

The iron isotopic composition of subglacial streams draining the Greenland ice sheet

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Abstract:

In this study, we present the first measurements of iron (Fe) stable isotopic composition ($\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$) of subglacial streams draining the Greenland Ice Sheet (GIS). We measure the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values [$(\delta^{56}\text{Fe}, \text{‰} = ({}^{56}\text{Fe}/{}^{54}\text{Fe})_{\text{sample}}/({}^{56}\text{Fe}/{}^{54}\text{Fe})_{\text{standard}} - 1) \times 10^3$] of both dissolved and suspended sediment Fe in subglacial outflows from five distinct land-terminating glaciers. Suspended sediments have $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values that lie within the crustal array ($\delta^{56}\text{Fe} \sim 0\text{‰}$). In contrast, the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values of dissolved Fe in subglacial outflows are consistently less than 0‰, reaching a minimum of -2.1‰ in the outflow from the Russell Glacier. The $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values of dissolved Fe vary geographically and on daily time scales. Major element chemistry and mineral saturation state modeling suggest that incongruent silicate weathering and sulphide oxidation are the likely drivers of subglacial stream Fe chemistry, and that the extent of chemical weathering influences the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ of dissolved Fe. The largest difference in $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ between dissolved and suspended load is -2.1‰, and occurs in the subglacial system from the Russell glacier (southwest GIS). Major element chemistry indicates this outflow to be the least chemically weathered, while more mature subglacial systems (i.e., that exhibit greater extents of subglacial weathering) have dissolved loads with $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ that are indistinguishable from suspended sediments ($\Delta^{56}\text{Fe}_{\text{suspended-dissolved}} \sim 0\text{‰}$). Ultimately, the dissolved Fe generated in some subglacial systems from the GIS is a previously unrecognized source of isotopically light Fe into the hydrosphere. The data illustrate that the dissolved Fe supplied by subglacial weathering can have variable $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values depending on the degree of chemical weathering. Thus, Fe isotopes have potential as a proxy for subglacial chemical weathering intensity or mode. Finally, based on our regional Fe concentration measurements from each glacial outflow, we estimate a flux weighted continental scale dissolved iron export of 2.1 Gg Fe yr⁻¹ to the coastal ocean, which is within the range of previous estimates.

1 1. Introduction

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3 Constraining iron (Fe) fluxes to the ocean is critical given the role of Fe as a micronutrient for
4 marine phytoplankton (e.g., Martin et al., 1990; Martin et al., 1994; Martin and Fitzwater, 1988;
5 Martin et al., 1991). The bioavailability of Fe can limit photosynthesis in phytoplankton, which in turn
6 can influence atmospheric CO₂ concentrations via the biological pump. Thus, variable mass fluxes of
7 Fe to the ocean, especially in those regions of the ocean that are high in macronutrients but limited
8 with respect to Fe (so-called high nutrient, low chlorophyll, or HNLC, regions), can influence climate
9 (e.g., Boyd, 2008; Jickells et al., 2005; Mahowald et al., 2005; Mahowald et al., 2006; Raiswell and
10 Canfield, 2012). Such a mechanism has been inferred to operate during the Last Glacial Maximum
11 (LGM), during which time atmospheric dust inputs to the ocean were greater than today, which
12 stimulated enhanced CO₂ drawdown through productivity in the ocean (Martin, 1990). On the modern
13 Earth, Fe is delivered to the global ocean from continents predominantly via rivers and dust (e.g.,
14 Boyd and Ellwood, 2010; Crusius et al., 2011; Fantle and DePaolo, 2004; Fung et al., 2000; Jickells
15 and Spokes, 2001; Schroth et al., 2014), though at high latitudes glacially derived Fe may represent a
16 significant flux of Fe to the ocean. Because the major HNLC regions lie at high latitudes (i.e., the sub-
17 Arctic Pacific and the Southern Ocean), glacially derived Fe fluxes to HNLC regions may have a
18 significant impact on primary productivity and associated CO₂ drawdown.

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20 Subglacial streams may represent a sizeable Fe flux that is able to influence ocean chemistry
21 over glacial, or even geological, time scales. For instance, recent work on the Greenland Ice Sheet
22 (GIS) suggest subglacial streams are globally significant sources of labile (bioavailable) Fe to the
23 euphotic zone of coastal oceans (e.g., Bhatia et al., 2013a; Hawkings et al., 2014). Subglacial streams
24 do more than mobilize melting ice; they also sample the subglacial weathering system. Subglacial
25 weathering in Greenland is estimated to deliver between 0.3 to 0.7 Tg Fe yr⁻¹ to the oceans (Bhatia et
26 al., 2013a; Hawkings et al., 2014), which is comparable to both the modern soluble dust flux to the
27 oceans (0.07 to 0.7 Tg Fe yr⁻¹; (Boyd et al., 2010; Fan et al., 2006)) and the modern riverine flux (0.14
28 Tg Fe yr⁻¹; (Raiswell and Canfield, 2012)). If subglacial systems do turn out to be important sources of
29 Fe to the global ocean, then it is important to understand (i) which processes that generate and control
30 these fluxes and thus (ii) how the fluxes may vary geographically and temporally. Over geological
31 time scales, the Greenland Ice Sheet has contracted and expanded in response to dramatic and rapid
32 shifts in climate. If such changes in the ice sheet can be mechanistically tied to the temporal evolution
33 of Fe mass fluxes, then one may be able to estimate the changes expected in Fe mass fluxes over time
34 from subglacial sources.

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36 Iron isotopes might prove useful for constraining Fe fluxes and the process (or processes) by
37 which Fe is released from, and/or sequestered within, weathering systems at regional or watershed

38 spatial scales. As has been demonstrated for other Fe sources to the North Atlantic (Conway and John,
39 2014; Zhang et al., 2015), constraining the Fe isotopic composition of glacial melt waters (expressed
40 as $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ or $\delta^{57}\text{Fe}$ in the literature) may facilitate the tracing of glacial Fe in proximal oceans. Such
41 constraints are not straightforward to obtain, as there is reason to suspect that the Fe isotopic
42 composition of subglacial streams may vary considerably. Work to date has shown that rivers
43 generally have variable $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values (e.g., Bergquist and Boyle, 2006; Chen et al., 2014; Escoube et
44 al., 2015; Fantle and DePaolo, 2004). In addition, it is expected that the geochemistry of glacial
45 streams is impacted by subglacial weathering processes such as ice-rock grinding, water-rock
46 interaction, and microbial activity that have been documented to fractionate Fe isotopically (e.g.,
47 Fantle and DePaolo, 2004; Kiczka et al., 2011; Wiederhold et al., 2007a, b)).

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49 The expectation of considerable variability in $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ in the sub-glacial setting derives from the
50 understanding that aqueous Fe occurs in multiple oxidation states in natural waters and is extensively
51 cycled between these oxidations states in natural systems. Dissolved Fe in glacial melt waters occurs
52 as ferrous Fe(II) derived from weathering of sulphides and silicates and/or as a product of microbial
53 respiration (Wadham et al., 2010a; Wadham et al., 2010b), as well as Fe(III) derived from weathering
54 of silicates and oxides and oxidation of Fe(II), oxidation state exerts a major control on Fe isotopes,
55 the maximum isotopic fractionation ($\sim 3\text{‰}$) occurs between aqueous Fe(II) and Fe(III) (Anbar et al.,
56 2005; Johnson et al., 2002) thus it is expected that Fe cycling in redox-active subglacial systems
57 should generate considerable variability in $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$. For example, ferrous Fe can be generated, and
58 potentially maintained subglacially, by microbially catalyzed reduction of Fe oxy-hydroxides in
59 anoxic microcosms or widespread anoxic systems (Bottrell and Tranter, 2002; Hawkings et al., 2014;
60 Tranter et al., 2002), potentially generating significant Fe isotopic fractionation. Likewise, non-redox
61 chemical reactions involving Fe have also been associated with large isotopic effects (e.g. Anbar et al.,
62 2000; Kiczka et al., 2010; Skulan et al., 2002; Thompson et al., 2007; Welch et al., 2003; Zhang et al.,
63 2015). For example, isotopic effects as large as 4‰ have been associated with organic-Fe
64 complexation (e.g. Bullen et al., 2001; Dideriksen et al., 2008; Ilina et al., 2013), abiotic precipitation
65 of Fe(III) (e.g. Balci et al., 2006), and silicate weathering (Kiczka et al., 2011). Because the generation
66 of fresh, finely ground rock flour by ice-rock interactions is significant in subglacial environments, it
67 is expected that Fe isotopic composition in chemical weathering products should vary considerably in
68 glacial systems.

