Introduction

Oxygen isotope compositions referred as $\delta^{18}$O (the $^{18}$O/$^{16}$O ratio) in per mil $\%_\text{o}$, in the sample relative to Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water (VSMOW) provide important constraints on understanding the origin of melt (magma source) and fluids derived from the dehydration of subducted crust (metamorphism) and late-stage events (hydrothermal alteration). Typical mantle-derived rocks (unaltered basaltic/gabbro) show a narrow range of $\delta^{18}$O values ca. +5.7 to +0.3$\%_\text{o}$ but exhibit a wider range if basalts/gabbros are altered ca. 0 to +12$\%_\text{o}$ (Kolodny and Epstein, 1976; Muehlenbachs, 1998; Valley et al., 2005; Hoefs, 2009 and references therein). The wide range of $\delta^{18}$O values in rock represents the interaction of surface waters in the Earth's rock cycle. In addition, melting of $^{18}$O-rich crustal rocks can result in magmas with elevated $\delta^{18}$O values. Hydrothermal alteration is another important mechanism that modifies $\delta^{18}$O values in rocks and their constituent minerals (e.g., Eiler et al., 1998). Generally, igneous rocks of crustal origin (granitoids) exhibit $\delta^{18}$O values in a range from ca. +5 to +8$\%_\text{o}$ in the so-called “I-type granites”, from +9 to +12$\%_\text{o}$ in the so-called “S-type granites”, and the values further increase in rocks derived from sedimentary sources or their metamorphosed equivalents ca. +12 to +20$\%_\text{o}$ (Kolodny and Epstein, 1976; Muehlenbachs, 1998; Valley et al., 2005; Hoefs, 2009). Therefore, study of the oxygen isotope compositions in rocks and their constituent minerals helps in understanding the magmatic source and their isotopic variations evidence the effects of late-stage geological processes.

Southwest Japan is divided into the Inner Zone (Japan Sea side) and the Outer Zone (Pacific Ocean side) separated by a regional tectonic contact known as the Median Tectonic Line or “MTL” (Miyashiro, 1961). The Inner Zone is characterized by Paleozoic to Mesozoic sedimentary and low–pressure/high–temperature (LP/HT) metamorphic sequence and intrusive rocks. The Outer Zone is represented by the high–pressure/low–temperature (HP/LT) Sanbagawa metamorphic belt, and relatively younger Shimanto belt accretionary complex (Iida et al., 2015 and references therein). The Ryoke and Sanbagawa metamorphic belts form the classic ‘paired’ metamorphic belts of southwest Japan reported by a number of authors (e.g., Miyashiro, 1961, 1973; Banno and Nakajima, 1992; Brown, 1998, 2010; Wallis and Okudaira, 2016). The metasedimentary successions and associated granitoids provide natural sites to understand the subduction and collision-related processes, thermal regimes, and tectonic settings where the subducted plate (along the Pacific Ocean side) preserves the HP/LT lithologies and the overriding plate (along the Japan Sea side) retains the LP/HT metamorphic rocks and emplacement of the contemporaneous granitoids.
The Ryoke metamorphic belt (Fig. 1a) is mainly composed of pelitic-psammitic schists and gneisses that display a well-developed foliation along the strike (east-west trend) of the belt, and intruded by numerous granitoid bodies that are further subdivided into the San-ya belt granites to the north and the Ryoke belt granites to the south (Kojima, 1953; Okamura, 1957, 1960; Koide, 1958; Miyashiro, 1961; Hayasaka et al., 1983; Higashimoto et al., 1983; Kagami et al., 1992; Nakajima, 1994, 2018; Yamamoto, 1994; Isozaki, 1996; Maruyama et al., 1997; Brown, 1998; Jahn, 2010; Terabayashi et al., 2010 and references cited therein). A number of publications have discussed the tectono-metamorphic relationships of metamorphic rocks and granitoids. A general consensus exists that schists and gneiss of the Ryoke metamorphic belt, particularly in the Southwest Japan, were thermally affected by the intruding granitoids (e.g., Nureki, 1974; Ikeda, 1993, 1998; Okudaira et al., 1993, 2009). Several granitoids are considered to be syn-tectonic (syn-deformational) whereas others are post-tectonic (Higashimoto et al., 1983; Okudaira et al., 1995; Suzuki et al., 1996; Suzuki and Adachi, 1998). Therefore, regional metamorphism and intrusive granite magmatism are closely associated. In addition, ubiquitous quartz veins (foliation-parallel and foliation-normal) are observed that penetrate through the schists.

