

Supplementary Information for Transitional calcite-aragonite stacking as a signature of hexagonal aragonite in biogenic and inorganic deposits

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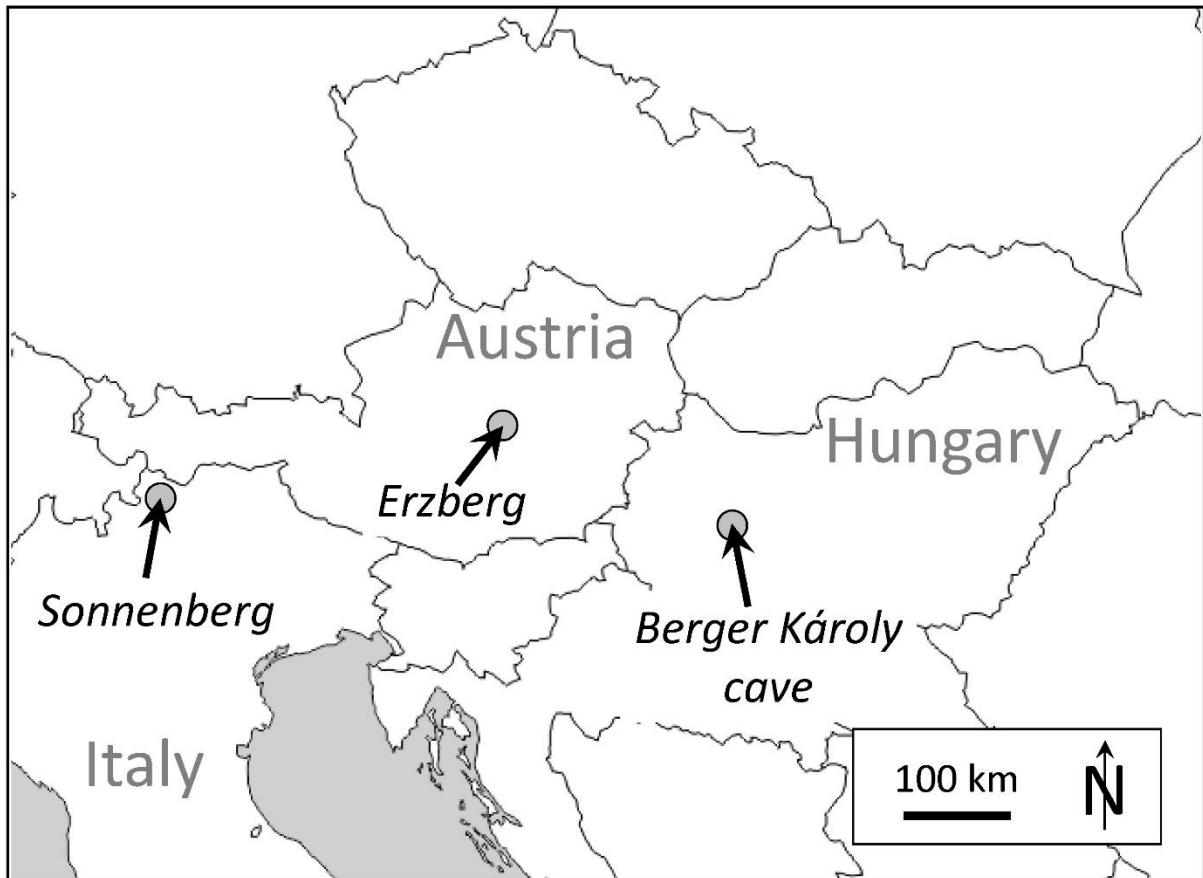
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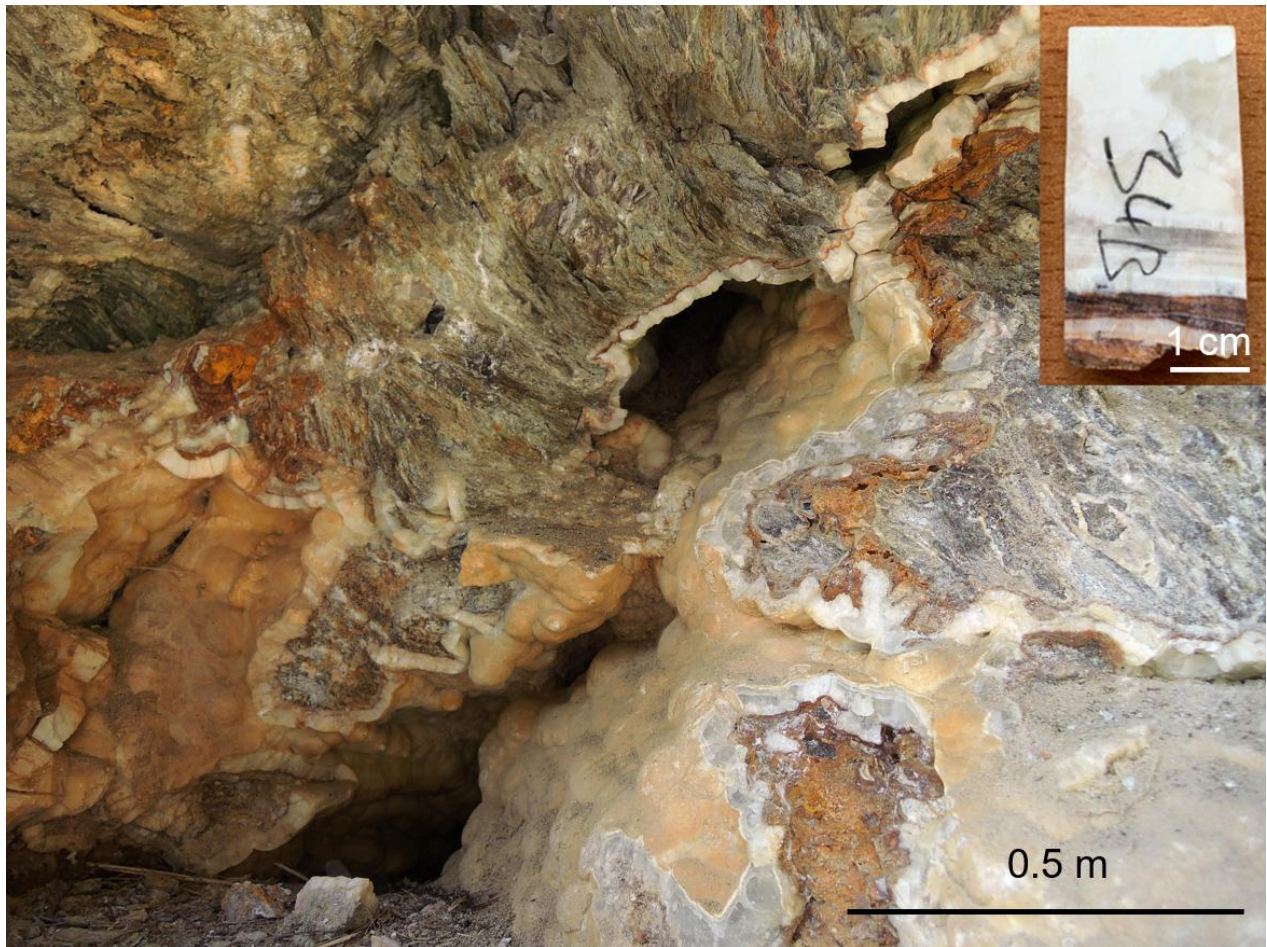
