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**Oriented Multiphase Needles in Garnet from Ultrahigh-Temperature Granulites,  
Connecticut, USA**

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## Abstract

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This study investigates distinctive oriented, needle-shaped multiphase inclusions found within cores of garnets from felsic granulites of the Upper Member of the Bigelow Brook Formation and the Brimfield Schist (northeastern Connecticut, USA). The rocks crop out in the southern end of the Central Maine Terrane and thus are a part of the Acadian/Neocadian Orogen. The typical mineral assemblage is: garnet + sillimanite + K-feldspar + plagioclase + quartz + cordierite + biotite±spinel. The sillimanite is commonly pseudomorphous after kyanite.

The multiphase needle inclusions and associated exsolved needles of rutile and ilmenite are mostly oriented parallel to  $\langle 111 \rangle$  of garnet. The multiphase needles contain various combinations of quartz, micas, chlorite, rutile, graphite, a siliceous compositionally variable phase (“Phase-CV”), Zn-spinel, apatite, zircon, and rare ilmenite. We hypothesize that they represent inclusions of fluid that adhered to exsolving  $\text{Ti}\pm\text{Fe}$  oxide needles (mostly rutile) or extended along zones of weakness in garnet. This requires that multiphase needle formation occurred in response to cooling and/or decompression. The needles ultimately decrepitated during retrogression. We note that micaceous needle-shaped multiphase inclusions are rarely described; the closest analogs of which we are aware are found in UHP garnets of the Erzgebirge (Perchuk 2008).

The Brimfield Schist in this area underwent ultrahigh-temperature metamorphism (UHTM) of  $\sim 1000$  °C at a minimum pressure of  $\sim 1$  GPa (Ague et al. 2013). Here we provide new temperature estimates for the adjacent Upper Member of the Bigelow Brook Formation. Ternary feldspar reintegration using the activity model of Benisek et al. (2004) and Zr-in-rutile thermometry (Tomkins et al. 2007) give average temperatures of  $\sim 990$  °C and  $\sim 1010$  °C, respectively, at 1 GPa for this unit. Therefore, the recently discovered UHT zone in the Brimfield

47 Schist of northeastern Connecticut extends to the east to include the Upper Member of the  
48 Bigelow Brook Formation. Consequently, the first confirmed regional UHT locality in the  
49 United States is larger than initially recognized, and is at least 25 km long and 5–10 km wide.  
50 The oriented, elongate multiphase inclusions and petrographically-obvious oriented Ti±Fe oxide  
51 needles may be useful indicators of extreme temperature and/or pressure rocks in other field  
52 areas.

### 53 **Introduction**

54 Garnets and other refractory minerals in mantle rocks, ultra-high pressure (UHP) rocks,  
55 and high-grade gneisses may contain multiphase solid inclusions that are relicts of fluids  
56 entrapped during garnet growth (e.g., Stöckhert et al. 2001; van Roermund et al. 2002; Carswell  
57 and van Roermund 2005; Ferrando et al. 2005; Malaspina et al. 2006; Frezzotti et al. 2007;  
58 Perchuk 2008; Mposkos et al. 2009; Ferrero et al. 2012; Hermann et al. 2013). Common  
59 inclusion phases are quartz/coesite, feldspars, micas, chlorite, carbonates, apatite, rutile, graphite,  
60 and zircon. Microdiamond can also be found within these inclusions and by itself in garnet.

61 A growing number of multiphase inclusion localities have been recognized worldwide,  
62 but thus far none are in North America. Three examples are given here. **(1)** Multiphase  
63 inclusions ranging from ~5 to ~150 μm in diameter have been reported in garnet, orthopyroxene,  
64 and clinopyroxene from mantle-derived websterite in Fjortoft, Norway (Carswell and van  
65 Roermund 2005). The inclusions generally contain Ti-phlogopite, kalsilite, Cr-spinel, magnesite,  
66 dolomite, Ba-Mg carbonate, Fe-Ni sulfide, Cl-apatite, rutile, zircon, and monazite; graphite or  
67 microdiamond are also found. The inclusions are interpreted to have formed from metasomatic  
68 fluids that infiltrated the peridotite. **(2)** Multiphase inclusions in garnets from UHP phengite-  
69 garnet-kyanite saidenbachite lenses of the Saxonian Erzgebirge (Bohemian Massif) are

70 composed mostly of phlogopite, quartz, paragonite, phengite, apatite, and rutile. In addition,  
71 graphite or microdiamond are common (Stöckhert et al. 2001, 2009). The inclusions record the  
72 presence of dense, alkali- and silica-bearing C-O-H fluids in deeply buried crust. (3) Multiphase  
73 inclusions in garnets within ultrahigh-temperature (UHT) granulites of the Barun Gneiss  
74 (Himalayas, Nepal) contain mostly quartz, biotite, muscovite, and plagioclase, together with  
75 accessory minerals such as zircon (Ferrero et al. 2012). The inclusions are crystallized anatectic  
76 melt trapped within the garnet host; similar inclusions from other localities may even preserve  
77 glassy quenched melt (Ferrero et al. 2012).

78 Rutile and ilmenite needles dominantly parallel to garnet  $\langle 111 \rangle$  may accompany  
79 multiphase inclusions in garnet (Figs. 1 and 2). They are found predominantly in UHP rocks  
80 (e.g., Zhang and Liou 1999; Mposkos and Kostopoulos 2001; Zhang et al. 2003),  $>900$  °C  
81 granulites (e.g., Snoeyenbos et al. 1995; O'Brien et al. 1997; Ague et al. 2013), and mantle rocks  
82 (e.g., Obata 1994; van Roermund and Drury 1998; Wang et al. 1999; van Roermund et al. 2000).  
83 The rutile needles have anomalous (non-parallel) extinction (Griffin et al. 1971). This reflects  
84 single or multiple definite crystallographic orientation relationships (COR) between rutile and  
85 host garnet that are now well characterized by electron backscatter diffraction and transmission  
86 electron microscope studies (Proyer et al. 2013; Hwang et al. 2014).

87 The concentration of Ti in aluminous garnet is generally higher at higher pressures ( $P$ )  
88 and/or higher temperatures ( $T$ ), although there is considerable variation and Ti- $P$ - $T$  relationships  
89 are complicated (e.g., Khomenko et al. 1994; Ono 1998; Massonne and Brandelik 1998; Zhang  
90 and Liou 2003; Zhang et al. 2003; Kawasaki and Motoyoshi 2007; Hermann and Spandler 2008;  
91 Konzett and Frost 2009; Auzanneau et al. 2010; Proyer et al. 2013). Ti generally is thought to go

92 into the octahedral site of garnet, but can also enter the tetrahedral site (e.g., Malitesta et al.  
93 1995, Massonne and Brandelik 1998; Ackerson et al. 2013; Proyer et al. 2013).

94         The conventional interpretation of the oriented Ti±Fe oxide inclusions is that during  
95 cooling and exhumation the Ti is no longer stable in the garnet structure and thus it exsolves  
96 (precipitates) out along a preferred crystallographic direction(s) (e.g., Haggerty 1991; Zhang and  
97 Liou 1999; Ye et al. 2000; van Roermund et al. 2000; Snoeyenbos and Koziol 2008; Ague and  
98 Eckert 2012). For example, Proyer et al. (2013) concluded that the complex but definite COR  
99 between oriented rutile needles and garnet host from UHP metapelite (Greek Rhodope) reflected  
100 a precipitation origin. Ague and Eckert (2012) documented Ti-depleted haloes in garnet  
101 surrounding Ti±Fe oxide crystals in 1000 °C granulites from the field area studied herein, thus  
102 confirming a precipitation origin for these particular rocks. We note in this context that the lack  
103 of local Ti depletion halos in garnet is not a refutation of precipitation hypotheses as it may  
104 simply mean that garnet lost most of its Ti due to extensive needle formation. In addition, halos  
105 could be obscured if, subsequent to precipitation, there was continued Ti diffusion in garnet or  
106 recrystallization of garnet.

107         Other needle formation processes could potentially operate (see review in Proyer et al.  
108 2013). For example, unusual Idaho “star” garnets (Guinel and Norton 2005), well known among  
109 mineral and gem enthusiasts for their four-star or six-star asterism, have rutile needle inclusions  
110 that may have formed by precipitation from garnet or co-precipitation of rutile and garnet  
111 (Hwang et al. 2014). Star garnets are rare. They are known from only a handful of localities  
112 worldwide—most famously Idaho and India—but also Madagascar, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and  
113 North Carolina (Schmetzer et al. 2002). Star garnets are not considered further herein given their  
114 unusual nature and because of uncertainties regarding peak metamorphic *P-T* conditions.

115 The shapes of multiphase inclusions vary. They are commonly rounded, “boxy”, or have  
116 a negative crystal shape. In addition, the oriented multiphase *needle* is a rarely-described  
117 inclusion type that is typically associated with  $Ti \pm Fe$  oxide needles in UHP rocks. For example,  
118 Ye et al. (2000) describe composite rutile-apatite needles in garnet from eclogite within the Sulu  
119 UHP metamorphic belt (China). Ruiz-Cruz and de Galdeano (2013) report multiphase rutile-  
120 apatite needles and rutile-silicate rods in garnet from UHP granulites (Ceuta, northern Africa).  
121 The only reported occurrence of oriented multiphase needles that contain micas of which we are  
122 aware is in the diamondiferous Erzgebirge rocks (Perchuk 2008).

123 We report on a newly-discovered locality for oriented multiphase needles in garnet  
124 (northeastern Connecticut, USA; Fig. 3). They are found parallel to  $\langle 111 \rangle$  in garnet and are  
125 associated with, and parallel to, oriented rutile and ilmenite needles (Figs. 1 and 2). They  
126 generally contain phlogopite, quartz, and rutile; other phases that may be found include: graphite,  
127 phengite-muscovite, ilmenite, apatite, monazite, Zn-spinel, zircon, and a siliceous,  
128 compositionally variable phase (herein termed Phase-CV to denote compositional variability).  
129 The advent of field emission gun electron probe microanalyzer (FEG-EPMA) technology  
130 facilitates quantitative analysis of oxide needles and tiny inclusion phases impossible with  
131 standard EPMA methods. The high Zr contents of the rutile needles, together with ternary  
132 feldspar compositions from nearby localities, unequivocally indicate ultrahigh-temperature  
133 metamorphism (UHTM). This finding expands the newly-discovered UHT area of northeastern  
134 Connecticut (Ague et al. 2013) to the north and east. Our results document textural relationships  
135 that bear on deep metamorphic processes and that may be useful in identifying extreme  $T$  and/or  
136  $P$  rocks in other field areas.

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## Geology

138           The oriented rutile, ilmenite, and multiphase inclusions were discovered in garnets from  
139 sillimanite-rich metapelitic gneisses within the Brimfield Schist and the Upper Member of the  
140 Bigelow Brook Formation (UM-BBF) of the southern end of the Central Maine Terrane (CMT;  
141 Fig. 3). The UM-BBF consists predominantly of sulfidic rusty-weathering gneiss and schist. The  
142 lenses of sillimanite-rich rock occur throughout and typically contain: garnet + sillimanite + K-  
143 feldspar + plagioclase + quartz + cordierite + biotite. Rutile, ilmenite, graphite, apatite, monazite,  
144 zircon, rare spinel, and pyrrhotite are accessory phases. These rocks are discernible from the  
145 surrounding schist and gneiss as they form small ridges and contain megacryst pseudomorphs of  
146 sillimanite after kyanite up to 10 cm long (Fig. 4a, Peper and Pease 1975). The Brimfield Schist  
147 is similar and consists mostly of metapelitic and quartzofeldspathic gneisses, but also includes  
148 pods and layers of calc-silicates and metamorphosed mafic and ultramafic rocks (Ague et al.  
149 2013). Probable sillimanite pseudomorphs after kyanite are present but less obvious, perhaps due  
150 to stronger deformation and recrystallization.

151           The early history of the northern domain of the CMT in New Hampshire, Maine, and  
152 Massachusetts differs from that of the southernmost domain in Connecticut (CT). The northern  
153 domain records sillimanite pseudomorphs after andalusite (Chamberlain and Lyons 1983;  
154 Thomson 2001), whereas the southern domain contains sillimanite pseudomorphs after kyanite  
155 (Fig. 4a; Peper and Pease 1975; Fahey and Pease 1977). Thus, the first preserved prograde  
156 metamorphism occurred at different conditions within the CMT.

157           UHTM conditions for the Brimfield Schist (Fig. 3) were at least ~1000 °C and ~1 GPa  
158 (see Ague et al. 2013 for pseudosection, *P-T* estimates, and path). The kyanite pseudomorphs  
159 could be evidence of either high pressures at high temperatures ( $\geq$ ~1.4 GPa; 1000 °C) or growth  
160 at moderate crustal pressures in the amphibolite facies followed by heating to UHT conditions.

161 Pseudosection analysis gives the minimum  $P$  of  $\sim 1$  GPa for the quartz-absent assemblage garnet  
162 + K-feldspar +  $\text{Al}_2\text{SiO}_5$  + rutile + melt at 1000 °C. If quartz was present then the minimum  $P$   
163 estimate is  $\sim 1.4$  GPa, consistent with kyanite stability at these temperatures. The  $P$ - $T$  path  
164 subsequent to UHTM involved: cooling to around 800 °C at 0.5–0.6 GPa, followed by reburial  
165 which brought the rocks back into the kyanite stability field at 0.8–0.9 GPa and  $\sim 600$  °C. The  
166 reburial is evidenced in the field area by variably-developed overprinting of the Brimfield Schist  
167 with kyanite (e.g., Ague 1995; Thomson 2001); overprint kyanite has yet to be recognized in the  
168 UM-BBF.

169 The field area is cut by a series of westward dipping faults that are generally interpreted  
170 to be thrusts (Fig. 3; Peper and Pease 1975; Fahey and Pease 1977; Rodgers 1981). The  
171 easternmost of these (Eastford fault) cuts the 379 Ma Canterbury Gneiss, thus establishing a  
172 maximum age for fault movement (U-Pb zircon dating of Wintsch et al. 2007). The CMT of  
173 northeastern CT underwent high-grade metamorphism during Acadian/Neocadian orogenesis  
174 (Devonian; Rodgers 1981; Robinson and Tucker 1982; Schumacher et al. 1989; Armstrong et al.  
175 1992; Wintsch et al. 1992; Robinson et al. 1998; Thomson 2001; Wintsch et al. 2009); however,  
176 the precise timing of events awaits future geochronological studies.

