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22 **ABSTRACT**

23 Schmidt Hammer (SH) sampling of 54 ^{10}Be dated granite surfaces from the Pyrenees reveals a clear
24 relationship between exposure and weathering through time ($n = 52$, $R^2 = 0.96$, $p < 0.01$) and
25 permits the use of the SH as a numerical dating tool. To test this ^{10}Be -SH calibration curve, 100
26 surfaces were sampled from 5 ice-front positions in the Têt catchment, Eastern Pyrenees, with
27 results verified against independent ^{10}Be and ^{14}C ages. Gaussian modelling differentiates Holocene
28 (9.4 ± 0.6 ka), Younger Dryas (12.6 ± 0.9 ka), Oldest Dryas (16.1 ± 0.5 ka), Last Glacial Maximum
29 (LGM: 24.8 ± 0.9 ka) and Würmian Maximum Ice Extent stages (MIE: 40.9 ± 1.1 ka). These data
30 confirm comparable glacier lengths during the LGM and MIE (~ 300 m difference), in contrast to
31 evidence from the Western Pyrenees (≥ 15 km), reflecting the relative influence of Atlantic and
32 Mediterranean climates. Moreover, Pyrenean glaciers advanced significantly during the LGM, with a
33 local maximum at ~ 25 ka, driven by growth of the Laurentide Ice Sheet, southward advection of the
34 polar front and a solar radiation minimum in the Northern Hemisphere. This calibration curve is
35 available at <http://shed.earth> to enable wider application of this method throughout the Pyrenees.

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37 **INTRODUCTION**

38 The Quaternary glacial record of the Pyrenees is essential for reconstructing regional paleoclimate
39 and provides crucial information on the response of terrestrial ice masses to variability in the North
40 Atlantic atmosphere-ocean circulation system (Pallàs et al., 2010). However, determining causal links
41 between climate and glacier response is predicated on the development of robust chronological
42 frameworks. Recent advances in terrestrial cosmogenic nuclide (TCN) and optically stimulated
43 luminescence (OSL) dating techniques and their application to glacial and glacio-fluvial deposits have
44 helped constrain the chronology of Late Pleistocene glaciation (Würmian Stage) and in particular, the
45 timing of the Würmian Maximum Ice Extent (MIE). ^{10}Be ages from Ariège (Delmas et al., 2011; 2015)

46 and Malniu (Pallàs et al., 2010) show that MIE glaciers in the Eastern Pyrenees terminated just down-
47 valley of Last Glacial Maximum limits (LGM; 23.3 - 27.5 ka; Hughes and Gibbard, 2015). This appears
48 to contrast with glaciers in the Western Pyrenees, where LGM glaciers failed to reach MIE limits by
49 ~15 km (Jalut et al., 1992; Calvet et al., 2011; Delmas, 2015), perhaps reflecting the contrasting
50 influence of Atlantic and Mediterranean climates (Delmas et al., 2011). However, this hypothesis is
51 limited by the relative scarcity of geochronological data and the increasing fragmentation of trunk
52 glaciers into isolated ice masses during retreat and downwastage of the Pyrenean icefield. These
53 difficulties, exacerbated by the fragmentary nature of the geomorphological record, preclude
54 straightforward stratigraphic correlation of glacial deposits and have thus far prevented a Pyrenean-
55 scale synthesis of post-Marine Isotope Stage (MIS) 4 glaciation.

56 TCN dating is well suited to address this knowledge gap as glacial deposits are well preserved in the
57 Pyrenees. However, moraine stabilisation (Hallet and Putkonen, 1994) and nuclide inheritance
58 (Putkonen and Swanson, 2003) can result in 'young' and 'old' ages respectively (Heyman et al., 2011;
59 Murari et al., 2014). The most significant barrier to isolating these ages is the cost of TCN dating,
60 which often precludes high-sample studies and in turn, prevents statistically robust identification and
61 rejection of erroneous results. Thus, new cost and time-efficient dating techniques are necessary
62 which complement existing radiometric techniques and can be applied widely to undated glacial
63 landforms. In the British Isles, a clear relationship between TCN exposure ages and Schmidt
64 Hammer (SH) rebound values (R-values) was recorded for 54 dated granite surfaces ($R^2 = 0.94$, $p <$
65 0.01 ; 0.8 - 23.8 ka; Tomkins et al., 2016, 2018) and permits the estimation of exposure time based
66 on surface R-values. This TCN-SH calibration curve has been applied to glacial landforms in the
67 Mourne Mountains (Barr et al., 2017) and the Lake District (Tomkins et al., 2016), with results
68 consistent with existing radiometric ages (^{10}Be , ^{14}C). However, direct application of this calibration
69 curve to Pyrenean deposits is unsuitable as long-term weathering rates exhibit systematic variability
70 between climatic regimes (Riebe et al., 2004). This variability is likely significant between the
71 temperate-oceanic climate of the British Isles and the comparatively dry, continental Pyrenees. In
72 this paper, we develop and verify the first Pyrenean Schmidt Hammer exposure dating (SHED)

73 calibration curve and generate new chronological data to constrain the deglacial chronology of the
74 Têt glacier, a major outlet of the Pyrenean icefield. These new chronological data are supported by
75 independent ^{10}Be ages, are consistent with previous geomorphological assessments (Delmas et al.,
76 2008), and contribute significantly to our understanding of post-MIS 4 glacier dynamics.

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78 **METHODS**

79 54 TCN dated granite surfaces were sampled using the N-Type Schmidt Hammer from across the
80 Pyrenees (Fig. 1; Table. 1; Pallàs et al., 2006, 2010; Crest et al., 2017). Sampled surfaces (Fig. 2)
81 include moraine boulders ($n = 39$) and ice-sculpted bedrock ($n = 15$) from a range of elevations (981
82 - 2817 m) and geomorphological settings. All surfaces were of sufficient size (Sumner and Nel, 2002)
83 and were free of surface discontinuities (Williams and Robinson, 1983) and lichen (Matthews and
84 Owen, 2008). Sampled surfaces were coarse to medium grained granite and granodiorite from the
85 Hercynian Axial Zone (Crest et al., 2017). Axial Zone granites were uplifted during and after the late
86 Cretaceous following collision of Europe and the Iberian microplate, with deformation ceasing at
87 ~ 20 -25 Ma, followed by post-orogenic uplift over the last ~ 10 Ma (Gunnell et al., 2009; Ortuño et
88 al., 2013). The predominant style of weathering is sub-aerial, as evidenced by granular disintegration
89 of the crystalline rock surface (André, 2002). There is no clear variability in grain size or rock
90 composition between sites (Fig. 1B). 30 R-values were recorded per surface. This exceeds the
91 recommendation of Niedzielski et al. (2009) of 20 R-values for granite surfaces (Min. sample size in
92 terms of mean at $\alpha = 0.05$). Carborundum treatment was used to remove surface irregularities prior
93 to testing (Katz et al., 2000; Cerna & Engel, 2011; Engel et al., 2011; Viles et al., 2011; Kłapyta, 2013).
94 There is ongoing debate as to whether rock surfaces should be smoothed prior to testing (Moses et
95 al., 2014). However, the data presented in this study indicates that a consistent sampling approach
96 enables age-related information to be retained i.e. recently exposed surfaces (< 5 ka) generate
97 significantly different R-values from those exposed during the Younger Dryas, the LGM and the
98 Würmian MIE. R-values were recorded perpendicular to the tested surface to reduce the risk of

99 frictional sliding of the plunger tip (Viles et al., 2011), with single impacts separated by at least a
100 plunger width (Aydin, 2009) and no outliers were removed following Niedzielski et al. (2009).
101 Reported R-values are the arithmetic mean of 30 R-values and the standard error of the mean
102 (SEM). To account for Schmidt Hammer drift with use (Tomkins et al., 2018), instrument calibration
103 was based on the University of Manchester calibration boulder (Dortch et al., 2016) and performed
104 using SHED-Earth, an online calculator developed to enable wider and more consistent application of
105 SHED (Pre-data collection: 48.27 ± 2.02 ; Post-data collection: 48.23 ± 1.92 ; Correction Factor:
106 0.999).

107 ^{10}Be exposure ages were recalibrated using the online calculators formerly known as the CRONUS-
108 Earth online calculators (<http://hess.ess.washington.edu/math/>, Wrapper script 2.3, Main calculator
109 2.1, constants 2.3, muons 1.1; Balco et al., 2008). Exposure ages are based on the primary calibration
110 dataset of Borchers et al. (2016), the time-dependent L_m scaling (Lal, 1991; Stone, 2000) and
111 assuming 0 mm ka^{-1} erosion. This approach is suitable as erosion rates for most glaciated crystalline
112 rock surfaces are usually low ($0.1 - 0.3 \text{ mm ka}^{-1}$; André, 2002). Recalibrated ages must be treated as
113 'minimum' ages due to the potential impact of surface erosion or transient shielding by snow or
114 sediment cover. Two ^{10}Be ages are likely compromised by prior exposure (*inheritance*) and are
115 excluded from further analysis. Sample CAC28 from the Cometa d'Espagne cirque ($26.96 \pm 2.89 \text{ ka}$;
116 Crest et al., 2017) is proximal ($\sim 2 \text{ m}$) to 3 tightly clustered bedrock ages (CAC25 = $10.85 \pm 2.04 \text{ ka}$;
117 CAC26 = $11.97 \pm 1.86 \text{ ka}$; CAC27 = $11.95 \pm 2.92 \text{ ka}$; Mean squared weighted deviation (MSWD) =
118 0.094). Similarly, sample ICM04 from the Malniu catchment (Age = $80.73 \pm 7.92 \text{ ka}$; Pallàs et al.,
119 2010) is proximal ($\sim 10 \text{ m}$) to 3 dated moraine boulders (ICM01 = $51.12 \pm 4.84 \text{ ka}$; ICM02 = $43.91 \pm$
120 4.28 ka ; ICM03 = $42.59 \pm 4.15 \text{ ka}$; MSWD = 0.945). Both of these datasets are internally consistent
121 (MSWD < 1; ICM01-03; CAC25-27), which suggests that prior exposure, rather than post-
122 depositional exhumation, accounts for the positively skewed distribution of ^{10}Be ages. Remaining
123 data ($n = 52$) are used to construct an ordinary least squares (OLS) regression from which numerical
124 ages can be interpolated based on SH R-values.