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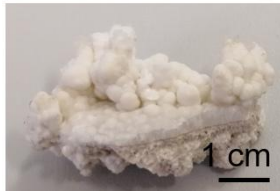
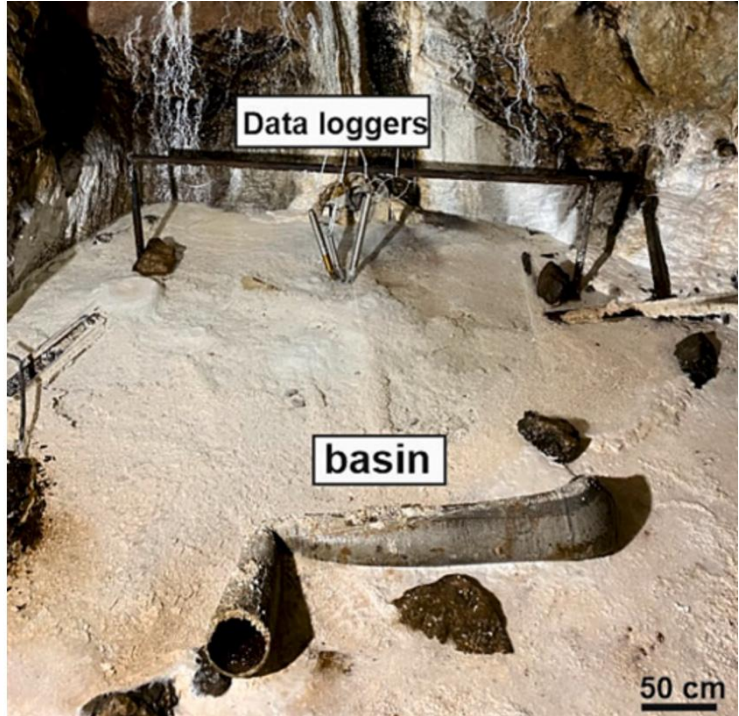
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52 calcite deposit covering this pool (marked by a white arrow). The drill core contains mainly
53 dense calcite, covered by microbial calcite encrustation, an aragonite layer, and a final calcite
54 layer (see also Fig. S2).