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70 Given the basic importance of constraining the Fe isotopic composition of what might be a
71 sizeable input to the global ocean, as well as assessing the potential for Fe isotopes to fingerprint the
72 key processes that drive Fe release in subglacial settings, the current study investigates the spatial and
73 temporal (daily) variability in Fe concentrations and Fe isotopic compositions from the Greenland Ice
74 Sheet. The dissolved and suspended loads of glacial outflow are sampled from glaciers that vary in

75 bedrock geology, size, and local seasonal climate (Aciego et al., 2015), in order to evaluate the
76 hypothesis that the extent of chemical weathering controls the Fe isotopic composition of dissolved
77 Fe. The data demonstrate that, within a given glacial system, the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values of dissolved Fe are
78 substantially lower than the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ of corresponding suspended sediments, and that the Fe isotopic
79 compositions of both the suspended sediment and dissolved loads are generally consistent for a given
80 glacial outflow over the time frame sampled. Ultimately, the highly fractionated source of Fe
81 transported in subglacial outflows may play an important role in determining the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ of reservoirs
82 and fluxes within the global Fe cycle.

83 84 2. Sample locations and methods

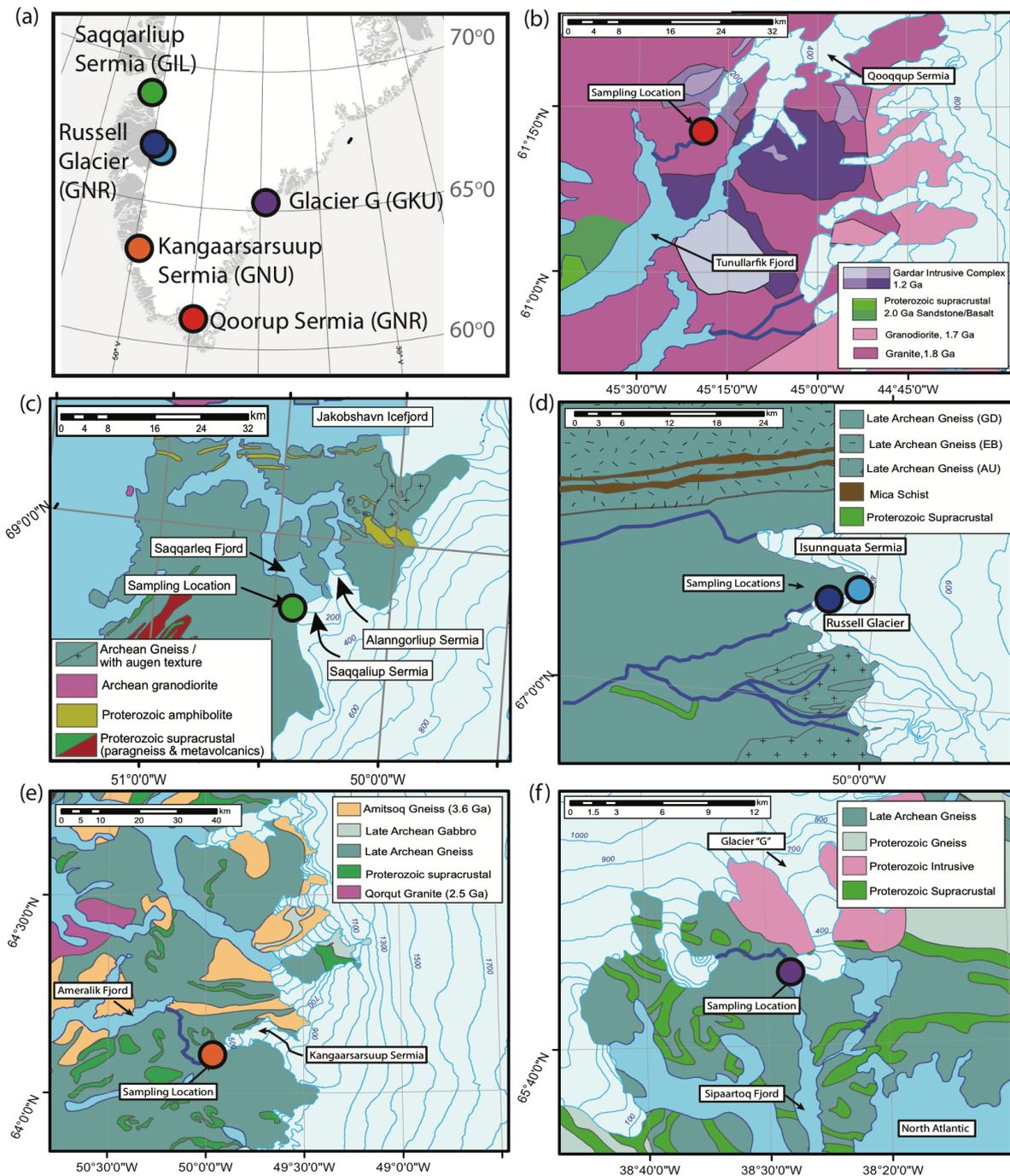
85 86 *2.1 Location of glacial outlets*

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88 Samples were collected from five land terminating glaciers around the western and southern
89 margin of the Greenland Ice sheet (Aciego et al., 2015), and the Saqqarliup Sermia (GIL) (Fig. 1).
90 Each sample site is located directly at the outflow terminus of a Greenland ice sheet outlet glacier
91 (between 12–40 km in length), and sits atop bedrock of varying ages and lithologies. Each glacial
92 outflow was sampled during peak melt as inferred from local; climatological data (Aciego et al.,
93 2015), in summary:

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95 The Qoorqup Sermia (GNR, 45°19.765 W, 61°12.466 N, Fig. 1b) is located ~8 km northeast
96 of Narsarsuaq. This land terminating glacier first drains into the glacier valley Blomsterdalen then into
97 the Tunulliarfik fjord (Skovfjorden). The outlet glacier rests on part of the Garder Intrusive Complex
98 but the ice sheet is primarily resting on granite/granodiorite (1.8 Ga) (Henriksen et al., 2009).

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100 The Saqqarliup Sermia (GIL, 50°16.133 W, 68°02.567 N, Fig. 1c) is our northern-most study
101 site, and is a largely marine terminating outlet glacier that drains into the Sarqardleq-Tasiussaq fjord
102 system which is connected to Jakobshavn Isfjord ~30 km to the north, and ultimately Disko Bay. This
103 glacier is 6 km across at the terminus and has an overall catchment of roughly $400 \pm 50 \text{ km}^2$, its
104 subglacial meltwater discharge is sourced from multiple distinct subglacial catchments (Stevens et al.,
105 2016). In this study we sampled from a small sub-catchment that has a sub-aerial outlet near sea level
106 at the far western margin of GIL. The bedrock geology is inferred to consist primarily of quartz diorite
107 rocks of the Nagssugtdidian Orogenic Complex (K/Ar age 1790–1650 Ma), most likely from an
108 intrusive sheet metamorphosed in its outer parts (Escher, 1971).