125 To test for regional variation in rates of sub-aerial weathering, age control data (n = 52) were
126 separated into sub-regions (Fig. 3A; Southern n = 46; Eastern n = 34; Central n = 18). These
127 datasets were used to construct logarithmic regressions for each sub-region. For each sub-region
128 regression, ages were calculated at R-value intervals of 0.1 over the associated calibration period
129 (Southern = 4.1 - 51.1 ka; Eastern = 10.9 - 51.1 ka; Central = 4.1 - 18.2 ka). Interpolated ages were
130 compared to the ages generated by the full age control dataset, with two-sample Students t-tests
131 used to evaluate whether the difference between sub-region and full dataset results was statistically
132 significant. Sub-region information is presented in Table 2.

133 To verify the suitability of this TCN-SH calibration curve, 100 granite surfaces were sampled from 5
134 ice-front positions along a ~18 km transect of the Têt catchment, Eastern Pyrenees (Fig. 4), with
135 results validated against independent ^{10}Be and ^{14}C ages (Delmas et al., 2008) i.e. ^{10}Be ages that do
136 not comprise one of the 52 age control surfaces that underpin the calibration curve (Fig. 1). Of the
137 26 ^{10}Be ages reported by Delmas et al. (2008), many post-date the timing of final deglaciation, likely
138 due to moraine stabilisation processes (Hallet and Putknonen, 1994). Despite this limitation, these
139 data, in addition to geomorphological mapping of moraine stages (Fig. 5), provide a useful
140 chronological framework for ice recession in the Têt catchment and can be used as independent
141 evidence to verify the results of SHED. Sampled sites include proximal inner (Site A, 1 km from
142 catchment headwall, ~2200 m) and outer cirque moraines (Site B, 1.3 km, ~2168 m). Based on
143 existing ^{10}Be ages, these moraines may reflect ice margin oscillations during the Younger Dryas or
144 early-Holocene although considerable age scatter (n = 5; 12.00 - 13.99 ka) prevents accurate
145 separation of glacial stages. Down-valley from these sites, glacially-deposited boulders adjacent to a
146 prominent lateral moraine (Site C, 5.5 km, ~2051 m) are indicative of a post-LGM re-advance of the
147 Têt glacier. This site is down-valley of the Grave-amont core site, which has produced ^{14}C ages in
148 the range 19.47 - 20.26 ka cal BP (n = 3). These data suggest that the Têt glacier was confined to the
149 cirque environment as early as ~20 ka. Further south, a large terminal moraine (Site D, 18.5 km,
150 ~1686 m), dated to 24.22 ± 4.58 ka (n = 1), likely marks the LGM ice extent. ^{10}Be ages from this
151 glacial stage exhibit considerable scatter (n = 6; 15.6 - 24.2 ka) and likely reflect post-depositional

152 exhumation of moraine boulders (Hallet and Putkonen, 1994). As a result, the precise age of this
153 landform is unclear, which limits our understanding of the dynamics of the Têt glacier during the
154 global LGM. Finally, ~300 m outside of the LGM limit, the two outermost moraines of the Têt
155 glacier (Site E, 18.8 km, ~1624 m) mark the Würmian MIE, although the precise age of this landform
156 is unclear. These moraines record the maximum extent of glaciation in the Têt catchment, as the
157 downstream landscape is dominated by fluvial incision. These moraines are morphologically distinct
158 from proximal LGM moraines (Delmas et al. 2008) but it is not currently clear whether these
159 landforms were deposited synchronously, with the outer moraines subject to intense moraine
160 stabilisation processes since the LGM, or instead, whether the outer moraines represent an earlier
161 glacial stage (MIS 3-4; Calvet et al., 2011). At each site, 20 surfaces were sampled for SHED following
162 the methods described above, with SH exposure ages and 1σ uncertainties calculated using SHED-
163 Earth (<http://shed.earth>; Tomkins et al., 2018). To account for geological uncertainty which typically
164 displays as positive and negative skew of datasets, probability density estimates (PDEs) were
165 produced and modelled to separate out the highest probability Gaussian distribution (Fig. 5) as per
166 the methods of Dortch et al. (2013). Using the KS density kernel in MATLAB (2015) and a dynamic
167 smoothing window based on age uncertainty, PDE peaks and tails were separated into individual
168 Gaussian distributions, the sum of which integrates to the cumulative PDE at 1000 iterations to
169 obtain the best fit. The re-integrated PDE (made from the isolated Gaussians) goodness of fit is
170 indicated graphically (Dortch et al., 2013). Full sample information for the 100 surfaces sampled in
171 the Têt catchment can be found in the Supplementary Dataset.

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173 **RESULTS**

174 A clear correlation between TCN exposure ages and SH R-values is expressed by a logarithmic
175 regression (Fig. 1A; $n = 52$, $R^2 = 0.96$, $p = < 0.01$). Boulder height (Fig. 3B; $n = 38$; $R^2 = < 0.01$; $p =$
176 0.97), sample elevation (Fig. 3C; $R^2 = 0.11$; $p = 0.02$) and cirque headwall distance (Fig. 3D; $R^2 = 0.09$;
177 $p = 0.04$) have a negligible correlation with R-values. Significant differences in R-values between

178 recently exposed surfaces (< 5 ka; R-values > 60) and those exposed during the Younger Dryas (R-
179 values ~ 50), the LGM (R-values ~ 40) and the Würmian MIE (R-values ≤ 30) indicates that age-related
180 information can be retained with carborundum treatment (Moses et al., 2014). There is no significant
181 variation in sub-aerial weathering rate between sub-regions (Table 2; Fig. 3A) as *eastern* ($n = 34$),
182 *central* ($n = 18$) and *southern* curves ($n = 46$) are completely enclosed by the 1σ boundaries of the full
183 dataset curve and generate SH ages that vary from the full dataset by ≤ 0.37 ka, ≤ 0.93 ka and ≤ 0.22
184 ka respectively. In addition, the average sub-region variation from the full dataset is limited to $0.11 \pm$
185 0.06 ka and 0.14 ± 0.08 ka for the *southern* and *eastern* datasets respectively, increasing to $0.43 \pm$
186 0.22 ka for the *central* dataset. This likely reflects the limited calibration period (4.1 - 18.2 ka) and
187 low number of age control surfaces ($n = 18$) for the *central* dataset. As a result, TCN-SH calibration
188 curves should be based on large age control datasets (≥ 25 ^{10}Be ages; Tomkins et al., 2016; 2018) to
189 minimise the effect of individual exposure age errors. Despite this, two-sample Students t-tests
190 indicate that variation between age estimates derived from the full dataset and *southern*, *eastern* and
191 *central* datasets is not statistically significant (Table 2; p values > 0.91).

192 In the Têt catchment, Schmidt Hammer sampling of undated glacially-deposited boulders reveals
193 statistically significant differences (Two-sample Students t-tests, $p < 0.01$) between the mean SH R-
194 values of sequential glacial landforms (A-B, B-C, C-D, D-E). Statistically significant differences in
195 mean SH R-values are evident between both proximal (~ 300 m; A-B; D-E) and distal landforms (~ 13
196 km; C-D). These data were converted into numerical ages based on the TCN-SH calibration curve
197 presented in this paper ($y = 44.02\ln(x) + 186.55$) although these must be considered minimum ages
198 as post-depositional erosion is assumed to be negligible (0 mm ka^{-1}). Incorporating an erosion rate of
199 0.3 mm ka^{-1} (André, 2002) increases calibration ^{10}Be ages ($n = 52$) by $\leq 1.43\%$ and by an average of
200 $\sim 0.64\%$, equivalent to ~ 0.7 ka for sample ICM01 (~ 50 ka) and ≤ 0.16 ka for surfaces exposed within
201 the last ~ 25 ka. This variation is within measurement uncertainty for ^{10}Be ages and is significantly less
202 than the 1σ uncertainty of individual SH exposure ages (Min. = 1.69 ka; Max. = 1.85 ka). As a result,
203 incorporating erosion has a negligible impact on calculated SH exposure ages, even for landforms
204 deposited prior to the LGM. To account for geological uncertainty in interpolated ages, PDE

205 modelling (Dortch et al., 2013) produces peak Gaussian distributions for glacial landforms in the Têt
206 catchment of (A) 9.41 ± 0.62 ka, (B) 12.62 ± 0.91 ka, (C) 16.08 ± 0.46 ka, (D) 24.80 ± 0.90 ka and
207 (E) 40.86 ± 1.09 ka.

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209 **DISCUSSION**

210 Firstly, a strong correlation between ^{10}Be ages and SH R-values indicates that the primary control on
211 surface R-values is cumulative exposure to sub-aerial weathering (Tomkins et al., 2016; 2018). This
212 correlation is observed despite marked variability in sample elevations (Elevation range = ~ 1836 m),
213 boulder heights (Height = ~ 0.5 to ~ 3.5 m), cirque headwall distances (~ 0.6 to ~ 22 km) and relative
214 positions along the axis of the Pyrenean mountain range (Fig. 1B; Max. distance between samples =
215 ~ 110 km). These data match previous evidence from the British Isles (Tomkins et al., 2016; 2018)
216 and the Krkonoše Mountains, Poland/Czech Republic (Engel, 2007; Engel et al., 2011) for a
217 relationship between ^{10}Be ages and sub-aerial weathering of granite surfaces. However, clear
218 differences in effective calibration timescales in the British Isles (~ 25 ka), the Krkonoše Mountains
219 (~ 15 ka) and the Pyrenees (~ 50 ka) indicates that weathering rates vary significantly between these
220 regions, likely as a function of latitudinal gradients in either precipitation or temperature. The data
221 presented in this study also provide further evidence that weathering rates are not linear but
222 decrease over time (White and Brantley, 2003; Stahl et al., 2013). For surfaces exposed prior to the
223 LGM, slower rates of weathering likely reflect the formation of stable weathering residues which
224 slow water transport to unaltered material and impede chemical transport away from it (Colman,
225 1981). Finally, these data imply little variation in the rate of rock surface weathering between sub-
226 regions over the last ~ 50 ka (Table 2; Fig. 3A). It must be noted that this interpretation is based on
227 the assumption that recalibrated ^{10}Be ages are accurate ages for deglaciation, with no post-
228 depositional erosion. If this assumption is not valid, then variable regional weathering rates could
229 influence ^{10}Be ages and introduce bias to the SHED calibration curve as distal surfaces exposed
230 synchronously could return contrasting ^{10}Be ages. However, under the assumption of minimal

231 weathering of crystalline rock surfaces ($0\text{--}3\text{ mm ka}^{-1}$; André, 2002), post-depositional erosion is
232 unlikely to have significant impact on the results of SHED as differences in ^{10}Be ages due to erosion
233 are significantly smaller than ^{10}Be measurement uncertainty (Sample ICM01; ^{10}Be age uncertainty = \pm
234 4.99 ka ; Age difference $0\text{--}3\text{ mm ka}^{-1}$ erosion = $\sim 0.7\text{ ka}$). This appears to contrast with recent
235 evidence from New Zealand, with marked local variability in rates of rock surface weathering (Stahl
236 et al., 2013). This variability necessitates local calibration curves for proximal sites ($\sim 100\text{ km}$
237 distance) which are applicable over contrasting calibration timescales (Saxton and Charwell River
238 terraces = $\sim 10\text{ ka}$; Waipara River terraces = $\sim 1\text{ ka}$; c.f. Fig. 2 in Stahl et al., 2013). New data from
239 the Pyrenees indicate that sub-aerial weathering of granite surfaces is consistent across the Central
240 and Eastern Pyrenees which implies that equivalent time-dependent weathering of granite surfaces
241 can occur over significant spatial scales for regions of similar climate (Tomkins et al., 2016; 2018).

