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21	Abstract
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23	In order to better understand the formation and evolution of their parent bodies, the three
24	isotope ratios of sulfur were analyzed in 33 enstatite meteorites (24 enstatite chondrites and

25 9 aubrites). The results show that on average all enstatite chondrite groups are enriched in the lightest isotopes compared to other chondrite groups, with means of δ^{34} S of -0.28 ± 26 27 0.22 ‰ for EH3/4, -0.16 ± 0.16 ‰ for EH5, -0.32 ± 0.15 ‰ for EL3, -0.67 ± 0.16 ‰ for EL6 28 and -0.64 \pm 0.00 ‰ for EL7 (all 1 σ). Aubrites show a larger isotope variability in their composition, with a δ^{34} S varying from -1.350‰ to +0.154 ‰. Contrary to previously 29 30 published results, our data show a distinct composition for EL6 compared to other enstatite 31 chondrites. This could be related to an impact-induced loss of isotopically heavy oldhamite 32 $(\delta^{34}S = by 3.62 \pm 3.02 \% (1\sigma))$ on the EL parent body. Although the bulk sulfur in both enstatite meteorites and aubrites does not show any significant Δ^{33} S and Δ^{36} S, the oldhamite 33 fraction shows clear evidence of mass independent fractionation on the ³⁶S/³²S ratio (in 3 34 out of 9 analyzes, Δ^{36} S up to +2.2‰), a signal that is not correlated to any 33 S/ 32 S anomaly (in 35 36 1 out of 9 analyzes, Δ^{33} S down to -0.085‰). Though a nebular or photochemical origin 37 cannot be ruled out, the most plausible mechanism to produce such isolated non-mass dependent ³⁶S/³²S anomalies would be a contribution of FeCl₂ containing excesses of ³⁶S due 38 39 to the decay of ³⁶Cl to the leached oldhamite fraction. Even though the sulfur isotopic 40 composition measured in enstatite meteorites is distinct from the Bulk Silicate Earth (BSE), 41 the isotopically lightest samples of EL6, EL7 and aubrites are approaching the isotopic 42 composition of the BSE and enstatite meteorites remain the meteorites with the sulfur 43 isotopic composition the closest to the terrestrial one.

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- 47 **1. INTRODUCTION**
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49 Enstatite meteorites comprise two groups of meteorites: enstatite chondrites, which are 50 undifferenciated (primitive) meteorites, and aubrites, which are also referred to as enstatite 51 achondrites, and are differentiated material.

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53 As shown by their mineral assemblages and compositions enstatite meteorites are the most 54 reduced meteorites (Mason 1965, Keil 1968, Rubin 1984, Brett & Keil 1986, Weisberg & 55 Kimura 2012, Barrat et al. 2014). This is attested by their major silicate phase which is near-56 pure enstatite (\approx 50 wt% of total sample), with FeO < 1%. Their amount of FeNi metal (\approx 25 57 wt%) is higher than in other chondrite groups and the metal phase contains up to 2 wt% Si. 58 Other important phases include troilite and plagioclase. The exceptionally reduced 59 environment of their formation leads most lithophile elements to behave as chalcophile (El 60 Goresy, 1988), and therefore to the formation of a large variety (0.1 to 1 %) of unusual 61 sulphides, including oldhamite (CaS), niningerite ([Mg, Fe, Mn]S), alabandite (MnS) and rare 62 minerals such as osbornite (TiN), sinoite (Si₂N₂O), daubreelite (FeCr₂S₄), caswellsilverite 63 (NaCrS₂) and perryite ([Ni,Fe]₈[Si,P]₃) are further illustration of their very reduced character.

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The enstatite chondrites are commonly subdivided into 2 sub-groups according to their amount of metallic Fe: EH (Fe-rich enstatite chondrites) and EL (Fe-poor enstatite chondrites) (Keil 1968, Sears 1980, Kallemeyn & Wasson 1983). It is also worth noting that EH are characterised by the occurrence of alabandite, while EL contain niningerite instead as well as various alkali sulfides (Lin & El Goresy 2002, Weisberg & Kimura 2012). In addition, Lin & El Goresy (2002) have given several petrographic evidence that the EH parent body had to form in even more reduced conditions than the EL parent body, with a lower oxygen and 73 a higher H₂S fugacity, resulting in a higher Si content in kamacite and perryite, and alkali 74 enrichment in sulphides in unequilibrated EL3 compared to their EH3 counterparts. Like 75 other chondrites, enstatite chondrites present various degrees of metamorphism, from the 76 more primitive group, noted 3, to the most metamorphosed, noted 6 (or 7). Yet, due to their 77 very specific mineralogies, it can be challenging to assess precisely the exact degree of 78 metamorphism and uncertainty remains regarding the classification of enstatite chondrites 79 (Quirico et al. 2011). It is to be noted that there are no hydrous metamorphosed enstatite. 80 This is primarily the consequence that no hydrous phase exists, H being dissolved in the 81 metal phase.

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83 Interestingly, enstatite chondrites are the only undifferentiated meteorites to possess a well-84 identified differentiated counterpart, the aubrites. Aubrites are for the most part fragmental 85 breccias or regolith impact breccias, with the exception of 6 samples representing impact 86 melts (Casanova et al. 1993, Lorenzetti et al. 2002, Miura et al. 2007). Besides enstatite, their 87 main minerals are albitic plagioclase, diopisde and forsterite. Based on similar O isotopic 88 compositions and major element content, they are thought to originate from an enstatite 89 chondrite-like parent body, but neither from the EH nor the EL parent bodies (Keil 2010). No 90 study has reported a comparison of O fugacity in aubrites with EL and EH. However, their 91 mineralogical composition and possibly complementary Zn isotopic composition tends to show that aubrites are closer to EL than EH (Watters & Prinz 1979, Rubin 1984, Moynier et al. 92 93 2011).

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95 The origin of enstatite meteorites and their parent bodies and the genetic relationships
96 between all the sub-groups remain partially unsolved today. There are several arguments in

97 favour of a common origin of enstatite chondrites. For example, they have several 98 remarkable features that distinguish them from any other meteorite groups. They have a 99 distinct mineralogy, with a wide variety of sulfides and metals, reflecting their highly reduced 100 environments of formation. They also have similar oxygen isotopic compositions (Clayton & 101 Mayeda 1996, Herwartz et al. 2014). It is therefore likely that they share a common origin. 102 Several authors have favoured a common parent body for all the enstatite chondrites, EL 103 and EH (Clayton and Mayeda, 1996, Kong et al. 1997). This is corroborated by the fact that 104 they are all completely dry (there are no enstatite chondrites of petrologic types 1 or 2) and 105 the high melting temperature of enstatite. Yet some incompatibilities have been emphasized 106 (Keil 1968, Brett & Keil 1986, Lin & El Goresy 2002, Keil 2010). In particular, Lin and El Goresy 107 (2002) showed that the chemical and petrography of the EH and EL were incompatible with 108 a common parent body. EH have a higher Mg/Si ratio than the EL (Keil et al. 1968). EL and EH 109 also have very distinct cooling rates and heating histories, suggesting distinct parent bodies 110 (Zhang et al. 1995, Lin & El Goresy 2002).

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112 The chemical, and isotopic similarities between enstatite meteorites that were previously 113 used as evidence for common parent body are now re-interpreted in terms a common 114 environment of formation for the different parent bodies (as attested by the mineralogy of 115 the meteorites. Rubin et al. 2009). Even though it is now generally assumed that enstatite 116 meteorites originate from at least four different parents bodies - one for the EL, one for the 117 EH, and 2 for the aubrites (one for the Shallowater meteorite, and another parent body for 118 all the other aubrites) - a few studies have pointed out the peculiarity of EL6 compared to 119 EL3 and EH in their REE content (Rubin et al. 2009, Barrat et al. 2014) and zinc isotopic 120 composition (Moynier et al. 2011), leading to the question whether they could originate121 from an additional distinct parent body.

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123 Both enstatite meteorites and the Earth (as well as other terrestrial planets) formed in a 124 reduced environment, which suggests a possible link between them (Javoy et al. 2010, 125 Sanloup et al. 1999). Isotopic similarities between the Earth and enstatite meteorites are 126 remarkable, the most striking observation being the oxygen isotopic composition (Clayton et 127 al. 1984, Clayton & Mayeda 1996, Newton et al. 2000, Herwartz et al. 2014). Isotopic 128 similarity between the Earth and enstatite meteorites now extend to many additional 129 elements such as Zn (Moynier et al. 2011), N (Javoy & Pineau 1983, Cartigny et al. 1997), Mo 130 (Dauphas et al. 2004), Ru (Dauphas et al. 2004), Cr (Birck et al. 1999, Trinquier et al. 2007a), 131 Sr (Moynier et al. 2010, 2012), Ti (Trinquier et al. 2007b) and Ca (Valdes et al. 2014). These 132 similarities has led to the idea that, contrary to first assumptions, the Earth was not built 133 from a majority of ordinary chondrites and carbonaceous chondrites -like material, but 134 primarily from enstatite-like material (Javoy 1998, Javoy et al. 2010). However, the Mg/Si 135 ratio of bulk enstatite chondrites is much lower than that of BSE, and the Si isotopic ratio 136 measured in all enstatite meteorites is significantly different from Earth (Fitoussi & Bourdon 137 2012, Savage & Moynier 2013), though Dauphas et al. (2015) have recently shown that 138 Mg/Si ratio was dictated by the the condensation sequence of forsterite in the solar nebula. 139 Earth and enstatite meteorites might also slightly differ in their Ti isotopic composition 140 (Trinquier et al. 2009, Zhang et al. 2012) as well as Ca isotopic composition (Simon & 141 DePaolo 2010), though the latter was recently proved disputable by Valdes et al. (2014). 142 Finally, a recent study by Herwartz et al. (2014) revealed small but significant differences in 143 the ¹⁷O isotopic compositions of Earth and enstatite meteorites: 59 ± 8 ppm (0.059 \pm

144 0.008 ‰) for EL and 35 ± 10 ppm (0.035 ± 0.01 ‰) for EH. Though it seems undeniable that 145 enstatite meteorites share a lot of features with the Earth, building the Earth solely from 146 enstatite-like material is not free of difficulties.

