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22 **Abstract**

23 Analysis of an *in situ* fault zone within the Atlantis Massif oceanic core complex  
24 (Mid-Atlantic Ridge) provides clues to the relevant deformation mechanisms and their  
25 temporal evolution within oceanic crust. IODP EXP304/305 drilled a succession of  
26 gabbroic lithologies to a final depth of 1415 meters below the sea floor (mbsf), with  
27 very high recovery rates of up to 100% (generally ~80%). We identified an  
28 intra-crustal fault zone between 720 and 780 mbsf in a section of massive gabbro,  
29 olivine gabbro, oxide gabbro units, and minor diabase intrusions. Of particular interest  
30 is the section between 744 and 750 mbsf, which unfortunately was marked by low  
31 recovery rates (17%). Electrical borehole-wall images show a 1-m-thick zone of  
32 east-dipping fractures within this interval, which is otherwise dominated by N–S  
33 dipping structures. Despite the high fracture density in this section, the hole walls are  
34 smooth, with rare breakouts, suggesting that the low recovery rate was due to a change  
35 in lithology rather than well conditions. The recovered rocks include ultracataclasite  
36 and possibly incohesive fault gouge that formed in the upper amphibolite regime, with  
37 mostly amphibole infill. Logging data suggest that the gabbroic rocks in this interval  
38 are rich in hydrous phases, consistent with increased amounts of amphibole found in  
39 the core. Equilibration temperature conditions of about 640°C were obtained for  
40 plagioclase clasts and aluminous actinolite, assuming a pressure of 200MPa. The  
41 permeability of the fault zone is in the range of  $10^{-19}$  to  $10^{-17}$  m<sup>2</sup>. Although the  
42 permeability appears to be high within the fault zone relative to other parts of the  
43 section, it is no higher than that in typical lower crustal material. As a consequence,  
44 because brittle failure occurred at high temperatures, the fault zone was subsequently  
45 completely sealed by hydrous minerals, thereby preventing further fluid circulation  
46 and preserving water in the crust.

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48 Key words: IODP U1309D, Mid-Atlantic Ridge, gabbro, fault, permeability,  
49 core-log

## 50 1. Introduction

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52 Water exists in oceanic crust within a number of hydrous minerals. When an  
53 oceanic plate subducts at a trench, the hydrated crust carries water in the form of  
54 hydrous meta-basalt (e.g., blueschist; Peacock, 1993). The hydrous minerals become  
55 unstable at the pressures and temperatures of the shallow subduction zone (~50 km  
56 depth) and are dehydrated to produce anhydrous eclogitic oceanic crust. This  
57 dehydration process is expected to occur at depths of ~50–150 km in a cold  
58 subduction environment such as that beneath Northeast Japan (Hacker et al., 2003;  
59 Iwamori and Zhao, 2000; Kita et al., 2006; Tsuji et al., 2008). Because the presence  
60 of water substantially lowers the melting temperature of mantle peridotite, it is  
61 generally believed that the liberated water eventually triggers mantle melting,  
62 thereby generating island arc volcanism (Tatsumi, 1989). This scheme of  
63 dehydration of the subducting slab is petrologically and geodynamically well  
64 established (e.g., Kawakatsu and Watada, 2007; Iwamori, 2007); however, it remains  
65 unknown as to how and where the oceanic crust becomes hydrated.

66 In this paper, we document the high-T brittle failure and subsequent  
67 hydration-reaction-related sealing of a fault zone within young oceanic crust upon  
68 the Atlantis Massif, Mid-Atlantic Ridge (30°10'N; Fig. 1) drilled during Expeditions  
69 304 and 305 of the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (EXP304/305 IODP;  
70 Blackman et al., 2006). The fault zone of interest is located at 746 meters below sea  
71 level (mbsf) within massive gabbro suites, and shows no overprinting by  
72 exhumation-related structures. A combined study of *in situ* borehole logging data and  
73 analyses of drill core recovered from the fault zone enables us to characterize the  
74 fault zone. We argue that the documented hydration processes may occur pervasively  
75 within oceanic crust along fault zones beneath the mid-oceanic ridge.

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## 78 2. Geological Setting

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80 The Atlantis Massif, which formed within the past 1.5–2 m.y., bounds the  
81 west side of the median valley of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (Fig. 1). The corrugated,

82 striated central portion of this domal massif displays morphologic and geophysical  
83 characteristics inferred to be representative of an oceanic core complex exposed via  
84 long-lived detachment faulting (e.g., Cann et al., 1997; Tucholke et al., 1998;  
85 Blackman et al., 1998; Collins et al., 2001; Escartin et al., 2003; Blackman et al.,  
86 2004). The drill hole analyzed in the present study (EXP304/305 IODP) is located  
87 within the footwall of the detachment fault, extending through a succession of  
88 gabbroic lithologies down to final depth of 1415 mbsf (Blackman et al., 2006;  
89 Ildefonse et al., 2007). The interval between 720 and 780 mbsf, within which the  
90 fault zone of the present study occurs, consists of a succession of massive gabbro,  
91 olivine gabbro, oxide gabbro, and minor diabase intrusions (Fig. 1). The fault zone  
92 consists of three discrete brittle faults, and occurs well below the major detachment  
93 fault located at the top of the hole, where brittle and plastic deformation appears to  
94 be more intense (Blackman et al., 2006).

