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3 An integrated EPMA-EBSD study of metamorphic histories recorded in  
4 garnet

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## ABSTRACT

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Growth histories recorded in garnet grains in metasedimentary rocks from the Sanbagawa belt in Japan and the Mogok belt in Myanmar were analyzed using an effective combination of electron backscatter diffraction (EBSD) and electron-probe microanalysis (EPMA) data. Garnet in the Sanbagawa metapelite has inner and outer zones that formed in the eclogite and epidote–amphibolite facies stages, respectively. Based on EPMA element mapping, this garnet appears to have grown as a single crystal with a temporal break in growth between the inner and outer zones that occurred during exhumation. The EBSD data, however, document that the garnet grain is composed of four domains. The misorientation angles of crystallographic orientations between the domains are as large as  $59^\circ$ , and domain boundaries crosscut the growth zoning and the compositional boundary between the inner and outer zones. Sets of quartz grains included in the garnets on either side of the domain boundaries sometimes share the same crystallographic orientation with misorientation angles less than  $4^\circ$ . The garnet grains formed via a 3-step process of prograde crystallization of polycrystalline garnet during the eclogite facies stage (inner zone) resorption around garnet rims and along domain boundaries during exhumation crystallization of the outer zone and in the domain boundaries during the prograde epidote–amphibolite facies stage.

The garnet porphyroblasts in the Mogok pelitic gneisses, which formed during prograde metamorphism to the upper amphibolite–granulite facies (0.6–1.0 GPa/780–850°C), are now separated into segments of various sizes by mosaic or symplectite aggregates of biotite, plagioclase, and quartz or monomineralic biotite veins. The segment texture formed at about 0.3–0.4 GPa/610–650°C or lower-grade conditions. The EBSD analysis shows that most of the segments share the same crystallographic

45 orientation with misorientation angles less than 4° and show no evidence of deformation  
46 and/or rotation processes after segmentation. These data suggest that the Mogok sample  
47 did not experience dynamic deformation of the garnet grains after the resorption and  
48 segmentation stage and may have been exhumed under static conditions from depths of  
49 9–12 km.

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## INTRODUCTION

54 Garnet grains serve as an important time capsule by recording the metamorphic  
55 evolution of their host rock. Pioneering work by Banno (1965), using electron-probe  
56 microanalysis (EPMA), showed compositional heterogeneity of garnet grains in  
57 Sanbagawa metapelites and concluded that prograde garnet grains commonly have bell-  
58 shaped Mn zoning and are not in complete equilibrium with other matrix phases during  
59 prograde metamorphism. Thompson et al. (1977) correlated compositional zoning in  
60 garnet with the nature and distribution of its inclusions in the Gassetts schist from  
61 Vermont to reveal the paragenetic history of rocks from upper greenschist to lower  
62 amphibolite facies conditions. This might have been one of the earliest efforts to exploit  
63 the mineralogical characteristics of garnet for interpretation of metamorphic pressure  
64 (*P*)–temperature (*T*) paths, and is a concept that has been extensively developed ever  
65 since. Moreover, pioneering work by Fliervoet et al. (1997) on deformation mechanisms  
66 in ultramylonites from the Redbank Deformed Zone, Central Australia, recognized  
67 electron backscatter diffraction (EBSD) as an important tool in the analysis of garnet  
68 growth.

69 Garnet generally shows concentric bell-shaped Mn-zoning, which is considered to be  
70 formed by nucleation and subsequent continuous growth. Single garnet grains, however,  
71 sometimes exhibit multiple regions of high Mn content, which is considered to  
72 represent discrete garnet nuclei and their coalescence to form a large porphyroblast (e.g.,  
73 Spiess et al. 2001; Okamoto and Michibayashi 2006). In contrast, Hirsch et al. (2003),  
74 using EBSD, quantitatively measured the crystallographic orientation of garnet  
75 porphyroblasts with multiple domains of Mn-zoning from Harpswell Neck, Maine, and  
76 concluded that they exhibited no variation in crystallographic orientation among

77 domains. Thus, a new concept for the growth model of a complex-zoned garnet was  
78 proposed in which precursor phases rich in Mn were overgrown, and their Mn was  
79 incorporated locally into the garnet structure. The combination of EPMA and EBSD  
80 analyses have provided key data for evaluating the growth mechanisms of garnet grains  
81 with atoll (Cheng et al. 2007; Ruiz Cruz 2011), snowball (Robyr et al. 2007), and lath  
82 shapes (Schertl and Neuser 2007) and for elucidating the interaction between  
83 deformation and chemical reaction that occurs during metamorphism (Griffiths et al.  
84 2014).

85 Polycrystalline porphyroblasts of garnet with high-angle misorientation boundaries  
86 from various types of metamorphic rocks were described by Whitney et al. (2008) and  
87 Whitney and Seaton (2010) who determined that the occurrence of polycrystalline  
88 garnet porphyroblasts is more frequent than previously believed. Whitney et al. (2008)  
89 grouped polycrystalline garnet grains into two types based on Mn growth zoning.  
90 Garnet of the first type has concentric compositional zoning of Mn and appears to be a  
91 single crystal. The concentric growth zoning of this type of garnet crosscut by high-  
92 angle misorientation boundaries. Garnet of the second type has multiple growth nuclei  
93 and is identifiably polycrystalline based on both Mn X-ray mapping and EBSD data. In  
94 both types of polycrystalline garnet, inclusions of quartz and ilmenite sometimes occur  
95 across the domain boundaries. Whitney et al. (2008) determined that the garnet  
96 polycrystals formed continuously during the prograde stage and that the differences in  
97 compositional zonings can be largely attributed to the spatial distribution of Mn-rich  
98 nuclei, i.e., closely or widely spaced nuclei at the early stage of garnet formation [Fig.  
99 18 of Whitney et al. (2008)]. Whitney and Seaton (2010) further reported a disconnect  
100 between Mn–Fe–Mg zoning and Ca zoning relative to the high-angle misorientation

101 boundaries and proposed the existence of four types of polycrystalline garnet based on  
102 the relationships between these two zoning types and high-angle misorientation  
103 boundaries [Fig. 11 of Whitney and Seaton (2010)]. These data have prompted  
104 important questions in the discussion of metamorphic  $P$ - $T$  paths based on the  
105 relationships between the zonal structure and inclusions of garnet because the center of  
106 a zoned garnet does not always represent the earliest stage of garnet growth. In addition,  
107 the misorientation boundaries may behave as channels to promote element exchange  
108 between the garnet interior and the matrix phases.

109 Although several important EBSD studies of natural garnet have been conducted,  
110 including those listed above, most of these have primarily focused on the growth  
111 mechanism of porphyroblasts and deformation processes (e.g., Fliervoet et al. 1997;  
112 Prior et al. 2000; Kleinschrodt and Duyster 2002; Storey and Prior 2005; Vollbrecht et  
113 al. 2006). Integrated EPMA X-ray mapping and EBSD analysis may also provide  
114 important additional information for revealing the  $P$ - $T$ - $D$  history. For this study, we  
115 selected two samples: one from the high-pressure Sanbagawa metamorphic belt, and the  
116 second from the high-temperature Mogok metamorphic belt as case studies to  
117 investigate the relationships between the compositional and crystallographic  
118 characteristics obtained from EMPA X-ray mapping and EBSD analysis and the  
119 implications for the metamorphic  $P$ - $T$ - $D$  paths. The Sanbagawa garnet is considered to  
120 have experienced discontinuous growth of inner and outer zones based on the  
121 compositional zoning and distribution of inclusions. The results of the EBSD analysis  
122 revealed that this garnet is composed of four segments and that its high-angle  
123 misorientation boundaries crosscut the boundary between the inner and outer zones,  
124 which suggests that the polycrystalline texture resulted from multiple nucleations and

125 their coalescence during the early stages of garnet crystallization. The Mogok garnet  
126 porphyroblasts were separated into several segments via resorption during exhumation.  
127 The EBSD data show no significant misorientation among these segments, which  
128 implies static conditions during the later stages of exhumation.

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### 130 **GENERAL GEOLOGY OF SAMPLE LOCALITES**

131 The two samples discussed in this paper, UKE07b and S22b, are high-pressure  
132 Sanbagawa metamorphic rock from Japan (e.g., Banno and Sakai 1989; Wallis et al.  
133 2000) and high-temperature Mogok metamorphic rock from Myanmar (e.g., Searle et al.  
134 2007), respectively.

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#### 136 **Sanbagawa metamorphic rock**

137 The Sanbagawa sample (UKE07b) was collected from the Besshi region of the  
138 Sanbagawa metamorphic belt, central Shikoku, Japan, where metapelite and metabasite  
139 recrystallized under epidote-amphibolite-facies conditions (Enami 1983;  
140 Higashino 1990). Common mineral assemblages of the metapelite and metabasite are  
141 garnet + biotite + muscovite + chlorite + sodic-calcic amphibole + epidote + sodic  
142 plagioclase + quartz + graphite and sodic-calcic amphibole + garnet + muscovite +  
143 epidote + chlorite + sodic plagioclase + quartz, respectively. However, eclogitic  
144 assemblages such as garnet + omphacite + quartz occur sporadically in the metabasites  
145 (Takasu 1984; Aoya 2001; Kugimiya and Takasu 2002; Ota et al. 2004; Miyagi and  
146 Takasu 2005; Sakurai and Takasu 2009; Endo 2010) and rarely in the metapelites  
147 (Kouketsu and Enami 2010; Kouketsu et al. 2010) of the high-grade zone. Thus, the  
148 Besshi region is divided into eclogite- and non-eclogite units (Kouketsu et al. 2014a).

