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1. OLIVINES FROM LHERZOLITE INCLUSIONS OF ITINOME-GATA, JAPAN

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Abstract

Olivines, which constitute from 55 to 85 per cent of lherzolite inclusions, occur as coarse xenomorphic-granular form, intergranular polygonal form among the former crystals, or as small euhedral grains in an aggregate comprised of plagioclase, olivine, and spinel transformed from garnet through pyroxene-spinel symplectite.

Thirty five olivines were analyzed by conventional and atomic absorption methods for major and minor elements. The range in composition is from $Fo_{91.7}$ to $Fo_{84.0}$; the most frequent interval is from $Fo_{91.7}$ to $Fo_{88.0}$.

Comparing the frequency distribution for olivine compositions from lherzolite inclusions in alkali basalts with that of garnet lherzolite inclusions in kimberlites, both have the same patterns of histogram, but the former has lower Fo content (about Fo_{90} and Fo_{92} in averages respectively). Accordingly, the source region of garnet lherzolites has a slightly higher MgO content than that of lherzolites just below the M-discontinuity.

Both Ni and Co contents in olivines decrease abruptly with a decrease in magnesian content as is pointed out by many investigators. But the Ni/Co ratio preserves a rather constant value having no relation to the increase or decrease of forsterite content.

Introduction

Forsteritic olivine is the most important constituent mineral and occupies more than 55 to 67 per cent by volume of the upper mantle (HARRIS et al., 1967; RINGWOOD, 1969; CARTER, 1970). Therefore, detailed geochemical studies of olivines from lherzolite inclusions in alkali basaltic rocks, which may be fragments of upper mantle materials, is thought to be well worthwhile. Since the first systematic mineralogy and chemistry of lherzolite inclusions were reported by Ross et al. (1954), these inclusions throughout the world have been studied by many petrologists and geochemists. However, an understanding of the chemical features of olivines are rather neglected, because of their simple composition lying on the Mg-rich side of the Mg₂SiO₄---

 Fe_2SiO_4 solid solution.

The present study deals with the chemistry of some major and minor elements in olivines from the lherzolite inclusions of Itinome-gata. It has already been shown that a fairly large variety of the rock types of ultramafic and mafic inclusions of Itinome-gata are represented elsewhere (HAYASHI, 1954; KUNO, 1967; AOKI and KAMEYAMA, 1970; KUNO and AOKI, 1970; AOKI, 1971; AOKI and SHIBA, 1971, 1973, in press).

Petrographic Description

Lherzolite inclusions, up to 30 cm in diameter and rounded in form, are rare constituents of alkali basalt air-fall lapilli and accidental tuff breccia that mainly consists of Tertiary volcanics and sedimentary rocks and Cretaceous granitic rocks which were ejected from the Itinome-gata crater in Holocene time. The mode of occurrence and

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petrology of the lherzolite inclusions have already been described by Kuno (1967), Kuno and Aoki (1970), and Aoki and Shiba (1973), so that only a brief summary of olivines in lherzolite inclusions need be given here.

The lherzolites can be subdivided into two groups on the basis of the presence or absence of primary garnet: 1) garnet lherzolites and 2) spinel herzolites. Many spinel lherzolites have an indistinct foliation owing to selective enrichment of orthopyroxenes and chromian spinels. Rarely fine strings of plagioclase are observed. No foliation has been recognized in garnet lherzolites. Therefore, it is not so difficult to draw a line between spinel lherzolites and garnet lherzolites in hand speci-YOSHINO (1971) and SHIBA (1973) men. found preferred crystal lattice orientation of olivines both types of lherzolites. This shows that olivines in spinel lherzolites are more developed than those of garnet lherzolites. These features would be formed by recrystallization as a result of pressure release during upward transport under dry conditions from the original site to shallower levels.

Olivine constitutes from 55 to 85 per cent and averages 70 per cent in lherzolite inclusions. It occurs in the following three ways in the host rocks: a) coarse xenomorphicgranular form, mostly less than 5 mm in size, b) intergranular polygonal form among the former grains, up to 1 mm in size, and c) euhedral grains in aggregates comprised of plagioclase, olivine, and pale green spinel transformed from garnet through pyroxenespinel symplectite. The last type is limited only to garnet lherzolites. Simple widespaced translation lamellae subparallel to [100] and undulating extinction, which are not as well-developed as in olivines of lherzolite inclusions of other localities, are sometimes observed in coarse-grained olivines.

