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4 **Mineralogy and crystal chemistry of Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, and Cu**
5 **in a deep-sea Pacific polymetallic nodule**

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20 **ABSTRACT**

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22 Minor-element concentrations in marine ferromanganese nodules are primarily controlled by
23 the mineralogy, which itself depends on redox conditions at the sediment-water interface. Results are
24 presented for the first in-depth X-ray microstructural and microspectroscopic investigation of a
25 mixed hydrogenetic-diagenetic nodule, which is representative of ferromanganese deposits on
26 abyssal plains. The measurements were conducted by micro X-ray diffraction and X-ray absorption

27 spectroscopy (both XANES and EXAFS) on homogeneous and diagenetic regions of the nodule. The
28 hydrogenetic-diagenetic interface was imaged by X-ray microfluorescence, after which regions of
29 interest were chosen to represent mineralogical and chemical transformations that occurred at the
30 early stage of suboxic diagenesis. In the hydrogenetic nodule (oxic environment), Mn is speciated as
31 Fe-vernadite, a nanocomposite material composed of intergrown ferrosiderite (δ -FeOOH) and
32 monodispersed phyllo-manganate layers having no interlayer Mn (vernadite). In the diagenetic nodule
33 (suboxic environment), Mn is speciated dominantly as Mg-rich 10Å-vernadite, which consists of a
34 random intergrowth of vernadite and its transformation product todorokite. The authigenic 10Å-
35 vernadite precipitated from the components of vernadite in Fe-vernadite that were dissolved in
36 suboxic microenvironments of the sediment. Direct evidence supporting a redox-driven dissolution
37 reaction is provided by the valence composition of Mn, as measured by micro-XANES, which is
38 $0.69\text{Mn}^{4+} + 0.24\text{Mn}^{3+} + 0.07\text{Mn}^{2+}$ (average = 3.62 ± 0.04 v.u.) for Fe-vernadite and $0.61\text{Mn}^{4+} +$
39 $0.23\text{Mn}^{3+} + 0.16\text{Mn}^{2+}$ (average 3.28 ± 0.04 v.u.) for 10Å-vernadite. Nickel and Cu, derived mainly
40 from dissolved vernadite and oxidized organic matter, replace structural $\text{Mn}^{3+/4+}$ in both the MnO_2
41 layer and todorokite domains of 10Å-vernadite. Pure todorokite in highly diagenetic regions of the
42 nodule has an average formula of $\text{Mg}_{0.167}^{2+}(\text{Mn}_{0.783}^{4+}\text{Mn}_{0.099}^{3+}\text{Co}_{0.002}^{3+}\text{Ni}_{0.076}^{2+}\text{Cu}_{0.040}^{2+})\text{O}_2 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$, with an
43 atomic ratio of $(\text{Cu}+\text{Ni}+\text{Co})/\text{Mn} = 0.13$ which is slightly lower than 0.167 (1/6), the maximum metal
44 uptake capacity reported for marine nodules. By analogy with synthetic todorokites we infer that
45 Mg^{2+} , which has a hydrated diameter close to that of the [3 x 3] tunnel, and Mn^{3+} and Cu^{2+} , which
46 prefer Jahn-Teller distorted octahedra, play a crucial role in templating the topotactic transformation
47 of 10Å-vernadite to todorokite and stabilizing todorokite in suboxic marine sediments.

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INTRODUCTION

Sediments from oxygenated deep-sea plains often are covered with ferromanganese nodules that are characteristically rich in Ni, Cu and Li (Goldberg 1954; Usui 1979; Jiang et al. 2007). Mean concentrations of Ni, Cu, and Li in abyssal areas of greatest economic interest are about 1.1-1.3, 0.6-1.1, and 0.01-0.03 wt. %, respectively (Hein et al. 2013). Deep-sea nodules acquire their major (Fe, Mn), minor (Ni, Cu), and trace (Co, Pb, Ce) metals from two sources, seawater (hydrogenetic) and pore fluids (diagenetic) (Price and Calvert 1970; Piper and Williamson 1981). Diagenetic nodules are characterized by a high Mn/Fe ratio (typically > 2.5), Ni and Cu enrichment, and a mineralogy dominated by 10Å-manganates (Halbach et al. 1981; Lei and Boström 1995). In contrast, hydrogenetic nodules are lower in Mn, Ni, and Cu, but higher in Fe and trace metals, and their mineralogy is dominated by Fe-vernadite, an intergrowth of feroxyhite (δ -FeOOH) with monodispersed phylломanganate layers (Burns and Burns 1975, 1979; Golden et al. 1986; Manceau and Combes 1988; Varentsov et al. 1991; Manceau et al. 1992). Although nodules occur that are solely hydrogenetic (e.g., on seamounts and sediment-free ridges) or diagenetic (e.g., in the southeastern Pacific) (Price and Calvert 1970), most show alternating micrometer laminae of the two genetic types (Margolis and Glasby 1973; Halbach et al. 1982). The rhythmic sequences of microlayers with different chemical and mineralogical characteristics are explained by variations of metal supply in the microenvironment of the accreting nodule surface. The hydrogenous component results from direct precipitation or accumulation of suspended nanoparticles from the bottom waters, whereas the diagenetic component results from oxic or suboxic diagenesis (Dymond et al. 1984). Under suboxic diagenetic conditions, such as are typical during microbial decomposition of organic matter, the redox potentials of the $\text{Mn}^{4+}/\text{Mn}^{2+}$ and the $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$ redox pairs lead to delayed dissolution of Fe oxides (e.g., feroxyhite) compared to Mn oxides (e.g., vernadite) (Lynn and Bonatti

75 1965; Calvert and Price 1977; Marchig and Gundlach 1981; Davison 1993). Divalent metal ions
76 released from dissolution of Mn oxides diffuse upward in interstitial waters and reprecipitate under
77 oxic diagenetic conditions at the sediment surface as 10Å-manganates around the accreting nodules.
78 Redox-driven separation of Fe and Mn in suboxic sediments is a common post-accretional early
79 diagenetic process also observed in shallow marine and lacustrine environments (Moore 1981;
80 Tazaki 2000; Hlawatsch et al. 2001, 2002).

81 The structure and chemical composition of the manganese oxide phases covered in the term
82 “10Å-manganates”, and the crystal chemistry of incorporated trace metals, are long-standing
83 questions of fundamental importance in marine mineralogy and geochemistry. We know from early
84 electron microscopy observations that todorokite, a tectomanganate with [3 x 3] tunnel structure
85 (Fig. 1) (Post and Bish 1988; Post et al. 2003), is the principal Mn mineral species in deep-sea
86 nodules transformed after deposition (Burns and Burns 1978a). Pure todorokite occurs typically in
87 submarine hydrothermal fields (Usui et al. 1986) and late diagenetic nodules (Martin-Barajas et al.
88 1991). However, in most common early diagenetic nodules todorokite co-exists with buserite
89 (Arrhenius and Tsai 1981; Ito et al. 1998), a phylломanganate which also has a 10 Å *d*-spacing
90 (Giovanoli et al. 1975). Buserite is a two-water (2W) layer hydrated form of the 7 Å mineral
91 birnessite (Fig. 2) (Post and Veblen 1990; Kuma et al. 1994; Drits et al. 1997; Lanson et al. 2000).
92 Synthetic buserite loses one water-layer (1W) and collapses to 7.1 Å at room temperature when it is
93 exchanged with Na⁺. When exchanged with Mg²⁺ or Ca²⁺, synthetic buserite collapses only at 110 °C
94 or in vacuum, a result of the higher ionic potential and greater negative enthalpy of hydration of
95 small divalent cations (Paterson et al. 1986; Johnson and Post 2006). Terrestrial buserites, which
96 generally contain a high proportion of Ca in their interlayer, collapse to 7.1 Å upon dehydration
97 (Usui and Mita 1995; Manceau et al. 2007). Most intriguingly, mineralogical analyses of marine
98 buserites show that they only partly collapse, which has been a source of uncertainty in their

99 characterization (Burns et al. 1983; Lei 1996; Bilinski et al. 2002). This partial collapse could not be
100 understood by X-ray diffraction (XRD), because the natural busserites are turbostratically disordered
101 in the *c* direction (no *hkl* reflections), similarly to vernadite (Giovanoli, 1980; Chukhrov et al. 1987).
102 For this reason and to be consistent with our previous terminology (Manceau et al. 2007), the terms
103 10Å-vernadite and 7Å-vernadite are used henceforth for randomly stacked busserite and randomly
104 stacked birnessite, respectively. Note that the non-stoichiometric MnO_{2-x} nanosheets occur only as
105 monolayers in Fe-vernadite, which is the reason why this heterogeneous phase has no basal
106 reflection in XRD.

107 The explanation for why marine busserites do not collapse completely is provided by high-
108 resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM). Images of natural todorokites show that the
109 dimension of the tunnels is uniformly equal to three chains of edge-shared [MnO₆] octahedra in the
110 [001] direction, as expected from the X-ray crystal structure, but is variable in the [100] direction
111 ranging from double (T[3,2]) to nonuple (T[3,9]) octahedral chains (Fig. 1) (Chukhrov et al. 1979,
112 1985; Turner and Buseck 1979, 1981; Turner et al. 1982; Siegel and Turner 1983; Bodei et al. 2007;
113 Xu et al. 2010). This observation has been linked to the loss of interlayer contractibility of marine
114 busserite, and interpreted in terms of structural transformation during diagenetic reactions (Usui et al.
115 1989; Mellin and Lei 1993). In seawater, crystallographic rearrangement would begin with Mg-
116 saturation of 10Å-vernadite and proceed gradually to ideal todorokite. Because the hydrated diameter
117 of the Mg ions (8.6 Å) matches the nominal [3 x 3] tunnel size of todorokite, the Mg ions act as
118 spacers between the pillars of the transforming octahedral sheets (Fig. 1). Thus, the Mg density in the
119 [100] direction is essential in controlling the lateral width of the tunnels (Bodei et al. 2007). The
120 amount of Mg²⁺ is a function of the layer charge, which itself depends on the extent of Mn³⁺ for
121 Mn⁴⁺ substitution in the octahedral sheets. In addition, the Mn³⁺ cations, similarly to Ni²⁺ and Cu²⁺,
122 likely enhance the stability of todorokite by occupying the larger edge sites of the triple chains, and

123 therefore also play a key role in the authigenic formation of todorokite (Burns et al. 1985; Post and
124 Bish 1988; Post et al. 2003; Bodei et al. 2007; Cui et al. 2008).

125 Todorokite has been crystallized from a 10Å-phyllomanganate precursor in the laboratory
126 (Golden et al. 1986; Feng et al. 2004; Cui et al. 2006). This does not mean, however, that all stable
127 marine 10Å-manganates are either todorokite or pillared vernadites. Some authors consider that 10Å-
128 vernadite is composed of two populations, one called “buserite-I” which transforms to 7Å-vernadite
129 upon dehydration, and another called “buserite-II” that contains a high amount of interlayer cations
130 above vacancy sites which prevents this variety of phyllomanganate from collapsing to 7.1 Å (Fig. 2)
131 (Novikov and Bogdanova 2007 ; Pal'chik et al. 2011). Yet another mineralogical complexity and
132 source of confusion is the occurrence of asbolane and mixed-layer absolane-buserite as additional
133 10Å-manganates oxide phases in some marine ferromanganese concretions (Chukhrov et al. 1982,
134 1983; Manceau et al. 1992).

135 The crystal chemistry of Co, Ni, Ce, and Pb in marine ferromanganese oxides is generally well-
136 known, in contrast to Cu which has not been explored. It is established that Co is trivalent and
137 incorporated into the phyllomanganate layer of Fe-vernadite by replacement of Mn, whereas Pb is
138 bound to both the Fe and Mn components of Fe-vernadite (Burns 1976; Takahashi et al. 2007).
139 Cerium is tetravalent and also associated with the vernadite component, like Co (Takahashi et al.
140 2000), but how it is incorporated in the phyllomanganate structure is unknown, in contrast to Co
141 (Manceau et al. 1997). Nickel is inside the MnO₂ layers of marine 7Å- and 10Å-vernadite, and also
142 in the todorokite structure (Fig. 1, 3) (Bodei et al. 2007; Peacock and Sherman 2007a). Burns et al.
143 (1985) postulated that Cu²⁺, like Ni, occupies edge sites in todorokite. Copper also may be
144 substituted for Mn in the vernadite layer, as suggested from Cu-sorption experiments on δ-MnO₂
145 (synthetic vernadite) conducted at pH 8 (Sherman and Peacock 2010).

146 The goal of this study is to better understand the hydrogenetic to diagenetic transformation
147 through microscopic analyses of the chemical composition, mineralogy, and crystal chemistry of a
148 deep-sea ferromanganese nodule. The nodule was examined previously and is representative of
149 abyssal nodules altered by post-depositional remobilization of Mn relative to Fe accompanied by Ni
150 and Cu enrichment (Takahashi et al. 2007). Here, the hydrogenetic-diagenetic interface was
151 characterized at the micrometer scale using X-ray fluorescence (μ -SXRF), X-ray diffraction (μ -
152 XRD), and X-ray absorption spectroscopy (both μ -XANES and μ -EXAFS). Manganese and Cu are
153 the main focus of the XAS component of the present study. We used Mn-XANES to seek direct
154 evidence for a redox signature of the transformation of diagenetic Fe-vernadite to 10Å-vernadite and
155 todorokite. Mn-EXAFS was used to determine the local structure of Mn in Fe-vernadite, and Cu-
156 EXAFS to determine the forms and crystal chemistry of Cu in the hydrogenetic and diagenetic parts
157 of the nodule.

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159 MATERIALS AND METHODS

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161 Experimental sample synthesis

162 The synthesis procedure and characterization of the birnessite, vernadite (chemical and biogenic
163 δ -MnO₂), and Co- and Ni-containing references were described previously (Manceau et al. 1997;
164 Silvester et al., 1997; Villalobos et al. 2006; Bodeř et al. 2007; Grangeon et al. 2010). A set of Cu-
165 sorbed phylломanganates were synthesized at different pH, surface loading, and surface area (i.e.,
166 layer dimension) to enable the identification of the unknown uptake mechanism of Cu in the
167 diagenetic nodule. The list of reference materials, their synthesis conditions, and the crystal
168 chemistry of Cu within them, are summarized in Table 2. The surface area was varied by using well-
169 crystallized birnessite (HBi and TcBi) and nanoparticulate δ -MnO₂ (dBi) as sorbents. The birnessite

170 platelets have a lateral dimension of 1-2 μm (Tournassat et al. 2002) and the $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ particles 5-10
171 nm (Grangeon et al. 2012). In HBi, metal sorption is dominated by vacancies on the layer surface,
172 which can be either capped (TC complex) or filled (E complex) by the metal, and in $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ by
173 vacancies and also edge sites at the layer edge owing to the small layer dimension (Manceau et al.
174 2007; Takahashi et al. 2007).

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176 **Deep sea ferromanganese nodule**

177 The abyssal ferromanganese nodule D465 was collected at 5968 m water depth in a central
178 Pacific sedimentary basin (location 09°03.40'N, 174° 04.10W) during the Hakurei-maru GH80-5
179 cruise expedition. The heterogeneous nodule consists of a hydrogenetic core surrounded by a
180 diagenetic rim. The hydrogenetic-diagenetic interface was identified visually and two fragments,
181 each one centimeter in length across the interface, were impregnated in resin. One sample was
182 polished and carbon-coated for electron probe microanalysis (EPMA), and the other bonded to a
183 glass slide, sectioned at a thickness of 30 microns, polished, and peeled off the glass substrate to
184 facilitate transmission-mode $\mu\text{-XRD}$. EPMA was performed with a JEOL JXA-8200, running at 15
185 keV acceleration voltage and using a 5 μm -sized beam. In backscattered electron imaging, the
186 hydrogenetic-diagenetic interface shows numerous interspersed microlayers of each type of
187 accretionary deposit and precipitates with a typical cauliflower-type growth pattern (Supplementary
188 Fig. 1) (Halbach et al. 1982). Four regions, each about 1 mm in lateral dimension, were surveyed and
189 60 spots in hydrogenetic (opaque gray) and diagenetic (bright gray) regions were selected for
190 analysis. Dark gray regions corresponding to clay phases were not analyzed. Major and minor
191 element concentrations are given in Supplementary Table 1.

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193 **X-ray data collection and analysis**

194 Synchrotron X-ray measurements were performed in air on the X-ray microprobe 10.3.2 at the
195 Advanced Light Source (ALS) (Marcus et al. 2004). Three SXRF maps were recorded at a scanning
196 resolution of $5 \times 5 \mu\text{m}^2$ (Map 1, 32373 pixels), $10 \times 10 \mu\text{m}^2$ (Map 2, 8775 pixels), and $15 \times 15 \mu\text{m}^2$
197 (Map 3, 32702 pixels), and a beam size adjusted from $10 \times 7 \mu\text{m}^2$ (Maps 2 and 3) to $5 \times 5 \mu\text{m}^2$ (Map
198 1), $V \times H$ FWHM, not to over-sample the data. The distributions of Ce, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, and Pb
199 were imaged by scanning the sample under a monochromatic beam and measuring the intensity of
200 the $K\alpha$ (Mn, Co, Ni, Cu), $K\beta$ (Fe) and $L\alpha$ (Ce, Pb) fluorescence lines with a 7-element Ge solid-state
201 detector and a counting time of 100–500 ms per pixel. To eliminate fluorescence overlap, the
202 intensities of the Ce($L\alpha$), Co($K\alpha$), and Pb($L\alpha$) lines were measured by recording for each element
203 one map above and another below their absorption edges (5730 eV and 5714 eV for Ce L_3 -edge,
204 7731 eV and 7710 eV for Co K-edge, and 12985 eV and 13085 eV for Pb L_3 -edge) and calculating
205 the difference maps (Manceau et al. 2002b). The Fe($K\beta$) radiation was measured below the Co K-
206 edge to eliminate the Fe($K\beta$) contamination by the Co($K\alpha$) fluorescence. The fluorescence yield was
207 normalized against the incident intensity I_0 and the counting time. Elemental concentrations were
208 calculated from EPMA, not from SXRF data because of the difficulties inherent to this type of
209 quantification with X-rays.

