

Supplementary Information (SI) for

***In situ* interactive characteristics of highly reactive minerals in soil  
colloids and carbon preservation differentially revealed by  
nanoscale secondary ion mass spectrometry and X-ray absorption  
5 fine structure spectroscopy**

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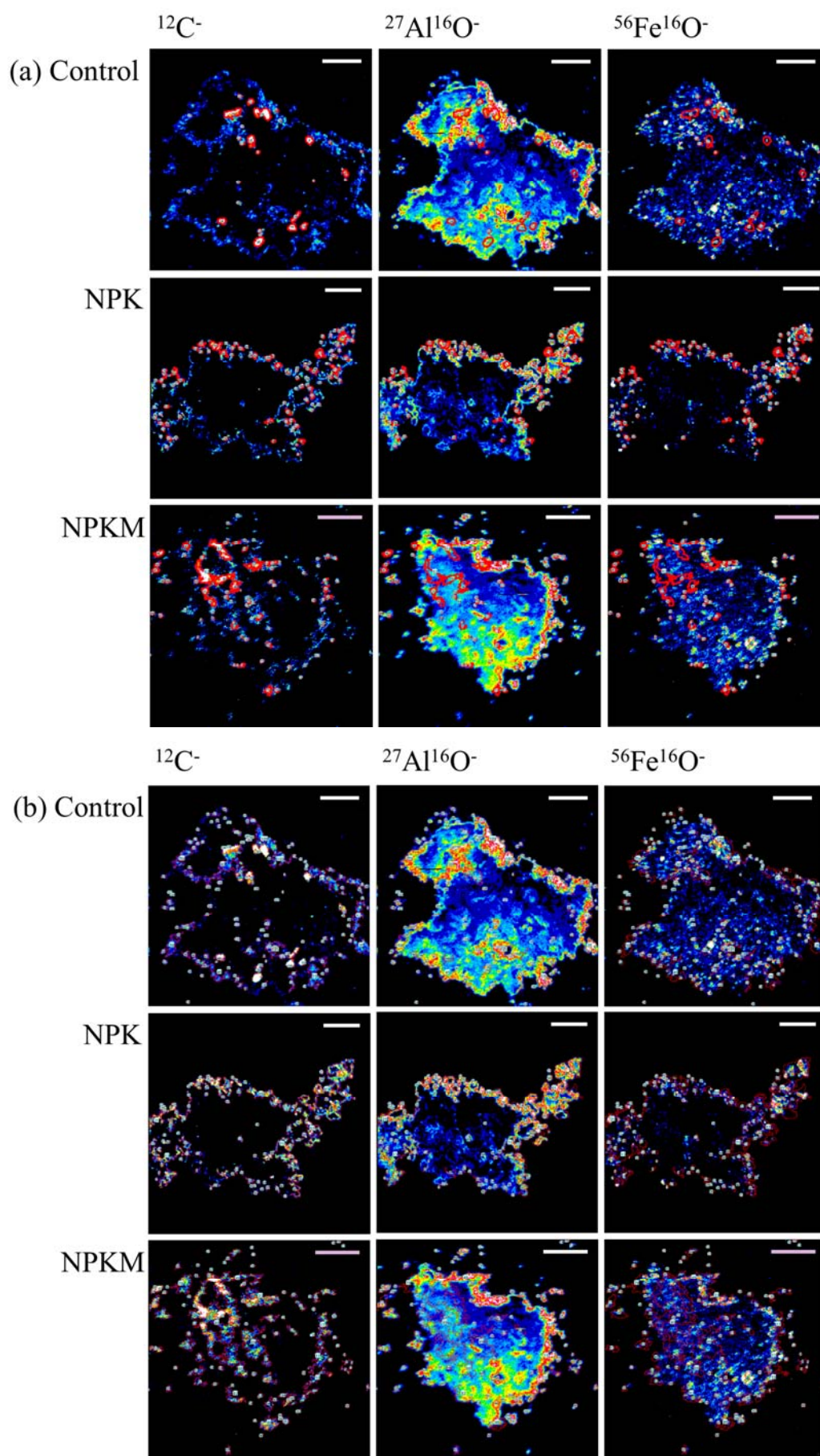
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**Fig. S1** Field fertilization layout and extracted soil (Ferralic Cambisol) colloids from three 24-year (1990-2014) long-term fertilization treatments. Control, no fertilization; NPK, chemical nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium fertilization; NPKM, chemical NPK plus swine manure fertilization.

