

Irreversible metamorphism of warm C-type Near-Earth Asteroids investigated with carbonaceous chondrites



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METHODS AND SAMPLES

Bidirectional reflectance spectroscopy of carbonaceous chondrites under NEA-like environment (pressure 10⁻⁵-10⁻⁶mbar, from room temperature to 523K), with the spectro-gonio radiometer SHADOWS [1].

Selection of 10 CM chondrites (CM1, CM2 and heated CM2) to be compared with observations with AKARI [2].

RESULTS

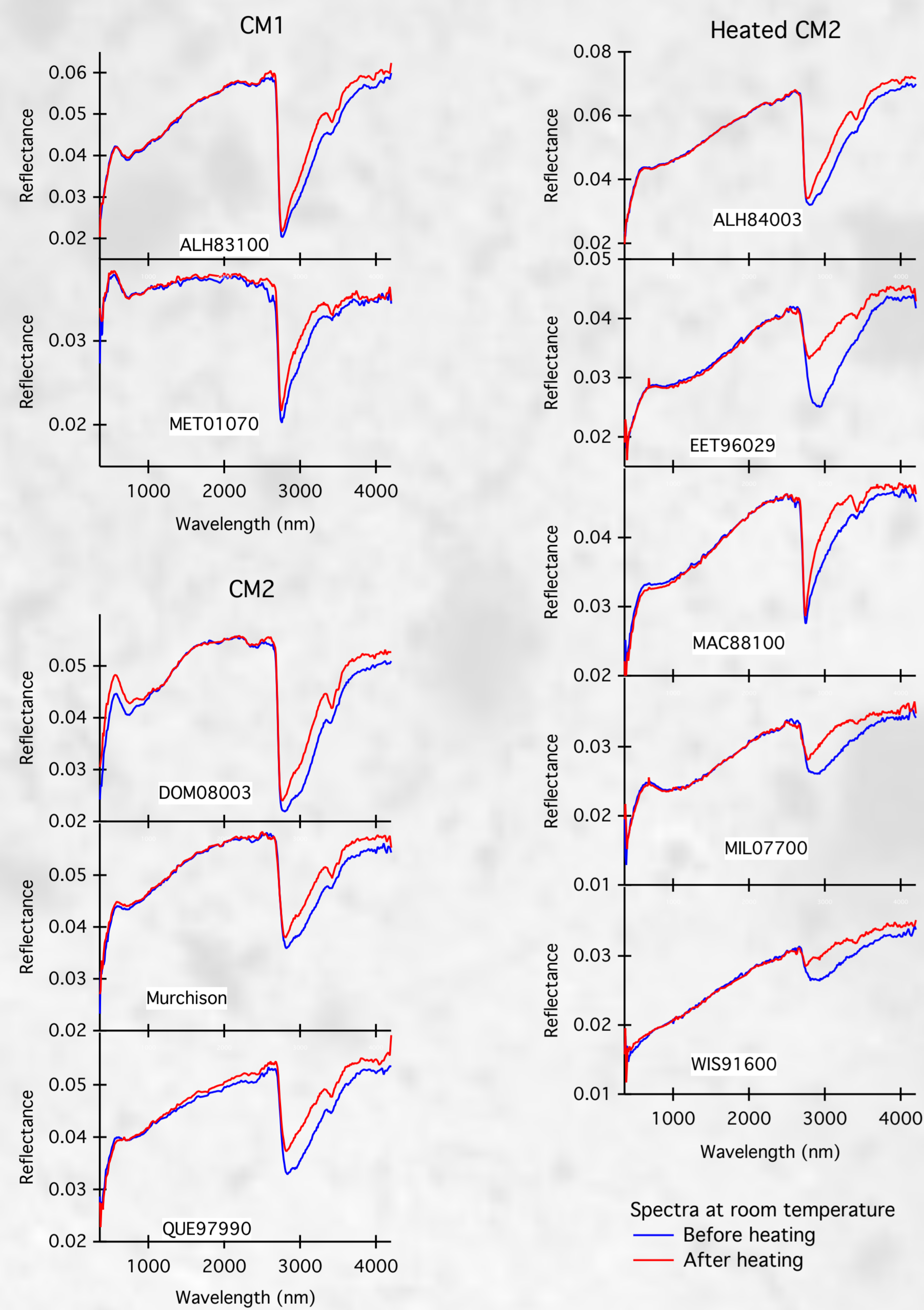


Fig. 1: Resulting spectra acquired at room temperature before and after the temperature experiment

