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- 19 Abstract
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21 Mineralization of freshwater-dissolved gases, such as CO_2 and H_2S , in subsurface 22 mafic rocks is a successful permanent gas storage strategy. To apply this approach globally, 23 the composition of locally available water must be considered. In this study, reaction path 24 models were run to estimate the rate and extent of gas mineralization reactions during gas-25 charged freshwater and seawater injection into basalts at temperatures of 260, 170, 100, and 26 25 °C. The calculations were validated by comparison to field observations of gas-charged 27 freshwater injections at the CarbFix2 site (Iceland). The results show that more than 80% of 28 the injected CO₂ dissolved in freshwater or seawater mineralizes as Ca and Fe carbonates at 29 temperatures ≤170 °C after reaction of 0.2 mol/kgw of basalt, whereas at 260 °C much lower 30 carbon mineralization rates are observed in response to the same amount of basalt 31 dissolution. This difference is due to the competition between carbonate versus non-32 carbonate secondary minerals such as epidote, prehnite, and anhydrite for Ca. In contrast, 33 from 80 to 100% of the injected H₂S is predicted to be mineralized as pyrite in all fluid 34 systems at all considered temperatures. Further calculations with fluids having higher CO₂ 35 contents (equilibrated with 9 bar pCO_2) reveal that i) the pH of gas-charged seawater at 36 temperatures ≤ 170 °C is buffered at ≤ 6 due to the precipitation of Mg-rich aluminosilicates, 37 which delays CO₂ carbonation; and ii) the most efficient carbonation in seawater systems 38 occurs at temperatures < 150 °C as anhydrite formation is likely significant at higher 39 temperatures.

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45 **1. Introduction**

46 The 2018 IPCC report concluded that all pathways that limit global warming to 1.5 °C 47 above pre-industrial levels require some carbon capture and storage technology (Rogelj et 48 al., 2018). Permanent storage by in situ mineral carbonation, a strategy enhancing a natural 49 process, is one long-term carbon dioxide (CO₂) storage option (e.g., Metz et al., 2005; 50 Oelkers et al., 2008; Pacala and Socolow, 2004; Power et al., 2013; Sanna et al., 2014). 51 Mafic and ultramafic rocks provide the best candidates for such storage due to their relatively fast dissolution rates and their high content of divalent cations, such as Mg²⁺, Ca²⁺ and Fe²⁺, 52 53 required for the carbonate mineral formation (Gislason and Oelkers, 2014; Kelemen and 54 Matter, 2008; McGrail et al., 2016; Schaef et al., 2010). The effects of rock composition and crystallinity, extent of reactions, and water chemistry on secondary mineralogy have been 55 56 explored by a number of past experimental studies focused on freshwater-basalt-CO₂ interactions (Galeczka et al., 2014; Gislason and Oelkers, 2003; Gudbrandsson et al., 2011; 57 58 Gysi and Stefánsson, 2012a, b; Luhmann et al., 2017; Marieni et al., 2018; Oelkers and 59 Gislason, 2001; Peuble et al., 2015; Schaef and McGrail, 2009; Schaef et al., 2009; 60 Sissmann et al., 2014; Wolff-Boenisch et al., 2004a, 2006; Wolff-Boenisch et al., 2004b). 61 Reaction path simulations have provided insight into these basalt alteration processes and 62 the effects of high CO₂ partial pressures (pCO₂) on dissolution and precipitation reactions 63 (Gysi and Stefánsson, 2008; Rosenbauer et al., 2012). Field observations of alteration 64 products and the related changes in aqueous solutions at sites where CO₂ is injected into the 65 subsurface have advanced our understanding of the timescales of such fluid-rock interactions. For example, the CarbFix process, where gases are dissolved into water before 66 67 or during their injection into subsurface reactive basalts, has been demonstrated to be a safe 68 and cost-effective approach to limiting CO₂ and hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) emissions as the gases are mineralized within two years (Gunnarsson et al., 2018; Matter et al., 2016; 69 70 Snæbjörnsdóttir et al., 2018a). Large volumes of water, however, are required to dissolve the 71 gases using this method; approximately 32 tons of freshwater are needed to dissolve each ton of CO₂ at 25 °C and 25 bar pCO₂ (Snæbjörnsdóttir et al., 2020). This requirement limits 72

73 the CarbFix approach geographically to where ample freshwater resources are located near 74 suitable reactive rock formations. On the other hand, porous basalts near the continental 75 margins have huge potential storage capacities adjacent to nearly unlimited supplies of 76 seawater (Goldberg et al., 2008; Marieni et al., 2013; Snæbjörnsdóttir and Gislason, 2016). 77 This observation suggests that the CarbFix approach could be applied to these regions by 78 the injection of gas-charged seawater into submarine basalts. Yet, the use of seawater 79 instead of freshwater for this purpose is not straightforward because the high amount of salts 80 and sulfates present in seawater can dramatically alter the reaction paths and rates of both 81 gas capture from point sources and the mineralization of CO₂ injected into the subsurface 82 (e.g., Rosenbauer et al., 2012; Xu et al., 2007). For example, injection of seawater during 83 industrial processes often leads to pipe clogging (e.g., Bader, 2007; Dai et al., 2017), and 84 reactions between seawater and basalts can lead to the formation of permeability-destroying clay minerals in submarine basalt formations (e.g., Wolff-Boenisch and Galeczka, 2018; 85 86 Wolff-Boenisch et al., 2011).

87 This study was designed to assess the potential of extending the CarbFix approach for 88 the capture and subsurface mineral fixation of carbon and sulfur. Reaction path models were 89 created to predict the rate and extent of subsurface geochemical reactions in basaltic 90 reservoir rock in response to the injection of CO₂- and H₂S-charged freshwater and seawater 91 as a function of temperature. These model calculations focus on i) identifying the main 92 differences between the use of freshwater versus seawater for the injection of CO₂ and H₂S 93 into subsurface basalts for mineral carbonation, ii) investigating the temperature limits of 94 CO₂-charged injections, and iii) identifying the optimal temperature and fluid composition for 95 the mineralization of CO_2 and H_2S gas mixtures within basaltic reservoirs.

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97 2. Model calculations

98 2.1. Reaction path modelling

99 This study is largely based on thermodynamics via reaction path calculations. The 100 reaction path models created in this study are used to predict the distribution of mineral 101 reaction products occurring in response to the injection of gas-charged aqueous fluids while 102 these fluids travel through a basaltic reservoir (Figure 1). Focus is made to determine the 103 effect of varying temperature (from 25 to 260 °C) and fluid composition (freshwater or 104 seawater) on the mineral-fluid interactions. Four distinct temperatures were chosen to give 105 an overview of the effect of this parameter on carbonation potential. The modelled system 106 was divided into ten sequential reaction steps to track fluid-rock interactions as a function of 107 basalt dissolution. In each step, a fixed quantity of basalt was dissolved into the injected fluid 108 and secondary minerals were allowed to precipitate until the system attained local 109 thermodynamic equilibrium. The identity of secondary minerals allowed to form in the 110 calculations was based on thermodynamic constraints and past field observations (see 111 below). Precipitated minerals were not allowed to react in subsequent reaction steps, i.e. 112 their precipitation was considered non-reversible. This was done to simulate fluids flowing in 113 a reservoir, which constantly moves away from the minerals precipitated from this fluid.

All the calculations in this study were performed using the PHREEQC software package (v3) (Parkhurst and Appelo, 2013) together with the *carbfix.dat* (v1.1.0) thermodynamic database (Voigt et al., 2018a). Reaction path calculations were performed rather than the more detailed reactive transport calculations to generate site independent results, as well as to avoid uncertainties introduced by the estimation of mineral-fluid interfacial surface areas and the use of laboratory measured mineral dissolution and precipitation kinetics.

121 The reaction path model was parameterized and validated using the results from the 122 ongoing CarbFix2 injection (Clark et al., 2018; 2020; Gunnarsson et al., 2018). In the 123 CarbFix2 project, gas-charged water from the Hellisheiði geothermal power plant (SW 124 Iceland) is injected into a hydrothermally altered basaltic reservoir with temperatures of ~260 125 °C (Clark et al., 2020; Gunnarsson et al., 2018; Snæbjörnsdóttir et al., 2018b). During the 126 first phase of the CarbFix2 injection, up to July 2016, approximately 25% of the water-soluble 127 gases from the power plant's exhaust gas stream containing 63 vol% CO₂, 21 vol% H₂S, 14 128 vol% H₂, and 2 vol% of other gases such as Ar, CH₄, and N₂ were dissolved in a scrubbing 129 tower into 20 °C condensed steam collected from the power plant's turbines. The resulting 130 gas-charged water was then transported to injection wells. Effluent water was co-injected into 131 the wells with the gas-charged water, and these two water streams mixed in the well before 132 entering the host rock. Three geothermal wells are used to monitor the geochemical 133 evolution of fluids and assess the magnitude of gas mineralization. These wells are located 134 984 m (HE-31), 1356 m (HE-48), and 1482 m (HE-44) downstream from the dominant 135 injection well (Clark et al., 2020; Gunnarsson et al., 2018). Mass balance calculations on 136 sampled well fluids, taking account of non-reactive chemical tracers, were used to determine 137 the fraction of the injected and formation water reaching each monitoring well, assuming non-138 reactive mixing. For field validation, a mixing final step was performed on the modelled fluid 139 with formation waters (Figure 1). This accounts for fluid mixing within the reservoir near the 140 monitoring wells as each monitoring well passes through three distinct hyaloclastite water 141 feedzones (Snæbjörnsdóttir et al., 2018b). The mixing ratio used in the validation model 142 calculation was chosen to be that of the fluids sampled from the monitoring well HE-31 on 3 143 November 2015, which contained 84 vol% formation water and 16% injected water based on 144 tracer test results reported by Gunnarsson et al. (2018). Data from the other monitoring wells 145 were not used for model validation because of the uncertainties on the various fluid flow 146 paths (e.g., different injected water paths to each monitoring well and/or variable reactive 147 paths depending on time).

