In-situ Sr-Pb isotope geochemistry of lawsonite: A new method to investigate slab fluids

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Lawsonite is a hydrous Ca-Al silicate mineral which is broadly stable in a typical subduction-zone geotherm since late Neoproterozoic. Because lawsonite behaves as a reservoir of trace elements, especially of LREEs, Sr, Pb, Th and U, lawsonite can be a proxy of these elements of a bulk subducting slab, especially of crustal lithologies. In order to understand the elemental behavior of subducting crustal materials, lawsonites in lawsonite-eclogite facies metabasalts and metachert from the South Motagua Mé lange, Guatemala, were investigated by a new technique of in-situ LA-MC-ICPMS spot isotope analyses. In-situ Sr-Pb isotope determination for eclogite facies lawsonite revealed isotope variations reflecting their protoliths and isotope zoning in some lawsonite crystals. Lawsonite in a phengite-rich metabasaltic eclogite have relatively `low' ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr ratios (0.70335-0.70355) with some Pb isotope variations ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁶ Pb = 0.8401 - 0.8512 and ${}^{208}Pb/{}^{206}Pb = 2.0757 - 2.0911$. On the other hand, lawsonite from another metabasaltic eclogite is zoned. The cores have ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr = 0.70558-0.70601$ and the ratios increase at the rims (87 Sr/ 86 Sr = 0.70636-0.70662); the cores with a MORB-like affinity (207 Pb/ 206 Pb = $^{\sim}$ 0.843-0.844) are overgrown by the rims with 207 Pb/ 206 Pb = $^{\sim}$ 0.839-0.841. Lawsonite in a metachert has `higher' Sr isotope ratios (0.70697-0.70757) with $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb} = ^{2}.07$. In isotope spaces $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ versus $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}$ ²⁰⁴Pb and ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr versus ²⁰⁶Pb/²⁰⁴Pb, lawsonite isotopes are scattered mainly in DMM (depleted MORB mantle) and some EMI and EMII fields, respectively. All the age-corrected isotope ratios were not significantly different from non-corrected values. The bulk-rock compositions and lawsonite Sr-Pb isotope suggest that sediment-like `external' fluids have incorporated into the metabasaltic system during the second stage eclogite-facies recrystallization in a mélange of slab-mantle interface. Isotope-zoned lawsonite also supports the presence of sediment-like `external' fluids.

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