149 The eclogite-unit lithologies record the relatively complex  $P$ – $T$  history of the  
150 prograde eclogite facies stage exhumation and hydration stage prograde epidote–  
151 amphibolite facies stage (Fig. 1a). On the contrary, the non-eclogite unit lithologies  
152 were recrystallized during simple prograde metamorphism up to the epidote–  
153 amphibolite facies. These two units are considered to have been juxtaposed after  
154 exhumation of the eclogite unit and before the peak stage of the prograde epidote–  
155 amphibolite facies metamorphism. The lithologies of the eclogite and non-eclogite units  
156 and their boundary were extensively recrystallized under the prograde epidote–  
157 amphibolite facies stage. Therefore, it is difficult to directly observe the tectonic  
158 boundary between the two units at the outcrop scale; thus the unit boundaries are  
159 usually determined on the basis of the following combinations: (1) sodic-phase  
160 inclusions in garnet, (2) residual pressure of quartz inclusion in garnet estimated by  
161 quartz Raman barometry (Enami et al. 2007; Kouketsu et al. 2014b), and (3)  
162 compositional zoning of garnet (e.g., Mouri and Enami 2008; Sakurai and Takasu 2009;  
163 Kouketsu et al. 2014a; Taguchi and Enami 2014) in addition to the occurrences of  
164 omphacite-bearing assemblages.

165 Endo (2010) proposed a clockwise  $P$ – $T$  path for prograde eclogite facies  
166 metamorphism and estimated the conditions as 1.9–2.1 GPa/525–565°C and 1.4–1.6  
167 GPa/635°C for the peak pressure and temperature stages, respectively. The equilibrium  
168 conditions of the peak eclogite facies stage varied slightly from 1.8–1.9 GPa/495–  
169 530°C to 2.3–2.4 GPa/675–740°C within the eclogite unit (e.g., Ota et al. 2004;  
170 Miyamoto et al. 2007; Kabir and Takasu 2010; Kouketsu et al. 2010; Endo and Tsuboi  
171 2013). The  $P$ – $T$  conditions in the epidote–amphibolite facies stage of the high-grade  
172 zone were estimated to be 0.8–1.1 GPa/470–635°C (Enami 1983; Enami et al. 1994;



173 Wallis et al. 2000).

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### 175 **Mogok metamorphic rock**

176 The Mogok sample (S22b) was collected from the Sagaing area of the Mogok  
177 metamorphic belt, Myanmar (cf., Fig. 1c of Maw Maw Win et al. 2016). In the Sagaing  
178 area, the Mogok metamorphic rocks are composed mainly of pelitic gneiss, marble,  
179 calc–silicate rock, and amphibolite of amphibolite–granulite facies grade (Mitchell et al.  
180 2007; Maw Maw Win et al. 2016). The pelitic gneiss, which is a predominant lithology  
181 in the Sagaing area, is composed mainly of garnet, biotite, plagioclase, K-feldspar,  
182 quartz, and graphite. The marble and calc–silicate rocks usually contain phlogopite,  
183 diopside, forsterite, grossular garnet, and graphite in addition to calcite. The amphibolite  
184 contains mainly hornblende, plagioclase, and epidote with small amounts of biotite and  
185 titanite. The petrographical characteristics of the Mogok pelitic gneisses in the Sagaing  
186 area and the locality of sample S22b have been described by Maw Maw Win et al.  
187 (2016). Pressure–temperature conditions at peak metamorphic stage and exhumation  
188 and hydration stage were estimated at 0.6–1.0 GPa/780–850°C and 0.3–0.5 GPa/600–  
189 680°C, respectively (Fig. 1b).

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### 191 **ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES**

192 Thin sections for X-ray and EBSD mapping analyses and quantitative analyses of  
193 major phases were polished by using a series of diamond pastes with decreasing grain  
194 sizes down to ¼µm. The X-ray mapping images and the quantitative analyses were  
195 conducted by using EPMA with wavelength-dispersive spectrometers (JXA-8900R,  
196 JEOL, Tokyo, Japan) at the Petrology Laboratory of Nagoya University. The

197 accelerating voltage and specimen current on Faraday cup were stabilized at 20 kV and  
198 100 nA and 15 kV and 12 nA for the X-ray mapping and quantitative analyses,  
199 respectively. A beam with a diameter of 2–3  $\mu\text{m}$  was used for the garnet and amphibole  
200 analyses; analyses of mica and feldspar were made using a 5  $\mu\text{m}$  beam spot. Well-  
201 characterized natural and synthetic phases were used to calibrate the instrument. Matrix  
202 corrections were performed using the  $\alpha$ -factor table of Kato (2005). Iron in analyzed  
203 phases other than epidote was assumed to be ferrous. The compositional characteristics  
204 of the garnet are discussed using proportions of end-members estimated as those of  
205 divalent cations in the eight coordinated sites; e.g.,  $\text{Prp} = \text{Mg}/(\text{Fe} + \text{Mn} + \text{Mg} + \text{Ca}) \times$   
206 100. Representative analyses of the major minerals in samples UKE07b and S22b are  
207 on deposit as Supplemental Table 1<sup>1</sup>. The abbreviations for minerals and end-members  
208 used in this paper follow those defined by Whitney and Evans (2010).

209 For EBSD analysis, the polished thin sections prepared using diamond pastes were  
210 additionally treated with colloidal silica for up to 1 h to remove the surface damage.  
211 Crystal orientations were determined at Nagoya University using a JEOL JSM-6510LV  
212 scanning electron microscope equipped with a Nordlys Nano detector–AZtec (version  
213 2.3) EBSD system at 20 kV accelerating voltage and a working distance of 26–28 mm.  
214 The camera binning and Hough resolution were  $4 \times 4$  and 90, respectively. The  
215 maximum (minimum) numbers of band detections were 10 (5). The EBSD patterns  
216 were collected under a low vacuum of 10 Pa, which allowed the use of uncoated  
217 samples (e.g. Padrón-Navarta et al. 2012; Nagaya et al. 2014). Computerized indexing

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218 of the diffraction pattern was automatically determined for each measurement. The  
219 maximum accepted angular deviation for map measurements was  $2.0^\circ$ . The  
220 crystallographic parameters of Novak and Gibbs (1971) and Levien et al. (1980) were  
221 employed to index the Kikuchi patterns for garnet, at  $a = 11.531 \text{ \AA}$ , and for quartz, at  $a$   
222  $= 4.916 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 5.4054 \text{ \AA}$ , respectively. Software developed by D. Mainprice was used to  
223 prepare the pole figures (Mainprice 1990).

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## 225 X-RAY MAPPING AND EBSD ANALYSIS

### 226 UKE07b

227 The UKE07b metapelite was collected from an outcrop 20–30 m inside the  
228 northeastern margin of the eclogite unit (longitude  $133^\circ 25' 24'' \text{ E}$  and latitude  
229  $33^\circ 53' 4'' \text{ N}$ ). This sample contains garnet, biotite, phengite [Si = 3.30–3.41 per  
230 formula unit (pfu) for O = 11], chlorite, epidote [ $Y_{\text{Fe}} = \text{Fe}^{3+}/(\text{Al} + \text{Fe}^{3+}) = 0.09\text{--}0.11$ ],  
231 barroisite–katophorite (Si = 6.66–6.70 pfu, Ca = 1.27–1.34 pfu for O = 23), albite, and  
232 quartz with minor amounts of rutile, ilmenite, titanite, apatite, and graphite as matrix  
233 phases. The biotite was retrogressively altered to secondary chlorite. Paragonite occurs  
234 only as inclusions in the garnet. Garnet grains show rounded and subhedral form. Their  
235 grain sizes vary from 100–200  $\mu\text{m}$  to 2–3 mm in diameter, and most of them are coarse-  
236 grained of  $>500 \mu\text{m}$ . These relatively coarse garnet grains usually show duplex texture  
237 consisting of inner and outer zones identified by the distributions of quartz and graphite  
238 inclusions visible under a polarizing microscope.

239 The selected garnet (2.3 mm in size) is also composed of inner and outer zones,  
240 visible under the polarizing microscope (Fig. 2a); these results were confirmed by X-  
241 ray mapping analyses (Figs. 2b–e). The inner zone is characteristically rich in quartz

242 and fine-grained paragonite, titanite, rutile, and graphite inclusions. The outer zone  
243 contains albite rather than paragonite as sodic-phase inclusion. The boundary between  
244 the inner and outer zones is also defined by compositional discontinuity (Figs. 2b–f and  
245 3). The inner zone is relatively homogeneous ( $\text{Alm}_{67-73}\text{Prp}_{4-10}\text{Sps}_{3-10}\text{Grs}_{16-21}$ ) with  
246 slightly decreasing spessartine and increasing pyrope contents from the core toward the  
247 margin. The grossular and spessartine contents discontinuously increase, and almandine  
248 and pyrope contents discontinuously decrease at the boundary from the inner to outer  
249 zones. In the outer zone, the pyrope content increases and the spessartine content  
250 decreases toward the outermost rim ( $\text{Alm}_{56-66}\text{Prp}_{4-9}\text{Sps}_{0-10}\text{Grs}_{26-36}$ ). These  
251 compositional trends of the inner and outer zones imply prograde formations of these  
252 two zones and a discontinuity in garnet growth between the formation stages of the two  
253 zones (cf., Fig. 1a). The inner zone contains paragonite and quartz retaining high  
254 residual pressure up to 0.6–0.7 GPa, which was thus formed during the eclogite facies  
255 stage (cf., Enami et al. 2007; Kouketsu and Enami 2011; Kouketsu et al. 2014a). The  
256 outer zone contains albite as inclusions and is a later product than the inner zone,  
257 suggesting formation during the epidote–amphibolite facies stage.

258 X-ray mapping analysis revealed concentric zonal structure in the examined garnet  
259 grain that appears to have formed from the crystal core toward the rim. The EBSD  
260 analysis, however, shows that the grain is polycrystalline, consisting of four domains  
261 separated by high-angle misorientation boundaries at  $40^\circ$ – $59^\circ$  (Figs. 4a and b). These  
262 domain boundaries are not related to major element zoning and transect the  
263 compositional boundary between the inner and outer zones. Although the quartz  
264 inclusions in the garnet grain show no obvious lattice preferred orientation (Figs. 4a and  
265 c), those occurring separate from one another across the domain boundaries sometimes

266 share the same crystallographic orientation (Fig. 5). The misorientation angles between  
267 quartz inclusions of sets A (grains 1, 2, and 3), B (4, 5, and 6), and C (6 and 7) are less  
268 than 5°, 6°, and 2°, respectively.

