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- 1. Introduction to Mg and Mg isotopes
- 2. Analytical methods for Mg isotopes
- 3. Mechanisms of Mg isotope fractionation
- 4. Mg isotopic compositions of major reservoirs
- 5. Mg isotope studies in chemical weathering
- 6. Mg isotope studies in subduction recycling

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Topics addressed by Mg

How planets accreted and differentiated in early time?

The Present Solar System: 4.567 Ga



Terrestrial distribution of Mg

Silicates



Oceans & Rivers



Carbonates



Plants & Soils



Topics addressed by Mg

Mg is a major element involved in chemical weathering

Silicate weathering is important in carbon sequestration and long-term climate dynamics

Silicate weathering: MgSiO₃+2CO₂+3H₂O \rightarrow Mg²⁺+H₄SiO₄+2HCO₃⁻ Carbonate precipitation: (Ca,Mg)²⁺+ 2HCO₃⁻ \rightarrow (Mg,Ca)CO₃+CO₂+H₂O



Topics addressed by Mg

Mg can help understand mass exchange in Earth reservoirs

Potential tracers of deep carbon recycling (e.g., Li and Liu Engr 2015)



- Low-T processes fractionate Mg isotopes significantly
- Carbonates have a distinctive low- $\delta^{26}Mg$ signature

Geochemical behavior of Mg

Alkaline Earth metals

Forming alkaline solution (pH>7)

Oxides have high melting points

MgO: 2852 ° C Na₂O:1132 ° C

H 1		Gr	oup	2								
Li 3	Be 4	The group 2 elements are also called the 'alkaline earth metals'. They are all reactive metals with distinctive flame colours. In general they are harder, denser and have higher melting points than each alkali metal in the same period. Group 2 elements have two electrons in										
Na 11	Mg 12	their outermost s sub-shell.										
K 19	Ca 20	Sc 21	Ti 22	V 23	Cr 24	Mn 25	Fe 26	Co 27	Ni 28	Cu 29	Zn 30	
Rb 37	Sr 38	Y 39	Zr 40	Nb 41	Mo 42	Tc 43	Ru 44	Rh 45	Pd 46	Ag 47	Cd 48	
Cs 55	Ba 56	La 57	Hf 72	Ta 73	W 74	Re 75	Os 76	lr 77	Pt 78	Au 79	Hg 80	
Fr 87	Ra 88	Ac 89	Rf 104	Db 105	Sg 106	Bh 107	Hs 108	Mt 109	Ds 110	Rg 111	Cn 112	

Geochemical behavior of Mg

Lithophile \rightarrow Mg on Earth is mainly associated with rocks



Mg isotopes

8% relative mass difference \rightarrow Over 7‰ fractionation



Standard: DSM-3 (Galy et al., 2001) Purified Mg metal provided by Dead Sea Magnesium Ltd

Mass-dependent fractionation

Terrestrial fractionations follow the mass-dependent line



Radiogenic ²⁶Mg from decay of ²⁶AI



How much ²⁶Al in the Earth today?

 26 Al - 26 Mg (half life $t_{1/2} = 0.705$ Myr) Age of the Earth = 4.5 Ga = 4500 Myr $N(t) = N_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ 4500/0.705 = 6383 N(t) = quantity of the substance remaining Number of ²⁶Al alive today: = initial quantity of the substance N_0 = time elapsed $N_{\text{present}} = (1/2)^{6383} \times N_{T=4.5 \text{ Ga}} = 0$ $t_{1/2}$ = half life of the substance newly formed mineral 20•:0• 100 After 5 half-lives, radioactive (²⁶AI) isotopes are gone 10•:10• 80 :15• 60 AI-Mg system can only be used to date 2.5•:17.5• 40 events in the early (< 5 Ma) solar system

²roportion of parent atoms

remaining

20

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2

= parent atoms

3

= daughter atoms

Time units (1 unit=1 half-life)