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### 96 **3. Logging Data**

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#### 98 *3.1. Methods*

99 Downhole logging data are useful in complementing core data (e.g., visual  
100 core descriptions, analysis of thin sections) and determining the orientation of  
101 structures identified in the recovered core. The coverage of downhole data attained  
102 during EXP 304/305 was almost 100% (Blackman et al., 2006). Standard logs such  
103 as density, resistivity, neutron porosity, and natural gamma radiation were collected  
104 between depths of 50 and 1415 mbsf at a sampling interval of 0.15 m.

105 Density was measured using the hostile-environment lithodensity tool  
106 (HLDT). In this highly resistive environment, a dual laterolog (DLL) was used to  
107 measure resistivity, recording both shallow and deep penetrating resistivity. An  
108 accelerator porosity sonde (APS) was used to estimate porosity and degree of  
109 alteration. In highly altered rocks, neutron porosity shows a marked increase related  
110 to the sensitivity of the tool to hydrogen-rich minerals (e.g., clays, chlorite, and  
111 serpentinite) that fill veins and occur as replacement minerals. The  
112 hostile-environment spectral gamma ray tool (HNGS) and spectral gamma ray tool  
113 (NGT) were used to measure natural radioactivity. The HNGS output was generally

114 superior to that of NGT, as it was run first and the rocks were not artificially  
115 activated by the neutron porosity tool.

116 Formation microscanner (FMS) electric resistivity images were used to assess  
117 variations in structure. The FMS is a four-pad microelectrical resistivity device that  
118 enables detailed investigations of vertical and lateral variations in formation  
119 resistivity (Serra, 1989) with a shallow depth of investigation (~2 mm). Data quality  
120 is highly sensitive to poor pad contact with the borehole wall arising from surface  
121 roughness. The obtained resistivity values are relative because the current flow is  
122 continuously adjusted during logging to optimize the operating range of the tool  
123 under varying bed resistivity. Resistivity measurements are recorded every 2.5 mm,  
124 and the vertical resolution of the tool is in the order of 2.5 cm; it is possible to detect  
125 beds thinner than 2.5 cm if high resistivity contrast exists between the adjacent beds  
126 (Serra, 1989). During data processing, images were dynamically normalized over a 2  
127 m moving window.

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### 129 *3.2. Logging Results*

130 The quality of the logging data is extremely high for all tools because of the  
131 excellent hole conditions encountered during drilling. The density, resistivity, and  
132 velocity logs are useful in distinguishing different gabbroic rocks, and are  
133 particularly valuable in examining the overall structure, including that in  
134 non-recovered sections within the interval around the fault zone. The trends in these  
135 datasets are related to alteration and deformation associated with the fault zone (Fig.  
136 1).

137 The diameter of the borehole (named as Caliper) varies between 25.46 and  
138 31.46 cm (Fig. 1). The maximum diameter occurs in gabbro at 731.8 mbsf, and the  
139 minimum in diabase at around 760 mbsf. This interval between 740 and 760 mbsf  
140 shows a highly smooth surface, with no apparent breakouts despite the low recovery  
141 at certain intervals such as the fault zone.

142 The overall neutron porosity within the borehole is generally around 5%, a  
143 typical value for gabbro, although this figure exceeds 10% in places, including the  
144 interval containing the fault zone (Fig. 1). The shallow and deep resistivity decrease  
145 from 144 ohm.m in regular gabbro to 28 ohm.m within the fault zone (Fig. 1), and

146 density decreases from  $\sim 2.9 \text{ gr/cm}^3$  in regular gabbro to  $\sim 2.0 \text{ gr/cm}^3$  within the fault  
147 zone.

148         Within the fault zone, between 744 and 750 mbsf, the electrical borehole wall  
149 images reveal an approximately 1-m interval of east-dipping structures between  
150 structures that dip to the north and south (Fig. 1).

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## 152 **4. Core Analyses**

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154         Only 0.8 m of core was recovered from the 4.8 m interval between 746.2 and  
155 751.0 mbsf (Fig. 1), with most of the core showing intense brittle deformation  
156 indicative of cataclasis and ultracataclasis. This section of core is described in detail  
157 below.

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### 159 *4.1. Microstructural Analyses*

160         Detailed microstructural observations reveal the occurrence of ultracataclasite  
161 within coarse cataclasites (Fig. 2); the ultracataclasite contains local microscopic  
162 seams of amphibole (Fig. 2C-F), as described below. The coarse cataclasite contains  
163 irregularly shaped clasts of plagioclase and locally amphibole within an altered  
164 matrix (Fig. 2B). The coarse plagioclase fragments are fractured and show weak  
165 undulose extinction. The amphibole clasts, which are altered clinopyroxene grains,  
166 show bending with undulose extinction and microcracks. The altered matrix consists  
167 of very fine ( $< 1 \text{ mm}$ ) amphibole with no apparent shape-preferred orientation. The  
168 sizes of plagioclase clasts decrease toward the ultracataclasite zone (Fig. 2B). Within  
169 this zone, relic coarse plagioclase clasts show moderate undulose extinction and are  
170 intensely fractured, with offset recorded along some of the fractures.

171         Seams of amphibole and minor epidote and plagioclase occur within the  
172 ultracataclasite zone. Amphibole (001) cleavages are oriented subparallel to the fault  
173 plane. The seams are irregularly distributed, but are most common within the zone  
174 with the most fine-grained clasts, which they locally anastomose around or cut across  
175 (Fig. 2C-F). These relationships indicate that the seams originated from the  
176 syntectonic replacement of clasts during brittle deformation (i.e., development of the  
177 fault zone). Furthermore, flow structures around epidote and plagioclase grains (see

178 Fig. 2C–F) indicate that the seams were subsequently plastically deformed, without  
179 further brittle deformation.