242 In the Têt catchment, age estimates derived from PDE modelling of Gaussian distributions (Dortch
243 et al., 2013) are in correct stratigraphic order, are consistent with existing interpretations of post-
244 MIE glaciation (Fig. 5) and are supported by independent ^{10}Be ages which provide a chronological
245 framework for the retreat dynamics of the Têt glacier during the Würmian (Delmas et al., 2008).
246 Gaussian ages clearly differentiate LGM (D; $24.80 \pm 0.90\text{ ka}$) and Würmian MIE (E; $40.86 \pm 1.09\text{ ka}$)
247 glacial deposits and provide firm evidence of comparable glacier lengths during MIS 2 and MIS 3
248 ($\sim 300\text{ m}$ difference). This contrasts markedly with evidence from the Western Pyrenees, where
249 glaciers failed to reach MIE limits during the LGM ($\geq 15\text{ km}$ difference; Gállego catchment; Jalut et al.,
250 1992; Calvet et al., 2011). The proximity of MIE and LGM deposits matches the geomorphological
251 record in Malniu ($\sim 330\text{ m}$) and Querol ($\sim 600\text{ m}$) and indicates that glaciers in the Eastern Pyrenees
252 advanced significantly during MIS 2 to near MIE limits, irrespective of glacier size (Querol: $\sim 25\text{ km}$,
253 Têt: $\sim 18.5\text{ km}$, Malniu: $\sim 6\text{ km}$). A MIS 3 Würmian MIE ($40.86 \pm 1.09\text{ ka}$) matches ages from a
254 terminal moraine in Malniu (TCN; $n = 3$; $42.6\text{--}51.1\text{ ka}$; Pallàs et al., 2010), a mid-valley lateral
255 moraine in the Ariege (TCN; $n = 1$; $37.89 \pm 9.98\text{ ka}$; Delmas et al., 2011) and OSL ages from the
256 Senegüe terminal moraine in the Gállego catchment ($n = 2$; $\sim 36\text{ ka}$; Lewis et al., 2009). These data
257 contrast with MIS 4 ages from ice-contact lake deposits in the Cinca catchment (OSL; $n = 3$; $46\text{--}71$

258 ka; Lewis et al., 2009) and from the terminal moraine in the Ariège catchment (TCN; $n = 1$; $88.78 \pm$
259 18.37 ka; Delmas et al., 2011). Regardless of the precise timing of the MIE, one of the most valuable
260 contributions of SHED is its ability to differentiate proximal LGM and MIE glacial deposits and thus,
261 enable robust comparison of glacier length fluctuations across the Pyrenees.

262 By comparison, the timing of the local MIS 2 glacial maximum in the Têt catchment is constrained by
263 both TCN ($n = 1$; 24.22 ± 4.58 ka) and SHED ages ($n = 13$; 24.80 ± 0.90 ka). These data accord with
264 recent evidence that ice masses in the European Alps reached their maximum extents at 24-26 ka
265 due to the growth of the Laurentide Ice Sheet, which reached its maximum close to this time (>23.0
266 ± 0.6 ka; Ullman et al., 2015), and the southward advection of the polar front (Monegato et al.,
267 2017). These events coincided with reduced solar radiation towards the solar minimum in the
268 northern hemisphere at ~ 24 ka (Alley et al., 2002). In addition to SHED and TCN ages from the Têt
269 catchment, an Alpine LGM is supported by post-maximum TCN ages from Querol (YRA Samples; n
270 $= 3$; $22.7 - 24.2$ ka), the oldest ages from the frontal lobe (OEC01; 23.8 ± 2.3 ka) and a coeval lateral
271 moraine (LAF04; 25.7 ± 2.7 ka) in Malniu (Pallàs et al., 2010), and ^{14}C ages from the Gállego
272 catchment, which indicate that the MIS 2 MIE occurred by 24.21 ka cal. BP (Jalut et al., 1992). The
273 asynchronicity of Alpine glaciers and the Eurasian ice sheets at the global LGM, the latter reaching its
274 maximum extent at ~ 21 ka (Hughes et al., 2016), demonstrates the sensitivity of Alpine ice masses
275 to the advection of moisture from the Mediterranean Sea (Luetscher et al., 2015). The contrasting
276 size of Pyrenean glaciers at the LGM likely reflects the relative influence of weather systems from
277 the Atlantic and the western Mediterranean, the latter favouring cyclogenesis, convection of moist
278 air and increased precipitation to coastal mountain ranges (Kuhlemann et al., 2008). However, this
279 hypothesis is tentative owing to limited geochronological data for MIS 2 glaciers in the Western
280 Pyrenees. SHED is a viable method to address this knowledge gap as the calibration curve is well
281 constrained by age control points which span the global LGM and is able to reproduce the LGM
282 TCN age in the Têt catchment, varying by <0.6 ka.

283 Finally, the geomorphological record indicates that post-LGM retreat was dynamic (Fig. 5; Borde and
284 Cirque Stages). A number of re-advance events are captured by SHED, with moraines deposited

285 during the Oldest Dryas (C: 16.08 ± 0.46 ka), Younger Dryas (B: 12.62 ± 0.91 ka) and early-
286 Holocene (A: 9.41 ± 0.62 ka). Evidence for a significant re-advance during the Oldest Dryas is
287 matched by TCN ages from the Orri (CPM; $n = 3$; 16.41 ± 0.58 ka) and Malniu catchments (IMA; $n =$
288 5 ; 16.68 ± 0.52 ka) and is consistent with evidence for major advances in the Western Pyrenees
289 (Palacios et al., 2017). However, these data conflict markedly with ^{14}C ages from the Grave-amont
290 core site (Fig. 5; $19.47 - 20.26$ ka cal BP) which indicate rapid post-LGM retreat (~ 3.3 km ka^{-1}). New
291 SHED data indicates that this deposit must have been overridden (Delmas et al., 2008; Crest et al.,
292 2017). In addition, SHED clearly differentiates proximal (~ 300 m) Younger Dryas (YD; B, $12.62 \pm$
293 0.91 ka) and Holocene moraines (A, 9.41 ± 0.62 ka). TCN exposure ages from the YD moraine
294 (Sample N; 12.0 ± 2.2 ka) and proximal bedrock surfaces (Sample O2; 13.4 ± 2.1 ka) give contrasting
295 age estimates but are broadly consistent with the SHED estimate. The age of the inner cirque
296 moraine (A) overlaps with the 9.3 ka event (Rasmussen et al., 2014) although complete deglaciation
297 and re-advance of ice in the Têt catchment after the YD seems unlikely owing to the short-
298 timeframe of this cooling event (~ 110 yr). Instead, this moraine likely marks a standstill or re-
299 advance of the ice margin from sheltered cirques below Pic Cometa d'Espagne. These data in their
300 totality indicate that cirque (A-B) and valley moraines (C) reflect still-stands or re-advances of the
301 Têt glacier, potentially in response to North Atlantic climate fluctuations (OD, YD, 9.3 ka event).
302 These glacial deposits provide a valuable record of ice margin fluctuations and yet the post-LGM
303 history of the Pyrenean icefield is currently poorly understood (Calvet et al., 2011). Future research
304 using SHED must seek to accurately differentiate post-LGM ice masses to provide robust
305 information on the response of these glaciers to North Atlantic climate variability.

306 This new SHED calibration curve demonstrates that this method can be applied successfully in
307 contrasting climatic regimes and that equivalent time-dependent weathering of granite surfaces can
308 occur within regions of similar climate (Tomkins et al., 2016; 2018). TCN-SH calibration curves
309 based on significant age-controls datasets ($n \geq 50$) have been shown to produce robust ages for
310 glacial landforms, as demonstrated through comparison with independent radiometric ages (^{10}Be),
311 and in aggregate, can generate results of comparable accuracy and precision to TCN dating. This

312 approach could be replicated in similar well-dated granite regions throughout the world (e.g.
313 Himalaya, Patagonia, Sierra Nevada) and has the ability to revolutionise high-sample low-budget
314 quantitative studies in Quaternary Science. In the Pyrenees, future applications of SHED are needed
315 to (1) separate LGM and Würmian MIE landforms across the mountain range and to (2) address gaps
316 in our understanding of post-LGM retreat (Calvet et al., 2011). The relative scarcity of
317 geochronological data, particularly in the Western Pyrenees, has thus far prevented a Pyrenean-scale
318 synthesis of post-MIS 4 glaciation, although progress continues to be made (e.g. Palacios et al., 2017).
319 Widespread application of SHED across the Pyrenees would generate a wealth of new chronological
320 data related to glacier oscillations over the last ~50 ka and would likely accelerate progress in our
321 understanding of the last Pleistocene glacial cycle.

