

**HETEROGENEOUS DISTRIBUTION OF  $^{26}\text{Al}$  AT THE BIRTH OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM: EVIDENCE FROM CORUNDUM-BEARING REFRACTORY INCLUSIONS.** A. N. Krot<sup>1\*</sup>, K. Makide<sup>1</sup>, K. Nagashima<sup>1</sup>, G. R. Huss<sup>1</sup>, E. Hellebrand<sup>1</sup>, and M. I. Petaev<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI 96822, USA. <sup>2</sup>Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA. \*sasha@higp.hawaii.edu

**Introduction:** It is generally accepted that  $^{26}\text{Al}$  in the early Solar System (SS) had an external, stellar origin [1]. However, the stellar source of  $^{26}\text{Al}$  (an AGB star [2], a SN [3], or a wind from a massive star [4–6]) and the manner in which it was injected into the SS (injection into the protosolar molecular cloud (MC) [7], MC core [8] or protoplanetary disk (PPD) [9]) remain controversial. The inferred abundances of  $^{26}\text{Al}$  in the earliest SS solids, CAIs and refractory grains, provide important constraints on its origin. At  $P_{\text{tot}} < 10^{-3}$  bar, corundum (*cor*) is the first mineral predicted to condense from a gas of solar composition [10]. Most micron-sized *cor* grains from acid-resistant residues of unequilibrated ordinary (UOCs) and carbonaceous chondrites (CCs) have  $^{16}\text{O}$ -rich compositions ( $\Delta^{17}\text{O} \sim -23 \pm 7\%$ , 2SD) similar to the solar wind returned by the GENESIS spacecraft ( $\Delta^{17}\text{O} \sim -28 \pm 2\%$ , 2 standard errors) [11], but show large variations of  $(^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al})_0$  [12]: 52% of grains have no resolvable excess of radiogenic  $^{26}\text{Mg}$  ( $^{26}\text{Mg}^*$ ): an upper limit on  $(^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al})_0$  is  $2 \times 10^{-6}$ ; 40% of grains have high  $(^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al})_0$ ,  $(3.0\text{--}6.5) \times 10^{-5}$ ; 8% of grains have intermediate values of  $(^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al})_0$ ,  $(1\text{--}2) \times 10^{-5}$ . Here, we report on O and Al-Mg isotope systematics of the *cor*-bearing CAIs of Adelaide (un-grouped) and CM chondrites.

**Cor-bearing CAIs in Adelaide:** CAI 1344-50 has a hibonite (*hib*) – *cor* core surrounded by a grossite (*grs*) mantle with small inclusions of Ca-monoaluminate (*CMA*); *cor* is corroded by *hib*. The CAI is surrounded by the Wark-Lovering (WL) rim sequence of spinel (*sp*) and Al-diopside (*Al-di*) (Fig. 1a). CAI 1312-32 consists of *hib* enclosing *cor*, and tiny perovskite (*pv*) grains at the hibonite grain boundaries (Fig. 1b).

**Cor-bearing CAIs in Murchison and Murray (CM):** CAI G7955-1 consists of several *hib* grains; one of them contains a small inclusion of *cor* (Fig. 1c). CAI 7-9-1 is composed of lath-shaped *hib* overgrown by *sp*, and secondary minerals, phyllosilicates (*phyl*) and carbonates, possibly replacing melilite (Fig. 1d,e). *Hib* grains contain small inclusions of *pv* and *cor*. The CAI is surrounded by a continuous layer of *Al-di*. CAI 7-9-4 consists of several concentrically-zoned objects with a *cor-hib* core surrounded by the layers of *sp*, *phyl*, and *Al-di* (Fig. 1f). CAI UH68-1 is composed of small concentrically-zoned objects each having a *cor* core surrounded by the layers of *sp* and *Al-di* (Fig. 1g). CAI 3-9-1 consists of *hib* overgrown by *cor* (Fig. 1h). CAI 1769-9-1 consists of several *cor-hib* objects, in which *hib* is partly or completely surrounded by *cor*; one of the *cor* grains is overgrown by *sp* (Fig. 1i). CAI G7955-2 is composed of lath-shaped *hib* overgrown by *cor*. CAI 986-2 consists of closely intergrown *cor*, *sp*, and *hib*.

A replacement of *cor* by *hib* in several *cor*-bearing CAIs studied (Figs. 1a–f) is consistent with equilibrium condensation from a gas of solar composition [10]. In contrast, the observed overgrowths of *cor* on *hib* (Figs. 1h,i), and *sp* on *cor* or *hib* (Figs. 1d–g), and the lack of

melilite in the *cor*-bearing CAIs can not be explained by equilibrium condensation from a cooling gas of solar composition [10], suggesting that other processes (e.g., melting, evaporation, variable  $P_{\text{tot}}$ , and/or disequilibrium condensation) may have played an important role during their formation.

