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Title: Seismic anisotropy from compositional banding in granulites from the deep magmatic arc of Fiordland, New Zealand

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Abstract

We present calculated seismic velocities and anisotropies of mafic granulites and eclogites from the Cretaceous deep lower crust (\~40-65 km) of Fiordland, New Zealand. Both rock types show a distinct foliation defined by cm-scale compositional banding. Seismic properties are estimated using the Asymptotic Expansion Homogenisation – Finite Element (AEH-FE) method that, unlike the commonly used Voigt-Reuss-Hill homogenisation, incorporates the phase boundary network into calculations. The predicted mean P- and S-wave velocities are consistent with previously published data for similar lithologies from other locations (e.g., Kohistan Arc), although we find higher than expected anisotropies (AV\textsubscript{P} \~5.0-8.0 \%, AV\textsubscript{S} \~3.0-6.5 \%) and substantial S-wave splitting along foliation planes in granulites. This seismic signature of granulites results from a density and elasticity contrast between cm-scale pyroxene \pm garnet stringers and plagioclase matrix rather than from crystallographic orientations alone. Banded eclogites do not show elevated anisotropies as the contrast in density and elastic constants of garnet and pyroxene is too small. The origin of compositional banding in Fiordland granulites is primarily magmatic and structures described here are expected to be typical for the base of present day magmatic arcs. Hence, we identify a new potential source of anisotropy within this geotectonic setting.
The seismic properties of rocks are a major source of information that is used by geologist and geophysicists to derive the composition, structure and, with that, rheology of the crust and the mantle. In particular, the directionally dependent propagation of seismic waves, i.e. seismic anisotropy, can provide valuable information about flow related structures at depth. For example, anisotropy attributed to the crystallographic preferred orientation (CPO) of olivine provides strong evidence for ductile flow within the upper mantle (Karato and Wu, 1993). Due to the very limited number of outcrops of pristine lower crustal rocks not affected by later retrogression, analysis of seismic anisotropy is also one of the prime methods to decipher the deformation behaviour of the lower crust (Moschetti et al., 2010). Seismic anisotropy can be determined using various methods, for example, P-wave and S-wave tomography (Cheng et al., 2016), and ambient noise tomography (Moschetti et al., 2010). However, the interpretation of such data is still challenging due to compositional and structural heterogeneity of the lower crust. The link between the variety of compositions and microstructures in lower crustal rocks and their seismic properties still needs to be established.

In many studies, it has been shown that seismic anisotropy in the crust can result from the presence of horizontal layering (Backus, 1962) and a strong texture or CPO of anisotropic minerals, such as amphibole and mica, which is often also associated with shape preferred orientation of these minerals in the rock mass (SPO; e.g. mica foliation, amphibole lineation) (e.g., Baker and Carter, 1972; Mainprice and Nicolas, 1989). However, besides crystallographic and shape preferred orientations many rocks exhibit compositional banding at the mm- to cm-scale which theoretically could significantly influence seismic wave propagation. Examples of such common compositional banding include mineral banding in high grade rocks, e.g. granulites, eclogites and gneisses. As compositional banding is a priori an anisotropic feature in the rock, it may result in seismic anisotropy. However, so far the influence of compositional banding, other than mica foliation, has not been studied in detail.

In this contribution we present the calculated seismic properties of rocks collected from the Cretaceous Fiordland arc (New Zealand). Interpreted to be the rapidly uplifted mafic root of a magmatic arc, this section of lower crustal rocks is relatively unaffected by later retrogression and reworking. Samples include a suite of garnet and two-pyroxene granulites with layers and pods of eclogite that represent the deep (~40-65 km) root of the arc (e.g.,
Clarke et al., 2013). Both analysed rock types are characterized by cm-scale compositional banding. We utilize the EBSD GUI software (Naus-Thijssen et al., 2011; Vel et al., 2016) to calculate seismic properties of the samples. Unlike previous studies on similar lithologies, velocities calculated using the EBSD GUI are based not only on elastic properties, crystallographic orientation data, and volume percent of constituent phases, but also encompass phase boundaries allowing the analysis of the impact of cm-scale banding on the seismic properties of examined rocks.

We show that for rocks composed of minerals with contrasting density and elastic constants, such as granulites, mineral banding has a marked influence on the seismic signal. Our dataset provides a range of seismic properties that adds to our ability of utilizing seismic techniques to characterize the compositional and structural nature of present-day lower crust.

2. Geological setting and sample description

The rocks exposed in Fiordland represent a continental margin of Gondwana prior to Late Cretaceous (Mortimer et al., 2006). Fiordland rocks include Median Batholith that formed in a Cordilleran-style magmatic arc setting during the Devonian - Early Cretaceous (Mortimer et al., 2006). The Median Batholith comprises Jurassic and older rocks that accreted onto Gondwana (eastern part) and Early Cretaceous plutons (western part) collectively referred to as Western Fiordland Orthogneiss (WFO). The samples collected for this study are representative for two large intrusions of the WFO: Breaksea Orthogneiss and Malaspina Pluton. These plutons form the root of the Fiordland Magmatic Arc and preserved some of the oldest and deepest igneous structures of the WFO (Klepeis et al., 2016). Samples were collected along two high ridge transects; north of Mt. Clerk, SE Resolution Island, and at Breaksea Tops between Breaksea Sound and Coal River (Fig. 1).