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## 270 **S22b**

271 The S22b pelitic gneiss collected from the Shwe Myin Tin valley (longitude  
272 95°59′57″E and latitude 22°02′1″N) contains garnet, biotite, plagioclase (An<sub>43±2</sub>),  
273 K-feldspar, and quartz with minor amounts of rutile, ilmenite, graphite, apatite,  
274 monazite, and zircon as matrix phases. Biotite grains are characteristically rich in Ti,  
275 and their TiO<sub>2</sub> contents are up to 6.2 wt% in phase included by garnet and 4.9 wt% in  
276 matrix phase (Ye Kyaw Thu et al. 2016: in press). Sillimanite occurs only as inclusions  
277 in the garnet. Garnet grains are anhedral, and some show unusually elongate shapes  
278 with aspect ratios up to 1:5 (Figs. 6a–c). The large and elongate garnet grains contain  
279 quartz inclusions in their mantle zones showing poikilitic texture. This sample does not  
280 show obvious preferred orientation of biotite in the matrix and pressure shadows around  
281 the garnet porphyroblasts. The garnet porphyroblasts were retrogressively re-  
282 equilibrated under upper greenschist–lower amphibolite facies conditions and are  
283 usually separated into several segments by two-types of replacement texture (Maw Maw  
284 Win et al. 2016). The earlier re-equilibrium stage is represented by mosaic or  
285 symplectite aggregates of biotite, plagioclase, and quartz around the garnet (Figs. 6a, d,  
286 and e). The biotite in the aggregates is usually poorer in TiO<sub>2</sub> (usually 1–3 wt%) than  
287 the isolated phase in the matrix (up to 4.9 wt%). The later re-equilibrium product is a  
288 monomineralic vein of biotite (Fig. 6), which is poorer in TiO<sub>2</sub> (usually less than 0.3  
289 wt%) than the isolated phase and the aggregate phase in the matrix.

290 The garnet segments are composed of relatively homogeneous cores ( $\text{Alm}_{60-63}\text{Prp}_{29-}$   
291  $_{33}\text{Sps}_1\text{Grs}_{5-7}$ ) and thin Mg-poor and Mn-rich mantles ( $\text{Alm}_{63-74}\text{Prp}_{17-29}\text{Sps}_{2-4}\text{Grs}_{4-7}$ ; Figs.  
292 6b–e and 7). In the mantle of grains the pyrope content gradually decreases toward the  
293 outermost rim; the almandine and spessartine contents show the opposite trends. The  
294 compositional gradient of the mantle part formed along with the segmentation during  
295 the retrograde stage, as discussed by Maw Maw Win et al. (2016). Fine-grained garnet  
296 sometimes occurs in the aggregates of biotite + plagioclase + quartz and has a chemical  
297 composition ( $\text{Alm}_{70-78}\text{Prp}_{13-21}\text{Sps}_{2-4}\text{Grs}_{4-7}$ ) similar to the outermost rim of the garnet.  
298 Thus, the Mn-rich garnet + biotite + plagioclase + quartz assemblage likely represents  
299 the equilibrium reached when the garnet grains were segmented, as discussed by Maw  
300 Maw Win et al. (2016). The local modification in composition of garnet around the  
301 monomineralic biotite veins is less extensive than that in the grain mantles (Figs. 6b–e).  
302 The anorthite contents of plagioclase are not critically different between the isolated  
303 phase in matrix ( $\text{An}_{43\pm 2}$ ) and the aggregate phase ( $\text{An}_{41 \pm 4}$ ).

304 The garnet segments in the area analyzed by EBSD were grouped into three sets of 1–  
305 8, 9–12, and 13–15, which are hereafter referred to as garnet sets 1, 2, and 3,  
306 respectively (Figs. 8a and d). Garnet sets 1 and 3 contain abundant fine-grained needles  
307 of sillimanite, and the garnet set 2 is poor in sillimanite and other inclusions. The  
308 differences in the modal amounts of inclusions and the alignment patterns of the  
309 sillimanite inclusions imply that the three sets of garnet were likely derived from three  
310 different grains (Fig. 6a). The segments of garnet sets 1 and 3 are separated by  
311 monomineralic biotite veins except for the cases between segments 1 and 2 and  
312 segments 13 and 14, which are bounded by mosaic aggregates of biotite, plagioclase,  
313 and quartz. In garnet set 1, the misorientation angles between segments 2 and 8, which

314 are adjacent, are less than  $4^\circ$ ; that misorientation between segments 1 and 2 is  $14^\circ$  (Figs.  
315 8a and b). Segments 14 and 15 of garnet set 3, which are bounded by biotite veins, are  
316 misoriented by less than  $1^\circ$ , and the misorientation angle between segments 13 and 14 is  
317  $62^\circ$  (Figs. 8d and e). Garnet set 2 is composed of four segments separated by mosaic  
318 aggregates. Segments 9–11 share similar crystallographic orientations, with  
319 misorientation angles of less than  $4^\circ$ ; segment 12 has high-angle misorientation angles  
320 of  $33^\circ$  relative to other segments (Figs. 8a and c).

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## DISCUSSION

### 323 **Discontinuous growth of polycrystalline garnets in the Sanbagawa metapelite**

324 Two petrographical characteristics—the relationship between the compositional  
325 zoning and domain structure and the crystallographic orientation of quartz inclusions in  
326 the garnet—are critical for discussing the growth process of the UKE07b garnet and  
327 metamorphic  $P$ – $T$  history of the Sanbagawa belt. The Sanbagawa garnet is  
328 polycrystalline, and their domain boundaries are developed independent of the  
329 compositional growth zoning (Figs. 2b and 4a). This relationship is similar to the case  
330 of concentric zoned garnet polycrystals reported by Whitney et al. (2008) and Whitney  
331 and Seaton (2010). The Sanbagawa garnet, however, experienced two stages of  
332 prograde metamorphism and records the discontinuance of crystal growth between them  
333 (Fig. 1a). In addition, the quartz grains included on each side of the garnet domain  
334 boundary of the inner zone frequently share similar crystallographic orientation with  
335 misorientation angles less than  $2$ – $6^\circ$  (Fig. 5). The presence of quartz inclusions sharing  
336 similar crystallographic orientation along the domain boundary disproves the  
337 interpretation that the polycrystalline garnet and high-angle boundaries were formed by

338 deformation and rotation mechanisms after formation of the porphyroblast. Whitney et  
339 al. (2008) studied polycrystalline garnet in mica schist from Townshend Dam and  
340 reported that inclusions along the high-angle boundaries in polycrystalline garnet were  
341 not offset; thus, they argued that deformation and rotation mechanisms did not cause the  
342 formation of the polycrystalline garnet. Our observations suggest that the  
343 polycrystalline garnet in sample UKE07b was formed by a process similar to that  
344 discussed by Whitney et al. (2008).

345 Higher resolution X-ray element mapping around the domain boundaries (10–20  $\mu\text{m}$   
346 in width) shows local modification of the compositions along the boundaries (Figs. 2c, e,  
347 and f). The compositionally modified zone connects to the boundary between the inner  
348 and outer zones (Fig. 2f). The compositional ranges of the garnet between the quartz  
349 grains (Areas A–C, Figs. 5a and c) and around the domain boundary (Area D, Fig. 5c)  
350 are  $\text{Alm}_{67-72}\text{Prp}_{5-10}\text{Sps}_{3-6}\text{GrS}_{16-22}$ , which are similar to those between the outermost part  
351 of the inner zone and the innermost part of the outer zone (Fig. 9). These features  
352 suggest the occurrence of two processes: (1) resorption of the garnet's inner zone and  
353 quartz inclusions along the domain boundaries by hydration reactions after infiltration  
354 of metamorphic fluid during exhumation and a probable temperature decrease and (2)  
355 their sealing by neo-crystallization of garnet during the subsequent prograde stage under  
356 epidote–amphibolite facies conditions.

357 Figure 10 illustrates conceptual diagrams of the garnet nucleation and growth  
358 scenario in the case of the Sanbagawa garnet inferred from the EMPA and EBSD data .  
359 Considering that the  $P$ – $T$  trajectory of the Sanbagawa eclogite facies rocks have two  
360 stages of prograde metamorphism (Fig. 1a), the formation process of the polycrystalline  
361 garnet is summarized in the following five processes: (1) formation of closely spaced



362 nuclei of garnet, their coalescence, and trapping of quartz crystals at their domain  
363 interface similar to the case of Fig. 18a of Whitney et al. (2008); (2) continuous growth  
364 during the prograde eclogite facies stage including the formation of the inner zone  
365 containing inclusions of quartz and other phases; (3) resorption around the inner zone of  
366 the garnet and along its domain boundaries in the exhumation and hydration stage; (4)  
367 resurgence of crystallization and sealing of the domain boundaries at the start of the  
368 second prograde metamorphism; and (5) continuous growth of the garnet during the  
369 prograde epidote–amphibolite facies stage in the formation of the outer zone.

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### 371 **Static exhumation of high-temperature Mogok metamorphic rock**

372 The garnet porphyroblasts in the Mogok metamorphic rocks (S22b) were separated  
373 into several segments by mosaic or symplectite aggregates and monomineralic biotite  
374 veins. Garnet sets 1 and 3 contain both types of segments bordered by mosaic  
375 aggregates and monomineralic veins (Fig. 6). In these garnet sets, the segments  
376 separated by monomineralic veins share common crystallographic orientations. On the  
377 contrary, segments 1 and 13, which are bordered by mosaic aggregates, show  
378 misorientation angles of 14° and 62° to the adjacent segments, respectively (Fig. 8). The  
379 high-angle misorientations in segments of sets 1 and 3 might be attributable to two  
380 models: (1) primary porphyroblasts with other adjacent segments that were locally  
381 rotated after segmentation or (2) independent grains from the other segments that had  
382 originally different crystallographic orientations. Although there is little information for  
383 discussion of which concept is more plausible, the garnet sets of 1 and 3 (Figs. 8b and  
384 e) clearly suggest that the garnet grains did not experience deformation by rotation of  
385 these segments after segmentation by monomineralic biotite veins.

