Report on Classification of 2014/15 KOREAMET Meteorites

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Introduction

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Korean Expedition for Antarctic Meteorite (KOREAMET) has recovered 81 meteorites from the blue-ice fi elds of the Reckling Peak (RKP), Mount DeWitt (DEW), and Elephant Moraine (EET) in the Victoria Land, Antarctica, 2014/15 season. Here we report on classification of the meteorites and describe details of some r emarkable meteorite samples.



72 ordinary chondrites are classified as 33 H-group, 37 L-group, and 2 LL-group chondrites. Most of them are equilibrated (petrologic type 5 or 6) except RKP 14003 (H3-5 breccia), EET 14066 (L3), and EET 14017 (LL3). *RKP 14003: H3-5 breccia*



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Classification of 2014/15 KOREAMET Meteorites

Eighty one meteorites of the 2014/15 KOREAMET season include 72 ordinary chondrites (OCs), 4 carbona ceous chondrites (CCs), 3 eucrites, 1 ureilite, and 1 acapulcoite.

Name	Latitude	Longitude	Date	Mass (g)	Class	Group	Note
RKP 14001	76°12.782'S	158°28.320'E	10-Nov-2014	304	OC	L6	
RKP 14002	76°12.608'S	158°28.086'E	10-Nov-2014	0.2	OC	LL6	
RKP 14003	76°12.744'S	158°32.205'E	10-Nov-2014	231	OC	H3	
RKP 14004	76°12.376'S	158°29.109'E	10-Nov-2014	1.1	OC	H6	
RKP 14005	76°15.954'S	158°07.073'E	16-Nov-2014	33.4	CC	CM2	
RKP 14006	76°16.344'S	158°08.727'E	16-Nov-2014	22.6	OC	H4	
EET 14001	76°17.758'S	156°24.970'E	16-Nov-2014	2.1	OC	L6	
EET 14002	76°17.625'S	156°25.443'E	16-Nov-2014	10	OC	H6	
EET 14003	76°17.517'S	156°25.937'E	16-Nov-2014	0.7	OC	L6	
EET 14004	76°17.132'S	156°26.552'E	16-Nov-2014	6	OC	L6	
EET 14005	76°17.370'S	156°25.744'E	16-Nov-2014	2.9	OC	L6	
EET 14006	76°17.332'S	156°25.913'E	16-Nov-2014	19	OC	L6	
EET 14007	76°17.213'S	156°26.081'E	16-Nov-2014	11.4	CC	CK5	
EET 14008	76°16.407'S	156°27.376'E	16-Nov-2014	27.3	OC	H6	
EET 14009	76°17.133'S	156°27.409'E	16-Nov-2014	26	OC	H6	
EET 14010	76°17.133'S	156°27.409'E	16-Nov-2014	44.2	OC	H6	
EET 14011	76°17.644'S	156°24.290'E	16-Nov-2014	17.2	OC	H5	
EET 14012	76°17.284'S	156°27.039'E	21-Nov-2014	2.6	OC	L6	
EFT 14013	76°17.195'S	156°27,181'E	21-Nov-2014	0.3		CM2	
EET 14014	76°17 006'S	156°27 828'E	21-Nov-2014	9		16	Highly shocked (S4)
EET 14015	76°16 805'S	156°31 060'E	21-Nov-2014	36		16	
EET 14016	76°16 800'S	156°31 /87'E	21 Nov 2014 21-Nov-2014	90.6	00		
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	70 17.1200	100 29.040 E	21-INOV-2014	5.7 C4 7		LO	
EET 14019	76 17.3195	150 28.475 E	21-INOV-2014	64.7		LO	
EET 14020	76°17.092°S	156°29.957°E	21-INOV-2014	3.4		L6	
EET 14021	76°17.222'S	156°26.695'E	21-Nov-2014	8.1		Lb	
EET 14022	/6°1/.1/6'S	156°26.757'E	21-Nov-2014	5.3		L6	
EET 14023	76°17.166'S	156°26.801'E	21-Nov-2014	3.9	OC	L6	
EET 14024	76°17.163'S	156°26.805'E	21-Nov-2014	3.1	OC	H6	
EET 14025	76°17.125'S	156°26.951'E	21-Nov-2014	2.5	OC	L5	
EET 14026	76°16.865'S	156°27.564'E	21-Nov-2014	3.2	OC	L6	
