

A Trip to the Early Solar System: First Results from Returned Asteroid Ryugu Samples

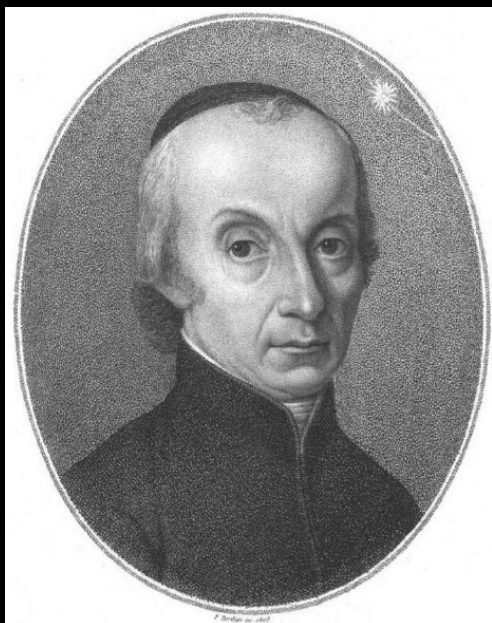


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- 1801: Giuseppe Piazzi (Palermo) discovered new planetary body between Mars and Jupiter that he named Cerere Ferdinanda, soon shortened to Ceres

DELLA SCOPERTA
DEL NUOVO PIANETA
CERERE FERDINANDEA

OTTAVO TRA I PRIMARJ DEL NOSTRO SISTEMA
SOLARE.



PAERMO
1802

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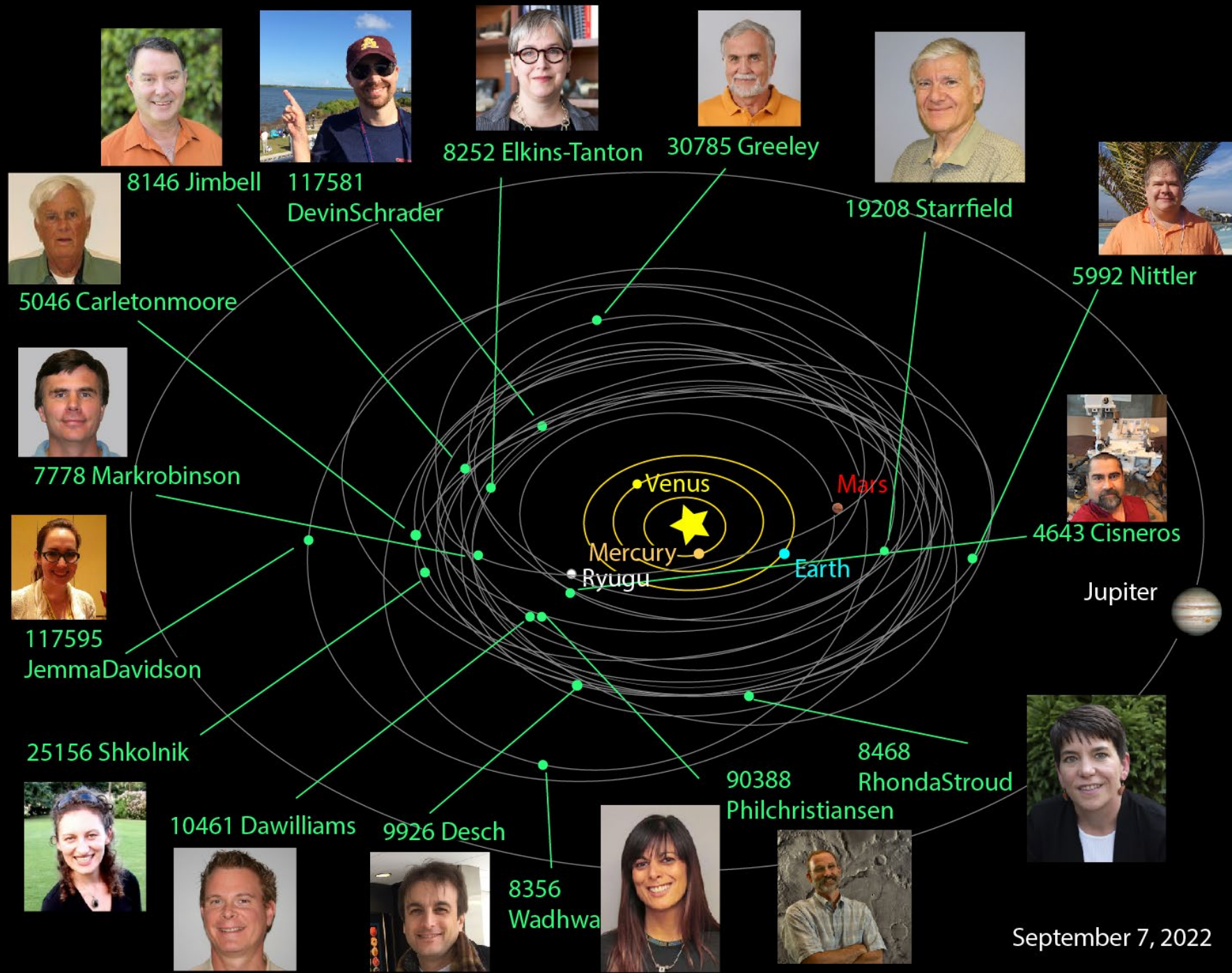
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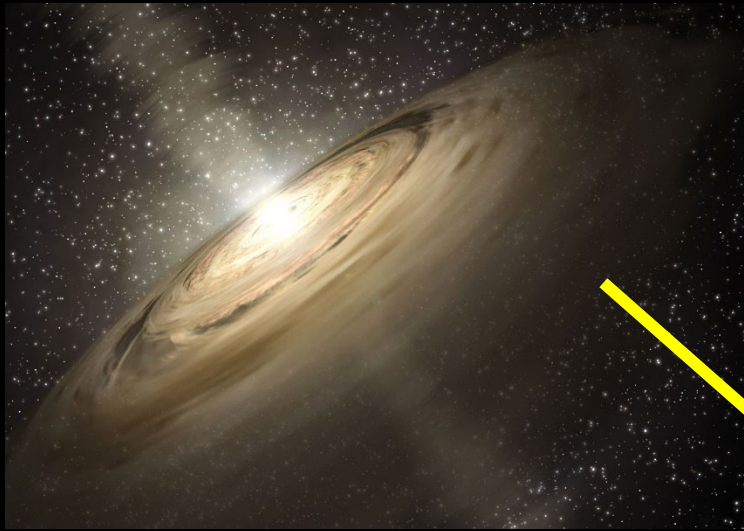


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Why should we care?



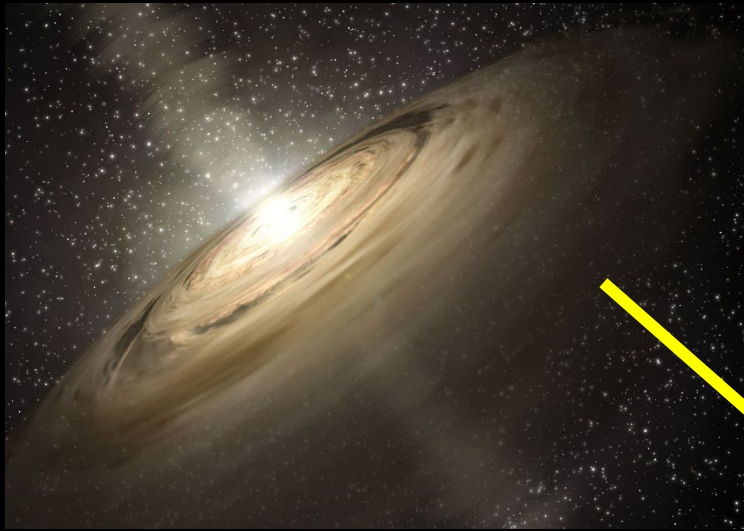
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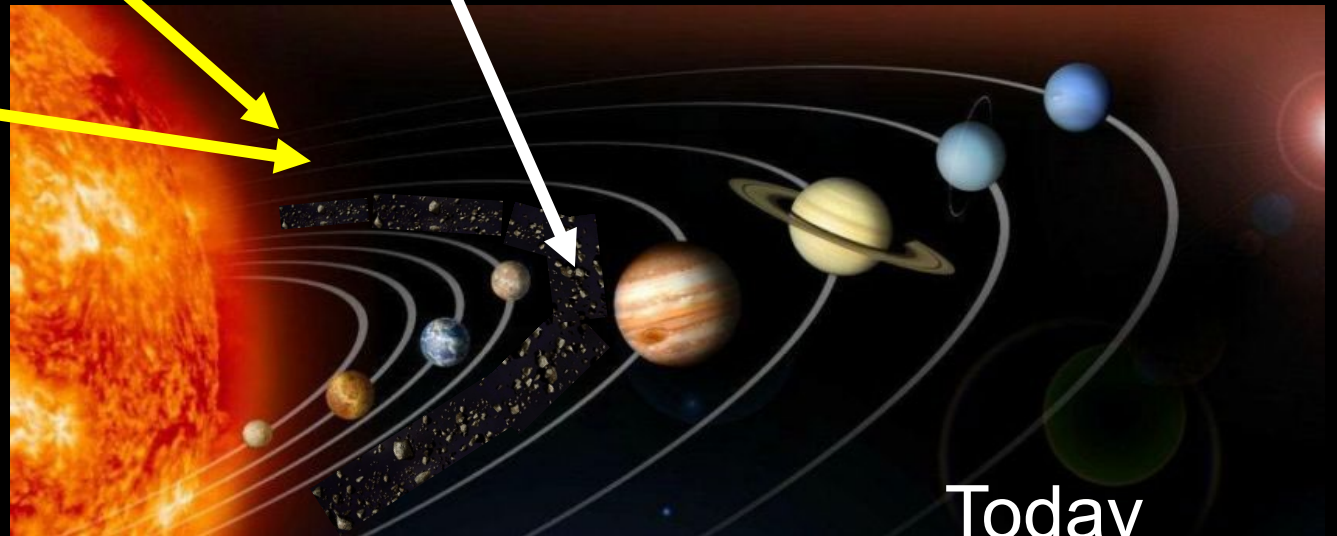
Today



- Sun and planets formed from disk of gas/dust
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- Asteroids are surviving planetary building blocks

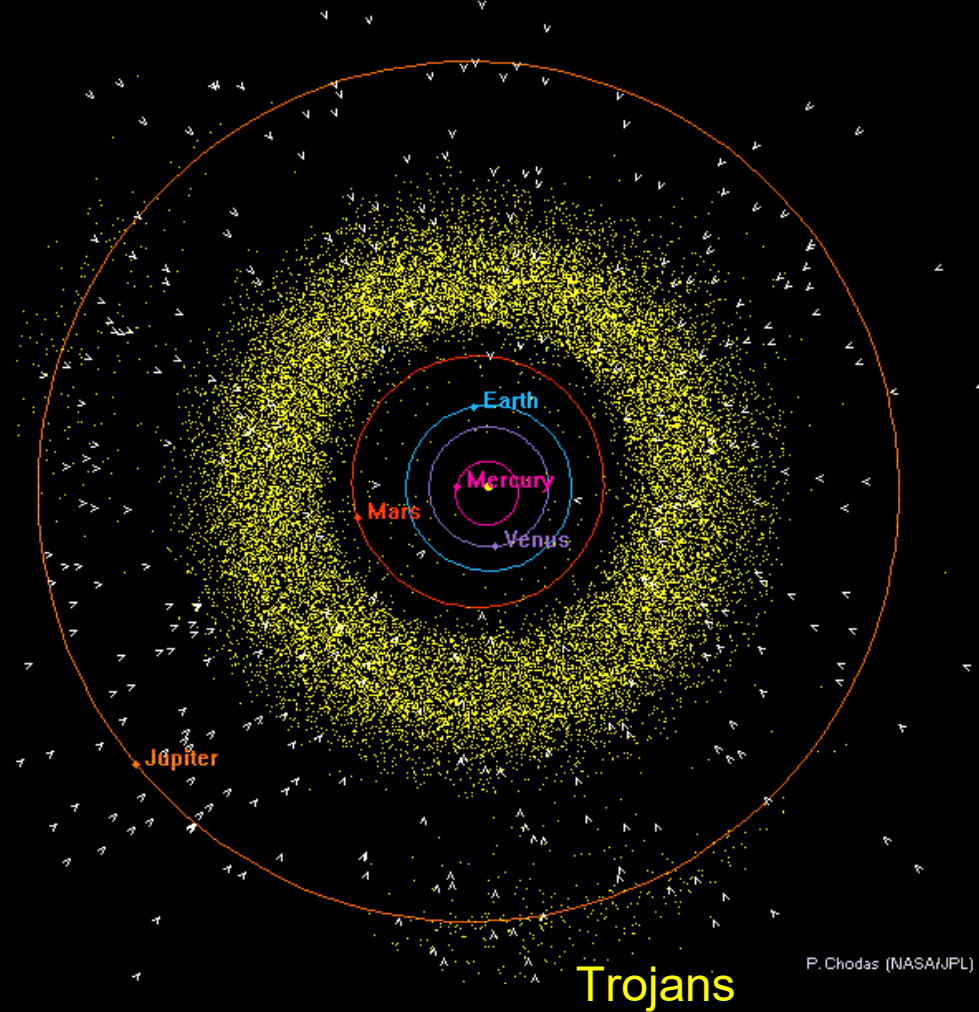


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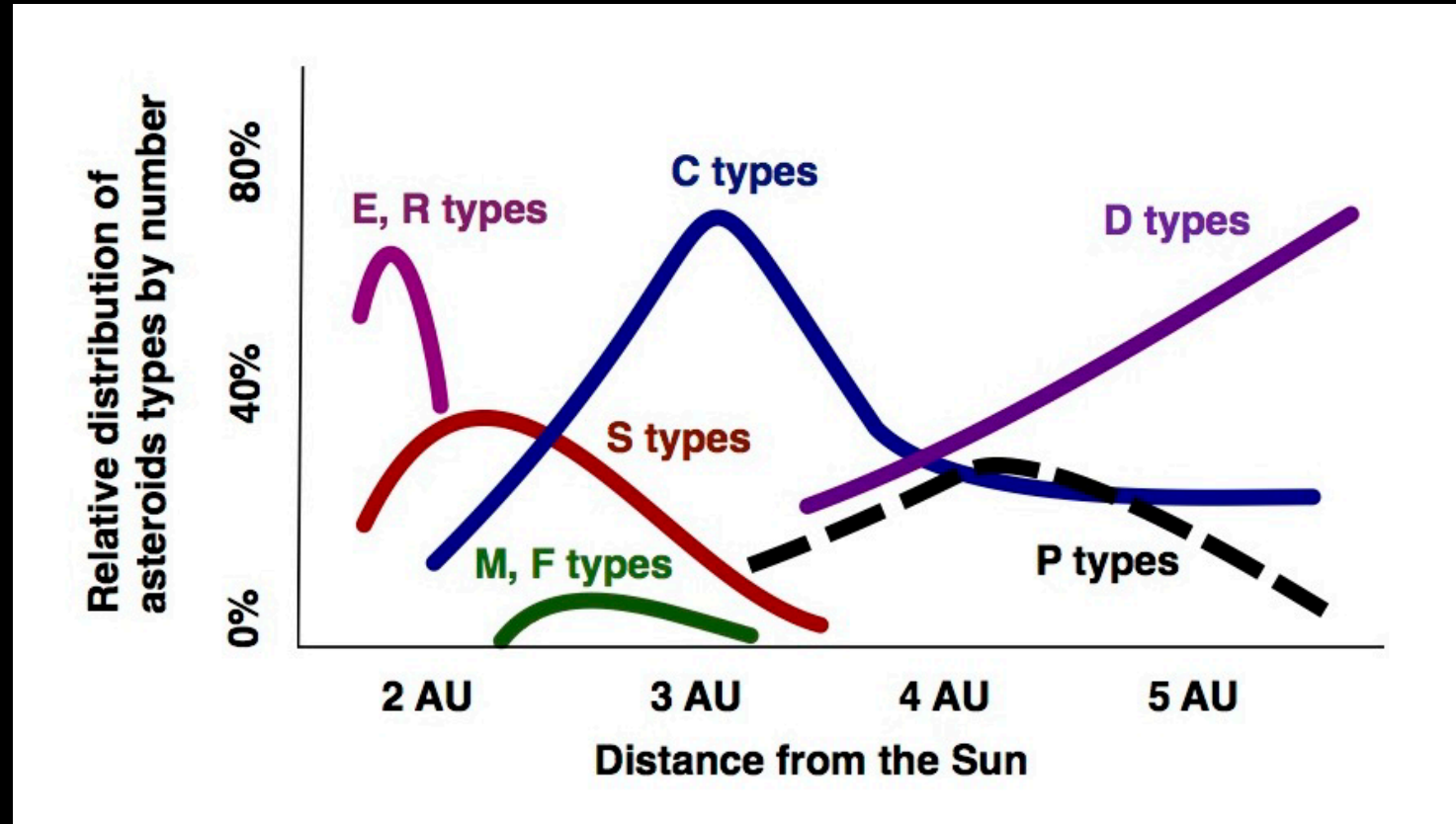
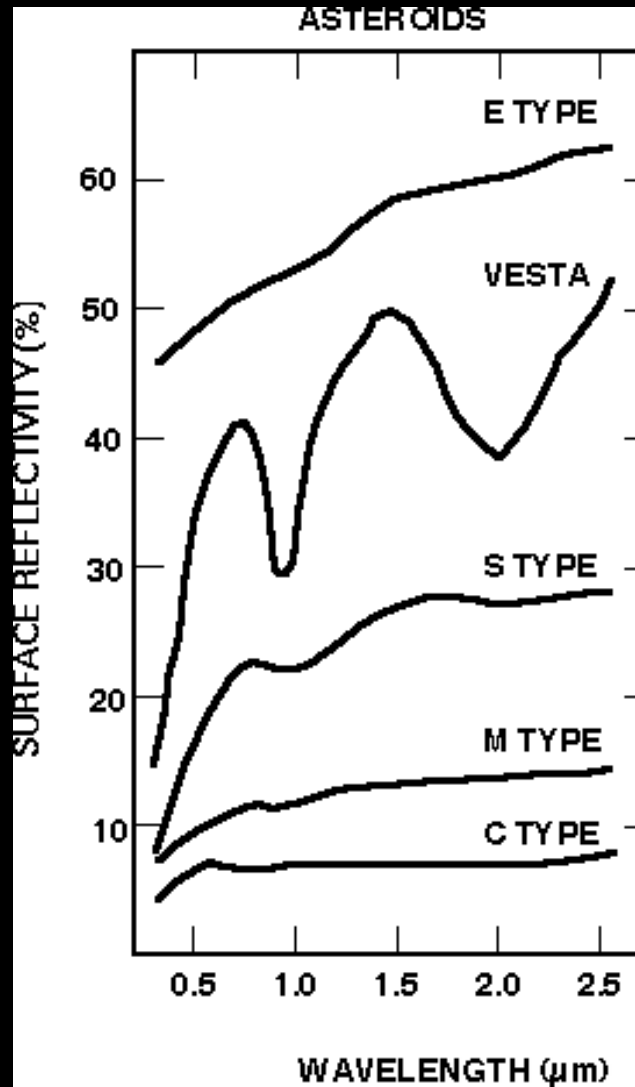


Leftovers of planet formation

- Fossil record of Sun's protoplanetary disk
- Contain water/ organic molecules: may have delivered water/organics to early Earth



Telescopic observations reveal diversity of asteroid composition

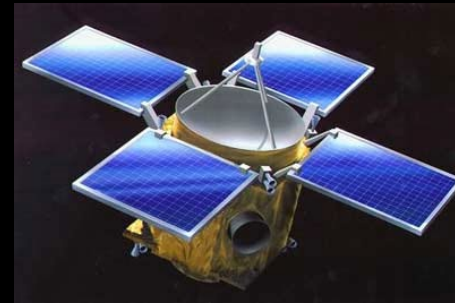


Spacecraft reveal compositional/geomorphic diversity

Galileo
(1991-93)



NEAR (2000-2001)



Mathilde



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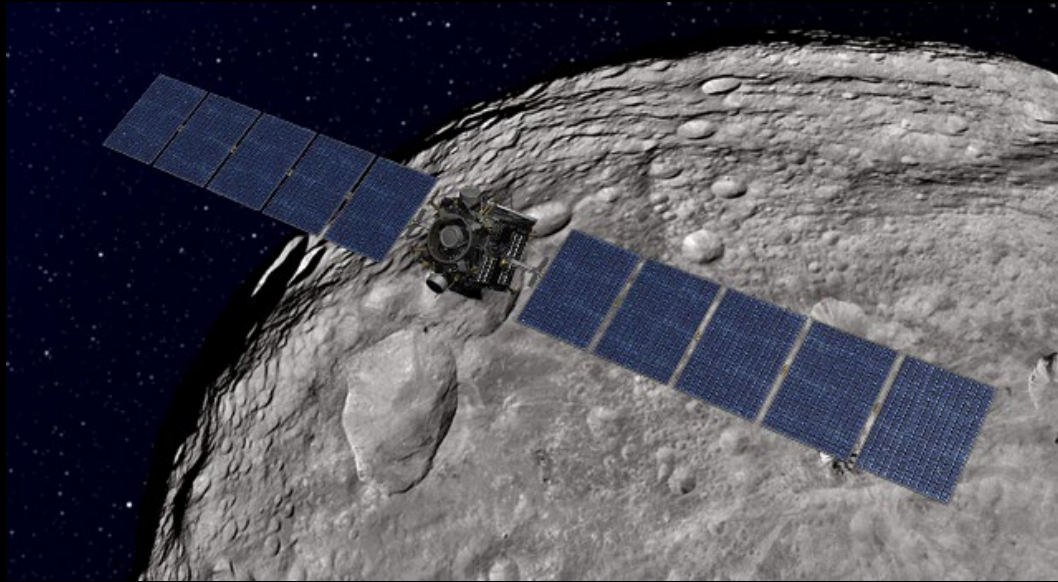
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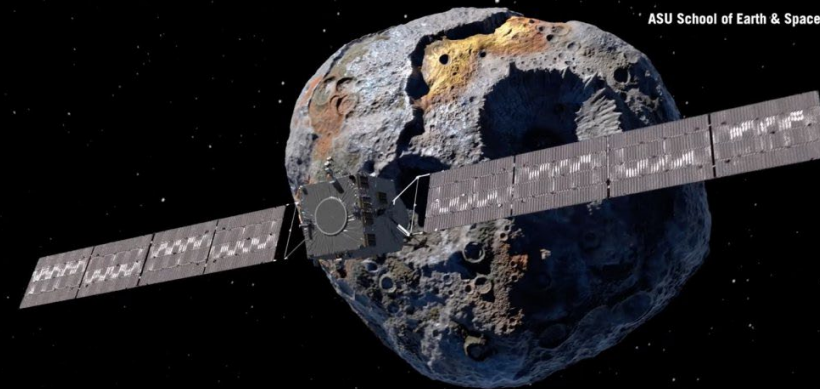
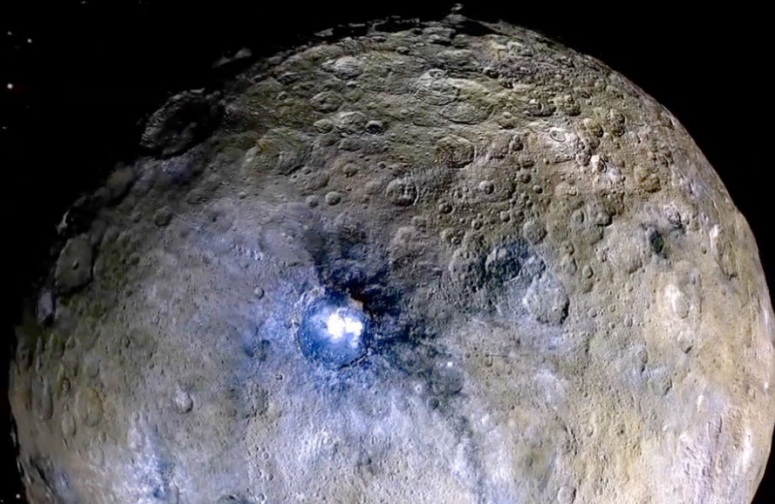


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DAWN at Vesta (2011-12)...

... and Ceres (2015-18)



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Direct sampling of asteroids - meteorites



