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Optical properties of meteoric smoke analogues

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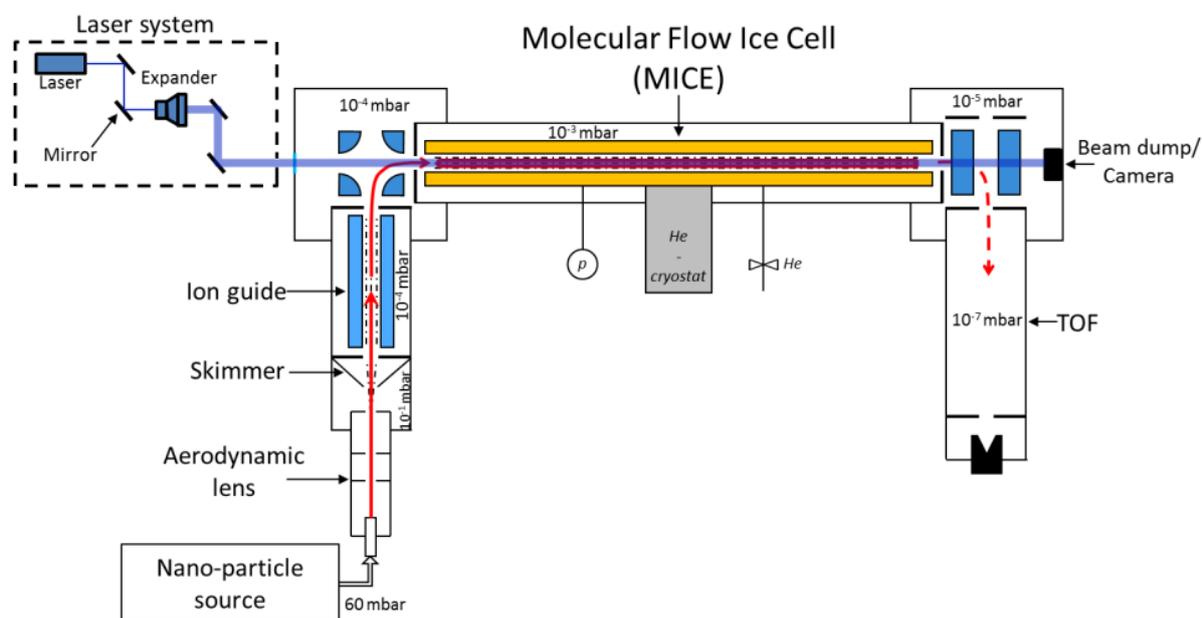


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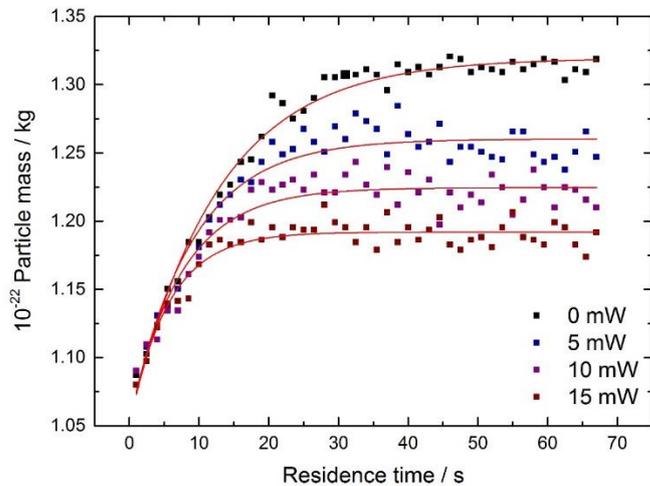