322 To apply this regional calibration curve to undated landforms or to verify its accuracy on landforms
323 dated using radiometric methods (TNC, OSL, ^{14}C), users should follow the methods described
324 above and perform (1) instrument calibration and (2) age calibration procedures as described fully in
325 Tomkins et al. (2018). To perform instrument calibration, users should sample a suitable surface
326 before and after data collection which returns R-values which lie within the range of R-values
327 measured in the field (Tomkins et al., 2018). In contrast, instrument calibration using the test anvil
328 (R-value = 81 ± 2 ; Proceq, 2004) is inappropriate for surfaces typically tested by Quaternary
329 researchers (R-values: 25 - 60) and should only be utilised for the hardest natural rock surfaces (R-
330 values ≥ 70). To perform age calibration and to standardise different Schmidt Hammers and different
331 user strategies to the Pyrenean calibration curve, users should test their Schmidt Hammer on one of
332 three calibration surfaces provided (Mean of 30 R-values; Table 3; Sample photos available at
333 <http://shed.earth>) rather than the University of Manchester calibration boulder as described in
334 Dortch et al. (2016). Users should compare the recorded mean R-value against the assigned value
335 (Table 3) to calculate a correction factor which is then all applied to user data. This functionality is
336 incorporated into SHED-Earth. These procedures facilitate comparison between studies and
337 encourage wider and more consistent application of SHED throughout the Pyrenees.

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340 CONCLUSIONS

341 Quaternary deposits in the Pyrenees are ideally placed for paleoclimate studies given their proximity
342 to both the North Atlantic and the Mediterranean. However, limited geochronological datasets, the
343 increasing fragmentation of trunk glaciers, and the incomplete nature of the geomorphological
344 record, have prevented a regional scale synthesis of post-MIS 4 glaciation. The Pyrenees are ideally
345 suited for Schmidt Hammer exposure dating (SHED) given the excellent preservation of glacial
346 deposits and the abundance of granite glacial boulders and erosion surfaces.

347 In this study, we show that SHED is a viable geochronological technique, as a strong correlation
348 between 52 TCN exposure ages and SH R-values ($R^2 = 0.96$, $p < 0.01$) permits the use of the SH as
349 a numerical dating tool. The effectiveness of this method is demonstrated for the Têt catchment in
350 the Eastern Pyrenees, where SH exposure ages are in correct stratigraphic order, are consistent
351 with existing geomorphological interpretations, and show excellent agreement with previous TCN
352 ages. SHED data confirm comparable glacier lengths during the LGM and the MIE in the Eastern
353 Pyrenees (~300 m), in contrast to evidence from the Western Pyrenees (>15 km), and also confirm
354 the antiquity of the MIE which likely occurred during MIS 3 (40.86 ± 1.09 ka). Moreover, SHED data
355 show that glaciers in the Eastern Pyrenees reached their maximum extents during the global LGM,
356 synchronous with Alpine ice masses (24 - 26 ka). Glacier expansion was driven by enhanced
357 moisture availability caused by southward advection of the polar front coinciding with the maximum
358 extent of the Laurentide Ice Sheet and a solar minimum at ~24 ka.

359 SHED is cost and time-efficient and can differentiate proximal glacial deposits (~300 m) and in
360 aggregate, can generate results of comparable accuracy and precision to TCN dating. Moreover, our
361 approach provides new evidence for non-linear weathering of granitic surfaces through time, likely
362 associated with the formation of stable weathering residues. Finally, our data imply little variation in

363 the rate of sub-aerial weathering between sub-regions over the last ~50 ka, which indicates that our
364 calibration curve can be applied widely throughout the Central and Eastern Pyrenees.

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538 **Figure Captions**

539 Figure 1. Schmidt Hammer exposure dating (SHED) calibration curve for the Pyrenees. A:
540 Correlation between Schmidt Hammer R-values and terrestrial cosmogenic nuclide (TCN) exposure
541 ages (n = 53). Inherited outlier ICM04 not shown as it is beyond the graph axis (Age = 80.7 ± 7.9 ka,
542 R-value = 24.98 ± 1.17). B: Map of age control sites, sites referred to in text (A: Ariege, C:
543 Campcardós, Ci: Cinca G: Gállego, T: Têt) and the Last Glacial Maximum extent after Calvet et al.
544 (2011).

545 Figure 2. ^{10}Be dated surfaces sampled using the Schmidt Hammer. A: Holocene, B: Younger Dryas,
546 C: Last Glacial Maximum (LGM) and D: Würmian Maximum Ice Extent (MIE) dated surfaces from
547 Pallas et al. (2010) and Crest et al. (2017). Reported ^{10}Be ages were recalibrated using the online
548 calculators formerly known as the CRONUS-Earth online calculators (Balco et al., 2008). Reported
549 R-values are the arithmetic mean of 30 R-values (excluding no outliers) \pm the Standard Error of the
550 Mean (SEM).

551 Figure 3. Local and regional controls on surface R-values. A: Full dataset (*black*) and sub-region
552 calibration curves for the southern (*blue*), eastern (*red*) and central Pyrenees (*green*). Sub-region
553 calibration curves fall within 1σ (dark grey) and 2σ (light grey) prediction limits of the full dataset
554 curve and imply no significant variation in the rate of rock surface weathering between sub-regions.
555 B: Boulder height (m) and surface R-values (n = 38). C: Sample elevation (m) and surface R-values (n
556 = 52). D: Cirque headwall distance (km) and surface R-values (n = 52). These data (A-D) imply that
557 site specific factors have a negligible impact on sub-aerial weathering of granite surfaces in the

558 Central and Eastern Pyrenees.

559 Figure 4. Sampled sites for Schmidt Hammer exposure dating (SHED) from the Têt catchment,
560 Eastern Pyrenees. A: Holocene (Site A; 9.41 ± 0.62 ka) and Younger Dryas moraines (Site B; $12.62 \pm$
561 0.91 ka). B: The prominent lateral moraine and proximal surfaces sampled for SHED (Site C: $16.08 \pm$
562 0.46 ka). C: Sampled surface from the large terminal moraine, previously dated to 24.22 ± 4.58 ka
563 (^{10}Be ; $n = 1$; Delmas et al., 2008), which marks the maximum extent of ice during the Last Glacial
564 Maximum (Site D: 24.80 ± 0.90 ka). D: The outermost moraine of the Têt glacier and the Würmian
565 Maximum Ice Extent for this catchment (Site E: 40.86 ± 1.09 ka).

566 Figure 5. A deglacial chronology for the Têt catchment, Eastern Pyrenees. A: Geomorphological map
567 showing the Würmian Maximum Ice Extent (MIE) for the Têt, Angoustrine and Formiguères glaciers.
568 Moraine stages modified and TCN exposure ages recalibrated from Delmas et al. (2008). Schmidt
569 Hammer sampled sites (A-E) are shown. B: Probability density estimates (PDEs) and Gaussian
570 models for sampled sites (A-E) are plotted against the NGRIP $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ curve (Rasmussen et al., 2014).
571 Key events are shown: Younger Dryas (YD), Oldest Dryas (OD), Global Last Glacial Maximum
572 (GLGM), Local Last Glacial Maximum (LLGM) and the Eurasian Last Glacial Maximum (ELGM).

