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# Creep Mechanisms in the Lithospheric Mantle Inferred from Deformation of Iron-Free Forsterite Aggregates at 900-1200 °C

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## Abstract

To further constrain the plasticity of rocks in the uppermost lithospheric mantle, deformation experiments were carried out on forsterite aggregates using a gas-medium apparatus (Paterson press) at 300 MPa, 900-1200 °C and nearly constant strain rates of  $\sim 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The starting material was a synthetic iron-free forsterite aggregate with an average grain size of  $\sim 2.8 \mu\text{m}$  and  $\sim 2\text{-}3\%$  of iron-free enstatite. Eight deformation experiments were performed as well as an additional static annealing to characterize grain growth. The maximum stresses obtained range from  $\sim 480$  to  $1870 \text{ MPa}$ . Below  $1000 \text{ °C}$ , where stress significantly exceeds confining pressure, and based on microstructural observations, grain boundary mediated creep is observed, with evidences of sliding and cavitation (gaping) at grain boundaries. At  $1050\text{-}1200 \text{ °C}$ , where pseudo-steady state could be achieved, the microstructures are very different and show evidences of dislocation activity, resulting from the activation of several dislocation slip systems with increasing temperature.

When compared to rheology laws previously obtained from similar experiments, the temperature dependence of iron-free olivine creep is similar to the one of its iron-bearing counterpart at high temperature ( $\sim 1200 \text{ °C}$ ); at temperatures  $\leq 1000 \text{ °C}$ , however, the strength of iron-free olivine is higher than for iron-bearing olivine. The deformation-induced textures obtained show that grain boundary sliding (GBS) lead to cavitation, which was activated in response to large differential stresses, i.e., beyond the Goetze criterion. Given these high-stress conditions, our results cannot be directly applied to deformation of the Earth's mantle at large scale. Nevertheless, they highlight the key role played by grain boundaries in producing strain at lithospheric temperatures, when crystal-plastic mechanisms remain inefficient.

**Keywords:** olivine, deformation, grain boundary sliding, upper mantle, high pressure

## 1. Introduction

The lithospheric mantle can be subject to temperatures as low as 500 °C. Experimental deformation of mantle rocks at such low temperatures is a major challenge in mineral and rock physics, since the strain rates necessary to achieve steady state dislocation creep are too low to be performed in the laboratory. Consequently, deformation experiments that provide insights into the “cold” rheology of olivine, are performed at high stresses without achieving geologically relevant steady state and the strain rate dependence is difficult to assess (Druiventak et al., 2011; Mei et al., 2010). Typically, little to no rate-dependence is observed because it is impossible to activate ductile flow, which leads to seemingly large stress exponent values in the flow law (Druiventak et al., 2011). For decades, the flow law of Evans and Goetze (1979), which uses an exponential expression to account for the Peierls stress control over dislocation motion, has been used to model the low-temperature rheology of the olivine-rich rocks composing the uppermost mantle. Nevertheless, recent experimental studies have shown that the uppermost mantle is likely much weaker than previously expected from extrapolations of high-temperature rheology flow laws to upper mantle temperatures (e.g., Demouchy et al., 2009, 2013, 2014, Boioli et al., 2015a, 2015b; Thieme et al., 2018; Gourié et al., 2019).

A solution to these issues, is to identify the physical deformation mechanisms at play (e.g., dislocation slip systems) and to implement them in numerical dislocation dynamics models (Boioli et al., 2015a, 2015b, Gourié et al., 2019). Although this approach gives valuable insights into single crystal plasticity, it does not fully describe the creep behavior of polycrystalline rocks, which may arise from a variety of interacting deformation mechanisms. Therefore, to grasp the complexity and better constrain the low-temperature rheology of mantle rocks, and despite the issues mentioned above, experiments on olivine aggregates are still needed.

The incorporation of iron, hydrogen and titanium in the atomic structure of olivine is known to induce a weakening effect (iron: e.g., Zhao et al., 2009, 2018; Bollinger et al., 2015; Hansen et

al., 2012; hydrogen: e.g., Mackwell et al., 1985; Mei and Kohlstedt, 2000; Tasaka et al., 2016; Tielke et al., 2017; titanium: e.g., Faul et al., 2016; Cline II et al., 2018). To avoid adding complexity to the olivine plasticity due to its dependence upon point defects (i.e., vacancy concentrations), it was thus chosen here to restrict the deformation experiments to hydrogen-free, iron-free fine-grained forsterite-rich aggregates.

We used a two-phase aggregate material, mostly composed of forsterite (with minor amounts of enstatite), which has previously been used in several deformation studies at low pressure and high temperature, in the diffusion creep regime (Tasaka et al., 2013; Nakakoji et al., 2018). The aim of the present study is to assess the creep mechanisms of this fully equilibrated fine-grained aggregate under conditions more relevant to the uppermost mantle, i.e., under significant confining pressure and colder temperatures. In particular, we focus here on a temperature range that encompasses the transition from power law flow (high temperature,  $T > 0.6 T_m$ , where  $T_m$  is melting temperature; for Fo<sub>100</sub>,  $T_m=1890$  °C) to exponential law flow (“cold” temperature,  $0.3-0.6 T_m$ ). In addition to the mechanical data, the microstructures are analyzed with state-of-the-art techniques to provide valuable information regarding deformation mechanisms.

## **2. Materials and Methods**

### **2.1 Starting material**

The samples used in this experimental study were produced from synthetic nano-sized powders at the Earthquake Research Institute (Tokyo, Japan), following a sintering procedure previously described in details by Koizumi et al. (2010), which we only briefly outline here. Starting nano-sized powders of forsterite and enstatite were first synthesized from high purity SiO<sub>2</sub> and Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub>, then pre-pressed into the desired cylindrical shape in carbide dies, and pressed under hydrostatic conditions at 200 MPa. The resulting cold-pressed specimens were then annealed under

vacuum at 1260 °C for 2-3 hours, which yields a fully dense aggregate (< 1 % porosity) and ensures complete dehydration (Koizumi et al., 2010). The chemical composition of the starting material was analyzed by X-ray fluorescence with a Philips® PW 2400 spectrometer (see Supp. Mat. Table S1). Iron content is under 10 ppm. This new type of high-quality sintered aggregate has proven to be an excellent material for rheology studies (Hiraga et al., 2013; Tasaka et al., 2013). The microstructure of the starting material was characterized by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and electron backscatter diffraction (EBSD). The EBSD map in Figure 1 shows that the bi-mineralic aggregate is composed of pure forsterite with an average equivalent diameter of 2.8  $\mu\text{m}$ . It also contains ~2-3 % of orthoenstatite homogeneously distributed across the aggregate with a smaller grain size than forsterite (1.8  $\mu\text{m}$  on average), which prevents it from impacting the bulk rheological properties (Huet et al., 2014; Ji et al. 2001). The EBSD maps also provide statistical data on the microstructure, as reported in Table 1. The starting material shows equilibrated textures, with ubiquitous triple junctions and straight grain boundaries (Figure 1), as already described by Koizumi et al. (2010). Due to the very fine grain size, initial porosity is difficult to assess from SEM images since it is difficult to differentiate between actual residual pores from sample sintering and newly formed cavities caused by grain plucking during cross section preparation. Nevertheless, porosity has been characterized in previous studies and is estimated to be significantly less than 1 % in volume (Koizumi et al., 2010). As observed on Figure 1, the grains are nearly equiaxed. Their aspect ratio is found here to be 1.9, whereas previous studies using the same material have reported a value of 1.3-1.4 (Koizumi et al., 2010). The aggregate starting material has a measurable shape preferred orientation (SPO), most likely inherited from the cold press stage of the samples synthesis (Koizumi et al., 2010). The samples used for deformation consisted in cylinders with diameters ranging from 4.5 to 4.8 mm, and lengths varying between 7.25 and 10.55 mm (Table 1).

## 2.2. Deformation experiments

Eight deformation experiments were carried out using a high-resolution gas-medium high-pressure high-temperature apparatus (Demouchy et al., 2013, 2014; Paterson, 1990; Thieme et al., 2018) at Geosciences Montpellier (University of Montpellier, France). An additional static annealing test was carried out without deformation to assess the importance of grain growth during our experiments (NF\_1000-0, Table 1). All experiments were performed under a confining pressure of 300 MPa using argon gas. Constant piston-displacement uniaxial deformation was performed under constant temperatures ranging from 900 to 1200 °C (Table 1). The samples were placed between alumina and zirconia pistons and fitted in metal sleeves (e.g., Mei and Kohlstedt, 2000; Demouchy et al., 2014). The nature of the metal sleeve was chosen depending on the temperature of each experiment, to avoid melting of the sleeve while keeping its strength as low as possible (Table 1). Silver, copper and nickel sleeves were used for experiments at <1000 °C, 1000-1050 °C, and >1050 °C, respectively (Table 1). All parts were encapsulated in an iron jacket thin enough to transmit the confining pressure.

Axial force values were obtained from an internal load cell during deformation. Flow laws for Cu, Fe, Ni, and Ag from Frost and Ashby (1982) were used to determine the contributions of the iron jacket and the metal sleeve to the measured load. Sample stress as a function of time was then retrieved by calculating the evolution of the sample surface corresponding to a shortening with constant volume. Strain was corrected using the apparatus stiffness, which was calibrated beforehand ( $\sim 83 \text{ kN mm}^{-1}$ ). The stress-strain data were further processed (smoothed) to accurately identify the yield point and the apparent Young moduli at yield point (see Supp. Mat. for details, Figures S1 and S2).

For each experiment, constant displacement rate was set based on the initial length of the sample to yield a stress plateau with a strain rate of  $10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . All samples were deformed, at least, until the maximum stress was achieved. Below 1050 °C, axial shortening was stopped if a significant stress decrease—indicative of brittle failure of the sample—was observed. At temperatures

> 1050 °C, a plateau with constant stress was obtained and more extensive deformation was performed. Finite strain ranged from 2.8 to 12.4 % (Table 1).

## 2.3 Scanning electron microscopy and electron backscattered diffraction

The recovered samples were kept in the metal sleeve and jacket and cross sections were cut either normal or parallel to the compression direction for SEM and EBSD. The sample sections were prepared using a standardized polishing protocol (Thieme et al., 2018). A final chemo-mechanical polishing step using colloidal silica on a vibrating plate was necessary to achieve a high-quality polish for EBSD. The SEM and EBSD analyses were performed with a CamScan X500FE Crystal Probe equipped with an EBSD system at Geosciences Montpellier (University of Montpellier, France). The geometry of the Crystal Probe-EBSD was previously detailed in Demouchy et al. (2011). Operating conditions were 15-18 kV, ~6 or 10 nA (for exposure times of 48 and 24 ms, respectively) and a working distance of 24-25 mm. Low vacuum conditions (4 Pa of gaseous nitrogen), carbon coating and copper-carbon tape were used around the studied area to avoid charging of the specimen. Several EBSD maps were collected on each sample section, including on the starting material (undeformed), as well as on the statically annealed sample.

