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Highlights

TGA-IRIS system enables fast and precise $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ measurements of liquid samples in general hydration waters.

TGA-IRIS approach does not require laborious and hazardous sample processing.

TGA-IRIS enables the determination of Fe-OH $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values and fractionation factors that have not been accessible until now

Abstract

The hydrogen and oxygen stable isotope composition ($\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values) of mineral ion waters can give information on the environment of mineral formation. Here we test and validate an approach for the stable isotope analysis of mineral hydration waters

30 based on coupling a thermogravimetric analyzer with a laser-based isotope ratio infrared
31 spectroscopy instrument (Picarro L-2130i), which we abbreviate as TGA-IRIS. TGA-IRIS
32 generates $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of liquid water samples with precision for $\delta^2\text{H}$ of $\pm 1.2\text{\textperthousand}$, and for
33 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of $\pm 0.17\text{\textperthousand}$. For hydration waters in goethite, precision for $\delta^2\text{H}$ ranges from $\pm 0.3\text{\textperthousand}$ to
34 $1.6\text{\textperthousand}$, and for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ranges from $\pm 0.17\text{\textperthousand}$ to $0.27\text{\textperthousand}$. The ability of TGA-IRIS to generate detailed
35 water yield data and $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of water at varying temperatures allows for the
36 differentiation of water in varying states of binding on mineral surfaces and within the mineral
37 matrix. TGA-IRIS analyses of hydrogen isotopes in goethite yields $\delta^2\text{H}$ values that reflect the
38 hydrogen of the OH^- phase in the mineral and are comparable to that made by IRMS and found
39 in the literature. In contrast, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values on goethite reflect the oxygen in OH^- groups bound to
40 Fe (Fe-OH group), and not the oxygen bound only to Fe (Fe-O group) in the mineral crystal
41 lattice, and may not be comparable to literature $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values made by IRMS that reflect the total
42 O in the mineral. TGA-IRIS presents the possibility to isotopically differentiate the various
43 oxygen reservoirs in goethite, which may allow the mineral to be used as a single mineral
44 geothermometer. TGA-IRIS measurements of hydration waters are likely to open new avenues
45 and possibilities for research on hydrated minerals.

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48 **1. Introduction**

49 The geochemistry of Earth's terrestrial environment is dominated by weathering
50 reactions driven principally by the abundant presence of water and oxygen (e.g. Garrels and
51 Christ, 1965; Maher and Chamberlain, 2014). This corrosive and oxidative environment results
52 in the significant presence of hydrated mineral weathering products such as Fe oxide and
53 phyllosilicate minerals across nearly all of Earth's surface (e.g. Cornell and Schwertmann, 2003;
54 Nesbitt and Young, 1989; Yapp, 2001; and others). Hydrated mineral phases have also been
55 observed on Mars, which suggests the presence of liquid water at the surface during Mars' past
56 (Mustard et al., 2008).

57 Hydrated minerals may retain a signal of the environmental conditions under which they
58 formed because their parent waters can be of meteoric origin and therefore have

59 climatologically distinct hydrogen and oxygen stable isotope compositions (e.g. Dansgaard,
60 1964; Lawrence and Taylor, 1971, 1972; Bowen, 2010), while their temperature of formation
61 imparts systematic fractionation from the parent waters to the incorporated mineral-hydration
62 water (Friedman and Oneil, 1977). Therefore, if the hydrogen and oxygen stable isotope
63 compositions of the mineral-bound waters can be measured, information about the mineral
64 formation environment can be understood (e.g. Savin and Epstein, 1970; Shepard and Gilg,
65 1996; Savin and Hsieh, 1998). Interpretations of paleoclimate conditions during Earth's history
66 have been made based on analyses of hydrogen and oxygen stable isotopes of hydrated
67 minerals found in the rock record, including that of phyllosilicates (e.g. Savin and Epstein, 1970;
68 Shepard and Gilg, 1996; Savin and Hsieh, 1998; Feng and Yapp 2009) and Fe oxides (e.g. Yapp
69 and Pedley, 1985; Yapp, 1987; Girard et al., 2000; Yapp, 2001; Yapp and Shuster, 2011).

70 An impediment to the more widespread application of hydrogen and oxygen stable
71 isotope analyses of mineral hydration waters has been the complexity of liberating hydration
72 water from the mineral matrix and analyzing it by mass spectrometry. Several approaches have
73 been used, including thermal breakdown of goethite to hematite followed by quantitative
74 conversion of the water to H₂ for isotopic analysis (Yapp and Pedley, 1985), chemical extraction
75 of the total oxygen in hydrated minerals by fluorination (e.g. Clayton and Mayeda, 1963; Yapp,
76 1987), high-temperature (1450 °C) thermal decomposition to release mineral hydration water
77 (Sharp et al., 2001; Rohrissen et al., 2008), and the use of incremental vacuum dehydration at
78 varying temperatures (Yapp, 2015). Each requires subsequent conversion of hydrogen and
79 oxygen to gaseous H₂ or CO₂ followed with analysis by gas-source isotope ratio mass
80 spectrometry (IRMS). These methods are labor- and time-intensive, and require complex
81 laboratory apparatus for off-line sample preparation.

82 The advent of laser-based isotope ratio infrared spectroscopy (IRIS) (Kerstel et al., 1999;
83 Kerstel and Gianfrani, 2008) offers several advantages to IRMS analyses, most significantly that
84 hydrogen and oxygen stable isotope values, and water vapor concentrations are measured
85 simultaneously on the same sample of water vapor with no need to convert water to other
86 gases. IRIS instruments are also lower cost and have reduced complexity compared to IRMS.
87 IRIS instruments do require that a water sample be converted to vapor for sample induction,

88 and techniques to sample liquid water include quantitative vaporization (Gupta et al., 2009),
89 direct liquid-vapor equilibration (Wassenaar et al., 2008; Koehler et al., 2013; Hendry et al.,
90 2015), and membrane-inlet vapor equilibration (Munksgaard et al., 2011; Volkmann and
91 Weiler, 2014; Rothfuss et al., 2013; Oerter et al., 2017a; Oerter et al., 2017b, Oerter and
92 Bowen, 2017). For samples where water is incorporated into, or surrounded by a solid matrix
93 (such as mineral hydration waters), the traditional approach is to first liberate the water from
94 the sample using distillation by heat under vacuum (Araguas-Araguas et al., 1995; Orlowski et
95 al., 2016). After water liberation, it is collected and introduced into the IRIS instrument by
96 subsequent quantitative vaporization (Gupta et al., 2009). More recently, on-line techniques
97 that produce water vapor from the sample by heating (Koehler and Wassenaar, 2012; Johnson
98 et al., 2017; Cui et al., 2017) or microwave radiation (Munksgaard et al., 2014) have been
99 developed, after which the water vapor is inducted directly into the IRIS instrument. A
100 disadvantage of the currently available heat-based water liberation methods is that the sample
101 is heated to a single high temperature and all of the sample's water is released in a single pulse.
102 For samples that contain water in various states of binding strength (i.e. hydrated minerals)
103 these water types will be mixed and analyzed together.

104 Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) offers an attractive approach to the liberation of
105 mineral-bound waters because the sample can be step-heated very precisely to isolate the
106 release of waters of different binding strengths (i.e. lower temperatures for weakly-bound,
107 higher temperature for strongly-bound), and the corresponding mass loss of water at each
108 heating step can be precisely measured. In addition, the sample size required is very small
109 (approximately 5-30 mg) and sample preparation is usually minimal. Recently, TGA has been
110 utilized to liberate water vapor from hydrated clay minerals, which was collected by cryogenic
111 trapping, and subsequently manually transferred and analyzed by IRIS (Yang et al., 2016).

112 Here we develop an on-line method utilizing a TGA instrument to liberate water vapor
113 from liquid water samples and hydrated mineral samples, and transfer the vapor directly to an
114 IRIS instrument where the hydrogen and oxygen stable isotope values of the water vapor are
115 analyzed. We first show that the thermogravimetric analysis – isotope ratio infrared
116 spectroscopy method (TGA-IRIS) can yield accurate and precise hydrogen and oxygen stable

117 isotope values from ~ sub μ L-sized liquid water samples. We then apply the TGA-IRIS technique
118 to synthetic and natural goethite samples to illustrate the novel applications of TGA-IRIS. We
119 conclude that TGA-IRIS can contribute unique insights to the study of mineral hydration waters.

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122 **2. Experimental Methods**

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124 *2.1 TGA-IRIS analytical system*

125 A TA Discovery thermogravimetric analyzer (TGA) (TA Instruments, New Castle, DE, USA)
126 with infrared-heated furnace and 25 position sample changer was connected to a Picarro L-
127 2130i cavity ring down isotope ratio infrared spectroscopy (IRIS) water isotope analyzer (Picarro
128 Inc., Santa Clara, CA, USA) by a heated sample transfer line. The IRIS inlet side of the sample
129 transfer line is stainless steel tubing (1.6 mm O.D. x 0.6 mm I.D.) that is inserted 15 cm into
130 stainless steel tubing (3.2 mm O.D. x 2.2 mm I.D.) attached to the TGA furnace outlet, thus
131 forming an open split. The TGA-IRIS system is configured with this open-split interface between
132 the TGA and the IRIS instrument to accommodate the greater N_2 carrier gas flow rates from the
133 TGA compared to the induction flow rate of the IRIS instrument. The sample transfer line and
134 open split is wrapped with resistance heating tape and temperature controlled to 80 °C.