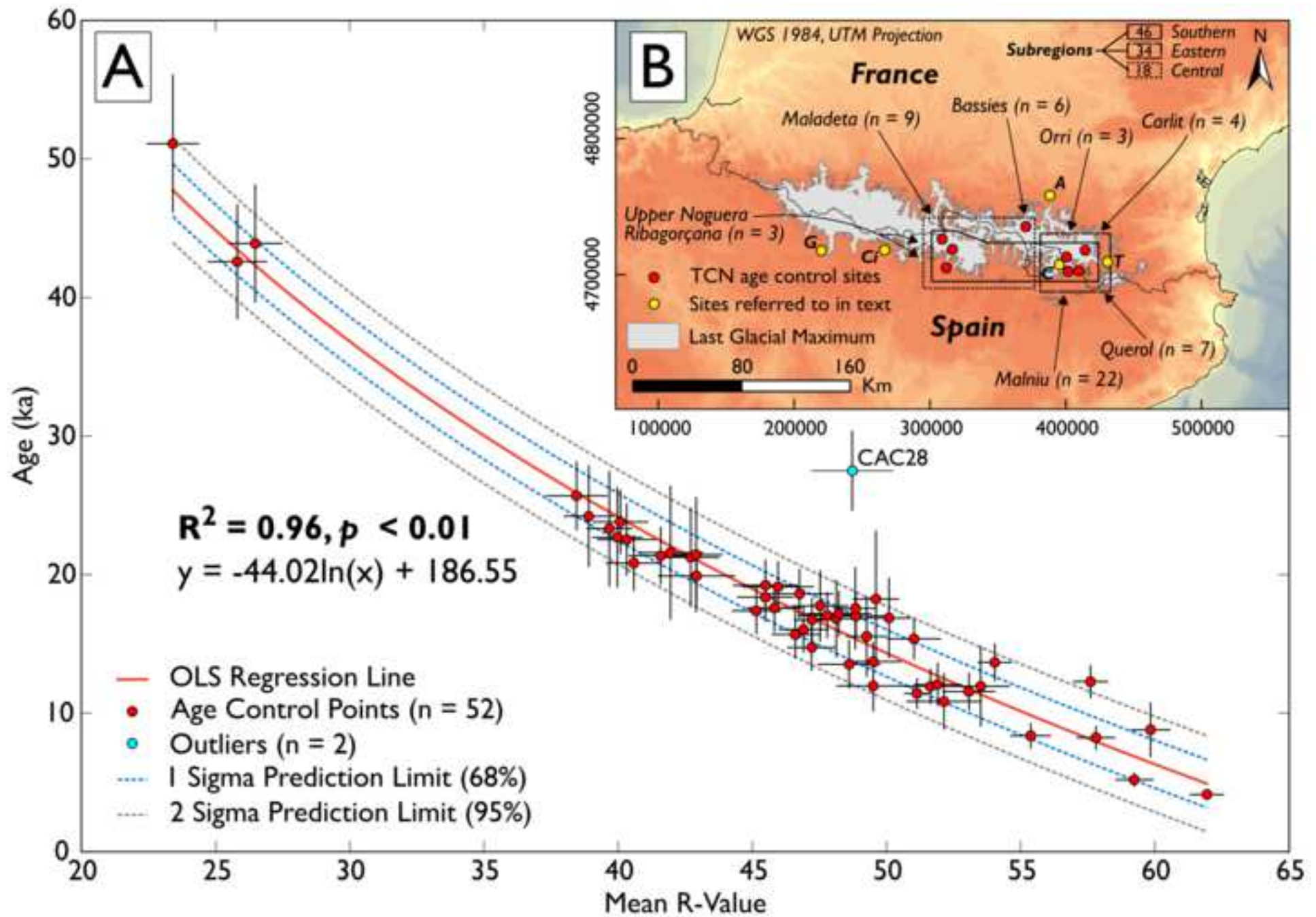
573 **Table Captions**

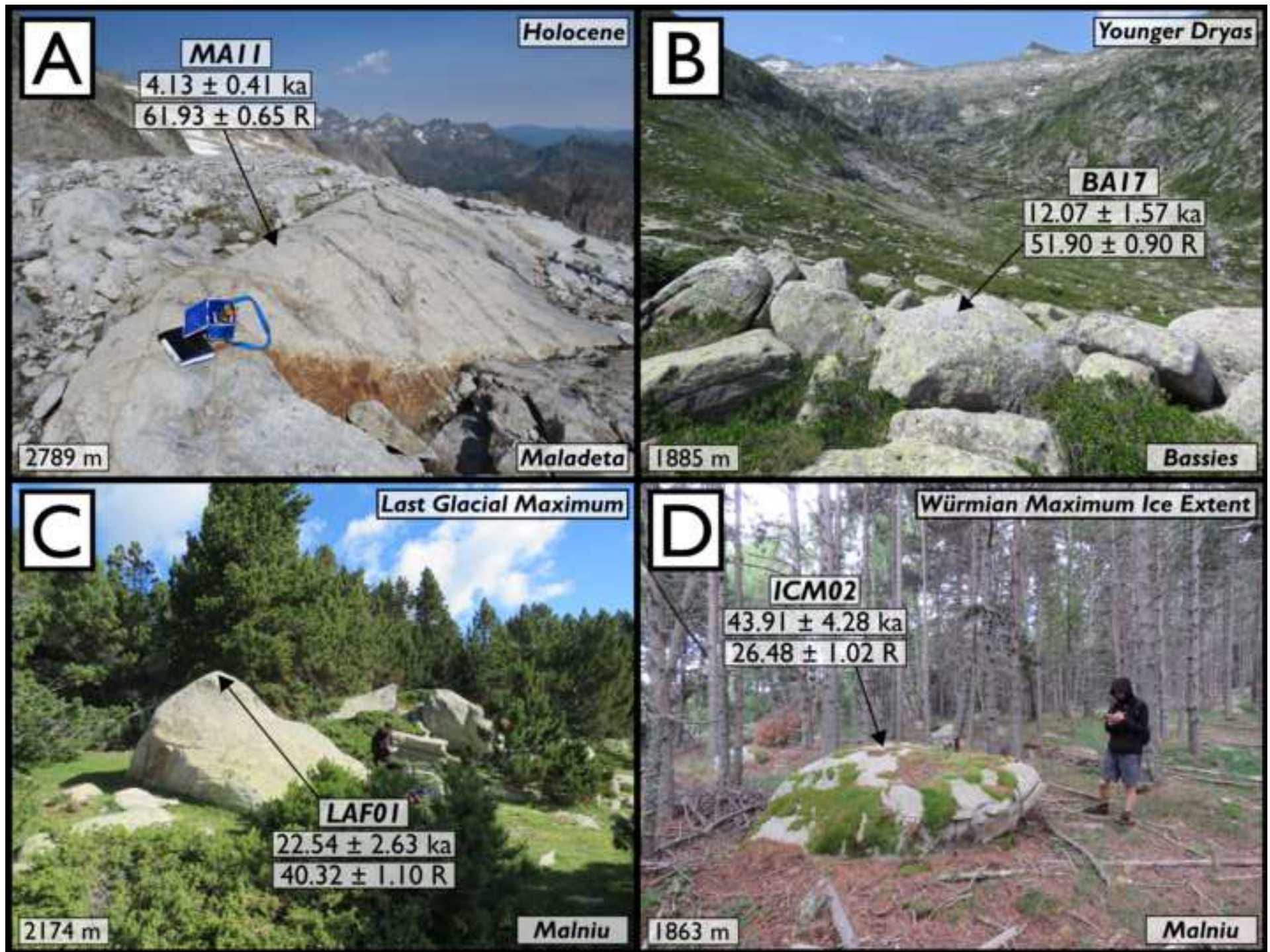
574 Table 1. Details of ^{10}Be dated surfaces sampled using the Schmidt Hammer.

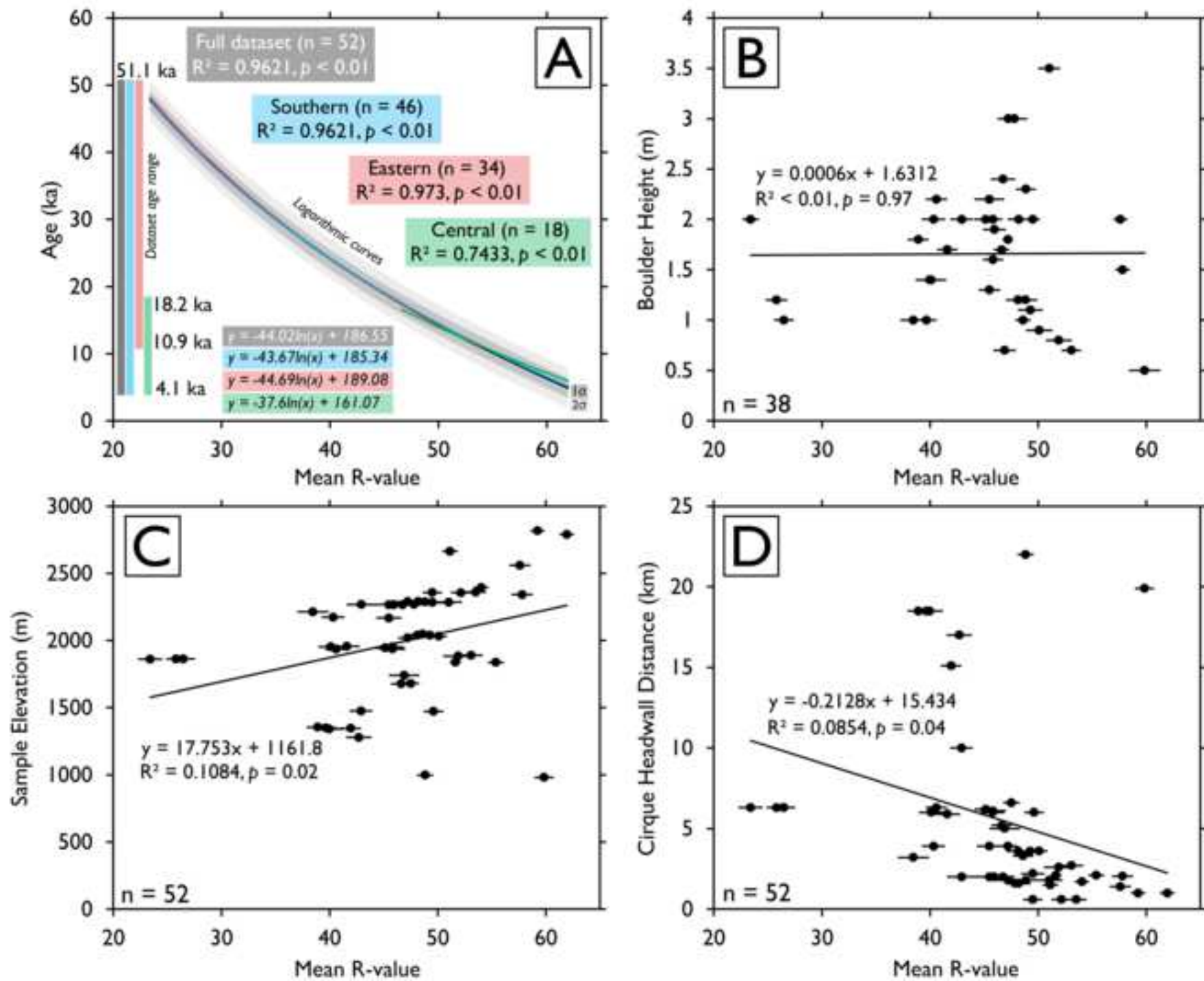
575 Table 2. Analysis of sub-region datasets and comparison with the full age control dataset ($n = 52$).

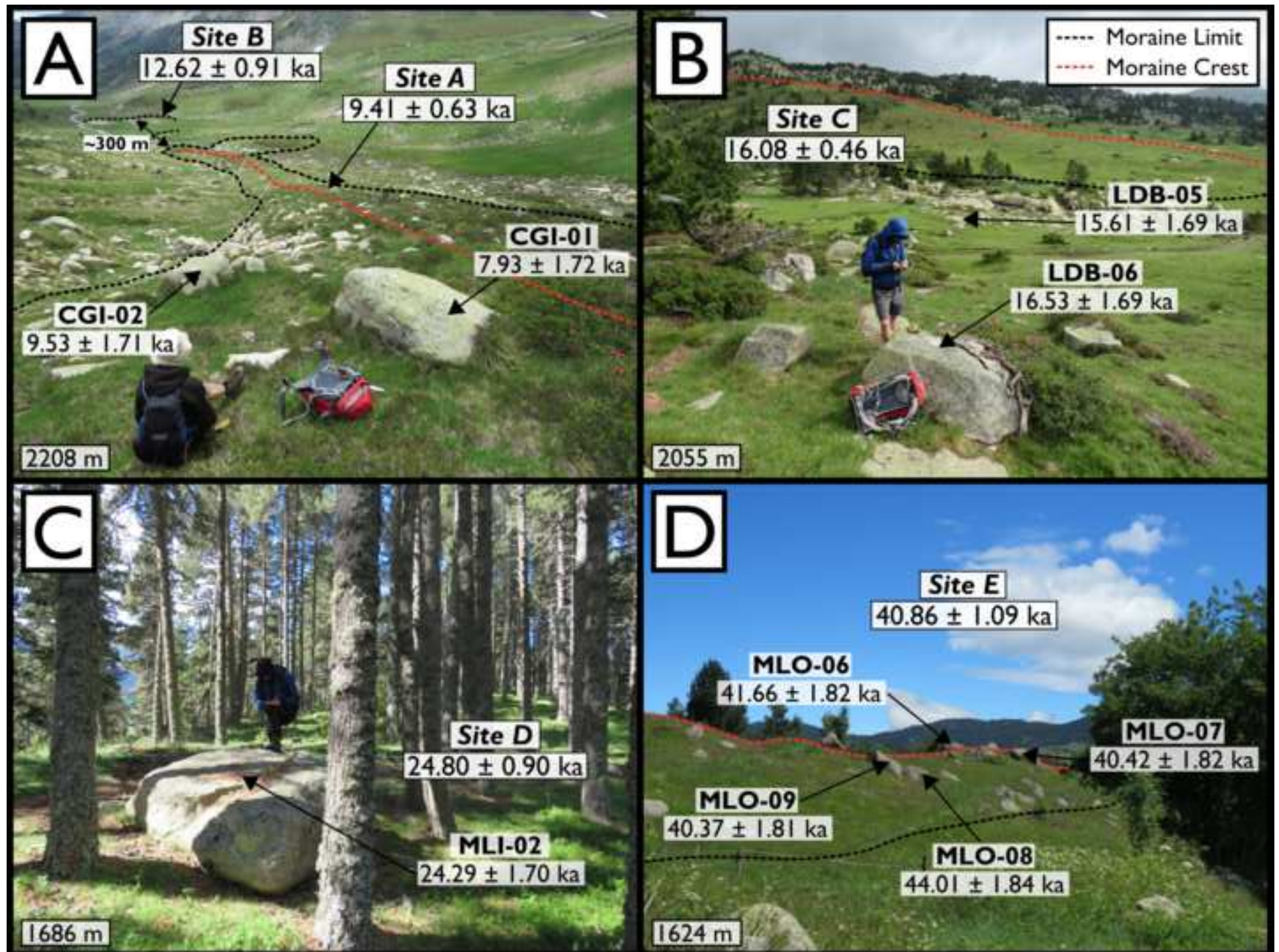
576 These data imply little variation in the rate of sub-aerial weathering between sub-regions.