210 From visual comparison of elemental distributions, points-of-interest (POIs) were selected for μ -
211 XRD and X-ray absorption measurements at the Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, and Cu K-edges. Transmission-
212 mode μ -XRD patterns were recorded with a Bruker 6000 CCD binned to 1024×1024 pixels at 17
213 keV incident X-ray energy and $16 \times 7 \mu\text{m}$ beam size. The two-dimensional XRD patterns were
214 calibrated with corundum (α - Al_2O_3) and integrated to one-dimensional patterns with the Fit2d code
215 (Hammersley et al. 1996). X-ray absorption spectra were measured in transmission mode at the Mn
216 and Fe K-edge and in fluorescence-yield mode at the Co, Ni and Cu K-edges. To avoid possible
217 radiation damage, only one spectrum was collected at each spot. Unless otherwise indicated, several

218 single-scan spectra were recorded at distant spots having similar compositions and mineralogy, as
219 seen on the SXRF maps and from μ -XRD patterns, and averaged.

220 Powder XRD patterns were recorded at ambient condition and in-vacuum with a Bruker D5000
221 diffractometer equipped with a Cu anode and a Kevex Si(Li) solid state detector. Samples were
222 mounted in an Anton Paar TTK450 chamber attached to the diffractometer. A first pattern was
223 recorded at ambient condition, then a second after in-situ dehydration realized by purging air for six
224 hours with a turbomolecular pump. Some dehydrated samples were rehydrated in-situ in air at room
225 temperature for several hours and a new pattern recorded.

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227 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

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229 **Chemical composition**

230 EPMA analyses show a clear inverse relationship of Ni and Cu, on the one hand, and Co, Ce,
231 and Pb, on the other hand, with the Mn/Fe ratio (Fig. 4). Ni and Cu concentrations increase sharply at
232 Mn/Fe \sim 2.5, which divides purely hydrogenetic nodules from those that experienced the beginning
233 of early diagenetic transformation (Halbach et al. 1981), and plateau above Mn/Fe $>$ 10. The
234 average concentrations are Ni = 0.37 (σ = 0.23) and Cu = 0.42 (σ = 0.18) wt. % in Mn/Fe $<$ 2.5
235 regions (n = 26), and Ni = 3.06 (σ = 0.38) and Cu = 2.08 (σ = 0.37) wt. % in Mn/Fe $>$ 10 regions (n
236 = 12). In contrast, maximum amounts of Co, Ce, and Pb occur in hydrogenetic regions, where
237 average concentrations are 0.24 (σ = 0.06), 0.09 (σ = 0.02), and 0.06 (σ = 0.02) wt. %, respectively.
238 These elements average 1/3 to 1/2 these amounts in diagenetic regions, but fluctuations are large.
239 The average EPMA results for the five trace metals coincide with previous chemical analyses of
240 seafloor nodules (Piper and Williamson 1981; Dymond et al. 1984; Lei and Boström 1995; Hein and
241 Koschinsky 2012). Interestingly, the change of metal concentration at the onset of the diagenetic

242 transformation is accompanied by a five-fold increase of Mg (0.84 to 4.06 wt. %) and a two-fold
243 decrease of Ca (2.38 to 1.31 wt. %). Because the two alkaline earth divalent cations compensate the
244 layer charge of phyllosulfates (Kuma et al. 1994), Mg is likely exchanged for Ca. However, the
245 exchange is not equimolar; more Mg atoms seem to be introduced than Ca atoms are removed. We
246 will return to this point when discussing the spectroscopic data.

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248 **Metal distribution**

249 Micro-SXRF imaging of Mn, Fe, and trace metals confirms the clear chemical distinction of the
250 two general types of nodules (Figs. 5 and 6, Supplementary Fig. 2). Three distinct associations are
251 seen when Ni or Cu is added in red to the bicolor representation of the two elements: green for Fe
252 (gFe) and blue for Mn (bMn). The diagenetic areas appear magenta, the hydrogenetic areas appear
253 violet, and some areas remain green. The green areas also remain unchanged when Ce, Co, or Pb are
254 added in red instead of Ni or Cu. Therefore, the nodule contains two main pools of Fe, one
255 associated with Mn in a Mn/Fe ratio < 2.5 wt. % and with Ce, Co, and Pb, and one without any Mn
256 and poor in trace metals. Accordingly, the Mn-free Fe pool appears black when only Mn is
257 represented on the SXRF map (bMn image of Fig. 5a). The two Fe pools are also distinguished on
258 the correlation graphs between the $K\alpha(\text{Fe})$ and $K\alpha(\text{Mn})$ intensities (Fig. 7). They correspond to the
259 groups of points labeled C (clay) and H (hydrogenetic) in Figure 7. Neither the C nor the H fields
260 shows a correlation between Fe and Mn, which suggests that Fe and Mn are in different mineral
261 species. Although depleted in Fe (Mn/Fe > 2.5), the diagenetic D field shows a negative relationship
262 between Fe and Mn. This observation provides a hint that two Mn phases likely co-exist in
263 diagenetic regions, one associated with Fe similar to the H pool, and another which is Fe-free. We
264 deduce from these observations that Fe and Mn each exists in two distinct mineralogical forms. This
265 inference is confirmed below from the X-ray diffraction and absorption results.

266 The inverse relationship of Co, Ce, Pb to Ni, Cu as a function of the Mn/Fe ratio observed in
267 Figure 4 by EPMA is neatly demonstrated with bicolor representations. When Ni is green and Co or
268 Pb is red, all colored regions appear monochromatic with no apparent variation in hue (Figs. 5 and
269 Supplementary 2). However, EPMA analysis indicates that the three metals occur everywhere in the
270 Fe-Mn regions. In reality the green and red colors are mixed but secondary hues are faint and cannot
271 been seen by eye alone. A quantitative approach is to calculate correlations of the fluorescence
272 intensities on a pixel-by-pixel basis (Table 1). Calculations show that Ni is moderately anti-
273 correlated with both Pb ($r(\text{Ni-Pb}) = -0.42$ and -0.36 and Co ($r(\text{Ni-Co}) = -0.37$ and -0.42 , in
274 agreement with the incomplete separation of metals in the hydrogenetic and diagenetic regions.
275 However, element correlations are misleading in heterogeneous materials that have multiple
276 populations of the same element, each with its own pattern of association. This is the case for Co,
277 which is better correlated to Fe ($r(\text{Co-Fe}) = 0.77$ and 0.54) than to Mn ($r(\text{Co-Mn}) = -0.16$ and -0.44)
278 simply because there are places where Mn is associated with Fe and Co (hydrogenetic regions), and
279 places where Mn occurs alone (diagenetic regions). Early observation of the Co correlation with Fe
280 was interpreted incorrectly to result from the isomorphic substitution of Co^{3+} for Fe^{3+} in ferric
281 oxyhydroxides (Burns and Fuerstenau 1966; Lei and Boström 1995) and from the specific adsorption
282 and oxidation of Co^{2+} to Co^{3+} on siliceous ferric oxyhydroxides particles (Halbach et al. 1982).

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284 **Mineralogy**

285 **Fe phases.** Sixteen μ -XRD patterns and μ -SXRF spectra were recorded at POIs in Fe regions
286 from the three SXRF maps shown in Figures 5 and 6, and Supplementary Figure 2. Iron is essentially
287 present in association with vernadite in the H regions and with dioctahedral smectite in the C (clay)
288 regions (Fig. 8a). Goethite also was detected in some spots. The Fe-vernadite pattern is characterized
289 by broad reflections at $2.455(1) \text{ \AA}$ (100 reflection) and $1.420(1) \text{ \AA}$ (110 reflection) from the

290 phyllomanganate component, and two broad reflections at ~ 2.20 Å and 1.70 Å from the Fe
291 oxyhydroxide component (Varentsov et al. 1991; Manceau et al. 1992, 2007). When observed, the
292 basal reflections at 9.6 Å (001) and 4.8 Å (002) from the vernadite component are faint because the
293 stacking of the Mn layers is disrupted by the epitaxial intergrowth of the Fe nanoparticles (Burns and
294 Burns 1975, 1979; Golden et al. 1988; Manceau and Combes 1988). The composite assemblage has a
295 $K\alpha(\text{Mn})/K\alpha(\text{Fe})$ ratio ranging typically from 1.0 to 1.2, consistent with EPMA analysis (Fig. 8b).
296 The nature of the Fe nanophase was further characterized by Fe K-edge EXAFS spectroscopy. The
297 best spectral match to our Fe (oxyhydr)oxide database (Manceau and Drits 1993) was obtained with
298 feroxyhite ($\delta\text{-FeOOH}$) (Supplementary Fig. 3). Ferrihydrite, which has a distinct EXAFS signature at
299 $k = 5.30$ Å⁻¹ and 7.60 Å⁻¹ (Manceau 2011), is an incompatible model.

300 In C regions, diffraction maxima and scattering profiles at $10\text{-}13$ Å, 4.48 Å, 2.57 Å, 2.40 Å, and
301 1.50 Å match known 001 and $hk0$ reflections of aluminous dioctahedral smectites (Fig. 8a). In some
302 cases, the 060 reflection is a doublet with one maximum at 1.500 Å and another at 1.514 Å
303 (Supplementary Fig. 4). The 1.514 Å reflection is intermediate between those of aluminous (1.500
304 Å) and ferric (1.52 Å) smectites, namely montmorillonite/beidellite and nontronite (Brindley and
305 Brown 1980; Badaut et al. 1985; Srodon et al. 2001). Nontronite with $d(060)$ spacings of 1.518 Å
306 and 1.521 Å was reported in marine Fe-Mn crusts (Dekov et al. 2011). Because of this previous
307 report of nontronite, and because the intensity of the 1.514 Å reflection varied with the intensity of
308 the Fe($K\alpha$) signal measured simultaneously on the same spots (Vespa et al. 2010), the 1.514 Å
309 reflection is attributed here to dioctahedral (Fe,Al)-smectite. It follows from coupled $\mu\text{-XRD}$ and $\mu\text{-}$
310 SXRF that Fe occurs in smectite as a substitutional cation and in the precipitates as nanocrystalline
311 feroxyhite. This is the first time that the two Fe forms have been identified in-situ in an intact nodule.
312 Only the second mineral species is potentially metalliferous because $\mu\text{-SXRF}$ imaging showed that
313 the clay-rich regions have no trace metals.

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315 **Mn phases.** Micro XRD patterns were collected on 22 diagenetic spots from the three μ -SXRF
316 maps. A clear relationship was observed between the Fe concentration and the XRD trace. The XRD
317 pattern of the high Fe end-member resembles the Fe-vernadite pattern, with a decrease in the
318 feroxyhite component as the Fe content declines. The low Fe end-member is a mixture of 10Å-
319 vernadite and todorokite (Fig. 8a). Todorokite has a prominent diffraction line at 2.40 Å, observed as
320 a second maximum to the right of the 100 reflection from 10Å-vernadite. In addition, todorokite has
321 reflections in the 2.2-1.7 Å interval, which modulate the pattern of vernadite between the 100 and
322 110 reflections differently from feroxyhite in Fe-vernadite. The increase of todorokite with a
323 decrease of Fe observed at high diffraction angle is accompanied at low angle by the enhancement of
324 the 001 and 002 basal reflections at 9.6-9.7 Å and 4.8 Å (Supplementary Fig. 5). The 7.1 Å (001) and
325 3.5 Å (002) basal reflections from the one-water (1W) layer hydrated form (7Å-vernadite) are
326 observed in some patterns, but the 2W sets of reflections always prevails.

327 The reinforcement of the 00 l reflections with increasing amounts of todorokite probably results
328 from the pillaring with triple octahedral chains of the interlayer space of the phylломanganate, as
329 reported previously for a deep-sea nodule from a low-temperature hydrothermal field (Fig. 1) (Bodei
330 et al. 2007). The two types of MnO_{2-x} interlayers, those fully hydrated and those whose adjacent
331 layers are bridged with triple chain pillars, can be distinguished by dehydration in vacuum or heating
332 to 80-150 °C, similarly to 2W/1W smectites (Yoshikawa 1991; Ferrage et al. 2005; Manceau et al.
333 2007). For technical reasons, dehydration could not be performed in-situ during the synchrotron
334 measurements, therefore a fragment of nodule taken from the outer region was dehydrated in vacuum
335 in the laboratory. Several marine Mn oxides, chosen to represent the variety of manganese minerals
336 observed in diagenetic and hydrothermal environments (todorokite, hexagonal birnessite, asbolane),
337 also were analyzed by powder XRD at room condition and in vacuum for comparison and to

338 ascertain that no important Mn phases had been missed (Supplementary Fig. 6). At room condition,
339 the D465 powder appears to be composed of Fe-vernadite and 10Å-vernadite. Todorokite is not
340 detected at high diffraction angle, and only indirectly at low angle from the high intensity of the two
341 basal reflections from 10Å-vernadite. The removal in vacuum of one water layer causes the 10 Å
342 reflection from the 2W layers to shift to 6.7 Å, and the pillared crystallites to collapse to 8.9 Å,
343 thereby revealing the presence of todorokite. In hydrothermal nodules containing a high proportion
344 of well-crystallized todorokite, the basal reflection decreases less in vacuum, from 9.6-9.7 Å to 9.3-
345 9.4 Å (Supplementary Fig. 6). The greater decrease of 9.6-9.7 Å to 8.9 Å observed in the D465
346 nodule is related to the incomplete topotactic transformation of 10Å-vernadite to todorokite at the
347 early stage of the diagenetic reaction. Comparison with the mineralogy of hydrothermal nodules
348 shows the absence of hexagonal birnessite, which is a *c*-ordered form of 7Å-vernadite (Drits et al.
349 1997), and also asbolane, which has a mixed-layer structure (Supplementary Fig. 6) (Manceau et al.
350 1992).

351 Fe-vernadite and 10Å-vernadite both have a $d(100) / d(110)$ ratio of $2.455(1) / 1.420(1) \sim \sqrt{3}$,
352 which indicates that the phyllosilicate layers have hexagonal symmetry with $a = b = 2.84$ Å.
353 This metric parameter needs to be corrected for diffraction effects, which shift the maximum of the
354 two $hk0$ reflections to higher scattering angles (i.e., lower d values) for nanosized compared to
355 larger-sized materials (Supplementary Fig. 7) (Manceau et al. 2013). The actual value, obtained by
356 X-ray simulation, is $b = 2.85$ Å. Because Mn^{3+} is larger than Mn^{4+} , the layer dimension can be used
357 to estimate the amount of Mn^{3+} in the MnO_{2-x} octahedral sheets, with the provision that b also
358 depends on the density of vacancies. Natural vernadite with no layer Mn^{3+} has an apparent b value of
359 2.83 Å (Manceau et al. 2007), and an actual value of 2.84 Å. Synthetic vernadite ($\delta\text{-MnO}_2$)
360 equilibrated at pH 10 has 12% layer Mn^{3+} , 10% vacancies, and a corrected b parameter of 2.853 Å
361 (Lanson et al. 2000; Manceau et al. 2013). Synthetic hexagonal birnessite (HBi) equilibrated at pH 4

362 has 13% Mn³⁺ in its layer, 17% vacancies, and a *b* parameter of 2.848 Å. On the basis of this
363 comparison, the nodule vernadite has about 10-15% layer Mn³⁺.

364 The valence states of Mn in Fe-vernadite and 10Å-vernadite were measured by XANES
365 spectroscopy and determined using an extended database of reference spectra (Manceau et al. 2012).
366 The XANES spectra for the two phylломanganates are compared in Figure 9a. Fe-vernadite has a
367 greater white line corresponding to Mn⁴⁺, and 10Å-vernadite a broad shoulder in the rising part of
368 the edge, which is distinctive of Mn²⁺. Trivalent Mn appears in Mn-XANES spectra as a shoulder
369 below the edge maximum. The rounded maximum of the 10Å-vernadite spectrum is suggestive of a
370 higher proportion of Mn³⁺. Spectral features are better discerned in the derivative spectra. The
371 derivative of Fe-vernadite closely matches that of the HBi reference, which has the nominal formula
372 $\text{Mn}_{0.11}^{3+}\text{Mn}_{0.055}^{2+}\text{H}_{0.33}^{+}(\text{Mn}_{0.722}^{4+}\text{Mn}_{0.11}^{3+}\square_{0.167})\text{O}_2 \cdot 0.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Lanson et al. 2000) (Fig. 9b). The valence
373 composition of HBi determined previously by XANES is $0.69\text{Mn}^{4+} + 0.24\text{Mn}^{3+} + 0.07\text{Mn}^{2+}$ (average
374 = 3.62) (Manceau et al. 2012). The sensitivity of the XANES derivatives to the Mn valence is shown
375 in Figures 9c and 9d with the hexagonal birnessite reference KBi8 (average = 3.83) and todorokite
376 (average = 3.72). Triclinic birnessite is an incompatible model because it gives a distinct derivative,
377 as shown in Figure 3 of Manceau et al. (2012). The best agreement between 10Å-vernadite and
378 reference spectra was obtained with a biogenic phylломanganate of valence composition $0.61\text{Mn}^{4+} +$
379 $0.23\text{Mn}^{3+} + 0.16\text{Mn}^{2+}$ (Fig. 9e). However, the 10Å-vernadite spectrum has a lower amplitude at 6557
380 eV (Mn⁴⁺) and a higher amplitude at 6547 eV (Mn³⁺) than the reference, which is indicative of a
381 more reduced state in the sample. Since the 10Å-vernadite spectrum did not match exactly any entry
382 in our spectral library, its valence composition was calculated by least-squares fitting of its spectrum
383 to our complete database under the constraint of non-negativity in the loadings (Combo fit). This
384 approach is more robust than regression analysis with a limited set of model compounds, because
385 irrelevant references, which give negative loadings, are removed from the fit. The result is 0.39Mn^{4+}

386 + 0.50Mn³⁺ + 0.11Mn²⁺ (average = 3.28), in agreement with phenomenological observations (Fig.
387 9f).

