

1 Supplemental material

2 *1. Detailed methods*

3 *1.1 Sediment analyses*

4 Sediment samples were obtained from archived DSDP, ODP, and piston cores from the  
5 Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (LDEO) core archive. Samples were dried at 50 °C, and  
6 sediment aliquots for Total Organic C (TOC) analysis were acidified using 1 N HCl for at least  
7 12 hours or until effervescence ceased. Following acidification, samples were centrifuged and  
8 washed 3x with DI water and re-dried before homogenization with an agate mortar and pestle.  
9 Approximately 100 mg was combusted with Cu/CuO<sub>x</sub> in an evacuated quartz tube at 910 °C  
10 overnight. Resulting CO<sub>2</sub> was purified and collected on a gas line. Sample aliquots for  
11 carbonate analysis were acidified with 100% phosphoric acid at 70 °C in a Finnigan Gas Bench  
12 CO<sub>2</sub> handling system. For all samples, CO<sub>2</sub> was quantified using manometry, and all isotope  
13 measurements were conducted on a Finnigan MAT 252 mass spectrometer operated in dual inlet  
14 mode. All δ<sup>13</sup>C values are reported relative to VPDB C isotope standard. For measurements of  
15 C isotopic composition of carbonate within Altered Oceanic Crust (AOC), we used a microdrill  
16 to obtain samples of the carbonate veins and breccia matrix. These samples were then analyzed  
17 in an identical fashion to sedimentary C.

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19 *1.2 Sediment and unit thicknesses*

20 Archived 3.5 kHz single channel seismic lines from the Lamont-Doherty Earth  
21 Observatory (LDEO) collection were used to determine overall sediment thickness and the  
22 thicknesses of geochemically distinct units outboard of the Sunda margin. Archived profiles  
23 from the following cruise tracks were used:

- 24 • RC 1107
- 25 • RC 1402
- 26 • RC 1403
- 27 • V 1909
- 28 • V 2009
- 29 • V 2410
- 30 • V 2819
- 31 • V 2901
- 32 • V 3503
- 33 • V 3616

34 Seafloor, basement, and unit boundary picks, made using the GeoMap App program for these  
35 profiles, were augmented with additional constraints from more recent published multichannel  
36 lines (Kopp and Kukowski, 2003; Lüschen et al., 2011; Kopp et al., 2006; Planert et al., 2010;  
37 Kopp, 2013; Kopp et al., 2009; McNeill et al., 2016; Dean et al., 2010). Geochemical unit  
38 boundaries (Nicobar Fan, terrigenous trenchfill, pelagic material, and calcareous turbidites) were  
39 defined by picks following the seismic interpretations in the Initial Report volumes of the  
40 appropriate DSDP/ODP sites and subsequent seismic studies. The terrigenous trenchfill unit is  
41 defined by reflectors that converge moving away from the trench, and the top of the Nicobar Fan  
42 was inferred to coincide with the base of this unit as reported elsewhere (e.g. Dean et al., 2010).

43 The base of the Nicobar Fan lacks clear seismic reflectors, and as such, we assumed a uniform  
44 thickness of 200 m for the underlying pelagic unit (which is intermediate between results from  
45 DSDP 211 and IODP 1480) rather than using dubious seismic picks to constrain the thickness of  
46 the Nicobar Fan unit (Expedition 22 Scientific Party, 1974; McNeill et al., 2017). The lower  
47 extent of the unit of calcareous turbidites from the Exmouth Plateau/Australian margin is defined  
48 by a distinct set of reflectors (Ludden and Gradstein, 1990), and since this unit is uppermost at  
49 Sites 261 and 765 where it is sampled, we infer that overlying sediment is likely to be  
50 quantitatively minimal throughout the margin. Therefore, constraining this unit's thickness – as  
51 well as that of the underlying pelagic sediments – was straightforward. The lack of a clear  
52 seismic boundary between the calcareous turbidite unit and the trenchfill wedge in seismic  
53 profiles along the southeastern portion of the margin led us to assign a thickness for the trenchfill  
54 unit by subtracting the thickness of the other units outboard of the trench from the overall  
55 sediment thickness at the trench. This approach, while necessary to constrain overall sediment  
56 flux to the trench, is unlikely to substantially affect our estimates of subducting C because the  
57 entirety of the trench wedge appears to be off-scraped through much of the margin. While the  
58 Roo Rise is inducing localized subduction erosion along eastern Java, sediment cover on the rise  
59 is minimal, and sediments trenchward of it are difficult to interpret from seismic profiles.