EET 14027	76°16.804'S	156°28.048'E	21-Nov-2014	16.7	OC	L6	
EET 14028	76°17.270'S	156°27.504'E	21-Nov-2014	5	OC	H6	
EET 14029	76°17.187'S	156°27.893'E	21-Nov-2014	6.7	OC	L6	
EET 14030	76°16.980'S	156°30.790'E	21-Nov-2014	10.2	OC	L6	
EET 14031	76°16.968'S	156°30.985'E	21-Nov-2014	75.6	OC	L6	
EET 14032	76°15.448'S	156°38.987'E	3-Dec-2014	11200	OC	H6	
EET 14033	76°16.563'S	156°30.605'E	3-Dec-2014	2.9	OC	L6	
EET 14034	76°16.510'S	156°30.635'E	3-Dec-2014	21.8	OC	L6	
EET 14035	76°16.035'S	156°31.227'E	3-Dec-2014	14.1	OC	L6	
EET 14036	76°16.053'S	156°30.735'E	3-Dec-2014	115.4	OC	H6	
EET 14037	76°16.015'S	156°34.262'E	12-Dec-2014	93.8	00	L6	
EET 14038	76°15.934'S	156°34.471'E	12-Dec-2014	30.5	OC	L6	
EFT 14039	76°15.759'S	156°34.601'E	12-Dec-2014	59.9		H6	
EET 14040	76°15 663'S	156°34 660'E	12-Dec-2014	21		H6	
EET 14040	76°15 654'S	156°34 675'E	12-Dec-2014	30		H6	
EET 14041 EET 14042	76°15 573'S	156°34 702'E	12 Dec 2014	1 1		Не	
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	70 10.0000	100 30.000 E	12-Dec-2014	4556		LO	
EET 14046	76°15.507°S	156°36.642 E	12-Dec-2014	4.2		H6	
EEI 14047	76°15.350'S	156°36.976'E	12-Dec-2014	26.4		L6	
EEI 14048	76°15.349'S	156°36.976'E	12-Dec-2014	1.3	00	H6	
EEI 14049	76°15.926'S	156°38.370'E	12-Dec-2014	1121	HED	Eucrite	Polymict
EEI 14050	76°15.040'S	156°40.126'E	12-Dec-2014	146.3	OC	L6	
EET 14051	76°14.962'S	156°40.593'E	12-Dec-2014	0.3	OC	H5	
EET 14052	76°02.689'S	156°07.593'E	12-Dec-2014	92.2	OC	H6	
EET 14053	76°17.138'S	156°35.726'E	12-Dec-2014	252.3	Ureilite	Main group	Olivine-orthopyroxene
EET 14054	76°13.852'S	156°34.015'E	12-Dec-2014	463	OC	H5	
EET 14056	76°16.246'S	157°12.207'E	12-Dec-2014	361	OC	L5	
EET 14057	76°12.637'S	156°41.497'E	12-Dec-2014	1220	HED	Eucrite	Cumulate
EET 14059	76°15.899'S	156°34.877'E	12-Dec-2014	10.9	OC	H5	
EET 14060	76°15.921'S	156°34.723'E	12-Dec-2014	0.7	OC	H4	
EET 14061	76°15.878'S	156°34.859'E	12-Dec-2014	1031	OC	L6	
EET 14062	76°15.784'S	156°35.092'E	12-Dec-2014	849	OC	L6	
EET 14063	76°15.602'S	156°35.553'E	12-Dec-2014	2.6	OC	H6	
EET 14064	76°15.553'S	156°35.571'E	12-Dec-2014	1.7	OC	H6	
EET 14065	76°15.280'S	156°35.709'E	12-Dec-2014	1.3	OC	H6	
EET 14066	76°15.224'S	156°35.422'F	12-Dec-2014	23	00	L3	
EET 14067	76°15 332'S	156°35 220'E	12-Dec-2014	16.3	00	 Н6	
FFT 14068	76°15 492'S	156°36 556'E	12-Dec-2014	04	HED	Fucrite	Polymict
FFT 14060	76°15 177'9	156°36 723'E	$12 Dec_{2014}$	10 5		Н	i oryrniot
FFT 14070	76°14 040'S	156°36 855'E	12-Dec-2014	185 6		CM2	
FET 1/071	76°15 211'S	156°20 705'E	12_Dec_2014	26			
	10 10.2440 76º15 20010	100 03.130 E 156°21 010'E	12-DCU-2014	30 2 2			
LLI 14072	76°16 66 110	100 04.040 E 156°27 010'E	12-DCU-2014	2.2 0 0			
EEI 140/3	10 13.334 3	100 37.010E	12-Dec-2014	0.0			
EE1 140/4	10 13.2105	100 39.001 E	12-DEC-2014	20.2			
	1015.853'S	150-34.258'E	12-Dec-2014	196		LO	
	1015.525'S	150 34.2//E	12-Dec-2014	14.4	Aca-Lod	Acapulcoite	
DEVV 14001	11 12 239 5	159 45 123 E	11-Dec-2014	33./		Hb	

