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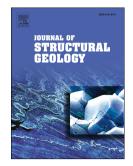
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## ABSTRACT 10

This study presents in-depth geometric and kinematic analyses of a complex transpressional shear 11 zone (Fellos Shear Zone, FSZ) that integrates structural mapping with microstructural and quartz 12 crystallographic texture data. The FSZ strikes NE-SW and formed in the short limb of a map-scale 13 antiform. The foliation pattern within the zone indicates dextral shearing whereas the macroscopic 14 object lineation is dispersed over a half great-circle girdle along the mean mylonitic foliation. Based 15 on this deformation pattern, the FSZ could be interpreted as a dextral, NE-directed triclinic 16 transpressional zone. However, the integration of field-based with microtectonic data reveal a more 17 complicate kinematic history. We show that the elongation trend is dispersed along an entire great-18 circle girdle when we take into account the trends of incremental elongations, recorded by fabrics with 19 different strain memories. Mapping of incremental shear directions implies that the FSZ initiated as a 20 NE-directed dextral transpressional shear zone, and progressively evolved into a NW-directed dextral 21 zone. The passage from NE- to NW-directed shearing was accompanied by transpression whilst local 22 transtension likely occurred during the last stages of ductile deformation. Deformation in the FSZ 23 ended up, at semi-ductile conditions, with localized NE-directed dextral shearing. Our study 24 demonstrates that the integration of field observations and fabrics/microstructures that have different 25 strain memories is a powerful tool for unravelling the complex kinematics of high-strain zones. 26 27

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