The Breaksea Orthogneiss (Breaksea Tops locality) was emplaced at depths of >65 km (1.8-2.0 GPa; De Paoli et al., 2009; Clarke et al., 2013) between 124-122 Ma (Milan et al., 2016). The Malaspina Pluton intruded the Breaksea Orthogneiss at shallower depths of 40-50 km (~1.4 GPa; Allibone et al., 2009) mostly between 118 and 114 Ma (Klepeis et al., 2016; Milan et al., 2016). The Breaksea Orthogneiss comprises an omphacite-garnet granulite of monzodioritic composition with layers and pods of garnet-omphacite adcumulate (eclogite; De Paoli et al., 2009), cognate inclusions of omphacite-orthopyroxenite (Chapman et al., 2015), and minor garnetite, pyroxenite, harzburgite, and pargasite peridotite (Allibone et al., 2009; Clarke et al., 2013). The Malaspina pluton at Mt. Clerke is composed of dominant
garnet diopside granulite of monzodioritic composition with layers and pods of diopside-
orthopyroxene granulite, garnet pyroxenite, and hornblendite (Allibone et al., 2009; Chapman et al., 2016).

Granulites from both locations show foliation ($S_1$) defined by shape preferred orientation of pyroxenes ± garnet stringers within a plagioclase matrix (Fig. 2a, e). Similarly, eclogites show compositional banding of clinopyroxene and garnet (Fig. 2g), parallel to $S_1$ (e.g., Fig. 3d of De Paoli et al., 2009). The $S_1$ foliation in granulites initially originated from magmatic flow (De Paoli et al., 2009; Klepeis et al., 2016) and was only weakly affected by the second tectonic event ($D_2$), which occurred after emplacement of the main igneous bodies and at lower crustal conditions (Klepeis et al., 2016). The magmatic mineral assemblages partially recrystallized during $D_2$ (Clarke et al., 2013; Chapman et al., 2016). The Breaksea Orthogneiss underwent granulite to eclogite facies metamorphism and partial melting ($P \approx 1.8$ to 1.4 GPa, $T \approx 850 \, ^\circ C$) at 114-93 Ma (De Paoli et al., 2009) and Malaspina pluton was subject to granulite facies metamorphism and partial melting ($P \approx 1.2-1.4$ GPa, $T \approx 850-900 \, ^\circ C$) at 116-111 Ma (Stowell et al., 2014). The mineral assemblages in the studied areas were not affected during subsequent exhumation and retrogressive, amphibolite facies metamorphism (Klepeis et al., 2016).

3. Analytical methods

3.1 Petrology, mineral chemistry and orientation data

We used polished thin and thick sections cut perpendicular to the foliation ($XY$) and parallel to the lineation ($X$). Polarized light-microscopy was used to determine the general characteristics of rock microstructure, including grain size, grain shape, phase distribution, and general deformation structures.

Full quantitative crystallographic orientation data were collected using automatically indexed EBSD patterns acquired with a HKL NordleysNano high sensitivity EBSD detector and indexed using the Aztec analysis software (Oxford instruments). The analysed area of each thin section was larger than 1 cm$^2$. The step size was between 10 and 15 µm. Mineral phases were distinguished based on their crystallographic characteristic and chemical composition determined using Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) utilizing Energy Dispersive Spectrometry (EDS) on a Zeiss IVO SEM with an X-Max EDS detector. Grain boundaries were defined by misorientations $\geq 10 \, ^\circ$ between adjacent points. The detailed
description of data processing can be found in Appendix A. EBSD maps are reported in Appendix B.

Crystallographic orientation data for most abundant minerals are shown in equal area, lower hemisphere pole figures and include all data points acquired during EBSD analysis. In the following we describe in detail textures of major minerals of analysed rocks based on one, most representative sample of each lithology. All textures of major minerals of analysed samples are presented in Appendix C.

For a quantitative measure of the relative strength of texture of each mineral the J-index (Bunge, 1982) of the orientation distribution functions (ODFs) derived from all data points was calculated using mTex (http://mtex-toolbox.github.io/; Hielscher and Schaeben, 2008). By definition, the J-index ranges from unity (corresponding to a completely random texture) to infinity (a single-crystal texture). Seismic properties are calculated based on textures of constituent minerals that were obtained from all orientation points acquired during EBSD mapping, as seismic waves travel through the volume of the sample. In the aggregate with a non-uniform grain size, a texture calculated using all orientation data points may be strongly influenced by the orientations of larger grains. Similarly though, if large grains exist they will affect the seismic signal to the same extent. Thus, for the purpose of comparing the texture and seismic signal it is appropriate to represent and quantify texture using all orientation data points. Furthermore, the effect of large grains is in our case minimized by the size of analysed areas, small analysis step size, and relatively fine grain size of all the minerals except garnet.

