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2 **Tracing structural relicts of the ikaite-to-calcite transformation in cryogenic cave**
3 **glendonite**

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22 **ABSTRACT**

23 Ikaite is a calcium carbonate hexahydrate that forms at temperatures close to the freezing point of
24 water, thus its occurrence is associated with cryogenic conditions. This mineral is metastable and
25 quickly transforms to calcite at temperatures above 5 °C. Pseudomorphs of calcite after ikaite are
26 known as glendonite. The nanostructure of 25,000-43,000 year-old glendonite from Victoria cave
27 (Southern Ural, Russia) was investigated in search of structural features indicative of the ikaite-to-
28 calcite transformation. Scanning electron microscope images display several μm to sub μm -size pores
29 and indicate high intergranular porosity among the loosely aggregated grains. Transmission electron
30 microscopy (TEM) data show evidence of 10-20 nm nanotwins (twin law $(10\bar{1}4)$) and 10-40 nm
31 overlapping nanograins. Scanning TEM images reveal that the individual grains contain 5-10 nm long
32 and 2-4 nm wide mesopores (size between 2 and 50 nm), which are aligned parallel to $[10\bar{1}0]$ of calcite
33 and might be associated with a crystallographically oriented dehydration of the precursor ikaite. Fourier
34 transform infrared spectroscopy revealed no evidence of structural water but absorption bands related
35 to molecular water trapped in fluid inclusions are present. Nitrogen absorption/desorption
36 measurements show that the specific surface area of $5.78 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ and the pore volume of $\sim 0.07 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$ for
37 calcite, the constituent of glendonite, are comparable to those of a common natural calcite. We suggest
38 that the aligned mesopores, frequently occurring twins, small grain size, presence of aqueous inclusions
39 and the high μm to sub μm -size intergranular porosity arise from the ikaite-to-calcite transformation
40 and thus may be used as criteria for the former presence of ikaite and hence for cold paleotemperatures.
41 However, since similar features might also be common in biogenic carbonates, the diagnostic
42 macroscopic pseudomorphs after ikaite are equally important for identifying glendonites and inferring
43 cryogenic conditions.

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46 INTRODUCTION

47 Ikaite (calcium carbonate hexahydrate) is a water-rich cryogenic mineral. Although it was already
48 synthesized in the 19th century from a highly alkaline $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ solution (Peluse 1865), its first natural
49 occurrence was only reported almost a century later from submarine tufa columns in Ikka Fjord,
50 Greenland (Pauly 1963). Since then it has been described from organic-rich deep-sea sediments (Suess
51 et al. 1982; Jansen et al. 1987), alkaline lakes (Council and Bennett 1993) and ice caves (Onac et al.
52 2010; Bazarova et al. 2014). It has also been reported as a product of portlandite dissolution in concrete
53 lining of cold riverbeds (Boch et al. 2015) as well as in speleothems associated with hyperalkaline
54 groundwater originating from industrial lime-kilning processes (Field et al. 2017).

55 Ikaite formation is favored at cold conditions ($< 5\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$), high pH (> 9) and in the presence of
56 orthophosphates (Brooks et al. 1950; Hu et al. 2014). Anaerobic decomposition of organic matter was
57 also reported to provide conditions favorable for ikaite formation (Greinert and Derkachev 2004).
58 Ikaite formation at $7\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ reported by Field et al. (2017) may be a special case attributed to the
59 hyperalkaline (pH > 12) environment of lime-kilning. In a laboratory setting ikaite has been
60 synthesized even above $10\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ by increasing the concentration of orthophosphate and decreasing the
61 CO_2 pressure (Brooks et al. 1950) as well as by increasing the Mg/Ca ratio of the parent solution
62 (Purgstaller et al. 2017). Though ikaite formation was reported even at $35\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (Tollefsen et al. 2020),
63 naturally occurring ikaite is widely regarded as a reliable indicator for cold conditions.

64 The use of ikaite for inferring past cryogenic temperatures is challenging, because above $5\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ this
65 mineral transforms to anhydrous CaCO_3 , exclusively calcite in natural samples. This transformation
66 involves the release of weakly bound water, present in the crystal structure of ikaite. In the latter the
67 water molecules are bonded to CaCO_3 ion pairs and the neighboring ion pairs are connected via
68 hydrogen bonds, which are very sensitive to temperature increase (Swainson and Hammond 2003,
69 Demichelis et al. 2013). The controlling step in the process of ikaite transformation to calcite above 5
70 $^\circ\text{C}$ is the nucleation of anhydrous CaCO_3 and the concomitant release of water (Swainson and
71 Hammond 2003). Macroscopic calcite pseudomorphs after ikaite are traditionally called glendonite,
72 however, other names such as thiolite and pseudogaylussite have also been used (Hugget et al. 2005).
73 These pseudomorphs have been reported from sedimentary rocks and have been interpreted as
74 indicators of low paleotemperatures (Larsen, 1994; De Lurio and Frakes 1999), though Popov et al
75 (2019) described glendonite occurrences from the Baltoscandian Basin and suggested significantly high
76 paleotemperatures ($>40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) for the glendonite-bearing strata. The pseudomorphs preserve the original
77 ikaite morphology, i.e. steep and spiky canted tetragonal pyramids (Fig. 1a, b, c). Swainson and
78 Hammond (2001) showed that these forms uniquely define the precursor ikaite. Hugget et al. (2005)

79 investigated the petrography of calcite pseudomorphs after ikaite from several localities and found that
80 the initial stage of ikaite decomposition was similar in all samples and involved the formation of a
81 strongly zoned and dominantly fluid inclusion-rich rounded calcite core. However, the detailed nature
82 of the transformation is still poorly understood due to the incomplete characterization of diagnostic
83 microstructures (Reeder, 1992) of the calcite that formed in the space previously occupied by ikaite.