(a) Stereo microscopic image clearly shows that RKP 14003 consists of various clasts. (b) False color image combined by Mg (red), Ca (green), and Al (blue) x-rays displays compositional diversity of silicates, various components including chondrules, refractory inclusions, and large abundance of metal (black). Existence of glassy mesostasis of POP (porphyritic olivine and pyroxene) chondrule shown in plane-polarized (c) and cross-polarized light (d) images indicate that RKP 14003 contains a type 3 component.

EET 14066: L3

Ordinary Chondrites



Chondrules of EET 14066 are relatively large (up to \sim 3 mm) and clearly defined as shown in plain-polarized (a) and cross-polarized (b) light images. Scale bar is 2 mm. A POP (porphyritic olivine and pyroxene) chondrule well preserves glassy mesostasis as indicated by red arrows in optical images with reflected (c), plane-polarized (d), and cross-polarized light (d). Scale bar is 100 µm.

EET 14017: LL3.0





(a) EET 14017 is the most primitive chondrite ever in KOREAMET collections. Large and abundant chondrules are clearly distinguished as shown in stereo microscopic image. Scale bar is 2 mm. (b) Oscillatory zoning of low-Ca pyroxene and fine (~ tens of nm) nucleates of high-Ca pyroxene within glassy mesostasis in a POP chondrule are indicative of disequilibrium kinetic effects at the crystal/melt interface during rapid cooling. Scale bar is 10 μ m. Quenching textures including skeletal forsterite and Ti-rich pyroxene of an Al-rich chondrule in back-scattered electron (BSE) image (c) and elemental x-ray maps of Al (d), Mg (e), and Ti (f) are also primitive features of the EET 14017. Scale bar is 100 μ m.

Carbonaceous Chondrites

Three CM chondrites are heavily altered (type 2) with small amounts of chondrule and CAI and abundant matrix.



(a) BSE and (b) false color x-ray map combined by Mg (red), Ca (green), and Al (blue) of the CM2 chondrite EET 14013. Matrix is more abundant than chondrules. Ca,Al-rich inclusions (white arrows) are preserved.

Ureilite





Optical microscope images of EET 14053 in plane-polarized (a) and cross-polarized (b) light. EET 14013 is mostly composed of coarse-grained olivine (Fa14.9±0.6; CaO 0.24 ~ 0.32 wt%; Cr_2O_3 0.58 ~ 0.75 wt%) and pyroxene (En82.8±0.3Fs12.8±0.4) grains, and characterized by their reduced rims in contact with carbon-rich matrix (e.g., graphite) (c~e).

Eucrites



Optical microscope images in plane- (a) and cross-polarized light (b) and false color x-ray map (c) combined by Mg (red), Ca (green), and Fe (blue) of EET 14057, a cumulate eucrite consisted of coarse-grained pigeonite (En52.4 \pm 1.3Fs45.9 \pm 1.3) with augite lamellae (En39.4 \pm 1.0Fs17.2 \pm 0.9) and calcic plagioclase (Ab5.8 \pm 1.1An94.0 \pm 1.1). Pyroxene and plagioclase grains of the EET 14057 show planar deformation features (a, b).