

# Ultrahigh-temperature metamorphism and melt inclusions from the Sør Rondane Mountains, East Antarctica

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This paper reports the first outcrop occurrence of an ultrahigh-temperature (UHT) metamorphic rock from the Sør Rondane Mountains (SRM), East Antarctica. A pelitic gneiss from Balchenfjella, eastern SRM, contains mesoperthite that gave UHT condition (>900 °C) by ternary feldspar thermometry. The UHT mesoperthite is present both in the matrix and as an inclusion in garnet. The garnet also has nanogranitoid inclusions next to the mesoperthite, which are interpreted to be an UHT melt. The re-integrated nanogranitoid composition is plotted in the primary phase region of quartz and classified as granite. Even crystallized nanogranitoids can provide appropriate original melt composition in the An-Ab-Or and Qz-Ab-Or spaces, whereas Mg concentration is enriched due to local retrograde Fe-Mg exchange reaction between the nanogranitoid inclusions and the host garnet. Although metamorphic rocks in the SRM are highly retrogressed, this study revealed that the microstructural evidence of UHT condition is partially preserved. Further investigation of timing and areal extent of UHT metamorphism helps us to understand the tectonic model of the SRM.

Keywords: Ultrahigh-temperature metamorphism, Mesoperthite, Ternary feldspar, Nanogranitoid

#### INTRODUCTION

Ultrahigh-temperature (UHT) metamorphism is regarded as thermally extreme type of crustal metamorphism with temperatures over 900 °C at pressures of 0.5-1.8 GPa (Harley, 2021). The UHT metamorphic rocks are commonly found in granulite terranes of early Paleozoic to Archean period, whereas they are scarce in the past 400 million years (Kelsey and Hand, 2015; Harley, 2021). Their age distribution shows a temporal relationship to supercontinent assembly (Brown, 2006, 2007; Kelsey and Hand, 2015).

Some diagnostic mineral assemblages from highly Mg-Al-rich granulites have been used as indicators of UHT metamorphism as summarized in Kelsey (2008) and Harley (2008). Recently, significant progress has been made in methods to understand the pressure-temperature-time (P-T-t) evolution of UHT metamorphic terranes (Kelsey and Hand, 2015). Advances in ternary feldspar and trace element geothermometers such as Zr-in-rutile and Ti-in-zircon geothermometers (Fuhrman and Linds-

ley, 1988; Zack et al., 2004; Watson and Harrison, 2005; Wark and Watson, 2006; Tomkins et al., 2007) are successfully used to estimate UHT conditions even for samples without any diagnostic mineral assemblages (e.g., Hokada, 2001; Pape et al., 2016; Wang et al., 2021). Moreover, advances in geodynamic forward modelling (Clark et al., 2011; Jamieson et al., 2011) and in thermodynamic modelling (Taylor-Jones and Powell, 2010; Wheller and Powell, 2014) respectively play important roles in deducing the heat source of UHT conditions and thermal properties of the crust. Therefore, exploring UHT conditions from 'normal' metamorphic rocks is getting increasingly important to reveal the tectonothermal history and areal extent of UHT terranes.

The Sør Rondane Mountains (SRM), East Antarctica is located within the East African-Antarctic Orogen (EAAO) and possibly affected by the Kuunga Orogeny (Jacobs et al., 2003; Meert, 2003). Therefore, it is a key area of Gondwana supercontinent reconstruction (Satish-Kumar et al., 2013). Ultrahigh-temperature metamorphisms are reported from a mafic granulite boulder collected from a large moraine in northern Brattnipene (Nakano et al., 2011) and Fe-rich granulite boulder from a talus on the eastern side of Vesthaugen (Baba et al., 2019). Grantham et al. (2013) inferred an initial *P*-*T* con-

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dition of >900 °C, >1.2 GPa by combining descriptions in Osanai et al. (1996), Asami et al. (1992) and Nakano et al. (2011). So far, however, there is no report of UHT metamorphic rocks from outcrop in the SRM. In this study, we report the first UHT pelitic gneiss from an outcrop in Balchenfjella, eastern SRM. Mineral abbreviations are after Whitney and Evans (2010).

