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1	Molecular Paleohydrology: Interpreting the Hydrogen-Isotopic Composition of Lipid Biomarkers from Photosynthesizing Organisms. <i>Annual Review of Earth and Planetary Sciences</i> , 2012, 40, 221-249.	11.0	748
2	A Stratified Redox Model for the Ediacaran Ocean. <i>Science</i> , 2010, 328, 80-83.	12.6	520
3	Fractionation of hydrogen isotopes in lipid biosynthesis. <i>Organic Geochemistry</i> , 1999, 30, 1193-1200.	1.8	512
4	Compound-specific D/H ratios of lipid biomarkers from sediments as a proxy for environmental and climatic conditions. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2001, 65, 213-222.	3.9	336
5	Controls on the D/H ratios of plant leaf waxes in an arid ecosystem. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2010, 74, 2128-2141.	3.9	258
6	Biosynthesis of 2-methylbacteriohopanepolyols by an anoxygenic phototroph. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> , 2007, 104, 15099-15104.	7.1	251
7	HYDROGEN ISOTOPIC (D/H) COMPOSITION OF ORGANIC MATTER DURING DIAGENESIS AND THERMAL MATURATION. <i>Annual Review of Earth and Planetary Sciences</i> , 2006, 34, 501-533.	11.0	246
8	Sulfate was a trace constituent of Archean seawater. <i>Science</i> , 2014, 346, 735-739.	12.6	246
9	Formation temperatures of thermogenic and biogenic methane. <i>Science</i> , 2014, 344, 1500-1503.	12.6	229
10	Isotope-ratio detection for gas chromatography. <i>Journal of Separation Science</i> , 2006, 29, 1946-1961.	2.5	222
11	Isotopic exchange of carbon-bound hydrogen over geologic timescales 1 Associate editor: J. Horita. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2004, 68, 1545-1559.	3.9	213
12	Identification of a methylase required for 2-methylhopanoid production and implications for the interpretation of sedimentary hopanes. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> , 2010, 107, 8537-8542.	7.1	191
13	Hopanoids Play a Role in Membrane Integrity and pH Homeostasis in <i>Rhodospseudomonas palustris</i> TIE-1. <i>Journal of Bacteriology</i> , 2009, 191, 6145-6156.	2.2	189
14	The Continuing Puzzle of the Great Oxidation Event. <i>Current Biology</i> , 2009, 19, R567-R574.	3.9	182
15	Large D/H variations in bacterial lipids reflect central metabolic pathways. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> , 2009, 106, 12580-12586.	7.1	176
16	Seasonal changes in D/H fractionation accompanying lipid biosynthesis in <i>Spartina alterniflora</i> . <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2006, 70, 2153-2162.	3.9	143
17	Distinguishing and understanding thermogenic and biogenic sources of methane using multiply substituted isotopologues. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2015, 161, 219-247.	3.9	141
18	Geochemistry and geobiology of a present-day serpentinization site in California: The Cedars. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2013, 109, 222-240.	3.9	136

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19	Sulfur isotopes of organic matter preserved in 3.45-billion-year-old stromatolites reveal microbial metabolism. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> , 2012, 109, 15146-15151.	7.1	131
20	MC-ICP-MS measurement of $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ and $\delta^{33}\text{S}$ in small amounts of dissolved sulfate. <i>Chemical Geology</i> , 2013, 345, 50-61.	3.3	129
21	Combined $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ clumping in methane: Methods and preliminary results. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2014, 126, 169-191.	3.9	129
22	Organic Reference Materials for Hydrogen, Carbon, and Nitrogen Stable Isotope-Ratio Measurements: Caffeines, α -Alkanes, Fatty Acid Methyl Esters, Glycines, β -Valines, Polyethylenes, and Oils. <i>Analytical Chemistry</i> , 2016, 88, 4294-4302.	6.5	126
23	Identification of Novel Methane-, Ethane-, and Propane-Oxidizing Bacteria at Marine Hydrocarbon Seeps by Stable Isotope Probing. <i>Applied and Environmental Microbiology</i> , 2010, 76, 6412-6422.	3.1	124
24	Biomarker Evidence for Photosynthesis During Neoproterozoic Glaciation. <i>Science</i> , 2005, 310, 471-474.	12.6	119
25	Determination of the H_3 Factor in Hydrogen Isotope Ratio Monitoring Mass Spectrometry. <i>Analytical Chemistry</i> , 2001, 73, 200-207.	6.5	107
26	Compound-Specific $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ Analysis of Volatile Organics by Coupled GC/Multicollector-ICPMS. <i>Analytical Chemistry</i> , 2009, 81, 9027-9034.	6.5	105
27	Trace incorporation of heavy water reveals slow and heterogeneous pathogen growth rates in cystic fibrosis sputum. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> , 2016, 113, E110-6.	7.1	104
