



# Lattice preferred orientation of quartz inclusions within garnet porphyroblasts from the Imjingang belt, South Korea

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## Abstract

Quartz inclusions within intertectonic garnet porphyroblasts of metapelites from the southern Imjingang belt have a lattice preferred orientation. *c*-Axis fabrics of the quartz inclusions tend to show a single girdle pattern at a high angle to an earlier foliation together with a submaximum subparallel to an earlier lineation. This lattice preferred orientation of the quartz inclusions might result from intracrystalline deformation together with solution creep prior to the garnet growth or from selective entrapment of quartz grains with a specific lattice orientation during the garnet growth. © 2002 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

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## 1. Introduction

Inclusions within rigid porphyroblasts can be protected during a deformation later than or concurrent with the porphyroblast growth. If porphyroblasts statically grown between two deformation events (i.e. *intertectonic* porphyroblast of Passchier and Trouw (1996)) do not rotate during later deformation or if we know the rotation amount of intertectonic porphyroblasts, the inclusions within porphyroblasts may provide some information on the earlier deformation. For example, the attitude of earlier foliation can be obtained using straight inclusion trails within intertectonic porphyroblasts (Steinhardt, 1989; Jung et al., 1999). Also, the attitude of earlier fold axis can be measured by analyzing the geometry of inclusion trails within porphyroblasts (Hayward, 1990; Johnson, 1993; Bell and Hickey, 1997). Furthermore, if we know the orientation of earlier foliation and lineation, the kinematics and characteristics of earlier deformation may be inferred using *c*-axis fabrics of quartz inclusions within intertectonic porphyroblasts.

*c*-Axis fabrics of quartz inclusions have rarely been used to interpret the kinematics of deformation earlier than the growth of porphyroblasts, although Vissers (1989) measured *c*-axis orientation of quartz inclusions within porphyroblasts to confirm the initially random orientation

of *c*-axis prior to the growth of the porphyroblasts. This study presents *c*-axis fabrics of quartz inclusions within intertectonic garnet porphyroblasts and discusses the kinematics and microstructural processes of an earlier deformation. The analyzed samples are from the Imjingang orogenic belt of the central Korean peninsula.

## 2. Geological framework

The Yeoncheon complex occurs in the southern Imjingang orogenic belt in the central Korean peninsula (Fig. 1). Hsü et al. (1990) and Ree et al. (1996) suggested that the Imjingang belt is an eastward extension of Qinling–Dabie–Sulu collisional belt of east-central China. The Yeoncheon complex is divided into two main rock units (Ree et al., 1996). The Late Proterozoic Samgot unit in the south consists of calc–silicate and amphibolite with minor metapelite and metapsammite. The Silurian–Devonian Jingok unit in the north is composed of pelitic to semipelitic schist, phyllite, and quartzite with minor marble. The boundary between the Samgot and Jingok units is characterized by a normal fault developed during post-collisional uplift (Fig. 1).

Metapelites of the Jingok unit can be grouped into three zones with a typical Barrovian paragenetic sequence, increasing in grade southward (garnet → staurolite → kyanite zone) (Fig. 1b). The occurrences of garnet, garnet + staurolite, and garnet + staurolite + kyanite, respectively,

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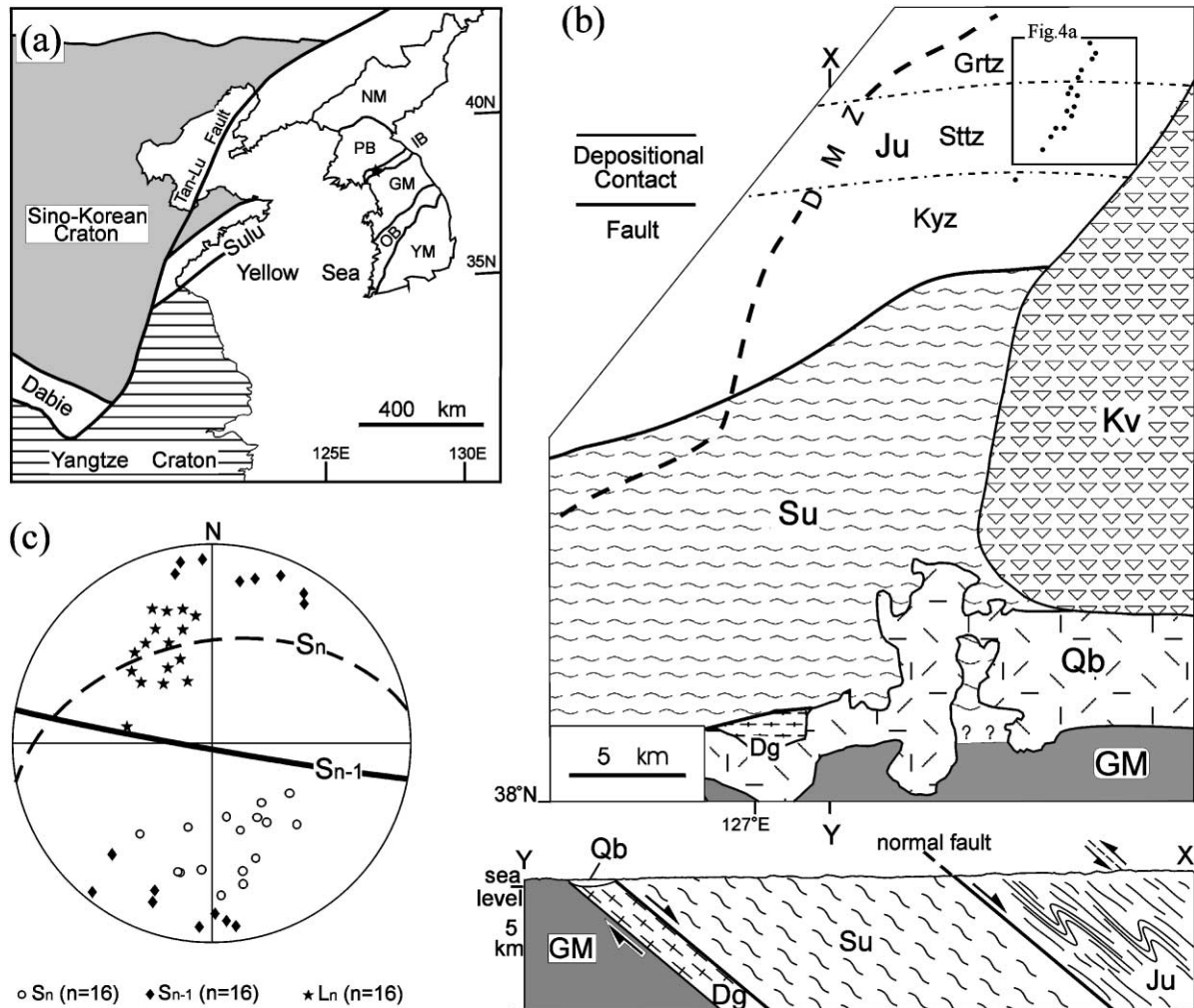