## **GEOLOGICAL SETTING**

The SRM (22°-28°E, 71.5°-72.5°S) located in eastern Dronning Maud Land is mainly dominated by granulite facies gneisses and granitoids (Fig. 1a; Shiraishi et al., 1991; Asami et al., 1992). It is located within the EAAO and Kuunga Orogen (Meert, 2003). Formation of the EAAO and the Kuunga Orogen are proposed at ~ 750-620 Ma and at ~ 570-530 Ma around the SRM, respectively (e.g., Meert, 2003). Grantham et al. (2013) proposes a top-to-the-southwest mega-nappe complex involving collision between Northern and Southern Gondwana during the Kuunga Orogeny in eastern SRM. Although Osanai et al. (2013) proposed the tectonic model in which the SRM is divided into the NE- and the SW-terranes by the Main Tectonic Boundary, various P-T paths and geochronological data recently reported from the entire SRM suggest that the tectonic model in the SRM needs to be re-evaluated (e.g., Kawakami et al., 2017; Tsubokawa et al., 2017; Ruppel et al., 2021).

Balchenfjella is located at the eastern part of the SRM (Fig. 1). The area exposes high-grade gneissic rocks of sedimentary and igneous origin and intrusive bodies (Fig. 1b; Asami et al., 1990, 2007). The Gropeheia unit

is considered to be in fault contact with overlying rocks of the Berrheia unit by the SE-dipping extensional shear zone, the Balchen Detachment Fault (BDF; Ishikawa et al., 2013). Ishikawa et al. (2013) considers that the BDF formed during the extensional tectonic setting between the  $\sim 600$  Ma metamorphism and the timing of post-kinematic intrusion of granites at ~ 550 Ma. U-Pb zircon ages ascribed to the timings of metamorphism in Gropeheia unit are obtained from meta-ultramafic rocks (~ 560, ~ 556, and <536 Ma; Grantham et al., 2013) and from pelitic gneisses (~ 600 and 570-560 Ma; Higashino et al., 2013a, 2013b). A P-T path starting from the peak metamorphic condition of ~ 850 °C, 1.1 GPa to the retrograde condition of ~ 540 °C, 0.5 GPa is proposed for the pelitic gneiss from the Gropeheia unit (Fig. 1b; Higashino et al., 2013a). Granulite facies metamorphism is presumed by mineral assemblages in the Berrheia unit (e.g., Shiraishi et al., 1997; Osanai et al., 2013), although the P-T conditions are not estimated so far.

#### ANALYTICAL METHODS

Quantitative analysis of minerals and X-ray elemental mapping were performed using a JEOL 8105 superprobe at Kyoto University. Quantitative analytical conditions were 15.0 kV accelerating voltage, 10 nA probe current, and 3  $\mu$ m spot size. Counting time for the peak and backgrounds were 30 and 15 s for Cl, 60 and 30 s for F, and 10 and 5 s for other elements, respectively. Natural and synthetic minerals were used as standards and a ZAF correction method was applied. Analytical conditions for the X-ray elemental mapping were 15.0 kV accelerating volt-



Figure 2. Field occurrence of the studied sample.

age, 300 nA probe current, and 5  $\mu$ m spot size. Al<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>5</sub> minerals were identified by Raman spectroscopy (JASCO NRS 3100) at Kyoto University.

### SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

The sample used in this study is a Sil-Grt-Bt gneiss (TK2010010903A) collected from the Berrheia unit  $\sim$  1.3 km away from the BDF (Fig. 1b) during the 51st Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition (JARE 51) (Tsuchiya et al., 2012). Among 14 pelitic and mafic gneisses examined from Berrheia, this is a unique sample containing ternary feldspar. The studied sample was collected from a greenish part of pelitic lithology (Fig. 2). The degree of deformation does not change within the outcrop. Since the gneissose structure of the studied sample is parallel to that in the nearby outcrop (Fig. 2), the sample is probably present as a layer or lens. However, tectonic relationship between them is unknown, because the outcrop is surrounded by a scree (Fig. 2).

