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33 **Abstract**

34 The Almahata Sitta (AhS) meteorite is a unique polymict ureilite. Recently, carbonaceous chondritic
35 lithologies were identified in AhS. Organic matter (OM) is ubiquitously found in primitive
36 carbonaceous chondrites. The molecular and isotopic characteristics of this OM reflect its origin and
37 parent body processes, and are particularly sensitive to heating. The C1-lithologies, AhS 671 and
38 AhS 91A were investigated, focusing mainly on the OM. We found that the OM in these lithologies is
39 unique and contains primitive isotopic signatures, but experienced slight heating possibly by short-
40 term heating event(s). These characteristics support the idea that one or more carbonaceous
41 chondritic bodies were incorporated into the ureilitic parent body. The uniqueness of the OM in the
42 AhS samples implies that there were large variations in primitive carbonaceous chondritic materials
43 in the Solar System other than known primitive carbonaceous chondrite groups such as CI, CM, and
44 CR chondrites.

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46 **INTRODUCTION**

47 Organic matter (OM) is ubiquitously found in primitive carbonaceous chondrites (CCs). The majority
48 of OM is found in the form of complex macromolecular organic materials that are often referred to as
49 insoluble organic matter (IOM). The fraction of soluble organic matter (SOM) is relatively small, but
50 its compositional variation is huge—thousands of different molecular formulae exist including further
51 alteration products of organic molecules (e.g., Orthous-Daunay et al. 2019; Schmitt-Kopplin et al.
52 2010). The total amount of OM in thermally metamorphosed carbonaceous, ordinary, and enstatite

53 chondrites is drastically lower compared to unheated (CI, CM, and CR) CCs, due to high temperature
54 processing which decomposes the OM (e.g., Alexander et al. 2007). The elemental and isotopic
55 compositions and molecular structures of OM reflect their parent body processes and are particularly
56 sensitive to heating (e.g., Alexander et al. 2007; Alexander et al. 2010; Kebukawa et al. 2011; Quirico
57 et al. 2018). Thus, OM in chondrites can be used as indicators of thermal events (Busemann et al.
58 2007; Cody et al. 2008; Kebukawa et al. 2010). In contrast, with the exception of ureilites,
59 differentiated meteorites rarely contain carbonaceous compounds other than xenolithic material.
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61 The ureilites are a group of primitive achondrites. Main group ureilites mainly consist of olivine and
62 pyroxene, and are characterized by high abundances of carbon, principally in the form of well-
63 crystalline graphite as well as minor diamond. They represent the residual mantle of a carbon-rich
64 parent asteroid that experienced high-temperature igneous processing and partial differentiation early
65 in the history of the solar system (Collinet and Grove 2020; Goodrich et al. 2015; Goodrich et al.
66 2007; Mittlefehldt et al. 1998; Scott et al. 1993; Warren and Kallemeyn 1992). Polymict ureilites are
67 breccias consisting of mixed ureilitic materials, as well as an important component of xenolith clasts,
68 including multiple chondritic and non-ureilitic achondrite types. Polymict ureilites represent regolith
69 formed on ureilitic offspring bodies that accreted as rubble piles after catastrophic disruption of a
70 primordial ureilite parent body (e.g., Goodrich et al. 2015). The Almahata Sitta (AhS) meteorite is
71 considered to be an anomalous polymict ureilite. AhS originated from the impact of the near-earth
72 asteroid 2008 TC₃, which is tentatively classified as an F-type asteroid (a subtype in C complex) in
73 spectroscopic taxonomy (Jenniskens et al. 2009). The asteroid disintegrated in the atmosphere and the
74 recovered stones, which include a wide variety of different meteorite types, represent clasts from the
75 pre-impact breccia. Approximately 50-70% of the AhS stones are ureilitic materials and the rest
76 include a wide variety of chondritic materials—including enstatite, ordinary, Rumuruti-type, and
77 carbonaceous chondrites (Goodrich et al. 2015 and references therein). The chondritic materials are

78 equivalent to the xenolithic clasts in typical polymict ureilites.

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80 Carbonaceous chondritic lithologies AhS 671 and AhS 91/91A were first found among the AhS
81 stones and characterized by Goodrich et al. (2019). These lithologies are xenoliths—not genetically
82 related to ureilites—consisting mainly of C1 material, enclosing minor fragments of ureilitic olivine
83 and pyroxene, as well as ordinary chondrite and enstatite chondrite fragments (Goodrich et al. 2019).
84 The C1 lithologies contain phyllosilicates (serpentine and saponite), amorphous material, magnetite,
85 breunnerite, dolomite, fayalitic olivine, an unidentified Ca-rich silicate phase, Fe, Ni sulfides, and
86 minor Ca-phosphate, and ilmenite (Goodrich et al. 2019). The bulk oxygen isotope compositions of
87 the C1 lithology are $\delta^{18}\text{O} = 13.53\text{‰}$ and $\delta^{17}\text{O} = 8.93\text{‰}$ which are unlike those of any known
88 chondrites, but similar to the compositions of several CC-like clasts in typical polymict ureilites
89 (Goodrich et al. 2019).

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91 To elucidate the nature of the OM and the origin of carbonaceous chondritic lithologies, we
92 conducted structural, elemental and isotopic analyses of OM in AhS 671 and AhS 91A with micro-
93 Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (μFTIR), Raman microspectroscopy, scanning transmission
94 X-ray microscopy (STXM), and elemental analyzer/isotope ratio mass spectrometry (EA/IRMS). We
95 further characterized AhS 671 with nanoscale secondary isotope mass spectrometry (NanoSIMS) and
96 secondary electron microscopy (SEM).

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98 **METHODS**

99 **Bulk Carbon and Nitrogen Contents and Their Isotopic Compositions**

100 For the measurements of total carbon and nitrogen contents and their isotopic compositions, we used
101 an automated EA/IRMS system (Flash EA1112 elemental analyzer/Conflo III interface/Delta Plus
102 XP isotope-ratio mass spectrometer, Thermo Finnigan Co., Bremen) at JAMSTEC, which was
103 modified to improve the sensitivity for small sample analysis ($>100\text{ ngN}$, $>500\text{ ngC}$) (Isaji et al. 2020;

104 Ogawa et al. 2010). This analysis was conducted at the same time by the same methods as our
105 previous measurement of the carbonaceous clast in the Zag meteorite (Kebukawa et al. 2020).
106 Subsamples of AhS 671 and AhS 91A were rinsed with an organic solvent mixture (dioxin-analysis-
107 grade dichloromethane and methanol, FUJIFILM Wako Pure Chemical Corporation, Japan, 1:1 by
108 volume) to remove contaminants from the surface, and then dried under a gentle flow of argon gas at
109 ambient temperature. Sample aliquots weighing 12 to 629 μg were weighed in a pre-cleaned tin
110 capsule (3.5×4 mm smooth wall capsules, Ludi Co., Swiss) and folded into a small packet before
111 being introduced into the EA/IRMS. The forceps and tin capsules used in this study were pre-cleaned
112 in the mixed solvent described above. The carbon and nitrogen contents and their isotopic
113 compositions were calibrated using three reference materials covering from -34.17‰ to $+0.49\text{‰}$ for
114 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and from $+0.86\text{‰}$ to $+61.53\text{‰}$ for $\delta^{15}\text{N}$, including: L-tyrosine (BG-T; C: 59.7%, N: 7.74%, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$:
115 $-20.83 \pm 0.10\text{‰}$, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$: $+8.74 \pm 0.09\text{‰}$) (Tayasu et al. 2011), nickel octaethylporphyrin (Ni-OEP; C:
116 73.0%, N: 9.47%, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$: $-34.17 \pm 0.06\text{‰}$, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$: $+0.86 \pm 0.03\text{‰}$) (Ogawa et al. 2010), L-valine
117 (USGS75; C: 51.3 %, N: 12.0%, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$: $+0.49 \pm 0.07\text{‰}$, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$: $+61.53 \pm 0.14\text{‰}$) (Schimmelmann et al.
118 2016). The analytical errors for the isotopic compositions estimated by repeated analyses of BG-T
119 and Ni-OEP are $\pm 0.39\text{‰}$ (s.d. 1σ , $n=11$, 0.58–12.8 μgC) for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\pm 0.66\text{‰}$ (s.d. 1σ , $n=12$, 0.08–
120 1.7 μgN) for $\delta^{15}\text{N}$.

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122 **Micro Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy**

123 For micro-FTIR analysis, a small amount of material from the clasts was pressed between two KBr
124 plates ($\sim 5 \times 5 \times 1$ mm³). IR absorption spectra were collected using a micro-FTIR (JASCO FT/IR-
125 6100+IRT-5200), equipped with a ceramic IR light source, a germanium-coated KBr beam splitter, a
126 mercury-cadmium-telluride (MCT) detector, and $\times 16$ Cassegrain mirrors, at Yokohama National
127 University. A total of 256 scans of IR transmission spectra were accumulated with a wavenumber
128 resolution of 4 cm⁻¹, in the wavenumber range of 7000–400 cm⁻¹, with a 50×50 μm^2 aperture.

