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2 **Micrometeorite through Minimum Aqueous Alteration in**  
3 **a Small Porous Icy Body**

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39 **Abstract**

40 A comprehensive study of organic chemistry and mineralogy of an ultracarbonaceous  
41 micrometeorite (UCAMM D05IB80), collected from near the Dome Fuji Station, Antarctica,  
42 has been carried out in order to understand the genetic relationship among organic materials,  
43 silicates, and water. The micrometeorite is composed of a dense aggregate of  $\sim 5\text{-}\mu\text{m}$ -sized  
44 hollow ellipsoidal organic material containing submicrometer-sized phases such as GEMS  
45 and mineral grains. There is a wide area of organic material ( $\sim 15 \times 15 \mu\text{m}$ ) in its interior.  
46 Low-Ca pyroxene is much more abundant than olivine and shows various  $\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe})$  ratios  
47 from  $\sim 1.0$  to  $0.78$ , which is common to previous works of UCAMM. By contrast, GEMS  
48 grains in this UCAMM have unusual chemical compositions. They are depleted in both Mg  
49 and S, which suggests that these elements were leached out from the GEMS grains during  
50 very weak aqueous alteration without forming phyllosilicates.

51 The organics show two types of texture, smooth and globular with an irregular outline,  
52 and both of them are composed of imine, nitrile and/or aromatic nitrogen heterocycles, and

53 amide. The ratio of nitrogen to carbon (N/C) in the smooth region of the organics is ~0.15,  
54 which is five times higher than insoluble organic macromolecules in types 1 and 2 chondritic  
55 meteorites. In addition, the UCAMM organics is soluble in epoxy, and thus it has  
56 hydrophilicity. These polar natures indicate that the organic material in the UCAMM is very  
57 primitive. The surface of the organics is coated with an inorganic layer with a few nanometers  
58 thickness, which consists of C, O, Si, S, and Fe. Sulfur is also contained in the interior,  
59 implying the presence of organosulfur moieties. There is no isotopic anomaly of D, <sup>13</sup>C and  
60 <sup>15</sup>N in the organic material.

61 Since interstellar photochemistry alone would not be able to explain the N/C ratio of the  
62 UCAMM organics, we suggest that very small amount of fluid on a comet must have been  
63 necessary for the formation of UCAMM. The GEMS grains depleted in Mg and S in the  
64 UCAMM prove a very weak degree of aqueous alteration, which is weaker than that of  
65 carbonaceous chondrites. Short-duration weak alteration probably caused by planetesimal  
66 shock locally melts cometary ice grains and releases water that dissolves organics, while the  
67 fluid unlikely mobilizes because of very low thermal conductivity of the porous icy body.  
68 This event allows formation of a large organic puddle of the UCAMM, as well as organic  
69 matter sulfurization, formation of mineral membrane-like thin layers, and deformation of

70 organic nanoglobules.

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73 **1. Introduction**

74 Interstellar dusts that accreted to form a protoplanetary disk are thought to be  
75 micron-sized particles consisting of an amorphous silicate core, a refractory organic mantle,  
76 and an outer mantle of ice (Greenberg and Li, 1997). Because of the large difference in the  
77 thermal stability of these three components, the grains are expected to change their  
78 composition according to thermal processing in a protoplanetary disk. The association of  
79 reactive components, amorphous silicates, organic materials, and water, in a single grain  
80 suggests possible interactions among the three components. It has been recently well  
81 recognized that organic materials in chondrites were the aqueously and/or thermally  
82 processed products in parent bodies and that their chemical and isotopic signatures were  
83 modified (e.g., Alexander et al., 2007). It is, however, not known what the precursor materials  
84 were and under what the conditions organics were processed in chondrite parent bodies.  
85 Therefore, it is important to trace back to the evolution and interactions among silicates and  
86 organic materials, and ice in the proto-solar disk and their consequence in parent bodies. It  
87 requires us to study organics as primitive as possible, which might correspond to the materials  
88 other than those found in chondrites.

89 Interplanetary dust particles (IDPs) and Antarctic micrometeorites (AMMs) are one of the



90 most primitive Solar System materials available to us and one of the most suitable objects for  
91 an *in-situ* study on the origin of and spatial relationship between organic and inorganic  
92 materials formed in the early Solar System. Chondritic porous (CP)-IDPs are thought to have  
93 a link with short period comets (Messenger et al. 2006), based on their fine-grained, porous,  
94 and fragile structure (Bradley and Brownlee, 1986), high abundance of carbon (~12%,  
95 Thomas et al. 1994), and the presence of sub-micron silicate glass with embedded metal and  
96 sulfides (GEMS) (Bradley et al. 1999). It has been also known that D- and <sup>15</sup>N- enrichments  
97 of the organics in CP-IDPs (e.g., Messenger, 2000; Floss et al. 2004) and IDPs from the  
98 comet 26P/Grigg–Skjellerup dust stream (Busemann et al. 2009) resemble those found in the  
99 primitive types 1 and 2 carbonaceous chondrites (Busemann et al., 2006;  
100 Nakamura-Messenger et al. 2006). Recently, AMMs containing porous aggregates of GEMS  
101 and enstatite whisker/platelets, which are similar morphology and mineralogy to CP-IDPs,  
102 have been identified (Noguchi et al. 2015). Both IDPs and AMMs are thus the key  
103 extraterrestrial materials to enhance our understanding of the relationship between comets and  
104 meteorites.

105 Of the AMMs, ultracarbonaceous micrometeorites (UCAMMs) are unique extraterrestrial  
106 materials that contain a large amount of carbonaceous materials. They were collected for the

107 first time by the 46th and 47th Japan Antarctic Research Expedition (JARE) teams from the  
108 virgin surface snow near the Dome Fuji Station, Antarctica, and reported to have pristine  
109 nature in terms of mineralogy and chemistry (Nakamura et al. 2005). One of the UCAMMs  
110 contains light noble gases with solar wind origin, and two contain high abundance of presolar  
111 grains (Yada et al. 2008; Floss et al. 2012). UCAMMs have been independently found in  
112 Antarctica by the French-Italian team, which are characterized by D-enrichment in organic  
113 matter (Duprat et al. 2010). The degree of D-enrichment is by factors to an order of  
114 magnitude larger than the terrestrial value. Duprat et al. (2010) has discussed that organic  
115 materials in UCAMMs could be produced in the outer protoplanetary disk, based on the  
116 identification of crystalline minerals that are thought to be solar origin and are embedded in  
117 the organic material. Dartois et al. (2013) have further reported <sup>15</sup>N- and D-rich  
118 micrometeorites and have proposed that the nitrogen-rich organic material in UCAMM was  
119 formed by irradiation of CH<sub>4</sub> - and N<sub>2</sub> -rich ice in the Oort cloud.

120 In the present study, we have made a comprehensive mineralogical and organic chemical  
121 study of a UCAMM and suggest a new pathway for the formation of UCAMMs through the  
122 interaction of organics, silicates, and water in the very early stage of alteration in a parent  
123 body.

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## 125 **2. Experimental**

126 The Antarctic snow, collected by the 51st JARE team of the National Institute of Polar  
127 Research (NIPR), was melted and filtered in a class 1000 clean room at Ibaraki University,  
128 and the residual particles were manually picked up under a binocular microscope. Details of  
129 the micrometeorite collecting method are described by Sakamoto et al. (2010). They were  
130 observed with JEOL JSM-5600LV scanning electron microscope (SEM) equipped with  
131 energy dispersive spectrometer (EDS) at Ibaraki University and micrometeorites were  
132 selected from terrestrial materials based on the morphology and EDS spectra with chondritic  
133 composition rich in Si, Mg, Fe, and O (see electronic supplementary data, S1). About 90  
134 micrometeorites were identified from fine-grained particles collected from ~100 kg of the  
135 snow. When the intensity of C  $k\alpha$  peak exceeds twice that of O  $k\alpha$ , it was classified as an  
136 UCAMM in this study, and only one, D05IB80, was identified as an UCAMM. Bulk  
137 mineralogy of D05IB80 was investigated by using synchrotron radiation X-ray diffraction  
138 (SR-XRD) at the Photon Factory Institute of Materials Structure Science, High Energy  
139 Accelerator Research Organization, Tsukuba, Japan.

140 Raman spectroscopy of the UCAMM D05IB80 was performed by JASCO NRS-3100

141 Raman spectrometer equipped with the 785-nm excitation laser at Ibaraki University. The  
142 beam diameter of the laser was  $\sim 2 \mu\text{m}$ , and the laser power was suppressed below 1 mW to  
143 avoid decomposition of carbonaceous material.

144 Next, UCAMM D05IB80 was embedded in epoxy resin and ultramicrotomed into  
145 70-nm-thick sections. After ultramicrotomy, the potted butt of the micrometeorite was  
146 embedded again in epoxy resin and the surface was polished to make a flat epoxy disk (6 mm  
147 in diameter) for the isotopic mapping analysis with a SIMS at the Hokkaido University  
148 (Cameca ims-1270 SIMS equipped with SCAPS) (Yurimoto et al. 2003). Schematic diagrams  
149 to show the 3D relationships among the ultrathin samples (ultramicrotomed sections and a  
150 FIB section) and the flat sample of this UCAMM is presented in Fig. A1.

151 A  $\sim 100 - \sim 200 \text{ pA Cs}^+$  primary beam in the aperture illumination mode of SIMS was used  
152 to achieve uniform secondary ion emission from a sample area of  $\sim 30 \times 40 \mu\text{m}^2$ . A normal  
153 incident electron gun was used to compensate for sample charging and the exit slit was  
154 narrow enough to eliminate the contribution of interference ions to the isotope images.  
155 Isotopographs of  $^{16}\text{O}^-$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}^{14}\text{N}^-$ ,  $^{32}\text{S}^-$ ,  $^1\text{H}^-$ ,  $^2\text{D}^-$ ,  $^1\text{H}^-$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}^-$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}^{14}\text{N}^-$  and  $^{32}\text{S}^-$  were acquired in this  
156 order, where a 150- $\mu\text{m}$  contrast aperture (CA) was applied for H and D isotopographs and a  
157 50- $\mu\text{m}$  CA for  $^{16}\text{O}^-$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}^{14}\text{N}^-$  and  $^{32}\text{S}^-$  isotopographs in order to obtain high lateral spatial

158 resolution. The exposure time was 20 s for H<sup>-</sup>, 1,000 s for D<sup>-</sup>, 20 s for <sup>16</sup>O<sup>-</sup>, 20 s for <sup>12</sup>C<sup>14</sup>N<sup>-</sup>  
 159 and 40 s for <sup>32</sup>S<sup>-</sup>, respectively. We obtained secondary ion images of <sup>12</sup>C<sup>14</sup>N<sup>-</sup>, <sup>12</sup>C<sup>15</sup>N<sup>-</sup>, <sup>12</sup>C<sup>14</sup>N<sup>-</sup>,  
 160 <sup>12</sup>C<sup>-</sup>, <sup>13</sup>C<sup>-</sup> and <sup>12</sup>C<sup>-</sup> sequentially for the second session after FIB. A 50 μm CA was used for  
 161 <sup>12</sup>C<sup>14</sup>N<sup>-</sup>, <sup>12</sup>C<sup>15</sup>N<sup>-</sup>, <sup>12</sup>C<sup>-</sup> and <sup>13</sup>C<sup>-</sup> isotopograph. The exposure time was 50 s for <sup>12</sup>C<sup>14</sup>N<sup>-</sup>, 400 s for  
 162 <sup>12</sup>C<sup>15</sup>N<sup>-</sup>, 50 s for <sup>12</sup>C<sup>-</sup> and 500 s for <sup>13</sup>C<sup>-</sup>.

163 Hydrogen, nitrogen and carbon isotopic composition are represented by δ-value notation;

$$164 \quad \delta D_{SMOW} = \left\{ \frac{(D/H)_{sample}}{(D/H)_{SMOW}} - 1 \right\} \times 1000$$

$$165 \quad \delta^{15}N_{AIR} = \left\{ \frac{(^{15}N/^{14}N)_{sample}}{(^{15}N/^{14}N)_{AIR}} - 1 \right\} \times 1000$$

$$166 \quad \delta^{13}C_{PDB} = \left\{ \frac{(^{13}C/^{12}C)_{sample}}{(^{13}C/^{12}C)_{PDB}} - 1 \right\} \times 1000$$

167 where SMOW denotes the standard mean ocean water, and AIR denotes the Earth's  
 168 atmosphere and PDB denotes Pee Dee Belemnite. The instrumental mass fractionations for  
 169 the D/H, <sup>15</sup>N/<sup>14</sup>N and <sup>13</sup>C/<sup>12</sup>C ratios of epoxy were corrected by assuming that the δD, δ<sup>15</sup>N  
 170 and δ<sup>13</sup>C values are 0‰, respectively, and that the matrix effects are the same for epoxy and  
 171 organic matters in the UCAMM. Therefore, the δ-values of the organic matters shown here  
 172 are the relative values to the epoxy. The isotope ratio image was obtained by averaging 5 x 5  
 173 pixels (corresponding to 1.0 x 1.0 μm<sup>2</sup>) for δD and 3 x 3 pixels (corresponding to 0.6 x 0.6  
 174 μm<sup>2</sup>) for δ<sup>15</sup>N and δ<sup>13</sup>C in order to reduce the statistical error. Lateral resolutions of the

175 isotopographs are  $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$  for  $^1\text{H}$ , and  $^2\text{D}$  and  $\sim 0.6 \mu\text{m}$  for  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}^{14}\text{N}$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}^{15}\text{N}$ ,  $^{32}\text{S}$ , and  
176  $^{16}\text{O}$ .