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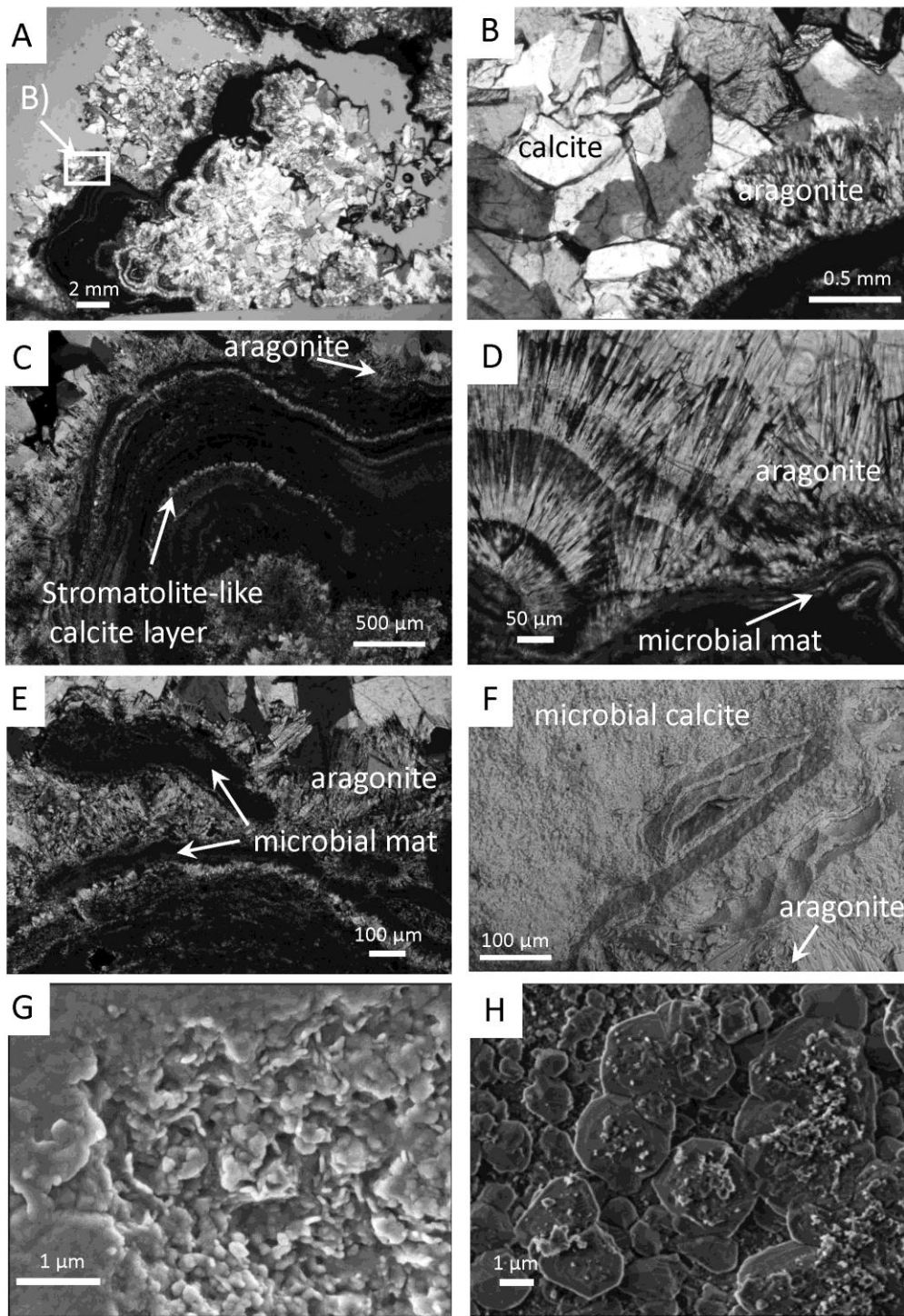
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Fig. S1c. Calcite-aragonite flowstone in an extensional fracture at the Sonnenberg site (Italy) where sample LAS34 was obtained. Inset: detail of sample LAS34.

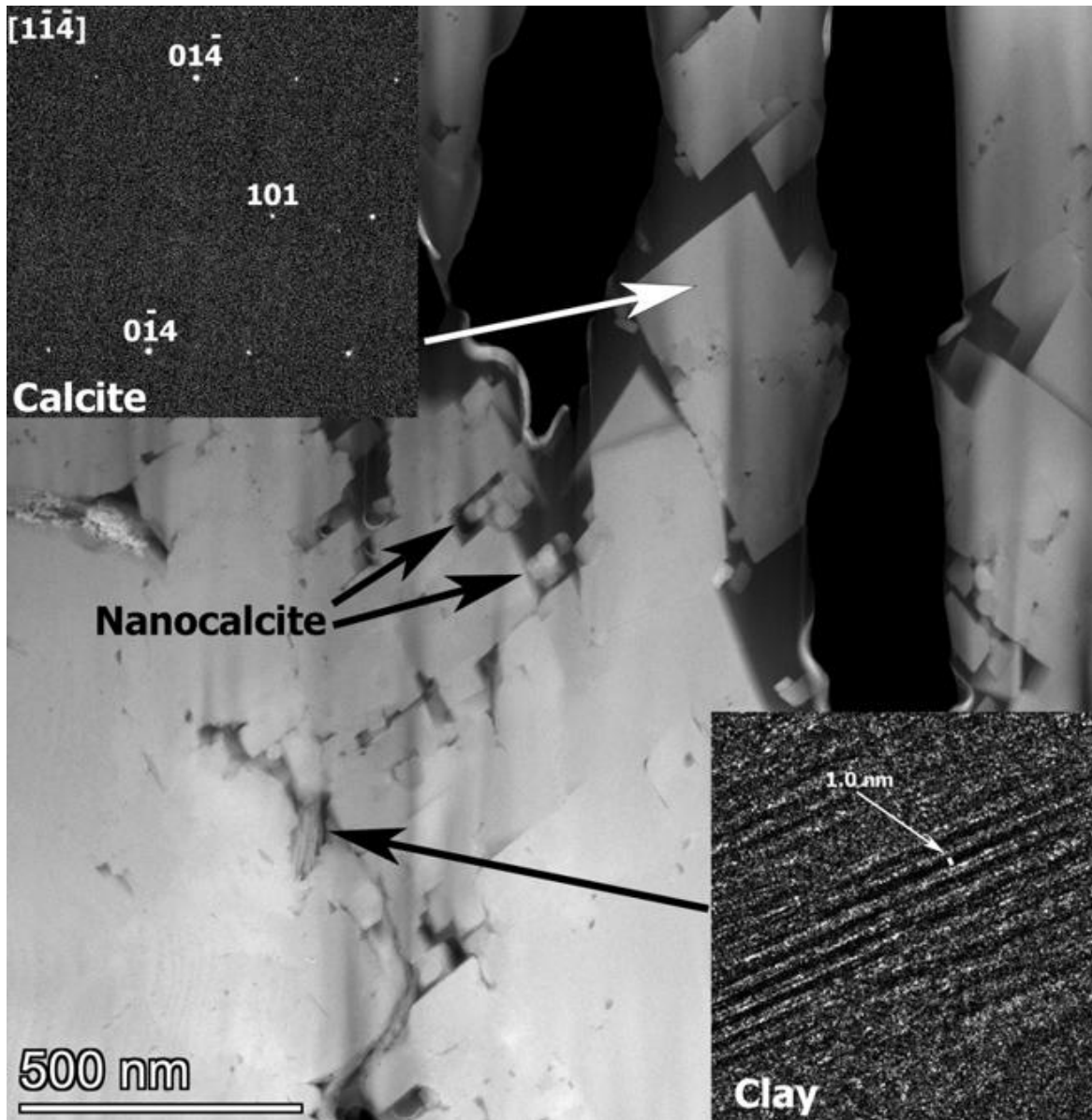


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Fig. S1d. Modern calcite-aragonite precipitates in an artificial pool in an abandoned tunnel of the Erzberg mine (Austria).