84 Here, we report unique microstructural features that could be associated with the ikaite-to-calcite
85 transformation preserved in glendonite. We studied the crystal structure, water content and porosity of
86 samples from Victoria cave (Southern Ural, Russia) and compared them with data reported for a natural
87 and a synthetic calcite.

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EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

90 Glendonite samples were collected in a hydrologically inactive passage of Victoria Cave (N
91 53.0490, E 57.0454, altitude 380 meter above sea level). The sampled deposit comprises glendonite
92 intermixed with grains of cryogenic calcite, which yielded $^{230}\text{Th}/\text{U}$ ages between 25,000 and 43,000
93 years before present (Dublyansky et al. 2018). The modern mean cave air temperature is 5.6°C, which
94 is greater than the mean annual air temperature outside the cave (0.9°C). The morphology of the
95 samples was investigated with a Keyence VHX-5000 digital microscope. In order to document the
96 texture of the pseudomorphs, samples were investigated using a JEOL JSM-6010LV scanning electron
97 microscope (SEM). Samples were gold coated and secondary electron images were acquired using an
98 acceleration voltage of 15 kV.

99 Glendonite from Victoria cave was crushed in ethanol using an agate mortar and deposited onto
100 copper grids covered by Lacey carbon supporting films. According to Larsson and Christy (2008) such
101 a preparation can induce deformation, although it is very unlikely that the observed $(10\bar{1}4)$ calcite twins
102 were formed during grinding since the main deformation plane is $(01\bar{1}8)$ (Barber and Wenk 1979).
103 High-resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM), high-angle annular dark-field scanning
104 TEM (HAADF-STEM) images and selected area electron diffraction (SAED) data were acquired with
105 a 200 keV Talos Thermo Scientific electron microscope. In TEM mode the gun lens and the spot size
106 were set to the nominal values of 4 and 6, respectively. SAED patterns were obtained with 520 mm
107 camera length and a 0.2 μm size aperture. Energy dispersive X-ray spectra (EDS) were acquired with a
108 “Super-X” detector system using four silicon drift detectors built into the microscope column. EDS
109 data were obtained from a 100 x 100 μm size region. Fast Fourier transforms (FFTs) obtained from the
110 HRTEM images were calculated using Gatan Digital Micrograph 3.6.1 software. VESTA-win64

111 software (Momma and Izumi 2011) was used to draw the structure models of ikaite and calcite. We
112 note that three independent indices hkl are used to label reflections and d -spacings and four indices $hkil$
113 ($i = -(h+k)$) whenever crystallographic planes and directions are discussed.

114 Another aliquot of the glendonite sample was ground lightly in an agate mortar to break up
115 aggregates for FTIR analyses. In order to discriminate between adhesive moisture and molecular water
116 hosted by fluid inclusions, a subsample was soaked in deuterium oxide (D_2O , 99.95 %; *Acros*
117 *Organics*) for 48 hours before measurements. This way, a partial exchange of adhesive H_2O by D_2O is
118 expected, while fluid inclusions should not be affected. The exchange of H_2O by D_2O is easily detected
119 by the respective OH and OD vibrations in the IR spectra. Unpolarized IR spectra of glendonite and
120 reference material were recorded at room temperature in transmission mode and in attenuated total
121 reflectance (ATR) mode using a Bruker Vertex 70 Fourier transform IR spectrometer equipped with a
122 liquid nitrogen-cooled MCT-detector, a globar light source and KBr beam splitter. Measurements were
123 performed with a spectral resolution of 2 cm^{-1} between 550 and 7500 cm^{-1} (transmission mode) and
124 between 600 and 5500 cm^{-1} (ATR-mode).

125 For documenting the pore characteristics and measuring the volume increase at equilibrium as a
126 function of the relative pressure, nitrogen physisorption experiments were performed at $-196\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ using a
127 Quantachrome Autosorb 1C static volumetric apparatus. An untreated and a ground sample were
128 outgassed prior to measurements at $300\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 24 h under vacuum. The grinding was performed in an
129 agate mortar for three minutes. Adsorption data were obtained using ca. 0.15 g of sample and
130 successive doses of the selected gas until $p/p_0 = 1$ relative pressure was reached. The specific surface
131 area was calculated by the BET method (Brunauer et al. 1938) in the range of relative pressures from
132 0.1 to 0.33. The mesopore size distribution was calculated from the desorption branch of the isotherms
133 with the BJH method (Barrett et al. 1951).

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

136 *Morphological characteristics of glendonite, chemical composition and pores*

137 Glendonite pseudomorphs have a complex structure comprising a moderately indurated sheath-like
138 outer “shell” and a somewhat less indurated clumpy “infill” (Fig. 1b). The overall “shell” morphology
139 conforms to that of the precursor ikaite crystals (canted tetragonal pyramid; Figs. 1b, c). Both “shell”
140 and “infill” are polycrystalline; composed of fine-grained (sub μm to several μm -size grains) calcite
141 crystals. With rare exceptions (Figs. 1d, e), the crystals are anhedral. There are no signs of cementation;
142 the material is characterized by substantial inter-granular porosity (sub μm to several μm -size pores;

143 Figs. 1d-g). The described glendonite pseudomorphs occur individually or are assembled in drusy
144 aggregates (Fig. 1a).