177 The morphology of the UCAMM was observed by FE-SEM-EDS (JSM-7000F, Oxford  
178 INCA Energy) system at Hokkaido University after the isotope microscope analyses, and a  
179 thin section with 200-nm of thickness was prepared by the dual beam focused ion beam and  
180 scanning electron microscope (FIB-SEM) JEOL JIB-4501 at Ibaraki University for further  
181 analyses.

182 Carbon (C)-, nitrogen (N)-, and oxygen (O)- X-ray absorption near edge structure  
183 (XANES) spectra of the FIB section were acquired by using STXM at the beamline (BL  
184 5.3.2.2. of Advanced Light Source (ALS) at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory  
185 (Kilcoyne et al. 2003). The beamline employs a bending magnet providing a useful photon  
186 range spanning approximately from 250 to 800 eV with a flux of  $10^7$  photons per second.  
187 Energy selection on BL5.3.2 is performed with a low dispersion spherical grating  
188 monochromator and affording an energy resolution ( $E/\Delta E$ ) of 5000. Carbon-XANES  
189 transmission spectra were obtained in the stack scan mode with 0.1-eV resolution across the  
190 near edge region and 0.5-eV resolution below and above the near edge absorption. Energy  
191 calibration was conducted by measuring  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{N}_2$  gas prior to the measurements. The

192 absorption spectra (optical density, OD) were obtained as  $OD = -\ln(I/I_0)$ , where  $I$  is X-ray  
193 intensity transmitted from sample and  $I_0$  is that recorded without samples. Leinweber et al.  
194 (2007) and Cody et al. (2008) were referred for the absorption peak assignment.

195 The FIB section was observed under a polarized microscope to check the textural  
196 relationships between the MM and the epoxy resin in the section. The section was further  
197 observed with a JEOL JEM-2100F field emission TEM, equipped with JEOL JED SDD EDS  
198 for detailed textural observation and elemental analysis, at JEOL Corporation and with a  
199 JEOL JEM-2100, equipped with an Oxford INCA SDD EDS, at Ibaraki University.

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### 201 **3. Results**

#### 202 **3-1. Texture and mineralogy**

203 Figure 1a shows a secondary electron image of an UCAMM D051B80, which is about ~40  
204 x 30  $\mu\text{m}$  in size. There are abundant sub- $\mu\text{m}$ -sized constituents on the surface of the upper  
205 half of this UCAMM. By contrast, the other half is poor in the sub- $\mu\text{m}$ -constituents and has a  
206 smooth surface. Ultramicrotomed sections of the UCAMM are shown in Fig. 1b. The sections  
207 were selected out of every 3-5 serial sections. There are many mineral grains in the sections  
208 No. 1 and 2 (Fig. 1b), which may correspond to the sections of the upper half of the UCAMM

209 shown in Fig. 1a. There are voids in each section, which is composed of densely packed  
210 hollow organic material with  $\sim 0.5$ - to  $\sim 2$ - $\mu\text{m}$  thick walls containing minerals.

211 TEM observation shows that this UCAMM contains glass with embedded metal and  
212 sulfide (GEMS) (Figs. 2a, 2b), which is common to the chondritic porous (CS) IDPs (e.g.  
213 Bradley and Dai, 2004), UCAMMs previously investigated (Nakamura et al., 2005; Duprat et  
214 al., 2010; Dobrică et al., 2012), and CS MMs (Noguchi et al., 2015). Their typical size ranges  
215 from  $\sim 200$  to  $\sim 400$  nm in diameter and contains tiny ( $< 30$  nm) Fe sulfide as well as rare Fe  
216 metal, which appear as S and Fe enriched spots in the elemental distribution maps (Fig. 2c).  
217 Oxygen, aluminum, and silicon are homogeneously distributed and magnesium is  
218 heterogeneously distributed in the glassy (amorphous silicate) matrix of this GEMS grain (Fig.  
219 2c).

220 Olivine, low-Ca pyroxene, high-Ca pyroxene, amorphous silica, and pyrrhotite are major  
221 inorganic phases in this UCAMM (Figs. 2d-2i), and low-Ca pyroxene and pyrrhotite are more  
222 abundant than the other phases. Among these phases, amorphous silica containing no other  
223 elements is not common in CP IDPs (e.g. Bradley and Dai, 2004), CP MMs (e. g. Noguchi et  
224 al., 2015), and UCAMMs investigated previously (Dobrică et al., 2012). No hydrated silicate  
225 was found in the UCAMM.



226 Major element compositions of olivine, pyroxene, and pyrrhotite in the UCAMM  
227 D05IB80 are shown in Fig. 3 and Table 1. Majority of the GEMS grains in this UCAMM are  
228 highly depleted in Mg relative to [Si+Al] and Fe and are plotted at the Mg-poor end of the  
229 GEMS grains in CP IDPs (Fig. 3a). In addition, sulfur is also depleted in the GEMS grains  
230 (Fig. 3b). These data strongly suggest that GEMS grains in this MM do not keep their original  
231 chemical compositions.

232 Olivine is minor in this MM, and the forsterite mol% ranges from ~100 to 89 (Fig. 3c).  
233 Low-Ca pyroxene shows a variation of enstatite mol% from ~100 to 78 (Fig. 3c). Because all  
234 the high-Ca pyroxene grains analyzed contain high Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents from 14.7 to 27.8 wt%,  
235 they are plotted around the Di apex or outside the pyroxene quadrilateral due to the relative  
236 deficiency of Mg<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>2+</sup> caused by substitution of Al<sup>3+</sup> in high-Ca pyroxene (Fig. 3c). FeO  
237 vs MnO and FeO vs Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> wt% diagrams show that some low-Ca pyroxene crystals have high  
238 MnO (up to 1.85wt%) and high Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (up to 2.32wt%) contents relative to FeO contents (Figs.  
239 3e, f). Most pyrrhotite crystals are poor in Ni. Only two crystals have 2.8 and 3.2 Ni atomic%  
240 (Fig. 3d). These data are consistent with the chemical compositions of olivine, pyroxene, and  
241 pyrrhotite in CP IDPs, previously reported UCAMMs, and mineral grains recovered from  
242 81P/Wild 2 (Klöck and Stadermann, 1994; Zolensky and Barrett, 1994; Zolensky et al., 2006,

243 2008; Joswiak et al., 2009, 2012; Dobrică et al., 2012; Frank et al., 2014).

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### 245 **3-2. Organic material: size, texture, molecular and isotopic compositions**

#### 246 *Size*

247 Figure 4 shows the isotopograph of  $^{12}\text{C}^{14}\text{N}^-$ ,  $^{32}\text{S}^-$ , and  $^{16}\text{O}^-$  along with the backscattered  
248 electron (BSE) image of the UCAMM D05IB80. The distribution of  $^{12}\text{C}^{14}\text{N}^-$  indicates the size  
249 of organic carbon is  $\sim 15 \mu\text{m} \times 15 \mu\text{m}$ . In comparison to the typical size of organic carbon in  
250 chondritic meteorites (a few hundreds nm) (e.g., Le Guillou et al., 2014) and that of comet  
251 Wild 2 dust particles ( $\sim 1 - 2 \mu\text{m}$ ) (Cody et al. 2008), the organics in the present study is  
252 extraordinarily large.  $^{32}\text{S}^-$  and  $^{16}\text{O}^-$  are concentrated in the rim of the organic material (Fig. 4),  
253 and  $^{32}\text{S}^-$  is also distributed within the organic material, although its abundance is less than that  
254 in the rim.

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#### 256 *Observation of soluble organics*

257 UCAMM D05IB80 was originally almost opaque under a transmitted light, though a  
258 translucent brown-color part seeped from the sample when it was embedded in epoxy (Fig.  
259 5b). A certain degree of affinity between the UCAMM and epoxy seems to have taken place,

260 which is shown by the observation that the boundary between the embedding epoxy (light  
261 brown) and the UCAMM (dark brown) is less clear in the transmitted optical image (Fig. 5d)  
262 than in the high-angle annular dark-field scanning transmission electron microscopy  
263 (HAADF-STEM) image (Fig. 5e).

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### 265 *Molecular compositions*

266 A Raman spectrum of carbonaceous material in UCAMM D05IB80 is shown in Fig. 6.  
267 The spectrum is broad, and the centers and full width at half maximum (FWHM) of D<sub>1</sub> and G  
268 are 1338 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\omega_{D_1}$ ) and 369 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\Gamma_{D_1}$ ), and 1569 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\omega_G$ ) and 109 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\Gamma_G$ ), respectively.  
269 Although the analytical conditions were different from those of the other studies which  
270 investigated CP IDPs, MMs, and carbonaceous chondrites (e.g., Rotundi et al., 2008;  
271 Busemann et al., 2009; Dobrică et al. 2011; Dartois et al. 2013), the peak broadness and the  
272 wave parameters indicate that the carbonaceous material is very disordered.

273 Combining carbon- and nitrogen-XANES maps of the FIB section, we can distinguish the  
274 organic nitrogen-rich regions of the UCAMM from the epoxy that does not contain N (Fig. 7a,  
275 b). Nitrogen-XANES spectra of N-rich regions 1 and 2 (Fig. 7d) exhibit intense peaks of  
276 1s- $\pi^*$  transitions of imine (C=N\*) at 398.8 eV (peak E), aromatic nitrogen heterocycles

277 (C-N\*=C) and/or nitrile (C≡N\*) at 399.7 eV (peak F), and amide (N\*Hx(C=O)C) at ~401.5  
278 eV (peak G). The N-XANES spectra provided a sufficient signal- to-noise (S/N) ratio, which  
279 has not been generally observed in chondritic insoluble organic matter and even in organic  
280 matter in IDPs (Cody et al. 2011). The relative peak intensity of nitrogen heterocycles in the  
281 region 2 is higher than that in the region 1. The nitrogen speciation helps the characterization  
282 of carbon functional groups in C-XANES spectra (Fig. 7c). The peak A at ~ 285 eV is  
283 assigned to 1s-π\* transitions of aromatic/unsaturated carbon (C=C\*), which probably includes  
284 aromatic nitrogen heterocycles (e.g., pyridine) in the regions 1 and 2, due to the presence of  
285 imine in their N-XANES. The peak B at ~286.6 eV are derived from 1s-π\* transitions of  
286 nitrile/aromatic N or vinyl-keto carbon. The presence of nitrile/aromatic N is very likely  
287 because of the intense peaks (peak G) in N-XANES of the regions 1 and 2, while the same  
288 peak in the epoxy region would be assigned to vinyl-keto group due to the absence of N. A  
289 broad peak ranging 287-288 eV for the regions 1 and 2 includes a peak of 1s-3p/σ\*  
290 transition to aliphatic carbon (peak C) and a peak D at ~288.3 eV assigned to 1s-π\*  
291 transitions of carboxyl carbon (C\*=O) and/or amidyl carbon (NHx(C\*=O)C). The N/C ratio is  
292 calculated from the spectral fitting using the aXis 2000 software to be 0.15±0.03, and the O/C  
293 ratio is 0.27±0.02, for the region 1. There is a possibility that the XANES results in the

294 present work may be affected by FIB-induced damage, such as an increase of the aromatic  
295 carbon (De Gregorio et al. 2010; Bassim et al. 2012). In that case, an original peak intensity  
296 of imine may have been relatively lower and those of nitrile and carboxyl groups may have  
297 been higher than the acquired spectra. Nevertheless, the possible modification of functional  
298 group compositions by FIB should not affect the elemental ratios. Sulfur-XANES  
299 measurement was carried out at the BL 5.3.2.1. with a photon energy range of 600-2000 eV,  
300 ALS, but the sulfur abundance in the FIB section was below the detection limit of XANES.