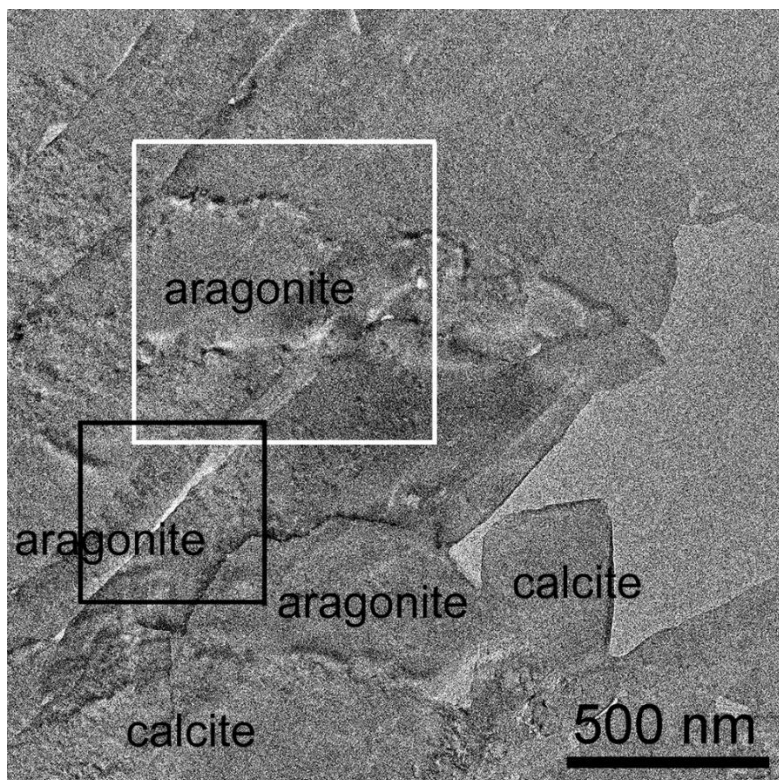
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 64 **Fig. S2a: Transmitted-light microscopy images (partially crossed nicols in A, crossed nicols**
 65 **in B-E) of the topmost layer of sample L-top, Berger Károly cave and scanning electron**
 66 **microscopic images of the boundary between aragonite and microbial calcite (F), the**
 67 **bottom of the aragonite layer (G) and the top of the microbial calcite layer (H).**



