

## Supporting Information

### **Experimental investigation of improved tolerance for concentration mismatch in potassium isotope analysis on a hexapole collision cell MC-ICP-MS (Nu Sapphire)**

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## 1. Table S1

Table S1. Result of K isotopic bias and beam intensity with variable RF Ref. voltage. Other Operating condition was RF Bias Ref. = -0.8 V, He gas flow = 2 sccm, and H<sub>2</sub> gas flow = 5 sccm.

| RF Ref.<br>(V) | $\delta^{41}\text{K}$<br>(‰) | 2SD   | $^{41}\text{K}/^{39}\text{K}$ | 1SE      | Intensity<br>(V) | $\text{K}_{\text{sam}}/\text{K}_{\text{std}}$<br>(GSB solutions) |
|----------------|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.60           | 0.165                        | 0.037 | 0.07708                       | 3.20E-07 | 154              | 0.9                                                              |
| 0.75           | 0.081                        | 0.027 | 0.07739                       | 3.31E-07 | 174              | 0.9                                                              |
| 0.90           | 0.018                        | 0.016 | 0.07755                       | 3.13E-07 | 186              | 0.9                                                              |
| 1.05           | 0.001                        | 0.032 | 0.07767                       | 3.24E-07 | 203              | 0.9                                                              |
| 1.20           | -0.023                       | 0.022 | 0.07774                       | 4.13E-07 | 212              | 0.9                                                              |
| 1.35           | -0.045                       | 0.034 | 0.07790                       | 4.67E-07 | 223              | 0.9                                                              |
| 1.50           | -0.113                       | 0.034 | 0.07817                       | 8.19E-07 | 224              | 0.9                                                              |
| 1.80           | -0.113                       | 0.065 | 0.07959                       | 1.06E-06 | 224              | 0.9                                                              |

## 2. Table S2

Table S2. Result of K isotopic bias and beam intensity with variable RF Bias Ref. voltage under the selected RF Ref. voltage. Other Operating condition was He gas flow = 2 sccm, and H<sub>2</sub> gas flow = 5 sccm.

| RF Bias<br>Ref. (V)     | $\delta^{41}\text{K}$<br>(‰) | 2SD   | $^{41}\text{K}/^{39}\text{K}$ | 1SE      | Intensity<br>(V) | $\text{K}_{\text{sam}}/\text{K}_{\text{std}}$<br>(GSB Solutions) |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>RF Ref. = 0.75 V</b> |                              |       |                               |          |                  |                                                                  |
| -1.0                    | 0.100                        | 0.014 | 0.07725                       | 2.28E-07 | 176              | 0.9                                                              |
| -0.8                    | 0.081                        | 0.027 | 0.07739                       | 3.31E-07 | 174              | 0.9                                                              |
| -0.6                    | 0.051                        | 0.017 | 0.07754                       | 2.53E-07 | 173              | 0.9                                                              |
| -0.4                    | 0.031                        | 0.012 | 0.07763                       | 3.46E-07 | 172              | 0.9                                                              |
| -0.2                    | 0.006                        | 0.023 | 0.07774                       | 2.91E-07 | 167              | 0.9                                                              |
| 0                       | 0.000                        | 0.030 | 0.07784                       | 4.67E-07 | 161              | 0.9                                                              |
| 0.2                     | -0.038                       | 0.029 | 0.07794                       | 6.57E-07 | 155              | 0.9                                                              |
| <b>RF Ref. = 1.05 V</b> |                              |       |                               |          |                  |                                                                  |
| -1.2                    | 0.028                        | 0.024 | 0.07743                       | 2.93E-07 | 215              | 0.9                                                              |
| -1.0                    | 0.012                        | 0.011 | 0.07757                       | 2.40E-07 | 210              | 0.9                                                              |
| -0.8                    | 0.001                        | 0.018 | 0.07767                       | 3.24E-07 | 203              | 0.9                                                              |
| -0.6                    | -0.001                       | 0.014 | 0.07776                       | 3.67E-07 | 202              | 0.9                                                              |
| -0.4                    | -0.031                       | 0.011 | 0.07784                       | 4.83E-07 | 196              | 0.9                                                              |
| -0.2                    | -0.034                       | 0.034 | 0.07791                       | 4.61E-07 | 187              | 0.9                                                              |
| 0                       | -0.034                       | 0.034 | 0.07798                       | 5.11E-07 | 179              | 0.9                                                              |
| <b>RF Ref. = 1.50 V</b> |                              |       |                               |          |                  |                                                                  |
| -0.6                    | -0.142                       | 0.029 | 0.0783                        | 7.25E-07 | 231              | 0.9                                                              |
| -0.8                    | -0.160                       | 0.041 | 0.07826                       | 7.09E-07 | 241              | 0.9                                                              |
| -1.0                    | -0.155                       | 0.045 | 0.07822                       | 8.08E-07 | 248              | 0.9                                                              |
| -1.2                    | -0.147                       | 0.016 | 0.0782                        | 7.90E-07 | 253              | 0.9                                                              |
| -1.4                    | -0.094                       | 0.043 | 0.07814                       | 6.97E-07 | 253              | 0.9                                                              |
| -1.6                    | -0.096                       | 0.042 | 0.07808                       | 9.57E-07 | 254              | 0.9                                                              |
| -1.8                    | -0.053                       | 0.082 | 0.07801                       | 8.35E-07 | 254              | 0.9                                                              |
| -2.0                    | -0.029                       | 0.069 | 0.07793                       | 1.14E-06 | 252              | 0.9                                                              |
| -2.2                    | 0.056                        | 0.060 | 0.07787                       | 1.27E-06 | 243              | 0.9                                                              |