577 Table 3. Age calibration surfaces for the Pyrenees. Detailed information on age calibration can be
578 found in Tomkins et al. (2018) or at <http://shed.earth>. Users should test their Schmidt Hammer on
579 one of these calibration surfaces provided (Mean of 30 R-values) and input their results into the
580 SHED-Earth online calculator. Age calibration standardises different Schmidt Hammers and user
581 strategies to the regional calibration curve.









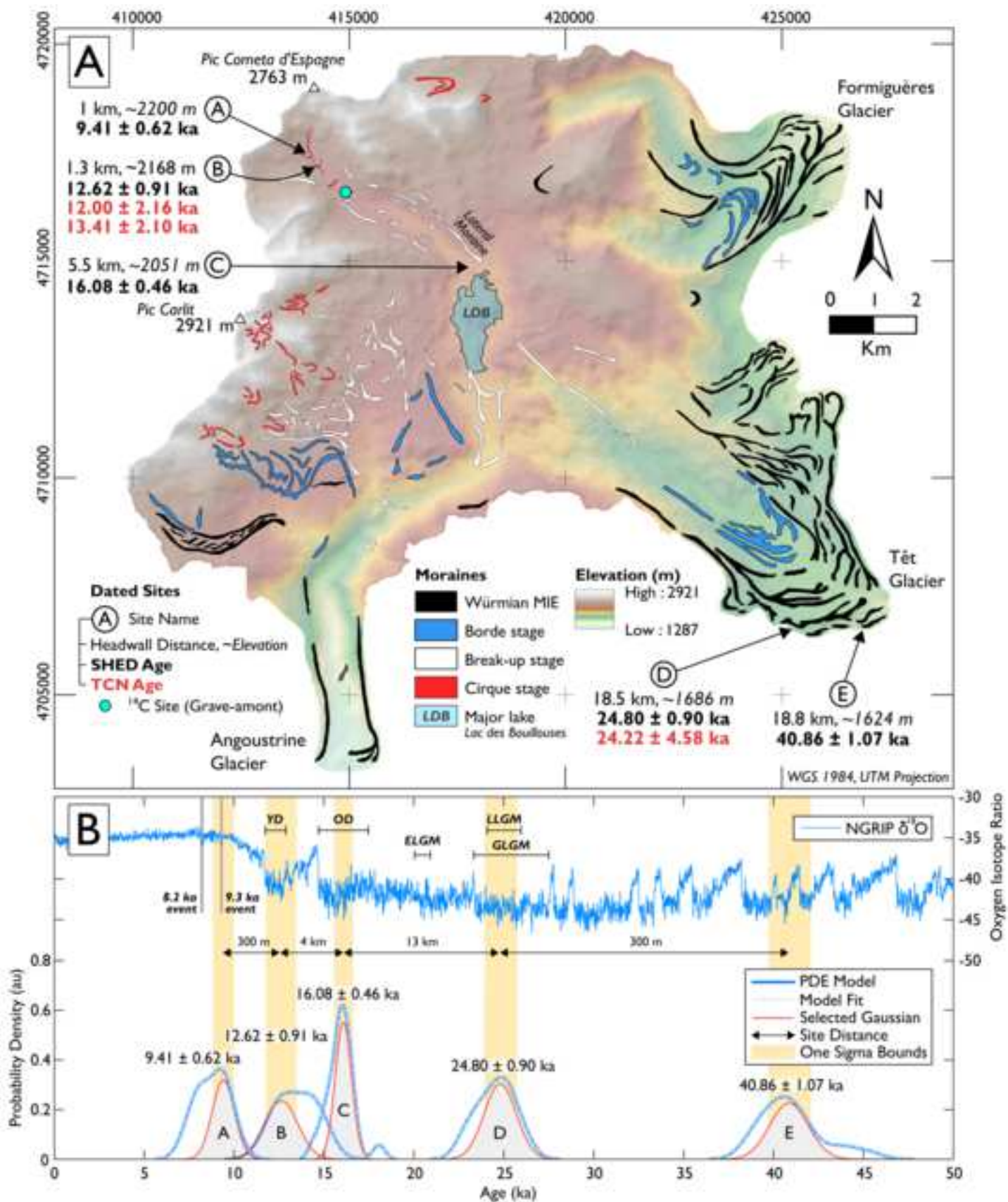


Table 1

| Sample | Coordinates ^a | Elevation (m) | Type | Sub-region ^b | Boulder height (m) | Cirque distance (km) | Mean R-Value | SEM ^c | Age (ka) | Io |
|--------|--------------------------|---------------|---------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|------|
| MA03 | 306645 4726398 | 2396 | Bedrock | S + C | - | 1.7 | 54.03 | 0.65 | 13.67 | 1.36 |
| MA04 | 306659 4725978 | 2560 | Boulder | S + C | 2 | 1.4 | 57.60 | 0.67 | 12.29 | 1.21 |
| MA11 | 306498 4725387 | 2789 | Bedrock | S + C | - | 1 | 61.93 | 0.65 | 4.13 | 0.41 |
| MA12 | 306627 4725290 | 2817 | Bedrock | S + C | - | 1 | 59.23 | 0.71 | 5.21 | 0.52 |
| MA07 | 306901 4725631 | 2665 | Bedrock | S + C | - | 1.5 | 51.13 | 0.49 | 11.43 | 1.12 |
| MA05 | 306959 4726408 | 2342 | Boulder | S + C | 1.5 | 2.05 | 57.80 | 0.73 | 8.24 | 0.88 |
| MA06 | 306991 4726657 | 2283 | Boulder | S + C | 2 | 2.2 | 49.50 | 1.04 | 13.73 | 1.41 |
| AN02 | 308872 4726401 | 2050 | Boulder | S + C | 1 | 3.3 | 48.60 | 1.18 | 13.54 | 1.77 |
| AN01 | 308669 4726819 | 2020 | Boulder | S + C | 1.8 | 3.9 | 47.20 | 0.91 | 14.74 | 1.69 |
| STA01 | 311923 4704290 | 998 | Boulder | S + C | 1.2 | 22 | 48.84 | 0.82 | 17.58 | 2.98 |
| SMV01 | 312411 4706093 | 981 | Boulder | S + C | 0.5 | 19.9 | 59.84 | 0.74 | 8.80 | 1.99 |
| RHL01 | 316483 4718607 | 1472 | Bedrock | S + C | - | 6 | 49.60 | 0.87 | 18.25 | 4.95 |
| BA15 | 371797 4735829 | 1678 | Boulder | C | 1.7 | 5.2 | 46.60 | 0.89 | 15.69 | 1.74 |
| BA16 | 371426 4736078 | 1741 | Boulder | C | 0.7 | 5 | 46.90 | 0.94 | 16.05 | 1.69 |
| BA20 | 369354 4734473 | 1837 | Bedrock | C | - | 2.10 | 51.64 | 0.95 | 11.94 | 1.29 |
| BA19 | 369354 4734473 | 1837 | Bedrock | C | - | 2.1 | 55.37 | 0.76 | 8.38 | 0.93 |
| BA17 | 369697 4734705 | 1885 | Boulder | C | 0.8 | 2.6 | 51.90 | 0.90 | 12.07 | 1.57 |
| BA18 | 369717 4734785 | 1890 | Boulder | C | 0.7 | 2.7 | 53.07 | 0.99 | 11.57 | 1.37 |
| FUL03 | 403443 4707445 | 1476 | Bedrock | S + E | - | 10 | 42.90 | 0.99 | 21.45 | 4.17 |
| LAT01 | 408106 4702521 | 1279 | Bedrock | S + E | - | 17 | 42.70 | 1.07 | 21.26 | 3.59 |
| YRA-21 | 408727 4701033 | 1341 | Boulder | S + E | 1.4 | 18.5 | 39.97 | 0.94 | 22.69 | 3.62 |
| YRA-20 | 408719 4701031 | 1349 | Boulder | S + E | 1 | 18.5 | 39.67 | 0.86 | 23.32 | 4.19 |
| YRA-19 | 408651 4701040 | 1354 | Boulder | S + E | 1.8 | 18.5 | 38.90 | 0.94 | 24.22 | 3.67 |
| CAC25 | 414113 4718126 | 2356 | Bedrock | S + E | - | 0.6 | 52.14 | 1.41 | 10.85 | 2.04 |
| CAC26 | 414113 4718126 | 2357 | Bedrock | S + E | - | 0.6 | 49.51 | 1.38 | 11.97 | 1.85 |
| CAC27 | 414113 4718126 | 2360 | Bedrock | S + E | - | 0.6 | 53.51 | 1.09 | 11.95 | 2.92 |
| CAC28 | 414113 4718126 | 2356 | Bedrock | - | - | 0.6 | 48.71 | 1.53 | 26.93 ^d | 2.89 |
| QRS01 | 406616 4703876 | 1346 | Bedrock | S + E | - | 15.1 | 41.95 | 1.21 | 21.59 | 4.84 |
| ICM01 | 404800 4702660 | 1861 | Boulder | S + E | 2 | 6.3 | 23.41 | 0.98 | 51.11 | 4.99 |
| ICM02 | 404787 4702624 | 1863 | Boulder | S + E | 1 | 6.3 | 26.48 | 1.02 | 43.91 | 4.28 |
| ICM03 | 404764 4702592 | 1863 | Boulder | S + E | 1.2 | 6.3 | 25.81 | 1.12 | 42.59 | 4.15 |
| ICM04 | 404736 4702569 | 1864 | Boulder | - | 1.5 | 6.3 | 24.98 | 1.17 | 80.73 ^d | 7.92 |
| OEC5 | 404606 4702925 | 1935 | Boulder | S + E | 2.2 | 6.3 | 40.58 | 1.06 | 20.84 | 2.04 |
| OEC4 | 404545 4702828 | 1945 | Boulder | S + E | 2 | 6.2 | 45.15 | 0.92 | 17.39 | 1.70 |
| OEC6 | 404548 4703058 | 1937 | Boulder | S + E | 1.6 | 6.1 | 45.82 | 0.98 | 17.58 | 1.73 |
| OEC3 | 404415 4702566 | 1951 | Boulder | S + E | 2 | 6 | 45.82 | 1.02 | 17.61 | 1.74 |
| OEC2 | 404329 4702532 | 1956 | Boulder | S + E | 1.7 | 5.9 | 41.58 | 1.20 | 21.37 | 2.09 |
| OEC1 | 404402 4702668 | 1953 | Boulder | S + E | 1.4 | 6 | 40.08 | 1.03 | 23.81 | 2.32 |
| LAF03 | 402597 4701952 | 2168 | Boulder | S + E | 2.2 | 3.9 | 45.49 | 1.22 | 19.23 | 1.87 |
| LAF01 | 402493 4701917 | 2174 | Boulder | S + E | 2 | 3.9 | 40.32 | 1.10 | 22.54 | 2.63 |
| LAF04 | 401565 4701602 | 2213 | Boulder | S + E | 1 | 3.2 | 38.45 | 1.15 | 25.69 | 2.50 |
| OMA04 | 400874 4702314 | 2267 | Boulder | S + E | 1.3 | 2 | 45.49 | 1.05 | 18.38 | 1.79 |
| OMA02 | 400871 4702326 | 2268 | Boulder | S + E | 2 | 2 | 42.92 | 1.44 | 19.91 | 1.93 |
| OMA03 | 400877 4702330 | 2267 | Boulder | S + E | 2.4 | 2 | 46.76 | 1.26 | 18.62 | 1.81 |
| OMA01 | 400884 4702332 | 2267 | Boulder | S + E | 1.9 | 2 | 45.95 | 1.34 | 19.13 | 1.86 |
| IMA03 | 400931 4703060 | 2287 | Boulder | S + E | 2.3 | 1.8 | 48.86 | 1.07 | 17.02 | 1.66 |
| IMA01 | 400943 4703050 | 2289 | Boulder | S + E | 3 | 1.8 | 47.22 | 0.68 | 16.72 | 1.63 |
| IMA02 | 400924 4703031 | 2286 | Boulder | S + E | 3.5 | 1.8 | 51.02 | 1.01 | 15.37 | 1.50 |
| IMA04 | 401069 4703262 | 2270 | Boulder | S + E | 3 | 1.6 | 47.79 | 1.09 | 17.08 | 1.66 |
| IMA05 | 401073 4703284 | 2290 | Boulder | S + E | 2 | 1.6 | 48.22 | 1.22 | 17.19 | 1.67 |
| CPM03 | 400965 4712601 | 2032 | Boulder | S + E | 0.9 | 3.6 | 50.09 | 0.82 | 16.87 | 2.91 |
| CPM01 | 400805 4712550 | 2039 | Boulder | S + E | 1.2 | 3.6 | 48.12 | 1.09 | 16.83 | 2.81 |
| CPM02 | 400809 4712566 | 2038 | Boulder | S + E | 1.1 | 3.6 | 49.26 | 0.76 | 15.54 | 2.90 |
| CAS03 | 403474 4710840 | 1681 | Bedrock | S + E | - | 6.6 | 47.52 | 1.05 | 17.75 | 2.59 |

