

# Current Traditional Stable Isotope Ratio Measurements in China

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Application of Traditional Stable Isotope Measurements in China



Organizations on Traditional Stable Isotope Measurements



What they want





History



# China has a long history of stable isotope ratio measurements

- It can be traced to 1930'
  - – although China was involved in wars at that time
  - - Molecular Spectrometry
- 1962 First laboratory (*Joint Laboratory* of Institute of Geochemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences and Institute of Metallurgical Geology), S
- 1980' stable isotope ratio measurements were widely applied in geology



# **Chang Tsinglien**



1908.7.31-2006.12.14
 Professor, Peking University
 Academician, Chinese Academy of science
 1983—1989:

Titular member

IUPAC Committee on Atomic Weight and Isotope Abundance

#### Research:

- H & O isotopes from 1935
- Atomic weights of C, N, Li, B, S, Ir, Zn, Sb, Ce, Eu, etc.
- 3 Best measurements (1975 1985)
- Developed the first H & O isotopes CRMs in water in China

# **Ding Tiping**



# ■ 1941 -

Professor, Chinese academy of geological sciences

### ■ 1990s:

Chairman, IUPAC Commission on Isotopic Abundances and Atomic Weights (CIAAW)

Professor Ding is famous for Si measurement by IRMS, and dozens of his students are engaged in stable ratio measurements (C, N, H, O, S, Si)





# STABLE ISOTOPE GEOCHEMISTRY



- mainly studies the abundance and variation of stable isotopes in nature
- explain geological problems such as the source and genesis of rocks and ores.

### Studies listed below are included but not limited:

- Origin of deposits, Source of ore fluid
- physical chemical conditions for mineralization
- <sup>17</sup>O-excess
- Distribution of isotopes in earth
- Abundance in different geological bodies
- Their migration, enrichment, decay in geological processes
- Reasons for variation of isotope composition
- ... ...

Isotope geochemistry is the **most** prosperous study field in China, Hundreds of institutes, colleges are funded on it.

# ENVIRONMENT



Tracing the source of water pollution

- Measurement of C isotope in Carbonate in water bodies
- Investigating the general course of water eutrophication
  - Growth of algae
  - Plant by human

### Analysis of air pollution Sources

- Measurement of C isotope in PAH (Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons), soil, plants
- Comparing their isotopic compositions
- Measurement of S isotope in snow
- Investigating the general course of sulfur
  - Human activity

Tracing the source of soil pollution

- Measurement of C & Pb isotope
- Investigating the general course

# ARCHAEOLOGY



# Dietary of ancient people

- C, N, S
- bones



# Tracing the migration of ancient people

- C, N, H, O
- Bone collagen

Tracing the season & environment when and where people was born

- 0
- teeth

# Identifying societies of ancient people

- C, N, O, H
- Tomb, House ruins, Cellar hole

# STABLE ISOTOPE ECOLOGY



# Study field

Stable isotope fractionation in ecological process

Application research in ecology

# **Techniques**

■ C, N, H,O, S

# Sample

 Plants, animals, soils, sediments, carbonates, water and gases



# ENERGY



# Oil and gas

- C isotopes in CH<sub>4</sub>
  - the controlling and influencing factors of carbon isotope in methane
  - geochemistry and the genetic type of coalbed methane
  - cause of low  $\delta^{13}C$  value of the coalbed methane
  - ... ...

# Coal

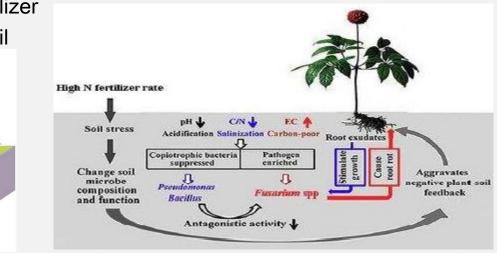
- C & H isotopes in Hydrocarbons
  - Identification of Natural Gas Genesis and Recovery of Types of Gas Matrix and Its Thermal Evolution Degree