5

Radiogenic ²⁶Mg and AI-Mg dating

Excess ²⁶Mg in the Allende Meteorite

Fig. 2 ²⁴Mg/²⁶Mg against ²⁴Mg/²⁵Mg for the four runs (Table 2) of the anomalous chondrule 1 (open circles) compared with the three runs on Px 5415 (open triangles). *a*, One stage fractionation; solid circles, average for 'unfractionated' runs. The points for chondrule 1 define a separate fractionation line lower than the pyroxene line in ²⁴Mg/²⁶Mg but with the same mean ²⁴Mg/²⁸Mg. All other data in Table 2 fit the pyroxene line.

First discovery

(Gray and Compston Nature 1974)

Fig. 1. An example of ${}^{26}\text{Al}{}^{26}\text{Mg}$ dating of chondrules (after Ushikubo et al. 2010). a) Backscattered electron (BSE) image of a type I chondrule G73 in Acfer 094. A scale bar is 100 µm. BSE images of ion probe pits with high intensity beam on olivine (b) and with low intensity beam on plagioclase (c). Scale bars are 20 µm. d) The internal isochron of chondrule G73.

(Kita and Ushikubo MPS 2012)

 $\Delta t (Myr) = \ln I \frac{({}^{26}AI/{}^{27}AI)_{CAI}}{({}^{26}AI/{}^{27}AI)_{Chondrule}}$

X

Ln (2)

0.705

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Methods for Mg isotope analysis

Solution method

MC-ICP-MS

Introduced as solutions Routine method Better precision Column chemistry In situ method

LA-MC-ICP-MS or SIMS

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Small sample size

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MC-ICPMS: Ar plasma

MC-ICPMS: multi-collector array

MC-ICPMS: magnet

How does a MS work

- When we accelerate an ion, it would like to keep moving in a straight line.
- This tendency is called **momentum**.
- It is proportional to its mass.

How does a MS work

- We use **magnets** to try to **deflect** the ions off their paths.
- The amount of force that the ion feels from the magnet is proportional to its charge.

How does a MS work

- Therefore, the path that the ion actually takes is a result of its mass/charge ratio.
- Charge = +1, mass/charge ratio = mass

MC-ICPMS: double-focusing

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Energy + angular focusing are needed for achieving high-precision isotopic analysis

ESA: Energy focusing:

ions with the same energy follow the same path

Magnet: Angular focusing: ions with same charge/mass ratio follow the same path

MC-ICPMS: flat-topped peaks

Guarantees a stable signal even if the magnetic field or the acceleration voltage is subjected to small fluctuations

Instrumental fractionation

Mass-dependent ion transmission efficiency (Mass Bias)

light ions are driven off the beam center more than heavy ones

Correction for instrumental fractionation

Standard-sample-bracketing

Standard-sample-standard are measured sequentially

Correction for instrumental fractionation

Standard-sample-bracketing

- Standard-sample-standard are measured sequentially
- Instrumental mass bias changes smoothly within a short time period.
- Sample and standard have the same instrumental mass bias.

$$\delta^{X} Mg_{calibrator_{i}} = 10^{3} \times \left\{ \frac{(^{X}Mg/^{24}Mg)_{calibrator_{i}}}{\frac{(^{X}Mg/^{24}Mg)_{calibrator_{i-1}} + (^{X}Mg/^{24}Mg)_{calibrator_{i+1}}}{2} - 1 \right\}$$

$$(2)$$

Matching Mg and acid concentration

- Mg concentration is recommended to match within 5%
- Diluting sample and standard using the same batch of 3% nitric acid

Matrix effects

Removing matrix elements

离子交换柱

- 纯化目标: C/C_{Mg} < 0.05%
- 树脂: AG50W-X8 + HNO3 或 AG50W-X12 + HCI
- 原理: 离子交换树脂是一种具有网状结构 的复杂的有机高分子聚合物, 连有可以被 交换的活性基团。树脂对不同离子的相 对亲和力不同, 洗脱时不同的离子会被先 后淋洗出来,实现分离

