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Novel insights into the post-IR IRSL₂₀₀ signal bleachability of single-grain K-feldspars in fluvial modern analogues from the Southern Central Andes, Chile

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35 **S1: Catchment properties**

To calculate the mean rainfall for each catchment (Table S2), the time-averaged map of daily accumulated precipitation (combined microwave-IR) estimate [GPM_3IMERGDF v06] (Huffman et al., 2023) dataset was utilised. This dataset, spanning the period from January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2019, provides high-resolution precipitation estimates derived from a combination of microwave and infrared measurements. The data was
40 obtained from NASA's Giovanni application, an online tool for accessing and analysing Earth science data. By aggregating daily precipitation values over these 19 years, spatially averaged rainfall data for each catchment were obtained. This approach ensured a robust representation of mean precipitation patterns, accounting for temporal variability and spatial heterogeneity within the study region.

NDVI data were processed using the Google Earth Engine platform (Gorelick et al., 2017). The analysis
45 incorporated Landsat 8 surface reflectance data products from January 2002 to January 2022, with necessary pre-processing involving cloud cover filtering, to calculate the NDVI for each catchment. The JavaScript code available for NDVI calculation from Landsat scenes on the Google Earth Engine tutorials platform was used for this purpose.

Topographic analysis was conducted using a 30 meter resolution Digital Elevation Model (DEM) from the
50 NASA Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (2013). The DEM was further processed using ArcGIS software, which includes filling the sinks, delineating all the catchments (sampling locations were considered as outlets for catchment delineation), and also calculating catchment area, mean slope, and mean elevation.

The Randolph Glacier Inventory-A Dataset of Global Glacier Outlines, Version 7.0 (RGI 7.0 Consortium, 2023) was used to delineate glacier cover within each catchment. This dataset enabled the identification and
55 quantification of glacier coverage, providing essential data for understanding the influence of glacial dynamics on catchment hydrology and geomorphology.

Catchment lithologies were derived from the geological map of South America at a scale of 1:5,000,000 (Gómez et al., 2019). Based on the lithological distribution within each catchment, the major litho-units were classified into four categories: granitic, volcanic, sedimentary, and volcano-sedimentary units, regardless of
60 their age. The proportion of each litho-unit within the catchments (Table S1) was quantified through spatial analysis in ArcGIS software.

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Table S1: Details of all eleven samples include sampling location (latitude and longitude), altitude of sampling location, sampling depth, and proportion of the four major lithological units within each catchment. Samples are listed from north to south, CHLEA-11 being the northernmost and CHLEA-5 being the southernmost sample.

| Sample ID | Latitude | Longitude | Altitude (m) | Sampling depth (cm) | Granite (%) | Volcanic (%) | Sedimentary (%) | Volcano-sedimentary (%) |
|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| CHLEA-11 | -28.70 | -70.56 | 656.00 | 5 | 67 | 22 | 2 | 9 |
| CHLEA-1 | -31.67 | -71.29 | 158.00 | 20 | 45 | 8 | 10 | 37 |
| CHLEA-8 | -32.85 | -70.50 | 955.00 | 6 | 0 | 28 | 10 | 62 |
| CHLEA-6 | -33.59 | -70.39 | 861.00 | 3 | 0 | 53 | 10 | 37 |
| CHLEA-7 | -34.21 | -70.53 | 778.00 | 11 | 0 | 21 | 19 | 60 |
| CHLEA-10 | -34.68 | -70.87 | 484.00 | 4 | 17 | 0 | 27 | 56 |
| CHLEA-3 | -35.00 | -70.83 | 633.00 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 87 |
| CHLEA-2 | -35.18 | -71.12 | 422.00 | 3 | 0 | 30 | 5 | 65 |
| CHLEA-4 | -35.73 | -71.02 | 562.00 | 3 | 24 | 9 | 4 | 63 |
| CHLEA-9 | -36.48 | -71.76 | 275.00 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 65 | 22 |
| CHLEA-5 | -38.94 | -71.92 | 383.00 | 7 | 0 | 51 | 49 | 0 |

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Table S2: Data for each catchment in this study include total catchment area, mean catchment slope, mean catchment elevation, percent glacier-covered area, mean normalised difference vegetation index (NDVI), and daily average rainfall.

| Sample ID | Catchment | Total area (km ²) | Mean slope (degrees) | Mean elevation (meters) | Glacier area (%) | Mean NDVI | Daily average rainfall (mm) |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| CHLEA-11 | Huasco | 7258.37 | 24.46 | 3378.99 | 0.435 | 0.045 | 0.34 |
| CHLEA-1 | Choapa | 5883.15 | 21.38 | 2026.08 | 0 | 0.085 | 0.68 |
| CHLEA-8 | Aconcagua | 2100.09 | 27.98 | 3174.8 | 1.667 | 0.044 | 1.17 |
| CHLEA-6 | Maipo | 4864.59 | 27.56 | 3182.09 | 7.195 | 0.045 | 1.86 |
| CHLEA-7 | Cachapoal | 2411.37 | 27.43 | 2680.82 | 6.612 | 0.045 | 2.41 |
| CHLEA-10 | Tinguiririca | 1838.26 | 25.58 | 2328.85 | 4.225 | 0.089 | 2.56 |
| CHLEA-3 | Teno | 1208.22 | 26.42 | 2090.45 | 0.093 | 0.102 | 2.99 |
| CHLEA-2 | Lontué | 1781.09 | 19.8 | 1940.19 | 0.156 | 0.125 | 2.85 |
| CHLEA-4 | Maule | 2706.2 | 21.32 | 2207.62 | 0.31 | 0.068 | 2.68 |
| CHLEA-9 | Ñuble | 1864.96 | 22.69 | 1492.36 | 0.789 | 0.21 | 3.49 |
| CHLEA-5 | Allipén | 1372.42 | 17.73 | 1158.29 | 3.092 | 0.281 | 4.06 |

S2: Details of preheat plateau and dose recovery test

S2.1: Multi-grain

80 For multigrain dose-recovery and residual preheat plateau tests, eight aliquots (aliquot size = 2 mm) were bleached for 2
days in the laboratory solar simulator (Sol2) for each preheat temperature examined. Four of these were used for a dose
recovery test (given dose: 30 Gy), and the remaining four aliquots were used for measuring the residual dose. Preheat
temperatures ranged from 150 °C to 275 °C at intervals of 25 °C. All the measurements were carried out following the
protocol outlined in Table S3. All post-IR IRSL measurements at elevated temperatures were performed at 25 °C lower than
85 their corresponding preheat temperature (Table S4).

Over the range of preheat and post-IR IRSL stimulation temperatures tested, dose recovery ratios (DRRs) were calculated for
all steps (Fig. S1a). DRRs were determined after subtracting the average residual dose from the average measured dose of all
accepted aliquots, following the acceptance criteria analogous to those applied for single-grain measurements as outlined in
Section 2.3 of the main text. CHLEA-11 showed good dose recovery results for all post-IR IRSL signals, while CHLEA-6
90 exhibited satisfactory dose recovery only for the post-IR IRSL₁₇₅ and post-IR IRSL₂₀₀ signals. Among them, the DRR for the
post-IR IRSL₂₀₀ signal (with the preheat temperature of 225 °C) yielded the best result for both samples. The post-IR IRSL₂₀₀
DRRs for CHLEA-11 and CHLEA-6 were 0.98 ± 0.05 and 0.98 ± 0.06 respectively, well within the range of 0.90 to 1.10
(unity \pm 10%). Thus, the post-IR IRSL₂₀₀ signal was selected for further analysis.

