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# Hydrogen in chondrites: Influence of parent body alteration and atmospheric contamination on primordial components

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## Abstract

Hydrogen occurs at the near percent level in the most hydrated chondrites (CI and CM) attesting to the presence of water in the asteroid-forming regions. Their H abundances and isotopic signatures are powerful proxies for deciphering the distribution of H in the protoplanetary disk and the origin of Earth's water. Here, we report H contents and isotopic compositions for a set of carbonaceous and ordinary chondrites, including previously analyzed and new samples analyzed after the powdered samples were degassed under vacuum at 120°C for 48 hours to remove adsorbed atmospheric water. By comparing our results to literature data, we reveal that the H budgets of both H-poor and H-rich carbonaceous chondrites are largely affected by atmospheric moisture, and that their precise quantification requires a specific pre-degassing procedure to correct for terrestrial contamination. Our results show that indigenous H contents of CI carbonaceous chondrites usually considered the more hydrated meteorites are almost a factor of 2 lower than those previously reported, with uncontaminated D/H ratios differing significantly from that of Earth's oceans. Without pre-

degassing, the H concentrations of H-poor samples (e.g., CVs chondrites) are also affected by terrestrial contamination. After correction for contamination, it appears that the amount of water in chondrites is not controlled by the matrix modal abundance, suggesting that the different chondritic parent bodies accreted variable amounts of water-ice grains. Our results also imply that (i) thermal metamorphism play an important role in determining the H content of both CV and ordinary chondrites but without affecting drastically their H isotopic composition since no clear D enrichment is observed with the increase of petrographic type and (ii) the D enrichment of ordinary chondrites does not result from the loss of isotopically light H<sub>2</sub> induced by metal oxidation but is rather linked to the persistence of a thermally resistant D-rich component.

## 1. Introduction

Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the solar system, but is present in only minor to trace amounts in asteroids and planetary bodies. Throughout the solar system and its history, H has occurred in various species, most commonly (i) H<sub>2</sub> in the gas phase, (ii) H<sub>2</sub>O molecules mostly as vapor and ice, (iii) OH<sup>-</sup> or H<sub>2</sub>O in silicate minerals, melts, and glasses, (iv) C-bonded H in organic compounds and (v) minor volatile species, such as NH<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S. Today, water is present as ice, vapor, and/or liquid on Earth and other planets, dwarf planets, moons, and comets. The presence of OH<sup>-</sup> or H<sub>2</sub>O in the silicate minerals comprising primitive meteorites attests to the past existence of water on their asteroidal parent bodies and constitutes an invaluable record of the distribution and composition of water in the protoplanetary disk.

The H isotopic composition of water (expressed as D/H or per-mil deviations relative to Vienna standard mean ocean water, VSMOW, as  $\delta D = [(D/H_{\text{sample}}/D/H_{\text{VSMOW}}) - 1] \times 1000$ ,

where  $D/H_{\text{VSMOW}} = 155.76 \times 10^{-6}$ ) in planetary objects is generally thought to increase with increasing heliocentric distance, from  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  that was in isotopic exchange with D-poor  $\text{H}_2$  near the sun ( $D/H \approx 21 \times 10^{-6}$ ; Geiss and Gloeckler, 2003), to intermediate D/H ratios in inner solar system objects (e.g., Earth's ocean,  $D/H \approx 156 \times 10^{-6}$ ), to D-enriched outer solar system objects such as comets ( $D/H$  up to  $530 \times 10^{-6}$  in comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko; Altwegg et al., 2014). Determining the precise abundances and isotopic compositions of H in meteorites—as representative samples of asteroids—is thus of fundamental importance for understanding the source(s) of water in the asteroid-forming regions (Alexander et al., 2012; Piani et al., 2015, 2018; Piani and Marrocchi, 2018) and potential radial mixing during the evolution of the protoplanetary disk (Vacher et al., 2016; Piani et al., 2018).

The origin of water on Earth and other telluric planets is also a long-standing question (Alexander, 2017; McCubbin and Barnes, 2019). Although it is commonly assumed that the building blocks of the terrestrial planets derived from a cosmochemical reservoir best represented by enstatite chondrites, they accreted in a region where temperatures were too high for water and other volatiles to condense (Albarede, 2009). Therefore, these bodies are expected to be highly volatile-depleted, though they have tenuous atmospheres and water is largely present on Earth and Mars (Taylor, 2013), and possibly in the Venusian and Mercurian atmospheres (Smrekar and Sotin, 2012). For Earth, this paradox is generally bypassed by invoking the late accretion of 1–4 wt% of hydrated carbonaceous chondrites (i.e., CI-CM chondrites), which arrived at Earth due to the formation and subsequent migration of Jupiter (Morbidelli et al., 2000; Marty, 2012; Marty et al., 2016; Raymond and Izidoro, 2017).

Such a conclusion is highly dependent on our ability to precisely quantify the bulk H contents and D/H ratios of extraterrestrial materials. This point is not trivial since, despite being commonly measured, H is the most prone **element** to terrestrial contamination (except for noble gases; Protin et al., 2016). For instance, it was recently shown that Martian

meteorites suffer rapid (<1 yr) terrestrial weathering and contamination that largely affect the water contents and H isotopic compositions of minerals exposed at their surface (Stephant et al., 2018). Moreover, water and volatile hydrocarbons (CH<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>) quickly adsorb onto rock surfaces, raising potential H and C contamination issues during sample preparation (Salisbury et al., 1991). This implies that the H budget estimated for a given meteorite is a complex mixture between indigenous hydrogen in minerals and organics and exogenous H due to terrestrial weathering and adsorption. Corrections for exogenous H could be achieved by performing (i) stepwise heating measurements to decipher between adsorbed, alteration, and indigenous water (Robert and Epstein, 1982; Kerridge, 1985) or (ii) sample degassing under vacuum at low temperature (e.g., Vacher et al., 2016). Bulk H budget reconstructions from stepwise heating experiments are difficult due to the presence of different water-bearing minerals characterized by variable contamination susceptibilities that release adsorbed water at various temperatures. Furthermore, there is no consensus on a procedure to remove adsorbed water from both terrestrial and extraterrestrial materials, and different studies have employed various temperatures (70–350 °C) and durations (2–480 h) of heating under vacuum (Savin and Epstein, 1970; Girard et al., 2000; Gong et al., 2007; Lupker et al., 2012). Of note, a recent estimation of the bulk H contents and isotopic compositions of a large set of chondrites was performed without a pre-degassing protocol (Alexander et al., 2012), and therefore may have overestimated the H budget of primitive meteorites. In addition to terrestrial contamination, meteorites experienced parent-body alteration processes (hydrothermal alteration and thermal metamorphism; Brearley, 2006; Huss et al., 2006; Marrocchi et al., 2018) whose influence on their pre-accretion H characteristics remains unclear.

Here, to better understand the origin of hydrogen accreted by chondrites, we report the H concentrations and isotopic compositions of a large set of carbonaceous and ordinary

chondrites. To test the influence of laboratory pre-degassing temperature, we selected chondrites that have been previously characterized (C2-ung. = Tagish Lake; CI = Orgueil and Alais; **CY = Yamato 980115; King et al., 2019a**; CM = Murchison, Mighei, and Murray; CV = Allende, Bali, Grosnaja, Kaba, and Vigarano; Robert and Epstein, 1982; Kerridge, 1985; Pearson et al., 2001; Alexander et al., 2012). As CM chondrites represent 25% of all carbonaceous chondrite falls (Gounelle et al., 2005), several new CMs have recently been described. We thus report the H concentrations and isotopic compositions of new CM falls (Aguas Zarcas, Maribo and Munkundpura; Haack et al., 2012; Rudraswami et al., 2019) and finds (Lonewolf Nunataks (LON) 94101 and Jbilet Winselwan; Lindgren et al., 2013; **King et al., 2019b**). In addition, several ordinary chondrites and a CK-type carbonaceous chondrite covering the entire range of thermal metamorphism (Tait et al., 2014) were analyzed to test the influence of parent-body metamorphism on H characteristics (L3 = Grosvenor Mountains (GRO) 95502, CK4 = Karoonda, L4 = Saratov, LL/L4 = Bjurbole, H4 = Sainte Marguerite, and H6 = Kernouve). We use our results to discuss the nature of primordial components accreted by chondrites and the influence of post-accretion effects, either in asteroidal bodies or at Earth's surface.

## 2. Materials and method

### 2.1 Bulk measurements of H contents and isotope compositions

Hydrogen concentrations, [H], and isotopic compositions, D/H, of the different meteoritic samples were determined on-line using the Thermo Scientific EA IsoLink - deltaV IRMS System at CRPG laboratory (Nancy, France) according to the procedure developed by Lupker et al. (2012). First, meteoritic samples were crushed into powder in an agate mortar, weighed in tin capsules (CM, CI, **CY** and Tagish Lake: 1–3 mg; CV, CK, and OC: 4–10 mg), and the samples and capsules were loaded into a sample carousel and degassed under vacuum at 120 °C for 48 h in a degassing canister (Lupker et al., 2012; Gaudin et al., 2015; Fig. 1A); degassing for less than 48 h was shown to result in increased variability of water contents and isotopic compositions due to remaining absorbed water (Lupker et al., 2012). After dehydration, the degassing canister was opened in a dry, N<sub>2</sub>-flushed glove box and the sample carousel was transferred into a sealed auto-sampler initially pre-flushed with He (Fig. 1B). The auto-sampler was then connected to the EA and pumped out during 20 min before opening it to the reduction column as a precautionary step to suppress any potential rehydration of the samples in the event of atmospheric contact between degassing and analysis.

