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#### 28 Abstract

29 Martian lava flows likely acquired S-rich material from the regolith during their emplacement on the 30 planet's surface. We investigated five of the twenty known nakhlites (Nakhla, Lafayette, Miller Range (MIL) 090032, Yamato 000593, and Yamato 000749) to determine whether these lavas show 31 32 evidence of regolith assimilation, and to constrain the potential implications that this process has on 33 chemical tracing of martian mantle source(s). To establish the proportionate influence of 34 atmospheric, hydrothermal, and volcanic processes on nakhlite isotopic systematics we obtained in situ sulphur isotope data ( $\Delta^{33}$ S and  $\delta^{34}$ S) for sulphide grains (pyrrhotite and pyrite) in all five nakhlite 35 36 samples. For Nakhla, Lafayette, and MIL 090032, these data are integrated with highly siderophile 37 element (HSE) abundances and Os-isotope compositions, as well as textural information constrained 38 prior to isotopic analysis. This work thereby provides the first Re-Os isotope systematics for two 39 different nakhlites, and also the first Re-Os isotope data for martian sample for which detailed 40 petrographic information was constrained prior to digestion.

We report the largest variation in  $\delta^{34}$ S vet found in martian meteorites (-13.20 ‰ to +15.16 ‰). The 41 relatively positive  $\Delta^{33}$ S and  $\delta^{34}$ S values of MIL 090032 ( $\delta^{34}$ S = +10.54 ± 0.09 ‰;  $\Delta^{33}$ S = -0.67 ± 0.10 ‰) 42 indicate this meteorite assimilated sulphur affected by UV-photochemistry. In contrast, the strongly 43 negative values of Lafayette ( $\delta^{34}$ S = -10.76 ± 0.14 ‰;  $\Delta^{33}$ S = -0.09 ± 0.12 ‰) are indicative of 44 hydrothermal processes on Mars. Nakhla, Yamato 000593, and Yamato 000749 sulphides have a 45 narrower range of sulphur isotope compositions ( $\Delta^{33}$ S and  $\delta^{34}$ S ~ 0) that is consistent with no 46 47 assimilation of martian surface materials during lava flow emplacement. Consequently we used this second group of  $\Delta^{33}$ S values to approximate the  $\Delta^{33}$ S of the nakhlite source, yielding a  $\Delta^{33}$ S value of -48 0.1 ‰. 49

50 Nakhlite HSE patterns result from a sulphide-saturated melt where Ru-Os-Ir alloys/sulphide were 51 likely crystallized during earlier phases of magmatic processing in Mars to result in the fractionated 52 HSE patterns of the nakhlites. Our data, alongside a synthesis of previously published data, suggest 53 assimilation of an enriched component to the primary nakhlite melt, potentially a late-stage crystallization cumulate from the martian magma ocean stage. In the context of this model, and 54 within large uncertainties, our data hint at perturbation and potential decoupling of nakhlite Re-Os 55 56 isotope systematics from other isotopic systems as a result of small degrees of assimilation of a regolith component with highly radiogenic <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os. 57

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#### 60 **1 – Introduction**

Magmas represent windows to comprehend the interior evolution and geochemical diversity of terrestrial planets. Magmatic activity and degassing are key processes for transferring sulphur, along with other elements, from the interior to the surface during the evolution of a planetary body. In the case of Mars, low water activity, low temperatures, and the lack of plate tectonics has favoured the preservation of a sulphur-rich regolith during the last ~2 billion years (King and McLennan, 2010). In fact, the martian regolith contains concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub> up to 8 wt.% (Clark et al., 1976; Foley et al., 2003).

68 The terrestrial and martian mantles have been reported to contain similar and chondrite-relative 69 highly siderophile elements (HSE; Os, Ir, Ru, Rh, Pt, Pd, Au, and Re) abundances (Birck & Allegre, 70 1994; Warren & Kallemeyn, 1996; Brandon et al., 2000, 2012; Dale et al., 2012; Tait and Day, 2018), 71 which has important implications for accretion theory and astrophysical modelling of Solar System 72 evolution (e.g., Bottke et al., 2010). However, sulphur abundance estimates for the martian mantle 73 range between 400 and 2200 ppm (Wang and Becker, 2017 and references therein) - much higher 74 than the Earth's mantle (around 250 ppm; McDonough and Sun, 1995). The aim of this study was to 75 use rhenium-osmium (Re-Os) isotope systematics and HSE abundances, alongside S-isotope 76 systematics, to test whether the nakhlite group of martian meteorites preserve robust isotopic 77 information from the martian interior (Morgan, 1986; Shirey & Walker, 1998; Righter et al., 2000; 78 McSween & Huss, 2010; Walker, 2016). 79 Martian meteorites are the only available rocks from the surface of Mars. These meteorites can be

80 divided into shergottites (basalts), nakhlites (clinopyroxene-rich rocks), and chassignites (olivine 81 cumulates), with a few other exceptional meteorites. Berkley et al. (1980), Treiman (1986, 2005), 82 and Bridges & Grady (2000) argued that nakhlite petrographic features are consistent with this suite of meteorites sampling a single cumulate pile. However, recent <sup>40</sup>Ar-<sup>39</sup>Ar geochronology suggests 83 that their crystallization ages differ by ~93 Ma, consistent with the nakhlites being derived from a 84 85 series of lava flows or sills that were emplaced between ~1416 and 1322 Ma, probably from the 86 same source (Cohen et al., 2017; Udry and Day, 2018). In this manuscript, we refer to the nakhlites 87 as a series of lava flows.

Franz et al. (2014) used a combination of bulk rock sulphur analyses ( $\delta^{34}$ S,  $\Delta^{33}$ S,  $\Delta^{36}$ S) and *in situ* 

89 pyrrhotite mineral analyses ( $\delta^{34}$ S,  $\Delta^{33}$ S) to determine sulphur isotope anomalies in martian

90 meteorites. These authors determined the  $\Delta^{33}$ S of the shergottite mantle source to be 0.009 ‰,

91 based on the mean value of 28 meteorites. This value closely corresponds to the value measured for

92 the shergottite Yamato (Y)-980459, which reportedly retains the most reliable signatures of the

93 martian mantle (e.g., Usui et al., 2012). However, Franz et al. (2014) were unable to calculate a

- 94 robust value for the nakhlite mantle source region, as *in situ* secondary ion mass spectrometry
- 95 (SIMS) analyses of sulphide grains were acquired from only two of the nakhlites (Nakhla and Miller
- 96 Range (MIL) 03346) and their  $\Delta^{33}$ S values varied widely (0.06 ± 0.21 ‰ and -0.72 ± 0.13 ‰,
- 97 respectively). This variation was reported to have been caused by sulphate assimilation during melt
- 98 eruption, affecting subsequent pyrrhotite crystallization. Franz et al. (2014) argued that sulphides
- and sulphates in the martian meteorites can thus be affected by assimilation of sulphur derived from
- atmospheric UV photochemical reactions, which was deposited at the surface as oxidized sulphur
- and incorporated in the martian regolith. This data is in agreement with other previously published
- 102 sulphur isotope data for the nakhlites, including evidence for mass independent fractionation (MIF),
- 103 which suggests assimilation of sulphur occurred at some point during nakhlite formation (e.g.,
- 104 Farquhar et al., 2000, 2007; Greenwood et al., 2000a,b; Dottin III et al., 2018).
- 105 These sulphur isotope systematics can be used to discern if the HSE abundances in nakhlite magmas 106 are affected by crustal assimilation, or if they represent Mars mantle reservoirs. The HSE systematics 107 of martian meteorites have been used to infer chondritic relative abundances of these elements in 108 the martian mantle, and to thereby trace late-accretion of broadly chondritic materials to Mars after 109 the last major magma ocean phase at ~4.5 Ga (e.g., Brandon et al., 2000, 2012; Riches et al., 2011; 110 Tait and Day, 2018). Crucially, the HSEs exhibit chalcophile element behaviour when metal is absent 111 from the mineralogical assemblage, preferring to partition into sulphides (Day et al., 2016, and 112 references therein), which is important in terms of HSE partitioning.
- 113 Rhenium-Os isotope data are available for many shergottites and one chassignite, but with respect 114 to the nakhlite meteorites there are only two analyses of Nakhla (Brandon et al., 2000; Dale et al., 2012). This lack of published data is, in part, due to the low abundance of HSE (0.1-2 ppb or less) in 115 116 the nakhlites (Treiman et al., 1986; Jones et al., 2003). In addition, a large age correction needs to be 117 applied (1.3 Ga since nakhlite crystallization), and the effects of crustal assimilation within Nakhla 118 are not clear (McCubbin et al., 2003; Franz et al., 2014; Udry and Day, 2018). Therefore, Nakhla may 119 not be a reliable indicator of the nakhlite's true Os-isotopic mantle source composition. To address these challenges, we have expanded the nakhlite Re-Os isotope and HSE dataset to include Lafayette 120 121 and one of the paired Miller Range nakhlites (MIL 090032). These two meteorites are potentially 122 highly informative as they plot at the two extremes of S-isotope composition for the nakhlites 123 (Farguhar et al., 2000; Greenwood et al., 2000; Franz et al., 2014). We also analysed a fraction of Nakhla. This nakhlite is known to have S-isotope composition of aggregated sulphides intermediate 124 to the Miller Range and Lafayette meteorites. Sulphur isotope ( $\Delta^{33}$ S and  $\delta^{34}$ S) data were acquired 125 from sulphide grains in Nakhla, Lafayette, MIL 090032, Y-000749, and Y-000593 to determine the 126

- 127 amount of crustal assimilation that has occurred in each meteorite during eruption, and to define 128 the possible  $\Delta^{33}$ S range for the nakhlite mantle source.
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#### 130 2 – Methodology

#### 131 **2.1 – Sample preparation and chemical mapping**

Chips were used for Re-Os isotope and HSE analysis, while thin sections were used for S-isotope
analyses. The chips (~0.5 g) were from Nakhla (BM.1913,25), Lafayette (BM.1979,755), and MIL
090032 (100); thin sections were from Nakhla (BM.1913,26#2), Lafayette (BM.1979,755), MIL
090032 (28), Y-000593 (37), and Y-000749 (59). Samples were obtained from the Natural History
Museum of London (Nakhla, Lafayette), NASA Johnson Space Center (MIL 090032), and JAXA (Y000593, Y-000749). All samples were from the interior portions of the meteorite, lacking any fusion
crust.

139 We used a novel methodology in which petrographic information was constrained, for the first time, 140 prior to destruction of that same sample volume via acid digestion. This approach provides 141 mineralogical context to inform our interpretations of HSE-abundance and Re-Os isotopic data. To 142 achieve this, we polished the sample chips of Nakhla (0.4 g) and Lafayette (0.6 g) using disks of SiC 143 and 0.3  $\mu$ m of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, then rinsed with MQ H<sub>2</sub>O. The procedure was undertaken to remove any 144 potential contamination to the chips' surface from earlier cutting and processing by the meteorite 145 curators. As the final step of this treatment involved repeated rinsing in MQ H<sub>2</sub>O and visual 146 inspection, we believe that any potential contamination of the sample by Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> residue was 147 removed. However, it remains possible that microscopic traces of  $Al_2O_3$  could introduce Re, very 148 small amounts of radiogenic Os, and potentially perturb the HSE and Os-isotopic systematics, in 149 which case we would anticipate variable chondrite-relative HSE patterns for the analysed nakhlites. 150 The MIL 090032 chip (0.5 g) had a flat surface and did not require polishing. These chips were not 151 subject to carbon coating during the acquisition of high spatial resolution images and compositional 152 mapping. Corresponding thin sections for each of the nakhlites used in this work were carbon coated 153 to a thickness of 20-25 nm for compositional mapping by secondary electron microscopy prior to ion 154 microprobe work.

