

Supplementary Material to *Paleoseismic history of faults ruptured in the 2019 Ridgecrest, California earthquake sequence* by Pierce et al.

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1. Detailed Luminescence Dating Methods

Sample preparation

Samples were prepared at the Desert Research Institute Luminescence Research Laboratory (Reno, Nevada). Potassium-rich feldspar grains were isolated from bulk sediment using standard preparation procedures (Aitken, 1998). Samples were treated with 10% HCl and 30% H₂O₂ to remove carbonates and organic matter and wet sieved to obtain the 180-250 µm grain size fraction. Heavy liquid separation using lithium heteropolytungstate (<2.58 g/cm³) was used to isolate potassium feldspar grains. All samples except OV020 and OV021 were etched with 10% HF for 10 minutes to remove the outer alpha-irradiated layer.

Single-grain measurements were conducted using aluminum discs containing 100 holes (300 µm diameter and depth) arranged in a 10 x 10 grid.

Instrumentation

Luminescence measurements were performed on a Risø TL-DA-20 luminescence reader equipped with a focused infrared laser (830 nm; ~150 mW/cm²) for single-grain stimulation and infrared LEDs (870 nm; ~115 mW/cm² at the sample position). Luminescence signals were detected through Corning/Kopp 7-59 and Schott BG39 filters transmitting wavelengths between 320-460 nm using a H7360-02 photomultiplier tube.

Measurement protocol

Equivalent dose (D_e) measurements were conducted using a modified single-aliquot regenerative dose (SAR) protocol (Murray and Wintle, 2000, 2003) applied to the IR₅₀ signal (Wallinga, 2000). A preheat and cutheat of 160 °C and a hotwash of 180 °C were used.

A dose recovery test was conducted on 600 grains from sample OV001. Grains were first bleached using IR LEDs for 1000 seconds and then given a laboratory beta dose of 22 Gy. The measured-to-given dose ratio was 0.95 ± 0.01 .

Dose response curves were fit with an exponential function.

Grain rejection criteria

Grains were excluded if they exhibited:

- test dose uncertainty >10%

- recycling ratio error >10%
- recuperation >5%
- luminescence signals <3 σ above background

All individual D_e values include a 2.5% instrumental uncertainty.

Zero-dose grains (negative D_e values or values consistent with zero within uncertainty) and saturated grains ($D_e > 2D_0$ or grains that did not intersect the dose-response curve) were excluded following Wintle and Murray (2006).

Statistical modeling

Equivalent dose distributions displayed moderate overdispersion (>40%). Most samples exhibited symmetrical distributions and were modeled using the Central Age Model (CAM; Galbraith et al., 1999). Samples OV001, OV028, and OV029 displayed evidence of post-depositional mixing characterized by populations of low-dose grains and elevated overdispersion; these samples were analyzed using the Finite Mixture Model (FMM; Galbraith and Green, 1990).

Fading measurements

Anomalous fading rates (g-values) were measured following the method of Auclair et al. (2003) after D_e measurements. Reported g-values represent weighted means of measurements made on single-grain discs (100 grains per disc).

Dose rate and age calculation

Radioelement concentrations (U, Th, and K) were measured using ICP-MS and ICP-AES at ALS Geochemistry. Gravimetric moisture content ranged from 1-2% and was used to correct dose rates while including a 5% uncertainty to account for long-term moisture variability.

Dose rate and age calculations follow Durcan et al. (2015). Final luminescence ages were corrected for anomalous fading using the model of Huntley and Lamothe (2001).