28	Orbital- and millennial-scale changes in the hydrologic cycle and vegetation in the western African Sahel: insights from individual plant wax δD and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$. <i>Quaternary Science Reviews</i> , 2010, 29, 2996-3005.	3.0	103
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30	Correction of H_3 Contributions in Hydrogen Isotope Ratio Monitoring Mass Spectrometry. <i>Analytical Chemistry</i> , 2001, 73, 192-199.	6.5	99
31	Factors controlling the deuterium contents of sedimentary hydrocarbons. <i>Organic Geochemistry</i> , 2016, 96, 43-64.	1.8	99
32	Route to Renewable PET: Reaction Pathways and Energetics of Diels-Alder and Dehydrative Aromatization Reactions Between Ethylene and Biomass-Derived Furans Catalyzed by Lewis Acid Molecular Sieves. <i>ACS Catalysis</i> , 2015, 5, 5904-5913.	11.2	92
33	The sulfur-isotopic compositions of benzothiophenes and dibenzothiophenes as a proxy for thermochemical sulfate reduction. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2012, 84, 152-164.	3.9	87
34	Calculation of hydrogen isotopic fractionations in biogeochemical systems. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2005, 69, 593-597.	3.9	85
35	Diverse capacity for 2-methylhopanoid production correlates with a specific ecological niche. <i>ISME Journal</i> , 2014, 8, 675-684.	9.8	85
36	Hydrogen isotope fractionation in lipids of the methane-oxidizing bacterium <i>Methylococcus capsulatus</i> . <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2002, 66, 3955-3969.	3.9	83

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37	D/H ratios in terrestrially sourced petroleum systems. <i>Organic Geochemistry</i> , 2004, 35, 1169-1195.	1.8	83
38	Lipid biomarkers in ooids from different locations and ages: evidence for a common bacterial flora. <i>Geobiology</i> , 2013, 11, 420-436.	2.4	83
39	A high-resolution gas-source isotope ratio mass spectrometer. <i>International Journal of Mass Spectrometry</i> , 2013, 335, 45-56.	1.5	83
40	Simplified batch equilibration for D/H determination of non-exchangeable hydrogen in solid organic material. <i>Rapid Communications in Mass Spectrometry</i> , 2009, 23, 949-956.	1.5	81
41	Hydrogen-isotopic variability in lipids from Santa Barbara Basin sediments. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2009, 73, 4803-4823.	3.9	73
42	Moving-Wire Device for Carbon Isotopic Analyses of Nanogram Quantities of Nonvolatile Organic Carbon. <i>Analytical Chemistry</i> , 2005, 77, 6519-6527.	6.5	71
43	Sedimentary pyrite $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ differs from porewater sulfide in Santa Barbara Basin: Proposed role of organic sulfur. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2016, 186, 120-134.	3.9	71
44	Neoproterozoic carbonate-associated sulfate records positive $\delta^{33}\text{S}$ anomalies. <i>Science</i> , 2014, 346, 739-741.	12.6	70
45	Rapid organic matter sulfurization in sinking particles from the Cariaco Basin water column. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2016, 190, 175-190.	3.9	70
46	Hydrogen-isotopic variability in fatty acids from Yellowstone National Park hot spring microbial communities. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2011, 75, 4830-4845.	3.9	66
47	Study of thermochemical sulfate reduction mechanism using compound specific sulfur isotope analysis. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2016, 188, 73-92.	3.9	64
48	The RND-family transporter, HpnN, is required for hopanoid localization to the outer membrane of <i>Rhodospirillum rubrum</i> TIE-1. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> , 2011, 108, E1045-51.	7.1	58
49	Identification and quantification of polyfunctionalized hopanoids by high temperature gas chromatography-mass spectrometry. <i>Organic Geochemistry</i> , 2013, 56, 120-130.	1.8	57
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51	Analysis of the site-specific carbon isotope composition of propane by gas source isotope ratio mass spectrometer. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2016, 188, 58-72.	3.9	57
52	Equilibrium $2\text{H}/1\text{H}$ fractionations in organic molecules. II: Linear alkanes, alkenes, ketones, carboxylic acids, esters, alcohols and ethers. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2009, 73, 7076-7086.	3.9	56
53	Experimental determination of carbonate-associated sulfate $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ in planktonic foraminifera shells. <i>Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems</i> , 2014, 15, 1452-1461.	2.5	56
