



21 **Abstract**

22 Large igneous province volcanic activity during the mid-Cretaceous approximately 94.5 million years  
23 ago triggered a global-scale episode of reduced marine oxygen levels known as Oceanic Anoxic Event  
24 2. It has been hypothesized that this geologically rapid degassing of volcanic carbon dioxide altered  
25 seawater carbonate chemistry, affecting marine ecosystems, geochemical cycles, and sedimentation.  
26 Here, we report on two sites drilled by the International Ocean Discovery Program offshore of  
27 southwest Australia that exhibit clear evidence for suppressed pelagic carbonate sedimentation in the  
28 form of a stratigraphic interval barren of carbonate, recording ocean acidification during the event. We  
29 then use the osmium isotopic composition of bulk sediments to directly link this protracted ~600-  
30 kiloyear shoaling of the marine calcite compensation depth to the onset of volcanic activity. This  
31 decrease in marine pH was prolonged by biogeochemical feedbacks in highly productive regions that  
32 elevated heterotrophic respiration of carbon dioxide to the water column. A compilation of mid-  
33 Cretaceous marine stratigraphic records reveals a contemporaneous decrease of sedimentary carbonate  
34 content at continental slope sites globally. Thus, we contend that changes in marine carbonate  
35 chemistry are a primary ecological stress and important consequence of rapid emission of carbon  
36 dioxide during many large igneous province eruptions in the geologic past.

37 **Main Text**38 **Introduction**

39 Episodes of ocean acidification in Earth history provide context for predicting the future consequences  
40 of anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Potential geologic acidification events have been identified during the  
41 Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM), end-Permian mass extinction, Triassic-Jurassic  
42 boundary, and Mesozoic oceanic anoxic events<sup>1-5</sup>. However, some geologic episodes of prolific  
43 volcanic CO<sub>2</sub> release may have occurred too slowly to significantly decrease marine pH<sup>6</sup> given that  
44 emission rates must outpace fluxes of alkalinity from silicate weathering and seafloor carbonate  
45 dissolution, which buffer ocean carbonate chemistry on timescales of 10's of kiloyears. Therefore,  
46 precisely resolved stratigraphic records are key to assessing candidate ocean acidification events. Here,  
47 we evaluate the long-standing hypothesis that ocean acidification accompanied the mid-Cretaceous  
48 Oceanic Anoxic Event 2 (OAE2, ~94 Ma), ultimately resulting in turnover of marine fauna and altered  
49 marine geochemical cycles<sup>7-9</sup>.

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51 Ocean acidification's first order effects on marine carbonate chemistry are well understood due to the  
52 relationship between pH, alkalinity, carbonate speciation, and carbonate mineral saturation states  
53 ( $\Omega_{\text{mineral}}$ )<sup>10</sup>. However, erosive carbonate dissolution and sediment burndown commonly occur during  
54 ocean acidification events, obscuring direct chemostratigraphic proxy records of changes in  $\Omega$  and  
55 pH<sup>5,11</sup>. The stratigraphic record does, however, robustly preserve an alternative marker of ocean  
56 acidification in the form of the calcite compensation depth (CCD) – the depth below which pelagic  
57 sediments contain low carbonate contents (<20 wt.%) due to calcite undersaturation and dissolution in  
58 colder CO<sub>2</sub>-rich bottom waters. Rapid addition of CO<sub>2</sub> to the marine realm decreases calcite saturation  
59 and forces the CCD to shallow, as is occurring in the modern ocean due to uptake of anthropogenic

60 CO<sub>2</sub><sup>12</sup>. Thus, paleoacidification events may be identified from punctuated carbonate-barren intervals in  
61 pelagic marine strata<sup>1,10,13</sup>.

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63 During OAE2, widespread anoxia and euxinia in marine bottom waters led to the deposition of black  
64 shales in many, though not all, marine basins globally<sup>14,15</sup>. The organic carbon burial event is defined in  
65 stratigraphic records by a positive carbon isotope excursion lasting at least 600 kiloyears across the  
66 Cenomanian-Turonian stage boundary<sup>16,17</sup>. A volcanic trigger for OAE2 is suggested by increased  
67 contents of volcanogenic elements in marine sediments, and isotopic excursions indicate enhanced  
68 activity from large igneous provinces (LIPs) emplaced around the time of the event, such as the  
69 Caribbean and/or High Arctic LIPs<sup>7,18</sup> (**Fig. 1a**). Particularly strong evidence for this trigger is a shift to  
70 unradiogenic (i.e., mantle-like juvenile volcanic) initial osmium isotope ratios (Os<sub>i</sub>) in sediments at  
71 many marine sites tens of thousands of years prior to the beginning of OAE2<sup>17,19,20</sup>. Kerr (1998)  
72 hypothesized that the Caribbean LIP could have influenced marine carbonate chemistry based on the  
73 volume of basalts emplaced ( $\sim 4 \times 10^6$  km<sup>3</sup>) and a recent estimate of the total CO<sub>2</sub> degassed during OAE2  
74 ranges from 14,000 to 46,000 Pg of carbon<sup>21</sup>. Additionally, pioneering sedimentological observations  
75 of deep-sea cores through the OAE2 interval also noted carbonate barren intervals at many pelagic  
76 sites, portending a shallowed CCD<sup>22-25</sup>. Although OAE2 has been implicated in general considerations  
77 of acidification through geologic time<sup>4,8</sup>, only one recent Ca isotope study has offered direct  
78 geochemical evidence for altered calcite saturation states during OAE2<sup>9</sup>. To comprehensively test the  
79 OAE2-ocean acidification hypothesis, here we report osmium geochemical proxy evidence for the  
80 timing and magnitude of LIP volcanic activity in relation to changes in the CCD preserved in sediment  
81 cores from the Mentelle Basin offshore southwest Australia. These osmium data are combined with a

82 compilation of carbonate content records from marine sites to resolve global trends in the CCD during  
83 OAE2.

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85 **CCD shoaling in the Mentelle Basin.** Expedition 369 of the International Ocean Discovery Program  
86 (IODP) cored two relatively conformable pelagic successions of OAE2 at Sites U1513 and U1516 in  
87 the Mentelle Basin in 2017<sup>26,27</sup> (**Fig. 1a, Extended Data Fig. 1**). At the time of OAE2, these sites were  
88 located at ~60°S in the southeastern Tethys Ocean on the subsiding eastern flank of the Naturaliste  
89 Plateau at an estimated water depth of ~1100 m<sup>28</sup>. At Site U1516, changing carbonate content<sup>26</sup> and Ca  
90 XRF core scanning data reveal a shoaling of the CCD between 471.0-467.3 m rCCSF (revised core  
91 composite depth below sea floor) (**Fig. 2**). This 3.7 m thick darker and carbonate-free stratigraphic  
92 interval corresponds to much of the encompassing OAE2 interval as constrained by microfossil  
93 biostratigraphy and bulk carbonate carbon isotope ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ ) chemostratigraphy<sup>27</sup>. The absence of  
94 carbonate minerals means some details of the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$  excursion (CIE) through the event are not  
95 preserved. However, the base and termination of the event's CIE are apparent in the bracketing  
96 carbonate-bearing intervals (**Extended Data Fig. 2**). Based on a floating orbital timescale derived from  
97 bandpass filtering of Fe XRF core scanning data, the duration of the carbonate compensation event is  
98 approximately six short eccentricity cycles, or ~600 kiloyears, which approaches the total duration of  
99 the OAE2 CIE at Site U1516 of approximately seven short eccentricity cycles, or ~700 kiloyears [see  
100 Methods and **Extended Data Figs. 3-4**].

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102 Extremely unradiogenic  $\text{Os}_i$  values (<0.2) and high  $^{192}\text{Os}$  contents in strata across the base of the OAE2  
103 interval at Site U1516 provide evidence for volcanic activity (**Fig. 2**). The main unradiogenic  $\text{Os}_i$   
104 excursion (to juvenile volcanic end-member values) and spike in  $^{192}\text{Os}$  contents to ~1,800 parts per

105 trillion at Site U1516 both culminate between 471-470 m rCCSF, marking major LIP volcanic activity  
106 associated with the onset of OAE2 (**Fig. 2**). This timing is notable because the initial shoaling of the  
107 CCD in the Mentelle Basin directly coincides with the geologically rapid intensification of LIP  
108 volcanism (**Fig. 3**). Based on inverse modeling of the  $Os_i$  and  $^{192}Os$  profiles, the LIP Os flux to the  
109 marine reservoir exceeded pre-event baseline mantle/volcanic fluxes by at least 30x during peak  
110 intensity and lasting at least 60 kiloyears through the onset of OAE2 [see Methods and **Extended Data**  
111 **Tables 1-2**]. If continental weathering fluxes increased as much as 80% during OAE2 as has been  
112 suggested recently<sup>29</sup>, the additional radiogenic osmium flux would necessitate an even greater LIP  
113 volcanic Os flux approaching 50x baseline levels to recreate the trends in observed  $Os_i$  curves  
114 (**Extended Data Fig. 5**). Combined, these observations link the emission of volcanically derived  $CO_2$   
115 to the initial shoaling of the CCD at Site U1516 and ocean acidification during OAE2.

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117 More radiogenic (higher)  $Os_i$  datapoints and low  $^{192}Os$  contents occur above 469.6 m rCCSF at Site  
118 U1516, signaling a waning of LIP volcanic activity in the upper interval of OAE2 roughly  $180 \pm 60$   
119 kiloyears after the start of the event (**Figs. 2-3**). Five unradiogenic  $Os_i$  datapoints are intermittently  
120 present in this interval (469.4-466.0 m rCCSF) and could possibly represent punctuated renewed LIP  
121 eruptions. However, this seems unlikely as the horizons do not record concomitant spikes in  $^{192}Os$   
122 contents and no previously published marine  $Os_i$  chemostratigraphic records ( $n > 15$ ) document global-  
123 scale LIP volcanic activity in the upper OAE2 or post-OAE2 intervals<sup>17,19,20,30</sup> (**Extended Data Fig. 2**).  
124 Thus, it seems more likely these upper unradiogenic  $Os_i$  points reflect either seafloor reworking of  
125 continental slope sediments or record a localized source of volcanic activity, such as the Kerguelen  
126 Plateau, with a smaller Os flux that did not mix on a global scale<sup>31</sup>.

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128 **Global carbonate sedimentation during OAE2.** Trends in marine carbonate sedimentation during  
129 OAE2 from a global compilation fall into several categories (**Fig. 1b**). Eight sites from abyssal,  
130 continental rise, or lower continental slope settings preserve less than 20 wt.% CaCO<sub>3</sub> before, during,  
131 and after the OAE2 interval, indicating they remained consistently below or near the CCD. Thirteen  
132 sites almost exclusively from epicontinental seas preserve 40-95% CaCO<sub>3</sub> prior to and during OAE2  
133 and are therefore interpreted to have remained consistently above the CCD. Of those sites, seven record  
134 increases in carbonate content during OAE2. Finally and notably, carbonate contents at thirteen sites  
135 mainly from continental slope settings decrease to sub-CCD wt.% CaCO<sub>3</sub> values during OAE2  
136 indicating a pronounced shoaling of the CCD in multiple basins globally. The OAE2 interval is  
137 relatively condensed at a majority of these shoaled pelagic sites, reflecting reduced carbonate  
138 accumulation<sup>32</sup>.

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140 **Ocean Acidification during OAE2.** The observations from our osmium and compiled  
141 sedimentological data for OAE2 suggest that ocean acidification was an additional fundamental  
142 paleoceanographic response to this episode of LIP volcanism. Acidification resulted in a shoaling of the  
143 CCD recorded at continental slope sites globally. In shallower settings through OAE2 though,  
144 carbonate deposition progressed and many carbonate platforms persisted<sup>33</sup> despite partial drowning  
145 and stress from nutrient loading<sup>34</sup> (**Fig. 1b**). Increases in carbonate content were particularly substantial  
146 in epicontinental seaways like the North American Western Interior Seaway, where a pronounced  
147 global transgression decreased the relative contribution of siliciclastic sedimentation<sup>35</sup> (**Fig. 1a**). Arthur  
148 et al. (1987) attributed carbonate barren deep sea intervals during OAE2 to a shift in carbonate  
149 sedimentation from the pelagic realm to the vastly expanded epicontinental seaways. Models invoking  
150 sea level rise have successfully recreated prolonged shifts in the CCD through the Middle Eocene

151 Climatic Optimum “MECO”, a rare geologic example of a long-lasting (~500 kiloyears) carbonate  
152 compensation event similar to OAE2<sup>36</sup>. Increased shallow marine calcification and consequent  
153 decreased alkalinity would have worked in concert with LIP CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to promote shoaling of the  
154 CCD during OAE2 in slope marine settings like Site U1516.

