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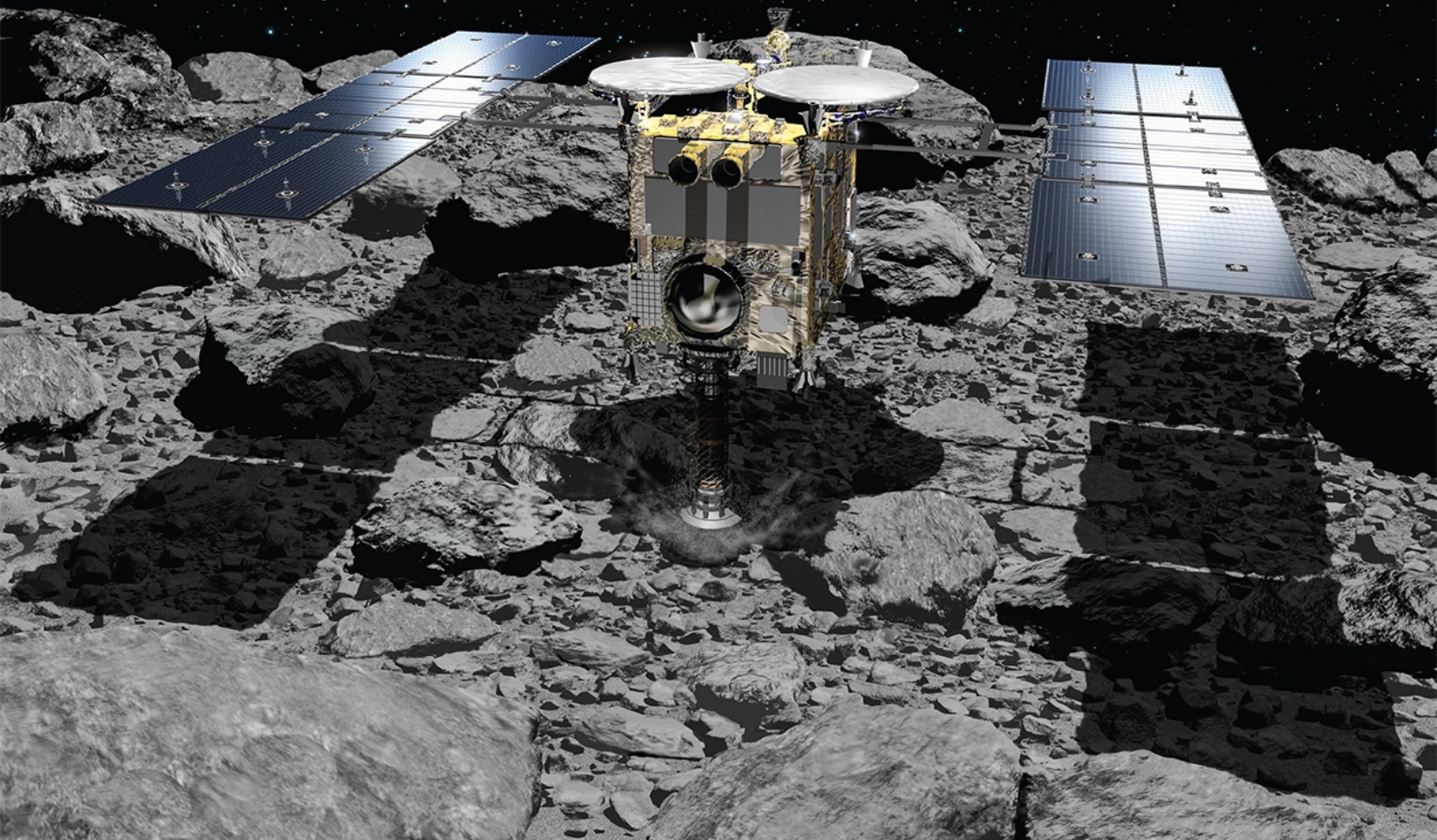
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INTRODUCTION: Surface material from the near-Earth carbonaceous (C-type) asteroid (162173) Ryugu was collected and brought to Earth by the Hayabusa2 spacecraft. Ryugu is a dark, primitive asteroid containing hydrous minerals that are similar to the most hydrated carbonaceous meteorites. C-type asteroids are common in the asteroid belt and have been proposed as the parent bodies of carbonaceous meteorites. The samples of Ryugu provide an opportunity to investigate organic compounds for comparison with those from carbonaceous meteorites. Unlike meteorites, the Ryugu samples were

collected and delivered for study under controlled conditions, reducing terrestrial contamination and the effects of atmospheric entry.

RATIONALE: Primitive carbonaceous chondrite meteorites are known to contain a variety of soluble organic molecules (SOMs), including prebiotic molecules such as amino acids. Meteorites might have delivered amino acids and other prebiotic organic molecules to the early Earth and other rocky planets. Organic matter in the Ryugu samples is the product of physical and chemical processes that occurred in the in-

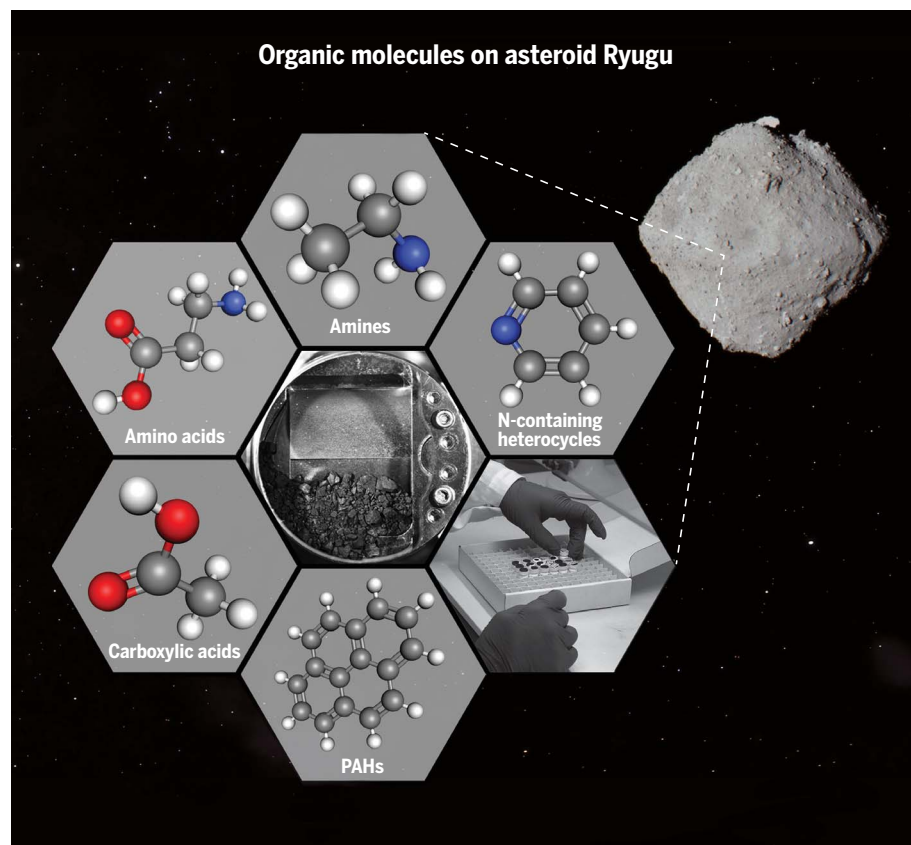
terstellar medium, the protosolar nebula, and/or on the planetesimal that became Ryugu's parent body. We investigated SOMs in Ryugu samples principally using mass spectrometry coupled with liquid or gas chromatography.

RESULTS: We identified numerous organic molecules in the Ryugu samples. Mass spectroscopy detected hundreds of thousands of ion signals, which we assigned to ~20,000 elementary compositions consisting of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, and/or sulfur. Fifteen amino acids, including glycine, alanine, and α -aminobutyric acid, were identified. These were present as racemic mixtures (equal right- and left-handed abundances), consistent with an abiotic origin. Aliphatic amines (such as methylamine) and carboxylic acids (such as acetic acid) were also detected, likely retained on Ryugu as organic salts.

The presence of aromatic hydrocarbons, including alkylbenzenes, fluoranthene, and pyrene, implies hydrothermal processing on Ryugu's parent body and/or presolar synthesis in the interstellar medium. Nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds were identified as their alkylated homologs, which could have been synthesized from simple aldehydes and ammonia. In situ analysis of a grain surface showed heterogeneous spatial distribution of alkylated homologs of nitrogen- and/or oxygen-containing compounds.

CONCLUSION: The wide variety of molecules identified indicates that prolonged chemical processes contributed to the synthesis of soluble organics on Ryugu or its parent body. The highly diverse mixture of SOMs in the samples resembles that seen in some carbonaceous chondrites. However, the SOM concentration in Ryugu is less than that in moderately aqueously altered CM (Mighei-type) chondrites, being more similar to that seen in warm aqueously altered CI (Ivuna-type) chondrites. The chemical diversity with low SOM concentration in Ryugu is consistent with aqueous organic chemistry at modest temperatures on Ryugu's parent asteroid.

The samples collected from the surface of Ryugu were exposed to the hard vacuum of space, energetic particle irradiation, heating by sunlight, and micrometeoroid impacts, but the SOM is still preserved, likely by being associated with minerals. The presence of prebiotic molecules on the asteroid surface suggests that these molecules can be transported throughout the Solar System. ■



SOMs detected in surface samples of asteroid Ryugu. Chemical structural models are shown for example molecules from several classes identified in the Ryugu samples. Gray balls are carbon, white are hydrogen, red are oxygen, and blue are nitrogen. Clockwise from top: amines (represented by ethylamine), nitrogen-containing heterocycles (pyridine), a photograph of the sample vials for analysis, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) (pyrene), carboxylic acids (acetic acid), and amino acids (β -alanine). The central hexagon shows a photograph of the Ryugu sample in the sample collector of the Hayabusa2 spacecraft. The background image shows Ryugu in a photograph taken by Hayabusa2.

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Soluble organic molecules in samples of the carbonaceous asteroid (162173) Ryugu

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The Hayabusa2 spacecraft collected samples from the surface of the carbonaceous near-Earth asteroid (162173) Ryugu and brought them to Earth. The samples were expected to contain organic molecules, which record processes that occurred in the early Solar System. We analyzed organic molecules extracted from the Ryugu surface samples. We identified a variety of molecules containing the atoms CHNOS, formed by methylation, hydration, hydroxylation, and sulfurization reactions. Amino acids, aliphatic amines, carboxylic acids, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and nitrogen-heterocyclic compounds were detected, which had properties consistent with an abiotic origin. These compounds likely arose from an aqueous reaction on Ryugu's parent body and are similar to the organics in Ivuna-type meteorites. These molecules can survive on the surfaces of asteroids and be transported throughout the Solar System.

A variety of organic molecules have been identified in carbonaceous chondrite meteorites, especially the meteorite types that experienced aqueous alteration (reactions with liquid water). Prebiotic molecules, such as amino acids, have been found in meteorite soluble organic matter (SOM) (1), suggesting that they could have been delivered to the early Earth (2, 3). It is unclear which Solar System objects are the parent bodies of carbonaceous chondrites (4). Carbonaceous (C-type) asteroids, common in the asteroid belt, have been hypothesized as possible parent bodies of carbonaceous chondrites on the basis of spectroscopic similarities (5).

The Hayabusa2 spacecraft investigated the near-Earth C-type asteroid (162173) Ryugu. Ryugu has a low-albedo surface consisting of hydrous

minerals and carbonaceous materials (6). Hayabusa2 collected ~5 g of samples from Ryugu's surface and delivered them to Earth on 6 December 2020 (7). Unlike meteorites, these samples were collected from a specific spot on the surface of a well-characterized asteroid and were retrieved without contamination from the biosphere. We analyzed Ryugu samples to characterize their SOM contents with the goal of determining the evolutionary history of these organic compounds. Organics could have formed and/or been modified by chemical processes in the molecular cloud from which the Solar System formed, in the protosolar nebula during the process of planet formation or on the planetesimal that became the parent body of Ryugu. Because the surface of Ryugu is exposed to the vacuum of space,

irradiation by energetic particles (cosmic rays), heating by sunlight, and micrometeoroid impacts all could have altered the SOM.

Ryugu samples investigated for SOM

All Ryugu samples are dominated by hydrous silicate minerals and contain organic matter similar to Ivuna-type carbonaceous (CI) chondrites (8). We investigated two samples, both collected during the first Hayabusa2 touchdown operation on 21 February 2019 (7, 9).

Our main analysis was performed on an aggregate sample designated A0106 (fig. S1), consisting of grains <1 mm diameter with a total weight of 38.4 mg, which has elsewhere been investigated spectroscopically (10) and had its elemental and isotopic compositions analyzed (11). The A0106 sample has typical mineralogy for Ryugu consisting mainly of hydrous silicate minerals, including serpentine and saponite, with other associated minerals such as dolomite, pyrrhotite, and magnetite, indicating extensive aqueous alteration (10). We used solvent extracts to investigate the organic molecule content of A0106 following the analysis scheme shown in fig. S2. We also analyzed a single ~1-mm-sized grain (A0080) to determine the spatial distribution of organic compounds on its surface using in situ analysis methods (fig. S2).

Elemental and isotopic composition

Elemental and isotopic analyses were performed using mass spectrometry (11). The A0106 sample contained 3.76 ± 0.14 wt % of total carbon (C), 1.14 ± 0.09 wt % of total hydrogen (H), 0.16 ± 0.01 wt % of total nitrogen (N), and 3.3 ± 0.7 wt % of total sulfur (S). The concentration of pyrolyzed oxygen (O), liberated at 1400°C under a helium gas flow, was 12.9 ± 0.42 wt %. The total CHNOS content (~21.3 wt %) is likely to comprise hydrous minerals, carbonates, sulfides, and organics, including macromolecular insoluble organic matter and SOM, because these are detected in other Ryugu samples (10, 12). The stable isotopic compositions were determined and are expressed in δ notations as offsets from international standards (11): $\delta^{13}\text{C} = -0.58 \pm 2.0\text{‰}$ relative to the Vienna Pee Dee Belemnite (VPDB) isotope reference, $\delta\text{D} = +252 \pm 13\text{‰}$ relative to the Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water (VSMOW) isotope reference, $\delta^{15}\text{N} = +43.0 \pm 9.0\text{‰}$ relative to Earth atmospheric nitrogen, $\delta^{34}\text{S} = -3.0 \pm 2.3\text{‰}$ relative to the Vienna Canyon Diablo Troilite (VCDT) isotope reference, and $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +12.6 \pm 2.0\text{‰}$ relative to VSMOW [all analyses were done in triplicate (11)]. Because we analyzed small aggregate grains from the first touchdown site, we consider these values representative of the average bulk composition of Ryugu. The corresponding elemental ratios (by weight) were: C/N ratio = 23.5 ± 0.4 , O/H ratio = 11.4 ± 0.6 , and C/S ratio = 1.15 for A0106 (table S1).

The C, N, and H abundances are at the top of the ranges previously measured for carbonaceous chondrites (Fig. 1, A to D, and table S2). Our measured abundances of C, H, and S are consistent with an independent bulk chemical analysis using ~25 mg of the Ryugu samples, which suggests that Ryugu has a composition more similar to CI chondrites than to other types of meteorite (12). The heavy isotope enrichments of H ($\delta D \sim +250\%$) and N ($\delta^{15}N \sim +40\%$) that we found in Ryugu are similar to previous analyses of the Ivuna and Orgueil CI chondrites (13) (Fig. 1, E and F). However, elemental and isotopic heterogeneities on small scales have been found in other Ryugu samples (14, 15).

Diversity of organic molecules

We performed mass spectrometry on a methanol extract of the A0106 sample using electrospray ionization (ESI) and atmospheric pressure photoionization (APPI), coupled with Fourier transform–ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry (FT-ICR/MS) (11). These produced hundreds of thousands of ion signals with a mass to charge ratio (m/z) between 150 and 700 (Fig. 2, A, B, and F). The m/z signals obtained by negative charge ESI [ESI(-)], positive charge ESI [ESI(+)], and positive charge APPI [APPI(+)] were assigned to almost 20,000 elementary compositions consisting of C, H, N, O, and/or S (Fig. 2, C to F, and fig. S3). This diversity of compounds is consistent with previous results for carbonaceous chondrites (16). The chemical diversity of ionizable species (small molecules detectable with mass spectrometry) is much higher than terrestrial biological samples.

We identified a continuum of small molecules to macromolecules, with a range of carbon oxidation states from nonpolar or minimally polar (CH-containing, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and branched aliphatic molecules)

to polar small molecules (CHO-containing) with various functional groups (CHN, CHS, CHNO, CHOS, or CHNOS) with different solubility. The most intense signals in the mass spectra were assigned to polythionates (Fig. 2A), indicating formation through a complex sulfur polymer chemistry governed by redox processes involving water–mineral interactions with metal sulfides. A homologous series of known molecular targets (CHN⁺ or CHNO⁺) has previously been observed in a solvent extract of the Murchison meteorite, a different type of carbonaceous chondrite (17). The Ryugu data contain an abundant series of signals with repetitive mass differences, which we interpret as evidence for a systematic reaction network including methylation, hydration, hydroxylation, and sulfurization. We did not detect magnesium-containing organic compounds such as CHOMg or CHOSMg, which have been observed in other chondritic meteorites including Murchison (18). The compound distribution indicates low-temperature ($\leq 150^\circ\text{C}$) hydrothermal processing on Ryugu's parent body (19). The high diversity of N- and S-bearing molecules in Ryugu indicates that chemical processes occurred involving N and S chemistry (20, 21).