Twenty-one representative lherzolite in-

Itinome-gata have been clusions from analyzed (Kuno and Aoki, 1970; Aoki and SHIBA, 1973). The spinel lherzolites have a wide range of composition. Based on the MgO content they can be divided into three groups; high (47-49%), moderate (41-39%), and low (33%). The first is characterized by low CaO and Al₂O₃ contents, and negligible amounts of modal clinopyroxene. Therefore, on petrographic basis it should be called harzburgite, but as a matter of convenience this group is classified in the lherzolite series. The last has a very high CaO content and a higher modal clinopyroxene than orthopyroxene. The moderate MgO content group exceeds 90 per cent by volume of spinel lherzolites. The low group is extreamely rare. Garnet lherzolites fall within the chemical variation of the moderate and low MgO content groups, but almost all of them have moderate MgO contents.

Analytical Procedue

Lherzolites were first crushed (-8 to 24)mesh) for selection of olivines by handpicking. Then, olivines were crushed to pass through a 150-mesh sieve and separated very carefully by a Franz isodynamic separator. Purity of the analyzed sample is estimated to be better than 99.5 per cent. Of the 34 separated olivines 11 were analyzed by conventional wet methods for SiO₂, TiO₂, Al₂O₃, FeO, MnO, and MgO. The other 23 olivines were analyzed by atomic absorption spectroscopy for Al₂O₃, FeO, MnO, and MgO. In the latter case, FeO and MgO were determined by comparison with the olivines analyzed by wet methods. All of minor and trace elements such as Ca, Ni, Co, Cu, and Zn were also determined by atomic absorption spectroscopy.

Sample treatment of atomic absorption spectroscopy is as follows. Accurately weigh 300 mg of sample into a 100-ml Teflon

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beaker. Moisten with water and add 10 ml HF and 5 ml HNO_3 . Cover and heat on a hot plate to decompose. Rinse off and remove cover, then evaporate to dryness on the hot plate. Add 5 ml HNO_3 , rinse down the walls of the beaker with a little water and again evaporate to dryness. Add 20 ml HCl (1:4), cover and warm to disolve salts completely. Transfer to a 100-ml volumetric flask, and 10 ml of the 15,000 ppm Sr solution and 5 ml of the 10,000 ppm Cs together,

then dilute to volume with water. For the determination of MgO and FeO, the sample solution is diluted to 1500 and 30 times, respectively. All final solutions contain 1500 ppm Sr and 1000 ppm Cs. All elements were analyzed by a Perkin-Elmer atomic absorption spectrometer model 303. A mixture of acetylene and nitrous oxide is used as fuel for Al_2O_3 determination. Acetylene-air and three slot burner head are used for the other element determinations.

Table 1. Chemical a	nalyses of olivines	in spinel lherzolites
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	. 7
SiO ₂	40.55	40.75	40.54	40.44	40.41	40.41	39.62
TiO_{2}	tr	0.01	tr	tr	tr	tr	0.01
Al_2O_3	tr	0.02	0.03	tr	tr	0.14	0.14
$\mathrm{Cr}_2\mathrm{O}_3$	0.017						
Fe_2O_3	0.19						
FeO	8.40	8.94	10.25	10.89	11.32	11.28	13.29
MnO	0.11	0.12	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.22
MgO	50.67	49.25	48.18	47.82	47.34	47.25	45.81
NiO		0.42	0.44	0.37	0.28	0.38	0.36
CaO	tr	0.12	0.07	0.15	0.03	0.08	0.05
Na_2O	none						
K_2O	none						
H_2O	0.61						
Total	100.547	99.63	99.67	99.84	99.54	99.70	99.50
Co ppm		305	288	283		250	259
Zn ppm		55	59	72		69	59
Si	0.990	1.000	1.001	1.000	1.003	1.001	0.994
Al		0.001	0.001			0.004	0.004
Fe ⁺³	0.004						
Fe ⁺²	0.171	0.183	0.212	0.225	0.235	0.234	0.279
Mn	0.002	0.003	0.003	0.004	0.003	0.004	0.005
Mg	1.842	1.801	1.772	1.761	1.751	1.744	1.713
Ni		0.008	0.009	0.007	0.004	0.008	0.007
Ca		0.003	0.002	0.004	0.001	0.002	0.001
XYZ	3.009	2.999	3.000	3.001	2.997	2.996	3.003
Fo mol %*	91.2	90.7	89.2	88.5	88.1	88.0	85.8

