# In-situ nanoscale geochemical characterization of organic matter in shale by AFM-IR

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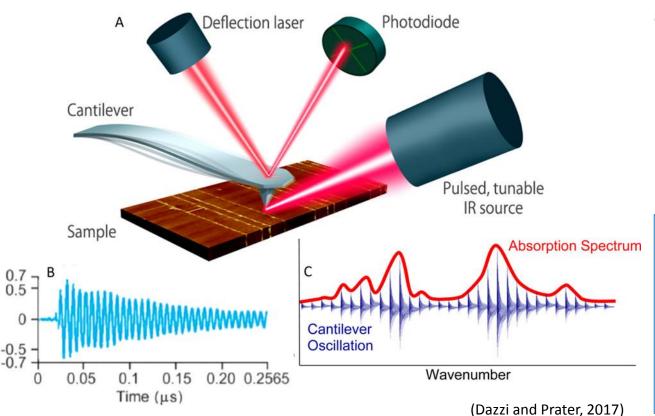
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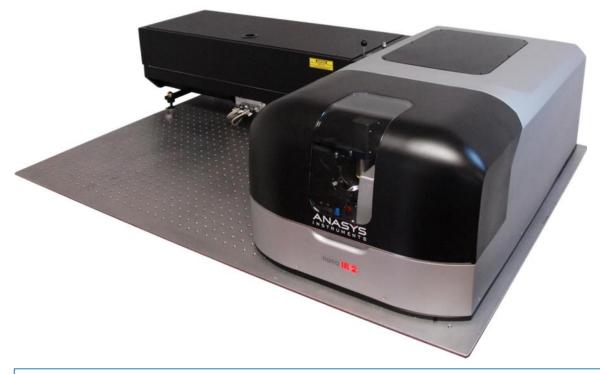


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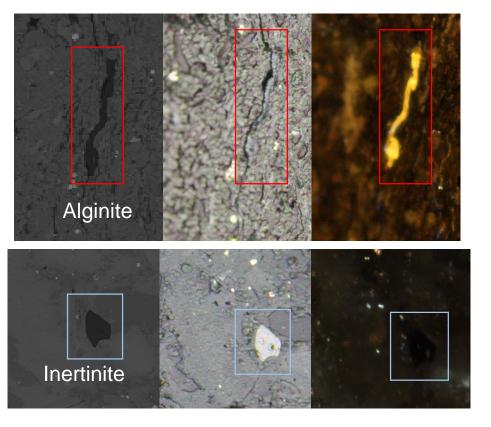
### Why AFM-IR?

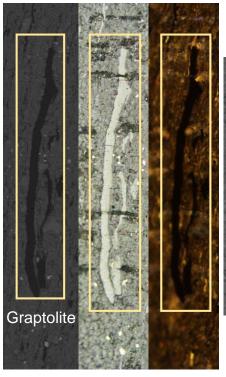


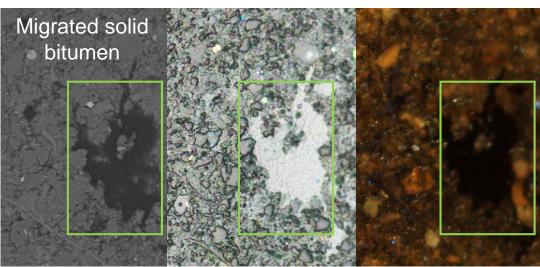


- ☐ Nanoscale geochemical features
- ☐ Characterization of individual particle
- ☐ 2D IR mapping
- ☐ Integrating geochemical and mechanical information