Amino acids

We searched for amino acids in an acid-hydrolyzed hot water extract of the A0106 sample using a combination of three-dimensional high performance liquid chromatography with a high-sensitivity fluorescence detector (3D-HPLC/FD) at Kyushu University and ultrahigh performance liquid chromatography with fluorescence detection and high-resolution mass spectrometry (LC-FD/HRMS) at Goddard Space Flight Center (Fig. 3 and table S3). A total of 15 amino acids were both detected and quantified, and an additional five amino acids were tentatively identified but not quantified. These included

proteinogenic (used by biology to form proteins) amino acids such as glycine (C₂H₅NO₂), D,L-alanine (C₃H₇NO₂), and D,L-valine (C₅H₁₁NO₂), as well as nonproteinogenic amino acids including β -alanine (C₃H₇NO₂), D,L- α -amino-*n*-butyric acid (C₄H₉NO₂); D,L- β -amino-*n*-butyric acid (C₄H₉NO₂); and several isomers of valine: D,L-norvaline, D,L-isovaline, and δ -amino-*n*-valeric acid (Fig. 3). The concentrations of each amino acid ranged from ~0.01 to 5.6 nmol g⁻¹ (table S3).

Many of the nonproteinogenic amino acids identified in the Ryugu extract are rare or nonexistent in terrestrial biology. The chiral amino acids detected in Ryugu are in approximately racemic mixtures [the abundance of the D- and L-enantiomers are approximately equal (D/L ~ 1)], indicating nonbiological origins. The detection of approximately equal amounts of D- and L-alanine, a common proteinogenic amino acid, indicates that this Ryugu sample is pristine, with negligible biological L-amino acid contamination. However, there were excesses of L-serine and L-valine. There was a trace (picomole levels) of L-valine content in procedural solvent blanks, so contamination is likely the cause of the nonracemic valine in the A0106 extract.

There are differences in the amino acid concentrations measured using LC-FD/HRMS and 3D-HPLC/FD, which we attribute to different acid hydrolysis conditions and analytical techniques. Different sample preparation and analysis approaches are known to yield distinct results when investigating meteorite amino acids (22). The much lower glycine abundances measured by LC-FD/HRMS (~0.6 nmol g⁻¹) than by 3D-HPLC/FD (5.6 nmol g⁻¹) could have been the result of multiple evaporation steps implemented during sample preparation before LC-FD/HRMS analysis. These evaporation steps could have resulted in the additional loss of volatile species such as hydrogen cyanide (HCN) and formaldehyde. HCN, formaldehyde, and ammonia can synthesize glycine under

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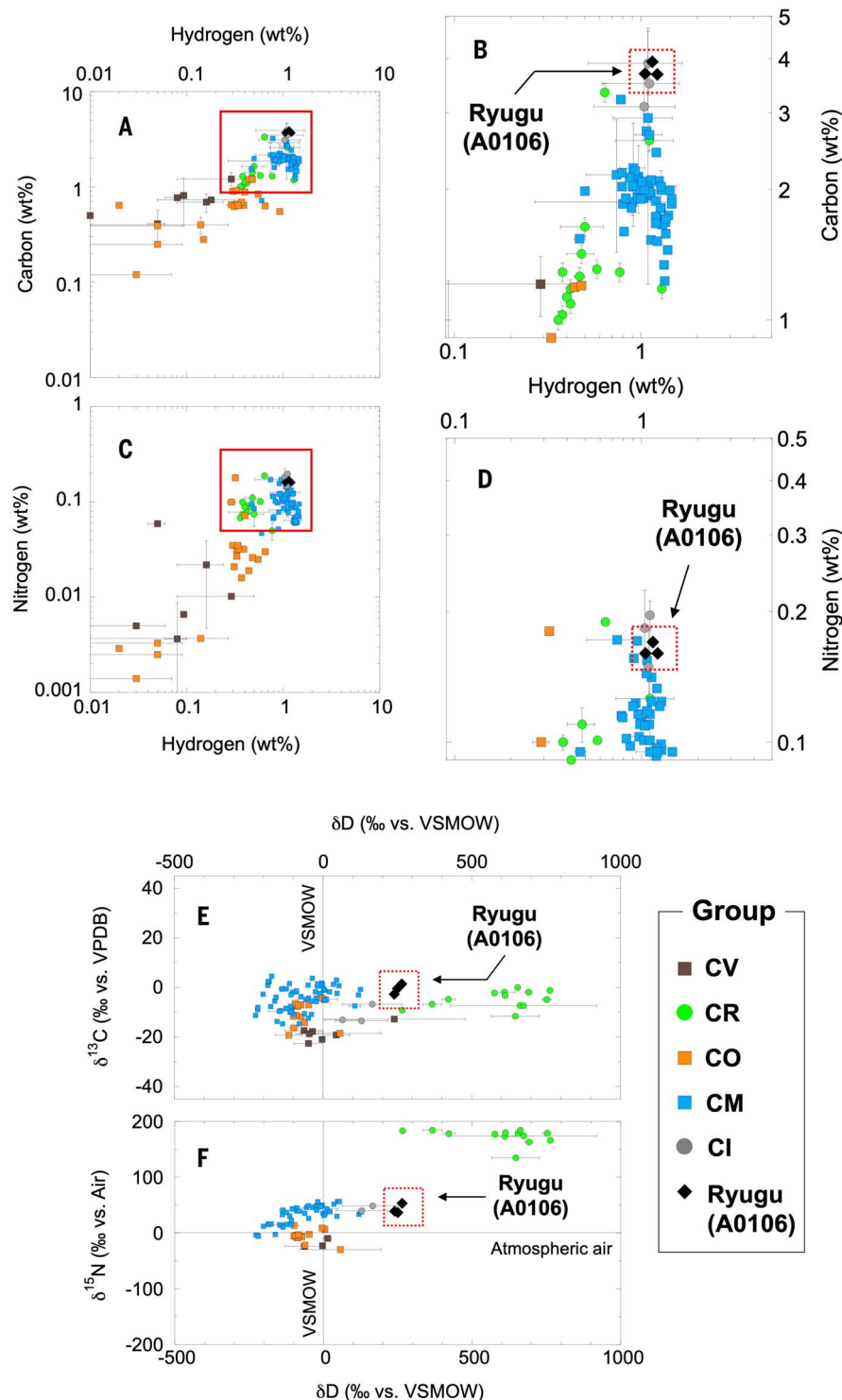


Fig. 1. Carbon, nitrogen, and hydrogen contents and stable isotopic compositions for the Ryugu sample A0106 compared with carbonaceous chondrites. Shown are: H-C (wt %) (A), enlarged H-C (wt %) (B), H-N (wt %) (C), enlarged H-N (wt %) (D), $\delta\text{D}-\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰) (E), and $\delta\text{D}-\delta^{15}\text{N}$ (‰) (F). Symbols shown in the legend indicate different groups of carbonaceous chondrite: Vigarano-type (CV), Renazzo-type (CR), Ornans-type (CO), Mighei-type (CM), and Ivuna-type (CI). Ryugu is most similar to the CI chondrites. Data sources for the carbonaceous chondrites are listed in table S2. Error bars are 1 SD for C, H and δD , and 2 SDs for N, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$.

alkaline conditions (Strecker synthesis) such as during sample preparation (11).

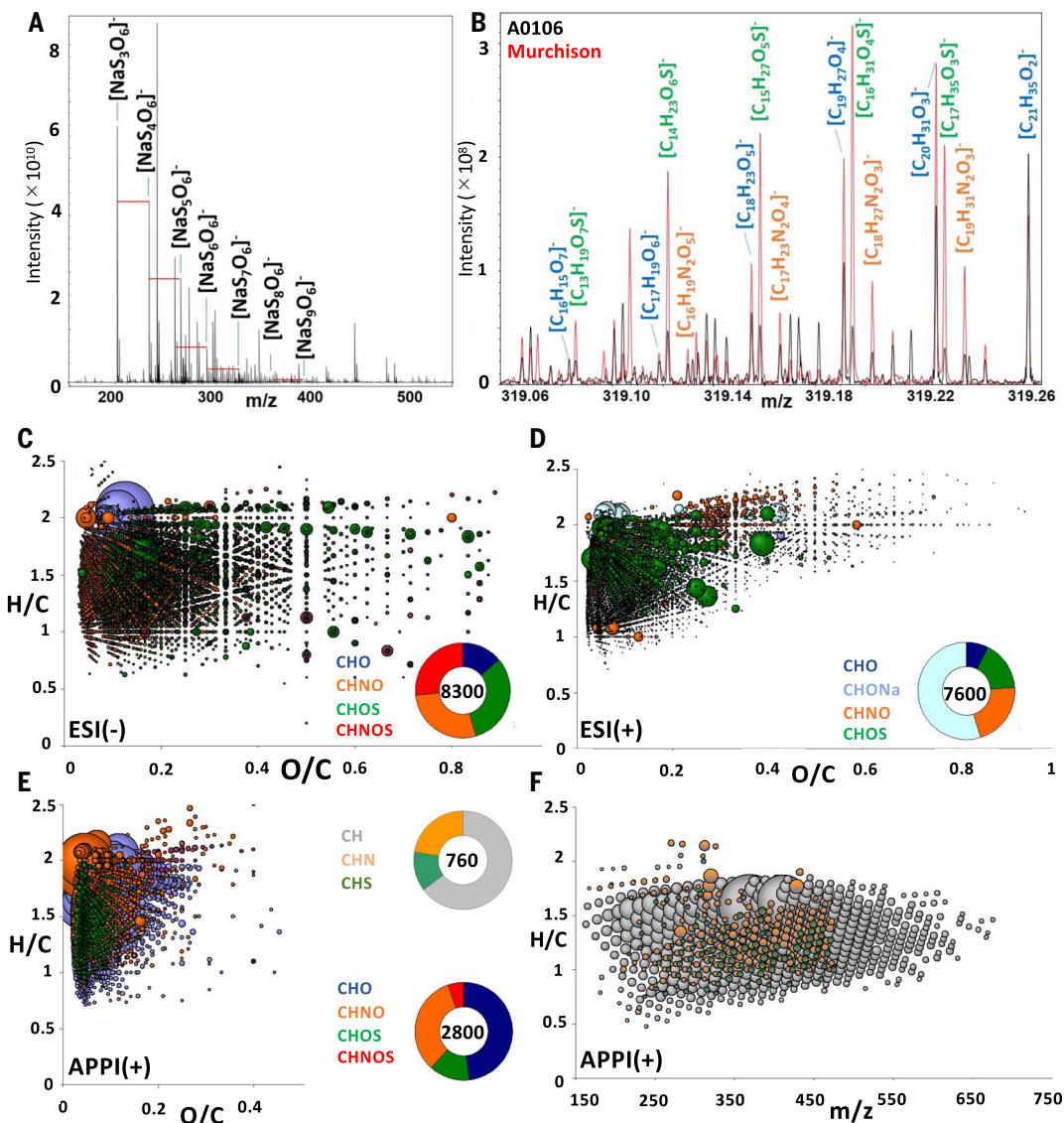
The overall amino acid distribution in the Ryugu extract is distinct from that in the CI meteorite Orgueil, with Ryugu also having lower amino acid abundances than Orgueil (23) (table S3). This could reflect different chemical formation environments or subsequent alteration conditions on their parent bodies. It is possible that Strecker synthesis could have been active during parent body aqueous alteration, producing glycine and other α -amino acids (those with an amino group one bond away from a carbonyl carbon) identified in the Ryugu extract. However, other amino acid formation and fractionation mechanisms must also have occurred on the Ryugu parent body, because β -, γ -, and δ -amino acids were also found (table S3). The straight-chain n - ω -amino acids, β -alanine, γ -amino- n -butyric acid, and δ -amino- n -valeric acid have higher abundances than other amino acids measured by LC-FD/HRMS in the Ryugu extract (table S3). This trend was similarly observed in previous measurements of thermally altered CO (Ornans-type) and CV (Vigarano-type) carbonaceous chondrites (24). These non- α -amino acids have been shown to be more resistant to thermal decomposition, surviving at temperatures up to $\sim 300^\circ\text{C}$ (25, 26), which could explain their higher abundances (relative to α -amino acids) in the Ryugu sample.

Aliphatic amines and carboxylic acids

Hot water extracts of A0106 were measured using liquid chromatography with fluorescence detection and time-of-flight mass spectrometry (LC-FD/TOFMS) (11). Aliphatic amines were detected (Fig. 4); methylamine (CH_3NH_2) was the most abundant, followed by ethylamine ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$) and isopropylamine [$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHNH}_2$], then n -propylamine ($\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NH}_2$). These amines are likely present as salts in the grains, because the free amines are highly volatile and reactive (boiling point; ~ 267 K for free CH_3NH_2 at 1013 hPa compared with ~ 503 K for CH_3NH_2 hydrochloride at ~ 20 hPa). We applied the same technique to hexane and dichloromethane (DCM) extracts of A0106, but did not find other volatile compounds that have previously been detected in carbonaceous chondrites, such as methanol (CH_3OH), ethanol ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$), methyl formate (HCOOCH_3), acetone (CH_3COCH_3), diethyl ether ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$), or acetonitrile (CH_3CN), which were all below the detection limits (fig. S4). This is consistent with our interpretation that the amines were retained as salts, not trapped volatiles in inclusions, insoluble organic material, or minerals. Ammonium salts (and amine salts) are known to be the major reservoir of nitrogen on the dwarf planet Ceres and in comets (27, 28). A previous hyperspectral microscope study of Ryugu grains found evidence of amine or ammonium bonds (NH; ~ 3.1 μm) (29).

Fig. 2. Mass spectra of the Ryugu extract and derived elemental compositions.

(A) Mass spectrum of negative ESI FT-ICR/MS with peaks assigned polythionates with three to nine sulfur atoms. (B) Detail around $m/z = 319$ with annotated elementary compositions, with Ryugu (black) compared with the Murchison meteorite (red) (16). (C to E) O/C-H/C atomic ratios of the compositional data as obtained with ESI(-) (C), ESI(+) (D), and APPI(+) (E). Colored annuli enclose the number of molecules assigned, with colors indicating the relative ratios of the chemical families (indicated in each legend). Data points use the same colors to indicate the family, and the size of each bubble indicates the intensity of the signal in the mass spectrum. (F) H/C atomic ratio as a function of m/z , measured using APPI(+), for nonoxygenated CH, CHN, and CHS compositions; colors are the same as used in (E). Figure S3 shows separate plots of each chemical family identified in (C) to (E).



Isopropyl amine, which has a branched chain, was more abundant than straight-chain propylamine. This is consistent with previous results for several carbonaceous chondrites (30, 31). The predominance of branched chains could indicate that synthesis of these molecules occurred by a radical reaction. Alternatively, it might indicate a period of heating during aqueous alteration, because branched-chain carbon compounds are more thermodynamically stable than their straight-chain counterparts. The presence of methyl-, ethyl-, and propylamines in Ryugu is distinct from Orgueil, which contains butylamines ($C_4H_9NH_2$) at about half the abundance of *n*-propylamine (32). If this same ratio occurred in the Ryugu sample, butylamines would have been above the detection limits. The amines in Ryugu are also unlike the dust grains collected from the comet Wild 2 by the Stardust mission, for which only methyl- and ethylamine were detected (33).

Monocarboxylic acids (MCAs) were searched for using gas chromatography quadrupole mass spectrometry of the hot water extract of A0106. Formic acid ($5.7 \mu\text{mol g}^{-1}$) and acetic acid ($9.5 \mu\text{mol g}^{-1}$) were detected, and were the only MCAs above the detection limits (fig. S5 and table S4). MCAs are typically among the most abundant organic compounds in organic rich carbonaceous chondrites such as the CM (Mighei-type) meteorites Murchison and Murray and the CR (Renazzo-type) chondrites (34–36). We detected MCAs in A0106 with high concentrations and low molecular diversity, both consistent with low-temperature hydrothermal processing, as is thought to have occurred on Ryugu's parent body (10). The concentration of MCAs is known to decrease with increasing aqueous and/or thermal alteration experienced by meteorite samples (36, 37). Although MCAs in A0106 have low molecular diversity, the concentrations of formic and acetic acids are

high, similar to those observed in highly aqueously altered carbonaceous chondrites including ALH 83100 (a CM) and Orgueil and Ivuna (both CIs) (38, 39). Aliphatic MCAs are substantially more abundant in the Ryugu sample than other structurally related organics such as aliphatic amino acids and amines. This is consistent with carbonaceous chondrites, for which the concentrations of MCAs (and most other meteoritic organic compounds) are known to decrease with increasing molecular weight (1, 36). We found the same relationship between formic acid and acetic acid in A0106 (table S4).

