of olivine microstructure in naturally and experimentally deformed olivine-rich rocks.  
Results illustrate that grain boundaries critically affect a number of mantle properties, such as creep  
strength during diffusion and dislocation creep, element segregation and diffusion rates, as well as

48 seismic and electrical conductivity properties, all of which have important rheological and  
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1755 of lattice atomic structure (Adjaoud et al. 2012), structural and effective width (Hiraga et al. 2002;  
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2558 interstitial phases (melt/fluid) at these interfaces (Hiraga et al. 2004). Grain boundaries may therefore  
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2759 be a significant repository of geologically important trace elements (Hiraga et al. 2003, 2004, 2007).  
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3361 The relationship between adjacent grains and the interface between them can be investigated  
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5570 to a broad range of possible geometrically-distinct grain boundary combinations ( $> 60 \times 10^3$  for  $10^\circ$   
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73 shown that the different types of grain boundaries in olivine-rich rocks may influence the chemical  
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776 structure of grain boundaries, which in turn may drive the modification of the GBCD, change the  
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1579 To date, direct observations of mineral grain boundaries have mostly been performed by  
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2282 atomically-resolved visualization of trace element distributions within mineral interfaces has been  
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2583 difficult due to the intrinsic analytical limitations associated with the nano-scale width of these  
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3085 structural properties in relation to olivine high-angle phase and grain boundaries whereas the  
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3286 investigation of low-angle boundaries has been generally overlooked. Thus, the relationships between  
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3487 low-angle boundary geometry and composition at the early stages of grain boundary formation, and  
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4089 Atom probe tomography (APT) allows a precise, quantitative, 3D-characterization of the sub-  
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4390 nanometre distribution of atoms within grain boundary interfaces (Piazolo et al. 2016; Fougereuse et  
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4591 al. 2019; Montalvo et al. 2019; Cukjati et al. 2019; Reddy et al. 2020). To date, only a few  
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5093 olivine grain boundaries by atom probe tomography (Cukjati et al. 2019). However, the use of the  
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5294 GBCD as the framework for boundary investigations has been overlooked. In this contribution, we  
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5595 investigate the relationship between grain boundary disorientation (hereafter used to indicate the  
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6097 segregation within a single olivine grain of a natural peridotite deformed by crystal plastic  
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## 106 **GEOLOGICAL SETTINGS AND SAMPLES**

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108 The investigated samples were collected from a spinel-lherzolite found within the Lindås  
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110 comprises Neoproterozoic anorthositic granulites (930 ± 50 Ma; Austrheim and Griffin 1985; Boundy  
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3511 et al. 1992), with minor gabbroic components, mangerites, charnockites and ultramafic lenses  
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5318 compositional layering of olivine–pyroxene and garnet-rich bands lies broadly parallel to the  
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119 granulite-facies foliation in the surrounding anorthositic granulites. The spinel-lherzolites contain  
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120 abundant centimetre to millimetre wide high-strain zones that crosscut the dominant foliation (Fig.  
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121 2). Mineralogically, the metamorphic transition from the spinel- to garnet-lherzolite is indicative of  
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122 upper mantle temperature and pressure conditions (O'Neill 1981). Moreover, the presence of minor  
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124 deformation of these rocks (Kühn et al. 2000; Jung et al. 2014). Previous work on these high-strain  
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125 zones has established that these features are related to the high-pressure Caledonian overprint (Kühn  
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## 128 **METHODS**

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130 Secondary electron (SE), backscattered electron (BSE) and electron backscattered diffraction  
131 (EBSD) data were collected using a Tescan MIRA3 field emission scanning electron microscope  
132 (FESEM) housed at the John de Laeter Centre at Curtin University. EBSD data were acquired using  
133 an Oxford Instrument Aztec system incorporating a Symmetry EBSD detector and Aztec 4.1  
134 acquisition software using accelerating voltage of 20 kV at 20 mm working distance. EBSD maps  
135 were acquired using a step size of 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$ , post-processed using Channel 5.12, and corrected utilizing  
136 a standard noise reduction procedure involving the removal of misindexed “wild spikes” and a 6  
137 nearest-neighbour zero solution algorithm. Crystallographic orientation maps and pole figures were  
138 constructed using Tango and Mambo sub-components of Channel5 software respectively.  
139 Geometrically-necessary dislocation (GND) plots were performed using Aztec Crystal 1.1 software.  
140 Detected grains were defined using a critical disorientation of 22° based on molecular dynamic  
141 simulations of olivine boundary character (Adjaoud et al. 2012; Marquardt et al. 2015, 2018) and a  
142 minimum disorientation of 1° for boundary completion. Four grain boundaries were specifically  
143 selected for detailed atom probe tomography analysis based on similar geometries and disorientation  
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145 have formed by similar processes arrested at different degrees of microstructural development.

146 Needle-shaped specimens for atom probe tomography (APT) and the electron-transparent thin  
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149 University. The four low-angle boundaries (LAB-1.3°, LAB-2.8°, LAB-4.5° and LAB-8°) were  
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151 Additionally, during the entire sample preparation procedure, the geometrical orientation of both the  
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153 be geometrically-linked to the boundary trace. Before APT analyses, a final 5 kV polishing stage was  
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156 All APT specimens were analysed on a CAMECA LEAP 4000X HR at the Geoscience Atom  
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Probe Facility (John de Laeter Centre, Curtin University) using a base temperature of 50-60 K, an ultraviolet laser ( $\lambda = 355\text{nm}$ ) with 80-150 pJ pulse energy, 200 kHz frequency and detection rate of 0.008 ions/pulse. Details of the APT technique are provided elsewhere (Reddy et al. 2020). The resulting time-of-flight mass/charge ratio spectra were processed and reconstructed in 3D using Cameca’s IVAS 3.8.2 software. For the time-of-flight mass spectrum the mass resolving power ( $M/\Delta M$ ) between 1006 and 1096 was measured on the  $^{24}\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ( $M = 11.99$ ) peak. The peaks identified within each mass/charge ratio spectrum were compared to the local background and those with peak intensities that were twice above the background level were ranged. Additional details of the acquisition, processing, and reconstruction parameters are provided in Table S1 (Blum et al. 2018). Concentration analysis of the enriched regions was performed using proximity histograms (proxigrams) (Hellman et al. 2000) calculated using the ion concentration (at. %) of Ca and Ti (Tab. 1). In order to minimize cross-contamination between enriched domains, the composition of the matrix was obtained using values contained within 3nm of the most distal portions from each enriched interface. The composition of the low-angle boundaries was obtained interpolating the at% obtained from the proxigrams of the interface and the atomic counts within each enriched region. 2D chemical

172 profiles were also used to identify the spatial distribution of the enriched elements along the captured  
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173 interfaces within the atom probe specimens (Fig. S3). In order to estimate the volatile composition of  
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174 the boundary, OH (17 Da) was quantified as proxy for the H distribution. The accuracy of the  
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176 Bright field (BF) scanning transmission electron microscopy (STEM) and high-angle annular  
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177 dark-field (HAADF) images of a thin (<200 nm) olivine foil were acquired at 200 kV using a FEI  
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178 Talos FS200X field emission transmission electron microscope (TEM) housed in the John de Laeter  
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## 181 **RESULTS**

### 182 **3.1 Microstructural characterization of the shear zone**

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184 At thin section scale, the undeformed wallrock is coarse-grained and dominated by larger  
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185 crystals of olivine (< 1 mm) together with ortho- and clinopyroxene. Green spinel is widespread  
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186 whereas amphibole and carbonates (mainly dolomite) occur as accessory minerals within the rock.  
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187 Pyroxenes and spinel are often characterized by clusters of microscopic opaque exsolution resulting  
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189 to discrete cracks that cross-cut the shear zones and host olivine grains (Fig. 2a).

190 The shear zones form an interconnected network of mm-wide, fine-grained, olivine-rich aggregates  
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191 with minor orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene, amphibole, spinel and dolomite (Figs. 2a, b). The contact  
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192 of the shear zone with the host varies from sharp to irregular with brecciated angular fragments of  
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193 olivine and pyroxenes scattered within the mylonite matrix (Fig. 2b). Along the shear zone boundary,  
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195 light. The transition to the fine-grained shear zone is highlighted by a marked decrease in grain-size  
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196 (10-15  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and a visible variation in mineral orientations from the adjacent host-rock (Figs. 2b, c).  
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197 From the wall-rock towards the interior of the mylonite, three microstructurally-distinct domains can  
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199 *Domain (i)* represents the deformed host-rock olivine adjacent to the shear zone. Crystals of  
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200 the host-rock contain low-angle boundaries accommodating small degrees of lattice distortion ( $< 22^\circ$ )  
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203 pole figures show that the host-olivine grains of domain (i) are similarly oriented (Fig. 3b).  
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206 *Domain (ii)* defines narrow regions that crosscut the host-grain of domain (i). This domain is  
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2807 characterized by the alternation of olivine and orthopyroxene rich bands with minor dolomite, spinel,  
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208 and clinopyroxene (Figs. 3a, b). *Domain (ii)* is associated with a noticeable reduction in grain size ( $<$   
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3209 15  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter) and the development of olivine neoblasts distinguished by high-angle boundaries  
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213 *Domain (iii)* represents the fine polycrystalline aggregate of the mylonite. The matrix is  
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224 individual dolomite, pyroxenes, and spinel grains are scattered within the mylonite matrix.