The main matrix mineral assemblage of the Sil-Grt-Bt gneiss is Grt + Bt + Sil + Pl + Kfs + mesoperthite + Qz. Garnet includes biotite, sillimanite, and quartz as single phases. Garnet shows rimward decrease of Mg and Ca, and rimward increase of Fe and Mn (Alm<sub>53-68</sub>Prp<sub>28-43</sub>  $Sps_1Grs_{2-4}$ ;  $X_{Mg} = 0.29-0.44$ ). Explicit core/rim boundary in major and trace elements was not recognized by X-ray elemental mapping. Coarse-grained mesoperthite-bearing polyphase inclusion that consists of methoperthite + Pl + Qz is included in garnet (Figs. 3a and 3b), and three nanogranitoid inclusions (NIs) are enclosed next to it. The Xray elemental mapping also showed that chemical discontinuity is not present in the garnet between a domain including mesoperthite-bearing polyphase inclusion and that including the NIs. The NIs consist of  $Bt + Qz \pm Pl$ and Bt + Sil + And + Pl + Qz, with the size of  $\sim$  50-300 µm across (Figs. 3a, 3b, and 3d). The NIs are characterized by decrepitated texture (Figs. 3a, 3b, and 3d), which is not observed around the mesoperthite-bearing polyphase inclusion. In the matrix, mesoperthite and perthite are both observed (Fig. 3c). The host and lamellae compositions in mesoperthite in the matrix are similar to those of mesoperthite inclusion in garnet (Fig. 4). Mesoperthite grains do not show euhedral shape and concentric zonal structure indicative of crystallization from melt. Biotite in the NIs shows lower TiO<sub>2</sub> and F contents ( $X_{Mg} = 0.82$ -0.84, TiO<sub>2</sub> = 0.42-0.55 wt%, F < 0.10 wt%, Cl = 0.07 wt%) than that separately included in garnet as a single phase ( $X_{Mg} = 0.75 - 0.77$ , TiO<sub>2</sub> = 3.81-4.37 wt%, F = 0.26-0.73 wt%, Cl = 0.08-0.10 wt%) and the matrix one ( $X_{Mg}$  = 0.57-0.63, TiO<sub>2</sub> = 3.46-4.33 wt%, F < 0.25 wt%, Cl = 0.01-0.02 wt%). Plagioclase in the NIs is slightly Ca-richer  $(An_{17-18})$  than the matrix one with Kfs lamellae  $(An_{11-15})$ (Fig. 3 and Table 1). Lamellae-free plagioclase in the matrix is An<sub>14-16</sub>. Thin Fe-enriched halo and thicker Ca-depletion halo are developed around the NIs (Figs. 3e, 3f, and Table 1).

#### Application of ternary feldspar thermometry

Ternary feldspar thermometry (Fuhrman and Lindsley, 1988; Kroll et al., 1993; Benisek et al., 2004) was applied to the mesoperthite. Less zoned mesoperthite grains with respect to the distribution of lamellae were selected. Preexsolution compositions of mesoperthitic feldspars were calculated using chemical analyses of homogeneous host and lamellae domains, their areal proportions, and density (2.76 g/cm<sup>3</sup> for anorthite, 2.62 g/cm<sup>3</sup> for albite, and 2.57 g/cm<sup>3</sup> for orthoclase; Deer et al., 1992). Ideal mixing of end member minerals was assumed for calculating the density data of plagioclase and K-feldspar. Areal proportions of host and lamellae were calculated by computer image analysis of backscattered electron (BSE) images using the ImageJ software. Since both host and lamellae compositions are plotted on the sides of a triangle (Fig. 4), Na-K diffusion likely proceeded after the lamellae formation. This is supported by an intersecting relationship between an equilibrium tie-line and tie-lines connecting observed host and lamellae compositions in mesoperthite (Fig. 4). The original pre-exsolution compositions can be back-calculated using whole grain as indicated by broken lines in Figures 3b and 3c.