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156 The ~600-kiloyear shoaling of the CCD observed during OAE2 at Site U1516 is much longer than  
157 predictions of conventional models for marine carbonate chemistry tailored to other geological episodes  
158 of voluminous CO<sub>2</sub> release<sup>4</sup>. During the PETM for example, the delivery of alkalinity from seafloor  
159 carbonate dissolution and silicate weathering ends surface ocean acidification events within 10s of  
160 kiloyears<sup>4</sup>. To reconcile model results and observational data for OAE2, we hypothesize that the  
161 remineralization of ample organic carbon sinking from highly productive surface waters produced a  
162 significant flux of dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> to marine bottom waters. In the lower OAE2 interval at Site U1516,  
163 geochemical proxies—such as biogenic Si<sup>37</sup> and Si enrichment factor (Si<sub>IEF</sub>) values—increase near three  
164 thin laminated black shale beds (4-12 cm-thick beds labeled “a” ”b” ”c” in **Fig. 2**), indicating  
165 intermittently enhanced primary productivity. In the upper OAE2 interval, more sustained increases in  
166 biogenic silica<sup>37</sup>, Si<sub>IEF</sub>, and Ba<sub>IEF</sub>, and abundant radiolaria<sup>27</sup>, indicate consistently higher productivity  
167 levels, which would have led to higher heterotrophic respiration rates and increased dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> in  
168 the water column as has been noted previously at OAE2 sites with high total organic carbon (TOC)<sup>38,39</sup>.

169 An intense CO<sub>2</sub> flux from LIP volcanism appears to have triggered ocean acidification, but marine  
170 biogeochemical feedbacks that enhanced primary productivity appear to have sustained a shallower  
171 CCD for hundreds of kiloyears during OAE2. Differences between model and observation may also  
172 reflect that models employ a combination of burndown and continental chemical weathering (chemical  
173 compensation) as the dampening mechanism to ocean acidification, whereas Ca isotope data for OAE2<sup>9</sup>



174 and for the older OAE1a<sup>40</sup> point to additional influence from reduced carbonate production (biological  
175 compensation)<sup>41</sup>.

176 These marine biogeochemical factors, along with epicontinental carbonate deposition discussed above,  
177 would explain the longer duration CCD anomaly during OAE2 and possibly other OAEs<sup>2</sup>, especially in  
178 comparison to the PETM, an event without pervasive black shale deposition and a positive CIE<sup>1</sup>.

179 Notably, the Site U1516 carbonate record also exhibits a recovery of carbonate deposition following  
180 OAE2 (**Fig. 2**). This final deepening of the CCD was likely linked to the factors that ultimately  
181 terminated the event, such as alkalinity buildup from reduced carbonate production, increased  
182 continental weathering, and/or a decline in global primary productivity, as is observed locally at Site  
183 U1516 in waning biogenic silica and Ba<sub>EF</sub> values above ~467.3 m rCCSF.

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185 **Os flux relation with CO<sub>2</sub> release.** The relationship between an increasing flux of Os and the emission  
186 of CO<sub>2</sub> as LIP activity progressed is poorly constrained and to some degree depends upon the lithology  
187 of the intruded host rock<sup>42</sup>. However, if the volcanic Os and C fluxes scaled linearly, a >30x increase in  
188 CO<sub>2</sub> emission above background mantle/volcanic degassing rates would begin to approach modern  
189 anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emission rates, which are ~80-270x above background volcanic fluxes and are  
190 rapidly altering marine carbonate chemistry<sup>12,43</sup>. In the mid-Cretaceous, a scenario of even lower CO<sub>2</sub>  
191 release, though of similar order of magnitude and rate, would have strongly affected ocean chemistry  
192 due to lower carbonate ion concentrations<sup>10</sup>, and would have likely decreased pH and carbonate mineral  
193 saturation, as is inferred from Ca isotope records<sup>9</sup> and the shoaled CCD.

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195 Typically, negative CIEs occur during candidate ocean acidification events in the geologic record (e.g.,  
196 PETM or OAE1a) due to the release of CO<sub>2</sub> with low  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values from volcanogenic carbon reservoirs  
197 ( $\sim$ -5‰ PDB or biogenic ( $<$ -20‰ PDB - Peedee Belemnite scale))<sup>1,44</sup>. Near the onset of OAE2, some  
198 sites record a negative CIE, possibly reflecting the emission of CO<sub>2</sub> that shoaled the CCD during the  
199 event<sup>18,21</sup>. These records are somewhat rare though and could alternatively be explained by local  
200 environmental changes in depositional settings that also influence  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values. Somewhat puzzlingly  
201 and despite exhibiting a shoaling of the CCD and one of the most severe volcanogenic O<sub>2</sub> excursions  
202 of the Phanerozoic, OAE2 is dominantly characterized by a positive CIE<sup>25</sup>. Recently, Mason et al.  
203 (2017)<sup>45</sup> showed that volatile-rich volcanic settings which assimilate crustal carbonate also release CO<sub>2</sub>  
204 with high  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values ( $\sim$  -1‰ PDB). Thus, if the volcanism associated with OAE2 erupted in a  
205 carbonate-rich setting like the Caribbean (**Fig. 1a**), we hypothesize that CO<sub>2</sub> would have been released  
206 from an isotopically heavy pool of C, generating the observed carbonate compensation event  
207 independent of a pronounced negative CIE.

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209 **Biotic effects of acidification.** Marine deoxygenation is hypothesized to have accelerated marine  
210 macro- and micro-faunal turnover rates during OAE2<sup>46,47</sup>. Suppressed calcite and aragonite saturation  
211 states due to LIP volcanism would also have been a compounding stressor to marine ecosystems.  
212 Laboratory studies of modern calcifying organisms record significant declines in calcification rates at  
213  $\Omega_{\text{aragonite}}$  less than three<sup>48</sup>. Such conditions, where surface waters were not undersaturated and would not  
214 experience outright dissolution, but where  $\Omega$  had declined, are consistent with the epicontinental  
215 carbonate sedimentation trends of OAE2. Biotic indicators of ocean acidification, such as dwarfing,  
216 thinning, and fragmentation of foraminifera and calcareous nannofossils, occur strikingly during the  
217 PETM<sup>11</sup>. Some, but not all, of these features occur during OAE2, in particular, the dwarfing of calcitic

218 microfossils<sup>49,50</sup>, which correlates with Ca isotope evidence for reduced precipitation rates<sup>51</sup>. These  
219 morphological shifts, along with the extinction of the deep-dwelling, keeled foraminifera *Rotalipora*  
220 *cushmani* early in OAE2, are consistent with a scenario of LIP volcanic CO<sub>2</sub> emission, decreased  $\Omega$ ,  
221 global warming, and biotic extinctions<sup>52</sup>. Similarly, records of demise in the mid-Cretaceous rudist  
222 reefs<sup>53</sup> along with turnover of aragonitic ammonite<sup>46</sup> and calcitic microfossil<sup>47</sup> taxa may in part record  
223 selection following changes in marine carbonate chemistry during OAE2.

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225 **Implications and unresolved aspects of mid-Cretaceous ocean acidification.** In summary, osmium  
226 chemostratigraphic data and compiled sedimentological observations of carbonate content from OAE2  
227 indicate that CO<sub>2</sub> emitted from intense LIP volcanic activity triggered a shoaling of the CCD, which  
228 was likely prolonged by subsequent marine biogeochemical feedbacks and sea level transgression. We  
229 conclude that ocean acidification represented a notable component of environmental deterioration  
230 during OAE2, and perhaps other Mesozoic OAEs, with volcanogenic and biogeochemical fluxes of C  
231 to the global ocean that exceeded thresholds for buffering from silicate weathering. In particular, these  
232 results raise questions about the temporal relation between shifts in surface water carbonate chemistry  
233 and longer duration changes in the CCD during LIP episodes in Earth history. More quantitative depth  
234 constraints on the shift of the CCD during OAE2 may help refine the total mass of pelagic carbonate  
235 dissolved and, in turn, the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted from LIP sources. However, the relative roles of  
236 dissolution versus lower calcification rates<sup>40</sup> in driving the CCD shallower during OAEs must still be  
237 quantitatively discerned. As to the source of the CO<sub>2</sub>, observations of carbon isotope profiles may  
238 fingerprint which volcanic province or provinces were linked to the event, yet the geochronology and  
239 eruptive tempo of many mid-Cretaceous LIPs is still coarsely resolved<sup>54</sup> compared with LIPs from  
240 other intensely studied intervals, such as the Deccan Traps at the Cretaceous-Paleogene Boundary<sup>55</sup>. In-

241 situ verification of the precise setting and timing of volcanic flows associated with ocean acidification  
242 during OAE2 remains a grand challenge in paleoceanography.

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244 These deep-time findings highlight the role that marine nutrient loading, along with elevated  
245 productivity and subsequent anoxia, play in exacerbating and prolonging carbonate mineral  
246 undersaturation in marine settings. Continued study of how benthic and planktic communities  
247 responded to a decrease in calcite saturation state during OAE2 should provide predictive insights into  
248 the vulnerabilities and resiliencies of modern ecosystems as marine pH continues to decline. Additional  
249 investigations employing existing ocean acidification-sensitive isotope proxies, such as B<sup>4</sup>, and  
250 emerging ones, including Ca<sup>9</sup> and stable Sr<sup>40</sup>, may further critically test for surface water fluctuations in  
251 pH, calcite/aragonite saturation, and calcification stress.

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## 270 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

271 **Figure 1:** A – Late Cretaceous paleomap of sites compiled for carbonate sedimentation through  
272 Oceanic Anoxic Event 2 (OAE2). See **Extended Data Table 3** for data sources. Marker colors  
273 correspond to paleobathymetric setting and red rings denote sites where a shoaling of the calcite  
274 compensation depth (CCD) is observed. Yellow star denotes IODP Site U1516. Purple regions  
275 represent Caribbean (CLIP), High Arctic (HALIP), and Kerguelen (KLIP) large igneous provinces.  
276 Map adapted from<sup>20</sup>. WIS – Western Interior Seaway. B – A global compilation of trends in  
277 sedimentary carbonate contents (wt.%) prior to and during Oceanic Anoxic Event 2 (OAE2). Text color  
278 corresponds to paleobathymetric setting. Sites with a precipitous decrease in carbonate during the event  
279 record a shoaling CCD (bottom center). Shallow water sites (bottom right) remained above the CCD  
280 throughout OAE2 with some increasing in carbonate contents in contrast to deeper water sites (see text  
281 for discussion).

282 **Figure 2:** Chemostratigraphy and core photos of the Oceanic Anoxic Event 2 (OAE2) interval at IODP  
283 Site U1516 (eastern Indian Ocean). LIP volcanism is recorded by a decrease in initial osmium isotope  
284 ratios (Os<sub>i</sub>; red, panel D) and spike in <sup>192</sup>Os contents (ppt=parts per trillion; purple, panel E) near the

285 base of OAE2. A positive carbonate carbon isotope ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{carb}}$ , panel C) excursion and nannofossil  
286 biostratigraphy<sup>27</sup> confirm this correlation (see **Extended Data Figure 4** for more details). A ~600-  
287 kiloyear shoaling of the calcite compensation depth (CCD) is preserved by the near-complete absence  
288 of carbonate minerals from ~471-467.3 m rCCSF (revised core composite depth below sea floor) based  
289 on shipboard carbonate content data<sup>26</sup> (black dots –panel A) and Ca 10 kV XRF scanning data (blue,  
290 panel A). XRF scanning data plotted from cores 3R-5R in Hole D. The bandpass filter of Fe 10 kV  
291 XRF scanning data records the short eccentricity orbital cycle of ~100 kyr and forms a floating  
292 timescale (panel B). Elemental proxies at right ( $\text{Si}_{(\text{EF})}$  - silicon enrichment factors, panel F; biogenic Si  
293 – biogenic silica<sup>37</sup>, panel F;  $\text{Ba}_{(\text{EF})}$  - barium enrichment factor, panel G) show evidence for increased  
294 productivity during OAE2, especially in the upper interval of the event. Together, these data are  
295 consistent with a volcanic trigger for ocean acidification and the shoaling of the CCD, which was  
296 prolonged by elevated productivity during OAE2.