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

We applied 2D gas chromatography with time-of-flight mass spectrometry (GC×GC-TOFMS) to the organic solvent extracts of the A0106 sample. We detected aromatic hydrocarbons at below parts per million abundances, including from alkylbenzenes

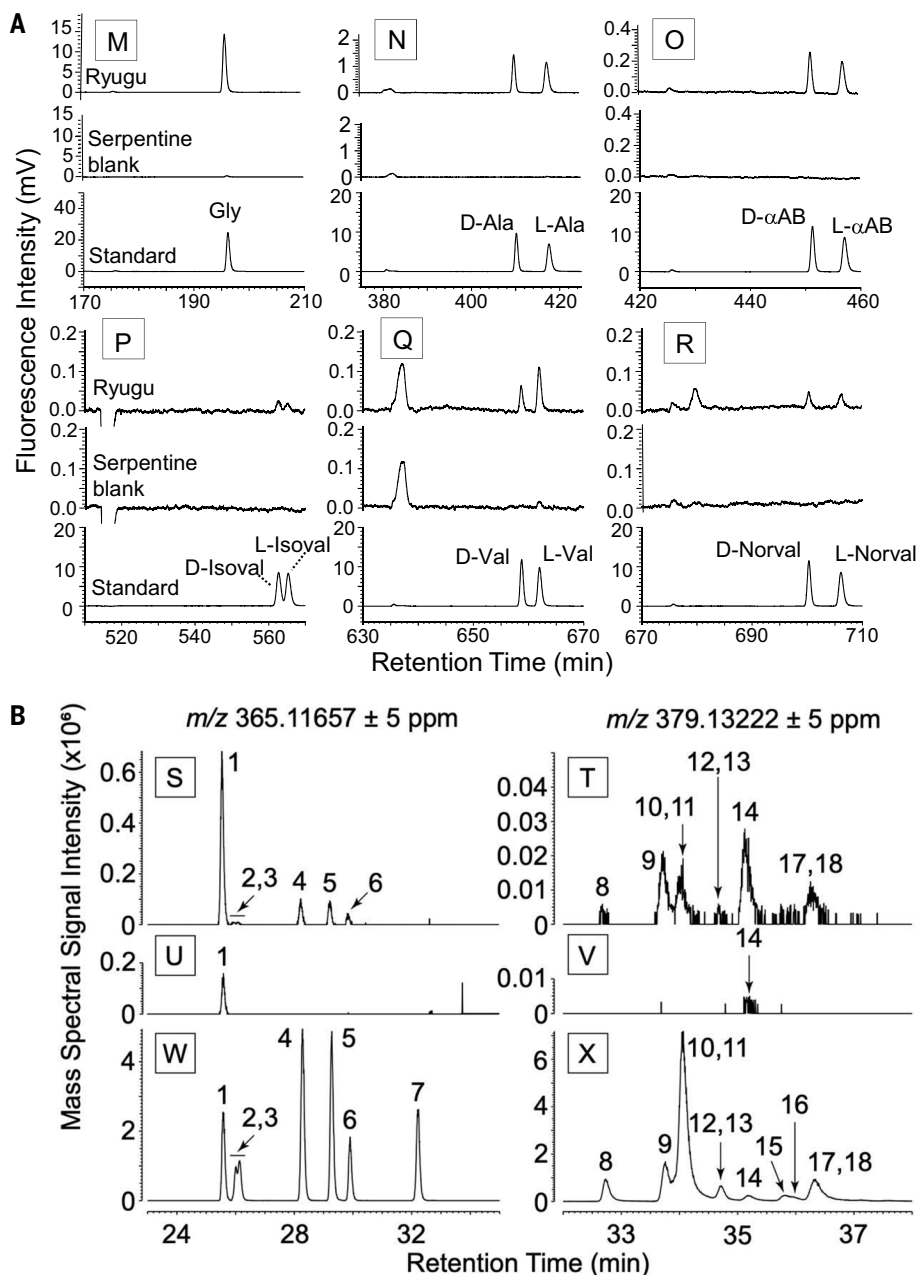


Fig. 3. Amino acids detected in the hydrolyzed hot water extract of the Ryugu sample. (A) Partial chromatograms obtained by 3D-HPLC/FD for glycine (Gly) (M), alanine (Ala) (N), α -amino-*n*-butyrac acid (α AB) (O), isovaline (Isoval) (P), valine (Val) (Q), and norvaline (Norval) (R). In each panel, the Ryugu extract (top traces) is compared with baked serpentine blanks (middle traces) and terrestrial standards (lower traces). (B) Ion-extracted chromatograms from LC-FD/HRMS analysis of Ryugu sample (S and T), a serpentine blank (U and V), and mixed amino acid standards (W and X). Amino acids composed of four and five carbon atoms were detected in the Ryugu sample. Peak identifications are: (1) γ -amino-*n*-butyrac acid, (2) D - β -amino-isobutyric acid, (3) *L*- β -amino-isobutyric acid, (4) D - β -amino-*n*-butyrac acid, (5) *L*- β -amino-*n*-butyrac acid, (6) α -amino-isobutyric acid, (7) D,L - α -amino-*n*-butyrac acid, (8) 3-amino-2,2-dimethylbutyrac acid, (9) γ -amino-*n*-valeric acid, (10) 3-amino-2-methylbutyrac acid, (11) 4-amino-3-methylbutyrac acid, (12) 3-amino-2-methylbutyrac acid, (13) ϵ -3-amino-2-ethylpropanoic acid, (14) δ -amino-*n*-valeric acid, (15) *L*-4-amino-2-methylbutyrac acid, (16) D -4-amino-2-methylbutyrac acid, (17) γ -amino-*n*-valeric acid, and (18) 3-amino-3-methylbutyrac acid.

and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) (Fig. 5). Homologous series of large alkylated PAHs were identified using APPI FT-ICR/MS and assigned to methylation and hydration (Fig. 2C). The presence of alkylated PAHs (in-

cluding alkylbenzenes) in the organic solvent extracts was confirmed using Fourier-transform infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy (II), which showed bands due to CH_2 or CH_3 bonds at 2850 cm^{-1} ($3.51\text{ to }3.39\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) (fig. S6A). The high-

est abundance PAHs were fluoranthene and pyrene (which contain four benzene rings) followed by chrysene/triphenylene (also four rings) and methylated fluoranthene and pyrene. Smaller PAHs containing two rings (naphthalene) and three rings (phenanthrene and anthracene) were detected at lower abundances.

Fluoranthene and pyrene are structural isomers (both have the formula $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}$) that are present in roughly equal amounts in CM chondrites (40–42). In the Ryugu sample, however, fluoranthene is substantially less abundant than pyrene (Fig. 5C). In the CI meteorite Ivuna, both fluoranthene and pyrene are below the detection limits, although phenanthrene and anthracene are abundant (43). Because selective synthesis is not expected to favor three- or four-ring PAHs, their variable relative abundances in meteorites could be due to aqueous fluid flow in their parent body. It has been proposed that three-ring and four-ring PAHs could be spatially separated during aqueous alteration of the Ivuna parent body because of their different aqueous solubilities (an effect known as asteroidal chromatography) (44). On Earth, hydrothermal petroleum often contains alkylbenzene and lower abundances of fluoranthene than of pyrene (45). Therefore, the difference in proportions of PAHs between Ryugu and carbonaceous chondrites could be due to different aqueous alteration effects on different parent bodies. However, we cannot rule out the possibility that the different proportions could be inherited from presolar syntheses in the interstellar medium, where PAHs are ubiquitous (46). PAHs with higher stability and lower volatility might have preferentially survived accretionary and hydrothermal processes on the parent body. For example, the higher thermal stability and lower volatility of pyrene over fluoranthene could have contributed to the unequal abundances of the two species in the Ryugu sample. Vaporization fractionation could be responsible for the lower abundance (compared with pyrene) of smaller PAHs such as naphthalene.

The FTIR spectrum of the fine suspended material in the water extract of the A0106 grain (fig. S6C) has its strongest absorption band at $\sim 1000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ($\sim 10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) due to silicates (Si-O bonds). Other bands are present at $750\text{ to }1650\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ($13.3\text{ to }6.1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$). Peaks at these wavelengths have often been observed in the interstellar medium (47) and have been assigned to large PAHs (47–50). The broad peaks at $\sim 1400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ($7.14\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) could also have a contribution from carbonates (51). The lack of the aromatic C–H stretching bands at $\sim 3030\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ($3.30\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) suggests that the PAHs present in the Ryugu water extract are highly depleted in hydrogen, indicating large, unsaturated structures. Because small- to moderate-sized PAHs can be extracted with organic solvents such as DCM and methanol (MeOH), which we applied

Fig. 4. Aliphatic amines in the hot water extract of Ryugu. Chromatograms were measured using LC-FD/TOFMS for methylamine (A), ethylamine (B), and n-propylamine and iso-propylamine (C). In each panel, the Ryugu sample (top trace) is compared with a baked serpentine blank (middle trace) and terrestrial standards (bottom trace). Asterisks indicate peaks introduced by the reagent used for derivatization.

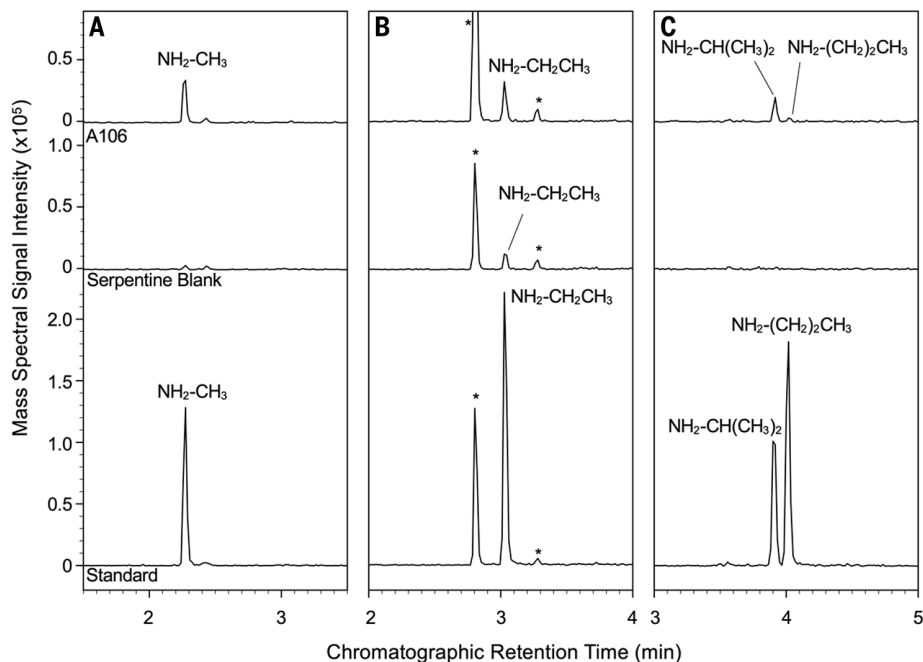
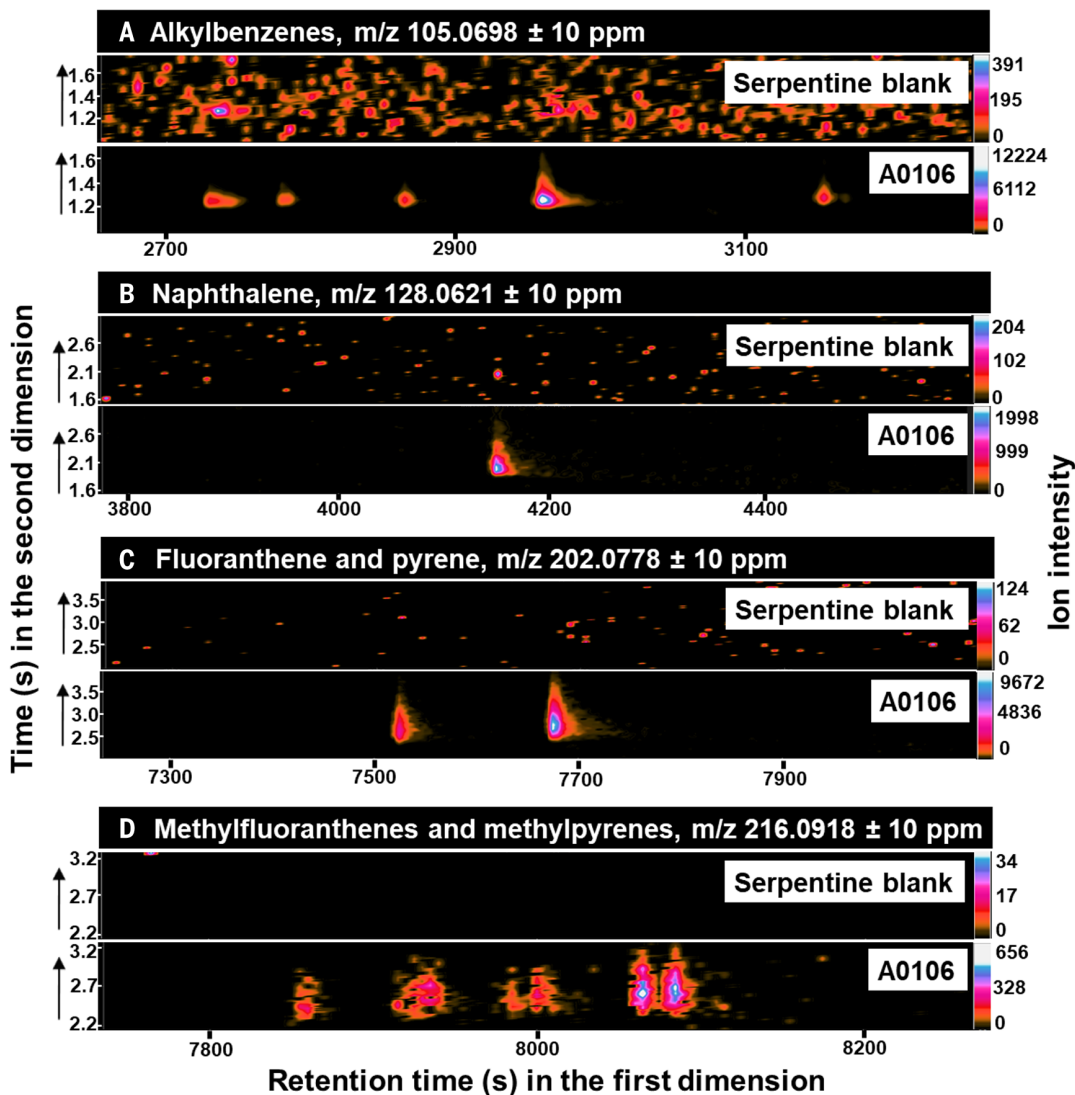


Fig. 5. Aromatic hydrocarbons in the Ryugu extract. Data were measured using GC×GC-TOFMS. (A) Alkylbenzenes in the hexane extract ($m/z = 105.0698$). (B) Naphthalene ($m/z = 128.0621$) in the DCM extract. (C) Fluoranthene (~7520 s) and pyrene (~7680 s) in the DCM extract. (D) Methylfluoranthenes and methylpyrenes ($m/z = 216.0918$) in the DCM extract. In each panel, the Ryugu sample (lower) is compared with a baked serpentine blank (upper). Colors indicate concentration, as indicated on the color bar.



before extraction with water (fig. S2), we expect that the PAHs suspended in the water extract were dominated by very large and less soluble molecules that were not removed by the earlier analysis steps. The FTIR spectrum

of the Ryugu sample is unlike those of other extraterrestrial materials, including carbonaceous chondrites. It is most similar to astronomical observations of interstellar PAHs (50), so it is possible that presolar PAHs (formed

in the interstellar medium) were incorporated into Ryugu's parent body during its accretion, and then survived the subsequent aqueous alteration.

N-containing heterocyclic compounds

The methanol extract of A0106 was examined using nano-liquid chromatography/high-resolution mass spectrometry (nanoLC/HRMS) (II). Several classes of alkylated N-containing heterocyclic molecules were identified, and their presence was confirmed using ESI FT-ICR/MS (Fig. 2E). These alkylated N-heterocycles included pyridine, piperidine, pyrimidine, imidazole, or pyrrole rings with various amounts of alkylation (Fig. 6A). Alkylpyridines and alkylimidazoles (aromatic N-heterocycles) have previously been found in CM chondrites, whereas alkylpiperidines (aliphatic N-heterocycles) are more abundant in CR chondrites (52); the difference in relative abundances might reflect differing redox conditions on the meteorite parent bodies.