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11 To characterize the representative low-angle boundaries for atom probe tomography, the  
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13 patterns of crystallographic orientation from EBSD data from domain (i) were combined with the  
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17 observed low-angle boundary (Lloyd et al. 1997; Reddy et al. 2007). The dominant set of low-angle  
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19 boundaries (upper-left to lower-right trending) show disorientation axes that are aligned with the  
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21 [010] crystallographic direction (Fig. 5). For tilt boundaries, the disorientation axis lies parallel to  
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31 APT reconstructions, but was also obtained from a TEM foil across the representative LAB-4.5° (Fig.  
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### 3.2 Atom probe tomography

Of the 22 olivine specimens analysed by APT, 10 yielded sufficient data for meaningful analysis. The mass spectra obtained from each of these ten specimens are all similar and record field evaporation of single ions and molecular species at a variety of charge states (Fig. S1). The bulk compositions of the reconstructed needles are consistent with the analysis of olivine (Tab. 1). The majority of the mass/charge peaks represent the major elements present within olivine with trace elements forming minor peaks. 3D reconstruction of the APT data reveals the presence of linear and planar domains enriched in particular trace elements compared to the host olivine. Geometrically, the linear domains are broadly consistent with dislocation geometries inferred from the EBSD data, whilst planar domains are consistent with the expected orientation of the targeted steeply-dipping low-angle boundaries (Fig. 7). Proxigrams obtained from iso-concentration surfaces of the enriched domains show both enrichment and depletion in elements that are not clearly visible in the 3D maps (Figs. 8, S4).

Specimen LAB-1.3° showed a complex boundary geometry. The boundary is characterized by a planar feature constituted by a minimum of three visible sets of linear features intersecting at different angles. These linear features are decorated by Ca, Al, Ti, P, Cl and OH (Figs. 7, 8). The distribution of the enriched elements is heterogeneous as showed by 2D distribution profiles with increasing element concentrations at intersections of the linear features (Fig. S3). In particular, a strong increase is visible for Ca up to ca. 0.34 at. %, Cl ca. 0.23 at. %, Ti ca. 0.17 at. %, P ca. 0.08 at. % and OH ca. 0.31 at. % followed by a depletion in O. Mg records a slight decrease in the bulk concentration but displays a positive detectable increment at the very inner side of the interface (Tab. 1; Fig. S4).

Specimen LAB-2.8° contains a main feature highlighted by the local enrichment of Ca (ca. 0.05 at. %), Al (ca. 0.51 at. %), Ti (ca. 0.18 at. %), P (ca. 0.04 at. %), Cl (ca. 0.03 at. %) and Fe, and

270 depletion of O and Mg (Fig. 7, Tab. 1). The lower zone is also associated with a set of linear features  
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271 intersecting at a high angle (Fig. 7).

272           Within LAB-4.5° the boundary is defined by equally spaced arrays of linear features oriented  
273 perpendicular to the vertical axis of the needle tip (Fig. S2). The interface is enriched in Ca, Al, Ti,  
274 P, Cl, Mn, Fe and OH (Figs. 7, 8). At the interface, Ca shows concentrations of ca. 0.14 at. %, Al ca.  
275 0.58 at. %, Cl ca. 0.06 at. %, Mn ca. 0.20 at. % and OH 0.18 at. %. A decreasing trend of concentration  
276 is displayed by Mg and O (Figs. 8, S4; Tab. 1).

277           The interface in specimen LAB-8° comprises numerous elongated features and these define a  
278 well-developed planar structure (Figs. 7, S2). The interface shows additional enrichment of Na (ca.  
279 0.01 at. %) and Co (ca. 0.03 at. %). Notably, the concentrations of the segregated elements are higher  
280 compared to LAB-2.8° and LAB-4.5°, with Ca up to ca. 0.23 at. %, Al (ca. 0.63 at. %), Cl (ca. 0.12  
281 at. %) and OH (ca. 0.31 at. %) (Fig. 8, Tab.1). Mg, Si and O are reduced within the boundary (Tab.1;  
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## 284 **DISCUSSION**

### 285 **4.1 Microstructural evolution of the olivine mylonite**

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287           EBSD orientation data is key to discriminate between different microstructural domains of  
288 the shear zone and determine the slip system responsible for the formation of the targeted interfaces  
289 for atom probe tomography analysis. In particular, three different microstructurally-distinct domains  
290 (*i, ii, iii*) were distinguished showing a systematic increase in disorientation angle associated with the  
291 progressive recrystallization of the original host olivine (Figs. 3, 4).

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1297 progressive migration and accumulation of dislocations into tilt boundary walls during crystal  
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298 plasticity. The microstructures associated with the mylonite region (*domain (iii)*) are characterized  
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201 textural equilibrium associated with grain boundary migration within the shear zone. These  
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202 observations indicate a progressive breakdown of the host olivine by dislocation creep and subgrain  
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303 rotation recrystallization followed by a switch to grain size sensitive creep (i.e. diffusion creep) within  
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305 The dominant deformation recorded within *domain (i)* is associated with low-angle boundary  
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306 formation associated with (100)[001] slip system. [001] slip system in olivine is relatively rare, with  
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308 and references therein). However, the operation of [001] slip in olivine has some important  
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410 and under modest to high-stress conditions (Jung and Karato 2001; Jung et al. 2006). In this study,  
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411 the occurrence of low-angle boundaries dominated by the activity of (100)[001] is therefore consistent  
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412 with previous interpretations of the Holsnøy peridotites being deformed during the Caledonian  
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513 orogeny by shear localization in the presence of fluids (Jung et al. 2014) and by the regional  
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514 Caledonian eclogite-facies overprint being localised to zones of fluid-infiltration (Austrheim, 2013;  
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515 Bhowany et al. 2018). The presence of recrystallized Cl-bearing amphibole aggregates and dolomite  
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## 4.2 The relationship between low-angle boundary disorientation, interface structure and trace element composition

A systematic assessment of the relationship between disorientation angle and composition of similarly oriented low-angle boundaries has been undertaken by site-specific atom probe targeting within the deformed host-olivine of *domain (i)*. The atom probe data revealed the enrichment of multiple trace elements (Ca, Al, Ti, P, Mn, Fe, Na, Co, Cl and OH) at these interfaces (Figs. 7, 8).

Three of the low-angle boundaries captured within the analysed specimens (LAB-2.8°, LAB-4.5° and LAB-8°) are characterized by relatively planar surfaces that are internally defined by equally spaced arrays of decorated linear features (Figs. 7, 8). Monitoring of orientation relationships between the thin section and the atom probe specimens during preparation and analysis enables the correlation of the geometrical features in the atom probe data with microstructural information collected from the thin section. This correlation indicates that the linear features within the boundary interfaces are parallel to the disorientation axes inferred from the EBSD analysis of the boundaries. Hence, we interpret these features to represent the preferential segregation of trace elements to dislocations within the low-angle boundaries. In detail, the morphology and distribution of the reconstructed isoconcentration surfaces for these specimens are consistent with the steeply-dipping (100) boundary planes observed in the TEM data being internally defined by arrays of decorated dislocations aligned parallel to the [010] olivine crystallographic direction (Fig. S2).

With the exception of LAB-1.3°, the low-angle boundaries LAB-2.8°, LAB-4.5° and LAB-8° display a positive correlation between disorientation angle and trace element enrichment (Fig. 8, Tab. 1). In detail, LAB-2.8° is enriched in Ca, Al, Ti, P, Cl. In addition to these, Mn, Fe and OH become visible at 4.5° of disorientation. Minor enrichment of Na and Co is only apparent in LAB-8° (Fig. 7).