388 Having shown that Mn had the same average oxidation state in Fe-vernadite and HBi,
389 mineralogical characterization was pursued by comparing its local structure in the two minerals by
390 Mn K-edge EXAFS spectroscopy. Not surprisingly, the two spectra resemble those of
391 phyllomanganates with hexagonal layer structure (Fig. 10a) (Villalobos et al. 2006). The Mn³⁺ and
392 Mn⁴⁺ cations are not ordered in the MnO₂ layer, as in some bioprecipitated Mn oxides (Webb et al.
393 2005), otherwise the oscillation at $k = 8.1 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ would show the double antinode feature observed in
394 triclinic birnessite (Gaillot et al. 2003, 2007; Manceau 2004). Also, it is known that when there is
395 interlayer Mn octahedra that share corners with the layer octahedra, a shoulder appears at $k = 6.5 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$
396 and a peak in the Fourier transform magnitude at $R + \Delta R = 3 \text{ \AA}$ (Manceau et al. 1997; Silvester et al.
397 1997; Gaillot et al. 2003). The two structural fingerprints are observed in HBi, which has 17%
398 interlayer Mn, but not in the hydrogenetic nodule (Figs. 10a and 10b). The local structure of Mn in
399 the diagenetic nodule was not examined by this technique because Mn is present in 10Å-vernadite
400 and todorokite.

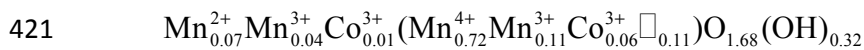
401 We conclude from our XRD, Mn-XANES and Mn-EXAFS investigation that the Mn is in the
402 form of a turbostratic phyllomanganate (i.e., vernadite) with no interlayer Mn in the hydrogenetic
403 nodule, and in turbostratic phyllomanganate and todorokite in the diagenetic nodule. The average
404 oxidation state of Mn is 3.62 ± 0.04 v.u. in the first region and 3.28 ± 0.04 v.u. in the second. The
405 fraction of Mn³⁺ to total Mn in Fe-vernadite is estimated to be 10-15% using diffraction (b
406 parameter) and 23% using XANES spectroscopy. The difference probably falls within the range of
407 compositional variability of this poorly-ordered and non-stoichiometric nanophase. Diagenetic MnO₂
408 has more Mn³⁺ in its structure than Fe-vernadite. The higher charge deficit introduced by Mn³⁺, but

409 also by Ni and Cu (see below), for Mn⁴⁺ substitution in diagenetic MnO₂ is consistent with the
410 increase of Mg measured by EPMA (Fig. 4).

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412 **Crystal chemistry of trace metals**

413 **Co and Ni.** We examine now how Co and Ni are incorporated in the ferromanganese nodule.
414 One Co-EXAFS spectrum was recorded in the hydrogenetic region and one Ni-EXAFS spectrum in
415 the diagenetic region of Map 1. Measurements were not repeated on different spots because the two
416 spectra appeared to confirm what was largely expected of the structural forms of the two metals; that
417 is, the incorporation of Co as Co³⁺ into the vernadite layer by replacement of Mn, and the
418 partitioning of Ni between vernadite and todorokite (Bodei et al. 2007; Takahashi et al. 2007). The
419 first mechanism is demonstrated in Figure 10c by comparing the hydrogenetic Co-EXAFS spectrum
420 with the spectra of two references, a Co-sorbed birnessite of chemical formula:



422 and CoOOH which has a phyllomanganate-type layered structure (Manceau et al. 1997). The Co-
423 sorbed birnessite reference is the nearest fit for the nodule spectrum. The features in the two spectra
424 are similar, in contrast to those for CoOOH which show a higher amplitude and also a distinct shape
425 at $k < 8 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$. Fourier transforms indicate that Co-sorbed birnessite has a nearest Co-Mn peak at $R+\Delta R$
426 = 2.4 Å from edge-sharing CoO₆-MnO₆ octahedra in the Mn layer, and a next-nearest Co-Mn peak at
427 $R+\Delta R = 3.1 \text{ \AA}$ from TC-sharing between layer CoO₆ octahedra and interlayer Mn(O,H₂O)₆ octahedra
428 (Fig. 3). The second peak (peak C) is absent in the nodule spectrum (Fig. 10d). We interpret this
429 result to indicate that the vernadite layer has no Mn or Co in its interlayer, consistent with Mn-
430 EXAFS results. The Co in this spot of the sample is structurally incorporated in the natural vernadite,
431 as is consistent with previous findings (Burns 1976; Manceau et al. 1997).

432 The Ni-EXAFS spectrum, when compared to those of natural and synthetic references
433 (Supplementary Fig. 8), most closely resembles the 50GCC spectrum from hydrothermal Mn
434 deposits in hemipelagic sediments off Costa Rica (Fig. 10e) (Bodei et al. 2007, 2008; Steinmann et
435 al. 2012). High-resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM) coupled with microanalysis
436 showed that 50GCC is a mixture of 10Å-vernadite and todorokite with Ni partitioned almost evenly
437 between the two phases (Bodei et al. 2007). In todorokite, NiO₆ octahedra located in one tunnel wall
438 are corner-linked to MnO₆ octahedra from the adjacent tunnel wall at a Ni-Mn distance of ~3.50 Å.
439 This distance, which appears on the Fourier transform as a peak at $R + \Delta R = 3.2$ Å similar to the Co-
440 Mn and Mn-Mn TC-linkages described previously, is clearly observed on the diagenetic data (Fig.
441 10f). Consequently, we conclude that Ni co-exists in 10Å-vernadite and todorokite in marine
442 ferromanganese nodules transformed by early diagenetic reactions. In 10Å-vernadite, Ni is likely
443 totally incorporated in the vacancy sites of the Mn layer, as observed in other natural
444 phyllomanganates (Manceau et al. 2002c; Peacock and Sherman, 2007a).

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446 **Cu.** Results from Cu-sorbed phyllomanganates show that Cu uptake on the basal surfaces of
447 birnessite and δ-MnO₂ is pH-dependent: it occurs preferentially as a TC complex at acidic pH (peak
448 C at $d(\text{Cu-Mn}) = 3.40$ Å), and an E complex at pH circumneutral (peak B at $d(\text{Cu-Mn}) = 2.87$ Å) (Fig.
449 11; Supplementary Fig. 9). The effect of pH on the Cu site occupation is observed regardless of
450 whether or not Cu is added to the birnessite surface at $\text{pH} \leq 7$, or incorporated initially into the
451 birnessite structure at basic pH (TcBi) and the suspension subsequently equilibrated to lower pH
452 (Table 2; Supplementary Fig. 10). The results are in agreement with previous studies on Cu and Ni
453 sorption on phyllomanganate (Manceau et al. 2007; Peacock and Sherman 2007a, 2007b; Peacock
454 2009; Sherman and Peacock 2010). However, the Fourier transform of Cu sorbed on δ-MnO₂ at pH 5
455 (CudBi3-5) shows evidence for a longer Cu-Mn scattering path at $R = 3.68$ Å not described

456 previously, which is the distance expected for Cu sorbing to the edge sites via a bidentate corner-
457 sharing linkage (DC complex) (Fig. 3) (Manceau et al. 2007). An inspection of all data reveals that
458 this contribution is always present, but its contribution to the EXAFS signal is negligible in HBi
459 because the fractional amount of the layer-edge complex is low because of the large layer dimension.
460 Thus, peak C in reality is a doublet made of the TC and DC complexes, which is only resolvable
461 when the sorbent surface has a smaller fraction of vacancy sites (TC complex) relative to edge sites
462 (DC complex) available for surface complexation.

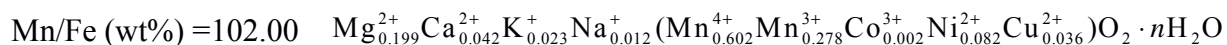
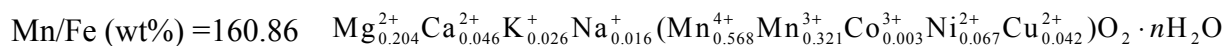
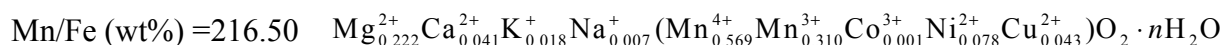
463 Three micro Cu-EXAFS spectra were recorded on the nodule thin section: one in regions rich in
464 smectite (Map 1), one in a diagenetic vein rich in 10\AA -vernadite and poor in todorokite as indicated
465 by μ -XRD (Map 2), and one on concentrated Cu areas from diagenetic regions containing high
466 amounts of todorokite (Map 1). From the comparison of the three EXAFS spectra shown in Figure
467 12a, it is clear that Cu is bound differently in the three regions. The EXAFS collected in the organo-
468 clay matrix is featureless with the signal made of only one electronic wave from the Cu-O
469 coordination shell. The two other spectra show a second wave oscillation at $k = 5.5 \text{\AA}^{-1}$, which occurs
470 when there is a metal shell beyond the oxygen shell. The Fourier transform of the first spectrum
471 confirms that the local order is limited to the nearest-neighbor shell of oxygen, which we attribute to
472 disorder arising from the multiplicity of the binding Cu environments (Fig. 12b). Ferromanganese
473 nodules from abyssal plains typically contain organic matter and biogenic silica, phosphates, and
474 carbonates (Peacock and Sherman 2007a; Hein et al. 2012), which may take up Cu (and also Ni) in
475 addition to aluminosilicates and Fe-Mn oxides (Boström and Nayudu 1974; Boström et al. 1974).
476 The Fourier transform for 10\AA -vernadite shows evidence for a Cu-Mn scattering best modeled with
477 1.6 Mn at 2.88\AA (Supplementary Fig. 10). Copper has become structurally incorporated into the
478 MnO_2 layer by occupying some vacancy sites. However, the low number of Mn neighbors, which
479 nominally should be six if all the Cu were in the MnO_2 layer, suggests that the diagenetic vein has an

480 abundant hydrogenetic component. In the highly diagenetically transformed region of the nodule, a
481 second Mn shell at a distance characteristic of corner-sharing linkage (peak C) is detected. Because
482 the analyzed spots have high amounts of todorokite, the likely origin of this feature is the
483 incorporation of Cu into todorokite, similarly to Ni.

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485 **Chemical formulae and metal uptake capacity of todorokites**

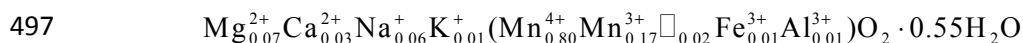
486 Because todorokite is the stable phase and its amount is correlated positively with the Mn/Fe
487 ratio, an average chemical formula can be calculated from the three nodule spots with the highest
488 value of the Mn/Fe ratio (> 100), as measured by electron microprobe analysis (Fig. 4,
489 Supplementary Table S1). The three point formulae obtained by balancing the charges on the cations
490 in the framework sites (in parentheses) and tunnel sites are:



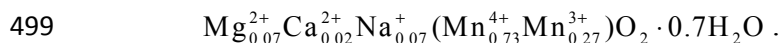
491 which average to:



493 Based on the crystal structure of todorokite, the cations in the tunnel interior cannot exceed a
494 total of 1.0 cation per unit cell, which corresponds to a ratio of tunnel to framework cations of 1/6
495 (Post and Bish 1988; Lei 1996). Two chemical formulae have been proposed for terrestrial
496 todorokites, one by Gutzmer and Beukes (2000):

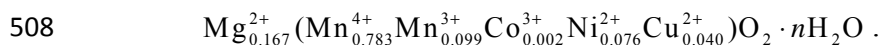


498 and another by Post et al. (2003)



500 In both cases, the amount of tunnel cations is equal to the number of tunnel sites available per
501 formula unit ($0.16 \approx 1/6$). The excess of tunnel cations in our calculated formula
502 ($((0.208+0.043+0.022+0.012) - 1/6 = 0.12)$) can be explained by the common association of todorokite
503 with the authigenic zeolite phillipsite in marine nodules (Burns and Burns 1978a; Lee and Lee 1998;
504 Bodei et al. 2007). Lee and Lee (1998) proposed the following formula for phillipsite in manganese
505 nodules of the northeastern equatorial Pacific basin: $Mg_{0.3}^{2+}Ca_{0.1}^{2+}Na_{1.1}^{+}K_{1.5}^{+}(Fe_{0.3}Al_{4.2}Si_{11.8})O_{32} \cdot 10H_2O$.

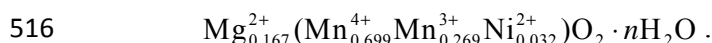
506 Assuming that Na, K, Ca and the excess Mg are in phillipsite and other mineral impurities, the
507 chemical formula for the nodule todorokite studied here can be recalculated as:



509 The proposed formula is supported by the inter-element relationship in Figure 4c, which shows that
510 Na has no, K little, and Ca a negative correlation with the Mn/Fe ratio; hence are not associated with
511 todorokite. By analogy with the nodule todorokite, the hydrothermal marine todorokite studied by
512 Bodei et al. (2007) also can be considered to be saturated by Mg. Accordingly, its formula proposed
513 originally



515 can be recalculated as:



517 The nodule todorokite is strongly enriched in Ni and Cu and has a (Ni+Cu+Co)/Mn ratio of
518 0.13, which is slightly lower than the ~ 0.167 (or about 1/6) upper limit suggested by Usui (1979)
519 from bulk nodule analyses. The highest metal uptake capacity is reached when the 0.167 tunnel sites
520 are all occupied by a divalent cation (mostly Mg^{2+}) and when the low-valence octahedral cations that
521 balance the intratunnel charge of +0.33e are all Ni^{2+} and Cu^{2+} cations, without Mn^{3+} . Lastly, it is
522 worthwhile comparing the cationic composition of the todorokite framework

523 $(Mn_{0.783}^{4+}Mn_{0.099}^{3+}Co_{0.002}^{3+}Ni_{0.076}^{2+}Cu_{0.040}^{2+})$ to the Mn valence composition of 10Å-vernadite

524 $(\text{Mn}_{0.61}^{4+}\text{Mn}_{0.23}^{3+}\text{Mn}_{0.16}^{2+})$. One notes that $[\text{Mn}^{3+}]$ in 10Å-vernadite $\approx \sum([\text{Mn}^{3+}] + [\text{Co}^{3+}] + [\text{Ni}^{2+}] +$
525 $[\text{Cu}^{2+}])$ in todorokite, which supports the view that these other metals substitute for Mn^{3+} in the edge
526 sites of the todorokite framework (Fig. 1) (Burns and Burns 1985; Post et al. 2003).

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IMPLICATIONS

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530 To date, there is a regain of interest in mining marine metal deposits (Co, Ni, Cu, Li, Mo,
531 REEs...) in order to augment the production from land-based deposits (Hein et al 2013). A good
532 understanding of the forms and enrichment mechanisms of these elements in crust-nodule
533 ferromanganese deposits is a necessary prerequisite for the effective mining and optimal processing
534 of this resource. The present study shows how the mineralogy of polymetallic nodules on sediment-
535 covered abyssal plains controls the concentration of metals and how the mineralogy is modified
536 diagenetically by geochemical reactions that occur in suboxic conditions at the sediment-water
537 interface.

538 We showed that metalliferous 10Å-vernadite in diagenetic veins of the hydrogenetic nodule is
539 composed of non-collapsible and collapsible (to 7 Å) vernadite crystallites, which we interpret to
540 indicate that the first have Mg^{2+} and todorokite pillars in the interlayer, whereas the second have
541 none of those (Sun et al. 2012). The 10Å-vernadite also has better crystallinity and more reduced Mn
542 cations (Mn^{2+} and Mn^{3+}) than the adjacent Fe-vernadite in the unaltered hydrogenetic nodule, which
543 indicates that 10Å-vernadite precipitated directly from solution. The as-formed 10Å-vernadite is
544 metastable and is eventually replaced by todorokite via topotactic transformation.

545 Our results do not confirm the suggested existence in authigenic 10Å-vernadite of “buserite-II”
546 phyllo-manganate layers, which are characterized by a high proportion of Mn (and possibly other
547 transition metals) as interlayer cation (Fig. 2) (Novikov and Bogdanova 2007 ; Pal'chik et al. 2011).

548 The absence (or scarcity) of interlayer Mn in un-pillared vernadite is consistent with the pH-
549 dependence of the δ -MnO₂ structure, which shows that the proportion of interlayer Mn is low at the
550 seawater pH of ~8 and high at acidic pH (Manceau et al. 2013). Neither orderly stacked birnessite
551 (7Å-manganate) nor asbolane-type mix-layers (10Å-manganate), which occur in hydrothermal
552 deposits (Supplementary Fig. 6), were identified.

553 Here, we also documented for the first time the diversity of the Cu coordination environments in
554 manganese nodules. In the organo-clay matrix, Cu appears to be bound in several forms, as indicated
555 by the lack of Cu-metal signal by EXAFS. This pool likely includes organically complexed Cu
556 which eventually becomes available for uptake in authigenic 10Å-vernadite and todorokite during
557 dissimilatory bio-oxidation of organic material and concomitant reduction of hydrogenetic vernadite
558 (Burns and Burns 1978b; Lovley and Philips 1988). The incorporation of Cu²⁺ in Mn³⁺-containing
559 10Å-vernadite and todorokite is favored by the Jahn-Teller distortion of the [CuO]₆ coordination
560 environment. Finally, the Co, Ni, and Cu K-edge EXAFS spectra are provided as supplementary
561 material to facilitate further identification of metal coordination environments in Mn oxides.

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

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571 ¹ Deposit item **XX**, Supplementary tables and figures in PDF, complete EPMA analyses in Excel
572 format, and one ASCII file (Co-, Ni-, and Cu-XAS data).

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FIGURE CAPTIONS

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884 **Figure 1.** Schematic representation of the topotactic transformation of 10Å-vernadite to todorokite.

885 Tetravalent manganese cations likely occupy the central and edge sites of the triple chains from the

886 todorokite framework, and the larger trivalent manganese and divalent nickel and copper cations the

887 edge sites, exclusively (Post and Bish 1988; Post et al. 2003; Bodei et al. 2007).

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889 **Figure 2.** Structural models for the two 10 Å-manganates, buserites-I and -II. Buserite-I is a two-

890 water layer hydrate which transforms into the 7 Å-manganate birnessite after losing one water layer

891 either in air, upon heating to 105-110 °C, or in vacuum. Buserite-II contains a high amount of

892 interlayer cations above vacancy sites, which prevents it from collapsing to 7 Å. The structure

893 models are adapted from Pal'chik et al. (2011). Note the unlikely absence of hydration water bound

894 to Na in Buserite-II.