3.2 Calculation of seismic properties

To calculate seismic velocities we utilize EBSD GUI (Naus-Thijssen et al., 2011; Vel et al., 2016). To derive seismic wave speeds the software applies Christoffel’s equation (Christoffel, 1877)

\[ C_{ijkl} n_j n_l - \rho^H V^2 \delta_{ik} ] a_k = 0 \]

in which \( C_{ijkl} \) represent the bulk homogenised stiffness matrix, \( n_i \) defines the propagation direction, \( \rho^H \) is homogenised (average) density, \( V \) is wave speed, \( \delta_{ij} \) is Kronecker delta, and \( a_i \) are displacement amplitudes. The equation allows calculation of phase velocities and polarization of seismic waves based on the specified bulk homogenised stiffness matrix \( C_{ijkl}^H \).

To obtain the bulk homogenised stiffness matrix of polycrystalline rocks, an averaging scheme is needed that relates the average elastic strain to average elastic stress of each
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mineral in the rock mass. In case of an aggregate with a CPO, the anisotropy of the elastic
properties of each mineral must be taken into account, and for each crystallographic
orientation the single-crystal properties are rotated (Mainprice and Nicolas, 1989). Bulk
elastic stiffnesses are calculated using the Voigt-Reuss-Hill (VRH) homogenisation (Voigt,
1928; Reuss, 1929; Hill, 1952) that averages the elastic properties of the constitutive minerals
based on their percent area. However, seismic velocities are also affected by the grain to
grain and phase to phase interactions, as these interactions result in heterogeneous stress and
strain fields in minerals (Vel et al., 2016). Therefore, using EBSD GUI we discretise the 2D
spatial distribution of the different phases and the boundaries between phases using the
asymptotic expansion homogenisation (AEH) method combined with finite element (FE)
meshing (Naus-Thijssen et al., 2011; Vel et al., 2016 and references therein). The 2D phase
boundaries are projected infinitely into the third dimension (Naus-Thijssen et al., 2011; Vel et
al., 2016). All in all, the AEH-FE modifies the bulk homogenised stiffness matrix $C_{ijkl}^H$
allowing computing the elastic interactions between different minerals.

In the following, we calculate seismic velocities using two methods: (1) applying the
VRH average and (2) applying the AEH-FE method (for simplicity, further referred to as
“AEH”). We take into account minerals with abundances higher than 1 percent area. Elastic
properties of minerals that represent solid solutions (such as garnets, and pyroxenes) vary
depending on the chemical composition of the solid solution. Therefore, we used elastic
constants of minerals with compositions that were comparable to previously published
mineral chemistry for the Breaksea Orthogneiss and the Malaspina Pluton (De Paoli et al.,
2009; Clarke et al., 2013; Chapman et al., 2015). Consequently, we used single-crystal
stiffnesses of Bhagat et al. (1992) for omphacite (density $\rho$=3.33 g/cm$^3$), Chai et al. (1997)
for garnet ($\rho$=3.81 g/cm$^3$), Collins and Brown (1998) for diopside ($\rho$=3.33 g/cm$^3$), Jackson et
al. (2007) for enstatite ($\rho$=3.2 g/cm$^3$), Brown et al. (2006) for plagioclase ($\rho$=2.68 g/cm$^3$),
Aleksandrov and Ryzhova (1962) for K-feldspar, Lakshtanov et al. (2007) for quartz,
Weidner and Ito (1985) for ilmenite, Wachtman Jr et al. (1962) for rutile, and Sha et al.
(1994) for apatite. Elastic stiffness of pargasite was approximated with those of hornblende
(Aleksandrov and Ryzhova, 1961).

Mean $V_P$ is defined as $MV_P = (V_{Pmax} + V_{Pmin})/2$, and mean $V_S$ as $MV_S = (V_{S1max} +$
$V_{S2min})/2$. Since the elastic constants of minerals that were used were obtained at room
pressure and temperatures, our results represent seismic properties of crack-free rocks at
ambient conditions. However, for most studies to date, seismic properties of lower crustal
rocks have been measured in the laboratory on natural samples. Natural samples often contain microcracks that tend to reduce elastic wave velocities in general. Furthermore, aligned microcracks may lead to an increase in seismic anisotropy, which is not representative of the rock anisotropy at depth in the crust, where pressures are too high for the cracks to stay open (e.g., Siegesmund et al., 1991). Laboratory measurements are therefore usually performed at elevated pressures to close pores and microcracks to reduce their effect on P- and S-wave velocities, as well as on anisotropy. To compare our results with the previously published results obtained through laboratory measurements at confining pressure of 600 MPa, we recalculated mean $V_p$ and mean $V_s$ to 600 MPa pressure following the approach of Abers and Hacker (2016). Seismic anisotropy is defined as $A = 100[(V_{\text{max}} - V_{\text{min}})/(V_{\text{max}} + V_{\text{min}})/2]$, where $V_{\text{max}}$, $V_{\text{min}}$ are the maximum and minimum velocities of either P-, S-, S$_{1}$-, or S$_{2}$-wave at room pressure and temperature. The density of the rock is calculated by averaging single-crystal densities according to the area percent of the phases. To visualize anisotropy and velocity distribution, and S-wave polarization planes in sample reference frame, we used the MATLAB Seismic Anisotropy Toolkit (MSAT; Walker and Wookey, 2012). In the following, for simplicity, we focus on seismic properties of one, most representative sample of each lithology. Seismic properties of all the samples are presented in Appendix D.