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347 parallel to the [010], [001] and [011] olivine crystallographic directions (Fig. S2). The atomic  
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348 concentrations of enriched elements registered within LAB-1.3° interface showed a poor correlation  
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350 the concentrations of commonly enriched trace elements within LAB-1.3° are the highest values  
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352 distribution of the enriched elements within LAB-1.3° is heterogeneous with segregation  
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357 local enrichment (i.e. clustering) of segregated elements (Fougerouse et al. 2019). It is well known  
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361 individual dislocations contributing to the formation of a subgrain boundary gradually overlap, until  
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### 14 373 **4.3 Mechanisms of trace element segregation to low-angle boundaries**

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3079 dislocations to attract interstitial elements (“Cottrell atmosphere”, Cottrell and Bilby, 1949) or the  
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45 385 studied low-angle boundaries due to the complexity in dislocation types, the boundaries show  
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392 olivine grain boundaries, and it is mostly dictated by the bulk composition of the rock and the crystal  
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393 chemistry (Hiraga et al. 2002, 2003, 2004; Marquardt and Faul, 2018). Similar observations have also  
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394 been reported in atom probe studies of low-angle boundaries in zircon and pyrite (Reddy et al. 2016;  
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397 Based on EBSD and APT data, we interpret the enrichment of elements such as Ca, Al, Ti, P, Mn,  
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408 Fe, Na, and Co to reflect the capture and migration of olivine-hosted trace elements in dislocations  
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410 and progressive migration and accumulation of dislocations at low-angle boundaries, the associated  
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413 low-angle boundaries characterized by a similar tilt-boundary geometry provides information from a  
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428 confirmed hydrogen segregation within crystal defects, including interfaces (Chen et al. 2020).  
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435 has been shown by Pb isotope analysis intragrain boundaries in pyrite (Fougerouse et al. 2019).  
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437 sample, we can speculate the Cl and H<sup>+</sup> signature detected within the low-angle boundaries to be real  
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#### 36 4.4 Geological implications 37 38 39 40 41

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458 presented in this study shows a previously unidentified structure-chemistry relationship between the  
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460 grain boundaries in polycrystalline materials represent sites of preferential diffusion pathways, for  
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461 example being an order of magnitude faster than intracrystalline diffusion (Dohmen and Milke, 2010),  
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464 interface. Since element diffusion along 2-dimensional grain boundaries is strongly controlled by the  
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466 boundary diffusion, which in turn can affect viscosity properties (Marquardt and Faul, 2018 and  
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470 polycrystalline aggregates (Priester, 2013; Hiraga et al. 2007). Grainsize is a critical property of  
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471 materials and controls deformation mechanisms and the properties of rocks during deformation. The  
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22 The localization of H<sup>+</sup> in the boundary interfaces within olivine has significant implications for  
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476 the heterogeneity of hydrogen within nominally anhydrous minerals, such as olivine, can drastically  
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479 (Mei and Kohlstedt, 2000), facilitate and promote chemical reactions and phase transitions, and will  
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480 modify geophysical properties such as electrical conductivity (Wang et al. 2006) and seismic energy  
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43 Previous studies investigating compositional variations associated with low-angle boundaries  
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486 lithosphere (Ando, 2001). This previous study utilized electron beam techniques to show variations  
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487 at the scale of ~ 200nm (Ando, 2001). The obtained APT data in this study show that variations in Fe  
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489 only restricted to a few nanometres. The results also show that Fe enrichment is heterogenous within  
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66 these grain boundaries, generally segregating to dislocations within the boundary interface.

491 Moreover, these observations may also imply that phase transformation of olivine, facilitated by Fe  
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492 heterogeneity, can affect the strength of the upper mantle at early stages of deformation without  
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## 495 **CONCLUSIONS**

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1497 The characterization of the nanostructure and chemistry of low-angle boundaries in olivine  
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302 boundary complexity. The process of segregation identified in this study involves the capture and the  
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503 transportation of solute ions within mobile dislocations. Potentially exotic trace elements, such as Cl  
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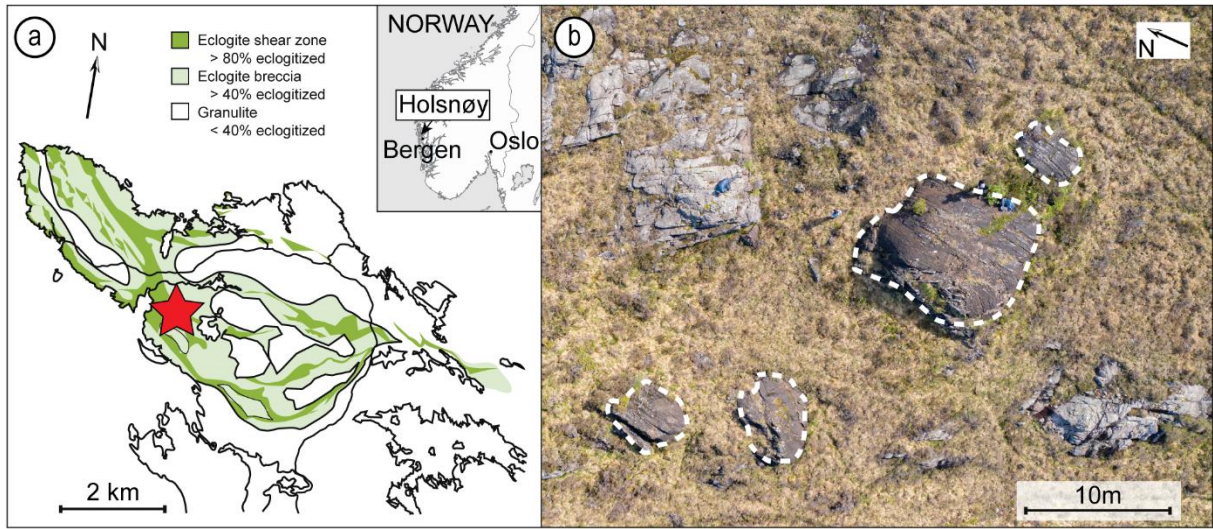
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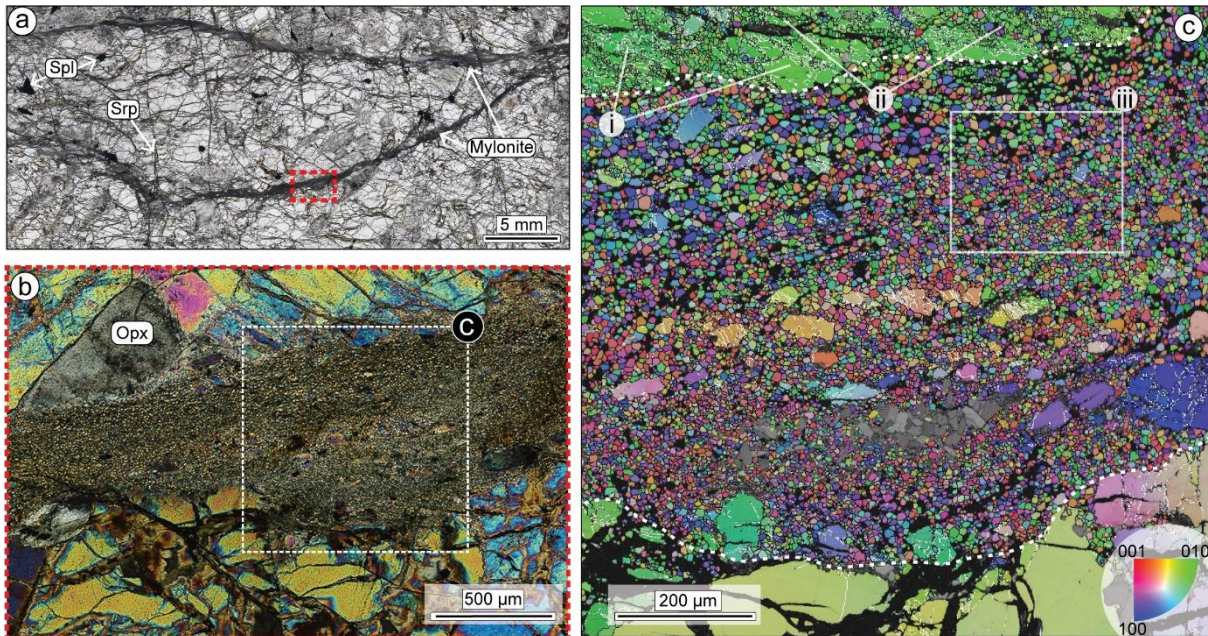
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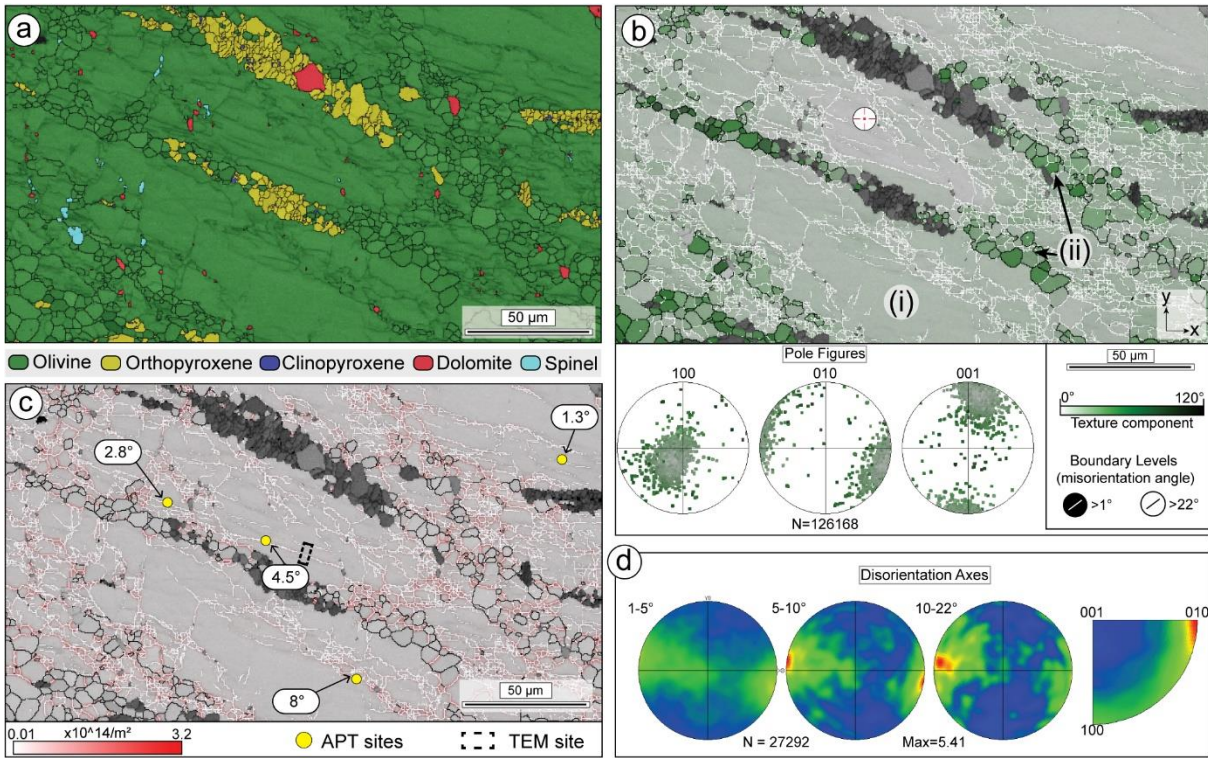
**FIGURES**