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896 **Figure 3.** Inner-sphere metal (Me) complexes at the δ -MnO₂ surface. E, DC, and TC refer to edge-,

897 double-corner sharing, and triple-corner sharing complexes. The bidentate DC complex is located at

898 the edge of the layer and the tridentate TC complex on the layer surface over a Mn vacancy. The E

899 complex inside the Mn layer shares six edges with the surrounding MnO₆ octaheda.

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901 **Figure 4.** EPMA analysis of trace metals and alkali and alkaline earth metal ions in the

902 hydrogenetic-diagenetic nodule as a function of the Mn/Fe ratio. An Mn/Fe ratio of about 2.5

903 (vertical grey line) divides purely hydrogenetic regions from those that experienced the beginning of

904 early diagenetic transformation (Halbach et al. 1981). Complete analyses are given in Supplementary
905 Table1.

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907 **Figure 5.** Synchrotron X-ray micro-fluorescence (SXRF) images of the distribution of trace metals
908 and Fe and Mn in the hydrogenetic-diagenetic nodule (Map 1). The hydrogenetic region is to the left
909 and the diagenetically transformed region to the right. Image size: 1484 (H) x 546 (V) μm^2 , pixel
910 size: 5 (H) x 5 (V) μm^2 . In the Mn map (top left), the black areas correspond to ferruginous smectite.

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912 **Figure 6.** Synchrotron X-ray micro-fluorescence (SXRF) images of the distribution of Cu, Fe, and
913 Mn in a diagenetic vein and the surrounding hydrogenetic matrix (Map 2). Image size: 1350 (H) x
914 650 (V) μm^2 , pixel size: 10 (H) x 10 (V) μm^2 .

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916 **Figure 7.** Scatter plots for MnK α and FeK β fluorescence lines for the images shown in Figure 5
917 (Map 1) (a) and Supplementary Figure 2 (Map 3) (b). The pattern suggests that there are two
918 chemically distinct populations of Fe. Complementary analysis by micro XRD and EXAFS indicate
919 that Fe is associated with dioctahedral smectite in C (clay) areas and speciated as ferrihydrite (δ -
920 FeOOH) in H areas.

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922 **Figure 8.** Representative micro XRD patterns (a) and point SXRF spectra (b) collected at 17 keV in
923 the clay (C), hydrogenetic (H) and diagenetic (D) regions of the nodule. The C areas have major
924 dioctahedral smectite, the H areas have major Fe-vernadite, and the diagenetic areas have variable
925 proportions of 10 \AA -vernadite (two-water layer phyllosmanganate) and todorokite. The amount of
926 todorokite increases as the hydrogenetic to diagenetic transformation increases (Supplementary Fig.
927 5). Peaks labeled V' correspond to the 001 and 002 reflection of pure vernadite crystallites with one-

928 water layer (7 Å phylломanganate). In vacuum or upon heating, the removal of one water layer from
929 10Å-vernadite causes the ~10 Å reflection to shift to ~ 7 Å (Supplementary Fig. 6) (Usui and Mita
930 1995; Manceau et al. 2007). Peaks labeled S, V, T, Fx, and F refer to smectite, vernadite, todorokite,
931 feroxyhite, and feldspar, respectively.

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933 **Figure 9.** (a) Mn K-edge XANES absorption spectra representative of the hydrogenetic and
934 diagenetic regions. The spectra were normalized to unit step in the absorption coefficient from well
935 below to well above the edge. (b-f) First derivatives compared to reference spectra (b,e), and
936 Combo-fit to an extended database of reference spectra from Manceau et al. (2012) (f).

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938 **Figure 10.** (a,b) Mn K-edge EXAFS spectra of the hydrogenetic nodule and triclinic (TcBi)
939 hexagonal (HBi) birnessites and their Fourier transform magnitudes. The arrow at $k = 8.1 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ denotes
940 the double antinode pattern observed in some bioprecipitates (Webb et al. 2005), and resulting from
941 the ordering of Mn^{3+} and Mn^{4+} in the phylломanganate layer (Gaillot et al. 2003, 2007; Manceau et
942 al. 2004). The arrow to the right denotes the shift to higher distances of the Mn-Mn peak in TcBi
943 resulting from the presence of Mn^{3+} in the layer. The arrow at $k = 6.5 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ points out the shoulder
944 observed in HBi but absent in the sample because it lacks interlayer MnO_6 octahedra that share
945 corners with the layer octahedra around vacancies (TC linkage). In real space, this is reflected by the
946 absence of the Mn-Mn corner-sharing peak C. (c,d) Co K-edge EXAFS spectra and Fourier
947 transform magnitudes of the hydrogenetic nodule (CoD465H) and two references, Co-sorbed
948 birnessite (CoHBi74-4) and CoOOH. The sample has no corner-sharing Co-(Co,Mn) peak, meaning
949 that all Co and Mn atoms are in the manganese layer. (e,f) Ni K-edge EXAFS spectra and Fourier
950 transform magnitudes of the diagenetic nodule from the Central Pacific studied here (NiD465D), and
951 from a hydrothermal metalliferous Fe-Mn deposit collected west of Nicoya Peninsula off Costa Rica

952 (Ni50GCC) (Bodei et al. 2007, 2008; Steinmann et al. 2012). The crystal chemistry of Ni is nearly
953 identical in the two deep-ocean Fe-Mn deposits. The Co- and Ni-EXAFS data are provided in the
954 Supplementary material¹ as a useful resource for other studies.

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956 **Figure 11.** Fourier transform magnitudes of Cu K-edge EXAFS data for crystalline birnessite and
957 nanoparticulate δ -MnO₂ (synthetic vernadite, dBi) references. **(a)** Three birnessites with contrasted
958 proportions of layer (E complex, peak B) and interlayer (TC complex, peak C) Cu²⁺. **(b)** Two Cu-
959 sorbed δ -MnO₂ samples showing the influence of sorption pH on the proportions of the layer and
960 interlayer complexes. **(c)** Comparison of spectra for Cu-sorbed on birnessite and δ -MnO₂ showing
961 that peak C is a doublet produced by Cu sorbed on layer vacancies (TC complex) and on layer edges
962 (DC complex) (Fig. 3). This third complex is always present but only detected in δ -MnO₂ because
963 Mn oxide nanosheets have a higher fraction of border sites. The Cu-EXAFS data are provided in the
964 Supplementary material¹ as a useful resource for other studies.

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966 **Figure 12.** Cu K-edge EXAFS spectra **(a)** and their Fourier transform magnitudes **(b)** representative
967 of the structural forms of Cu in smectitic regions (CuD465H), in 10Å-vernadite from an early
968 diagenetic region (diagenetic vein, CuD465D1), and in the diagenetic nodule with abundant
969 todorokite (CuD465D2).

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974 **TABLE 1.** Pearson r values for X-ray fluorescence intensities between elements, taken pixel-by-pixel. This
975 correlation is a quantitative measure of the degree of association between two elements.

Map 1	Mn	Fe	Ce	Co	Ni	Cu	Pb
Mn	1						
Fe	-0.61	1					
Ce	-0.30	0.70	1				
Co	-0.16	0.77	0.59	1			
Ni	0.87	-0.74	-0.46	-0.37	1		
Cu	0.92	-0.75	-0.52	-0.38	0.92	1	
Pb	-0.03	0.59	0.69	0.70	-0.42	-0.25	1

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Map 3	Mn	Fe	Ce	Co	Ni	Cu	Pb
Mn	1						
Fe	-0.51	1					
Ce	-0.23	0.62	1				
Co	-0.44	0.54	0.63	1			
Ni	0.78	-0.54	-0.27	-0.42	1		
Cu	0.89	-0.61	-0.39	-0.54	0.87	1	
Pb	-0.10	0.75	0.66	0.70	-0.36	-0.35	1

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TABLE 2. List of Cu references

Mineral	Code name	pH	Cu/Mn*	Binding mechanism of Cu
Triclinic birnessite†	CuTcBi7-10	10	0.0074	Cu substituted for Mn in the octahedral layer (100 % E complex)
	CuTcBi7-6	6	0.0071	Cu in the layer (E complex) and interlayer (TC complex)
	CuTcBi7-4	4	0.0072	Cu in the layer (E complex) and interlayer (TC complex)
Hexagonal birnessite‡	CuHBi11-5	5	0.0112	Cu in the layer (E complex) and interlayer (TC complex)
	CuHBi5-5	5	0.0052	Cu in the layer (E complex) and interlayer (TC complex)
	CuHBi156-4	4	0.156	Cu predominantly in the interlayer (TC complex)
Vernadite§	CudBi12-7	7	0.0120	Cu in the layer, interlayer, and on layer edge (DC complex)
	CudBi3-5	5	0.0026	Cu in the layer, interlayer, and on layer edge (DC complex)

* Atomic ratio determined by wet chemical analysis following the procedure of Lanson et al. (2002b).

† TcBi was synthesized following the procedure of Giovanoli et al. (1970), as described by Drits et al. (1997) and Lanson et al. (2002a). TcBi was doped with Cu, then the pH 10 suspension (CuTcBi10-7) was equilibrated to pH 6 (CuTcBi7-6) and 4 (CuTcBi7-4). TcBi transforms to HBi at acidic pH (Silvester et al. 1997).

‡ The pH 5 samples were prepared by pre-equilibrating TcBi to the sorption pH to transform TcBi to HBi before the dropwise addition of Cu(NO₃)₂. The pH 4 sample was characterized previously by XRD (Lanson et al. 2002b) and EXAFS (Manceau et al. 2002a) (sample CuBi156). Cu sorption was achieved by adding Cu(NO₃)₂ while equilibrating the TcBi suspension to pH 4.

§ Synthesis (δ-MnO₂) and Cu sorption were performed following the procedure of Grangeon et al. (2012). δ-MnO₂ was pre-equilibrated at the sorption pH before the dropwise addition of Cu(NO₃)₂.

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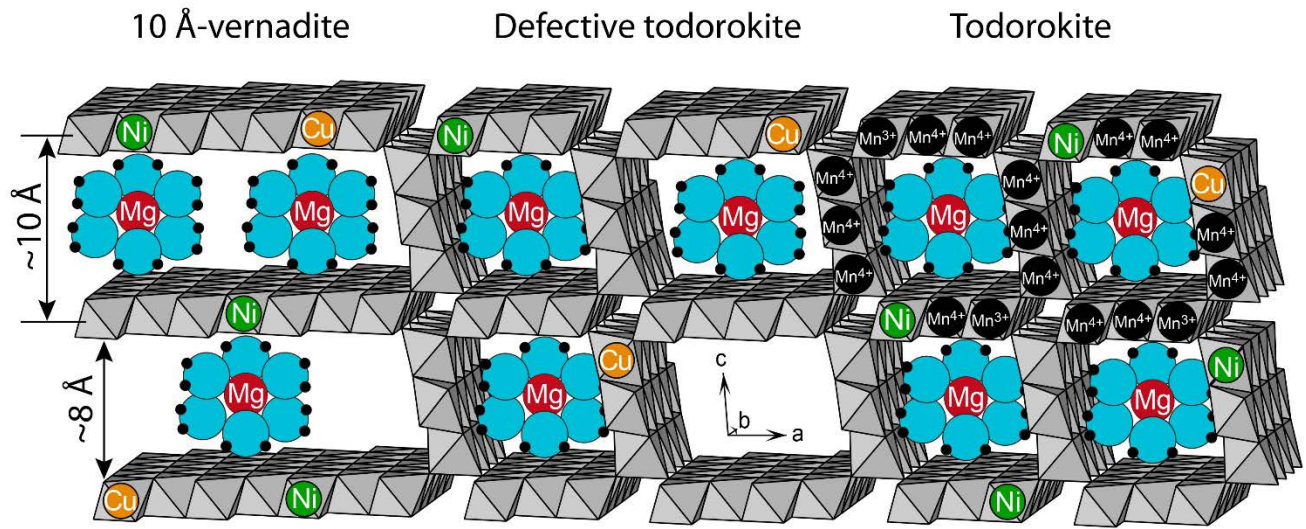
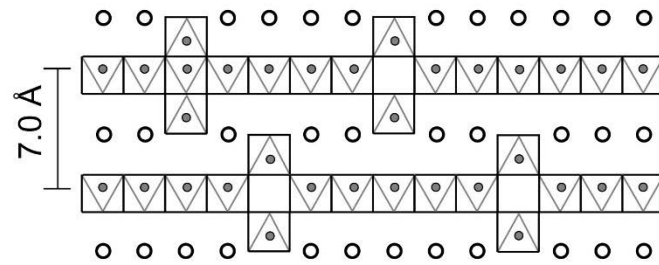
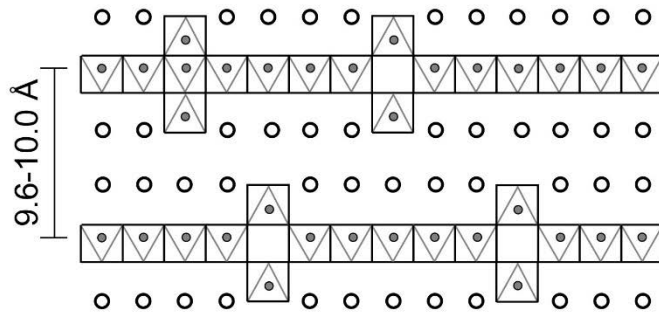


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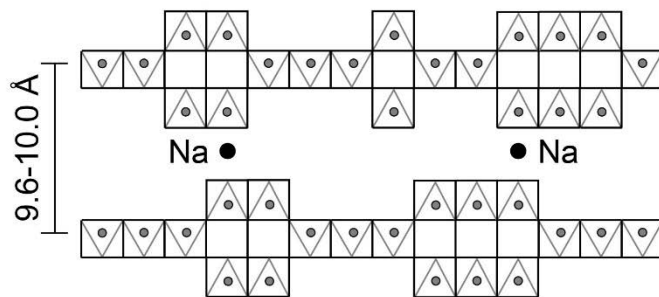
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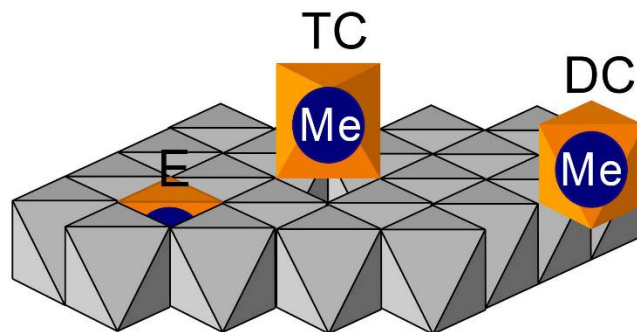
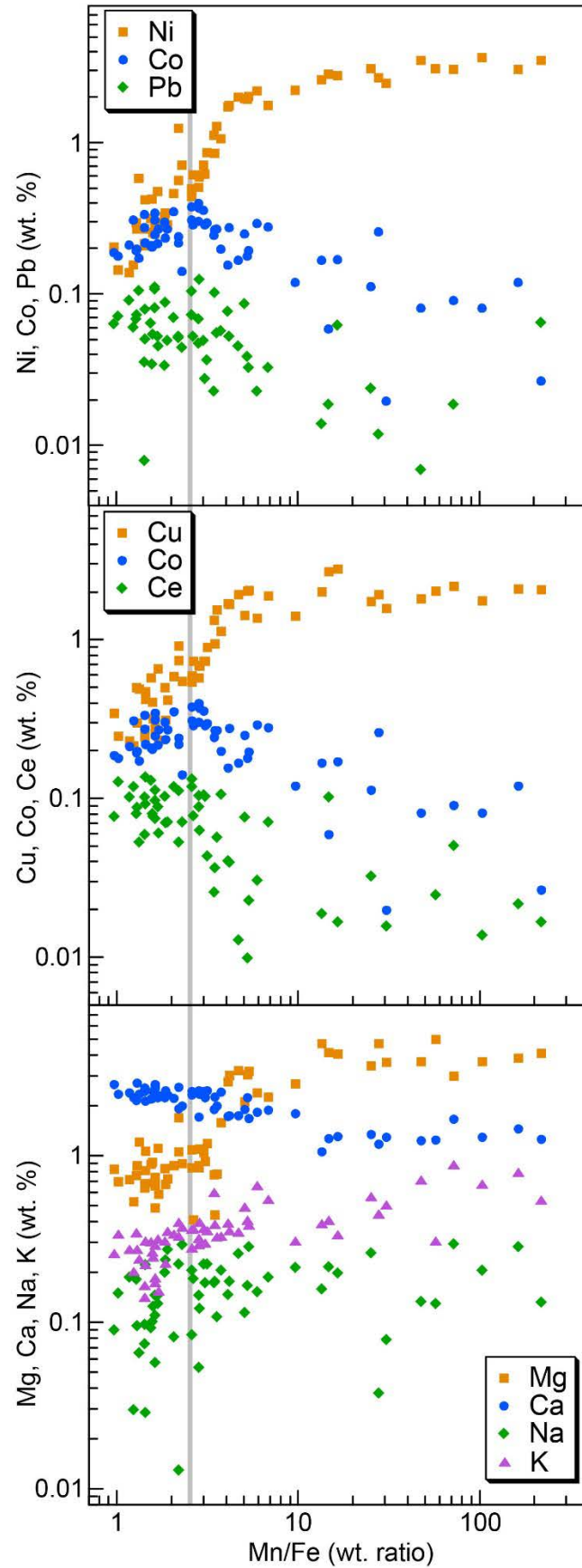