# AGRICULTURE



# Research started from 1960s, most studies focus on N isotope measurements

- Nitrogen transformation and cycling in soil
- nitrification and denitrification
- Nitrogen:
  - Study on Absorption and Utilization and Its Influencing Factors
  - Loss of nitrogen in fertilizer
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# FOOD AUTHENTICITY



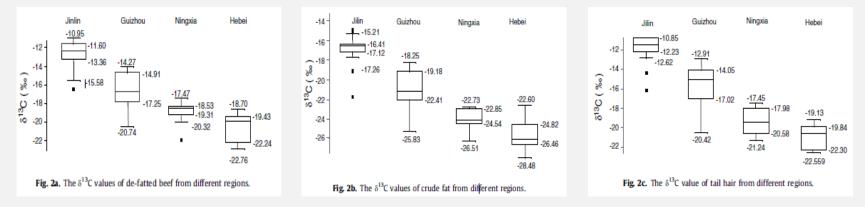
### Research started from 2010s, most studies focus on C isotope measurements

### **Techniques**

- C, N, H,O
- Compounds specific measurements are rare

### Sample

beef, sheep, honey, wine, tea, potato, onion, milk, alcohol, wheat, Chinese wolfberry, juice and others

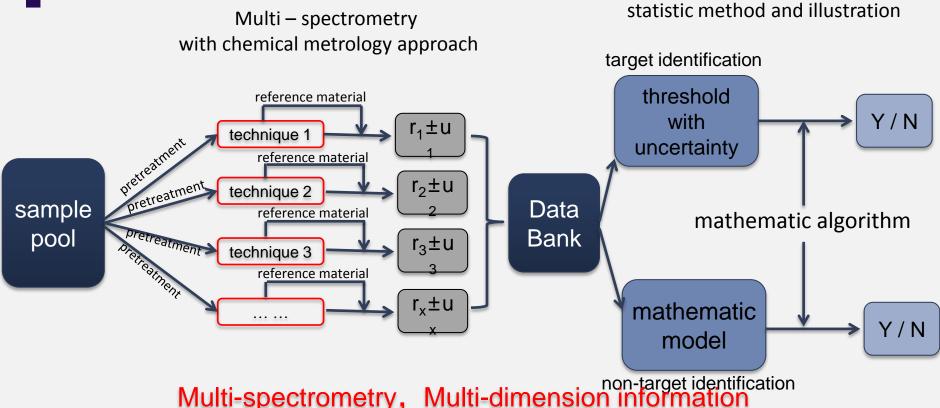


# FOOD AUTHENTICITY



Multi-spectrometry and Characteristic Information Analysis System (MS-CIAS)

# Framework of MS-CIAS



# FOOD AUTHENTICITY



#### 2 Identification of wine result 20 O1Validation of MS-CIAS Three wines were randomly $\bigcirc 4$ 5 0-06 selected No 8. – ShanDong 0 ⊇9 N -20⁻ $\bigcirc 10$ ○ No 9. – YunNan Function core of each group No 10. – ShaanXi The data derived from Cabernet -40-Sauvignon in XinJiang was used as STANDARD DATA -60-Accuracy: 100% -80-• All samples are classified correctly -10 10 20 Function 1

# FORENSIC



- Identification of drugs conducted by Material Evidence Identification Center of the Ministry of Public Security
- Identification of endogenous / exogenous dopes conducted for Winter Olympic 2020

表 2. 孕酮、睾酮、氢化可的松的 $\delta^{13}$ C 值测量重复性				¥
名称	δ <sup>13</sup> C 值,‰	SD, ‰	测量次数	制备色谱分离纯
progesterone	-30.45	0.09	5	氢化可的松、、睾酮、孕酮等 (获得良好分离)       睾酮+17 α-雌二醇 (若有)
Testosterone	-28.86	0.12	5	案酮等 氢化可的松 孕酮
Hydrocortisone	-29.75	0.11	5	(衍生化) (衍生化) (GC-C-IRMS) (
* Soloctod from the report studied by NINA				

