

Chondritic $\Delta^{50/47}\text{Ti}$ in refractory olivines with highly unradiogenic $\Delta^{26/24}\text{Mg}$ implies canonical $^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al}_0$ widespread in protoplanetary disc

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The spatial homogeneity of $^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al}$ in the early Solar System is debated due to apparent discrepancies between the absolute Pb-Pb and relative Al-Mg ages of chondrules^[1]. The earliest formed solids — calcium-aluminium-rich inclusions (CAIs) — are often used as ‘ $t=0$ ’ for the Solar System, with an initial $^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al}$ ($^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al}_0$) of $\sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$. This approach has been questioned given CAIs are distinct from other Solar System materials in a range of nucleosynthetic isotope anomalies, *e.g.*, $\Delta^{50/47}\text{Ti}$. Thus, the $^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al}_0$ of CAIs may not represent a common value for the proto-solar nebula as a whole.

A recent study using refractory forsterite grains (RFs) from chondritic meteorites showed unradiogenic $\Delta^{26/24}\text{Mg}$ signatures consistent with a chondritic reservoir with canonical $^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al}_0 \sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$ ^[2]. This implies (1) RFs formed nearly simultaneously with CAIs and (2) if RFs and CAIs formed in different reservoirs, the reservoirs had similar $^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al}_0$.

To exclude a close spatial relationship between CAIs and the RFs — which would make the unradiogenic $\Delta^{26/24}\text{Mg}$ in the RFs unnoteworthy — we investigated the provenance of the RFs by measuring the mass-independent titanium isotopic compositions in the same grains analysed for $\Delta^{26/24}\text{Mg}$. RFs are generally μm -mm sized and contain only $\sim 500 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ titanium; our samples contained a median of 20 ng of titanium, requiring an exceptionally low-blank ion-exchange chemistry and careful measurement *via* multi-collection inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry.

Our results show that RFs do not have elevated, CAI-like $\Delta^{50/47}\text{Ti}$, and we observe no correlation between $\Delta^{50/47}\text{Ti}$ and $\Delta^{26/24}\text{Mg}$. Thus, RFs did not form in the same reservoir as CAIs. Therefore, the canonical $^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al}_0$ implied by the unradiogenic $\Delta^{26/24}\text{Mg}$ of RFs shows a consistent $^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al}_0$ between spatially separated reservoirs, unrelated to the nucleosynthetic variability of other systems, pointing towards $^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al}$ homogeneity post-CAI formation.

[1]Bollard *et al.*, GCA, **260**, 62–83 (2019). [2]Gregory *et al.*, Sci. Adv., **6**, eaay9626, (2020).