The dimensions of the area mapped by EBSD typically varied from a few tens to several hundreds of microns, which corresponds to hundreds to several thousands of grains, thus allowing satisfying statistical analysis in terms of grain size, shape grain and crystallographic orientation. The step size was set either to 0.2 or 0.4  $\mu\text{m}$  depending on the size of the analyzed area.

The data were acquired using Oxford instrument's HKL Aztec2 software. Data were first processed to remove wild spikes (isolated pixels that have eight similar neighbors) and fill non-indexed pixels that had seven neighbors with identical orientations, then treated with the MTEX MATLAB toolbox (Bachmann et al., 2010; Hielscher and Schaefer, 2008; Mainprice et al., 2015).



Grain boundaries are usually detected using a critical misorientation angle of 10-15° (Mainprice et al., 2015). Here, grain boundaries were detected using a threshold misorientation angle of 13°. Variations of this critical threshold angle between 10 and 15° does not impact the microstructure results significantly (see Supp. Mat., Table S2). Grains were filtered to a minimum of 1.44  $\mu\text{m}^2$  (i.e., 9 or 36 pixels, according to the step size). Similarly, subgrains were identified as neighboring pixels with misorientations of 2-13°. The density of the orientation distribution function was calculated using an axially symmetric de la Vallee Poussin kernel, with a half-width of 10° (bandwidth of 28 in spherical harmonic coefficients). Crystal preferred orientations (CPO) and texture J-index were calculated (Bunge, 1982). The texture J-index is a measurement of the texture strength calculated as the integral of the square of the orientation distribution function, and is calculated using one data point per grain to avoid overestimating the contribution of large grains (Mainprice et al., 2015). Densities of pole figures were normalized to a uniform distribution and contoured at intervals of  $0.06 \times \text{uniform}$ .

## **2.4 Transmission electron microscopy**

Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) was also used to characterize the microstructures after the deformation experiments. Three deformed samples (NF\_950-1, NF\_1050-1 and NF\_1200-1) were selected for this investigation from which doubly polished thin sections (30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick) were prepared. Sample NF\_1200-1 was cut parallel to the deformation axis, and NF\_950-1 and NF\_1050-1 perpendicular to the deformation axis. They were glued on a Cu grid and ion milled at 5 kV under a low beam angle of 15° until electron transparency was reached. The foils were subsequently covered with a thin layer of carbon. TEM observations were carried out at the University of Lille (France) using a FEI® Tecnai G2-20 TWIN microscope operating at 200 kV.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1 Mechanical data

The stress-strain curves from each deformation experiment are shown in Figure 2. Stress data for experiment NF\_1110-1 appear noisier than other experiments due to a temporary grounding issue of the internal load cell during the deformation, which resulted in apparent stress fluctuations (Figure 2a). Maximum stresses range from 480 to 1870 MPa, for temperatures varying from 1200 to 900 °C, respectively. The mechanical values reported in Table 1 thus define an expected inverse dependence with increasing temperature. At temperatures  $\leq 1000$  °C, stress increases until it reaches a maximum, then starts decreasing upon further straining. Sample failure was observed for NF\_900-1. For experiments NF\_950-1, NF\_1000-1 and NF\_1000-2, deformation was stopped after observing a significant stress decrease, indicative of possible imminent failure. In contrast, at higher temperatures ( $> 1000$  °C), stress reaches a constant value (plateau) and samples could be further deformed in an apparent (quasi-) steady state. We note however, that, for all experiments, the stress increases above the confining pressure ( $> 300$  MPa) and is upheld without immediate failure over non-negligible amounts of strain, i.e., several percent after apparatus stiffness correction.

From 900 to 1110 °C, yield stress values are close to  $\sim 600$  MPa, regardless of temperature. Yield stress is only significantly lower in experiment NF1200-1, performed at the highest temperature (Figure 2b). In contrast, aside from experiment NF1110-1, we observe a consistent decrease in the apparent Young modulus with temperature, from 112 GPa at 900 °C to 32 GPa at 1200 °C (Table 1).

#### 3.2 Microstructures

Results from EBSD analyses on the deformed aggregates are summarized in Table 1. Average grain size, aspect ratio and shape factor (i.e., measured perimeter/perimeter of the circle with

equivalent area) values obtained for the largest map in each sample, are shown as a function of finite strain and temperature in Figure 3. For the sake of readability, a full statistical report is provided in the supplementary material, where results from the two largest maps for each sample are given along with corresponding minimum, maximum and standard deviation values (Table S3). We note that values of aspect ratio are somewhat larger than expected. This is attributed to a slight drift of the electron beam (often observed when working with non-conductive samples) when collecting EBSD maps, which results in a minor artificial elongation of the grains.

From the EBSD maps, average grain sizes of 2.7-3.3  $\mu\text{m}$  are found. Therefore, both in the static annealing test NF\_1000-0 and in the deformation experiments, grain size remains essentially unchanged from the value measured in the starting material. Only a slight decrease ( $-15\%$ ) in grain size is observed in the deformed samples (Table 1, Figure 3). Nevertheless, one finds no correlation between grain size and temperature or strain over the entire data set (Figure 3), consistently with the results of Tasaka et al. (2013), who reported only minor grain growth, even at temperatures as high as 1260 °C. Based on the low temperatures and short durations of the present experiments, static growth is therefore negligible here (Table 1, Figure 3).

SEM images displayed in Figure 4, show the preservation of equilibrium texture features, such as triple junctions and straight boundaries in the samples deformed at 950-1000 °C. Visually, textures from samples deformed more extensively and at greater temperatures (1050-1200 °C) show more curved grain boundaries (Figure 4g, h). This is confirmed by the values of shape factor and aspect ratio, which remain essentially unchanged, when compared to the starting material, for the samples deformed at 900-1000 °C, as well as for NF1110-1 (all of which experienced less than 10 % strain), but are slightly larger for the three samples deformed by at least 10 % strain at 1050-1200 °C (Table 1, Figure 3). In the low-temperature samples, many grain boundaries are open (Figure 4), a feature that seems much less common at 1000-1110 °C and which is not observed at 1200 °C.

In addition, at low temperature, many grains appear with strong topology in the SEM images (Figure 4b), which is due to out-of-plane motion (vertical offsets) between adjacent grains in the imaged plane. At 1050 °C, voids created by the opening of grain boundaries are still observed. Typical cases where grains have slid relative to each other and created a void due to insufficient ductility of adjacent grains can be seen in Figure 4d.

In all samples deformed at 1050 °C and 1100 °C, grain boundaries are serrated in a pervasive way as shown in Figure 4. At 1050 °C, the scale of the serration (its wavelength) is at the limit of the observation capability of the SEM, i.e., in the order of tens of nanometers, at most. We note that, due to the relatively small scale at which this change occurs, it is not measurable in terms of shape factor (which increases with grain boundary tortuosity, Figure 3) since EBSD data are collected with much larger step sizes than the serration scale. Nevertheless, the wavelength of the serration seems to increase with temperature and decreasing stress; as also suggested by TEM images of samples NF\_950-1 and NF\_1050-1 (see below for details). At 1110 °C, the samples show no evidence of major grain boundary sliding but the serration of grain boundaries is ubiquitous and occurs at the scale of a few tens to hundreds of nanometers. Several large grains exhibit important intracrystalline contrast variations, typical of subgrain boundaries (Figure 4f). This results from distortions of the crystal lattice and/or from defect concentrations and therefore highlights active intracrystalline plastic deformation. At 1200 °C, all grain boundaries remained closed and many display incipient bulging, with wavy boundaries at the scale of hundreds of nanometers to a micron (Figure 4h). Neither gaping, nor grain boundary sliding is observed.

The distribution of the long-axis direction of the grains is shown in Figure 5. A strengthening of the initial SPO (i.e., present in the undeformed sample) is observed upon deformation (Figure 5 and Table S3). Indeed, the long-axis of the grains tend to align normal to the compression axis, which is the same as during the compaction stage of the samples, prior to sintering. We note that for samples NF\_1110-1 and NF\_1110-2, shortened by 12.4 and 5 %, respectively, the long axis

orientation distribution is very similar, which implies that most of the SPO formed during the early stages of the axial deformation.

By definition, grain orientation spread (GOS) defines the variations in local crystallographic orientation inside a given grain. Therefore, in an ideal unstrained crystal lattice, GOS is theoretically nil and its actual value only reflects EBSD measurement uncertainty. This is the case for the undeformed samples, which have an average GOS of  $0.2\text{--}0.21^\circ$  (Table 1 and Figure 3). Larger GOS values can reflect plastic deformation due to the presence of internal strain heterogeneities of the crystal lattice, which can originate from residual elastic strains (although unlikely here, in the case of a free surface) or more generally from the presence of geometrically necessary dislocations (GND). In the EBSD maps, GOS increases with the amount of strain to reach a maximum of  $1.375^\circ$  at  $1100^\circ\text{C}$ . The largest values are obtained for samples NF\_1110-1 and NF\_1050-1 (Figure 3), which reveal substantial intracrystalline plasticity. At higher temperature, increasing temperature seems to have the opposite effect since lower values of GOS ( $0.705^\circ$ ) were obtained for sample NF\_1200-1, deformed by about the same amount (Table 1). A comparison between two EBSD maps collected on samples that have experienced different temperatures and finite strains is shown in Figure 6. Similar to undulose extinction in optical microscopy, Misorientation-to-Mean (Mis2Mean), which represents angular variations in crystal orientation inside a grain relative to the grain's average crystallographic orientation, allows the spatial strain heterogeneity distributions of the crystal lattice to be visualized. When finite strain is the largest, Mis2Mean values, and therefore GOS, often exceed  $5^\circ$ , as evidenced by the brighter areas in Figure 6b, Mis2Mean values  $> 5^\circ$  are more common in coarser grains, where subgrains often formed. We note that, in Figure 6a, yellow-saturated grains are a consequence of neighboring grains being incidentally positioned in crystallographically close orientations and therefore identified as single grains with large Mis2Mean values, whereas the actual maximum value is  $\sim 1^\circ$ .

Pole figures obtained for the starting material, the annealing test and the deformation experiments are displayed in Figure 7 and show near-random crystal orientations, as pointed out by their very low  $J$ -indexes ranging from  $\sim 1.01$ - $1.11$ . However, in many cases, analysis over a large number of grains ( $> 10,000$ ) detected slight but meaningful deviations from a random distribution. As expected, the starting material shows no significant CPO. Samples deformed from 900 to 1000 °C experienced small amounts of finite strain and do not show any significant CPO either. Only sample NF\_950-1 displays a possibly meaningful pattern, where the [001] axis forms a girdle normal to the compression axis. This very weak CPO pattern may also be present in other samples but was probably only detected in NF\_950-1 due to the large EBSD map size, which allowed better statistics (over 14,000 grains analyzed). We note, indeed, that  $J$ -indexes are consistently higher for smaller EBSD maps, which is an artifact of poorer statistics generating greater local maxima. In the present case, the very weak texture described above was likely present in the sample prior to deformation and preserved due to very low finite strain.

