# **Data report: atlas of lithic grain types at Site C0002; reference for petrographic provenance analysis in the Kumano Basin and upper Nankai accretionary prism[1](#page-0-0)**

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## **Abstract**

<span id="page-0-3"></span>Sand samples collected during Integrated Ocean Drilling Program Expeditions 338 and 315 at Site C0002 show a variety of lithic fragment types. The lithic component in these sediments includes grains of sedimentary, metamorphic, volcanic, and plutonic origin. An atlas of lithic grain types from Site C0002 serves as a useful reference for petrographic provenance analysis in the Kumano Basin and the underlying prism sediments. The relative abundance of monocrystalline mineral grains and grain ratios are subject to textural and diagenetic controls external to provenance. Lithic grains, in particular, provide very specific and reliable information on variations in sediment source.

## **Introduction**

<span id="page-0-4"></span>Lithic grains are polycrystalline particles that can in many cases be identified as belonging to specific parent lithologies. Although monocrystalline grains may have internal textures (e.g., Bernet and Bassett, 2005; Lee et al., 1998), the provenance information in monocrystalline grains (quartz, feldspar, and dense minerals) is primarily derived from their composition, which for feldspars and dense minerals can be modified by dissolution and replacement during diagenesis (e.g., Milliken and Mack, 1990; Milliken, 1988; Morton, 1984). Grain ratios (e.g., quartz-feldspar-lithic fragments) are also subject to control by grain size (Ingersoll et al., 1984), a factor that is not fully removed even by the Gazzi-Dickinson point-count technique that extracts large monocrystals from lithic grains (Milliken et al., 2012; Decker and Helmold, 1985). In lithic fragments themselves, however, provenance information resides mostly in their textures, which are less subject to postdepositional alteration (Milliken, 1988) and unaffected by grain size once a grain is sufficiently large to preserve the texture. Lithic grains are "recognizable fragments of the source terrane" (Decker and Helmold, 1985) and as such constitute an easily accessible and exceptionally reliable type of information on sediment source. Survival of lithic grains during sediment transport is favored in far-distal sands that avoid reworking in coastal depositional systems (Dutton and Loucks, 2010).

The atlas presented here intends to serve as a reference for the lithic grain types observed within the sand-size (62 µm to 2 mm) grain fraction of the Kumano Basin and underlying Nankai accre-

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tionary prism. Our grain identifications draw on materials presented in several published petrography resources (Usman et al., 2014; Fergusson, 2011; Milliken et al., 2007; Underwood and Fergusson, 2005; Fergusson, 2003; Garzanti and Vezzoli, 2003; Marsaglia, 1992; Marsaglia et al., 1992; De Rosa et al., 1986; Taira and Niitsuma, 1986; Scholle, 1979).

## **Methods and materials**

<span id="page-1-0"></span>Core and cuttings sandy sediment samples  $(10 \text{ cm}^3)$ were collected through the basin and prism stratigraphy during Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP) Expedition 338 (**Strasser et al.,** 2014). Where possible, intervals with no sample coverage were completed with material recovered during IODP Expedition 315 (see the "Expedition 315 Site C0002" chapter [Expedition 315 Scientists, 2009]). Sampling distribution was ~1 sample per core/cuttings where available. A total of 99 Miocene–recent samples were obtained.

Semiconsolidated sediments of each sample were fully disaggregated with the help of a sonicator and were wet-sieved using 62 µm mesh to isolate the sand-size fraction. Dried sand was impregnated with blue-dyed epoxy and mounted into thin sections. Each sample was stained following the method outlined by Houghton (1980), in which Ca-plagioclase is stained pink, K-feldspar is stained yellow, glass may take one or both colors, and Na-plagioclase remains unstained.

Each sample was studied under a transmitted-light microscope (plane- and cross-polarized modes), and photomicrographs of representative lithic fragments were taken. Unless otherwise indicated, the grain of interest is at the center of the image.