The alkylpyridine ($C_nH_{2n-4}N^+$) homologs that we identified in the Ryugu sample (Fig. 6B) have a different distribution pattern from those in CM chondrites (Fig. 6C). The number of C atoms in the Ryugu compounds was mostly between 11 and 22, with a maximum at 17, whereas the C number distribution for Murchison had a lower range, mostly from 8 to 16 with its maximum at 11. This difference could be caused by differences in the histories of hydrothermal activity (such as the water/rock ratio), solar radiation, and/or cosmic ray irradiation (53, 54). Gas phase reactions at high temperature can produce polymeric series of N-containing heterocyclic compounds such as those found in meteorites (55). If the bell-shaped distributions

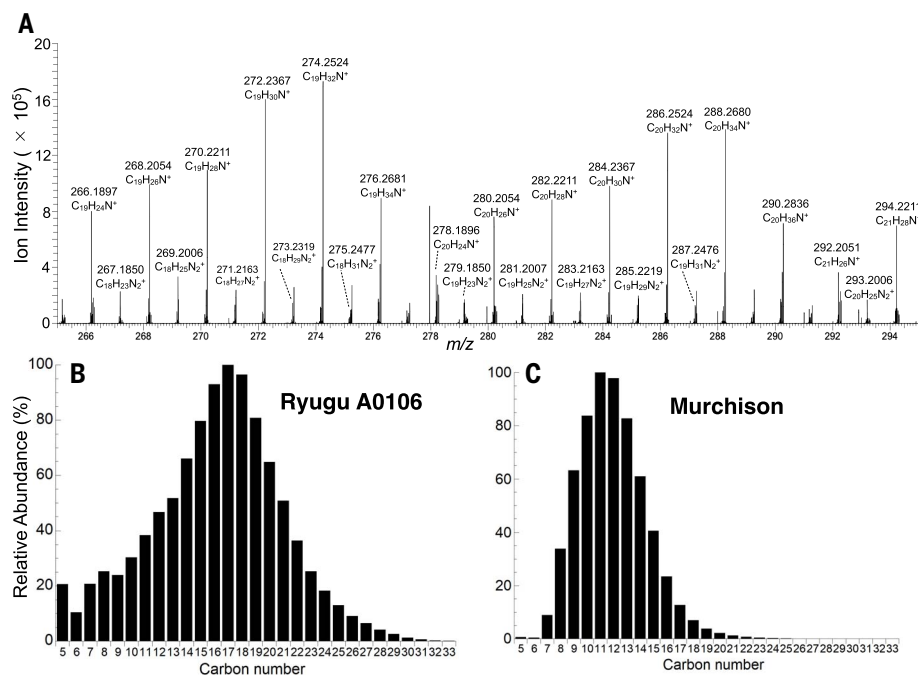
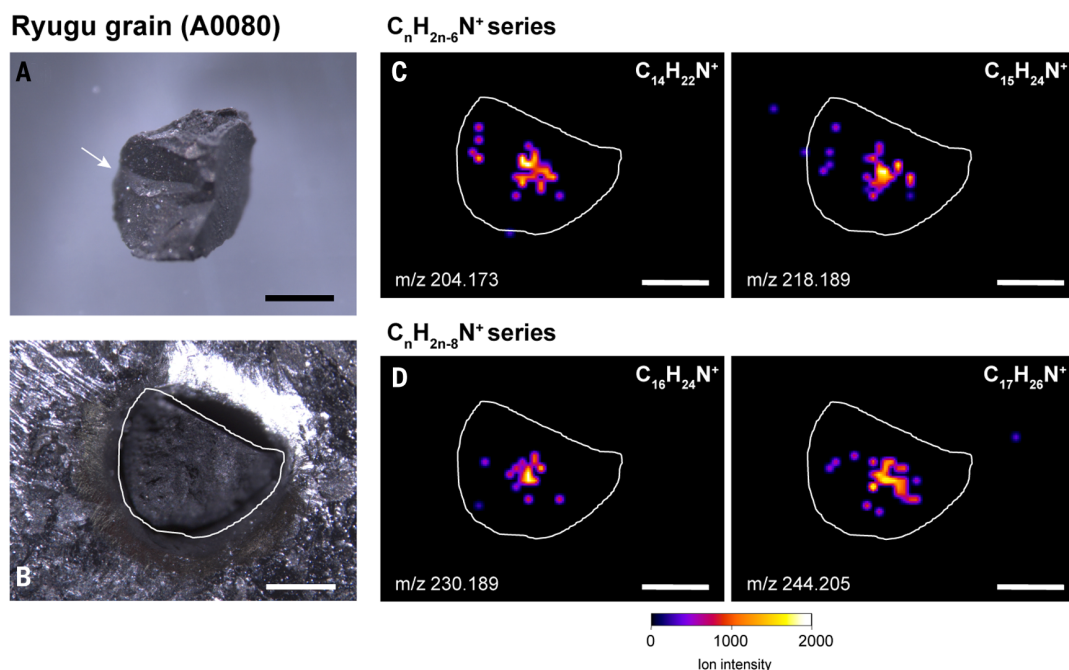


Fig. 6. CHN compounds in the methanol extract determined using nanoLC/high resolution mass spectrometry. (A) Example region of the mass spectrum of the A0106 sample (73), with peaks assigned to $C_nH_{2n-16}N^+$, $C_nH_{2n-14}N^+$, $C_nH_{2n-12}N^+$, $C_nH_{2n-10}N^+$, $C_nH_{2n-8}N^+$, $C_nH_{2n-6}N^+$, $C_nH_{2n-4}N^+$, $C_nH_{2n-15}N_2^+$, $C_nH_{2n-13}N_2^+$, $C_nH_{2n-11}N_2^+$, $C_nH_{2n-9}N_2^+$, and $C_nH_{2n-7}N_2^+$ (where C_n is the carbon number). (B and C) Histograms showing the relative abundances of $C_nH_{2n-4}N^+$ (alkylpyridines) as a function of carbon number, for Ryugu (B) and Murchison (C). Abundances are normalized to a peak value of 100. The Ryugu distribution peaks at a higher carbon number than Murchison.

Fig. 7. Spatial distribution of CHN compounds on the surface of Ryugu grain A0080. (A and B) Optical images before sample preparation (A) and after embedding in an alloy (B). White arrow in (A) indicates the grain surface embedded in (B). Maps of organic molecule distribution were measured by DESI coupled with HRMS, for the $C_nH_{2n-6}N^+$ series ($n=14, 15$) (C) and $C_nH_{2n-8}N^+$ series ($n=16, 17$) (D) molecules. White outlines indicate the boundary between the A0080 grain and the surrounding metal. Scale bars, 500 μm .



for Ryugu and Murchison were caused by gas-phase synthesis, then the two bodies could have inherited their SOM from different regions of the solar nebula.

Alternatively, N-heterocyclic compounds can be synthesized through a reaction pathway using ammonia and simple aldehydes such as formaldehyde (56), which would require high abundances of aldehyde and ammonia in the Ryugu body in the past. Because formaldehyde and ammonia were abundant in the interstellar medium and the protosolar nebula (57, 58), the Ryugu organic material might have inherited these characteristics from a molecular cloud environment. In interstellar-ice analog experiments at very low temperature, hexamethylenetetramine (HMT; $C_6H_{12}N_4$) is produced as a major compound from single-carbon compounds and ammonia (59). However, we did not detect HMT in any extracted fraction of our sample using FT-ICR/MS and nanoLC/HRMS. HMT has previously been detected in aqueous extracts of carbonaceous meteorites including Murchison (60). Under hydrothermal conditions, HMT is degraded to formaldehyde and ammonia at $\sim 150^\circ\text{C}$, especially at alkaline pH, producing N-containing compounds such as amino acids and N-heterocycles (61, 62). Because the aqueous fluid on Ryugu's parent body was probably alkaline ($\text{pH} > 9$) (10), we attribute the lack of HMT to the aqueous alteration history.

Sample surface distribution of organic molecules

We performed in situ analysis of the surface of the A0080 grain using electrically charged MeOH spraying by desorption electrospray ionization (DESI) coupled with HRMS (11). We detected >200 positive ion peaks ranging from $m/z = 80$ to 400, which we assigned to molecules containing the elements CHN, CHO, or CHNO and their alkylated homologs (Fig. 7 and fig. S7). These compounds were located on the uppermost layer of the intact grain surface; no treatment (e.g., cutting or polishing) was performed on A0080. Methanol spraying detached the molecules from the surface, implying weak interactions between the CHN compounds and the major minerals of the grain. The CHN compounds that we observed were mostly consistent with those detected in the methanol extract of the aggregate sample (A0106); however, the molecular distribution was not identical (Fig. 6A and fig. S7, B and C). We attribute the different molecular distributions to heterogeneous distribution of the SOM compounds between the Ryugu grains and/or differences in sensitivity between the two analytical methods.

Our molecular imaging shows spatial heterogeneity of the compounds across the surface of A0080 (Fig. 7). We expect the ion intensity to depend on the topography of the sample surface, which was not flattened. Although the

region with highest SOM concentration is also the highest topographical area, the molecular imaging shows micrometer-scale differences in the spatial distribution of the CHN compounds depending on their molecular sizes and families (Fig. 7). Varying spatial distribution among different molecular sizes and compound classes were also observed among CHO and CHNO compounds. Previous studies have identified different spatial distributions of CHN compounds on CM chondrites, including Murray (63). The distinct distributions could be caused by interactions between organic molecules and minerals during aqueous alteration (64). Other synthesis routes could also explain these results, for example through SOM reactions with minerals and fluids in the Ryugu parent body (65).

Implications for asteroid organic chemistry

The molecular diversity of SOM in the Ryugu sample A0106 is as high as previously found for carbonaceous chondrites, and includes poly-sulfur-bearing species. By contrast, the molecular diversity of low-molecular-weight compounds, including aliphatic amines and carboxylic acids, was lower in the Ryugu sample than previously measured in the Murchison meteorite. The total SOM concentration in the A0106 sample was less than that of Murchison, closer to those of the unheated CI chondrites Ivuna and Orgueil.

The Ryugu organic matter seems to have been affected by aqueous alteration, which produced aromatic hydrocarbons similar to hydrothermal petroleum on Earth (45). However, the Ryugu samples have never experienced high temperatures (12). This is unlike the heated CI chondrites Yamato 980115 and Belgica 7904 [parent body temperatures $\leq 150^\circ\text{C}$ (66, 67)], which contain very low (or undetectable) abundances of amino acids and PAHs (23, 68, 69). Remote-sensing observations of Ryugu collected by the Hayabusa2 spacecraft showed evidence for thermal metamorphism at 300 to 400°C on Ryugu's parent body (70). However, we estimate that the effective heating temperature was $\leq 150^\circ\text{C}$ for the Ryugu SOM (11). We ascribe this difference to protection of the organics by incorporation into hydrous minerals.

The SOM detected in the A0106 and A0080 samples indicates that Ryugu's surface materials host organic molecules despite the harsh environment caused by solar heating, ultraviolet irradiation, cosmic-ray irradiation, and high vacuum. The uppermost surface grains on Ryugu protect organic molecules, unlike meteorites, for which atmospheric ablation during Earth entry removes or modifies analogous near-surface material. Organic compounds on asteroids can be ejected from the surface by impacts or other causes (71, 72), dispersing them through the Solar System (or

beyond) as meteoroids or interplanetary dust particles. Therefore, SOM on C-type asteroids could be a source of organics delivered to other bodies.

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Sample

An aggregate sample of Ryugu grains (A0106) and a single grain (A0080) were allocated to the SOM (Soluble Organic Molecules) team for the initial analysis of Hayabusa2 samples. Each sample was transported from the JAXA Extraterrestrial Samples Curation Center in Sagamihara, Japan, via a facility-to-facility transfer container (74) to Kyushu University (KU) for extraction and distribution. The A0106 sample consisted mainly of particles smaller than 1 mm in diameter (Fig. S1). We used the A0106 sample to analyze SOM after solvent extractions (Fig. S2). The A0106 sample was investigated spectroscopically in the near infrared wavelength range prior to the solvent extractions (10). The spectra indicated that the sample has a mineralogy consistent with that observed for other aggregate samples of Ryugu (10). We determined elemental compositions of SOM in various solvent extracts by non-target analysis using Fourier transform ion cyclotron mass spectrometry (FT/ICR-MS), and performed chromatographic molecular analyses of amino acids, aliphatic amines, carboxylic acids, aromatic hydrocarbons, and N-containing heterocyclic compounds (Fig. S2). A part of the A0106 sample was used for elemental and isotopic analyses of total carbon (C), hydrogen (H), nitrogen (N), sulfur (S), as well as pyrolyzable oxygen (O) (Fig. S2). The A0080 sample was a ~1 mm-sized grain (Fig. 7A), which was investigated for spatial SOM distribution on the sample surface by in situ analysis (Fig. S2). Other supplementary data are provided at (73).

CNHOS contents and their isotopic compositions

Elemental and isotopic analysis of C, N, S, H, and pyrolyzable O was performed in triplicate using elemental analyzers connected to isotope ratio mass spectrometers (EA/IRMS). For the total C, N, and S contents with their isotopic compositions ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$, and $\delta^{34}\text{S}$, respectively), we used an EA/IRMS system (Flash EA1112 elemental analyzer/Conflo III interface/Delta Plus XP isotope-ratio mass spectrometer, Thermo Finnigan Co., Bremen) at Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) at Yokosuka. The analytical validations using the nano-EA/IRMS system were performed during rehearsal analyses and studies of the carbonaceous chondrites (75-77). For the total H and pyrolyzable O with their isotopic compositions (δD and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, respectively), we used another EA/IRMS system (Elemental Analyzer/Thermal Conversion (EA/TC) coupled with Delta Plus XL isotope-ratio mass spectrometer through a Conflo III interface, Thermo Finnigan Co., Bremen) at KU (52,78). The δ values of the Ryugu samples for C, N, H, S, and O isotopic compositions are denoted using the international isotope standards as follows:

$$\delta^{13}\text{C} = [({}^{13}\text{C}/{}^{12}\text{C})_{\text{Ryugu}}/({}^{13}\text{C}/{}^{12}\text{C})_{\text{VPDB}} - 1] \times 1000 \text{ (‰)} \quad (\text{S1})$$

using the Vienna Peedee Belemnite (VPDB) isotope reference

$$\delta^{15}\text{N} = [({}^{15}\text{N}/{}^{14}\text{N})_{\text{Ryugu}}/({}^{15}\text{N}/{}^{14}\text{N})_{\text{Air}} - 1] \times 1000 \text{ (‰)} \quad (\text{S2})$$

using Earth atmospheric nitrogen (Air) isotope reference

$$\delta\text{D} = [(\text{D}/\text{H})_{\text{Ryugu}}/(\text{D}/\text{H})_{\text{VSMOW}} - 1] \times 1000 \text{ (‰)} \quad (\text{S3})$$

using the Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water (VSMOW) isotope reference

$$\delta^{34}\text{S} = [({}^{34}\text{S}/{}^{32}\text{S})_{\text{Ryugu}}/({}^{34}\text{S}/{}^{32}\text{S})_{\text{VCDT}} - 1] \times 1000 \text{ (‰)} \quad (\text{S4})$$

using the Vienna Canyon Diablo Troilite (VCDT) isotope reference

$$\delta^{18}\text{O} = \left[\left(\frac{^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}}{\text{Ryugu}} / \left(\frac{^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}}{\text{VSMOW}} \right) - 1 \right] \times 1000 \text{ (‰)} \quad (\text{S5})$$

using the VSMOW isotope reference; respectively.

The CNHOS contents (wt. %) and their isotopic compositions of the Ryugu sample A0106 are shown in [Table S1](#). The $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ – $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ – δD values are plotted in [Fig. 1E and 1F](#) with those reported for various type of carbonaceous chondrites ([Table S2, 13, 79-94](#)). The isotopic compositions have been used for classification and origins of meteorites with respect to the solar system formation. The compiled data indicate that the Ryugu sample has isotopic characteristics more similar to those of CI-type chondrites than other carbonaceous chondrites.

Solvent extractions

The extraction and analytical measurements are summarized in [Fig. S2](#). All extraction procedures were performed on an International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 5 (Class 100) clean bench inside an ISO 6 (Class 1000) clean room at KU. All glassware used were baked in an oven at 500°C for 3 h prior to analysis to remove organic contaminants. The aggregate sample of A0106 (17.15 mg) was extracted sequentially with hexane (Hexane 5000, FUJIFILM Wako, 200 $\mu\text{L} \times 3$), dichloromethane (DCM, Dichloromethane 5000, FUJIFILM Wako, 200 $\mu\text{L} \times 3$), methanol (MeOH, QTOFMS grade, FUJIFILM Wako, 200 $\mu\text{L} \times 3$) and H₂O (200 $\mu\text{L} \times 3$, TAMAPURE-AA, Tama Chemicals Co., Ltd.) using a sonicator (15 min each, Bransonic Model 1210) in a 1.5 mL polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE, Teflon) vial followed by centrifugation (12,000 rpm \times 5 min for the hexane, DCM and MeOH extractions and 14,000 rpm \times 8 min for the H₂O extraction). Each combined solution (600 μL) was mixed by shaking, then divided and distributed as 200 μL (Helmholtz Center in Munich), 200 μL (Goddard Space Flight Center, GSFC) and 200 μL (KU). Baked serpentine powder (17.58 mg, 500°C for 3 h) was also analyzed as a procedural blank.

A separate aggregate sample of A0106 (13.08 mg) was subjected to the hot water (200 μL) extraction at 105°C for 20 h in an N₂ purged and sealed glass ampoule. After the extraction, the content was transferred from the ampoule to a glass vial. The glass vial was centrifuged for 8 min at 14,000 rpm, then the supernatant was transferred to another sample extract vial. The glass ampoule was rinsed with 200 μL H₂O, then the H₂O solution was transferred to the residue-containing vial, which was further mixed by shaking. The glass vial was centrifuged for 8 min at 14,000 rpm, then the supernatant was transferred to the sample extract vial. This step was repeated, then the combined 600 μL solution was mixed well by shaking. The hot water extract was split into 250 μL (KU) and 250 μL (GSFC) for amino acid analysis, and 100 μL (JAMSTEC) for other analysis. The amino acid analyses were performed at KU and GSFC. Baked serpentine powder (16.21 mg, 500°C for 3 h) was also analyzed as a procedural blank.

Fourier transform ion cyclotron mass spectrometry (FT-ICR/MS)

The mass analysis was conducted with a BRUKER Solarix 12 Tesla instrument installed at the Helmholtz Center in Munich following standard operation procedure ([16](#)). The 100 μL MeOH extract was diluted four times and directly injected with a Hamilton syringe using a syringe pump at flow rates of 120 $\mu\text{L h}^{-1}$ and 500 $\mu\text{L h}^{-1}$ in electrospray ionization (ESI) and atmospheric pressure photoionization (APPI), respectively. In ESI(–), 3000 scans were accumulated for

negatively-charged ions, and 1000 scans in ESI(+) and 300 scans in APPI(+) were accumulated for positively-charged ions.

To maintain mass accuracy, we performed internal calibrations on arginine clusters prior to any analysis. Relative m/z errors were lower than 100 ppb across a range of $92 < m/z < 1,000$. The average mass resolving power was about 400,000 at nominal mass 400. Data were internally calibrated to produce m/z lists and processed using the formula annotation pipeline after mass difference network analysis (95). The mass spectra of ESI(-) measurement are shown in Fig. 2A. The elemental compositions of molecules obtained by ESI(-), ESI(+), and APPI(+) measurements are shown in Fig. 2B and 2C. The data files are provided as Data S1 for ESI(-), Data S2 for ESI(+), and Data S3 for APPI(+) at (73).

Amino acid analysis

Amino acid analysis was performed by two different methods at KU and at GSFC. KU performed enantiomer separation of targeted amino acids using three dimensional-high performance liquid chromatography coupled with fluorescence detection (3D-HPLC/FD). GSFC performed non-target amino acid analysis using liquid chromatography/fluorescence detection equipped with high-resolution mass spectrometry (LC-FD/HRMS).