Fig. 1. (a) Simplified geologic map of northeast Asia. NM = Nangrim massif, PB = Pyeongnam basin, IB = Imjingang belt, GM = Gyeonggi massif, OB = Ogcheon belt, YM = Yeongnam massif. The Yeoncheon area of (b) is represented by a star. (b) Geologic map and schematic cross-section of Yeoncheon area (after Ree et al., 1996): Ju = Jingok unit, Grtz = garnet zone, Sttz = staurolite zone, Kyz = kyanite zone, Su = Samgot unit, Dg = deformed granitoid, GM = Gyeonggi massifs gneiss, Kv = Cretaceous (?) tuff, Qb = Quaternary basalt, DMZ = southern boundary of the Demilitarized Zone. Solid dots represent the outcrops where the attitude of  $S_{n-1}$  was measured using inclusion trails within garnet porphyroblasts. (c) Stereogram of lineation ( $L_n$ ), and poles to  $S_n$  and  $S_{n-1}$ . Great circles represent mean  $S_n$  and  $S_{n-1}$ . Lower-hemisphere, equal-area projection.

are characteristics of the three zones (Ree et al., 1996). The penetrative foliation ( $S_n$ ) generally strikes east to northeast and dips consistently north at 40–50° (Fig. 1c). The foliation shows a strong down-dip mineral/elongation lineation that plunges north-northwest at 30–50°. The common occurrence of intrafolial folds of quartz-rich layers in an apparently simply foliated matrix on sections normal to the foliation and parallel to the lineation suggests an intense transposition. All sense of shear indicators including south vergent, tight to isoclinal mesoscopic folds, asymmetric strain shadows around porphyroblasts, and shear bands indicate a top-up-to-the-south (reverse) shear sense (Fig. 2). These structures are interpreted to have developed by contractional deformation, probably during the Permian–Triassic collision between the Sino–Korean and Yangtze cratons (Ree et al., 1996).

### 3. c-Axis fabric of quartz inclusions

#### 3.1. Garnet porphyroblast

The garnet porphyroblasts in the Jingok unit are equidimensional with a diameter of 1–2 mm. Most of the garnet porphyroblasts have straight inclusion trails oblique to an external foliation ( $S_e = S_n$ , formed during  $D_n$  deformation event) on planes normal to mineral/elongation lineation ( $A_{D_n}$  plane, facing south), and planes normal to the foliation and parallel to the lineation ( $B_{D_n}$  plane, facing east) (Figs. 2a and 3a). These inclusions are mostly quartz and some plagioclase with minor opaque grains. Quartz inclusions occur as single grain or polycrystalline aggregates. The quartz inclusions are equidimensional or elongated in the  $B_{D_n}$  plane with their arrangement defining straight inclusion

