Reconstruction of Local and Global Marine Redox Conditions During Deposition of Late Ordovician and Early Silurian Organic-Rich Mudrocks in the Siljan Ring District, Central Sweden

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Abstract

The Ordovician-Silurian transition witnessed the second largest mass extinction in the Phanerozoic Eon and the Hirnantian glaciation. We measured U (as δ^{238}U relative to standard CRM145 = 0‰) and Mo (as δ^{98}Mo relative to standard NIST SRM 3134 = +0.25‰) isotope compositions on 26 organic-rich mudrock (ORM) samples of the Late Ordovician (Katian) Fjäcka Shale and the Early Silurian (Rhuddanian-Telychian) Kallholn Formation to infer local and global ocean redox conditions across the Ordovician-Silurian transition. The magnitude of Re, Mo, and U enrichments, Re/Mo and U/Mo ratios, and sedimentary Fe speciation point to euxinic and oxygenated bottom water conditions during deposition of the Fjäcka Shale and upper Kallholn Formation equivalent gray shales, respectively. The same proxies suggest that the more organic-rich samples of the Kallholn Formation were deposited under transiently euxinic conditions with the chemocline situated near the sediment-water interface.

The Mo and U isotope compositions of the most euxinic shales provide the most relevant estimates of the extent of global ocean oxygenation. As expected, the euxinic Fjäcka Shale yields relatively higher average δ^{98}Mo (0.82‰) of the studied units. Elevated Mo/TOC ratios (average: 13.5 ppm/wt%) of the Fjäcka Shale suggest no more than moderate basin restriction from the open ocean as well as large amounts of Mo in the euxinic bottom waters, which can lead to Mo isotope fractionation between seawater and sediments like that observed in the Cariaco Basin. Hence, we infer that the heaviest Mo isotope composition preserved the euxinic Fjäcka Shale (1.28‰) may be fractionated from contemporaneous seawater. As such, the Mo isotope paleoredox proxy is not reliable on its own. This interpretation is further supported by the high average authigenic

δ^{238}U (–0.05‰ to 0.02‰; or an average of ~0‰) in the Fjäcka Shale, which is only slightly lower than the modeled value of 0.1‰ for modern euxinic sediments in moderately restricted basins (i.e., between the highly restricted Black Sea [0‰] and open ocean euxinic sediments [0.2‰]). Widespread ocean anoxia should lead to deposition of ORMs with lower δ^{238}U. Hence, the relatively high δ^{238}U coupled with high Mo, Re, and U enrichments, and high Mo/TOC ratios in the Fjäcka Shale suggest a more oxygenated ocean prior to the Hirnantian glaciation than previously thought, though the extent of oxygenation was less than today. Integration of our data with previous studies further supports the hypothesis that ocean oxygenation intensified from the late Katian to the early-middle Hirnantian in association with global cooling, thus challenging the hypothesis that pronounced ocean anoxia persisted throughout the late Ordovician.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The unusual climatic conditions of the Ordovician world were quite different than that of the present day and played an important role in biogeographic distributions, metazoan evolution, and extinction. Relatively high sea-level stands (Haq and Schutter, 2008), a giant greenhouse climate state for most of the period (Shields et al., 2003), paleocontinents mostly located in the Southern Hemisphere (Cocks and Torsvik, 2002, 2005), probable superplume events (e.g., Huff et al., 1996; Bergström et al., 2004; Christidis and Huff, 2009), and a terminal Ordovician (Hirnantian) glaciation (e.g., Brenchley et al., 2003; Saltzman and Young, 2005; Delabroye et al., 2010) are the key features of the Ordovician Earth. These unique conditions are associated with rapid biota diversification (the Great Ordovician Biodiversification Event; GOBE) in the early-middle Ordovician (e.g., Webby et al., 2004) and the second largest Phanerozoic extinction event in the late Ordovician, with approximately 86% loss of species (Brenchley et al., 2001; Sheehan, 2001). The surviving species and communities reconstructed the ecology to pre-extinction levels (similar to the early Ordovician) for at least 4-5 Ma in the Silurian (Brenchley et al., 2001; Sheehan, 2001). In addition to studying the early to middle Ordovician Period associated with the GOBE, understanding the rapidly changing environment during the late Ordovician to early Silurian is also important to constrain the relationships between biology, ocean redox conditions, and climate change.

The early-middle part of the late Ordovician (Sandbian and Katian) was characterized by high sea levels in the Paleozoic, which were generally over 150 meters

higher than that of the present day (Haq and Schutter, 2008; Fig. 1). Sea surface temperature (SST) variations based on clumped oxygen isotope data from carbonates and oxygen isotope data from conodont apatite show a general cooling trend during this time (Trotter et al., 2008; Finnegan et al., 2011; Fig. 1). A short warming interval named the "Boda Event" occurred in the late Katian, based on migrations of benthic species from low to high latitude and the occurrence of warm water near the South Pole (Fortey and Cocks, 2005), which is also suggested by SST variation profiles (Fig. 1; Finnegan et al., 2011; Melchin et al., 2013). However, other authors consider the "Boda Event" to mark global cooling, as evidenced by the widespread Chatfieldian carbon isotope ($\delta^{13}C_{carb}$) excursion (Saltzman and Young, 2005) and detailed facies analysis (Cherns and Wheeley, 2007).

Regardless, a mass extinction event occurred in the following Hirnantian Stage, which consists of two phases. Rapid cooling is thought to be the main kill mechanism for the first extinction phase during the early to middle Hirnantian (Brenchley et al., 2001; Melchin et al., 2013). The Hirnantian glaciation ended the giant greenhouse environment of the preceding Ordovician, and resulted in rapid cooling and eustatic sea level fall (Fig. 1; Finnegan et al., 2011). This major glaciation is also characterized by a strong positive $\delta^{13}C_{carb}$ excursion (HICE: Hirnantian Isotope Carbon Excursion) (Fig. 1; e.g., Marshall and Middleton, 1990; Brenchley et al., 1994; Kump et al., 1999; Webby et al., 2004; Bergström et al., 2006; LaPorte et al., 2009; Ainsaar et al., 2010), which can be explained by either increased burial of organic carbon triggered by increased thermohaline circulation of the ocean (Brenchley et al., 1994), or the weathering of carbonate platforms (with high $\delta^{13}C$) in low latitudes due to an eustatic sea level fall (Kump et al., 1999).

Evidence for increasing oxygenation at this time is mainly based on a switch from deposition of black shales to gray shales (e.g., Finney et al., 1999; LaPorte et al., 2009). The second phase of the mass extinction occurred during the middle Hirnantian, which is thought to be associated with a return of widespread ocean anoxia following the demise of the glaciation (Brenchley et al., 2001; Melchin et al., 2013). A long-term rise in sea level occurred during the early Silurian due to the protracted melting of glaciers (Fig. 1) (e.g., Melchin et al., 2013).

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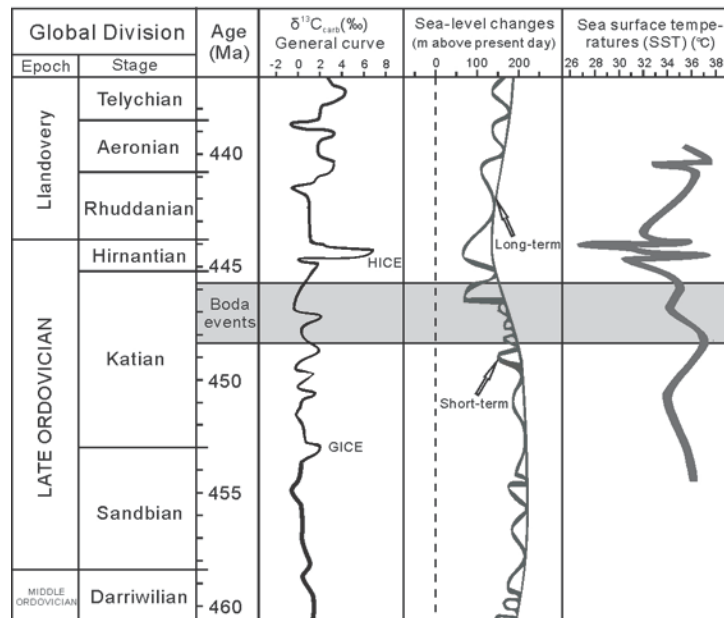
Fig. 1. Carbonate carbon isotope, eustatic sea level, and sea surface temperature variations during the middle-late Ordovician to early Silurian. Global division of the geologic time scale is from Cohen et al. (2013). Carbonate carbon isotope curve is modified from Bergström et al. (2009) and Cramer et al. (2011). Eustatic sea level curve is sourced from Haq and Schutter (2008). Sea surface temperature curve is from Finnegan et al. (2011).

Besides the application of traditional light stable isotopes and radiogenic isotopes (e.g., δ^{13}C, δ^{18}O, ^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr) to infer environmental changes in the past, non-traditional metal isotope systems like Mo have recently been used to infer global ocean redox conditions (e.g., Barling et al., 2001; Siebert et al., 2003, 2006; Arnold et al., 2004; Nägler et al., 2005, 2011, 2014; Neubert et al., 2008; Gordon et al., 2009; Dahl et al., 2010a, 2010b, 2011; Duan et al., 2010; Herrmann et al., 2012; Kendall et al., 2009, 2011, 2015; Noordmann et al., 2015). The Mo isotope composition of euxinic organic-rich mudrocks (ORMs) may directly capture the global seawater Mo isotope composition (Barling et al., 2001; Arnold et al., 2004; Neubert et al., 2008). Molybdenum isotope compilations through time reveal that the δ^{98}Mo of global seawater between 520 and 440 Ma reaches up to 1.5‰, with one exception (2.4‰) in the early Hirnantian associated with glaciation (Dahl et al., 2010b; Zhou et al., 2012, 2015; Kendall et al., 2015). However, Zhou et al. (2012, 2015) do not interpret this high δ^{98}Mo value as evidence for widespread ocean oxygenation, but instead as a local intensification of ocean anoxia in the Yangtze Sea (South China). The otherwise uniformly low seawater δ^{98}Mo values during 520−440 Ma are similar to that of Middle Proterozoic seawater (Dahl et al., 2010b; Kendall et al., 2009, 2011) but significantly lower than modern seawater (2.34 ± 0.10‰; Barling et al., 2001; Siebert et al., 2003; Nakagawa et al., 2012; Nägler et al., 2014). This observation suggests a generally less oxygenated environment from the middle Cambrian to the early Silurian compared with today.

However, significant fluctuations in ocean redox conditions across the Ordovician-Silurian transition may have occurred, as has been hypothesized for the Ediacaran-Cambrian interval (Dahl et al., 2010b; Sahoo et al., 2012; Kendall et al., 2015).

For instance, the Hirnantian glaciation may have been associated with increased ocean circulation and oxygenation (Brenchley, 1989; Melchin et al., 2013). In contrast, expansions of ocean anoxia were proposed as the kill mechanism for both the early-middle and middle-late Hirnantian extinctions (Hammarlund et al., 2012). This controversy indicates that the relative magnitudes of oxic and anoxic conditions are not well known. Molybdenum isotope data and other indicators of global ocean redox conditions are not abundant for the Ordovician-Silurian transition. Only three studies report Mo isotope data from ORMs deposited during this time interval (Dahl et al., 2010b, Zhou et al., 2012, 2015). Some of the Mo isotope data may not reflect the global seawater composition because of Mo isotope fractionation between the seawater and sediments due to non-euxinic conditions or incomplete removal of Mo from local bottom waters (Dahl et al., 2010b; Kendall et al., 2015). Hence, more data and new global redox proxies are needed to better understand global ocean redox conditions at this time. In this regard, the U isotope system in ORMs represents an emerging global ocean paleoredox proxy with good potential (Weyer et al., 2008; Montoya-Pino et al., 2010; Kendall et al., 2013, 2015).

In this study, the research objective is to use a combination of sedimentary Fe speciation, trace metal concentrations, and Mo and U isotope data on ORMs deposited before and after the Hirnantian to better constrain local and global marine redox conditions. The combined use of the Mo and U isotope systems represents a more robust approach towards inferring global ocean redox conditions compared with using the Mo isotope system alone (Kendall et al., 2015).

2. GEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

The Siljan ring district (61.04°N, 14.92°E) is located in central Sweden with a present-day diameter of 52 km (Grieve, 1988), and is thought to be the largest impact structure in Europe (Fig. 2). Holm et al. (2011) estimated a crater diameter of 90 km before erosion. The earliest research on the Siljan impact structure can be traced back to the 18th century and is summarized in Ebbestad and Högström (2007). Recently, the Siljan ring has become a focus of research as part of the project "Concentric Impact Structures in the Paleozoic" (CISP; Högström et al., 2010), which is also one of the essential parts of the "Swedish Deep Drilling Program" (SDDP; Lorenz et al., 2010) (Fig. 2). Since 2011, three drillholes (Mora 001, Solberga #1, and Stumsnäs #1) in the Siljan area were drilled by the Swedish private company IGRENE AB for geothermal energy and natural gas exploration.

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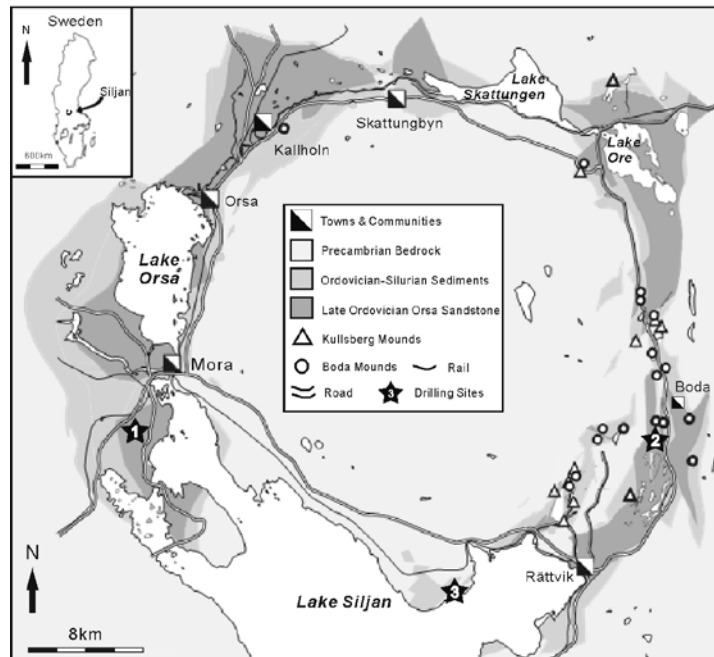
Fig. 2. Simplified map of the Siljan ring district showing new drill sites (1, Mora 001; 2, Solberga #1; 3, Stumsnäs #1). Modified from Ebbestad and Högström (2007).

The ancient continent Baltica moved north during the early Paleozoic and was situated at low latitudes near the equator during the late Ordovician (Cocks and Torsvik, 2002, 2005). At that time, the depositional environment represented by the Siljan area was located on the shallow continental shelf (Cocks and Torsvik, 2005). The sub-Cambrian peneplain formed during the late Precambrian under stable geological conditions and denudation, and is widely recognized in southern Sweden (e.g., Cederbom et al., 2000; Huigen and Andriessen, 2004). Subsequently, early Paleozoic sediments covered its surface, and stratigraphic studies of these rocks revealed a basin deepening to the west (Larson et al., 1999; Cederbom et al., 2000). The Scandinavian Caledonides developed from the late Silurian to the early Devonian due to collision between Baltica and Laurentia (e.g., Cederbom et al., 2000; Huigen and Andriessen, 2004). Sedimentary records in the Oslo area indicate the infill and development of Caledonian foreland basin (Huigen and Andriessen, 2004). Due to rapid uplift and erosion of Baltica, eroded rocks were transported towards further east during the middle Devonian and Carboniferous (Huigen and Andriessen, 2004). The modern Swedish landscape was shaped after final exhumation of the rocks in the Mesozoic and Tertiary.