The secondary mineralogy in the freshwater injection models was constrained by the mineralogy of alteration phases described in the literature for on-shore basalt formations (Alfredsson et al., 2013; Helgadóttir, 2011; Kristmannsdóttir, 1979; Larsson et al., 2002; Schiffman and Fridleifsson, 1991; Snæbjörnsdóttir et al., 2018b; Thien et al., 2015). The seawater injection models were validated using observations of alteration mineral zones described in the literature for the oceanic crust (Alt, 1995) and further field observations (e.g., Alt et al., 1996; Davis et al., 1997; Fisher et al., 2011).

Note that Daval (2018) speculated, based on some observations of Trias et al. (2017),
that part of the carbon fixation during the original CarbFix injection could be due to biologic

activity leading to the formation of subsurface organic material. The analysis of carbon isotopes at the original CarbFix injection site, where the injected carbon was mineralized at 35 °C, indicates, however, that bio-fixing was negligible. Moreover, it is highly unlikely that biologic activity influenced to any extent the carbon fixation during the ongoing CarbFix2 injections, as carbon fixation in this system is occurring at temperatures in excess of 250 °C. As such, the potential carbon fixation by subsurface biota has not been considered in this study.

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165 **2.2. Thermodynamic dataset and reactant compositions**

166 All reaction path calculations reported in this study were performed using the 167 carbfix.dat thermodynamic database (Voigt et al., 2018a). The carbfix.dat database is based 168 on the core10.dat database (Neveu et al., 2017), which itself is largely derived from the 169 widely used IInl.dat database compiled at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The 170 carbfix.dat database corrects several errors, only contains thermodynamics data for 171 reactions for which equilibrium constants, K, were available (as opposed to constants 172 estimated based on the assumption of constant reaction enthalpy change, Δ , H), and only 173 contains phases and species for which molar volumes are available, allowing the PHREEQC 174 computer code to estimate the pressure dependence of equilibrium constants. The molar 175 volumes listed in this database were also used to calculate the volume of the secondary 176 minerals as a function of reaction progress.

177 The bulk chemical composition of Stapafell basaltic glass (Gysi and Stefánsson, 2011; 178 Oelkers and Gislason, 2001) normalised to one mol of Si, was used as the only phase 179 initially present in the rock formation; the composition of such glass is provided in **Table 1**. 180 This basaltic glass composition is in agreement with normalized field data and was used in 181 all the reaction path models to allow direct comparison of computed results. The freshwater 182 composition used in some of the calculations was set to that of the pre-injection effluent 183 water collected near the Hellisheiði power plant as reported by Gunnarsson et al. (2018), 184 whereas the seawater composition used in the other calculations was taken from Millero et al. (2008). The compositions of these waters are provided in **Table 2** together with the
average composition of the formation waters sampled from monitoring well HE-31 before the
gas-charged water injections (Clark et al., 2020), which was used in the final mixing step of
the modelling to match model results to the observed monitoring well water composition.

189 In all the reaction path calculations, the power plant exhaust gases were first dissolved 190 in pure water, consistent with the composition of condensed steam. This gas-charged water 191 was subsequently mixed with either freshwater or seawater in the molar ratio of 0.3 parts 192 gas-charged water to 0.7 parts either fresh or seawater; this ratio is based on the mixing ratio 193 of the fluids injected during the CarbFix2 project (Clark et al., 2018). The resulting diluted 194 gas-charged water contains either 30.8 or 32.0 mmol/kgw of dissolved inorganic carbon 195 (DIC) and 22.4 or 42.4 mmol/kgw of dissolved sulfur (DS), for freshwater or seawater 196 dilution, respectively (Table 3). These DIC values correspond to a fluid equilibrated with 1 197 bar of pCO₂. In the case of freshwater, almost all the carbon and sulfur in the injected mixture 198 originates from the dissolved gas; in the case of seawater, almost all the carbon but only 199 21.9 mmol/kgw of sulfur (~52% of the total injected DS) are derived from the dissolved gas, 200 with the remaining originating from the natural sulfate content of seawater. The choice to first 201 dissolve the gases in pure water prior to their dilution in freshwater or seawater was made to 202 enable clear comparisons among the model results.

203 The use of model input parameters replicating those from the CarbFix2 gas-charged 204 water injection allows the validation of model results with field observations. In addition, the 205 injection of more concentrated CO₂ fluids was also explored. For these latter calculations, 206 identical fluids were used as in the original calculations other than they contained a higher 207 CO₂ concentration. This higher concentration was taken equal to that of freshwater or 208 seawater equilibrated with 9 bar CO_2 (**Table 3**), which is the injection pressure at the CarbFix2 injection well head (Clark et al., 2020). This results in injected dissolved CO₂ 209 210 concentrations of ~127 and ~116 mmol/kgw, respectively, for the freshwater and seawater 211 injections. In all calculations, carbon dioxide solubility was determined with the PengRobinson equation of state (Peng and Robinson, 1976) as implemented in PHREEQC(Appelo et al., 2014).

214 The compositions, chemical formulas, molar volumes and thermal stability fields of the 215 secondary phases considered in the reaction path calculations are listed in Table 4. The 216 thermal stability field defines the temperature range in which a mineral has been observed in 217 experimental and/or field studies. Consistent with field observations, dolomite was not allowed to precipitate, and the formation of reduced aqueous carbon species, C⁻⁴ or methane 218 219 (CH₄), was restricted. The volume of the dissolving basaltic glass was calculated using a 220 molar weight of 123 g/mol and density of 2.851 g/cm³ (Galeczka et al., 2014). The rock 221 volume changes reported below are defined as the difference between the volume of the 222 dissolved rock and the total volume of the precipitated secondary minerals. As such, these 223 do not correspond to rock porosity changes. Rock porosity changes would depend on the 224 amount of basalt dissolved and secondary minerals formed at each point in the system, 225 which will be a function of fluid rates, rock-fluid interfacial surface area, and mineral reaction 226 rates. Such factors are not explicitly considered in this study. Also, the effect of the presence 227 of dissolved gas in the fluid phase on reservoir rock volume changes was determined by 228 comparing each gas-charged reaction path calculation to a corresponding reaction path 229 calculation result with either gas-free freshwater or seawater (Table 2).

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231 **3. RESULTS**

232 **3.1. Reaction path field validation**

The results from the reaction path calculations, performed for the injection of freshwater-dissolved CO_2 into basalts at 260 °C and thereby mimicking the CarbFix2 injection are shown in **Figure 2** along with the corresponding field observations reported by Clark et al. (2020). Ten steps of 0.02 mol basalt dissolution per kg H₂O were required prior to the non-reactive mixing of the resulting fluid with the background water to obtain the fluid composition measured at monitoring well HE-31. A total of 0.2 mol basalt dissolution was chosen for this calculation to match the results of Clark et al. (2020). This 0.2 mol/kgw basaltic glass corresponds to a mass of 25 g or a volume of 8.6 cm³ of basalt dissolved per
kg water.

242 The calculated final pH of 7.36 obtained in this calculation after fluid-rock interaction is 243 in close agreement with the measured field in situ pH of 7.31 (Figure 2a). A close match is 244 also found between calculated and measured DIC and DS (Figure 2b); the calculated final fluid values were 9.93 and 1.86 mmol/kgw, whereas the corresponding field measured 245 246 values were 10.58 and 2.14 mmol/kgw, for DIC and DS, respectively. Similarly, the 247 calculated major element fluid concentrations match well with the corresponding field values, 248 with no significant systematic differences (Figure 2c). Note, however, an underestimate of 249 ~20% in the Si concentrations and a ~15% overestimate of the Na values were obtained in 250 the calculation. The model results indicate the formation of calcite, albite, prehnite, Mg-251 chlorite (clinochlore) and epidote (Figure 2d), which is in agreement with the geochemical 252 calculations based on monitoring data as well as the geological description of the CarbFix2 253 site (Snæbjörnsdóttir et al., 2018b). The model-field comparison of the saturation indices of 254 all the secondary minerals listed in Table 4 for temperature conditions of 260 °C shows that 255 most are in close agreement other than for those of Fe-bearing phases, which are 256 underestimated by the model calculations.

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258 3.2. Reaction path calculations for gas-charged waters at 260 °C

A comparison of the results from the gas-charged freshwater and the gas-charged seawater reaction path model calculations at 260 °C are shown in **Figure 3**. In the freshwater system, the pH increases from 5.8 to 7.7, whereas in the seawater system the pH follows a different trend, decreasing from 5.5 to 4.1 in response to the dissolution of the first 0.02 mol of basaltic glass, and then slowly rising back to ~5.4 after the dissolution of 0.14 additional moles of basaltic glass.

The DIC and DS mineralized are shown as a percentage of the amount of these gases originally injected in **Figure 3 c and d**. A substantial amount of the originally injected sulfur is mineralized in response to 0.2 mol basalt dissolution per kg of injected solution, with 268 freshwater mineralizing around 80% (~17.4 mmol/kgw), and seawater almost 100% (~41.9 269 mmol/kgw, of which 22.4 mmol/kgw originates from the gas-charged solution) of the injected 270 dissolved sulfur. In contrast, the efficiency of DIC mineralization is substantially different if 271 injected via freshwater compared to seawater after the dissolution of 0.2 mol of basalt. Gas-272 charged freshwater-basalt interaction is estimated to mineralize ~40% of the originally 273 injected DIC (~11.6 mmol/kgw), whereas gas-charged seawater-basalt interaction removes 274 only ~10% (~3.2 mmol/kgw) of the originally injected DIC. This lower CO₂ uptake by the 275 solids in the latter case is the result of the stability and formation of non-carbonate Ca-276 bearing minerals (see below).