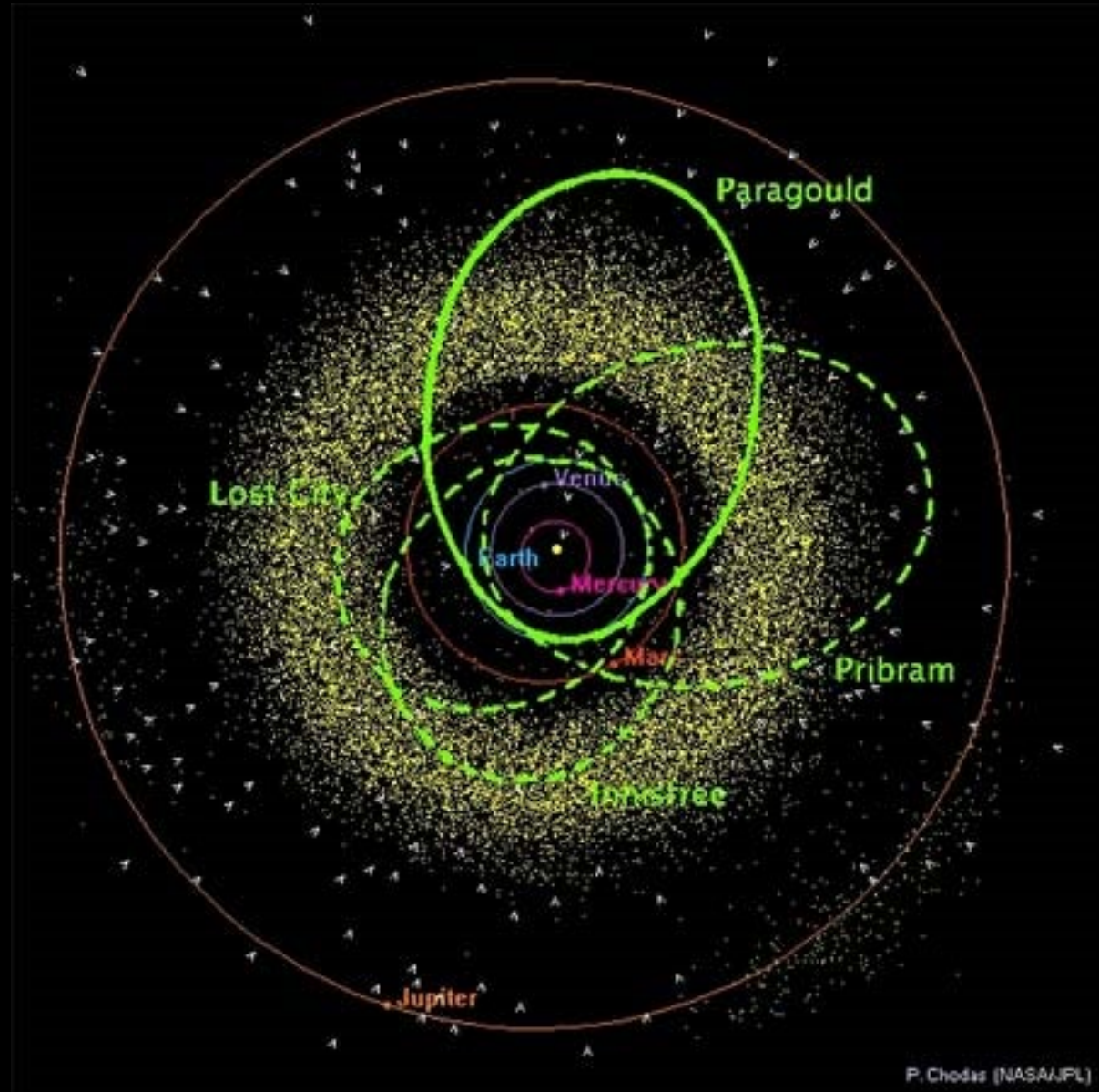
Ensisheim
November 7, 1492



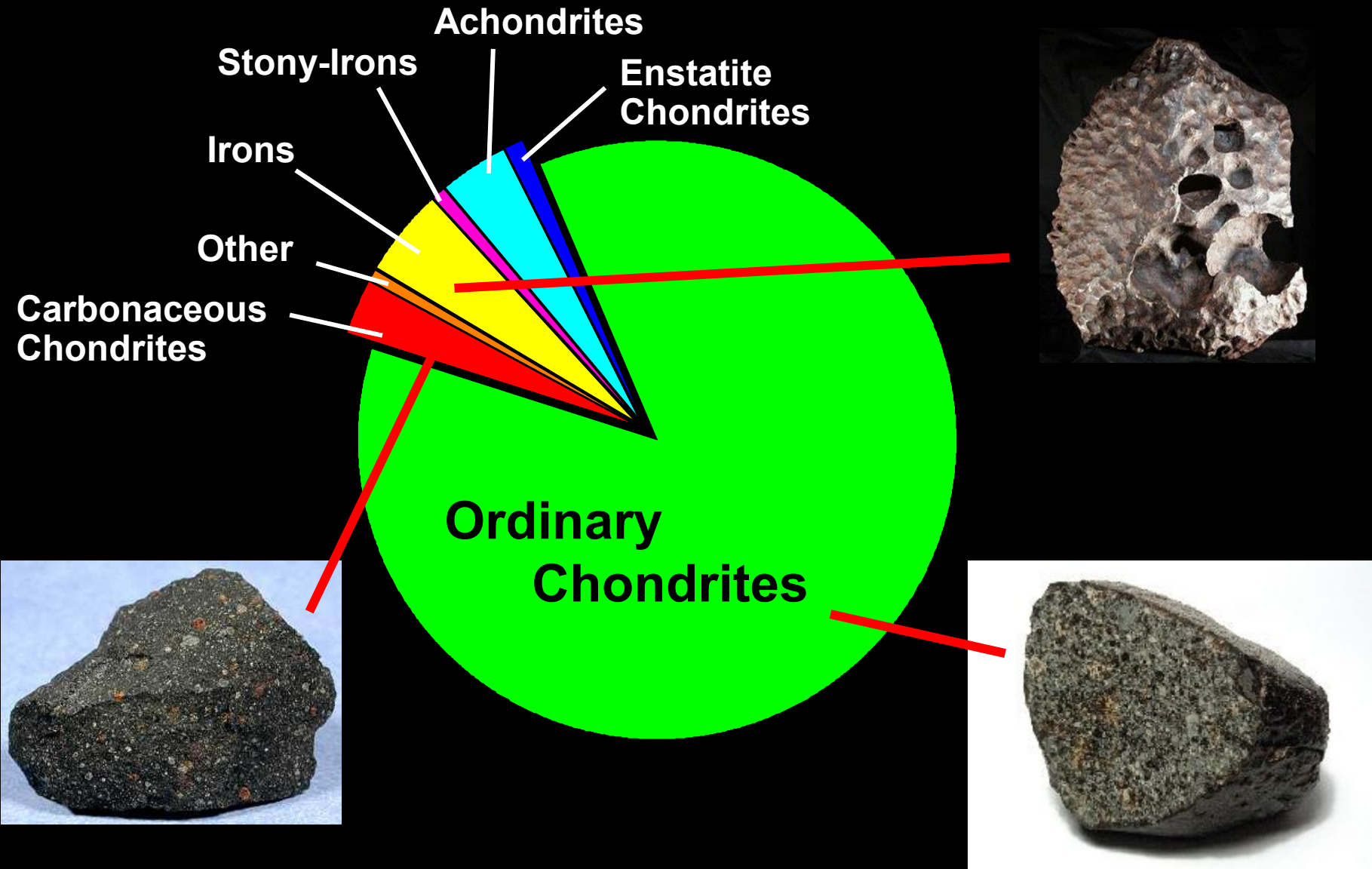
Weston (CT)
Dec 14, 1807

(most) Meteorites sample asteroids

- Fireball reconstruction indicates origin in asteroid belt



Diversity of meteorite types



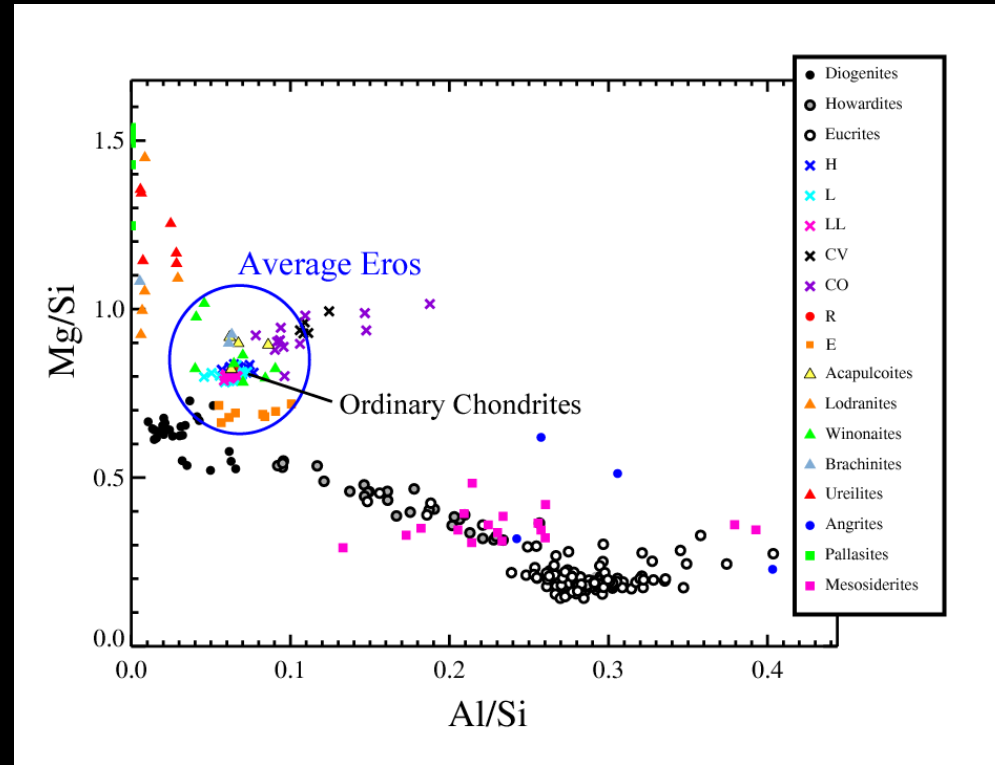
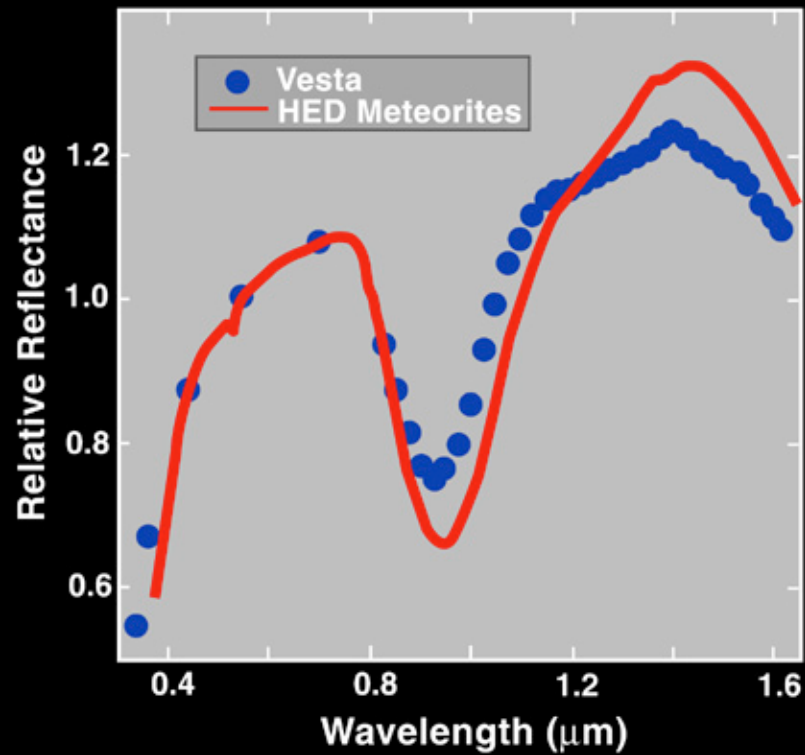
Carbonaceous chondrites



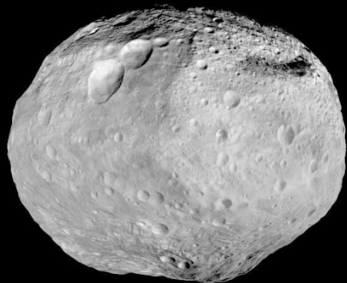
4,567.3 \pm 0.2 million years old

- Heterogeneous mixtures of minerals (silicates, metal, sulfides, carbonates) and carbon (few %) from the protoplanetary disk
- Bulk composition similar to the Sun
- Accreted with water ice that melted and reacted with minerals
- Important sources of organic C to early Earth

Meteorite-asteroid connections?



Nittler et al. (2001)

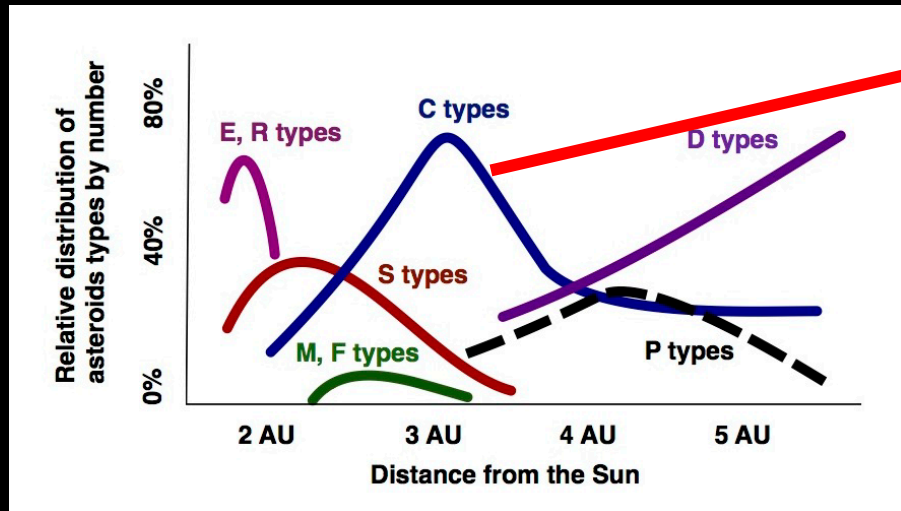


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C-asteroid Mathilde

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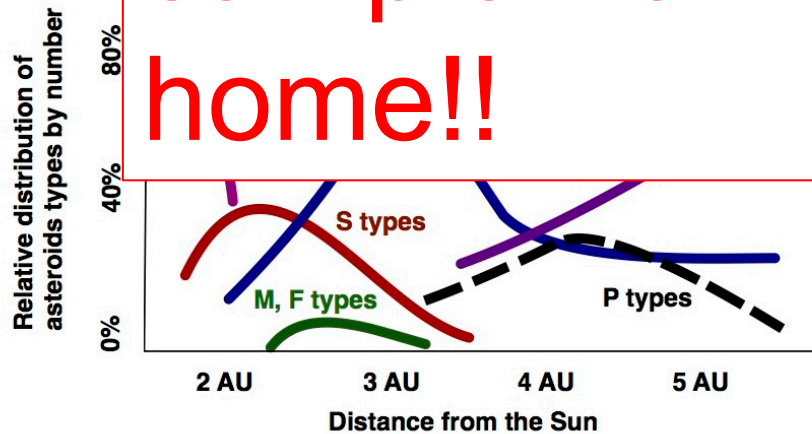
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C-asteroid M

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Best way to find out: Go pick up sample from asteroid and bring it home!!



Asteroid Sample Return Missions

Hayabusa (2003-10)



Hayabusa2 (2014-??)



OSIRIS-REx (2016-??)

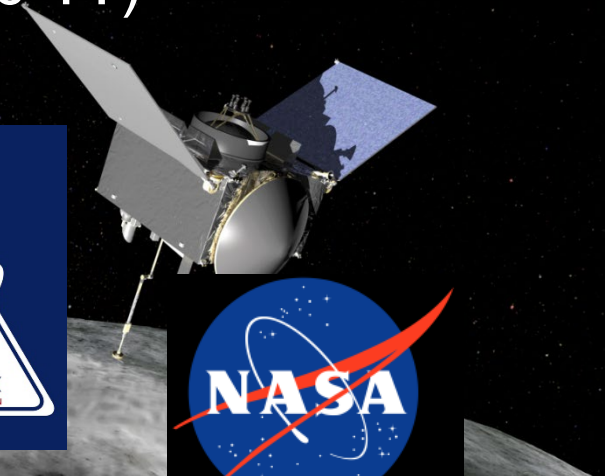
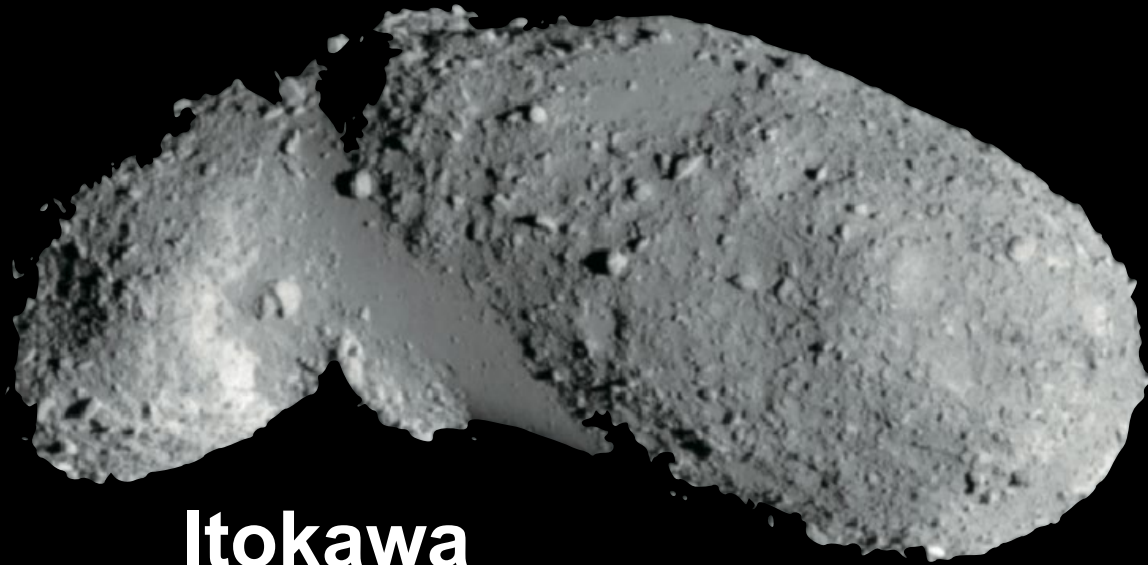


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Hayabusa (2003-2010)

Sample return mission from an S-type near Earth asteroid



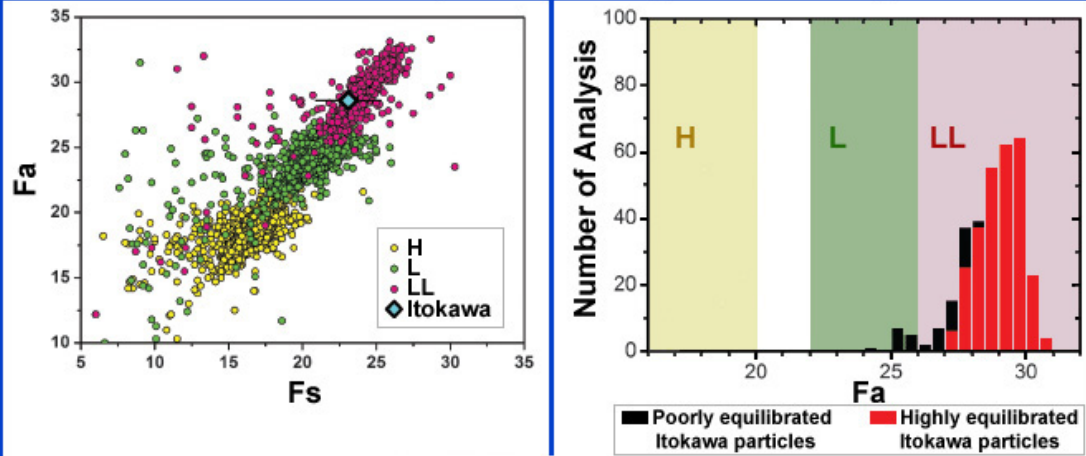
Itokawa

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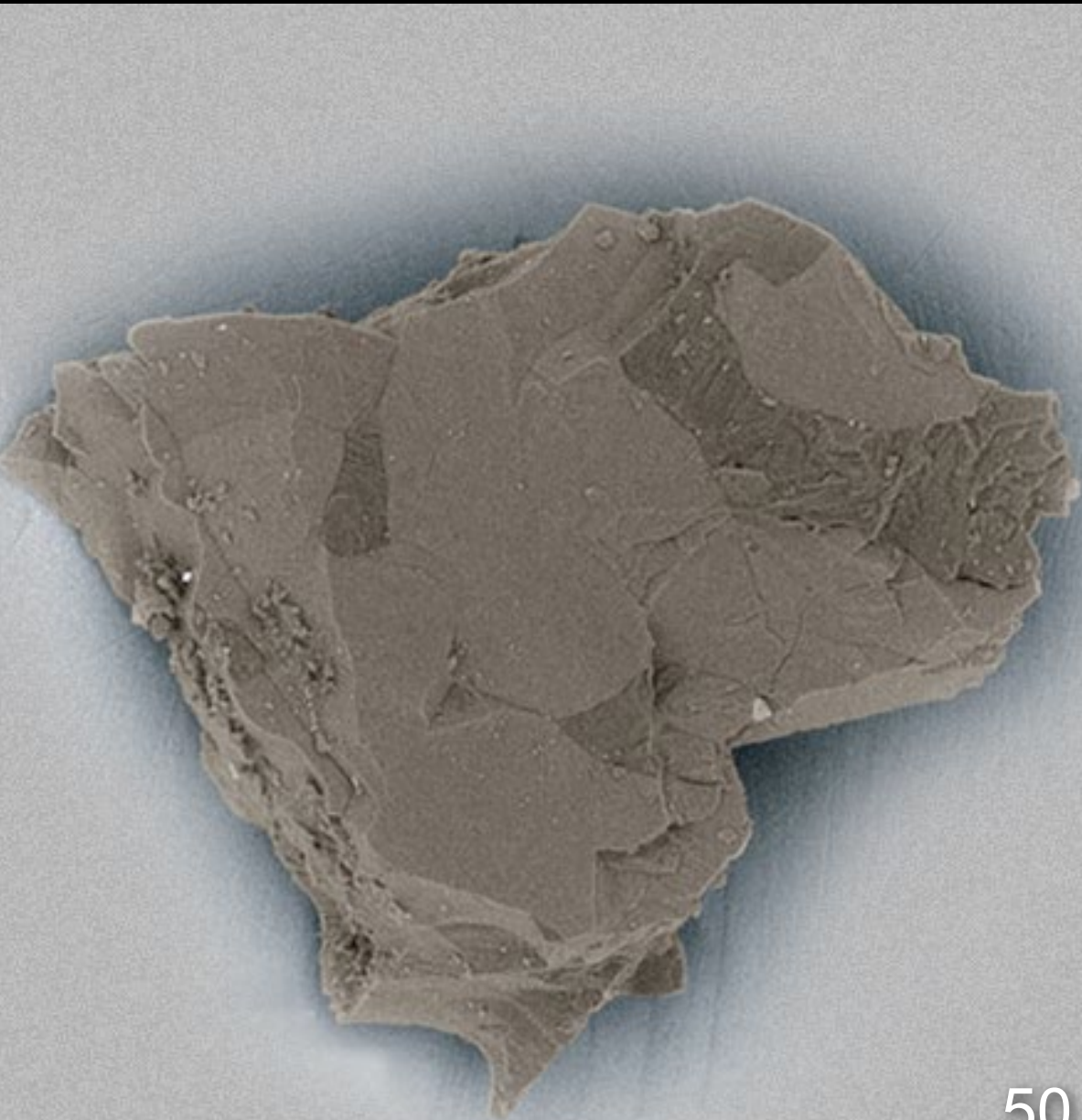
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Itokawa Particles Compared to Ordinary Chondrite Groups



(From Nakamura *et al.*, 2011, *Science*, v. 333(6046), p. 1113-1116, Fig. 2A,B, doi: 10.1126/science.1207758.)



50 μm

Analysis of Itokawa samples confirmed connection between ordinary chondrite meteorites and S asteroids

The image shows the Hayabusa2 spacecraft on the left, a yellow and black cube-shaped satellite with two large solar panel arrays extending outwards. To the right is the Ryugu asteroid, a large, grey, irregularly shaped rock with a rough, cratered surface. The background is a dark space filled with numerous small, distant stars.

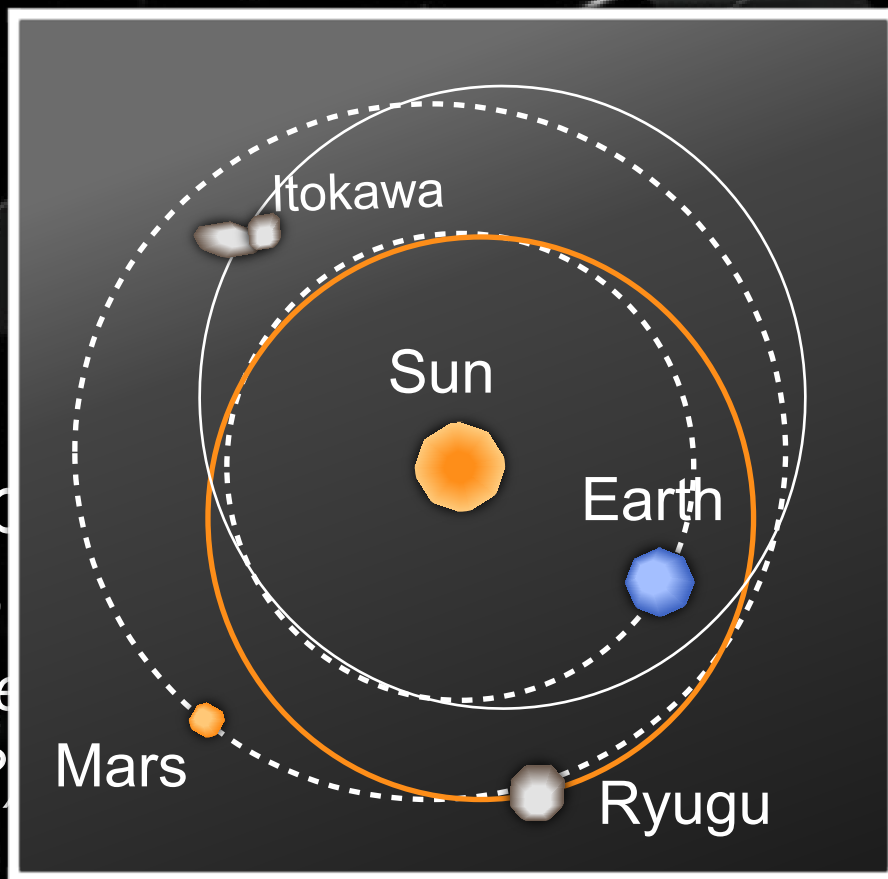
Hayabusa2

*Sample return mission from
a C-type near Earth asteroid
(2014-?)*

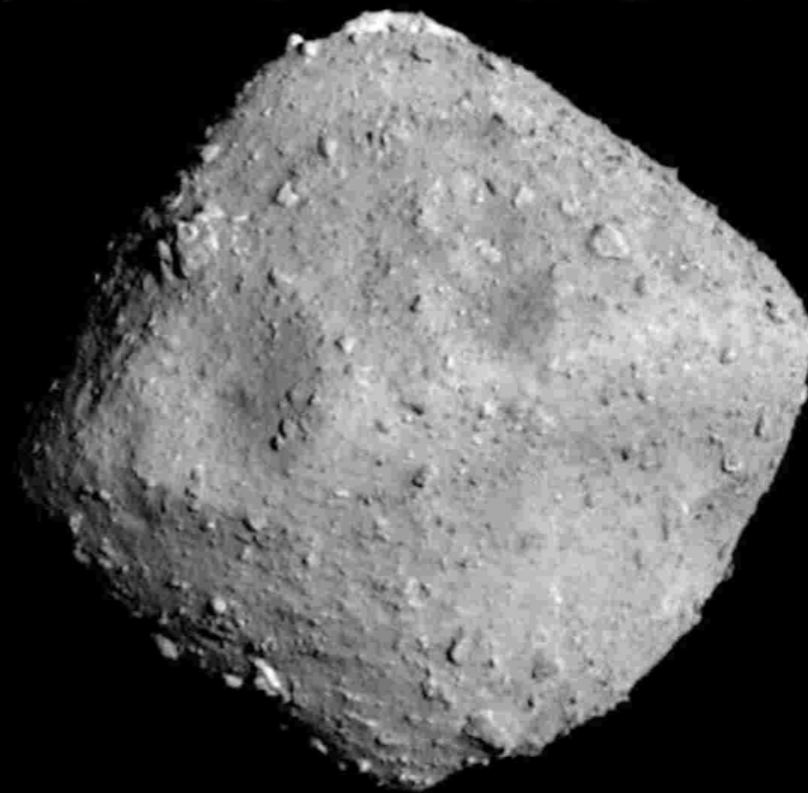
Ryugu (C-type)

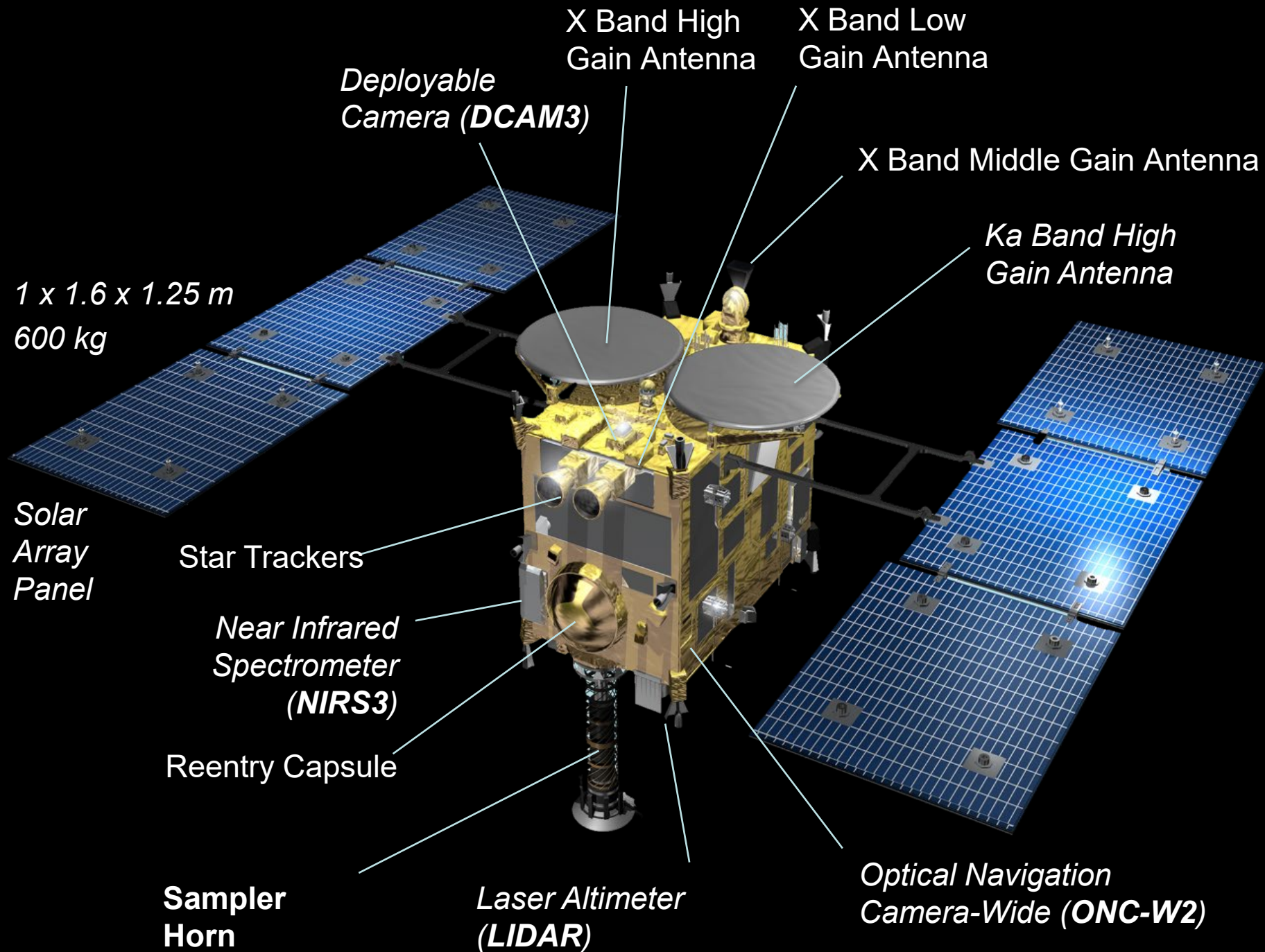
*Dragon Palace under the
sea*

Hayabusa
Sampled
a C-type
(2014-?)