## 177 **Methods**

178 Wavelength-dispersive spectrometer (WDS) analyses, energy-dispersive spectrometer  
179 (EDS) analyses, and backscattered electron (BSE) images were acquired using the JEOL JXA-  
180 8530F field emission gun electron probe microanalyzer (FEG-EPMA) and Probe for EPMA  
181 software at Yale University. Natural and synthetic standards were used together with  $\phi - \rho - z$   
182 matrix corrections. Off-peak background corrections were used for most phases. In addition, the  
183 mean atomic number (MAN) background correction procedure was used for several mica and



184 Phase-CV analyses to reduce exposure time and therefore reduce beam damage (e.g., Donovan  
185 and Tingle 1996).

186 Quantitative analyses of oxides and hydrous phases were done at 10 kV. The low kV  
187 reduces beam damage of hydrous phases, and allows quantitative analysis of small (<2–10  $\mu\text{m}$ )  
188 oxide grains due to the small activation volume of  $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}^3$ . The beam was focused for oxides,  
189 and defocused to as much as 20  $\mu\text{m}$  for hydrous phases and feldspars. 15 kV was used for garnet  
190 and feldspars. The current of the electron beam depended on the beam sensitivity of the mineral  
191 being analyzed; 150 nA for oxides and garnet and 2.5–10 nA for micas, Phase-CV, and  
192 feldspars. Major elements were counted for 10–40 s on peak; key trace elements were counted  
193 for long times (100–200 s on peak) to optimize counting statistics. A high-reflectivity PETL  
194 crystal was used to gather Ti (in garnet) and Zr (in rutile) counts. Analytical uncertainties are  
195 discussed in Ague and Eckert (2012).

196 Chemical mapping of phosphorus in garnet was done using WDS at 15 kV and 150 nA  
197 with a 150 ms dwell time. Maps of the acicular multiphase inclusions were made using EDS (Si  
198 in Fig. 7d) or WDS (all others) at 10 kV and 15 nA with dwell times ranging from 30 to 50 ms.

199 Temperatures ( $T$ ) were estimated using Zr-in-rutile thermometry and ternary feldspar  
200 thermometry. We used the Zr-in-rutile thermometer calibration of Tomkins et al. (2007) (Table  
201 1). For ternary feldspar thermometry, antiperthite compositions were reintegrated following  
202 Ague et al. (2013); the  $T$  estimates used the feldspar activity models of Benisek et al. (2004,  
203 2010). The method estimates the *minimum*  $T$  for the crystallization of homogeneous ternary  
204 feldspar.

205 To estimate the original bulk Ti content of a garnet containing oriented rutile and ilmenite  
206 needles (section JAQ124A-6), a grid of 25  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter spot analyses was done in a rutile and

207 ilmenite needle-rich region of its core following the method outlined in Ague and Eckert (2012).  
208 As the oxides are precipitates out of the garnet, a wide beam was used to combine the Ti content  
209 of the oxide needles with the Ti content remaining in the garnet to determine the garnet's original  
210 composition before oxide precipitation. Four adjacent domains were selected to evaluate the  
211 variability of the garnet Ti content; they contained 94, 143, 59, and 160 spot analysis points.

212 Electron backscatter diffraction (EBSD) work was done using an XL-30 ESEM-FEG  
213 operating at 20 kV and 3 nA. The Kikuchi patterns were indexed using Channel 5 software by  
214 Oxford Instruments HKL. The crystallographic orientation of garnet was determined to verify  
215 the shape preferred orientation of oxide and multiphase needles along garnet  $\langle 111 \rangle$  (Fig. 2).

### 216 **Petrographic Relationships**

217 The multiphase-needle-bearing garnets are typically about 0.25 to 1 cm in diameter. They  
218 are rich in pyrope (25–30%) and almandine, but poor in grossular and spessartine (Table 2). The  
219 multiphase-needles and  $\text{Ti}\pm\text{Fe}$  oxide-needles mostly lie parallel to  $\langle 111 \rangle$  (as verified by EBSD;  
220 Fig. 2), and occupy domains within garnet cores (Figs. 1, 4c, and 5). Needle lengths range from  
221 about 10 to 125  $\mu\text{m}$ . The rutile needles are the thinnest and are typically 0.5 to 3  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter.  
222 The ilmenite needles tend to be thicker ( $\sim 6 \mu\text{m}$  diameter). The multiphase-needles are  
223 distinguished by their translucence and rough outlines (Figs. 1b and 2).

224 The garnet cores are surrounded by rims that lack oriented needles but that commonly  
225 contain sillimanite inclusions (Fig. 5a). Core-rim boundaries range from diffuse to sharp; sharp  
226 boundaries are quite common (Figs. 4c and 5). At most localities, sillimanite inclusions in garnet  
227 rims are roughly parallel to the surrounding foliation (see Ague and Eckert 2012; Ague et al.  
228 2013). However, at and around site 124 the sillimanite prisms are arranged in a roughly radial

229 way around sharply-defined garnet cores (Fig. 5a), whereas matrix sillimanite is parallel to the  
230 foliation and defines a lineation.

231 Most of the multiphase needles have cracks radiating out of their corners (Fig. 6); these  
232 cracks produce the rough outlines observed petrographically (Fig. 2). The lengths of the radiating  
233 cracks can exceed the diameter of the inclusion from which they originated. The cracks are  
234 generally filled with hydrous minerals such as chlorite or phlogopite. Depending on orientation,  
235 the needles may intersect the garnet surface at a point if they are nearly perpendicular to the  
236 plane of the thin section (e.g., Figs. 6a–6g), or be more elongate if they lie sub-parallel to the  
237 plane (e.g., Figs 6h, 6i, 7a, and 7b). The multiphase inclusions generally have a near-hexagonal,  
238 “negative” crystal shape in cross section when viewed perpendicular to the elongation direction  
239 (e.g., Figs 6a-6d, 6f, 6g, 7c, and 7d).

240 Phlogopite + quartz  $\pm$  rutile are the most abundant minerals in the multiphase inclusions.  
241 Muscovite/phengite is less abundant but is still widely observed. Multiple mica phases are  
242 commonly intergrown (Figs. 6 and 7b; see below). Rare chlorite may be present together with  
243 the micas or in cracks. Graphite plates and rods that give pure carbon EDS spectra are common  
244 (Fig. 6c); isolated graphite inclusions can also be found throughout garnet. “Phase-CV” is silica-  
245 rich and compositionally variable. It is likely composed of amorphous material or  
246 nanocrystalline minerals too small for separate analyses. Other minerals found in the multiphase  
247 inclusions are: apatite, monazite, Zn-spinel, zircon and ilmenite. The long axis of rutile and the  
248 cleavage trace of phlogopite are commonly parallel to the elongation direction of the entire  
249 inclusion, although this isn’t always the case (Figs. 6 and 7).

250 The kyanite pseudomorphs are blue-gray, prismatic, and predominantly oriented within  
251 the foliation. Rare spinel is found as inclusions in the pseudomorphs in several samples from the

252 124 sample area (Fig. 4b). This spinel has an unusual “wormy” appearance in some ways similar  
253 to myrmekite; however the long axes of the spinel blebs are usually aligned with the long-  
254 direction of the sillimanite. The spinel inclusions are most elongate in the central parts of the  
255 inclusion clusters, and become more equant on the margins (Fig. 4b). Ilmenite inclusions are also  
256 found with spinel. The texture of the spinel inclusions does not suggest overgrowth by  
257 sillimanite, but rather some other mechanism associated with the conversion of kyanite to  
258 sillimanite. One possibility is that the oxide phases were produced from impurities originally  
259 present in the kyanite that crystallized when the pseudomorphs formed.

## 260 **Mineral Chemistry**

### 261 **Garnet**

262 The major elements show relatively little zonation due to diffusive smoothing at granulite  
263 facies conditions (Figs. 8a-c; e.g., Kohn 2014), although retrograde drops in Mg/Fe were noted at  
264 contacts with biotite or cordierite. In general, Ca preserves the greatest degree of internal  
265 zonation for major elements; however, the variations are relatively small, ranging from about  
266 0.11 to 0.16 atoms per formula unit (afu per 12 O) Ca (Fig. 8c).

267 The trace elements Ti, P, Y, and Na record distinct zonation within the garnets. For  
268 example, in Figure 8d, the Ti content of the garnet drops and flattens as the profile crosses into  
269 the oxide needle-rich core. This is likely due to Ti diffusing out of the garnet to form the rutile  
270 and ilmenite needles in the core region (e.g., Ague and Eckert 2012; see below). Phosphorus is  
271 elevated within needle-rich garnet cores with an average of  $\sim 0.004$  afu P. (Figs. 8e, 9b, and 9c).  
272 Core-rim boundaries are typically marked by a drop in P content; P may then increase toward the  
273 rim but concentrations do not reach core values. Notably, the phosphorus preserves overprint  
274 zonation (e.g., Ague and Carlson 2013), easily seen in a chemical map of garnet, but also shown

275 in garnet profiles as steep drops in concentration (Figs. 9b and 9c). The preservation of sharp  
276 gradients in P concentrations demonstrates that much of the original chemical growth zonation is  
277 retained even at UHT conditions, and has not been erased by diffusion, recrystallization, or  
278 dissolution-reprecipitation. Yttrium contents are typically largest in garnet cores (~0.004-0.006  
279 afu Y) and decrease toward rims. This trend can be seen in the garnet profile of Figure 8f. Some  
280 garnets have measureable zoning in Na, with the largest concentrations in garnet cores (Fig. 9a).  
281 In summary, the largest concentrations of most trace elements are found in the garnet cores,  
282 especially in the areas which contain multiphase and oxide needles.

283         The oriented Ti±Fe oxide needles almost certainly precipitated from Ti-bearing garnet  
284 (e.g., Ague and Eckert 2012; Proyer et al. 2013). Therefore, the combined Ti content of the  
285 Ti±Fe oxide needles and the garnet likely reflects the Ti content of the garnet immediately prior  
286 to Ti±Fe oxide precipitation. To measure the bulk Ti content, wide-beam (25 μm) spot analyses  
287 were spread over a grid in the needle-rich core of JAQ 124A as described in the Methods section.  
288 The four analyzed domains contain average TiO<sub>2</sub> concentrations of 0.193 (n=94), 0.091 (n=143),  
289 0.111 (n=59), and 0.129 (n=160) wt. %; the average of all 408 spot analyses is 0.13 wt. %. It is  
290 unclear if these values reflect the maximum garnet Ti content at peak conditions, because Ti can  
291 diffuse through garnet at extreme temperatures (Ague and Eckert 2012). Thus, the original Ti  
292 distribution could have been diffusively modified to some extent prior to needle precipitation.  
293 The garnet within the analyzed grid domains also contains appreciable amounts of P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (~0.07  
294 wt. %) and ZrO<sub>2</sub> (~150 ppm).

## 295 **Rutile**

296         Rutile needles in garnet and rutile grains from the matrix were analyzed from the 124  
297 sample locality (Table 1). Rutile needle chemistry is independent of distance from quartz

298 inclusions or whether or not the needle is within a multiphase inclusion. The rutile needles in  
299 garnet cores are remarkably Zr rich, containing ~1.1 wt. % ZrO<sub>2</sub> on average. In contrast, matrix  
300 rutile grains have an average of ~580 ppm ZrO<sub>2</sub>. Rutile also contains variable amounts of minor  
301 and trace elements including Fe, V, Ta, Nb, and Cr. Fe concentrations tend to be greater in Zr-  
302 rich rutile crystals.

### 303 **Sheet silicates**

304 Representative analyses of micas within the oriented multiphase inclusions are given in  
305 Table 3. Phlogopite has relatively low Ti contents and is quite Mg-rich ( $\text{Mg}/[\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}^{2+}] \sim 0.8$ ).  
306 This may reflect low-*T* re-equilibration, as biotite Fe/Mg and Ti contents generally decrease with  
307 decreasing *T*. One very unusual characteristic of some phlogopites are high Ni contents in excess  
308 of 2.5 wt. %. High-Ni phlogopites also have significantly higher concentrations of Cr, Ca, and  
309 Ba than low-Ni grains. These cannot be analytical artifacts due to some sort of unrecognized  
310 beam overlap onto other phases because there are no Ni-, Cr-, or Ba-rich phases in the  
311 inclusions, and Ca-rich silicates are rare. The needles lost fluid when they decrepitated (see  
312 below), so phlogopite halogen contents were likely reset. Nonetheless, one analyzed phlogopite  
313 (Phl-3) retains ~1.3 wt. % F; such elevated concentrations probably act to stabilize mica at UHT  
314 conditions (Kelsey and Hand 2014). The percentages of Na on the interlayer sites of the analyzed  
315 white micas is considerable (~25–50 mol %). The phengite component can exceed 3.2 Si per 11  
316 O. White mica  $\text{Mg}/[\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}^{2+}] \sim 0.5$  is significantly less than that for phlogopite.

317 The micas are commonly either too fine grained or too intergrown to get an individual  
318 analysis. The structural formulas for intergrown micas in Table 3 obviously do not represent a  
319 single phase. However, they illustrate that the sums of tetrahedral, octahedral, and interlayer sites  
320 are consistent with micas and, thus, other phases are unlikely in the composite analyses.

321 **Phase-CV**

322 Phase-CV is generally found in patches <10  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter (Figs. 7c and 7d). It is rich in  
323 Si and, in most cases, Al, but the amounts of K, Na, and Ca relative to Si and Al are too low for  
324 feldspar (Table 4). A hydrous volatile component is almost certainly present as most totals are  
325 <99 wt. %. Phase-CV may originally have had a larger water content that was lost through  
326 decrepitation,  $\text{H}_2$  diffusion through garnet, reactions to produce hydrous inclusion sheet silicates,  
327 or leakage via dislocations (Frezzotti et al. 2007). Concentrations of Fe, Mg, Mn, and Ni are low  
328 and variable. Chemical mapping demonstrates that patches of Phase-CV can be remarkably  
329 compositionally heterogeneous on micron/submicron scales (Figs. 7c and 7d).

330 **Spinel and ilmenite**

331 Spinel and ilmenite are found together in sillimanite (Fig. 4b); representative chemical  
332 analyses are given in Table 5. The spinel is dominated by hercynite, but also contains significant  
333 Mg-spinel (~30%) and ghanite components (~15%). Ilmenite is relatively pure although  
334 structural formula calculations indicate the presence of some  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ .

335 **Thermometry and UHTM**

336 **Zr-in-rutile thermometry**

337 Using the Zr-in-rutile thermometer of Tomkins et al. (2007), we estimated the  
338 equilibration temperature of rutile assuming equilibrium with quartz and zircon (Table 1). Small  
339 zircon inclusions are widespread throughout the garnets. We note that if there was any degree of  
340 zircon undersaturation, then the resulting temperature estimates would be minima. There was no  
341 variation in Zr content with proximity to quartz. Quartz is an abundant inclusion within garnet  
342 and its activity should not vary significantly throughout the garnet to affect the temperature  
343 estimates.

344 The average  $T$  estimate for rutile needles within garnet cores for site 124 in the UM-BBF  
345 is  $1008\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 11$  ( $2\sigma$ ) assuming a pressure ( $P$ ) of 1.0 GPa as given by the  $P$ - $T$  history of the  
346 Brimfield Schist determined in Ague et al. (2013). The mean temperature estimate of  $\sim 1010\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$   
347 is unequivocally UHT; varying  $P$  by  $\pm 0.4$  GPa changes the value by only  $\pm 27\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . In addition,  
348 this estimate would be a minimum if some degree of cooling was required to precipitate the  
349  $\text{Ti}\pm\text{Fe}$  oxides. We note that the rutile needle with the highest Zr content and therefore the highest  
350 temperature estimate ( $\sim 1.3$  wt. %  $\text{ZrO}_2$ ;  $\sim 1030\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) was found in an oriented-multiphase  
351 inclusion coexisting with quartz (Fig. 6b). This is strong evidence that multiphase needle  
352 formation took place at ultrahigh temperatures.

353 The average Zr content of matrix rutile is much lower than that of rutile needles in garnet  
354 cores, likely due to re-equilibration during cooling (e.g., Luvizotto and Zack 2009; Jiao et al.  
355 2011; Ague et al. 2013; Ewing et al. 2013). Pressures were probably in the range 0.5–1.0 GPa  
356 (Ague et al. 2013). The low Zr contents require equilibration under sub-UHT conditions; average  
357 values of  $680\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $705\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  are obtained for the analyses in Table 1 at representative pressures of  
358 0.5 and 1.0 GPa, respectively.

### 359 Ternary feldspar thermometry

360 Rutile needles in garnet are too thin for quantitative analysis at sites 167 and 172, but  
361 rocks from both localities contain antiperthite suitable for ternary feldspar thermometry (Fig. 4d).  
362 The temperature estimates for antiperthites from samples 167 and 172 range from  $921 - 1005\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$   
363 using the feldspar activity models of Benisek et al. (2004, 2010). The antiperthites record UHT  
364 conditions regardless of the feldspar activity model used (Table 6). Thus, evidence for UHTM is  
365 preserved at multiple localities within the UM-BBF.

### 366 Comparison to Other Multiphase Inclusions



367            Multiphase inclusions in the UHP diamond-bearing saidenbachite of the Erzgebirge,  
368 Germany, have some features that are similar to the multiphase needle inclusions found in  
369 Connecticut (CT). For example, Stöckhert et al. (2001, 2009) describe multiphase inclusions  
370 with radiating cracks and hexagonal negative crystal garnet shapes that resemble the cross-  
371 section of the CT inclusions perpendicular to their elongation direction (e.g., Figs. 6a-g). The  
372 cracks are considered a result of brittle failure of the garnet host due to internal fluid  
373 overpressure generated within the inclusions during exhumation. Both localities' inclusions  
374 contain quartz, phlogopite, white mica, rutile, chlorite, apatite, zircon, and graphite (see Fig. 3 of  
375 Stöckhert et al. 2001). Microdiamond and paragonite are present in the Erzgebirge inclusions,  
376 whereas the CT inclusions contain graphite and phengite-muscovite with as much as 50%  
377 paragonite component (Table 3). A critical difference is that the CT inclusions are acicular and  
378 oriented along garnet  $\langle 111 \rangle$ , whereas the Erzgebirge inclusions of Stöckhert et al. (2001, 2009)  
379 are roughly equant.

380            Oriented multiphase needles *are* found, however, in the sample of diamondiferous  
381 Erzgebirge saidenbachite studied by Perchuk (2008). This is the only other example of oriented  
382 micaceous multiphase needles of which we are aware. The Erzgebirge needles contain rutile and  
383 two other phases thought to be phlogopite and paragonite, are crystallographically oriented with  
384 respect to their garnet host, and are similar in size to the CT needles (several  $\mu\text{m}$  wide, up to 200  
385  $\mu\text{m}$  long). From Perchuk's (2008) Figures 2 and 3, it is unclear if the Erzgebirge needles have  
386 filled radiating cracks; therefore, they may not have decrepitated like the CT needles. The  
387 Erzgebirge needles are concentrated radially in halos around large ( $\sim 200 \mu\text{m}$ ), non-acicular  
388 multiphase inclusions that contain quartz, phengite, chlorite, rutile, and apatite and that are  
389 inferred by Perchuk (2008) to have decrepitated. The CT multiphase needles do not surround

390 large multiphase inclusions, but rather are found concentrated in discrete areas within garnet  
391 cores (Fig. 5). Erzgebirge garnet can also contain oriented, single-phase rutile needles (e.g., Fig.  
392 1a in Ague and Eckert 2012).

393 Ferrero et al. (2012) describe crystallized and glassy melt inclusions in garnet from three  
394 different granulite localities (Kerala Khondalite Belt, India; Ronda migmatites, Spain; and Barun  
395 Gneiss, Nepal Himalaya). Their melt inclusions are found in clusters, although, unlike the CT  
396 examples, the clusters are not always present in garnet cores. A negative crystal shape is  
397 common for the inclusions, similar to the cross-section perpendicular to the elongation direction  
398 of the CT inclusions. However, the Ferrero et al. (2012) inclusions are generally equant while the  
399 multiphase inclusions in our rocks are acicular. Phases commonly found within the Ferrero et al.  
400 (2012) inclusions are: quartz, plagioclase, K-feldspar, biotite, muscovite, and glassy material. As  
401 in our rocks the muscovite and biotite generally grow adjacent to each other resulting in  
402 interlocking crystals. On the other hand, the CT inclusions lack feldspars. Ferrero et al. (2012)  
403 also found a few elongate, unoriented, tubular melt inclusions which have diameters of 5-6  $\mu\text{m}$   
404 and lengths less than 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . They interpreted these to be the result of melt adhering to elongate  
405 phases such as rutile.

### 406 **Original Nature of the Multiphase Inclusions**

407 We consider it likely that the needles originated as fluid inclusions of hydrous melt,  
408 aqueous fluid containing dissolved silicate material, or some combination of these that were  
409 trapped in growing garnet. Supercritical fluids intermediate between aqueous fluids and hydrous  
410 melts are another possible fluid type. These fluids, however, are likely stable only under UHP  
411 conditions (e.g., Manning 2004; Ferrando et al. 2005; Hermann et al. 2013) and we have found  
412 no evidence to date that the CT rocks are UHP.

413 As described above, the phases in the CT inclusions have textural relationships similar to  
414 those of fluid inclusions recognized elsewhere; these include angular wedge-like protrusions of  
415 one phase into another (Fig. 6a) and granophyre-like quartz-mica intergrowths (Fig. 6g; e.g.,  
416 Ferrero et al. 2012; Stöckhert et al. 2001, 2009). In addition, the quartz and mica-bearing phase  
417 assemblages in the CT inclusions are similar to those observed in other well-documented  
418 examples. Moreover, the presence of siliceous “Phase-CV”, which is probably glassy material or  
419 its nanocrystalline equivalent, is also consistent with a fluid origin. The common occurrence of  
420 graphite demonstrates that carbon was present in the CT inclusion fluids.

421 The roughly 30–50 volume percent micas + hydrous Phase-CV in the inclusions yields  
422 H<sub>2</sub>O contents of 1–2 wt.%. Original water contents were potentially greater but are difficult to  
423 constrain as water loss may have occurred via decrepitation and diffusion.

424 It is possible that Phase-CV represents relic trapped hydrous melt. However, most Phase-  
425 CV analyses do not correspond to any common type of igneous melt and have normative quartz  
426 >60 wt.%, well above the normal SiO<sub>2</sub> limit for igneous rocks (Fig. 10). All have normative  
427 corundum. Three of the analyses are tonalitic, which is unexpected as the host rocks contain K-  
428 feldspar (MI-1 and MI-2 in 124A-2, Table 4). Compositions vary widely between inclusions in a  
429 single sample; for example, those in 124A-6 span the range from tonalitic to extremely quartz  
430 rich (Fig. 10). It is possible that the compositions of Phase-CV diverge from “normal” melt due  
431 to crystallization of minerals within the inclusions, reaction of those minerals with melt  
432 subsequent to their crystallization, or reaction of melt with the garnet host. It is also possible that  
433 Phase-CV compositions were modified by diffusion of elements through garnet (e.g., Proyer et  
434 al. 2013). For example, alkali and alkaline earth loss could have led to high normative corundum,  
435 and low normative feldspars.

436 The analyzed Phase-CV material from sample 141B (Table 4) is noteworthy because it  
437 contains multiple compositional domains: one is extremely siliceous (MI-2a) whereas the others  
438 are still highly siliceous but contain more Al and Ca (MI-2b, 2c; Fig. 10). The internal variability  
439 of Phase-CV is also clear in the chemical maps of other inclusions from this sample (Fig. 7c) and  
440 elsewhere (Fig. 7d). Remarkably, the different compositional domains can be intergrown on  
441 micrometer to submicrometer scales. The BSE image reveals that the inclusions in sample 141B  
442 may contain visible porosity which suggests the former presence of fluid (Fig. 7c). We speculate  
443 that the 141B Phase-CV material may be quenched aqueous fluid that contained substantial  
444 dissolved silicate material, or some combination of such a fluid and hydrous melt. This is  
445 consistent with the high silica content, but not the lack of alkalis (e.g., Manning 2004, 2013).  
446 One possibility is that the alkalis were lost together with fluid along cracks via decrepitation, or  
447 by diffusion through garnet.

448 The absence of discernable crystals in Phase-CV demonstrates impeded crystal  
449 nucleation and growth. Cesare et al. (2009) attribute the lack of crystallization observed in melt  
450 inclusions in metamorphic garnets to surface free energy effects associated with small pores.  
451 Small (nanometer to micrometer scale) crystals have higher interfacial energy and thus decreased  
452 stability relative to larger ones. It follows that smaller pore (inclusion) sizes that restrict crystal  
453 size and radius of curvature will increase the level of saturation necessary for precipitation (e.g.,  
454 Putnis et al. 1995; Emmanuel and Ague 2009; Emmanuel et al. 2010).

#### 455 **Possible Mechanisms of Multiphase Needle Formation**

456 We consider several hypotheses for the formation of multiphase needle inclusions.  
457 Additional general mechanisms for oriented inclusion formation not discussed herein are  
458 considered unlikely based on the arguments of Proyer et al. (2013).

## 459 **Hypothesis 1: Trapped fluid inclusions**

460 Our preferred hypothesis is that the multiphase needles formed due to physical interaction  
461 between fluid inclusions and exsolving rutile needles. Most of the oriented rutile and ilmenite  
462 needles are not in contact with another inclusion phase, although they are more abundant in areas  
463 where the multiphase needles are present. This demonstrates that the Ti±Fe oxide needles did not  
464 crystallize from fluid, but instead exsolved out of garnet. The key questions then become: why  
465 are the inclusions acicular, and why are they crystallographically oriented?

466 We postulate the series of events illustrated in Figure 11. The first step requires fluid to  
467 be entrapped within a growing, Ti-bearing garnet (Fig. 11a). Later, during retrogression, the  
468 Ti±Fe oxide needles exsolved out of the garnet due to cooling and/or decompression (Fig. 11b).  
469 Garnet contains Ti sufficient for Ti±Fe oxide needle formation because it formed at  $\geq 1000$  °C  
470 and high  $P$  as well (at least 1 GPa).

471 Two processes may have come into play during Ti±Fe oxide precipitation. The first  
472 involves the growth of exsolved Ti±Fe oxide needles that intersect fluid inclusions allowing the  
473 fluid to adhere to the oxide needles and elongate (Fig. 11b). A second possible process occurring  
474 simultaneously is the movement of fluid solely due to internal overpressure within the inclusion.  
475 During exhumation, the pressure on the rock mass is reduced. However, the inclusions within a  
476 robust host such as garnet will retain a higher pressure (close to that of entrapment) than the rock  
477 mass (e.g., Stöckhert et al. 2001, 2009). To reduce the overpressure within the inclusion the fluid  
478 could propagate along a direction of weakness in the garnet—{110} partings that intersect to  
479 define  $\langle 111 \rangle$ . During this process the overpressure of the inclusion is not sufficient to crack the  
480 garnet and decrepitate, but can cause elongation. As the fluid moves within the garnet it may or  
481 may not intersect Ti±Fe oxide needles.

482           The first process of fluid adhering to oxide needles as they grow and intersect the melt  
483 inclusions is considered the main cause of elongation because most inclusions contain rutile  
484 needles parallel to their elongation direction. The nucleation of Ti±Fe oxides may have been  
485 aided by presence of the fluid inclusions. The interface between fluid inclusions and the garnet  
486 host would provide a surface on which heterogeneous nucleation may more readily take place  
487 than in the lattice of the host, as heterogeneous nucleation has a lower free energy barrier to  
488 overcome. In addition, defects in the garnet crystal lattice surrounding fluid inclusions would  
489 lower the free energy of nucleation and could aid the exsolution of rutile (e.g. Cahn 1957;  
490 Gómez-Ramírez & Pound 1973; Dutta et al. 2001). More defects would be created if the fluid  
491 inclusion strained garnet due to fluid volume changes caused by changing *P-T* conditions.  
492 Although ilmenite needles are relatively common in garnet, multiphase needles rarely contain  
493 ilmenite. Consequently, it is likely that the ilmenite needles formed after the rutile needles. This  
494 is very strong evidence against a co-precipitation origin for garnet + oxide and multiphase  
495 needles.

496           The next step requires the elongated inclusions to equilibrate with the garnet structure by  
497 forming low-energy interfaces with garnet (Fig. 11c). This creates the hexagonal negative crystal  
498 shapes visible in cross-section. While the fluid is equilibrating with the garnet structure, the *P*  
499 and/or *T* environment of the rock as a whole would have been changing. Eventually it changed  
500 enough such that the internal overpressure within the inclusions exceeded that of the tensile  
501 strength of the garnet and the least compressive principal stress on the garnet causing  
502 decrepitation (Fig. 11d) (e.g., Stöckhert et al. 2001, 2009). Crystallization of the fluid would  
503 occur sometime after decrepitation due to further cooling and/or decompression, or due to the  
504 decrepitation event itself.