135 Water vapor generated by sample heating in the TGA is carried through the system by
136 N_2 carrier gas. Carrier N_2 flow rate was 25 $mL\ min^{-1}$, determined as the minimum flow rate that
137 would prevent ambient atmospheric vapor from entering the open split, while minimizing
138 dilution and travel time of the water vapor pulse carried from the TGA to the IRIS instrument.

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140 *2.2 TGA-IRIS analytical methods*

141 Samples were loaded into pre-weighed (for tare correction in the TGA) sample holder
142 pans (see Section 3.2 for details on encapsulating liquid water or wet samples), then loaded
143 into the auto sampler. An initial weight loss with increasing heating temperature curve for
144 unknown sample types was determined by heating at 10 °C min^{-1} from 35 to 600 °C, thus
145 identifying water release temperature ranges of interest for subsequent TGA-IRIS analyses. In

146 order to generate sufficient H_2O vapor levels ($[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ values in parts per million by volume,
147 ppmV) in the IRIS instrument ($[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ peak values > 5000 ppmV) for reliable measurement of δ
148 values, water needs to be released from the sample quickly. Heating at a very fast rate of ≥ 5 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
149 sec^{-1} (“flash heating”) to a temperature just higher than that needed to release the water from
150 the sample is necessary. After flash heating, isothermal conditions are maintained at the
151 desired temperature for 10 minutes to fully release the sample water available at that
152 temperature so that there is no mixing between water yielded at subsequent temperatures. All
153 heating schemes used in this study begin with an initial TGA furnace temperature of 35 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 5
154 minutes after sample loading and furnace closure to flush the system of ambient water vapor
155 and return $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ values in the IRIS instrument to ≤ 250 ppmV before the rest of the heating
156 scheme commences.

157 The IRIS instrument makes measurements of $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$, and $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values (in ‰
158 notation, see below) at approximately 1 Hz. Integration of the measured $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values
159 over the entire sample signal duration will yield quantitative $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of the water
160 sample. The integrated $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values were calculated with a weighted average of
161 measured $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values, with weighting factors for individual δ value measurements
162 calculated as the ratio of the measured H_2O vapor concentration ($[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{measured}}$) of each 1 Hz
163 measurement to the maximum H_2O vapor concentration ($[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{max}}$) for the sample. The start of
164 the integration interval for each sample was initiated at the point that $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{measured}}$ values
165 increased above background (> 250 ppmV) and continued until $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{measured}}$ values at the end of
166 the H_2O vapor peak were < 2000 ppmV (Figure 1). Tests of varying the peak-end $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ cutoff
167 value between 800 and 3000 ppmV did not yield large differences in $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values, and
168 thus 2000 ppmV was chosen as the value applied to all samples. However, we recommend that
169 the peak-end $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ cutoff value be evaluated for the specific TGA-IRIS analytical system in use.

170 The presence of organic compounds in H_2O vapor has been shown to exert spectral
171 interference and result in spurious δ values in IRIS analyses (West et al., 2010). To evaluate the
172 potential presence of organics, several spectral parameters that the IRIS instrument records
173 were evaluated for every analysis. The ‘slope shift’ and ‘baseline shift’ values reflect parameters
174 in the spectral signal of the empty cavity during factory calibration, and ‘residuals’ reflects the

175 goodness of fit in that relationship (Munksgaard et al., 2014). Values of these three spectral
176 parameters during sample analyses were compared to that resulting from standard waters. No
177 organic contamination was detected in any of the samples in this study.

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179 *2.3 Standards and samples*

180 Hydrogen and oxygen stable isotope values are reported in δ notation: $\delta =$
181 $(R_{\text{sample}}/R_{\text{standard}} - 1)$, where R_{sample} and R_{standard} are the $^2\text{H}/^1\text{H}$ or $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$ ratios for the sample
182 and standards respectively, and values are reported in per mille (‰). Mineral-water
183 fractionation factors (α_{m-w}) are calculated as: $\alpha = (R_{\text{mineral}}/R_{\text{water}})$.

184 Water used as standards (Table 1) were previously calibrated in our laboratory against
185 the VSMOW2, SLAP2, and GISP primary standard reference materials using IRMS analysis.
186 Measured TGA-IRIS $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values were calibrated to the Vienna Standard Mean Ocean
187 Water (VSMOW) standard (Coplen, 1994) by using run-specific linear correlations of known δ
188 values to measured δ values from CHC, GTW, and NVW water standards (one of each) at the
189 beginning and end of each analytical run (details in Section 2.3 below). Liquid water standards
190 were also included at regular intervals through the runs to monitor for instrumental drift,
191 though none was typically observed.

192 Synthetic goethite ("SynGoethite2") was prepared at room temperature (23 °C) by
193 dissolving 1 molar Fe(III) from FeCl_3 in 2 molar HNO_3 and diluted with DI H_2O . NaOH was added
194 to neutralize pH to between 7 and 9, iron-oxy-hydroxide precipitate was settled overnight,
195 followed by centrifugation, decanting and dialysis until external water was <100 microSiemens,
196 followed by air drying. SynGoethite2 was confirmed as goethite by x-ray diffraction (details
197 below). The final $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of the water used to synthesize SynGoethite2 were -
198 71.0‰ and -7.8‰ respectively. An aliquot of a natural sample of pure goethite (FCol-3) was
199 provided by Dr. Crayton Yapp. FCol-3 is sourced from near Florissant, Colorado, USA and was
200 confirmed as goethite by x-ray diffraction. Mineral samples were ground to a fine powder in a
201 synthetic sapphire mortar and pestle with isopropyl alcohol, then treated with 0.5 M HCl at 23
202 °C and rinsed at least four times with deionized water. The samples were then treated with
203 30% H_2O_2 solution four times, after which the samples were rinsed several times with deionized
204 water, and dried overnight at 40 °C.

205 Mineral compositions of the solid samples were determined by x-ray diffraction on a
206 Bruker D8 Advance instrument (Bruker Corp., Billerica, MA, USA) using $\text{Cu-K}\alpha$ radiation

207 generated at 40 kV and 40 mA. Diffraction scans were performed from 10-80° 2θ, with 0.02° 2θ
208 step size with 2 sec collection time per step, with variable divergence slits.

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211 **3. Results and Discussion**

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213 To evaluate the accuracy, precision and utility of TGA-IRIS, we performed a series of
214 experiments designed to test and constrain the performance of various aspects of the TGA-IRIS
215 system. To facilitate the presentation of these activities and their results, in the following
216 sections we describe each of the tests and discuss their results in sequence. We first show
217 results on liquid water samples that demonstrate accuracy and precision limits of liquid water
218 analyses. We then follow with results from synthetic and natural mineral samples of goethite.

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220 *3.1 Quantitative TGA-IRIS sample induction*

221 To reliably analyze $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of the water vapor generated by the TGA, the
222 sample vapor induction system must consistently capture the water vapor stream during every
223 analysis. Figure 2 shows the relationship between the integrated sum of water vapor for each
224 sample received at the IRIS instrument (in ppmV) and the liquid volume of 81 water samples
225 ranging in volume from 400 to 1200 nL (volume calculated from sample mass loss measured by
226 TGA; 1 mg = 1000 nL H_2O at 25 °C) for samples loaded in tin capsules (see Section 3.2 below)
227 and flash heated to 150, 300, 450, and 600 °C (on separate aliquots). The strong correlations
228 and similar slopes of the relationships between water vapor volume and liquid water volume
229 for samples heated at 150 and 300 °C, (150 °C: slope = 2503, $R^2 = 0.97$, $n = 31$; 300 °C slope =
230 2200, $R^2 = 0.97$, $n = 50$) shown in Fig. 2 (data in Supp. Table 1) indicates that the TGA-IRIS
231 system is consistently inducting the vapor generated from each sample flash heated to 150 and
232 300 °C in the TGA furnace. Therefore, calculating $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values by a weighted average of
233 each δ value weighted by its $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ value as a proportion of the maximum $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ value for each
234 sample peak (as described in Section 2.2 above) is repeatable for samples heated at 150 and
235 300 °C. Liquid water samples heated to 450 and 600 °C show weaker vapor to liquid volume

236 relationships with lower slopes (450 °C: slope = 1463, $R^2 = 0.12$, n = 6; 600 °C: slope = 1638, $R^2 =$
237 0.90, n = 12) (Fig. 2), indicating more variability in vapor induction from liquid samples at those
238 temperatures.

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240 *3.2 Effects of sample capsule material and heating temperature*

241 The use of liquid water calibration standards introduced into the TGA furnace and
242 therefore treated identically to the unknown samples presents some challenges for developing
243 the proper procedure. Wet samples must be encapsulated to prevent evaporation of the
244 sample (and thus alteration of $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values), during sample loading and N_2 flushing of
245 the TGA furnace before the analysis is begun. Tin or silver sample capsules are commonly
246 available due to their use in various mass spectrometry techniques. Silver is often chosen for
247 the high temperature (>1000 °C) thermal conversion analysis of water because it will not form
248 oxides by reaction with H_2O under inert atmospheres. The degree to which silver's inert
249 advantage is applicable to the lower temperatures of TGA-IRIS analysis is discussed below.
250 Silver's disadvantages include reduced workability due to material hardness, higher cost, and
251 reduced availability in the smallest capsule sizes. Tin capsules are easier to work with, available
252 in very small size (1 mm diameter) that is suitable for sub-microliter liquid sample volumes, and
253 are less costly.