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## 181 4.2. Mineral Chemistry

### 182 4.2.1. Methods

183 The chemical compositions of minerals within two polished thin sections (TS  
184 #398 and #399) cut from samples from the fault zone were analyzed using a JEOL  
185 JXA-733 electron microprobe with three spectrometers housed at Okayama  
186 University, Japan. Operating conditions were an accelerating voltage of 15 kV,  
187 sample current of 10–20 nA, and a defocused beam of 20  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter. Analyzed  
188 standards were natural or synthetic oxides and silicates. The applied matrix  
189 correction followed that of Bence and Albee (1968), using the alpha factors of  
190 Nakamura and Kushiro (1970).

### 191 4.2.2. Results

192 Representative analyses are listed in Table 1, and the locations of analyzed  
193 points are shown in Fig. 3. The fibrous amphibole that forms the thin seams in the  
194 ultracataclasite (points A2 and A4 in TS #398; Table 1 and Fig. 3) has the  
195 composition of actinolite (Leake, 1978), but is rich in Al and poor in Si (< 7.6 per  
196 formula unit) relative to typical greenschist-facies actinolite. Some of the  
197 amphibole-like fibrous minerals within the films (points A1, A3, and A5 in TS #398;  
198 Table 1 and Fig. 3) have slightly different compositions from the actinolites, being  
199 deficient in total oxides (< 93 wt.%); this may reflect a high H<sub>2</sub>O content. Under the  
200 microscope, these grains have lower relief, lower birefringence, and smaller  
201 extinction angles than actinolite. These optical characteristics, in combination with  
202 the possible enrichment in H<sub>2</sub>O, suggest that the actinolitic seams are partly  
203 decomposed to a variety of biopyribole due to low-temperature alteration; however,  
204 the invariable nature of the ratio of tetrahedral cations to tetrahedral and octahedral  
205 cations,  $(\text{Si} + \text{Al})/(\text{Si} + \text{Ti} + \text{Al} + \text{Fe} + \text{Mn} + \text{Mg} + \text{Ca})$  (Table 1), suggests that  
206 amphibole composition is largely unaffected by alteration (Veblen and Burnham,  
207 1978).

208 Fibrous amphibole that coexists with chlorite (point A1 in TS #399; Table 1  
209 and Fig. 3) is similar in Si, Al, and alkali contents to the film-forming aluminous

210 actinolite, whereas amphibole clasts and fringes around chlorite are highly variable  
211 in composition (points A2, A3, and A4 in TS #399), suggesting chemical  
212 disequilibrium at the thin-section scale and variable physical conditions of amphibole  
213 formation. In particular, the high Al and low Si contents of the amphibole clasts  
214 suggest that high-temperature metamorphism preceded cataclasis and the formation  
215 of ultracataclasite.

216 Plagioclase grains show a bimodal distribution of compositions related to  
217 grain size: anorthite contents [ $An = 100 \cdot Ca / (Ca + Na + K)$ ] are 39–43 and 62–63 in  
218 small clasts and large crystals, respectively (Table 1 and Fig. 3). On the basis of  
219 textural evidence such as grain size, grain shape, and mode of occurrence, the large  
220 plagioclase crystals are considered to be relic crystals that grew at an early stage of  
221 igneous crystallization or high-temperature metamorphic crystallization; in contrast,  
222 the small clasts formed during brittle deformation associated with chemical  
223 adjustment to low-temperature conditions.

224 Plagioclase clasts embedded in the foliated seams (points P1 and P2 in TS  
225 #398) are likely to have formed in equilibrium with the aluminous actinolite, as they  
226 are homogeneous in composition and in direct contact with the actinolite (Fig. 3).  
227 Using the amphibole–plagioclase thermometer of Holland and Blundy (1994) and  
228 assuming a pressure of 200 MPa, we calculated equilibration temperature conditions  
229 of about 640 °C for the plagioclase clasts and aluminous actinolite.

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## 231 **5. Permeability Measurements**

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### 233 *5.1. Experimental Procedure*

234 Permeability measurements were performed on samples collected across the  
235 fault zone (Table 2). For gas permeability measurements, the samples were shaped  
236 into cylinders with a diameter of 25 mm and length of ~9 mm (except for one fragile  
237 sample which was cut into a rectangular shape of 20 × 20 × 7.1 mm) and then dried  
238 at 90 °C in an oven for at least 2 weeks to eliminate pore water. All measurements  
239 were conducted using an intra-vessel deformation and fluid-flow apparatus (Hirose  
240 and Hayman, 2008). Specimens were jacketed with three layers of polyolefin  
241 shrinking tubes to isolate the pores from the confining medium. To evaluate the

242 evolution of permeability with confining pressure, the pressure was increased in a  
 243 stepwise manner from 5 MPa up to either 60 or 140 MPa and then decreased back  
 244 down to 5 MPa (Fig. 4).

245 In measuring permeability, we used the steady-state flow method with  
 246 nitrogen gas as a pore-fluid medium. A constant pore-pressure gradient of 0.2–2.4  
 247 MPa was applied across the specimen, with the volume of gas flowing through the  
 248 specimen being monitored by soap-film flowmeters. The permeability value,  $k$ , for  
 249 the nitrogen gas flow is given by the following equation based on Darcy's law:

$$250 \quad k = \frac{2\eta LQ}{A} \frac{P_{down}}{P_{up}^2 - P_{down}^2},$$

251 where  $Q$  is the flow rate,  $A$  is the cross-sectional area perpendicular to the flow  
 252 direction,  $L$  is the specimen length parallel to the flow direction,  $\eta$  is the viscosity of  
 253 the pore fluid, and  $P_{up}$  and  $P_{down}$  are the pore pressures in the upper and lower ends of  
 254 the specimen. The measurable flow rate in the apparatus can be varied from 0.05 to  
 255 5000 ml/min, which roughly corresponds to permeabilities ranging from  $10^{-21}$  to  $10^{-16}$   
 256  $\text{m}^2$  for specimens of this size.