The Siljan structure is thought to have been caused by the impact of a meteorite on sedimentary rocks of Ordovician and Silurian age. Evidence for a bolide impact origin includes planar deformation structures in quartz (Tamminen and Wickman, 1980), occurrence of shatter cones (Svensson, 1973), and fluid inclusion analyses (Komor et al., 1988). New ^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar laser spot data and step-heating data for a melt breccia indicate an

impact event age of 380.9 ± 4.6 Ma (Reimold et al., 2005; Jourdan et al., 2012). Precambrian bedrock is mainly exposed in this ring-like depression, particularly in the central plateau that is about 30 km wide (Fig. 2). However, a few localities expose Ordovician and Silurian strata around the impact margins, thus providing opportunities to study the regional early Paleozoic sedimentary sequence and paleoenvironments (Ebbestad and Högström, 2007; Lehnert et al., 2012, 2013). Outcrops are highly metamorphosed and deformed by the impact event; however, the early Paleozoic sedimentary rocks underneath are well preserved.

The Tremadocian Obolus beds of basal Ordovician age represent the beginning of the preserved Paleozoic lithostratigraphic succession, which ends with the youngest Nederberga Formation shales of middle Silurian age (Grahn, 1998; Ebbestad and Högström, 2007). The Ordovician stratigraphy is well preserved and similar to that observed in other parts of Sweden (e.g., Ebbestad and Högström, 2007; Lehnert et al., 2012). The regional geological succession and lithostratigraphy are summarized by Ebbestad and Högström (2007). More recently, a geological correlation of the terminal Ordovician succession based on carbon isotope stratigraphy and biostratigraphy from five quarries and eight sections was presented by Ebbestad et al. (2014) (Fig. 3). The ages for the stratigraphic layers in the Siljan ring district are indicated by well-characterized biozones (Ebbestad and Högström, 2007; Ebbestad et al., 2014).

Figure 3

Global Division		Stage Slices	Age (Ma)	Regional Division	Siljan District Succession
Series	Stages			Stages	
LLANDOVERY	Telychian 438.5±1.1	Te2 / Te1		Adavere	Osmundsberget K-bentonite (438.7±1.0Ma Pb/U) ⇐ Mora 001
	Aeronian 440.8±1.2	Ae3 / Ae2 / Ae1	440	Raikkula	Kallholn Formation ⇐ Solberga #1
	Rhuddanian 443.8±1.5	Rh3 / Rh2 / Rh1		Juuru	Motala Formation
LATE ORDOVICIAN	Hirnantian 445.2±1.4	Hi2 / Hi1	445	Porkuni	Glisstjärn Fm.
	Katian	Ka4		Pirgu	Loka Fm. / Upper Boda Mbr. / Boda Lst. / Upper Öglunda Lst. / Lower / Jonstorp Fm. / Boda core facies
		Ka3		Vormsi	Fjäcka Shale ⇐ Solberga #1 + Stumsnäs #1
		Ka2	450	Nabala	Slandrom Lst.
				Rakvere	
		Ka1		Oandu	Freberga Fm. / Moldå Lst. / Skålberg Lst.
	453.0±0.7			Keila	Skagen Lst. / Kullsberg Lst.
	Sandbian	Sa2	455	Haljala	Kinnekulle K-bentonite (ave 454Ma)
	458.4±0.9	Sa1		Kukruse	Dalby Lst.
MIDDLE ORDOVICIAN	Darriwilian	Dw3	460	Uhaku	Furudal Lst.

Fig. 3. Siljan ring district stratigraphy from the late Ordovician to early Silurian. Global division of the geologic time scale is from Cohen et al. (2013). Stage slices are based on Bergström et al. (2009) and Cramer et al. (2011). Regional stages are from Nõlvak et al. (2006) and Ebbestad et al. (2014). Stratigraphic succession of the Siljan ring district is based on Ebbestad and Högström (2007) and Ebbestad et al. (2014). The ages of the Osmundsberget K-bentonite and Kinnekulle K-bentonite are from Bergström et al. (2008) and Bauert et al. (2014), respectively. Drill core names and arrows on the right side indicate the stratigraphic layers sampled and their ages.

It was once proposed that petroleum at the impact site is of mantle origin based on the deep Earth gas hypothesis (Gold and Soter, 1980). However, subsequent drilling tests and geophysical research were not consistent with a mantle origin (Juhlin, 1990; Papasikas and Juhlin, 1997). Geochemical data further point to an organic origin for the petroleum. Oil-source rock correlation analysis based on biomarkers and carbon isotope data indicate that the Siljan oil was sourced predominantly from the Ordovician Fjäcka Shale ("Tretaspis shale"), probably with a minor contribution from shales of the Silurian

Kallholn Formation ("Rastrites shale") (Vlierboom et al., 1986; Ahmed et al., 2014). The burial depth ($\leq$ 2 km) of these source rocks is shallow and thus the temperature was not high enough to produce mature ORMs with respect to hydrocarbon potential via the normal process of deep source rock burial (Stein et al., 2014). Hence, oil produced from these ORMs is likely a result of rapid heating during and immediately following the bolide impact (Larson et al., 1999; Stein et al., 2014).

Specifically, the outcrops of Kullberg and Boda limestone mostly appear at the southeastern part of the Siljan ring district, providing valuable opportunities for sampling oil seeps (Stein et al., 2014). Stein et al. (2009, 2014) reported a 4-point Re-Os date of 812 $\pm$ 48 Ma for oil seeps recovered from the Boda limestone in the Solberga quarry. The four oil samples have constant Re (1.4-1.6 ppb) but highly variable Os concentrations (40-300 ppt) that are interpreted as mixtures of meteoritic debris and oil (Stein et al., 2014). Thus, the generated 4-point Re-Os regression represents a mixing line between meteoritic material and shale-derived oil rather than an isochron (Stein et al., 2014). Compared with the late Ordovician seawater ^{187}Os/^{188}Os ratio of 0.4-1.0 (e.g., Finlay et al., 2010), the initial ^{187}Os/^{188}Os (0.20 $\pm$ 0.12) from the Re-Os regression indicates an unradiogenic extraterrestrial source. Although the Re-Os system in oil was significantly disturbed by inclusion of meteoritic material during hydrocarbon formation, there is no disturbance to the shales (Stein et al., 2009, 2014).

For this study, all the samples (n=26) come from the Mora 001, Solberga #1, and Stumsnäs #1 drill cores. The lithostratigraphic units and detailed core descriptions are reported in Lehnert et al. (2012, 2013). The absence of late Ordovician stratigraphic layers in Mora 001 from the western part of the Siljan ring has been explained as tectonic

loading during the movement of the Caledonian peripheral forebulge. Hence, the upper Ordovician rock units are missing in the western part of the Siljan ring whereas these rock units are preserved in the eastern part (Lehnert et al., 2012).

Six samples of early Silurian light gray shale were obtained from a "lower shale member" that has a thickness of about 62 m in Mora 001. Based on new graptolite findings, the gray shale (early Telychian) is broadly equivalent to the upper Kallholn Formation (Aeronian-Telychian) (Lehnert et al., 2013). In Solberga #1, located in the eastern Siljan ring, the thickness of the Kallholn Formation and Fjäcka Shale is 60 m and 12 m, respectively. Four samples of the Kallholn Formation and six samples of the Fjäcka Shale were obtained from Solberga #1. Stumsnäs #1 was drilled in the southern Siljan ring. The Fjäcka Shale has a thickness of 5 m at this locality and 10 samples were obtained from this drill core.

3. ANALYTICAL METHODS

3.1. Sample dissolution and element concentrations

Trace element concentrations and U and Mo isotope compositions were measured in a clean laboratory at the W.M. Keck Foundation Laboratory for Environmental Biogeochemistry, School of Earth and Space Exploration, Arizona State University. Samples were powdered in a ball mill using silicon nitride jars. In our initial experiments, about 1 g of each powdered sample was ashed at 550°C overnight to remove organic matter. Several rounds of concentrated HF–HNO_3–HCl acid digestions were performed in 22 mL Savillex Teflon beakers. However, the samples did not completely dissolve.

Decreased sample volumes and hot plate stains following dissolution indicated that partial loss of many sample solutions from the closed Teflon beakers occurred because of high volatile pressure. Sample loss was confirmed by erroneous, consistently low element concentrations (by 50-60%) for a 1 g digest of the USGS Devonian black shale standard SDO-1. Hence, dissolution of gram-sized quantities of shale powders in 22 mL Savillex Teflon beakers is not recommended. To obtain accurate elemental data, 0.1 g of each powdered sample was re-ashed and re-digested in $HF–HNO_3–HCl$. This time, each sample was completely dissolved without any loss (confirmed by accurate SDO-1 element concentrations).

A weighed split of each sample solution was diluted with 0.32M HNO_3 and major and trace element concentrations were analyzed using a Thermo i-CAP quadrupole inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (Q-ICP-MS). The element concentrations of a 0.1 g digest of SDO-1 was used to verify instrument accuracy. Trace element concentration reproducibility was within 10%.

To further evaluate local redox conditions, enrichment factors (EFs) of U, Mo, and Re were calculated relative to average upper crust. The EF is calculated as follows (Tribovillard et al., 2006):

$$EF = [metal / Al]_{sample} / [metal / Al]_{average\ upper\ crust}$$

The average upper crust data for U (2.8 ppm), Mo (1.5 ppm), and Al (8.04%) are from McLennan (2001). The average upper crustal Re concentration is assumed to be 1.0 ppb based on Selby et al. (2007).

3.2. Uranium isotope analysis

Uranium isotope measurements followed the experimental procedures stated in Weyer et al. (2008) and Kendall et al. (2013). A weighed amount of double spike solution (^{233}U and ^{236}U) was added to a split of each digested sample solution to correct for column chromatography and instrument mass bias. Eichrom® UTEVA resin was used to isolate and purify U from sample solutions. Uranium isotope measurements were performed on a Thermo Scientific Neptune multiple collector (MC) ICP-MS instrument using an ESI Apex desolvating nebulizer. The U isotope ratio (δ^{238}U) of each sample was reported relative to the CRM145 standard:

$$\delta^{238}\text{U}_{\text{ sample}} (‰) = (^{238/235}\text{U}_{\text{ sample}} / {}^{238/235}\text{U}_{\text{ CRM145}} - 1) \times 1000$$

Repeated measurements of the U isotope standards CRM145 (measured against itself) and CRM129a yielded average δ^{238}U of $0.00 \pm 0.09‰$ (2SD, n=87) and $-1.70 \pm 0.10‰$ (2SD, n=8), respectively. The average value for CRM129a is statistically identical to that reported by earlier studies (Brennecka et al., 2011a; Kendall et al., 2013, 2015). During the course of this study, the SDO-1 standard was also analyzed and yielded an average δ^{238}U of $-0.11 \pm 0.10‰$ (2SD, n=3), which is in agreement with the average of -0.06 ± 0.04 ‰ (2SD, n=17) reported for SDO-1 by Kendall et al. (2015). The 2SD uncertainty of a sample is reported as the 2SD uncertainty of sample replicate measurements or 0.09‰ (the average uncertainty of CRM145, CRM129a, and SDO-1), whichever is greater.

3.3. Molybdenum isotope analysis

The measurements of Mo isotope compositions followed the protocols stated in Duan et al. (2010), Kendall et al. (2011), and Herrmann et al. (2012). A weighed amount of double spike (^{97}Mo and ^{100}Mo) was added to a split of each digested sample solution to correct for instrumental and column chromatography mass fractionation. Subsequently, the purification of Mo was carried out by a two-step column chemistry procedure that involves first anion and then cation exchange chromatography (Barling et al., 2001; Arnold et al., 2004; Duan et al., 2010). Molybdenum isotope analysis was performed on the Neptune MC-ICP-MS instrument using an ESI Apex desolvating nebulizer (e.g., Dahl et al., 2010b).

Molybdenum isotope data for samples are first measured relative to an in-house standard (RochMo2) and then are re-calculated relative to the new international NIST SRM 3134 standard (Nägler et al., 2014). Thus, Mo isotope data are reported as follows (Nägler et al., 2014):

$$\delta^{98}\text{Mo}_{\text{ sample}} (‰) = [(^{98/95}\text{Mo}_{\text{ sample}} / {}^{98/95}\text{Mo}_{\text{ NIST SRM 3134}} \times 0.99975) - 1] \times 1000$$

After setting the δ^{98}Mo of NIST SRM 3134 to 0.25‰, the δ^{98}Mo of open ocean seawater is 2.34 ± 0.10‰ (2SD) (Goldberg et al., 2013; Nägler et al., 2014), which is statistically identical (given analytical uncertainties) to the seawater value (~2.3‰) previously measured against in-house standards in different labs (Barling et al., 2001; Siebert et al., 2003; Arnold et al., 2004; Nakagawa et al., 2012). In this way, the "traditional" seawater δ^{98}Mo value of ~2.3‰ can be kept and Mo isotope data measured relative to in-house

standards in most labs can now be directly compared after re-normalizing to NIST SRM 3134 (Goldberg et al., 2013; Nägler et al., 2014).

The NIST SRM 3134 standard has a heavier Mo isotope composition (0.33 ± 0.05‰; 2SD, n = 99) compared with the in-house RochMo2 standard at ASU (Goldberg et al., 2013). In this study, the measured value for NIST SRM 3134 was 0.31 ± 0.04‰; 2SD, n = 10) relative to RochMo2. Hence, 0.06 ‰ was subtracted from each sample Mo isotope composition measured relative to RochMo2 so that all data is reported relative to NIST SRM 3134 = 0.25 ‰. The average δ^{98}Mo for SDO-1 in this study was 1.06 ± 0.05‰ and 0.81 ± 0.05‰ (2SD, n = 13) normalized to NIST SRM 3134 = 0.25‰ and 0.00‰, respectively. The latter value is in excellent agreement with the average δ^{98}Mo values for SDO-1 of 0.80 ± 0.14‰ (2SD, n = 145) reported by Goldberg et al. (2013) for multiple laboratories, and 0.82 ± 0.11 ‰ (2SD, n = 145) reported by Goldberg et al. (2013) for double spike analyses using the ASU Neptune MC-ICP-MS. Given the average uncertainty of SDO-1, we report the 2SD uncertainty of a sample as the 2SD uncertainty of sample replicate measurements or 0.11 ‰, whichever is greater.

3.4. Sedimentary iron speciation

The Mo isotope composition in euxinic sediments is more likely to reflect the coeval seawater Mo isotopic composition than non-euxinic sediments (Barling et al., 2001; Arnold et al., 2004; Gordon et al., 2009). Sedimentary Fe speciation is a useful independent proxy that has been widely used to evaluate local bottom water redox conditions for paleoenvironmental studies (e.g., Poulton and Raiswell, 2002; Anderson and Raiswell, 2004; Poulton et al., 2004, 2010; Lyons and Severmann, 2006; Canfield et

al., 2007; Reinhard et al., 2009; Kendall et al., 2010, 2011, 2015; Poulton and Canfield, 2011). Biogeochemically highly reactive iron (Fe_{HR}), which can react with sulfide in the water column or in sediments, is mainly composed of pyrite Fe (Fe_{py}) and other Fe phases, including carbonate Fe (Fe_{carb}), ferric oxide Fe (Fe_{ox}), and magnetite Fe (Fe_{mag}). Thus, highly reactive Fe is defined as follows (Poulton et al., 2004; Poulton and Canfield, 2005): $Fe_{HR} = Fe_{carb} + Fe_{ox} + Fe_{mag} + Fe_{py}$. Total Fe ($Fe_T$) consists of unreactive or poorly reactive Fe complexed with silicate minerals and the aforementioned highly reactive Fe species (Poulton et al., 2004).