S2.2: Single-grain

95 Once the protocol was established using multi-grain aliquots, individual K-feldspar grains were loaded into single-grain
discs with 300 μ m holes to perform a dose recovery test, assessing the suitability of the protocol at the single-grain level on
four samples (CHLEA-11, CHLEA-6, CHLEA-10, and CHLEA-9). The protocol described in Table S3 (for single-grain)
was used for post-IR IRSL₂₀₀ signal measurement and analysis. Grains were bleached for 2 days in the Sol2 prior to
measurement. 5 to 16 single-grain discs (equivalent to 500 to 1600 grains) were measured for both residual dose
100 measurement and dose recovery tests (given dose: 30 Gy). The residual subtracted DRRs of the four samples were $0.87 \pm$
 0.02 , 0.88 ± 0.06 , 0.93 ± 0.06 , and 0.84 ± 0.07 respectively (Fig. S2).

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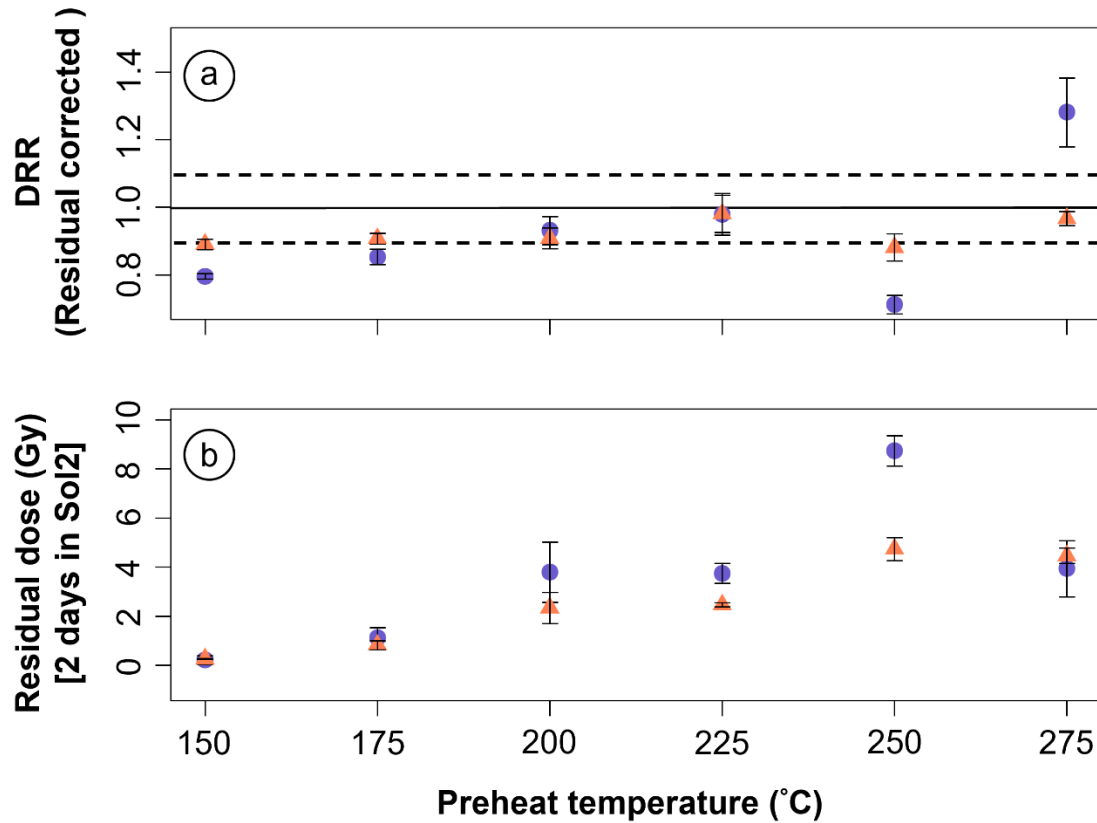
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115 **Table S3: Post-IR IRSL measurement protocol of dose recovery and residual preheat plateau test on multigrain aliquots and single-grain (SG) dose recovery tests.** ^aFor the dose recovery test, the given dose was 30 Gy with regenerative doses of 0, 10, 20, 30, and 50 Gy and a ^ctest dose of 20 Gy. ^bFor residual dose measurement, regenerative doses of 0, 2, 5, 10, and 30 Gy were applied, with a ^ctest dose of 10 Gy. The range of preheat temperatures used was X = 150, 175, 200, 225, 250, and 275. The post-IR IRSL stimulation temperature was always 25 °C lower than the applied preheat temperature (i.e., X-25). Post-IR IRSL₂₀₀ was measured for the single-grain dose recovery test. Note that single-grain dose recovery tests include an additional step (IR LEDs at 200 °C, 300 s) between steps 8 and 9.

| Step | Treatment | Observed |
|------|--|----------------|
| 1 | Beta dose ^{a,b} | |
| 2 | Preheat at X °C, 60 s | |
| 3 | IRSL at 50 °C, 200 s (2 s for SG) | |
| 4 | post-IR IRSL at (X-25) °C, 300 s (3 s for SG) | L _x |
| 5 | Test dose ^c | |
| 6 | Preheat at X °C, 60 s | |
| 7 | IRSL at 50 °C, 200 s (2 s for SG) | |
| 8 | post-IR IRSL at (X-25) °C, 300 s (3 s for SG) | T _x |
| 9 | Repeat steps 1 to 8 for a range of regenerative doses (incl. zero and repeat dose, zero dose measured after the largest regenerative dose) | |

120 **Table S4: Preheat and post-IR IRSL stimulation temperature combinations of multi-grain dose recovery and residual preheat plateau test.**

| Preheat stimulation temperature (°C) | Post-IR IRSL stimulation temperature (°C) |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 150 | 125 |
| 175 | 150 |
| 200 | 175 |
| 225 | 200 |
| 250 | 225 |
| 275 | 250 |



Legend: ▲ CHLEA-11 ● CHLEA-6

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Fig. S1: Results of the dose recovery and residual preheat plateau test performed on samples CHLEA-11 and CHLEA-6 using multi-grain aliquots. (a) Residual corrected dose recovery ratios (DRRs) and (b) residual dose (Gy) estimates, calculated at each preheat temperature. Each data point on both plots represents the average of accepted aliquots. Note that post-IR IRSL stimulation temperature was always 25 °C lower than the applied preheat stimulation temperature. All uncertainties are indicated as one standard error.

