have played a role in the differentiation of Europa and Ganymede (7, 14, 20). The possibility that tidal heating due to Jupiter could have influenced the evolution of Ganymede, which is closer to Jupiter than Callisto, but not of the similarly large and massive Callisto is one way to reconcile the differentiation of Ganymede with the partial differentiation of Callisto (6).

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 $\times (C_{nm} \cos m\lambda + S_{nm} \sin m\lambda) P_{nm}(\sin \phi)$ 

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## Detection of Atomic Deuterium in the Upper Atmosphere of Mars

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High-resolution spectroscopy of Mars' atmosphere with the Hubble Space Telescope revealed the deuterium Lyman  $\alpha$  line at an intensity of 23  $\pm$  6 rayleighs. This measured intensity corresponds to HD/H\_2 = 1.5  $\pm$  0.6  $\times$  10<sup>-4</sup>, which is smaller by a factor of 11 than HDO/H\_2O. This indicates that fractionation of HD/H\_2 relative to that of HDO/H\_2O is not kinetically controlled by the rates of formation and destruction of H\_2 and HD but is thermodynamically controlled by the isotope exchange HD + H\_2O  $\leftrightarrow$  HDO + H\_2. Molecular hydrogen is strongly depleted in deuterium relative to water on Mars because of the very long lifetime of H\_2 (1200 years). The derived isotope fractionation corresponds to an estimate of a planetwide reservoir of water ice about 5 meters thick that is exchangeable with the atmosphere.

**D**issociation of water vapor with subsequent escape of H,  $H_2$ , and O is the primary mechanism of water loss from Mars. It is believed that Earth, Venus, and Mars were formed by the same rocky and icy planetesimals (1), which resembled meteorites and comets in their composition, respectively. These planets are thus expected to have initially had the same chemical and isotope composition. If the mass of the terrestrial ocean (having a global-equivalent depth of 2.7 km) is scaled by the planetary mass ratio, the expected initial water abundance on Mars is a layer about 1 km thick, assuming that this layer covers the entire martian

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surface. Geological estimates (2, 3) favor 300 to 500 m of water ice. The current estimated rate of water loss of 1.2 m per billion years (4-6) would not significantly affect this reservoir. However, the rate of escape of H,  $H_2$ , and O could have been much higher on early Mars (7), and a feature that should reflect the integrated loss of martian water is the D/H ratio. The measured D/H ratio in Mars' water vapor exceeds that of terrestrial water by a factor of 5.5 and corresponds to  $HDO/H_2O =$  $1.7 \times 10^{-3}$  (8, 9). It is generally believed that enrichments in heavy isotopes are mostly due to the preferential escape of light isotopes. The enrichment is especially strong for D because D is twice as massive as H.

D/H ratios measured in martian meteorites vary from 1.9 to 5.4 times Earth's ratio (10). These meteorites are thought to have been ejected from Mars by impact. High D/H ratios in martian crustal water (represented by D/H measured in martian mete-

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orites) imply a rather vigorous exchange between atmospheric water and deep water reservoirs on Mars, probably due to hydrothermal systems (11) associated with volcanism or with large impact craters. The martian meteorite results thus also suggest a high escape rate of water on early Mars (7).

The D enrichment in escape processes can be quantified by a fractionation factor

$$F = 2 \frac{\Phi_{\rm D}/\Phi_{\rm H}}{\rm HDO/H_2O} \tag{1}$$

Here  $\phi_D$  and  $\phi_H$  are the escape rates for D and H, respectively. Model calculations yield F = 0.32 for Mars (12). A more direct way to get F is to measure the abundance of atomic D in Mars' upper atmosphere. This is the objective of our Hubble Space Telescope (HST) measurements.

The strongest spectroscopic feature of atomic H is the Lyman  $\alpha$  line (Ly  $\alpha$ ) at wavelength  $\lambda = 1215.670$  Å (13). The D Ly  $\alpha$  line at 1215.338 Å (14) is weaker than the H line by more than two orders of magnitude. The Goddard high-resolution spectrograph (GHRS) onboard the HST (15) provided high sensitivity to detect the D line and high resolving power to separate the D line from the H line.