- ➔ **Visible range**
- Loss of amplitude, broadness
 - Shift of the 700 and 900nm band
- 3μm band:**
- Loss of amplitude and broadness
 - Increase of sharpness
 - Shift of the minimum position
- Organics feature**
- Increase of amplitude

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{R_{2.45}}{R_{0.55}} \quad \text{Symmetry} = \frac{A - B}{C - A}$$

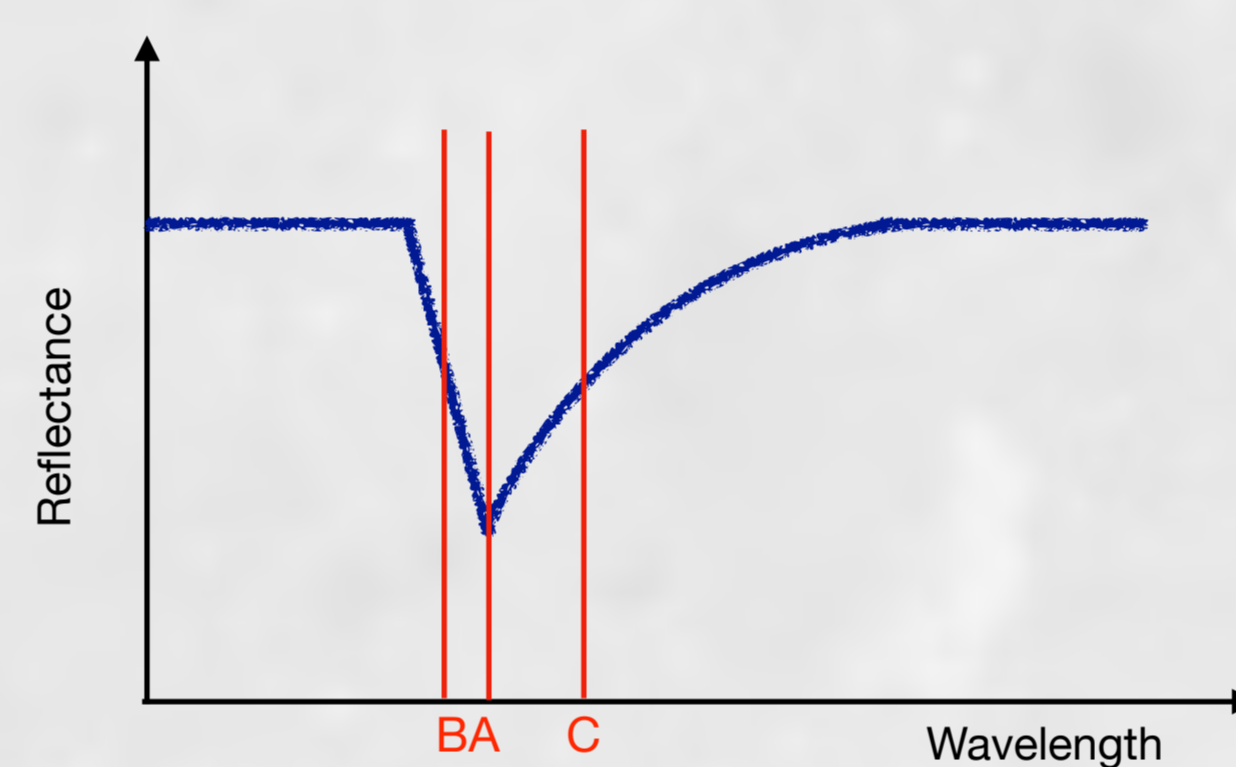


Fig. 2: Scheme of the wavelengths used to calculate the symmetry factor

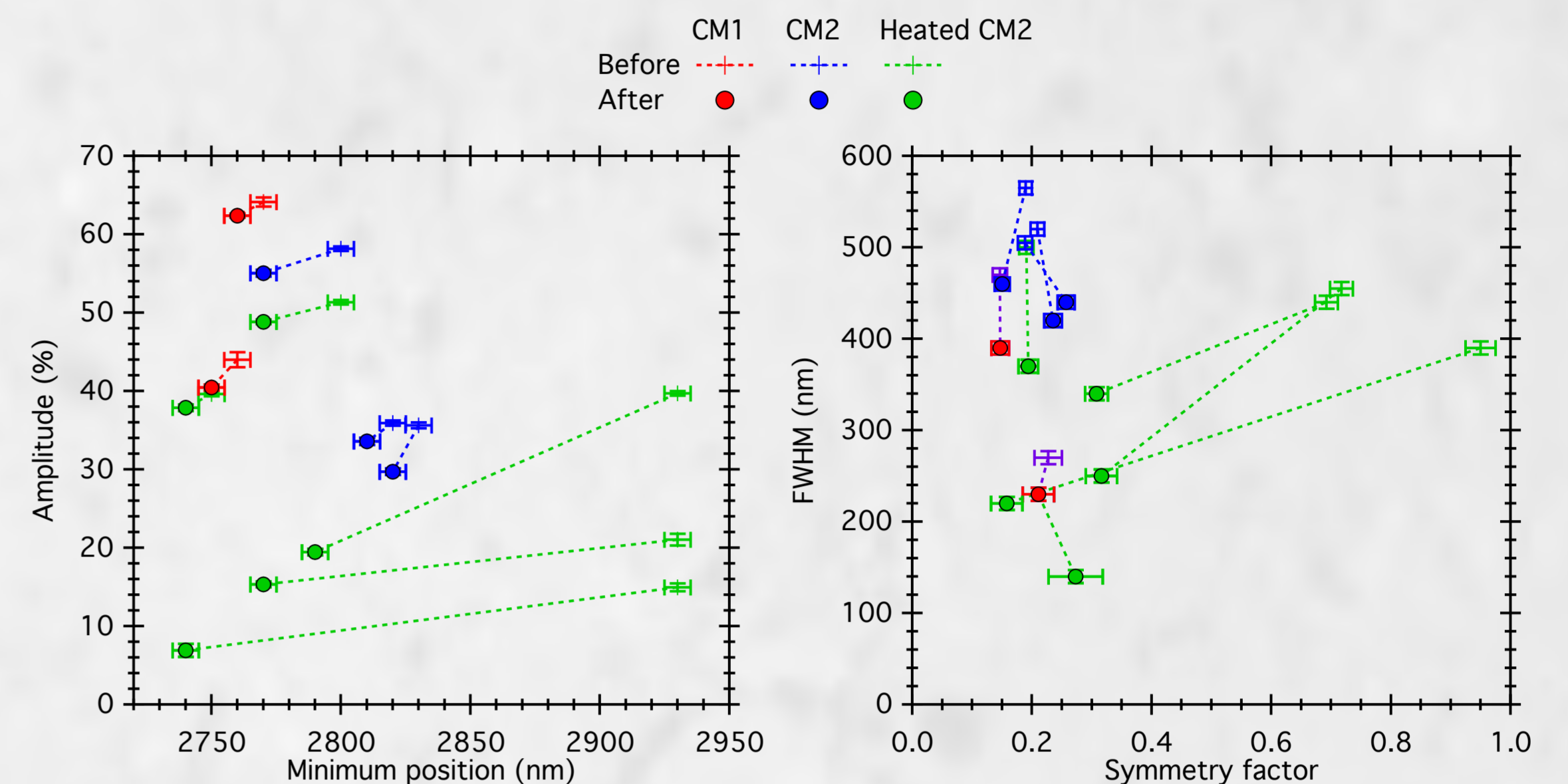


Fig. 3: Variations of the parameters of the 3μm band during the temperature experiment

