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2 **Nanoscale study of lamellar exsolutions in clinopyroxene from olivine gabbro:**  
3 **recording crystallization sequences in iron-rich layered intrusions**

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10 **ABSTRACT**

11 Pyroxene exsolutions and associated Fe–Ti-oxides and spinels are described in a sample of olivine  
12 gabbro representing the Middle Zone of the Panzhihua layered intrusion, Southwest China, part of  
13 the Emeishan LIP. High-angle annular dark-field scanning transmission electron microscope imaging,  
14 electron diffraction and energy dispersive spectroscopy reveal complex multi-stage exsolution  
15 relationships in the host clinopyroxene. The studied assemblage is common in gabbroic rocks and  
16 comprises: subcalcic diopside and lamellar clinoenstatite (<1 wt% Ca). Two sets of exsolved  
17 clinopyroxene lamellae are observed. Only one is, however, well-developed as lamellae oriented  
18 approximately parallel to (801) of diopside, making an angle of ~10 to 11° with the (100) planes, or  
19 the *c* axis, of both phases. These are the so-called "100" lamellae with a perfect fit along *a*-  
20 crystallographic axes when viewed down to [010] zone axis. Crosscutting exsolutions of Fe–(Ti)-  
21 oxides are relatively common throughout the same host clinopyroxene. Apart from ilmenite and  
22 magnetite with variable Ti-content, hercynite is a minor yet ubiquitous phase. The nanoscale study  
23 indicates a sequence of fine-scale processes: from higher-*T* (~1030–1100 °C): (I) (clino)enstatite

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24 exsolutions in low-Ca diopside; followed by (II) slightly Ca-richer diopside overgrowths and high-*T*  
25 titanomagnetite exsolution in diopside; to lower-*T* (<450 °C) (III) titanomagnetite exsolutions into  
26 ulvöspinel+magnetite; followed by (IV) sub-solidus re-equilibration in clinopyroxenes and among  
27 Fe–Ti oxides + hercynite. Using exact phase boundary theory, pressures of lamellar exsolution within  
28 the host diopside are estimated as ~2 GPa with an error of  $\pm \leq 1$  GPa. The present study of complex  
29 exsolutions in clinopyroxene demonstrates that a nanoscale approach can help constrain *P–T–X*  
30 evolution during formation of layered intrusions.

31 **Keywords:** High-angle annular dark field scanning transmission electron microscopy;  
32 Clinopyroxene; Titanomagnetite; Liquid-magmatic ore deposits; Sequence of exsolution.

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### 33 INTRODUCTION

34 Natural clinopyroxenes of intermediate composition within the  $\text{CaMgSi}_2\text{O}_6 - \text{CaFeSi}_2\text{O}_6 -$   
35  $\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6 - \text{Fe}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6$  quadrilateral are frequently observed to exsolve into lamellae of Ca-rich and  
36 Ca-poor composition, i.e., pigeonite in augite or diopside (Fig. 1a, b) (Buseck et al. 1980). The  
37 exsolution structure of pyroxene is not only found in terrestrial rocks (Moore et al. 2001), but also  
38 lunar and meteorite samples (Ferraris et al. 2003). Analysis of pyroxene exsolution enables cooling  
39 rates and geological evolution to be constrained (McCallister 1978).

40 Augite with pigeonite exsolutions and *vice-versa* are known from layered intrusions: e.g., Duluth  
41 Gabbro and Stillwater Complexes, USA; Bushveld Complex, South Africa; Skaergaard Intrusion,  
42 Greenland (Robinson et al. 1971; 1977 and references therein; Nakajima and Hafner 1980; Kitamura  
43 et al. 1981). Relative lattice orientations between two exsolved phases can be used for application of  
44 the theory of optimal phase boundaries (Bollman 1970; Robinson et al. 1971; 1977) and subsequent  
45 calculation of exsolution temperatures (Robinson et al. 1977) and pressures based upon them (Liu et  
46 al. 2007; Zhao et al. 2017).

47 Lattice orientation can be obtained by single-crystal X-ray diffraction, transmission electron  
48 microscopy (TEM) and electron backscatter diffraction (EBSD). Terminology to describe exsolution

49 lamellae of ‘monoclinic pyroxenes in monoclinic pyroxene hosts’ has varied in the literature.  
50 [Robinson et al. \(1971\)](#) introduced the term "(100)" to describe lamellae that would be rational with a  
51 perfect fit along the *c*-crystallographic axes, and "(001)" to describe lamellae that would be rational  
52 with a perfect fit along the *a*-crystallographic axes, when viewed down to the [010] zone axis. The  
53 petrogenetic value of such exsolutions as “fossil indicators of lattice parameters at high *T* and pressure”  
54 is discussed using specimens from the Bushveld Main Zone Gabbro ([Robinson et al. 1977](#)), in which  
55 multiple sets of lamellae were used for measurement of lattice parameters at different temperatures,  
56 with ensuing suggestions for development of geothermometers. Independent of the phase boundary  
57 theory, a graphical two-pyroxene thermometer was designed from experimentally-determined Ca–  
58 Mg–Fe pyroxene phase relations at 800–1200 °C and <1 atmosphere up to 15 kbar, combined with  
59 calculated phase equilibria for the diopside–enstatite and hedenbergite–ferrosilite joins ([Lindsley](#)  
60 [1983](#)). The miscibility gap between the diopside and enstatite widens and its consolute point expands  
61 to higher-*T* with increasing pressure ([Lindsley 1980](#)). Such behavior was confirmed and refined by  
62 thermodynamic modelling results that were consistent with all experimental data available at the time  
63 for the enstatite–diopside join ([Gasparik, 1990](#)).

64 Although exsolutions of orthoenstatite from diopside are common in peridotites from both  
65 ophiolites and mantle xenoliths, exsolution of “clinoenstatite in diopside” is reported and considered  
66 a good petrogenetic indicator for metamorphic ultra-high pressure (UHP) rocks ([Bozhilov et al. 1999](#);  
67 [Liu et al. 2007](#)). Compositionally comparable pyroxene pairs are nonetheless known from layered  
68 intrusions such as the Bushveld Complex, i.e., low-Ca ‘pigeonite I’ (W<sub>0</sub>En<sub>56</sub>Fs<sub>42</sub>) exsolved as (001)  
69 lamellae from Ca-rich augite (W<sub>0.44</sub>En<sub>38</sub>Fs<sub>18</sub>) giving calculated *T* at ~1000–1050 °C, the highest  
70 among all observed exsolutions sets ([Fig. 1a, b](#)) ([Robinson et al. 1977](#)).

71 Many experimental studies were devoted to pyroxenes with low Ca contents such as those from  
72 the enstatite–ferrosilite and pigeonite solid solution series [(Mg,Fe,Ca)<sup>M2</sup>(Mg,Fe)<sup>M1</sup>Si<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>] because  
73 they display complex polymorphism and phase transition with pressure and temperature (e.g., [Brown](#)  
74 [et al. 1972](#); [Angel et al. 1992](#); [Hugh-Jones et al. 1994](#); [Christy and Angel 1995](#); [Arlt et al. 1998](#); 2000;

75 [Tribaudino et al. 2000, 2002, 2003](#); [Cámara et al. 2002](#); [Alvaro et al. 2011](#)). At atmospheric conditions,  
76 most of these pyroxenes have primitive space groups, monoclinic  $P2_1/c$  or orthorhombic  $Pbca$ , and  
77 crystal structures comprising two differently oriented  $[\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6]$ -chains. The phase transitions involving  
78 orthopyroxenes are reversible, whereas both high temperature (*HT*) and high pressure (*HP*) phase  
79 transitions in clinopyroxenes are displacive and involve symmetry increase to space group  $C2/c$  as  
80 the  $[\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6]$  chains change their geometry and alignment with one another ([Arlt et al. 2000](#), and  
81 references therein; [Cámara et al. 2002](#); [Alvaro et al. 2011](#)). Such data are important for mapping  $P$ -  
82  $T$ - $X$  phase stability and indicate that the temperature of the transformation decreases linearly with  $M_2$   
83 cation size, from  $\sim 1200$  °C in end-member enstatite to  $\sim 150$  °C for Ca-, Fe-, Mn-substituted  
84 pyroxenes ([Arlt et al. 2000](#), and references therein). In the same study, the positive correlation  
85 between  $P$  and  $T$  during the transition was defined as  $\sim 149$  °C/GPa based on *in-situ*  $P$ - $T$  experiments  
86 (synchrotron powder diffraction study in a heated diamond-anvil cell) on kanoite (ideally  
87  $\text{MnMgSi}_2\text{O}_6$ ). It was found that increasing pressure also changes the displacive transition from first  
88 order to continuous. Using data from [Arlt et al. \(2000\)](#), formation of pigeonite ( $\text{En}_{47}\text{Fs}_{43}\text{Wo}_{10}$ ; [Fig.](#)  
89 [1b](#)) lamellae in space group  $C2/c$  was estimated at pressures up to 2 GPa after which  $P2_1/c$  transition  
90 took place at  $\sim 1100$  °C with a minimum at 850 °C in mantle-related xenocrysts within alkaline basalt  
91 from Hannuoba, Hebei Province, China ([Brizi et al. 2003](#)).

92 Two TEM studies of pyroxene exolutions, in the Alpe Arami garnet lherzolite, Swiss Alps  
93 ([Bozhilov et al. 1999](#)), and in garnet peridotite from the Dabie Mountains UHP metamorphic terrane,  
94 China ([Liu et al. 2007](#)) documented (100) lamellae of clinoenstatite in diopside and augite with  
95 comparable boundary angles at  $\sim 22^\circ$  and  $18^\circ$ , respectively. In both studies, the authors concluded that  
96 the measured  $P2_1/c$  low-clinoenstatite results from an initial *HP*  $C2/c$  monoclinic polymorph of  
97 clinoenstatite and invoke nm-scale antiphase domains in their argument in support for such  
98 interpretation. Exsolutions are considered to occur at comparable conditions, i.e.,  $>250$  km ( $\sim 8$  GPa)  
99 at upper mantle temperature in the Alpe Arami ([Bozhilov et al. 1999](#)) and at  $\sim 300$  km ( $\sim 9$  GPa) in  
100 the Dabie Mountain ([Liu et al. 2007](#)). The latter study presents a calculation routine for estimating

101 exsolution pressures using the exact phase boundary theory and goes on to suggest pressures as high  
102 as 12 GPa for the Alpe Arami “clinoenstatite”. [Arlt et al. \(2000\)](#) however contest the characterisation  
103 of the Alpe Arami “clinoenstatite” as a pigeonite ( $\text{En}_{80}\text{Fs}_{13}\text{Wo}_7$ ; [Fig. 1b](#)) and point out that the  
104 temperature estimate ignores the effects of M2 site cations (Fe and Ca) substitution on the stability  
105 of *C2/c* polymorphs. [Arlt et al. \(2000\)](#) revise conditions for the Alpe Arami occurrence to  $\sim 850$  °C  
106 and lower depth ( $\sim 220$  km or  $\sim 7.8$  GPa).

107 Mantle lherzolite xenoliths within Cenozoic basalts from the Mingxi area, Fujian Province, China  
108 were analyzed by [Zhao et al. \(2017\)](#) using EBSD to measure the boundary angle at  $\sim 22^\circ$  between the  
109 *c* axes of (100) orthopyroxene (enstatite–pigeonite) lamellae and host diopside. Based on the exact  
110 phase boundary theory and using data from [Tribaudino et al. \(2000\)](#) for clinopyroxene at high *P*, the  
111 authors developed a new protocol, distinct from that of [Liu et al. \(2007\)](#), to estimate exsolution  
112 pressure at  $\sim 4$  GPa. [Zhao et al. \(2017\)](#) only considered the effect of pressure and ignored the influence  
113 of temperature because the mantle lherzolite xenoliths crystallized under high pressure conditions. It  
114 was suggested that the exsolution lamellae probably formed during decompression associated with  
115 transport from upper mantle to surface.

116 Pyroxenes from mafic plutonic and metamorphic rocks also commonly contain oriented, thin  
117 lamellae of Fe–Ti-oxides ([Fleet et al. 1980](#); [Doukhan et al. 1990](#)). Such inclusions are important in  
118 paleomagnetic and rock magnetic studies for their varied magnetizations ([Renne et al. 2002](#)).  
119 [Feinberg et al. \(2004\)](#) determined the lattice orientations of magnetite exsolutions using EBSD. On  
120 this basis, they used optimal phase boundary theory to determine the temperature at which magnetite  
121 exsolved to be  $840 \pm 50$  °C.

122 [Ramdohr \(1969\)](#) illustrated extensive examples of Fe–Ti-oxides and their characteristic textures.  
123 Numerous studies have since addressed relationships among Fe–Ti-oxides within the FeO–TiO<sub>2</sub>–  
124 Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> compositional triangle ([Bowles et al. 2011](#), and references therein). Phases observed as  
125 intergrowths in Fe–Ti-oxides belong to tie-lines between (i) magnetite and ulvöspinel, and (ii)  
126 ilmenite and hematite/maghemite, defining the titanomagnetite and hemoilmenite solid solution

127 series with cubic and rhombohedral lattices, respectively. The subsolidus phase diagram for the  
128 titanomagnetite solid solution series was re-assessed as symmetric with a consolute temperature of  
129 <455 °C based upon calculations on the suppression of coherent spinodal textures (Price 1981).

130 Crystallographically-oriented intergrowths between spinels and ilmenite ('trellis' textures), which  
131 are often interpreted as a subsolidus re-equilibration based upon an experimentally deduced  
132 oxidation-exsolution model (Buddington and Lindsley 1964). Such a model is, however, considered  
133 inadequate to explain the complexity of intergrowths between magnetite, ilmenite and ulvöspinel in  
134 natural rocks (e.g., Mücke 2003). Alternative, late-stage subsolidus reduction and O<sub>2</sub>-conserving  
135 reaction schemes were proposed (e.g., Haggerty 1972; Haselton and Nash 1975). All such models are  
136 very popular for interpretation of cooling histories among Fe–Ti-oxides with implications for ore-  
137 forming processes, particularly in mafic intrusions.

138 Microintergrowths of ulvöspinel and ilmenite obtained experimentally at 1300 °C and at low *f*O<sub>2</sub>  
139 (Lattard 1995) show exsolution caused by vacancy relaxation in the spinel according to the  
140 substitution: Fe<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup> ↔ Ti<sup>4+</sup> + □; and no indication of redox processes. Such models, applicable to lunar  
141 basalts, back-up O<sub>2</sub>-conserving conditions rather than redox processes. Krasnova and Krezer (1995),  
142 in their experimental study on the nature of fine and ultrafine lamellae in titanomagnetite also question  
143 the general validity of the 'oxidation-exsolution' model of Buddington and Lindsley (1964). Based  
144 on the excess of FeO instead of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, as well as the occurrence of 2–3 additional diffraction lines  
145 on the X-ray powder patterns of titanomagnetite with ilmenite exsolutions, they suggest such  
146 exsolutions are likely due to simple electron exchange without changing the number of cations.

147 Petrogenetic models can be better constrained if the complexity of exsolutions in both pyroxene  
148 pairs or among Fe–Ti oxides is addressed at appropriate scales of observation, from micron- to  
149 nanoscale. Here we study such exsolutions identified at the micron-scale as pairs of (clino)pyroxene  
150 exsolutions crosscut by Fe–Ti-oxides exsolutions within olivine gabbro from the Panzhihua intrusion,  
151 SW China (Gao et al. 2017). To do so, we undertake a nanoscale study focused on identification of  
152 the minerals in these exsolutions and their fine intergrowths. We apply the optimal phase boundary

153 theory of [Robinson et al. \(1977\)](#) using the approach proposed by [Zhao et al. \(2017\)](#) to estimate the  
154 exsolution pressure of pyroxenes. Results represent valuable evidence supporting evolutionary  
155 models for magmatic systems and for processes involved in forming layered intrusions.

## 156 BACKGROUND

157 The Panzhihua intrusion is a layered gabbroic intrusion in the central part of the Emeishan Large  
158 Igneous Province (ELIP), Southwest China ([Zhou et al. 2005](#)). Like other similar intrusions in the  
159 province, Panzhihua contains significant ore deposits of Fe, Ti and V ([Song et al. 2013](#)). Inferred  
160 crystallization pressure is ~3–5 kbar from mineral composition and geological relationships ([Pang et  
161 al. 2015](#)) although [Shellnutt and Jahn \(2010\)](#) considered that the Panzhihua intrusion could have  
162 crystallized at or below ~1.5 kbar. This discrepancy can be explained in terms of intrusion  
163 crystallization at ~3–5 kbar (corresponding to a depth of ~9–15 km) and formation of a residual silicic  
164 magma, which migrated upwards and crystallized in a chamber at the base of the flood basalt pile  
165 ([Pang et al. 2015](#)). Crystallization temperature was ~1200 °C estimated on the basis of anhydrous  
166 mineral composition and comparison to high-Ti basalts of the ELIP ([Pang et al. 2015](#)). In an earlier  
167 study, however, [Pang et al. \(2008\)](#) contend that abundant crystallization of Fe–Ti oxides at an early  
168 stage from a magma enriched in Fe and Ti but low in SiO<sub>2</sub> implies fractionation of mantle-derived  
169 melts at higher pressures (~10 kbar). Still higher pressures/depths are envisioned in the latest models  
170 for ELIP magmatism considering a magma plumbing system centered on a mantle plume ([Tao et al.  
171 2015](#)). In this reconstruction, the ELIP is rooted onto primitive picrite magma at the lower  
172 crust/lithospheric boundary (~55 km depth; ~20 kbar) and contains two other reservoirs: a high-Mg  
173 basaltic magma in the middle crust at <33 km (~10 kbar); and an upper basaltic magma chamber in  
174 the upper crust <16 km (~5 kbar) ([Tao et al. 2015](#)).