It was found that the ratios of highly reactive Fe to total Fe (Fe_{HR}/Fe_T) in modern sediments (average = 0.26 ± 0.08; Raiswell and Canfield, 1998) and Phanerozoic sedimentary rocks (average = 0.14 ± 0.08; Poulton and Raiswell, 2002) have an upper limit of 0.38 for oxygenated marine settings. Sediments and sedimentary rocks that have higher ratios beyond this threshold were deposited from anoxic waters. However, analyses on Phanerozoic sediments and sedimentary rocks suggest that 0.22 is a reasonable lower limit to distinguish oxic from anoxic conditions in local bottom waters (Poulton and Raiswell, 2002; Poulton and Canfield, 2011). Hence, Fe_{HR}/Fe_T can be used to distinguish anoxic conditions (≥ 0.38) from oxic conditions (≤ 0.22). Samples with ratios between 0.22 and 0.38 may be oxic or anoxic, depending on local factors such as sedimentation rates or depletion of Fe_{HR} during diagenesis and metamorphism (Poulton and Canfield, 2011). Independent evidence is thus needed to distinguish between oxic and anoxic conditions when Fe_{HR}/Fe_T is between 0.22 and 0.38 (e.g., Re/Mo and U/Mo ratios). High Fe_{HR}/Fe_T ratios in fine-grained sediments are either caused by formation of pyrite in euxinic waters, or by formation of other Fe phases (carbonate, magnetite, or

ferric oxides) whose Fe(II) was derived from anoxic (sulfide-free) waters (Anderson and Raiswell, 2004).

In anoxic environments ($Fe_{HR}/Fe_T \geq$ 0.22-0.38), ferruginous and euxinic conditions can be distinguished by using the extent of pyritization of the highly reactive iron pool (Fe_{py}/Fe_{HR}). Anderson and Raiswell (2004) proposed that Fe_{py}/Fe_{HR} = 0.8 is a lower limit for euxinia when studying Black Sea sediments. Subsequently, this value was redefined because it should be lower using a new extraction scheme for iron and taking highly reactive Fe_{carb} and Fe_{mag} into account (Poulton and Canfield, 2005, 2011). Hence, Fe_{py}/Fe_{HR} = 0.7 is a more appropriate boundary value to distinguish ferruginous from euxinic conditions based on analyses of Phanerozoic sediments and sedimentary rocks (März et al., 2008; Poulton and Canfield, 2011).

Sedimentary Fe speciation analyses were performed at the State Key Laboratory of Biogeology and Environmental Geology, China University of Geoscience, Wuhan, China. A sequential extraction method (Poulton and Canfield, 2005) was used, and the Fe contents of the carbonate (Fe_{carb}), ferric oxide (Fe_{ox}), and magnetite (Fe_{mag}) fractions were determined by Q-ICP-MS (Li et al., 2010). Disseminated pyrite was extracted and measured using the chromium reduction method (Canfield et al., 1986), and the Fe content in pyrite (Fe_{py}) was then calculated based on a pyrite mineral formula of FeS_2 (Li et al., 2010).

3.5. Total organic carbon

Total organic carbon (TOC) contents were analyzed by Activation Laboratories Ltd. The TOC is determined as the difference between total carbon (TC) and total

inorganic carbon (TIC). The TC was analyzed on an ELTRA CS 2000 Carbon Sulphur Analyzer. A split of the sample powder was weighed, mixed with iron chips and a tungsten accelerator, and then combusted at 1370°C in a nearly pure oxygen environment. After removal of moisture and dust, the amount of CO_2 and SO_2 produced during combustion was determined by a solid-state infrared detector. Subsequently, CO_2 gas was dissolved with 2N perchloric acid and titrated by a UIC coulometer to obtain the amount of TC. A separate split of sample powder was ignited at 600°C to remove only organic carbon, enabling the amount of TIC to be quantified using the same measurement procedure as described above. This procedure results in a detection limit of 0.5 wt% for TOC content.

4. RESULTS

4.1. Total organic carbon, sedimentary iron speciation, and trace metal concentrations

The Fjäcka Shale contains high TOC (4.0−8.2%) contents with an average of 5.56% (Table 1 and Fig. 4). High ratios of Fe_{HR}/Fe_T (> 0.38) and Fe_{py}/Fe_{HR} (> 0.79) clearly indicate a euxinic depositional environment for the Fjäcka Shale at both the Stumsnäs #1 and Solberga #1 localities (Fig. 4 and Fig. 5a). This observation is consistent with high U (12.4−17.1 ppm), Mo (14.1−226.9 ppm), and Re (21.9−79.2 ppb) concentrations (Table 1 and Fig. 4), and high Mo/U and Mo/Re ratios (Fig. 5).

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Table 1. Geochemical data for shales from the Mora 001, Solberga #1, and Stumsnäs #1 drillholes in the Siljan ring district, central Sweden

Sample	TOC[a] (%)	Al (wt%)	U (ppm)	Mo (ppm)	Re (ppb)	Mo/TOC (ppm/%)	U EF[b]	Mo EF[b]	Re EF[b]	$\delta^{238}U$[c] (‰)	2SD Measured	2SD[d] Reported	n[e]	$\delta^{98}Mo$[f] (‰)	2SD Measured	2SD[g] Reported	n[e]	FeCarb (wt%)	FeOx (wt%)	FeMag (wt%)	FePY (wt%)	FeHR[h] (wt%)	FeT[i] (wt%)	FeHR/ FeT	FePY/ FeHR
Mora 001 - Gray shales (upper Kallholn Fm. Equivalent)																									
181.64	<0.5	7.0	5.3	7.4	8.9	N/A	2.2	5.7	10.3	-0.07	0.06	0.09	3	0.40	0.02	0.11	3	0.17	0.09	0.12	0.57	0.95	3.98	0.24	0.60
181.74	0.8	6.8	6.4	4.8	11.4	6.0	2.7	3.8	13.4	-0.29	0.12	0.12	3	0.48	0.02	0.11	3	0.17	0.08	0.11	0.43	0.80	3.52	0.23	0.54
182.34	0.9	7.1	4.3	1.9	6.8	2.1	1.8	1.5	7.7									0.15	0.07	0.10	0.40	0.73	3.76	0.19	0.56
182.42	1.0	7.2	4.6	2.2	8.1	2.2	1.8	1.6	9.1									0.16	0.08	0.10	0.37	0.71	3.81	0.19	0.52
187.10	0.9	6.6	3.3	1.9	1.5	2.1	1.4	1.6	1.8									0.16	0.09	0.11	0.33	0.70	3.43	0.20	0.47
187.20	0.8	6.6	3.2	2.1	1.0	2.6	1.4	1.7	1.3									0.15	0.08	0.09	0.46	0.78	3.45	0.23	0.59
Solberga #1 - Kallholn Fm.																									
60.81	4.1	4.2	7.2	17.8	9.8	4.3	4.9	22.7	18.7	-0.25	0.05	0.09	3	0.57	0.10	0.11	3	0.13	0.05	0.04	1.70	1.93	3.31	0.58	0.88
60.81rpt													3	0.56	0.04	0.11	3								
60.90	3.1	3.7	5.4	6.9	5.0	2.2	4.2	10.1	11.0	-0.34	0.06	0.09	3	0.86	0.05	0.11	3	0.11	0.05	0.04	1.28	1.48	2.56	0.58	0.86
61.46	2.9	6.9	9.9	4.0	7.9	1.4	4.1	3.1	9.2	-0.23	0.05	0.09	3	0.67	0.00	0.11	3	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.70	0.88	3.21	0.28	0.79
61.60	6.5	7.3	16.9	44.6	49.9	6.9	6.7	32.7	55.1	-0.01	0.15	0.15	3	0.44	0.03	0.11	3	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.94	1.10	3.23	0.34	0.86
Solberga #1 - the Fjäcka Shale																									
135.01	4.3	5.4	12.6	89.2	55.5	2.9	6.8	89.4	83.4	-0.13	0.07	0.09	3	0.81	0.03	0.11	3	0.14	0.06	0.06	1.99	2.25	3.91	0.57	0.89
135.01rpt1										-0.14	0.08	0.09	3	0.78	0.08	0.11	3								
135.01rpt2	4.3	5.3	13.1	91.5	59.5	3.1	7.1	91.9	89.7					0.76	0.03	0.11	3						4.10		
135.15	4.6	4.6	12.4	45.1	33.0	2.7	7.7	52.1	57.2	-0.15	0.04	0.09	3	0.66	0.01	0.11	3	0.16	0.07	0.06	2.37	2.66	4.16	0.64	0.89
135.15rpt														0.64	0.01	0.11	3								
135.49	8.2	6.5	12.5	34.8	79.2	1.5	5.5	28.9	98.4	-0.20	0.03	0.09	3	0.59	0.05	0.11	3	0.12	0.06	0.06	1.33	1.58	3.77	0.42	0.85
135.56	6.8	6.2	14.3	25.2	56.9	2.1	6.7	21.8	74.0	-0.24	0.07	0.09	3	0.62	0.01	0.11	3	0.12	0.06	0.06	1.37	1.61	3.58	0.45	0.85
137.31	6.8	5.7	13.9	17.1	55.6	2.0	7.0	16.2	78.9	-0.15	0.02	0.09	3	0.42	0.04	0.11	3	0.13	0.06	0.05	1.65	1.90	3.52	0.54	0.87
137.35	4.5	5.3	12.7	14.1	21.9	2.8	6.9	14.2	33.2	-0.21	0.06	0.09	3	0.63	0.03	0.11	3	0.14	0.06	0.06	1.72	2.00	3.67	0.54	0.86
Stumsnäs #1 - the Fjäcka Shale																									
217.55	4.0	4.5	15.7	33.2	21.9	8.3	10.1	39.9	39.4	-0.17	0.09	0.09	3	0.71	0.03	0.11	3	0.14	0.08	0.09	1.17	1.48	3.17	0.47	0.79
217.69	5.6	5.2	15.7	35.3	35.1	6.3	8.7	36.4	54.4	-0.16	0.04	0.09	3	0.58	0.04	0.11	3	0.12	0.07	0.07	1.26	1.52	3.31	0.46	0.83
219.42	4.3	4.2	13.6	69.9	35.1	16.3	9.2	88.5	66.7	0.01	0.05	0.09	3	1.09	0.08	0.11	3	0.11	0.06	0.06	0.98	1.20	2.58	0.47	0.81
219.58	7.7	5.3	16.3	102.0	70.7	13.3	8.9	103.9	108.1	0.07	0.04	0.09	3	0.92	0.05	0.11	3	0.09	0.05	0.05	1.04	1.23	2.99	0.41	0.85
219.74	6.8	5.3	16.6	204.9	58.7	30.1	9.0	206.8	88.9	0.10	0.03	0.09	3	1.24	0.03	0.11	3	0.11	0.06	0.05	1.49	1.72	3.36	0.51	0.87
219.74rpt														1.16	0.04	0.11	2								
219.95	6.1	5.7	17.1	226.9	48.5	37.2	8.6	214.4	68.8	0.01	0.03	0.09	3	1.28	0.05	0.11	3	0.10	0.06	0.05	1.65	1.86	3.47	0.54	0.89
220.87	4.6	4.4	13.0	50.3	33.7	10.9	8.5	61.8	62.1	-0.06	0.06	0.09	3	1.00	0.01	0.11	3	0.10	0.06	0.05	1.04	1.25	2.75	0.45	0.83
220.87rpt	4.6	4.3	13.1	50.3	33.3	10.9	8.7	62.4	61.9	-0.02	0.03	0.09	3	1.28	0.07	0.11	3						2.59		
220.96	6.3	5.1	13.1	97.6	59.8	15.5	7.4	103.4	95.1	0.03	0.04	0.09	3	0.87	0.03	0.11	3	0.09	0.05	0.06	1.37	1.57	3.04	0.52	0.87
221.32	4.5	5.0	12.1	73.9	23.8	16.4	6.9	78.8	38.1	-0.06	0.06	0.09	3	0.63	0.01	0.11	3	0.10	0.06	0.05	1.20	1.42	3.19	0.44	0.84
221.44	4.5	5.2	11.3	58.5	32.7	13.0	6.2	60.2	50.4	-0.08	0.11	0.11	3	0.63	0.03	0.11	3	0.10	0.06	0.05	1.25	1.47	3.15	0.47	0.85

[a] TOC = total organic carbon

[b] EF = enrichment factor = (metal / Al)sample / (metal / Al)ave. upper crust. Average upper crust metal values are from McLennan (2001) except for Re (Selby et al., 2007).

[c] U isotope data reported relative to CRM 145.

[d] Reported uncertainty is the 2SD of replicate measurements or 0.09‰, whichever is greater.

[e] Number of MC-ICP-MS analyses of the same sample solution.

[f] Mo isotope data reported relative to NIST SRM 3134 = +0.25‰.

[g] Reported uncertainty is the 2SD of replicate measurements or 0.11‰, whichever is greater.

[h] FeHR = highly reactive iron = carbonate iron (FeCarb) + ferric-oxide iron (FeOx) + magnetite iron (FeMag) + pyrite iron (FePY).
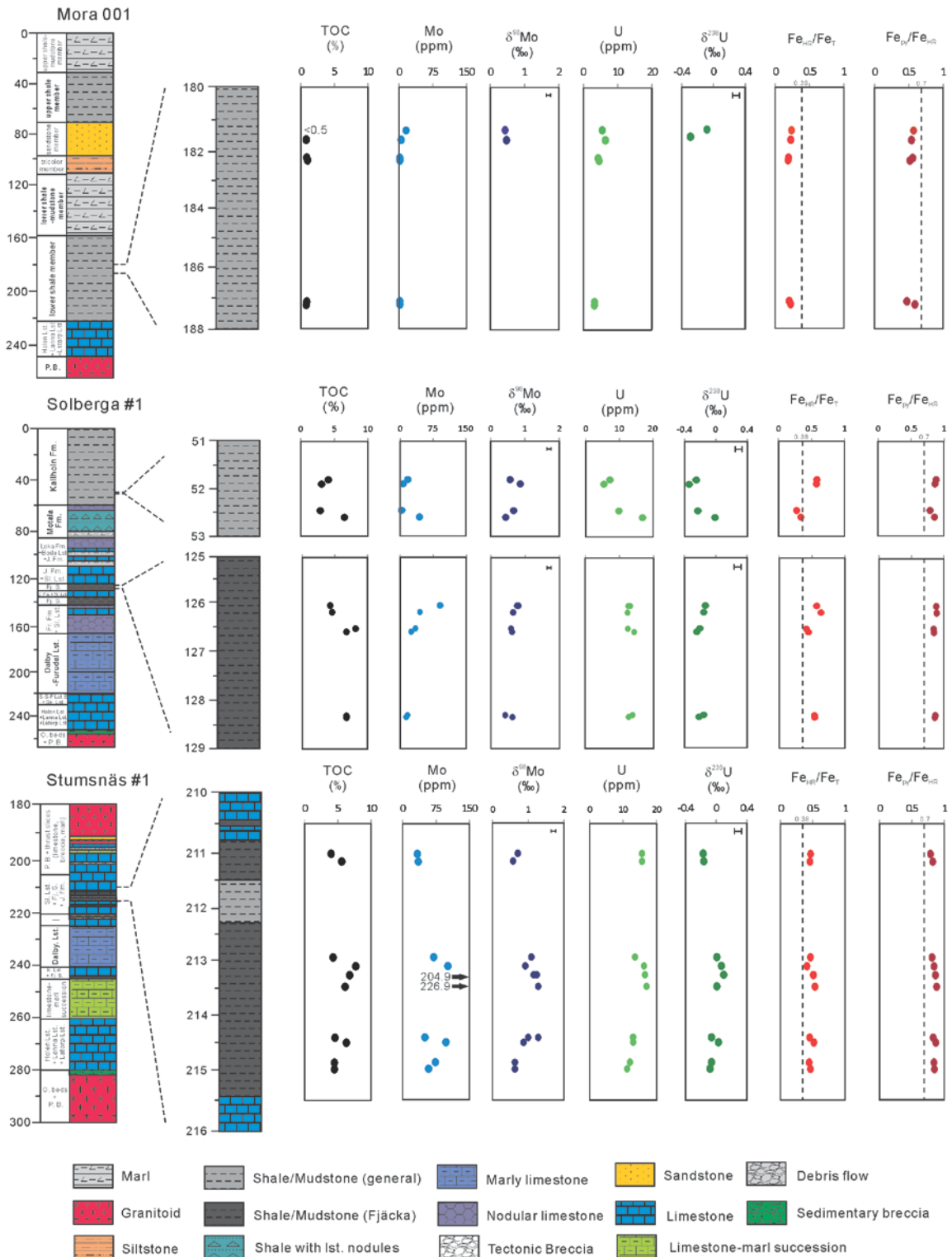
[i] FeT = total iron

Fig. 4. Geochemical profiles through three drillholes (Mora 001, Solberga #1, and Stumsnäs #1). Stratigraphic columns and formation names of each drillcore are modified from Lehnert et al. (2012, 2013). The error bars in the individual profiles

represent the long-term reproducibility of our secondary standards (~0.09‰ for U and ~0.11‰ for Mo; 2SD). Vertical lines were added to the Fe_{HR}/Fe_T and Fe_{py}/Fe_{HR} columns at values of 0.38 and 0.70, respectively. $Fe_{HR}/Fe_T > 0.38$ and < 0.22 typically represent anoxic and oxygenated bottom water conditions, respectively. When Fe_{HR}/Fe_T is over 0.38, Fe_{py}/Fe_{HR} can further be used to identify euxinic (>0.7) or ferruginous (<0.7) conditions. Rock properties are beneath the geochemical profiles. J. Fm.= Jonstorp Formation; Sl. Lst.= Slandrom Limestone; Fj. S. = Fjäcka Shale; Fr. Fm.= Freberga Formation; S-S-F Lst.E= Skärlöv-Seby-Folkslunda Limestone equivalents; Se. Lst.= Segerstad Limestone; K. Lst.= Kullsberg Limestone; P. B. = Precambrian basement; O. beds = Obolus beds; "—" = shale + debris flow + compact limestone.

