

Validation on the spiral microstructure formed at interface of the carbonated water in early Earth

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The first stage of molecular bio-history progressed by interactions between the system of intermolecular bonding and the environment. Membrane at interface of water became robust by carbohydrates. Carbohydrates were made from molecules of CO₂ and H₂O. Atmosphere of primitive Earth was comprised of CO₂ and H₂O. Solubility of CO₂ in liquid water under the high pressure is large. From evaluation of Henry's law, 40 bar of CO₂ on initial Earth corresponds with 10⁵ times of 0.0004 bar on today's CO₂. However, molecule of CO₂ is soluble in water at only low temperature. 98.3% of the CO₂ in carbonated water is linear molecule. The linear molecule of CO₂ will be incorporated in the through-hole of three-dimensional structure of liquid water as follows.

The molecule of water is described as slightly distorted tetrahedron of sp³-hybridized four orbitals. Two of short O-H bond lengths are associated with covalent bond. Two of long O--H bond lengths are associated with ionic bond. Crystal of ice is usually hexagonal structure (1h: P6₃/mmc 194). There is spiral alignment, although there exist glide planes alternately in P6₃/mmc structure. The hexagonal symmetry is formed by a spiral alignment. That is, short side of tetrahedron and long side are connected alternately by 3 direction of electric coupling force. So, the growth of ice is much faster at the {100} interface than at the {111} interface [1].

The microstructure of H₂O molecules is formed basing on the plane of interface. There is a space of through-hole in the center of each spiral structure. Linier CO₂ molecule will be inserted to the through-hole, and the spiral structure is rearranged by its flexibility. It is confirmed that lattice structure of α -quartz is an optimum model to represent the microstructure of carbonated water formed at the plane interface [2].

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