3D-HPLC/FD amino acid analysis at KU

The detailed procedure of amino acid analysis by 3D-HPLC/FD was reported elsewhere (96). The hot water extract (~200 μ L) was mixed with ~6 M HCl (~200 μ L, Tama Chemicals Co., Ltd.) in a closed glass vial, followed by hydrolysis at 105°C for 20 h. The resulting reaction mixture was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. To the residue, 100 μ L of water was added, and the solution was neutralized with sodium hydroxide, which was confirmed by a pH test paper. A 20 μ L aliquot of the neutralized solution was mixed with 400mM sodium borate buffer (pH 8.0, 20 μ L) and 100 mM 4-fluoro-7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole in 5 μ L acetonitrile (MeCN) in a light shielded glass vial. The mixed solution was heated at 60°C for 6 min, and an aqueous 2 % (volume by volume, v/v) trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) solution (55 μ L) was added to stop the reaction.

An aliquot of the reaction mixture (10 μ L) was then analyzed using the 3D-HPLC/FD system. Three different columns were equipped as a dimension of the 3D-HPLC system. In the first dimension, a Singularity RP18 column (1.0 mm inner diameter (i.d.) \times 250 mm length) was used for the reversed-phase separation, and the target amino acids were separated by using the gradient elution of 5-25% MeCN and 0.025% TFA in H₂O. In the second dimension, an anion-exchange column (Singularity AX, 1.0mm i.d. \times 150mm length) was equipped, and the mobile phases were mixed solutions of MeOH-MeCN (50/50, v/v) containing formic acid (FA). The FA concentrations were 0.04% for alanine (Ala), α -aminobutyric acid (α -AB), valine (Val), and norvaline (Norval); and 0.07 % for glycine (Gly) and isovaline (Isoval). In the third dimension, tandemly connected Singularity CSP-001S columns (1.5 mm i.d. \times 500 mm, total length) were used for enantiomeric separations. A mixed solution of MeOH-MeCN (90/10, v/v) containing 0.14 % FA (for Isoval) and mixed solutions of MeOH-MeCN (50/50, v/v) containing 0.20% FA (for Ala, α AB, Val, and Norval) or 0.03 % FA (for Gly) were used as mobile phases. The N-(7-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-amino acids were detected by their fluorescence emission at

530 nm with excitation at 470 nm. The concentration of amino acid was determined by single analysis due to the sample limitation. The analytical uncertainty was estimated to be 3-8% of the quantitative value of amino acid based on a quadruple analysis of amino acids in carbonaceous chondrites (96). The result of this amino acid analysis is shown in Fig. 3A and Table S3. The data file (fluorescence intensity vs. time) is provided as Data S4 at (73).

LC-FD/HRMS amino acid analysis at GSFC

Samples were unpacked and inspected in an ISO 5 flow bench in an ISO < 8 (Class <100,000) whiteroom and then stored in a -20°C freezer until analysis. All glass materials were cleaned by rinsing in ultrapure water (Millipore Integral 10, 18.2 MΩ cm, < 3 ppb total organic carbon) then baking at 500°C in air in a muffle furnace overnight to remove residual organics. Standards and reagents were purchased from Alfa Aesar, Sigma-Aldrich, Acros Organics, Mann Research Laboratories, and Thermo Scientific and used without further purification except as noted below. HPLC-grade DCM, semiconductor-grade NaOH, ultrapure 6 M HCl (Tama Chemicals Co., Ltd.) were used during sample preparation. Functionalized aminopropyl silica gel was from SiliCycle (SiliaBond, 40-63 μm particle size) and cleaned using MeOH and DCM followed by drying under vacuum. The AccQ•Tag reagent and solvents used during amine analysis were from Waters.

Samples from hot water extract (80 μL each) as well as a serpentine and procedural blank were each mixed with 8 μL of 1.5 M doubly distilled (dd) HCl before being dried under vacuum and then acid hydrolyzed under 6 M ddHCl vapor at 150°C for 3 h (97). The 6 M ddHCl that was used for acid vapor hydrolysis was ultrapure 6 M HCl (Tama Chemicals Co., Ltd.) that was doubly distilled prior to use with these samples. Following acid hydrolysis, retrieved test tubes were dried under vacuum to remove HCl. Test tubes were then rehydrated with 100 μL of ultrapure water and transferred into separate, capped derivatization vials. Each sample and blank test tube subsequently underwent two successive 100 μL rinses using ultrapure water, which were individually transferred to their respective derivatization vials. The resultant 300 μL solution in each sample and blank derivatization vial was then dried under vacuum to ensure full removal of residual HCl from the acid vapor hydrolysis process. The residues in the derivatization vials were then each reconstituted in 20 μL of a 0.1 M sodium borate solution and dried again under vacuum. Finally, each derivatization vial was resuspended with 20 μL of ultrapure water and derivatized with 5 μL of *o*-phthalaldehyde/*N*-acetyl-L-cysteine (OPA/NAC) for 15 min at room temperature (~21°C). OPA/NAC derivatization added a fluorescent tag to the primary amino group and results in a diastereomer for separation of D- and L-amino acid enantiomers by liquid chromatography. The derivatization reaction was then quenched with 75 μL of 0.1 M dd hydrazine hydrate, at which point, the solutions were promptly injected into the LC-FD/HRMS system for amino acid analysis.

Amino acids were analyzed by LC-FD/HRMS using a Vanquish Horizon LC (Thermo Fisher Scientific) coupled to a Vanquish fluorescence detector (Thermo Fischer Scientific), and a Q Exactive hybrid quadrupole-Orbitrap mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Compound identifications were determined by chromatographic retention time, optical fluorescence, and accurate mass measurements based on comparison to a mixed amino acid standard. A mass precision of 3 ppm, defined as $[(\text{measured } m/z) - (\text{calculated } m/z)] / (\text{calculated } m/z) \times 10^6$ (ppm), was implemented for mass identification of target analytes by HRMS.

Two mobile phases were used during LC analyses of 2- to 4-carbon (C₂–C₄) and 6-carbon (C₆) amino acids: a) 45 mM ammonium formate with 7% MeOH, pH adjusted to 9.0 and b) LC-MS grade MeOH. Mobile phase a) was made by first mixing 2 mL of LC-MS grade formic acid with 1033 mL of LC-MS grade water, then titrating the solution to pH 9.0 with 1M aqueous ammonium hydroxide, and finally adding 85 mL of LC-MS grade MeOH. The 1M ammonium hydroxide solution that was used for titration was generated by diluting a 7.3 M stock solution of aqueous ammonium hydroxide (assay = 28.6%, ammonia in water) with LC-MS grade water to a final concentration of 1 M. Two mobile phases were used during LC analyses of 5-carbon (C₅) amino acids: c) 45 mM ammonium formate with 7% MeOH, pH adjusted to 7.4 and d) LC-MS grade MeOH. Mobile phase c) was prepared identically to mobile phase a), except mobile phase c) was titrated to pH 7.4 with 1 M aqueous ammonium hydroxide.

Chromatographic separation was achieved using a Waters ACQUITY UPLC BEH C18 VanGuard Pre-column (2.1 mm i.d. × 50 mm length, 1.7 μm particle size) in front of two stationary phases used in series: i) Waters ACQUITY UPLC CSH C18 (2.1 mm i.d. × 150 mm length, 1.7 μm particle size) and ii) Waters ACQUITY UPLC BEH Phenyl (2.1 mm i.d. × 150 mm, 1.7 μm particle size). The C₂–C₄ and C₆ amino acids were eluted using the following gradient: 0–35 min, 0–55% eluent b, 35–45 min, 55 – 100% eluent b, 45–50 min, isocratic at 100% eluent b, 50–50.1 min, 100–0% eluent b, 50.1–60 min, isocratic at 0% eluent b. The eluent flow rate was 0.15 mL min⁻¹ for the entirety of the run and columns were heated at 33°C. The autosampler was kept at a constant temperature of 5°C and the injection volume was 10 μL. The FD was operated with an excitation wavelength of 340 nm and an emission wavelength of 450 nm, and was maintained a temperature of 33°C. The LC-FD settings used to perform chromatography of the C₅ amino acids were identical to those of the C₂–C₄ and C₆ amino acids, except the C₅ amino acid chromatography required the use of a difference aqueous mobile phase and a different gradient: 0–25 min, 15–20% eluent d, 25–25.06 min, 20–35% eluent d, 25.06–44.5 min, 35–40% eluent d, 44.5–45 min, 40–100% eluent d, 45–50 min, isocratic at 100% eluent d, 50–50.1 min, 100–15% eluent d, 50.1–60 min, isocratic at 15% eluent d.

For all amino acids targeted, the HRMS system utilized a heated ESI(+) source to ionize target analytes, which was operated according to the following conditions: sheath gas (N₂) flow rate = 40 arbitrary unit (a.u.), auxiliary gas (N₂) flow rate = 10 a.u., sweep gas (N₂) flow rate = 2 a.u., spray voltage = 3.50 kV, capillary temperature = 350°C, S-lens (or stacked ring ion guide) RF (radio frequency) level = 50.0 %, and auxiliary gas heater temperature = 300°C. For all amino acid analyses, the HRMS system was operated in Full MS – SIM (single ion monitoring) scan mode and implemented the following scan parameters: scan range = 150–2000 *m/z*, mass resolving power setting = 70,000 (at full-width-half-maximum for *m/z* 200), fragmentation = none, polarity = positive, microscans = 1, AGC (automatic gain control) target = 1 × 10⁶ ions, and maximum injection time = 50 ms. The result of this amino acid analysis is shown in [Fig. 3B](#) and [Table S3](#). The data file (*m/z* vs. time) is provided as Data S5 at [\(73\)](#).

Aliphatic amine analysis

Samples from hot water extract (10 μL each) as well as a serpentine blank derivatized with the AccQ•Tag protocol [\(97\)](#) protocol which adds a fluorescent tag to primary and secondary amines ([Fig. S2](#)). Analysis was on a Waters ACQUITY H Class UPLC with a Waters fluorescence detector and a Waters Xevo G2-XS time of flight mass spectrometer (LD-FD/TOFMS) with an

ESI(+) source (98). Aqueous amine standards were evaluated at five concentrations, and a linear least-square model was fit for each amine. Peak areas generated from the mass chromatogram of AccQ•Tag derivatives were used to determine the concentrations of amines. The average value of three separate measurements of the same extracted sample was determined as the abundance of each analyte. The result of this amine analysis is shown in Fig. 4 and Table S3. The data file (m/z vs. time) is provided as Data S6 at (73).

Volatile compound analysis

Samples of the hexane and DCM extracts (2 μL each) as well as procedural blanks were analyzed without derivatization via GC-QMS using a GC (Thermo Trace 13100) equipped with a 5 m base-deactivated guard column (Restek, 0.25 mm i.d.) and a PoraBOND Q (0.25 mm i.d. \times 25 m length, 3 μm film thickness; Agilent) fused silica column, coupled to an electron-impact triple-quadrupole mass spectrometer (Thermo TSQ; ion source set at 250°C and 70 eV). The GC oven was programmed at 130°C for 1 min, then to 150°C at 50°C min^{-1} , held for 4 min, then to 300°C at 40°C min^{-1} , and held for 30 min. Ultrahigh purity He (5.0 grade) was used as carrier gas at 1.5 mL min^{-1} . Samples were injected in triplicate in split mode (split flow: 50 mL min^{-1} , held for 5 min under constant flow) in aliquots of 1 μL . Mass spectra were used to identify compounds by comparison to reference standards, detection limits are estimated to be <1 pmol in solution. The result of this volatile compound analysis is shown in Fig. S4. The data file (m/z vs. time) is provided as Data S7 at (73).

Monocarboxylic acid analysis

Samples from the hot water extract (50 μL each) as well as a procedural blank were analyzed for carboxylic acids by GC-QMS. Briefly, the samples were acidified using 10 μL 2 M NaOH, dried under vacuum overnight, then the samples were suspended in 50 μL of 6 M HCl, 30 μL of 2-pentanol, 200 μL of DCM, and heated at 100°C for 16 h in sealed PTFE-lined screw cap vials in a heating block. The derivatized samples at room temperature were passed through a short column of aminopropyl silica gel (5 mm i.d. \times 45 mm length), followed by two DCM rinses (~3 mL each time), and N_2 -gas blow-drying. The derivatized carboxylic acids were re-dissolved in 80 μL of DCM and analyzed using a gas chromatographer (Thermo Trace 13100) equipped with a 5 m base-deactivated fused silica guard column (Restek, 0.25 mm i.d.), two Rxi-5ms (0.25 mm i.d. \times 30 m length \times 0.5 μm film thickness; capillary columns connected in series using SilTite μ -unions by Restek), and coupled to an electron-impact triple-quadrupole mass spectrometer (Thermo TSQ, ion source set at 250°C and 70 eV). The GC oven was programmed as follows: initial temperature held at 40°C for 1 min, then to 110°C at 15°C min^{-1} , then to 140°C at 10°C min^{-1} , and finally to 300°C at 30°C min^{-1} with a final hold of 5 min. We used ultrahigh purity He (5.0 grade) as carrier gas at 4.7 mL min^{-1} . Aliquots of 1 μL injections of the derivatives were made in triplicated in split mode (split flow: 5 mL min^{-1} , held for 5 min under constant flow). The identification and quantification of the derivatized carboxylic acids were performed by comparison to reference standards and calibration curves following published methods (36, 99). The result of this monocarboxylic acid analysis is shown in Fig. S5 and Table S4. The data file (m/z vs. time) is provided as Data S8 at (73).

Aromatic hydrocarbon analysis

Samples of the hexane, DCM, MeOH, and DCM/MeOH extracts as well as procedural blanks were analyzed without derivatization using an Agilent 7890B gas chromatograph coupled to a LECO Pegasus HRT+4D time of flight mass spectrometer (ion source set at 250°C and 70 eV; GC×GC-TOFMS). The GC oven was equipped with a 5 m base-deactivated fused silica guard column (Restek, 0.25 mm i.d.) and two Rxi-5ms (0.25 mm i.d. × 30 m length, 0.5 μm film thickness; capillary columns connected in series using SilTite μ-union connectors, Restek). The temperature of the primary column was held at 40°C for 10 min, then increased to 60°C at 1°C min⁻¹, held for 5 min at 60°C, then increased to 110°C at 2°C min⁻¹, held for 5 min at 110°C, then increased to 260°C at 2°C min⁻¹, held for 5 min at 260°C, finally increased to 280°C at 20°C min⁻¹ and held for 25 min at 280°C. The secondary oven offset temperature was kept at 5°C relative to the primary oven, the modulation temperature offset was kept at 15°C, and a modulation period of 5 s was applied. The carrier gas used was ultrahigh purity grade helium (5.0 grade) at 1.4 mL min⁻¹. Duplicate injections of samples were made in splitless mode in aliquots of 2 μL. Data were processed using the LECO Corp. ChromaTOF software. Mass spectra were used to identify compounds by comparison to reference standards where possible, detection limits are estimated to be ~1 pmol in solution. The result of this aromatic hydrocarbon analysis is shown in Fig. 5. The data file (*m/z* vs. time) is provided as Data S9 at (73).

N-containing heterocyclic compound analysis

Sample solution (1 μL) of the MeOH extract was analyzed using a nano liquid chromatograph (UltiMate 3000 RSLCnano, Thermo Fisher Scientific) coupled with a high-resolution mass spectrometer (HRMS, Q-Exactive Plus, Thermo Fisher Scientific) equipped with a nano ESI(+) ion source (100), using a nano amide column (Accucore Amide, 75 μm i.d. × 150 mm length, Thermo Fisher Scientific). The eluent mixture of a (2 mM HCOONH₄, which was prepared from LCMS grade 1 M HCOONH₄ diluted with QTOFMS grade H₂O, FUJIFILM Wako) and b (MeCN, QTOFMS grade, FUJIFILM Wako) was used at a flow rate of 250 nL min⁻¹, where the ratio a/b stayed at 1/99 in the first 12 min, then programmed by a linear gradient from 1/99 to 35/65 in 10 min, followed by at 35/65 for 8 min. The ESI(+) voltage and capillary temperature were set to 1.8 kV and 250°C, respectively. The positive ions were measured by a full scan mode over a range of *m/z* 62 to 500 with a mass resolving power setting of 140,000 (at full-width-half-maximum for *m/z* 200). The maximum injection time and the AGC target were set to 50 ms and 1 × 10⁶ ions, respectively. Most ions were observed as a protonated form of the molecular mass (*M*) as [M + H]⁺. A lock mass mode was used to calibrate the mass using protonated dioctyl phthalate ([C₂₄H₃₈O₄ + H]⁺ = 391.28429 Da), which was derived from the tubing or solvents. The lock-mass measurement gave a mass precision of less than 3 ppm. The acquired mass spectral signal was analyzed by the Xcalibur software (Thermo Fisher Scientific). The MeOH extract of the Murchison grains (5.44 mg) was also analyzed for a comparison. A mass spectrum (*m/z* 265-295) of the A0106 MeOH extract is shown in Fig. 6A. The data of full mass spectrum (*m/z* vs. time) is provided as Data 10 at (73). The chromatographic data of C_nH_{2n-4}N molecules from the MeOH extracts A0106 and Murchison samples are shown in Table S5.