60 Indeed, East Java stands out as a region of low sediment cover (Figures DR2 and DR3), so while  
61 our estimates consider the subduction of the thin sediment veneer currently present, significantly  
62 more sediment and sedimentary C may have subducted in the recent past when the Roo Rise first  
63 impinged upon the margin.

64           When seismic velocity profiles reported two-way travel time rather than sediment  
65 thickness and sediment velocity models were not available, sediment velocities of 2 and 2.5 km/s

66 were used to construct upper and lower bounds on sediment thickness respectively. While these  
67 velocities are greater than those determined for surficial sediments (Dean et al., 2010), they  
68 encapsulate the range of velocities expected for the deeper sediments that escape off-scraping at  
69 the deformation front along much of the margin. Therefore, these seismic velocity bounds are  
70 reasonable for estimating subducting C flux and may slightly overestimate the amount of  
71 sediment – and hence C – present at the trench. A total of ~8000 picks were made, and  
72 additional unit and sediment thickness constraints from DSDP Sites 211, 213, 260, 261, ODP  
73 Site 765, and IODP Site 1480 were also incorporated. Using these data, surfaces were  
74 constructed to model unit and overall sediment thicknesses and extrapolate these from core sites  
75 to the trench. With these models and results from sediment analyses, we estimated the amount  
76 and types of C within the sediment column at the trench.

77 Plate motion models of the Indoaustralian plate relative to the stable Sunda core from  
78 McNeill et al. (2014) were used to convert C content into a C flux to the trench, calculated at  
79 points along the trench that correspond to the MORVEL plate boundary between the  
80 Indoaustralian and Sunda plates (Argus et al., 2011). Single and multichannel seismic profiles  
81 as well as velocity models across the trench (Lüschen et al., 2011; Kopp et al., 2009, 2006; Kopp  
82 and Kukowski, 2003; Kopp et al., 2001; Planert et al., 2010) were used to estimate the fraction of  
83 the overall sediment and C flux bypassing the deformation front and subducting past ~20 km, the  
84 maximum seismically-resolved depth. These estimates were combined with those from McNeill  
85 et al. (2014) to generate upper and lower bounds on the sediment subducting past the  
86 deformation front. This range in possible subduction channel thickness leads to the range in  
87 estimates for subducted C amount.

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89 *2. Comparing shipboard and shore-based organic C analyses*

90           The tendency for disagreement between shipboard estimates of Total Organic C (TOC)  
91 made during coring expeditions and shorebased measurements has been previously documented  
92 (Olivarez Lyle and Lyle, 2006). Shipboard TOC is typically not measured directly but calculated  
93 as the difference between total C (measured by combustion elemental analysis) and carbonate C  
94 (measured by coulometry). However, this method can lead to substantial uncertainty. Several  
95 hundred replicate shipboard analyses conducted on a total of 5 samples from IODP Site 1480  
96 give one-sigma uncertainties of 35 to 180% (McNeill et al., 2017). Furthermore, comparing the  
97 pool of shipboard data from DSDP Sites 211, 260, 261, 262, and ODP Site 765 (Ludden and  
98 Gradstein, 1990; Plank and Ludden, 1992; Bode, 1974; Pimm, 1974) with our shore-based TOC  
99 results shows that we are unable to reproduce the highest shipboard TOC values and that the  
100 distribution of values is substantially different between ship- and shore-based analyses (Figure  
101 DR1). While these analyses were not conducted on precisely the same samples, the large  
102 number of data compiled suggests a true difference between the two distributions, and indeed a  
103 one-tailed non-parametric unpaired t-test reveals that the mean of shipboard data is higher than  
104 that of shorebased data at a statistically significant level ( $p < 10^{-10}$ ). This suggests that using  
105 shipboard data is likely to overestimate of the abundance of organic C and to overemphasize its  
106 importance in C-cycling. Future studies of organic C cycling at convergent margins should  
107 therefore rely on shorebased reanalysis of shipboard samples.