277 In both the freshwater and the seawater systems, the CO₂ is mineralized as calcite, 278 whereas dissolved sulfur precipitates only as pyrite in freshwater, and as pyrite and anhydrite 279 in seawater. The other minerals observed as secondary phases during the dissolutionprecipitation reaction path in freshwater, in descending order of molar abundance, are 280 281 quartz, epidote, Mg-chlorite (clinochlore), albite, prehnite, ilmenite, magnetite, and K-282 feldspar. In the seawater reaction path model, the secondary minerals are quartz, Mg-283 chlorite, albite, epidote, hematite, ilmenite, and magnetite. Prehnite and K-feldspar are 284 observed only during the freshwater injection and hematite only during the seawater 285 injection. Furthermore, quartz, epidote, and magnetite are more abundant during the 286 freshwater injection, clinochlore and albite more abundant during the seawater injection, 287 while ilmenite shows similar abundances from either injection. In these 260 °C calculations, 288 chlorites were allowed to precipitate rather than smectites consistent with the observations 289 by Alt (1995) and Snæbjörnsdóttir et al. (2018c) for seawater and freshwater injections, 290 respectively.

The efficiency of CO_2 mineralization can be visualized by assessing the distribution of Ca among the various secondary phases (**Figure 3 g and h**). In the freshwater system, Ca is taken up, in descending order of abundance, by epidote, prehnite, and calcite, with prehnite being predominant compared to the other phases during the initial reaction path steps. In the seawater system, most of the Ca is taken up by anhydrite. It is only after the injected sulfate is consumed, after 0.12 mol of basaltic glass dissolution, that epidote and calcite begin toform, with epidote being predominant over calcite.

The combined dissolution-precipitation reactions predicted to occur leads to an increase in the rock volume per kg of injected solution in both systems: +1% for the freshwater case, and +11% for seawater. Moreover, the gas-charged seawater-basalt system shows a rock volume increase during the first reaction step, whereas the rock volume increase in the freshwater system begins only after the dissolution of 0.10 mol of basaltic glass. This volume increase is largely the result of the formation of hydrated minerals, such as chlorites, where the water included in the structure increases the mineral volume.

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306 3.3. Reaction path calculations for gas-charged waters at 170 °C

The results from both the gas-charged freshwater and the gas-charged seawater reaction path calculations at 170 °C are illustrated in **Figure 4**. In the freshwater system, the aqueous solution pH increases almost linearly from 5.0 to 9.7 with increasing basaltic glass dissolution, whereas in the seawater system the pH first sharply increases from 4.8 to 5.6 in response to the dissolution of the first 0.02 mol of basaltic glass, followed by a slow rise to 6.0.

313 At this temperature, both the freshwater and seawater injections indicate a similarly 314 high percentage of injected sulfur mineralization, with the freshwater mineralizing around 315 96% (~21.5 mmol/kgw) of the initial DS, and the seawater mineralizing almost 95% (~40.2 316 mmol/kgw, of which 22.4 mmol/kgw originated from the dissolved gas) of the initial DS. 317 Similarly, the mole percent of initial DIC sequestered is above 90% during both the 318 freshwater and seawater system (~99% and ~92%, respectively). In the case of the 319 freshwater injection, most of the DIC is mineralized before the first 0.12 mol of basaltic glass 320 is dissolved, whereas about twice as much basalt dissolution (0.2 mol) is required to reach a 321 similar DIC mineralization value in the seawater system.

As in the 260 °C reaction path calculations, the CO₂ is mineralized as calcite, whereas the DS precipitates as pyrite during the freshwater injection, but as both pyrite and anhydrite 324 during the seawater injection. The other secondary phases calculated to form during the 325 reaction path calculations in the freshwater systems, in descending order of abundance, are 326 Mg-smectites, Ca-zeolites (laumontite and mordenite), ilmenite, Na-zeolite (analcime), Fe-327 smectites, K-smectites, magnetite, and K-feldspar. In the seawater system, the secondary 328 minerals are Mg-smectites, hematite, ilmenite, and Fe-smectite. Zeolites, magnetite, K-329 smectites and K-feldspar are observed only during freshwater injection, whereas hematite 330 only during seawater injection. Fe-smectites are more abundant during the freshwater 331 injection, whereas Mg-smectites are more abundant during the seawater injection.

332 At this temperature in the freshwater system, Ca is taken up, in descending order of 333 abundance, by calcite, mordenite and laumontite, with more than 60% of Ca being 334 incorporated into calcite throughout the whole reaction path. During the seawater injection, 335 calcite and anhydrite compete for Ca, with anhydrite taking up to ~75% of the available Ca in 336 the initial reaction step, and ~35% after 0.06 mol of basaltic glass has dissolved. The results 337 of these calculations suggest a similar increase in rock volume in both modelled gas-charged 338 water injections as a function of basalt dissolution: +18% for the freshwater system, and 339 +14% for the seawater system. This volume increase is mostly due to the formation of clay 340 minerals and zeolites, which are hydrated minerals.

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342 3.4. Reaction path calculations for gas-charged waters at 100 °C

The results from both the gas-charged freshwater and the gas-charged seawater reaction path calculations at 100 °C are shown in **Figure 5**. In the freshwater system, the pH increases almost linearly from 4.7 to 10.4, whereas in the seawater system, the pH first increases sharply from 4.6 to 5.8 in response to the dissolution of the first 0.02 mol of basaltic glass, and then increases more slowly to 6.9.

Both injected fluids show comparable high percentages of the injected carbon mineralization, with gas-charged freshwater-basalt interaction mineralizing almost 100% (~30.8 mmol/kgw) of the initial DIC and gas-charged seawater-basalt interaction mineralizing almost 99% (~31.6 mmol/kgw) of the initial DIC. The DS is nearly completely mineralized during the injection of gas-charged freshwater, but only ~74% of this sulfur is mineralized during the injection of gas-charged seawater; yet, almost 100% of the injected H_2S is mineralized even during seawater injection. The sulfur remaining in the fluid phase is in the form of sulfate. For both the gas-charged freshwater and seawater injections, most of the DIC is mineralized before 0.14 mol of basaltic glass has dissolved, whereas only half of this basalt is required to mineralize most of the H_2S .

358 At this temperature, in both the freshwater and seawater systems, the CO₂ is 359 mineralized mainly as calcite, with lesser amounts of ankerite precipitating near the end of 360 the calculations. The DS is mineralized as pyrite during both the freshwater and seawater 361 injections, with only a minor amount of anhydrite formed due to gas-charged seawater 362 injection at this temperature. The other minerals observed as secondary phases throughout 363 the dissolution-precipitation reaction path during freshwater injections, in descending order of 364 molar abundance, are Mg-smectites, Ca-zeolites (mordenite and thomsonite), ilmenite, Fe-365 smectites, K-smectites, and celadonite. In the seawater system, the secondary minerals are 366 Mg-smectites, hematite, ilmenite, and Ca-zeolites (mordenite and thomsonite). Fe-smectites, 367 K-smectites and celadonite are observed only in the freshwater system, whereas hematite 368 was only observed to form in the seawater system. Ca-zeolites are more abundant during the 369 freshwater injection, whereas Mg-smectites are more abundant during the seawater injection.

In the freshwater system, calcium is consumed in descending order of molar abundance by calcite, ankerite, mordenite and laumontite, with ~57% of Ca incorporated into calcite throughout the whole path, ~3% by ankerite, and ~40% by zeolites. In the seawater system, the same minerals compete for Ca, with calcite consuming ~55% of the available Ca throughout the whole reaction, and about ~15% each is consumed by zeolites, ankerite, and anhydrite.

The volume of the precipitating phases is +18% larger than that of the dissolving basalt during the freshwater injection but only +14% during the seawater injection. This volume increase can be related to the abundance of both the smectitic clay minerals and the zeolites. 380

381 **3.5. Reaction path calculations for gas-charged waters at 25 °C**

The results from both the gas-charged freshwater and the gas-charged seawater reaction path models at 25 °C are illustrated in **Figure 6**. In the freshwater system, the pH increases almost linearly from 4.9 to 11.9 with increasing basaltic glass dissolution, whereas in the seawater system the pH increases linearly from 4.7 to 8.3 as 0.14 mol basalt is dissolved per kg of injected solution, but from this point on the pH remains nearly constant.

Both the freshwater and seawater injections mineralize more than 90% (~28.4 and 32.0 mmol/kgw, respectively) of the injected DIC. In contrast, the DS is almost completely mineralized during the freshwater injection, but only ~62% during the seawater injection (~26.4 mmol/kgw total, of which 22.4 mmol/kgw comes from the dissolved gas). Most of the DIC is mineralized in response to the first 0.12 mol of basaltic glass dissolution, whereas only half of this basalt dissolution is required to mineralize most of the DS. The sulfur remaining in the aqueous solution at the end of the calculation is mainly in the form of sulfate.

394 The injected CO₂ is primarily mineralized as calcite, while some ankerite is predicted to 395 form in the seawater system. The DS precipitates as pyrite during both the freshwater and 396 seawater injections. The other minerals observed as secondary phases during the dissolution-precipitation reaction path in freshwater, in descending order of molar 397 398 abundance, are Mg-smectites, Ca-zeolites (chabazite and thomsonite), ilmenite, Fe-smectite, 399 Na-smectite, K-smectite, and celadonite. In the seawater system, the secondary minerals are 400 Mg-smectites, celadonite, hematite, ilmenite, K-smectite, Ca-zeolite (thomsonite), and Na-401 smectite. Fe-smectites are formed only in response to the injection of gas-charged 402 freshwater, whereas hematite precipitates only in the response to the injection of gas-403 charged seawater. Ca-zeolites are more abundant during the injection of freshwater, with 404 Mg-smectites and celadonite more abundant during the injection of seawater.

In the freshwater system, aqueous calcium is consumed, in order of abundance,
calcite, chabazite and thomsonite, with ~70% of the Ca precipitating as calcite, and the rest
as Ca-zeolites. During the seawater injection, calcite, ankerite and thomsonite compete for

408 Ca, with calcite consuming ~65% of the available Ca over the reaction path, but significant 409 amounts of ankerite and zeolite are also calculated to form. As was the case for the higher 410 temperature models, the formation of these minerals leads to a net volume increase in the 411 solid phases in both freshwater and seawater systems of 9 and 12%, respectively.

