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## 17 Abstract

18 Over millions of years, the interaction of marine basalt with percolating seawater in 19 low-temperature ocean floor hydrothermal systems leads to the formation of calcite and 20 aragonite. The presence of these minerals in marine basalts provides evidence for substantial 21  $CO_2$  fixation in these rocks. Here, we report on laboratory experiments to study this process 22 under enhanced CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressures (pCO<sub>2</sub>) at 130 °C. Mid-ocean-ridge-basalt (MORB) glass 23 was reacted with North Atlantic Seawater charged with CO<sub>2</sub> in batch experiments lasting up to 24 7 months. For experiments initiated with seawater charged with ~ 2.5 bar  $pCO_2$ , calcite and 25 aragonite are the first carbonate minerals to form, later followed by only aragonite (± siderite 26 and ankerite). For experiments initiated with seawater charged with ~ 16 bar  $pCO_2$  magnesite 27 was the only carbonate mineral observed to form. In total, approximately 20 % of the initial 28 CO<sub>2</sub> in the reactors was mineralized within five months. This carbonation rate is similar to 29 corresponding rates observed in freshwater-basalt-CO<sub>2</sub> interaction experiments and during 30 field experiments of the carbonation of basalts in response to CO<sub>2</sub>-charged freshwater 31 injections in SW-Iceland. Our experiments thus suggest that CO<sub>2</sub>-charged seawater injected 32 into submarine basalts will lead to rapid  $CO_2$  mineralization. Notably, at  $pCO_2$  of tens of bars, 33 magnesite will form, limiting the formation of Mg-rich clays, which might otherwise compete 34 for the Mg cation and pore-space in the submarine basaltic crust. This suggests that the injection 35 of CO<sub>2</sub>-charged seawater into subsurface basalts can be an efficient and effective approach to the long-term safe mineral storage of anthropogenic carbon. 36

## 37 1 Introduction

The urgent need for large scale carbon dioxide removal (CDR) to limit global warming is increasingly evident. It is estimated that between 100 and 1000 Gt of CO<sub>2</sub> will have to be removed from the atmosphere by the end of the 21<sup>st</sup> century to limit global warming to 1.5 °C compared to pre-industrial levels (Rogelj et al., 2018). Carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies are an intriguing CDR method as CO<sub>2</sub> can be captured from exhaust streams or directly from the atmosphere. As of 2020, only 40 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> are captured from concentrated sources and stored in geological formations per year (Global CCS Institute, 2020), while global
annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions amounted to 42 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> in 2019 (Friedlingstein et al., 2020). The
imbalance between current CCS and anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> release highlights the need for
research and development of efficient CCS techniques.

48 Carbon dioxide storage through its mineralization in the subsurface is a low risk 49 technique as carbon bound in stable carbonate minerals has minimal leakage risk (e.g., Matter 50 et al., 2016; Snæbjörnsdóttir et al., 2020). The CarbFix project demonstrated the mineralization of 95% of freshwater-dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> injected into fresh basalts within two years at 20-50 °C 51 and the mineralization of up to 60% of freshwater-dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> injected into altered basalts 52 within several months at 250-270 °C (Matter et al., 2016; Gunnarsson et al., 2018; Clark et al., 53 54 2020). A second field project was conducted in the Columbia River Basalt near Wallula 55 (Washington) at 30-45 °C in 2013, where supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> was injected into the subsurface. Hydrological modelling suggests mineralization of up to 60% of the injected CO<sub>2</sub> within two 56 years (McGrail et al., 2017; White et al., 2020). 57

58 While the injection method employed in the CarbFix project, i.e. injection of water-59 dissolved CO<sub>2</sub>, drastically reduces the risk of CO<sub>2</sub> leakage to the surface (the injection fluid is not a buoyant fluid), substantial amounts of water are required. At 30 bar pressure and 20 °C, 60 around 22 metric tons of freshwater are needed to dissolve one ton of CO<sub>2</sub> (e.g., 61 62 Snæbjörnsdóttir et al., 2020). Therefore, the large-scale application of this method requires 63 large amounts of fresh water and faces potential usage conflicts. The use of seawater as a solute 64 is a potential alternative to fresh water. Vast quantities of seawater are available in the immediate vicinity of the basaltic oceanic crust, a reservoir with a storage potential of ~  $3x10^5$ 65 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> (Marieni et al., 2013). The capacity of submarine basalts to store vast quantities of CO<sub>2</sub> 66 is supported by the observations of substantial carbonate mineral formation through seawater-67 basalt interaction. For example, Gillis and Coogan (2011) and Coogan and Gillis (2013) 68 reported that the basaltic oceanic crust can contain ~0.5 to 4.0 wt% of carbonate minerals. 69 70 These carbonate minerals are formed by the percolation of CO<sub>2</sub>-bearing seawater through off-71 axis hydrothermal systems below the seafloor at temperatures < 100 °C. Moreover, the 72 weathering of marine silicate sediments can result in the formation of as much as ~1 wt% 73 carbonate minerals (Wallmann et al., 2008). While these processes represent an important 74 carbon sink over geological timescales and influence long-term climate regulation (Staudigel 75 et al., 1989; Brady and Gíslason, 1997; Coogan and Gillis, 2013; Isson et al., 2020), only 76 limited data are available on conditions that could enhance and/or accelerate such carbon 77 mineralization processes. Young (< 3 Ma) oceanic crust typically contains only minor amounts 78 of carbonate minerals, suggesting that only limited carbonate precipitation occurs in high 79 temperature mid-ocean ridge hydrothermal systems (Gillis et al., 2001; Heft et al., 2008; 80 Coogan and Gillis, 2018). This is likely related to early uptake of seawater Ca by rapid anhydrite precipitation (Voigt et al., 2018b) and higher stability of non-carbonate Ca and Mg 81 bearing minerals at such conditions. In contrast, carbonate minerals are abundant in the 82 83 Reykjanes geothermal system, a seawater-dominated on-shore hydrothermal system in 84 southwest Iceland (Wiese et al., 2008; Marks et al., 2010).

Most experimental studies focusing on the chemical reactions during water-basalt-CO<sub>2</sub>interaction have been performed using freshwater (Gysi and Stefánsson, 2012a, b, c; Stockmann et al., 2013, 2014; Galeczka et al., 2013, 2014; Menefee et al., 2017, 2018; Kumar et al., 2017; Clark et al., 2019). Less experimental data are available for seawater systems as shown in Table 1 and described below. A number of experimental studies reacting basalt with

90 seawater under hydrothermal conditions have been published to better understand silicate 91 weathering phenomena and element cycling patterns in mid-ocean ridge systems (e.g., 92 Seyfried, 1977; Bischoff and Seyfried, 1978; Mottl and Holland, 1978; Seyfried and Bischoff, 1979: Mottl et al., 1979; Seyfried and Bischoff, 1981; Seyfried and Mottl, 1982; Voigt et al., 93 94 2018b, 2020). However, mineralization of CO<sub>2</sub> was not considered in these studies. Brady and 95 Gislason (1997) found that increasing the  $pCO_2$  in equilibrium with seawater increased basalt dissolution rates slightly, although it remained unclear whether this increase was due to higher 96 97 dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations or to a lower liquid phase pH. Wolff-Boenisch et al. (2011) 98 performed a series of far-from-equilibrium basalt dissolution experiments with seawater at 99 25 °C, and found that the basalt dissolution rates were significantly higher in the presence of seawater compared to freshwater. Similarly, Marieni et al. (2020) measured dissolution rates 100 of submarine basalts and altered gabbro in CO<sub>2</sub>-charged seawater, and found that these rates 101 102 were faster than those measured in freshwater of low dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC) content. Rosenbauer et al. (2012) performed experiments reacting different basalts with CO<sub>2</sub>-charged 103 104 NaCl brines at 50, 100 and 200 °C. The results indicated that 8 to 26% of the available CO<sub>2</sub> 105 was mineralized within ~ 4 months at 100 °C, while lower carbon uptakes were observed at 50 and 200 °C, respectively. The only carbonate mineral product identified in this study was 106 ferroan magnesite (Fe<sup>II</sup> bearing MgCO<sub>3</sub>), and the CO<sub>2</sub> uptake correlated with the magnesium 107 108 content of the rock. In contrast, Shibuya et al. (2013) performed two experiments reacting CO<sub>2</sub>-109 charged aqueous NaCl solutions with basalt. These authors found that the initial 400 mM of 110 dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> was reduced to 0 and 100 mM due to calcite (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) formation after ~ 3 111 months, at 250 °C and 350 °C, respectively. In a further study, Luhmann et al. (2017) flooded 112 basalt cores with CO<sub>2</sub>-rich NaCl brines. Siderite (FeCO<sub>3</sub>) formation was suspected based on the calculated liquid saturation states. However, in the three aforementioned studies, no other 113 seawater component (e.g. Mg, Ca, K, ...) was introduced to the experiments. The 114 115 concentrations of such solutes can significantly alter reaction paths. In contrast, Rigopoulos et 116 al. (2017) reacted artificial seawater, initially equilibrated with atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, with either very fine grained basalt or peridotite at room temperature. In their ~ 2 month long experiments, 117 they detected carbon mineralization in the form of aragonite (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) only in the peridotite 118 119 experiments. Finally, Wolff-Boenisch and Galeczka (2018) induced calcite, magnesite, and 120 other Ca/Mg-carbonate precipitation at 90 °C by injecting seawater that was highly 121 supersaturated with respect to carbonate minerals, by the addition of ammonium bicarbonate, 122 into a reactor containing basalt powder.

123 Although most of these experimental studies demonstrated the potential of using CO<sub>2</sub>-124 charged brines or seawater for carbon mineralization by reacting them with mafic or ultramafic 125 rocks, we are not aware of any experiments that achieved carbon mineralization by reacting 126 CO<sub>2</sub>-charged seawater with basalt. To explore and quantify such reactions, a series of batch experiments were run in the present study to mimic the reactions of CO<sub>2</sub>-charged seawater 127 injected into a reservoir of basaltic glass at 130 °C. The purpose of the present study is to 128 129 explore the potential of injecting CO<sub>2</sub>-charged seawater into basalt formations for accelerated 130 mineral carbon storage.