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148 Sulfur is present in enstatite meteorites in significant quantity (\approx 4-5 wt% S) (Keil et al. 1968). 149 Having 4 isotopes (³²S, ³³S, ³⁴S, ³⁶S), it allows the distinction of equilibrium and kinetic effects 150 and the identification of mass independent isotopic fractionation (MIF). A scarce number of 151 sulfur isotopic compositions have been measured in enstatite chondrites (Gao & Thiemens 152 1993a) and aubrites (Rai et al. 2005), including significant MIF reported in the aubrite Norton 153 County (Rai et al. 2005). To better discuss the differences and relationships between the 154 different groups of enstatite meteorites and to better apprehend the link between the 155 enstatite meteorites and the building material of the Earth, we report the S isotopic 156 composition of 33 enstatite chondrites and aubrites, to create a precise spectrum of the S 157 isotopic variations and possible MIF in all the enstatite-bearing bodies.

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160 **2. SAMPLES AND METHODS**

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33 samples of enstatite meteorites, from all groups and metamorphism degrees have been
analysed: 2 EL3 (Mac 88 136, Mac 02 837), 9 EL6 (Hvittis, Khaipur, Eagle, North West Forest,
Lon 94 100, Happy Canyon, EET 92 063, NWA 974, Pillistfer, Atlanta, Blithfield), 2 EL7 (Happy
Canyon, Ilafegh 009), 8 EH3 (Indarch, Qinz-Zhan, Gro 95 517, Abee, Kota-Kota, Alha 77 295,
Mil 07 028, Itqiy, Sahara 97 096), 3 EH5 (St Sauveur, LA 02 225, St Mark's) and 9 Aubrites
(Norton County, Khor Temiki, Shallowater, Bishopville, Cumberland Falls, Aubres, Bustee,

Mayo Belwa, Pena Blanca). Two samples, North West Forest (EL6) and Itqiy (EL7-an), did not
release any sulfur.

172 **2.1. Analytical techniques**

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176 Samples were obtained either as fine powders or as cm-size chunks of rocks that were 177 subsequently crushed into powder. For bulk reduced sulfur extraction about 20 mg of 178 powder was used in each experiment. When enough material was available, a replica or two 179 were processed. The powered samples were poured in a glass reaction vessel with 20 ml of 180 chrome reduction solution (\approx 30 % Cr(III)Cl₃ + 15 % Zn + 55 % HCl 0.6 N, see Canfield et al. 181 1986). 5 ml of HCl 6N were added to the mixture to ensure an acidic condition, which 182 enhances the reaction rate. The flasks were heated to boiling temperature for 3 hours under 183 a flux of N2. Hydrogen sulfide was swept out with a stream of nitrogen gas, washed in 184 distilled water, and collected in a silver nitrate solution. Ag₂S was rinsed with distilled water 185 and then dried for 24 hours.

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As detailed previously (e.g. Canfield et al. 1986) extensive tests on pure FeS₂ original material has shown that our settings for the chemical extraction of sulfides ensure a close to 189 100% yield and do not create any significant fractionation of sulfur isotopes.

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Weighed aliquots of Ag₂S samples wrapped in Al foils, are introduced in nickel bombs, evacuated and fluorinated with purified F₂ at 250° overnight. The reaction releases SF₆ which is then purified by cryogenic separation and gas chromatography (1/8 in. diameter column of a 6 ft 5A molecular sieve followed by a 8 ft Haysep Q column. Ono at al 2006). Purified SF₆ is then quantified using a capacitance manometer (to check for fluorination yield) and analyzed by mass spectrometry.

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Several large samples were obtained, allowing the isotopic composition of oldhamite (CaS) to be investigated. CaS is a fragile sulphide, easily reacting with water to produce H₂S. The extraction procedure was similar to the protocol used for extracting all sulphides: 3 g of powdered sample were poured in a flask, heated at \approx 100°C for 10 hours with 20 ml of pure water. No other reagent was added. Particular care was taken to ensure that all glassware was perfectly dry before experiment. Similarly to bulk S extraction, H₂S was produced and converted to Ag₂S.

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206 **2.2.** Isotope analysis

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The sulfur isotopic compositions were measured using a dual inlet Thermo Finnigan MAT 253 Mass Spectrometer at the Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris, France. M/z ratios 127, 128, 129 and 131 ratios were monitored simultaneously (respectively for ${}^{32}SF_5^+$, ${}^{33}SF_5^+$, ${}^{34}SF_5^+$, ${}^{36}SF_5^+$). The $\delta^{34}S$ values are calculated after calibration of our in-house SF₆ tank, using the international standard IAEA-S1 recommended value of Robinson (1993). As this reference material is anchored to V-CDT, the $\delta^{34}S$ values measured in this study are all given respect to 215respect to our SF6 tank and were recalculated accordingly via the relations:216217218 $\Delta^{33}S = \delta^{33}S + 1000 \times [(\delta^{34}S/1000 + 1)^{0.515} - 1]$ (1)219

V-CDT. There is no international calibration for neither Δ^{33} S nor Δ^{36} S and there are given with

220 $\Delta^{36}S = \delta^{36}S + 1000 \times [(\delta^{34}S/1000 + 1)^{1.9} - 1]$ (2)

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223 The quality of the measurements is estimated on the basis of the long term reproducibility of 224 IAEA-S1 and IAEA-S2 reference materials (Table 1, Appendix A). Repeated analyses 225 conducted during completion of this work gave, for IAEA-S1, $\delta^{34}S = -0.378 \pm 0.17$ %, $\Delta^{33}S = -0$ 226 0.117 ± 0.006 ‰ and $\Delta^{36}S = -0.36 \pm 0.28$ ‰ (all 1 σ , n=17) and $\delta^{34}S = 22.01 \pm 0.40$ ‰, $\Delta^{33}S =$ 227 0.03 \pm 0.07 ‰ and Δ^{36} S = -0.20 \pm 0.3 ‰ (all 1 σ , n=20). Those values are statistically 228 indistinguishable from those given in Ono et al. (2006), Johnson et al. (2008) and Labidi et al. (2012). CDT samples were also analyzed. They gave raw values of δ^{34} S = -0.37 ± 0.2 ‰, Δ^{33} S = 229 230 -0.029 ± 0.004 ‰ and Δ^{36} S = -0.129 ± 0.087 ‰ (all 1 σ , n=9). To express our Δ^{33} S and Δ^{36} S 231 results relative to V-CDT, V-CDT being assumed at zero, all results have been normalized to V-CDT using the above values and noted as Δ'^{33} S and Δ'^{36} S. 232

Each measurement session was preceded by a zero-enrichment. In addition, two standards (IAEA-S1, IAEA-S2 or CDT) samples were analyzed at each session, one at the beginning and one at the end to assess data quality.

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237 **3. RESULTS**

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Our results are presented in Table 2 and Figure 1. The S isotopic composition of EH3, EH5 and EL3 are all within uncertainties of each others. These values are in good agreement with Gao and Thiemens (1993a), except for the EL6 and EL7 groups, for which our values (respectively $\delta^{34}S = -0.66 \pm 0.14$ ‰ and $\delta^{34}S = -0.64 \pm 0.00$ ‰) are distinctively lower compared with their values ($\delta^{34}S = -0.24 \pm 0.06$ ‰, n = 3, $\sigma = 1$, Gao & Thiemens, 1993a).

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Aubrites (Aubrite Main Group and Shallowater) show a mean value of δ^{34} S = -0.43 ± 0.53 ‰ 247 Δ'^{33} S = 0.006 ± 0.037 ‰ and Δ'^{36} S = 0.041 ± 0.237 ‰. Shallowater is a particular aubrite that 248 is thought to come from a distinct parent body (Keil 1989, 2010). As Shallowater ($\delta^{34}S = -$ 249 250 0.46 ‰) does not show any distinct isotopic composition in sulfur compared with other 251 aubrites (δ^{34} S = -0.43 ± 0.56 ‰, without Shallowater), we will not make any further 252 distinction between the main group and Shallowater and regroup all of them in one 253 "aubrites" entity. This merge is only made for purpose of clarity and does not imply in any 254 way that Shallowater and the Main Group might originate from the same parent body based 255 on S isotopic compositions.

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Most of aubrites data overlap with the composition measured in enstatite chondrites, yet with several samples displaying more extreme values, between two poles, one positive ($\delta^{34}S$ = +0.154 ‰ measured in Aubres) and one negative ($\delta^{34}S$ = -1.350‰ as measured in Bishopville). Interestingly, Bishopville displays a significant difference in isotope composition between the two chunks (i.e. two distinct samples from two museums) that were analyzed from this meteorite ($\delta^{34}S$ = -1.350‰ vs. $\delta^{34}S$ = +0.215‰). This difference of 1.566 ‰ is way beyond the overall uncertainty of our analytical protocol, and must represent a sample heterogeneity. This heterogeneity is also noticeable in the different concentrations of sulfur between those two chunks, with an S content of about 1.9 wt% and 0.1 wt% for the ³⁴S – depleted and –enriched samples respectively.