* 100 $Mg_2SiO_4 + Ni_2SiO_4 / Mg_2SiO_4 + Ni_2SiO_4 + Fe_2SiO_4 + Mn_2SiO_4$

 1. HK63111602a
 2. HK50061803b
 3. 6982408
 4. HK64081205a
 5. HK64081206d

 6. HK64081205b
 7. 6982314

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Mineral Chemistry

Chemical analyses of olivines from representative spinel lherzolites and garnet lherzolites are given in Tables 1 and 2 together with their atomic ratios on the basis of O=4. Partial analyses of olivines in lherzolites are also given in Table 3. In this case, the rocks are selected by random sampling in order to know the exact nature of variation of olivine compositions. The accuracy of analyses of olivines is checked by adding the SiO_2 to balance each oxide, and summing the weight per cents of Mg_2SiO_4 , Fe_2SiO_4 ,

$\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{SiO}_2 \\ \mathrm{TiO}_2 \\ \mathrm{Al}_2\mathrm{O}_3 \\ \mathrm{Cr}_2\mathrm{O}_3 \\ \mathrm{Fe}_2\mathrm{O}_3 \\ \mathrm{FeO} \\ \mathrm{MnO} \\ \mathrm{MgO} \\ \mathrm{NiO} \\ \mathrm{CaO} \\ \mathrm{Na}_2\mathrm{O} \\ \mathrm{K}_2\mathrm{O} \\ \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O} \\ \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{Total} \\ \mathrm{Co \ ppm} \\ \mathrm{Zn \ ppm} \\ \mathrm{Ti} \end{array}$	40.66 0.01 0.21 9.68 0.13 48.65	40.70 0.01 0.20 9.77	40.86 0.01 0.21	40.70 0.01 tr	39.58 tr 0.11	40.50 tr 0.43	40.30 0.15
TiO_2 Al_2O_3 Cr_2O_3 Fe_2O_3 FeO MnO MgO NiO CaO Na_2O K_2O H_2O $Total$ $Co ppm$ $Zn ppm$ Ti	0.01 0.21 9.68 0.13 48.65	0.01 0.20 9.77	0.01 0.21	0.01 tr	tr 0.11	tr 0.43	0.15
$\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{Al}_2\mathrm{O}_3\\ \mathrm{Cr}_2\mathrm{O}_3\\ \mathrm{Fe}_2\mathrm{O}_3\\ \mathrm{Fe}\mathrm{O}\\ \mathrm{Mn}\mathrm{O}\\ \mathrm{Mg}\mathrm{O}\\ \mathrm{Ni}\mathrm{O}\\ \mathrm{Ca}\mathrm{O}\\ \mathrm{Na}_2\mathrm{O}\\ \mathrm{K}_2\mathrm{O}\\ \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}\\ \end{array}$	0.21 9.68 0.13 48.65	0.20 9.77	0.21	tr	0.11	0.43	0.95
$\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{Cr}_2\mathrm{O}_3 \\ \mathrm{Fe}_2\mathrm{O}_3 \\ \mathrm{Fe}\mathrm{O} \\ \mathrm{Mn}\mathrm{O} \\ \mathrm{Mg}\mathrm{O} \\ \mathrm{Ni}\mathrm{O} \\ \mathrm{Ca}\mathrm{O} \\ \mathrm{Na}_2\mathrm{O} \\ \mathrm{K}_2\mathrm{O} \\ \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O} \\ \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{Total} \\ \mathrm{Co \ ppm} \\ \mathrm{Zn \ ppm} \\ \mathrm{Ti} \end{array}$	9.68 0.13 48.65	9.77					0.40
Fe_2O_3 FeO MnO MgO NiO CaO Na_2O K_2O H_2O $Total$ $Co ppm$ $Zn ppm$ Ti	9.68 0.13 48.65	9.77					0.03
FeO MnO MgO NiO CaO Na ₂ O K ₂ O H ₂ O Total Co ppm Zn ppm Ti	9.68 0.13 48.65	9.77				0.02	0.00
$\begin{array}{c} MnO\\ MgO\\ NiO\\ CaO\\ Na_2O\\ K_2O\\ H_2O\\ \hline Total\\ \hline Co ppm\\ Zn ppm\\ \hline Ti\\ \end{array}$	0.13 48.65		9.34	9.81	14.89	9.21	10.26
$\begin{array}{c} MgO\\ NiO\\ CaO\\ Na_2O\\ K_2O\\ H_2O\\ \hline\\ Total\\ \hline\\ Co ppm\\ Zn ppm\\ \hline\\ Ti\\ \end{array}$	48.65	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.21	0.13	0.09
NiO CaO Na ₂ O K ₂ O H ₂ O Total Co ppm Zn ppm Ti		48.77	48.67	48.65	44.57	50.03	48.60
CaO Na ₂ O K ₂ O H ₂ O Total Co ppm Zn ppm Ti	0.40	0.38	0.39	0.40	0.29		0.41
Na ₂ O K ₂ O H ₂ O Total Co ppm Zn ppm Ti	0.05	0.07	0.17	0.12	0.05	tr	0.07
K ₂ O H ₂ O Total Co ppm Zn ppm Ti						tr	0.04
H ₂ O Total Co ppm Zn ppm Ti						tr	0.03
Total Co ppm Zn ppm Ti						0.15	0.33
Co ppm Zn ppm Ti	99.79	100.03	99.79	99.82	99.70	100.79	100.56
Zn ppm Ti	302	273	301	300	210		
Ti	52	60	49	45	46		
	0.999	0.998	1.003	1.001	0.998	0.989	0.989
Si							0.003
Al	0.006	0.006	0.006		0.003	0.012	0.009
Cr							0.001
Fe ⁺³						0.000	
Fe ⁺²	0.199	0.200	0.192	0.203	0.314	0.188	0.210
Mn	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.005	0.003	0.002
Mg	1.781	1.782	1.779	1.782	1.675	1.819	1.777
Ni	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.004		0.008
Ca	0.001	0.002	0.004	0.003	0.001		0.002
Na							0.002
К							0.001
XYZ	2.997	2.999	2.995	3.000	3.000	3.011	3.004
Fo mol %		80.8	90.2	89 7	84.0	90.5	89.4

