

## Ultrahigh-temperature metamorphic rocks from Howard Hills in the Napier Complex, East Antarctica

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**Abstract:** The Howard Hills area consists predominantly of garnet felsic gneiss, orthopyroxene felsic gneiss and aluminous gneiss which contain garnet, sapphirine and sillimanite in various amounts. The characteristic assemblage of sapphirine + quartz is present in quartzo-feldspathic layers within the aluminous gneiss. The peak metamorphic conditions are estimated to have been about 1150–1200°C. The condition is obtained by plotting the inferred original compositions of mesoperthites from the garnet felsic gneiss, orthopyroxene felsic gneiss, and aluminous gneiss on an An-Ab-Or ternary diagram, the original composition of the mesoperthites is derived by multiplying the modal ratio of host and lamella by their respective chemical compositions. Probable P-T conditions for retrograde metamorphism are estimated using garnet-orthopyroxene isopleths, and range from 830 to 950°C and 5 to 9.5 kbar. Quartz inclusions in the cores of garnets from silica-undersaturated layers within the aluminous gneiss indicate the medium in which the garnets crystallized under the silica-oversaturated condition. This implies mass transfer within the aluminous gneiss, probably involving partial melting that also led to high Y concentrations in garnet cores, high An values for plagioclase, and high Ba contents in mesoperthites from the aluminous gneiss. Partial melt from aluminous gneiss was generated during prograde metamorphism and segregated, the restite might have undergone continuous ultrahigh-temperature metamorphism.

**key words** UHT metamorphic rocks, UHT metamorphism, Howard Hills, Napier Complex, partial melting

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## 1. Introduction

The Napier complex is an ultrahigh-temperature (UHT) metamorphic terrane characterized by mineral assemblages such as sapphirine+quartz, orthopyroxene+sillimanite+quartz, and osumilite (*e.g.*, Sheraton *et al.*, 1987, Harley and Hensen, 1990). Timing of metamorphism has been dated at ca. 2.4–2.5 Ga (*e.g.*, Grew and Manton, 1979, Owada *et al.*, 1994, Tainosho *et al.*, 1994, Shiraishi *et al.*, 1997, Asami *et al.*, 1998) and SHRIMP age results for the rocks are ca. 3.93 Ga (Black *et al.*, 1986) to 3.95 Ga (Williams *et al.*, 1984). This complex can therefore provide important information for our understanding of the development and evolution of continental crust in the Archaean to early Paleoproterozoic.

Investigation of the Napier Complex was carried out by the JARE (Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition) under the SEAL (Structure and Evolution of east Antarctic Lithosphere) project, started in 1996. The first and second seasons focused on detailed geological surveying of the study area by JARE-38 (1996–1997) in the Mt Ruser-Larsen area (Ishizuka *et al.*, 1998) and JARE-39 (1997–1998) in the Tonagh Island area (Osanaï *et al.*, 1999), respectively. In both areas, petrological, geochemical, geochronological and structural investigations were carried out (*e.g.*, Toyoshima *et al.*, 1999, Hokada *et al.*, 1999a; Tsunogae *et al.*, 1999, Owada *et al.*, 1999, Suzuki *et al.*, 1999). In JARE-40 (1998–1999), an extensive geological investigation using a helicopter was undertaken in the Amundsen Bay region including the Howard Hills, an area that had not previously been explored by JARE. This paper describes the ultrahigh-temperature metamorphic rocks from the Howard Hills, and interprets their implications for UHT-metamorphism and partial melting.

## 2. Geological outline and petrography

The Howard Hills area is located about 30 km east of Tonagh Island in the west-central part of the Napier complex, Enderby Land, East Antarctica (Fig 1). The Howard Hills consist of an east-west mountain ridge that is bounded on the north by the Beaver Glacier and on the west, south and east by continental ice sheets. According to the compilation data of Harley and Hensen (1990), the Howard Hills area represents a very high-temperature region characterized by the mineral assemblages sapphirine+quartz and orthopyroxene+sillimanite. The geological survey was focused on the northern part of the Howard Hills. The study area is composed of layered gneisses of various origins and bulk chemistries. Garnet felsic gneiss and orthopyroxene felsic gneiss are the most abundant rock types in this area. An aluminous gneiss that is rich in garnet, sapphirine and sillimanite is present within the garnet felsic gneiss as layers of variable thickness. Minor amounts of metamorphosed ultramafic rocks are also present as blocks, lenses and thin layers within the garnet felsic gneiss and orthopyroxene felsic gneiss (Fig 2). Unmetamorphosed doleritic intrusive rocks (Amundsen Dikes) are also present in the area. In this paper, the garnet felsic gneisses, aluminous gneisses and orthopyroxene felsic gneisses are described.

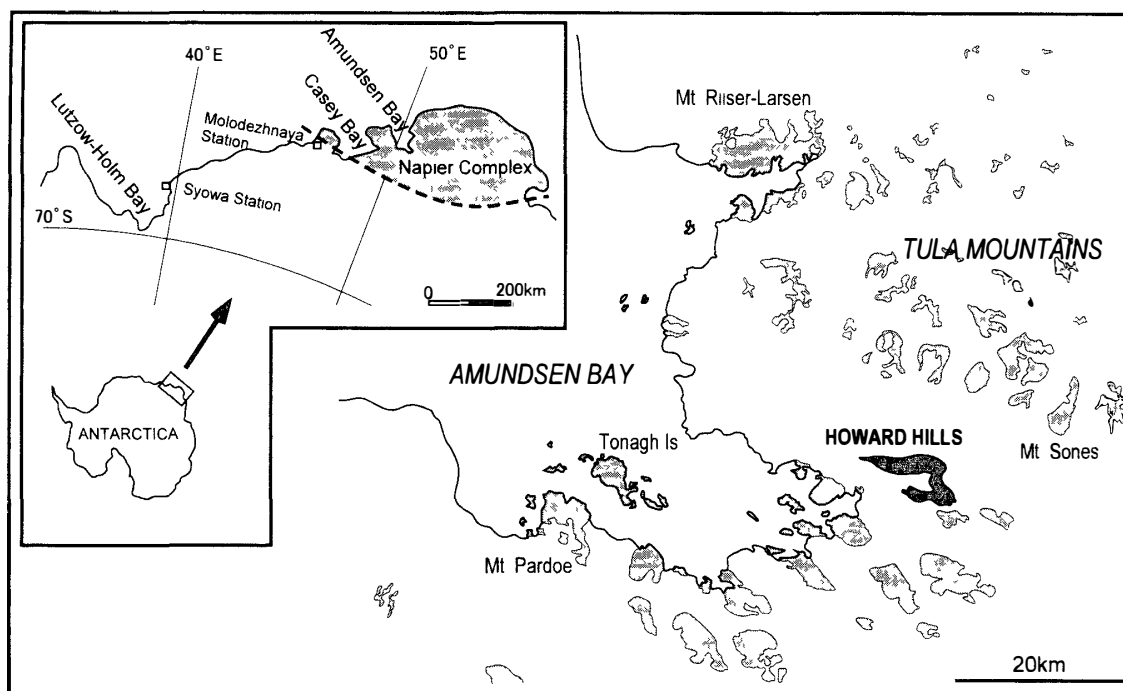


Fig 1 Location map of the Howard Hills in Enderby Land, East Antarctica

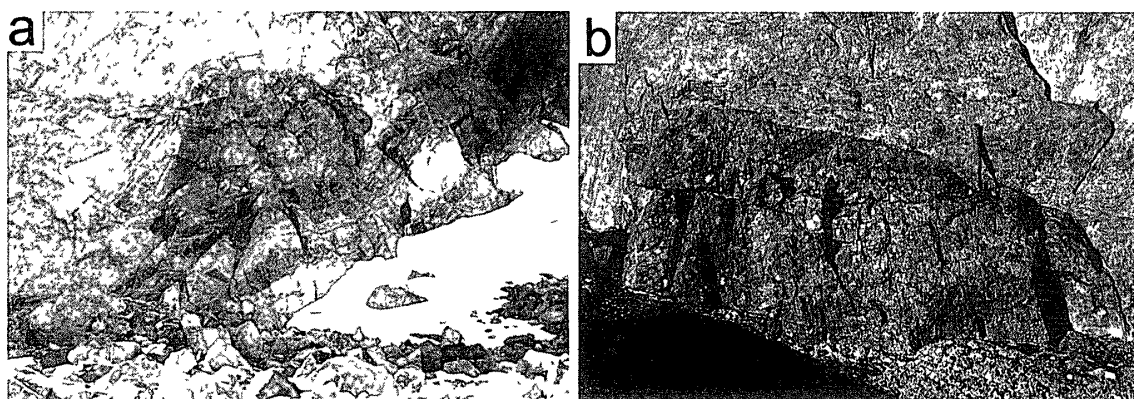


Fig 2 (a) Lenticular metamorphosed ultramafic rock embedded within the garnet felsic gneiss (b) Pyroxenite block within the orthopyroxene felsic gneiss

### 2.1. Garnet felsic gneiss

Garnet felsic gneiss is widespread in the studied area. Figure 3 shows characteristic field exposure, polished slab, and thin section views of the garnet felsic gneiss. This gneiss is rich in coarsely crystalline garnet porphyroblast (diameter up to 3 cm), alkali feldspar, plagioclase and quartz, and contains small amounts of spinel and rutile. Sapphirine is rare, and comparatively fine-grained, it is light green in plane-polarized light, and commonly contains inclusions of sillimanite, plagioclase, and quartz. Spinel is often included. Orthopyroxene is absent. The main mineral assemblages are as follows:

- garnet + sillimanite + mesoperthite + plagioclase + quartz
- garnet + sillimanite + sapphirine + mesoperthite + plagioclase
- garnet + sillimanite + spinel + mesoperthite + plagioclase

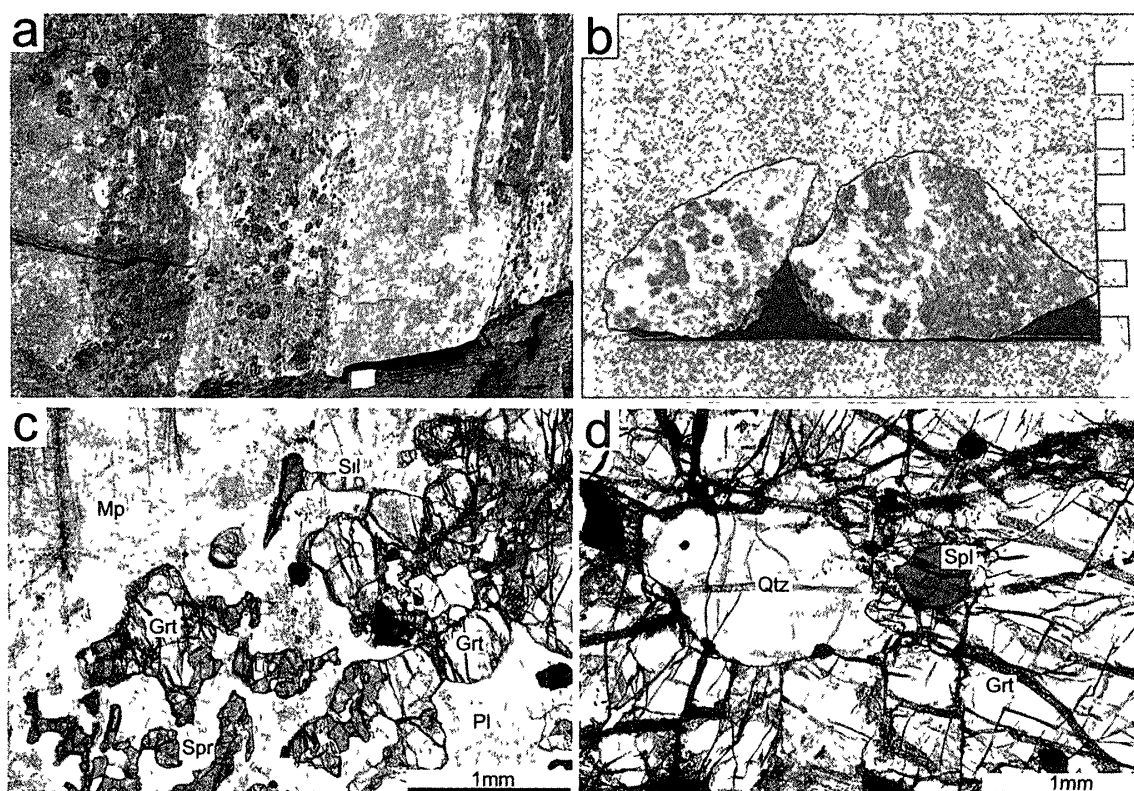


Fig 3 Representative photographs of outcrop (a), polished slab (b) and thin section views (c and d) of Howard Hills rocks. Spinel and quartz inclusions in garnet are in close proximity to one another (d). Grt garnet, Spr sapphirine, Sil sillimanite, Pl plagioclase, Mp mesoperthite, Spl spinel, Qtz quartz.