386 Segments 9–12 in garnet set 2 are separated by biotite-bearing mosaic aggregates,  
387 with segments 9–11 sharing the same crystallographic orientation. On the contrary,  
388 segment 12 shows a misorientation angle of  $33^\circ$  to the adjacent segments. No  
389 information is available to rule out the possibility that segment 12 originally formed a  
390 porphyroblast with segments 9–11 and the high-angle misorientation indicates local  
391 rotation of the segment 12 after their segmentation. However, it is highly probable that  
392 segments 9–11 did not experience significant rotation and deformation after their  
393 separation. These interpretations might be supported by the fact that pelitic gneiss S22b  
394 shows no obvious pressure shadow and local overprinting of the foliation around the  
395 garnet porphyroblasts.

396 The observation of the sets of garnet segments separated by monomineralic biotite  
397 veins, i.e. segments 2–8 and 14–15, certainly suggests that the Mogok sample was static  
398 during and after the formation of the veins and not in a strain field. Additionally, the set  
399 of segments 9–11, which were separated by biotite-bearing mosaic aggregates, shows  
400 that the static environments likely began, at the latest, just before or during the  
401 formation stage of the mosaic aggregates. The  $P$ – $T$  conditions during the formation of  
402 the biotite-bearing mosaic or symplectite aggregates in segments 9, 10, and 11 were  
403 estimated to be 0.3–0.4 GPa/610–650°C (garnet–biotite–plagioclase–quartz (GBPQ)  
404 geobarometry (Wu et al. 2004) and garnet–biotite (Grt–Bt) geothermometry  
405 (Bhattacharya et al. 1992; Holdaway 2000)). Such formation conditions of the  
406 aggregates are consistent with those of other Mogok pelitic gneisses (0.3–0.5 GPa/600–  
407 680°C) reported by Maw Maw Win et al. (2016) and the temperature conditions of  
408 about 400–500°C estimated for the garnet isograd in medium  $P/T$  type metamorphic  
409 belts such as the Barrovian zone (e.g., Spear and Cheney 1989; Spear et al. 1990). The

410 garnet porphyroblasts likely segmented under the lower-amphibolite facies conditions.  
411 Although the available data is limited to the studied sample, the Mogok sample S22b  
412 may have been exhumed from depths of about 9–12 km, without incurring any specific  
413 deformation and rotation,

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## IMPLICATIONS

416 The combination of EBSD and EPMA analyses discussed in this paper revealed  
417 important information on the geological and tectonic developments of Sanbagawa and  
418 Mogok metamorphic rocks along with the growth mechanism of metamorphic garnet  
419 grains.

420 **Sanbagawa metapelite:** Two distinct models have been proposed concerning the  $P$ –  
421  $T$  evolution of the Sanbagawa metamorphic rocks. Aoya (2001), Zaw Win Ko et al.  
422 (2005), and Kouketsu et al. (2014a) proposed that the Sanbagawa belt is divided into  
423 eclogite and non-eclogite units, and the lithologies of the eclogite unit recording two  
424 stages of prograde metamorphism under the eclogite and subsequent epidote–  
425 amphibolite facies conditions, as shown in Fig. 1a. As discussed above, this  $P$ – $T$  history  
426 effectively explains the deduced formation mechanism of the polycrystalline garnet  
427 porphyroblast in a Sanbagawa metapelite (UKE07b) from the eclogite unit. On the  
428 contrary, Ota et al. (2004) and Aoki et al. (2009) proposed an alternative concept such  
429 that eclogite and associated high-grade rocks record simple  $P$ – $T$  trajectory with  
430 monotonous decreases of  $P$ – $T$  conditions during exhumation. They considered that the  
431 regional thermal structure up to the epidote–amphibolite facies grade in the Sanbagawa  
432 belt is not attributed to progressive metamorphism and instead records Barrovian-type  
433 overprinting that occurred during exhumation. However, the proposed simple clockwise

434 *P–T* path model (Ota et al. 2004; Aoki et al. 2009) does not effectively explain the  
435 resorption and subsequent crystallization processes during the eclogite facies and  
436 epidote–amphibolite facies stages retained by the Sanbagawa garnet.

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438 **Mogok pelitic gneiss:** The EBSD and EPMA analyses suggested that the Mogok  
439 sample S22b did not record any specific deformation and rotation processes under  
440 lower-amphibolite facies and lower-grade conditions during exhumation. There may be  
441 two possible interpretations for the record of static condition. One is that the degree of  
442 deformation, which the Mogok metamorphic belt experienced during later stages of  
443 exhumation, was distinctly heterogeneous throughout the Mogok metamorphic belt, and  
444 some outcrops, including sample S22b, were thus locally spared from the impact of the  
445 exhumation movement.

446 The alternative interpretation is that the Mogok metamorphic belt was almost entirely  
447 under static conditions during later stages of exhumation. The Mogok metamorphic  
448 rocks may be traced to the north at the eastern Himalayan syntaxis (Barley et al. 2003;  
449 Licht et al. 2013). Kaneko (1997) tectonically and petrologically studied the Himalayan  
450 metamorphic belt, central Nepal, and proposed a two-step exhumation model of the  
451 metamorphic rocks. This model consists of semi-adiabatic extrusion from the Moho  
452 depth into the mid-crustal level (about 0.4 GPa/600°C) and subsequent doming uplift  
453 along with surface denudation. The static exhumation retained by the Mogok garnet  
454 might be explained by the erosion and doming uplift process occurring at depths of at  
455 least 10 km and is consistent with the tectonic model proposed by Kaneko (1997).  
456 Extensive and systematic studies of the Mogok and/or Himalaya metamorphic belts  
457 employing EBSD and EPMA methods possibly provide convincing arguments to the

458 most probable interpretation.

459 The case studies on the Sanbagawa and Mogok metamorphic rocks suggest that the  
460 combination of EBSD and EPMA analyses is a powerful and effective method for  
461 studies of the  $P$ - $T$ - $D$  evolution of metamorphic rocks.

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666 Figure captions

667 FIGURE 1. (a) Schematic diagram showing the pressure–temperature paths of  
668 composite- and normal-zoned garnets in metapelites collected from eclogite and  
669 non-eclogite units of the Besshi region in the Sanbagawa belt [partly modified  
670 from Fig. 11b of Kouketsu et al. (2014a)]. (b) Pressure and temperature  
671 estimations of the Mogok metamorphic rocks from the Sagaing area, central  
672 Myanmar. Abbreviations are: And, andalusite; Ky, kyanite; Sil, sillimanite; M16,  
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674 (2001).

675 FIGURE 2. (a) Photomicrograph and (b) CaK $\alpha$ , (c) MgK $\alpha$ , (d) FeK $\alpha$ , and (e) and (f)  
676 MnK $\alpha$  X-ray mapping images of a garnet in the Sanbagawa metapelite sample  
677 (UKE07b). In the X-ray mapping images, warmer colors indicate high  
678 concentrations of elements. The white lines in Fig. 2b correspond to the domain  
679 boundaries shown in Fig. 4a determined by EBSD analysis, and that in Fig. 2e  
680 indicates outline of garnet. Line A–B indicates the position of the step-scan  
681 analysis shown in Fig. 3.

682 FIGURE 3. Step-scan analysis of a garnet in the Sanbagawa metapelite sample  
683 (UKE07b). The position of the step-scan is shown in Fig. 2a. Abbreviations for  
684 end-members: Alm: almandine; Grs: grossular; Prp: pyrope; Sps: spessartine.

685 FIGURE 4. Four-domain garnet polycrystals containing quartz inclusions in the  
686 Sanbagawa metapelite sample (UKE07b). (a) Electron backscatter diffraction  
687 (EBSD) map (6  $\mu$ m grid step) showing the relationships of crystallographic  
688 orientations of garnet domains and quartz inclusions. Average crystallographic  
689 orientations of quartz inclusions are indicated by colored circles corresponding to

690 the Euler angle color key. (b) Equal-area and lower hemisphere projection  
691 showing average crystallographic orientations of garnet domains. The Euler angle  
692 color keys and band contrast are shown in (a). (c) Equal-area and lower  
693 hemisphere projections showing average crystallographic orientations of quartz  
694 grains included in the garnet shown in (a). The Euler angle color keys of the poles  
695 are the same as those of the quartz inclusions shown in (a).

696 FIGURE 5. Relationships of crystallographic orientations of sets of quartz grains [(1)–  
697 (3), (4)–(5), and (6)–(7)] included in the neighboring garnet domains in the  
698 Sanbagawa metapelite sample (UKE07b) shown in Fig. 4a. (a) and (c) Electron  
699 backscatter diffraction (EBSD) maps (1  $\mu\text{m}$  grid step) of quartz inclusions and  
700 host garnet. The mapped areas are shown in Figs. 2f and 4a. The different colors,  
701 which correspond to the Euler angle color key, denote different orientations of  
702 quartz and garnet. (b) and (d) Equal-area and lower hemisphere projections  
703 showing average crystallographic orientations of quartz grains. The Euler angle  
704 color keys of (b) and (d) are shown in (a) and (c), respectively. Areas A–D are  
705 domain boundaries analyzed by EPMA; their compositions are shown in Fig. 9.  
706 Abbreviations for minerals: Grt, garnet; Qz, quartz.

707 FIGURE 6. (a) Photomicrograph, (b) and (d) MgK $\alpha$ , and (c) and (e) MnK $\alpha$  X-ray  
708 images of sets of garnet segments in the Mogok pelitic gneiss sample (S22b). In  
709 the X-ray map images, warmer colors indicate high concentrations of elements.  
710 Line C–D indicates the position of the step-scan analysis shown in Fig. 7.  
711 Abbreviations for minerals: Bt: biotite; Grt: garnet; Pl: plagioclase; Qz: quartz.