A Zeiss field-emission Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM), housed in the Imaging Spectroscopy and
 Analysis Centre of the University of Glasgow, was used to characterise thin-sections and the flat side
 of the prepared chips. Operating conditions were: 8.5 mm working distance, 2.15 nA beam current,
 and 20 kV accelerating voltage. Acquired X-ray spectra were calibrated using mineral standards.

159 Backscattered electron (BSE) images and energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) X-ray element maps

160 (for Si, Mg, Fe, Ca) were obtained for the chips lacking carbon coating with the SEM operated in low

161 vacuum. Backscattered electron images and EDS X-ray spectra were generated for carbon coated

thin sections of Nakhla, Lafayette, MIL 090032, Y-000749, and Y-000593 with the SEM operated at

163 high vacuum. Of particular interest were the sulphides (pyrrhotite/pyrite). Every recognized sulphide

164 on the exposed surface was imaged and quantitatively chemically analysed to determine its

165 mineralogy (see **Supplementary Materials** for further details).

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# 167 **2.2 – Sulphur isotope systematics**

168 To obtain the desired spatial resolution during *in situ* analysis of pyrrhotite and pyrite for  $\delta^{34}$ S,  $\delta^{33}$ S,

and  $\Delta^{33}$ S, five polished thin-sections (one each of Nakhla, Lafayette, MIL 090032, Y-000749, and Y-

170 000593) were analysed via SIMS. Samples were cleaned with ethanol and coated with gold to a

171 thickness of ~20  $\mu m$  to permit conductivity, before loading into the sample chamber of the ion

172 probe.

173 Sulphur isotope compositions were measured on the CAMECA IMS 1280 ion microprobe (SIMS) at

174 the Centre de Recherches Pétrographiques et Géochimiques (CRPG) in Nancy (France) by

175 simultaneous measurements of <sup>32</sup>S-, <sup>33</sup>S-, and <sup>34</sup>S- in multicollection mode with three off-axis Faraday

176 cups (FCs) in slit 2 mode that allows for a mass resolution  $M/\Delta M = 5000$ . The FCs were

177 intercalibrated before the analytical session to determine their relative yields. Samples were

178 sputtered with a  $Cs^+$  primary beam of 3-nA intensity, accelerated at 13 kV and focused on a spot of

 $179~~^{15}\,\mu\text{m}$  diameter. Pyrite, pyrrhotite and galena standards were used to determine the instrumental

180 mass fractionation (IMF) and the reference mass instrumental law (allowing  $\Delta^{33}$ S to be calculated).

- 181 Typical <sup>32</sup>S count rates were between  $\sim 1.2 \times 10^9$  and  $1.5 \times 10^9$  cps, depending on the sulphide
- standard analysed. A typical analysis consisted of 2 min of pre-sputtering with a 20  $\mu$ m raster,
- 183 followed by data acquisition for 40 cycles of 5 s each. Faraday cup backgrounds were measured

during the pre-sputtering before each analysis and then used for correcting the data. Automatic

185 mass and transfer deflector centerings were implemented in the analysis routine to ensure

186 reproducible analytical conditions during the session. Each measurement takes around 7 minutes

187 per spot. Typical  $\pm 2\sigma$  standard errors achieved under these conditions were ~0.1-0.3 ‰ for  $\delta^{34}$ S,

188 ~0.1-0.2 ‰ for  $\delta^{33}$ S, and ~0.1-0.25 ‰ for  $\Delta^{33}$ S.

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## 190 **2.3 –** Analytical procedure for Os-isotope systematics and HSE

191 Nakhla, Lafayette, and MIL 090032 were analysed for HSE abundances and Re-Os isotope 192 compositions. Textural characterisation of each sample fragment was retained prior to destruction 193 of the same material fraction. All samples were weighed before and after crushing so that any loss of 194 sample during this process could be quantified. The HSE chemical separation for Nakhla and 195 Lafayette was conducted in ultra-clean laboratories at the Durham Geochemistry Centre (class 100), Durham University (see Supplementary Materials for further details). We used a mixed <sup>190</sup>Os-<sup>191</sup>Ir-196 <sup>99</sup>Ru–<sup>194</sup>Pt–<sup>106</sup>Pd–<sup>185</sup>Re basalt spike for Nakhla and Lafayette. This spike was selected because we 197 anticipated fractionated HSE in the nakhlites relative to chondrite or peridotite-like HSE abundances; 198 199 the basalt spike has high Re/Os thereby ensuring accurate spiking. The Total Procedural Blank (TPB) 200 and sample digestions were processed in a high pressure asher and run at 270° C for 18 hours to 201 liberate the HSE from sample powders and to achieve sample-spike equilibration. Following this 202 digestion step, extraction of Os from the solution was performed using a chloroform solvent 203 extraction approach (after Cohen and Waters, 1996). Osmium was then back-extracted into HBr, and 204 was purified via microdistillation (Birck et al., 1997) prior to filament loading. All the other analysed 205 HSE were separated and purified using anion exchange and LN-spec chromatography (cf., Pearson 206 and Woodland, 2000; Puchtel et al., 2008; Chu et al., 2015; Supplementary Materials).

MIL 090032 was analysed in the laboratories at the Freie Universität Berlin following similar
laboratory processing protocols to those of Durham University. The polished surface of the sample
chip was cleaned with some ethanol but not further abraded because the surface appeared porous
and the chip fragile. Afterwards the chip was powdered in an agate mill. Sample digestion and
chemical separation was conducted following the protocol of Fischer-Gödde et al. (2010, 2011). To
remove Zr an additional clean-up step was applied for Pd following the protocol of Chu et al. (2015).
Acquisition of <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os for this one sample fragment was unsuccessful.

214 The HSE were measured using an Element XR instrument (Berlin) and Element 2 (Durham). The 215 sample was introduced via a conventional Scott-type glass spray chamber. An Aridus I membrane 216 desolvation system was used for HSE at Berlin. Highly siderophile element signals were detected in 217 low resolution mode with a secondary electron multiplier. Rubidium, Sr, Y, Zr, Mo, Cd, Tm, Yb, Lu, Hf, 218 Ta, Os, and Hg were analyzed to monitor isobaric interferences and potentially interfering oxide 219 species. Oxide formation rates were <4.5 % and <0.8 % for the Scott-type spray chamber at Berlin 220 and Durham, respectively, and <0.15 % using the Aridus at Berlin. The internal precision of measured 221 isotope ratios ranges from 0.2 to 0.8 % (2o). Background-corrected element ratios were corrected 222 for mass discrimination using IUPAC values by comparison with ratios in a HSE standard solution measured in the same sequence. Isotopic ratios of <sup>99</sup>Ru/<sup>101</sup>Ru, <sup>105</sup>Pd/<sup>108</sup>Pd, <sup>185</sup>Re/<sup>187</sup>Re, <sup>191</sup>Ir/<sup>193</sup>Ir and 223 <sup>194</sup>Pt/<sup>195</sup>Pt were used for isotope dilution calculations. Isotope ratios <sup>105</sup>Pd/<sup>106</sup>Pd and <sup>194</sup>Pt/<sup>196</sup>Pt were 224

- 225 used to monitor possible interferences. Concentrations of monoisotopic Rh and Au were determined
- via a combined internal/external standardization technique for the <sup>197</sup>Au/<sup>191</sup>Ir and <sup>103</sup>Rh/<sup>101</sup>Ru ratios
- 227 (Fischer-Gödde et al., 2010). Consistency and possible interferences were checked by comparison to
- results from <sup>197</sup>Au/<sup>195</sup>Pt and <sup>103</sup>Rh/<sup>191</sup>Ir ratios. Four blanks were determined. Blank contributions are:
- 229 8.4 % Re; 24 % Ir; 3.8 % Ru; 1.1 % Pt; 2.9 % Rh; 17.5 % Pd; 24 % Au at Berlin; while blank
- 230 contributions at Durham are Re, 0.42-0.49 %; Os, 0.70-4.20 %, <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os = 0.132; Ir, 0.10-0.26 %;
- Ru, 0.04 %; Pt, 0.25-0.4 %; Pd, 0.87-1.0 %. The elemental abundances of the samples were corrected
- using the blank values reported in the **Supplementary Materials**.

234 **3 – Results** 

### 235 **3.1 – Textural characterization of the chips**

The Nakhla chip (Fig. 1a) was characterized by a high proportion of mostly euhedral augite (~80%; 11.5 mm), and a lesser volume of euhedral to subhedral olivine (~8%; 0.3-1 mm in maximum
dimension) – extensive areas of the chip had no olivine crystals. Plagioclase made up ~5 vol.% of the
sample, while mesostasis represented ~7 vol.%. Texturally, a low degree (< 10%) of fracturing was</li>
observed among the minerals. A single 0.3 mm long sulphate grain was present in a Si-rich area of
the chip (Fig. 1a). Other smaller (< 0.1 mm) sulphates and sulphides were present throughout the</li>

242 chip.

243 The Lafayette chip (Fig. 1b) was characterized by a higher proportion of euhedral to subhedral

olivine (~15%; 200-800 μm crystal size) and a lower volumetric percentage of pyroxene (~75%; 500-

- 245 1800 μm in maximum dimension) relative to the Nakhla chip; mesostasis was ~10 vol.%. Pyroxene
- was mostly subhedral and in some cases contained olivine inclusions of <50 μm. The chip was
- characterized by a low degree (< 10%) of mineral fracturing and several small (< 0.1 mm) sulphates</li>and sulphides.
- 249 The MIL 090032 chip (Fig. 1c) was characterized by a high proportion of mostly euhedral pyroxene
- 250 (~80%; 1000-1300  $\mu m$  crystal sizes), with a minor amount of olivine (~10%; generally 500-700  $\mu m$  in
- 251 maximum dimension) and a magnetite/olivine-rich mesostasis (~10%) that contains-numerous
- 252 microcrystals (<5 μm) of olivine. The chip shows a low degree (< 15%) of fracturing. In some areas,
- both olivine and pyroxene contained glassy inclusions of 30 μm in maximum dimension. Olivine was
- 254 distributed heterogeneously and it occurred only in one area.
- Our observations of these nakhlite chips are in agreement with previous petrographic observations
  of thin sections and chips of Nakhla (Treiman, 1990; Lentz et al., 1999; Corrigan et al., 2015; Udry

and Day, 2018), Lafayette (Bunch and Reid, 1975; Boctor et al., 1976; Treiman et al., 1993; Corrigan
et al., 2015; Udry and Day, 2018), and MIL 090032 (Day et al., 2005, 2006; Stopar et al., 2005; Udry
et al., 2012; Corrigan et al., 2015; Udry and Day, 2018). However, the Nakhla chip studied here
differs from previous observations in hosting a large sulphate grain, supporting heterogeneously
distributed HSE-carrying trace phases in nakhlites.