The samples were combusted at 1450 °C (**required temperature to ensure rapid sample reduction and to prevent any CH<sub>3</sub> formation**) on a glassy carbon reaction tube filled with glassy carbon chips and itself placed into a ceramic liner to reduce hydroxyls (OH) **released** by the samples into **H<sub>2</sub> according to the reaction: 2OH + C (unlimited in reactor) → 2CO + H<sub>2</sub>** (Fig. 1C). The produced gases were separated on a chromatographic column maintained at 60 °C and the extracted H<sub>2</sub> was introduced into the mass spectrometer through an open-split and

its D/H isotopic composition was analyzed (Fig. 1D). The extracted H<sub>2</sub> was corrected for H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> contributions using in-house H<sub>2</sub> standard injections and [H] and D/H were determined by comparison with seven internal standards routinely included during the analyses: (i) phlogopite (Mica-Mg, 0.29 wt.% H, D/H =  $143.8 \times 10^{-6}$ ), (ii) muscovite (MuscD65, 0.474 wt.% H, D/H =  $142.6 \times 10^{-6}$ ), (iii) a fine-grained marine sediment from the Bay of Bengal (SO188, 0.489 wt.% H, D/H =  $142.7 \times 10^{-6}$ ), and (iv) four basalts with different H concentrations (CYP78, 0.14 wt.% H; JB3-GSJ, 0.20 wt.% H; SR2-02, 0.27 wt.% H; and GMR-KS12, 0.42 wt.% H). Errors on hydrogen concentrations, calculated as twice the standard deviation divided by the average, increase with decreasing standard water content following the negative power law  $2SD / [H] = 0.05 \times [H]^{-0.43}$ , which was used to estimate the 2σ sample errors reported in Table 1. Hydrogen isotopic compositions are reported as D/H ratios or as δD values (‰) relative to VSMOW. The reproducibility of this method is better than 15% (2σ) for [H] and  $0.5 \times 10^{-6}$  for D/H (or 5‰ for δD).

## 2.2 Bulk measurements of C and N concentration and isotopic compositions

Carbon and nitrogen concentrations ([C] and [N], respectively) and carbon isotopic compositions (δ<sup>13</sup>C, <sup>13</sup>C/<sup>12</sup>C variations reported relative to Vienna Pee Dee Belemnite, VPDB, where <sup>13</sup>C/<sup>12</sup>C<sub>VPDB</sub> = 0.01123720) of the different meteoritic samples were determined on-line using the Thermo Scientific EA IsoLink - deltaV IRMS System at the CRPG laboratory. Samples were crushed into fine powder and wrapped in tin capsules (2–29 mg). The capsules were loaded in a specific auto-sampler connected to the EA and pumped out during 20 min before opening it to the oxidation column. Samples were then introduced into an oxidation reactor made of a quartz tube filled with chromium oxide, pure copper, and silvered cobalt oxide and heated at 1020 °C. A controlled pulse of oxygen causes the oxidation of tin



capsules leading to an exothermic reaction that raises the sample temperature to about 1800°C. The produced gases (N<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>) were separated on a chromatographic column maintained at 70 °C and the carbon isotopic composition of the extracted CO<sub>2</sub> was measured with a Thermo Scientific Delta V Advantage continuous flow IRMS. Carbon isotopic composition were determined by comparison with two internal and two international standards routinely included during the analysis: (i) BFSd ( $\delta^{13}\text{C} = -21.5\text{‰}$ ), (ii) CRPG\_M2 ( $\delta^{13}\text{C} = -24.98\text{‰}$ ), (iii) NBS22 ( $\delta^{13}\text{C} = -30.03\text{‰}$ ) and (iv) USGS24 ( $\delta^{13}\text{C} = -16.1\text{‰}$ ). Values are quoted in the delta notation in ‰ relative to V-PDB and the reproducibility was better than 0.2‰. Four internal standards were used to calculate [N] and [C]: (i) BFSd (0.53 wt.% C), (ii) CRPG\_M2 (0.408 wt.% C), (iii) Eurovector Synthetic Soil Mix #1 (0.216 wt.% N, 3.5 wt.% C) and (iv) Eurovector Synthetic Soil Mix #4 (0.048 wt.% N, 2.417 wt.% C). Errors (2 $\sigma$ ) on [N] are estimated to be 10% and 30% for samples containing more and less than 0.08 wt.% N, respectively. For carbon analyses, 2 $\sigma$  errors are expected to be 2% for [C] and 2‰ for  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ .

### 3. Results

#### 3.1 Hydrogen characteristics of chondrites

Results from hydrogen extractions and associated D/H isotopic analyses are presented in Table 1 and Figure 2. For most samples (excluding C2-ung. Tagish Lake and CI Alais for their D/H variability), replicate aliquots of the same meteorite exhibit good reproducibility, with  $2\sigma$  standard deviations less than 15% for [H] and 5‰ for  $\delta D$ .

Hydrogen abundances of CI, **CY** and CM chondrites vary widely, but exhibit comparable ranges, from 0.47 to 1.01 wt.% H (Fig. 2A). The lowest hydrogen contents were measured in CM Jbilet Winselwan, possibly due to dehydration during parent-body metamorphism (King et al., 2019b). **CMs are depleted in deuterium compared to CIs ( $D/H_{CM} = 131\text{--}170 \times 10^{-6}$  vs.  $D/H_{CI} \approx 177 \times 10^{-6}$ ) but show similar range of D/H values as the CY Antarctica Y-980115 ( $D/H_{CY} = 139 \times 10^{-6}$ , Fig. 2B). The low hydrogen content of Y-980115 (0.71 wt.% H) relative to CI-CM chondrites and its D-poor isotopic composition might be a consequence of (i) thermal metamorphosed at temperature  $> 500^\circ\text{C}$  (King et al., 2019a) and/or (ii) terrestrial weathering (e.g., Alexander et al., 2018a). The ungrouped C2 carbonaceous chondrite Tagish Lake exhibits a hydrogen content similar to the lowest value measured for CM chondrites (0.43 wt.% H), but this unique carbonaceous chondrite is the most D enriched ( $D/H = 225 \times 10^{-6}$ , Fig. 2A and B), consistent with previous measurements (Pearson et al., 2001; Alexander et al., 2012). CV chondrites (0.06–0.19 wt% H, Fig. 2A) contain lower hydrogen concentrations than CM and CI chondrites, whereas their hydrogen isotopic compositions are highly variable ( $D/H = 139\text{--}161 \times 10^{-6}$ , Table 1) over a range similar to that of CM chondrites (Fig. 2B). Ordinary chondrites and CK-type carbonaceous chondrites present the lowest hydrogen concentrations ( $\leq 0.03$  wt.% H, excluding Grosvenor**

Mountains (GRO) 95502, an Antarctic find possibly affected by terrestrial weathering; Fig. 2A), and have relatively D-poor hydrogen isotopic compositions ( $D/H = 134\text{--}144 \times 10^{-6}$ , Fig. 2B).

### 3.2 Nitrogen and carbon characteristics of chondrites

Table 2 summarizes the carbon and nitrogen contents and carbon isotopic compositions of the analyzed chondrites. CI, **CY** and CM chondrites contain the highest N and C contents in this study, with 0.09–0.17 wt.% N and 1.54–3.04 wt.% C in CMs and 0.09–0.21 wt.% N and 3.06–3.35 wt.% C in CIs (Fig. 3). They both show comparable ranges of carbon isotopic compositions, with  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  ranging from  $-16$  to  $-13\text{‰}$  and  $-14$  to  $-4\text{‰}$  for CIs and CMs, respectively. The nitrogen and carbon concentrations in Tagish Lake (0.11 wt.% N and 2.14 wt.% C) are comparable to those in CM chondrites, but with a more  $^{13}\text{C}$ -enriched isotopic composition ( $\delta^{13}\text{C} \approx +5\text{‰}$ ). Compared with these C- and N-rich chondrites, CV, CK, and ordinary chondrites are depleted in N ( $\leq 0.03$  wt.%) and C ( $\leq 1.42$  wt.%), and have **lower** carbon isotopic compositions than hydrated chondrites, with  $\delta^{13}\text{C} \approx -27$  to  $-18\text{‰}$ .

## 4. Discussion

### 4.1 Effect of terrestrial contamination in carbonaceous chondrites

#### 4.1.1 Influence of pre-degassing temperature on the total H budget

Immediately after falling to Earth's surface, meteorites are exposed to terrestrial moisture and precipitation that could significantly affect their H characteristics, even in dry environments such as hot deserts (Stephant et al., 2018). Consequently, bulk meteorite H budgets are complex mixtures of indigenous hydrogen, terrestrial weathering, and adsorbed water hosted by different minerals/phases with variable thermal behaviors. Thermogravimetric analysis and derivate curves obtained in the range 25–1200 °C (Garenne et al., 2014; King et al., 2015; Gilmour et al., 2019) suggest a complex thermal evolution of H-bearing phases with the following release temperatures: (i) 25–200 °C for absorbed H<sub>2</sub>O, (ii) 200–400 °C for water in hydroxides and H-bearing organic matter, (iii) 400–770 °C for OH<sup>−</sup> in phyllosilicates, and (iv) 770–900 °C for H<sub>2</sub>O in sulfates. Although suspected to occur to some degree at 200–400 °C, it has been proposed that adsorbed terrestrial water is mainly released from hydrated carbonaceous chondrites at 25–250 °C (Boato, 1954; Kerridge, 1985; Baker et al., 2002; Garenne et al., 2014; Gilmour et al., 2019).

