

**Supporting information:** **A.** sampling sites and bulk chemical and mineralogical composition of the soil samples Figs. S1-S6, Table S1; **B.** SEM-BSE images of *MSC* and *MOM* (Figs. S7-S10); **C.** TEM. SAED and STEM-EDS images of all identified phases (S11-S28); **D.** Table S29, Point of zero charges for selected phases identified in this study.

# Supplementary data A

Sampling sites Figure S1 and S2

Bulk mineralogical composition Figures S3-S6

Bulk composition Table S1

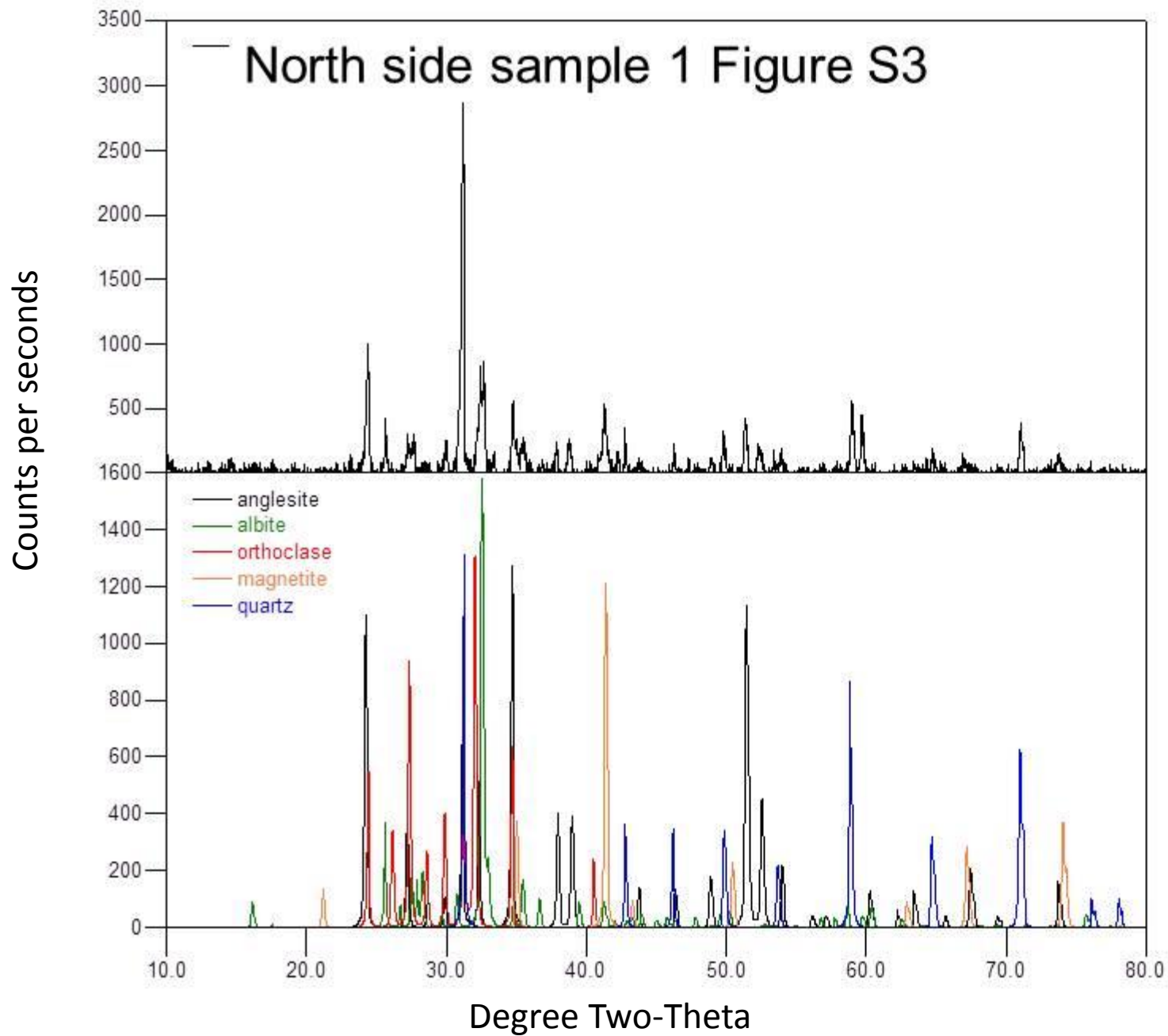
Figure S1, Sampling site North, May 2016



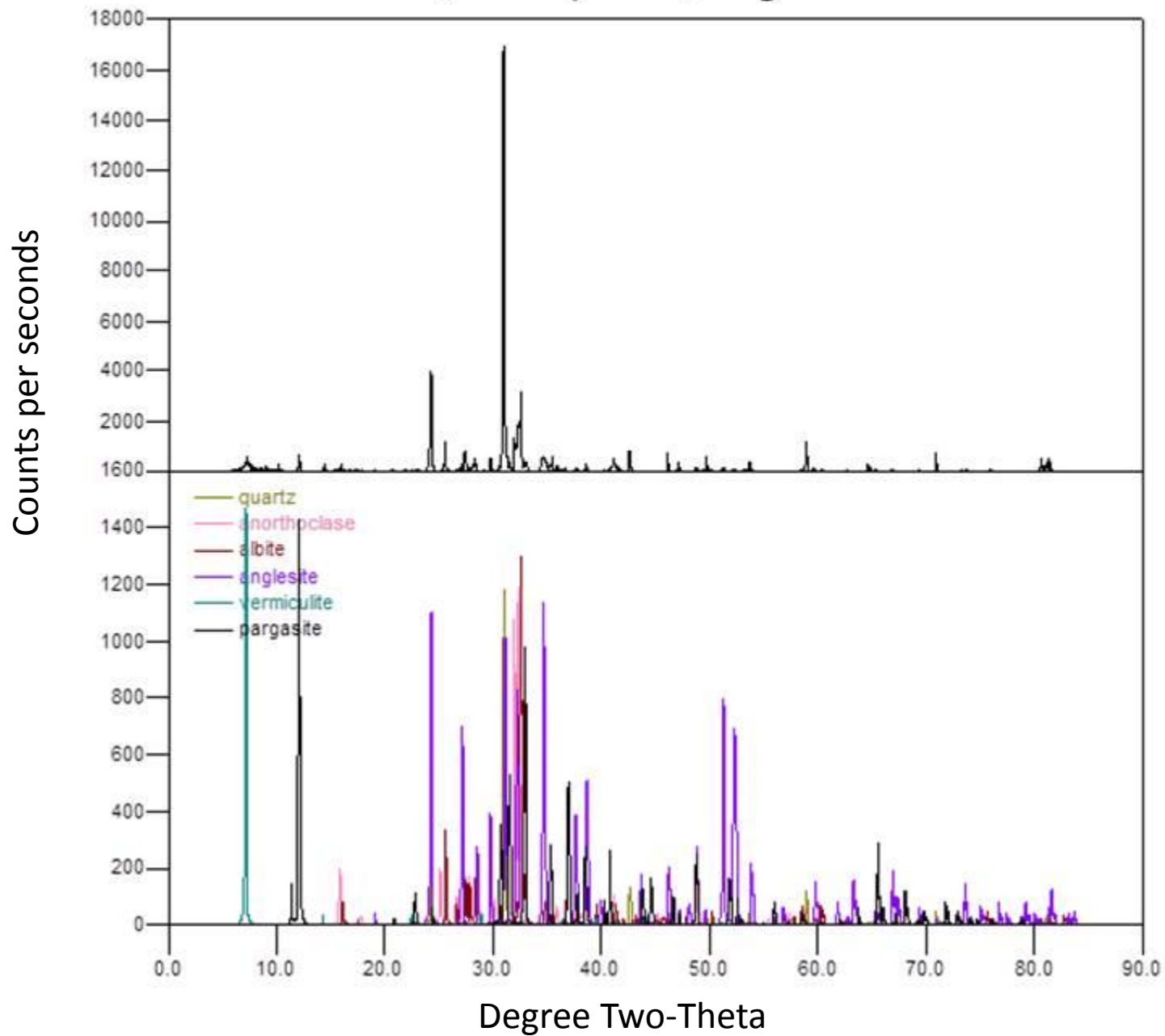


Figure S2, Sampling site South East, May 2016

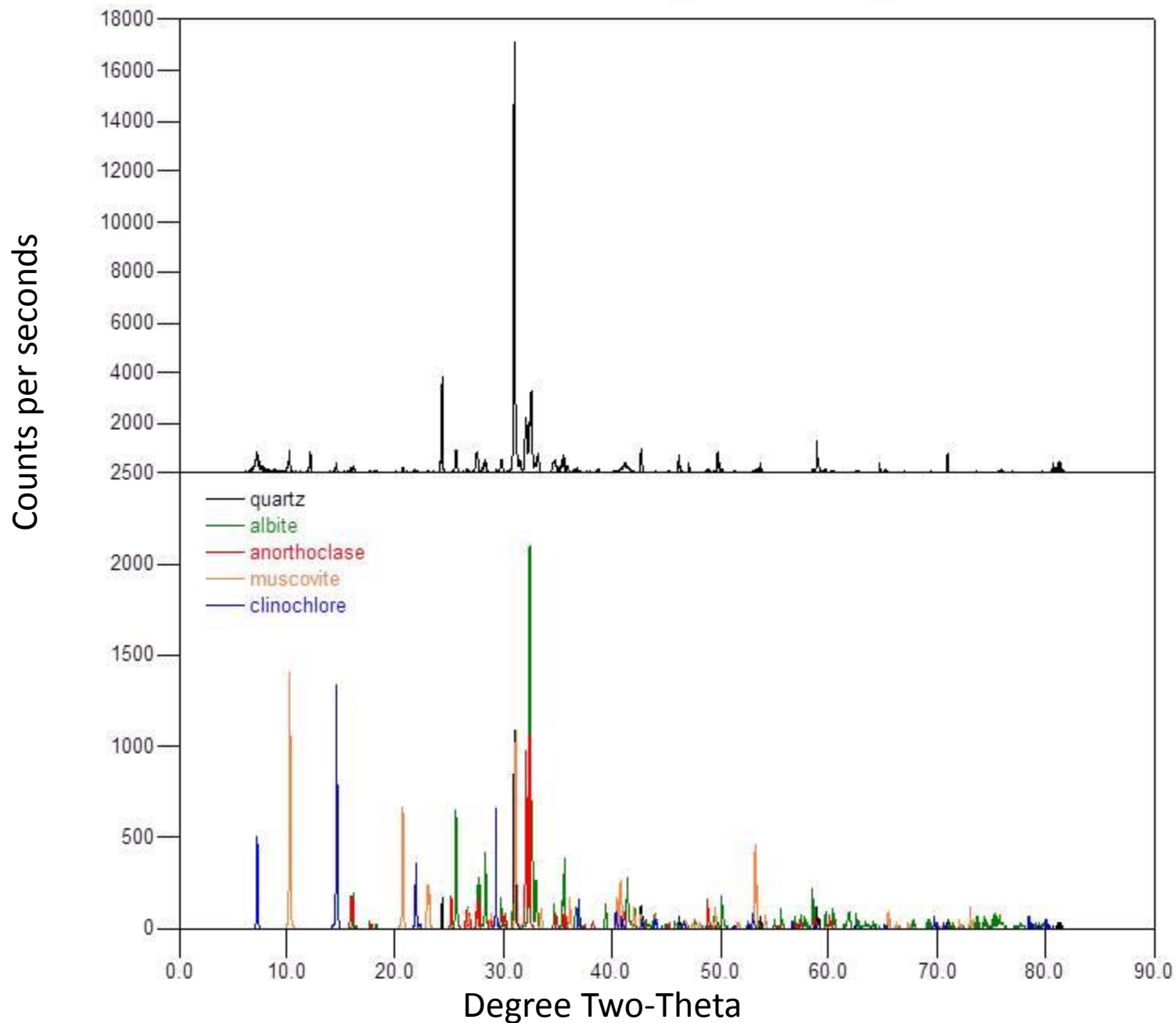




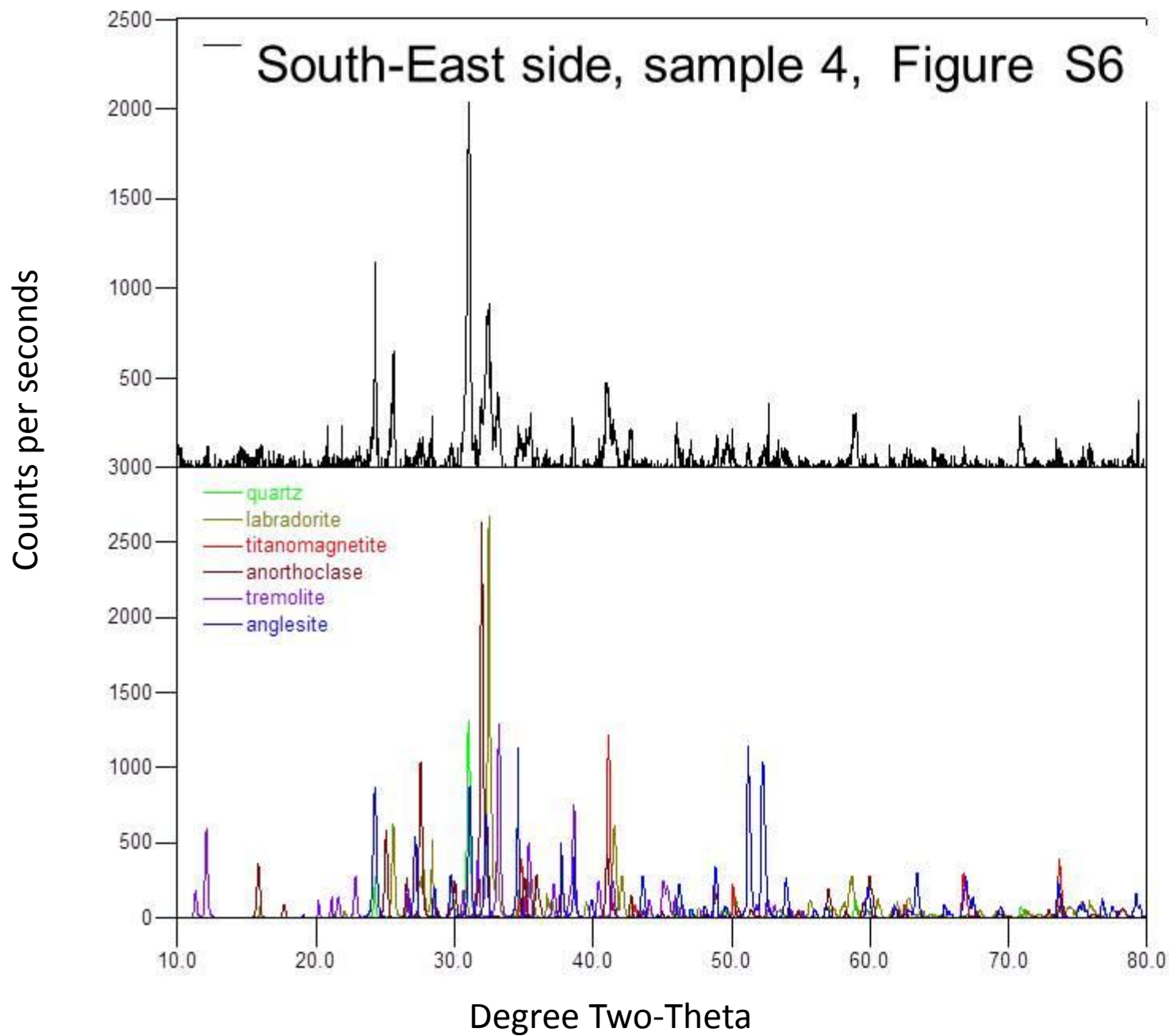
— North side, sample 2, Figure S4



# — South-East side, sample 3, Figure S5









# Table S1. Bulk chemical analysis

Analyte:	Al	As	B	Ba	Bi	Ca	Cd	Ce	Co	Cs	Cu	Fe
Unit:	%	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	%	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	%
RDL:	0.01	30	20	0.5	0.1	0.05	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	5	0.01
Sample Description												
North site 1	5.78	843	28	1050	35	1.27	28.5	61	19.4	2.7	566	3.66
North site 2	6.11	820	24	1130	32.7	1.36	35.5	53	10.3	3.2	610	3.75
South East site 3	6.6	440	21	950	17.5	1.51	24.2	61	10.2	3.2	450	3.6
South East site 4	6.32	470	23	1060	20.2	1.42	23.1	76	23.3	3	465	3.47

Analyte:	K	Mg	Mn	P	Pb	S	Sb	Si	Sn	Sr	Ti	Zn
Unit:	%	%	ppm	%	ppm	%	ppm	%	ppm	ppm	%	ppm
RDL:	0.05	0.01	10	0.01	5	0.01	0.1	0.01	1	0.1	0.01	5
Sample Description												
North site 1	1.4	0.61	590	0.34	16600	0.32	766	22.6	146	343	0.33	3520
North site 2	1.62	0.71	695	0.37	14000	0.26	720	21.5	125	382	0.38	3850
South East site 3	1.61	0.72	745	0.44	8800	0.21	440	23.2	112	352	0.35	2440
South East site 4	1.55	0.67	638	0.48	10100	0.24	360	21.9	80	375	0.38	2590

# Supplementary data B1

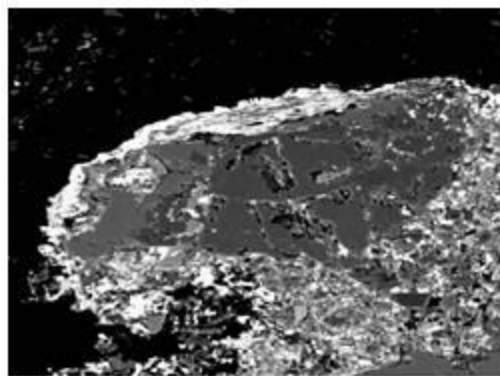
## SEM-BSE images of Mineral surface coatings