Though coexisting sapphirine+quartz or spinel+quartz is not recognized in the matrix, spinel and quartz inclusions in garnet are commonly in very close proximity to one another (Fig 3d).

## 2.2. Aluminous gneiss

As shown in Fig 4, the aluminous gneiss is rich in garnet, sapphirine and sillimanite, and is found in garnet felsic gneiss as layers several cm to 30 cm thick. The aluminous gneiss lithofacies are variable in composition and appearance. A representative field exposure is shown in Fig 4. The main aluminous gneiss rock types are as follows:

Type-A: Rich in coarsely crystalline garnet (about 1.5–2 cm diameter), sapphirine, and sillimanite, with spinel, plagioclase, and alkali-feldspar. Quartz is absent (Fig 5a).

Type-B: Aluminous layers rich in comparatively finely crystalline garnet (about 1–7 mm), sapphirine and sillimanite, with cordierite, plagioclase, and alkali-feldspar. Quartz is absent. These aluminous layers are intercalated with felsic layers that contain finely crystalline garnet (1 mm or smaller) and sapphirine (Fig. 6a).

Type-C: Finely crystalline garnet (about 0.3–0.5 mm), sapphirine, spinel, plagioclase, and alkali-feldspar  $\pm$  quartz (relatively felsic compared to types-A and -B) is interlayered with quartzo-feldspathic layers (Fig 7a).

Typical polished slabs and photomicrographs of each rock type are shown in Figs 5–

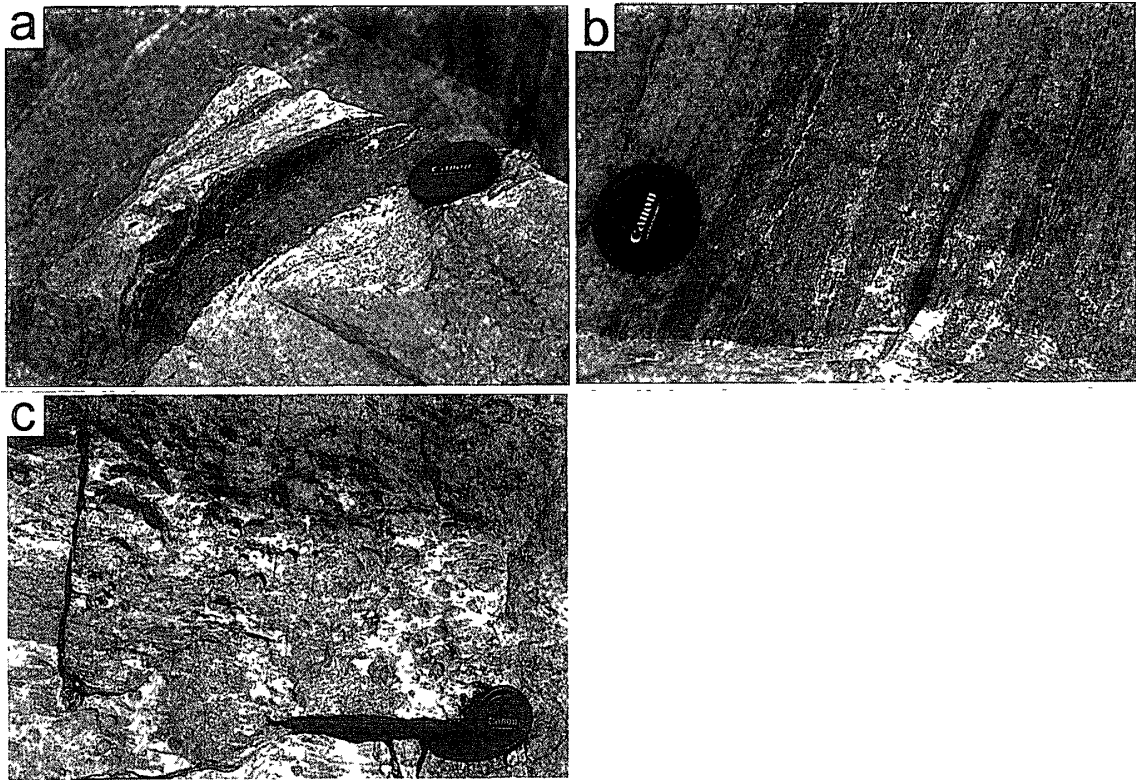


Fig 4 Representative field photographs of aluminous gneisses from Howard Hills (a) Aluminous gneiss interlayered with garnet felsic gneiss (type-A) (b) Aluminous gneiss interlayered with garnet felsic gneiss (type-B) (c) Rich in garnet, sapphirine, spinel and sillimanite and relatively felsic and weakly gneissose relative to other types of aluminous gneiss (type-C)

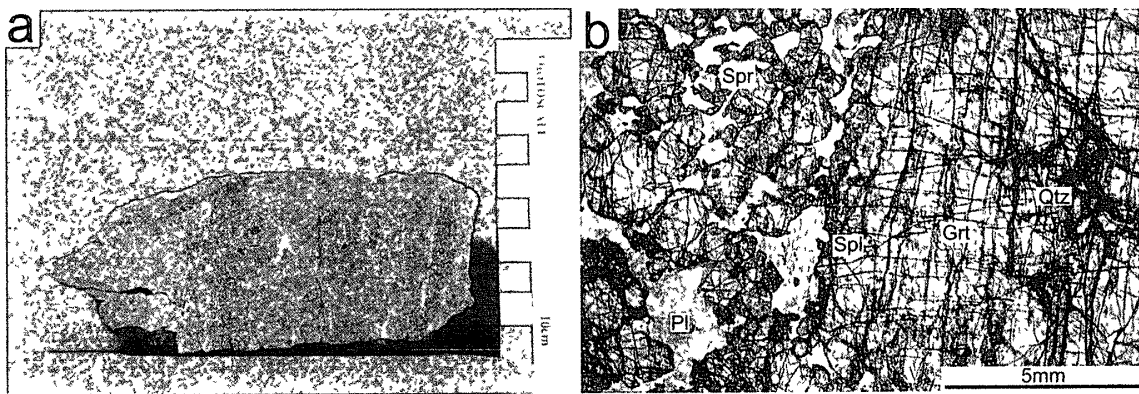


Fig 5 Type-A aluminous gneiss (a) Polished surface (b) Photomicrograph of thin section Garnet has quartz inclusions, and sapphirine has spinel inclusions

7 Orthopyroxene is rare in all of these rock types, it is present in type-B as inclusions in garnet and cordierite, at the margins of garnet crystals, and in intergranular areas between cordierite masses (Fig 6d) Orthopyroxene and cordierite are secondary minerals, and orthopyroxene and sillimanite are not stable assemblages at ultrahigh-temperature (Fig 6d) Spinel is often included in sapphirine within type-A aluminous gneiss Although

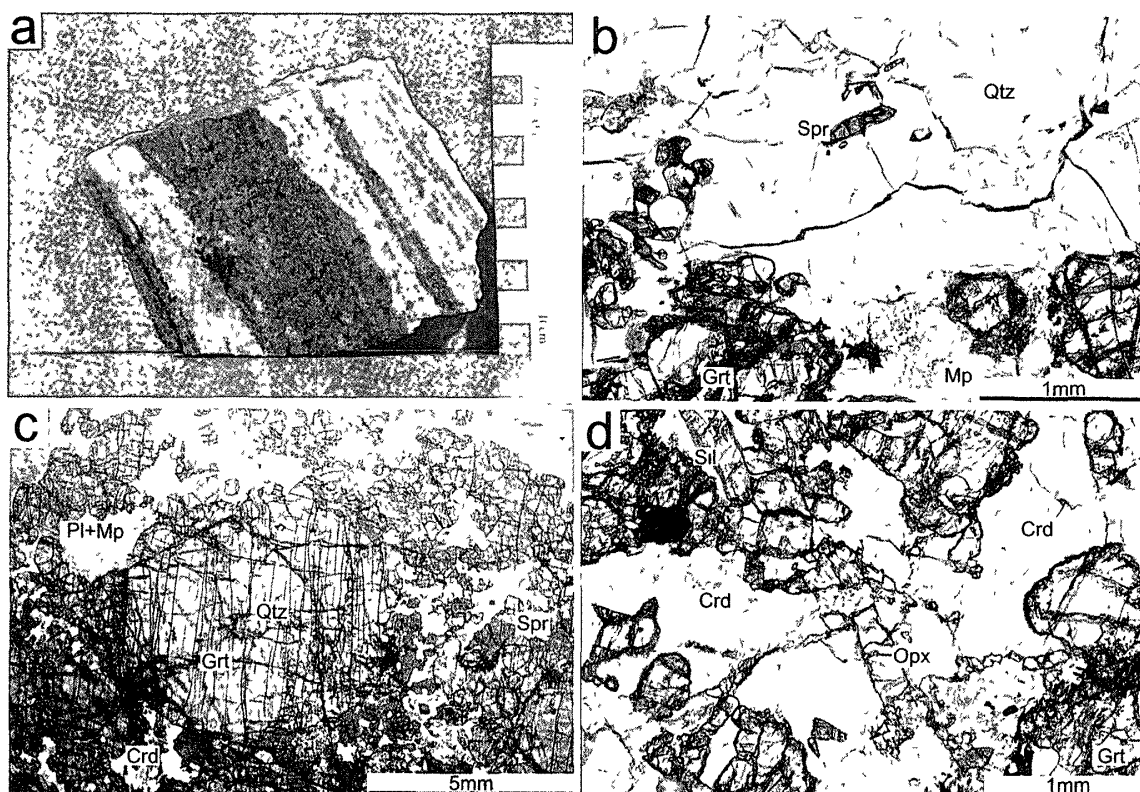


Fig 6 Polished surface and thin section photomicrograph of type-B aluminous gneiss from Howard Hills (a) Polished surface (b) Sapphire and quartz in a quartzo-feldspathic layer (c) Quartz inclusions in garnet. It is noteworthy that quartz is free in the matrix (d) Orthopyroxene along a cordierite grain boundary. Opx orthopyroxene, Crd cordierite

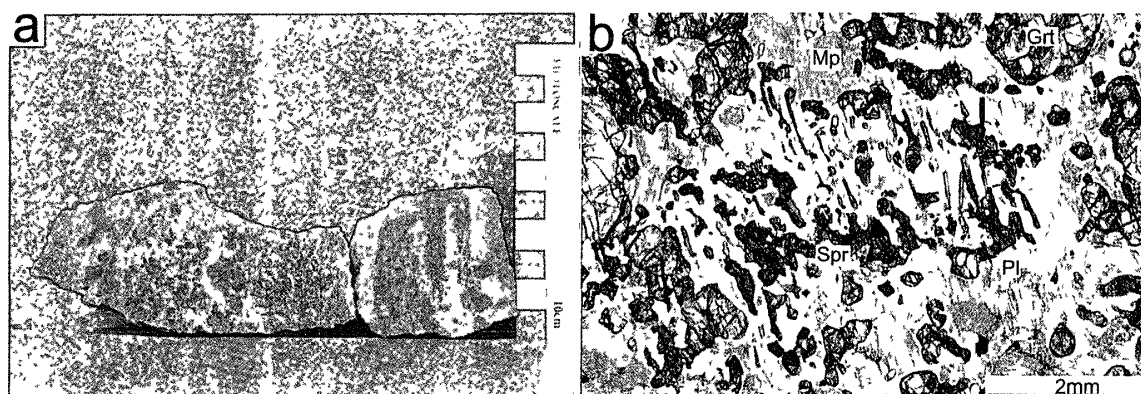


Fig 7 Polished surface and photomicrograph of type-C aluminous gneiss from Howard Hills (a) Polished surface (b) Acicular sapphirines

quartz is absent in the matrix of aluminous layer of type-A and type-B aluminous gneiss, quartz inclusions are present in the core of garnets (Fig 5b, 6c). The assemblage sapphire+quartz is present in the quartzo-feldspathic layers of rock type-B (Fig 6b). Coarsely crystalline sapphire commonly occurs as prisms in type-B aluminous gneiss, and as acicular crystals in type-C aluminous gneiss (Fig 7b). Sapphire is light green in plane-polarized light in all rock types. The main mineral assemblages of each type are as follows