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### 302 *Texture*

303 TEM observation of the organic N-rich material reveals the presence of two N-rich  
304 regions: the region 1 is smooth and the region 2 is entirely globular (Fig. 8). The two regions  
305 are connected at the bottom-left corner of the FIB section (Fig. 5e), indicating that these  
306 regions were made of the same organic material as shown in the similar C- and N-XANES  
307 spectra (Fig. 7c, d). The globules in the region 2 look similar in size (a few hundred nm) to  
308 the organic nanoglobules ubiquitously observed in chondritic meteorites (e.g., Nakamura et al.  
309 2002; Garvie and Buseck, 2004; Nakamura-Messenger et al. 2006; Peeters et al. 2012; De  
310 Gregorio et al. 2013; Matsumoto et al. 2013), micrometeorites (Sakamoto et al, 2010), IDPs

311 (Busemann et al. 2009) and the comet Wild 2 dust particles (De Gregorio et al. 2010; 2011).  
312 However, the organic nanoglobules in UCAMM D05IB80, forming aggregates, have more  
313 irregular shapes compared to rounded globules in most carbonaceous chondrites. The  
314 nanoglobules appear to contain fillings in their interiors (Fig. 8b, c). The high resolution TEM  
315 image of the globule filling is shown in Fig. 9(c), which is an aggregate of tiny crystals.  
316 Although EDS spectrum of the aggregate suggests that it is composed of low-Ca pyroxene, it  
317 was impossible to determine the phase of the crystals due to their small sizes.

318 TEM images (Fig. 8b, c) revealed that the globular region has three very thin ( $< 5$  nm)  
319 surface layers and the smooth region has two (Fig. 8d, e), and the surface layer is less  
320 electron-transparent than the interior. The less electron-transparent material is estimated to be  
321 amorphous due to the absence of lattice fringes, and is rich in C, O, Si, S, and Fe (Fig. 9),  
322 suggesting the presence of silicate and sulfide. High resolution TEM image of the thin layer  
323 in the globular region revealed that the layers contain nanocrystals. Although 0.24 and 0.28  
324 nm lattice fringes were observed (Fig. 8f), we could not obtain diffraction spots in the  
325 selected area electron diffraction (SAED) patterns, which only gave halo patterns. This is  
326 probably due to the minute volumes of these nanocrystals. Therefore, we could not identify  
327 phases of these nanocrystals. By contrast, we could not find any nanocrystals at the smooth

328 boundaries (Fig. 8g). The thin layers are thought to be indigenous, and are neither reaction  
329 products with epoxy resin nor reaction products with filtrated water in the Antarctica, because  
330 the layers is specifically present only in the present UCAMM. If the layers were the  
331 secondary products on the Antarctic snow, similar layers should be found in other  
332 micrometeorites. The layers are also distinct from a magnetite rim at the surface of  
333 micrometeorites formed during heating by atmospheric entry and oxidation (Toppani et al.,  
334 2001).

335 Sodium, K, and Cl are uniformly observed in the smooth region and sporadically in the  
336 globular region (Fig. 9). Halite was also identified by XRD (see electronic supplementary  
337 data, S2). Although it is difficult to evaluate whether they are indigenous or terrestrial  
338 contamination, the homogeneous distributions of these elements as well as N and S do not  
339 look like crystal particles of sea salts. The globular region contains a grain consisting of O,  
340 Mg, and Si (Fig. 9b). High resolution TEM image of the grain shows that the grain is a  
341 polycrystalline aggregate of tiny crystals. 0.46- and 0.24- nm lattice fringes could be assigned  
342 as lattice spacing of (200) (~0.46 nm) and (002) (~0.25 nm) of clinoenstatite by considering O,  
343 Mg, and Si are major elements (Fig. 9c).

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## 345 *Isotopic compositions*

346 We found no isotopic hot spots in the organic matter in the UCAMMs (Fig. 10). The H, C  
347 and N isotopic ratios of the UCAMM D05IB80 are in the range of terrestrial values and not  
348 clearly distinguished from those of epoxy ( $<2\sigma_{\text{OM}}+3\sigma_{\text{epoxy}}$ ). We conclude that the H, C and N  
349 isotopic compositions are at the same level as those of terrestrial organics (Fig. 10).

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## 351 **4. Discussion**

### 352 **4-1. Primitive Nature of UCAMM Organics**

353 The highly resolved N-XANES spectra of UCAMM D05IB80 are significantly different  
354 from the less characteristic, low signal-to-noise N-XANES spectra of insoluble organic  
355 macromolecules (IOM) from chondritic organic materials (e.g., Cody et al., 2008).  
356 According to the spectral fitting, the ratio of nitrogen to carbon in the smooth region of the  
357 UCAMM organics ( $\text{N/C} = \sim 0.15$ ) is five times higher than that of insoluble organic  
358 macromolecules in types 1 and 2 chondritic meteorites ( $\text{N/C} = \sim 0.03$ , Alexander et al. 2007)  
359 (Fig. 11). The high nitrogen abundance and most of the identified functional groups (imine  
360  $\text{C}=\text{N}$ , aromatic nitrogen heterocycles  $\text{C}-\text{N}=\text{C}$ , nitrile  $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$ , amide  $\text{NHx}(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{C}$ , and  
361 carbonyls  $\text{COOR}$ ) indicate that the UCAMM organic material has high polarity, which



362 indicates its hydrophilic nature and is consistent with the fact that the organic soluble phase  
363 was dissolved into epoxy (*i.e.*, polar solvent) (Fig. 5).

364 In prebiotic organic chemistry, *any* materials become insoluble, tar-like, hydrophobic  
365 macromolecules when energy is continuously provided to molecules (Benner et al. 2012).  
366 Considering this general chemical phenomema, the nitrogen- and oxygen-bearing polar  
367 functional group compositions and the solvent solubility indicate that the UCAMM organic  
368 material is extremely primitive compared to those in carbonaceous chondrites.

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#### 370 **4-2. Formation of UCAMM Organics and the Role of Small Degree of Aqueous** 371 **Alteration**

372 Nitrogen-rich and oxygen-bearing complex organic molecules were synthesized by UV  
373 photolysis of ices with simulated interstellar/precometary compositions (e.g., H<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>3</sub>OH,  
374 CO, NH<sub>3</sub>) (e.g., Bernstein et al. 1995; Dworkin et al. 2001; Nuevo et al. 2011), and they were  
375 mostly soluble and/or oily (Bernstein et al. 1995; Dworkin et al. 2001; Nuevo et al. 2011)  
376 having nanoglobule-like vesicles (Dworkin et al. 2001). The UCAMM in this study shares a  
377 chemical similarity to the synthesized organics; UCAMM contains functional groups of nitrile,  
378 imine, and amide (Fig. 7d), which were also observed in the photochemical product by Nuevo

379 et al. (2011). The photochemical reaction of ices in the interstellar or pre-stellar environments  
380 may have played a role in forming the organic macromolecules in the UCAMM, but the  
381 XANES spectrum of the experimentally synthesized organic matter is not completely the  
382 same as the present UCAMM. Furthermore, the bulk N/C (= 0.28) and O/C (= 0.51) ratios of  
383 the synthesized materials (Nuevo et al. 2011) are much higher than those of the UCAMM.  
384 Therefore, photochemistry alone would not be the process responsible for the formation of  
385 UCAMM and an additional process(es) would be necessary.

386 Here we propose that very weak aqueous alteration in the parent body of the UCAMM  
387 was responsible for the chemical, structural, mineralogical and morphological characteristics  
388 of the UCAMM. Accretion of the organics, ice, submicron-sized mineral particles is a  
389 necessary process for forming a certain size of cometary body to retain liquid water, i.e., a  
390 meter to kilometer-sized object. In a comet, short-term heating such as planetesimal shock  
391 could have locally melted ice grains and released water, which dissolved organic material.  
392 Unlike meteorite parent bodies where aqueous fluid mobilizes due to high thermal  
393 conductivity with compact mineral structure, it is improbable that aqueous fluid mobilizes in  
394 a comet parent body due to very low thermal conductivity of the porous ice structure (40-80%  
395 in average) (e.g., Kouchi et al. 1992; Asphaug and Benz, 1996; Farnham and Cochran, 2002;

396 Kofman et al. 2015). Accordingly, the aqueous fluid on a porous icy body allowed formation  
397 of a large sized organic puddle.

398 Very low degree of melting of ice in a comet or an icy planetesimal causing low  
399 mobilization of the fluid well explains the following observations in the present study;

400 *i) Sulfurization of organics.* UCAMM D05IB80 contains a considerable amount of  
401 sulfur, of which source is easily explained if it was formed in a comet or an icy body. H<sub>2</sub>S is a  
402 typical component of cometary volatiles (Bockelee-Morvan et al., 2004) and also an aqueous  
403 alteration product of sulfide. Thus, the icy parent body of UCAMM D05IB80 may have  
404 contained it. Nucleophilic attack of H<sub>2</sub>S could have taken place on the partially positive  
405 carbonyl carbon of the UCAMM organics (Fig. 7c) and/or their precursor molecule in  
406 aqueous fluid. For instance, ketones and aldehydes experimentally gave high yields of organic  
407 sulfides (R-S<sub>x</sub>-R') via a reaction with reduced inorganic sulfur (e.g., HS<sup>-</sup>) in aqueous solution  
408 at relatively low temperature (20-50°C) for short-duration (e.g., 22 hrs to 4 weeks) (Schouten  
409 et al., 1994; van Dongen et al., 2003).

410 *ii) Formation of inorganic nanolayers at the surface of organic material.* The organics  
411 in UCAMM D05IB80 is covered with a thin inorganic layer as shown in Fig. 8, which can be  
412 explained by the adsorption of mineral nanoparticles to an ice-fluid interface. When a fluid

413 was frozen, the partition imbalance of anions and cations between ice and liquid occurs,  
414 which is relaxed by the transfer of  $H^+$  and  $OH^-$  to each phase, resulting in disproportionate pH  
415 between the two phases (Watanabe et al. 2014). The ion-transfer current changes at the  
416 interface between organics and salt-bearing ice (Qu et al. 2015). At the interface of two  
417 phases with strong contrast of pH and redox-potential, silicate and sulfide membranes  
418 osmotically precipitate from the dissolved ions in a fluid (Cairns-Smith, 1982; Russel et al.  
419 1994). The interaction of particles at the ice-fluid interface occurs instantaneously at a cooling  
420 rate of  $-10 \sim -15$  K/min from room temperature (Körber et al. 1985). The organic  
421 nanoglobules in Tagish Lake meteorite displays similar layers that contain predominantly  
422 carbon with minor amounts of O, Si, S, Cl and Fe (Nakamura et al. 2002), which may be also  
423 because of the behaviors of ions and mineral particles in a frozen aqueous environment of its  
424 parent body.

425 *iii) Formation of irregular-shaped nanoglobule aggregates.* The organics in UCAMM  
426 D05IB80 shows different textures (smooth and globular textures) (Fig. 8), but their similar  
427 chemical compositions suggest simultaneous formation from a common precursor material  
428 (Fig. 7). The organic nanoglobules, which would have been originally round, deformed their  
429 shapes (e.g., budding) via pH gradient and/or change of osmotic pressure by the generation of

430 the small amount of fluid. For instance, the charge state of an organic molecule changes under  
431 different pH, such as a protonated carboxylic acid (R-COOH) at lower pH and an ionized  
432 carboxylate (R-COO<sup>-</sup>) at higher pH. Vesicles are produced around at neutral pH where the  
433 molar ratio of the protonated and ionized forms is equal (e.g., Nawa et al. 2013). However,  
434 the fluid in a cometary body could have been basic because of the redistributions of ions  
435 (Watanabe et al. 2014) and/or high concentration of NH<sub>3</sub> (Nakamura-Messenger et al. 2011).  
436 At the high pH, the vesicles are rapidly deformed (in several seconds) due to dissolution of an  
437 ionized form (Nawa et al. 2013). Similarly, textural variations of nanoglobules in insoluble  
438 organic residues (De Gregorio et al. 2013; Changela et al. 2013) and matrices (Ivuna, Orgueil  
439 and Tagish Lake, see electronic supplementary data, S3) from the aqueous altered  
440 carbonaceous chondrites imply the exposure to basic fluid that were generated through the  
441 formation of phyllosilicates during the aqueous alteration on their meteorite parent bodies.

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#### 443 **4-3. Mineralogical Evidence of Small Degree of Aqueous Alteration**

444 Although GEMS grains in D05IB80 contain Fe-Ni metal and Fe sulfide tiny crystals (Fig.  
445 2), they are rarer than those in GEMS in CP IDPs (e. g. Keller and Messenger, 2011) and CP  
446 MMs (Noguchi et al. 2015). Mg in the amorphous silicate in GEMS grains are

447 heterogeneously distributed and on average highly depleted (Fig. 2c). By contrast, Si is  
448 enriched in the Mg-depleted areas in GEMS (Fig. 2c). Heterogeneous distribution of Si and  
449 Mg within each GEMS grain in IDPs has already been reported (e.g., Keller and Messenger,  
450 2011). In the case of D05IB80, Si-rich areas are predominant and amorphous silicate is  
451 enriched in Fe (Figs. 2, 3).

