

Episodes of early Pleistocene West Antarctic Ice Sheet retreat recorded by Iceberg Alley sediments

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Introduction

This supporting information document contains five figures referred to in the main text. It also contains Table S1, and caption explainers of Data Sets S1–S5 (of our $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ age and QEMSCAN SEM data and U1538-Dove Basin Stack NGR ties) and the Movie S1 that are archived in the IODP community at zenodo.org (Bailey et al., 2022):

<https://zenodo.org/record/6628734#.YqIY8GApA80>.

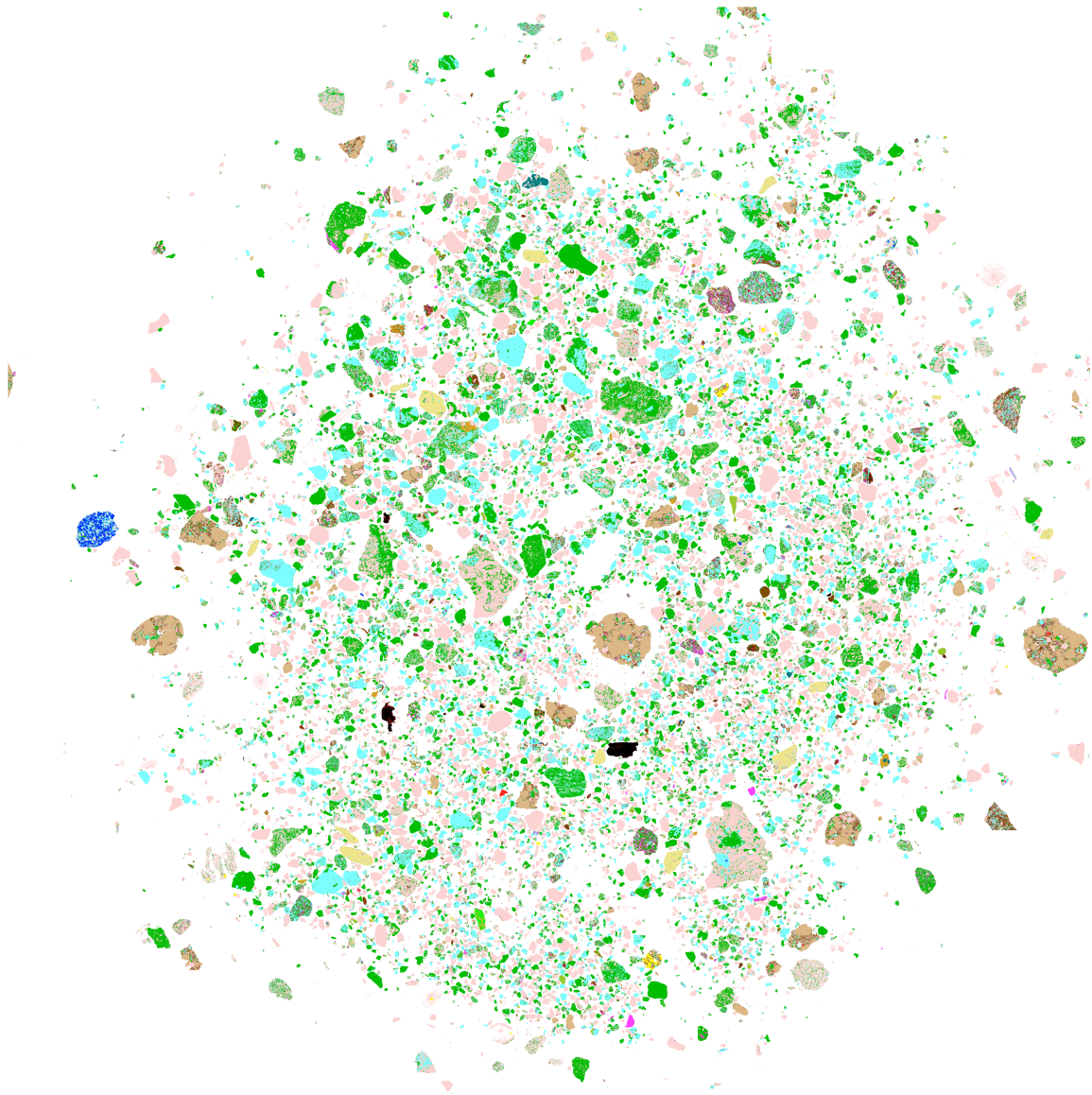


Figure S1. QEMSCAN-derived mineral map of sand-sized fraction of Hole U1538A 36X-3W-47–49 cm. Image is 30-mm wide. See key in Data Set S1 for color guide to the sample mineralogical make-up shown.

