

1 **Supplementary Information for**

2 **LA-ICP-MS U-Pb carbonate geochronology: strategies, progress,**  
3 **and application to fracture-fill calcite**

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28 **Methods**

29 1. Imagery

30 Back-scattered electron (BSE) and charge-contrast (CCI) images were taken at the  
31 British Geological Survey (BGS, Nottingham, UK), using a FEI QUANTA 600

32 environmental scanning electron microscope (ESEM). Samples were prepared as  
33 resin-impregnated polished sections and imaged as uncoated samples under low-  
34 vacuum conditions (130 Pa) with a working distance of 10 mm. BSE images were  
35 recorded using a solid-state (dual-diode) electron detector, with a 20 kV electron beam  
36 accelerating voltage, and beam currents between 0.1 and 0.6 nA,. CCI images were  
37 recorded using a FEI large-field gaseous secondary electron (electron cascade)  
38 detector, with 20 kV electron beam accelerating voltage, and beam currents of 1.2 to  
39 4.5 nA. Cathodoluminescence imaging was undertaken at the BGS using a Technosyn  
40 8200 MkII cold-cathode luminoscope stage attached to a Nikon optical microscope  
41 with long working distance lenses, and equipped with a Zeiss AxioCam MRc5 digital  
42 camera; vacuum and electron beam voltage and current were adjusted as required to  
43 generate optimum luminescence.

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## 45 2. LA-ICP-MS - BGS

46 For Image-guided data (Examples A-C and G), both U-Pb and trace element data were  
47 collected at the Geochronology and Tracers Facility, BGS, using a Nu Instruments  
48 Attom single-collector inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer coupled to a  
49 New Wave Research (ESI) 193UC excimer laser ablation system, and follow protocols  
50 outlined in Roberts & Walker (2016) and Roberts et al. (2017). U-Pb analyses utilise  
51 the following ablation conditions: a 100  $\mu\text{m}$  static spot, for a 30 s dwell time, with a  
52 repetition rate of 10 Hz, and a fluence of 6 to 9  $\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$ . A pre-ablation using the same  
53 conditions is used to clean the surface material using a 150  $\mu\text{m}$  spot for 2-4 s. For U-  
54 Pb, NIST614 is used for normalisation of Pb-Pb ratios, followed by WC-1 calcite  
55 (Roberts et al., 2017) for U-Pb ratios. For trace elements, NIST614 is used for  
56 normalisation using  $^{44}\text{Ca}$  for internal standardisation assuming 40.4% Ca content in  
57 the samples. Trace element maps are created by rastering lines across the material  
58 using typical conditions of a 100 \* 100  $\mu\text{m}$  square at 50  $\mu\text{m}/\text{s}$ , and using Iolite v2.5 to  
59 create a map image.

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### 61 **Table 1: Data Reporting Table for BGS**

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Laboratory & Sample Preparation	
Laboratory name	Geochronology & Tracers Facility, NERC Isotope Geosciences Laboratory
Sample type/mineral	Calcite