Miyashiro (1967) discussed that the formation of paired metamorphic belts in the Japanese islands during the Cretaceous time was due to the convection and mantle degassing along the deep-reaching shear zones. This process likely resulted in generating the granitic magma due to partial melting of the overlying continental crust, assimilating the country rocks during the magma ascent. Contamination of magma by the overlying sedimentary successions is likely in such situations. Investigating oxygen isotope ($^{18}\text{O} / {^{16}\text{O}}$) values of quartz, a dominant constituent mineral of granites, surrounding metamorphic rocks, and in the penetrating quartz veins that preserve geochemical records) is therefore useful to understand the origin of granitic magma, the effects from the surrounding metasedimentary sources on the magma, and role of fluids that precipitated the late-stage quartz veins within the metamorphic rocks. Although previous studies (Matsuhisa et al., 1972; Honma and Sakai, 1975; Ishihara, 1977; Kagami et al., 1992; Ishihara and Matsuhisa, 2002) reported oxygen isotope data for granites from the San-ya and Ryoke belts and the surrounding metamorphic rocks,

![Figure 1. (a) A simplified sketch showing the location of San-ya, Ryoke, and Sanbagawa belts in the Inner and Outer Zones of southwest Japan. Box in the middle represents the area of this study. (b) Simplified geological map showing the granites of the San-ya and Ryoke belts and schists/gneisses of the Ryoke metamorphic belt exposed in the Iwakuni area (modified after Higashimoto et al., 1983). Metamorphic zonation is adopted from Ikeda (1993, 2004). Samples used in this study were collected from locations marked as filled circles with labels (see details in Table 1 for sample descriptions). (c) Enlarged view of the box shown in Fig. 1b with samples collected and are marked as filled circles with labels.](image-url)
Granitic bodies exposed in the Iwakuni area in southwest Japan are subdivided into two major zonal arrangements known as the San-yo belt (also known as the Hiroshima Granites) in the north and the Ryoke belt in the south (Fig. 1b). Granites in the San-yo belt are further subdivided into Iwakuni Granite, Shimokuhara Granite, and Habu Granodiorite whereas those in the Ryoke belt include Kibe Granite, Namera Granite, Sso Granodiorite, Gamano Granodiorite, and Tengadake Migmatite (Higashimoto et al., 1983). In places, subparallel dikes of granite porphyry known as the “Rokuroshi granite porphyry dike swarm” (Higashimoto et al., 1983) intrude the metamorphic rocks and the Iwakuni Granite (Fig. 1c). Based on structural features and geochemistry, granites from the San-yo belt were interpreted as predominantly of I-type that formed at shallow crustal conditions whereas granites from the Ryoke belt were regarded as deep facies (Ishihara, 1977; Nakajima, 1994; Kagami et al., 1992).

Radiometric dating of the granites of the San-yo and Ryoke belts shows an age span between 112 and 70 Ma, based on the Rb–Sr, K–Ar age of biotite and whole-rock data, U–Pb age of zircon, and U–Th–Pb CHIME age of monazite (Kawano and Ueda, 1966; Shigeno and Yamaguchi, 1976; Higashimoto et al., 1983; Okano and Honma, 1983; Kagami et al., 1988; Nakajima et al., 1990, 1993; Nakajima, 1994, 2018; Okuda and Terabayashi, 1995; Suzuki et al., 1996; Herzig et al., 1998; Suzuki and Adachi, 1998). Based on the U–Pb zircon ages, Skrzypek et al. (2016) refined the span between 105 and 94 Ma for the Ryoke granites. Granites in the San-yo belt also revealed more or less identical ages to those in the Ryoke belt, spanning between 124 to 90 Ma (Higashimoto et al., 1983; Owada et al., 1995; Suzuki et al., 1996; Suzuki and Adachi, 1998). Mateen et al. (2019) carried out U–Pb combined with Hf isotope analysis on zircons separated from granites from the San-yo and Ryoke belts and revealed an age span of 106 to 92 Ma.

Ikeda (1993, 1998) identified six metamorphic zones (from north to south) in the Ryoke belt as (1) the chlorite Zone, (2) the chlorite–biotite Zone, (3) the biotite Zone, (4) the muscovite–cordierite Zone, (5) the K-feldspar–cordierite Zone, and (6) the garnet–cordierite Zone (Fig. 1b). Radiometric dating of the metamorphic rocks is not very clear, especially for the lowest grade rocks because of their formation under lower temperature conditions which makes growth of the metamorphic zircons unlikely. Rather, the zircons or monazite that occur in these rocks may contain information about their detrital origin. Several earlier studies conducted on biotite (Rb–Sr and K–Ar) show coeval age range (105 to 65 Ma) for the Ryoke metamorphism similar to that found in the granite emplacement in the study area, however, the age data reported show older values in the west and younger in the east (Nakajima, 1994; Owada et al., 2014 and references therein). Skrzypek et al. (2018) revisited the age of the Ryoke metamorphic rocks and refined the span between 103 and 86 Ma on the basis of U–Pb on zircon and monazite. Terabayashi et al. (2010) reported a number of thin layers of siliceous schists within the biotite and muscovite–cordierite zones and numerous quartz veins that penetrate though the pelitic/siliceous schists (Fig. 2a).

**Sample Description**

Samples of granites from the San-yo and Ryoke belts (Fig. 1b), biotite and siliceous schists from the Ryoke metamorphic belt (Fig. 1c), and the penetrating quartz veins (Figs. 2a and 2b) were used for this study. Petrography and structural or textural features of some of the samples were reported in earlier studies (e.g., Terabayashi et al., 2010; Mateen et al., 2015, 2019). For the reader’s convenience, we reproduce the geological information that is related to this study.