Ryugu (C-type)
*Dragon Palace under the
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December 2, 2014



Approach to Ryugu

ISAS, JAXA, Hayabusa2



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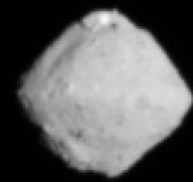
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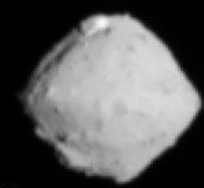
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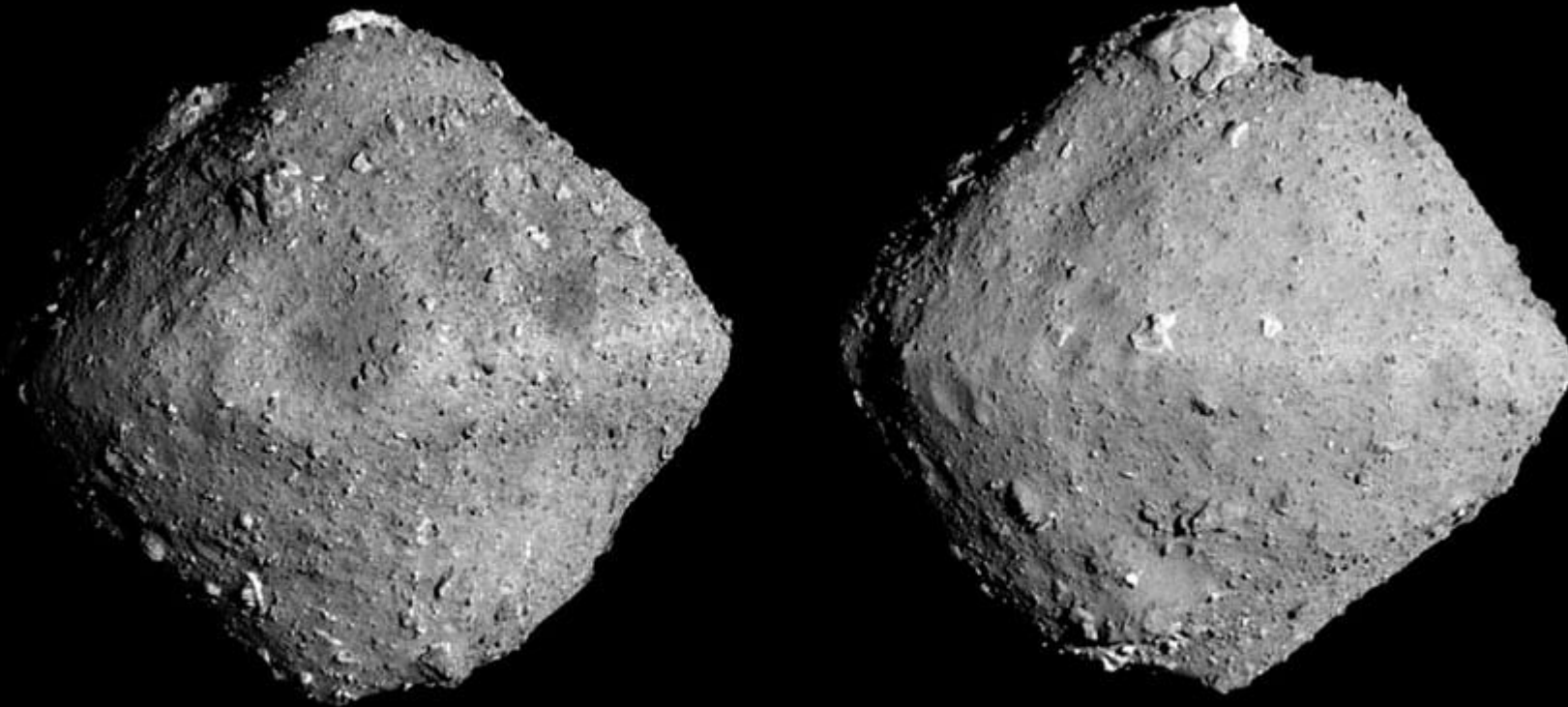
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diameter: ~870 m (~1/2 mile)
rotation period: 7.625 h

Diamond shaped, covered with boulders!



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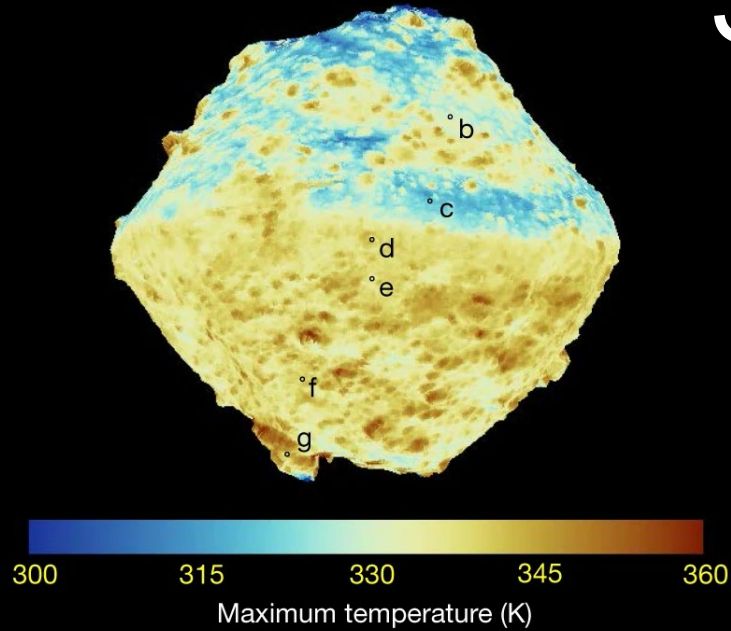
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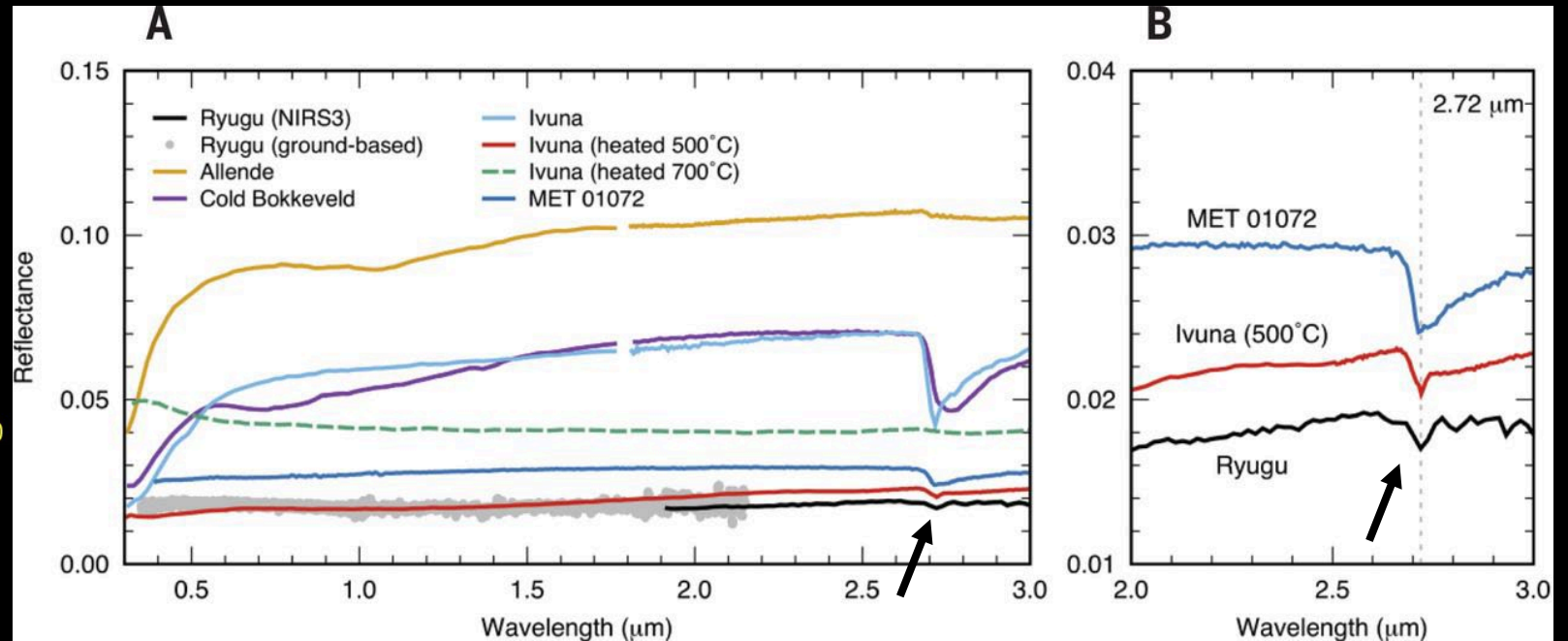


Science from orbit

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Thermal properties indicate Ryugu is very porous
Rubble Pile



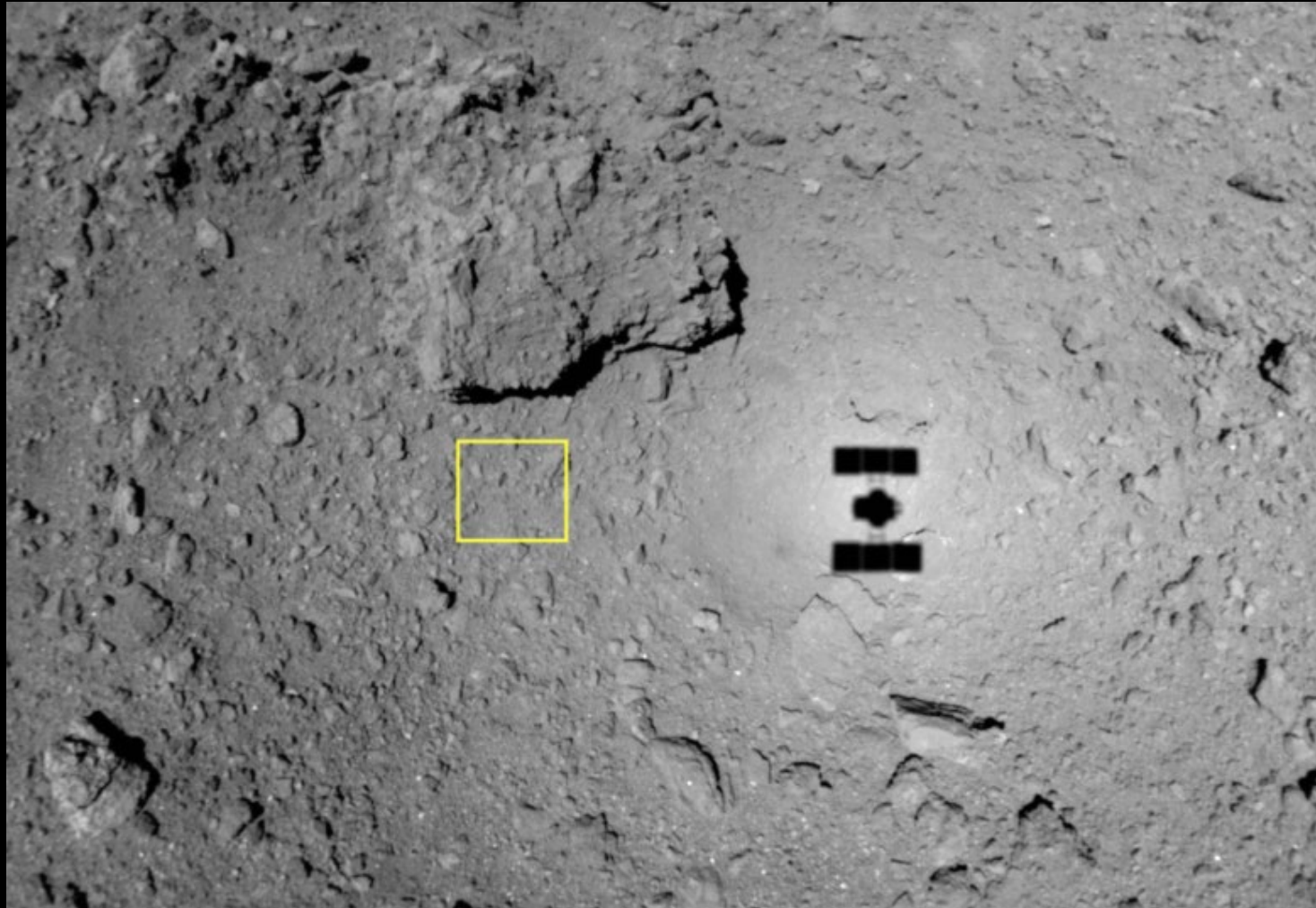
Spectrally, Ryugu looks like a carbonaceous chondrite meteorite that has been heated up.

But what about sample return?

Sampling an asteroid



1st touchdown (Feb 21, 2019)



<https://youtu.be/-3hO58HFa1M>

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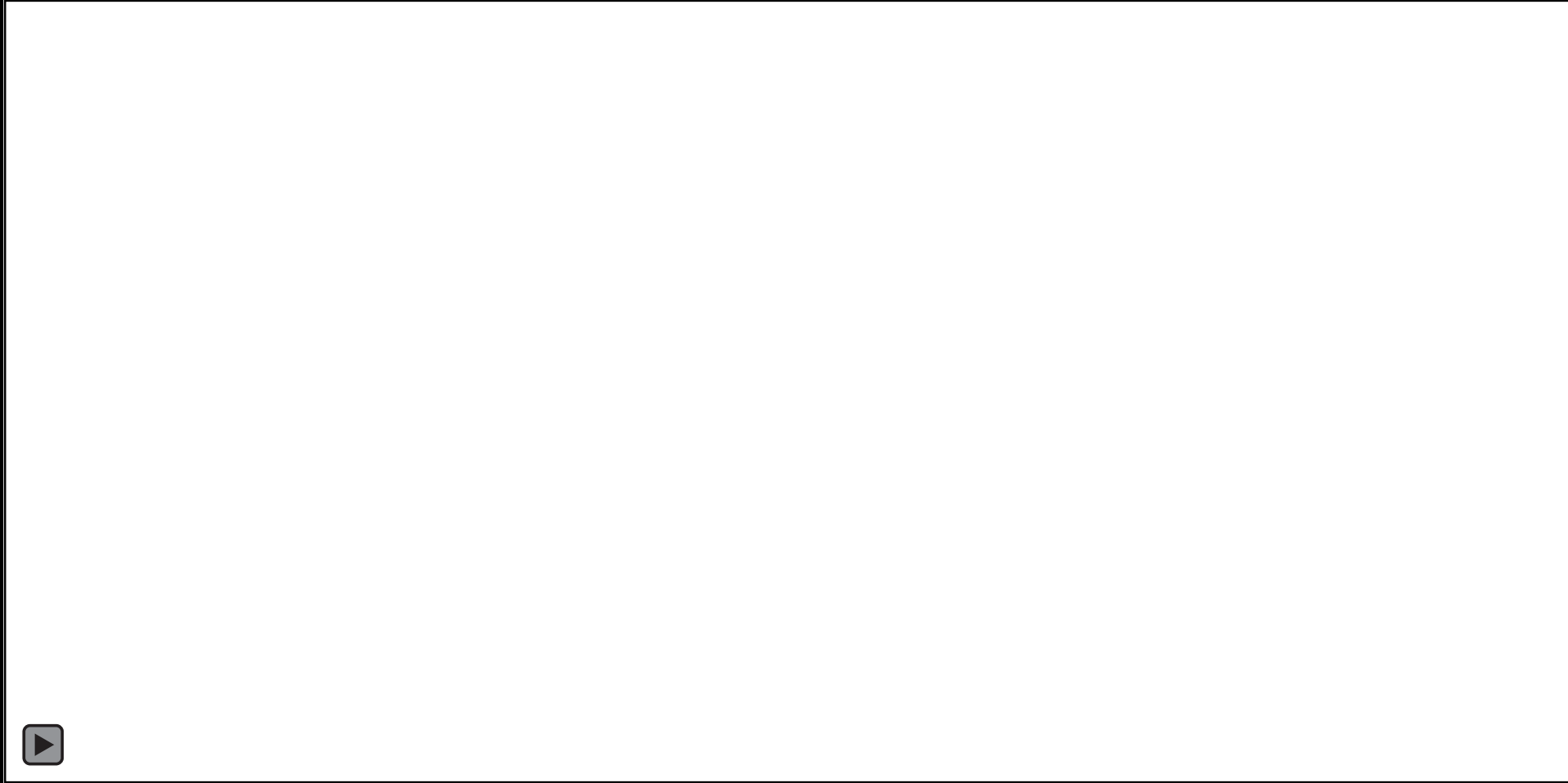


Small Carry-on Impactor (SCI)



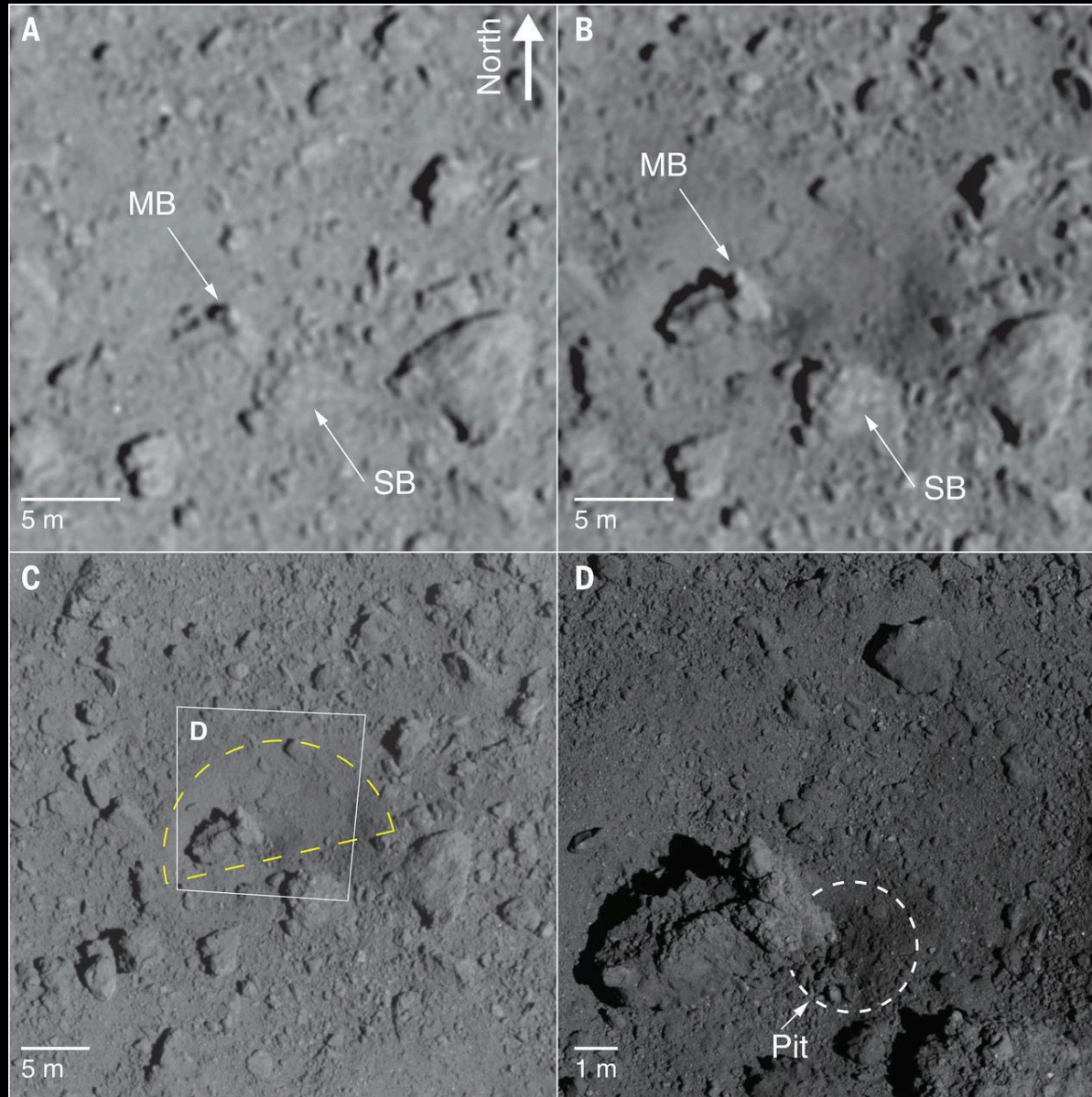
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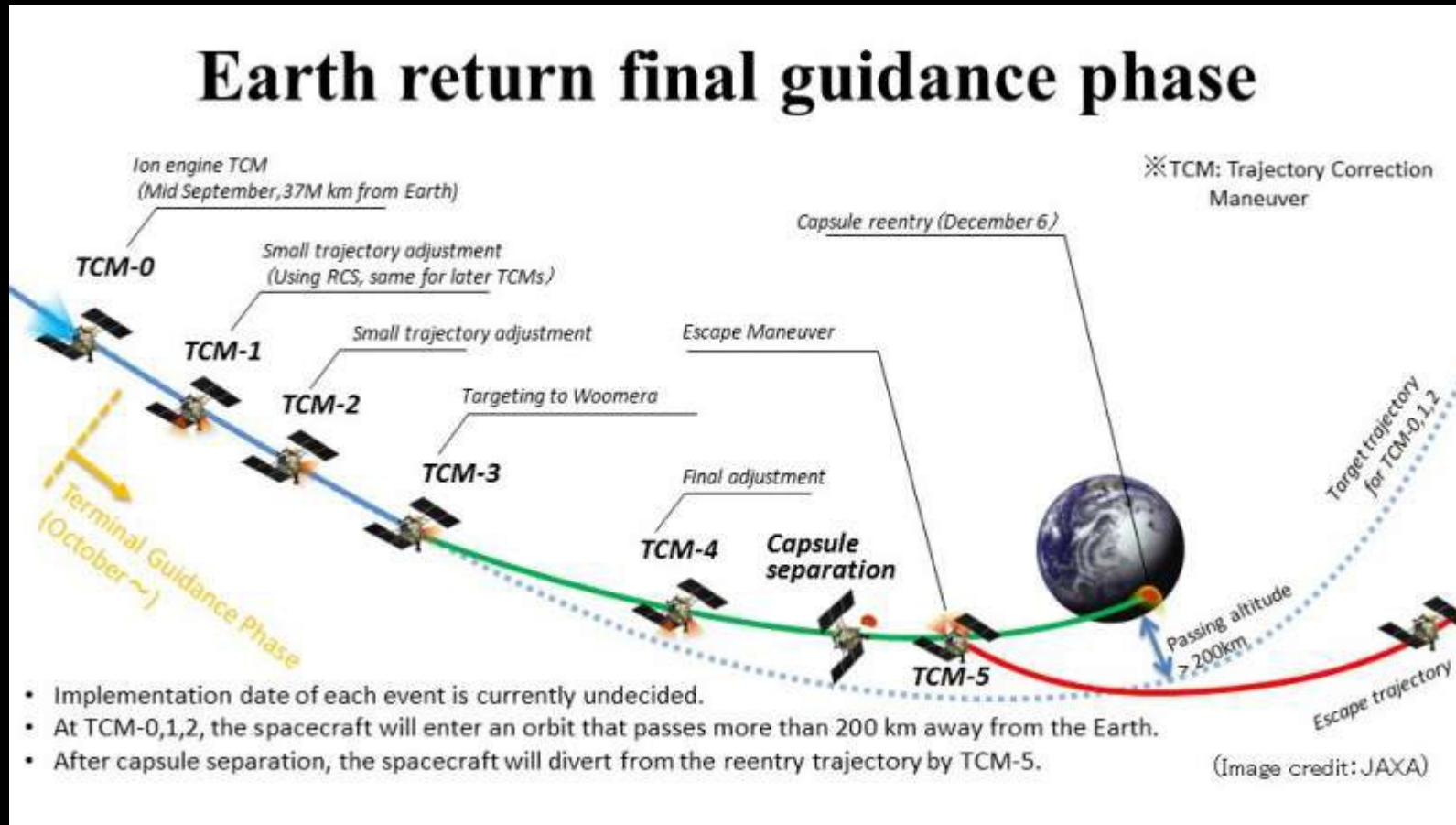
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2nd touchdown (July 25, 2019)

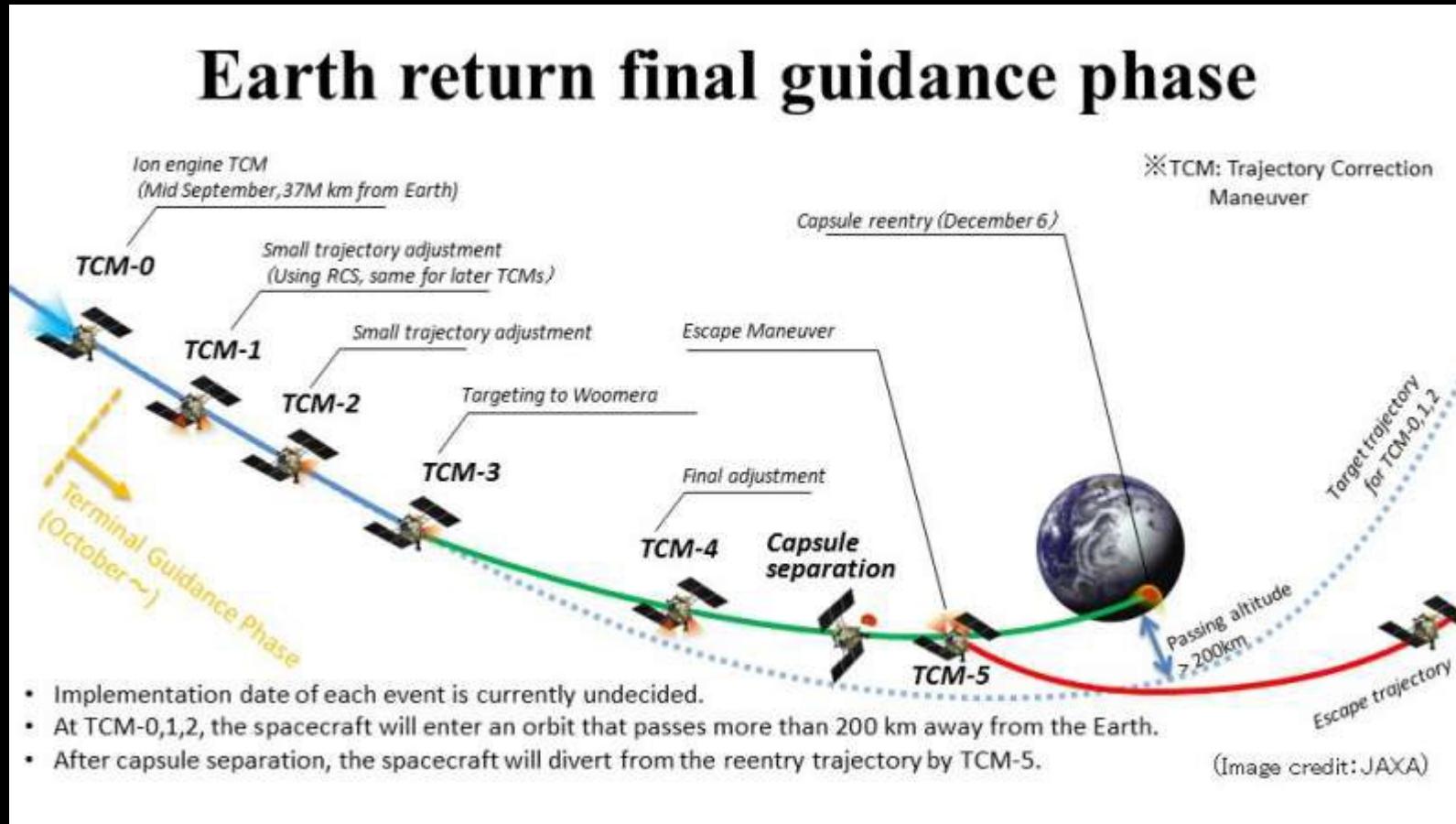


Sample Return!



December 5, 2020

Sample Return!



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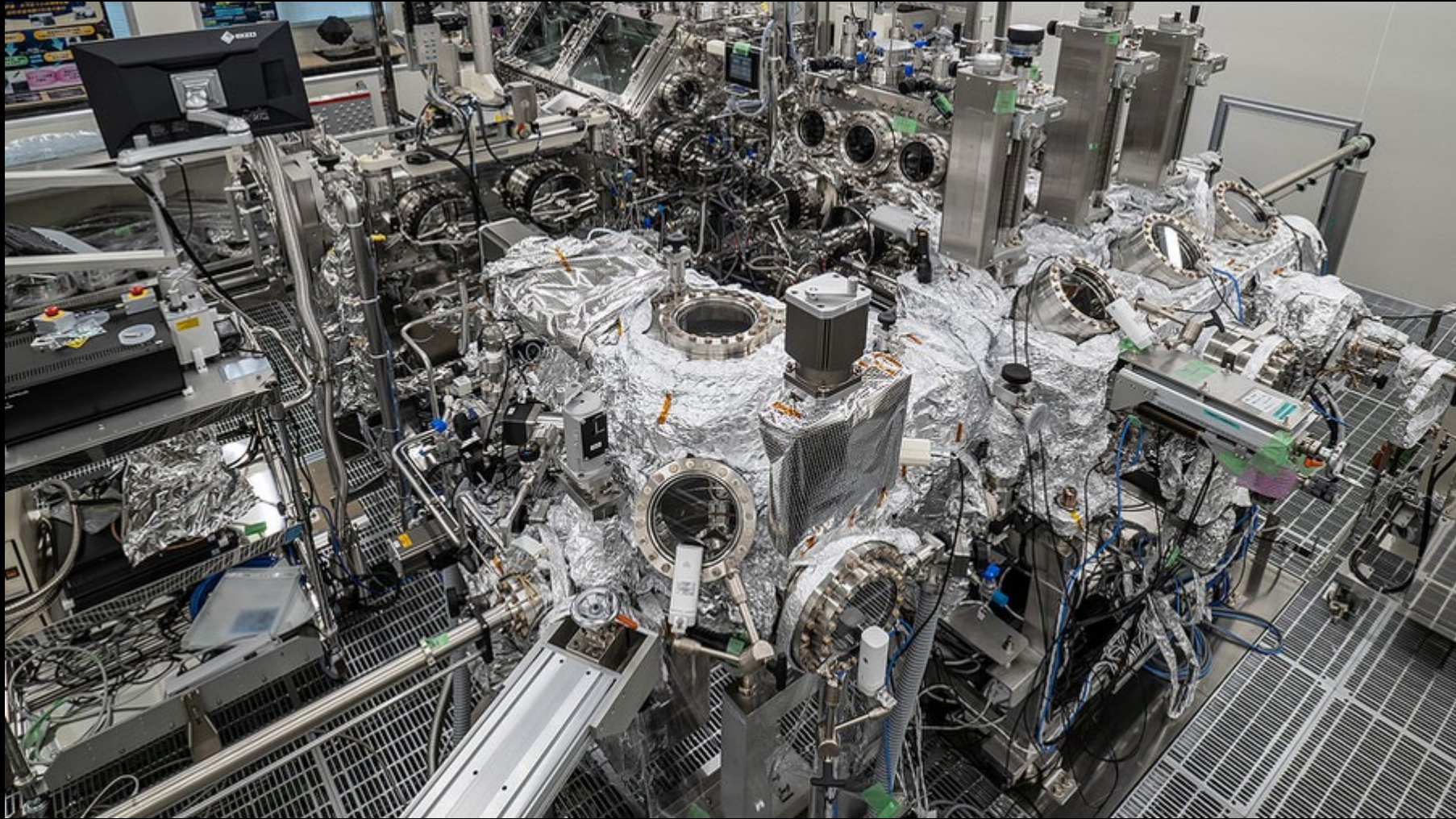
Onward to 2001 CC₂₁
and 1998 KY₂₆

Sample Return!



