

Si-isotope exchange experiments – Details

- **Materials:**

- (1) **^{29}Si -spiked Archean Artificial Seawater (AAS):**

- monosilicic acid (H_4SiO_4) tetrahedron ($[\text{Si}] \leq 1 \text{ mM}$)
 - $\delta^{29}\text{Si} \approx 99\text{‰}$; $\delta^{30}\text{Si} \approx 0\text{‰}$
 - Comparative groups:

Fe(II)-free: Exp-2a & 3a; **1 mM Fe(II):** Exp-2b & 3b

- (2) **Amorphous Fe(III)-Si gel**

- Si-OH, Si-O-Fe, Si-O-Si network
 - $\delta^{29}\text{Si} \approx 0\text{‰}$; $\delta^{30}\text{Si} \approx 0\text{‰}$



- **Experiment conditions:**

room temperature; pH ~7.3; anoxic

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00:00:11,730 --> 00:00:09,210
speaking of silicon iron cook passivity

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00:00:13,759 --> 00:00:11,740
today I'm going to show you some

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00:00:15,660 --> 00:00:13,769
experiment results I'm silikal I still

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00:00:17,760 --> 00:00:15,670
fractionation between simulated

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00:00:22,019 --> 00:00:17,770
precambrian sea water and iron silica

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00:00:24,179 --> 00:00:22,029
gel so we know the Precambrian was

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00:00:26,490 --> 00:00:24,189
dramatic different from the model ocean

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00:00:29,519 --> 00:00:26,500
in particular there was no silica

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00:00:31,589 --> 00:00:29,529
secreting organism by the time so so the

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00:00:33,720 --> 00:00:31,599
sim cellular concentration the

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00:00:35,190 --> 00:00:33,730
Precambrian seawater was over an order

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00:00:37,530 --> 00:00:35,200
of magnitude higher than the modern

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00:00:39,450 --> 00:00:37,540

seawater so that actually leads to a

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00:00:41,490 --> 00:00:39,460

silica flux from the seawater into

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00:00:43,860 --> 00:00:41,500

segments that's why we see abounded

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00:00:46,200 --> 00:00:43,870

unusually abounded deposition of silica

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00:00:48,900 --> 00:00:46,210

rich rock student Cambrian like Church

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00:00:50,669 --> 00:00:48,910

and bending our information so as we

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00:00:52,560 --> 00:00:50,679

know the life actually started in this

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00:00:54,150 --> 00:00:52,570

silicon rate environment so it's quite

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00:00:57,959 --> 00:00:54,160

important to understand the spherical

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00:01:00,090 --> 00:00:57,969

psycho during that time so silicon

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00:01:02,669 --> 00:01:00,100

isotope is a potential proxy for the

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00:01:06,510 --> 00:01:02,679

silica sonico so silicon has three

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00:01:08,550 --> 00:01:06,520

stabilized health 28 29 and 30 a silicon

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00:01:11,639 --> 00:01:08,560

star is expressed by the traditional

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00:01:13,730 --> 00:01:11,649

doubt a notation in per mil so the high

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00:01:16,260 --> 00:01:13,740

temperature process do not significantly

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00:01:18,389 --> 00:01:16,270

fractionated silicon stealth as you can

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00:01:21,149 --> 00:01:18,399

see is a point 5 ml changing the igneous

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00:01:23,010 --> 00:01:21,159

rocks but the its variation can be

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00:01:25,740 --> 00:01:23,020

pretty large at low temperature

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00:01:28,230 --> 00:01:25,750

environment and over 7 premieres bread

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00:01:30,510 --> 00:01:28,240

was reported for the Precambrian beefs

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00:01:33,420 --> 00:01:30,520

and the church so the question is how to

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00:01:37,200 --> 00:01:33,430

interpret this large spread in the Delta

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00:01:39,660 --> 00:01:37,210

silica 30 venues so a previous study

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00:01:41,490 --> 00:01:39,670

proposed the silicon still in the pre

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00:01:43,469 --> 00:01:41,500