4. Results

4.1. General rock composition and microstructures

Samples of granulites comprise six garnet-omphacite granulites from Breaksea Tops (BS-samples), three garnet-diopside granulites and two diopside-orthopyroxene granulites (henceforth called two-pyroxene granulites) from Resolution Island (RS-samples). Three samples of eclogite were collected from Breaksea Tops. Garnet granulites from both study areas are composed predominantly of plagioclase, clinopyroxene, garnet, and K-feldspar, with minor quartz and pargasite, and accessory apatite and rutile (Table 1, Fig. 2a-d). Granulites from Breaksea Tops and Resolution Island comprise omphacite and diopside, respectively. Two-pyroxene granulites from Resolution Island consist of plagioclase, enstatite, diopside, K-feldspar, minor quartz and pargasite, and accessory ilmenite (Table 1, Fig. 2e-f). All examined garnet and two-pyroxene granulites show similar microstructural characteristics and exhibit well-defined foliation. The foliation is defined by distinct cm-scale compositional banding made of elongate, clinopyroxene-
garnet or orthopyroxene-clinopyroxene stringers in a plagioclase matrix (Fig. 2a-d). The aspect ratios (a/b, where a - length, b - width) of these stringers vary from 3 to 24.

In all examined samples of granulites, garnet and pyroxene are relatively coarse-grained and feldspar grain size varies. Two generations of garnet, as described by Clarke et al. (2013), are present in garnet granulites. Type 1 of igneous origin is mostly sub-euhedral with grain diameter (d) of 0.3 to 1 mm and occurs in clusters with clinopyroxene (Fig. 2b). Type 2 garnet of metamorphic origin forms small euhedral grains (d: 0.2-0.5 mm) at the contact of stretched clinopyroxene clusters and plagioclase (Fig. 2c, d). Sub-euhedral pyroxene is 0.1 to 1 mm in diameter, with the majority of grains having d of 0.1-0.5 mm (Fig. 2c, d, f). Plagioclase is usually anhedral, with d of 0.1 to 1 mm. In samples from Breaksea Tops plagioclase shows straight grain boundaries, with multiple 120 ° triple junctions and weak undulose extinction (Fig. 2c). In granulites from Resolution Island plagioclase shows a bi-modal grain size distribution, with small grains surrounding large, ca. 1 mm in diameter grains (Fig. 2d). Large plagioclase grains show undulose extinction, subgrains and deformation twins (Fig. 2d).

The three eclogites examined in this study are mainly composed of granoblastic garnet and omphacite (Table 1, Fig. 2g). Garnet grains are 0.2 to 1 mm in diameter, with majority of grains in the range of 0.2 to 0.5 mm (Fig. 2h). Omphacite is slightly coarser-grained, with d from 0.3 to 1.5 mm, with the majority of grains with d between 0.3 and 0.7 mm (Fig. 2h). A distinct foliation defined by compositional banding of interlayered omphacite and garnet is present in eclogites (Fig. 2g, h).

4.2 Crystallographic orientation data

In garnet granulites, poles to (100) of plagioclase and clinopyroxene (diopside and omphacite) cluster in the foliation plane and normal to the lineation, poles to (010) are oriented normal to foliation plane, and poles to (001) are parallel or sub-parallel to the lineation (Fig. 3a). The strength of texture of plagioclase varies, with J-index from 2.3 to 6.7 for granulites from Breaksea Tops, and 2.8 to 4.7 for granulites from Resolution Island (Table 2). Omphacite and diopside show slightly lower J-index values that vary from 1.8 to 5.2 and 2.5 to 4.8, respectively (Table 2). Garnet texture shows a clustering of crystallographic planes around a single orientation, especially for (100) (Fig. 3a). This clustering is more pronounced for garnet in granulites from Resolution Island, where J-index ranges from 3.6 to 8.1 (Table 2). Garnets in granulites from Breaksea Tops show lower J-
index values (1.3 to 4.6; Table 2), with the exception of sample BS05B, where texture is
dominated by large (d ~ 6 mm) garnet phenocrysts (Appendix B).

In two-pyroxene granulites the poles to (100) of plagioclase cluster in the foliation
plane, normal to lineation. Poles to (010) are oriented normal to the foliation plane, and those
of (001) show clustering parallel to lineation (Fig. 3b). J-index of plagioclase varies from 4.4
to 6.9 (Table 2). Textures of diopside and enstatite in two-pyroxene granulite are
characterized by clustering of poles to (001) parallel to lineation (Fig. 3b). Poles to (010) and
(100) of diopside and (010) of enstatite do not show a distinctive texture (Fig. 3b). Poles to
(100) in enstatite show clustering normal to the foliation plane (Fig. 3b). The J-indices of
diopside and enstatite range from 2.0 to 6.7 and 3.1 to 8.2, respectively (Table 2).

In eclogites, omphacite texture is characterized by clustering of poles to (010) normal
to foliation plane, and clustering of poles to (001) parallel to lineation (Fig. 3c). Poles to
(100) are near randomly distributed. The J-index ranges from 2.7 to 3.9 (Table 2). Garnet
does not show a distinctive texture (Fig. 3c), and the J-index varies from 1.2 to 2.4 (Table 2).