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268 Cumberland Falls is a particular aubrite as it contains both clasts of aubritic nature and clasts 269 from ordinary chondrite material that is thought to come from an impactor to the aubrite 270 parent body. First analyses on undiscriminated powder from the meteorite gave a bulk composition of δ^{34} S = -0.517 ± 0.06 ‰. Subsequent analyses on specifically selected aubritic 271 and OC clasts showed an aubrite composition much more negative, $\delta^{34}S = -1.903$ ‰, while 272 273 the OC clast showed a δ^{34} S of 0.007 ‰, in perfect agreement with an ordinary chondrite 274 signature (Gao & Thiemens 1993a) and confirming that aubrites are also heterogeneous in S 275 isotopes.

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277 No obvious MIF in ³³S or ³⁶S is observed in the bulk fraction analyses (Figure 2), neither in 278 enstatite chondrites nor aubrites, mean values of Δ'^{33} S and Δ'^{36} S for each group being very 279 close to zero. There is no distinctive trend in the Δ'^{33} S or Δ'^{36} S individual analyses, though a 280 slight dispersion of the values beyond the standard deviation can be noted.

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3.2. Water soluble fraction

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Twelve large samples (4 EH and 8 aubrites) were specifically analyzed to access the S isotope composition of oldhamite (Table 3, Figure 3). Nine of them released enough sulfur to allow for analysis of S isotopes, while three (all aubrites) did not release any significant amount of

287	sulfur. The sulfur isotopic composition of the water soluble fraction is distinctively different
288	from the bulk S of enstatite meteorites, showing large variations between samples (with a
289	δ^{34} S from 0.66 ‰ to 10.95 ‰) and an enrichment in all three heavy isotopes compared to
290	bulk S compositions, with averages $\delta^{34}S$ = 3.62 \pm 3.02 ‰, $\Delta'^{33}S$ = -0.024 \pm 0.027 ‰ and $\Delta'^{36}S$
291	= 0.629 \pm 0.724 ‰. Three samples (EH3 Indarch, and aubrites Norton County and Aubres)
292	show significant ${}^{36}S$ excess (respectively $\Delta'{}^{36}S$ = 2.23 ‰, 1.19 ‰ and 0.91 ‰). Norton County
293	is the only sample to show significant anomalies in both ^{36}S and ^{33}S , with a positive $\Delta'^{36}S$
294	(+1.185 ‰) and a negative anomaly in Δ'^{33} S (-0.085 ‰). This result contrasts with the datum
295	of Rai et al. (2005) who measured a positive anomaly in $\Delta'^{33}S$ of 0.161 \pm 0.012 ‰ in
296	oldhamite of Norton County and $\Delta'^{36}S \approx 0$ ‰, suggesting that a given aubrite can also be
297	isotopically heterogeneous in terms of 33 S isotopes, best illustrated by the water soluble
298	fraction. To our knowledge, these isotope anomalies do not compare with other data in bulk
299	meteorites (Antonelli et al., 2014; Hulston and Thode, 1965b).

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303	4.	DISCUSSION

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305 **4.1. Heterogeneity of the samples**

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307 Previous petrographic studies have shown that at a mm scale, samples can be very 308 heterogeneous in their mineral composition (Mason 1965, Keil 1968, Rubin 1984, Brett & 309 Keil 1986). This is supported by S isotopes and particularly for aubrites and EL6, which 310 contain less sulfides than the other groups. In several cases, samples from the same chunks 311 did not contain extractable sulfides. A misstep in the chemical extraction was unlikely since 312 for samples for which enough material was available to perform replicates from the same 313 chunk, as for pyrite tests, all the results were within experimental error. It is therefore more 314 likely that these chunks did not contain any sulfide. Some of the samples that we had 315 received as powders were possibly oxidized with the clear presence of rusty material. 316 Therefore the sulfides may had been oxidized to sulfates and were not extracted by our 317 analytical method. In order to test this possibility we performed an extraction using Thode's 318 method (Thode et al. 1961) to extract sulfur from sulfates which did not yield anything either 319 (see table 2). Therefore, it is more probable that the lack of sulfur was due to the 320 heterogeneous nature of the original material (usually single chunks, or powder from a 321 single chunk), which is expected given the brecciated nature of those samples, with clasts of 322 mm to cm size. This idea is further supported by the fact that the two distinct chunks from 323 Bishopville displayed contrasted isotope compositions.

Although the sulfur content can be heterogeneous, the isotopic composition remains fairly reproducible between different replicates of a same meteorite with a difference of less than 0.2 ‰ in δ^{34} S, with the noticeable exceptions of Abee (EH4), which displays a variability of 0.377 ‰, and Bishopville (aubrite), showing a significant variation of 1.566 ‰ in δ^{34} S.

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4.2. Mass independent isotopic fractionation in the water soluble fraction

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Significant MIF are observed in the water soluble fractions (Figure 4) of the analyzed samples showing a clear positive $\Delta'^{36}S$ up to 2.23 ‰ for Indarch (with a corresponding $\Delta'^{33}S = 0.006 \pm$ 0.01 ‰), and a slightly negative $\Delta'^{33}S$ of -0.085 ‰ in Norton County (with a $\Delta'^{36}S = 1.185 \pm$ 0.1 ‰). This contrast with the bulk sulfur fraction of EL, EH and aubrites, where very restricted MIF occurs with -0.009 ‰ < Δ'^{33} S < +0.021 ‰ and -0.160 ‰ < Δ'^{36} S < +0.319 ‰. Oldhamite is a rare mineral only observed naturally in enstatite meteorites (chondrites and achondrites). It has never been observed on terrestrial samples, nor in other meteorite groups. Larimer (1968) showed that this peculiarity of enstatite meteorites is probably due to a highly-reduced environment of formation, with a low oxygen fugacity (log pO₂ = 8.58 – 25.35/T) associated with a high C/O ratio (≈ 0.9).

341 If these anomalies were imputable to experimental errors, as bulk and water soluble 342 samples were analyzed in no particular order, they would likely appear in both S fractions 343 (bulk and water soluble) of aubrites and enstatite chondrites. However, MIF is observed only 344 among water soluble fractions. Moreover, the samples showing MIF were not analyzed 345 during the same sessions, therefore, it is rather unlikely that they could result from 346 experimental errors. This MIF signal is thus real, and specific to the water soluble fraction. 347 There are three typical explanations to generate MIF in meteorites: (1) cosmic ray spallation, 348 including the production of cosmogenic nuclides (2) photochemically-induced gas phase 349 chemical reactions and (3) stellar nucleosynthesis (Rai et al. 2005, Chakraborky et al. 2013, 350 Antonelli et al. 2014).

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Spallation reactions leads to nuclides produced from interactions between highly energetic particles (cosmic rays in the case of Cosmic Ray Spallation, or CRS) and a target nuclei. CRS producing excess in S isotopes have only been studied in iron meteorites, where the target element – Fe – is the most abundant and the irradiation ages are the longest (Hulston & Thode 1965a, Hulston & Thode 1965b, Gao & Thiemens 1991). In the absence of spallation studies on enstatite meteorites, iron meteorites remain the closest analogues and a comparison with iron meteorites is supported by the fact that EH and EL are the richest meteorites in iron after iron meteorites. In iron meteorites, spallation reactions is associated with a specific ratio Δ^{36} S/ Δ^{33} S \approx 8, which does not match favorably our results in enstatite meteorites (Figure 4), making spallation an unlikely explanation for the observed MIF. In particular, spallation would only create positive Δ^{33} S and cannot account for our slightly negative Δ^{33} S observed in Norton County.

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Ruling out cosmic ray exposure and stellar nucleosynthesis as the origin of this excess in ³³S, Rai et al. (2005) concluded that mass-independent induced gas phase chemical reactions in the solar nebula was more likely to explain positive Δ^{33} S up to 0.16 ‰ in Norton County. Though our results are distinct in sign and magnitude we confirm that oldhamite, or at least, the water soluble fraction, is a carrier of MIF. The contrast of 0.25 ‰ in Δ^{33} S between Rai et al. 2005 and this study could be the illustration of significant heterogeneity in the Norton County meteorite.

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373 On Earth, photochemistry reactions between UV on S-atmospheric species, such as SO₂, 374 leads to the production of MIF (Farquhar et al. 2000a, 2001). This is a well-accepted origin 375 for terrestrial MIF recorded in Archean sulfides and sulfates as well as present-day sulfate 376 aerosols in Antarctic ice cores (Baroni et al. 2007, 2008). One of the solar nebula prominent 377 species in gas phase in reducing environment nebula is H₂S. The specific isotope 378 fractionations associated with photodissociation of H₂S are still based on a very limited set of 379 experiments at specific wavelengths. Experiments using a wavelength of ~220 nm show a 380 positive $\Delta^{36}S/\Delta^{33}S$ ratio of $\approx +1.7$ (Farquhar et al. 2000b) while Chakraborty et al. (2013) 381 showed that using a Lyman- α radiation (121.6 nm), that was suggested to be more representative of a T-Tauri sun, the Δ^{36} S/ Δ^{33} S ratio becomes negative with a value of \approx -3. 382

383 Though this result supports the MIF observed in iron meteorites by Antonelli et al. (2014), it 384 does not match our own results. It remains possible that at a particular wavelength, or a 385 distinct spectrum that might have existed during the early stage of the Solar Nebula, photochemistry created a MIF with a much stiffer slope (a $\Delta^{36}S/\Delta^{33}S$ ratio of \approx -12 would be 386 387 necessary to match our data and account for the Δ'^{33} S of -0.085 ‰ measured in Norton 388 County) but this remains to be produced by experimental data. Though the Lyman- α is the 389 strongest wavelength in the nebula, a contribution of other wavelengths, others sulfide 390 species (HS, SiS, etc...), or systems with different composition (e.g. dust/gas ratio) might lead 391 to a distinct MIF signal. Further studies are required to help clarify these issues.