An attempt to detect D on Mars with GHRS was made before the HST scientific program began in 1991 (16), but no D emission was detected, with a  $2\sigma$  upper limit of 30 rayleighs (R) (17). However, we found two ways to improve the detection conditions: (i) to observe Mars' limb instead of the illuminated disk center, and (ii) to observe at solar minimum instead of solar maximum. With the GHRS field of view  $1.74'' \times 1.74''$ , the expected signal increase is 2.5 for the limb observation of D. Our photochemical models (6) predict an increase in the H column abundance at solar minimum by a factor of 7 relative to solar maximum. However, the intensity of the solar line at 1216 Å is weaker by a factor of 3 at solar minimum, so that the net gain expected from the solar cycle conditions is 2.2. The total gain from both factors is 5.5.

We observed Mars on 20-21 January 1997 (18). A total of 36 spectra with 2000 sampling intervals in the range of 1212 to 1218 Å were acquired, each representing 435 s of integration. The charged-particle background varied from spectrum to spectrum (Figs. 1 and 2). The strongest emission was from foreground geocoronal H Ly  $\alpha$ . Twenty spectra were measured in Earth's shadow, and subtraction of these spectra from those on the illuminated parts of the HST orbit allows us to establish the accurate position and shape of the geocoronal H emission. The expected emission of interplanetary hydrogen is small (19) (Fig. 1). Subtraction of the geocoronal and interplanetary H lines from the spectrum shows the martian H line with an intensity of 3.3 kR. The geocoronal and martian lines have half widths of 0.077 Å, which agree with the instrument resolving power of  $1.6 \times 10^4$ (20). The position of the martian line agrees with the expected blue shift due to the geocentric velocity of Mars. One spectrum was measured on Mars' disk at 2000 km from the disk center; the observed H Ly  $\alpha$  intensity was 3.3  $\pm$  0.15 kR.

The measured spectrum (Fig. 2) reveals a feature between 1215.27 and 1215.38 Å with intensity of  $47 \pm 7$  R. Its wavelength, width, and structure in the four-pixel binning suggest the presence of two components with almost equal intensities centered at 1215.295 and 1215.34 Å. The latter is the telluric D line. The martian D line should be at 1215.28 Å. However, the peak brightness is expected at 130 km above the limb (see below), and this increases the wavelength by 0.012 Å, which is close to the detected wavelength. Both martian and

telluric D lines have intensities of  $23 \pm 6 \text{ R}$  (21).

We observed Mars at the cold conditions of aphelion at solar minimum, which are similar to those experienced by the Viking entry probes (22). Thermal escape of D and HD was negligible at the expected temperature T = 180 K. The detection and analysis of He on Mars (23) showed the importance of nonthermal escape, which was ignored in previous models for  $H_1$ ,  $H_2$ , D, and HD. We consider three processes contributing to the nonthermal escape of these species: (i) charge exchange with solar wind protons (24), (ii) electron impact ionization and dissociation (25), and (iii) photoionization (26). All of these escape processes occur above the ionopause where the product ions are swept away by the solar wind. Nonthermal escape dominates in the losses of D and H<sub>2</sub> at solar minimum and of HD under all conditions (Table 1).

To simulate the measurement, we calculated a photochemical model for D and HD



Fig. 1. Fragment of the HST spectrum (thick solid line) near the H Ly  $\alpha$ line of the martian upper atmosphere. Geocoronal H (dashed line) and interplanetary H (dotted line) emissions are also shown. Their subtraction results in the martian hydrogen line (thin solid line). The geocoronal line is the difference of spectra recorded in the illuminated and shaded parts of the HST orbit.

Fig. 2. Fragment of the HST spectrum that shows the martian and telluric D Ly α lines at 1215.29 and 1215.34 Å, respectively. A is the initial weighted mean spectrum, B is that spectrum scaled by a factor of 10, C is binned to 4 pixels and scaled by a factor of 5, D is binned to 8 pixels and scaled by a factor of 4, and E is binned to 16 pixels and scaled by a factor of 3. Dashed horizontal lines indicate the local background baselines. The positions of the martian and telluric D and H lines are shown: subscript M and E refer to Mars and Earth, respectively.