175 The occurrence of reversals in the patterns of mineral and bulk-rock composition over the vertical  
176 extent of the intrusion ([Pang et al. 2009](#); [Song et al. 2013](#)) indicates that the Panzhihua intrusion  
177 represents an open system magma chamber. There are, however, still diverse views on genetic models  
178 for the Fe–Ti–V-oxide ores. Some workers propose that these formed via direct crystallization and

179 accumulation from an immiscible Fe–Ti–V-rich liquid (Zhou et al. 2005; Hou et al. 2012). Others  
180 have advocated fractional crystallization and gravitational accumulation of Fe–Ti–V-oxide to explain  
181 deposit formation (Pang et al. 2009; Pêcher et al. 2013; Song et al. 2013). At Panzhihua, magnetite–  
182 ilmenite cooling paths on  $fO_2$ - $T$  diagrams are invoked among the lines of evidence to support a model  
183 of titanomagnetite crystal-accumulation instead of ore formation via magma immiscibility (Pang et  
184 al. 2008). In contrast, Tan et al. (2016) suggest that some ilmenite lamellae exsolved directly from a  
185 cation-deficient solid solution invoking the same isochemical substitution suggested by Lattard  
186 (1995).

187 Recently, in-depth petrographic study (Gao et al. 2017) has also shown evidence of a more  
188 complex history of melt emplacement and an overprint in which K-bearing minerals (micas and K-  
189 feldspar) have replaced pre-existing minerals in the gabbro. Gao et al. (2017) attribute this  
190 metasomatism to fluids derived from felsic intrusions that are present within the area. In another ELIP  
191 intrusion (Hongge), Xing and Wang (2017) proposed a late-stage fluid-induced hydrothermal  
192 metasomatism to explain wide variation in REE-signatures in fluorapatite.

193 Clinopyroxene is one of the main minerals throughout the intrusion with compositions across the  
194 boundary between diopside and augite (Gao et al. 2017). The Fe–(Ti)-oxide exsolutions are relatively  
195 common throughout the clinopyroxene but the pyroxene exsolutions identified by Gao et al. (2017)  
196 are limited to smaller domains within host clinopyroxene. Considering the petrogenetic value of such  
197 exsolution pairs and the complexity of titanomagnetite (Fe–Ti-oxides) throughout the ores it is critical  
198 to verify the speciation and relationships between such minerals hosted by clinopyroxene.

## 199 ANALYTICAL METHODOLOGY

200 All analytical work was performed on one-inch polished blocks using instruments housed at  
201 Adelaide Microscopy, The University of Adelaide. A FEI Quanta 450 scanning electron microscope  
202 (SEM) with energy-dispersive X-ray spectrometry (EDS) and back-scatter electron (BSE) imaging  
203 capabilities was used at an accelerating voltage of 20 kV and beam current of 10 nA.



204 Cross-section imaging and transmission electron microscope (TEM) sample preparation was  
205 performed on a FEI Helios Nanolab 600 DualBeam™ Focused Ion Beam Scanning Electron  
206 Microscope (FIB-SEM). Procedures outlined by Ciobanu et al. (2011) were followed in extraction  
207 and thinning of TEM foils by ion beam (Ga<sup>+</sup>) milling.

208 Selected area electron diffraction (SAED) and High-Resolution (HR)-TEM imaging in Bright  
209 Field (BF) mode were obtained using a Philips CM200 TEM equipped with a LaB<sub>6</sub> source, double-  
210 tilt holder and Gatan digital camera, operated at 200 kV. The illumination area for electron  
211 diffractions is 200 nm. Measurements on the diffractions and image analysis were performed using  
212 DigitalMicrograph™ 1.83.842. Electron diffractions were indexed using WinWulff™ 1.5.2 and data  
213 from the American Mineralogist Crystal Structure Database ([http://rruff.geo.arizona.edu/AMS/](http://rruff.geo.arizona.edu/AMS/amcsd.php)  
214 [amcsd.php](http://rruff.geo.arizona.edu/AMS/amcsd.php)).

215 High-angle annular dark field scanning transmission electron microscopy (HAADF-STEM)  
216 imaging and EDS measurements were performed on an ultra-high resolution, probe-corrected, FEI  
217 Titan Themis S/TEM operated at 200 kV, with ~5 nm EDS spot size. This was equipped with X-FEG  
218 electron source, aberration correction, Fischione HAADF detector and Super-X EDS geometry. Probe  
219 correction delivered sub-Ångstrom-scale spatial resolution and an inner collection angle greater than  
220 50 mrad were used for HAADF. The Super-X detector provides geometrically symmetric EDS  
221 detection with an effective solid angle of 0.8 sr. The image analysis and Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)  
222 were processed by TEM Imaging & Analysis 4.15.

223 We measured the orientation of exsolution lamellae relative to the host pyroxene directly on TEM  
224 images (both BF and HAADF STEM). We estimated the pyroxene exsolution pressure using the  
225 approach in Zhao et al. (2017) as follows. The average, minimum and maximum angles obtained  
226 from measurements were used for calculating the fit for lattice vectors as expressed in the exact phase  
227 boundary theory of Robinson et al. (1977) with lattice parameters interpolated from Tribaudino et al.  
228 (2000) within an iteration sequence across a range of pressures. The fit is considered for the pressure  
229 value that shows minimal difference between the lattice vectors of two phases.

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## SAMPLES

231 The study was carried out on pyroxene from an olivine gabbro representing the Middle Zone of  
232 the Panzhihua intrusion (sample PL52F in [Gao et al. 2017](#)). Estimated modal mineralogy is 50%  
233 plagioclase, 35% clinopyroxene, 4% olivine, 10%, Fe–Ti-oxides and 1% sulfides. This sample shows  
234 a marked deformation of the silicate assemblages, in which Fe–Ti-oxides are redistributed across the  
235 layering and within small shears. One clinopyroxene grain with lamellar exsolutions of both Fe–Ti-  
236 oxides and pyroxene was selected for preparation of two TEM foils by FIB-SEM ([Fig. 1c, d](#)). As  
237 compositional data for individual lamellae could not be obtained by microprobe analysis, [Gao et al.](#)  
238 ([2017](#)) assessed compositional variation across a profile crosscutting the lamellae ([Fig. 1c](#)). Data from  
239 [Gao et al. \(2017\)](#) show a subcalcic diopside (average:  $\text{Wo}_{43.5}\text{En}_{42.9}\text{Fs}_{13.6}$ ; [Table 1](#)) and give a spread  
240 of points extending along a line vertically downwards, roughly 5% of the way into the augite field  
241 ([Fig. 1b](#)). This average is probably very close to the host composition since the volume occupied by  
242 lamellae within each analytical point can be considered small ([Fig. 1c](#)). Two FIB-prepared TEM foils  
243 were cut from the same host grain with the purpose to better characterize the exsolutions, both  
244 pyroxenes and Fe–Ti oxides.

245 Foil 1 was cut across an area containing only pyroxene lamellae and Foil 2 was cut across both  
246 types of lamellar exsolutions. This grain also contains fine (~50  $\mu\text{m}$ -sized) grains of amphibole and  
247 olivine. Low-resolution and HAADF-STEM and Bright Field (BF) TEM imaging shows details of  
248 the lamellae throughout the two foils ([Fig. 2](#)). In contrast to dense, parallel sets of pyroxene lamellae  
249 throughout the two foils, there is only a single titanomagnetite lamella, ~2  $\mu\text{m}$  wide and ~10  $\mu\text{m}$  in  
250 length ([Fig. 2b, d](#)). The pyroxene lamellae display variable widths (~70 nm) and lengths (~2 to ~16  
251  $\mu\text{m}$ ) ([Fig. 2a–d](#)). A second set of short, pyroxene lamellae is identified in Foil 2 with orientation at  
252 ~106° to the main lamellae set ([Fig. 2e](#)).

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## RESULTS

254 The two foils were studied using BF TEM imaging and electron diffractions prior to HAADF-  
255 STEM imaging and STEM EDS mapping. EDS spectra, with 5 nm spot size, were collected from thin  
256 areas representative of minerals in the associations.

### 257 *Pyroxene pairs*

258 Electron diffractions obtained from pyroxenes in both foils indicate the two pyroxenes form  
259 epitaxial intergrowths along the  $a^*$  axis and are both monoclinic (Fig. 3a–c). As the electron beam is  
260 moved across a given lamella when the specimen is tilted down to [010] and [011] zone axes in host  
261 Ca-clinopyroxene (augite or diopside), the SAED patterns show satellite reflections along  $a^*$  (Fig.  
262 3b, c). Spinodal exsolution, as documented by, for example, Brizi et al. (2003), is inferred from the  
263 sinusoidal distribution of such satellite reflections on SAEDs down to the [010] and [011] zone axis  
264 (Fig. 3b, c). In contrast, the host and lamellar pyroxene are undistinguishable on other zone axes, e.g.,  
265  $[1\bar{1}1]$  (Fig. 3d). In this case the SAEDs could not be indexed using  $C2/c$  or  $P2_1/c$  space groups for  
266 the host: monoclinic calcic pyroxene (diopside or augite) (Cameron et al. 1973; Clark et al. 1969), or  
267 for the exsolved clinopyroxene: pigeonite or clinoenstatite (Morimoto and Güven 1970; Tribaudino  
268 et al. 2002), respectively. The measured distances at  $\sim 5$  Å are attributable to  $h0l$ , with  $h, l \neq 2n$   
269 reflections for both phases are incompatible with symmetry in  $C2/c$  and  $P2_1/c$  space groups (Fig. 3d).  
270 This SAED can be indexed instead as zone axis  $[1\bar{1}1]$  for both diopside and clinoenstatite using the  
271 space groups  $P2_1/n$  (14) and  $P2/n$  (13), respectively. Reflection conditions for  $P2_1/n$  are:  $h0l, h+l=2n$ ;  
272  $h00, h=2n; 0k0, k=2n; 00l, l=2n$  and for  $P2/n$  are:  $h0l, h+l=2n; 0k0, k=2n; 00l, l=2n$ . This solution is  
273 concordant with the measured  $\sim 79^\circ$  angle between the  $(\bar{1}01)^*$  and  $(110)^*$  lattice vectors on  $[1\bar{1}1]$   
274 zone axis (Fig. 3d).

275 HAADF-STEM imaging was undertaken on both foils by tilting the specimen on [010] zone axis  
276 in host pyroxene (Fig. 4a, b). The compositions of host and lamella clinopyroxene were measured by  
277 EDS (spot size 5 nm) on one of thinnest areas at the top of Foil 1 (Figs. 2a and 4a). Results confirm  
278 that the host is a Ca-bearing species whereas the pyroxene in the lamellae is Mg-higher and lacks

279 measurable Ca (Fig. 4c, d). Both pyroxenes contain Fe, whereby the lamellae are richer than the host.  
280 This can explain the brighter shade on HAADF-STEM images (Figs. 4a and 5a).

281 Although the EDS spectrum in Figure 4d shows no measurable Ca (<1 wt% CaO, below the  
282 detection limit of the EDS detector) this can **nonetheless** be considered as a nominal small value  
283 (~0.8–0.9 CaO; ~1 mol% Wo). The composition of the lamella in Wo–En–Fs space can thus be  
284 estimated as  $W_{0.1}En_{6.2}Fs_{3.7}$  (Table 1; Fig. 1b, hereafter called clinoenstatite, Cen) by extending the  
285 projection of data points from subcalcic diopside to low-Ca clinopyroxene.

286 Bright Field TEM and HAADF-STEM imaging show coherent boundaries between the two  
287 clinopyroxenes (Fig. 5a and Fig. S1 in Supplemental Material). In detail, such boundaries show  
288 stepwise rather than parallel alignment between rows of bright atoms (Fig. 4a). No antiphase domains  
289 were identified in the lamellae. The arrangements of bright atoms on HAADF-STEM images also  
290 display alternating distances of 500 and 520 pm along the  $a$  axis defining  $a=9.8$  Å corresponding to  
291 clinoenstatite, whereas in diopside the arrays of bright atoms show equal spacings at  $a=4.7$  Å (Fig.  
292 5a). The narrower spacings between the bright atoms are also slightly darker on HAADF-STEM  
293 images (Fig. 5b). The bright atoms are attributable to cation (Mg, Fe and Ca) distribution in the two  
294 pyroxenes by comparison with crystal structure simulations down to the  $b$  axis (Fig. 5c).

295 Direct measurement on HAADF STEM and BF TEM images (Fig. 5a; Fig. S1 in Supplemental  
296 Material) of angles between the host–lamella boundary and the  $c$  axis of each phase gives values in  
297 the range  $\theta = 10$  to  $11^\circ$  (mean of 12 measurements  $10.68 \pm 0.36^\circ$ ; Table 2). The orientation of the  
298 diopside plane relative to the Cen lamella is obtained by the intercept between the  $a^*$  axis rotated at  
299 angle  $\theta$  with  $(h02)^*$  lattice vector, in our case at (801) for rotation  $\theta = \sim 11^\circ$  (Fig. 4b). The relationships  
300 between (801) of diopside, making an angle of  $\sim 10$  to  $11^\circ$  with the (100) planes or the  $c$  axis of both  
301 phases are also shown on Fig. 2c.

### 302 *Textures and mineral associations within titanomagnetite*

303 HAADF-STEM imaging of the titanomagnetite lamella in Foil 2 indicates more complex mineral  
304 intergrowths than previously recognized (Fig. 6). Imaging was done with the specimen tilted on **the**

305  $[\bar{1}10]$  zone axis of magnetite. Relationships between the titanomagnetite lamella and host pyroxene  
306 show crosscutting relationships despite minor displacement of clinoenstatite (Fig. 6a).

307 To better understand the speciation, textures and phase relationships in the assemblage, imaging  
308 and STEM EDS mapping were undertaken at the top (thinner area; Fig. 6b, c), and in the middle-  
309 lower part of the titanomagnetite lamella (Figs. 6e and 7; Fig. S2 in Supplemental Material). Trails 1  
310 are wider, several hundred nm in width, and have a patchy appearance with variable contrast on the  
311 HAADF-STEM images. In contrast, Trails 2 are only a few nm in width and show a two-phase  
312 assemblage comprising ilmenite as small, stubby grains (tens to hundreds of nm in size) growing  
313 perpendicular to thin arrays of Al-rich spinel (Fig. 6e, f). A substructure, changing orientation across  
314 the crosscutting clinopyroxene lamella, is observed along Trails 1 from the middle-lower part of the  
315 titanomagnetite (Fig. 6d). The same ilmenite + spinel assemblage is identified at junctions between  
316 the two trail types (Fig. 6f). In this case the spinel occurs as coarser lamellae (up to 10 nm wide)  
317 rather than along the trails. High-resolution images show atom arrays within titanomagnetite and  
318 ilmenite with parallel orientation to one another (Fig. 6g, h). The two trail sets contain the same Al-  
319 rich spinel (hercynite) + ilmenite assemblage identified from EDS spectra obtained from the thinner  
320 areas (Fig. 6i). It is noted that magnetite with little Ti is present along Trails 2.

321 STEM EDS mapping shows that the zebra-like pattern consists of alternating layers of magnetite  
322 and Ti–Al-bearing magnetite (Trails 1; Fig. 7). In detail, the wider (hundreds of nm) domains with  
323 Ti–Al-bearing magnetite show a finer, Ti-rich and Ti-poor lamellar sub-pattern. In addition, these  
324 domains are dotted by nanometer-scale grains of hercynite. The orientation of such lamellae changes  
325 from horizontal to vertical relative to the layering on either side of the crosscutting clinoenstatite  
326 lamella (Fig. S2 in Supplemental Material). Coarser spinel and ilmenite occur along Trails 2. Other  
327 trace elements present at measurable concentrations include V and Mn; both are enriched in ilmenite  
328 along Trails 2 (Fig. S2 in Supplemental Material).

329 SAEDs obtained from the magnetite within the lamella by tilting the specimen on several zone  
330 axes (Fig. 8) show satellite reflections with 3-fold periodicity on different lattice vectors (Fig. 8a, c–

331 e). Such satellite reflections are typically present when the electron diffraction is obtained from  
332 magnetite from areas along the trails. Distances of 4.2 Å measured on SAEDs of magnetite down to  
333  $[\bar{1}10]$  zone axis (Fig. 8b) from areas free of inclusions correspond to reflections  $00l$ ,  $l \neq 4n$ ,  
334 incompatible with  $Fd\bar{3}m$  symmetry. They can, however, be indexed instead using the  $F\bar{4}3m$  space  
335 group (Fleet 1986). SAEDs on  $[1\bar{1}2]$  zone axis in magnetite from areas with crosscutting trails show  
336 satellite reflections that can be indexed as ilmenite on  $[1100]$  zone axis if the space group  $P63/m$  is  
337 used instead of  $R\bar{3}$  (Fig. 8e, f). Measured distances between satellite reflections observed on SAEDs  
338 patterns from other zone axes in magnetite, e.g.,  $[010]$ ,  $[1\bar{2}1]$  or  $[\bar{1}10]$ , could not attributed to  
339 ilmenite.