4.3. Seismic properties

4.3.1 Mean $V_P$ and $V_S$

The results of the calculation of seismic properties applying the VRH and the AEH method
are summarized in Table 3 and compared in Figure 4. We find the mean P-wave and S-wave
velocities calculated for a given sample are nearly identical, despite using two different
homogenisation methods (Table 3, Fig. 4a). Therefore, in the following we only refer to mean
velocities calculated with the AEH method. The calculated mean P-wave velocities ($MV_P$) in
garnet granulites ranges between the samples from 7.10 to 7.85 km s$^{-1}$, while $MV_P$ in two-
pyroxene granulites ranges from 6.85 to 6.87 km s$^{-1}$ (Table 3). The mean S-wave velocities
($MV_S$) range from 4.06 to 4.46 km s$^{-1}$ in garnet granulites, and from 3.96 to 3.98 km s$^{-1}$ in
two-pyroxene granulites (Table 3). In eclogites, $MV_P$ and $MV_S$ range from 8.47 to 8.54 and
from 4.81 to 4.86 km s$^{-1}$, respectively.

$MV_P$ and $MV_S$ increase after recalculating the result to 600 MPa. In granulites, $MV_P$
increases by 2.6-6.2 % and in eclogites $MV_P$ increases by 2.4-2.9 % (Table 3). The largest
increase in $MV_P$ is observed for granulate BS04D and equals 0.47 km s$^{-1}$ (Table 3). $MV_S$
increases to a larger extent in eclogites than in granulites, 2.7-3.9 % vs. 0.3-3 %, respectively.
4.3.2 Seismic anisotropy in granulites

There is a noticeable difference in seismic anisotropy related to the method of calculation for analysed granulites (Fig. 4b, Table 3). The seismic anisotropy of P- and S-waves is significantly larger when the AEH calculation is applied (Table 3, Fig. 4b).

The range of P-wave anisotropy ($AV_P$) in garnet granulites calculated with the AEH method is 5.2-8.3 %, in contrast to only 0.9-2.9 % when calculated using the VRH method (Fig. 4b; Table 3). Similarly, the range of maximum S-wave anisotropy ($AV_S$) in garnet granulites is 3.4-6.6 % when calculated using the AEH, and only 1.0-3.6 % when calculated with the VRH (Fig. 4b; Table 3). The difference in $AV_P$ and $AV_S$ related to the calculation method is not as large in two-pyroxene granulites as in garnet granulites (Table 3, Fig. 4b). $AV_P$ and $AV_S$ are 5.9-6.0 % and 5.8-5.9 %, respectively, when calculated with the AEH, and 3.6-4.1 % and 3.7-3.9 % when calculated with the VRH (Fig. 4b, Table 3).

The two methods of homogenisation give two different distributions of $V_P$, $AV_S$, and $V_{S1}$ polarization planes in garnet and two-pyroxene granulites (Fig. 5a-b, Appendix D). The P-wave velocity distribution in garnet and two-pyroxene granulites calculated with the AEH method shows orthorhombic symmetry, with slow velocities close to normal to the foliation, and a girdle of fast velocities in the foliation plane (Fig. 5a-b). In garnet granulites, $V_P$ is fastest in the direction perpendicular to the lineation (sample Y-direction, Fig. 5a), while in two-pyroxene granulites the maximum velocity is sub-parallel to lineation (Fig. 5b). In both, $AV_S$ is largest in the foliation plane, and for the direction showing largest anisotropy $V_{S1}$ is polarized parallel to the plane of high $AV_S$ (Fig. 5a-b).

The distribution of $V_P$, $AV_S$ and orientation of $V_{S1}$ polarization planes in garnet and two-pyroxene granulites calculated with the VRH average do not show a clear relationship with sample foliation or lineation (Fig. 5a-b). The $V_P$ shows a girdle of slow velocities oriented ca. 45 ° to foliation, and travels the fastest in the directions sub-normal to the foliation (Fig. 5.5a-b). The $AV_S$ shows two maxima in a girdle also oriented 45° to the foliation plane, with $V_{S1}$ polarized almost perpendicular to a girdle of maximum $AV_S$ (Fig. 5a-b).

4.3.3 Seismic anisotropy in eclogites

In contrast to garnet and two-pyroxene granulites, eclogites show similar seismic anisotropies for both methods of calculation, the AEH and the VRH (Fig. 4b). Calculated $AV_P$ is smaller than 2 % and maximum $AV_S$ is smaller than 1 % regardless the calculation method used (Fig. 4b, Table 3). Nevertheless, we observe a change in $V_P$ and $AV_S$
distribution and $V_{S1}$ polarization in the sample coordinates depending on the method used
(Fig. 5c). While calculated with the AEH, P-waves are the fastest in the foliation plane and
slowest in the direction normal to foliation, $AV_S$ is largest in the foliation plane, with $V_{S1}$
polarization planes oriented parallel to foliation (Fig. 5c). For the VRH calculation, $V_P$ is also
slowest normal to foliation, but their fast propagation is in the direction of lineation (Fig. 5c).
The $AV_S$ and $V_{S1}$ polarization planes show a complex pattern, with multiple maxima (Fig.
5c).

