

**Hydrogen Isotope Systematics of Maskelynites in the Los Angeles Shergottite.** K. Tucker<sup>1</sup>, R. Hervig<sup>1</sup>, M. Wadhwa<sup>1</sup>.  
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**Introduction:** An intriguing question remains to be answered in planetary science: what were the initial D/H ratios of the Earth and Mars? Similarities or differences in these values could provide useful insight into planet-forming processes in the early Solar System. This study aims to increase our knowledge of this topic by analyzing hydrogen isotopes in the maskelynites of the Los Angeles shergottite.

The Los Angeles meteorite is a basaltic shergottite that is highly differentiated and enriched in incompatible elements [1]. Hydrogen isotope studies of chlorapatites in this meteorite show elevated  $\delta D$  values of +2630‰ to +4348‰, most likely through exchange of hydrogen isotopes with the D-enriched martian atmosphere [1,2]. We wish to further our understanding of the hydrogen isotope systematics of martian reservoirs by analyzing maskelynite in this sample. We chose to analyze maskelynite because it shows fewer cracks than the other phases such as phosphates and pyroxenes, and is thus less prone to terrestrial contamination, as shown by [3,4]. Despite being a nominally anhydrous mineral (NAM), plagioclase (the precursor to maskelynite) does incorporate enough H to obtain useful precision. Through the analyses of NAMs, we hope to contribute to our knowledge of the hydrogen isotopic signature of the shergottite parent magmas and their mantle source reservoirs on Mars.

**Methods:** Hydrogen isotopic analyses of individual maskelynite grains in a polished thin section of the Los Angeles meteorite were carried out using a Cameca IMS 6f at Arizona State University. For each analysis, a primary beam of  $^{133}\text{Cs}^+$  at 8-10 nA was accelerated to 10 keV and rastered over  $40 \times 40 \mu\text{m}^2$ . Negative ions were accelerated to 5000 V into the mass spectrometer. For these analyses, we detected ions from a circular area  $\sim 17\text{-}20 \mu\text{m}$  in diameter into the mass spectrometer. The 40eV energy window was used, and the mass spectrometer was operated at a mass resolving power of  $\sim 400$  (wide open).  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^2\text{H}$  were detected on an electron multiplier.

**Results and Conclusions:** We report a total of 25 hydrogen isotope analyses of maskelynites in the Los Angeles meteorite.  $\delta D$  values ranged from -105‰ to +402‰ ( $\pm 50\%$ ,  $2\sigma$  is the worst case error in an individual analysis). There is no apparent correlation between the  $\delta D$  and water content of these maskelynites. Our recent studies have shown that maskelynite appears to be one of phases least affected by terrestrial contamination in the shergottites [3,4]. The  $\delta D$  values reported here are generally similar to those for maskelynites in another enriched shergottite, Zagami [4]. However, these values are significantly lower than in the chlorapatites in this meteorite [1,2], suggesting that NAMs did not exchange hydrogen isotopes as extensively with the martian atmospheric reservoir. As such, the highest  $\delta D$  recorded in these maskelynites (i.e.,  $\sim 400\%$ ) likely defines the upper limit on the magmatic  $\delta D$  value.

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