452       Because Fe-Ni metal is among the first phase to alter by aqueous alteration (Zolensky et al.  
453 1993; Hanowski and Brearley 2000, 2001; Chizmadia et al. 2008), the rarity of nano Fe metal  
454 in GEMS indicates a slight degree of aqueous alteration. It has been already reported that rare  
455 Fe-Ni metal phases were found from the UCAMMs and their GEMS-like objects collected by  
456 the French-Italian team (Dobrică et al. 2012). The depletion of metal may be a common  
457 feature of UCAMMs. The GEMS grains with rare nanophase Fe metal particles in the Acfer  
458 094 carbonaceous chondrite (Vollmer et al., 2009a, b) have been thought to be the results of  
459 oxidation of Fe metal due to nascent aqueous alteration of the amorphous silicates (Keller et  
460 al. 2009). Le Guillou and Brearley (2014) reported the absence of metal grains associated  
461 with the amorphous silicate material in MET 00426 CR3 chondrite, and discussed that the  
462 absence was due to hydration of the amorphous silicate.

463       In the case of D05IB80, nano Fe sulfide is also depleted in GEMS. It does not necessarily

464 mean that D05IB80 experienced slightly higher degrees of aqueous alteration than the  
465 primitive meteorites because hydrous phyllosilicates are not identified in the UCAMM. A  
466 slightly oxidizing condition of aqueous alteration might have promoted dissolution of nano Fe  
467 sulfide in GEMS of the UCAMM.

468 There is no Ni-bearing pyrrhotite in the UCAMM ( $< 3.2$  atomic% Ni) (Fig. 3d), which is  
469 consistent with the idea that the UCAMM experienced very weak aqueous alteration. The  
470 minimal degree of aqueous alteration is also consistent with that aqueous alteration products  
471 were not found on olivine and pyroxene (Fig. 6).

472 Based on the chemical and mineralogical features described above, we conclude that the  
473 UCAMM experienced a very weak degree of aqueous alteration on a cometary nucleus or an  
474 icy asteroid, which are not seen on the typical types 1 and 2 chondritic meteorite parent  
475 bodies. Possible heat source for the generation of liquid water in icy small bodies is i)  
476 short-lived radioactive nuclides, ii) perihelion passage (Nakamura-Messenger et al. 2011), iii)  
477 collisions of planetesimals (Cody et al. 2011), or iv) reduction of the freezing point by the  
478 presence of solutes, e.g., ammonia (Pizzarello et al. 2011) and methanol.

479 The condition of aqueous alteration of the UCAMM can be estimated by the experiments  
480 by Nakamura-Messenger et al. (2011). They have conducted a hydrothermal experiment of

481 anhydrous IDPs and reported the rapid formation of hydrated silicates at 25-160°C for 12-24  
482 hours under basic pH conditions (pH=12), that is, alteration of amorphous silicate into  
483 hydrous phyllosilicate possibly proceeds extremely quickly. UCAMM DO05IB80 does not  
484 contain hydrous silicates but Mg and S leached out from GEMS grains instead, which  
485 indicates a shorter duration reaction at lower temperature, lower pH and/or slightly oxidizing  
486 conditions compared to their experiments. Considering that the degree of alteration should  
487 have been much lower than aqueous alteration in the major CM and CI carbonaceous  
488 chondrites that lasted for several million years (e.g., Fujiya et al. 2013), planetesimals  
489 collisions are most likely to produce a very weak degree of aqueous alteration in a short  
490 duration. The large  $P\Delta V$  irreversible energy deposition during compaction of pore spaces of  
491 cometary ices initiates melting at very low shock pressures of 0.1-0.5 GPa between 250 and  
492 150K (Stewart and Ahrens, 2004). The pressure range is comparable to the typical impact  
493 velocities of comets generating the peak pressures of ~1 GPa (Stewart and Ahrens, 2004).

494       Although there may be a possibility that the UCAMM had suffered terrestrial weathering  
495 in Antarctic snow, the possibility would be low because iron hydroxide, which is easily  
496 formed by weathering of pyrrhotite (Taylor et al. 2002), is not identified. The residence time  
497 of the micrometeorites at the Antarctic snow is much shorter (ca. a year) than the lifetime of



498 the Antarctic ice (ca. thousands years), and the average temperatures near the Dome Fuji  
499 station is  $-54^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Shiraishi, 2012), which would prevent the weathering reaction.

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#### 501 **4-4. Comparison with Other UCAMMs, AMMs, IDPs, Comets, and Chondritic** 502 **Meteorites**

503 UCAMM D05IB80 consists of large (tens of micrometers) organic material with  
504 submicron-sized mineral species such as crystalline silicate, sulfide, and GEMS grains.  
505 Similarly, UCAMMs investigated by Duprat et al. (2010) and Dobrică et al. (2012) have  
506 continuous large areas composed of carbonaceous material, and minerals and GEMS grains  
507 are embedded in the carbonaceous material. The nitrogen chemical characteristics of organic  
508 material in the UCAMM D05IB80 is consistent with those described by Dartois et al. (2013),  
509 who identified  $\text{C}=\text{N}$  and  $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$  from their non-FIB UCAMM samples. The similarity suggests  
510 that the organic chemistry and mineralogy identified in the present study are common for  
511 UCAMMs, although GEMS grains in their UCAMMs are enriched in Fe sulfide nanocrystals  
512 and do not show depletion of Mg and S.

513 The isotopic compositions of UCAMMs appear to be highly variable; D,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , and  $^{15}\text{N}$   
514 isotopic compositions are normal in this study, which is also the case for a UCAMM

515 containing abundant presolar grains (Floss et al., 2012). On the contrary, extreme enrichments  
516 of D and  $^{15}\text{N}$  are found in two UCAMMs by the French-Italian team (Duprat et al. 2010;  
517 Dartois et al. 2013). Duprat et al. (2010) showed that one UCAMM had an area of larger D  
518 excess ( $\delta\text{D} > \sim 10000\text{‰}$ ) than another ( $\delta\text{D} > 5400\text{‰}$ ) with a clear boundary. Indeed, the  
519 stratosphere IDPs (Messenger, 2000) and the comet Wild 2 dust particles (Matrajt et al. 2012)  
520 show a wide range of the H and N isotopic compositions from values extremely rich in  
521 heavy-isotopes to normal values with the terrestrial levels. Thus, it is difficult to determine  
522 the origin of the samples only with the presence or absence of the isotopic anomalies.

523 An anhydrous interplanetary dust particle (IDP) L2006LB23 is comprised mainly of  
524 carbonaceous material ( $\sim 90\%$ ) (Thomas et al. 1994). The IDP is regarded as an  
525 ultracarbonaceous IDP. The ultramicrotomed section (Figs. 1 and 2 in Thomas et al. 1994)  
526 has a bubble-wall structure made by organic material containing minerals grains, which is  
527 quite similar to the sections of the UCAMM D05IB80. Not only the internal structure, but  
528 also mineralogy of the ultracarbonaceous IDP is similar to the UCAMM D05IB80. The IDP  
529 contains Si-rich glass containing Fe sulfide and Fe-Ni metal grains, Si-rich glass, pyroxene,  
530 olivine, and Fe sulfide. In addition to pyroxene, olivine, and Fe sulfide, the UCAMM  
531 D05IB80 contains amorphous  $\text{SiO}_2$  and GEMS grains that are highly depleted in Mg and S

532 (Figs. 2, 3). It is likely that these two phases correspond to Si-rich glass and Si-rich glass  
533 containing Fe sulfide and Fe-Ni metal grains in L2006LB23. These data suggest that there is a  
534 genetic relationship between these objects.

535 Mineralogy and nitrogen-rich organic functional group chemistry were common to the  
536 UCAMM D05IB80 and one of the anhydrous AMMs (D10IB009) collected from the  
537 Antarctic snow near Dome Fuji station (Noguchi et al. 2017). On the other hand, a difference  
538 is that D10IB009 contains GEMS including Fe-metal, and thus it is likely that the UCAMM  
539 D05IB80 is aqueously more altered than the anhydrous AMM. Another difference is that the  
540 organic material in D10IB009 has D- and  $^{15}\text{N}$ -enrichments ( $\delta\text{D} = \sim 2000\text{-}10000\text{‰}$ ,  $\delta^{15}\text{N} =$   
541  $\sim 300\text{-}1000\text{‰}$ ) (Noguchi et al. 2017), similarly to CP-IDPs (e.g., Messenger et al. 2000),  
542 although it is unlikely that the lack of isotopic anomalies in the UCAMM be due to the  
543 aqueous alteration, based on the facts that a number of aqueous altered carbonaceous  
544 chondrites retain organics enriched in the heavy isotopes (e.g., Busemann et al. 2006;  
545 Nakamura-Messenger et al. 2006; Hashiguchi et al. 2013).

546 It should be noted that the N-XANES spectra of the regions 1 and 2 in the UCAMM  
547 D05IB80 (Fig. 7d) are very similar to those of three particles of comet Wild 2 with N/C ratios  
548 of 0.08-0.16, one of which was an organic nanoglobule with the nitrogen isotopic

549 composition indistinguishable from the terrestrial values (De Gregorio et al., 2010). Other  
550 particles of comet Wild 2 have lesser amounts of imine, nitrile, and amidyl groups than amino,  
551 urea, and carbamoyl ( $\text{NH}_x(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{OR}$ ) groups in their N-XANES spectra (Cody et al., 2008),  
552 but the N/C ( $\sim 0.12$ ) and O/C ( $0.22 - 0.28$ ) ratios of some of the spectra are comparable to  
553 those in this study (Fig. 11). Moreover, the appearance of the organic soluble phase in  
554 UCAMM D05IB80 extracted from epoxy (Fig. 5) is similar to those of the epoxy-soluble  
555 organic matter in the comet Wild 2 dust particles (Cody et al. 2008; De Gregorio et al. 2011).

556 The chemical and isotopic characteristics of UCAMM-D05IB90 are significantly different  
557 from the organic materials in types 1 and 2 carbonaceous chondrites (e.g., Cody et al., 2011),  
558 while they are similar to some of the primitive CR3 chondrites. The large smooth organic  
559 material connected with globular organics in the UCAMM is similar to that in a CR3  
560 chondrite, MET 00426, observed by Le Guillou and Brearley (2014), which is an elongated  
561 vein 3–4  $\mu\text{m}$  in length and up to 1  $\mu\text{m}$  width, with a sharp boundary between surrounding  
562 silicates and sulfides. They observed a single organic nanoglobule embedded in the main  
563 organic mass and an aggregate of rounded particles connected to the main vein. Peeters et al.  
564 (2012) also found a several micron-sized organic vein containing a number of nanoglobules in  
565 QUE 99177 CR3 chondrite, of which N-XANES spectrum is similar to our observation. The

566 comet Wild 2 is estimated to have experienced little or no aqueous alteration on the basis of  
567 the absence of phyllosilicates (Zolensky et al. 2006). CR3 chondrites contain abundance  
568 amorphous silicates (e.g., Abreu and Brearley, 2010; Le Guillou and Brearley, 2014) and are  
569 thought to have experienced the earliest stage of parent body aqueous alteration. Therefore,  
570 the similarities among the organics in the UCAMM D05IB80, the comet Wild 2, and CR3  
571 chondrites corroborate that the UCAMM are more primitive than most of the  
572 aqueously-altered carbonaceous chondrites.

573 The recent results by the Rosetta mission unveiled the presence of organic-rich, dark  
574 dehydrated surface of the comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko by the Visible, Infrared and  
575 Thermal Imaging Spectrometer (VIRTIS) (Capaccioni et al. 2015). The evolved gas analyzer  
576 Cometary Sampling and Composition (COSAC) mass spectrometry identified a number of  
577 nitrogen-bearing organic molecules, such as nitriles, amines, amides, and isocyanates, but no  
578 sulfur species on the comet 67P/C-G (Goesmann et al. 2015). The high abundance and  
579 chemical compositions of organics on the comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko may be  
580 related to the precursor material of large N-rich organics of the UCAMM, prior to organic  
581 sulfurization under aqueous condition.

582 Moreover, our work reports the first finding of organic materials retaining C, H, O, N and

583 S elements all together from micrometeorites. Another finding of CHONS organics has been  
584 reported from the polar solvent extracts from Murchison meteorite (Schmitt-Kopplin et al.  
585 2010). Because of the unusual similarity in the organic elemental compositions and polar  
586 nature between the UCAMM and Murchison, the possibility that the UCAMM organics  
587 contains the precursor of the meteoritic CHONS compounds is expected, and could be a key  
588 indicator of the comet-asteroid continuum. In order to trace back and determine the precursors  
589 of organic materials in the early Solar System, further analyses and comparative studies of the  
590 most primitive extraterrestrial materials we can obtain, such as anhydrous micrometeorites,  
591 IDPs and the least altered carbonaceous chondrites through the comprehensive inorganic and  
592 organic analytical strategies without discrimination between soluble and insoluble, will be  
593 necessary.

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## 595 **5. Summary**

596 An ultracarbonaceous micrometeorite (UCAMM D05IB80), collected from near the  
597 Dome Fuji Station, Antarctica, has been investigated by coordinated *in-situ* analyses.  
598 According to the following unique features of organics and minerals that are different from  
599 chondritic meteorites, we conclude that the UCAMM was formed by small amount of

600 fluid-induced interaction of organics and minerals in a porous ice-rich cometary body.