5. Discussion

5.1 Impact of the microstructure on seismic properties

We use two methods of homogenisation to calculate seismic properties in this study: the
VRH and the AEH-FE. The commonly used VRH average does not take into account the
spatial arrangement of the minerals and assumes homogenous distribution of all the phases,
whereas the AEH-FE method incorporates spatial arrangement of the minerals into
calculation. Thus, the difference in seismic properties related to the application of the AEH-
FE homogenisation can be used to estimate the effect of the distribution of the constitutive
minerals on the wave propagation through the rock.

5.1.1 Garnet and two-pyroxene granulites

Assuming that all the minerals in garnet and two-pyroxene granulites are distributed
randomly in the rock volume (the VRH average) we find the following relationships. P-wave
velocity patterns in garnet granulites results from the combination of textures of plagioclase
and clinopyroxene (Figs. 3 and 5). Plagioclase is characterized by high $V_P$ anisotropy ($AV_p \sim
48 \%$), with slow P-wave velocities parallel to poles to (100) and (001), and fast velocities
parallel to poles to (010) (Brown et al., 2006). Contrastingly, clinopyroxenes show fast $V_P$
parallel to (100) and (001), and slow $V_P$ parallel to poles to (010) (Bhagat et al., 1992; Collins
and Brown, 1998). Those contrasting properties result in weak texture-related $V_P$ anisotropy
($\sim 1-2 \%$, Table 3). The distribution of $V_P$ shows the strongest link to plagioclase texture, due
to its large modal percent and, in most cases, J-indices stronger than that of clinopyroxene
(Tables 1 and 2, Figs. 3 and 5). Nearly isotropic garnet (Chai et al., 1997) does not contribute
to the overall anisotropy of garnet granulites. $V_P$ anisotropy in two-pyroxene granulites is
higher than the anisotropy in the majority of garnet granulites (Table 3). In contrast to
clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene is characterized by fast $V_P$ parallel to poles to (010), which
coincide with poles to (010) of plagioclase (Jackson et al., 2007). Therefore, textures of
orthopyroxene and plagioclase superimpose to create a higher $V_p$ anisotropy in two-pyroxene granulites. $A V_S$ and the orientation of $V_S1$ polarization planes are similar in garnet granulites and two-pyroxene granulites (Fig. 5). This suggests that the S-wave polarization is influenced mainly by texture of plagioclase and pyroxene, with little input from garnet. The orientation of the girdle that encompasses high $A V_S$ resembles the symmetry of a theoretical gabbro modelled by Barruol and Mainprice (1993). Those authors have also attributed such seismic characteristic to the combination of properties of plagioclase and clinopyroxene, as orthopyroxene shows very low $A V_S$.

The high seismic anisotropy and modified distribution of $V_p$ and $A V_S$ in garnet and two-pyroxene granulites analysed with the AEH method suggests a strong microstructural impact on the seismic properties in these two rock types (Table 3). Due to compositional banding observed in garnet granulites and two-pyroxene granulites (Fig. 2a), the P-wave velocity markedly increases in the foliation plane and $V_p$ distribution in the sample reference frame becomes orthorhombic (Fig. 5a-b). The comparison of the $V_p$ distribution of two-pyroxene granulite and garnet granulites shows that the presence of garnet in the latter strengthens the orthorhombic character of P-wave velocities (Fig. 5a). Thus, the fast velocities around the sample Y-axis can be explained by the influence of garnet texture, and more precisely, an area of fast velocities between garnet (100) planes (Fig. 3). Interconnected stringers of garnet and pyroxene crystals dominate the signal originating from the layer of plagioclase, as garnet $V_p$ in this direction is much faster than that of plagioclase. The girdle of high $A V_S$ and $V_S1$ polarization planes do not show a clear relationship with texture of any major mineral; it is now oriented parallel to the pyroxene ± garnet stringers that define foliation.

5.1.2 Eclogites

The magnitudes of P- and S-wave anisotropies in eclogites calculated with the AEH and the VRH are almost identical. In both cases, fast $V_p$ propagates parallel to poles to (001) of omphacite, which are sub-parallel to the lineation (Figs. 3c and 5c). Slow $V_p$ propagates parallel to poles to (100) of omphacite (Figs. 3c and 5c). The $V_p$ distribution is only slightly modified by the microstructure, showing faster velocities in Y direction when calculated with the AEH method (Fig. 4).

The distribution of $A V_S$ and orientation of $S_1$ polarization planes vary between the two methods to a larger degree. When VRH method is applied the $A V_S$ maxima are difficult to link to texture of any of the contributing minerals (Fig. 5). When calculated with the AEH
method the girdle of high $AV_S$ and $V_{S1}$ polarization planes are oriented parallel to mineral banding, as in granulites.