The more altered the meteorite, the less variation by the temperature experiment

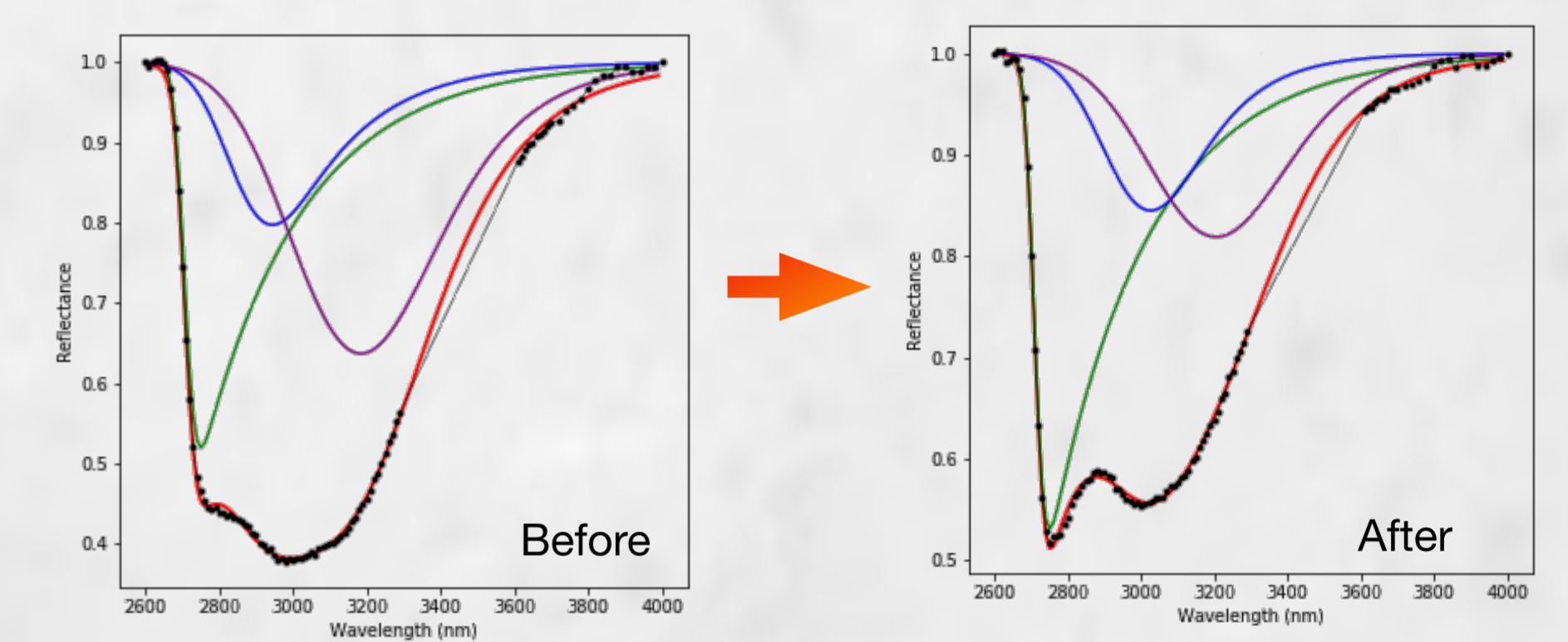


Fig. 4: Modelled 3μm band of the meteorite Tagish Lake before and after the temperature experiment showing the variations of all components

Apparent shift of the complete band due to alteration of some components

Order of the polyaromatic carbonaceous matter before and after the temperature experiment assessed using Raman spectroscopy:

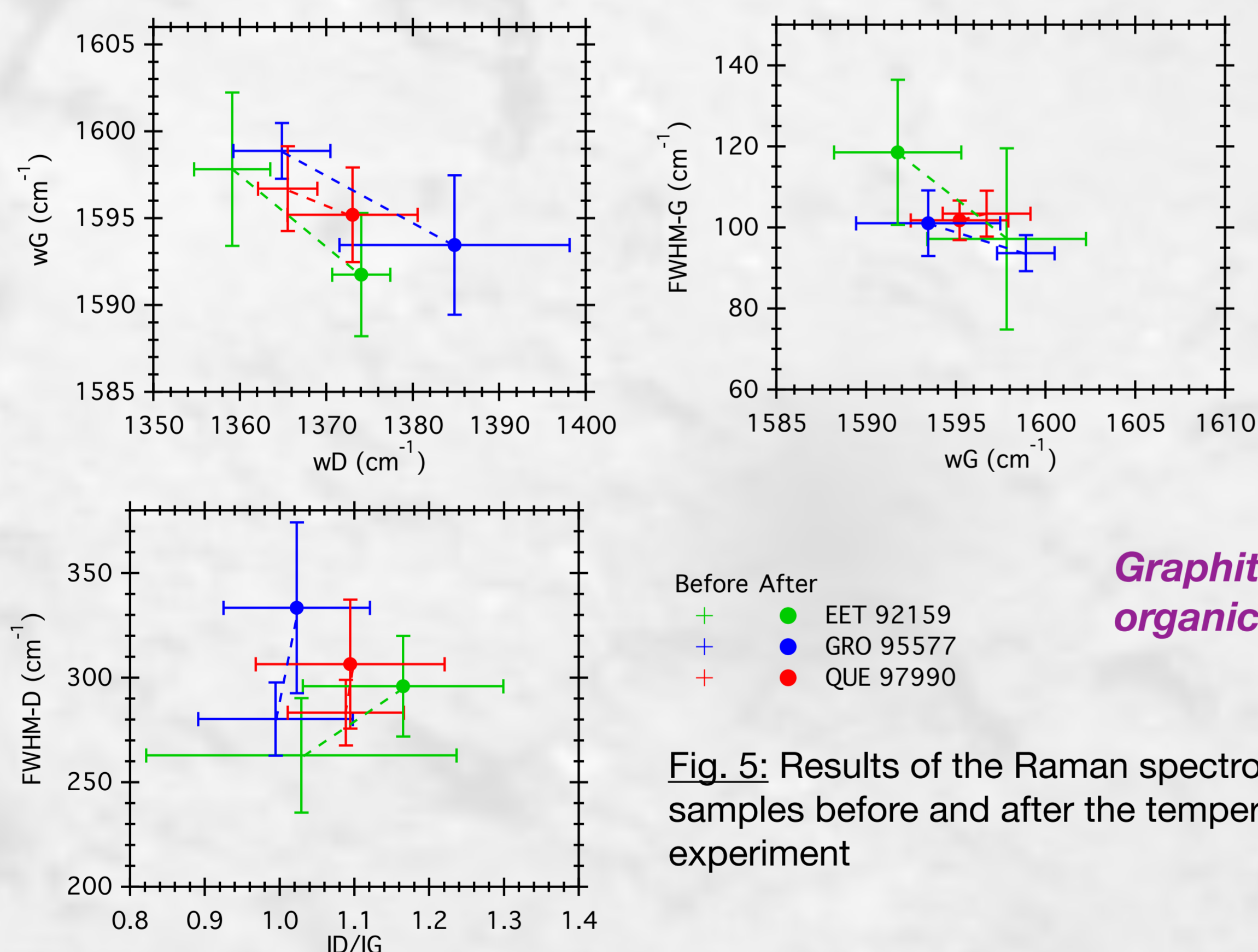


Fig. 5: Results of the Raman spectroscopy of the samples before and after the temperature experiment

