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- Konter et al., 2008; Jackson et al., 2010; Maury et al., 2013; Finlayson et al., 2018; Jackson et
- al., 2020; Buff et al., 2021) (Figure 1). The "downstream" Samoan hotspot track in the hotspot











- different volcanoes were geochemically and isotopically characterized and/or dated by the
- $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$  method.
- Table 1 provides sample descriptions and locations, information about which samples
- 124 have new  ${}^{40}Ar/{}^{39}Ar$  ages, major and trace element, and/or isotope data, as well as information
- 125 about prior isotopic studies of samples from the same volcanoes.
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- **METHODS**
- **<sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar age determination**
- 129 New <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar age determinations on four submarine lava flows are presented in Table 2. Three
- plagioclase separates and two groundmass separates were obtained by systematic crushing,
- sieving, magnetic separation, acid leaching, and handpicking as described in Konrad et al.
- (2018). Samples were irradiated along with Fish Canyon Tuff sanidine (FCT) fluence monitors at
- the Oregon State University (OSU) TRIGA reactor for 6 hours. Extracted gas was analyzed
- using an ARGUS VI mass spectrometer. Samples were analyzed via the incremental heating
- 135 method using  $21-27 \text{ CO}_2$  laser heating steps with blanks analyzed at the start, end, and between
- every three heating steps. Age determinations were calculated using ArArCALC v2.7.0







## **Hafnium, Nd, Sr, and Pb chemical separation and mass spectrometry**





















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#### **Hafnium, Pb, Sr, and Nd isotopic compositions**

- Based on their varied geochemical compositions, we group the lavas from this study into three
- categories—EM1-type lavas, geochemically enriched WESAM lavas, and WESAM lavas with
- depleted isotopic compositions—and we explore each category in detail below.
- *EM1-type lavas*
- The samples from Papatua seamount and Fa'aitu seamount studied here show EM1-like isotopic
- characteristics (Figure 4). The glasses from Papatua seamount, PPT-D1-N1 and PPT-D1-N2,
- have <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd ranging from 0.512622 to 0.512631, <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr of 0.705045, <sup>176</sup>Hf/<sup>177</sup>Hf ranging
- from 0.282877 to 0.282892, and <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb ranging from 18.6861 to 18.7229. The two samples
- from the WESAM Fa'aitu seamount, RR1310-D31-01 and RR1310-D31-02, have nearly
- 354 identical isotopic compositions with weak EM1-like signatures. They have <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd ranging
- from 0.512765 to 0.512771, <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ranging from 0.704586 to 0.704642, and <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb
- ranging from 18.7650 and 18.7733.
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- *Western Samoan (WESAM) lavas with enriched isotopic compositions*











- from Arago seamount (Bonneville et al., 2006), through the region of the Samoan hotspot
- (Figure 1). Like the Macdonald hotspot, the Arago-Rurutu hotspot generated HIMU volcanism













the milder HIMU signatures in some Samoan hotspot volcanoes can also be explained as being

- part of the Samoan plume.
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### **Anomalously young volcanism along the Samoan hotspot track**




























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## **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

**Figure 1.** Hotspot reconstruction, age progression, and cross section. Panel (a) shows the Samoan

- trend and the Cook-Austral hotspot tracks (Macdonald, Arago-Rurutu, and Rarotonga) consistent
- with the Wessel and Kroenke (2008) absolute plate motion model. The locations of the active
- hotspots are marked with stars. The location of the Rarotonga hotspot, if it exists, remains to be
- discovered and is shown as a star with a question mark. Panel (b) shows the age progression for
- the Macdonald, Arago-Rurutu, Rarotonga, and Samoa hotspot tracks based on Wessel and
- Kroenke (2008) (WK08 APM); ages for the Cook-Austral volcanoes are summarized in Jackson
- et al. (2020) and Buff et al. (2021), while Samoan ages are summarized in Koppers et al. (2008).
- New ages for Waterwitch, Fa'aitu, and Bustard seamounts are also shown: Waterwitch clearly
- lies on the Samoan hotspot age progression, and Fa'aitu and Bustard do not (but could represent
- rejuvenated volcanism). Panel (c) shows a cartoon cross section that links volcanoes from the
- age-distance plot (panel b) to their respective hotspot (note color coding in both panels).
- Volcanoes with two known stages of volcanism (e.g. Rurutu, Arago, Aitutaki, Papatua, and East
- Niulakita) are represented by two colors on a single volcano with the bottom color relating to the



















1. The amount of material limited the types of analyses that were carried out for some of the samples in this study. Isotopic, major and trace element data are available only for the largest samples. Samples with only isotopic and trace element data are from smaller samples. The smallest samples only have isotopic data. Due to visible alteration for some of the samples in this study, an intensive leaching procedure was applied to all but two samples prior to dissolution and chemistry; the Papatua glasses were subjected to less intensive leaching.