145 Based on ICP-OES measurements Németh (2021) reported that the glendonite powder from Victoria
146 cave contains 39.99 m% Ca and 0.045 m% Mg, i.e., the sample is practically pure CaCO_3 . In order to
147 study possible nanoscale chemical homogeneity, the intensity of HAADF-STEM images, also called Z
148 contrast images, was used. As this parameter is directly related to the square of the atomic number, it
149 provides information on chemical heterogeneity and nanoporosity if the composition and thickness of
150 the particles are uniform. In the case of our glendonite, these images reveal several particles consisting
151 of 50-200 nm size CaCO_3 nanocrystals that share the same crystallographic orientation (Fig. 2a),
152 similar to what was previously reported for Mg-bearing calcite (Nyíró-Kósa et al. 2018). A
153 characteristic feature of the HAADF images are 5-10 nm long and 2-4 nm thick grey intensity regions
154 within the bright particles (Fig. 2b). Their fairly uniform intensity suggests that these regions are pores
155 in the calcite. Following the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)
156 classification, these are mesopores (size between 2 and 50 nm). It is intriguing that these mesopores are
157 aligned along $\langle 100 \rangle$ with respect to calcite (space group $R\bar{3}c$), and it is possible that they may arise
158 from a crystallographically oriented dehydration of the precursor ikaite. In fact, the structure model of
159 ikaite viewed along [010] indicates that the Ca atoms and the carbonate units are separated by water-
160 rich layers parallel to the (001) plane (Fig. 2c). During transformation these water-rich layers may
161 dehydrate leaving behind the observed [10-10] aligned mesopores in calcite. Supposing such a scenario
162 a crystallographic orientation relationship between ikaite and calcite may be hypothesized (Figs. 2c, d).
163 We stress, however, that the presence of aligned mesopores alone is not conclusive with respect to the
164 crystallographic relationship. In fact, Tollefsen et al. (2020) reported that the pseudomorphic
165 replacement of ikaite by calcite occurs via a coupled dissolution–reprecipitation mechanism at the
166 ikaite–calcite interface. During this process the disappearance of the original crystallographic
167 orientation of the precursor ikaite can be expected. Electron diffraction data of precursor ikaite and
168 calcite are necessary in order to clarify these relationships.

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170 $(10\bar{1}4)$ nanotwins in glendonite

171 The X-ray diffraction patterns of samples from Victoria cave are consistent with ordinary calcite
172 (Németh 2021). No structural remnants of ikaite were found during TEM analysis. However, the
173 HRTEM and SAED data reveal the occurrence of $(10\bar{1}4)$ nanotwins in glendonite. In particular,
174 HRTEM images show sharp straight lines parallel to $(10\bar{1}4)$ that border domains and SAED patterns

175 reveal extra reflections halfway between those of calcite (Figs. 3a, b). Interestingly, these reflections
176 match the so-called *c*-type reflections, which were previously attributed to various calcite
177 superstructures and ordering (Reeder and Wenk 1979, Van Tendeloo et al. 1985). Larsson and Christy
178 (2008), however, showed that these reflections could also arise from twins within a calcite matrix. This
179 explanation is favored here because the *c*-type reflections occur in the practically chemically pure
180 CaCO₃ glendonite sample (Fig. 2b). A detailed description of these (10 $\bar{1}$ 4) calcite twins, which could
181 be misinterpreted as structural ordering, was recently reported in Németh (2021).

182 The estimated (10 $\bar{1}$ 4) twin domain size is ~5-20 nm (Figs. 3a, b). Moiré patterns and pseudo-lattice
183 fringes with spacing an order of magnitude larger (thus, nm) than the original lattice spacings were also
184 identified in HRTEM images (Figs. 3b, c, d). These images and the satellite reflections of the
185 corresponding FFTs are indicative of the superpositions of 10-40 nm size nanograins. The (10 $\bar{1}$ 4) twins
186 are commonly associated with crystal growth and have been reported among others from the calcite
187 shell of a sea urchin (Larsson and Christy 2008). Our sample formed from ikaite, thus it is possible that
188 the (10 $\bar{1}$ 4) twins are associated with the ikaite-to-calcite transformation. This process is accompanied
189 by a large amount of water loss (50 mass %). Thus, the question arises whether there is any water still
190 present inside the crystal structure.

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192 *Molecular water in glendonite*

193 Besides the sharp absorption band characteristic of calcite, FTIR spectra of glendonite show a broad
194 absorption band between wavenumbers 3100 and 3700 cm⁻¹ (Fig. 4), indicating the presence of
195 molecular H₂O. Organic molecules that contain O-H bonds could also cause absorption in this part of
196 the spectrum, however, we can rule out their occurrence as the main and characteristic absorption
197 bands indicative of organics are notably absent. Repeated measurements of D₂O-treated glendonites do
198 not reveal a characteristic broad absorption band between 2200 and 2800 cm⁻¹ that is indicative of D₂O.
199 All absorption bands in this region can be attributed to calcite. The molecular water signal was not
200 observed in ATR mode, where only roughly the outermost 0.5 μm of the sample are captured.

201 Given these observations, we infer that molecular H₂O is present in glendonite from Victoria cave.
202 We interpret these data as evidence for the presence of nanometer-sized water-filled inclusions in
203 calcite crystals that build up this glendonite sample. There is no evidence of structural water that is
204 associated with relicts or partially dehydrated nano-domains of ikaite.

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206 *Porosity (low-temperature nitrogen adsorption)*

207 SEM and TEM images (Figs. 1, 2) reveal a variety of inter- and intragranular pores. According to
208 FTIR data (Fig. 4), some pores are filled with water. In order to quantify porosity and characterize the
209 pore structure of glendonite, we performed nitrogen physisorption measurements. These measurements
210 characterize the intragranular nanometer-size porosity of small calcite crystals which constitute the
211 glendonite pseudomorph, but provide no information on μm -size intergranular pores. We studied the
212 nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of untreated glendonite and ground powder of the same
213 sample (Fig. 5). In particular, we examined the shape of the isotherms and the presence of hysteresis,
214 which arises when the adsorbed nitrogen amount is not brought to the same level by the adsorption and
215 desorption approach at a given equilibrium pressure or bulk concentration. Thus, it can be correlated
216 with the structure of the mesopores. We also studied the hysteresis loops, which are correlated with the
217 filling and emptying of the mesopores by capillary condensation. These loops are characterized by a
218 lower (adsorption) branch obtained by the progressive addition of gas and an upper (desorption) branch
219 obtained by the progressive withdrawal of gas. The shape of the loop provides useful qualitative
220 information about the mesopore structure (Rouquerol et al. 2014).

