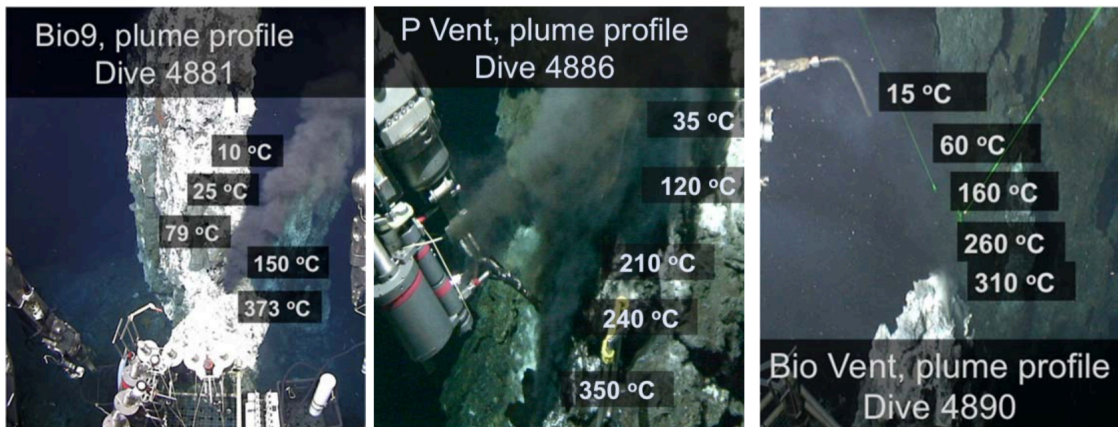
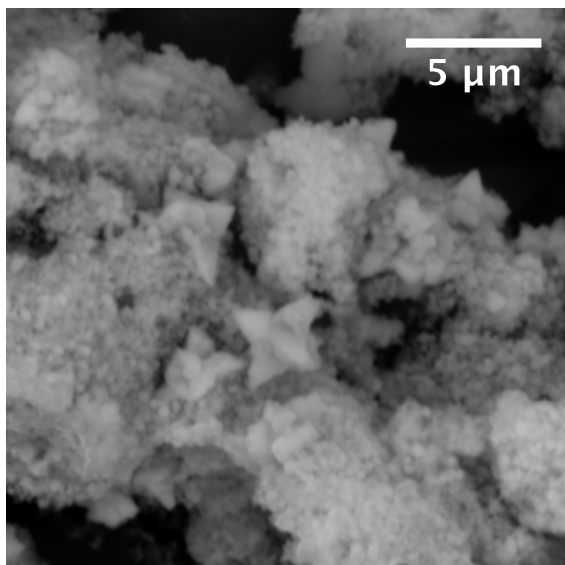


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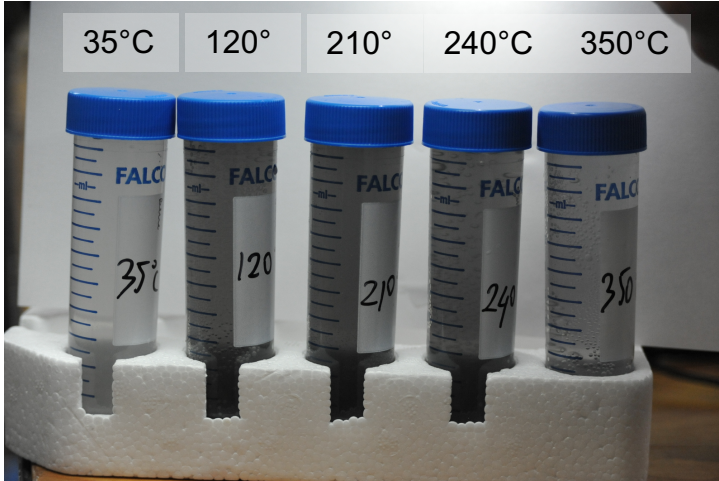
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**Supplementary Figure 1:** Temperature profiles in the buoyant plume. All samples were taken within the first meter above the vent orifice.



**Supplementary Figure 2:** Representative SEM Micrograph of mixed metal sulphide particles and nanoparticles from the end-member fluid of Bio 9. The larger, star-shaped particles have an S to Fe ratio of 2. The surrounding nanoparticles are mixed Fe, Zn and Cu sulphides. Element ratios were determined using EDS.



