

#### Overview

Introduction What is an ultramylonite? How do they deform? Why does it matter? Samples from the Normanvik nappe N-Norway

Textures in ultramylonites? Measures of texture strength Distinction from randomness Combining microstructure and texture

Model and implications

# Introduction: ultramylonites

- highly deformed rock
- fine grain size
- equiaxed grains\*
- often polyphase mixture



\* if the mineral permits it

plane polarized light micrograph

# Introduction: ultramylonites phase mixing • grain boundary sliding (neighbour switching) or/and • heterogeneous nucleation

1 mm

Fliervoet et al., 1997

Kruse & Stünitz, 1999

#### Introduction: mechanical behaviour

#### diffusion creep (s.l.):





Ree 2000, gbs and cavitation in OCP

grain size dependent: m = -2 to -3

- diffusion of atoms/vacancies or dissolution-precipitation
- grain boundary sliding (Rachinger or Lifshitz)  $\dot{\epsilon} = A\sigma^n D^m exp \begin{pmatrix} -Q \\ RT \end{pmatrix}$

gbs involves rigid body rotation of grains

stresses are low

linear viscous n = 1

-> no texture expected to form

-> preexisting texture may be randomized

# Introduction: in contrast to dislocation creep



https://www.doitpoms.ac.uk/tlplib/dislocations/index.php

power law viscosity: n > 2grain size independent: m = 0 glide and climb of dislocations

 $\dot{\epsilon} = A\sigma^n D^m exp^{\begin{pmatrix} -Q\\ RT \end{pmatrix}}$ 

recovery: subgrain rotation and grain boundary migration

"moderate stresses - monophase material -> usually related to texture formation

# Introduction

Why does it matter?

Ultramylonites found in cores of shear zones

- -> result of strain localization
- -> seem to be able to accommodate huge strains
- -> usually associated with weakening behaviour

maybe best compared to superplasticity/gbs in certain alloys (while involved processes might be very different)





# Samples: clasts & matrix



# Samples: matrix

#### fine grained qtz, plg, bt, wm ,ilm/tit



SEM/BSE

# Samples: matrix microstructure



# Samples: ACF of matrix phases



0.5

## Samples: Texture in ultramylonites ?

Quartz crystallographic preferred orientation





Pole figure of mean grain orientations (n ~ 10000) of 14 individual maps:

- weak preferred orientation
- ·central maximum of 0001
- orthogonal maxima of 10-11

Distinct from random?



ipf wrt to Z vector3d(0,0,1)













# What is the best estimator for a continuous function? in Mtex, calcKernel() might help to estimate a suitable kernel width



# Looking at CPO geometry





# origin of CPO: new or inherited

comparison with quartz-rich parts of the shear zones (most likely undergoing dislocation creep): bulk textures







# origin of CPO: new or inherited

comparison with quartz-rich parts of the shear zone: misorientation axes



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#### comparison with quartz-rich parts of the shear zone: trend of LAB





#### Which grains contribute to the non-random texture?

With MTEX it is very easy to map grain properties and compare textures obtained from different subsets. e.g. grain size





# Which grains contribute to the non-random texture?

isolated grains vs. those grains with grain boundaries (in contrast to phase boundaries): neighbor count



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# intragranular orientation deviations



intragranular orientation deviation form areas ~size of smallest grains -> subgrains, dynamic recrystallization ? eyer

colorcoding:-> misorientation axis / angle wrt to grain mean orientation in specimen coordinates (Thomsen et al.: Quaternion-based disorientation coloring of orientation maps, 2017)

#### intragranular orientation deviations



intragranular orientation deviation, some areas separated by discrete LAB -> subgrains, dynamic recrystallization ? colorcoding for misorientation axes of LAB

#### Summary

 Quartz grains in HT ultramylonite form columnar aggregates inclined against the sense of shear



- Texture is weak but distinct from random
- Texture is supported by large grains with a high grain boundary fraction and a high gKam (those from within the columnar structures)