In contrast, three out of four samples deformed between 1050 and 1200 °C ( $\geq 10$  % strain), NF\_1050-1, NF\_1110-1 and NF\_1200-1, show a weak CPO characterized by an alignment of the [010] axis parallel to the compression direction. The distribution of [001] axes defines a girdle normal to the shortening direction in NF\_1050-1, whereas it displays maxima at  $\sim 45^\circ$  of the shortening direction in NF\_1110-1, and is nearly random for NF\_1200-1. Similarly, [100] axes have local maxima at  $45^\circ$  of the compression direction in NF\_1050-1 and NF\_1110-1. We note that these features appear fainter for sample NF\_1200-1. In addition, this CPO is not observed for sample NF\_1110-2, which, consistently with its low finite strain, shows a texture similar to that of the starting material and the low temperature samples.

In summary, deformation-induced CPOs are characterized by a concentration of [010] axes parallel to the compression direction, while the other axes tend to form girdles and point maxima, which are normal and at  $\sim 45^\circ$  with respect to the compression direction, respectively. These

patterns are characteristics of the A-fiber texture, where the [100] and [010] axes are parallel to the shearing (lineation) and principal stress directions, respectively (Mainprice et al., 2005; Michibayashi et al., 2016; Ohuchi et al., 2015; Tommasi et al., 2000). Similar textures have also been reported for iron-bearing olivine using the same experimental setup at 900 °C and are indicative of co-existing [100](010), [001](010) and possibly [001]{110} slip systems (Demouchy et al., 2009; Demouchy et al., 2014; Phakey et al., 1972; Raleigh, 1968).

Intracrystalline plasticity was identified in the EBSD maps of the deformed samples via the analysis of misorientation within the grains determined by MTEX. At 1050-1200 °C, many subgrains were observed (misorientations of 2-13°) and statistics on those subgrains could be extracted (Figure 8, Figures S3 and S4). At 900-1000 °C, however, little intragranular plasticity and few subgrains are present. Intracrystalline plasticity was therefore investigated by analyzing targeted grains that showed a GOS > 1° and where deformed areas larger than 10 pixels could be analyzed (Figure 8 and Figure S5). Subgrains can form twist or tilt walls in the grains. Figure 8 (and Supp. Mat. Figures S3 and S4) illustrates the types of subgrains identified in all three samples that have experienced major deformation; i.e., NF\_1050-1, NF\_1110-1 and NF\_1200-1. Subgrains are mostly found in large grains (>~4 µm) and correspond to modest misorientations, typically lower than 5° (Figure S3). Detailed analysis reveals that the majority of subgrain boundaries are tilt walls, i.e., with the rotation axis oriented nearly parallel to the subgrain wall. The most common subgrain types for those three samples (deformed at 1050-1200 °C) are illustrated in Figure 8, where the distribution of subgrain rotation axis is plotted in inverse pole figures. These plots reveal clustering mostly around the [001] and  $[\bar{1}10]$  directions. Subgrain rotation around  $[\bar{1}10]$  is more prominent at 1050 °C than at 1110 and 1200 °C. At 1200 °C, subgrain rotations around the  $[\bar{1}10]$  direction are negligible and rotations around [001] dominate, associated with a slightly larger contribution from subgrain rotations around the <0kl> directions and around the [010] axis.

At 900-1000 °C fewer grains were analyzed. It is therefore difficult to identify specific rotation axes as clearly as in the high-temperature samples (Figure S5). However, a similar trend is observed, particularly for larger misorientation values (which present a lower uncertainty), with rotation axes located near the  $[\bar{1}10]$  and  $[011]$  directions. We note that, unlike at 1050-1200 °C, those latter rotations seem to be favored over those around the  $[001]$  axis.

At 1050-1110 °C, the high concentration of subgrain rotations around  $[001]$  probably reflects the appearance of tilt walls as a result of dislocations of screw and edge character in the  $[001](010)$  and  $[100](010)$  slip systems, respectively, consistently with the CPOs described above. However, other rotations, such as those around  $[\bar{1}10]$  and  $[011]$  observed throughout the entire 900-1200 °C temperature range investigated (Figures S3 and S4), may simply reflect the presence of GNDs. Those rotations can result from  $[001]\{110\}$  and  $[100]\{011\}$  dislocations, as already identified in previous studies (Cordier et al., 2014; Demouchy et al., 2014; Thieme et al., 2018; Wallis et al., 2016). Conclusively, misorientation may be used as a proxy for dislocation density in general, but does not necessarily represent the density of mobile (free) dislocations accommodating most of the strain.

The three samples investigated by TEM exhibit very distinctive microstructures, as shown in Figure 9. At 950 °C (NF\_950-1), consistently with the stress drop observed at high stress, one observes mostly indication of a brittle response (Figure 9a). Although some intragranular microcracks can be occasionally observed, brittleness results predominantly from grain boundary cracking as seen in Figure 9b. In most cases, the grain boundary microcracks are straight and cleavage-like. However, some exhibit serration, suggesting a different behavior before rupture (Figure 9b, Figure S6a), characteristic of ductile cracks (Ponson et al., 2013). The intragranular microstructure is very heterogeneous. Many grains are pristine, but dislocation activity can be observed in some grains, probably related to microplasticity (i.e., plastic deformation by dislocation motion occurs locally, while the bulk material remains essentially in the elastic/brittle field).



At the highest temperature investigated (NF\_1200-1), the microstructure is also very heterogeneous (Figure 9). Several grains are still dislocation free, however clear dislocation activity is observed in many of them and, consistently with SEM observations, the grain boundaries are perfectly cohesive (Figure 9h, Figure S6d). The most striking observations come from the sample deformed at 1050 °C (NF\_1050-1). Very marked grain boundary openings are ubiquitous (Figures 9c-f). Contrary to NF\_950-1, damage at grain boundary does not result from purely brittle cleavage-like micro-fracturing. The shape of surfaces formed by crack opening clearly suggests some ductile processes (Figure 9e, Figures S6b and S6c). As a result, some cohesion could be maintained during crack opening. This is probably what explains the ductility exhibited by this sample despite very strong damage. Another characteristic of this sample is the presence of dislocation activity in almost all grains (Figure 9f), which is consistent with the GOS evolution observed among samples (Figure 3). Although dislocation activity might be related to the ductile processes suggested by the crack morphologies, no clear correlation could be evidenced.

## **4. Discussion**

### **Brittle to ductile transition mechanisms**

Between 900 and 1000 °C, no steady state could be achieved (Figure 2). Stress almost immediately reached a yield point, beyond which deformation occurred in a semi-brittle manner, via micro-cataclastic processes (intergranular cracks and sliding). As shown by the images of recovered samples (Figures 4 and 9), for this range of temperature, the stress drop observed beyond the stress maximum likely corresponds to the coalescence and propagation of pervasive micro-crack networks. In the brittle field and across the brittle-ductile transition here, when grains slide relative to each other (GBS), strain incompatibilities develop (usually at triple junctions), which can lead to the formation of voids. In some cases, these voids further develop under local tensile stresses and fully open grain boundaries (Figure 4, Figure 9d). Although these openings can be seen

as mode-I cracks in the brittle sample at 900 °C, an involvement of ductile processes in their development is clearly identified at 950-1110 °C (Figures 4 and 9d,e), where they therefore correspond to “ductile cracks” (Idrissi et al., 2016; Ponson et al., 2013). The presence of pervasive gaping grain boundaries indicates indeed that deformation involved a significant contribution of GBS at the sample scale (Ree, 1994; Langdon, 2006). This is well illustrated by the relative motion of grains in Figure 4d and Figure 9c. The damage (i.e., cavitation) caused by this mechanism is a direct consequence of the moderate confining pressure conditions (0.3 GPa) relative to stress levels and the low temperature ( $\sim 0.54\text{--}0.59 \times T_m$  for  $\text{Fo}_{100}$ ), which, for our experimental durations, prevents diffusion from filling the areas in tension as the grains are pulled apart (e.g., Ree, 1994). Indeed, creep by diffusion would occur if characteristic diffusion lengths were greater than the grain size of the aggregate. This criterion can be assessed using Si diffusivity since it is the slowest diffusing species in silicates. For 900-1000 °C, data from Fei et al. (2012) predict lattice diffusivities of  $1.4 \times 10^{-25}$  to  $3.7 \times 10^{-24} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and corresponding characteristic diffusion lengths of  $\sim 0.07$  to  $0.3 \text{ nm}$  for the durations of our experiments, which excludes a significant contribution from diffusion creep (e.g., Nabarro-Herring creep). Additionally, theoretical strain rates for diffusion creep can be calculated from the diffusion coefficients mentioned above and using the maximum (or steady-state) stress measured for each experiment (Raj and Ashby, 1971; Tasaka et al., 2013). Using a grain size of  $3 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ , representative of our samples, these calculations yield strain rates of the order of  $10^{-13}\text{--}10^{-10} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and therefore confirm the unlikely dominance of diffusion creep in our experiments.

Interestingly, these low-temperature samples ( $< 1000 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ) sustained major strain hardening without reaching failure and largely exceeded the Goetze criterion, i.e., differential stress exceeded confining pressure (Kohlstedt et al., 1995). Transient violation of the Goetze criterion has been previously reported in similar deformation experiments on fine-grained iron-bearing olivine (Demouchy et al., 2009, 2014; Thieme et al., 2018). In the present case, the Goetze criterion should

only be seen as a condition that predicts the nucleation of cracks (i.e., cavitation), but without necessarily resulting in macroscopic failure.

Interestingly, SEM images of our low-temperature samples show more pronounced surface relief than samples deformed at  $> 1100\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Figure 4b). These features are very similar to the out-of-plane grain displacements on free surfaces reported by Bollinger et al. (2019) at 3.5-5 GPa (1000-1200  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $2 \times 10^{-5}\text{ s}^{-1}$ ), as well as to those evidenced on samples deformed by GBS creep at 1 atm (Watanabe et al., 1982; Maruyama and Hiraga, 2017a, 2017b; Masuda et al., 2015, 2016). Although, the physical explanation for the appearance of these displacements on free-surfaces created after the experiments remains elusive. It is suspected that this late relative grain motion occurs as a relaxation process at grain boundaries in response to large residual stress heterogeneities due to stored elastic energy. This relaxation is made possible by the decohesion of a significant fraction of the grain boundaries. The present study and those of Maruyama and Hiraga (2017a) and Bollinger et al. (2019) thus show the possible activation of GBS under a wide range of confining pressure (0.3-5 GPa). We argue that, under relatively low temperature, rapid laboratory strain rates generate heterogeneous stress concentrations, which can locally be at least equal to the confining pressure, even under several gigapascals of pressure (Druiventak et al., 2011; Burnley, 2013). These stress concentrations either create openings (cavitation), as in our case, or, at high temperature, drive ionic diffusive fluxes towards low-pressure areas (e.g., Wheeler, 2018).