601 1. A major part of the organic materials in the UCAMM shows a smooth texture to which  
602 globular aggregates are connected, and includes an epoxy-soluble phase. The UCAMM  
603 shows nitrogen-rich organic chemistry ( $N/C = 0.15$ ). Its organic functional groups include  
604 a variety of nitrogen-bearing groups; heterocyclic nitrogen, nitrile, imine, and amide. The  
605 polar functional group compositions and the solvent solubility indicate very primitive  
606 nature of the organic material in the UCAMM.

607 2. GEMS grains are depleted in Mg and S. This is an evidence for incipient aqueous  
608 alteration in the UCAMM parent body. Shock heating in an icy planetesimal  
609 instantaneously melted ice grains and released water, which dissolved organic material.

610 Due to the high porosity and low density of a cometary body, the fluid did not diffuse but  
611 formed a large-size organic puddle ( $15 \times 15 \mu\text{m}$ ). The locally generated fluid sulfurized  
612 organic material, formed mineral thin layers (C, O, Si, S, and Fe) at the surface of  
613 organics, and deformed the shape of organic nanoglobules.

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873 **Figure captions:**

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875 Figure 1. (a) Secondary electron image of an ultracarbonaceous micrometeorite (UCAMM)  
876 D05IB80 placed on a platinum plate. The upper half of the UCAMM is porous and covered  
877 by fine-grained (typically sub  $\mu\text{m}$ ) particles, whereas the lower half is smooth. (b) Bright-field  
878 (BF) TEM images of ultramicrotomed sections of the UCAMM D05IB80. Each section was  
879 selected out of every three to five serial sections. Abbreviations: LPx , low-Ca pyroxene; PO,  
880 pyrrhotite; Ol, Olivine.

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882 Figure 2. (a, b) BF-TEM images of GEMS grains in the UCAMM D05IB80. (c)  
883 HAADF-STEM image and elemental distribution maps of the same GEMS grains in (b). (d-i)  
884 BF TEM images of minerals in a FIB section and ultrathin sections of D05IB80. (d) olivine  
885 crystal in the FIB sections, (e-i) olivine, low-Ca pyroxene, high-Ca pyroxene, amorphous  
886 silica, and pyrrhotite in ultrathin sections. An inset in each TEM image is a selected area  
887 electron diffraction (SAED) pattern of each phase.

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889 Figure 3. Chemical compositions of phases in the UCAMM D05IB80. (a) [Si + Al]-Mg-Fe

890 ternary diagram and (b) Si-S-Fe ternary diagram of GEMS grains. (c) Pyroxene quadrilateral  
891 showing chemical compositions of low- and high-Ca pyroxenes and Forsterite (Fo) mol.%  
892 histogram of olivine. (d) S-Fe-Ni ternary diagram of pyrrhotite. (e) FeO vs MnO and (f) FeO  
893 vs Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> diagrams of olivine and low-Ca pyroxene.

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895 Figure 4. BSE image after SIMS analysis and <sup>12</sup>C<sup>14</sup>N<sup>-</sup>, <sup>16</sup>O<sup>-</sup> and <sup>32</sup>S<sup>-</sup> isotopographs of UCAMM  
896 D05IB80.

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898 Figure 5. (a) Back-scattered electron image, (b) optical image by a transmitted light, and (c)  
899 that by a reflected light of the surface of the polished cross-section of the UCAMM D05IB80.  
900 Tungsten deposition shown in (a) is the position where the focused ion beam (FIB) section  
901 was lifted out. (c) Transmitted optical image of the FIB section of the UCAMM D05IB80.  
902 The dark brown and the light brown area are contacted with a sinuous boundary. (d)  
903 High-angle annular dark-field scanning transmission electron microscopy (HAADF-STEM)  
904 image of the FIB section of D05IB80, where parallel grooves running from upper right to  
905 lower left are tracks formed by Cs<sup>+</sup> ion implantation during the SIMS mapping analysis. The  
906 two morphologies (smooth and globular) are indicated by arrows. Two box areas indicate



907 where elemental maps and high-resolution observation were performed (Fig. 9). Two GEMS  
908 grains and a polycrystalline olivine are also indicated.

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910 Figure 6. Raman spectrum of the organic material in the UCAMM D05IB80. Background was  
911 subtracted. Peak position and full width at the half maximum (FWHM) of D<sub>1</sub> and G bands are  
912 shown as  $\omega_{D_1}$ ,  $\Gamma_{D_1}$ ,  $\omega_G$ , and  $\Gamma_G$ , respectively. In this spectrum, D<sub>1</sub> (red line), D<sub>2</sub> (green line),  
913 and G (blue line) bands were used to fit the spectrum. The residual graph is a difference  
914 between the raw spectrum and fitted spectrum.

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916 Figure 7. (a) Carbon- and (b) nitrogen- distribution maps of the UCAMM D05IB80 obtained  
917 by STXM, and (c) carbon- and (d) nitrogen-XANES spectra of the regions 1, 2, and epoxy  
918 indicated in (b). Peak assignments are based on Leinweber et al. (2007) and Cody et al.  
919 (2008); peak A: 1s- $\pi^*$  transition for aromatic carbon (C=C\*) at 285.1 eV, peak B: 1s- $\pi^*$   
920 transition for N-heterocycles (C-N\*=C), nitrile (C $\equiv$ N\*) or vinyl-keto carbon (C=C-C\*=O) at  
921 ~286.6 eV, peak C: 1s-3p/s\* transition for aliphatic carbon at CH<sub>x</sub>-C at ~287.5 eV, peak D:  
922 1s- $\pi^*$  transition for carbonyl carbon in amide (NH<sub>x</sub>(C\*=O)C) at ~288.0-288.2 eV and/or  
923 1s- $\pi^*$  transition for carbonyl carbon in carboxyl or ester (OR(C\*=O)C) at ~288.4-288.7 eV,

924 peak E:  $1s-\pi^*$  transition for imine ( $C=N^*$ ) at 398.8 eV, peak F:  $1s-\pi^*$  transition for  
925 N-heterocycles ( $C-N^*=C$ ) and/or nitrile ( $C\equiv N^*$ ) and/or at  $\sim 399.7$  eV, and peak G:  $1s-\pi^*$   
926 transition for amide ( $N^*Hx(C=O)C$ ) or  $1s-3p/s^*$  transition for amino ( $C-N^*Hx$ ) at 401.5 eV.

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928 Figure 8. (a) BF TEM images obtained by in-situ observation of organic nanoglobules in the  
929 UCAMM D05IB80. (b) Moderate- and (c) high-resolution BF TEM images of the globular  
930 boundaries. (d) Moderate- and (e) high-resolution BF TEM images of the smooth boundary.  
931 Thin ( $< 2$  nm) less-electron transparent layers indicated by arrows exist on the both kinds of  
932 boundaries shown in (c) and (e). (f) High-resolution TEM image of the thin layer in the  
933 globular boundary shows nanocrystals indicating 0.24- and 0.28- nm lattice fringes. (g)  
934 High-resolution TEM image of the thin layer in the smooth region shows there are no  
935 nanocrystals in the boundary.

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937 Figure 9. (a) Elemental distribution maps of the smooth boundary shown as “Map 1” in Fig.  
938 5e. The area near the boundary is enriched in C, O, Na, Si, S, K, and Fe. (b) Elemental  
939 distribution maps of the globular boundary shown as “Map 2” in Fig. 5e. The area near the  
940 boundary is enriched in C, O, Si, S, and Fe. The less electron transparent material is enriched

941 in O, Si, S, and Fe. A GEMS grain appears as an O, Mg, and Si enriched area in the lower  
942 right corner. (c) High resolution TEM image of a polycrystalline aggregate of tiny crystals  
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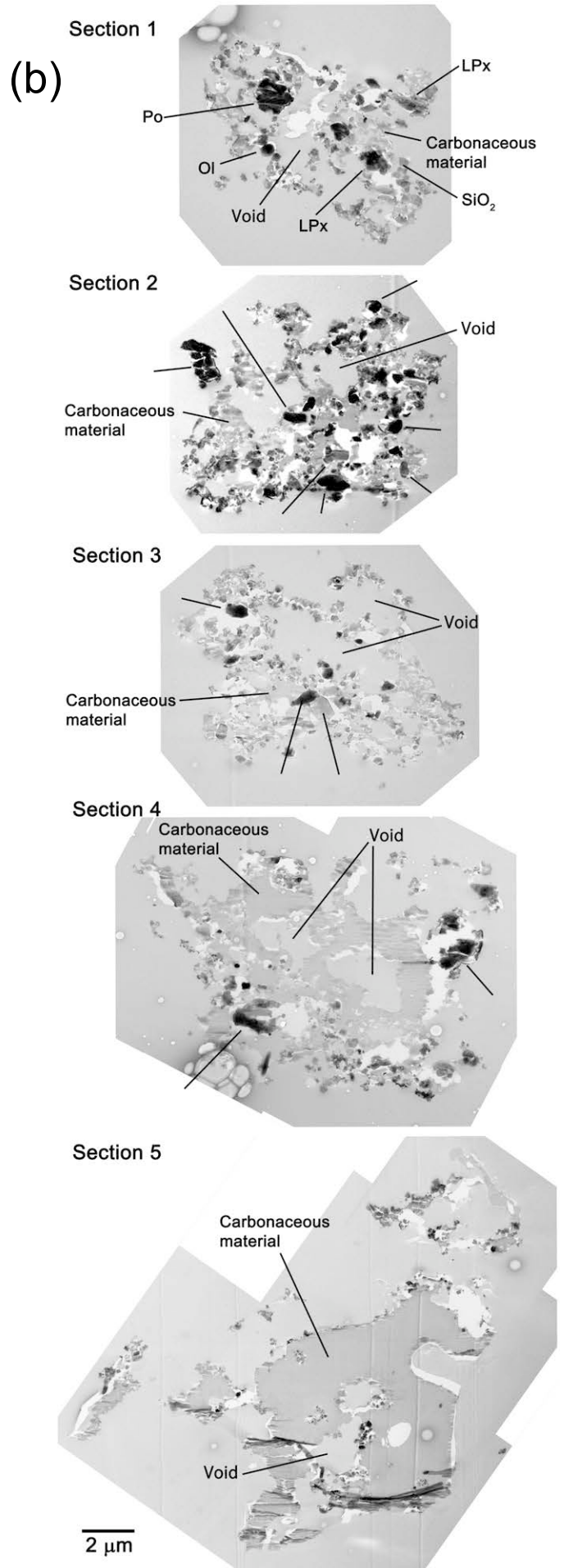
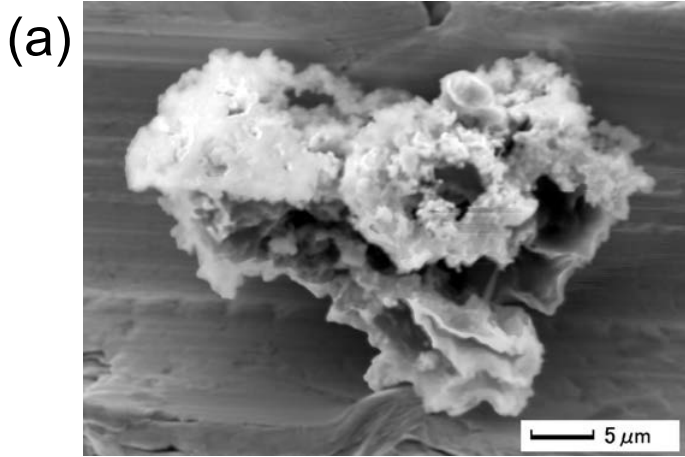
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945 Figure 10. (a) The  $^{12}\text{C}^{14}\text{N}^-$  and  $\delta\text{D}$  isotopographs before preparing a FIB thin section. Scale  
946 bars are  $10\ \mu\text{m}$ . Color bars are secondary ion counts for  $^{12}\text{C}^{14}\text{N}^-$  isotopograph and isotope ratio  
947 with delta-value for  $\delta\text{D}$  isotopograph. (b) BSE image,  $^{12}\text{C}^{14}\text{N}^-$ ,  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  and  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  isotopographs  
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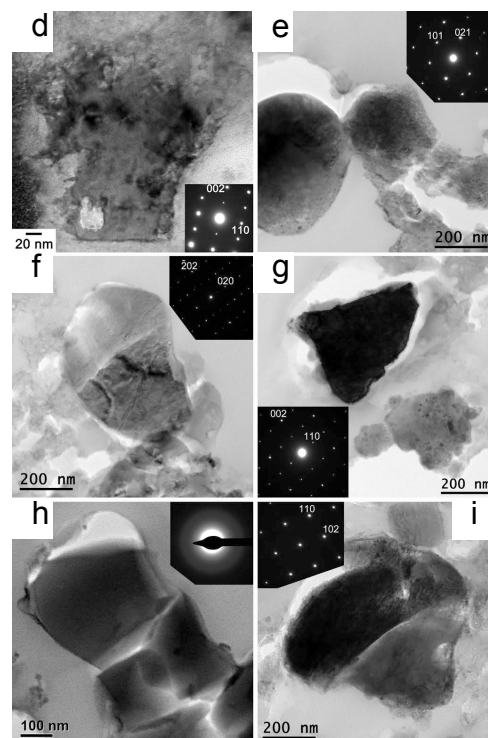
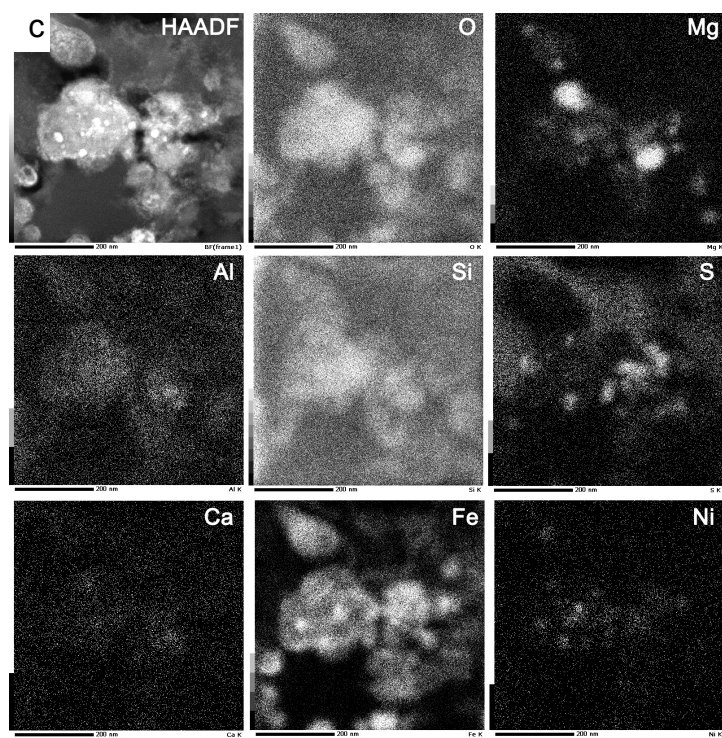
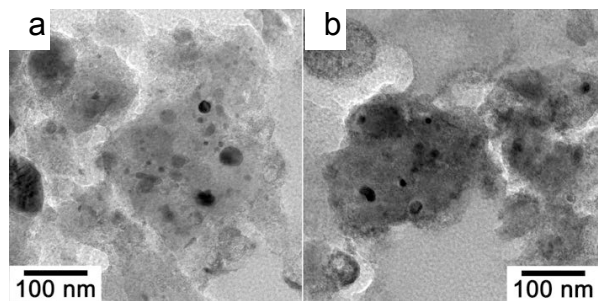
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951 Figure. 11. N/C versus O/C ratios of organics in the UCAMM D05IB80 (●, this study), the  
952 comet Wild 2 dust particles (□, Cody et al. 2008), the anhydrous IDP L20211R11 (■, Cody  
953 et al. 2008), types 1 and 2 chondritic insoluble organic solids (■, Alexander et al. 2007), and  
954 the UV irradiation products from interstellar analogues (○, Nuevo et al. 2011) (UV1  
955  $\text{H}_2\text{O}:\text{CH}_3\text{OH}:\text{CO}:\text{NH}_3 = 100:50:1:1$ , UV2  $\text{H}_2\text{O}:\text{CH}_3\text{OH}:\text{CO}:\text{NH}_3:\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 = 100:50:1:1:10$ ). The  
956 ratios were estimated from fitting of C-, N-, and O-XANES spectra.