from 80 to 250 km altitude in the martian atmosphere. HD forms D in reactions with  $CO_2^+$ , O<sup>+</sup>, and O(<sup>1</sup>D) (27, 28). The model corresponds to global-mean conditions and has the HD density at 80 km as a parameter (29). Then we applied a radiative transfer code for a spherical atmosphere, which accounts for single scattering and self-absorption by D atoms and absorption by  $CO_2$ (30). With the known shape and intensity of the solar H Ly  $\alpha$  line (31), we calculated an emission rate factor  $g_D = 3.5 \times 10^{-4}$ photons per second per atom for 1.67 astronomical units (AU) at solar minimum. Applying our code to the profiles of D density calculated with our photochemical model (Figs. 3 and 4), we find that, to fit the measured intensity for the D Ly  $\alpha$  line of  $23 \pm 6$  R, the HD density should be equal to  $1.6 \pm 0.5 \times 10^5$  cm<sup>-3</sup> at 80 km, and its mixing ratio is  $6 \pm 2$  parts per billion (ppb). The lifetimes of  $H_2$  and HD are 1200 years in the martian atmosphere (5), and their mixing ratios should be constant up to the homopause ( $\approx$ 110 km) and should not vary from place to place and in time intervals less than a few hundred years.

Now we need to compare the HD mixing ratio with that of  $H_2$ . Like HD, the  $H_2$ mixing ratio may be obtained from measurements of the H Ly  $\alpha$  line, radiative transfer analysis (which must include multiple scattering), and photochemical modeling. We allocated one HST orbit for measurements of H Ly  $\alpha$  at three points above Mars' limb. However, these observations were not made, owing to operational difficulties. We can deduce  $H_2$  from the measured H Ly  $\alpha$  limb intensity of 3.3 kR, but the result would be sensitive to small errors in the instrument calibration and in the adopted intensity at the center of the solar H Ly  $\alpha$  line. Therefore, we used the Mariner 6 and 7 measurements (4). According to those measurements, which were made near solar maximum, [H] = 2.5 to  $3 \times 10^4$  $cm^{-3}$  at 250 km,  $T \approx 350$  K, and the optical depth of atomic H was  $\approx$ 2.2. Our photochemical model for H and  $H_2$  (Fig. 3) (32) is similar to that for D and HD and the model in (4). An H<sub>2</sub> mixing ratio of 40  $\pm$ 10 parts per million (ppm) reproduces both

**Table 1.** Dayside escape frequencies above the ionopause and global mean effusion velocities for escape processes of H, D, H<sub>2</sub>, and HD on Mars. Nonthermal escape should vary with solar activity. However, we do not have enough input data to calculate those variations and instead use the constant values.

Process	Н	D	H <sub>2</sub>	HD
Charge transfer with protons $(10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1})$	26	26	5	5
Electron impact $(10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1})$	15	15	25	25
Photoionization $(10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1})$	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.7
$V_{\rm p}^{*}$ (cm s <sup>-1</sup> )	21	8	6.4	3.7
$V_{\star}$ 180 K† (cm s <sup>-1</sup> )	165	0.08	0.08	$4 \times 10^{-5}$
$V_{t}^{*}$ 200 K‡ (cm s <sup>-1</sup> )	350	0.39	0.39	$4  imes 10^{-4}$
V, 280 K§ (cm s <sup>-1</sup> )	2340	19	19	0.145
$V_{t}^{L}$ 350 K (cm s <sup>-1</sup> )	6000	133	133	2.74

 $V_n$  is total nonthermal escape velocity calculated for the ionopause at 300 km.  $V_t$  is thermal escape velocity for †aphelion at solar minimum, ‡solar minimum, §solar mean, and ||solar maximum.



**Fig. 3 (left).** Calculated H<sub>2</sub>, H, HD, and D densities for the conditions of the HST observations (aphelion, solar minimum, T = 180 K) and Mariner 6 and 7 observations (solar maximum, T = 350 K). **Fig. 4 (right).** Calculated brightness of the D line versus radius. The HST field of view is centered on the

the H density at 250 km and the optical depth in our model. The  $H_2$  mixing ratio exceeds 20 ppm obtained in (4) but agrees with models involving the photochemistry of many species (5), which give 35 to 50 ppm for  $H_2$ .