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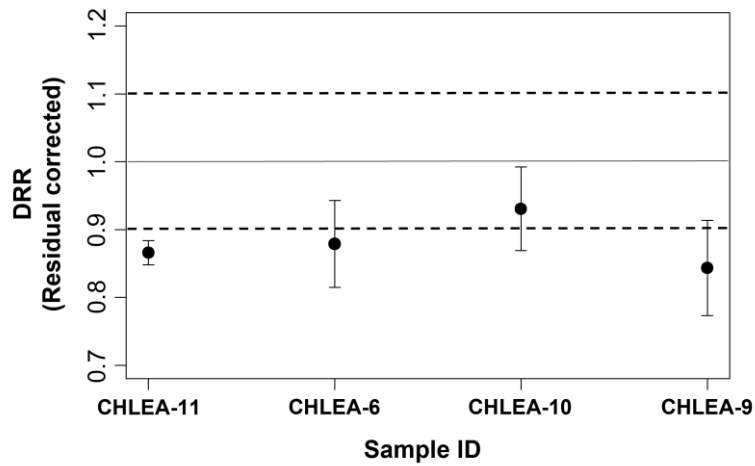
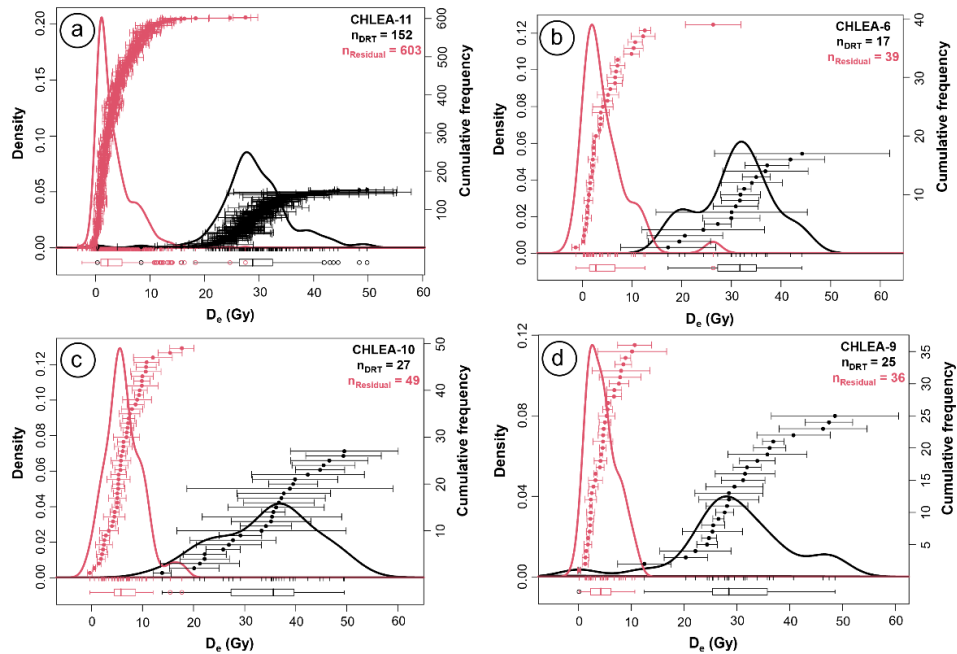


Fig. S2: Residual corrected dose recovery ratios (DRRs) of samples CHLEA-11, CHLEA-6, CHLEA-10, and CHLEA-9 performed at the single-grain level. All uncertainties are indicated as one standard error.



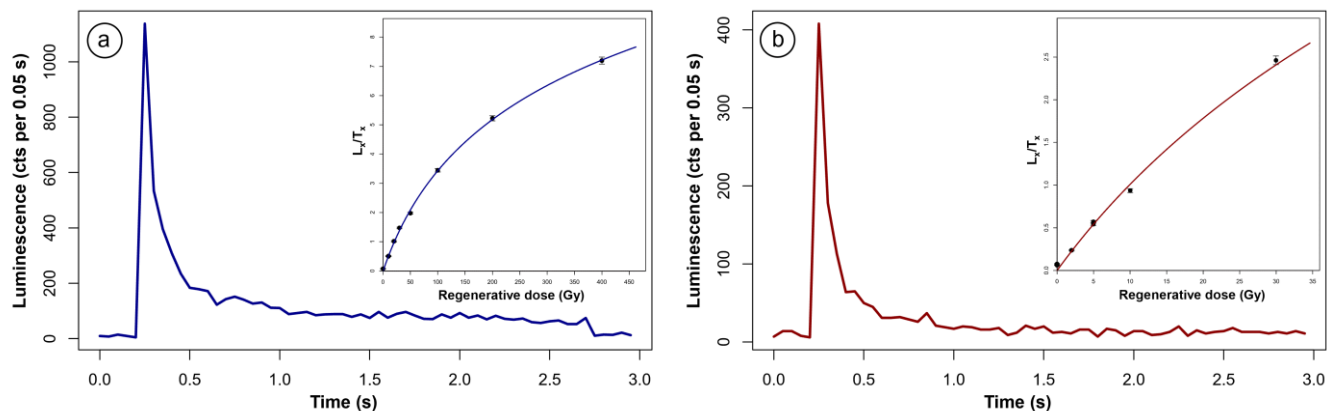
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Fig. S3: Kernel density estimate plot of all four samples subjected to single-grain dose recovery test and corresponding residual dose measurement. `plot_KDE()` (Dietze, M., 2023) function of the R-Luminescence package was used to make plots of kernel density estimates shown here using default bandwidth of `nrd0` (Silverman, 1998). In all panels, n_{DRT} and $n_{Residual}$ represent the number of grains accepted from the dose recovery test and residual dose measurement, respectively.

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S3: Details of ancillary luminescence data

S3.1: Luminescence decay and dose response curves



145 **Fig. S4: Examples of single-grain luminescence decay curves and dose response curves of post-IR IRSL₂₀₀ signal from equivalent dose (a) and residual dose (b) measurement. The net post-IR IRSL₂₀₀ signal was calculated from the signal integrated over the first 0.25 s (from the initial part of the decay curve) with subtraction of the background estimated from the last 0.50 s.**

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S3.2: Summary statistics of accepted and rejected grains

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| Sample ID | n_{Measured} | n_{Accepted} | $T_n < 3\sigma$ BG | RSE of $T_n >$ 20% | RR (unity \pm 20%) | FOM (15%) | Failed in growth curve fitting | Saturated (L_n/T_n) | Failed in D_e error calculation | Failed by interpolation | n_{Total} rejected |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CHLEA-11 | 500 | 307 | 72 | 63 | 12 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 193 |
| CHLEA-1 | 500 | 109 | 249 | 103 | 13 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 391 |
| CHLEA-8 | 2900 | 52 | 2384 | 408 | 7 | 45 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2848 |
| CHLEA-6 | 2100 | 78 | 1499 | 432 | 12 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2022 |
| CHLEA-7 | 500 | 262 | 129 | 52 | 8 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 238 |
| CHLEA-10 | 500 | 66 | 303 | 94 | 2 | 33 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 434 |
| CHLEA-3 | 500 | 78 | 293 | 77 | 4 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 422 |
| CHLEA-2 | 1000 | 77 | 760 | 126 | 5 | 23 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 923 |
| CHLEA-4 | 2700 | 72 | 2186 | 388 | 13 | 38 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2628 |
| CHLEA-9 | 500 | 63 | 314 | 95 | 3 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 437 |
| CHLEA-5 | 2000 | 60 | 1666 | 237 | 8 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1940 |