The re-integrated compositions (Table 2) gave equilibrium temperatures of >900 °C at 0.8 GPa (Fig. 4) using solvus of Fuhrman and Lindsley (1988), Kroll et al. (1993) and Benisek et al. (2004). The solvus of Benisek et al. (2004) at 1.0 GPa also gave >900 °C (Fig. 4). Matrix mesoperthite gave the same temperature estimate with the mesoperthite inclusion in garnet (Figs. 3b, 3c, and 4).



Figure 3. (a) Photomicrograph of polyphase inclusion, NIs, and separate Cl-poor biotite enclosed in garnet. Plane polarized light (PPL). (b) A BSE image of a coarse-grained polyphase inclusion consisting of mesoperthite, plagioclase and quartz, included next to the NI shown in (a). (c) A BSE image of mesoperthite and perthite in the matrix. (b) and (c) Broken line represents the area used for re-integration calculation of pre-exsolution chemical composition of the mesoperthite grains. (d) A pseudo-color map showing mineral distribution in the NI shown in (a). Both sillimanite and andalusite are present in a single inclusion. Black area represents an altered part and a pore lacking minerals. (e) X-ray elemental map of NI in (d) in terms of Fe. Thin Fe-enriched halo is observed around the NI. (f) X-ray elemental map of NI in (d) in terms of Ca. Calcium-depletion halo is developed around the NI.



Figure 4. Ternary plot of re-integrated mesoperthite compositions along with the solvus curves calculated at 0.8 GPa using the model of Fuhrman and Lindsley (1988) modified by Kroll et al. (1993) for 800-1000 °C. The gray and broken curves are the solvus calculated at 0.8 GPa/900 °C and 1.0 GPa/900 °C by Kroll et al. (1993) and Benisek et al. (2004). Note that the re-integrated compositions are plotted above 900 °C, even taking the pressure dependence into consideration. Gray and pink lines respectively represent an equilibrium tie-line at 1.0 GPa/ 915 °C (Benisek et al., 2004) and tie-lines connecting observed host and lamellae compositions in mesoperthite.

Even taking the pressure dependence into consideration, it is likely that the studied sample reached UHT condition of >900 °C.

## **Re-integrated UHT melt composition**

The re-integrated NI composition, which approximates the trapped melt composition, was estimated by using modal composition, mineral composition, and density of each mineral, assuming that modal composition approximates to the volume composition. Density data [g/cm<sup>3</sup>] used are 3.3 for annite, 2.8 for phlogopite, 2.76 for anorthite, 2.62 for albite, 2.57 for orthoclase, 2.65 for quartz, 3.15 for andalusite, and 3.25 for sillimanite (Deer et al., 1992). Ideal mixing of end member minerals was assumed for calculating the density of solid solution minerals. For Al<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>5</sub> minerals (Fig. 3d), small grains not identified by Raman spectroscopy were dealt as andalusite. Although biotite developed between garnet and felsic minerals (Fig. 3d) can be a reaction product between the entrapped melt and host garnet, we included the biotite in re-integration calculation. The modal composition of minerals in the NI in Figure 3d is 34.7% quartz, 33.0% biotite, 25.8% plagioclase, 5.4% sillimanite and 1.1% and alusite (normalized to 100% in total). The re-integrated bulk composition of the NI in Figure 3d is shown in Table 1.

## DISCUSSION

The first UHT outcrop from the Sør Rondane Mountains

Presence of mesoperthite grains that yielded the UHT condition suggests that the sample, both as inclusion in garnet and as matrix phase, explicitly preserves the record of UHT metamorphism (Figs. 3b, 3c, and 4). Because chemical discontinuity even for trace elements that have slow volume diffusion rate in garnet (e.g., P and Y) is not observed in garnet between the domain with mesoperthite-bearing polyphase inclusion and that with the NIs, simultaneous entrapment of these inclusions into the garnet is favoured. Therefore, the NIs located next to the mesoperthite-bearing polyphase inclusion (Fig. 3a, 3b, and 3d) are considered to represent partial melts entrapped during the UHT metamorphism. This is the first outcrop evidence of the UHT metamorphism and UHT partial melting from the SRM.