297 **Figure 3.** Inverse modeling results of large igneous province (LIP) volcanic activity during Oceanic  
298 Anoxic Event 2 (OAE2; gray shading) based on  $\text{Os}_i$  (red) and  $^{192}\text{Os}$  (purple) data from IODP Site  
299 U1516 (circles, panel B). At peak intensity in the OAE2 onset interval, input fluxes of Os from LIP  
300 sources (panel A) must be >30 times greater than the global background level of the mid-Cretaceous  
301 mantle/volcanic Os flux. The Site U1516  $\text{Os}_i$  record is consistent with smaller, yet still significant  
302 volcanic activity preceding OAE2 by several hundred kiloyears (kyr). Also plotted is a coeval Os time-  
303 series from the Angus Core in the Western Interior Basin of North America<sup>17</sup> (triangles) for a shallow  
304 marine comparison (panel B). See Methods for full modeling details.

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## 441 **Methods**

## 442 **Astrochronologic time scale construction**

443 The Cenomanian–Turonian sediments at IODP Site U1516 display a rhythmic banding pattern of dark  
444 and light lithologies (see Core Photos) that is particularly well expressed around 477 m<sup>26</sup>. Here, the  
445 darker bands occur at a scale of ~20 cm, and vary in darkness on a scale of 80 cm to 1 m. This may  
446 reflect the influence of eccentricity-modulated precession, with individual (~20 cm scale) alternations  
447 corresponding to precession cycles and the bundling corresponding to the influence of the short  
448 eccentricity (~100 kyr) cycle.

449 REDFIT power spectra<sup>56</sup> of the Fe core-scanning XRF data of three stratigraphic intervals (the  
450 carbonate-free interval and the intervals above and below) confirm the detection of these periodicities  
451 **(Extended Data Figure 3)**. Additionally, they exhibit a decrease in sedimentation rate over the  
452 carbonate-free interval attributed to the shoaling of the CCD. Dominant periodicities were extracted by  
453 band-pass filtering in AnalySeries<sup>57</sup>, with a frequency of 1.24 cycles/m and a bandwidth of 0.41 for the  
454 intervals above and below the carbonate-free interval, and with a frequency of 1.90 cycles/m and a  
455 bandwidth of 0.63 for the carbonate-free interval.

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## 457 **Osmium isotope modeling of volcanic activity**

458 *Principles:* To quantitatively assess the magnitude and rate of LIP volcanic activity during OAE2, we  
459 implemented an osmium isotope box model following the approach of Tejada et al. (2009)<sup>58</sup>. The  
460 marine Os isotopic reservoir is highly sensitive to changes in unradiogenic volcanic fluxes ( $^{187/188}\text{Os} =$   
461  $0.126$ ) relative to radiogenic fluxes of continental weathering ( $^{187/188}\text{Os} = \sim 1.4$ , global average)<sup>59</sup>.

462 Moreover, the marine osmium reservoir has a short residence time (10's of kyr) and was relatively  
 463 well-mixed during Mesozoic OAEs. As a result, the Os<sub>i</sub> chemostratigraphic records of OAE2 from  
 464 marine sites globally exhibit rapid perturbations from mantle-sourced Os originating from  
 465 LIPs<sup>17,19,20,30,60-62</sup>.

466 We use a simple inverse model to reconstruct the first-order trends in the OAE2 Os<sub>i</sub> excursion and  
 467 <sup>192</sup>Os concentration time-series at IODP Site U1516 (Figure 3). The Site U1516 Os<sub>i</sub> and <sup>192</sup>Os time-  
 468 series were generated from the site's short-eccentricity bandpass astronomical time scale, using the  
 469 'tune' function in R-package 'Astrochron'<sup>63</sup>. In addition we plot the densely sampled, conformable,  
 470 and astronomically-tuned Os time series from the Angus Core in the Western Interior Seaway of North  
 471 America<sup>17</sup> for comparison. Model calculations were performed using MATLAB and R scripts available  
 472 upon request.

473 *Parameterization:* The box model calculates the mass ( $M_o$ ) and isotopic composition ( $R_o$ ) of the Late  
 474 Cretaceous global oceanic osmium reservoir through OAE2 based on input and output fluxes of Os  
 475 with different isotopic compositions, represented in the following equations:

$$476 \quad dM_o = F_{riv} + F_{mantle} + F_{cosmic} + F_{LIP} - F_{sed}$$

$$477 \quad dR_o = \frac{[(F_{riv}*(R_{riv}-R_o))+(F_{mantle}*(R_{mantle}-R_o))+(F_{LIP}*(R_{LIP}-R_o))+(F_{cosmic}*(R_{cosmic}-R_o))]}{M_o}$$

478 Guided by values in<sup>58</sup>, the model establishes background input of Os to the ocean from fluxes of  
 479 unradiogenic cosmic ( $F_{cosmic}$ ), unradiogenic volcanic/mantle ( $F_{mantle}$ ), and radiogenic continental  
 480 weathering/riverine ( $F_{riv}$ ), along with an output sedimentary flux ( $F_{sed}$ ) (**Extended Data Table 1**).  
 481 Osmium isotopic compositions are from<sup>64</sup>. To reconstruct the pre-OAE2 Os<sub>i</sub> steady-state value of  
 482 ~0.75 at Site U1516 in the mid-Cretaceous,  $F_{mantle}$  is set at 352 tonnes/kyr (15% less than<sup>58</sup> and  $F_{riv}$  is

483 set at 339 tonnes/kyr (15% higher than Tejada et al., 2009<sup>58</sup>). Given likely changes in marine Os  
484 cycling between the modeled Early Cretaceous data<sup>58</sup> and the Late Cretaceous data modeled in this  
485 study, the minor offsets of our flux values with those in Tejada et al. (2009)<sup>58</sup> are considered  
486 reasonable. The model runs for 3000 kyr at a step of 1 kyr. For the purpose of comparing the model  
487 results to the measured sedimentary  $Os_i$  datasets, time zero ( $t=0$ ) is aligned to the datapoint in each  
488 chemostratigraphic record that is prior to the earliest extremely unradiogenic  $Os_i$  value ( $Os_i < 0.3$ )  
489 indicative of intense LIP activity. The model is permitted to run for several hundred kiloyears prior to  
490 the oldest measured Os datapoint to reach a steady state.

491 *Large igneous province perturbation:* The model also incorporates a perturbation flux representing the  
492 flux of unradiogenic Os to the global ocean from LIP volcanic activity ( $F_{LIP}$ ) during OAE2, presumably  
493 from a submarine setting. In an inverse approach and holding all background Os input fluxes constant  
494 ( $F_{riv}$ ,  $F_{mantle}$ ,  $F_{cosmic}$ ), the  $F_{LIP}$  was iteratively adjusted at 11 control points through time to generate a  
495 marine  $^{187/188}Os$  composition that approximated the general trends in U1516 Os time-series (Fig. 3;  
496 **Extended Data Table 2**).  $F_{LIP}$  values were linearly interpolated between these control points using the  
497 ‘interp1’ function in MATLAB to create a continuous perturbation scenario, varying through time.  
498 Highly unradiogenic  $Os_i$  datapoints in the upper OAE2 to post-OAE2 intervals at Site U1516 were  
499 interpreted as likely unrepresentative of a globally correlative increase in  $F_{LIP}$  for several reasons (see  
500 main text). Therefore, iterative modeling of LIP volcanic activity did not attempt to recreate these  
501 anomalies.

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503 **Re-Os analytical methods**

504 Samples from IODP Site U1516 were analyzed for rhenium-osmium geochemistry (n=28; 463.00 –  
505 480.04 m rCCSF) to establish chemostratigraphic markers of LIP volcanic activity associated with  
506 OAE2. Sampling depth resolution ranged from 17-205 cm/sample spanning the Cenomanian-Turonian  
507 boundary stratigraphic interval, with higher sampling density in the OAE2 interval. Data are reported in  
508 **Supplementary Table 1.**

509 Prior to analysis at Durham University, samples were powdered in ceramic containers using high-purity  
510 crushing techniques at Northwestern University and the University of Michigan. The ceramic  
511 containers were cleaned using Ottawa sand, then washed and finally rinsed with ethanol. The prepared  
512 powders were analyzed in the Source Rock and Sulfide Geochronology and Geochemistry Laboratory  
513 at Durham University utilizing isotope dilution negative ion mass spectrometry<sup>65</sup>. In brief, sample  
514 powders (0.3–1.0 g) were spiked with a mixed <sup>185</sup>Re+<sup>190</sup>Os tracer solution and digested in sealed Carius  
515 tubes with 8 mL of 0.25 g/g CrO<sub>3</sub> in 4N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> for ~48 hours at 220°C, principally leaching  
516 hydrogenous Re and Os (i.e., carbonates and organic matter). The Os fraction was isolated and purified  
517 via chloroform extraction with back reduction into HBr and CrO<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>-HBr microdistillation. The Re  
518 fraction was isolated via NaOH-acetone extraction and anion chromatography. Isotopic ratios of  
519 samples and solution standards (Re STD and DROs) were measured on a Thermo Triton thermal  
520 ionization mass spectrometer (TIMS) in negative ionization mode in the Arthur Holmes Laboratory at  
521 Durham University. Running average values for <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os and <sup>187</sup>Re/<sup>185</sup>Re solution standards to the  
522 time of these analyses (10/2019) were 0.16094±0.00050 (1 σ; n = 700) and 0.59861±0.00159 (1 σ; n =  
523 506), respectively. Total procedural blanks during this study were 15.5 ± 3.5 pg and 0.08 ± 0.03 pg (1σ  
524 S.D., n = 3) for Re and Os, respectively, with an average <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os value of 0.21 ± 0.01 (n = 3).  
525 Present-day measured <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os values of samples were corrected to initial osmium ratios (Os<sub>i</sub>) by



526 accounting for post-depositional beta decay of  $^{187}\text{Re}$  ( $\lambda = 1.666 \times 10^{-11} \text{yr}^{-1}$ <sup>66</sup>) using an age of 94.0 Ma for  
527 the Cenomanian-Turonian stage boundary<sup>17</sup>.

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### 529 **XRF core scanning methods**

530 Split section halves of cores from Site U1516 were analyzed on two Avaatech X-ray fluorescence  
531 (XRF) scanners in the XRF Core Scanning Facility at the IODP Gulf Coast Repository in College  
532 Station, Texas in 2018. Section halves spanning the OAE2 stratigraphic interval were scanned from  
533 Hole C and Hole D (Cores 2R-5R). Emission of secondary fluoresced X-rays characteristic to a suite of  
534 elements were generated from scanning at excitation energy levels of 10, 30, and 50 kV. These scans  
535 measured chemostratigraphic records of semi-quantitative elemental concentrations in units of counts  
536 per second at a median depth sampling resolution of 1.5 cm. Counts of Ca, Fe, and Si are reported from  
537 the 10 kV scan (no filter, 0.160 mA). Counts of Ba are reported from the 50 kV scan (Cu filter, 0.75  
538 mA). Full details on XRF scanning methods are presented in Bogus et al. (2019)<sup>67</sup>. Processed scanning  
539 data can be accessed at the IODP online repository (<https://web.iodp.tamu.edu/LORE/>). We interpret  
540 Ca XRF scanning data to primarily reflect the relative carbonate mineral (calcite) contents of cores  
541 given its correlation with shipboard wt. percent carbonate content data (**Figure 2**).

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### 543 **Major and minor element analytical methods**

544 Prior to analysis, bulk-rock samples were powdered to  $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$  using a ring and puck mill at Sorbonne  
545 University's IStEP laboratory (Paris, France). Concentration of Si and Ba were determined respectively

546 with an ICP-OES (Thermo Fisher iCap 6500) and an ICP-MS (7700X Agilent) at the spectrochemical  
 547 laboratory of the Service d'Analyse des Roches et des Minéraux (SARM) of the Centre National de la  
 548 Recherche Scientifique (CNRS; Vandoeuvre-les-Nancy, France). Sample powder preparation consisted  
 549 of fusion with LiBO<sub>2</sub>, followed by acid digestion in HNO<sub>3</sub> (2%)<sup>68</sup>. Precision and accuracy are both  
 550 better than 1% for Si and 5% for Ba, respectively.