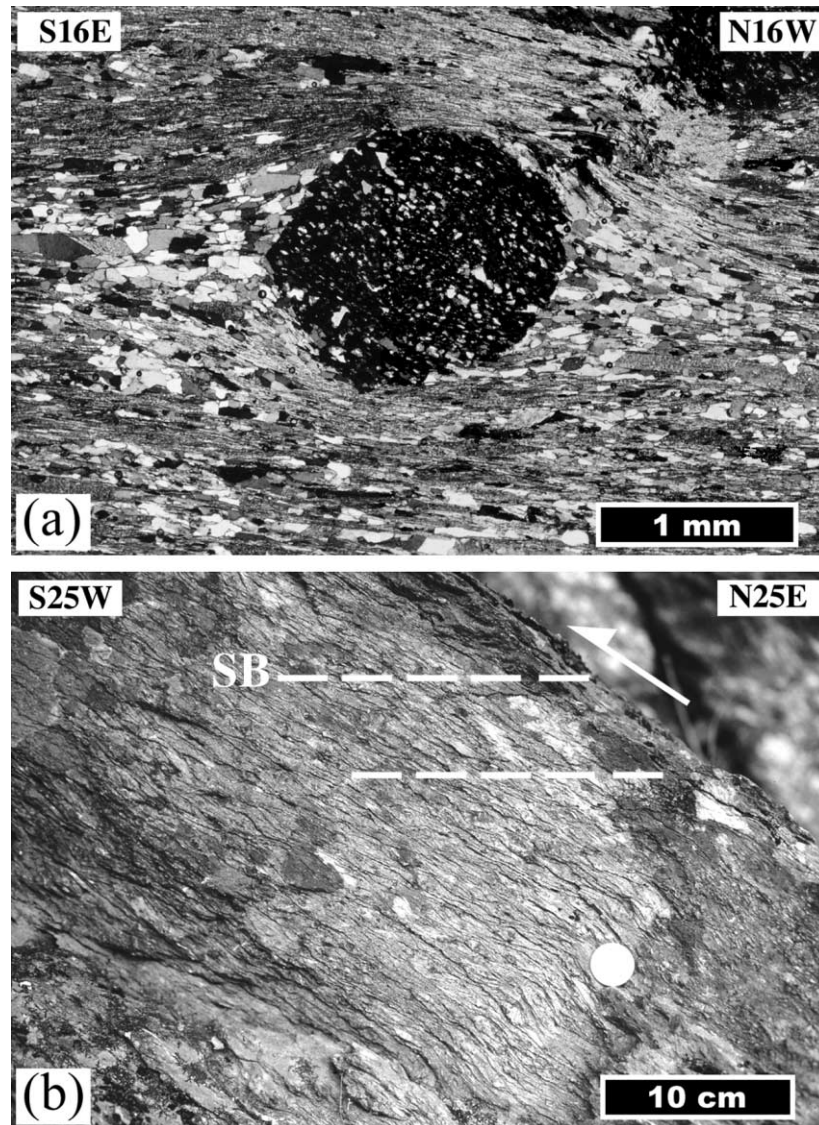
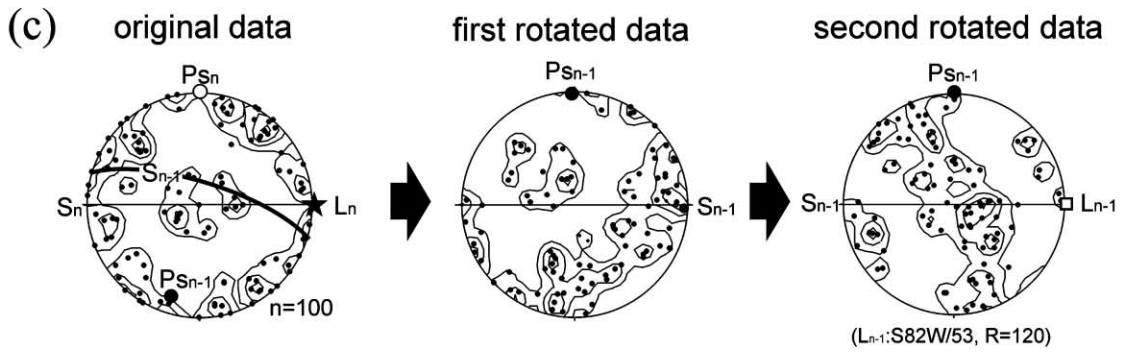
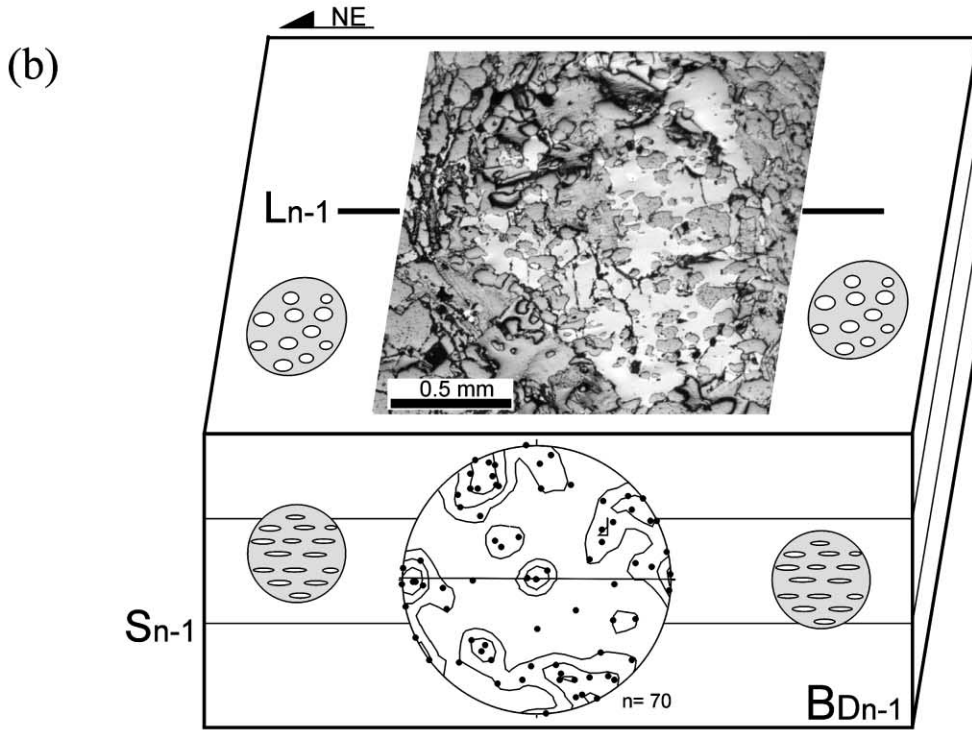
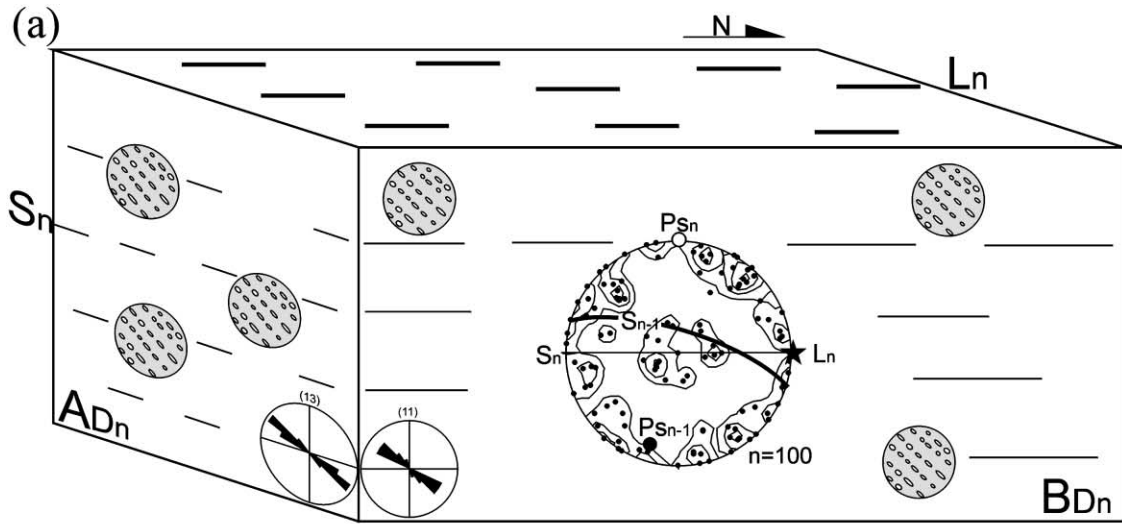