505 The negative crystal cross-section of the multiphase inclusions requires some delay  
506 between elongation and decrepitation. The inclusions would have to have decrepitated after  
507 elongating along  $\langle 111 \rangle$  in order to preserve the radiating cracks, the negative crystal inclusion  
508 cross-sections, and the elongate shape. Our mechanism differs from previous explanations for  
509 elongated melt inclusions (e.g., Ferrero et al. 2012), as processes that crystallographically control  
510 melt movement within garnet are required.

### 511 **Other Hypotheses:**

#### 512 **Hypothesis 2: Precipitation (exsolution)**

513 As rutile and ilmenite needles preferentially exsolve from garnet along  $\langle 111 \rangle$ , it could be  
514 possible for other phases to precipitate out along with the oxides. For example, the Si and Mg  
515 needed to form quartz and phlogopite could have been derived from a majorite component in  
516 garnet, implying garnet core formation  $>5$  GPa (e.g., Collerson et al. 2010). Garnet Na contents  
517 are elevated at HP/UHP conditions (e.g., Ono 1998; Hermann and Spandler 2008; Konzett and  
518 Frost 2009; Auzanneau et al. 2010); Na in the CT garnets could have gone into white mica and  
519 Phase-CV (Fig. 9a, Tables 2, 4). Ultrahigh pressures are necessary for K incorporation into  
520 garnet (e.g., Ono 1998; Wang and Takahashi 1999). However, the multiphase needles are thin so  
521 garnet would not necessarily need to contain large amounts of K to make the observed quantities  
522 of micas. It may also be possible that K and other elements were mobile and diffused into garnet  
523 to growing needles (e.g., Proyer et al. 2013). Garnets in UHP rocks have variable H<sub>2</sub>O contents  
524 that can exceed 1000 ppm (e.g., Zheng 2009); this could have been a source for water in micas  
525 and Phase-CV. The exsolved water may have reacted with other phases in the inclusions to  
526 produce fluids/melts unlike those expected for partial melting of felsic rocks, perhaps accounting  
527 for the highly-siliceous Phase-CV compositions. Ni is elevated in garnet at mantle conditions and

528 can be used in thermometry (e.g., Canil 1999). The loss of Ni from garnet during needle  
529 exsolution could explain the highly unusual Ni-rich phlogopite compositions (Table 3).

530 However, a severe problem with this hypothesis is that, as far as we are aware, the  
531 exsolution of K-rich phases from garnet has never been documented from any geological setting.  
532 K-feldspar, phlogopite, and phengite exsolution has been well studied in UHP clinopyroxene  
533 (e.g., Shatsky et al. 1995; Katayama et al. 2002; Bozhilov et al. 2009; Dobrzhinetskaya et al.  
534 2009; Sakamaki and Ogasawara 2014), but exsolution of such phases from garnet remains highly  
535 speculative. In addition, there is no unequivocal evidence of UHP metamorphism for the CT  
536 rocks.

### 537 **Hypothesis 3: Melting of pre-existing inclusions**

538 A third possibility is that polyphase mineral inclusions trapped during garnet growth  
539 melted during heating (e.g., Perchuk et al. 2005, 2009) and then re-equilibrated with the host  
540 garnet structure to form acicular inclusions. While this is a possibility, it seems unlikely. First, it  
541 is unusual for melted polyphase inclusions to take on the negative crystal shape of their host  
542 (Sobolev and Shimizu 1993; Perchuk et al. 2009). Second, the rather uniform size and phase  
543 assemblage of the multiphase needles observed in garnets from multiple localities suggests that  
544 they were not the product of melting of trapped mineral inclusions. If that were the case, the  
545 needles would be expected to be more heterogeneous in composition, volume, and regional  
546 distribution.

### 547 **Hypothesis 4: Infiltration including dissolution-precipitation**

548 Infiltration requires fluid entry into garnet followed by its crystallization along  $\langle 111 \rangle$  of  
549 garnet (e.g., Hwang et al. 2007). We consider this to be improbable because if fluid were to  
550 infiltrate a garnet it would most likely flow in through fractures and other imperfections and





574 important to reiterate that we have not found any unequivocal UHP indicators such as coesite or  
575 diamond in our rocks.

576 We conclude that the acicular, oriented multiphase inclusions originated as trapped fluid  
577 inclusions that elongated during Ti±Fe oxide needle exsolution from garnet and subsequently  
578 decrepitated during retrogression. Both the matrix ternary feldspar compositions and the high-Zr  
579 contents of exsolved rutile needles in garnet from the upper member of the Bigelow Brook  
580 Formation demonstrate that the rocks underwent UHT metamorphism ~1000 °C. This finding  
581 extends the first described UHT locality in the United States (Brimfield Schist) to include a  
582 second rock unit. Ongoing work indicates that UHTM occurred farther north in Massachusetts as  
583 well (Ostwald et al. 2014). The cause of the high heat input into this area is yet to be determined  
584 and will be the subject of future studies. As the only other documented locality containing  
585 similar micaceous inclusions, the Erzgebirge of Germany, has also experienced *T* in excess of  
586 1000 °C (and ultrahigh pressures), oriented acicular multiphase inclusions are likely to be useful  
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945 **Figure Captions**

946 **Figure 1.** Photomicrographs of inclusions in garnet from the southern end of the Central Maine  
947 Terrane in northeastern Connecticut. Specimen numbers in square brackets for this and all  
948 following figures. **(a)** Oriented rutile needles in garnet in cross-polarized light with conoscopic  
949 illumination [124A-6]. **(b)** Close up of part **a** in plane-polarized light with oriented rutile (Rt),  
950 ilmenite (Ilm), and multiphase needles (M).

951 **Figure 2.** Orientation of garnet containing multiphase (M) and rutile (Rt) needles from EBSD  
952 measurements [124A-1]. Note the alignment of needles with garnet  $\langle 111 \rangle$  and the rough  
953 outlines of the multiphase needles.

954 **Figure 3.** Simplified geologic map of part of the Central Maine Terrane in northeastern  
955 Connecticut, after Rodgers (1981, 1985), modified from Ague et al. (2013). Major west-dipping  
956 faults are labeled. Sample localities with multiphase needle-bearing garnets denoted by yellow  
957 diamonds. Other sample localities discussed in this paper, Ague and Eckert (2012), and Ague et  
958 al. (2013) denoted by filled circles. Sample number prefix JAQ omitted for clarity. Bold text  
959 indicates a multiphase needle bearing sample.

960 **Figure 4.** Common textures in rocks from the Upper Member of the Bigelow Brook Formation  
961 and the Brimfield Schist, Connecticut. **(a)** Photo of a megacryst pseudomorph of sillimanite after  
962 kyanite [131A]. **(b)** Photomicrograph of sillimanite with inclusions of spinel (Spl) and ilmenite  
963 (Ilm) in plane-polarized light [125A]. **(c)** Photomicrograph of a garnet core containing  
964 multiphase inclusions [27-7]. **(d)** Photomicrograph of plagioclase antiperthite in cross-polarized  
965 light [173A].

966 **Figure 5.** Illustrations of garnets showing example core-rim relationships and the locations of  
967 inclusions. **(a)** A large garnet with a sharp core-rim boundary marked by the appearance of  
968 sillimanite surrounding the core. The core contains an area of biotite inclusions surrounded by  
969 rutile, ilmenite, and multiphase needles [124A-1]. **(b)** Garnet with a sharp core-rim boundary  
970 roughly outlined by quartz inclusions [141B]. Rutile, ilmenite, and multiphase needles occur in  
971 the central part of the garnet core.

972 **Figure 6.** Backscattered electron images of cross sections of multiphase needles in garnet from  
973 sample 124A-6. Images (a) – (h) taken perpendicular to long axis of needles; images (i) and (j)  
974 taken sub-parallel to long axes. Qtz=quartz, Phl=phlogopite, WM=white mica, Rt=rutile,  
975 G=graphite, Phase-CV=siliceous compositionally variable phase. **(a)** Multiphase needle showing  
976 negative garnet crystal shape and cracks radiating out from the corners. **(b)** Multiphase needle  
977 containing phlogopite and quartz surrounding a rutile needle. **(c)** Multiphase needle with fine-  
978 grained quartz and phlogopite surrounding a graphite rod. **(d)** Multiphase needle displaying  
979 negative garnet crystal shape and radiating cracks. The inclusion contains finely intergrown  
980 phlogopite, quartz, and white mica around rutile. **(e)** Multiphase needle containing a complex  
981 intergrowth of phlogopite, quartz, and Phase-CV with two rutile needles. **(f)** Multiphase needle  
982 with well-developed negative crystal shape of garnet. White mica, phlogopite, and quartz  
983 interfinger with each other. **(g)** Multiphase needle that has negative crystal shape of garnet and  
984 common granophyre-like quartz-mica intergrowths. **(h)** Multiphase needle roughly parallel to the  
985 thin section surface. Rutile crystal lies parallel to the elongation direction of the needle. Quartz  
986 and phlogopite are finely intergrown. **(i)** Multiphase needle roughly parallel to the thin section  
987 surface. Rutile crystal lies parallel to the elongation direction of the needle. The inclusion  
988 contains a complex intergrowth of phlogopite, white mica, and quartz.

989 **Figure 7.** Chemical maps of multiphase needles in garnet. Maps (a) and (b) made sub-parallel to  
990 long axis of needles; maps (c) and (d) made perpendicular to long axes. BSE=Backscattered  
991 electron image, Als= $\text{Al}_2\text{SiO}_5$  polymorph, Qtz=quartz, Phl=phlogopite, WM=white mica,  
992 Rt=rutile, G=graphite, Mnz=monazite, Zrn=zircon, Phase-CV=siliceous compositionally  
993 variable phase. **(a)** Multiphase needle containing phlogopite, quartz, rutile, and zircon [27-7]. **(b)**  
994 Multiphase needle shown previously in Figure 5g showing the complex intergrowth of quartz,  
995 micas, and rutile [124A-6]. **(c)** Multiphase needle containing monazite, rutile, and phlogopite  
996 with finely intergrown quartz and Phase-CV [141B]. **(d)** Multiphase needle composed of Phase-  
997 CV. Note the variable composition of Phase-CV. The high Al features in the map (red) are  
998 artifacts of the void at the southern end of the inclusion [172A].

999 **Figure 8.** Chemical zoning profiles from rim to core across a representative garnet [124A-6].  
1000 Exsolved oxides and multiphase needles are present in the shaded gray region. **(a)** Molar Mg/Fe.  
1001 **(b)** Mn atoms per formula unit (a.f.u.). **(c)** Ca. **(d)** Ti. Note the Ti growth zoning in the rim and  
1002 the drop in Ti concentration where exsolved rutile and ilmenite needles are located. **(e)** P. The  
1003 abrupt drop in P in the core region is due to overprint zonation (see Fig. 7). **(f)** Y. Note the  
1004 decrease in Y from core to rim.

1005 **Figure 9.** Chemical zoning profiles from rim to core across a garnet along with a phosphorus  
1006 map of the garnet of the same area [124A-2]. **(a)** Na atoms per formula unit (a.f.u.). **(b)** P. The  
1007 abrupt drops in P are due to overprint zonation as shown in part (c). **(c)** Phosphorus map of  
1008 garnet. Note the core rim-boundary marked by a sharp change in P content as well as the low-P  
1009 patches within the garnet core due to overprint zonation. Line of traverse shown in part (b) is  
1010 slightly irregular to avoid cracks, pits, and inclusions.

1011 **Figure 10.** Ternary Quartz-Orthoclase-Anorthite+Albite diagram for CIPW norms of Phase-CV  
1012 analyses in Table 4. The rock names are from the Quartz-Alkali feldspar-Plagioclase (QAP)  
1013 diagram of the IUGS classification scheme (Streckeisen 1979). Strictly speaking, the QAP  
1014 diagram should be based on modes whenever possible, but chemical (e.g., normative)  
1015 mineralogical proxies can be used if the material is amorphous or too fine grained for modal  
1016 analysis.

1017 **Figure 11.** Illustration showing the steps of multiphase needle formation as proposed by the  
1018 trapped fluid hypothesis (Hypothesis 1). **(a)** Ti-bearing garnet grows and entraps fluid. **(b)**  
1019 Cooling and/or decompression cause rutile exsolution. Entrapped fluid can propagate through the  
1020 garnet and elongate either by adhering to a growing rutile needle or moving due to internal  
1021 overpressure within the fluid inclusion by following points of weakness in the garnet structure  
1022 along  $\langle 111 \rangle$ . As the multiphase needles rarely contain ilmenite, it is likely that the ilmenite  
1023 exsolved at a later time. **(c)** Over time the inclusions texturally equilibrate with the garnet  
1024 structure by developing low-energy interfaces shown by the hexagonal negative garnet crystal  
1025 cross-sections of the inclusions. **(d)** Further cooling and/or decompression causes the internal  
1026 overpressure within the inclusions to exceed the combination of the tensile strength of the garnet  
1027 host and least principle compressive stress such that decrepitation occurs. Crystallization of fluid  
1028 occurs during or after decrepitation.