**Fig. 1** (a) Simplified geological map of Holsnøy area (modified after Boundy et al. 1992). (b) Aerial photograph of the ultramafic lenses (dashed lines) outcrop.

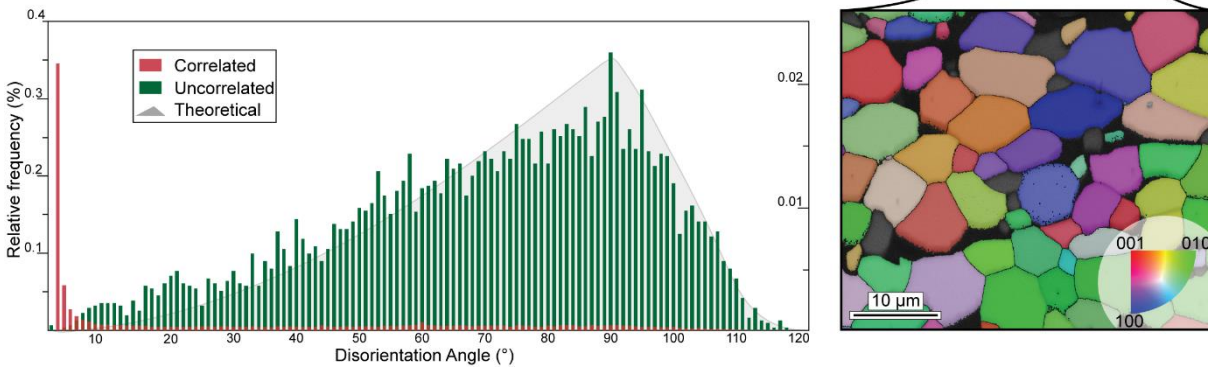
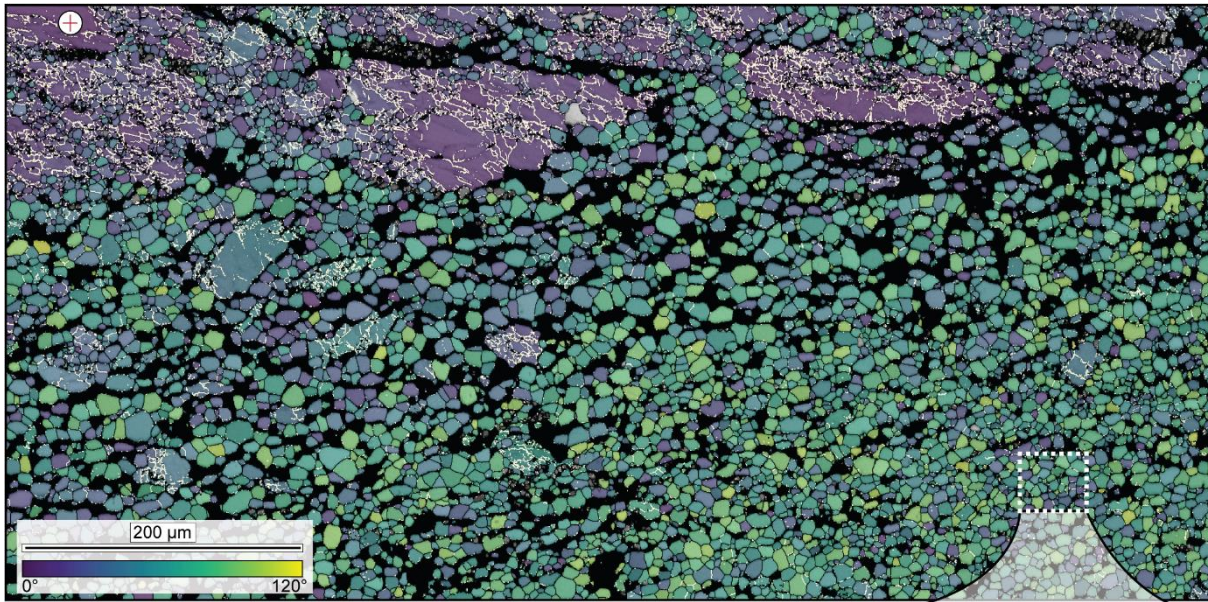


**Fig 2.** (a) Optical plane-polarized photomicrograph of the investigated sample. Red box indicates the investigated EBSD site. Millimetre thick mylonites occur in separate regions of the sample. (b) Crossed-polarized photomicrographs of the investigated section of the lower mylonite (red rectangle). White box represents the area of EBSD shown in c. (c) Inverse Pole Figure (IPF<sub>x</sub>) EBSD map highlighting the differences in olivine grain orientations amongst the three different domains (i, ii, iii) of the shear zone. EBSD map shear size 0.5 μm.