Alexander et al. (2012, 2013) reported H concentrations and isotopic compositions for a large set of carbonaceous chondrites that were stored in desiccators at room temperature for days to weeks prior to analyses. Their data define a positive correlation in a D/H vs. 1/H diagram (Fig. 4) that reveals the increasing contribution of H-bearing, D-rich, insoluble organic matter (IOM; Alexander et al., 2007; Alexander et al., 2012) to the total H budget, the largest contributions coming from phyllosilicates in hydrated chondrites. Our data define a

similar positive trend, but with a statistically different slope (Fig. 4) that reveals the influence of the pre-degassing temperature on observed meteorite H features. Thereby, our bulk H measurements of samples also measured by Alexander et al. (2012) demonstrate that degassed CM and CI chondrites contain ~10–30% and ~40% less H, respectively, than non-degassed samples (Fig. 4). Several reasons can be invoked to explain such important differences: (i) the significant loss of indigenous hydrogen induced by the pre-degassing protocol, leading to an underestimated H budget, (ii) sample heterogeneity, the effects of which are apparent due to the small amounts of material analyzed, and/or (iii) the intended removal of absorbed terrestrial water.

To test these different scenarios, we estimated the H isotopic composition of the hydrogen lost during pre-degassing at 120 °C for 48 h using the following mass balance equation:

$$[H]_{\text{lost}} \times D/H_{\text{lost}} = [H]_{25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}} \times D/H_{25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}} - [H]_{120\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}} \times D/H_{120\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}} \quad (1)$$

where  $[H]_{25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}}$ ,  $[H]_{120\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}}$ ,  $D/H_{25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}}$ , and  $D/H_{120\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}}$  correspond to the bulk H concentrations and isotopic compositions of the samples determined at room temperature (i.e., 25 °C) and after pre-degassing at 120 °C for 48 h, respectively. The hydrogen lost during pre-degassing corresponds to  $[H]_{\text{lost}} = [H]_{25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}} - [H]_{120\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}}$ . Consequently, if the H lost during pre-degassing was adsorbed terrestrial water, its calculated H isotopic composition should be (i) similar from one sample to the next and (ii) within the range of terrestrial values. On the other hand, large H isotopic variations are expected if the H lost resulted from sample heterogeneity or the removal of indigenous hydrogen. The H isotopic compositions of pre-degassed H range from  $D/H \sim 150\text{--}155 \times 10^{-6}$  for Murchison, Mighei, Murray, and Orgueil. These values are in the range of H isotopic ratios reported for terrestrial hydrosphere reservoirs ( $115\text{--}165 \times 10^{-6}$ ;

Lécuyer et al., 1998; Frankenberg et al., 2009; Clog et al., 2013), but differ strongly from the (i) D-poor phyllosilicates that bear the signature of asteroidal water in CM and CI chondrites (D/H  $\sim 85\text{--}125 \times 10^{-6}$ ; Alexander et al., 2012; Piani et al., 2018, 2019) and (ii) D-rich organic matter (D/H  $\sim 265\text{--}310 \times 10^{-6}$ ; Alexander et al., 2007). Consequently, we interpret the differences in H concentrations obtained with and without the pre-degassing routine as mostly due to contamination of primitive meteorites by atmospheric moisture. This scenario cannot, however, explain the D/H ratio calculated of the H degassed from LON 94101, which display a significantly higher D/H value compared to the other common samples ( $\sim 400 \times 10^{-6}$ ). By analogy with other CM chondrites, the removal of indigenous H during pre-degassing would result in a D-poor signature for  $[\text{H}]_{\text{lost}}$ , at odds with our calculations. Alternatively, the preferential degassing of H from D-rich IOM or H-bearing organic compounds (i.e., small hydrocarbons or molecules found in the soluble part of the meteoritic organic matter) might explain such high D/H values and contributed to the H budget removed during our pre-degassing procedure. However, given that (i) the H isotopic compositions of  $[\text{H}]_{\text{lost}}$  are D-poor compared to organic molecules in carbonaceous chondrites (Pizzarello et al., 1994; 2006; Yamashita & Naraoka, 2014), (ii) stepwise pyrolysis performed by Robert and Epstein (1982) on Murchison and Murray indicates that only few amount of carbon ( $\sim 0.2$  mol% of the total C) were lost compared to water below 200 °C (11.5 and 10.8 mol% of the total H, respectively), and (iii) the decomposition of IOM likely occurs at 200–500 °C (Gilmour et al., 2019; Remusat et al., 2019), we concluded that the amount of indigenous organics volatile lost during pre-degassing is not significant and the D-rich compositions of the  $[\text{H}]_{\text{lost}}$  by LON 94101 is rather a consequence of sample heterogeneity (Lindgren et al., 2013).

#### 4.1.2 Quantification of terrestrial contamination in carbonaceous chondrites

To estimate the influence of pre-degassing, we compare hydrogen concentrations and isotopic compositions measured in different studies for CI Orgueil and CM Murchison as a function of pre-degassing temperature. Murchison shows ~30% less H after pre-degassing at 200 °C compared to measurements performed without pre-degassing (Fig. 5A–C). Isotopically, this sample does not show a large change, with D/H value of  $\sim 150 \times 10^{-6}$  (Fig. 5C). In contrast, a sample of Orgueil pre-degassed at 120–350 °C shows (i) a H loss of up to ~40–80% and (ii) a D/H increase up to  $\sim 190 \times 10^{-6}$  relative to samples measured without pre-degassing (D/H  $\sim 150 \times 10^{-6}$ ; Figs. 5B–D). This disparity between CM and CI chondrites probably derives from the fact that the bulk D/H values of CMs, which result from the combined contributions of D-poor water and D-rich OM, are fortuitously close to the D/H values imparted by atmospheric contamination (D/H<sub>CM</sub>  $\sim 142 \times 10^{-6}$  vs. D/H<sub>[H] lost</sub>  $\sim 150 \times 10^{-6}$ ), and contamination thus produces only minor changes. In contrast, water and OM in CIs are D-rich compared to CMs (Busemann et al., 2006; Alexander et al., 2007; Piani et al., 2018, 2019), with bulk H isotopic compositions (D/H<sub>CI</sub>  $\sim 177 \times 10^{-6}$ ) markedly higher than that of the contaminating water. Consequently, the effects of atmospheric moisture are more perceptible in CIs than in CMs.

To better quantify the influence of terrestrial contamination, we compared [H]<sub>lost</sub> (= [H]<sub>25 °C</sub> – [H]<sub>120 °C</sub>) for different chondrites as a function of the H concentration determined after pre-degassing at 120°C. We thusly obtained separate linear trends for CI, CM and CV carbonaceous chondrites, indicating that meteorites containing more H are more prone to contamination (Fig. 6). Interestingly, CM- and CI-type chondrites seem to define a single trend ( $r^2 = 0.70$ ; MSWD = 1.5), suggesting that CIs would be more affected by H contamination than CMs (Fig. 6). The H concentrations of Tagish Lake are highly

heterogeneous ( $H = 1.37$  and  $0.85$  wt.%, from Pearson et al., 2001, and Alexander et al., 2012, respectively) and have been shown to depend strongly on the studied lithology ( $H = 0.74$ – $0.94$  wt.%; Alexander et al., 2012); however, as we do not have the petrological details of the Tagish lake pieces measured in our study, we omit Tagish Lake from further discussion.

The difference in the amount of H loss between CI and CMs probably reflects secondary mineralogical diversity between these two groups of chondrites (Fig. 6). CI chondrites are mainly dominated by serpentine and saponite minerals, the latter being clay minerals with the capacity to absorb significant amounts of water into their inter-layers (Tomeoka and Buseck, 1988; King et al., 2015). Thus, it is likely that CI chondrites contains indigenous inter-layer water that could be removed alongside with terrestrial water during pre-degassing, leading to an underestimation of the H budget in CI chondrites. Nevertheless, it appears that the high abundance of inter-layer water in Orgueil is probably related to its long residence time on Earth (since 1864) and it is likely that this meteorite was devoid of inter-layer water prior to its arrival on Earth (Baker et al., 2002). In addition, stepwise heating performed on Orgueil demonstrated that water released at temperature lower than  $200^{\circ}\text{C}$  is characterized by terrestrial-like values (i.e.,  $\Delta^{17}\text{O} = 0$  ‰ and  $\text{D}/\text{H} = 153 \times 10^{-6}$ ), supporting that only minor indigenous water was present in the inter-layers of Orgueil (Robert and Epstein, 1982; Baker et al., 2002). In contrast, CM chondrites are almost saponite-free, and are instead dominated by Fe-Mg-rich serpentine that retains less absorbed water in its silicate layers than saponite (Barber 1981; Howard et al., 2015). It is unclear why the CV trend is separate from the CI-CM trend, but the amount of H lost during pre-degassing suggests that this group of chondrites is also very sensitive to terrestrial alteration and can absorb similar H proportions as CM chondrites (Fig. 6). Phyllosilicates are modally less abundant in CV (up to 4 vol.%; Howard et al., 2010) than in CM chondrites ( $\sim 75$  vol.%; Howard et al., 2015).



Assuming that phyllosilicates are the main storage sites for atmospheric moisture in hydrated carbonaceous chondrites, water adsorption should be vastly lower in CV than in CM chondrites (even accounting for the mineralogical differences of their phyllosilicates). Alternatively, CI and CM phyllosilicates are almost water saturated—i.e., their water adsorption capacity is limited—whereas CV phyllosilicates, despite being less abundant, have more adsorption sites available for accommodating atmospheric moisture. Whatever the reason, it is apparent that terrestrial contamination can greatly affect the H budgets of the most H-poor (CV-like) and H-rich (CI-like) chondrites alike (Figs. 5 and 6). The bulk H contents and D/H ratios of chondrites should thus be measured after pre-degassing under vacuum at  $\geq 120$  °C. The consequences of correcting the H compositions of chondrites for terrestrial contamination are discussed in §4.3.