Figures

S7 North site

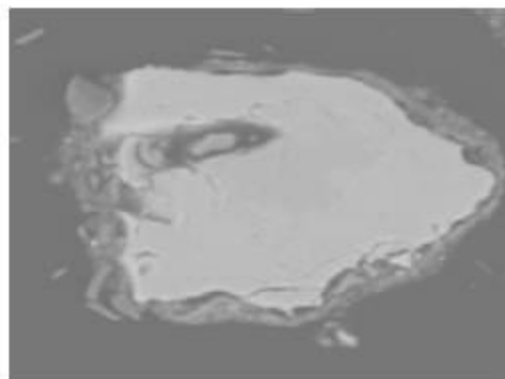
S8 South East site

Elements are listed if their concentrations  
are above 1 at%;



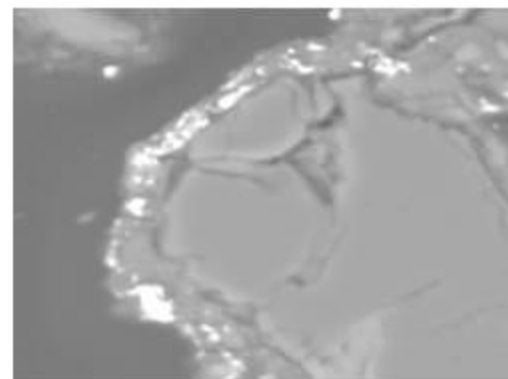
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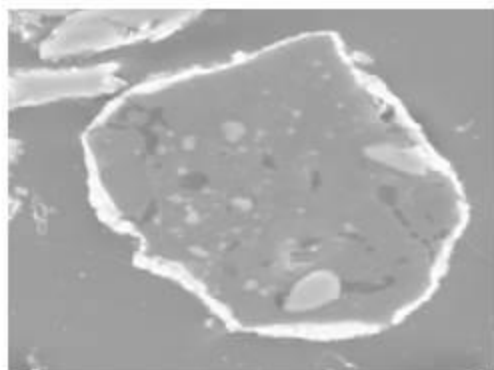
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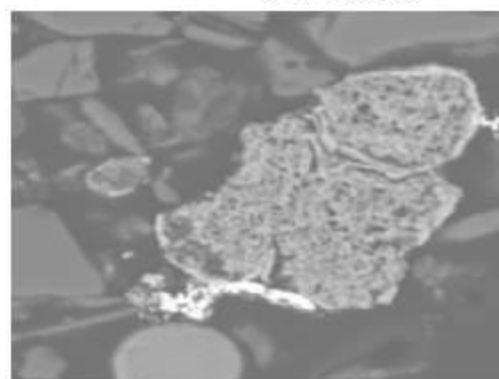
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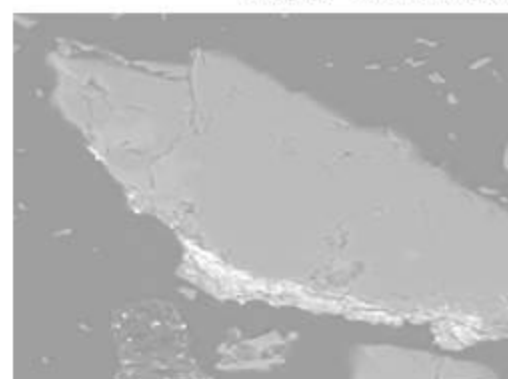
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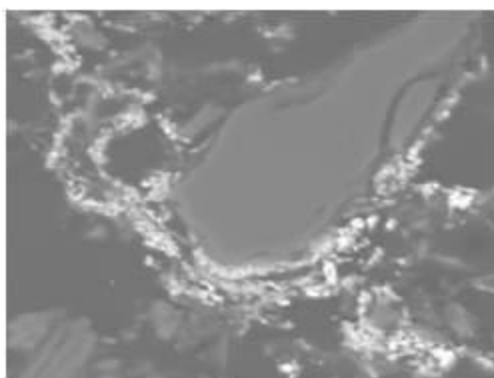
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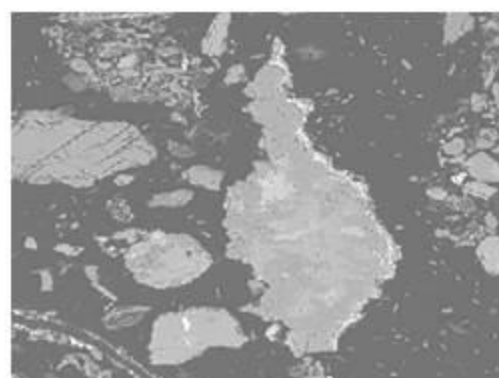
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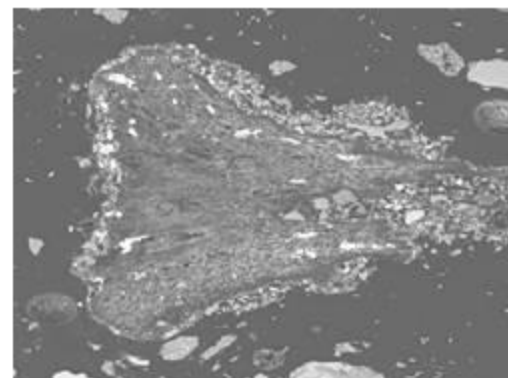
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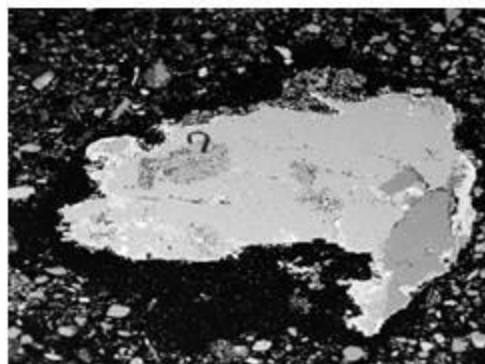
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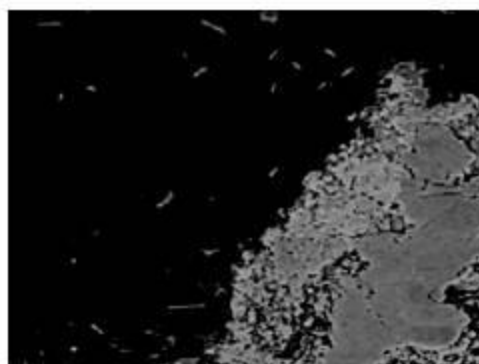


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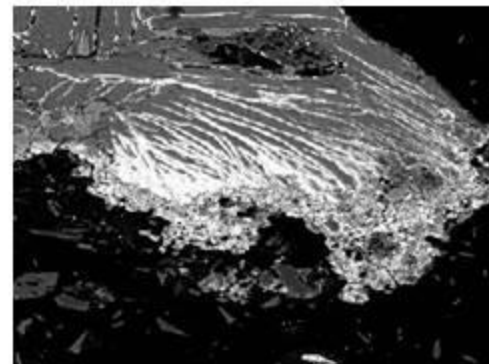
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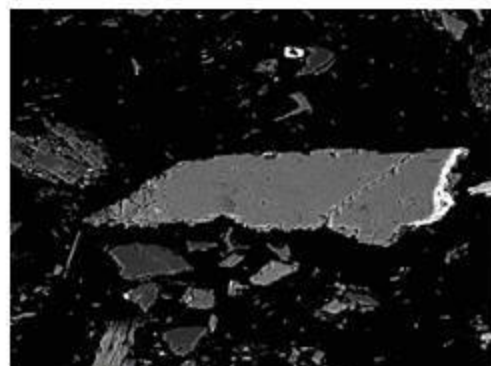
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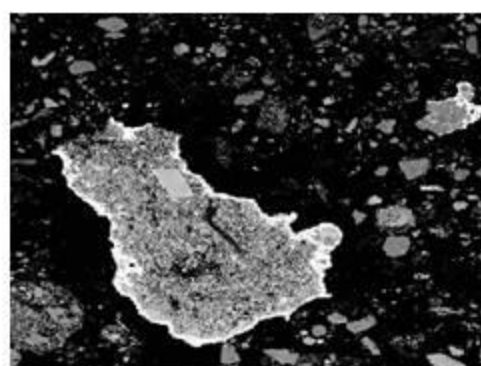
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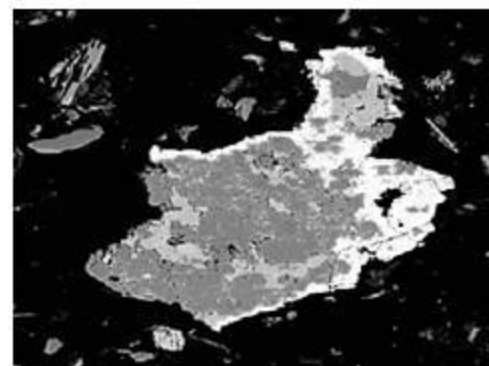
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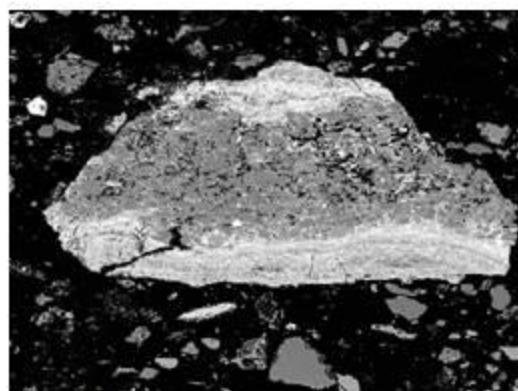
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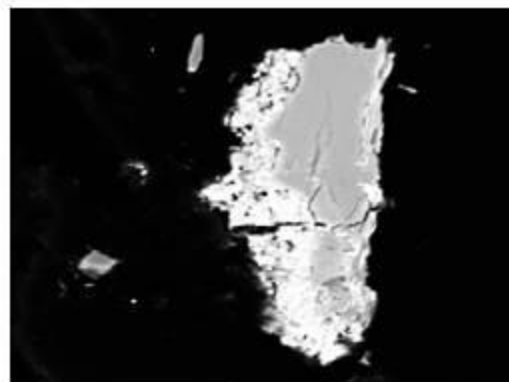
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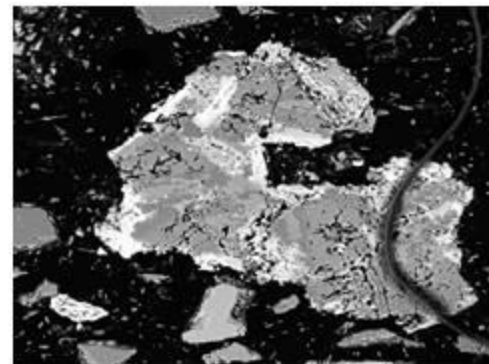
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700µm Pb-S-Si



70µm Pb-S-Zn-Fe-Ti-Si



300µm Pb-S-Si

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Supplementary data B2  
SEM-BSE images of  
(partly) mineralized organic features in  
the soils at both sampling sites

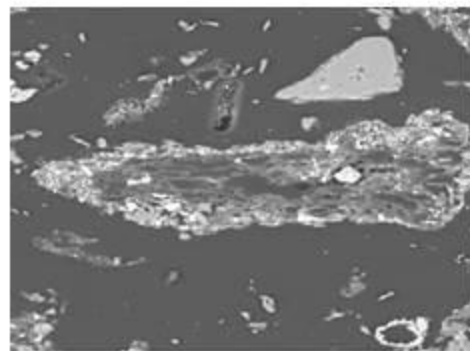
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S9 North site

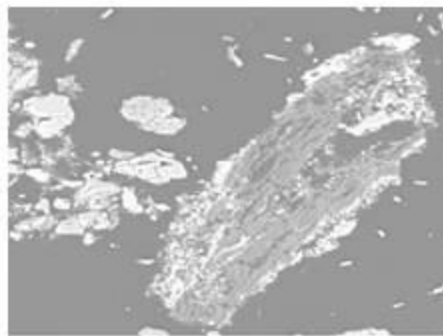
S10 North site / South-East site

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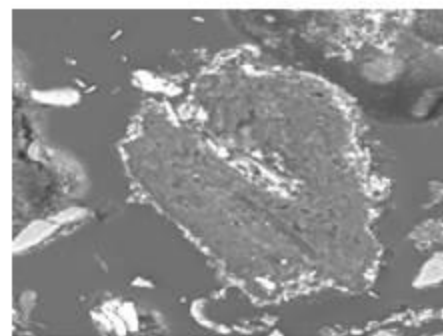
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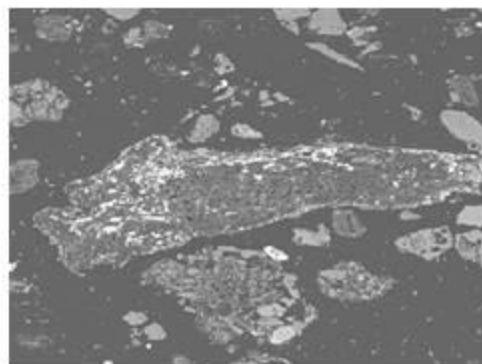
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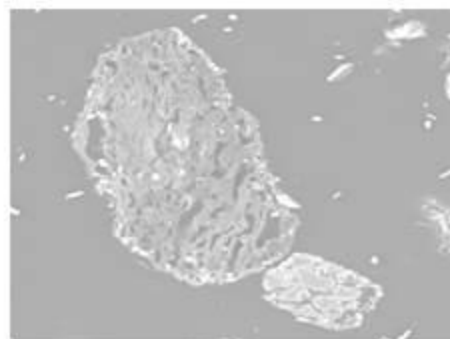
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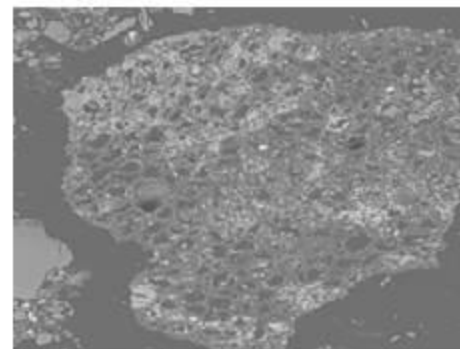
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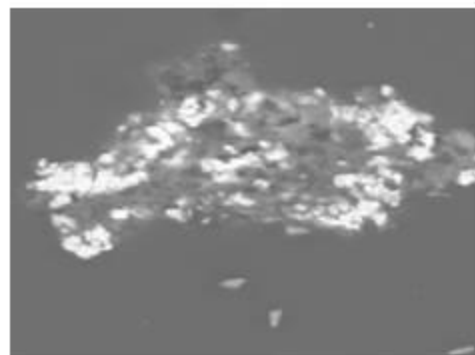
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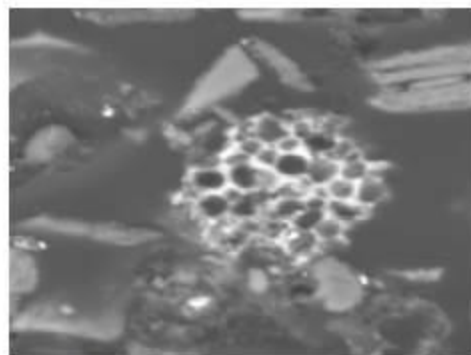
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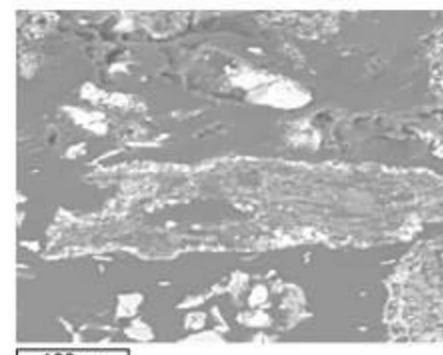
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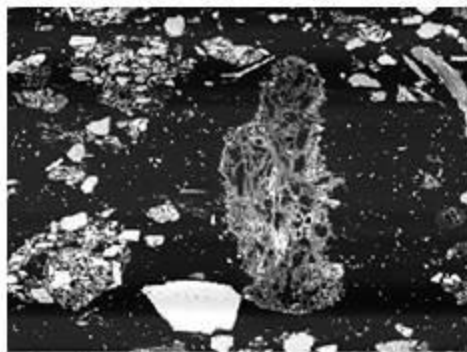
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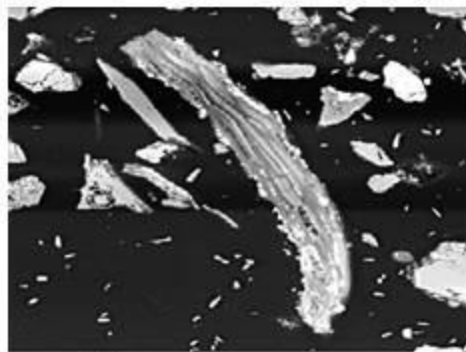
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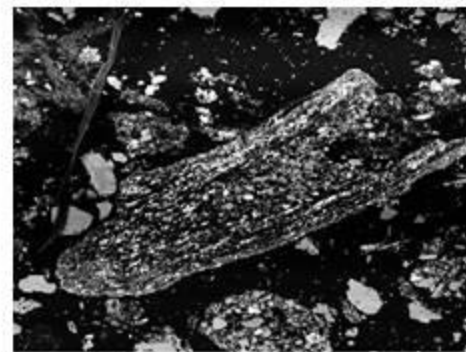
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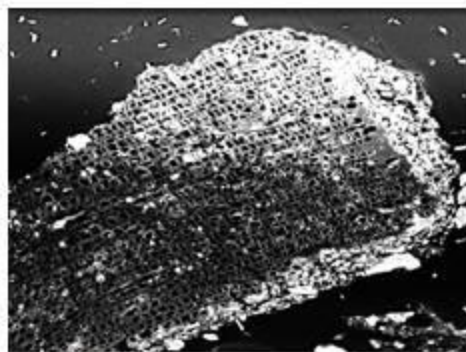