Collection interval should cover the entire Mg peak

Teng et al. EPSL 2007

Analytical precision

 内部精度:单次分析 (例如一组40个测定数据)数据结果的重复性,一般 δ²⁶Mg内部精度可达 0.02‰,体现了仪器的稳定性,反应了分析方法的潜力
 外部精度:同一样品多次分析 (例如几个月的时间内重复分析几十次)数据 结果的重复性,目前溶液法测量δ²⁶Mg**外**部精度可达 0.06‰,反应整个分析 流程的重现性

Additional methods

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Determination of Mg isotope ratios without column chromatography for carbonates using sulphuric acid and MC-ICP-MS[†]

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Reacts carbonate with H₂SO₄ to remove Ca as CaSO₄

Fig. 5 Long-term reproducibility of the δ^{26} Mg measurement of Cambridge-1 and pure Alfa Mg solutions. The dark blue and green

Fig. 6 Long-term reproducibility of the δ^{26} Mg measurement of JDo-1. The long-term reproducibility was better than 0.11% (2SD). Errors

Additional methods

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Precise magnesium isotope analyses of high-K and low-Mg rocks by MC-ICP-MS⁺

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Chromatographic purification of Ca and Mg from biological and geological samples for isotope analysis by MC-ICP-MS

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Short communication

Lithium, magnesium and sulfur purification from seawater using an ion chromatograph with a fraction collector system for stable isotope measurements

High-precision magnesium isotope analysis of geological and environmental reference materials by multiple-collector inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry

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High-precision Mg isotope analyses of low-Mg rocks by MC-ICP-MS

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Isotope fractionation





 $ZPE = \frac{1}{2} hv$ the energy in the ground state (n=0)

Reduced mass

The "effective" inertial mass appearing in the two-body problem. It allows the two-body problem to be solved as if it were a one-body system.



Case 1: let $m_1 = m_2$, then $\mu = m^2/2m = m/2$ (Max μ) Case 2: let $m_2 >> m_1$, then $\mu \approx m_1 m_2/m_2 = m_1$ (Min μ)

Reduced mass

At a given k, bonds with heavy isotopes have lower vibrational frequencies



Substitution of a light isotope by a heavy isotope leads to a decrease in ZPE

Substitution of a light isotope by a heavy isotope lowers more energy in stiffer bonds (with higher k)





Stiffer bonds concentrates the heavy isotopes

Shorter bonds

Modified from K&D

- Higher oxidation state (Mg only occurs as Mg²⁺ in minerals)
- Lower coordination number

A cation's coordination number (CN) is the number of anions with which it is in contact



Thus shorter bonds are associated with lower CN



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Hence limited inter-mineral fractionation is expected.



Teng RiMG 2017

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Coordination of Mg is not 6 in two important rockforming minerals:

Spinel (CN=4) and Garnet (CN=8)

Large fractionation is expected when these two minerals are present, and can be used as geothermometers.

Mg isotope geothermometers



More precise T estimates than elemental geothermometer because Mg isotopes are measured with high precisions (2SD ~ 0.06 ‰)

Kinetic fractionation of isotopes (diffusion)

Lighter isotopes diffuse faster than heavy ones

At the same T, same kinetic energy $KE_{ave} = \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2$

The velocity ratio for two isotopes: $v_2/v_1 = (m_1/m_2)^{0.5}$

 ${}^{16}O_2$ diffuses $\sqrt{36/32} = 1.06$ times faster than ${}^{18}O_2$

Let ${}^{16}O_2$ and ${}^{18}O_2$ diffuse through a tube; their different diffusivity will separate them, i.e., isotope fractionation.