## Type-A

garnet + sillimanite + plagioclase + perthite + sapphirine + spinel  
 garnet + sillimanite + plagioclase + perthite + sapphirine  
 garnet + sillimanite + plagioclase + perthite + spinel  
 garnet + sillimanite + plagioclase + sapphirine + spinel

## Type-B, felsic layer

garnet + plagioclase + mesoperthite + quartz  
 garnet + sapphirine + plagioclase + mesoperthite + quartz  
 garnet + sillimanite + plagioclase + mesoperthite + quartz  
 garnet + sapphirine + orthopyroxene + plagioclase + mesoperthite + quartz  
 garnet + sillimanite + sapphirine + plagioclase + mesoperthite + quartz

## Type-B, aluminous layer

garnet + sillimanite + sapphirine + cordierite + plagioclase + mesoperthite  
 garnet + sapphirine + orthopyroxene + cordierite + plagioclase + mesoperthite  
 garnet + sillimanite + sapphirine + cordierite + plagioclase

## Type-C

garnet + sillimanite + sapphirine + spinel + plagioclase + mesoperthite  
 garnet + sillimanite + sapphirine + plagioclase + mesoperthite  
 garnet + sillimanite + spinel + mesoperthite + plagioclase  
 garnet + sillimanite + plagioclase + mesoperthite + quartz

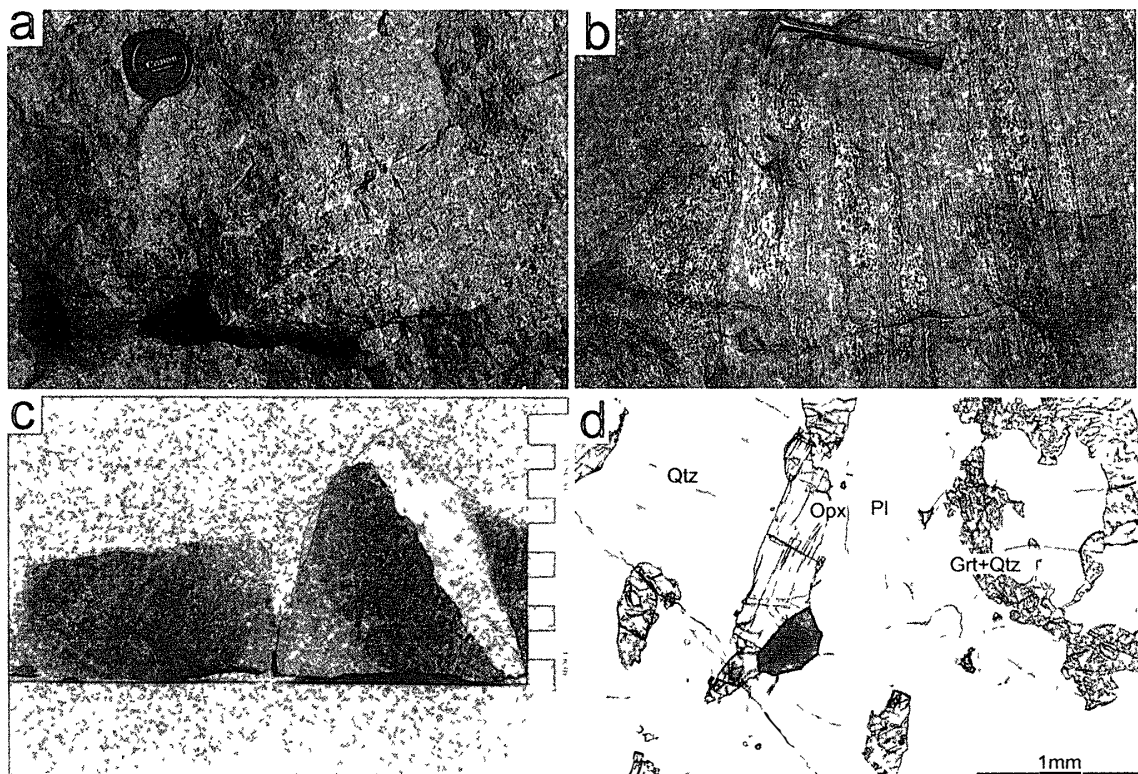


Fig 8 Orthopyroxene felsic gneiss from Howard Hills (a) and (b) Overview of the outcrop Well-developed compositional layering observed in orthopyroxene felsic gneiss (c) Polished surface (d) Photomicrograph of thin section Note symplectitic intergrowth of quartz and garnet

### 2.3. *Orthopyroxene felsic gneiss*

Orthopyroxene felsic gneiss is also widespread in the area and preserves compositional layering. This gneiss is composed of orthopyroxene, plagioclase, alkali-feldspar and quartz (dark), with rare garnet. Representative field exposure, polished slab and thin-section views are shown in Fig. 8. Most garnets show some intergrowth with quartz (Fig. 8d). Orthopyroxene is absent from any domain (about 1 to 3 cm in size) containing relatively coarse-grained garnet. The main mineral assemblages are as follows:

orthopyroxene + garnet + plagioclase + perthite to mesoperthite + quartz

orthopyroxene + plagioclase + perthite to mesoperthite + quartz

garnet + plagioclase + perthite + quartz (limited to domains containing coarse grained garnet)

## 3. Mineral chemistry

### 3.1. *Analytical techniques*

Mineral chemical compositions were obtained using a wave-length dispersive electron probe microanalyzer (JEOL JXA-8600M) at Kochi University. For quantitative analyses, an acceleration voltage of 15 kV, probe current of  $1.5 \times 10^{-8}$  A, and beam diameter of 1 or  $5 \mu\text{m}$  were used. Oxide ZAF correction was applied to the data. For compositional mapping, an acceleration voltage of 15 kV (major elements) or 25 kV (Y and Yb), probe current of  $7.5 \times 10^{-7}$  A (major elements) or  $8 \times 10^{-7}$  A (Y and Yb), dwell time of 50 ms (major elements) or 250 ms (Y and Yb) and beam diameter of  $5 \mu\text{m}$  were used. The compositions of the analyzed minerals are shown in Table 1.

### 3.2. *Mineral compositions*

#### 3.2.1. Garnet

Prp-Alm-Sps and Prp-Alm-Grs diagrams for garnet are shown in Fig. 9, and typical color maps are shown in Fig. 10. In the garnet felsic gneiss, garnets that coexist with sapphirine have  $\text{Alm}_{44-49}\text{Prp}_{51-54}\text{Grs}_{2-3}\text{Sps}_1$  as the core compositions, whereas garnets in the sapphirine-free domain have  $\text{Alm}_{54-58}\text{Prp}_{41-44}\text{Grs}_{2-3}\text{Sps}_1$  in the core compositions. Garnet core compositions from type-A and type-C aluminous gneisses are  $\text{Alm}_{42-45}\text{Prp}_{51-55}\text{Grs}_{4-5}\text{Sps}_1$  and  $\text{Alm}_{45-47}\text{Prp}_{50-52}\text{Grs}_{2-3}\text{Sps}_1$  respectively, and garnets from both aluminous and felsic layers of the type-B aluminous gneiss have  $\text{Alm}_{41-46}\text{Prp}_{52-57}\text{Grs}_{3-4}\text{Sps}_1$ . In the orthopyroxene felsic gneiss, the core composition of garnets coexisting with orthopyroxene is  $\text{Alm}_{62-65}\text{Prp}_{28-31}\text{Grs}_{6-7}\text{Sps}_{1-2}$ , whereas garnets in the orthopyroxene-free domain have  $\text{Alm}_{67-69}\text{Prp}_{24-27}\text{Grs}_{6-7}\text{Sps}_{1-2}$ , which are low values compared to those of the other rock types. The spessartine content of all rock types ranges from 0.5 to 0.8. In all of the rock types, composition does not vary with crystal size. Mg contents are highest in cores and gradually decrease towards rims. Zoning of the major element composition formed during cooling and reflects high-temperature diffusion. Grossular content varies with rock type, such that garnets of types-A and -B aluminous gneisses show higher Grs values than those of the garnet felsic gneiss or type-C aluminous gneiss. Grossular values of garnets from the orthopyroxene felsic gneiss are higher than those of garnets from the other rock types. The Y and Yb contents of garnets with quartz inclusions in types-A and -B aluminous gneisses are highest in cores and decrease toward rims (Fig. 10). The Y content



Table 1 Representative electron microprobe analyses of minerals in garnet felsic gneiss, aluminous gneiss and orthopyroxene felsic gneiss from Howard Hills.  $Fe^{3+}$  of sapphirine was obtained by stoichiometric calculation ( $O=20$ ) using the method of Higgins *et al.* (1979)

mineral rock type sample	Garnet (O=12)																			
	Grt-felsic gn						Type-A			Type-B				Type-C			Opx-felsic gn			
	9812290202		9812290403				9812280101			9812290501		9812290507S		9812290101			9812290801S			
SiO <sub>2</sub>	39.92	39.94	39.76	39.46	39.11	39.09	40.43	40.36	40.09	40.98	41.07	41.03	40.14	40.95	41.04	40.25	39.92	40.03	38.85	38.77
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.03
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	22.66	22.78	22.67	22.49	22.17	22.24	23.10	22.85	22.91	22.96	23.16	23.03	22.93	22.90	23.02	22.91	22.63	22.71	21.92	21.74
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.05	0.01	0.10	0.05	0.01	0.08	0.16	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Yb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.11	0.07	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.09	0.06	0.12	0.15	0.19	0.17	0.29	0.26	0.10	0.16	0.16	0.12	0.33	0.18	0.11	0.19	0.18	0.18	0.00	0.00
FeO*	21.46	22.31	21.99	25.83	25.97	25.91	20.39	21.45	20.89	20.61	20.19	21.11	20.90	20.62	21.21	22.51	22.11	22.37	29.27	28.54
MnO	0.31	0.30	0.26	0.53	0.45	0.53	0.37	0.36	0.40	0.24	0.27	0.32	0.33	0.22	0.26	0.40	0.35	0.31	0.61	0.54
NiO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MgO	13.99	13.90	13.89	11.14	10.80	10.99	14.15	14.21	14.11	15.01	15.11	14.69	14.24	14.81	14.98	13.94	13.84	13.47	7.46	7.61
CaO	0.95	0.90	0.93	1.04	0.97	1.05	1.65	1.61	1.57	1.05	1.06	1.21	1.15	1.04	1.09	0.93	1.00	1.00	2.48	2.56
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.00	0.08	0.08	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.00
BaO	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d
ZnO	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d	n d
Total	99.42	100.41	99.70	100.78	99.79	100.10	100.58	101.37	100.11	101.22	101.05	101.72	100.13	100.78	101.81	101.22	100.17	100.13	100.64	99.80
Si	2.991	2.975	2.978	2.982	2.989	2.978	2.987	2.975	2.981	2.999	3.004	2.998	2.981	3.010	2.995	2.976	2.981	2.990	3.001	3.012
Ti	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.002
Al	2.001	2.000	2.001	2.003	1.997	1.997	2.012	1.986	2.008	1.981	1.997	1.984	2.007	1.983	1.979	1.997	1.992	2.000	1.995	1.991
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Y	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.004	0.002	0.000	0.003	0.006	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Yb	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000
Cr	0.006	0.004	0.007	0.009	0.012	0.010	0.017	0.015	0.006	0.009	0.009	0.007	0.020	0.010	0.007	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.000	0.000
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	1.345	1.390	1.377	1.632	1.660	1.651	1.260	1.322	1.299	1.261	1.235	1.290	1.298	1.267	1.294	1.392	1.381	1.398	1.891	1.855
Mn	0.020	0.019	0.016	0.034	0.029	0.034	0.023	0.023	0.025	0.015	0.017	0.020	0.021	0.014	0.016	0.025	0.022	0.020	0.040	0.036
Ni	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Mg	1.562	1.543	1.551	1.255	1.230	1.248	1.558	1.561	1.564	1.638	1.647	1.600	1.576	1.622	1.629	1.537	1.541	1.500	0.859	0.882
Ca	0.076	0.072	0.075	0.084	0.080	0.085	0.131	0.127	0.125	0.083	0.083	0.095	0.092	0.082	0.086	0.074	0.080	0.080	0.205	0.213
Na	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.000	0.000
K	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
P	0.000	0.005	0.005	0.002	0.001	0.003	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.003	0.000	0.002	0.002	0.000	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.004	0.000
Ba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	8.003	8.014	8.011	8.007	8.002	8.011	7.995	8.020	8.010	7.998	7.993	8.002	8.002	7.992	8.010	8.017	8.014	8.002	7.995	7.991
X <sub>Mg</sub>	0.54	0.53	0.53	0.44	0.43	0.43	0.55	0.54	0.55	0.57	0.57	0.55	0.55	0.56	0.56	0.53	0.53	0.52	0.31	0.32
Prp	52.02	51.03	51.38	41.76	41.03	41.36	52.44	51.47	51.91	54.66	55.24	53.26	52.78	54.35	53.87	50.76	50.96	50.04	28.68	29.54
Alm	44.78	45.96	45.61	54.30	55.35	54.68	42.39	43.59	43.11	42.09	41.41	42.94	43.46	42.45	42.77	45.97	45.67	46.62	63.14	62.12
Sps	0.66	0.62	0.54	1.13	0.97	1.13	0.77	0.74	0.83	0.49	0.57	0.65	0.70	0.45	0.53	0.83	0.72	0.66	1.33	1.20
Grs	2.54	2.39	2.48	2.81	2.65	2.83	4.40	4.20	4.15	2.76	2.78	3.15	3.06	2.75	2.83	2.44	2.65	2.68	6.86	7.14