Fig. 2. (a) Photomicrograph of asymmetric strain shadow around garnet porphyroblast indicating top-up-to-the-south shear sense in the plane perpendicular to foliation ( $S_n$ ) and parallel to lineation ( $L_n$ ). Note the continuity between the inclusion trails ( $S_i$ ) and external foliation ( $S_n$ ). Cross-polarized light. (b) Outcrop photo of shear band indicating top-up-to-the-south shear sense. The outcrop face is roughly parallel to lineation ( $L_n$ ) and normal to foliation ( $S_n$ ).

trails ( $S_i$ ) (Fig. 2a). The size of quartz inclusions is variable (20–125  $\mu\text{m}$ ) in each garnet and smaller than that of quartz grains in the matrix (70–250  $\mu\text{m}$ ). Plagioclase inclusions are transparent without twinning and were distinguished from quartz inclusions using cathodoluminescence microscopy or electron microprobe analyses. Mostly internal foliation defined by inclusion trails ( $S_i$ ) and external foliation ( $S_e$ ) are continuous (Fig. 2a), but in some cases their continuity is not clear due to replacement of garnet rims by chlorite.

Jung et al. (1999) have identified by serial polishing and reflected-light microscopy that the inclusion trails within garnet porphyroblasts are a planar structure (internal foliation:  $S_i$ ). They have also interpreted that the garnet porphyroblasts grew after the formation of the earlier foliation (remained as  $S_i$  or  $S_{n-1}$  formed during  $D_{n-1}$

deformation event), but before the formation of  $S_n$  ( $= S_e$ ) or reorientation of  $S_{n-1}$ . They are therefore intertectonic porphyroblasts. Measurement of angles between  $S_i$  and  $S_e$  on two perpendicular planes (planes  $A_{D_n}$  and  $B_{D_n}$ ) from samples of sixteen outcrops shows that  $S_i$  orientation of individual garnets is constant (with 5–30° variation) in each sample (Jung et al., 1999). The attitude of  $S_i$  in the geographic space (see Fig. 1c), determined by using its pitch angles on planes  $A_{D_n}$  and  $B_{D_n}$ , is more or less constant throughout the area (the value of 95% cone of confidence = 10.2°; see Jung et al., 1999). Jung et al. (1999) suggested that these intertectonic garnet porphyroblasts did not rotate with respect to the geographic reference frame during  $D_n$  deformation, mainly based on the inconsistency of shear sense inferred from the ‘classical’  $S_i/S_e$  relationship (assuming garnet rotation) with that inferred



from all other shear sense indicators (Fig. 2) and constant orientation of earlier foliation defined by inclusion trails. If so, the orientation of planar  $S_1$  within the garnet porphyroblasts represents the attitude of the earlier foliation ( $S_{n-1}$ ) developed during the earlier deformation ( $D_{n-1}$ ).

Most quartz inclusions are optically strain-free, but some show evidence of plastic deformation (e.g. undulose extinction and subgrains). Most boundaries between quartz grains of inclusions are straight, although lobate boundaries indicating grain boundary migration occasionally occur.