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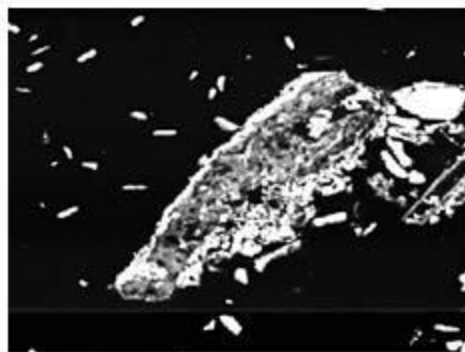


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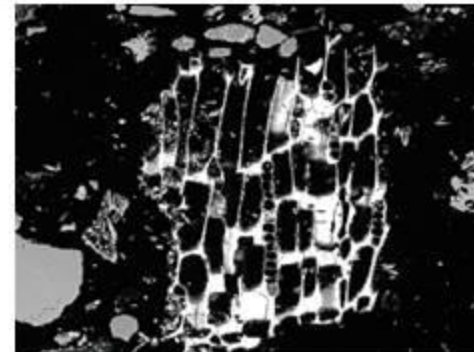
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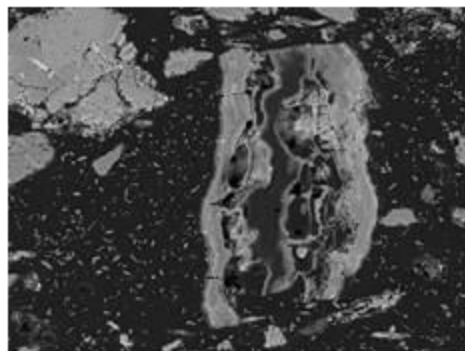


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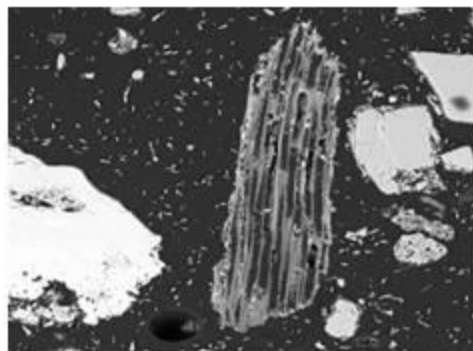


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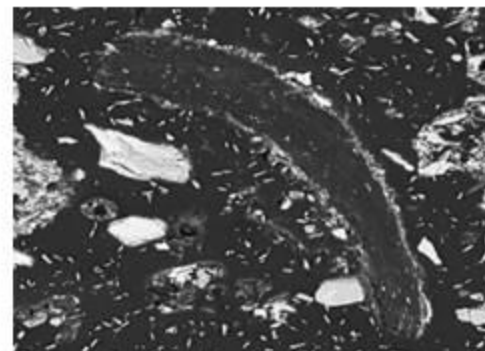
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Pb



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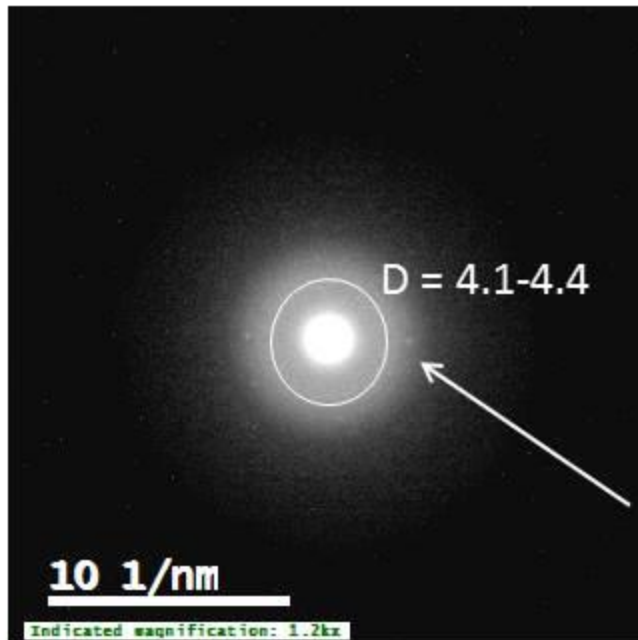
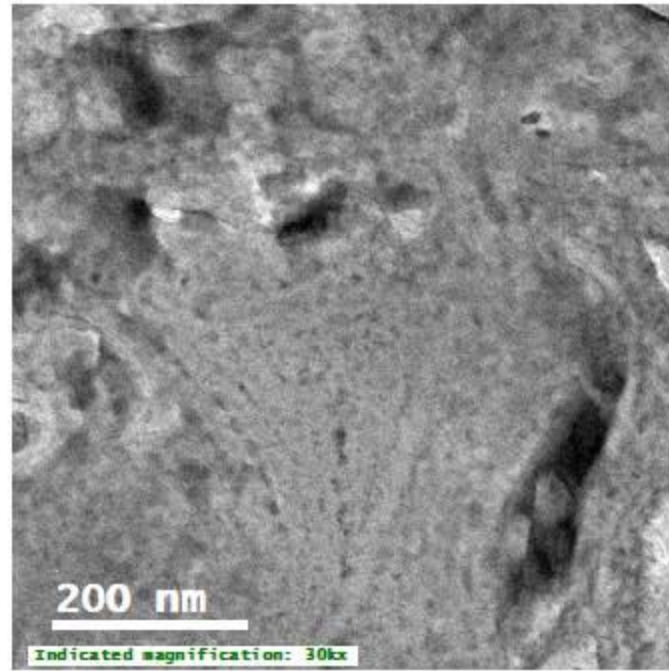
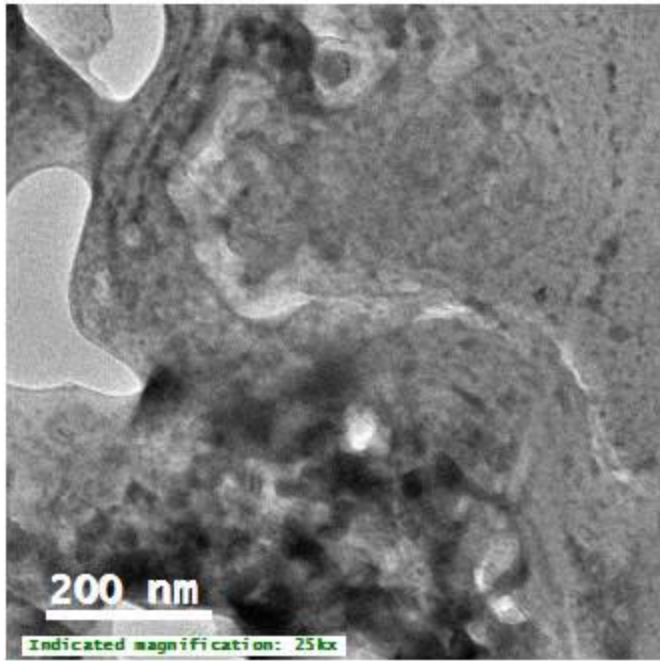
Zn-S-Al-Si

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# Supplementary data C1

Nano-phases TEM images and  
diffraction pattern for the mineral  
surface coating

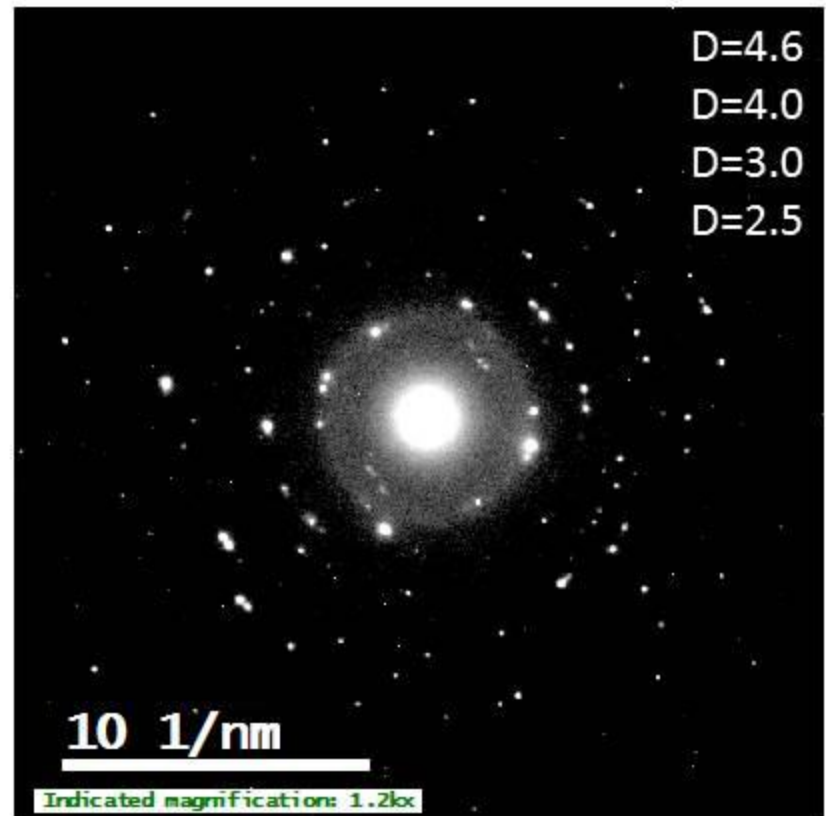
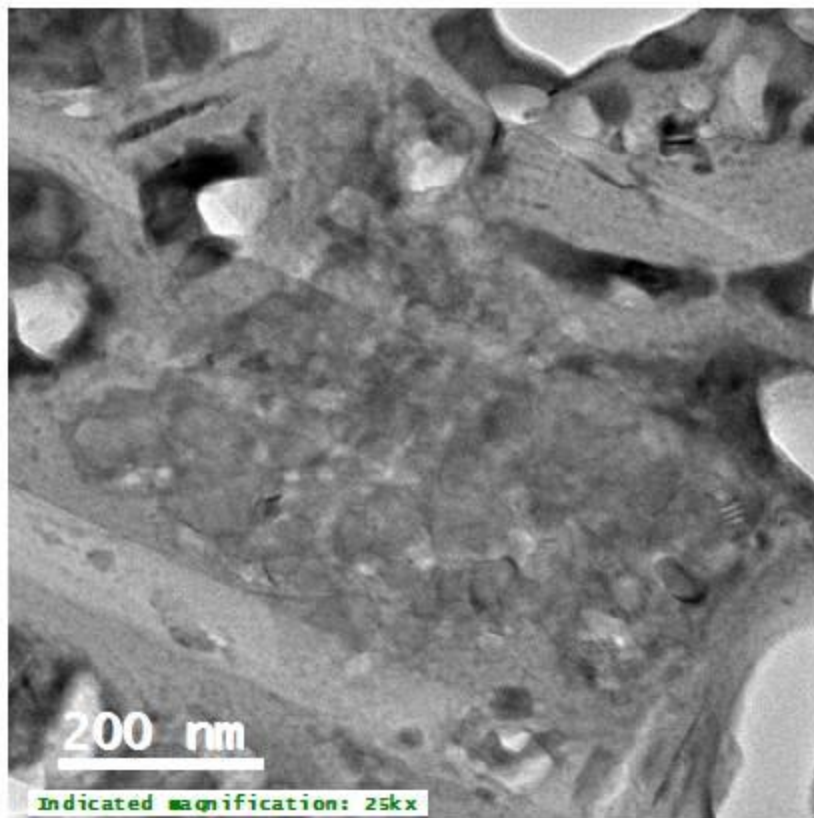




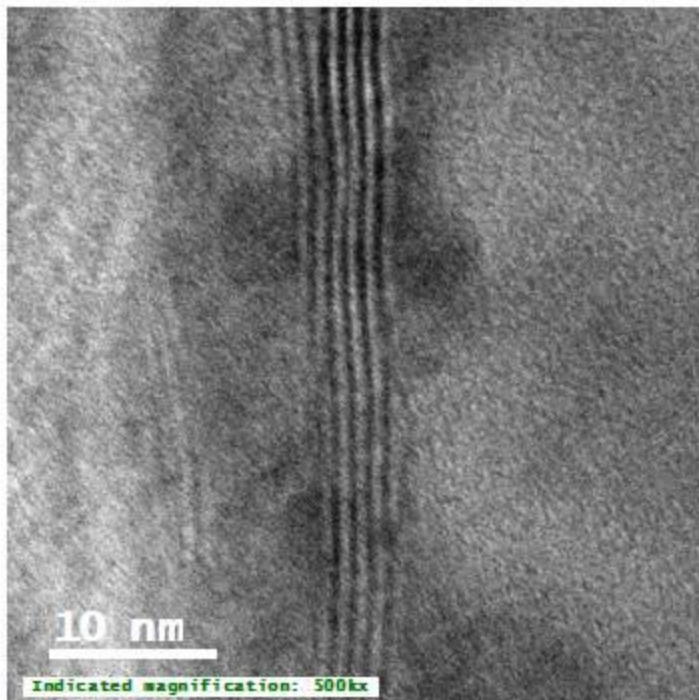
## Silica matrix

Broad peak between  $d = 4.1$  and  $4.4 \text{ \AA}$   
characteristic for Opal A/C/CT

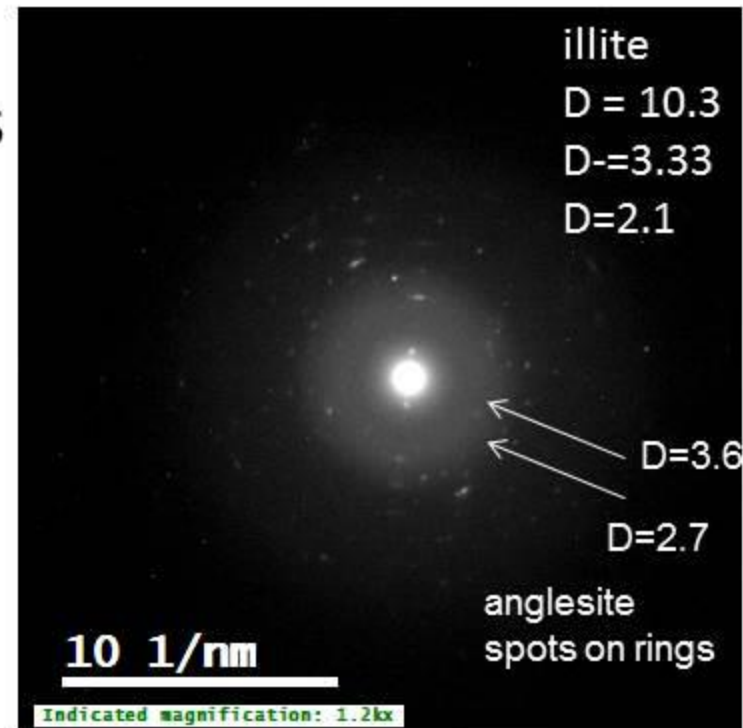
Diffraction spots for anglesite nanoparticles



Fluorapatite, (Ca+Pb) : P : F = 5 : 3 : 1  
Ca: Pb = 10 : 1



Illite+  
Nanoparticles  
of anglesite

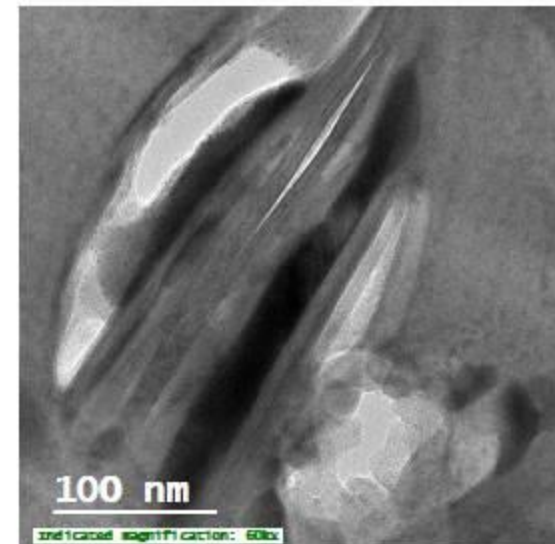
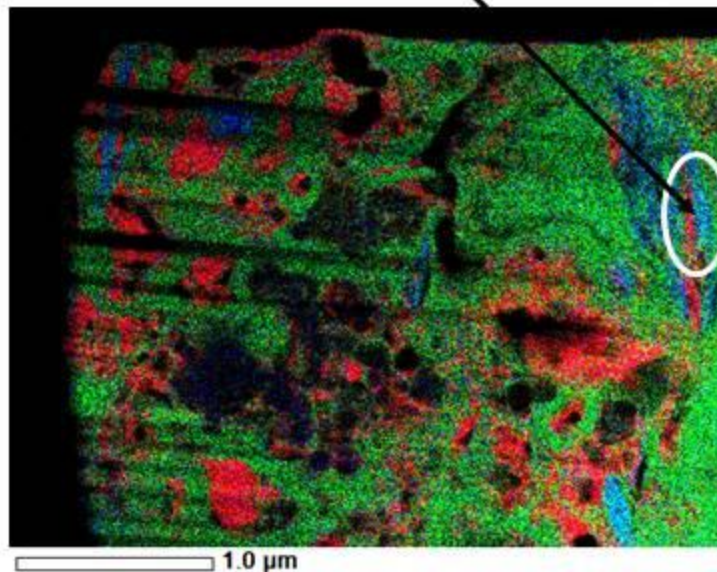