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111 *Figure 1:* (a) Geographical location of sample sites in southern Greenland. (b)-(f), Pale blue lines are 100 m
 112 contour lines of the glaciers and dark blue lines represent the seawater-land boundary. Rivers are also in dark
 113 blue. Bedrock lithology surrounding each glacial region sampled is modified from Aciego et al. (2015), see text
 114 for further lithological details. (b) The Qoorup Sermia (GNR) rests on part of the Gardar Intrusive Complex but
 115 the ice sheet is primarily resting on granite/granodiorite (1.8 Ga). (c) The GIL sits atop mainly Archean Gneiss
 116 with augen texture. (d) Russell Glacier (GKL), northeast of Kangerlussuaq rests on the suture zone between
 117 several orthogneiss units (large scale faults run E-W), GD refers to granite/granodiorite, EB refers to enderbetic
 118 and AU refers to augen texture. Two marginal outlet of the Russell were sampled, GKL a and GKL b. (e) The
 119 Kangaarsarsuup Sermia (GNU) sits atop mixed Late Archean gneiss and Proterozoic supracrustal bedrock
 120 (Manning et al., 2006), and is in close proximity to Amitsoq Gneiss (3.8 Ga). (f) Glacier 'G', (GKU) rests on
 121 mixed Late Archean gneiss and Proterozoic supracrustal bedrock the units directly underlying Glacier 'G' are
 122 intrusive granodiorite (Henriksen et al., 2009).

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124 We sampled directly from the glacial outflows of two distinct outlets from the Russell Glacier
125 region (GKL, Fig. 1d), designated Russell Glacier east (GKLa, 50°03.549 W, 67°08.114 N) and
126 Russell Glacier west (GLKb, 50°03.997 W, 67°09.662 N). The Russell glacier lies approximately 24
127 km northeast of Kangerlussuaq and rests on the suture zone between several orthogneiss units (large-
128 scale faults run E-W, see Fig. 1d), with granite/granodiorite, enderbetic and augen textures (Henriksen
129 et al., 2009).

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131 The Kangaarsarsuup Sermia (GNU, 49°57.123 W, 64°06.167 N, Fig. 1e) lies further south,
132 approximately 45 km southeast from the capital city Nuuk. Regions surrounding Kangerlussuaq and
133 Nuuk are dominated regionally by granodiorite gneiss with local mica-rich schists and metasediments.
134 The KS sits atop mixed Late Archean gneiss and Proterozoic supracrustal bedrock, and is in close
135 proximity to Amitsoq Gneiss (3.8 Ga). Early Archean gneisses, including the Isua supergroup, are also
136 exposed in a small wedge in the Nuuk vicinity (Henriksen et al., 2009).

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138 Glacier 'G' (GKU, 38°27.524 W, 65°42.597 N, Fig. 1f) is approximately 60 km southwest of
139 Kulusuk and rests on mixed Late Archean gneiss and Proterozoic supracrustal bedrock, however the
140 ice sheet margin in the region has bedrock composed of Proterozoic intrusives (primarily granite).
141 Kulusuk is regionally dominated by granodiorite gneiss (similar to Kangerlussuaq); the units directly
142 underlying Glacier 'G' are intrusive granodiorite (Henriksen et al., 2009).

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144 *2.2 Sampling methods and analysis*

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146 *2.2.1 Pre-cleaning*

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148 All materials used for field collection, decontamination and processing were pre-cleaned using
149 double-distilled acids (Fisher Optima or Seastar) and ultra high purity deionized water (SQDI; >18.2
150 MΩ·cm DI water) in a metal-free class 10,000 (ISO 7) clean laboratory under class 100 (ISO 5)
151 laminar flow hoods in the Glaciochemistry and Isotope Geochemistry Laboratory at the University of
152 Michigan, then sealed in sterile bags and shipped to the field sites. Low density polyethylene (LDPE)
153 Nalgene bottles, and polypropylene centrifuge tubes, and tubes were rinsed with SQDI water, leached
154 for 48 hours in 1 M reagent grade nitric acid, rinsed three times with SQDI water, leached for 48 hours
155 in 1 M double-distilled hydrochloric acid, and rinsed three times with SQDI water. Tygon 2001 pump
156 tubing (chemically resistant) was rinsed with SQDI water, leached for 72 hours in 1 M double-distilled
157 hydrochloric acid, and rinsed three times with SQDI. Teflon (FEP and PTFE) materials, Savillex®
158 filtration units and connectors, were cleaned by submersion sequentially in 14 M nitric acid, 12 M
159 hydrochloric acid, 14 M nitric with trace 27 M hydrofluoric acid at 100°C for at least 24 hours each
160 then triple rinsed in SQDI water.

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162 2.2.2 Collection of subglacial water and suspended sediment

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164 The solute load of bulk glacier outflows can increase significantly with distance across glacier
165 forelands (Anderson, 2007), which has important implications for the locations of sampling sites.
166 Unless water is sampled close to the glacier terminus, its hydrochemistry will have a proglacial
167 signature superimposed on its glacial signal. Therefore, all glacial outflows were sampled directly
168 from the glacial terminus with the exception of the GNR, which was sampled ~50 m downstream due
169 to logistical difficulties approaching the glacial termini (i.e. topography). For all sites sampling
170 locations were chosen to avoid any other hydrological inputs into the bulk subglacial outflow, and
171 samples were taken mid stream (where logistically possible), at a depth of ~30 cm. Each data point
172 represents a single sample taken on an individual day and was taken between 9 am and 10 am local
173 time. The exception was for GKU (south GIS) where on the final day of sampling samples were taken
174 at both 9.30 am (GKU-140813a) and 16.20 pm (GKU-140813b) to test if bulk glacial outflows can
175 exhibit diurnal variation in $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ compositions.

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177 Samples were typically filtered within one hour of sampling and never more than two hours
178 after sampling. Subglacial water was filtered using a Masterflex modular peristaltic pump and a
179 Perfluoroether (PFA) 47 mm filtration unit (Savillex). Hydrophobic Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF)
180 filter membranes (0.2 μm) were used to separate the suspended sediment. One liter of ultra-pure SQDI
181 water was filtered through the system prior to filtration of samples. Subglacial water was filtered and
182 collected directly from the main melt channel at the toe of the each glacier into the precleaned 1 L
183 Nalgene bottles and acidified to pH <2 on the day of collection (after alkalinity measurements, see
184 Section 2.2.3) with double-distilled 10 M hydrochloric acid, 1 mL. An additional sample of filtered
185 water (~100 mL) was left unacidified and kept for anion analysis. The 0.22 μm Millipore filter
186 containing the suspended sediment was carefully removed using gloved hands and archived in a pre
187 cleaned centrifuge tube. We define our dissolved load (DL) to be <0.22 μm , though the functional
188 pore size may be lowered as material accumulates on the filter as filtration progresses (Howard, 2010;
189 Raiswell and Canfield, 2012), it is also likely that our dissolved load additionally includes colloidal
190 and nanoparticulate Fe which can be smaller than 0.22 μm . Therefore suspended sediment (SS) is
191 defined as >0.22 μm .

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193 2.2.3 In-field water quality measurements

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195 Daily electrical conductivity, temperature, pH, and alkalinity measurements were taken using
196 a YSI multiparameter meter as previously reported in Aciego et al. (2015). The calibration of the pH
197 probe on the YSI multiparameter meter was checked daily prior to alkalinity measurements, and re-

198 calibrated when necessary with pH 4, 7 and 10 solutions. Each measurement was conducted on-site in
199 the subglacial outlet channels by submerging the probe into the moving water and waiting for the
200 meter to equilibrate immediately prior to sample collection. Approximately 100 mL of filtered
201 subglacial water was used for alkalinity measurements. For anticipated low alkalinities, the 100 mL
202 sample was mixed with 1 mL of Total Alkalinity Reagent solution (and for high alkalinities, 10 mL
203 Total Alkalinity Reagent solution), shaken, then the pH measured and converted to total alkalinity
204 (ppm CaCO₃) using a pH-total alkalinity conversion (Fujita et al., 2008; Hedin et al., 1994).