December 5, 2020





Clean Chamber @JAXA



回収容器内)の光学顕微鏡像



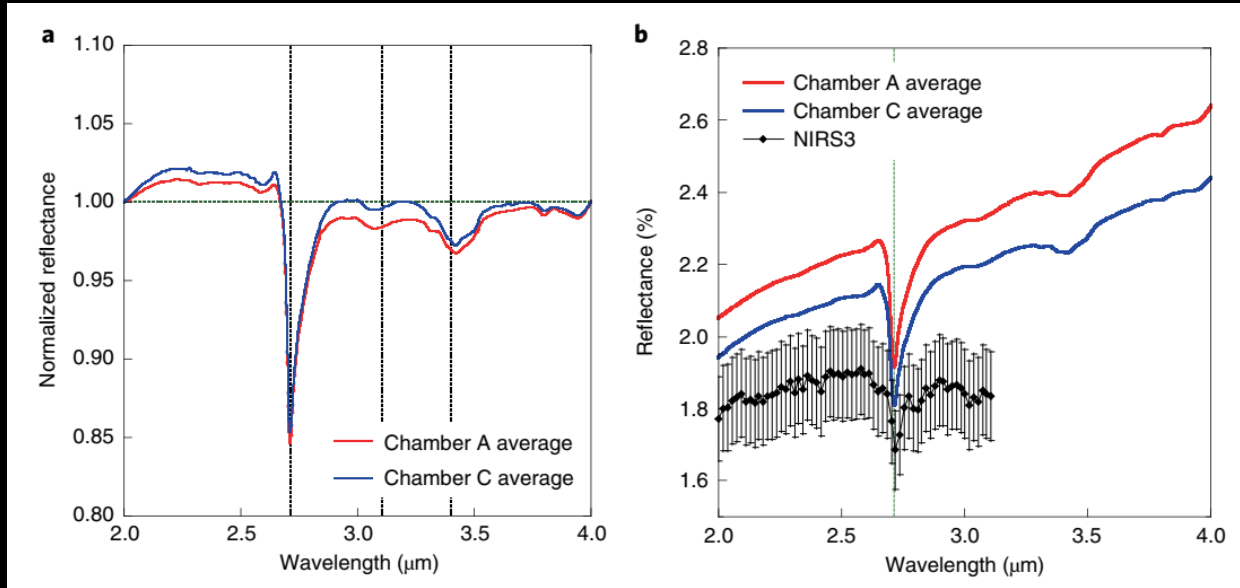
C室(回収容器内)の光学顕微鏡像

Collected 5.4 grams! *(doesn't sound like much but there's a LOT you can do with modern laboratory instruments – goal was 100 milligrams!)*

Hayabusa2 Sample Analysis

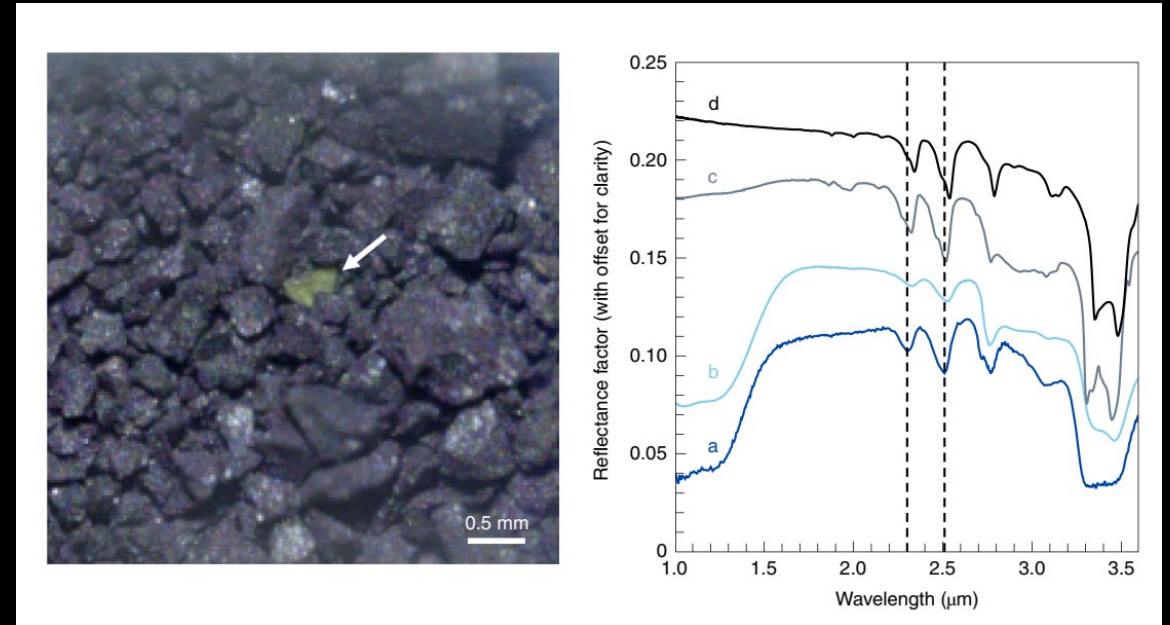
- January 2021 – July 2021:
 - Curation team did basic characterization (density, size, IR spectroscopy) of Ryugu particles under vacuum in order to generate a sample catalog and provide samples to Initial Analysis Science Team
 - 1st results published in late 2021

Initial Curation Results

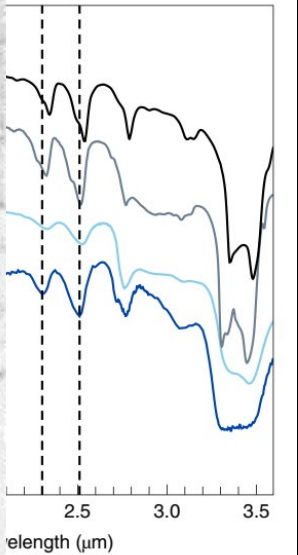
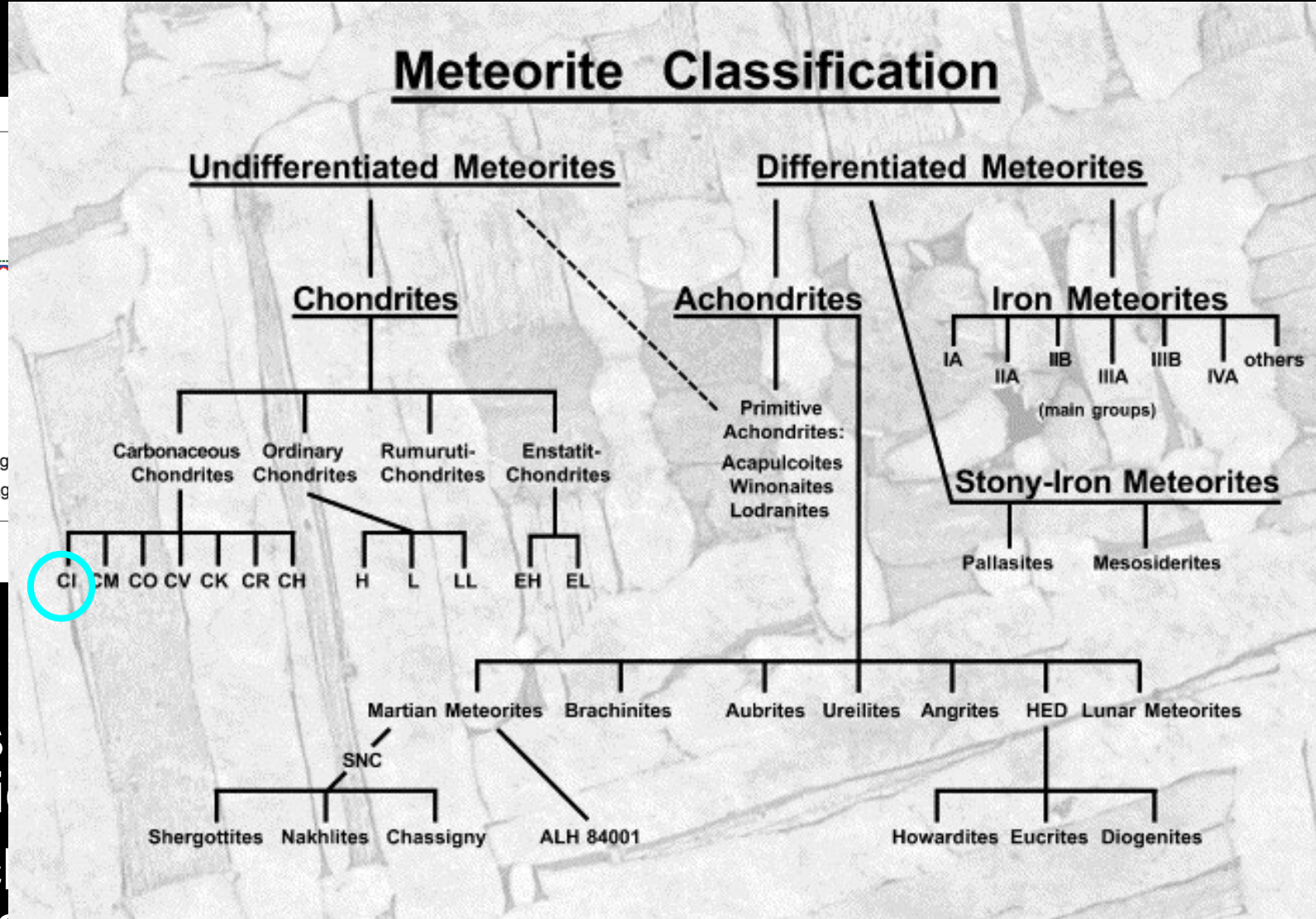
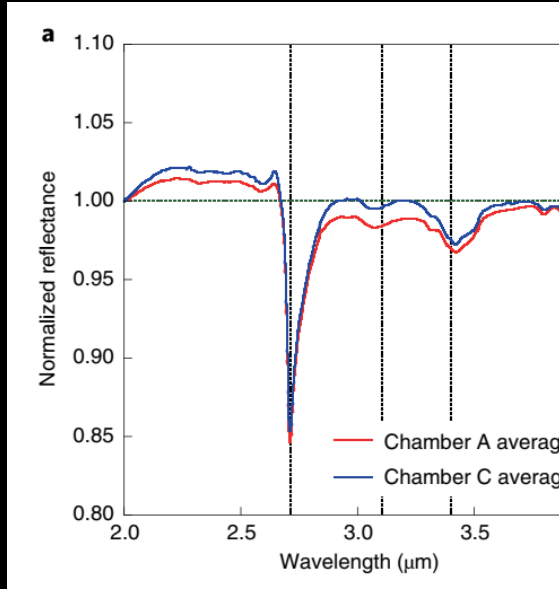


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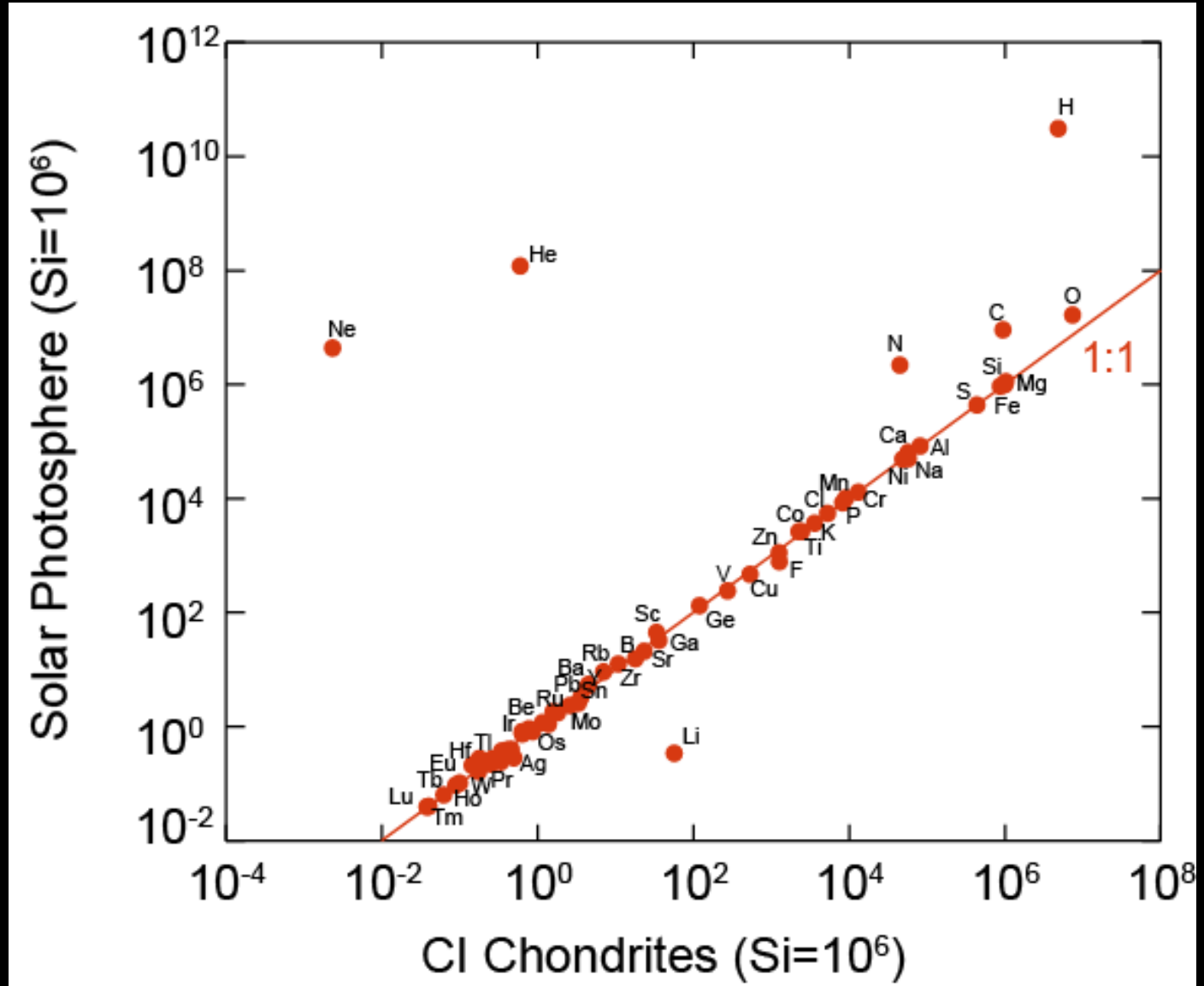


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CI Chondrites

- Elemental composition = Sun
- Extensively aqueous altered (consist of fine-grained phyllosilicates, carbonates, sulfides, organics)



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Hayabusa2 Initial Analysis Team (IAT)

✓ Chemistry

✓ Mineralogy and Petrology of Coarse Grains

✓ Mineralogy and Petrology of Fine Grains

✓ Volatiles

✓ Insoluble Organics

✓ Soluble Organics

✓ Integration: History of Ryugu & Solar System

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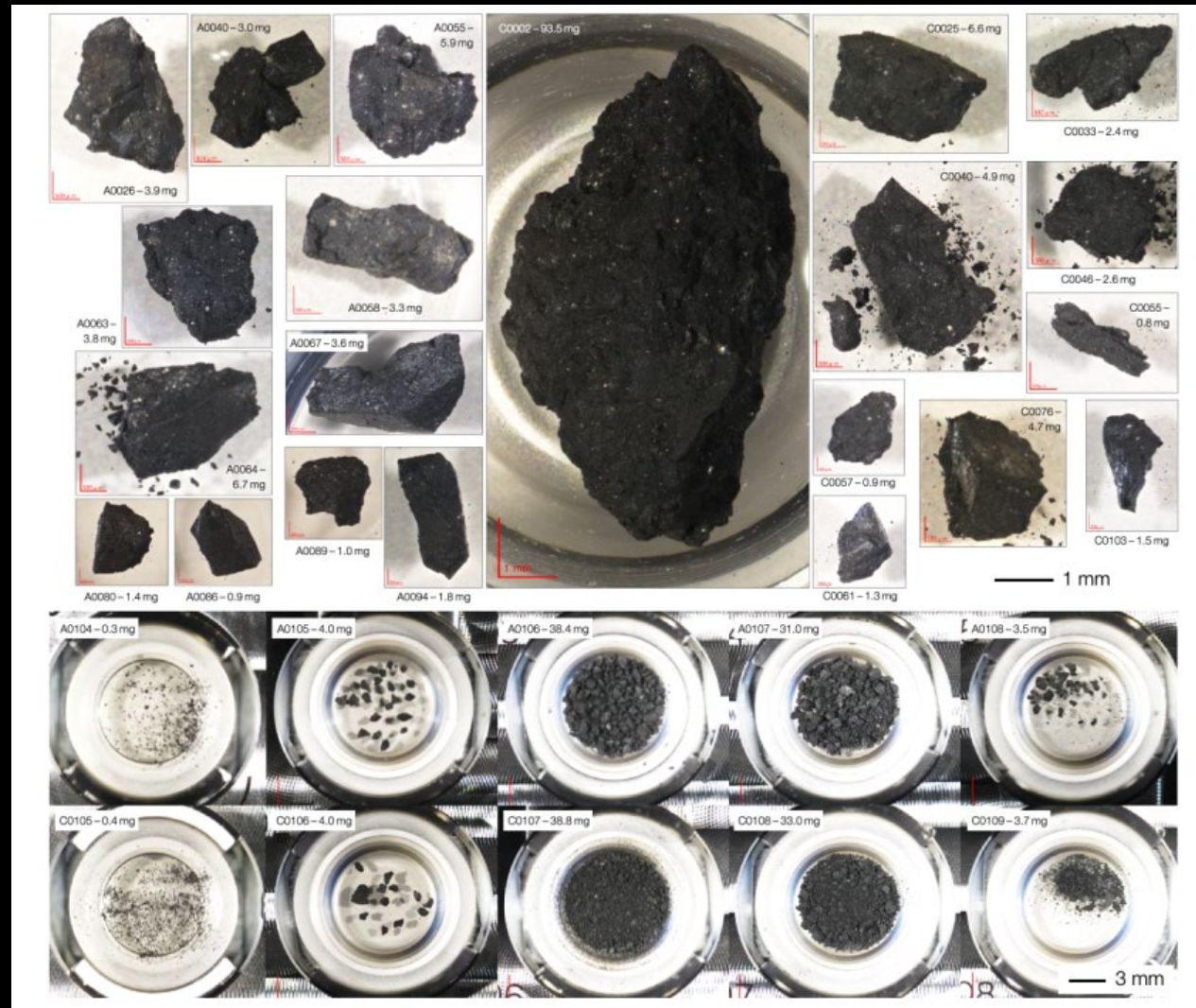
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- Characterize elemental and isotopic composition and macromolecular carbon in Ryugu samples to compare with meteorites/comets and better understand origin and evolution of asteroids and early Solar System

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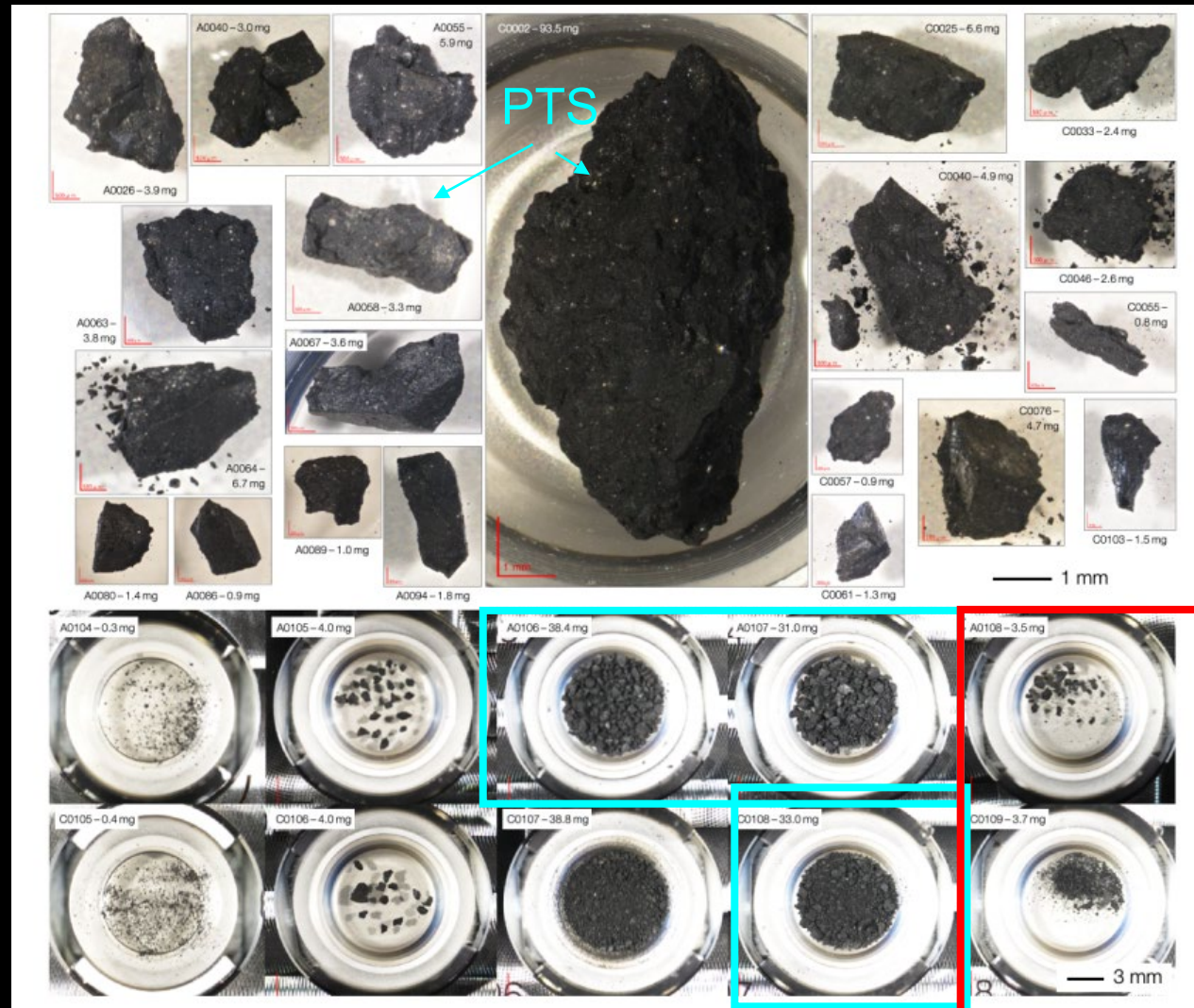


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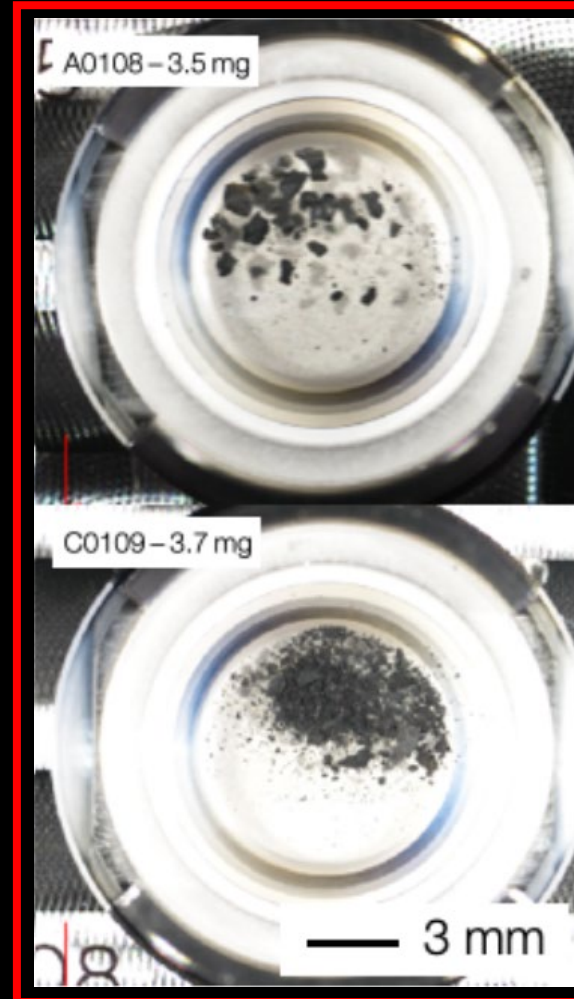
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~125 mg
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Chemistry Team



• 0.3 g allocated to IAT



~8mg allocated to
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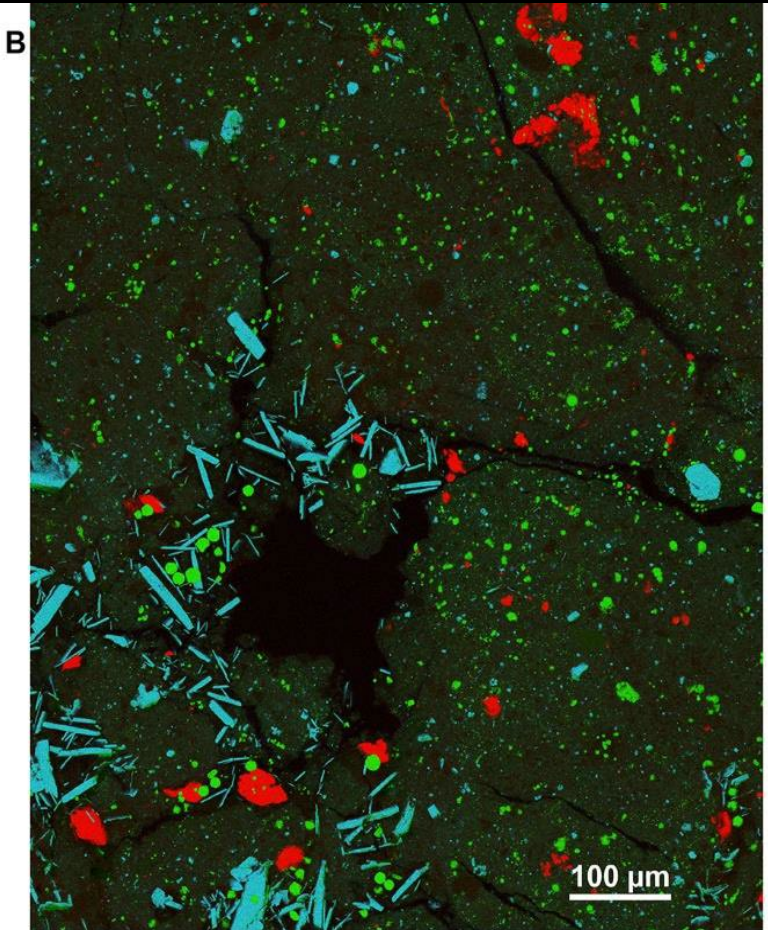
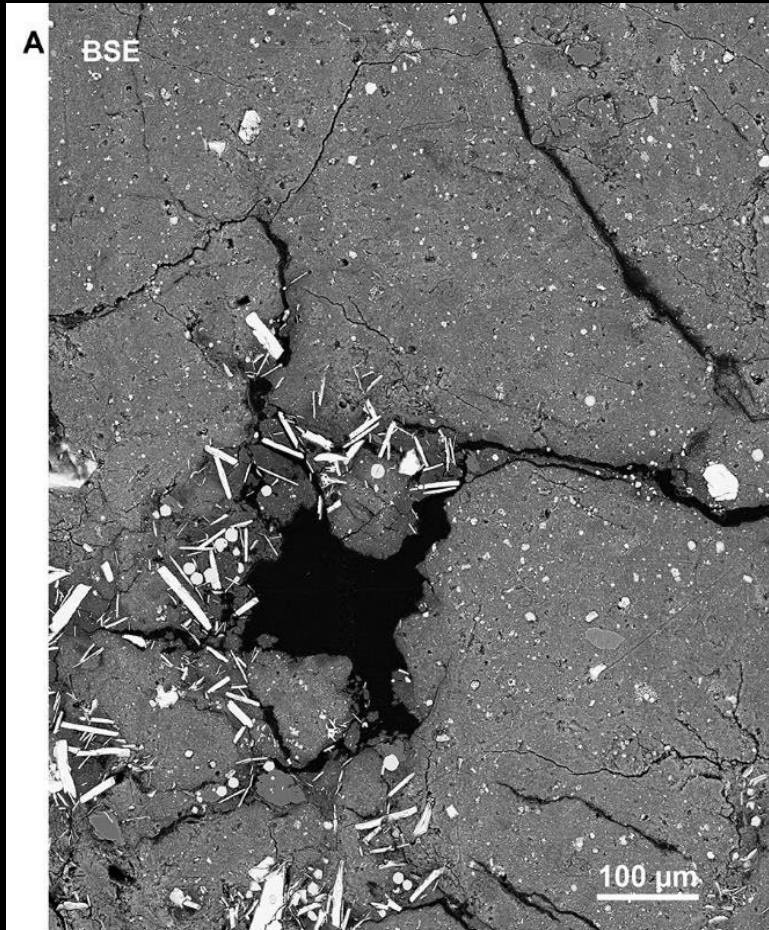
Samples returned from the asteroid Ryugu are similar to Ivuna-type carbonaceous meteorites