129 Background spectra were acquired through blank areas of the KBr adjacent to the samples.

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131 **Raman Microspectroscopy**

132 A few hundred micrometer-sized grains from AhS 671 and AhS 91A were pressed into gold
133 substrates (0.1 mm-thick) with glass slides, and analyzed using a Raman microspectrometer
134 (Nanophoton RAMANtouch) with a 532 nm laser at JAMSTEC. The spot size was $<1 \mu\text{m}$ using
135 $\times 100$ objective with the numerical aperture of 0.90, and the laser power at the sample surface was
136 $<700 \mu\text{W}$. The spectral range was $100\text{--}2600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ with a 600 grooves/mm grating. The exposure time
137 for each spectrum was 20 s and two accumulations were obtained for each analytical spot to discard
138 cosmic ray events in the detector. The Raman shift was calibrated using a silicon wafer prior to
139 analyses.

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141 The peak positions (ω_D and ω_G), the full width at half-maximum (FWHM, Γ_D and Γ_G), and the peak
142 intensity ratio (I_D/I_G) of defect (D: $\sim 1350 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) band and graphite (G: $\sim 1590 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) band were
143 determined by peak fitting to the Lorentzian and BWF (Breit–Wigner–Fano), respectively—so called
144 L–BWF model (Ferrari and Robertson 2000)—with a linear baseline correction between 900–1800
145 cm^{-1} , following the method in Kiryu et al. (2020).

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147 **FIB**

148 Ultrathin sections (approximately 100 nm thick) were prepared from AhS 671 and AhS 91A using a
149 focused ion beam (FIB) apparatus (SMI-4050), at Kochi Institute for Core Sample Research,
150 JAMSTEC. The sections ($14 \times 12 \times 0.1 \mu\text{m}^3$ for AhS 671 and $12 \times 10 \times 0.1 \mu\text{m}^3$ for AhS 91A) were
151 extracted using the FIB with a Ga^+ ion beam at 30 kV then finished with a lower accelerating voltage
152 of 5 kV. These sections were mounted on a commercial FIB grid with W deposition.

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154 **STXM/XANES**

155 Carbon X-ray absorption near-edge structure (C-XANES) analyses were performed using the STXM
156 at beamline 5.3.2.2 of the Advanced Light Source (ALS), Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
157 (Kilcoyne et al. 2003). Microspectral images stacks at the C *K*-edge were acquired with energy step
158 sizes (ΔE) of 0.1 eV in 283-295.5 eV region, 0.5 eV in 280-283 eV and 295.5-301.0 eV regions, and
159 1 eV in 301-310 eV region, with a dwell time of 5 ms and 0.1-0.2 μm steps per pixel. C-XANES peak
160 intensity maps were obtained from these image data sets. An image representing the amount of
161 aromatic/olefinic C was obtained by subtracting the optical density (OD, $-\ln(\text{transmission}/I_0)$) image
162 at 283 eV (pre-edge) from that at 285.2 eV. Similarly, a carbonate image was defined as the difference
163 between the OD at 290.2 eV and that at 289.5 eV. Energy calibration was performed using the C $1s \rightarrow$
164 $3s\sigma_g$ transition of CO_2 gas at 292.74 eV (Prince et al. 1999).

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166 Fe-XANES analyses were performed using the STXM at BL4U of the UVSOR, Institute for
167 Molecular Science. The Fe L_3 -edge-XANES spectra were acquired with ΔE of 0.2 eV in 705-724 eV
168 region, and 1 eV in 700-705 eV and 724-730 eV regions, with a dwell time of 3 ms and 0.2 μm steps
169 per pixel. The Fe-XANES spectral component map was obtained using the singular value
170 decomposition (SVD) method (e.g., Koprinarov et al. 2002) from a “stack” image data set, in order to
171 visualize the distribution of three different spectral components. Energy calibration was performed
172 using the F $1s \rightarrow a_{1g}$ transition of SF_6 gas at 688 eV.

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174 The elemental maps were obtained by acquiring pairs of images below (I_1) and on the absorption
175 edges (I_2), at 280 and 292 eV, respectively for C *K*-edge, 525 eV and 539 eV for O *K*-edge, and 705
176 eV and 709 eV for Fe L_3 -edge, with a dwell time of 3-5 ms, and taking the $-\ln(I_2/I_1)$ for each pixel,
177 with 0.05-0.1 μm steps per pixel. STXM/XANES data analysis was performed using the software
178 aXis2000 (<http://unicorn.mcmaster.ca/aXis2000.html>).

179

180 **NanoSIMS**

181 After the STXM, we analyzed the FIB-prepared-sections of AhS 671 and AhS 91A by ion imaging
182 with the JAMSTEC NanoSIMS 50L at Kochi Institute for Core Sample Research, JAMSTEC. A
183 typical measurement involved rastering a focused primary Cs⁺ beam (~100 nm diameter, ~1 pA)
184 across 18 × 18 μm² areas for AhS 671 and 24 × 24 μm² areas for AhS 91A (256 × 256 pixels) for 20
185 cycles with an acquisition time of 5 ms/pixel (328 sec/frame). The ¹²C, ¹³C, ¹⁶O, ¹²C¹⁴N, ¹²C¹⁵N, and
186 ³²S were measured as negative secondary ions simultaneously in six electron multipliers. Secondary
187 electrons were detected along with the secondary ions.

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189 After C and N isotope analysis of the sample, we conducted a measurement of H isotopes (¹H and ²H)
190 and ¹²C as negative secondary ions together with secondary electrons. A focused Cs⁺ primary beam
191 (~200 nm diameter, ~3 pA) was rastered over 18 × 18 μm² areas for AhS 671 and 24 × 24 μm² areas
192 for AhS 91A, and 256 × 256 pixel images were acquired for 20 cycles with an acquisition time of 10
193 ms/pixel (655 sec/frame).

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195 Measurement was started after stabilization of the secondary ion intensities following a pre-
196 sputtering procedure of approximately 10 min. The sample was coated with a 10 nm Au thin film to
197 mitigate electrostatic charging on the surface. The final images were generated from regions that had
198 statistically enough counts. The carbon-rich regions were chosen by distributions of ¹²C within a
199 section applying 10% threshold of total ¹²C ion counts. The H, C and N isotopic compositions were
200 calculated following analytical routines using a standard organic material (1-hydroxybenzotriazole
201 hydrate; C₆H₅N₃O·xH₂O) (Ito et al. 2014). The isotopic images were processed using the custom
202 written software “NASA JSC imaging software for NanoSIMS” developed in the Interactive Data
203 Language (IDL) program (Ito and Messenger 2008).

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205 **Secondary Electron Microscopy**

206 Back-scattered electron images (BEI), elemental X-ray maps, and transmission Kikuchi diffraction

207 (TKD) measurements were obtained from the FIB slice of AhS 671 using a Supra 55 variable
 208 pressure FEG-SEM with a Bruker Electron Back-Scattered Diffraction (EBSD) system in the
 209 Materials Evaluation Laboratory, Structural Engineering Division, Johnson Space Center (JSC). X-
 210 ray mapping on the Supra 55 FEG-SEM utilized a Bruker energy dispersive spectrometer (EDS). We
 211 previously determined that a column pressure of 9 Pa and no C-coating on the sample was optimal for
 212 TKD. We used 320 × 240 pattern pixelation, frame averaging of 3, 20 kV, a working distance of 14.9
 213 mm, pixel size of 1.95 μm, and low extractor voltage to yield an acceptable balance of hit rate,
 214 mapping speed and map quality using an exposure time of 30 ms (gain 650). The TKD maps took 1
 215 to 9 h to acquire.

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217 RESULTS

218 Bulk Elemental and Isotopic Analyses

219 The bulk C and N abundances and the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values of AhS 671 and AhS 91A are
 220 summarized in [Table 1](#) and [Fig. 1](#). These values were considerably different between AhS 671 and
 221 91A. The C abundances in AhS 91A were smaller than in AhS 671. The N abundances in AhS 91A
 222 were much smaller than in AhS 671, and thus N/C ratios of AhS 91A were smaller than in AhS 671.
 223 The C and N abundances and isotope ratios were variable among each AhS 91A sample aliquots,
 224 indicating high heterogeneity in this sample compared with AhS 671 (at least among our AhS 91A
 225 and AhS 671 sample aliquots).