**Supplementary Figure 3:** Photo of plume samples from the plume at P Vent, showing the visual difference in particle density over the temperature gradient.

Vent	Distance from orifice (cm)	[Mg] ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	T ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	pH	filtered (0.2 $\mu\text{m}$ )				unfiltered				% Fe < 0.2 $\mu\text{m}$	filtered (0.2 $\mu\text{m}$ )		unfiltered		total sulphide ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	CRS as % total sulphide	filtered CRS/Fe <sub>py</sub>	S:Fe
					[Fe <sup>2+</sup> ] ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	std dev	[Fe <sub>Total</sub> ] ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	std dev	[Fe <sup>2+</sup> ] ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	std dev	[Fe <sub>Total</sub> ] ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	std dev		AVS ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	CRS ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	AVS ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	CRS ( $\mu\text{M}$ )				
Bio9	0	3.40	373	3.13	1357	17	1330	3	1328	8	1346	15	102	4887	246	5966	819	6784	3.6	--	5
	2	43.7	150	4.87	213	7	248	9	279	17	280	48	76	746	216	1120	454	1574	13.7	5.0	6
	5	52.2	79	5.31	116	7	124	6	132	6	155	4	88	408	58	306	196	501	11.6	2.5	3
	10	51.4	25	5.58	75	2	86	3	91	1	115	4	82	165	22	335	112	447	5.0	2.5	4
	20	51.1	10	6.28	19	1	22	1	22	1	27	4	84	0	0	2	2	4	0.0	0.0	0.1
P Vent	0	5.3	350	3.27	1034	14	1048	40	1048	13	1065	9	99	4735	204	4595	1065	5659	3.6	--	5
	5	25.9	240	3.93	498	6	518	5	592	7	615	17	84	3142	256	2682	1438	4121	6.2	13.0	7
	10	28.3	210	4.01	321	4	339	7	425	10	430	6	76	2794	441	2464	1154	3619	12.2	24.6	8
	20	46.0	120	4.87	230	14	235	3	294	4	301	8	78	1569	72	1624	487	2111	3.4	5.5	7
	100	51.5	35	5.73	52	2	67	7	62	2	73	3	83	94	29	178	94	272	10.8	1.9	4
Bio Vent	0	11.5	310	3.77	301	2	283	4	310	6	315	9	97	4523	63	5333	198	5531	1.1	--	18
	2	20.4	260	4.10	186	4	181	13	216	5	308	19	86	3521	134	3957	293	4250	3.1	--	14
	5	32.4	160	4.34	151	18	124	10	161	6	173	17	94	2735	89	3368	319	3688	2.4	--	21
	50	47.1	60	4.77	87	1	94	6	88	9	99	3	98	1506	62	1755	138	1892	3.3	--	19
	100	54.0	10	5.79	15	1	24	3	15	0	31	1	98	123	18	142	30	172	10.4	2.0	6

**Supplementary Table 1:** Total and filtered Fe and sulphide (AVS and CRS) concentrations for each sample. CRS/Fe<sub>py</sub> represents the ratio between filtered CRS and nanoparticulate Fe as determined from Fe analyses (for more details, please refer to the main text). If all CRS < 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  is pyrite, the ratio should equal 2.

Location	Temperature (°C)	Minerals
Bio 9	373	Pyrite, Chalcopyrite, Sphalerite, nano ZnS
	150	$\alpha$ -Sulfur, Barite
	79	$\alpha$ -Sulfur, Sphalerite
	25	$\alpha$ -Sulfur
	10	N/A
P-vent	350	Pyrite, Anhydrite, Chalcopyrite/Isocubanite, Gordaite, nano ZnS
	240	$\alpha$ -Sulfur, Sphalerite, Pyrite
	210	$\alpha$ -Sulfur
	120	$\alpha$ -Sulfur
	35	N/A
Biovent	310	$\alpha$ -Sulfur, Chalcopyrite/Isocubanite, Sphalerite, nano ZnS
	260	$\alpha$ -Sulfur, Sphalerite, Gordaite, nano ZnS
	160	$\alpha$ -Sulfur, Gordaite, Sphalerite, Barite, nano ZnS
	60	Gordaite, $\alpha$ -Sulfur
	10	N/A

**Supplementary Table 2:** Bulk mineralogy in samples from the end-member and within the first meter of buoyant plume of each vent.