#### **Grain boundary mediated deformation at low strain**

The apparent Young moduli (Figure 2b, Figure S2) provide valuable information about the deformation behavior of the aggregates at low strain. Both yield stresses and corresponding apparent Young moduli are reported in Figure 10 as a function of temperature. Our results describe a linear temperature dependence of  $-263\text{ MPa}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ . This value is too large to be explained by forsterite elasticity only, as shown by the comparison with the values of Suzuki et al. (1983), which yield a temperature derivative of  $-32\text{ MPa}/^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Figure 10a). These results corroborate the recent

study of Burnley and Kaboli (2019) on iron-bearing olivine aggregates. It is unclear what percentage of the strain is accommodated elastically or plastically at this stage of the deformation curves. This deviation from purely elastic behavior observed upon modest amounts of strain may reflect a contribution of GBS, accordingly with TEM images, which evidence an involvement of ductile processes in the grain boundary network. In any case, these data suggest a major rheological impact of the grain boundaries with increasing temperature. Since grain boundary mediated deformation is activated at lower temperatures than crystal plastic mechanisms, it may play a key role in the mantle at low temperature and/or high stress conditions, typical of the brittle-ductile transition.

#### **Flow mechanisms and comparison to previous rheological laws**

In the 900-1000 °C range, there is no deformation-induced CPO pattern (Figure 7), accordingly with the low amounts of strain experienced by the samples. At the TEM scale, dislocation activity is observed in NF\_950-1, but is likely related to microplasticity, and coexists with pervasive microfracturing (Figure 9a). As discussed above, in this temperature range, deformation is transiently ductile at the sample scale, and shortening results from the propagation of micro-cracks at the grain (micrometric) scale, together with minor dislocation activity (glide of [100] and [001] dislocations), as previously proposed by Druiventak et al. (2011). Consequently, the maximum stresses obtained in this temperature range correspond to a semi-brittle regime and lie largely above previously established low temperature flow laws, as shown in Figure 11. We note, as pointed out by previous studies (e.g., Demouchy et al., 2009, 2013, 2014, Thieme et al., 2018), that extrapolations from power law flow yield overestimated stress values for the present temperature range and strain rates.

At, or above, 1050 °C, apparent steady state was achieved over the strain range investigated (Figure 2) and two observations stand out: (1) GOS values are the highest at 1100 °C, then decrease at 1200 °C (Figure 3). Therefore, the increase in GOS from 900 to 1100 °C, associated with the

appearance of numerous subgrain boundaries (Figure 8), reflects an increasing contribution of intracrystalline plasticity with temperature, whereas the lower value obtained at 1200 °C likely indicates a contribution of diffusive mechanisms. (2) In addition, grain boundary sliding, opening and serration are also commonly observed (Figure 4, and Figures 9c-e), indicative of grain boundary mediated plasticity. Thus, deformation in the 1050-1110 °C range corresponds to a transitional regime where both plastic and cataclastic deformation mechanisms are active.

At 1200 °C, a quasi-steady state is achieved rapidly, after only 3 % of strain. The microstructure is noticeably different, with almost no grain pluck out, no evidence of grains sliding relative to each other, no out-of-plane motion, and less grain boundary serration, when compared to samples deformed at 1050 and 1110 °C. Grain boundaries are preserved and appear more curved than at lower temperature; and boundary bulging is clearly identified (Figure 4h). Together with a small decrease in GOS and weaker olivine CPO patterns, these observations suggest further activation of recovery mechanisms (subgrain boundary formation, grain boundary migration, ionic diffusion) than at lower temperature. This is consistent with recent values of Si diffusion in forsterite (Fei and Katsura, 2016), which, at 1200 °C, predict a strain rate of  $\sim 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for a grain size of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  and a stress of  $\sim 500 \text{ MPa}$  (Raj and Ashby 1971). Therefore, as already observed by Tasaka et al. (2013) under the same pressure, temperature and strain rate conditions, our experiment at 1200 °C also points to a transitional regime where both dislocation-accommodated grain boundary migration and diffusive mechanisms are active.

Conclusively, our results report a mechanical continuum from low temperature (i.e., semi-brittle) to high temperature plasticity. The temperature dependence of stress obtained at  $\geq 1050 \text{ °C}$  (Figure 11) is in agreement with that calculated from power law flow (e.g., Hirth and Kohlstedt, 2003; Ohuchi et al., 2015). Below 1050 °C, however, the temperature-dependence is greater than that calculated from exponential laws either from experimental studies (e.g., Evans and Goetze, 1979; Demouchy et al., 2013; Faul et al., 2011) or numerical modeling (Boioli et al., 2015b). As

detailed in the above, this is due to the occurrence of a variety of deformation mechanisms at play throughout the temperature range investigated.

## **Effect of iron on olivine strength**

The stress values obtained in the present study are slightly larger ( $\sim 17$  and  $50\%$  at  $1000$  and  $1200^\circ\text{C}$ , respectively) than those reported for San Carlos olivine ( $\text{Fo}_{90}$ ) aggregates in Thieme et al., (2018) using the same apparatus, under identical PT and strain rate conditions and with a comparable grain size (Figure 11), which is qualitatively consistent with the notorious weakening effect of iron on olivine (Bollinger et al., 2015; Zhao et al., 2009). The compositional effect observed here is weaker than the one reported by Zhao et al., (2009) at identical PT conditions, which predicts at least an order of magnitude increase in stress. However, their iron-content dependent rheology law was based on  $\text{Fo}_{00}$ - $\text{Fo}_{90}$  compositions and the chosen expression is mathematically unfit to predict stress/strain values for  $\text{Fo}_{100}$  (strain rate nil for  $\text{Fo}_{100}$ ). A direct rheological comparison between iron-bearing and iron-free olivine at high pressure ( $3.1$ - $8.1$  GPa) by Bollinger et al. (2015) has also reported weaker effects of iron incorporation. Following the approach of Bollinger et al., (2015, see their equation 3), i.e., using a power flow law and assuming constant activation energies and pre-exponential terms; the difference observed at  $1200^\circ\text{C}$  can be explained by a stress exponent decrease from  $3.5$  for  $\text{Fo}_{90}$  olivine to only  $\sim 3.25$  for  $\text{Fo}_{100}$  forsterite, whereas an exponent of  $2.3$  was found by Bollinger et al. (2015) at  $1100$ - $1300^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\sim 5$  GPa. The present results thus point to a small rheological effect of iron (between  $\text{Fo}_{100}$  and  $\text{Fo}_{90}$ ) on GBS in very fine-grained olivine aggregates.

## **Implications for the lithospheric mantle**

In summary, the GBS observed in our samples in the brittle-ductile transition field (950-1050 °C) upon modest amounts of strain (<2 %), is first transiently accommodated elastically and then viscously. Upon further strain, GBS eventually produces significant cavitation. This reflects specific experimental conditions, namely (i) relatively low temperatures ( $T/T_m \leq 0.68$ ), (ii) fast strain rates ( $10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and (iii) sub-micron grain-sized and well annealed polygonal microstructures, which are all prerequisites to generate high macroscopic differential stress relative to confining pressure and induce cavitation without immediate failure of the samples. Such conditions may be achieved in mantle shear zones with peculiar settings, such as in tectonically exhumed mantle, where deformation at crustal pressure and temperatures may locally allow stress to exceed lithostatic pressure and, in turn, lead to GBS and gaping as observed in our experimental study. Under the present dry conditions, high local differential stresses are needed for cavitation to generate unpressurized voids (Burnley, 2013). However, cavitation may occur with lower stress levels if pressurized aqueous fluids or reactive melts are present (Précigout and Stünitz, 2016).

In addition, the predominance of diffusion creep or GBS over dislocation creep in mylonitic shear bands in peridotites is still debated based on field and microstructural evidences. It strongly depends on stress and strain rate evolution upon grain size reduction (Platt and Behr, 2011). On the other hand, the recent review of Vauchez et al. (2012) suggests that, in most instances, the dominant mechanism remains dislocation creep, associated to grains sizes of typically  $\sim 200 \mu\text{m}$ . In any case, in the lithospheric mantle, GBS and cavitation might be transient mechanisms occurring in incipient mantle shear zones in response to large stresses. Eventually, lower strain rates and stresses will likely allow ionic diffusion, rather than cavitation, to accommodate deformation.

## 5. Conclusions

- (1) In the present experiments, several deformation mechanisms are at play with their respective contributions varying with temperature, and stress levels. We document a transition from micro-cracking to grain boundary sliding, and then to dislocation creep at around 1050-1100 °C; with a potential important contribution of ionic diffusion at 1200 °C.
- (2) The transition results in subtle changes in SPO and CPO, but is evident in the recovered microstructures in SEM and TEM. Moreover, in our experiments, as well as in previous experimental studies, grains slide against their neighbors towards areas where, local tensile stresses have been generated by large stress heterogeneities. This is possible under moderate confining pressure in laboratory, where the Goetze criterion can be violated in a transient way.
- (3) Given the experimental high-stress conditions, our results may not directly apply to the deformation of the Earth's mantle at large scale. Nevertheless, our results highlight that the grain boundary network in forsterite aggregates is an agent of deformation that is activated at lithospheric temperatures (< 1100 °C), before intracrystalline deformation.

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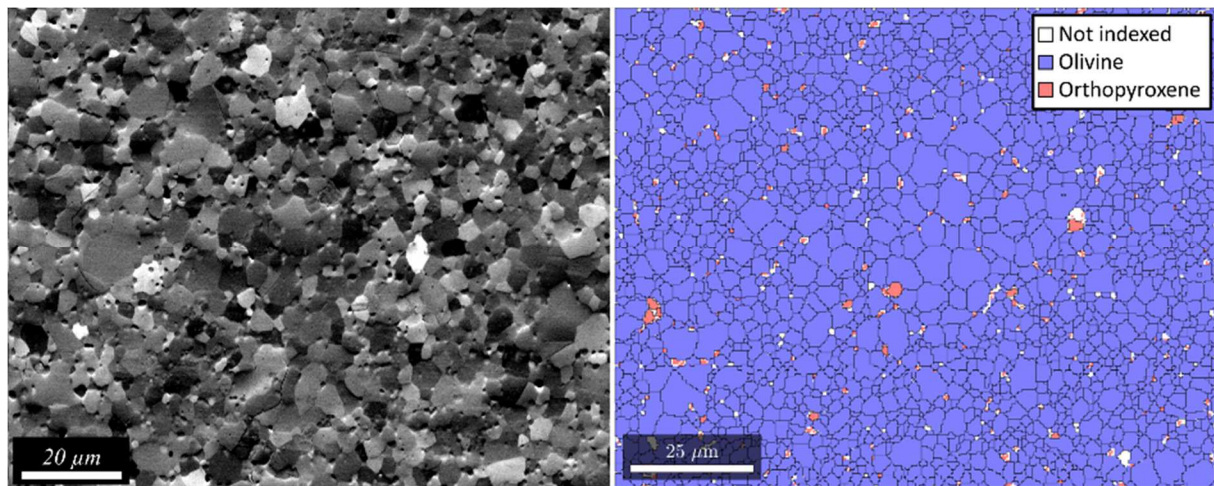
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719 **Figures**



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721 Figure 1: (a) SEM image (Forward scattered electrons) of the starting material used for the deformation  
722 experiments. (b) EBSD map collected on the same starting material showing phase distribution and grain  
723 boundaries determined with MTEX (black lines, see text for details).