551 Sedimentary Si and Ba contents are considered paleoproductivity proxies in many marine settings<sup>37,69</sup>.  
 552 To account for the influence of carbonate non-deposition on elemental abundances during OAE2,  
 553 enrichment factors (EF) were calculated for the elements Si and Ba at Site U1516. For a given element  
 554 of interest, enrichment factors calculate the ratio of a sample's elemental content to its Al content and  
 555 normalize that ratio to a reference value, using the following equation<sup>69</sup>:

$$556 \quad EF = \frac{\left(\frac{element}{Al}\right)_{sample}}{\left(\frac{element}{Al}\right)_{average\ shale}}$$

556 Various reference datasets exist. For this work, the EFs were calculated using

557 the Upper Continental Crust (UCC) reference shale<sup>70</sup>.

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### 559 **Global OAE2 carbonate content compilation**

560 Values for sedimentary weight percent carbonate contents in the pre-OAE2 and OAE2 intervals  
 561 reported in the global compilation are estimated averages from studies with quantitative data<sup>22,26,71–107</sup>.

562 **Code Availability Statement:** Matlab and R codes for inverse box modeling of isotopic records are  
 563 available as a Zenodo data repository item (10.5281/zenodo.7182186).

564 **Data Availability Statement:** All geochemical data measured for this study are available as a Zenodo  
565 data repository item (10.5281/zenodo.7182186). Core scanning X-ray fluorescence (XRF) data for Site  
566 U1516 are available through the International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) at  
567 [web.iodp.tamu.edu/LORE/](http://web.iodp.tamu.edu/LORE/).

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722 **Extended Data Figure 1. Map of International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) Site U1516**  
723 **(yellow circle).** Additional sites cored during IODP Expedition 369 in the Mentelle Basin offshore  
724 southwest Australia are displayed (modified from <sup>108</sup>). Bathymetric contour interval of 500 meters.  
725 DSDP = Deep Sea Drilling Program.

726 **Extended Data Figure 2. Stratigraphic correlation of the Cenomanian-Turonian boundary**  
727 **interval at IODP Site U1516 to the Portland Core near the base Turonian Global Stratotype**  
728 **Section and Point (GSSP) in Colorado, USA.** Oceanic Anoxic Event 2 (OAE2) is defined by a  
729 positive carbon isotope ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ) excursion (grey shading). The correlation is based on: 1) the base and  
730 termination of the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  excursion<sup>27</sup>, 2) the anomalously high <sup>192</sup>Os abundance interval (light purple  
731 dashed line) linked to large igneous province (LIP) volcanic activity<sup>19</sup>, 3) the base of the initial osmium  
732 isotope (<sup>187/188</sup>Os<sub>i</sub>) excursion associated with LIP volcanism at the base of OAE2<sup>19</sup>, and 4) bandpassed  
733 ~100 kyr-short eccentricity cycles. Calcareous nannofossil biostratigraphy independently supports the  
734 correlation as the CC10a/CC10b subzone boundary, approximated by the last occurrence (LO) of  
735 *Axopodorhabdus albianus*, falls in the carbonate barren interval at Site U1516<sup>27</sup> and lower OAE2  
736 interval in Portland Core<sup>109</sup>. Site U1516 data sources:  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  data<sup>27</sup>, Os data and and cyclostratigraphy  
737 (this study). Portland Core data sources: Os data<sup>20</sup>,  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  data<sup>16</sup> (figure adapted from<sup>17</sup>). kcps =

738 kilocounts per second; VPDB = Vienna Peedee Belemnite scale; ppt = parts per trillion; CCD = calcite  
739 compensation depth.

740 **Extended Data Figure 3. REDFIT power spectra of Fe XRF scanning data from IODP Site**

741 **U1516.** Plots span intervals of A: 455.2–467.4 m rCCSF; B: 467.4–470.7 m rCCSF and C: 470.7–481.8  
742 m rCCSF, using a Welch window with 80%, 90%, 95% and 99% confidence levels, and main  
743 periodicities indicated.

744 **Extended Data Figure 4. Floating astrochronology for the Cenomanian-Turonian boundary**

745 **interval at IODP Site U1516.** This is based on a short eccentricity bandpass ~100-kyr filter of the  
746 cyclic Fe XRF scanning data from Hole D. Squares in right pane show sedimentation rate estimates  
747 from the bandpass filter and dashed line shows an average sedimentation rate of 0.8 cm/kyr for the  
748 general interval from shipboard nannofossil biostratigraphy<sup>26</sup>. The unradiogenic Os<sub>i</sub> excursion marks  
749 the onset of LIP volcanism several tens of kiloyear before the initiation of the OAE2 carbon isotope  
750 excursion in most conformable sites<sup>17,19,20,60,61</sup>. The base of the Os<sub>i</sub> excursion has been dated to  $94.55 \pm$   
751  $0.1 \text{ Ma}^{17}$  and  $\sim 94.9 \text{ Ma}^{62}$ , providing scenarios for absolute numerical age tie points for the Site U1516  
752 record.

753 **Extended Data Figure 5. Additional plot of box modeling results for marine <sup>187/188</sup>Os.** This

754 includes the scenario of large igneous province (LIP) volcanism (top panel, A) and a second scenario  
755 (bottom panel, B) where fluxes of radiogenic osmium from continental weathering ( $F_{\text{riv}}$ ) are set to  
756 increase by 80% for 500 kiloyears through Ocean Anoxic Event 2 (OAE2)<sup>29</sup>. An increase in  $F_{\text{riv}}$   
757 necessitates an even larger increase in the flux of unradiogenic osmium from large igneous province  
758 sources ( $F_{\text{LIP}}$ ) by as much as 50x larger than background mantle/volcanic fluxes. Model outputs are  
759 plotted against initial osmium isotope ratio data (Os<sub>i</sub>) through OAE2 from IODP Site U1516 in the

760 Indian Ocean (circle symbols and dotted line, this study) and the Angus Core in the Western Interior  
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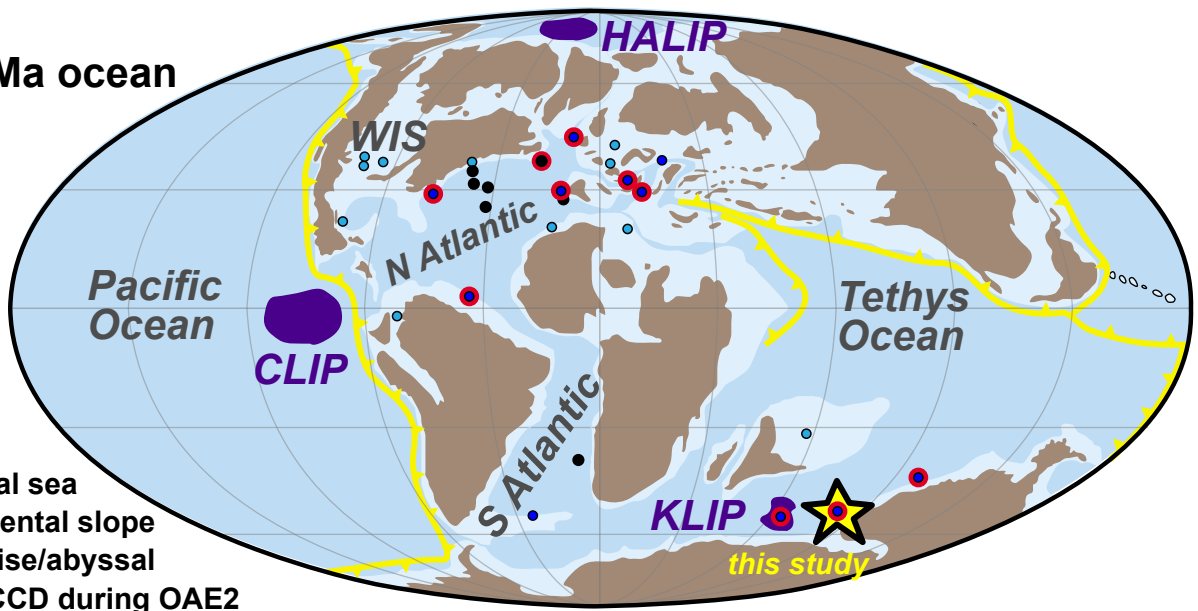
762 **Extended Data Table 1. Model parameters for Late Cretaceous marine Os fluxes and model**  
763 **initial conditions.** See **Extended Data Table 2** for final modeled  $F_{LIP}$  values through time.

764 **Extended Data Table 2. Modeled large igneous province Os flux ( $F_{LIP}$ ) values through time used**  
765 **to perturb the marine Os reservoir during OAE2.**  $F_{LIP}$  values are reported as a ratio to the  
766 background global volcanic/mantle flux ( $F_{mantle}$ ) (i.e.,  $F_{LIP}/F_{mantle}$ ). For example, a  $F_{LIP}$  value of 1.0  
767 represents a large igneous province Os flux as large as the pre-event background volcanic/mantle Os  
768 flux.

769 **Extended Data Table 3. A global compilation of carbonate contents (wt.%  $CaCO_3$ ) pre-OAE2**  
770 **and during OAE2 from 46 sites.** Sites in compilation are mapped in **Figure 1a**.

