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Melt inclusions in gabbroic xenoliths from Fuji volcano; implication for criptic silicic magma chamber

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Most of eruptives from Fuji volcano, Japan, are basaltic since 100 ka. However, the last eruption at 1707 discharged abundant silicic pumice, implying that silicic magma chamber is growing. The 1707 pyroclasts have gabbroic xenoliths in which melt inclusions are included in plagioclase crystals. These melt inclusions have information on the condition and evolution of magma chamber. In this study, we measured major element compositions of melt (glass) inclusions with their host plagioclase crystals. Compositions of FeTi-oxides and pyroxenes were also analyzed for geothermometry-oxybarometry. The xenoliths are olivine gabbronorite-gabbronorite and show adcumulate texture, indicating their cumulus origin. Melt inclusions are andesitic-rhyolitic compositions with $SiO_2 = 55.5-76.4$ wt.% and show calc-alkaline trend. Basaltic melt is absent. FeTi oxides thermobarometry-oxybarometry yield TfO₂ conditions of ca. 750-950 °C and near Ni-NiO buffer for ilmenite-magnetite coexinting samples and pyroxene thermometry yields ca. 970-1006 °C for ilmenit-absent samples. H₂O contents in melt inclusions were estimated by using plagioclaseliquidus and melt-plagioclase An-partition thermohygrometers of Putirka (2008) with temperatures estimated by oxides and pyroxene FeTi thermometers. The melt H₂O contents estimated by the two methods are consistent, indicating that melt inclusions and their host plagioclase were equilbrated under the estimated temperature conditions. Melt H₂O contents are almost constant in each xenolith and vary in the range of ca. 4.6-10.1 wt.%. SiO₂ and H₂O contents in melt inclusion increases temperature decreases. The maximum H2O content corresponds to melt H₂O solubility at ca. 400 MPa, indicating that crystallization occurred at the depth > 15 km. Fractional crystallization simulation using MELTS program well explains the observed compositional variation of melt. Our results indicate that (1) the gabbroic rocks were crystallized from andesitic-rhyolitic melts, (2) silicic magma chamber exists at depth > 13km, and (3) fractional crystallization was an essential differentiation mechanism in the magma chamber beneath Fuji volcano.