1029 **Figure 12.** Examples of published  $P$ - $T$  estimates for rocks containing garnet with  
1030 petrographically-obvious oriented Ti±Fe oxide needle inclusions modified from Ague and Eckert  
1031 (2012).  $T$  at maximum  $P$  (if known) is plotted. Arrows indicate that  $T$  or  $P$  estimate is a  
1032 minimum. Uncertainties shown if given in original publication. A: Edough Massif, northeastern



1033 Algeria (Caby et al 2014). B: omphacite granulite, Breaksea Orthogneiss, New Zealand (Clarke  
1034 et al. 2013). BM: diamondiferous felsic granulites, Bohemian Massif (Kröner et al. 2000;  
1035 O'Brien and Rötzler 2003; Hwang et al. 2007; Kotková et al. 2011). BR: diamondiferous  
1036 granulite of Cueta, Betic-Rif cordillera, Africa (Ruiz-Cruz and de Galdeano 2013). C: garnet  
1037 peridotites, Kolín area, central Czech Republic (Vrána 2008). E: Saxonian Erzgebirge,  
1038 Saldenbach reservoir (Hwang et al. 2000; Massonne 2003; Hermann and Rubatto 2014). G:  
1039 Eclogite, Glenelg, NW Scotland (Sajeev et al. 2010). GR: Mantle garnet xenocrysts, Garnet  
1040 Ridge, Arizona (Wang et al. 1999). Ha: Hawaiian xenoliths (Keshav and Sen 2001; Keshav et al.  
1041 2007). J: Eclogite, Junan, Sulu UHP terrane (Zhang et al. 2003). K: Kulet whiteschist, Kokchetav  
1042 Massif (Maruyama and Parkinson 2000; Shen et al. 2005). L: Eclogite, Luotian dome, North  
1043 Dabie Complex Zone, Central China (Malaspina et al. 2006; Liu et al. 2011a,b). M: Felsic  
1044 granulites, Tuguiwula, Inner Mongolia, North China Craton (Liu et al. 2010). N: mafic granulite,  
1045 Ngoc Linh Complex, Vietnam (Osanai et al. 2008). NQ: Garnet peridotite, North Qaidam,  
1046 Tibetan Plateau (Song et al. 2004). O: Garnet peridotite, Otrøy, Western Gneiss Region, Norway  
1047 (van Roermund et al. 2000). P: granulite xenolith, Pamir, India (Touret and Huizenga 2012;  
1048 Hacker et al. 2005). PC: Eclogite, Palghat-Cauvery suture zone, India (Sajeev et al. 2009) PK:  
1049 Eclogite xenoliths, Premier Kimberlite (Dludla et al. 2006). R: Garnet pyroxenite, Ronda, Spain  
1050 (Obata 1994; Brueckner and Medaris 2000). Rh: Metapelitic rocks, Greek Rhodope (Mposkos  
1051 and Kostopoulos 2001). Rz: Rizhao garnet clinopyroxenite, Sulu UHP terrane (Zhang and Liou  
1052 2003). S: Granulites from the Schwarzwald, Germany (Marschall et al. 2003). *P-T* estimate is a  
1053 minimum. Sb: High-pressure granulite, Snowbird tectonic zone, Canada (Snoeyenbos et al.  
1054 1995). *P-T* estimate is a minimum. SM: Eclogite, Song Ma suture zone, Vietnam (Osanai et al.  
1055 2008). Sw : Borås Mafic Intrusion of the Swedish Eastern Segment (Mohammad et al. 2011). W:

1056 Eclogite xenolith, Wajrakarur kimberlites, southern India (Patel et al. 2006). WGR: Felsic  
1057 granulite, Western Gneiss Region, Norway (Larsen et al. 1998; Hermann and Rubatto 2014). Y:  
1058 Yangkou ultramafic-mafic complex, Sulu UHP terrane (Zhang et al. 2003). Ya : Yakutia  
1059 kimberlites, Siberian Craton (Carstens 1971; Alifirova et al. 2011). Garnets from the Skagit  
1060 gneiss (not shown) in the North Cascades, Washington, USA and British Columbia, Canada also  
1061 contain oriented rutile needles (Whitney 1992). The minimum  $T$  is 700–725 °C (at 0.8-1.0 GPa)  
1062 based on petrogenetic grid considerations. However, most gneiss garnet-biotite  $T$  estimates are  
1063 800-1000 °C (Whitney 1992). These high  $T$  estimates were interpreted to be due to retrogression,  
1064 but perhaps reflect actual peak conditions.

**Table 1.** Rutile analyses

	Needle Rt-2 124A-2	Needle Rt-3 124A-2	Needle Rt-4 124A-6	Needle Rt-7 124A-2	Needle Rt-8 124A-6	Needle Rt-9 124A-6	Needle Rt-10 124A-6	Needle Rt-12 124A-6	Needle Rt-17 124A-6	Needle Rt-18* 124A-6	Matrix Rt-1 124A-6	Matrix Rt-2 124A-6	Matrix Rt-3 124A-6	Matrix Rt-4 124A-6	Matrix Rt-5 124A-6	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.20	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.18	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.05	
TiO <sub>2</sub>	93.98	94.35	94.05	94.44	94.84	94.09	95.47	95.13	95.84	94.77	98.01	97.77	98.58	96.16	98.33	
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	0.920	1.078	1.037	0.914	0.986	1.043	1.174	1.167	1.225	1.308	0.098	0.054	0.068	0.093	0.077	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.12	0.08	0.10	0.06	0.13	0.05	0.09	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.06	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.10	0.14	0.11	0.13	0.08	0.10	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.13	0.36	0.27	0.33	0.36	0.09	
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.78	0.77	0.88	1.13	0.79	1.19	0.36	0.45	0.28	0.42	0.12	0.45	0.48	0.88	0.37	
Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.06	0.01	b.d.	0.03	0.03	b.d.	b.d.	0.03	0.13	0.02	
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.91	0.79	0.75	0.81	0.95	0.90	0.80	0.71	0.74	0.57	1.26	1.07	0.95	1.38	0.54	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.81	1.93	2.18	2.11	2.26	2.08	1.79	2.24	1.99	1.90	0.05	0.17	0.20	0.20	0.27	
MnO	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.04	b.d.	0.02	b.d.	b.d.	
MgO	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.01	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	
Total	98.73	99.30	99.22	99.93	100.17	99.73	99.90	99.84	100.39	99.41	99.99	99.87	100.74	99.33	99.81	
<b>Structural Formulas (2 O)</b>																
Si	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.002		0.001		0.001	0.001	
Ti	0.961	0.960	0.958	0.955	0.956	0.954	0.964	0.960	0.964	0.963	0.981	0.980	0.980	0.971	0.986	
Zr	0.006	0.007	0.007	0.006	0.006	0.007	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.001			0.001	0.001	
Al	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.008	0.001		0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	
Cr	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.004	0.003	0.004	0.004	0.001	
Nb	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.007	0.005	0.007	0.000	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.003	0.003	0.005	0.002	
Ta														0.001		
V	0.008	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.008	0.008	0.007	0.006	0.007	0.007	0.011	0.010	0.008	0.012	0.005	
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.019	0.020	0.022	0.021	0.023	0.021	0.018	0.023	0.020	0.019	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.003	
Mn									0.001	0.001						
Mg				0.001	0.001											
<i>T</i> (°C) at 1.0 GPa:	984	1008	1002	984	995	1003	1021	1020	1028	1038	<i>T</i> (°C) at 0.6 GPa:	700	654	673	700	684

Notes: b.d. = below detection, Rt = Rutile. All Fe as Fe<sup>3+</sup>. V counts corrected for Ti interference; Cr counts corrected for V interference. The thermometer of Tomkins et al. (2007) was used for all temperature estimates. A pressure of 1.0 GPa corresponding to the minimum peak pressure from Ague et al. (2013) was used for temperature estimates for rutile needles. 0.6 GPa was used for matrix rutile assuming re-equilibration during exhumation (Ague et al. 2013). \*Rutile within a multiphase needle coexisting with quartz (Fig. 5b).

**Table 2.** Garnet analyses

	124A-6 SE-Rim	124A-6 Core	165A-2 Near Rim	165A-2 Core	172A Near Rim	172A Core
SiO <sub>2</sub>	37.74	37.69	38.48	38.23	38.43	38.14
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.013	0.006	0.029	0.024	0.040	0.018
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.042	0.067	0.043	0.044	0.057	0.047
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	21.72	21.74	21.96	21.90	21.65	21.92
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.01	0.08	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.04
FeO	31.43	30.61	28.84	30.33	28.59	28.98
MgO	6.76	6.59	8.23	7.28	8.02	8.29
MnO	0.93	0.93	0.46	0.54	1.00	1.01
CaO	1.27	1.68	1.34	1.31	1.20	0.91
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.018	0.030	0.009	0.009	0.007	0.010
Total	99.97	99.45	99.41	99.56	99.01	99.38
<b>Structural Formulas (12 O)</b>						
Si	2.961	2.971	2.999	2.993	3.013	2.977
Ti	0.0008	0.0004	0.0017	0.0014	0.0024	0.0011
P	0.0028	0.0045	0.0028	0.0029	0.0038	0.0031
<sup>IV</sup> Al	0.039	0.029	0.001	0.007		0.023
<sup>VI</sup> Al	1.969	1.990	2.016	2.013	2.000	1.993
Cr	0.003	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
Y		0.003				0.002
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	2.003	1.993	1.905	2.002	1.882	1.874
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.059	0.025			0.002	0.018
Mg	0.791	0.774	0.956	0.850	0.943	0.965
Mn	0.062	0.062	0.030	0.036	0.067	0.067
Ca	0.107	0.142	0.112	0.110	0.101	0.076
Na	0.0027	0.0046	0.001	0.0014	0.0011	0.0015

Notes: b.d. = below detection. Blank in wt. % table means element or oxide not analyzed. Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup> in garnet estimated based on 8 cations per 12 O. By convention, garnet<sup>IV</sup>Al is amount needed to fill the tetrahedral sites; however, actual site occupancies have not been determined. Zr and K are b.d. and are not tabulated; detection limits: ~80 ppm (Zr) and ~20 ppm (K). Near Rim values exclude analyses directly at the garnet rims affected by retrograde drops in Mg/Fe and increases in Mn.

**Table 3.** Mica analyses

	Phl-1 124A-6	Phl-2 124A-6	Phl-3 124A-6	Phl/WM-1 124A-6	Phl/WM- 2 124A-6	WM-1ab 124A-6	WM-2 124A-6
SiO <sub>2</sub>	37.16	39.00	38.02	46.68	42.50	49.32	45.67
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.54	0.24	0.52	b.d.	0.41	0.08	0.03
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	18.19	20.24	17.53	30.79	23.43	32.32	34.38
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.61	0.08	0.52	b.d.	0.61	0.03	0.03
FeO	9.02	8.95	7.53	3.32	5.83	2.61	1.87
MnO	1.08	b.d.	0.96	b.d.	0.88	0.19	0.12
NiO	2.66	b.d.	0.94	b.d.	2.40	0.14	b.d.
MgO	16.54	18.14	19.70	5.37	9.84	1.66	1.09
CaO	0.30	0.05	0.39	0.06	0.32	0.19	0.03
BaO	0.82	0.22	0.62	0.16	0.88	0.10	b.d.
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.44	0.33	0.84	1.78	1.28	3.44	1.60
K <sub>2</sub> O	9.14	9.09	7.69	8.26	8.35	5.34	7.83
F	0.18	0.03	1.29	b.d.	0.22	0.14	b.d.
Cl	0.18	0.08	0.19	0.03	0.18	0.03	0.01
Total	96.74	96.42	96.16	96.44	97.00	95.52	92.66
<b>Structural Formulas (11 O)</b>							
Si	2.722	2.767	2.751	3.099	2.973	3.228	3.100
<sup>IV</sup> Al	1.278	1.233	1.250	0.901	1.027	0.772	0.900
∑IV	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Ti	0.030	0.013	0.028		0.022	0.004	0.002
<sup>VI</sup> Al	0.292	0.460	0.245	1.508	0.905	1.721	1.850
Cr	0.035	0.005	0.030		0.034	0.002	0.002
Fe	0.553	0.531	0.456	0.184	0.341	0.143	0.106
Mn	0.067		0.059		0.052	0.011	0.007
Ni	0.157		0.055		0.135	0.007	
Mg	1.806	1.919	2.125	0.532	1.027	0.162	0.110
∑VI	2.940	2.927	2.997	2.224	2.515	2.049	2.077
Ca	0.024	0.004	0.030	0.005	0.024	0.013	0.002
Ba	0.024	0.006	0.018	0.004	0.024	0.003	
Na	0.063	0.045	0.118	0.229	0.173	0.436	0.211
K	0.854	0.823	0.709	0.699	0.745	0.446	0.678
∑XII	0.965	0.878	0.875	0.937	0.967	0.898	0.891
F	0.043	0.006	0.296		0.049	0.029	
Cl	0.022	0.009	0.024	0.004	0.021	0.003	0.001
Mg/(Mg+Fe)	0.77	0.78	0.82	0.74	0.75	0.53	0.51

*Notes:* b.d. = below detection. Phl = Phlogopite, WM = White Mica, Phl/WM = finely intergrown phlogopite and white mica. By convention, <sup>IV</sup>Al mica is amount needed to fill the tetrahedral sites; however, actual site occupancies have not been determined. Oxygen equivalent of F<sup>-</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup> subtracted from totals. Fe as Fe<sup>2+</sup>.

**Table 4.** Phase-CV analyses

	MI-1 124A-6	MI-2 124A-6	MI-3 124A-6	MI-6 124A-6	MI-9 124A-6	MI-1 124A-2	MI-2 124A-2	M1-2a 141B	MI-2b 141B	MI-2c 141B	MI-1a 172A	MI-1b 172A
SiO <sub>2</sub>	68.26	86.33	77.15	59.48	71.69	75.89	73.12	94.26	76.23	83.09	89.78	89.78
TiO <sub>2</sub>	b.d.	0.06	b.d.	0.15	b.d.	0.06	b.d.	0.32	0.15	0.04	b.d.	b.d.
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	22.46	6.14	16.13	26.68	17.31	14.99	16.61	0.60	18.33	12.53	4.63	4.63
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	b.d.	0.04	0.08	0.15	b.d.	b.d.	0.10	b.d.	0.04	0.04	0.20	0.20
FeO	2.79	2.72	2.22	1.53	1.94	1.42	1.55	1.35	1.61	1.17	1.10	1.10
MnO	b.d.	0.08	0.19	0.12	0.18	0.61	0.04	b.d.	0.15	b.d.	0.12	0.12
NiO	0.27	b.d.	0.74	0.13	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.74	0.27	b.d.	0.27	0.27
MgO	4.33	2.30	1.77	0.97	2.10	0.07	1.32	0.19	0.37	0.05	0.03	0.03
CaO	b.d.	0.04	0.07	4.33	0.74	3.09	2.38	0.05	1.06	0.97	0.26	0.26
BaO	0.06	0.20	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.13	0.14	b.d.	0.03	0.03	0.13	0.13
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.01	0.17	0.03	4.44	1.64	3.50	0.96	0.04	0.10	0.05	2.31	2.31
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.01	1.99	0.05	0.68	1.89	0.51	0.15	0.06	0.08	0.02	0.04	0.04
F	b.d.	0.08	0.09	b.d.	b.d.	0.01	0.03	0.04	b.d.	0.01	b.d.	b.d.
Cl	0.02	0.05	b.d.	0.02	b.d.	0.01	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.01	0.02	0.02
Total	98.20	100.18	98.49	98.68	97.39	100.28	96.39	97.62	98.42	98.00	98.87	97.70
<b>CIPW Norm (wt. %)</b>												
Quartz	60.15	71.89	72.64	19.47	49.69	44.88	34.97	94.27	72.02	81.33	75.15	76.85
Anorthite				21.78	3.77	15.21	11.54		5.36	4.84	1.29	1.09
Albite		0.70	0.25	37.78	14.22	29.38	41.80	0.34	0.85	0.28	19.50	16.92
Orthoclase	0.28	12.49	0.30	4.08	11.46	3.49	1.39	0.35	0.58	0.23	0.71	1.65
Corundum	22.82	3.71	16.27	10.97	11.51	3.03	3.93	0.48	16.39	10.91	0.29	1.12
Hypersthene	16.68	10.72	10.21	5.36	9.34	3.82	6.08	3.81	4.43	2.21	2.64	2.04
Ilmenite		0.11	0.02	0.28		0.11		0.63	0.28	0.08		0.28
Chromite		0.06	0.12	0.22			0.15		0.06	0.06	0.29	0.03
Halite	0.04	0.09		0.04		0.02				0.02	0.04	
Fluorite		0.20	0.22			0.02	0.07	0.10		0.02		

*Notes:* b.d. = below detection. MI = Multiphase Inclusion. Fe as Fe<sup>2+</sup>. Totals below 99 wt. % are assumed to be due to a hydrous component. Oxygen equivalent of F<sup>-</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup> subtracted from totals.