Kinetic fractionation of Mg isotopes



86 Initial profile 80 74 sotopic composition 0.4 68 δ²⁶Μα 0 Initial profile -0.4 ծ⁵⁶Fe Teng et al. EPSL 2011 -0.8 300 600 900 Distance (µm)

Thermal or Soret diffusion

- Lighter isotopes are concentrated at the cold end along a temperature gradient
- Different isotope systems are positively correlated
- Haven't been observed in natural samples yet

Chemical diffusion

Fe-Mg inter-diffusion

- δ^{26} Mg and δ^{56} Fe are negatively correlated
- Can be used to distinguish diffusion zoning (large fractionation) from growth zoning (limited fractionation)

Mg isotope geospeedometers



Pogge von Strandmann et al. GCA 2011

Teng et al. EPSL 2011

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Major terrestrial Mg reservoirs









- Highly heterogeneous Mg distribution
- The mantle contains 99.89% of terrestrial Mg

Terrestrial distribution of Mg

Oceanic crustMantleMgO = 8 wt.%MgO = 38 wt.%



Olivine (Mg,Fe)₂SiO₄

Pyroxene (Ca,Mg,Fe)₂Si₂O₆

Amphibole Na-Ca-Mg-Fe-Al

Single chains

Silicate Structure

Single tetrahedron

A. Y A

Double chains



Example

Continental crust MgO = 5 wt.%



Biotite K(Mg,Fe)₃AlSi₃O₁₀(OH)₂





Mafic minerals

Samples of the Mantle

Globally distributed, chemically diverse peridotite xenoliths and oceanic basalts (n = 139)



Teng et al., GCA 2010

Homogeneous $\delta^{26}Mg$ in the Mantle



- The mantle has an overall homogeneous $\delta^{26}Mg$ at -0.25‰
- Mantle partial melting does not fractionate Mg isotopes
- Magmatic differentiation does not fractionate Mg isotopes
 (except for when significant amounts of oxides are removed)

Teng et al., GCA 2010

Homogeneous $\delta^{26}Mg$ in the Mantle



Peridotite xenoliths and massif peridotites have similar δ^{26} Mg values

Teng et al., 2010 GCA; Lai et al GCA 2015

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Chen et al. EPSL 2018

Samples of the continental crust



Granite

A major igneous rock type in UCC

Derived from glacial outwash & desert regions

Produced mainly by mechanical abrasion



Loess

Wind-blown rock flour (predominantly silt-sized)

Shale

Fine-grained sedimentary rocks Deposited in water (fluid-rock interaction) Produced by complex processes (e.g. diagenesis) Generally underwent higher degrees of weathering



Heterogeneous δ²⁶Mg in continental crust



δ²⁶Mg in upper continental crust



Li et al. GCA 2010; Liu et al EPSL 2010

δ²⁶Mg in granite





Shen et al. PNAS 2009; Li et al. GCA 2010; Liu et al EPSL 2010

Samples of the hydrosphere

The oceans are the largest water body in the hydrosphere

0.005

0.001

The distribution of water at the Earth's surface

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Oceans	97.25
Ice caps and glaciers	2.05
Groundwater	0.68
Lakes	0.01
Soils	0.00
Atmosphere (as vapour)	0.00
Rivers	0.00
Biosphere	0.00



Residence time and mixing time

Residence time is the average time an element spends in a reservoir. It is also the length of time it takes to replace the amount in a reservoir.

Residence time (in years) of an element in the ocean

Amount of Mg in the ocean

Amount of Mg being added to (or removed from) the ocean each year

In general, higher concentration means longer residence time

Mixing time of the oceans: ~ 1000 years



Mg residence time in the oceans

Mg²⁺ in the oceans: 5.3×10^{-2} moles/kg Mg²⁺ in rivers: 1.6×10^{-4} moles/kg Ocean volume: 1.37×10^{21} liters World average river runoff rate: 3.6×10^{16} liters/year

Residence time of Mg in the oceans = $(1.37 \times 10^{21} \times 5.3 \times 10^{-2})/(3.6 \times 10^{16} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-4}) = 12.6$ Ma