Cambridge church can reflect seawater

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00:01:45,300 --> 00:01:43,479

temperature at the time based on the

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00:01:47,340 --> 00:01:45,310

observation that silicon I still follow

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00:01:49,560 --> 00:01:47,350

a similar train there's oxygen my cell

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00:01:52,700 --> 00:01:49,570

if you still believe oxygen isotope came

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00:01:56,429 --> 00:01:52,710

with flexi water after here in jax talk

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00:01:58,050 --> 00:01:56,439

but later a latest study kind of Charlie

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00:02:00,300 --> 00:01:58,060

this proposal was challenged by some

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00:02:02,520 --> 00:02:00,310

later studies so this group of guys

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00:02:04,230 --> 00:02:02,530

basically look at the silicon stove in

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00:02:06,569 --> 00:02:04,240

the church against their chemical

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00:02:08,969 --> 00:02:06,579

composition alumina oxide in this case

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00:02:12,000 --> 00:02:08,979
and as you can see from this figure and

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00:02:14,940 --> 00:02:12,010
those data set seems can be explained by

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00:02:15,660 --> 00:02:14,950
three different end members so so the

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00:02:17,400 --> 00:02:15,670
disco

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00:02:19,920 --> 00:02:17,410
just proposed silicon stuff in the

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00:02:22,800 --> 00:02:19,930
church can can can be used to trace

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00:02:24,809 --> 00:02:22,810
celica from different sources but

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00:02:27,120 --> 00:02:24,819
obviously there are other process may

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00:02:30,270 --> 00:02:27,130
also affect silicon still preserved in

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00:02:32,040 --> 00:02:30,280
this geological records for example this

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00:02:34,050 --> 00:02:32,050
to a figure shows the completion of

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00:02:36,180 --> 00:02:34,060
silicon is the convolution in the

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00:02:40,140 --> 00:02:36,190

proterozoic bend your information church

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00:02:42,090 --> 00:02:40,150

and the the black sail the open circle

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00:02:44,940 --> 00:02:42,100

and the grip are indicated data from

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00:02:47,490 --> 00:02:44,950

church and the black circle and the

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00:02:49,860 --> 00:02:47,500

black bars indicate data from the

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00:02:51,930 --> 00:02:49,870

depending on information so common

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00:02:54,180 --> 00:02:51,940

observation is that the delta silicates

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00:02:56,640 --> 00:02:54,190

30 venue in the independent our

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00:02:59,070 --> 00:02:56,650

formation seems lower than the data

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00:03:02,400 --> 00:02:59,080

recorded by the church even at the same

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00:03:04,530 --> 00:03:02,410

time so it's still unclear why this is

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00:03:06,120 --> 00:03:04,540

the case and maybe it's due to for a

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00:03:08,070 --> 00:03:06,130

different fractionation factor

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00:03:09,960 --> 00:03:08,080

associated with formation of these

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00:03:12,600 --> 00:03:09,970

different type of rocks or due to

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00:03:14,850 --> 00:03:12,610

different diagenesis so all this

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00:03:17,130 --> 00:03:14,860

interpretation actually fundamentally

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00:03:19,050 --> 00:03:17,140

depends on how well we know the

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00:03:21,539 --> 00:03:19,060

fractionation in different eye on

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00:03:23,729 --> 00:03:21,549

different systems so this study will

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00:03:25,830 --> 00:03:23,739

just try to determine the fractionation

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00:03:29,370 --> 00:03:25,840

factor between the acreage silica and

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00:03:32,370 --> 00:03:29,380

our silica gel so the the method we use

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00:03:34,740 --> 00:03:32,380

is called 3i stone method so basically

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00:03:37,170 --> 00:03:34,750

this method involves ice tub exchange

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00:03:40,470 --> 00:03:37,180

between two component one are in silica

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00:03:43,140 --> 00:03:40,480

gel and one a quiz silica so for the

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00:03:46,140 --> 00:03:43,150

folder are silica gel which has normal

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00:03:49,319 --> 00:03:46,150

are silicon solution which falls on this

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00:03:51,479 --> 00:03:49,329

mess dependent fractionation line so all

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00:03:54,539 --> 00:03:51,489

natural sample should plot on this line

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00:03:57,060 --> 00:03:54,549

but for another aqueous component we

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00:04:00,420 --> 00:03:57,070