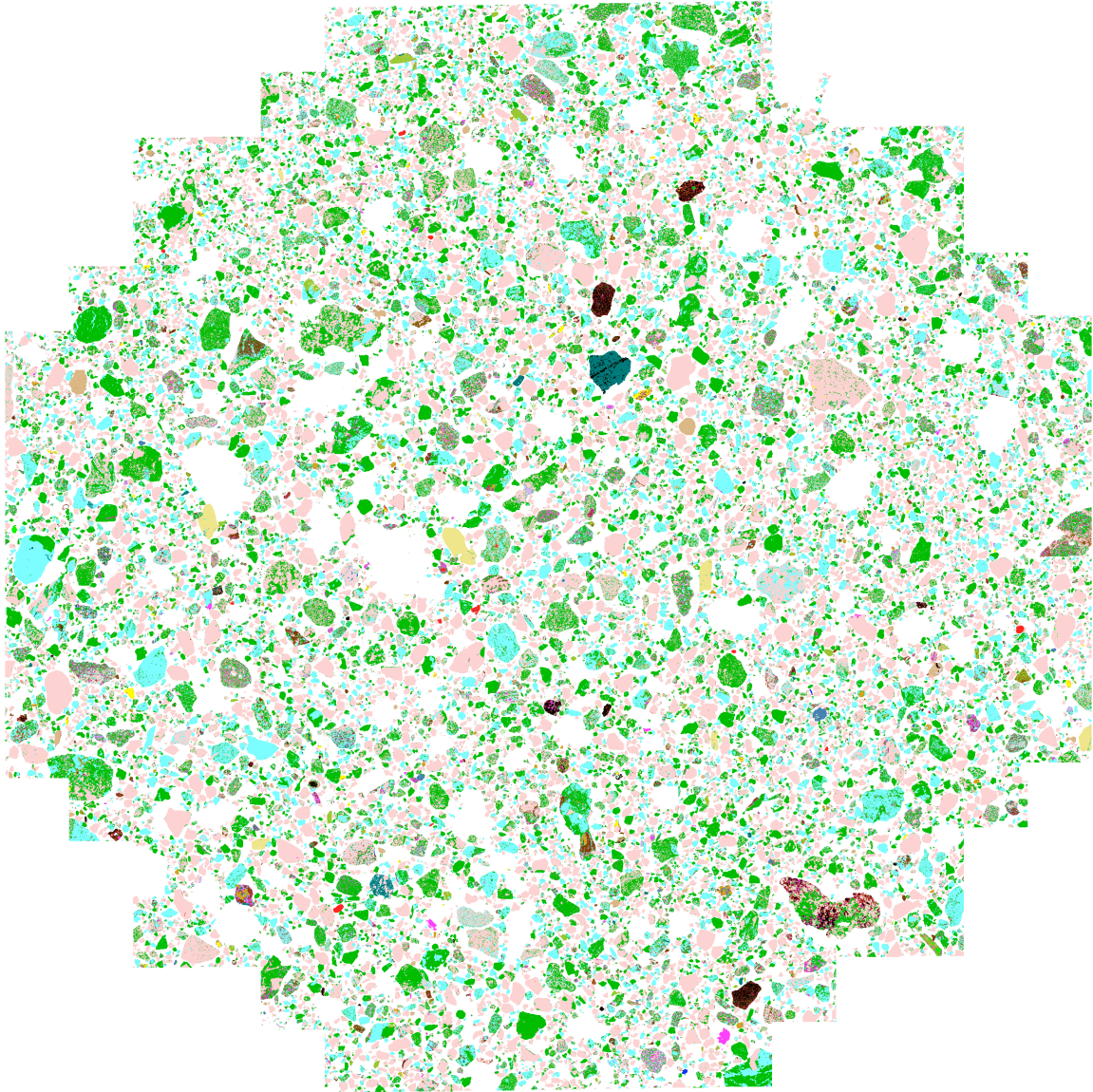


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