### **Results**

<span id="page-1-1"></span>A total of 162 photomicrographs are included (Figs. **[F1,](#page-4-0) [F2,](#page-5-0) [F3,](#page-6-0) [F4,](#page-7-0) [F5,](#page-8-0) [F6,](#page-9-0) [F7,](#page-10-0) [F8,](#page-11-0) [F9,](#page-12-0) [F10,](#page-13-0) [F11,](#page-14-0) [F12,](#page-15-0) [F13,](#page-16-0) [F14,](#page-17-0) [F15](#page-18-0), [F16](#page-19-0), [F17](#page-20-0), [F18](#page-21-0), [F19,](#page-22-0) [F20,](#page-23-0) [F21,](#page-24-0) [F22](#page-25-0), [F23,](#page-26-0) [F24,](#page-27-0) [F25,](#page-28-0) [F26,](#page-29-0) [F27](#page-30-0)**). The sample number, lithic type, and lithostratigraphic unit of each photographed grain are included in Table **[T1](#page-31-0).** Lithic grains were grouped into sedimentary lithic fragments (SRFs) (Figs. **[F1,](#page-4-0) [F2,](#page-5-0) [F3,](#page-6-0) [F4,](#page-7-0) [F5,](#page-8-0) [F6,](#page-9-0) [F7,](#page-10-0) [F8,](#page-11-0) [F9](#page-12-0)**), volcanic lithic fragments (VRFs) (Figs. **[F10,](#page-13-0) [F11,](#page-14-0) [F12,](#page-15-0) [F13,](#page-16-0) [F14,](#page-17-0) [F15](#page-18-0)**), plutonic lithic fragments (PRFs) (Figs. **[F16,](#page-19-0) [F17,](#page-20-0) [F18,](#page-21-0) [F19](#page-22-0)**), and metamorphic lithic fragments (MRFs) (Figs. **[F20](#page-23-0), [F21](#page-24-0), [F22](#page-25-0), [F23,](#page-26-0) [F24,](#page-27-0) [F25](#page-28-0)**). SRFs were further divided into clay-rich (Figs. **[F1,](#page-4-0) [F2,](#page-5-0) [F3,](#page-6-0) [F4,](#page-7-0) [F5](#page-8-0)**) and silt-rich (Figs. **[F6,](#page-9-0) [F7A–F7D](#page-10-0)**) mudstones, sandstones (Fig. **[F7E–F7F](#page-10-0)**), argillaceous cherts (Fig. **[F8](#page-11-0)**), and cherts (Fig. **[F9](#page-12-0)**). VRFs were divided into felsitic (Figs. **[F10,](#page-13-0) [F11](#page-14-0)**), microlitic (Fig. **[F12](#page-15-0)**), lathwork (Fig. **[F13](#page-16-0)**), trachytic lathwork (Fig. **[F14](#page-17-0)**), and pumice (Fig. **[F15](#page-18-0)**). PRFs, with the exception of K-feldsparquartz intergrowths (Fig. **[F18](#page-21-0)**), were not divided. MRFs were divided into quartz rich (Fig. **[F20](#page-23-0)**), quartz-mica rich (Fig. **[F21](#page-24-0)**), micaceous (Fig. **[F22](#page-25-0)**), chlorite rich (Fig. **[F23](#page-26-0)**), epidote rich (Fig. **[F24](#page-27-0)**), and others (Fig. **[F25](#page-28-0)**). Petrographic definitions of each of these lithic fragment categories can be found in Marsaglia (1992), Marsaglia et al. (2013), and Milliken et al. (2007).

Grains that are not lithic fragments, such as poorly disaggregated muds (Fig. **[F26](#page-29-0)**) or postdrilling sulfate precipitates (Fig. **[F27](#page-30-0)**) were included under the category Artifacts.

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<span id="page-4-0"></span>**Figure F1.** Sedimentary rock fragments: clay-rich mudstones. Grains rich in clay-size clay minerals with minor admixtures of possible organic matter and opaque crystals such as pyrite. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-5-0"></span>**Figure F2.** Sedimentary rock fragments: clay-rich mudstones. Grains rich in clay-size clay minerals with minor admixtures of possible organic matter and opaque crystals such as pyrite. Bottom grain (E, F) contains a moderate amount of clay-size carbonate. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-6-0"></span>**Figure F3.** Sedimentary rock fragments: clay-rich mudstones. Color zoning in these samples is likely the result of varying degrees of epoxy penetration during the thin section making process. This interpretation is based upon the similarity to variable epoxy impregnation commonly observed in whole-rock mudstone thin sections. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-7-0"></span>**Figure F4.** Sedimentary rock fragments: clay-rich mudstones. **A, B.** Grain has fractures filled with microcrystalline quartz (chert). **C, D.** Near-opaque grain has fracture filled with chlorite. Grain in lower right has a chertfilled fracture. E, F. Clay-rich mudstone grain containing a sand-size quartz clast. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-8-0"></span>**Figure F5.** Sedimentary rock fragments: clay-rich mudstones. Silt-size particles are quartz and feldspar. Mudstones are silt bearing. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-9-0"></span>Figure F6. Sedimentary rock fragments: silt-rich mudstones. Silt-size particles are quartz and feldspar. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-10-0"></span>**Figure F7.** Sedimentary rock fragments: silt-rich mudstones. **A–D.** Mudstones (silt-rich). **E, F.** Muddy sandstone. Large sand-size grain; on right side is a metamorphic rock fragment composed of quartz, feldspar and chlorite. Smaller grains include quartz and feldspar. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-11-0"></span>**Figure F8.** Sedimentary rock fragments: argillaceous cherts. **A, B.** Opaque crystals are probably pyrite. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.