340 High-resolution HAADF-STEM imaging of assemblages with the specimen tilted down to  $[\bar{1}10]$   
341 zone axis in magnetite (Fig. 9) shows relationships among the three minerals along the trails. Sharp  
342 boundaries and triple junctions between spinel and magnetite, or spinel, magnetite and ilmenite,  
343 respectively, are highlighted by atom arrays with parallel orientation to one another (Fig. 9a, b). In  
344 detail, however, boundaries between magnetite and ilmenite display stepwise atomic arrangements  
345 indicative of small-scale replacement or re-equilibration (Fig. 9c, d). Nonetheless the two minerals  
346 are crystallographically oriented to one another whereby the  $(111)^*$  axis in magnetite is parallel with  
347 the  $c^*$  axis in ilmenite (Fig. 9d). Atomic arrangement in magnetite down to the  $[\bar{1}10]$  zone axis shows  
348 atoms of higher and lower intensity (Fig. 9e). The observed pattern shows an atom arrangement  
349 comprising weaker intensity atoms as asymmetric rings around atoms of the highest intensity with a  
350 better fit to the crystal structure model using the  $F\bar{4}3m$  (Fleet 1986) rather than the  $Fd\bar{3}m$  space group  
351 (Fig. 9f).

#### 352 *Overprint along boundaries between titanomagnetite and clinopyroxene*

353 The boundaries between the titanomagnetite lamellae and pyroxene show, in places, areas with  
354 patchiness in terms of contrast on the HAADF-STEM images (Fig. 10a). In one area at the top of the  
355 lamella, amphibole can be inferred from EDS spectra. Imaging displays variable intergrowths

356 between brighter strips with wider and narrower spacing that are different from those recorded in the  
357 clinopyroxenes (Fig. 10b, c). Such atom arrays could not be imaged at higher resolution due to the  
358 variable thickness and relief along the titanomagnetite–pyroxene boundary. The presence of  
359 amphibole as narrow lamellae, hundreds of nm in length, is also identified close to where  
360 clinoenstatite crosscuts the titanomagnetite lamella (Fig. 10d). Sharp boundaries between magnetite  
361 and diopside are nonetheless present (Fig. 10e) and these differ from scalloped morphologies  
362 occurring at places where amphibole formation occurs (Fig. 10f).

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## DISCUSSION

### 364 *Crystal structure modifications*

365 In this study both pyroxenes and titanomagnetite display crystal structural modifications relative  
366 to commonly considered polymorphs or ideal spinel structures, respectively. Chisholm (1982) in a  
367 useful summary of published work (see references therein) discussed lowering of symmetry in  
368 clinopyroxenes using the ‘I-beam’ concept, defined as ‘a strip of M cations sandwiched between two  
369 chains of SiO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra’ when using a general formula: (M<sub>2</sub>)(M<sub>1</sub>)T<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, where M<sub>2</sub> = Na, Ca, Mg,  
370 Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Li, and represents the cation in irregularly-coordinated sites linking adjacent I-beams; M<sub>1</sub> = Mg,  
371 Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Al, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Mn, and represents the octahedrally-coordinated cation sandwiched between the  
372 tetrahedral chains; and T = Si, Al, the tetrahedrally-coordinated cation in the TO<sub>4</sub> chains. In such a  
373 model, the TO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra can be rotated about *a*\* to fit the M-octahedral chains and still retain the *c*-  
374 glide symmetry of the pyroxenes (Chisholm 1982). However, lowering of C2/*c* symmetry may occur  
375 due to subdivision of (M<sub>1</sub>, M<sub>2</sub>), and/or T sites because of cation ordering to achieve minimal energy  
376 in response to variable composition, or to strain introduced in the crystal-structure. The space groups  
377 P2<sub>1</sub>/*n* and P2/*n* considered here for diopside and clinoenstatite, respectively, are among the four 2/*m*  
378 subgroups of the C2/*c* space group suggested (Chisholm 1982). Violation of C centering and *c* glide  
379 extinctions in space group C2/*c* are known for pyroxenes of the omphacite group (e.g., P2/*n*; Curtis  
380 et al. 1975).

381 Magnetite ( $\text{Fe}^{2+}\text{Fe}_2^{3+}\text{O}_4$ ) has an inverse spinel crystal structure with  $Fd\bar{3}m$  space group in which  
382 the oxygen atoms form an approximatively cubic close-packed array with one  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  per formula unit  
383 in a tetrahedral coordination (T sites) whereas the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and remaining  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  atoms are randomly  
384 distributed in octahedral positions (M sites) (e.g., Fleet 1981). The inverse spinel structure is related  
385 to the high-electric conductivity of magnetite interpreted either as ‘electron hopping’ (exchange of  
386  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  in the M sites (Verwey and Boer 1936), or to a semi-conductor character associated  
387 with a defect structure of natural magnetite at room temperature (Fleet 1981). X-ray studies show that  
388 some magnetites have non-centrosymmetric  $F\bar{4}3m$  structure (forbidden reflections; e.g.,  $00l$  with  $l \neq 4$ )  
389 with distinct T1 and T2 sites (Fleet 1986), as also interpreted from SAEDs of magnetite in this study  
390 (e.g., Fig. 8b). Comparable SAEDs representing the  $[1\bar{1}0]$  zone axis of magnetite with reflections  
391 violating  $Fd\bar{3}m$  symmetry are shown in other TEM studies (e.g., Woensdregt et al. 1983; Wang et al.  
392 1989); the latter authors nonetheless attribute such reflections to double diffraction. Taking into  
393 consideration the better fit between our HAADF-STEM images (Fig. 9f–h) and the model of Fleet  
394 (1986), we conclude that the  $F\bar{4}3m$  structure is feasible for magnetite studied here.

### 395 *Exsolution pressure of pyroxene lamellae determined by exact phase boundary theory*

396 Based on the measurements in Table 2, we can assess the lamella within the observed space, the  
397 plane of the FIB cut (perpendicular to the polished block surface), being of “type (100)” according to  
398 the notation of Robinson et al. (1971, 1977), whereby the acute  $\theta$  angle is measured relative to the  $c^*$   
399 axis in each phase (Fig. 11a). We can use the equations derived for ‘exact phase boundary theory for  
400 pyroxene exsolution’ of Robinson et al. (1977) to obtain a geometric fit between lamellae and host  
401 pyroxene lattices that minimizes interface energy. This best fit varies as the lattice parameters of the  
402 lamellae and host change with temperature or/and pressure.

403 Consider the two monoclinic phases, which have identical  $b$ -dimensions and similar structure and  
404 are intergrown so that their  $[010]$  planes are parallel. An exact phase boundary between the two phases  
405 lies at a plane that is oriented parallel to the common  $b$ -direction and contains a vector  $\mathbf{Y}$  directed



406 parallel to the common [010] plane. The magnitude of the unit-repeat of vector  $\mathbf{Y}$  in terms of the  
407 phase 1 and phase 2 unit-cell parameters is given by Equations (1) and (2):

$$408 \quad |\mathbf{Y}_1| = (a_1^2 x_1^2 + c_1^2 z_1^2 + |2a_1 c_1 \cos \beta_1 x_1 z_1|)^{1/2} \text{ for phase 1 (lamella)} \quad (1)$$

$$409 \quad |\mathbf{Y}_2| = (a_2^2 x_2^2 + c_2^2 z_2^2 + |2a_2 c_2 \cos \beta_2 x_2 z_2|)^{1/2} \text{ for phase 2 (host)} \quad (2)$$

410 where  $x$  and  $z$  are coordinates of the vector  $\mathbf{Y}$  in the  $a$  and  $c$  directions, respectively, and  $a$ ,  $c$ , and  $\beta$   
411 are the unit-cell parameters at the temperature and pressure of initial phase separation. To provide an  
412 exact phase boundary, vectors  $\mathbf{Y}_1$  and  $\mathbf{Y}_2$  must be equal in magnitude (Equation (3)):

$$413 \quad |\mathbf{Y}_1| = |\mathbf{Y}_2| \quad (3)$$

414 Figure 11b shows a sketch of boundary orientations between lamellae and host with measured  $\theta$  at  
415  $\sim 11^\circ$  from the  $c$  direction and the generic  $\mathbf{Y}$  vector along the boundary.

416 Tribaudino et al. (2000) reported the cell parameters of  $\text{Di}_{100}$  and  $\text{Di}_{80}\text{En}_{20}$  at different pressures.  
417 Following the approach of Zhao et al. (2017) and knowing that the composition of our sample is  $\text{Di}_{87}$   
418 (diopside host) and  $\text{Di}_2$  (clinoenstatite lamellae) [ $\text{Di} = 2 \times \text{Wo} = 2 \times \text{Ca}/(\text{Ca} + \text{Mg} + \text{Fe} + \text{Mn})$ ; see Table  
419 1], we calculated the cell parameters of our sample with interpolation by Equation (4).

$$420 \quad a = a(\text{Di}_{100}) - [a(\text{Di}_{100}) - a(\text{Di}_{80})]Q/20 \quad (4)$$

421 In this equation,  $a$  (or  $c$  or  $\beta$ ) are the cell parameters  $\text{Di}_{87}$  or  $\text{Di}_2$ , and  $a(\text{Di}_{100})$  and  $a(\text{Di}_{80})$  are the  
422 cell parameters of  $\text{Di}_{100}$  and  $\text{Di}_{80}$ , respectively.  $Q = 100 - 87 = 13$  for  $\text{Di}_{87}$ , and  $Q = 100 - 2 = 98$  for  
423  $\text{Di}_2$ . We list these cell parameters of our sample in Table 3 and plot them on Figure 12.

424 Setting  $z = 1$ ,  $x$  can be calculated by

$$425 \quad x = c \sin \theta / a \sin(180^\circ - \theta - \beta) \quad (5)$$

426 where  $\theta$  is the angle measured.

427 We calculate a series of values of  $x$  with different cell parameters at different pressures for the  
428 diopside host ( $\text{Di}_{87}$ ) and clinoenstatite lamellae ( $\text{Di}_2$ ) according to Equation (5) and calculate a series  
429 of values of  $\mathbf{Y}$  for the diopside host ( $\text{Di}_{87}$ ) and clinoenstatite lamellae ( $\text{Di}_2$ ) according to Equations  
430 (1) or (2). All calculated data are listed in Table 4.

431 Because the vector  $\mathbf{Y}$  is directed toward the acute angle  $\beta$  between the  $-a$  and  $+c$  directions,  $x$   
432 should have a negative value when calculating  $\mathbf{Y}$  by Equation (1) or (2).

433 From Table 4 we find that the difference between vector  $\mathbf{Y}_2$  (host) and  $\mathbf{Y}_1$  (lamellae) achieves a  
434 minimum at a pressure of 2 GPa, and we therefore suggest that the exsolution pressure of the lamellae  
435 at  $10.68^\circ$  to the  $c$  axis in the diopside host is  $\sim 2$  GPa.

436 Zhao et al. (2017) analyzed the error associated with calculation of exsolution pressure, concluding  
437 that the boundary angle between the pyroxenes rather than their composition is the most critical  
438 parameter. They also conclude that accuracy in the measurement of this angle is crucial. Assuming  
439 the standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) on our mean angle measurements ( $0.36^\circ$ ), calculations for angles at  $2\sigma$  from  
440 this mean ( $9.96^\circ$  and  $11.4^\circ$ ) give the same  $\sim 2$  GPa result (Table 4), thus inferring that the error on the  
441 2 GPa pressure estimate is 1 GPa or less.

#### 442 *Phase relationships - petrogenetic implications*

443 The selection of pyroxene pairs shown in Fig. 1b includes examples from three distinct geological  
444 environments in which the phase associations, nanoscale characteristics such as spinodal  
445 decomposition, antiphase boundaries (APB), stacking faults, polymorph types and relative  
446 orientations of the two phases, can provide petrogenetic constraints in terms of  $P$ - $T$ - $X$ . The two pairs  
447 from UHP environments (Alpe Arami and Dabie terranes) plot close to the mantle xenoliths from the  
448 Mingxi terrane in terms of the exsolved phase, and just above the upper boundary of clinoenstatite  
449 and highest Mg composition (En component). In contrast, the two pairs from layered intrusions  
450 (Panzhihua and 'pigeonite I' from Bushveld) are close to one another in terms of the host (subcalcic  
451 diopside) and also show the highest Fe compositions (Fs component) for the exsolved phase. Using  
452 the geothermometer of Arlt et al. (2000) for  $HT$  Ca-poor clinopyroxene undergoing  $C2/c$  to  $P2_1/c$   
453 transition relative to M2 site substitutions, the temperature estimated for Cen at Panzhihua is  $\sim 1030$   
454  $^\circ\text{C}$  with a minimum  $T \sim 810$   $^\circ\text{C}$  (Table 5; Fig. 13a). Although the error on this thermometer is quite  
455 high, we have plotted, as Fig. 13a, for sake of comparison, the calculated M2 cation sizes relative to  
456 estimated  $T$  for all clinoenstatite/pigeonite occurrences with compositions given in Table 1b and

457 shown on Fig. 1b. The Cen from Panzhihua is closest to pigeonite from mantle xenoliths at Hannuoba  
458 (Brizi et al. 2003) and with a calculated  $T$  in the middle of those considered here. In contrast, UHP  
459 pigeonite from Dabieshan (Liu et al. 2007) and mantle xenoliths from Mingxi (Zhao et al. 2017) plot  
460 at the upper end of the  $T$  range ( $\sim 1170$  to  $1200$  °C), and the UHP pigeonite from Alpe Arami (Bozhilov  
461 et al. 1999) are at the lower end of the range ( $\sim 850$  °C). Temperatures for Bushveld pigeonite I (Boyd  
462 and Brown 1969) are  $\sim 950$  °C, comparable with the  $\sim 1000$  °C obtained from exact phase boundary  
463 geothermometry (Robinson et al. 1977). Considering pressures calculated for Panzhihua,  $T$  estimates  
464 for subcalcic diopside ( $\text{Di}_{87}$ ) (Table 1, Fig. 13b) using the geothermometer of Lindsley (1983) are  
465  $\sim 1050$  °C at 1 GPa, and  $\sim 1100$  °C at 2 GPa.

466 Despite differences in phase compositions (Fig. 1b), the Panzhihua and Hannuoba exsolution pairs  
467 are also very similar in other ways, including evidence for spinodal decomposition and the  
468 conspicuous lack of APBs. Brizi et al. (2003) discuss the exsolution invoking the (001) coherent  
469 solvus and coherent spinodal of McCallister and Nord (1981), indicating  $T = \sim 1000$  °C at 1 atm for  
470 an augite with  $\text{Ca}/(\text{Ca}+\text{Mg}) = 0.4$ . Nonetheless, considering the effect of pressure ( $\sim 2$  GPa) in  
471 increasing  $T$  (Lindsley 1983), Brizi et al. (2003) conclude that exsolution took place at a minimum  
472 temperature of  $\sim 1100$  °C and that the pigeonite lamellae initially formed via spinodal decomposition  
473 before being coarsened during rapid transport to the surface. The observed spinodal exsolution of  
474 (100) lamellae from subcalcic diopside with  $\text{Ca}/(\text{Ca}+\text{Mg}) = 0.5$  from Panzhihua (Table 1a) cannot be  
475 considered directly analogous and thus explained by a similar (001) coherent solvus – spinodal model  
476 due to the lack of experimental constraints. Nonetheless, a similar mechanism as for Hannuoba, in  
477 which rapid exsolution is followed by coarsening during upwards transport between reservoirs can  
478 be invoked. This implies that exsolution conditions can be considered as  $T_{\text{min}} \sim 1050$  °C for Panzhihua  
479 Cen. Brizi et al. (2003) explain the absence of APB domains in the pigeonite from Hannuoba by  
480 considering their nucleation below the high-low pigeonite transition  $T$ , assuming such APBs are  
481 associated with phase transition. An alternative explanation for the Panzhihua occurrence could,  
482 however, relate to slower cooling rates/nucleation kinetics in layered intrusions relative to UHP

483 terranes or mantle-derived xenoliths rapidly ascending to the surface. No APBs are reported from the  
484 Bushveld occurrence despite the greater complexity in terms of lamellae sets.

485 We also speculate that the stress induced by titanomagnetite nucleation, following Cen exsolution,  
486 may have triggered formation of a second, much less well-developed set of pyroxene exsolutions (Fig.  
487 2c, d). Titanomagnetite, present as epitaxial  $[1\bar{1}0]$  lamellae within  $[010]$  diopside, is of the ‘Z down’  
488 type (e.g., Fleet et al. 1980, and references therein) with lattice orientation  $(111)_{Mt} // (001)_{Di}$  and  
489  $(1\bar{1}\bar{1})_{Mt} \wedge (100)_{Di} \sim 2\text{--}3^\circ$ . The theory of optimal phase boundaries introduced for pyroxene–magnetite  
490 exsolutions (Fleet et al. 1980) with the purpose of developing reliable geothermobarometers could  
491 not be used due to the lack of two sets of titanomagnetite inclusions in the present samples.

492 Satellite reflections observed on different zone axes of magnetite in this study can be correlated  
493 with vacancy ordering models as suggested by Lattard (1995). Although double diffraction can be a  
494 factor, the fact that all recorded SAEDs show comparable 3-fold satellite reflections is evidence for  
495 considering them an intrinsic feature of Ti-free magnetite evolving towards ordered maghemite  
496 superstructures with tetragonal symmetry (Grau-Crespo et al. 2010). Sub-solidus diffusion of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$   
497 and  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  atoms from the magnetite undergoing transformation towards maghemite within Trails 1  
498 could source formation of ilmenite along the crosscutting Trails 2 (Fig. 6c–e). Such mechanisms  
499 could explain why the Ti-free domains appear darker on HAADF-STEM images (Fig. 7). The same  
500 conclusion is reached in the study by Tan et al. (2016) on Fe–Ti-oxides in the Panzhihua ores.