Graphitization of the organics

COMPARISON WITH ASTEROIDS OBSERVATIONS

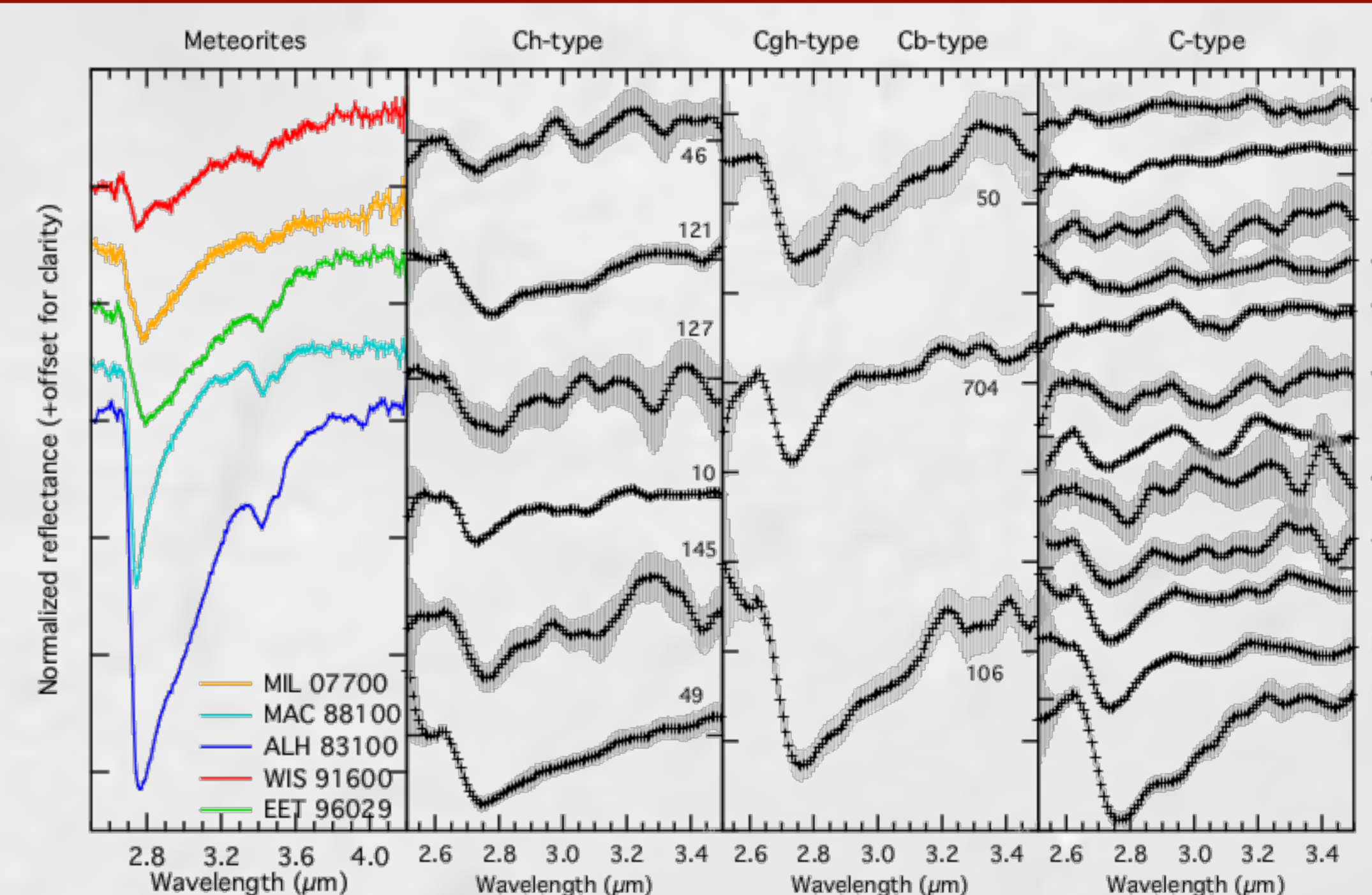


Fig. 6: Reflectance spectra of asteroids taken with AKARI [2] compared to the data from the temperature experiment

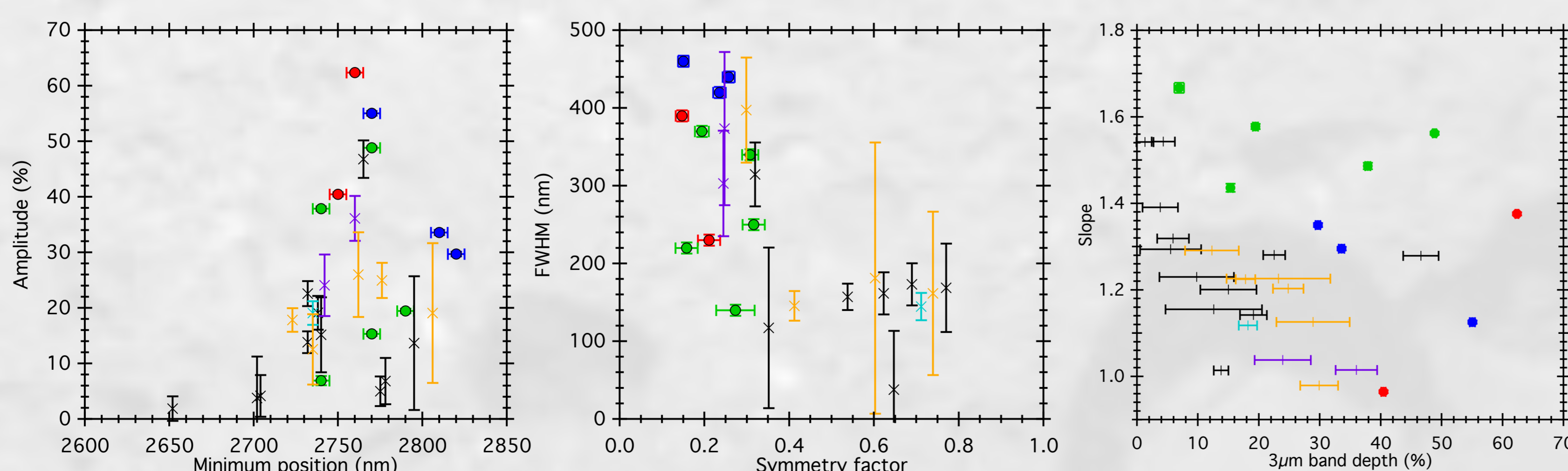


Fig. 7: Parameters of the 3μm band and slope of the asteroids spectra compared to the results of the temperature experiment.

Depth and position of the bands consistent between temperature experiment and observations, but 3μm band from asteroids thinner, less sharp, and bluer spectra

No clear sign of organics related features in the reflectance spectra of asteroids

Irradiation experiment on meteorites [3] leads to an amorphization of the carbonaceous matter

*High temperature → graphitization
Space weathering → amorphization*

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