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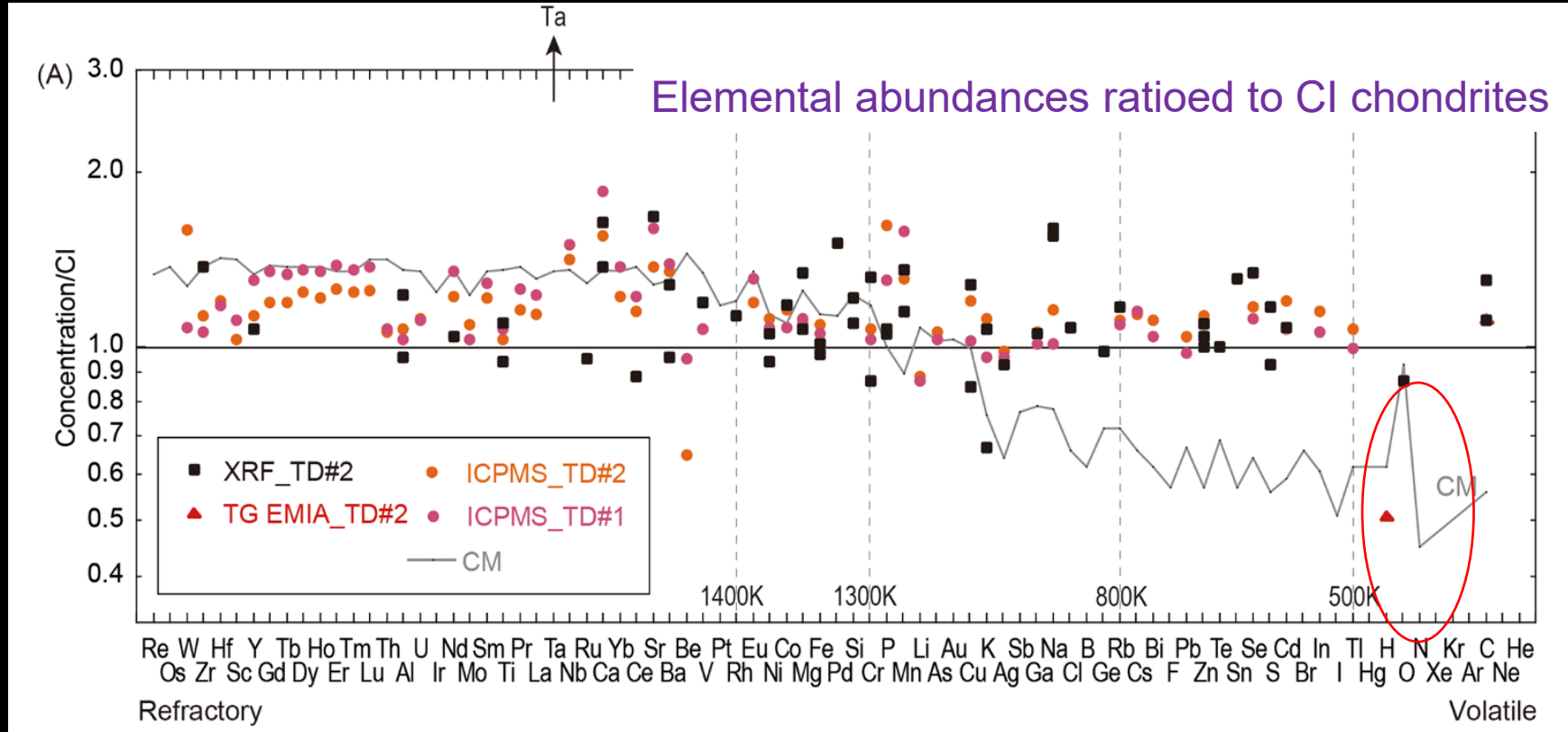
Ryugu is a CI Chondrite

- Two touchdown site samples very similar
- Abundant phyllosilicates, carbonates, sulfides
- Typical CI mineralogy except no sulfates observed (terrestrial weathering)



● Dolomite ● Magnetite ● Pyrrhotite ● Phyllosilicates

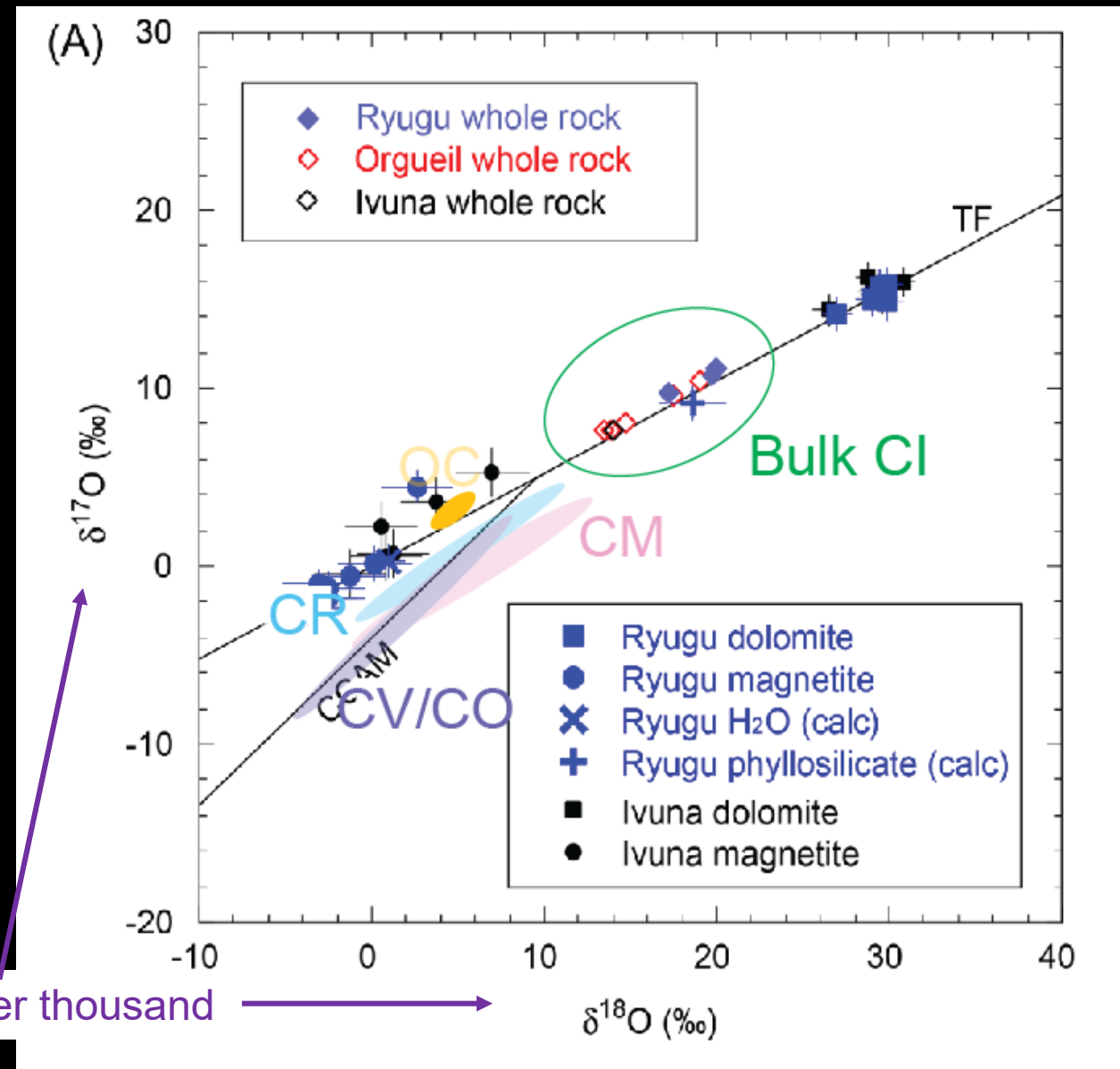
Ryugu is a CI Chondrite



- Flat abundance pattern indicates CI for most elements (cf CM pattern)
- Offset due to lower H, O -> **less incorporated H₂O (terr. contam.?)**
 - **6.8 wt% H₂O vs 12.7% for Ivuna; 4.6 wt% C (3 % organic) in Ryugu**

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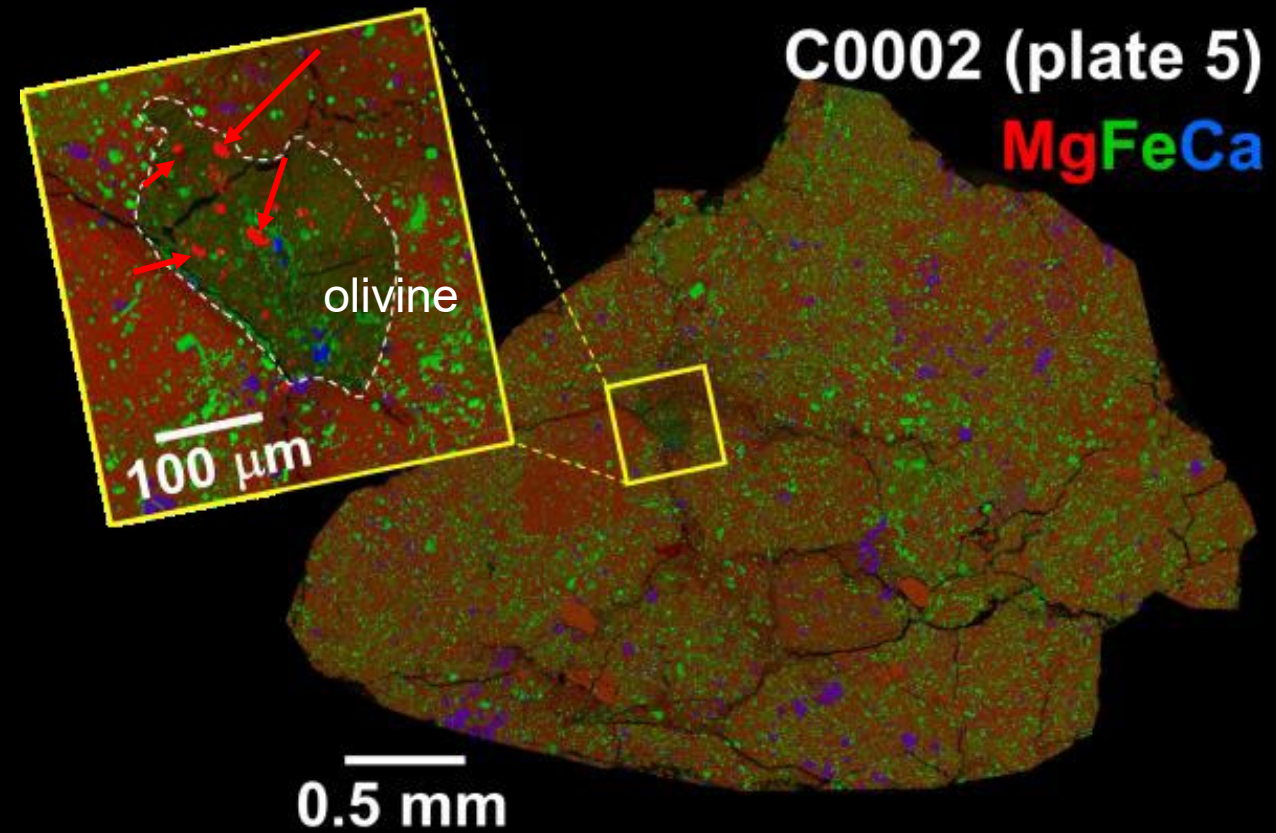
- O isotopes essentially identical to CI chondrites
 - Different chondrite groups show distinct O isotopic trends
 - Very small difference ($\sim 0.01\%$) may be due to terrestrial contamination



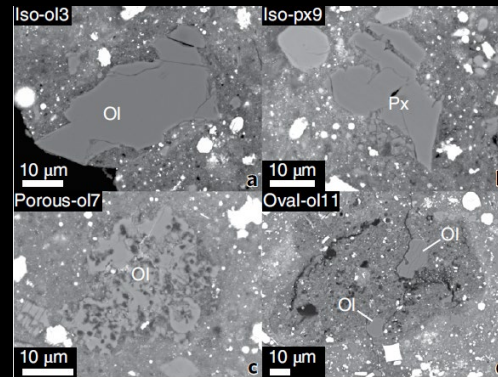
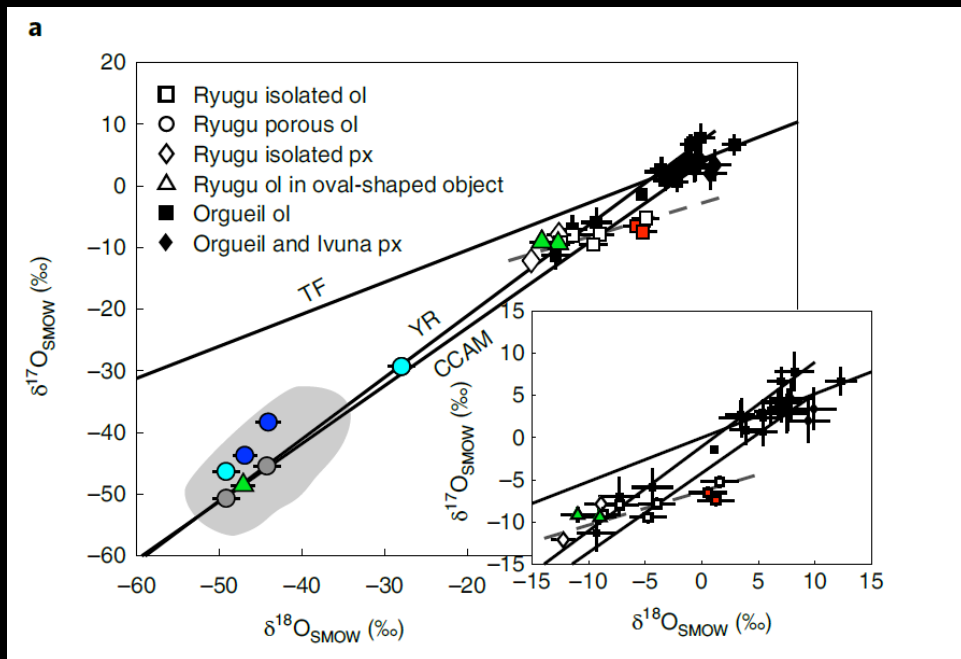
Difference from Earth oceans in parts per thousand

Anhydrous minerals

- Some Chamber C (TD2) samples have less-altered clasts containing unaltered silicates- **Ryugu not fully aqueously altered!**



Mikouchi et al. (LPSC 2022)



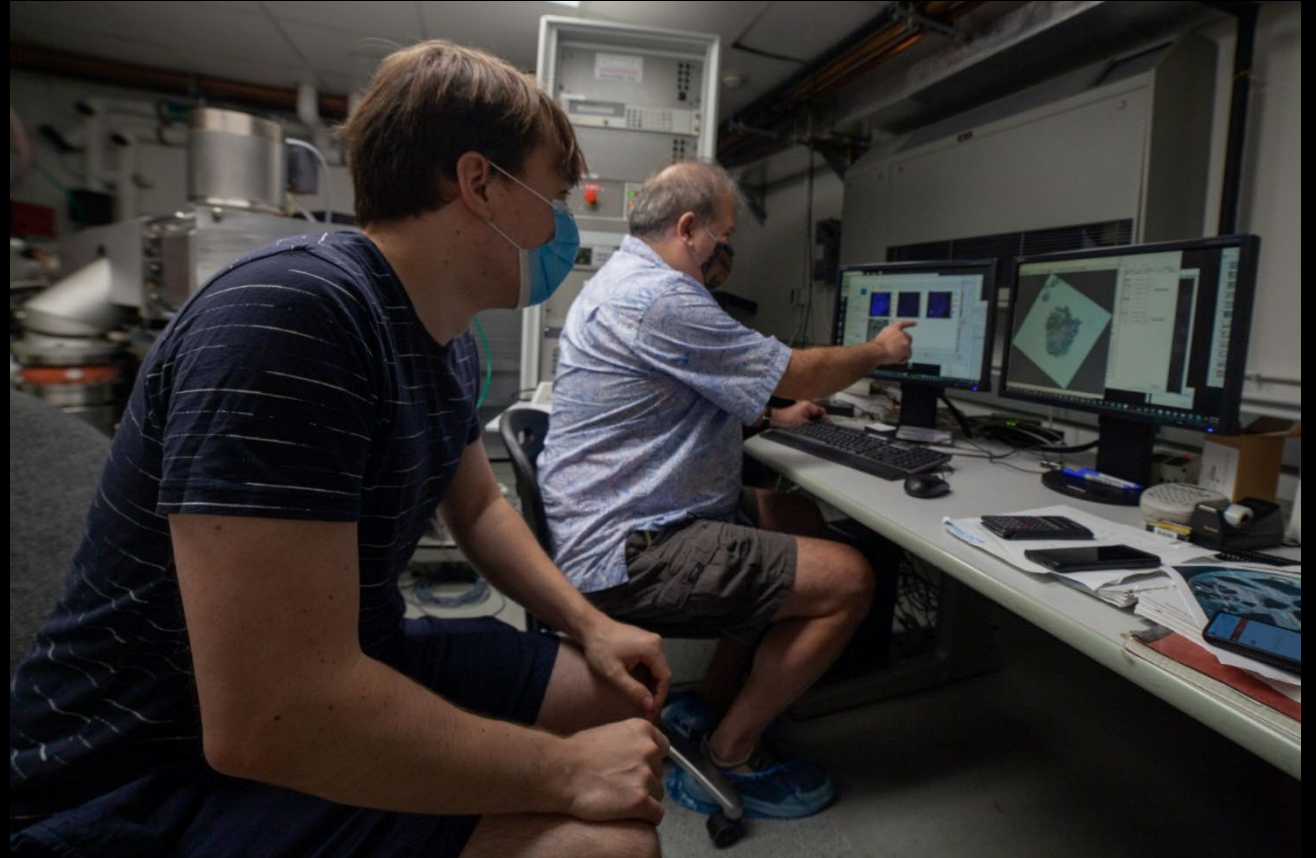
Liu, M-C et al. (*Nature Astronomy*, 2022)

NanoSIMS and Ryugu samples

NANOSIMS 50L

(allows sub- μm isotopic and elemental characterization of solid samples)

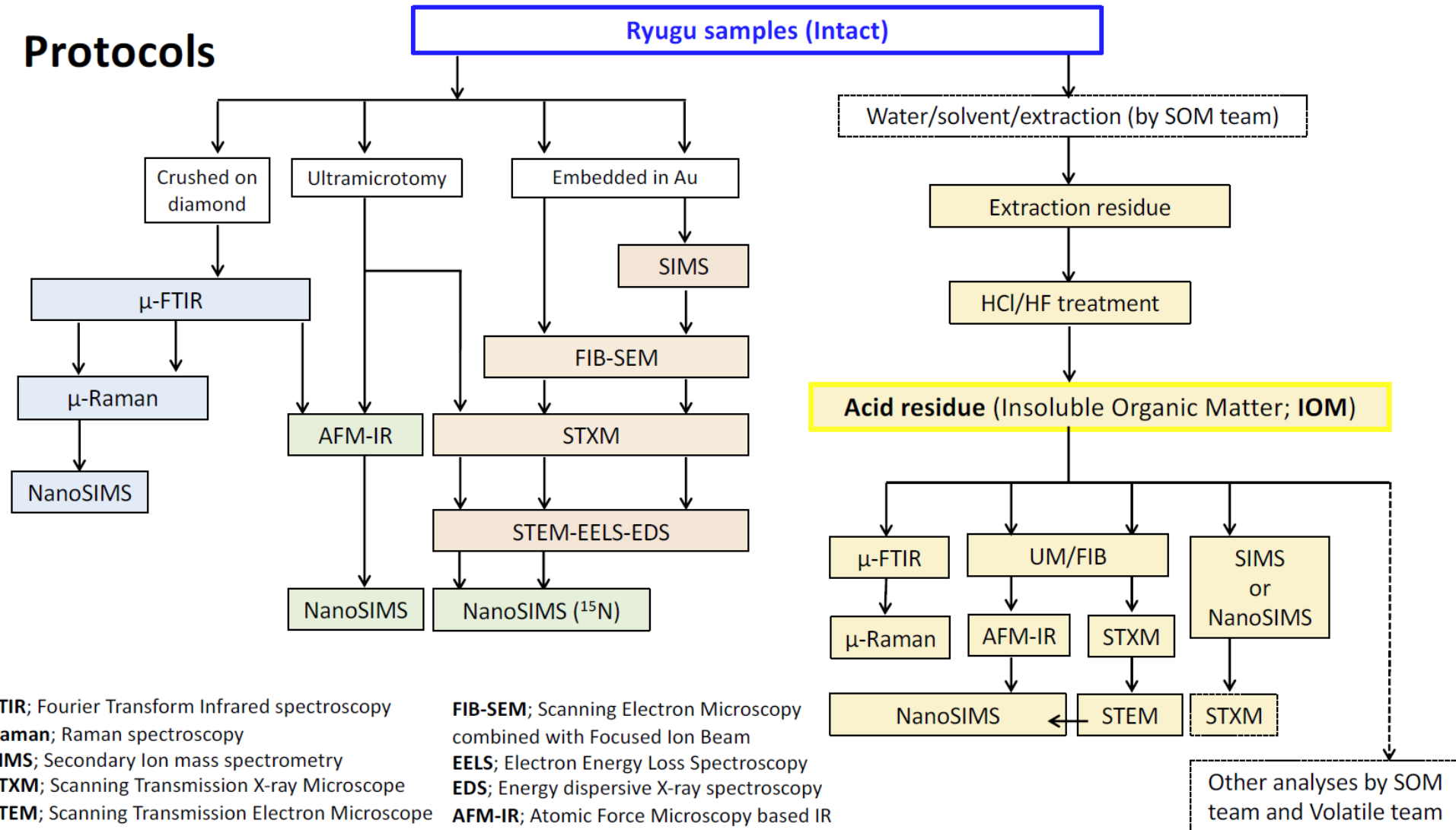
- IOM Team: Characterized H, C, and N isotopes in Ryugu organic matter at microscale
- Chemistry Team: Searched for *presolar grains*



LRN + Jens Barosch at Carnegie Inst. NanoSIMS (K. Cain)

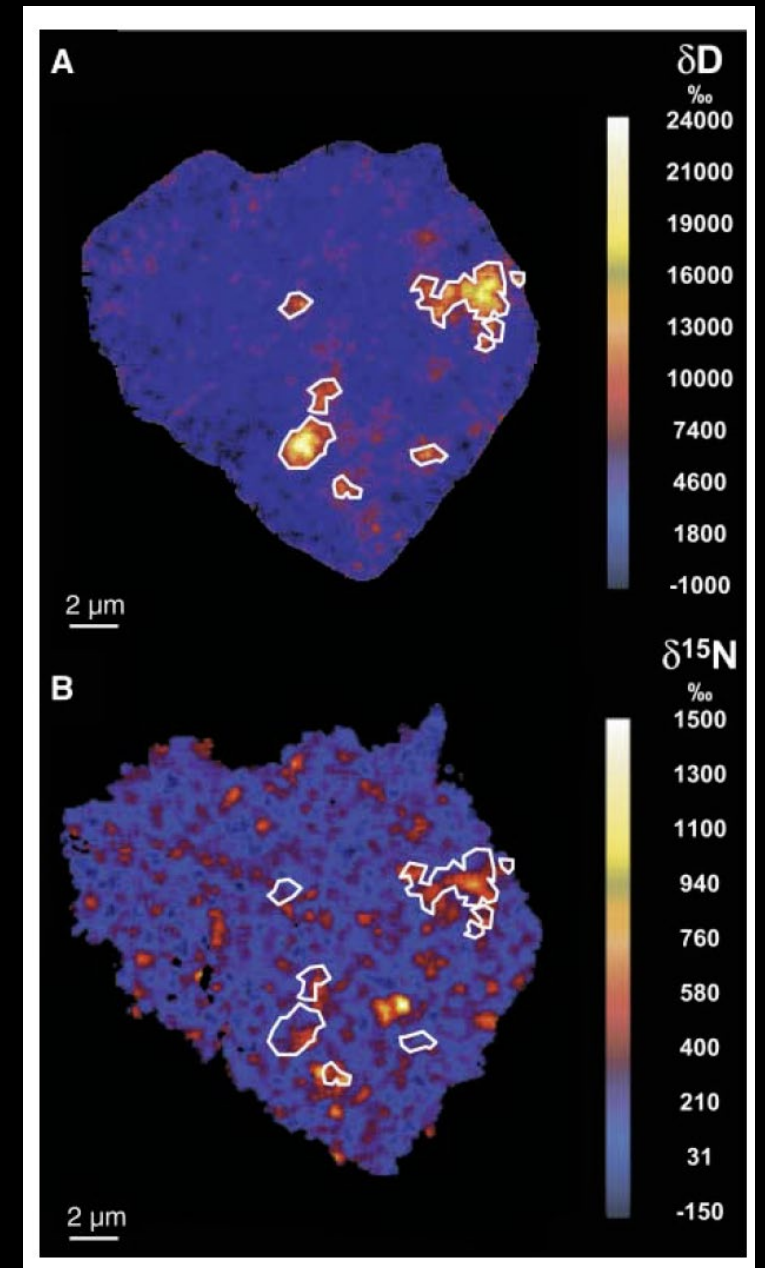
organic macromolecule analysis team

Protocols

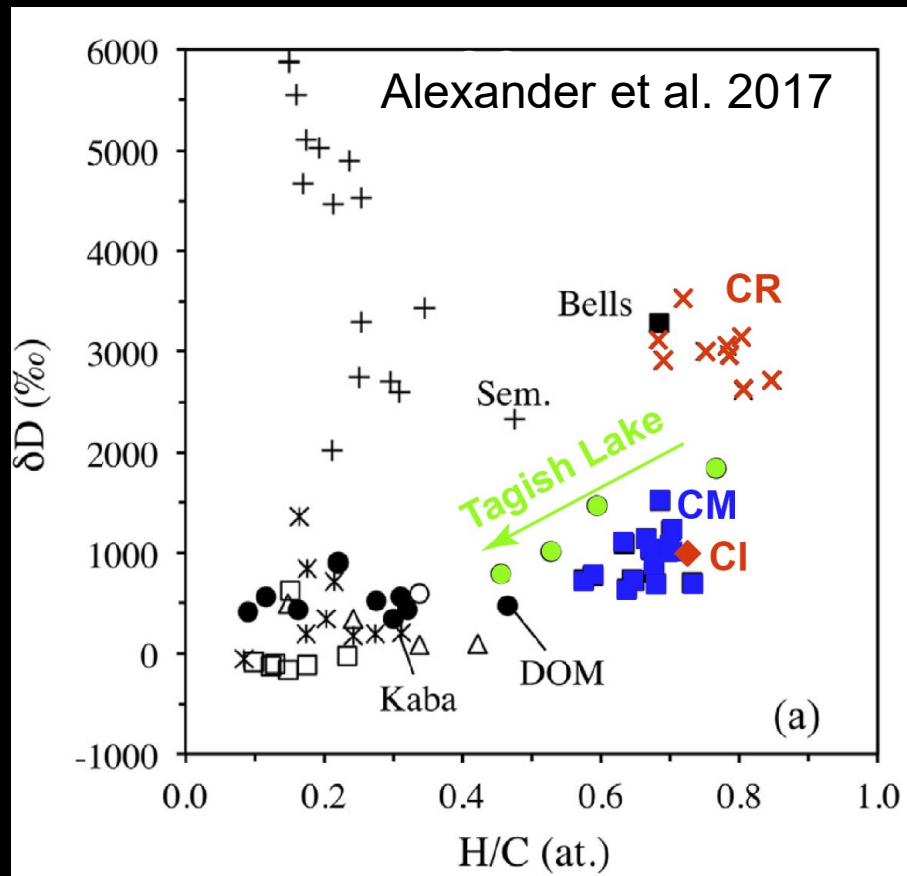


Organic matter in C Chondrites

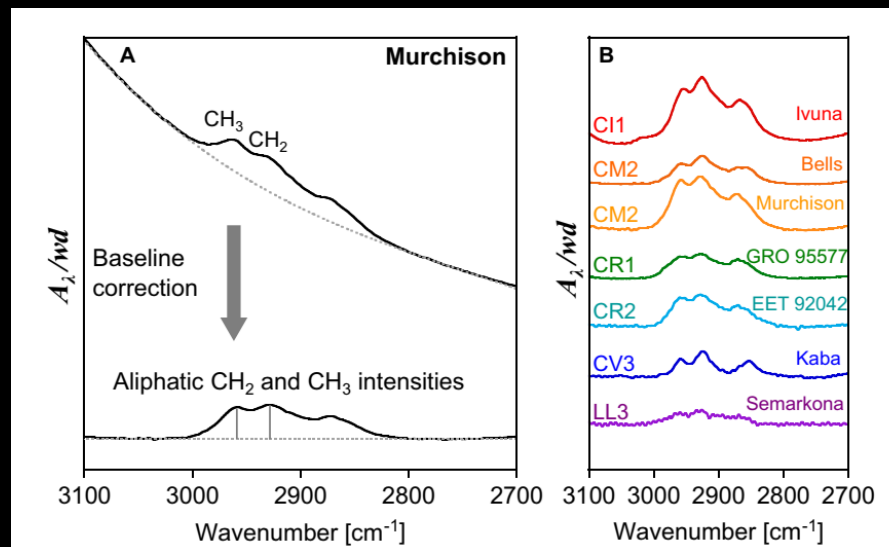
- Makes up to 3-4 wt.% of carbonaceous chondrites
- Enormous diversity of soluble organic molecules including many of astrobiological interest, but C budget dominated by refractory insoluble organic matter (IOM)
- Origin unknown, but isotopic enrichments in D and ^{15}N suggest heritage in presolar molecular cloud or outer protoplanetary disk.