712 FIGURE 7. Step-scan analysis of a garnet in the Mogok pelitic gneiss sample (S22b).  
713 The position of the step-scan is shown in Fig. 6a. Abbreviations for end-members:



714 Alm: almandine; Grs: grossular; Prp: pyrope; Sps: spessartine.

715 FIGURE 8. Sets of garnet segments in the Mogok pelitic gneiss sample (S22b). (a) and  
716 (d) Electron backscatter diffraction (EBSD) maps (10  $\mu\text{m}$  grid step) showing  
717 similarities and differences in the lattice orientations of the garnet segments.  
718 Different colors denote different orientations. (b), (c), and (e) Equal-area and  
719 lower hemisphere projections showing average crystallographic orientations of all  
720 segments in each figure.

721 FIGURE 9. Compositional variations of a garnet in the Sanbagawa metapelite sample  
722 (UKE07b). The positions of areas A–D of the segment boundary are shown in  
723 Figs. 5a and c.

724 FIGURE 10. Conceptual diagram of the garnet nucleation and growth scenario of garnet  
725 polycrystals in the Sanbagawa metapelite (UKE07b). The growth of this grain  
726 began in the initial formations of closely spaced nuclei followed by their  
727 coalescence during the early stage of prograde eclogite facies metamorphism. At  
728 that time, some of the quartz grains were included at the domain boundaries.

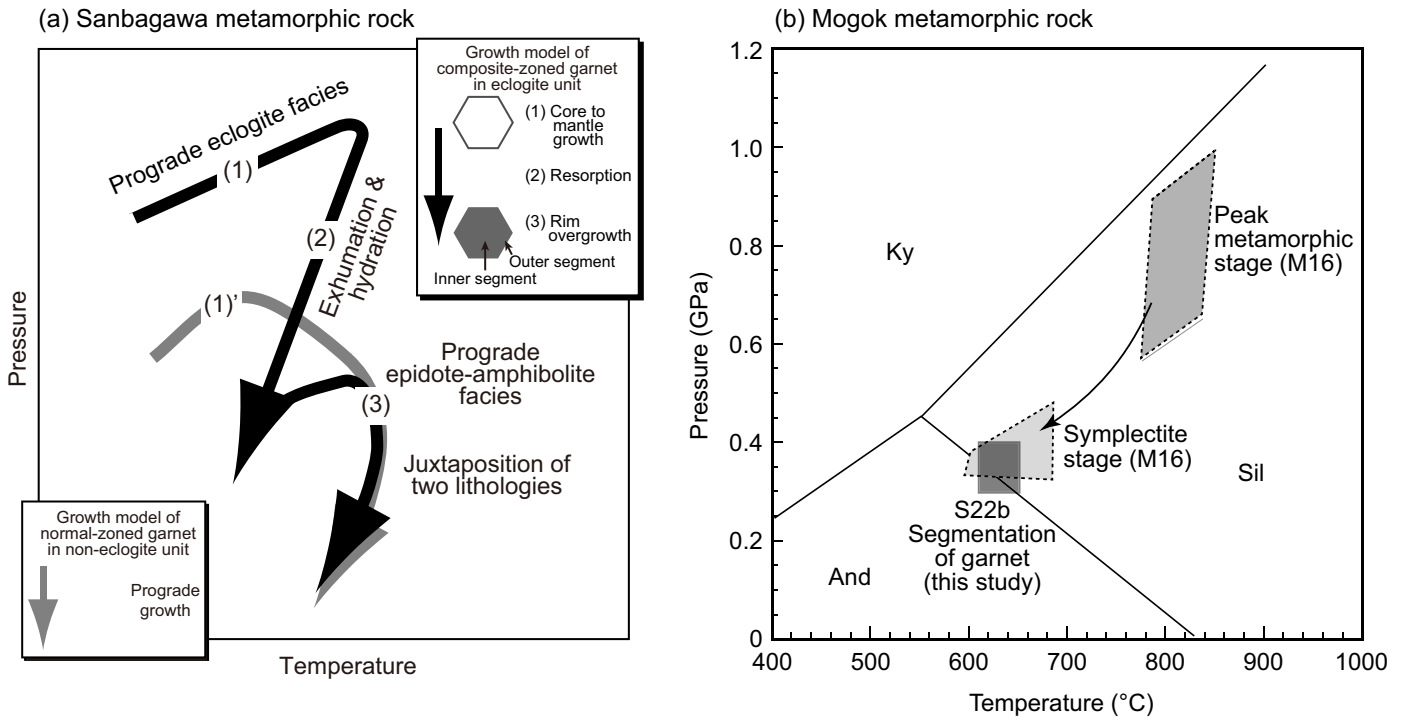


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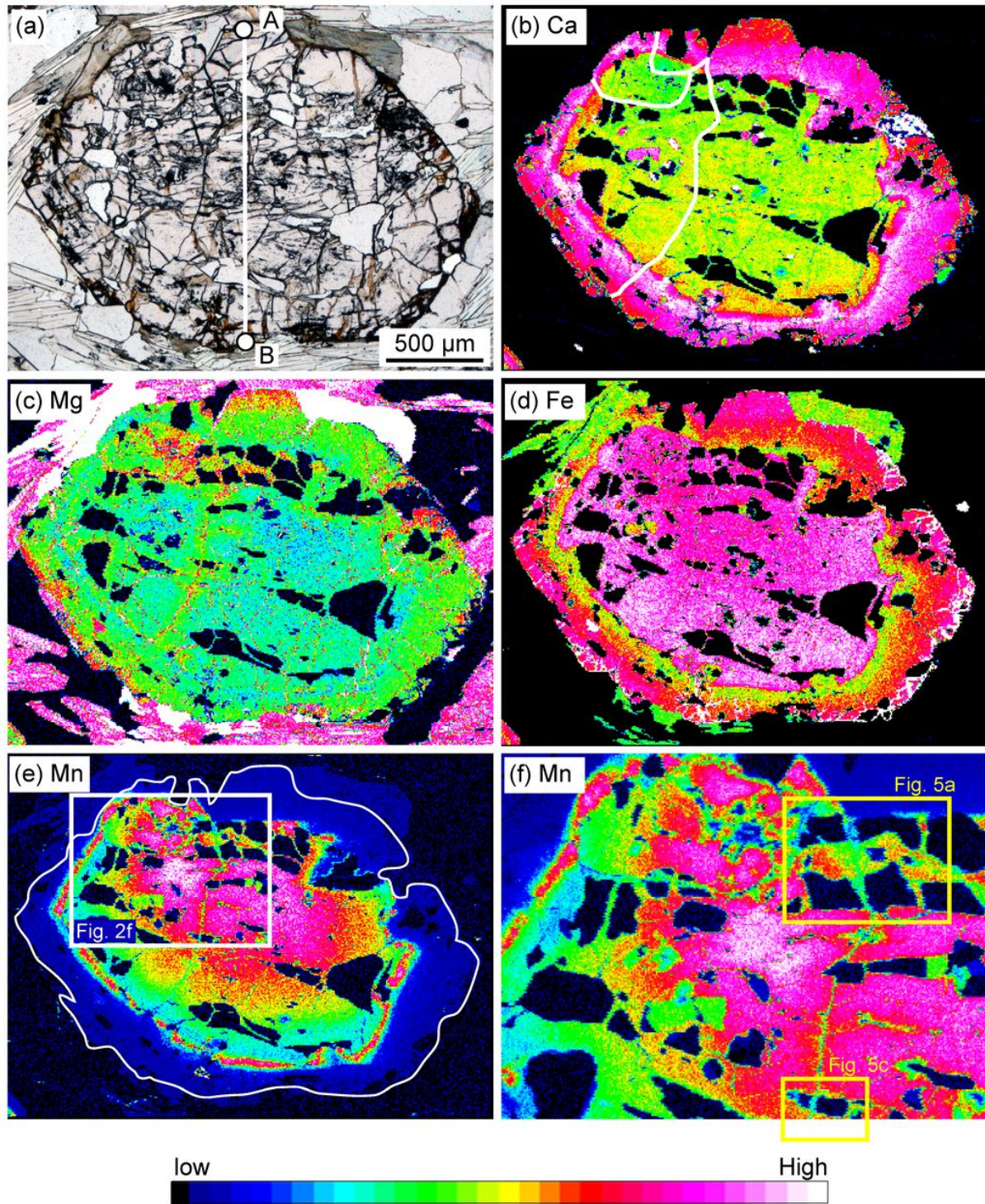