221 During the 24-hour vacuum treatment at 300 °C we measured 0.03 and 1.30 % mass loss for the
222 untreated and the powdered samples, respectively. According to IUPAC classification, the character of
223 both isotherms is Type II, albeit mesopores (approximate range 2-50 nm) with negligible amount of
224 micropores (diameter <2 nm) are present. Both isotherms rise sharply at low relative pressure ($p/p_0 <$
225 0.1) consistent with the micropore filling of the precapillary condensation range. The adsorption is
226 irreversible for both samples and the isotherms exhibit small hysteresis loops, which were attributed to
227 the presence of mesopores (cumulative volume $\sim 0.07 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$). We found no preferential pore size
228 between 5 and 20 nm.

229 As a result of grinding, the gas uptake significantly increased, which is evidenced by the higher
230 adsorbed nitrogen values of the isotherm in the whole p/p_0 range compared to the untreated sample.
231 Accordingly, the specific surface area ($5.78 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$) and the pore volume ($0.0704 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$) increased by
232 $\sim 50\%$ and $\sim 15\%$ for the powdered sample ($8.52 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ and $0.0810 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$), respectively (Table 1). These
233 results can be explained by (1) attrition of the material or (2) the opening of closed pores. Grinding the
234 sample in an agate mortar results in a decrease in grain size and a concomitant increase in the specific
235 surface area as reported by Tsai (2013). Furthermore, during grinding pores can be opened and become
236 accessible to nitrogen. This second hypothesis is supported by the mesopore findings of the HAADF-
237 STEM images (Fig. 2) and the relatively large mass loss of the powdered sample (1.30 mass %)
238 compared to the untreated one (0.03 mass %) upon heating to 300°C under vacuum. However, air

239 moisture adhesion at the increased surface area of the powdered sample may also have contributed to
240 the mass loss during the pretreatment.

241 The nitrogen physisorption measurement shows that the surface area ($5.78 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$) and pore volume
242 ($0.0704 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$) of our sample are only slightly larger than what is reported for natural calcite (4.05
243 m^2/g ; $0.0240 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$) (Tsai 2013). However, the measured surface area of our glendonite sample is
244 significantly smaller than that of synthetic CaCO_3 prepared via a classical precipitation process (29.4
245 m^2/g) (Ashan 1992). Thus, we conclude that calcite crystals, the constituents of glendonite, are
246 characterized by low porosity.

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248 *Possible relicts of the ikaite-to-calcite transformation in glendonite*

249 According to laboratory investigations (e.g., Swainson and Hammond 2003; Sánchez-Pastor et al.
250 2016; Purgstaller et al. 2017), the ikaite-to-calcite transformation is a relatively fast process (< 24
251 hours) even at low temperatures ($10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$). It may take longer than 24 hours in natural environments, but
252 the fact that the macroscopic ikaite morphology is commonly preserved (Sánchez-Pastor et al. 2016) is
253 consistent with a fairly rapid process.

254 Since the ikaite-to-calcite transformation is accompanied by a large (50 mass %) water loss, the
255 formation of abundant pores and entrapment of water in fluid inclusions, possibly along with the
256 development of interesting nanostructures can be expected. Our SEM and TEM results (Figs. 1 and 2)
257 show that in fact pores of μm to nm size are present and some of these pores contain water, in other
258 words, they represent fluid inclusions (Fig. 4). HAADF-STEM images indicate $\langle 100 \rangle$ aligned calcite
259 mesopores (Fig. 2), which may arise from a crystallographically oriented dehydration of the precursor
260 ikaite. TEM images also suggest that nanometer-size grains (10-40 nm) are common and $\{104\}$ twins
261 occur (Figs. 3). Glendonite is characterized by high intergranular μm -size porosity. However, porosity
262 measurements of calcite, that build up glendonite pseudomorphs (Fig. 5, Table 1), reveal the
263 occurrence of relatively few mesopores ($\sim 0.07 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$) and a slightly increased pore volume compared
264 to natural calcite. Although these findings are consistent with the ikaite-to-calcite transformation, none
265 of them are uniquely diagnostic of this process. Pores and inclusion-hosted water are common in
266 secondary minerals (e.g., Demény et al. 2016a, b), twins are abundant in biogenic calcite (e.g., Larsson
267 and Christy 2008) and the porosity values of calcite, the constituent of glendonite, are consistent with a
268 relatively low-porosity material. Our results therefore suggest the transformation of ikaite to calcite
269 leaves behind very few structural relicts in the glendonite pseudomorphs.

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IMPLICATIONS

272 The glendonite morphology remains the most reliable feature to identify calcite derived via
273 transformation of ikaite. During this process practically all the water leaves the system. As a result, the
274 geochemical composition can presumably be altered similar to what was reported for the ACC-to-
275 calcite recrystallization (Demény et al. 2016b). Thus, the reliability of proxy data derived from
276 glendonite may be affected. In particular, such diagenetic processes will likely have affected the O-
277 isotopic composition of glendonites in older geological rocks that experienced elevated burial
278 temperatures. In the case of samples from the Quaternary period $^{230}\text{Th}/\text{U}$ ages may be influenced by the
279 likely loss of U during dewatering, resulting in problematic chronologies. These findings have
280 implications for the emerging research field of cryogenic caves carbonates, which are commonly
281 associated with the presence of permafrost (Žák et al. 2012, 2018). Detailed mineralogical and
282 geochemical studies are required to fully assess the possible role of ikaite as a precursor of cryogenic
283 calcite in cases where no glendonite pseudomorphs are present.