Petrographic details of the San-yo belt granites (Figs. 3a and 3b), and the penetrative quartz veins (Figs. 2a and 2b) were used for this study. Petrography and structural or textural features of some of the samples were reported in earlier studies (e.g., Terabayashi et al., 2010; Mateen et al., 2015, 2019). For the reader’s convenience, we reproduce the geological information that is related to this study.

**Figure 2.** (a) Field photograph of the biotite schist, siliceous schist, and quartz veins that are concordant as well as discordant to the host metasedimentary rocks (image is taken from an outcrop marked as rectangular box in Fig. 1c, and is the same outcrop that was published in Terabayashi et al., 2010). (b) Sketch of the outcrop mentioned above, showing the biotite and siliceous schists, and the extensive networking of quartz veins. Samples collected are marked and details are shown in Table 1.
the Ryoke belt granites (Figs. 3c and 3d), Rokuroshi granite porphyry (Fig. 3e), biotite and siliceous schists and quartz veins (Fig. 3f-i) are presented as textural features. All the granites are medium to coarse-grained, displaying porphyritic textures. They are composed of Potassium feldspar (Kfs), quartz (Qtz), plagioclase (Pl), biotite (Bt), muscovite (Ms), and hornblende (Hbl), opaque minerals, and accessoryapatite, monazite, and zircon. The Rokuroshi granite porphyry (Fig. 3e) is characterized by fine-grained Qtz, Kfs, and Pl, with minor Bt and opaque minerals. A few Kfs phenocrysts are present surrounded by fine-grained matrix.

Biotite and siliceous schists are dominantly composed of Qtz, Bt, chlorite, and well-foliated, fine-grained matrix (Figs. 3f-3i). Moreover, biotite and siliceous schists contain numerous quartz veins which occur as foliation-parallel (marked as con qtz-veins on Fig. 3g) and foliation-normal (marked as dis qtz-veins on Figs. 3h and 3i) when viewed at outcrop-scale (Fig. 2a).

Analytical Methods

Quartz crystals (apparently clean with no visible inclusions; Fig. 4) from six crushed granitic samples (two from San-yo belt, three from Ryoke belt, and one from the Rokuroshi granite porphyry) were separated and analyzed for $\delta^{18}O$ values, defined as $\left[\left(^{18}O/^{16}O\right)_{\text{sample}}/\left(^{18}O/^{16}O\right)_{\text{standard}}\right] - 1 \times 10^3$. 

Figure 3. Photomicrographs displaying the textural features of granites from San-yo belt (a-b), Ryoke belt (c-d), and a granite porphyry dike (e). Photomicrographs displaying textural features of the Ryoke metamorphic rocks (f-h) biotite schist, (i) siliceous schist, and foliation-parallel and foliation-normal quartz veins (g-i).

Figure 4. Photomicrograph of representative quartz separates, used for oxygen isotope analysis.
In order to understand the effect of granites on metamorphic rocks or vice versa, we also analyzed quartz crystals that were separated from two biotite schist samples and four siliceous schist samples from the Ryoke metamorphic belt. Furthermore, to understand the source of fluids that formed these veins, we analyzed quartz crystals that were separated from the foliation-parallel and foliation-normal quartz veins within the biotite and siliceous schists (see details in Table 1). The analyses were conducted at the Institute of Earth Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taiwan using the Finnigan MAT 252 mass spectrometer. The precision of individual analyses of the NBS-28 quartz standard (+9.6‰) and unknown samples (this study) was better than ±0.2‰. The results of 18O/16O ratios are reported in per mil “‰” relative to the VSMOW. Petrographic summary and δ18O values are presented in Table 1. Whole-rock major oxides (wt.%) and trace element contents (ppm) were analyzed on fused glass beads, prepared from 0.4 g sample powder mixed with 4 g of lithium tetraborate, using the X-Ray Fluorescence spectrometer (Rigaku ZSX-100e) housed at Kagoshima University’s Division of Instrumental Analysis Research Support Center and the results are shown in Table 2. During XRF analysis 14 standard reference materials of the GSJ (JA-1, JA-2, JA-3, JB-1a, JB-2, JB-3, JF-1, JF-2, JG-1, JG-1a, JG-2, JG-3, JGb-1, and JP-1; Imai et al., 1995) were used for.