**Oxygen-isotope compositions:** Most *cor*-bearing CAIs are uniformly  $^{16}\text{O}$ -rich ( $\Delta^{17}\text{O}$  ranges from  $-17\%$  to  $-25\%$ ) and similar to the previously studied *cor*-bearing CAIs from CMs (*BB-5* [13], *M98-8* [14], and *Mur-P10* [15]), isolated *cor* grains in CM matrices, and *cor* grains from acid-resistant residues of UOCs and CCs [12] (Fig. 2), suggesting formation in a gas of approximately solar O-isotope composition. The only exception is the Adelaide CAI *1344-50*, in which mantle *grs* and *CMA* are  $^{16}\text{O}$ -poor ( $\Delta^{17}\text{O} \sim -2\%$ ), whereas the WL-rim layers of *sp* and *Al-di* are  $^{16}\text{O}$ -rich. In addition, one of the  $^{16}\text{O}$ -rich matrix *cor* grains ( $\Delta^{17}\text{O} \sim -24\%$ ) is intergrown with an  $^{16}\text{O}$ -poor ( $\Delta^{17}\text{O} \sim 0\%$ ) Y,Zr,Sc,Ti,Al-oxide.

**Al-Mg system:** There is a large spread in  $(^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al})_0$  in the *cor*-bearing CAIs. The Adelaide CAIs *1312-32* and *1344-50* show no resolvable  $^{26}\text{Mg}^*$ :  $(^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al})_0 = (0.6 \pm 2.0) \times 10^{-6}$  and  $(-0.9 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-6}$ , respectively. Model Al-Mg isochrons in the CM CAIs *1769-9-1*, *3-9-1*, *UH68-1*, and *7-9-1* are  $(4.4 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-5}$ ,  $(4.1 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-5}$ ,  $(3.9 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-5}$ , and  $(4.0 \pm 2.0) \times 10^{-6}$ , respectively. These values are lower than the canonical  $(^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al})_0$  of  $(5.23 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-5}$  inferred from the whole-rock measurements of CV CAIs [16], but similar to the  $(^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al})_0$  of  $(4.1 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-5}$  in the *cor*-bearing CAI *F5* from Murray [17]. Five other *cor*-bearing CAIs studied previously: *BB-5*, *GR-1*, and *M98-8* from Murchison, *Mur-P10* from Murray, and *s2* from Acfer 094 (un-grouped) show no resolvable  $^{26}\text{Mg}^*$  [15–21].

We conclude that *cor*-bearing CAIs, as well as solar *cor* grains from matrices and acid-resistant residues of UOCs and CCs [12], recorded heterogeneous distribution of  $^{26}\text{Al}$  in the Solar System during an epoch of CAI formation. The duration of this epoch cannot be inferred from  $^{26}\text{Al}$ - $^{26}\text{Mg}$  systematics of CAIs. We suggest that  $^{26}\text{Al}$  was injected into the collapsing protosolar MC core, possibly by a wind from a massive star, prior to formation of CAIs and refractory grains, and was later mixed and homogenized through the PPD [22].

