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Apatite geochemistry as a tool for evaluation of Martian abiotic environment composition

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Apatite is frequently used to show volatiles content in Martian mantle and crust. As a behavior of the volatiles is predictable during magma evolution, degassing, and partitioning into fluid, the data on apatite geochemistry may allow us to assign precisely its crystallization to particular environment and to recognize the environment chemistry. Especially the information about composition of crustal fluids circulating in Martian crust is important to diagnose the abiotic environment and the possibility of its transition to conditions conducive to life. To get relevant data each apatite domain needs careful examination.





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