intentionally add some artificially

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00:04:02,180 --> 00:04:00,430

enraged silica 29 spike so its

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00:04:05,069 --> 00:04:02,190

completion just plot of this

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00:04:07,229 --> 00:04:05,079

fractionation light up here so during

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00:04:08,970 --> 00:04:07,239

the ice tub exchange the two component

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00:04:10,800 --> 00:04:08,980

will gradually evolve together and

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00:04:14,640 --> 00:04:10,810

finally reach the secondary

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00:04:16,949 --> 00:04:14,650

fractionation line so a good cool thing

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00:04:19,430 --> 00:04:16,959

about this technique it's one we sample

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00:04:22,110 --> 00:04:19,440

at different time point we can actually

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00:04:24,630 --> 00:04:22,120

extrapolate this partially exchange data

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00:04:26,730 --> 00:04:24,640

point to a hundred percent exchange so

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00:04:28,800 --> 00:04:26,740

this method actually guarantees do you

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00:04:31,110 --> 00:04:28,810

get the the fractionation factor

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00:04:34,680 --> 00:04:31,120

at a complete I silicone ice tub

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00:04:36,930 --> 00:04:34,690

exchange between the two components so a

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00:04:40,740 --> 00:04:36,940

little bit details about the experiment

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00:04:44,220 --> 00:04:40,750

setup so I prepare the the silica 29

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00:04:47,790 --> 00:04:44,230

spiked a quiz silica in a seawater like

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00:04:49,530 --> 00:04:47,800

matrix which and try to mimic some some

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00:04:52,140 --> 00:04:49,540

key feature of the ark in seawater

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00:04:55,379 --> 00:04:52,150

including high silica concentration and

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00:04:57,510 --> 00:04:55,389

low sulfate and no auction and the

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00:04:59,310 --> 00:04:57,520

terminal species silica species in the

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00:05:02,610 --> 00:04:59,320

aqueous as a monastery stochastic

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00:05:05,969 --> 00:05:02,620

tetrahedra so silica concentration bow

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00:05:08,000 --> 00:05:05,979

is about 1 million mo silica 29,000

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00:05:10,980 --> 00:05:08,010

silica 29 because we spiked it with

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00:05:14,820 --> 00:05:10,990

silica 29 and artificially in Rachel

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00:05:18,210 --> 00:05:14,830

silica 29 so it has a venule close to

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00:05:21,570 --> 00:05:18,220

100 per mil but Delta silica 30 was not

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00:05:24,780 --> 00:05:21,580

affected by adding this 2029 slick spike

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00:05:28,170 --> 00:05:24,790

so it has a kind of normal venues cloud

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00:05:31,080 --> 00:05:28,180

20 per mil so I set up to comparative

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00:05:33,480 --> 00:05:31,090

group of experiment and one group I just

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00:05:35,520 --> 00:05:33,490

used the artificial seawater without any

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00:05:38,340 --> 00:05:35,530

ferris oriental in the sea in the

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00:05:41,100 --> 00:05:38,350

aqueous phase but for another group I

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00:05:43,650 --> 00:05:41,110

just adding 1 million mole of a very

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00:05:46,020 --> 00:05:43,660

fair of first iron in the in the aqueous

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00:05:48,029 --> 00:05:46,030

phase in the aqueous phase because we

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00:05:52,080 --> 00:05:48,039

know that our King seawater is kind of

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00:05:54,480 --> 00:05:52,090

enraged in the in the in the fe 2 so

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00:05:57,360 --> 00:05:54,490

each group of experiment contain

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00:05:59,909 --> 00:05:57,370

actually contain to experiment so the

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00:06:02,400 --> 00:05:59,919

solid phase is the amorphous Anna

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00:06:04,980 --> 00:06:02,410