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393 S isotope anomalies associated with nucleosynthetic sources were recently reviewed by 394 Antonelli et al. (2014). Clayton and Ramadurai (1977) predicted an enrichment in ³⁶S while 395 enrichment in ³²S compared to the three other S isotopes was predicted by Farquhar et al. 396 (2000), with a slope of 1 in δ^{33} S vs. δ^{34} S and δ^{36} S vs. δ^{34} S diagrams, thus leading to a constant 397 ratio of $\Delta^{36}S/\Delta^{33}S \approx -1.9$. This was later confirmed by Hoppe et al. (2012), though ³⁶S was not 398 measured. Presolar SiC grains have indeed shown depletion in ³³S resulting in a Δ^{33} S as low 399 as -200 ‰. Those values are thought to be inherited from S formed in the Si/S zone of SNII 400 Supernovae (Hoppe et al. 2012). Nucleosynthetic processes in SNII supernovae could also produce enrichments in ³⁶S (Woosley & Heger 2007), but those would be observed in the 401 402 He/C zone and are thought to be associated with an enrichment in ³³S, resulting in positive 403 Δ^{33} S and Δ^{36} S. None of these match our data, neither the bulk fraction (that shows no 404 significant MIF, see Figure 2), nor in the water soluble fraction (Figure 4).

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406 Antonelli et al. (2014) measured the S isotopic compositions of iron meteorite troilites. They noted slight MIF, both positive and negative (-0.029 ‰ < Δ^{33} S < +0.031 ‰, -0.34 ‰ < Δ^{36} S < 407 408 +0.28 ‰), showing a weak correlation of Δ^{33} S/ Δ^{36} S \approx -7 that they interpret as being the 409 produce of nebular photochemistry. Our data strongly overlap with those of Antonelli et al. 410 (2014) being, therefore, consistent with such a process. However, the more restricted ranges 411 in both $\Delta^{33}S$ and $\Delta^{36}S$ does not support the possibility of photochemistry-related isotope 412 effect in our data. None of the above hypotheses gives a trend that matches the observed 413 MIF in the water soluble fraction of the enstatite meteorite (Figure 4), and are thus unlikely 414 explanation for our set of data.

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Alternatively, the excess of ³⁶S could be inherited from another water soluble phase that 416 417 would contaminate the water soluble fraction during chemical extraction of the oldhamite. If a phase carrying an excess of ³⁶S were to contaminate the oldhamite extract, then this 418 419 excess could be misinterpreted as coming from the oldhamite itself. A possible candidate of 420 such contamination is lawrencite (FeCl₂). Indeed, lawrencite is water soluble and large 421 excesses (> 200 ‰) of Δ ³⁶S have been measured and have been interpreted as the result of 422 the decay of ${}^{36}Cl \rightarrow {}^{36}S$ (½ life \approx 301,000 ± 2,000 years) (Lin et al. 2005, Jacobsen et al. 2011). 423 ³⁶S is the rarest stable isotope of sulfur (~ 0.017%) and, as such, is the most sensitive to 424 secondary isotope production. ³⁶Cl ($\frac{1}{2}$ life \approx 301,000 ± 2,000 years) decays in both ³⁶Ar and ³⁶S (~ 99 and 1% respectively via ³⁵Cl(n, g)³⁶Cl \rightarrow ³⁶Ar, ³⁶S) and given the bearing of noble gas 425 426 geochemistry to date exposure ages, ³⁶Cl-production has therefore been widely studied, and 427 is known to occur from several elements most primarily Fe, Ti, Ca and Cl (e.g. Leya et al., 428 2000a, 2000b). ³⁶S production from ³⁶Cl-decay is a viable explanation to account for the 429 occurrence of positive Δ^{36} S in our sample set together with a lack of Δ^{33} S-anomaly. The only

430 exception is, again, for Norton County. Other mechanisms such as spallation reactions on Fe 431 (see above) would indeed lead to coupled Δ^{33} S and Δ^{36} S-anomalies, which are not observed 432 in our dataset. The fact that positive Δ^{36} S are measured in two aubrites (i.e. with lower Fe-433 contents than enstatite chondrites) is also consistent with such an observation.

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Radioactive ³⁶Cl is commonly suggested to result from either nucleosynthetic anomalies (e.g. Murty et al. 1997), neutron capture reactions of Cl-rich fluid/phase for example during T-Tauri phase of the sun (Wasserburg et al. 2011, Jacobsen, 2011, Turner et al. 2013) and/or it subsequent production from primary and secondary particles on the parent body. Enstatite and aubrites have long exposure time (for review see Eugster, 2003), consistent with e.g. Sm and Gd isotopic studies (e.g. Hidaka et al., 2012).

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Lawrencite (FeCl₂) was found to bear large excesses of ${}^{36}S$ ($\Delta {}^{36}S > 200$ ‰) which were 442 interpreted as the result of the decay of ${}^{36}Cl \rightarrow {}^{36}S$ (Lin et al. 2005, Jacobsen et al. 2011). 443 444 Lawrencite is found in enstatite meteorites, for example it was described as an accessory 445 mineral in the EL3 fragment of the polymict meteorite Almahata Sitta (Lin et al. 2011, Feng 446 et al. 2012) and many other aubrites and chondrites (e.g. Lundberg et al., 1994). If produced 447 by ³⁶Cl-decay produced from ³⁵Cl, Δ ³⁶S anomalies should be coupled with enrichment in both ³⁶Ar and ³⁸Ar, the latter being produced from ³⁷Cl(n, g)³⁸Cl \rightarrow ³⁸Ar. Excesses of ³⁶Ar have 448 449 been observed in several enstatite chondrites (Okazaki et al. 2010) and aubrites (Miura et al. 450 2006). Establishing relationships between ³⁶Ar and ³⁸Ar budgets remain however difficult to 451 address. The respective contribution of initial 'trapped' and produced 'cosmogenic' Ar are 452 notably hard to calculate and is further complicated by the sensitivity of argon isotopes to 453 terrestrial weathering (Patzer and Schultz, 2001). However, we did not identify any 454 relationship between Δ^{36} S and exposure age (see Table 2). Although the lack of relationship 455 may be taken as an argument against Δ^{36} S anomalies resulting from ³⁶Cl-decay, it is worth 456 noting that exposure age of aubrites (i.e. 2 of our 3 samples yielding non-zero Δ^{36} S) may be 457 biased, most data being obtained on brecciated samples (Wieler, 2002; Eugster 2003, p. 11). 458 Yet lawrencite (FeCl₂) is a water soluble mineral and it is a likely to react and released its 459 sulfur during the extraction of the water soluble fraction and, we suggest, is a possible 460 candidate that should deserve future investigations. The ³⁶S excess measured in the water 461 soluble fraction does not exceed 2 ‰. Assuming that this anomaly is entirely produced by 462 the excess of ³⁶S from lawrencite and that this original excess is of \geq 200 ‰, mass balance shows that less than 3 % of the ³⁶S from the water soluble fraction would come from the 463 464 contribution of lawrencite, which in turn represents ≈ 0.1 % of the total S in the samples.

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It is also possible that the excess of $\Delta^{36}S$ measured in the water soluble fraction originates 466 467 from reactions with calcium, about half being likely contained in oldhamite. Few studies 468 were devoted to the specific analysis of oldhamite; so far, no significant isotope anomaly has 469 been recognized for Ca or S-isotopes (e.g. Lundberg et al., 1994). The errors on S-470 measurements (typically 2-4‰) were however too large compared with the scale of Δ^{36} S 471 anomalies we report. Therefore, we cannot exclude that the oldhamite is not the main 472 carrier of Δ^{36} S-anomalies and future work on oldhamite could clarify this issue. Similarly, such investigations could help understanding the origin of the very positive δ^{34} S-values, up 473 474 to +11‰, measured in the water-soluble fraction.

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The high reactivity of oldhamite and lawrencite with water could explain why it is only observed in highly reduced meteorites such as enstatite chondrites and achondrites, as the slightest contact with water (aqueous alteration, weathering, sample preparation) in C and O chondrites is likely to dissolve this mineral phase and mix it with the other sulfide/sulfate pool (Larimer 1968). Moreover, if the ³⁶S excess results from the decay of ³⁶Cl, it will have no effect on the bulk S isotopic compositions of the samples, which is consistent with the lack of correlation between Δ'^{33} S and Δ'^{36} S.