254 Tin capsules (1.5 mm diam. x 5 mm length, Costech # 41064, n = 7) and silver capsules (2
255 mm diam. x 41075 5 mm length, EA # 41075, n = 7) were loaded with 600 (± 150) nL of either
256 CHC or ATW liquid water by syringe injection, and sealed by crimping the top of the capsule
257 closed with pliers, folding the crimp over itself and crimping again with pliers, forming a double-
258 crimp seal. The isotopic effect of the water in the preexisting air headspace inside the capsule
259 can be neglected because the liquid water added is ~1000x larger mass than that in the
260 headspace air. These samples were analyzed by the TGA-IRIS method with a heating rate of 5 °C
261 sec^{-1} ("flash-heated") from 35 to 300 °C, culminating in 10 minutes of isothermal conditions at
262 300 °C. Tin capsules yielded $\delta^2\text{H}$ values with a precision of $\pm 0.76\text{\textperthousand}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of \pm
263 $0.13\text{\textperthousand}$ ($\pm 1\sigma$ (1 standard deviation) reproducibility, n=7), whereas silver capsules gave precision
264 of $\pm 1.09\text{\textperthousand}$ for $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\pm 0.46\text{\textperthousand}$ for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values ($\pm 1\sigma$, n=7). The silver capsules were

265 considerably more difficult to load and crimp, and these results do not include several silver
266 capsule samples that gave null or dramatically high δ values, presumably because the water
267 was not sufficiently contained in the capsule and either leaked out or evaporated before
268 analysis. These problems were absent with the tin capsules.

269 After establishing that tin capsules were easier to work with and gave more
270 reproducible results, it was necessary to assess whether tin capsule material reacts with water
271 at TGA-IRIS temperatures to give spurious $\delta^2\text{H}$ or $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values. Tin capsules (1.5 mm diam. x 5
272 mm length) were loaded with 800 (\pm 180) nL of CHC liquid water, and double-crimp sealed.
273 These samples were analyzed by TGA-IRIS and flash heated, culminating in 10 minutes of
274 isothermal conditions at either 150, 300, 450, or 600 °C. This fast rate of heating was designed
275 to match the heating rate needed to release adsorbed and structural water from solid samples
276 (discussed in Section 3.6 below), thus satisfying the principle of identical treatment between
277 samples and calibration standards.

278 Results of the heating experiments in measured $\delta^2\text{H}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values (factory calibrated
279 data) are shown in Fig. 3. No temperature dependence on measured $\delta^2\text{H}$ or $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values was
280 found ($R^2 < 0.2$ for both). We interpret the precision of measured δ values of liquid water
281 samples at various temperatures to be as follows, based on $\pm 1\sigma$ of n measurements. For $\delta^2\text{H}$,
282 at 150 °C $\pm 1.23\text{\textperthousand}$ $n = 9$, 300 °C $\pm 0.68\text{\textperthousand}$ $n = 8$, 450 °C $\pm 0.62\text{\textperthousand}$ $n = 6$, 600 °C $\pm 3.16\text{\textperthousand}$ $n = 9$;
283 and for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, at 150 °C $\pm 0.17\text{\textperthousand}$ $n = 9$, 300 °C $\pm 0.52\text{\textperthousand}$ $n = 8$, 450 °C $\pm 0.87\text{\textperthousand}$ $n = 6$, 600 °C \pm
284 0.83% $n = 9$. Precision for $\delta^2\text{H}$ measurements is best in the 300 to 450 °C range, whereas $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
285 measurements are most precise at 150 °C, and decrease with increasing temperature (Fig. 3B).
286 A possible reason for reduced precision for liquid water analyses at the highest temperatures is
287 the reduction in quantitative sample induction in the 450 to 600 °C range (Fig. 2, Section 3.1).

288 If hydrogen or oxygen is differentially affected by reactions occurring at high
289 temperatures in the TGA furnace such as oxide formation with the tin capsule material, or by H-
290 or O-exchange reactions in the TGA furnace, the ratio of the measured $\delta^2\text{H}$ to $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values
291 should also change, reflecting the sequestration of oxygen into formation of oxide material. To
292 assess any change in the ratio of measured δ values, we use the deuterium excess parameter of
293 Dansgaard (1964), calculated as $d\text{-excess} = \delta^2\text{H} - 8 \times \delta^{18}\text{O}$, to evaluate the degree to which a

294 pair of measured $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values deviates from the 8:1 relationship predicted by
295 equilibrium fractionation, and observed in meteoric waters worldwide (Craig, 1961, Rozanski et
296 al., 1993). Importantly, we are not using *d-excess* to infer any specific fractionation mechanism
297 because the specific value of *d-excess* depends on the sample water and the calibration of $\delta^2\text{H}$
298 and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values (we present factory-calibrated data here). Since we are using factory calibrated
299 $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values to calculate and compare *d-excess* values, we only use it as a convenient
300 and familiar metric to assess *relative* changes in $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values from sample to sample. If
301 different analysis temperatures were affecting $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values differently, *d-excess* values
302 would reflect this.

303 Figure 3C shows *d-excess* values as a function of heating temperature for liquid water
304 samples in tin capsules, and there is no relationship between *d-excess* and temperature ($R^2 <$
305 0.2 in Fig. 3C). The increase in the range of *d-excess* values at higher temperatures is due to a
306 decrease in analytical precision for both $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values at higher temperatures, as
307 discussed earlier. The lack of systematic bias in $\delta^2\text{H}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and *d-excess* values with heating
308 temperature suggests that there are not temperature-dependent H- or O-exchange reactions
309 with the tin capsule material or in the TGA furnace, and we determine tin capsules to be a
310 suitable material to encapsulate liquid water samples during TGA-IRIS analysis.

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312 3.3 Sample size effect

313 The sensitivity of the TGA-IRIS technique to sample size was evaluated by measuring 81
314 samples of different amounts (331 nL to 1160 nL) of liquid water (CHC, GTW, NVW) in tin
315 capsules at 150 °C or 300 °C heating temperature. The results using factory calibrated data (to
316 avoid any bias introduced by calibration correction) are shown in Figure 4 as the offset in
317 measured δ values from the known δ values (calculated as $\Delta\delta = \delta_{\text{measured}} - \delta_{\text{true}}$) to allow
318 comparison between waters with differing hydrogen and oxygen isotopic composition. For
319 hydrogen, there is no systematic relationship between measured $\delta^2\text{H}$ values and sample
320 amount for samples heated at 150 °C ($R^2 = 0$, $n = 31$, $p = 0.36$) or 300 °C ($R^2 = 0$, $n = 50$, $p = 0.68$)
321 (Fig. 4A). For O, there is a weak correlation between measured $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values and sample amount

322 for samples heated at both 150 °C ($R^2 = 0.36$, $n = 31$, $p < 0.001$) and 300 °C ($R^2 = 0.43$, $n = 50$, $p <$
323 0.001) (Fig. 4B).

324 The lack of a sample size effect for $\delta^2\text{H}$ values suggests that no correction is needed
325 when applying calibration relationships to measured $\delta^2\text{H}$ values. The similar slopes of the weak
326 sample size effect that *may* be present for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values at 150 °C (-0.0023 ‰ nL^{-1}) and at 300 °C
327 (-0.0021 ‰ nL^{-1}) suggests that the effect may be intrinsic to the TGA-IRIS method at other
328 temperatures. However, the weak correlation between measured $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values and sample size
329 may be due to the small volumes of water resulting from TGA analysis. In a study utilizing
330 induction heating sample introduction, sample size effects large enough to necessitate
331 correction were not found until sample size was 3000 nL or greater (Cui et al., 2017). In
332 addition, any size effect correction may be obviated if the range in size of the unknown samples
333 (in H_2O mass or volume) is relatively small, and if calibration standards can be size matched to
334 the unknowns. Based on these results that do not show a significant size effect, we do not apply
335 a size correction to the results from this study. However, we recommend that sample size
336 effects be evaluated in any study using TGA-IRIS.

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338 *3.4 Memory effect*

339 The so-called Memory Effect refers to the hydrogen and oxygen stable isotope
340 compositions of preceding samples having an influence on the results of a water sample (Olsen
341 et al., 2006; Gupta et al., 2009; Munksgaard et al., 2014; Cui et al., 2017). To assess the memory
342 effect in TGA-IRIS, consecutive analyses of sets of samples of each water standard with
343 contrasting $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values (CHC, GTW, and NVW) were made at 150 °C (n = 6 per set) and
344 300 °C (n = 5 per set). The Memory Coefficient (M) was used to quantify the carry-over from
345 sample to sample (Van Geldern and Barth, 2012; Uemura et al., 2016), calculated as: $M (\%) =$
346 $(\delta_{\text{CM}} - \delta_{\text{CT}})/(\delta_{\text{PT}} - \delta_{\text{CT}}) \times 100$, where δ_{CM} is the current isotopic measurement, δ_{CT} is the true
347 isotopic value of the current sample, δ_{PT} is the true isotopic value of the previous water sample.
348 To avoid introduced uncertainty from any calibration correction, factory calibrated measured
349 values are used, and δ_{CT} and δ_{PT} are calculated as the average of the last three measurements
350 of a sample set.