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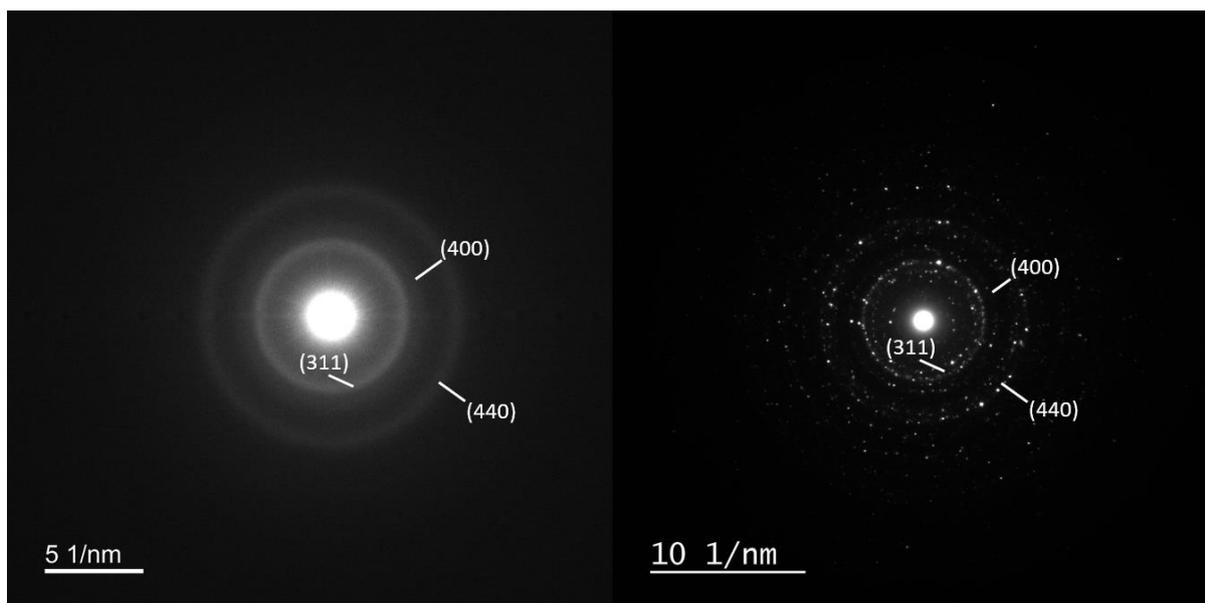


Figure S3. Left panel: TEM electron diffraction pattern of an iron oxide agglomerate, showing the intense reflections close to the 311, 400 and 440 diffraction planes. Right panel: Electron diffraction pattern for a maghemite standard.