Sample preparation	Chips mounted in 1 inch epoxy mounts
Imaging	See main paper for details.
<b>Laser ablation system</b>	
Make, Model & type	ESI/New Wave Research, UP193UC
Ablation cell & volume	NWR TV2
Laser wavelength (nm)	193 nm
Pulse width (ns)	4 ns
Fluence (J.cm <sup>-2</sup> )	~6-8 J/cm <sup>-2</sup>
Repetition rate (Hz)	10 Hz
Spot size (µm)	Generally 100 µm
Sampling mode / pattern	Static spot for U-Pb. Line rasters for elemental maps.
Carrier gas	100% He, Ar make-up gas from DSN-100 combined using a Y-piece 50% along sample line.
Ablation duration (secs)	30 secs for U-Pb spots generally.
Cell carrier gas flow (l/min)	0.6 l/min
<b>ICP-MS Instrument</b>	
Make, Model & type	Nu Instruments, Attom, SC-ICP-MS
Sample introduction	Ablation aerosol
RF power (W)	1300 W
Make-up gas flow	0.7 l/min Ar
Detection system	Single Mascom SEM
Masses measured	202, 204, 206, 207, 208, 232, 238
Integration time per peak (ms)	Dwell times of 200 µs to 1000 µs per peak
Total integration time per reading (secs)	0.35 sec (should represent the time resolution of the data)
Sensitivity / Efficiency (% element)	~0.2% U
IC Dead time (ns)	15 ns
<b>Data Processing</b>	
Gas blank	60 second on-peak zero subtracted
Calibration strategy	NIST614 as primary reference material for Pb-Pb ratios, WC-1 carbonate standard for matrix matching of <sup>206</sup> Pb/ <sup>238</sup> U, DuffBrown carbonate for QC (only some sessions)
Reference Material info	NIST614 (concentration data Jochum et al., 2011; Pb isotopes Baker et al., 2004) WC-1 (Roberts et al., 2017) DBT (Hill et al., 2016)
Data processing package used / Correction for LIEF	In-house spreadsheet data processing after initial signal integration using Nu Instruments TRA software. No LIEF correction (mean of uncorrected ratios used).
Mass discrimination	Standard sample bracketing
Common-Pb correction, composition and uncertainty	None applied. Ages calculated from regressions used in Tera-Wasserburg plots.
Uncertainty level & propagation	Ages are quoted at 2sigma absolute, propagation is by quadratic addition. Excess variance of reference material propagated into sample data. Systematic uncertainties include age uncertainty of reference material.
<b>Other information</b>	

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## 66 3. LA-ICP-MS - TCD

67 For image-based data (Examples D-F), analyses were performed at the Geology  
 68 Department of Trinity College Dublin using a Photon Machines Analyte Excite 193 nm  
 69 ArF excimer laser ablation system coupled to an Agilent 7900 quadrupole ICP-MS.  
 70 Analytical protocol and data processing routine are described in Drost et al. (2018).  
 71 Samples were ablated along successive linear rasters with a spot size of 95µm, a  
 72 repetition rate of 50Hz, a scan speed of 30 µm/s, and a fluence of 2J/cm<sup>2</sup>. NIST614 is  
 73 used as the primary reference material for both the U-Pb data and the elemental data  
 74 (concentration data of Jochum et al., 2011; Pb isotopes of Baker et al., 2004). In  
 75 addition WC-1 carbonate standard (Roberts et al., 2017) is used for matrix matching  
 76 of <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>238</sup>U and Duff Brown Tank lacustrine limestone (Hill et al., 2016) was analysed  
 77 as a quality control. Data processing was conducted using Lolite V3.6 (Paton et al.,  
 78 2010, 2011) with the Trace\_Elements and VisualAge\_UcomPbine data reduction  
 79 schemes (Chew et al., 2014; Petrus & Kamber, 2012), Monocle (Petrus et al., 2017)  
 80 and an in-house spreadsheet with the Isoplot add-on (Ludwig, 2012).

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82 **Table 2: Data Reporting Table for TCD**

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<b>Laboratory &amp; Sample Preparation</b>	
Laboratory name	Department of Geology, Trinity College Dublin
Sample type/mineral	calcite veins
Sample preparation	polished rock slab (BH06), polished 25mm mount
Imaging	scans of polished rock slabs only
<b>Laser ablation system</b>	
Make, Model & type	Teledyne/PhotonMachines Analyte Excite, 193nm, Excimer
Ablation cell & volume	HelEx II Active 2-volume cell; 100mm x 100mm sample area
Laser wavelength (nm)	193nm
Pulse width (ns)	<4ns
Fluence (J.cm <sup>-2</sup> )	2.0 J/cm <sup>2</sup>
Repetition rate (Hz)	50 Hz
Spot size (µm)	95 µm square, except DBT: 80µm round
Sampling mode / pattern	linear rasters, 1 pass, 30 µm/sec scan speed
Carrier gas	100% He in the cell (0.36 l/min), Ar make-up gas (0.65 l/min) and N <sub>2</sub> (8 ml/min)
Ablation duration (secs)	BH6: 15 x 243s, 1511: 30 x 145s BM18: 30 x 160s, BH11: 3x11 x 153s

