

Melting of an Allende Type B1 CAI in ^{16}O -rich nebular gas

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Oxygen isotopes in coarse-grained CAIs are disturbed heterogeneously among the constituent minerals along a slope-1 line on an O three-isotope diagram [1]. The origin of the heterogeneous O isotope distributions in Type B CAIs still remains controversial. Here we propose O isotope evolution of CAI melt during crystallization to explain the O isotopic distributions in an Allende Type B1 CAI TS34, based on the petrographic observations and in-situ O isotope measurements; we also conducted an investigation of ^{26}Al - ^{26}Mg chronology of the CAI. The O and Al-Mg isotopes have been measured by using a SIMS instrument, Cameca ims-1280HR, installed in Hokkaido University.

The TS34 CAI mainly consists of melilite, fassaite, and spinel, in an igneous texture. Spinel is uniformly ^{16}O -rich ($\Delta^{17}\text{O} = -22.7 \pm 1.7\text{‰}$, 2SD), while melilite is uniformly ^{16}O -poor ($\Delta^{17}\text{O} = -2.8 \pm 1.8\text{‰}$). Chemical zoning of Ti in fassaite crystals in TS34 CAI corresponds to the direction of crystal growth: they grew from Ti-rich to Ti-poor compositions [2]. The fassaite crystals show continuous variations in $\Delta^{17}\text{O}$ along the inferred directions of crystal growth, from ^{16}O -poor ($\Delta^{17}\text{O} \sim -4\text{‰}$) to ^{16}O -rich ($\Delta^{17}\text{O} \sim -23\text{‰}$). The ^{16}O -poor side of the fassaite is equilibrated with the melilite. The O isotopic distribution in fassaite likely correlates with the O isotopic evolution of the melt during fassaite crystallization, from ^{16}O -poor to ^{16}O -rich, which may have been originated by O isotope exchange with ^{16}O -rich surrounding nebular gas. The melilite may have crystallized from the ^{16}O -poor melt at the earliest stage of crystallization, equilibrated with the most ^{16}O -poor fassaite. The ^{16}O -rich spinel is a relict at the melting and crystallization event. These melting and crystallization relationships are consistent with phase diagram [3]. Internal ^{26}Al - ^{26}Mg isochron of the melilite and fassaite in TS34 CAI shows an initial value of $(^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al})_0 = (5.003 \pm 0.075) \times 10^{-5}$, which corresponds to relative age of 0.05 ± 0.02 Myr, from the canonical [4]. Our data demonstrate that both ^{16}O -rich and ^{16}O -poor reservoirs had been existed in the solar nebula at least ~ 0.05 Myr after the birth of the Solar System.

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