Table 2. Chemical analyses of olivines in garnet lherzolites

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	Sp. N.	SiO ₂	Al_2O_3	FeO	MnO	MgO	NiO	CaO	Total	Fo mol %	Co ppm	Zn ppm
1	72010802	40.46	0.21	9.90	0.14	48.40	0.40	0.07	99.58	89.6	278	58
2	72010803	40.76	0.19	10.28	0.14	48:65	0.40	0.06	100.48	89.4	275	1483
3	72010804	40.28	0.19	10.20	0.13	48.02	0.40	0.04	99.26	89.3	279	46
4	72010805	40.42	0.13	10.33	0.14	48.13	0.40	0.03	99.58	89.2	285	1396
5	72010806	40.64	0.19	11.14	0.15	47.92	0.37	0.10	100.51	88.4	253	64
6	72010807	40.98	0.09	9.22	0.13	49.49	0.40	0.07	100.38	90.5	282	1695
7	72010808	40.45	0.09	10.30	0.14	48.15	0.39	0.10	99.62	89.2	274	50
8	72010809	41.36	0.09	10.34	0.15	48.39	0.39	0.03	100.75	89.4	281	46
9	72010810	40.53	0.23	9.80	0.14	48.56	0.37	0.07	99.70	89.7	277	1643
10	72010811	40.77	0.09	9.94	0.14	48.77	0.39	0.11	100.21	89.6	290	52
11	72010812	41.03	0.09	9.59	0.14	49.35	0.38	0.07	100.65	90.1	241	49
12	72010813	40.51	0.17	10.25	0.14	48.25	0.39	0.10	99.81	89.3	246	272
13	72010814	40.56	0.20	10.38	0.15	48.28	0.39	0.06	100.02	89.1	250	57
14	72010815	40.58	0.18	10.11	0.14	48.43	0.40	0.09	99.95	89.4	253	247
15	72010816	40.55	0.18	9.90	0.14	48.46	0.39	0.17	99.79	89.6	252	58
16	72010817	40.63	0.14	10.16	0.14	48.44	0.40	0.13	100.04	89.4	252	316
17	72010818	40.75	0.12	10.43	0.15	48.43	0.37	0.17	100.42	89.1	246	62
18	72010819	40.74	0.25	10.19	0.14	48.62	0.38	0.09	100.41	89.4	253	49
19	HK63111602a	40.62	0.39	8.74	0.13	49.16	0.36	0.25	99.65	90.8	250	278
20	HK64081205d	40.99	0.13	8.01	0.11	50.20	0.41	0.05	99.90	91.7	275	44
21	HK64081205c	40.89	0.09	9.08	0.13	49.42	0.39	0.12	100.12	90.6	253	48
22	HK67051202	40.93	0.15	9.73	0.14	49.14	0.39	0.07	100.55	89.9	275	288
23	HK64081206e	40.74	0.20	10.57	0.15	48.38	0.38	0.11	100.53	89.0	264	52