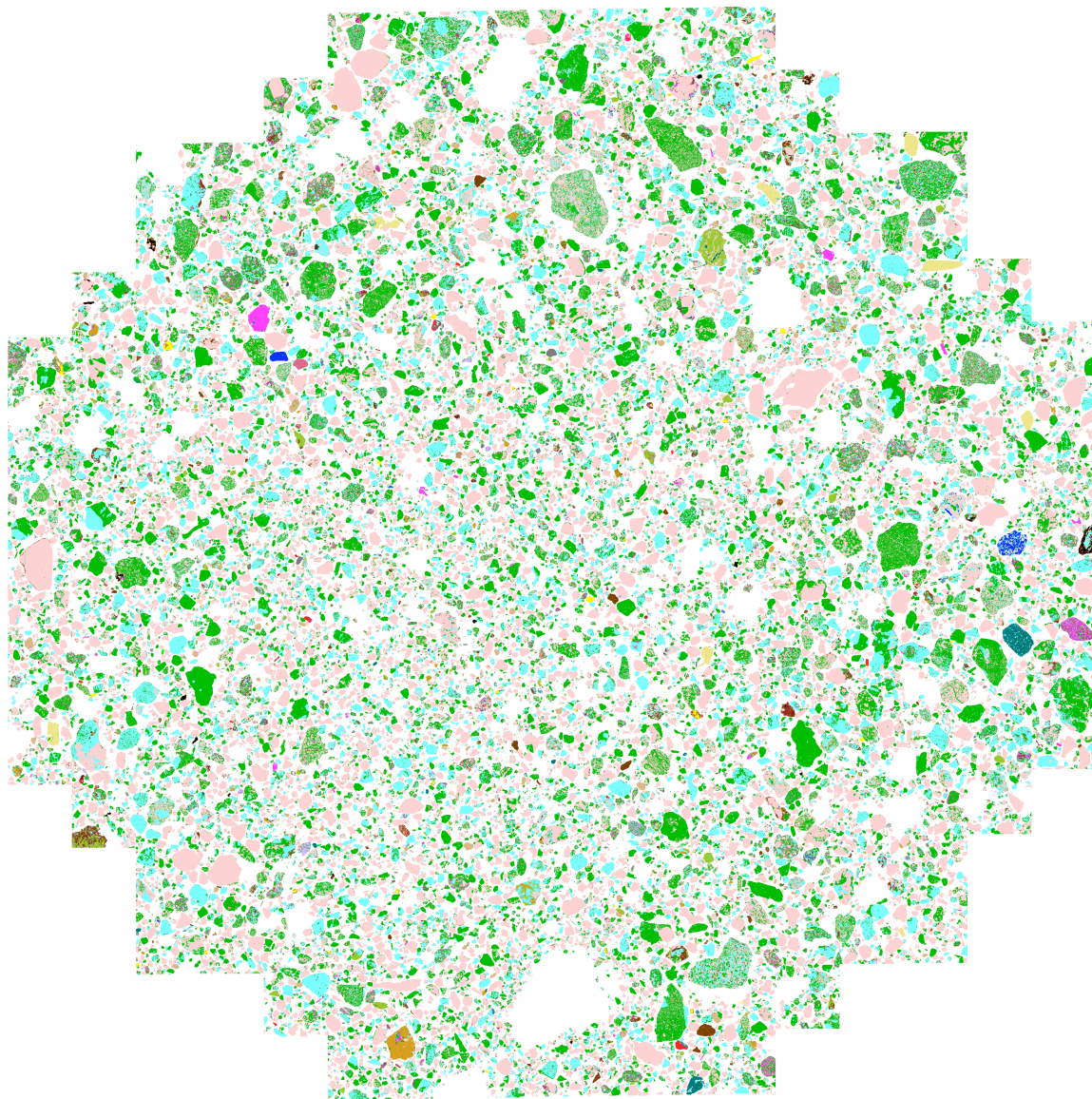