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#### 263 3.2 – Sulphur isotopes

Pyrrhotite and pyrite grains were identified adjacent to mesostasis (glass) in each thin section, and 264 265 also occur as inclusions within augite (Fig. 2). These sulphides differ in size between meteorites: Nakhla 20-40 μm; Lafayette 20-60 μm; MIL 090032 10-60 μm; Y-000593 50-250 μm; and Y-000749 266 267 15-40 µm. The sulphide grains are relatively pure, containing few inclusions, or exsolved blebs/lamellae, of other phases. Sulphides in the five nakhlites analysed here show significant 268 variation in sulphur isotopic composition, with  $\Delta^{33}$ S from -0.76 to 0.04 ‰ and  $\delta^{34}$ S from -13.2 to 15.1 269 270 ‰ (Table 1). Sulphur isotopes analysed from five pyrrhotite grains in Nakhla give a range of  $\Delta^{33}$ S from -0.12 to 0.02 ‰, with an average of -0.05  $\pm$  0.08 ‰ and an average  $\delta^{34}S$  of -1.59  $\pm$  0.10 ‰. 271 These values are in agreement with  $\Delta^{33}$ S = -0.09 ‰ analysed via acid extraction and with  $\delta^{34}$ S of -1.6 272 ‰ analysed via chrome reducible sulphur extraction in sulphides from Nakhla by Farquhar et al. 273 (2007). However, our data show a slightly more negative result relative to the data of Franz et al. 274 275 (2014) (mean  $\Delta^{33}$ S = 0.08 ‰ with some grains as low as -0.33 ‰, and mean  $\delta^{34}$ S = -0.51 ‰. The SIMS 276 measurements of Greenwood et al. (2000b) for pyrrhotite grains in Nakhla agree well with our values, having a range in  $\Delta^{33}$ S = -0.4 ± 0.5 to -0.07 ± 0.5 ‰ and a  $\delta^{34}$ S = -4.5 ± 0.4 to 1.4 ± 0.4 ‰. 277 Similar to Nakhla, two pyrrhotite grains in Y-000749 gave an average  $\Delta^{33}$ S = -0.10 ± 0.15 ‰ and  $\delta^{34}$ S 278 =  $-1.1 \pm 0.11$ , while only one pyrrhotite was analysed for Y-000593 ( $\Delta^{33}$ S =  $-0.18 \pm 0.07$  ‰;  $\delta^{34}$ S = 279  $-1.3 \pm 0.08$ ). Lafayette pyrite analysis (five grains) yielded a range of values in  $\Delta^{33}$ S = -0.26 to 0.04 ‰ 280 and a  $\delta^{34}$ S = -13.2 to -8.53 ‰, with an average  $\Delta^{33}$ S = -0.09 ± 0.12 ‰, which approaches the  $\Delta^{33}$ S = 281 282 0.07 ‰ in Lafayette pyrite analysed by Farquhar et al. (2000). Sulphur isotope data obtained for five grains of MIL 090032 show a  $\Delta^{33}$ S = -0.76 to -0.62 ‰ and a  $\delta^{34}$ S = 7.60 to 15.1 ‰, with an average 283  $\Delta^{33}$ S = -0.67 ± 0.10 ‰ and  $\delta^{34}$ S = 10.5 ‰. Previous measurements via chemical extractions from the 284 four paired Miller Range nakhlites gave a range of  $\Delta^{33}$ S from -0.43 to -0.53 ‰, in particular an earlier 285 study of the MIL 090136 material gave values that are in the range of our own analysis, with an 286 average  $\Delta^{33}$ S = -0.4 ‰ and  $\delta^{34}$ S = 7.66 ‰ (Franz et al., 2014; Dottin III et al., 2018). 287

#### 289 **3.3 – Rhenium-Os isotope systematics and HSE**

- 290 Lafayette and Nakhla have broadly similar CI-normalized HSE patterns (Fig. 3a), with a general 291 depletion of Os, Ir, and Ru relative to Pd and Re (Table 2). However, osmium normalised to CI-292 chondrite/10,000 (Os<sub>N</sub>) is slightly more abundant (1.69) in Lafayette than in Nakhla (0.25). Osmium, 293 Ir, Ru, and Pt are in agreement with earlier HSE-abundance studies of Nakhla (as reviewed by Jones 294 et al., 2003), with the exception of Pd and Re that show higher abundances in our new data (2.24 295 and 0.117 ppb, respectively). In general, Os, Ir, Ru, and Pt in Nakhla fall in the range between 296 previous HSE analyses of Nakhla by Dale et al. (2012) and Jones et al. (2003). Platinum, Pd, and Re of 297 Nakhla and Lafayette show similarities with measured Pt and Pd in Chassigny (Jones et al., 2003). 298 Nakhla has the highest  $(\text{Re/Ir})_{N} = 148$  and  $(\text{Pt/Ir})_{N} = 96$  among the studied set of samples, while 299 Lafayette has the highest value in  $(Os/Ir)_{N}$  = 3.44 for these nakhlites (Fig. 5). The MIL 090032 CI-300 normalised HSE pattern is slightly different from the patterns of Nakhla and Lafayette, with higher 301 absolute Os, Ir, and Ru, and Pt (4.54 ppb) having the highest CI-chondrite normalised value. 302 Nakhla and Lafayette display different Re and Os abundances and Re-Os isotope systematics (Table 2; Fig. 3b). Lafayette has a <sup>187</sup>Re/<sup>188</sup>Os and <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os of 6 ± 6 and 0.1849 ± 0.0003 (uncertainties are 303 expressed as 2σ internal precision), respectively. Nakhla is characterized by the highest <sup>187</sup>Re/<sup>188</sup>Os 304 value of 49 ± 49 and an  $^{187}$ Os/ $^{188}$ Os of 0.4542 ± 0.0018. Despite large uncertainties on  $^{187}$ Re/ $^{188}$ Os and 305 crystallisation ages >1 Gyr, we tried to calculate the initial <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os composition of the sample 306 307 with its percent deviation from the chondritic reference (Shirey & Walker, 1998) using the  $YO_{s_i}$ notation. The assumed crystallization ages of the most recent <sup>39</sup>Ar-<sup>40</sup>Ar dating (Cohen et al., 2017) 308 were used for our calculations. The calculated  $\gamma Os_i$  is strongly negative. Data on initial <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os 309
- 310 and  $\gamma Os_i$  are reported in Table 2.

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#### 312 4 – Discussion

#### 313 4.1 – Potential for terrestrial alteration and weathering

Some of the nakhlites analysed here could have been affected by alteration during their residence on Earth. In samples recovered from hot deserts the formation of terrestrial clay and carbonate (e.g., Crozaz et al., 2003) can modify lithophile isotope systematics (e.g., Symes et al., 2008) and potentially perturb the Re-Os isotope system. Nakhla was seen to fall, and was recovered shortly thereafter. The provenance of Lafayette is less clear, but its fresh fusion crust suggests it was collected soon after it fell (e.g., Graham et al., 1985). However, even weathering events lasting a few hours have been shown to cause Re and minor Os redistribution in chondrites from fresh falls 321 (Walker et al., 2018). Terrestrial clays or carbonates are not found within either of these nakhlites,

322 hence the Re-Os isotope system and their sulphides (as supported by our petrographic observations)

323 should not be significantly affected by terrestrial alteration. In addition, initial <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios of

Nakhla and Lafayette (0.70254 and 0.70260, respectively) also show little variation (Gale et al., 1975;

Shih et al., 1998), suggesting minor or no modification of Sr isotope due to clay and carbonate

326 mineralization.

327 In contrast, the Miller Range and Yamato nakhlites are Antarctic finds, hence have had greater exposure to the terrestrial environment. The light rare earth element, cerium (Ce) can act as an 328 alteration tracer via the conversion of  $Ce^{3+}$  to  $Ce^{4+}$  due to oxidation, with pigeonite being the most 329 susceptible mineral (Crozaz et al., 2003). Cerium anomalies can be found in silicates of the Antarctic 330 331 Yamato nakhlites (Crozaz et al., 2003), and terrestrially derived jarosite sulphate has been reported 332 towards the exterior of Yamato 000749 (Changela and Bridges, 2011). However, Pb isotope 333 systematics within these nakhlites reflect minimal terrestrial contamination (Yamashita et al., 2002), 334 and the Rb-Sr and Sm-Nd isotope systematics provide little evidence for terrestrial weathering. 335 Olivine and sulphide within the Miller Range nakhlites has suffered aqueous corrosion during 336 residence in Antarctica (Dyar et al., 2005; Hallis and Taylor, 2011; Hallis, 2013; Velbel, 2016). Long 337 exposure to water/snow may have resulted in an addition of anthropogenic radiogenic osmium 338 (Chen et al., 2009). However, terrestrial alteration in the Miller Range nakhlites was considered in previous studies to have no significant impact on the  $\Delta^{33}$ S and  $\delta^{34}$ S of its unweathered sulphides, 339 which thereby robustly trace processes on Mars (Dottin III et al., 2018). Hafnium-W isotope values 340 for Nakhla, Lafayette, and MIL 03346 are 0.7-2.25 (Lodders, 1998; Barrat et al., 2006), with a 341 calculated  $\epsilon^{182}$ W of 3.13 ± 0.30 for Nakhla (Lee & Halliday, 1997) and of -2.95 ± 0.08 for MIL 03346 342 (Wadhwa & Borg, 2006), thus demonstrating minor variation and minimal Hf-W isotope disturbance 343 344 between these nakhlites.

The potential effects of terrestrial alteration on HSE abundances and Re-Os isotopic compositionsare addressed in Section 4.3.1.

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#### 348 **4.2 – Origin of sulphur isotopic anomalies in sulphides of nakhlites**

349 The variation of  $\Delta^{33}$ S and  $\delta^{34}$ S in the nakhlites, in reference to our dataset, could be due to

350 differences in the chemistry of the atmosphere and surface or alteration by subsurface martian

- fluids (Farquhar et al., 2000; Franz et al., 2014). To have confidence in which of our nakhlite HSE and
- 352 Re-Os isotope data are the most representative of the martian magma source(s) for nakhlite

meteorites, it is useful to know the extent to which each nakhlite might have been affected by
regolith assimilation; where with 'regolith' we refer to heterogeneous, unconsolidated, and
relatively superficial martian surface deposits.

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# 357 4.2.1 – Isotopic fractionation of $\Delta^{33}$ S in sulphides of nakhlites

Our analyses of Nakhla, Lafayette, MIL 090032, Y-000749, and Y-000593 sulphide grains gave mean  $\Delta^{33}$ S values of -0.05 ± 0.08 ‰, -0.09 ± 0.12 ‰, -0.67 ± 0.10 ‰, -0.10 ± 0.15 ‰, and -0.18 ± 0.07 ‰, respectively (Fig. 4a). Assuming that some of these sulphide grains may be more isotopically fractionated than others, it is important to determine whether the sulphur isotopic signatures are representative of the sample as a whole, and if they are magmatic or non-magmatic in origin.