## 4.2 The influence of thermal metamorphism

### 4.2.1 CV-type carbonaceous chondrites

CV chondrites are divided into three subgroups partly reflecting their various aqueous and thermal alteration histories: reduced, CV<sub>Red</sub>; oxidized Allende-like, CV<sub>OxA</sub>; and oxidized Bali-like, CV<sub>OxB</sub>. Of the oxidized CVs, the CV<sub>OxB</sub> subgroup is the most extensively altered and contains abundant phyllosilicates and chondrules replaced by phyllosilicates and magnetite. In contrast, the CV<sub>OxA</sub> and CV<sub>Red</sub> subgroups contain minor phyllosilicates and abundant Ca-Fe-rich secondary phases such as andradite, hedenbergite, and kirschsteinite (Krot et al., 2004; Brearley, 2006; Howard et al., 2010; Ganino and Libourel, 2017). CV3s have experienced various degrees of metamorphism that are partly overprinted by subsequent aqueous alteration and further obscured by brecciation (Bonal et al., 2006). Based on the

maturation grade of their organic matter, Bonal et al. (2006) assigned a range of petrographic degrees for the CV chondrites Kaba (~3.1), Vigarano (3.1–3.4), Bali and Grosnaja (~3.6), and Allende (>3.6), although they highlighted the occurrence of clasts of different petrologic types within individual meteorites (e.g., Bali). The H-, C-, and N-concentrations and isotopic compositions measured for these CV chondrites reflect the complex inputs of brecciation and aqueous and thermal alteration, with no clear behavior of these elements and isotopes with increasing petrologic type (Figs. 6 and 7a; Tables 1 and 2). Nevertheless, the most metamorphosed CV<sub>OxA</sub>, Allende, presents the lowest H concentrations, with its most H-depleted lithologies (Yang and Epstein, 1983) having similar H contents as the metamorphosed CK4 Karoonda (Fig. 7a). This result suggests that thermal metamorphism of CV chondrites could induce a significant H loss for petrologic types >3.6 (Fig. 7a).

#### 4.2.2 Ordinary chondrites

Ordinary chondrites (OCs) from the H, L, and LL groups exhibit pervasive imprints of thermal metamorphism and, to a lesser degree, aqueous alteration. Semarkona (LL3.00) and Bishunpur (LL3.15) are among the rare unequilibrated OCs to contain hydrated minerals (smectites) and other secondary phases (calcites) thought to have formed on their parent body from an oxidizing fluid (Alexander et al., 1989). Water measured in these chondrites is enriched in D, as attested by (i) their bulk D/H values up to  $600 \times 10^{-6}$  (McNaughton et al., 1982; Yang and Epstein, 1983) and (ii) *in-situ* measurements of D/H values up to  $1800 \times 10^{-6}$  (Deloule and Robert, 1995; Piani et al., 2015). Such high D enrichments were interpreted either as inherited from the accretion of D-rich ice that originated in cold regions of the solar system (Deloule and Robert, 1995; Piani et al., 2015) or as the result of parent-body processes (Alexander et al., 2012). Bleached chondrules found in LL3, L3, and more rarely in H3

chondrites attest that aqueous alteration was widespread in OCs, but was mostly erased by subsequent thermal metamorphism (Grossman et al., 2000). This later metamorphic event resulted in high degrees of equilibration of the three OC sub-groups spanning petrological types 3–7 and equilibration temperatures up to 1000 °C (Tait et al., 2014).

The five OCs measured herein span the range of H concentrations reported in OCs, with the most metamorphosed chondrites (H6 Kernouve) being the most depleted in hydrogen (Fig. 7B). These five OCs exhibit D/H ratios similar to those previously measured in equilibrated ordinary chondrites ( $\sim 130\text{--}160 \times 10^{-6}$ ), and we observe no strong differences between groups or petrological types (Fig. 7B). Furthermore, we do not observe D enrichments with increased parent-body thermal metamorphism (Fig. 7B), in agreement with previous observations (Robert et al., 1979; McNaughton et al., 1982). This is at odds with the assumption that water in ordinary chondrites became increasingly enriched in deuterium due to the oxidation of iron and subsequent loss of isotopically light H<sub>2</sub> (Alexander et al., 2010, 2012; Sutton et al., 2017). This assumption was initially proposed to explain the deuterium enrichment of IOM in OCs with increasing degree of metamorphism, the organic matter thereby being enriched by isotopic exchange with the remaining D-rich water (Alexander et al., 2010). However, given that both the remaining water and OM should have been enriched in D by this process, the bulk D/H ratios of OCs should increase with increasing degree of thermal metamorphism. The absence of such D enrichments in the bulk chondrites thus contradicts the implication of water in the D enrichment of the OM, instead supporting the proposal that ordinary chondrites contain a thermally recalcitrant D-rich organic matter component (Remusat et al., 2016). Overall, thermal metamorphism in OCs seems to have mainly decreased the bulk-rock hydrogen contents without strongly influencing the hydrogen isotopic ratios for petrological types  $\geq 3.2$  (Fig. 7B).

The percentage of fayalite (%Fa) in ordinary chondrites increases from H to L to LL groups and is considered a robust proxy of the degree of hydration (i.e., the water content) of their respective parent bodies (Rubin, 2005; Florin et al., 2020). However, the lack of variation between the H contents of the different groups of OCs (Fig. 7B) suggests that they could have accreted similar amounts of water. This could be interpreted as evidence for pre-accretion hydration processes in different regions of the protoplanetary disk. Whereas there is no clear limit between the H contents of unequilibrated and equilibrated OCs, the observed decrease in H contents with increasing metamorphism is in line with the progressive increase of %Fa and the loss of Fe-Ni metal during metamorphism (Florin et al., 2020).

### 4.3 Implication for the origin and abundance of H in chondrites

Our data suggest that terrestrial contamination can represent a significant part of the measured chondritic H budget, which strongly depends on the analytical protocol and particularly the pre-degassing procedure. The effects of terrestrial contamination are especially important for chondrites with the highest indigenous hydrogen contents within a given chondrite group (Figs. 4 and 6). However, within errors, we observe similar positive correlations and zero intercepts ( $D/H \sim 100 \times 10^{-6}$  or  $\delta D \sim -400\text{‰}$ ) between D/H and C/H for CMs (Fig. 8) as previously reported (Alexander et al., 2012). These values represent the isotopic composition of water accreted by the CM parent body (Alexander et al., 2012). This similarity indicates that previous estimations of the D/H ratios of water in the region of CM parent-body accretion (Alexander et al., 2012) were not significantly affected by terrestrial contamination, as also attested by the consistency with *in-situ* measurements via secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS; Piani et al., 2018). The D/H ratio of water accreted by CV chondrites was only estimated recently from SIMS measurements (Piani and Marrocchi, 2018), and our bulk data confirm their observation that CV water is enriched in deuterium compared to CM water (Fig. 8). If CMs and CVs accreted beyond the orbit of Jupiter as commonly proposed (Kruijer et al., 2017; Nanne et al., 2019), this suggests the existence of different water-ice reservoirs, with CV water being enriched in heavy H and O isotopes (Piani et al., 2018; Piani and Marrocchi, 2018; Marrocchi et al., 2018).

Among chondrites, CIs are of primary importance as their bulk chemical compositions are similar to that of the solar photosphere, which is representative of the average solar system composition (Lodders, 2003). In addition, CIs are generally considered to be the most hydrated chondrites based on previous H measurements (Pearson et al., 2001; Alexander et al., 2012) and their high abundances of secondary minerals ( $\sim 97\%$ ; King et al., 2015).

475 Although it remains a possibility that a small amount of the released water below 120°C could  
476 have been initially indigenous, our data reveal that CIs analyzed without pre-degassing are  
477 essentially contaminated by terrestrial moisture, and we estimate their indigenous water  
478 contents to be almost a factor of 2 lower than previously reported (0.93 wt.% H compared to  
479 1.56 wt.% H; Pearson et al., 2001; Alexander et al., 2012), in agreement with results from  
480 stepwise heating analyses (Boato, 1954; Robert and Epstein, 1982; Yang and Epstein, 1983;  
481 Kerridge, 1985; Eiler and Kitchen, 2004). Consequently, CI chondrites have indigenous water  
482 contents similar to those estimated for CM chondrites, suggesting that CIs and CMs accreted  
483 similar proportions of water, although they contain vastly different proportions of matrix (65  
484 vol.% and 100 vol.% in CMs and CIs, respectively; Alexander et al., 2018b and references  
485 therein). CV chondrites comprising 40 vol.% matrix have H abundances roughly one tenth  
486 those of CM and CI chondrites. Together, our results for CV-, CM-, and CI-type  
487 carbonaceous chondrites argue against the suggested dependency of the bulk H concentration  
488 on matrix content (Alexander et al., 2018b). Nevertheless, our data for C and N  
489 concentrations (Fig. 3) are consistent with a matrix content dependency for these elements  
490 (Alexander et al., 2018b). Furthermore, correcting for terrestrial water contamination in CIs  
491 largely affects their D/H isotopic compositions, which is not the case for CMs (Fig. 5). This  
492 implies that CIs do not have H isotopic ratios as close to that of Earth's water as previously  
493 estimated based on measurements performed without pre-degassing. This conclusion was  
494 reported nearly 40 years ago (Robert and Epstein, 1982; Kerridge, 1985), but was  
495 overshadowed by recent studies that did not quantify the effects of terrestrial contamination  
496 (Alexander et al., 2012). Consequently, the large contamination of CI water and its non-  
497 terrestrial H isotopic composition should be accounted for in models of Earth's formation  
498 based on the mixing of chondrite-like materials, as considering CIs as the putative source of  
499 Earth's oceans would also affect the  $^{54}\text{Cr}$  mass balance calculation (Warren, 2011; Dauphas,

2017). In such a framework, CM chondrites thus appear to be the most isotopically similar extraterrestrial materials to the Earth's surficial hydrogen reservoir.

## 5. Conclusions

We have determined the bulk hydrogen concentrations and isotopic compositions of a large set of chondritic samples (CI, CM, CV, CK, and ordinary chondrites) using an elemental analyzer coupled to an isotope ratio mass spectrometer. Samples were pre-degassed under vacuum at 120 °C for 48 h before measurements. Our main results are:

1) CI and CM chondrites and Tagish Lake define a correlation in a D/H vs. 1/H diagram induced by the increasing contribution of insoluble organic matter to the total H budget. This trend is statistically distinct from that defined by similar chondrites analyzed without pre-degassing at  $\geq 120$  °C.