5.1.3 Effect of compositional banding versus texture

As shown in our data, a banded or foliated microstructure might not always be well represented by the VRH average. This is because such microstructure is in its nature anisotropic and the elastic response of a rock to the wave propagation might be closer to the isostress (Reuss) or isostrain (Voigt) bound rather than to their average. For example, in a compositionally banded medium composed of minerals of different density and elasticity, the rock response on the seismic wave propagating parallel to foliation (i.e. the compositional banding) will be closer to the Voigt (isostrain) average. Similarly, the response to the wave propagating perpendicular to the banding will be better represented by the Reuss (isostress) average. The orientation-related difference in wave speed will be especially large for the banded rocks composed of minerals with contrasting elastic constants and density, as their isostress and isostrain bounds are further apart. Therefore, even though we observe a well-defined foliation in eclogites (Fig. 2g-h) their seismic characteristics are only slightly modified by the spatial arrangement of garnets and pyroxenes in the rock mass. However, in garnet granulites where the density and elastic constants of plagioclase and pyroxene/garnet vary significantly the signature of compositional banding is strong.

It is necessary to point out that although we discuss a three dimensional microstructure, the EBSD data used provide only a two dimensional representation of grain boundary geometry that is projected into the third dimension. Thus, a potential error may arise that is related to the not quantified connectivity of minerals in the third dimension. However, all samples used show that the compositional banding is a planar and not linear features. Hence, anisotropy of the connectivity in the third dimension should only have a minor influence on our results.

5.2 Comparison with data from the literature

To date, majority of studies consider the mafic root of the lower crust to be isotropic due to a lack of strongly anisotropic minerals in granulite facies rocks (e.g., Lloyd et al., 2011). This seems to be confirmed by some laboratory measurements performed on granulites from the Kohistan Arc that show isotropic seismic velocities (Burlini et al., 2005; Kono et al., 2009). However, samples from these studies did not exhibit well-defined foliation and lineation. An $AV_P$ of 6.4 % in mafic granulites from the same area was
measured in the laboratory by Burlini et al. (2005). However, as the sample was collected from the transition zone between isotropic garnet-pyroxene granulites and foliated amphibolitic mylonites, it contained a large amount of hornblende exhibiting a strong texture. Since fastest $V_p$ in these rocks were recorded parallel to lineation, which coincided with [001] axis of hornblende, the interpreted origin of anisotropy was due to an increasing amount of this mineral (Burlini et al., 2005). Nevertheless, Chroston and Simmons (1989) measured $V_p$ in the garnet granulites cores from Kohistan and found $\Delta V_p$ of 5.6 and 5.7 % in two of the samples. Although a detailed microstructural description of the samples is not provided, some of the measured garnet granulites were “strongly banded” (Chroston and Simmons, 1989). Thus, the recorded anisotropies may be related to compositional banding.

To verify the accuracy of our result we compare the calculated mean velocities at room temperature and pressure of 600 MPa (Table 3) with previously published laboratory measurements for similar lithologies conducted at the same conditions (Fig. 6, Table E.1 in Appendix E). The mean seismic velocities calculated in this study are generally in a good agreement with previously published results (Fig. 6). Garnet and two-pyroxene granulites show slightly higher calculated than measured mean $V_p$ and $V_s$ velocities, while calculated and measured velocities of eclogites are comparable. The lower values of measured mean $V_p$ and $V_s$ velocities of granulites are most probably associated with the presence of secondary phases, porosity and/or microfractures in the samples; features that are not captured in EBSD analysis and, therefore, not incorporated into calculation. Secondary phases are likely to be present in feldspars, which might explain the very good correlation of measured and calculated mean seismic velocities in eclogites where feldspar is not present (Fig. 6).

5.3 Seismic anisotropy in foliated magmatic arc rocks: Insights from Fiordland, NZ

There is a question of the applicability of results calculated for the cm-scale microstructure to the km-scale rock mass. The AEH-FE method assumes that the microstructural geometry is periodic and all macroscale field variables are defined to have a periodic dependence on the microstructure. Thus, as long as the macroscale is much larger than the microscale (greater than three orders of magnitude), the bulk elastic properties of the rock can be evaluated using the AEH (Naus-Thijssen et al., 2011). Since foliation in granulites in Malaspina Pluton and Breaksea Tops defined by compositional banding is pervasive for at least hundreds of meters (Klepeis et al., 2016) this condition is satisfied in our case. On the other hand, a few-meters thick layers and pods of eclogites that occur in granulites will not likely be visible for naturally generated seismic waves.
The results presented in this study indicate that primary magmatic compositional banding and deformation related texture in mafic granulites are a potential source for anisotropy in the lower crustal rocks. Especially, the substantial shear wave splitting observed in the foliation plane in granulites may contribute to the seismic signal received at the surface. What is more, the $S_1$ foliation observed in Malaspina Pluton and Breaksea Orthogneiss is generally gently to steeply dipping (35-80°; Klepeis et al., 2016). The zone of steeply dipping foliations is 6 km wide (Klepeis et al., 2016). Thus, shear waves travelling vertically to the surface along $S_1$ foliation planes can undergo a substantial splitting (Barruol and Mainprice, 1993).

Most importantly, $S_1$ in Malaspina Pluton and Breaksea Orthogneiss is believed to resemble the original orientation of the magma flow during the intrusion emplacement only weakly reshaped during the subsequent deformation (Klepeis et al., 2016). In addition, based on study of the angular relationships of the garnet-rich veins in the northern part of WFO, the whole terrain experienced only minimal tilting during the exhumation (Daczko et al., 2001). This suggests that the microstructures observed in Fiordland are most likely present in the roots of present-day magmatic arcs, such as Papua and New Guinea Arc. Thus, the S-wave delay time interpretations in this setting should take into consideration the possible impact of layered intrusions on shear wave splitting. Similarly, the foliation-induced P-wave anisotropy, if neglected, might result in under-, or overestimation of $V_P$ in the regions with shallowly and steeply dipping foliation, respectively.