K: Al: Si = 1: 3: 7

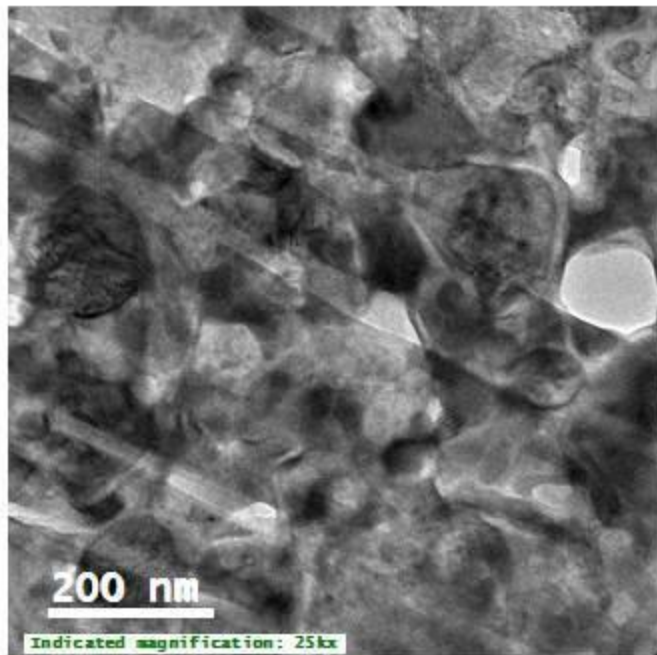
S13

Si: green  
Al: Blue  
Pb: red

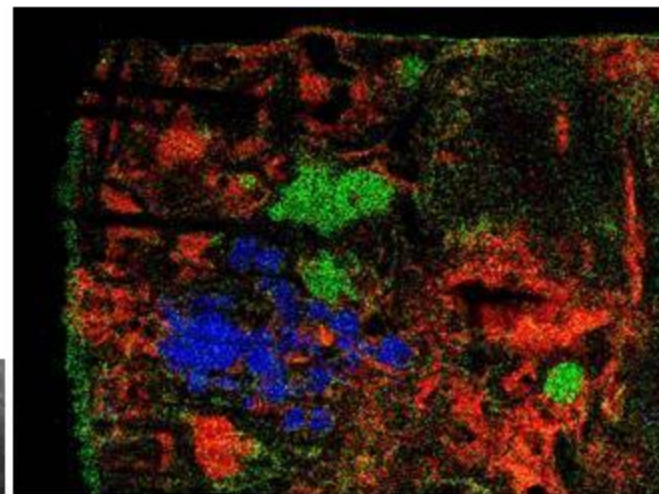
Parallel growth of anglesite  
on the surface of illite



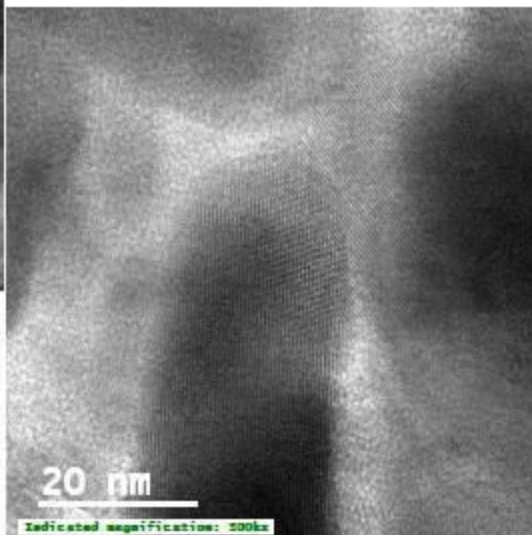
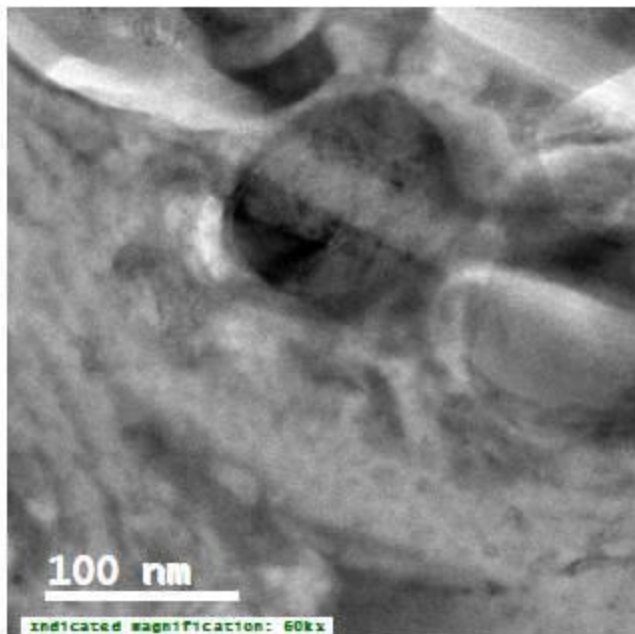




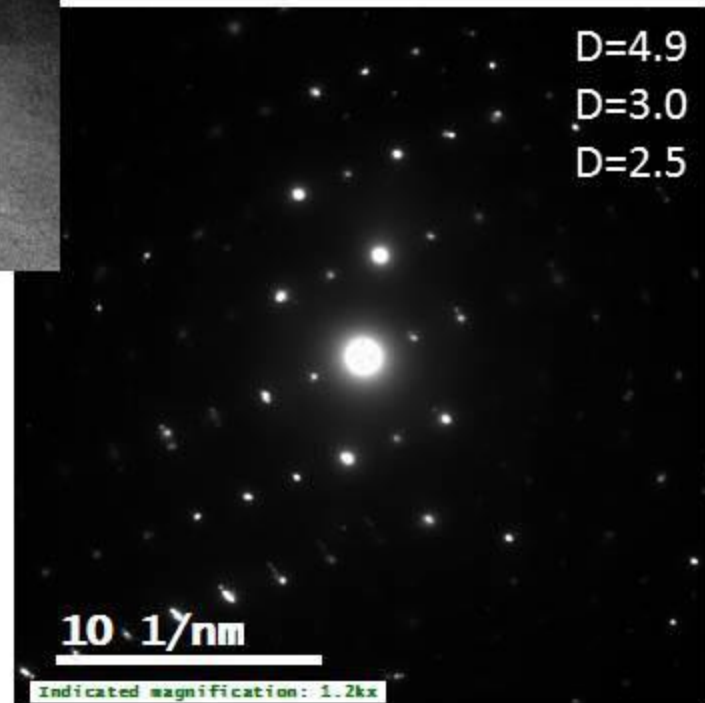
Pb: red  
P: green  
Zn: blue



Blue crystals: Zn : Fe = 1:2

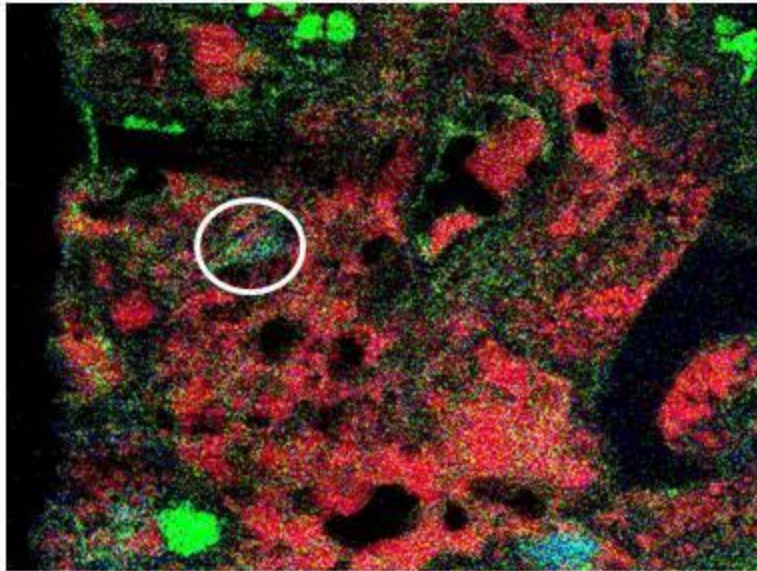


Detrital rounded grains of Franklinite,  $ZnFe_2O_4$



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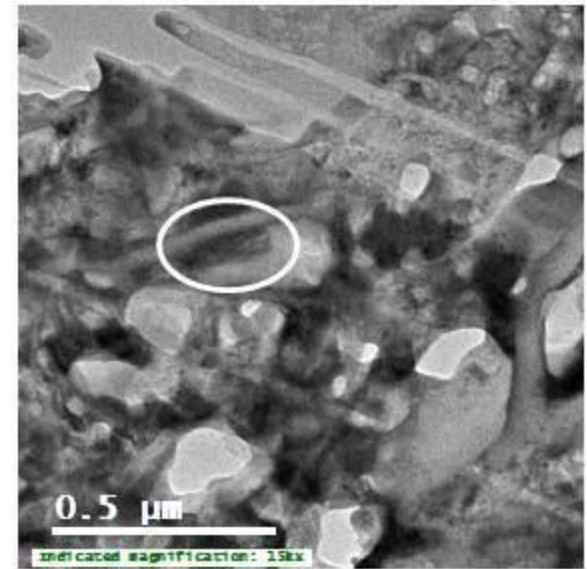




Pb: red  
Fe: green  
As: blue

Fe : (As+S) = 1: 1

1.0  $\mu\text{m}$

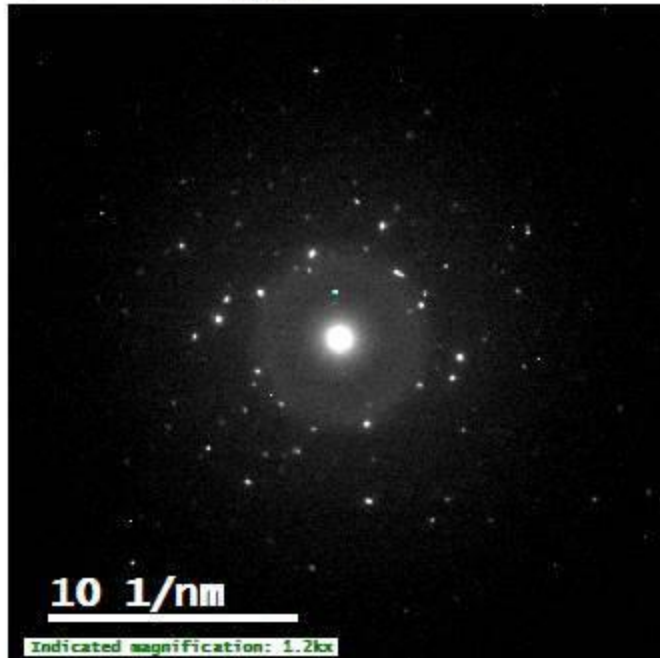


Tsumcorite Group

**Formula:**  $\text{AM}(\text{XO}_4)_2(\text{OH}, \text{H}_2\text{O})_2$

A group of complex phosphates, arsenates, vanadates and sulphates with a complicated crystal chemistry (symmetry either triclinic or monoclinic, depending on various ordering schemes).

In the general formula given above, A is typically Pb or Ca, rarely Bi, M is typically  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  Mn, Cu, Zn, Co or Ni and X is typically P, As or V

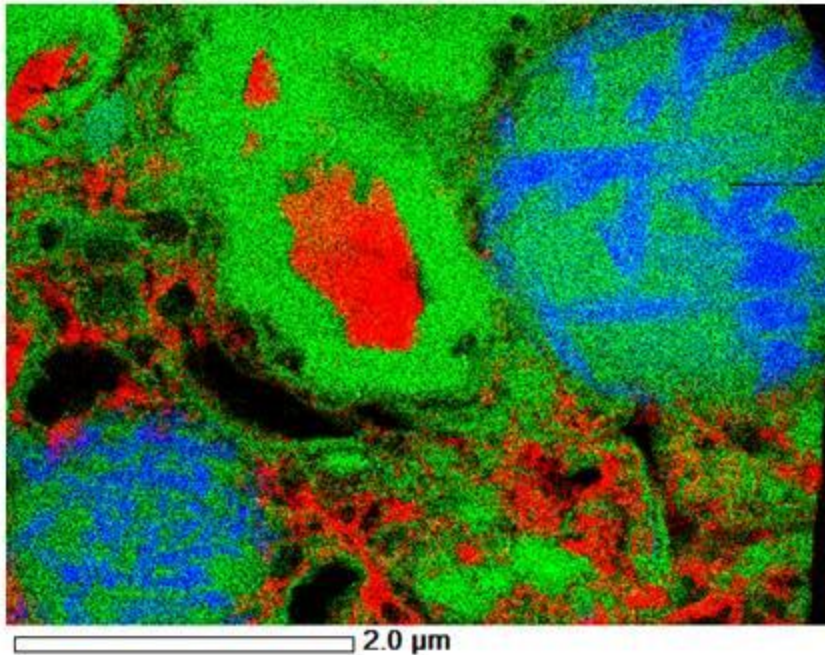


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10  $1/\text{nm}$

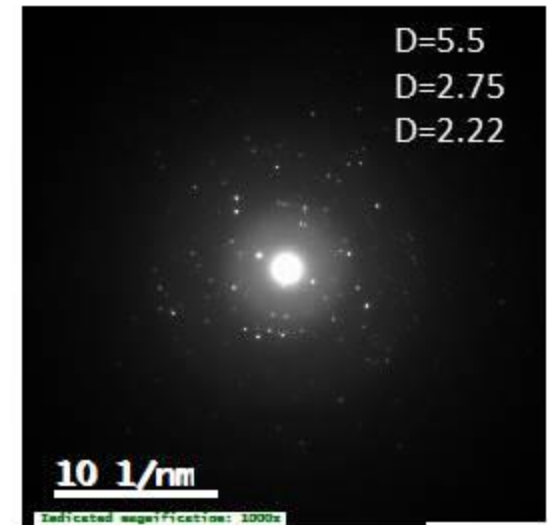
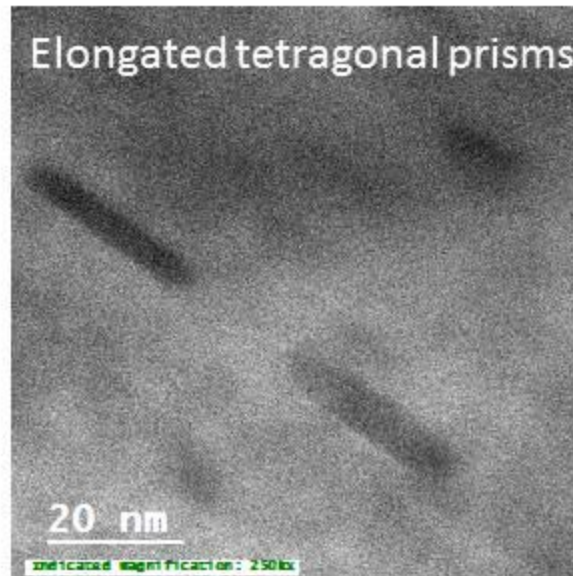
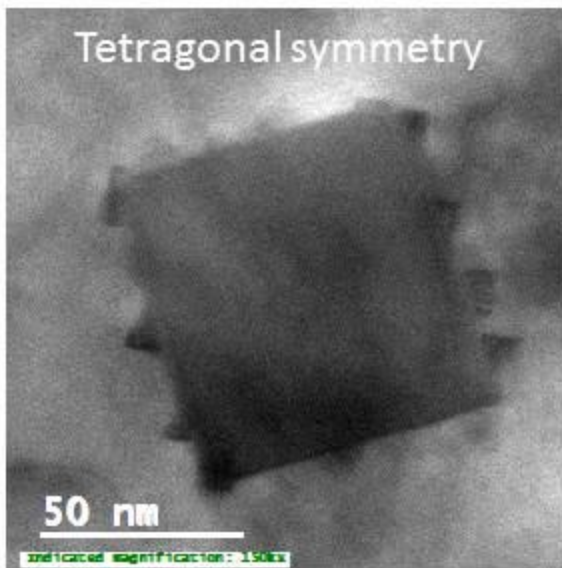
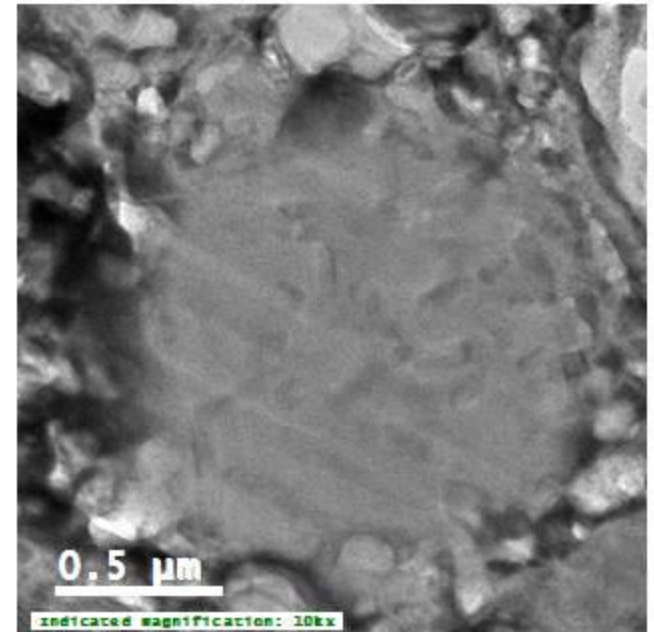
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# andalusite crystals (blue) in spherical quartz grains (green)