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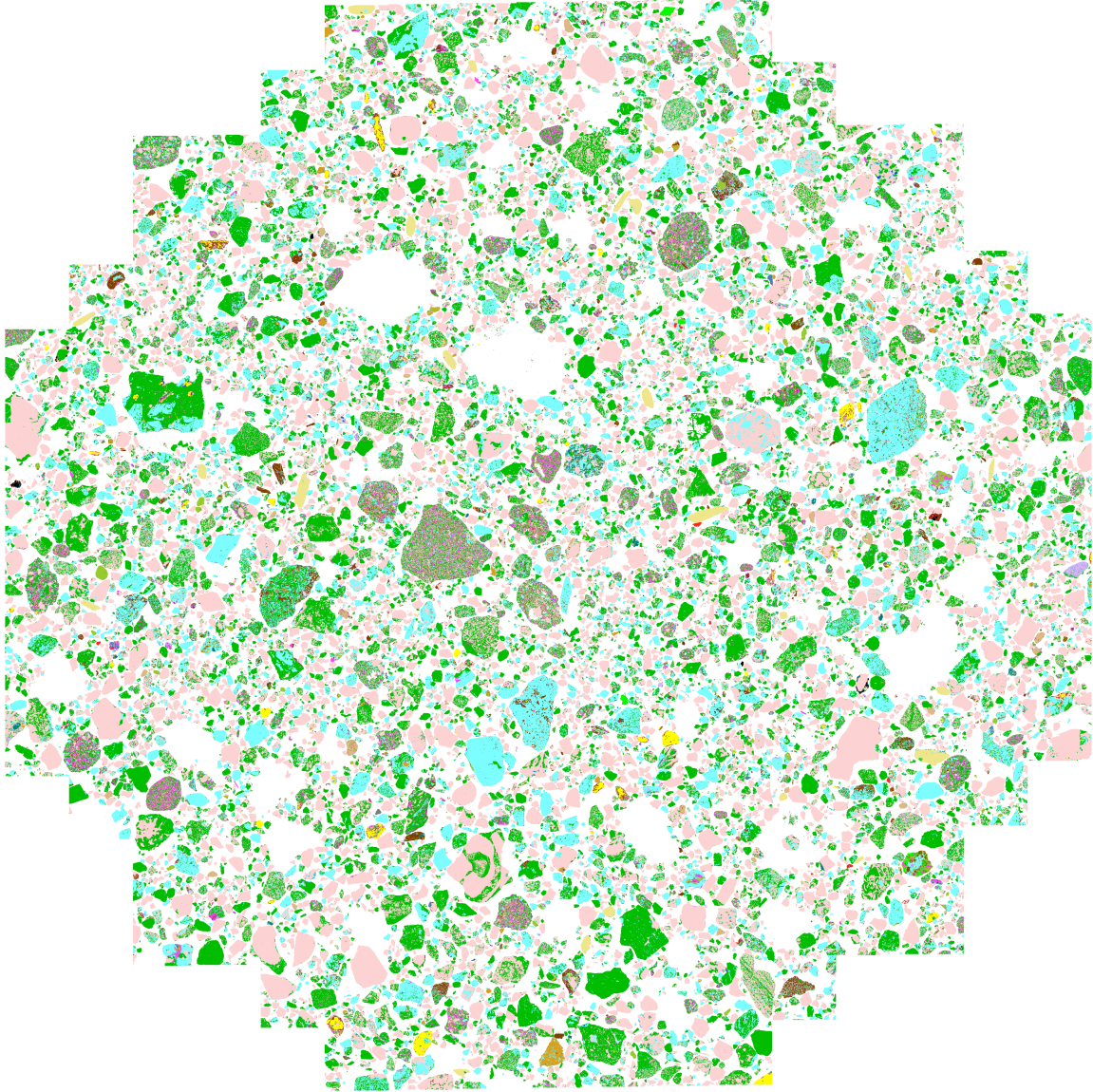