## **Table 2. <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar Ages**



Summary of <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar age analysis on five groundmass and/or plagioclases from dredges RR1310-D29, RR1310-D31 and RR1310-D38. i=internal uncertainty; f=full uncertainty; MSWD=Mean square of weighted deviations; P = probability of fit; n=steps used in age calculation; N=total steps; SF = spreading factor; \*indicates the age is a mini plateau and should be interpreted with caution.

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![](_page_70_Picture_641.jpeg)

<sup>1</sup>Major elements and select trace elements for whole rock samples were measured by X-ray fluorescence (XRF) at Washington State University (WSU). These samples were analyzed together with USGS reference material BCR-2, and the BCR-2 data and preferred reference values from Jochum et al. (2016) are provided in the table. Major element data are not available for samples RR1310-D40-10, RR1310-D34-01, KK8203-DR-1, KK8203-DR-9, RR1310-D29-01, and ALIA-121-09.

<sup>2</sup>Trace elements for whole rock powders were analyzed by solution ICP-MS at WSU. The reference material BCR-2 was analyzed as an unknown with these samples. The new BCR-2 data are shown with the preferred values from Jochum et al. (2016). Trace element data are not available for samples RR1310-D34-01, RR1310-D29-01, and RR1310-D40-10.

<sup>3</sup>Two different totals are included for major element analyses. The first total includes major element oxide analyses only. The second total includes major element oxide analyses, loss on ignition (LOI), and the trace element totals expressed as oxides and includes the following trace elements: Ni, Cr, Sc, V, Ba, Rb, Sr, Zr, Y, Nb, Ga, Cu, Zn, Pb, La, Ce, Th, Nd and U.
## Sample Name PPT-D1N1 **PPT-D1N1 2RSD (%) PPT-D1-N2 PPT-D1- N2 2RSD (%) ALV 519-4-1 ALV 519-4-1 2RSD (%) Preferred ALV 519- 4-1 (Melson et al., 2002; Gale et al., 2013a, b) Volcano** Papatua - Papatua - - - - **Material analyzed** Glass - Glass - Glass - - **Method of Major Element Analysis**  $E P M A<sup>1</sup> - A V G$  of 3 - $E P M A<sup>1</sup> - A V G$  of 3 - $E PMA<sup>1</sup> - AVG of 22$  -  $-$ **Method of Trace Element Analysis**  $LA-ICP<sup>2</sup> - AVG of 2 LA-ICP<sup>2</sup> - AVG of 3 LA-ICP<sup>2</sup> - AVG of 8$  -**EPMA Majors** SiO<sub>2</sub> (wt. %) 42.4 1.6 42.8 1.1 49.0 1.5 48.9 TiO<sub>2</sub> (wt. %) 4.1 0.4 4.1 1.3 0.7 1.3 0.8  $Al_2O_3$  (wt. %) 13.2 2.5 13.3 1.2 16.4 1.8 16.5 FeO<sub>tot</sub> (wt. %) 11.7 2.0 11.8 0.3 8.9 0.8 9.0 MnO (wt. %) 0.2 4.4 0.2 2.3 0.2 5.2 -MgO (wt. %) 6.4 0.8 6.5 3.2 9.7 2.0 9.4 CaO (wt. %) 13.1 1.5 13.2 2.1 12.5 0.6 12.6 Na<sub>2</sub>O (wt. %) 3.6 0.7 3.5 4.3 2.1 2.5 2.1  $K_2O$  (wt. %) 1.7 2.9 1.7 0.7 0.1 4.5 0.1  $P_2O_5$  (wt. %) 1.2 1.7 1.2 0.5 0.1 19.0 0.1 Total (wt.  $\%$ ) 97.6 - 98.3 - 99.7 - 99.5 **LA-ICP Traces (PPT glasses, ALV 519-4-1)** Ni (ppm) 48.9 14.9 58.6 4.2 188.8 2.6 178.0 Cu (ppm) 68.3 17.3 63.9 6.5 107.8 2.2 98.0 Zn (ppm) 163.8 2.1 164.4 4.1 82.9 5.5 -Li (ppm) 11.6 6.1 11.3 2.6 4.2 2.7 4.2