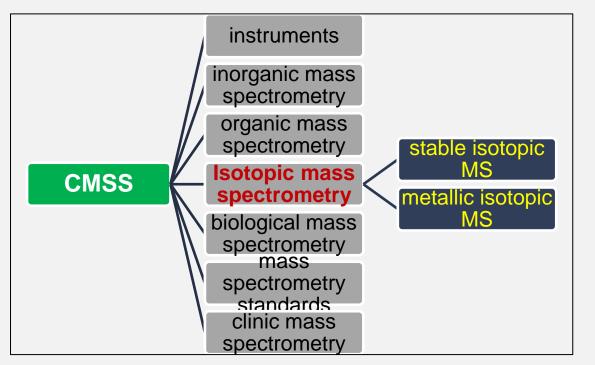
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Current Organizations on Traditional Stable Isotope Measurements

- Officially recognized organizations
  - China Mass Spectrometry Society



- Geological Society of China
  - 58 branches, including
    Isotope geology branch
- Ecological Society of China
  - 32 branches, including Stable
    Isotope ecology branch
- Chinese Society of Food Science and Technology
  - 7 branches, including Food Authenticity and Traceability Branch

# Current Organizations on Traditional Stable Isotope Measurements

### Non - officially recognized organizations

- Stable isotope union of China
  - SIUC was set up at 2017.8
  - No-government orgnization
  - Scientists come from:
    - geology
    - Ecology
    - Environment
    - energy

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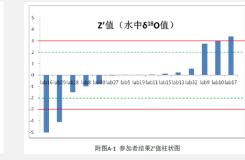
- metrology
- Agriculture



# Current Organizations on Traditional Stable Isotope Measurements

- Non officially recognized organizations
  - Food Authenticity and Traceability Union
    - Established on 2014
    - comparisons
      - $_{\odot}$  1 2 domestic comparisons every year





training

 2017, symposium on food authenticity and traceability of geological origin by stable isotopes

## **Comparisons 2019**

- 1、 测试项目(以正式通知为准)
  - (1) 氨基酸的碳稳定同位素比值 (δ<sup>13</sup>C值);
  - (2) 白酒中乙醇的碳稳定同位素比值(δ<sup>13</sup>C值);
  - (3) 橙汁中果肉和总糖的碳稳定同位素比值 (δ<sup>13</sup>C值);
  - (4) 葡萄酒中水的氧稳定同位素比值(δ<sup>18</sup>Ο值);
  - (5) 纯水中氧稳定同位素比值(δ<sup>18</sup>Ο值);
  - (6) 橙汁中水的氧稳定同位素比值(δ<sup>18</sup>O值);
  - (7) 葡萄酒中乙醇的碳稳定同位素比值 (δ<sup>13</sup>C值);
  - (8) 氨基酸的氮稳定同位素比值( $\delta^{15}N$ 值);
  - (9) 小麦粉的氮稳定同位素比值(δ<sup>15</sup>N值);
  - (10)纯水中氢稳定同位素比值(<sup>8</sup>D值)。





# WHAT THEY WANT



### Comparability of Data obtained by different labs

- In history, scientists (geologists) focus on tendency showed by data, although they are not accurate and systemic error exits.
- Now, scientists realized that data should be compared, thus it can be available in long-term
- reference materials with values can be traced to SI

# WHAT THEY WANT



# More international comparisons

- Few comparisons have been conducted in geology, ecology, etc.
- Scientists have found that data obtained by different labs have obvious variation, thus, they need comparisons to evaluate the ability of labs
- More martrix are needed
- More isotopic compositions are needed

# What they want



# Demand more RMs

- Reference materials with large scale
- More matrix: gas, solid, liquid, etc. for different research area
- Enriched stable isotopic reference materials, e.g. <sup>15</sup>N (needed by ecologists for tracing the Nitrogen migration in plants), <sup>18</sup>O, <sup>2</sup>H (needed by metrologists)

Temperature redefinition by Triple point of water

$$\Delta T_{\rm iso} = -A_{\rm D} \delta {\rm D} - A_{\rm 180} \delta^{18} {\rm O} - A_{\rm 170} \delta^{17} {\rm O}$$

- NIM are studying the optimum condition by making some mixtures from O & H with different isotopic compositions
- Enriched O & H have a wide isotopic range which can not be calibrated by natural reference





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