

Isotopic anomalies in meteorites: an introduction

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Geologists use fossils to reconstruct paleo-environments



Rußbach fossil wall



Cretaceous reef fauna

Meteorites as fossils of solar accretion disk









Tracer of solar system evolution





What is the solar system made of?

ESA/Herschel/PACS, G305





How did the disk form/disk dynamics?





What is the Earth made of/How did it form?





Heritage of Earth's volatiles?

Meteorites 1o1



Meteor, meteoroid

Meteorite

Meteorites 101

73665 official meteorites 473 falls 379 Mars 666 Moon

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Undifferentiated



Chondrites: "nebular sediment"

Undifferentiated





Chondrites: "nebular sediment"

Achondrites: crystallized from a melt







Meteorite - asteroid links





Ordinary chondrites – S-type Itokawa



CI chondrites – Cb-type Ryugu / (B-type Bennu)

mass-dependent





$\delta E = 0$

$\delta^{i} E = \left[\frac{R_{sample}^{i, j}}{R_{standard}^{i, j}} - 1 \right] \times 10^{3}$

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Example

Ru93	Ru94	Ru95	Ru96	Ru97	Ru98	Ru99	Ru100	Ru101	Ru102	Ru103	Ru104
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Presolar grains (Lewis et al., 1987)







Stephan et al. 2019

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AGB star material





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Short-lived nuclides









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Supernova/

Kilonova

material

Half-life (Myr)	Ref.	Solar System Abundance at t=0	Ref.	ISM Production Ratios	Ref.
0.0994 ± 0.0015	[1]	$^{41}\mathrm{Ca}/^{40}\mathrm{Ca} \approx 4.2 \times 10^{-9}$	[2]	41 Ca/ 40 Ca = 2.3×10^{-3}	[3]
$0.301\pm0.002^{\dagger}$		${}^{36}\text{Cl}/{}^{35}\text{Cl} \approx (1.7 - 3) \times 10^{-5}$	[4]	${}^{36}\text{Cl}/{}^{35}\text{Cl} = 2.63 \times 10^{-2}$	[5]
0.717 ± 0.017	[6]	$^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al} = 5.23 \times 10^{-5}$	[7]	$^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al} = 1.667 \times 10^{-2}$	[8]
1.387 ± 0.012	[9]	${}^{10}\text{Be}/{}^{9}\text{Be} = (7.1 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-4}$	[10]		
2.62 ± 0.04	[11]	${ m ^{60}Fe}/{ m ^{56}Fe} = (0.9 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-8}$	[12]	${ m ^{60}Fe}/{ m ^{56}Fe} = 1.23 imes 10^{-4}$	[13]
3.98 ± 0.11	[14]	$^{53}Mn/^{55}Mn = (7.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-6}$	[15]	$^{53}Mn/^{55}Mn = 7.52 \times 10^{-1}$	[16]
6.5 ± 0.3	[17]	$^{107}\mathrm{Pd}/^{108}\mathrm{Pd} \approx (7.7 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-5}$	[18]	$^{107}Pd/^{108}Pd = 6.5 \times 10^{-1}$	[19]
8.896 ± 0.089	[20]	$^{182}\mathrm{Hf}/^{180}\mathrm{Hf} = (1.04 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-4}$	[21]	$^{182}\mathrm{Hf}/^{180}\mathrm{Hf} = 2.9 \times 10^{-1}$	[22]
$15.6\pm0.5^\dagger$		247 Cm $/^{235}$ U = $(5.6 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-5}$	[23]	247 Cm $/^{232}$ Th = 1.01 × 10^{-1}	[24]
16.14 ± 0.12	[25]	$^{129}\mathrm{I}/^{127}\mathrm{I} = (1.74 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-4}$	[26]	$^{129}I/^{127}I = 1.25 \times 10^{0}$	[27]
$17.3\pm0.7^{\dagger}$		205 Pb/ 204 Pb = (1.4 ± 0.3) × 10^{-4}	[28]		
$34.7\pm0.7^{\dagger}$		92 Nb/ 93 Nb = (1.7 ± 0.6) × 10 ⁻⁵	[29]	92 Nb/ 93 Nb = 5.65 × 10 ⁻³	[30]
103 ± 5	[31]	146 Sm/ 144 Sm = (8.28 ± 0.44) × 10^{-3}	[32]	$^{146}\mathrm{Sm}/^{144}\mathrm{Sm} = 9.5 \times 10^{-1}$	[33]
$80.0\pm0.9^\dagger$		244 Pu/ 238 U = $(7 \pm 1) \times 10^{-3}$	[34]	244 Pu/ 232 Th = 6.67×10^{-1}	[35]
2.3 ± 0.3^a		135 Cs/ 133 Cs = (4.8 ± 0.8) × 10^{-4}	[36]	$^{135}\mathrm{Cs}/^{133}\mathrm{Cs} = 8.0 \times 10^{-1}$	[37]
		135 Cs/ 133 Cs < 2.8 × 10 ⁻⁶			