The occurrence of high Mo/U ratios (average = 5.1) in the Fjäcka Shale, which in some cases exceeds three times the modern seawater molar Mo/U ratio, indicates no more than a moderately restricted basin where Mo removal to the euxinic sediments occurred at a faster rate compared with U (Fig. 5b) (Algeo and Tribovillard, 2009). High accumulation rates of Mo in euxinic sediments may also be caused by the operation of a Fe-Mn particulate shuttle that helps promote more efficient uptake of Mo relative to U into sediments deposited from euxinic bottom water conditions similar to that observed in the Cariaco Basin (Algeo and Tribovillard, 2009). These interpretations are consistent with the high Mo/Re ratios (average = 1.7) of the Fjäcka Shale, which fluctuate around the molar Mo/Re ratios of modern seawater (Fig. 5c).

The Mo/TOC ratios in ORMs are found to scale with dissolved Mo concentrations in euxinic bottom waters (Algeo and Lyons, 2006). Specifically, low Mo/TOC ratios were observed in highly restricted basins like the Black Sea due to high Mo removal rates to sediments and slow Mo recharge rates from the open ocean (Algeo and Lyons, 2006). Hence, the relatively high Mo/TOC ratios of the Fjäcka Shale (average: 13.5 ppm/wt%), which are generally intermediate between that of modern euxinic sediments in the

Cariaco Basin (25 ± 5 ppm/wt%) and Framvaren Fjord (9 ± 2 ppm/wt%), suggests

moderate basin restriction (Fig. 6a) (Algeo and Lyons, 2006). In contrast, low Mo/U

ratios (Algeo and Tribovillard, 2009) and low Mo/TOC ratios (Algeo and Lyons, 2006)

are observed in a strongly restricted basin like the Black Sea. However, the correlation

between Mo and TOC contents is poor ($R^2 = 0.04$), as is the correlation between U and

TOC contents ($R^2 = 0.16$) in the Fjäcka Shale (Fig. 6). By contrast, Re and TOC are well-

correlated in the Fjäcka Shale ($R^2 = 0.93$ if sample 135.01 m is excluded).

Compared with the Fjäcka Shale, the black shales of the Kallholn Formation in

drillcore Solberga #1 have a relatively lower TOC content with an average of 4.2%

(Table 1 and Fig. 4). Positive correlations between trace metals (Mo, U, Re) and TOC are

observed for black shales of the Kallholn Formation (Fig. 6). The two stratigraphically

highest samples have high Fe_{HR}/Fe_T (>0.38) and Fe_{py}/Fe_{HR} (>0.8), which indicate

deposition from euxinic bottom waters (Fig. 4). However, the two stratigraphically lower

samples have intermediate Fe_{HR}/Fe_T (0.28−0.34) and high Fe_{py}/Fe_{HR} (0.86−0.89) (Fig. 4).

The U (5.4−16.9 ppm), Mo (4.0−44.6 ppm), and Re (5.0−49.9 ppb) concentrations and

EFs span a large range (Table 1 and Fig. 4). Specifically, the two stratigraphically higher

samples, identified as being deposited from euxinic bottom waters by Fe speciation, have

intermediate trace metal EFs (U: 4.24−4.95; Mo: 10.12−22.72; Re: 10.96−18.69) (Table

1 and Fig. 4). The stratigraphically lower sample at 61.60 m has intermediate Fe_{HR}/Fe_T

(0.34) and high Fe_{py}/Fe_{HR} (0.86), but the highest trace metal EFs (U: 6.67; Mo: 32.74; Re:

55.06), which also suggests deposition from euxinic waters (Table 1 and Fig. 4).
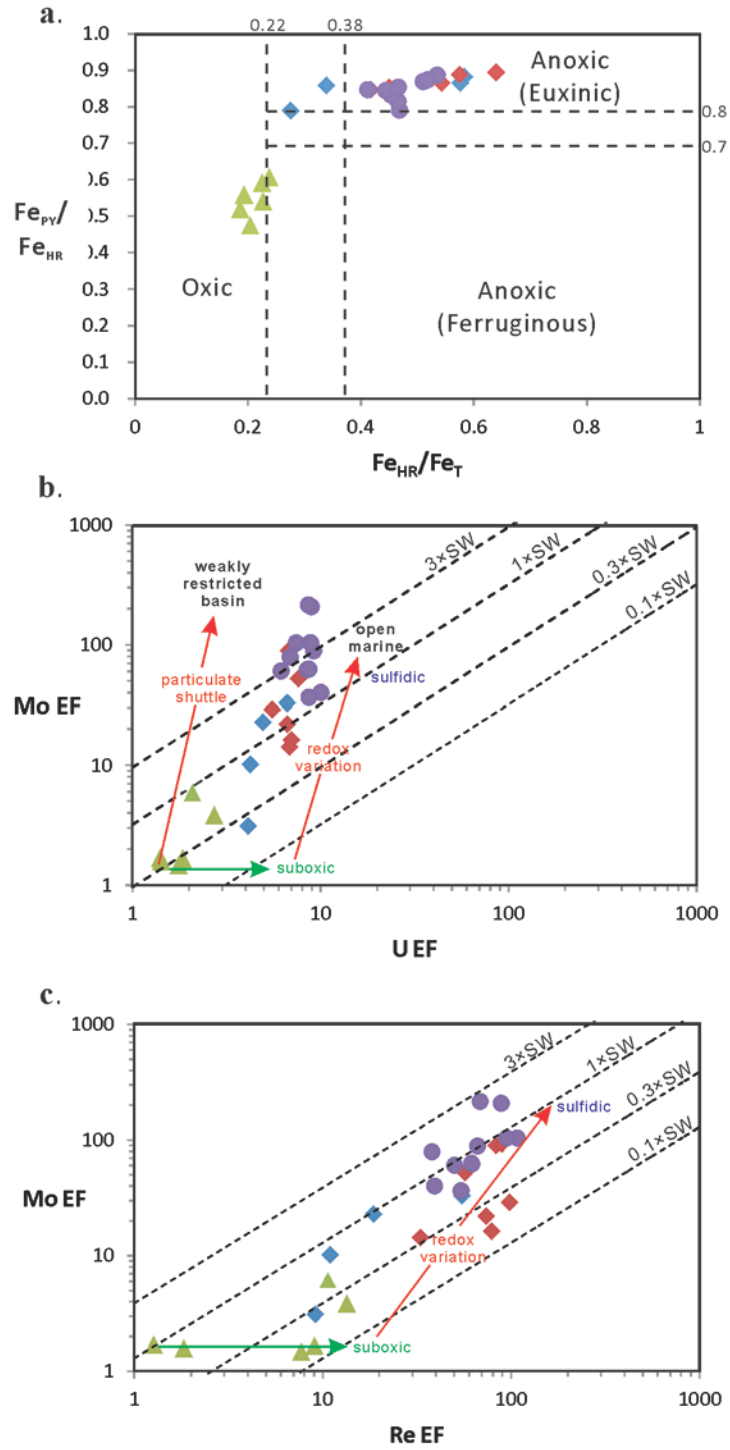
Figure 5

Fig. 5. (preceding page) Geochemical diagrams showing a) Fe_{py}/Fe_{HR} versus Fe_{HR}/Fe_T, b) Mo EF versus U EF, c) Mo EF versus Re EF. Dashed lines in a) are used to clarify different bottom water conditions (see details in text). Dashed lines in b) and c) present the molar Mo/U (Algeo and Tribovillard, 2009) and Mo/Re (Crusius et al., 1996) ratios of modern seawater ($1 \times$ SW), respectively, and their corresponding fractions of modern seawater ($0.1 \times$ SW, $0.3 \times$ SW, and $3 \times$ SW). Enrichment patterns and corresponding controls in b) are illustrated following Algeo and Tribovillard (2009). Re has similar behavior as U (but Re is more sensitive to redox changes), suggesting the general enrichment patterns and redox controls on the two metals are similar (Morford and Emerson, 1999). Hence, similar patterns and controls are plotted in c). *Green triangles = gray shales [upper Kallholn Formation equivalent] (Mora 001); blue diamonds = Kallholn Formation (Solberga #1); red diamonds = Fjäcka Shale (Solberga #1); purple circles = Fjäcka Shale (Stumsnäs #1).*

On the contrary, the stratigraphically lowest sample at 61.46 m was likely deposited under oxygenated conditions, as indicated by the lowest Fe_{HR}/Fe_T (0.28) and trace metal EFs (U: 4.12; Mo: 3.10; Re: 9.16) in this sample (Table 1 and Fig. 4). These observations are consistent with the range in Mo/U and Mo/Re ratios (Fig. 5). Hence, the local paleoredox conditions during deposition of the Kallholn Formation were not uniform. Based on the Fe speciation and trace metal records, a transiently euxinic and oxygenated depositional environment (where the chemocline fluctuated around the sediment/water interface) is inferred for the Kallholn Formation.

Compared with the black shales of the Fjäcka Shale and Kallholn Formation, the gray shales in drill core Mora 001 have the lowest TOC content ($\leq 1.0\%$) and low U (3.2−6.4 ppm), Mo (1.9−7.4 ppm), and Re (1.0−11.4 ppb) concentrations (Table 1 and Fig. 4). Low Mo EFs (1−6), together with low U EFs (1−3) and low to mild Re EFs (1−13), clearly point to deposition from oxic to suboxic bottom waters, which is consistent with low Fe_{HR}/Fe_T (0.19−0.24) and Fe_{py}/Fe_{HR} (0.47−0.60) ratios (Fig. 5) (Algeo and Tribovillard, 2009).
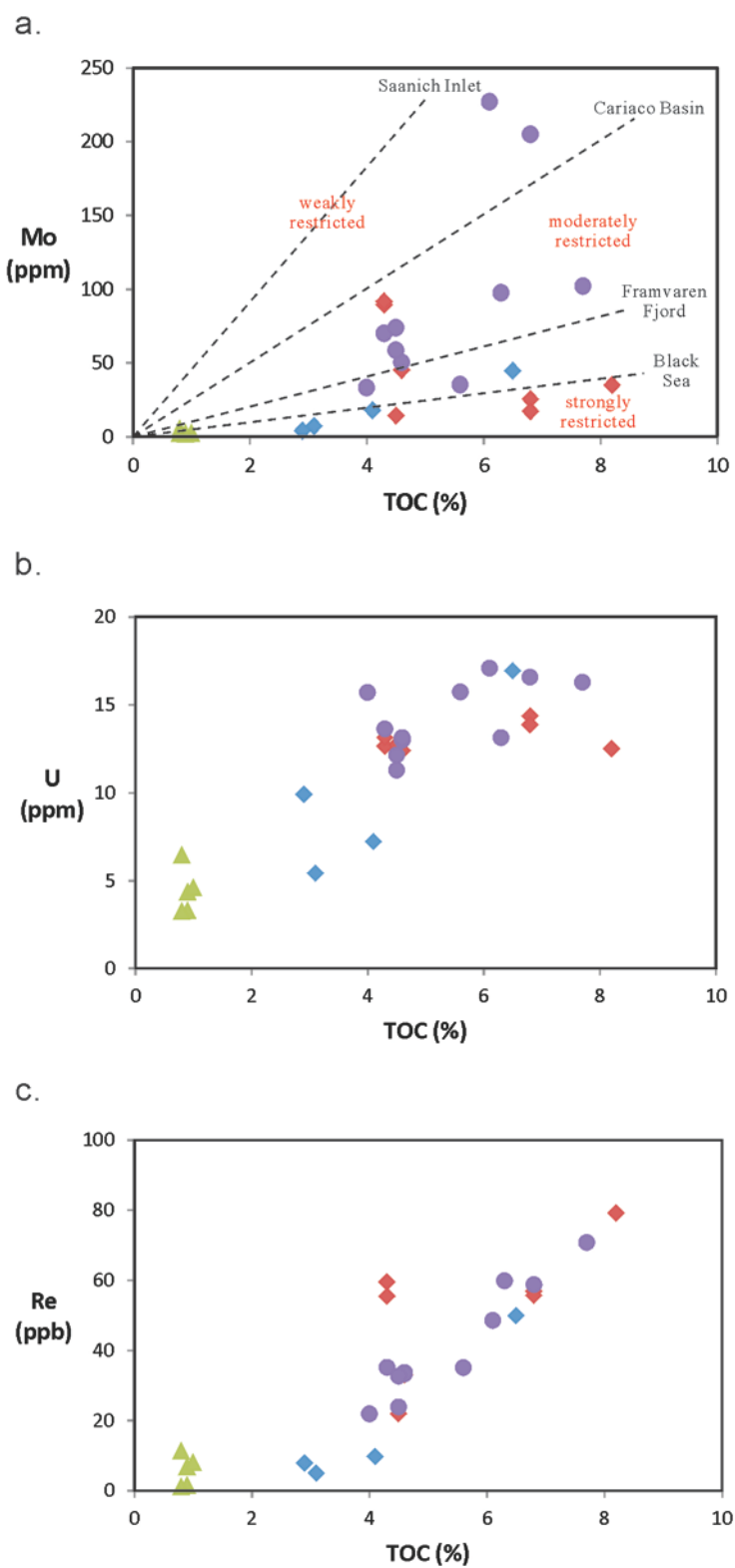
Figure 6

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Fig. 6. (preceding page) Geochemical diagrams showing trace metal concentrations versus TOC; a) Mo vs TOC, b) U vs TOC, and c) Re vs TOC. Dashed lines in a) represent regression slopes for four modern anoxic basins from Algeo and Lyons (2006) (Saanich Inlet: 45 ± 5; Cariaco Basin: 25 ± 5; Framvaren Fjord: 9 ± 2; Black Sea: 4.5 ± 1; in ppm/wt%). *Green triangles = gray shales [upper Kallholn Formation equivalent] (Mora 001); blue diamonds = Kallholn Formation (Solberga #1); red diamonds = Fjäcka Shale (Solberga #1); purple circles = Fjäcka Shale (Stumsnäs #1).*

Hence, there are three major observations from the TOC, Fe speciation, and trace metal data: 1) the Fjäcka Shale in Stumsnäs #1 and Solberga #1 was deposited under euxinic bottom water conditions; 2) the Kallholn Formation in Solberga #1 represents an intermediate redox state (fluctuations between euxinic and oxygenated bottom waters); and 3) the gray shales in Mora 001, which are equivalent to the upper Kallholn Formation, were deposited in an oxic to suboxic environment.