\*=Total Fe as FeO n d = not determined

Table 1 Continued

mineral rock type sample	Garnet (O=12)				Sapphirine (O=20)													
	Opx-felsic gn				Grt-felsic gn			Type-A			Type-B			Type-C				
	9812290801S	9812291002S			9812290202			9812280101			9812290501			9812290507S			9812290101	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	39 12	38 51	38 23	37 95	15 08	14 67	14 87	13 20	13 18	14 24	13 55	13 74	13 24	13 48	13 04	13 02	13 01	13 18
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0 01	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 09	0 05	0 05	0 04	0 07	0 06	0 04	0 04	0 06	0 03	0 42	0 03	0 03	0 04
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	22 31	21 67	21 84	21 58	58 21	58 66	58 55	63 36	62 05	61 30	62 76	61 63	61 64	59 69	60 58	63 07	61 90	61 48
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
Yb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0 00	0 04	0 00	0 00	1 07	1 18	1 12	0 88	1 10	1 02	1 31	1 32	2 00	2 31	2 49	0 79	0 89	0 86
FeO*	28 77	32 22	30 78	31 37	9 04	8 36	8 54	5 73	6 84	7 46	5 58	6 72	5 32	7 36	6 81	7 91	7 39	7 81
MnO	0 49	0 55	0 59	0 54	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 05	0 01	0 01	0 06	0 04	0 06	0 00	0 00	0 03	0 02	0 02
NiO	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
MgO	8 13	6 14	6 18	6 16	16 24	16 29	16 28	16 88	16 42	16 70	17 10	16 82	17 30	16 41	16 57	15 96	16 24	15 73
CaO	2 41	2 09	2 41	2 45	0 02	0 01	0 01	0 04	0 04	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 01	0 02	0 05	0 00	0 00	0 03
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0 01	0 02	0 02	0 01	0 03	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 01	0 00	0 01	0 00	0 01
K <sub>2</sub> O	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0 00	0 03	0 03	0 04	0 02	0 02	0 00	0 01	0 01	0 00	0 00	0 01	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 04	0 00
BaO	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
ZnO	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
Total	101 26	101 27	100 08	100 08	99 81	99 24	99 43	100 19	99 71	100 79	100 40	100 33	99 62	99 31	99 94	100 83	99 52	99 15
Si	2 992	2 996	2 995	2 984	1 814	1 769	1 791	1 557	1 572	1 682	1 595	1 627	1 574	1 625	1 559	1 541	1 557	1 586
Ti	0 001	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 009	0 004	0 005	0 004	0 006	0 005	0 004	0 004	0 006	0 003	0 038	0 003	0 003	0 004
Al	2 011	1 987	2 016	2 000	8 248	8 338	8 310	8 807	8 721	8 536	8 709	8 606	8 638	8 480	8 541	8 798	8 735	8 722
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	-	-	-	-	0 023	0 012	0 002	0 000	0 032	0 005	0 000	0 016	0 026	0 051	0 106	0 045	0 066	0 024
Y	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yb	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cr	0 000	0 002	0 000	0 000	0 102	0 112	0 107	0 082	0 103	0 095	0 122	0 123	0 188	0 220	0 235	0 074	0 085	0 082
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	1 840	2 096	2 016	2 063	0 885	0 830	0 857	0 565	0 650	0 732	0 549	0 650	0 503	0 692	0 576	0 737	0 674	0 762
Mn	0 032	0 036	0 039	0 036	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 005	0 001	0 001	0 006	0 004	0 006	0 000	0 000	0 003	0 002	0 002
Ni	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000
Mg	0 927	0 712	0 722	0 722	2 911	2 929	2 923	2 968	2 919	2 942	3 001	2 971	3 066	2 949	2 955	2 816	2 898	2 823
Ca	0 198	0 174	0 202	0 206	0 003	0 002	0 002	0 005	0 005	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 001	0 003	0 006	0 000	0 001	0 003
Na	0 002	0 003	0 003	0 001	0 006	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 003	0 000	0 002	0 000	0 002
K	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000
P	0 000	0 002	0 002	0 003	0 002	0 002	0 000	0 001	0 001	0 000	0 000	0 001	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 000	0 004	0 000
Ba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	8 003	8 008	7 996	8 013	14 003	13 999	13 996	13 993	14 010	13 998	13 986	14 003	14 007	14 024	14 015	14 021	14 024	14 010
X <sub>sp</sub>	0 34	0 25	0 26	0 26	0 77	0 78	0 77	0 84	0 82	0 80	0 85	0 82	0 86	0 81	0 84	0 79	0 81	0 79
Prp	30 94	23 59	24 23	23 86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alm	61 41	69 45	67 67	68 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sps	1 05	1 19	1 32	1 18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grs	6 60	5 77	6 78	6 81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\*=Total Fe as FeO      n d not determined      Fe<sup>3+</sup> is calculated based on stoichiometry

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Table 1 Continued

mineral rock type sample	Plagioclase (O=8)																	
	Grt-felsic gn		Type-A				Type-B						Type-C		Opx-felsic gn			
	9812290202		9812280101		9812290501		9812290503		9812290507S		9812290101		9812290801S	9812291002S				
SiO <sub>2</sub>	61.52	61.15	54.55	55.67	48.30	56.48	56.65	56.97	59.90	58.47	58.69	58.97	60.22	61.49	58.49	58.36	57.28	58.07
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.12	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	24.09	24.74	29.04	28.85	33.05	28.97	27.34	27.05	26.13	26.46	25.77	25.48	24.81	24.27	25.92	26.38	26.51	26.31
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
Yb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.06	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02
FeO*	0.01	0.14	0.16	0.00	0.11	0.01	0.31	0.28	0.00	0.37	0.06	0.00	0.16	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.09
MnO	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
NiO	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.00	0.06	0.05	0.00
MgO	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02
CaO	5.90	6.35	11.46	11.19	16.38	10.69	9.34	9.65	7.84	8.25	8.03	7.62	6.58	6.04	8.06	8.08	8.52	8.26
Na <sub>2</sub> O	8.21	7.97	4.95	5.17	2.30	5.61	6.13	6.12	7.26	6.69	7.00	7.19	7.67	8.03	6.87	6.86	6.55	6.71
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.17	0.26	0.09	0.12	0.03	0.09	0.14	0.10	0.16	0.10	0.18	0.19	0.22	0.24	0.29	0.20	0.22	0.20
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.02	0.04	0.04
BaO	0.00	0.00	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00
ZnO	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
Total	100.09	100.68	100.32	101.00	100.22	101.94	99.99	100.24	101.38	100.45	99.93	99.51	99.71	100.19	99.83	100.03	99.30	99.73
Si	2.730	2.704	2.454	2.482	2.208	2.493	2.546	2.554	2.637	2.605	2.627	2.646	2.690	2.727	2.619	2.609	2.585	2.605
Ti	0.004	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001
Al	1.260	1.289	1.540	1.516	1.781	1.507	1.448	1.429	1.356	1.389	1.359	1.347	1.306	1.269	1.368	1.390	1.410	1.391
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cr	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	0.000	0.005	0.006	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.012	0.010	0.000	0.014	0.002	0.000	0.006	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.003
Mn	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ni	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.002	0.002	0.000
Mg	0.000	0.002	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001
Ca	0.280	0.301	0.552	0.535	0.802	0.505	0.450	0.464	0.370	0.394	0.385	0.366	0.315	0.287	0.387	0.387	0.412	0.397
Na	0.707	0.683	0.432	0.447	0.204	0.480	0.534	0.532	0.620	0.578	0.608	0.625	0.664	0.690	0.597	0.595	0.573	0.584
K	0.010	0.015	0.005	0.007	0.002	0.005	0.008	0.006	0.009	0.006	0.010	0.011	0.013	0.013	0.017	0.012	0.013	0.011
P	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.001	0.002	0.001
Ba	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Zn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4.993	5.000	4.993	4.987	5.003	4.994	5.001	4.998	4.996	4.990	4.999	4.998	4.995	4.990	4.995	4.998	5.000	4.995
Ab	70.91	68.40	43.65	45.24	20.24	48.46	53.85	53.11	62.06	59.11	60.60	62.39	66.96	69.69	59.67	59.90	57.45	58.84
An	28.13	30.14	55.82	54.09	79.61	51.03	45.34	46.30	37.02	40.29	38.39	36.52	31.77	28.96	38.68	38.94	41.26	40.02
Or	0.96	1.46	0.53	0.67	0.15	0.50	0.81	0.59	0.91	0.60	1.01	1.09	1.28	1.35	1.66	1.17	1.29	1.14

\* = Total Fe as FeO      n d = not determined

Table 1 Continued.

mineral rock type	Or lamella in Mesoperthite (O=8)																		
	Grt-felsic gn			Type-A			Type-B						Type-C			Opx-felsic gn			
	9812290202			9812280101			9812290507S						9812290101			9812290801S		9812291002S	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	65.16	64.59	64.94	64.63	63.45	64.24	64.51	64.29	63.67	63.54	64.26	64.33	64.34	65.12	64.68	64.79	64.04	64.13	63.70
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.08	1.07	0.15	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.09	0.06	0.10	0.15	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.09
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	18.28	18.20	18.44	18.76	18.88	18.84	18.42	18.59	18.20	18.32	18.82	18.40	18.40	18.54	18.51	18.51	18.65	18.60	18.44
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
Yb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.00
FeO*	0.00	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02
MnO	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01
NiO	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.00
MgO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
CaO	0.06	0.07	0.11	0.10	0.06	0.14	0.08	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.21	0.05	0.11	0.07	0.10	0.10	0.05	0.09	0.08
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1.09	1.15	1.25	1.15	1.19	1.41	1.08	1.15	1.40	1.19	0.80	0.95	0.91	0.84	1.07	1.45	0.64	0.74	0.83
K <sub>2</sub> O	15.30	15.02	15.06	14.28	14.49	13.75	14.96	14.50	14.40	14.53	15.28	15.26	15.37	15.04	15.15	15.00	15.66	15.50	15.10
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.10	0.05
BaO	0.58	0.62	0.41	1.55	2.61	2.27	1.03	1.13	2.17	2.54	0.84	0.72	0.78	0.77	0.71	0.70	1.25	1.01	1.00
ZnO	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
Total	100.63	100.92	100.39	100.64	100.89	100.91	100.18	99.81	100.02	100.35	100.38	99.78	100.00	100.58	100.34	100.66	100.48	100.26	99.31
Si	2.996	2.966	2.989	2.978	2.951	2.965	2.987	2.983	2.976	2.969	2.970	2.987	2.985	2.993	2.985	2.982	2.971	2.973	2.977
Ti	0.003	0.037	0.005	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.003	0.002	0.003	0.005	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.003
Al	0.991	0.985	1.000	1.019	1.035	1.025	1.005	1.016	1.003	1.009	1.025	1.007	1.006	1.004	1.007	1.004	1.019	1.016	1.016
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cr	0.000	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.000
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.001
Mn	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ni	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000
Mg	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ca	0.003	0.003	0.005	0.005	0.003	0.007	0.004	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.010	0.003	0.006	0.003	0.005	0.005	0.002	0.004	0.004
Na	0.097	0.103	0.112	0.103	0.107	0.126	0.097	0.103	0.127	0.108	0.072	0.086	0.082	0.075	0.096	0.129	0.058	0.066	0.075
K	0.897	0.880	0.884	0.840	0.860	0.809	0.884	0.858	0.859	0.866	0.901	0.904	0.909	0.882	0.892	0.881	0.927	0.917	0.900
P	0.002	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.004	0.002
Ba	0.010	0.011	0.007	0.028	0.048	0.041	0.019	0.021	0.040	0.047	0.015	0.013	0.014	0.014	0.013	0.013	0.023	0.018	0.018
Zn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5.000	4.992	5.004	4.978	5.011	4.983	4.998	4.987	5.011	5.007	5.000	5.002	5.005	4.979	5.003	5.018	5.007	5.002	4.997
Ab	9.75	10.41	11.15	10.86	11.08	13.40	9.88	10.72	12.85	11.05	7.30	8.65	8.21	7.81	9.68	12.74	5.87	6.70	7.66
An	0.29	0.33	0.52	0.54	0.28	0.75	0.39	0.20	0.09	0.04	1.05	0.27	0.56	0.34	0.51	0.49	0.25	0.43	0.43
Or	89.96	89.26	88.33	88.60	88.64	85.85	89.73	89.09	87.06	88.91	91.65	91.08	91.24	91.85	89.81	86.77	93.88	92.86	91.91

