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Metal-Rich Iron-Manganese Oxyhydroxide Concretions

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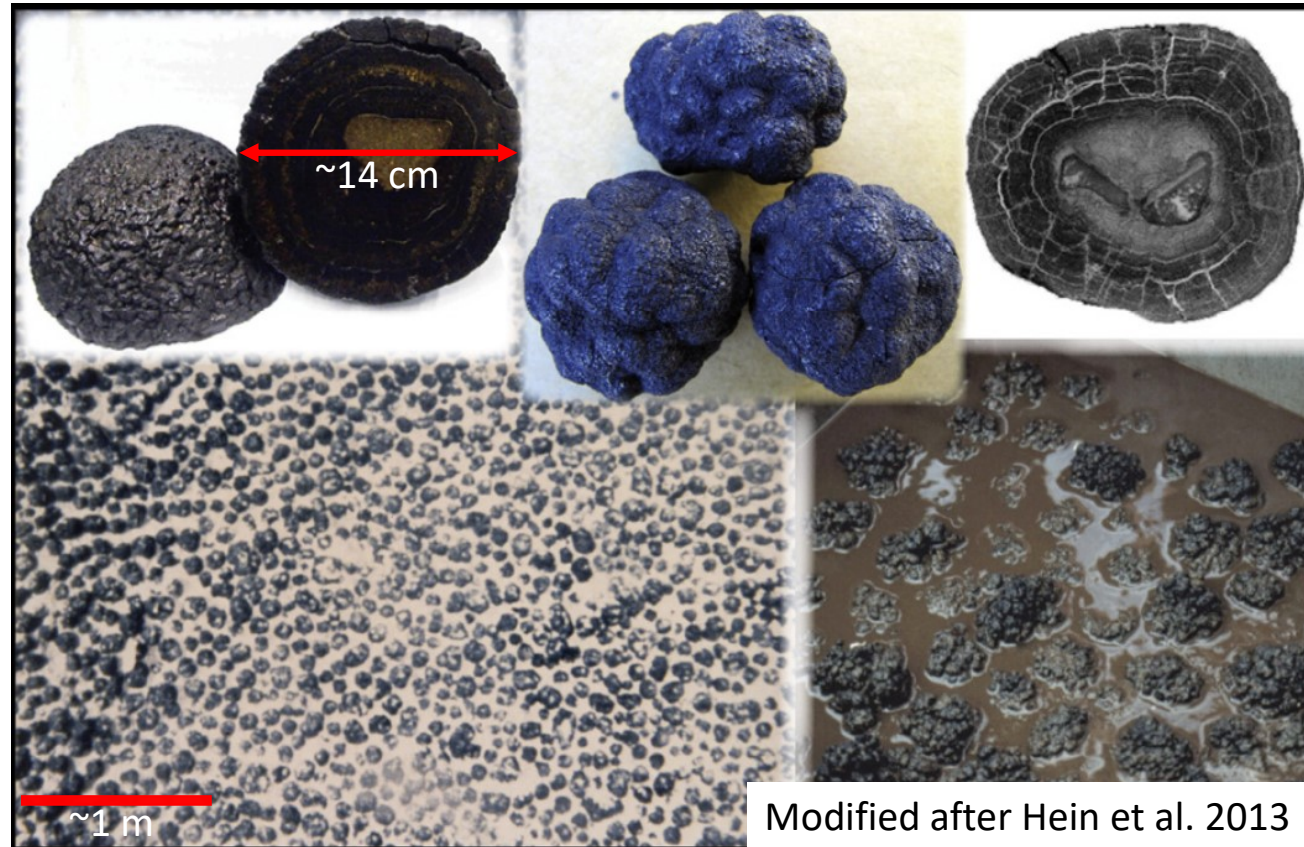
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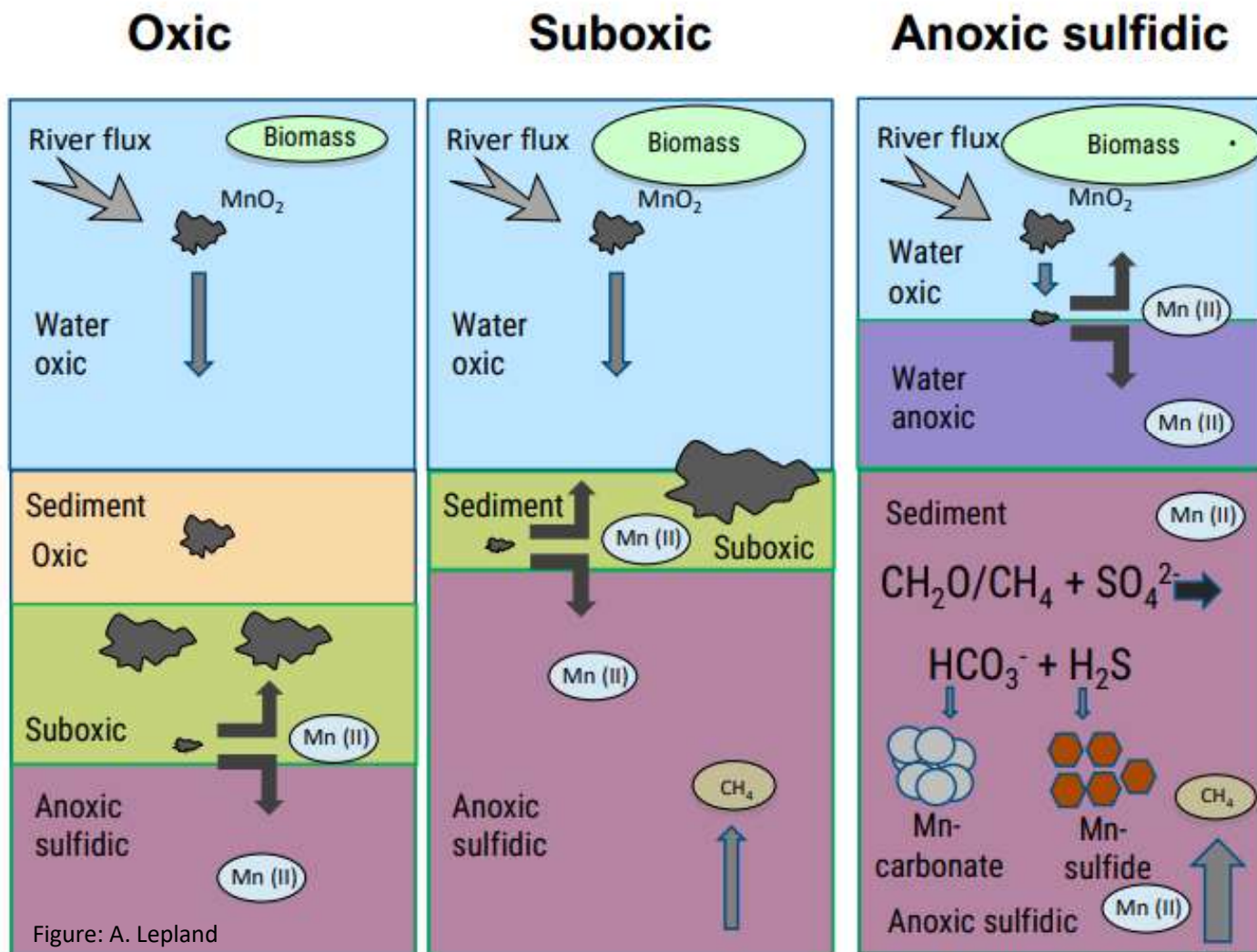