### 3.2. Measurement of $c$ -axis of quartz inclusions on $B_{D_{n-1}}$ plane

Four samples from two outcrops (YC083 from garnet zone and YC045 from staurolite zone) of the Jingok unit were prepared for measuring the  $c$ -axis orientations of quartz inclusions within garnet porphyroblasts using a universal stage. Thin sections for measuring the  $c$ -axis of quartz inclusions were made in the plane normal to  $S_{n-1}$  and parallel to  $L_{n-1}$  ( $B_{D_{n-1}}$  plane). The attitude of  $S_{n-1}$  ( $= S_i$ ) was determined by using its pitch angles on two mutually perpendicular planes normal to  $S_n$ , as mentioned earlier. The reflected light photomicrograph (Fig. 3b) shows inclusion shapes on  $S_{n-1}$  plane less elongated than the inclusion shapes observed on  $A_{D_n}$  and  $B_{D_n}$  planes (Fig. 2a). This confirms that our method determining  $S_{n-1}$  plane using the pitch angles is reasonable. The earlier lineation ( $L_{n-1}$ ) is defined by a preferred orientation of elongated quartz inclusions on planes parallel to  $S_{n-1}$  (see photo of Fig. 3b). The orientation of this  $L_{n-1}$  measured on  $S_{n-1}$  plane is more or less constant through the area with the average trend and plunge of  $S70^\circ W$  and  $50^\circ$ , respectively (see Fig. 4b).

The  $c$ -axis fabric measured on the  $B_{D_{n-1}}$  plane tends to show a single girdle pattern at a high angle to  $S_{n-1}$  (stereograms of (1) and (2) of outcrops of YC083 and YC045 in Fig. 4). Also, a sub-maximum of  $c$ -axis tends to occur subparallel to  $L_{n-1}$  (flow direction of  $D_{n-1}$ ), particularly for sample YC045.

### 3.3. $c$ -Axis fabric on $B_{D_n}$ plane

Interpretation of  $c$ -axis fabric of quartz inclusions on  $B_{D_{n-1}}$  plane is also possible with the  $c$ -axis fabric data of quartz inclusions measured on the  $B_{D_n}$  plane, if an appropriate rotation of  $c$ -axis data is applied. Three thin sections (YC083 from garnet zone, and YC302 and YC045 from staurolite zone) of the Jingok unit, cut parallel to plane

$B_{D_n}$  (prepared for kinematic studies of  $D_n$ ), were used for measuring the  $c$ -axis of quartz inclusions within garnet porphyroblasts.

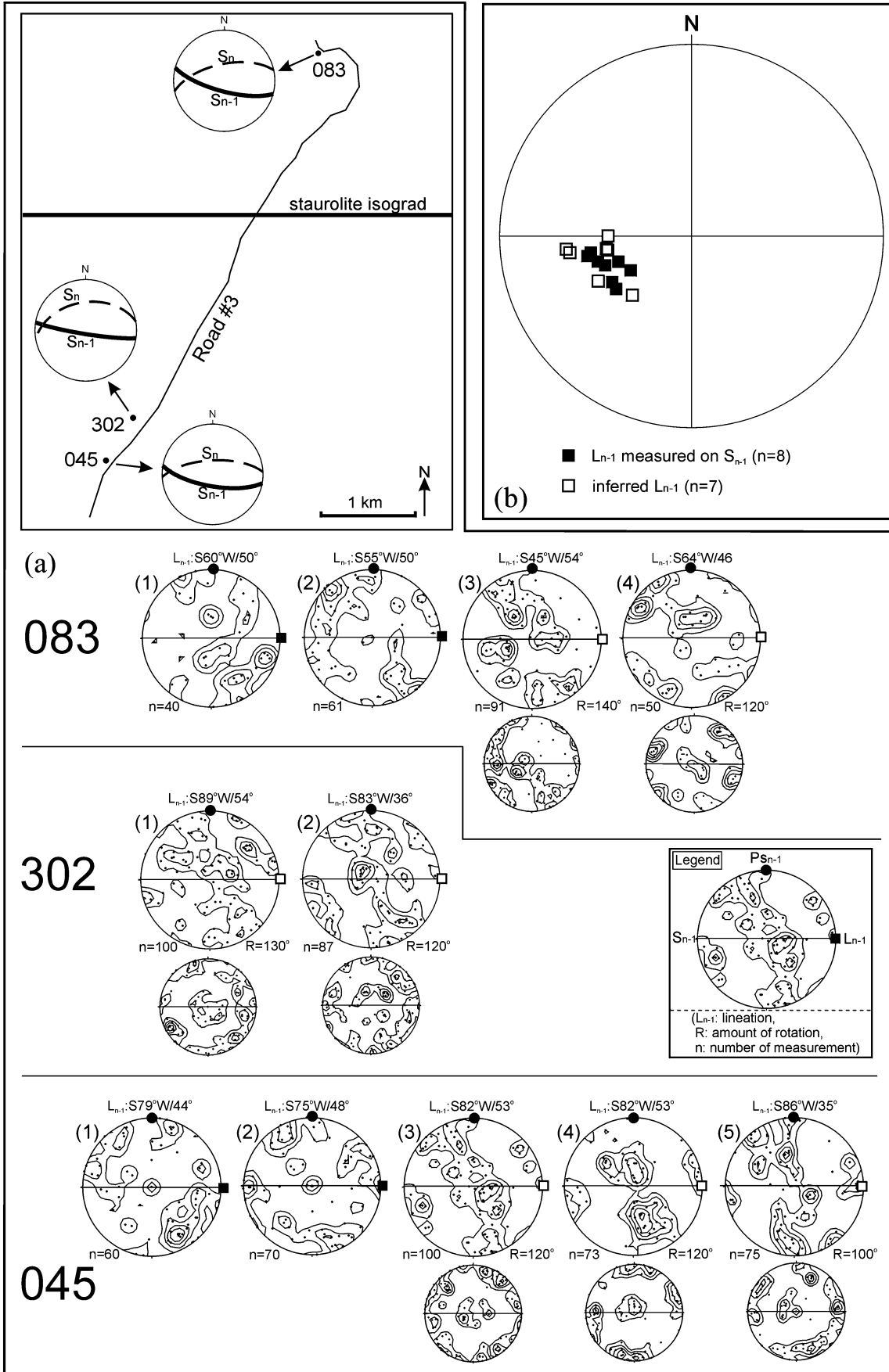
To make a kinematic interpretation of  $D_{n-1}$ , a method similar to that of MacCready (1996) was employed. Fig. 3c illustrates the method using the  $c$ -axis data of quartz inclusions within a garnet porphyroblast from outcrop YC045. The left stereogram shows the  $c$ -axis data of quartz inclusions within a garnet porphyroblast measured in a thin section parallel to plane  $B_{D_n}$  (see Fig. 3a).  $c$ -Axis fabric of quartz inclusions show a preferred orientation with a clustering on the primitive circle of the stereogram. The central stereogram shows the first rotated result so that  $S_{n-1}$  becomes the equatorial great circle of stereogram, using STEREO PLOT version 3 (Mancktelow, 1995). This was subsequently rotated clockwise at various amounts with the rotation axis being the pole to  $S_{n-1}$ . The right stereogram shows the most reasonable pattern in which the  $c$ -axis girdle is at a high angle to  $S_{n-1}$  with a sub-maximum sub-perpendicular to the girdle.  $L_{n-1}$  can be inferred to be at  $90^\circ$  from the center of the stereogram along the  $S_{n-1}$  plane when rotated  $c$ -axis data show a reasonable fabric pattern comparable with typical published ones with the assumption of monoclinic flow (e.g. Lister and Hobbs, 1980; Schmid and Casey, 1986; Law, 1990; MacCready, 1996) and also to the  $c$ -axis pattern directly measured on  $B_{D_{n-1}}$  as described earlier. Thus, the trend and plunge of the  $L_{n-1}$  inferred from the rotation of  $c$ -axis data in this sample are  $S82^\circ W$  and  $53^\circ$ , respectively.