Table 3. Partial analyses of olivines in spinel lherzolites and garnet lherzolites

 Mn_2SiO_4 , Ca_2SiO_4 , and Ni_2SiO_4 . The sums of each analysis deviate from 100 per cent by ± 0.8 per cent. These results seem reasonable for the discussion of olivine chemistry.

As can be seen in the tables, olivines are characterized by the narrow ranges for both major and minor components (except Zn). The complete range in composition is from $Fo_{91.7}$ to $Fo_{84.0}$. 35 of 37 olivines are concentrated between $Fo_{91.7}$ and $Fo_{88.0}$; only two are dispersed toward less forsteritic compositions. There is also no chemical difference between olivines from the spinel lherzolite series and the garnet lherzolite series.

In all cases of newly analyzed olivines, Si ions are very close to 1.000 ranging from 0.994 to 1.003. This indicates that the tetrahedral site of olivine is only filled by Si⁴⁺. This site rejects the substitution of other cations for Si as is commonly observed in other mafic silicates such as pyroxenes, amphiboles or micas.

Negligible amounts of Al ions, up to 0.006, are always present. It is still open to question concerning the presence of Al ions in olivines wheather it occurs as impulities in analyzed samples or as a substitution for other major ions in the structure. Although the intensity for Al determination by an atomic absorption spectrometry is very low, and quantitative data for Al in olivines is insufficient, all routine runs except one show an apparent presence of Al_2O_3 less than 0.23 per cent (AOKI and SHIBA, 1971, this paper).

The sum of Fe and Mg shows a narrow range from 1.97 to 1.99, occupying 98.5 to 99.5 per cent of the X position of the minerals. 6

It follows that Fe and Mg proportions have a reciprocal relation. Mn atoms increase regularly with an increase of Fe. Minor amounts of Ca are always detected. The replacement of Mg by Ca is not significant.

Respective minor and trace amounts of Ni and Co atoms move in harmony with the Mg. Unique concentrations of Zn are observed, varying widely from 50 to 1700 ppm. Based on Zn concentration the olivines can be divided into three groups: low (50 to 70 ppm), medium (250 to 320 ppm), and high (1400 to 1700 ppm). The low concentration group is the most common. There is some regularity among the three groups in that the Zn value of the medium and high concentration groups is increased five times and the square of five as much as that of the low group. The abundance of Zn has no relation to any major or minor elements, and Zn_2SiO_4 olivine does not occur in nature nor has it been synthesized. Accordingly the factors governing the behavior of Zn in olivine structure are unknown. More geochemical studies on olivines are strongly needed for an advanced discussion on the role of the Zn atoms. In all olivines, the line intensity of Cu does not essentially exceed background

intensity for atomic absorption spectrometry. Therefore, Cu contents would be less than 1 ppm.

