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Lecture 2: Chondrites & chondritic components: Implications for understanding processes in the solar nebula *Part I: Chronology of chondritic components Part II: Origin & evolution of O-isotopic reservoirs in the Solar System*

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Chondrites & chondritic components

- major chondritic components:
 - ✓ refractory incls: CAIs & AOAs
 - ✓ chondrules
 - ✓ matrix
 - ✓ Fe,Ni-metal
- formed in the protoplanetary disk by high-temperature processes such as evaporation, condensation, & melting
- experienced thermal processing on asteroids (thermal metamorphism & aqueous alteration)



Astrophysical setting of early Solar System formation

- Sun formed in *H II* region near a massive (>25M_☉) star(s)
- Star exploded as supernova & injected short-lived nuclides (⁶⁰Fe, ²⁶Al*, ⁴¹Ca)* into the molecular cloud or protoplanetary disk & the nuclides were quickly homogenized → can be used for early Solar System chronology
- * ²⁶Al was may have been injected with the wind, not SN explosion (*Bizzarro et al.*, 2007, *Science; Krot et al.*, 2007, *ApJ*)
- some short-lived nuclides ¹⁰Be, ⁷Be(?),
 & some (or all) of ²⁶Al, ⁴¹Ca, ⁵³Mn may have formed by irradiation
 - ⁵³Mn could have resulted from Galactic chemical evolution (i.e., no injection or irradiation would be required)



Hester et al. (2005) CPD



2 sigma errors O melilite □ fassaite 0.40 ♦ anorthite 10 Be/9 Be =8.8 (±0.6) × 10-4 0.35 0B/ 0.30 0.2 (10B/11B)∩ = 0.2538 ± 0.0015 9Be/11B 0.20 150 50 100 200 250 9Be/11B

CAIs contain decay products of ¹⁰Be ($t_{1/2} = 1.5$ Myr) & possibly ⁷Be ($t_{1/2} = 53$ days) \rightarrow evidence for irradiation in the Solar System

- CAIs contain high abundance of ²⁶Al compared to chondrules
 - CAIs formed in reconnection ring (<0.1 AU); chondrules formed at the edge of the disk contemporaneously with CAIs
 - CAIs & chondrules were subsequently transported to 1-5 AU, where they accreted together with matrix which escaped thermal processing



⁹Be/⁶Li

Chaussidon et al. (2006) GCA

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Absolute (²⁰⁷Pb-²⁰⁶Pb) ages of CAIs & chondrules



Amelin et al. (2002) Science

Absolute (²⁰⁷Pb-²⁰⁶Pb) ages of CAIs & chondrules



CAIs formed first; chondrule formation started ~1 Myr later & lasted for 3-4 Myr chondrules within a chondrite group might have formed within 1 Myr



resolved age difference between CAIs & chondrules in CV chondrites contradicts Xwind hypothesis of their contemporaneous formation

Relative chronology of CAI & chd formation: ²⁶Al-²⁶Mg system

- ${}^{26}\text{Al} \rightarrow {}^{26}\text{Mg} (t_{1/2} = 0.73 \text{ Myr})$
- use of ²⁶Al as a chronometer for dating CAI & chondrule formation used to require the <u>assumption</u> on its uniform distribution in the inner solar nebula
- this assumption <u>has been tested</u> by
 - high-precision Mg-isotope measurements of bulk chondrites, Earth & Mars
 - bulk CAIs define a regression line corresp. to $({}^{26}\text{Al}/{}^{27}\text{Al})_{\text{I}} = (5.85 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-5}$
 - intercept $-0.0317 \pm 0.0038\%$
 - cross-calibrating ²⁶Al-²⁶Mg & ²⁰⁷Pb-²⁰⁶Pb chronometers



Relative chronology of CAI & chd formation: ²⁶Al-²⁶Mg system

- ✓ bulk CAIs define a regression line corresponding to $({}^{26}\text{Al}/{}^{27}\text{Al})_{\text{I}} = (5.85 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-5}$; error on slope ±20,000 yrs, which may represent formation interval of CAIs or their precursors
- chondrule formation started shortly after CAIs/AOAs & lasted for ~3-4 Myr



Relative chronology of CAI & chd formation: ²⁶Al-²⁶Mg system

young crystallization ages of chondrules are inferred from internal isochrons
model Al-Mg isochrons of bulk chondrules do not date crystallization ages