501 TEM studies of exsolution-derived microstructures in titanomagnetite resulting via spinodal  
502 decomposition show these evolve into 3-dimensional lamellar frameworks of ulvöspinel separating  
503 magnetite-enriched blocks, with secondary sets of exsolutions arising from ulvöspinel-rich domains  
504 (Price 1980). These features strongly resemble the fabrics (Trails 1 and 2; Fig. 6c–e) defined by  
505 domains with fine-exsolution of different orientations observed within titanomagnetite lamella (Fig.  
506 7). Assemblages with exsolution textures between magnetite and ilmenite with scarce hercynite are  
507 also imaged and mapped at the nanoscale in mesostasis containing skeletal titanomagnetite from the  
508 Miller Range (MIL) 03346 Martian nakhlite meteorite (Richter et al. 2014). Compared to the

509 titanomagnetite reported here, however, these intergrowths are coarser and do not show the ultrafine-  
510 scale exsolutions present in our material from the Panzhihua intrusion.

511 The fine-scale textures and phase associations between clinopyroxenes and titanomagnetite are  
512 interpreted in terms of exsolution from high- $T$  magmatic exsolution to low- $T$  sub-solidus re-  
513 equilibration, as summarised in [Figure 14](#).

#### 514 *Geological significance*

515 The  $P$ - $T$ - $X$  data/estimates for exsolution pairs can be discussed in the context of the magma  
516 plumbing system proposed for the Emeishan LIP ([Tao et al. 2015](#)). Exsolution pressures of  $\sim 1.7$ – $2$   
517 GPa, obtained for the clinopyroxene pairs from the gabbroic rocks at Panzhihua, correspond to a  
518 depth of  $\sim 40$ – $56$  km (assuming 1 kbar = 2.8 km; [Tao et al. 2015](#)). Such a depth would correspond to  
519 the level of the lowermost picrite reservoir in the model of [Tao et al. \(2015\)](#) ([Fig. 15a](#)). The  
520 temperature estimate for this magma is however  $>1500$  °C, far exceeding the  $T_{\max} \sim 1100$  °C estimated  
521 here for pyroxene exsolution at 2 GPa ([Fig. 13b](#)). Constraints on the  $P$ - $T$  exsolution of (100) Cen  
522 lamellae in the Panzhihua sample can be obtained by considering the data of [Arlt et al. \(2000\)](#) for the  
523 transition between space group  $C2/c$  and  $P2_1/c$ . Using the average cation size on the M2 site and the  
524  $HT$  transition temperature, our low-Ca clinopyroxene underwent transition at about 1030 °C, with a  
525 minimum of 810 °C at 1 atm. for the composition  $Wo_1En_{62}Fs_{37}$  ([Fig 13a](#)). The  $HT$ -transition  
526 temperature reported as 875–925 °C at 1 atm ([Cámara et al. 2002](#)) is within this range. If we apply  
527 the average slope boundary (149 °C/GPa) for the  $P2_1/c$  –  $HT$   $C2/c$  transition ([Arlt et al. 2000](#)), we  
528 obtain the transition line for Panzhihua shown on [Fig. 15b](#). The intercept between this line and a  
529 vertical projection from  $T=1030$  °C at 1 atm for our Cen lamellae gives  $\sim 1.75$  GPa as the maximum  
530 pressure at which the lamellae could have formed in space group  $C2/c$ . The intercept between the  
531 transition line for Panzhihua with a vertical projection from  $T_{\max}=1100$  °C (obtained from [Lindsley](#)  
532 [1983](#)) is just below 2 GPa. This  $P$ - $T$  range represents a good fit with the  $\sim 2$  GPa exsolution pressure  
533 calculated using the exact phase boundary theory and estimated  $T$  ([Fig. 13](#)).

534 The apparent contradiction between our results and the model for crustal–mantle architecture given  
535 by Tao et al. (2015) may suggest errors in that model, or in calculation of geothermal gradients. We  
536 also consider the possibility that the model presented by Tao et al. (2015) is fundamentally correct  
537 but that the clinopyroxene exsolution pairs analyzed here are relicts inherited from peridotites that  
538 may also have been present in the lowermost reservoir in the lower crust. We accept that such a  
539 hypothesis may not be supported by the chondrite-normalized REE fractionation patterns for  
540 pyroxene given by Gao et al. (2017). These data were, however, obtained from parts of the pyroxene  
541 grains outside the rare core domains that contained the exsolutions in order to avoid co-analysis of  
542 Fe–Ti-oxide inclusions. Although the pyroxenes may have undergone re-equilibration in the middle  
543 crust (high-Mg basaltic reservoir), they still preserve evidence for crystallization at greater depth.  
544 Such a hypothesis is indirectly supported by the similarity between our data and that from Hannuoba  
545 (Brizi et al. 2003), where spinel–peridotite nodules, occur in alkali basalts.

546 The hypothesis that the analyzed pyroxene pairs are relicts inherited from a deeper reservoir could  
547 also explain why such exsolution fields are restricted to specific parts of the pyroxene grains and are  
548 present only in some samples. Titanomagnetite crosscutting the pyroxene exsolutions could have  
549 formed in the same reservoir at  $T < 1100$  °C with sequential sub-solidus sets of ilmenite + hercynite  
550 exsolutions at  $T < 450$  °C (Price 1981). Such  $T$  estimates for titanomagnetite nonetheless require  
551 validation by methods such as the optimal phase boundary theory on suitable samples. Sequential  
552 petrologic–textural development of the assemblage (Fig. 15c–e) and the potential evolution from  
553 middle to upper crustal conditions is shown schematically by the arrow on Figure 14.

## 554 **IMPLICATIONS**

555 The present study shows clinopyroxene formed from gabbroic melts at Panzhihua displays multi-  
556 stage exsolutions and overprints not previously recognized. The crystal structural modifications  
557 interpreted for pyroxenes and magnetite within the assemblages can be further evidence for a  
558 protracted geological evolution as also concluded by Gao et al. (2017). Additional constraints on the

559 present interpretations could be obtained from estimation of temperature and pressures using phase  
560 boundary theory on samples containing two sets of titanomagnetite inclusions in clinopyroxene.

561 An increasing number of TEM studies focus on assemblages as those discussed here, but to our  
562 knowledge, only two other publications include atomic-scale HAADF-STEM imaging of the  
563 analyzed minerals: pyroxene (Kogure and Okunishi 2010); and magnetite (Xu et al. 2014). This is an  
564 emerging field of research (Ciobanu et al. 2016; Cook et al. 2017) and the present study shows how  
565 advanced electron microscopy, if focused on sites of petrogenetic interest, can provide challenging,  
566 new insights into ore deposit formation.

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#### FIGURE CAPTIONS

764 **FIGURE 1.** (a) Wollastonite (Wo) – enstatite (En) – ferrosilite (Fs) compositional triangle showing the  
765 compositional space for pyroxenes below the diopside (Di) – hedenbergite (Hd) tie-line. Augite and  
766 pigeonite solid solutions are linked by dashed lines schematically showing the resulting exsolution pairs  
767 (adapted from [Lindsley 1980](#)). (b) Di–Hd–En–Fs plot showing the composition of clinopyroxene pairs from  
768 Panzhihua and examples from the literature as marked (compositions from [Table 1a, b](#)). (c, d) BSE images  
769 showing the position of EPMA spots (red circles) and FIB cuts from which TEM foils were prepared. Grey  
770 area represents the EPMA composition obtained from the profile marked in (c, d). Composition of Cen  
771 lamella is obtained using geometrical relationships within Wo–En–Fs compositional space. Abbreviations:  
772 Amph – amphibole; Fe–Ti-ox – Fe–Ti-oxides; Ol – olivine.

773 **FIGURE 2.** Low-magnification HAADF-STEM (a, b) and BF TEM (c–e) images of the two foils showing  
774 exsolution lamellae of clinoenstatite and titanomagnetite (narrow, diagonal) within host diopside. Note  
775 lamellae branching/splitting in (c–e) indicative of spinodal decomposition. Abbreviations: Cen –  
776 clinoenstatite; Ti-Mt – titanomagnetite

777 **FIGURE 3.** SAEDs of clinopyroxene lamellae (clinoenstatite; Cen) and host (diopside; Di) down to zone axes  
778 as marked. The electron diffractions (beam illuminated area ~200 nm) are obtained from diopside without  
779 lamellae (a), on top of a lamella (b and d), and at the boundary between the two (c). SAEDs in (b) and (c)  
780 show satellite reflections corresponding to clinoenstatite (marked in yellow). Inset in (c) shows rotation on  
781 satellite reflections (arrowed) along  $a^*$  indicative of modulation attributable to spinodal decomposition. In  
782 (d), the two phases are undistinguishable and the SAED shows  $h0l$ , with  $h, l \neq 2n$  reflections (red circle)  
783 violating the symmetry for  $C2/c$  and  $P2/c$  space groups corresponding to diopside and clinoenstatite,  
784 respectively. See text for further explanation.

785 **FIGURE 4.** (a) HAADF-STEM image of clinoenstatite (Cen) lamella in diopside (Di) obtained from a very thin  
786 area at the top of Foil 1. Dark spots (diameter  $\sim 5$  nm) are produced by beam damage during EDS analysis.  
787 Note larger spots for host than lamella due to the Ca amount. (b) Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) obtained  
788 from image in (a) showing orientation of pyroxenes on [010] zone axis. The index (801) for lattice plane  
789 orientation for diopside relative to the lamella is obtained at the intercept between  $a^*$  rotated at measured  
790  $\theta$  ( $\sim 11^\circ$ ) and ( $h02$ ;  $h=2n$ ) lattice vector. This orientation is schematically shown in Figure 2c. (c–d) Selected  
791 EDS spectra for lamella and host, respectively. The Cu signal derives from the TEM grid. Note Fe content  
792 is higher in the lamella explaining the brighter color on the HAADF-STEM images.

793 **FIGURE 5.** High-resolution HAADF-STEM images viewed down to  $b$  axis in the pyroxenes showing the  
794 interface between the two phases (a), and a detail of atomic arrangement in clinoenstatite (b). Note the  
795 images show the difference between the crystal symmetry of the two pyroxenes by the spacings between  
796 the bright atom arrays along the  $a$  axis, i.e., intervals with two distinct widths in clinoenstatite as opposed  
797 to single width interval in diopside. Phase boundary relationships and measurement of  $\theta \sim 10^\circ$  is marked on  
798 (a). (c) Inverse Fast Fourier Transform (IFFT) image obtained from HAADF-STEM image in (b). Structure  
799 model for clinoenstatite (d) and diopside (e) down to the  $b$  axis. This shows that the brightest atoms  
800 correspond to cations (Mg, Fe, Ca) in octahedral coordination sandwiched between the  $\text{SiO}_4$  tetrahedra.  
801 Silicon atoms are represented by the less-bright atoms.

802 **FIGURE 6.** HAADF-STEM images (a–h) and EDS spectra (i) of phases within the titanomagnetite (Ti-Mt)  
803 lamella. (a) Slight displacement between the clinoenstatite (Cen; arrowed) lamellae at the boundary with  
804 the Ti-Mt indicative of two stages of exsolutions from host diopside (Di). (b–d) Two crosscutting trails  
805 with fine-intergrowths of different phases (variable contrast on the images) are present throughout the Ti-  
806 Mt lamella. (d) Fine substructures in Trails 1 show different orientation to one another in the middle part  
807 of the grain where a Cen lamella crosscuts Ti-Mt. The crosscutting pyroxene is partially altered to chlorite  
808 (Chl). In detail, phases along Trails 2 consist of spinel (Spl) and ilmenite grains (Ilm) (c, e). (f) Phases  
809 identified at the junction between the two trails include: magnetite (Mt), Ilm, Spl and Ti-Mt. (g)  
810 Relationships between Spl, Ilm and Mt along Trails 1. (h) Boundary between Ilm and Mt along Trails 1  
811 showing atom arrays in the two phases with parallel orientation to one another. (i) EDS spectra for Ti-Mt,  
812 Mt, Ilm and Spl (as marked), obtained from the thinner areas (white circles). The Cu signal is from the grid.



813 **FIGURE 7.** (a) HAADF-STEM image and (b) STEM EDS element map overlapping Ti (blue), Al (red) and  
814 Mg (green) obtained from the middle-lower part of the titanomagnetite lamella. In (b) the lamella shows  
815 two domains defined by sub-structures within the wider strips (Trails 1) with finer exsolutions of different  
816 orientation relative to the strip boundaries. Note the darker color of magnetite strips which are free of  
817 exsolved phases. Abbreviations: Cen – clinoenstatite; Di – diopside; Her – hercynite; Ilm – ilmenite; Mgm  
818 – maghemite; Mt – magnetite; Ti-Mt – titanomagnetite.

819 **FIGURE 8.** SAEDs representing magnetite on zone axes as marked (a–e). (f) Bright Field (BF) TEM image  
820 showing location of SAED in (e) along the titanomagnetite lamella. Note satellite reflections (arrowed) in  
821 (a) and (c–e). SAEDs on  $[\bar{1}\bar{1}0]$  zone axis display (00l),  $l=2n$  reflections (red circle) violating the  $Fd\bar{3}m$   
822 symmetry and are indexed using  $F\bar{4}3m$  space group (b, d). (e) Satellite reflections along  $(\bar{2}22)$  and parallel  
823 rows in magnetite can be indexed using ilmenite with  $P6/m$  space group. Abbreviations: Mt – magnetite;  
824 Ilm – ilmenite.

825 **FIGURE 9.** (a–e) High-resolution HAADF-STEM images of phases within the titanomagnetite lamella with  
826 the specimen tilted down to  $[\bar{1}\bar{1}0]$  zone axis. (a) Sharp boundaries between spinel (Spl) and magnetite (Mt).  
827 (b) Triple junction among spinel, magnetite and ilmenite (Ilm). (c, d) Stepwise atomic arrangements along  
828 the boundaries between magnetite and ilmenite. Insets in (d) are FFTs for magnetite and ilmenite. (e)  
829 Atomic arrangement in magnetite down to the  $[\bar{1}\bar{1}0]$  zone axis. Note the presence of bright, larger atoms  
830 surrounded by a ring of smaller, less bright atoms. (f) Inverse FFT obtained from an area in (e) with the  
831 rhombus motif defining the lattice on  $[\bar{1}\bar{1}0]$  highlighted by 9 brightest atoms marked by yellow circles. (f,  
832 g) Crystal structure models of magnetite on  $[\bar{1}\bar{1}0]$  using  $F\bar{4}3m$  and  $Fd\bar{3}m$  space groups, respectively.  
833 Oxygen atoms are ignored. The brightest atoms correspond to Fe in tetrahedral coordination marked as Fe1  
834 and FeA in (g) and (h). The less-bright atoms correspond to FeB (h) and Fe2, Fe3 (g) in octahedral  
835 coordination. The images in (e, f) show a better fit to the model in (g) as the less bright atoms form a slightly  
836 asymmetric circle around the brightest atoms.

837 **FIGURE 10.** HAADF-STEM images showing the amphibole (Amph) along the boundary between the  
838 titanomagnetite lamellae and pyroxene (a, c–f) and EDS spectra for amphibole (b); compare with EDS  
839 spectra for pyroxenes in [Figure 3b, c](#). (c) Disordered brighter strips in amphibole. (d) Amphibole lamella  
840 protruding into magnetite (Mt). (e) Sharp boundaries between magnetite and diopside (Di). Note (111) in

841 Mt is parallel to  $c$  in Di. (f) Scalloped boundary between amphibole and magnetite suggestive of  
842 replacement relationships.

843 **FIGURE 11.** (a) 3D schematic showing the crystallographic orientation of lamella within the observed space  
844 (represented by the cube). The crystallographic axes are set for lamella as shown. (b) Sketch of boundary  
845 orientation between lamellae and host in clinopyroxenes. Relationships between cell parameters for lamella  
846 and host correspond to data interpolated from Figure 12 and tabulated in Table 3 for a pressure of 1 GPa.  
847 The vector ‘Y’ along the boundary is schematically shown for a best fit between  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  of the two  
848 phases. Notation of 1 (lamella) and 2 (host) correspond to equations (1) – (3) in the text. Angle  $\theta$   
849 corresponds to measurements given in Table 2.

850 **FIGURE 12.** Plot of cell parameters and  $\beta$  vs. pressure for  $Di_{100}$  and  $Di_{80}$  (Tribaudino et al. 2000), and for  $Di_{87}$   
851 and  $Di_2$  (this paper). Data compiled in Table 3. Abbreviation: Di – diopside.

852 **FIGURE 13.** Temperature estimates for Panzhihua exsolutions and examples from the literature (see text). (a)  
853 Transition temperatures in  $P2_1/c$  clinopyroxene as a function of the average M2-octahedral site at 1 atm  
854 (data in Table 5) from Figure 5 in Arlt et al. (2000). Dashed lines represent the error relative to the  
855 correlation between M2 size and  $T$  (full line). (b) Phase diagram calculated for the join diopside–enstatite  
856 at 2 GPa showing composition versus temperature after Lindsley (1980). Temperature estimates for  
857 Panzhihua and Hannuoba are derived using compositions of host subcalcic diopside and subcalcic augite,  
858 respectively (Table 1a, b). The drop in  $T$  at 1 GPa is also shown for Panzhihua (diagram from Lindsley  
859 1980).

860 **FIGURE 14.** Schematic illustration of the sequential development of textures among pyroxenes, Fe–Ti-oxides  
861 and related phases from initial, high- $T$  exsolution of clinoenstatite and titanomagnetite, through sub-solidus  
862 Fe–Ti-phase re-equilibration, to post-magmatic overprinting. See text for additional explanation.