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## 258 5.2. Experimental Results

259 The permeability values obtained for the regular gabbro and fault rocks as a  
 260 function of confining pressure are shown in Fig. 4A and B, respectively (see also  
 261 Table 2). The results show the following trends: (1) host rocks are more impermeable  
 262 than the fault rocks by more than an order of magnitude; (2) permeability decreases  
 263 with increasing confining pressure, and tends to be lower during the second pressure  
 264 cycle; (3) for all specimens, the reduced permeability during pressurization did not  
 265 recover to the initial values during depressurization. For comparison with the  
 266 borehole data, Fig. 1 shows permeability data at an effective confining pressure of 20  
 267 MPa during the downward pressure cycle, which approximately corresponds to the  
 268 borehole pressure. The downhole permeability plot shows that the fault zone is  
 269 relatively permeable compared with adjacent rocks, with a permeability of  $10^{-18}$  to  
 270  $10^{-17} \text{ m}^2$ .

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## 272 6. Interpretation and Discussion

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### 274 6.1. Logging Data Across the Fault Zone associated with Fault rocks

275 The 0.8 m of core recovered from the 4.8 m interval between 746.2 and 751.0  
276 mbsf shows intense brittle deformation indicative of cataclasis and ultracataclasis  
277 (Fig. 2). Several pieces of ultracataclasite were obtained from sections of gabbro  
278 subject to intense brittle deformation within the fault zone (e.g., Fig. 2A). However,  
279 it is difficult to determine the scale of the fault zone, since the rate of core recovery  
280 was poor across the fault zone (between 744 and 752 mbsf). In contrast, a  
281 near-complete set of downhole logging data was obtained (Fig. 1).

282 The borehole condition was as good quality as the smooth borehole width  
283 across the fault zone (Fig. 1), indicating that the fault zone appears to be well  
284 lithified in spite of the development of fault rocks. However, the other logging data  
285 around the core of the fault rocks are remarkably different from the protolith  
286 gabbroic rocks in the interval between 720 and 780 mbsf: i.e., the low deep  
287 resistivity, the high gamma ray and the high neutron porosity, suggesting that the  
288 fault zone contains conductive phases (Fig. 1). This interpretation is further  
289 supported by the density data, which show values of  $\sim 2.9 \text{ gr/cm}^3$  in the gabbro suites,  
290 decreasing to  $\sim 2.0 \text{ gr/cm}^3$  within the fault zone. Although the absolute density is  
291 poorly calibrated, this decrease in apparent density might be explained by the  
292 relatively high permeability within the fault zone (discussed below) and the presence  
293 of hydrous phases such as amphibole. At 745 mbsf, where the borehole width data  
294 indicate an absence of breakouts, the density is  $\sim 2.0 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , suggesting that cracks, if  
295 present at all, remain closed.

296 Moreover, the electrical borehole wall images can be analyzed to obtain  
297 information on the geometry of lithological contacts and fractures within the fault  
298 zone (Fig. 1). The images reveal a distinct dark region at the top of the east-dipping  
299 zone at around 745.5 mbsf, possibly corresponding to the lowest recorded density of  
300  $2.0 \text{ g/cm}^3$  and the highest neutron porosity of 26 % (Fig. 1). These structures  
301 probably reveal the full extent of the fault zone, which on this basis is more than 5 m  
302 wide at around 745 mbsf (Fig. 1).

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304 6.2. Permeability of the fault zone: implication for hydration in the oceanic crust

305 The fault zone consists of cataclasite and ultracataclasite. The ultracataclasite  
306 contains seams of amphibole and minor epidote and plagioclase (Fig. 2C–F). Flow  
307 structures around epidote and plagioclase grains (Fig. 2C–F) demonstrate that the  
308 seams were subsequently plastically deformed, with no apparent brittle deformation.  
309 Since these seams appear to have developed at temperatures of around 640 °C (Fig.  
310 3), this microstructural development would indicate a high temperature brittle  
311 failure and subsequent slow slip in the fault zone in association with hydrothermal  
312 alteration.

313 Our laboratory measurements indicate that the permeability of the fault zone  
314 is in the order of  $10^{-19}$  to  $10^{-17}$  m<sup>2</sup>, more than an order magnitude higher than that of  
315 the host gabbroic rocks (Fig. 4). Because our experiments were performed using  
316 small cores that did not contain large-scale fractures, much higher permeabilities are  
317 likely within the highly fractured parts of the fault zone that were not recovered  
318 during drilling. In fact, high permeability, ranging from  $10^{-18}$  to  $10^{-13}$  m<sup>2</sup>, has been  
319 reported from *in situ* permeability measurements of shallow basaltic oceanic crust  
320 within which fractures are favorably developed (see the review by Fisher, 1998).  
321 Although large-scale crustal fault zones are likely to be more highly permeable than  
322 that indicated by our laboratory results, our relatively low-permeability fault data  
323 may represent the permeability structure of minor-scale or locally inactive fault  
324 zones such as those likely to be observed within the present cores (Fig. 2). Such a  
325 low-permeable fault zone results from progressive sealing via the formation of  
326 hydrous minerals at around 640 °C. Given that the amphibole crystals that act as the  
327 seal were plastically deformed within the fault zone (Fig. 2), such a low permeability  
328 structure within the fault zone, which is as low as that of the lower crust (e.g., Brace,  
329 1984), would occur during the later stages or perhaps even the last stage of fault  
330 movement (i.e., a post-seismic event).