**Table 5.** Spinel and ilmenite inclusions in sillimanite pseudomorph after kyanite, sample 125A

	Spl-1	Spl-2	Ilm-1	Ilm-2
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04
TiO <sub>2</sub>	b.d.	0.04	52.04	52.50
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	59.44	59.40	0.08	0.05
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.41	0.30	0.01	0.06
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.02	b.d.	0.13	0.14
Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	b.d.	0.02	0.01	0.02
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.15	0.09	0.15	0.17
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.79	1.21	1.32	0.81
FeO	22.49	24.05	44.89	44.16
ZnO	7.65	7.21	b.d.	0.01
MnO	0.04	0.05	0.25	0.25
NiO	b.d.	0.10	0.03	0.04
MgO	7.48	6.84	1.03	1.62
Total	98.50	99.33	99.97	99.79

**Structural Formulas**

	<b>Spinel (4 O)</b>		<b>Ilmenite (3 O)</b>	
Si	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
Ti		0.001	0.982	0.987
Al	1.968	1.962	0.002	0.002
Cr	0.009	0.007		0.001
Nb			0.002	0.001
Ta				
V	0.003	0.002	0.003	0.003
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	0.528	0.564	0.941	0.923
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.017	0.025	0.025	0.015
Zn	0.159	0.149		
Mn	0.001	0.001	0.005	0.005
Ni		0.002	0.004	0.001
Mg	0.313	0.286	0.039	0.060

*Notes:* b.d. = below detection. Spl = spinel, Ilm = ilmenite. FeO and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> calculated using two cations per three O atoms for ilmenite and three cations per four O atoms for spinel. V counts corrected for Ti interference; Cr counts corrected for V interference.

**Table 6.** Feldspar (antiperthite) analyses

	PI-1 Host 167A	Kfs-1 Exsolution 167A	PI-2 Host 167A	Kfs-2 Exsolution 167A	PI-6 Host 167A	Kfs-6 Exsolution 167A	PI-1 Host 173A	Kfs-1 Exsolution 173A
SiO <sub>2</sub>	59.82	64.66	59.82	64.60	60.31	64.65	57.95	64.27
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	25.05	18.95	25.13	18.98	25.29	18.89	26.92	18.85
FeO	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02
MnO	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	b.d.
MgO	0.01	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.01	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.
CaO	6.51	0.06	6.49	0.06	6.47	0.06	8.32	0.08
BaO	0.02	0.31	0.02	0.33	0.01	0.29	0.02	0.27
Na <sub>2</sub> O	7.79	0.86	7.86	1.03	7.77	0.77	6.78	0.60
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.24	15.39	0.22	15.07	0.26	15.39	0.26	15.68
Total	99.48	100.25	99.58	100.10	100.17	100.19	100.30	99.77
<b>Structural Formulas (8 O)</b>								
Si	2.679	2.979	2.676	2.977	2.680	2.981	2.587	2.978
Al	1.322	1.029	1.325	1.031	1.325	1.027	1.417	1.029
Fe	0.001		0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
Mn				0.001		0.001		
Mg					0.001			
Ca	0.312	0.003	0.311	0.003	0.308	0.003	0.398	0.004
Ba		0.006		0.006		0.005		0.005
Na	0.676	0.077	0.682	0.092	0.670	0.069	0.587	0.054
K	0.014	0.904	0.013	0.886	0.015	0.905	0.015	0.927
X <sub>An</sub>	0.311	0.003	0.309	0.003	0.310	0.003	0.398	0.004
X <sub>Ab</sub>	0.675	0.078	0.678	0.094	0.675	0.071	0.587	0.055
X <sub>Or</sub>	0.014	0.919	0.013	0.903	0.015	0.926	0.015	0.941
Vol. %	77.1	22.9	80.9	19.1	78.6	21.4	84.3	15.7
<b>Reintegrated Compositions and Temperature Estimates</b>								
X <sub>An</sub>	24.6		25.5		24.9		34.1	
X <sub>Ab</sub>	54.7		57.5		55.4		50.9	
X <sub>Or</sub>	20.7		17.0		19.7		15.0	
T (°C)	1005 956		973 921		998 948		983 999	

*Notes:* b.d. = below detection. Pl= Plagioclase, Kfs = Potassium Feldspar, Vol. % = volume percent phase in antiperthite. All Fe as Fe<sup>2+</sup>. Temperature estimates using the feldspar activity model of Benisek et al. (2004) are shown in plain text and temperature estimates italicized were done using the feldspar activity model of Benisek et al. (2010).



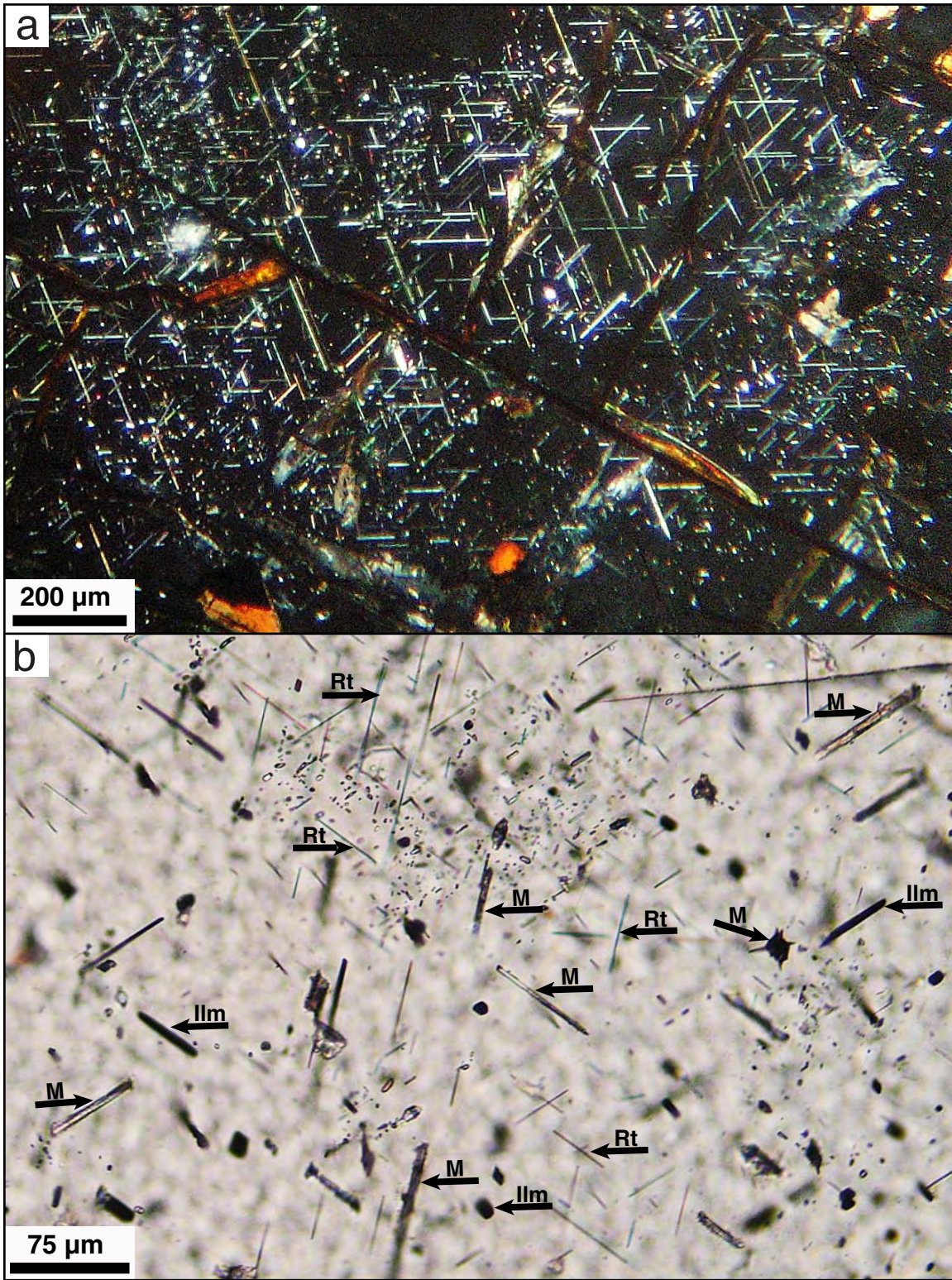


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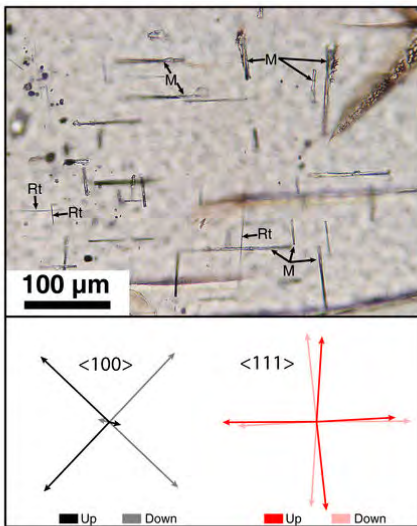


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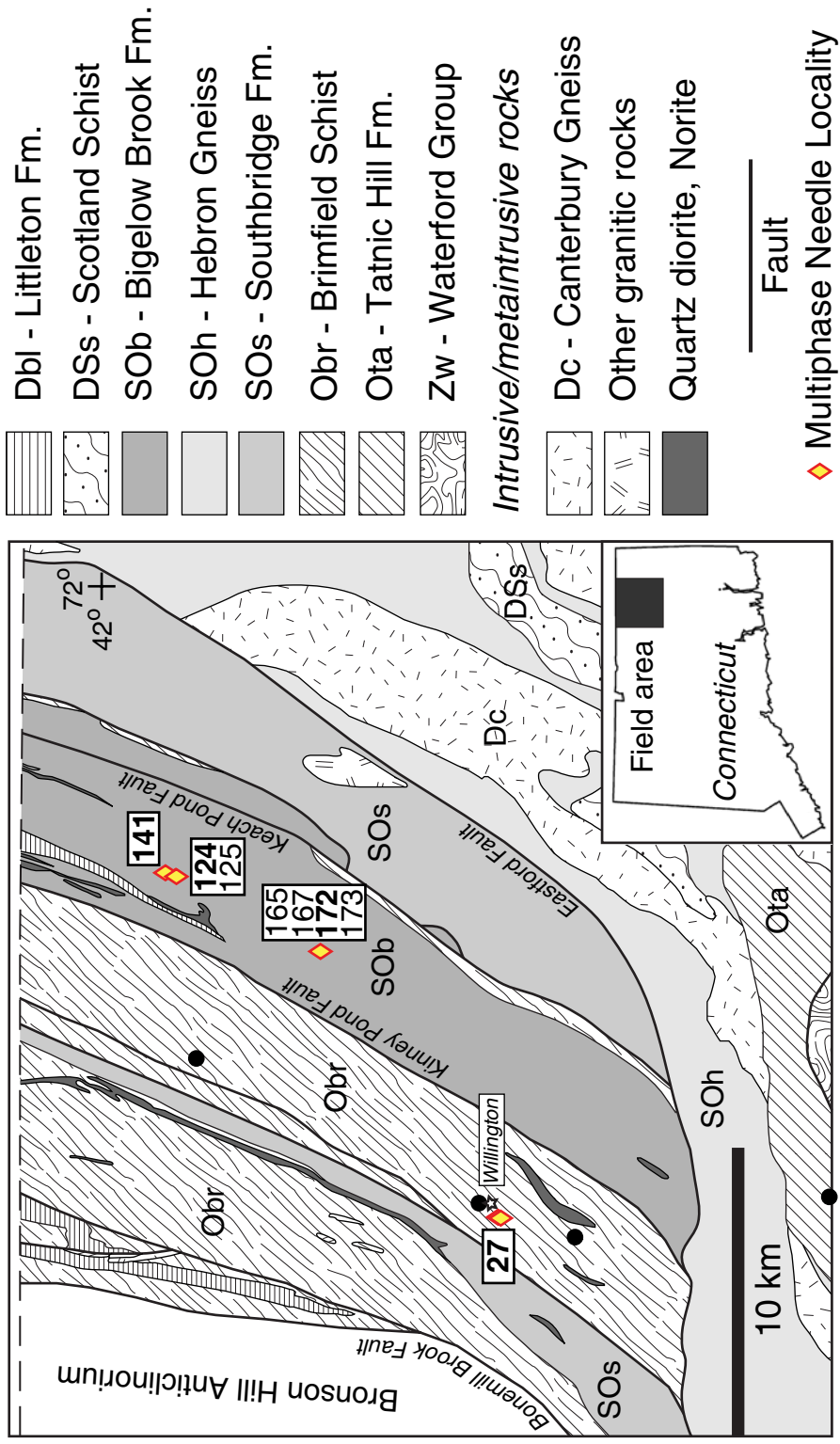