Relative chronology of CAI & chd formation: Relict CAIs



(consistent with X-wind model)

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Relative chronology of CAI & chd formation: Igneous rims



• CAIs remelted in an ¹⁶O-poor gaseous reservoir with small addition of chondrule material

• ²⁶Al-²⁶Mg system was reset during host chondrule melting

Relative chronology of CAI & chd formation: Remelted CAIs



Relative chronology of CAI & chd formation: REE patterns

- most CAIs
 - fractionated REE patterns indicating gassolid fractionation during evaporationcondensation processes
- most chondrules
 - ✓ unfractionated REE patterns
- some chondrules
 - fractionated REE patterns suggesting presence of CAIs among their precursors



Chronology of ²⁶Al-poor CAIs

- CAIs in most chondrite groups are dominated by spinel-pyroxene-melilite types & characterized by ¹⁶O-rich compositions & canonical ²⁶Al/²⁷Al ratio
- two populations of CAIs in CH-like chondrites Isheyevo & Acfer 182/214
- ✓ Very refractory: rich in grossite $(CaAl_4O_7)$, ✓ Less refractory: melilite, hibonite $(CaAl_{12}O_{19})$, Al-pyroxene, ghl-melilite ✓ spinel, pyroxene, anortite



both populations are ¹⁶O-rich, but show bi-modal distribution in ²⁶Al/²⁷Al:
 ✓ ~ 5 × 10⁻⁵ (less refractory) & <10⁻⁶ (more refractory)
 ✓ ²⁶Al-poor CAIs formed either very early or very late (testable)



Relict CAIs inside & outside CH chondrules are similar



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CH CAIs were present in region(s) where CH chondrules formed, but many of them were unaffected by chondrule melting events

Relative chronology of CAI & chd formation: ⁵³Mn-⁵³Cr system



⁵³Mn-⁵³Cr system of bulk CCs



• ${}^{53}Mn \rightarrow {}^{53}Cr (t_{1/2} = 3.7 Myr)$

- (⁵³Mn/⁵⁵Mn)₀ is unknown because Mn-Cr isotope systematics in CAIs is disturbed, but can be inferred from bulk carbonaceous chondrites
 - Chainpur chondrules are 2.73 Myr younger relative to the "initial" ⁵³Mn/⁵⁵Mn in the Solar System



⁵³Mn-⁵³Cr system of Chainpur chondrules

Relative chronology of CAI & chd formation: ⁶⁰Fe-⁶⁰Ni system



• ${}^{60}\text{Fe} \rightarrow {}^{60}\text{Ni} (t_{1/2} = 1.49 \text{ Myr})$

- (⁶⁰Fe/⁵⁶Fe)₀ is unknown because Ni in CAIs shows nuclear isotopic anomalies
- Pb-Pb & Fe-Ni chronology of CB chondrites
- if ⁶⁰Fe & ²⁶Al are decoupled, ⁶⁰Fe-⁶⁰Ni has limited chronological implication, but important astrophysical implication: ²⁶Al can not be injected with SN



Conclusions: Part I

- evidence from short-lived (²⁶Al-²⁶Mg, ⁵³Mn-⁵³Cr) & long-lived (²⁰⁷Pb-²⁰⁶Pb) isotope systematics, oxygen isotopes & mineralogy all suggest that CAIs & AOAs were the first solids to form in the solar nebula, possibly within a period of <0.1 Myr, when the Sun was accreting rapidly as a class 0 or I protostar
- CAIs & AOAs formed multiple times either throughout the inner solar nebula or in a localized nebular region & were subsequently dispersed around the Sun
- most chondrules & matrices formed throughout the inner solar nebula 1 3 Myr after CAIs, when the Sun was accreting more slowly
- majority of chondrules in a chondrite group may have formed over a much shorter period (<0.5-1 Myr)
 - CAIs were probably present in the chondrule-forming regions at the time of chondrule formation, but have been largely unaffected by chondrule melting events

Workshop Chronology of Meteorites and the Early Solar System

- Sheraton Kauai Resort Hotel, Kauai
- November 5-7, 2007

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- Part II. Origin & evolution of O-isotopic reservoirs in the Solar System
 - Introduction
 - Bulk O-isotopic compositions of asteroidal & planetary meteorites
 - O-isotopic composition of the Sun
 - Thermal processing of chondritic components in the early Solar System, their chronology & O-isotopic compositions
 - CO self-shielding model
 - Conclusions