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206 *2.2.4 Sample preparation*

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208 Archived water samples, 1 L, were evaporated to dryness on a hotplate. Suspended sediment
209 was carefully removed from the filter with SQDI water then dried. Ten milligrams of sediment was
210 weighed and digested for seven days in 2 mL 14 M nitric acid with 0.5 mL 27 M hydrofluoric acid on
211 a hot plate. Sediment samples were dried down and further digested in aqua regia (a mixture of
212 double-distilled 14 M nitric acid and 12 M hydrochloric acid) for 24 hours to oxidize any residual
213 organic material before drying and dissolving in 9 M double-distilled hydrochloric acid.

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215 *2.2.5 Elemental analysis*

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217 Elemental analysis is described in Aciego et al. (2015); trace and minor element
218 concentrations (Fe, Si, Al, Mg, K, Na and Ca) were determined by analyzing 3 mL aliquots of each
219 water sample on the Thermo Scientific ELEMENT2 ICP-MS at the University of Michigan Keck
220 Laboratory operating in pulse counting mode. An acid blank and multi-elemental standards
221 (SigmaAldrich®) were run every five samples to assess within-run reproducibility and accuracy; long
222 term reproducibility and accuracy was assessed by measurement of river standard NIST 1640a and
223 USGS rock standards BCR-2 and AGV-2. Measurements of international standard NIST1640a, USGS
224 standards BCR-2 and AGV-2, and a procedural blank are provided in the Supplementary Information.
225 Baseline detection measurements from the total procedural blank indicate that analytical error was
226 never greater than 10%, the concentration even for the smallest concentrations (Aciego et al., 2015).
227 Anion concentrations (SO₄²⁻ and Cl) were determined on a Dionex 3000 IC system at Byrd Polar
228 Research Center, Ohio State University (data presented in Supplemental Table 1).

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230 *2.2.6 Iron isotopic analysis*

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232 Dissolved load waters and suspended sediments were prepared to provide between 1 to 300 µg
233 Fe (Section 2.2.4). All hydrochloric acid used during elemental separation was high-purity grade (e.g.,
234 Fisher Optima® or Seastar®). Samples were chromatographically purified at The University of

235 Michigan using 0.6 mL Bio-Rad AG® 1-X4 resin beds, which were preconditioned in 6.0 N
236 hydrochloric acid. Samples were dissolved in 0.5 mL 6.0 N hydrochloric acid and loaded onto
237 preconditioned columns in 0.5 mL aliquots. The loaded sample was rinsed with 4 mL of 6.0 N
238 hydrochloric acid in 0.5 mL aliquots, and Fe was eluted using 8 mL of 2.0 N hydrochloric acid
239 (Williams et al., 2004). Suspended sediment samples were passed through column chemistry twice to
240 minimise any isobaric interference from Cr. After column purification, dried samples were treated
241 with 1 mL of concentrated double-distilled nitric acid (approximately 14 N) and 1 mL of hydrogen
242 peroxide (30% w/w, Fisher Optima®) and dried. Column yields were $\geq 95\%$. Single-element, high-
243 purity Fe ICP-MS standards were analyzed before and after ion exchange purification of Fe to verify
244 that column chemistry does not alter the isotopic composition of the samples. Analysis of an Fe
245 standard run before and after column chemistry yielded $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values within 0.05‰ of the true value,
246 thus demonstrating no measureable fractionation due to column chemistry when yields are $>95\%$.

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248 Iron isotopic analyses were conducted by multiple collector inductively coupled plasma mass
249 spectrometry (MC-ICP-MS) using a Thermo Scientific Neptune Plus at Pennsylvania State
250 University's Metal Isotope Laboratory (MIL). Samples were introduced using an ESI® SSI quartz
251 dual cyclonic spray chamber (i.e., under wet plasma conditions), a 100 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$ nebulizer flow rate (ESI
252 PFA-100 microflow nebulizer), 1200 W power, standard Cu-cored Ni cones, and a high mass
253 resolution slit; during all analytical sessions, room temperatures typically varied by less than 0.1°C/hr.
254 All analyte solutions were matrix matched to the IRMM-014 bracketing standard (Fe concentrations =
255 3 ppm in 0.5 N nitric acid; ^{56}Fe beam intensities were between 8 and 15 V, depending on the analytical
256 session and nebulizer used). Delta values were determined by standard-sample-standard bracketing.
257 All ion beams were collected in a single, static scan (integration time=8 sec, 35 cycles/analysis).
258 Plateau tests conducted during methodological development determined the mass range over which
259 the plateau was effectively flat, and all subsequent analyses were confined to this part of the plateau.
260 Chromium was monitored at masses 52 and 53, and offline interference corrections applied for data
261 quality purposes only; no Cr-corrected data are reported in this study, nor were any Cr corrections
262 required. All $^{52}\text{Cr}/^{56}\text{Fe}$ ratios were below 0.00010, with the average value for all analyses $0.000023 \pm$
263 0.000023 (1SD). All analyses fall on the mass dependent fractionation line on an isotope-isotope plot
264 (Supplementary Figure 1). Two inter-laboratory standards were run in each analytical session between
265 12/18/2012 and 10/27/2014: over this period, the average $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}_{\text{IRMM014}}$ value for NIST SRM 3126a is
266 0.35 ± 0.06 2SD ‰ ($n=32$; *accepted value*: 0.35‰; e.g. Rouxell and Auro 2010) while that of HPS-
267 UW is 0.57 ± 0.06 2SD ‰ ($n=30$; *accepted value*: 0.58‰; e.g. Beard et al., 2003a; Beard et al.,
268 2003b). In addition, process replicate analyses of BCR-1 have an average $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}_{\text{IRMM014}}$ of $0.12 \pm$
269 0.09% (n=3; 2SD; *previously measured values*: 0.08 to 0.12‰; (Dauphas and Rouxel, 2006;

270 Zambardi et al., 2014); similar $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values are reported for BCR-2: $0.09 \pm 0.04\%$ (2SD); (Craddock
271 and Dauphas, 2010).

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273 3. Results

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275 Greenland ice sheet glacier outflow waters displayed variable water geochemistry (pH,
276 alkalinity and conductivity) and total iron concentration between glaciers (see Aciego et al. (2015))
277 and Supplementary Information). However, at individual outlets, their geochemistry was relatively
278 stable over the course of several days of sampling, suggesting that similar hydrochemical processes
279 were maintained over the course of sampling, the greatest amount of geochemical variability was
280 observed at the GNR outflow. Conductivity was uniformly low, $<15 \mu\text{S}$, in all catchments, as is
281 typical for western Greenland (Bhatia et al., 2013a; Ryu et al., 2011; Statham et al., 2008). The highest
282 conductivity and pH were found in the GNR outflow, averaging $12.1 \mu\text{S}$ and 9.2 respectively. Co-
283 variations in water pH and conductivity were observed across the glaciers with a positive correlation
284 ($r_s = 0.79$, $R^2=0.74$), such that when pH was low so was conductivity (see Table 1 in Aciego et al.
285 (2015) and Supplementary Table 1). The ionic strength, a measure of respective charges relative to
286 concentration was an order of magnitude weaker in the two GKL outflows relative to all other sample
287 sites ($<0.08 \cdot 10^3 \text{M}$, Table 1), while the GIL recorded the highest ionic strength ($1.34 \cdot 10^3 \text{M}$, Table 1).
288 The predominant anions in the outflow are HCO_3^- and SO_4^{2-} , most likely derived from the dissolution
289 of carbonate minerals and oxidation of sulfides. Elevated anion, Na and Cl concentrations (GIL and
290 GKU), may primarily reflect the proximity of these individual sites to the coast and the strength of the
291 prevailing wind directions. Iron concentrations span a range of magnitudes from $\sim 0.1 \mu\text{M L}^{-1}$ (GNU)
292 to $\sim 7 \mu\text{M L}^{-1}$, (GNR), with the most variation within a given outflow from GNR ranging from 0.98 to
293 $6.97 \mu\text{M L}^{-1}$, (see Table 1 and Aciego et al., 2015). This large range in variability suggests different
294 regions of the GIS may be delivering proportionately different quantities of Fe to the coastal ocean.