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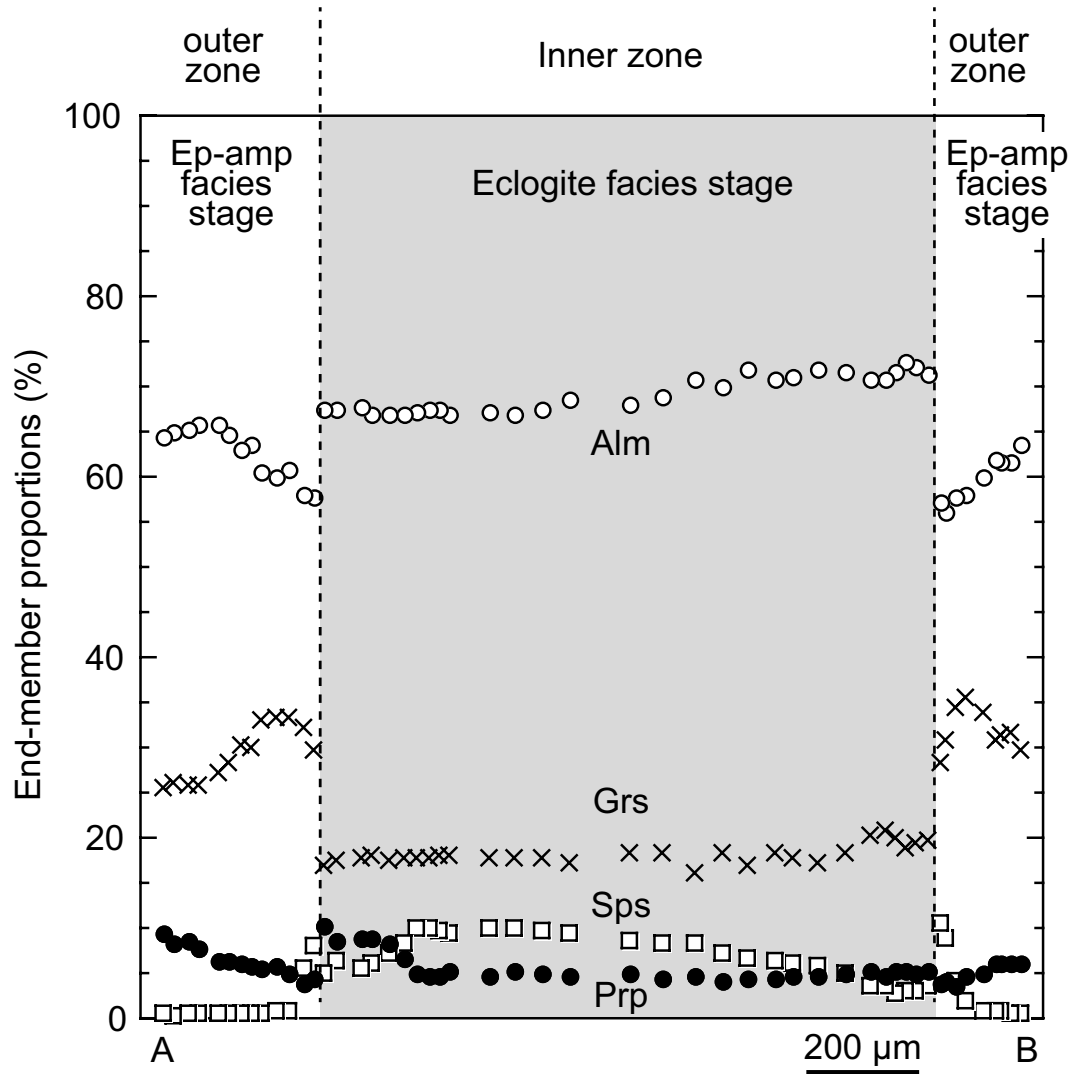
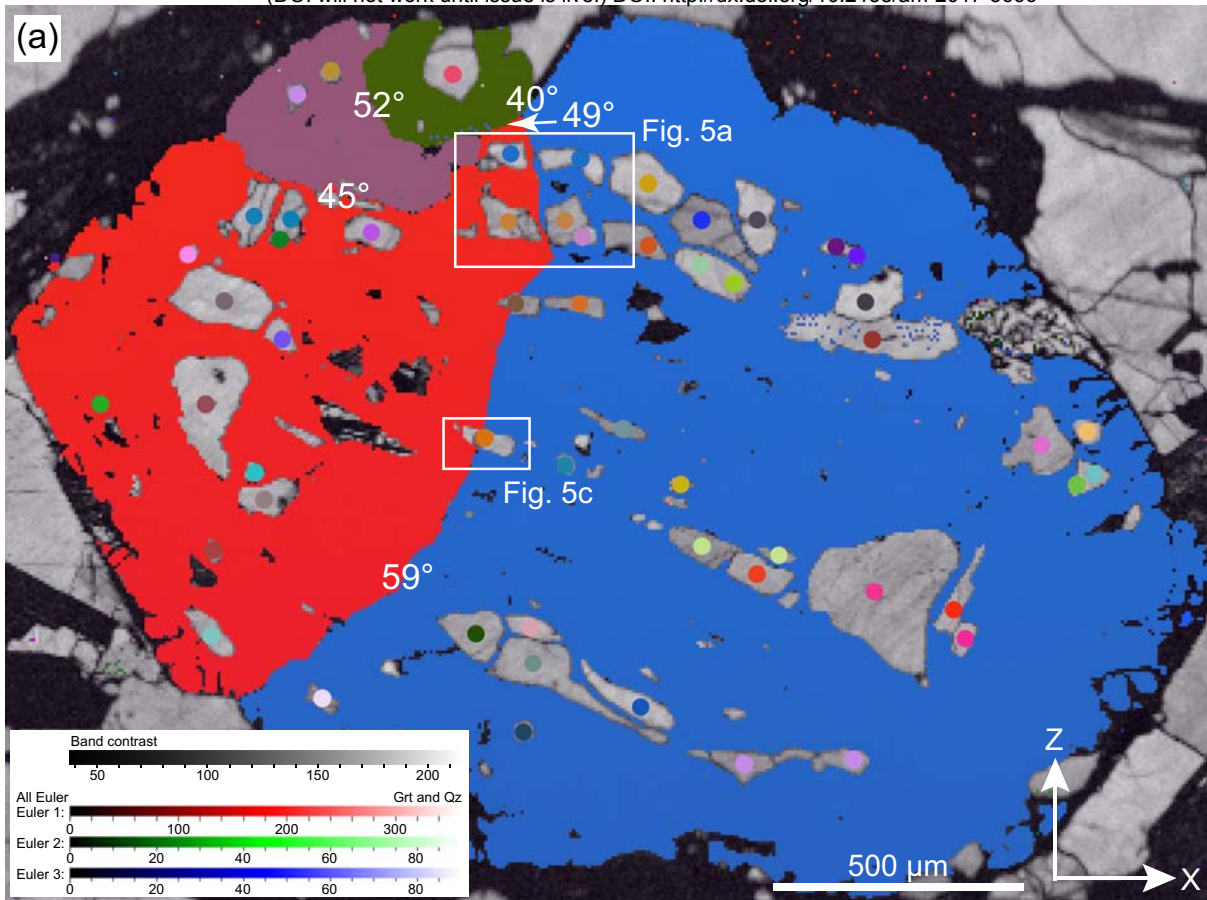
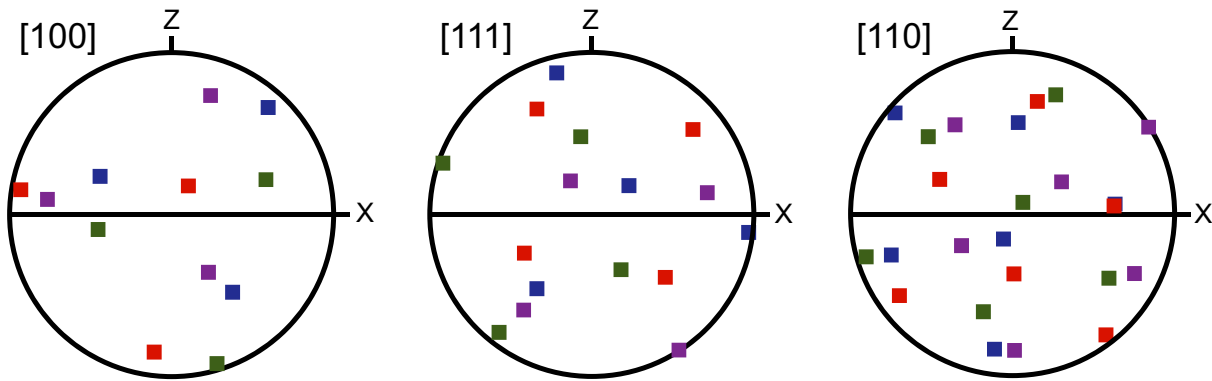


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(b) Garnet



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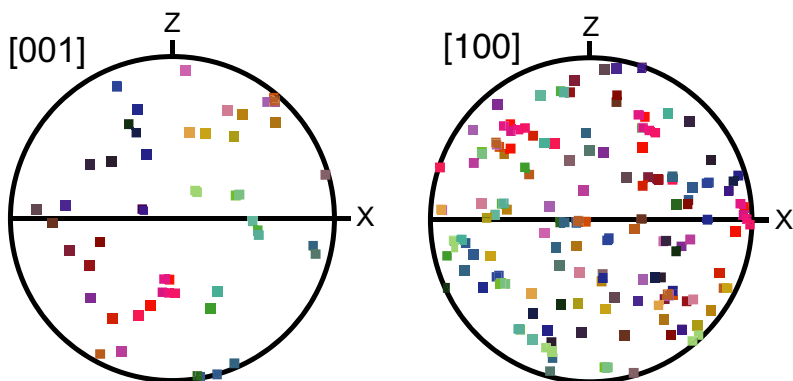


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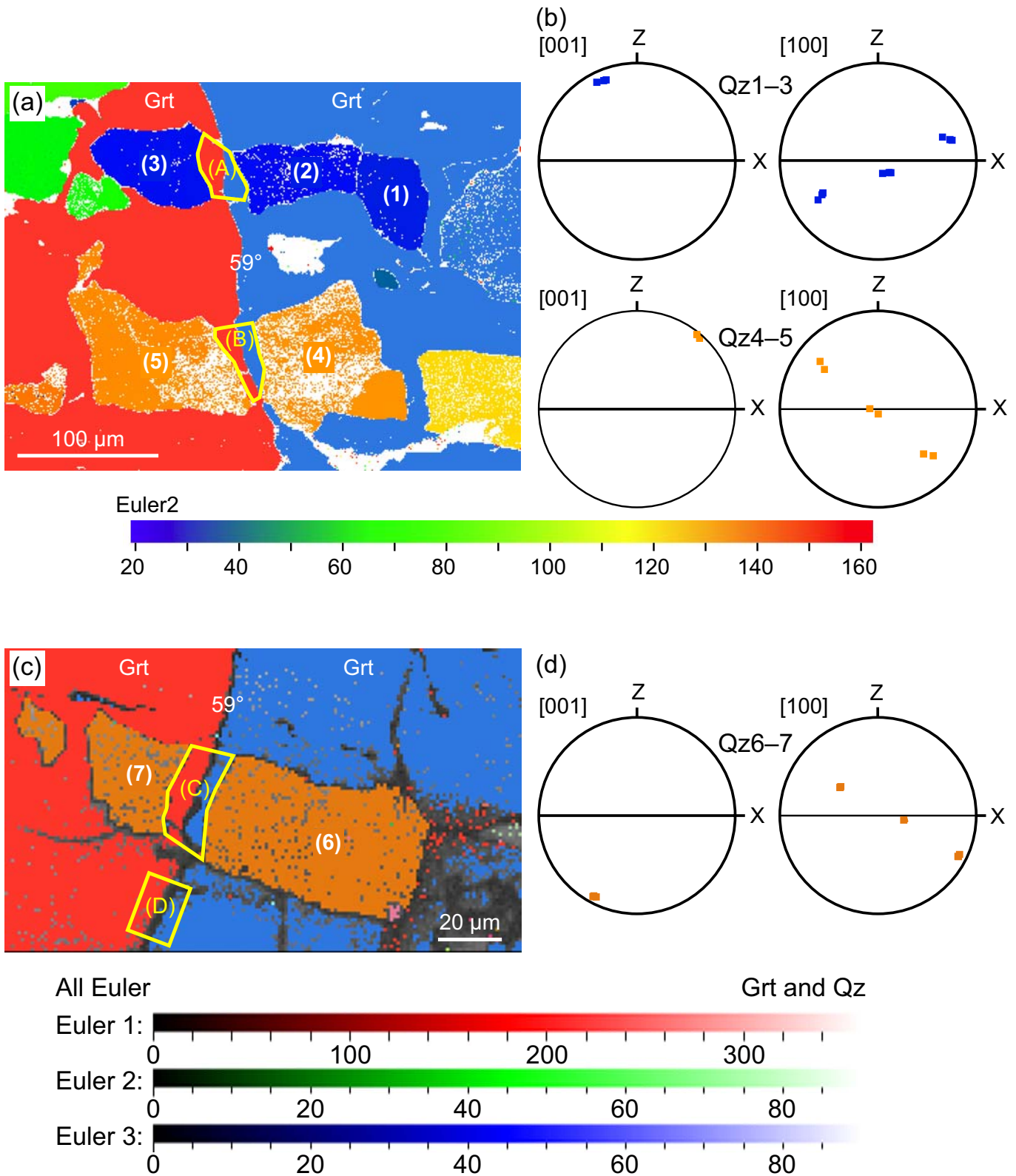