Peak P-T conditions from the SRM have been estimated in several areas and all of them showed temperature below the UHT condition (Adachi et al., 2013; Baba et al., 2013; Grantham et al., 2013; Higashino et al., 2013a; Kawakami et al., 2017; Tsubokawa et al., 2017). However, Higashino et al. (2013a) estimated the peak metamorphic *P*-*T* conditions in Balchenfiella to be ~  $850 \pm 50$  °C,  $1.1 \pm 0.2$  GPa, based on conventional Grt-Bt geothermometer and GASP geobarometer. Higashino et al. (2019a) showed that 0.5-40 Myr of high-temperature (~ 800 °C) continued after garnet rim formation in Balchenfjella. This implies that the peak P-T estimate can be affected by later diffusion and Fe-Mg exchange reactions so that original P-T conditions can be higher than that estimated in Higashino et al. (2013a). Although the pressure condition of the UHT stage is still not constrained due to lack of appropriate mineral assemblage, the UHT condition found in this study can be an actual peak temperature condition in Balchenfjella.

Metamorphic rocks in the SRM are commonly retrogressed due to high-temperature duration and postpeak fluid infiltration (e.g., Adachi et al., 2010; Higashino et al., 2019a, 2019b; Kawakami et al., 2017). However, this study showed that the UHT metamorphism could be recognized using appropriate geothermometers robust against high-temperature diffusion and fluid infiltration. Future study on areal extent and timing of the UHT metamorphism in the SRM will help to understand its tectonothermal evolution.

## Melt composition entrapped under UHT condition

Chemical compositions of re-melted NIs and glassy in-

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Table 1. Representative EPMA analyses\*

Min anal/Dhaga	Grt Grt halo		D4	Dt D1		Mesoperthite		Re-integrated
Mineral/Phase	Gri	Grt naio	ы	ΡI	And	$\frac{\text{And}}{\text{Pl}} \frac{\text{Kfs}}{\text{Fig. 3c}}$		NI
Reference figure	Figs	. 3e-3f	NI	in Fig.	3d	Fig	. 3c	Fig. 3d
SiO <sub>2</sub>	39.3	40.0	39.2	62.4	36.9	64.9	64.8	64.56
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.1	0.0	0.5	b.d.	b.d.	0.2	b.d.	0.23
$Al_2O_3$	22.5	22.8	17.8	21.8	60.2	21.6	18.7	16.15
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	n.d.	n.d.	0.0	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.00
FeO	26.5	29.2	7.8	0.0	1.8	b.d.	0.0	2.94
MnO	0.4	0.5	0.0	b.d.	0.1	0.0	b.d.	0.03
MgO	10.4	8.9	20.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	b.d.	7.08
CaO	1.1	0.5	b.d.	3.8	0.0	2.9	0.1	1.02
BaO	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	b.d.	0.1	0.5	0.04
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.0	0.0	0.7	9.6	b.d.	10.0	1.3	2.53
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.0	0.0	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	14.2	2.79
F	n.d.	n.d.	b.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.00
Cl	n.d.	n.d.	0.1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.02
O=F	n.d.	n.d.	b.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	-
O=C1	n.d.	n.d.	0.0	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	-
Total [wt%]	100.5	102.0	94.7	97.7	99.1	99.7	99.5	97.4
Number of O	12	12	22	8	5	8	8	
Si	2.99	3.02	5.61	2.82	1.01	2.87	2.99	-
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.06	b.d.	b.d.	0.01	b.d.	-
Al	2.01	2.03	3.00	1.16	1.95	1.12	1.02	-
Cr	n.d.	0.00	0.00	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	-
Fe	1.69	1.84	0.93	0.00	0.04	b.d.	0.00	-
Mn	0.03	0.03	0.00	b.d.	0.00	0.00	b.d.	-
Mg	1.18	1.00	4.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	b.d.	-
Ca	0.09	0.04	b.d.	0.18	0.00	0.14	0.00	-
Ba	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	b.d.	0.00	0.01	-
Na	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.84	b.d.	0.86	0.12	-
K	0.00	0.00	1.47	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.83	-
F	n.d.	n.d.	b.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	-
Cl	n.d.	n.d.	0.02	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	-
Total cation	8.00	7.97	15.66	5.01	3.01	5.00	4.97	-
$Mg/(Mg + Fe_{total})$	0.41	0.35	0.82	-	_	-	-	-
An $[= 100Ca/(Ca + Na + K + Ba)]$	-	-	-	18	-	14	-	-
ASI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.79

\* Constituent minerals and re-integrated bulk composition of NI in Figure 3d.