Cell carrier gas flow (l/min)	0.23 l/min in the cell and 0.13 l/min in the cup
<b>ICP-MS Instrument</b>	
Make, Model & type	Agilent 7900 quadrupole ICP-MS
Sample introduction	Ablation aerosol via ARIS
RF power (W)	1550W
Carrier gas flow (l/min)	0.65 l/min Ar
Detection system	Dual-mode discrete dynode electron multiplier
Masses measured	25, 43, 55, 57, 63, 71, 85, 88, 137, 140, 202, 204, 206, 207, 208, 232, 238
Integration time per peak (ms)	2.5ms for masses 25 to 204, 20ms for 206 and 238, 30ms for 207, 20ms for 208, 15ms for 232
Total integration time per reading (secs)	171 ms / 1.026 s after averaging
Sensitivity / Efficiency (% , element)	0.02% U
IC Dead time (ns)	38ns
<b>Data Processing</b>	
Gas blank	≥9 s on-peak zero subtracted
Calibration strategy	NIST614 as primary reference material, WC-1 carbonate standard for matrix matching of <sup>206</sup> Pb/ <sup>238</sup> U, DBT carbonate for QC
Reference Material info	NIST614 (concentration data Jochum et al., 2011; Pb isotopes Baker et al., 2004) WC-1 (Roberts et al., 2017) DBT (Hill et al., 2016)
Data processing package used / Correction for LIEF	Iolite V3.6 & Monocle & in-house spreadsheet; no LIEF correction for linear rasters
Normalisation and age calculation	standard bracketing; Iolite Data Reduction Scheme VizualAge_UcomPbine (Chew et al. 2014; based on U-Pb Geochronology DRS of Paton et al., 2010 and VizualAge DRS of Petrus and Kamber, 2012) is used to correct for down hole fractionation and drift and to normalize to primary reference material. Downhole fractionation for linear rasters is modelled using a linear correction ( $y=a+bx$ ) with zero slope ( $b=0$ ). U/Pb ages and initial Pb compositions are calculated using Isoplot v4.15 (Ludwig, 2012).
Common-Pb correction, composition and uncertainty	Unanchored regression in Tera-Wasserburg, isochron and 86TW plots, respectively. All model 1.
Uncertainty level & propagation	Ratios and ages are quoted at 2s. Lower intercept age uncertainty and excess uncertainty derived from anchored ( $0.85 \pm 0.04$ , Roberts et al., 2017) Tera-Waserburg regression of WC-1 carbonate reference material is propagated for <sup>238</sup> U/ <sup>206</sup> Pb ratios and excess uncertainty derived from <sup>207</sup> Pb and <sup>208</sup> Pb counting statistics is propagated for <sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb and <sup>208</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb ratios, respectively, by quadratic addition. The uncertainty value for lower intercept ages and isochron ages includes systematic uncertainties (uncertainty on WC-1 reference age, decay constant uncertainties).
Quality control / Validation	Duff Brown Tank limestone gave a lower intercept age of $63.89 \pm 0.73/1.8$ Ma (2s, MSWD = 0.65) over the course of session 1 and $62.96 \pm 0.77/1.8$ Ma (2s, MSWD = 0.49) over session 2.
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124 4. Datasets