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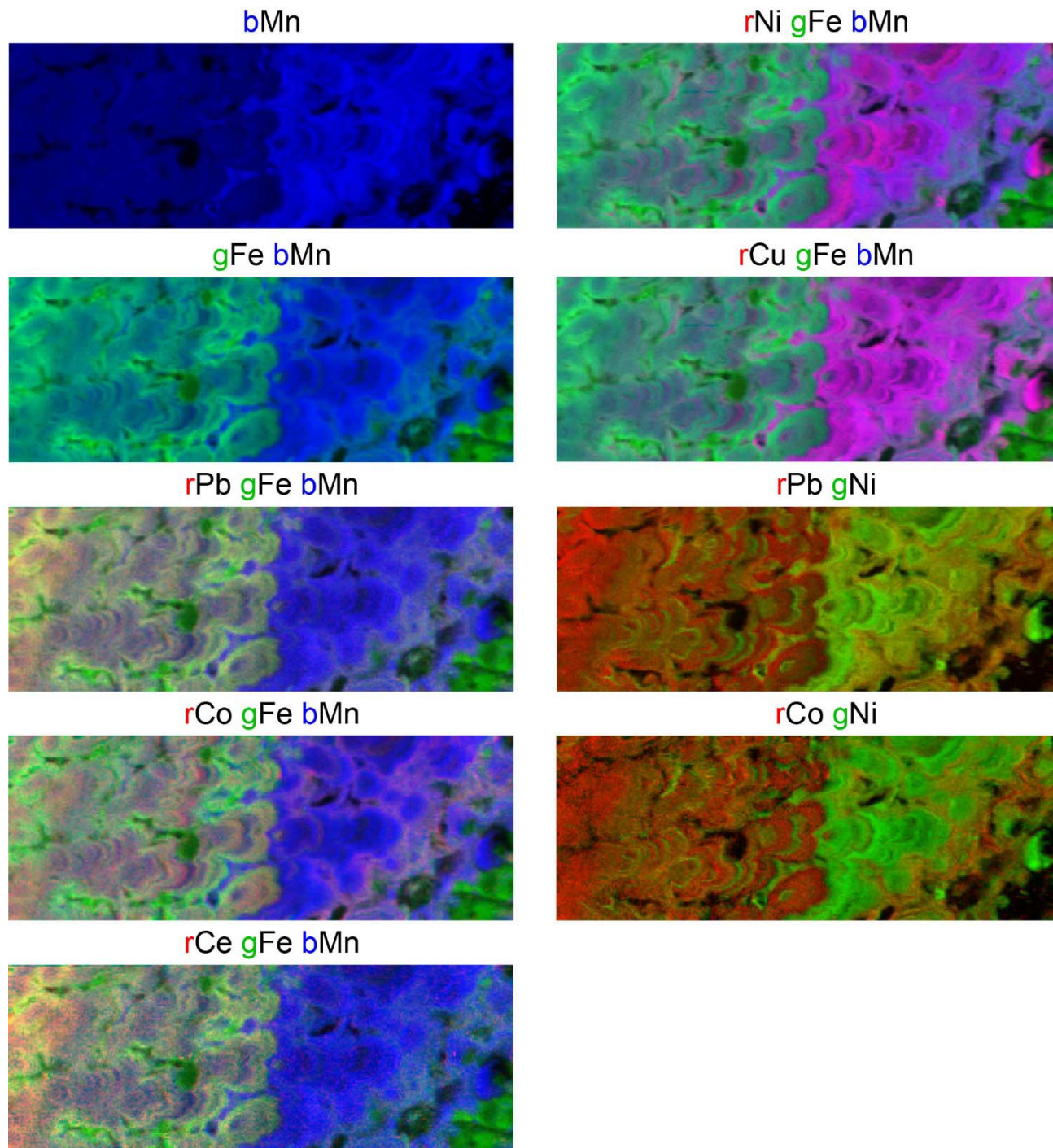
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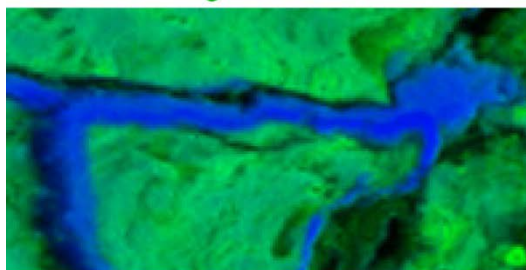
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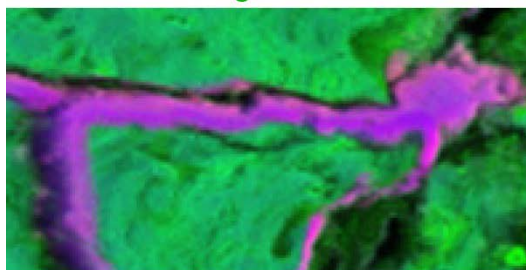
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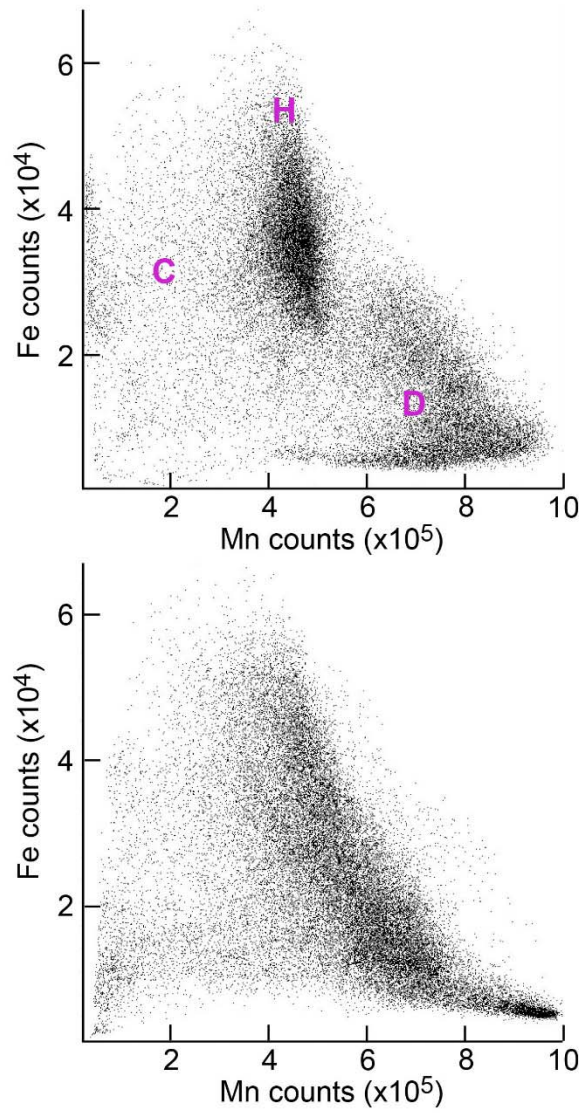


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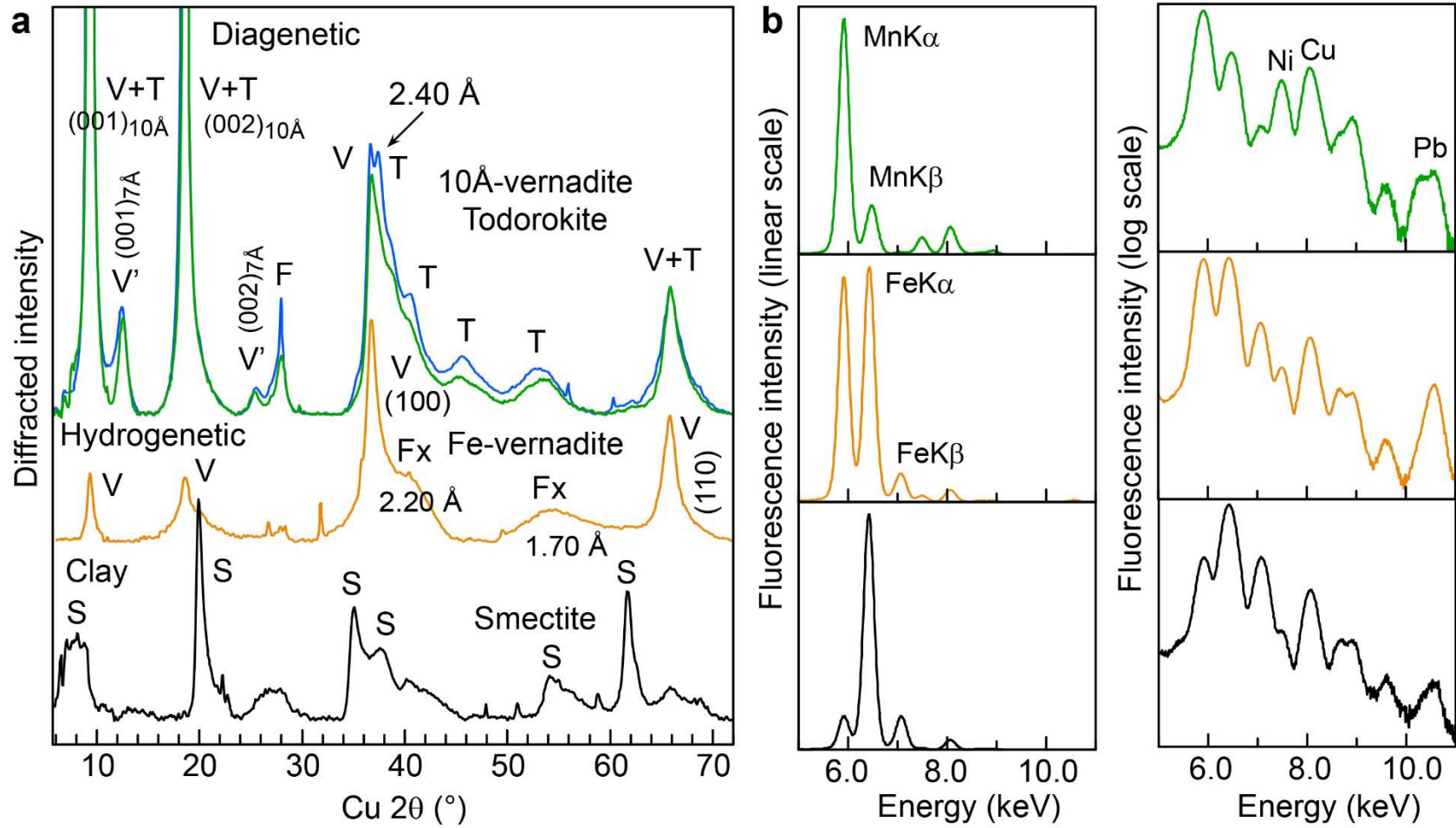
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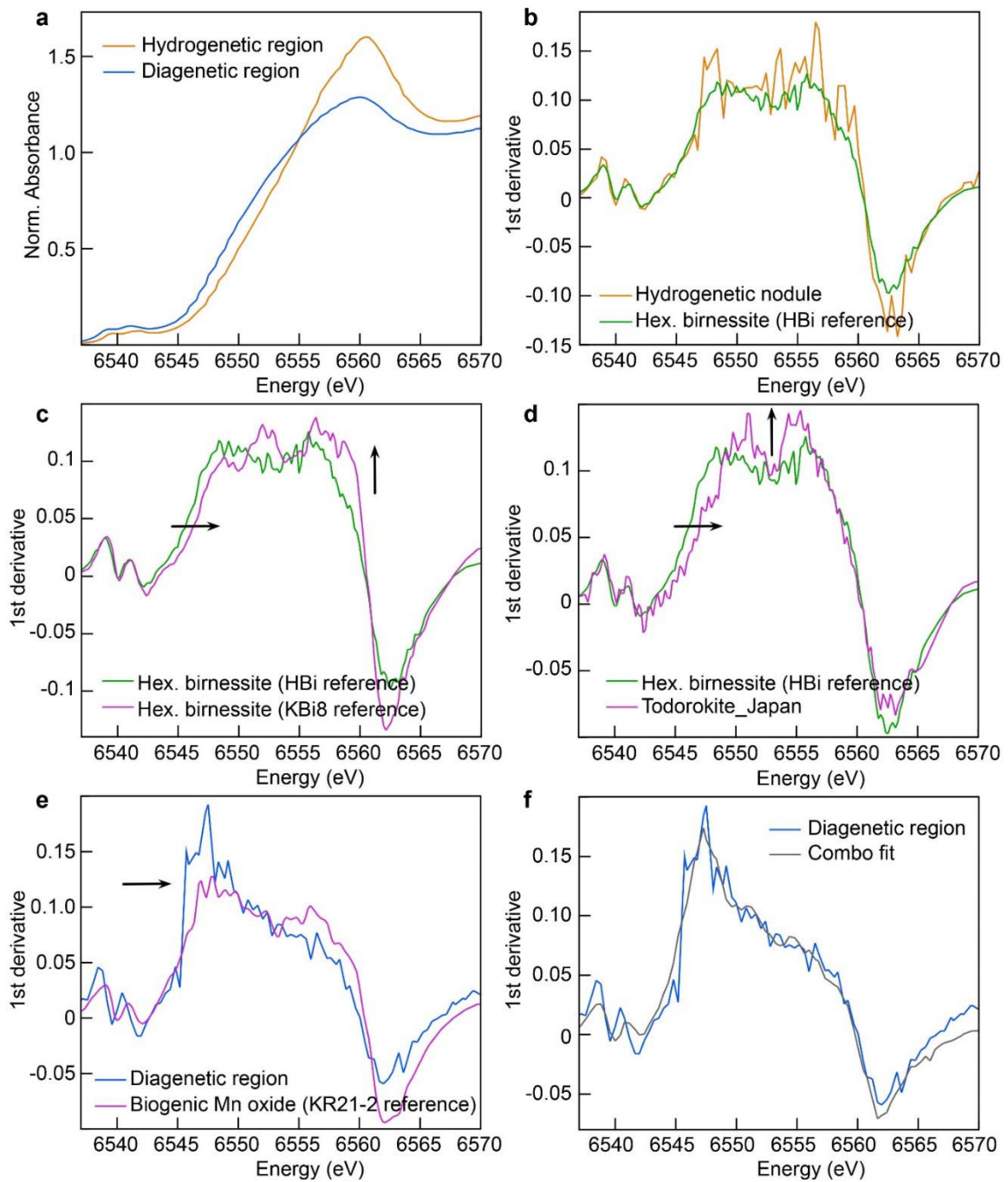
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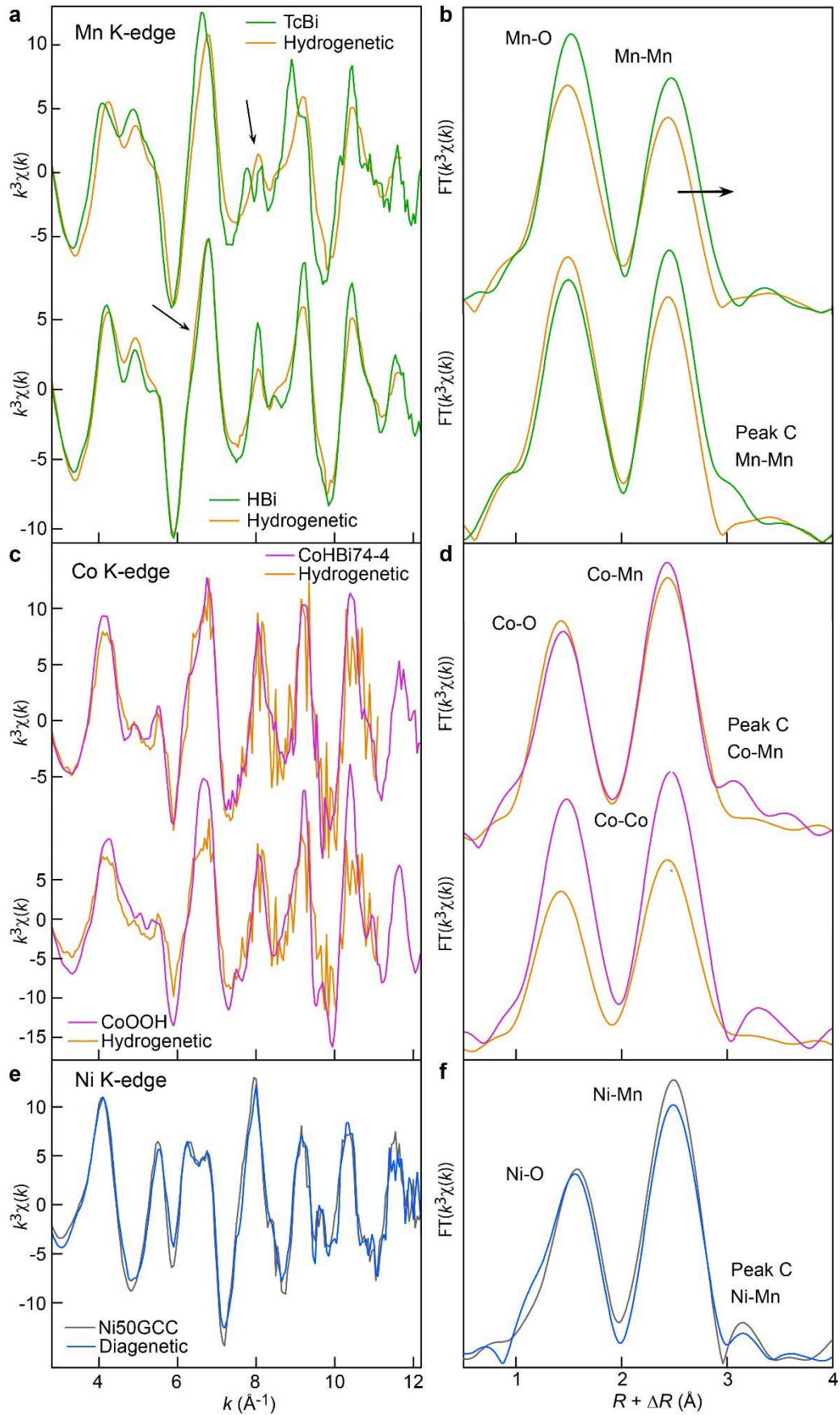
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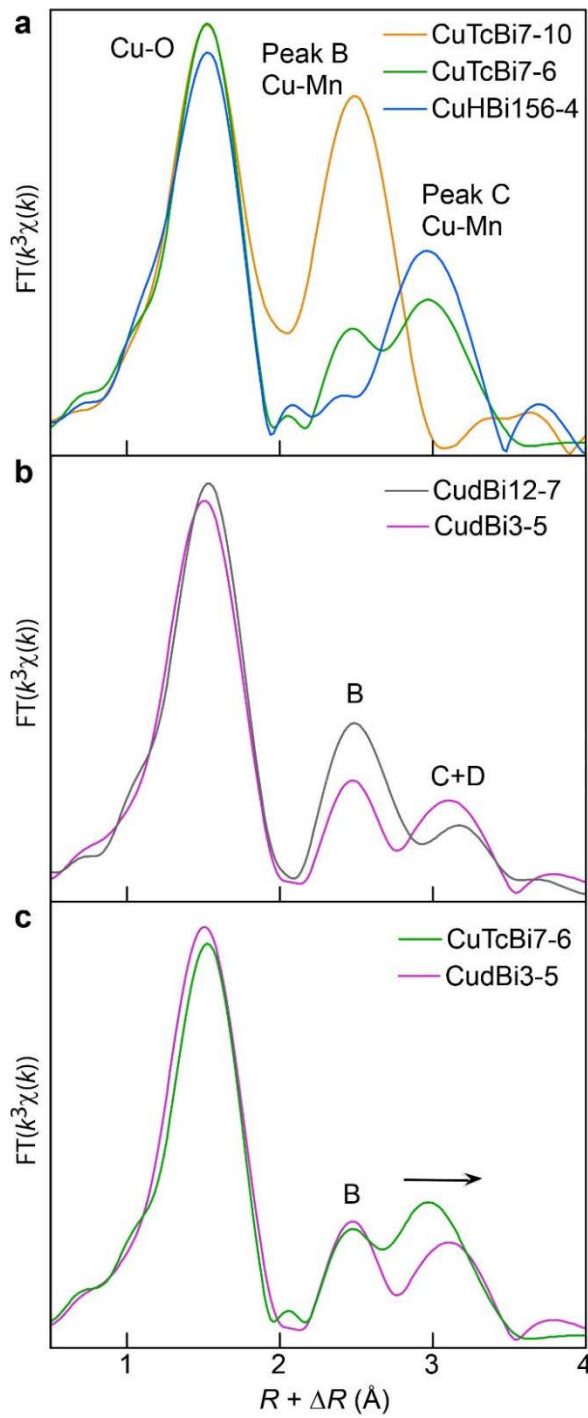