We conclude that HD/H<sub>2</sub> = 1.5  $\pm$  0.6  $\times$  10<sup>-4</sup> (33) and enrichment R of D in H<sub>2</sub> relative to H<sub>2</sub>O is

$$R = \frac{\text{HD/H}_2}{\text{HDO/H}_2\text{O}} = 0.09 \pm 0.04 \quad (2)$$

This value is smaller than R = 1.6 calculated in (12) under an assumption that partitioning of D between HD and HDO is kinetically controlled by reactions of formation and removal of HD. If, however, the isotope exchange is controlled thermodynamically in collisions between H<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub> molecules

$$HD + H_2O \leftrightarrow HDO + H_2 \qquad (3)$$

then  $R = 0.14 \pm 0.06$  is expected at  $T = 200 \pm 20$  K (12, 34), which agrees with our measurement. This means that although freshly formed H<sub>2</sub> is enriched in D relative to H<sub>2</sub>O on Mars by the kinetic factor of R = 1.6, during its lifetime of 1200 years it tends to lose D in collisions with H<sub>2</sub>O, and the lifetime-mean value of R is 0.09  $\pm$  0.04. The lifetime of HD relative to the isotope exchange HD + H<sub>2</sub>O must thus be at least a factor of 10 shorter than 1200 years. This imposes a constraint on the isotope exchange rate coefficient (35)

$$k_{\rm HD+H_2O} \ge 10^{-23} \,\rm cm^3 \,\rm s^{-1}$$
 (4)

The next step is calculation of the fractionation factor F. Data from Table 1 and Fig. 3 result in  $\phi_D/\phi_H = 1.9 \times 10^{-5}$  and 1.8  $\times 10^{-5}$  for solar minimum and maximum, respectively. Similar modeling for mean solar activity gives 1.4  $\times 10^{-5}$ . The resulting



limb, and the measured brightness of 23 R exceeds that in the disc center by a factor of 2.5. The brightness maximum at 130 km above the limb results in a small wavelength shift in the observed emission.

fractionation factor is F = 0.02 for the average escape flux ratio, which is much smaller than the value of 0.32 calculated in (12).

Liquid water could exist on Mars up to the end of the erosion of the atmosphere by large-scale meteorite impacts (36) at 0.8 billion years after the planet formed. This erosion reduced the initial CO<sub>2</sub> abundance of 7.5 bars (1) by a factor of 100. Water was less affected by impact erosion than  $CO_2$ , and impact erosion could not change the D/H ratio. Further escape of  $H_2O$  is estimated at  $a_e \approx 30$  m (a, abundance of water; e, escape) (7). We can apply the derived F to a model of  $H_2O$  escape and D fractionation after the end of impact erosion. We assume that the bulk H<sub>2</sub>O reservoir has the terrestrial D/H ratio. The second reservoir is in isotope equilibrium with the atmospheric  $H_2O$  vapor, which is the third reservoir. Deuterium in H<sub>2</sub>O vapor may be depleted relative to its abundance in H<sub>2</sub>O ice by a factor of 0.79 (12, 37, 38). This model shows (39) that the reservoir that is exchangeable with the atmosphere is  $a \approx 0.17a_a \approx 5$  m thick; that is, about 1% of the current water abundance (2, 3) and about the size of the exchangeable reservoir in the polar caps (2, 2)40). Acuna et al. (41) infer the existence of an intrinsic magnetic field on early Mars. This field should reduce escape processes in that epoch and favors a smaller value of  $a_{a}$ (42). However,  $a \approx 0.17a_{e}$  still holds.

Our results show that  $H_2$  is depleted in D relative to water on Mars. This depletion occurs because of the long lifetime of  $H_2$  on Mars.  $H_2$  is the intermediate species that forms H in the upper atmosphere, and the depletion of  $H_2$  in D results in the low abundance and escape of atomic D. On Venus, by comparison,  $H_2$  is a minor source of H (41) and cannot affect the abundance of atomic D.

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- 29. The transport time  $t = H^2/(K + D)$  is longer than 1 day throughout most of the altitude range, therefore the HD and D density profiles are better reproduced by assuming global mean conditions than using local conditions. Here H is the species scale height, and K and D, are the eddy and molecular diffusion coefficients taken from (6). Molecular diffusion coefficients for D and HD are smaller than those for H and H<sub>2</sub> by factors of 21/2 and 1.51/2, respectively. The CO2 and O+ densities were taken from the Viking measurements [W. B. Hanson, S. Santanini, D. R. Zuccaro, J. Geophys. Res. 82, 4351 (1977)] and corrected for the global mean conditions by a factor of (4 cos 42°)-1 = 0.336. The O(1D) density was calculated. The upper boundary conditions are the escape velocities from Table 1; the condition for D at the lower boundary is velocity V = -K/H.
- 30. The Ly  $\alpha$  scattering cross section of D is  $6 \times 10^{-12}$ T<sup>-1/2</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> at the line center, and the Ly  $\alpha$  absorption cross section of CO<sub>2</sub> is 7.5  $\times$  10<sup>-20</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>. Self-absorption by D atoms is only a few percent, confirming the validity of the single scattering approximation.
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- 33. We assume uncertainties associated with modeling of HD and H<sub>2</sub> to be 25%. Because of the similarity of the models for HD and H<sub>2</sub>, these uncertainties cancel out in HD/H<sub>2</sub>.
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- 35. The D exchange rate coefficient may be calculated as