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~94 Ma ocean

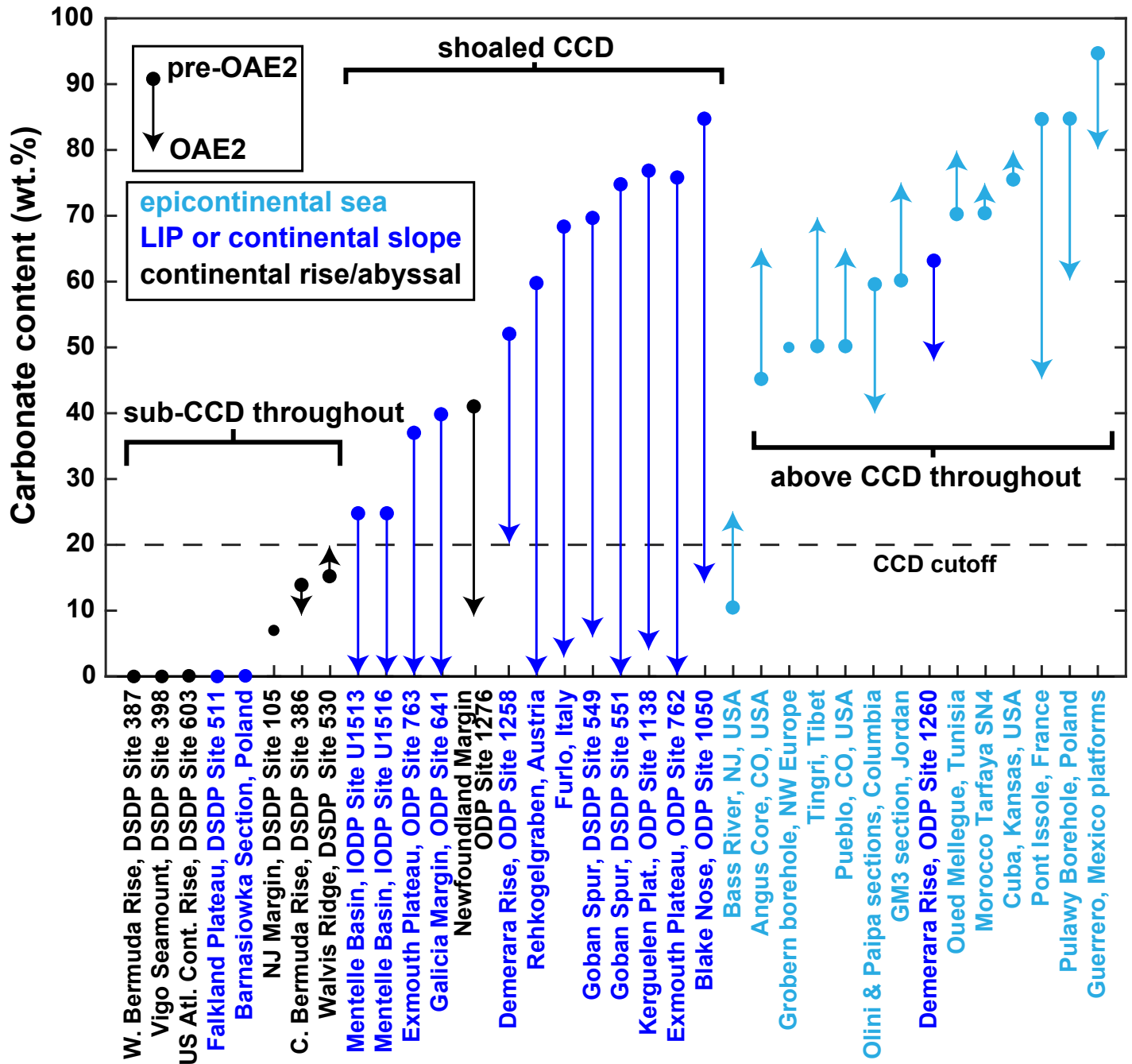


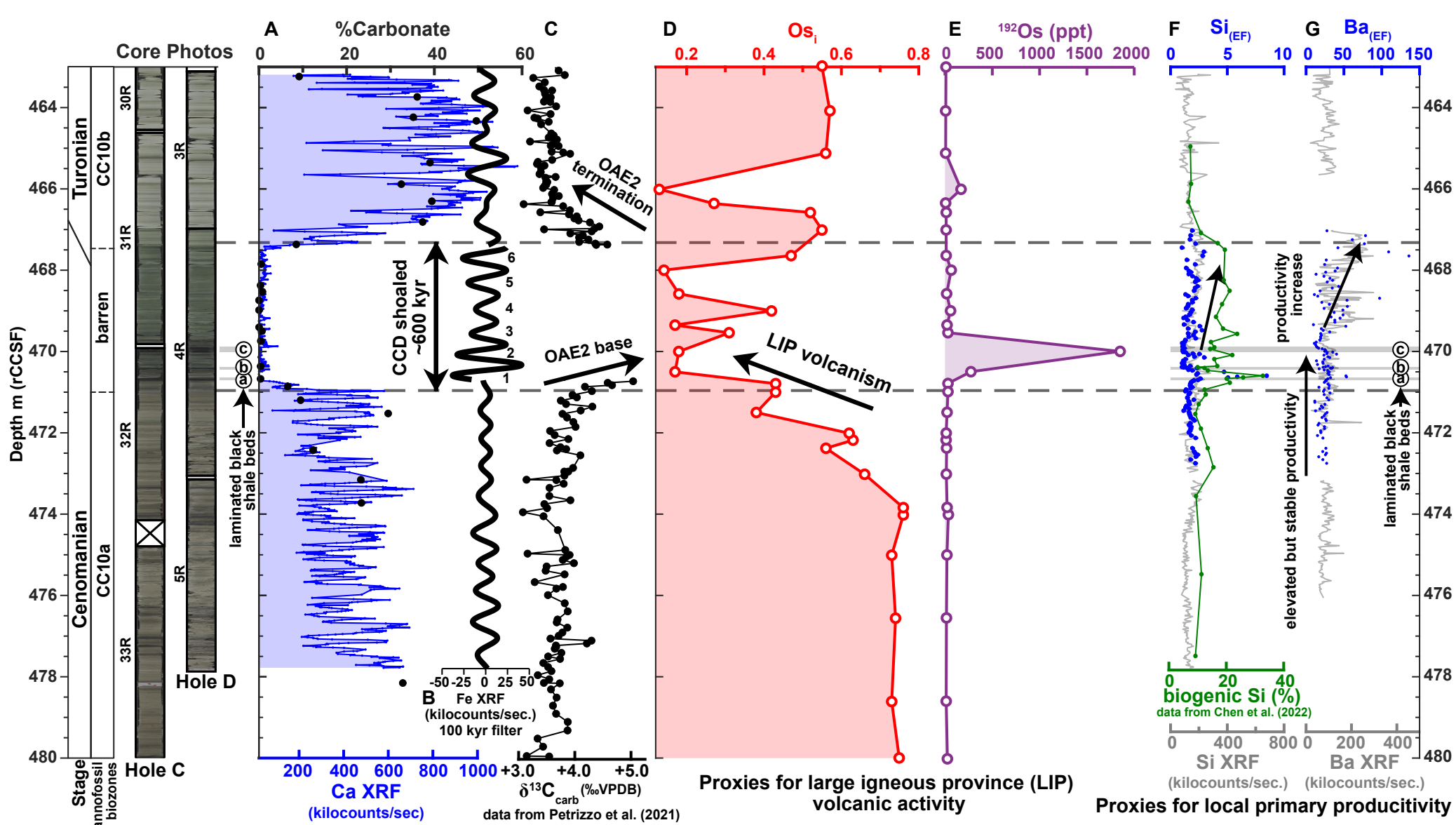
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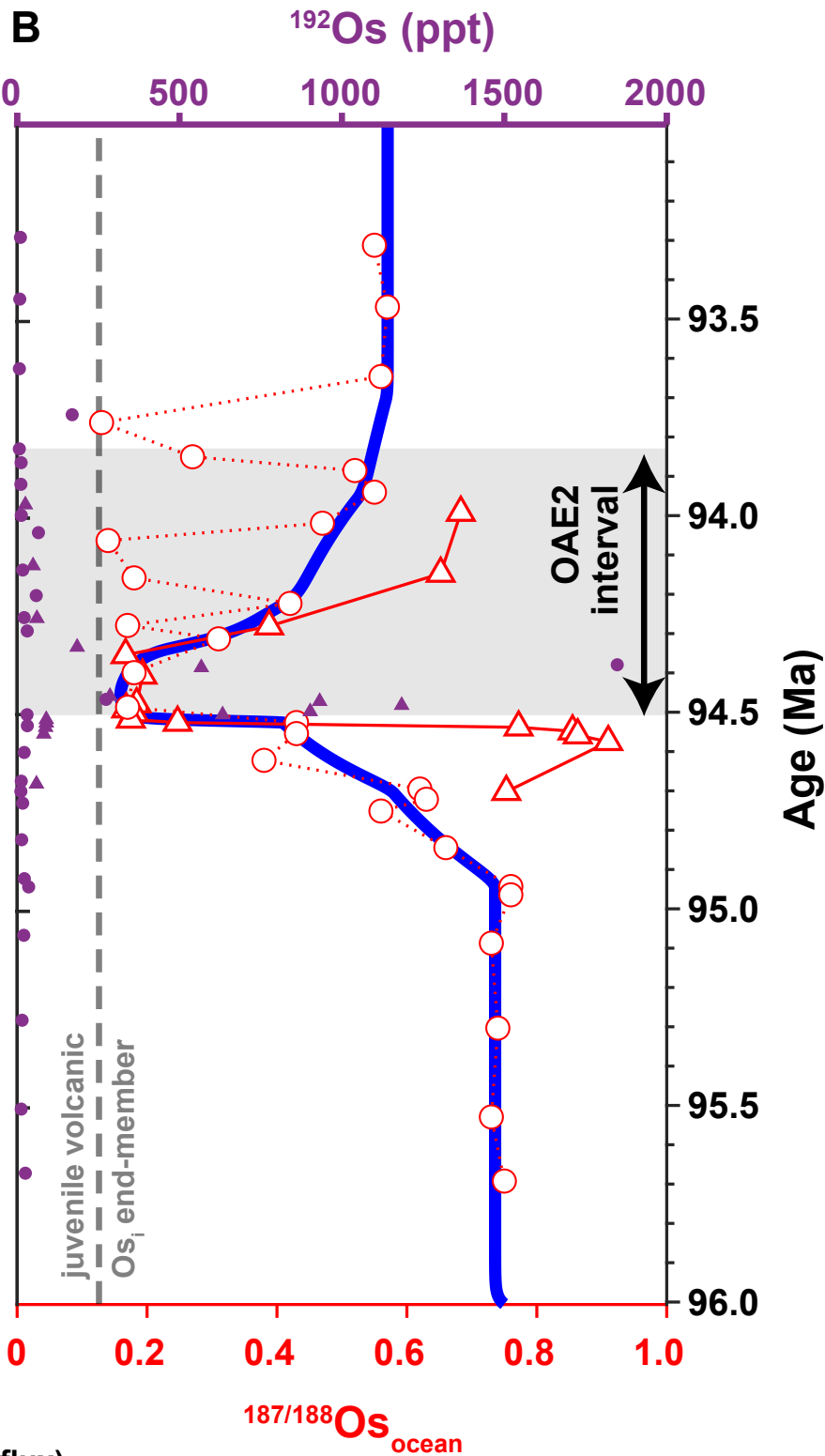
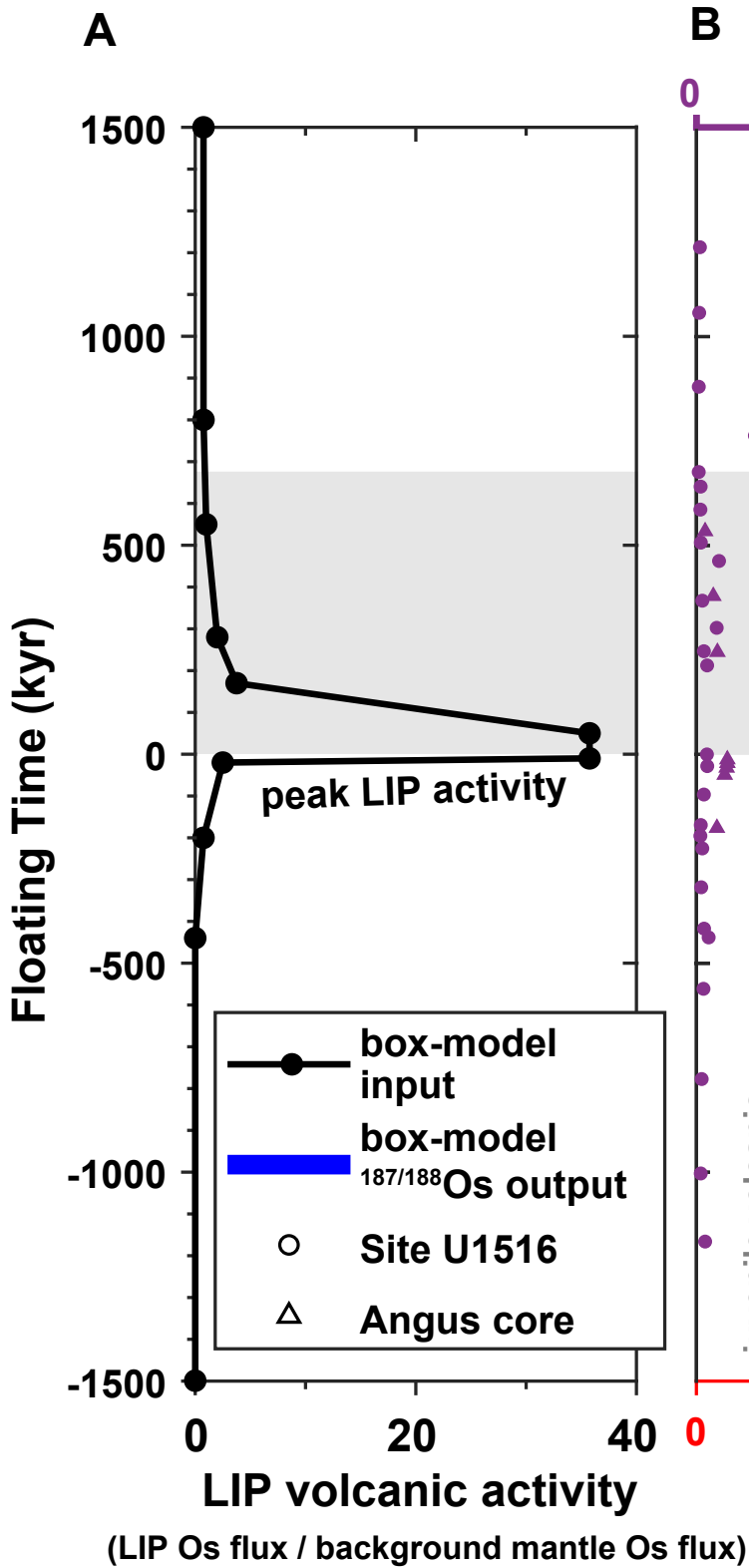
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- continental rise/abyssal
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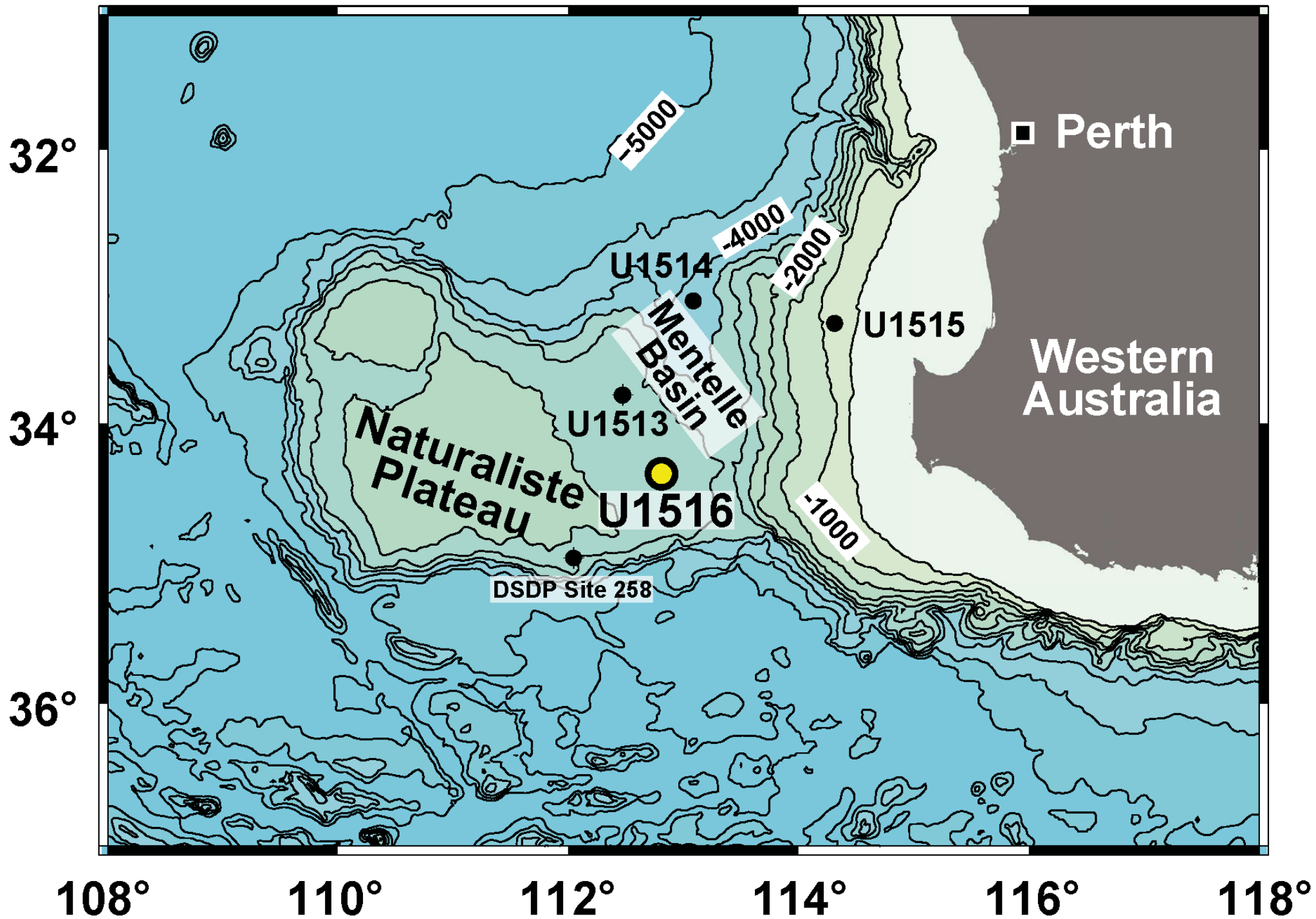
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## global marine carbonate content trends through OAE2