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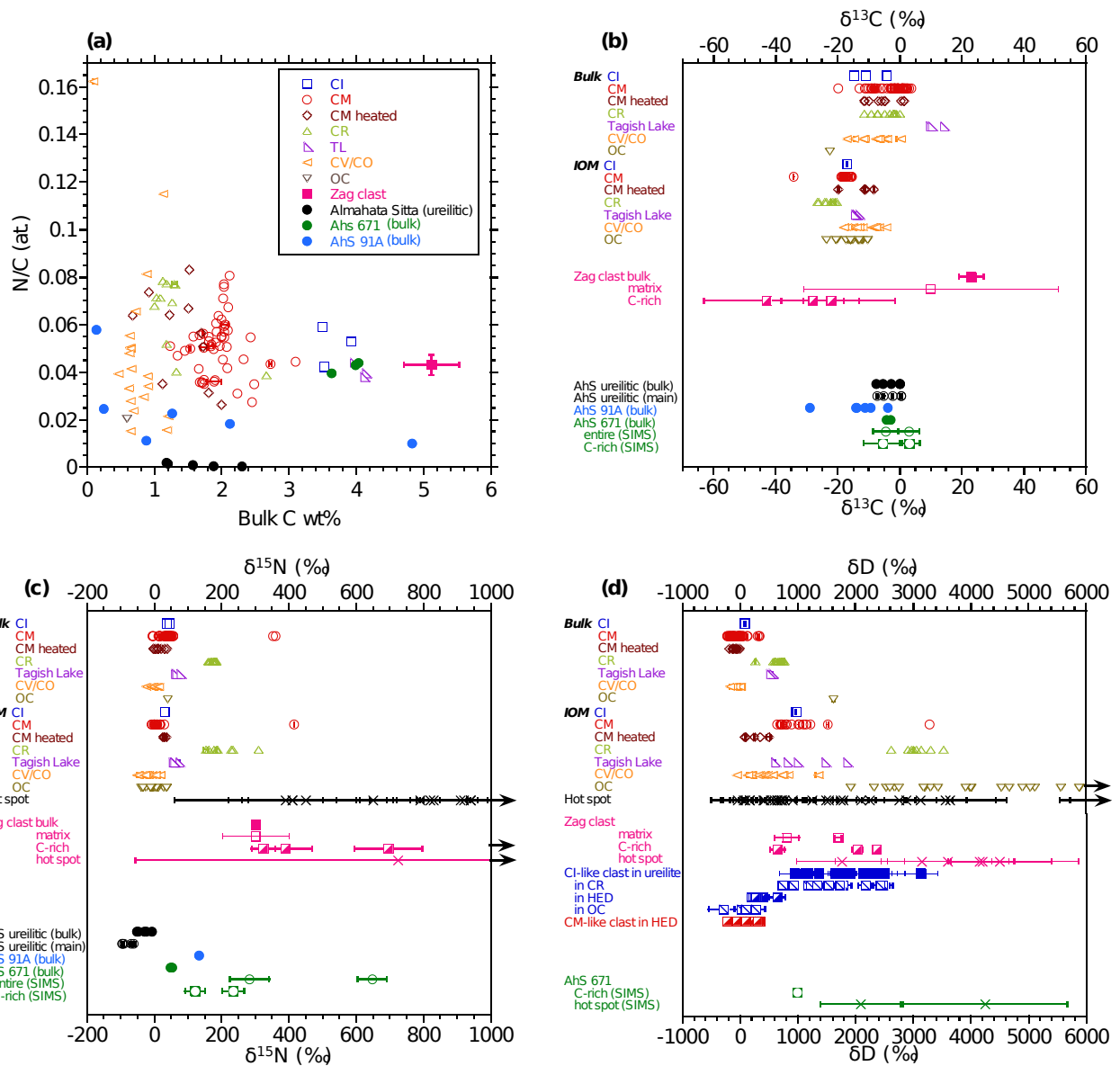
227 Table 1. Bulk C and N elemental and isotope analysis of AhS 671 and AhS 91A.

		Sample					
		weight (mg)	C wt%	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ‰	N wt%	$\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ‰	N/C at.
AhS 671	Run#1	0.052	3.6	-4.3	0.17	+52.5	0.040
	Run#2	0.093	4.0	-4.3	0.20	+47.6	0.043
	Run#3	0.043	4.0	-3.0	0.21	+51.4	0.044
			±0.	±0.		±2.	±0.00
Average			3.9 2	-3.8 7	0.19 ±0.02	+50.5 6	0.042 2

AhS 91A	Run#1	0.012	4.8	-29.0	0.056	n.d.	0.010
	Run#2	0.033	2.1	-13.9	0.045	n.d.	0.018
	Run#3	0.092	0.8	-14.1	0.012	n.d.	0.011
	Run#4	0.214	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
	Run#5	0.177	1.3	-11.2	0.033	+133	0.023
	Run#6	0.629	0.2	-3.9	0.007	n.d.	0.025
	Run#7	0.435	0.1	-9.5	0.009	n.d.	0.058
			±1.	±9.	±0.02		±0.01
	Average	1.6	7	-13.6	1	0.027	1
						0.024	8

228 Errors are standard deviation (1σ). n.d.= not determined.

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231 Fig. 1: Elemental and isotopic composition of AhS samples 91A and 671 compared with previously
 232 obtained values for various chondrites, AhS ureilitic lithologies, CI- and CM-like clasts in ureilites,
 233 and a xenolithic clast in the Zag ordinary chondrite. (a) Bulk C abundance (wt.%) vs. N/C ratio
 234 (atomic), (b) $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, (c) $\delta^{15}\text{N}$, and (d) δD . Data from Alexander et al. (2007, 2010) for IOM from
 235 chondrites; Herd et al. (2011) for Tagish Lake IOM; Alexander et al. (2012) for bulk chondrites;
 236 Busemann et al. (2006) and Hashiguchi et al. (2015) for hot spots; Downes et al. (2015) for AhS
 237 ureilitic lithologies; Kebukawa et al. (2019b, 2020) for the Zag clast; Patzek et al. 2020 GCA for CI-

238 and CM-like clasts.

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240 **Micro-FTIR Spectra**

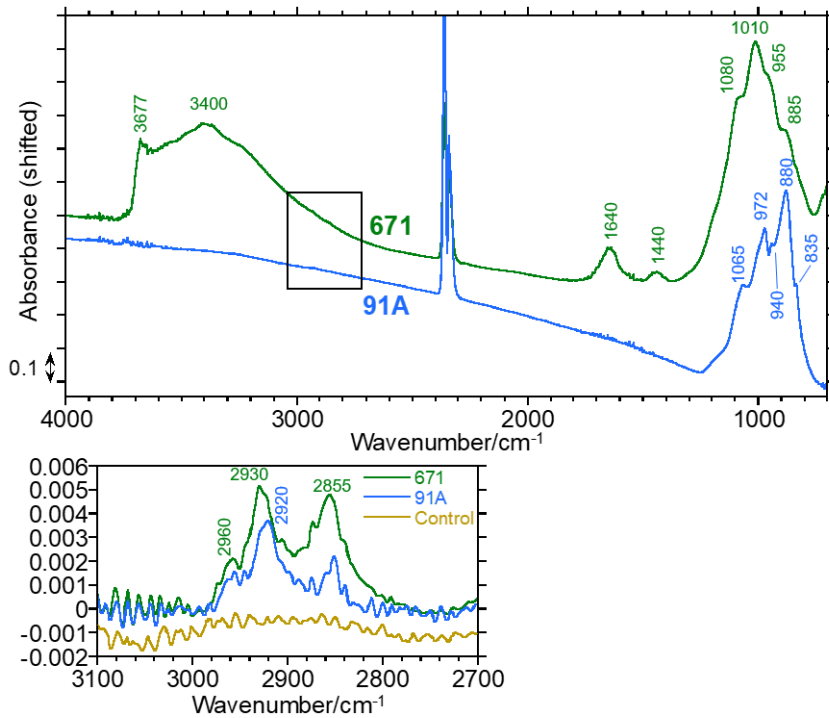
241 [Fig. 2](#) shows IR absorption spectra of AhS 671 and AhS 91A. Little to no organic features were
242 visible in both AhS 671 and AhS 91A at around 2900 cm^{-1} where aliphatic C–H peaks appear.

243 Enlarged and baseline corrected spectra in the region of aliphatic C-H ([Fig. 2, lower panel](#)) showed
244 small peaks at 2960, 2920-30, and 2855 cm^{-1} due to aliphatic CH_3 asymmetric stretching, aliphatic
245 CH_2 asymmetric stretching, and aliphatic CH_3+CH_2 symmetric stretching, respectively. Considering
246 that control spectra (baked antigorite) showed no peaks at this region, these peaks in AhS 671 and
247 AhS 91A are likely indigenous. The CH_2/CH_3 peak height ratios were ~ 2.4 for both AhS 671 and
248 AhS 91A, which was much higher than the values of typical CCs ($\sim 1-1.5$: (Kebukawa et al. 2019a).