#### 131 2 Methods

#### 132 2.1 Experimental design

Either natural North Atlantic seawater or synthetic Mg-free seawater (see section 2.2) was reacted with basaltic glass powder and CO<sub>2</sub> in batch experiments at 130 °C. The effects of 135 distinct initial  $CO_2$  partial pressure ( $pCO_2$ ), water/rock ratio, and the presence or absence of calcite seed crystals were investigated in experiments that ran from 2 to 228 days. All 136 137 experimental conditions are listed in Table 2. Individual closed system batch experiments were run for each selected sampling duration instead of sampling the liquid repeatedly from single 138 139 experiments to (1) avoid either CO<sub>2</sub> degassing from the liquid due to an increased headspace 140 after sampling or buffering the solution at low pH if more CO<sub>2</sub> was added to the reactor to 141 maintain  $pCO_2$ , (2) obtain a sample of the solids at the same time as obtaining the liquid sample, and (3) maintain a nearly constant water/rock ratio during the experiment. 142

143 Three main series of individual experiments were performed to explore the reaction 144 paths and efficiency of carbon mineralization. Most of the experiments were run in the low $pCO_2$  series. Experiments in this series are labelled 'Low-#' (where # is the duration in days) 145 in Table 2 and throughout this text. Experiments in this series were started with approximately 146 147 2.5 bar  $pCO_2$ , resulting in ~ 26 mM DIC in the initial aqueous phase. This DIC concentration is similar to that of the CO<sub>2</sub>-charged injection water in the first phase of the CarbFix2 project 148 149 (Clark et al., 2020). Another experimental series was started with ~ 16 bar  $pCO_2$  in the reactors, 150 resulting in ~ 125 mM DIC in the initial aqueous phase. This is the high- $pCO_2$  series, and these experiments are labeled 'High-#'. The third experimental series was run using synthetic Mg-151 152 free seawater instead of natural seawater and at approximately 2.5 bar  $pCO_2$ . This experimental 153 series is referred to as the MgFree series, and these experiments are labeled 'MgFree-#'. Note that some of the individual experiments of the  $low-pCO_2$  series were initiated with different 154 155 water/rock ratios, lower stirring rates (experiment 'Low-pCO<sub>2</sub>-Slow), and in the presence of calcite seeds (experiment 'Low-pCO<sub>2</sub>-Calcite') to test the effect of these parameters. A single 156 157 experiment ('Low-66-146') was sampled once during the experiment to induce degassing of 158 the aqueous phase in the reactor.

An experimental temperature of 130 °C was chosen for this study i) to achieve sufficient 159 reaction progress within reasonable timespans while ii) limiting anhydrite precipitation from 160 the seawater, which occurs at temperatures above ~ 150 °C for standard seawater (Bischoff and 161 Seyfried, 1978) and at lower temperatures for seawater enriched in  $Ca^{2+}$  and/or  $SO_4^{2-}$ . Such 162 temperature conditions can be found in the margins of coastal geothermal systems such as in 163 Reykjanes, Iceland (e.g. Marks et al., 2010), making the experiments directly applicable to 164 165 such settings. In addition, batch reactors, as opposed to open systems, were used in this study 166 to achieve sufficient solid reaction products to quantify carbon mineralization when starting directly from CO<sub>2</sub>-charged seawater. This is in contrast to many previous carbonation 167 experiments that were initiated at close to neutral or alkaline pH to artificially accelerate the 168 169 formation of secondary carbonates. Here we allow the initial acidic liquids that are 170 undersaturated with respect to carbonate minerals to evolve towards conditions suitable for 171 carbonation in each individual experiment.

172 All experiments were conducted in 300 mL or 600 mL Parr titanium reactors as illustrated in Figure 1. The reactor vessels, inner magnetic drive rotors and housings, as well 173 174 as all parts of the reactor system in contact with liquid during the experiments were made of 175 titanium. All reactors were equipped with Ashcroft G2 500 psig or Omega PX4202 600 psig 176 pressure transducers, type J thermocouples placed in a thermowell, and stirrer tachometers. 177 These sensors were all connected to Parr process controllers and a computer, allowing continuous monitoring of the reactor pressure and temperature, as well as controlling the 178 179 heating jackets. Pressure readings were converted to absolute pressures by assuming a constant 180 laboratory pressure of 1 atm.

181 Before starting an experiment, the reactor assemblage was cleaned mechanically and 182 ultrasonically. The reactors were then filled with ~ 0.1 M HCl (where M denotes molality 183 throughout this study, defined as mol per kg water) and heated to the experimental temperature 184 for at least 24 h. The reactors were then emptied, and the same procedure was repeated using 185 ~ 0.1 M HNO<sub>3</sub> and finally with ultrapure H<sub>2</sub>O (18.2 M $\Omega$ ·cm at 25 °C). All reactor assemblages 186 were tested for leaks by filling them with > 20 bar gas and monitoring pressure over at least 48 187 h.

188 Experiments were initiated by placing the desired amount of basaltic glass and reactive liquid into the reactor and closing it. The reactor headspace was flushed with pure  $CO_2$  for ~ 189 190 30 min by connecting the gas inlet to a CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder and pressure regulator and adjusting 191 reactor pressure to  $\sim 1.1$  bar. The reactor contents were stirred at 600 rpm at room temperature 192 leaving a plug in the reactor head slightly open. Preliminary tests found that this stirring rate 193 was sufficient to maintain the basaltic glass powder in suspension for the employed water/rock 194 ratios. Subsequently, the reactor was closed and heated to the desired experimental temperature 195 within ~ 30 min. Finally, the desired total pressure was set by addition of  $CO_2$  through the gas 196 inlet for  $\sim 2$  h, allowing for CO<sub>2</sub> dissolution into liquid, after which the inlet was closed again, 197 so that the reactors were completely sealed during the experiments.

198 A single liquid sample was taken from the reactor before ending an experiment. For 199 this, a water-cooled titanium tube with a 0.2 µm cellulose acetate (CA) membrane filter at the 200 end was connected to the sampling outlet. During sampling, a CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder with pressure 201 regulator was connected to the gas inlet again and was set to maintain the same pressure as observed before sampling was initiated. This maintained a constant  $pCO_2$  during sampling. 202 After flushing the outlet with at least 5 mL of liquid, approximately 10 mL of liquid was 203 204 sampled into a polypropylene (PP) bottle of known mass containing ~ 90 mL of ultrapure water for alkalinity measurements. This immediate 1:10 dilution avoids the possibility of 205 precipitation of solids from the liquid before the analysis. Another 10 mL of liquid was sampled 206 207 into an acid (HCl) washed PP bottle and acidified with a known amount of Suprapur HNO<sub>3</sub> for 208 analysis by Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometry (ICP-OES). An 209 untreated liquid sample of at least 10 mL was taken for fluorine measurements. In several 210 experiments, a 10 mL sample of liquid was collected directly into an Erlenmeyer flask 211 containing a mixture of 5 mL of 5 M NaOH and 5 mL acetone using Norprene tubing for H<sub>2</sub>S 212 titrations. Additional liquid samples for redox potential measurements were sampled into a 10 mL PP syringe from some experiments. In experiment Low-66-146, a liquid sample was taken 213 214 after 66 days to reduce the  $pCO_2$  (and thus increase pH) during the second part of this 215 experiment.

216 Experiments were stopped by quenching them to room temperature in less than 2 h. 217 The reactor contents were not stirred while cooling to minimize retrograde water-rock interaction. After opening the reactors, the remaining liquid was decanted. The reacted solids 218 219 were placed in a vacuum filtration system with a 0.2 µm CA membrane filter. The solids were 220 then rinsed a minimum of three times with ultrapure water for  $\sim 30$  to 60 s to remove any 221 remaining experimental liquid. The cleaned solids were dried at room temperature or at 222 temperatures up to 35 °C. Any solids remaining in the reactor (e.g. stuck at the bottom, or precipitated on stirrer shaft, thermowell, or walls) were also collected, cleaned and dried 223 224 separately.

Thermodynamic calculations were carried out using PHREEQC v3.6.2 (Parkhurst and Appelo, 2013) and the carbfix.dat database v1.1.0 (Voigt et al., 2018a). Quenching simulations 227 were performed to assess the potential for any carbonate mineral precipitation during the cooling of the reactor system (Wolff-Boenisch et al., 2016). In the quenching simulations, the 228 229 known in-situ liquid composition was cooled together with the gas phase contained in the 230 reactor headspace, accounting for pressure changes. Thermodynamic calculations indicate that 231 the liquid was not supersaturated with any carbonate minerals of interest during the quenching 232 procedure (Figure S-1 in the Supplementary Material). Although these calculations predict the 233 supersaturation of the reactor liquid with carbonate minerals after opening the reactors as the 234  $pCO_2$  decreased to below 1 atm, this is unlikely to have occurred in the few seconds between

235 opening the reactor and decanting the liquid.

## 236 2.2 Reactants

237 The basaltic glass used in this study originated from the Stapafell volcano located 238 within the first fissure swarm of the Reykjanes peninsula where the Mid-Atlantic Ridge comes 239 onshore in SW-Iceland. This basaltic glass is of similar composition as Mid-Ocean-Ridge-240 Basalt (MORB; Oelkers and Gíslason, 2001; Gíslason and Oelkers, 2003). This material has 241 been extensively characterized and studied (e.g. Wolff-Boenisch et al., 2011; Gysi and 242 Stefánsson, 2012b; Galeczka et al., 2014; Přikryl et al., 2018; Clark et al., 2019). The basaltic glass was ground and sieved to obtain the 45-100 µm size fraction. This size fraction was then 243 244 ultrasonically cleaned in ultrapure water before it was dried at room temperature. Its chemical 245 composition was determined to be consistent with 246  $SiTi_{0.02}Fe_{0.17}^{2+}Fe_{0.02}^{3+}Mg_{0.28}Ca_{0.26}Na_{0.08}K_{0.008}O_{3.45}$  by Oelkers and Gislason (2001), and its 247 specific surface area was measured by Clark et al. (2019) using the BET technique (Brunauer et al., 1938) and determined to be 1240 cm<sup>2</sup>/g. Powdered basaltic glass (> 90 wt.% glass; < 10 248 249 wt.% forsterite) was used instead of larger pieces to increase the chemical reactivity so that 250 sufficient reaction progress is achieved during the experiments.