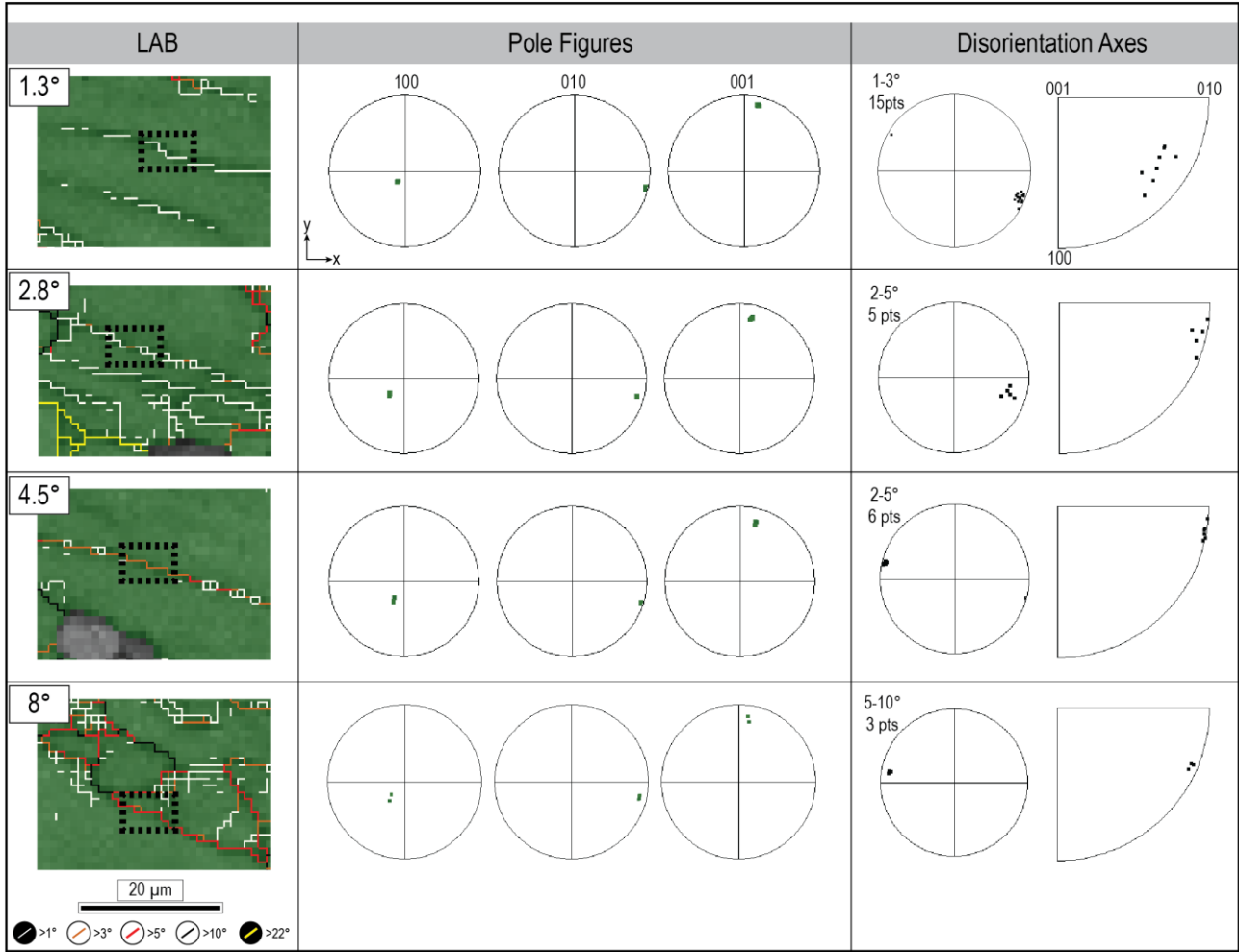


**Fig. 3.** Microstructural analysis of domain (i) and (ii) of the shear zone. Sample reference frame is shown in b. (a) Phase map obtained by automated EBSD mapping at 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  spacing. (b) Olivine grain reference orientation deviation map of domains (i) and (ii) obtained by EBSD mapping highlighting internal substructures of the deformed olivine of domain (i). Each pixel is colour coded based on the deviation angle relative to the reference point indicated by a red cross in the map. Low-angle boundaries ( $1 - 22^\circ$ ) are plotted in white, high-angle boundaries ( $>22^\circ$ ) in black. Pole figures for domain (i) and (ii) coloured for texture component are also shown. (c) GND density plot of [001] dislocation type. The map colour-scale refers to increasing dislocation densities. The location of the atom probe specimens and TEM analysis are also shown. (d) Disorientation axes plots in sample coordinates (left) and crystal coordinates (right) for the sub-grain boundaries ( $< 22^\circ$ ) of domain (i) and (ii).



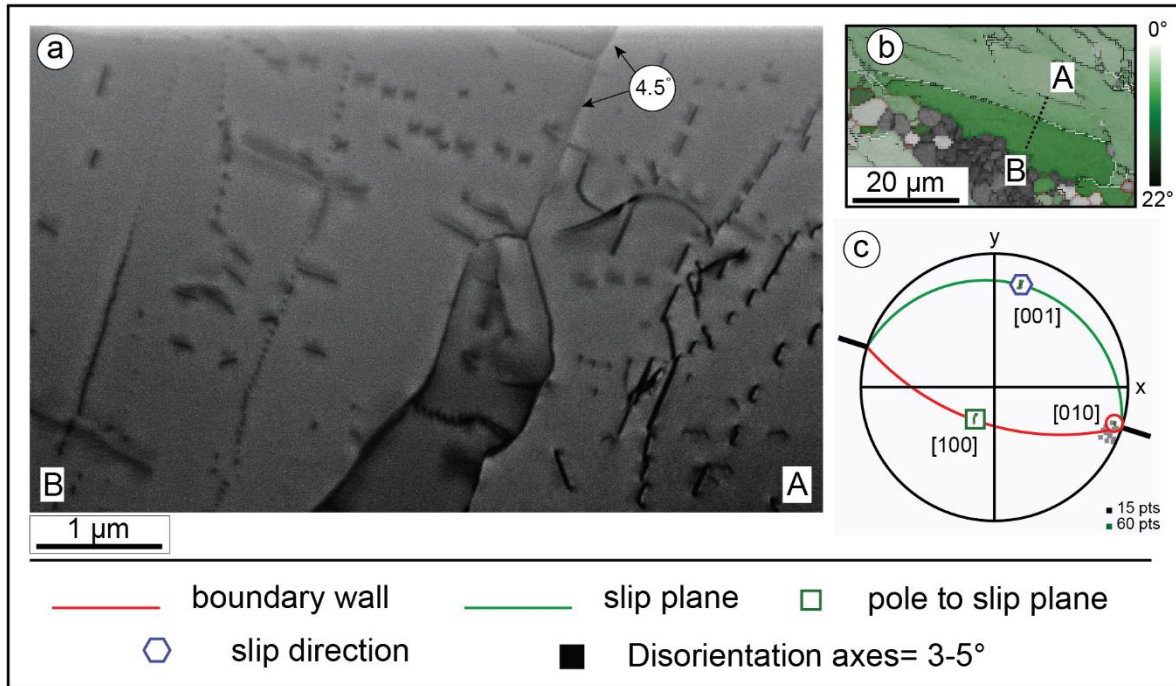


**Fig. 4** EBSD orientation map of the upper part of the shear zone. Each pixel is colour-coded depending on olivine orientation from a reference point indicated with a red cross (upper left). Low-angle boundaries ( $> 1^\circ$ ) are indicated in white, high-angle boundaries ( $> 22^\circ$ ) in black. *Bottom left*: Disorientation angle distribution for correlated and uncorrelated disorientations. The grey area represents the theoretical random distribution. *Bottom right*: Inverse Pole Figure (IPF<sub>x</sub>) EBSD map highlighting the differences in olivine grain orientations within the mylonite and the presence of ca.  $120^\circ$  triple junctions. Map step size 50 nm.

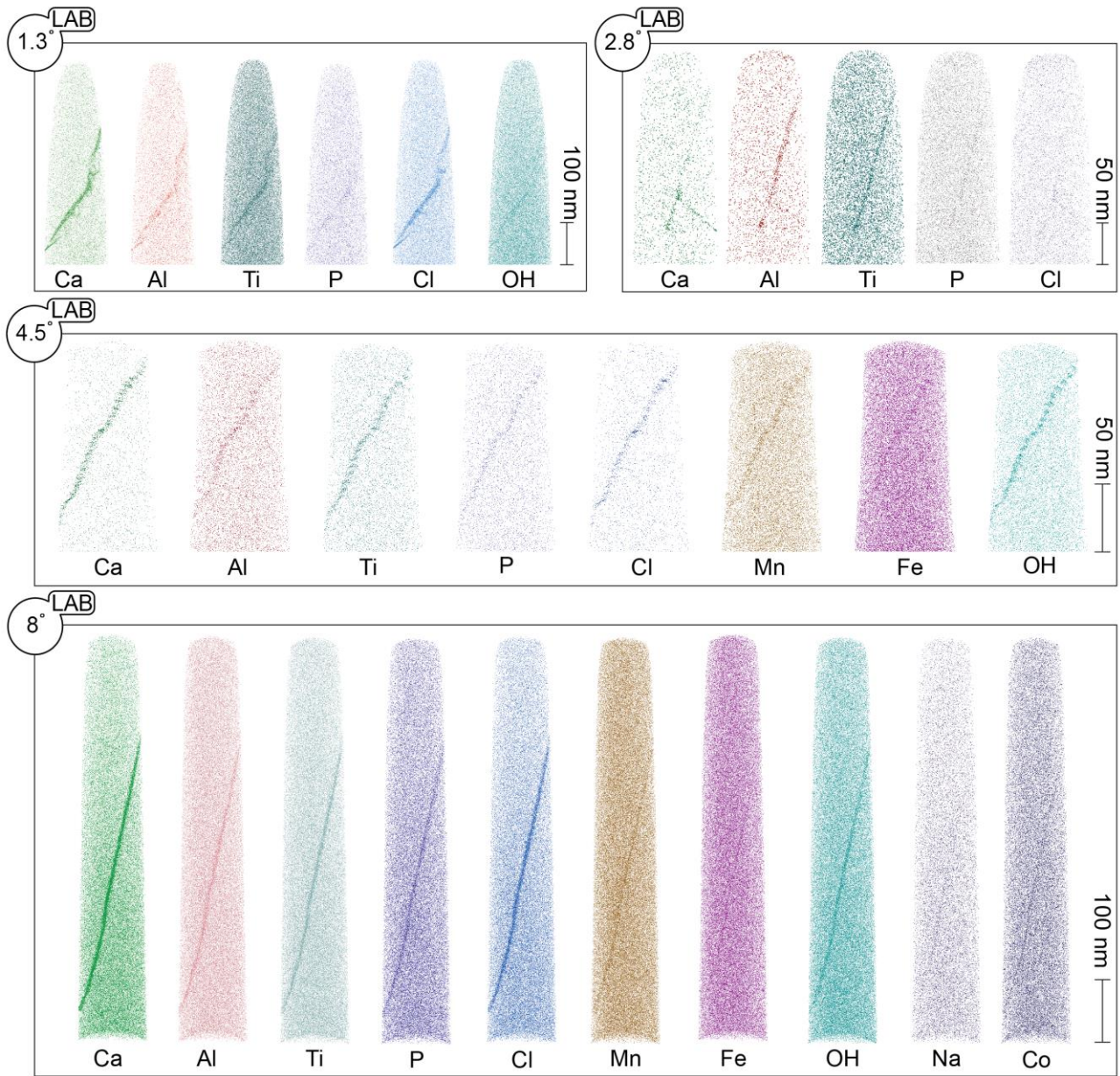


**Fig. 5** Summary of EBSD phase-map (right) and stereographic projections (left) of the investigated low-angle boundaries. Black box in EBSD map shows the subset for the pole figures plots and locations of atom probe tomography specimens lift-out. Grain boundaries are colour coded based on the degree of disorientation as displayed in the legend. Disorientation axes are displayed both in sample and crystal coordinates.