331 We argue that the low-permeable fault zone observed within gabbro in the  
332 present study is one of the best candidate structures for preserving water in the  
333 oceanic crust. The water could be input into lower crustal rocks to form hydrous  
334 minerals along fault zones that developed near the spreading axis presumably during  
335 seismic events (e.g., Wolfe et al., 1995) and might then be preserved because of a

336 low permeability structure, until dehydration reactions occur with increasing  
337 temperature at some tectonic settings such as a subducting slab.

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## 339 **7. Conclusions**

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341 IODP EXP304/305 drilled a succession of gabbroic lithologies to a final depth  
342 of 1415 meters below the sea floor (mbsf), attaining very high recovery rates of up to  
343 100% (generally ~80%). We identified an intra-crustal fault zone between 720 and 780  
344 mbsf in a section consisting of massive gabbro, olivine gabbro, oxide gabbro, and  
345 minor diabase intrusions. Of particular interest is the section between 744 and 750  
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347 1-m-thick zone of east-dipping fractures within this interval that is otherwise  
348 dominated by structures dipping to the N and S. Despite a high fracture density, the  
349 section has smooth walls with rare breakouts, suggesting that the poor recovery is due  
350 to a change in lithology rather than well conditions. Ultracataclasite formed in the  
351 upper amphibolite regime, with infill dominated by amphibole. Logging data suggest  
352 that the gabbroic rocks in this interval are rich in hydrous phases, consistent with the  
353 increased amounts of amphibole found in the core. Equilibration temperature  
354 conditions of about 640 °C (assuming a pressure of 200 MPa) were obtained for  
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356 permeability of the fault zone is in the range of  $10^{-19}$  to  $10^{-17}$  m<sup>2</sup>. Although the  
357 permeability is relatively high within the fault zone, the overall permeability structure  
358 is no higher than that in the lower crust; consequently, because brittle failure occurred  
359 at high temperatures, the fault zone was subsequently completely sealed with hydrous  
360 minerals, thereby preventing further fluid circulation. Such low-permeable fault zone  
361 observed within gabbro in the present study is one of the best candidate structures for  
362 preserving water in the oceanic crust.

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455 Figure captions

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457 Figure 1.

458 Borehole data for the interval between 720 and 780 mbsf within Hole  
459 U1309D drilled by IODP Expeditions 304 and 305. The fault zone occurs in the  
460 interval between 746.2 and 751.0 mbsf (colored in yellow), for which permeability  
461 measurements were performed. A distinct dark layer occurs at the top of the  
462 east-dipping zone at around 745.5 mbsf, from where core was not recovered (colored  
463 in pink). See the text for details.

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465 Figure 2.

466 (A) Ultracataclasite recovered from Core U1309D 152R1 (for sample  
467 location within the borehole, see the right-hand side of Fig. 1). An apparent reverse  
468 sense of movement (white arrows) is apparent from the geometries of asymmetric  
469 fragments. The white rectangle represents the area from which a thin section was  
470 made. (B) Microphotograph of the entire thin section cut from the area indicated by  
471 the rectangle in A. Width: 3 cm. Cataclasite consists of plagioclase and amphibole  
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473 and F. (C) Amphibole-dominated films within the ultracataclasite. (D) and (E)  
474 Enlargements of the amphibole-dominated films shown in C, showing flow  
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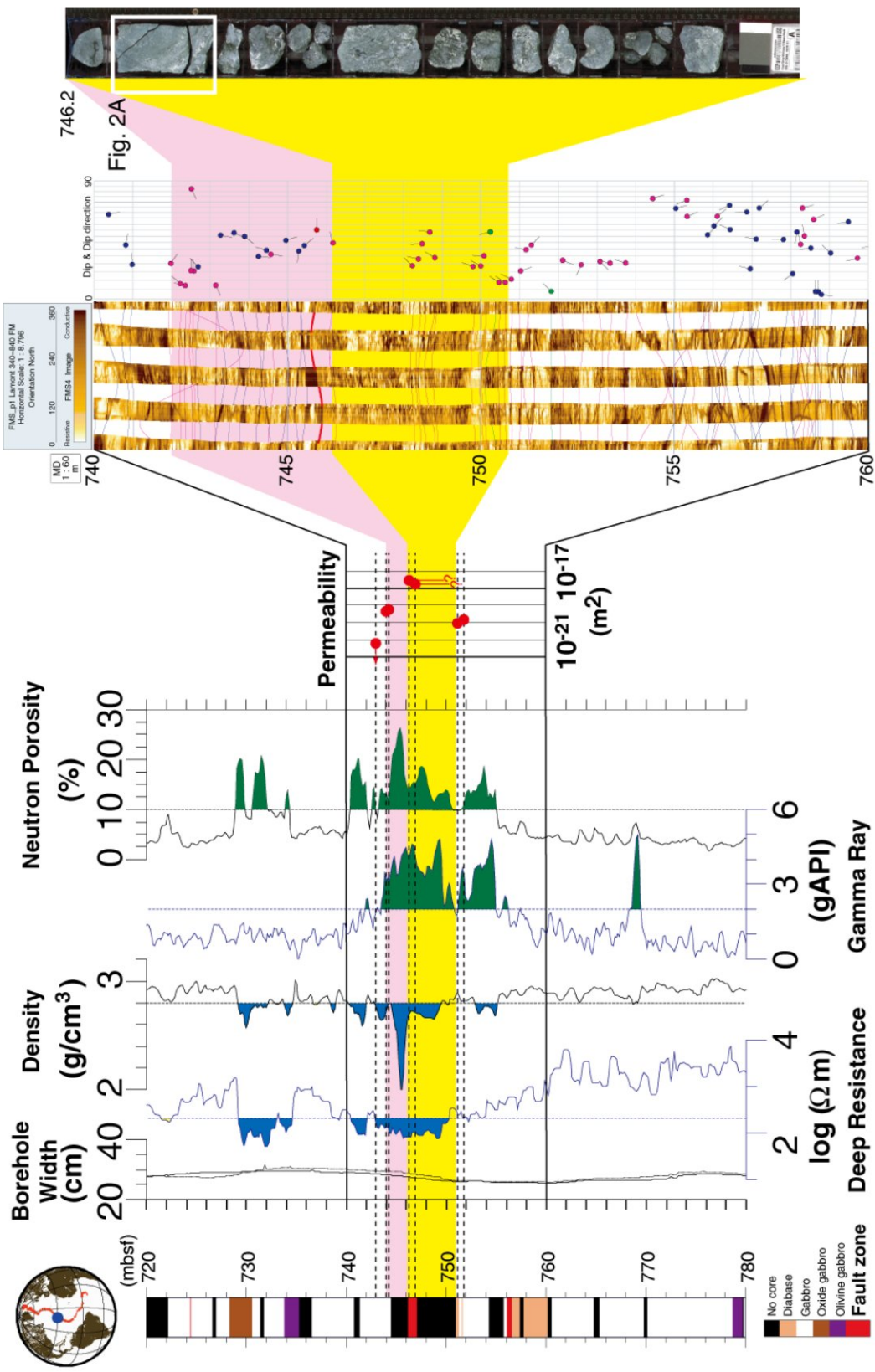
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Drilled core recovered from the fault zone