12.6 Ma >> mixing time of the ocean (1000 years)
→ Uniform Mg concentration in the oceans (well mixed)

Homogeneous δ²⁶Mg in seawater

Reflecting the long residence time of Mg (13 Ma)



Homogeneous δ²⁶Mg in seawater

No variation with location, depth, temperature, or salinity





Foster et al. G3 2010; Ling et al. RCM 2011

Heterogeneous δ²⁶Mg in rivers

On average lighter than seawater



Bedrock control on riverine δ²⁶Mg

Rivers flowing over carbonate bedrocks are isotopically lighter than those flowing over silicate rivers



Summary

- 1. The *mantle* and *oceanic crust* have *homogeneous* δ^{26} Mg at -0.25‰
- 2. The *continental crust* has highly *heterogeneous* δ^{26} Mg, yet the average of -0.22‰ is similar to the mantle
- 3. Siliclastic sedimentary rocks are on average higher than the mantle
- 4. Seawater has a uniform δ^{26} Mg at -0.83‰, lighter than mantle
- 5. Rivers have heterogeneous δ^{26} Mg, averaging at -1.1‰



What drives Mg isotopic variation on surface? Chemical weathering?



Mg isotope fractionation during chemical weathering



Weathered residuals preferentially retain heavy Mg Releasing light Mg to the hydrosphere

Teng et al. 2010 EPSL

Mg isotope fractionation during chemical weathering

- Extreme weathering
- >90% Mg was lost



Location: Hainan Island, China



Huang et al. EPSL 2012

Mg isotope fractionation during chemical weathering



Adsorption of heavy Mg onto kaolinites



Huang et al. EPSL 2012
Mg isotope fractionation during chemical weathering



Abundance of kaolin mineral (%)

Adsorption of heavy Mg onto kaolinites Desorption of heavy Mg via cation exchange



Huang et al. EPSL 2012

Mg isotope fractionation during chemical weathering

Bauxite cores from Columbia River Basalts

- δ^{26} Mg is mainly controlled by gibbsite, rather than kaolin minerals
- δ^{26} Mg in saprolite is sensitive to secondary mineralogy



Weathered residuals are enriched in heavy Mg by 0.05 to 0.4‰



Mg isotope fractionation in icy lands

Antarctic: dry, cold, closest terrestrial analogs to Mars

Permafrost makes up ~ 25% of exposed Earth surface

Mg isotope fractionation in icy lands

Permafrost is defined as ground that is continuously below 0 ° C for 2 years

30-m core *ice-rich* permafrost core



Evidence of chemical weathering



δ²⁶Mg evidence for chemical weathering

δ^{26} Mg in thawed permafrost ice suggest two Mg sources

- local glacial ice (marine signature)
- dolerites clasts (silicate signature)



δ²⁶Mg evidence for chemical weathering

- Upper 7 m: average 40% of Mg is derived from dolerite weathering
- Lower 7-30 m: average 5% of Mg from dolerite weathering



Controls on chemical weathering

- Unfrozen water is the major control on the degree of weathering
- Salts lower the freezing point of water, providing aqueous environment



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Summary

- 1. Significant chemical weathering occurs not only in wet and tropical regions but also in dry and cold regions
- 2. Chemical weathering produces large Mg isotope fractionation
- 3. Secondary minerals tend to retain heavy Mg in their structure
- 4. Exchangeable Mg affects δ^{26} Mg in secondary minerals
- 5. Light Mg is released to rivers that end up in the oceans
- 6. Other factors affecting Mg isotope fractionation during weathering:
 - 1) Primary mineral dissolution (e.g., Wimpenny et al. GCA 2010)
 - 2) Preferential dissolution of minerals with distinct $\delta^{26}Mg$ (Ryu et al. GCA 2011)
 - 3) Various Mg pools in soils and sources for exchangeable Mg (e.g, Opfergelt et al. EPSL 2012; Pogge von Strandmann et al. EPSL 2012)
 - 4) Biological factors (e.g., Brewer et al. Geobiology 2019)