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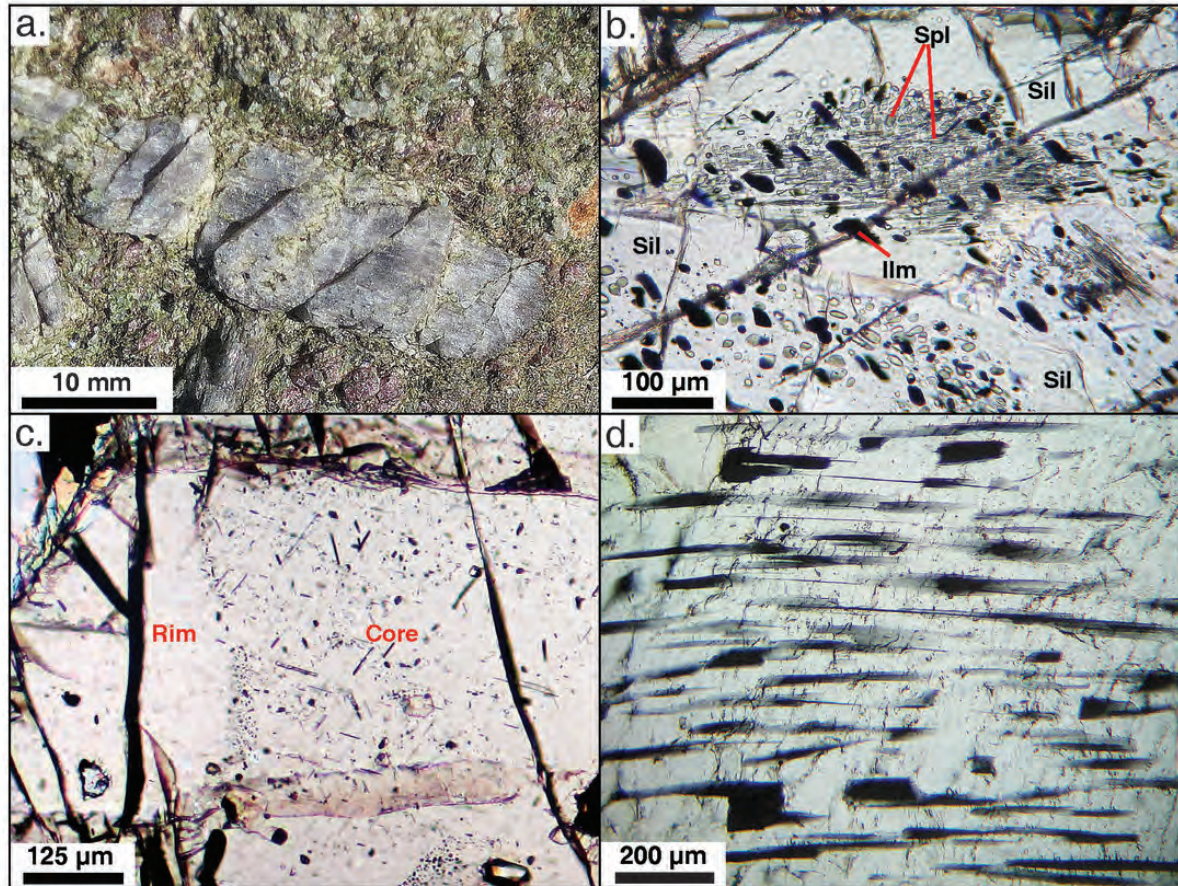


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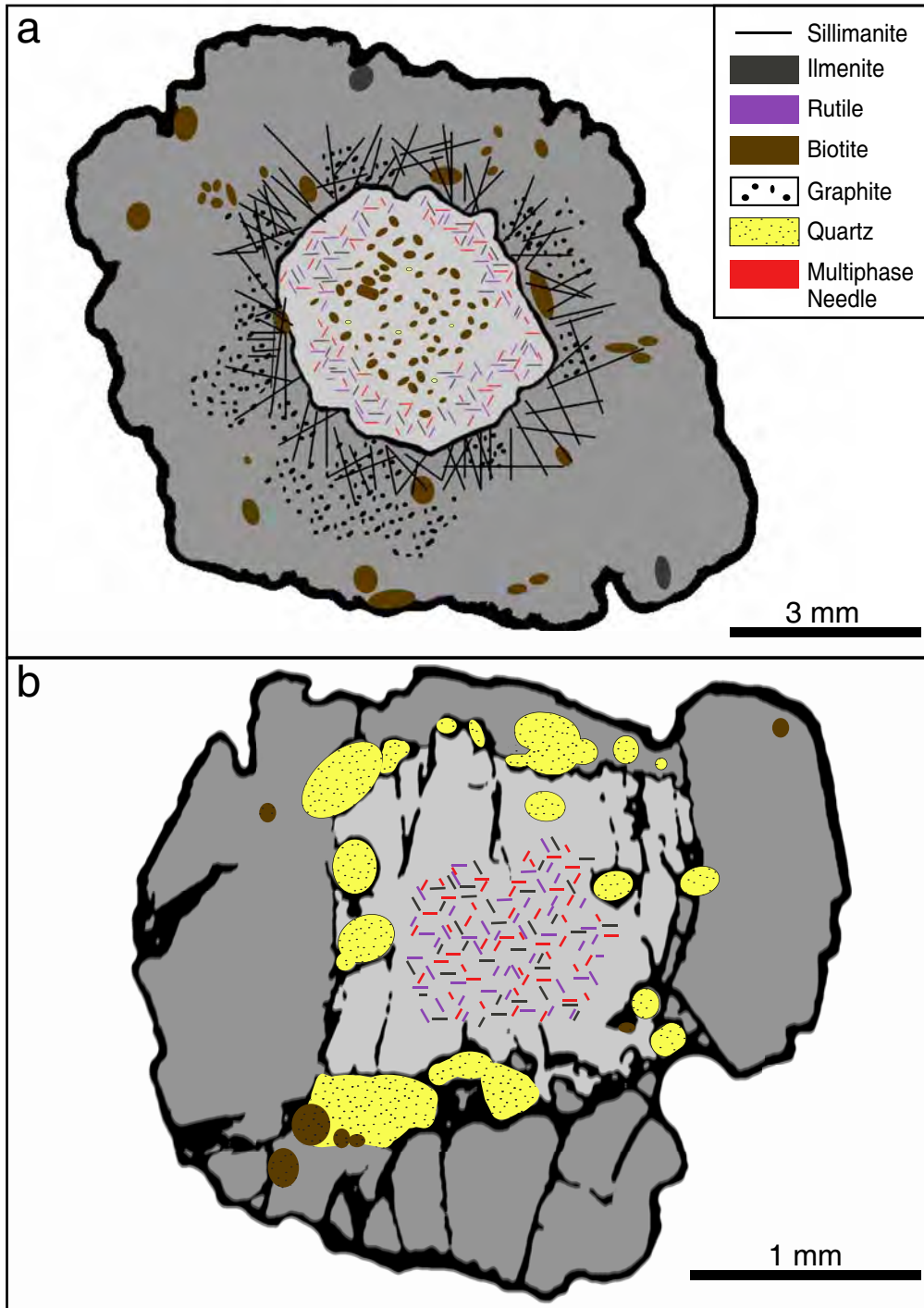


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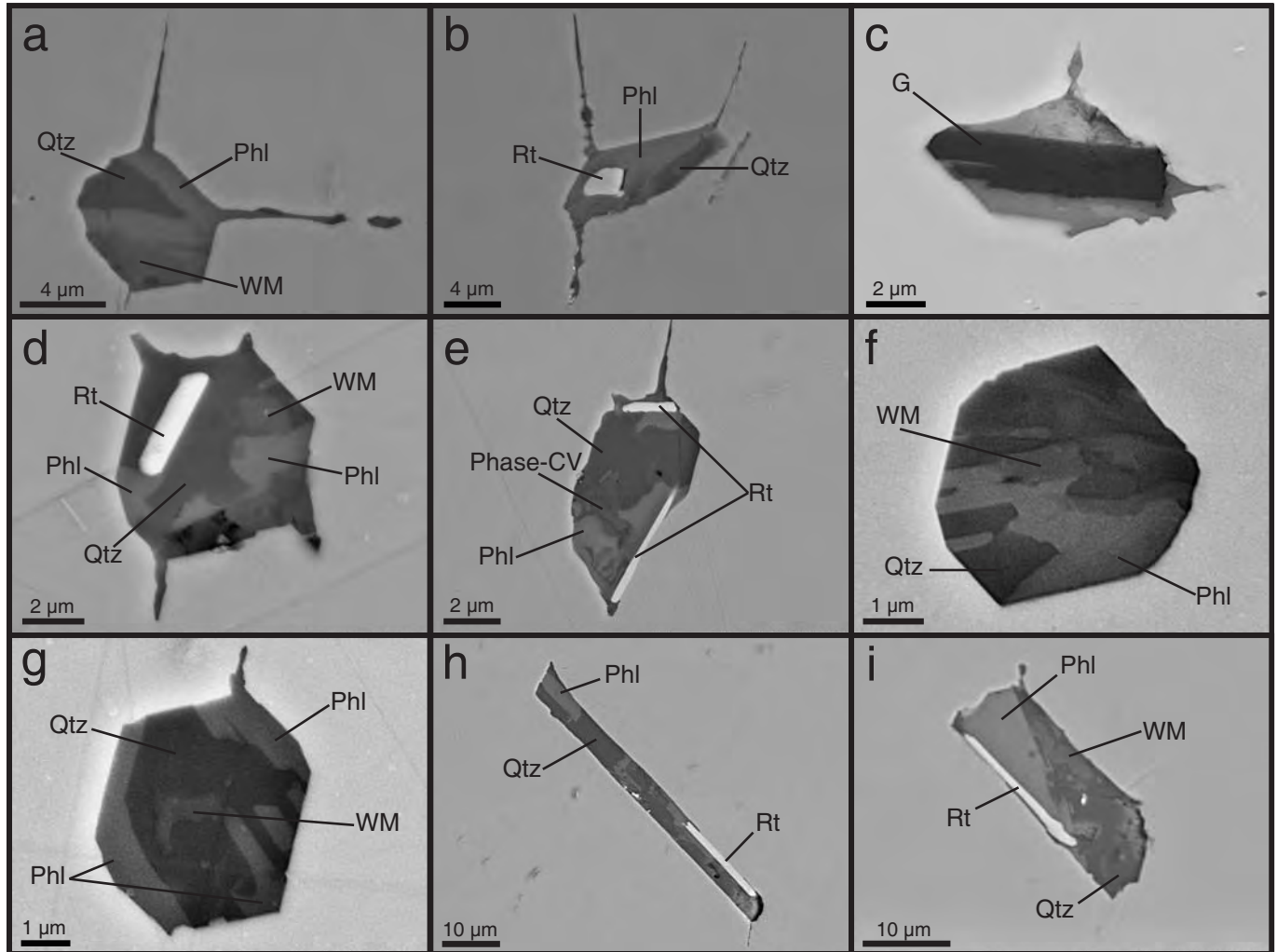


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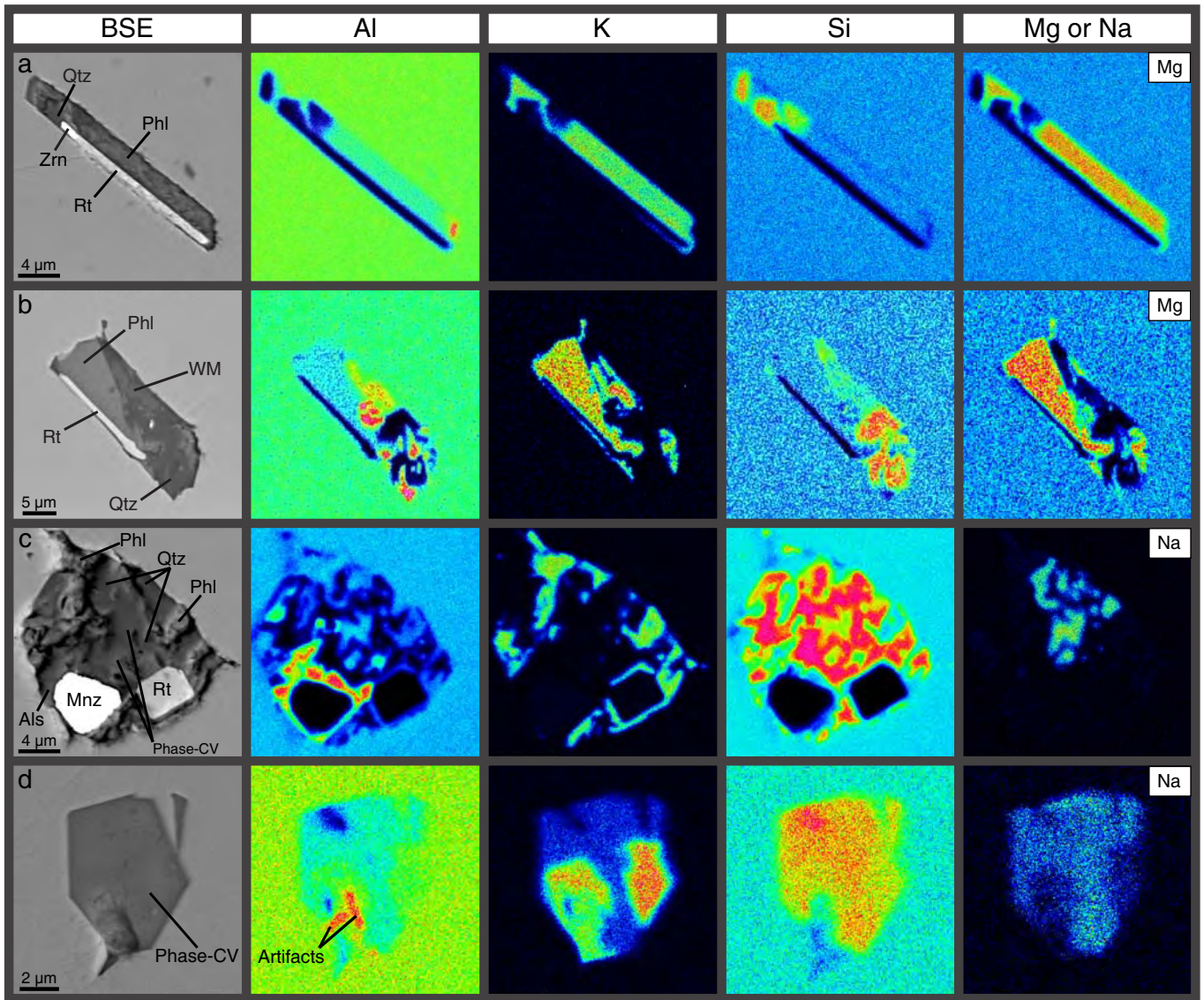