\*=Total Fe as FeO      n d = not determined

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Table 1 Continued

mineral rock type sample	Orthopyroxene (O=6)								Spinel (O=4)				Cordierite (O=18)		
	Type-B				Opx-felsic gn				Type-A		Type-B		Type-B		
	9812290501	9812290507S			9812290801S				9812280101		9812290503		9812290501		
SiO <sub>2</sub>	52.37	52.08	50.46	51.27	50.28	49.22	48.01	49.68	0.14	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	50.61	50.11
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.03	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.19	6.26	8.03	6.79	3.67	4.81	5.22	4.37	61.00	60.69	59.74	59.98	59.69	33.56	33.70
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
Yb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.25	0.22	0.32	0.23	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.05	4.15	3.91	4.39	4.93	5.17	0.00	0.02
FeO*	13.04	13.34	14.38	14.16	28.02	26.55	28.61	25.35	16.61	20.75	18.88	17.09	17.20	2.06	1.79
MnO	0.04	0.02	0.09	0.06	0.14	0.25	0.16	0.13	0.08	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.01	0.00
NiO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.22	0.16	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00
MgO	28.47	27.73	26.33	26.76	18.52	18.29	17.31	19.63	15.41	12.95	13.98	14.77	14.45	12.48	12.38
CaO	0.03	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.16	0.15	0.23	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.02
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.04
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.03
BaO	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
ZnO	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	2.07	2.16	2.03	3.55	3.32	nd	nd
Total	100.44	99.80	99.97	99.46	100.85	99.34	99.66	99.44	99.69	100.72	99.23	100.50	100.01	98.88	98.09
Si	1.854	1.858	1.811	1.844	1.904	1.882	1.852	1.887	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.031	5.014
Ti	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000
Al	0.258	0.263	0.339	0.288	0.164	0.217	0.237	0.196	1.896	1.902	1.888	1.873	1.874	3.932	3.974
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cr	0.007	0.006	0.009	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.086	0.082	0.093	0.103	0.109	0.000	0.001
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	0.386	0.398	0.432	0.426	0.887	0.849	0.923	0.805	0.366	0.462	0.424	0.379	0.383	0.171	0.149
Mn	0.001	0.001	0.003	0.002	0.005	0.008	0.005	0.004	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000
Ni	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.005	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.000	0.000
Mg	1.503	1.475	1.409	1.435	1.045	1.043	0.995	1.111	0.606	0.514	0.559	0.583	0.574	1.850	1.847
Ca	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.004	0.007	0.006	0.009	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.009	0.002
Na	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.008
K	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000
P	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003
Ba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.040	0.042	0.040	0.070	0.065	-	-
Total	4.012	4.006	4.017	4.007	4.013	4.007	4.026	4.014	3.005	3.007	3.009	3.012	3.008	11.007	10.999
X <sub>Wo</sub>	0.80	0.79	0.77	0.77	0.54	0.55	0.52	0.58	0.623	0.527	0.569	0.606	0.600	0.92	0.93
En	79.52	78.64	76.46	76.97	53.90	54.93	51.63	57.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fs	20.43	21.22	23.42	22.85	45.76	44.74	47.88	41.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wo	0.05	0.13	0.12	0.19	0.34	0.32	0.49	0.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\* = Total Fe as FeO      n d = not determined

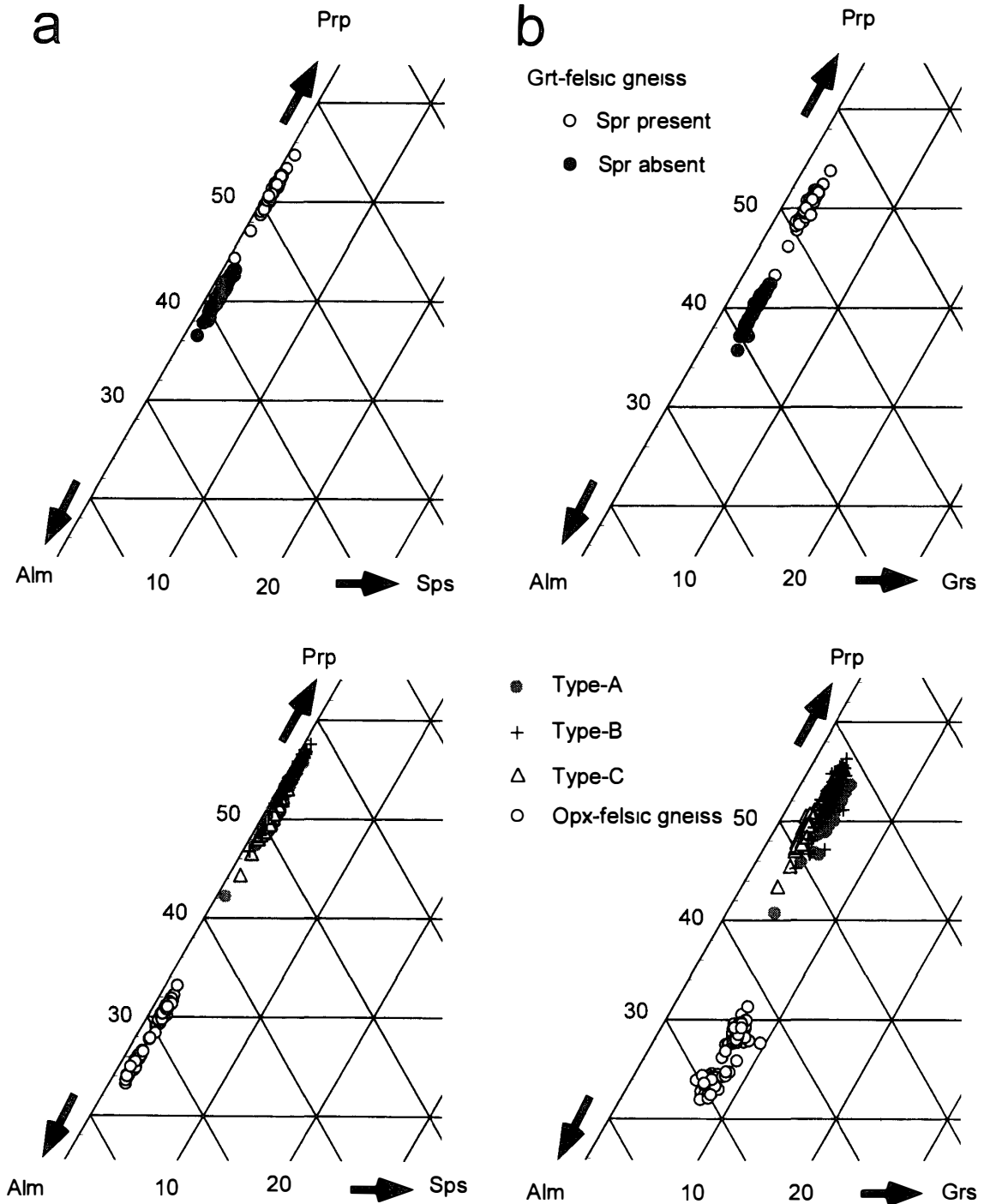


Fig 9 (a) Pyrope (Prp)-almandine (Alm)-spessartine (Sps) diagram of garnet compositions of rocks from Howard Hills (b) Pyrope (Prp)-almandine (Alm)-grossular (Grs) diagram of garnet compositions of rocks from Howard Hills

of coarsely crystalline garnets with quartz inclusions in the type-A aluminous gneiss reaches relatively high maximum values (about 0.15 wt%) than those of finely crystalline garnets in the type-A aluminous gneisses and those of the other rock types, which contain about 0.1 wt% (Fig 11)

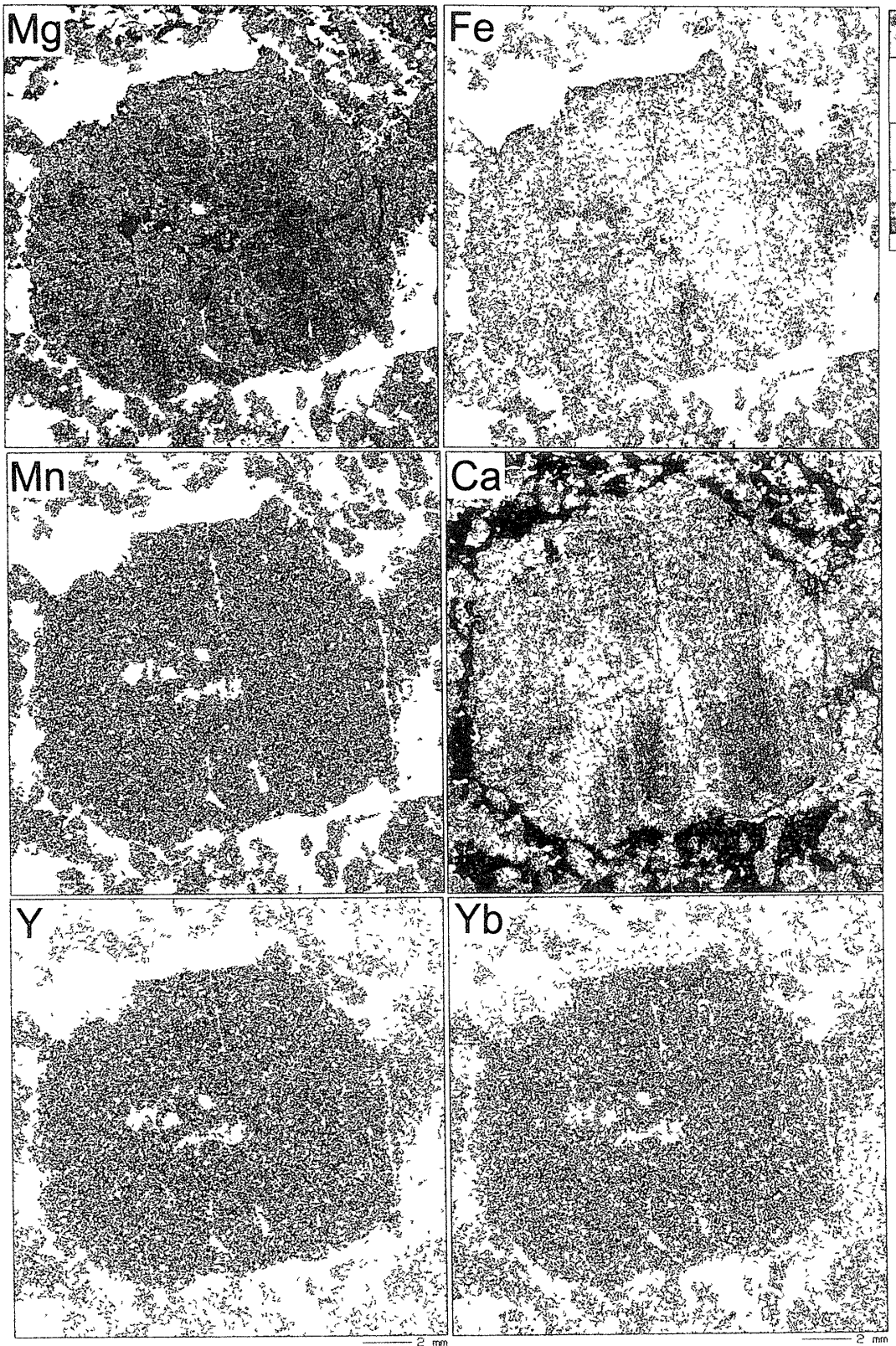


Fig 10a

Fig 10 Two-dimensional compositional maps of garnet (a) Type-A aluminous gneiss  
(b) Type-B aluminous gneiss