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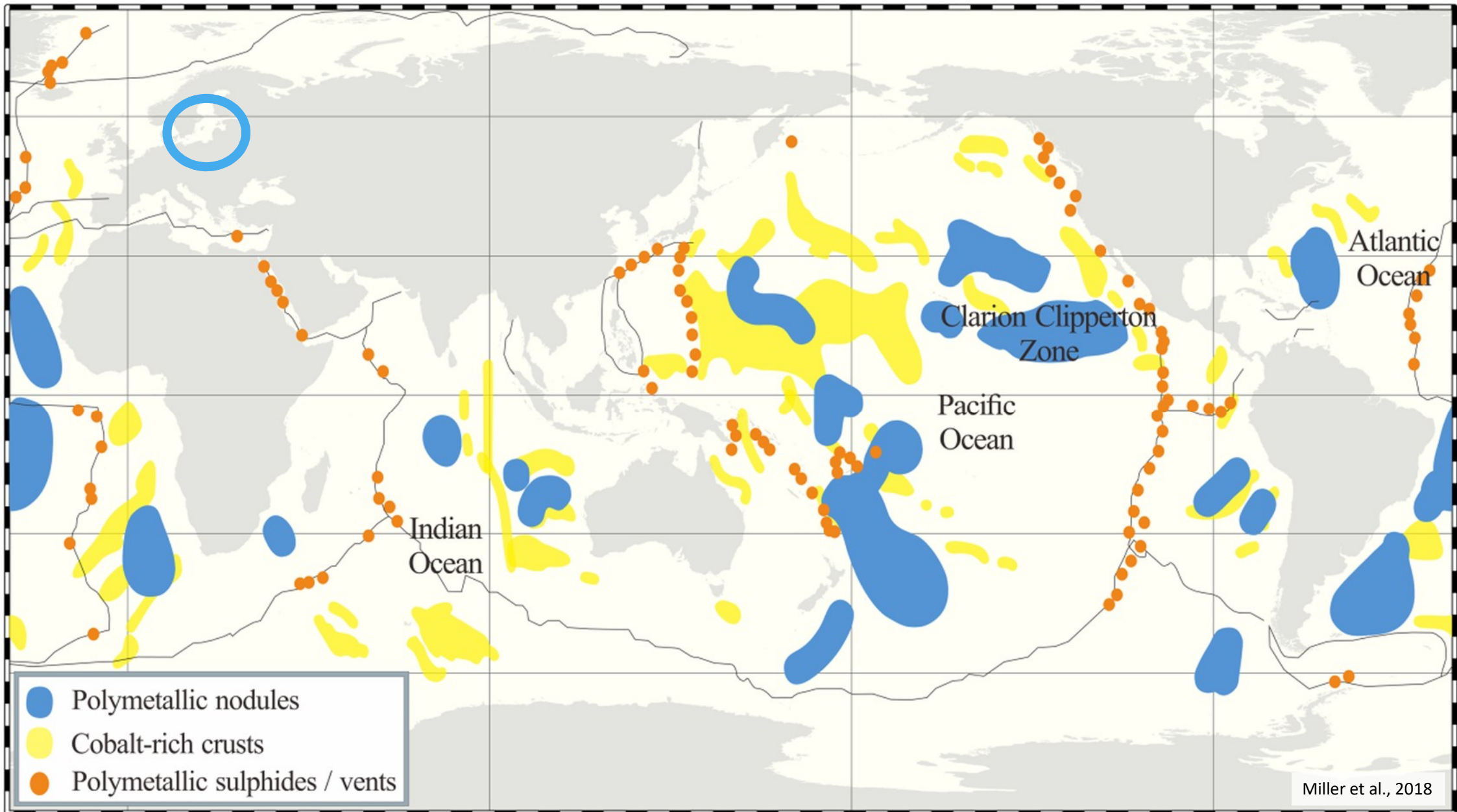
- Globally occurring
- Oceans, shallow shelf seas, temperate climate lakes
- Sedimentary bodies
- Primarily composed of iron and manganese compounds
- Chemo(bio)genic
- Round or crust-like shapes
- Changing redox conditions