2) No clear D enrichment is observed with the increase of parent-body thermal metamorphism for ordinary and CV-type carbonaceous chondrites.

From these results, we drew the following conclusions:

1) Chondrites are largely affected by terrestrial contamination, with the most hydrated CI chondrites being the most prone to contamination because phyllosilicates are more abundant in CIs compared to CMs and CVs. After correction of contamination, the primordial H contents of CI, CM, and CV chondrites are significantly lower than generally reported and is not related to their matrix modal abundance, implying that their respective parent bodies accreted variable amounts of water-ice grains.

2) The D/H ratio of Orgueil is affected by terrestrial contamination, leading to an important underestimation of its H isotopic composition. This result is important as it could

affects the amount of water delivery by CI chondrites in the models of Earth's formation based on the mixing of chondrite-like materials.

3) Although based on a limited number of samples, thermal metamorphism suggests that significant H were lost in CVs of petrological type >3.6. It also decreased the H contents of ordinary chondrites, but minimally affected the D/H ratios of OCs of petrological type  $\geq 3.2$ .

4) The absence of an increasing D/H ratio with increasing the metamorphism degree for bulk ordinary chondrites does not support models in which water became enriched in deuterium via the oxidation of iron and the loss of isotopically light H<sub>2</sub>. On the contrary, this observation supports the presence of thermally resistant D-rich organic matter in ordinary chondrites.

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## Figure captions

Fig. 1. Schematic representation of the analytical protocol used in this study. The samples were first degassed under vacuum at 120 °C for 48 h in a degassing canister (A) before being transferred into a sealed auto-sampler pre-flushed with He (B). Samples were combusted at 1450 °C (C) and the extracted H<sub>2</sub> was introduced into the mass spectrometer through an open split and its D/H isotopic composition analyzed (D).

Fig. 2. (A) Average bulk hydrogen and water abundances (wt.%) for the different groups of chondrites analyzed in this study. Half-filled markers and unfilled triangle represent samples presumably affected by terrestrial weathering and/or metamorphism dehydration (Jbilet Winselwan, Y-980115 and Gro 95502). (B) Distribution of the H isotopic compositions (bulk D/H ratios and equivalent  $\delta D$  values) of chondrites ( $n = 178$ ). The upper part of the graph presents the H isotopic compositions measured in this study for each group of chondrites, and the lower part presents values reported in literature: Boato (1954), Robert (1978), Robert et al. (1979), Kolodny et al. (1980), Kerridge (1985), McNaughton et al. (1982), Robert and Epstein (1982), Yang and Epstein (1983), Robert (2003), Pearson et al. (2001), and Alexander et al. (2012).

Fig. 3. Relationship between bulk carbon and nitrogen abundances (wt.%) for all chondrites analyzed. A positive trend (solid black line) is observed between the two parameters, with an  $R^2$  value of 0.77 (MSWD = 1.7). Dashed curves represent the 95% confidence interval of the regression (errors are  $2\sigma$ ).

Fig. 4. Bulk hydrogen abundances (expressed as 1/H) and D/H isotopic ratios of CM chondrites and the ungrouped Tagish Lake chondrite ('TL') from this study and Alexander et al. (2012) and CM Paris (Vacher et al., 2016). Two positive trends (solid lines) with distinct slopes but similar intercepts are observed for our data (red;  $D/H = 70 (\pm 17) \times 1/H + 60 (\pm 24)$ ;  $2\sigma$ ,  $R^2 = 0.91$ , MSWD = 21) and the data from Alexander et al. (2012), excluding heated CMs (gray;  $D/H = 133 (\pm 28) \times 1/H + 28 (\pm 26)$ ;  $2\sigma$ ,  $R^2 = 0.55$ , MSWD = 466). Dashed curves represent the 95% confidence intervals of the regressions (errors are  $2\sigma$ ).

Fig. 5. The effect of pre-degassing temperature on the measured (A, B) hydrogen abundances and (C, D) hydrogen isotopic compositions of **CM Murchison** (red) and CI Orgueil (orange). Measured hydrogen concentrations decrease and D/H ratios increase with increased pre-degassing temperature for Orgueil. **Ranges of D/H values of D-rich organic matter (dark gray area; Alexander et al., 2007), D-poor phyllosilicates (light gray area; Alexander et al., 2012; Piani et al., 2018, 2019) and terrestrial hydrosphere (blue area; Lécuyer et al., 1998; Frankenberg et al., 2009; Clog et al., 2013) are also represented for comparison.** Data from: Boato (1954), Kolodny et al. (1980), Robert and Epstein ('R&E', 1982), Yang and Epstein ('Y&E', 1983), Pearson et al. (2001), and Alexander et al. (2012).

Fig. 6. The amount of H lost during the pre-degassing procedure as a function of the indigenous H content measured in CV-, CM-, and CI-type carbonaceous chondrites after pre-degassing at 120 °C. The amount of pre-degassed H is calculated as the difference between the hydrogen content measured in our samples after pre-degassing at 120 °C and that measured in the same samples at room temperature (25 °C) using the same analytical technique, but without pre-degassing (Pearson et al., 2001; Alexander et al., 2012) (**errors are  $2\sigma$** ).

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848 Fig. 7. Bulk D/H ratios as a function of bulk hydrogen abundances (expressed as  $1/H$ ) for all  
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850 Kerridge, 1985; Pearson et al., 2001; Alexander et al., 2012) and (B) ordinary chondrites (this  
851 study; Robert et al., 1979; McNaughton et al., 1982; Yang and Epstein, 1983; Alexander et  
852 al., 2012) (errors are  $2\sigma$ ).

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854 Fig. 8. Bulk hydrogen isotopic compositions of CV (black) and CM (red) chondrites as a  
855 function of their bulk C/H ratios. Delta notation is used for H isotopic compositions to  
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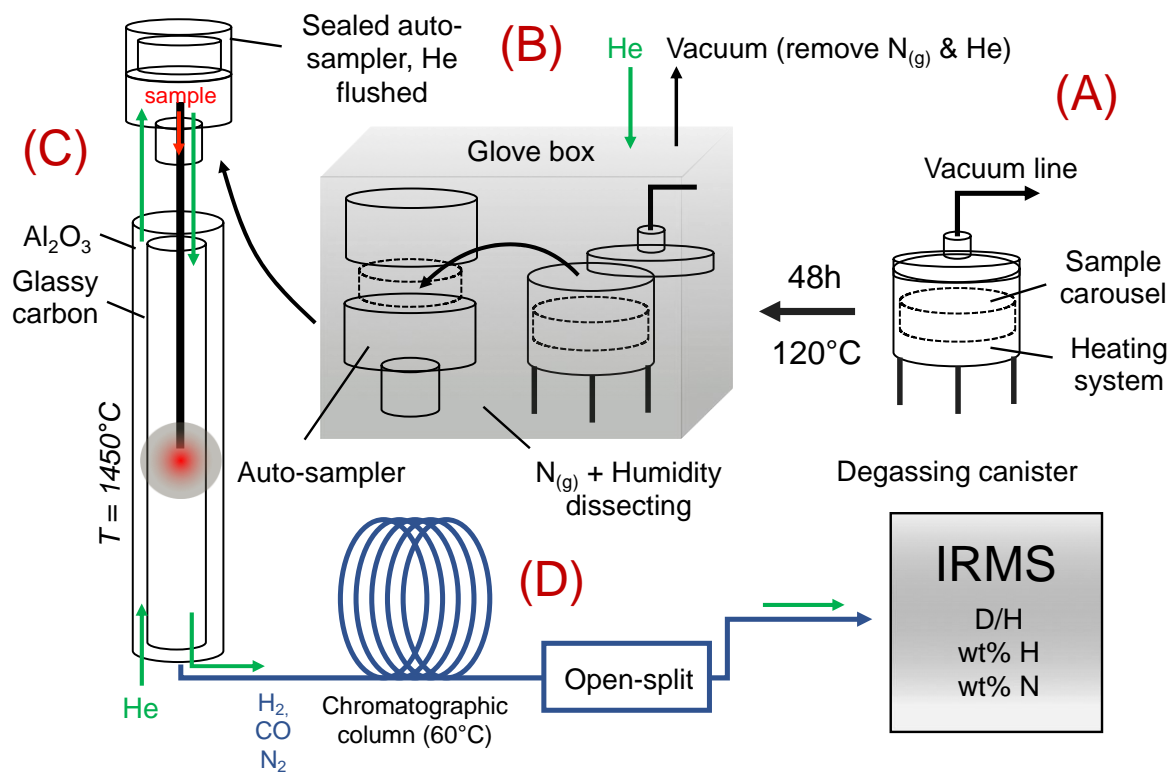
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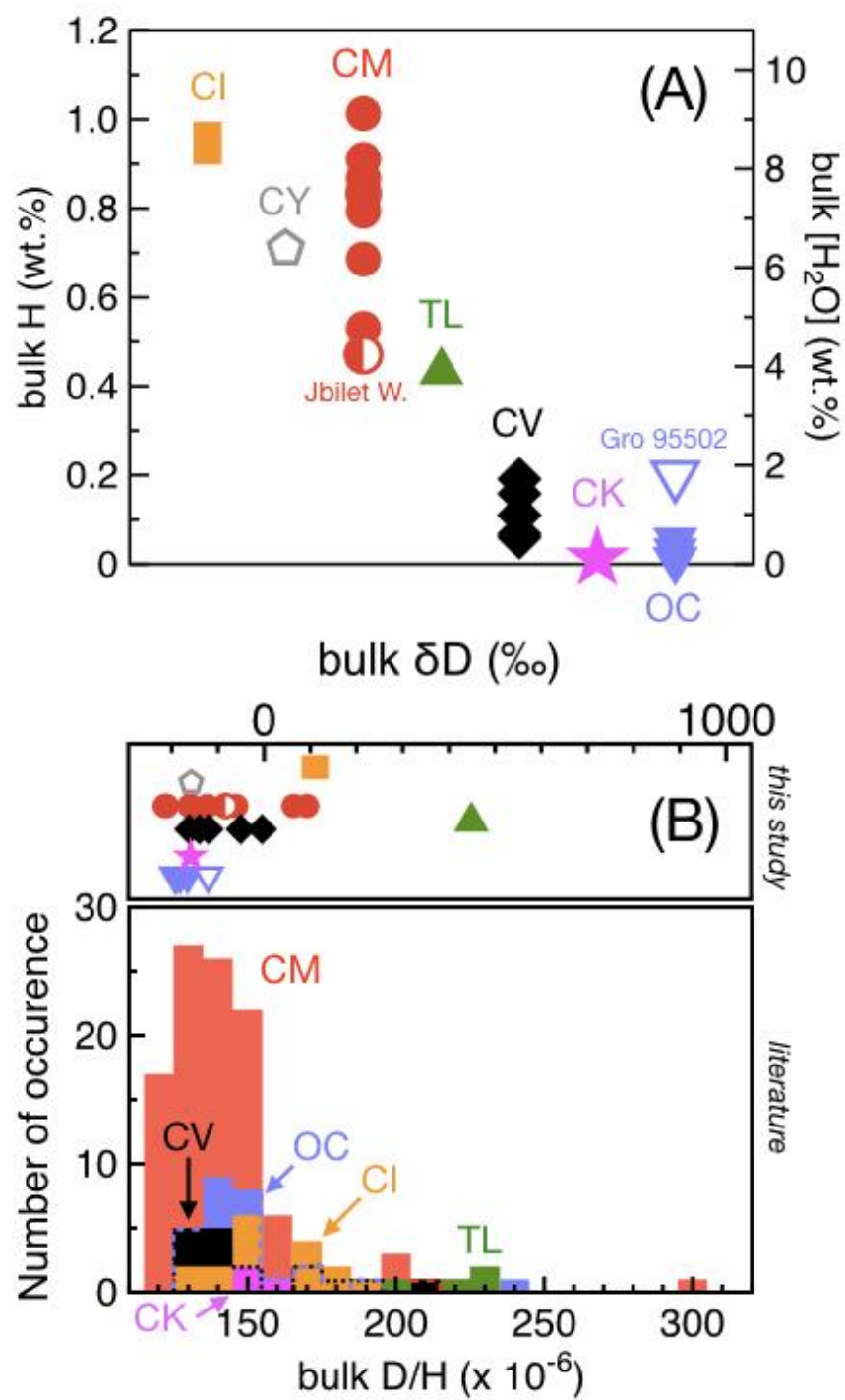