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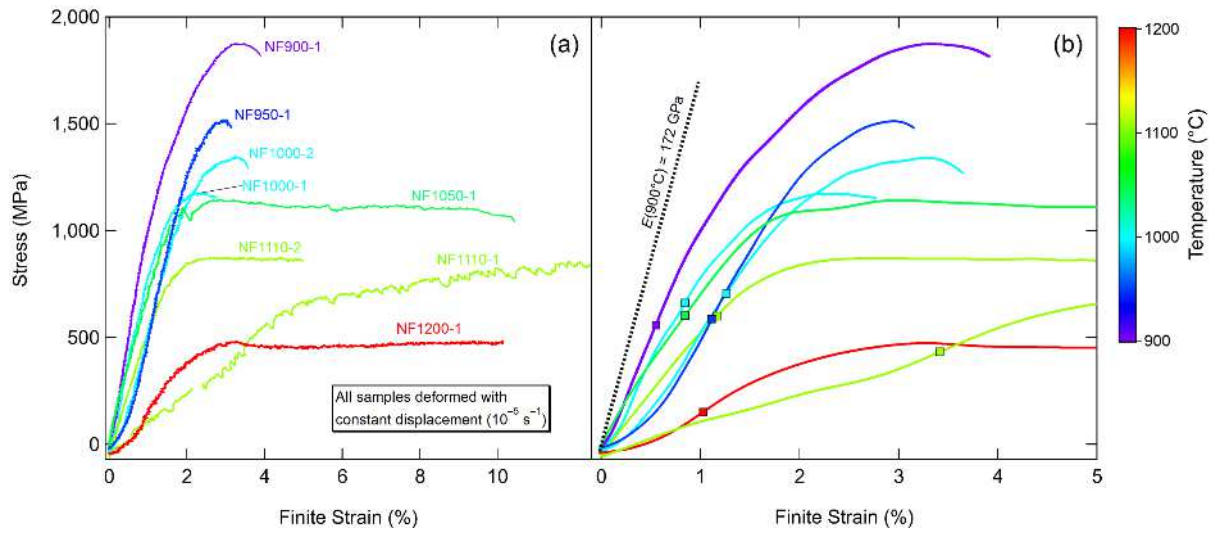
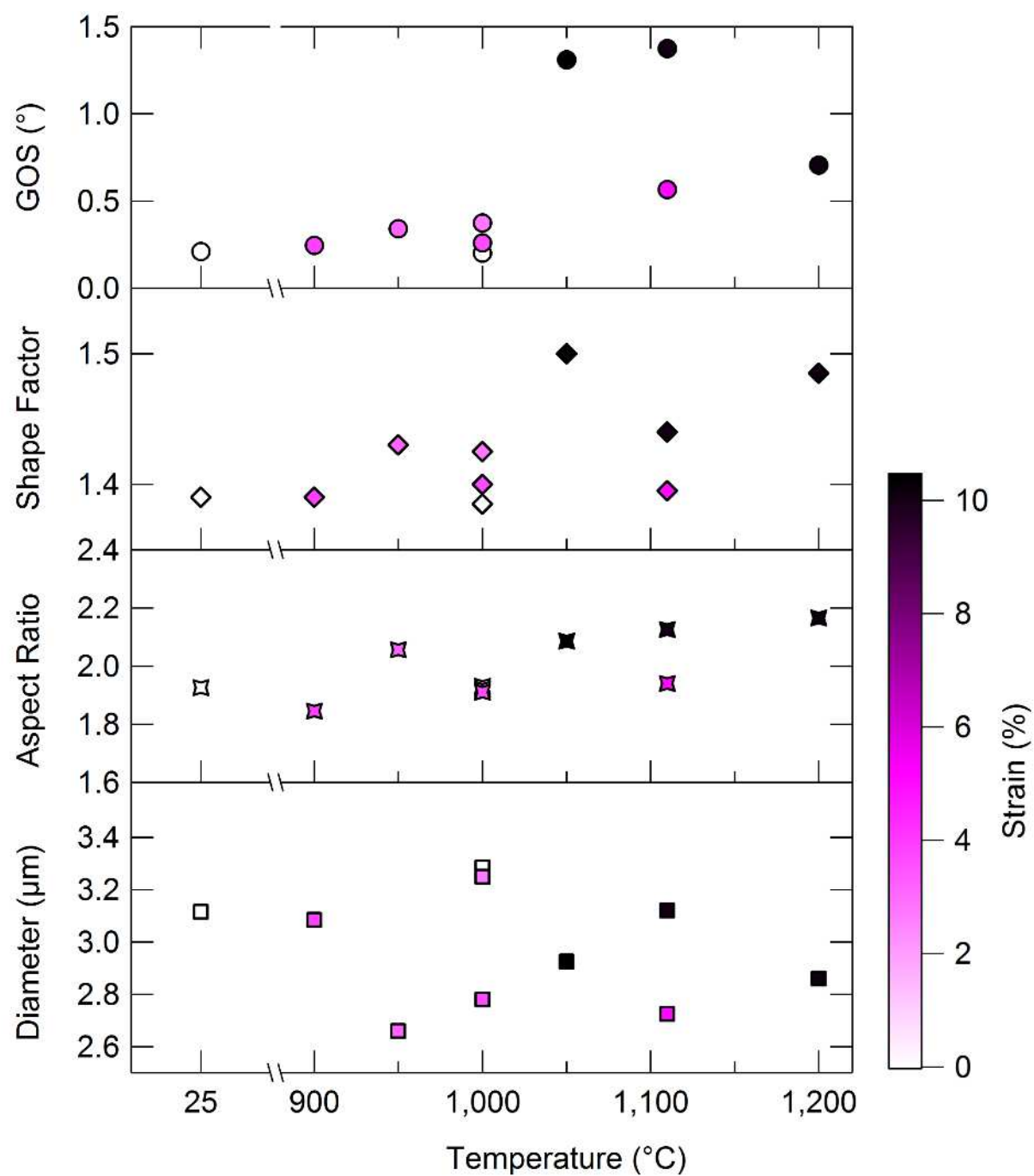


Figure 2: Stress-strain curves for axial deformation experiments. Each curve is colored as a function of temperature, according to the appended color scale. (a) Mechanical curves after data treatment (see section 2.2 for details). (b) Smoothed stress-strain curves (up to 5% strain) used to retrieve yield points, indicated by squares (see supp. mat. for details). As a guide to the eye, the Young modulus of forsterite at 900°C (172 GPa), calculated using the data of Suzuki et al. (1983), is also shown next to the data of NF\_900-1, for which the apparent Young modulus is 112.2 GPa.



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736 Figure 3: Grain size, shape parameters (shape factor and aspect ratio) and grain orientation spread (GOS)  
 737 as a function of temperature and finite strain. The leftmost datum point at room temperature and no strain  
 738 corresponds to the starting material. The other nine data points correspond to the static annealing test  
 739 (1000 °C, no strain) and the axial deformation experiments.



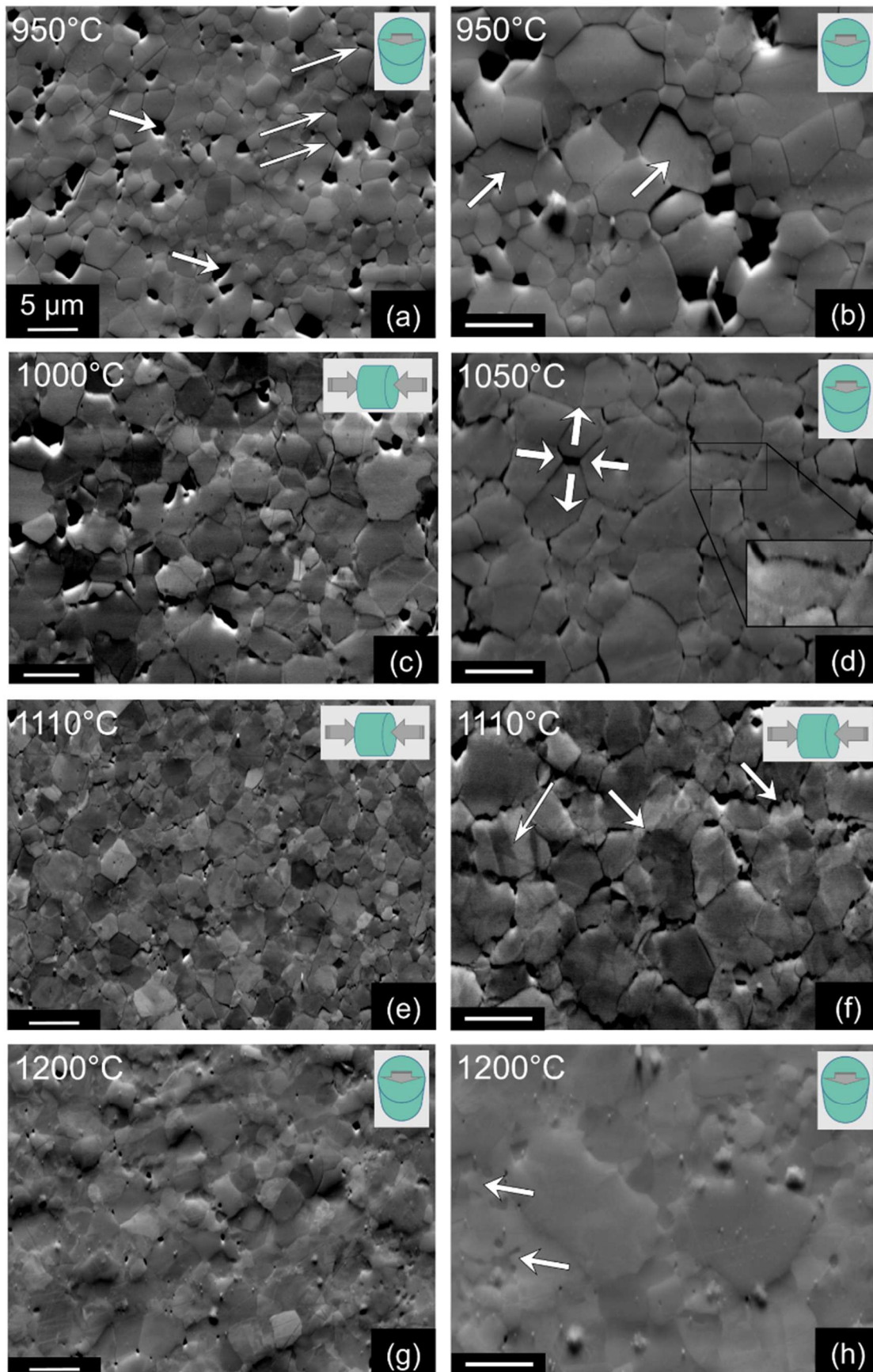
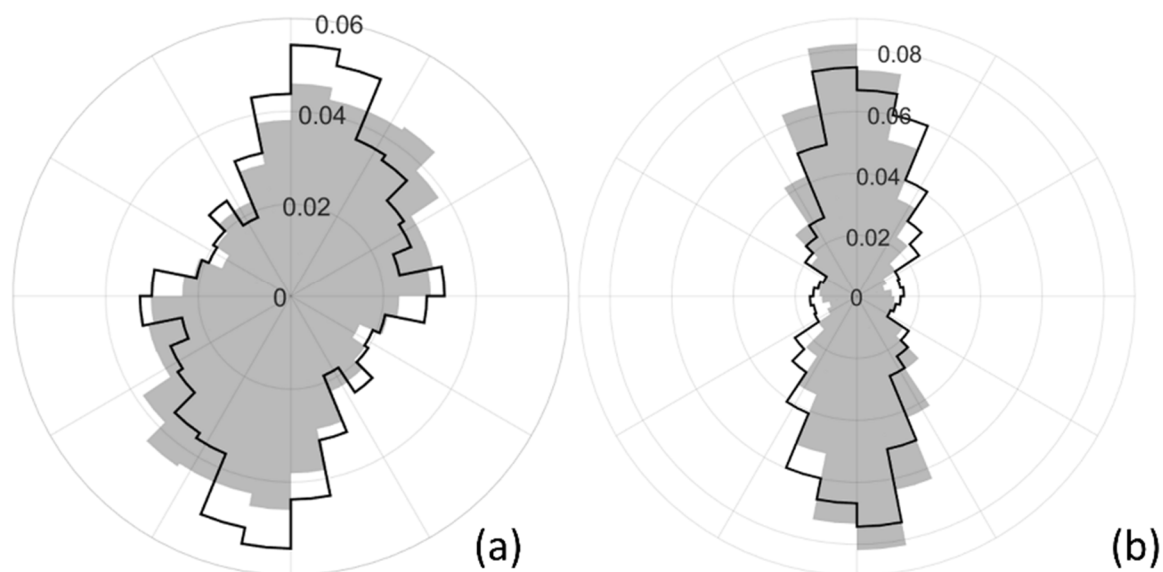