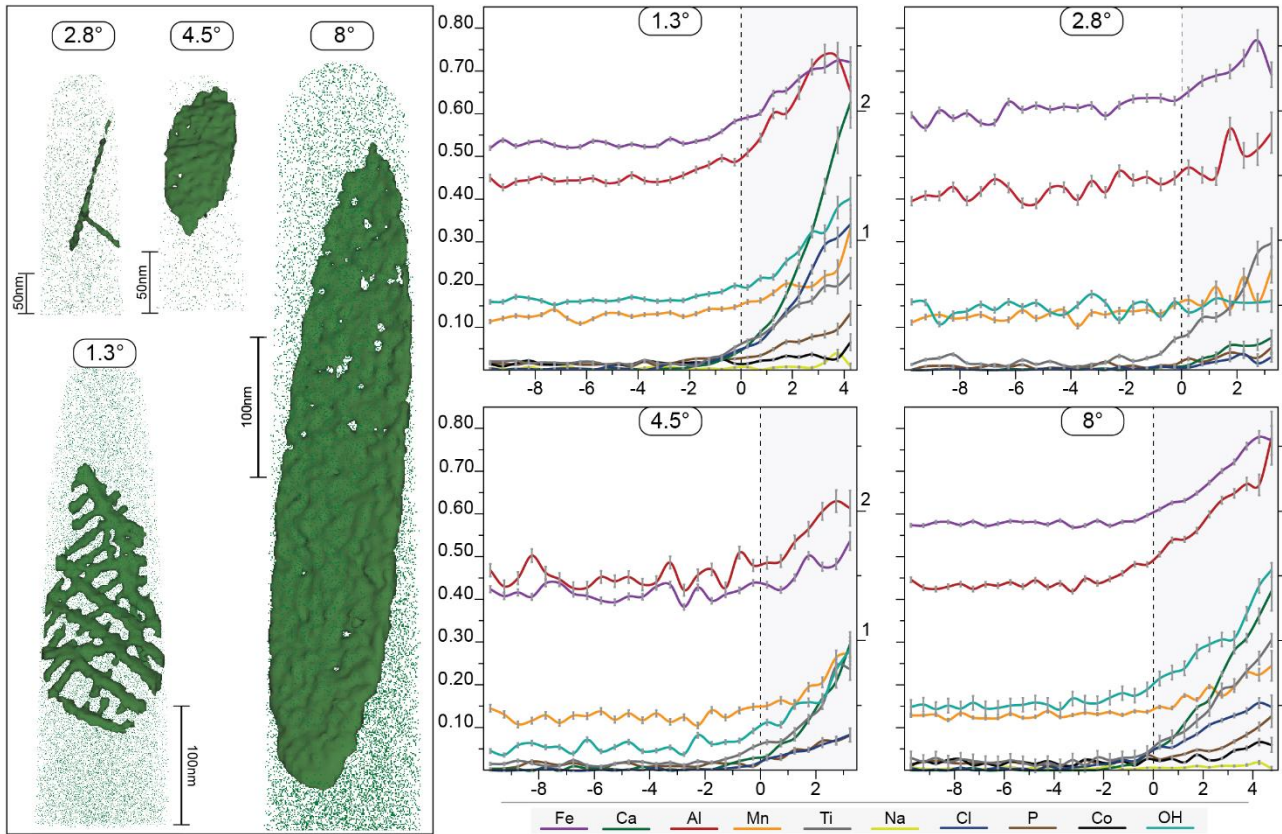
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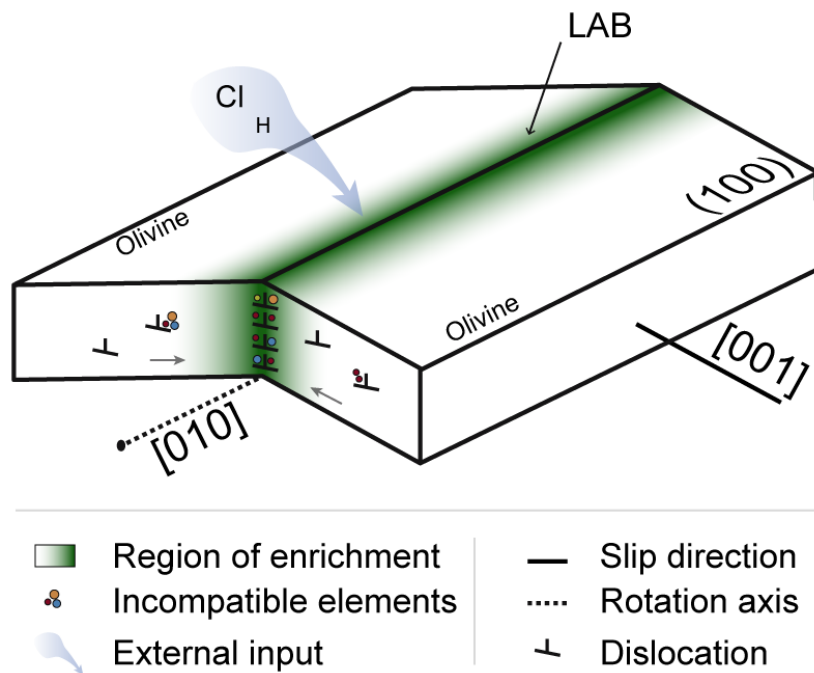
**Fig. 6.** (a) HAADF STEM image of olivine lamella obtained across LAB-4.5°. The cross section shows the complexity of domain (i) microstructures. Two main directions of dislocations are distinguishable. (b) GROD-angle orientation map and TEM foil lift-out location. (c) Lower hemisphere and equal area projection of the crystallographic poles of LAB-4.5°. The boundary trace is shown by a thick black line outside the primitive circle. The red curve represents the boundary wall inferred by the tilt boundary geometry of the low angle boundary. The green curved line represents the slip plane (steeply dipping towards B) where the [001] represents the slip direction.



**Fig. 7.** 3D reconstruction of atom probe specimens for LAB-1.3°, LAB-2.8°, LAB-4.5°, LAB-8°. Each dot in the atom map images represents one detected ionic species. Not all detected atoms are displayed for clarity. The maps show a distinct enrichment of incompatible elements at the targeted interface. An increasing number of elements are found segregated at increasing degrees of disorientation associated with the same crystal slip system. Na and Co segregation is visible only at 8° disorientation angle.



**Fig. 8.** 3D isosurface renderings of the enriched region of the investigated low-angle boundary based on the concentration of Ca and Ti and relative proximity histogram profiles for visible segregated elements at the interface. The histograms show the gradual increase of concentration expressed in at. % for Ca, Al, Mn, Ti, Na, Cl, P, Co and OH (left y scale) and Fe (right y scale) from the edge (distance 0) towards the inner side of the interface. Distance is expressed in nm.



**Fig. 9.** Schematic representation of the proposed model of incompatible element segregation along the interface of a symmetric low-angle tilt boundary (modified after Reddy et al. 2007). The migration of dislocations facilitates the mobility of solute ions towards the low angle boundary during deformation. The infiltration of Cl and H from an external fluid source is here represented by the blue arrow.

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782**Table 1.** Composition of the different olivine specimens and low-angle boundaries obtained from APT. Concentrations are expressed in atomic %.

