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Isolated Olivine Grains Revisited

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Alongside chondrules and refractory inclusions, chondrites contain isolated olivine grains (IOG). While early authors favored a condensation origin [1-3], textural, chemical and isotopic similarities with chondrules have soon suggested derivation from the latter [4-7]. Yet, some refractory IOG still suggested distinct formation events [3,7,8].

We [9] performed cathodoluminescence, electron microprobe and oxygen isotopic analyses of carbonaceous chondrite IOG. We confirm their isotopic and chemical analogies with *bona fide* chondrules. About half of them display nearly continuous enstatite rims and concentric decrease in refractoriness outward. This indicates that the IOG interacted with hot gas as free-floating objects. Most likely, these were splashed out of chondrules while they were still partly molten. This suggests frequent collisions during chondrule formation.

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