251 Most experiments were started using natural seawater collected from the Faxaflói 9 station, located offshore west of Iceland (64° 20' N, 27° 58' W), at 3 m depth during February 252 253 2011 (Jones et al., 2012). The seawater was filtered and acidified using HCl upon collection 254 and stored in the dark at < 10 °C. Prior to each experiment, sufficient aqueous 1 M NaOH 255 solution was added to an aliquot of this seawater so that its alkalinity was ~ 2.3 meq/kg (Table 256 2), corresponding to that of standard seawater (Millero et al., 2008). Other experiments used 257 synthetic Mg-free seawater, prepared by weighing reagent grade NaCl, Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, CaCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O, 258 KCl, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and NaF into a container with ultrapure water, followed by thorough mixing and storage at < 10 °C in the dark until use. Similar to the natural seawater, a final 259 260 adjustment of the alkalinity to ~ 2.3 meq/kg was done by adding small amounts of a 1 M NaOH 261 solution.

262 2.3 Analysis of liquids

Alkalinity titrations of liquid samples were carried out with an aqueous ~ 0.001 M HCl solution and a Cole Parmer double junction glass pH electrode using the Gran (1952) method. Alkalinity titrations were performed in duplicate. The 95% confidence interval, used for stated uncertainties throughout this text, was determined to be approximately  $\pm$  0.5% based on repeated measurements.

The concentrations of Na, Ca, S, Mg, Cl, Fe, K, Al, and Si in all liquid samples were determined using a Spectro Ciros Vision ICP-OES. All measurements were carried out in duplicate on samples diluted 10-, 100-, and 1000-fold in an aqueous 1% HNO<sub>3</sub> solution. Uncertainties were estimated from repeated measurements to be approximately ± 3 % for major elements. Detection limits were ~ 4  $\mu$ M for Al, ~ 1  $\mu$ M for Fe, and ~ 20  $\mu$ M for Si. The concentrations of all other elements were above detection limits for all samples. Fluorine concentrations were determined using a F<sup>-</sup> selective electrode, and corrections were made for the presence of aqueous MgF<sup>+</sup> complexes based on the procedure described in Kleine et al. (2020).

277 The pH and DIC values at experimental temperatures were calculated using measured 278 alkalinities, the elemental composition of the liquid, and the pressure recorded by the pressure 279 transducers mounted on the reactors via thermodynamic calculations. This approach makes use 280 of the fact that the total pressure in the reactor is determined by the equilibrium of H<sub>2</sub>O and 281 CO<sub>2</sub> between the liquid and gas phases. The pH and DIC calculated for the experimental 282 temperature are estimated to have an uncertainty of approximately 0.07 pH units and 3 mM, 283 respectively, based on propagating uncertainties using Monte Carlo methods (e.g. Anderson, 1976). For this, the uncertainty of pressure measured using the transducer was assumed to be 284 285 0.1 bar. In some cases, the pH of a liquid aliquot sampled from the reactor at shut-down was 286 measured using a Thermo Fisher Scientific Eutech double junction plastic combination pH 287 electrode. Although these measurements are affected by degassing of the liquid, their values are similar to those calculated using the measured total pressure when corrected to the 288 289 experimental temperature using thermodynamic calculations. Some comparisons of measured and calculated pH values are provided in Figure S-2 in the Supplementary Material. 290

291 Samples for total sulfide sulfur (S<sup>II-</sup>) concentration measurement were first taken up in 292 aqueous NaOH and acetone solutions. The resulting liquid was then passed through filter paper 293 to remove precipitates formed due to the pH increase of the seawater. The recovered liquids 294 were then titrated with an aqueous (CH<sub>3</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub>Hg solution using dithizone as indicator as 295 described by Arnórsson et al. (2006). The detection limit of these measurements was 296 approximately 1  $\mu$ M S<sup>II-</sup>.

A Microelectrodes MI-800 Ag-AgCl Micro Combination Redox Electrode was used for redox potential measurements at ambient temperature and pressure conditions. Measurements were converted to the standard  $H_2$  electrode reference state using the equations of Wolkersdorfer (2008) for the specific electrode type. The redox potential at *in situ* pressure and temperature conditions were then calculated using the same thermodynamic data as in other calculations.

#### 303 2.4 Analysis of solids

The basalt powder used as reactant and the solid reaction products collected at the end of each experiment were analyzed using a Zeiss Leo Supra 25 Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) equipped with an energy-dispersive spectrometer (EDS) located at the Innovation Center Iceland. Samples were gold-coated and analyzed using an acceleration voltage of 20 kV, an aperture of 30 µm, and a working distance of 8.5 mm.

Total inorganic carbon (TIC) contents of the solids were determined using a system 309 originally designed for DIC analysis located at the GET Laboratory, Toulouse, France 310 311 (Bénézeth et al., 2011). This system uses a non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) CO<sub>2</sub> gas analyzer 312 to measure the mass of CO<sub>2</sub> released from a sample upon addition of a 1 M aqueous HCl 313 solution. A CO<sub>2</sub>-free carrier gas transports the released gas phase to the NDIR detector. The 314 detection limit is approximately 0.0005 wt% CO<sub>2</sub>, and the relative uncertainty of measurements was ~ 6 %, as determined by repeated measurements. Note that sample heterogeneity likely 315 316 contributes significantly to this value. Measurement of the TIC content of solids collected from 317 the high- $pCO_2$  experiment was not possible using this method, as the dissolution of the

magnesite present in these samples is slow even in concentrated acids. TIC was also measured by heating the solids to 1000 °C in a furnace in a pure nitrogen environment and detecting the released carbon with a solid-state infrared cell using an ELTRA CW-800 at Activation Laboratories Ltd., Canada. This latter method has a higher detection limit of 0.01 wt% CO<sub>2</sub> and higher relative uncertainties equal to 100% at the detection limit, which decreases to 20% at 0.1 wt% CO<sub>2</sub> in a sample. Nevertheless, this approach allowed the determination of the CO<sub>2</sub> contents of the samples containing magnesite.

X-ray diffractometry (XRD) measurements were carried out to characterize the identity 325 326 of alteration minerals in reacted samples using a PANalytical X'Pert PRO diffractometer fitted 327 with a Co-sourced X-ray tube (40 kV, 40 mA) and a high-speed Scientific X'Celerator detector. 328 The solids were analyzed without grinding and applying the top-loading technique to allow the 329 identification of trace amounts of secondary carbonates. This approach enhances the intensities of carbonate-diagnostic reflections due to crystal size effects (Baldermann et al., 2020). The 330 331 solids were examined between 4 and 85 °2 $\Theta$  with a step size of 0.008 °2 $\Theta$  and a count time of 332 40 s per step. The recorded XRD patterns were analyzed by the PANalytical Highscore Plus 333 software suite (version 3.0.4) and its pdf-4 database (Baldermann et al., 2018).

#### 334 3 Results

#### 335 3.1 Evolution of liquid compositions

336 The composition of all collected liquid samples is provided in Table 3 and shown as a 337 function of experiment duration in Figure 2. The in situ pH increased rapidly during the experiments, from ~ 5.1 in the low- $pCO_2$  experiments or ~ 4.3 in the high- $pCO_2$  experiments 338 to ~ 5.6 and 5.0, respectively. The pH in the experimental liquids remained relatively stable at 339 these levels after the initial increase. Alkalinity increased in the liquids of all experiments from 340 341 an initial ~ 2.3 meq/kg. Within the first two hours, while the experiments were charged and 342 equilibrated with CO<sub>2</sub> before disconnecting the reactor from the CO<sub>2</sub> source, alkalinity rose to ~ 7.3 meq/kg. The highest alkalinities were recorded in experiments of < 100 days and those 343 344 in the high- $pCO_2$  series, where 9.4 meq/kg was reached. Calculated DIC concentrations at the 345 beginning of the experiments, after charging the reactors with  $CO_2$ , were ~ 26 mM in the low $pCO_2$  experiments and ~ 125 mM in the high- $pCO_2$  experiments. These values decreased to a 346 minimum of 12 mM and 105 mM, respectively, during these experiments. 347

348 During the low- $pCO_2$  experiments, the Mg concentrations of the reactive liquids 349 significantly decreased from an initial 54 mM to a minimum of 16 mM, while Ca concentrations gradually increased from 10 mM to 31 mM. Silica and Fe concentrations 350 351 increased rapidly from below the detection limit to ~ 4 mM and 0.06 mM, respectively, and stayed relatively constant afterwards. Sulfate sulfur (S<sup>VI</sup>) decreased over time in the 352 experiments, from 29 mM down to a minimum of 7 mM. Sulfide sulfur (S<sup>II-</sup>) was only analyzed 353 354 in longer duration experiments and its concentrations were above the detection limit only in 355 experiment 'Low-pCO2-Slow', where 9.5 µM was measured. Fluoride concentrations increased significantly from the initial 40 µM to 277 µM after 5 days, but were systematically lower in 356 357 the longer duration experiments with a minimum of 8 µM. Similarly, Al concentrations 358 increased initially to 8  $\mu$ M, but were at or below the detection limit of ~ 1  $\mu$ M in the samples 359 collected at the end of the longer duration experiments.

360 During the high- $pCO_2$  experiments, the liquid composition evolved in a similar 361 direction as in the low- $pCO_2$  experiments, although the magnitude differed. Magnesium 362 decreased only to 46 mM and Ca increased to 12 mM. On the other hand, Si and Fe increased to a greater extent in the high- $pCO_2$  experiments compared to the low- $pCO_2$  experiments, to 6.6 mM and 0.19 mM, respectively. Sulfate sulfur decreased slightly less, to 16 mM, and Al and F evolutions are similar to the trends seen in the low- $pCO_2$  experiments.