where  $\tau \leq 120$  years, given in seconds, and the water abundance is 10 precipitated micrometers uniformly mixed up to 15 km. The obtained value of  $k_{\rm HD+H_{2O}}$  is larger than that measured in the laboratory [C. Lecluse and F. Robert, *Geochim. Cosmochim. Acta* **58**, 2927 (1994)]. See discussion in Y. L. Yung and D. M. Kass, *Science* **280**, 1545 (1998).

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assumption is questionable.

 The abundance of water a in reservoir two does not vary in this model. Integration of the appropriate differential equation results in

$$\frac{(D/H)_{\text{Mars}}}{(D/H)_{\text{Factb}}} = \frac{1}{f} - \left(\frac{1}{f} - 1\right)e^{-\frac{a_e}{a}f}$$

for constant escape flux and a more complicated expression for variable flux; f = 0.79 F. However, the result is rather insensitive to the adopted temporal dependence of escape flux. Our calculation was made for  $\phi(t) = 25 e^{-t/\tau}$  m per billion years, where  $\tau = 1.25$  billion years (Gyr). This relation fits the current escape flux of 1.2 m Gyr<sup>-1</sup> and the total escape  $a_e = 30$  m. Our model differs from the model (*12*) in which reservoir two is disconnected from reservoir one and

gradually shrinks from 3.6 to 0.2 m.

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# Atmosphere-Surface Interactions on Mars: $\Delta^{17}$ O Measurements of Carbonate from ALH 84001

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Oxygen isotope measurements of carbonate from martian meteorite ALH 84001 ( $\delta^{18}O = 18.3 \pm 0.4$  per mil,  $\delta^{17}O = 10.3 \pm 0.2$  per mil, and  $\Delta^{17}O = 0.8 \pm 0.05$  per mil) are fractionated with respect to those of silicate minerals. These measurements support the existence of two oxygen isotope reservoirs (the atmosphere and the silicate planet) on Mars at the time of carbonate growth. The cause of the atmospheric oxygen isotope anomaly may be exchange between CO<sub>2</sub> and O(<sup>1</sup>D) produced by the photodecomposition of ozone. Atmospheric oxygen isotope compositions may be transferred to carbonate minerals by CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O exchange and mineral growth. A sink of <sup>17</sup>O-depleted oxygen, as required by mass balance, may exist in the planetary regolith.

Chemical and isotopic measurements of the present-day martian atmosphere indicate that many elements and isotopes are fractionated from their initial compositions (1). Modeling suggests that the composition of the martian atmosphere has evolved on planetary time scales as a result of escape processes, impact erosion, outgassing, and photochemical reactions (2-6). Morphologic evidence points to times early in martian history when greenhouse heating supported warmer climates and liquid water shaped Mars's surface (7, 8). Measurements of trapped gases and mineral phases in martian meteorites indicate that atmospheric evolution occurred before the excavation of these meteorites from the martian surface (9-15).

