重金属稳定同位素与古海洋 学:从定性走向定量的进展 与思考

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主要研究方向:环境与生命协同演化

- > 金属稳定同位素分析测试方法
- > 金属稳定同位素低温过程分馏理论
 - 与成岩作用改造
- > 环境与生命协同演化的过程与机制
- > 将实测地球化学数据与不同层次、

复杂度模式的定量模型深入融合



古海洋学:我们关心哪些方面?

海洋缺氧导致鱼类大量死亡



海洋酸化导致珊瑚大量死亡



海洋富营养化导致藻类大量繁殖



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为什么关心海洋氧化还原状态?

海洋与大气中O2浓度的变化深刻影响/改变了生物的演化历程

埃迪卡拉纪末期生物 灭绝和显生宙五次 生物大灭绝中的前4 次(奥陶纪末、泥 盆纪末、二叠纪末、 三叠纪末)都与海 洋缺氧相关。



Zhang et al., 2020a, GCA

为什么关心海洋氧化还原状态?

精确定量重建地质历史时期海洋和大气的氧化历史,是理解地球生命起源与 演化,以及地球是如何逐步演化为一个宜居星球的基础。



Zhang et al., 2020a, GCA





 $\delta^{238}U = [(^{238}U/^{235}U)_{\text{sample}}/(^{238}U/^{235}U)_{\text{CRM-145a}}-1) \times 10^3$

- ➤ U 在表生系统中主要呈现两种化合价态: U(VI): 易溶于氧化性海水中 U(IV): 难溶于氧化性海水中
- ➤ U(VI) 还原成U(IV) 过程中,伴随着较大的U同 位素分馏

还原态的U(IV) 富集重铀的同位素²³⁸U 核体积效应主导的同位素分馏效应

Main isotopes of uranium (92U)

	Isotope			Decay	
	abun- dance	half-life (t _{1/2})	mode	pro- duct	
²³² U	syn	68.9 y	SF	_	
			α	²²⁸ Th	
²³³ U	trace	1.592×10 ⁵ y	SF		
			α	²²⁹ Th	
²³⁴ U	0.005%	2.455×10 ⁵ y	SF	_	
			α	²³⁰ Th	
235	0.720%	7.04×10 ⁸ y	SF	_	
			α	²³¹ Th	
²³⁶ U	trace	2.342×10 ⁷ y	SF	_	
			α	²³² Th	
			α	²³⁴ Th	
²³⁸ U	99.274%	4.468×10 ⁹ y	SF	_	
			β-β-	²³⁸ Pu	
Standard atomic weight238.028 91(3) $A_{\rm r, \ standard}({\rm U})$					
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U同位素在海洋中质量平衡示意图



> Sources:

Riverine input Ground water Aeolian

Sinks:

Euxinic sediments Reducing sediments Carbonates Low-T alteration High-T alteration Ferromanganese Others

Zhang et al., 2020a, GCA

碳酸盐岩U同位素

当海洋出现大面积缺氧时,海水U同位素值逐渐降低



U在海洋中的居留时间为 ~500 kyr, 远远长于海水混合时间 (~1 kyr), 因此, δ²³⁸U 在海水中混合十分均一; 换而言之,一个剖面的U同位素即可代表全球海水的U同位素变化趋势。



原生生物成因碳酸盐岩可以记录海水的δ²³⁸U值;沉积碳酸盐岩与 上覆海水之间存在一个系统偏差,平均偏差为+0.26‰。

Romaniello et al., 2013, Chem. Geol.

碳酸盐岩U同位素







Chen et al., 2018, GCA

A global compilation of δ^{238} U and δ^{13} C across the end-Permian mass extinction





Zhang et al., 2018, Geology

地质历史时期,重大生物灭绝事件几乎都伴随着显著的海洋缺氧事件



Zhang et al., 2020a, GCA

The rate of change of N_{sw} is equal to the source of U (rivers) minus the various sinks for U (e.g. anoxic, suboxic, oxic, etc):

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N_{sw}}{\mathrm{d}t} = F_{input} - F_{anoxic} - F_{suboxic} - F_{oxic}$$

We can write a similar equation for the U isotopic composition of seawater which depends on the mass-weighted isotopic composition of each sink:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}(N_{sw}\cdot\delta^{238}U_{sw})}{\mathrm{d}t} = F_{input}\cdot\delta^{238}U_{input} - F_{anoxic}\cdot\delta^{238}U_{anoxic} - F_{suboxic}\cdot\delta^{238}U_{suboxic} - F_{oxic}\cdot\delta^{238}U_{oxic}$$





U同位素的基本质量平衡计算

Steady State Solutions: at steady state, the sum of all inputs and outputs of U to seawater are equal, and thus the concentration and U isotopic composition of seawater through time is constant.