We have not considered the effect of the increasing temperature on seismic velocities as would be the case in the natural geotectonic setting at the base of the magmatic arc. Of all the analysed minerals, the seismic properties of plagioclase are most impacted by the increasing temperature. Due to phase transformation, i.e. order-disorder transition at 400 °C in plagioclase, increasing temperature lowers $V_P$ and $V_S$ in this mineral (Kono et al., 2006). This might further increase the seismic anisotropy of garnet and two-pyroxene granulites, as the contrast between seismic velocities in plagioclase and pyroxene/garnet will be even larger.

6. Conclusions

We investigated the influence of compositional banding on seismic properties of rocks. The examples include foliated garnet and two-pyroxene granulites and eclogites from high-P and T mafic plutons of Western Fiordland Orthogneiss (Breaksea Orthogneiss and Malaspina...
Pluton) that represent the base of an overthickened magmatic arc. Applying the asymptotic expansion homogenisation (AEH) method combined with finite element (FE) modelling that incorporates the spatial arrangement of minerals into analysis, we find a substantial P- and S-wave anisotropy (5-8% and 3-7%, respectively) in garnet granulites and two-pyroxene granulites. Significant shear wave splitting for S-waves travelling parallel to the foliation plane has also been determined in these rocks. These properties are not possible to detect applying the commonly used Voigt-Reuss-Hill average. We conclude the apparent seismic anisotropy originates from the compositional banding of plagioclase versus pyroxene ± garnet, minerals that exhibit contrasting elastic constants and density, without a necessary contribution from mineral textures. These results are directly transferable to other rocks that exhibit compositional banding with significant differences in density and elastic constants between bands. The distribution of $V_P$ and $AV_S$ in eclogites is also affected by the presence of garnet-clinopyroxene banding; however, due to a small contrast in density and elastic constants of constitutive minerals, their anisotropy is very low.

The generally intermediate to steeply dipping $S_1$ foliation that produces anisotropy in Breaksea Orthogneiss and Malaspina Pluton is pervasive at a scale of hundreds of meters. $S_1$ foliation has been interpreted as primarily magmatic with little tectonic overprint and the WFO experienced only minimal tilting during the exhumation. Consequently, we expect the presence of similar structures in plutons at the base of present day magmatic arcs and the data obtained in this study has direct implications for the interpretation of the seismic signal within this geotectonic setting.

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in this study; note distinct compositional banding in all samples; scale bar represents 250 µm. a) garnet-diopside granulite, Resolution Island; b) garnet-omphacite stringers in plagioclase matrix, garnet granulite BS04C, PPL; c) euhedral garnet at plagioclase-omphacite contacts, equilibrated grain boundaries in plagioclase with multiple 120 ° triple junctions, garnet granulite BS03C, XPL, thick section; d) garnet-dominated garnet-diopside stringers in garnet granulite, plagioclase shows bimodal grain size distribution, undulose extinction and deformation twins, garnet granulite RS14A, XPL; e) foliated two-pyroxene granulite, Resolution Island; f) elongated, fish-like omphacite-enstatite clusters form foliation in two-pyroxene granulite, RS10A, PPL; g) foliated eclogite, Breaksea Tops; h) medium-grained omphacite and garnet in eclogite BS12C, XPL.

Figure 3. Representative textures of major phases in analysed rock samples; lower hemisphere, equal area pole figures, half-width is 15 ° and cluster size is 11 °. Contours are multiples of uniform distribution (m.u.d.) of 1, 2, etc. N represents the number of analysed points. a) garnet granulite: plagioclase, garnet and omphacite – BS04C, diopside – RS14A; b) two-pyroxene granulite RS10A, c) eclogite BS12C.
Figure 4. A comparison of mean seismic velocities (a) and seismic anisotropies (b) calculated with the two different methods of homogenisation: VRH and AEH (see text for details of methods used); dashed lines represent unity; bars marking minimum and maximum velocities are shown unless there are within the size of the symbol used.
Figure 5. Representative P-wave velocities, $V_S$ anisotropy and the orientation of $V_{S1}$ polarization planes for the two different homogenisation methods: the AEH and the VRH (see text for details); lower hemisphere, equal area pole figures; note $V_{S2}$ polarization planes are oriented perpendicular to those of $V_{S1}$. a) garnet granulite BS02A; b) two-pyroxene granulite RS10A, c) eclogite BS12C.
Figure 6. Calculated mean P- and S-wave velocities and density of granulites and eclogites from New Zealand (this study; filled symbols) at 600 MPa (Table 3) compared with velocities measured at 600 MPa and room temperature for similar lithologies (Manghnani et al., 1974; Christensen and Fountain, 1975; Chroston and Simmons, 1989; Miller and Christensen, 1994; Kern et al., 2002; Burlini et al., 2005; Kono et al., 2009; Wang et al., 2009; Almqvist et al., 2013; for data see Table E.1 in Appendix E).

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