351 Memory coefficient (M) results at 150 °C and 300 °C are shown in Figure 5 (data in
352 Supp. Table 2). If there was a memory effect present in this set of analyses from sets of water
353 samples with progressively higher δ values, M values would be consistently negative in sign due
354 to the influence of preceding samples with lower δ values. M values in Fig. 5 do not show such
355 an influence in the initial analysis that follow a change in δ values that would indicate influence
356 from previous analyses. M values in Fig. 5 are also generally similar to the range of M values
357 that would be indistinguishable from analytical precision (grey bars in Fig. 5). We interpret the
358 lack of M value trends, and the similarity between the magnitude of observed M values to that
359 expected from analytical uncertainty at both 150 °C and 300 °C heating temperature to indicate
360 that there is little or no sample memory effect for the TGA-IRIS system.

361 The lack of memory effect for TGA-IRIS contrasts with studies that found memory
362 effects in both liquid water samples (Gupta et al., 2009; Munksgaard et al., 2014; Uemura et al
363 2016), and induction heating IRIS on waters bound into solid matrices (Cui et al., 2017). We
364 attribute the lack of memory in TGA-IRIS to several aspects intrinsic to the technique itself.
365 First, the water volumes measured in the TGA-IRIS technique are very small (typically < 1000
366 nL). Secondly, the high temperatures in the TGA furnace are higher than the vaporization point

367 of H₂O and isothermal times of 10 minutes at these elevated temperatures effectively “bake
368 out” water that adsorbs to the internal system surfaces. Thirdly, all parts of the TGA-IRIS system
369 in contact with water vapor are maintained at ≥ 80 °C thus preventing water adsorption and
370 condensation. Finally, the TGA furnace flushes after every sample during cool down for > 10
371 minutes, while N₂ carrier gas flow rates remain at 25 mL min⁻¹ thus maintaining dry internal
372 TGA-IRIS system surfaces. At every step of the analysis, ≥ 5 min of N₂ carrier gas flushes residual
373 water from the system between water vapor pulses (the flush time depends on the heating
374 scheme and isothermal durations).

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377 *3.6 TGA-IRIS analyses of mineral hydration waters*

378 In the following, we describe activities to demonstrate and validate measurements of
379 $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values by TGA-IRIS on hydration waters in synthetic and natural goethite samples.
380 The choice of goethite to demonstrate the potential novel applications of TGA-IRIS was made
381 due to goethite’s widespread occurrence at Earth’s surface and in the geologic rock record, and
382 the well-established use of their isotopic compositions as records of paleoclimate conditions
383 (e.g. Savin and Epstein, 1970; Yapp and Pedley, 1985; Yapp, 1987; Shepard and Gilg, 1996; Savin
384 and Hsieh, 1998; Girard et al., 2000; Yapp, 2001; Feng and Yapp 2009; Yapp and Shuster, 2011).

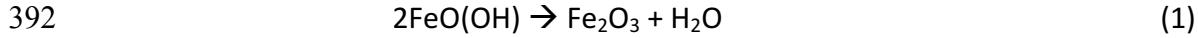
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387 *3.6.1 TGA-IRIS analysis of goethite hydration waters*

388 Heating of goethite yields H₂O by dehydration and dehydroxylation as illustrated by the
389 schematic dehydroxylation reaction as it transforms to hematite (Deer et al., 1962; Boily et al.,
390 2006):

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394 The thermal conversion of goethite to hematite is thought to be a solid-state topotactic
395 reaction that occurs as a reaction front starting at grain boundaries which migrate into the

396 interior of grains, developing a transition state volume that moves with the reaction front as
397 the reaction proceeds through the mineral grain (Hancock and Sharp, 1972; Goss, 1987; Yapp,
398 2003). As the reaction front progresses, microfractures develop in the product hematite,
399 through which H_2O vapor escapes (Goss, 1987; Yapp, 2003).

400 To assess the H_2O release curves and determine the appropriate flash-heating
401 temperatures for subsequent IRIS isotope analysis for goethites, we heated samples of
402 SynGoethite2 and FCol-3 in the TGA at $10\text{ }^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$, which allows the analyst to determine the
403 specific temperature(s) at which mass loss occurs for each material, and therefore define the
404 appropriate flash-heating scheme for each material. The slow heating scheme yielded mass loss
405 from SynGoethite2 (starting sample mass of 8.116 mg) between $35\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $105\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ of 0.133 mg;
406 (1.6%); and between $105\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $280\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ of 0.855 mg (10.5%) (Fig. 6). We note that for
407 SynGoethite2, the slow heating resulted in a continuum of mass loss up to $\sim 150\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, and the
408 water available at those temperatures was not fully released because not enough time was
409 spent in this temperature range. This is a good illustration of the need to define both the
410 temperature of each step for subsequent isotope analysis, as well as the isothermal duration of
411 each temperature step to ensure complete water yield at that temperature. If there is
412 incomplete water recovery at a temperature step, the isotope values of the water yielded at
413 the subsequent temperature step will be biased by mixing. Slow heating of FCol-3 (starting
414 sample mass of 6.519 mg) yielded mass loss between $250\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $370\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ of 0.59 mg (9.1%) (Fig.
415 6), and mass between 370 and $600\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ of 0.044 mg (0.8%), the total of which is 9.9%. This mass
416 loss is the same (within analytical uncertainty) as the 9.8% ($\pm 0.2\%$) H_2O yielded by thermal
417 decomposition for IRMS analyses for $\delta^2\text{H}$ values of FCol-3 material (Yapp and Poths, 1995). H_2O
418 yields from both goethites were close to that predicted (10.14%) to be yielded from removal of
419 OH^- species from stoichiometric goethite by thermal conversion to hematite (Eqn 1). Deviations
420 in water yield may be due to a small amount of impurities in each sample, or non-
421 stoichiometric mineral composition.

422 Mass lost at the 35 to $105\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ interval represents dehydration of weakly-adsorbed water
423 on goethite mineral surfaces (Ford and Bertsch, 1999), and represents the atmospheric
424 moisture the sample has most recently been exposed to. Mass lost between $105\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $280\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

425 or 380 °C (SynGoethite2 and FCol-3, respectively) results from progressive dehydroxylation of
426 OH⁻ from singly- through triply-coordinated hydroxo groups in the transition volume as goethite
427 transforms to hematite (Boily et al., 2006; Song and Boily, 2016). The specific temperature at
428 which the goethite to hematite transition occurs is primarily related to mineral crystallinity (e.g.
429 Schwertmann, 1984; Ford and Bertsch, 1999; Song and Boily, 2016). The H₂O release from
430 SynGoethite2 at 280 °C is likely due to low crystallinity corresponding to laboratory synthesis,
431 whereas FCol-3 is a well-crystallized natural goethite (Yapp and Pedley, 1985; Yapp and Poths,
432 1995), resulting in higher H₂O release temperatures.

433 Based on the H₂O mass loss-temperature curve of SynGoethite2 (Fig. 6), we flash heated
434 size-matched samples of SynGoethite2 (n = 5, average starting mass of 6.05 mg (± 0.69 mg)) to
435 105 °C and then to 280 °C (in separate successive steps) to rapidly release all of the water in
436 each “pool” as a single pulse of sufficient peak size for reliable IRIS analysis. For FCol-3, we used
437 larger samples (n = 4, average starting mass of 19.00 mg (± 2.36 mg)) because of lower H₂O
438 yields than SynGoethite2 (Fig. 6), and flash-heated the samples to 105 °C and 370 °C. Heating
439 beyond the major water-yielding points of 280 °C and 370 °C up to 600 °C did not release
440 sufficient H₂O from either goethite to generate a sample peak large enough to reliably analyze.

441 The reproducibility (± 1 S.D.) of TGA-IRIS measurements on SynGoethite2 was 1.63‰ for
442 δ²H and 0.27‰ for δ¹⁸O values at 105 °C, and was 1.21‰ for δ²H and 0.17‰ for δ¹⁸O values at
443 280 °C, and we therefore interpret these as the precision of δ values for water released from
444 SynGoethite2 at 105 °C and 280 °C. These analytical precisions are similar or better than that of
445 liquid water samples at 150 °C (δ²H ± 1.23‰, δ¹⁸O ± 0.17‰) and 300 °C (δ²H ± 0.68‰, δ¹⁸O ±
446 0.52‰, see Section 3.2), which suggests that the use of liquid water as calibration standards is
447 sufficient to conservatively estimate precision of mineral hydration water analyses. However, it
448 also suggests that if mineral standards can be prepared or obtained that are sufficiently
449 isotopically homogeneous, and used for calibration during analytical runs, that precision
450 estimates and calibrations for water released by solid samples can be further constrained. All of
451 the δ²H and δ¹⁸O values presented here for goethite materials were calibrated using liquid
452 water standards included during each analytical run (Table 1).

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455 *3.6.2 δ^2H values of goethite hydration waters by TGA-IRIS*

456 Except for the H_2O weakly adsorbed to mineral surfaces, hydrogen is present in goethite
 457 only in the OH^- that is bonded in Fe-O groups (Ford and Bertsch, 1999; Cornell and
 458 Schwertmann, 2003; Boily et al., 2006; Song and Boily, 2016). Measurements of the hydrogen
 459 isotopic composition of goethite by TGA-IRIS and IRMS should be comparable as the H-bearing
 460 reservoir in goethite is accessible to both methods via thermal dehydroxylation.

461 Analysis of SynGoethite2 by TGA-IRIS ($n = 5$) at 280 °C (after initial heating to 105 °C to
 462 remove adsorbed water) gives an average δ^2H value of -158.2‰ (± 1.2‰) (Table 2). The
 463 mineral-water fractionation factor for hydrogen (α_{m-w}^H) calculated from the average δ^2H value
 464 by TGA-IRIS analysis of SynGoethite2 and the δ^2H value of the water used to synthesize the
 465 material at 22 °C is 0.906. This value of α_{m-w}^H is the same, within analytical uncertainty, as the
 466 generally accepted literature α_{m-w}^H value of 0.905 (Yapp, 1987; Yapp, 2001).