Organic molecular imaging by in-situ analysis

An about 1 mm-sized Ryugu grain (A0080) was embedded in a soft eutectic alloy (U-alloy eutectic point of 46.7°C; U-47, Osaka Asahi Co., Ltd) because of the expected fragility of Ryugu samples. No blazing or polishing was performed on the sample surface. Imaging of organic molecules was performed by in-situ analysis using a two-dimensional desorption electrospray ionization (DESI) ion source (Omni Spray Source 2D, Prosolia Inc.) equipped with an HRMS (Q-Exactive Plus, Thermo Scientific) in an ISO 5 clean room at KU. The electrically-charged MeOH (QTOFMS grade, FUJIFILM Wako) was used as a spray solvent at a rate of 3 $\mu\text{L min}^{-1}$, and the electrospray voltage was set to 3 kV. The DESI emitter was mounted about 100 μm above from the sample surface and arranged at an angle of 55° with respect to the surface. The pressure of nebulizer N₂ gas was set to 0.7 MPa. The desorbed ions were collected at the moving sample surface beneath the spray. The imaging was performed using a motorized x–y stage by continuously scanning the sample surface in the x-direction with a rate of 55 $\mu\text{m s}^{-1}$. The y-direction was stepped in 50 μm increments. The positive ions were measured over m/z 50–500 range using a full scan mode with a mass resolving power of 140,000 (at full-width-half-maximum for m/z 200). The maximum injection time and the AGC target were set to 200 ms and 5×10^6 ions, respectively. The obtained mass spectral data file was converted into Analyze 7.5 format (3D image file: x, y, and m/z) using FireFly software (Prosolia Inc.) and then imported to BioMap (101) for visualization. The apparent mass resolution of the constructed DESI images was 0.001 Da. A baked antigorite grain ($\sim 2 \times 0.5$ mm) embedded in a U-47 alloy was also analyzed under the same condition as a blank, showing no mass peaks detected in Fig. 7 (Fig. S8). The obtained DESI images are shown in Fig. 7C-D for the Ryugu sample and in Fig. S8 for a serpentine blank. The data file of mass spectrum (m/z vs. ion intensity) on the sample surface is provided as Data S11 at (73).

FTIR measurement of the solvent extract

FTIR measurement of the solvent extracts was performed using a Nicolet iN10 infrared microscope (Thermo Fisher Scientific) in an ISO 6 clean room at KU. Solvent extract (1–2 μL) was dropped onto a BaF₂ plate (1 mm thick) and dried in air on an ISO 5 clean bench. Transmission spectra acquired using a mercury–cadmium–telluride detector at liquid N₂ temperature with an aperture size of 300 \times 300 μm . The microscope and detector were continuously purged with dry N₂ gas during analysis. Acquisitions of 256 scans were collected with a resolution of 4 cm^{-1} (2.5–94 nm) between 4000–675 cm^{-1} (2.5–15.4 μm). Background spectra were acquired with the blank BaF₂ plate. The FTIR spectra of DCM, MeOH and H₂O extracts of the Ryugu sample and blank are shown in Fig. S6A-C. The FTIR spectral data (wavenumber (cm^{-1}) –wavelength (μm) –transmittance (%)) is provided as Data S12 at (73).

Supplementary Text

Hexamethylenetetramine (HMT) has been detected in the aqueous extract of several carbonaceous meteorites (60). Since the formation of HMT on the meteorite parent bodies is not favored due to difficulties in the presence of volatile precursors such as formaldehyde and ammonia, both of which are necessary for HMT formation (59), the meteoritic HMT might be the remnant of photochemical reactions in the interstellar medium (60). Laboratory experiments

demonstrated that HMT is easily decomposed under hydrothermal conditions. When HMT is heated at 150°C in the aqueous solution (pH = 10), it is completely decomposed within a couple of weeks (62). While it is heated at 100°C for one month under the similar conditions, no decomposition was observed, even in the presence of amorphous silicates; just its hydrogen was exchanged with that of ambient water (60). Hence, its non-detection in any Ryugu extracts suggests that, if HMT was present at the formation of Ryugu, it may have been heated with water at temperatures above its decomposition temperature. Since N-heterocyclic molecules such as alkyl homologues of pyridines and imidazoles are formed by hydrothermal decomposition of HMT (62), their presence in the MeOH extract supports the above hypothesis. Note that the degree of thermal stability of HMT may vary with ambient conditions such as pH and water contents.



Fig. S1. An aggregate A0106 Ryugu sample. The scale bar corresponds to 1 mm. Image taken by H. Naraoka at KU.

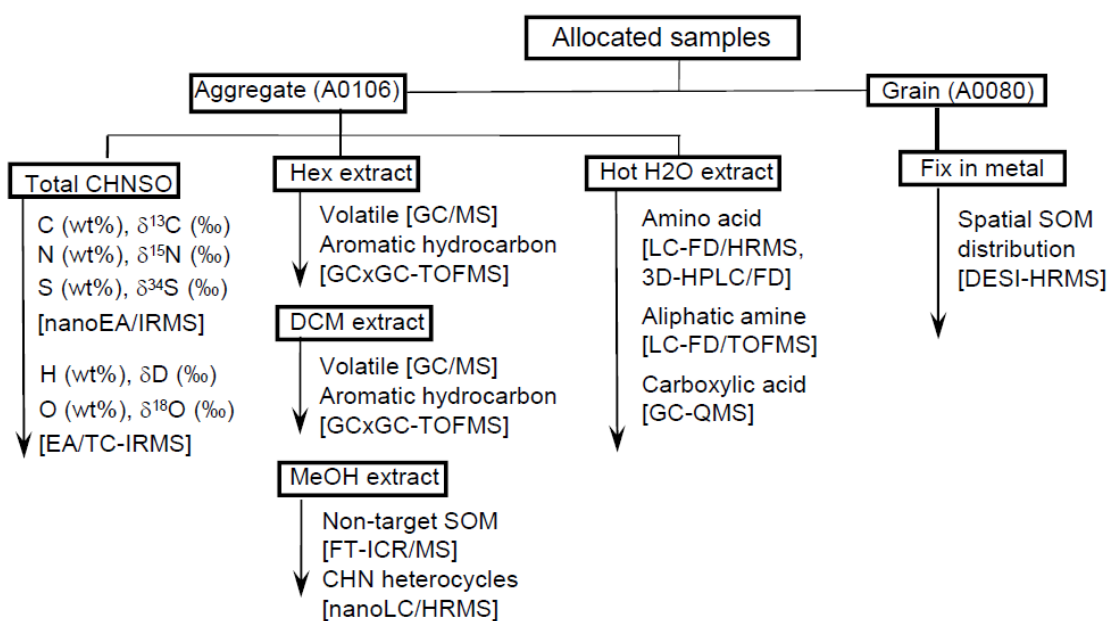


Fig. S2. Analytical scheme for Ryugu samples.

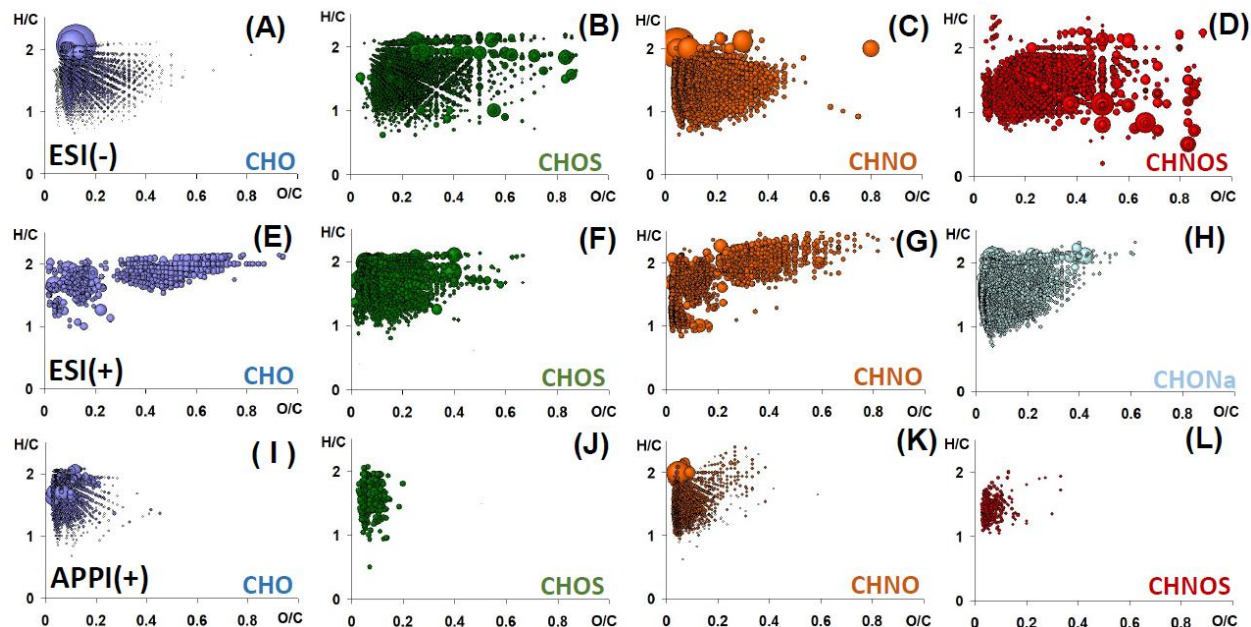


Fig. S3. O/C-H/C plots of the Ryugu extract determined by FT-ICR/MS. Oxygen-containing molecules were identified using ESI(-) (A-D), ESI(+) (E-H), and APPI(+) (I-L). The size of the bubble indicates the intensity of the original signals in the mass spectra. (A) CHO by ESI(-), (B) CHOS by ESI(-), (C) CHNO by ESI(-), (D) CHNOS by ESI(-), (E) CHO by ESI(+), (F) CHOS by ESI(+), (G) CHNO by ESI(+), (H) CHONa by ESI(+), (I) CHO by APPI(+), (J) CHOS by APPI(+), (K) CHNO by APPI(+), and (L) CHNOS by APPI(+). The S-containing molecules by ESI(-) were highly oxygenated ((B) and (D)), indicating a diverse suite of sulfur-oxygenated organic molecules.

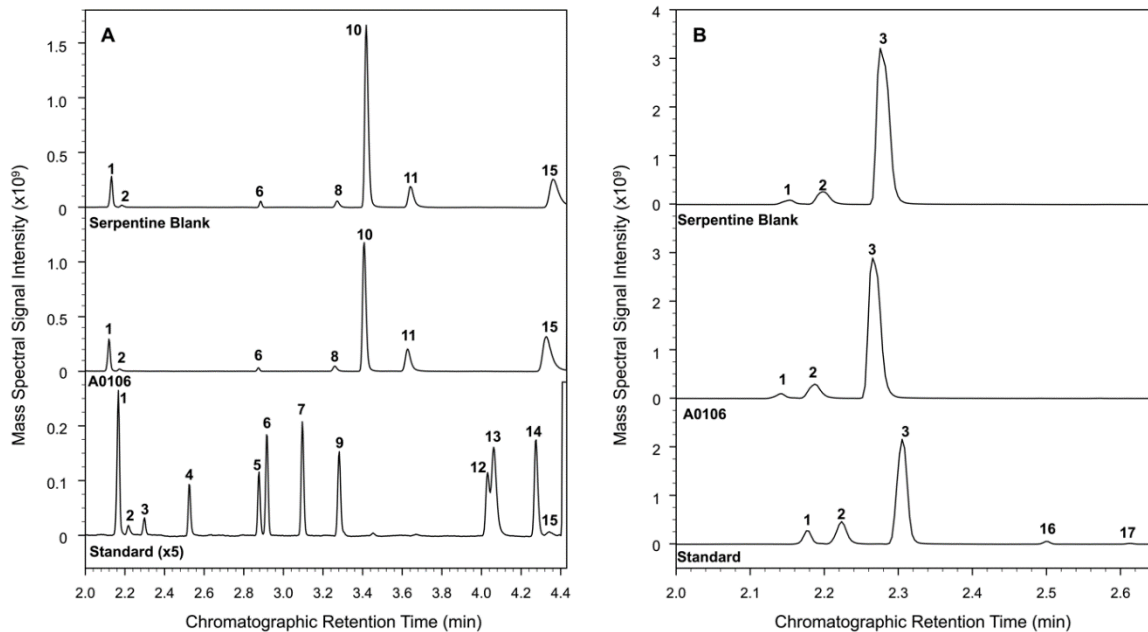


Fig. S4. GC-QMS total ion chromatograms of the hexane fraction (A) and DCM fraction (B) of sample A0106 in comparison with the serpentine blank and standards. No peaks in A0106 were seen that were not in the blank. The compound identities are: 1) nitrogen, 2) water, 3) methanol, 4) ethanol, 5) acetone, 6) DCM, 7) methyl acetate, 8) isopentane, 9) diethyl ether, 10) *n*-pentane, 11) cyclopentane, 12) methyl ethyl ketone, 13) tetrahydrofuran, 14) ethyl acetate, 15) 2,2-dimethylbutane, 16) methyl formate, and 17) acetonitrile.

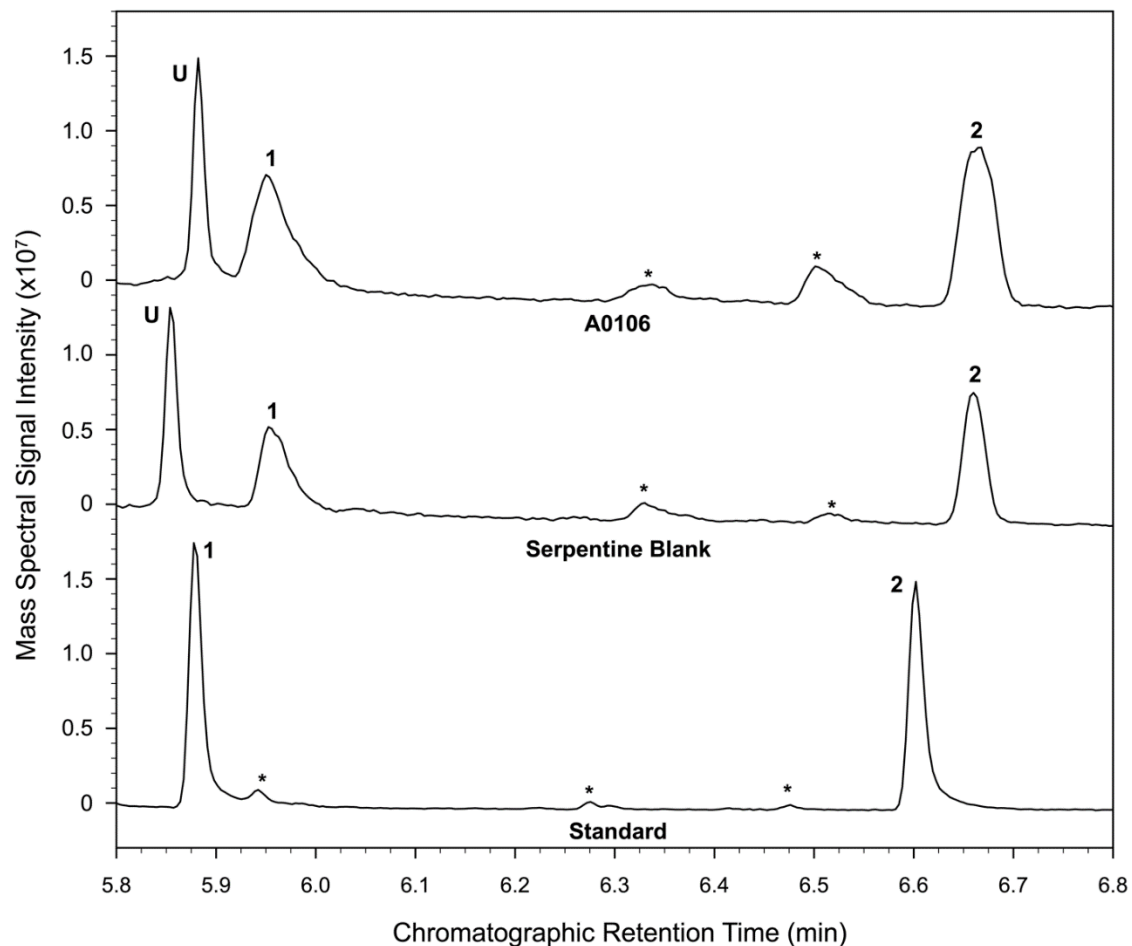


Fig. S5. Positive electron-impact GC-QMS chromatogram (5.8 – 6.8 min region, $m/z = 70+87 \pm 0.5$) of hot-water extracted derivatized carboxylic acids from Ryugu (A0106), procedural-serpentine blank, and commercially available standards. Identifications: 1) formic acid, 2) acetic acid, U) unknown compound. Asterisks indicate peaks introduced by the reagent used for derivatization.