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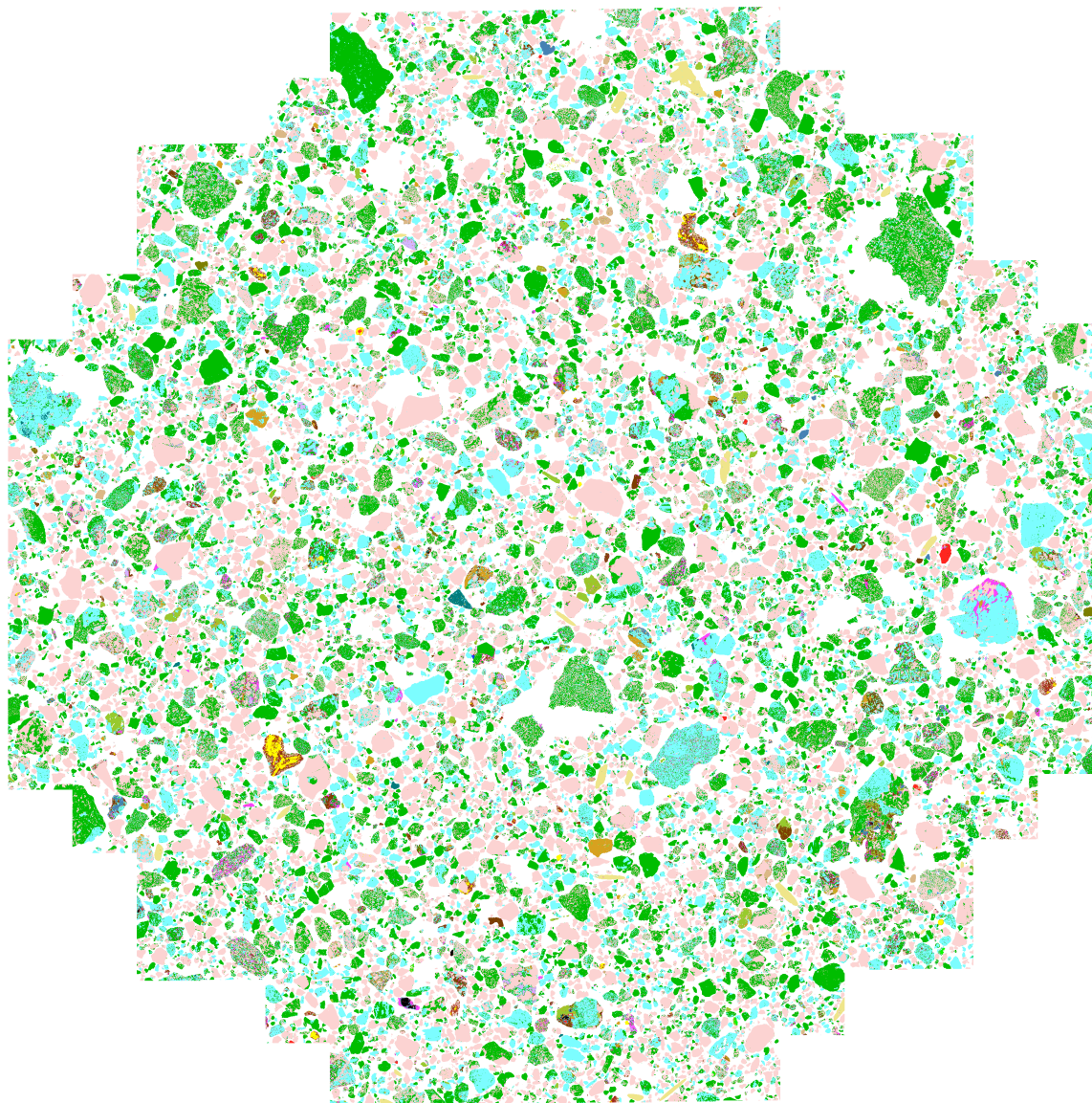


Figure S5. QEMSCAN-derived mineral map of s sand-sized fraction of Hole U1538A 36X-3W-52–53 cm. Image is 30-mm wide. See key in Data Set S1 for color guide to the sample mineralogical make-up shown.

Table S1. Mineral List – a guide to mineral names stated in Data Sets S1 and S2 and their QEMSCAN® chemistry-based descriptions.

