

H isotope characteristics of apatite in lunar basalts (#2222)

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1. Summary

→ Apatites in high-Ti basalts display a restricted OH range (~ 1500-3000 ppm) with large δD variations (~ 600-1000 ‰) whereas apatites in low-Ti basalts display a larger OH range (~ 500-15000 ppm), each group displaying restricted δD variations.

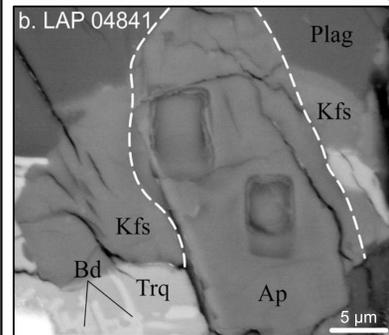
→ Apatites in basaltic meteorites MIL 05035 and LAP 04841 expand the lower bound for basalt δD values down to ~ 100 ‰.

→ ?D variations between ~ 200 to 1000 ‰ resulted from different amounts of **degassing of H-bearing species**. Average δD values of low-Ti basalts are consistent with ~ 85 to 99 % degassing of H as H_2 , starting from a **chondritic, CI-type, δD value of 100 ‰**, which was favoured by the reduced nature of lunar magmas.

→ In low-Ti basalts, apatite crystallised after H_2 degassing, the OH variations reflecting different degrees of fractional crystallisation. In high-Ti basalts, large δD variations with relatively restricted range in OH contents imply that **apatite crystallisation and degassing were mostly coeval**.

→ Geochemical modelling suggests that the mantle source regions of the different low-Ti mare basalts could have contained ~ 5 to 50 ppm H (~ 45 to 450 ppm H_2O), similar to the estimated water content of the Earth's upper mantle.

2. NanoSIMS 50 analysis of apatite



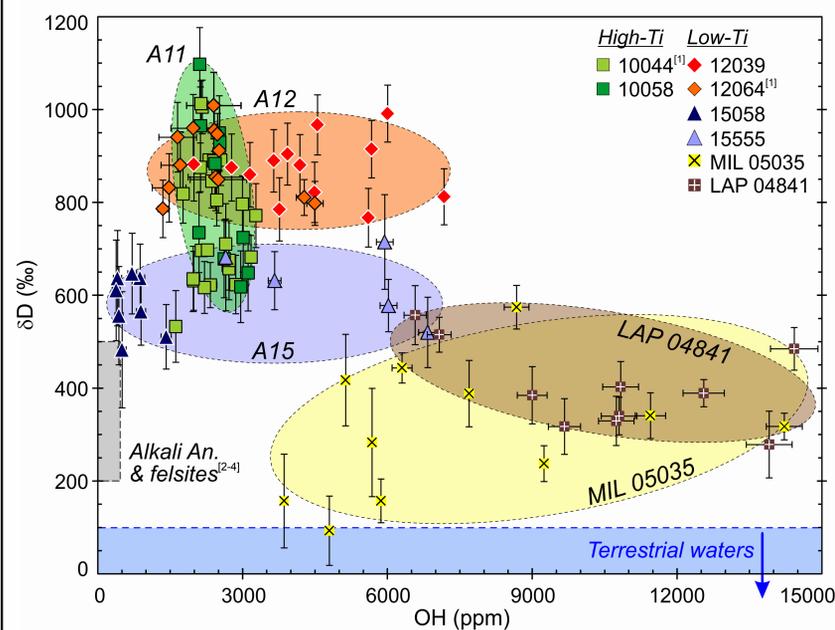
→ 250 pA Cs^+ primary beam.

→ 1H , 2H , ^{12}C and ^{18}O collected simultaneously from a $5 \times 5 \mu m$ area for ~ 20 minutes.

→ OH calibration from $^1H/^{18}O$ ratios of reference apatites.

→ Reproducibility of D/H measured on reference apatites = 29 ‰ (2 σ SD).