Electrical borehole wall images between 740 and 760 mbsf.

Downhole logging data between 720 and 780 mbsf.

Figure 1: Michibayashi et al.

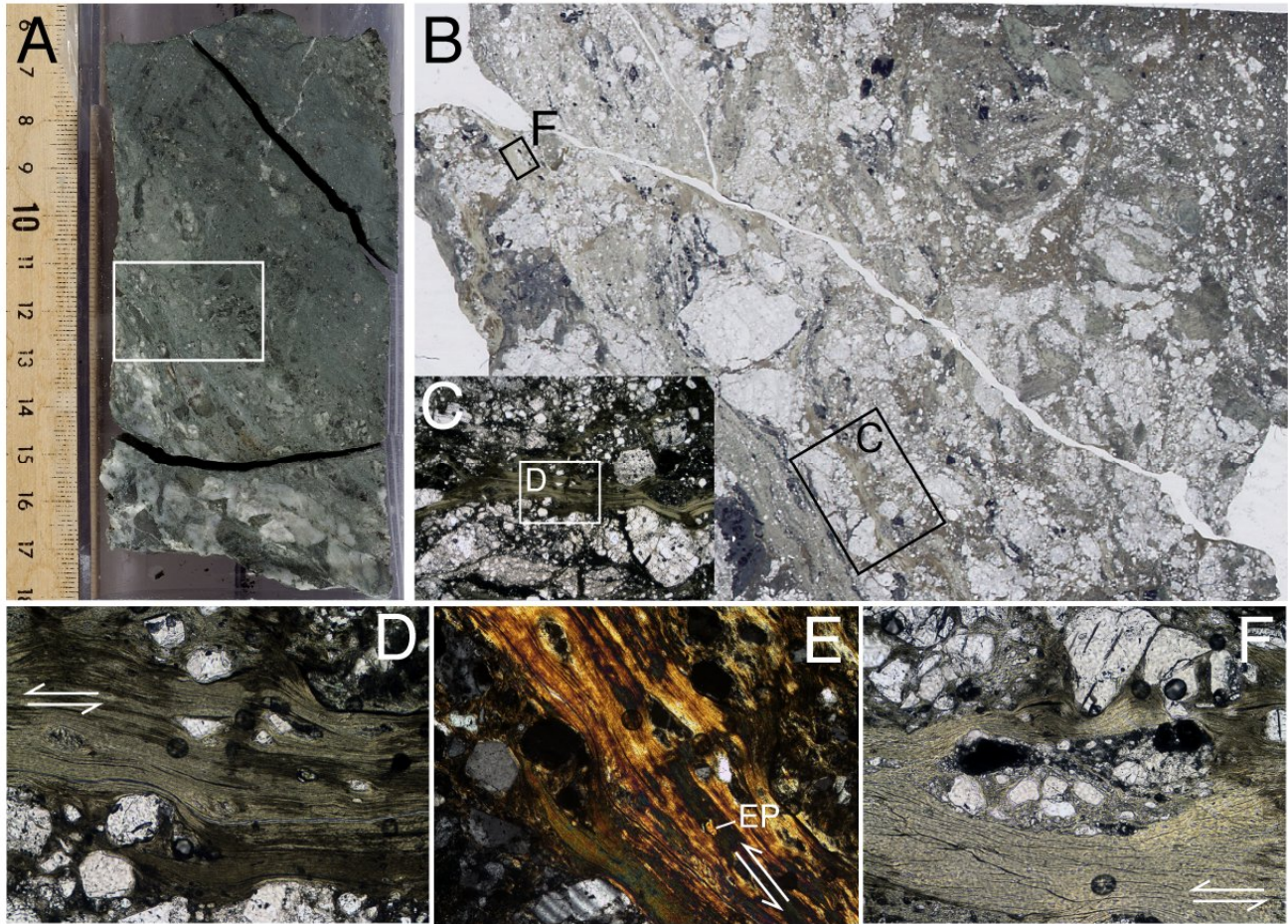


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