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296 Iron isotopic compositions are presented in Table 1 and Fig. 2; all data include replicate
297 analyses and external reproducibility's reported as two times the standard deviation. The $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values
298 of suspended sediments range from -0.3% to 0.19% and average $\sim 0\%$, similar to the composition of
299 the continental crust, $\delta^{56}\text{Fe} \sim 0.06 \pm 0.03 \%$, (Beard and Johnson, 2004; Poitrasson, 2006). The $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$
300 values of dissolved Fe varied between sites, as well as temporally, and in several glacial outflows were
301 considerably lower than suspended sediments (Fig. 2). For the GNR, GNU and GIL, the dissolved
302 load (DL) $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ were within error of the suspended sediment (SS). However, for the GKL (a and b
303 outflows) and the GKU, the dissolved load was isotopically lighter than suspended sediment by 0.7%
304 to $\sim 2.1\%$ respectively (Table 1).

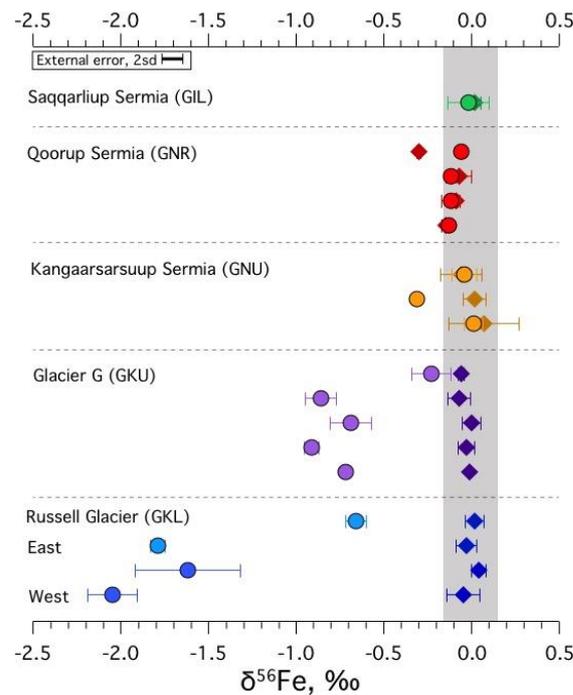
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Sample	pH*	Ionic Strength mmol/L	Fe $\mu\text{mol/L}^*$	$\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ DL (‰)	2 s.e. (abs)	wt% Fe	$\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ SS (‰)	2 s.e. (abs)
GNR-200713	9.14	0.36	6.97	-0.07	0.01	0.10	-0.30	0.01
GNR-210713	9.10	0.35	0.98	-0.06	0.01	0.09	-0.04	0.01
				-0.13	0.01		-0.11	0.01
				-0.11	0.01		-0.06	0.01
GNR-220713	9.13	0.36	4.17	-0.14	0.01	0.10	-0.09	0.01
				-0.10	0.01			
GNR-240713	9.60	0.37	4.12	-0.14	0.01	0.10	-0.14	0.01
				-0.13	0.01		-0.16	0.01
GIL-290713	7.81	1.34	7.22	-0.06	0.02	0.10	0.04	0.01
				0.02	0.01	0.10	0.01	0.02
GKL-030813a	6.50	0.07	0.71	-0.68	0.01	0.24	0.00	0.01
				-0.64	0.01		0.04	0.01
GKL-030813b	6.26	0.06	0.42	-1.79	0.01	0.07	0.05	0.01
				-1.58	0.01		0.03	0.01
				-1.50	0.01			
GKL-040813a	6.35	0.05	0.44	-1.81	0.01	0.16	-0.01	0.01
				-1.79	0.01		-0.05	0.01
				-1.76	0.01			
GKL-040813b	6.42	0.08	0.45	-1.98	0.01	0.12	-0.08	0.01
				-2.12	0.01		-0.01	0.01
				-2.06	0.01			
GNU-060813	8.27	0.33	0.13	0.02	0.01	0.18	0.03	0.01
				-0.02	0.01		0.19	0.01
				0.03	0.01		0.00	0.01
GNU-070813	8.11	0.25	0.25	-0.31	0.01	0.07	0.04	0.01
							-0.01	0.01
GNU-080813	8.38	0.22	0.31	-0.01	0.01	0.18	-0.10	0.01
				-0.06	0.01		-0.02	0.01
GKU-110813	8.51	0.27	0.26	-0.19	0.01	0.30	-0.06	0.01
				-0.27	0.01		-0.05	0.01
GKU-120813	7.82	0.21	0.28	-0.82	0.02	0.36	-0.05	0.01
				-0.89	0.01		-0.09	0.01
GKU-130813	8.50	0.16	0.30	-0.65	0.02	0.30	0.03	0.01
				-0.76	0.03		-0.02	0.01
				-0.66	0.02		0.00	0.01
GKU-140813a	7.66	0.21	0.28	-0.88	0.01	0.11	-0.01	0.01
				-0.92	0.01		-0.05	0.01
				-0.92	0.01			
GKU-140813b	6.88	0.13	0.31	-0.72	0.01	0.07	-0.01	0.01
				-0.73	0.01		-0.01	0.01

* data from Aciego et al. (2015) with the exception of the SQS outflow.

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Table 1: Stable Fe isotopic compositions and in-stream measurement data from each glacial outflow. Analytical repeats of iron isotopes are shown for each individual sample. Iron concentration data is from Aciego et al., 2015 with the exception of the samples from GIL. Ionic strength calculated from major element and anion concentrations using PHREEQC. Errors are reported as two standard errors on individual measurements.



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313 *Figure 2: Total range of $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ (‰); symbols are coloured according to the sample location, suspended sediments*
 314 *in diamonds and dissolved loads in circles. Each symbol represents the average of repeat measurements with two*
 315 *standard deviations (see Table 1). Symbols on individual lines represent samples taken on different days (see*
 316 *Table 1). External error (as two standard deviations) is shown with the bar in the top left corner.*

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318 4. Discussion

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320 4.1 Subglacial streams as indicators of chemical and physical weathering processes

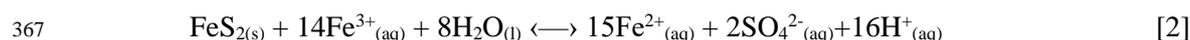
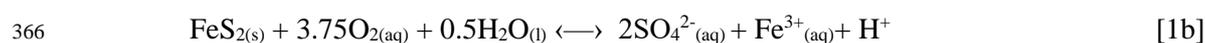
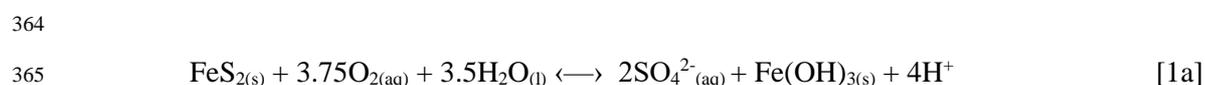
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322 Chemical weathering processes in subglacial settings differ from those in temperate
 323 environments in significant ways: (i) temperatures are lower, which decrease the rates at which
 324 chemical reactions occur, (ii) overlying ice restricts the flux of atmospheric gases into the subglacial
 325 environment, which impacts the chemistry in such settings, and (iii) ice limits the flux of light, which
 326 is required for microbial photosynthesis, into subglacial systems. Soils, if present, are thin and
 327 vegetation is either absent or limited in mass/extent (French, 2007; Tranter and Wadham, 2014).
 328 However, because physical weathering at the ice-rock interface generates substantial quantities of
 329 fine-grained, high surface area to volume material, the subglacial environment is primed for silicate
 330 and aluminosilicate weathering. Therefore, despite potential limitations of weathering due to low
 331 temperatures and ice cover, glaciers may effectively promote the dissolution and solubilization of
 332 minerals within the bedrock, including silicates as well as trace components such as carbonates,
 333 sulfides, and fluid inclusions (Tranter and Wadham, 2014). Glacial outflows may therefore provide a
 334 means of investigating Fe isotopic fractionation associated with silicate weathering without large
 335 overprinting effects from biological processes such as plant growth.