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### 109 *3. Caveats in determining provenance of arc CO<sub>2</sub>*

110           The three endmember mixing model of Sano and Marty (1995) has been used previously  
111 to establish the provenance of volcanic and hydrothermal CO<sub>2</sub> released along Indonesia  
112 (Halldórsson et al., 2013; Figure DR3). In this model, the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  and CO<sub>2</sub>/<sup>3</sup>He composition of

113 volcano or hydrothermal CO<sub>2</sub> are used to resolve contributions from subducting carbonate and  
114 organic C as well as C from the mantle wedge. While the δ<sup>13</sup>C of organic C can be readily  
115 measured, the meaning of a CO<sub>2</sub>/<sup>3</sup>He ratio for organic C is less clear. A value of ~10<sup>14</sup> is  
116 typically used for this ratio, as well as for the CO<sub>2</sub>/<sup>3</sup>He ratio of sedimentary carbonate (termed  
117 “limestone” in previous work; Marty et al., 1989; Hilton et al., 2002; Halldórsson et al., 2013).  
118 Because typical volcanic gases have a CO<sub>2</sub>/<sup>3</sup>He ratio of ~10<sup>10</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub> provenance results from this  
119 mixing model are relatively insensitive to changes in these endmember compositions. However,  
120 the CO<sub>2</sub>/<sup>3</sup>He composition of the mantle wedge endmember is also required for the mixing model,  
121 and small changes in this value can have enormous effects on inferred CO<sub>2</sub> provenance.

122         A value of ~2.7 x 10<sup>9</sup> is usually used for the CO<sub>2</sub>/<sup>3</sup>He ratio of the mantle wedge (e.g.  
123 Hilton et al., 2002), but this value reflects the average of measurements of volatile concentrations  
124 in mid-ocean ridge glasses, which show significant variation (e.g. Graham, 2002), and may not  
125 represent the composition of the extensively flux-melted mantle wedge. When the CO<sub>2</sub>/<sup>3</sup>He ratio  
126 in volcanic gas samples is relatively low, the precise CO<sub>2</sub>/<sup>3</sup>He ratio used for the mantle wedge  
127 endmember becomes very important. Using data from Varekamp et al. (1992) for Sirung  
128 volcano, even a 25% deviation from 2.7 x 10<sup>9</sup> leads to a ~10-fold change in the ratio of CO<sub>2</sub>  
129 from carbonate to CO<sub>2</sub> from organic C inferred from the mixing model. Therefore, results from  
130 this mixing model should be used with caution, which is why we consider the simple balance  
131 between the δ<sup>13</sup>C of the subducting sedimentary C and the δ<sup>13</sup>C of volcanic CO<sub>2</sub> to infer that an  
132 additional <sup>13</sup>C rich reservoir external to sedimentary C is likely contributing to the arc-released  
133 CO<sub>2</sub>. We note that one of the recent studies invoking significant CO<sub>2</sub> contributions from  
134 carbonates in the overlying crust relied almost entirely on this mixing model to argue for the  
135 global importance of this CO<sub>2</sub> source (Mason et al., 2017). It is worth noting that both the Sunda

136 and Central American subduction margins, which this model infers to have substantial  
137 contributions from crustal carbonate, are regions in which a significant amount of carbonate-rich  
138 sediments are subducting.