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398 **Figure and table captions**

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400 Figure 1: Morphology and porosity of glendonite from Victoria cave. a) Drusy glendonite aggregate
401 composed of tetragonal pyramids. b) and c) SEM images of glendonites forming hollow (sheath-like)
402 canted tetragonal pyramids, with the interior void filled with clumpy material. d) Aggregated grains
403 with μm to sub μm -size pores (magnified from b). e) Rare euhedral calcite crystals (magnified from d).
404 f) Enlargement of c). g) Flaky calcite crystals on the surface of outer layer of the sheath-like pyramid
405 underlain by small equant anhedral crystals; note intergranular porosity (magnified from f).

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407 Figure 2: Mesopores and twins in nanocrystalline aggregated calcite formed from ikaite. a) HAADF-
408 STEM image and SAED pattern (taken from the area marked by the white arrow) of a $[10\bar{1}2]$
409 elongated grain with $\langle 100 \rangle$ oriented mesopores. b) Magnified image from a). White line marks a
410 $(10\bar{1}4)$ twin plane. EDS data (insert) shows the characteristic X-ray lines of CaCO_3 . c) and d) Structure
411 models of ikaite and calcite viewed along $[010]$ and $[0110]$, respectively.

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413 Figure 3. $(10\bar{1}4)$ calcite twins and overlapping nanograins in glendonite. a) HRTEM image of a ~ 10 nm
414 size $(10\bar{1}4)$ twin domain within the calcite matrix along $[0110]$. White arrows of the corresponding
415 SAED pattern (right upper corner) point to extra reflections arising from the twin domains. b) HRTEM
416 image of a $(10\bar{1}4)$ twin and Moire patterns. Moire fringes (marked by a black circle) indicate ~ 10 - 20
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418 (white arrows) and satellites arising from the superposition of the nanograins (indicated by the white
419 circle). c) HRTEM image of glendonite along $[0110]$. Moire fringes (marked by a white arrow) indicate
420 ~ 40 nm-sized thin overlapping nanograins. d) Area magnified from a) and FFT calculated from the
421 image reveals satellites arising from the superposition of the nanograins (indicated by the white
422 circles). The overlapping grains are rotated by $\sim 12^\circ$ with respect to each other.

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424 Figure 4. FTIR absorption spectra (arbitrary units) of multiple glendonite grains from Victoria cave
425 using different treatments and measurement techniques. 'T' are measurements of untreated grains in
426 transmission mode. 'T – dry' refers to measurements in transmission mode of an untreated sample that
427 was dried at 105°C for 24 hours before analysis. Spectra labelled 'T – D_2O treated' were measured on
428 grains soaked in D_2O for 48 hours. 'ATR' refers to an untreated sample in attenuated total reflectance

429 mode. 'D₂O pure' shows the pure D₂O reagent used in the treatment measured as a thin film between
430 two BaF₂ optical windows. Vertical dashed lines mark characteristic calcite absorption bands. Grey
431 bars cover the range of absorption typical for molecular H₂O and D₂O. In order to highlight the
432 interesting features the spectra were scaled and vertically offset.

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434 Figure 5. Nitrogen adsorption isotherms of untreated and powdered glendonite. Full and open symbols
435 correspond to adsorption and desorption branches, respectively.

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437 Table 1. Summary of porosity measurements.

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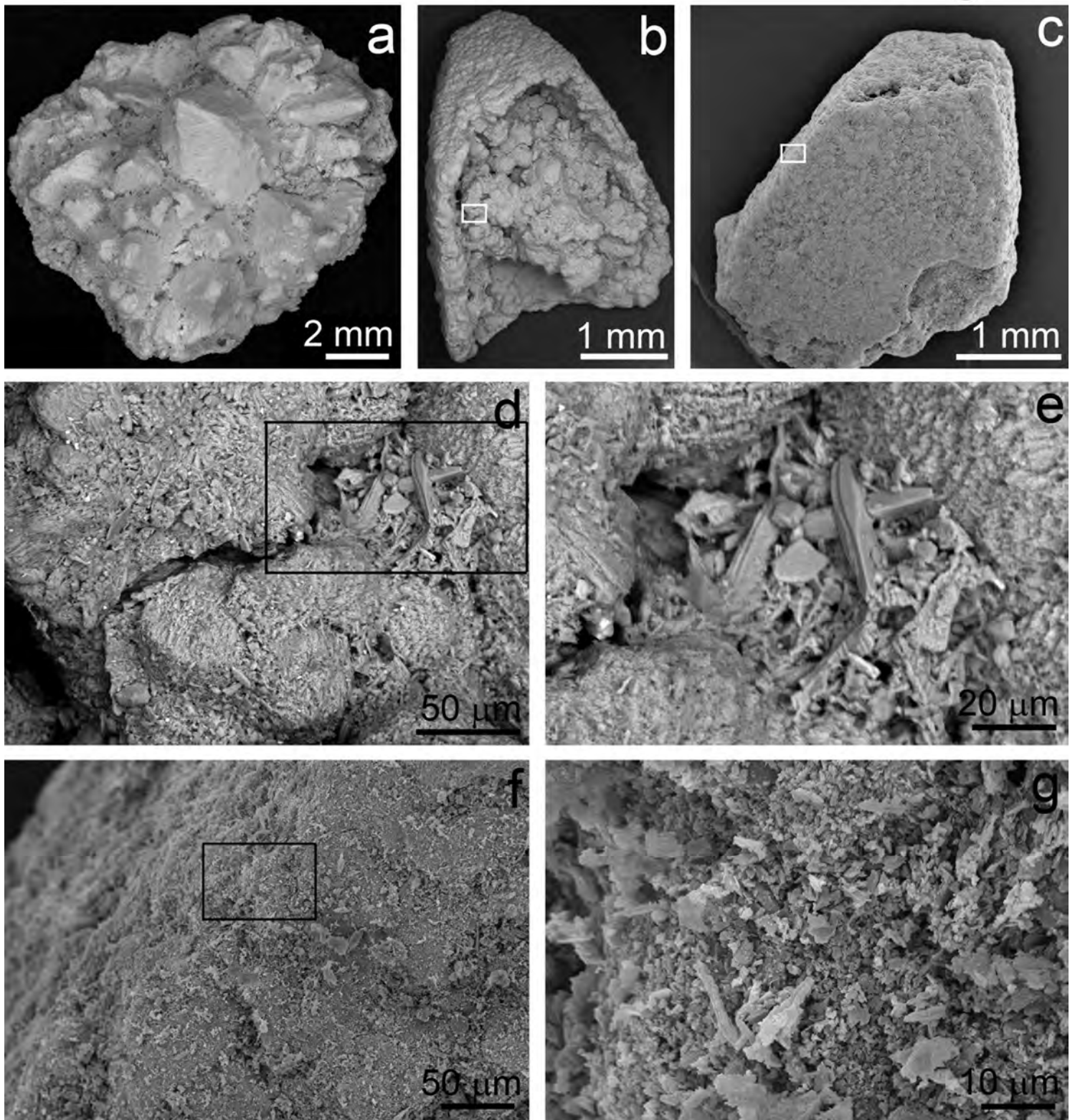