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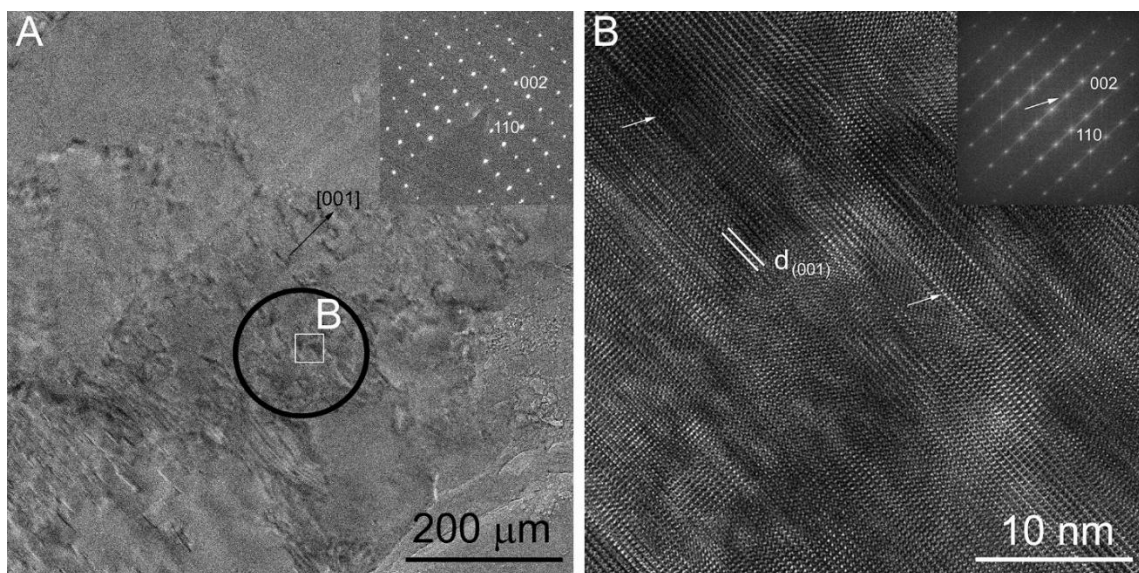
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 71 **cave). The HRTEM image of the bottom right insert shows a clay mineral with 1 nm spacings.**

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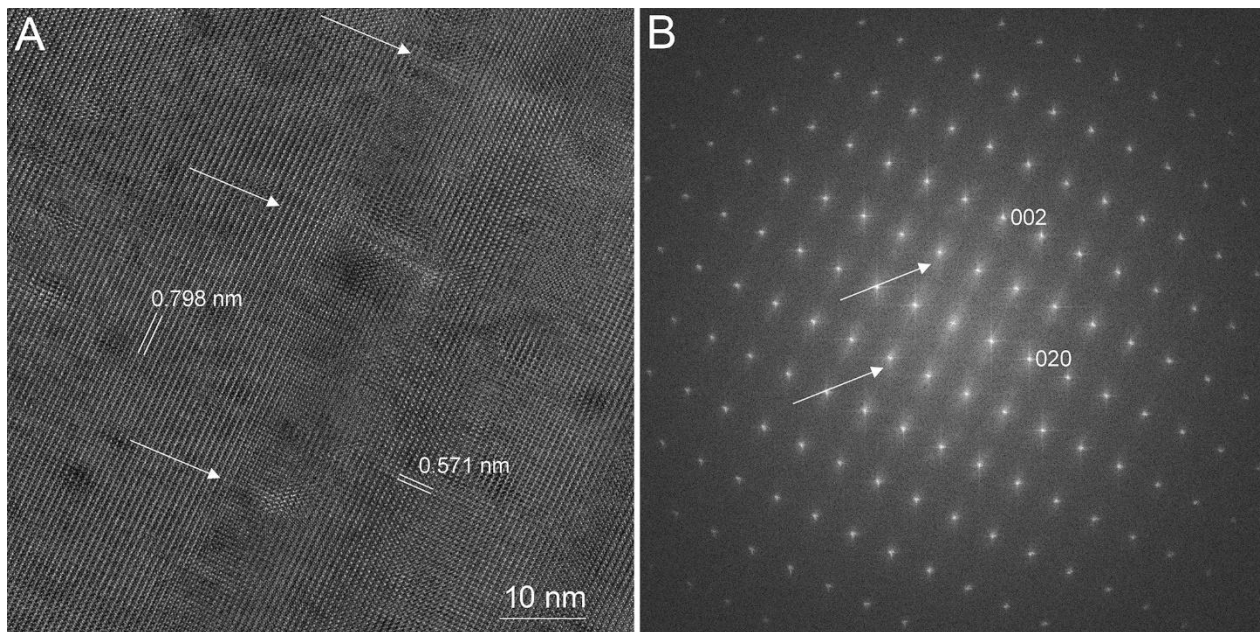
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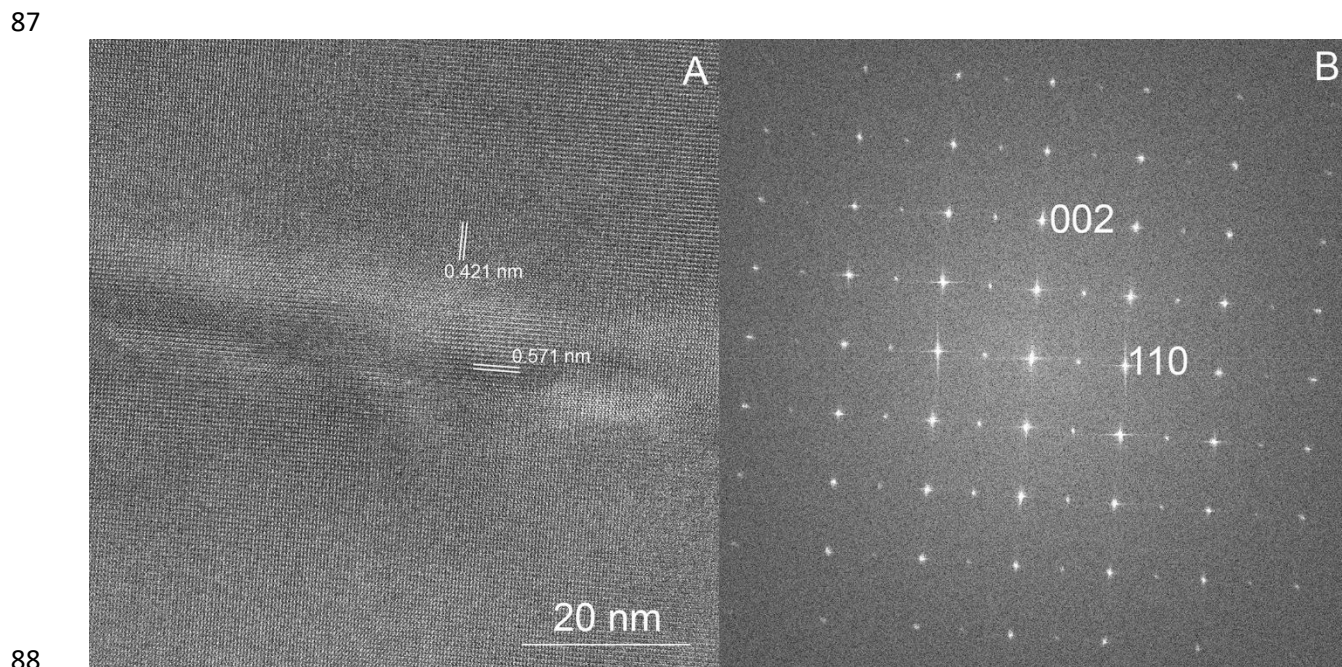
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 79 image obtained from the area marked by white rectangle in Fig. S3. The SAED pattern taken