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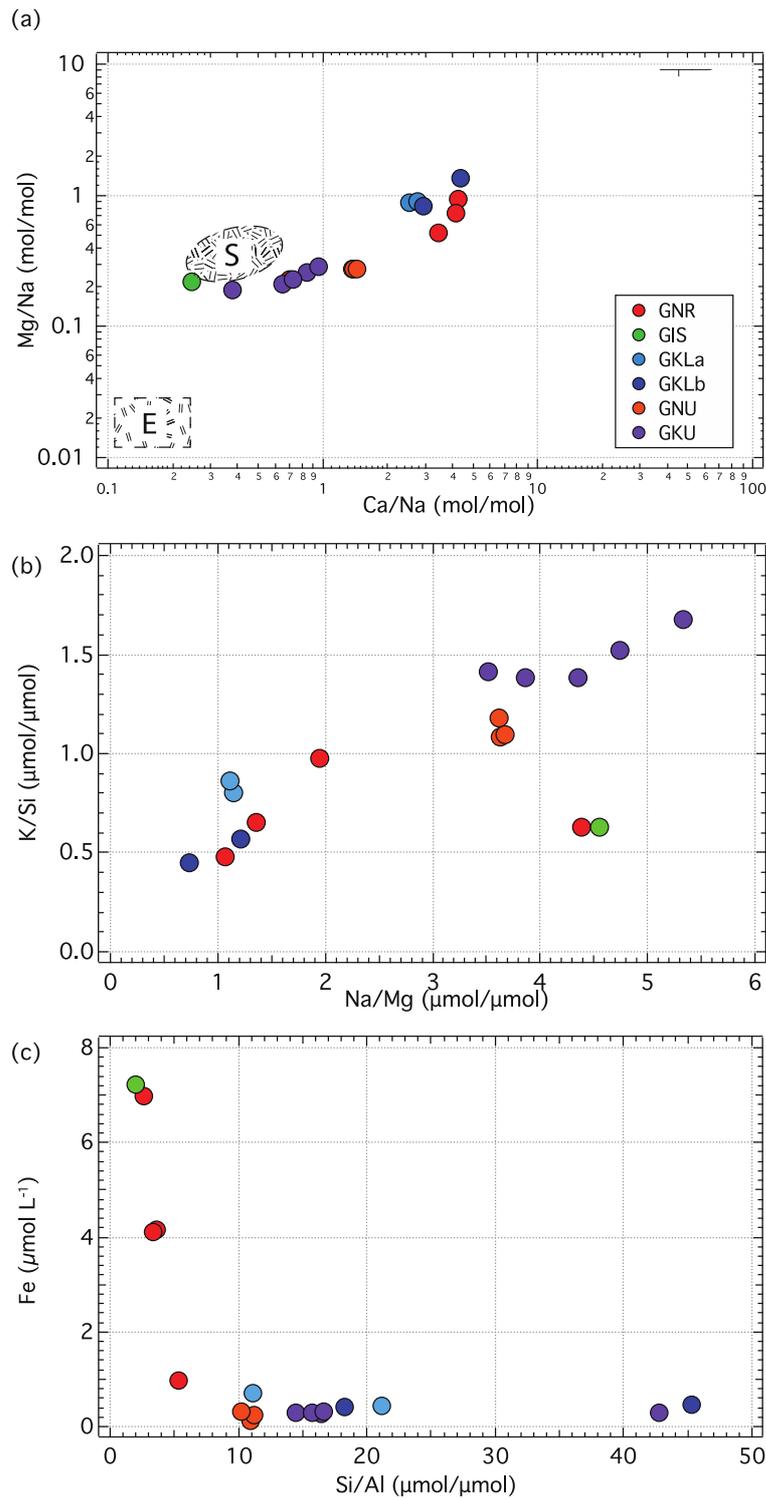
337 The chemical reactions occurring in the subglacial environment can be inferred from the
 338 geochemistry of the outflow hydrochemistry from each glacier, which have relatively high K^+ and
 339 Ca^{2+} concentrations and are dominated by HCO_3^- . These data, in addition to the clear trend in Mg/Na-
 340 Ca/Na space (Fig. 3a), suggest that silicate weathering mainly influences subglacial water chemistry,
 341 though carbonate weathering also clearly occurs (i.e., at GNR and GKL). The presence of significant
 342 silicate weathering is supported by molar K/Si ratios in outflows, which are generally greater than 0.5
 343 at all sites (Fig. 3b). The majority of GIS outflows have relatively high K/Si ratios (0.44 to 1.67
 344 mol:mol), compared to ostensible parent rock ($K/Si < 0.1$ for mafic and felsic lithologies). The GKL
 345 and GNR outflows have K/Si of ~ 0.45 , which is higher than that expected for both muscovite and K-
 346 feldspar ($K/Si \sim 0.3$). This is clear evidence of incongruent weathering, during which silica is retained
 347 relative to K^+ in the subglacial weathering system (Anderson, 2005).

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 349 Major element chemistry also supports the hypothesis that oxidative pyrite dissolution occurs
 350 in these subglacial systems. Sulfate concentrations in subglacial outflow average $17 \mu M$, excluding the
 351 very high sulphate concentration at the GIL outflow (see Supplementary Table 1). The exceptionally
 352 high sulphate (and Cl) concentration at GIL is most likely sourced from marine origin given the
 353 proximity of the glacial outflow to the coast and its discharge into a highly saline fjord ($>24,000 \mu S$
 354 cm^{-3}). Sulphide oxidation has been suggested to be a significant geochemical process in subglacial
 355 settings, in terms of producing protons and enhancing carbonate and silicate weathering processes
 356 (Tranter and Wadham, 2014). In southern Greenland terrains, intrusive and metamorphic pyrite is an
 357 accessory mineral (Henriksen et al., 2009) that will continually be exposed to subglacial melt water by
 358 the production of fresh surfaces through glacial erosion. Under oxic conditions, sulphides are oxidized
 359 by molecular oxygen (Eqns 1a and b), subsequently producing Fe (oxy)hydroxides and protons, which
 360 promote $CaCO_3$ and/or silicate dissolution (e.g., Eqns. 1a and 1b). As conditions change from oxic to
 361 suboxic and all the way to anoxic, iron is reverted to Fe(III) (Wadham et al., 2010) (e.g. Eqn. 3).
 362 Under such conditions, anaerobic organisms can use sulfate or iron as the final electron acceptor in
 363 lieu of oxygen, reducing (III) to Fe(II) (e.g. Eqn 2)



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 369 The analysis above provides important context for understanding the sources of Fe (as well as
 370 its speciation and isotopic composition) to subglacial streams. There are most likely sources of
 371 dissolved Fe to subglacial outflow other than sulphide oxidation, which is supported by Fe and sulfate
 372 concentrations that do not generally occur in stoichiometric ratios (i.e., $Fe/S = 0.5$; Eqn. 2b; outflows