366 In the experiments conducted with synthetic Mg-free seawater, the opposite trends 367 were observed for some elements. Magnesium in the liquid increased from below detection limit to 5 mM, while Ca concentrations decreased initially to 4 mM before increasing again to 368 8 mM after 150 days. Furthermore, S<sup>VI</sup> decreased less strongly in these experiments, to a 369 minimum of 23 mM. The liquids collected from the longest duration experiment in this series 370 371 had a F concentration of 897 µM, and an Al concentration of 11 µM, which is significantly 372 higher than in the other experiments. On the other hand, Si and Fe show similar increases in 373 this series compared to other experiments.

374 The highest Ca concentration was measured in experiment 'Low-pCO<sub>2</sub>-Calcite', which was started in the presence of 102 mg of calcite seeds, corresponding to  $\sim 0.1$  wt% of the total 375 376 solid mass. These seeds were added to accelerate the initial pH increase and alkalinity 377 generation and to assess the effect of the presence of small quantities on carbonation rates. The 378 presence of these seeds added up to 4.7 mM of Ca and 9.5 meq/kg of alkalinity to the liquid. Similar effects potentially occur in natural systems where calcite is present in the host rocks. 379 380 For example, the basaltic oceanic crust can contain ~0.5 to 4.0 wt% carbonates (Gillis and 381 Coogan, 2011; Coogan and Gillis, 2013), and initial calcite dissolution likely occurred during 382 CO<sub>2</sub>-charged freshwater injection into basaltic rocks in Iceland (Snæbjörnsdóttir et al., 2017).

383 Liquid K, Na, and Cl concentrations remained close to constant throughout the 384 experiments as shown in Table 3 and the Figure S-3 in the Supplementary Material. Nevertheless, the strong positive correlation between the Na and Cl concentrations of the 385 reacted seawater, with a Pearson r value of 0.89, suggests some water evaporation during the 386 387 experiments. As the gas in the reactor headspace contained relatively little water vapor, this evaporated water was most likely present in condensed form in the inner magnetic drive rotors 388 389 and other accessories of the upper reactor assemblage, and/or evaporated during the initial 390 flushing of the reactor with CO<sub>2</sub> (see section 2.1). Significant loss of H<sub>2</sub>O from the reactor 391 system is unlikely to have occurred because: (1) No significant correlation was found between 392 the experiment duration and Na or Cl concentrations, (2) the loss of water vapor would have 393 been accompanied by a  $CO_2$  loss of a similar magnitude, and (3) all reactors were tested for 394 leaks by pressurizing them to a pressure significantly above those used during the experiments.

395 The redox potential of the sampled liquids decreased from the initially oxidizing 396 conditions (pE  $\sim$  4 to 5) to moderately reducing pE of around zero. This redox potential 397 evolution is shown in Figure 3. Assuming thermodynamic equilibrium of the redox couples, these redox potentials indicate that practically all the aqueous iron is present as Fe<sup>II</sup> (Figure 3). 398 This dominance of Fe<sup>II</sup> suggests that the relatively small amounts of Fe<sup>III</sup> released from the 399 400 basaltic glass were taken up by secondary phases such as clays and hematite (see below). At this pE, practically no H<sub>2</sub>S is expected to be present in the reactor, which agrees with the 401 402 measured H<sub>2</sub>S concentrations, which were mostly below the detection limit (Table 3). It is 403 unclear, however, if redox equilibrium was achieved during the experiments as they were run 404 at 130 °C (e.g., Stumm and Morgan, 1996; Kaasalainen and Stefánsson, 2011). This prevents 405 a more detailed interpretation of these measurements.

#### 406 3.2 Solid reaction products

407 The solids recovered from the reactors at the end of the experiments were markedly 408 altered. The bulk of the solids were found to be present as loose powder after the experiments. 409 SEM images, in conjunction with EDS and XRD analyses, revealed that significant amounts of the initially smooth and clean basaltic glass grain surfaces of the basalt were covered with a 410 411 honeycomb-shaped layer of saponite, a trioctahedral smectite rich in Mg (Figure 4 A, C, D, Figure 5). The identity of these clays was verified by XRD as ferrous saponite, as indicated by 412 broad and asymmetric reflections at ~15 Å (doo1), 6.1 Å (doo2), 4.5 Å (do20), 3.2 Å (do04), 2.6 Å 413 (d13,20), 1.7 Å (d15,24,31) and 1.53 (d060) Å (Decarreau et al., 2008; Baldermann et al., 2014). In 414 some cases, the initial stages of smectite growth could be seen (Figure 4 D), and some basaltic 415 glass grains almost completely covered by smectite were also found. In places the underlying 416 417 glass surfaces could be seen beneath the smectite precipitate (Figure 4 C). Furthermore, rounded grains suggest significant dissolution of the initial basaltic glass (Figure 4 B). 418 419 Anhydrite appears as elongated or platy particle shapes attached to existing basalt grains 420 (Figure 4 E). Based on EDS spectra and the evidence from XRD (see below), precipitates with a pseudohexagonal form, twinning (c.f. Sand et al., 2012) and Ca, C and O composition were 421 422 identified as aragonite (cf. Figure 4 F, from the experiment 'Low-66-146').

423 In addition to the minerals identified by SEM, XRD patterns of the retrieved powders 424 indicate the presence of small amounts of aragonite in the solids recovered from most of the long-term experiments. Calcite was identified in the solids collected in experiments 'Low-44', 425 426 'Low-57', and siderite in experiments 'Low-148' and 'Low-pCO<sub>2</sub>-Slow'. Ankerite was 427 identified in the solids collected from experiment 'Low-148'. Magnesite was identified in the 428 solids collected after the longer high- $pCO_2$  experiment 'High-140' (see Figure 5 and the Figure 429 S-6 in the Supplementary Material). Furthermore, XRD data show that zeolites and hematite were present in small amounts in the solids collected from some experiments. The only primary 430 crystalline mineral phase detected by XRD was forsterite (in both the initial basalt as well as 431 432 the reacted samples), while the majority of all samples is the basaltic glass starting material.

In some cases, material was found to be stuck to the reactor bottom in the form of a 433 cone. This is likely due to the slower fluid dynamics below the stirrer. This was most 434 435 pronounced in the experiment 'Low-pCO<sub>2</sub>-Slow', where stirring was reduced to 20 rpm for 436 most of the experiment. No other correlations between the presence of powder stuck to the 437 reactor bottom and experimental parameters were found. Furthermore, minor amounts of light-438 colored precipitates were found on reactor walls, thermowells, sampling dip-tubes and stirrer 439 shafts. EDS spectra and XRD patterns suggest that these solids are mainly comprised of 440 anhydrite and smectite.

#### 441 3.3 Carbon content of the solids and carbon mass balance

442 The TIC present in the reacted solids measured by both methods described above are presented 443 in Table 4 and Figure 6. These results show significant carbon uptake by the solids during the 444 experiments. The agreement between both analytical methods is good, but the significant 445 uncertainties of the furnace method at low CO<sub>2</sub> contents, as well as its higher detection limit, 446 lead to small differences for some experiments. A further approach to estimating the amount 447 of carbon mineralized during the experiments is via the determination of carbon remaining in 448 the fluid phases at the end of each experiment. The total amount of carbon present in the reactor 449 fluids (liquid and gas) can be estimated using thermodynamic principles from the temperature, 450 total pressure, volumes of the respective phases, and the composition of the liquid including its alkalinity. This mass balance relation can be expressed as 451

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$$n_{\text{CO}_2}^{\text{Fluids}} = n_{\text{CO}_2}^{\text{Liquid}} + n_{\text{CO}_2}^{\text{Gas}} = \text{DIC} \cdot m^{\text{Liquid}} + \frac{p_{\text{CO}_2}}{P} \cdot \frac{V^{\text{Gas}}}{V_m}$$

453 where  $n_{CO_2}^x$  stands for the molar amount of  $CO_2$  in *x*,  $m^{Liquid}$  refers to the mass of liquid, *P* 454 desginates the total pressure, and  $V^{Gas}$  and  $V_m$  denote the volume of the headspace and the molar 455 volume of the gas, respectively. Similar to other thermodynamic calculations in this study,  $p_{CO_2}$ 456 and  $V_m$  were calculated using PHREEQC. The difference between the carbon calculated to be 457 in the fluid phases at the beginning and end of the experiments equals that mineralized during 458 the experiments. These results of this calculation are provided in Table 4.

459 All methods used to determine the mass of carbon incorporated into the solids during the experiments show a trend of increasing CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization with experiment duration. In 460 461 the low-pCO<sub>2</sub> series, around 19% of the total mass of carbon present in the reactor was mineralized after 150 days. In comparison, the Mg-free experimental series exhibits ~ 33% 462 463 mineralization after 150 days (experiment MgFree-150). The solids recovered from both high $pCO_2$  experiments exhibited slow  $CO_2$  release during acidification-TIC measurements 464 indicating the presence of magnesite. Furnace-TIC measurements indicate ~ 14% of the CO<sub>2</sub> 465 466 mineralized after 140 days in the high- $pCO_2$  experimental series. This is slightly less than that 467 over this time frame during the low- $pCO_2$  experiments. However, the absolute amount of  $CO_2$ mineralized in the high- $pCO_2$  experiments is significantly higher due to the higher mass of  $CO_2$ 468 469 introduced into the reactor at the beginning of these experiments. Expressed as CO<sub>2</sub> wt% in the solids, the longest duration high- $pCO_2$  experiment had 0.37 wt% CO<sub>2</sub> in the recovered solids 470 471 while the longest duration low- $pCO_2$  experiment had only ~ 0.11 wt% CO<sub>2</sub> in the recovered solids. 472

473 The highest mineralization of  $55 \pm 9$  % CO<sub>2</sub> was measured in the experiment 'Low $pCO_2$ -Calcite' which was ran with calcite seeds. The calcite seeds rapidly dissolved under the 474 475 acidic conditions prevailing at the beginning of the experiments, increasing the liquid pH, Ca 476 concentration, and alkalinity. XRD or SEM analysis indicates the initial calcite seed crystals 477 were completely dissolved during the experiments. A similar high carbon mineralization (53  $\pm$ 4% CO<sub>2</sub>) is suggested by mass balance calculations for the 'Low-pCO<sub>2</sub>-Slow' experiment. 478 479 While the three methods for measuring carbon mineralization generally show a relatively good 480 agreement with each other, differences exist. A notable example is the experiment MgFree-481 140, where mass balance calculations suggest minor CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization, while both methods for quantification of carbonates in the solids revealed a higher CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization. The reason 482 for these differences is unclear. 483