 80 from the black open circle shows aragonite viewed along [1-10]. B: HRTEM image obtained
 81 from the area marked by the white rectangle in A.

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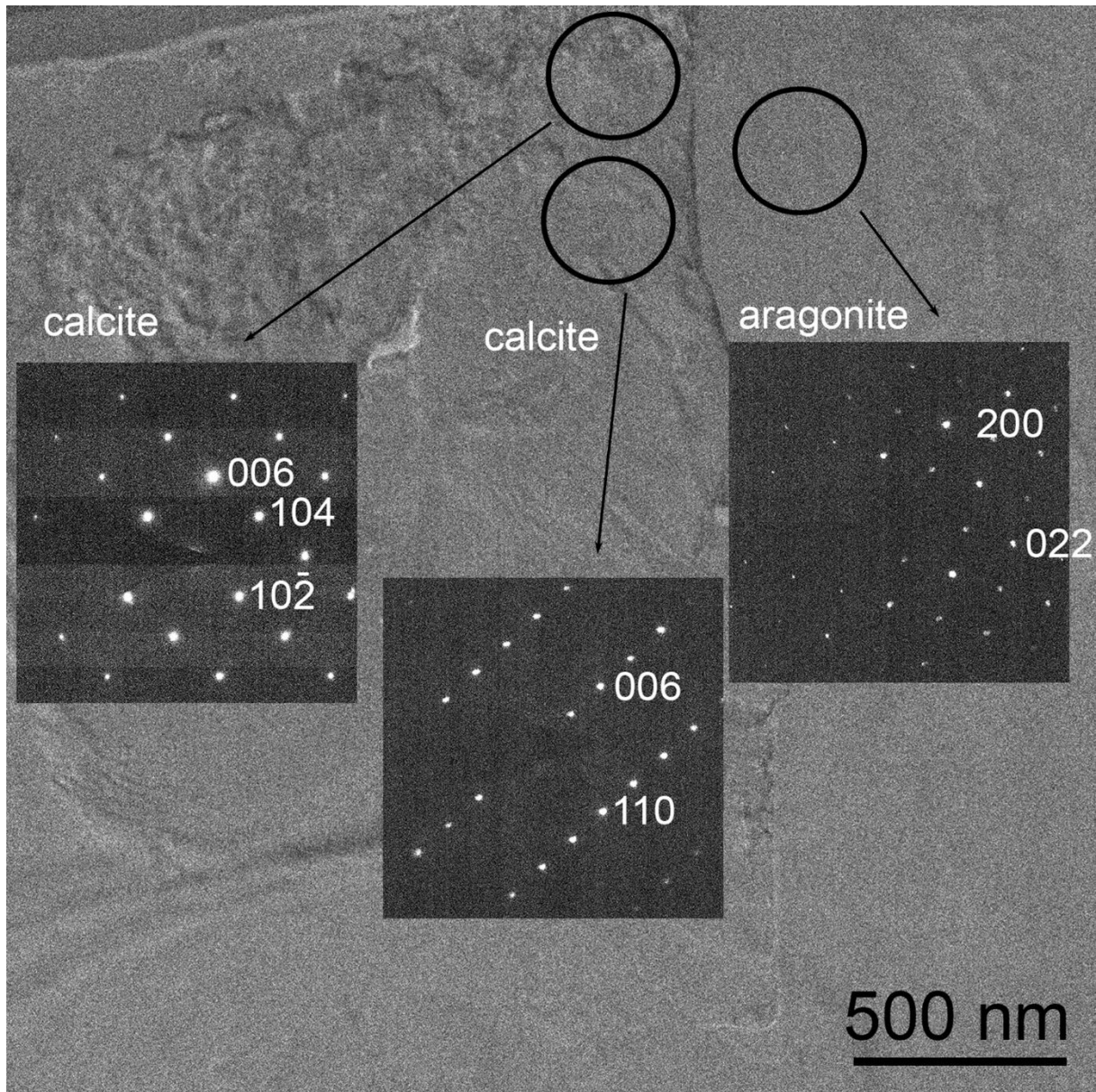


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 85 marked by the white rectangle in Fig. 5A. B: FFT calculated from A. White arrows point to SFs
 86 (A) and streaked reflections (B).