Discussion

As is discussed elsewhere (Kuno, 1967; KUNO and AOKI, 1970; AOKI and SHIBA, 1973), all the lherzolite inclusions of Itinomegata have been more or less subjected to recrystallization under isochemical conditions during transportation from their original sources to the top of mantle. Their final assemblages are plagioclase lherzolite. The 100 Mg/(Mg+Fe⁺²+Fe⁺³) ratios of lherzolite inclusions and their constituent minerals are given in Table 4. The ratios of the lherzolites are very close to those of olivines. Also the distribution coefficient of Mg and Fe among coexisting olivines, orthopyroxenes and clinopyroxenes are essentially identical. Accordingly, some minor components in the olivines as well as those of pyroxenes have moved in or out in accordance with the environment. However, the distribution of Mg and Fe among coexisting major constituents seem to be essentially preserved during long periods of geologic time.

			Spinel lh	erzolite)			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Whole rock	91.5	90.5	88.8	88.2	87.7	87.3	85.6
Olivine	91.2	90.7	89.2	88.5	88.1	88.0	85.8
Orthopyroxene	91.6	90.3	88.4	89.4	88.2	88.7	85.7
Clinopyroxene	90.7	90.6	89.9	89.0	91.1	89.2	87.2
			Garnet ll	nerzolite			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Whole rock	89.8	89.5	89.5	89.5	83.9		
Olivine	89.9	89.8	90.2	89.7	84.0	90.5	89.4
Orthopyroxene	89.6	89.7	90.0	89.4	86.2	90.5	89.6
Clinopyroxene	90.4	90.2	91.2	90.5	87.1	91.1	89.4

Table 4. 100 Mg/Mg+Fe⁺²+Fe⁺³ ratios of lherzolites and their constituent minerals

Numbers are the same as those in Tables 1 and 2.



Fig. 1. Frequency distribution of olivine composition of lherzolite inclusion, garnet lherzolite inclusion and kimberlite.

Fig. 1 compares the frequency distribution for olivine compositions in lherzolite inclusions of Itinome-gata based on chemical analyses with those of olivines in garnet lherzolite inclusions in kimberlites. South Africa (MATHIAS et al., 1970), kimberlite from Utah (McGetchin and Silver, 1970), lherzolite inclusions in alkali basalts from New Mexico (CARTER, 1970), and from Hawaii (WHITE, 1966; Kuno, 1969). The olivines in lherzolites of Itinome-gata have compositions very similar to those of New Mexico and Hawaii. There are conspicuous differences between the olivines in lherzolite inclusions of alkali basalts and those of kimberlites. Although the distribution patterns are the same, the former have a lower Fo molecule (about 2 per cent). Recently a great number of

garnet lherzolite and spinel lherzolite inclusions throughout the world have been analyzed, and their systematic chemical variations have been explained as due to different degrees of partial fusions of the undepleted mantle materials. The garnet lherzolite inclusions in kimberlites have slightly higher MgO/total FeO as compared with lherzolite inclusions in alkali basalts. These facts suggest that both bulk rock and olivine compositions indicate that the source region of garnet lherzolites have slightly higher MgO contents than that of lherzolites just below the M-discontinuity.

The contents of Al and Ca in clinopyroxenes and orthopyroxenes seem to be related to physico-chemical conditions of their crystallization or recrystallization, and systematic

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studies have been carried out by many investigators. On the other hand, the study of Al and Ca in olivines are neglected because of their minor amounts and the difficulty of their highly accurate determination.

It would be expected that Al and Ca contents in olivines also reflect their formation under pressure and temperature conditions. Indeed, forsterite and fayalite form a solid solution containing small amounts of the components $CaMgSiO_4$ and $CaFeSiO_4$, respectively (KUSHIRO, 1969; Bowen et al., 1933; YANG, 1973). Olivines from Itinome-gata contain up to 0.25% of Al_2O_3 and 0.17% of CaO, corresponding to 0.4% of Ca(Mg,Fe)SiO₄ molecule in forsterite-fayalite solid solution.