54	Hydroclimate of the western Indo-Pacific Warm Pool during the past 24,000 years. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> , 2014, 111, 9402-9406.	7.1	55

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55	Sulfur isotopic composition of individual organic compounds from Cariaco Basin sediments. <i>Organic Geochemistry</i> , 2015, 80, 53-59.	1.8	54
56	Hydrogen isotope fractionation during H ₂ /CO ₂ acetogenesis: hydrogen utilization efficiency and the origin of lipid-bound hydrogen. <i>Geobiology</i> , 2004, 2, 179-188.	2.4	51
57	Cenozoic record of $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ in foraminiferal calcite implies an early Eocene shift to deep-ocean sulfide burial. <i>Nature Geoscience</i> , 2018, 11, 761-765.	12.9	50
58	Memory Effects in Compound-Specific D/H Analysis by Gas Chromatography/Pyrolysis/Isotope-Ratio Mass Spectrometry. <i>Analytical Chemistry</i> , 2008, 80, 9162-9170.	6.5	49
59	The stable hydrogen isotopic composition of sedimentary plant waxes as quantitative proxy for rainfall in the West African Sahel. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2016, 184, 55-70.	3.9	46
60	Hydrogen isotopic fractionation in lipid biosynthesis by H ₂ -consuming <i>Desulfobacterium autotrophicum</i> . <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2009, 73, 2744-2757.	3.9	45
61	Position-specific ¹³ C distributions within propane from experiments and natural gas samples. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2018, 220, 110-124.	3.9	44
62	Quantifying Microbial Utilization of Petroleum Hydrocarbons in Salt Marsh Sediments by Using the ¹³ C Content of Bacterial rRNA. <i>Applied and Environmental Microbiology</i> , 2008, 74, 1157-1166.	3.1	42
63	Prediction of equilibrium distributions of isotopologues for methane, ethane and propane using density functional theory. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2016, 190, 1-12.	3.9	42
64	Crassulacean acid metabolism influences D/H ratio of leaf wax in succulent plants. <i>Organic Geochemistry</i> , 2010, 41, 1269-1276.	1.8	41
65	Probing the Subcellular Localization of Hopanoid Lipids in Bacteria Using NanoSIMS. <i>PLoS ONE</i> , 2014, 9, e84455.	2.5	41
66	Equilibrium 2H/1H fractionations in organic molecules: I. Experimental calibration of ab initio calculations. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2009, 73, 7060-7075.	3.9	38
67	Carbon isotopes and lipid biomarkers from organic-rich facies of the Shuram Formation, Sultanate of Oman. <i>Geobiology</i> , 2013, 11, 406-419.	2.4	38
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69	Tracing iron-fueled microbial carbon production within the hydrothermal plume at the Loihi seamount. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2011, 75, 5526-5539.	3.9	36
70	D/H ratios of fatty acids from marine particulate organic matter in the California Borderland Basins. <i>Organic Geochemistry</i> , 2008, 39, 485-500.	1.8	33
71	Role of APS reductase in biogeochemical sulfur isotope fractionation. <i>Nature Communications</i> , 2019, 10, 44.	12.8	33
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73	Metabolic associations with archaea drive shifts in hydrogen isotope fractionation in sulfate-reducing bacterial lipids in cocultures and methane seeps. <i>Geobiology</i> , 2015, 13, 462-477.	2.4	31
74	Methoxyl stable isotopic constraints on the origins and limits of coal-bed methane. <i>Science</i> , 2021, 374, 894-897.	12.6	31
75	Fractionation of Hydrogen Isotopes by Sulfate- and Nitrate-Reducing Bacteria. <i>Frontiers in Microbiology</i> , 2016, 7, 1166.	3.5	30
76	Stable Isotope Analysis of Intact Oxyanions Using Electrospray Quadrupole-Orbitrap Mass Spectrometry. <i>Analytical Chemistry</i> , 2020, 92, 3077-3085.	6.5	30
77	Clumped isotope effects of thermogenic methane formation: Insights from pyrolysis of hydrocarbons. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2021, 303, 159-183.	3.9	29
78	Measuring the <i>in situ</i> carbon isotopic composition of distinct marine plankton populations sorted by flow cytometry. <i>Limnology and Oceanography: Methods</i> , 2016, 14, 87-99.	2.0	27
79	Quantification and isotopic analysis of intracellular sulfur metabolites in the dissimilatory sulfate reduction pathway. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2017, 206, 57-72.	3.9	27
80	Position-specific hydrogen isotope equilibrium in propane. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2018, 238, 193-207.	3.9	27
81	$\delta^2\text{H}/\delta^1\text{H}$ variation in microbial lipids is controlled by NADPH metabolism. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> , 2019, 116, 12173-12182.	7.1	27