125 **Table 3 - Common lead composition of vein calcite**

Identifier	Location A	Location B	Sample	Age (Ma)	2s (Ma)	Y-Intercept	2s
1	Czech	Prague Basin	160B	-	-	0.777	0.023
2	Czech	Prague Basin	160A	-	-	0.950	0.250
3	England	Cleveland Basin	NR1623	29	3.4	0.775	0.037
4	England	Cleveland Basin	JL1808	32	2.3	0.808	0.005
5	England	Cleveland Basin	JL1812	24	3.0	0.806	0.008
6	England	Cleveland Basin	JL1815	44	1.9	0.805	0.022
7	England	Cleveland Basin	JL1932	40	1.3	0.802	0.006
8	England	Cleveland Basin	JL1934	44	2.7	0.811	0.012
9	England	Cleveland Basin	JL1939	42	1.5	0.785	0.021
10	England	Cleveland Basin	NR1501	34	2.1	0.845	0.042
11	England	Cleveland Basin	NR1503	32	1.4	0.837	0.002
12	England	Cleveland Basin	NR1504	35	3.4	0.822	0.049
13	England	Cleveland Basin	NR1505	33	3.5	0.792	0.037
14	England	Cleveland Basin	NR1604	35	1.8	0.822	0.011
15	England	Cleveland Basin	NR1609 blocky	38	1.6	0.800	0.012
16	England	Cleveland Basin	NR1609 fibrous	38	1.3	0.822	0.006
17	England	Cleveland Basin	NR1612	33	4.6	0.790	0.048
18	England	Cleveland Basin	NR1615	32	2.6	0.822	0.028
19	England	Cleveland Basin	NR1617	27	2.2	0.790	0.110
20	England	Cleveland Basin	NR1619	29	1.2	0.827	0.004
21	England	Cleveland Basin	NR1620	31	1.1	0.836	0.002
22	England	Cleveland Basin	NR1621	32	3.6	0.830	0.005
23	England	Flamborough	NR1708	63	1.8	0.807	0.011
24	England	Flamborough	NR1707	64	2.1	0.812	0.041
25	England	Flamborough	NR1901	59	1.4	0.833	0.033
26	England	Flamborough	NR1709	56	1.6	0.837	0.006
27	England	Flamborough	CJ1	57	1.4	0.846	0.120
28	England	in confidence	in confidence	246	3.3	0.823	0.016
29	England	in confidence	in confidence	21	6.3	0.829	0.007
30	England	in confidence	in confidence	259	3.4	0.844	0.009
31	England	in confidence	in confidence	153	14.0	0.846	0.005
32	England	in confidence	in confidence	100	6.3	0.846	0.004
33	England	in confidence	in confidence	258	2.1	0.848	0.012
34	England	in confidence	in confidence	253	3.0	0.850	0.003
35	England	in confidence	in confidence	201	2.1	0.850	0.003
36	England	in confidence	in confidence	274	2.3	0.853	0.007
37	England	in confidence	in confidence	239	5.4	0.855	0.010
38	England	in confidence	in confidence	177	19.0	0.868	0.029
39	England	in confidence	in confidence	32	3.7	0.878	0.035