Ni is one of the most important minor elements in Mg-rich olivines, and its content shows regular but abrupt decrease with increasing Fe^{+2} . Numerous interpretation have been proposed for the substitutions among these elements. Co, which has similar ionic radius to Mg, is also thought to have



Fig. 2. NiO and Co contents and Ni/Co ratio of olivine.

the same behavior as Ni in olivines. But no available data have yet been reported in spite of the importantance of this trace element. NiO and Co contents and Ni/Co ratios are plotted against the Fo mol. per cent, for comparison with those of websterite inclusions of Itinome-gata, inclusions belonging to the dunite-wehrlite-gabbro suite in alkali basalts of Dogo, Oki Islands (AOKI and SHIBA, unpublished) and Toba ultrabasic complex (NAKAMURA, 1971) (Fig. 2).

NiO contents in olivines in lherzolites of Itinome-gata have essentially the same ranges as those of lherzolite inclusions from other localities. They are distributed in the upper part of the field of world-wide ultrabasic rocks from orogenic belts in the NiO-Fo diagram given by NAKAMURA (1971). FORBES and BANNO (1966) pointed out that the Ni-Fe ratios of olivines differ depending on their mode of occurrence. On the other hand NISHIMURA et al. (1968) indicate that the NiO content lies on a relatively smooth curve from 0.4 per cent at Fo₉₀ to zero at Fo₇₅ in spite of the difference in their origin. Although lherzolites and websterites of Itinome-gata are considered to have a different origin, the variation of olivines lie on the curve shown by NISHIMURA et al. (1968). However, olivines from Dogo, Oki Islands and the Toba complex fall with the range of olivines from the dunite-wehrlite series inclusions from Hawaii (WHITE, 1966) and show a similar trend. But they have a lesser decrease in rate of NiO contents as Fa molecule increases. Accordingly, Forbes and BANNO's conclusion could be reasonable from these results.

As is shown in Fig. 2, Co contents of olivines from Itinome-gata and Dogo, Oki Islands also decrease abruptly with the decrease of forsterite content showing the same tendency as coexisting Ni. The rate of decrease of Co from Itinome-gata is steeper than that of Dogo, Oki Island; that is from about 300 ppm at Fo_{90} to almost zero at Fo_{75} and about 200 ppm at Fo_{89} to nearly zero at Fo_{70} , respectively.

The present investigation clearly demonstrates that the Ni/Co atomic ratio in olivines from Itinome-gata varies from about 9 to 13 with an average of 11, whereas that of Dogo, Oki Islands ranges from 14 to 17 with an average of 15, regardless of the increase or decrease of forsterite content; there is no overlap between them. Such different Ni/Co ratios is attributed to the difference of the source materials in the upper mantle.

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ーの目潟レルゾライト捕獲岩中のかんらん石

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(要

レルゾライト捕獲岩の55~85%を構成するかんらん石 は3つの産状を示す: a) 粗粒他形結晶, b) 前者の間 をうめる多角形の中粒結晶及びc) ざくろ石の分解によ り生じた輝石・スピネルシンプレクタイトを経て斜長 石,かんらん石,スピネルの集合物になったものの中の 小型自形結晶.

35個のかんらん石について重量法と原子吸光法により 化学分析をおこなった. その組成範囲は Fo_{91.7}~Fo_{84.0}; 殆んどのものは Fo_{91.7}~Fo_{88.0} である(平均 Fo_{89.5}).

アルカリ玄武岩中のレルゾライト捕獲岩,およびキン バーレー岩中のざくろ石レルゾライト捕獲岩中のかんら ん石組成の頻度分布を比較した.これらはいづれも同じ ような形のヒストグラムを示すが,レルゾライト捕獲岩 中のかんらん石はやや Fa に富む(平均 Fo₉₀ と F₉₂). 従ってキンバーレー岩中のざくろ石レルゾライトの供給 された地帯は、アルカリ玄武岩のレルゾライト捕獲岩が もたらされたと考えられる M-不連続面直下よりも Mg に富む物質によって構成されているであろう.

かんらん石中の Ni と Co は Mg の減少と共に急激 に減少することは多くの研究者によって指適されてい る.しかし(Ni/Co は Fo 成分の増減に無関係に一定で あり、またその比は地域によって異なるらしい.

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