Ferrick silica gel as you can see from

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00:06:08,010 --> 00:06:04,990

the figure here just a kind of amorphous

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00:06:10,050 --> 00:06:08,020

cool stuff so the silicon atoms in this

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00:06:12,420 --> 00:06:10,060

in this Joe is actually presenting

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00:06:14,400 --> 00:06:12,430

different bounding environment silicon

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00:06:16,860 --> 00:06:14,410

hydroxyl group silicon auction are

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00:06:20,370 --> 00:06:16,870

inbound in silicon oxygen silicon not a

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00:06:23,100 --> 00:06:20,380

network so the the are silica gel has

149

00:06:26,159 --> 00:06:23,110

normal siliconized to completion so both

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00:06:29,400 --> 00:06:26,169

the Delta 29 silica powder silica 30 has

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00:06:32,310 --> 00:06:29,410

0 per mil so the experiment was

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00:06:35,430 --> 00:06:32,320

conducted at room temperature and pH new

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00:06:37,649 --> 00:06:35,440

circum- mph and all the experiment was

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00:06:40,260 --> 00:06:37,659

done in anaerobic chambers there is a

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00:06:41,970 --> 00:06:40,270

free of oxygen which to prevent from

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00:06:48,870 --> 00:06:41,980

prevent the oxidation

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00:06:50,910 --> 00:06:48,880

fe to ya so here show some results so we

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00:06:53,880 --> 00:06:50,920

can actually look at the the kinetics of

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00:06:56,010 --> 00:06:53,890

the siliconix I study change between the

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00:07:00,060 --> 00:06:56,020

two components by looking at Delta

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00:07:03,690 --> 00:07:00,070

silica 29 so 442 group of extreme

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00:07:05,790 --> 00:07:03,700

experiment you can see the the one color

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00:07:07,680 --> 00:07:05,800

indicate data from the solid from the

164

00:07:10,200 --> 00:07:07,690

aqueous phase and the coat color

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00:07:13,050 --> 00:07:10,210

indicator data from the from the solid

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00:07:15,330 --> 00:07:13,060

phase so for both experiment you can see

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00:07:17,640 --> 00:07:15,340

the the to compile data from two

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00:07:19,320 --> 00:07:17,650

component just converge which indicate

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00:07:23,580 --> 00:07:19,330

the ice tub exchange occurred between

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00:07:27,930 --> 00:07:23,590

these two two components so so we can

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00:07:30,780 --> 00:07:27,940

actually quantify sorry so we can

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00:07:36,150 --> 00:07:30,790

actually quantify the extent of this I

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00:07:39,030 --> 00:07:36,160

stop exchange of this I stock exchange

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00:07:41,730 --> 00:07:39,040

relative to the equilibrium state so

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00:07:45,090 --> 00:07:41,740

that's the earth manual as you can sure

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00:07:47,670 --> 00:07:45,100

as you see here so we can see for the

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00:07:50,010 --> 00:07:47,680

for the group without any first ironing

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00:07:52,320 --> 00:07:50,020

in the art if you see water the the

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00:07:56,040 --> 00:07:52,330

experiment reach about seventy percent I

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00:08:00,780 --> 00:07:56,050

step exchange and after about 50 to 70

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00:08:03,240 --> 00:08:00,790

days but for the for the group were

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00:08:05,790 --> 00:08:03,250

using containing 1 million my affairs

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00:08:07,590 --> 00:08:05,800

are in the artifice seawater in reach a

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00:08:09,390 --> 00:08:07,600

higher percentage of I stock exchange

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00:08:13,350 --> 00:08:09,400

reaching about eighty to ninety percent

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00:08:15,690 --> 00:08:13,360

I stock exchange within the same amount

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00:08:18,720 --> 00:08:15,700

of time so that suggests that the

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00:08:20,700 --> 00:08:18,730

presence of Fe to actually make the iso

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00:08:23,580 --> 00:08:20,710

silicone ice tub exchange between two

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00:08:27,570 --> 00:08:23,590

components faster so we can expand this

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00:08:31,860 --> 00:08:27,580

by the Fe²⁺ Fe³⁺ electron transfer Adam

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00:08:34,170 --> 00:08:31,870

exchange interaction so imagine so

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00:08:37,469 --> 00:08:34,180

imagine that's the our silica gel in the

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00:08:39,810 --> 00:08:37,479

in the eggs to face and that stuff Fe²⁺

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00:08:42,690 --> 00:08:39,820

in the in the aqueous so when the f you

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00:08:44,850 --> 00:08:42,700