ASI stands for aluminum saturation index [ASI = molar  $Al_2O_3/(CaO + Na_2O + K_2O)$ ].

b.d., below detection limit; n.d., not determined.

clusions reported in previous studies (Ferrero et al., 2012; Cesare et al., 2015; Gianola et al., 2021 and references therein) are summarized in Figure 5. Gray diamonds represent both NIs and glassy inclusions from non-UHT rocks (Fig. 5). Orange and blue symbols are remelted NIs and glassy inclusions from UHT metamorphic rocks (Ferrero et al., 2012; Gianola et al., 2021). These datasets include composition of re-melted NIs showing decrepitation texture. Some of them experienced chemical interaction between host garnet during the remelting experiments (e.g., Ferrero et al., 2015), while others escaped from such chemical interaction (e.g., Carosi et al., 2015).

In the case of UHT pelitic granulites (Gianola et al., 2021) and UHT khondalites (Ferrero et al., 2012), experimentally re-melted NIs enclosed in garnet do not show

	Areal pro	oportions	Host and lamellae compositions						Re-integrated compositions		
Mode of occurrence	[%]		Pl domain [mol%]		Kfs domain [mol%]			[mol%]			
	P1	Kfs	An	Ab	Or	An	Ab	Or	An	Ab	Or
Inclusion in Grt	52.5	47.5	13.5	85.9	0.6	0.0	8.9	91.1	7.2	49.8	43.0
Matrix	51.0	49.0	14.3	85.1	0.6	0.2	13.4	86.4	7.5	50.4	42.2
Matrix	43.3	56.7	13.8	85.6	0.6	0.3	12.7	87.0	6.2	44.7	49.1

**Table 2.** Re-integrated composition of mesoperthite grains along with areal proportion and chemical composition of the host and exsolution lamellae.

the same compositional variation with natural glassy inclusions in the AFM space (orange and blue diamonds versus crosses in Fig. 5c). The re-melted NIs show more mafic compositions towards biotite in the NIs than the glassy inclusions (Fig. 5c). This suggests that the original melts are chemically affected by the post-entrapment reaction between the NIs and host garnet and/or by a reaction during the re-melting experiments, and the effect is much stronger in NIs compared to the case in the glassy inclusions (Fig. 5c). In addition, the UHT glassy inclusions are less calcic than the re-melted UHT NIs in the An-Ab-Or space (Fig. 5a), whereas their chemical compositions are similar in the Qz-Ab-Or space (Fig. 5b; Ferrero et al., 2012; Gianola et al., 2021). This suggests that the effect of reaction between the host garnet is less apparent in the Qz-Ab-Or space.