467 Analysis of FCol-3_Goet by TGA-IRIS ($n = 4$) at 370 °C results in an average δ^2H value of -
 468 138.2‰ (± 0.3‰) (Fig. 7), which is similar to that of -131‰ (± 2‰) measured by IRMS on FCol-3
 469 material (Table 2) (Yapp and Poths, 1995). The mineral-water fractionation factor for hydrogen
 470 (α_{m-w}^H) calculated from the average δ^2H value by TGA-IRIS analysis of FCol-3 and the δ^2H value
 471 (-110‰) of the water postulated to have been the source water during goethite formation at
 472 the same locality as FCol-3 (FCol-1 in Yapp and Pedley, 1985) is 0.968. This value of α_{m-w}^H is
 473 similar to that calculated for FCol-1 ($\alpha_{m-w}^H = 0.971$) by Yapp and Pedley (1985), which is
 474 expected from the similarity in measured goethite δ^2H values by the two methods and the
 475 same postulated source water value. However, these α_{m-w}^H values from FCol goethite differ
 476 from the literature α_{m-w}^H value 0.905 ± 0.004 (Yapp, 1987; Yapp, 2001). Yapp and Pedley (1985)
 477 note that FCol goethite has the highest α_{m-w}^H values of the 21 natural goethites they analyzed,
 478 though neither our analyses or theirs are able to resolve the reasons for this disparity.

479 Based on the similarity of H_2O yields during TGA-IRIS analyses to that predicted by
 480 stoichiometry, as well as the similarity of mineral-water fractionation factors for hydrogen
 481 (α_{m-w}^H) derived from both TGA-IRIS and IRMS on a synthetic and a natural goethite material,
 482 we conclude that TGA-IRIS analyses of hydrogen isotopes in goethite produces δ^2H values

483 that reflect the total hydrogen of the goethite. TGA-IRIS $\delta^2\text{H}$ values from goethite should be
484 comparable to those made by IRMS and found in the literature.

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486 *3.6.3 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of goethite hydration waters by TGA-IRIS*

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488 Oxygen is present in goethite in two bonded groups: Fe-O and Fe-OH⁻ (Ford and Bertsch,
489 1999; Cornell and Schwertmann, 2003; Boily et al., 2006; Song and Boily, 2016). The oxygen in
490 the water evolved by thermal dehydroxylation of goethite and its transition to hematite during
491 TGA-IRIS analysis (and resulting $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OH}}$ values) is only 50% of the oxygen in the Fe-OH⁻ groups,
492 while the remaining 50% is incorporated into the resulting hematite (Eqn. 1). In contrast,
493 oxygen recovered from goethite by fluorination and IRMS analysis will be all of the O in
494 goethite, from both Fe-O and Fe-OH⁻ groups ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Total}}$). Thus, values of $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OH}}$ made by TGA-IRIS
495 on goethite should not be not directly comparable to $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Total}}$ measurements made by
496 fluorination and IRMS.

497 The absence of oxygen isotope exchange between the Fe-O and Fe-OH groups as
498 goethite undergoes the topotactic transformation to hematite, as represented by Eqn 1,
499 underpins the interpretation of $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OH}}$ values yielded by TGA-IRIS analysis. Previous work shows
500 that neither goethite nor hematite readily exchange structural oxygen isotopes with water
501 (Becker and Clayton, 1976; Yapp, 1991). In a study comparing open- and closed-system thermal
502 dehydration of goethite conversion to hematite, Yapp (1990) showed that in open-systems
503 under vacuum, minimal reversible mineral-vapor oxygen isotope exchange was likely, though its
504 complete absence was not demonstrated conclusively. The TGA-IRIS system is open as the
505 released H₂O vapor is continually removed by N₂ carrier gas, and as such it is likely that back-
506 exchange of oxygen either does not occur in the H₂O vapor-mineral system, or that it is
507 minimal. The short timescales of H₂O vapor release during TGA flash heating during TGA-IRIS
508 analysis (thermal conversion complete within < 300 seconds) also does not favor solid-state
509 oxygen diffusion and exchange.

510 Analysis of SynGoethite2 by TGA-IRIS (n = 5) at 280 °C (after initial heating to 105 °C to
511 remove adsorbed water) gives an average $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OH}}$ value of -10.64‰ (± 0.17‰) (Table 2). The

512 mineral-water fractionation factor for oxygen in SynGoethite2 between O_{OH} and the source
 513 water ($\alpha_{m-w}^{O,\text{OH}}$) calculated from the average $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OH}}$ value by TGA-IRIS analysis of SynGoethite2
 514 and the $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ value of the water used to synthesize the material at 22 °C is $\alpha_{m-w}^{O,\text{OH}} = 0.9972$
 515 (Table 2). As noted, goethite oxygen mineral-hydration water fractionation factors ($\alpha_{m-w}^{O,\text{OH}}$
 516 values) derived from TGA-IRIS analyses are not directly comparable to total oxygen mineral-
 517 water fractionation factors ($\alpha_{m-w}^{O,\text{Total}}$ values) because each oxygen reservoir in the original
 518 goethite may differ in isotopic composition, and a comparison between the two fractionation
 519 factors may indicate whether the two oxygen reservoirs do differ isotopically. Indeed, the
 520 SynGoet2 $\alpha_{m-w}^{O,\text{OH}}$ value of 0.9972 is significantly different than literature $\alpha_{m-w}^{O,\text{Total}}$ values of 0.985
 521 for goethite synthesized at 22 °C and at high pH by Bao and Koch (1999) (conditions which
 522 match that used to synthesize SynGoet2). This difference in $\alpha_{m-w}^{O,\text{OH}}$ and $\alpha_{m-w}^{O,\text{Total}}$ values for
 523 goethite suggests that the oxygen in the Fe-OH and Fe-O bound groups do not have the same
 524 isotopic composition, and thus an internal oxygen isotope fractionation relationship may exist
 525 for goethite.

526 Analysis of FCol-3 by TGA-IRIS ($n = 4$) at 370 °C (after initial heating to 105 °C) gives an
 527 average $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OH}}$ value of -4.72‰ ($\pm 0.32\text{‰}$) (Fig. 7, Table 2). For FCol-3, the value of $\alpha_{m-w}^{O,\text{OH}} =$
 528 1.0103, using TGA-IRIS measurements of $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OH}}$ values and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ values of the postulated
 529 source water for FCol-3 (Yapp and Pedley, 1985; Yapp, 1987). We are not able to rigorously
 530 compare FCol-3 $\alpha_{m-w}^{O,\text{OH}}$ values to $\alpha_{m-w}^{O,\text{Total}}$ values because the source water for FCol-3 formation
 531 is not exactly known, and instead is postulated based on measured $\delta^2\text{H}_{\text{Total}}$ values (Yapp and
 532 Pedley, 1985, Yapp, 1987) combined with the modern globally averaged relationship of $\delta^2\text{H}$ to
 533 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ in precipitation (Rozanski, et al., 1993). However, a tentative comparison between FCol-3
 534 $\alpha_{m-w}^{O,\text{OH}} = 1.0103$ and $\alpha_{m-w}^{O,\text{Total}} = 1.0168$, again reveals possible differences in the oxygen isotope
 535 composition of the Fe-OH and Fe-O groups.

536 Complicating interpretations and comparison of the oxygen isotope composition of the
 537 Fe-OH and Fe-O groups in goethite, is the recovery of only 50% of the Fe-OH⁻ oxygen by TGA-
 538 IRIS, as the remaining 50% is incorporated into the residual hematite. Whether the residual
 539 hematite oxygen preserves the initial goethite Fe-OH⁻ $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OH}}$ values, or if it is affected by a
 540 possible kinetic fraction as water vapor is evolved under open system conditions, as suggested

541 by Yapp (2003), remains to be investigated further. The relationship between the goethite
542 $\alpha_{m-w}^{O,OH}$ values determined by TGA-IRIS and the factors of source water and mineral formation
543 temperature are not interpretable without further studies to constrain how goethite $\alpha_{m-w}^{O,OH}$
544 values vary with these factors, as has been done for goethite $\alpha_{m-w}^{O,Total}$ values (e.g. Yapp, 2001).
545 We are also not able to determine why the $\alpha_{m-w}^{O,OH}$ value for SynGoethite2 is < 1 , and $\alpha_{m-w}^{O,OH}$
546 value for FCol-3 is > 1 , but it may be related to the pH of mineral formation, the degree of
547 crystallinity for each material, as well as the presence of high-temperature nonstoichiometric
548 water in SynGoethite2. However, the indication that an oxygen isotope distinction exists for Fe-
549 OH and Fe-O in goethite adds to the evidence of the possibility that goethite can serve as a
550 single-mineral geothermometer (Yapp, 1987). Further research is needed to confirm these
551 initial results, and to further evaluate the meaning of the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of the water derived from
552 goethite during TGA-IRIS analysis.

