

D/H RATIOS OF HIGHLY EVOLVED LUNAR ROCKS.

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Introduction: The felsites are highly evolved lunar rocks, typically containing ~70wt%SiO₂. Most have igneous textures that feature graphic intergrowths of K-feldspar and quartz [1]. Sampled felsites occur as clasts in breccias, sometimes coexisting with Fe-rich, low-Si clasts. This pairing of Fe-rich and Si-rich compositions suggests that the felsites could have formed through silicate liquid immiscibility from a magma with KREEP basalt composition in small intrusive bodies [1].

Recently, water has been detected in lunar pyroclastic glasses [2] and apatites [3,4]. Apatite [Ca₅(PO₄)₃(F,Cl,OH)] incorporates water as OH into its crystal structure. At low abundances, water acts like an incompatible element and will become enriched in the melt. Thus, KREEP-rich magmas should be enriched in water when apatite begins to crystallize. Apatites in felsites could contain water sufficient to allow the D/H isotopic composition of the water to be determined, which is important for determining the source of the Moon's water and the extent of water loss during magmatic processing [e.g., 4,5].

We identified four apatite grains large enough (>20µm) for SIMS analysis in two lunar rocks. Sample 14321,1047 is a quartz-K-feldspar felsite, while sample 77538,16 consists of felsite and associated Fe-rich phases; the apatite was within the Fe-rich phase.

Methods: Apatites were analyzed for P, Ca, Si, Na, Fe, Ce, F, Cl, Y, and La with the UH JXA-8500F electron microprobe. Hydrogen isotopic composition and water content were analyzed *in situ* with the UH ims 1280 ion microprobe with a Cs⁺ primary beam. H₂O content of apatite samples was estimated from a calibration curve on H₂O (wt%) vs. ¹H/¹⁸O determined using 4 apatite standards with different H₂O contents (provided by F. McCubbin). The detection limit for H₂O was ~100 ppm. Uncertainties on δD and water content are ~75‰ and ~30% (2σ), respectively.

Results: We analyzed a total of five points among four apatite grains in two samples. The single large apatite in 14321,1047 had H₂O below our detection limit in both points analyzed. Two apatite grains were measured in 77538,16. They have H₂O contents of ~180 ppm. δD values for these points are +300–+400‰.

Discussion: We found very little water in the apatites measured. Apatites in both samples contain significant (wt% level) amounts of REEs, indicating that these highly-evolved, KREEP-rich magmas contained little water. In turn, this suggests that the lunar magma ocean (and the bulk Moon) had a low initial water content, as argued by [5]. The δD values in apatite in 77538 with detectable water are elevated, which agrees with findings in [4]. However, since the measured H₂O is barely above detection limit, we cannot say with absolute certainty that the δD of lunar water in this magmatically evolved lunar rock is elevated with respect to Earth.

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