Applications

1. Mg isotopes can be used as a proxy for chemical weathering during geologic past

Episode of intense chemical weathering during the termination of the 635 Ma Marinoan glaciation

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Intensified chemical weathering during Early Triassic revealed by magnesium isotopes

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Applications

2. Mg isotopes can be used to decipher soil processes



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Applications

3. Quantifying long-term marine Mg cycling



Tipper et al. EPSL 2006

Applications in carbonate-related studies

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Invited review

Magnesium isotope fractionation in biogenic and abiogenic carbonates: implications for paleoenvironmental proxies

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Neoproterozoic cap-dolostone deposition in stratified glacial meltwater plume

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Transformation of amorphous precursor to crystalline carbonate: Insights from Mg isotopes in the dolomite-analogue mineral norsethite $[BaMg(CO_3)_2]$

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Winter, J. Introduction to Igneous & Metamorphic Petrology



Woodhead Nature 2015



Compilation from numerous sources



Tracing subduction recycling with Mg isotopes

1. What processes control the compositional variation in subducting slab?



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- 3. How do subducted slabs contribute to mantle heterogeneity?



Subduction zone factory

Oceanic slab



δ²⁶Mg variation in subducting slabs

Sceanic Slab

Crust





Oceanic crust Melting product

Oceanic mantle Melting residual

Mantle

Fresh oceanic crust and oceanic mantle

Both fresh MORB and peridotite have homogeneous $\delta^{26}Mg$



Alteration of oceanic slabs



Alteration of oceanic crust

Primary mineral dissolution and secondary (hydrous) mineral formation AOC is an important source for enriched Pb isotopes in mantle

Alteration of oceanic slab





Hofmann TOG 2014

AOC from western Pacific

AOC in front of Mariana trench (ODP 801C Hole) The oldest drilled AOC (~170 Ma) \rightarrow Extensive secondary mineral formation



AOC from western Pacific

AOC is heterogeneous, on average heavier than mantle



2.0

AOC from East Pacific Rise

IODP site 1265 (15 Ma) $\delta^{26}Mg = -0.25 \pm 0.11 \%$ (2SD, n = 43)



Huang et al. Lithos 2015

AOC from southern Pacific

IODP sites U1365, U1367, and U1368 $\delta^{26}Mg = -0.18 \pm 0.08\%$ (2SD, n = 13)



Zhong et al. EPSL 2017

Cratonic eclogites

Kaapvaal craton, South Africa $\delta^{26}Mg = -0.78$ to -0.14%



Wang et al. EPSL 2012

Orogenic eclogites

Dabie Orogen, Bixiling, $\delta^{26}Mg = -0.44$ to -0.26% Eclogite-facies metamorphism does not fractionate Mg isotopes $\delta^{26}Mg$ in eclogites reflects protolith compositions



Li et al. EPSL 2011

Cratonic eclogites

Kaapvaal craton, South Africa, $\delta^{26}Mg = -0.78$ to -0.14%Originated from AOC rather than mantle basaltic cumulates



Wang et al. EPSL 2012

Altered oceanic mantle (AOM)

Abyssal peridotites from Gakkel and SW Indian ridges





Liu et al. GCA 2017

Altered oceanic mantle (AOM)

AOM is heterogeneous, typically heavier than mantle

Alteration of oceanic slab





Liu et al. GCA 2017
Altered oceanic mantle (AOM)

AOM is heterogeneous, typically heavier than mantle 0.2 to 1.0‰ fractionation



Subduction zone input

Oceanic slab



Sediments overlying oceanic crust

Sediments are the geochemically most heterogeneous component in the slab



Hofmann 2014 TOG

Sediments overlying oceanic crust

92 bulk sediments from drill cores in front of 12 major subducting zones

Used for establishing GLOSS-II (Global Subducting Sediment, Plank, 2014)



δ^{26} Mg of subducting sediments



- Carbonate-rich sediments are isotopically light.
- Clay-rich sediments are variably heavier due to weathering.

