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## Supporting Information

## Precipitation and Crystallization Kinetics in Silica Gardens

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**Figure S1.** Metal ion concentration measurements by X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS). (A)  $Fe_K$  absorption edge measured for aqueous solutions of  $FeCl_2$ , at different concentrations as indicated. (B) Linear correlation between the height of the edge jump and corresponding metal ion concentrations for solutions of  $FeCl_3$  (black),  $FeCl_2$  (red) and  $CoCl_2$  (green).



**Figure S2.** Experimental setup at beamline F3 of HASYLAB (DESY, Hamburg) used for EDXRD measurements on macroscopic open-tube silica gardens.



**Figure S3.** Results of EDXRD experiments on macroscopic silica garden tubes prepared with CoCl<sub>2</sub>. (A) 3D representation of diffraction patterns measured at different times, showing progressive crystallization of  $Co_2(OH)_3Cl$ . (B) Plot of the integral intensity of crystalline reflections occurring in (A) as a function of time. The red line represents a fit of the data according to the kinetic model described in the main text (Figure 5).



**Figure S4.** Experimental setup at beamline XRD1 of ELETTRA (Trieste) used for diffraction measurements on miniaturized silica garden tubes. (A) Overview showing the incoming X-ray beam and the used CCD detector. (B) Close-up view on the space between sample and detector. (C) Zoom into the sample area, showing a glass capillary containing a miniaturized silica garden prepared from a CoCl<sub>2</sub> crystal.