| Mineral category | QEMSCAN chemistry-based mineral description |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Background | All mounting media related edge effects |
| Fe sulphides | Includes Pyrite, Pyrrhotite, and Fe sulphates (weathered sulphides) |
| Rutile | Any phase with Ti,O (Rutile/Anatase/Brookite). |
| Ilmenite | Any phase with Fe,Ti,O. |
| Titanite | Any phase with Ca,Ti,Si,O and minor Al,F,Fe. |
| Mn Garnet | Any phase with Mn,Fe,Al,Si,O (Spessartine) |
| Fe Ox/CO3 | Fe oxides/carbonates such as Siderite, Hematite, Magnetite, Goethite, Limonites |
| Monazite | Includes Monazite (Ce,P,O other REE) & Xenotime |
| Zircon | Any phase with Zr,Si,O |
| Quartz | Quartz and other silica minerals |
| Plagioclase | Plagioclase Feldspars: phases with Na,Al,Si,O to Ca,Al,Si,O. |
| K-Feldspar | K-Feldspars (Orthoclase, Sanidine, Microcline): any phase with K,Al,Si,O. |
| Muscovite/Illite | Muscovite/Lepidolite Mica/Illite - any phase with K,Al,Si,O. |
| Biotite | Biotite Mica (Fe,Al,K,Mg,Si,O), may include other micas and clays (Fe Illite) |
| Glaucosite | Any phase with Fe,Al,K,Mg,Si,O. Based on previous jobs with confirmed Glaucosite |
| Tourmaline | Any phase with Fe,Al,Si,Mg,O (B not detectable by EDS). |
| Kaolinite | Any phase with Al,Si,O such as Kaolinite/Halloysite/Dickite |
| Al silicates | Any phase with Al,Si,O: Andalusite/Sillimanite/Kyanite, or Topaz with F<3% |
| Fe silicates (Fe-olivines) | Any phase with Fe,Si,O. May contain trace Ca. |
| Olivine/OPX | Any phase with Mg,Fe,Si,O. May include the Serpentine Group, Pyroxenes, Olivine |
| Ca Fe Al silicates (garnet/epidote) | Any phase with Ca,Fe,Al,Si,O with or without Mg. May include Epidote, Garnet |
| Ca Fe Mg silicates (hornblende/cpx) | Any phase with Ca,Mg,Fe,Si, (with or without Al) such as Hornblende, Diopside |
| Chlorite/Almandine | Any phase with Fe,Al,Si, and Fe,Al,Si Mg,O such as Chlorite and Almandine Garnet |
| Calcite | Any phase with Ca,C,O. Incudes minor/trace Ankerite, Dolomite |
| Apatite | Any phase with Ca,P,O. |
| Gypsum | Any phase with Ca,S,O |
| Barite | Any phase with Ba,S,O |
| Others | Any other mineral not included above. Trace Cassiterite, Chalcopyrite |

Data Sets S1-S5 and Movie S1 captions from Bailey et al. (2022)

Data Set S1. Modal mineralogy data based on QEMSCAN® analyses, which infer minerals from chemistry. The mineral name assignments for each chemistry-based category stated in this table are aided by visual (microscope-based) inspection of the raw sieved samples.

Data Set S2. Mineral association data based on QEMSCAN® analyses. Please read data in columns, mineral against mineral (down then across left). These data define what touches what in the sample and is displayed as a percentage. Association refers to adjacency. Two minerals are “associated” if a pixel of one of the minerals occurs adjacent to a pixel of the other mineral. iExplorer software used scans the measured particles horizontally, from left to right, counting the associations that occur in the images (so the more pixels/closer the x-ray spacing the more accurate the data). Each column is independent. That is, it is split into a percentage of what touches what, so it is not expected that any two minerals’ data are reciprocal. The background category primarily reflects the free boundaries of ‘grains’ rather than liberated grains/particles. While it may provide an indicator of liberation, it does not represent liberation since it does not describe ‘particles’ which are made up of mineral grains. Inclusions and composite particles are therefore not described. Please consider the modal mineralogy (Tab. S1) when examining these mineral association data.

Data Set S3. Lithotyping data based on QEMSCAN® analyses. Particles have been digitally filtered using a set of lithotype rules (also displayed in this data set). These rules are based on the mineral grains in the particles themselves and use their area percent within each particle and their size in microns. The lithotype names stated here are largely assigned based on the dominant mineral grain in each category.

Data Set S4. $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ages of individual sand-sized hornblende and mica. See main text for method used to generate these ages.

Data Set S5. Ties to place Hole U1538A NGR data on Dove Basin Stack (Reilly et al., 2021) depths.

Movie S1. 3D-volume realization based on non-destructive X-ray microtomography imaging of a centimeter-scale iceberg-rafted debris-rich layer in Hole U1538A-36X-3W. 3D images were generated using a helical scanning trajectory that allows for long scan sequences and fast acquisition time. Based on the sample geometry, a voxel (pixel) resolution of $\sim 14\text{-}\mu\text{m}$ was achieved. The 7000+ projection images were reconstructed to produce a 3D volume of image intensities (where higher values indicate greater x-ray attenuation). Avizo software was used for 3D segmentation and volume rendering to visualize gravel and sand to create this animation. The different colors assigned to each clast were chosen arbitrary.