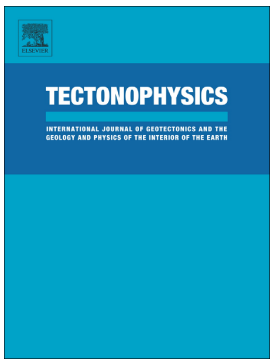

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Abstract

In order to address the question of strain localization within continental units during subduction and exhumation, a large-scale portion of an exhumed continental crust was structurally revisited. The Tenda massif (Alpine Corsica) has recorded burial (D_1; top-to-the-SW kinematics) down to blueschist-facies conditions followed by exhumation (D_2; top-to-the-NE kinematics). It was so far regarded as a quite rigid unit with strain localization at the upper contact with the overlying oceanic material, the East Tenda Shear Zone (ETSZ), where previous studies were focused. A structural analysis carried out from the core to the boundaries of this continental unit shows instead that deformation is pervasive in the whole