139         Additionally, this mixing model does not permit differentiation of carbonate CO<sub>2</sub> source  
140 (i.e. sedimentary carbonate, carbonate in altered oceanic crust, or carbonate in the overriding  
141 plate) due to their indistinguishable  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values. Likewise, our method of directly comparing the  
142  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of subducting sediments with that of volcanic CO<sub>2</sub> reveals only that an additional carbonate  
143 source is needed to raise the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of subducting C ( $\sim -13\%$ ) to that of arc CO<sub>2</sub> ( $\sim -4\%$ ). Thick  
144 limestone sequences in southern Sumatra and Java have been explored as potential hydrocarbon  
145 reservoirs, and because of this, they may contribute a substantial quantity of CO<sub>2</sub> to volcanic  
146 emissions (e.g. Deegan et al., 2010). However, we find little evidence for extensive carbonate  
147 deposits in northern Sumatra, particularly in the regions of greatest volcanic activity and hence  
148 densest sampling (Wilson, 2002). This section of the margin also shows the greatest potential  
149 for subduction of organic-rich Nicobar Fan sediments, and even if the décollement is below the  
150 fan deposits as has been hypothesized (Hüpers et al., 2017), the amount of organic and inorganic  
151 C subducting in sediments will be approximately equal, and an additional C source will be  
152 required to balance the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of the sedimentary influx with that of volcanic CO<sub>2</sub>. Carbonates in  
153 the overlying crust could be a significant factor in closing the C cycling budget, but we also  
154 consider carbonate in altered oceanic crust to be a likely contributor in the northern section of the  
155 margin, and therefore a possible C source both throughout this margin and others.

156         Other insight, potentially significant, regarding the mixing of C from multiple sources  
157 comes from study of deeply subducted metasedimentary rocks containing varying proportions of  
158 C in carbonate (oxidized) and C in carbonaceous matter (reduced). Cook-Kollars et al. (2014)

159 and Kraft et al. (2017; manuscript in preparation) demonstrated extensive C isotope exchange  
160 between C in the two reservoirs as they attempted equilibration particularly at the higher  
161 temperatures represented in the suite. This exchange is most significant in pelite-carbonate  
162 mixed rocks inferred by Cook-Kollars et al. (2014) to have experienced the most C loss by  
163 decarbonation. Both the oxidized and the reduced C reservoirs were shifted in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  from their  
164 starting/oceanic compositions toward the “mantle value” of -6‰. Depending on the relative  
165 abundances of carbonaceous matter and carbonate in the samples, the reduced C is shifted from  
166  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values near -22‰ for low-grade rocks in which there is little re-equilibration with carbonate  
167 near 0‰ to values as high as -8‰ at the higher grades (also see Kraft et al., 2017). Carbonate C  
168 is shifted from  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values near +1‰ for low-grade rocks in which there is little re-equilibration  
169 with carbonate near 0‰ to values as low as -6‰ at the higher grades. Shift in the C isotope  
170 compositions of the two subducting C reservoirs would obviously have implications for the  
171 application of the three-component mixing model of Sano and Marty (1995). Yet unknown are  
172 the relative degrees of C release from each of these reservoirs during the devolatilization and  
173 partial melting beneath arcs at the subduction interface and in subducting slabs.