160 **Table S6: Summary of single-grain post-IR IRSL₂₀₀ quality control criteria and rejection statistics for residual dose measurements. n_{Measured} = total number of grains analyzed; n_{Accepted} = grains passing all quality criteria; $n_{\text{Total rejected}}$ = sum of all rejected grains. Primary rejection criteria include: test dose signal below 3σ background ($T_n < 3\sigma$ BG), relative standard error of test dose exceeding 20% (RSE of $T_n > 20\%$), recycling ratio (RR) outside unity $\pm 20\%$, and figure of merit (FOM) exceeding 15%. Additional rejection statistics in the numOSL package include failed dose-response curve fitting, failed D_e error calculation, and failed interpolation onto the growth curve.**

| Sample ID | n_{Measured} | n_{Accepted} | $T_n < 3\sigma$ BG | RSE of $T_n > 20\%$ | RR (unity $\pm 20\%$) | FOM (15%) | Failed in growth curve fitting | Failed in D_e error calculation | Failed by interpolation | $n_{\text{Total rejected}}$ |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHLEA-11 | 1600 | 603 | 548 | 267 | 25 | 155 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 997 |
| CHLEA-1 | 700 | 92 | 380 | 185 | 1 | 40 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 608 |
| CHLEA-8 | 2200 | 21 | 1859 | 292 | 3 | 24 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2179 |
| CHLEA-6 | 1800 | 39 | 1348 | 369 | 6 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1761 |
| CHLEA-7 | 400 | 132 | 148 | 65 | 6 | 48 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 268 |
| CHLEA-10 | 900 | 49 | 546 | 224 | 6 | 68 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 851 |
| CHLEA-3 | 500 | 73 | 293 | 95 | 4 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 427 |
| CHLEA-2 | 1000 | 71 | 723 | 173 | 3 | 28 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 929 |
| CHLEA-4 | 1300 | 43 | 1059 | 187 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1257 |
| CHLEA-9 | 800 | 36 | 575 | 156 | 2 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 764 |
| CHLEA-5 | 1800 | 30 | 1559 | 192 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1770 |

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S3.3: KDE plots of D_e and residual dose distribution

Figure S5 presents kernel density estimate plots of single-grain equivalent dose (D_e) and residual dose estimates for some selected samples. Panels (a) and (c) display data for CHLEA-4 and CHLEA-7, while panels (b) and (d) correspond to CHLEA-6 and CHLEA-9. Despite CHLEA-4 and CHLEA-7 originating from catchments with similar dominant lithology (Table S1), their Mode D_e and Mode_{Residual} estimates differ markedly (Table 3, main text). In contrast, CHLEA-6 and CHLEA-9 exhibit comparable Mode D_e and Mode_{Residual} estimates, despite different dominant lithologies (Table S1).

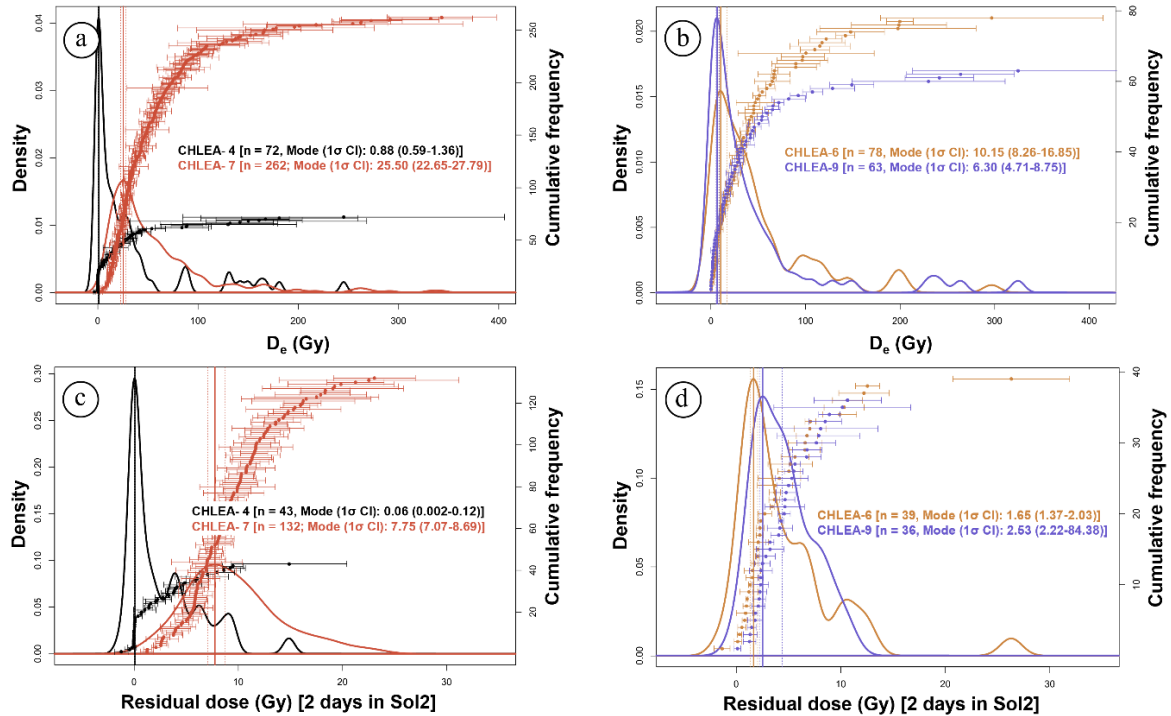


Fig. S5: Examples of kernel density estimate plots of single-grain equivalent dose (D_e) estimates and residual dose estimates for samples CHLEA-4 and CHLEA-7 in panels (a) and (c), respectively; and for samples CHLEA-6 and CHLEA-9 in panels (b) and (d), respectively. All KDE plots were generated using the plot_KDE() function from the R-Luminescence package (Dietze, 2023), with bandwidths determined via the Sheather-Jones method (Sheather and Jones, 1991) to ensure accurate visualisation of distributional modes (solid vertical lines) and bootstrap-derived confidence intervals (dashed vertical lines).

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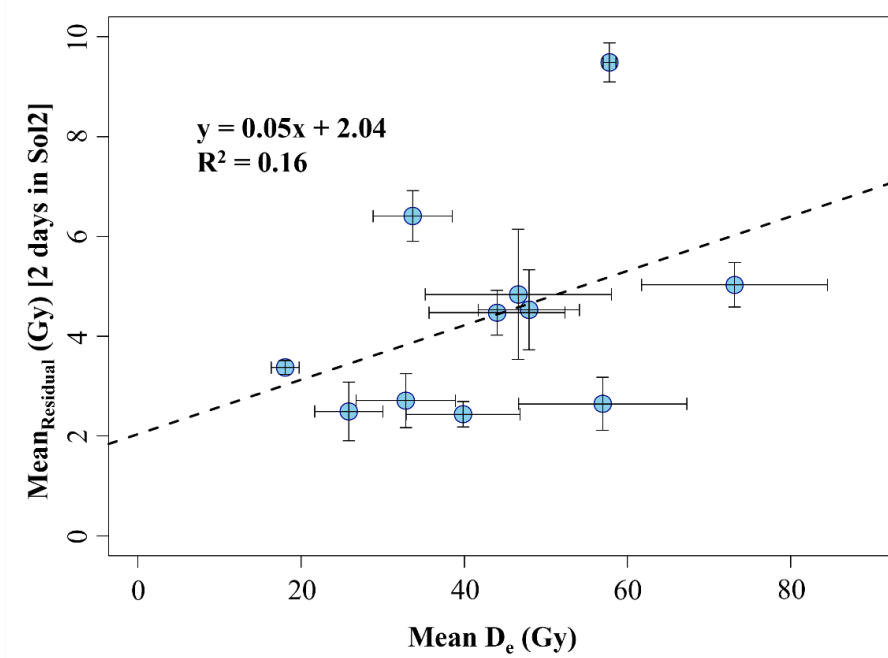


Fig. S6: Plot of Mean D_e versus Mean_{Residual} with a linear fit, fitting equation, and coefficient of correlation.