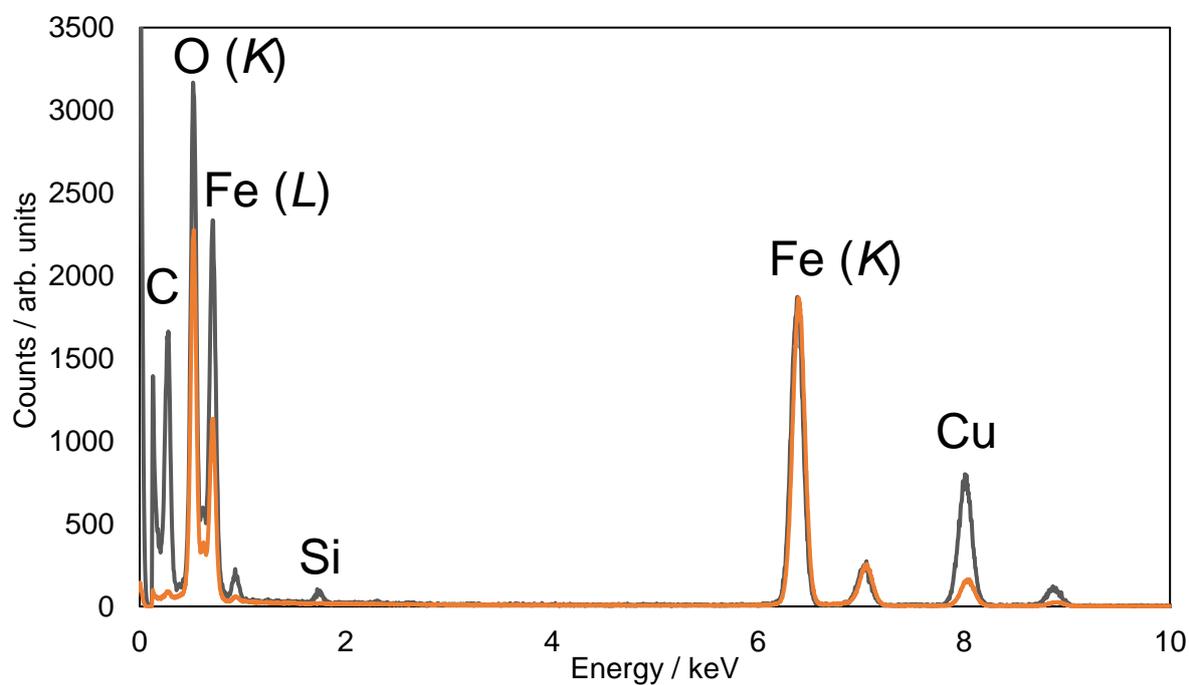


Figure S4. EDX spectrum of the iron oxide agglomerates produced in the photochemical reactor (grey) and an equivalent spectrum for a maghemite standard (orange). The spectrum for the maghemite standard has been scaled for clarity.

Table S1. Absorption cross section of Fe(CO)₅ at 293 K.

| Wavelength /nm | Absorption Cross section / cm ² | Wavelength /nm | Absorption Cross section / cm ² |
|----------------|--|----------------|--|
| 190 | 3.14×10^{-17} | 450 | 1.95×10^{-20} |
| 200 | 3.96×10^{-17} | 460 | 1.76×10^{-20} |
| 210 | 2.63×10^{-17} | 470 | 1.65×10^{-20} |
| 220 | 1.62×10^{-17} | 480 | 1.57×10^{-20} |
| 230 | 1.30×10^{-17} | 490 | 1.45×10^{-20} |
| 240 | 1.23×10^{-17} | 500 | 1.39×10^{-20} |
| 250 | 1.12×10^{-17} | 510 | 1.33×10^{-20} |
| 260 | 8.38×10^{-18} | 520 | 1.29×10^{-20} |
| 270 | 5.89×10^{-18} | 530 | 1.23×10^{-20} |
| 280 | 4.47×10^{-18} | 540 | 1.18×10^{-20} |
| 290 | 2.94×10^{-18} | 550 | 1.15×10^{-20} |
| 300 | 1.75×10^{-18} | 560 | 1.09×10^{-20} |
| 310 | 1.01×10^{-18} | 570 | 1.04×10^{-20} |
| 320 | 6.20×10^{-19} | 580 | 1.01×10^{-20} |
| 330 | 4.21×10^{-19} | 590 | 9.87×10^{-21} |
| 340 | 3.23×10^{-19} | 600 | 9.40×10^{-21} |
| 350 | 2.63×10^{-19} | 610 | 9.14×10^{-21} |
| 360 | 2.14×10^{-19} | 620 | 8.69×10^{-21} |
| 370 | 1.69×10^{-19} | 630 | 8.61×10^{-21} |
| 380 | 1.27×10^{-19} | 640 | 8.42×10^{-21} |
| 390 | 9.14×10^{-20} | 650 | 7.97×10^{-21} |
| 400 | 6.46×10^{-20} | 660 | 7.96×10^{-21} |
| 410 | 4.59×10^{-20} | 670 | 7.64×10^{-21} |
| 420 | 3.40×10^{-20} | 680 | 7.30×10^{-21} |
| 430 | 2.66×10^{-20} | 690 | 7.35×10^{-21} |
| 440 | 2.22×10^{-20} | 700 | 7.07×10^{-21} |

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| | Wavelength / nm | Function |
|---|-----------------|---|
| 1 | 405 | $y = y_0 + a_1 \cdot e^{(-x/t_1)} + a_2 \cdot e^{(-x/t_2)}$ <p>Where $y_0 = 0.121$, $a_1 = 1 \times 10^{-29}$, $t_1 = 0.0508$, $a_2 = 0.0337$, $t_2 = 0.850$</p> |
| 2 | 488 | $y = a \cdot e^{(-x/t)} + m \cdot x + c$ <p>Where $a = 0.300$, $t = -2.73$, $m = -0.242$, $c = -0.135$</p> |
| 3 | 660 | $y = a \cdot e^{(-x/t)} + m \cdot x + c$ <p>Where $a = 0.0563$, $t = -3.10$, $m = -0.0482$, $c = -0.0220$</p> |
| 4 | 350-660 | $y = a \cdot b^x$ <p>Where $a = 238$, $b = 0.986$</p> |

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