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- 485 **4.3. Parent Bodies**
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487 Our data show that it is not possible to discriminate EH3, EH5 and EL3 from their isotopic composition of sulfur. Enstatite chondrites formed in an extremely reduced environment, 488 489 with a fO₂ as low as 10⁻²¹ atm (800°C), significantly different from the environment of 490 formation of ordinary and carbonaceous chondrites, that show a fO₂ respectively two and 491 three order of magnitude higher (Brett & Sato, 1983). It is possible that it is these common 492 and peculiar conditions of formations that led to similar isotopic compositions for EL and EH 493 parent bodies, whatever EH and EL derive or not from the same parent body. Based upon 494 the chemical compositions of enstatite chondrites, Kallemeyn and Wasson (1986) suggested 495 that the innermost region of the solar nebula, where enstatite meteorites most probably 496 formed, had to be heterogeneous. Gao and Thiemens (1993a) argued against this idea, 497 based on the evidence that EH and EL had distinct parent bodies, and yet similar S and O 498 isotopic composition. Therefore the inner region of the nebula had to be isotopically 499 homogeneous. However, the recent discovery of a small but significant difference between 500 EL (Δ^{17} O = -0.041 ± 0.026 ‰) and EH (Δ^{17} O = -0.066 ± 0.027 ‰) would rather favor a slightly 501 heterogeneous nebula (Herwartz et al. 2014). Thus, if an S isotope heterogeneity exists 502 among EH and EL, it remains within our experimental error. However, our data showing that 503 the EL6 (average δ^{34} S = -0.66 ± 0.14 ‰ while average EH: δ^{34} S = -0.25 ± 0.21 ‰) might have 504 a distinct S composition, offers two possibilities. It can either indicate heterogeneities in the 505 isotopic composition of sulfur in the inner area of the nebula, or the parent body processes 506 that altered the original S composition of EL6/7. Yet, a difference between the Earth's 507 mantle and ocean of 0.1 % in Δ^{17} O (Pack and Herwartz 2013) is comparatively larger than 508 the difference between EL and EH. If a mechanism can produce up to 0.1 ‰ on Earth, then 509 we enter a field where a difference of 0.3 % in δ^{34} S between EL and EH may not be 510 significant enough to highlight a nebula heterogeneity, as processes on the parent body 511 might alternatively lead to such variability.

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513 Even though it is generally assumed that the EH and EL groups represent only two parent 514 bodies, some recent studies have shown remarkable differences between EL6 and other 515 enstatite chondrites (Rubin et al. 2009, Moynier et al. 2011, Barrat et al. 2014, Wang et al. 516 2014). In agreement with our results, showing that the sulfur isotopic ratio of EL6 is distinct 517 from all the other enstatite chondrites, Moynier et al. (2011) have shown that the EL6 are 518 depleted in Zn, with an estimated Zn concentration of 6 ppm (Kong et al. 1997) whereas EL3 519 show a Zn content of 213 ppm (Kong et al. 1997) and EH chondrites show a Zn content of 520 290 ppm (Lodders and Fegley 1998), and were also enriched in light Zn isotopes, showing a 521 δ^{66} Zn = +4.88 ± 1.79 ‰ (1 σ), compared to the other enstatite groups, both chondrites (δ^{66} Zn 522 = +0.25 ± 0.16 ‰ (1 σ)) and aubrites (δ^{66} Zn = +4.88 ± 1.79 ‰ (1 σ)). Preferential loss of the 523 heavier Zn isotopes would be caused by volatilization by impacts on the parent body of EL6. 524 However, EL6 are enriched in light S isotopes, and not heavy S isotopes. Kinetically driven 525 evaporation would enrich the residue in heavier S isotopes (e.g. Davis and Richter 2003), so

526 cannot explain the depletion in ³⁴S in EL of the highest metamorphic degree. One alternative 527 explanation could be an oxidation occurring on the EL6 parent body. McEwing et al. (1983) 528 showed that oxidation of FeS sulfides caused enrichment in heavy S isotopes of the residue. 529 Being the most reduced bodies, an oxidation of enstatite chondrites would lead to marked 530 petrographic features between EL6 and other enstatite meteorites, which is however not the 531 case, making oxidation of EL6 an unlikely explanation. Oldhamite (which can be ³⁴S enriched) 532 being one of the most refractory minerals, its preferential evaporation is also unlikely.

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534 REE studies (Rubin et al. 2009, Barrat et al. 2014) and Fe isotopic compositions (Wang et al. 535 2014) have also shown a unique behaviour in EL6 compared to other enstatite meteorites. 536 Rubin et al. (2009) reported that the EL6 are depleted in siderophile and chalcophile REE and 537 that lithophile REE are more fractionated in EL6 than in other chondrites. For instance, in EL6, 538 the ratio La/Yb = 0.79 against 1.05 for other enstatite chondrites (Rubin et al. 2009). The 539 same goes for Sm/Yb (0.89 in EL6, 0.95 in EH), La/Sm (0.90 in EL6, 1.00 in EH) or Ca/Sc (0.86 540 in EL6, 0.97 in EH). They have also observed a depletion in the abundance of oldhamite in 541 EL6, which is the main carrier of the REE along with plagioclase, that can account for the REE 542 depletion and fractionation. Wang et al. (2014) measured the isotopic compositions of Fe in 543 all groups of enstatite meteorites and noted that, in contrast with the homogeneous compositions of EH (δ^{56} Fe = 0.003 ± 0.042 ‰) and EL3 (δ^{56} Fe = 0.030 ± 0.038 ‰), the EL6 544 545 displayed a large variability in their Fe isotopic composition, showing a δ^{56} Fe varying from -546 0.180 ‰ to 0.181 ‰, which they explained as the consequences of the important 547 brecciation underwent by EL6, mixing different proportions of mineral phases with distinct 548 Fe isotopic compositions.

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550 The petrographic grades determined for EH meteorites range from EH3 to EH5. Though EH6 551 do exist (Rubin & Wasson, 2011), very few have been studied. The EL group, on the other 552 hand, shows a petrographic grade ranking up to EL6, and even EL7 for few samples. Happy 553 Canyon is officially classified by the Meteoritical Bulletin Database as EL6/7 and Ilafegh 009 is 554 classified as EL7. The petrographic grade of type 7 designates chondrites that have been 555 metamorphised nearly to the point of melting. Though this term is not widely accepted, it 556 undoubtedly indicates the highest degree of metamorphism possible for an undifferentiated 557 body.

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559 Thus, it is possible that the EL parent body underwent a stronger metamorphism than the EH 560 parent body, and that this metamorphism has affected the S isotopic composition of 561 metamorphosed material of the EL parent body while not impacting the isotopic 562 composition of the EH parent body. Other chondritic groups do not evidence a similar 563 difference between petrographic grades, but no study reports a complete set of 564 petrographic grades in a particular group of meteorites and there are no high metamorphic 565 grades in carbonaceous chondrites. However, Gao and Thiemens (1993a) measured the 566 sulfur isotopic composition of several ordinary chondrites, including the L3 ALHA 77216 and 567 the LL6 ALHA 83071 and no significant difference were observed compared with other OC 568 meteorites of lower metamorphic grade.

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All the compositional differences noted in EL6 compared to others enstatite meteorites can be explained by an impact-induced high metamorphism on a unique EL parent body, creating locally a volatilization of Zn (Moynier et al. 2011), a fractionation and depletion in REE (Rubin et al. 2011, Barrat et al. 2014), and the large brecciation, causing heterogeneity 574 of the Fe isotopic composition (Wang et al. 2014) as well as the loss of oldhamite that 575 produced the light isotopic composition in S (this study).

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577 **4.4. Mass Dependent Isotopic Fractionation and loss of Oldhamite**

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579 The variable δ^{34} S observed in the water soluble fraction (from 0.7 ‰ up to +10.95 ‰), is 580 distinctively different from the bulk isotopic composition that is homogeneous and slightly 581 and consistently negative in all enstatite meteorites. There are two ways to explain the 582 oldhamite ³⁴S isotopic compositions. These positive signatures are either pristine, in which 583 case it testifies of a different S reservoir for oldhamite than the other S-bearing minerals in the enstatite meteorites, or it has been isotopically modified and reflects an alteration 584 585 process that affected only the (soluble) oldhamite. In the case of a pristine S isotopic 586 composition, oldhamite would be the testimony of the existence of yet unknown reservoir, 587 with the Δ^{33} S remaining unaffected by any of the MIF-inducing processes highlighted before 588 (spallation, UV photolysis, nucleosynthetic sources) with the possible exception of the 589 negative Δ^{33} S in Norton County.

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Evaporation of CaS would lead to positive δ^{34} S of residual CaS and, according to mass conservation effects (Farquhar et al., 2007) would also lead to significant but limited MIF: modelling was made using fractionation factors scaling to the square root of the mass of the evaporated species (Davies et al., 1990; Young et al., 2002) and shows that the maximum Δ^{33} S and Δ^{36} S would be -0.04 and 0.26‰ respectively for a residual δ^{34} S of 10 ‰. Therefore, evaporation cannot be the main process responsible for Δ^{36} S anomalies up to +2.2‰, even if we cannot rule out that it might have contributed, among other processes, to the observedisotope variability of oldhamite (or soluble fraction).

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600 Alternatively, oldhamite is a mineral that has an extraordinary high melting temperature of 601 about 2525°C as a pure substance (McCoy et al. 1999) but can also melts at much lower 602 temperatures in conjunction with other phases, in particular, low fO₂ CaO-MgO-SiO₂-CaS 603 systems (Rudneva and Panov, 1962) and enstatite-chondrite melts (Fogel et al. 1996). Fusion 604 experiments on Indarch have shown that at 1000°C, all sulfides and metal phases were 605 melted (McCoy et al. 1999). This supports the idea that oldhamite should be lost through 606 metamorphism on the EL parent body, though the occurrence of oldhamite in aubrites 607 seems inconsistent with such an assumption.