4.2. Uranium and molybdenum isotope analyses

The δ^{98}Mo values generally increase with increasing Mo EF for the Fjäcka Shale ($R^2 = 0.61$), whereas the Kallholn Formation black and gray shales display no correlation ($R^2 = 0.05$) (Fig. 7a). A weak positive correlation between δ^{238}U and U EF is observed for the Fjäcka Shale ($R^2 = 0.25$), and no correlation is observed for the Kallholn Formation black and gray shales ($R^2 = 0.08$) (Fig. 7b). Further, δ^{238}U and δ^{98}Mo exhibit a moderately positive correlation for the Fjäcka Shale ($R^2 = 0.62$), but a moderately negative correlation for Kallholn Formation black and gray shales ($R^2 = 0.52$) (Fig. 7c).

Figure 7

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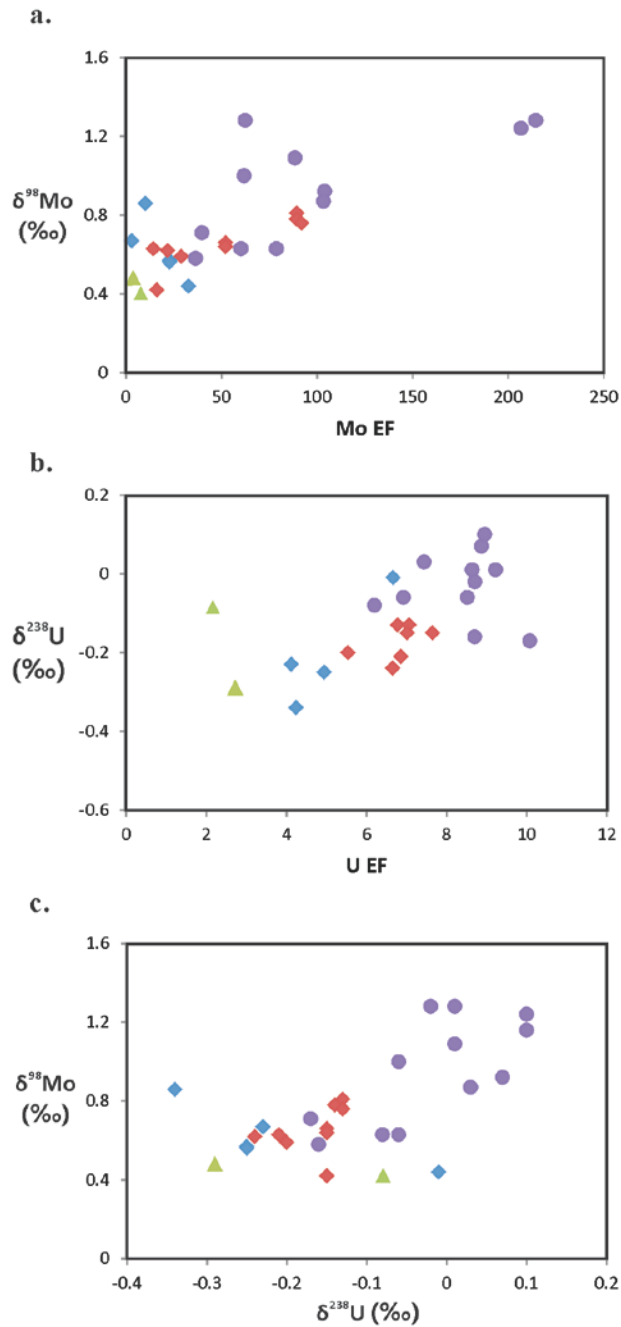
Fig. 7. Geochemical diagrams showing a) δ⁹⁸Mo versus Mo EF, b) δ²³⁸U versus U EF, and c) δ⁹⁸Mo versus δ²³⁸U (see details in text). *Green triangles = gray shales [upper Kallholn Formation equivalent] (Mora 001); blue diamonds = Kallholn Formation (Solberga #1); red diamonds = Fjäcka Shale (Solberga #1); purple circles = Fjäcka Shale (Stumsnäs #1).*

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The $\delta^{238}U$ and $\delta^{98}Mo$ of the Fjäcka Shale range from −0.24‰ to 0.10‰ and from 0.42‰ to 1.28‰, respectively (Table 1). A stratigraphic trend is observed in Stumsnäs #1. Specifically, the central Fjäcka Shale in Stumsnäs #1, which has the highest Mo (> 100 ppm), U (> 16 ppm), and Re (> 48 ppb) concentrations, also yields the highest $\delta^{238}U$ (0.01‰ to 0.10‰) and $\delta^{98}Mo$ (0.92‰ to 1.28‰). On the contrary, the overlying and underlying shales in this drillcore exhibit relatively lower $\delta^{238}U$ (top: −0.17‰ to 0.01‰; bottom: −0.08‰ to 0.03‰) and $\delta^{98}Mo$ (top: 0.58‰ to 1.09‰; bottom: 0.63‰ to 1.28‰). No obvious trend is observed for the Fjäcka Shale in Solberga #1 (Fig. 4). The black shales of the Kallholn Formation in Solberga #1 yield generally lower $\delta^{238}U$ (−0.34‰ to −0.10‰) and $\delta^{98}Mo$ (0.44‰ to 0.86‰) compared with the Fjäcka Shale. A similar observation can be made for two gray shales of the uppermost Kallholn Formation ($\delta^{238}U$: −0.29 to −0.07‰; $\delta^{98}Mo$: 0.40 to 0.48‰) (Table 1).

Hence, two main observations can be derived from the U and Mo isotope data: 1) generally higher Mo and U isotope compositions, and higher Mo, U, and Re concentrations are observed in the euxinic Fjäcka Shale; and 2) the Kallholn Formation yields generally lower Mo and U isotope compositions, and lower Mo, U, and Re concentrations.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1. Suitability of each formation for inferring global ocean redox conditions

Shales deposited under euxinic conditions have the most opportunity to provide insights on global ocean redox conditions using Mo and U concentrations and isotope

compositions. Based on Fe speciation and trace element concentrations, the grey shales (equivalent to the upper Kallholn Formation) and the black shales of the Kallholn Formation were deposited under oxic and transiently euxinic/oxygenated bottom water conditions, respectively. A switch from euxinic conditions to oxygenated conditions can cause re-mobilization and re-deposition of redox-sensitive trace metals at deeper depths within sediments, thus obscuring the original depositional trends (Morford and Emerson, 1999; Morford et al., 2005). This implies that the gray shales and the black shales of the Kallholn Formation are not suitable for inferring global ocean redox conditions. On the contrary, the same paleoredox proxies suggest a persistently euxinic depositional environment for the Fjäcka Shale. Hence, U and Mo concentrations and isotope compositions preserved in the late Katian euxinic Fjäcka Shale are the main focus of efforts to infer global ocean redox conditions in the following discussion.

The scattered relationship between Mo and TOC contents in the Fjäcka Shale (R^2 = 0.04) may suggest the occurrence of post-depositional disturbance (Fig. 6a). Similarly, a poor correlation is observed between U and TOC contents (R^2 = 0.16) (Fig. 6b). The weak correlation between U and TOC contents is expected for ORMs deposited under euxinic conditions because U is not directly associated with organic matter in ORMs but rather is found in authigenic phases like UO_2 (Algeo and Maynard, 2004; Tribovillard et al., 2006). However, the poor correlation between Mo and TOC contents deviates from the strong correlations typically observed for sediments deposited in modern euxinic basins (Algeo and Lyons, 2006). The Re and TOC contents show a much stronger positive correlation (R^2 = 0.44). If sample 135.01 m with high Re but low TOC is excluded, the correlation between Re and TOC contents in the Fjäcka Shale is high (R^2 =

0.93) (Fig. 6c). This observation implies that Re in the Fjäcka Shale is directly derived from seawater (e.g., Anbar et al., 2007), suggesting no post-depositional disturbance to the Fjäcka Shale. The reason for the poor Mo-TOC correlation in the Fjäcka Shale is not known, but may relate to water chemistry. Regardless, the elevated Mo/TOC ratios for many Fjäcka Shale samples point to large amounts of dissolved Mo in the overlying bottom waters, thus suggesting that the degree of basin restriction was not strong (cf. Algeo and Lyons, 2006).

The ORMs of the Fjäcka Shale in Solberga #1 and Stumsnäs #1 have some similarities and differences in geochemical characteristics (Table 1). The average and standard deviation of each type of geochemical data is summarized in Table 2. The TOC contents, Fe speciation, and U and Re concentrations of the Fjäcka Shale from the two drillcores overlap significantly. The biggest differences are observed for Mo concentrations, and U and Mo isotope compositions, which are all higher in Stumsnäs #1. The Fjäcka Shale in Stumsnäs #1 has much higher Mo concentrations compared with that in Solberga #1, raising the possibly of stronger euxinic bottom water conditions at the Stumsnäs #1 locality. Smaller Mo enrichments in the Fjäcka Shale from Solberga #1 may be caused by relatively less H_2S in water column or a faster sedimentation rate at that locality. Although Fe speciation indicates euxinic conditions for the Fjäcka Shale, this technique is not able to differentiate H_2S levels in bottom waters. The relatively deeper burial depth of the Fjäcka Shale in Stumsnäs #1 suggests a deeper depositional environment compared with Solberga #1.

Table 2. Comparison of geochemical data among rock units from each drill core (ave = average)

	TOC (ave, 1SD)	U (ave, 1SD) (ppm)	Mo (ave, 1SD) (ppm)	Re (ave, 1SD) (ppb)	U EF (ave, 1SD)	Mo EF (ave, 1SD)	Re EF (ave, 1SD)	Mo/TOC (ave, 1SD) (ppm/%)	δ^{238}U (ave, 1SD) (‰)	δ^{98}Mo (ave, 1SD) (‰)	Fe_{HR}/Fe_T (ave, 1SD)	Fe_{PY}/Fe_{HR} (ave, 1SD)
Fjäcka Shale	5.6, 1.3	13.8, 1.7	73.3, 58.7	45.3, 17.3	7.8, 1.2	76.2, 56.9	69.4, 21.9	13.5, 9.4	- 0.09, 0.10	0.82, 0.26	0.49, 0.06	0.85, 0.03
Fjäcka Shale (Stumsnäs #1)	5.4, 1.3	14.3, 2.0	91.2, 65.7	41.2, 15.9	8.4, 1.1	96.1, 60.9	66.7, 22.5	16.2, 9.3	- 0.03, 0.09	0.95, 0.27	0.47, 0.04	0.84, 0.03
Fjäcka Shale (Solberga #1)	5.6, 1.6	13.1, 0.8	45.3, 32.5	51.7, 18.7	6.8, 0.6	44.9, 33.7	73.5, 22.0	9.4, 8.3	- 0.17, 0.04	0.66, 0.12	0.53, 0.08	0.87, 0.02
Kallholn Formation	4.2, 1.7	9.9, 5.1	18.3, 18.5	18.2, 21.3	5.0, 1.2	17.2, 13.2	23.5, 21.5	3.7, 2.4	- 0.21, 0.14	0.62, 0.16	0.44, 0.16	0.85, 0.04
Gray shale (equivalent to upper Kallholn Formation)	0.9, 0.1	4.5, 1.2	3.4, 2.3	6.3, 4.2	1.9, 0.5	2.6, 1.8	7.3, 4.8	3.0, 1.7	- 0.18, 0.16	0.44, 0.06	0.21, 0.02	0.55, 0.05

Hence, the geological and geochemical observations for the Fjäcka Shale from Stumsnäs #1 suggest that this locality represents the most euxinic and deepest water depositional environment. Hence, the ORMs from this drill core are the most suitable for inferring global ocean redox conditions when using Mo isotopes as a global ocean paleoredox proxy. Although heavier U isotope compositions are also observed in Stumsnäs #1, the U isotope composition of euxinic sediments in modern anoxic basins does not appear to have a positive correlation with the amount of dissolved hydrogen sulfide in bottom waters (Andersen et al., 2014; Holmden et al., 2015).

High Mo/U ratios of the Fjäcka Shale from Stumsnäs #1, in some cases exceeding three times the modern seawater molar Mo/U ratio, indicates the potential operation of a particulate shuttle as observed in the modern Cariaco Basin (Fig. 5b) (Algeo and Tribovillard, 2009). Besides enhanced Mo enrichments, the particulate shuttle will lead to sediments enriched in isotopically light Mo because Fe-Mn oxides have low δ^{98}Mo, and the reductive dissolution of Fe-Mn oxides in sediments enables this isotopically light Mo to be recaptured by sulfides and organic matter in the sediments (e.g., Herrmann et al., 2012). In this scenario, the Fjäcka Shale samples with the highest Mo/U ratios should generally preserve lower δ^{98}Mo than the units with lower Mo/U ratios. In contrast, the highest δ^{98}Mo accompanies high Mo/U ratios in the Fjäcka Shale, implying that the particulate shuttle is not the cause of the low Mo isotope compositions. In addition, a model of enrichment patterns and controls on $(Mo/U)_{auth}$ ratios in organic-rich sediments based on modern environments revealed a much steeper slope of $(Mo/U)_{auth}$ associated with operation of a particulate shuttle (Algeo and Tribovillard, 2009). However, the slope of the Fjäcka Shale is more similar to the slope associated with redox variations in the

water column, thus indicating weak or negligible operation of the particulate shuttle in the local depositional environment (Fig. 5b). This interpretation is consistent with observations from Mo/Re ratios (Fig. 5c), and further supported by positive correlation between Mo concentrations and δ^{98}Mo for the Fjäcka Shale (Fig. 7a).

5.2. A relatively oxygenated Katian ocean inferred from U isotope data

5.2.1. U isotope evidence for appreciable oxygenation in the late Katian ocean

Uranium appears in minerals and rocks in both reduced U(IV) and oxidized U(VI). In modern oxygenated seawater, uranium is highly soluble as U(VI) and exhibits conservative behavior with a long residence time (~ 400-500 kyr) in the oceans (Ku et al., 1977; Dunk et al., 2002). The U(VI) species combine with oxygen to form the uranyl cation ($[UO_2]^{2+}$), which in turn usually complexes with carbonate to form uranyl carbonate ($UO_2[CO_3]_3^{4-}$; Langmuir, 1978). In contrast, U is reduced from soluble U(VI) to insoluble U(IV) and removed into organic-rich sediments in an anoxic environment (Anderson et al., 1987; Barnes and Cochran, 1990; Morford and Emerson, 1999; McManus et al., 2006). In anoxic settings, U still exists as soluble U(VI) even in the deep part of the Black Sea where there is a high $H_2S_{(aq)}$ concentration, indicating that U removal occurs below the sediment-water interface (Anderson, 1987; Anderson et al., 1989). The main U removal process is diffusion of uranyl carbonate from seawater, reduction to U(IV) at or below the depth for the reduction of Fe(III) to Fe(II) in sediments, and subsequently adsorption or precipitation as UO_2 (e.g., Anderson et al., 1989). Removal of U from pore waters to sediments is likely associated with organic matter, namely the formation of organometallic ligands, under anoxic/non-sulfidic conditions

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(Anderson et al., 1989; Dunk et al., 2002). In euxinic conditions, direct precipitation of authigenic U phases is favored over an association with organic matter (Algeo and Maynard, 2004; Tribovillard et al., 2006).

With regards to oceanic inputs, U is primarily derived from the oxidative weathering of continental crust, and subsequent transport of dissolved U(VI) by rivers to the oceans (Morford and Emerson, 1999; Dunk et al., 2002; Partin et al., 2013b). Biogenic carbonates and sediments deposited beneath anoxic and suboxic waters are the three major sinks for U. Hydrothermally altered oceanic crust and sediments deposited under oxygenated bottom waters are minor oceanic U sinks (Morford and Emerson, 1999; Dunk et al., 2002; Partin et al., 2013b).