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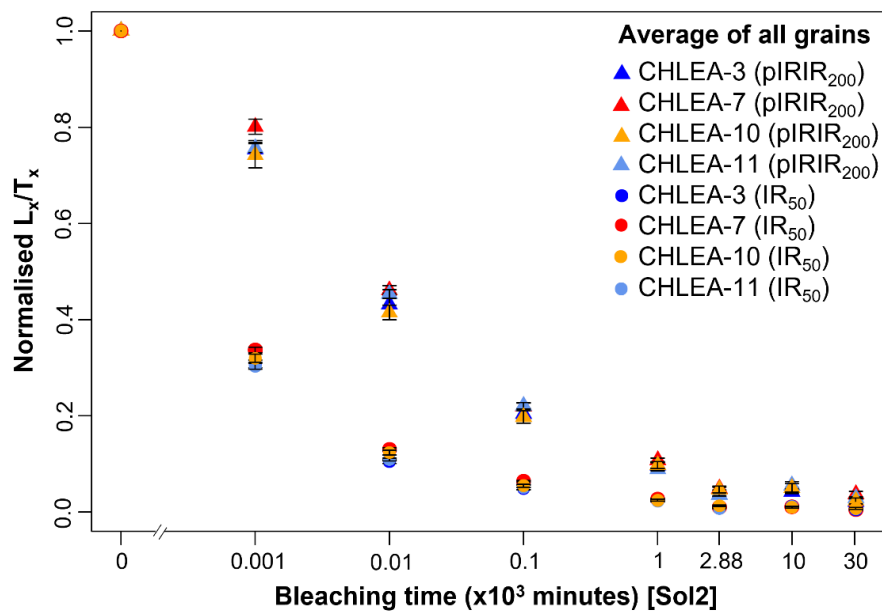
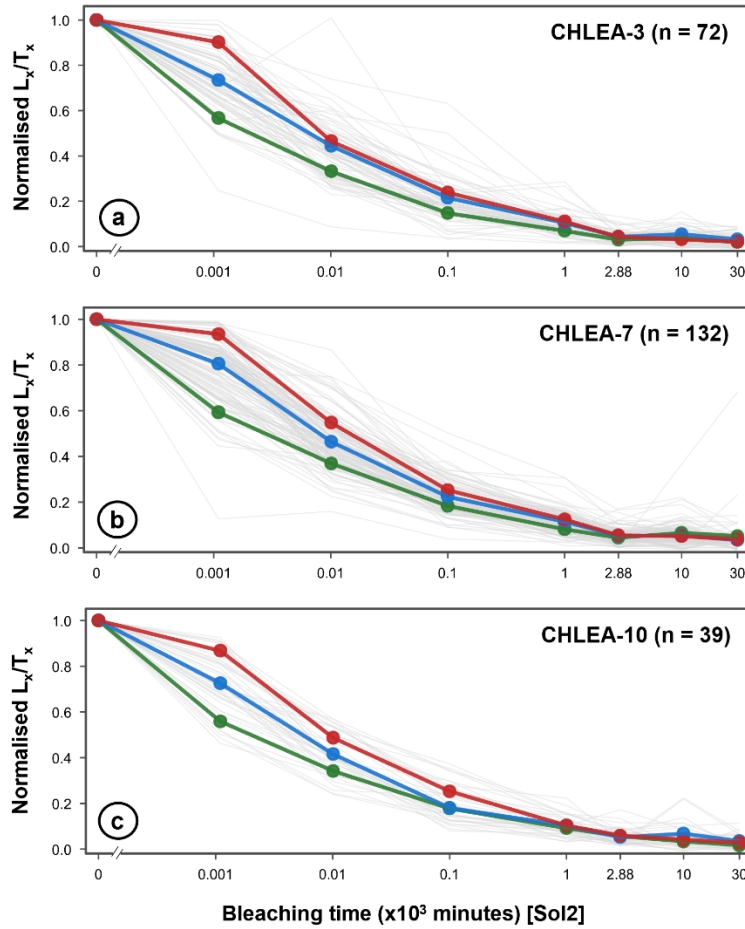


Fig. S7: IRSL₅₀ and post-IR IRSL₂₀₀ bleaching behaviour for all samples subjected to the bleaching experiment. Each data point indicates the average normalised L_x/T_x calculated for all grains at every bleaching step. All uncertainties indicate one standard error.



● Fast bleaching ● Medium bleaching ● Slow bleaching

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Fig. S8: Normalised luminescence signal (L_x/T_x) as a function of the Sol2 bleaching time for (a) CHLEA-3 (n = 72 grains), (b) CHLEA-7 (n = 132 grains), and (c) CHLEA-10 (n = 39 grains). Semi-transparent grey lines represent the signal decay trajectories of individual single-grains. To quantify bleaching heterogeneity, grains were classified into three groups based on their normalised L_x/T_x values at the 1-minute bleaching step: lower quartile representing fast-bleaching grains (green, $\leq Q1$), interquartile range representing medium-bleaching grains (blue, $Q1-Q3$), and upper quartile representing slow-bleaching grains (red, $\geq Q3$). Bold coloured lines with markers illustrate the average bleaching trajectory for each quartile group tracked consistently across all subsequent bleaching durations.

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S5: Details of microprobe measurement

Over three measurement days, concentrations of all major elements (>1 wt%) remained within 5% of the reference composition for the P&H orthoclase secondary standard, except BaO, which stayed within 10%. Fe₂O₃ and CaO deviated by more than 10%, and their results should be interpreted with caution. The microprobe data were filtered based on the minimum detection limits of K₂O (0.03 wt%) and Na₂O (0.04 wt%), the two key elements involved in the solid-solution relationships among various feldspar phases observed in our samples (Fig. S9a–d). MnO concentrations were below the microprobe's detection limit and were therefore excluded from all analyses. Additionally, filtering was performed to exclude erroneous measurements of major oxide concentrations in K-feldspar grains where the total concentration (wt%) fell outside the range of 100 ± 5 wt%.