Figure 4: SEM images (forward scattered electrons) of samples deformed at various temperatures. Scale bar is 5  $\mu\text{m}$  on all images. The direction of the deformation (either horizontal or in-plane) is given by the



schematic drawing in the top right corner of each image. (a) NF\_950-1, 3.1% finite strain. Gaping grain boundaries (thin white arrows) and grain plucking due to cross-section preparation (thick white arrows) are visible. (b) NF\_950-1. Arrows point at two grains, which show a significant vertical offset, as evidenced by the shadows on the top of the grains. (c) NF\_1000-2, finite strain of 3.6%. (d) NF\_1050-1, finite strain of 10.4 %. The inset is a higher-magnification image with enhanced contrast that better shows serrated grain boundaries. The white arrows depict relative grain motion, which has left a void between pulled-apart grains. (e) NF\_1110-2, finite strain of 5 %. (f) NF\_1110-1, finite strain of 12.41 %. Thick arrows show serrated grain boundaries, which have been characterized in detail with TEM (see below for more details). The thinner arrow indicates a grain where bands with variable contrast highlight subgrain boundaries and thus intracrystalline plasticity. (g) NF\_1200-1, finite strain of 10 %. (h) NF\_1200-1. Arrows show migrating (i.e., bulging) grain boundaries.



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757 Figure 5: Polar histograms displaying the normalized orientation distribution of the longest axis of forsterite  
 758 grains. Samples length, and therefore axial compression direction, is horizontal. (a) Starting material (black  
 759 line) and sample NF\_900-1 (grey bars), deformed to a finite strain of 3.9 %. (b) Samples NF\_1110-2 (black  
 760 line) and NF\_1110-1 (grey bars) deformed by 5 and 12.41 % of finite strain, respectively.

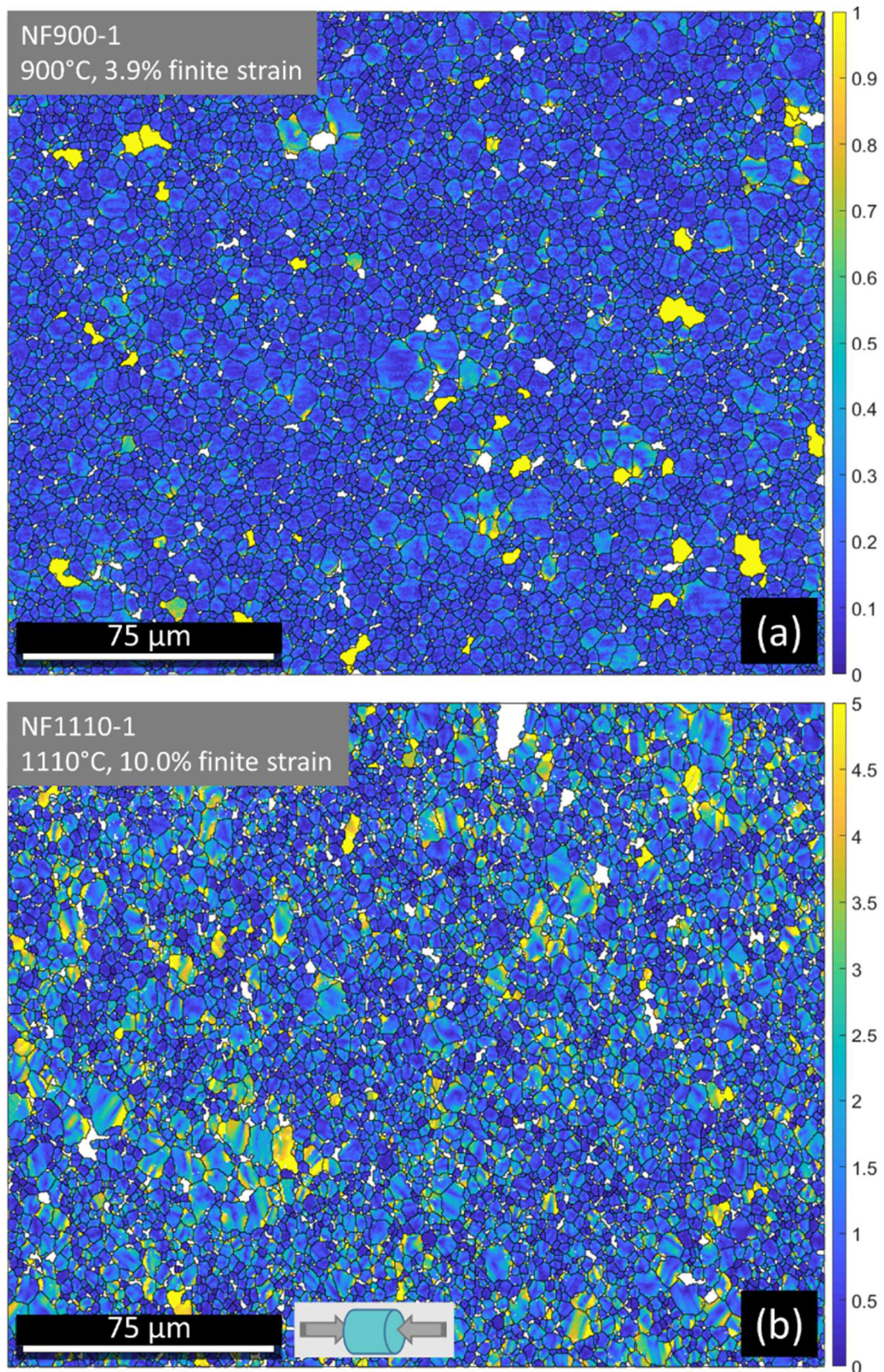


Figure 6: EBSD maps showing grain boundaries and Mis2Mean angles ( $^{\circ}$ ) within each grain. (a) Sample NF\_900-1 (3.9 % finite strain). Very limited grain plasticity is observed, as shown by Mis2Mean values, which rarely exceed  $1^{\circ}$ . (b) Sample NF\_1110-1 (12.41 % finite strain), which presents the largest GOS values observed in our samples. Note that the color scale maximum in (b) is five times larger than in (a).



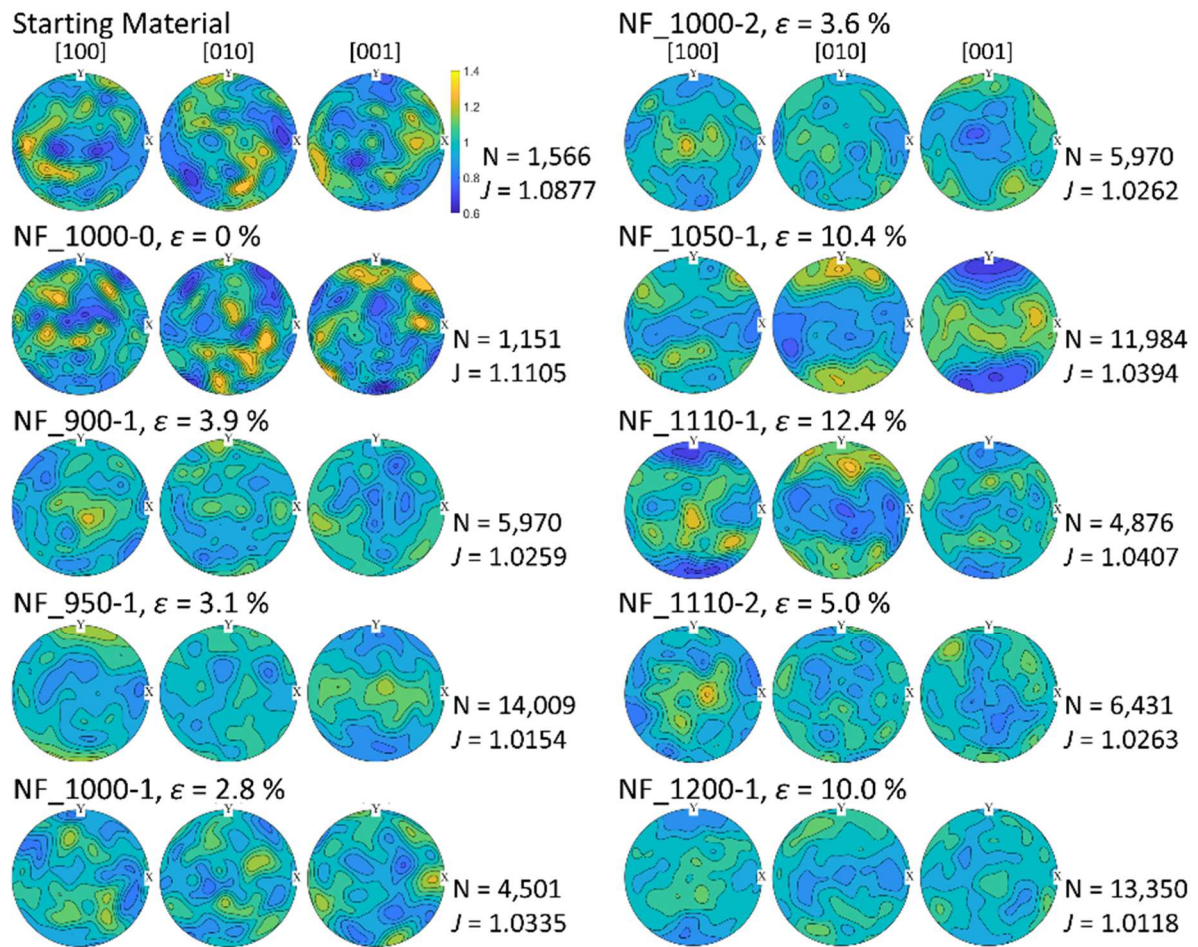


Figure 7: Pole figures of forsterite obtained for the starting material, the annealing experiment and each axial deformation experiment. Densities were obtained from the largest EBSD map collected on each sample and reduced to one point per grain. Densities were contoured with a 0.06 interval. The color scale given beside the starting material pole figures is the same on all figures. The number of grains used, N, and the corresponding J-index are provided in each case. The direction of axial compression deformation is vertical for all figures, except for sample NF\_900-1, where orientation was lost due brittle failure of the sample.