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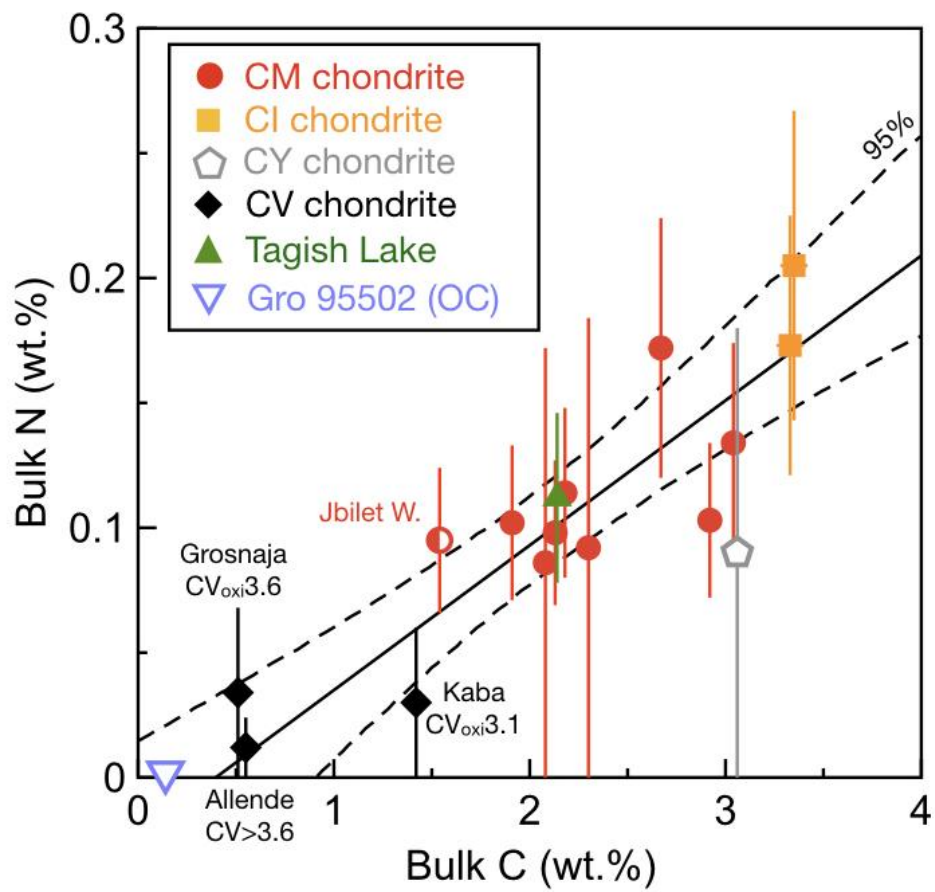


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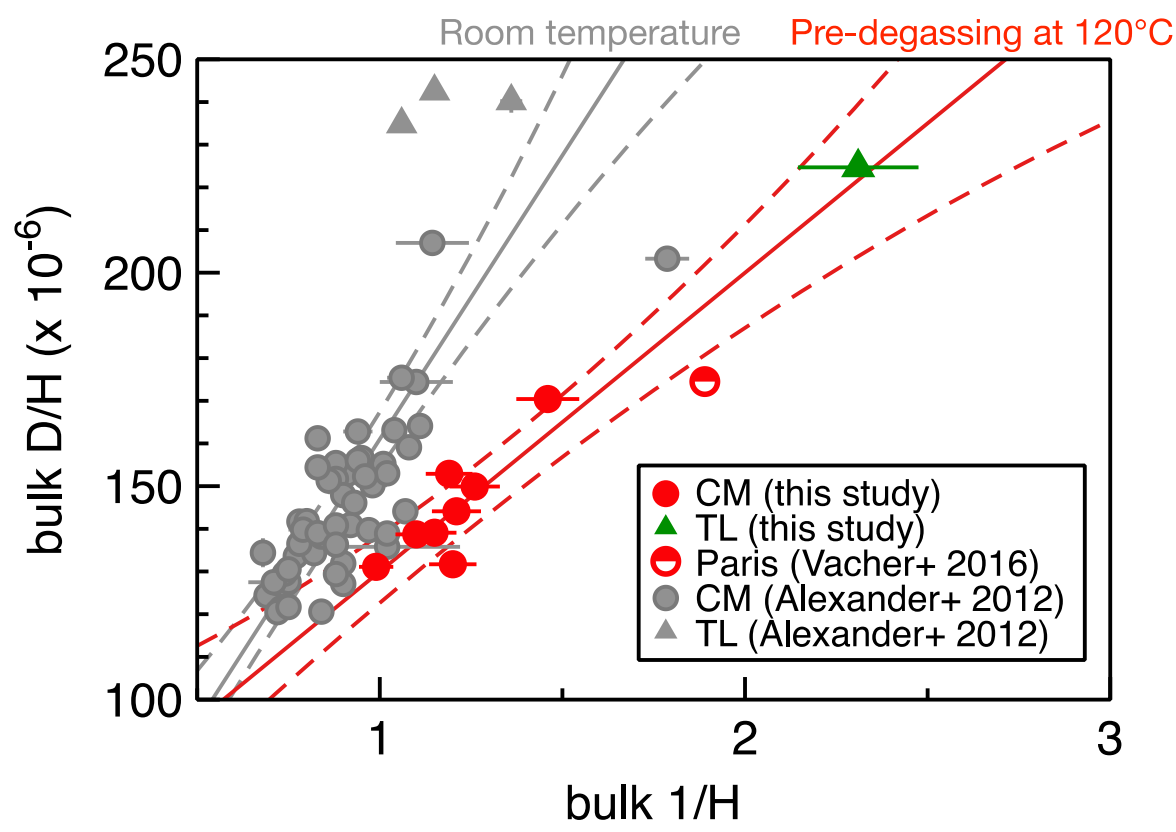