863 **FIGURE 15.** (a) Schematic reconstruction of proposed magma chamber evolution and plumbing at Panzhihua,  
864 modified from Tao et al. (2015) with successive textural stages marked as c–e. We suggest the presence of  
865 peridotite magma at depth (light green, just close to the lithospheric mantle) as a deeper reservoir from  
866 which the present pyroxene with sequential exsolutions may have been inherited. (b) Plot of temperature  
867 vs. pressure, adapted from Arlt et al. (2000). The triple joint for the phase boundary between  $Pbca$ ,  $HP C2/c$   
868 and  $P2_1/c$  for  $Mg_{0.9}Fe_{0.1}SiO_3$  (dotted; extrapolated from Woodland and Angel 1997) is shifted  $\sim 2$  GPa  
869 towards lower pressure (solid line; Arlt et al. 2000). Phase boundary  $P2_1/c - HT C2/c$  is drawn by using  $T$

870 at 1 bar relative to M2 size and a slope of  $\sim 149$  °C/GPa. Blue dashed line: Alpe Arami and Hannuoba  
871 pigeonite at  $T_{\min} \sim 850$  °C. Red dashed line Panzhihua clinoenstatite at  $T_{\min} \sim 810$  °C (this work). Red dotted  
872 lines are drawn to show the corresponding pressures for  $T \sim 1030$  °C estimated at 1 bar and  $T_{\max} \sim 1100$  °C  
873 at 2 GPa (according to Fig. 13a and b, respectively). Red circle represents estimated exsolution conditions  
874 for pyroxene pairs from Panzhihua ( $\sim 1.7$ – $2$  GPa,  $1030$ – $1100$  °C) across the  $P2_1/c - HT C2/c$  phase  
875 transition. (c–e) Sequential petrologic–textural development of the assemblage from lower to upper crustal  
876 conditions.

**TABLE 1a.** EPMA<sup>1</sup> data for subcalcic diopside host and estimated composition of clinoenstatite lamellae in the exsolution field

wt%.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean (n=7)	Lamellae (estimated)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	51.07	50.96	50.94	51.04	50.90	50.99	50.82	50.96	53.00
TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.24	1.29	1.23	1.23	1.22	1.18	1.23	1.23	0.10
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.18	3.08	3.07	3.15	3.09	3.11	3.11	3.11	0.40
FeO <sup>T</sup>	8.09	8.09	8.81	8.28	7.67	8.28	7.90	8.16	23.59
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.26	2.43	2.49	2.19	1.71	2.45	2.16	2.24	0.01
FeO	6.05	5.90	6.57	6.31	6.14	6.08	5.96	6.14	23.58
MnO	0.28	0.25	0.29	0.21	0.29	0.25	0.23	0.26	0.02
MgO	14.74	14.63	15.24	14.85	14.67	14.94	14.63	14.81	22.00
CaO	21.12	21.24	19.99	20.75	21.15	20.70	21.31	20.89	0.50
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.54	0.57	0.52	0.55	0.49	0.55	0.51	0.53	0.00
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.00
Total	100.49	100.35	100.31	100.28	99.66	100.25	100.00	100.19	99.61
Number of ions on the basis of 6 (O)									
Al	0.023	0.017	0.017	0.024	0.027	0.021	0.020	0.021	0.006
Ti	0.035	0.036	0.034	0.034	0.034	0.033	0.034	0.034	0.003
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.063	0.068	0.069	0.061	0.048	0.068	0.060	0.062	0.000
Mg	0.811	0.806	0.840	0.818	0.813	0.823	0.809	0.817	1.230
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	0.187	0.182	0.203	0.195	0.191	0.188	0.185	0.190	0.740
Mn	0.009	0.008	0.009	0.007	0.009	0.008	0.007	0.008	0.001
Ca	0.835	0.841	0.792	0.822	0.842	0.820	0.847	0.828	0.020
Na	0.039	0.041	0.037	0.040	0.035	0.039	0.037	0.038	0.000
P	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000
Total	2.000	1.999	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Si	1.884	1.883	1.883	1.887	1.892	1.885	1.884	1.886	1.988
Al	0.116	0.117	0.117	0.113	0.108	0.115	0.116	0.114	0.012
Total	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Calculated end-members									
En	42.6	42.3	43.9	43.0	42.7	43.2	42.4	42.9	61.8
Fs	13.6	13.5	14.7	13.8	13.0	13.8	13.2	13.7	37.2
Wo	43.9	44.2	41.4	43.2	44.3	43.0	44.4	43.5	1.0
Di	87.7	88.3	82.8	86.4	88.5	86.0	88.8	86.9	2.0

Notes: FeO and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> values were calculated from FeO<sup>T</sup>. En = 100×Mg/(Mg+Fe\*+Ca); Fs=100×Fe\*/(Mg+Fe\*+Ca); Wo=100×Ca/(Mg+Fe\*+Ca); Di=2×Wo; Fe\*=Fe<sup>2+</sup>+Fe<sup>3+</sup>+Mn

Reference: <sup>1</sup> Gao et al. (2017)

**TABLE 1b.** EPMA data for augite/diopside host and estimated composition of enstatite/pigeonite lamellae in the exsolution field given in the discussed published studies

wt%	Mingxi <sup>1</sup>		Dabie <sup>2</sup>		Hannuoba <sup>3</sup>		Bushveld <sup>4</sup>		Alpe Arami <sup>5</sup>	
	Host diopside ("Cpx-host")	Lamella enstatite/ pigeonite ("Opx lamella in Cpx host")	Host augite ("Cpx mantle")	Lamella clinoenstatite (EDS)	Host subcalcic augite ("mean C5-C10 TEM-EDS")	Lamella pigeonite ("mean C5-C10 TEM-EDS")	Host augite	Lamella Pigeonite I (clino- hypersthene)	Host diopside	Lamella clinoenstatite
SiO <sub>2</sub>	52.85	55.89	55.50	57.50	50.30	54.42	51.80	52.20	54.62	56.95
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.18	0.03	0.00	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.50	0.20	0.36	n.a.
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.48	4.48	3.26	n.a.	8.48	4.64	1.52	0.85	0.93	0.48
FeO <sup>T</sup>	2.33	6.01	3.46	5.50	8.09	13.18	10.80	25.60	3.59	8.85
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	n.a.	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.00	n.a.	n.a.
FeO	2.33	6.01	3.46	n.a.	8.09	13.18	10.27	25.60	n.a.	n.a.
MnO	0.08	0.12	0.00	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.30	0.60	n.a.	n.a.
MgO	14.28	29.77	22.53	33.17	14.64	21.32	13.30	19.60	15.39	29.99
CaO	20.99	3.78	13.34	3.22	18.51	6.45	21.20	0.80	23.96	3.72
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1.74	0.31	0.79	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.20	0.05	0.85	n.a.
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	n.a.	n.a.	0.00	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total	98.93	100.38	98.88	99.38	100.00	100.01	99.68	99.90	99.70	100.00
Number of ions on the basis of 6 (O)										
Al	0.190	0.116	0.020	n.a.	0.219	0.186	0.018	0.017	0.040	0.020
Ti	0.005	0.001	0.034	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.014	0.036	0.010	n.a.
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.000	0.000	0.060	n.a.	0.000	0.000	0.017	0.068	n.a.	n.a.
Mg	0.771	1.535	0.809	1.720	0.803	1.160	0.747	0.806	0.840	1.570
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	0.071	0.173	0.185	0.140	0.247	0.397	0.324	0.182	0.080	0.250
Mn	0.002	0.003	0.007	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.010	0.008	n.a.	n.a.
Ca	0.814	0.140	0.847	0.120	0.730	0.252	0.855	0.841	0.940	0.140
Na	0.122	0.021	0.037	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.015	0.041	0.060	n.a.
P	n.a.	n.a.	0.001	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total	1.975	1.990	2.000	1.980	1.999	1.994	1.999	1.999	1.970	1.980
Si	1.914	1.933	1.884	2.000	1.851	1.986	1.951	1.980	2.000	2.000
Al	0.086	0.067	0.116	n.a.	0.149	0.014	0.049	0.020	n.a.	n.a.
Total	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Calculated end-members										
En	46.5	82.9	66.2	86.9	45.1	64.1	38.3	56.2	45.2	80.1
Fs	4.4	9.5	5.7	7.1	13.9	21.9	17.9	42.1	4.3	12.8
Wo	49.1	7.6	28.2	6.1	41.0	13.9	43.8	1.6	50.5	7.1
Di	98.2	15.1	56.3	12.1	82.0	27.9	87.7	3.3	101.1	14.3

Notes: FeO and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> values were calculated from FeO<sup>T</sup>. En = 100×Mg/(Mg+Fe\*+Ca); Fs=100×Fe\*/(Mg+Fe\*+Ca); Wo=100×Ca/(Mg+Fe\*+Ca); Di=2×Wo; Fe\*=Fe<sup>2+</sup>+Fe<sup>3+</sup>+Mn; n.a. no analysis; Cpx – clinopyroxene; Opx – orthopyroxene

References: <sup>1</sup>Zhao et al. (2017); <sup>2</sup>Liu et al. (2007); <sup>3</sup>Brizi et al. (2003); <sup>4</sup>Robinson et al. (1977) using data of Boyd and Brown (1969); <sup>5</sup>Bozhilov et al. (1999)

**TABLE 2.** Measurements of the pyroxene phase interface orientation

Image type	Image no.	Angle (°)
HAADF STEM n=8	170825-1_0006	10.16
	170825-1_0006	10.16
	170825-1_0004	10.22
	170825-1_0008	10.52
	170825-1_0004	10.72
	170825-1_0018	10.89
	170825-1_0018	10.89
	170825-1_0008	10.99
	Mean	10.57
	$\sigma$	0.35
BF TEM n=4	170822-35	10.49
	170822-31	10.78
	170822-18	11.04
	170822-20	11.24
	Mean	10.89
	$\sigma$	0.33
Combined n=12	Mean	10.68
	$\sigma$	0.36

**TABLE 3.** Cell parameters of diopside host (Di<sub>87</sub>) and clinoenstatite lamellae (Di<sub>2</sub>)

P (GPa)	Host (Di <sub>87</sub> )			Lamellae (Di <sub>2</sub> )		
	<i>a</i> (Å)	<i>c</i> (Å)	<i>β</i> (°)	<i>a'</i> (Å)	<i>c'</i> (Å)	<i>β'</i> (°)
1	9.7083	5.2334	106.011	9.6445	5.2291	107.456
2	9.6783	5.2154	105.839	9.6145	5.1984	106.944
3	9.6526	5.1991	105.690	9.5973	5.1736	106.540
4	9.6330	5.1868	105.577	9.5607	5.1528	106.469
5	9.6084	5.1723	105.448	9.5064	5.1085	105.958
6	9.5873	5.1589	105.329	9.5108	5.0994	105.584
7	9.5673	5.1469	105.223	9.5035	5.1001	105.308
8	9.5483	5.1369	105.144	9.4845	5.0901	104.974
9	9.5290	5.1266	105.085	9.4567	5.0713	104.787

**TABLE 4.**  $x$  and  $Y$  at different pressures for diopside host ( $Di_{87}$ ) and clinoenstatite lamellae ( $Di_2$ )

Angle	P (GPa)	Host ( $Di_{87}$ )		Lamellae ( $Di_2$ )		$ Y_1  -  Y_2 $ (Å)
		$x$	$ Y_2 $ (Å)	$x'$	$ Y_1 $ (Å)	
10.68°	1	0.11182	5.63030	0.11394	5.65674	0.02645
	2	0.11161	5.60735	0.11309	5.61251	0.00516
	3	0.11141	5.58670	0.11234	5.57715	-0.00955
	4	0.11127	5.57112	0.11225	5.55324	-0.01788
	5	0.11112	5.55282	0.11141	5.49488	-0.05794
	6	0.11096	5.53603	0.11080	5.47739	-0.05863
	7	0.11083	5.52091	0.11064	5.47250	-0.04841
	8	0.11076	5.50856	0.11033	5.45498	-0.05358
	9	0.11071	5.49630	0.11008	5.43107	-0.06524
11.40° (mean+2 $\sigma$ )	1	0.12003	5.66654	0.12236	5.69546	0.02892
	2	0.11980	5.64318	0.12143	5.65011	0.00693
	3	0.11958	5.62217	0.12061	5.61388	-0.00829
	4	0.11942	5.60631	0.12051	5.58970	-0.01661
	5	0.11925	5.58770	0.11959	5.53017	-0.05753
11.04° (mean+1 $\sigma$ )	1	0.11591	5.64825	0.11814	5.67592	0.02767
	2	0.11569	5.62510	0.11725	5.63114	0.00604
	3	0.11548	5.60427	0.11646	5.59535	-0.00892
	4	0.11533	5.58855	0.11636	5.57130	-0.01725
	5	0.11517	5.57010	0.11549	5.51236	-0.05774
10.32° (mean-1 $\sigma$ )	1	0.10775	5.61268	0.10978	5.63791	0.02523
	2	0.10755	5.58994	0.10897	5.59423	0.00429
	3	0.10737	5.56947	0.10825	5.55930	-0.01017
	4	0.10723	5.55401	0.10816	5.53551	-0.01850
	5	0.10708	5.53587	0.10736	5.47772	-0.05814
9.96° (mean-2 $\sigma$ )	1	0.10371	5.59539	0.10564	5.61942	0.02403
	2	0.10352	5.57285	0.10487	5.57628	0.00343
	3	0.10334	5.55255	0.10418	5.54177	-0.01078
	4	0.10321	5.53723	0.10410	5.51811	-0.01912
	5	0.10308	5.51924	0.10334	5.46089	-0.05835



**TABLE 5.** Composition and size of M2 cation and estimated temperature for pigeonite/enstatite lamellae in [Table 1](#) using the geothermometer of [Arlt et al. \(2000\)](#)

M2*	Panzhihua (this study)	Mingxi	Dabie	Hannuoba	Bushveld	Alpe Arami
Mg	0.230	0.535	0.720	0.209	0.108	0.570
Fe	0.740	0.173	0.140	0.372	0.812	0.250
Ca	0.020	0.140	0.120	0.209	0.033	0.140
Al <sup>VI</sup>		0.116		0.204	0.018	0.020
Na		0.021			0.004	0.030
Mn					0.019	
Total	0.990	0.985	0.980	0.994	0.994	1.010

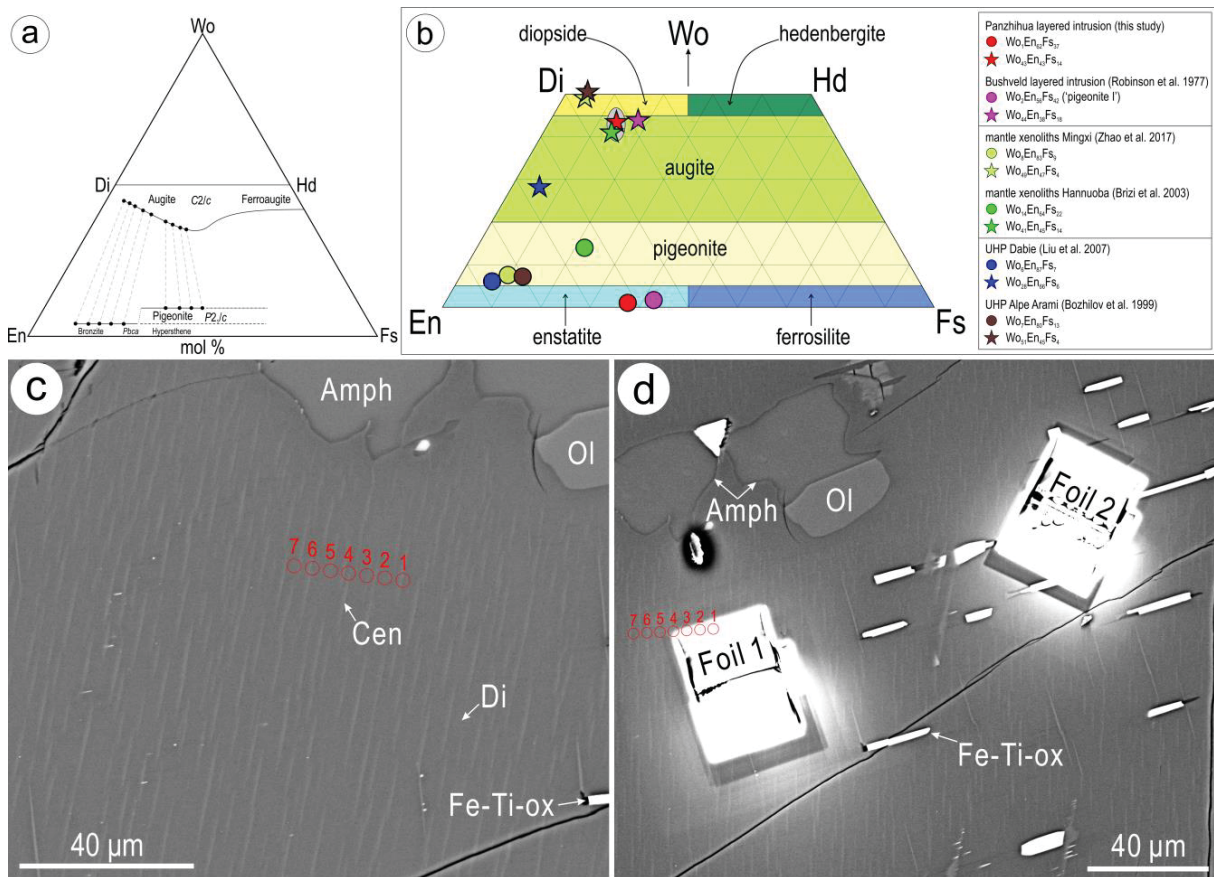
Calculated effective M2 cation size (Å) using cation radii from [Shannon \(1976\)](#)

Mg	0.166	0.385	0.518	0.150	0.078	0.410
Fe	0.577	0.135	0.109	0.290	0.633	0.191
Ca	0.020	0.140	0.120	0.209	0.033	0.140
Al <sup>VI</sup>		0.062		0.109	0.010	0.011
Na		0.021			0.004	0.031
Mn					0.016	
Total	0.763	0.744	0.748	0.759	0.774	0.783