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413 **3.6. Reaction path calculations for CO₂-rich waters**

The results from the additional reaction path calculations run for systems having higher DIC concentrations are summarized in **Figure 7**. In these calculations, the freshwater or seawater was first equilibrated with 9 bar CO_2 at 67 °C prior to its injection. For these calculations, 1 kg of initial gas-charged freshwater or seawater was reacted in 70 consecutive reaction steps, each adding 0.02 mol of basaltic glass. This increased mass of basaltic glass dissolution was necessary to mineralize the CO_2 in the injected waters, which have substantially higher carbon concentrations than in the previous model calculations.

421 In the case of the injection of either CO₂-rich freshwater or CO₂-rich seawater at 422 temperatures ≤170 °C, the dissolution of 0.4 mol of basaltic glass was sufficient to mineralize 423 ~90% of the injected CO₂, whereas around 4 times more basaltic glass dissolution was 424 required for this mineralization at 260 °C due to the formation of other Ca-bearing secondary 425 minerals. The fluid pH of the injected waters after 90% of the injected DIC was mineralized 426 differed between the freshwater and the seawater system. For the freshwater injection this 427 pH ranged from between 8.8 and 9.8, depending on temperature. The pH of the injected 428 CO₂-rich seawater was more strongly buffered; the pH of the fluid phase after ~90% of the 429 DIC had mineralized ranged from 5.7 to 6.4 at temperatures ≤170 °C but was 8.1 at 260 °C. 430 As further DIC mineralized, the calculations for both the freshwater and seawater systems 431 suggest that the pH continues to increase to above 10, which is higher than the maximum pH 432 around 9 typically observed for groundwater isolated from the atmosphere in contact with 433 alumino-silicate minerals (Langmuir, 1997). These anomalous high pH are due to the 434 continued calculated precipitation of zeolites and clay at alkaline conditions. For example,

thomsonite (Equation 1) and saponite-Fe-Mg (Equation 2) are predicted to form at pH 10
according to

$$5Al(OH)_{4}^{-} + 2Ca^{2+} + 4HSiO_{3}^{-} + NaHSiO_{3} \rightarrow Ca_{2}NaAl_{5}Si_{5}O_{20}:6H_{2}O + 4H_{2}O$$
(1)
+ 50H⁻

437 and

$$0.175Mg^{2+} + 0.35Al(OH)_{4}^{-} + 3Fe(OH)_{3}^{-} + 3.65HSiO_{3}^{-}$$

$$\rightarrow Mg_{0.175}Fe_{3}Al_{0.35}Si_{3.65}O_{10}(OH)_{2} + 2.7H_{2}O + 6.65OH^{-}$$
(2)

The continued precipitation of these minerals at elevated pH in the calculations suggests some inconsistencies in the thermodynamic database for one or more of these phases or the aqueous species of their constituent metals at high pH.

441 The solid phases predicted to form according to the reaction path calculations were 442 compared to the results of corresponding experimental data reported in a number of studies 443 of high pCO₂ gas-charged water-basalt interaction (e.g., Gysi and Stefánsson, 2012a; Gysi 444 and Stefánsson, 2012b; Kanakiya et al., 2017; Schaef et al., 2010; Shibuya et al., 2013; 445 Sissmann et al., 2014), and to observations of mineral assemblages in CO₂-rich natural 446 systems (Freedman et al., 2009; Nakamura and Kato, 2004; Neuhoff et al., 1999; Rogers et 447 al., 2006; Schiffman and Fridleifsson, 1991; Shibuya et al., 2012). Similar to these past 448 studies, our calculations exhibit the precipitation of carbonates and other non-carbonate 449 phases such as chlorites, zeolites and clay minerals as the fluid pH increases (see 450 Appendix A). Some differences are nevertheless evident. In contrast to the previous studies, 451 amorphous silica was not predicted to precipitate during the 100 °C CO₂-rich freshwater reaction path calculations, despite it having been observed upon CO₂ input to the 452 experimental systems at 75 and 150 °C by Gysi and Stefánsson (2012c), at 150 °C by 453 454 Sissmann et al. (2014), and in West Greenland basalts altered at 80-125 °C by Rogers et al. 455 (2006). Epidote was predicted to form in the model calculations during both the freshwater 456 and seawater injections at 260 °C, similar to its presence as a secondary mineral reported in 457 field studies of hydrothermally altered mafic systems (e.g., Freedman et al., 2009; Schiffman 458 and Fridleifsson, 1991). Yet, this mineral was not detected at comparable temperatures

during water-dissolved CO_2 -basalt experimental studies (e.g., Gysi and Stefánsson, 2012b;

460 Shibuya et al., 2013) or other field observations (e.g., Nakamura and Kato, 2004).

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462 **3.7. Reaction path model results for gas-free waters**

Reaction path calculations with gas-free freshwater or seawater were included to better constrain the effect of the presence of injected gases on the rock volume changes. For the reaction path run in the presence of seawater at 170 °C, kaolinite was allowed to precipitate in addition to the already listed secondary minerals in the gas-charged system as it was computed to be supersaturated at times in the fluids phase. For the purpose of this study, only the output results on the rock volume changes were discussed below; yet all the reaction path calculation outputs were summarized and made available in **Appendix B**.

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471 **4. DISCUSSION**

472 **4.1. Gas-charged water injection: comparison with field data**

473 The results of the reaction path calculations based on the CarbFix2 gas injection 474 conditions (Figure 2) are in close agreement with the chemical composition of the fluid 475 sampled from the field monitoring well HE31 during this injection (Clark et al., 2020). The 476 modelled pH of this 260 °C freshwater injection matches the pH of the CarbFix2 monitoring 477 fluids after the dissolution of about 0.2 mol of basalt. Also, the computed saturation states 478 determined from the calculations agree well with the monitoring results for most minerals although they underestimate those of the Fe-bearing phases such as ankerite, pyrite, 479 480 daphnite, and epidote. This underestimation is most likely related to the assumption of full 481 oxidation-reduction (redox) equilibrium in the model calculations, while measured 482 sulfide/sulfate redox couple concentrations were used to interpret the field-obtained 483 monitoring data. These differences suggest that full redox equilibrium might not have been 484 achieved in the CarbFix2 system in the field.

485 The mineral assemblages predicted to form by the reaction path calculations shown in 486 **Figure 3** are similar to the observed secondary mineralogy produced by the freshwater 487 hydrothermal alteration of basaltic rocks in natural analogues (e.g., Kristmannsdóttir, 1979; 488 Snæbjörnsdóttir et al., 2018b), and gas-water-basalt interaction experiments performed at 489 250 °C (Stefánsson et al., 2011; Thien et al., 2015). Calculations indicate Mg-chlorite 490 (clinochlore) precipitation throughout the whole reaction path, while epidote is calculated to 491 precipitate only at pH >7, consistent with the mineralogy seen on the top of the chlorite-492 epidote zone of basalt alteration in the Hellisheiði reservoir (Snæbjörnsdóttir et al., 2018b). 493 Albite formation reflects the process of albitization associated with the alteration of Ca-rich 494 plagioclase as expected to occur at this temperature (Franzson et al., 2008; Snæbjörnsdóttir 495 et al., 2018b). Model results also confirm field observations that DS mineralizes as pyrite 496 earlier, in terms of the amount of basaltic glass dissolved, compared to the carbonation of 497 DIC as calcite. Pyrite forms during the first reaction path steps up until the pH reached ~7, 498 when its precipitation is slowed by epidote formation (Stefánsson et al., 2011). Significant 499 amounts of calcite are calculated to begin forming at pH >7.3, consistent with the 500 observations reported by Clark et al. (2020) where calcite only precipitated when sufficient 501 basaltic glass has dissolved to neutralize the acidic injection fluids. At lower pH, the Ca-502 bearing mineral prehnite is predicted to precipitate. Another Ca-bearing phase potentially competing with calcite for aqueous calcium is tremolite (the Ca-Mg end-member of 503 504 actinolite), which was found to be supersaturated in both the modelled and monitored fluids 505 (Figure 2). Note, however, that actinolite is found in Icelandic geothermal systems only when 506 temperatures exceed 280 °C (Kristmannsdóttir, 1979), so that its precipitation during the 507 reaction path calculations was not allowed.

The results of DIC mineralization in the gas-charged seawater calculations can be compared with field studies of oceanic crust alteration (Alt and Teagle, 1999; Coggon et al., 2004; Coogan and Gillis, 2013; Gillis and Coogan, 2011; Rausch et al., 2013; Staudigel et al., 1989). On average, the carbonate content as $CaCO_3$ within the upper 600–700 m of global oceanic crust, equal to 10% of the average thickness of this crust, is ~1.5 wt% (Rausch, 2012). Though, within the uppermost 300 m of submarine volcanic basalts the carbonate abundance can reach as much as ~11 wt%, mainly as calcite, with carbonate 515 veins commonly filled at temperatures below 100 °C during the Cretaceous, when the 516 atmospheric CO₂ concentration was higher than at present (Alt and Teagle, 1999; Staudigel 517 et al., 1989). Note, the results from the reaction path calculations at 25 and 100 °C for the 518 seawater system suggest the mineralization of CO₂ via the precipitation of mainly calcite, but 519 also some ankerite (Figures 5 and 6, h). Coogan and Gillis (2013) suggested that the higher 520 CO₂ content in Cretaceous seawater led to an enhanced alkalinity production during fluid-521 rock reaction in the oceanic crust, allowing for substantially more CO₂ to be taken up as 522 calcite, similarly to what has been suggested during the injection of CO₂-charged freshwater 523 at Hellisheiði (Clark et al., 2020). Studies of hydrothermally altered reservoirs also 524 demonstrate that in seawater charged with up to ~6 bar pCO_2 , such as in Reykjanes, 525 Iceland, calcite contents can reach ~13 wt% (Freedman et al., 2009; Wiese et al., 2008).