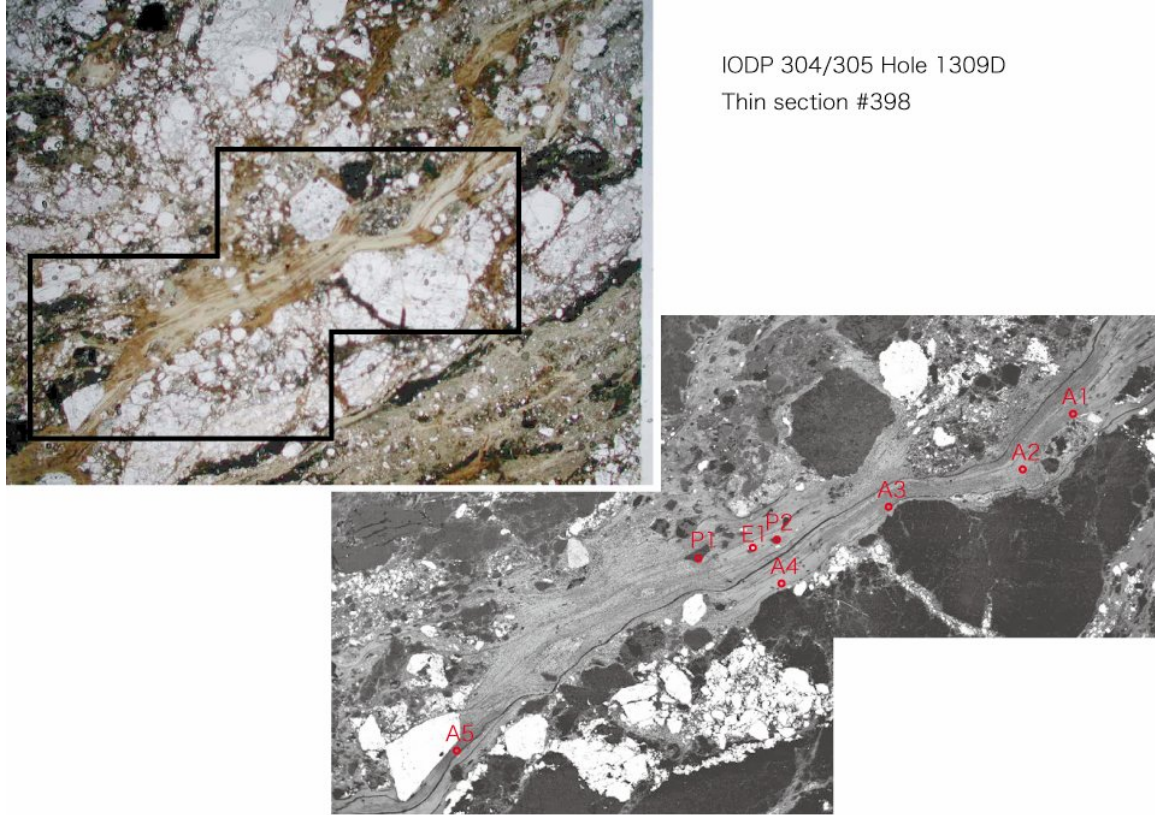


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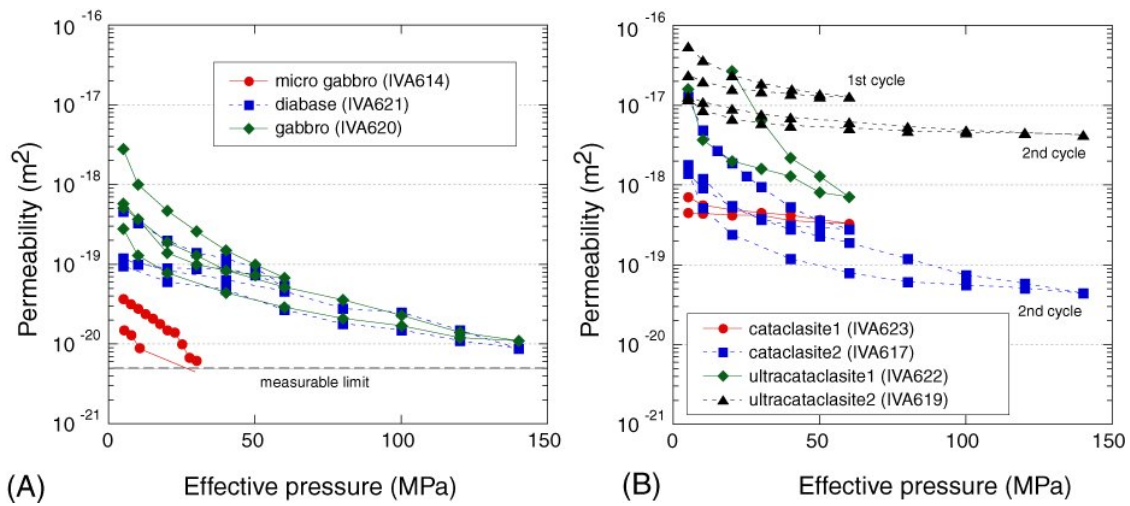


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Table 1. Chemical compositions of minerals.