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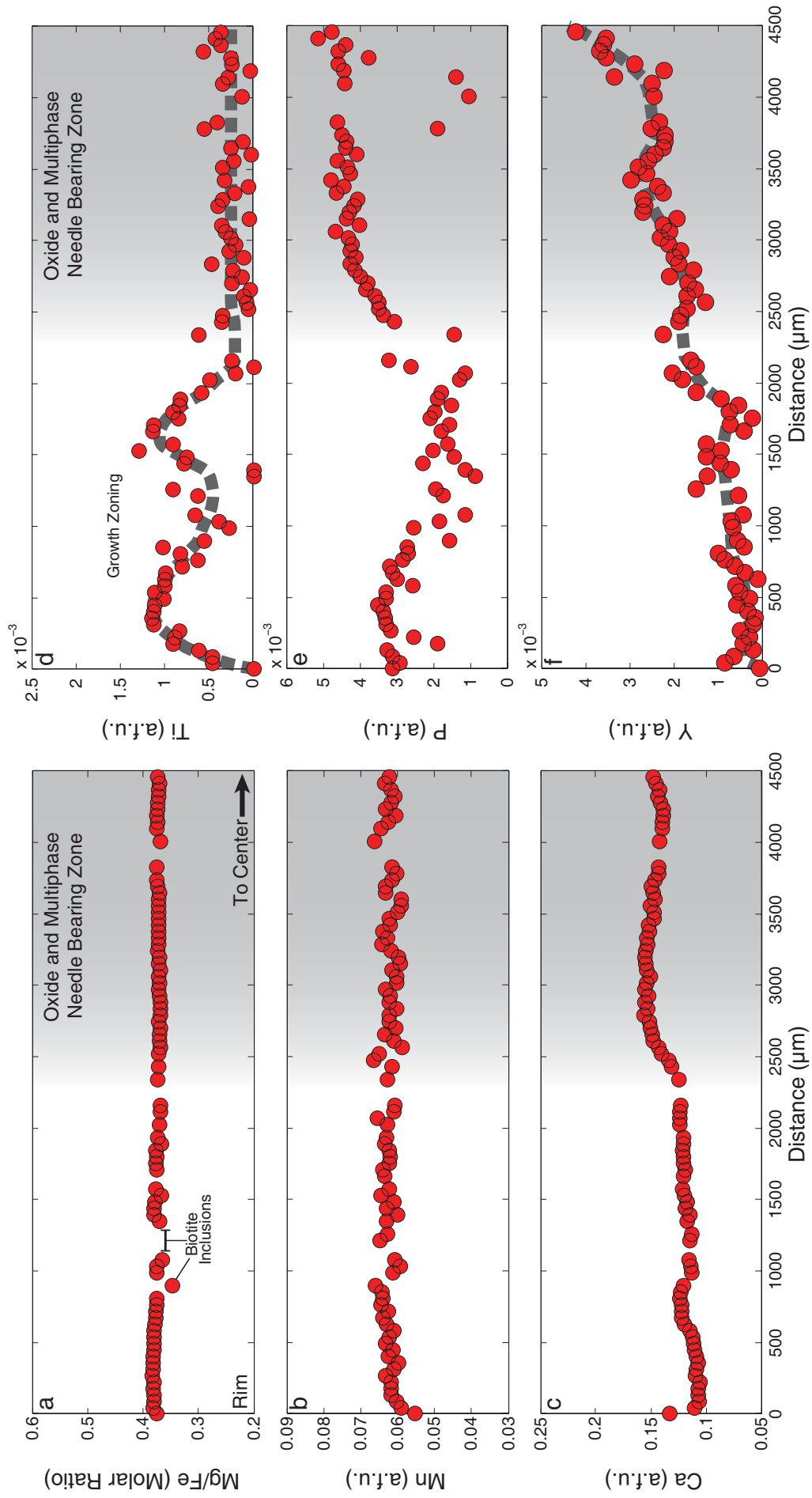


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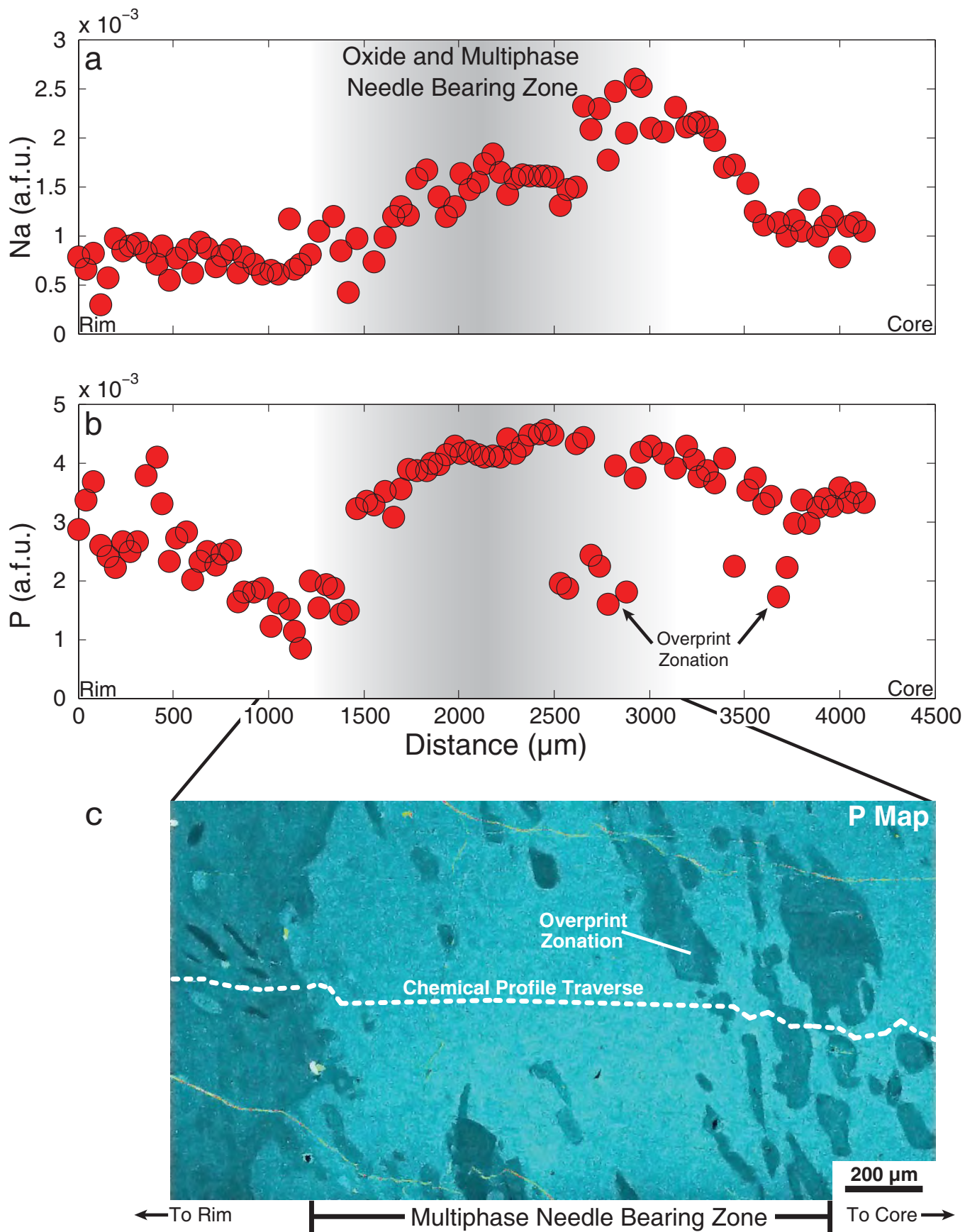


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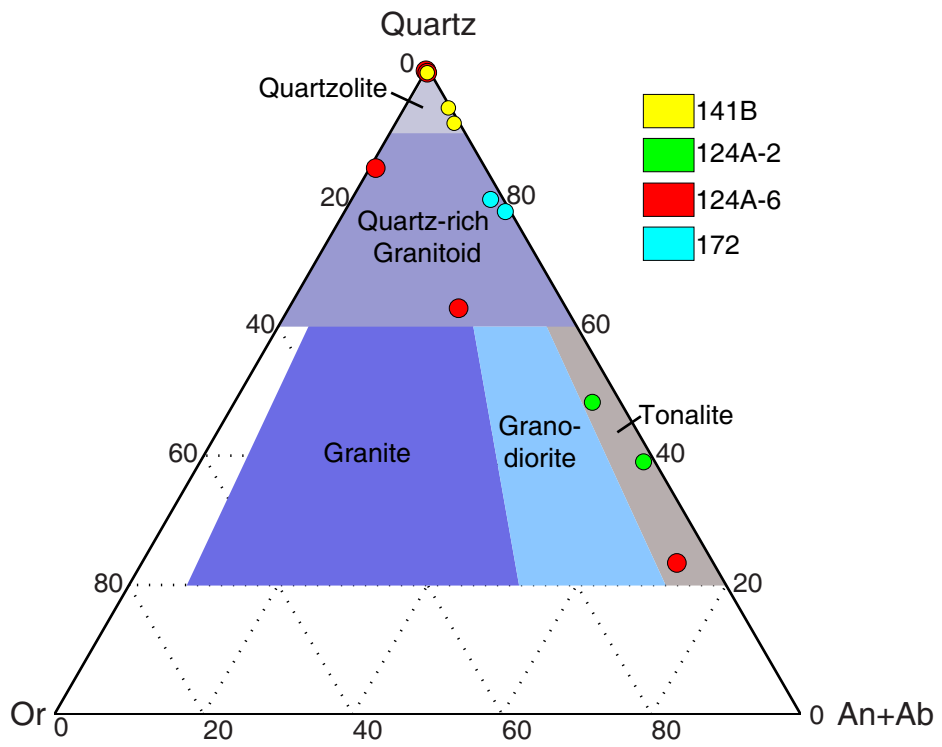


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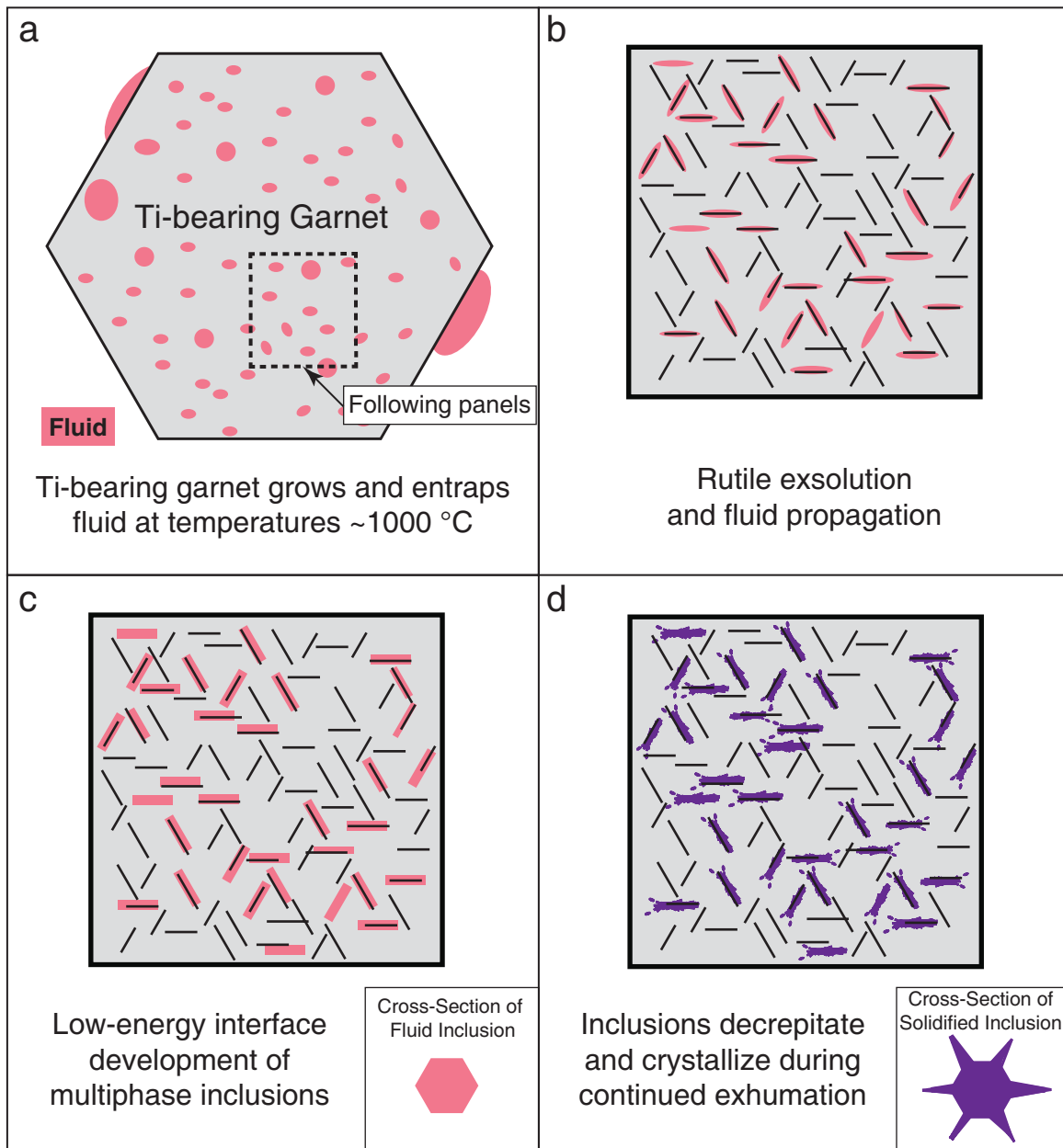


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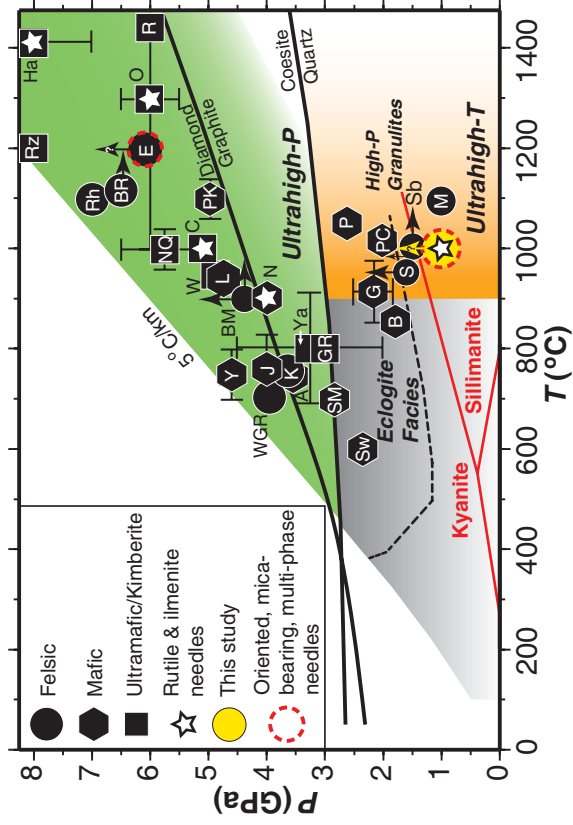


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