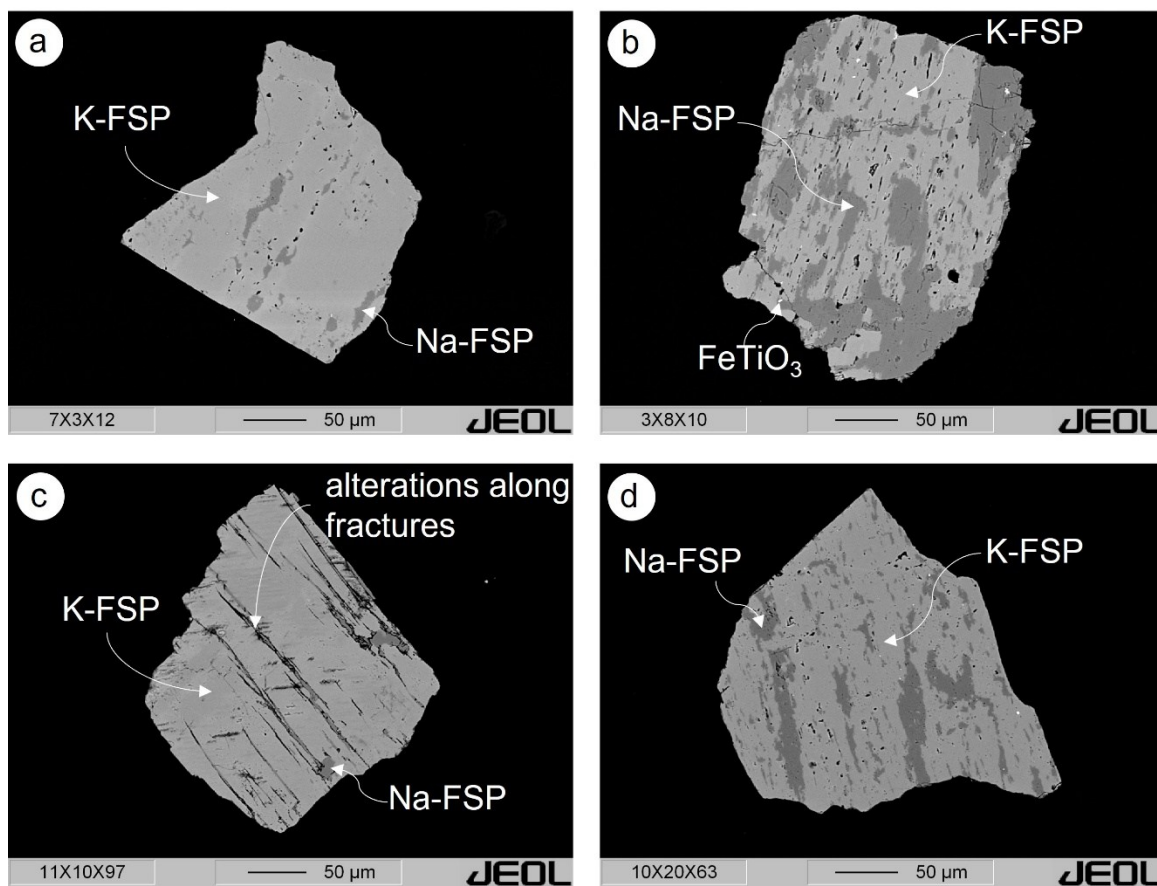
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Table S7: Measurement details of orthoclase from the P&H standard block as secondary reference material before and after each measurement session to monitor precision and accuracy. The results indicate the mean (± 2 standard deviations) of ten (five before and five after each measurement session) measurement points.

| Measurement date | Reference material | Fe ₂ O ₃ (wt%) | Na ₂ O (wt%) | K ₂ O (wt%) | BaO (wt%) | MnO (wt%) | SiO ₂ (wt%) | CaO (wt%) | Al ₂ O ₃ (wt%) | Total (wt%) |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 16.12.2024 | P&H orthoclase | 0.024 \pm 0.05 | 1.4 \pm 0.4 | 14.7 \pm 0.5 | 0.1 \pm 0.1 | 0.01 \pm 0.03 | 64.2 \pm 0.8 | 0.016 \pm 0.032 | 18.8 \pm 0.4 | 99 \pm 1 |
| 17.12.2024 | P&H orthoclase | 0.02 \pm 0.042 | 1.4 \pm 0.1 | 14.5 \pm 0.3 | 0.14 \pm 0.07 | 0.01 \pm 0.02 | 65 \pm 1 | 0.017 \pm 0.029 | 18.7 \pm 0.5 | 100 \pm 2 |
| 18.12.2024 | P&H orthoclase | 0.031 \pm 0.065 | 1.4 \pm 0.2 | 14.5 \pm 0.3 | 0.16 \pm 0.05 | 0.01 \pm 0.05 | 65 \pm 2 | 0.013 \pm 0.025 | 18.8 \pm 0.7 | 100 \pm 2 |

235 **Table S8: Limit of detection of microprobe measurements.**

| Oxides | Fe ₂ O ₃ | Na ₂ O | K ₂ O | BaO | MnO | SiO ₂ | CaO | Al ₂ O ₃ |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------|------|------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| Limit of detection (wt%) | 0.058 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.092 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.027 | 0.04 |



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Fig. S9: Electron back scatter images of four selected grains (a–d), one from each sample subjected to the bleaching experiment. Images were captured and the mineralogical composition indicated in the images is based on energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) analysis performed during microprobe measurement. Na-FSP: Na-feldspar and K-FSP: K-feldspar. Note the alterations present along the fractures (panel c). The number combination at the bottom left of each figure shows the sample number, disc number and the measured grain number. For example, in (a) 7X3X12 means grain number 12 from disc 3 of sample CHLEA-7.

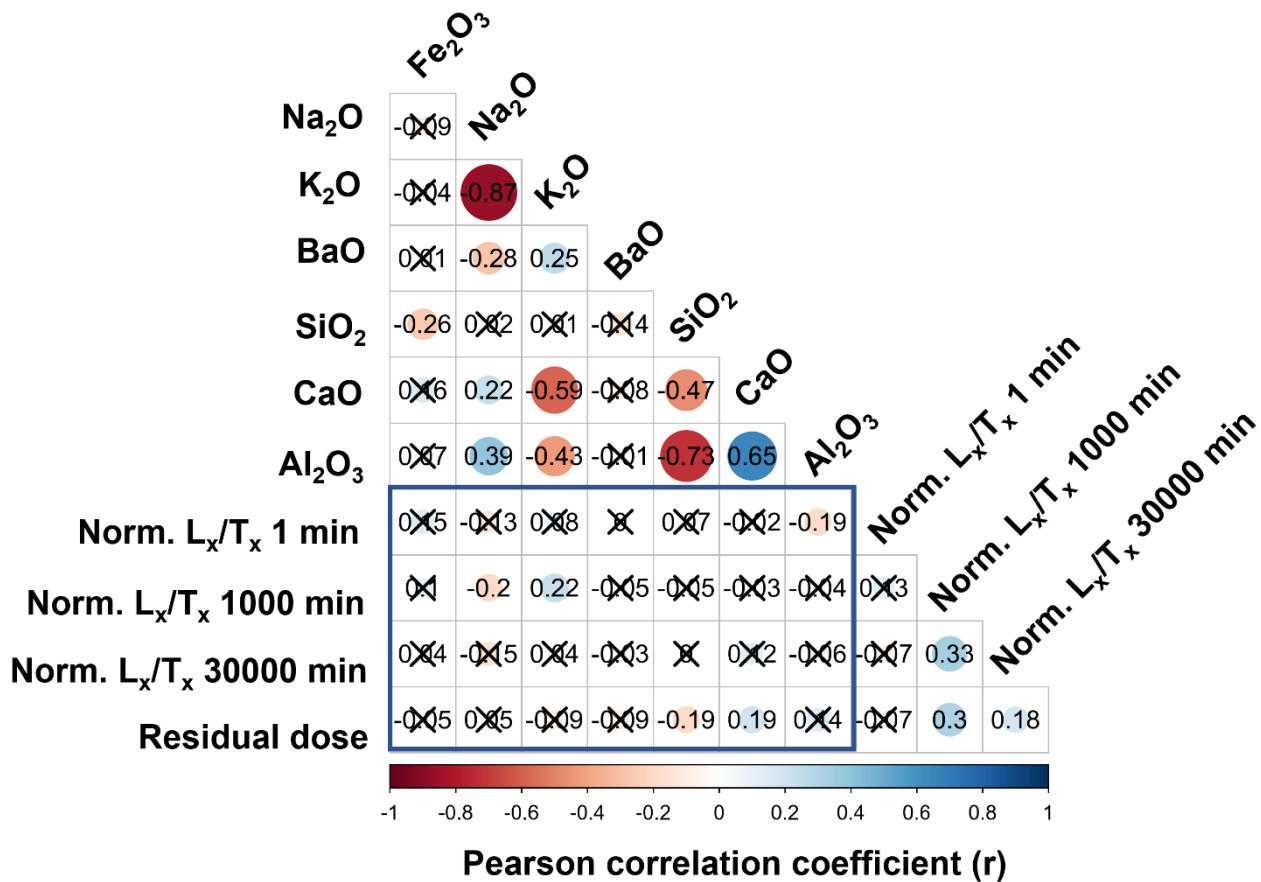


Fig. S10: Correlation matrix showing the correlation between and within grain-specific residual dose (measured dose after 2 days of Sol2 bleaching), normalised L_x/T_x of 1 minute, 1000 minutes, and 30000 minutes bleaching steps and all measured oxides for all four samples subjected to the bleaching experiment. Numbers in the circles represent Pearson correlation coefficient (r) values, and size and colour show the strength of the correlation. The boxes with cross marks represent statistically non-significant correlations with a p -value greater than 0.05. The blue rectangle in the figure marks the correlation between geochemical data and luminescence data.