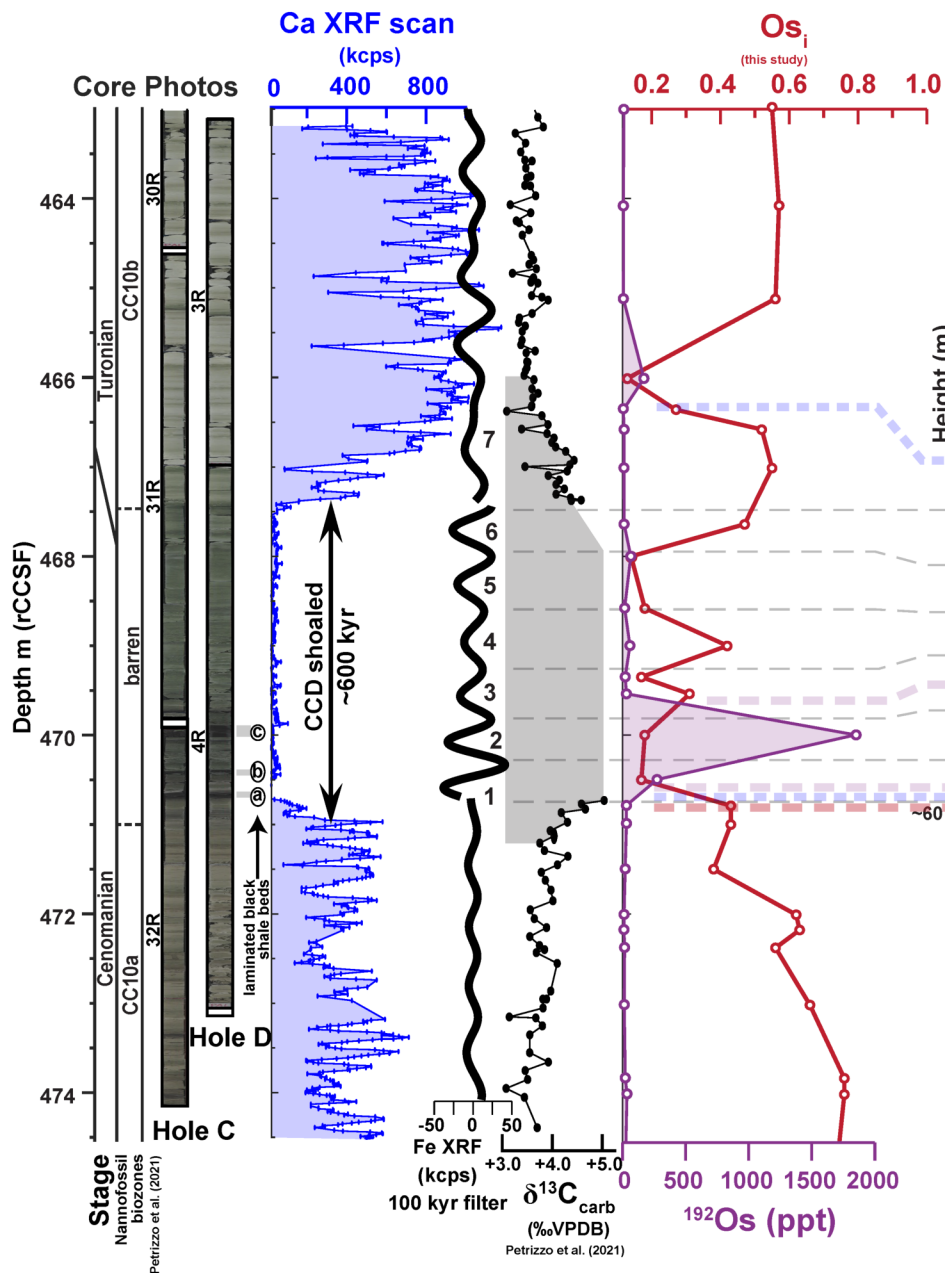






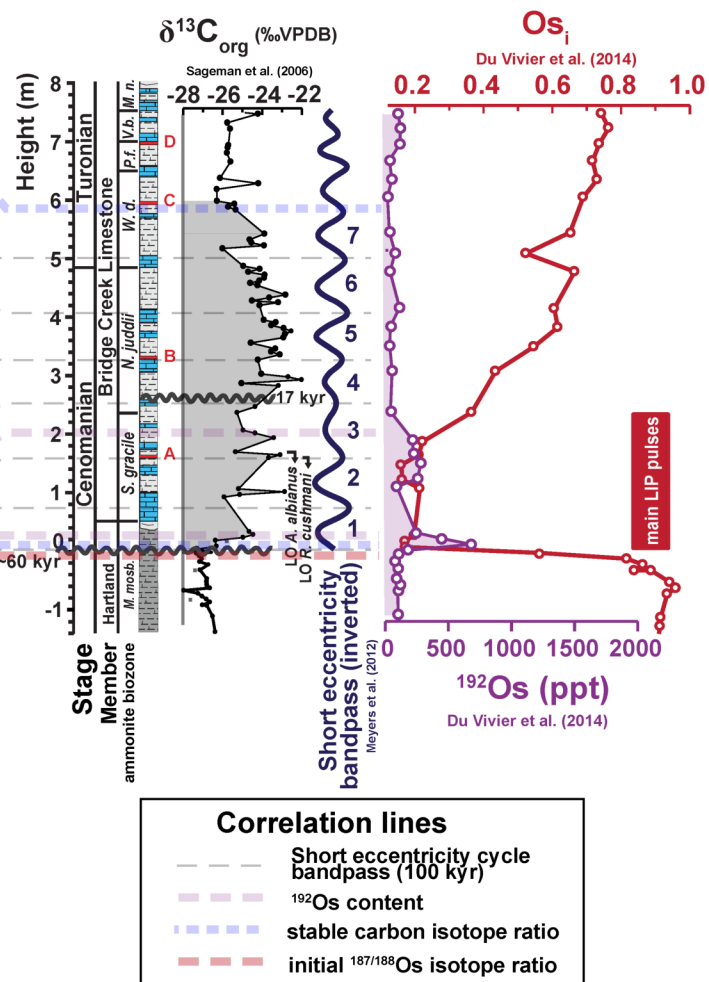
# IODP Site U1516

## Mentelle Basin, southeast Indian Ocean

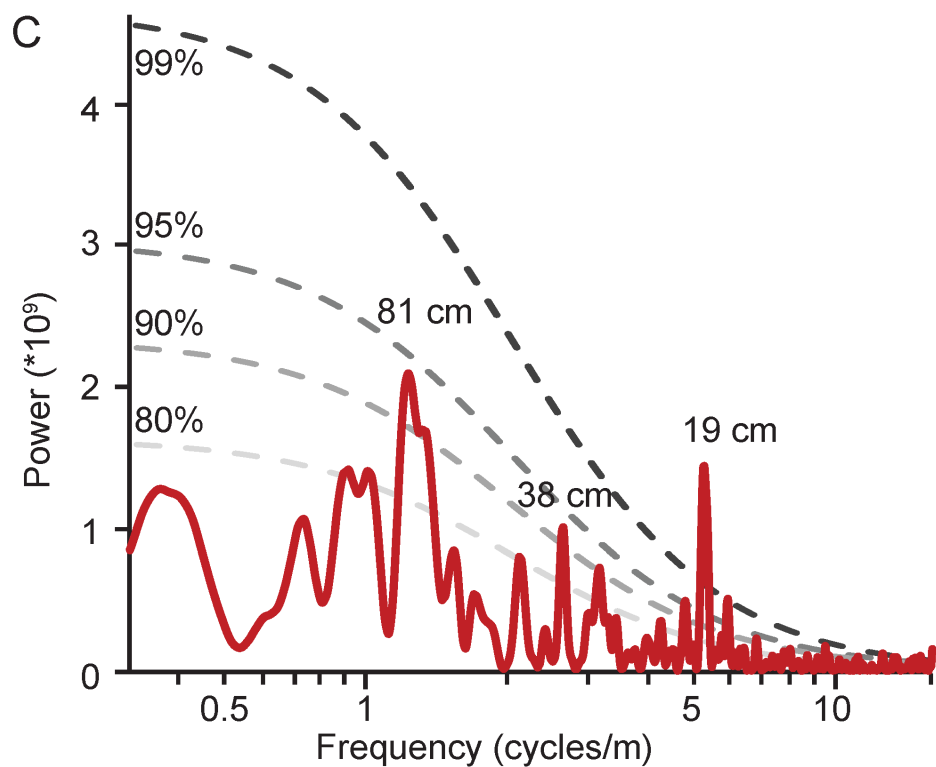
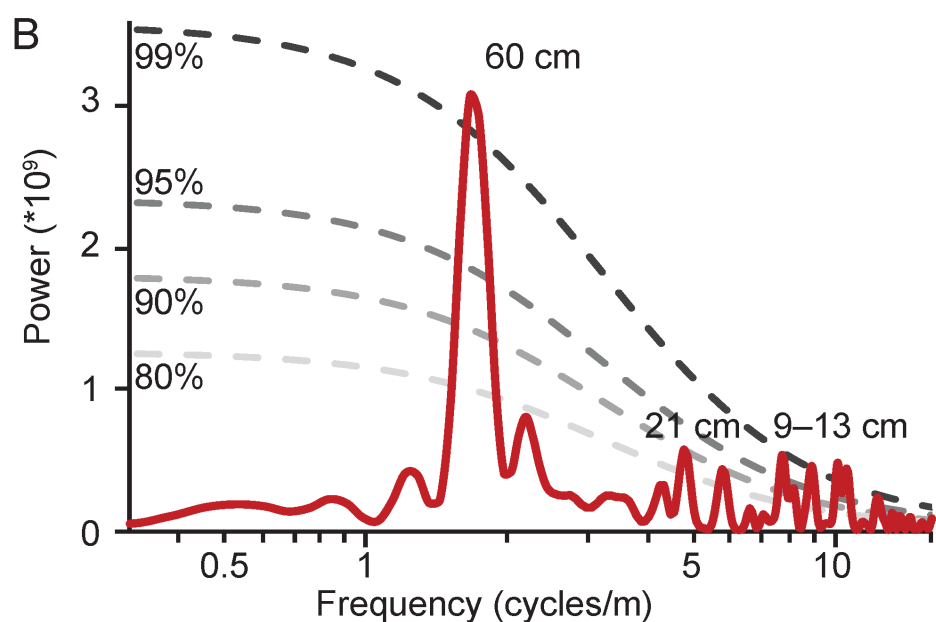