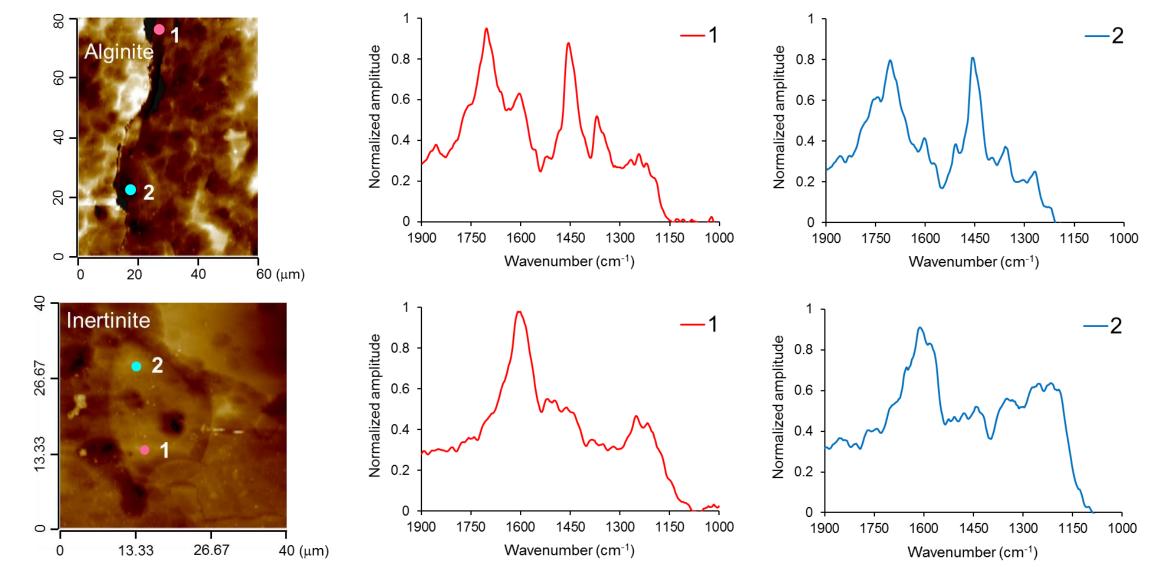
- □It is very challenging to identify OM directly under the optical microscopy mounted on AFM-IR instrument!
- ☐ SEM and optical microscopy should be used to identify OM particles and these are then targeted using AFM