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 89 **Fig. S6: Defect-free aragonite from Erzberg.** A: HRTEM image obtained from the area
 90 marked by white rectangle in Fig. 5B. FFT calculated from A. Streaked reflections are invisible
 91 (B) and the undulating contrast of A presumably indicates a grain boundary.

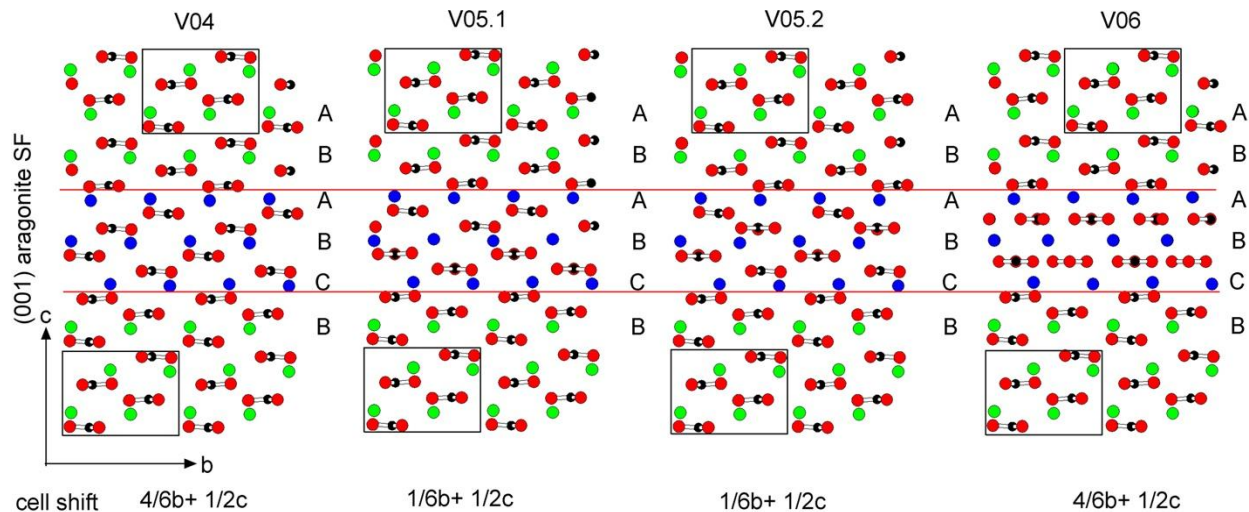
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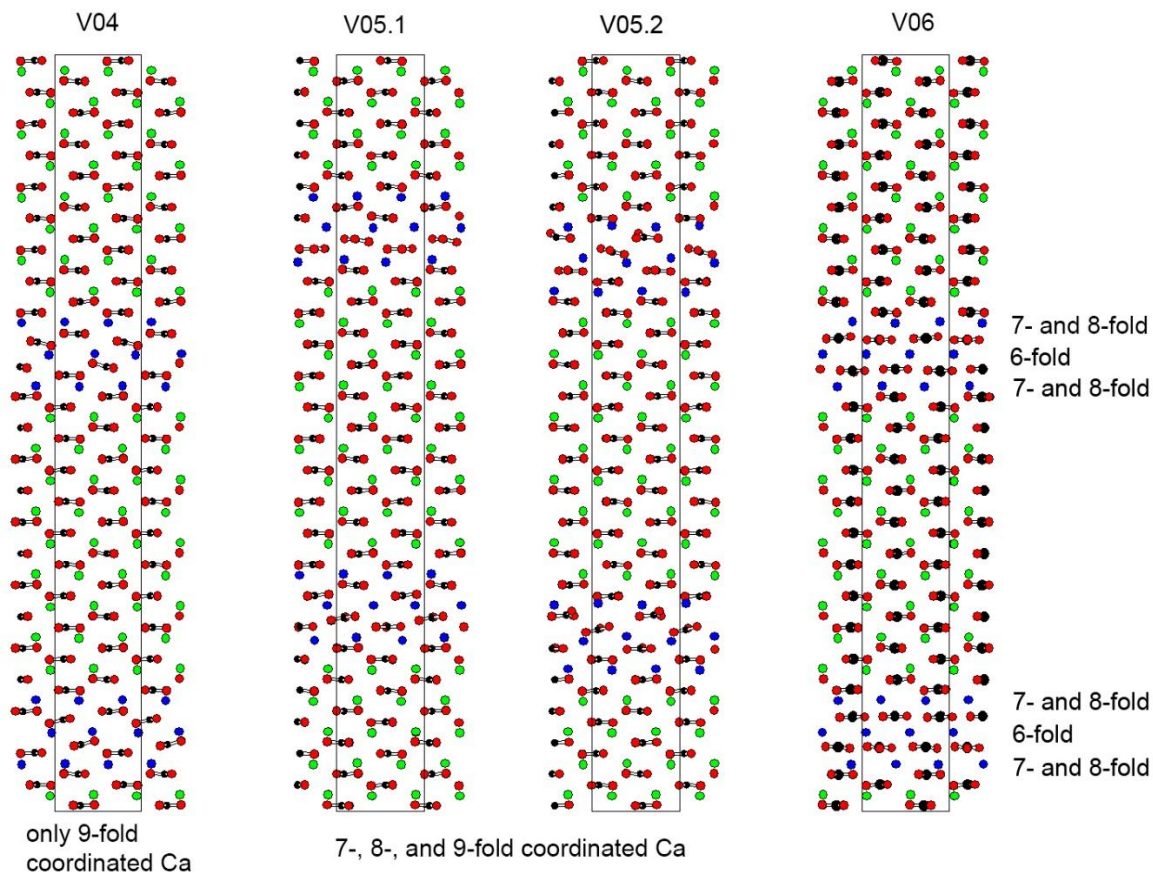
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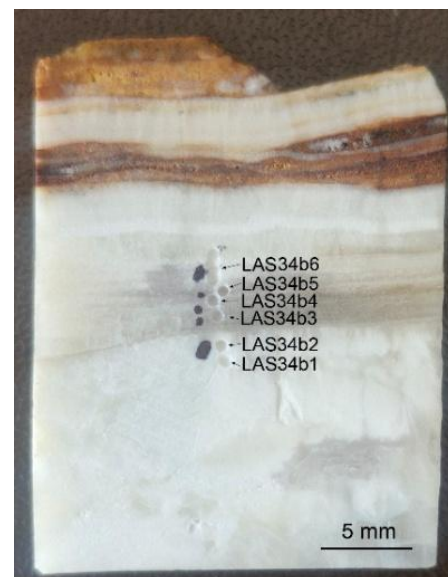
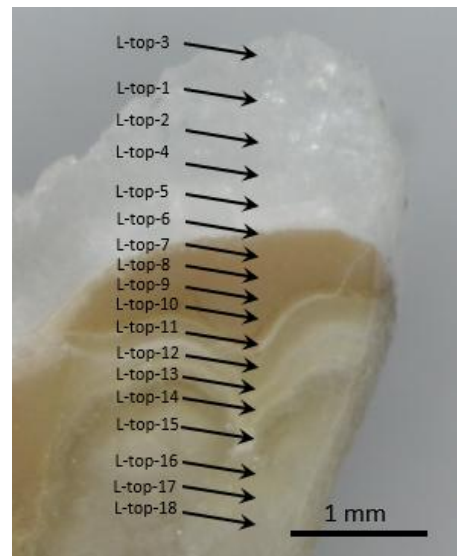


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		$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$
L-top-3	drusy calcite	-4.3	-10.8
L-top-1	drusy calcite	-3.0	-10.9
L-top-2	drusy calcite	-4.1	-10.6
L-top-4	aragonite	-6.0	-9.2
L-top-5	aragonite	-5.4	-9.8
L-top-6	aragonite-calcite boundary	-2.8	-10.7
L-top-7	yellow microbial calcite	-2.6	-10.9
L-top-8	yellow microbial calcite	-2.8	-10.8
L-top-9	yellow microbial calcite	-2.7	-10.9
L-top-10	yellow microbial calcite	-3.1	-10.6
L-top-11	boundary	-3.5	-8.8
L-top-12	laminated calcite	-2.5	-7.0
L-top-13	laminated calcite	-2.3	-6.7
L-top-14	laminated calcite	-2.6	-7.1
L-top-15	boundary	-2.9	-7.8
L-top-16	dense calcite	-3.2	-8.6
L-top-17	dense calcite	-3.4	-9.0
L-top-18	dense calcite	-3.4	-9.6
LAS34b1	aragonite	4.4	-10.4
LAS34b2	aragonite-calcite boundary	2.2	-11.2
LAS34b3	calcite	1.0	-12.2
LAS34b4	calcite	1.5	-11.9
LAS34b5	calcite	1.9	-11.7
LAS34b6	aragonite	5.2	-10.7
Erzberg	aragonite	0.6	-8.0



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