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N_{sw}}{\mathrm{d}t} = F_{input} - F_{anoxic} - F_{suboxic} - F_{oxic} = 0$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}(N_{sw}\cdot\delta^{238}U_{sw})}{\mathrm{d}t} = F_{input}\cdot\delta^{238}U_{input} - F_{anoxic}\cdot\delta^{238}U_{anoxic} - F_{suboxic}\cdot\delta^{238}U_{suboxic} - F_{oxic}\cdot\delta^{238}U_{oxic} = 0$$

The source and sink terms are equal

$$F_{input} = F_{anoxic} + F_{suboxic} + F_{oxic}$$

$$F_{input} \cdot \delta^{238} U_{input} = F_{anoxic} \cdot \delta^{238} U_{anoxic} + F_{suboxic} \cdot \delta^{238} U_{suboxic} + F_{oxic} \cdot \delta^{238} U_{oxic}$$

U同位素的基本质量平衡计算

Defining Metal Burial Rates:

Defining the δ values of each sink:

 $F_{anoxic} = k_{anoxic} \cdot A_{anoxic} \cdot [U]$

 $F_{suboxic} = k_{suboxic} \cdot A_{suboxic} \cdot [U]$

 $F_{oxic} = k_{oxic} \cdot A_{oxic} \cdot [U]$



 $\delta^{238} U_{suboxic} = \delta^{238} U_{sw} + \Delta_{suboxic}$

$$\delta^{238} U_{oxic} = \delta^{238} U_{sw} + \Delta_{oxic}$$

Defining fraction of each seafloor areas:



$$f_{oxic} = \frac{A_{oxic}}{A_{ocean}}$$

$$\delta^{238}U_{sw} = \delta^{238}U_{input} - \underbrace{f_{anoxic} \cdot A_{anoxic} + f_{suboxic} \cdot k_{suboxic} \cdot \Delta_{suboxic} + f_{oxic} \cdot k_{oxic} \cdot \Delta_{oxic}}{f_{anoxic} \cdot k_{anoxic} + f_{suboxic} \cdot k_{suboxic} \cdot k_{suboxic} + f_{oxic} \cdot k_{oxic}}$$

Zhang et al., 2020a, GCA

U同位素的基本质量平衡计算

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N_{sw}}{\mathrm{d}t} = F_{input} - F_{anoxic} - F_{suboxic} - F_{oxic}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}(N_{sw}\cdot\delta^{238}U_{sw})}{\mathrm{d}t} = F_{input}\cdot\delta^{238}U_{input} - F_{anoxic}\cdot\delta^{238}U_{anoxic} - F_{suboxic}\cdot\delta^{238}U_{suboxic} - F_{oxic}\cdot\delta^{238}U_{oxic}$$

$$\begin{split} F_{anoxic} &= k_{anoxic} \cdot A_{anoxic} \cdot [U] & F_{suboxic} = k_{suboxic} \cdot A_{suboxic} \cdot [U] & F_{oxic} = k_{oxic} \cdot A_{oxic} \cdot [U] \\ \delta^{238} U_{anoxic} &= \delta^{238} U_{sw} + \Delta_{anoxic} & \delta^{238} U_{suboxic} = \delta^{238} U_{sw} + \Delta_{suboxic} & \delta^{238} U_{oxic} = \delta^{238} U_{sw} + \Delta_{oxic} \\ f_{anoxic} &= \frac{A_{anoxic}}{A_{ocean}} & f_{suboxic} = \frac{A_{suboxic}}{A_{ocean}} & f_{oxic} = \frac{A_{oxic}}{A_{ocean}} \end{split}$$

$$\delta^{238}U_{sw} = \delta^{238}U_{input} - \frac{f_{anoxic} \cdot k_{anoxic} \cdot \Delta_{anoxic} + f_{suboxic} \cdot k_{suboxic} \cdot \Delta_{suboxic} + f_{oxic} \cdot k_{oxic} \cdot \Delta_{oxic}}{f_{anoxic} \cdot k_{anoxic} + f_{suboxic} \cdot k_{suboxic} + f_{oxic} \cdot k_{oxic}}$$

distribution of seafloor areas



Zhang et al., 2020a, GCA



- The complex animals (the Ediacara biota) first appeared about 575 Ma, shortly postdate the Shuram Excursion (SE)
- The Ediacara biota begun to decline at ~560 Ma and eventually disappeared at the Ediacaran-Cambrian transition at about 541 Ma