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250 The IR spectrum of AhS 671 showed a broad band around 3400 cm^{-1} with a shoulder at 3677 cm^{-1}
251 which was characteristic of phyllosilicate OH with some adsorbed/interlayer water. A peak at 1010
252 cm^{-1} was consistent with Si–O in phyllosilicates. Small shoulders at 1080, 955, and 885 cm^{-1} were
253 likely due to Ca-rich pyroxene. A peak at 1440 cm^{-1} was assigned to carbonates. A peak at 1640 cm^{-1}
254 can be assigned to adsorbed/interlayer water. The IR spectrum of AhS 91A only showed silicate
255 features with the peaks at 972 and 880 cm^{-1} , and small shoulders at 1065, 940, and 835 cm^{-1} . These
256 silicate features were likely due to olivine with some contribution of pyroxene, considering that
257 olivine is known to have main Si–O peaks at $\sim 990-960 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $\sim 890-870 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ with a small peak at
258 $\sim 950-930 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, in which higher Mg numbers tend to have these peaks at higher wavenumber
259 (Salisbury et al. 1991). Also, diopside has Si–O peaks at $\sim 1080 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 970 cm^{-1} , and 870 cm^{-1} with a
260 small peak at $\sim 920 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, and enstatite shows Si–O peaks at $\sim 1080-1060 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $\sim 1010 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ with a
261 small peaks at $\sim 960-930 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (Salisbury et al. 1991).

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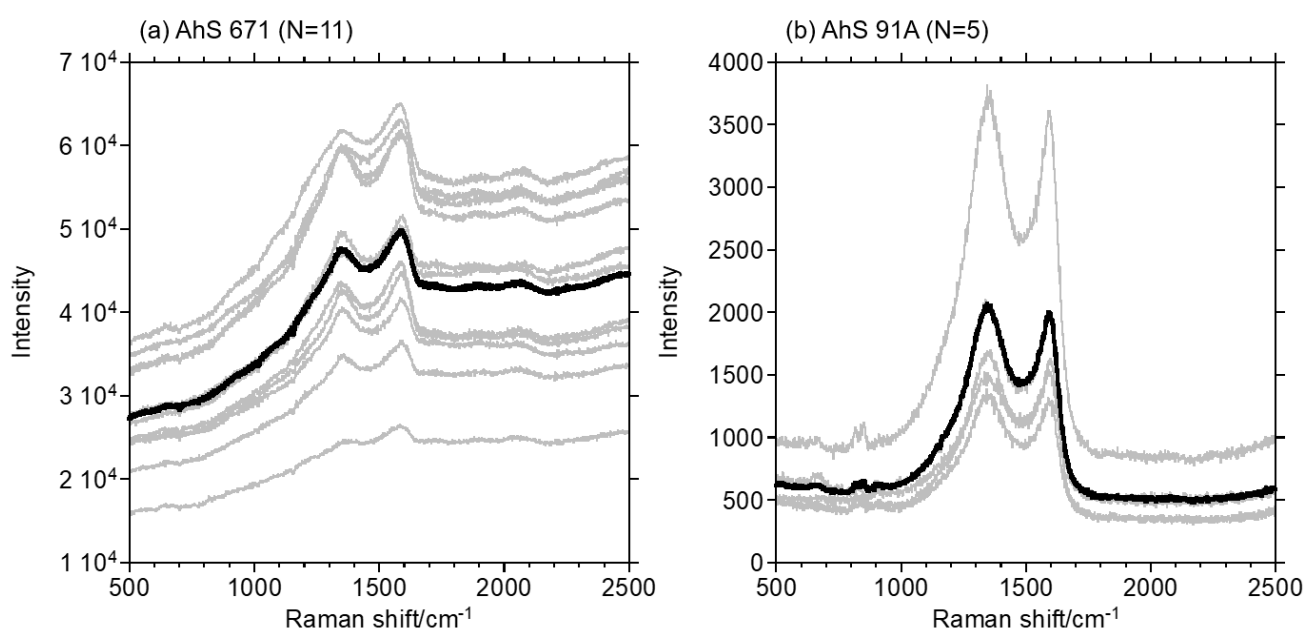
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 264 Fig. 2: Infrared absorption spectra of AhS 671 and AhS 91A. Enlarged aliphatic C-H regions (a linear
 265 baseline between 3100-2700 cm^{-1} was subtracted) are shown in the lower panel with control
 266 (antigorite baked at 500 °C).

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 268 **Raman Spectra**

269 Fig. 3 shows the Raman spectra of AhS 671 and AhS 91A. The D band and the G band were shown
 270 in the first order region of the Raman spectra. The peak position (ω), the FWHM (Γ), and the peak
 271 intensity ratio (I_D/I_G) of the D band and G band obtained by peak fitting are shown in Fig. 4 and
 272 Table 2. The Raman parameters of these two AhS fragments do not follow the metamorphic trends of
 273 CCs. Although AhS 91A was somewhat in between the type 2 CC group (Murchison (CM2), Tagish
 274 Lake (C2-ung), Y-793321 (CM2-heated); Kiryu et al. 2020) and the thermally metamorphosed CC
 275 group (Allende (CV3.2), Moss (CO3.6); Kiryu et al. 2020), AhS 671 was completely off from the
 276 trends and large heterogeneity was observed. The absolute intensity of D and G bands of AhS 91A
 277 were significantly lower than those of AhS 671 (Fig. 3). Although the absolute intensities are affected
 278 not only by concentration of sample but also by the surface conditions and so on, this is consistent

279 with the results of the bulk elemental analysis that AhS 91A was poor in OM (Table 1 and Fig. 1).

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283 Fig. 3: Raman spectra of (a) AhS 671 and (b) AhS 91A. The spectra from each spot are shown in

284 gray, and average spectra are shown in black.

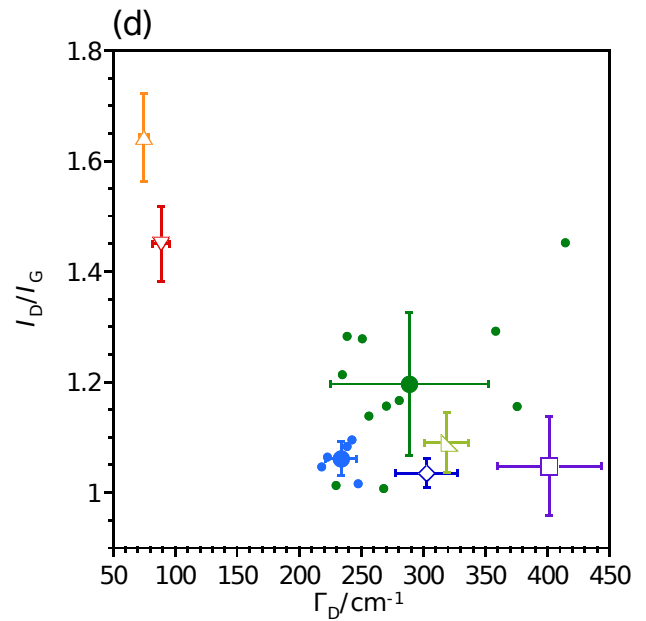
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(a)

(b)

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288 Fig. 4: The Raman D and G band parameters of AhS 671 and AhS 91A compared with various
289 carbonaceous chondrites. (a) the D band peak position vs. the full width half-maximum (FWHM) of
290 D band, (b) the G band peak position vs. FWHM of G band, (c) FWHM of G band vs. FWHM of D
291 band, and (d) FWHM of D band vs. the peak intensity ratio of D and G bands (I_D/I_G). The data of
292 Murchison (CM2), Tagish Lake (C2-ung), Allende (CV3.2), Moss (CO3.6), and Yamato (Y-)793321
293 (CM2-heated) is from Kiryu et al. (2020).

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295 Table 2: Raman D and G band parameters of AhS 671 and AhS 91A. Chondrite data are from Kiryu