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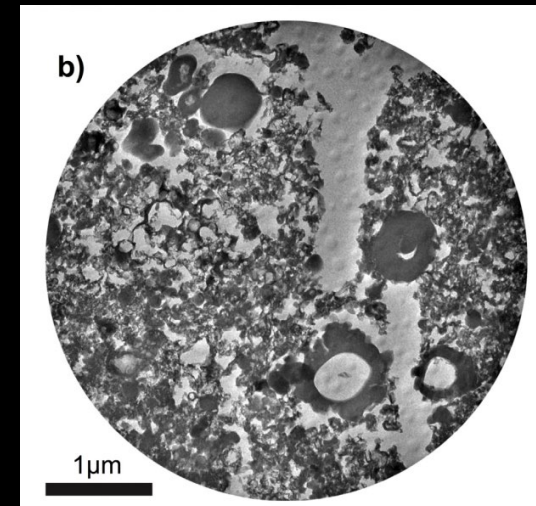


- Affected by parent body processing (hydrothermal alteration, metamorphism)

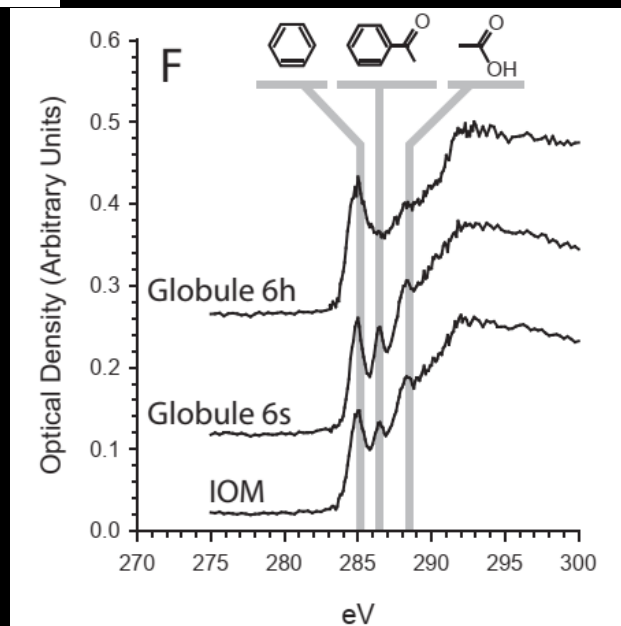


Kebukawa et al. 2019

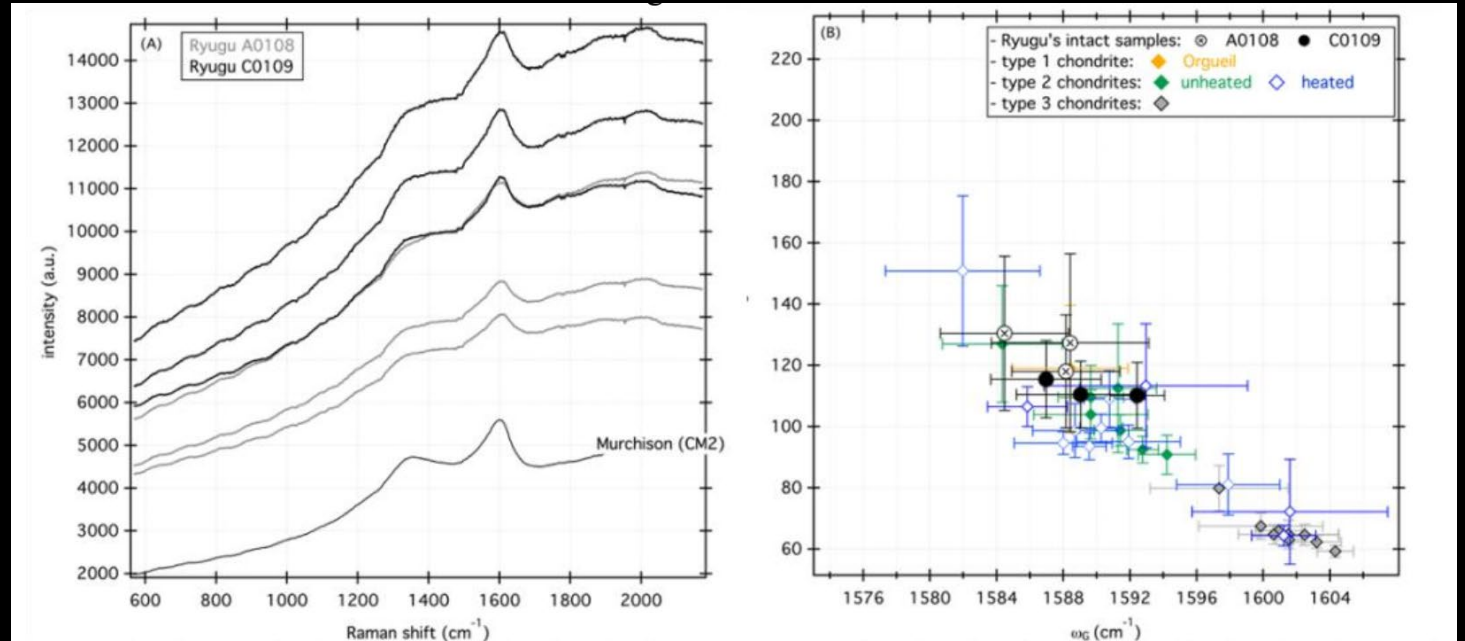
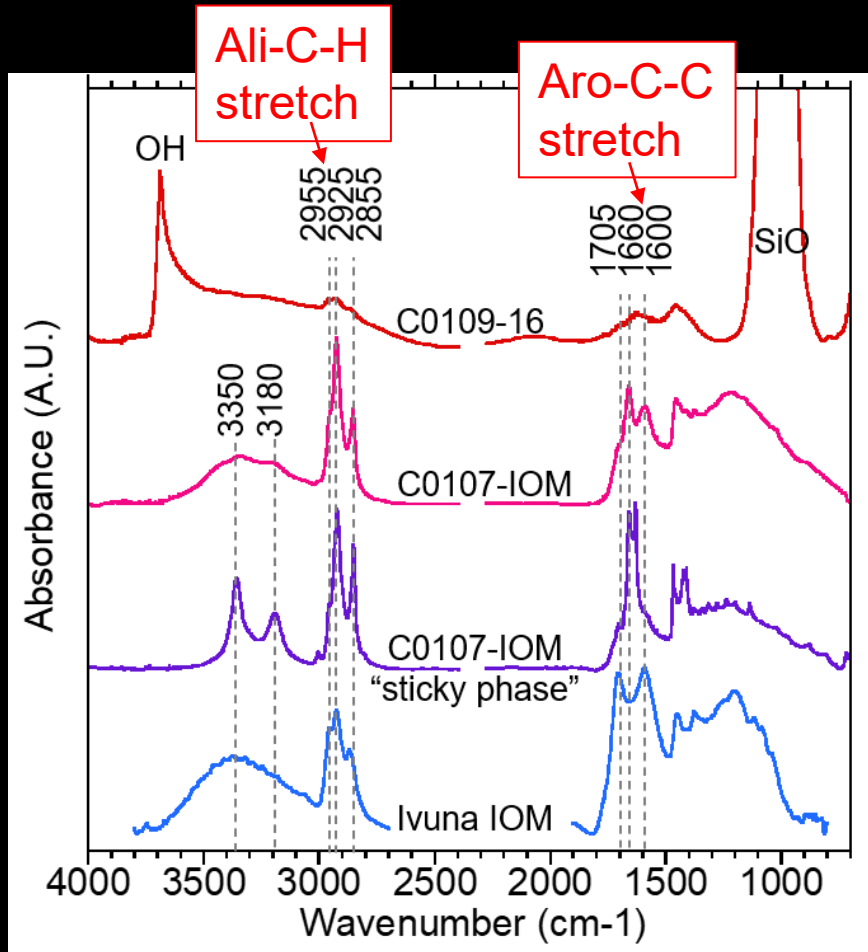
- Diversity of morphologies (inc. “nanoglobules”) and chemical functionality



De Gregorio et al. 2013



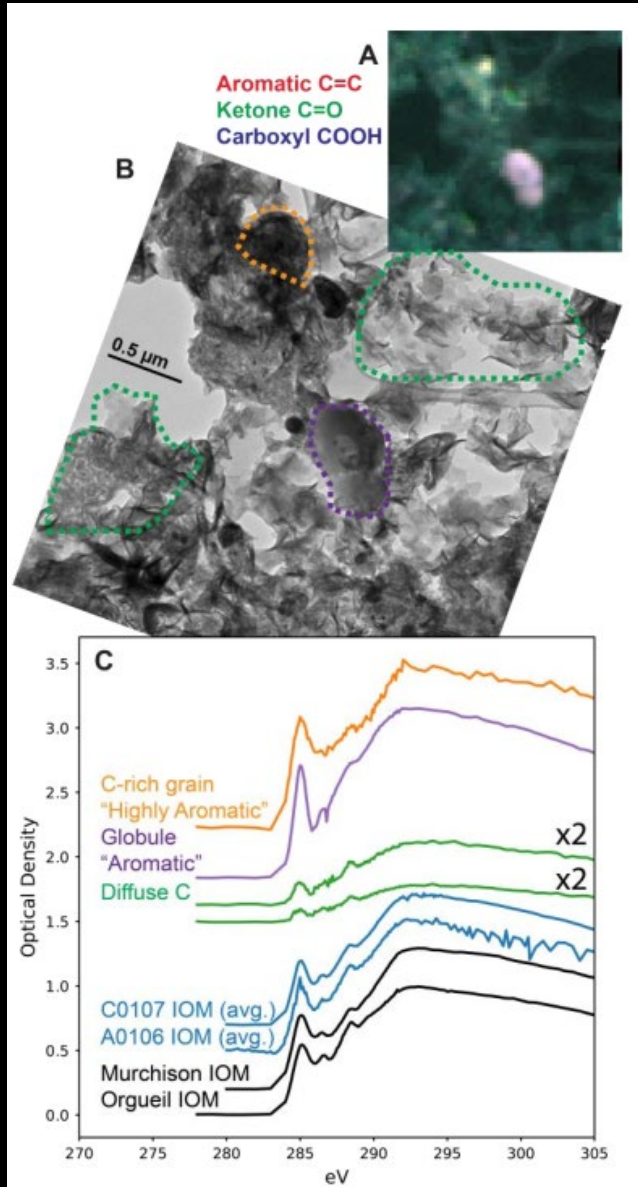
Initial Macromolecule Results: FTIR/Raman



Raman Spectroscopy: Ryugu similar to unheated C chondrites, including CI Bonal et al. (LPSC 2022)

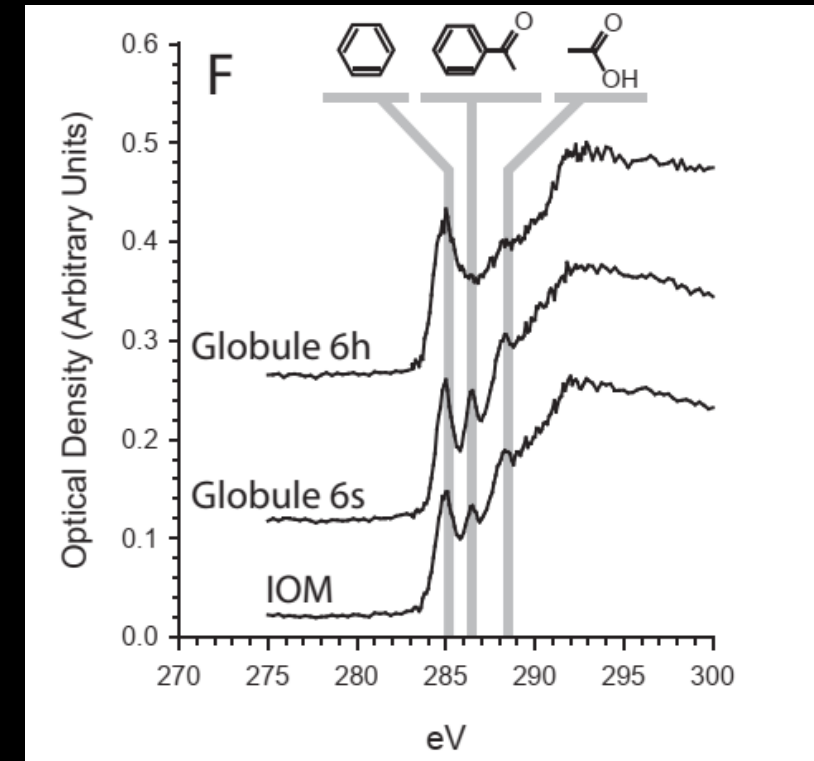
FTIR: Ryugu A=C, similar to CI chondrite organics
 Kebukawa et al.; Quirico et al. (LPSC 2022)

Initial Macromolecule Results: C-XANES



• C-XANES

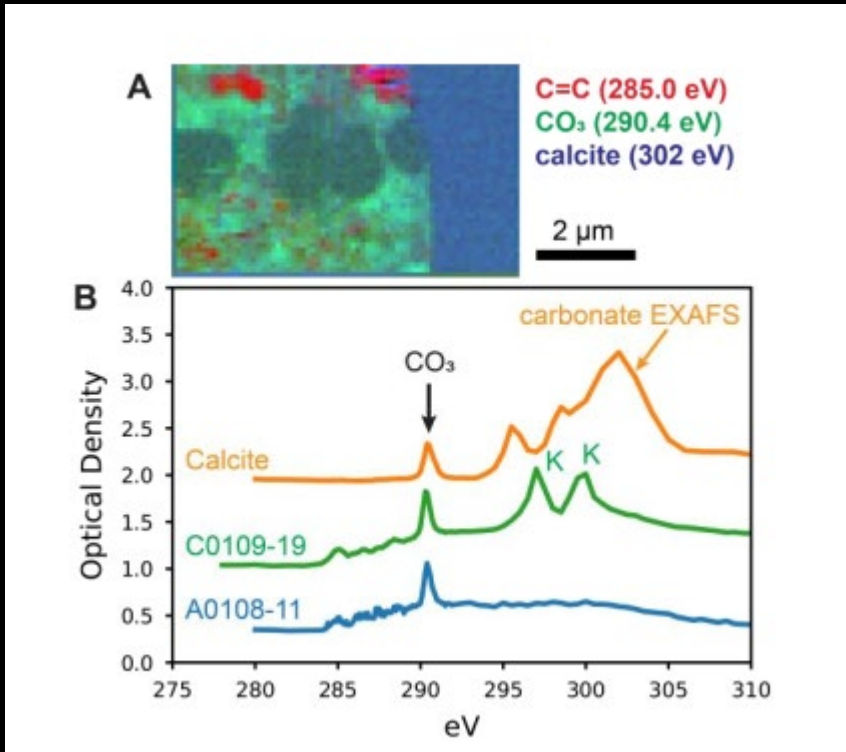
- Pervasive C-rich grains >200-nm and *diffuse C* associated with phyllosilicates
- Spectral diversity, similar to C chondrites



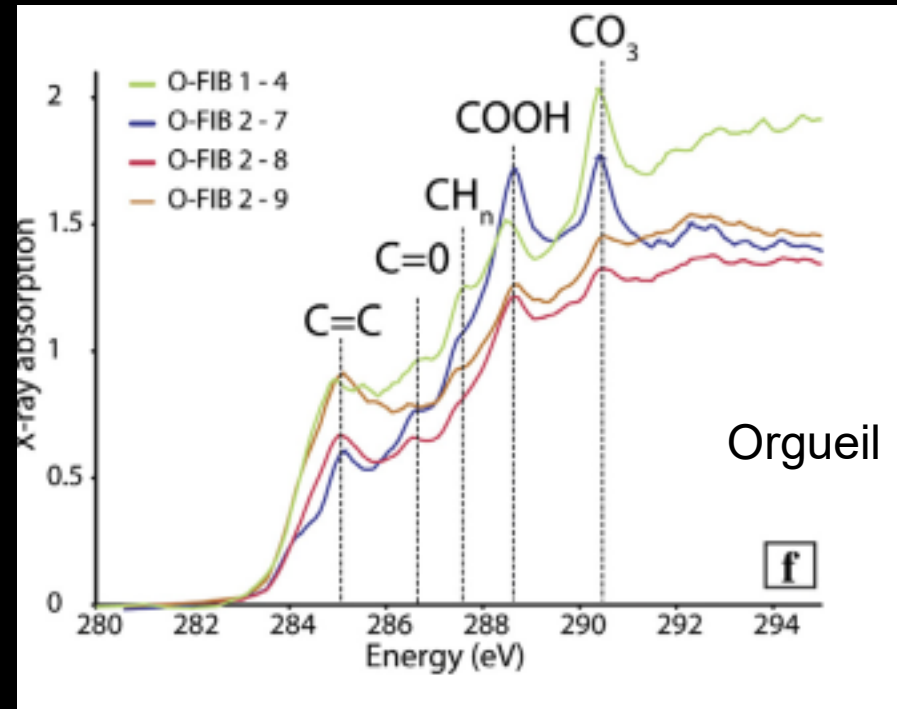
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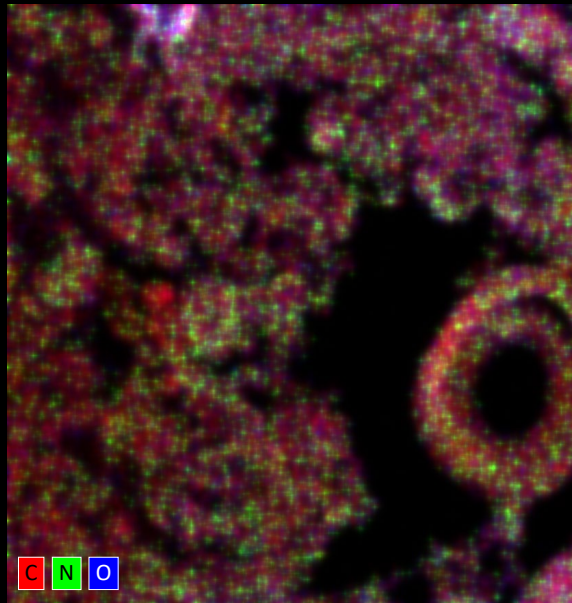
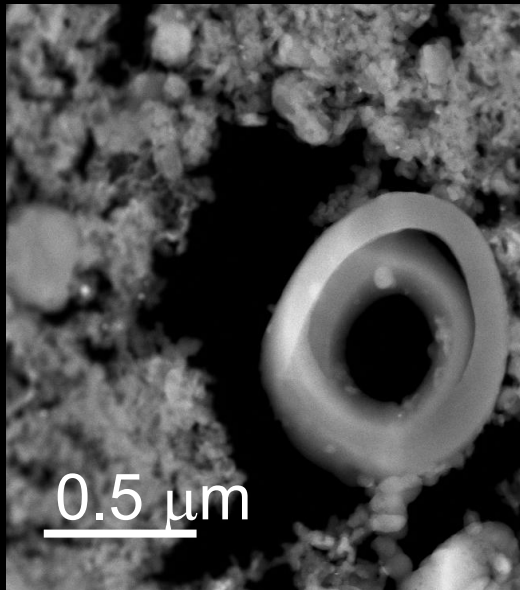
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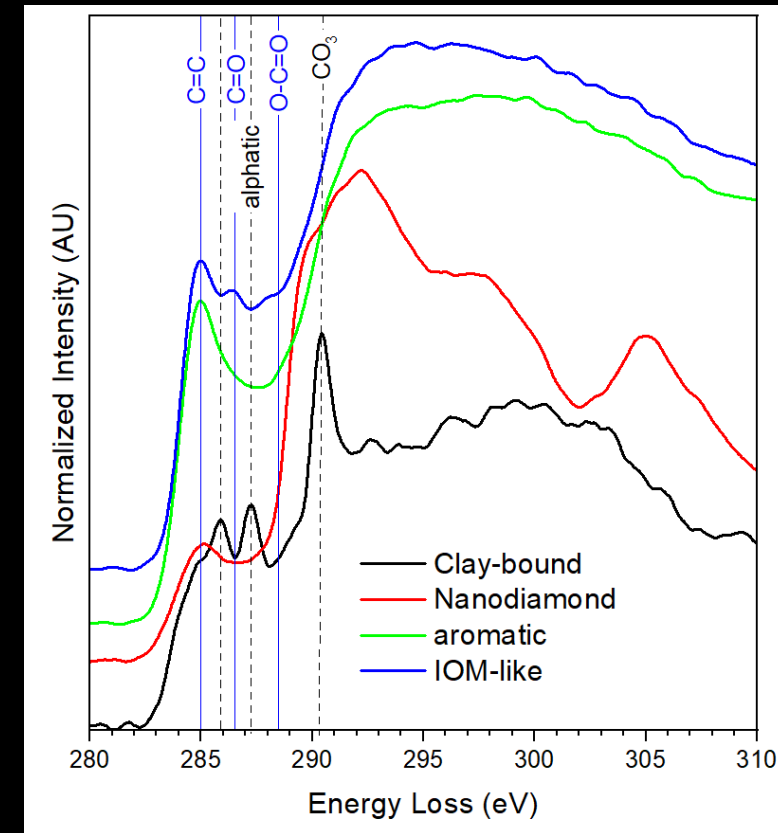
- Interesting 290.4 eV feature seen in intact particles (not IOM), associated with phyllosilicates – not crystalline carbonate!
- Previously seen in some C chondrites
- Molecular carbonate? Initial stages of carbonate formation? (Le Guillou et al. 2014)

Initial Macromolecule Results: STEM

Ryugu IOM



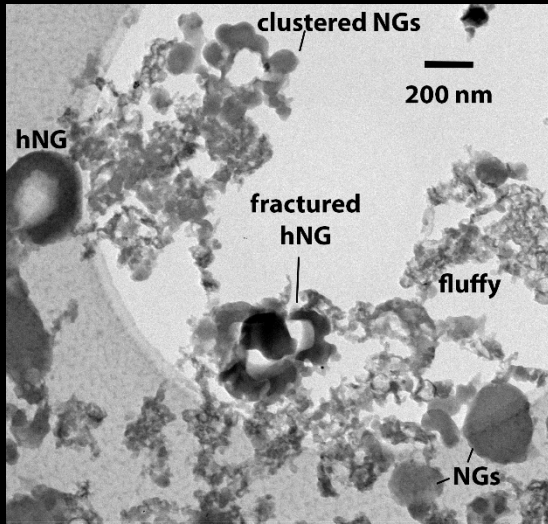
- STEM allows nm-scale mapping of composition and functional chemistry
 - Diversity of C morphologies – diffuse clay-bound C, hollow/soild, nanoglobules, fluffy material
 - 290.4 feature associated with phyllosilicates
 - (presolar?) Nanodiamonds present



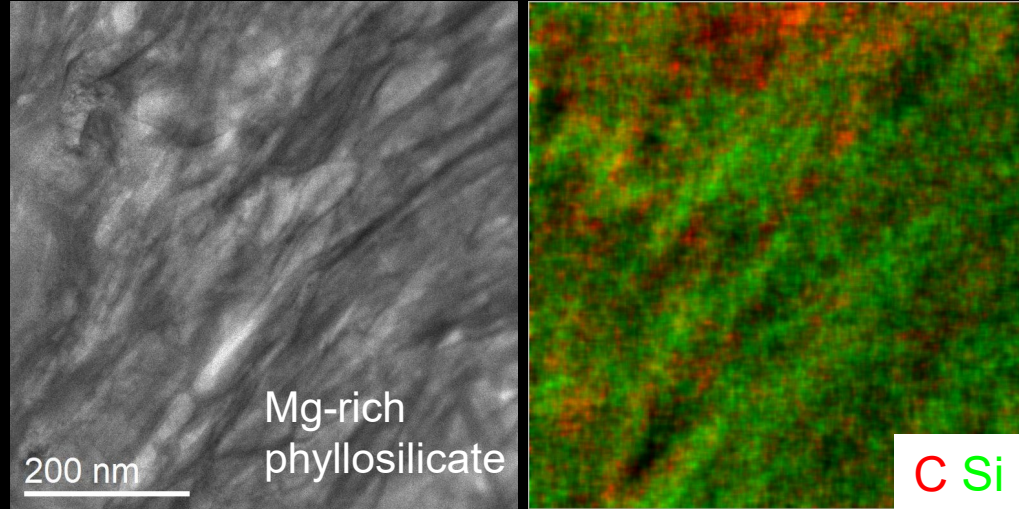
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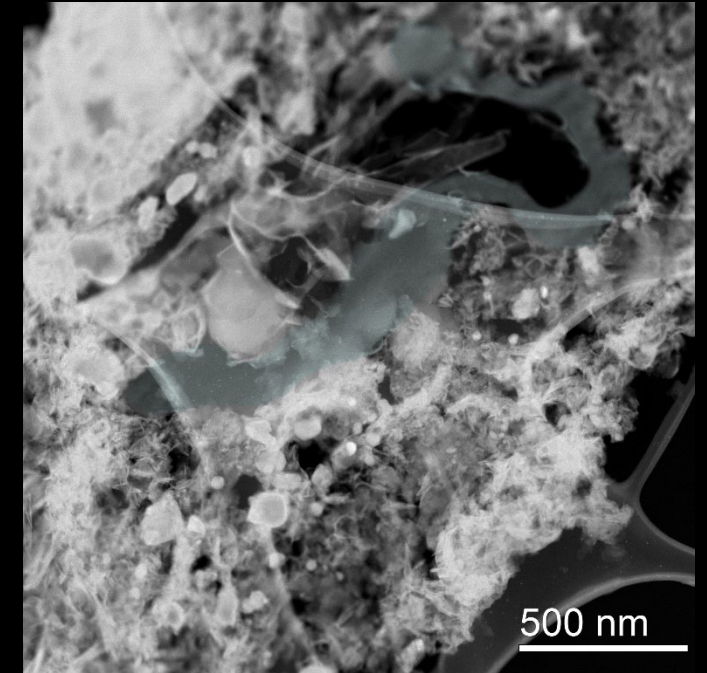
Nanoglobules



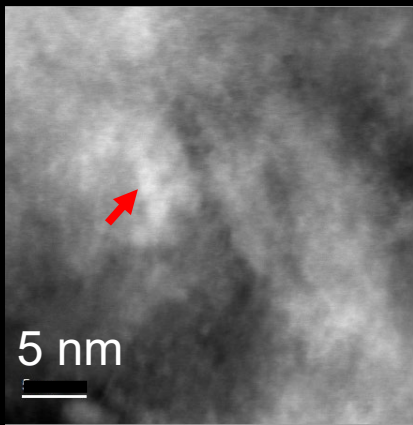
Diffuse C, intergranular & mixed into phyllosilicates