### 3. Table S3

Table S3. Result of K isotopic bias and beam intensity with variable H<sub>2</sub> and He flow rates. Other Operating condition was RF Ref. = 1.05 V, and Ref Bias Ref. = -0.8 V.

| H <sub>2</sub><br>(sccm) | He<br>(sccm) | $\delta^{41}\text{K}$<br>(‰) | 2SD   | $^{41}\text{K}/^{39}\text{K}$ | 1SE      | Intensity<br>(V) | $\text{K}_{\text{sam}}/\text{K}_{\text{std}}$<br>(GSB Solutions) |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3                        | 2            | 0.023                        | 0.200 | 0.07601                       | 2.15E-06 | 209              | 0.9                                                              |
| 5                        | 2            | -0.001                       | 0.005 | 0.07764                       | 2.96E-07 | 210              | 0.9                                                              |
| 7                        | 2            | 0.009                        | 0.024 | 0.07794                       | 3.65E-07 | 190              | 0.9                                                              |
| 9                        | 2            | -0.148                       | 0.055 | 0.07839                       | 5.78E-07 | 172              | 0.9                                                              |
| 5                        | 0            | -0.068                       | 0.025 | 0.07608                       | 2.82E-07 | 215              | 0.9                                                              |
| 5                        | 4            | -0.011                       | 0.009 | 0.07803                       | 2.71E-07 | 188              | 0.9                                                              |
| 5                        | 6            | -0.043                       | 0.023 | 0.07834                       | 2.90E-07 | 166              | 0.9                                                              |
| 5                        | 8            | -0.120                       | 0.039 | 0.07888                       | 6.78E-07 | 146              | 0.9                                                              |

#### 4. Table S4

Table S4 Result of K concentration mismatch tests. Operating condition was RF Bias  
Ref. voltage = -0.8 V, He gas flow = 2 sccm, and H<sub>2</sub> gas flow = 5 sccm.

| $K_{\text{sam}}/K_{\text{std}}$ | $\delta^{41}\text{K} (\text{‰})$ | 2SD   | N | Sam/std       |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|---|---------------|
| <b>RF Ref. = 1.05 V</b>         |                                  |       |   |               |
| 0.46                            | -0.123                           | 0.025 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 0.66                            | -0.038                           | 0.028 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 0.76                            | -0.036                           | 0.020 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 0.84                            | -0.018                           | 0.018 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 0.87                            | -0.006                           | 0.031 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 0.98                            | -0.008                           | 0.023 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 1.00                            | 0.001                            | 0.010 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 1.07                            | 0.014                            | 0.011 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 1.20                            | 0.018                            | 0.023 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 1.24                            | 0.042                            | 0.011 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 1.47                            | 0.061                            | 0.005 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 0.46                            | -0.529                           | 0.043 | 5 | AGV-2 / 3141a |
| 0.65                            | -0.482                           | 0.031 | 5 | AGV-2 / 3141a |
| 0.74                            | -0.467                           | 0.022 | 5 | AGV-2 / 3141a |
| 0.83                            | -0.449                           | 0.033 | 5 | AGV-2 / 3141a |
| 0.93                            | -0.429                           | 0.031 | 5 | AGV-2 / 3141a |
| 1.01                            | -0.427                           | 0.019 | 5 | AGV-2 / 3141a |
| 1.14                            | -0.410                           | 0.015 | 5 | AGV-2 / 3141a |
| 1.23                            | -0.393                           | 0.026 | 5 | AGV-2 / 3141a |
| 1.38                            | -0.365                           | 0.034 | 5 | AGV-2 / 3141a |
| <b>RF Ref. = 1.50 V</b>         |                                  |       |   |               |
| 0.61                            | -0.443                           | 0.056 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 0.72                            | -0.322                           | 0.054 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 0.75                            | -0.254                           | 0.048 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 0.85                            | -0.182                           | 0.036 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 0.98                            | -0.035                           | 0.072 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 1.00                            | -0.001                           | 0.061 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 1.02                            | 0.033                            | 0.058 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 1.08                            | 0.091                            | 0.059 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 1.15                            | 0.173                            | 0.050 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 1.26                            | 0.310                            | 0.047 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |
| 1.44                            | 0.564                            | 0.067 | 5 | 3141a / 3141a |