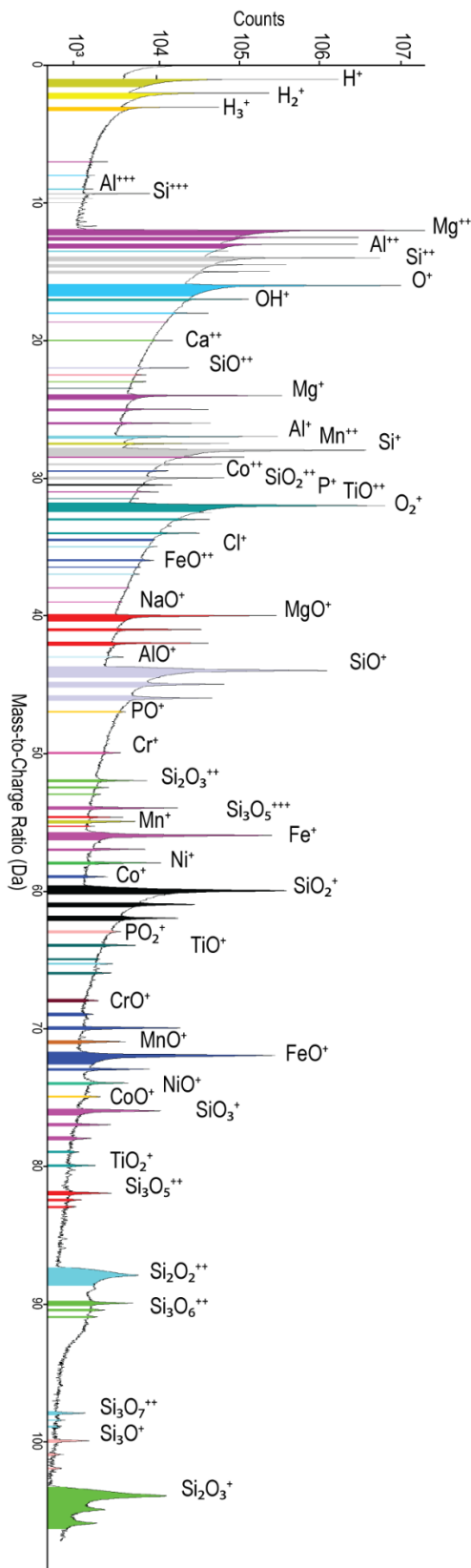
Element	LAB-1.3°				LAB-2.8°			
	Olivine	$\sigma$	Boundary	$\sigma$	Olivine	$\sigma$	Boundary	$\sigma$
O	47.52	0.06	46.04	0.82	46.85	0.08	46.08	1.23
Si	20.98	0.05	21.15	0.55	20.97	0.07	21.17	0.83
Fe	1.75	0.01	2.30	0.18	1.95	0.02	2.34	0.28
Mg	28.91	0.05	28.37	0.64	29.47	0.08	29.17	0.97
Ca	0.001	0.0002	0.34	0.07	0.001	0.0004	0.05	0.04
Al	0.44	0.01	0.69	0.10	0.41	0.01	0.51	0.13
Mn	0.12	0.004	0.21	0.05	0.12	0.01	0.19	0.08
Ti	0.02	0.002	0.17	0.05	0.02	0.002	0.18	0.08
Na	0.003	0.001	0.01	0.01	0.005	0.001	0.01	0.02
Cl	0.002	0.000	0.23	0.06	0.001	0.0004	0.03	0.03
P	0.01	0.001	0.08	0.03	0.01	0.001	0.04	0.03
Co	0.02	0.001	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.002	0.03	0.03
H	0.16	0.005	0.31	0.07	0.14	0.01	0.16	0.07
Li	0.00	0.0003	0.00	0.00	0.001	0.0004	0.001	0.01
Ni	0.04	0.002	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.003	0.05	0.04
Cr	0.01	0.001	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.002	0.01	0.02
Sc	0.005	0.001	0.01	0.01	0.002	0.01	0.004	0.01

Element	LAB-4.5°				LAB-8°			
	Olivine	$\sigma$	Boundary	$\sigma$	Olivine	$\sigma$	Boundary	$\sigma$
O	46.02	0.11	45.76	0.83	47.39	0.05	46.38	0.41
Si	20.62	0.09	20.77	0.56	21.05	0.04	20.94	0.28
Fe	1.38	0.03	1.59	0.16	1.90	0.01	2.32	0.09
Mg	31.24	0.10	30.46	0.68	28.83	0.04	28.51	0.32
Ca	0.004	0.001	0.14	0.05	0.001	0.0001	0.23	0.03
Al	0.46	0.01	0.58	0.09	0.43	0.01	0.63	0.05
Mn	0.13	0.01	0.20	0.06	0.13	0.003	0.19	0.03
Ti	0.02	0.003	0.14	0.05	0.02	0.001	0.18	0.03
Na	0.003	0.001	0.01	0.01	0.004	0.001	0.01	0.01
Cl	0.002	0.001	0.06	0.03	0.003	0.0003	0.12	0.02
P	0.01	0.002	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.001	0.06	0.01
Co	0.01	0.002	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.001	0.03	0.01
H	0.05	0.005	0.18	0.05	0.15	0.003	0.31	0.03
Li	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.00	0.00	0.000	0.001	0.002
Ni	0.03	0.004	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.002	0.05	0.01
Cr	0.01	0.002	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.001	0.01	0.01
Sc	0.003	0.001	0.004	0.01	0.003	0.0004	0.01	0.005

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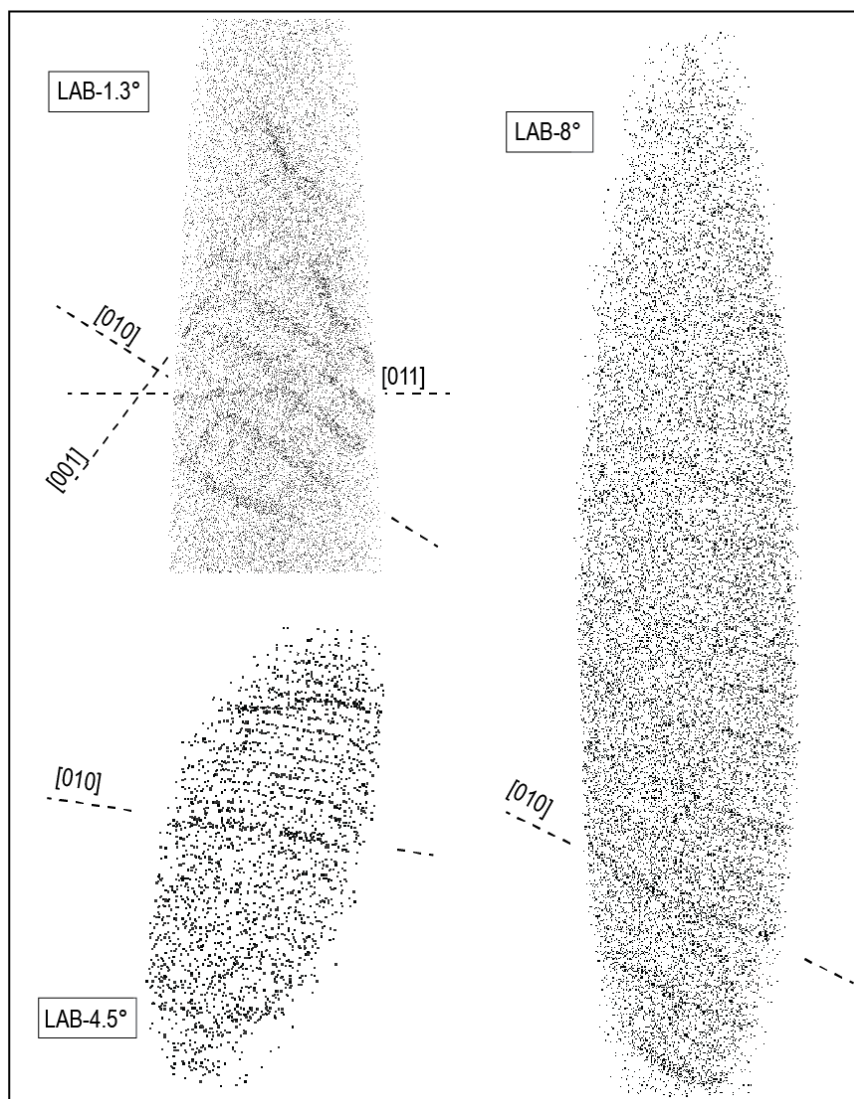