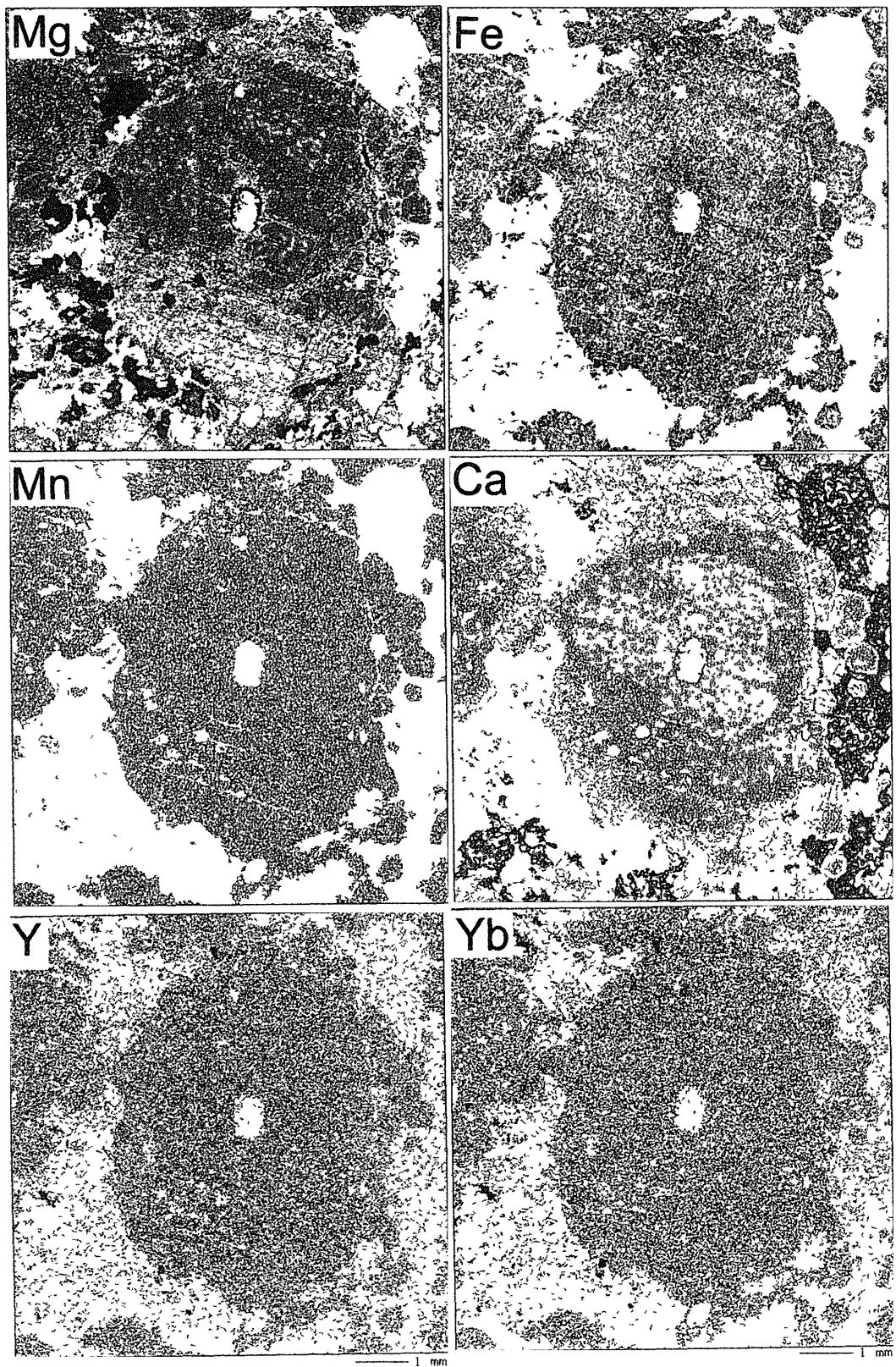


Fig 10b



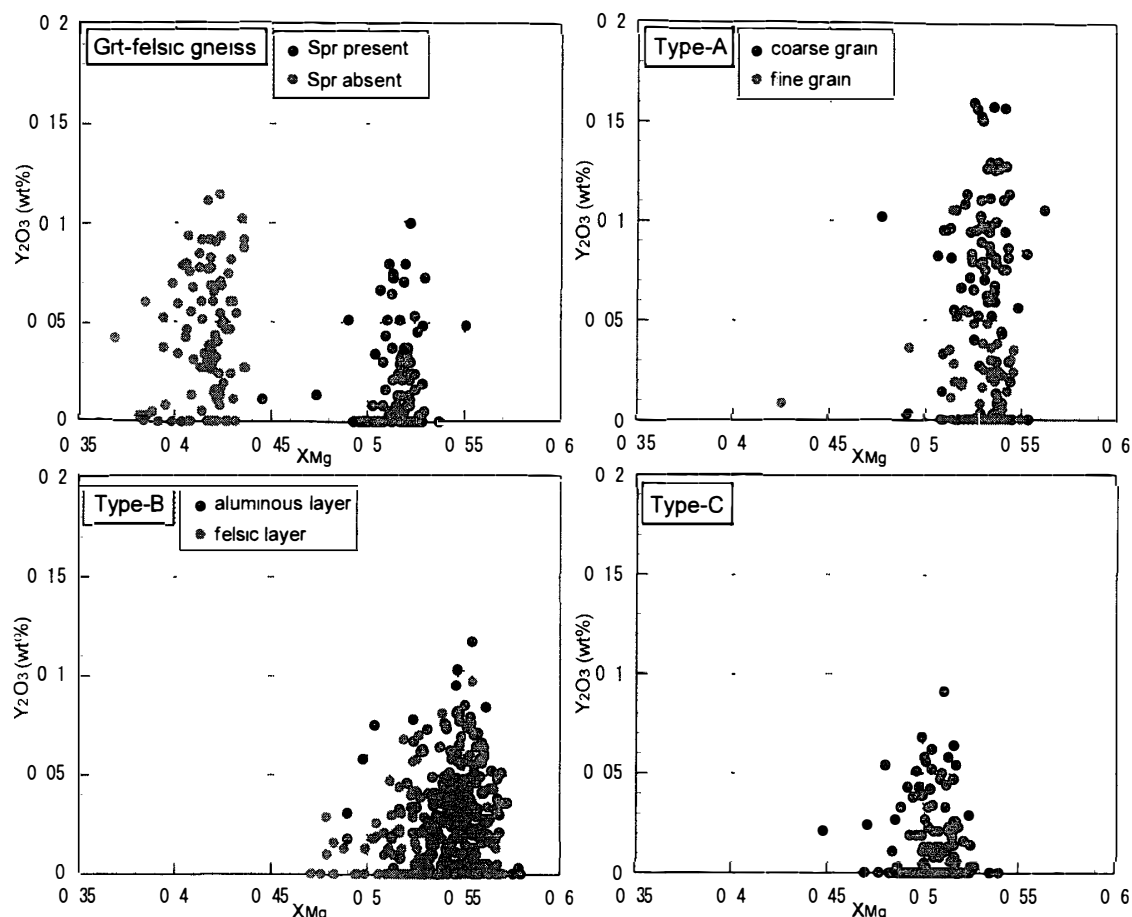


Fig 11 Variation of  $Y$  and  $X_{Mg}$  contents of garnets from garnet felsic gneiss and aluminous gneiss

### 3.2.2 Sapphirine

The  $X_{Mg}$  ( $Mg/[Mg+Fe]$ )- $Cr_2O_3$  plot for sapphirine is shown in Fig 12.  $X_{Mg}$  of sapphirine in types-A and -B aluminous gneisses ranges from 0.77 to 0.86, and those from the garnet felsic gneiss and type-C aluminous gneiss range from 0.73 to 0.82. Sapphirines from all rock types contain some  $Cr_2O_3$ . The sapphirine from the aluminous layer of the type-B aluminous gneiss contains about 0.9–2.5 wt%  $Cr_2O_3$ , and the sapphirine coexisting with quartz in the felsic layer of the type-B aluminous gneiss contains about 2.2–2.7 wt%  $Cr_2O_3$ . The sapphirine in the garnet felsic gneiss and the acicular sapphirine from the type-C aluminous gneiss contain about 1–1.5 wt% and about 0.6–1 wt%  $Cr_2O_3$ , respectively. The relation between the  $X_{Mg}$  value and  $Cr_2O_3$  content of sapphirine and the included rock types is being examined for samples from Tonagh Island, results thus far are similar to the result at Howard Hills (Osana, pers. communication).  $Fe^{3+}$  content for sapphirine was obtained by stoichiometric calculation ( $O=20$ ) using the method of Higgins *et al* (1979).  $Fe^{3+}$  of sapphirine in garnet felsic gneiss and types-A, -B, and -C aluminous gneisses is the maximum of 0.04, 0.14 and 0.1 wt%, respectively, on the basis of  $O=20$ .

### 3.2.3 Plagioclase

The An and Or contents of plagioclase are shown in Fig 13. The An content is richest (An50–70) in type-A aluminous gneiss. Plagioclase compositions are about An30–

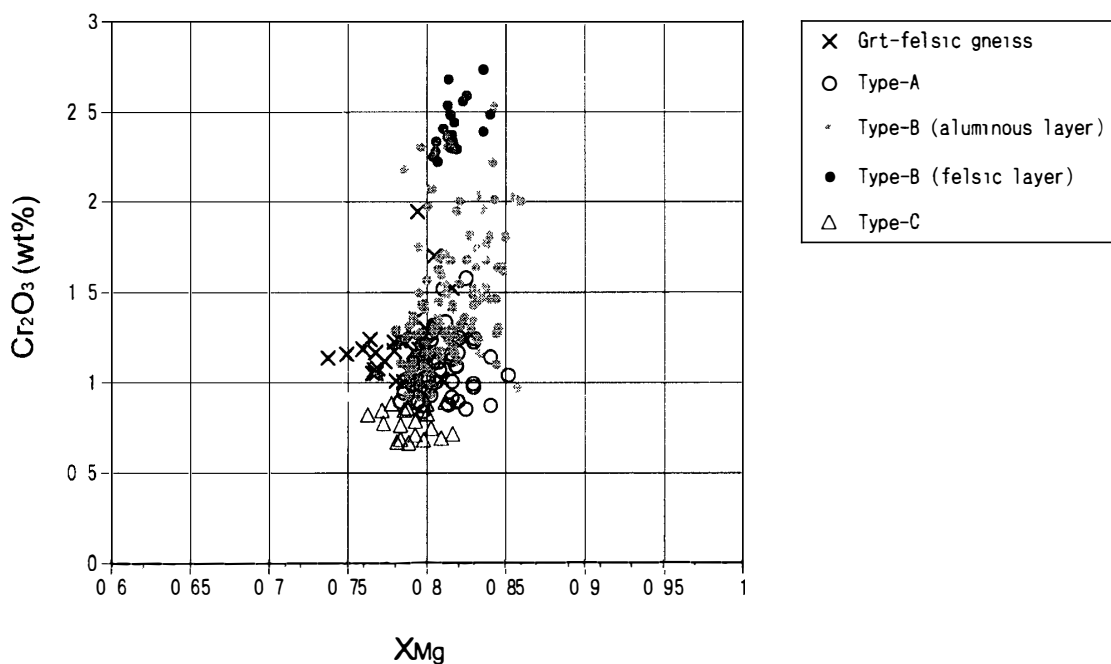


Fig 12 Plot of Cr versus  $X_{Mg}$  in sapphirine for garnet felsic gneiss and aluminous gneiss.  $Fe^{2+}$  and  $Fe^{3+}$  of sapphirine were calculated based on stoichiometry (Higgins et al., 1979)