#### 484 4 Discussion

#### 485 4.1 General trends of seawater-basalt-CO<sub>2</sub> interaction

486 As evident in Figure 2, basalt dissolution causes a rapid initial increase in alkalinity and 487 pH in all experiments. Subsequently, the pH is buffered by a balance between basalt dissolution and secondary mineral precipitation as well as by the presence of bicarbonate. Otherwise, the 488 489 evolution of the aqueous chemistry differs among the experimental series due to distinct 490 secondary mineral formation behaviour. In the low- $pCO_2$  series, substantial smectite clay 491 precipitation, as seen in XRD and SEM observations (Figure 4 and Figure 5), leads to a strong 492 decrease in aqueous Mg concentrations and low aqueous Fe concentrations. At higher  $pCO_2$ , 493 smectite clay precipitation is significantly less pronounced, as suggested by the smaller 494 decrease in aqueous Mg concentrations and higher Fe concentrations. As aqueous Al concentrations remain low in both of these experimental series, it is likely that a poorly 495 crystalline aluminosilicate phase such as allophane or amorphous Al-hydroxides formed 496 497 consuming aqueous Al. In many experiments, aqueous Al concentrations were below the

498 detection limit of ~ 1  $\mu$ M, allowing only the calculation of maximum saturation indices (SI) 499 for relevant aluminosilicates (Figure S-4 in the Supplementary Material). Nevertheless, 500 allophane was potentially at saturation, and Mg-saponite was potentially significantly oversaturated, but less so in the high- $pCO_2$  series, in agreement with the trends described 501 502 above. Thermodynamic calculations also suggest that chalcedony is slightly oversaturated in 503 the sampled liquids (Figure 7), indicating that this phase potentially formed even though it was 504 not detected by XRD. This may be due to the fine-grained nature of this phase (Gíslason et al., 1997). In both experimental series run in natural seawater, basalt dissolution releases Ca to the 505 liquid, eventually leading to anhydrite precipitation. This results in a decrease in aqueous S<sup>VI</sup> 506 concentrations. The rapid anhydrite precipitation is further evidenced by the saturation indices 507 at the end of the experiments, which were close to equilibrium with respect to anhydrite (see 508 509 Figure 7). Although Fe is mostly released from the basalt in reduced form, the reduction of  $S^{VI}$ 510 to S<sup>II-</sup> appears to be negligible (Table 3), preventing Fe-sulfide mineral precipitation. Furthermore, the aqueous solutions became supersaturated with respect to different carbonate 511 512 minerals due to increases in pH, alkalinity, and aqueous Ca (and Fe) concentrations (Figure 7). 513 This leads to carbonate mineral precipitation, which is discussed in detail in the following 514 sections.

515 Experiments run in the presence of Mg-free seawater exhibit several differences 516 compared to those run in natural seawater. While the pH is buffered at similar or slightly higher 517 values compared to natural seawater, no strong decrease in alkalinity was observed. The lack 518 of Mg in the liquid leads to the formation of zeolite minerals instead of smectite clays as seen in the XRD data (Figure 5). The formation of zeolite minerals consumes aqueous Ca. The high 519 aqueous Al concentration measured in liquids of this series after 150 days is likely a 520 521 consequence of the formation of Al-F aqueous complexes due to elevated aqueous F 522 concentrations (Tagirov and Schott, 2001).

#### 523 4.2 Reaction path simulations

524 Reaction path calculations were performed to estimate the mass of secondary minerals 525 precipitated during the individual experiments. This was not possible to determine directly 526 from the experiments due to the large number of reacting phases and their variable composition. 527 The reaction path models were calibrated against the first 150 days of data from each 528 experimental series. The calibrations took account of the observed identity of secondary 529 phases, the liquid compositions, and the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> mineralized in the three experimental series: low-pCO<sub>2</sub>, high-pCO<sub>2</sub>, and Mg-free. While two experiments were run for 204 and 228 530 days (experiments Low-pCO<sub>2</sub>-Slow and Low-pCO<sub>2</sub>-Calcite), both of these represent special 531 conditions. One was run at slow stirring rates, and one contained 102 mg calcite seeds to 532 533 accelerate initial reactions. As it is unclear how much influence these conditions had on the 534 reaction progress, they were not included in the calibration of the reaction path calculations.

535 The secondary phases considered in the models were restricted to those observed by 536 SEM and XRD analysis, notably Mg-Mg and Mg-Fe saponite, anhydrite, hematite, Ca-stilbite, 537 aragonite or magnesite for low- and high- $pCO_2$ , respectively. Chalcedony and allophane were 538 included as well, although these phases are not detectable by XRD. The total amount of basaltic 539 glass dissolved was adjusted to fit the observed liquid compositions for the reaction progress 540 during the ~ 5 month experiments. A slight adjustment of the solubilities of some phases was 541 made to improve the fit of the measured liquid compositions. A list of the revised equilibrium 542 constants is provided in Table S-1 in the Supplementary Material. These adjustments of mineral solubility are within the uncertainties associated with the thermodynamic data under such 543

544 conditions (e.g., Voigt et al., 2018a). Furthermore, the equilibrium constants for secondary 545 aluminosilicate precipitation reactions had to be increased substantially compared to those of 546 the Voigt et al. (2018a) database to reproduce the observed liquid composition trends of the experiments (see Table S-1 in the Supplementary Material). This is most likely due to the 547 548 sluggish precipitation kinetics of these minerals compared to the other secondary phases. 549 Without these equilibrium constant changes, these aluminosilicates are predicted to rapidly 550 consume most of the alkalinity generated by the basaltic glass dissolution, impeding carbonate mineral precipitation. This observation highlights the importance of slow aluminosilicate 551 precipitation vs faster carbonate mineral precipitation for carbon mineralization. Note that it is 552 553 unclear if aluminosilicate precipitation would become dominant over timescales beyond those 554 of our experiments, as proposed by Rigopoulos et al. (2017). It was not possible to accurately 555 reproduce the observed experimental trends assuming secondary phases precipitated at local equilibrium together with a laboratory-measured basaltic glass dissolution rate equation. This 556 suggests that secondary silicate mineral precipitation is the overall rate determining process of 557 558 the coupled basalt dissolution/carbonate precipitation process. Note that secondary 559 aluminosilicate precipitation removes substantial Si and Al from the liquid and lowers the pH, which both cause the reactive liquid to remain strongly undersaturated with respect to hydrated 560 561 basaltic glass, promoting its dissolution. This is consistent with the observation that doubling 562 the amount of basalt in the reactor, i.e. a reduction of the water/rock (W/R) ratio, did not 563 significantly increase the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization (Figure 6). This indicates that the 564 reactive surface area of the basalt is not directly correlated to the degree of CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization 565 observed in our experimental series.

566 To compare and calibrate the results of the reaction path models to the experiments, reaction time was calculated as a linear function of dissolved basaltic glass. To achieve a good 567 fit to the experimental data, between 40% to 80% faster dissolution was assigned to the first 50 568 days of the models compared to the subsequent days. This model approach reflects the natural 569 570 environment in so far that secondary clay precipitation on altered basalt surfaces potentially 571 slows dissolution. After such adjustments, the resulting calculated liquid concentrations and 572 carbonation rates reproduce the observed experimental trends relatively well (see Figure S-5 573 in the Supplementary Material). Nevertheless, some differences exist, such as a poor estimation 574 of pH and thus also alkalinity in the low-pCO<sub>2</sub> simulation.

575 The results of the calculations, as shown in Figure 8, suggest that different amounts of 576 basaltic glass dissolution were required to achieve the experimentally observed liquid 577 compositions and mass of CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization after 5 months. Specifically, the dissolution of 12.5 g of basalt per kg of water was required to reproduce the observations of the low- $pCO_2$ 578 579 experiments, 6.7 g of basaltic glass dissolution was required per kg of water to reproduce the 580 observations of the high-pCO<sub>2</sub> experiments, and 3.3 g of basaltic glass dissolution was required per kg of water to reproduce the observations of the Mg-free seawater experiments. These 581 differences may stem from the significantly larger amount of saponite precipitation in the low-582  $pCO_2$  experiments; saponite precipitation removes Si and Al from the liquid promoting further 583 584 basaltic glass dissolution. The only (alumino)silicate minerals predicted to form in significant 585 amounts during the high- $pCO_2$  experiments are allophane and chalcedony. The only (alumino)silicate mineral predicted to form in significant amounts during the Mg-free 586 experiments is Ca-stilbite (see Figure 8). Such computed results are consistent with 587 588 observations from the solids recovered after the experiments. Small amounts of anhydrite 589 formation are predicted in all experimental systems due to the release of Ca from the basaltic

glass. Rapid early anhydrite formation is only predicted to occur from basaltic glass interaction
 with the synthetic Mg-free seawater at 130 °C due to the lack of aqueous Mg-SO4
 complexation; this complex increases anhydrite solubility in natural seawater.

593 The reaction path models give new insights into the mineralogical and chemical 594 differences of the solids and liquids observed among the different experiment series. The lack 595 of saponite precipitation from the synthetic Mg-free seawater experiments leads to higher 596 alkalinity and thus a higher degree of carbon mineralization during the experiments (Figure 8). As saponite formation is also largely suppressed in the high- $pCO_2$  experiments, and aqueous 597 598 Mg is consumed by magnesite precipitation, as seen in the experiments, the absolute amount 599 of CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization is significantly higher under these conditions. At the same time, however, the degree of  $CO_2$  mineralization during the high- $pCO_2$  experiments is comparable 600 601 to the low- $pCO_2$  series, as significantly more  $CO_2$  was introduced into the system in the former.