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527 **4.2. Effect of dissolved gas injection on reacted rock volume changes**

528 Water-basalt interaction in natural systems, even without any added gases, generates 529 significant rock volume changes. The addition of gases to the injected fluid enhances the 530 physical and chemical alteration of primary basalt, as observed in field and modelling studies 531 (e.g., Snæbjörnsdóttir et al., 2018a; Thien et al., 2015). Changes in rock volume determined 532 for each reaction path system in the more dilute gas calculations corresponds to the 533 response of the water-rock system to the dissolution of 0.2 mol of basaltic glass into 1 kg of 534 gas-charged water over time and distance. The relative effect of gas injection on reservoir 535 rock volume changes was estimated by comparing model outputs from corresponding gas-536 charged and gas-free injection calculations (see Appendix B). The results of such a 537 comparison are shown in Figure 8.

A notably higher final rock volume change is predicted for gas-charged freshwater injection compared to gas-free freshwater injection at all temperatures except for 170 °C. In contrast, the addition of gas to seawater leads to significantly higher rock volume changes only at 25 °C. At 100 °C, the rock volume change in response to the gas-free seawater injection is comparable to that observed in response to the gas-charged seawater injection 543 (12% and 14%, respectively). This result is due to the decreased formation of zeolites 544 minerals in the latter case. At 170 and 260 °C, lower rock volume changes are predicted for 545 the gas-charged seawater injection compared to the gas-free seawater injection due to the 546 decreased precipitation of voluminous kaolinite, Na-zeolite and chlorite in the presence of 547 CO₂ and H₂S. At 260 °C, more chlorite precipitation is calculated to occur during the injection of seawater compared to the injection of freshwater leading to a larger increase in rock 548 549 volume in the former. On the other hand, smaller rock volume changes are observed during 550 gas-charged seawater injection compared to gas-charged freshwater injection at temperatures ≤170 °C. It should also be noted that during all the gas-charged injections other 551 552 than gas-charged seawater at 260 °C a negligible change (<3%) to the rock volume is 553 predicted during the dissolution of the first 0.02 mol of basaltic glass, which limits the risk of 554 clogging in the proximity of the injection well.

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4.3. Effects of reservoir temperature on injected gas mineralization

557 A comparison of the model results from the more dilute gas calculations shows that the 558 secondary phase mineralogy, and thus the mineralization of DIC and DS, varies as a function 559 of temperature. At 260 °C, the majority of aqueous Ca is consumed by epidote and prehnite, 560 as well as anhydrite in the case of the seawater systems, while most aqueous Ca is 561 consumed by carbonate formation at lower temperatures, leading to more efficient DIC 562 mineralization. The amount of H_2S -mineralization does not change substantially with temperature, with calculations showing that even at 25 °C, most of the added DS from the 563 564 injected gas-charged fluid is mineralized after no more than 0.2 mol/kgw of basaltic glass 565 dissolution. In addition to H₂S storage, a generally increasing desulfurization trend is 566 observed during gas-charged seawater injection as a function of increasing temperature; the 567 amount of sulfate originally contained in the seawater fixed by mineral reactions increases from 20 to 100% with increasing temperature from 25 to 260 °C. This sulfate removal is due 568 569 to both redox reactions and precipitation of anhydrite (see Section 4.4).

570 In the 260 °C systems, chlorite minerals were allowed to precipitate during the 571 calculations rather than smectite. Note, however, that there is an ongoing debate 572 surrounding smectite formation temperatures and stabilities, with some experimental 573 observations suggesting smectite formation at temperatures as high as at 300 °C in the 574 presence of seawater (Seyfried and Bischoff, 1979; Seyfried and Bischoff, 1981; Voigt et al., 575 2018b). One possibility is that smectite is a meta-stable phase at these (and even lower) 576 temperatures and slowly transforms to mixed-layer clays, and eventually to chlorite 577 (Schiffman and Fridleifsson, 1991). The formation of clays and zeolites is pervasive at 578 temperatures below 260 °C, and the precipitation of these minerals consumes pore space, 579 increasing the potential of clogging flow paths in the reservoir at some distance from the 580 injection well, but, leaves Ca available in solution for carbon mineralization.

581 All calculations suggest that lower temperatures mineralize the injected carbon and 582 sulfur more efficiently, as fewer Ca-bearing non-carbonate minerals and fewer Fe-bearing 583 non-sulfide minerals form (Figure 9). However, as illustrated in Figure 9c, reaction rates 584 change dramatically with temperature. Based on the activation energy of 25.5 kJ/mol 585 (Gislason and Oelkers, 2003), and the Arrhenius (1889) equation, the basaltic glass 586 dissolution is estimated to proceed at rates almost two orders of magnitude slower at 25 °C 587 than at 260 °C. As such, almost two orders of magnitude more reaction time might be 588 required for the same mass of basalt to dissolve at the lower temperature. Therefore, at low 589 temperatures, slow reaction kinetics will have to be compensated by longer flow paths or 590 slower flow rates than at higher temperatures for the complete mineralization of the injected 591 gases.

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593 **4.4. Effects of fluid composition on injected gas mineralization**.

The calculations presented above for different fluid compositions (**Figures 3-6**) suggest that the efficiency of gas-charged seawater carbon mineralization is somewhat lower than that of freshwater for temperatures \geq 170 °C, but similar for temperatures \leq 100 °C at the lower considered initial DIC concentration. For example, at 260 and 170 °C, to reach the 598 same amount of CO₂ mineralization obtained during the gas-charged freshwater injection 599 due the dissolution of 0.2 mol/kgw of basaltic glass requires 0.36 and 0.22 mol/kgw of 600 basaltic glass dissolution during the gas-charged seawater injection, respectively. At 601 temperatures ≥170 °C, the mineralization of DIC within carbonates in the presence of 602 seawater is slowed because of extensive early anhydrite formation decreasing the Ca 603 availability for carbonate mineral formation. This upper temperature limit for gas-charged 604 seawater injection can be further constrained by experimental observations of significant 605 amounts of anhydrite when heating seawater to temperatures above 150 °C (Bischoff and 606 Seyfried, 1978). At temperatures ≤100 °C, DIC mineralization is calculated to be similar for 607 both injected fluids in response to the dissolution of 0.2 mol/kgw basaltic glass, although the 608 calculations suggest somewhat different pH evolutions. In the presence of seawater, the 609 system pH is buffered at pH ≤6 due to enhanced clay mineral precipitation. As carbonate 610 formation is expected to begin at pH approaching neutrality, depending on the temperature, 611 the time required for the system to increase the pH towards more alkaline conditions might 612 slow DIC mineralization somewhat in the presence of seawater. The early formation of Mg-613 chlorite at 260 °C, and clay minerals at temperatures ≤170 °C are the main processes 614 buffering the pH in the presence of seawater due to the production of H⁺ associated with their 615 precipitation. The precipitation of these minerals, therefore, could slow the onset of the Ca-616 carbonate precipitation. This is qualitatively similar to what has been observed during some 617 CO₂- and H₂S-free seawater-basalt interaction experiments (Seyfried and Bischoff, 1977; 618 1979; 1981; Voigt et al., 2018b). In these experiments the pH initially drops, most likely due 619 to the formation of hydrated silicates.

The efficiency of DS mineralization in response to seawater injection is predicted to be similar to that of freshwater at \geq 170 °C, but lower at 100 °C or below (**Figures 3-6**). Note, however, the total initial DS in the gas-charged seawater includes the sulfur naturally present in seawater itself as sulfate. Almost all of the dissolved H₂S is mineralized during the seawater injection at both 25 and 100 °C, in each case requiring the dissolution of only 0.08 mol/kgw basaltic glass. On the other hand, most of the sulfate in the seawater is removed by anhydrite precipitation at temperatures ≥170 °C, and only up to 10% by sulfate reduction
reactions (Figure 10). Several factors influence the reduction of seawater sulfate in the
modelled system as this process depends on ferrous iron, proton, and sulfate availability
according to

$$8Fe_{basalt}^{2+} + 9H^{+} + SO_4^{2-} = 8Fe_{basalt}^{3+} + HS^{-} + 4H_2O$$
(3)

630 where Fe_{basalt}^{2+} and Fe_{basalt}^{3+} correspond to the aqueous ferrous and ferric ions, respectively, 631 released by the dissolution of the basaltic glass.

632 The H⁺ required for this reaction in natural hydrothermal systems has been attributed to Mg-633 silicate formation reactions in previous experimental studies (e.g., Shanks et al., 1981). In the 634 reaction path calculations presented in this study, the formation of Mg-bearing phases does 635 not always provide sufficient protons to allow the completion of reaction (3). In addition to H⁺ availability, seawater sulfate reduction can proceed only if sufficient oxidizable ferrous iron is 636 637 released from the basalt as 8 Fe²⁺ are required to be oxidized to reduce one S⁶⁺. 638 Furthermore, the early precipitation of anhydrite and its separation from the flowing fluids 639 limits sulfate reduction in the model calculations performed for gas-charged seawater-basalt interaction at 260 °C (Figure 10). Finally, the greater reduction potential of ferric iron 640 compared to that of sulfate leads to the oxidation of some H₂S in response to the release of 641 Fe^{3+} from the basalt, as can be seen in the initial reaction steps shown in **Figure 10**. The 642 643 associated oxidation of sulfide into sulfate is observed at every considered temperature until less than at least 1 mmol/kgw of H₂S is left in the aqueous solution after which the reverse 644 645 redox reaction start to take place, in accord with Eqn. 3. Due to mass balance 646 considerations, 0.47 mmol/kg sulfate reduction is calculated for each 0.02 mol/kgw of 647 basaltic glass dissolved, assuming that all the iron in basalt is available as ferrous iron and no Fe²⁺-rich solid phase forms. The kinetics of the Fe-S redox reaction, however, may be a 648 649 limiting factor for this process. As described by Ohmoto and Lasaga (1982) and Shanks et al. 650 (1981), inorganic sulfate reduction rates are fast enough to become detectable and 651 geochemically important only at temperatures above 200 °C.