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S6: Laboratory test of natural dose dependency**Table S9: Protocol of the laboratory experiment to test natural dose dependency.**

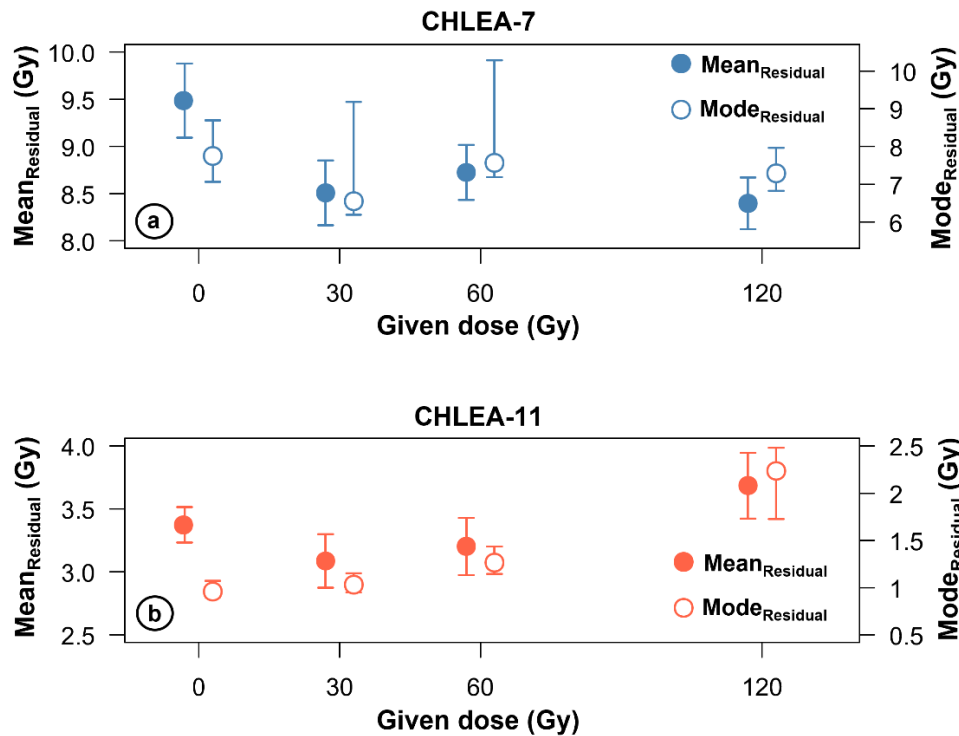
| Steps | Actions |
|-------|---|
| 1 | Dose (0, 30, 60, 120 Gy) above the respective natural doses |
| 2 | 2 days of bleaching in Sol2 |
| 3 | Residual dose measurement following the protocol in Table 1 |

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Table S10: Residual dose results from feldspar single-grain post-IR IRSL₂₀₀ measurements for samples CHLEA-7 and CHLEA-11 following two days of Sol2 bleaching at four given dose levels administered above the respective natural doses. Column headers are as follows: Given Dose: the dose administered above the natural dose; n (%): the absolute and relative number of accepted grains in the residual dose distribution; Mean_{Residual}: the mean residual dose with one standard error; Mode_{Residual}: the modal residual dose with the one-sigma confidence interval in parentheses, derived from bootstrap resampling (n = 1000).

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| Sample ID | Given dose (Gy) | n (%) | Mean _{Residual} (Gy) | Mode _{Residual} (Gy) |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| CHLEA-7 | 0 | 132 (33) | 9.5 ± 0.4 | 7.75 (7.07-8.69) |
| | 30 | 123 (41) | 8.5 ± 0.3 | 6.55 (6.19-9.18) |
| | 60 | 122 (41) | 8.7 ± 0.3 | 7.57 (7.19-10.28) |
| | 120 | 119 (40) | 8.4 ± 0.3 | 7.29 (6.82-7.96) |
| CHLEA-11 | 0 | 603 (38) | 3.4 ± 0.1 | 0.96 (0.90, 1.07) |
| | 30 | 152 (51) | 3.1 ± 0.2 | 1.03 (0.95-1.15) |
| | 60 | 142 (47) | 3.2 ± 0.2 | 1.26 (1.14-1.43) |
| | 120 | 131 (44) | 3.7 ± 0.3 | 2.24 (1.73-2.48) |