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**Fig. S2** Region of interests (ROIs) (circled by red line) of  $^{12}\text{C}^-$ ,  $^{27}\text{Al}^{16}\text{O}^-$  and  $^{56}\text{Fe}^{16}\text{O}^-$  presenting on the NanoSIMS images in soil (Ferralic Cambisol) colloids extracted from three 24-year (1990-2014) long-term fertilization treatments. NanoSIMS images of (a) the  $^{12}\text{C}^-$  rich ROIs of  $^{12}\text{C}^-$ ,  $^{27}\text{Al}^{16}\text{O}^-$  and  $^{56}\text{Fe}^{16}\text{O}^-$  and of (b) the  $^{12}\text{C}^-$  less rich ROIs of  $^{12}\text{C}^-$ ,  $^{27}\text{Al}^{16}\text{O}^-$  and  $^{56}\text{Fe}^{16}\text{O}^-$ . Control, no fertilization,  $28 \times 28 \mu\text{m}^2$ ; NPK, chemical nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium fertilization,  $30 \times 30 \mu\text{m}^2$ ; NPKM, chemical NPK plus swine manure fertilization,  $25 \times 25 \mu\text{m}^2$ . Note that the color intensity calibration bar displayed in the chemical maps corresponds to the relative concentrations of individual elements, but cannot be used to compare one element to another. Bar =  $5 \mu\text{m}$ .

29 **Table S1. Annual fertilization rates between 1990 and 2014 in Qiyang, China <sup>a</sup>.**

| Treatment | Wheat                    |                             |                             |  | Corn                     |                             |                             |  |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
|           | N (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> ) | P<br>(kg ha <sup>-1</sup> ) | K<br>(kg ha <sup>-1</sup> ) | Swine manure<br>(Mg ha <sup>-1</sup> ) | N (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> ) | P<br>(kg ha <sup>-1</sup> ) | K<br>(kg ha <sup>-1</sup> ) | Swine manure<br>(Mg ha <sup>-1</sup> ) |
| Control   | 0                        | 0                           | 0                           | 0                                      | 0                        | 0                           | 0                           | 0                                      |
| NPK       | 27                       | 16                          | 31                          | 0                                      | 63                       | 37                          | 73                          | 0                                      |
| NPKM      | 90                       | 16                          | 31                          | 10-15                                  | 210                      | 37                          | 73                          | 25-35                                  |

<sup>a</sup>Note: N fertilizer was as urea, P as calcium superphosphate, K as KCl. Swine manure was calculated in fresh weight. Control, no fertilization; NPK, chemical nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium fertilization; NPKM, chemical NPK plus swine manure fertilization.

31 **Table S2. Quantification of  $^{12}\text{C}^-$  rich ( $^{12}\text{C}^-$ -R) and  $^{12}\text{C}^-$  less-rich ( $^{12}\text{C}^-$ -LR) region of interests (ROIs) <sup>a</sup>**

|           | $^{12}\text{C}^-$ Rich ROIs |        |                 |           | $^{12}\text{C}^-$ Less-Rich ROIs |                 |           |
|-----------|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
|           | Replicates                  | ROIs   | ROIs Area       | Intensity | ROIs                             | ROIs Area       | Intensity |
| Treatment | Number                      | Number | /Total area (%) | (Pixel)   | Number                           | /Total area (%) | (Pixel)   |
| Control   | 8                           | 312    | 7.47            | >90       | 457                              | 40.18           | 40-90     |
| NPK       | 6                           | 567    | 10.80           | >90       | 532                              | 27.64           | 40-90     |
| NPKM      | 6                           | 479    | 8.23            | >50       | 596                              | 37.99           | 30-50     |

<sup>a</sup>Note: Control, no fertilization; NPK, chemical nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium fertilization; NPKM, chemical NPK plus swine manure fertilization.

32 **Table S3. Fe mineral standards used in the fitting of Fe K-edge XANES spectra**

| <b>Fe mineral standards</b> | <b>Mineral type</b>         | <b>Chemical formula</b>   | <b>Origin</b>              | <b>References</b>                                    |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Ferrous sulfate</b>      | Inorganic<br>ferrous oxides | $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$                       | Aladdin, CAS:7782-63-0     | -  |
| <b>Ferrous oxalate</b>      | Organic<br>ferrous oxides   | $\text{FeC}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$              | Aladdin, CAS:6047-25-2     | -  |
| <b>Ferric sulfate</b>       | Inorganic<br>ferric oxides  | $\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$          | Aladdin, CAS:10028-22-5    | -  |
| <b>Ferric oxalate</b>       | Organic<br>ferric oxides    | $\text{Fe}_2(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ | Aladdin,<br>CAS: 2944-66-3 | -  |
| <b>Goethite</b>             | Iron Oxide                  | $\alpha\text{-FeOOH}$   | Synthetic                  | Schwertmann & Cornell (2007b)                        |
| <b>Hematite</b>             | Iron Oxide                  | $\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$                                  | Synthetic                  | Yen et al. (2002)<br>Schwertmann & Cornell (2007c)   |
| <b>Ferrihydrite</b>         | Iron Oxide                  | $\text{Fe}_5\text{HO}_8 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$              | Synthetic                  | Michelet al. (2007)<br>Schwertmann & Cornell (2007a) |
| <b>Maghemite</b>            | Iron Oxide                  | $\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$                                  | Synthetic                  | Wang et al. (2008)<br>Schwertmann & Cornell (2007d)  |

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