

**Long-period astronomical forcing of westerlies' strength in Central Asia during Miocene climate cooling**

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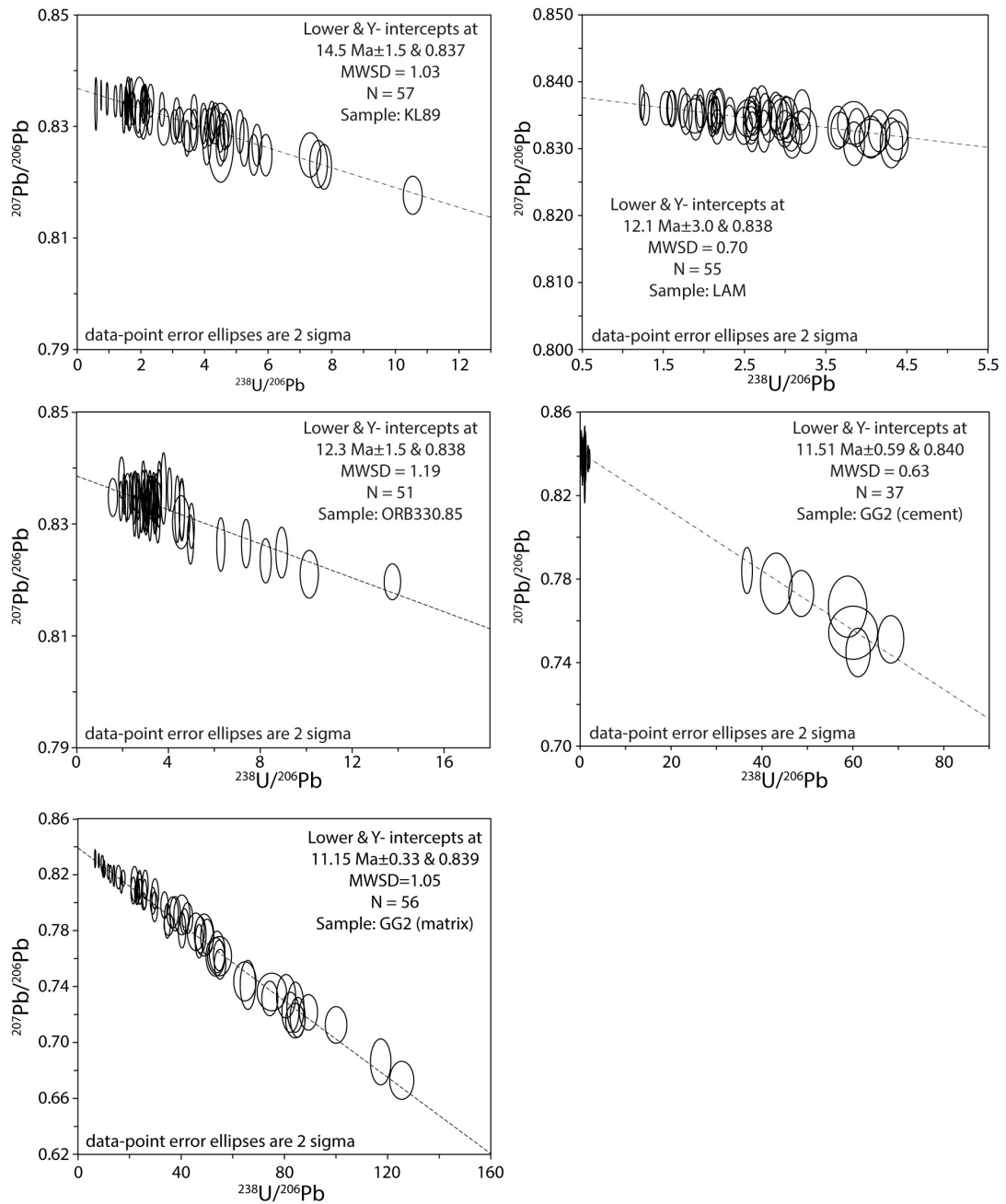
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## **Introduction**

The supplementary files include Tera Wasserburg plots for all samples analyzed by laser ablation U-Pb dating, following the approach mentioned in the methods part of the main manuscript (Fig. S1). Additionally two tables are given. Table S1 reports the plain magnetostratigraphic age model for the Aktau succession as published in Verestek et al. (2018). Table S2 summarizes the integrated age model for the Aktau succession as a result of orbital tuning (see main manuscript for details).