40	England	in confidence	in confidence	33	1.5	0.830	0.011
41	England	in confidence	in confidence	4	1.8	0.833	0.016
42	England	in confidence	in confidence	34	1.8	0.837	0.003
43	England	in confidence	in confidence	53	1.5	0.838	0.005
44	England	in confidence	in confidence	48	1.3	0.838	0.005
45	England	in confidence	in confidence	183	2.3	0.849	0.011
46	England	in confidence	in confidence	316	1.3	0.891	0.044
47	England	in confidence	in confidence	324	2.4	0.894	0.046
48	England	in confidence	in confidence	32	5.9	0.731	0.010
49	England	in confidence	in confidence	40		0.789	0.023
50	England	in confidence	in confidence	34	51.0	0.807	0.037
51	Faroe Islands	Faroe Islands	TJN-2-1	17	2.3	0.835	0.025
52	Faroe Islands	Faroe Islands	TJN-0-1	45	1.1	0.862	0.007
53	Faroe Islands	Faroe Islands	Mol-1-2	45	2.1	0.870	0.088
54	Faroe Islands	Faroe Islands	Mol-1-1	41	3.4	0.874	0.012
55	Faroe Islands	Faroe Islands	TOR-1-1	41	1.8	0.881	0.086
56	Faroe Islands	Faroe Islands	TJN-1-3	38	2.5	0.887	0.059
57	Faroe Islands	Faroe Islands	LEY-2-1	11	2.3	0.901	0.034
58	in confidence	in confidence	in confidence	19	2.5	0.667	0.048
59	in confidence	in confidence	in confidence	18	5.5	0.715	0.009
60	in confidence	in confidence	in confidence	14	5.6	0.762	0.027
61	in confidence	in confidence	in confidence	18	5.4	0.840	0.120
62	Scotland	Arran	JM5 T7-8	386	11.4	0.844	0.020
63	Scotland	Arran	AR08	218	1.9	0.845	0.005
64	Scotland	Arran	JF7a	291	2.1	0.851	0.005
65	Scotland	in confidence	in confidence	240	3.0	0.817	0.005
66	Scotland	in confidence	in confidence	28	2.3	0.840	0.011
67	Scotland	in confidence	in confidence	368	1.3	0.845	0.001
68	Sweden	COSC-1	COSC-9	494	2.0	0.798	0.022
69	Sweden	in confidence	in confidence	576	22.0	0.494	0.031
70	Sweden	in confidence	in confidence	464	0.1	0.582	0.013
71	Sweden	in confidence	in confidence	38	0.9	0.689	0.019
72	Sweden	in confidence	in confidence	39	2.1	0.751	0.010
73	Sweden	in confidence	in confidence	39	10.1	0.758	0.014
74	Sweden	in confidence	in confidence	506	24.0	0.772	0.013
75	Sweden	in confidence	in confidence	80	3.0	0.786	0.011
76	Sweden	in confidence	in confidence	25	6.5	0.805	0.007
77	Sweden	in confidence	in confidence	62	6.2	0.817	0.022
78	USA	Bighorn Basin	R135B	86	2.5	0.551	0.018
79	USA	Bighorn Basin	BM18	60	2.5	0.590	0.012
80	USA	Bighorn Basin	R135A	90	4.8	0.606	0.013
81	USA	Bighorn Basin	24M	2	5.1	0.617	0.007
82	USA	Bighorn Basin	21M C	66	3.0	0.617	0.027
83	USA	Bighorn Basin	R84(a)	15	10.5	0.636	0.009
84	USA	Bighorn Basin	47T	6	7.4	0.643	0.014
85	USA	Bighorn Basin	R84(B)	28	3.2	0.646	0.008
86	USA	Bighorn Basin	21M A	72	3.6	0.658	0.010
87	USA	Bighorn Basin	24M B	2	52.0	0.684	0.015
88	USA	Bighorn Basin	LSM3	75	3.2	0.725	0.002
89	USA	Bighorn Basin	BH12	57	2.4	0.727	0.005



90	USA	Bighorn Basin	SMA1	45	1.9	0.729	0.002
91	USA	Bighorn Basin	BH11	54	2.0	0.729	0.006
92	USA	Bighorn Basin	BH14	63	1.6	0.731	0.001
93	USA	Bighorn Basin	R17	61	3.0	0.761	0.007
94	USA	Bighorn Basin	R157	67	2.1	0.764	0.002
95	USA	Bighorn Basin	R155	59	2.7	0.766	0.002
96	USA	Bighorn Basin	R152	46	0.3	0.773	0.001
97	USA	Bighorn Basin	R153	58	1.5	0.773	0.001
98	USA	Bighorn Basin	R98	54	2.5	0.799	0.008
99	USA	Bighorn Basin	BH6	60	3.5	0.820	0.006
100	USA	Bighorn Basin	20M	37	2.7	0.878	0.041
101	USA	Bighorn Basin	R93	34	5.5	0.892	0.024
102	USA	Moab Fault	KH18	41	23.0	0.756	0.007
103	USA	Moab Fault	KH08	52	41.0	0.761	0.006

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### 127 ***U-Pb and trace element data***

128 As the examples in this paper are meant as demonstrations of the approach, and the  
129 interpretation of the data is not a focus of the paper, the full datasets are not provided.  
130 However, the full datasets generated during the current study are available from the  
131 corresponding author on reasonable request.

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