652 The injected fluid composition also affects the rock volume increase due to the coupled 653 dissolution-precipitation reactions in the lower considered DIC concentration systems as 654 shown in Figure 9b. At 260 °C, the rock volume increase during gas-charged seawater 655 injection is larger than that estimated for gas-charged freshwater injection due to the 656 formation of both chlorite and anhydrite. At 170 and 100 °C, a significantly smaller rock 657 volume increase is calculated for the seawater injection compared to the freshwater injection. 658 This latter difference stems from the enhanced precipitation of zeolites during the freshwater injection. In contrast to the results at higher temperatures, reactions at 25 °C in response to 659 660 seawater injection led to a similar rock volume increase compared to the corresponding 661 freshwater injection. Note that most of the rock volume increases take place after substantial 662 basalt dissolution occurs, likely avoiding flow path clogging near the injection well (Figures 663 3-6 k and I).

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4.5. Effects of CO₂ concentration on mineralization

666 Calculations of basaltic glass interaction with fluids charged with higher CO_2 667 concentrations were run to provide insight into applying the CarbFix method to other gas 668 emitting industries, such as coal, gas-fired, and oil-fired power plants (Kagel and Gawell, 669 2005; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2010; Xu et al., 2003). The CO_2 concentrations 670 for the injection fluids considered in these calculations were those equal to the fluid at 671 equilibrium with 9 bar CO_2 and the injecting pressure at the well head of Hellisheiði (Clark et 672 al., 2020).

No significant change in carbonate mineralogy was observed due to the increasing fluid pCO_2 , with Ca-carbonate being the dominant CO_2 -bearing precipitating mineral phase. This is in agreement with several experimental and modelling studies (e.g., Gysi and Stefánsson, 2012c; Rosenbauer et al., 2012; Sturmer et al., 2020). These studies showed that the precipitation of Mg- and Fe-carbonates occurs *i*) from fluids with pCO_2 higher than 25 bar, and *ii*) in presence of Mg-rich silicates such as olivine. 679 Relatively efficient CO₂-mineralization is found in all CO₂-rich freshwater and seawater 680 model calculations for temperatures ≤170 °C, with only 0.4 mol/kgw of basaltic glass required 681 to mineralize the CO₂ contained in these more gas-concentrated fluids (Figure 7). Note, 682 however, the time required for this carbonation will depend strongly on the mineral reaction 683 kinetics, which are not considered in these calculations. Given that the reaction path 684 calculations do not consider reaction rates, pH higher than 10 was also reached (Figure 7) 685 due to zeolite and clay minerals precipitation (Equations 1 and 2). The observation of such 686 high pH is uncommon in natural systems and as suggested above is due to the precipitation 687 of zeolites and clay minerals at extremely alkaline conditions in the model calculations. Such 688 computed results may be an effect of the uncertainty on the thermodynamic properties of 689 sheet silicates (Voigt et al., 2018a).

690 Both freshwater experiments (Gysi and Stefánsson, 2012c) and observations of basalt-691 hosted petroleum reservoirs in the presence of brines (Rogers et al., 2006) suggested that 692 the mineralization of CO₂ at temperatures <100 °C was favoured by the formation of a 693 number of different carbonate minerals, including calcite, ankerite, and magnesite. The 694 formation of these carbonates in nature apparently stems from the formation of amorphous 695 silica instead of the zeolites and smectites seen in the model calculations. The formation of 696 these latter minerals may be inhibited kinetically at some conditions. To assess this 697 possibility, CO₂-rich reaction path calculations were run at 100 °C in both freshwater and 698 seawater systems without allowing zeolites and smectites to form. The results of these 699 additional calculations shows that amorphous silica is expected to form in the absence of Ca-700 zeolites formation. Similarly, slow precipitation kinetics may explain the absence of epidote in 701 high pCO₂ laboratory experiments (e.g., Gysi and Stefánsson, 2012c; Shibuya et al., 2013), 702 as the reactive path calculations suggest epidote precipitation at 260 °C in response to CO₂-703 rich water injections. Also, based on the study of relatively fresh and strongly altered Archean 704 basaltic rocks, Nakamura and Kato (2004) suggested that the absence of Ca-Al silicate 705 minerals such as epidote and actinolite in strongly altered rocks was due to the continued 706 presence of CO₂-rich hydrothermal fluids inhibiting their growth. The absence and/or delayed formation of epidote and Ca-zeolites would favour the carbon mineralization as more Ca
would be available in the fluid phase to form Ca-carbonate minerals.

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710 5. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Reaction path model calculations were used in this study to assess the potential use of gas-charged seawater injection into basalts for subsurface CO₂ and H₂S mineralization. The model calculations were validated by the comparison of model results for gas-charged freshwater-basalt interaction at 260 °C with major elemental concentrations, mineralization percent of DIC and DS, and secondary mineral assemblages observed from the ongoing CarbFix2 injection. The results of the reaction path calculations presented above suggest that:

260 °C or higher temperatures are not optimal for carbon mineralization, in particular
 when injecting gas-charged seawater: i) relatively more basaltic glass dissolution is
 necessary compared to lower temperatures to increase the pH sufficiently to enable CO₂
 mineralization, and ii) early anhydrite formation consumes most of the Ca available in the
 solution and increases the risk of clogging near the injection well in seawater systems;

Below 260 °C, most Ca is predicted to be consumed by carbonate minerals, i.e. used for
 mineralization of CO₂ (mainly as calcite and in some cases ankerite);

For gas-charged freshwater injections, the best conditions for the subsurface
 mineralization are at temperatures between 25 and 170 °C, where high degrees of CO₂
 and H₂S mineralization have been predicted;

For gas-charged seawater injection, the upper temperature limit for the mineral carbonation process is likely dictated by the anhydrite thermal stability field (which is above ~150 °C), below which the efficient mineralization of CO₂ and H₂S is observed.

Overall, these results indicate that the main limiting factor constraining mineral carbonation at high temperatures is the competition of secondary minerals for Ca, the main cation required for DIC mineralization, whereas at low temperatures the formation of silicate phases can uptake a significant portion of pore space within the potential reservoir. Calculations performed for the injection of more CO_2 concentrated fluids found that the injection of CO_2 rich freshwater was more efficient for carbon mineralization than CO_2 -rich seawater at 260 °C, but similar efficiencies were found for temperatures ≤ 170 °C. At these lower temperatures, however, the fluid chemistry reaction pathway of the CO_2 -rich freshwater injection differs from that of the CO_2 -rich seawater. In the seawater systems, the pH is buffered at ≤ 6 for substantial time due to clay mineral formation, which may lead to somewhat slower carbonation rates.

Key factors controlling the rates of carbon storage via mineralization will likely be a) the rates of basalt dissolution and secondary mineral precipitation, which at 25 °C is likely around two orders of magnitude lower than at 260 °C, and b) the possible absence of zeolites and clay minerals in the presence of high pCO_2 fluids, which could favour an earlier precipitation of carbonates.

747 The mineralization of sulfate injected into the subsurface during gas-charged seawater injections can be influenced by oxidation-reduction reactions. Five major factors influencing 748 749 this redox process were identified: i) availability of H⁺, added to the fluid by Mg-phase precipitation; ii) availability of Fe²⁺, associated with the basalt dissolution; iii) availability of 750 751 sulfate, associated with the early anhydrite precipitation; iv) presence of H_2S in the fluid phase; and v) rate of Fe-S redox reactions relative to the rates of Fe^{2+} -rich secondary 752 753 phases. Calculations suggested that the highest degree of sulfate reduction occurs at 170 754 °C, mainly due to a relatively low amount of anhydrite precipitation compared to higher temperatures, and to a higher availability of Fe²⁺ compared to lower temperatures, where 755 several other Fe²⁺-rich secondary phases are predicted to form. 756

It should be noted that all the reaction path models presented in this study were run assuming local geochemical equilibrium of the precipitated phases. Such may be only partly achieved in real systems, as reaction kinetics may play a role, particularly at lower temperatures. Nevertheless, the highest carbon and sulfur mineralization potential seems to lie at temperatures \leq 170 °C, warranting investigations of the rates of carbonation reactions at these conditions. Most significantly, the results of this study suggest that the carbonation of gas-charged seawater may be in many cases as efficient as the carbonation of gas-charged freshwater. As the CarbFix approach requires substantial quantities of water for injection, the successful mineralization of CO₂-charged seawater will extend this method's applicability. For example, submarine basalts as well as large igneous provinces (Snæbjörnsdóttir et al., 2020) nearby the coast could be suitable reservoirs for additional pilot injections using this approach.

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778 Appendix A

Results of reaction path calculations with CO₂-rich fluids at 25 (Fig. A1), 100 (Fig. A2), 170

(Fig. A3), and 260 °C (Fig. A4) of pH, mineralized proportion of DIC and DS, cumulative

secondary mineral abundance per kg of injected fluid, Ca distribution, cumulative total

volume of minerals per kg of injected fluid and their volume change for freshwater (left) and

783 seawater (right) injections.

784 Appendix B

Results of reaction path calculations with gas-free fluids at 25 (Fig. B1), 100 (Fig. B2), 170 (Fig. B3), and 260 °C (Fig. B4) of pH, mineralized proportion of DIC and DS, cumulative secondary mineral abundance per kg of injected fluid, Ca distribution, cumulative total volume of minerals per kg of injected fluid and their volume change for freshwater (left) and seawater (right) injections.