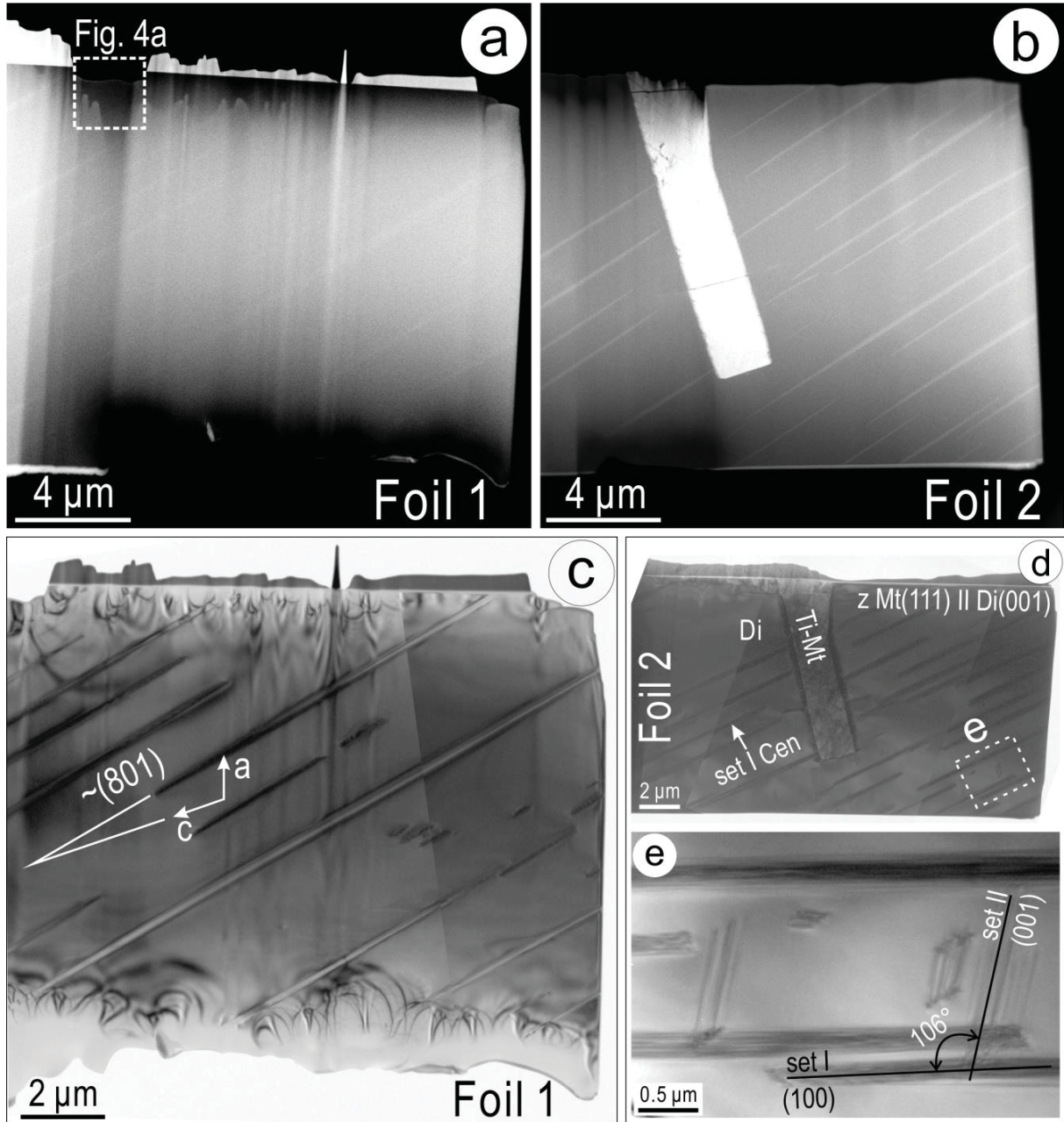
Estimated temperature read from [Fig. 13a](#) (°C)

T	1030	1200	1170	1100	950	850
T <sub>min</sub>	810	955	925	850	720	650

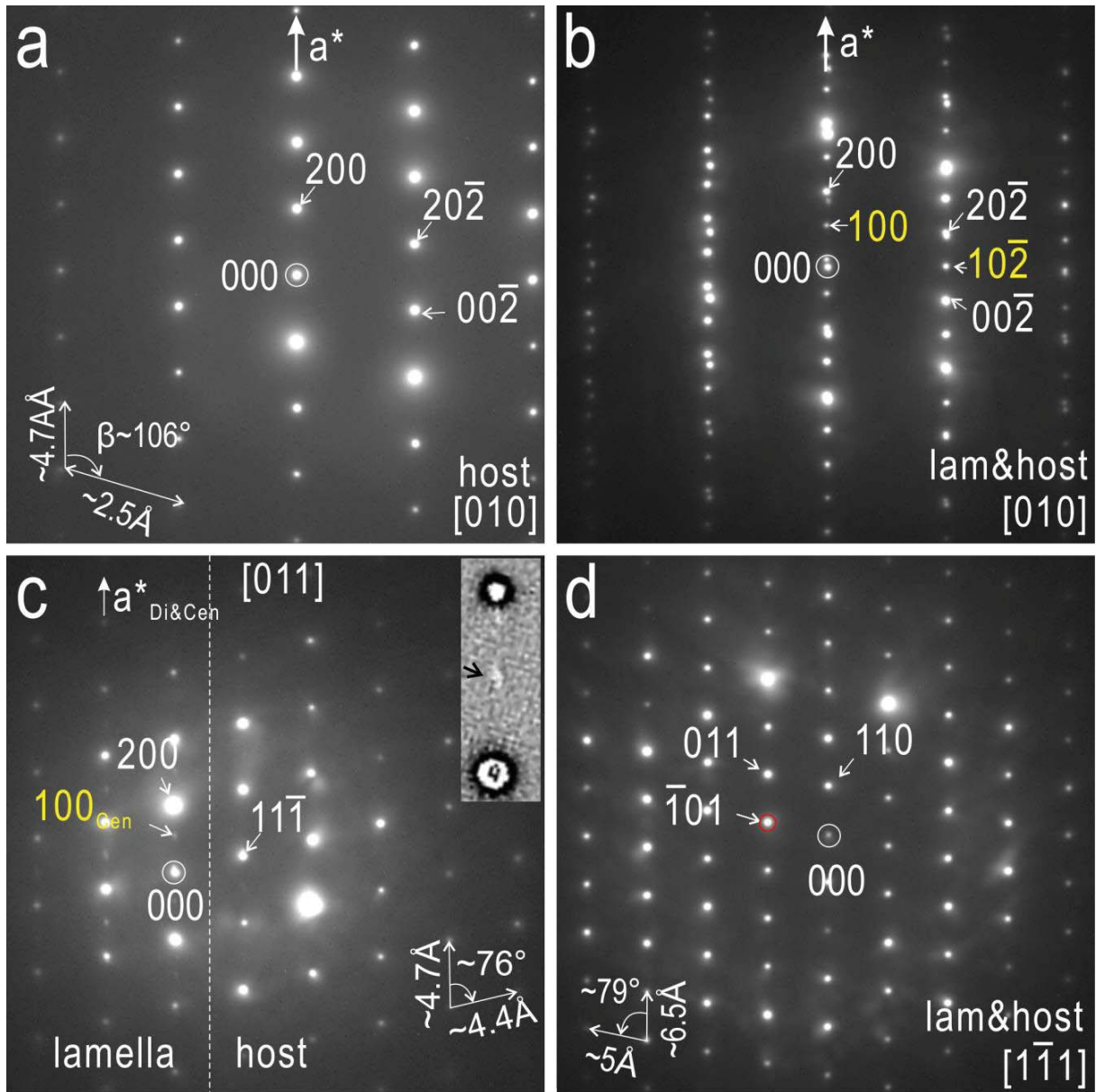
\* Site M2 was filled to sum 1.00 with remaining Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup> as well as Ca<sup>2+</sup> and Na<sup>+</sup> after filling site M1 to sum to 1.00 with cations in the order: Al<sup>3+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>.



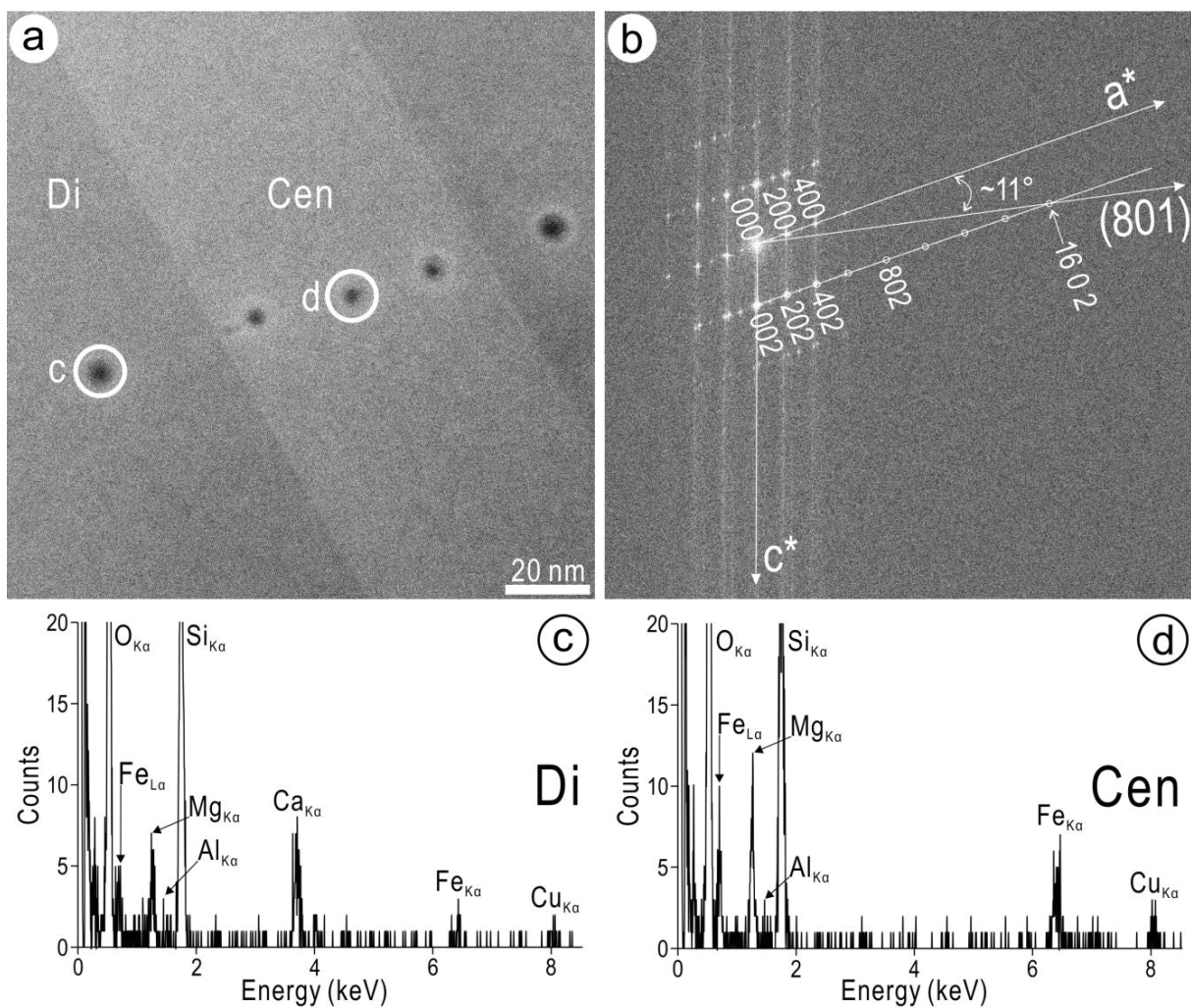
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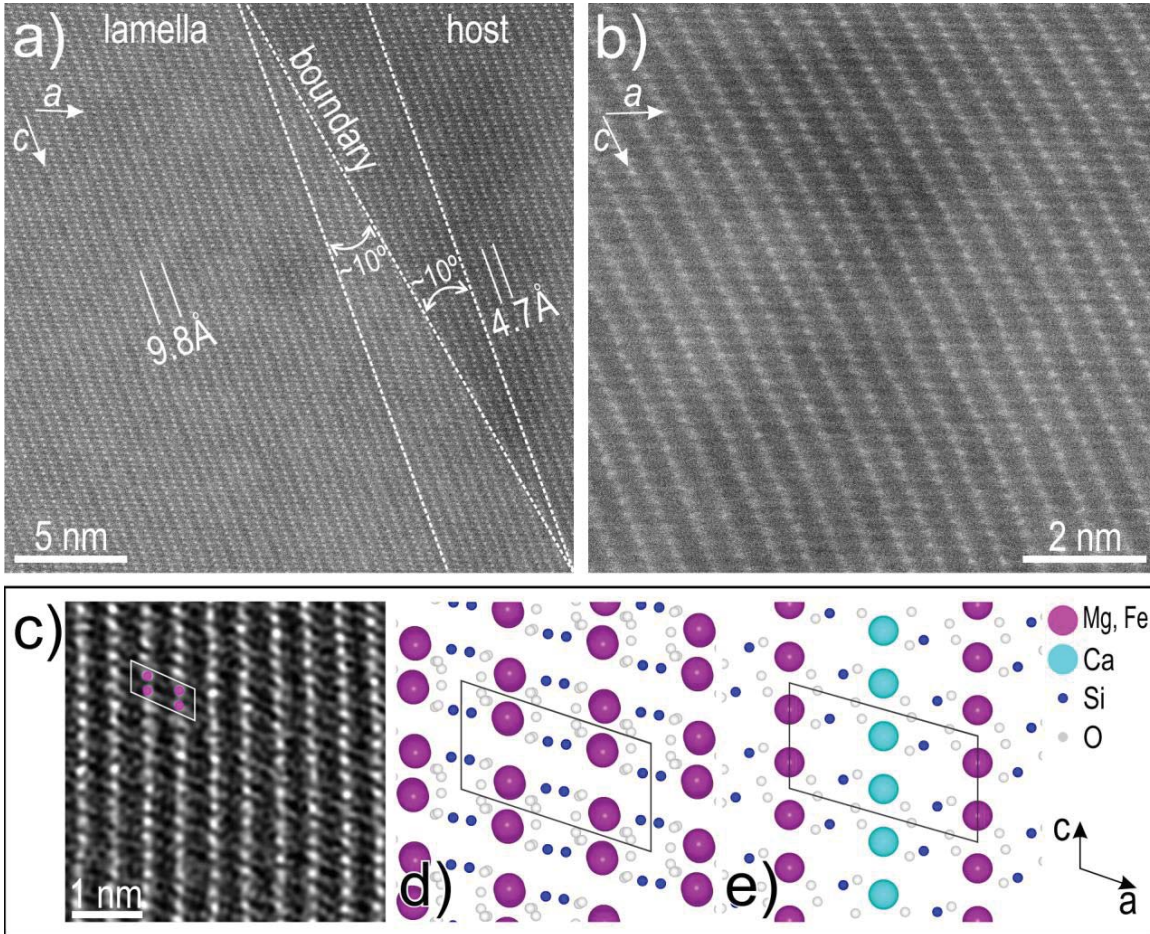
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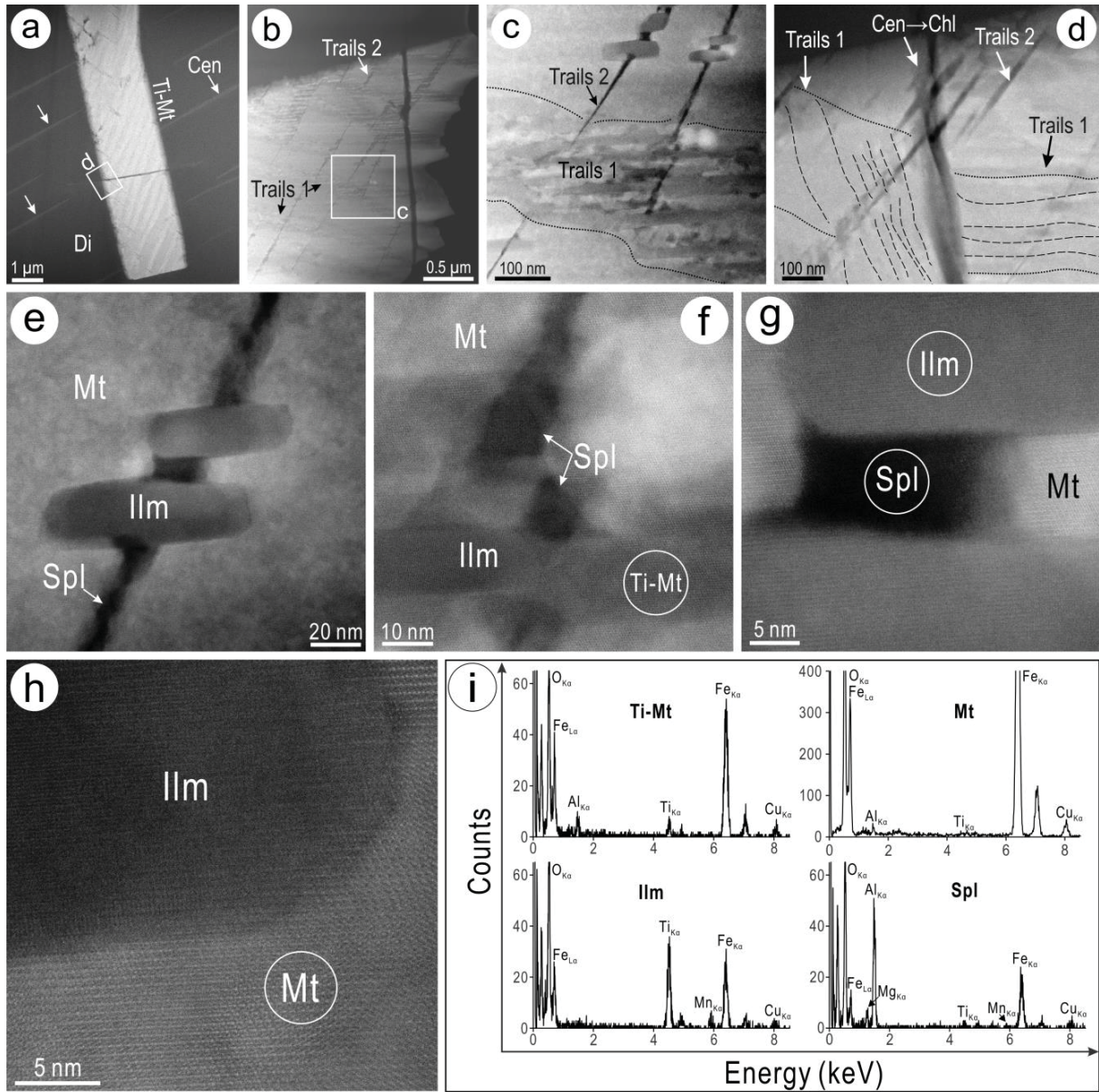
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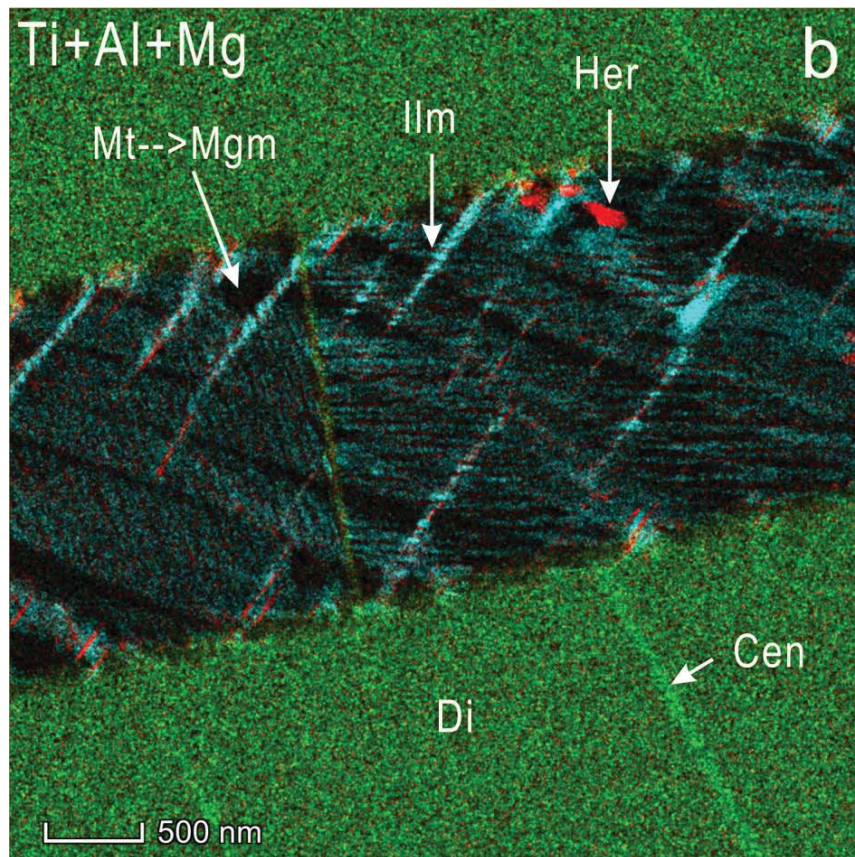
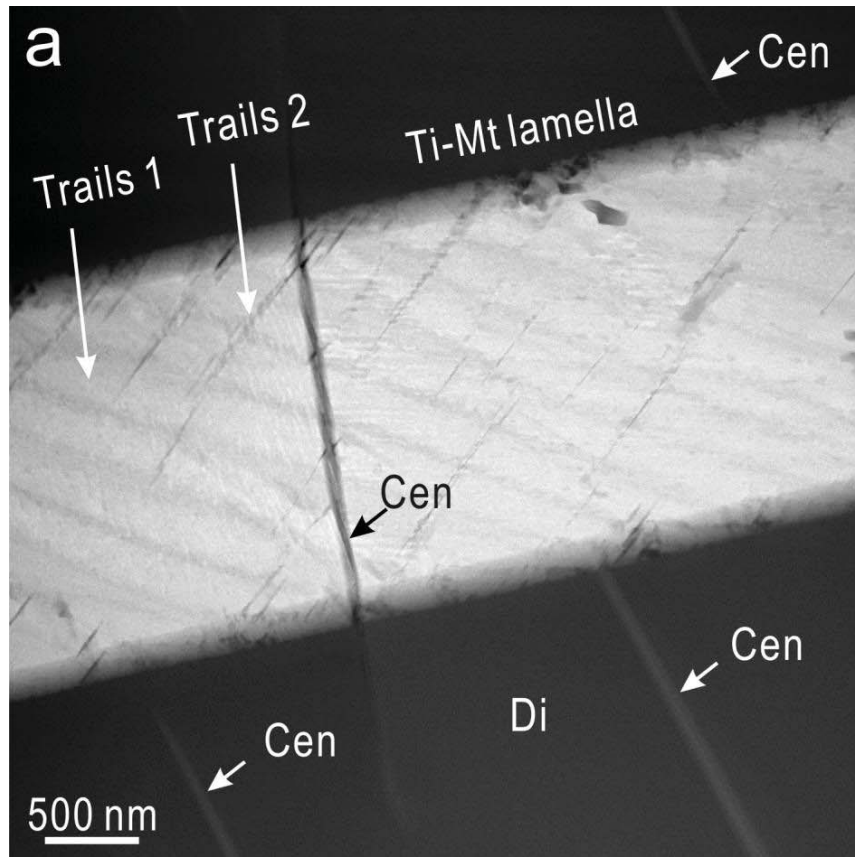
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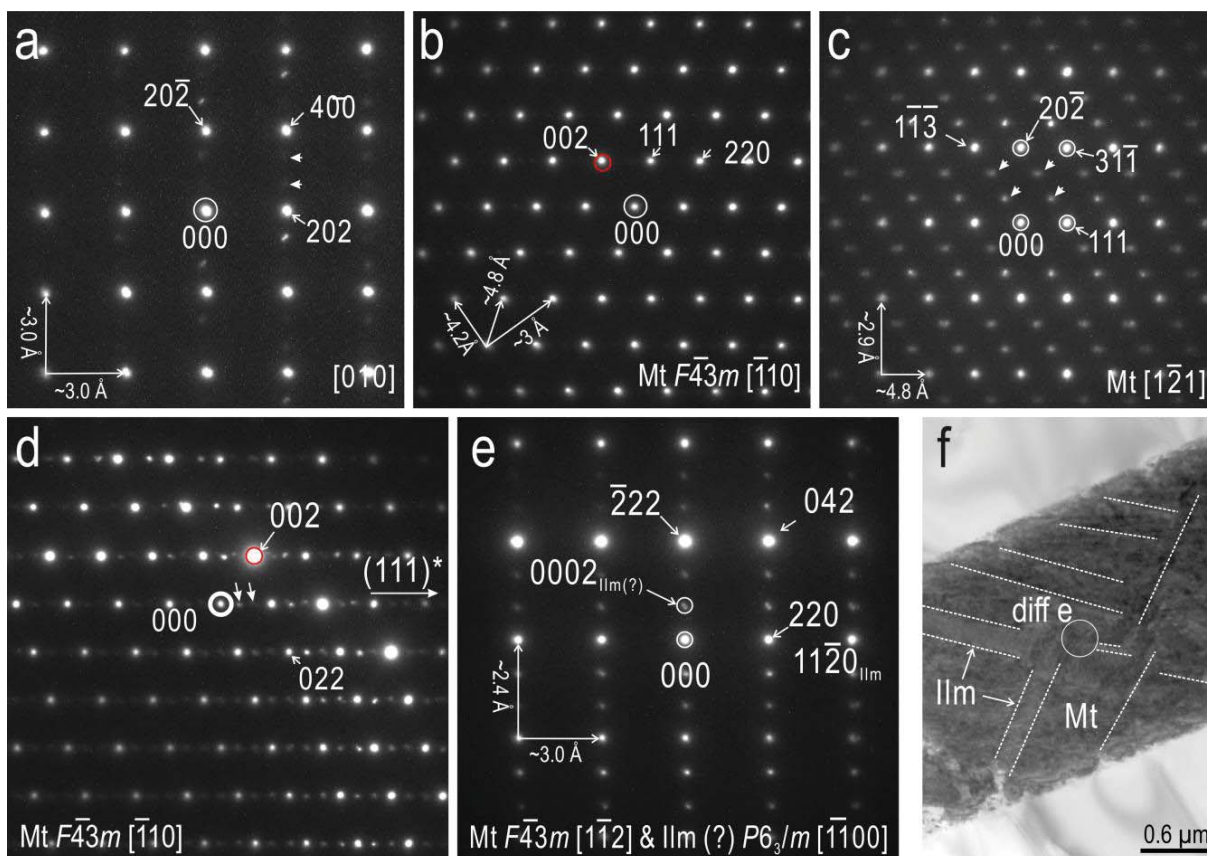