Appraisal of the petrographic characteristics of our studied samples prior to SIMS analyses showed that we sampled a representative set of pyrite and pyrrhotite grains in terms of textural associations, but that we observed a bias toward grains > 10 µm in size. Virtually, the magma involved in the generation of the nakhlites can be considered as affected by a degree of crustal assimilation coincident with eruption onto the martian surface (e.g., Franz et al., 2014). The challenge is to disentangle the degree to which the chemistries of the analysed nakhlites were affected by assimilation during the transit of magmas through Mars' crust and during eruptive processes.

370 Anomalous sulphur is constrained by its mass-independent fractionation (MIF) signature. Large variations in  $\delta^{34}$ S can modify the  $\Delta^{33}$ S of a sulphide by chemical mixing. However, it has been 371 demonstrated that the values of  $\delta^{34}$ S in martian meteorites do not vary enough to be able to explain 372 the observed variation in  $\Delta^{33}$ S (Farquhar et al., 2000; Farquhar et al., 2007; Franz et al., 2014). 373 374 Detection of MIF or non-MIF signatures for sulphur could be constrained by the displacement of 375 non-zero values of  $\Delta^{33}$ S for each meteorite analysed here, where a magmatic only  $\Delta^{33}$ S is characterized by near zero values (i.e.,  $\Delta^{33}$ S = 0). Lafayette has zero (0.03 ± 0.08‰) to slightly 376 negative (-0.26  $\pm$  0.08‰)  $\Delta^{33}$ S in its sulphide grains. This inter-grain variation in Lafayette is the 377 largest heterogeneity in  $\Delta^{33}$ S of the meteorite dataset that we analysed, implying the presence of 378 379 both non-MIF (i.e., magmatic) and MIF signatures (assimilation) in Lafayette sulphur. In the case of 380 MIF signatures, these were likely induced by assimilation of regolith-derived sulphur (including 381 regolith affected by brines) during emplacement of Lafayette lava flow on the martian surface. Though relevant for the present-day Mars, data from NASA's Curiosity rover shows a  $\delta^{34}$ S with a 382 383 range far in excess of that observed among nakhlites (-47 to 28‰; Franz et al., 2017), it is reasonable 384 to conclude that these observations imply that the assimilation of even a small percentage of Mars'

regolith at the time of nakhlite formation could significantly shift the sulphur isotopic composition ofthese nakhlites (by several ‰).

For Nakhla we obtained a  $\Delta^{33}$ S equal to zero (-0.05 ± 0.08‰, *n* = 5), suggesting a magmatic origin 387 388 (non-MIF signature) for all sulphur in Nakhla. This value is in accordance with a previously reported mean  $\Delta^{33}$ S of 0.06‰ for Nakhla sulphides (Franz et al., 2014). However, Nakhla is internally variable 389 and some of the studied sulphides show more negative  $\Delta^{33}$ S, with  $\Delta^{33}$ S as low as -0.33‰ and -0.4‰ 390 (Greenwood et al., 2000a,b; Franz et al., 2014). We report similar near zero values of  $\Delta^{33}$ S from the 391 three sulphide grains in Y-000749 (average  $\Delta^{33}$ S = -0.10 ± 0.15 ‰; with one sulphide having a 392 magmatic  $\Delta^{33}$ S = 0.00 ± 0.13 ‰) and from the sulphide grain in Y-000593 ( $\Delta^{33}$ S = -0.18 ± 0.07 ‰). 393 However, we were not able to analyse sulphide grains smaller than 10  $\mu$ m in these nakhlites and  $\Delta^{33}$ S 394 395 values may be somewhat internally variable. Based on the analysed sulphide grains, we suggest a 396 non-primordial mantle sulphur signal but still a dominantly magmatic origin for the sulphur isotopic 397 systematics of Nakhla, Y-000749, and Y-000593, without large extents of regolith assimilation during 398 their magmatic emplacement. Miller Range 090032 represents the meteorite with the most marked MIF signatures in sulphide grains, with a negative mean  $\Delta^{33}$ S of -0.67 ± 0.10‰, with wide variability 399 between grains (Fig. 4). Large variability in  $\Delta^{33}$ S in sulphides of the Miller Range paired nakhlites is 400 401 also in agreement with Franz et al. (2014) and Dottin III et al. (2018). These values suggest that 402 sulphides in MIL 090032 are affected by MIF signatures, probably caused by secondary processes 403 that occurred on Mars (Mikouchi et al., 2003), as suggested by Franz et al. (2014) for the paired 404 stone MIL 03346. Secondary processing possibilities are explored below.

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# 406 4.2.2 – Isotopic fractionation of $\delta^{34}$ S in sulphides of nakhlites

407 The absence of crustal recycling on Mars may have been effective in leaving heterogeneous sulphur 408 signatures on the surface. Sulphur isotope ratios can be fractionated by three main processes: 409 hydrothermal (e.g., Ohmoto & Goldhaber, 1997), photochemical (e.g., Zmolek et al., 1999; Farquhar 410 et al., 2001), and biological (e.g., Parnell et al., 2010). In addition to these processes, we discuss also possible magmatic processes that can fractionate  $\delta^{34}$ S. Large isotopic fractionations of  $\delta^{34}$ S have 411 412 been investigated recently by the NASA's Curiosity rover from a 13 km long transect in Gale Crater (Franz et al., 2017). The measured  $\delta^{34}$ S ranged from -47 ± 14 ‰ to 28 ± 7 ‰ (Fig. 4b); whether the 413 negative values occurred in sulphides and the positive values occurred in sulphates or sulphites 414 (mudstone and sandstone) is yet to be resolved. The reason Curiosity reported a greater range in 415 416  $\delta^{34}$ S than that observed in martian meteorites is probably due to the accumulation of fine crustal 417 materials in Gale crater following long periods of fluvial and/or aeolian transport.

- 418 Nakhlite sulphur isotopic signatures have been interpreted as reflecting both equilibrium
- 419 fractionation in a warmed martian groundwater environment (low  $\delta^{34}$ S) or atmospheric
- 420 photochemical processes (high  $\delta^{34}$ S) (Franz et al., 2017). In particular, the  $\delta^{34}$ S enrichment is
- 421 reported to derive from atmospheric processing of SO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S via martian volcanic activity
- 422 (processes capable of producing positive  $\delta^{34}$ S signatures) with subsequent incorporation of these
- 423 products into the martian surface/subsurface (Franz et al., 2017, see Fig. 2). This was also deduced
- 424 experimentally (Franz et al., 2013) and from oxidation of SO<sub>2</sub> in volcanic ashes (Savarino, 2003).
- Fractionation of  $\delta^{34}$ S differs for all the five nakhlites analysed here (Fig. 4b). However, it is important 425 to notice that the  $\delta^{34}$ S variation could not be a full signature of the contaminant. It is possible that S 426 loss processes can fractionate  $\delta^{34}$ S, and such processes would not be expected to significantly shift 427 the  $\Delta^{33}$ S. Thus, the  $\delta^{34}$ S of the samples with the most anomalous  $\Delta^{33}$ S might reflect a different 428 combination of processes, related to addition of sulphur, that would exert the first order control on 429  $\Delta^{33}$ S, and then loss of sulphur that would exert a first order control on  $\delta^{34}$ S due to kinetic stable 430 isotopic fractionation. Sulphides in Nakhla, Y-000749, and Y-000593 have the most convincing 431 magmatic signatures, being characterized by a near zero mean  $\delta^{34}$ S (mean -1.59 ± 0.10‰, -1.18 ± 432 0.11‰, and -1.36 ± 0.08‰, respectively), supported also from their magmatic  $\Delta^{33}$ S values described 433 above. Conversely, MIL 090032 has an enriched  $\delta^{34}$ S (mean +10.54 ± 0.09‰), that is the largest 434 intra-meteorite variation in sulphur isotopic fractionation and the largest positive  $\delta^{34} S$  value 435 obtained in a martian material (+15.2  $\pm$  0.1‰). These values suggest enrichment of  $\delta^{34}$ S due to 436 437 martian atmospheric processes characterised by oxidation of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> or photolysis of sulphur compounds (gases) introduced by volcanic eruptions and outgassing (Savarino, 2003; Franz et al., 438 2017). This finding is similar to reported measurements of  $\delta^{34}$ S fractionation close to the vents of 439 440 terrestrial volcanoes (+7.7 ± 0.8‰; Mather et al., 2006).
- Lafavette has the greatest  $\delta^{34}$ S depletion yet described for a martian meteorite (average of -10.7 ± 441 0.2‰), with values of  $\delta^{34}$ S reaching -13.2 ± 0.1‰ – and lower than the Allan Hills (ALH) 84001,  $\delta^{34}$ S 442 443 values (~-9‰) previously reported for pyrite grains (Greenwood et al., 2000a). These values are suggestive of late-stage equilibrium fractionation with martian groundwater, consistent with the 444 Lafayette  $\Delta^{33}$ S results. Previous analysis of Lafayette reported values of  $\delta^{34}$ S of -3.2 ± 2.1‰ 445 (Greenwood et al., 2000b; Farquhar et al., 2000). The greater depletion in our  $\delta^{34}$ S values may reflect 446 447 heterogeneous assimilation of sulphur from the martian regolith. Alternatively (or in addition), 448 Lafayette sulphides have 'spongy' textures (Fig. 2c), which could be the product of alteration by shock melting with subsequent volatilisation effects (e.g., Gattacceca et al., 2013). Both Greenwood 449 et al. (2000b) and Farquhar et al. (2000) proposed mixing of fluids with heavy ( $\delta^{34}$ S > 0) and light 450

- 451 sulphur ( $\delta^{34}$ S < 0) as a hydrothermal process that can produce negative  $\delta^{34}$ S. Some of the nakhlite 452 lava flows may have been in contact with, or in close proximity, to a heavy sulphur source, while, in 453 general, all may have been affected by mixing with fluids characterized by contrasting  $\delta^{34}$ S values.
- 454 At temperatures <1200°C the magmatic degassing of SO<sub>2</sub> can modify the sulphur isotope ratios of
- 455 magmas (Sakai et al., 1982), depending on the  $fO_2$  (Carroll and Webster, 1994). Two cases are
- 456 possible: 1) if  $fO_2 >>$  quartz-fayalite-magnetite (QFM) buffer, sulphate is the dominant sulphur phase
- 457 in the magma. The consequent equilibrium isotopic fractionation factor will be positive ( $\Delta SO_4^2 SO_2 >$
- 458 0; Sakai et al., 1982), hence the residual melt is enriched in  $\delta^{34}$ S due to SO<sub>2</sub> degassing, producing
- 459 sulphides enriched in  $\delta^{34}$ S. 2) If  $fO_2 = QFM$  or  $fO_2 < QFM$  sulphide is the dominant sulphur phase in 460 the magma, with consequent negative equilibrium isotopic fractionation factor ( $\Delta S_2 - SO_2 < 0$ ; Sakai et
- 461 al., 1982). In this way, the melt may become depleted in  $\delta^{34}$ S. This mechanism leads to crystallization
- 462 of sulphides that are depleted in  $\delta^{34}$ S. Magmatic degassing could have been the cause of the positive
- 463  $\delta^{34}$ S signature in MIL 090032, by shifting the SO<sub>4</sub> in the silicate melt structure sulphates can be
- reduced to yield more positive  $\delta^{34}$ S values (see Labidi et al., 2015; Mandeville et al., 2009; Dottin III
- 465 et al., 2018), that was subsequently reduced to form the sulphides.
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#### 467 4.2.3 – Assimilation versus acquisition of Martian regolith during lava emplacement