to absorb on the solid so the electron

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00:08:47,040 --> 00:08:44,860

from the one electron from the f you too

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00:08:50,340 --> 00:08:47,050

can actually moving into the solid and

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00:08:52,380 --> 00:08:50,350

moving around so one Fe³⁺ in the solid

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00:08:54,199 --> 00:08:52,390

can eventually get this lecture and

201
00:08:56,239 --> 00:08:54,209
being reduced and

202
00:08:59,150 --> 00:08:56,249
then released back to the solution so

203
00:09:01,910 --> 00:08:59,160
this process actually leads to the

204
00:09:04,639 --> 00:09:01,920
breaking of silica are impounding so

205
00:09:07,189 --> 00:09:04,649
that's a potential way to accelerate the

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00:09:10,579 --> 00:09:07,199
silica is the exchange between the

207
00:09:12,499 --> 00:09:10,589
aqueous and solid so we can also look at

208
00:09:15,199 --> 00:09:12,509
the natural fractionation between the

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00:09:18,379 --> 00:09:15,209
solid and the aqueous by luke and outer

210
00:09:20,569 --> 00:09:18,389
silica 30 venues the same the warm color

211
00:09:23,179 --> 00:09:20,579
indicate data from the from the aqueous

212
00:09:26,449 --> 00:09:23,189
and the code color indicate data from

213
00:09:29,359 --> 00:09:26,459

the solid so we can from both experiment

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00:09:31,429 --> 00:09:29,369

we can see the the heavy silicon stir

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00:09:34,460 --> 00:09:31,439

preferentially goes to the a quest and

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00:09:37,069 --> 00:09:34,470

the device silica preferentially goes to

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00:09:40,280 --> 00:09:37,079

solid and we can see the two data point

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00:09:42,710 --> 00:09:40,290

the two curve just diverge so that's

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00:09:44,900 --> 00:09:42,720

indicated fractionation cup between the

220

00:09:47,960 --> 00:09:44,910

two component and we can extrapolate

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00:09:50,030 --> 00:09:47,970

this partially exchange data to a

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00:09:53,419 --> 00:09:50,040

hundred percent exchange so that will

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00:09:55,669 --> 00:09:53,429

give us the fractionation factor so for

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00:09:58,220 --> 00:09:55,679

the for the experiment without any in

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00:10:01,280 --> 00:09:58,230

first iron in in the April's we've got a

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00:10:05,299 --> 00:10:01,290

fractionation factors about a minus 2.3

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00:10:07,819 --> 00:10:05,309

pml but for the experiment containing Fe

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00:10:10,759 --> 00:10:07,829

2 in the APIs we've got slightly larger

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00:10:14,269 --> 00:10:10,769

fractionation factor at minus 3.2 per

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00:10:16,879 --> 00:10:14,279

mil so we can compare our results with

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00:10:20,030 --> 00:10:16,889

some previous studies so this great

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00:10:22,669 --> 00:10:20,040

that's just a fractionation factor

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00:10:25,579 --> 00:10:22,679

determined and during the precipitation

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00:10:28,400 --> 00:10:25,589

of pure silica silica gel from

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00:10:31,900 --> 00:10:28,410

relatively pure oversaturated silica

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00:10:34,100 --> 00:10:31,910

solution and as you can see our error

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00:10:35,419 --> 00:10:34,110

fractionation factor is larger than

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00:10:38,090 --> 00:10:35,429

those previously determined

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00:10:40,789 --> 00:10:38,100

fractionation factors so we can also

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00:10:43,400 --> 00:10:40,799

expand that by electron donation theory

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00:10:45,859 --> 00:10:43,410

so some theoretical calculations

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00:10:48,109 --> 00:10:45,869

indicate the fraction that the magnitude

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00:10:49,970 --> 00:10:48,119

of silica isotope fractionation actually

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00:10:53,329 --> 00:10:49,980

depends on the overall the average

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00:10:56,030 --> 00:10:53,339

silicon auction bond strength and so the

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00:10:58,160 --> 00:10:56,040

weights a weaker the silicon oxygen the

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00:11:00,470 --> 00:10:58,170

average silicon oxygen bound the larger

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00:11:02,329 --> 00:11:00,480

the fractionation factor will be so

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00:11:05,030 --> 00:11:02,339

different atom can be characterized by

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00:11:06,950 --> 00:11:05,040

these electronegativity values which is

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00:11:09,230 --> 00:11:06,960

a measure for the tendency that

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00:11:12,650 --> 00:11:09,240