3. Results



→ Apatites in Apollo basalts display elevated δD values > ~ 400 ‰; heaviest δD values are ~ 1000 ‰; wide range of OH contents from ~ 300 ppm up to ~ 7300 ppm. These observations are consistent with previous reports [1-3].

→ Apatites in A-12 and A-15 low-Ti basalts characterised by a large range of OH contents at relatively restricted δD values, whereas apatites in A-11 high-Ti basalts display a restricted range of OH contents with highly variable δD values.

→ In lunar meteorite MIL 05035, OH contents and δD range from ~ 3800 to 14200 ppm and ~ 100 to 570 ‰, respectively.

→ In lunar meteorite LAP 04841, OH contents and δD range from ~ 6600 to 14400 ppm and ~ 280 to 560 ‰, respectively.

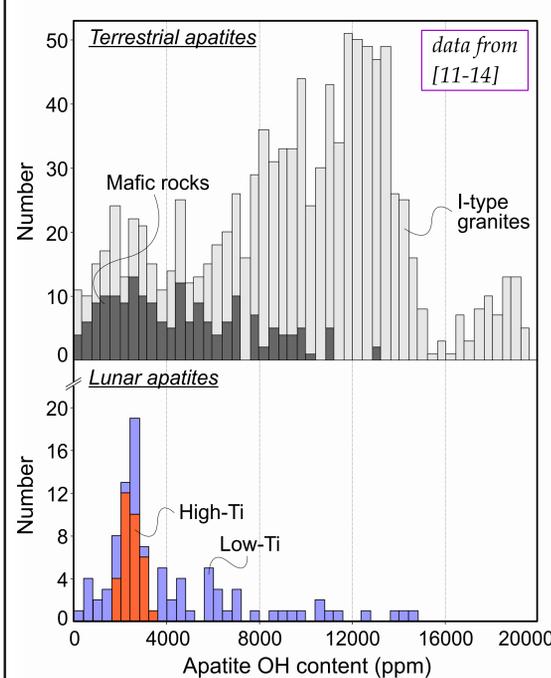
→ Interestingly, apatites in MIL 05035 and LAP 04841 display large OH variations at relatively restricted δD values, similar to A-12 and A-15 low-Ti basalts.

→ Apatite δD values in these 2 meteorites 1) are outside the terrestrial range and 2) considerably expand the lower bound for δD in apatites in lunar basalts (see talk by Anand et al., Fri. AM, abstract #1957).

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4. OH in lunar apatites

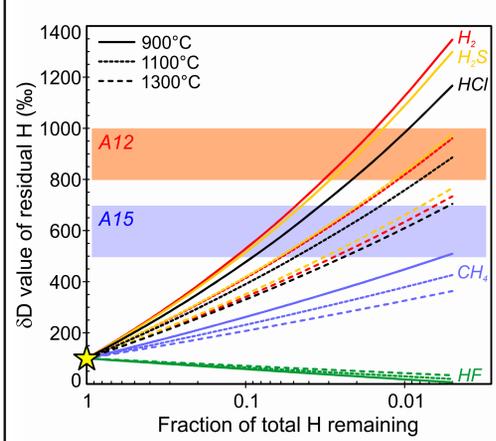


→ OH content of lunar apatites range between ~ 0 and 1.5 wt.%. Similar to the OH content range of terrestrial apatites from mafic magmas.

→ Lunar and mafic terrestrial distributions of apatite OH contents are also similar, with a majority of analyses yielding between ~ 0 and 0.5 wt.% OH.

→ Apatites [1-8], volcanic glasses [9] and their melt inclusions [10] are all consistent with terrestrial water content.