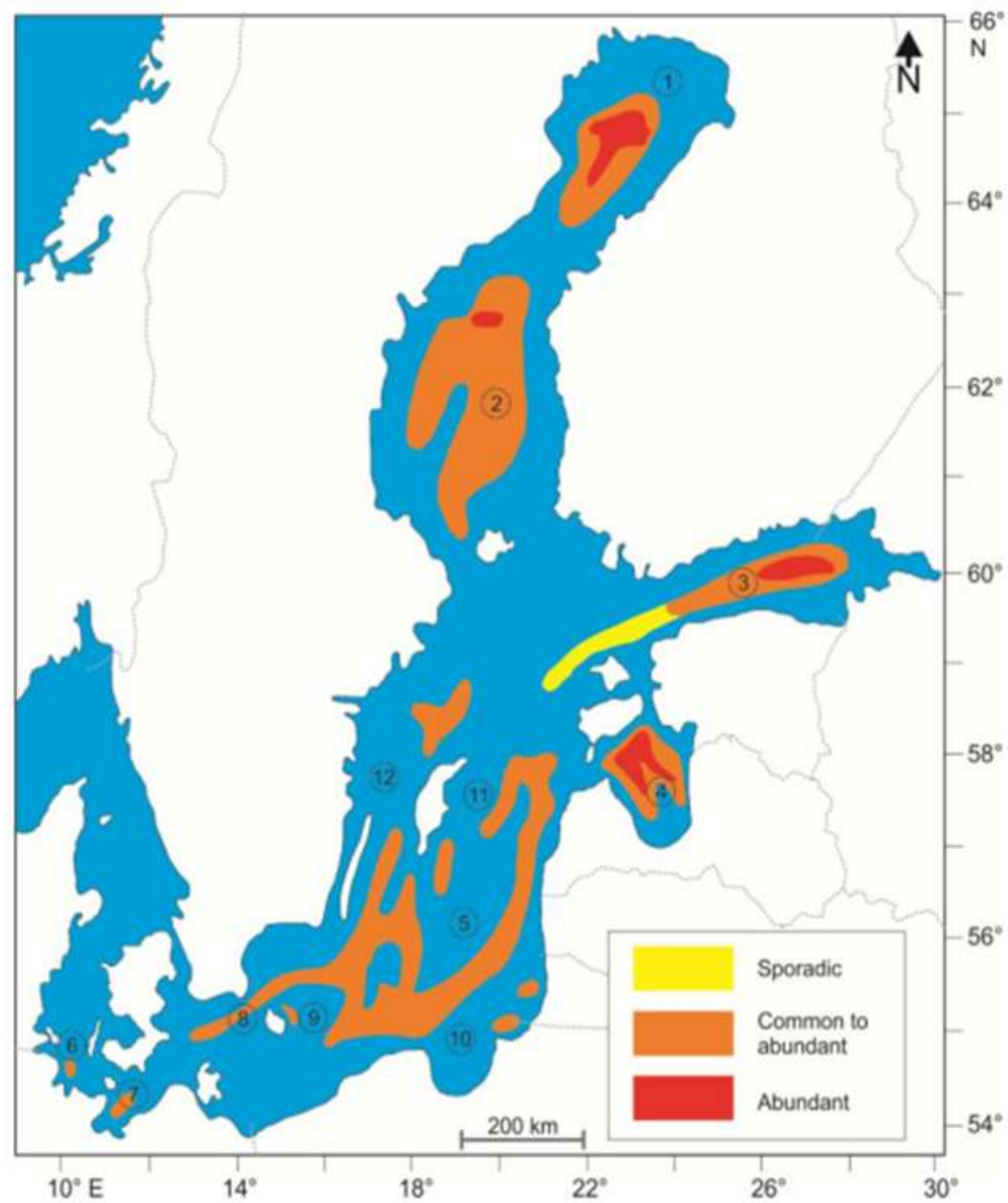




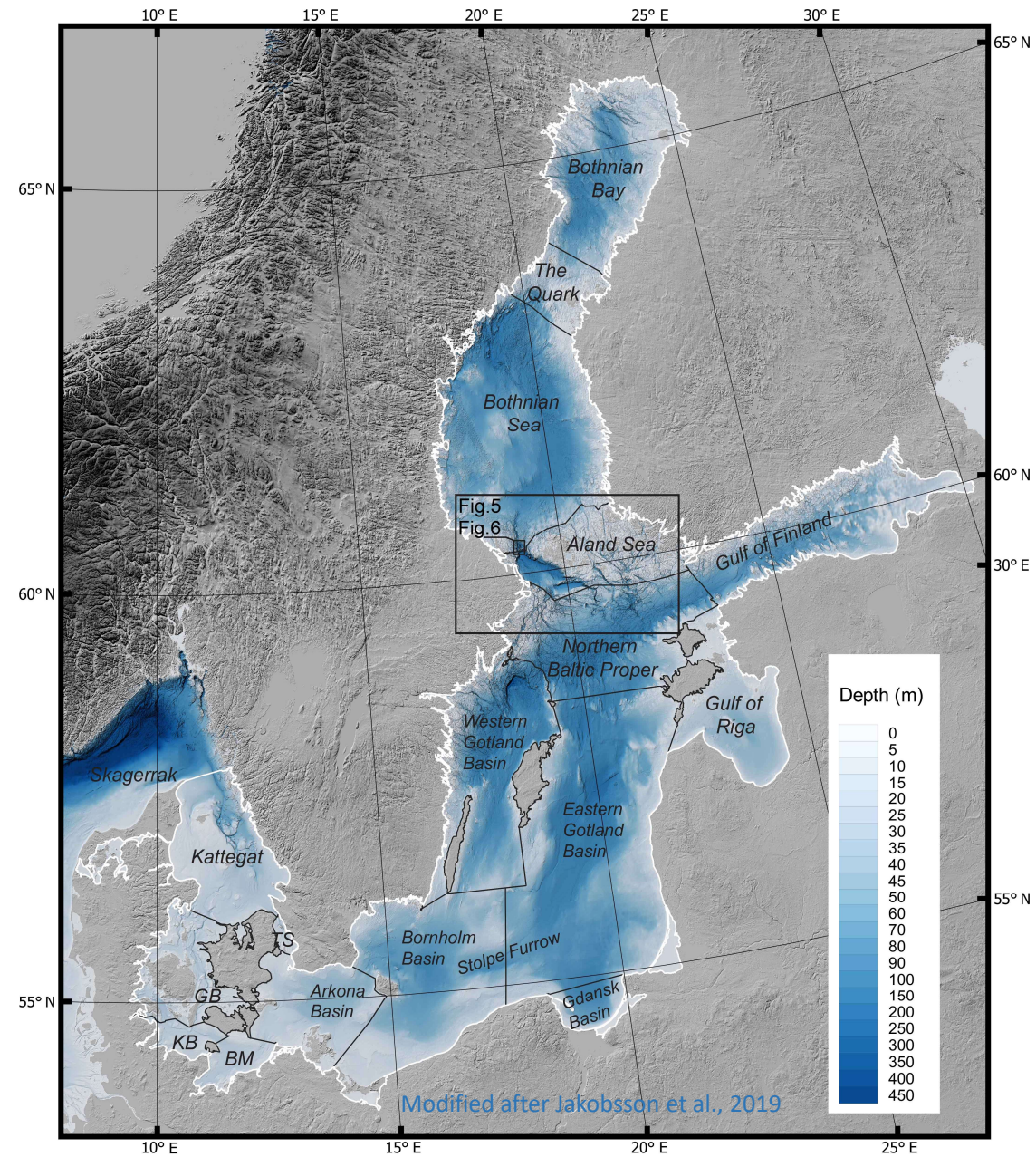
Seafloor redox





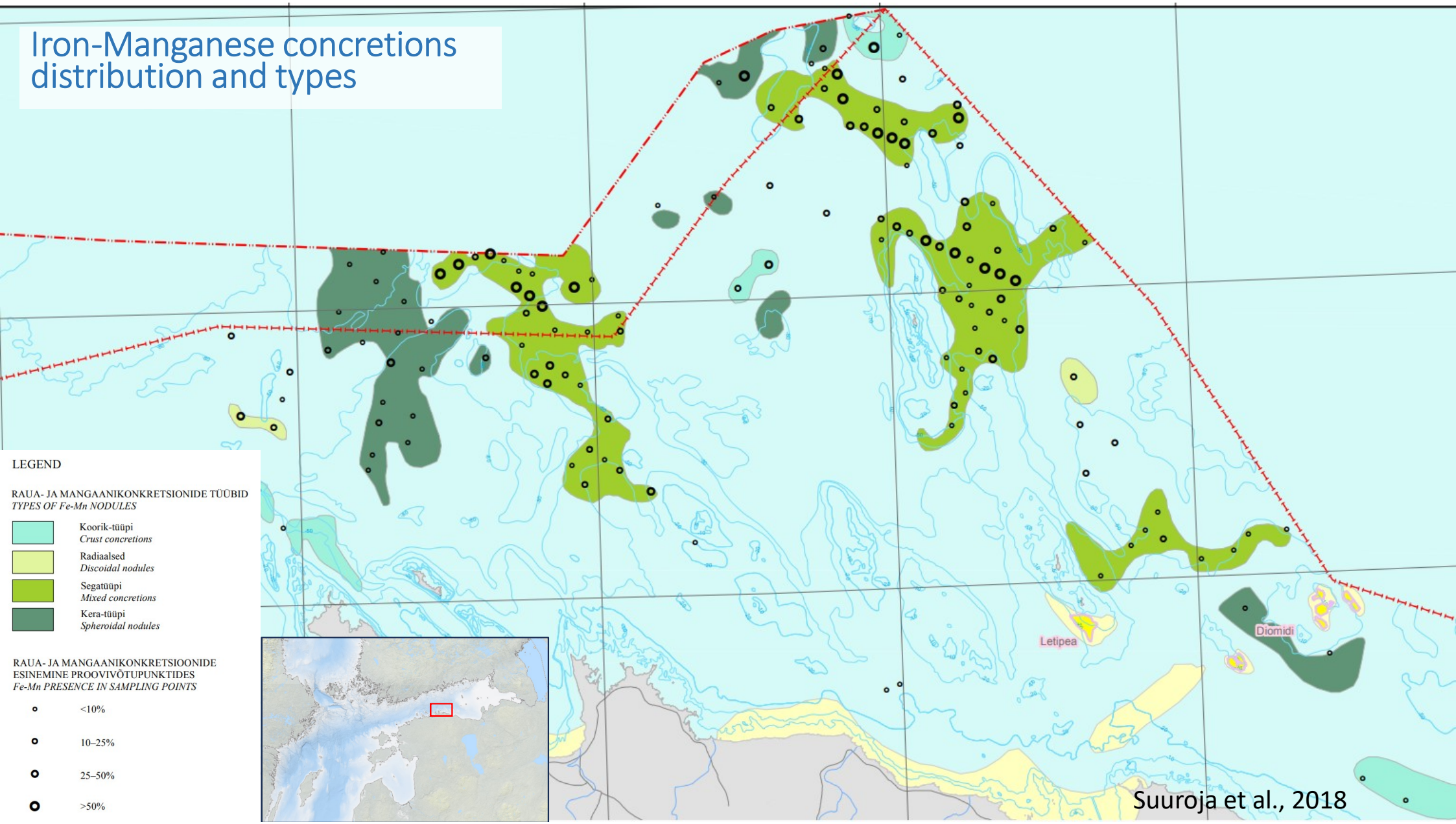


Modified after Wasiljeff, 2005 and Glasby, 1997