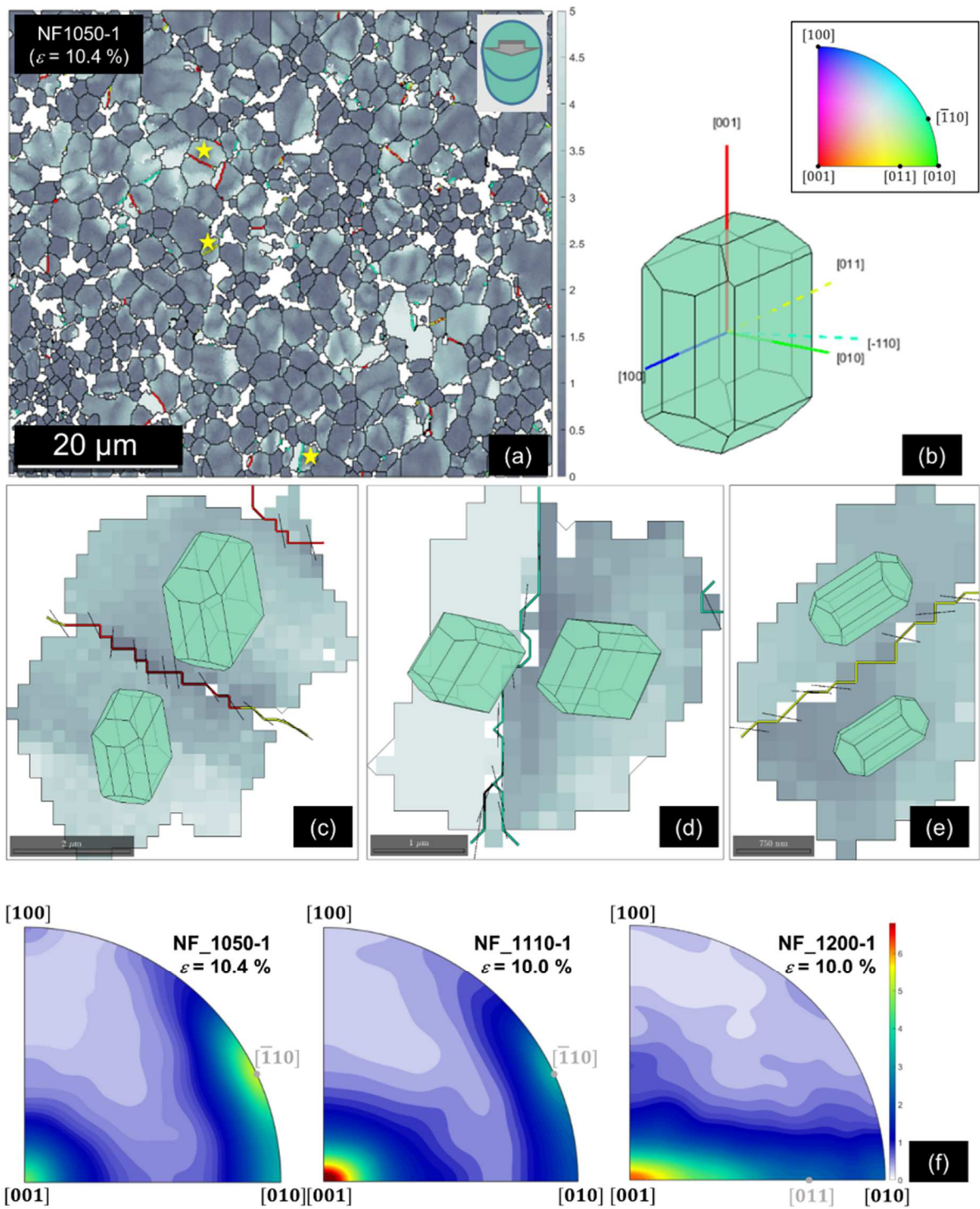


Figure 8: Intracrystalline plasticity at 1050-1200 °C. (a)-(e) Misorientation analysis in sample NF\_1050-1. (a) EBSD map showing Mis2Mean values, grain boundaries (black lines) and subgrain boundaries (thick colored lines). (b) Reference forsterite crystal habitus used in (c), (d) and (e). In addition to principal axes, specific axes, corresponding to  $\bar{1}10$  and [011] subgrain rotations, are shown and colored according to the inverse pole figure colors given in the inset. (c)-(e) Detailed views of grains (and subgrains) marked by a star in (a). The bars on top of the subgrain boundaries represent the orientation of the subgrain rotation axis; their length is a function of their dipping angle (i.e., they are shorter when the rotation axis sticks out of plane).

781 Similar figures for samples NF\_1110-1 and NF\_1200-1 are provided in the supplementary material (Figures  
782 S3 and S4). (f) Inverse pole figures displaying the densities of subgrains rotation axes for samples NF\_1050-  
783 1, NF\_1110-1 and NF\_1200-1. The color scale gives the axis density. The majority of subgrain rotations  
784 occur around the  $[001]$  and  $[\bar{1}10]$  axis, and occasionally around the  $[011]$  axis; this latter case being more  
785 common in sample NF\_1200-1.

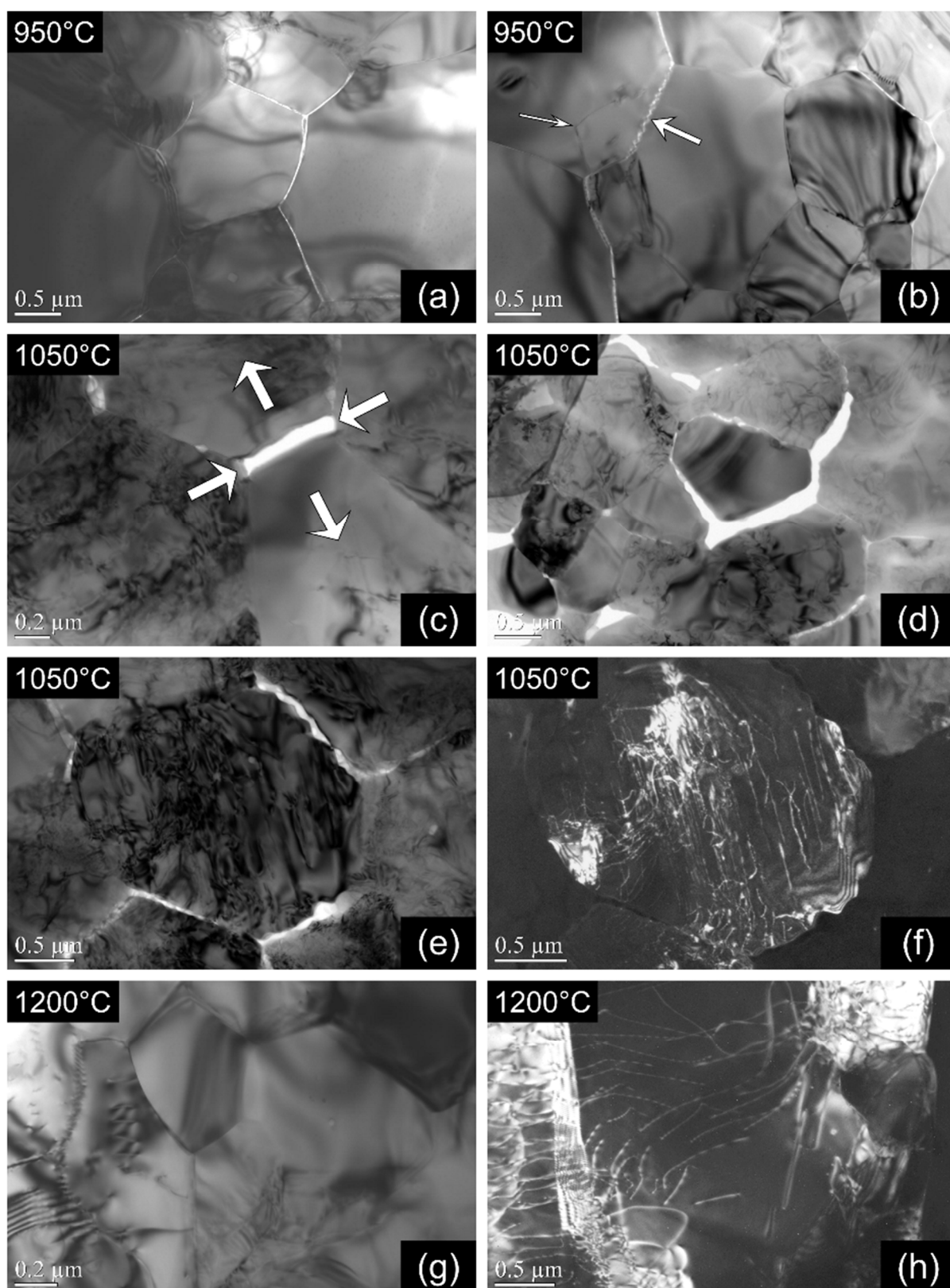
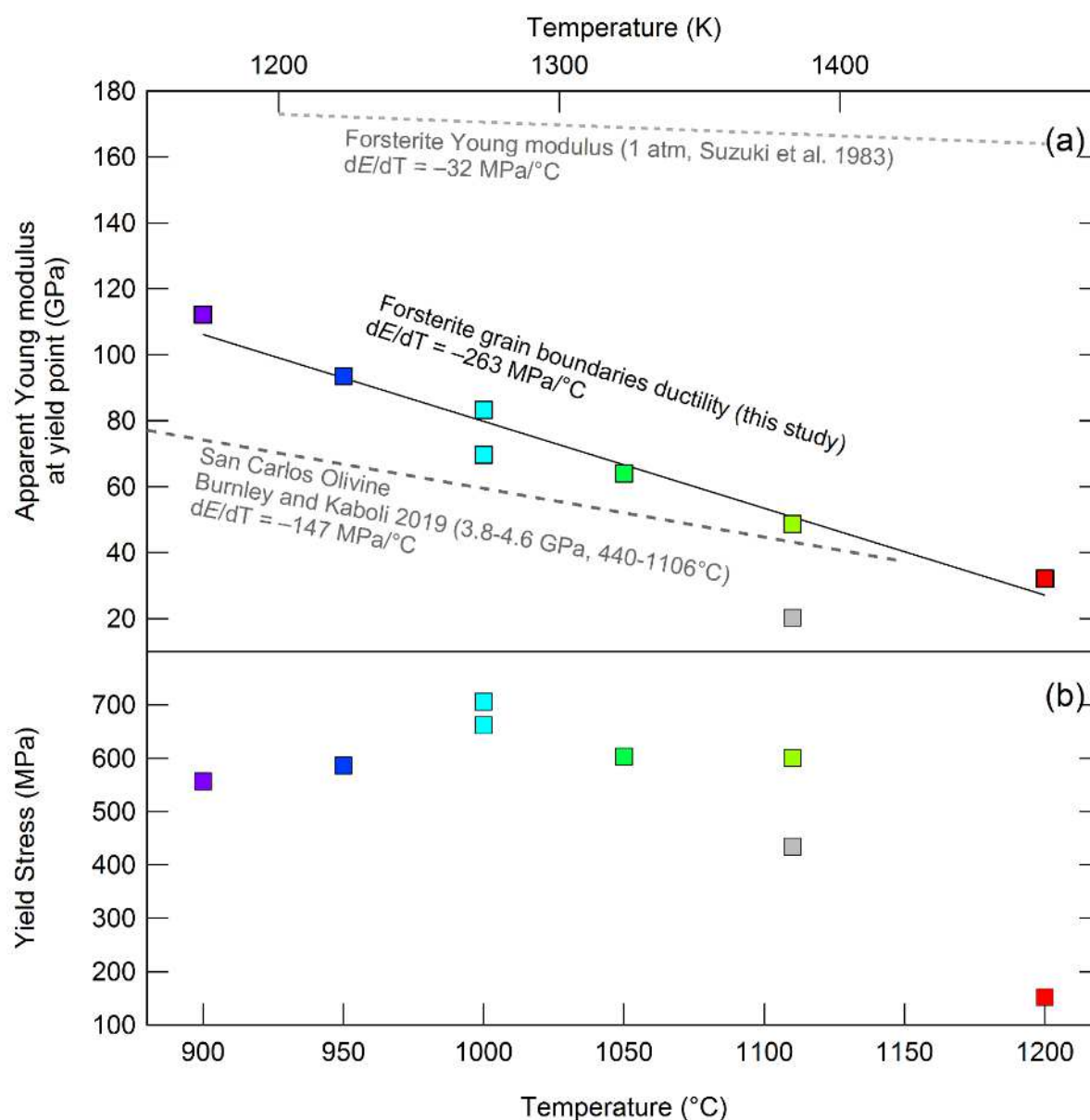