The  $\Delta^{33}$ S and  $\delta^{34}$ S values presented here (Fig. 4), along with the fact that nakhlite sulphides are 468 469 associated with the mesostasis (hence are some of the last phases to crystallise) (Chevrier et al., 470 2011; Fig. 2), indicate assimilation of an S-rich martian regolith occurred within at least some of the nakhlite lava flows (Lafayette and MIL 090032). The range in  $\Delta^{33}$ S among the nakhlites may be 471 broadly related to the total sulphur content of each lava flow, where nakhlites with larger  $\Delta^{33}$ S 472 anomalies were in proximity of a "sulphur source", contrary to nakhlites with smaller  $\Delta^{33}$ S anomalies 473 474 (Dottin III et al., 2018). This sulphur source could be represented by the S-rich martian regolith (Foley 475 et al., 2003). Sulphides also occur in several different sizes and modal abundances in all nakhlite 476 meteorites. In the meteorite samples studied sulphide grain sizes range from 10  $\mu$ m to 250  $\mu$ m (Fig. 477 2). The recently recovered nakhlite Caleta el Cobre 022 has unusually abundant and coarse grained pyrrhotite (up to 200 µm) (Gattacceca et al., 2018). These inter-meteorite differences in sulphide 478 479 grain sizes are therefore further evidence to support the suggestion that sulphur-rich material was 480 acquired at different points of lava extrusion on the martian surface.

481 Nakhla and the two Yamato nakhlites contain dominantly magmatic sulphur isotope signatures (near 482 zero  $\Delta^{33}$ S and  $\delta^{34}$ S), indicating a lack of regolith incorporation. A <sup>17</sup>O excess of sulphate in Nakhla 483 reportedly suggests it spent a significant period of time in contact with the Martian atmosphere 484 (Farquhar et al., 2000). The simplest way of reconciling this atmospheric exposure with minimal 485 regolith uptake is to place Nakhla at the top of a lava flow. Alternatively, it could have been present 486 inside the carapace of a lava tube, where the main flow is in contact with the surface and easily 487 acquires sulphide/sulphate material from the Martian regolith while the carapace of the lava tube is 488 never in contact with the regolith but can be in contact with the atmosphere. This hypothesis could 489 also explain the regolith uptake of MIL 090032, if it was part of the main lava tube. These two nakhlites have the same age (within uncertainty; Cohen et al., 2017), but they have different  $\delta^{34}$ S 490 (Nakhla = -1.59 ± 0.10 ‰, MIL 090032 = +10.54 ± 0.09 ‰). This lava emplacement scenario is 491 492 supported by the guench-textured mesostasis of MIL 090032 and the other paired MIL nakhlites, 493 indicating surface exposure (Hallis and Taylor, 2011), possibly as a break-out event at the front or 494 side of the lava flow (Hammer, 2009). Further, skeletal mineral phases, glass, and thin hedenbergite 495 pyroxene rims in the MIL nakhlites has been taken as evidence of the fastest cooling rate among all 496 the nakhlites (6 °C/h) (Hammer and Rutherford, 2005; Day et al., 2006). Alternatively, if the MIL 497 nakhlites and Nakhla are not from the same lava flow, mineralogical evidence suggests that after 498 quenching the MIL nakhlite lava flow may have been blanketed with another flow that slowed down 499 the cooling rate (Domeneghetti et al., 2013) - this flow may have been that containing Nakhla.

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501  $4.2.4 - \Delta^{33}$ S of the nakhlite mantle source

Nakhla and the two Yamato meteorites have  $\delta^{34}$ S close to zero, and the smallest fractionation of 502  $\Delta^{33}$ S. This signature is interpreted to have a magmatic origin, hence these meteorites represent the 503 504 least isotopically disturbed of the nakhlites analysed here (from a sulphur isotope perspective), and by inference the most appropriate to constrain a possible  $\Delta^{33}$ S for the nakhlite mantle source region. 505 The average  $\Delta^{33}$ S value obtained for Nakhla, Yamato 000749, and Yamato 000593 sulphide grains is -506  $0.1 \pm 0.09$ %. This is slightly more negative than the shergottite mantle source value ( $\Delta^{33}$ S of 0.009 507 508 ‰) calculated by Franz et al. (2014), possibly due to the fact that different mantle reservoirs were 509 involved in the genesis of the shergottites and the nakhlites (e.g., Harper et al., 1995; Lee and 510 Halliday, 1997; Wadhwa, 2001; Jones et al., 2003; Foley et al., 2005).

511 It is unlikely that a  $\Delta^{33}$ S of a mantle reservoir shifted by 0.1 ‰ from an initial value of zero. Instead,

512 we attribute this  $\Delta^{33}$ S value to contamination by mass-independent sulphur that would have

originated in the martian atmosphere (Farquhar et al., 2000). It is conceivable that such atmospheric

sulphur (SO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S), after its deposition as oxidized sulphur on the martian surface, could have

affected the source of the nakhlite magmas by mobilization beneath the martian crust due to

geochemical cycling, therefore suggesting the presence of a shallow magma chamber for thegeneration of the nakhlites.

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# 4.3 – Constraining the magmatic and chemical-physical processes in controlling Re-Os isotope systematics and HSE

521 Several different chemical-physical processes may have influenced the HSE-abundance Re-Os522 isotope systematics of the nakhlites. These processes can be distinguished essentially as: low-523 temperature disturbance(s), post-crystallization impact disturbance, and HSE partitioning under524 magmatic conditions. To discriminate which of these processes may have affected each of our525 samples, and to what degree, we discuss each sequentially and begin by appraising those processes526 that could modify the HSE and Re-Os isotope chemistry of a magmatic sample after its527 crystallisation.

#### 528 4.3.1 – Low-temperature and post-crystallization impact disturbance

Late-stage open-system effects on nakhlite HSE due to alteration on Mars' or Earth's surface have the potential to disturb nakhlite Re-Os isotope systematics and to mobilise and/or add HSE present in potentially susceptible phases. For example, the possibility of low-temperature alteration in deserts could result in the addition of Re (Peucker-Ehrenbrink and Jahn, 2001) (Fig. 3). However, there is limited variation of inter-element HSE ratios and we conclude that nakhlite HSE-abundance has not been significantly affected by low-temperature alteration on Earth or Mars after their magmatic crystallisation.

- 536 Impact disturbance as considered here refers to the process(es) through which materials of 537 chondritic composition are transferred to martian magmatic materials due to impacts/shock events 538 after their crystallisation. Such processes are capable of enriching the sample toward chondrite-539 relative HSE abundances following magmatic crystallisation (e.g. as was observed by Riches et al. 540 2012). All studied nakhlites are characterised by highly fractionated HSE patterns relative to CIchondrite (e.g., Pd/Os = 19.6 to 131.3), have relatively low total osmium abundances (< 0.08 ppb), 541 and suprachondritic <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os (0.18 to 0.45 ± 0.0010). These nakhlite HSE characteristics do not 542 543 tend toward a potential chondritic contaminant and thereby preclude significant late-stage 544 modification of the studied samples by chondritic materials on the martian surface or during their 545 impact liberation.
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#### 547 4.3.2 – Magmatic processes

548 All three nakhlites analysed in this work display similar HSE patterns. It is unlikely that these 549 similarities in HSE patterns are the product of alteration on Earth or Mars, instead these primarily reflect magmatic fractionation during formation of the nakhlite parent magma(s) and lava 550 551 crystallisation. These nakhlite HSE characteristics indicate that the incorporation of small amounts of 552 martian regolith (as testified by S-isotope systematics) resulted in a generally negligible modification 553 to the nakhlite HSE inventory, suggesting a low HSE abundance of the martian regolith. Had 554 significant contributions of regolith modified the overall HSE abundances of the studied nakhlites, 555 we would anticipate variable HSE systematics among the nakhlites and a degree of correlation with 556 sulphide S-isotope compositions. Such nakhlite HSE variability and a clear relationship to 557 corresponding sulphide S-isotope systematics is lacking. However, Os-isotope compositions of 558 nakhlites are variable and are decoupled from the overall nakhlite HSE-abundance systematics. The 559 intra-sample variability in Re concentration and Os-isotopic composition testified by two Nakhla 560 fractions (0.117 ppb, this work; 0.052, Brandon et al., 2000) supports perturbation of the Re-Os isotope systematics in these martian magmas, but with little consequent effect to the abundances of 561 Os, Ru, Ir, Pt, Pd, ± Au. Such a process requires interaction with a martian regolith of variable Re 562 content and low Os abundance, but with highly radiogenic <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os (> 0.7 at total HSE abundances 563 564 much less than 2 ppb and with 0.005 ppb Os in the ancient martian regolith) such that a small 565 proportion of assimilated material has perturbed the Os-isotopic signature of the nakhlite lava flows. 566 Fractionation of HSE during partial melting of the mantle and during possible late-sulphide 567 saturation in evolved magmas will change HSE inventories in different ways (Jones et al., 2003; Sun 568 et al., 2003; Fonseca et al., 2007; Mallmann & O'Neill, 2007). In the following sub-paragraphs we 569 explore these possible processes.

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#### 571 4.3.2.1 – Magmatic fractionation of HSE from the nakhlite and shergottite mantle source

572 Regression approaches using MgO content have been used to infer Mars mantle composition and 573 give similar abundances of Re, Os, Ir, and Ru for the mantle of Earth and Mars (e.g., Warren et al., 574 1999; Tait and Day, 2018). In addition, martian meteorites are characterised by Re abundances that are high, somewhat close to the terrestrial basalts, and define a broad anti-correlation of HSE 575 abundances with the degree of magmatic evolution (e.g., Jones et al., 2003). Several prior studies 576 577 have appraised martian magmatic process through the HSE abundances of martian meteorites (e.g. 578 Warren et al., 1999; Jones et al., 2003; Riches et al., 2011; Brandon et al., 2012; Dale et al., 2012; 579 Filiberto et al., 2012; Tait et al., 2015; Tait and Day, 2018). In general, what the HSE datasets of these previous studies show are CI-normalised HSE patterns that vary from absolutely flat to increasingly
 fractionated (elevated Pd/Os) with decreasing total HSE abundance.