Modified after Jakobsson et al., 2019

Iron-Manganese concretions distribution and types



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RAUA- JA MANGAANIKONKRETSIONIDE TÜÜBID TYPES OF Fe-Mn NODULES

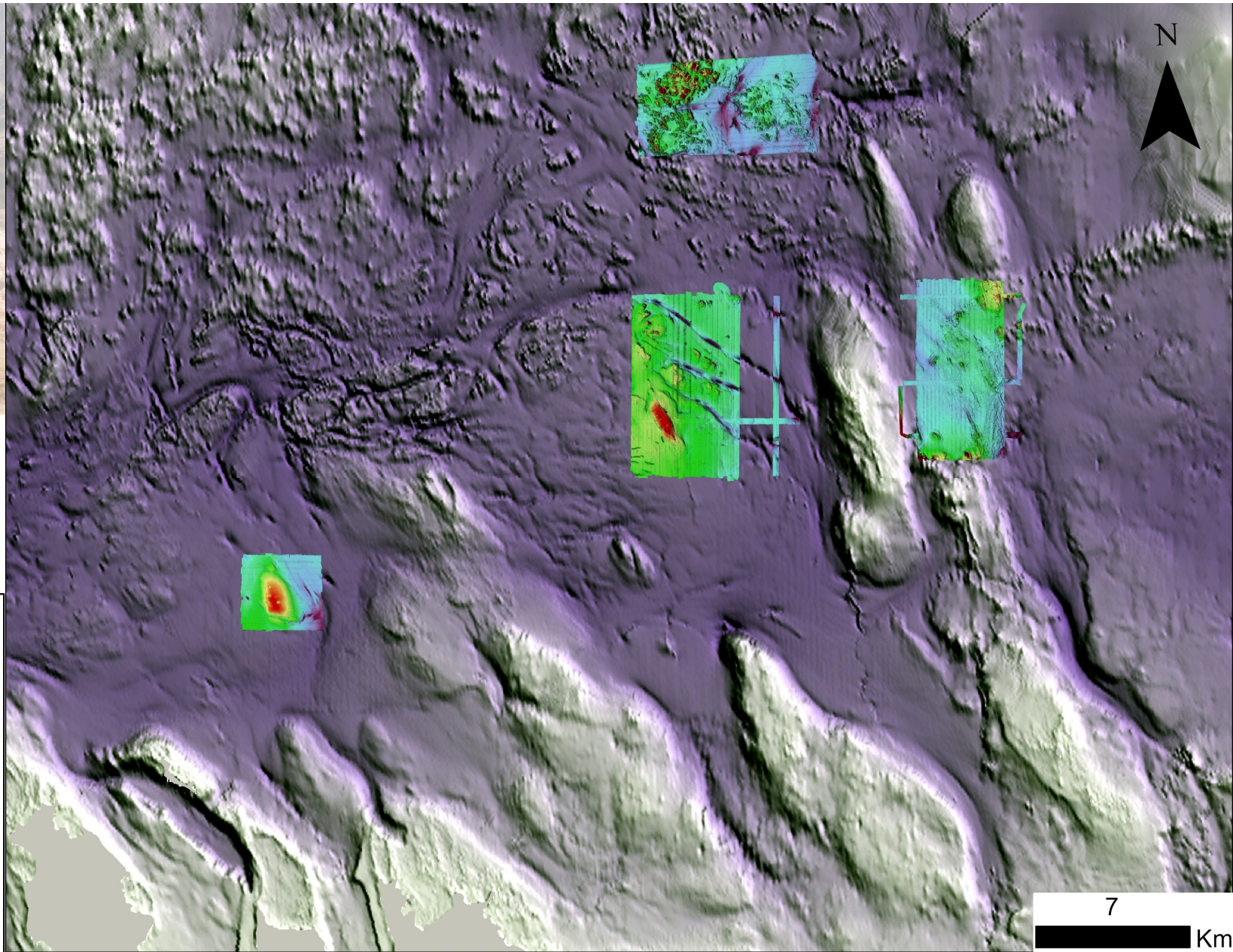
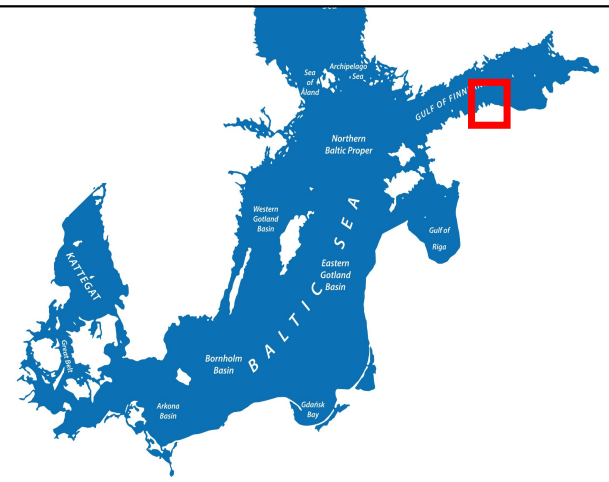
- Koorik-tüüpi
Crust concretions
- Radiaalsed
Discoidal nodules
- Segatüüpi
Mixed concretions
- Kera-tüüpi
Spheroidal nodules