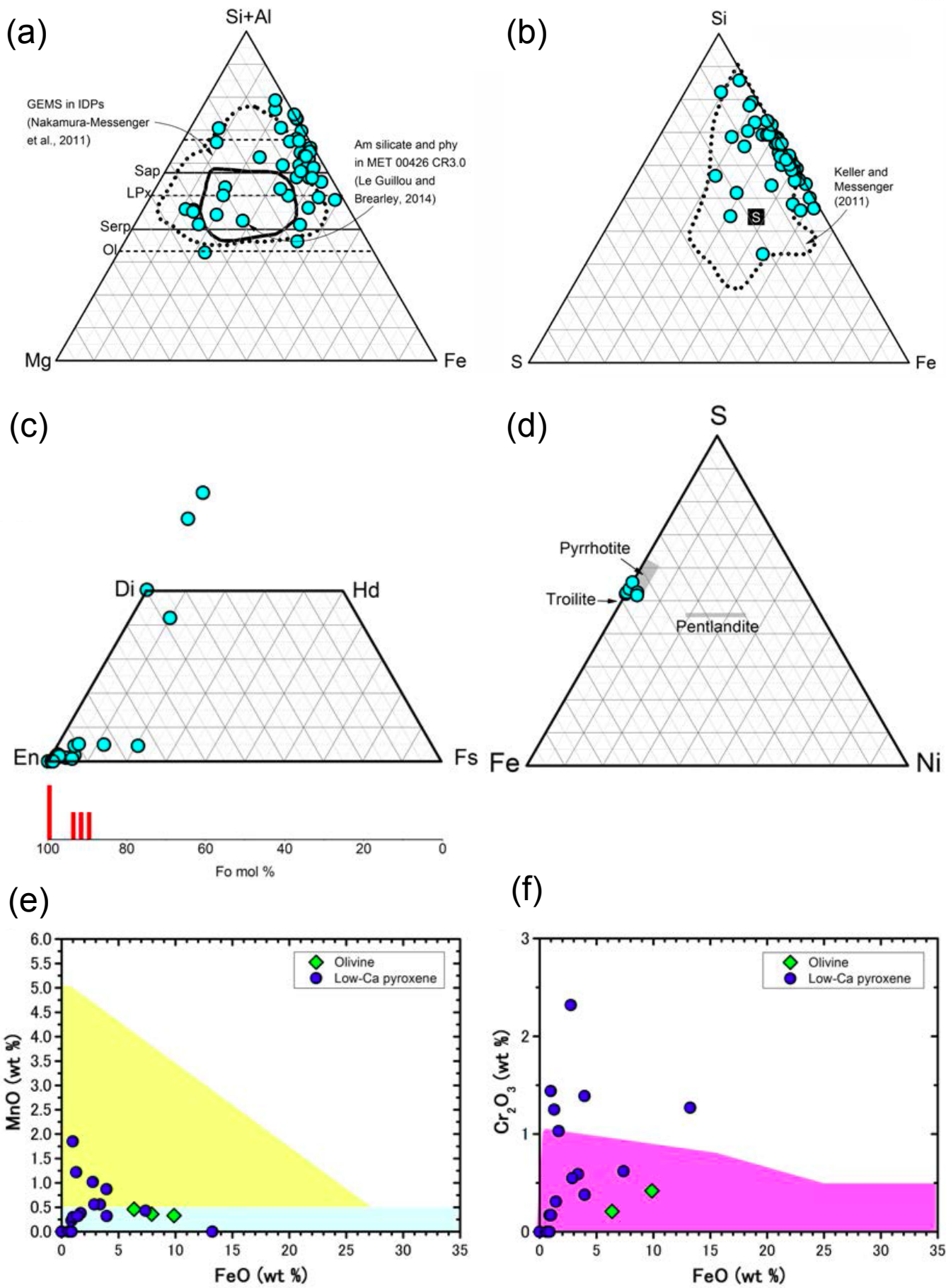
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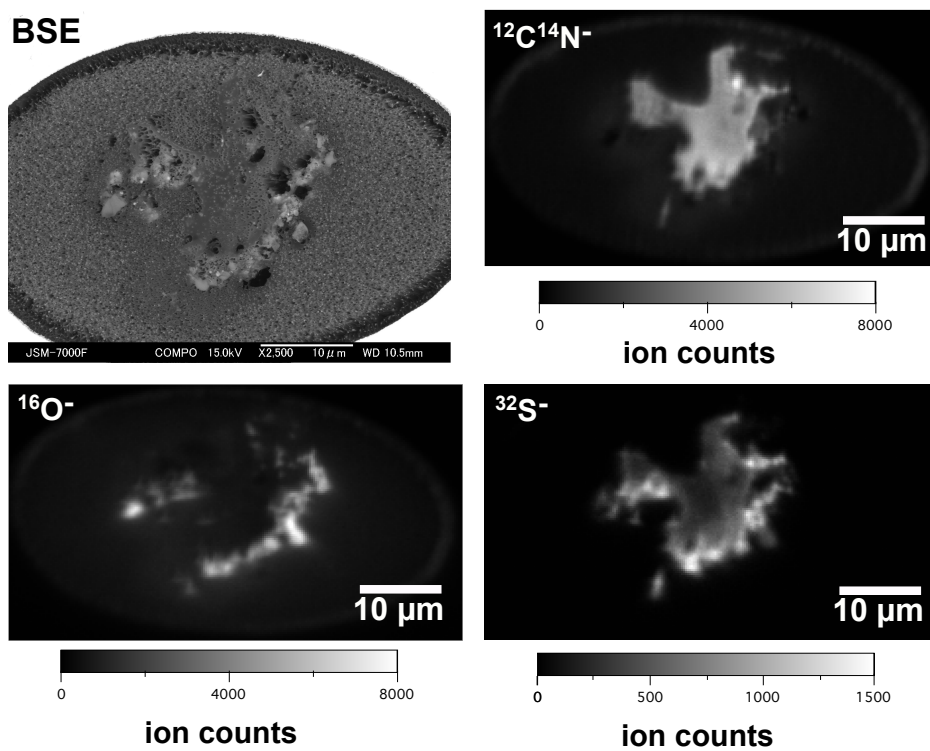
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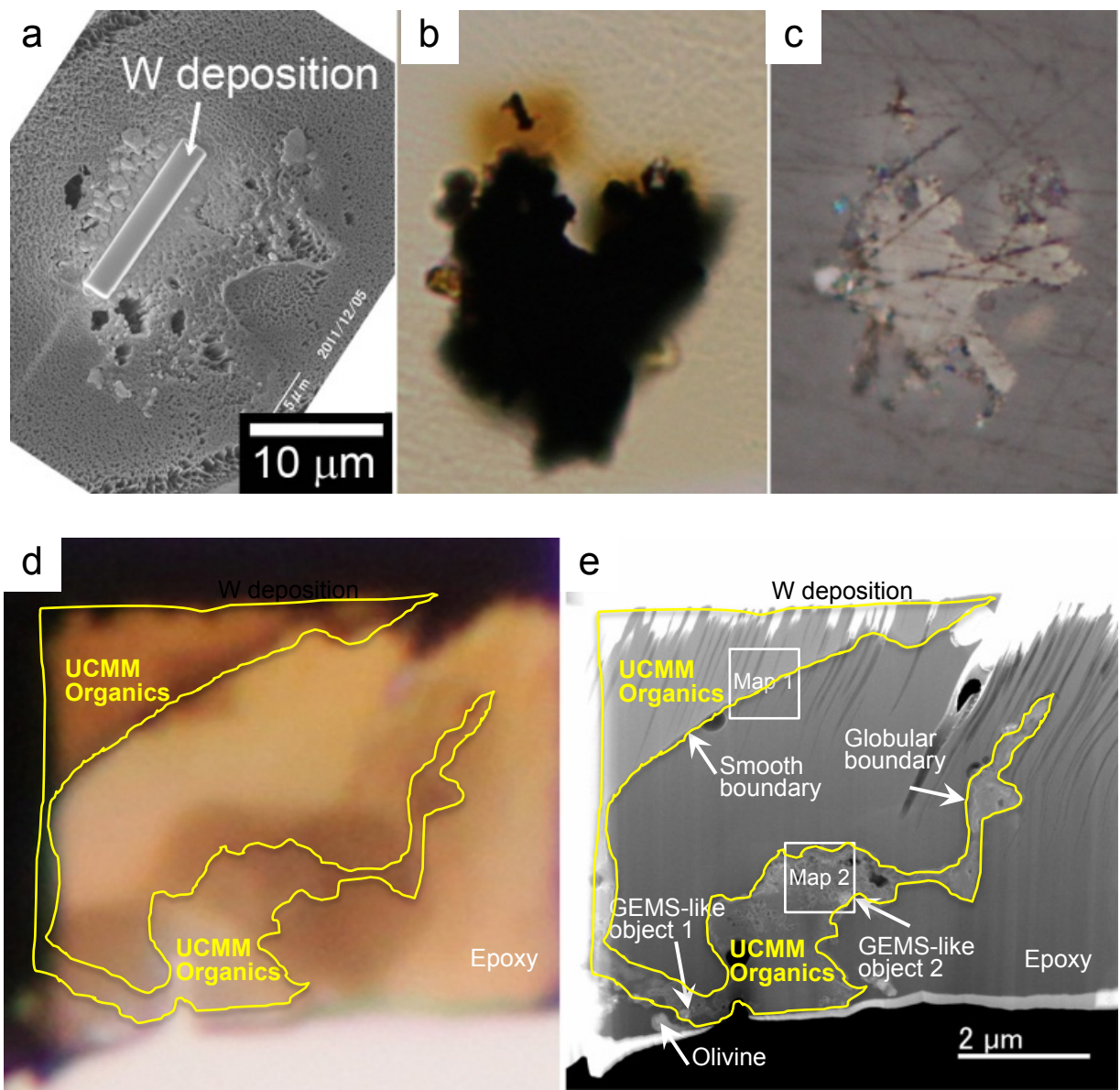
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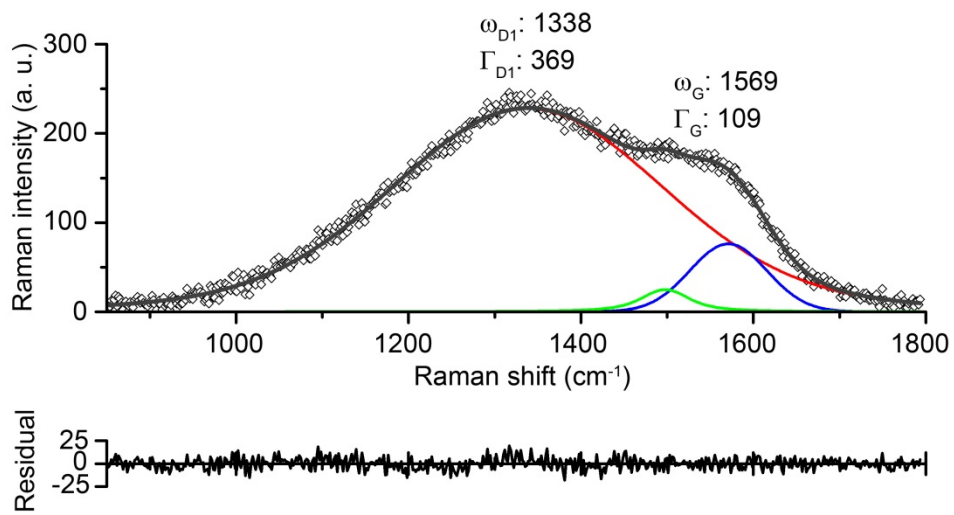