The re-melting experiments of NIs provide best information of their bulk composition (e.g., Cesare et al., 2015). However, in the case of several 100  $\mu$ m-sized 'large' NIs for which the re-melting experiment is difficult (cf. Hiroi et al. 2014, 2019), estimating the melt composition through re-integration calculation using modal analysis of minerals gives good estimate, especially for those with homogeneous mineral distribution. The NIs with biotite rims are reported in previous studies and utilized in re-melting experiments (e.g., Figs. 5 and 6 in Ferrero et al., 2012). Such biotite is part of the reactants in the re-melting experiments and the biotite component is included in the glass composition. Fluids may infiltrate through cracks in garnet and react with melt inclusions in garnet. However, such post-entrapment fluid infiltration is not likely in the case of this study, because a crack filled with hydrous minerals connecting the NIs and the matrix is absent (Fig. 3). This suggests that the biotite was likely formed through the reaction between the melt and host garnet without external input of water and other components. Therefore, in the modal analysis of 'large' NIs, it is appropriate to include the rimming biotite in the re-integration calculation (Table 1). Coexistence of fluid and NIs is reported from granulite facies rocks that attained ~ 900 °C, ~ 1.1-1.2 GPa (Carvalho et al., 2019), and anatectic melts up to UHT conditions are considered to be less dry than commonly assumed (Gianola et al., 2021). These findings support that water contained in the rimming biotite was likely derived from hydrous UHT melt. In the SRM, Cl-rich fluid infiltration events at prograde to peak P-T conditions are reported (Higashino et al., 2013a; Kawakami et al., 2017). Such a fluid infiltration event under the UHT condition may be responsible for the hydrous UHT melt. The re-integrated NI composition of this study is classified as granite and plotted in the primary phase region of quartz (red squares in Figs. 5a and 5b) on the liquidus isotherm of 740 °C at 1.0 GPa,  $a_{\rm H_2O} = 1$  (Fig. 5b). The eutectic point shifts towards the Or-Qz axis with decreasing  $a_{\rm H_2O}$  in melt, and the temperature of the eutectic point increases (Fig. 5b). The crystallization temperature of the re-integrated NI, therefore, increases more than 100 °C at 1.0 GPa,  $a_{\rm H_2O} = 0.3$  compared with the case of  $a_{\rm H_2O} = 1$  (Johannes and Holtz, 1996; Fig. 5b).

The Ca-depletion halo developed in the host garnet around the NI (Fig. 3f) implies post-entrapment reaction between the melt and host garnet took place. Keeping in mind that the estimated NI compositions are slightly shifted to the Ca-rich side, the crystallized NIs can provide approximate original melt composition in the An-Ab-Or and Qz-Ab-Or spaces (Figs. 3f, 5a, 5b, and Table 1). The re-integrated NI in this study has less Or content than the melt inclusions from UHT rocks reported in Ferrero et al. (2012) and Gianola et al. (2021) (Fig. 5).

In the AFM diagram, the NI has Mg-richer composition than the experimentally re-melted and natural glassy melt inclusions (Fig. 5c), probably due to the post-entrapment local retrograde Fe-Mg exchange reaction between the NI and host garnet. This is supported by the Fe-enriched halo developed around the NI (Fig. 3e). Degree of post-entrapment Fe-Mg exchange reaction possibly depends on size of NI and/or high-temperature duration. Further information on NIs from the SRM ena-



bles us to understand the compositional variation of partial melts that were actually produced in the granulite facies to UHT active lower crust.

Figure 5. Pseudoternary diagrams. Gray diamonds represent NIs and glass inclusions from non-UHT anatectic enclaves, migmatites and granulites reported in Cesare et al. (2015) and references therein. Orange and blue diamonds and crosses respectively represent experimentally re-melted NIs and natural glassy inclusions from UHT rocks (Ferrero et al., 2012; Gianola et al., 2021). (a) Weight percentage CIPW normative An-Or-Ab diagram with fields for granite, Qz-monzonite, granodiorite, trondhjemite and tonalite after O'Connor (1965). (b) Weight percentage CIPW normative Qz-Or-Ab diagram showing the cotectic curves and isotherms at 1.0 GPa and  $a_{H_2O} = 1$ . Also shown is the displacement of eutectic points as a function of Pand  $a_{\rm H_2O}$  (Johannes and Holtz, 1996 and references therein). Black circles represent eutectic points at 1.0 GPa: The  $a_{\rm H_2O}$ and temperatures [°C] values are shown in upright and italic types, respectively. White circles represent eutectic points with  $a_{\rm H_2O} = 1$ : The *P* [GPa] and *T* [°C] values are shown in upright and italic types, respectively. Each eutectic point temperature is from Ebadi and Johannes (1991). (c) AFM diagram projected from K-feldspar. It is noted that some NIs are K-feldspar absent. Orange circles represent biotite composition in NIs and the host garnet composition (Gianola et al., 2021). Chemical compositions of re-integrated NI, the host garnet, biotite in the NI, and andalusite in the NI are shown in red squares.

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