Xiao et al., 2016

- What was the global marine redox state across the Ediacaran Shuram Excursion?
- What was the global marine redox state during the last 10 Ma of the Ediacaran Period?

Three classic Shuram sections



modified after Meert and Lieberman, 2008

A Jiulongwan section (South China)



$$\delta^{238}U_{sw} = \delta^{238}U_{input} - \frac{f_{anoxic} \cdot k_{anoxic} \cdot \Delta_{anoxic} + f_{suboxic} \cdot k_{suboxic} \cdot \Delta_{suboxic} + f_{oxic} \cdot k_{oxic} \cdot \Delta_{oxic}}{f_{anoxic} \cdot k_{anoxic} + f_{suboxic} \cdot k_{suboxic} + f_{oxic} \cdot k_{oxic}}$$



In the pre-SE ocean: >45% of seafloor was overlain by anoxic waters

In the SE ocean: ~0.6% of seafloor was overlain by anoxic waters





$$\delta^{238}U_{sw} = \delta^{238}U_{input} - \frac{f_{anoxic} \cdot k_{anoxic} \cdot \Delta_{anoxic} + f_{suboxic} \cdot k_{suboxic} \cdot \Delta_{suboxic} + f_{oxic} \cdot k_{oxic} \cdot \Delta_{oxic}}{f_{anoxic} \cdot k_{anoxic} + f_{suboxic} \cdot k_{suboxic} + f_{oxic} \cdot k_{oxic}}$$



In the latest Ediacaran ocean: almost 100% of seafloor was overlain by anoxic waters

Zhang et al., 2018, Sci. Adv.



Marine Redox Drove the Rise and Fall of the Early Animals



Zhang et al., 2019, Geobiology



Fan and Shen et al., 2020, Science



treated as

• Fully coupled concentration-isotope model: 3 redox sensitive sinks, Monte Carlo mass balance



$$\frac{d[U]_{sw}}{dt} = F_{riv} - F_{oxic} - F_{red} - F_{eux}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d[U]_{sw}\delta^{238}U_{sw}}{dt} &= F_{riv}\delta^{238}U_{riv} - F_{oxic}(\delta^{238}U_{sw} + \Delta^{238}U_{oxic}) \\ &- F_{red}(\delta^{238}U_{sw} + \Delta^{238}U_{red}) - F_{eux}(\delta^{238}U_{sw} + \Delta^{238}U_{eux}) \end{aligned}$$

Fluxes for redox-sensitive sinks are defined as

$$\mathbf{F}_{i} = \mathbf{b}_{i} \mathbf{A}_{i} \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{i} \frac{\left[\mathbf{M}\mathbf{e}\right]_{sw}}{\left[\mathbf{M}\mathbf{e}\right]_{M.sw}}$$

Zhang et al., in review

• Fully coupled concentration-isotope model: 3 redox sensitive sinks, monte carlo



But what about interpretations of global cooling and atmospheric oxygenation through the Ordovician?...

...we use the cGENIE Earth system model to evaluate whether these trends are compatible.



cGENIE Earth System model





Ordovician tectonic configuration in cGENIE





• Example Ordovician marine O₂ profiles: 16 x CO₂, 0.4 x O₂, 0.5 x PO₄



Summarizing 70 cGENIE simulations – compared to uranium f_{anox} estimates



There must have been a corresponding increase in global marine productivity to counterbalance the expected effects of bottom-water oxygenation and maintain an unchanged seafloor redox landscape. 二叠纪末生物大灭绝与海洋缺氧

A global compilation of δ^{238} U data from measurements across the PTB.





Zhang et al., 2020b, GCA

二叠纪末生物大灭绝与海洋缺氧

A simple dynamic model (coupled with a simplified Monte Carlo framework)

A. δ^{238} U data with LOWESS smoothing fit. B. B. Model estimates of anoxic seafloor area (f_{anox}) across the Permian-Triassic boundary.