It seems thus likely that a kinetic-driven alteration process could affect its S isotopic composition, leading to high ³⁴S residual compositions of the oldhamite. Figure 5 shows that apart from one anomalously CaS-rich sample (Indarch), a correlation seems to exist between δ^{34} S of the oldhamite and its proportion in sulfides. This suggests that the loss of CaS induced a concentration of heavy isotopes and thus higher δ^{34} S in the oldhamite residue, either during impact-induced melting events on the parent body or on the Earth's surface during subsequent storage.

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At equilibrium, Cas is likely to be enriched by ~0.15 ‰ in ³⁴S, compared to FeS at T ≈ 1200°C (as determined by extrapolating data from Ohmoto & Rye 1979; see Moretti et al. for review), while this value would rise to ≈ 2.5 ‰ at T ≈ 200°C. The loss of oldhamite is therefore consistent with a decrease of δ^{34} S of EL6/7 but the most positive δ^{34} S values are inconsistent with equilibrium processes and may highlight low temperature kinetic effects. 622 Previous studies (Rubin et al. 2009, Barrat et al. 2014) have suggested that loss of oldhamite 623 to account for differences in REE content between EL3 and EL6. Lower REE concentrations in 624 EL6 than in EL3 showed that REE are lost along with the oldhamite during impact-induced 625 melting on the parent body and probably redistributed to other parts of the parent body. In 626 every analyzed samples, the oldhamite fraction (0 to 20 % of total sulfur) shows a distinctively ³⁴S enriched isotopic composition, and this ³⁴S enrichment can be used to 627 628 quantify this possibility. Because of the absence of EL3 fall and the most likely loss of 629 oldhamite due to terrestrial alteration of EL3 finds and the loss of oldhamite observed in EL6 630 it is impossible to quantify the original amount and isotopic composition of oldhamite on the 631 EL6 parent body. However, since EH3, EH5 and aubrites do not show any systematic S 632 isotopic variations we suggest that, despite the large variations observed of composition 633 observed between the different groups, that they are the best available proxy to estimate

- 634 the isotopic composition of the EL parent body.
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In order to estimate the loss of oldhamite between EL3 and EL6, we need to estimate the δ^{34} S of the non-soluble (non-oldhamite) fraction. We make the hypothesis that the most ³⁴Sdepleted composition measured in an enstatite chondrite (in Pillistfer) corresponds to a 100% loss of oldhamite, and therefore, a *non-soluble* value: δ^{34} S_{non soluble} = -1.17 ± 0.01 ‰. Keeping in mind that Pillistfer may contain trace amounts of CaS, this value must be taken as an upper estimate of the *non-soluble* value. The mass balance for EL3 can be written:

642 δ³⁴S_{total} (EL3) = X δ³⁴S_{non soluble} + (1-X) δ³⁴S_{CaS} (3)

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644 with X the fraction of non-soluble sulfides and $\delta^{34}S_{total}$ (EL3) = -0.32 ± 0.15 ‰.

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646 With Y the fraction of CaS lost, the mass balance for EL6 becomes:

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$$δ^{34}S_{total}$$
 (EL6) = X . $δ^{34}S_{non soluble}$ + (1-X)(1-Y) . $δ^{34}S_{CaS}$ (4)

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Assuming an average difference between EL3 and EL6 of 0.3 ‰, the fraction of oldhamite lost (Y) can be deduced as a function of $\delta^{34}S_{CaS}$ and X. We calculated X and Y for a large range of $\delta^{34}S_{CaS}$ from 0 to 11 ‰. We found that Y is little sensitive to $\delta^{34}S_{CaS}$ with most values between 50 and 36 % for a range of $\delta^{34}S_{CaS}$ between 2.2 and 10.9 ‰ and corresponding X varying between 25 and 7 % respectively. This is slightly lower than Rubin et al. (2009)'s 60 % estimate of the loss of oldhamite, though remains consistent with the idea that the loss of oldhamite is linked to a difference in ³⁴S between EL3 and EL6.

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Therefore it does not seem necessary to invoke a distinct parent body to explain the difference of composition of EL6 compared to EL3. An advanced metamorphism, leading to the loss of oldhamite, which melts at relatively low temperatures and migrates to other regions of the parent body, can easily explain the S isotopic composition of EL6, as well as differences in composition in REE. Metamorphism and loss of oldhamite would likely be induced by impacts on the EL parent body, causing local heating, which is also supported by the loss of heavy Zn by impact-induced volatilization (Moynier et al. 2011).

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665 **4.5. The case of aubrites**

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667 Contrary to enstatite chondrites, aubrites display a very heterogeneous sulfur isotopic 668 composition, showing the most extremes bulk values (-1.350‰ < δ^{34} S< +0.154 ‰), including 669 intermediate values overlapping the chondritic values measured in their undifferenciated 670 counterparts. It is well accepted that the parent body of aubrites underwent local impact-671 induced melting events, leading, at least locally, to segregation of the molten metal and 672 therefore partial differentiation. Segregation of metal and silicates causes a fractionation in S, 673 enriching the silicate phase in the lighter isotopes and the metallic phase in the heavier 674 isotopes (Shahar et al. 2009, Labidi et al. 2013). Aubrites are breccias, heavily rearranged 675 rocks. It is therefore highly probable that the large variations in the S isotopic compositions 676 reflect the various degrees of differentiations caused by the impact events and mixing with 677 impact-related compounds. Even the largest samples (~1 cm³) remained relatively small 678 compared to the coarsed brecciation of aubrite meteorites of several cm wide, and 679 therefore were not representative of the bulk value of the meteorite samples. In particular, 680 this likely explains the variability observed in two distinct samples of Bishopville collected 681 from two different museum collections. In addition to the previously mentioned depletion in heavy isotopes in relation of oldhamite loss, the most negative $\delta^{34}S$ values represents the S 682 683 composition of the most differentiated fraction of silicates. All together, these processes 684 likely explain the large S isotope variability of aubrites compared with other enstatite 685 meteorites.

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687 **4.6. Comparison with the Earth and other meteorite groups**

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Isotopic compositions of sulfur, and many other volatile and moderately-volatile elements (O,
Zn...), in enstatite meteorites and Earth have emphasized a number of similarities which led
to infer that they share a similar origin (Clayton et al. 1984, Javoy 1998, Javoy et al. 2010).
The Earth is depleted in volatile elements compared to primitive CI chondritic and enstatite

chondrites. It is possible that both the Earth and the Moon were essentially dry immediately
after the giant impact at the origin of the Moon and that most volatiles accreted later, as a
late veneer from e.g. carbonaceous chondrite or cometary-type material (Javoy 1998,
Albarède et al. 2013, Paniello et al. 2013). For volatile and chalcophile/siderophile elements
(Allègre et al. 1995, Malavergne et al. 2007, Dasgupta & Walker 2008, Wood and Halliday
2010, Wood et al. 2010), core segregation adds an additional level of complexity.

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700 In meteorites, sulfur is usually described as "chondritic" reflecting a limited isotope 701 variability. The different meteorite groups and each class of meteorite greatly overlap, yet 702 they have a rather narrow and distinct range of variation (Gao & Thiemens 1993a, Gao & 703 Thiemens 1993b). Enstatite meteorites (average δ^{34} S = -0.47 ± 0.44 ‰ (1 σ)) are enriched in 704 lighter isotopes compared to both ordinary chondrites (average δ^{34} S = 0.04 ± 0.38 ‰ (1 σ), 705 Gao & Thiemens 1993a) and carbonaceous chondrites. Carbonaceous chondrites display the 706 largest range, exceeding all the measured compositions in other meteorites, with sulfides 707 enriched in heavy isotopes (average $\delta^{34}S = 2.02 \pm 1.01 \%$ (1 σ) Gao & Thiemens 1993b) 708 compared to other meteoritic groups, while sulfates (average δ^{34} S = -0.48 ± 1.01 ‰ (1 σ) Gao 709 & Thiemens 1993b) display particularly ³⁴S-depleted isotope compositions, most likely 710 representing secondary products formed during aqueous alteration of the carbonaceous 711 chondrite parent body (Gao and Thiemens 1993b) or appeared after their fall on Earth 712 (Gounelle & Zolenski 2001). Early studies thus suggested that the original sulfur composition 713 of the CC parent body was actually enriched in heavy isotopes, though this has been 714 disproved more recently by Bullock et al. (2010).

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716 It so appears that the enstatite meteorites are the closest class of meteorites to Bulk Silicate 717 Earth (BSE) in terms of S isotopes. Labidi et al. (2013) recently re-investigated the isotopic 718 compositions of the convective mantle through the study of mid-ocean ridge basalts. Even 719 though a certain variability has been observed in the isotopic composition of modern 720 hotspots (Cabral et al. 2013), implying a variability preserved in the convective mantle, the 721 continental crust and sediments bear reasonably little sulfur to change significantly the 722 global budget. The convective mantle is thus representative of the BSE being comprised 723 between -1.80 ‰ and -1.05 ‰, with an average estimate of -1.28 ± 0.33 ‰. Assuming a chondritic Earth of -0.02 \pm 0.06 % in δ^{34} S (Gao and Thiemens 1993b), and about 97% of 724 725 terrestrial sulfur stored in the core (Dreibus and Palme (1996), the isotope composition of 726 BSE is compatible with a core being enriched in ³⁴S compared with the residual mantle. They 727 inferred a core-mantle isotopic fractionation factor for the ${}^{34}S/{}^{32}S$ ratio of $\alpha_{core-mantle}$ = 728 1.00130 (Labidi et al. 2013) compatible with the value experimentally determined by Shahar 729 et al. (2009). This estimate is dependent on the amount of sulfur brought to Earth by late 730 accretion events, such as the late veneer, occurring after the core segregation, which was 731 neglected. If the little variability of "chondritic" S in meteorites (i.e. similar to OC and CC) 732 rules out late veneer as the main contribution to the mantle, in the details, however, 733 meteorites display a significant range of values.