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TABLES

1067 Table 1. Physical and chemical properties of Stapafell basaltic glass (BG).

BG stoichiometry	$SiTi_{0.024}AI_{0.358}Fe_{0.188}Mg_{0.281}Ca_{0.264}Na_{0.079}K_{0.008}O_{3.370}$
Molecular weight	123 g/mol
Molar mass	43.158 cm ³ /mol

Table 2. Freshwater (Gunnarsson et al., 2018), seawater (Millero et al., 2008), and averaged
1070 formation water (Clark et al., 2020) compositions used in the reactive path calculations.
1071 Values are given in mmol/kgw; TA stands for total alkalinity, given in meq/kgw, and DIC for
1072 dissolved inorganic carbon.

	Freshwater	Seawater	Formation water
T, °C	25	25	263
рН	8.99	8.10	7.17
ТА	1.88	2.30	2.34
DIC	0.35	2.04	8.15
AI	0.05	-	0.07
Si	8.45	-	8.84
Na	6.36	486	5.83
Mg	-	54.74	-
Ca	0.01	10.66	0.02
К	0.64	10.58	0.57
H_2S	0.49	-	1.05
SO ₄	0.24	29.26	0.27
CI	3.58	566	2.89
F	0.05	0.07	0.10

Table 3. Initial fluid compositions of carbon and sulfur used for the gas-charged and CO_2 -rich reaction path calculations. Total DIC and DS are the water concentrations that include injected CO_2 and H_2S , and carbon and sulfur already present in natural freshwater or seawater.

	Gas-charged freshwater	Gas-charged seawater	CO ₂ -rich freshwater	CO ₂ -rich seawater
njected CO ₂ (mmol/kgw)	30.6	30.6	127.0	114.4
njected H ₂ S (mmol/kgw)	21.9	21.9	21.9	21.9
Total DIC (mmol/kgw)	30.8	32.0	127.2	115.8
Total DS (mmol/kgw)	22.4	42.4	22.4	42.4

1079 Table 4. Compositions, formulas, molar volumes and thermal stability field of the secondary phases allowed to precipitate during the reaction path calculations presented in the present 1080 1081 study.

Phase	Formula	Molar volume (cm ³ /mol)	Thermal stability	Reference
Carbonates				
Ankerite	$CaFe(CO_3)_2$	66.060		
Aragonite		34.15		
Calcite		36.934		
Magnesite		28.018		
0				
Siderite	FeCO ₃	29.378		
S-minerals				
Anhydrite	CaSO ₄	45.94	≥100 °C	[1]
Pyrite	FeS ₂	23.94		
Pyrrhotite	FeS	18.2		
Fe oxy-hydroxides				
Goethite	FeOOH	20.82		
Hematite		30.274		
	Fe ₂ O ₃			
Ilmenite	FeTiO₃	32.15		
Magnetite		44.524		
Titanite	CaTiSiO₅	55.65		
Feldspars				
Albite	NaAlSi₃O ₈	100.25	≥250 °C	[2]
K-feldspar	KAISi ₃ O ₈	108.87	≥250 °C	[2]
Class minarala (Cm				
Clay minerals (Sme	-	140.070	.000 %C	
Saponite-Fe-Fe	Fe _{3.175} Al _{0.35} Si _{3.65} O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	142.672	<200 °C	[3, 4, 5, 6]
Saponite-Fe-K	K _{0.35} Fe ₃ Al _{0.35} Si _{3.65} O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	147.639	<200 °C	[3, 4, 5, 6]
Saponite-Mg-Mg	Mg _{3.175} Al _{0.35} Si _{3.65} O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	140.285	<200 °C	[3, 4, 5, 6]
Saponite-Mg-K	K _{0.35} Mg ₃ Al _{0.35} Si _{3.65} O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	145.383	<200 °C	[3, 4, 5, 6]
Saponite-Mg-Fe	Fe _{0.175} Mg ₃ Al _{0.35} Si _{3.65} O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	140.416	<200 °C	[3, 4, 5, 6]
Beidellite-Ca	Ca _{0.175} Al _{2.35} Si _{3.65} O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	133.081	<200 °C	[3, 4, 5, 6]
Beidellite-Fe	Fe _{0.175} Al _{2.35} Si _{3.65} O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	134.293	<200 °C	[3, 4, 5, 6]
Beidellite-K	K _{0.35} Al _{2.35} Si _{3.65} O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	137.214	<200 °C	[3, 4, 5, 6]
Beidellite-Mg	Mg _{0.175} Al _{2.35} Si _{3.65} O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	132.116	<200 °C	[3, 4, 5, 6]
Beidellite-Na	Na _{0.35} Al _{2.35} Si _{3.65} O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	134.522	<200 °C	[3, 4, 5, 6]
Mica				
		157 1	<100 °C	[0]
Celadonite	KMgAlSi₄O ₁₀ (OH)₂	157.1	≤100 °C	[3]
Chlorites				
Clinochlore	$Mg_5Al_2Si_3O_{10}(OH)_8$	207.11	>200 °C	[3, 5, 6]
Zeolites				
Analcime	Na _{0.96} Al _{0.96} Si _{2.04} O ₆ :H ₂ O	97.43	<200 °C	[2]
Chabazite-Ca	CaAl ₂ Si ₄ O ₁₂ :6H ₂ O	247.45	<200 °C ≤100 °C	
				[4]
Chabazite-Na	$Na_2Al_2Si_4O_{12}:6H_2O$	247.45	≤100 °C	[4]
Laumontite	$CaAl_2Si_4O_{12}:4.5H_2O$	209.68	100-200 °C	[4]
Mordenite-Ca	Ca _{0.5} AISi ₅ O ₁₂ :4H ₂ O	208.74	80-230 °C	[7]
Stilbite-Ca	$CaAl_2Si_7O_{18}$:7H ₂ O	333.48	70-150 °C	[7]
Thomsonite	$Ca_2NaAl_5Si_5O_{20}:6H_2O$	338.10	≤100 °C	[4]
Wairakite	$CaAl_2Si_4O_{12}:2H_2O$	190.35	>180 °C	[2, 4]
Other silicates				
Epidote	Ca ₂ FeAl ₂ Si3O ₁₂ OH	139.2	>200 °C	[2, 8]
Kaolinite *	$Al_2Si_2O_5(OH)_4$	99.52	00 0	[_, 0]
Quartz	SiO ₂	22.68	>180 °C	[5]
	SiO ₂ SiO ₂			
Amorphous silica **	-	29.00	75-150 °C	[9]
Prehnite	Ca ₂ Al ₂ Si ₃ O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	140.33	>200 °C	[8]

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FIGURES

Figure 1. Conceptual illustration of the reaction path model structure used in PHREEQC (v3)

to simulate the injection front moving away from the injection well. In total, ten reactive rock 'boxes' of porous basaltic glass were allowed to interact with the injected fluid consecutively.

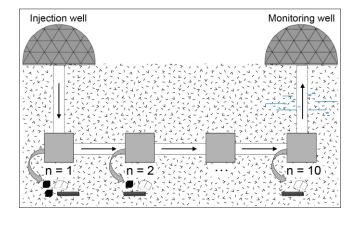


Figure 2. Comparison of selected results from the reaction path calculations at 260 °C
 performed to simulate the CarbFix2 system (samples collected on the 3rd of November 2015).
 From top to bottom: (a) pH and (b) aqueous DIC and DS shown as a function of dissolved
 basaltic glass mass, (c) aqueous element concentrations, and (d) saturation indices of
 secondary minerals.

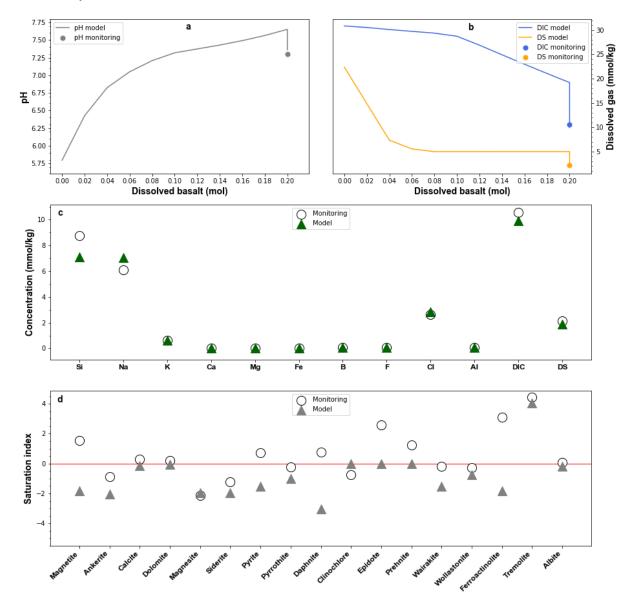


Figure 3. Reaction path calculations results of gas-charged waters at 260 °C of (a, b) pH, (c, d) mineralized proportion of DIC and DS, (e, f) cumulative secondary mineral abundance per kg of injected fluid, (g, h) Ca distribution in the precipitated secondary minerals, (i, j) cumulative total volume of minerals dissolved or precipitated per kg of injected fluid, and (k, l) their volume change for freshwater (left) and seawater (right) injections.

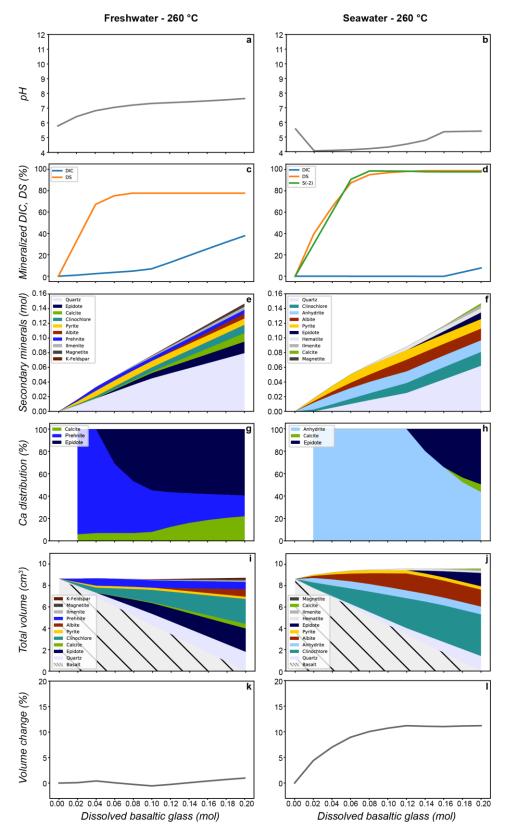


Figure 4. Reaction path calculations results of gas-charged waters at 170 °C of (a, b) pH, (c, d) mineralized proportion of DIC and DS, (e, f) cumulative secondary mineral abundance per kg of injected fluid, (g, h) Ca distribution in the precipitated secondary minerals, (i, j) cumulative total volume of minerals per kg of injected fluid and (k, l) their volume change for freshwater (left) and seawater (right) injections.