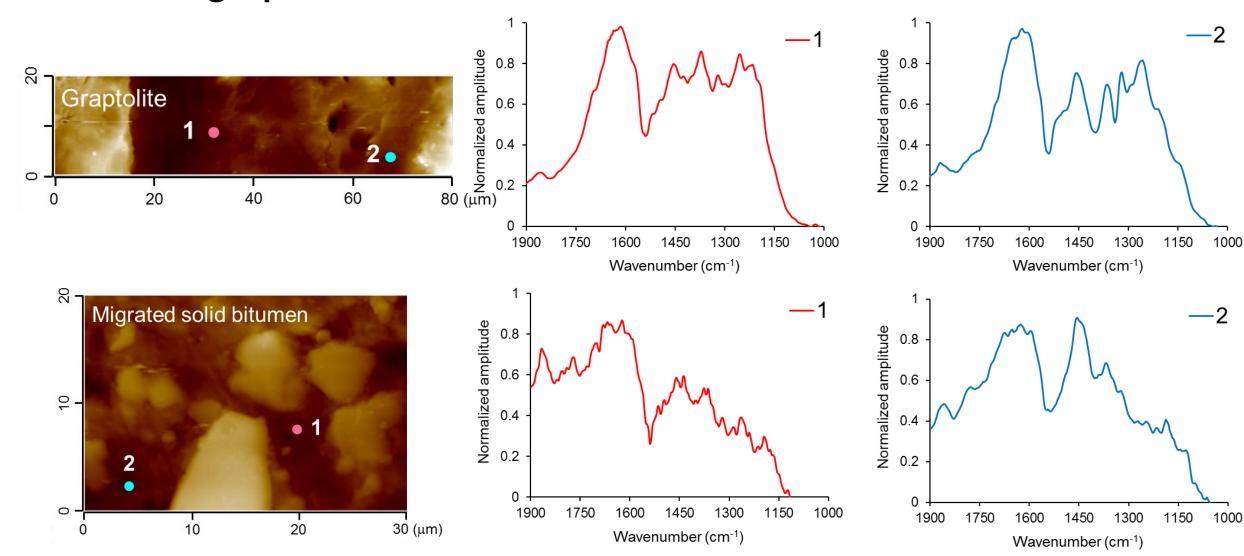




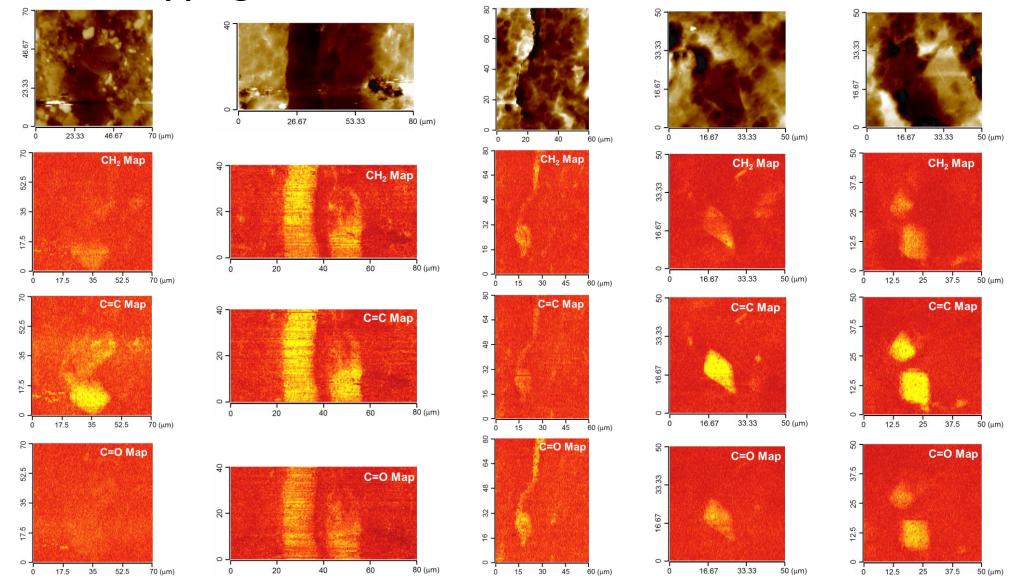
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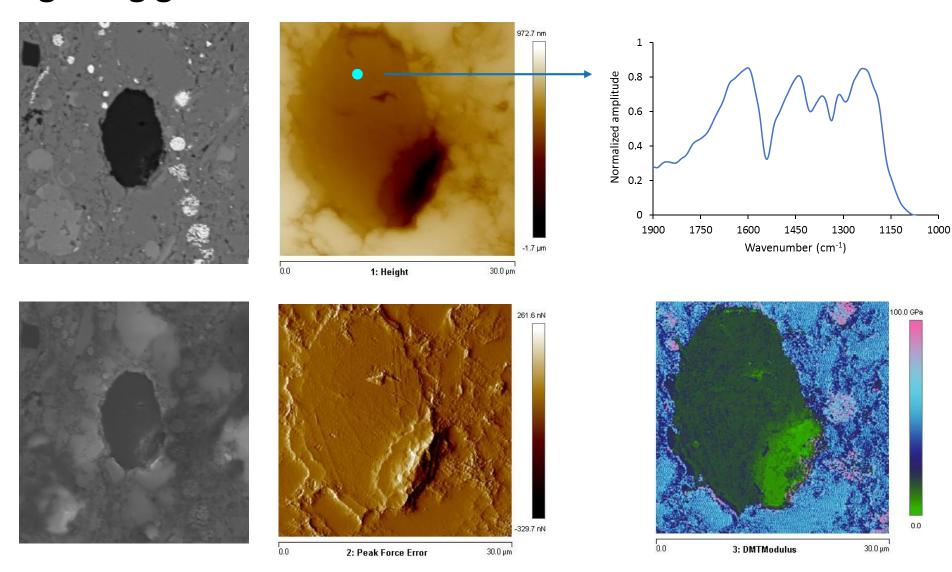
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#### **Outlook**

Chemical structure changes in subsurface fluid-rock interaction conditions via this advanced technique can be explored in future work, to provide insight into relevant energy applications, such as specific affinity between functional groups of different organic macerals and  $CO_2/H_2$ .

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## Thank you!



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