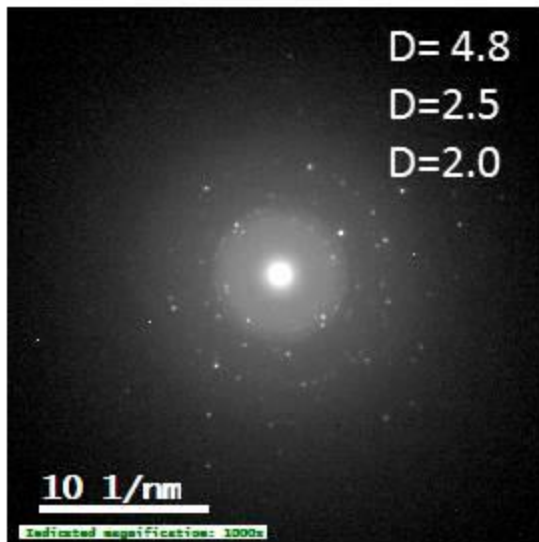
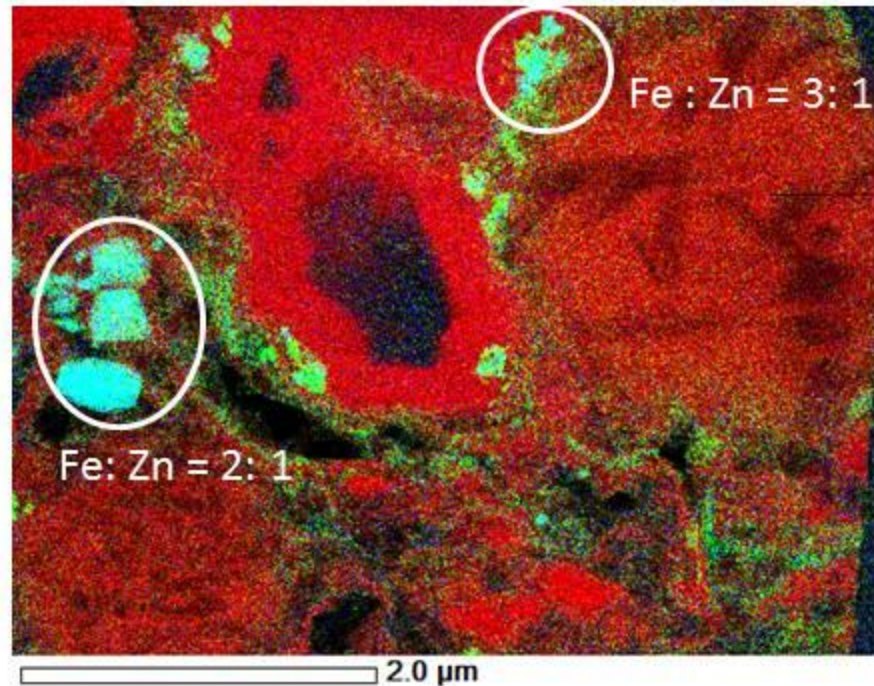
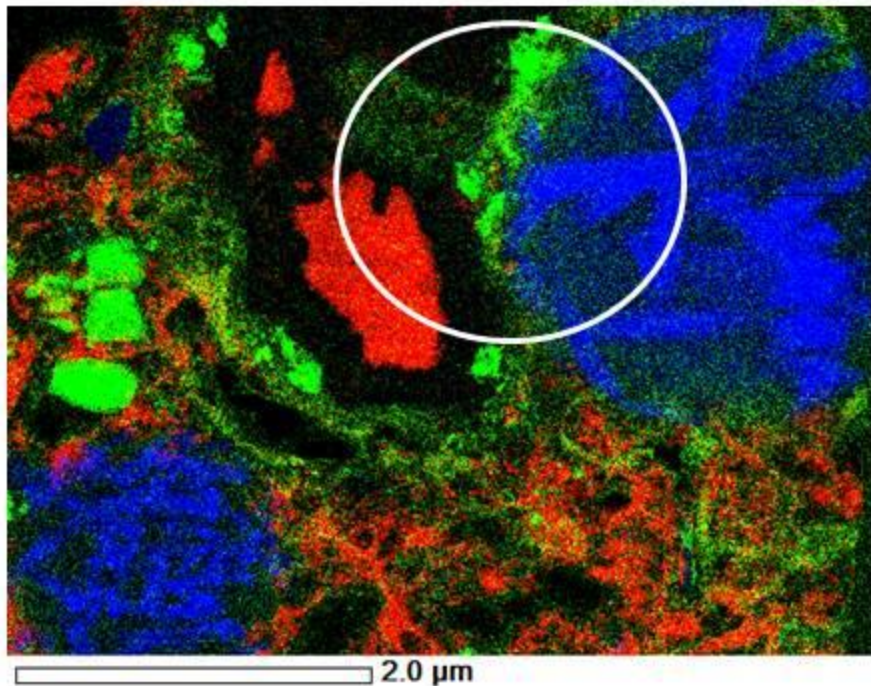


Pb: red  
Si: green  
Al: blue

Blue crystals:  
Al : Si = 2 : 1



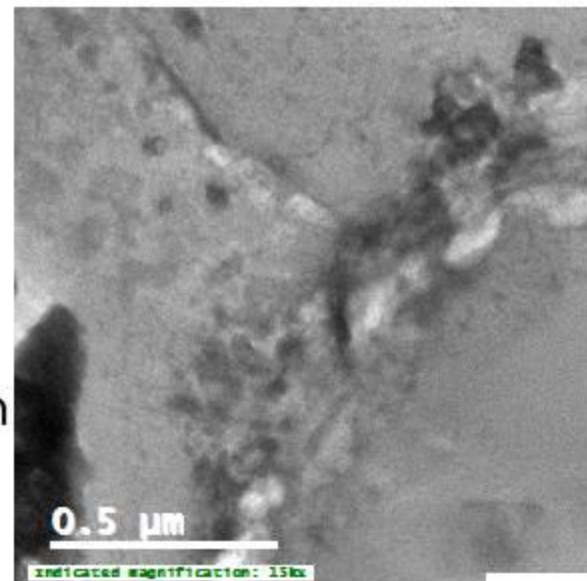


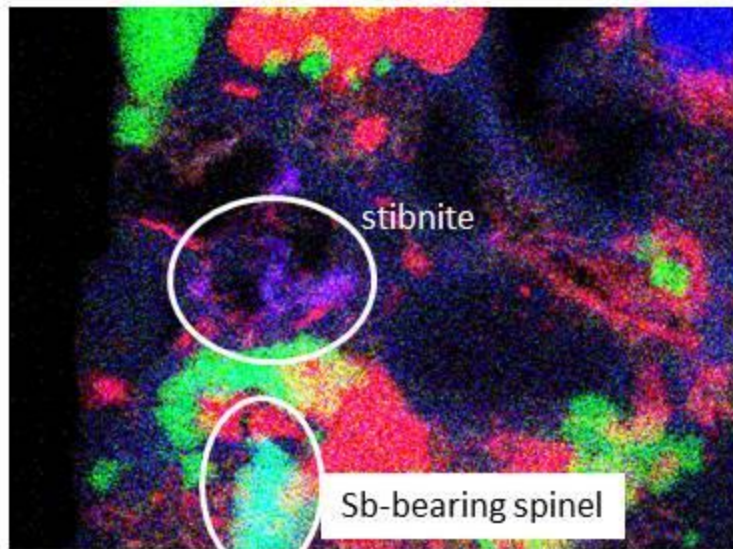


Fe: green  
Al: blue  
Pb: red

Fe: green  
Zn: blue  
Si: red

Zn-bearing spinels:  
Franklinite  
and Zn-magnetite  
Fe: Zn ratios vary between  
2 : 1 and 3 : 1





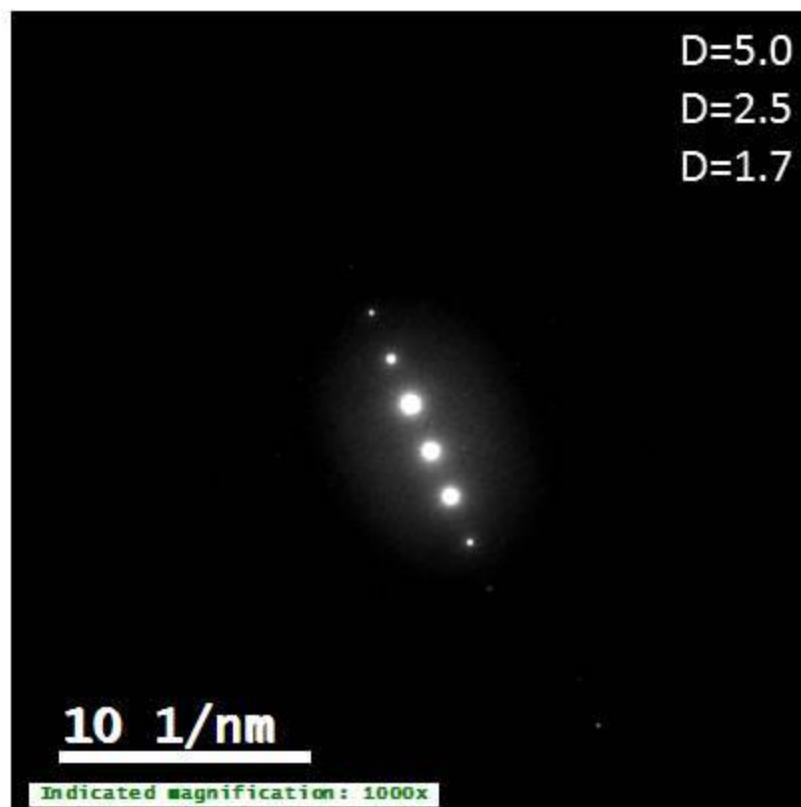
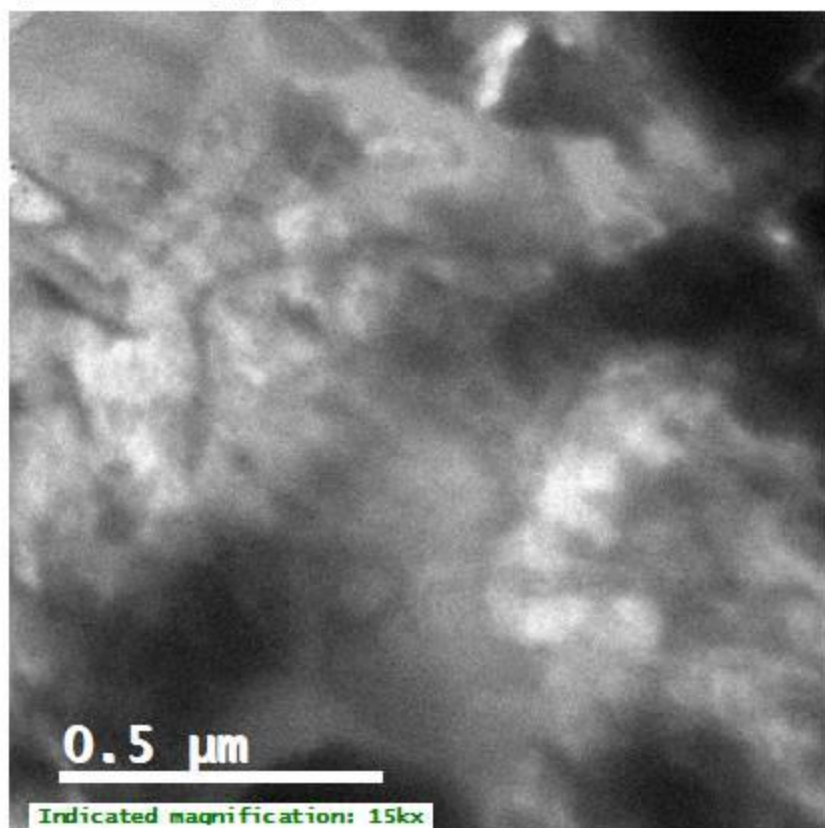
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Sb: blue

Mixture of various spinels

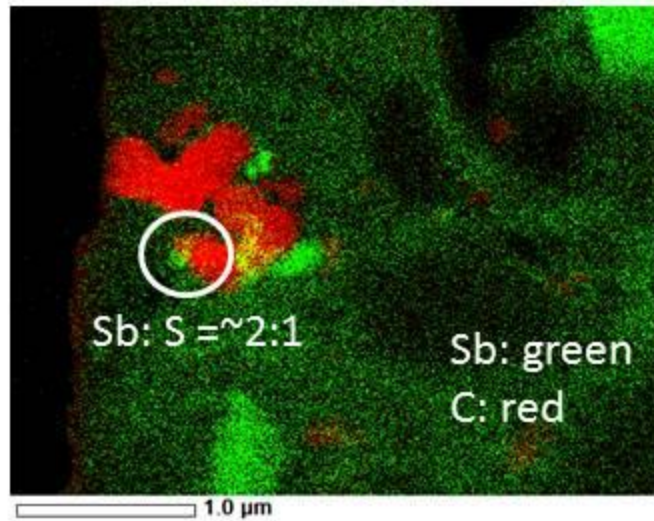
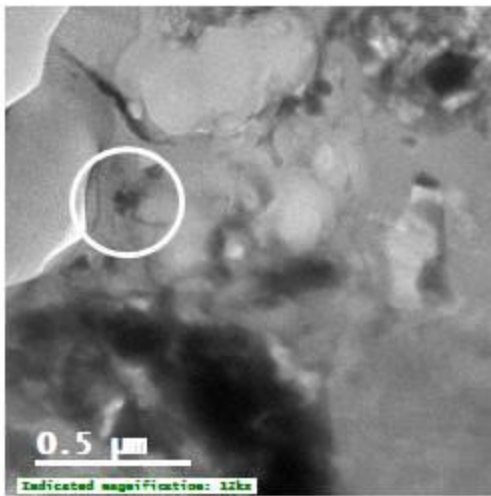
Fe : Zn : Sb = 4 : 7 : 2

Possible Sb-spinel:

Zn-Sb(V) spinel  $Zn_7Sb_2O_{12}$

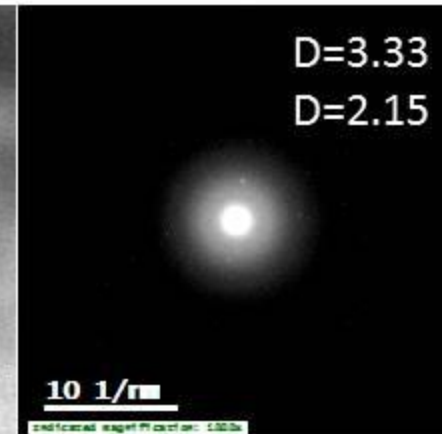
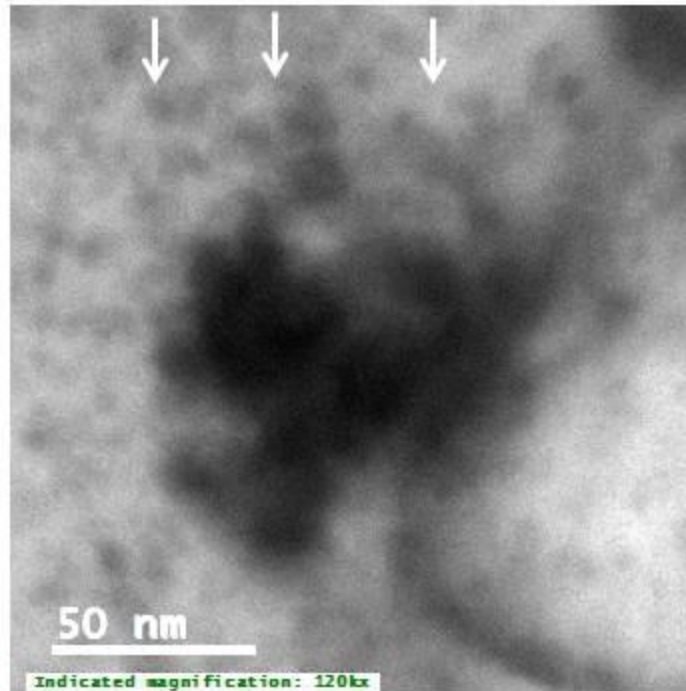
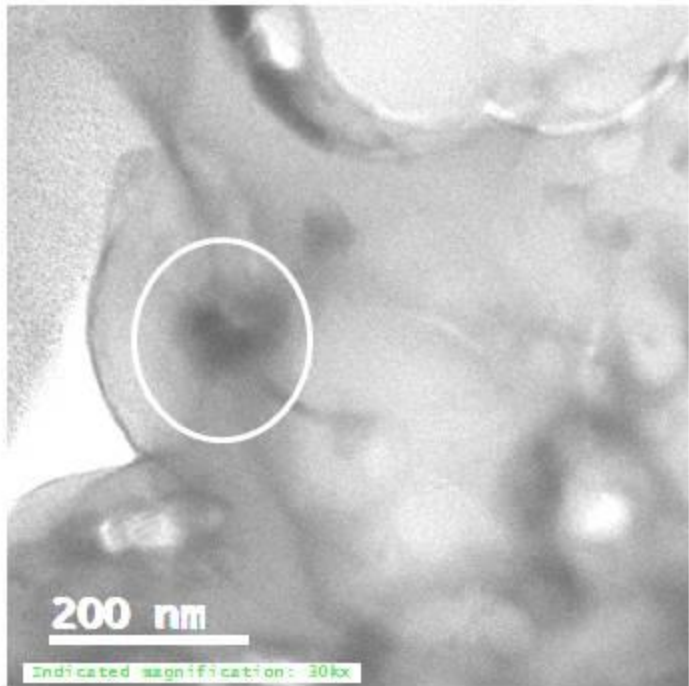






carbonaceous  
material  
material (red) with  
Sb-bearing  
nanoparticles  
inclusions (green)

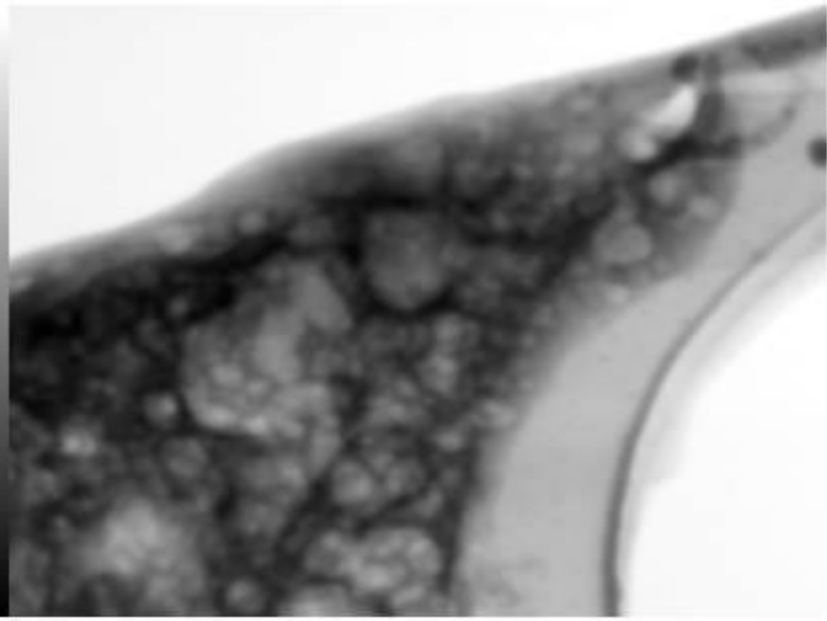
### Unidentified Sb-bearing Nanoparticles