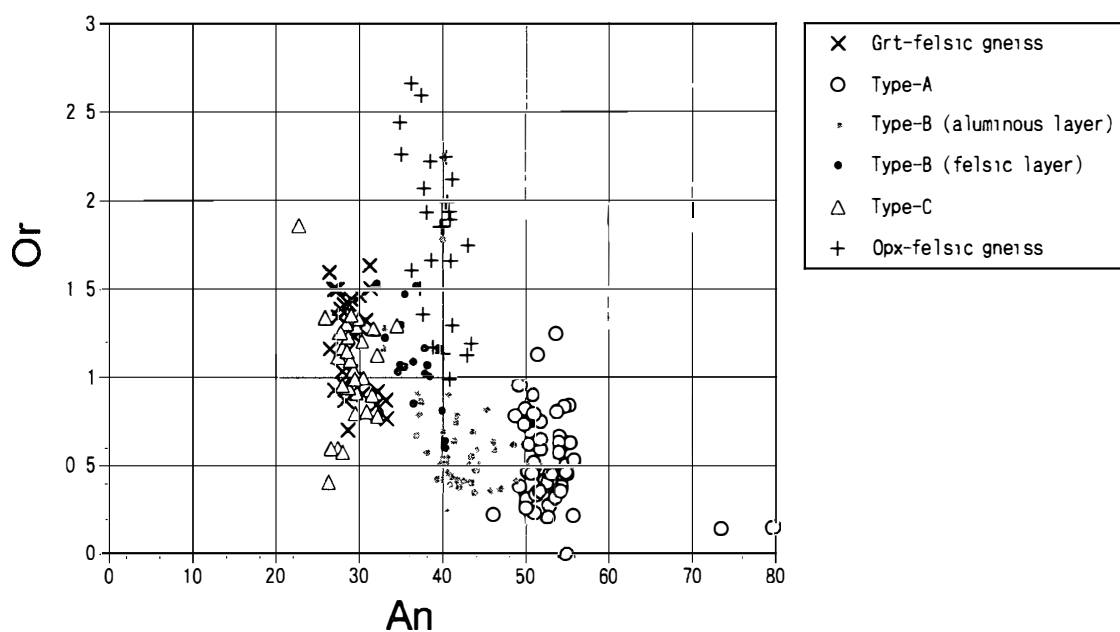


Fig 13 Variations in Or content and An value of plagioclase from garnet felsic gneiss, aluminous gneiss and orthopyroxene felsic gneiss from Howard Hills

45 in type-B aluminous gneiss, and An25-35 in both the garnet felsic gneiss and type-C aluminous gneiss. Type-B aluminous gneisses have high An and low Or in the aluminous layer, and low An and high Or content in the quartzo-feldspathic layer. Orthopyroxene felsic gneiss has a value of An33-44; it is richer in Or than other rock types

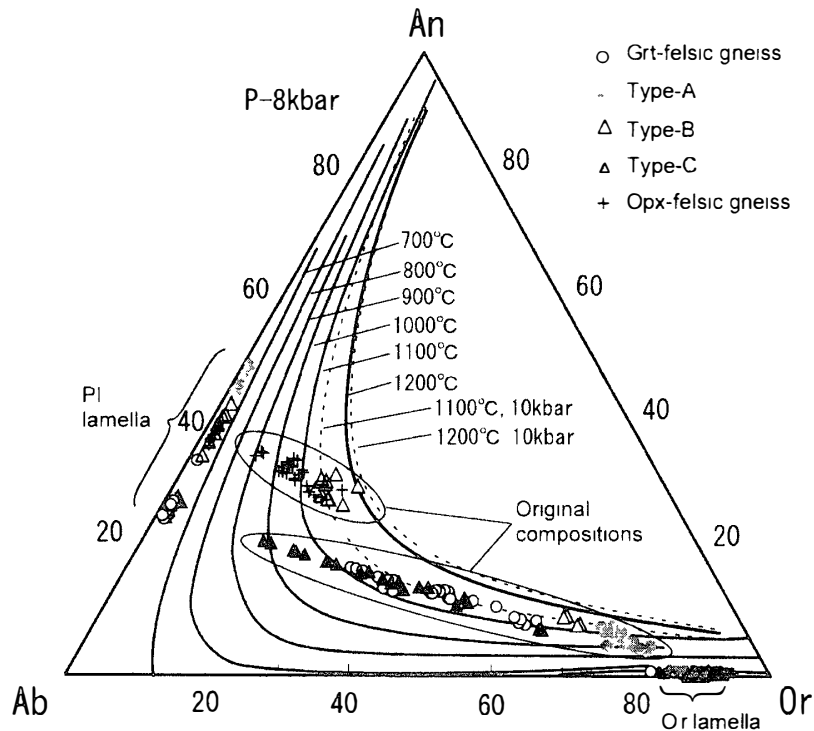


Fig 14 *An-Ab-Or ternary feldspar diagram of calculated original alkali-feldspar composition, from plagioclase and orthoclase lamella compositions in samples from Howard Hills. Ternary miscibility gaps are calculated for  $P=8$  kbar (solid line) and  $P=10$  kbar (broken line) using the method of Kroll *et al* (1993)*

### 3.2.4 Mesoperthite

The original chemical compositions of mesoperthite from garnet felsic gneiss, aluminous gneiss and orthopyroxene felsic gneiss were obtained using the modal ratio of host and lamella and their respective chemical compositions. The restoration method used the following procedures:

- 1) A BEI photograph was taken for the mesoperthite
- 2) The BEI image was scanned into a personal computer
- 3) The image was loaded into image-analyzing software (*e.g.* PhotoShop), and the modal ratio of each type of mesoperthite lamella was obtained using the binarization function (Or lamellae appear white, and Ab lamellae appear black in a BEI image)
- 4) The original composition of alkali feldspar was calculated by using the modal ratio of each lamella obtained in (3) and the compositions of the two lamella types obtained by EPMA

Although the plagioclase and K-feldspar lamellae re-equilibrated chemically at low temperature, the chemical composition obtained by this method indicates the chemical composition of the initial, very high-temperature, pre-exsolution feldspar (Fig 14). Temperature estimation is discussed below.

BaO contents of K-feldspar lamellae in mesoperthite vary with rock type. Garnet felsic gneiss and type-C aluminous gneiss have low BaO values (0.4–0.8 wt%), whereas type-A and -B aluminous gneisses have high values (maximum 2.7 wt%). The BaO contents of type-A and -B aluminous gneisses fall into two domains: 2–2.7 wt% and 1–1.6

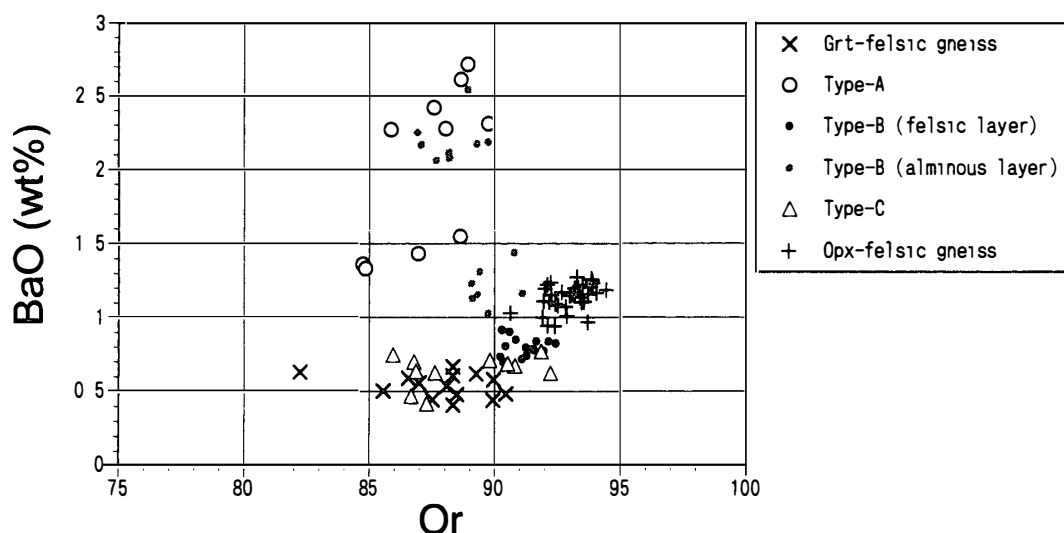


Fig 15 Compositional variation of Or-lamella or host in perthite to mesoperthite in the rocks from Howard Hills

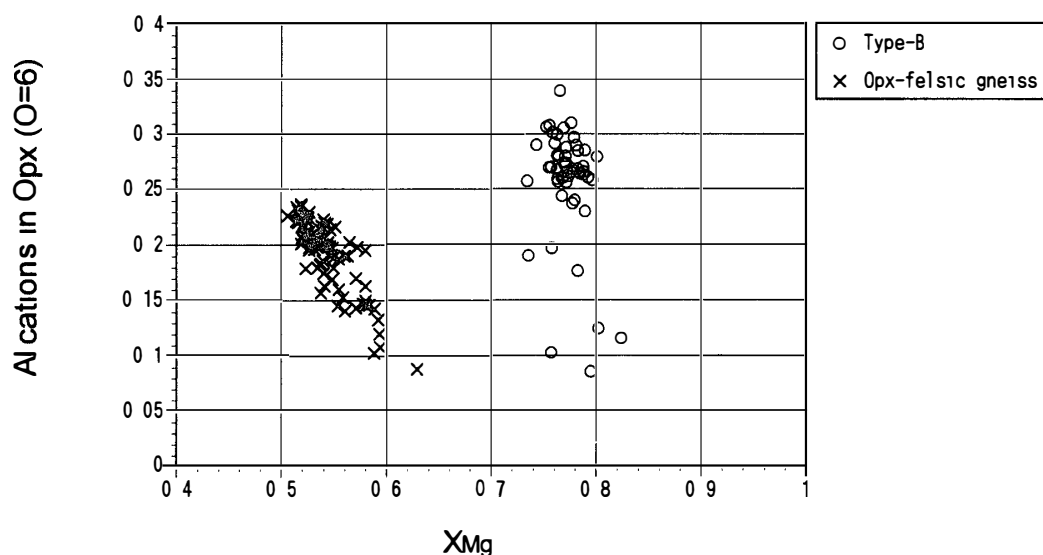


Fig 16 Variations in Al content (per 6-oxygen formula unit) and  $X_{Mg}$  of orthopyroxene in type-B aluminous gneiss and orthopyroxene felsic gneiss from Howard Hills

wt% BaO contents of K-feldspar lamella within mesoperthite in orthopyroxene felsic gneiss are 0.9–1.3 wt% (Fig 15)

### 3.2.5 Orthopyroxene

Orthopyroxene is present in the orthopyroxene felsic gneiss and, rarely, in the aluminous layers of type-B aluminous gneiss. In the orthopyroxene felsic gneiss,  $X_{Mg}$  and  $Al_2O_3$  contents are 0.51–0.58 and 3.5–5.1 wt%, respectively. Orthopyroxene generally shows compositional zoning, with Al values highest in the core and gradually decreasing toward the rim (Fig 16).  $X_{Mg}$  is lowest in the core, and increases toward the rim.  $X_{Mg}$  and  $Al_2O_3$  content of orthopyroxene in type-B aluminous gneiss ranges from 0.74 to 0.8 and from 6 to 8 wt%, respectively. Orthopyroxenes of the type-B aluminous gneiss have high

Al content in the core that decreases toward the rim, and slightly higher  $X_{Mg}$  in the rim than in the core

### 3.2.6 Spinel

Spinel is brown under the plane-polarized light in all rock types. Spinel analyses were performed on type-A and type-B aluminous gneisses.  $Cr_2O_3$  and ZnO contents of spinels in the type-A aluminous gneiss range from 4 to 5 wt% and 1.7 to 2.2 wt%, respectively. Spinel from type-B aluminous gneiss contains 4.7–5.5 wt%  $Cr_2O_3$  and 3.4–3.5 wt% ZnO.