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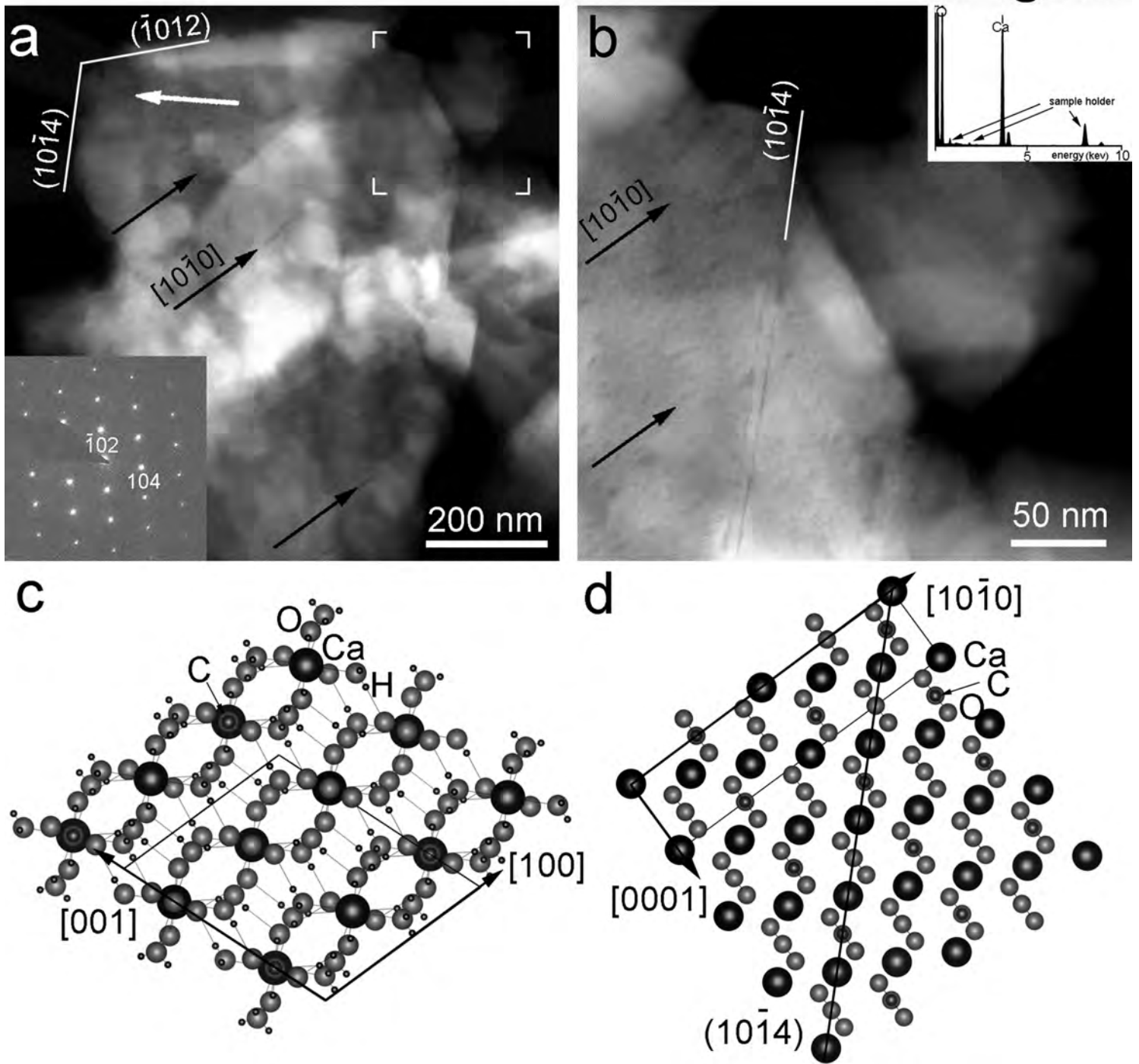