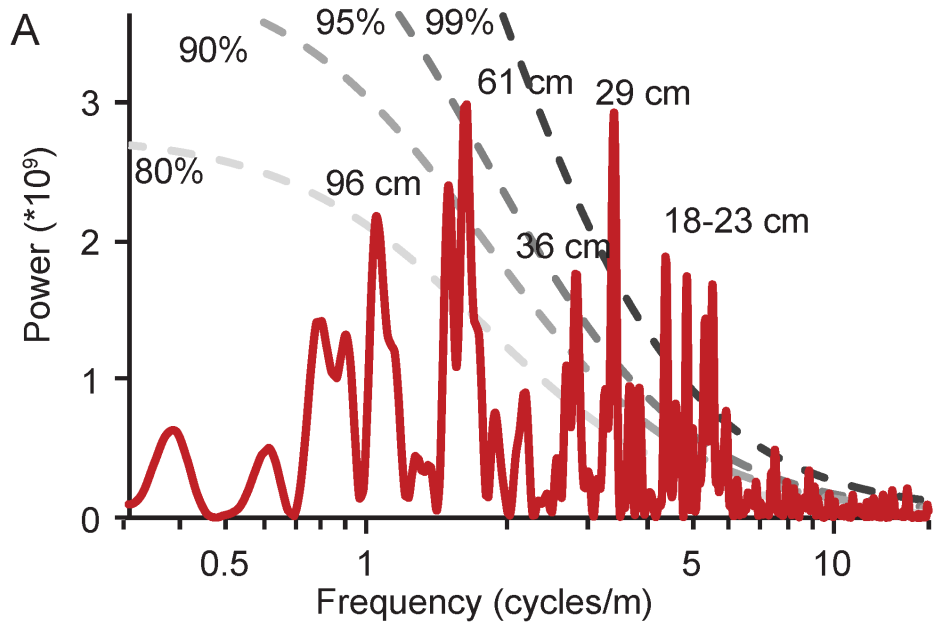


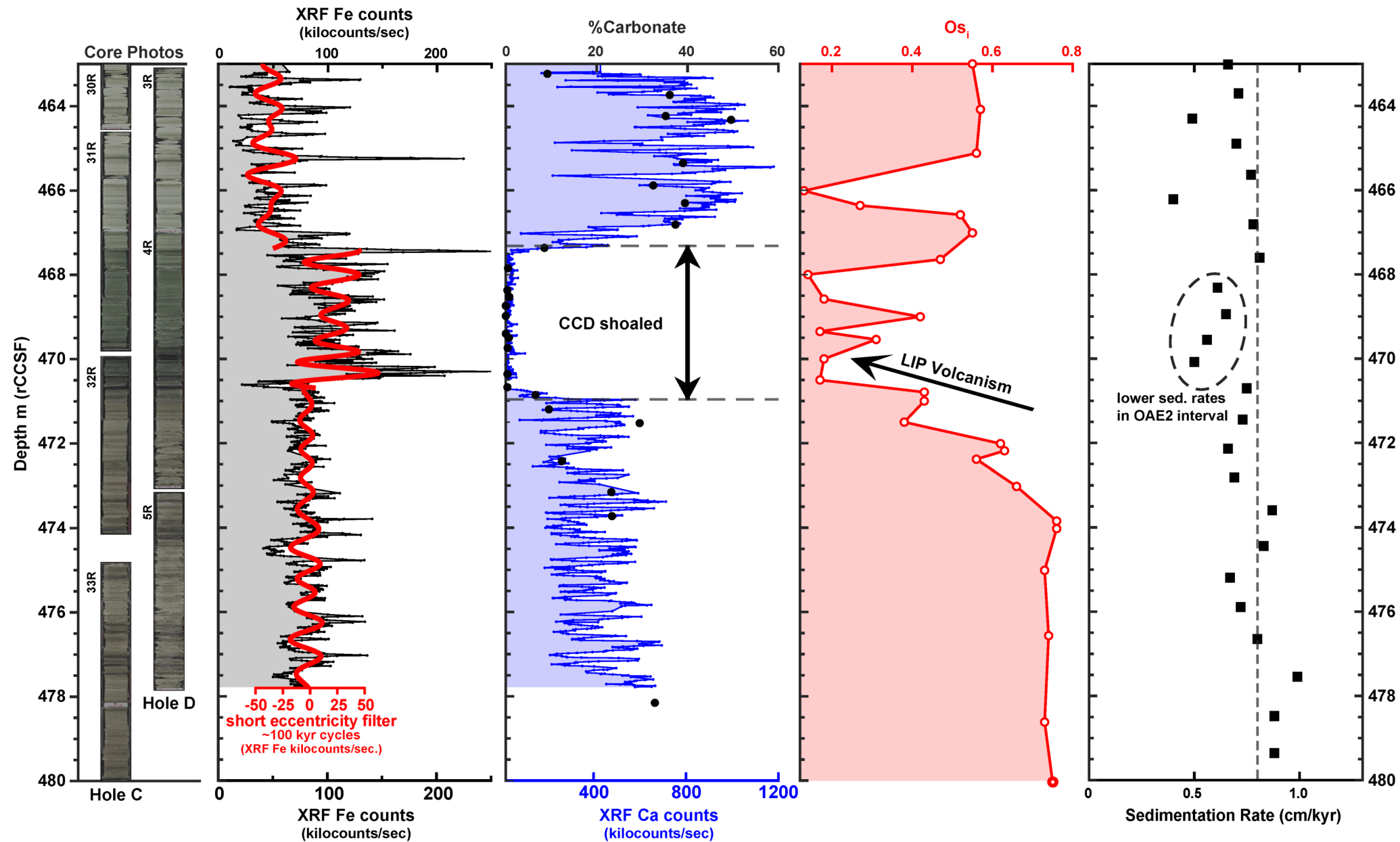
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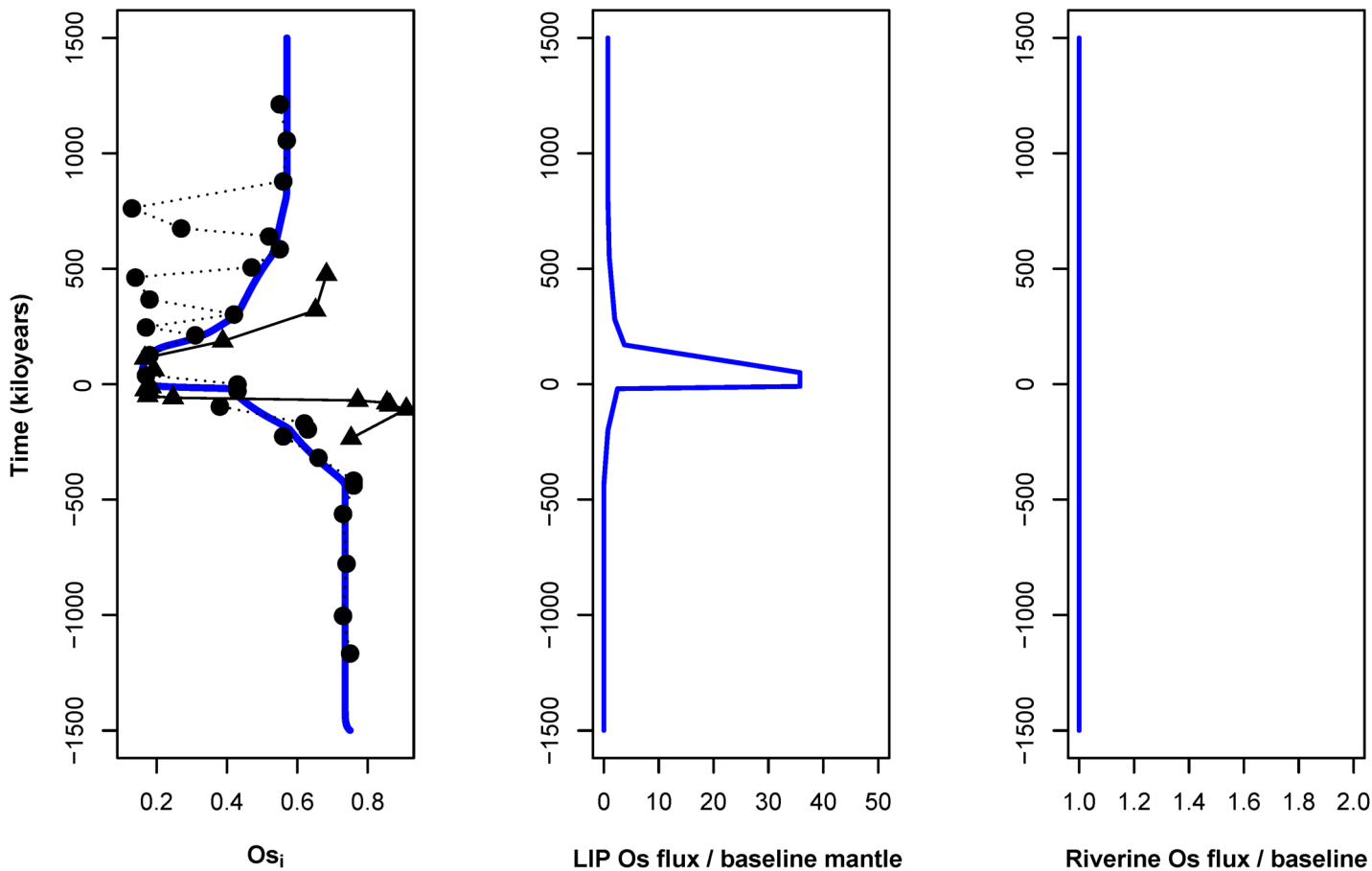
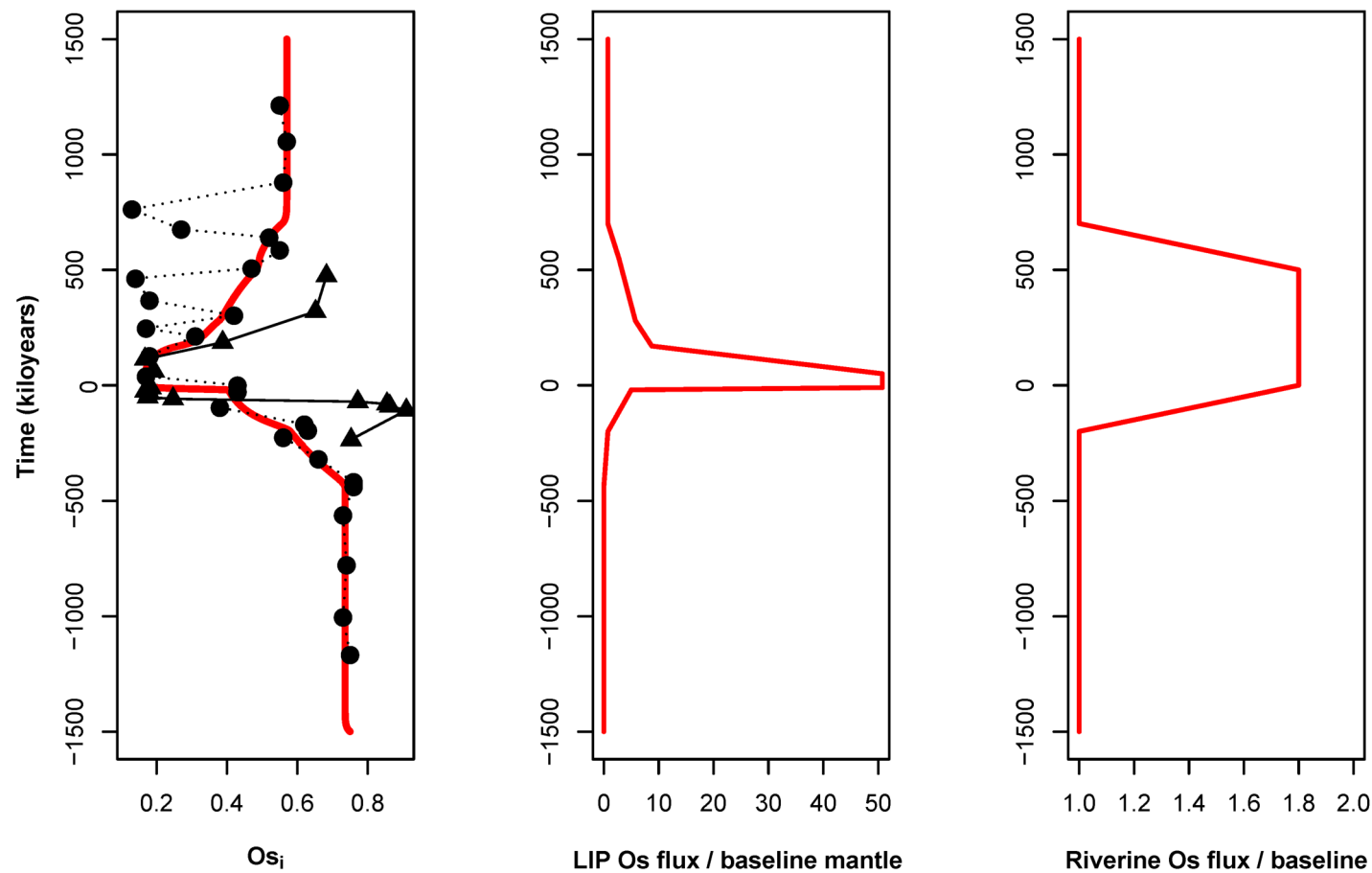
## (base Turonian GSSP)