The enrichment in light isotopes measured in EL6/7 as well as in aubrites, falls in the range of values reported by Labidi et al. (2013), suggesting that melting and differentiation could indeed lead to a silicate residual mantle depleted in ³⁴S. According to models (Javoy et al. 2010), since Earth accreted from enstatite-like material, a δ^{34} S-depleted starting material can be inferred. Our data also show that the most primitive EC give an average δ^{34} S around – 0.3 ‰, which is significantly different from the δ^{34} S ≈ 0 ‰ otherwise used, which therefore changes the mass balance equation and requires re-estimating the amount of sulfur stored in the core. Assuming that the estimated isotopic fractionation factor remains the same $(\alpha_{core-mantle} = 1.00130)$, if the starting material is set at - 0.3 ‰, mass balance calculation shows that the amount of sulfur stored in the core drops to 75 %.

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- 747 **5. CONCLUSION**
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749 We measured the bulk S isotopic compositions of 33 enstatite meteorites (chondrites and 750 aubrites) as well as the oldhamite fraction of 9 samples. As reported previously, enstatite 751 chondrites have lighter isotopic compositions than other chondrites, displaying negative δ^{34} S 752 in all but one samples. However, in contrast with Gao and Thiemens (1993), we showed that 753 EL6 have a distinct S isotopic composition, even more enriched in light isotopes than all 754 other enstatite chondrite groups. This is explained by a loss in oldhamite, which is ³⁴S-755 enriched. Aubrites show very variable S compositions, displaying the most extreme values. 756 This is probably due to their brecciatic nature of impact-induced differentiated material 757 and/or segregation of metal. MIF have been observed only in the oldhamite fraction and 758 they are likely to be the product of an excess of ³⁶S produced by the decay of ³⁶Cl from FeCl₂, 759 which probably contaminated the oldhamite (water soluble) fraction during its chemical 760 extraction. The sulfur isotopic composition measured in enstatite chondrites is distinct from 761 the Bulk Silicate Earth, yet EL6/7 and aubrites are approaching its isotopic composition, 762 making, in all cases, the enstatite meteorites the closest to the Earth composition, and 763 reinforcing the idea that Earth was built from enstatite-like material.

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1026	and IAEA-S2. δ^{34} S is expressed vs. V-CDT, Δ^{33} S and Δ^{36} S are expressed vs. our SF6 tank.
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1030	Table 2: Sulfur and oxygen isotopic compositions of bulk fraction of enstatite chondrites and
1031	aubrites. δ 34S is expressed vs. V-CDT, Δ'^{33} S and Δ'^{36} S are corrected values expressed
1032	vs. V-CDT. Individual analysis precision are standard deviation of 0.01 ‰ on $\delta^{33}S$ and
1033	δ^{34} S and 0.1 ‰ on δ^{36} S (1 σ).
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1035	Table 3: Sulfur isotopic composition of the water soluble fraction of enstatite chondrites and
1036	aubrites. δ^{34} S is expressed vs. V-CDT, $\Delta'33$ S and $\Delta'36$ S are corrected values expressed
1037	vs. V-CDT. Individual analysis precision are standard deviation of 0.01 $\%$ on $\delta33S$ and
1038	δ34S and 0.1 ‰ on δ36S (1σ).
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1040	Figure 1: Sulfur isotopic composition in the different groups of enstatite chondrites and
1041	aubrites. δ'^{34} S = 1000xln(δ^{34} S/1000+1), δ'^{33} S = 1000xln(δ^{33} S/1000+1). Δ' 33S and Δ' 36S
1042	are corrected values expressed vs. V-CDT
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1044 Figure 2: Δ'33S and Δ'36S compositions in the different groups of enstatite chondrites and
 1045 aubrites. Δ'33S and Δ'36S are corrected values expressed vs. V-CDT.

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1047Figure 3: Sulfur isotopic composition of the water soluble fraction in enstatite chondrites and1048aubrites. δ'34S = 1000xln(δ^{34} S/1000+1), δ'33S = 1000xln(δ^{33} S/1000+1)

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Figure 4: Δ'33S and Δ'36S compositions in the water soluble fraction of enstatite chondrites
 and aubrites. Spallation trend defined by Antonelli et al. (2014). Nebular trend
 defined by Farquhar et al. (2000). Photochemical trend defined by Chakraborty
 Δ'33S and Δ'36S are corrected values expressed vs. V-CDT.

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1055Figure 5: Relation between δ 34'S composition of the water soluble fraction and the1056concentration in CaS in enstatite meteorites. δ'34S = 1000xln(δ ³⁴S/1000+1).

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1058Appendix A: Replicate analyses of S isotopic analyses of standards Canyon Diablo Troilite1059(CDT), IAEA-S1 and IAEA-S2. δ^{34} S is expressed vs. V-CDT, Δ^{33} S and Δ^{36} S are expressed1060vs. our SF6 tank. Δ'^{33} S and Δ'^{36} S are corrected values expressed vs. V-CDT. Individual1061analysis precision are of 0.01 ‰ on δ^{33} S and δ^{34} S and 0.1 ‰ on δ^{36} S (1 σ).

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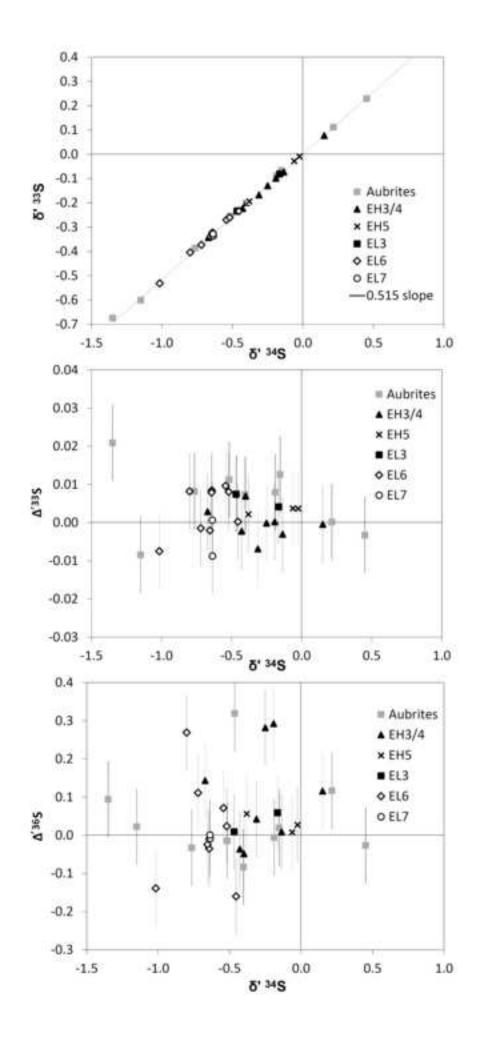
Sample	δ34S (‰)	Δ33S (‰)	∆36S (‰)	Δ'33S (‰)	Δ'36S (‰)
CDT (average)	-0.377	-0.029	-0.129	0.000	0.000
std. dev.	0.210	0.005	0.087	0.005	0.087
IAEA-1 (average)	-0.296	0.088	-0.486	0.117	-0.357
std. dev.	0.168	0.006	0.274	0.006	0.274
IAEA-2 (average)	22.091	0.030	-0.197	0.059	-0.068
std. dev.	0.395	0.075	0.298	0.075	0.298
IAEA-3 (average)	-32.510	0.070	-0.501	0.099	-0.372
std. dev.	0.063	0.007	0.260	0.007	0.260