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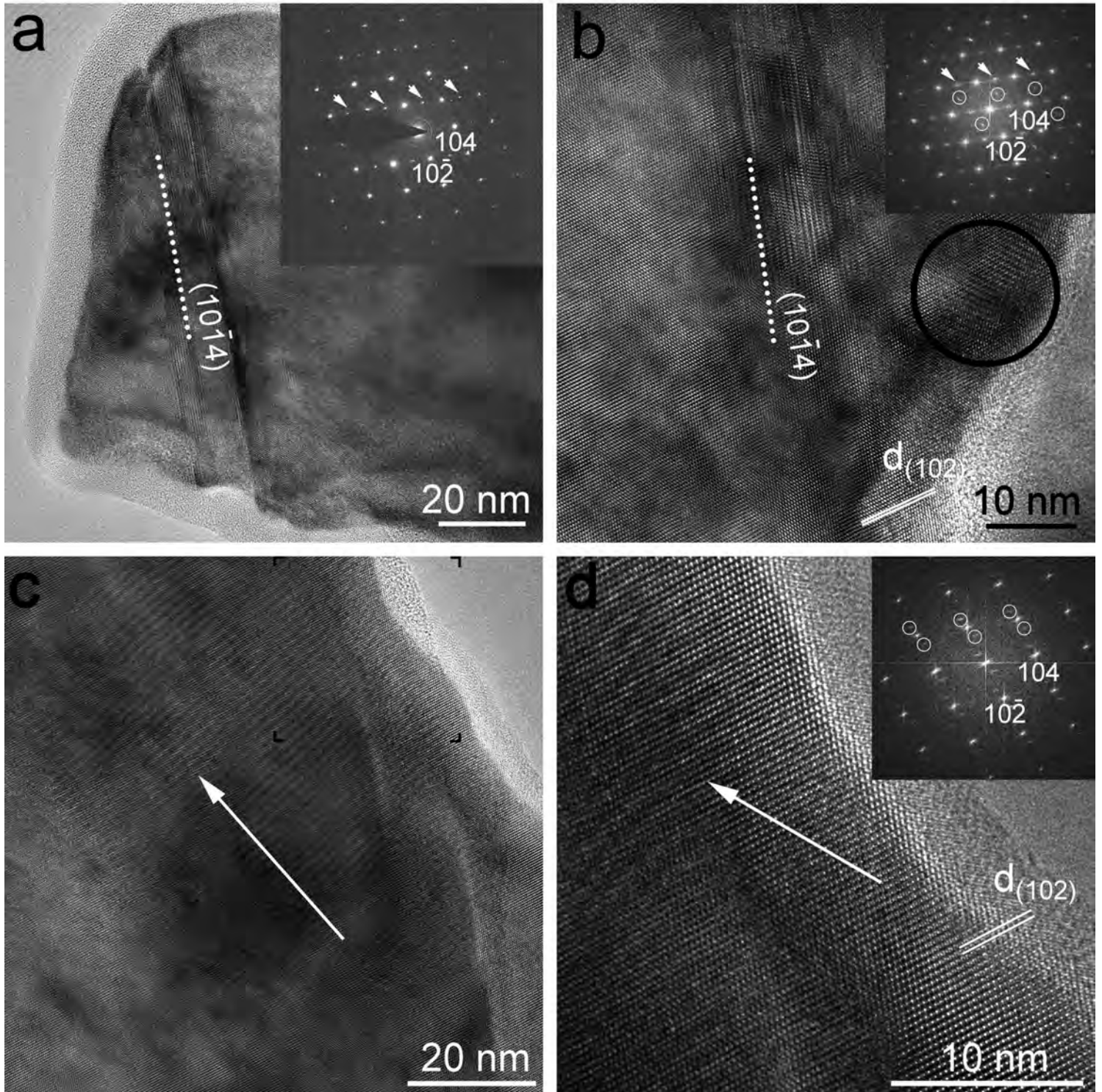


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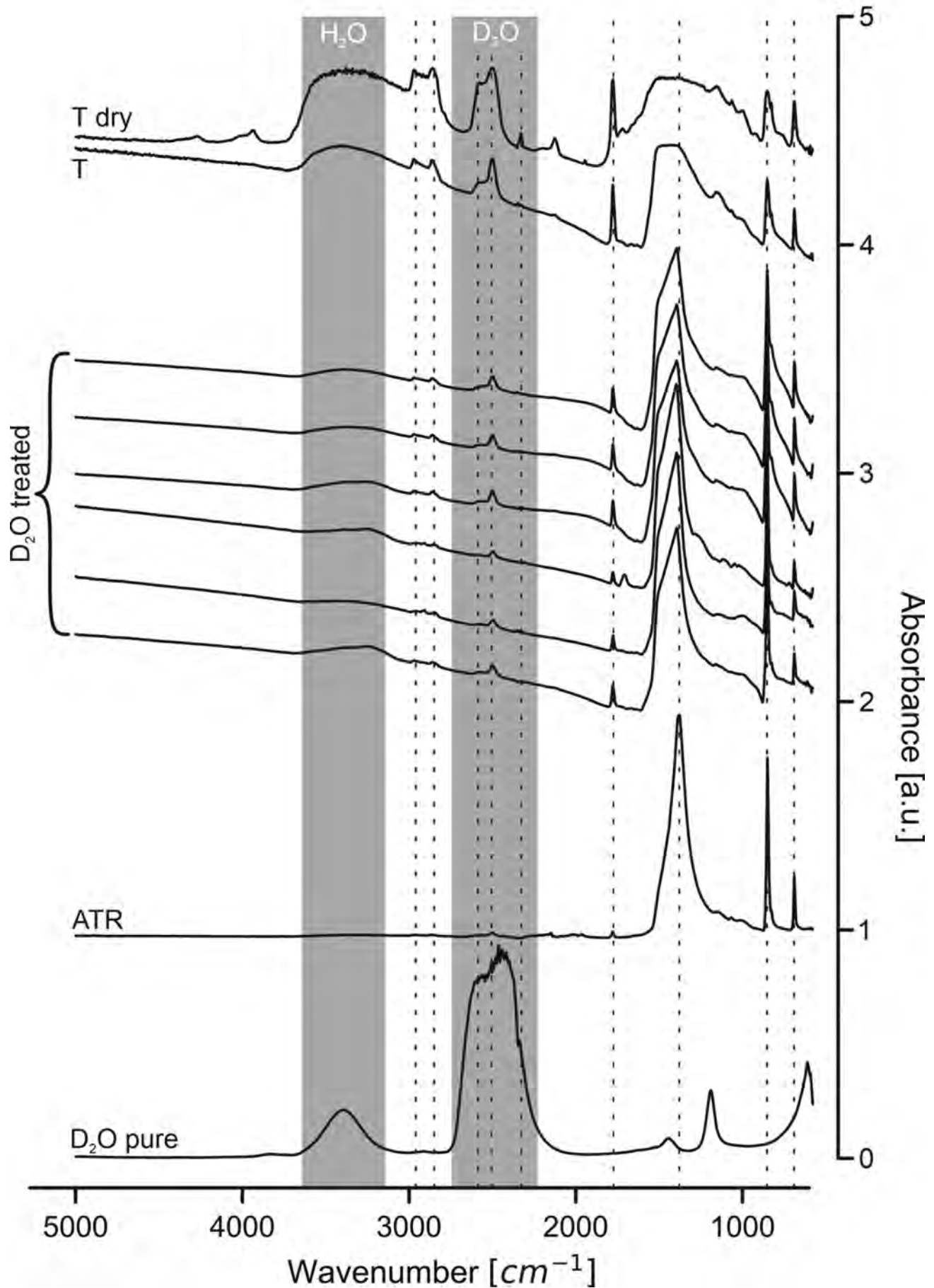