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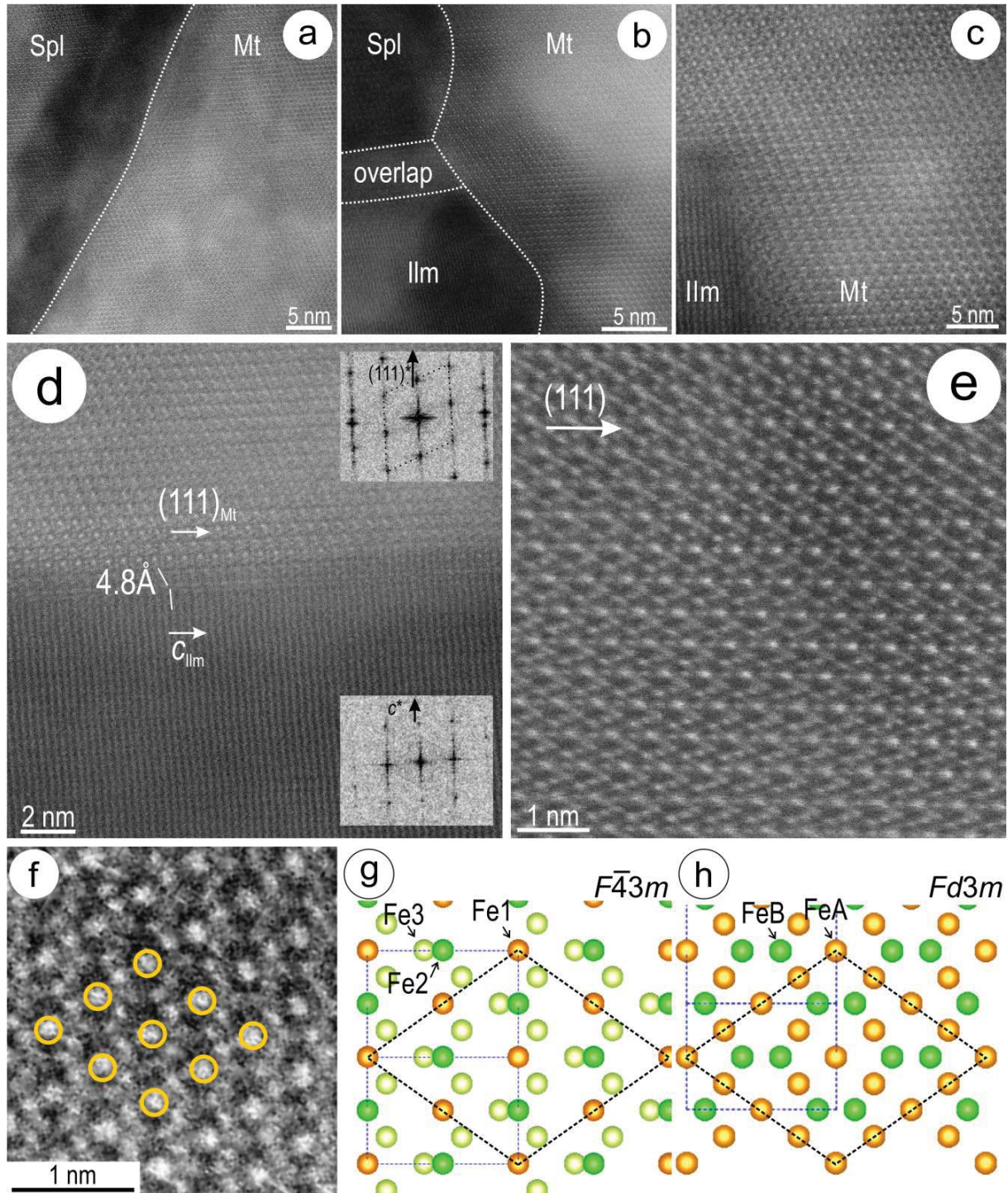


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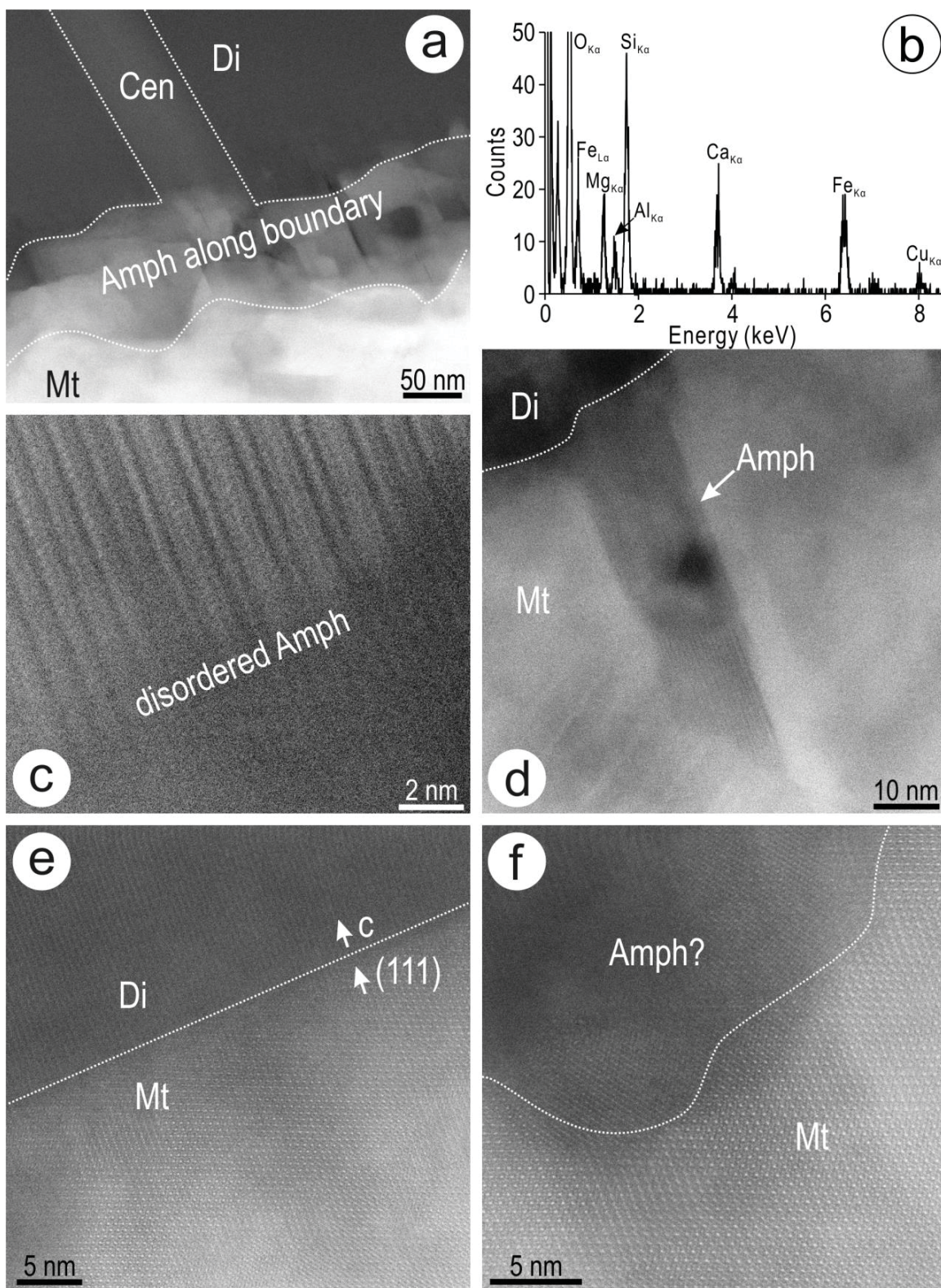