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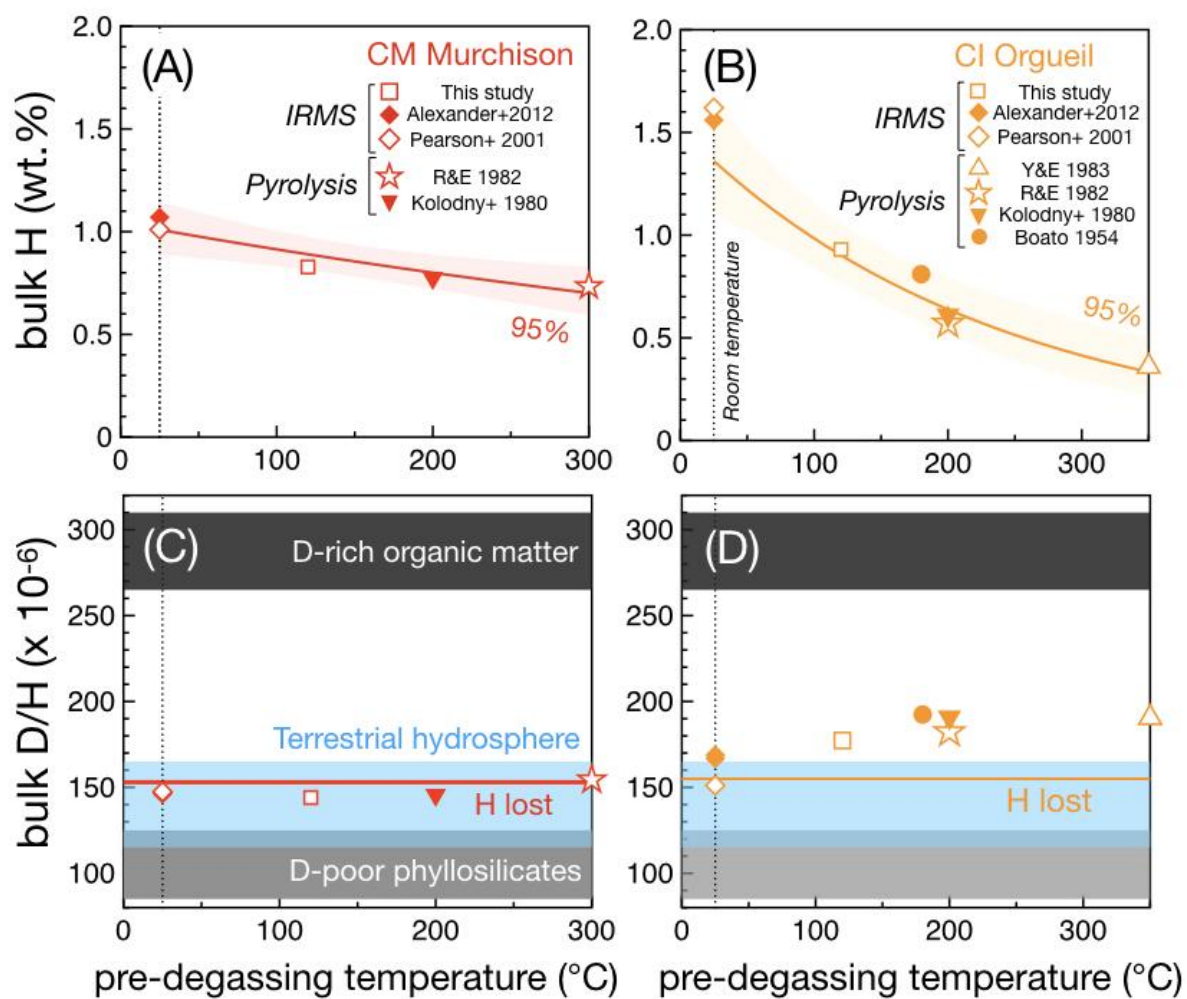


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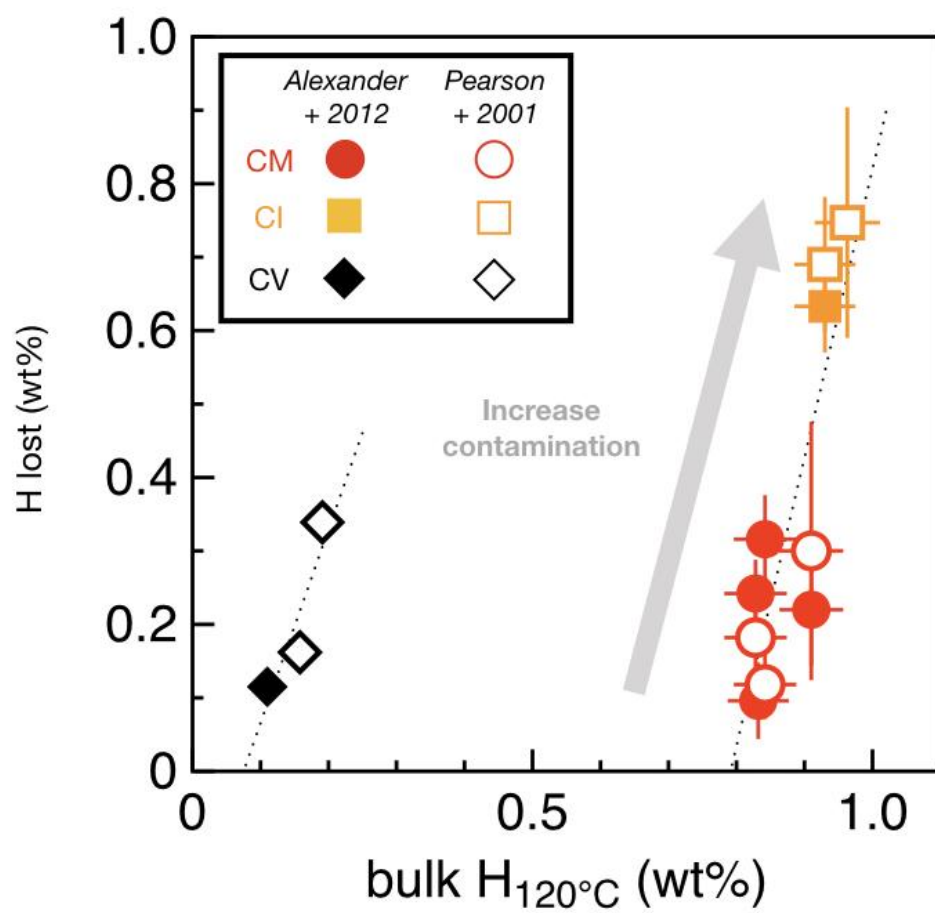


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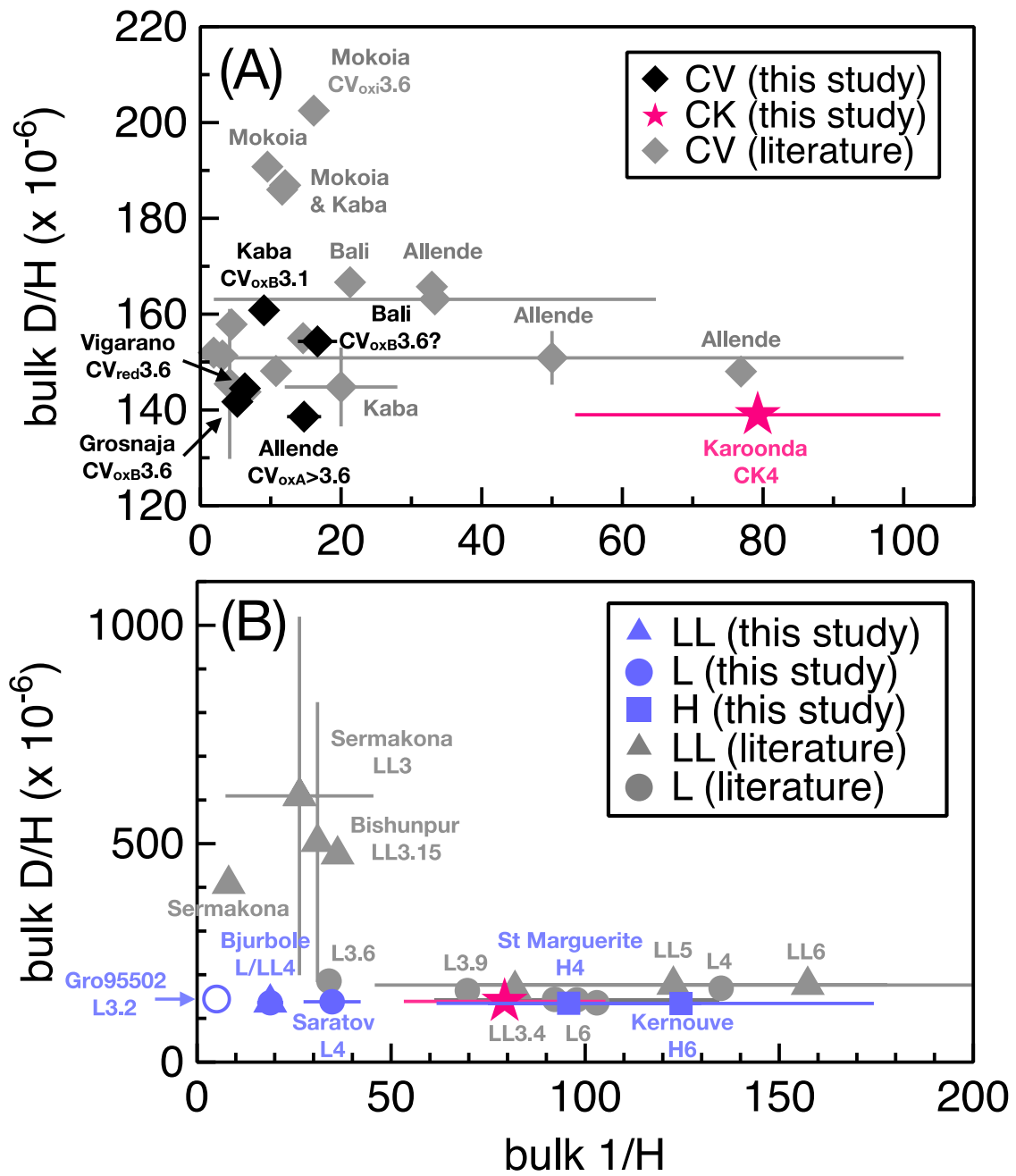