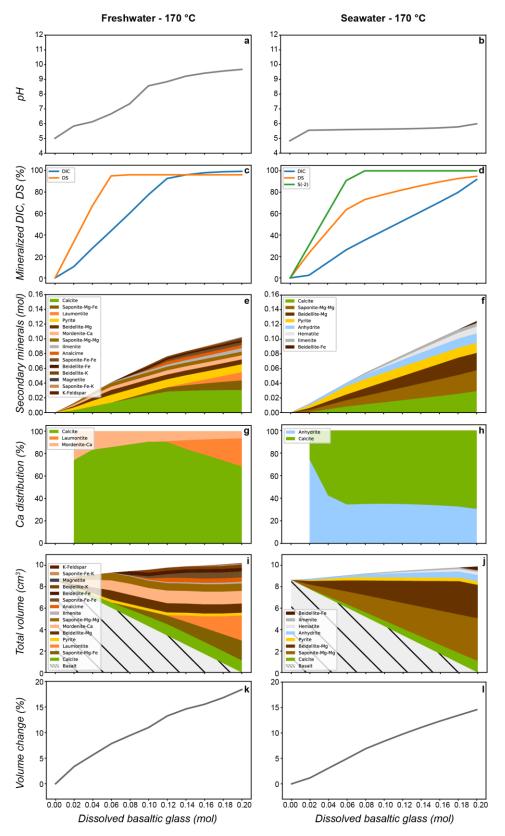


Figure 5. Reaction path calculations results of gas-charged waters at 100 °C of (a, b) pH, (c, d) mineralized proportion of DIC and DS, (e, f) cumulative secondary mineral abundance per kg of injected fluid, (g, h) Ca distribution in the precipitated secondary minerals, (i, j) cumulative total volume of minerals per kg of injected fluid and (k, l) their volume change for freshwater (left) and seawater (right).

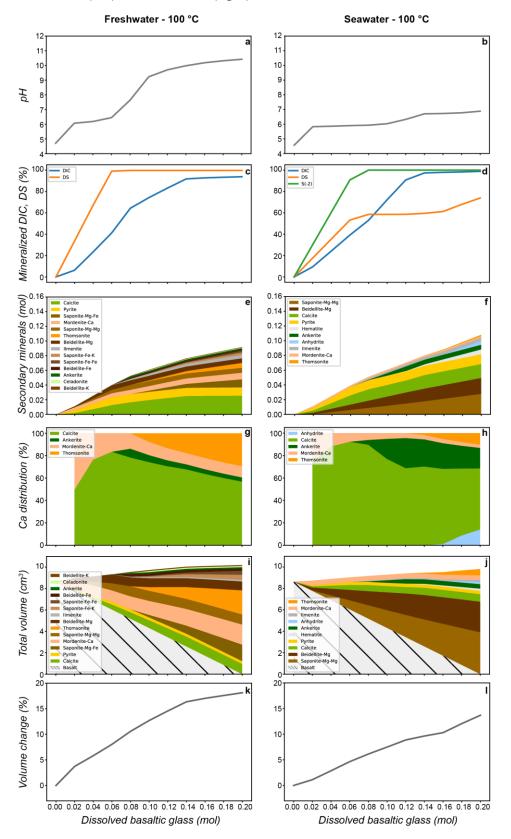


Figure 6. Reaction path calculations results of gas-charged waters at 25 °C of (a, b) pH, (c, d) mineralized proportion of DIC and DS, (e, f) cumulative secondary mineral abundance per kg of injected fluid, (g, h) Ca distribution in the precipitated secondary minerals, (i, l) cumulative total volume of minerals per kg of injected fluid and (k, l) their volume change for freshwater (left) and seawater (right).

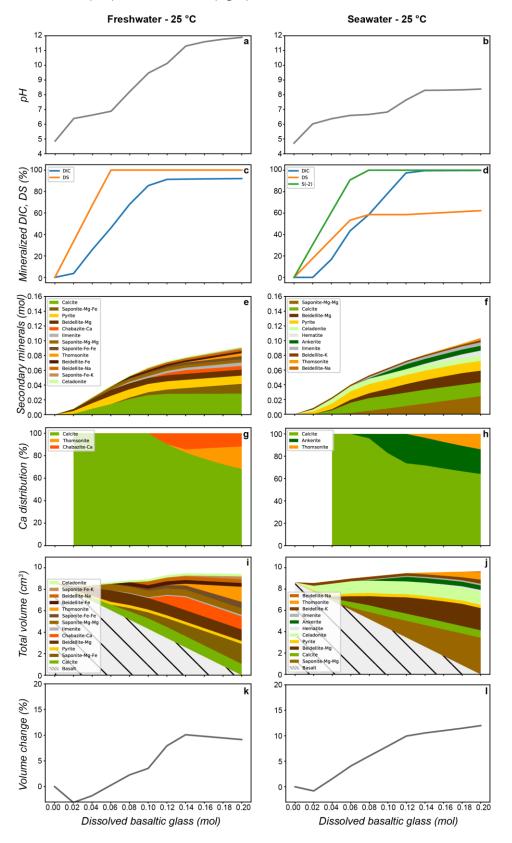


Figure 7. Results of reaction path calculations with CO_2 -rich waters at temperatures from 25 to 260 °C of pH (top) and aqueous DIC (bottom) as a function of dissolved basalt mass. Results of CO_2 -rich freshwater injections are shown in grey, whereas those of seawater are shown in green. Circles represent the mass of basaltic glass dissolution required to mineralize ~90% of the injected CO_2 (DIC concentration <0.012 mol/kgw). Dashed lines indicate the continuation of reaction paths once pH increased beyond 10 (see text for explanation).

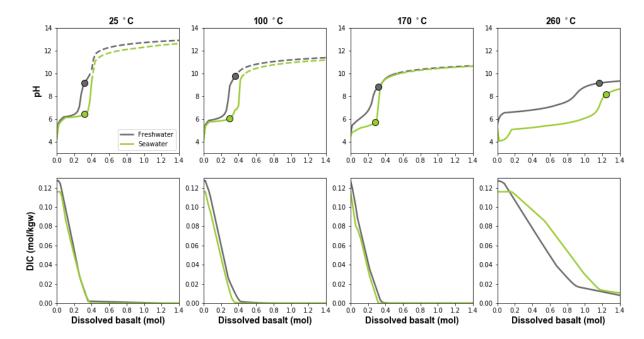


Figure 8. Calculated rock volume change in response to the dissolution and interaction of
0.2 mol of basaltic glass with freshwater and seawater as a function of temperature and gas
content. The "with gas" bars represent results obtained using a gas-charged injection fluid
with lower DIC concentrations, whereas the "no gas" bars show results of corresponding
calculations performed using gas-free injection waters.

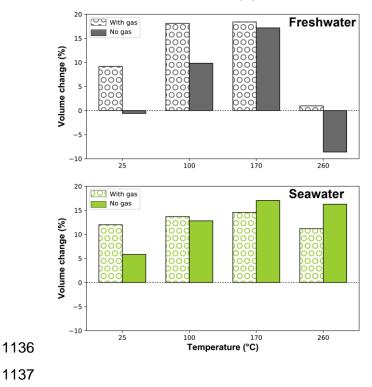


Figure 9. Plots summarizing the differences between freshwater and seawater reaction path model results in the gas-charged systems with lower DIC concentrations as a function of temperature in terms of a) mass of basaltic glass dissolution required to mineralize 90% of the injected DIC; b) rock volume change when 90% of the injected DIC is mineralized; and c) reaction rates of basaltic glass as predicted by the Arrhenius equation (Arrhenius, 1889), with an activation energy of 25.5 kJ/mol (Gislason and Oelkers, 2003) normalized to rates at 25 °C.

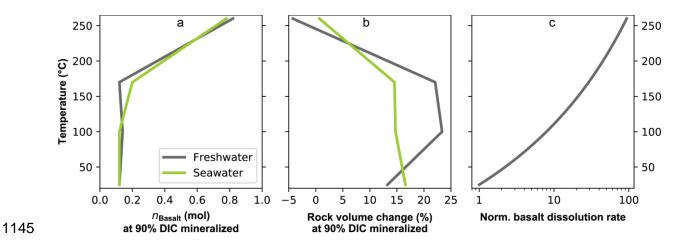


Figure 10. Extent of sulfur oxidation-reduction (redox) reactions determined as the concentration difference between sulfide (S²⁻) precipitated as pyrite and aqueous sulfide from the injected H₂S in seawater, as a function of dissolved basaltic glass. Note the pyrite reaction in the *carbfix.dat* thermodynamic database: $FeS_2 + H_2O = 0.25H^+ + 0.25SO_4^{2-} +$ $Fe^{2+} + 1.75HS^-$. Positive values of ΔS^{2-} indicate sulfate reduction reaction, negative ΔS^{2-} sulfide oxidation reaction, and $\Delta S^{2-}=0$ no detectable redox reactions. The dashed line represents the quantity of dissolved basaltic glass above which the S²⁻ concentrations are <1 mmol/kgw (see text for explanation).