373 generally are <0.1). The exception to this is the GNR outflow, which has a molar Fe/S ratio of ~ 0.5



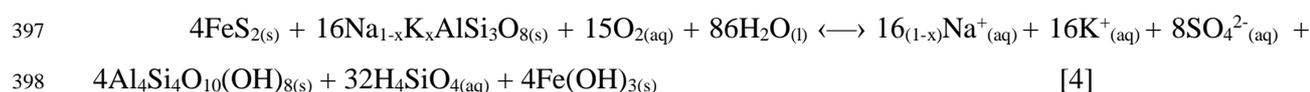
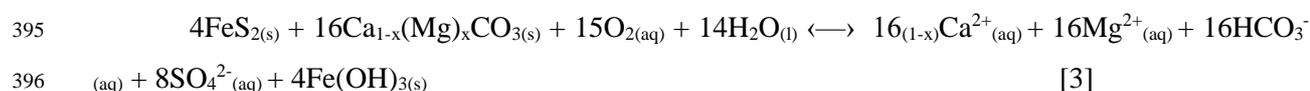
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375 *Figure 3: Elemental concentrations from the dissolved loads of the bulk subglacial outflows (a) K/Si versus*
 376 *Na/Mg, all samples have highly elevated K/Si ratios. Outflows from the RG trend towards more mafic*
 377 *endmembers, while the GG trends towards more felsic. (b) (Mg/Na versus Ca/Na), E=evaporate range,*
 378 *S=silicate range, and C=carbonate range in major rivers as defined in Gaillardet et al. (1999). (c) Fe versus*
 379 *Si/Al, subglacial outflows with a higher Fe concentration may have a relatively higher clay content than those*
 380 *with lower Fe concentrations*

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383 that suggests that pyrite oxidation may be the dominant source of Fe. Given that the Fe isotopic
 384 composition of dissolved Fe in the GNR outflow is not distinct from that of suspended sediment
 385 (Table 1), this suggests that pyrite oxidation alone does not drive the low $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values. At the other
 386 end of the spectrum is the GKU outflow, which has a low Fe/S (<0.02) and a dissolved Fe $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ value
 387 that is substantially lower than that of the suspended sediments. Again, this suggests that sources or
 388 processes other than pyrite dissolution generate low $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values in outflow. Where it occurs, sulphide
 389 oxidation is likely linked to carbonate dissolution due to the relatively rapid dissolution kinetics of
 390 carbonates at lower pH (Eqn. 4; Wadham et al., 2013). As waters subsequently become saturated with
 391 respect to carbonate, or carbonate minerals are exhausted, pyrite oxidation may promote silicate
 392 dissolution, (Eqns. 3 and 4; from Wadham et al., 2013), and thus promote Fe release from silicate
 393 minerals such as biotite or chlorite:



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 400 The proportion of HCO_3^- derived from sulphide oxidation coupled with carbonate dissolution
 401 relative to other sources of HCO_3^- (i.e., silicate weathering) may be crudely estimated by considering
 402 the sulphate mass fraction (SMF, $\text{SMF} = \text{SO}_4^{2-}/(\text{SO}_4^{2-} + \text{HCO}_3^-)$; Tranter et al., 2002). In waters in
 403 which coupled sulphide oxidation and carbonate dissolution dominates, SMF equals 0.5. Increased
 404 carbonate dissolution relative to sulphide oxidation drives waters to SMF values <0.5, while sulphide
 405 oxidation coupled to silicate weathering will drive waters >0.5 due to subglacial precipitation of
 406 carbonates (Tranter et al., 2002). For the GNR, GKL, and GNU outflows, SMF values range from 0.1
 407 to 0.3, indicating that carbonate dissolution is the dominant source of HCO_3^- , which is also supported
 408 by their Ca/Na:Mg/Na compositions (Fig 3 (a)). In regions of the GIS underlain by banded iron
 409 formations (BIFs; e.g., the Isua Supracrustal Belt in southwest Greenland), metacarbonates in BIFs
 410 have been shown to have low $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values (e.g. Dauphas et al., 2007) that may impact the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ of the
 411 dissolved load. The GKU outflows have SMF values ranging from 0.3 to 0.53, suggesting in the
 412 context of the SFM, sulphide oxidation is linked to carbonate dissolution. The GIL outflow has a SMF
 413 value of ~0.8, nevertheless, the GIL has a very high sulphate concentration, which may be from a
 414 marine origin (or a potential evaporate end member, see also Fig 3 (a)), as discussed previously.

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 416 In summary, the major element chemistry supports the notion that silicate weathering
 417 dominates outflow chemistry, with some input from sulfide oxidation and carbonate dissolution. Iron
 418 concentrations correlate with Si/Al in the sampled streams (Fig. 3c), suggesting higher Fe
 419 concentrations in congruently weathering systems and lower Fe concentrations in incongruently

420 weathering systems; in the latter case, Fe is likely to be immobilized as secondary phases in the
421 subglacial environment. The observed geochemical trends may also be a function of water-rock
422 interaction times within the glacial system. In particular for the GKL outflows, hydrochemical
423 measurements have indicated that water-rock contact times at this location are much shorter than for
424 the other outflows (GNU, GNR and GKU; Aciego et al., 2015). However, one would expect short
425 water-rock interaction times to be associated with congruent weathering whereas incongruent
426 weathering may be expected where water-rock interaction time increases, and secondary minerals
427 reach saturation. Therefore, we interpret the hydrochemical data in terms of the extent to which
428 weathering has occurred in subglacial systems. In the following sections, we use the term “incipient
429 weathering” to denote processes that occur early in the weathering process, and explore the
430 mechanisms and/or processes that explain the Fe isotope data from the standpoint of incipient
431 weathering.

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433 *4.2 The Fe isotopic composition of subglacial outflows draining the Greenland Ice Sheet*

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435 *4.2.1 The $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ composition of subglacial stream sediments*

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437 The suspended sediment $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values lie within previously published measurements of stream
438 suspended sediments (e.g. Bergquist and Boyle, 2006; Fantle and DePaolo, 2004), as well as igneous
439 rocks from SW Greenland (Akilia; $0.03 \pm 0.12\%$, (Dauphas et al., 2004) and the crustal array (Beard
440 and Johnson, 2004; Poitrasson, 2006). At the GNU, GIL and GNR outflows there is little significant
441 difference between the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ of suspended sediments and the dissolved loads (Fig. 2), a feature that is
442 also observed in glacially fed rivers such as the Copper River in Alaska (Escoube et al., 2015; Schroth
443 et al., 2011). This observation agrees with previous $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ measurements in glacial outflow from
444 Bayelva River near Kongsfjorden Svalbard (500 m downstream of the terminus; Zhang et al., 2015).
445 The measured $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values in the Bayelva River exhibit low variability ($\sim 0\% \pm 0.1\%$), which are
446 similar to range of $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values in outflows from the GNU, GIL and GNR, have been interpreted to
447 reflect the isotopic composition of particles and colloids derived directly from physical erosion (i.e.,
448 not the dissolved fraction).

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450 The mineralogy of silt and the finer material (suspended sediments) produced through
451 physical erosion in glacial environments is generally thought to reflect the mineralogy of the bulk
452 bedrock (Anderson, 2005). By extension, one can argue that the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ of suspended sediments in
453 glacial settings should also reflect the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ of the bedrock. If this is true, then we expect that the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$
454 of the weathering bedrock to be $\sim 0\%$ (i.e., similar to average crustal $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values). This suggests that
455 glacial rivers characterized by near crustal $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values should mainly reflect the contribution of
456 colloids and particles derived from physical erosion, assuming minimal isotopic fractionation

457 (Escoube et al., 2015). Subsequently, if isotopic variability in source is not a reasonable means of
458 explaining the Fe isotopic composition of the dissolved load, then a process (or processes) must
459 determine the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ of the dissolved load to $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values as much as -2.1‰ relative to the suspended
460 sediments.