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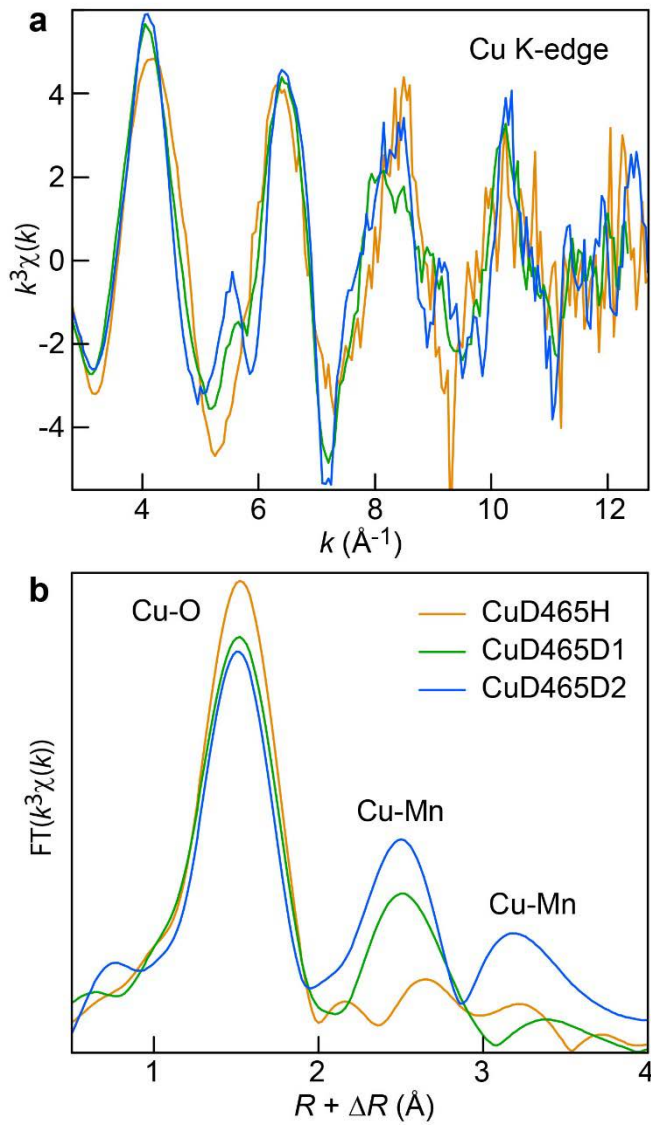
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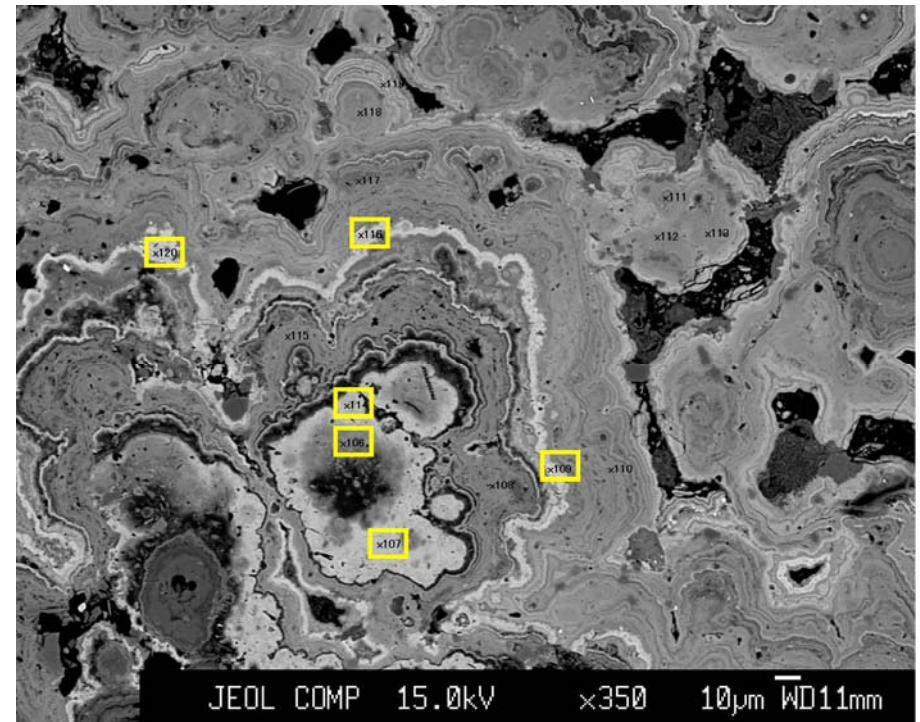
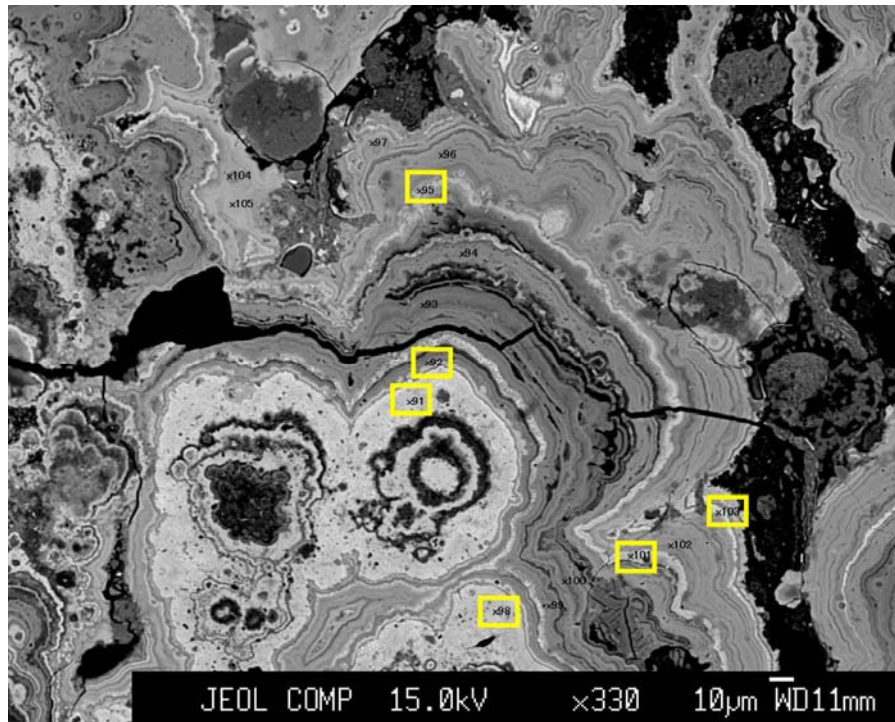
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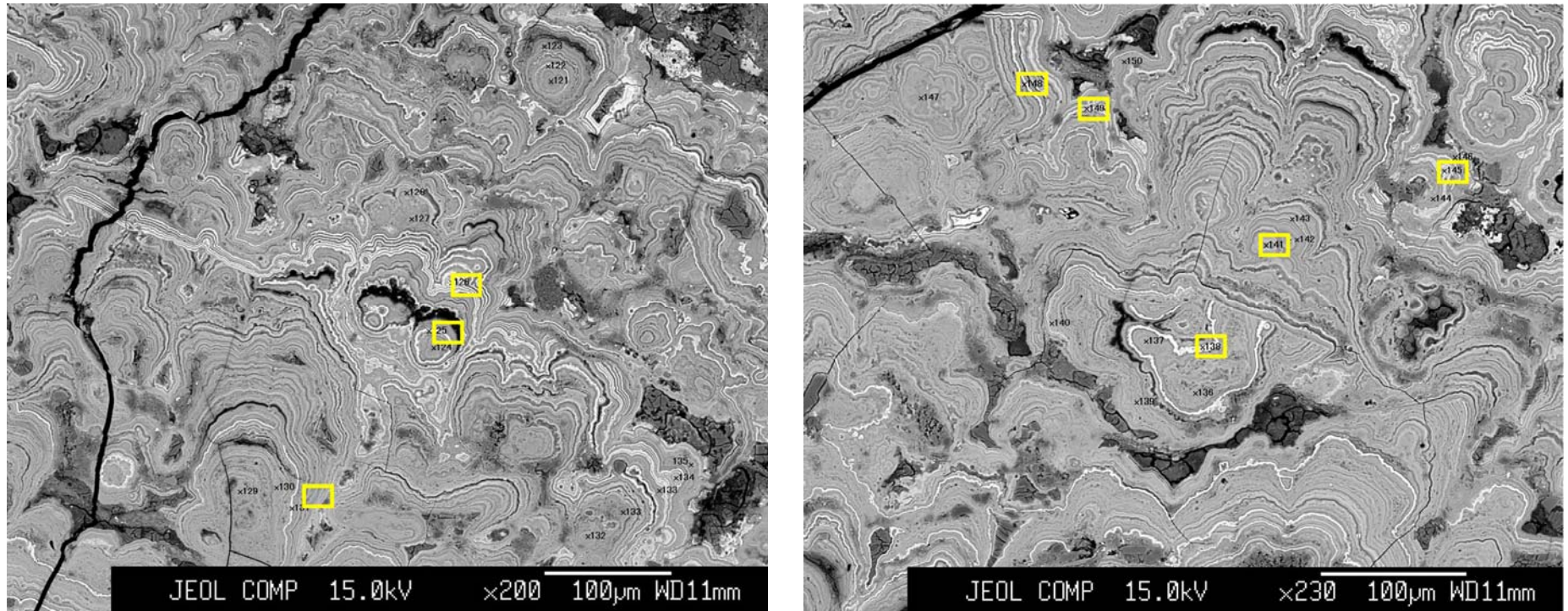
Mineralogy and crystal chemistry of Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, and Cu in a deep-sea Pacific polymetallic nodule

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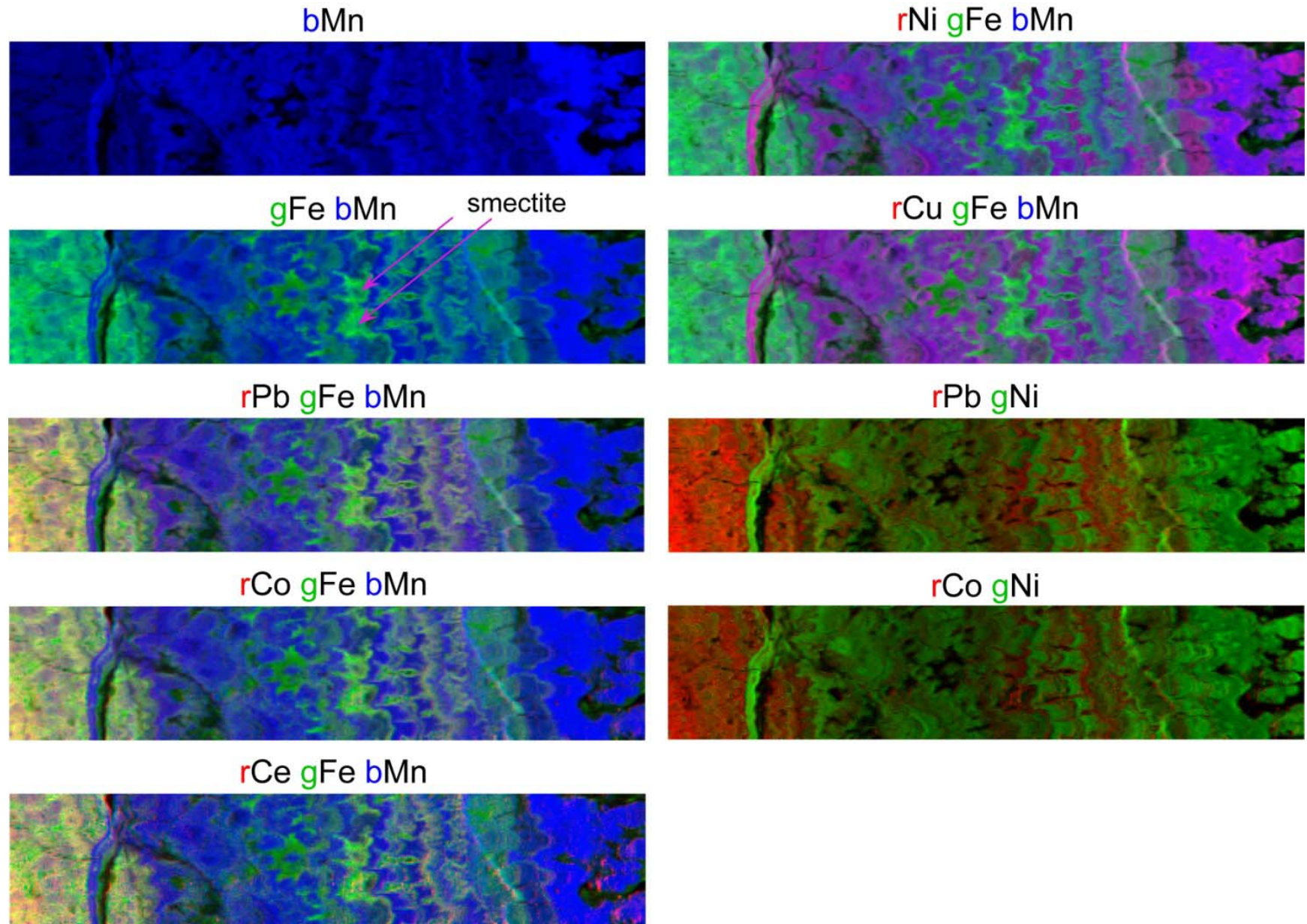
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Figure S1. Surveys of the hydrogenetic-diagenetic growth discontinuity of the Fe-Mn nodule using backscattered electron images. This allows identification of Fe- and Mn-oxide phases that differ in brightness in the backscattered electron images. Black areas are voids, dark gray areas are clay phases, opaque gray areas are hydrogenetic regions, and bright gray areas are diagenetic regions. The analyzed spots are indicated with numbers and results are reported in Table S1 and the Supplementary material. The diagenetic spots are surrounded with yellow boxes. Image sizes are 360 (H) x 260 (V) μm^2 for the top two, and 530 (H) x 420 (V) μm^2 for the two below. Electron beam size is about 0.5-1.0 μm .