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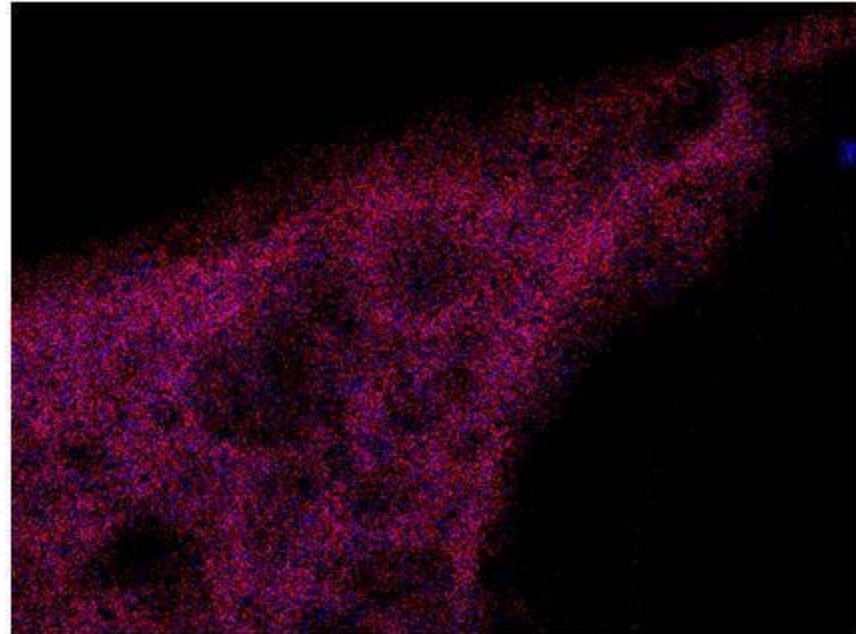
TEM, SAED and EDS-STEM images of  
nano-size phases in the mineralized  
organic matter

All listed elemental ratios are given as atomic ratios



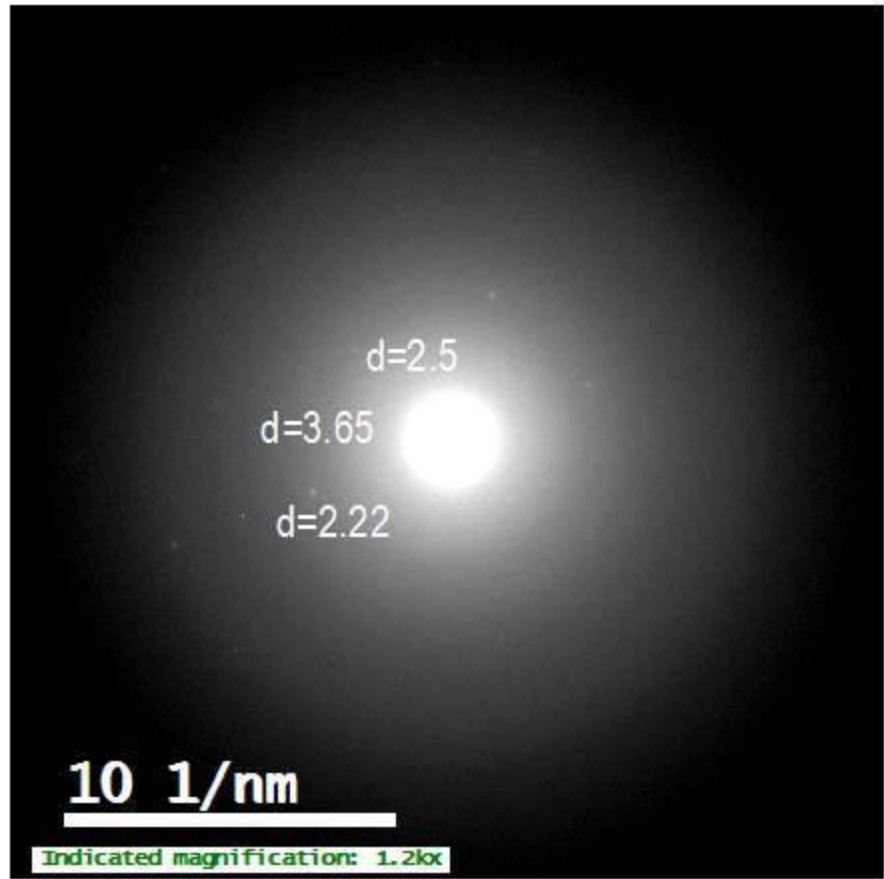
200 nm

BF(frame1)



200 nm

P in red  
Pb in blue



d=2.5

d=3.65

d=2.22

10 1/nm

Indicated magnification: 1.2kx

Kintoreite,  
mineralized organic matter

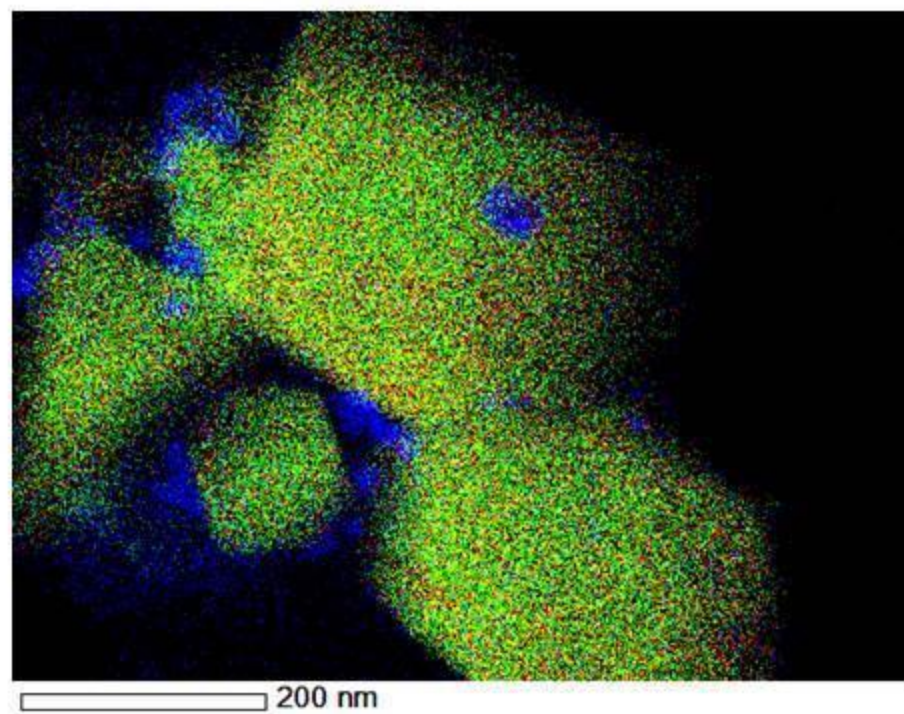
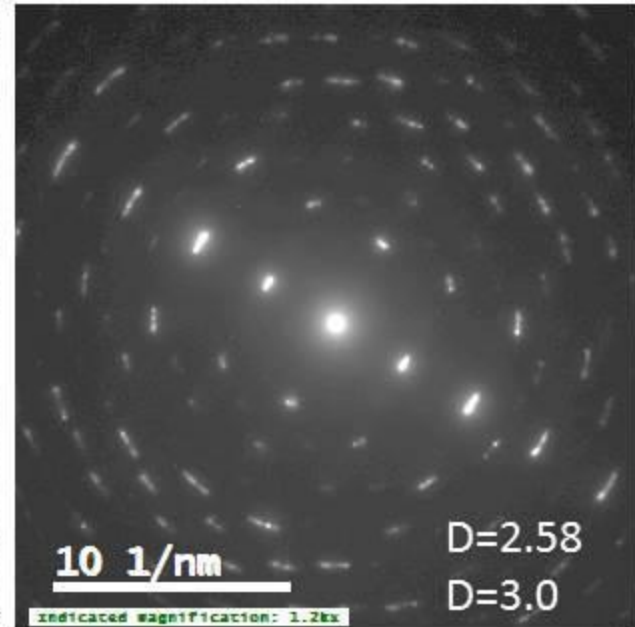
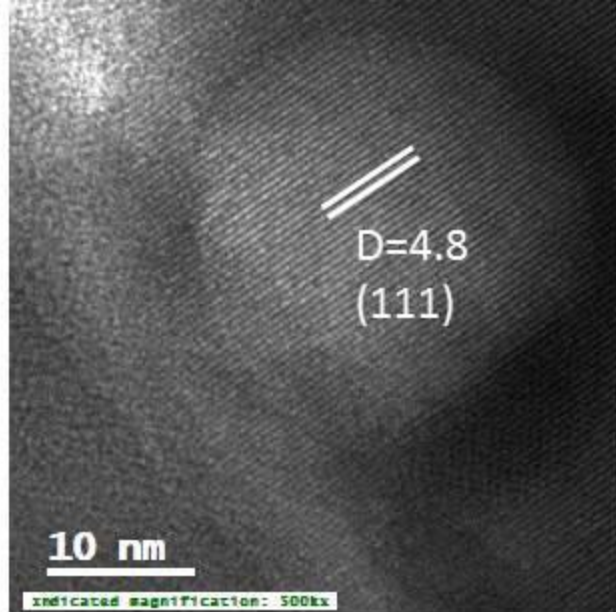
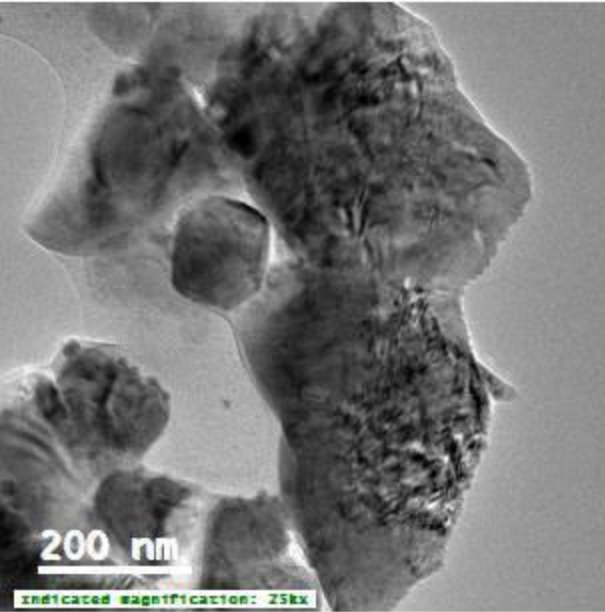
P : As = 3 : 1 – 4 : 1

Fe : Al = 3 : 1 – 4 : 1

(P + As) : Pb = 3 : 1

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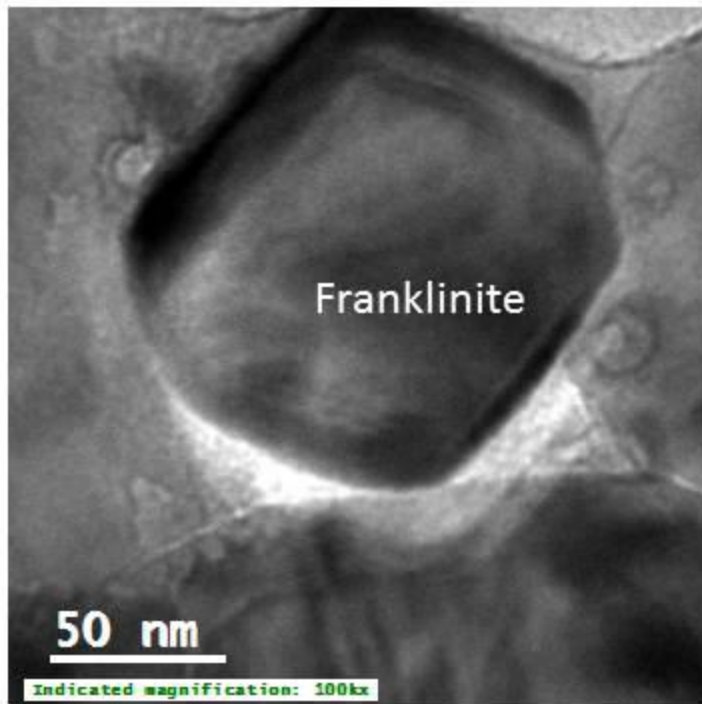
Franklinite with anglesite nanoparticles in the mineralized organic matter

Zn in red      Zn : (Al + Fe) = 1 : 2

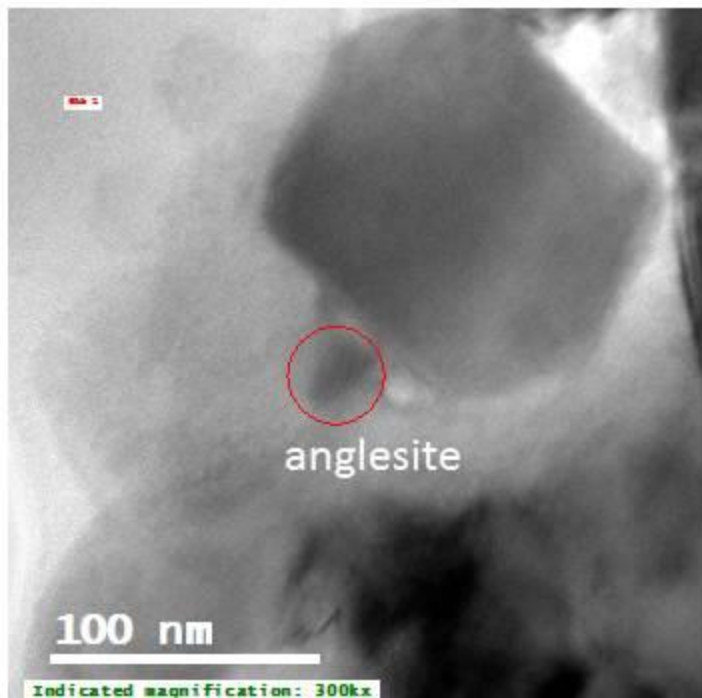
Fe in green

Pb in blue

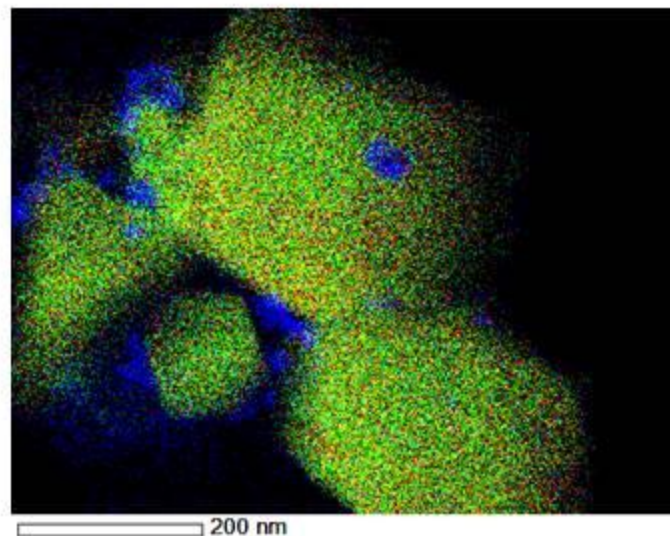




Anglesite spots  
 $D=5.4$   
 $D=3.8$   
 $D=1.4$



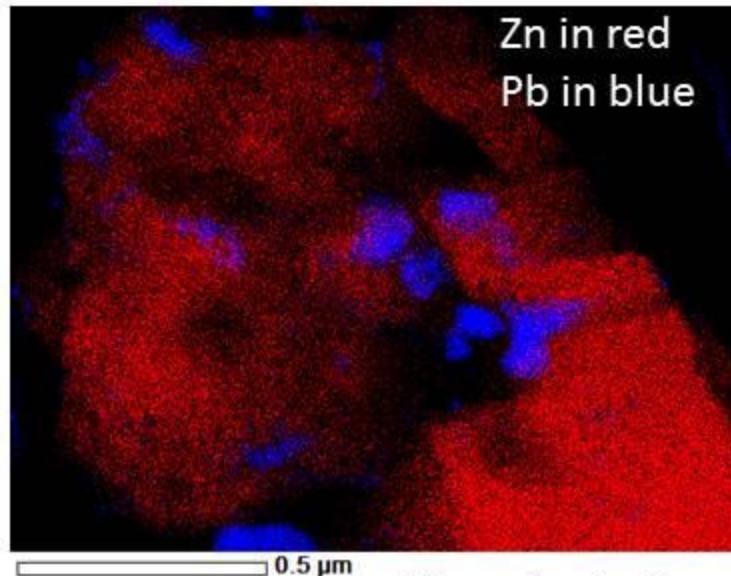
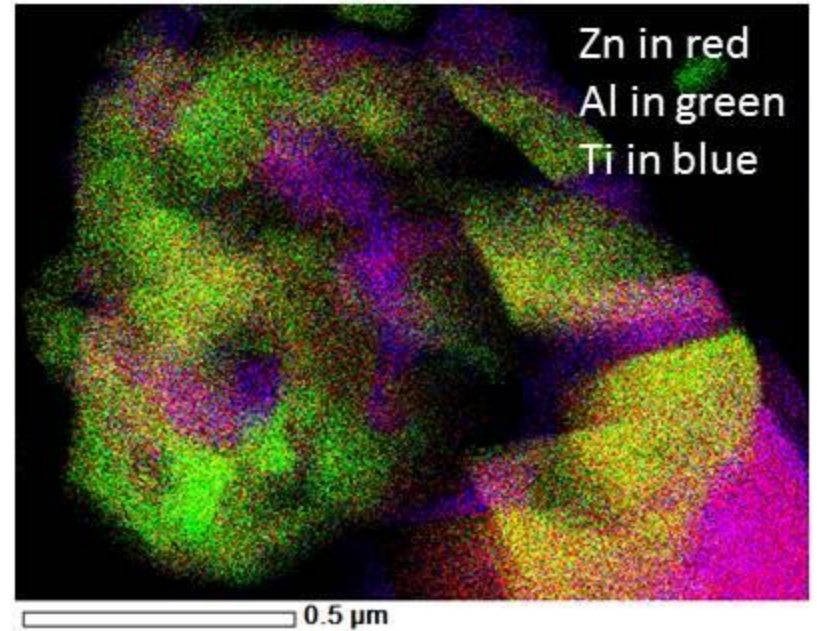
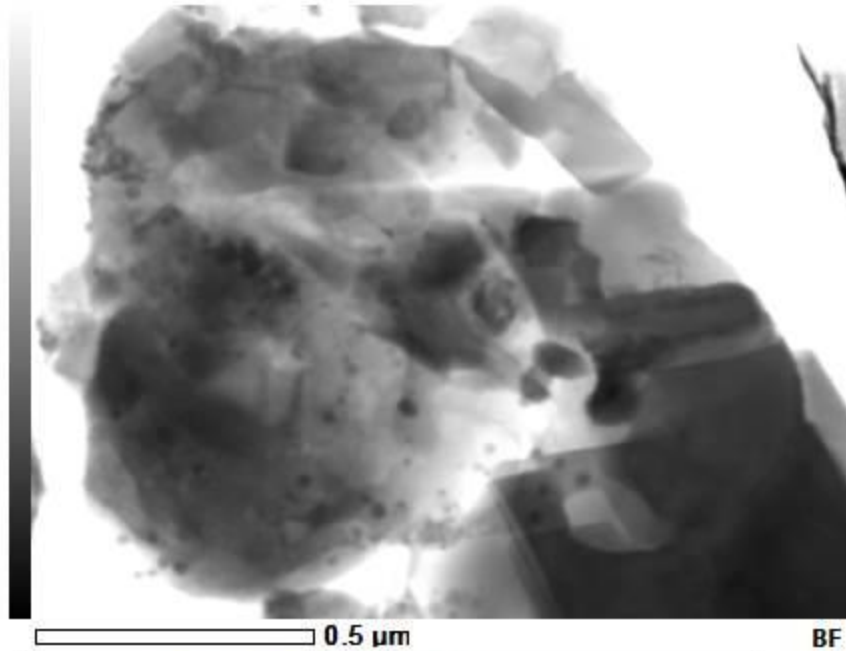
Nano-diffraction of anglesite nanoparticles  
 on the surface of franklinite with spots belong to franklinite