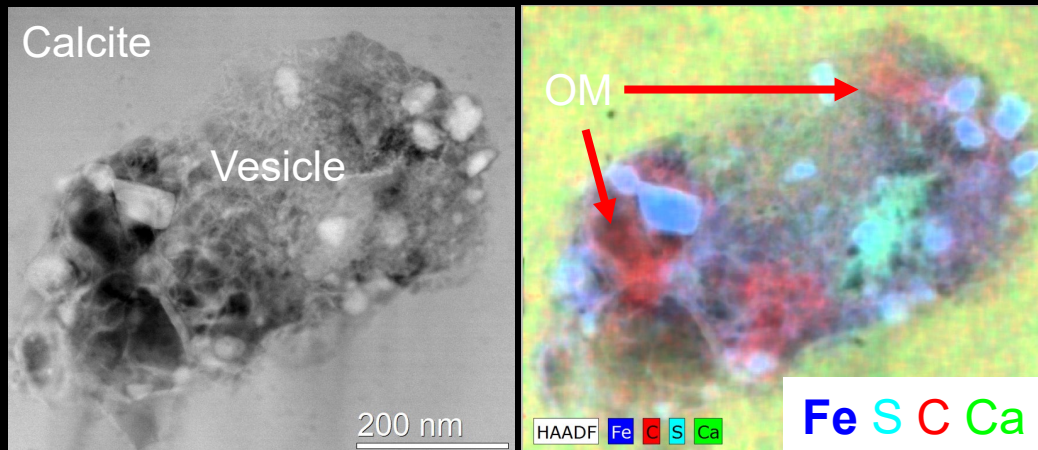
Dense, irregular shaped



Nanodiamonds

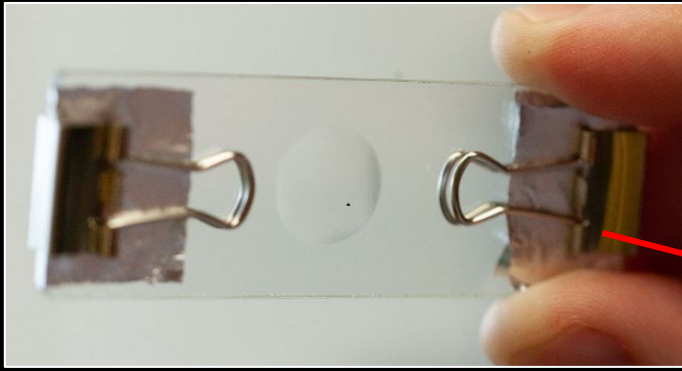


In vesicles in carbonate and pyrrhotite grains

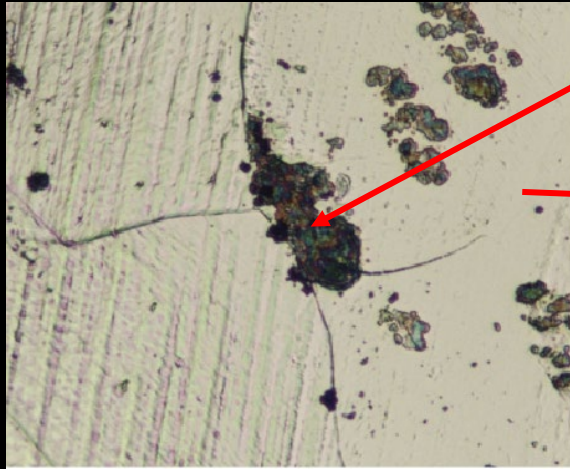
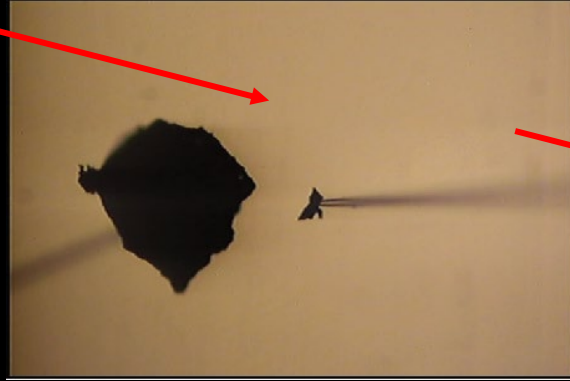


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NanoSIMS

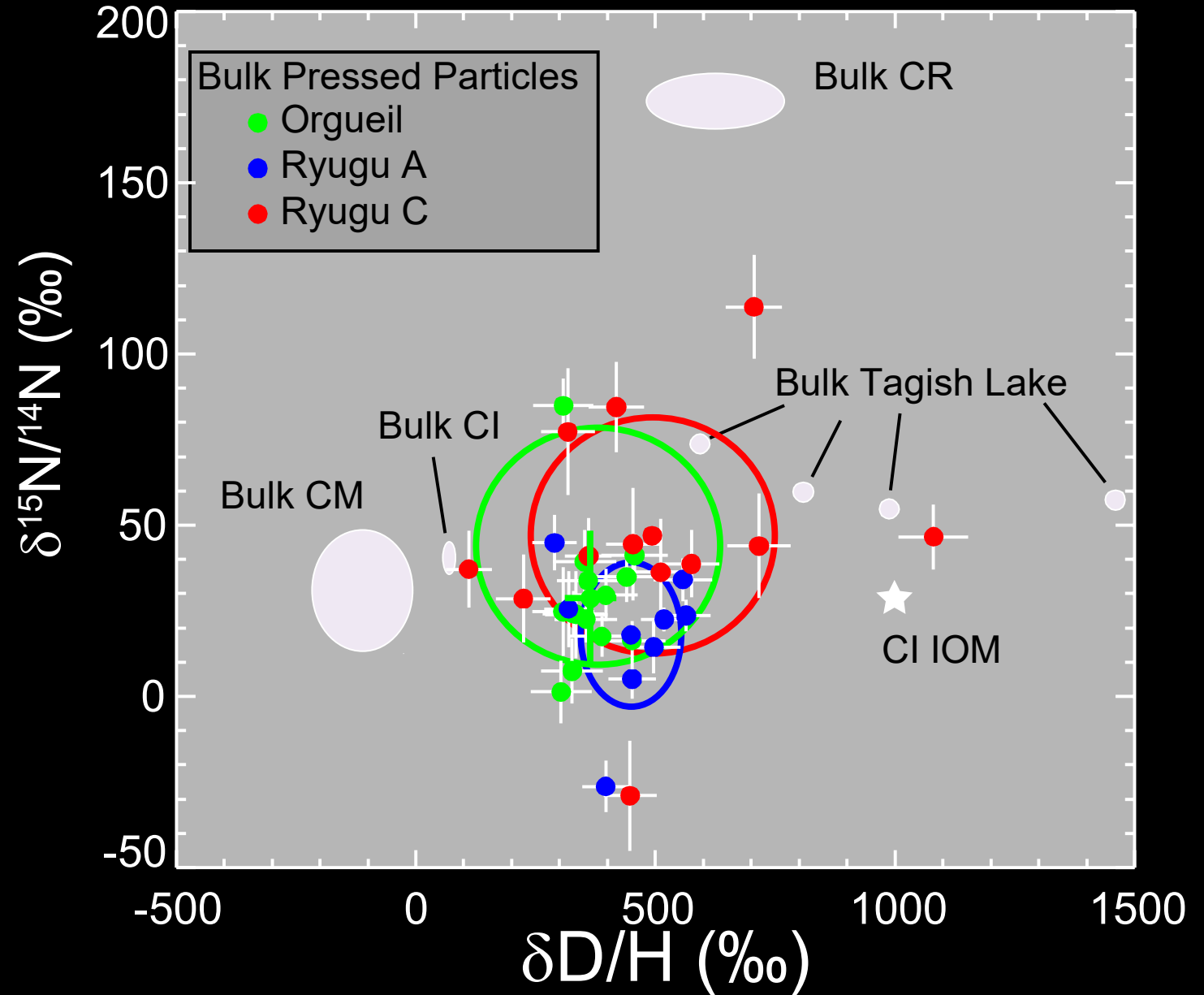


- Few dozen 15-30 μm particles (Ryugu and Orgueil) pressed into Au foils
- Analyzed for H, C, and N isotopes in imaging mode on Carnegie NanoSIMS 50L (Standard methods)



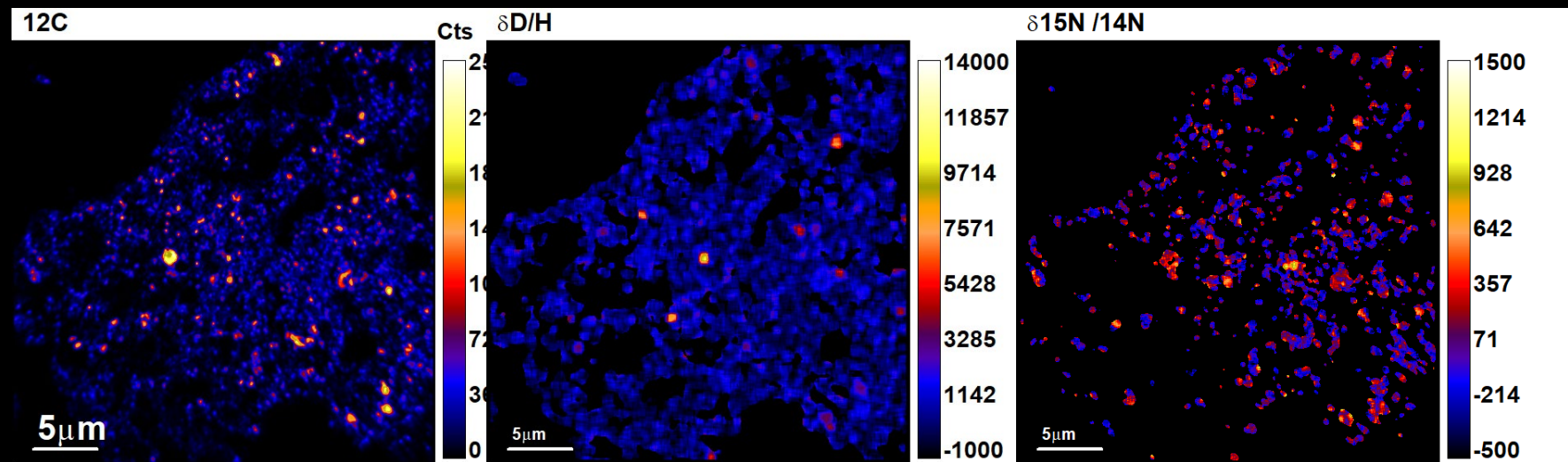
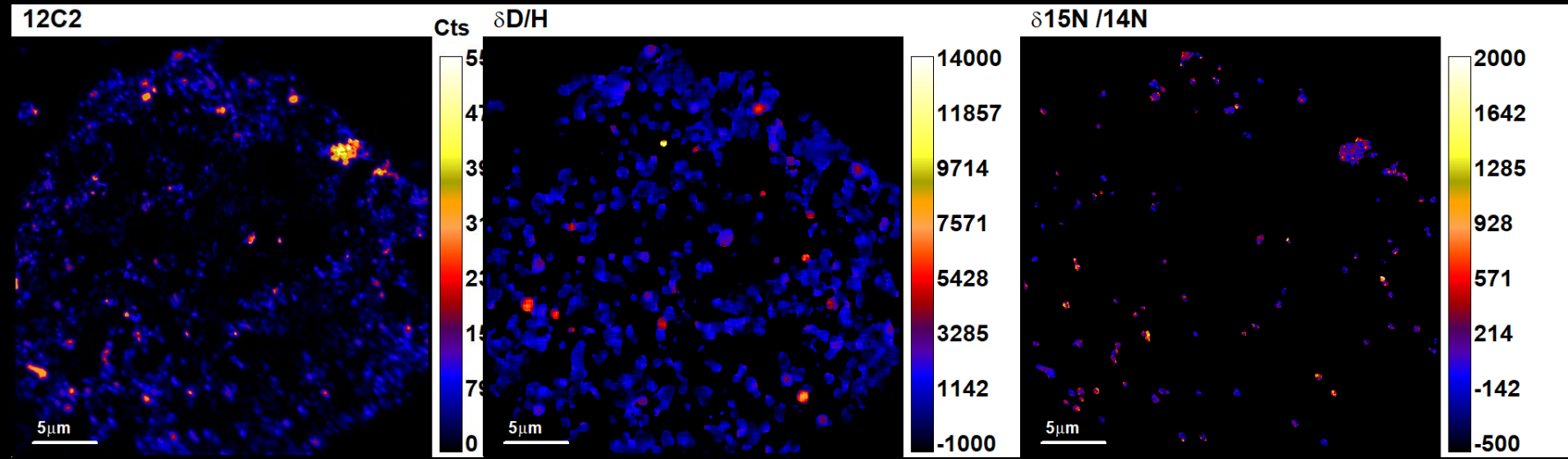
Bulk results

- SIMS measurements of Ryugu in good agreement with Orgueil
 - Same $^{15}\text{N}/^{14}\text{N}$
 - D/H between bulk CI and CI IOM
- Particle-to-particle variability (10s micron scale) due to microscale isotopic diversity

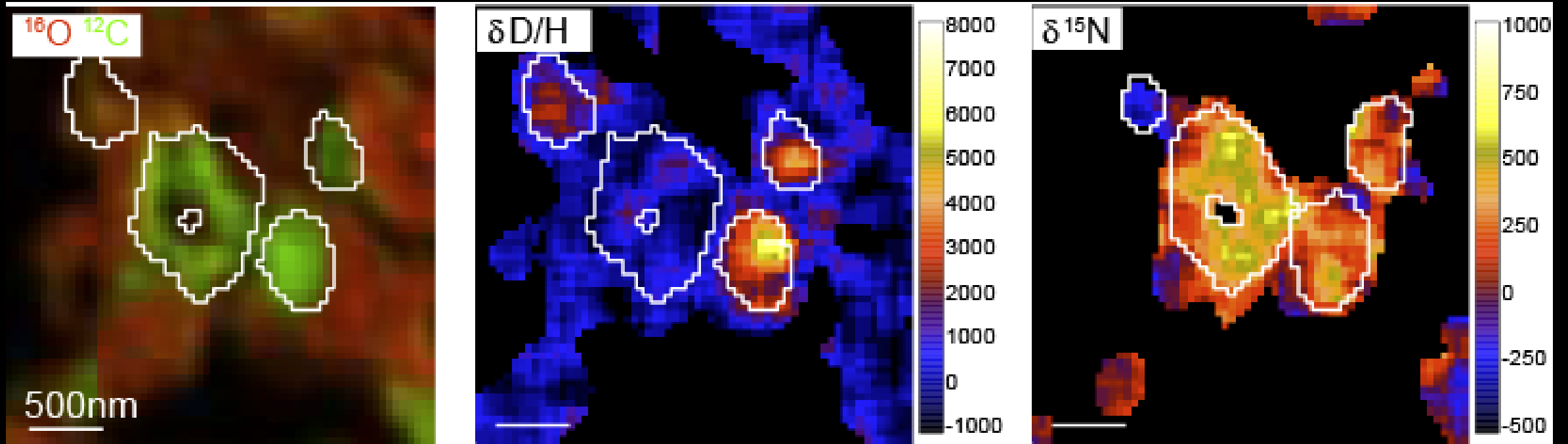


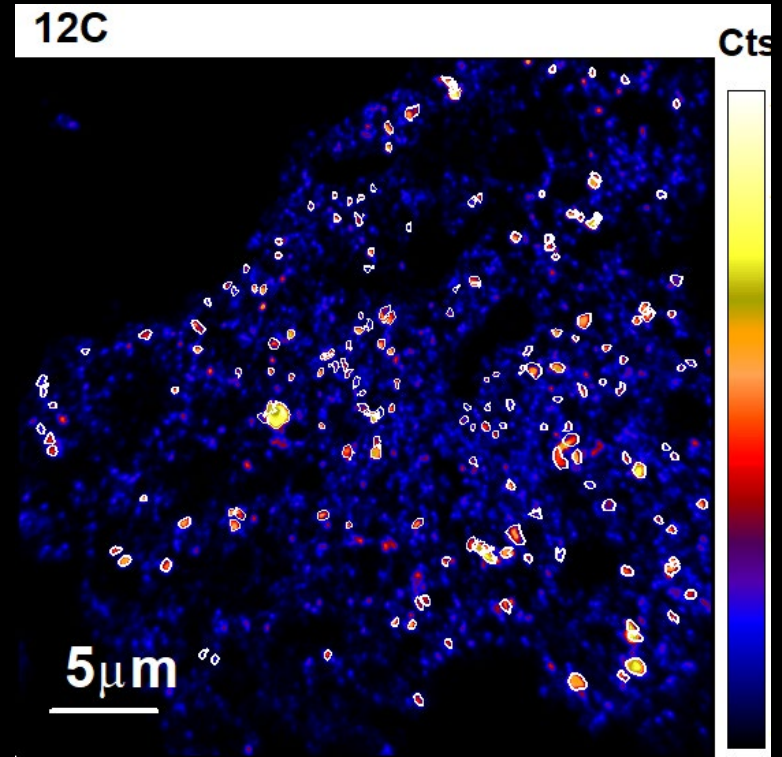
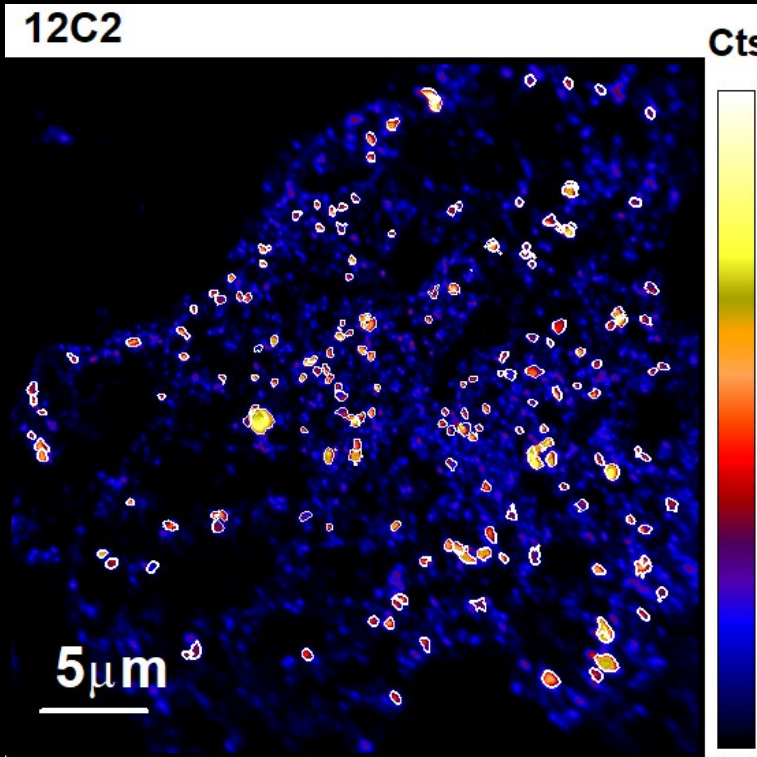
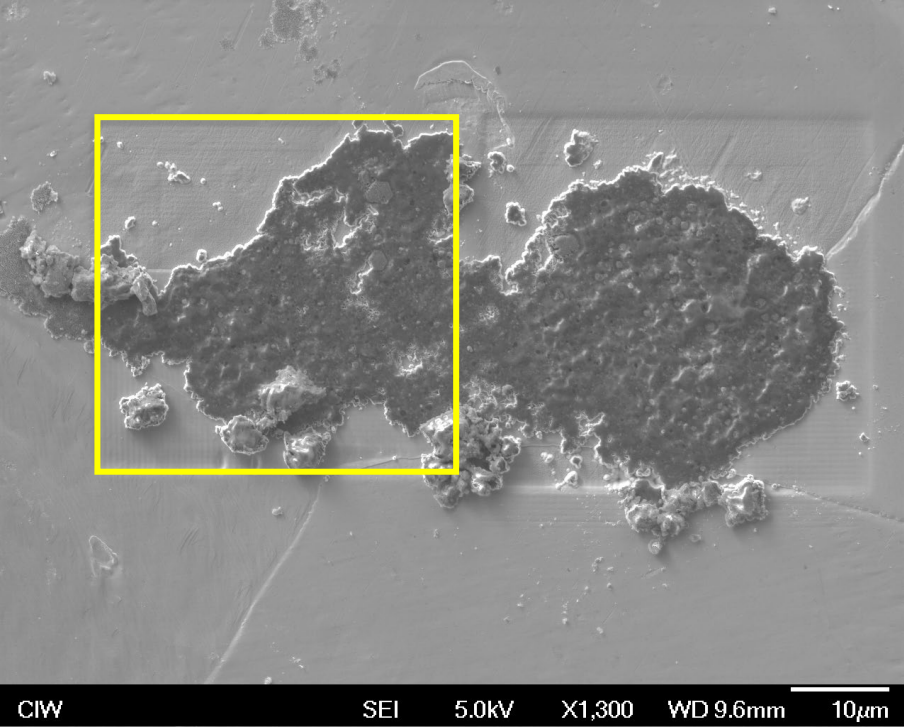
Microscale Isotopic Diversity

- C largely present as particles, mostly round but range of morphologies.
- Very wide range of H and N isotopes



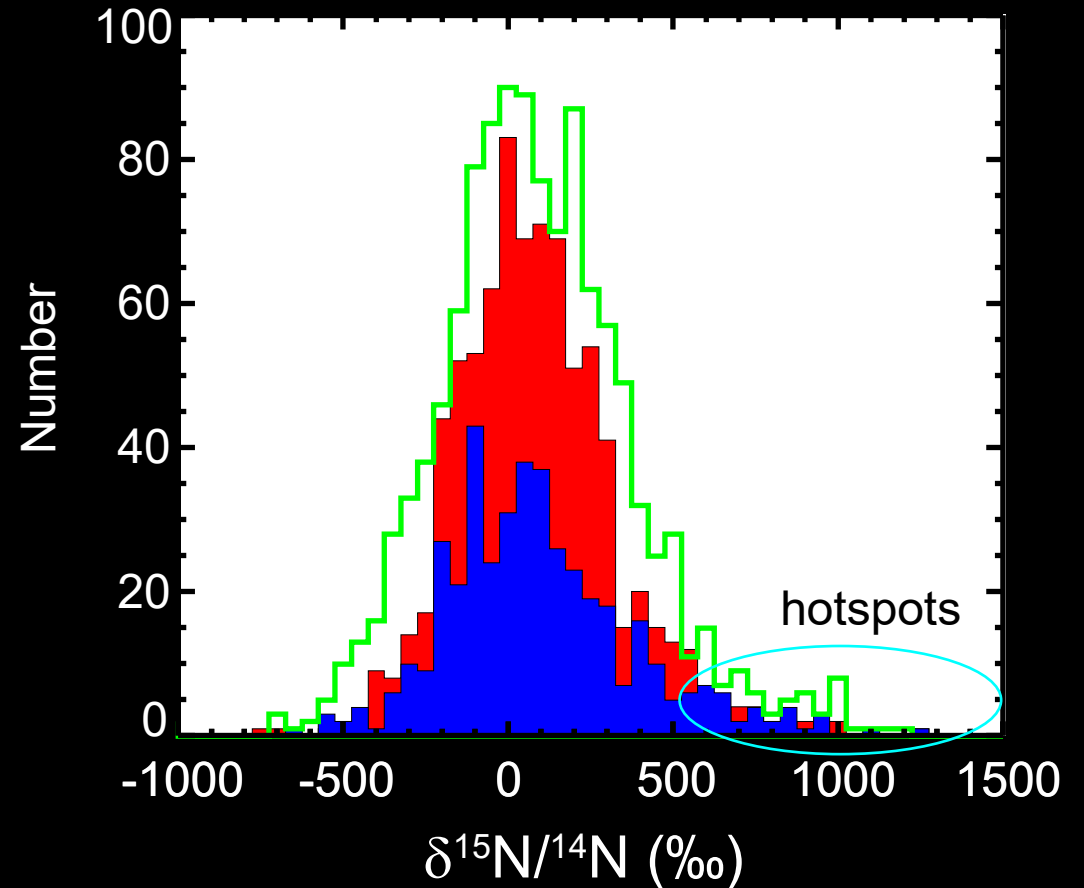
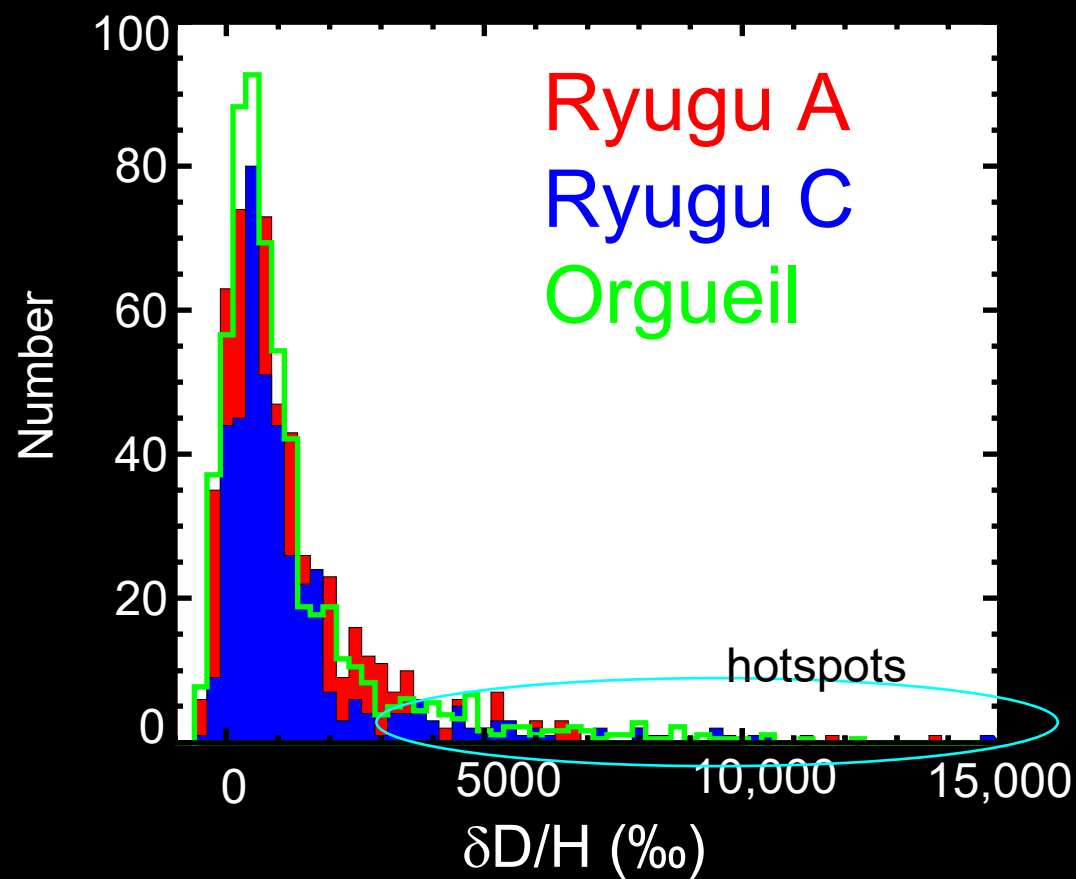
Microscale Isotopic Diversity





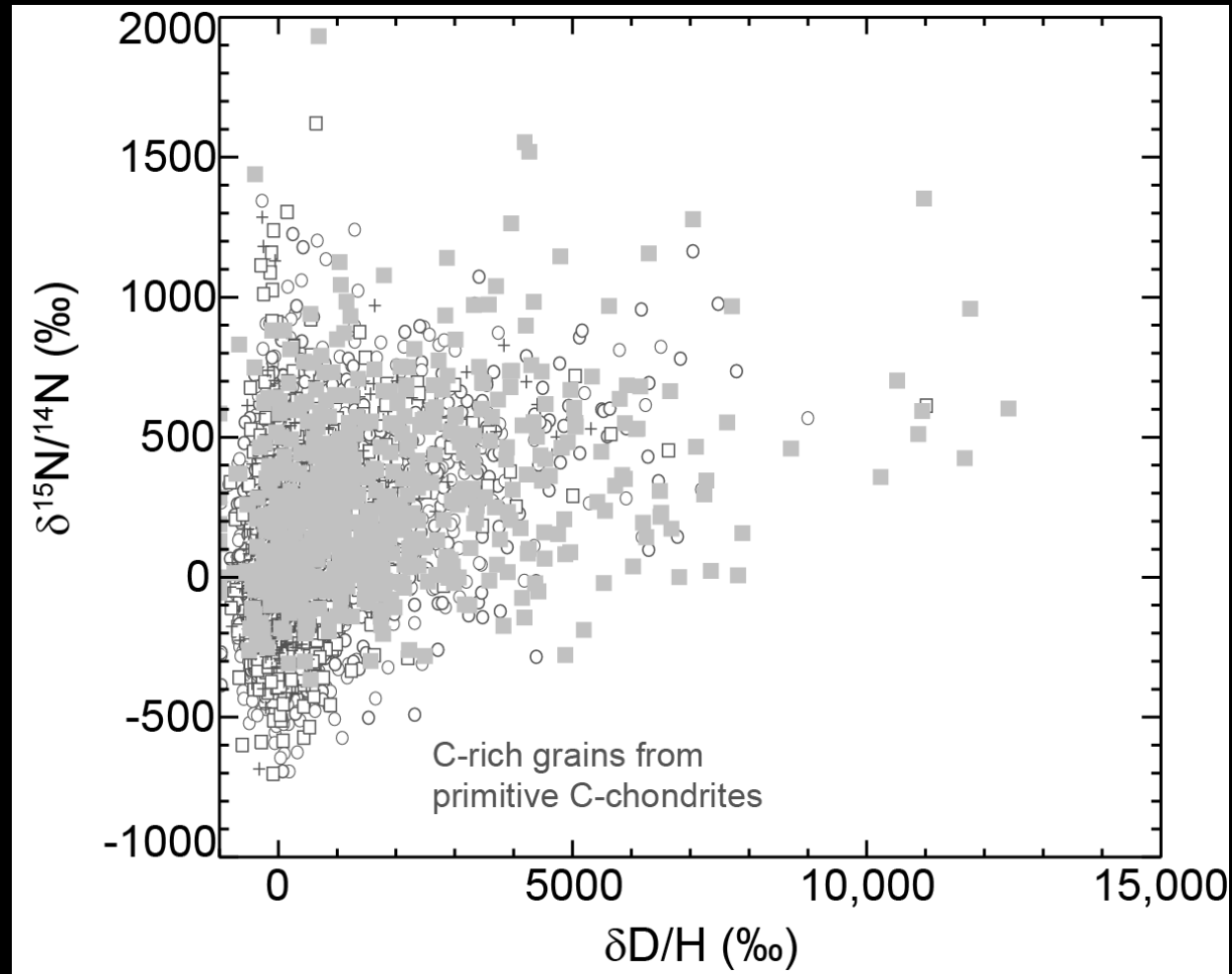
- Define C-rich ROIs in C images from both sets of measurements and correlate them
- Total of a few thousand C-rich ROIs defined in Ryugu A, C, and Orgueil particles