The present martian atmosphere interacts with the hydrosphere and regolith through diurnal, seasonal, and longer term exchange of water between the atmosphere and regolith (16, 17). In the past, liquid water acted as a medium for atmospheresurface exchange and new mineral precipitation. High rates of oxygen exchange between H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> facilitated the transfer of atmospheric oxygen isotopic characteristics to H<sub>2</sub>O and to minerals that precipitated from it. Because oxygen is present in CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, dust, and other atmospheric constituents such as  $O_2$ , CO, and  $O_3$ , the oxygen isotope compositions of minerals formed in the regolith serves as a tracer for atmospheric chemistry and evolution and its interactions with the martian surface. Here we report measurements (18) of  ${}^{16}O$ , <sup>17</sup>O, and <sup>18</sup>O in carbonate minerals from martian meteorite ALH 84001 [ $\delta^{18}$ O =  $18.3 \pm 0.4\%$ ,  $\delta^{17}O = 10.3 \pm 0.2\%$ , and  $\Delta^{17}O = 0.8 \pm 0.05\%$  (23)]. High-temperature silicate phases in ALH 84001 give  $\delta^{18}$ O = 4.53 to 4.64‰,  $\delta^{17}$ O = 2.58 to 2.74‰, and  $\Delta^{17}$ O = 0.22 to 0.327‰ (12). Secondary ion mass spectrometry analysis of  $SiO_2$  yielded  $\delta^{18}O = 20.4 \pm 0.9\%$  (24), and analyses of carbonate have yielded  $\delta^{18}O = -9$  to 26‰. The mean of these measurements is  $15 \pm 5\%$  (one  $3\sigma$  outlier is omitted) (15, 24–26). Our  $\delta^{18}$ O measurements fall within the range of previous measurements for carbonates but differ from the  $\Delta^{17}$ O of the high-temperature silicate phases.

Karlsson *et al.* (27) extracted H<sub>2</sub>O from six martian meteorites by stepwise pyrolysis and found that the  $\Delta^{17}$ O of this water ranged from 0.1 to 0.9‰. H<sub>2</sub>O extracted from Nakhla, Lafayette, Chassigny, and Zagami meteorites during 600° and 1000°C pyrolysis steps ( $\Delta^{17}$ O = 0.4 to 0.9‰) was fractionated relative to martian meteorite silicates [ $\Delta^{17}$ O ~ 0.3‰ (12)]. The same pyrolysis steps for Shergotty produced H<sub>2</sub>O unfractionated with respect to martian meteorite silicates, and for meteorite EETA 79001 they produced H<sub>2</sub>O with  $\Delta^{17}$ O = 0.1‰, which is intermediate between terrestrial waters ( $\Delta^{17}O = 0$ ) (11) and martian meteorite silicates. These results (27) were interpreted to indicate that  $H_2O$ extracted from Nakhla, Lafayette, Chassigny, Zagami, and Shergotty had a martian origin and that H<sub>2</sub>O extracted from EETA 79001 was a mixture of martian and terrestrial waters. Because water extracted from Nakhla, Lafayette, Chassigny, and Zagami was not in oxygen isotopic equilibrium with martian meteorite silicate minerals, two distinct oxygen reservoirs were inferred to be present on Mars-the silicate planet (the crust and mantle) and the atmosphere (including H<sub>2</sub>O that exchanged oxygen with it).

Our measurements of carbonates ( $\Delta^{17}$ O = 0.8‰) are fractionated relative to measurements of martian meteorite silicates and indicate that ALH 84001 also preserves evidence of oxygen isotope disequilibrium between the atmosphere and the silicate planet. Carbonate nodules in ALH 84001 preserve chemical and isotopic gradients (24, 25, 28) that would have been homogenized by diffusion and exchange if postgrowth reequilibration occurred. Our oxygen isotope data therefore indicate that the atmosphere and lithosphere were out of isotopic equilibrium at the time of carbonate growth.

On Earth, plate tectonics facilitates oxygen exchange between the hydrosphere and lithosphere through global-scale hydrothermal circulation systems at plate margins. Because the amount of oxygen in the silicate Earth is greater than that in the hydrosphere and atmosphere, this exchange buffers the oxygen isotope composition of the hydrosphere (29). The oxygen isotope composition of water in Earth's oceans is buffered to a steady-state value on a time scale with a mean life (1/rate constant) of  $\sim$ 100 to 250 million years (29). The lack of plate tectonics on Mars is seen as a means of maintaining an atmosphere that is isotopically distinct from the solid planet (27). It is unclear whether other types of hydrothermal activity may have caused sufficient atmosphere-surface oxygen exchange to affect atmospheric  $\delta^{18}$ O,  $\delta^{17}$ O, and  $\Delta^{17}$ O. Massive hydrothermal systems have been invoked to explain surface features associated with the Oceanus Borealis and spectroscopic features in the Valles Marineris canyon system (7, 30) and also as a means of generating catastrophic floods and release of CO<sub>2</sub> of sufficient quantity to stabilize episodic, greenhouse-state, atmospheric conditions with higher  $CO_2$  pressure (7). If these

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