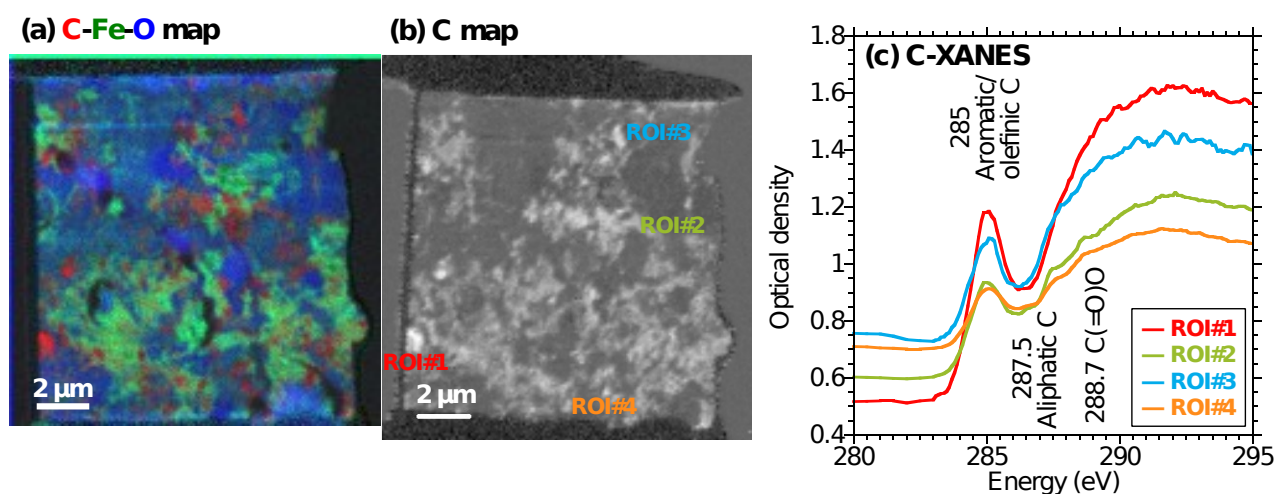
		ω_D/cm^{-1}	Γ_D/cm^{-1}	ω_G/cm^{-1}	Γ_G/cm^{-1}	I_D/I_G
AhS 671	Point#1	1343	358	1579	136.3	1.29
	Point#2	1334	268	1579	119.5	1.01
	Point#3	1339	251	1579	135.5	1.28
	Point#4	1344	234	1585	108.0	1.21
	Point#5	1343	270	1582	115.2	1.16
	Point#6	1331	414	1577	124.5	1.45
	Point#8	1336	256	1578	122.6	1.14
	Point#9	1348	375	1577	119.3	1.16
	Point#10	1340	238	1583	112.2	1.28
	Point#11	1343	280	1579	113.8	1.17
	Point#12	1343	230	1583	109.6	1.01
		Average (n=11)	1340 \pm 5	289 \pm 64	1580 \pm 3	119.7 \pm 9.5
AhS 91A	Point#1	1342	218	1590	108.9	1.05
	Point#2	1346	242	1591	108.6	1.10
	Point#3	1346	247	1590	109.4	1.02
	Point#4	1347	222	1594	105.4	1.06
	Point#5	1346	238	1591	110.4	1.08
		Average (n=5)	1345 \pm 2	234 \pm 13	1591 \pm 2	108.5 \pm 1.9
Tagish Lake	C2-ung	1356 \pm 3	401 \pm 42	1582 \pm 4	97.6 \pm 6.6	1.05 \pm 0.09
Murchison	CM2	1351 \pm 4	303 \pm 25	1585 \pm 2	101.1 \pm 5.0	1.04 \pm 0.03
Y-793321	CM2 heated	1355 \pm 4	319 \pm 18	1584 \pm 2	101.6 \pm 6.5	1.09 \pm 0.05
Allende	CV3	1341 \pm 3	75 \pm 4	1590 \pm 3	67.2 \pm 3.3	1.64 \pm 0.08
Moss	CO3.6	1337 \pm 4	89 \pm 7	1592 \pm 6	73.5 \pm 3.8	1.45 \pm 0.07

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298 **STXM/XANES**299 STXM images of the FIB section taken from AhS 671 are shown in [Fig. 5a and b](#). C-XANES spectra

300 from regions of interest (ROIs) in the FIB section are shown in Fig. 5c. The STXM elemental maps
 301 showed that sub-micrometer C-rich grains/aggregates were scattered over the FIB section particularly
 302 in Fe-rich regions (Fig. 5a). C-XANES spectra of the C-rich areas showed peaks at 285.0 eV assigned
 303 to aromatic/olefinic C with small features at 287.5 eV assigned to aliphatic C and at 288.7 eV
 304 assigned to carboxyl/ester C(=O)O (Fig. 5c). ROI#1 in Fig. 5b was condensed OM. The “condensed”
 305 nature was characterized by the C-XANES with low baseline (280-283 eV region) and high
 306 absorption at ~292 eV (Fig. 5c). On the other hand, ROI#2 and ROI#4 are diffused OM as seen by C-
 307 map (Fig. 5b) as well as C-XANES with higher baseline and lower absorption at ~292 eV due to
 308 lower concentration of carbon (Fig. 5c). Note that the FIB section of AhS 91A did not contain
 309 detectable amount of carbon, likely due to the large heterogeneity in micrometer scale of AhS 91A.
 310 Therefore, we focused on AhS 671 for further nanoscale analysis.

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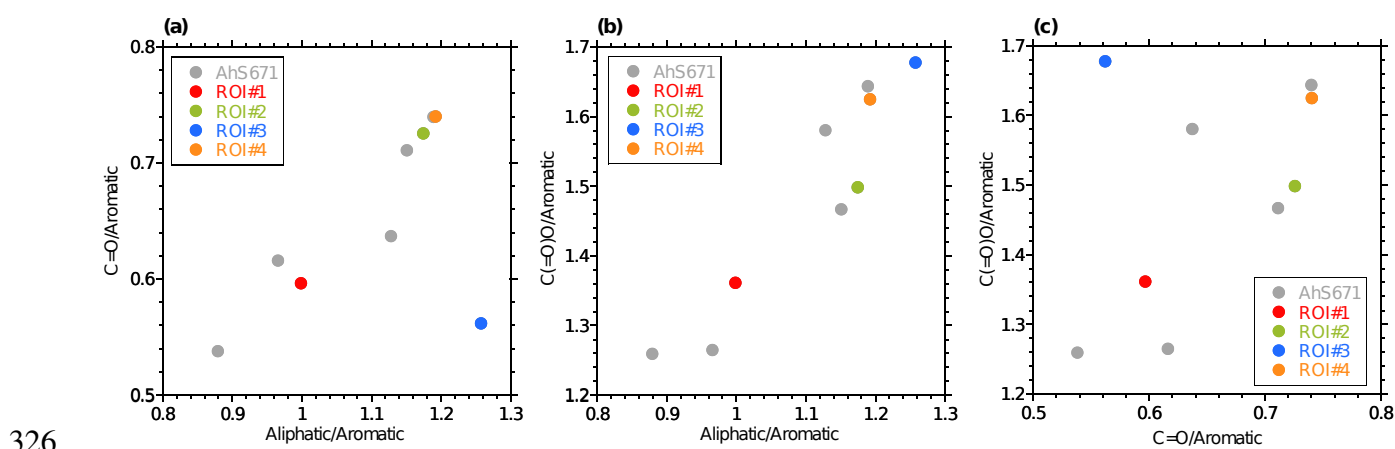
313 Fig. 5: (a) STXM elemental map of the FIB section from AhS 671. (b) STXM C-map with ROIs. (c)

314 C-XANES spectra from ROIs shown in (b).

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316 To compare the molecular structures of each area, we obtained the peak intensities at 285.0 eV
 317 (aromatic/olefinic C), 287.5 eV (aliphatic C), and 288.7 eV [C(=O)O] by subtracting a linear baseline
 318 and normalizing to the intensities at 291.5 eV (approximately at ionization potential energy) (Fig. 6).

319 It should be noted that functional group abundances in Fig. 6 are not exact fractions in OM, but rather
 320 the ratios are relative indicators to compare molecular structure heterogeneity among the regions.
 321 These diagrams showed that ROI#1 (condensed OM) was highly aromatic in nature, and ROIs #2 and
 322 #4 (diffused OM) were less aromatic in nature. This tendency is consistent with OM in type 1 and 2
 323 chondrites (Le Guillou et al. 2014), but overall AhS 671 is richer in aromatics than type 1 and 2
 324 chondrites. ROI#3 plotted off from the trends and was rich in C(=O)O and aliphatic C.
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327 Fig. 6: C-XANES peak intensity ratios of AhS 671. The data from ROIs in Fig. 5 is indicated by
 328 color, and gray circle represents data from other regions in the FIB section.

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 330 The OM grains were distributed in the Fe-rich matrix (Fig. 5a). The Fe-XANES spectra in these
 331 regions (ROI#2 and ROI#4 in Fig. 5b) were consistent with phyllosilicates (see next section) (Fig. 7c).
 332 Fe²⁺ rich regions were clearly distinguished in the AhS 671 FIB section (green in Fig. 7a) and were
 333 likely olivine (Fig. 8), but no/little OM were found in these regions.

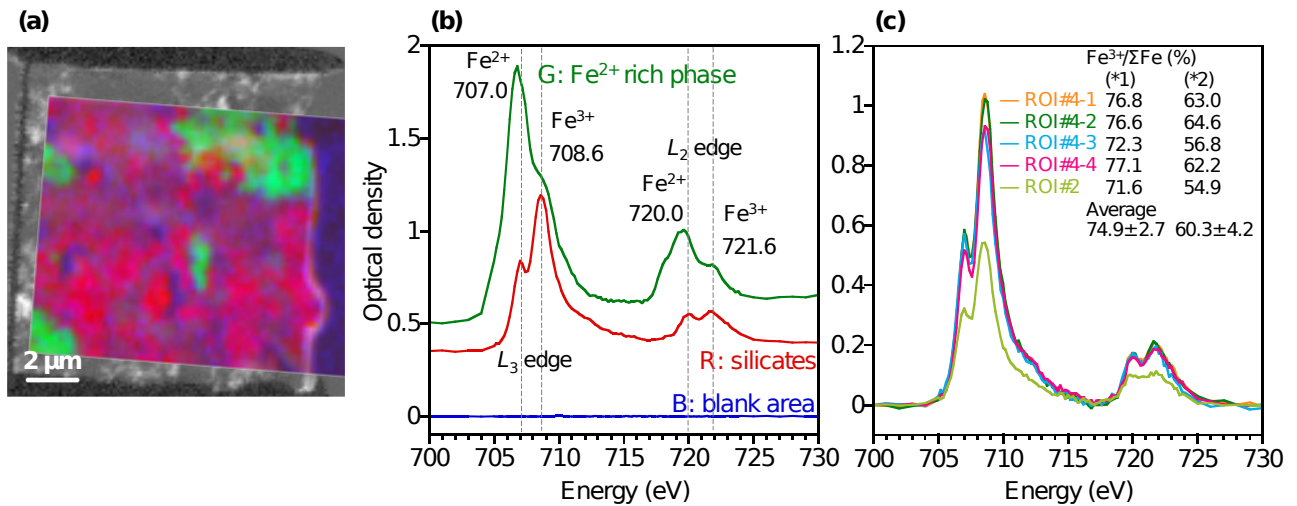
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 335 Using the method of Le Guillou et al. (2015) which is modified from Bourdelle et al. (2013), the Fe³⁺/
 336 ΣFe values in silicates could be calculated by the peak intensity ratios of $R_{L3} = I_{Fe^{3+}}/I_{total}$ using the
 337 integrated peak intensities of the Fe L₃ edge at 707.6-710.8 eV as $I_{Fe^{3+}}$ and 704-711 eV as I_{total} ;