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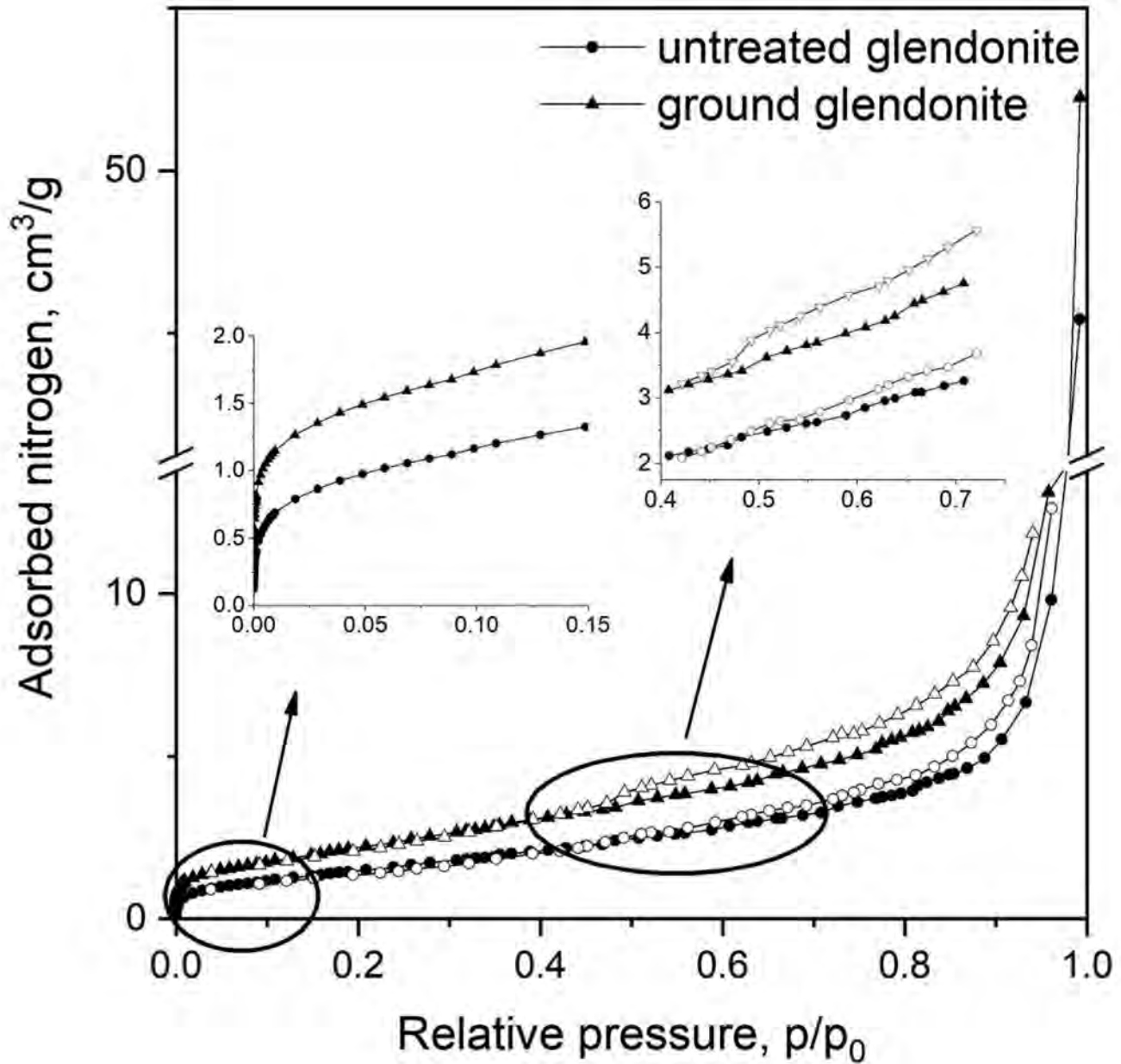


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