The U isotope system has been suggested to be a promising oceanic paleoredox proxy with great potential based on several recent studies of carbonates (Stirling et al., 2007; Weyer et al., 2008; Brennecka et al., 2011a; Romaniello et al., 2013), Fe-Mn crusts (Stirling et al., 2007; Weyer et al., 2008; Goto et al., 2014), and recent and past ORMs (Stirling et al., 2007; Weyer et al., 2008; Montoya-Pino et al., 2010; Asael et al., 2013; Kendall et al., 2013, 2015; Andersen et al., 2014; Holmden et al., 2015; Noordmann et al., 2015). Modern well-oxygenated seawater has a δ^{238}U of $-0.41 \pm 0.03‰$ (Stirling et al., 2007; Weyer et al., 2008; Tissot and Dauphas, 2015). The new average δ^{238}U of the upper crust ($-0.29 \pm 0.03‰$; Tissot and Dauphas, 2015) is slightly heavier than that of modern seawater by ~0.1‰, which is consistent with previous estimations ($-0.31 \pm 0.14‰$) based on twenty-four granitoids (Telus et al., 2012) and four basalts (Weyer et al., 2008). Rivers have an average δ^{238}U of about $-0.3‰$ ($-0.34‰$ from Andersen et al., 2016; $-0.24‰$

from Noordmann et al., 2010, 2011; Tissot and Dauphas, 2015), which is close to the average of the upper crust.

In anoxic environments, a large U isotope fractionation is often observed during the reduction and precipitation of U in the sediments (Stirling et al., 2007; Weyer et al., 2008). It can be explained by the mass-independent, volume-dependent mechanism termed the nuclear field shift, which will result in the preferential removal of heavier U isotopes from seawater to sediments (Biegeleisen, 1996; Schauble, 2007). Recent ORMs from Black Sea Unit I, deposited under strongly euxinic conditions ($H_2S_{(aq)} > 11$ μM), have an average $\delta^{238}U$ value near 0‰ (Weyer et al., 2008; Montoya-Pino et al., 2010), which is about 0.4‰ higher compared with that of modern global seawater ($-0.41 \pm$ 0.03‰). However, the magnitude of U isotope fractionation in the Black Sea can only be regarded as a minimum for U(VI) reduction and removal to sediments due to the strong basin restriction of the Black Sea (Anderson et al., 1989). A conceptual model combining the extent of U removal from a water column to the U isotope composition of euxinic sediments was proposed by Andersen et al. (2014), who suggested that a U isotope fractionation of 0.6‰ occurs between seawater and open ocean euxinic sediments. This fractionation factor has been confirmed by the study of modern euxinic basins, including the Saanich Inlet (Holmden et al., 2015), Cariaco Basin (Andersen et al., 2014), Baltic Sea (Noordmann et al., 2015), and Kyllaren Fjord (Noordmann et al., 2015). Accordingly, the representative authigenic $\delta^{238}U$ of modern open ocean euxinic sediments is 0.2‰ whereas lower values are expected in euxinic sediments deposited in strongly restricted marine basins like the Black Sea. Hence, an average global U isotope fractionation of 0.5‰

between seawater and euxinic sediments is an appropriate estimate when considering the variable degree of anoxic basin restriction around the world.

In other marine U sinks, samples from the Peru continental margin overlying suboxic bottom waters yield a slightly heavier U isotope value (-0.28 ± 0.19‰) than modern seawater (Weyer et al., 2008). The δ^{238}U of Fe-Mn crusts from the Atlantic and Pacific oceans overlying well-oxygenated bottom waters are even lighter, with an average value of -0.59 ± 0.08‰ (Weyer et al., 2008; Brennecka et al., 2011b; -0.65 ± 0.05‰ for the Pacific Ocean from Goto et al., 2014). In this case, when U is adsorbed onto Mn-oxyhydroxide, a different isotope fractionation mechanism occurs, which was proposed to be caused by the differences in the U-O coordination shell between dissolved and adsorbed U (Brennecka et al., 2011b). Primary carbonate precipitates have δ^{238}U (average: -0.37 ± 0.12‰) that is indistinguishable from global seawater (-0.41 ± 0.03‰) regardless of biological or mineralogical origin, which indicates the ability of such precipitates for directly recording seawater U isotope compositions (Romaniello et al., 2013). However, the δ^{238}U of shallow bulk carbonates exhibit a U isotope fractionation of 0.2-0.4‰ compared with that of modern seawater, with values ranging from -0.2‰ to 0.0‰, implying an influence of sulfidic pore waters in bulk carbonate sediments on U reduction and deposition (Romaniello et al., 2013).

The well-oxygenated modern ocean, which has a limited distribution of suboxic and anoxic/euxinic environments, has a slightly lighter δ^{238}U (-0.41 ± 0.03‰) than the rivers (average: -0.3‰), consistent with the small U isotope fractionation (0.18–0.24‰) associated with U removal to Fe-Mn oxides in oxygenated environments. In comparison, an expansion of ocean anoxia will increase the extent of preferential removal of

isotopically heavier U from seawater to anoxic sediments, thus causing lighter δ^{238}U in the global ocean (Weyer et al., 2008; Montoya-Pino et al., 2010; Brennecka et al., 2011a). Therefore, ancient ORMs deposited during times of expanded ocean anoxia compared with today will have lower δ^{238}U once seawater δ^{238}U has shifted to lower values. Hence, lower U isotope compositions in ancient ORM should point to more widespread ocean anoxia, whereas higher U isotope compositions indicate an extensively oxygenated ocean.

It should be noted that the magnitude of authigenic U enrichments in the Fjäcka Shale is lower compared with authigenic Mo enrichments, indicating that the U isotope data is more influenced by the detrital component in these rocks. Holmden et al. (2015) proposed that detrital δ^{238}U may have a much lower value (-0.83 ± 0.12‰) in Saanich Inlet sediments compared with the average upper continental crust as a result of preferential release of ^{238}U into solution during weathering (-0.29 ± 0.03‰; Tissot and Dauphas, 2015). However, Andersen et al. (2016) suggested limited U isotope fractionation from the upper continental crust during weathering. Hence, a range of detrital δ^{238}U (-0.3‰ to -0.8‰) is reasonable to use since it is not clear what δ^{238}U is representative for all detrital materials. A correction for detrital U composition can be made using the following equation (Asael et al., 2013):

$$\delta^{238}U_{auth} = \delta^{238}U_{sam} - (Al/U)_{sam} \times \{(\delta^{238}U_{det} - \delta^{238}U_{sam}) / [(Al/U)_{det} - (Al/U)_{sam}]\}$$

where "auth", "sam", and "det" represent authigenic U, sample U, and detrital U, respectively. Detrital Al and U concentrations are assumed to be the average upper continental crust values of 8.04% and 2.8 ppm, respectively (McLennan, 2001). A range of detrital δ^{238}U (from -0.3‰ to -0.8‰) is used to take into account the possibility of U isotope fractionation during continental weathering (Holmden et al., 2015).

Table 3. Authigenic U isotope compositions of the Fjäcka Shale

Sample	Al (wt%)	U (ppm)	$\delta^{238}U$[a] (‰)	2SD Measured	2SD Reported[b]	n[c]	$\delta^{238}U_{auth}$[d] (‰)	f_{auth}[f] (%)	f_{det}[g] (%)	$\delta^{238}U_{auth}$[d] (‰)	f_{auth}[f] (%)	f_{det}[g] (%)
							$\delta^{238}U_{det}$[e] = -0.3‰			$\delta^{238}U_{det}$[e] = -0.8‰		
Solberga #1 - the Fjäcka Shale												
135.01	5.35	12.6	-0.13	0.07	0.09	3	-0.10	0.85	0.15	-0.01	0.85	0.15
135.01rpt[h]	5.35	12.6	-0.14	0.08	0.09	3	-0.11	0.85	0.15	-0.03	0.85	0.15
135.15	4.65	12.4	-0.15	0.04	0.09	3	-0.13	0.87	0.13	-0.05	0.87	0.13
135.49	6.47	12.5	-0.20	0.03	0.09	3	-0.18	0.82	0.18	-0.07	0.82	0.18
135.56	6.19	14.3	-0.24	0.07	0.09	3	-0.23	0.85	0.15	-0.14	0.85	0.15
137.31	5.67	13.9	-0.15	0.02	0.09	3	-0.13	0.86	0.14	-0.04	0.86	0.14
137.35	5.32	12.7	-0.21	0.06	0.09	3	-0.19	0.85	0.15	-0.11	0.85	0.15
Stumsnäs #1 - the Fjäcka Shale												
217.55	4.47	15.7	-0.17	0.09	0.09	3	-0.16	0.90	0.10	-0.10	0.90	0.10
217.69	5.19	15.7	-0.16	0.04	0.09	3	-0.14	0.89	0.11	-0.08	0.89	0.11
219.42	4.23	13.6	0.01	0.05	0.09	3	0.05	0.89	0.11	0.11	0.89	0.11
219.58	5.26	16.3	0.07	0.04	0.09	3	0.12	0.89	0.11	0.18	0.89	0.11
219.74	5.31	16.6	0.10	0.03	0.09	3	0.15	0.89	0.11	0.21	0.89	0.11
219.95	5.67	17.1	0.01	0.03	0.09	3	0.05	0.88	0.12	0.12	0.88	0.12
220.87	4.37	13.0	-0.06	0.06	0.09	3	-0.03	0.88	0.12	0.04	0.88	0.12
220.87rpt	4.32	13.1	-0.02	0.03	0.09	3	0.02	0.89	0.11	0.08	0.89	0.11
220.96	5.06	13.1	0.03	0.04	0.09	3	0.08	0.87	0.13	0.16	0.87	0.13
221.32	5.03	12.1	-0.06	0.06	0.09	3	-0.02	0.86	0.14	0.06	0.86	0.14
221.44	5.21	11.3	-0.08	0.11	0.11	3	-0.04	0.84	0.16	0.06	0.84	0.16

[a] = U isotope date reported relative to CRM145

[b] = Reported uncertainty is the 2SD of replicate measurements or 0.09‰, whichever is greater

[c] = Number of MC-ICP-MS analyses of the same sample solution

[d] = Authigenic U isotope composition

[e] = Detrital U isotope composition

[f] = Fractions of authigenic U in the sample

[g] = Fractions of detrital U in the sample

[h] = Only U isotope data is reanalyzed for this sample

Although the Fjäcka Shale from Stumsnäs #1 may represent the most euxinic bottom water conditions based on the Mo data, the U isotope compositions of euxinic ORMs are not thought to depend on the amount of aqueous H_2S in the water column (Andersen et al., 2014; Holmden et al., 2015). Hence, we correct the U isotope compositions of the Fjäcka Shale from both drillcores for detrital composition and report an overall average authigenic $\delta^{238}U$ (Table 3). After correction, it is found that detrital U comprises up to 15% of the U in the Fjäcka Shale. The average authigenic $\delta^{238}U$ of the Fjäcka Shale is −0.05 ± 0.11‰ (1SD) and 0.02 ± 0.11‰ (1SD) when using detrital $\delta^{238}U$ values of −0.3‰ and −0.8‰, respectively.

The relatively high authigenic $\delta^{238}U$ of the Fjäcka Shale ($-0.05‰$ to $0.02‰$; or an overall average of ~0‰) is an indicator of a relatively oxygenated ocean prior to the Hirnantian glaciation, based on our understanding of the modern U isotope budget. Applying a U isotope fractionation of 0.5‰ between euxinic sediments (deposited in a moderately restricted basin) and global seawater to the average authigenic $\delta^{238}U$ of the Fjäcka Shale (~0‰), we suggest that the $\delta^{238}U$ of the late Katian ocean was approximately $-0.5‰$ which is slightly lower than the modern ocean. This interpretation is based on the assumption that the riverine $\delta^{238}U$ during the late Katian was generally similar to the present day ($-0.3‰$) because ORMs with both high U concentrations and high $\delta^{238}U$ (e.g., late Ediacaran ORMs; Kendall et al., 2015) were possibly exposed at the Earth's surface for weathering during the late Ordovician as they are today. Hence, a small offset of about 0.1‰ between the late Katian ocean ($-0.5‰$) and the modern ocean ($-0.4‰$) indicates a relatively well-oxygenated late Katian ocean, though not as well-oxygenated as the modern ocean.

A high average $\delta^{238}U$ ($0.24 \pm 0.16‰$) was reported for most ORMs in Member IV of the late Ediacaran Doushantuo Formation, which is similar to the value of 0.2‰ for modern euxinic ORMs in the open ocean (Andersen et al., 2014; Holmden et al., 2015; Kendall et al., 2015). This observation points to an extent of ocean oxygenation in the late Ediacaran that was probably comparable to the present day (Kendall et al., 2015). However, the deposition of euxinic ORMs deposited (based on Fe/Al values greater than 0.5 and high trace metal concentrations) during Oceanic Anoxic Event 2 (OAE2) in open-ocean settings have an average $\delta^{238}U$ of $-0.07‰ \pm 0.09‰$ (or $\approx -0.05‰$) (Montoya-Pino et al., 2010). Applying a 0.6‰ fractionation between seawater and open ocean euxinic

settings, it is suggested that the seawater during OAE2 should have $\delta^{238}U$ of $-0.65‰$ ($=$ $-0.05‰ - 0.6‰$), which is significantly less than modern seawater ($-0.4‰$) and late Katian seawater ($-0.5‰$). Hence, the intermediate $\delta^{238}U$ values from the Fjäcka Shale indicate that the late Katian ocean is relatively more oxygenated compared with OAE2 but is less oxygenated than the modern ocean and the late Ediacaran ocean.

5.2.2. Quantitative constraints on ocean redox conditions during the late Katian based on U isotopes

5.2.2.1. Uranium isotope mass balance in the modern ocean

Uranium isotope mass balance modeling can be used to estimate the extent of oxygenated and anoxic conditions in the oceans during the late Katian. This method has been used to constrain the extent of ocean anoxia during OAE2 (Montoya-Pino et al., 2010) and the end-Permian mass extinction event (Brennecka et al., 2011a). The U isotope mass balance equation is defined below (Montoya-Pino et al., 2010):

$$\delta^{238}U_{input} = (f_{other} \times \delta^{238}U_{other}) + (f_{anox} \times \delta^{238}U_{anox}),$$

where "input" represents riverine U inputs, "other" represents all other U sinks (oxic, suboxic, and hydrothermal), "anox" represents anoxic and euxinic sinks, "f" represents the fraction of U removed into each corresponding sink, and $f_{other} + f_{anox} = 1$.

It was suggested that the anoxic/euxinic sink accounts for approximately 14% of U removal from the modern ocean (Tissot and Dauphas, 2015). Therefore, other sinks represent 86% of U removal. The average U isotope composition for the riverine input is about $-0.3‰$ (Noordmann et al., 2010, 2011; Tissot and Dauphas, 2015; Andersen et al., 2016). A U isotope fractionation of 0.4‰ occurs between seawater ($-0.4‰$) and the

strongly euxinic deep-water sediments of the highly restricted Black Sea (0‰). A U isotope fractionation of 0.6‰ is more likely to occur between modern open ocean euxinic sediments and global seawater, which in turn indicates a δ^{238}U value of 0.2‰ for such sediments (Andersen et al., 2014; Holmden et al., 2015; Noordmann et al., 2015). Thus, considering the variable degree of basin restriction in anoxic/euxinic settings worldwide, a value of 0.5‰ is an appropriate estimate of the average global U isotope fractionation in anoxic/euxinic environments, resulting in an average δ^{238}U of 0.1‰ for the anoxic/euxinic sink (Montoya-Pino et al., 2010). Applying these values to the U isotope mass balance equation, all other modern U sinks have an average δ^{238}U of −0.34‰, which corresponds to a fractionation of ~0.1‰ relative to seawater (Fig. 8A; Weyer et al., 2008).

