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This thesis reports experimental study on H₂ generation by the reactions between komatiite and CO₂-rich seawater. The results of the experiment are used to deduce chemistry of hydrothermal fluid in the early Earth.

In Chapter 1, the role of H₂-rich ultramafic-hosted hydrothermal systems are reviewed. The H₂-flux is important for early evolution of life and ecosystem as well as redox condition of the early atmosphere. The fluid chemistry of ancient hydrothermal systems has been poorly understood because of the uncertainty of host rocks and seawater composition. The early crust may have been komatiitic and the early seawater was probably rich in CO₂, however, it is poorly understood how the CO₂-rich seawater affected the fluid chemistry of the ultramafic-hosted hydrothermal system. In this study, systematic experimental studies were conducted to understand the fluid compositions in the komatiite-hosted seafloor hydrothermal system and evaluate the role of the CO₂-rich seawater.

In Chapter 2, I have conducted a simple reaction between olivine and a CO₂-rich NaCl fluid at 300°C and 500 bars in order to evaluate the effect of CO₂ qualitatively, and it is characterized as a preliminary experiment to investigate serpentinization under CO₂-rich conditions for the next experiments of using komatiite in Chapter 3. As a result, Mg-bearing carbonates were formed via the water-rock interaction. I found for the first time that the H₂ production rate was relatively lower than those of the CO₂-free system at the same temperature. The result suggests that the CO₂ in seawater may play a role for suppress H₂ production during the serpentinization process.

In Chapter 3, I focused on the komatiite-hosted hydrothermal systems. I monitored the reaction between synthetic komatiite and a CO₂-rich NaCl fluid at 100–350 °C and 500 bars up to 5372 hours. After the reaction, the komatiite was strongly carbonated and yield Fe(II)-bearing minerals mainly dolomite, ankerite and magnesite below 300°C, whereas the main carbonate was calcite at 350°C. Furthermore, the results show that the carbonation of komatiites clearly suppressed H₂ generation in the fluids. The steady-state H₂ concentrations in the fluid was very low (<1 mmol/kg) below 300°C, compared with the high H₂ (23 mmol/kg) observed in the CO₂-free system. The Fe content in carbonate minerals apparently correlated with the H₂ concentration, suggesting that the incorporation of ferrous iron into the carbonate minerals probably limit the oxidation of ferrous iron (i.e. magnetite formation), and thus suppressed H₂ produced by the reduction of H₂O. This suggests that flux of H₂ by serpentinization reaction may have been much lower than previously thought under the presumably CO₂-rich early seawater. In addition, the observed Mg concentrations (up to ca. 40 mmol/kg) below 300°C were higher than those in modern high-temperature hydrothermal fluids (<1 mmol/kg). This suggests that, in contrast to the modern hydrothermal systems, the komatiite-hosted hydrothermal systems might have served as a source of Mg in ancient ocean by the effect of CO₂-rich fluid.

In Chapter 4, the equilibrium state of the water-rock reaction was calculated and compared with the experimental results in Chapter 3 for mechanistic understanding of the reaction. I conducted thermodynamic calculations designed for komatiite-H₂O system at various temperatures (100–350 °C) and water-rock ratios (1–10) by using a software EQ3/6. Under CO₂-free condition, the estimated H₂ production is roughly consistent with the experimental results in Chapter 3. On the other hand, under CO₂-rich condition, the calculated H₂ production is much higher than the experimental results except for 100°C. The calculated mineral assemblages are also different from those of the experiments. Particularly, calculated amount of magnetite formation at equilibrium is higher than observed in the experiments. The difference between the equilibrium calculation and the experiment suggest that magnetite formation is kinetically prohibited in the actual experiment of komatiite-seawater reaction under CO₂-rich condition.

In Chapter 5, all the experimental results and thermodynamic calculations are summarized. In the early Earth, global H₂ flux from serpentinization is estimated to be order of magnitude smaller than those predicted previously if considering the high-CO₂ environment. In this case, the global H₂ flux from serpentinization is not a main factor for controlling redox state of the atmosphere, compared with the total volcanic H₂ outgassing. On the other hand, in terms of H₂ as an energy source for life, the H₂ concentration of the fluid at 350 °C corresponds to that of modern H₂-rich seafloor hydrothermal systems, such as the Kairei hydrothermal field, where hydrogenotrophic methanogens dominate in the prosperous microbial ecosystem. In contrast, the H₂-rich fluids may not have been generated by serpentinization at temperatures below 300°C in the komatiite-H₂O-CO₂ system. In addition, experimental result suggests that Mg flux from the komatiite-H₂O-CO₂ system is expected to be much higher than those of modern seafloor hydrothermal systems, which is comparable to modern riverine input. This implies that the komatiite hydrothermal system could have been a main source of Mg into the early ocean.

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