RAUA- JA MANGAANIKONKRETSIOONIDE ESINEMINE PROOVIVÕTUPUNKTIDES Fe-Mn PRESENCE IN SAMPLING POINTS

- <10%
- 10–25%
- 25–50%
- >50%



Suuroja et al., 2018



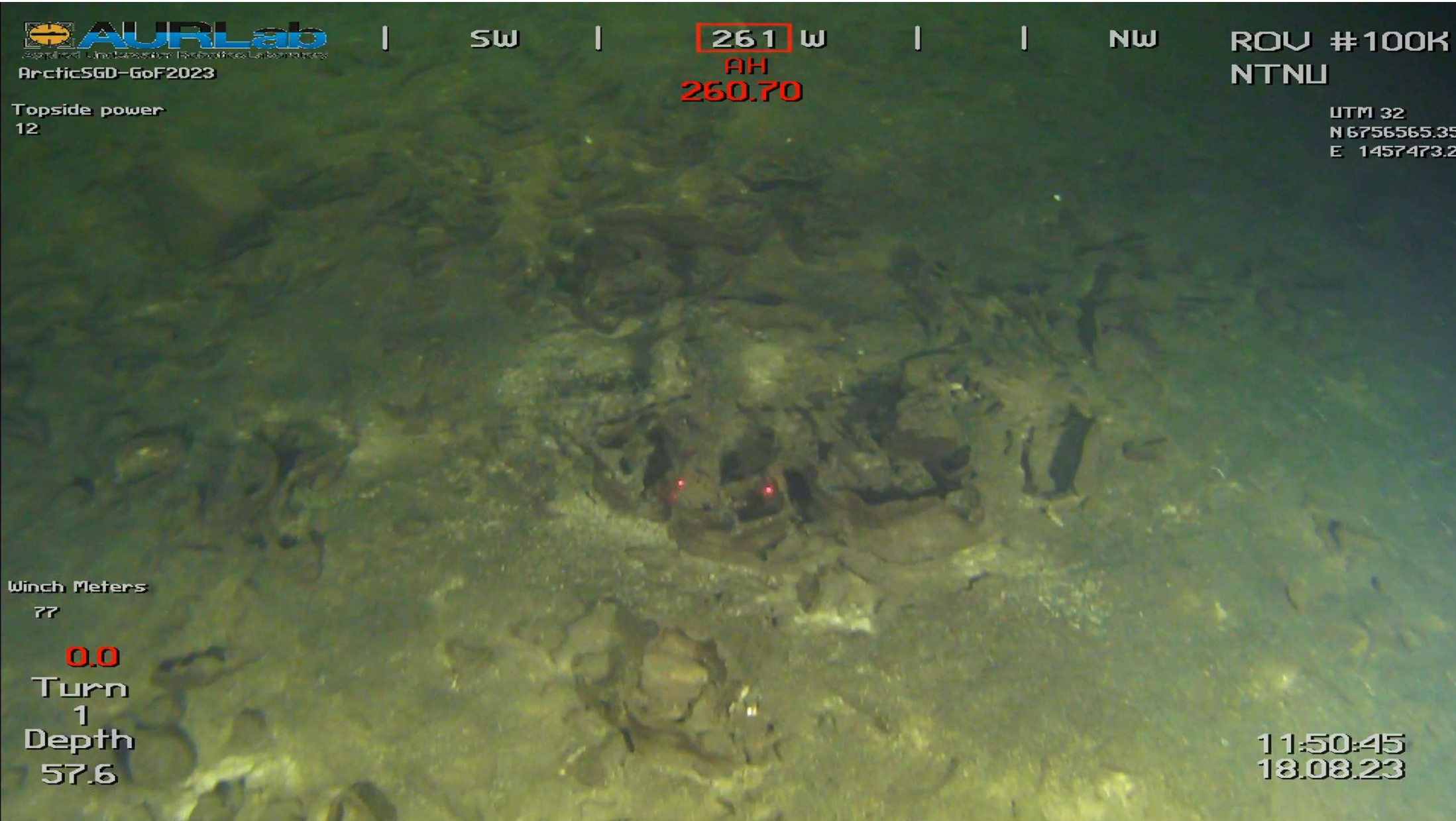
Topside power
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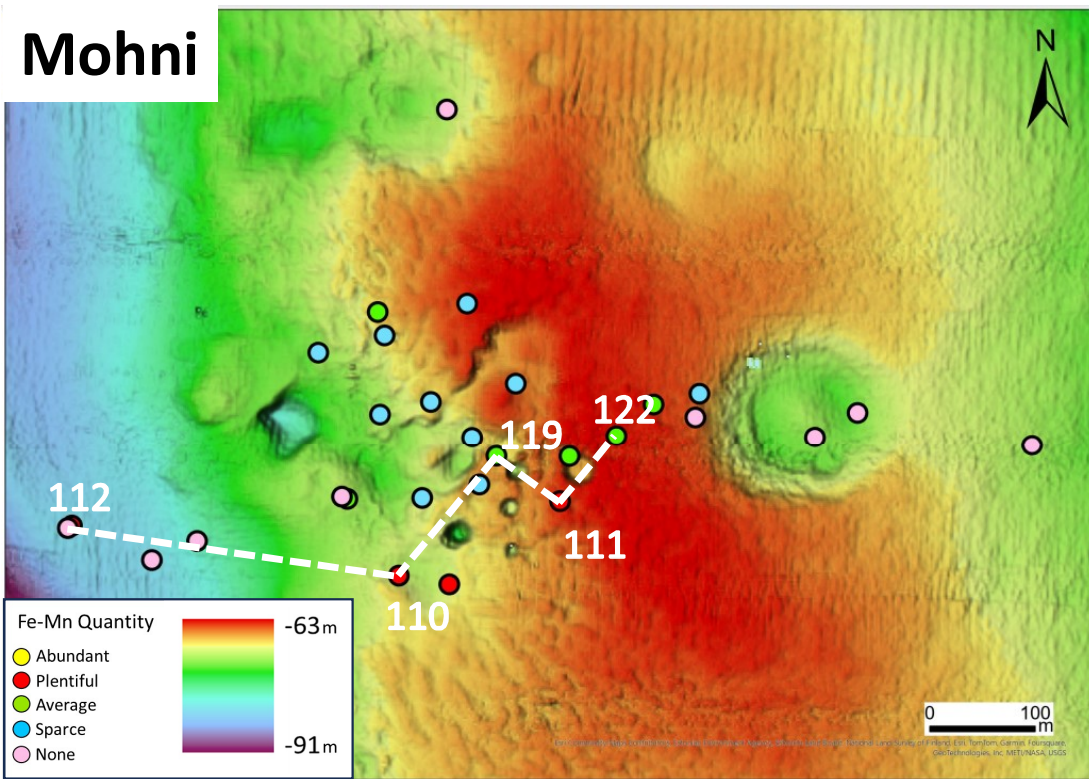
