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(Xenotime 及び Monazite への水素固溶:

高圧合成と偏光赤外分光法によるアプローチ)

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The locations of hydrogen in nominally anhydrous minerals (NAMs) has significant information from the viewpoint of mineral physics and chemistry. Although it has been well-studied the locations of hydrogen in nominally anhydrous silicate minerals because of their universalities in earth interiors, there has been comparatively few studies on those in nominally anhydrous non-silicate minerals. In this dissertation, author focused on the two nominally anhydrous phosphate minerals with closely related structures: xenotime (YPO₄) and monazite (LaPO₄). Because of some unique physical and chemical properties, xenotime and monazite are regarded as the interesting minerals not only in earth science but also in material science. Here, in order to determine hydrogen incorporation mechanism and possible donor-acceptor pairs for hydrogen bond in xenotime and monazite, the pleochroic behaviour of OH stretching vibrational bands of synthetic xenotime (YPO₄) and monazite (LaPO₄) were investigated by polarized infrared spectroscopic observations.

The sample syntheses were conducted under water-saturated conditions using a piston-cylinder apparatus at the pressure of 1.0 GPa. By lowering the temperature at a rate of ~10°C/h from 1,200 to 800°C, good-quality single crystals large enough to prepare the oriented sections were obtained. From the absorbance of the OH stretching vibrational bands, the concentration of hydrogen in the samples was estimated as 20 ± 10 wt. ppm H_2O for YPO₄ and 28 ± 12 wt. ppm H_2O for LaPO₄, by using a molar absorption coefficient of 111,217 L mol⁻¹ cm⁻² for YPO₄ and 104,065 L mol⁻¹ cm⁻² for LaPO₄. The pleochroic OH bands were observed at 3,302 cm⁻¹ for YPO₄, at 3,157 and 3,331 cm⁻¹ for LaPO₄. The OH band of YPO₄ showed strong absorption perpendicular to the c-axis and weak parallel to the c-axis, and the absorption spectra suggest that the OH bond in YPO₄ showed strong infrared absorption parallel to the $a\sin\beta$ direction, moderate absorption parallel to the b-axis and weak absorption parallel to the c-axis. The polarized absorption spectra suggest that the OH bond in LaPO₄ should orient nearly parallel to the $a\sin\beta$ direction. These OH orientations require the hydrogen incorporation related to Y^{3+} or La³⁺ vacancy based on applying the electrostatic consideration to the coordination environments of the oxygen atoms.

From many previous studies on NAMs, including the MTO₄-type zircon (ZrSiO₄), tetrahedral Si⁴⁺ vacancy is quite common as hydrogen incorporation mechanism. In contrast, the two experimental studies in this dissertation suggest that the unlikeliness of tetrahedral P⁵⁺ vacancy is common in the two nominally anhydrous phosphate minerals, xenotime and monazite. This implies that hydrogen incorporation mechanism into NAMs is controlled preferred by mineral chemistry than mineral structure. Note, contrastingly, that the locations of hydrogen in NAMs is strongly

controlled by the coordination environments of oxygen atoms, namely mineral structure, but the effect from mineral chemistry is small.