| Sample | Locality Type | Latitude (N°), Longitude (E°) | Mineral assemblage | δ18O repeat (‰) | U-Pb age (Ma) 1σ (Ma) εHf (t) range | inferred age |
|--------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| **Granites (San-yo belt)** |
| T-7    | Iwakuni Granite granite | 34° 06' 46" N, 132° 11' 00" E | Qtz, Pl, Kfs, Bt | 9.7                    | 9.7                  | 103.8 ± 1.5 (-18.1 to -1.4) |
| T-2    | Shimokuhara Granite granite | 34° 07' 07" N, 132° 08' 03" E | Qtz, Pl, Kfs, Bt | 12.4 12.9 | 103.8 ± 1.5 (-18.1 to -1.4) |
| **Granites (Ryoke belt)** |
| T-6    | Kibe Granite granite | 34° 01' 41" N, 132° 09' 44" E | Qtz, Pl, Kfs, Bt | 11.3                    | 11.3                  | 103.8 ± 1.5 (-18.1 to -1.4) |
| T-3    | Namera Granite granite | 34° 03' 15" N, 132° 08' 37" E | Qtz, Pl, Kfs, Bt, Ms | 12.5 12.4 | 106.3 ± 1.6 (-4.8 to -2.8) |
| T-5    | Gamano Granodiorite granodiorite | 34° 02' 13" N, 132° 12' 02" E | Qtz, Pl, Kfs, Hbl, Bt | 11.3 11.5 | 92.3 ± 2.6 (-0.9 to +1.1) |
| **Granite porphyry** |
| T-1    | Rokuroshi porphyry dikes granite porphyry | 34° 06' 36" N, 132° 09' 14" E | Qtz, Pl, Kfs, Bt | 11.4 11.0 | 92.5 ± 1.6 (-0.3 to 0.0) |
| **Metamorphic rocks** |
| OA-46(H) | Biotite schist | 34° 06' 22" N, 132° 09' 57" E | Qtz, Bt, Pl | 17.3                    | 102 (?)                  | 103.8 ± 1.5 (-18.1 to -1.4) |
| OA-180(H) | Biotite schist | 34° 09' 39" N, 132° 09' 57" E | Qtz, Bt, Pl | 15.1                    | 102 (?)                  | 103.8 ± 1.5 (-18.1 to -1.4) |
| B-5    | Siliceous schist | 34° 09' 39" N, 132° 09' 57" E | Qtz, Ms, Pl | 16.6                    | 90 (?)                  | 103.8 ± 1.5 (-18.1 to -1.4) |
| OA-77  | Siliceous schist | 34° 06' 39" N, 132° 09' 57" E | Qtz, Ms, Pl | 17.8                    | 90 (?)                  | 103.8 ± 1.5 (-18.1 to -1.4) |
| OA-182(H) | Siliceous schist | 34° 09' 39" N, 132° 09' 57" E | Qtz, Ms, Pl | 16.4                    | 90 (?)                  | 103.8 ± 1.5 (-18.1 to -1.4) |
| T-9(H) | Siliceous schist | 34° 06' 39" N, 132° 09' 57" E | Qtz, Ms, Pl | 17.1                    | 90 (?)                  | 103.8 ± 1.5 (-18.1 to -1.4) |
| **Quartz veins Host-rock** |
| OA-180(V) | Biotite schist foliation-parallel | 34° 06' 39" N, 132° 09' 57" E | Qtz | 16.6                    | < 90 (?)                  | 103.8 ± 1.5 (-18.1 to -1.4) |
| OA-46(V) | Biotite schist foliation-normal | 34° 06' 22" N, 132° 09' 57" E | Qtz | 17.3                    | < 90 (?)                  | 103.8 ± 1.5 (-18.1 to -1.4) |
| OA-182(V) | Siliceous schist foliation-normal | 34° 06' 39" N, 132° 09' 57" E | Qtz | 17.2                    | < 90 (?)                  | 103.8 ± 1.5 (-18.1 to -1.4) |
| T-8(V) | Siliceous schist foliation-normal | 34° 06' 39" N, 132° 09' 57" E | Qtz | 17.6                    | < 90 (?)                  | 103.8 ± 1.5 (-18.1 to -1.4) |
| T-9(V) | Siliceous schist foliation-normal | 34° 06' 39" N, 132° 09' 57" E | Qtz | 17.6 ?                   | < 90 (?)                  | 103.8 ± 1.5 (-18.1 to -1.4) |

Sample labels similar but with labels “H” mean host rock and with “V” mean silicic veins from the same locality. Values of the U-Pb age and εHf(t) of granite samples are obtained from zircons as reported in Mateen et al. (2019). Source for the age of metamorphic rocks is provided in main text. Age values for quartz veins (shown in bold italic fonts) are inferred and assumed to be younger than the host rocks due to their cross-cutting nature.