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83	Room-level ventilation in schools and universities. <i>Atmospheric Environment: X</i> , 2022, 13, 100152.	1.4	21
84	Lipid remodeling in <i>Rhodopseudomonas palustris</i> upon loss of hopanoids and hopanoid methylation. <i>Geobiology</i> , 2015, 13, 443-453.	2.4	20
85	Plant-wax D/H ratios in the southern European Alps record multiple aspects of climate variability. <i>Quaternary Science Reviews</i> , 2016, 148, 176-191.	3.0	20
86	Paleoecology and paleoceanography of the Athel silicilite, Ediacaran-Cambrian boundary, Sultanate of Oman. <i>Geobiology</i> , 2017, 15, 401-426.	2.4	20
87	A gas ion source for continuous-flow AMS. <i>Nuclear Instruments & Methods in Physics Research B</i> , 2004, 223-224, 149-154.	1.4	19
88	D/H variation in terrestrial lipids from Santa Barbara Basin over the past 1400 years: A preliminary assessment of paleoclimatic relevance. <i>Organic Geochemistry</i> , 2011, 42, 15-24.	1.8	19
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90	Rapid analysis of ^{13}C in plant-wax n-alkanes for reconstruction of terrestrial vegetation signals from aquatic sediments. <i>Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems</i> , 2004, 5, n/a-n/a.	2.5	18

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91	Raman spectroscopy and biomarker analysis reveal multiple carbon inputs to a Precambrian glacial sediment. <i>Organic Geochemistry</i> , 2009, 40, 1115-1123.	1.8	18
92	Equilibrium 2H/1H fractionation in organic molecules: III. Cyclic ketones and hydrocarbons. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2013, 107, 82-95.	3.9	17
93	Comparison of three methods for the methylation of aliphatic and aromatic compounds. <i>Rapid Communications in Mass Spectrometry</i> , 2017, 31, 1633-1640.	1.5	17
94	Carbon isotope evidence for the substrates and mechanisms of prebiotic synthesis in the early solar system. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2021, 292, 188-202.	3.9	16
95	Microbial succession and dynamics in meromictic Mono Lake, California. <i>Geobiology</i> , 2021, 19, 376-393.	2.4	15
96	Precise determination of equilibrium sulfur isotope effects during volatilization and deprotonation of dissolved H ₂ S. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2019, 248, 242-251.	3.9	14
97	Position-specific distribution of hydrogen isotopes in natural propane: Effects of thermal cracking, equilibration and biodegradation. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2020, 290, 235-256.	3.9	14
98	Practical considerations for amino acid isotope analysis. <i>Organic Geochemistry</i> , 2022, 164, 104345.	1.8	14
99	Refining the Application of Microbial Lipids as Tracers of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> Growth Rates in Cystic Fibrosis Sputum. <i>Journal of Bacteriology</i> , 2018, 200, .	2.2	13
100	Towards measuring growth rates of pathogens during infections by D ₂ -labeling lipidomics. <i>Rapid Communications in Mass Spectrometry</i> , 2018, 32, 2129-2140.	1.5	13
101	Methods and limitations of stable isotope measurements via direct elution of chromatographic peaks using gas chromatography-Orbitrap mass spectrometry. <i>International Journal of Mass Spectrometry</i> , 2022, 477, 116848.	1.5	12
102	Rapid quantification and isotopic analysis of dissolved sulfur species. <i>Rapid Communications in Mass Spectrometry</i> , 2017, 31, 791-803.	1.5	11
103	Sulfur isotope analysis of cysteine and methionine via preparatory liquid chromatography and elemental analyzer isotope ratio mass spectrometry. <i>Rapid Communications in Mass Spectrometry</i> , 2021, 35, e9007.	1.5	10
104	Simultaneous, High-Precision Measurements of $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ in Nanomole Quantities of Acetate Using Electrospray Ionization-Quadrupole-Orbitrap Mass Spectrometry. <i>Analytical Chemistry</i> , 2022, 94, 1092-1100.	6.5	9
105	Minimal Influence of [NiFe] Hydrogenase on Hydrogen Isotope Fractionation in H ₂ -Oxidizing <i>Cupriavidus necator</i> . <i>Frontiers in Microbiology</i> , 2017, 8, 1886.	3.5	6
106	Hydrologic Change in New Zealand During the Last Deglaciation Linked to Reorganization of the Southern Hemisphere Westerly Winds. <i>Paleoceanography and Paleoclimatology</i> , 2019, 34, 2158-2170.	2.9	6
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108	Deposition of sulfate aerosols with positive $\delta^{33}\text{S}$ in the Neoproterozoic. <i>Geochimica Et Cosmochimica Acta</i> , 2020, 285, 1-20.	3.9	4

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