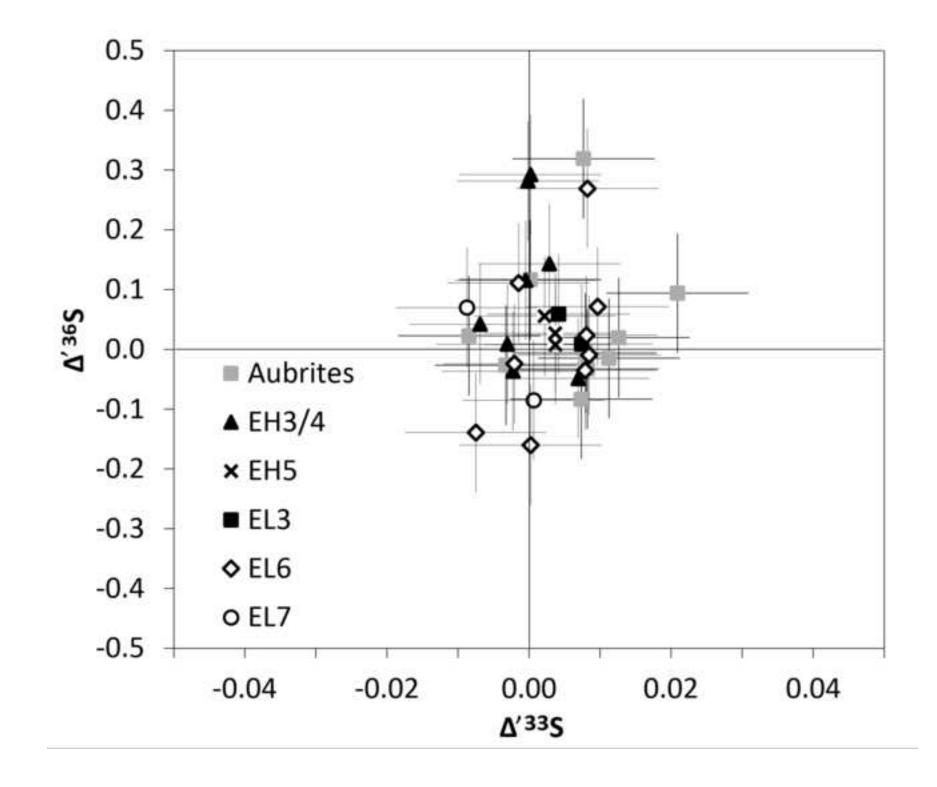
Sample	group	replica	δ34S (‰)	std dev. on replica	Δ'33S (‰)	std dev. on replica	∆'36S (‰)	std dev. on replica	[S] (wt%)	std dev. on replica	δ17Ο (‰)	δ18Ο (‰)	Δ17Ο (%	。)	Exposure age ba on H3 compositi	
		· · ·	. ,	(1o)		(1σ)	(1σ)		(10)						(Ma)	
Sahara 97096	EH3	2	-0.136	0.252	-0.003	0.001	0.009	0.042	4.4	0.51	2.77	5.45	-0.07	(a)	9.00	(d)
Kota-Kota	EH3	2	-0.251	0.166	0.000	0.002	0.282	0.146	3.6	0.09	2.52	5.12	-0.15	(a)	36.50	(d)
lha 77295	EH3	3	-0.312	0.289	-0.007	0.005	0.042	0.062	4.3	0.13				(u)	00.00	(u)
dil 07028	EH3	2	-0.400	0.096	0.007	0.001	-0.049	0.046	5.4	0.31	2.39	4.54	-0.04	(c)		
Gro 95517	EH3	5	-0.192	0.169	0.000	0.004	0.292	0.062	4.0	0.18	1.84	3.55	-0.02	(c) (c)	35.10	(d)
Qingzhen	EH4	1	0.150		0.000		0.116		4.1	-	2.83	5.52	-0.02	(b)	1.90	(d)
\bee	EH4	6	-0.672	0.289	0.003	0.009	0.143	0.059	4.5	0.86	3.47	6.32	0.19	(a)	7.70	(d)
ndarch	EH4	3	-0.429	0.140	-0.002	0.005	-0.037	0.046	3.6	0.81				(a)	8.20	(d)
laaron	L114	5	-0.425	0.140	-0.002	0.000	-0.037	0.040	5.0						0.20	(u)
it. Mark's	EH5	5	-0.381	0.120	0.002	0.005	0.056	0.108	3.3	0.90	3.15	5.73	0.18	(a)	0.68	(d)
Saint-Sauveur	EH5	4	-0.025	0.055	0.004	0.002	0.027	0.006	5.2	0.27						
AP 02 225	EH5	3	-0.062	0.197	0.004	0.004	0.008	0.007	2.4	0.31						
tqiy	EH7-an	3							0.0	-						
/AC 88136	EL3	3	-0.469	0.097	0.007	0.003	0.009	0.037	2.2	0.06	2.01	4.07	-0.11	(b)	1.20	(d)
MAC 02837	EL3	3	-0.465	0.097	0.004	0.003	0.009	0.015	2.2	0.23	1.96	3.84	0.11	(C)	1.20	(a)
IAC 02837	LLJ	3	-0.105	0.090	0.004	0.004	0.035	0.015	2.0	0.23	1.90	3.04	0.11	(0)		
lvittis	EL6	2	-0.455	0.089	0.000	0.016	-0.160	0.087	2.4	0.33	3.02	5.68	0.07	(a)	18.90	(d)
Chairpur	EL6	1	-0.543		0.010		0.071		3.3	-	3.17	6.09	0.01	(b)		
agle	EL6	4	-0.642	0.211	0.008	0.006	-0.009	0.071	2.0	0.60	2.79	5.44	0.03	(c)	29.40	(d)
ON 94100	EL6	1	-0.721		-0.001		0.111		1.6						32.60	(d)
Pillistfer	EL6	1	-1.017		-0.007		-0.139		1.1		2.92	5.58	0.02	(a)	4.10	(d)
tlanta	EL6	1	-0.521		0.008		0.024		2.3		2.96	5.63	0.03	(a)	32.30	(d)
Blithfield	EL6	1	-0.644		0.008		-0.035		4.9	-	2.82	5.29	0.07	(a)		
ET 92063	EL6	3	-0.655	0.262	-0.002	0.005	-0.024	0.037	1.8	0.14	3.06	5.84	0.03	(b)	35.30	(d)
WA 974	EL6	3	-0.801	0.173	0.008	0.003	0.269	0.041	2.0	0.57	3.32	5.94	0.22	(c)		
lorth West Forest	EL6	1							0.0							
lannu Canuan	EL7	1	-0.637		-0.009		0.070		0.2	0.07					26.80	(4)
Happy Canyon	EL7 EL7	3	-0.637		-0.009	0.006	-0.085	0.015	0.2	0.07					26.80	(b)
afegh	EL/	3	-0.638	0.564	0.001	0.006	-0.085	0.015	0.5	0.22					3.80	(d)
hallowater	Aubrites	1	-0.465		0.008		0.319		2.8	-	2.99	5.79	-0.02	(b)	0.28	(f)
Bishopville	Aubrites	1	-1.350	0.783	0.021	0.010	0.094	0.011	1.0	0.88	2.59	5.09	0.09	(b)	52.5	(f)
Bishopville	Aubrites	1	0.215		0.000		0.117									
lorton County	Aubrites	1	-1.150		-0.008		0.023		0.6	0.13	2.57	4.98	-0.02	(b)	117.4	(f)
ubres	Aubrites	1	0.451		-0.003		-0.027		0.3	-						
ustee	Aubrites	4	-0.189	0.080	0.008	0.001	-0.006	0.040	0.1	0.01					50.8	(f)
hor Temiki	Aubrites	1	-0.154		0.013		0.020		0.3	-					53.9	(f)
layo Belwa	Aubrites	1	-0.404		0.007		-0.083		0.2	-					102.4	(f)
ena Blanca Spring	Aubrites	1	-0.766		0.008		-0.033			-					69.5	(f)
umberland Falls	Aubrites	2	-0.517	0.068	0.011	0.003	-0.015	0.014	1.5	0.95	3.36	5.44	0.53	(b)		
umber. (Aubrite clast)	Aubrites	1	-1.903		0.017		0.078		0.1	_						
umber. (chondrite clast)	Aubrites	1	0.007		0.006		0.089		0.9							

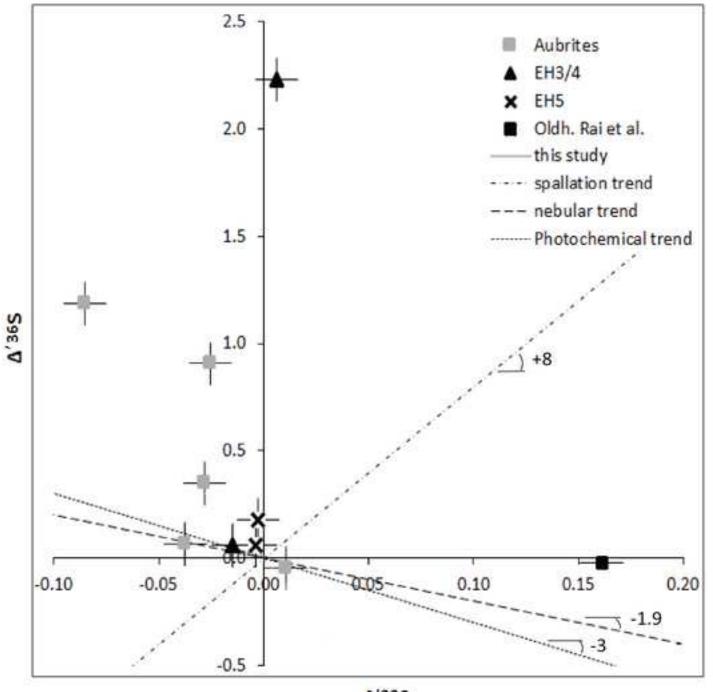
(a) Clayton et al. 1884 (b) Newton et al. 2000 (c) this study (d) Patzer & Schultz 2001 (f) Lorenzetti 2003

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Sample	group	replica	δ34S (‰)	Δ'33S (‰)	Δ'36S (‰)	%CaS in S (wt%)
Abee	EH3/4	1	2.477	-0.015	0.061	3.1
Indarch	EH3/4	1	4.503	0.006	2.229	0.1
St Mark's	EH5	1	0.666	-0.004	0.058	9.3
St Sauveur	EH5	1	0.903	-0.003	0.178	4.8
Aubres	Aubrites	1	2.219	-0.025	0.906	0.7
Bustee	Aubrites	1	4.149	-0.037	0.065	61.9
Mayo Belwa	Aubrites	1	5.370	-0.028	0.348	3.5
Norton County	Aubrites	1	10.946	-0.085	1.185	1.2
Pena Blanca Spring	Aubrites	1	1.324	0.011	-0.048	
Cumberland Falls	Aubrites	1				0.0
Bishopville	Aubrites	1				0.0
Khor Temiki	Aubrites	1				0.0







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