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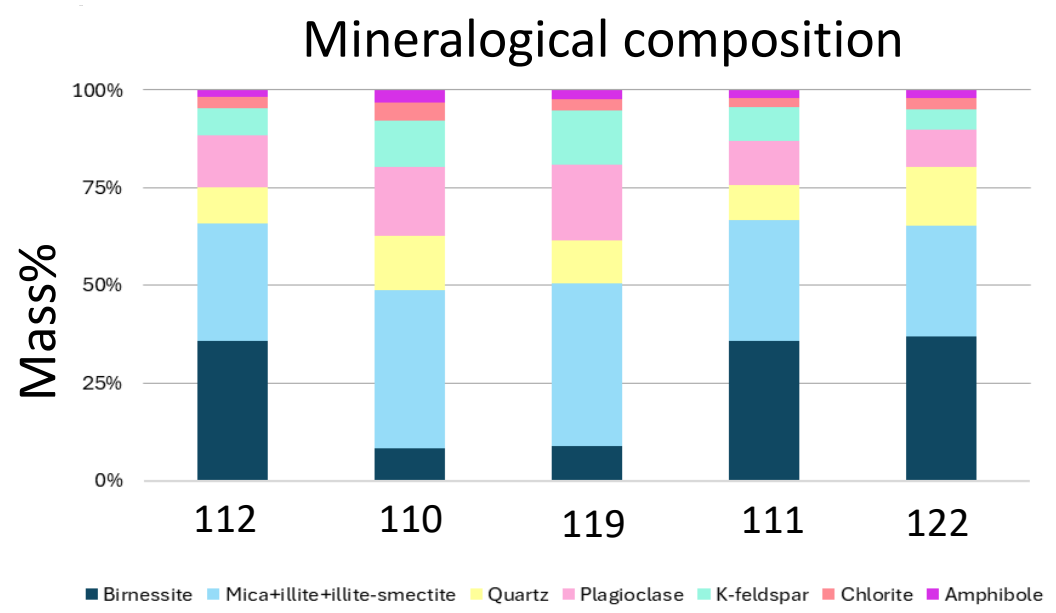
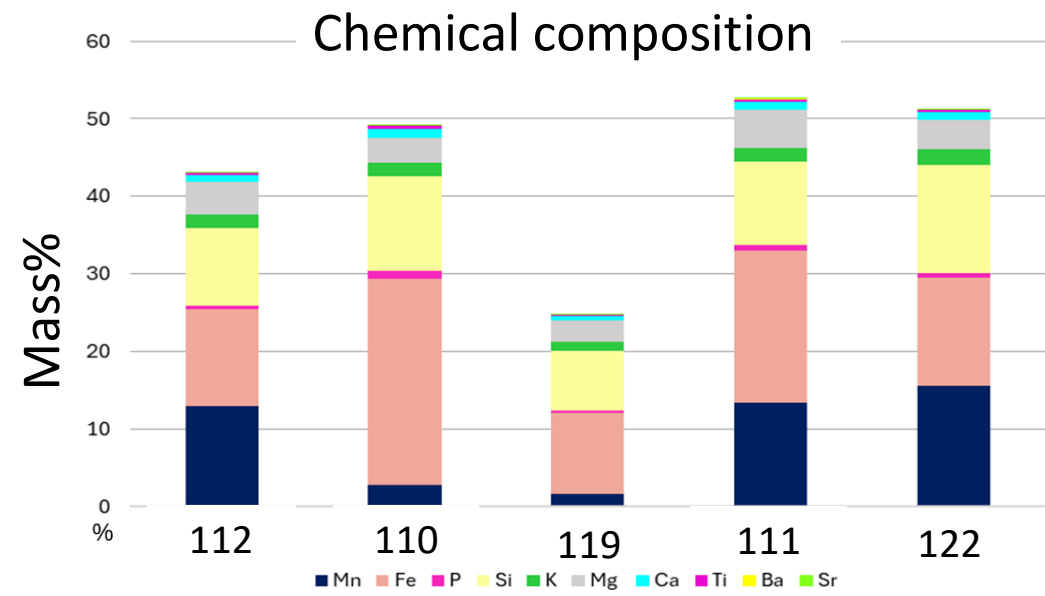
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Depth
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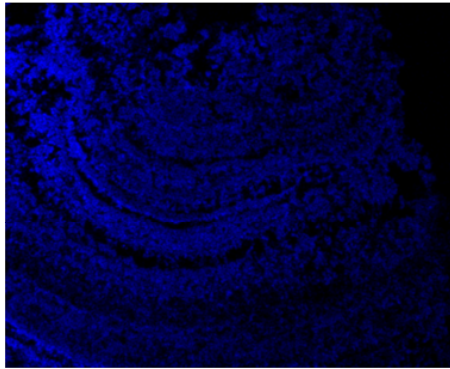
- Hydrous Mn-oxide, Birnessite
- Fe amorphous