582 Nakhla, Lafayette, and MIL 090032 all show broadly similar HSE patterns (Fig. 3a). Though previous 583 data showed that Nakhla and Chassigny are similar in their HSE patterns (Jones et al., 2003), here 584 isotope dilution approaches show that Nakhla has more Pd and Re relative to Chassigny and that 585 Lafayette and MIL 090032 are very similar to this pattern, rather than the HSE pattern of Chassigny. 586 These substantial differences in the HSE fractionation evident among different classes of martian 587 meteorite and thus their magmas, extended also to shergottite groups. Primitive shergottites 588 (Mg/Mg+Fe > 0.7) have high Os/Pt, Ir/Pd and Ru/Pt (Brandon et al., 2012; Tait and Day, 2018). A 589 broadly similar pattern was observed for the high MgO shergottites (Mg/Mg+Fe = 0.5-0.7), but with 590 higher Re/Pt and Re/Pd than the primitive shergottites. Nakhlites analysed here diverge from the 591 patterns of the primitive and high MgO shergottites in terms of relative abundances, but they 592 approach the HSE patterns of the intermediate/low MgO shergottites having high Re/Ir, Pt/Ir, and 593 Pd/Ru (Fig. 5). These differences could reflect different initial magmatic conditions between the 594 nakhlite and shergottite parental melt(s), as for example, melting temperature, fO<sub>2</sub>, and parental 595 melt composition (including sulphur concentration and its relation to the point of sulphide 596 saturation). We address the possible late-stage sulphide saturation as well as potential involvement 597 of residual alloys during the production of magmas parental to nakhlite lavas below.

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#### 599 4.3.2.2 - HSE fractionation due to late-stage sulphide saturation and residual alloys formation

600 Sulphides, silicate phases, and spinel can control the geochemical behaviour of the HSE during 601 partial melting (Fonseca et al., 2007; Mallmann & O'Neill, 2007), with Os inclined to be partitioned 602 into sulphide melts (Brenan, 2008). The solubility of Os and Ir has been constrained experimentally 603 in sulphide melts, over a range of  $fO_2$  (-1.5 < QFM < +1.5) and  $fS_2$  (Iron-Wüstite (IW) ~-1) at T = 604 1300°C (Fonseca et al., 2011). It is important to take into account that these experimental 605 approaches can generally only replicate batch melting, and that a fractional melting scenario (± 606 aggregation of those fractional melts) may be applicable to both ancient and recent martian 607 magmatic systems. Nevertheless, experimental approaches provide a useful framework through 608 which we can infer key aspects of nakhlite petrogenesis. The outcome of these experiments has 609 shown that Os and Ir have low solubilities in silicate melts and that high  $fO_2$  conditions can inhibit 610 the solubility of Os and Ir in sulphide melts (Fonseca et al., 2011). Oxygen fugacity for nakhlites is 611 higher than shergottites. For Nakhla,  $fO_2$  is equal to the quartz-fayalite-magnetite (QFM) oxygen 612 buffer (at an equilibration temperature of 810° C) while for Lafayette the  $fO_2$  is equal to QFM +0.1

613 (at an equilibration temperature of 780° C; Szymanski et al., 2010). For MIL 03346 (paired with MIL

- 614 090032) the proportion of Fe<sup>3+</sup> in augite was found to be in agreement with high-temperature
- equilibration near the QFM buffer (Dyar et al., 2005). Conversely, estimated  $fO_2$  for the shergottites
- are low and varies from -1 to -4 QFM (e.g., Herd, 2003). These differences in fO<sub>2</sub> would limit the
- solubility of Os and Ir in nakhlite sulphide melts, due to their higher  $fO_2$  than shergottites.

618 Residual alloys crystallised from parental melts and the formation of platinum group minerals 619 throughout a magmatic column are able to control fractionation of Os, Ir, Ru, Rh, Pt, and Pd during 620 magma genesis (Mungall and Brenan, 2014). In particular, Mungall and Brenan (2014) reported how, 621 at low pressure, partial melting of Earth's mantle retains HSE in chondritic relative abundances (if 622 correct as the starting proportions of these elements) until complete sulphide saturation, then 623 evolving to very high Pt/Pd and low Pd/Ir - due to Pt and Ir alloy formation in the restite phase. 624 Ruthenium, Os, and Ir are thought to be initially present in parts per million abundances in mantle 625 sulphide melts, then, a decrease in  $fS_2$  during partial melting leads to the exolution of Ru-Os-Ir alloys 626 from a refractory residue in the mantle (Fonseca et al., 2012). In particular, a sulphide melt appears 627 to be required for Os-rich alloy formation since Os is likely the element that triggers the exolution of

628 the Ru-Os-Ir alloys (Fonseca et al., 2012).

629 As described above, the higher  $fO_2$  in Nakhla, Lafayette, and MIL 090032 likely prevented the 630 solubility of Os and Ir in possible late-stage sulphide melts, inducing formation of Pt- and Ir-alloys in 631 the restite phase. Accordingly to Fonseca et al. (2011), the higher solubility of Os and Ir at high  $fO_2$ 632 would imply the existence of a melt saturated in sulphides (sulphide melt) for the generation of the 633 nakhlite parent magmas. In contrast to nakhlite magmas, for which present data sets and constraints 634 are relatively limited, it is well established that the parent magmas of the relatively well-studied 635 shergottites were sulphide-undersaturated in their mantle sources (Wang and Becker, 2017). In 636 particular, Pd/Pt in shergottites tend to reflect chondritic abundances, but this is not the case for Os-637 Ir-Ru, as indicated by suprachondritic Pd/Ir or Pt/Ir (Wang and Becker, 2017). The reason of this 638 difference could be attributed to the formation of residual alloys of Os-Ir-Ru in the martian mantle 639 (similar to the Earth's mantle; e.g., Fonseca et al., 2012 and references therein).

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#### 641 **4.4 – Implications for nakhlite mantle source and early Mars differentiation**

Mantle heterogeneities have been proposed for Mars based on the trace element and <sup>182</sup>Hf-<sup>182</sup>W,
 <sup>146</sup>Sm-<sup>142</sup>Nd, <sup>87</sup>Rb-<sup>87</sup>Sr, and <sup>187</sup>Re-<sup>187</sup>Os isotope systematics of magmatic products represented by
 martian meteorites (e.g., Harper et al., 1995; Lee and Halliday, 1997, 1995; Brandon et al., 2000,

2012; Wadhwa, 2001; Herd, 2003; Jones et al., 2003; Foley et al., 2005; Debaille et al., 2008, 2009;
Herd et al., 2017; Lapen et al., 2017; Tait and Day, 2018; Day et al., 2018). In general, at least four
mantle reservoirs have been previously argued to exist on Mars: two for the shergottites, one for the
nakhlites/chassignites, and one for NWA 8159. These different mantle domains can be tapped by
magmas and these magmas can mix producing different compositions as noticeable from the
different groups of martian meteorites.

651 Magma mixing phenomena have been argued to be responsible of the generation of the depleted 652 and enriched shergottites (Borg et al., 1997; Wadhwa, 2001; Herd, 2003; Borg and Draper, 2003; 653 Shearer et al., 2008). However, the clear isotopic gaps that are present for their lithophile elements 654 (Ferdous et al., 2017) are difficult to reconcile with magma mixing, since this process would not 655 result in large isotopic gaps. This is especially noticeable for the nakhlites since they do not present 656 clear signs of disequilibrium textures in their mineral assemblages. Instead, we propose a single 657 magma composition for the generation of the nakhlites (as also suggested by their trace element 658 compositions; Udry and Day, 2018), whether after the Nakhla eruption assimilation with an 659 unknown enriched component affected the nakhlite source during 61 Myr, producing subsequently 660 the Lafayette parent melt at  $1321 \pm 9$  Ma (ages accordingly to Cohen et al., 2017).

Assimilation of crustal materials with markedly elevated <sup>187</sup>Re/<sup>188</sup>Os could be a cause of the higher 661 <sup>187</sup>Re/<sup>188</sup>Os of Nakhla in respect to Lafayette. This enriched component possibly included ancient 662 663 (primordial?) crustal materials, with consequent highly radiogenic Os isotopic compositions for 664 which a very small fraction would significantly shift a magmatic Os isotopic signature but with 665 potentially negligible effects on HSE abundances. On the other hand, this characteristic could also 666 reflect phenomena of mantle metasomatism as recently argued for Mars magmatism (Day et al., 2018), or even inheritance from an interior reservoir that experienced variable earlier magmatic 667 fractionation resulting in reservoirs with long-term high <sup>187</sup>Re/<sup>188</sup>Os and/or complementary low 668 <sup>187</sup>Re/<sup>188</sup>Os. 669

670 Mixing within mantle sources or enriched cumulates may have happened during early differentiation 671 of Mars. By following this logic, the enriched crustal component of our hypothesis likely can be represented by a component generated during the last stages of a martian magma ocean (MMO). 672 This possibility has been investigated for Nakhla and Lafayette by looking at their <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os versus 673 Nd and Sr isotope distributions. The YOs versus  $\epsilon^{143}$ Nd constrain a possible end-member for the 674 nakhlite source mixing. The calculated YOs and  $\epsilon^{143}$ Nd values of the primitive martian crust and the 675 676 evolved Martian crust at 180 Ma from Brandon et al. (2000) and Norman (1999) were used (Fig. 6). 677 The distribution of the nakhlites in respect to the primitive and evolved martian crust is inconsistent

with their magma sources being affected by assimilation of modern martian crust. The YOs vs.  $\epsilon^{143}$ Nd 678 679 appear instead decoupled suggesting preferential/selective mixing of the nakhlite reservoir with an 680 unknown enriched component that must have occurred early during Mars differentiation, possibly 681 represented by assimilated ancient MMO cumulates. However, drawing conclusions from the initial 682 YOs for Nakhla and Lafayette are currently thwarted by large uncertainties for these relatively ancient magmas with low Os abundances. Similarly, the correlation between  $\epsilon^{143}$ Nd and YOs in 683 684 shergottites suggested that the endmember sources were generated by mixing between residual 685 melts and cumulates during the crystallization stages of a MMO (Debaille et al., 2008; Brandon et al., 686 2012).

Mixing within MMO cumulates and evolved liquids may explain our observed Re-Os isotope
systematics as seen in Nakhla and Lafayette, as well as previously reported Rb and Sr isotope
systematics. In fact, sulphides crystallisation from the last stage of MMO's melts could result in

690 locally fractionated <sup>187</sup>Re/<sup>188</sup>Os within the martian mantle thereby presenting the possibility to trace 691 different mantle reservoirs and to discern this from assimilation of primordial crust characterized by 692 long-term elevated <sup>187</sup>Re/<sup>188</sup>Os. In addition, the first MMO cumulates that crystallize would be 693 extremely depleted in REE, Rb and Sr, with the last more evolved liquids characterised by a  $\varepsilon^{142}$ Nd of 694 +0.64 (Debaille et al., 2009).

Magma ocean overturn could explain the early formation and isolation of these different local
heterogeneities in the martian mantle (Debaille et al., 2009; Bouvier et al., 2018). This process likely
happens as a result of instabilities due to the density stratification that occurs during the
crystallisation of magma oceans on terrestrial planets (Elkins-Tanton et al., 2003).