δ18O calculated as (Osample − Ostandard) × 1000 in which the STD is Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water (VSMOW) using the conventional BrF5 Fluorination technique after Clayton and Mayeda (1963). In order to understand the effect of granites on metamorphic rocks or vice versa, we also analyzed quartz crystals that were separated from two biotite schist samples and four siliceous schist samples from the Ryoke metamorphic belt. Furthermore, to understand the source of fluids that formed these veins, we analyzed quartz crystals that were separated from the foliation-parallel and foliation-normal quartz veins within the biotite and siliceous schists (see details in Table 1). The analyses were conducted at the Institute of Earth Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taiwan using the Finnigan MAT 252 mass spectrometer. The precision of individual analyses of the NBS-28 quartz standard (+9.6‰) and unknown samples (this study) was better than ±0.2‰. The results of 18O/16O ratios are reported in per mil “‰” relative to the VSMOW. Petrographic summary and δ18O values are presented in Table 1. Whole-rock major oxides (wt.%) and trace element contents (ppm) were analyzed on fused glass beads, prepared from 0.4 g sample powder mixed with 4 g of lithium tetraborate, using the X-Ray Fluorescence spectrometer (Rigaku ZSX-100e) housed at Kagoshima University’s Division of Instrumental Analysis Research Support Center and the results are shown in Table 2. During XRF analysis 14 standard reference materials of the GSJ (JA-1, JA-2, JA-3, JB-1a, JB-2, JB-3, JF-1, JF-2, JG-1, JG-1a, JG-2, JG-3, JGb-1, and JP-1; Imai et al., 1995) were used for.
analytical calibrations and matrix corrections. The detection limits of the XRF during the analyses were 0.01% for major elements, 0.001 ppm for trace elements such as Ba, Cr, Nb, Ni, Rb, Sr, V, Y, and Zr, and 1 ppm for U, Cl, Ga, Hf, Ta, Ce, Th, Pb, Zn, Nd and La.

### Results

#### Granites of the San-yo Belt

Quartz grains from the Shimokuhara Granite (marked T-2 on Fig. 1b) showed δ¹⁸O values of 12.4-12.9‰ (duplicate analysis). The Shimoku-...
show overlap to those found in the S-type granitic magmas ca. 9-12% (Harris et al., 1997; Valley et al., 2005). Whole-rock major oxides obtained from the XRF analysis yielded SiO$_2$ contents of 73.81-73.94 wt.% (duplicate analysis; Table 2) for the Namera Granite and 75.14 wt.% for the Kibe Granite. Quartz grains in the Gamano Granodiorite (marked T-5 on Fig. 1b) showed δ$^18$O value of 9.7‰, slightly higher than the values of typical I-type granite but display lower SiO$_2$ contents for the whole-rock (ca. 61.32 wt.%; Table 2).

**Granite Porphyry Dike**

Quartz grains from a dike that belongs to the Rokuroshi granite porphyry dike swarm (marked T-1 on Fig 1b) showed δ$^18$O values of 15.1 and 17.3‰, respectively. Whole-rock major oxides obtained from the XRF analysis showed SiO$_2$ contents of 65.46 wt.% (Table 2) from a biotite schist sample. Quartz grains from four samples of siliceous schist (B5, OA-77, OA-182H, and T-9H, Figs. 2a and 2b) exhibited a range of δ$^18$O values between 16.4 and 17.8‰. Whole-rock major oxides obtained from the XRF analysis showed SiO$_2$ contents of 68.65 wt.% (Table 2) from a biotite schist sample.

**Quartz Veins in the Ryoke Metamorphic Belt**

Similar results of δ$^18$O values (16.6-17.6‰, n = 5) were obtained from quartz crystals taken from veins that exist within the biotite and siliceous schists (Figs. 2a and 2b, and shown in Table 1). It is worthy to note that the δ$^18$O values of quartz veins, despite of their different structural occurrence such as foliation-parallel and/or foliation-normal, exhibited a very narrow range < 1‰.

**Interpretations of Results**

Numerous authors have discussed the occurrence, emplacement order, and magma genesis of the granitoids of the Inner Zone, based on detailed structural relationships in the field, petrographic observations on individual granitic bodies, and geochemical and geochronological results (e.g., Kojima, 1953; Okamura, 1957, 1960; Koide, 1958; Kawano and Ueda, 1966; Shigematsu and Yamaguchi, 1976; Hayasaka et al., 1983; Higashimoto et al., 1983; Okano and Homma, 1983; Kagami et al., 1992; Ikeda, 1993, 1998; Owada et al., 1995; Suzuki et al., 1996; Suzuki and Adachi, 1998; Herzig et al., 1998; Nakajima et al., 1993; Ishihara and Matsuhashi, 2002; Ishihara and Chappell, 2007; Akasaka et al., 2013, 2015; Skrzypek et al., 2016, 2018; Nakajima, 2018; Mateen et al., 2019 and references therein). In the forthcoming sections, a discussion is presented on the magma origin, effects of the metasedimentary sources on the magmatic rocks, and the role of fluids that precipitated the late-stage quartz veins.

