

1 **Supplementary material**

2 **Oxidative dissolution mechanism of both undoped and Gd₂O₃-doped UO₂(s) at alkaline to hyperalkaline**
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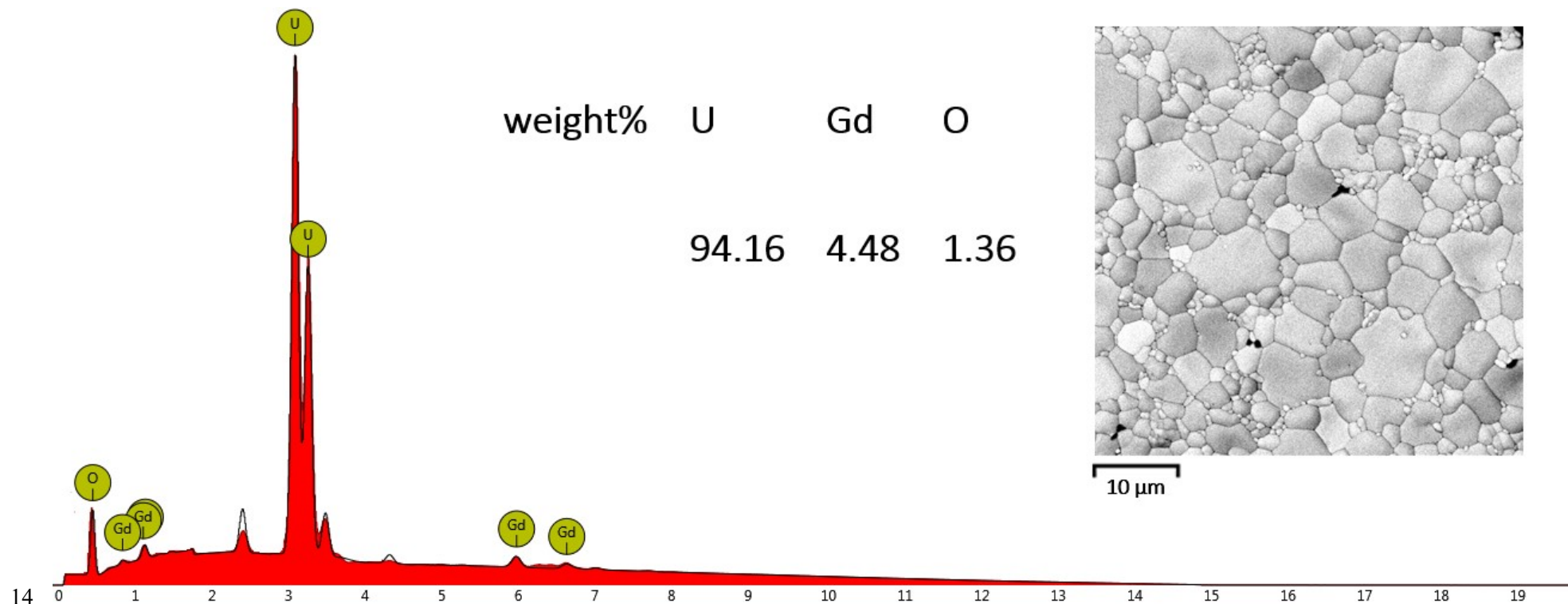
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12 **S1. Characterization of Gd₂O₃-UO₂ samples**

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Figure S1. Scanning electron micrograph and energy dispersive X-ray spectrum of UO₂ doped with 5% wt. of Gd₂O₃ after sintering.