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554 *3.7 Appraisal of the TGA-IRIS method*

555 The TGA-IRIS method presents some advantages over currently available techniques to
556 liberate water from solid samples for hydrogen and oxygen stable isotope analysis. The range of
557 temperature and heating duration available allows TGA-IRIS to be applied more flexibly than
558 methods using a single temperature (often very high) and single duration such as by microwave
559 or induction heating. Quantifying mass loss at specific temperatures in succession is also useful
560 information itself, which is not readily available by other methods. TGA-IRIS is likely to be
561 applicable to nearly any hydrated material, including hydrous minerals such as clays, or
562 hydrated glass. Because hydrated minerals have specific temperatures of water yield, it may be
563 possible to analyze mineral-specific hydration waters in multi-mineral materials (such as soils)
564 in the same sample aliquot. It seems possible to miniaturize TGA-IRIS systems for transport to
565 remote locations, and the presence of goethite and hydrated Fe oxide minerals on the surface
566 of Mars, presents the opportunity for possible future application of TGA-IRIS to extraplanetary
567 settings.

568 TGA-IRIS is not without its limitations, some of which may be resolvable with continued
569 development. The cost of the TGA instrument is significant, especially compared to microwave

570 heating equipment. Only small samples ($\sim <100$ mg) can be analyzed, depending on the TGA
571 instrument, which may be a limitation in heterogeneous materials. Samples with high humidity
572 or moisture content may present difficulties for sample handling to avoid pre-analysis
573 evaporation or reduced precision due to incomplete TGA furnace pre-flushing (see discussion
574 regarding liquid water samples). Any pre-evaporation effect will be largest in small samples.

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576 **4. Conclusions**

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578 We have presented an approach for the stable isotope analysis of liquid and mineral-
579 hydration waters based on coupling of thermogravimetric analysis with isotope ratio infrared
580 spectroscopy (TGA-IRIS). TGA-IRIS presents an approach to the analysis of mineral hydration
581 waters that is versatile and requires almost no preparation of mineral samples, other than to
582 clean them. TGA-IRIS analyses of hydrogen stable isotopes in goethite hydration water yields
583 $\delta^2\text{H}$ values that reflect the hydrogen of the OH^- phase in the mineral and are comparable to that
584 made by IRMS and found in the literature. In contrast, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values reflect the oxygen in the Fe-
585 OH bonded group, and not the oxygen bound in the Fe-O group in the mineral crystal lattice.
586 Therefore, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of goethite hydration water by TGA-IRIS are not directly comparable to
587 literature $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values that reflect the total O. However, because TGA-IRIS can yield only the Fe-
588 OH bonded oxygen, it may be possible to combine these results with measurements of the Fe-O
589 bonded oxygen in the resulting hematite by fluorination and IRMS to determine if the
590 fractionation factors for oxygen in the Fe-OH and Fe-O groups differ.

591 The ability of TGA-IRIS to generate detailed mineral hydration water yield data and $\delta^2\text{H}$
592 and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of yielded water at varying temperatures, allows for the differentiation of
593 water in varying states of binding on and within the mineral matrix. TGA-IRIS analysis also yields
594 $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values on the same sample, which presents advantages in materials with limited
595 sample size or availability. In addition, the ease with which TGA-IRIS measurements of
596 hydration waters can be made opens new avenues and possibilities for research on hydrated
597 minerals.

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852 FIGURE CAPTIONS

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854 Figure 1. TGA-IRIS liquid water analysis time trace example. $[H_2O]$, δ^2H and $\delta^{18}O$ values
855 collected at approximately 1 Hz frequency throughout the analysis. Black circles ($[H_2O]$), blue
856 triangles (δ^2H), and red squares ($\delta^{18}O$) denote interval of water sample peak and duration of
857 signal integration, beginning when $[H_2O]$ values increase above background, ending at $[H_2O] =$
858 2000 ppmV. Factory-calibrated data are shown. For color symbols, readers are referred to the
859 online version of this paper.

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861 Figure 2. Relationship between the integrated sum of water vapor for each sample received at
862 the IRIS instrument and the liquid volume of each water sample for samples loaded in tin
863 capsules and flash heated at 150, 300, 450, and 600 °C. Sample volume calculated from sample
864 mass measured in the TGA, using 1 mg = 1000 nL H_2O at 25 °C.

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866 Figure 3. Relationship between heating temperature in TGA-IRIS and measured (A) δ^2H values,
867 (B) $\delta^{18}O$ values, and (C) deuterium excess (d-excess) values of CHC liquid water samples in tin
868 capsules (factory calibrated data).

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870 Figure 4. Plots showing relationships between sample size and offset in measured (A) δ^2H
871 values and (B) $\delta^{18}O$ values of liquid water samples in tin capsules measured by TGA-IRIS at 150
872 °C and 300 °C heating temperature. Offset in measured δ values are shown as $\Delta\delta = \delta_{\text{measured}} -$
873 δ_{true} (calculated with factory calibrated data) to allow comparison between waters with
874 differing hydrogen and oxygen isotopic composition.

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876 Figure 5. Memory coefficients (M values) for successive samples of liquid water at (A and B) at
877 150 °C, and (C and D) at 300 °C. Grey regions in the plots represent range of memory
878 indistinguishable from analytical precision. Analysis # refers to the number of analyses
879 following a change in sample sets with differing δ values. Sample set sequence was: NVW ($\delta^2H =$
880 $-119.4\text{\textperthousand}$ and $\delta^{18}O = -15.11\text{\textperthousand}$), followed by GTW ($\delta^2H = -70.1\text{\textperthousand}$ and $\delta^{18}O = -9.40\text{\textperthousand}$), followed
881 by CHC ($\delta^2H = -24.4\text{\textperthousand}$ and $\delta^{18}O = -2.51\text{\textperthousand}$).

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883 Figure 6. Weight loss (%) during thermogravimetric analysis of SynGoet2 (medium-dash blue
884 line) and FCol-3 (short-dash red line) samples in this study, and the derivative weight loss with
885 respect to time (SynGoet2: solid blue line, FCol-3: dash-dot red line). Samples were heated at
886 10 °C min⁻¹. For color symbols, readers are referred to the online version of this paper.