**Origin of the Granite Magma**

The analyzed quartz crystals from granites from the Sanyo-yo and Ryoke belts and the Rokuroshi granite porphyry dike show relatively higher δ$^18$O values than those reported for the magmas that form I-type granites having a whole-rock range between +5 and +8‰ but fall within the range of whole-rock for the S-type granites (ca. +9 to +12‰) (Valley et al., 2005; Hoefs, 2009). Although, we did not analyze whole-rock samples for δ$^18$O values, those can be empirically calculated for the granitic magma through the δ$^18$O values of the analyzed quartz grains (i.e., whole-rock δ$^18$O values are 1–2‰ lower than the quartz values, as proposed by Harris et al., 1997). Generally, δ$^18$O values of whole-rock samples from I- or S-type granitic magmas may provide useful constraints on the genesis of parental magma however whole-rock data may be subject to post-magmatic changes or sub-solidus alteration that will significantly affect oxygen isotope ratios as pointed out by Harris et al. (1997). In contrast, oxygen isotope data of purified quartz grains provide better constraints of the original magma from which the grains crystallized. Therefore, oxygen isotope data of quartz grains, combined with U-Pb zircon age data, are used to understand the origin of granite magma. The δ$^18$O values for the quartz samples (measured in this study) against U–Pb zircon ages (Fig. 5a) plot mainly in the S-type field and significantly above the I-type granites field. Values from the analyzed quartz in this study are comparatively higher (though by a very small amount) in the Shimokuhara and Namera Granites (samples T-2 and T-3) than in the Iwakuni, Kibe, and Gamano granites (samples T-7, T-6, and T-5) and the Rokuroshi granite porphyry (sample T-1). The enrichment of δ$^18$O values suggests a common parental magma for the granites in the San-yo and Ryoke belts, that was likely derived from hydrothermally altered crustal precursors before their subduction. Ishihara (1977) suggested the δ$^18$O enrichment in Ryoke belt granites was due to the assimilation of sedimentary rocks into the granites. Our data also indicate that assimilation of the altered precursors with the felsic magma was the major factor to form granites with slightly elevated δ$^18$O values; however, the Iwakuni Granite (sample T-7) was the least chemically modified and retained the lowest δ$^18$O values. Although there is no textural evidence among the studied granites that can mark the chemical difference, the investigated granites plot in the peraluminous field (Fig. 6a) in the A/NK (molecular Al$_2$O$_3$/Na$_2$O+K$_2$O) vs A/CKN (molecular Al$_2$O$_3$/CaO+K$_2$O+Na$_2$O) diagram of Shand (1943), indicating their genesis from partial melting of the crustal source which is also affirmed by the δ$^18$O enrichment in these rocks (Clemens et al., 2010). On the FeO/(FeO + MgO) vs. SiO$_2$ diagram (Frost et al., 2001; Frost and Frost, 2008), the analyzed granites plot in the magnesian field except for the porphyry dike sample, which plots in the ferroan field and A-type granite field (Fig. 6b). Similarly, on the Na$_2$O+K$_2$O-CaO vs. SiO$_2$ diagram (Frost et al., 2001; Frost and Frost, 2008; also revisited in Bonin et al., 2020), the analyzed granite samples plot in transition of calcic and calc-alkaline fields whereas the porphyry dike sample plots in the alkali-calcic field (Fig. 6c). Other major and trace element contents of the granite samples, when plotted against the molar amount of Fe+Mg (referred as maficity by Clemens et al., 2010), show positive correlations with Ti and Zr, and negative correlations with A/CKN, K, and SiO$_2$, respectively (Figs. 7a-7d). This also confirms the involvement of crustal component in the formation of granitic magmas. To
estimate temperature of magmatic crystallization of the granitic samples, an independent thermometer (Zr-saturation thermometry after Watson and Harrison, 1983) was applied that yielded temperature values in the range from 745 to 766°C for the San-yo belt granites and from 752 to 796°C for the Ryoke belt granites whereas 710°C was obtained from the Rukoroshi granite porphyry dike sample (Table 2). The Zr-saturation thermometry results are 50 to 100°C higher than the...
values reported by Honma and Sakai (1975), showing a range between 600 to 700°C that were calculated from the oxygen isotope fractionation among the coexisting minerals in those granites. Earlier studies (Matsuhisa et al., 1972; Honma and Sakai, 1975; Kagami et al., 1992; Ishihara and Matsuhisa, 2002) interpreted the relatively higher δ^{18}O values (+10.0 to +13.2‰) in granites located within the metamorphic zones of the Ryoke belt as being due to the extensive interaction of ^{18}O-rich aqueous fluids derived from the metasedimentary source whereas the lower δ^{18}O values (+7.9 to +9.8‰) in I-type granites from the non-metamorphic zone resulted from the local isotopic exchange between granitic magma and the surrounding material. For comparison, the oxygen isotope data by Honma and Sakai (1975) for quartz samples from granites in the San-yo and Ryoke belts and surrounding meta-morphic rocks (numbered from 1 to 4) are plotted in Figure 5a, the results are consistent with those obtained in this study. Honma and Sakai (1975) postulated that the interaction of granitic magma with the surrounding metasedimentary source resulted in elevating the δ^{18}O values of the early-formed granites, however late-stage plutons do not show significant enrichment of ^{18}O. This chemical variation can be attributed to a relatively less contaminated magma source (e.g., T-7). As pointed out by Ishihara and Matsuhisa (2002), quartz (resistant to hydrothermal alteration compared to the whole-rock) would likely retain unaltered δ^{18}O values. The above authors observed a slight shift from a 1:1 trend when they plotted the data of quartz against whole-rock (see Fig. 2 in Ishihara and Matsuhisa, 2002). The relatively lower δ^{18}O values (ca. 5.9-10.6‰) in the magnetite series granites exposed in the North of San-yo belt were interpreted as having igneous source derived from the lower continental crust whereas relatively higher δ^{18}O values in the ilmenite series granites from the San-yo belt (ca. 7.3-10.8‰) and the Ryoke belt (ca. 11.6-12.0‰) were interpreted to have formed from a mixed source, containing mafic enclaves, of primitive basaltic and Ryoke metasedimentary rocks.

