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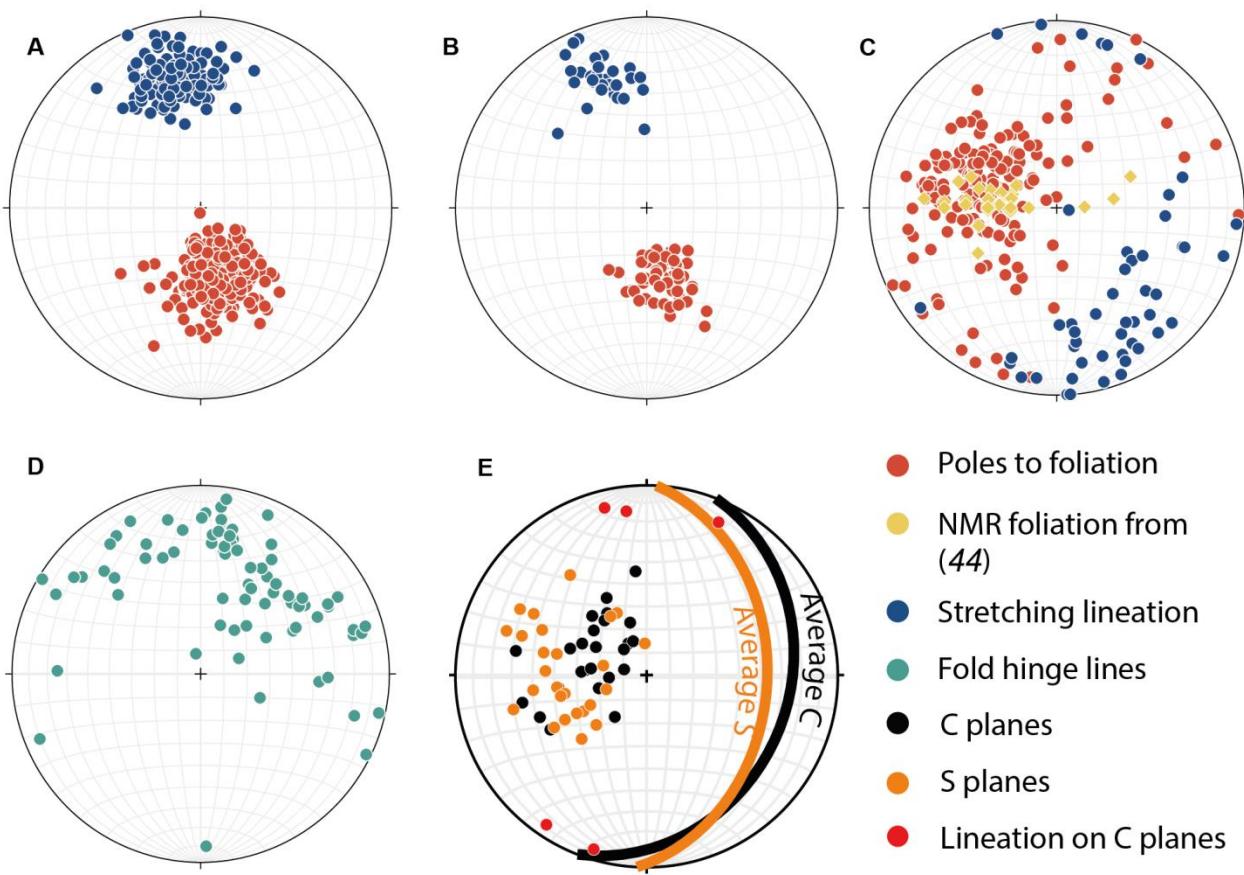
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