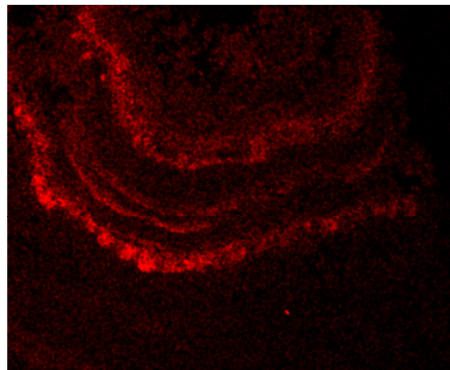
Nodule type

Mn K α 1



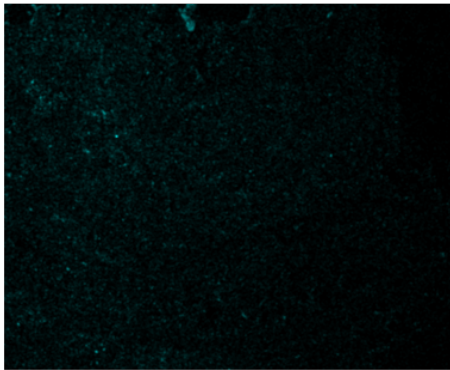
500 μ m

Fe K α 1



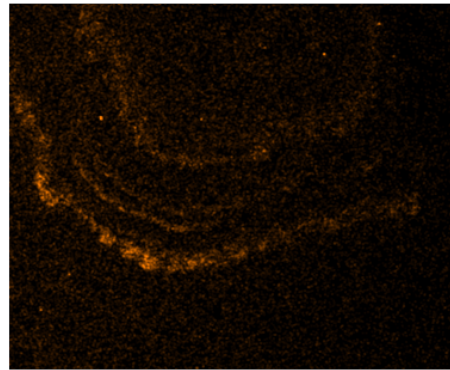
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Al K α 1



500 μ m

P K α 1

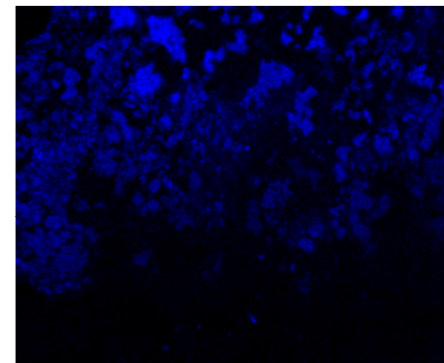


500 μ m

Crust type

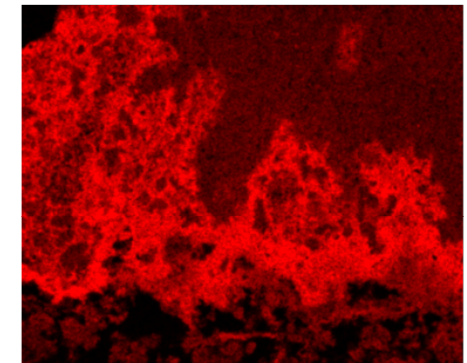


Mn K α 1



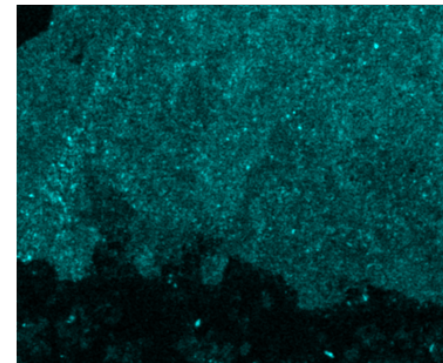
100 μ m

Fe K α 1



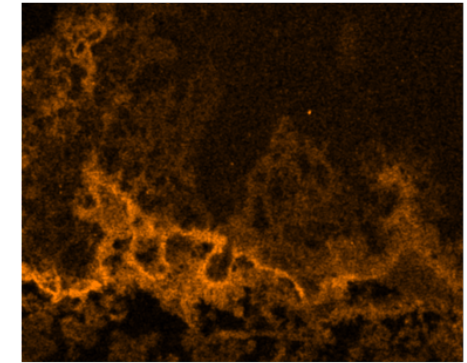
100 μ m

Al K α 1



100 μ m

P K α 1



100 μ m

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Thank you!

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