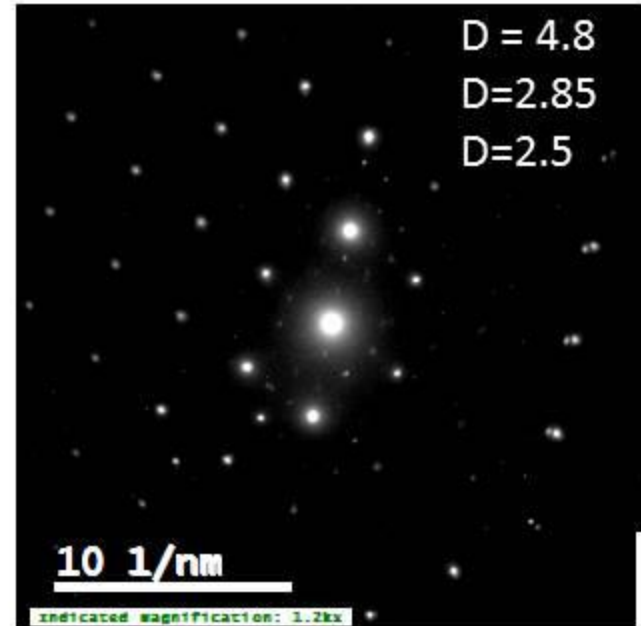
Blue: nanoparticles  
 of anglesite  
 $Pb : S = 1 ; 1$

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Intergrowth of crystals of gahnite (Zn : Al =1:2, yellow/green) and a Zn-Al-Ti-(hydr)oxide phase (Zn : Al = 4: 1; violet) SAED pattern display most commonly diffraction spots of both phases

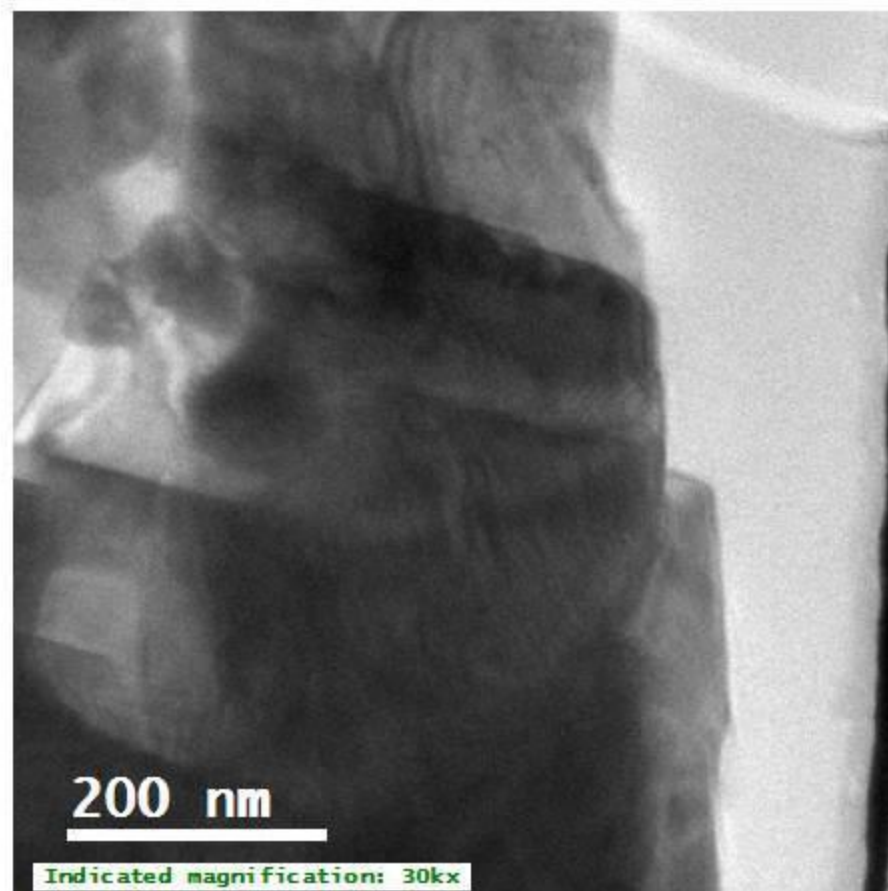
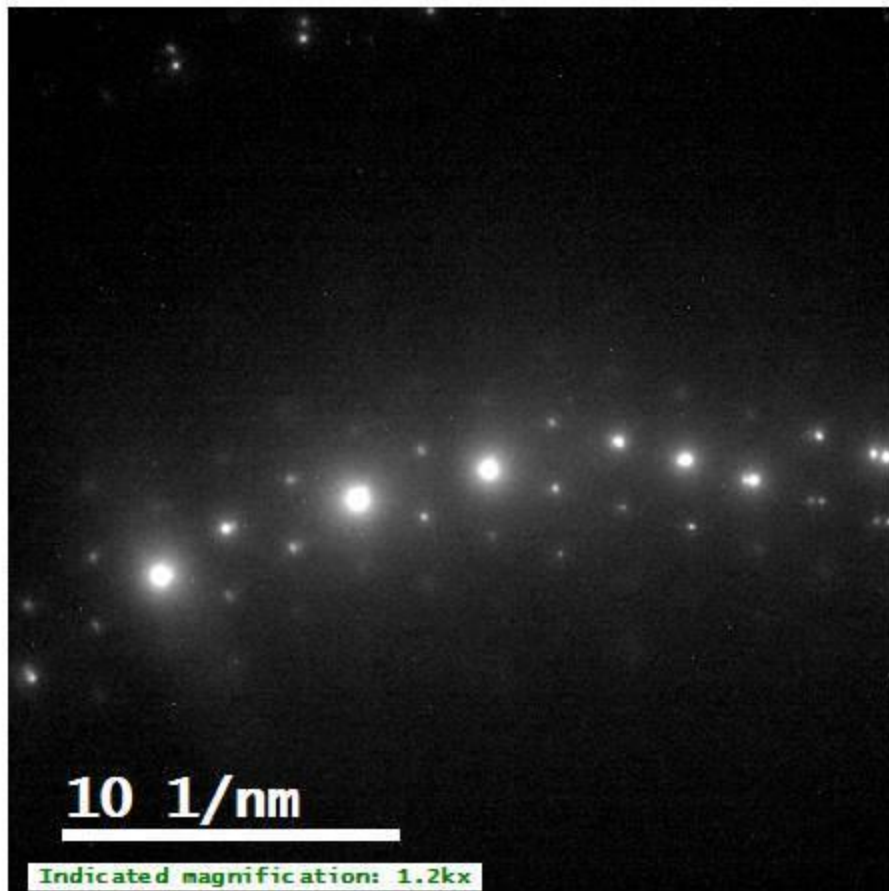


Diffraction pattern of Gahnite,  $\text{ZnAl}_2\text{O}_4$



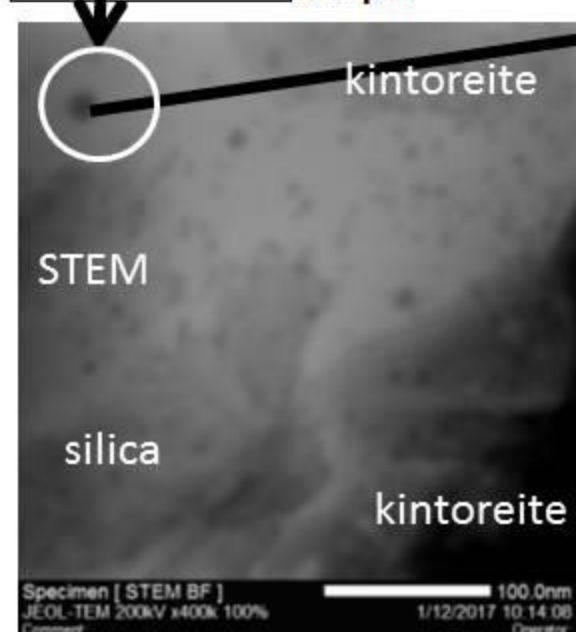
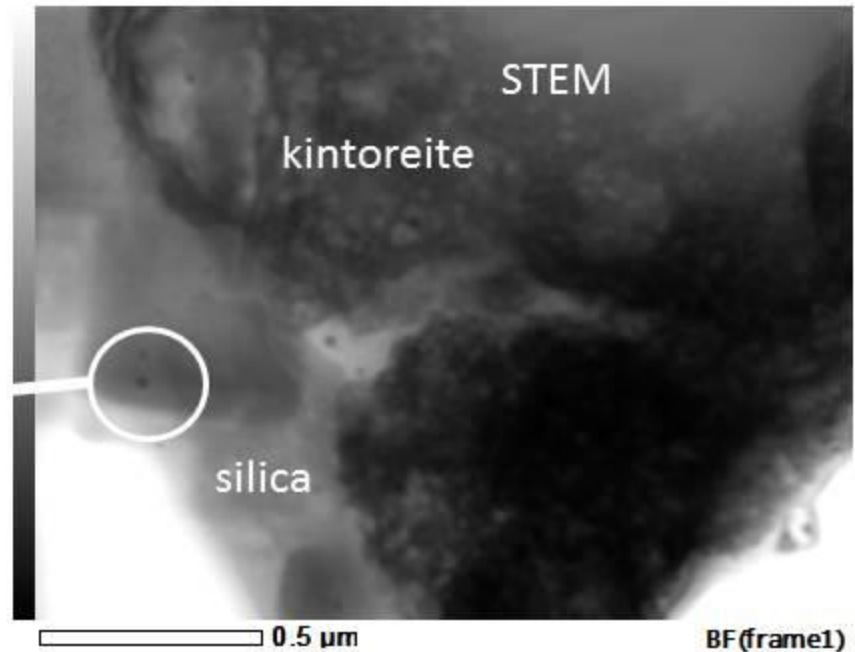
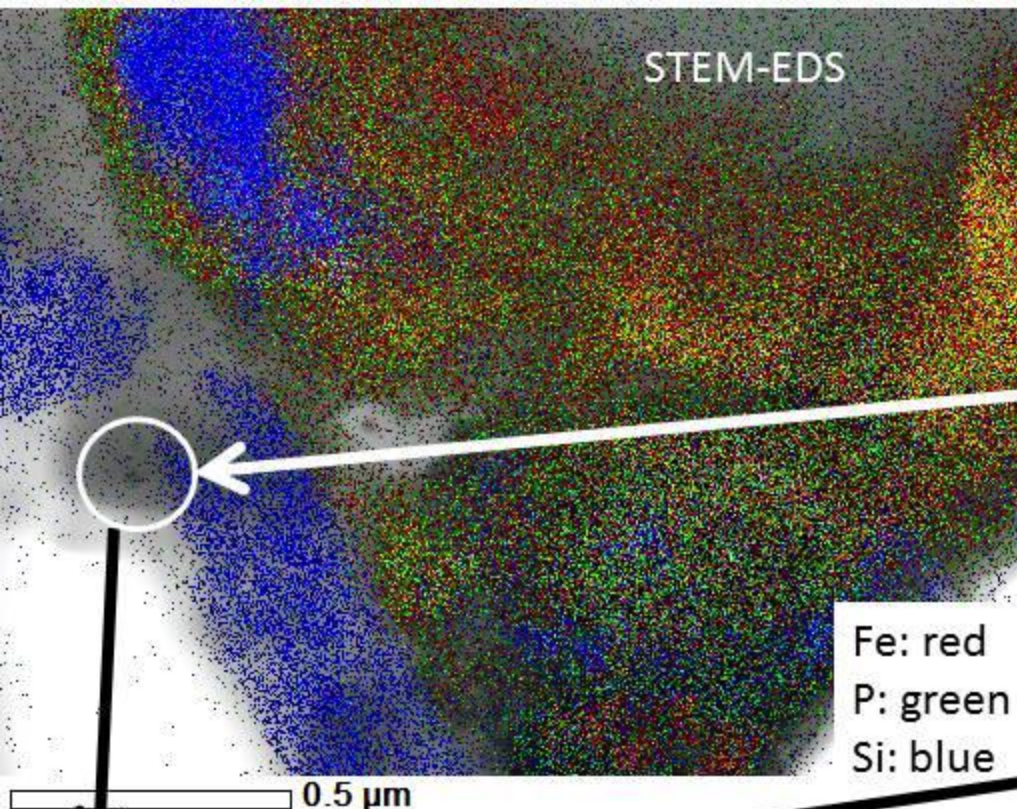
blue: Anglesite nanoparticles

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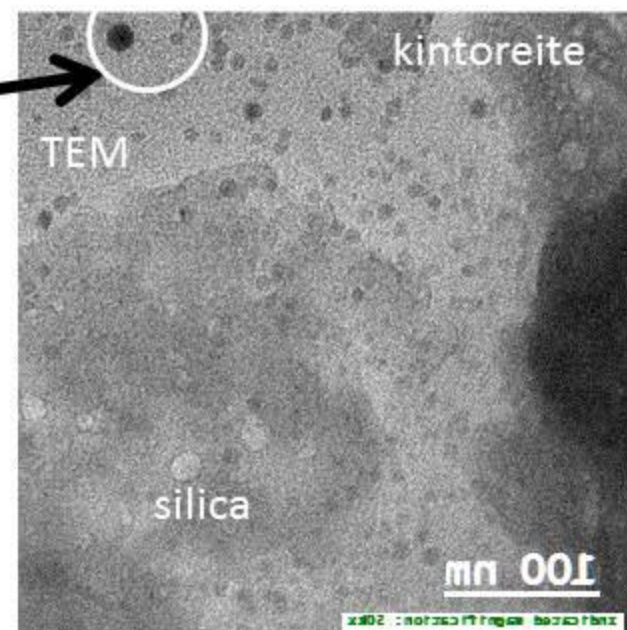


The Zn-Al-Ti oxides in this sections are composed of hydroxides with mainly Zn. The latter layers are decorated with tetrahdra or OH groups and have characteristics d-spacings of  $d = 7.65$  and  $d = 4.0$