Definitions & Analytical Techniques

- O third most abundant element in the Solar System
- major oxygen species in the solar nebula $CO : H_2O :$ silicates = 3 : 2 : 1
- ${}^{16}\text{O} = 99.76\%, \, {}^{17}\text{O} = 0.039\%, \, {}^{18}\text{O} = 0.202\%$
- $\delta^{17}O = [({}^{17}O/{}^{16}O)_{sample}/({}^{17}O/{}^{16}O)_{SMOW} 1] \times 1000$
- $\delta^{18}O = [(^{18}O/^{16}O)_{sample}/(^{18}O/^{16}O)_{SMOW} 1] \times 1000$ SMOW = Standard Mean Ocean Water
- $\Delta^{17}O = \delta^{17}O 0.52 \times \delta^{18}O$

analytical techniquesncertainty, 2σ , $\Delta^{17}O$ - fluorination+MS0.16‰- UV- & CO₂ LF+MS0.04 - 0.4‰- SIMS<0.5‰</td>



Oxygen isotopic compositions of the Solar System bodies



- ✓ Sun* ? $\Delta^{17}O = 0\%$, < -20‰, > +20‰ (**Genesis*)
- Mercury ?
- Venus ?
- **Farth**, Moon: $\Delta^{17}O = 0\%$
- Mars: $\Delta^{17}O = +0.32\%$
- ✓ poorly sampled Asteroid Belt: $\Delta^{17}O = -5.7\%$ to +3.4‰

- Jupiter ?
- Saturn ?
- Uranus ?
- Neptune ?
- Comets ?

Chondrites & their components

- major chondritic components:
 - ✓ chondrules
 - ✓ refractory inclusions
 - ✓ fine-grained matrix
- formed in the PPD by hightemperature processes (evaporation, condensation, & melting)
- may have recorded O-isotopic composition of PPD at different times & places





Planetary differentiated achondrites (cont.)



Bulk oxygen isotopic compositions of meteorites



Oxygen isotopic composition of the Sun: I. Δ^{17} O ~ 0‰

• chondrite & achondrite parent bodies, Mars, & Earth formed from progressive random accretion of planetesimals, & hence, should have the same Δ^{17} O as the solar nebula, which represents the average Δ^{17} O of a whole planetesimal population



Ozima et al. (2006) LPSC

Oxygen isotopic composition of the Sun: II. $\Delta^{17}O < -20\%$

A non-terrestrial ¹⁶0-rich isotopic composition for the protosolar nebula

Ko Hashizume¹ & Marc Chaussidon² (*Nature*, 2005, 619-622)



Oxygen isotopic composition of the Sun: III. $\Delta^{17}O > +20\%$

Isotopic enhancements of ¹⁷O and ¹⁸ from solar wind particles in the luna regolith



evolution in the isotopic abundances in the early Solar System. Here we report measurements of oxygen isotopic abundances in lunar grains that were recently exposed to the solar wind. We find that ¹⁶O is underabundant, opposite to an earlier finding⁵ based on studies of ancient metal grains. Our result, however, is more difficult to understand within the context of current models, because there is no clear way to make ¹⁶O more abundant in Solar System rocks than in the Sun.

Thermal processing of solids in the protoplanetary disks

- silicates in ISM & outer part of the PPDs are largely <u>amorphous</u>
- inner disks, comets, & matrices of primitive chondrites contain abundant <u>crystalline</u> silicates (*Scott Messenger*)
- → crystalline silicates formed by thermal processing in the inner PPDs
- \rightarrow radial mixing





O-isotopic compositions of CAIs, AOAs & chondrules in CRs



- chondrules, CAIs & AOAs plot along slope-1 line
- AOAs & most CAIs are ¹⁶O-rich ($\Delta^{17}O \le -20\%$)
- chondrules are ¹⁶O-depleted ($\Delta^{17}O > -5\%$)
- some igneous CAIs are ¹⁶Odepleted like chondrules

Aléon et al. (2002) GCA; Connolly et al. (2003) LPSC; Krot et al. (2005) GCA

¹⁶O-rich gaseous reservoir in the early Solar System





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✓ CAIs & AOAs formed in the presence of ¹⁶Orich nebular gas (Δ^{17} O ~ -20‰), consistent with ¹⁶O-rich inferred composition of the Sun