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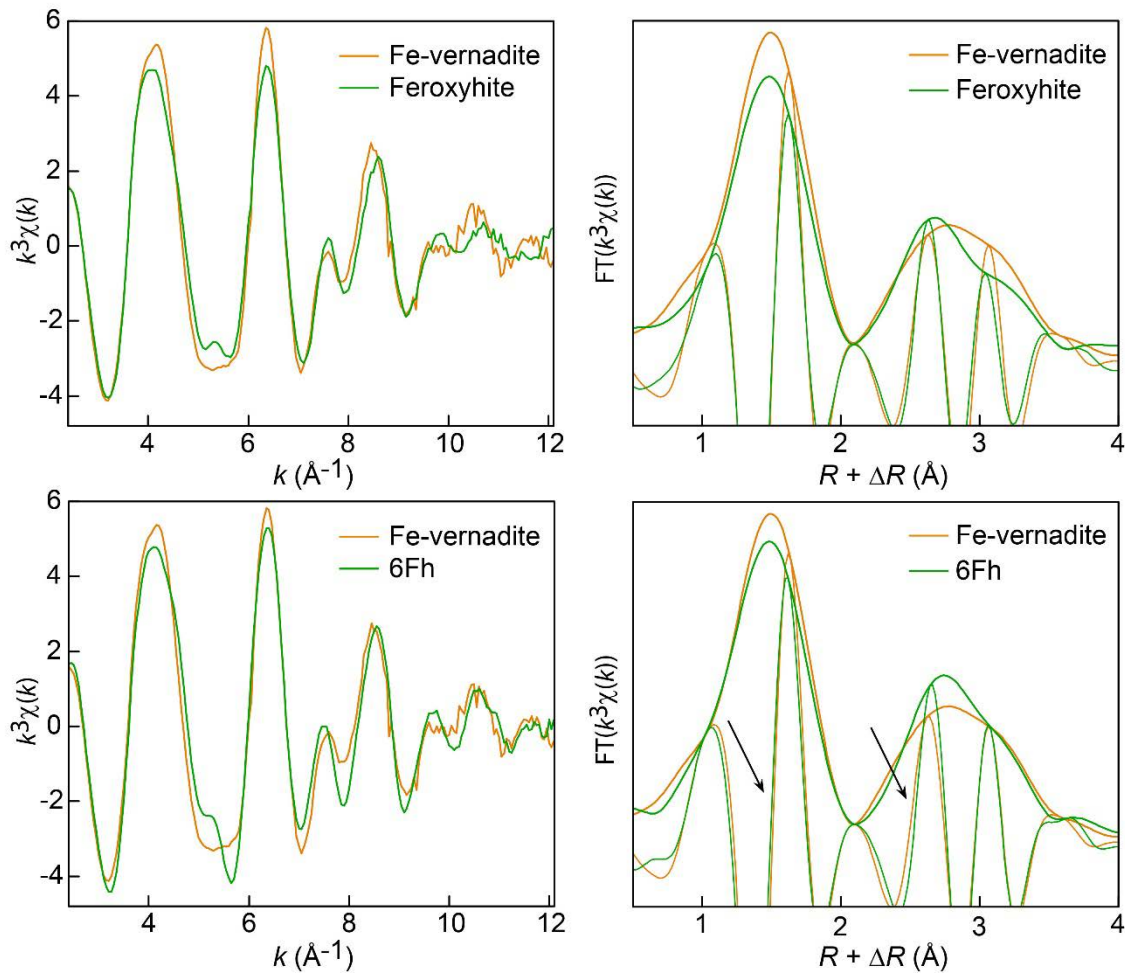
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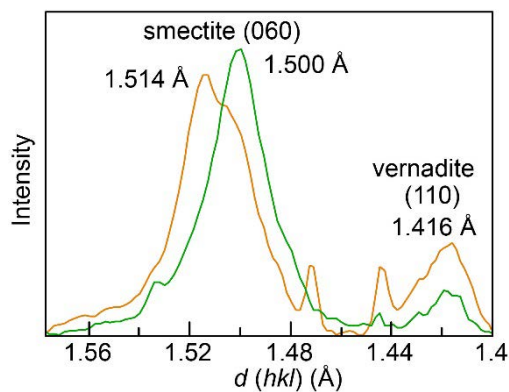
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Figure S2. Synchrotron X-ray micro-fluorescence (SXRF) images of the distribution of trace metals and Fe and Mn in the hydrogenetic-diagenetic nodule (Map 3). The hydrogenetic region is to the left and the diagenetic region to the right. Two large smectite areas are indicated with arrows. Image size: 5910 (H) x 1250 (V) μm^2 , pixel size: 15 (H) x 15 (V) μm^2 .

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1076 **Figure S3.** Fe K-edge EXAFS spectra and their Fourier transforms for Fe-vernadite and two models,
 1077 feroxyhite (δ -FeOOH) and six-line ferrihydrite (6Fh). The magnitudes and imaginary parts of the Fourier
 1078 transforms are shown. The small shifts in distance are more reliably detected by looking at the imaginary part
 1079 than the magnitude. Arrows point out the phase difference in the Fourier transforms between the sample and
 1080 6Fh. The spectrum of Fe-vernadite is distinct from those of well-crystallized Fe oxyhydroxides (e.g., α - and
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1085 **Figure S4.** Two high-angle micro XRD patterns taken in clay-rich regions of the nodule showing the (060) reflection
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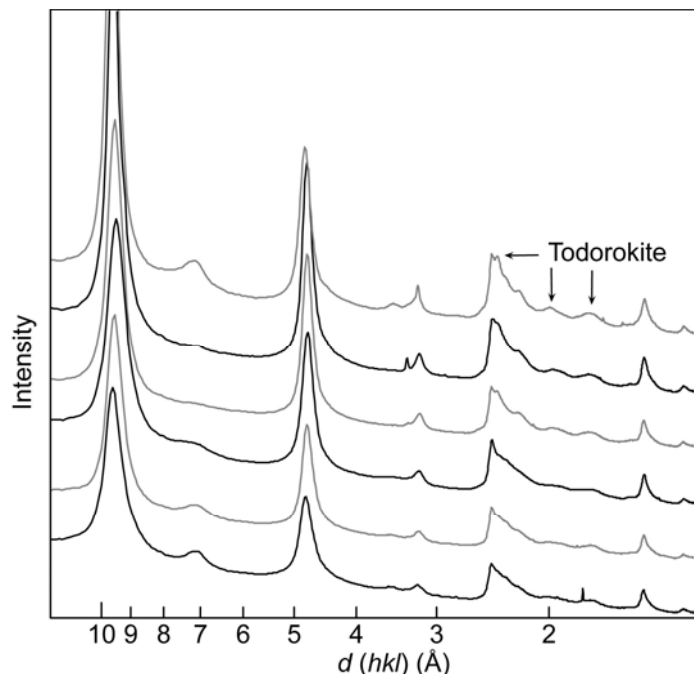
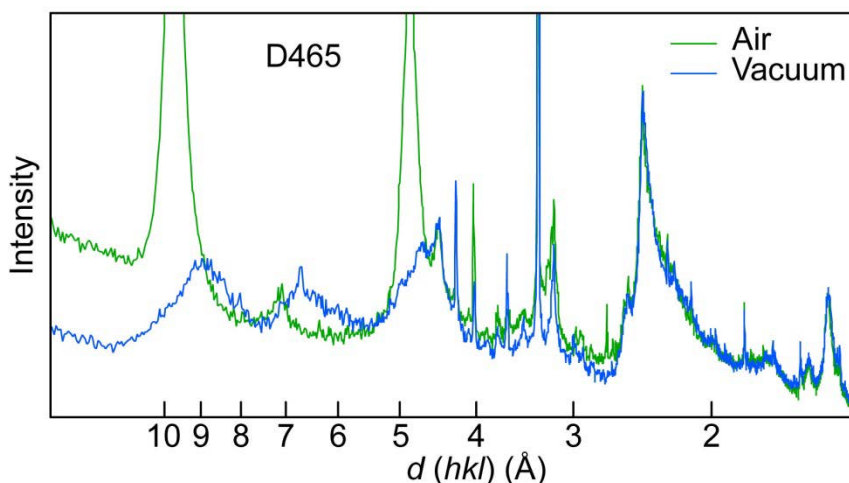
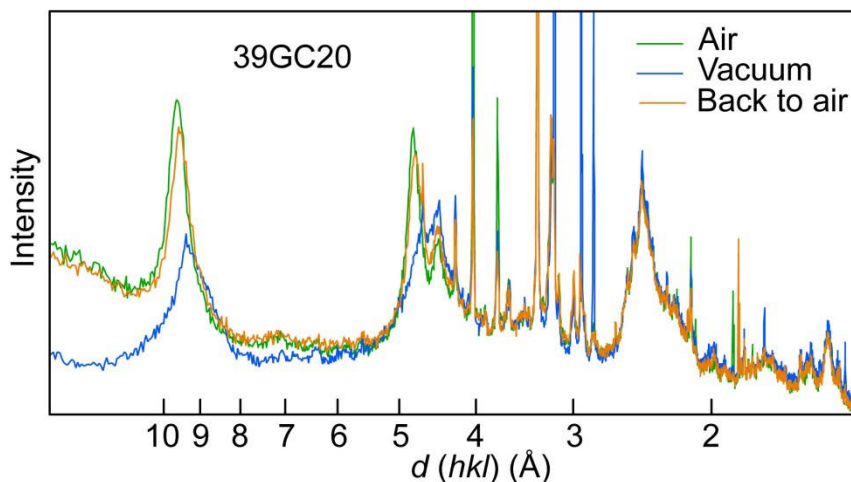


Figure S5. Micro-XRD patterns taken in the diagenetic nodule at different stages of the hydrogenetic to diagenetic transformation, as indicated by the increasing amount and crystallinity of todorokite. The simultaneous reinforcement of the basal reflection comes from the topotactic transition of 10Å-vernadite to todorokite (Bodei et al. 2007).

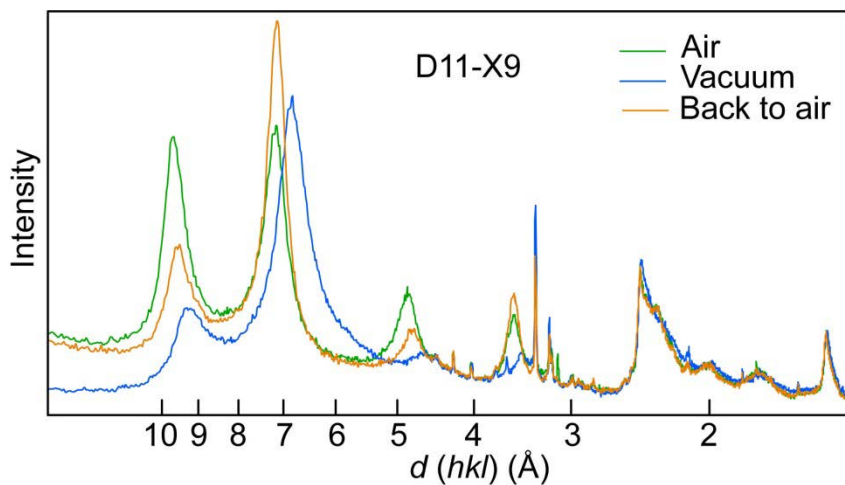
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1088 **Figure S6** below is a compilation of XRD patterns from marine manganese oxides recorded at room condition
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1090 temperature for several hours and a new pattern recorded.
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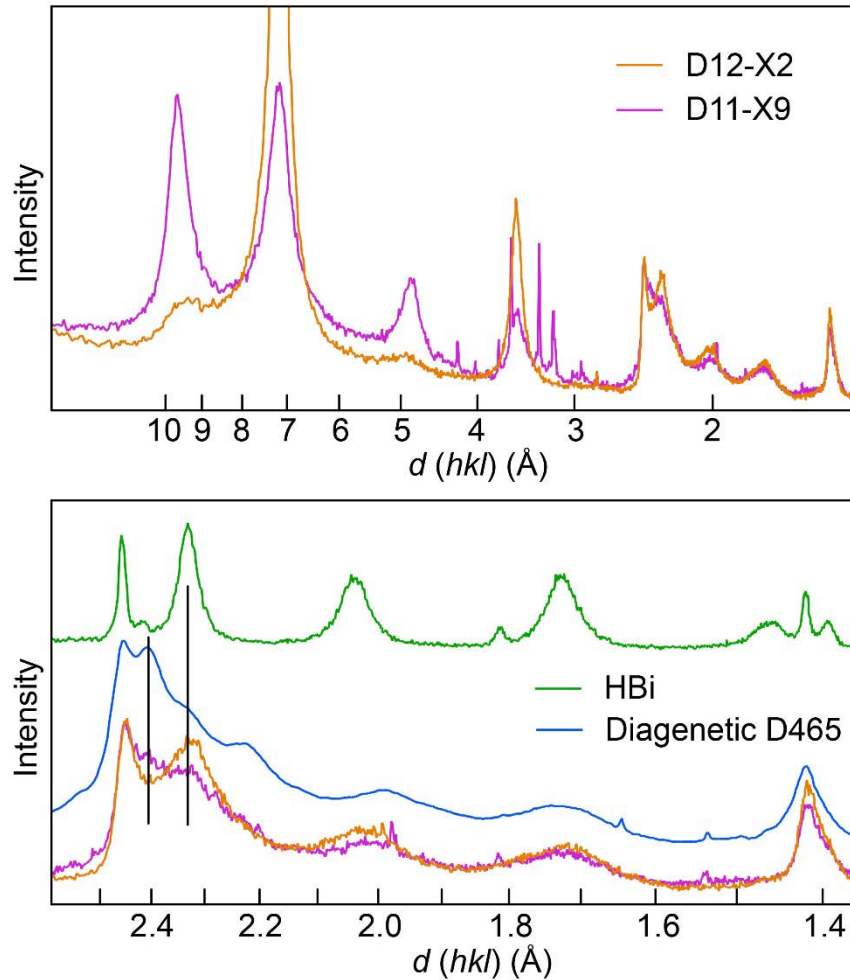
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1094 **Figure S6a.** XRD pattern of the D465 nodule in the hydrated and dehydrated state. Under vacuum, the
1095 composite (001) reflection from 10Å-vernadite splits into one reflection at ~8.9 Å from todorokite, and
1096 another at 6.5-7.0 Å from 7Å-vernadite (turbostratic birnessite). HRTEM imaging shows that 10Å-vernadite is
1097 a complex intergrowth of nano-sized domains of todorokite and vernadite (Bodei et al. 2007). The two types
1098 of crystallites are revealed upon dehydration.
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1101 **Figure 6b.** XRD pattern of a manganese oxide (39GC20) collected near the 50GCC sample during the
1102 Ticoflux II cruise (2001) on the eastern flank of the East Pacific Rise (EPR) offshore Costa Rica (Courtesy of
1103 Dr. M. Buatier). The Mn oxide is almost pure todorokite. The narrow reflections are from quartz, anorthite
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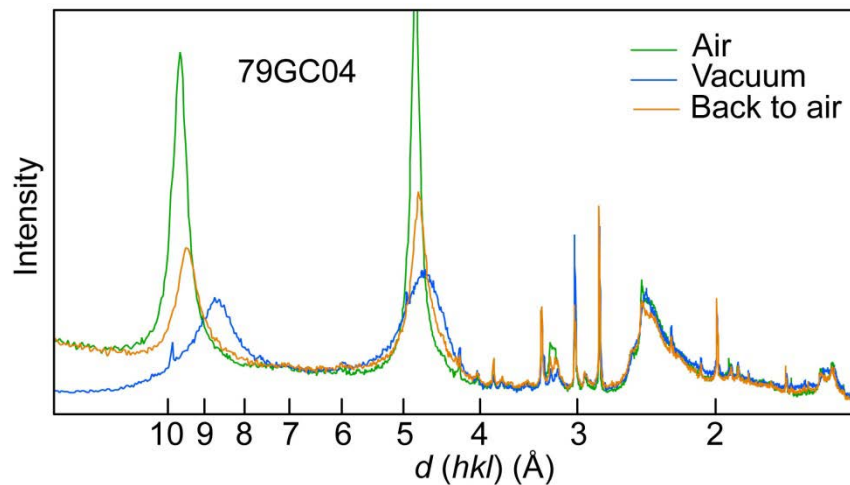


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1108 **Figure S6c.** XRD pattern of a manganese oxide (D11-X9) collected in a hydrothermal field in NW Pacific
1109 Ocean at 1575 m depth (Takahashi et al. 2007). Todorokite, 10Å-vernadite, and 7Å-vernadite comprise the
1110 majority of the sample. The weak reflection at 2.33 Å is from hexagonal birnessite, as shown below for
1111 sample D12-X2 collected in close proximity to D11-X9.
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Figure S6d. XRD pattern of a manganese oxide (D12-X2), collected in the same hydrothermal field as D11-X9, compared to the patterns of D11-X9, synthetic hexagonal birnessite (Drits et al. 1997), and the micro-XRD pattern of 10Å-vernadite + todorokite shown in Figure 8a (diagenetic D465). The mineral composition of D12-X2 comprises todorokite, 10Å-vernadite, 7Å-vernadite, and hexagonal birnessite. The disordered 7Å-vernadite and ordered birnessite crystallites are probably interlayered (Lanson et al. 2000). All patterns were recorded in air.