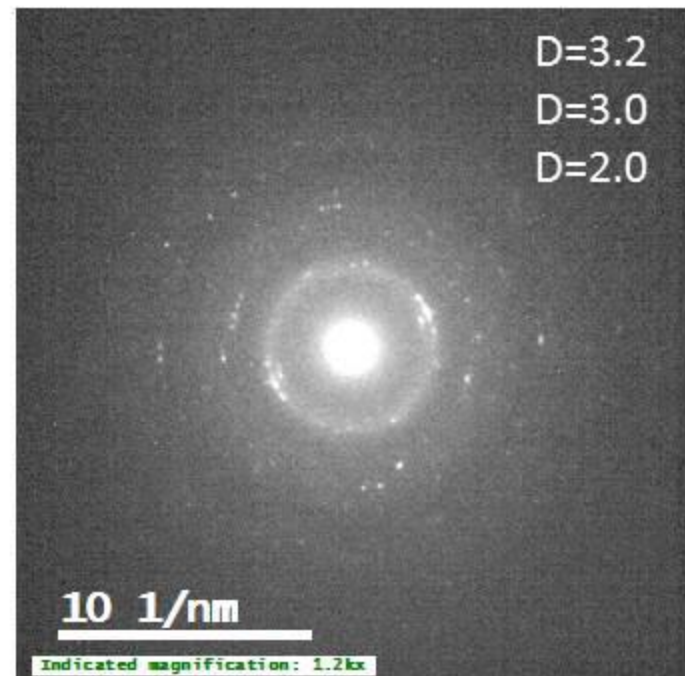
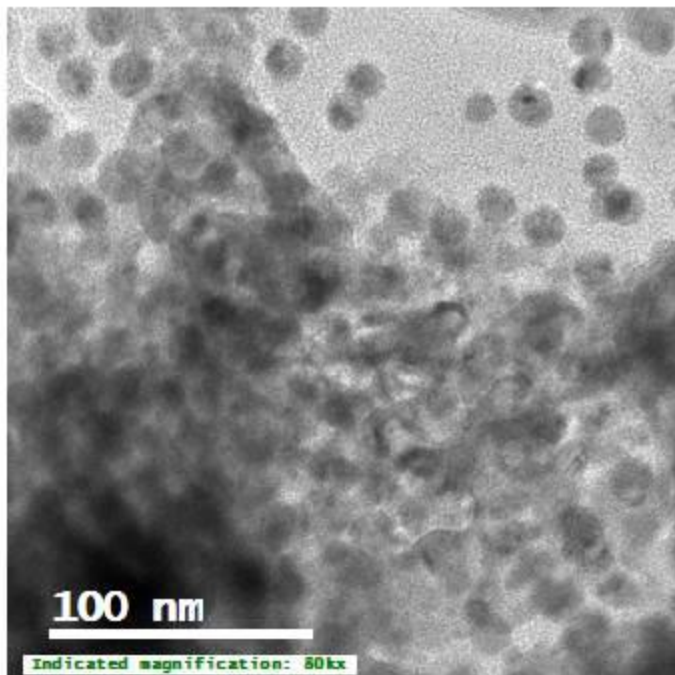
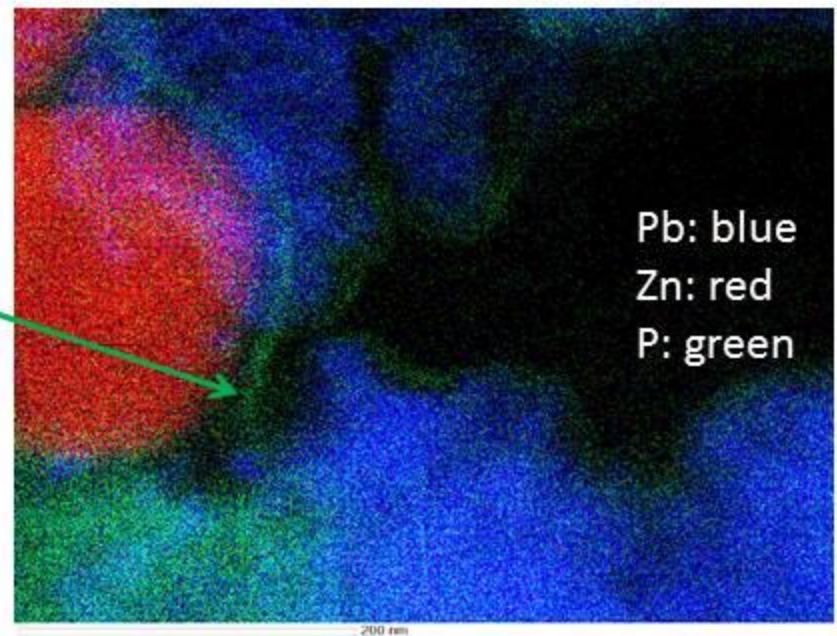
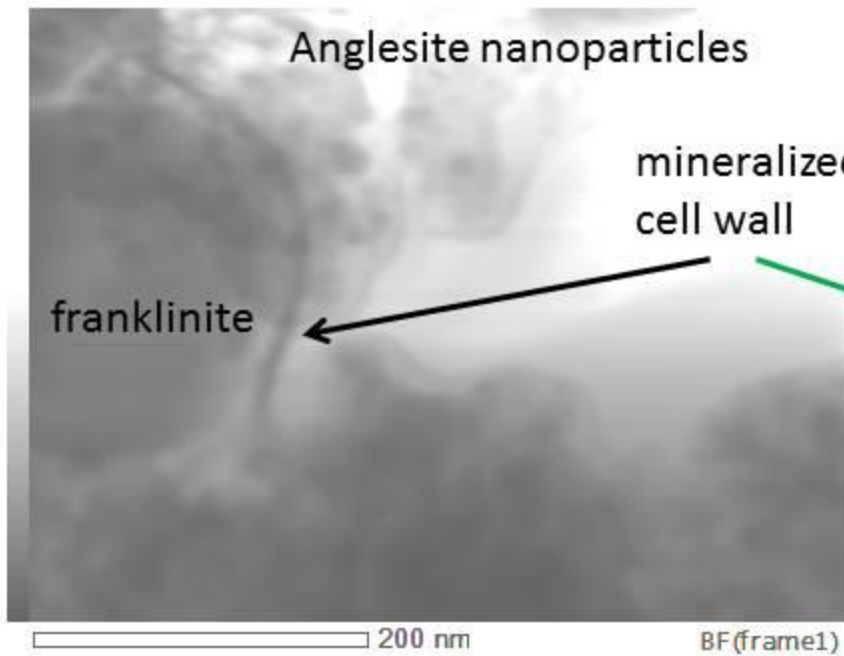


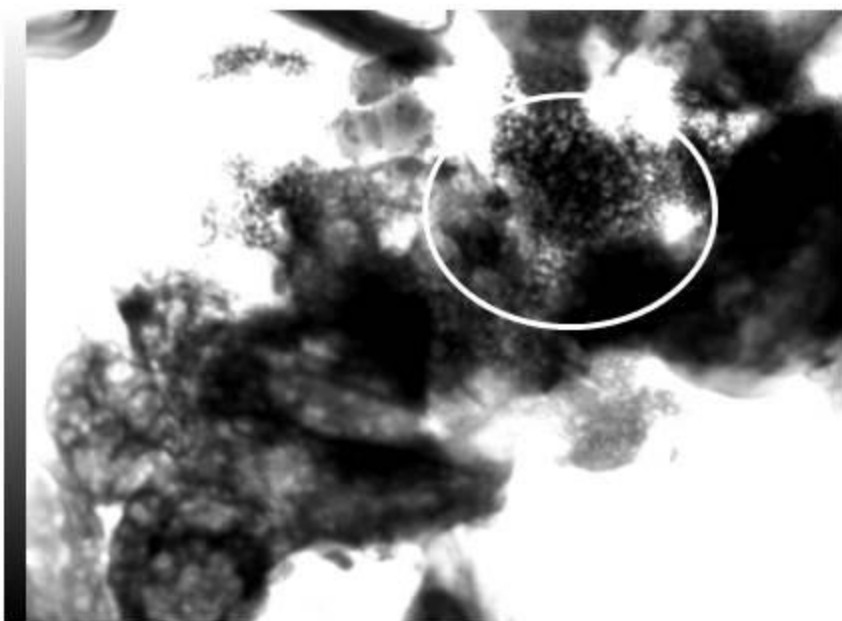
Pb-Fe-Al-P-As  
Nanoparticles in  
silica matrix  
and close to kintoreite  
 $\text{Pb} : (\text{Al}+\text{Fe}) : (\text{P}+\text{As}) \sim$   
10 : 14 : 8



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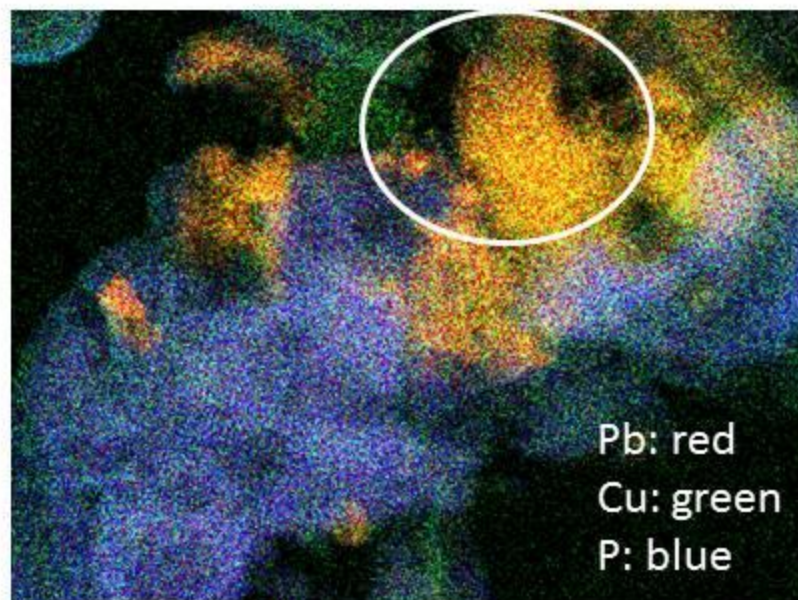






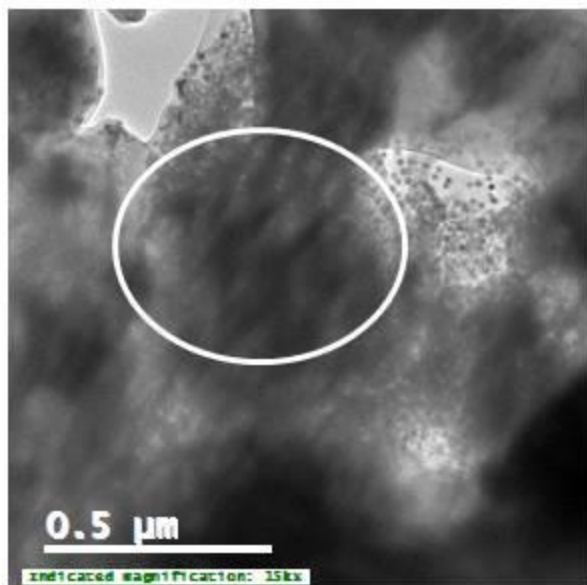
1.0 μm

BF(frame1)



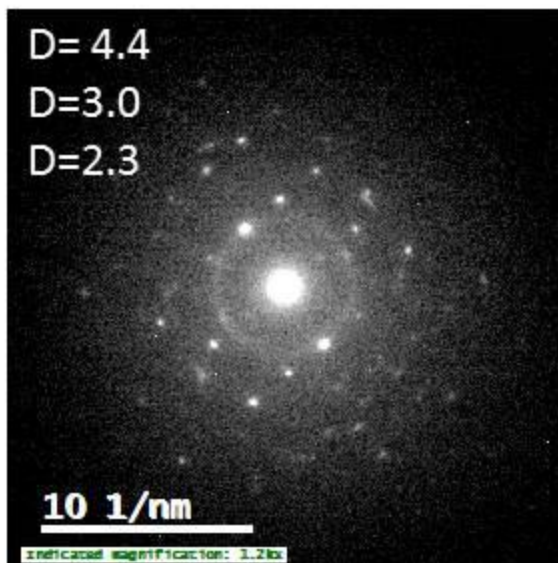
Pb: red  
Cu: green  
P: blue

1.0 μm



0.5 μm

indicated magnification: 15kx



D=4.4  
D=3.0  
D=2.3

10 1/nm

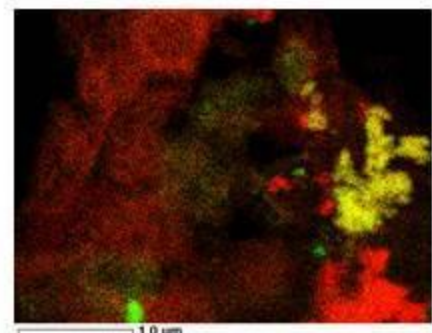
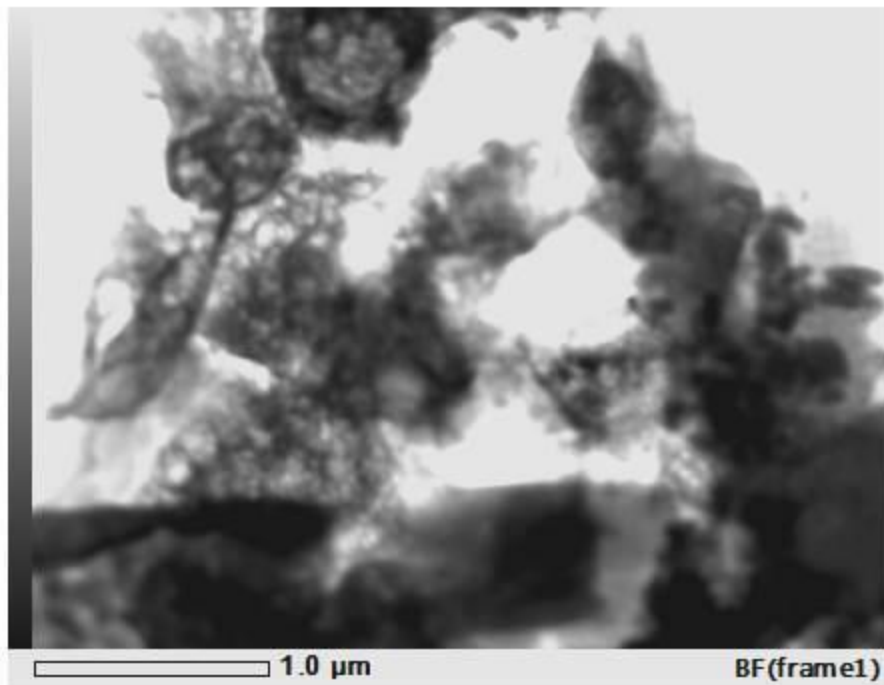
indicated magnification: 1.2kx

Intergrowth of linarite  
 $\text{PbCu}(\text{OH})_2(\text{SO}_4)$   
(Yellow, Cu : S ~ 1: 1)  
with kintoreite (blue)

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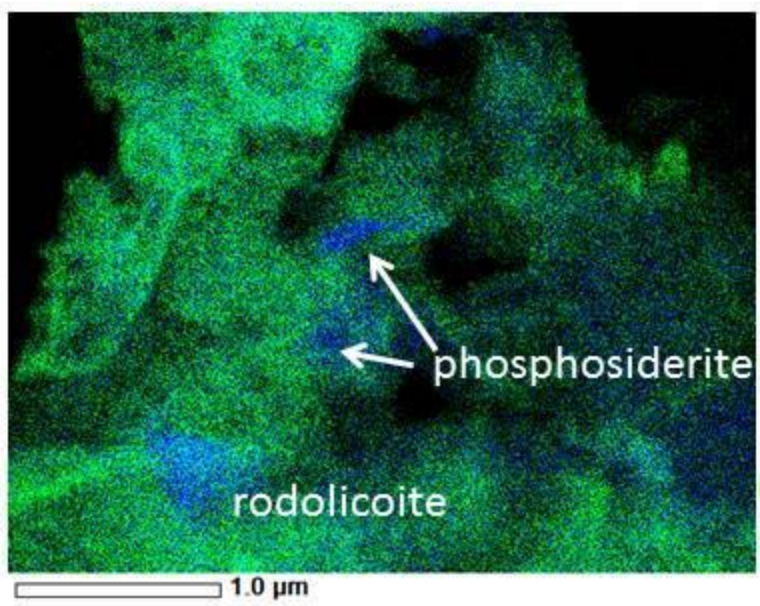
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● Pb  
● Ti

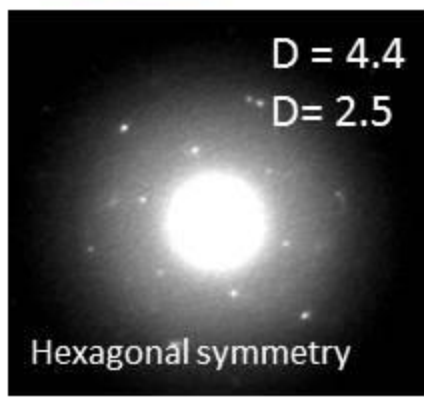


yellow Pb : Ti ~ 1 : 1  
macedonite,  $PbTiO_3$

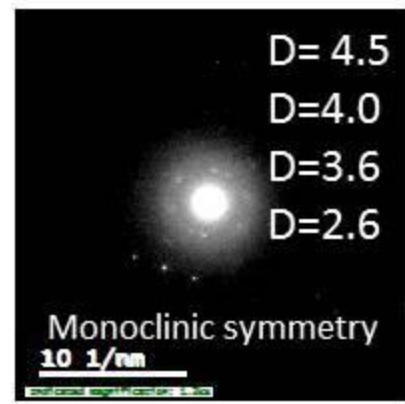


● As  
● P

As : P ~ 2 : 1



Blue:  
rodolicoite  
 $Fe(PO_4)$



Blue:  
phosphosiderite,  
 $Fe(PO_4)(H_2O)_2$   
Fe : (As+P) ~ 1 : 1

# Supplementary data D, Table S29

Selected minerals identified in the MSC and MOM and their point of zero charge

Mineral	Point of zero charge	
anglesite	4 <sup>3</sup>	1 M. Kosmulski, <i>J. Coll. Interface Sci.</i> (2009), <b>377</b> , 439-448.
Synthetic hydroxyapatite	7.7-8.1 <sup>1</sup>	2 M. Kosmulski, <i>Adv. Coll. and Interface Sci.</i> (2016), <b>238</b> , 1-61.
Kintoreite	~3-6	
Fe <sub>3</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	3.3 <sup>5</sup>	3 M.C. Fuerstenau, S.A. Olivas, R. Herrera-Urbina, and K.N. Kank, <i>Inter. J. Mineral Process.</i> (1987), <b>20</b> , 73-85.
Fe <sub>3</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>8</sub>	4..0-5.6 <sup>1</sup>	
FePO <sub>4</sub> (am)	3 <sup>4</sup>	4. G. De Tommaso, and M. Luliano, <i>J. Chem. Eng. Data</i> (2012) , <b>57</b> , 52–59
Al-rich spinel (amorphous MgAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )	9 <sup>1</sup>	5. D. Luna-Zaragoza, E.T. Romero-Guzmán and L.R. Reyes-Gutiérrez, <i>J. Minerals &amp; Materials Character &amp; Eng.</i> (2009), <b>8</b> , 591-609.
Fe-rich spinel (magnetite)	6.2-8.5 <sup>1</sup>	
hydrous silica (listed as precipitated silica)	4.1 <sup>1</sup>	
illite	2.5 <sup>1</sup>	
Quartz	2-3 <sup>2</sup>	