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#### 700 **5 – Conclusions**

701 Sulphur isotopic compositions were determined for sulphides in five nakhlites to ascertain the 702 degree to which they have been affected by assimilation of the martian regolith. Nakhla, Yamato 703 000749, and Yamato 000593 are the meteorites that have most faithfully retained a magmatic 704 signature, and which are therefore the most reliable for using osmium isotopes and HSEs to reveal 705 the nature of nakhlite petrogenesis. For the first time, Re-Os isotope systematics and HSE 706 abundances have been investigated for two different nakhlites, to constrain the degree to which 707 they have been affected by crustal assimilation and the ability of martian meteorite HSE to testify to 708 Mars' interior composition. The following results have been obtained:

- (1) The Lafayette and MIL 090032 lava flows acquired S-rich martian regolith material that carry
- 710 information about martian atmospheric and hydrological processes. Results show that UV-
- photochemistry and hydrothermal processes are the main cause of  $\Delta^{33}$ S and  $\delta^{34}$ S fractionation. This
- result may have implications for the nature of the martian atmosphere and hydrothermal activity
- 713 prior to nakhlite eruption.

(2) Nakhla, Yamato 000593, and Yamato 000749 retained a magmatic signature in their sulphides,

and were unaffected by assimilation of martian regolith. Using these meteorites we estimate the

- 716  $\Delta^{33}$ S of the nakhlite source to be -0.1 ‰.
- (3) Nakhlite HSE patterns are in agreement with the presence of a sulphide melt involved in nakhlite

petrogenesis. Ruthenium-Os-Ir alloys likely formed in this sulphide-saturated melt and controlled the

- abundances of Ru, Os, Ir in the final lava products.
- 720 (4) Our Re-Os isotope data for nakhlites hint at perturbation and potential decoupling of nakhlite
- <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os isotope systematics from other isotopic systems as a result of small degrees of
- assimilation of an S-rich regolith with low total HSE contents but highly radiogenic <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os (> 0.7
- at total HSE abundances much less than 2 ppb and with 0.005 ppb Os in the ancient martian
- regolith).
- (5) Nakhlites formed from a primary magma that we consider to have been generated from a well-
- 726 mixed martian mantle that subsequently (at some point after the Nakhla emplacement) assimilated
- an enriched component during ascent toward the surface, and where this enriched mantle material
- was potentially represented by a late-stage crystallization cumulate from a martian magma ocean.
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1036 Figure 1 – Backscatter electron (BSE) images, along with false-colour Fe-Mg-Si-S X-ray elemental 1037 maps of the nakhlite chips used to retain information on the crystallographic features of our samples 1038 prior to destructive analyses for HSE abundances and Os isotopic compositions. The colour-coded 1039 elemental key is given at the bottom left of each X-ray image – olivine appears green to red, 1040 sulphide/sulphate appears yellow, clinopyroxene appears cyan, and mesostasis appears dark blue. 1041 (a) BSE image and X-ray map of Nakhla. In both images a 0.3 mm long sulphate is evident at the 1042 bottom right corner, and salt is highlighted in purple in the BSE image; (b) BSE image and X-ray map 1043 of Lafayette; (c) BSE image and X-ray map of MIL 090032. Ol, olivine; px, pyroxene; s, sulphate; me, 1044 mesostasis.

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Figure 2 – Backscatter electron (BSE) images of sulphides in Nakhla, Lafayette, and MIL 090032
showing their petrographic relationships with the other minerals. Sulphides that have been selected
for sulphur isotopic analysis are rimmed in yellow. A) pyrrhotite (Po) grain in Nakhla; B, C) Pyrite (Py)
grains in Lafayette; D) pyrrhotite grain in MIL 090032. Po, pyrrhotite; Py, pyrite; Px, pyroxene
(augite); Mag, magnetite; me, mesostasis.

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1052 Figure 3 – Highly siderophile element (HSE) abundances and Re-Os isotope systematics in nakhlites. (a) CI chondrite normalized HSE data for Nakhla, Lafayette, and MIL 090032 are shown, along with 1053 previously published data in grey (from Jones et al., 2003; Dale et al., 2012); (b) <sup>187</sup>Re/<sup>488</sup>Os vs. 1054 <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os data for Nakhla and Lafayette are shown, along with previous literature data (from 1055 1056 Brandon et al., 2000; Dale et al., 2012). The 1.3 Ga reference line is shown for comparison and represents single-stage Re–Os isotope evolution from a chondritic <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os reservoir, assuming a 1057 Solar System initial  $^{187}$ Os/ $^{188}$ Os = 0.9524 (Smoliar et al., 1996). Uncertainty =  $2\sigma$ , vertical error bars 1058 1059 are less than symbol size.

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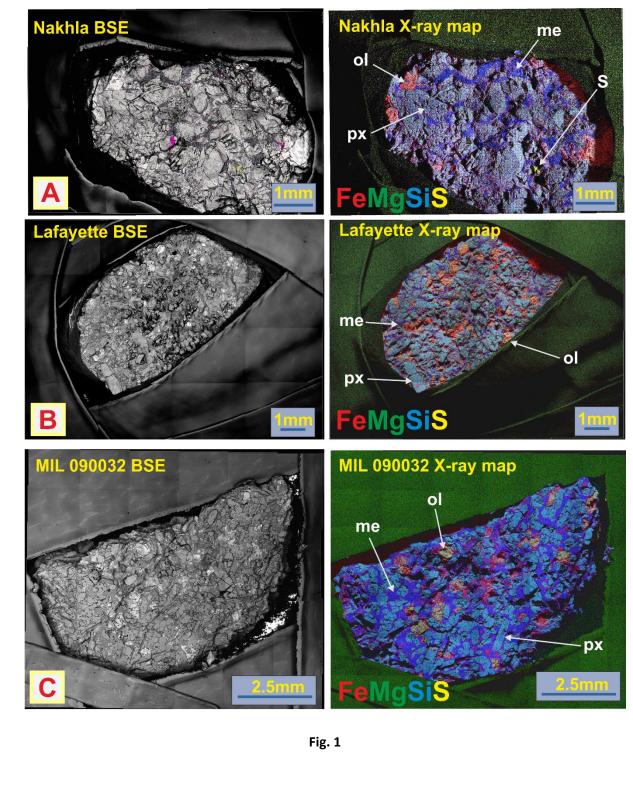
1061 **Figure 4** – Sulphur isotope ratios for the nakhlites, compared with previous data from Martian 1062 meteorites and Mars rover missions data. (a)  $\delta^{34}$ S vs.  $\Delta^{33}$ S isotope ratios for the nakhlites analysed in 1063 this work, compared with the same nakhlites analysed by previous authors. Labels serve to 1064 emphasise which processes are inferred to have affected the sulphur isotopic composition of each 1065 data cluster.  $2\sigma$  uncertainties are shown, with X-axis uncertainties smaller than the symbols; (b) Comparison of  $\delta^{34}$ S value between the present study (yellow symbols) and literature data from 1066 1067 martian meteorites (Farquhar et al., 2000; Greenwood et al., 2000a; Franz et al., 2014; Franz et al., 1068 2017) and the Curiosity rover (Franz et al., 2017). The  $\delta^{34}$ S value of the martian mantle (from Franz 1069 et al., 2014) is shown by the dashed line. The red box identifies the nakhlites that have a  $\delta^{34}$ S very close to the martian mantle  $\delta^{34}$ S value and so have been least affected by regolith assimilation 1070 1071 (Nakhla, Y-000749, and Y-000593). Some of the data used in the graphs are from previous studies 1072 (Farquhar et al., 2000; Greenwood et al., 2000a; Franz et al., 2014; Franz et al., 2017).

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1074Figure 5 – CI chondrite normalized HSE abundance comparison between nakhlites, primitive1075shergottites (Mg/Mg+Fe = > 0.7), high MgO shergottites (Mg/Mg+Fe = 0.5-0.7), shergottites with1076intermediate MgO (Mg/Mg+Fe = 0.4-0.5), and low MgO shergottites (Mg/Mg+Fe < 0.4). (a) (Pt/Ir)<sub>N</sub>1077vs. (Pd/Ir)<sub>N</sub>; (b) (Os/Ir)<sub>N</sub> vs. (Re/Ir)<sub>N</sub>. The nakhlites plot closest to the low MgO shergottites in (a), and1078within the scatter of these shergottites in (b). Highly siderophile element data for shergottites are1079from Jones et al. (2003), Riches et al. (2011), Brandon et al. (2012), Dale et al. (2012), and Tait and1080Day (2018).

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1082 **Figure 6** – Initial YOs vs.  $\varepsilon^{143}$ Nd for nakhlites used to identify a possible end-member for the nakhlite 1083 source mixing. The primitive martian crust and the evolved martian crust at 180 Ma are plotted with 1084 values taken from Brandon et al. (2000) and Norman (1999). The plotted samples follow a direction 1085 that diverge from the martian crust evolution (here represented by the dashed line), thus implying 1086 that the mixing end-member is likely represented by a different enriched component (dashed box) 1087 rather than the evolved martian crust. Alternatively, decoupling of the data could suggest that the 1088 YOs is a sensitive tracer of strictly different process to that which  $\varepsilon^{143}$ Nd provides evidence – potentially recording involvement of early martian crust whereas  $\varepsilon^{143}$ Nd may be more effective in 1089 1090 probing the nature of nakhlite mantle reservoirs. Error bars are less than symbol size. As the 1091 calculated YOs in Lafayette and Nakhla is negative and below the Solar System initial of Smoliar et al. 1092 (1996) disturbance of the Re-Os isotope system in these samples has taken place (linked to crustal 1093 contamination). For these reasons, the strongly negative calculated YOs should be considered as an 1094 extreme minimum at ~1.4 Ga. Unperturbed samples, not impacted by crustal assimilation, would 1095 likely have been derived from internal reservoirs characterized by higher YOs at that time (blue 1096 arrow).