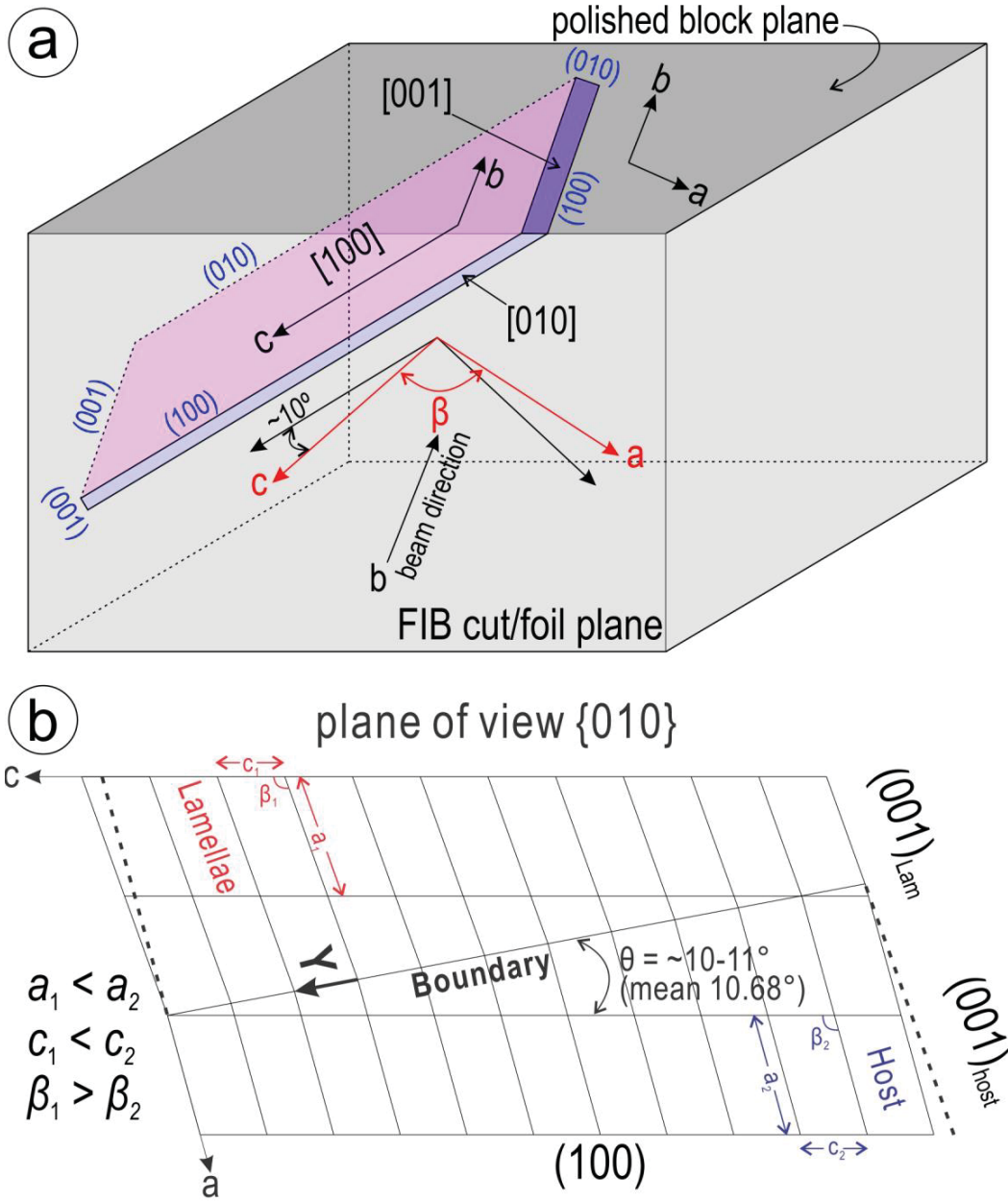
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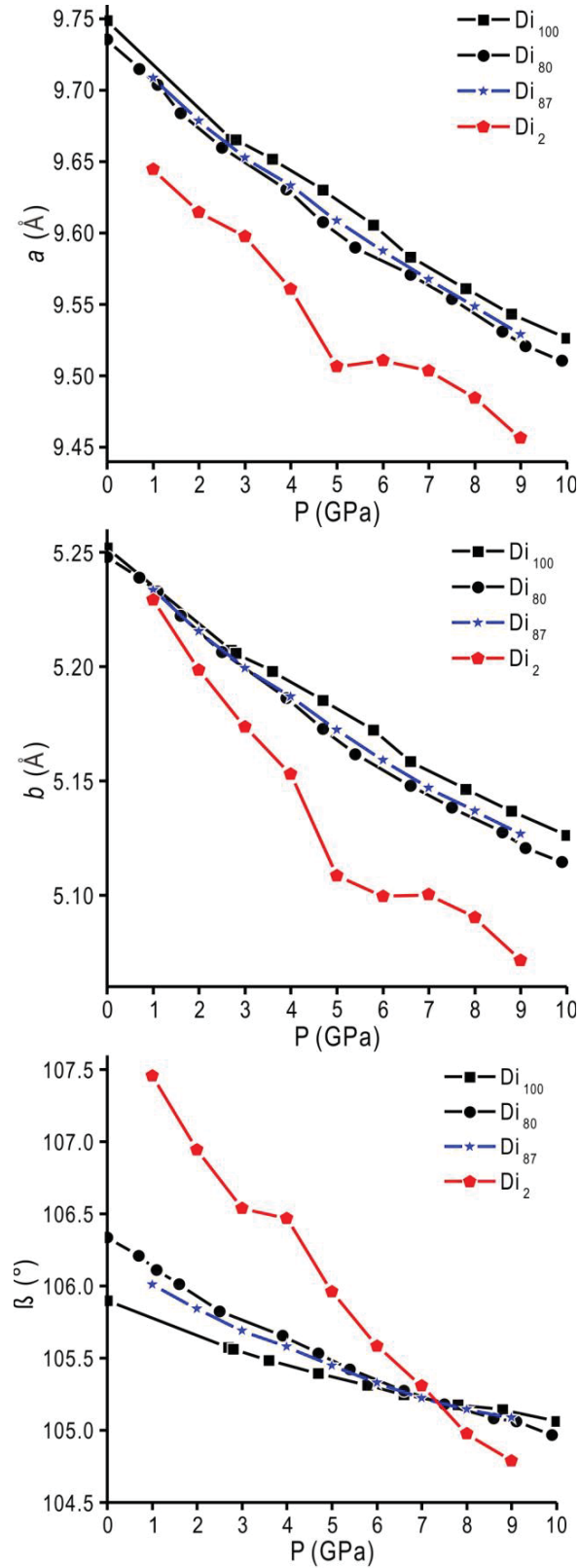
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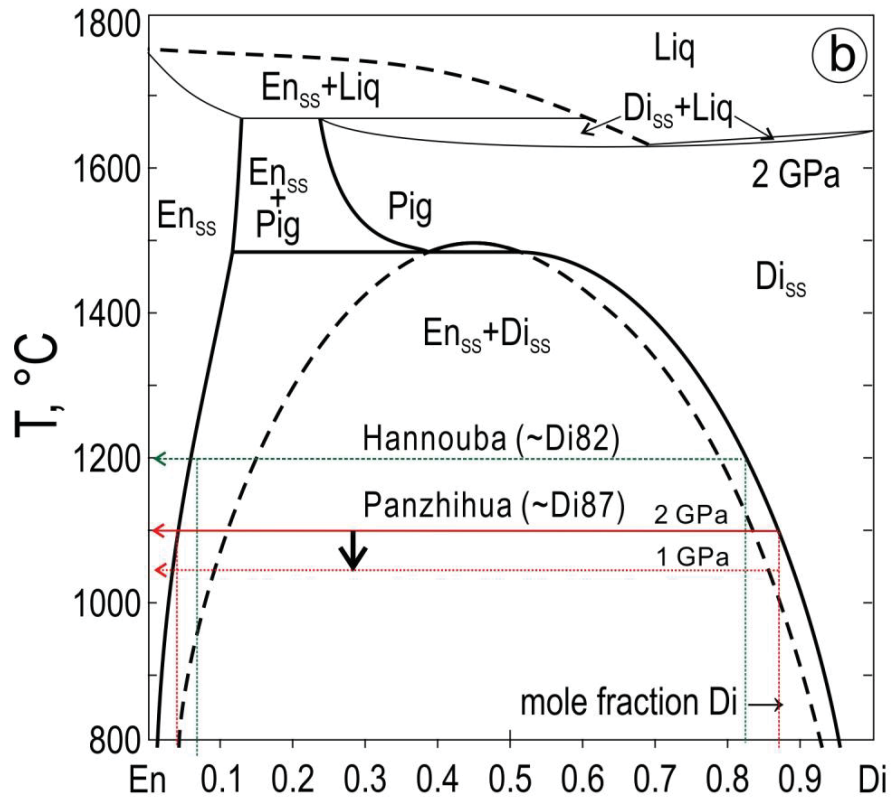
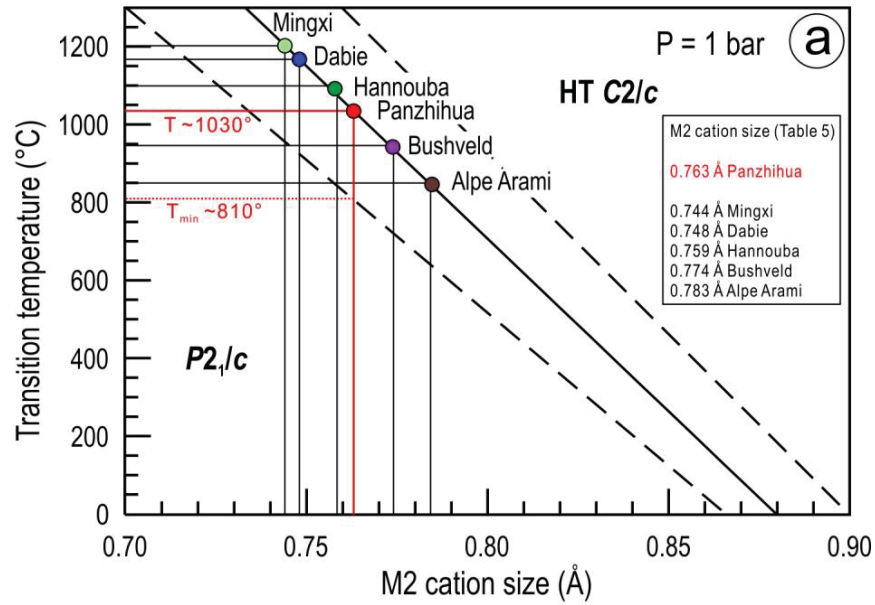
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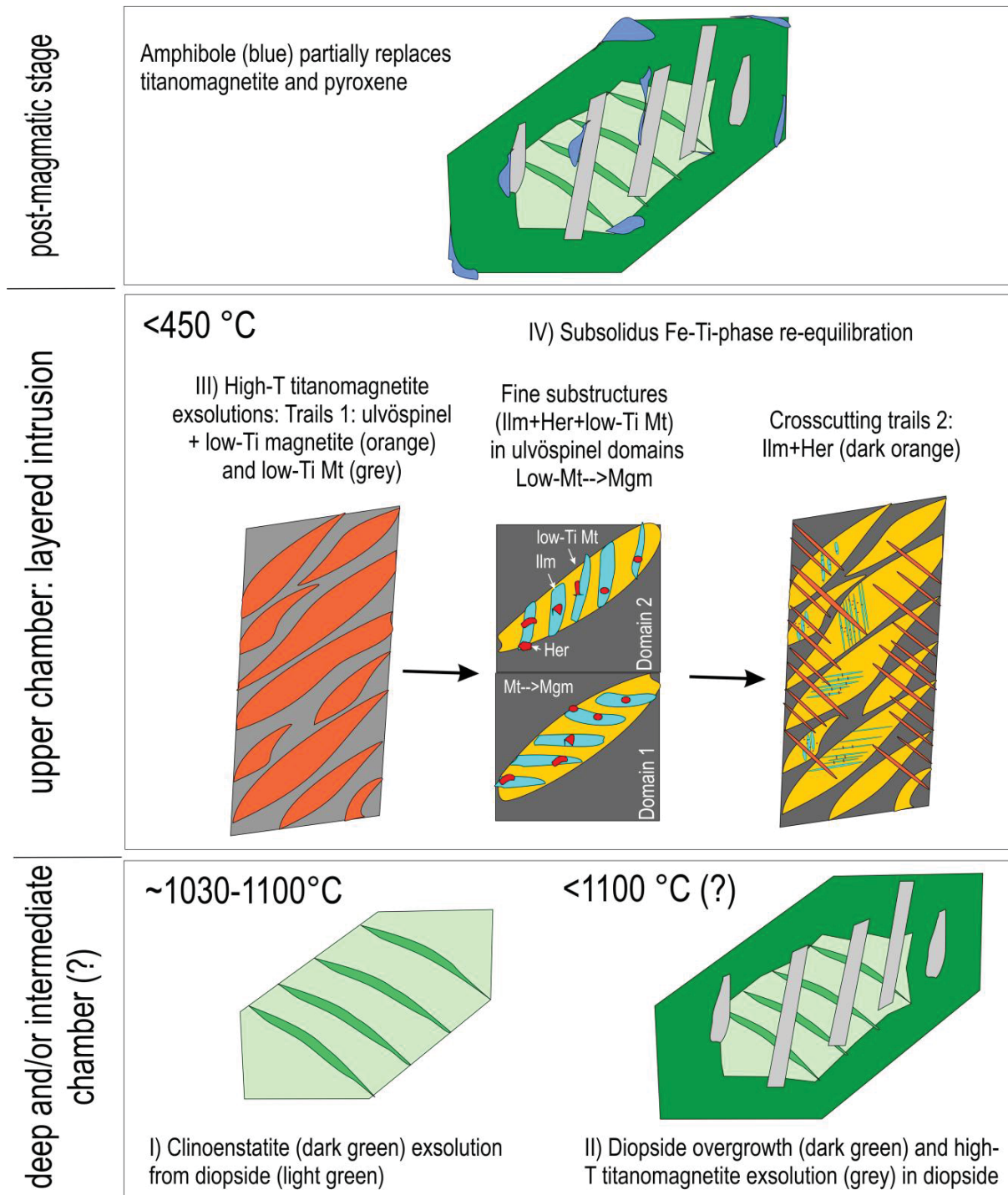
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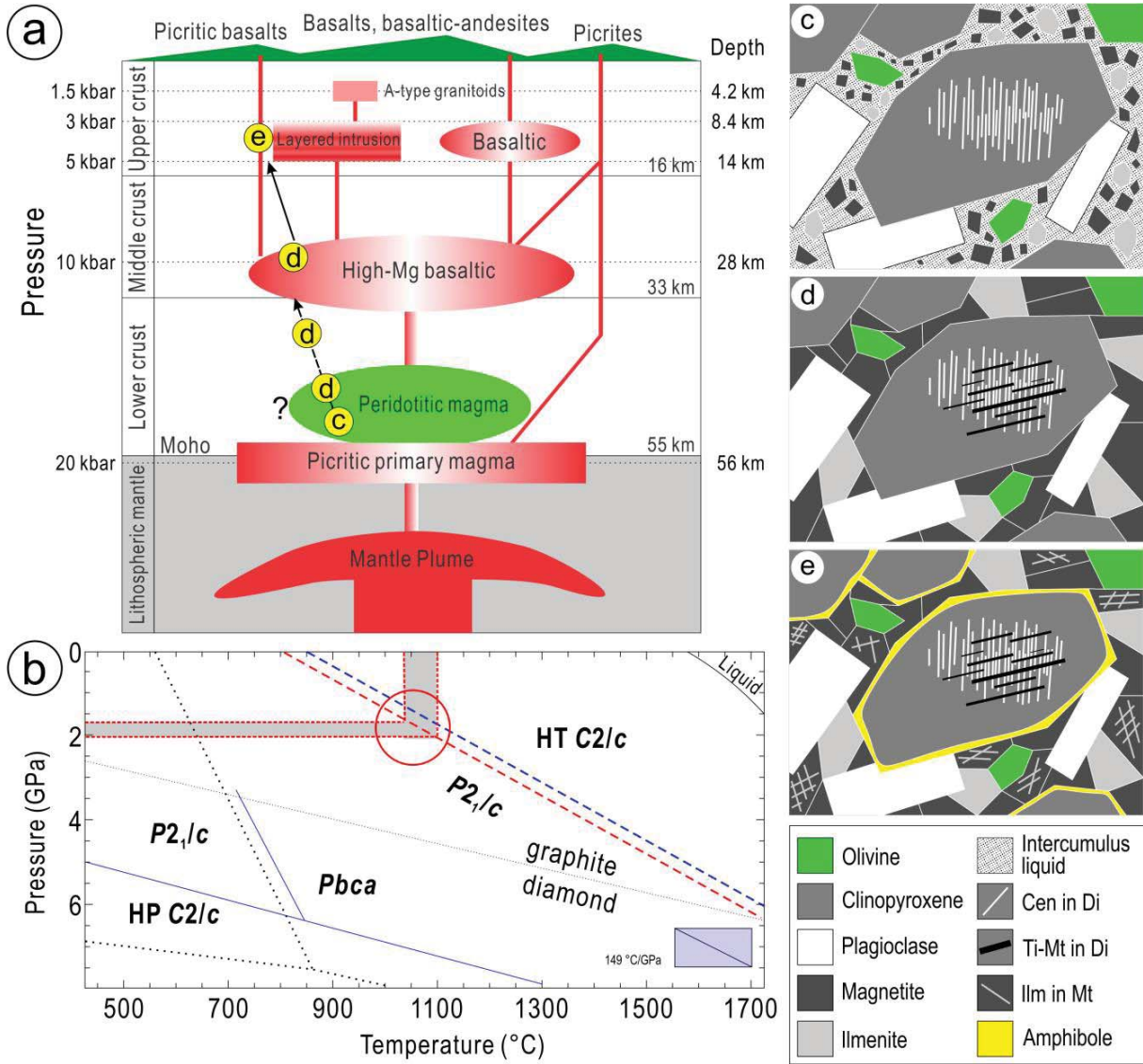
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