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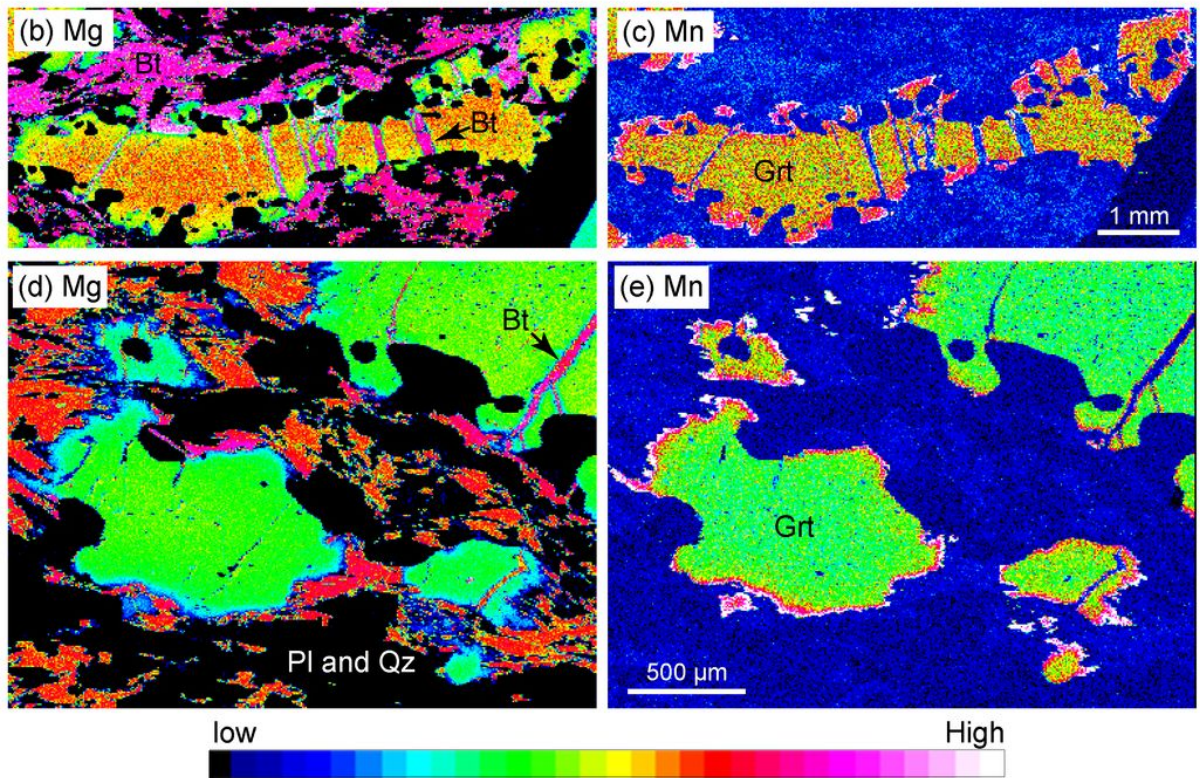
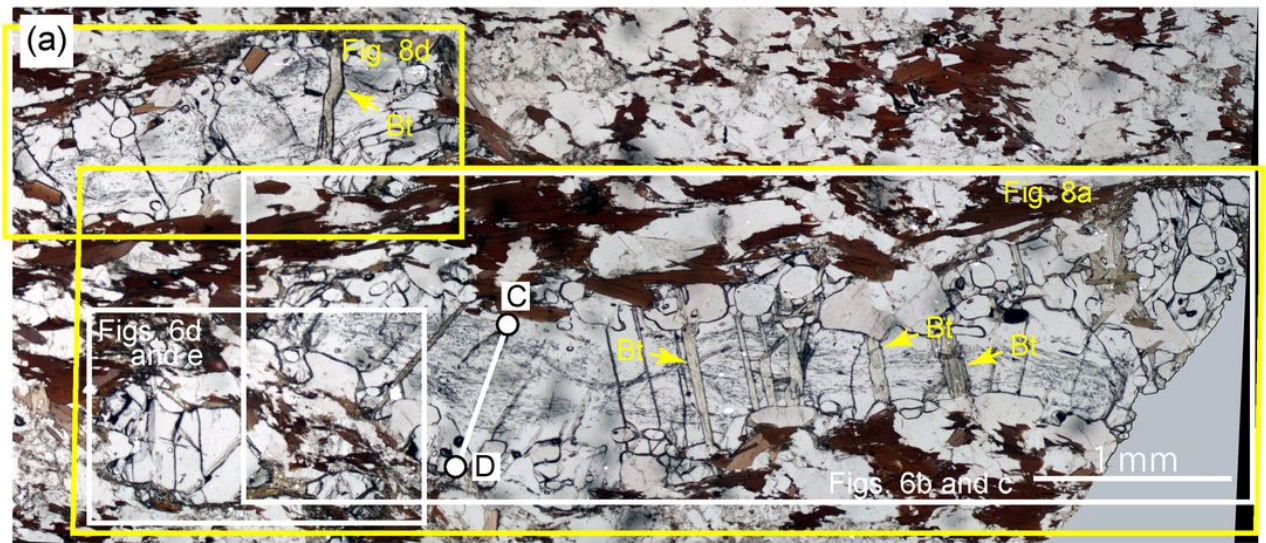


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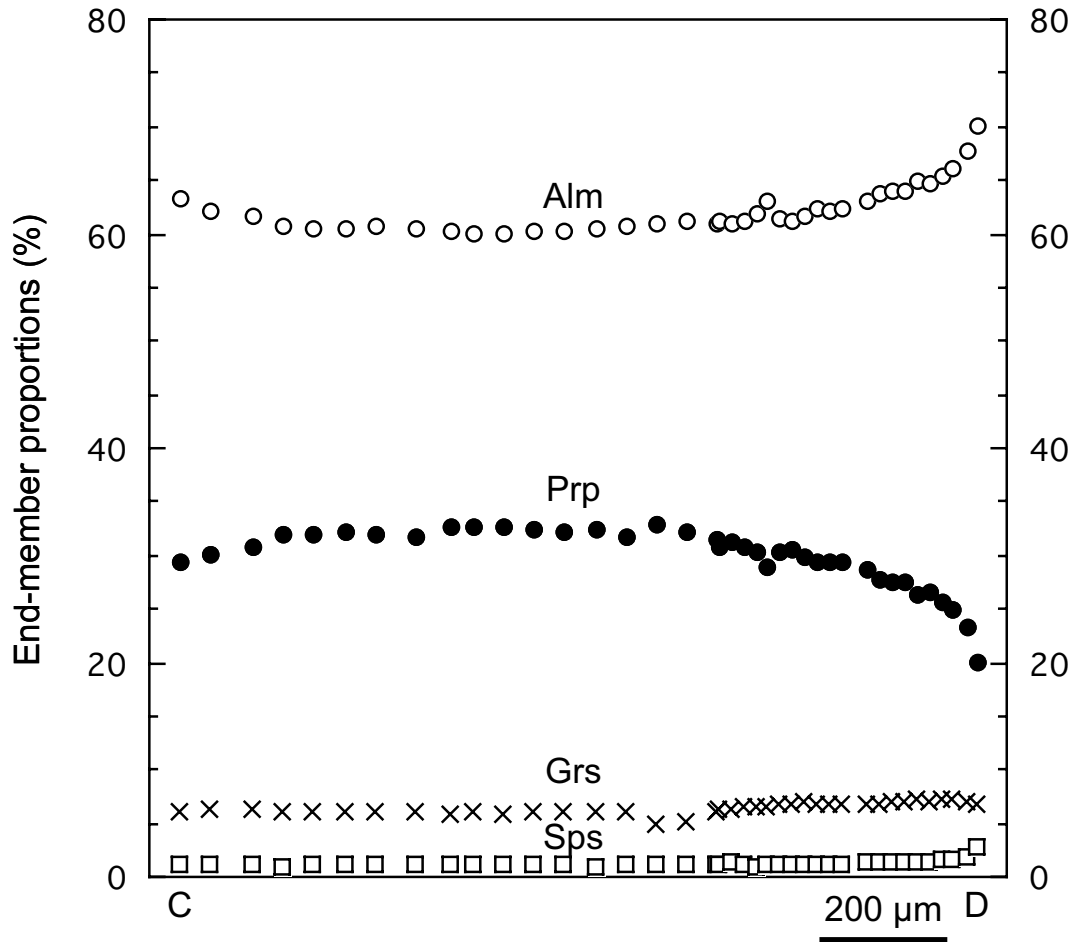