Figure 8

A. Modern Ocean

Riverine input
δ^{238}U ≈ −0.3‰

100%

Oceans = −0.4‰

14%

86%

Other sinks   Anoxic and/or
                     Euxinic sinks

δ^{238}U ≈ −0.3‰ δ^{238}U ≈ 0.1‰

B. Late Ordovician Ocean

Riverine input
δ^{238}U ≈ −0.3‰

100%

Oceans ≈ −0.5‰

25%
(±25)

75%
(±25)

Other sinks   Anoxic and/or
                     Euxinic sinks

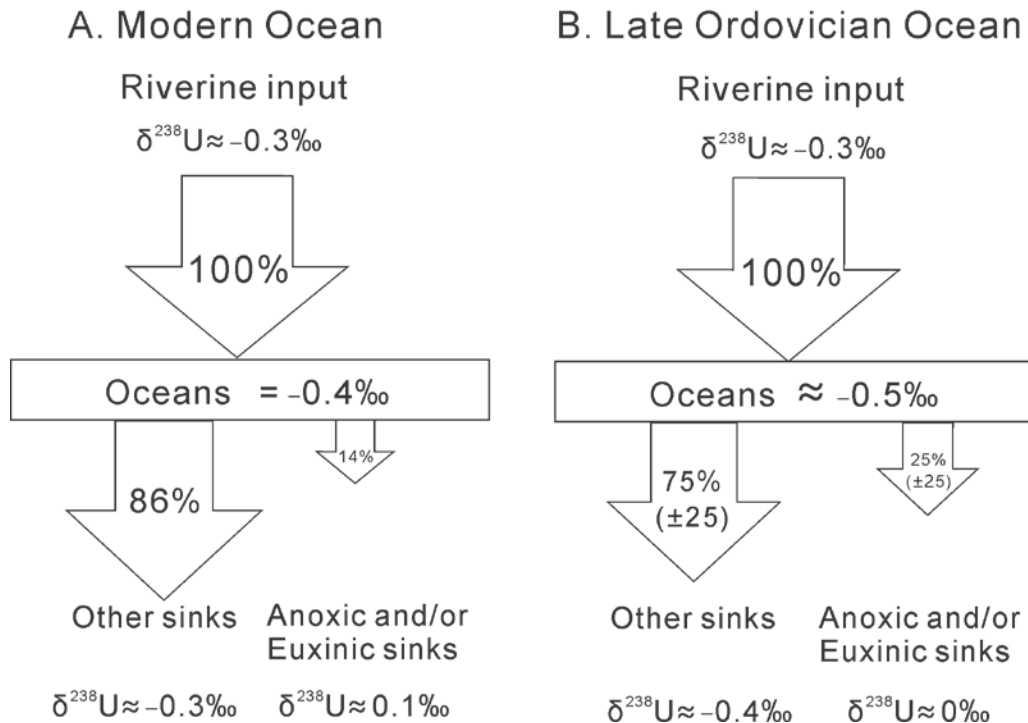δ^{238}U ≈ −0.4‰ δ^{238}U ≈ 0‰

Fig. 8. Uranium isotope mass balance for A) the modern ocean and B) the late Katian ocean, and associated estimates of the anoxic/euxinic sink. Assumptions and calculation methods are described in detail in the text.

5.2.2.2. Uranium isotope mass balance in the late Katian ocean

The U isotope mass balance equation can also be used to estimate the proportion of U that was removed into the two different sinks in the late Ordovician using the modern mass balance as a starting point (Montoya-Pino et al., 2010; Brennecka et al., 2011a). Based on an estimate of 0.5‰ for U isotope fractionation between seawater and the Fjäcka euxinic sediments (authigenic $\delta^{238}U \sim 0‰$) in a moderately restricted basin, it is reasonable to infer that late Katian seawater had a U isotope composition of –0.5‰. It is also appropriate to assign an uncertainty to the late Katian seawater $\delta^{238}U$ to take into account the range of U isotope compositions in the Fjäcka Shale and uncertainty in the magnitude of the U isotope fractionation factor during U removal to euxinic sediments (including uncertainty in the degree of basin restriction). Hence, the $\delta^{238}U$ of late Ordovician Katian seawater is suggested to be –0.5‰ ± 0.1‰. It is assumed that there was a similar U isotope composition for late Katian and modern riverine inputs (–0.3‰) and a constant U isotope fractionation between seawater and the two different sinks (anoxic/euxinic and all other sinks) through time. The latter assumption implies that for late Katian seawater = –0.5‰, the $\delta^{238}U$ of the anoxic/euxinic sink and all other sinks are 0‰ (= –0.5 + 0.5 ‰) and –0.4‰ (= –0.5 + 0.1 ‰), respectively. At the same time, the sum of f_{other} and f_{anox} should equal 100%.

Thus, the calculated fractions of the other sinks and anoxic/euxinic sinks in the late Katian ocean are approximately 75% ± 25% and 25% ± 25%, respectively (Fig. 8B). According to the U isotope mass balance model, the proportion of U removed to

anoxic/euxinic sinks in the late Katian ocean may have been double compared with that of the modern ocean.

This new constraint on the extent of ocean anoxia during the late Katian can be compared with other Phanerozoic oceanic anoxic events studied using U isotopes. It should be noted that seawater $\delta^{238}U$ during OAE2 is −0.65‰ when applying the U isotope fractionation of 0.6‰ (Andersen et al., 2014; Holmden et al., 2015; Noordmann et al., 2015) for the open ocean euxinic ORM analyzed from that time. This is slightly lower than the OAE2 seawater $\delta^{238}U$ of −0.55‰ estimated by Montoya-Pino et al. (2010). In this scenario, the $\delta^{238}U$ of the anoxic/euxinic and the rest of the U sinks are −0.15‰ and −0.55‰, respectively. With the same assumptions for the U isotope mass balance as for the late Katian ocean, the proportion of the anoxic/euxinic sink is 60% ± 25% during OAE2, which is more severe than the previous estimate of 40% ± 25% by Montoya-Pino et al. (2010). Ocean anoxia during the end-Permian mass extinction was modeled using the U isotope compositions of carbonates, which provided an estimate of 60% ± 25% for the proportion of anoxic/euxinic sinks during that time interval (Brennecka et al., 2011a). Thus, the oceans were probably more oxygenated during the late Katian compared with oceans during OAE2 (Montoya-Pino et al., 2010) and the end-Permian mass extinction (Brennecka et al., 2011a) (Fig. 8B).

5.3. Marine redox conditions during the late Katian as inferred from Mo isotopes

Molybdenum is a trace metal with low abundances in the Earth's crust (1.5 ppm; McLennan, 2001). In oxygenated seawater, Mo is conservative with a concentration of 105 nmol/kg (Collier, 1985) and a long residence time of 440 kyr (Miller et al., 2011).

The highly soluble molybdate (MoO_4^{2-}) is the dominant species in oxygenated seawater (Barling et al., 2001). However, in an anoxic environment, Mo is removed into sediments, especially with the occurrence of hydrogen sulfide in bottom waters (e.g., Emerson and Huested, 1991; Helz et al., 1996; Erickson and Helz, 2000). Intermediate thiomolybdate ions (e.g., $MoO_{4-x}S_x^{2-}$) form first before tetrathiomolybdate, and can be the dominant species if the $H_2S_{(aq)}$ concentration is low (Erickson and Helz, 2000; Nägler et al., 2005; Poulson et al., 2006; Siebert et al., 2006; Neubert et al., 2008). A rapid transformation from molybdate (MoO_4^{2-}) to intermediate thiomolybdates to tetrathiomolybdate (MoS_4^{2-}) occurs when $H_2S_{(aq)}$ is greater than 11 µM (Erickson and Helz, 2000). Hence, the efficiency of Mo removal to sediments is the highest in euxinic settings, intermediate in suboxic/anoxic settings with H_2S confined to sediment pore waters, and the lowest in well-oxygenated settings (Scott and Lyons, 2012). The removal process is usually related to Mo sequestration by organic material and solid Fe-S phases (Helz et al., 1996, 2011; Erickson and Helz, 2000; Algeo and Lyons, 2006; Tribovillard et al., 2006; Dahl et al., 2013; Chappaz et al., 2014).

Rivers and low-temperature hydrothermal fluids are the two major sources of Mo to the modern ocean, with rivers accounting for more than 90% of the input flux (e.g., Morford and Emerson, 1999; McManus et al., 2002). Oxic, suboxic to anoxic (H_2S confined to sediment pore waters), and euxinic environments (H_2S in water column) are the three major oceanic sinks of Mo (Arnold et al., 2004; Nägler et al., 2005; Poulson et al., 2006; Siebert et al., 2006; Scott et al., 2008).

The Mo isotope system has been significantly developed and widely used over the past decade to reconstruct global paleoredox conditions and reveal the evolution of ocean

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oxygenation through time (e.g., Barling et al., 2001; Siebert et al., 2003, 2006; Arnold et al., 2004; Poulton et al., 2006; Kendall et al., 2009, 2011, 2015; Dahl et al., 2010b; Duan et al., 2010; Herrmann et al., 2012; Zhou et al., 2012, 2015; Chen et al., 2015). The modern ocean has a δ^{98}Mo of 2.34 ± 0.10‰ (Barling et al., 2001; Siebert et al., 2003; Nakagawa et al., 2012; Nägler et al., 2014). Riverine input has various δ^{98}Mo ranging from 0.2 to 2.3‰, with an average value of 0.7‰ (Archer and Vance, 2008). McManus et al. (2002) measured low-temperature hydrothermal fluids from the Juan de Fuca Ridge and got an average δ^{98}Mo of 0.8‰. However, this measurement may not be accurate because the Mo may come from the surrounding bedrocks that the fluid percolated through. Pearce et al. (2010) tested terrestrial hydrothermal spring waters and obtained a δ^{98}Mo of –3.4‰. Thus, the δ^{98}Mo of marine hydrothermal fluid is still not well known.

In well-oxygenated modern seawater, Mo is removed via adsorption to Fe-Mn oxides and crusts (Barling et al., 2001; Siebert et al., 2003; Barling and Anbar, 2004). Lighter Mo isotopes are more likely to be removed into Mn oxyhydroxides compared with relatively heavier Mo isotopes, which makes modern seawater enriched in heavier Mo isotopes (2.34 ± 0.10‰) compared with rivers (average = 0.7‰) (Barling et al., 2001; Siebert et al., 2003; Archer and Vance, 2008). A large Mo isotope fractionation close to 3‰ is observed during this adsorption process, which causes the δ^{98}Mo of Fe-Mn oxides and crusts to be around –0.7‰ (Barling et al., 2001; Siebert et al., 2003; Poulson et al., 2006). This observed fractionation factor (~3‰) is quite similar to the value of 2.7‰ determined by experimental methods (Barling and Anbar, 2004).

In contrast, a much smaller Mo isotope fractionation (0.7‰) is observed in continental margin ORMs deposited in weakly oxygenated (O$_2$ ≤ 10 μM) and anoxic

environments where H$_2$S is restricted to the sediment pore waters, resulting in a δ^{98}Mo of around 1.6‰ (Poulson et al., 2006). Under mildly oxygenated bottom waters (O$_2$: 10-35 µM) on continental margins, Mo adsorption to Fe-Mn oxides yields a range of δ^{98}Mo from –0.5‰ to 1.3‰ (Siebert et al., 2006; Poulson Brucker et al., 2009), which is intermediate between sediments deposited from well-oxygenated and anoxic bottom waters.

In a strongly euxinic environment (H$_2$S$_{(aq)}$ ≥ 11 µM) in a restricted marine basin, soluble molybdate can be rapidly transformed to tetrathiomolybdate and quantitatively removed from bottom waters to sediments (Neubert et al., 2008). This scenario is represented by the modern Black Sea. Organic-rich sediments deposited from strongly euxinic waters in the Black Sea at water depths below 400 m yield δ^{98}Mo (2.0‰ to 2.4‰) similar to the open ocean (2.34 ± 0.10‰) even though the basin is strongly restricted (Barling et al., 2001; Arnold et al., 2004; Neubert et al., 2008). However, Mo isotope fractionation (0.5‰ ± 0.3‰) can occur between sediments and seawater under strongly euxinic conditions if there is incomplete removal of tetrathiomolybdate species from the overlying bottom waters (Nägler et al., 2011). In comparison, the δ^{98}Mo of organic-rich sediments (–0.5‰ to 2.2‰) deposited in weakly euxinic environments (H$_2$S$_{(aq)}$ < 11 µM) displays a much larger range of Mo isotope fractionation (0.1‰ to 2.8‰), which may be caused by incomplete conversion of intermediate thiomolybdates to tetrathiomolybdate (Arnold et al., 2004; Siebert et al., 2006; Neubert et al., 2008; Dahl et al., 2010a; Nägler et al., 2011).

Hence, a general framework for δ^{98}Mo can be generated by combining all these observations. A more oxygenated ocean results in a heavy δ^{98}Mo for seawater, whereas

expanded ocean anoxia will lead to lighter δ^{98}Mo for seawater, which is especially true for the expansion of strongly euxinic conditions where the smallest extent of Mo isotope fractionation occurs. The δ^{98}Mo preserved in strongly euxinic ORMs has the greatest potential of all ORM to record the global seawater Mo isotope composition during deposition and thus capture direct information about global marine paleoredox conditions (e.g., Arnold et al., 2004; Dahl et al., 2010b; Kendall et al., 2011, 2015).

The euxinic Fjäcka Shale has an average δ^{98}Mo of 0.82 ± 0.26‰ (1SD), which is higher than the averages for the Kallholn Formation black shales (0.62 ± 0.16‰; 1SD) and gray shales (0.44 ± 0.06‰; 1SD) (Table 2). The most euxinic Fjäcka Shale from Stumsnäs #1 contains a higher average δ^{98}Mo (0.95 ± 0.27‰; 1SD) than that from Solberga #1 (0.66 ± 0.12‰; 1SD) (Table 2). Specifically, the highest Mo isotope composition of 1.28 ± 0.11‰ occurs in the Fjäcka Shale from Stumsnäs #1, which is associated with the highest Mo/TOC ratio (37.2 ppm/wt%). As lighter Mo isotopes are always preferentially removed into sediments, the highest Mo isotope composition in euxinic ORMs is most likely to mimic seawater δ^{98}Mo during deposition (e.g., Arnold et al., 2004; Dahl et al., 2010b). Because the Mo enrichments in the Fjäcka Shale are much higher, detrital Mo accounts for less than 5% of the total Mo budget of each sample, indicating that the authigenic Mo component dominates the δ^{98}Mo signature in these ORMs. Hence, the δ^{98}Mo of the Fjäcka Shale was not corrected for the presence of detrital Mo.

The heaviest δ^{98}Mo of the Fjäcka Shale may directly reflect coeval seawater δ^{98}Mo. If true, late Katian seawater had δ^{98}Mo similar to that of pre-Ediacaran Proterozoic seawater (1.0‰ to 1.4‰; Kendall et al., 2015 and references therein), which

indicates significant ocean anoxia already existed just prior to the end-Ordovician mass extinctions (ca. 447-443 Ma). However, such an interpretation is at odds with the relatively heavy U isotope compositions in the Fjäcka Shale, which suggest an appreciable extent of ocean oxygenation. Alternatively, the heaviest δ^{98}Mo recorded by the Fjäcka Shale is fractionated from the contemporaneous seawater Mo isotope composition.

The relatively low δ^{98}Mo ($\leq$1.3‰) can be explained by either the operation of a Fe-Mn oxyhydroxide particulate shuttle that delivers isotopically light Mo to euxinic sediments (Algeo and Tribovillard, 2009; Herrmann et al., 2012) or the occurrence of Mo isotope fractionation between seawater and sediments under euxinic conditions (Arnold et al., 2004; Nägler et al., 2005, 2011; Neubert et al., 2008). It has been discussed previously that the particulate shuttle had a weak or negligible effect on the Mo isotope systematics of the Fjäcka Shale.