#### 602 4.3 Identity of carbonate minerals

603 The predominant carbonate mineral identified in the reacted solids of most experiments 604 was aragonite, with some experiments also producing calcite, siderite, and magnesite 605 (Figure 5). The predominance of aragonite over calcite as CaCO<sub>3</sub> polymorph is in agreement with studies of young (< 15 Ma) marine sediments and hydrothermal crustal aquifers showing 606 607 the widespread presence of aragonite (Coogan and Gillis, 2018). Older marine carbonates are dominated by calcite. This is interpreted to be caused by a lower Mg/Ca concentration ratio of 608 609 seawater during the time of mineral formation (Morse et al., 1997; Stanley and Hardie, 1998, 610 1999). No such correlation could be found in our experiments, as aragonite was formed in 611 experiments performed in either natural seawater or synthetic Mg-free seawater. Calcite was observed only from the solids recovered from the relatively short duration experiments, while 612 aragonite was predominant in longer experiments. This observation is potentially due to 613 slightly higher initial supersaturation of the liquid with respect to calcite during the shorter 614 615 experiments (Figure 7), although this could also be affected by the precipitation kinetics of 616 these two minerals. The results of this study contrast with that of Shibuya et al. (2013), who reacted a CO<sub>2</sub>-charged NaCl brine with basalt at 250 °C and 350 °C and an initial DIC of 400 617 mM. The carbonate mineral formed during these experiments was calcite even after ~ 3 months 618 619 of experiment. It is unclear if the difference between the results of the Shibuya et al. (2013) 620 experiment and those of the present study is due to their higher temperature, higher initial DIC, or different initial reactive solution composition. Similarly, calcite was the only authigenic 621 carbonate mineral found in drill cores recovered from the Surtsey geothermal system, a 622 seawater-dominated and basalt with fluid temperatures of 40-141 °C (Kleine et al., 2020). As 623 624 Mg and Ca concentrations observed in this system are similar to those in our experiments, the reason for this difference is unclear. Calcite is also the only carbonate mineral found in the 625 Reykjanes system, where fluids close to seawater composition circulate through a basaltic 626 627 hydrothermal system (Wiese et al., 2008; Marks et al., 2010). The fact that the fluids in the 628 Reykjanes system are heated and undergo fluid-rock interaction at temperatures of ~ 260 to 629 310 °C, much higher than in our experiments, make the identification of the reason for this difference difficult. Potential reasons for the difference in carbonate mineralogy between this 630 631 natural system and our experiments include i) the depletion of the fluids in Mg or other 632 elements due to fluid-rock interaction before carbonate precipitation occurred, and ii) the presence of minerals such as illite, chlorite, epidote, garnet, and pyrite in the system (Marks et 633 634 al., 2010).

635 Thermodynamic calculations indicate that the final reactive liquids in all of our experiments were close to or supersaturated with respect to aragonite, ankerite, and siderite 636 637 (Figure 7), while the initial CO<sub>2</sub>-charged seawater was undersaturated with respect to these minerals. This change is mainly due to the increase in pH, associated with changes in the 638 639 speciation of DIC. Similar saturation index evolutions are observed for calcite, magnesite, and 640 dolomite. The absence of the latter two minerals from the solids recovered from all experiments 641 other than those performed at high- $pCO_2$  could stem from kinetic inhibition. Magnesite precipitation was only observed in the higher  $pCO_2$  experiments performed in this study. It is 642 643 unclear whether this observation stems from the higher DIC, lower pH, and/or the lower amount of smectite precipitation of these experiments. As smectite precipitation reduces 644 645 dissolved Mg concentrations in natural marine hydrothermal fluids at temperatures above ~ 60 °C (Coogan and Gillis, 2018), the low amount of smectite formed in our experiments is likely 646 a key for magnesite formation. This conclusion is consistent with that of Rosenbauer et al. 647 (2012), who observed ferroan magnesite formation during the reaction between a CO<sub>2</sub>-charged 648 649 NaCl brine with basalt at  $\geq 1$  M DIC and temperatures from 100 to 200 °C.

No correlation between the observation of siderite/ankerite in some solids and 650 experimental conditions or liquid compositions is evident, as these two carbonate minerals only 651 precipitated during two experiments. Thermodynamic calculations indicate that the 652 653 experimental liquids showed the highest supersaturation with respect to dolomite, and, in descending order, ankerite, magnesite, siderite, calcite, and aragonite. The fact that the most 654 655 abundant mineral found in the experimental solids is aragonite, and magnesite for the high $pCO_2$  experiments, highlights the importance of factors other than thermodynamics influencing 656 the identity of precipitating carbonate minerals. 657

#### 658 4.4 Comparison to freshwater systems

659 Although no experiments with fresh or pure water were performed in this study, the 660 results can be compared to previous studies. Gysi and Stefansson (2012b) performed two batch 661 experiments at 150 °C, reacting CO<sub>2</sub> charged freshwater with basaltic glass powder of the same origin as in this study (Stapafell, Iceland) at an initial water/rock ratio of 5 for 26 and 123 days, 662 respectively. The DIC concentration of their reactive liquid decreased from ~ 100 to ~55 mM 663 during their 123 day experiment, and to ~70 mM during their 26 day experiment. While this 664 decrease in DIC is of the same magnitude as the CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization rates observed in the 665 present study under comparable conditions (the high- $pCO_2$  series), the DIC decrease reported 666 by Gysi and Stefansson (2012b) was not exclusively due to carbon mineralization. Gysi and 667 Stefansson (2012b) sampled their batch reactors periodically to monitor the liquid phase 668 composition, thereby increasing the headspace volume. This leads to a degassing of the 669 aqueous solution, lowering its DIC concentration. As a result, the pH of the reactive liquids in 670 the Gysi and Stefansson (2012b) experiments increased to pH 6.4 at the end of their 123 day 671 672 experiment, while the pH remained close to constant at pH  $\sim$ 5 in our high-pCO<sub>2</sub> experiments. This difference is potentially related to the low Mg concentration of their initial freshwater, 673 674 such that less clay mineral precipitation occurred. Clay mineral precipitation buffers pH and alkalinity as it liberates protons to the liquid phase (e.g., Voigt et al., 2020). Note, however, 675 that a number of other studies reported substantial clay mineral formation in experiments using 676 677 freshwater for CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization studies of basalts and anorthite (e.g., Hangx and Spiers, 2009; Munz et al., 2012; Hellevang et al., 2017; Gadikota et al., 2020). A further difference 678 679 between the seawater and freshwater experiments can be seen in the carbonate mineralogy. While only calcite formation was observed at 150 °C in the freshwater experiments of Gysi 680

681 and Stefansson (2012b), our study observed calcite formation only in some shorter duration experiments, while the majority of the experiments show mostly aragonite or magnesite 682 683 formation. This observation is in agreement with field evidence. Carbonate mineral formation during freshwater-basalt-CO<sub>2</sub> interaction during the CarbFix injections (Matter et al., 2016; 684 685 Snæbjörnsdóttir et al., 2017; Strandmann et al., 2019) is dominated by calcite formation, 686 whereas aragonite formation is predominant in young marine sediments and hydrothermal 687 settings (Coogan and Gillis, 2018). The absence of magnesite in the aforementioned freshwater experiments is most likely due to the lack of Mg in the initial liquid, suggesting that the use of 688 seawater for CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization efforts could be advantageous if the dissolved Mg is consumed 689 690 by carbonation reactions instead of or along with aluminosilicate formation reactions.

#### 691 4.5 Implications for mineral carbon storage

692 The formation of carbonate minerals due to interaction of CO<sub>2</sub>-containing seawater with 693 basaltic rocks is a natural process leading to the drawdown and storage of globally significant 694 amounts of CO<sub>2</sub>, and thus climate regulation, over geologic timescales (Staudigel et al., 1989; 695 Brady and Gíslason, 1997; Alt and Teagle, 1999; Coogan and Gillis, 2013; Isson et al., 2020). 696 This occurs in low-temperature hydrothermal systems in the basaltic oceanic crust, where carbonate abundances reach up to ~ 4 wt% (e.g., Gillis and Coogan, 2011; Coogan and Gillis, 697 2013), mostly precipitating during the first 20 million years after crust formation. In this study, 698 699 we presented experimental evidence that this process can be significantly accelerated by 700 reacting seawater charged with high  $pCO_2$  with basalt at 130 °C, leading to substantial  $CO_2$ 701 mineralization within several months. The effect of different initial conditions, most 702 importantly  $pCO_2$  and seawater composition (standard seawater vs. Mg free seawater), was 703 studied in different sets of experiments. Up to around 20% of the total CO<sub>2</sub> contained in the 704 reactor was mineralized after 5 months both at ~ 2.5 bar and ~ 16 bar initial  $pCO_2$  (26 and 125 705 mM DIC, respectively). CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization of over 50 % was observed after > 200 days in 706 experiments that started in the presence of  $\sim 0.1$  wt% calcite or run with reduced stirring rates. 707 However, it is unclear how much of this increased mineralization can be attributed to longer run times as opposed to these experimental conditions. Nevertheless, such an effect would be 708 709 relevant to natural basalt reservoirs containing pre-existing carbonate minerals formed by 710 natural weathering and fluid-rock reactions. In the high- $pCO_2$  experiments, magnesite was 711 formed as opposed to aragonite at lower initial  $pCO_2$ , and significantly less voluminous 712 smectite clay formation was observed. This, in combination with the higher absolute amounts 713 of CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization, makes such conditions particularly attractive for mineral carbon storage 714 applications. Furthermore, a higher initial DIC concentration allows injection of the same 715 quantity of CO<sub>2</sub> with fewer wells due to the reduced amount of liquid injected. This will reduce 716 the significant costs for the drilling of wells.

717 A temperature of 130 °C was chosen for our experiments to avoid rapid anhydrite 718 formation when seawater is heated to temperatures exceeding 150 °C (Bischoff and Seyfried, 719 1978). Observations and reaction path modelling suggest only limited anhydrite formation at 720 130 °C. Therefore, this temperature should be regarded as the upper limit to avoid rapid 721 anhydrite formation that could potentially lead to fluid pathway clogging close to CO<sub>2</sub> injection wells. The Mg-free seawater experiments were designed to see if the formation of voluminous 722 723 smectite clays could be avoided at low- $pCO_2$  conditions. This appears to be the case, as zeolites 724 where formed instead of clays, and CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization was higher compared to experiments 725 started with natural seawater (see Figure 8). However, rapid anhydrite precipitation occurs in this case due to the lack of Mg-SO<sub>4</sub> complexation, potentially leading to clogging of fluid
 pathways close to the injection site.