## **Table 4. Major and trace element analyses of glasses examined in this study.**





<sup>1</sup>Major elements on Papatua (PPT) glasses were measured by electron probe microanalyzer (EPMA) at University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB). The standard reference material ALV 519-4-1 was run together with the PPT glasses in the same analytical session and with the same instrument settings. Note that the EPMA data consist of an average of several analyses of the same sample (the number of analyses is noted at the top the data table), and the 2RSD reproducibility for multiple EPMA analyses is also provided. These data are provided with preferred values from Melson et al. (2002). <sup>2</sup>Trace elements for the PPT glasses were measured by laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (LA-ICP-MS) at Clermont-Ferrand along with the reference material ALV 519-4-1. These data are provided with preferred values from Melson et al. (2002) and Gale et al. (2013a, b). Note that the LA-ICP-MS data consist of an average of several analyses of the same sample (the number of analyses is noted at the top the data table), and the 2RSD reproducibility for multiple LA-ICP-MS analyses is also provided.

## **Table 5. Hf-Pb-Sr-Nd Isotopic Data for samples analyzed in this study <sup>1</sup>**



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RR1310-D34-

01

KK8203-DR-Tuscarora 0.283112 0.000004 Lyon 18.9237 0.0004 15.5627 0.0003 38.7687 0.0008 Lyon 0.703789 0.000011 UNC 0.512921 0.000004 UNC 9 clast RR1310-D38- Waterwitch 0.283056 0.000004 Lyon 19.6015 0.0004 15.5979 0.0004 39.5445 0.0009 Lyon 0.703727 0.000008 UNC 0.512890 0.000004 UNC 08 RR1310-D38- Waterwitch 08 rep 1 0.703720 0.000005 UCSB 0.512897 0.000002 UCSB RR1310-D38- Waterwitch 08 rep 2 0.703725 0.000006 UCSB KK8203-DR-Talviuni 0.283035 0.000005 Lyon 19.0401 0.0011 15.5932 0.0007 39.4478 0.0028 Lyon 0.704271 0.000008 UNC 0.512857 0.000004 UNC 1 clast RR1310-D31- Fa'aitu 01 0.704633 0.000005 UCSB 0.512765 0.000002 UCSB RR1310-D31- 01 rep Fa'aitu - - - 18.7733 0.0031 15.5826 0.0025 38.8583 0.0066 USC 0.704642 0.000007 UCSB - RR1310-D31- Fa'aitu 02 0.704586 0.000006 UCSB 0.512771 0.000002 UCSB RR1310-D31- Fa'aitu 02 rep Fa'aitu - - - 18.7650 0.0003 15.5736 0.0003 38.8240 0.0011 USC 0.704588 0.000006 UCSB 0.512765 0.000003 UCSB

## *USGS reference materials:*



With the exception of two Papatua glasses, isotopes were measured on rock chips (not powders). The unweighted mean <sup>176</sup>Hf/<sup>177</sup>Hf of the JMC-475 Hf standard run alternately with the samples were identical within error to the preferred value of 0.282163 ±0.000009 (Blichert-Toft et al., 1997), hence no corrections were applied to the new <sup>176</sup>Hf/<sup>177</sup>Hf data. Isotopic compositions for all other data in the table (including previously published geologic reference materials) are normalized to an NBS987 value of 0.710240 for  $87$ Sr/86Sr, a JNdi  $143$ Nd/ $144$ Nd value of 0.512099 (JNdi value from Garçon et al., 2018), and Pb isotopic compositions for NBS981 from Eisele et al. (2003) (i.e.,  $^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb = 16.9409$ ,  $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb = 15.4976$ , and  $^{208}Pb/204Pb = 36.7262$ ). Data for USGS reference materials are renormalized to preferred standard values used here (and a La Jolla to JNdi conversion from Tanaka et al. (2000) was used for <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd). A BCR-2 and an AGV-2 (both labeled "Lyon/UNC") were reported previously (Jackson et al., 2017; Price et al., 2017), but were analyzed together with samples reported here, so are provided in the table for completeness (but are renormalized to preferred standard values used here). Errors for sample unknowns are 2σ standard error of the mean (and represent internal precision) and are absolute (not relative). Errors on the USGS reference materials from Weis et al. (2006) represent 2SD and represent multiple analyses of a USGS reference material.Measurements in this study were made (or repeated) at a variety of institutions. We indicate when measurements were made at École Normale Supérieure Lyon (Lyon), University of South Carolina (USC), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (UNC), or University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB).



Figure 1 213x279mm (600 x 600 DPI)





215x85mm (600 x 600 DPI)



Figure 3

332x470mm (600 x 600 DPI)



Figure 4

212x275mm (600 x 600 DPI)





196x274mm (600 x 600 DPI)





215x191mm (600 x 600 DPI)