5. High δD of lunar apatites

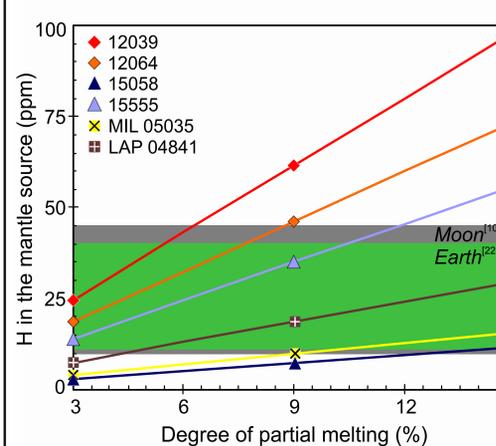


→ At low P and $fO_2 < IW-1$, $H_2/(H_2+H_2O)$ in the degassed phase > 0.8 [15].
→ A bit of CH_4 if lots of C.
→ S, F and Cl likely soluble in the melt [16-17].

→ **Degassing mostly as H_2** , which strongly fractionates H and D isotopes [18]. Residual melt enriched in D.

→ Degassing of ~ 98 to more than 99 % of total H as H_2 to reach δD of A12 and A15, starting from $\delta D = 100$ ‰.

6. H content of the lunar mantle



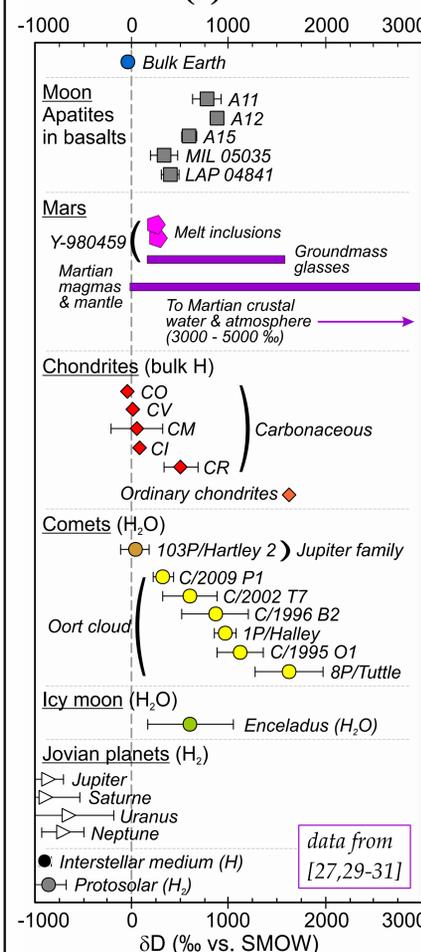
→ $D_{OH^{ap}/melt} = 0.3$ [8,19-20].

→ Highest OH in apatite formed after 99.5 % FC [21].
→ 85-99 % total H lost via degassing.

→ Primitive low-Ti melts contained ~ 75 to 600 ppm H (700 to 5400 ppm eq. H_2O).
→ Mantle source regions contained ~ 5 to 60 ppm H (45 to 540 ppm eq. H_2O).

→ Consistent with estimates for Earth's upper mantle [22-23].

7. Source(s) of lunar H



→ Modelling LMO crystallisation suggests ~ 1 ppm H max. in lunar mantle [24]. **Apatites in KREEP-rich samples are mostly dry** [4,8]. Moon accreted "dry" as volatiles were lost after the giant impact [25]?. **But**, olivine and plagioclase in FAN contain water, implying a wet LMO [26].

→ Mantle source regions of low-Ti basalt contain ~ 5 to 60 ppm H, which may indicate **H delivery to the upper mantle after LMO crystallisation** [2,21].

→ Elevated δD of apatites have been linked to H delivery by comets [2]. Yet, accretion of cometary material would have also included D-enriched organic material. Hence, bulk D/H ratios of comets are likely higher than those of apatites in lunar basalts [27].

→ Apatite δD values may result from > 85 % **degassing of H_2** , starting from a δD of 100 ‰, typical of CI chondrites [27].

→ Easier for large chondrite-type objects to **breach the crust and reach the upper mantle**. Few impacts by planetesimals [28]?

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