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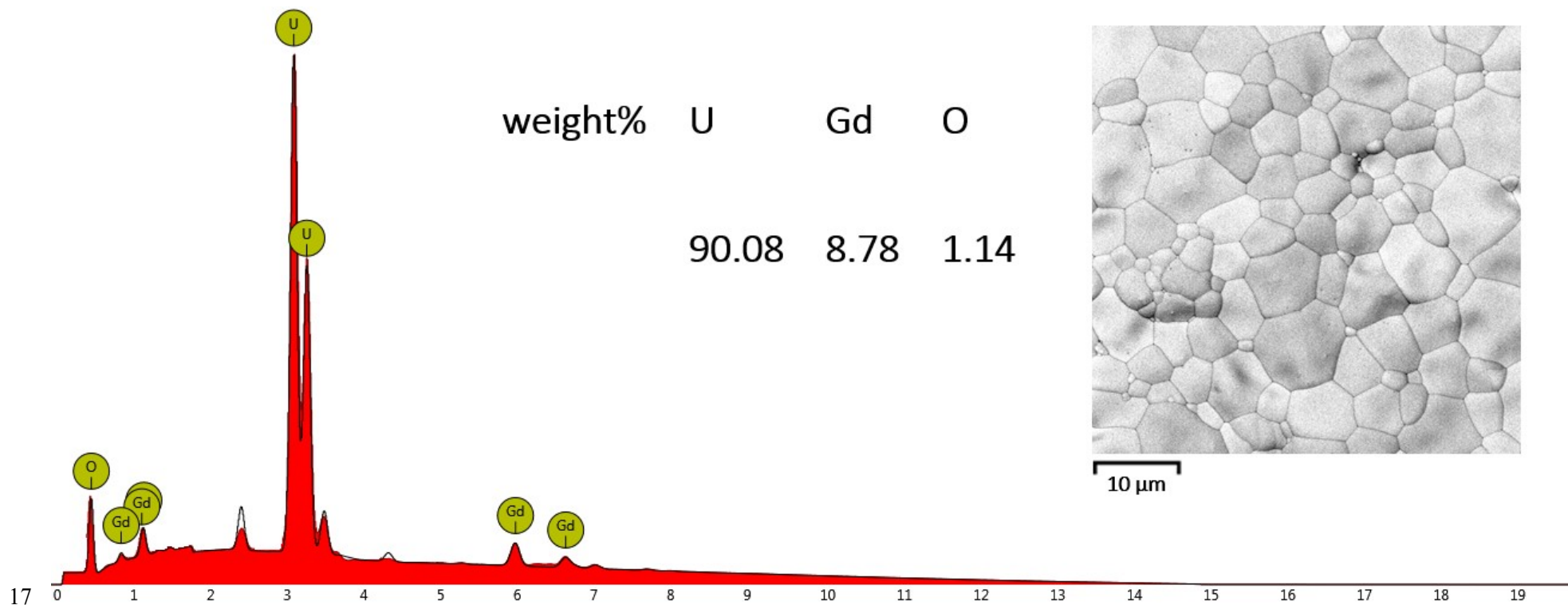
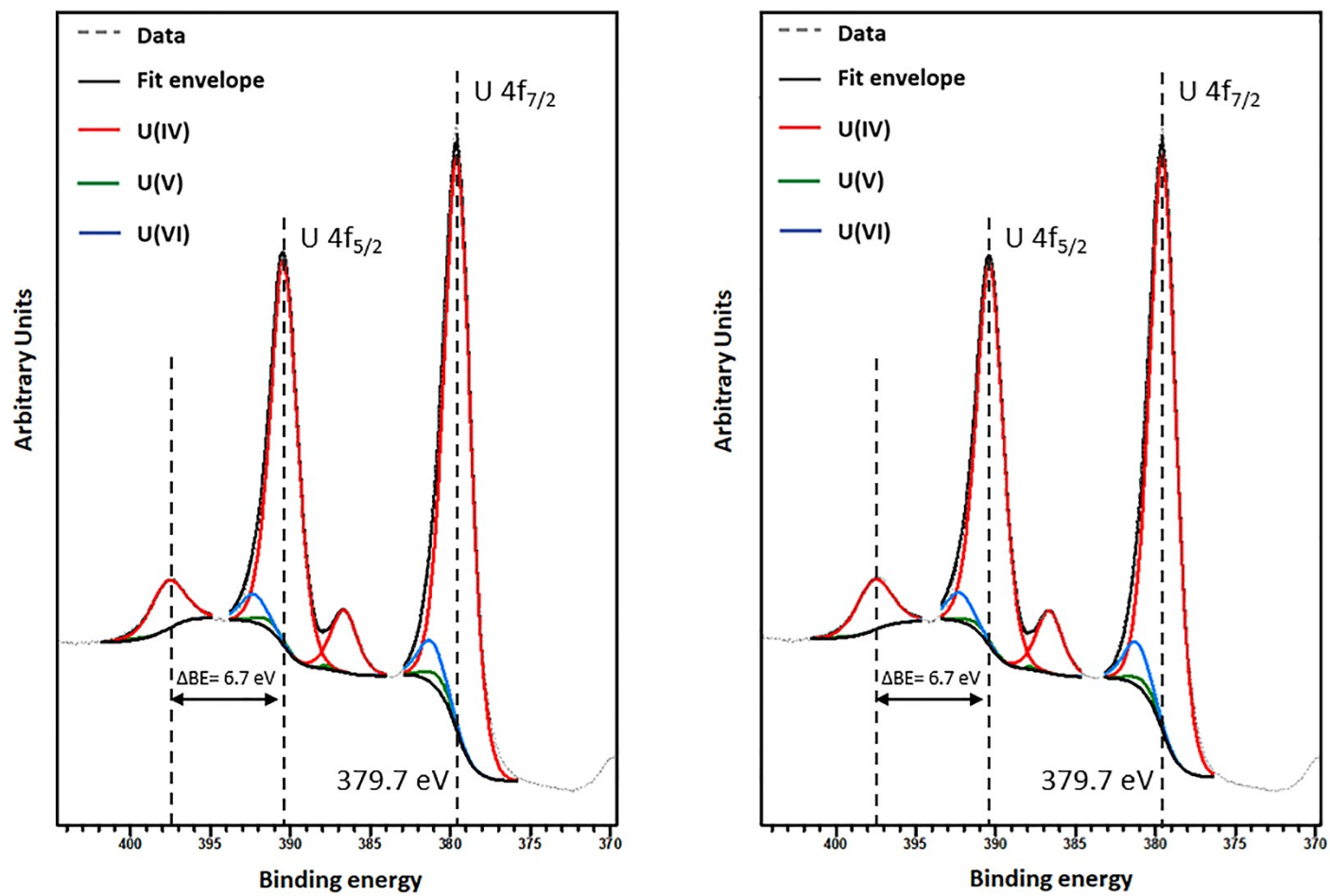


Figure S2. Scanning electron micrograph and energy dispersive X-ray spectrum of UO_2 doped with 10% wt. of Gd_2O_3 after sintering.



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23 **Figure S3.** U4f_{5/2} and U4f_{7/2} regions of the XPS spectra corresponding to the samples doped with 5% wt. of Gd₂O₃ (left) and doped with 10% wt. of Gd₂O₃ (right)

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after sintering. Both spectra exhibited the characteristic spectrum of UO₂