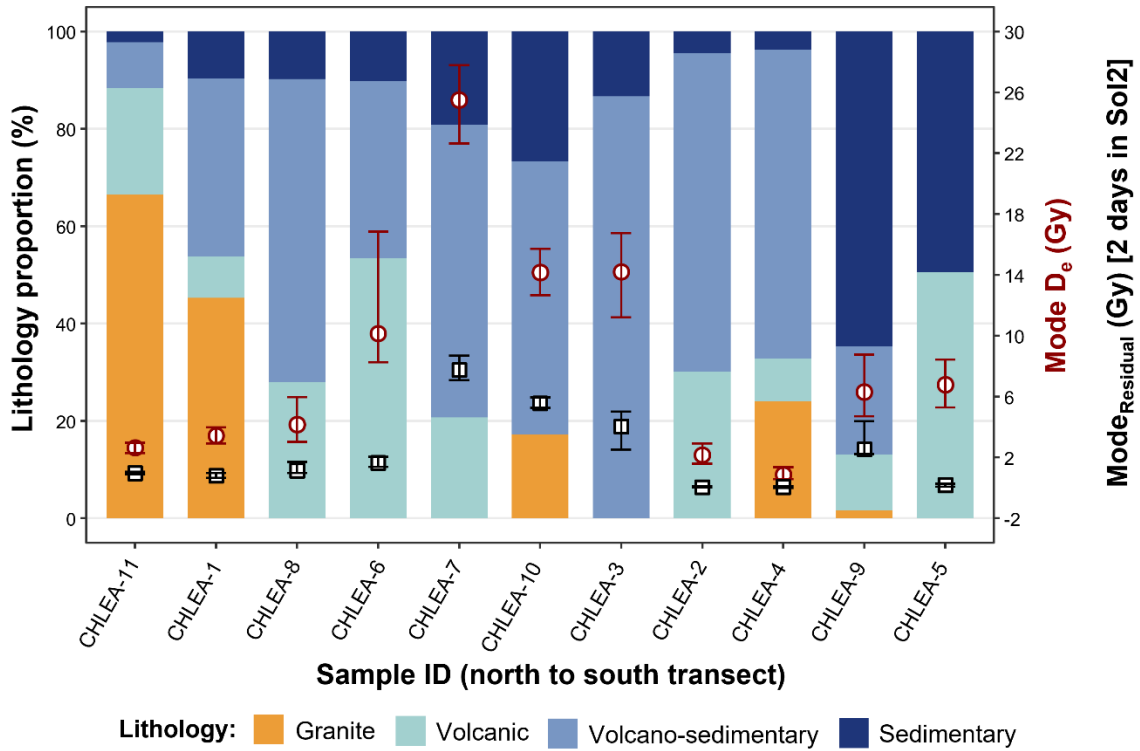


275 Fig S11: Residual dose estimates (both mean and mode) for samples CHLEA-7 (a) and CHLEA-11 (b) following two
 280 days of Sol2 bleaching, obtained from feldspar single-grain post-IR IRSL₂₀₀ measurements at four given dose levels
 (0, 30, 60, and 120 Gy) administered above the respective natural doses. Filled and open circles represent the mean
 (Mean_{Residual}; left y-axis) and modal (Mode_{Residual}; right y-axis) residual doses, respectively. Uncertainties on
 Mean_{Residual} are expressed as one standard error, and uncertainties on Mode_{Residual} represent one-sigma confidence
 intervals derived from bootstrap resampling (n = 1000).

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S7: Lithological composition and luminescence characteristics



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Fig S12: Lithological composition and luminescence characteristics of all eleven catchments in the Southern Central Andes, Chile. Stacked bars show the relative proportions (%) of four lithological categories: Granite, Volcanic, Volcano-sedimentary, and Sedimentary, within each catchment. Superimposed symbols indicate luminescence signal properties: black squares represent the residual dose (measured after two days of bleaching in Sol2) based on the mode of the distribution ($Mode_{Residual}$), while red circles indicate the equivalent dose based on the mode of the distribution ($Mode D_e$) for each sample. Uncertainties indicate one sigma confidence intervals. Sample IDs (CHLEA) are ordered geographically from north to south.

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S8: Test of recuperation dose as a proxy for bleachability

- 315 Residual doses of individual grains were compared with their corresponding recuperation doses, which were derived from measurements conducted within the single aliquot regenerative dose (SAR) protocol (Table 1, Step 10: zero-dose measurement following the natural signal). To estimate the recuperation dose, the test dose corrected luminescence response was projected onto the linear segment of the dose-response curve, defined between the origin and the response to the third regenerative dose (~5 Gy). Associated uncertainties were propagated based on the errors of individual measurements.
- 320 A subset of recuperation doses yielded negative values, which are interpreted as artifacts likely arising from elevated background-to-signal ratios. To keep the analysis physically meaningful, only positive recuperation dose values were considered. To evaluate the potential of recuperation dose as an indicator of grain-specific bleachability, we conducted a weighted regression analysis between recuperation dose and residual dose. The results of this analysis are summarised in Table S11.

325 **Table S11: Summary statistics of the weighted linear regression fit based on single-grain recuperation dose and residual dose. Note that the n represents the number of positive data points used in the weighted linear regression.**

| Sample ID | n | Intercept | Slope | Adjusted R ² | p-value |
|-----------|-----|-----------|-------|-------------------------|---------|
| CHLEA-11 | 534 | 1.00 | 0.11 | 0.00 | 0.38 |
| CHLEA-1 | 74 | 0.35 | 1.65 | 0.11 | 0.00 |
| CHLEA-8 | 14 | 2.96 | -0.94 | -0.04 | 0.51 |
| CHLEA-6 | 31 | 0.62 | 2.64 | 0.32 | 0.00 |
| CHLEA-7 | 123 | 3.98 | 3.50 | 0.17 | 0.00 |
| CHLEA-10 | 39 | 1.25 | 4.10 | 0.35 | 0.00 |
| CHLEA-3 | 54 | -0.52 | 2.27 | 0.07 | 0.03 |
| CHLEA-2 | 44 | -0.07 | 0.65 | 0.07 | 0.04 |
| CHLEA-4 | 24 | 0.08 | -0.04 | -0.04 | 0.90 |
| CHLEA-9 | 28 | 2.76 | 0.03 | -0.04 | 0.98 |
| CHLEA-5 | 23 | -0.78 | 4.49 | 0.46 | 0.00 |

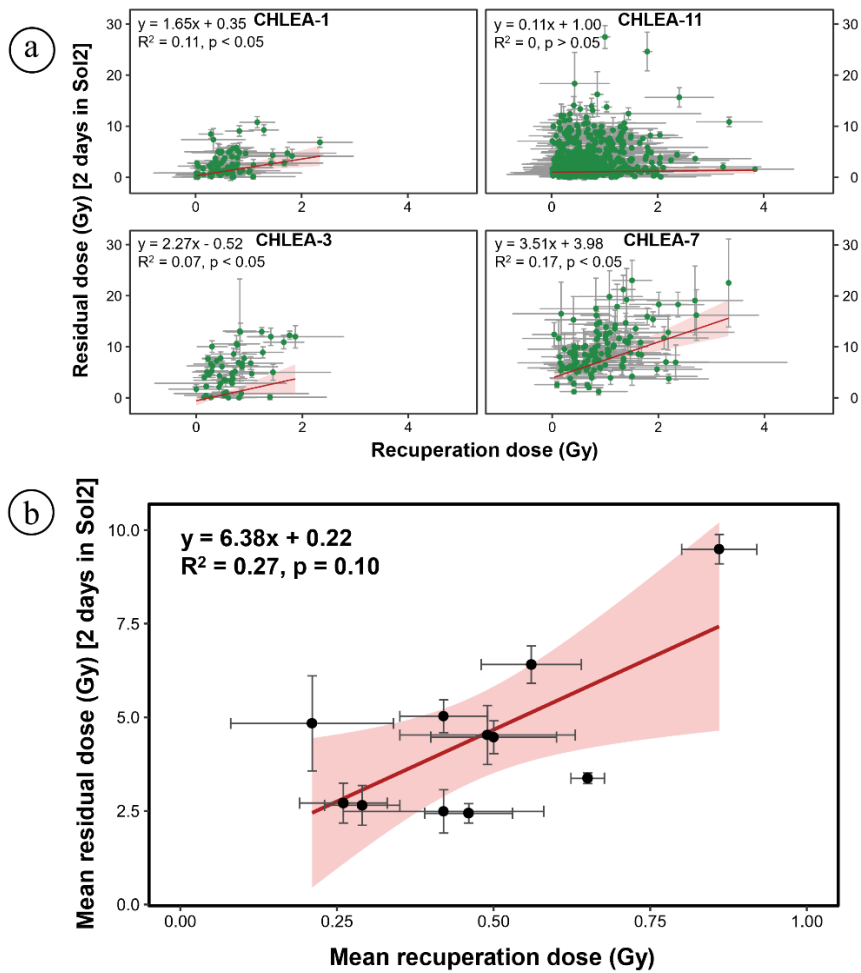


Fig S13: Relationships between residual dose and recuperation dose. (a) Scatter plots showing residual dose versus recuperation dose at single-grain level for four samples (CHLEA-1, CHLEA-11, CHLEA-3, CHLEA-7). Each panel includes the statistics (regression equation, R^2 , and p -value) of the fitted linear regression. (b) Sample-averaged residual dose plotted against sample-averaged recuperation dose, with linear regression. The shaded red envelope around the regression line represents a 95% confidence interval. Error bars represent ± 1 standard error.

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