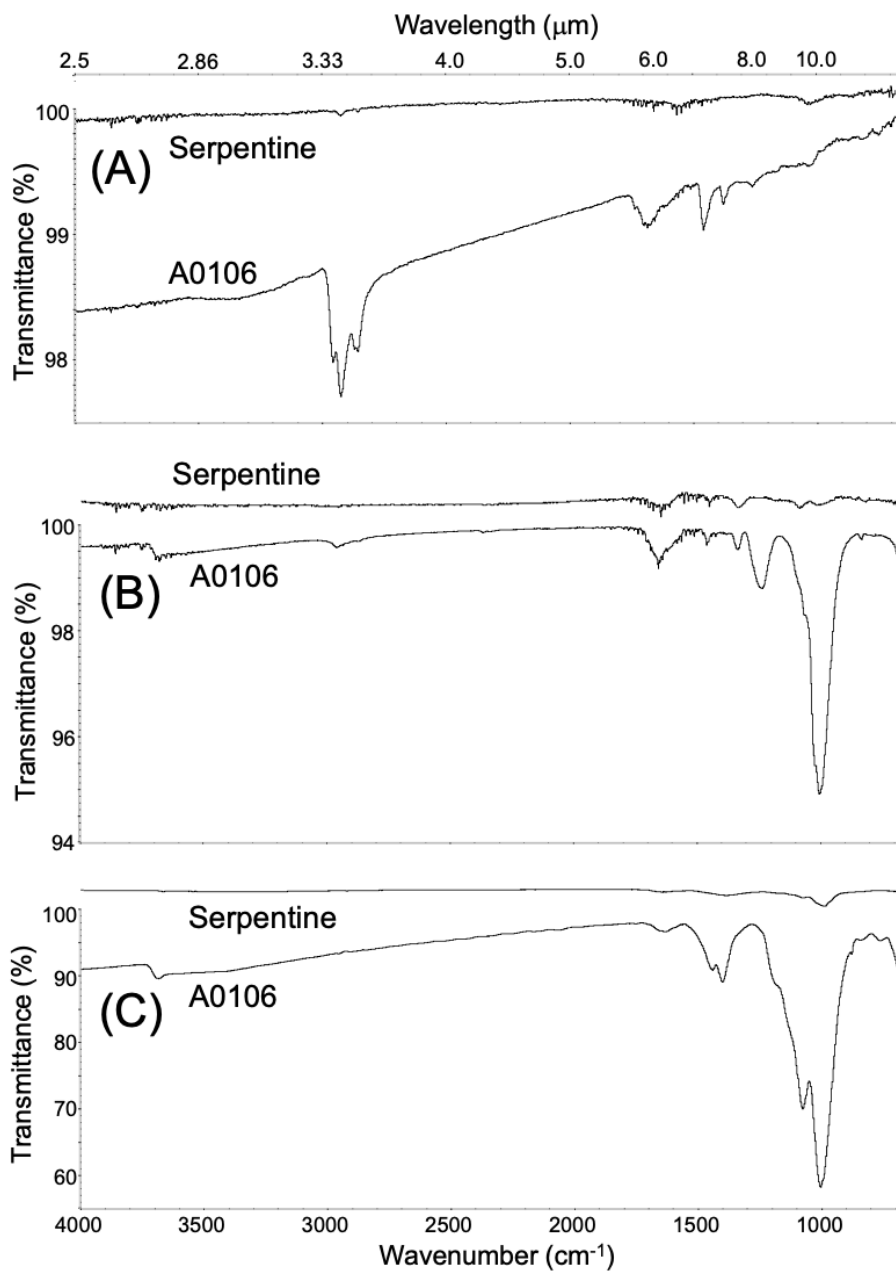


Fig. S6. FTIR spectra of the (A) DCM, (B) MeOH, and (C) H₂O extracts of the Ryugu sample (A0106) and serpentine blank. The DCM extract of A0106 exhibited an absorption at $2850\text{-}2950\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ($3.51\text{-}3.39\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) (CH_2/CH_3 bonds). The H₂O extract of A0106 contained very fine suspended material showing various absorption bands at $750\text{-}1650\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ($13.3\text{-}6.1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) (C-H and C-C bonds) likely derived from a large PAH structure except for the strongest absorption peak at $\sim 1000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ($\sim 10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) (Si-O). The various absorption peaks at $750\text{-}1650\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ($13.3\text{-}6.1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) regions have often been observed by the IR observations toward interstellar medium.

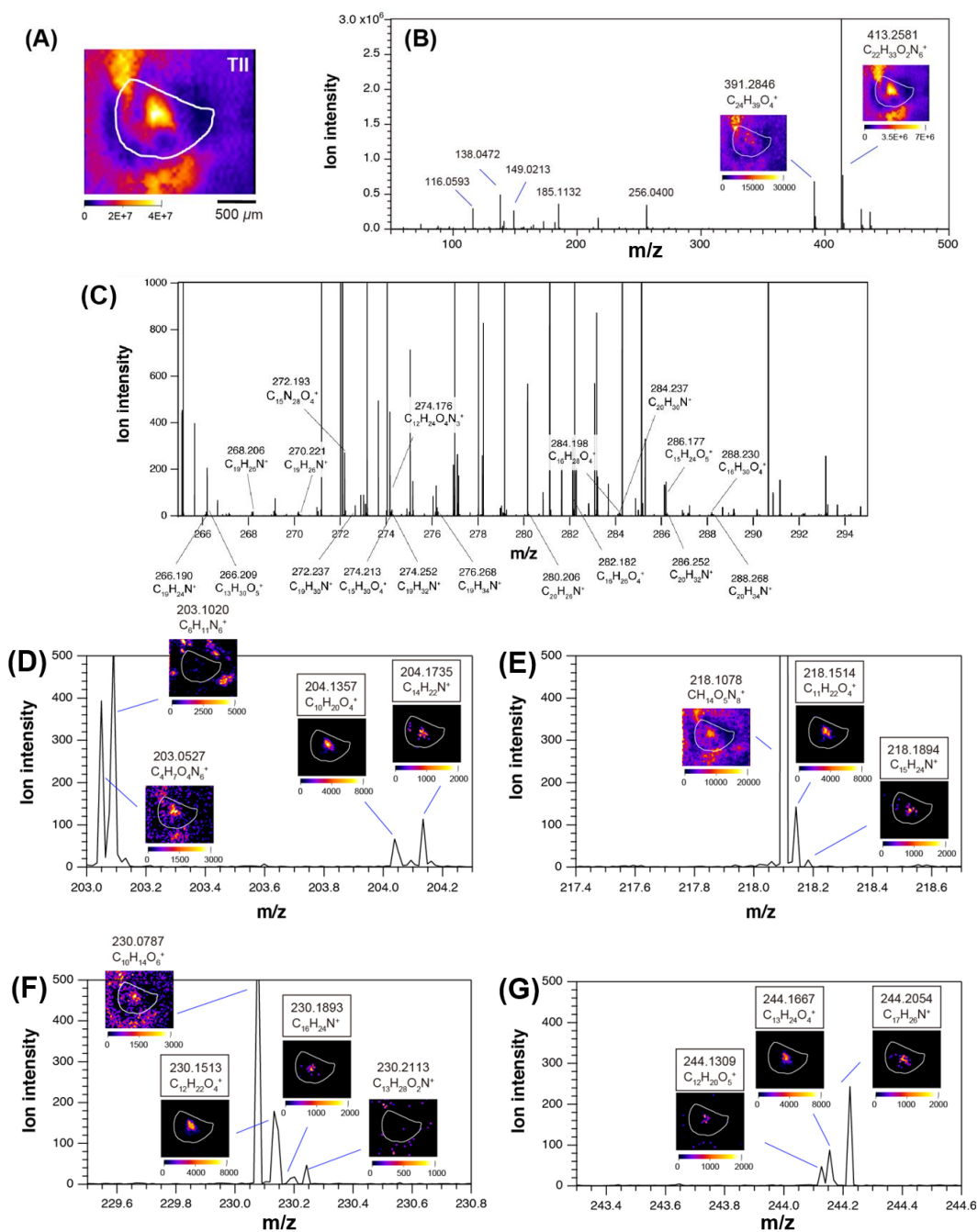


Fig. S7. DESI images and mass spectra from the A0080 surface. (A) Total ion image (TII) and (B) mass spectrum of total ion from region of interest (ROI) shown by white outline in (A). The criteria for molecule identification were [ion intensity from ROI] > [ion intensity from the surrounding metal $\times 10$]. Many ions in the mass spectrum were derived from spray solvent, tubing, and/or surrounding air. (C) Magnified mass spectrum between m/z 265 to 295 in (B) for comparison to Fig. 6A. (D-G) Magnified mass spectra in (B) and DESI images corresponding for each peak including CHN compounds in Fig. 7. (D) m/z 203.00 to 204.25, (E) m/z 217.40 to 217.65, (F) m/z 229.55 to 230.80, and (G) m/z 243.35 to 244.60. The molecules in boxes are detected from the sample surface.

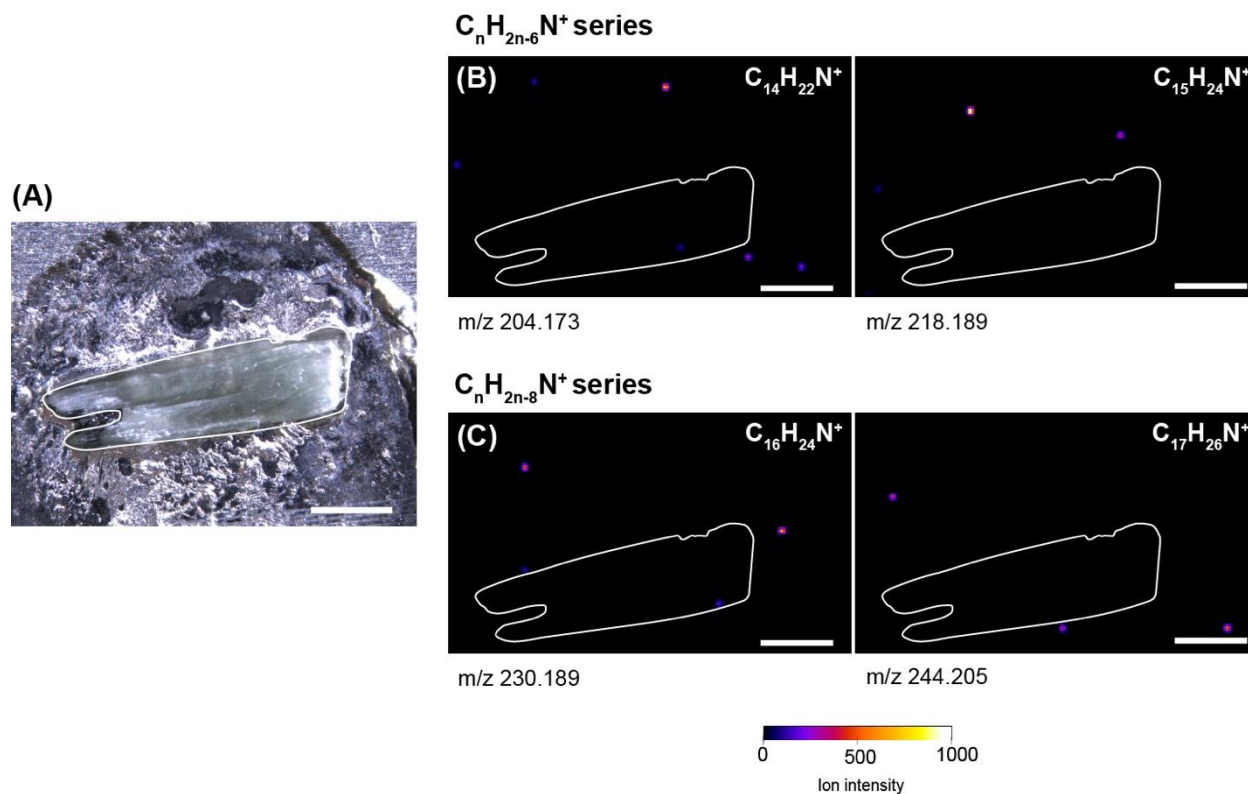


Fig. S8. Spatial distributions of organic molecules on the surface of an antigorite grain measured by DESI-HRMS. The measurement of the antigorite surface was performed as a blank for the A0080 sample shown in Fig. 7. (A) An optical image of an antigorite grain embedded in a soft alloy. (B) Maps of $C_nH_{2n-6}N^+$ series ($n = 14, 15$) and (C) $C_nH_{2n-8}N^+$ series ($n = 16, 17$) molecules. White outlines show the boundary between an antigorite grain and surrounding metal. The scale bar in the images is 500 μm .

Table S1. Carbon, nitrogen, hydrogen, oxygen, and sulfur contents (wt %) with their stable isotopic compositions of the Ryugu grains in the A0106 sample.

Ryugu A0106	Carbon (wt %)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰ vs. VPDB)	Nitrogen (wt %)	$\delta^{15}\text{N}$ (‰ vs. Air)	weight C/N ratio
#1	3.69	-2.7	0.16	+39.1	23.8
#2	3.93	+1.4	0.17	+53.2	23.1
#3	3.68	-0.4	0.16	+36.7	23.7
Average (3 analyses)	3.76±0.14	-0.58±2.0	0.16±0.01	+43.0±9.0	23.5±0.4
	Hydrogen (wt %)	δD (‰ vs. VSMOW)	Oxygen (wt %)*	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰ vs. VSMOW)	weight O/H ratio
#4	1.05	+240	12.5	+10.5	11.9
#5	1.15	+265	13.3	+12.8	11.5
#6	1.22	+250	13.0	+14.4	10.7
Average (3 analyses)	1.14±0.09	+252±13	12. ±0.4	+12.6±2.0	11.4±0.6
	Sulfur (wt %)	$\delta^{34}\text{S}$ (‰ vs. VCDT)			weight C/S ratio
#7	2.6	-1.1			-
#8	3.9	-2.4			-
#9	3.3	-5.6			-
Average (3 analyses)	3.3±0.7	-3.0±2.3			1.15

*Pyrolyzed oxygen released at 1400°C under a helium gas flow.

Table S2. C, N and H contents (wt %) with their stable isotopic compositions of carbonaceous chondrites (CV, CR, CO, CM, and CI). All elemental abundances are wt %, the errors when known are indicated as 1 standard deviations for C and H wt % and δD and 2 standard deviations for N wt %, $\delta^{13}C$ and $\delta^{15}N$. $\delta^{13}C$ is vs. VPDB, $\delta^{15}N$ is vs. air, and δD is vs. VSMOW. Ryugu data is from Table S1. av.: Averaged value. n.d.: Not determined.

Sample	C (wt %)	$\delta^{13}C$ (‰)	N (wt %)	$\delta^{15}N$ (‰)	H (wt %)	δD (‰)	References
Ryugu							
A0106	3.76±0.14	-0.58±2.0	0.16±0.01	43.0±9.0	1.14±0.09	252±13	
CI							
Orgueil av.	3.10±0.50	-9.8±0.2	0.098±0.029	39.7±4.14	1.04±0.48	129.6±86.9	(79,81,83,84,85,88,90)
Ivuna av.	3.50±0.20	-10.9±0.2	0.095±0.029	48.5±5.02	1.11±0.49	165.8±100.6	(13,79,81,85,88)
Alais av.	3.90±0.80	-13.7±0.2	0.102±0.031		1.09±0.57	66.1±59.7	(13,85,90)
CM							
ALHA84034	1.74	2.2	0.061	16.1	1.40±0.00	-182.9±2.9	(88)
ALH 84042	1.68	0.8	0.060	15.3	1.35±0.01	-185.3±0.5	(88)
ALH 84044	1.71	2.3	0.061	15.3	1.33±0.01	-180.7±1.9	(88)
ALH 85013	1.73±0.05	-0.7±0.2	0.087±0.003	32.6±0.3	1.21±0.00	-137.6±0.5	(88)
Banten av.	1.87±0.13	-4.8	0.078	43.0	0.90±0.63	11.2±37.1	(13,82,85,87,88)
Murchison av.	2.14±0.38	-4.9±3.88	0.103±0.027	45.8±6.85	0.97±0.14	-56.8±26.2	(81,83,85,86,87,88,89,90)
ALHA81002	1.66	-9.4	0.069	13.6	1.30±0.01	-142.0±1.8	(88)
ALH 83100	1.9	-2.7	0.070	11.9	1.46±0.01	-201.1±0.5	(88)
ALH 84029	1.71	2.4	0.061	15.5	1.36±0.01	-184.1±2.5	(88)
DNG 06004	2.04	1.8	0.112	49.9	0.99±0.01	-3.4±1.1	(88)
DOM 08003	1.85	-0.5	0.095	41.1	1.46±0.01	-137.0±11.1	(88)
DOM 08013	1.92	-2.4	0.116	56.3	0.96±0.01	47.2±2.4	(88)
EET 96006	1.99	-1.8	0.124	39.2	1.28±0.00	-90.1±0.6	(88)
EET 96016	2.09	-1.4	0.121	44.8	1.25±0.01	-89.5±0.1	(88)
GRA 98074	2.04	0.7	0.116	49.4	1.11±0.03	-14.1±4.3	(88)
GRO 95566	1.93	0.5	0.110	55.7	1.10±0.02	-18.8±1.1	(88)
LAP 02239	1.91	3.7	0.101	45.6	1.03±0.02	-36.0±0.7	(88)
LAP 02333	2.1	1.0	0.141	35.4	1.13±0.01	-2.2±4.6	(88)
LAP 02336	2.02	-1.2	0.144	33.7	1.06±0.01	5.5±2.3	(88)
LAP 03718	2.03	-0.6	0.154	31.1	1.07±0.01	1.7±3.6	(88)
LAP 03785	1.81	-0.6	0.096	36.6	1.28±0.01	-123.6±0.8	(88)
LEW 85311	2.03	-3.1	0.156	33.1	0.91±0.04	119.4±2.9	(88)
LEW 85312	2.12	-0.8	0.171	37.5	0.95±0.02	126.3±4.1	(88)
LEW 87016	1.95	-1.8	0.124	48.1	1.13±0.01	-26.0±2.0	(88)
LEW 87022	1.88	1.6	0.093	29.9	1.20±0.01	-112.9±2.4	(88)
LEW 87148	1.81	-1.9	0.099	43.0	1.27±0.03	-102.2±4.5	(88)
LEW 88001	1.97	0.9	0.101	48.8	1.11±0.01	-50.2±0.0	(88)
LON 94102	2.06±0.05	-1.8	0.123±0.003	38.0±0.1	0.93±0.01	21.7±0.7	(88)
MAC 88101	1.73±0.01	1.2±0.1	0.097±0.004	51.6±1	1.20±0.00	35.0±5.1	(88)
MAC 88176	1.67	-3.0	0.093	22.4	1.20±0.02	-107.4±2.7	(88)
MCY 05230	2	1.5	0.110	47.3	0.98±0.01	-17.6±3.7	(88)
MET 00432	2.72±0.02	3.0±0.5	0.118±0.004	29.8±1	1.07±0.02	45.3±0.2	(88)
MET 01070	1.58	-9.0	0.087	-4.8	1.36±0.00	-220.3±0.0	(88)
Mighei av.	2.67±0.23	-10.8±1.45	0.095±0.011		1.11±0.18	-99.2±7.3	(79,81,85,88,90)