^a with reference to WGS 1984 31 T, ^b S = Southern, C = Central, E = Eastern, ^c Standard Error of the Mean, ^d Inherited surface

Table 2

| Region | # ages | Age Range (ka) | R-Value Range ^a | Regression Equation | R ² | p value | Mean variation ^b | Mean uncertainty ^c | Max. variation | p value ^d | Interpretation ^e |
|--------------|--------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Full Dataset | 52 | 4.1 - 51.1 | 25 - 60 | $y = -44.02\ln(x) + 186.55$ | 0.9621 | < 0.01 | - | 1.725 ± 0.031 | - | - | - |
| Southern | 46 | 4.1 - 51.1 | 25 - 60 | $y = -43.67\ln(x) + 185.34$ | 0.9621 | < 0.01 | 0.11 ± 0.06 ka | 1.725 ± 0.031 | 0.22 ka | 0.91 | H ₀ |
| Eastern | 34 | 10.9 - 51.1 | 25 - 54 | $y = -44.69\ln(x) + 189.08$ | 0.973 | < 0.01 | 0.14 ± 0.08 ka | 1.728 ± 0.036 | 0.37 ka | 0.92 | H ₀ |
| Central | 18 | 4.1 - 18.2 | 46 - 60 | $y = -37.6\ln(x) + 161.07$ | 0.7433 | < 0.01 | 0.43 ± 0.22 ka | 1.704 ± 0.008 | 0.90 ka | 0.98 | H ₀ |

^a Ages interpolated at R-value interval of 0.1 within these ranges, ^b Mean variation from Full Dataset ± Mean Absolute Deviation, ^c Mean calibration curve uncertainty of the Full Dataset ± Mean Absolute Deviation over the associated calibration period, ^d p value of two-sample Students t-tests assuming unequal variance, ^e H₁ - The difference between the two populations is statistically significant at p = 0.05, H₀ - The difference between the two populations is not statistically significant at p = 0.05

Table 3

| Name | UTM Coordinates ^a | | Elevation (m) | Mean R-Value | SEM ^b |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| Maladeta Calibration Boulder | 307424 | 4727841 | 1906 | 52.60 | 0.74 |
| Bassies Calibration Boulder | 374343 | 4733594 | 853 | 44.14 | 0.60 |
| Carlit Calibration Boulder | 422066 | 4707335 | 1820 | 48.67 | 0.65 |

^a with reference to WGS 1984 31 T, ^b Standard Error of the Mean

| Site | Sample ID | Latitude (°) | Longitude (°) | Elevation (m) | Mean R-Value | MAD ^a | SEM ^b | Age (ka) | 1 σ |
|------|-----------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|----------|------------|
| A | CGI-01 | 42.607017 | 1.952433 | 2238 | 57.84 | 3.53 | 0.80 | 7.93 | 1.72 |
| | CGI-02 | 42.606861 | 1.95218 | 2235 | 55.77 | 4.51 | 1.05 | 9.53 | 1.71 |
| | CGI-03 | 42.606823 | 1.951876 | 2226 | 57.14 | 5.73 | 1.28 | 8.47 | 1.71 |
| | CGI-04 | 42.606635 | 1.952086 | 2223 | 58.81 | 3.83 | 0.85 | 7.20 | 1.72 |
| | CGI-05 | 42.606501 | 1.9521 | 2214 | 56.48 | 4.64 | 1.01 | 8.98 | 1.71 |
| | CGI-06 | 42.606437 | 1.95204 | 2213 | 57.78 | 4.03 | 0.93 | 7.98 | 1.72 |
| | CGI-07 | 42.606062 | 1.952364 | 2207 | 57.74 | 3.22 | 0.74 | 8.01 | 1.72 |
| | CGI-08 | 42.605765 | 1.952466 | 2208 | 56.01 | 4.07 | 0.90 | 9.35 | 1.71 |
| | CGI-09 | 42.605515 | 1.952653 | 2195 | 55.51 | 5.00 | 1.18 | 9.74 | 1.71 |
| | CGI-10 | 42.605363 | 1.952753 | 2193 | 57.88 | 4.96 | 1.13 | 7.90 | 1.72 |
| | CGI-11 | 42.605147 | 1.952745 | 2186 | 55.78 | 5.15 | 1.21 | 9.53 | 1.71 |
| | CGI-12 | 42.604889 | 1.953176 | 2188 | 55.58 | 6.50 | 1.37 | 9.69 | 1.71 |
| | CGI-13 | 42.604872 | 1.953261 | 2183 | 57.38 | 4.70 | 1.06 | 8.29 | 1.71 |
| | CGI-14 | 42.604664 | 1.953143 | 2184 | 56.01 | 4.00 | 0.90 | 9.35 | 1.71 |
| | CGI-15 | 42.604396 | 1.953379 | 2174 | 54.71 | 7.03 | 1.47 | 10.38 | 1.71 |
| | CGI-16 | 42.604096 | 1.953116 | 2173 | 58.41 | 3.60 | 0.86 | 7.50 | 1.72 |
| | CGI-17 | 42.604168 | 1.953066 | 2168 | 55.88 | 5.89 | 1.32 | 9.45 | 1.71 |
| | CGI-18 | 42.604328 | 1.952819 | 2187 | 57.21 | 4.73 | 1.00 | 8.41 | 1.71 |
| | CGI-19 | 42.604096 | 1.952153 | 2183 | 56.45 | 5.87 | 1.26 | 9.01 | 1.71 |
| | CGI-20 | 42.604096 | 1.95208 | 2184 | 56.38 | 4.63 | 1.04 | 9.06 | 1.71 |
| B | CGO-01 | 42.602443 | 1.954558 | 2177 | 51.35 | 5.96 | 1.25 | 13.18 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-02 | 42.602373 | 1.954717 | 2176 | 49.61 | 4.41 | 0.98 | 14.69 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-03 | 42.602373 | 1.954717 | 2176 | 51.08 | 4.47 | 0.93 | 13.40 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-04 | 42.602401 | 1.95479 | 2167 | 50.21 | 5.09 | 1.10 | 14.16 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-05 | 42.602401 | 1.95479 | 2167 | 50.21 | 5.11 | 1.16 | 14.16 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-06 | 42.602348 | 1.954937 | 2170 | 52.25 | 5.32 | 1.16 | 12.41 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-07 | 42.602213 | 1.955013 | 2162 | 52.41 | 6.07 | 1.29 | 12.27 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-08 | 42.602215 | 1.955208 | 2169 | 49.38 | 5.06 | 1.06 | 14.89 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-09 | 42.602287 | 1.955194 | 2163 | 49.61 | 4.33 | 0.93 | 14.69 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-10 | 42.602307 | 1.955389 | 2166 | 51.61 | 6.48 | 1.45 | 12.95 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-11 | 42.602263 | 1.95556 | 2171 | 50.08 | 4.61 | 1.03 | 14.27 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-12 | 42.602291 | 1.955645 | 2164 | 52.95 | 4.53 | 0.95 | 11.82 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-13 | 42.602382 | 1.955766 | 2165 | 51.61 | 6.51 | 1.35 | 12.95 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-14 | 42.602436 | 1.955728 | 2165 | 51.98 | 5.57 | 1.22 | 12.63 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-15 | 42.602472 | 1.955691 | 2165 | 51.91 | 5.58 | 1.29 | 12.69 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-16 | 42.602545 | 1.955799 | 2167 | 49.88 | 5.39 | 1.14 | 14.45 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-17 | 42.602589 | 1.955701 | 2167 | 49.98 | 4.24 | 0.98 | 14.36 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-18 | 42.602705 | 1.955553 | 2166 | 52.48 | 4.40 | 1.08 | 12.21 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-19 | 42.602749 | 1.955442 | 2169 | 52.15 | 7.06 | 1.49 | 12.49 | 1.70 |
| | CGO-20 | 42.602785 | 1.955442 | 2169 | 50.05 | 3.51 | 0.86 | 14.30 | 1.70 |
| | LDB-01 | 42.582627 | 1.99748 | 2046 | 45.95 | 3.62 | 0.94 | 18.06 | 1.69 |
| | LDB-02 | 42.582494 | 1.997653 | 2046 | 47.58 | 5.54 | 1.24 | 16.53 | 1.69 |
| | LDB-03 | 42.582358 | 1.997582 | 2047 | 47.55 | 4.56 | 0.99 | 16.56 | 1.69 |
| | LDB-04 | 42.582286 | 1.99751 | 2046 | 48.65 | 4.57 | 0.98 | 15.55 | 1.69 |