Microscale Results



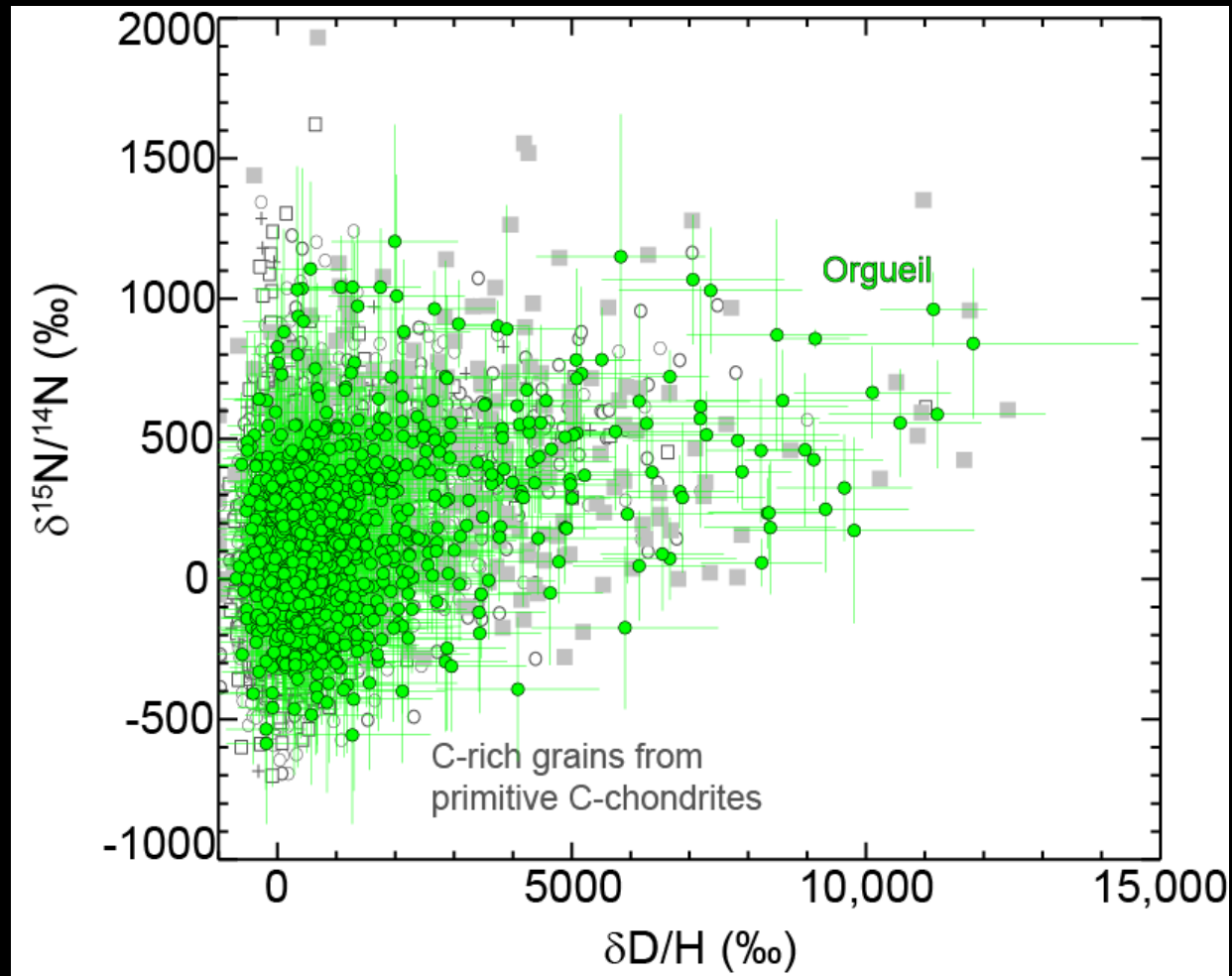
- A ~ C ~ Orgueil in H and N isotope distributions
- Most ROIs have ~bulk H, N isotopes, 5-10% are outliers (“hotspots” and “coldspots”)

Microscale Results



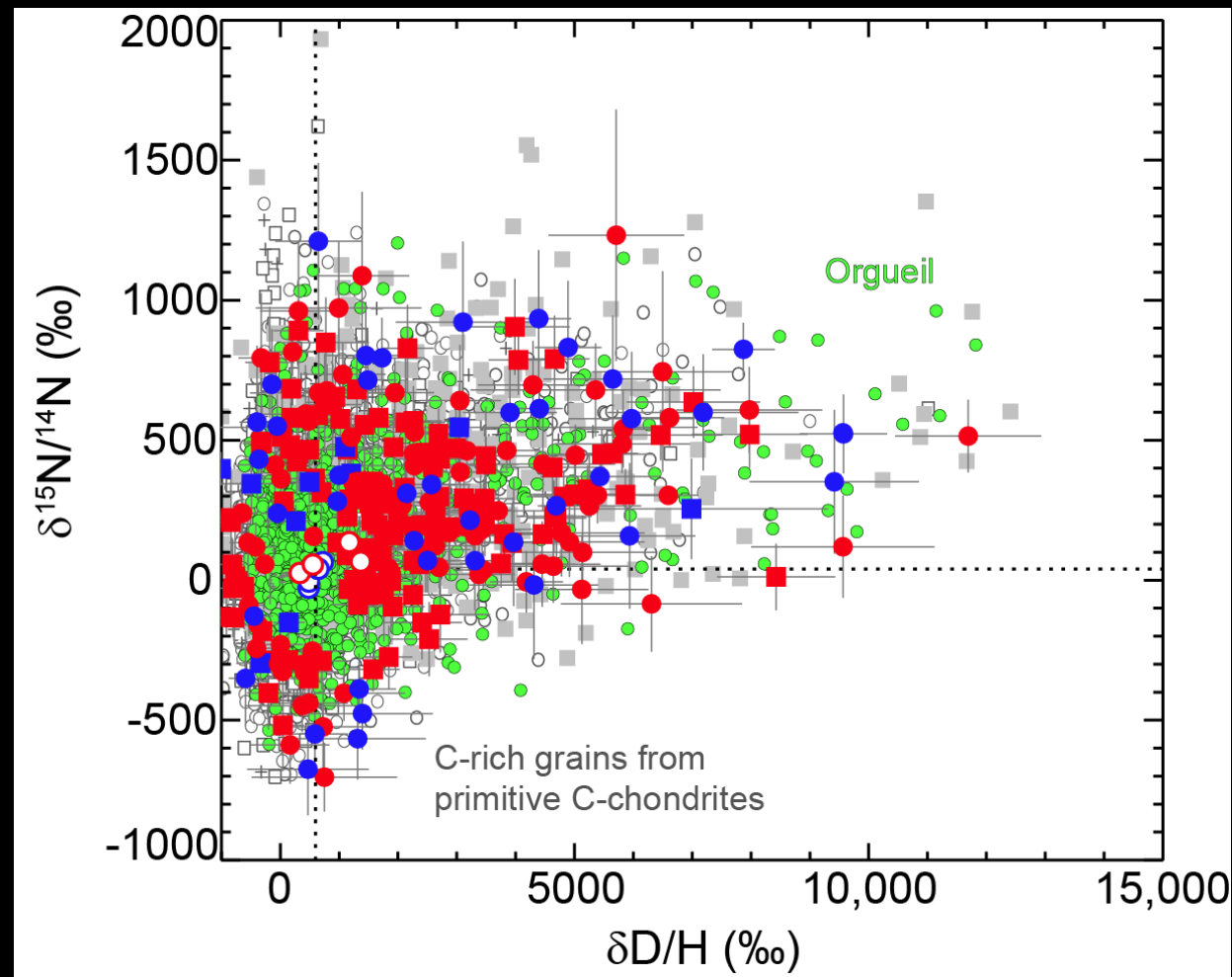
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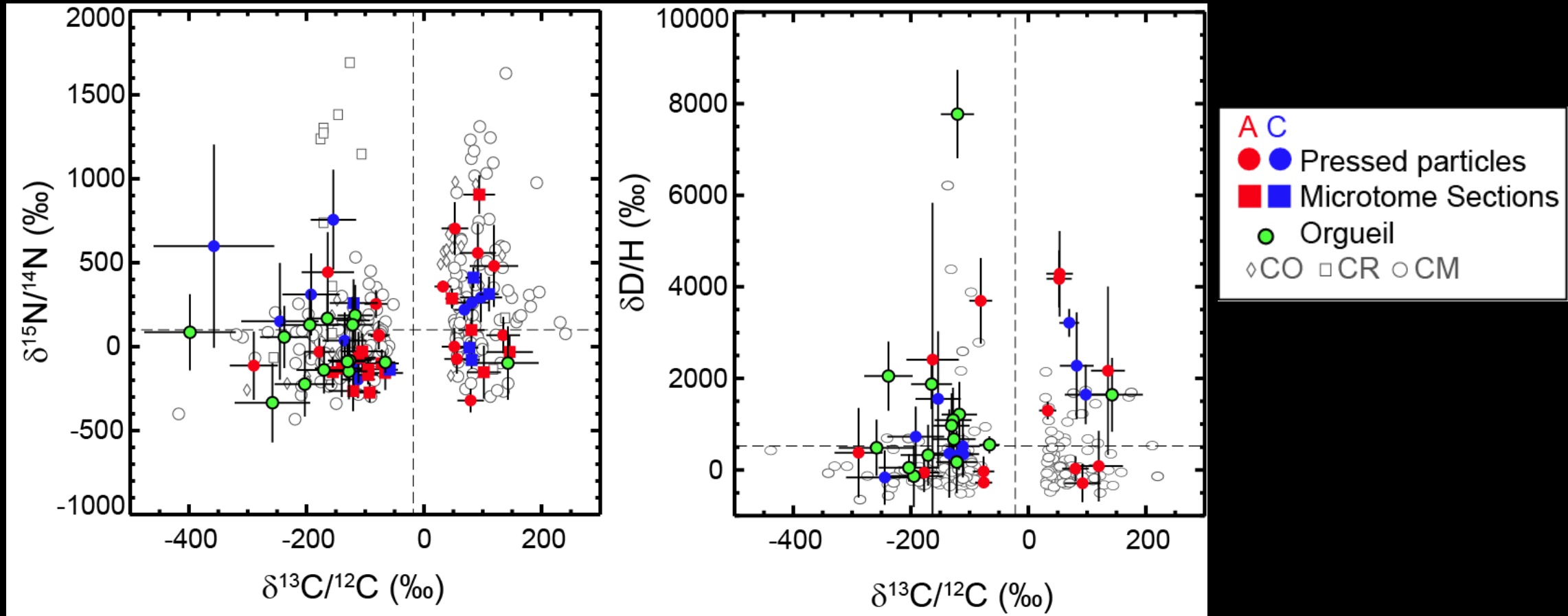
Ryugu Chamber A
Ryugu Chamber C
Pressed particles
○ ○ Bulk C-rich
● ● Anom. ROIs
Microtome Sections
■ ■ Anom. ROIs

C-chondrites:
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Microtome:
Yabuta+ in review

- Essentially identical distributions for Ryugu A , C, Orgueil
- No correlation between δD and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$: diversity of origins of solar system organics

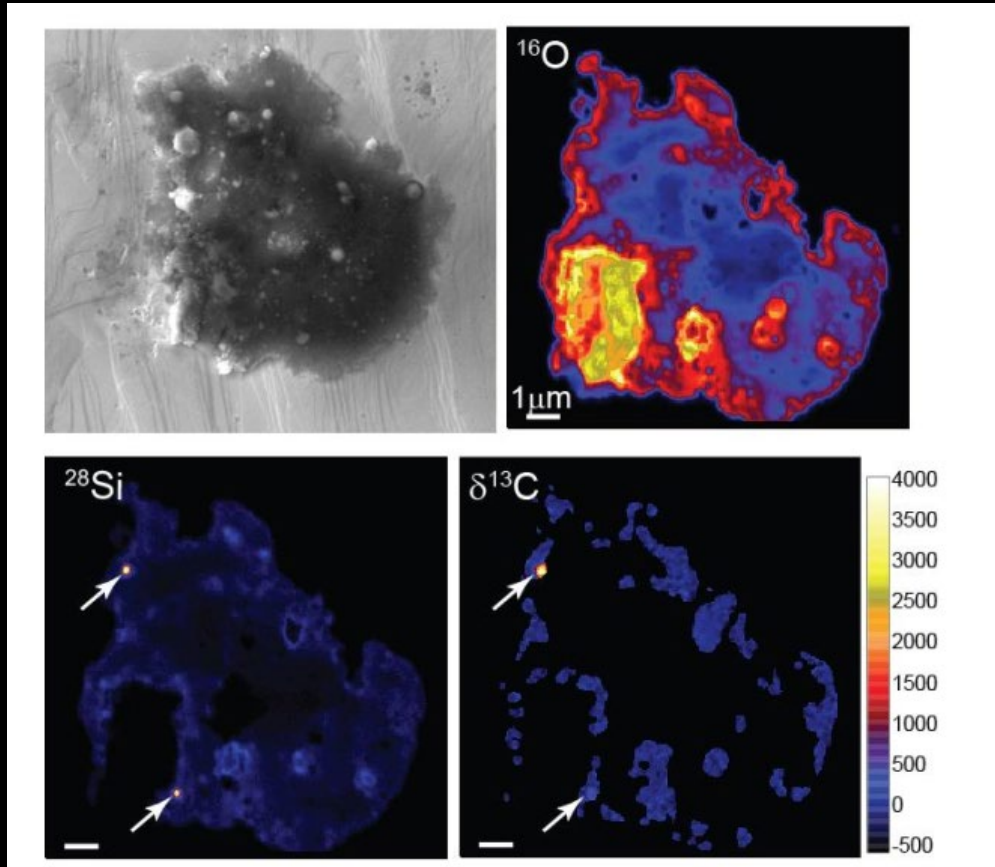
Microscale Results



- $<2\%$ of organic ROIs show anomalous $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$ ratios
- Similar to primitive CCs, no correlation with H or N isotopes

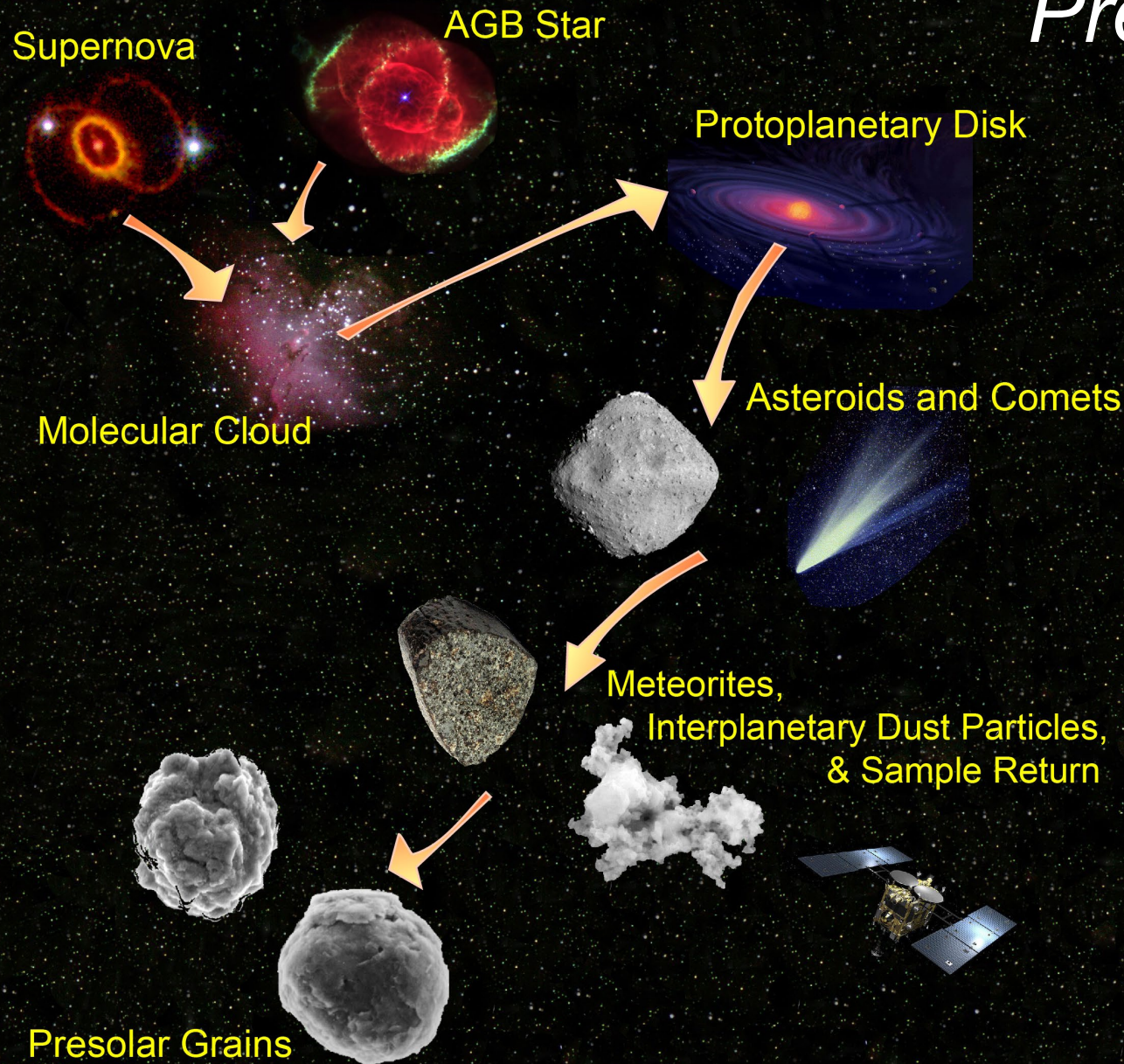
Initial Macromolecule Results: Presolar SiC

- C isotope measurements also revealed *presolar SiC grains*
- Extreme ^{13}C isotope enrichments point to an origin in previous generations of evolved stars

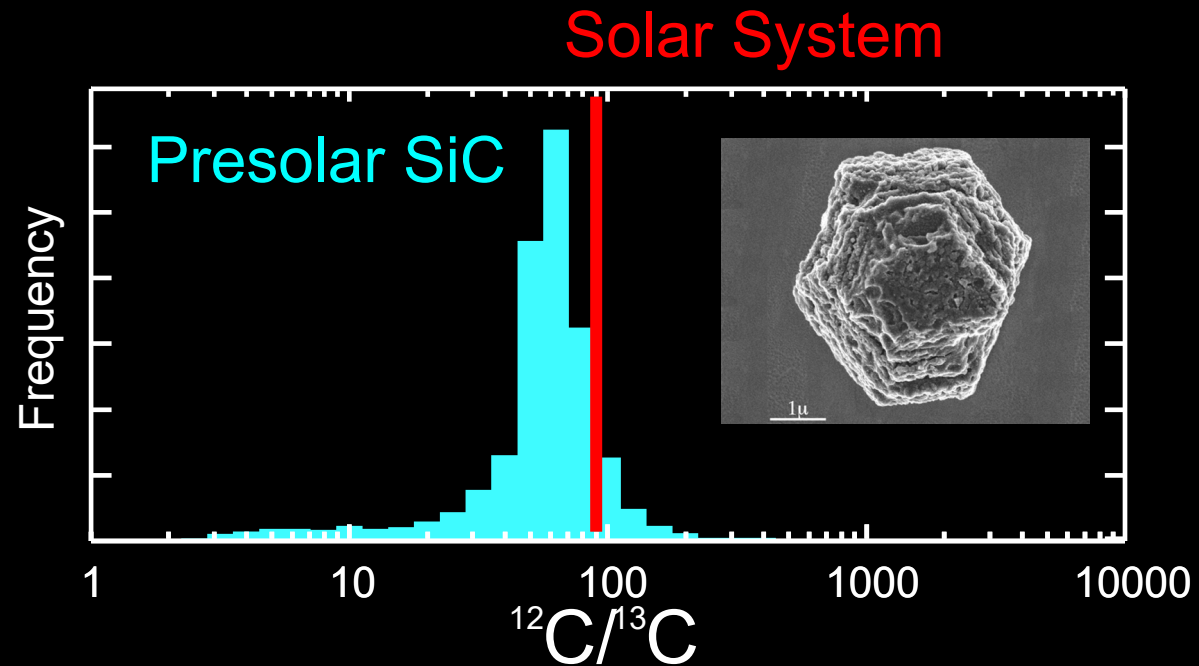


Barosch et al (*ApjL* 2022)

Presolar Stardust Grains








- Rare component of meteorites
- Extreme isotope anomalies require nuclear reactions
origin in stars!
- Provide info on stellar astrophysics, building blocks of solar system, early planet formation



(e.g., Nittler & Ciesla, *ARAA*, 2016)

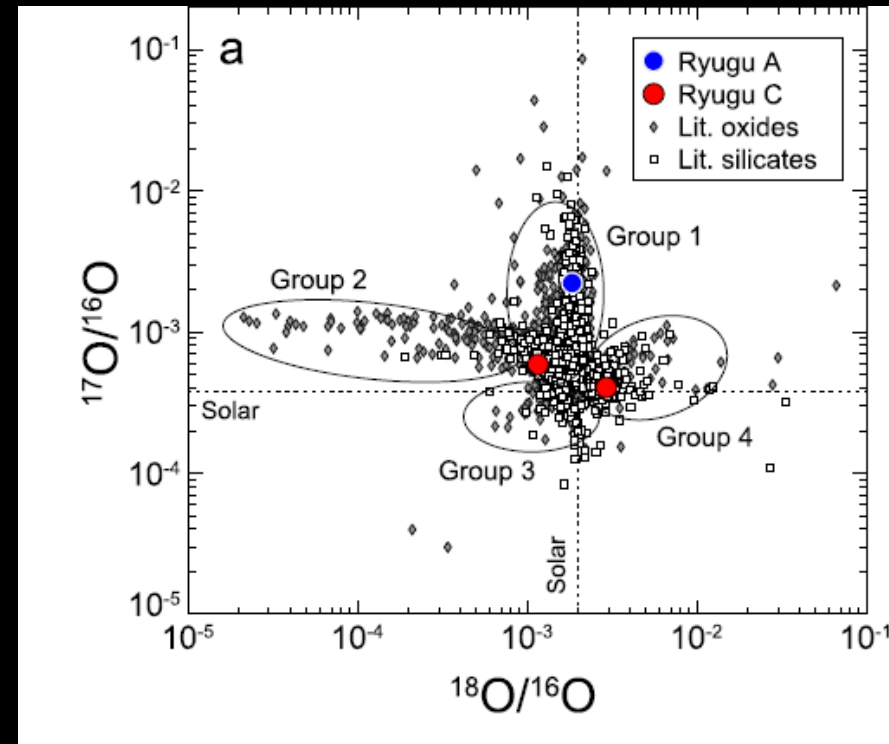
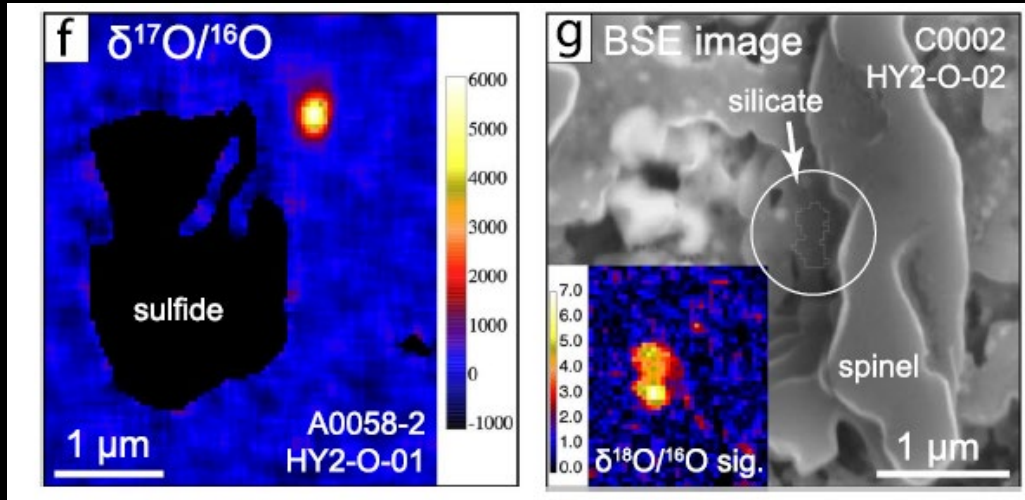


Presolar Stardust in Asteroid Ryugu

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Presolar grains in Ryugu

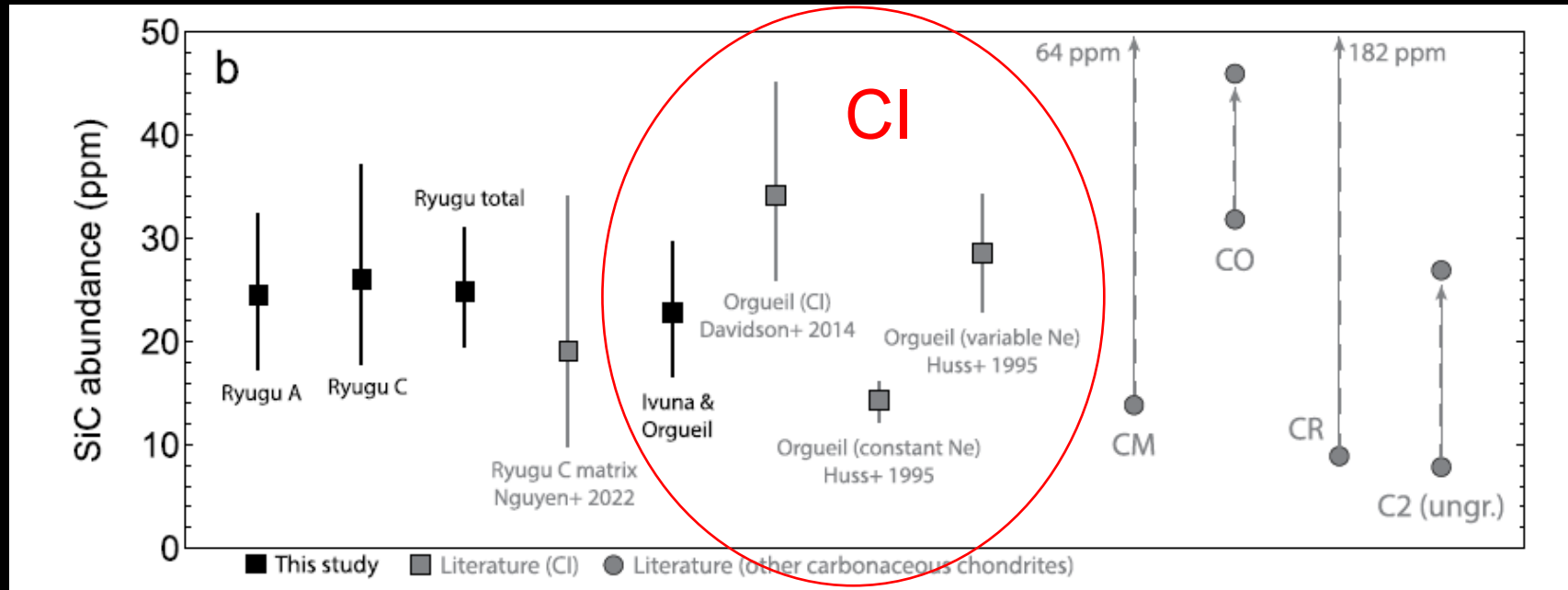
- In addition to particles analyzed for organics, performed systematic searches for presolar C- and O-anomalous grains in two Ryugu thin sections (and Ivuna section)



- 3 O-anomalous grains (AGB star and SN origins)
 - At least one silicate!!
 - in less altered area of Chamber C section
 - Low abundance (5 ppm)

Presolar grains in Ryugu

- Identified 38 SiC and 16 anomalous carbonaceous (graphite or organic) grains



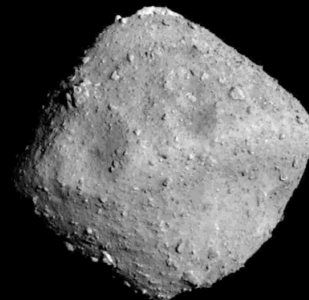
- SiC Abundance in excellent agreement with CI chondrites (this work and literature)
 - Further support for Ryugu-CI connection

Ryugu open questions

- Why is Ryugu so dark?
 - Darker than CIs, but similar mineralogy, C contents, etc.
- Why did remote-sensing suggest Ryugu is dehydrated?
 - Surface space-weathering effect?
- Why do hydrated Ryugu samples have less H₂O than CI chondrites?
 - Loss due to space weathering?
 - Addition of terrestrial water to meteorites?

Conclusions

- Initial analysis of samples returned by Hayabusa2 mission reveal asteroid Ryugu to be closely related to CI chondrites
 - Bulk composition, mineralogy, isotopes, presolar grains
 - No systematic differences yet seen between two touchdown sites
 - Most (minor) differences are likely due to terrestrial contamination of CIs, but less altered Ryugu material found (not yet seen in CI)
- 3 wt% organic C, present as discrete sub- μm to μm sized particles and diffuse C associated with phyllosilicates
 - Highly diverse in elemental and isotopic composition, morphology, and functional group chemistry, very similar to that seen in primitive C chondrites.
 - Far, far more to do



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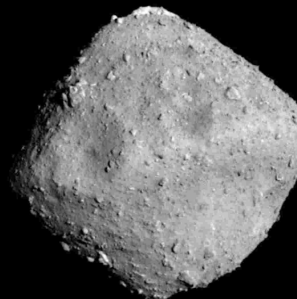
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