Mateen et al. (2019) conducted U–Pb age and Hf isotope analysis on zircons from granites of the San-yo and Ryoke belts. Shimokuhara Granite (ca. 103.8 Ma) showed a range of ε_{Hf}(t) values from -1.4 to +0.7 in the analyzed zircons (among which a zircon grain displayed an exceptionally lower ε_{Hf}(t) value of -18.1 from an inherited detrital core of 144 Ma). The extremely negative ε_{Hf}(t) value confirm the presence of preexisting recycled crustal material (Vervoort et al., 1996, 1999, 2016; Kröner et al., 2014 and references therein) and cannot be related to the pristine magma that produced the San-yo granites. Zircons from Namera Granite (ca. 106.3 Ma), Gamano Granodiorite (ca. 92.3 Ma), and from the Rokuroshi granite porphyry (ca. 92.5 Ma) yielded ε_{Hf}(t) value of -2.8 to -4.8, 0.0 to + 0.3, respectively. The slightly positive and near to zero ε_{Hf}(t) values suggest a relatively young and less-contaminated continental source whereas the negative ε_{Hf}(t) values indicate recycled crustal source. When δ^{18}O values for quartz (along the vertical axis) were plotted against the ε_{Hf}(t) calculated values of zircons from the granite samples (excluding data from the inherited core) (not from quartz), the results fall in the

Figure 7. Whole-rock major and trace element data is also plotted against the maficity (molar amount of Fe+Mg as proposed by Clemens et al., 2010) in which the data show negative linear trends for K (a), and positive linear trends for Ti (b), Zr (c), and A/CNK (d), indicating partial melting of the crust to form the granites.
field of S-type granites or slightly higher, clearly affirming the effect of metasedimentary precursors on the granitic magma (Fig. 5b).

The data obtained from this study show that most of the analyzed quartz crystals have δ¹⁸O values > +9‰, reaching up to +18‰, and which are higher than the δ¹⁸O values generally observed in the typical I-type granites, with some samples showing an overlap with the S-type granite (Fig. 5a). The δ¹⁸O values of quartz in biotite and siliceous schists and foliation-parallel as well as foliation-normal veins are significantly higher than the values commonly observed in granites, and also indicate sedimentary source because sediments (such as shales, sandstones, or cherts show values > 12‰) acquire high δ¹⁸O values during their low-temperature sedimentation in seawater (Kolodny and Epstein, 1976; Eiler et al., 1998; Muehlenbachs, 1998; Hoefs, 2009). Our interpretation is indirectly supported by the high initial ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr isotope ratios from some of the granites of the Inner Zone reported by Ishihara and Matsuhashi (2002), indicating the involvement of crustal component. The magma from which granitic bodies were crystallized was likely generated by the partial melting of the lower crust, partly including mantle-derived mafic component (as reported by Kagami et al., 1992), and also assimilated with the hydrothermally altered ¹⁸O- and Sr-rich pre-existing sedimentary precursors. This interpretation is also supported by previous studies that were based on geochemical compositions of whole-rock and minerals (Czamanske et al., 1981). Those authors interpreted that granitoids of southwestern Japan were formed at lower crustal depths from mantle-derived magmas that partially melted the surrounding crustal precursors. Presence of xenoliths in some of those granitoids (e.g., Iwao, 1936, 1940; Okamura, 1957) and a large scatter in their Rb–Sr isotopic ratios (Okano and Honma, 1983; Kagami et al., 1992) additionally provide an evidence of assimilation of wall rocks (i.e., the Ryoke metamorphic rocks) that may have had a role in elevating the δ¹⁸O values in some of these granites. Ikeda (2004) proposed partial melting at the middle crustal levels that formed the granitoids and the coeval ages of granites in the Ryoke belt and the neighboring metamorphosed schists/gneisses support the above interpretation. The partial melting of crust possibly created the granitic magma which thermally affected the preexisting volcano sedimentary successions of the accretionary complexes in the surroundings however these interpretations were contradicted by several authors (e.g., Kawakami, 2004; Kawakami and Kobayashi, 2006) based on their results from the migmatites of the Ryoke metamorphic belt. In short, discrepancies still exist that need further investigation.