- Correlation lines**
- Short eccentricity cycle bandpass (100 kyr)
  - <sup>192</sup>Os content
  - stable carbon isotope ratio
  - initial <sup>187/188</sup>Os isotope ratio





**A****SCENARIO 1: LIP VOLCANISM****B****SCENARIO 2: LIP VOLCANISM + INCREASED CONTINENTAL WEATHERING**

<b>Marine Os Source/Sink</b>	<b><math>^{187/188}\text{Os}</math> (isotopic composition)</b>	<b>Flux (tonnes Os/kyr)</b>
Riverine ( $F_{\text{riv}}$ )	1.4	339
Mantle/volcanic ( $F_{\text{mantle}}$ )	0.126	352
Cosmic ( $F_{\text{cosmic}}$ )	0.126	17.6
Large igneous province ( $F_{\text{LIP}}$ )	0.126	iteratively varied*
Sedimentation ( $F_{\text{sed}}$ )	$R_o(t)$	$M_o(t)/\tau$
<b>Model Initial Conditions (t=0)</b>	<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Value</b>
marine $^{187/188}\text{Os}$ ratio	$R_o(0)$	0.9
mass of marine Os reservoir	$M_o(0)$	13,000 tonnes
marine Os residence time	$\tau$	20,000 years

<b>Floating time (kiloyears)</b>	<b>LIP Os flux (<math>F_{LIP}</math>) (ratio: <math>F_{LIP}/F_{mantle}</math>)</b>
1500	0.75
800	0.75
550	1
280	2
170	3.75
50	35.75
-10	35.75
-20	2.5
-200	0.75
-440	0
-1500	0

Site	Basin	Setting	pre-OAE2 %CaCO <sub>3</sub>	OAE2 %CaCO <sub>3</sub>	% change	CCD classification	Resolution of %carb record	References
W Bermuda Rise (DSDP Site 387)	proto-North Atlantic	Abyssal Plain	0	0	0%	sub-CCD	coarse	<a href="#">Tucholke et al. (1979)</a>
Vigo Seamount (DSDP Site 398)	proto-North Atlantic	Seamount	0	0	0%	sub-CCD	coarse	<a href="#">Arthur (1979)</a>
eastern N American Rise (DSDP Site 603)	proto-North Atlantic	Abyssal Plain	0	0	0%	sub-CCD	coarse	<a href="#">Meyers (1987)</a> <a href="#">Dean and Arthur (1987)</a>
New Jersey Margin (DSDP Site 105)	proto-North Atlantic	Continental Rise	7	7	0%	sub-CCD	high	<a href="#">Herbin et al. (1987)</a>
Central Bermuda Rise (DSDP Site 386)	proto-North Atlantic	Continental Rise	15	9	-40%	sub-CCD	coarse	<a href="#">Cameron (1979)</a> <a href="#">van Helmond et al. (2014)</a>
Walvis Ridge (DSDP Site 530)	proto-South Atlantic	Abyssal Plain	15	20	33%	sub-CCD	high	<a href="#">Forster et al. (2008)</a>
Falkland Plateau (DSDP Site 511)	proto-South Atlantic	Continental Slope	~0	~0	0%	sub-CCD	coarse	<a href="#">Huber et al. (1995)</a>
Poland - Barnasiowka Section	Tethys?	Continental slope?	~0	~0	0%	sub-CCD	n/a	<a href="#">Uchman et al. (2008)</a>
Mentelle Basin (IODP Site U1516)	proto-Indian Ocean	Continental Slope	25	0	-100%	shoaled CCD	high	<a href="#">Huber et al. (2019) Site U1516</a>
Mentelle Basin (IODP Site U1513)	proto-Indian Ocean	Continental Slope	25	0	-100%	shoaled CCD	high	<a href="#">Huber et al. (2019) Site U1513</a>
Exmouth Plateau (ODP Site 763C)	Tethys	Continental Slope	38	0	-100%	shoaled CCD	high	<a href="#">Thurow et al. (1992)</a> <a href="#">Rullkötter et al. (1992)</a>
Galicia Margin (ODP Site 641)	proto-North Atlantic	Continental Slope	40	0	-100%	shoaled CCD	high	<a href="#">Thurow et al. (1988)</a> <a href="#">van Helmond et al. (2014)</a>
Newfoundland Margin (ODP Site 1276)	proto-North Atlantic	Continental Rise	42	9	-79%	shoaled CCD	high	<a href="#">Shipboard Sci. Party (2004)</a> <a href="#">Sinningh Damste et al (2010)</a> <a href="#">Arnaboldi and Meyers (2006)</a>
Demerara Rise (ODP Site 1258)	proto-North Atlantic	Continental Slope	52	20	-62%	shoaled CCD?	high	<a href="#">Hetzl et al. (2009)</a>
Austria - Rehkogelgraben Section	Tethys	Continental Slope	60	0	-100%	shoaled CCD	high	<a href="#">Wagreich et al. (2008)</a>
Italy - Furlo section	Tethys	Continental Slope?	67	3	-97%	shoaled CCD	high	<a href="#">Turgeon &amp; Burmsack (2006)</a>
Goban Spur (DSDP Site 549)	proto-North Atlantic	Continental Slope	70	6	-91%	shoaled CCD	high	<a href="#">de Graciansky et al. (1985)</a> <a href="#">Waples &amp; Cunningham (1985)</a> <a href="#">Linnert et al. (2011)</a>
Goban Spur (DSDP Site 551)	proto-North Atlantic	Continental Slope	75	0	-100%	shoaled CCD	high	<a href="#">de Graciansky et al. (1985)</a> <a href="#">Waples &amp; Cunningham (1985)</a> <a href="#">Linnert et al. (2011)</a>
Exmouth Plateau (ODP Site 762)	Tethys	Continental Slope	76	0	-100%	shoaled CCD	coarse	<a href="#">Exon et al. (1992)</a>
Kerguelen Plateau (ODP Site 1138)	proto-Indian Ocean	LIP Slope	77	4	-95%	shoaled CCD	high	<a href="#">Meyers et al. (2009)</a> <a href="#">Dickson et al. (2017)</a>
Blake Nose (ODP Site 1050)	proto-North Atlantic	Continental Slope	85	14	-84%	shoaled CCD	coarse	<a href="#">Huber et al. (1999)</a>
Bass River, New Jersey (ODP Leg 174x/)	proto-North Atlantic	Epicontinental	10	25	150%	above CCD? Siliciclastic- rich, proximal	high	<a href="#">Bowman and Bralower (2005)</a>
Colorado, USA Angus Core, Denver Basin	Western Interior Seaway	Epicontinental	45	65	44%	above CCD	high	<a href="#">Joo &amp; Sageman (2014)</a>
northwest Europe (Grobern borehole)	European Shelf Seas	Epicontinental	45	55	22%	above CCD	high	<a href="#">Voigt et al. (2006)</a>
Gongzha, Tingri Tibet	Tethys	Epicontinental	50	70	40%	above CCD	high	<a href="#">Bomou et al. (2013)</a>
Colorado, USA (Rock Canyon Anticline)	Western Interior Seaway	Epicontinental	50	65	30%	above CCD	high	<a href="#">Sageman et al. (2014)</a>
Jordan (GM3 Section)	Tethys	Epicontinental	60	75	25%	above CCD	high	<a href="#">Wendler et al. (2010)</a>
Columbia Olini & Paipa sections	La Luna Sea	Epicontinental	60	50	-17%	above CCD	high	<a href="#">Paez-Reyes et al. (2021)</a>
Demerara Rise (ODP Site 1260)	proto-North Atlantic	Continental Slope	63	48	-24%	above CCD	high	<a href="#">Hetzl et al. (2009)</a>
Tunisia Oued Mellegue area	Tethys	Epicontinental	70	80	14%	above CCD	high	<a href="#">Nederbragt &amp; Fiorentino (1999)</a>
Morocco (SN4 Core, Tarfaya Basin)	proto-North Atlantic	Epicontinental	70	75	7%	above CCD	high	<a href="#">Beil et al. (2018)</a>
Kansas, USA (Cuba section)	Western Interior Seaway	Epicontinental	75	80	7%	above CCD	high	<a href="#">Bowman and Bralower (2005)</a>
France (Lambruisse Section)	European Shelf Seas	Epicontinental	85	45	-47%	above CCD	high	<a href="#">Takashima et al. (2009)</a>
Poland (Pulawy Borehole)	European Shelf Seas	Epicontinental	85	60	-29%	above CCD	coarse	<a href="#">Peryt &amp; Wyrwicka (1993)</a>
Guerrero state, Mexico carbonate platforms	Epicontinental Sea	Epicontinental	95	80	-16%	above CCD	high	<a href="#">Erick et al. (2009)</a>