Fig. 4 shows rotated quartz  $c$ -axis data within seven garnet porphyroblasts from three outcrops (stereograms (3) and (4) of YC083, (1) and (2) of YC302, and (3), (4), and (5) of YC045). After the rotation steps mentioned earlier, all samples show a single girdle pattern of  $c$ -axes.  $c$ -Axis fabrics from outcrops YC302 and YC045 tend to show a sub-maximum at a high angle to the girdle (or subparallel to inferred  $L_{n-1}$ ). The inferred earlier lineation ( $L_{n-1}$ ) is subparallel not only to each other but also to  $L_{n-1}$  directly measured on  $S_{n-1}$  plane with its average trend and plunge of  $S78^\circ W$  and  $48^\circ$ , respectively (Fig. 4b).  $c$ -Axis fabric obtained from this method is also similar to that directly measured on  $B_{D_{n-1}}$  plane (Fig. 4a).

## 4. Discussion

The quartz inclusions within intertectonic garnet porphyroblasts in the Jingok unit tend to display a single-girdle  $c$ -axis

Fig. 3. (a) Rose diagrams of  $S_{n-1}$  orientation of sample YC045 on planes  $A_{D_n}$  and  $B_{D_n}$  with  $S_n$  ( $= S_0$ ) as the horizontal reference line. The number on top of the rose diagram indicates number of garnet porphyroblasts measured. Schematic diagram of garnets with straight inclusion trails is shown on planes  $A_{D_n}$  and  $B_{D_n}$ .  $c$ -Axis fabric of quartz inclusions within a garnet porphyroblast measured on  $B_{D_n}$  plane is also shown.  $P_{S_n}$ : pole to  $S_n$ .  $P_{S_{n-1}}$ : pole to  $S_{n-1}$ . (b)  $c$ -Axis fabric of quartz inclusions within garnet porphyroblast measured on  $B_{D_{n-1}}$  plane and photomicrograph showing  $L_{n-1}$  defined by preferred orientation of elongated quartz inclusions within garnet on  $S_{n-1}$  plane. Contours 1, 2 and 3% per 1% area. Lower-hemisphere, equal-area projection. Schematic shapes of quartz inclusions within garnet are shown on  $S_{n-1}$  plane and  $B_{D_{n-1}}$  plane. (c) Left:  $c$ -axis fabric of quartz inclusions as in (b). Center:  $c$ -axis fabric after rotation so that  $S_{n-1}$  becomes the equatorial great circle of stereogram. Right:  $c$ -axis fabric after further rotation with the pole to  $S_{n-1}$  as the rotation axis until the  $c$ -axis girdle becomes at a high angle to  $S_{n-1}$ .  $R$ : rotation angle. See text for details.