728 The magnitude of mineralization observed in the  $CO_2$  charged seawater experiments 729 performed in this study is comparable to that observed in experiments conducted with 730 freshwater (Gysi and Stefánsson, 2012b). This suggests that subsurface carbon storage using 731 seawater, similar to existing injections in freshwater systems (Matter et al., 2016; Clark et al., 732 2020) is feasible. As opposed to freshwater, injection of CO<sub>2</sub>-charged seawater has the advantage of a lower price, much greater availability, and avoidance of potential water use 733 conflicts. Furthermore, vast amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> can be stored in the basaltic oceanic crust; Marieni 734 735 et al. (2013) estimated that ~  $3 \times 10^5$  Gt CO<sub>2</sub> can be potentially stored in deep-sea basalt at water depths > 5000 m. Finally, offshore storage could reduce public acceptance and political issues 736 737 associated with onshore CCS projects, as such offshore mineral carbon storage through CO2-738 charged seawater injection has the potential to significantly increase the global relevance of 739 such techniques.

740 The extrapolation of the results of this study to natural and/or engineered subsurface sites is complicated by large uncertainties of reactive surface areas in natural rocks as well as 741 742 the effect of fluid dynamics on rates. To address such issues, it is common to adjust reaction 743 rates by up to several orders of magnitude when fitting reactive transport models to field results 744 (Aradóttir et al., 2012; Beckingham et al., 2016, 2017). Nevertheless, our experimental results 745 indicate that different initial W/R ratios did not significantly change the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> 746 mineralization (Figure 6, section 4.2). This highlights the importance of secondary mineral 747 precipitation rates as opposed to the reactive surface area of the primary basalt. Therefore, 748 similar timescales of mineralization might be realized on laboratory vs. field scales even if 749 reactive surface areas of the primary rocks are substantially different. Our reaction path models 750 indicate slowing reactions over time during the experiments, which may be due to secondary 751 aluminosilicate precipitation on primary basaltic glass surfaces. Similar processes might occur 752 on field scales. However, it remains to be clarified to what degree secondary mineral precipitation slows mineralization processes over the long term. In the field, the formation of 753 754 voluminous secondary minerals potentially modifies or clog fluid flow pathways. Evidence 755 from altered oceanic crust, however, suggests that substantial porosity is maintained despite 756 such clogging processes (e.g., Fisher, 1998; Jarrard et al., 2003; Johnson and Pruis, 2003).

## 757 5 Conclusions

758 This study demonstrated the efficiency of carbon mineral formation from CO<sub>2</sub>-charged 759 seawater during its interaction with fresh basaltic glass. If a similar efficiency of this reaction 760 can be demonstrated in the field, it may provide a powerful approach for the safe, long-term, 761 and cost-effective storage of CO<sub>2</sub> at many sites around the world. Due to the widespread availability of seawater in the vicinity of basalt and its low cost, such reactions could enable 762 significant upscaling of CCS through mineral carbon storage. CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization of over 30 763 764 % was observed in experiments after > 150 days. These rates were potentially further 765 accelerated in the presence of ~ 0.1 wt% calcite seeds. As small quantities of calcite are common in basaltic rocks, such acceleration might be at work in many subsurface systems. 766

The experimental results also provide insight into the role of non-carbonate secondary minerals in subsurface mineral carbonation efforts. Pore clogging secondary minerals such as smectite can be detrimental to the long-term efforts as they may limit well injectivity over time. Experimental results in this study suggest that the precipitation of such minerals can be delayed or even avoided by controlling the composition of the injected  $CO_2$ -charged liquid. Specifically, raising the  $pCO_2$  from ~ 2.5 bar to ~ 16 bar resulted in the formation of magnesite as the exclusive carbonate mineral while smectite formation was largely suppressed. Also, experiments started with synthetic Mg-free seawater resulted in the formation of zeolites instead of clay minerals and higher  $CO_2$  mineralization rates. Further efforts could be made to explore how to best limit the formation of such pore clogging minerals to better exploit subsurface pore space for geologic carbon storage.

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## 1063 Tables

1064Table 1: Summary of previous experimental studies on basalt-CO2-seawater or NaCl-brine1065interaction.

Study	Reactor type	Aqueous matrix	T / °C	DIC / mM	рН	Carbonate precipitation
Brady and Gíslason (1997)	Flow- through	Seawater	25-50	~ 0.01 - 0.1		No
Wolff-Boenisch et al. (2011)	Mixed flow	Seawater	25	~ 100	3.6	No
Rosenbauer et al. (2012)	Reaction cell	NaCl brine	50-200	1000		Magnesite
Shibuya et al. (2013)	Reaction cell	NaCl brine	250, 350	400	7.6, 8.7	Calcite
Luhmann et al. (2017)	Flow- through	NaCl brine	150	650	3.3	Siderite indicated by modelling
Rigopoulos et al. (2017)	Batch reactor	Seawater	~ 25	< 1	8.6	Aragonite
Wolff-Boenisch and Galeczka (2018)	Mixed flow	Seawater	90	40 - 400	7 – 7.7	Calcite, magnesite, Ca/Mg-carbonates
Marieni et al. (2020)	Batch reactor	Seawater	40	~ 30	~ 4.7	No

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Exp.	Duration	T / °C	$P_{\rm Start}$ /	pCO <sub>2,Start</sub>	pH <sup>a</sup>	SW/g	Basalt /	W/R	Alk. /
	/ days		bar	/ bar			g		meq/kg
Low-0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.08	130	4.81	2.54	5.10	216	86.0	2.5	2.24
Low-5	5	130	4.89	2.63	5.09	230	46.1	5.0	2.24
Low-19	19	130	4.65	2.38	5.13	461	92.0	5.0	2.24
Low-44	44	130	4.59	2.32	5.18	461	92.1	5.0	2.46
Low-57	57	130	4.70	2.43	5.12	461	92.0	5.0	2.25
Low-102	102	130	4.71	2.44	5.13	214	86.0	2.5	2.29
Low-148	148	130	4.78	2.51	5.12	230	46.0	5.0	2.29
Low-150	150	130	5.02	2.75	5.07	216	86.0	2.5	2.25
High-56	56	130	18.22	15.81	4.35	216	86.0	2.5	2.25
High-140	140	130	18.11	15.69	4.35	216	86.1	2.5	2.22
MgFree-60 <sup>e</sup>	60	130	4.77	2.49	5.21	461	92.0	5.0	2.25
MgFree-150 <sup>e</sup>	150	130	4.73	2.46	5.21	216	86.4	2.5	2.25
Low-66-146	66,146	130	4.48	2.22	5.17	462	92.0	5.0	2.29
$Low-pCO_2$ - $Slow^d$	204	130	4.64	2.38	5.12	217	86.0	2.5	2.16
Low- <i>p</i> CO <sub>2</sub> -	228	130	4.94	2.67	5.09	215	86.0	2.5	2.29

1068 Table 2: Initial conditions of all experiments with their durations. W/R = water/rock ratio.

1069 <sup>a</sup> Calculated for experimental conditions from  $P_{\text{Start}}$ , alkalinity, liquid composition, and

1070 thermodynamic relationships. <sup>b</sup>Experiment stopped after ~ 2 h to estimate amount of basalt

1071 dissolution during CO<sub>2</sub> addition, before reactors were completely sealed <sup>c</sup> 102 mg calcite seed crystals

1072 (Riedel-de Haën puriss. p.a.) were added to the reactor. <sup>d</sup> Stirring rate was decreased to 20 rpm after

1073 69 days. <sup>e</sup> synthetic Mg-free seawater was used as the initial reactive liquid

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Table 3: Compositions of initial liquids used as reactant and aqueous solutions in mM sampled at the end of each batch experiment. pH and pE are given for *in situ* conditions. Uncertainties of values are approximately  $\pm$  3% (95% confidence interval) of their values except for alkalinity ( $\pm$  0.5%), pH ( $\pm$  0.06), DIC ( $\pm$  3 mM), pE ( $\pm$  0.2), and explicitly stated uncertainties for Fe and Al. Quantification limits were ~ 4  $\mu$ M for Al, ~ 1  $\mu$ M for Fe, ~ 0.02 mM for Si, and ~ 1  $\mu$ M for S<sup>II-</sup>, below which values are shown as 'BQL'. NA = not analyzed.

Sample	Na	Mg	S <sup>VI</sup>	Ca	K	Si	Fe	±	Al	±	S <sup>II-</sup>	Cl	F	Alk. / meg/kg	DIC	pН	pE
Initial Seawater	513	54	28.9	10.3	10.6	BQL	BQL	BQL	BQL	BQL	NA	584	0.040	meq/ kg			
Synthetic Mg-free SW	452	0.0114	26.7	9.4	10.5	BQL	BQL	BQL	BQL	BQL	NA	429	0.051				
Low-0.1	524	54	29.6	12.8	10.5	2.82	0.082	0.002	BQL	BQL	NA	598	0.045	7.33	27	5.61	NA
Low-5	548	54	29.2	14.5	11.1	3.11	0.0174	0.0006	0.0078	0.0004	NA	614	0.227	7.27	28	5.58	4.22
Low-19	540	44	20.7	16.0	11.0	3.17	0.0321	0.001	BQL	BQL	NA	606	0.017	8.55	26	5.72	4.87
Low-44	541	32.0	16.1	23.4	10.9	3.4	0.037	0.001	BQL	BQL	NA	604	0.009	7.37	25	5.66	NA
Low-57	520	29.3	13.7	22.4	10.7	3.4	0.0317	0.0010	BQL	BQL	BQL	591	0.010	7.12	24	5.66	5.23
Low-102	574	24.3	9.8	26.4	11.8	3.5	0.0339	0.001	0.00099	0.0002	NA	662	0.016	4.86	21	5.50	3.28
Low-148	568	24.0	10.0	25.1	11.7	3.7	0.0304	0.0010	BQL	BQL	NA	650	0.016	4.37	21	5.45	NA
Low-150	556	27.7	19.3	30.9	11.2	3.8	0.056	0.002	BQL	BQL	NA	626	0.014	5.72	21	5.60	4.65
High-56	528	50	26.1	10.9	10.5	5.4	0.170	0.005	BQL	BQL	BQL	614	0.082	10.90	121	5.04	5.03
High-140	524	46	16.1	12.3	10.3	6.6	0.189	0.006	BQL	BQL	BQL	618	0.101	9.38	105	5.03	1.73
MgFree-60	490	4.2	23.3	3.5	10.6	3.15	0.00278	0.0001	BQL	BQL	BQL	461	0.113	8.35	24	5.87	4.65
MgFree-150	543	5.4	25.9	8.3	11.7	3.9	0.036	0.001	0.0112	0.0005	BQL	502	0.897	9.24	27	5.83	-0.16
Low-66	536	30.1	16.4	26.5	10.6	3.9	0.036	0.001	0.00171	0.0002	NA	627	0.010	6.60	22	5.67	NA
Low-146	570	19.4	13.2	31.4	11.2	3.7	0.0265	0.0008	BQL	BQL	NA	644	0.008	4.14	14	5.66	1.73
Low- <i>p</i> CO <sub>2</sub> - Slow	506	16.2	6.9	25.8	11.4	3.5	0.0314	0.0010	BQL	BQL	0.0095	591	0.011	3.51	12	5.66	0.19
Low- <i>p</i> CO <sub>2</sub> - Calcite	583	17.3	17.0	41	11.7	4.3	0.040	0.001	BQL	BQL	NA	698	0.041	5.15	17	5.66	NA