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888 Figure 7. TGA-IRIS analysis time trace of a FCol-3 goethite sample. [H₂O], δ²H and δ¹⁸O values
889 collected at approximately 1 Hz frequency throughout the analysis. Black circles ([H₂O]), blue
890 triangles (δ²H), and red squares (δ¹⁸O) denote interval of water sample peak and duration of
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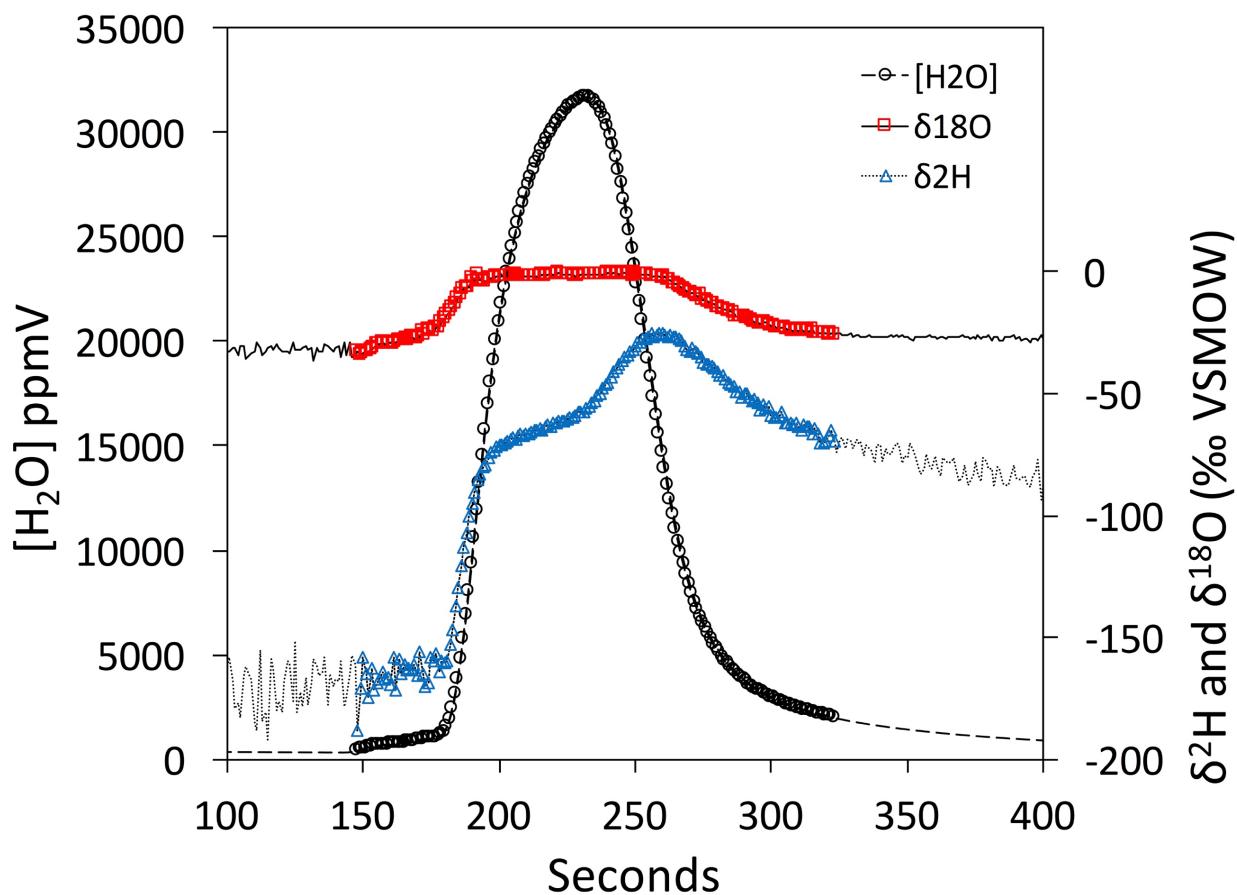
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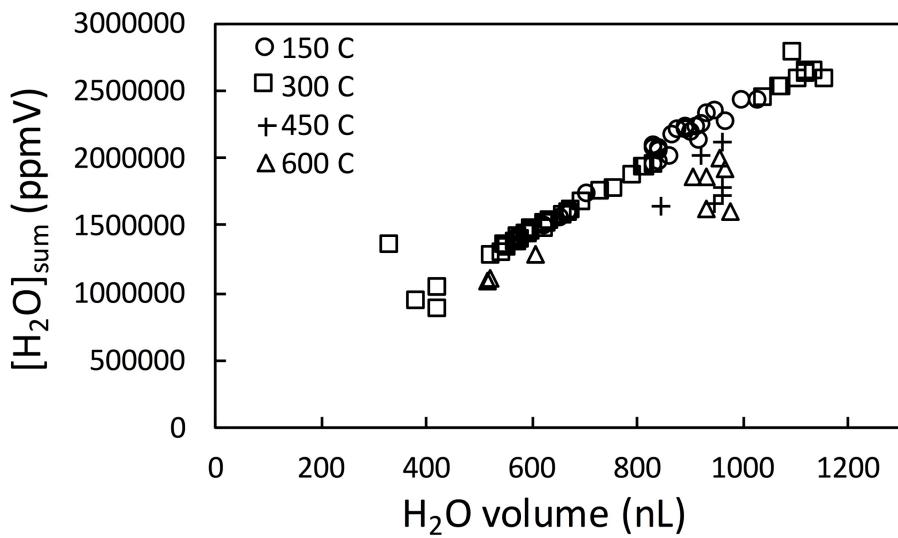
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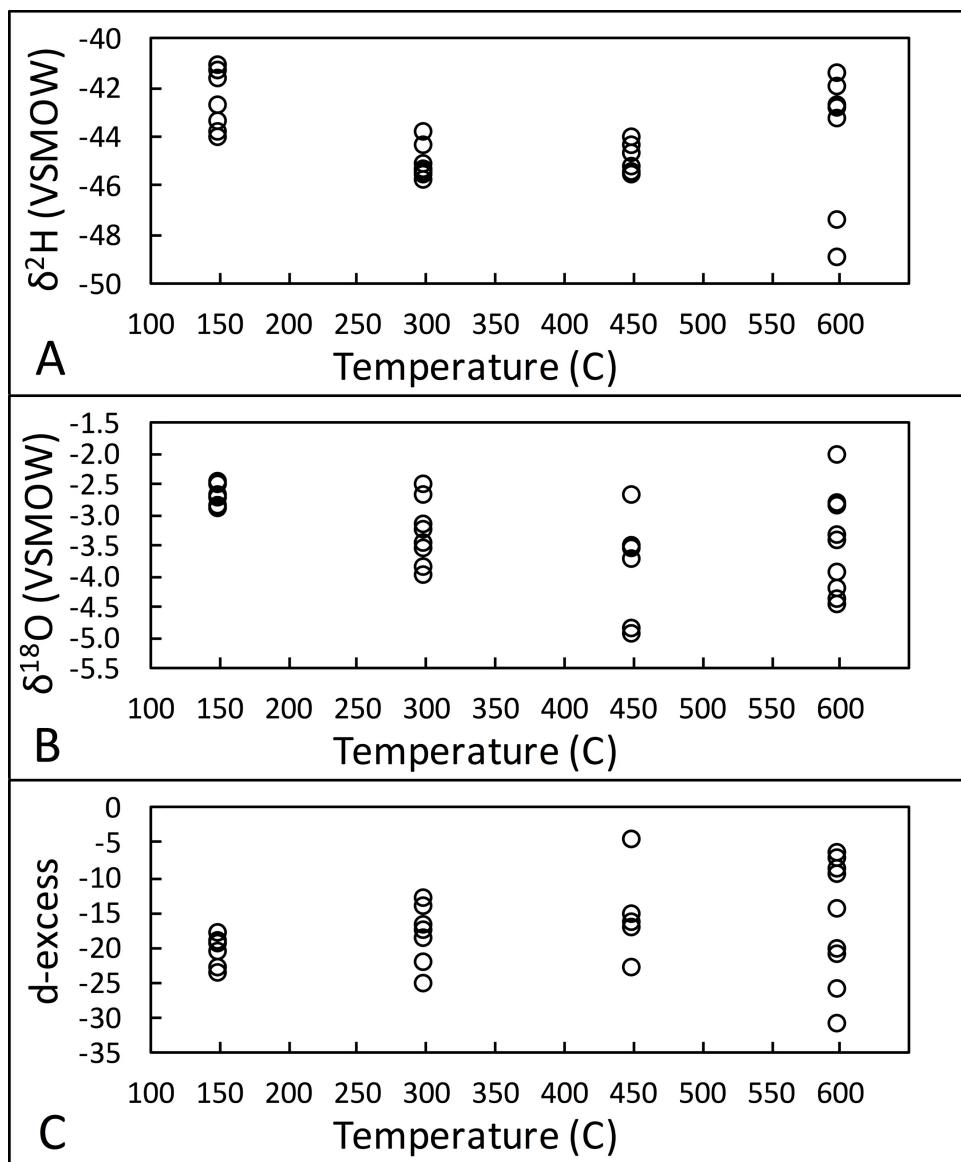
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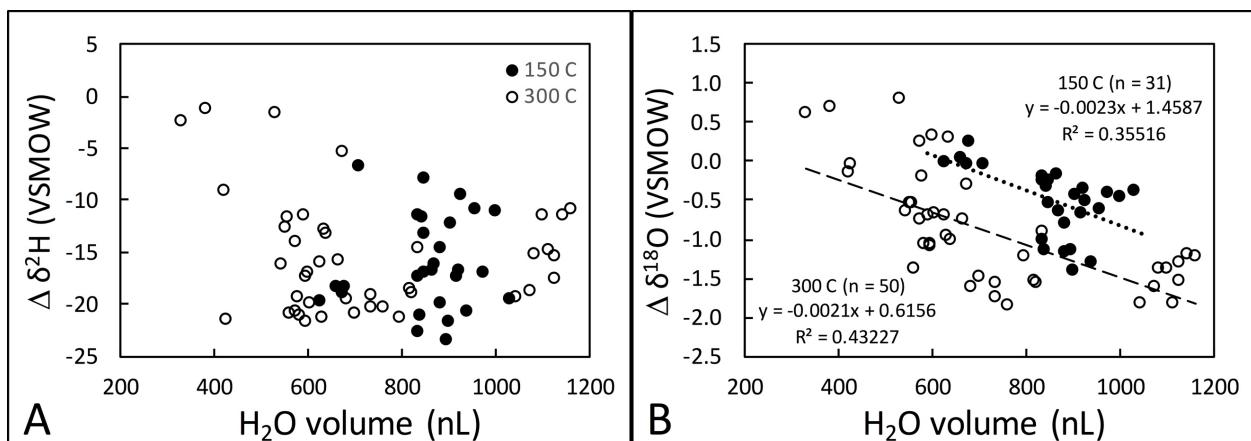
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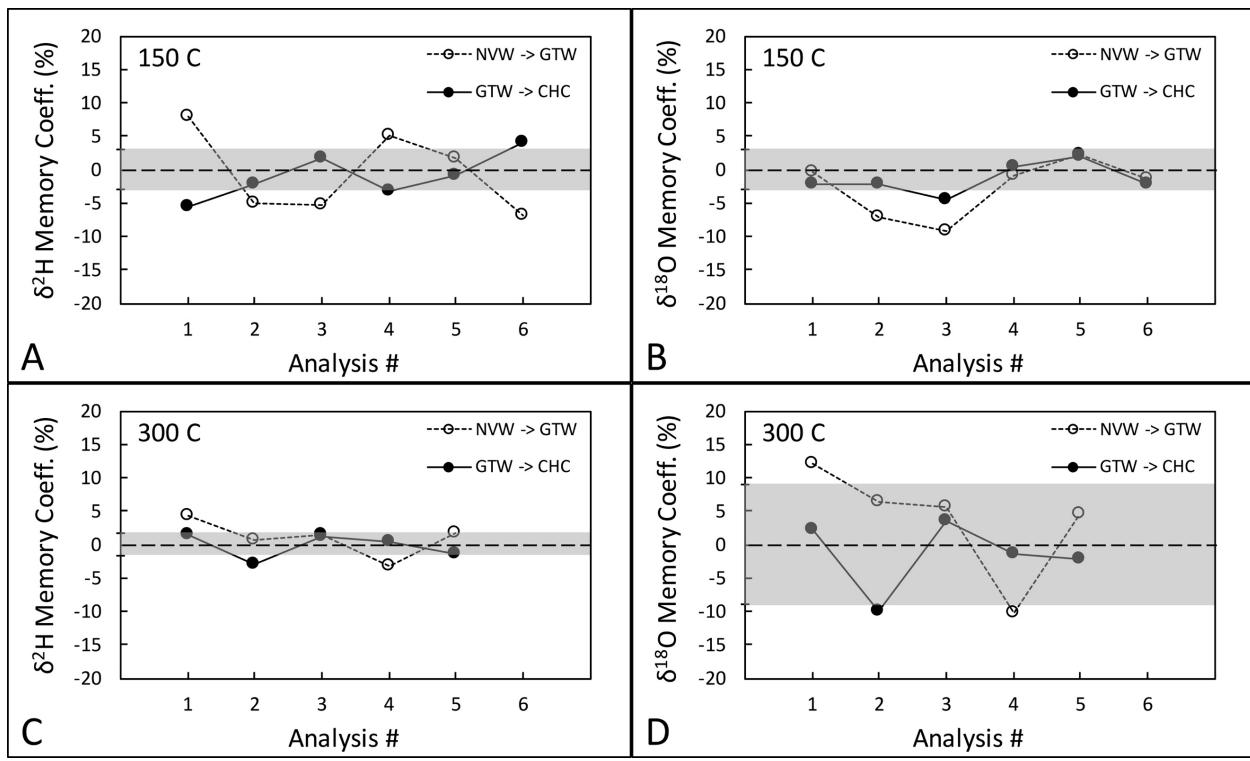
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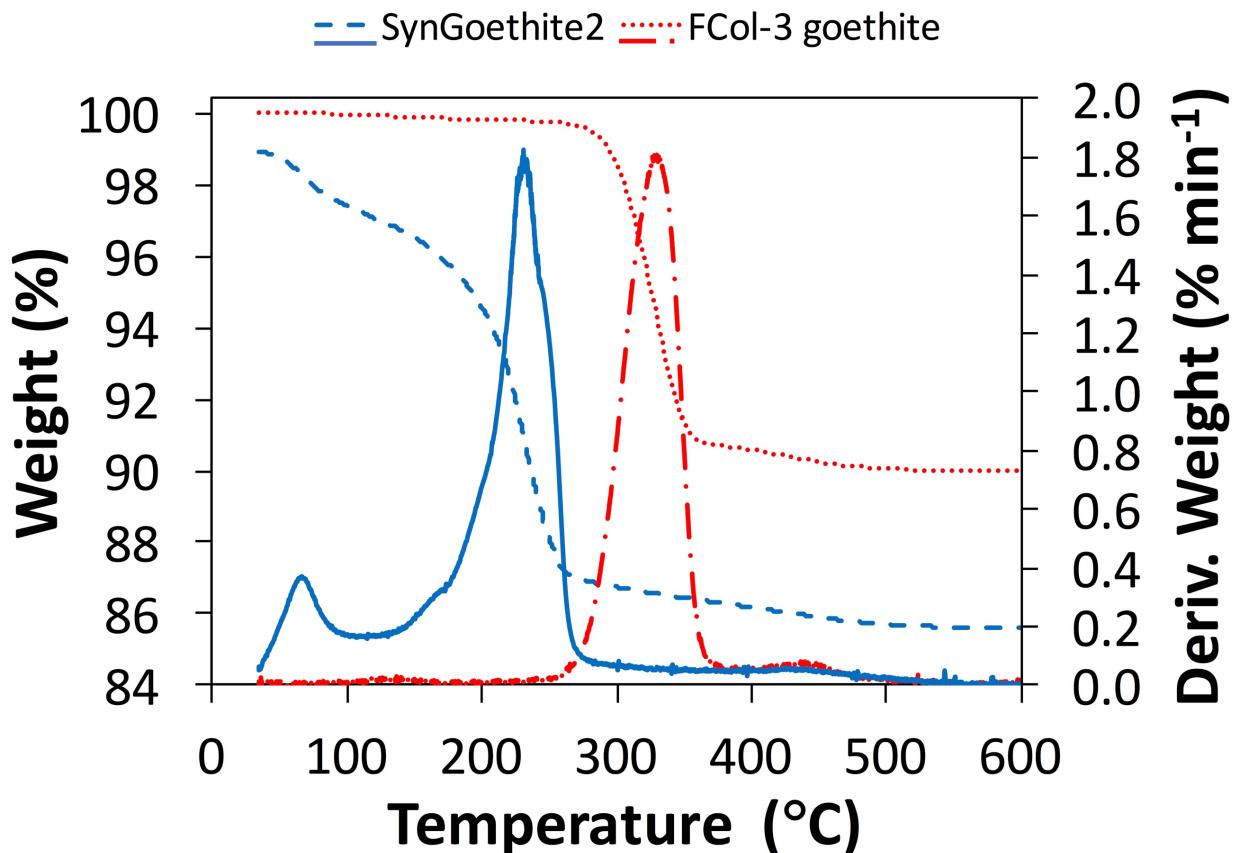
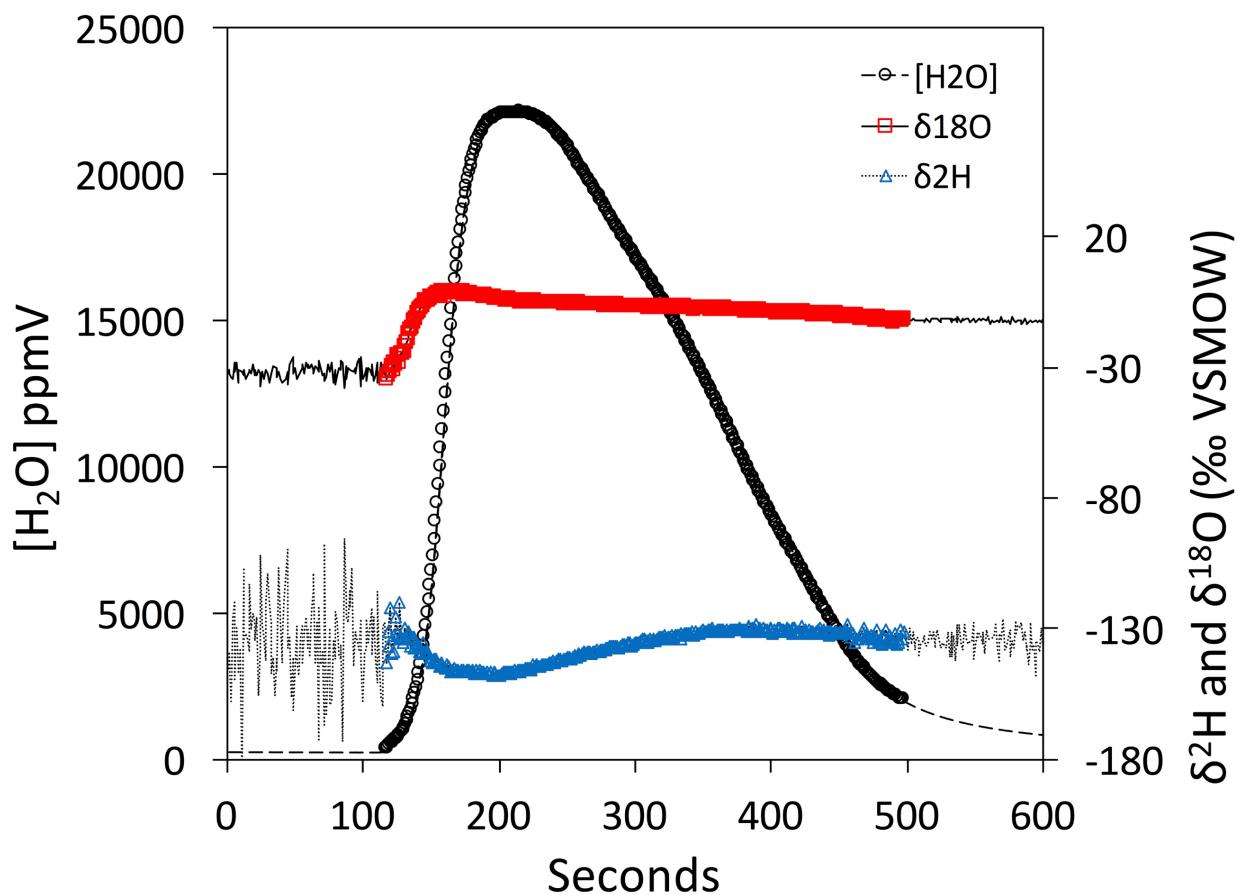
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water	$\delta^2\text{H}$ (‰ VSMOW)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰ VSMOW)
CHC	-24.4	-2.51
GTW	-70.1	-9.4
NVW	-119.4	-15.11
ATW	-164.3	-20.9

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Table 2

Sample	Locality	Mineral Type	n	Source Water		Analysis	Water Yield (%)	Mineral Hydration Water			
				$\delta^2\text{H}$ (‰ VSMOW)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰ VSMOW)			$\delta^2\text{H}_{\text{OH}}$ (‰ VSMOW)	$\alpha_{m-w}^{H,\text{OH}}$ (± 1 S.D.)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OH}}$ (‰ VSMOW)	$\alpha_{m-w}^{O,\text{OH}}$ (± 1 S.D.)
SynGoethite2	Livermore, California	synthetic goethite	5	-71.0 ^a	-7.8 ^a	280	10.5 (0.04)	-158.2 (1.2)	0.9062	-10.64 (0.17)	0.9972
FCol-3_Goet	Florissant, Colorado	natural goethite	4	-110.0 ^b	-14.9 ^c	370	9.1 (0.03)	-138.2 (0.3)	0.9683	-4.72 (0.32)	1.0103

^a Source water δ values measured by TGA-IRIS on liquid water samples^b Source water δ values from Yapp and Pedley, 1985^c Source water δ value calculated from δ²H value (b) using GMWL of Rozanski et al., 1993947
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