Krot et al. (2005) GCA

Simon et al. (2002) MAPS

¹⁶O-rich gas was dominant through the entire condensation sequence (from corundum to enstatite) recorded by CAIs & AOAs

¹⁶O-depleted CAIs: Isotopic exchange during late-stage melting



O-isotopic compositions of chondrules



(Aléon et al., 2002; Connolly et al., 2003; Krot et al., 2005)

- chondrules are ¹⁶O-depleted relative to AOAs & most CAIs
- ¹⁶O-depletion decreases in order Al-rich → Type I → Type II chondrules
- FeMg-chondrules are isotopically uniform (±3-4‰)
- Al-rich chondrules are more heterogeneous



O-isotopic compositions of chondrules



- O-isotopic heterogeneity is due to relict grains melted to varying degrees
- ¹⁶O-depletion correlates with oxidation state
- no evidence that chondrules formed from ¹⁶O-rich solids or in ¹⁶O-rich gas
- the only exception is a unique chondrule from CH





(Kobayashi et al., 2003; Yoshitake et al., 2004)

Chondrule-matrix relationship: Evidence from O-isotopes

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- bulk O-isotopic compositions of chondrules & their host meteorites are similar
- chondrules & matrices are the dominant components of chondrites → chds & matrices of primitive chondrites have similar O-compositions
- matrices are chemically complementary to chondrules → experienced extensive evaporation & recondensation during chondrule formation, which contradicts X-wind model of chondrule & CAI formation



Kunihiro et al. (2005) GCA

Summary of SIMS O-isotope measurements

- AOAs & most CAIs are uniformly ¹⁶O-rich ($\Delta^{17}O < -20\%$), suggesting formation in the presence of ¹⁶O-rich nebular gas
 - O-isotopic heterogeneity in CAIs is due to their late-stage remelting in the presence of ¹⁶O-poor gas
- most chondrules are ¹⁶O-depleted ($\Delta^{17}O > -5\%$) relative to AOAs & CAIs & isotopically uniform (within 3-4‰)
 - O-isotope heterogeneity in chondrules is due to relict grains, which are ¹⁶O-enriched relative to host chondrules
- → most chondrules formed from isotopically heterogeneous, but ¹⁶Odepleted solid precursors & experienced isotopic exchange with ¹⁶O-poor gas during melting
 - CAI & AOA formation started first & may have lasted <0.1 Myr; chondrule started ~ 1 Myr later & lasted for ~3-4 Myr

Origin of mass-independent fractionation

- inherited O-isotopic heterogeneity in the solar nebula (¹⁶O-rich solids & ¹⁶O-poor gas), resulting from nucleosynthesis in stars (*Clayton*, 1973)
- chemical mass-independent fractionation effects during gas-phase (O + MO → MO₂; Thiemens, 2006) or grain-surface condensation reactions (Marcus, 2004)
- isotopic self-shielding during UV photolysis of CO in the initially ¹⁶Orich protoplanetary disk or protosolar molecular cloud
 - inner protoplanetary disk (*Clayton, 2002, Nature*)
 - molecular cloud (Yurimoto & Kuramoto, 2004, Nature)
 - outer protoplanetary disk (Lyons & Young, 2005, Science)

Photochemical self-shielding of CO gas irradiated by UV

• preferential photodissociation of C¹⁷O & C¹⁸O in initially ¹⁶O-rich ($\Delta^{17}O = -25\%$) MC or PPD; released ¹⁷O & ¹⁸O are incorporated into H₂O_(s)



Evolution of oxygen isotope reservoir in the inner solar nebula





Figure 1: Snapshot after ~2 million years of evolution of the distribution of water inside the snowline (top panel) and its concentration throughout the disk (bottom panel). Green represents 17,18 O-poor water while blue is 17,18 O-rich based on the model of Lyons and Young [5].







Conclusions

- O-isotope composition of the inner solar nebula may have globally evolved from ¹⁶O-rich ($\Delta^{17}O \le -20\%$) to ¹⁶O-poor ($\Delta^{17}O \sim 0\%$) on a timescale < 1 Myr
- ¹⁶O-poor nebular gas could have resulted from CO self-shielding & subsequent enrichment of the inner solar nebula in water vapor
- thermal processing of dust in an ¹⁶O-poor gas was a fundamentally important process in the inner solar nebula



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