

Intepretation of Cs adsorption behavior based on the EXAFS, TR-DXAFS, and STXM methods

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Radioactive cesium in Fukushima has brought serious problem on our daily life since the nuclear reactor accident. Thus, verification test of decontamination of radioactive cesium has been widely carried out in Fukushima. Although this test is usually performed based on the pre-test in laboratory, radioactive cesium, however, was not sometimes able to be removed from clay minerals even if used the same method. Based on this background, we first tried to clarify the adsorption mechanism on clay mineral in detail through the speciation of cesium using the advanced analytical methods such as the synchrotron based EXAFS, TR (time resolved)-DXAFS (SPRING-8), STXM (ALS). Afterwards, we attempted identification of a specific adsorption site in clay minerals.

The adsorbent clay minerals were adopted vermiculite delivered from Fukushima and prepared by adsorption/desorption experiments of stable cesium in laboratory.

Figure 1 shows the time dependent radial structural function of EXAFS by TR-DXAFS. The structural differences dependent on time were able to be classified into four processes as follows, 1) diffusion of hydrated cesium in frayed edge site, 2) dehydration, 3) adsorption on clay mineral, 4) closing of frayed edge site and fixing cesium on clay mineral site. In this presentation, we will talk about interpretation regarding the adsorption model based on these results.

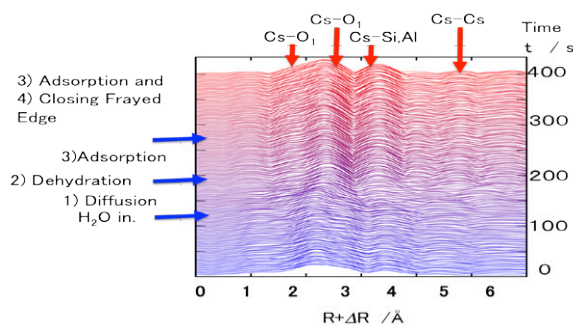


Figure 1: Time resolved radial structural functions of EXAFS for clay mineral-Cs-H₂O system. * Arrows in blue mean changing points of spectral features.

Oxygen isotopes as an indicator of corundums origin

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Jewelry corundums have different origins [1]. The purpose of this study was to show dependence of oxygen isotope composition in corundum from genesis. Samples from various fields of the world were studied. The obtained isotope data testify that all studied Corundum-bearing Ural pegmatites showed range from $4.6 < \delta^{18}O < 6.5 \text{ ‰}$. At the same time corundum from pegmatites of the Tazheransky massif showed values within range from $10.6 < \delta^{18}O < 11.9 \text{ ‰}$. Corundum from plagioclases in the ultramafic breccias Tanzania, Polar Ural Mountains and Gvineniya keeps within range from $4.8 \text{ ‰} < \delta^{18}O < 5.5 \text{ ‰}$. Biotite with corundum (Pamir) (7.4 ‰) it was formed of magmatic breccias, most likely under the influence of a mix of fluids: magmatic and metamorphic. Corundum was formed of Alabashka's marble and Pakistan ($19.4 - 19.9 \text{ ‰}$), most likely, as a result of a regional metamorphism of carbonate breccias, at a temperature of 600-6200C under the influence of a metamorphic fluid [2]. Thus, the oxygen isotope composition of corundums in fields metamorphic, pegmatitic and pneumatolitic-hydrothermal is dictated by oxygen isotope composition of the water containing fluid participating in their formation.

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