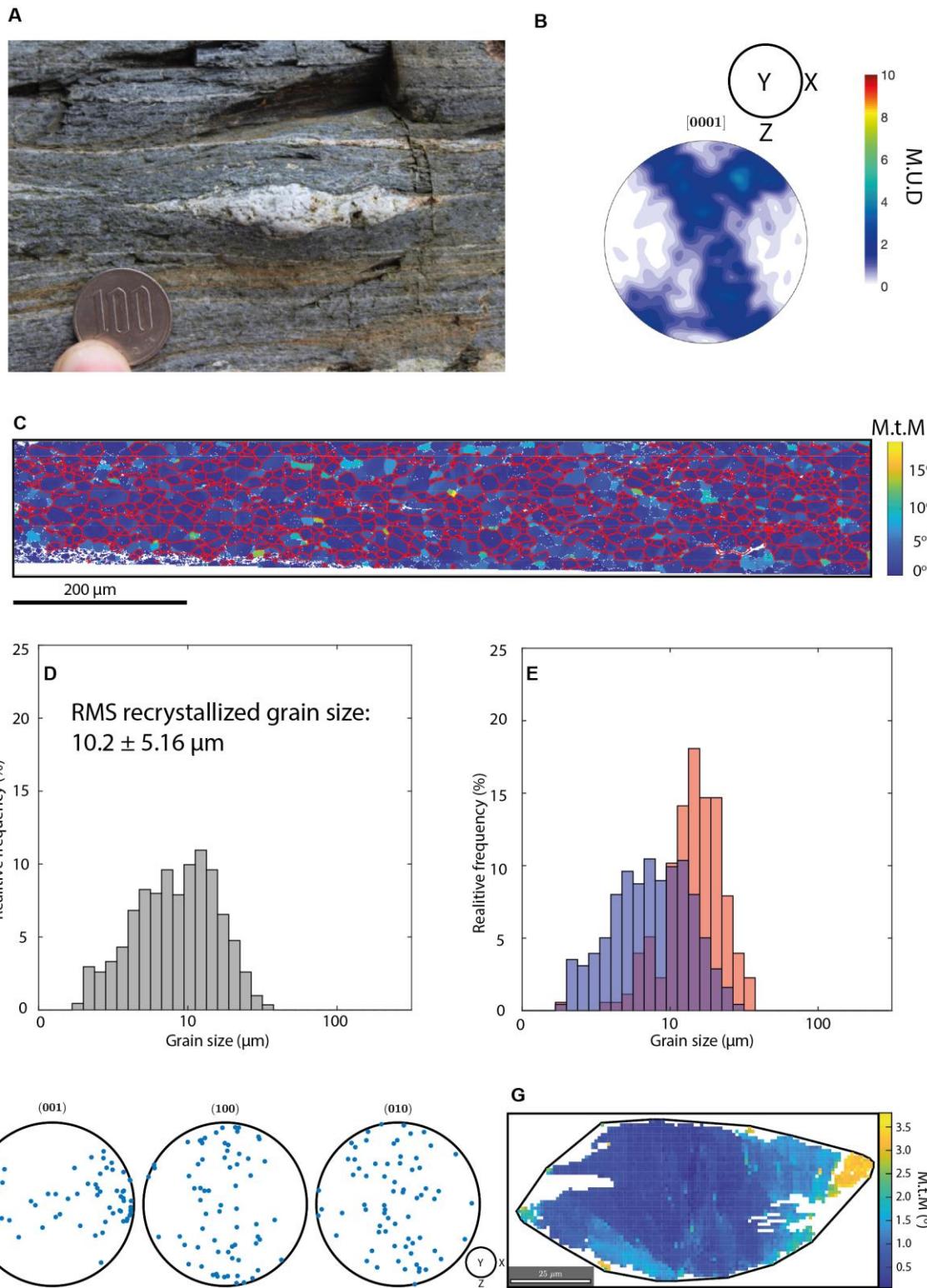
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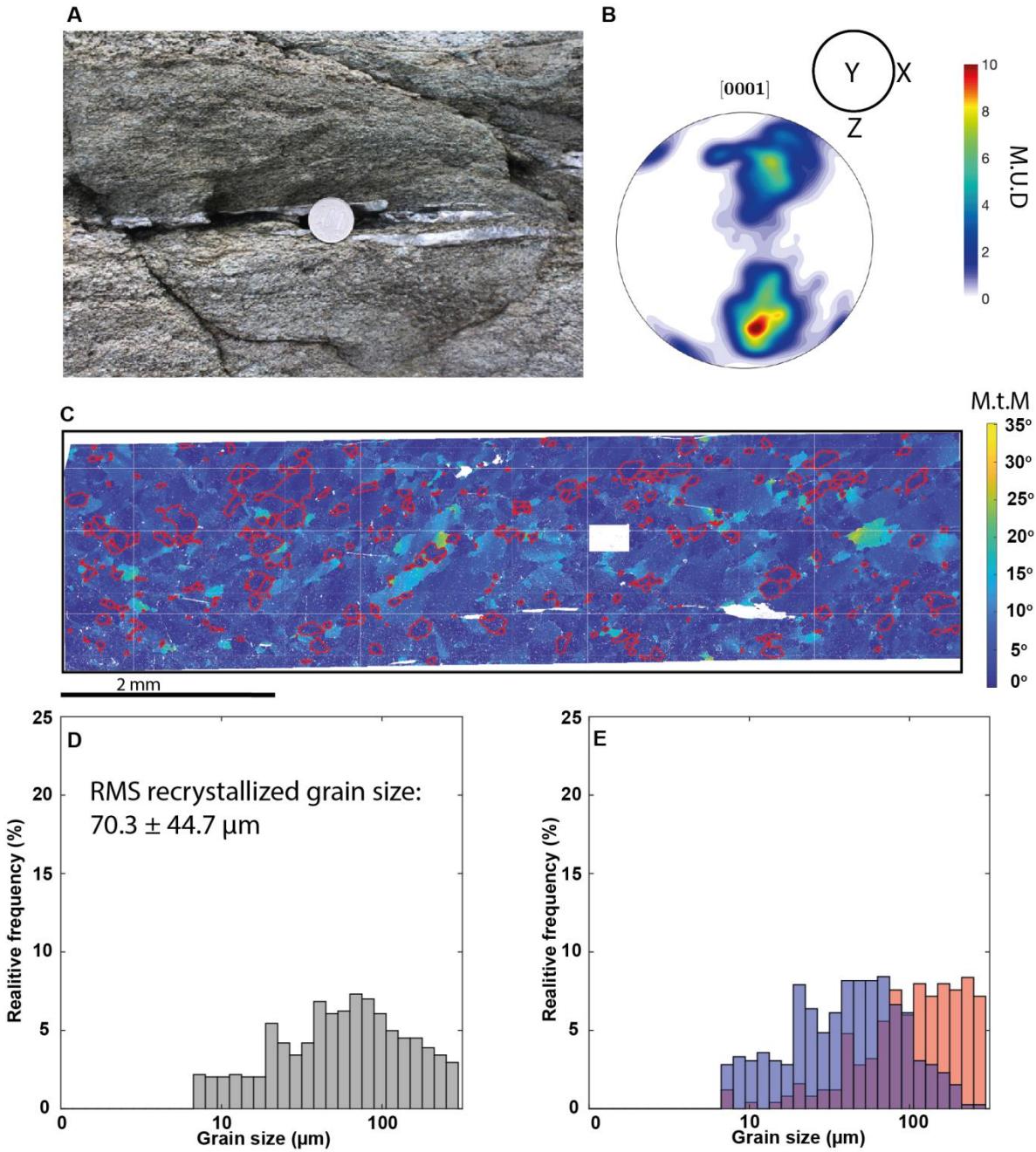