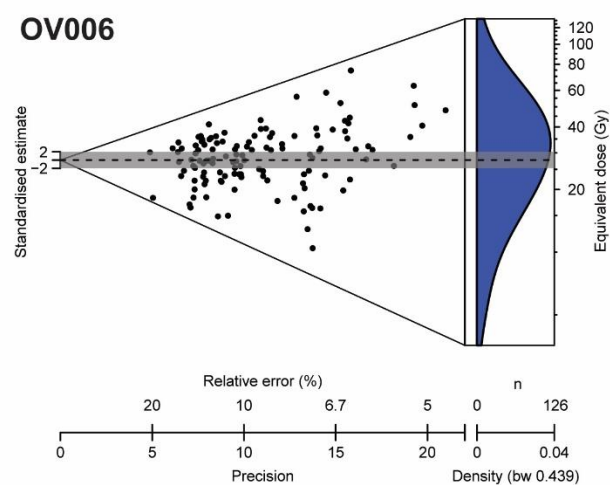
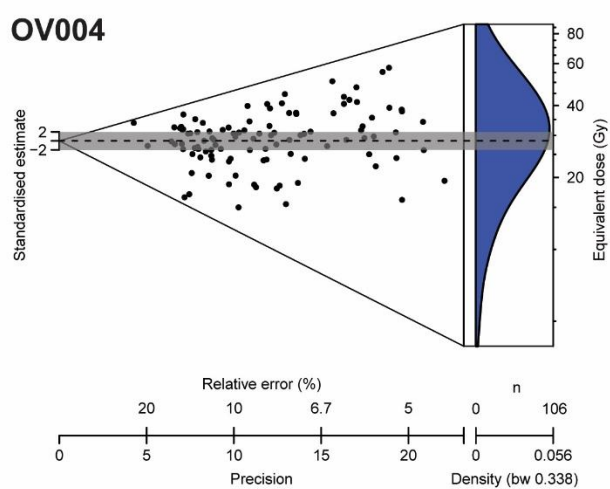
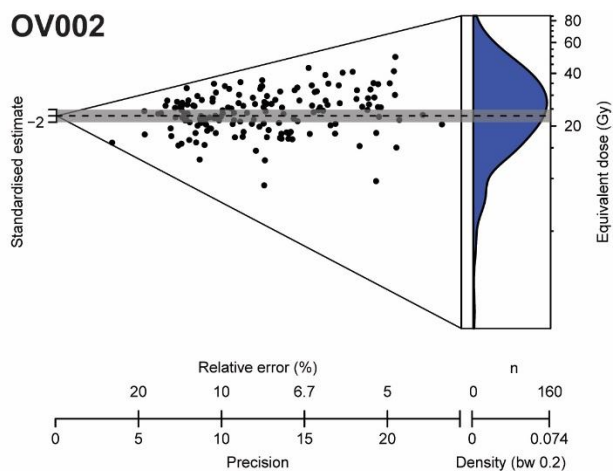
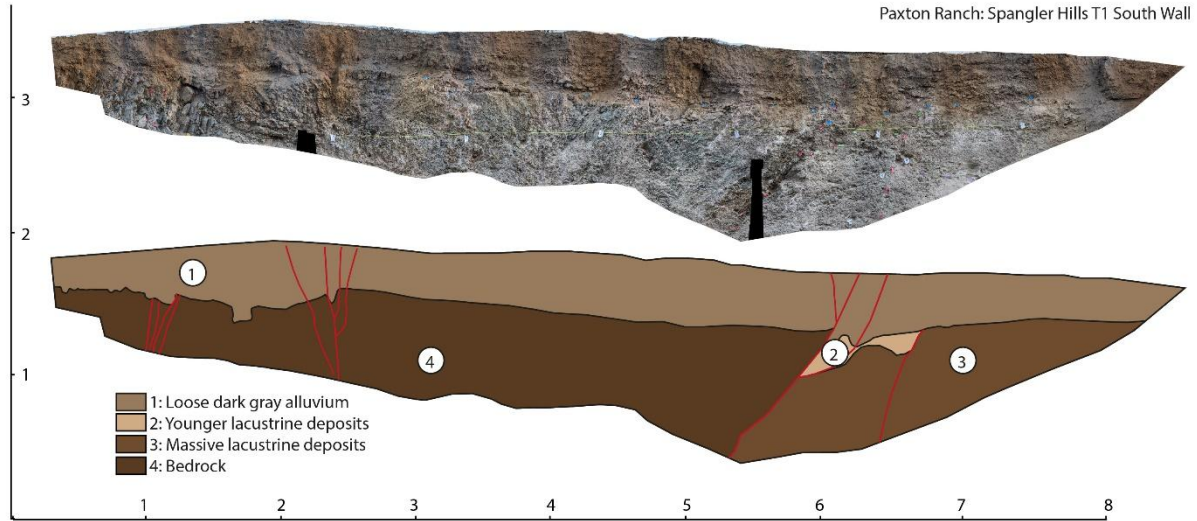
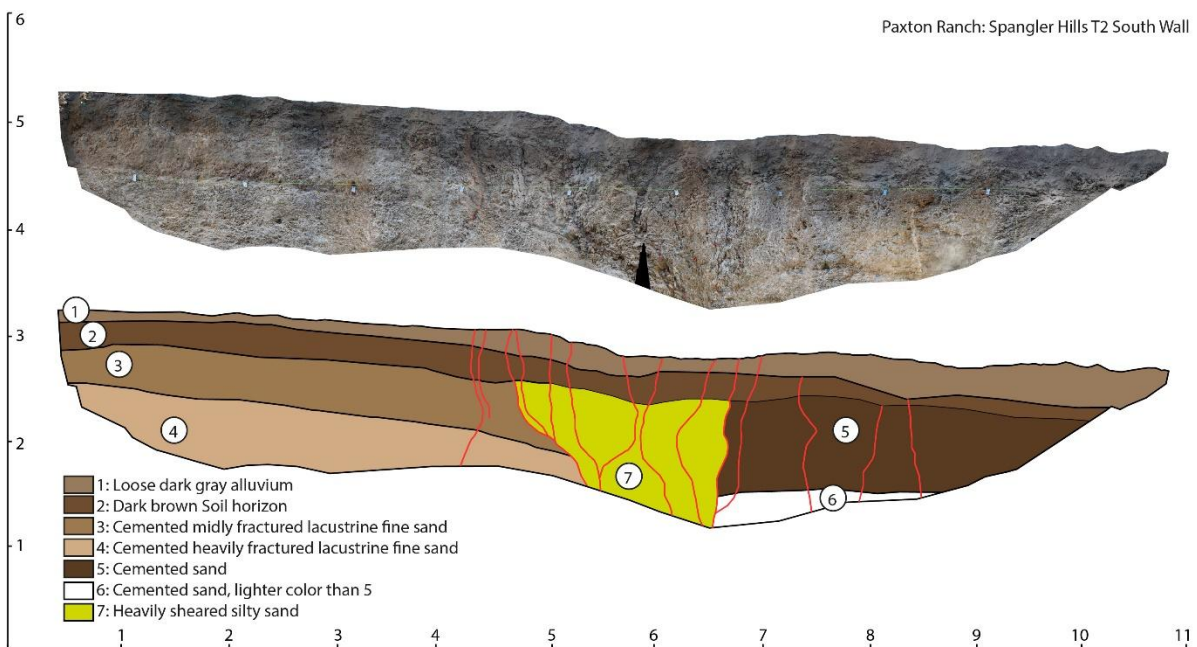


Figure 1 is a plot for OV009. The y-axis is labeled 'Standardised estimate' and ranges from -2 to 2. The x-axis is labeled 'Equivalent dose (Gy)' and ranges from 0 to 250. The plot shows a scatter of points, a funnel plot, and a density plot. The density plot is blue and centered around 50 Gy. The x-axis has a break between 0 and 122. The y-axis has a break between -2 and 2. The plot is labeled 'OV009' in the top left corner.

2. Trench logs not shown in text



SH-T1: Thin Holocene stratigraphy precluded discerning individual events, and two primary shear zones are present here both rupturing in the 2019 M7.1 earthquake.



SH-T2: Thin Holocene stratigraphy precluded discerning younger events. A wide heavily sheared zone provides evidence of multiple late Quaternary events.