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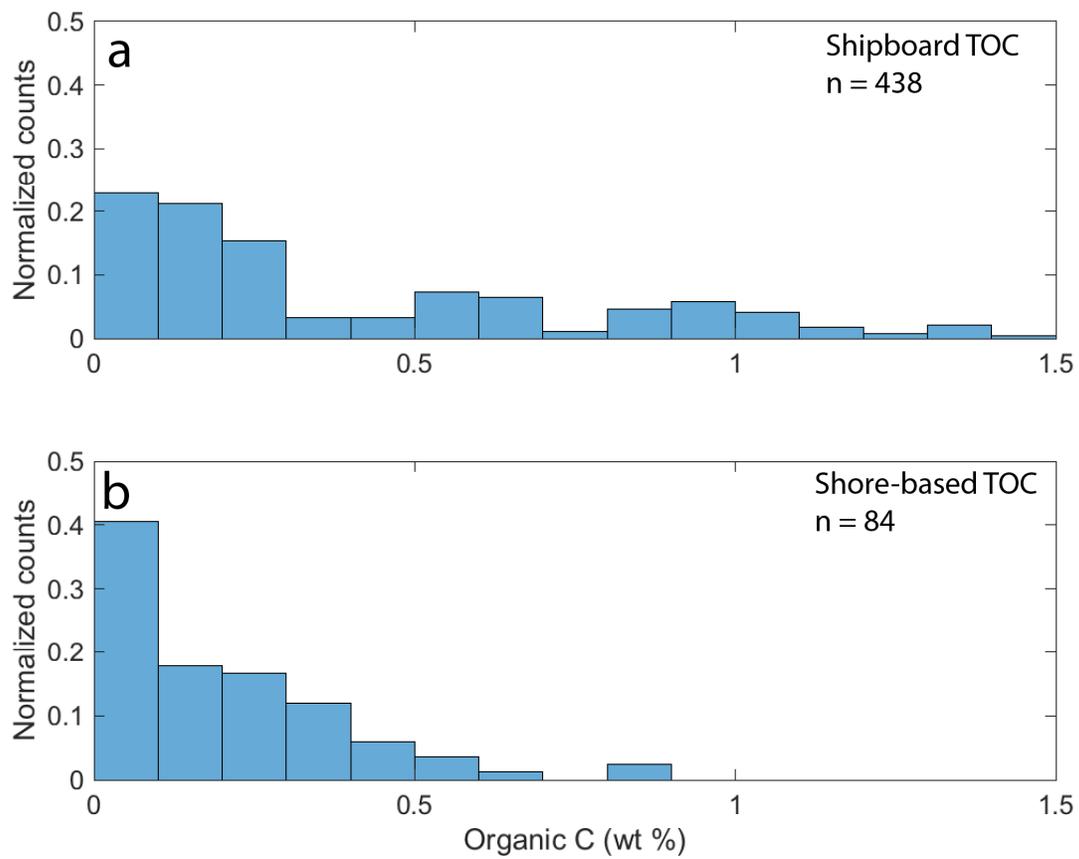
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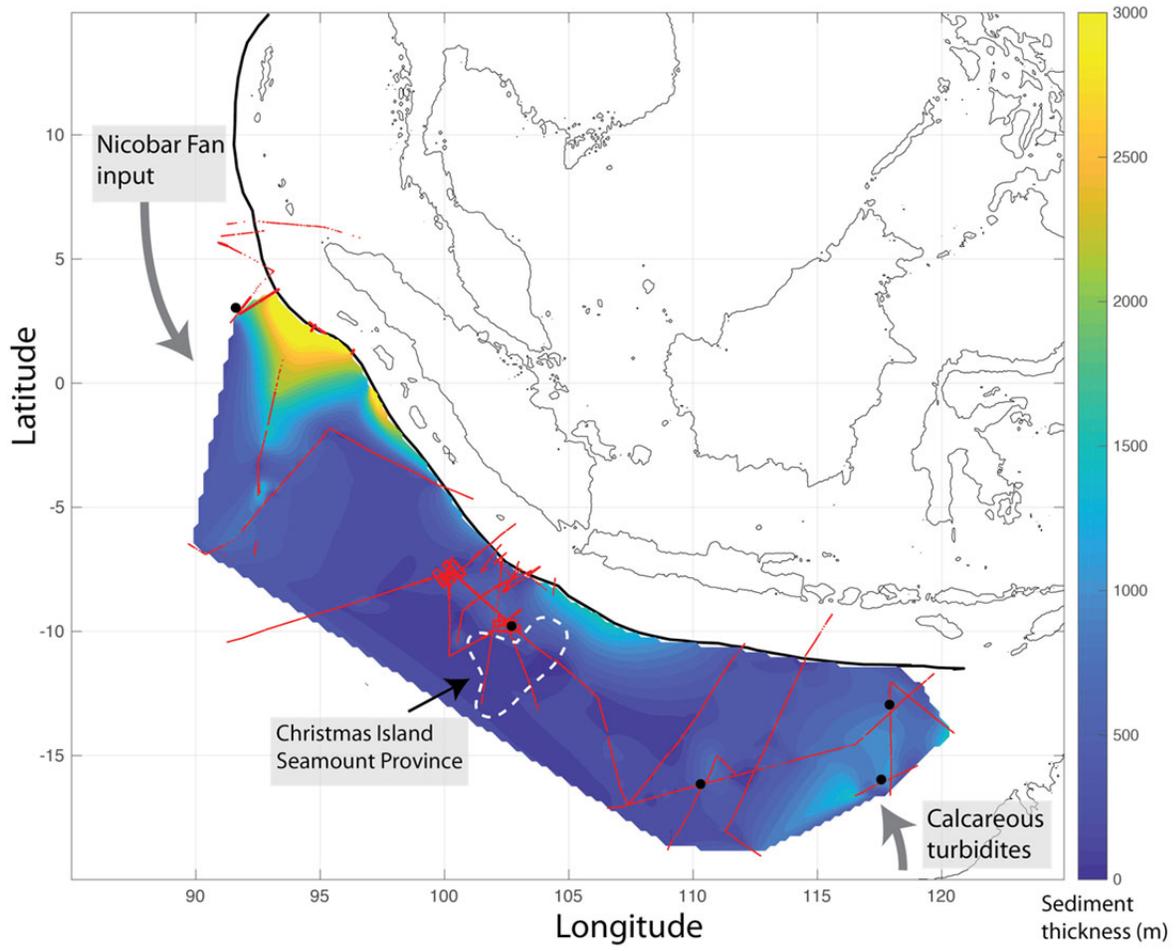
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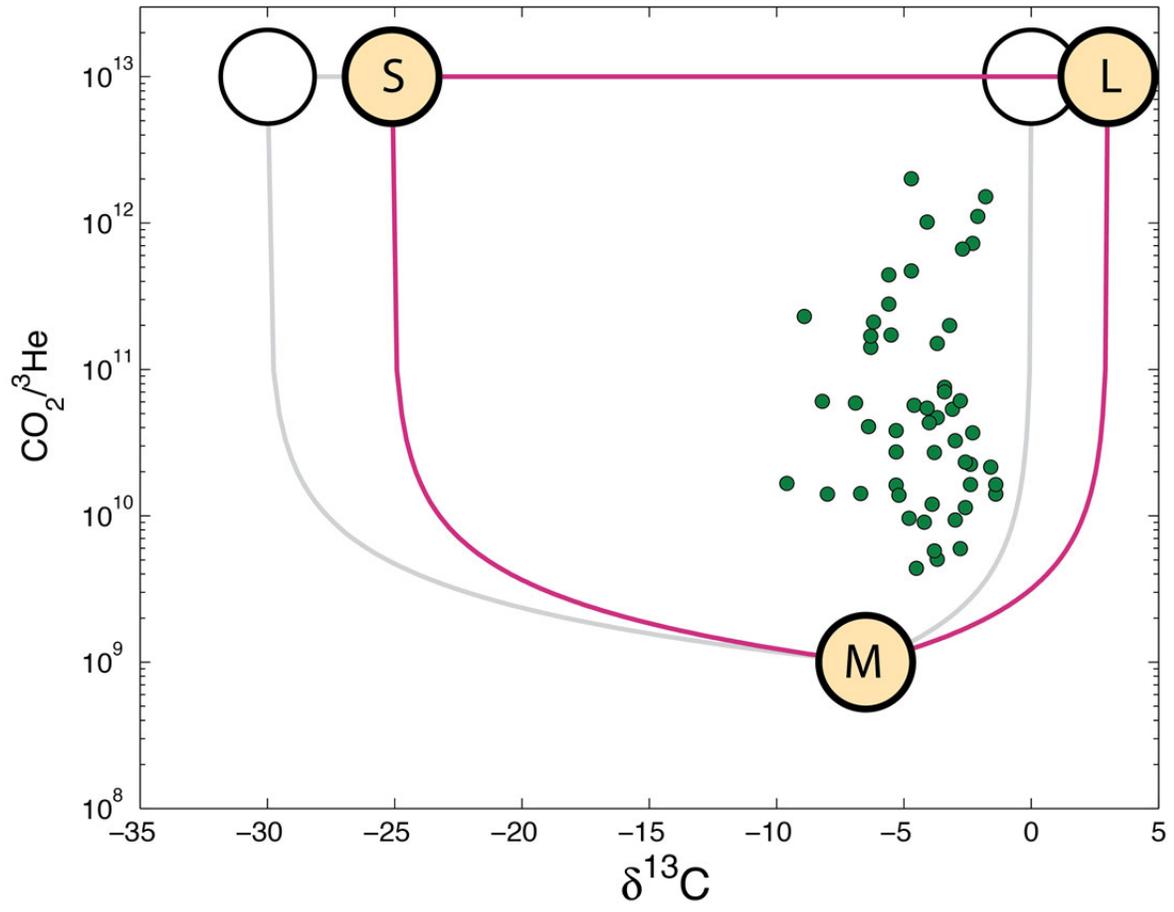
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279 Figure DR1. Histograms showing distributions of shipboard (a) and shore-based (b) Total  
280 Organic Carbon (TOC) measurements generated for this study from DSDP 211, 213, 260, 261,  
281 262 and ODP 765. Normalized counts represent the fraction of samples that fall within a given  
282 range of TOC values. Shipboard values are calculated as the difference between total C,  
283 measured by combustion elemental analysis, and carbonate C, measured by coulometry whereas  
284 shore-based values represent direct measurements of TOC following acidification to remove  
285 carbonate phases. While we were not able to analyze splits of precisely the same samples used  
286 for shipboard analyses, the pronounced difference in the distributions and number of data points  
287 strongly suggests that shipboard analyses overestimate the true TOC. Indeed, we were unable to  
288 reproduce TOC values over 0.86 wt% C with shore-based analyses.