Sedimentary Mg input to global subduction zones

Significant inter-arc variations in sediment thickness and lithology.



Hu et al. 2017 CG

Sedimentary Mg input to global subduction zones

Significant inter-arc variations in Mg flux and average δ^{26} Mg Subducting sediments are a source of heterogeneous Mg to the mantle



Hu et al. CG 2017; Teng et al. PNAS 2016

Summary

- 1. What processes control the compositional variation in subducting slab? Seafloor weathering and continental weathering (for sediments)
 - Weathering forms clay, preferentially retaining heavy Mg isotopes.
 - Carbonate preferentially incorporate light Mg isotopes.

 $\delta^{26}Mg$ of subducting components depends on mineralogy.



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Metapelites from Onawa contact aureole, Maine, USA $\delta^{26}Mg = -0.09$ to +0.12%



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Greenschists = Amphibolites = Eclogites (-0.2 \pm 0.44‰) (-0.27 \pm 0.042‰) (-0.23 \pm 0.044‰)



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(not to scale)

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Subduction fluids have heterogeneous δ^{26} Mg values

- High δ^{26} Mg (> 0.3‰) fluids from talc-rich serpentinites
- Low δ^{26} Mg fluids (< -1.3‰) from carbonate dissolution



δ²⁶Mg of dehydration fluids

Myanmar jadeitites recorded carbonate dissolution at forearc $\delta^{26}Mg = -1.55$ to -0.74%



Jadeite quartzites from Dabie Orogen $\delta^{26}Mg = -0.16$ to 0.61‰



δ^{26} Mg of dehydration fluids

- Limited fractionation during serpentinization ($\delta^{26}Mg = -0.26$ to -0.14%)
- Preferential loss of light Mg during replacement of antigorite by talc
- Carbonate fluids result in light Mg in tremolite



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Mantle wedge: source of arc lavas





The active Avacha volcano is one of the few volcanoes around the world that has abundant mantle wedge peridotites.

Evidence for slab-derived modification

Avacha peridotites underwent two stages of slab-fluid modification



Ionov JP 2010

δ^{26} Mg of mantle wedge

Both peridotites and their minerals have δ^{26} Mg similar to the mantle



Comparison with massif peridotites

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Lai et al. GCA 2015

δ^{26} Mg of mantle wedge



- Fluids from shallow dehydration of oceanic crust is too dilute in Mg to affect the mantle wedge.
- Serpentinized peridotites are more effective metasomatic agents.

Do arc lavas show slab signatures?



Winter, J. Introduction to Igneous & Metamorphic Petrology

δ²⁶Mg of Lesser Antilles arc lavas

Subducting sediments:

-0.76‰ to 0.52‰,

<u>Arc lavas:</u> -0.25‰ to -0.10‰, Mean = -0.18‰

Mantle: -0.25 ± 0.04‰



Origins of elevated $\delta^{26}Mg$ in arc lavas

<u>Sediment addition caused elevated δ²⁶Mg?</u>

- **SM**: adding sediments to mantle source
- **CM**: adding sediments to arc magma in arc crust
- AFC: assimilation and fractional crystallization of arc magma



Sediment addition alone cannot explain their $\delta^{26}Mg$ variations.

Teng et al. PNAS 2016

Sources for elevated $\delta^{26}Mg$ in arc lavas

Mg-rich, high- δ^{26} Mg fluids are required \rightarrow *Dehydration of altered oceanic mantle*



Comparison with other arcs

Is high- δ^{26} Mg a common feature for arc lavas?



Thermal structure control on arc lava δ²⁶Mg

Altered oceanic mantle (serpentinite) dehydrates at deeper depth than hydrous minerals in oceanic crust.