SLR

 $^{41}\mathrm{Ca}$

 ^{36}Cl

 ^{26}Al

 $^{10}\mathrm{Be}$

 60 Fe

 ^{53}Mn

 $^{107}\mathrm{Pd}$

 $^{182}{
m Hf}$

 $^{247}\mathrm{Cm}$

 ^{129}I

 205 Pb

 ^{92}Nb

 ^{146}Sm

 244 Pu

 ^{135}Cs

Daughter

 ^{41}K

³⁶Ar, ³⁶S

 ^{26}Mg

 ^{10}B

 60 Fe

 ^{53}Cr

 $^{107}\mathrm{Ag}$

 ^{182}W

 $^{235}\mathrm{U}$

 $^{129}\mathrm{Xe}$

205 Tl

 $^{92}\mathrm{Zr}$

 142 Nd

²³⁶U, ²³²Th

 $^{135}\mathrm{Ba}$

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Supernova/ Kilonova material



Isotopic anomalies







How did disk form? /disk dynamics?

Isotopic anomalies





SN/r-process enrichment in CAIs



Materials forming in disk inherit cosmic memory!



SN/r-process enrichment in CAIs

Distribution

AGB star material









Distribution



Different bodies have distinct isotopic compositions











Planetary-scale nucleosynthetic isotope anomalies



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Phenomenological classification



Genetic classification



Genetic classification





















Approach: Combining age + anomaly information















- Coexisting, spatially separated disk reservoirs
- Core of Jupiter (~ $20M_{\rm F}$) within 1 Ma



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- Jupiter formation explains why solar system lacks super-Earth



WHAT CONTROLS PLANETARY SCALE ANOMALIES?

Heterogeneous infall?





Control by presolar grains or disk products?



Approach

Investigate multi-element anomaly relations between:

- Presolar grains
- CAIs
- Chondrules
- Matrix
- Bulk bodies





CC offset from NC towards CAI



Offset not limited to refractory elements!



CC offset from NC towards CAI




Outward transport of early infalling material through viscous spreading of the disk









→ Reinforces usability of anomalies for tracing genetics

Volatile-poor NC isotopic composition More unprocessed dust Volatile-rich CC isotopic composition

How did the terrestrial planets form?



Oligarchic growth in 10s to 100s Ma Limited outer solar system input



Pebble accretion in < 5 Ma Significant outer solar system input









~40% CC

Warren 2011 EPSL, Schiller et al. 2018, Nature, 2020 Sci Adv.







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Fundamental issue with use of nucleosynthetic isotope anomalies / meteorites

Aim: sort this out



Burkhardt et al. 2011 EPSL; Budde, Burkhardt et al. 2019 Nat. Astro

Approach

- Look at *all* anomalies in multi-elemental space
- Constrain composition and origin of unsampled component
- New data for Mars

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Burkhardt et al. Sci. Adv.

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Mode of terrestrial planet formation





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 \rightarrow Data from volatile elements


H, C, N only 2 isotopes!







X 4+ isotopes, NC CC distinct





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T_{C,50%}= 704 K lithophile abundant in meteorites Fe-peak element



Zinc

T_{C,50%}= 704 K lithophile abundant in meteorites Fe-peak element 5 isotopes

⁶⁴ Zn	⁶⁶ Zn	⁶⁷ Zn	⁶⁸ Zn	⁷⁰ Zn
48.6	27.9	4.1	4.1	0.6







$$f_{CC}(Zn)_{BSE} = \frac{\mu^{66} Zn_{BSE} - \mu^{66} Zn_{NC}}{\mu^{66} Zn_{CC} - \mu^{66} Zn_{NC}}$$



~70% of Zn in Earth of NC heritage, 30% CC



$$f_{CC}(H)_{BSE} = \frac{\delta D_{BSE} - \delta D_{NC}}{\delta D_{CC} - \delta D_{NC}}$$

$$f_{CC}(N)_{BSE} = \frac{\delta^{15} N_{BSE} - \delta^{15} N_{NC}}{\delta^{15} N_{CC} - \delta^{15} N_{NC}}$$

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Heritage of volatiles



Identification of NC CC isotopic dichotomy for volatile element Zn Heritage of BSE volatiles 70:30

Volatiles present in inner solar system \rightarrow Wet accretion!



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Open questions

Origin NC trend?

Nature of unsampled reservoir?

Inheritance vs. disk processing?







Dauphas 2017 Nature



Star and planet formation is diverse!