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$$\frac{Fe^{3+i}}{\sum Fe} = \frac{R_{L_3} - 0.2614}{0.006} \% \quad (\text{eq. 1})$$

339 The average $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ ratio at ROI#2 and ROI#4 was $74.9 \pm 2.7 \%$. This value is slightly higher than
 340 the values of silicates in CR2 chondrites (66-75%) and CM chondrites (50-70%) (Le Guillou et al.
 341 2015 and references therein). While, employing the method of van Aken and Liebscher (2002) which
 342 could be more universal, the $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ values were calculated with;

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$$\frac{I_{L_3}}{I_{L_2}} = \frac{1}{ax^2 + bx + c} - 1 \quad (\text{eq. 2})$$

344 where I_{L_3} is the integrated intensity of Fe^{3+} L_3 edge (707.6-709.6 eV), I_{L_2} is the integrated intensity
 345 of Fe^{2+} L_2 edge (719.0-721.0 eV), $a = 0.193$, $b = -0.465$, $c = 0.366$, and $x = Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$. With this
 346 method, the average $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ ratio at ROI#2 and ROI#4 was $60.3 \pm 4.2 \%$. This ratio is lower than the
 347 previous one, but likely closer to the actual $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ ratio in the sample. A calibration is required to
 348 obtain the precise ratios, but it is beyond the scope of our study.
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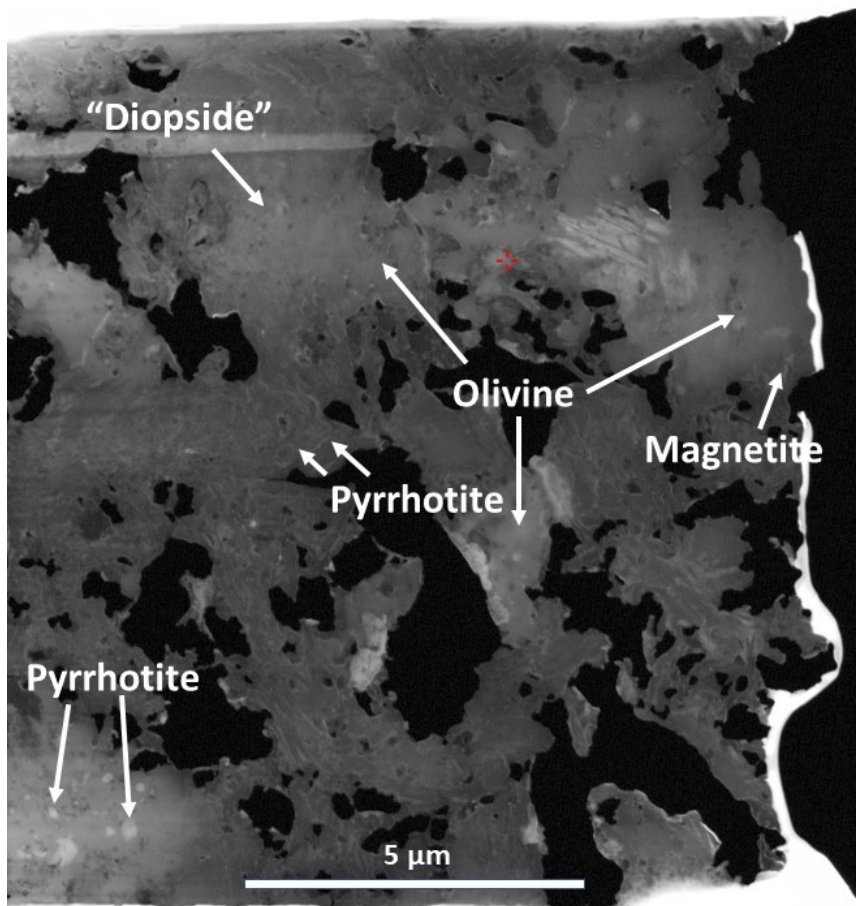


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 351 Fig. 7: (a) Fe-XANES composition map of AhS 671 based on the spectra in (b). Red: silicates, Green:
 352 Fe²⁺ rich phase, and Blue: blank area (I_0). (c) Fe-XANES spectra at ROI#2 and ROI#4 (Fig. 5b), with
 353 their $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ (%) calculated using the methods of (*1) Le Guillou et al. (2015) and (*2) van Aken &
 354 Liebscher (2002).

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356 **Mineralogy**

357 **Fig. 8** shows the results of transmission Kikuchi diffraction (TKD) of the FIB slice of AhS 671
358 featured in this current paper. We identified the following crystalline phases: olivine, pyrrhotite and
359 magnetite. Based on EDS compositions, and comparison with TEM imaging of AhS 91A (Goodrich
360 et al. 2019) the bulk of this FIB slice consists of poorly-crystalline serpentine and saponite. One area
361 of the FIB slice produced multiple TKD patterns for diopside. These were all individual,
362 unconnected pixels, which must be viewed with caution. However, these were the only diopside
363 diffraction matches in the FIB slice, and this area produced only matches to this phase. Therefore, the
364 phases might actually be diopside. Comparison with **Fig. 5** indicates that the O-rich areas in that
365 figure contain well-crystalline olivine and possibly diopside, while the Fe-rich areas are poorly
366 crystalline, representing the poorly-crystalline phyllosilicates observed in Goodrich et al. (2019).
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369 Fig. 8: Crystalline phases identified in the FIB slice of AhS 671 by TKD, shown on a BSE image.

370 Phase identified as “Diopside” is a tentative identification.

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372 NanoSIMS

373 δD , $\delta^{15}N$, and $\delta^{13}C$ values of AhS 671 obtained by NanoSIMS are shown in Table 3 and Fig. 1b-d,

374 and elemental and isotope images are shown in Fig. 9. The average δD value of the C-rich area was

375 approximately +1000‰, with some isotopic “hot spots” up to approximately +4000‰. The average

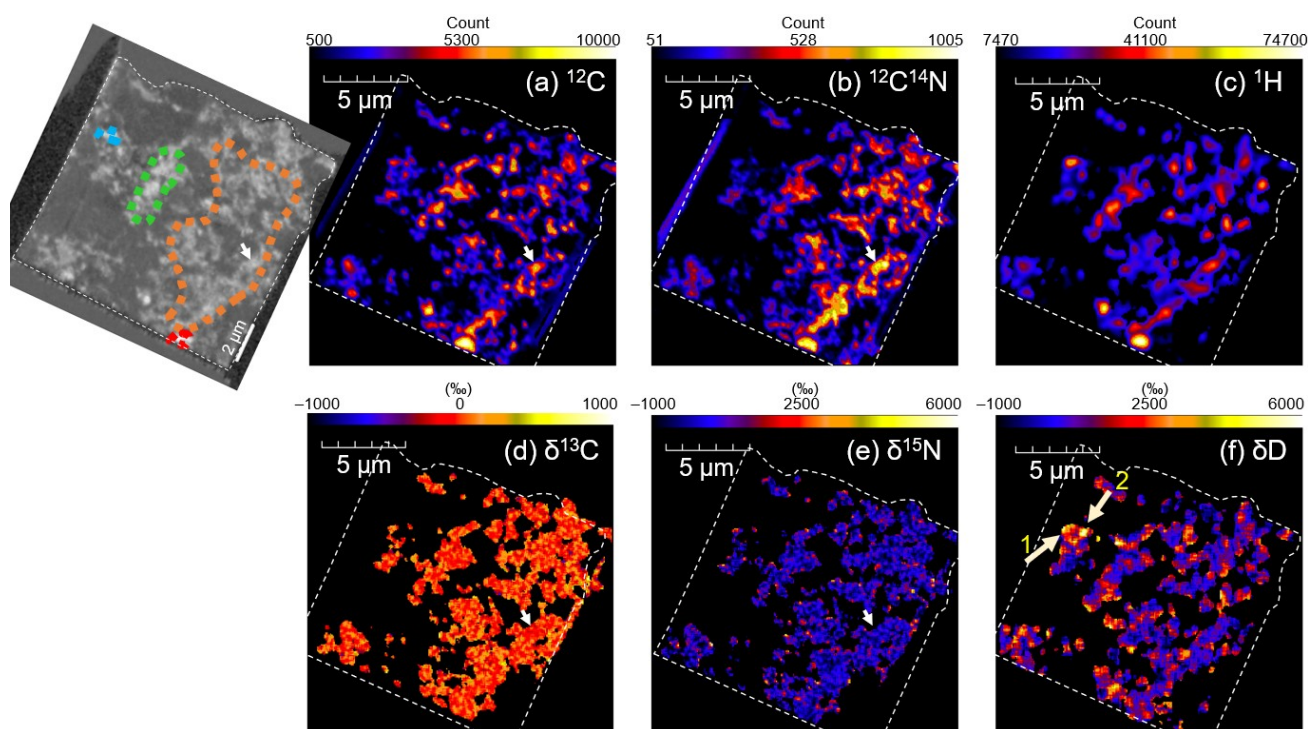
376 $\delta^{15}N$ and $\delta^{13}C$ values of the C-rich area were approximately +100 to +200‰ and -5 to +3‰,