Thin Section No.	398			399			399			399			399			399		
Sample No.	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	E1	PI1	PI2	Chl1	Chl2	Am1	Am2	Am3	Am4	PI1	PI2	PI3	PI4
SiO2	49.76	52.06	49.77	51.66	47.94	35.55	57.77	58.17	26.00	26.12	51.18	49.89	46.97	51.84	52.14	51.76	57.48	57.65
TiO2	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.11	0.07	nd	nd	0.06	0.07	0.34	0.31	0.82	0.09	nd	nd	nd	nd
Al2O3	3.39	3.69	3.47	3.99	3.83	22.11	27.26	27.05	19.60	19.36	2.76	5.36	5.92	1.38	28.81	28.57	25.10	25.25
FeO*	12.17	12.93	12.80	13.51	13.85		nd	nd	23.19	23.03	19.55	17.16	24.81	21.46	nd	nd	nd	nd
Fe2O3**						13.36												
MnO	0.15	0.21	0.22	0.29	0.23	0.16	nd	nd	0.21	0.22	0.39	0.14	0.79	0.58	nd	nd	nd	nd
MgO	15.15	15.87	14.82	15.59	13.99	0.11	nd	nd	17.80	18.24	11.66	12.46	8.83	11.53	nd	nd	nd	nd
CaO	11.22	11.69	11.06	10.89	10.02	19.63	8.56	8.57	0.08	0.12	11.91	12.26	9.48	11.41	12.99	13.13	8.66	8.84
Na2O	0.32	0.40	0.36	0.48	0.61	0.00	6.64	7.47	0.00	0.01	0.30	0.65	1.03	0.21	4.26	4.22	6.60	6.55
K2O	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.08	0.07	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.12	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.10	0.08
total	92.37	97.06	92.49	96.65	90.64	91.03	100.31	101.33	86.95	87.19	98.14	98.27	98.77	98.56	98.26	97.72	97.94	98.37
Cations/O=	23	23	23	23	23	12.5	8	8	7	7	23	23	23	23	8	8	8	8
Si	7.578	7.555	7.591	7.539	7.510	3.029	2.576	2.576	1.369	1.371	7.600	7.329	7.133	7.725	2.407	2.404	2.627	2.624
Ti	0.020	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.014	0.004	nd	nd	0.002	0.003	0.038	0.034	0.094	0.010	nd	nd	nd	nd
Al	0.609	0.631	0.623	0.687	0.706	2.220	1.433	1.412	1.216	1.198	0.484	0.928	1.060	0.243	1.567	1.564	1.352	1.354
Fe	1.550	1.570	1.633	1.649	1.815	0.856	nd	nd	1.021	1.011	2.428	2.108	3.150	2.674	nd	nd	nd	nd
Mn	0.019	0.026	0.029	0.036	0.030	0.012	nd	nd	0.010	0.010	0.049	0.017	0.102	0.074	nd	nd	nd	nd
Mg	3.440	3.434	3.325	3.392	3.268	0.014	nd	nd	1.397	1.427	2.581	2.729	1.998	2.561	nd	nd	nd	nd
Ca	1.830	1.818	1.806	1.703	1.681	1.810	0.409	0.407	0.004	0.007	1.894	1.929	1.543	1.822	0.642	0.654	0.424	0.431
Na	0.094	0.112	0.106	0.136	0.186	0.000	0.574	0.641	0.000	0.001	0.086	0.186	0.303	0.060	0.381	0.380	0.584	0.578
K	0.008	0.007	0.005	0.013	0.011	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.001	0.002	0.009	0.008	0.023	0.011	0.004	0.002	0.006	0.005
Total	15.148	15.171	15.136	15.173	15.221	7.950	4.996	5.040	5.020	5.030	15.169	15.268	15.406	15.180	5.001	5.004	4.993	4.992
Mg#	68.9	68.6	67.1	67.3	64.3				57.8	58.5	51.5	56.4	38.8	48.9				
An							41.4	38.7							62.5	63.1	41.8	42.5
SA/STAFMMC	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.55	0.55						0.54	0.55	0.54	0.53				

PI = plagioclase, Chl = chlorite, Am = amphibole, A = amphibole or amphibole-like phase, E = epidote or epidote-like phase

\* total iron as FeO

\*\* total iron as Fe2O3

nd = not determined

Mg# = 100\*Mg/(Mg+Fe)

An = 100\*Ca/(Ca+Na+K)

SA/STAFMMC = (Si+Al)/(Si+Ti+Al+Fe+Mn+Mg+Ca)

Table 2. Summary of laboratory-derived permeability data reported in this study.

core	section	interval	mbsf	lithology	run no.	confining pressure (Pc) path MPa	pore pressure (Pp) MPa	Permeability at Pc of 20 MPa *	remarks
151	2	36	39	743	IVA614	5-60-5	2.4	6.0E-21	lower than measurable limit
	2	101	103	744	IVA623	5-60-5	2.4	4.2E-19	
	3	1	3	744.3	IVA617	5-60-5-140-5	0.2-2.4	2.4E-19	
152	1	7	11	746.3	IVA622	5-60-5	2.4	2.7E-17	rectangular shape sample
	1	75	77	745	IVA619	5-60-5-140-5	0.3-2.4	6.8E-18	2 Pc cycles, test with different Pp
153	1	20	23	751.2	IVA621	5-60-5-140-5	2.4	6.1E-20	2 Pc cycles
	1	75	77	751.8	IVA620	5-60-5-140-5	2.4	7.8E-20	2 Pc cycles

\* Permeability data at second depressurization path with pore pressure of 2.4 MPa