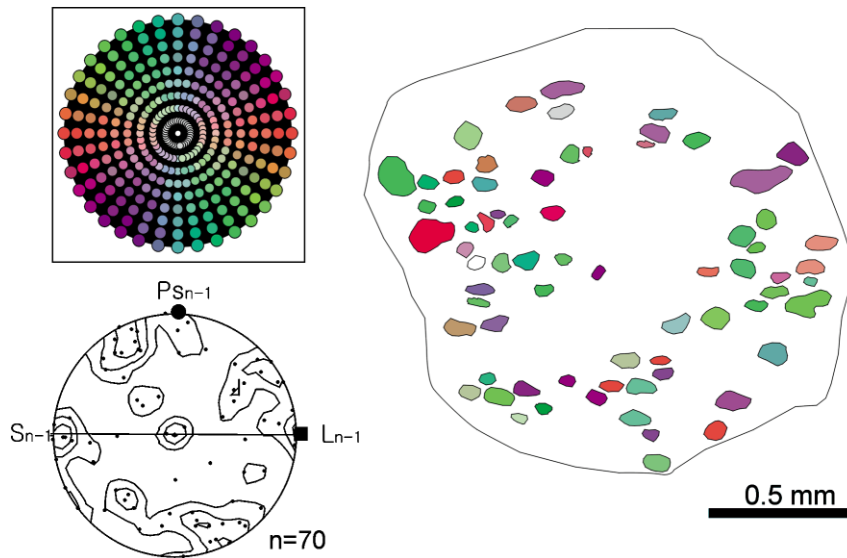


Fig. 5. AVA diagram and  $c$ -axis fabric of quartz inclusions within a garnet porphyroblast on  $B_{D_{n-1}}$  plane. Color chart in the box is the reference for the  $c$ -axis orientation. Contours 1, 2 and 3% per 1% area. Lower-hemisphere, equal-area projection.

fabric together with a sub-maximum of  $c$ -axis subparallel to an earlier lineation ( $L_{n-1}$ ). The single-girdle pattern of  $c$ -axis fabric can be interpreted as resulting from intracrystalline deformation under a bulk non-coaxial flow regime with the operation of basal, prism and rhomb slip systems (Schmid and Casey, 1986; Knipe and Law, 1987; Law, 1990). Also, the reliable movement sense of the earlier deformation can be inferred from the obliquity of the  $c$ -axis girdle with respect to the earlier foliation, assuming a monoclinic flow. The obliquity of the  $c$ -axis girdles consistently indicates a top-up-to-the-NE movement sense for the earlier deformation (sinistral in Figs. 3b and 4a). Of course, the  $c$ -axis fabric clustering on the primitive circle (i.e.  $c$ -axis pattern before our two stages of rotation or measured in the  $B_{D_n}$  plane) can be formed on the vorticity profile plane in an  $X_I$ -shear zone (Passchier, 1998) or in a triclinic shear zone (Jiang and Williams, 1998). Structural evidence to determine the flow type of  $D_{n-1}$  deformation is scarce due to the intense  $D_n$  deformation in the study area, although the earlier structural elements have been reported to be better preserved in the less deformed area of the North Korean side of the Imjingang belt (Yamaguchi, 1951).

The sub-maximum of quartz  $c$ -axis that lies close to the earlier lineation can be attributed to; (1) operation of prism  $\langle c \rangle$  slip, (2) entrapment of quartz grains growing in strain shadow areas with their  $c$ -axis parallel to the extension direction, (3) inheritance from originally elongated detrital quartz grains with their longer dimension parallel to the

$c$ -axis, (4) selective entrapment of quartz grains with a specific crystallographic orientation during the garnet growth, and (5) entrapment of quartz grains most resistant to dissolution and possibly grains grown with  $c$ -axis parallel to elongation direction via solution transfer. We discuss these possibilities below.

A  $c$ -axis fabric parallel to the elongation lineation has commonly been interpreted to indicate the operation of prism  $\langle c \rangle$  slip (e.g. Mainprice et al., 1986). The activation of prism  $\langle c \rangle$  slip system requires a high temperature usually under upper amphibolite or granulite facies condition (e.g. Behr, 1980; Lister and Dornsiepen, 1982; Blumenfeld et al., 1986; Mainprice et al., 1986), although Garbutt and Teyssier (1991) reported the operation of prism  $\langle c \rangle$  slip under epidote–amphibolite facies condition with a circulation of hot fluids. However, there is no evidence of such a high metamorphic condition in the study area prior to the Barrovian-type regional metamorphism during which garnet porphyroblasts grew (Yamaguchi, 1951; Ree et al., 1996; Ahn, 1999).

Quartz grains growing in strain shadow and pull-apart areas tend to have their  $c$ -axis parallel to the extension direction (e.g. Hippertt, 1993; Stallard and Shelley, 1995). If the quartz grains growing in strain shadow areas are successively entrapped in a growing garnet porphyroblast, these quartz grains with their  $c$ -axis parallel to the extension direction should show a spatial distribution within the garnet porphyroblast. However, there is no such a spatial distribution of quartz grains with a specific  $c$ -axis orientation within

Fig. 4. (a)  $c$ -Axis fabric stereograms of quartz inclusions within garnet on  $B_{D_{n-1}}$  plane from three outcrops. Stereograms with  $R$  (rotation) value represent  $c$ -axis fabrics obtained by the rotation procedure as in Fig. 3(c). Smaller stereograms show  $c$ -axis fabrics before the rotation procedure. Those without  $R$  show  $c$ -axis fabrics directly measured on  $B_{D_{n-1}}$  plane. Legend for symbols is shown in box. Contours 1, 2, 3 and 4% per 1% area. (b) Stereogram of measured  $L_{n-1}$  (filled square) and inferred  $L_{n-1}$  (open square). Lower-hemisphere, equal-area projection.