<span id="page-12-0"></span>**Figure F9.** Sedimentary rock fragments: cherts and other microcrystalline quartz. **A, B.** Fine grained. **C, D.** Wellrounded grain, potentially formed within a vesicle of a volcanic rock fragment (Fig. **[F15E–F15F](#page-18-0)**). While not strictly sedimentary, this grain is interpreted to have formed through water-rock interaction similar in nature to diagenesis. **E, F.** Oversized grain with fractures filled with microcrystalline quartz. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-13-0"></span>**Figure F10.** Volcanic rock fragments: felsitic grains are characterized by microcrystalline quartz and feldspar crystals of equant dimensions. The presence of abundant feldspar is denoted by the prominent yellow stain. These grains also contain a substantial admixture of clay-size clay minerals and various opaque crystals. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-14-0"></span>**Figure F11.** Volcanic rock fragments: felsitic grains are characterized by microcrystalline quartz and feldspar crystals of equant dimensions. The presence of abundant feldspar is denoted by the prominent yellow stain. These grains also contain a substantial admixture of clay-size clay minerals and various opaque crystals. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-15-0"></span>**Figure F12.** Volcanic rock fragments: microlitic grains containing distinct microcrystals of feldspars floating in a finer grained groundmass of variable feldspar and quartz content. **A, B.** Note the unstained microliths, probable albitic plagioclase. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-16-0"></span>**Figure F13.** Volcanic rock fragments: lathwork. **A, B, E, F.** Highly altered grains. **C, D.** Note the unstained microliths, probable albitic plagioclase. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-17-0"></span>**Figure F14.** Volcanic rock fragments: trachytic lathwork. Lath crystals are plagioclase. **E, F.** Note dual K-feldspar and plagioclase staining in the groundmass. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-18-0"></span>**Figure F15.** Volcanic rock fragments: pumice, increasing degree of devitrification. Note the microcrystalline quartz-filled vesicle in **E** and **F**. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-19-0"></span>**Figure F16.** Plutonic rock fragments: quartz-plagioclase-k-feldspar aggregates. Feldspars denoted by staining. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-20-0"></span>**Figure F17.** Plutonic rock fragments. **C, D, E, F.** Note carbonate alteration on feldspars. For C and D, alternative interpretation would be carbonate-altered sandstone clast, however, sedimentary fabrics are not clear. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-21-0"></span>Figure F18. Plutonic rock fragments: quartz-K-feldspar intergrowths. Left = plane-polarized light, right = crosspolarized light.





<span id="page-22-0"></span>**Figure F19.** Plutonic rock fragments. **A, B.** Quartz-muscovite aggregate. **C, D.** Quartz-plagioclase aggregate. **E, F.** Quartz-epidote-plagioclase (albite) aggregate. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-23-0"></span>Figure F20. Metamorphic rock fragments: quartz-rich, foliated. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-24-0"></span>Figure F21. Metamorphic rock fragments: quartz-mica rich, foliated. Left = plane-polarized light, right = crosspolarized light.





<span id="page-25-0"></span>**Figure F22.** Metamorphic rock fragments: micaceous. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-26-0"></span>**Figure F23.** Metamorphic rock fragments: chlorite schists. **E, F.** Alteration has obscured individual chlorite crystals. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-27-0"></span>Figure F24. Metamorphic rock fragments: epidote-rich. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-28-0"></span>**Figure F25.** Metamorphic rock fragments. **A, B.** Feldspar-rich, foliated. **C, D.** Quartz-carbonate-mica aggregate, nonfoliated. Lack of foliation would also be consistent with the alternative interpretation of carbonate-altered plutonic rock fragments. **E, F.** Low-grade metamorphic rock fragment (slate) or, alternatively, a fissile silty mudstone. Left = plane-polarized light, right =  $\csc$ -polarized light.





<span id="page-29-0"></span>**Figure F26.** Artifacts: undisaggregated silty mud grains. This interpretation is supported by the size of these fragments, which far exceeds the sizes of the dominant grains in this sediment. Component grains within these large aggregates are also equivalent in size to the surrounding particles. Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





<span id="page-30-0"></span>**Figure F27.** Artifacts: postdrilling sulfate precipitates. Gypsum saturation is not normally expected in the sulfate-poor fluids of the Nankai margin (see fig. F10 in Milliken et al. [2012] for further explanations). Left = plane-polarized light, right = cross-polarized light.





### <span id="page-31-0"></span>**Table T1.** Photographed grains shown in figures. (Continued on next page.)





### **Table T1 (continued).**



SRF = sedimentary lithic fragment, VRF = volcanic lithic fragment, PRF = plutonic lithic fragment, MRF = metamorphic lithic fragment.