The first anoxic episode lasted for ~ 60 kyr while anoxic seafloor area expanded to cover >18% of the entire seafloor, coeval with the main EPME horizon, agreeing with marine anoxia as a proximate kill mechanism for the EPME.





U同位素与生物地球化学模型COPSE结合

Biogeochemical model of coupled marine C-P-U cycles

Variable/Process	Equation	Units
Differential equations		
Ocean-atmosphere C	$dA/dt = F_d - F_w + F_{ox} - F_{morg} - F_{torg} + F_{LIP}$	mol C yr ⁻¹
Ocean P balance	$dP/dt = F_{Pw} - F_{OrgP} - F_{FeP} - F_{CaP}$	mol P yr-1
Ocean U balance	$dU/dt = F_{riv} - F_{anoxic} - F_{other}$	mol U yr ⁻¹
C isotope balance	$d\delta_A/dt = (F_{in} \times (\delta_{in} - \delta_A) + F_{LIP} \times (\delta_{LIP} - \delta_A) - F_{org} \times (-\Delta))/A$	‰ yr ⁻¹
U isotope balance	$d\delta_{U}/dt = (F_{riv} \times (\delta_{riv} - \delta_{U}) - F_{anoxic} \times \Delta_{anoxic} - F_{other} \times \Delta_{other})/U$	‰ yr ⁻¹
Key variables		
Atmospheric CO ₂	$CO_2 = (A/A_0)^2$	PAL
Global temperature	$\Delta T = k_{CO2} \times \ln(CO_2) - k_{SL} \times (age/570)$	K, age (Ma)
Plant CO2 response	$f(CO_2) = 2 \times CO_2/(1+CO_2)$	-
Weathering kinetics	$f(T) = \exp(0.09 \times \Delta T)$	-
Ocean anoxic fraction	$f_{anoxic} = 1/(1 + e^{-kanox \times (ku \times (P/P0) - pO2)})$	-, pO ₂ (PAL)
Carbon fluxes		
Silicate weathering	$F_w = k_w \times E \times W \times V \times f(CO_2) \times f(T)$	mol C yr ⁻¹
Carbonate degassing	$F_d = k_d \times D$	mol C yr ⁻¹
C _{org} oxidation	$F_{ox} = k_{ox}$	mol C yr ⁻¹
Carbonate weathering	$F_{cw} = \mathbf{k}_{carb}$	mol C yr-1
Aggregate C input	$F_{\rm in}=F_{\rm d}+F_{\rm ox}+F_{\rm cw}$	mol C yr ⁻¹
Terrestrial Corg burial	$F_{torg} = k_{torg} \times V \times f(CO_2)$	mol C yr ⁻¹
Marine Corg burial	$F_{morg} = k_{morg} \times (P/P_0)$	mol C yr ⁻¹
Total Corg burial	$F_{\rm org} = F_{\rm morg} + F_{\rm torg}$	mol C yr ⁻¹
Phosphorus fluxes		
P weathering	$F_{Pw} = k_{Pw} \times (F_w/k_w)$	mol P yr-1
Organic P burial	$F_{OrgP} = F_{morg} \times ((f_{anoxic}/CP_{anoxic}) + ((1-f_{anoxic})/CP_{oxic}))$	mol P yr ⁻¹
Fe-sorbed P burial	$F_{FeP} = k_{FeP} \times (1 - f_{anoxic})$	mol P yr-1
Ca-bound P burial	$F_{CaP} = k_{CaP} \times (P/P_0)$	mol P yr-1
Uranium fluxes		
U weathering	$F_{riv} = k_{riv} \times F_w / F_{w0}$	mol U yr ⁻¹
Anoxic U sink	$F_{anoxic} = k_{anoxic} \times (U/U_0) \times f_{anoxic}/f_{anoxic0}$	mol U yr-1
Other U sinks	$F_{other} = k_{other} \times (U/U_0) \times (1 - f_{anoxic})/(1 - f_{anoxic0})$	mol U yr-1



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C-P-U cycle model results for cumulative carbon releases of 1×10^{18} mol C, 1.5×10^{18} mol C, 2×10^{18} mol C, 3×10^{18} mol C.



U同位素与生物地球化学模型COPSE结合

C-P-U cycle model results for increases in vegetation coverage of 40%, 60%, 80% and 100%.



Zhang et al., 2020a, GCA



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