²⁶Al-²⁶Mg mineral isochrons of nebular condensates from the Efremovka CV3

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Ca-Al-rich inclusions (CAIs) in meteorites, the oldest objects formed in the Solar System [1], likely formed near the protosun [e.g. 2]. Many CAIs contained detectable live ²⁶Al, a short-lived radionuclide with a half-life of ~0.7 Myr, at their formation [3]. Recent high-precision ²⁶Al–²⁶Mg mineral isochron studies using secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS) offer detailed distributions of initial ²⁶Al/²⁷Al values, (²⁶Al/²⁷Al)₀, for individual CAIs [e.g. 4, 5]. In this study, we newly obtained ²⁶Al–²⁶Mg mineral isochrons for two nebular condensates, a fine-grained spinel-rich inclusion and a fluffy Type A CAI, from the Efremovka CV3 by using SIMS.

The obitaned ²⁶Al-²⁶Mg mineral isochron of the finegrained spinel-rich inclusion gives $({}^{26}Al/{}^{27}Al)_0 = (5.16 \pm$ $(0.22) \times 10^{-5}$. This is essentially identical to the canonical value determined by whole-rock ²⁶Al-²⁶Mg isochron studies for CAIs [6, 7] as well as initial values for nebular condensates from literature [4]. On the other hand, the ²⁶Al-²⁶Mg mineral isochron of reversely zoned melilite crystals in the fluffy Type A CAI gives $({}^{26}\text{Al}/{}^{27}\text{Al})_0 = (4.39 \pm$ $(0.13) \times 10^{-5}$, which is significantly lower than the canonical value. Reversely zoned melilite crsytals in a fluffy Type A CAI from the Vigarano CV3, V2-01, showed $({}^{26}Al/{}^{27}Al)_0 =$ $(4.69 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-5}$, which is also slightly lower than the canonical value [5]. The initial ²⁶Al/²⁷Al values for the observed nebular condensates range from (5.16 \pm 0.22) to $(4.39 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-5}$. This range corresponds to a formation age spread of 0.16 ± 0.05 Myr, similar to that for melted-CAIs of ~0.2 Myr inferred from ²⁶Al-²⁶Mg mineral isochrons of individual melted-CAIs showing a range of (²⁶Al/²⁷Al)₀ from ~5.2 to ~4.2 \times 10⁻⁵ [4]. These data imply that nebular condensates formed contemporaneously with the melted-CAIs during ~0.2 Myr from the canonical age.

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