Effect of Metasedimentary Sources on Granitic Magma and Role of Fluids

The δ¹⁸O values of quartz in biotite and siliceous schists are relatively elevated compared to the values obtained from quartz in granites (Fig. 5a and Table 1). This clearly indicates their preservation in the sedimentary source. Terabayashi et al. (2010) proposed that siliceous schists were subjected to hydrothermal alteration of silicic fluids that formed these rocks however the age of silicification event in the biotite schist is unknown. It is considered that silicification was coeval to or slightly after the Ryoke metamorphism in this area and earlier than the formation of the foliation-normal quartz veins that penetrate the siliceous schists. The relatively higher δ¹⁸O values (∼ +17‰) in quartz veins suggest their precipitation from fluids that were possibly liberated during metamorphic dehydration from the metasedimentary precursors at a later stage ca. < 90 Ma, as indicated by their cross-cutting or foliation normal structure within the schists. It is hard to find zircons in the fine-grained and late-stage veins; hence their geochronological information is unclear. However, based on the characteristics of their structural settings, such as being foliation-normal, cutting-across the biotite and siliceous schists, and some of the early-formed (foliation-parallel) veins, these are assumed to be the youngest in the area (< 90 Ma). Metamorphic dehydration from the

![Figure 8. Schematic section showing the Paleo-Pacific subduction beneath the Japanese Islands (based on published literature on the Ryoke belt plutonism; Nakajima, 1994; Okudaira and Suda, 2001; Kawakami and Ikeda, 2003; Iida et al., 2015; Skrzypek et al., 2016, 2018; Mateen et al., 2019). Due to slab-subduction dehydration, serpentinization at mantle-wedge and felsic magma generation due to partial melting of the crustal material formed the Ryoke granitic plutons and associated high-temperature metamorphic rocks. Early-formed granites (referred to as T2, T-3, and T-6 plutons) assimilated sedimentary and older crustal material therefore acquiring relatively higher δ⁸⁷⁶Sr values. Latter plutons (referred to as T-5 and T-7 plutons) formed from the influx of new magma that was relatively uncontaminated, hence, they acquired lower δ⁸⁷⁶Sr values. Late-stage magmatism (referred as T-1 porphyry dyke) was also formed from the less-contaminated magma and therefore had lower δ¹⁸O values. Quartz veins were formed from fluids derived from metamorphic dehydration and penetrated through the metasediments that had elevated δ¹⁸O values. Temperature isotherms in the crust and mantle are adopted from Stern (2002).](image-url)
accretionary complex within or above the subducting slab is a possible cause that likely produced those silica-rich fluids.

**Schematic Model**

Here we present a schematic model (Fig. 8) that illustrates the subduction of the Paleo-Pacific oceanic crust beneath the Japanese Islands during the Pre-Cretaceous times. This subduction is a plausible reason for the formation of well-known paired metamorphic belts in Japan. The subducting plate on the oceanside was mafic, and hence produced the HP/LT Sanbagawa metamorphic belt. The overriding plate on the continental side served as a heat source to cause partial melting of crust in order to generate the granite magma that intruded into the metasedimentary sequences at the back-arc basin, due to the slab-dehydration. The uprising magma from the continental crust with some mafic component, may have assimilated the pre-existing metasedimentary precursors to form the older plutons (such as T-3 and T-6 plutons) with comparatively higher δ^{18}O values (Fig. 8). In contrast, younger plutons (such as the T-5 pluton) were formed from a young and juvenile crust that had relatively increased maficity due to the next stage magmatic influx, possibly after the formed from a young and juvenile crust that had relatively increased maficity due to the next stage magmatic influx, possibly after the slab role-back, and had comparatively lower δ^{18}O values (close to the typical I-type granites) indicating little or no effect from the metasedimentary precursors. The late-stage porphyry dike (T-1) was also likely produced from the relatively uncontaminated granite magma, and preserved similar δ^{18}O values to those found in T-5 and T-7 plutons.

Quartz veins were produced from the late-stage dehydration-related fluids that were liberated from the metasedimentary source, and therefore acquired similar δ^{18}O values to the schists, and elevated δ^{18}O values compared to neighboring granites. The Si- and ^4O-rich fluids penetrated through the upper crustal layers, some precipitated in concordant relations whereas the final stage veins (we don’t know their age yet but due to the cross-cutting nature of the country rocks, they are considered to be the youngest) infiltrated through the biotite and siliceous schists.

**Conclusions**

The parental magma from which granites in the San-yo and Ryoke belts crystallized, was initially derived from partially molten crust that was chemically modified by metasedimentary precursors which elevated their δ^{18}O values. Oxygen and Hf isotope data provide compelling evidence for the incorporation of crustal (sedimentary source) component that generally modified the parental magma. Close to zero or negative ε_{Hf} (t) values in some of the analyzed zircon grains from the older granitoids (ca. T-2, T-3, and T-6) attest to the incorporation of a recycled continental crustal component. In contrast, younger plutons (ca. T1 and T5), preserving relatively lower δ^{18}O values indicate younger and uncontaminated crust with increased maficity. Quartz veins that penetrate the metasedimentary successions were likely generated from the silica- and ^4O-rich fluids that were produced as a result of the late-stage slab-dehydration process and acquired elevated δ^{18}O values from their metasedimentary precursors.

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