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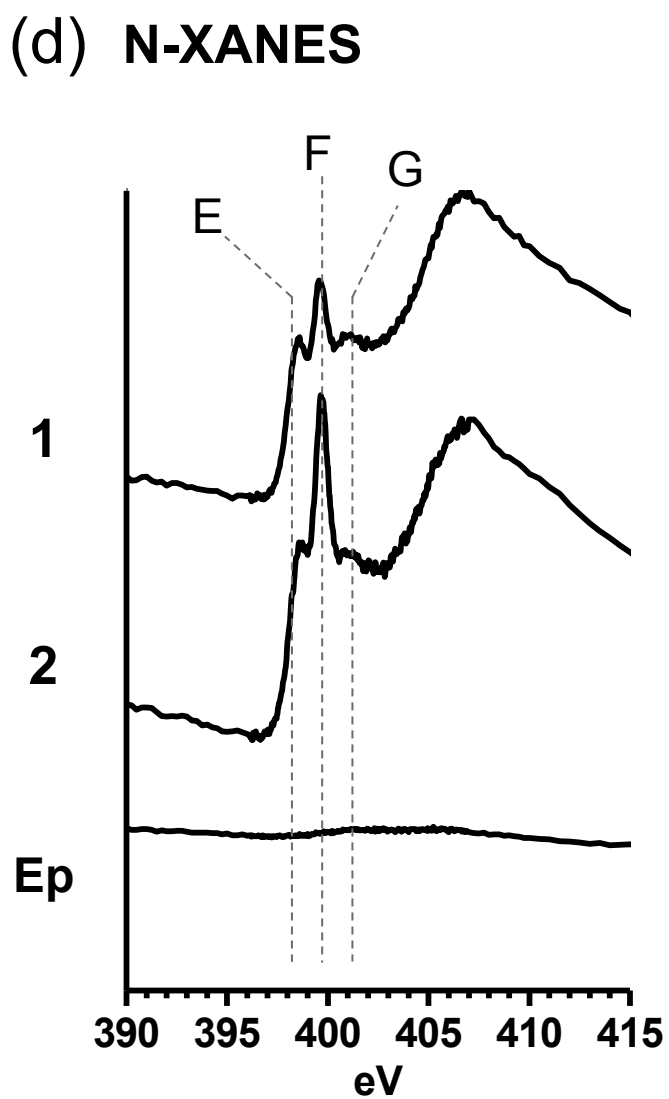
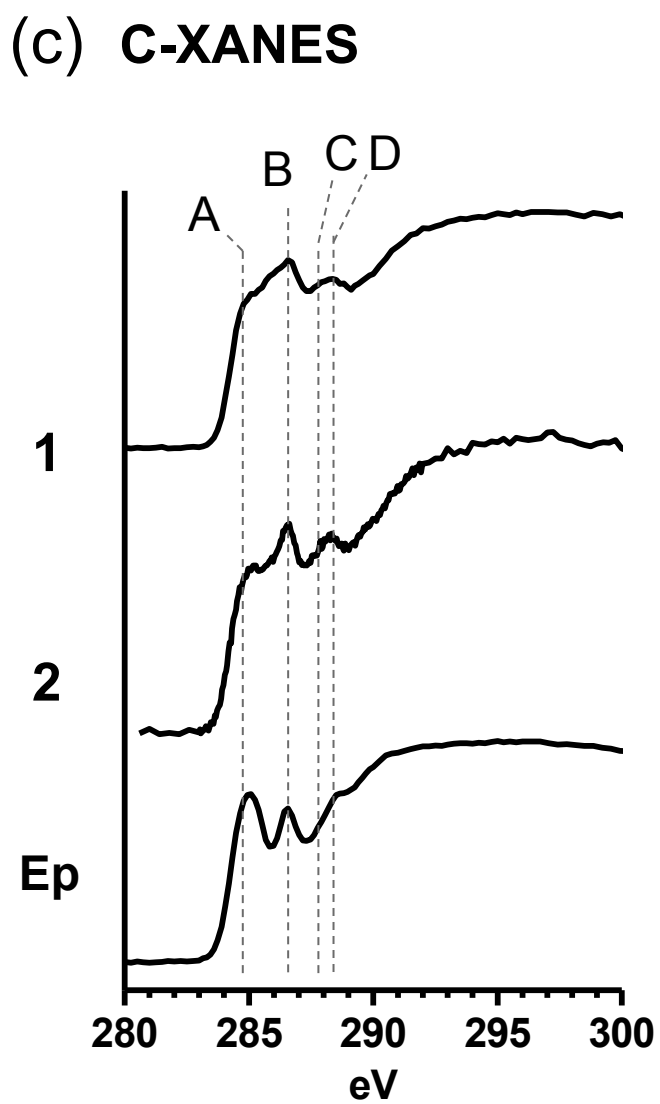
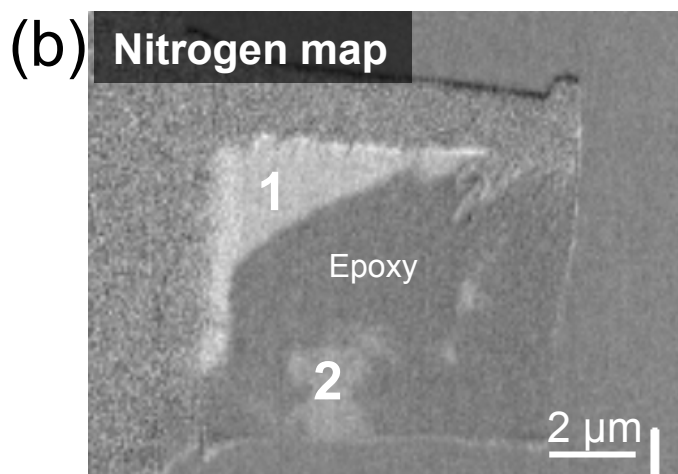
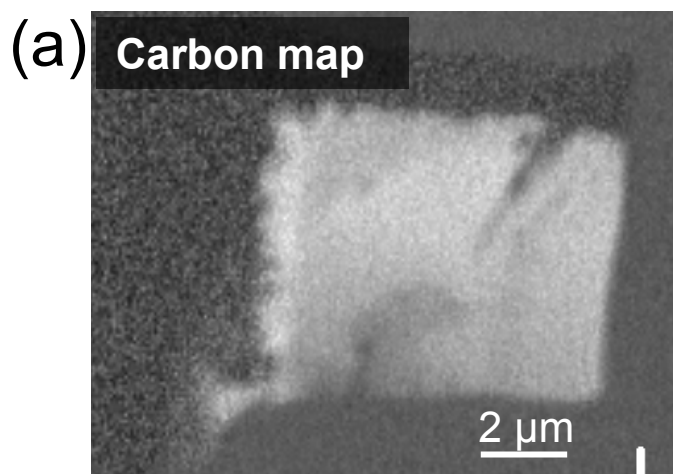


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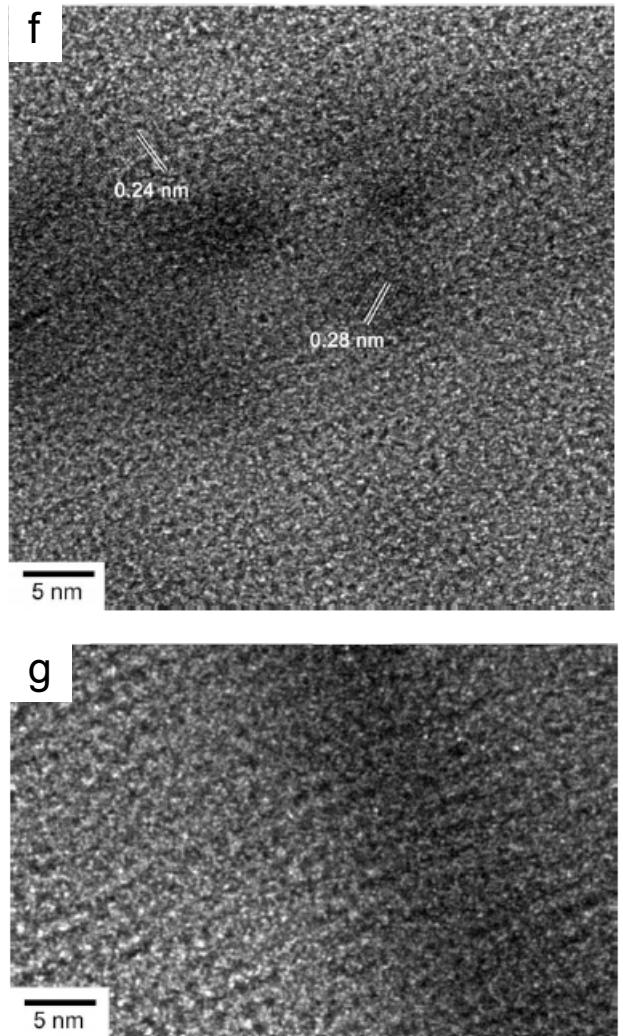
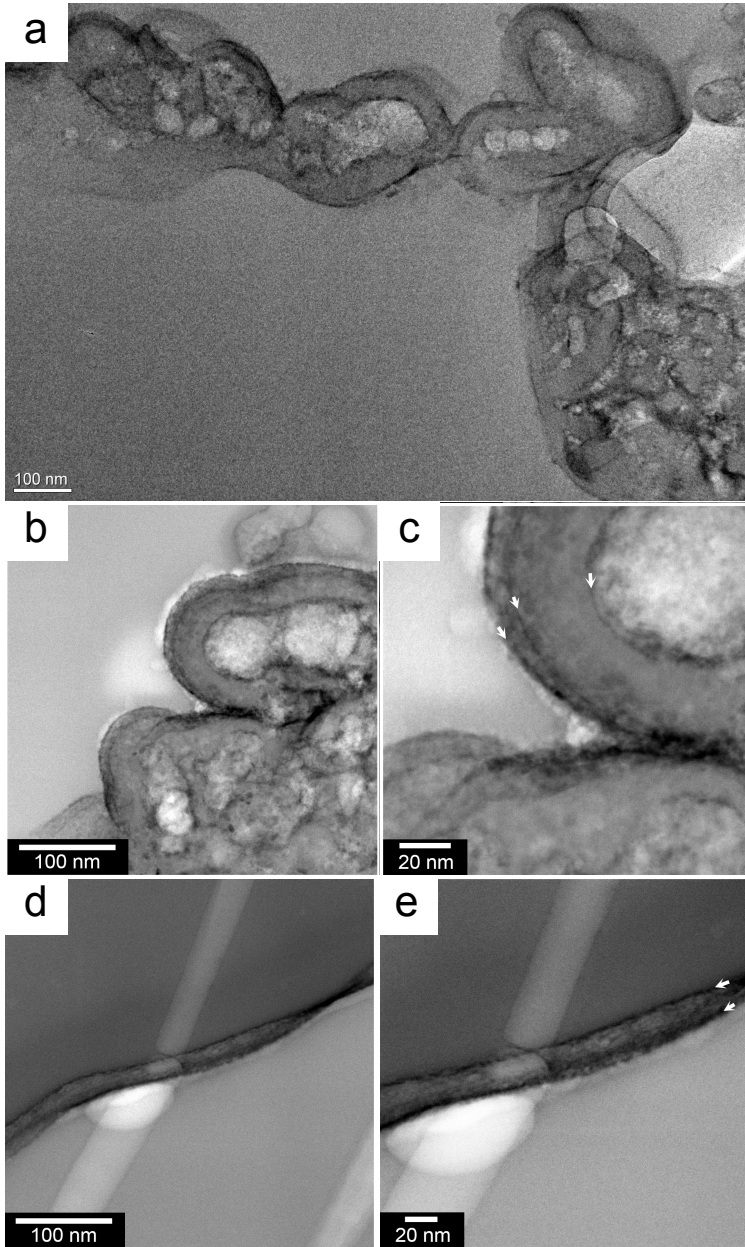