Hence, Mo isotope fractionation between seawater and authigenic solid Mo probably occurred under euxinic bottom water conditions. Only sediments with quantitative formation of tetrathiomolybdates and near-quantitative Mo removal from strongly euxinic bottom waters ($H_2S_{(aq)} > 11$ µM) are associated with the smallest Mo isotope fractionation and thus capture the seawater δ^{98}Mo (e.g., deep Black Sea; Arnold et al., 2004; Neubert et al., 2008). Although high Mo enrichments and Fe speciation can fingerprint local euxinic bottom water conditions, they cannot further reveal whether the $H_2S_{(aq)}$ in the bottom water was high enough for quantitative formation of tetrathiomolybdates. In other words, these local redox proxies cannot distinguish between strongly euxinic and weakly euxinic environments. The modern Cariaco Basin and

shallower part (< 270 m) of the Black Sea contain weakly euxinic bottom waters ($H_2S_{(aq)}$ < 11 µM) but show different Mo isotope patterns. Specifically, δ^{98}Mo preserved in deep Cariaco Basin sediments and shallower sediments from the Black Sea varies from 1.5‰ to 2.2‰ (Arnold et al., 2004) and from –0.6‰ to 0.9‰ (Neubert et al., 2008), respectively. The Fjäcka Shale may be more similar to the deep Cariaco Basin instead of the shallow Black Sea when taking trace element abundances (e.g., Mo/TOC ratios) into consideration. Applying the observed Mo isotope fractionation of 0.1-0.8‰ in the deep Cariaco Basin to the heaviest δ^{98}Mo in the Fjäcka Shale suggests that the coeval late Katian seawater δ^{98}Mo is 1.4-2.1‰.

It is also possible that the Fjäcka Shale was deposited in a strongly euxinic setting but Mo removal from the bottom waters was not quantitative. This scenario is supported by the high Mo enrichments and Mo/TOC ratios in the Fjäcka Shale samples with the highest δ^{98}Mo (Fig. 4 and Fig. 6a) because only high dissolved Mo concentrations in bottom waters can result in such high Mo enrichments. A 0.5 ± 0.3‰ fractionation between strongly euxinic bottom waters and sediments may occur when there is quantitative conversion of all intermediate thiomolybdates to tetrathiomolybdates but incomplete removal of Mo from the bottom waters into sediments (Nägler et al., 2011). If this situation applies to the Fjäcka Shale, then the coeval seawater δ^{98}Mo should be around 1.5-2.1‰, which is similar with the estimate derived for the assumption of Cariaco-style weakly euxinic conditions.

In both cases (strongly and weakly euxinic conditions), the inferred late Katian ocean Mo isotope compositions (between 1.4‰ and 2.1‰) suggest an appreciable extent of ocean oxygenation. This interpretation is consistent with the heavy U isotope

compositions as well as the Mo/TOC ratios, which are significantly higher in the Fjäcka Shale (average = 13.5 ppm/wt%) compared with Proterozoic euxinic shales (average = 6.4 ppm/wt%; Scott et al., 2008). Such high Mo/TOC ratios point to a sizable global seawater Mo reservoir, which in turn requires an appreciable extent of ocean oxygenation (Scott et al., 2008).

5.4. Implications for late Ordovician ocean redox conditions

Molybdenum isotope fractionation between seawater and organic-rich sediments can still occur under weakly and strongly euxinic conditions when tetrathiomolybdate formation and removal to sediments is not quantitative. Any expression of Mo isotope fractionation results in preferential removal of lighter Mo isotopes to sediments. Hence, the heaviest Mo isotope composition from a stratigraphic interval is usually used to represent the most conservative estimate of contemporaneous seawater δ^{98}Mo for a specific time interval (Dahl et al., 2010b; Kendall et al., 2015). Dahl et al. (2010b) presented a compilation of Mo isotope data from ORMs through time, and Kendall et al. (2015) further updated this compilation by using only Mo isotope data from euxinic ORMs as well as re-normalizing all data to the newly established international Mo isotope standard NIST SRM 3134 (Goldberg et al., 2013; Nägler et al., 2014). Here, the Mo isotope compilation is updated by adding data from this study and two recently published papers (Fig. 9) (Chen et al., 2015; Zhou et al., 2015).

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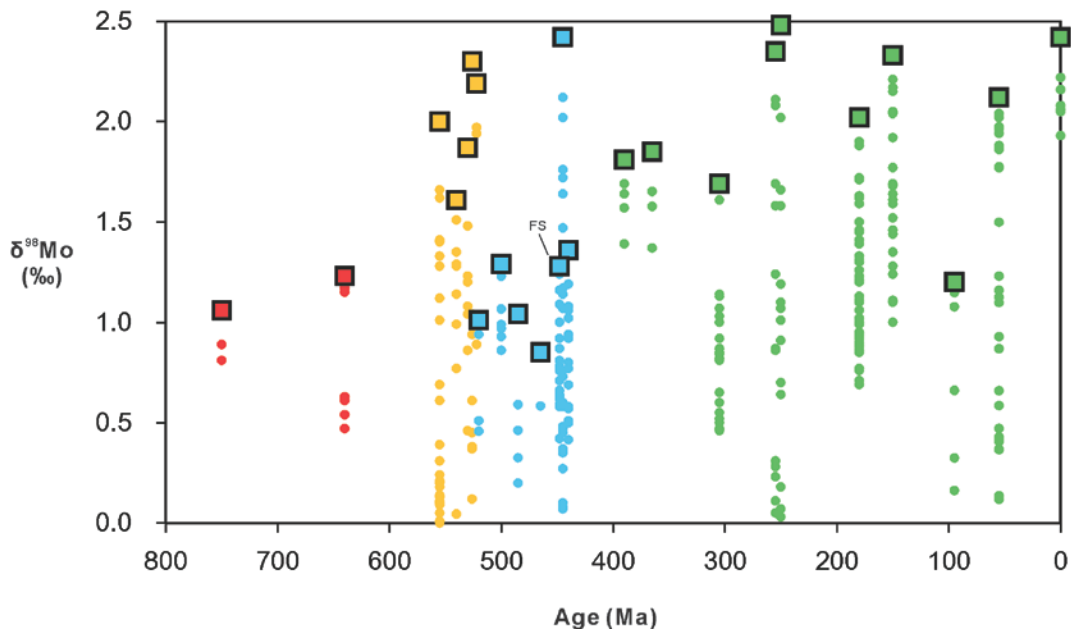
Fig. 9. Mo isotope compilation for euxinic ORM from the late Precambrian to present. FS represents the Fjäcka Shale analyzed in this study. Squares and circles represent the highest Mo isotope data and other Mo isotope data for each time period, respectively. Red = 750−640 Ma; yellow = 555−522 Ma; blue = 520−440 Ma; green = 390−0 Ma. Date sources: Kendall et al., 2015 and references therein; Chen et al., 2015; Zhou et al., 2015.

Although the low δ^{98}Mo in ORM deposited between 520 and 440 Ma is similar to that of ORM deposited before 640 Ma, it does not indicate a return to widely anoxic oceanic conditions in the early Paleozoic following instances of widespread ocean oxygenation in the late Ediacaran and early Cambrian. Temporal compilations of redox-sensitive Cr and U concentrations in ORMs through time yield a larger seawater Cr and U reservoir in the early Paleozoic than those of the Precambrian as a consequence of the Neoproterozoic oxygenation event (Reinhard et al., 2013; Partin et al., 2013b). Dahl et al. (2010b) suggested the low δ^{98}Mo still reflects a redox-stratified ocean, but with euxinic conditions in the middle water column along ocean margins and weakly oxygenated

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waters in the deep ocean. The late Phanerozoic ocean is suggested to be extensively oxygenated, as revealed by high Mo isotope compositions in ORM from 390 Ma onwards (Dahl et al., 2010b), although short episodes of OAEs occurred episodically (Kendall et al., 2015 and references therein).

Comparing the Mo isotope compositions of the Fjäcka Shale with the rest of the early Paleozoic Mo isotope data is not easy because it is difficult to determine whether the early Paleozoic ORMs directly capture seawater δ^{98}Mo. Molybdenum isotope fractionations between seawater and sediments would have occurred if other early Paleozoic ORMs represent ancient analogues of the deep Cariaco Basin or shallow Black Sea (Arnold et al., 2004; Nägler et al., 2005; Neubert et al., 2008). To minimize the ambiguity posed by Mo isotope data in ORMs, we employed the novel U isotope system for inferring global ocean paleoredox conditions. In this study, the Fjäcka Shale Mo and U isotope data together point to a relatively well-oxygenated late Katian ocean although the extent of oxygenation was less than today. Subsequently, early Hirnantian ORM from South China capture a heaviest δ^{98}Mo signature that is similar to modern seawater δ^{98}Mo (Zhou et al., 2012, 2015), pointing to extensive ocean oxygenation in the framework of our interpretation. Lighter δ^{98}Mo signatures in most late Katian and Hirnantian ORM from South China may reflect local Mo isotope fractionation between seawater and sediments because of, for example, less intensely reducing conditions or non-quantitative removal of Mo from bottom waters in a fashion similar to the Fjäcka Shale. Low δ^{98}Mo (–0.3‰ to 0.6‰) in the late Katian Wufeng Formation ORMs from the Wangjiawan section in South China have Mo abundances of 12 to 51 ppm (n = 5) (Zhou et al., 2012, 2015). Samples with Mo concentrations lower than 25 ppm may indicate deposition from

non-euxinic bottom waters (Scott and Lyons, 2012). Sediments with Mo concentrations between 25 and 100 ppm can represent deposition under intermittently euxinic conditions (Scott and Lyons, 2012). Hence, the Wufeng Formation ORM may have been deposited under non-euxinic and intermittently weakly euxinic conditions, and thus may not capture the seawater δ^{98}Mo signature. Instead, large Mo isotope fractionations from seawater may be recorded by the Wufeng Formation, like those observed in the shallow Black Sea (Neubert et al., 2008).

Two samples from the early Hirnantian ORM in South China with the highest δ^{98}Mo (> 2‰) and the highest Mo abundances (> 100 ppm) are the most likely to represent deposition from locally strong euxinic bottom waters (Fig. 9) (Scott and Lyons, 2012). This combination of high Mo enrichment and high δ^{98}Mo is a robust signature of widespread ocean oxygenation (e.g., Dahl et al., 2010b; Kendall et al., 2015). Taken together with our inferred estimate of the late Katian seawater Mo isotope composition (1.4-2.1‰), we suggest that ocean oxygenation intensified from the late Katian to the early-mid Hirnantian.

Zhang et al. (2009) and Hammarlund et al. (2012) suggested that a positive excursion in $\delta^{34}S_{py}$ during the early-mid Hirnantian can be explained as an increase in pyrite burial, thus suggesting the possibility of expanded ocean anoxia as a mechanism for the first extinction pulse. On the contrary, Yan et al. (2009) and Zhang et al. (2011) attribute this observation to diagenetic effects. Hammarlund et al. (2012) further proposed that increased organic matter burial caused the positive HICE (e.g., Marshall and Middleton, 1990; Brenchley et al., 1994) and is associated with deep ocean anoxia. Melchin et al. (2013) argued that only when the stratigraphic trends in δ^{13}C, $\delta^{34}S_{py}$, and

$\delta^{34}S_{sulfate}$ are strongly correlated can the hypothesis of expanded ocean anoxia be robust. Moreover, if increased burial of organic matter occurred and caused HICE, then TOC data should display a positive correlation with both $\delta^{13}C_{carb}$ and $\delta^{13}C_{org}$ (Gorjan et al., 2012). However, this pattern is not observed in currently available data, even in the deep sea sedimentary rocks of Chinese (Yan et al., 2009) and Arctic Canadian (Melchin and Holmden, 2006) sections. Hence, a sulfidic driver for the first extinction pulse during the early-mid Hirnantian (Hammarlund et al., 2012) is not fully supported by the data. On the contrary, our new U and Mo isotope data from the Fjäcka Shale together with Mo isotope data from Zhou et al. (2012, 2015) point to relatively well-oxygenated oceans during the late Katian followed by intensification of ocean oxygenation during the early-middle Hirnantian. Instead of interpreting HICE as a result of increased organic carbon burial, weathering of exposed carbonate platforms during eustatic sea-level fall triggered by the Hirnantian glaciation may be an alternative explanation (e.g., Kump et al. 1999; Melchin and Holmden, 2006).

Our hypothesis of relatively well-oxygenated late Katian oceans is also supported by data from other similarly-aged ORM in various depositional settings from the deep shelf to the base of the continental slope (Melchin et al., 2013). More than half of the localities documented were suggested to be deposited under oxic/suboxic conditions in the late Katian based on geochemical data ($\delta^{34}S$, trace element concentrations) and presence/absence of bioturbation (Melchin et al., 2013). Furthermore, ORM deposited from oxic/suboxic bottom waters are five times more abundant than ORM deposited from anoxic bottom waters in the mid-Hirnantian (Melchin et al., 2013). In contrast, more widespread black shale deposition occurred in the early Rhuddanian at the start of the

Silurian Period, suggesting an increase in global ocean anoxia at this time (Melchin et al., 2013).

In addition, low nitrogen isotope compositions (−1‰ to 1‰) from sediments deposited in the late Katian and at the Hirnantian-Rhuddanian boundary suggest that deep oceans during these times were relatively depleted of fixed nitrogen, resulting in a deficiency of nitrogen returning to the photic zone via oceanic upwelling to sustain algae productivity (LaPorte et al., 2009; Melchin et al., 2013). Hence, the low nitrogen isotope compositions indicate a somewhat greater extent of ocean anoxia compared with the modern ocean (Melchin et al., 2013), thus being consistent with our U and Mo isotope data from the euxinic Fjäcka Shale. During the Hirnantian glaciation, icehouse conditions will increase ocean ventilation, resulting in more downwelling of oxygenated surface waters, and therefore the reduction of oxygen-depleted deeper waters (LaPorte et al., 2009). Increased ocean oxygenation during the Hirnantian glaciation is consistent with the occurrence of modern seawater-like heavy Mo isotope compositions at this time in ORMs from South China (Zhou et al., 2012, 2015). Correspondingly, nitrogen isotope compositions during the early-mid Hirnantian do shift towards higher values (2‰ to 4‰), thus indicating less intense denitrification and a smaller extent of anoxia in the deep oceans (LaPorte et al., 2009; Melchin et al., 2013).

6. CONCLUSION

A combination of Mo, U, and Re enrichments, Mo/U and Mo/Re ratios, and Fe speciation clearly indicate three different bottom water redox conditions in the depositional environment for late Ordovician and early Silurian ORMs obtained from new drill cores in the Siljan ring district, central Sweden. Sedimentary Fe speciation and trace element records indicate an euxinic depositional environment for the Fjäcka Shale, fluctuations between euxinic and oxygenated conditions for black shales of the Kallholn Formation, and an oxygenated environment for gray shales equivalent to the upper Kallholn Formation.

New U and Mo isotope data from the euxinic Fjäcka Shale point to an appreciable extent of ocean oxygenation during the late Katian. The global ocean redox conditions at this time were intermediate between the modern oceans and some Phanerozoic oceanic anoxic events (e.g., OAE2, end-Permian). The high average authigenic $\delta^{238}U$ (−0.05‰ to 0.02‰) for the Fjäcka Shale (calculated assuming a range of detrital $\delta^{238}U$) suggests a seawater $\delta^{238}U$ of −0.5‰, which is only about 0.1‰ lower than modern seawater. Uranium isotope mass balance modeling reveals that the anoxic/euxinic sink comprised about 25% ± 25% of the U removal flux in the late Katian ocean, which is roughly two times larger than that of the present day (~10-15%). Although the highest $\delta^{98}Mo$ in the Fjäcka Shale is only about 1.3‰, we argue that Mo isotope fractionations between seawater and sediments likely occurred due to incomplete formation and/or removal of tetrathiomolybdate from bottom waters. At least incomplete removal of Mo from bottom waters is implied by the high Mo concentrations associated with the highest $\delta^{98}Mo$. Our

study thus shows the advantage of integrating U and Mo isotope data from ORMs to infer the extent of ancient global ocean oxygenation.

The heaviest δ^{98}Mo in the early Hirnantian (2.4‰) is similar to modern seawater (2.3‰) (Zhou et al., 2012, 2015), thus suggesting early Hirnantian ocean oxygenation was at a scale similar to that of the modern ocean. Hence, our data together with the previously published Mo isotope data for the Hirnantian indicates that ocean oxygenation intensified from the late Katian to the early-mid Hirnantian. This interpretation is supported by other geochemical evidence such as δ^{15}N trends across the Ordovician-Silurian transition (LaPorte et al., 2009; Melchin et al., 2013), suggesting that widespread ocean anoxia did not prevail throughout the Katian and Hirnantian (Zhang et al., 2009; Hammarlund et al., 2012).

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