### 3.2.7 Cordierite

Cordierite is present only in aluminous layers of type-B aluminous gneiss, where it coexists with sapphirine, orthopyroxene and garnet. Cordierite has an  $X_{Mg}$  value of 0.9–0.93 wt%.

## 4. Discussion

### 4.1 Metamorphic conditions

The coexistence of sapphirine and quartz in the Howard Hills gneisses indicates that these rocks have been formed under the stability field of sapphirine+quartz, over 1030°C at 9.5 kbar (Hensen and Green, 1973) or over 1050°C at 11 kbar (Bertrand *et al*, 1991), during peak metamorphism. These are minimum conditions, as higher temperatures are plausible, depending on the pressure condition. Moreover, the sapphirine+quartz stability field may be shifted in this case, because sapphirine and spinel from the Howard Hills contain Cr and Zn.

Hokada *et al* (1999b) showed that An-Ab-Or ternary feldspar solvus is useful in estimating the peak metamorphic temperature of ultrahigh-temperature metamorphic rocks. On this basis, it is plausible that the peak metamorphic condition of the Howard Hills garnet felsic, aluminous, and orthopyroxene gneisses could be estimated by applying the ternary feldspar solvus method to the restored chemical compositions of high-temperature feldspars that had undergone retrograde mesoperthitic exsolution. The solvus used is that of Kroll *et al* (1993), which is a modified version of that of Elkins and Grove (1990). The peak metamorphic condition is estimated to be about 1000–1200°C at 8 kbar and 1000–1150°C at 10 kbar (Fig. 14). All of the gneisses are thus the result of ultrahigh-temperature metamorphism at temperatures of 1000°C or more. As a cautionary note, a slight error may be introduced into the calculation when the modal ratio of each lamella is obtained by computer analysis of a BEI mesoperthite image. The error trend appears on the line that connects the analysis point of the plagioclase lamella with the analysis point of the orthoclase lamella, when the restored composition is plotted on the ternary solvus. The estimated temperature is not affected by the error when the restored original composition is located in the alkali feldspar region, because the error trend is parallel with the solvus line. When the composition is plotted in the plagioclase region, the temperature estimate contains some uncertainty because the error trend crosses the solvus line. Even when this is taken into consideration, however, the reliability of the temperature estimates for the garnet felsic gneiss, the type-C aluminous gneiss, and some of the type-A and -B aluminous gneisses is high, because the original compositions of mesoperthites in these rocks are located in the alkali-feldspar area.

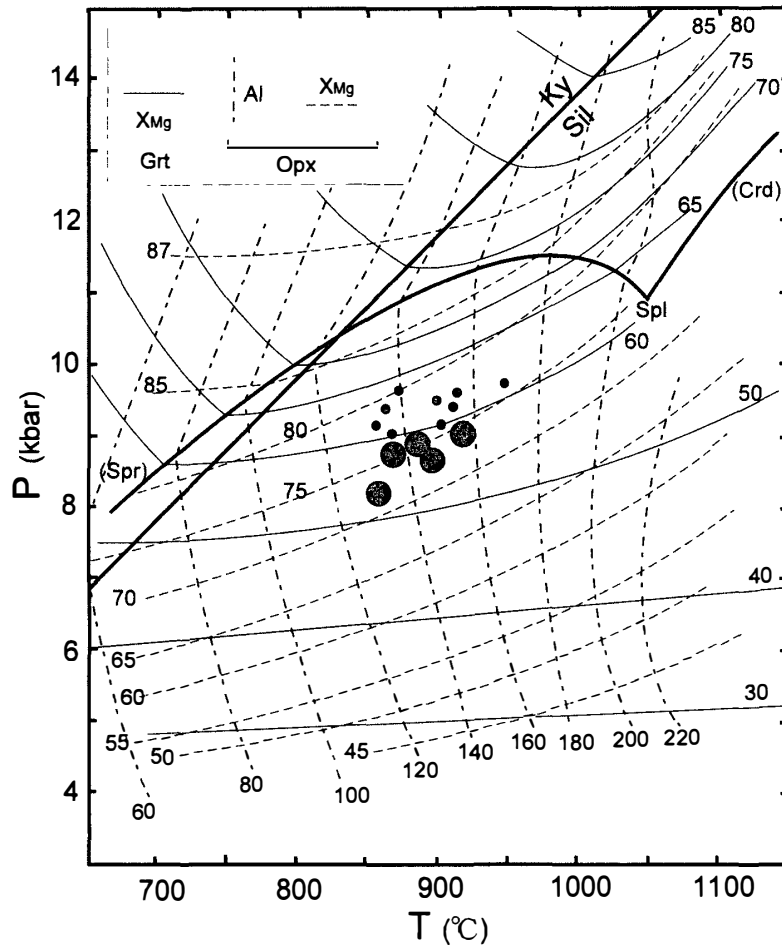


Fig 17 Estimated  $P$  and  $T$  conditions from  $X_{Mg}$  in garnet and  $X_{Mg}$  and  $X_{Al}$  in orthopyroxene, on  $X_{Mg}$  and  $X_{Al}$  isopleths of Hensen and Harley (1990)  $X_{Mg}$  value of garnet in units  $\times 100$  (solid lines)  $X_{Mg}$  value of orthopyroxene in units  $\times 100$  (dashed line)  $X_{Al}$  value of orthopyroxene expressed as units of (Al cations/2, per 6-oxygen units)  $\times 1000$  Solid and large circle symbols are equilibrium composition of orthopyroxene and coexisting garnet in type-B aluminous gneiss Solid and small point symbols show the orthopyroxene with disequilibrium composition relative to coexisting garnet.

Hokada *et al* (1999b) estimated peak metamorphic conditions for Mt. Ruser-Larsen and Tonagh Island at about 1050–1100°C, and pointed out that the area around Amundsen Bay represents a generally high-temperature regime. A similar high-temperature condition is estimated for the Howard Hills area, and it is suggested that the ultrahigh-temperature metamorphism extended over the entire area of Tonagh Island, Mt. Ruser-Larsen and the Howard Hills, and perhaps beyond. The estimated  $P$ - $T$  condition for the garnet-orthopyroxene equilibrium pair (both core composition) in type-B aluminous gneiss, using the compositional isopleths of Hensen and Harley (1990), ranges from 850 to 950°C and 8 to 9 kbar. It is recognized, however, that these pairs may not represent an equilibrium state, owing to their retrograde diffusion effects while cooling from peak metamorphism (Fig. 17). The temperatures and pressure conditions calculated using the garnet-orthopyroxene geothermometer (Sen and Bhattacharya, 1984, Lee and Ganguly, 1988) and

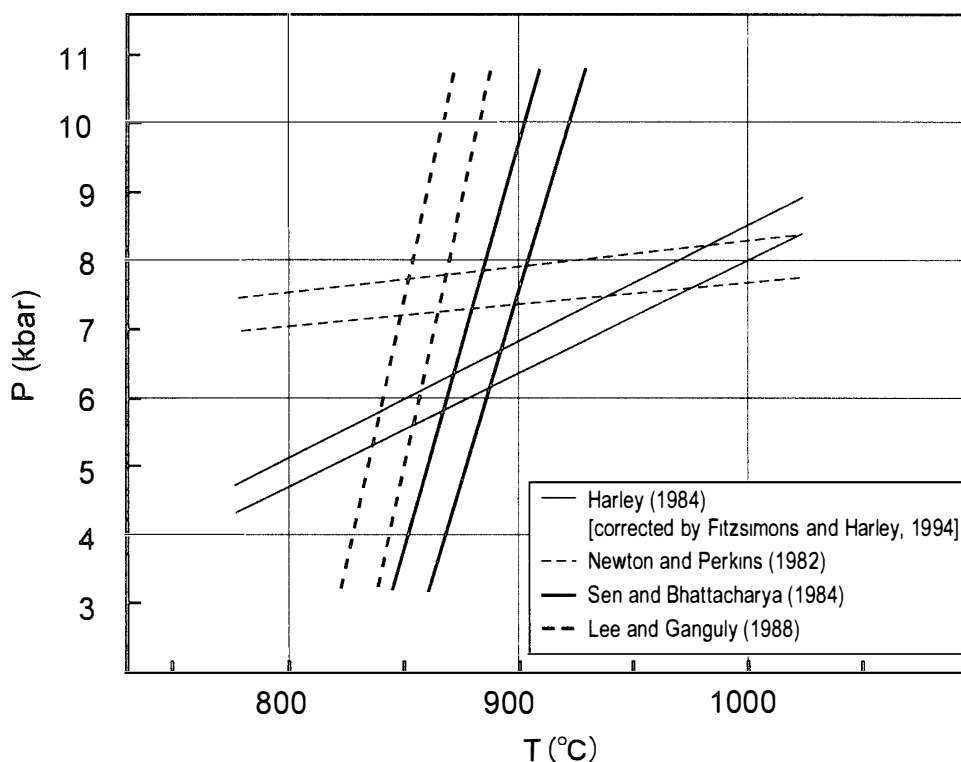


Fig 18 *P-T* conditions for retrograde metamorphism are estimated using garnet-orthopyroxene geothermobarometry

garnet-orthopyroxene geobarometry (Newton and Perkins, 1982, Harley, 1984, corrected by Fitzsimons and Harley, 1994) yielded from 830 to 900°C and 5 to 8 kbar (Fig 18). In general, the degree of modification of garnet composition during high temperature metamorphism is greater than that of orthopyroxene (*e.g.*, Ganguly *et al*, 1998, Smith and Barron, 1991). The composition of garnets coexisting with orthopyroxene has a lower  $X_{Mg}$  value than the calculated equilibrium composition (Fig 17). Therefore, the garnet seems to have acquired this composition at a relatively low temperature, because Mg in the garnet is easy to diffuse. These P-T estimates seem to show the P-T trajectory during retrograde metamorphism.

#### 4.2 Possibility of partial melting

Quartz is often included in the cores of garnets in the silica-undersaturated (quartz absent) layers of types-A and -B aluminous gneiss. These quartz inclusions indicate that the media around the garnet changed from silica-oversaturated condition during garnet crystal growth to silica-undersaturated condition after garnet crystallization. Therefore, the aluminous gneiss has clearly experienced mass transfer. Mass transfer by partial melting is suggested by the high Y contents in garnet cores of type-A aluminous gneisses, high An values of plagioclase in the type-A aluminous gneiss and in the aluminous layer of type-B aluminous gneiss, and high Ba content in the mesoperthite in the type-A aluminous gneiss. HREE such as Y and Yb concentrate in garnet when garnet coexists with melt (Rollinson, 1993). Y concentration in garnet is possibly the result of breakdown of the Y-enriched phase, such as xenotime and apatite (Lanzarotti, 1995) or partial

melting (Spear and Kohn, 1996). The Y-enrichment in the garnet should take place at the same time as the composition change from silica-oversaturated to silica-undersaturated. Although Ba is generally an incompatible element, the mesoperthite possibly coexisted with the melt at high temperature, because Ba becomes compatible with the crystal structure of potassium feldspar at high temperature (Rollinson, 1993). The  $Y_2O_3$  content of garnet, the An value of plagioclase, and the BaO content of K-feldspar lamella in mesoperthite of the aluminous layer of type-B aluminous gneisses show intermediate values between that of the type-A aluminous gneiss and those of the garnet felsic gneiss and type-C aluminous gneiss. Although the Howard Hills region experienced ultrahigh-temperature metamorphism with peak temperature conditions over 1000°C, the type-A aluminous gneiss and the aluminous layers of type-B aluminous gneiss show non-equilibrium textures with regard to trace element concentration, such as zoning of Y and Yb in the garnet and variable BaO content in mesoperthite from domain to domain. The timing and partial melting reaction and process involved require careful consideration. Migmatite is not present in the Howard Hills. The melt might have segregated completely from the host rock if partial melting took place during prograde metamorphism. Then, mass transfer would have taken place in the host rock, changing the bulk composition. Type-A and -B aluminous gneisses probably became enriched in Al and Mg and depleted in  $SiO_2$  during this process. It is possible that partial melt was generated from type-A and -B aluminous gneisses during prograde metamorphism, and subsequently segregated, whereas the restite might have undergone ultrahigh-temperature metamorphism.

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