**Figure S1.** Tera-Wasserburg plots of U-Pb analyses. Abbreviations: MWSD=Mean Square Weighted Deviation, N=Number of analyses.

| Height [m] | Age [Ma] | Sedimentation rate [cm ka <sup>-1</sup> ] | Base of Chron |
|------------|----------|---|---------------|
| 12.45      | 15.160   |   | C5Bn.2n       |
| 16.34      | 15.032   | 3.0                                       | C5Bn.1r       |
| 30.10      | 14.87    | 8.5                                       | C5Bn.1n       |
| 35.00      | 14.775   | 5.2                                       | C5ADr         |
| 39.48      | 14.609   | 2.7                                       | C5ADn         |
| 74.00      | 14.163   | 7.7                                       | C5ACr         |
| 80.83      | 14.070   | 7.3                                       | C5ACn         |

**Table S1.** Magnetostratigraphy and the resulting paleomagnetic age model for the Bastau Fm published in Verestek et al. (2018).

| Tie point                     | Height [m] | Tuning               | Age [Ma] | Sedimentation rate [cm/ka] | Proxy record and cycle length                                |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------------|--|
| Mag                           | 12.45      |                      | 15.160   |                            |  |
| Mag                           | 16.34      |                      | 15.032   | 3.0                        |  |
| Mag                           | 30.10      |                      | 14.870   | 8.5                        |  |
| Mag                           | 35.00      |                      | 14.775   | 5.2                        |  |
| Mag                           | 39.48      |                      | 14.609   | 2.7                        |  |
| Min                           | 75.12      | ECC <sub>Min_1</sub> | 14.180   | 8.3                        | CaSO <sub>4</sub> (48.2 m)                                   |
| Max                           | 99.44      | ECC <sub>Max_1</sub> | 13.980   | 12.2                       | CaSO <sub>4</sub> (48.2 m)                                   |
| Min (48.2 m)                  | 121.86     | ECC <sub>Min_2</sub> | 13.775   | 11.2                       | CaSO <sub>4</sub><br>(48.2 m; 25.8 m)                        |
| Mean                          | 122.43     |                      |          |                            |  |
| Min (25.8 m)                  | 123.00     |                      |          |                            |  |
| Max                           | 135.92     | ECC <sub>Max_2</sub> | 13.575   | 6.7                        | CaSO <sub>4</sub> (25.8 m)                                   |
| Min                           | 149.22     | ECC <sub>Min_3</sub> | 13.375   | 6.7                        | CaSO <sub>4</sub> (25.8 m)                                   |
| Max                           | 162.14     | ECC <sub>Max_3</sub> | 13.170   | 6.3                        | CaSO <sub>4</sub> (25.8 m)                                   |
| Min                           | 175.44     | ECC <sub>Min_4</sub> | 12.970   | 6.7                        | CaSO <sub>4</sub> (25.8 m)                                   |
| Max ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ) | 186.18     | ECC <sub>Max_4</sub> | 12.765   | 5.8                        | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (38.1 m)<br>CaSO <sub>4</sub> (25.8 m) |
| Mean                          | 187.27     |                      |          |                            |  |
| Max (CaSO <sub>4</sub> )      | 188.36     |                      |          |                            |  |
| Min                           | 200.58     | ECC <sub>Min_5</sub> | 12.560   | 6.5                        | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (38.1 m)                               |
| Max                           | 215.58     | ECC <sub>Max_5</sub> | 12.360   | 7.5                        | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (38.1 m)                               |
| Min                           | 232.38     | ECC <sub>Min_6</sub> | 12.155   | 8.2                        | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (38.1 m)                               |
| Max                           | 251.58     | ECC <sub>Max_6</sub> | 11.955   | 9.6                        | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (38.1 m)                               |
| Max                           | 295.00     | ECC <sub>Min_7</sub> | 11.345   | 7.1                        | WL (40.0 m)  |
| Min                           | 316.50     | ECC <sub>Max_7</sub> | 11.145   | 10.7                       | WL (40.0 m)  |
| Max                           | 336.00     | ECC <sub>Min_8</sub> | 11.940   | 9.5                        | WL (40.0 m)  |
| Min                           | 355.25     | ECC <sub>Max_8</sub> | 10.740   | 9.6                        | WL (40.0 m)  |

**Table S2.** Tie points and phase relation of the integrated cyclostratigraphic and magnetostratigraphic age model. In case of segment overlaps, the position of the final tie point was calculated as the mean of the two coeval tie points from each time series. Abbreviations: Mag=Paleomagnetic reversal.