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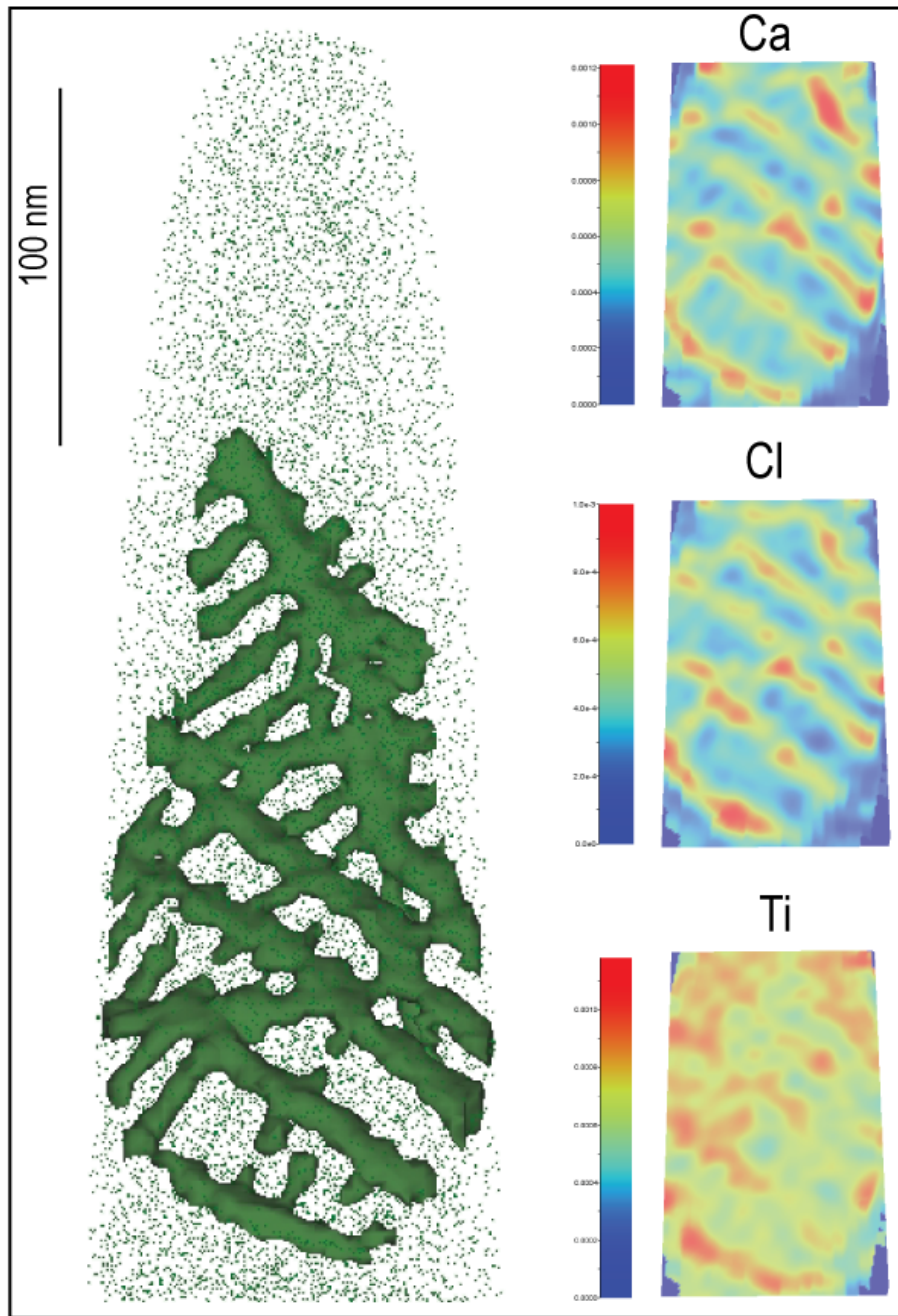
Fig. S1 Representative atom probe tomography mass-to-charge ratio spectrum of olivine from sample LAB-8°.

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**Fig. S2.** Atom probe reconstruction of samples LAB-1.3°, LAB-4.5° and LAB-8° showing the inferred crystallographic directions represented by decorated dislocations. Each dot represents a single detected atom of Ca.



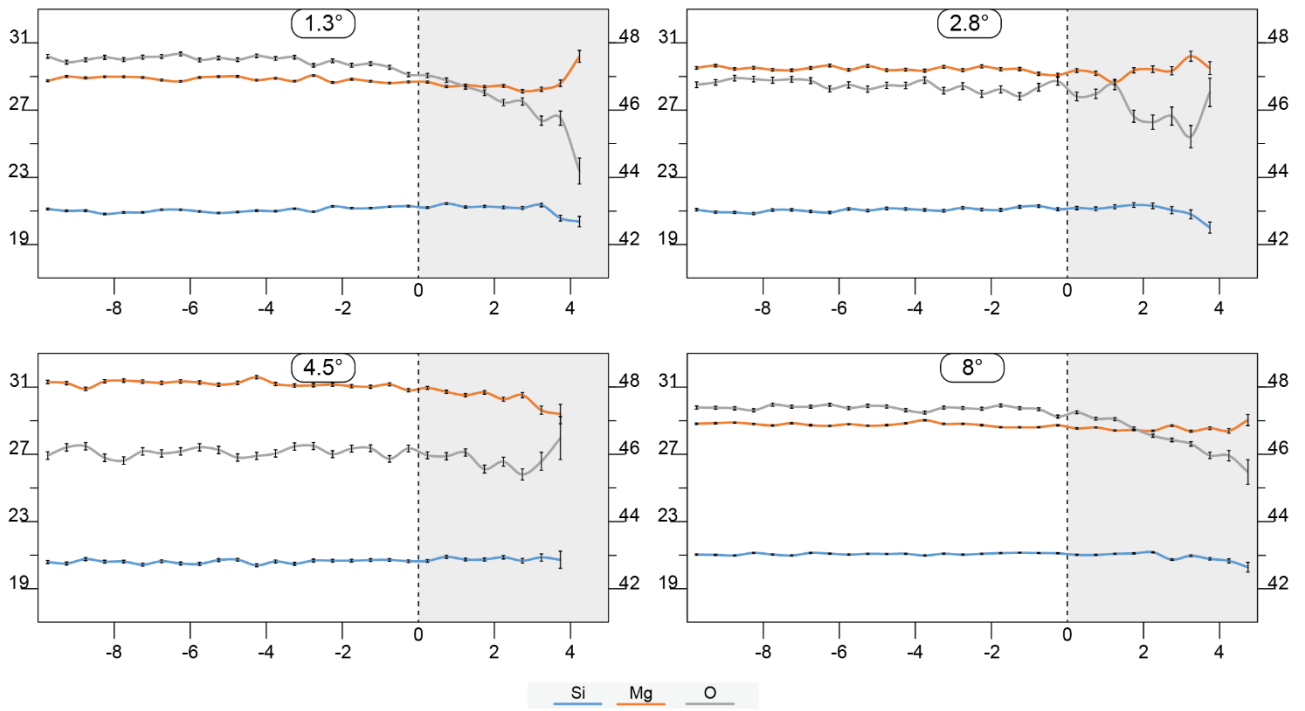


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**Fig. S3** (left) 3D Ca-isosurface rendering of the enriched region of the investigated low-angle boundary LAB-1.3°. (right) 2D compositional profiles of the enriched region displaying atomic concentrations for Ca, Cl and Ti. Peaks of concentration are visible at the dislocation intersections.

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**Fig. S4.** Proximity histogram profiles for Mg, Si and O expressed in at. % from the edge (distance 0) towards the inner side of the interfaces. Distance is expressed in nm. *Left y scale* shows concentration for Si and Mg. *Right y scale* indicates concentrations for O.

823 **Table S1.** APT data acquisition settings and data summary. (det. = detection; Volt. = voltage; corr. = correction; Calib. = calibration;  
 824 interp. = interpolation; Lin. = linearization method; Avg. = average)

	LAB-1.3°	LAB-2.8°	LAB-4.5°	LAB-8°	
<b>Data set/specimen</b>					
<b>Instrument model</b>	LEAP 4000X HR	LEAP 4000X HR	LEAP 4000X HR	LEAP 4000X HR	
<b>Instrument settings</b>					
Laser wavelenth (nm)	355	355	355	355	
Laser pulse energy (pJ)	150	150	80	120	
Pulse frequency (kHz)	200	200	200	200	
Evaporation control	dec rate	dec rate	dec rate	dec rate	
Targeted det. Rate (ions/pulse)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	
Nominal flight path (mm)	382	382	382	382	
Set point temperature (K)	60	60	50	50	
Sample Temperature (K)	69.2	69.2	57.3	57.3	
Chamber Pressure (torr)	2.9 E-11	3.4 E-11	2.6 E-11	3.0 E-11	
<b>Data summary</b>					
LAS Root version	15.41.342I	15.41.342I	15.41.342I	15.41.342I	
CAMECAROOT version	18.46.428	18.46.428	18.46.428	18.46.428	
Analysis Software	IVAS 3.8.3	IVAS 3.8.2	IVAS 3.8.2	IVAS 3.8.3	
Total ions	128225797	56375910	228525507	142640574	
	single	77.60%	79.50%	73.70%	78.60%
	multiple	22.10%	20.20%	25.90%	21.20%
	partial	0.30%	0.30%	0.40%	0.20%
Volt./bowl corr. Peak (Da)	12	12	12	12	
Mass Clib (peaks/interp)	9/Lin.	9/Lin.	5/Lin.	6/Lin.	
*(M/ΔM) for <sup>12</sup> Mg <sup>2+</sup>	1095.6	1035.2	1005.8	1094.7	
** (M/ΔM <sub>10</sub> )	177.4	36.2	65.8	136.9	
Time independent background (ppm/ns)	25.091	12.07	25.205	13.344	
<b>Reconsruction</b>					
Final specimen state	Intact	Intact	Intact	Intact	
pre-/post analysis imaging	SEM	SEM	SEM	SEM	
Radius evolution model	voltage	voltage	voltage	voltage	
Field factor(k)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	
Image compression factor	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	
Assumed E-field (V/nm)	25	25	25	25	
Detector efficiency	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	
vg. Atomic volume (nm <sup>3</sup> )	0.01095	0.01095	0.01095	0.01095	
V <sub>initial</sub> ; V <sub>final</sub> (V)	3111.5-8752.0	3796.9-7404.5	4113.5-6801.0	5640.4-8715.6	

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