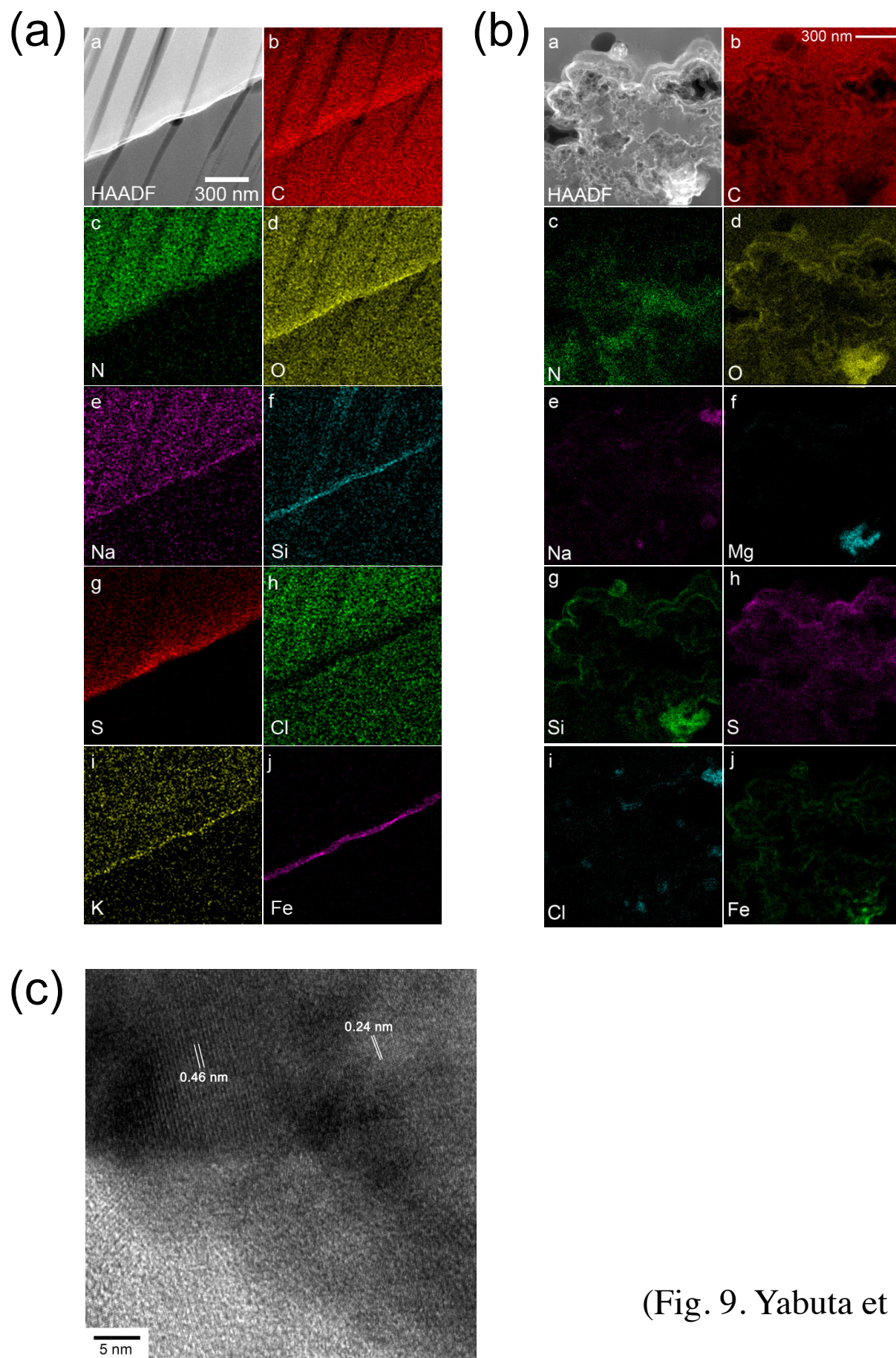
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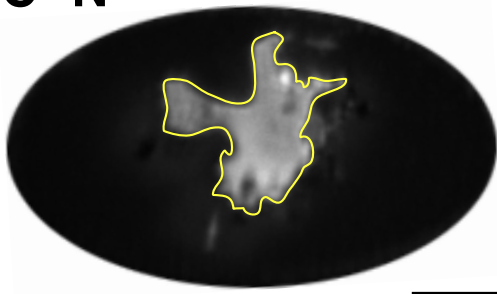
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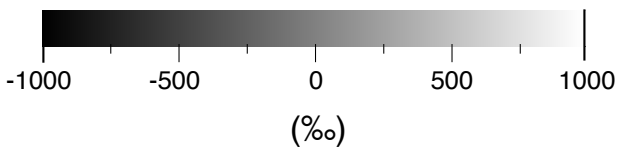
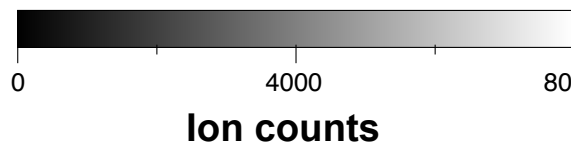
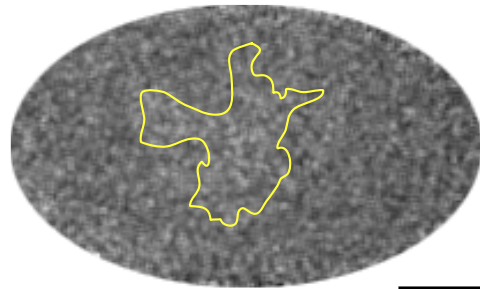
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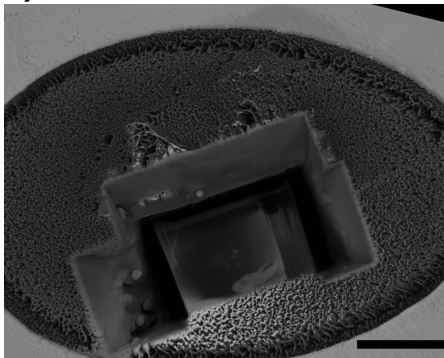
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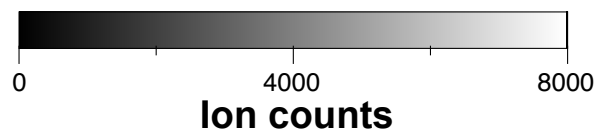
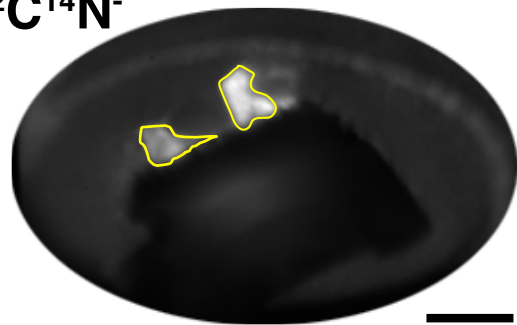
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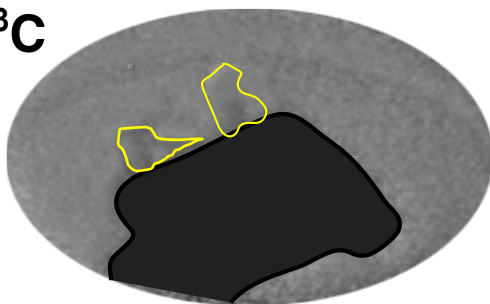
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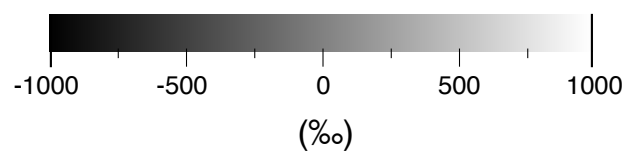
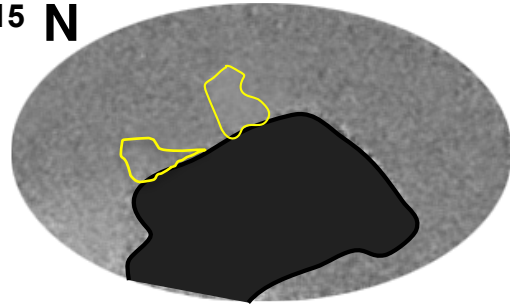
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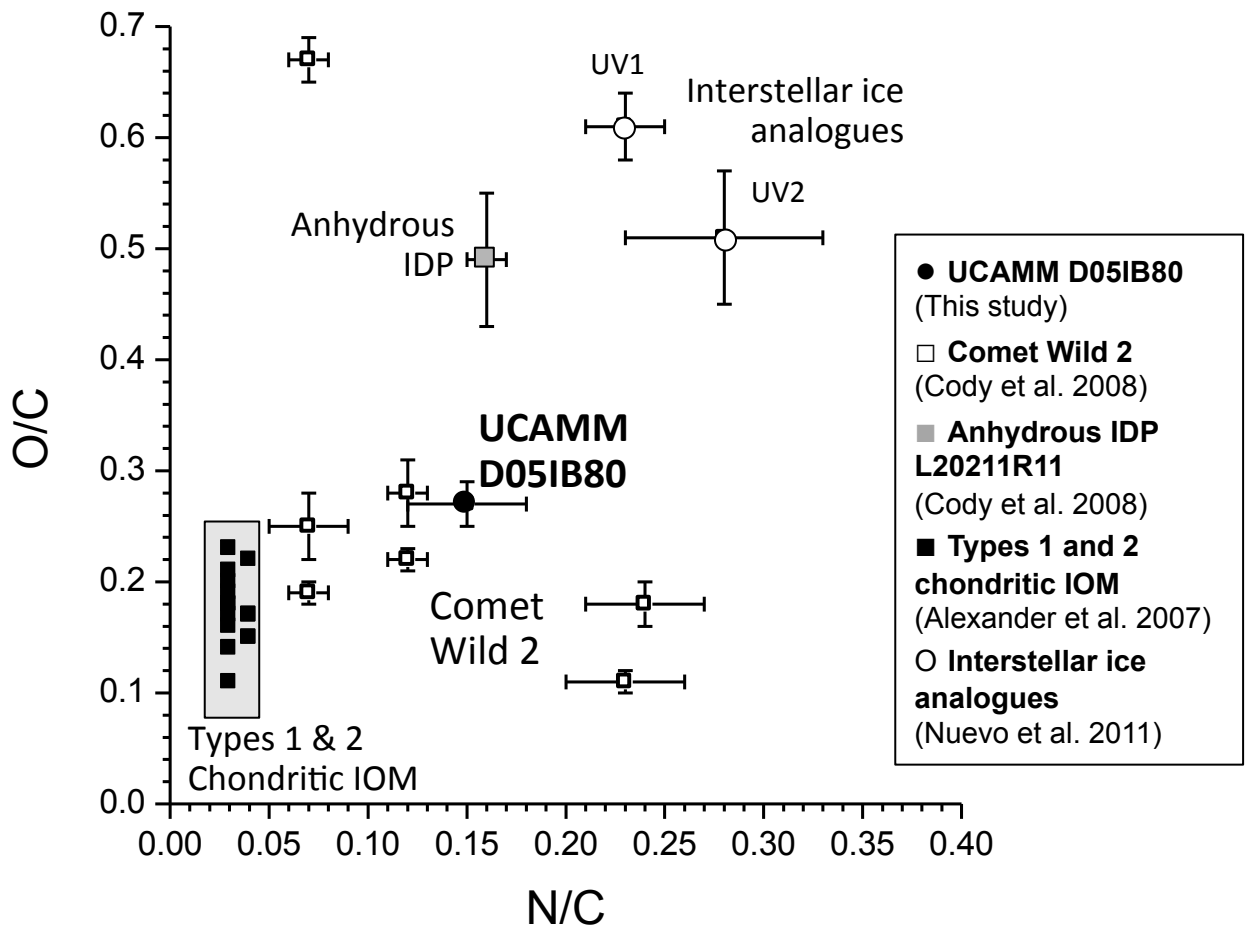
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