Murray av.	2.24±0.60	-5.8±4.96		42.0±4.24	0.91±0.14	-22.7±43.4	(79,81,83,85,88,90)
Nogoya av.	2.03±0.18	-9.6±2.97	0.064±0.008	14.7±1.47	1.28±0.26	-147.7±36.2	(13,85,88)
QUE 97990	2	-4.2	0.109	40.9	1.04±0.01	-22.2±1.0	(88)
QUE 99355	1.53±0.01	-8.4±0.1	0.077	15.3±0.3	1.13±0.00	-125.0±2.3	(88)
SCO 06014	1.34	-5.5	0.063	-2.8	1.33±0.01	-162.0±2.0	(88)
SCO 06043	1.45	-11.3	0.071	-3.6	1.39±0.00	-226.7±0.0	(88)
SCO 06043	1.23	-8.0	0.063	-6.0	1.34±0.03	-218.6±4.0	(88)
TIL 91722	2.04	0.7	0.121	56.3	0.90±0.01	53.7±0.7	(88)
Y-791198	2.43	-2.4	0.133	47.4	1.21±0.00	-8.9±1.0	(88)
Sayama	1.99	4.5	0.080		1.43	-172.0±3.0	(92)
Paris av.	2.16±0.73	-7.5	0.172		0.74±0.23	107.0±18.8	(90,91,92)
Boriskino	1.81	-7.7	0.052	16.0	0.89	-176.0	(13)
Cochabamba	2.03	-10.6	0.067	35.0	0.79	-63.0	(13)
Erakot	1.85	-9.3	0.070	43.0	0.80	-105.0	(13)
Pollen	3.22	-14.7	0.115	39.0	0.78	-80.0	(13)
Santa Cruz	1.98	-5.1	0.085	n.d.	0.50	3.0	(13)
Haripura	1.6	-3.7			0.81	-74.0	(79)
Nawapali	1.9	-10.0			1.00	-111.0	(79)
Santa Cruz	2.2	-4.3			0.93	-49.0	(79)
ALH 83100					1.60±0.03	-156.2±5.2	(85)
Y-791824					1.39±0	-129.9±3.1	(85)
EET 83334					1.51±0.01	-188.4±3.8	(85)
Pollen					1.52±0.32	-75.6±2.8	(85)
Y-791198					1.61±0.02	26.1±1.9	(85)
LEW 90500					1.73±0.01	-47.4±1.3	(85)
ALH 85004					0.36±0.09	23.1±19.4	(85)
BUC 10943	1.52	-7.6	0.095	15.0	1.22±0.004	-109.1±2.6	(89)
MIL 1090073	0.72	-14.7	0.047	10.5	0.60±0.001	-136.0±0.5	(89)
Aguas Zarcas	2.13±0.04	-9.8±0.2	0.098±0.029	n.d.	0.87±0.05	-107.1±2.0	(90)
Jbilet							
Winselwan	1.54±0.03	-10.9±0.2	0.095±0.029	n.d.	0.47±0.03	-38.9±2.0	(90)
LON 94101	1.91±0.04	-13.7±0.2	0.102±0.031	n.d.	0.83±0.05	-154.6±2.0	(90)
Maribo	2.18±0.04	-5.5±0.2	0.114±0.034	n.d.	0.79±0.04	-37.9±2.0	(90)
Mukundpura	2.08±0.04	-3.9±0.2	0.086±0.086	n.d.	1.01±0.05	-158.2±2.0	(90)
CR							
Al Rais av.	2.59±0.19	-11.6±0.21	0.126±0.056	134.5±29.19	1.11±0.38	646.8±80.4	(13,82,85,86,88)
EET 92042	1.18	-4.9	0.091	178.7	0.42±0.01	752.5±14.9	(88)
EET 96268	1.03	-1.9	0.074	173.0	0.38±0.02	610.7±33.9	(88)
GRA 95229	1.09	0.0	0.078	178.2	0.42±0.02	654.6	(88)
GRO 95577	1.18	-9.2	0.061	182.8	1.29±0.03	266.4±4.5	(88)
LAP 2342	1.13	-1.9	0.088	162.8	0.40±0.02	691.5±12.8	(88)
LAP 4720	1.29	-1.2±0.2	0.100±0.004	166.1±1	0.38±0.02	763.1±9.1	(88)
MET 426	1	-3.3	0.068	179.8	0.36±0.01	612.4	(88)
PCA 91082	1.31	-2.2	0.101	177.1	0.58±0.02	576.9	(88)
QUE 99177	1.26	-7.3	0.088	184.1	0.47±0.03	662.7	(88)
Renazzo av.	1.64±0.53	-7.4±2.05	0.074±0.019	173.6±16.5	0.50±0.13	674.0±246.0	(81,83,84,85,86,88)
EET 87770	1.42±0.07	-6.7±1.32	0.110±<0.01	184.0±2.6	0.48±0.08	367.0±32.0	(86)
Y-790112	1.29±0.04	-4.8±0.15	0.050±<0.01	178.0±5.1	0.77±0.02	422.0±21.6	(86)
Kaidun	3.34	-9.3	0.189	165.0	0.64	1045.0	(13)
EET 96286					0.60±0.08	282.0±140.9	(85)
EET 87770					0.47±0.08	366.6±16.5	(85)
Y-790112					0.77±0.03	421.8±21.6	(85)

CV							
Allende av.	0.41±0.16	-20.9±3.08	0.007±0.008	22.0	0.03±0.03	13.9±119.6	(14,83,84,85,90)
Bali av.	0.69±0.15	-19.3±0.92	0.005	-10.0	0.05±0.01	-3.2±70.4	(13,85,87,90)
Kaba av.	1.21±0.19	-17.4±0.36	0.059	-22.9	0.16±0.08	44.9±111.9	(13,85,88,90)
Grosnaja av.	0.81±0.42	-22.7±1.48	0.022±0.017		0.29±0.21	-64.0±34.9	(13,85,90)
Leoville	0.77	-12.8	0.010	-24.0	0.093	-49.0	(13)
Mokoia av.	0.73±0.04	-17.8±0.42	0.007		0.08±0.02	239.6±54.5	(13,79,81)
Vigarano av.	0.50±0.71	-18.7	0.004±0.005		0.18±0.13	-35.3±34.3	(13,85,90)
ALH 84028					0.01±0.00	-45.9±22.6	(85)
CO							
ALHA77003 av.	0.28				0.15	15.8	(82,85,87)
DOM 03238	0.9	-11.9	0.035	-6.0	0.30±0.001	-73.1±0.4	(89)
ALHA77307	0.84	-7.1	0.025	-2.7	0.55±0.01	-48.2±4.4	(88)
Felix	0.64	-14.2	0.003	-22.0	0.02	-62.0	(13,79)
Kainsaz av.	0.39	-18.5	0.003	-30.0	0.05±0.04	56.9±137.3	(13,85)
Lancé av.	0.40±0.08	-16.4±0.92	0.004	13.0	0.14±0.13	-98.2±15.5	(13,79,85)
Warrenton av.	0.25	-19.3	0.003		0.05±0.04	-115.2±45.0	(13,85)
Y-791717					0.34±0.00	-49.8±2.3	(85)
FRO 95002					0.14±0.00	-70.6±0.8	(85)
ALH 82101					0.11±0.00	-78.3±5.3	(85)
DOM 08006	1.19	-5.0	0.019	6.5	0.44±0.005	4.7±4.8	(89)
DOM 08004	0.91	-11.3	0.031	-7.9	0.33±0.001	-89.8±3.8	(89)
DOM 10104	0.88	-11.7	0.072	-5.9	0.40±0.002	-98.7±1.3	(89)
MIL 03377	0.64	-7.3	0.032	-5.5	0.39±0.02	-92.9±0.3	(89)
MIL 05013	0.65	-7.1	0.100	-7.2	0.29±0.03	-73.7±0.2	(89)
MIL 05024	0.64	-7.6	0.032	-7.8	0.35±0.001	-89.7±3.2	(89)
MIL 07182	0.66	-7.0	0.027	-8.5	0.33±0.004	-85.5±1.2	(89)
MIL 07193	0.63	-7.6	0.030	-8.4	0.65±0.01	-85.8±3.8	(89)
MIL 07709	0.62	-7.0	0.021	-8.1	0.31±0.002	-85.4±0.3	(89)
MIL 090010	0.69	-6.5	0.016	-4.9	0.37±0.001	-94.0±0.1	(89)
MIL 090038	0.64	-7.2	0.035	-3.3	0.34±0.01	-83.9±3.1	(89)

Table S3. Comparison of amino acid and amine abundances as detected by 3D-HPLC/FD and LC-FD/HRMS in hot water extracts of Ryugu sample A0106 and the CI carbonaceous chondrite Orgueil. n.t.: Not targeted by 3D-HPLC/FD. n.d.: Not determined. For Ryugu at KU, the concentration was determined by single analysis. For Ryugu at GSFC, reported uncertainties are based on the standard deviation (σ_x) of the average value of multiple individual measurement (N), where $\delta_x = \sigma_x(N)^{-1/2}$. The Orgueil data are from (23, 31).

Amino Acid	Ryugu (A0106) Hydrolyzed (KU) nmol g ⁻¹	Ryugu (A0106) Hydrolyzed (GSFC) nmol g ⁻¹	Orgueil (CI) Hydrolyzed (23) nmol g ⁻¹
D-Aspartic acid	n.t.	<0.06	0.41±0.23
L-Aspartic acid	n.t.	0.018±0.010	0.41±0.21
D-Glutamic acid	n.t.	<0.03	0.32±0.11
L-Glutamic acid	n.t.	<0.03	0.56±0.15
D-Serine	n.t.	0.056±0.014	<0.01
L-Serine	n.t.	0.182±0.034	<0.01
Glycine	5.6	0.456±0.053	11.5±6.0
β-Alanine	n.t.	3.29±0.14	30.6±7.6
D-Alanine	0.72	0.0246±0.0062	0.90±0.19
L-Alanine	0.80	<0.44	1.1±0.25
γ-Amino- <i>n</i> -butyric acid	n.t.	3.51±0.18	2.7±1.3
D-β-Amino-isobutyric acid	n.t.	0.201±0.014	n.d.*†
L-β-Amino-isobutyric acid	n.t.	0.170±0.018	
D-β-Amino- <i>n</i> -butyric acid	n.t.	0.324±0.011‡	2.1±1.1
L-β-Amino-3-butyric acid	n.t.	0.322±0.010‡	1.8±0.6
α-Amino-isobutyric acid	n.t.	0.383±0.023	3.3±1.4
D-α-Amino- <i>n</i> -butyric acid	0.11	<0.01	0.69±0.48†
L-α-Amino- <i>n</i> -butyric acid	0.11	<0.01	
D-Valine	0.026	<0.07	0.19±0.05
L-Valine	0.056	<0.06	0.48±0.02
D-Norvaline	0.017	<0.04‡	0.23±0.02†
L-Norvaline	0.017	<0.04‡	
D-Isovaline	0.053	<0.05	0.31±0.03
L-Isovaline	0.047	<0.05	0.42±0.02
R,S-β-Amino- <i>n</i> -pentanoic acid	n.t.	<0.14	1.6±0.1
δ-Amino- <i>n</i> -valeric acid	n.t.	1.160±0.089‡	1.2±0.2
D,L-3-Amino-2-methylbutyric acid	n.t.	0.18	0.55±0.03
3-Amino-3-methylbutyric acid	n.t.	0.29	<0.26
3-Amino-2,2-dimethylbutyric acid	n.t.	0.0555±0.0021‡	0.59±0.03
R,S-3-Amino-2-ethylpropanoic acid	n.t.	1.4 [§]	1.5±0.1
D,L-γ-Amino- <i>n</i> -valeric acid	n.t.	0.86 [§]	2.4±0.2
D,L-4-Amino-2-methylbutyric acid	n.t.	<0.17	1.5±0.1
D,L-4-Amino-3-methylbutyric acid	n.t.	0.18 [§]	2.8±0.1

Amine	Ryugu (A0106) Unhydrolyzed (GSFC) nmol g⁻¹	Orgueil (CI) Unhydrolyzed (31) nmol g⁻¹
Methylamine	23.79±0.52	331.5±0.2
Ethylamine	11.37±0.27	27.3±2.4
<i>n</i> -Propylamine	0.0521±0.0058	4.8±0.04
Isopropylamine	0.59±0.026	5.1±0.1
Butylamines	<0.1	7.6±0.5

*Analyte was reported as detected but not quantified in (23), in part, because a lack of optically pure standards prevented proper quantification of the analyte's two enantiomers.

†Sum of both enantiomers, which could not be separated under chromatographic conditions.

‡Quantification of analytes was performed using Orbitrap MS due to interfering, optically fluorescent species.

§Analyte was tentatively detected, but not quantified. Therefore, an upper limit estimate is provided for the analyte instead.

Table S4. Blank subtracted abundances of carboxylic acids in the hot-water extract of Ryugu (A0106) and the highly aqueously altered CM-type carbonaceous chondrite ALH 83100 (36). n.a.: Not analyzed. Values are the average of three measurements with errors shown as standard deviations (σ_x) of the average value of multiple individual measurement (N), where $\delta_x = \sigma_x(N)^{-1/2}$.

Monocarboxylic Acids	Ryugu (A0106) [*] (nmol g ⁻¹)	ALH 83100 (CM) (36) (nmol g ⁻¹)
Formic acid	9466±103	n.a. [†]
Acetic acid	5708±1536	4455±383
Propanoic acid	< 0.1	281±24
Isobutyric acid	< 0.1	< 0.7
2,2-Dimethylpropanoic acid	< 0.1	< 0.01
Butyric acid	< 0.1	11±2
2-Methylbutyric acid	< 0.1	< 0.7
Isopentanoic acid	< 0.1	< 0.7
2,2-Dimethylbutyric acid	< 0.1	< 0.01
3,3-Dimethylbutyric acid	< 0.1	< 0.01
Pentanoic acid	< 0.1	< 0.7
2-Ethylbutyric acid/2-Methylpentanoic acid	< 0.1	< 0.01
3-Methylpentanoic acid	< 0.1	< 0.7
4-Methylpentanoic acid	< 0.1	< 0.7
Hexanoic acid	< 0.1	< 0.01
Benzoic acid	< 0.1	< 0.01
Total carboxylic acids	15174±1639	4747±410 [†]

^{*}Compounds identified by comparison of elution time and mass spectra to that of standards.

[†]Formic acid was detected but could not be isolated.

Table S5. Relative abundance of $C_nH_{2n-5}N$ molecules in the MeOH extracts of Ryugu A0106 sample and Murchison meteorite for comparison. Peak areas are in arbitrary unit derived from ion intensity \times time. n.d.: Not detected. Chromatographic data is provided as Data S13 at (73).

Formula	Theoretical mass (Da)	[M+H] ⁺ (Da)	A0106 Peak area ($\times 10^6$)	A0106 Peak Ratio vs. C ₁₇ =100	Murchison Peak area ($\times 10^6$)	Murchison Peak Ratio vs. C ₁₁ =100
C ₅ H ₅ N	79.0422	80.0495	58.8	22.1	32.0	0.64
C ₆ H ₇ N	93.0578	94.0651	29.9	11.2	21.2	0.43
C ₇ H ₉ N	107.0735	108.0808	58.7	22.0	424	8.52
C ₈ H ₁₁ N	121.0891	122.0964	72.0	27.0	1668	33.5
C ₉ H ₁₃ N	135.1048	136.1121	68.5	25.7	3033	60.9
C ₁₀ H ₁₅ N	149.1204	150.1277	86.1	32.3	4058	81.5
C ₁₁ H ₁₇ N	163.1361	164.1434	109.9	41.3	4977	100
C ₁₂ H ₁₉ N	177.1517	178.1590	132.1	46.7	4392	88.3
C ₁₃ H ₂₁ N	191.1674	192.1747	132.2	49.6	4064	81.7
C ₁₄ H ₂₃ N	205.1830	206.1903	179.5	67.4	2988	60.0
C ₁₅ H ₂₅ N	219.1987	220.2060	210.3	79.0	1971	39.6
C ₁₆ H ₂₇ N	233.2143	234.2216	254.8	95.7	1146	23.0
C ₁₇ H ₂₉ N	247.2300	248.2373	266.3	100	613	12.3
C ₁₈ H ₃₁ N	261.2456	262.2529	264.0	99.1	331	6.65
C ₁₉ H ₃₃ N	275.2613	276.2686	228.3	85.7	188	3.78
C ₂₀ H ₃₅ N	289.2769	290.2842	173.7	65.2	95.3	1.91
C ₂₁ H ₃₇ N	303.2926	304.2999	136.8	51.4	58.0	1.17
C ₂₂ H ₃₉ N	317.3082	318.3155	101.8	38.2	30.5	0.61
C ₂₃ H ₄₁ N	331.3239	332.3312	71.2	26.7	19.9	0.40
C ₂₄ H ₄₃ N	345.3395	346.3468	53.3	20.0	11.9	0.24
C ₂₅ H ₄₅ N	359.3552	360.3625	36.3	13.6	3.94	0.079
C ₂₆ H ₄₇ N	373.3708	374.3781	24.6	9.24	1.91	0.038
C ₂₇ H ₄₉ N	387.3865	388.3938	16.0	6.01	0.226	0.0045
C ₂₈ H ₅₁ N	401.4021	402.4094	10.6	4.20	0.0500	0.0010
C ₂₉ H ₅₃ N	415.4178	416.4251	6.92	3.98	n.d.	0.00
C ₃₀ H ₅₅ N	429.4334	430.4407	2.91	1.09	n.d.	0.00
C ₃₁ H ₅₇ N	443.4491	444.4564	1.62	0.61	n.d.	0.00
C ₃₂ H ₅₉ N	457.4647	458.4720	0.497	0.19	n.d.	0.00
C ₃₃ H ₆₁ N	471.4804	472.4877	0.161	0.060	n.d.	0.00

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