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290 Figure DR2. Model of overall sediment thickness model based on seismic picks (small red  
291 points) of seafloor and acoustic basement depth. Points outside the interpolated region represent  
292 regions where acoustic basement was not reliably imaged and picks could only be made to  
293 constrain unit thicknesses. Black points indicate the DSDP/ODP/IODP sites that are labeled in  
294 Fig. 1. The color scale saturates at 3 km sediment thickness. Material from the Nicobar Fan (to  
295 the northwest) and calcareous turbidites from the Australian margin (to the southeast) are  
296 separated by the Christmas Island Seamount Province.

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299 Figure DR3. The three-endmember mixing model of Sano and Marty (1995) can be used to infer  
300 the provenance of volcanic CO<sub>2</sub> from measured  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  and CO<sub>2</sub>/<sup>3</sup>He ratios in volcanic gases  
301 (Halldórsson et al., 2013; Varekamp et al., 1992). Solving a set of linear equations for the  
302 fraction of CO<sub>2</sub> from sedimentary carbonate (termed “limestone” in the original reference and  
303 represented the L endmember), organic C (termed “sedimentary” and denoted by S), and mantle  
304 wedge (M) sources. Open, unshaded circles represent global averages for the S and L  
305 endmembers that were used previously, and yellow circles represent values measured for this  
306 study. The CO<sub>2</sub>/<sup>3</sup>He ratio of the mantle wedge is inferred from measurements of Mid-Ocean  
307 Ridge Basalt (MORB), but whether these values accurately represent the mantle wedge  
308 composition is unclear. For some volcanoes, the results of this mixing model are exceedingly  
309 sensitive to the exact CO<sub>2</sub>/<sup>3</sup>He used.

**Table DR1. Concentrations and isotopic compositions of carbonate and organic C**

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