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1124 **Figure S6e.** XRD pattern of a manganese oxide (79GC04) collected in an hydrothermal field from the flank
1125 of the Juan de Fuca Ridge (Buatier et al. 2004). The Mn oxide is a turbostratic asbolane. This mixed-layer
1126 mineral is identified by the strong (002) reflection, which has a higher intensity than the (001) reflection, and
1127 a split of the two $hk0$ reflections. The intense (002) reflection indicates that the phylломanganate interlayer
1128 contains an ordered layer from a metal (oxy)hydroxide, such as $\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2$, $\text{Co}(\text{OH})_2$, $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$, or $\text{Mn}(\text{OH})_2$
1129 in the case of asbolane, or $\text{Al}(\text{OOH})$ in the case of lithiophorite. The sub-lattices of the two interstratified layers
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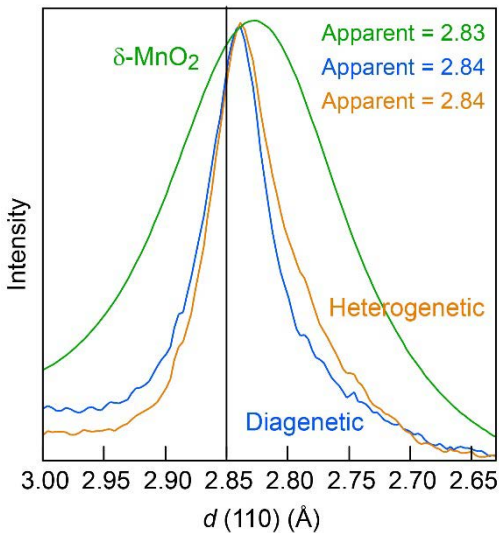
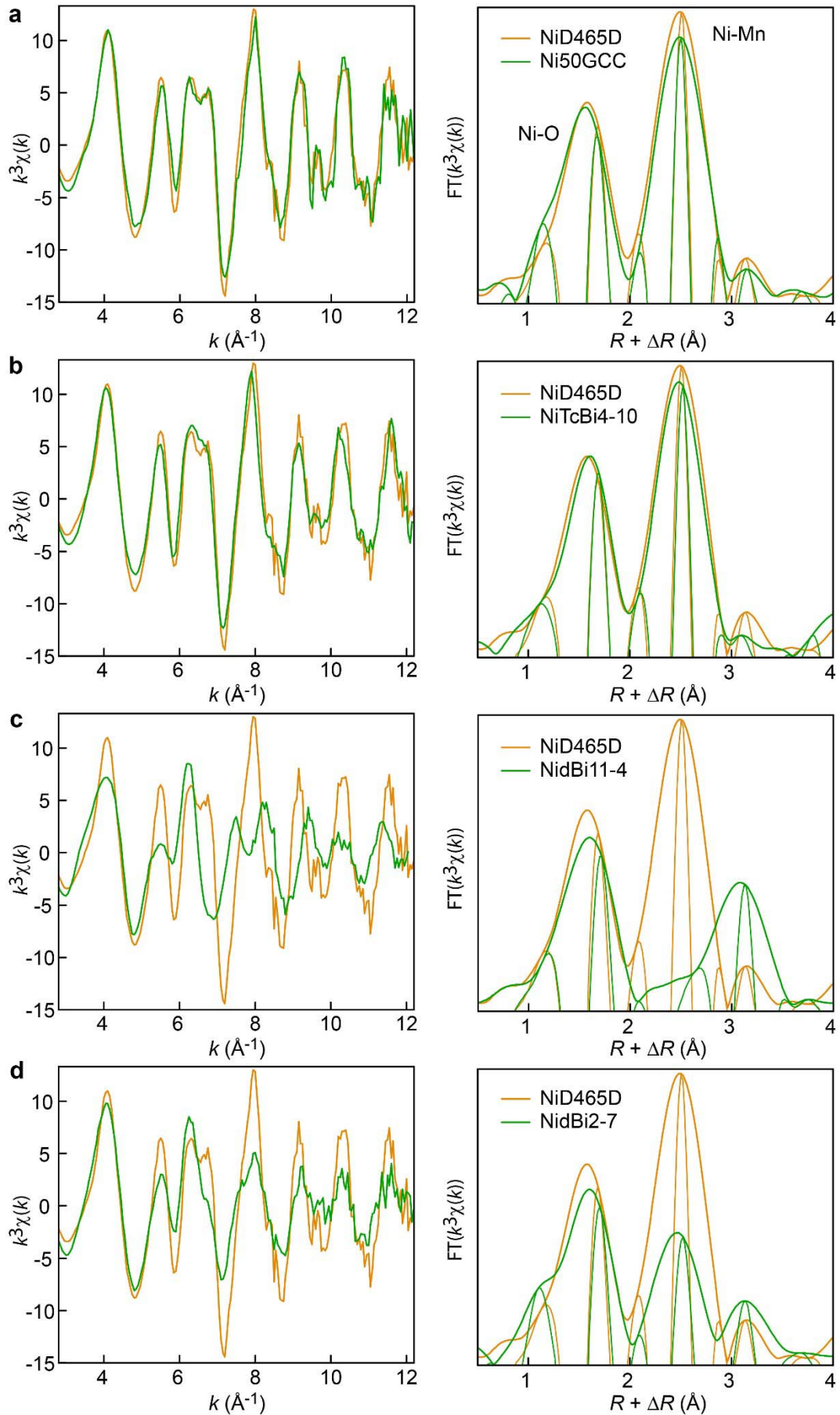


Figure S7. Profile of the (110) reflection of the nodule vernadite measured in the hydrogenetic and diagenetic regions (enlarged patterns from Fig. 8) compared to $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ equilibrated at pH 10 (Manceau et al. 2013). The three materials have a b value of 2.85 Å, but their peak maximum is shifted to lower $2xd(hkl)$ values in small particles to a greater extent the smaller the layer size.

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1138 **Figure S8.** Ni K-edge EXAFS spectra and the magnitude and imaginary part of their Fourier transforms for
1139 the diagenetic nodule (NiD465D) and different models. (a) Mn deposit in hemipelagic sediments off Costa
1140 Rica from Bodei *et al.* (2007), in which Ni is partitioned among 10Å-vernadite and todorokite (Ni50GCC). (b)
1141 Ni incorporated in the MnO₂ layer of triclinic birnessite, similarly to Cu in CuTcBi7-10 (NiTcBi4-10). The
1142 Ni-O and Ni-Mn distances are a little longer in TcBi than in vernadite because TcBi has more Mn³⁺ (Manceau
1143 *et al.* 2005). (c,d) Ni-sorbed on δ-MnO₂ at pH 4 (Ni/Mn = 0.011; NidBi11-4) and pH 7 (Ni/Mn = 0.002 ;
1144 NidBi2-7) (Manceau *et al.* 2007). Ni is predominantly above vacancies in NidBi11-4 (TC complex, peak C),
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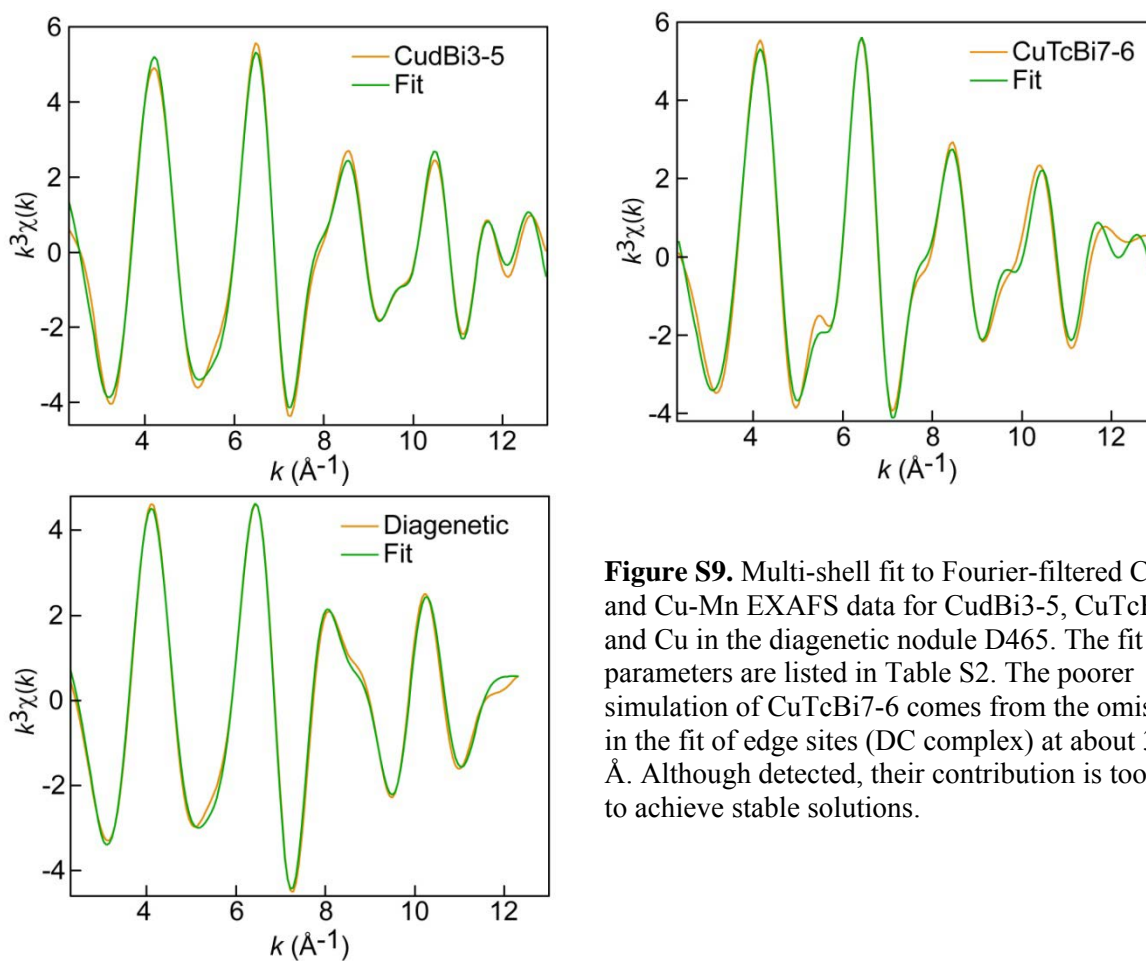
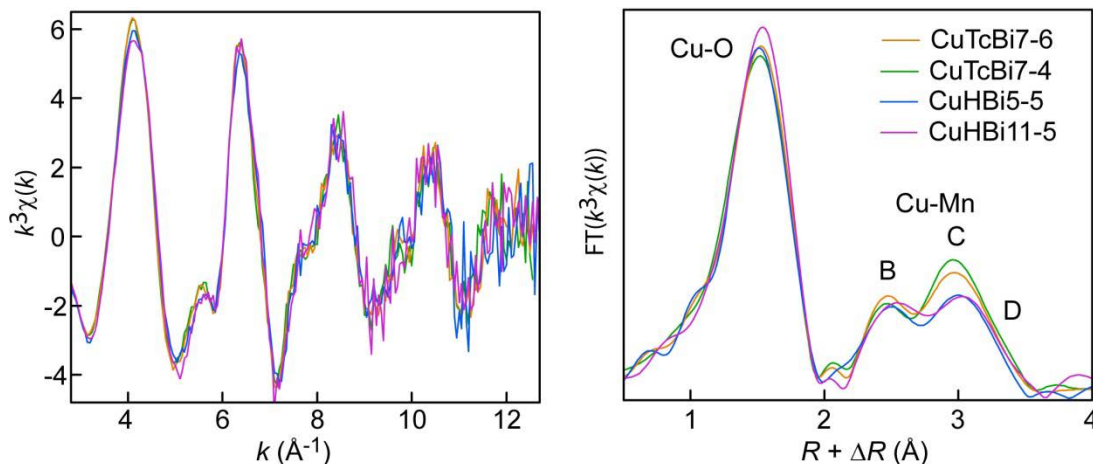


Figure S9. Multi-shell fit to Fourier-filtered Cu-O and Cu-Mn EXAFS data for CudBi3-5, CuTcBi7-6, and Cu in the diagenetic nodule D465. The fit parameters are listed in Table S2. The poorer simulation of CuTcBi7-6 comes from the omission in the fit of edge sites (DC complex) at about 3.68 Å. Although detected, their contribution is too weak to achieve stable solutions.

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 1152 **Figure S10.** Cu K-edge EXAFS spectra and their Fourier transforms for Cu sorbed and incorporated in
 1153 birnessite as a function of the equilibrium pH and sample preparation. Cu was coprecipitated with Mn in
 1154 triclinic birnessite (TcBi) at pH 10 and the TcBi suspension subsequently equilibrated at pH 6 (CuTcBi7-6) or
 1155 4 (CuTcBi7-4). At acidic pH, TcBi is transformed to hexagonal birnessite (HBi). The two HBi samples were
 1156 prepared by pre-equilibrating a TcBi suspension to pH 5 and the Cu sorbed at this pH directly on HBi. The
 1157 synthesis route has little effect on the Cu partitioning among the layer site (E complex, peak B), interlayer site
 1158 (TC complex, peak C), and edge site (DC complex, peak D). TcBi has a higher proportion of TC complex
 1159 because its layers have a larger dimension.

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 1162 **Table S1.** Mn/Fe ratios and trace metal concentrations (wt. %) shown in Figure 4 as measured by EPMA. The
 1163 complete chemical analyses are given in the Supplementary material. The exact location of each analyzed spot
 1164 is indicated on the backscattered electron images. The counting time was 40 s for the Ce and Pb fluorescence
 1165 peaks and 2 x 20 s for the background counts measured on each side of the fluorescence peaks. These
 1166 numbers are 20 s and 2 x 10 s for the other elements. The relative standard deviation (RSD) calculated from
 1167 the total counts are 2% for Mg, Ca, Mn, and Fe, 6% for Ni and Cu, 20% for Na and Co, and 60% for Ce and
 1168 Pb.

Spot #	Mn/Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Ce	Pb	Mg	Ca	Na
91	160.87	0.121	3.096	2.127	0.022	-	3.912	1.466	0.286
92	9.51	0.121	2.262	1.428	0.000	-	2.729	1.815	0.214
93	1.60	0.350	0.255	0.259	0.098	0.109	0.491	2.651	0.111
94	1.23	0.313	0.157	0.217	0.120	0.061	0.534	2.266	0.030
95	27.51	0.263	2.728	1.946	0.000	0.012	4.780	1.181	0.038
96	1.41	0.278	0.218	0.248	0.060	0.008	0.685	2.457	0.075
97	1.31	0.175	0.587	0.495	0.054	0.107	1.222	2.374	0.066
98	71.33	0.092	3.084	2.211	0.051	0.019	3.023	1.681	0.297
99	2.26	0.143	0.721	0.555	0.072	0.045	0.906	2.003	0.294
100	1.84	0.238	0.348	0.316	0.071	0.089	0.677	2.492	0.238
101	13.36	0.170	2.629	2.040	0.019	0.014	4.779	1.067	0.160
102	1.60	0.252	0.280	0.336	0.076	0.082	0.752	2.562	0.146
103	5.86	0.296	2.221	1.380	0.031	0.023	2.415	1.842	0.154
104	1.27	0.200	0.273	0.304	0.089	0.074	0.885	2.749	0.096
105	0.95	0.190	0.207	0.348	0.078	0.064	0.841	2.699	0.091
106	30.16	0.020	2.508	1.596	0.016	0.001	3.691	1.303	0.079
107	216.50	0.027	3.550	2.104	0.017	0.066	4.186	1.274	0.133
108	1.41	0.339	0.274	0.275	0.103	0.036	0.650	2.570	0.098
109	47.15	0.082	3.535	1.828	0.000	0.007	3.726	1.241	0.135
110	1.57	0.212	0.259	0.323	0.078	0.055	0.695	2.464	0.126

111	1.55	0.207	0.430	0.409	0.081	0.035	0.921	2.243	0.102
112	1.00	0.182	0.146	0.252	0.129	0.072	0.706	2.379	0.151
113	1.16	0.215	0.141	0.233	0.103	0.092	0.725	2.401	0.189
114	56.68	0.001	3.116	2.061	0.025	-	5.065	1.260	0.131
115	1.61	0.315	0.284	0.284	0.115	0.113	0.666	2.722	0.058
116	24.86	0.114	3.133	1.775	0.033	0.024	3.522	1.362	0.263
117	1.67	0.274	0.305	0.235	0.061	0.046	0.592	2.330	0.148
118	1.42	0.222	0.427	0.479	0.094	0.080	1.075	2.492	0.029
119	2.17	0.222	1.268	0.930	0.054	0.053	1.705	1.929	0.013
120	102.00	0.082	3.693	1.780	0.014	-	3.717	1.304	0.206
121	3.44	0.271	0.868	0.960	0.037	0.103	0.444	2.274	0.177
122	3.53	0.273	1.299	1.569	0.058	0.056	0.785	2.011	0.109
123	3.40	0.247	1.130	1.344	0.026	0.023	0.782	1.922	0.175
124	2.61	0.291	0.620	0.745	0.079	0.053	0.418	2.408	0.185
125	14.51	0.060	2.866	2.719	0.103	0.019	4.199	1.286	0.217
126	16.30	0.172	2.824	2.828	0.017	0.063	4.125	1.318	0.199
127	3.10	0.301	0.875	0.906	0.044	0.037	1.202	2.489	0.226
128	3.71	0.200	1.073	1.149	0.108	0.058	1.597	2.441	0.206
129	2.81	0.306	0.517	0.581	0.090	0.048	0.883	1.728	0.146
130	2.57	0.384	0.451	0.547	0.120	0.106	1.103	2.449	0.208
131	4.13	0.279	1.781	1.702	0.040	0.053	3.055	1.759	0.177
132	2.03	0.356	0.469	0.598	0.120	0.071	0.881	2.239	0.082
133	1.88	0.274	0.290	0.423	0.072	0.050	0.732	2.344	0.277
134	2.17	0.243	0.570	0.749	0.113	0.052	1.068	2.610	0.226
135	4.61	0.169	2.034	1.960	0.013	0.046	3.266	1.765	0.260
136	2.82	0.374	0.604	0.691	0.064	0.126	1.105	2.375	0.122
137	2.98	0.362	0.720	0.744	0.107	0.050	1.062	2.456	0.226
138	5.03	0.253	1.994	1.448	0.077	0.087	2.139	1.918	0.115
139	1.41	0.222	0.211	0.427	0.138	0.051	0.820	2.150	0.224
140	1.82	0.305	0.331	0.507	0.104	0.034	0.846	2.259	0.201
141	6.73	0.282	1.796	1.920	0.072	0.033	2.268	1.894	0.188
142	2.55	0.313	0.504	0.603	0.135	0.074	0.854	2.352	0.085
143	3.02	0.291	0.627	0.745	0.104	0.028	0.930	2.252	0.174
144	1.66	0.220	0.481	0.664	0.090	0.053	1.126	2.258	0.131
145	5.27	0.198	2.045	2.077	0.023	0.033	3.254	1.685	0.287
146	1.27	0.196	0.299	0.508	0.081	0.069	0.768	2.164	0.182
147	2.79	0.404	0.622	0.698	0.106	0.069	0.860	2.474	0.054
148	4.04	0.158	1.743	1.709	0.041	0.078	2.820	1.733	0.148
149	5.19	0.182	1.968	2.045	0.010	0.039	3.084	2.253	0.168
150	1.52	0.211	0.321	0.582	0.132	0.065	0.896	2.206	0.093

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Table S2. EXAFS parameters from multi-shell fits of Cu-EXAFS data

	Cu-O			Cu-Mn		Cu-Mn		Cu-Mn			ΔE	Res
	CN	R(Å)	$\sigma(\text{Å}^2)$	CN	R(Å)	CN	R(Å)	CN	R(Å)	$\sigma(\text{Å}^2)$		
CudBi3-5	4.6	1.94	0.007	0.8	2.87*	1.3	3.40*	0.6	3.68	0.005†	-0.4	9.6
CuTcBi7-6	4.7	1.96	0.007	0.8	2.86	2.3	3.40			0.007†	-2.0	14.1
Diagenetic	4.1	1.96	0.006	1.6	2.88					0.008	-1.6	7.6

Notes: CN is the effective number of atomic pairs seen by EXAFS, R is the interatomic distance, σ is the standard

deviation of the distance distribution, ΔE is the threshold energy correction in eV, and Res is the fit residual defined as $[\sum\{|\chi_{exp} - \chi_{fit}|\} / \sum\{|\chi_{exp}|\}] \times 100$. The many body amplitude-reduction factor S_0^2 was fixed to 0.9.

* fixed values.

† Constrained to the same value for all Cu-Mn pairs.

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