377 respectively. An $\delta^{13}C$ anomalous area was observed with $\delta^{13}C$ values of -132 ± 26 ‰. The C-XANES

378 characteristics of these hot spots and the $\delta^{13}C$ anomalous area did not show significant differences

379 from surrounding OM.

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382 Fig. 9: NanoSIMS elemental and isotopic composition images of AhS 671. (a) ^{12}C , (b) $^{12}C^{14}N$, (c) 1H ,

383 (d) $\delta^{13}C$, (e) $\delta^{15}N$, and (f) δD . Arrows in (a, b, d, e) indicate a $\delta^{13}C$ anomalous spot. Arrows in (f)

384 indicate δD hot spots.

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386 Table 3. $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$, and δD values obtained from the FIB section of AhS 671 by NanoSIMS.

AhS 671		$\delta^{13}\text{C} \text{ ‰}$	$\delta^{15}\text{N} \text{ ‰}$	$\delta\text{D} \text{ ‰}$
Run#1	Entire	-4.5 ±4.1	+283 ±59	
	C-rich area	-5.4 ±6.2	+121 ±30	
Run#2	Entire	+2.9 ±3.4	+648 ±44	
	C-rich area	+3.1 ±3.3	+234 ±32	
	C anomalous area	-132 ±26	-361 ±239	
Run#3	C-rich area			+988 ±59
	Hot spot #1			+2087 ±695
	Hot spot #2			+4246 ±1430

387 Errors are standard deviation (1σ).

388 Entire: entire area analyzed, C-rich area: carbon-rich regions chosen by distributions of ^{12}C within a
389 section applying 10% threshold of total ^{12}C ion counts, and C anomalous area: a $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ anomalous spot
390 shown in Fig. 9.

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392 **DISCUSSION**393 **Elemental and Isotopic Characteristics**

394 Elemental and isotopic characteristics of OM reflect degrees of alteration and metamorphism, and
395 thus these characteristics can be used to evaluate its origin as well as for classification of its host
396 meteorite (Alexander et al. 2007; Alexander et al. 2010). In summary, the elemental and isotopic
397 compositions of AhS 671 are similar to those of diverse CCs, but do not exactly match with any
398 known groups. High abundances of bulk C with moderate N/C ratios in AhS 671 compared to
399 various chondrites, were close to the values of CI chondrites and Tagish Lake (Alexander et al. 2012)
400 (Fig. 1a). However, the bulk $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of AhS 671 was rather close to CM and CR chondrites, while $\delta^{15}\text{N}$
401 is consistent with CI, CM, and Tagish Lake (Alexander et al. 2012) (Fig. 1c). The NanoSIMS analysis
402 allows us to obtain microscale $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$, and δD values on C-rich areas (most likely organics) in
403 AhS 671. The $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of the C-rich areas and the entire areas were consistent with the bulk AhS

404 671 value. However, the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values of the C-rich areas were higher than the bulk value and close to
405 CR chondrites (Alexander et al. 2012), and the entire areas were even higher than the C-rich areas (up
406 to $\sim 650\text{‰}$) (Fig. 1b, c). The differences in the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ among bulk and NanoSIMS entire and C-rich
407 areas could be due to local heterogeneities of N-compounds and/or the presence of inorganic N-
408 bearing compounds. The δD values of C-rich areas in AhS 671 were similar to the IOM from CI,
409 CM, and Tagish Lake (Alexander et al. 2007; Alexander et al. 2010; Herd et al. 2011), but much
410 higher if compared to the values of bulk chondrites (Alexander et al. 2012) (Fig. 1d).

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412 The elemental and isotopic compositions of AhS 91A fragments showed large heterogeneity. In
413 general, C and N abundances were lower than in AhS 671 (Table 1 and Fig. 1a). The $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of AhS
414 91A was slightly lower than AhS 671, the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ could be higher than AhS 671, although we could
415 obtain the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values from only a single fragment of AhS 91A due to the small sample size (<100 ng
416 of N) (Table 1 and Fig. 1b,c). Loss of C and N could be explained by the thermal processing, but
417 differences in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ between AhS 671 and AhS 91A rather indicate differences in origin of OM. The
418 elemental and isotopic compositions of both AhS 671 and AhS 91A are clearly distinguished from
419 those ureilitic lithologies of AhS (Downes et al. 2015) (Fig. 1), consistent with the fact that AhS 671
420 and AhS 91A are xenoliths and the amount of ureilitic material in these lithologies is small
421 (Goodrich et al. 2019).

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423 **Molecular Structures of Organic Matter in AhS 671 and AhS 91A**

424 The infrared spectra of AhS 671 and AhS 91A showed that OM—at least aliphatic-containing OM—
425 was not very abundant, and such bulk IR features were consistent with local observation by C-
426 XANES. The small aliphatic C-H peaks and their relatively high CH_2/CH_3 peak intensity ratios were
427 similar to IR characteristics of type 3 chondrites such as Kaba (CV3.0/3.1) (Kebukawa et al. 2011;
428 Kebukawa et al. 2019a) and heated CM chondrites (Quirico et al. 2018).

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430 Raman D and G band parameters are a good indicator for degree of thermal processing of
431 macromolecular OM. The Raman parameters of both AhS 671 and AhS 91A were somewhat unique
432 among chondrites (Fig. 4). The D band parameters (Γ_D and ω_D) of AhS 671 indicate slight heating,
433 while the G band parameters plotted in the opposite direction to the heating trend (Fig. 4a,b). The D
434 band parameters of AhS 91A were also indicative of slight heating. The Γ_G and I_D/I_G values of AhS
435 91A were close to type 2 chondrites (Tagish Lake, Murchison, and Y-793321), but the ω_G was close
436 to thermally metamorphosed type 3 CCs (Allende and Moss) (Fig. 4b,d). Such mixed Raman features
437 are likely due to highly aromatic but not graphene-like structures. It is consistent with the C-XANES
438 spectra which show high aromatic content but not the $1s-\sigma^*$ exciton peak at 291.7 eV due to graphene
439 structures (Cody et al. 2008). These trends were somewhat similar to the experimentally-heated
440 Tagish Lake and Murchison meteorites (Chan et al. 2019; Kiryu et al. 2020). The high Γ_G values of
441 AhS 671 and AhS 91A could be explained by an increase in development in the sizes of crystalline
442 domains without graphitic ordering (Chan et al. 2019). These Raman characteristics are indicative of
443 short-term heating—possibly by impact.

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445 Some of the ureilitic stones from AhS contain disordered carbonaceous compounds as well as
446 crystalline graphite and diamond (Jenniskens et al. 2009; Kaliwoda et al. 2013). Kaliwoda et al.
447 (2013) showed zones which consist of different carbon phases and large areas with disordered
448 graphitic material, accompanied with some tiny patches of crystalline graphite as revealed by Raman
449 mapping analysis. Although no genetic relationship is suspected between the carbonaceous materials
450 in ureilitic lithologies and those in AhS 671 and AhS 91A, the Raman spectrum of the most
451 “disordered” phase in Kaliwoda et al. (2013) is similar to our AhS 671 spectra.

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453 Local heterogeneity of OM in the micron to submicrometer scale is observed in AhS 671 by STXM/
454 C-XANES. In general, globule-like or compacted OM shows more aromatic nature, and diffused OM

455 is less aromatic and contains more O-bearing functional groups. These trends are consistent with
456 type 1 and 2 chondrites, and soluble OM may contribute to diffuse OM (Le Guillou et al. 2014). The
457 C-XANES spectra of AhS 671 are characterized by fewer aliphatic and O-bearing functional groups
458 compared to type 1 and 2 chondrites (Le Guillou et al. 2014), and these characteristics are consistent
459 with mild heating perhaps by impact processing.