Adam attract the electron towards itself

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00:11:15,440 --> 00:11:12,660

so if there's a cat I'm presenting the

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00:11:17,390 --> 00:11:15,450

the in the system if the qatar has an

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00:11:20,300 --> 00:11:17,400

election activity value lower than the

256

00:11:22,490 --> 00:11:20,310

silica that means that there will share

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00:11:24,590 --> 00:11:22,500

more election to this oxygen so that

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00:11:26,750 --> 00:11:24,600

will shorten this silicon action bound

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00:11:29,180 --> 00:11:26,760

by the same time that will lengthening

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00:11:31,700 --> 00:11:29,190

the other three silica action bank so

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00:11:35,630 --> 00:11:31,710

the overall the average silicon ocean

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00:11:37,970 --> 00:11:35,640

bound energy will decrease so so so for

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00:11:41,300 --> 00:11:37,980

our experiment we have learned here so

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00:11:43,610 --> 00:11:41,310

so that's the that's the reason why the

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00:11:46,130 --> 00:11:43,620

presence of aren't actually lower the

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00:11:48,710 --> 00:11:46,140

average silicon oxygen bounding that

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00:11:50,900 --> 00:11:48,720

leads to larger fractionation factors so

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00:11:53,090 --> 00:11:50,910

the fe 2 has an activity

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00:11:56,300 --> 00:11:53,100

electronegativity value even lower than

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00:11:59,060 --> 00:11:56,310

the fe 3 so the effect of fe 2 in

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00:12:00,710 --> 00:11:59,070

weakening this RN silica in the silica

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00:12:02,720 --> 00:12:00,720

action bounding is the stronger than

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00:12:04,910 --> 00:12:02,730

they feed three so that's why we see

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00:12:08,900 --> 00:12:04,920

even larger fractionation in the fu two

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00:12:11,360 --> 00:12:08,910

in fe 2 system so if you still remember

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00:12:14,480 --> 00:12:11,370

those two figure just show you earlier

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00:12:15,500 --> 00:12:14,490

so our experiment seems suggests that

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00:12:18,070 --> 00:12:15,510

there are actually different

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00:12:21,890 --> 00:12:18,080

fractionation factor associated with

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00:12:24,200 --> 00:12:21,900

precipitation of pure silica as you can

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00:12:26,300 --> 00:12:24,210

see from this church sample represented

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00:12:29,120 --> 00:12:26,310

by this church samples and larger

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00:12:31,490 --> 00:12:29,130

fractionation associated with this bend

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00:12:34,160 --> 00:12:31,500

your information samples so maybe that's

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00:12:37,640 --> 00:12:34,170

why we see lower venues in this in this

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00:12:40,190 --> 00:12:37,650

spending our information so just to

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00:12:42,830 --> 00:12:40,200

conclude so our experiments suggest the

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00:12:45,080 --> 00:12:42,840

first provide first evidence for the fe

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00:12:47,540 --> 00:12:45,090

to catalyze the siliconized of exchange

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00:12:49,280 --> 00:12:47,550

and we determine the clipper and

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00:12:52,070 --> 00:12:49,290

fractionation factor between the iron

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00:12:55,220 --> 00:12:52,080

silica gel and the quests silica is

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00:12:57,590 --> 00:12:55,230

about the at two or three per ml and the

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00:12:59,720 --> 00:12:57,600

presence of fe to actually leads to two

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00:13:01,970 --> 00:12:59,730

larger fractionation factor so our

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00:13:04,010 --> 00:13:01,980

experiment kind of suggests the early

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00:13:06,860 --> 00:13:04,020

diagenetic process and the formation of

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00:13:10,520 --> 00:13:06,870

these different rock types actually play

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00:13:13,070 --> 00:13:10,530

a major role in in in the delta celica

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00:13:19,400 --> 00:13:13,080

30 venules actually proceed preserved in