Table 4: Total inorganic carbon (TIC) contained in the solids retrieved at the end of each batch experiment, expressed as wt% of the solid and as the percentage of the original total  $CO_2$  in the reactor contained in the solids at the end of the experiment. Values were measured by acidification and NDIR, heating in a furnace and solid state IR, and estimated by mass balance calculations (see text). Relative uncertainties for the acidification method are ~ 6%. BDL = Below detection limit; NA = not analyzed; Acidif. = Acidification.

Exp.		CO <sub>2</sub> / w	t% of so	olids		CO <sub>2</sub> mineralization / %					
	Acidif.	Furnace	±	Mass balance	±	Acidif.	Furnace	±	Mass balance	±	
Initial	0.00133	BDL	BDL								
Low-0.1	0.00026	BDL	BDL	0.00	0.03	0.053	BDL	2	0	6	
Low-5	0.00020	BDL	BDL	0.00	0.06	0.021	BDL	BDL	0	5	
Low-19	0.00049	BDL	BDL	0.01	0.05	0.057	BDL	BDL	1	6	
Low-44	0.056	0.08	0.02	0.02	0.05	6.6	9	3	2	7	
Low-57	0.044	0.08	0.02	0.06	0.06	5.0	9	3	7	6	
Low-102	0.073	0.12	0.03	0.08	0.03	15.4	25	6	17	5	
Low-148	0.084	BDL	BDL	0.18	0.06	9.0	BDL	BDL	19	5	
Low-150	0.099	0.23	0.04	0.14	0.04	19	44	8	28	5	
High-56	NA	0.09	0.03	0.14	0.05	NA	3.5	1.0	5	1	
High-140	NA	0.37	0.05	0.44	0.10	NA	14	2	17	1	
MgFree-60	0.0166	0.12	0.03	0.14	0.06	1.8	13	3	16	6	
MgFree-150	0.155	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.03	33	32	7	3	6	
Low-66-146	0.147	0.03	0.01	0.14	0.06	18	4	2	17	6	
Slow $pCO_2^{-1}$	0.100	0.16	0.03	0.24	0.05	22	35	8	53	4	
Calcite	0.27	0.31	0.05	0.26	0.05	48	55	9	47	3	

## Figures

Figure 1: Schematic illustration of the reactor assemblage used for experiments in this study.

Figure 2: Composition of reacted seawater after its interaction with basalt powder and CO<sub>2</sub> at 130 °C in batch experiment of various durations. pH and DIC were calculated from measured alkalinity and pressure for *in situ* temperature conditions. The arrows show major trends observed in the compositions. Note that individual experiments were run at distinct conditions varying initial pCO<sub>2</sub>, seawater composition, and stirring rate accounting for some of the scatter among these trends. Analytical uncertainties (95% confidence level) are smaller than the symbol size in all cases.

Figure 3: Redox potential, reported as pE, of the sampled reactive liquids, re-calculated for *in situ* temperature conditions, and fraction of  $Fe^{2+}$  in total Fe in these reactive liquids calculated based on this redox potential assuming thermodynamic equilibrium. The dashed line shows the  $Fe^{2+}$  fraction of the dissolving basaltic glass. Analytical uncertainties (95% confidence interval) are similar to the symbol size.

Figure 4: Secondary electron microscopy (SEM) microphotographs of (A) the initial basaltic glass powder used as reactant, and the solid reaction products collected after experiments (B,C) Low-148, (D) High-140, (E) Low-148, and (F) Low-66-146. The last image also shows an overlay of the morphology of pseudohexagonal aragonite twins, modified after Sand et al. (2012).

Figure 5: Diagram showing the development of alteration and pristine minerals identified in the basalt powder after each experiment by XRD and SEM. In all samples, the majority of the solids was amorphous material (basaltic glass, not shown), while the phases shown in the diagram were present in minor to moderate amounts.

Figure 6: Comparison of total inorganic carbon (TIC) content in the solids determined after each batch experiment, expressed as percentage of total initial carbon present in reactor (a) as measured by NDIR after acidification, (b) as measured by solid state IR after heating in a furnace, and (c) as estimated by fluid mass balance calculations (see text for details). Shown confidence intervals (95%) of mass balance calculations are those propagated from measured values (mainly pressure, alkalinity) using Monte Carlo methods.

Figure 7: Calculated saturation indices (SI) of the reacted liquids collected at the end of each batch experiment with respect to selected alteration minerals. For ankerite and siderite, it was assumed that all aqueous Fe was present as Fe<sup>II</sup> (see Figure 3 and text). Uncertainties (95% confidence level) propagated from analytical uncertainties are smaller than the symbol size in all cases. Maximum SI of minerals containing Al are presented in Figure S-4 in the Supplementary Material.

Figure 8: Results of reaction path calculations of basalt-seawater-CO<sub>2</sub> interaction at the experimental conditions of this study (initial water/rock ratio of 5 at 130 °C). Reaction progress is shown as function of basalt dissolution in units of g of basaltic glass dissolved per kg seawater (kgw). The length of the horizontal axis corresponds to the mass of basaltic glass dissolved during the ~ 5-month duration of the longest experiments. Note the difference scale of the horizontal axis in the three experimental series. The top plots show the predicted change in solid volume in cm<sup>3</sup> per kgw; the middle plots show the calculated percentage of initial total CO<sub>2</sub> mineralized and the bottom plots show the total g of CO<sub>2</sub> mineralized per kgw. The symbols show the observed percentage of CO<sub>2</sub> mineralized as determined from the CO<sub>2</sub> content of the solids collected at the end of the batch experiments reported in this study by acidification (low *p*CO<sub>2</sub> and Mg free experiments) and heating methods (high *p*CO<sub>2</sub> experiments).



with heating jacket



























Figure S-1: Saturation indices (SI) of aragonite and magnesite, as predicted by thermodynamic calculations during quenching of the reactors and equilibration to 1 atm  $pCO_2$ .



Figure S-2: Comparison between pH calculated for in situ conditions from measured alkalinities, pressure, and fluid composition, versus the pH measured using a pH combination electrode during sampling. Note that degassing of CO<sub>2</sub> from the solution during sampling likely affected the latter pH measurements, which is consistent with these measurements giving slightly higher pH values in most cases.



Figure S-3: Plots of measured fluid Na, Cl, and K concentrations of the experiments.



Figure S-4: Diagram showing calculated saturation indices (SI) of the reacted seawater with respect to different alumosilicate minerals. Since aqueous Al concentrations were below the detection limit of ~  $1\mu$ M in most cases, SI for those experiments were calculated using  $1\mu$ M Al and thus represent maximum values, indicated by the error bars below the symbols.



*Figure S-5: Plot showing the fit of the reaction path model (solid lines) to the observed fluid composition (points) and CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization (as calculated from measured TIC contents of the solids).* 

Table S-1: Secondary minerals whose solubility was adjusted during the calibration of the reaction path model and their dissolution reactions. The adjustment is expressed in terms of change of logarithm of the solubility constant log K relative to the values in carbfix.dat.

Mineral	Dissolution reaction	log K
		used
Mg-Mg-Saponite	$Mg_{3.175}Al_{0.35}Si_{3.65}O_{10}(OH)_2 + 7.4 H^+ =$	+4
	$0.35 \text{ Al}^{3+} + 3.175 \text{ Mg}^{2+} + 3.65 \text{ SiO}_2 + 4.7$	
	$H_2O$	
Mg-Fe-Saponite	$Fe_{0.175}Mg_3Al_{0.35}Si_{3.65}O_{10}(OH)_2 + 7.4 H^+ =$	+4
	$0.175 \text{ Fe}^{2+} + 0.35 \text{ Al}^{3+} + 3 \text{ Mg}^{2+} + 3.65$	
	$SiO_{2} + 4.7 H_{2}O$	
Ca-Stilbite	$CaAl_2Si_7O_{18} \cdot 7 H_2O + 8 H^+ =$	+1
	$2 \text{ Al}^{3+} + \text{Ca}^{2+} + 7 \text{ SiO}_2 + 11 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$	
Anhydrite	$CaSO_4 = Ca^{2+} + SO_4^{-2}$	-0.1
Aragonite	$CaCO_3 + H^+ = Ca^{2+} + HCO_3^-$	+0.1
Chalcedony	$SiO_2 = SiO_2$	+0.2
-		+0.4 (high-pCO <sub>2</sub> )
Allophane	$Al_2O_3(SiO_2)_{1.22} \cdot 2.5 H_2O + 2.5 H_2O =$	-1
-	2 Al(OH) <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> + 2 H <sup>+</sup> + 1.22 SiO <sub>2</sub>	-0.5 (Mg-free)