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461 The OM-rich area (e.g., ROI#4 in Fig. 5) was also rich in Fe^{3+} (Fig. 7) and this region likely consisted
462 poorly-crystalline phyllosilicates. The associations of OM with phyllosilicates or amorphous silicates
463 were well known for CCs in submicrometer scale (Abreu and Brearley 2010; Changela et al. 2018; Le
464 Guillou et al. 2014; Le Guillou and Brearley 2014; Vinogradoff et al. 2017; Vollmer et al. 2014). The
465 $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$ ratios in this region were slightly higher than the values of silicates in type 2 chondrites (Le
466 Guillou et al. 2015 and references therein). Since decreases in Fe^{3+} indicate progressive alteration due
467 to the transfer of Fe^{3+} from silicates to oxides (Le Guillou et al. 2015), the OM rich areas in AhS 671
468 may not have been subjected to progressive aqueous alteration.

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470 **Comparison between AhS 671 and carbonaceous chondritic clasts in various meteorites**

471 Overall, our analyses of AhS 671 are consistent with a C1 lithology but distinguished from known
472 groups of CCs, as discussed by Goodrich et al. (2019). Goodrich et al. (2019) discussed comparisons
473 between this lithology and other known xenolithic CC-like clasts in brecciated meteorites. Thus, we
474 extend that comparison using our data for AhS 671.

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476 Visser et al. (2018) estimated peak metamorphic temperatures of 30 volatile-rich clasts (16 CI-, and
477 14 CM-like clasts) in 10 different host meteorites (4 polymict ureilites, 5 polymict eucrites, and 1
478 howardite) by Raman carbon thermometry. They showed that the peak temperatures experienced by
479 CI-like clasts and CM-like clasts ranged between 30–110 °C with an average of 65 ± 25 °C, and
480 between 50–110 °C with an average of 70 ± 25 °C, respectively, indicating that they had not

481 experienced peak temperatures higher than typical CM and CI chondrites. On the other hand, our
482 Raman investigations of AhS 671 indicated slight heating somewhat similar to insoluble organic
483 matter (IOM) from Y-86720, a heated CM chondrite with the heating stage of IV (>750 °C)
484 (Nakamura 2005), whose Raman parameters were $\omega_D = 1348.6 \pm 0.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $\Gamma_D = 244.7 \pm 0.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $\omega_G =$
485 $1583.4 \pm 0.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $\Gamma_G = 96.0 \pm 0.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, and $I_D/I_G = 1.16 \pm 0.05$ (Busemann et al. 2007). Note that our
486 Raman D and G band parameters are comparable to those in Busemann et al. (2007) but not to those
487 in Visser et al. (2018) due to the difference in the fitting methods employed (Kiryu et al. 2020).

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489 Patzek et al. (2020) reported that δD values of CI-like clasts in polymict ureilites (DaG 319, DaG
490 999, and EET 83309) range from +950 to +3100‰, and those in CR chondrites (Al Rais and
491 Renazzo) have δD values from +740 to +2480‰ (Fig. 1d), while CI-like clasts in NWA 7542 (an
492 HED meteorite) have δD values from +200 to +640‰, and δD in a CI-like clast in the ordinary
493 chondrite Sahara 98645 ranges from -290 to +270‰. δD values of five CM-like clasts in the HED
494 meteorites (NWA 7542, Sariçiçek, and EET 87513) range from -220 to +340‰ (Patzek et al. 2020).
495 The δD of AhS 671 is ~1000‰ and in the range of CI-like clasts in polymict ureilites and in CR
496 chondrites (Fig. 1d). The OM in clasts in DaG 999 have a primitive nature as shown by Raman
497 parameters with estimated peak metamorphic temperatures of less than 100 °C (Visser et al. 2018),
498 and thus at least the clasts in DaG 999 are distinguished from AhS 671.

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500 The Zag meteorite (an H3-6 ordinary chondrite) hosts a unique CC-like clast likely originating from a
501 primitive body such as D/P asteroids (Kebukawa et al. 2019b; Kebukawa et al. 2020; Zolensky et al.
502 2017), as well as xenolithic halite particles, some included within the CC clast (Chan et al. 2018;
503 Rubin et al. 2002). Compared to the CC-like clast in the Zag meteorite, C, N, H-isotopic
504 characteristics of AhS 671 are not very close (Fig. 1). The C-XANES features of AhS 671 (Fig. 5c)
505 are somewhat similar to the C-rich aggregate in the Zag clast (Kebukawa et al. 2019b), but not similar

506 to other OM phases in the Zag clast (Kebukawa et al. 2020). C-rich aggregates were found in a type 3
507 ordinary chondrite, Sharps (Brearley 1990), but their C-XANES characteristics are rather graphitic
508 (Kebukawa et al. 2017), and thus well distinguished from AhS 671. On the other hand, a carbon rich
509 clast in a CR2 chondrite, LaPaz Icefield 02342, is rich in O-bearing functional groups in C-XANES
510 with the average values of $\delta D \approx +130\text{‰}$ and $\delta^{15}N \approx 0\text{‰}$ (Nittler et al. 2019), and these
511 characteristics are distinguished from AhS 671.

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513 Overall, AhS 671 shows some similarities to, but does not exactly match any known CC-like clasts,
514 although there are not enough data for a full comparison. As suggested by Patzek et al. (2020), the C1
515 clasts in several meteorite groups prove the existence of additional primitive, volatile-rich material in
516 the early Solar System, besides the samples available as the CI, CM, and CR chondrites. The C1-
517 lithologies of AhS support the idea that there are much larger diversities in the CC parent bodies than
518 these we already sampled.

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520 **Implications for Origin of AhS CC-lithologies**

521 As described in detail by Goodrich et al. (2019), AhS 91A and AhS 671 are dominated by a hydrous
522 CC lithology consisting of fine-grained phyllosilicates (serpentine and saponite) and amorphous
523 material, magnetite, bruennerite, dolomite, olivine (Fo 28-42), an unidentified Ca-rich silicate phase,
524 pyrrhotite, pentlandite, Ca-phosphate and ilmenite. The mineralogy we determined from the FIB of
525 AhS 671 is consistent with the previous work, except for our still tentative identification of diopside.
526 These stones have obvious mineralogical similarities to C11 chondrites, but the Ca-rich silicate
527 (tentatively identified as consisting mainly of dehydrated saponite) and magnetite-fayalite
528 assemblages indicate heterogeneous post-aqueous alteration thermal metamorphism. The bulk oxygen
529 isotope composition of AhS 91A ($\delta^{18}O = 13.53\text{‰}$, $\delta^{17}O = 8.93\text{‰}$) is unlike that of any known CC,
530 but is essentially identical to that of a C1 clast in the Nilpena polymict ureilite (Goodrich et al. 2019).
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532 Goodrich et al. (2019) suggested that AhS 671 and AhS 91A were likely derived from the same
533 original carbonaceous chondritic parent body, but that they experienced different degrees of thermal
534 processing, higher in AhS 671 than in AhS 91A. Our organic analyses of these lithologies are
535 generally consistent with this idea, but suggest that the degree of thermal processing is actually higher
536 in AhS 91A than in AhS 671 as indicated by C abundances. Such an inconsistency could be due to
537 sample heterogeneity, as we see large heterogeneities in elemental and isotopic analysis in AhS 91A
538 (Fig. 1a). Our analyses of OM molecular structures showed evidence of slight heating, likely short-
539 term heating possibly by impact, rather than long-term thermal metamorphism induced by decay of
540 radioactive nuclides. Such impact heating could have occurred at the original parent body of AhS 671
541 and AhS 91A, rather than at the time of implantation into the ureilitic parent body. However, there are
542 some differences between AhS 671 and AhS 91A which cannot be explained only by different
543 degrees of heating. There were likely at least two reservoirs of OM as indicated by isotopic signatures
544 (see Discussion, Elemental and Isotopic Characteristics).

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546 **CONCLUSIONS**

547 Organic matter in the xenolithic carbonaceous chondritic lithologies of Almahata Sitta (AhS), AhS
548 671 and AhS 91A showed unique features indicating that they represent CC-like material not
549 previously sampled in our meteorite collection:

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551 1. Elemental and isotopic analyses of AhS 671 and AhS 91A indicate primitive, outer Solar System
552 origin of their parent body, and there were likely at least two reservoirs of OM.

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554 2. Raman D and G band parameters of AhS 671 and AhS 91A indicate slight heating, likely short-
555 term heating possibly by impact, rather than long-term thermal metamorphism induced by decay of
556 radioactive nuclides.

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558 3. The small aliphatic C-H peaks of AhS 671 and AhS 91A in the IR spectra and their relatively high
559 CH₂/CH₃ peak intensity ratios were similar to type 3 chondrites and heated CM chondrites. The C-
560 XANES spectra of AhS 671 are characterized by fewer aliphatic and O-bearing functional groups as
561 compared to primitive type 1 and 2 chondrites. These IR and C-XANES features are consistent with
562 mild heating perhaps by impact induced heating process.

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564 4. C1-lithologies of AhS support the idea that there are much larger diversities in primitive
565 carbonaceous chondritic materials in the Solar System than those we have already sampled.

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