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|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| C | LDB-05 | 42.582141 | 1.997464 | 2048 | 48.58 | 4.46 | 1.02 | 15.61 | 1.69 | |
| | LDB-06 | 42.582015 | 1.997466 | 2051 | 47.58 | 4.77 | 1.07 | 16.53 | 1.69 | |
| | LDB-07 | 42.581978 | 1.997381 | 2052 | 48.35 | 4.80 | 1.05 | 15.82 | 1.69 | |
| | LDB-08 | 42.581968 | 1.997198 | 2054 | 48.08 | 3.60 | 0.80 | 16.06 | 1.69 | |
| | LDB-09 | 42.58193 | 1.997028 | 2055 | 48.08 | 5.34 | 1.14 | 16.06 | 1.69 | |
| | LDB-10 | 42.581829 | 1.996847 | 2056 | 48.18 | 4.32 | 0.98 | 15.97 | 1.69 | |
| | LDB-11 | 42.581853 | 1.996493 | 2059 | 48.42 | 4.04 | 0.91 | 15.76 | 1.69 | |
| | LDB-12 | 42.581869 | 1.996274 | 2058 | 49.08 | 4.53 | 1.03 | 15.16 | 1.69 | |
| | LDB-13 | 42.58174 | 1.995935 | 2058 | 47.98 | 4.63 | 1.02 | 16.16 | 1.69 | |
| | LDB-14 | 42.581766 | 1.995763 | 2058 | 47.72 | 3.95 | 0.86 | 16.40 | 1.69 | |
| | LDB-15 | 42.581746 | 1.995557 | 2052 | 48.38 | 5.02 | 1.13 | 15.79 | 1.69 | |
| | LDB-16 | 42.581773 | 1.995495 | 2050 | 49.05 | 4.50 | 0.97 | 15.19 | 1.69 | |
| | LDB-17 | 42.581736 | 1.995423 | 2051 | 48.02 | 5.40 | 1.23 | 16.12 | 1.69 | |
| | LDB-18 | 42.581762 | 1.995288 | 2048 | 48.02 | 5.87 | 1.21 | 16.12 | 1.69 | |
| | LDB-19 | 42.581644 | 1.995181 | 2048 | 49.89 | 4.93 | 1.08 | 14.44 | 1.70 | |
| | LDB-20 | 42.581687 | 1.995034 | 2048 | 49.35 | 4.62 | 1.05 | 14.92 | 1.70 | |
| | D | MLI01 | 42.509716 | 2.101574 | 1703 | 40.25 | 7.37 | 1.61 | 23.89 | 1.70 |
| | | MLI02 | 42.509871 | 2.101743 | 1699 | 39.89 | 4.34 | 0.99 | 24.29 | 1.70 |
| | | MLI03 | 42.509926 | 2.101936 | 1699 | 38.79 | 4.32 | 0.99 | 25.52 | 1.71 |
| | | MLI04 | 42.510077 | 2.102738 | 1699 | 40.69 | 4.07 | 0.92 | 23.42 | 1.70 |
| MLI05 | | 42.509967 | 2.103713 | 1688 | 40.96 | 5.61 | 1.23 | 23.13 | 1.70 | |
| MLI06 | | 42.510328 | 2.103854 | 1687 | 40.02 | 5.34 | 1.21 | 24.14 | 1.70 | |
| MLI07 | | 42.51022 | 2.104963 | 1685 | 39.72 | 3.61 | 0.84 | 24.47 | 1.70 | |
| MLI08 | | 42.510503 | 2.10541 | 1683 | 39.82 | 4.51 | 1.05 | 24.36 | 1.70 | |
| MLI09 | | 42.510651 | 2.105894 | 1686 | 39.12 | 5.19 | 1.22 | 25.14 | 1.70 | |
| MLI10 | | 42.510681 | 2.10632 | 1685 | 38.79 | 3.50 | 0.81 | 25.52 | 1.71 | |
| MLI11 | | 42.510836 | 2.106512 | 1683 | 39.36 | 5.54 | 1.23 | 24.88 | 1.70 | |
| MLI12 | | 42.510873 | 2.106695 | 1684 | 38.39 | 4.22 | 0.89 | 25.98 | 1.71 | |
| MLI13 | | 42.511027 | 2.106826 | 1684 | 38.15 | 4.74 | 1.05 | 26.25 | 1.71 | |
| MLI14 | | 42.511128 | 2.107032 | 1684 | 40.46 | 4.19 | 1.02 | 23.67 | 1.70 | |
| MLI15 | | 42.511346 | 2.107309 | 1684 | 41.06 | 5.77 | 1.30 | 23.02 | 1.70 | |
| MLI16 | | 42.511528 | 2.107489 | 1683 | 39.26 | 5.24 | 1.16 | 24.99 | 1.70 | |
| MLI17 | | 42.511747 | 2.107887 | 1680 | 41.32 | 5.57 | 1.17 | 22.73 | 1.70 | |
| MLI18 | | 42.512164 | 2.108246 | 1679 | 39.26 | 4.52 | 1.00 | 24.99 | 1.70 | |
| MLI19 | | 42.512435 | 2.10834 | 1679 | 39.36 | 4.36 | 1.02 | 24.88 | 1.70 | |
| MLI20 | | 42.512498 | 2.108339 | 1679 | 38.96 | 5.52 | 1.22 | 25.33 | 1.71 | |
| MLO01 | 42.51083 | 2.111576 | 1619 | 27.38 | 6.26 | 1.43 | 40.85 | 1.81 | | |
| MLO02 | 42.510621 | 2.111348 | 1619 | 28.35 | 5.40 | 1.31 | 39.32 | 1.80 | | |
| MLO03 | 42.510485 | 2.111253 | 1618 | 27.48 | 5.77 | 1.23 | 40.69 | 1.81 | | |
| MLO04 | 42.510306 | 2.111316 | 1618 | 27.98 | 5.51 | 1.27 | 39.89 | 1.80 | | |
| MLO05 | 42.510251 | 2.111244 | 1618 | 24.78 | 5.45 | 1.22 | 45.24 | 1.86 | | |
| MLO06 | 42.510224 | 2.111122 | 1617 | 26.88 | 4.81 | 1.15 | 41.66 | 1.82 | | |
| MLO07 | 42.510215 | 2.111317 | 1618 | 27.65 | 6.03 | 1.43 | 40.42 | 1.81 | | |
| MLO08 | 42.510006 | 2.111052 | 1617 | 25.48 | 6.70 | 1.42 | 44.01 | 1.84 | | |
| MLO09 | 42.509898 | 2.110981 | 1618 | 27.68 | 6.18 | 1.35 | 40.37 | 1.81 | | |

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|---|-------|-----------|----------|------|-------|------|------|-------|------|
| E | MLO10 | 42.509887 | 2.110774 | 1619 | 27.55 | 5.30 | 1.19 | 40.58 | 1.81 |
| | MLO11 | 42.509731 | 2.110338 | 1621 | 28.15 | 6.02 | 1.40 | 39.63 | 1.80 |
| | MLO12 | 42.509657 | 2.110108 | 1622 | 26.82 | 8.22 | 1.81 | 41.77 | 1.82 |
| | MLO13 | 42.509457 | 2.109916 | 1622 | 28.59 | 6.10 | 1.32 | 38.96 | 1.79 |
| | MLO14 | 42.509383 | 2.109613 | 1623 | 26.82 | 4.86 | 1.11 | 41.77 | 1.82 |
| | MLO15 | 42.509292 | 2.109578 | 1624 | 27.45 | 6.13 | 1.38 | 40.74 | 1.81 |
| | MLO16 | 42.508837 | 2.108963 | 1632 | 28.49 | 5.03 | 1.11 | 39.11 | 1.79 |
| | MLO17 | 42.508762 | 2.108514 | 1635 | 27.35 | 7.29 | 1.49 | 40.90 | 1.81 |
| | MLO18 | 42.508762 | 2.108502 | 1636 | 28.49 | 5.90 | 1.31 | 39.11 | 1.79 |
| | MLO19 | 42.50865 | 2.108089 | 1637 | 25.78 | 4.39 | 1.05 | 43.50 | 1.84 |
| | MLO20 | 42.508586 | 2.107932 | 1637 | 27.02 | 5.07 | 1.13 | 41.44 | 1.82 |

^a Mean Absolute Deviation, ^b Standard Error of the Mean