Supplementary Figure S1 Structural measurements from Makimine mélange and the NMR. (A) Foliation and lineation in coastal Makimine mélange. (B) Foliation and lineation in inland Makimine mélange. (C) Foliation, including a regional dataset (44) and stretching lineation from the NMR. (D) Fold hinge lines in metabasalt and metapelite from the NMR. (E) S and C planes measured in chlorite-actinolite schists of the NMR.



Supplementary Figure S2 EBSD data collected from deformed quartz and clinopyroxene in inland Makimine mélange. (A) Boudinaged quartzite lens and pinch and swell in quartzite layers within inland Makimine mélange metasediment. (B) Quartz C axis pole figure constructed from data in map (C). EBSD map of recrystallized quartz in pelite from inland Makimine mélange. Pixels are contoured by their misorientation with respect to the mean orientation of their parent grain (misorientation to mean orientation, M.t.M).

Recrystallized grains (red boundaries) have low M.t.M values indicating low degrees of internal distortion. (D) Histogram of recrystallized quartz grain size, excluding grains that bisect the map border. (E) Histogram of all quartz grains, excluding grains that bisect the map border. Relict grains are plotted in red, recrystallized in blue. (F) Pole figures showing the orientation of 69 pyroxene grains from inland Makimine metabasalt. There is a weak [001] preferred orientation. (G) EBSD misorientation map (M.t.M) of a pyroxene grain, internal distortion is generally $< 2^\circ$. Photo credit (A); C. Tulley, Cardiff University.



Supplementary Figure S3. EBSD data collected from a quartz vein deformed in amphibolite from the NMR.

(A) Quartz vein deformed parallel to the metamorphic foliation in amphibolite from the NMR. B) Quartz C

axis pole figure constructed from data in map (C). (C) EBSD map of recrystallized quartz from a boundinaged vein. Pixels are contoured by their misorientation with respect to the mean orientation of their parent grain (misorientation to mean orientation, M.t.M). Recrystallized grains (red boundaries) have low M.t.M values indicating low degrees of internal distortion. The white square outlines a frame which failed to acquire any data. (D) Histogram of recrystallized grain size, excluding grains that bisect the map border. (E) Histogram of all grains, excluding grains that bisect the map border. Relict grains are plotted in red, recrystallized in blue.

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