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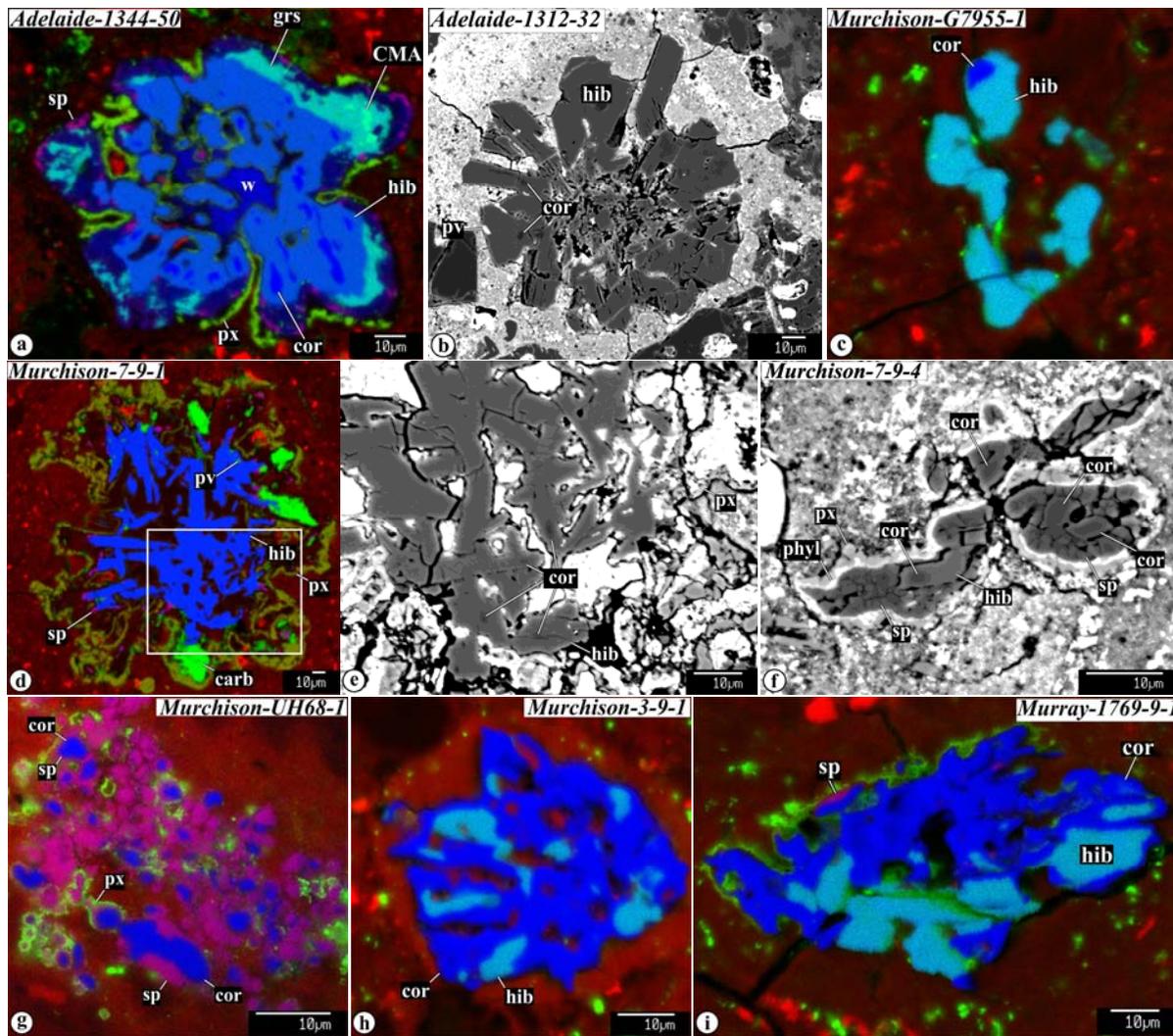


Fig. 1. BSE images and combined x-ray elemental maps (Mg, red, Ca, green, and Al, blue) of the *cor*-bearing CAIs studied.

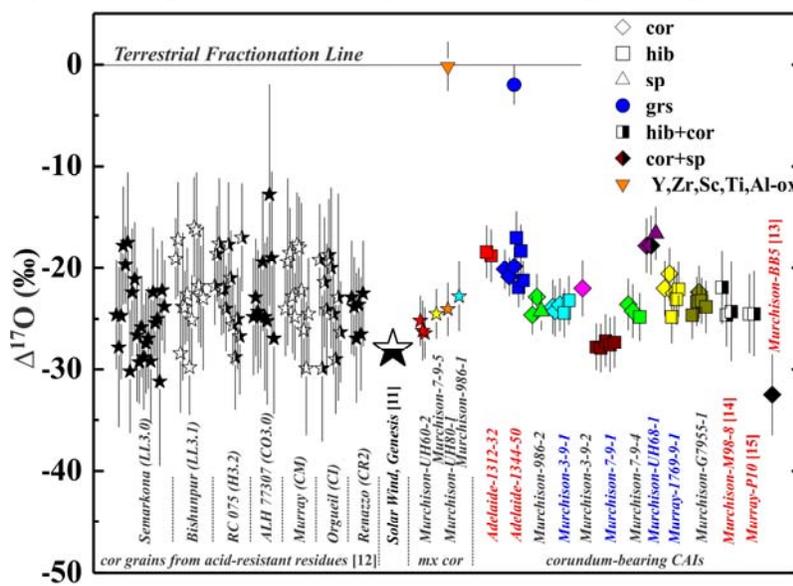


Fig. 2.  $\Delta^{17}\text{O}$  values of the *cor*-bearing CAIs, *cor* grains in the Murchison matrix and from acid-resistant residues of unequilibrated ordinary and carbonaceous chondrites, and the Genesis solar wind. The Genesis solar wind. CMA = Camonoaluminates; cor = corundum; hib = hibonite; grs = grossite; mx = matrix; ox = oxide; sp = spinel; w = weathering products. Black-and-white symbols of CAIs and *cor* grains are literature data; colored symbols are from this study. Symbols of the same color correspond to a single object. Most *cor*-bearing CAIs are uniformly  $^{16}\text{O}$ -rich; the only exceptions is the Adelaide CAI 1344-50, in which *grs* and *CMA* are  $^{16}\text{O}$ -poor. Matrix *cor* grains are  $^{16}\text{O}$ -rich and isotopically similar to the *cor*-bearing CAIs; one of the grains, *UH80-1*, is intergrown with an  $^{16}\text{O}$ -poor Y,Zr,Sc,Ti,Al-oxide. CAI with names highlighted in red and blue show no and detectable  $^{26}\text{Mg}^*$ . Al-Mg system in other CAIs is yet to be measured.