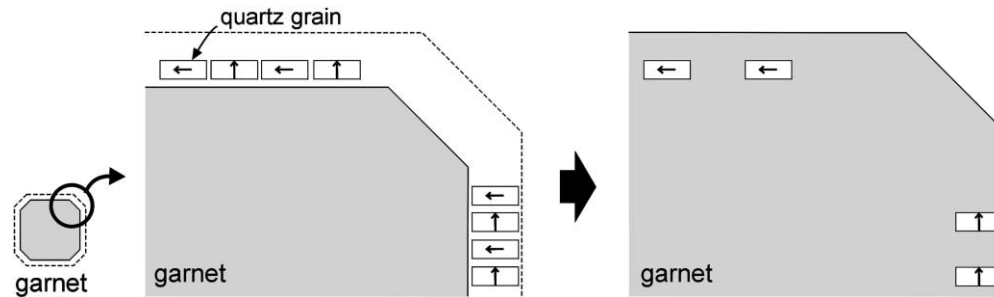


Fig. 6. Schematic diagram illustrating selective entrapment of quartz grains with *c*-axis at a low angle to the migrating phase boundaries between garnet and quartz (see text for details). The arrow in each quartz grain indicates the *c*-axis orientation.

garnet porphyroblasts in the study area, as seen in the AVA diagram of Fig. 5.

It has been suggested that elongated clastic quartz grains preferentially broken parallel to prism faces can have a preferred orientation of *c*-axis due to a mechanical rotation during deposition and compaction (e.g. Bloss and Gibbs, 1963; Stallard and Shelley, 1995). If the extension direction of a subsequent deformation happens to be parallel to the *c*-axis preferred orientation of this sedimentary origin, then the deformed rocks may have a *c*-axis preferred orientation of quartz grains parallel to the elongation lineation. However, this is an unusual case and the original *c*-axis fabric of sedimentary origin can easily be modified during the subsequent plastic deformation unless there is a high-temperature deformation favoring prism  $\langle c \rangle$  slip.

There is a possibility that a garnet porphyroblast selectively entrapped quartz grains with a specific lattice orientation. Fig. 6 schematically illustrates a two-dimensional situation where the selective entrapment occurs due to the preferred dissolution of quartz grains with a certain lattice orientation during garnet growing reaction. It is assumed in Fig. 6 that quartz grains with their *c*-axis at a high angle to the migrating phase boundary are preferably dissolved. Then it is expected that each growth sector of a garnet porphyroblast will incorporate quartz grains with their *c*-axis at a low angle to the sweeping phase boundary and that *c*-axis of quartz inclusions will show a spatial or sectorial distribution depending on the orientation of the sweeping phase boundary. However the AVA diagram (Fig. 5) does not show a domianial quartz *c*-axis fabric. Still, this possibility may not be ruled out simply based on the absence of domianial distribution of *c*-axes, because the migrating velocity of a phase boundary is known to be dependent of the lattice orientation of neighboring phases incorporated (Gleiter, 1969). Furthermore, if we consider a three-dimensional situation where each lattice plane of quartz grains has a different dissolution rate during garnet growing reaction, the entrapment process and the resulting *c*-axis fabric of quartz inclusions will be complicated and this should be explored further in the future.

Finally, it is well known that the degree of the pressure solution of quartz grains depends on their crystallographic

orientation with respect to the shortening axis (e.g. Hicks et al., 1986; Tullis, 1989; Hippertt, 1994; Becker, 1995; Den Brok, 1996; Takeshita and Hara, 1998). Becker (1995) and Den Brok (1996) suggested that quartz grains with *c*-axis at a small angle from the shortening direction exhibit the least amount of pressure solution. In contrast, Hicks et al. (1986), Tullis (1989) and Hippertt (1994) suggested that both dissolution and growth parallel to *c*-axis of quartz grains are faster than other directions. If so, *c*-axis fabric parallel to the extension direction can be induced by a selective removal of quartz grains with *c*-axis subparallel to the shortening direction associated with precipitation and growth with *c*-axis parallel to the extension direction (Tullis, 1989; Hippertt, 1994; Takeshita and Hara, 1998). The role of pressure solution in developing *c*-axis fabric parallel to the lineation is difficult to identify in our samples because most of the quartz inclusions are monocrystals and because grain boundaries of polycrystalline inclusions of quartz with signatures of pressure solution should have been modified due to a thermal effect during the subsequent Barrovian-type regional metamorphism producing inter-tectonic garnet porphyroblasts. Interestingly, Hippertt (1994) has reported the *c*-axis fabric similar to ours (single girdle at a high angle to foliation with a sub-maximum parallel to elongation lineation) from natural phyllonite. Hippertt (1994) interpreted this as intracrystalline deformation and pressure solution playing an essential role in developing the single-girdle fabric and a sub-maximum of *c*-axis parallel to elongation lineation, respectively.

In summary, the *c*-axis fabric of quartz inclusions within inter-tectonic garnet porphyroblasts from the Jingok unit of the southern Imjingang belt might result from intracrystalline deformation possibly together with pressure solution prior to the garnet growth. Alternatively, the lattice preferred orientation of quartz inclusions might be produced by the selective entrapment of quartz grains with a certain lattice orientation during the growth of garnet porphyroblasts. If the lattice preferred orientation of quartz inclusions within porphyroblasts is induced by dislocation creep prior to the entrapment, our study suggests that even slip systems, dynamic recovery processes and temperature condition of deformation earlier than porphyroblast growth may be unraveled.



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