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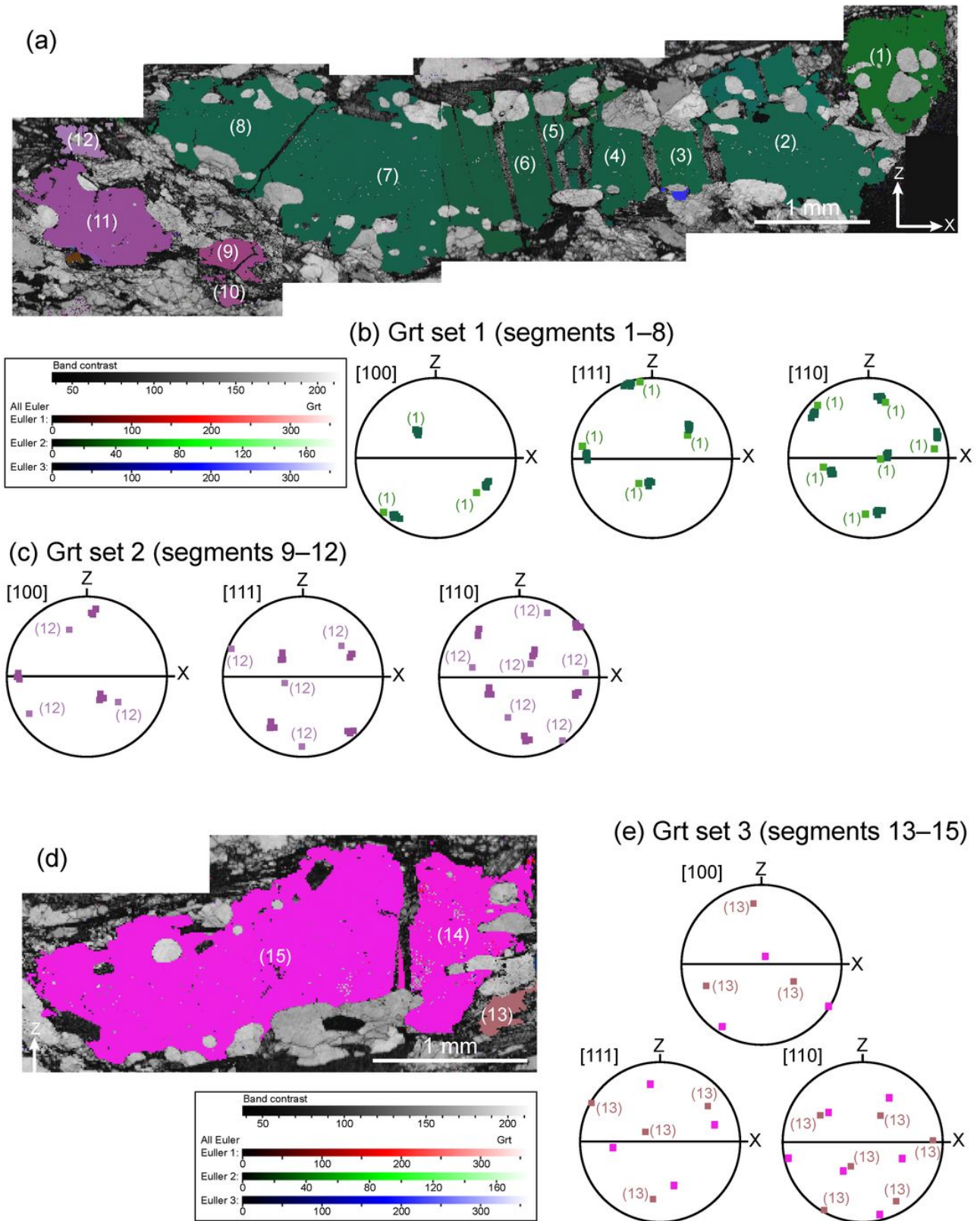


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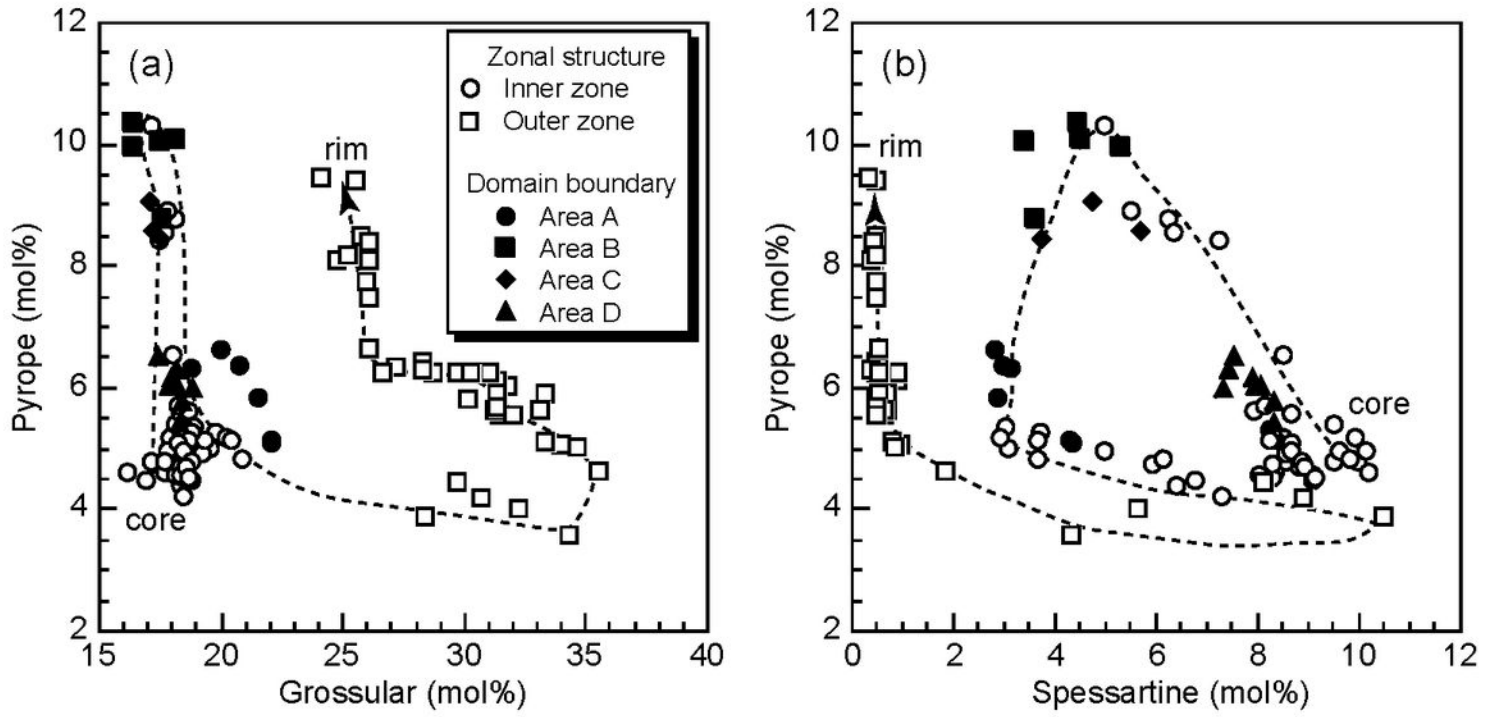


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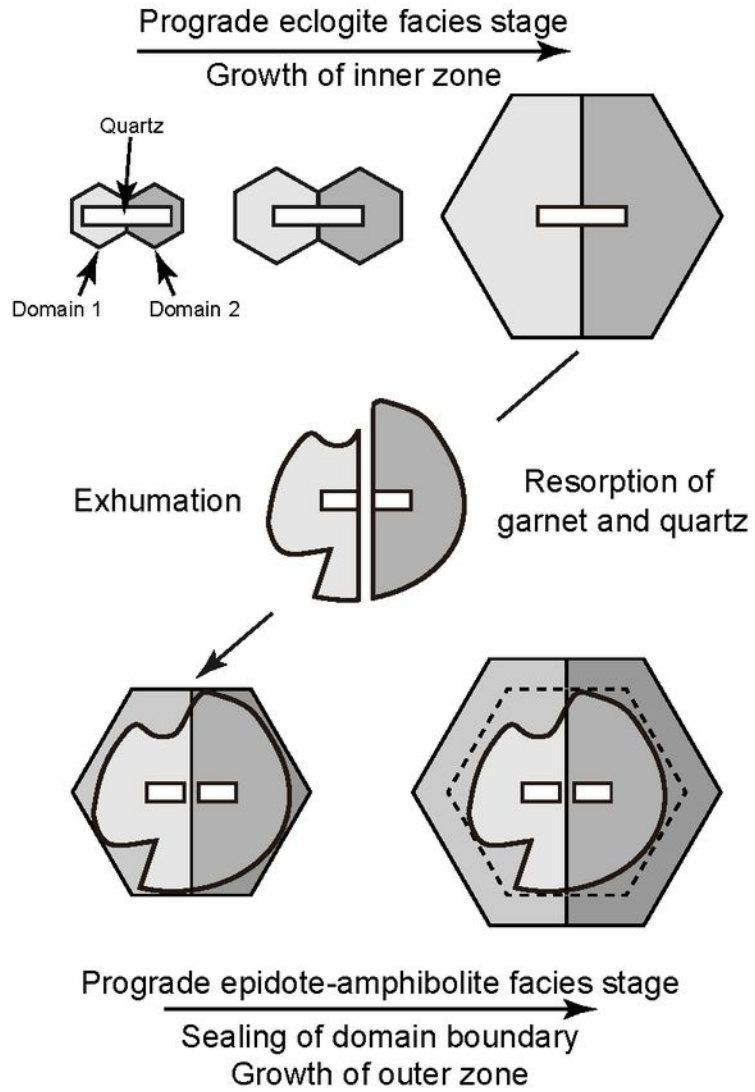


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