Figure 9: TEM images of samples deformed at 950-1200 °C. (a)-(b) Sample NF\_950-1. (a) Grains show few to no dislocation. Gaping grain boundaries are straight, typical of brittle failure. (b) Several grain boundaries are serrated at the scale of a few tens of nanometers (thick arrow) and intragranular cracks are also present (thin arrow). A higher magnification image of these features is provided in the supplementary material

791 (Figure S6a). (c)-(f) Sample NF\_1050-1. (c) Similar to SEM observations, cavitation and relative grain  
792 motion (white arrows) is observed. (d) In most cases the voids created upon deformation leave a mismatch  
793 between the grains pulled apart, i.e., the void cannot be closed by simply bringing the grains back together,  
794 thus suggesting a role of intracrystalline plasticity. (e) Opened grain boundaries are serrated at a larger scale.  
795 (f) Dark field imaging of the same grain reveals a high dislocation density. (g)-(h) Sample NF\_1200-1. (g)  
796 Grain boundaries remained closed and, in certain areas, grains are pristine and almost dislocation free. (h)  
797 Dark field image in another area, where grains reveal high dislocation densities. Dislocation sources (loops)  
798 are visible in the middle lower part of the image.





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801 Figure 10: (a) Apparent Young modulus at yield point as a function of temperature. Young modulus of  
 802 forsterite as a function of temperature from Suzuki et al. (1983) is shown for comparison. Values of grain  
 803 boundaries apparent elasticity for iron-bearing olivine from Burnley and Kaboli (2019) are also reported. (b)  
 804 Yield stress as a function of temperature from the mechanical curves displayed in Figure 2b (see Supp Mat  
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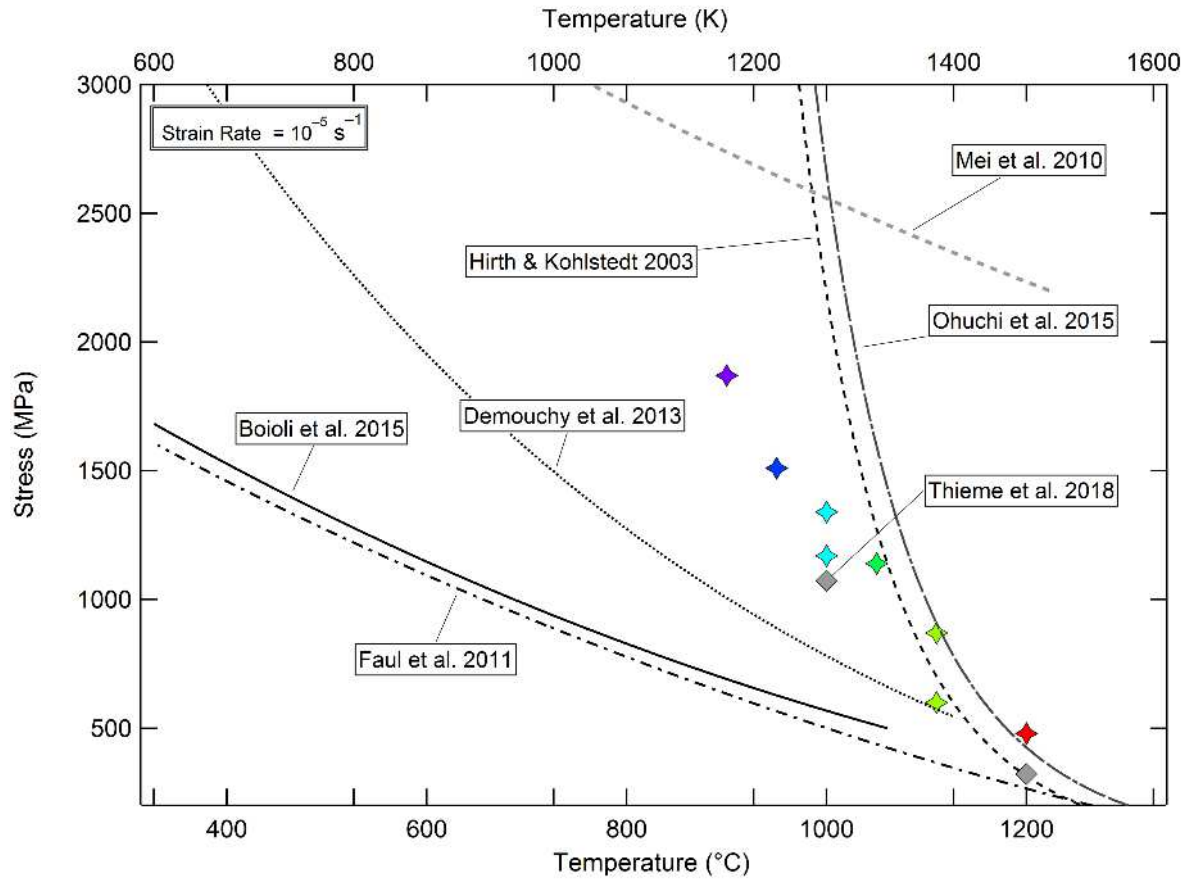


Figure 11: Comparison of iron-bearing olivine strength from the literature with the mechanical data from this study obtained on forsterite. All data are for a strain rate of  $10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The data points were colored as a function of temperature, according to same color scale used in Figure 2.

		Starting Material		Static Annealing		Deformation Experiments															
	Sample Name	SM		NF1000-0		NF900-1		NF950-1		NF1000-1		NF1000-2		NF1050-1		NF1110-1		NF1110-2		NF1200-1	
Experimental Conditions and Results	Temperature (°C)	NA		1,000		900		950		1,000		1,000		1,050		1,110		1,110		1,200	
	Sleeve Type	NA		Ag		Ag		Ag		Cu		Cu		Cu		Ni		Ni		Ni	
	Initial Length (mm)	NA		NA		7.25		10.20		10.35		9.60		10.55		10.42		9.48		10.35	
	Strain (%)	NA		NA		3.9		3.1		2.8		3.6		10.4		12.4		5.0		10.0	
	Duration (s)	NA		14,400		9,308		6,502		5,154		8,198		12,668		14,024		6,917		11,022	
	Max Strength (MPa)	NA		NA		1,870		1,510		1,170		1,340		1,140		840		870		480	
	Yield Stress (MPa)	NA		NA		557		586		662		706		603		434		600		152	
	Apparent $E$ at Yield (GPa)	NA		NA		112.2		93.5		83.2		69.6		63.9		20.2		48.6		32.1	
EBSD Analysis	# Grains	1,566	1,035	1,151	1,077	4,625	5,970	1,544	14,009	4,501	4,185	5,970	1,564	11,984	823	4,876	4,628	6,431	6,054	13,350	951
	$J$ index	1.1637	1.2680	1.2526	1.2472	1.0618	1.0509	1.1838	1.0236	1.0782	1.0871	1.0481	1.1568	1.0532	1.3567	1.0657	1.0827	1.0449	1.0432	1.0235	1.3568

	<b>J index 1PPG</b>	1.0 87 7	1.1 28 5	1.1 10 5	1.1 33 5	1.0 31 4	1.0 25 9	1.0 94 9	1.0 15 4	1.0 33 5	1.0 36 4	1.02 62 7	1.0 85 7	1.0 39 4	1.2 43 4	1.0 40 7	1.0 45 3	1.0 26 3	1.0 24 6	1.01 18 9	1.1 56 9
	<b>Average Grain Size (μm)</b>	3.1 15		3.2 85		3.0 85		2.6 60		3.2 50		2.78 0		2.9 25		3.1 20		2.7 25		2.86 0	
	<b>Mean Aspect Ratio</b>	1.9 25		1.9 30		1.8 45		2.0 55		1.9 20		1.91 0		2.0 85		2.1 25		1.9 40		2.16 5	
	<b>Mean Shape Factor</b>	1.3 90		1.3 85		1.3 90		1.4 30		1.4 25		1.40 0		1.5 00		1.4 40		1.3 95		1.48 5	
	<b>Mean GOS (°)</b>	0.2 10		0.2 00		0.2 45		0.3 40		0.3 75		0.26 0		1.3 10		1.3 75		0.5 65		0.70 5	