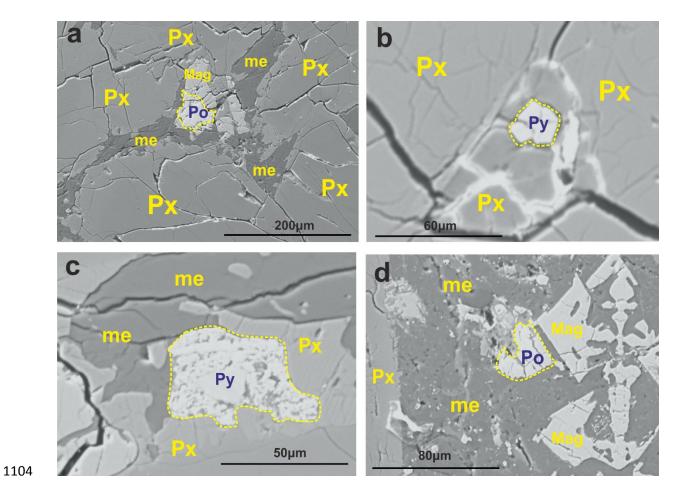


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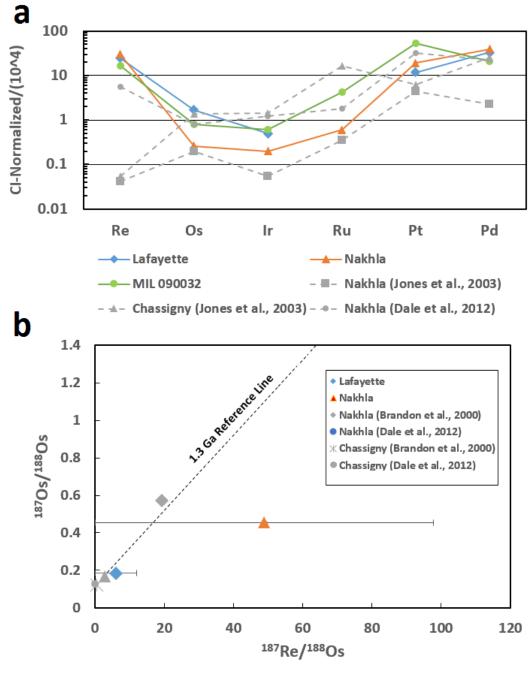
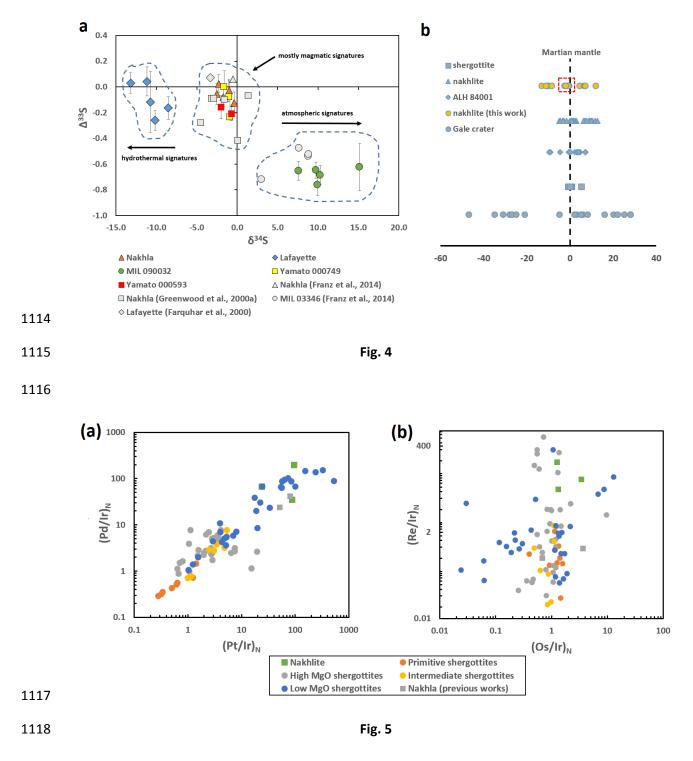
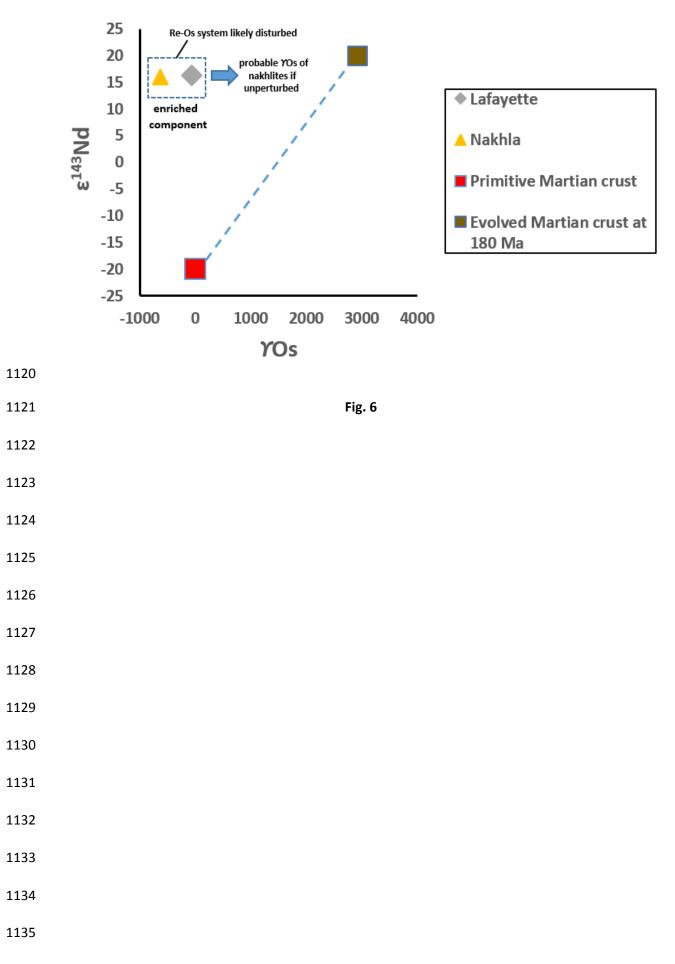


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**Table 1** – S-isotopic compositions for pyrrhotite and pyrite in Nakhla, Lafayette, MIL 090032, Y-000749, and Y-000593.

Sample	Phase	δ <sup>34</sup> S (‰)	± 2σ	δ <sup>33</sup> S (‰)	± 2σ	Δ <sup>33</sup> S (‰)	± 2σ
Nakhla	pyrrhotite	-0.4	0.11	-0.33	0.08	-0.12	0.08
Nakhla	pyrrhotite	-2.2	0.10	-1.15	0.08	0.02	0.07
Nakhla	pyrrhotite	-1.0	0.09	-0.55	0.09	-0.03	0.09
Nakhla	pyrrhotite	-2.5	0.11	-1.36	0.08	-0.06	0.08
Nakhla	pyrrhotite	-1.7	0.08	-0.97	0.08	-0.08	0.07
mean		-1.5		-0.87		-0.05	
variance		0.62		0.14		0.00	
Lafayette	pyrite	-13.2	0.10	-6.78	0.09	0.03	30.0
Lafayette	pyrite	-10.1	0.11	-5.51	0.08	-0.26	30.0
Lafayette	pyrite	-10.7	0.30	-5.65	0.19	-0.12	0.24
Lafayette	pyrite	-8.5	0.11	-4.56	0.09	-0.16	0.09
Lafayette	pyrite	-11.1	0.10	-5.72	0.12	0.04	0.11
mean		-10.7		-5.64		-0.09	
variance		2.28		0.49		0.01	
MIL090032	pyrrhotite	7.6	0.08	3.25	0.08	-0.65	0.07
MIL090032	pyrrhotite	9.7	0.08	4.34	0.08	-0.65	0.06
MIL090032	pyrrhotite	9.9	0.10	4.33	0.09	-0.76	0.08
MIL090032	pyrrhotite	15.2	0.11	7.14	0.18	-0.62	0.18
MIL090032	pyrrhotite	10.2	0.08	4.58	0.08	-0.69	0.07
mean		10.5		4.73		-0.67	
variance		6.22		1.66		0.00	
Yamato000749	pyrrhotite	-1.6	0.08	-0.83	0.13	0.00	0.13
Yamato000749	pyrrhotite	-0.9	0.11	-0.59	0.13	-0.08	0.13
Yamato000749	pyrrhotite	-0.9	0.14	-0.71	0.20	-0.23	0.20
mean		-1.1		-0.71		-0.10	
variance		0.09		0.00		0.00	
Yamato000593	pyrrhotite	-0.7	0.07	-0.57	0.07	-0.21	0.05
Yamato000593	pyrrhotite	-2.0	0.08	-1.19	0.10	-0.16	0.09
mean		-1.3		-0.88		-0.18	
variance		0.42		0.09		0.00	

1138 Data on  $\delta^{34}$ S,  $\delta^{33}$ S, and  $\Delta^{33}$ S values are expressed in permil (‰) and associated 2 $\sigma$  standard errors

are reported. Uncertainties count statistics. The mean in sulphur isotope abundance for each

1140 meteorite is also shown. Sulphur isotope ratios are reported in standard  $\delta$  notation with respect to

1141 Canyon Diablo Troilite (CDT), where  $\delta^{34}S = [({}^{34}S/{}^{32}S)_{sample}/({}^{34}S/{}^{32}S)_{CDT} - 1] \times 1,000, \delta^{33}S =$ 

 $[({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{sample}/({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{CDT} - 1] \times 1,000$ , and  $\Delta^{33}S = [({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{sample}/({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{CDT} - 1] \times 1,000$ , and  $\Delta^{33}S = [({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{sample}/({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{CDT} - 1] \times 1,000$ , and  $\Delta^{33}S = [({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{sample}/({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{CDT} - 1] \times 1,000$ , and  $\Delta^{33}S = [({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{sample}/({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{CDT} - 1] \times 1,000$ , and  $\Delta^{33}S = [({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{sample}/({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{CDT} - 1] \times 1,000$ , and  $\Delta^{33}S = [({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{sample}/({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{CDT} - 1] \times 1,000$ , and  $\Delta^{33}S = [({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{sample}/({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{CDT} - 1] \times 1,000$ , and  $\Delta^{33}S = [({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{sample}/({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{CDT} - 1] \times 1,000$ , and  $\Delta^{33}S = [({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{sample}/({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{CDT} - 1] \times 1,000$ , and  $\Delta^{33}S = [({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{sample}/({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{CDT} - 1] \times 1,000$ , and  $\Delta^{33}S = [({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{sample}/({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)_{Sample}/({}^{33}S/{}^{32}S)$ 

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$$[({}^{34}S/{}^{32}S)_{sample}/({}^{34}S/{}^{32}S)_{CDT}]^{0.515}] \times 1,000.$$

	Sample				
	Lafayette	Nakhla	MIL 090032		
Mass (g)	0.417	0.405	0.5		
Os (blk %)	0.078 (0.70)	0.012 (4.20)	0.036 (1.3)		
Ir (blk %)	0.022 (0.10)	0.009 (0.26)	0.025 (24)		
Ru (blk %)	_	0.04 (9.89)	0.27 (3.8)		
Pt (blk %)	1.01 (0.40)	1.66 (0.25)	4.54 (1.1)		
Pd (blk %)	1.89 (1)	2.24 (0.87)	1.18 (17.5)		
Re (blk %)	0.098 (0.49)	0.117 (0.42)	0.065 (8.4)		
Rh (blk %)	_	_	0.21 (2.9)		
Au (blk %)	_	_	0.081 (24)		
<sup>187</sup> Re/ <sup>188</sup> Os (± 2σ)	6 (6)	49 (49)	_		
<sup>187</sup> Os/ <sup>188</sup> Os (± 2σ)	0.1849 (0.0003)	0.4542 (0.0018)	_		
γOsi (± 2σ)	-64 (34.3)	-636 (5)	_		
Re/Os	1	10	2		
Pt/Os	12.9	138.3	126.1		
Os/Ir	3.54	1.33	1.44		
(Pt/Pd)N	0.35	0.48	2.51		
(Pd/Os)N	<b>/Os)N</b> 19.6		26		
ε <sup>143</sup> Nd (± 2σ)	16.3 (0.4)	16	_		
Age (Ma) (± 2σ)	1383 (7)	1330 (15)	1392 (10)		
Lab	Durham	Durham	Berlin		

 $\Upsilon Os_i$  is given by  $\Upsilon Os_i = 100 \times [(^{187}Os/^{188}Os_{sample(t)})/^{187}Os/^{188}Os_{chondrite(t)}) - 1]$ . HSE ratios normalized to 1153 Orgueil chondrite are denoted by (N). Initial <sup>143</sup>Nd are from Nakamura et al. (1982) and Shih et al.

1154 (1998). Ages are from Cohen et al. (2017).