In search for the Earth's building blocks: Hf and W composition of chondrite leachates and residues

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The stepwise dissolution of primitive chondritic meteorites allows to reveal nucleosynthetic anomalies that are otherwise hidden in the bulk rock mix. Here, we present combined Hf and W isotope data for acid leachates of several primitive chondrites, including some sufficiently precise analyses of p-process ¹⁷⁴Hf and ¹⁸⁰W. First data for Hf isotopes reveal anomalous s- and r-process isotope patterns, consistent with results of [1]. In case of W isotopes, only one sample shows a resolvable anomaly in ¹⁸³W, similar to the results of [2]. In terms of p-process isotopes, no resolvable anomalies in ¹⁷⁴Hf were found, whereas both positive and negative ¹⁸⁰W anomalies relative to the terrestrial standard are resolved for most of the leachates and residues. The origin of the apparent decoupling between ¹⁷⁴Hf and ¹⁸⁰W is presently ambiguous, but possibly point towards different carrier phases for p-process Hf and W.

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