Implications for Mg cycling in subduction zones and beyond



Shallow oceanic crust dehydration: amphibole, chlorite $\rightarrow \delta^{26}Mg$ = mantle Deep oceanic mantle dehydration: serpentine, talc $\rightarrow \delta^{26}Mg$ >> mantle Beyond volcanic front:

K-rich phengite, phlgopite $\rightarrow \delta^{26}$ Mg likely different from the mantle Magnesite $\rightarrow \delta^{26}$ Mg << mantle

Summary

- 2. <u>How does slab signature transfer to mantle wedge and arc magmas?</u> *Thermal structure of subduction zone affects arc magma composition.*
 - Dehydration of oceanic crust does not supply enough Mg to alter the mantle wedge.
 - Dehydration of oceanic mantle is more likely the mechanism.



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- 3. How do subducted slabs contribute to mantle heterogeneity? *eclogites, pyroxenites, and basalts*



Cratonic eclogite $\delta^{26}Mg$ vary with origins

Low-MgO eclogites (MgO < 15 wt%)

 $\delta^{26}Mg = -1.38$ to 0.05%; originated as recycled AOC

High-MgO eclogites (MgO>15 wt%)

 δ^{26} Mg = -0.95 to -0.13‰; formed by reaction of low-MgO eclogite melt with peridotites



Pyroxenites: mantle lithological heterogeneity

Pyroxenites represent high degree melt-peridotite interactions.

Pyroxenite

Peridotite

Pyroxenite
Pyroxenites samples

A thick layer of mantle that has been strongly modified by multi-stage melt infiltration events



Evidence for melt-rock interaction

Mineral reactions



Melt/fluid inclusions



Zoned mineral



Hydrous minerals



Hu et al. GCA 2016







Hu et al. GCA 2016





Low-δ²⁶Mg eastern China basalts



Li et al. NSR 2017

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Where mixing occurred: in the mantle source



Low-δ²⁶Mg New Zealand basalts

Peridotites have mantle-like δ^{26} Mg while basalts are lighter Other sources are involved in producing these basalts.



Wang et al. GCA 2016

Low-δ²⁶Mg New Zealand basalts

Source for light Mg: Recycled carbonated eclogites Magma mixing rather than source modification



Low-δ²⁶Mg Pitcairn OIBs

The lowest δ²⁶Mg reported in OIBs Source of light Mg: subducted Archean dolomite



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Light Mg in marble is exchanged with heavy Mg in enclosed eclogites



 δ^{26} Mg in marble is negatively correlated with MgO/CaO



M/E = mass of marble/eclogite

Blue lines: $\delta^{26}Mg_{carb} = -2.5\%$ Red lines: $\delta^{26}Mg_{carb} = -4\%$

Calcite-rich carbonates shift significantly toward higher δ^{26} Mg due to their lower MgO

Summary

1. <u>Subduction input:</u> Sediments + altered oceanic crust and mantle

- Inputs differ significantly from mantle composition
- Weathering (heavy) and carbonate (light) formation play a critical role in controlling altered slab composition
- 2. <u>Dehydration fluids:</u> exhumed subduction-channel metamorphic rocks
 - Highly heterogeneous δ²⁶Mg derived from slab dehydration
 - Hydrous silicates release heavy Mg; carbonates release light Mg
- 3. <u>Subduction output:</u> Mantle wedge + arc magmas
 - Dehydration of slab mantle may contribute to arc magmas
 - Thermal structure of a subduction zone is important for the dehydration pathway of the subducting slab
 - For hot subduction zones, slab melts likely dominate over fluids
- 4. <u>Fate of subducted slabs:</u> Eclogite + pyroxenite + basalt
 - Subducted slabs are identified in mantle-derived samples
 - How did they contribute to mantle heterogeneity is still not clear

What is your birthstone?



https://www.gia.edu/birthstones