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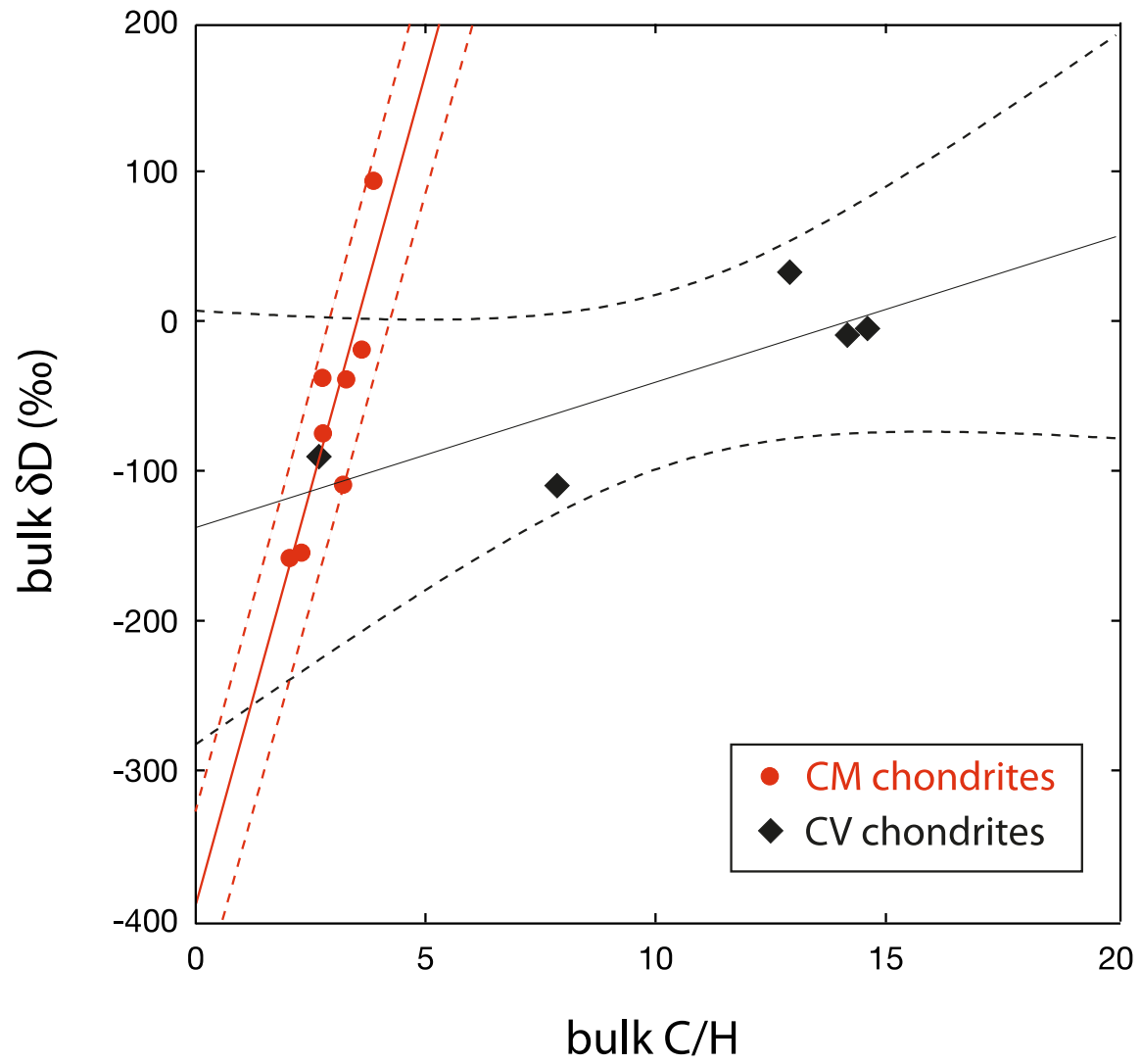


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Table 1: Hydrogen abundances and isotopic compositions of chondrites.

Meteorite	Type	wt% H	err. (2 $\sigma$ )	2 sd	$\delta D$ (‰)	err. (2 $\sigma$ )	2 sd	D/H ( $\times 10^{-6}$ )	err. (2 $\sigma$ )	2 sd
Aguas Zarcas ( $n=2$ )	CM2	0.868	0.045	0.087	-107.1	2	1.6	139.1	0.3	0.3
Jbilet Winselwan ( $n=2$ )	CM2	0.471	0.032	0.018	-38.9	2	9.5	149.7	0.3	1.5
LON 94101 ( $n=2$ ) <sup>c</sup>	CM2	0.832	0.045	0.012	-154.6	2	3.1	131.7	0.3	0.5
Maribo ( $n=2$ )	CM2	0.794	0.044	0.028	-37.9	2	1.1	149.9	0.3	0.2
Mighei ( $n=2$ )	CM2	0.910	0.047	0.038	-109.4	2	0.8	138.7	0.3	0.1
Mukundpura ( $n=4$ )	CM2	1.013	0.048	0.139	-158.2	2	6.7	131.1	0.3	1
Murchison ( $n=2$ )	CM2	0.828	0.046	0.081	-74.9	2	0.9	144.1	0.3	0.1
Murray ( $n=2$ )	CM2	0.842	0.046	0.038	-18.5	2	2.6	152.9	0.3	0.4
Paris (altered area) <sup>a</sup>	CM2	0.686	0.040		93.7	2		170.4	0.3	
Paris <sup>b</sup>	CM2	0.530	0.010		120.3	1		174.5	0.3	
Tagish Lake ( $n=3$ )	Ung. C	0.433	0.031	0.007	442.3	2	24	224.7	0.3	3.7
Alais ( $n=2$ )	CI	0.963	0.048	0.092	133.7	2	28.9	176.6	0.3	4.5
Orgueil ( $n=4$ )	CI	0.930	0.045	0.148	138.0	2	15.3	177.3	0.3	2.4
Y-980115 ( $n=3$ ) <sup>d</sup>	CY	0.710	0.041	0.212	-106.0	2	3	139.2	0.3	0.5
Allende ( $n=2$ )	CV	0.068	0.011	0.011	-109.9	2	2.4	138.6	0.8	0.4
Bali	CV	0.060	0.010		-9.3	5		154.3	0.8	
Grosnaja	CV	0.191	0.019		-90.5	5		141.7	0.8	
Kaba	CV	0.110	0.014		32.6	5		160.8	0.8	
Vigarano	CV	0.158	0.018		-72.6	5		144.5	0.8	
Karoonda	CK	0.013	0.004		-107.4	5		139.0	0.8	
Bjurbole	LL/L4	0.053	0.009		-128.1	5		135.8	0.8	
GRO 95502 <sup>e</sup>	L3	0.199	0.020		-73.2	5		144.4	0.8	
Saratov ( $n=2$ )	L4	0.029	0.006	0.011	-113.7	5	2.3	138.1	0.8	0.4
Sainte Marguerite	H4	0.010	0.004		-135.8	5		134.6	0.8	
Kernouve	H6	0.008	0.003		-138.3	5		134.2	0.8	

922 <sup>a</sup>Piece of Paris provided by Bekaert et al. (2018). <sup>b</sup>Data from Vacher et al. (2016) using the same  
923 methodology as this study. <sup>c</sup>Lonewolf Nunataks 94101. <sup>d</sup>Yamato 980115. <sup>e</sup>Grosvenor Mountains.  
924 Err. (2 $\sigma$ ): 2 $\sigma$  sample error (see methods). 2 sd: 2 $\sigma$  standard deviation on  $n$  replicates.

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926 Table 2: Carbon and nitrogen abundances and carbon isotopic compositions of chondrites.  
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Meteorite	Type	wt% N	err. (2σ)	2 sd	wt% C	err. (2σ)	2 sd	δ <sup>13</sup> C (‰)	err. (2σ)	2 sd
Aguas Zarcas	CM2	0.098	0.029		2.13	0.04		-9.8	0.2	
Jbilet Winselwan	CM2	0.095	0.029		1.54	0.03		-10.9	0.2	
LON 94101 <sup>a</sup>	CM2	0.102	0.031		1.91	0.04		-13.7	0.2	
Maribo	CM2	0.114	0.034		2.18	0.04		-5.5	0.2	
Mighei	CM2	0.103	0.031		2.92	0.06		-12.5	0.2	
Mukundpura ( <i>n</i> = 3)	CM2	0.086	0.086	0.008	2.08	0.04	0.04	-3.9	0.2	2.3
Murchison	CM2	0.092	0.092		2.30	0.05		-10.4	0.2	
Murray	CM2	0.134	0.040		3.04	0.06		-11.7	0.2	
Paris	CM2	0.172	0.052		2.67	0.05		-7.5	0.2	
Tagish Lake	Ung. C	0.112	0.034		2.14	0.04		4.7	0.2	
Alais	CI	0.173	0.052		3.33	0.07		-15.9	0.2	
Orgueil ( <i>n</i> = 2)	CI	0.205	0.062	0.014	3.35	0.07	0.78	-12.9	0.2	5.7
Y-980115 <sup>b</sup>	CY	0.090	0.090		3.06	0.06		-12.9	0.2	
Allende	CV	0.012	0.012		0.55	0.01		-23.7	0.2	
Bali	CV	bdl			0.85	0.02		-19.9	0.2	
Grosnaja	CV	0.034	0.034		0.51	0.01		-21.6	0.2	
Kaba	CV	0.030	0.030		1.42	0.03		-17.8	0.2	
Vigarano	CV	bdl			bdl			bdl	0.2	
Karoonda	CK	bdl			0.09	0.00		-20.7	0.2	
Bjurbole	LL/L4	bdl			0.14	0.00		-26.5	0.2	
GRO 95502 <sup>c</sup>	L3	bdl			bdl			bdl	0.2	
Saratov	L4	bdl			0.12	0.00		-26.2	0.2	
Sainte Marguerite	H4	bdl			0.08	0.00		-24.7	0.2	
Kernouve	H6	bdl			0.10	0.00		-26.6	0.2	

928 <sup>a</sup>Lonewolf Nunataks 94101, <sup>b</sup>Yamato 980115 <sup>c</sup>Grosvenor Mountains.

929 Err. (2σ): 2σ sample error (see methods), 2 sd: 2σ standard deviation on *n* replicates.

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