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462 4.2.2 Controls on the Fe isotopic composition of dissolved Fe in subglacial streams

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464 The simplest observations that can be made with respect to the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values of dissolved Fe in
465 Greenland Ice Sheet outflows are that they are spatially variable, are typically lower than local
466 suspended sediment (DL average \sim -0.7‰; SS average \sim 0‰), and do not correlate with Fe
467 concentration (Fig. 4a). The average $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ of the dissolved load in Greenland is comparable to the
468 dissolved loads (<0.45 μm) of tropical, temperate, and Arctic river waters (e.g., Bergquist and Boyle,
469 (2006), Fantle and DePaolo, (2004) and Escoube et al. (2015), respectively), which range from
470 about -1.2 to 2.5‰, but the lowest $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values (-2.1‰) in GIS outflow are lighter than such riverine
471 values. The lowest $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ measured in Arctic rivers to date (-1.7‰) occurs in the <0.1 μm to <1 kD
472 size fraction of small organic-rich arctic rivers (Escoube et al., 2015; Ilina et al., 2013)). Glacial
473 outflows are not organic rich compared with riverine systems, with dissolved organic carbon
474 concentrations typically on the order of 0.32 mg L^{-1} (Bhatia et al., 2013b). Given the variability in
475 dissolved $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ in GIS outflows, and in some cases highly negative $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ compositions, there must be
476 another process (or processes) that occurs in the subglacial environment that explains the observed
477 variability in outflow $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$.

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479 Understanding the mechanistic controls on the Fe isotopic composition of natural reservoirs
480 (e.g., soil, rivers, groundwater) is vital to the development of the Fe isotope proxy, the successful use
481 of which relies on a clear mechanistic understanding of the isotopic fractionation that occurs as Fe
482 moves from reservoir to reservoir within the global Fe cycle. The most simple and straightforward
483 hypotheses are that the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ of dissolved Fe is controlled by redox-related speciation effects, Fe-
484 (oxy)hydroxide precipitation, or incipient mineral dissolution. With respect to redox-related isotope
485 effects, the most significant isotopic fractionation in the Fe system that between aqueous ferrous
486 (Fe(II)) and ferric iron (Fe(III)); at 0°C, aqueous Fe(II) and Fe(III) are different by -3.6‰ (Welch et
487 al., 2003), which encompasses the large $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ range in GIS glacial outflows. In a closed system at
488 isotopic equilibrium, the Fe isotopic composition of the Fe(III) component (δ_{III}) is constrained by the
489 fractionation factor between aqueous Fe(II) and Fe(III) (Δ_{II-III}) and the Fe(III):Fe(II) ratio (N_{III}/N_{II}).

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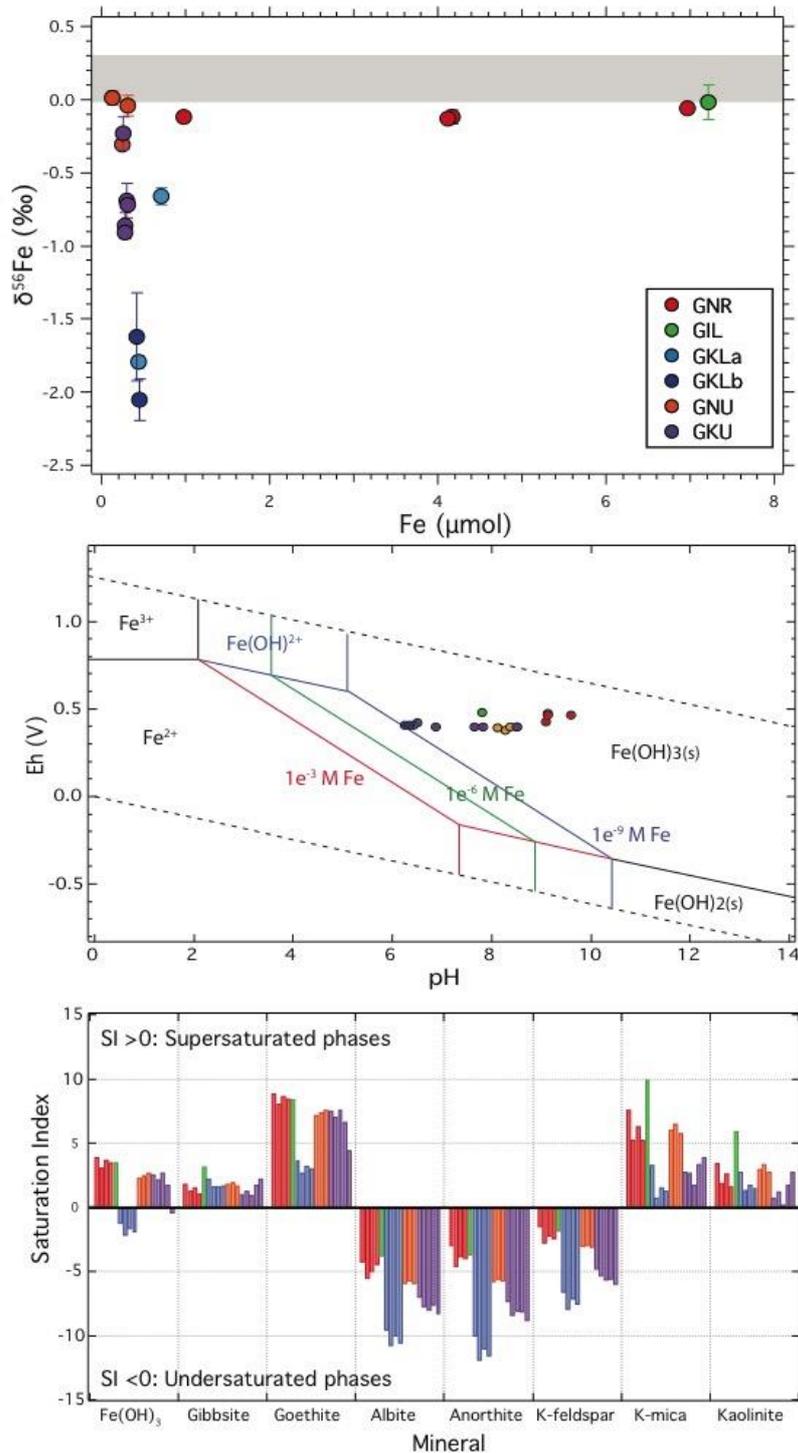
$$491 \delta_{III} = \delta_{system} - \frac{\Delta_{II-III}}{1 + \frac{N_{III}}{N_{II}}} \quad [5]$$

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493 Consequently, the isotopic composition of the dominant Fe(III) species in oxygenated systems will
494 reflect the source material while Fe(II) will be fractionated by as much as -3.6‰ at 0°C. Conversely,
495 in reducing systems (low N_{III}/N_{II}), the Fe(II) species will be dominant and will therefore reflect the
496 source, while Fe(III) will be fractionated by as much as 3.6‰ relative to the source. In between these
497 two redox extremes, and assuming a system closed to external mass exchange, the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ of each
498 species will vary in accordance with their relative abundances.

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500 This simple logic leads to the initial hypothesis that low $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values in glacial outflows
501 reflect more oxidizing subglacial environments, while $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values close to 0‰ reflect more reducing
502 conditions. This hypothesis assumes that our measurements primarily reflect Fe(II), and that Fe(II) and
503 Fe(III) are separated quickly and effectively in the subglacial environment (assuming no repeated
504 cycling or back-reaction) via Fe-(oxy)hydroxides precipitation and/or adsorption onto mineral surfaces
505 (Bullen et al., 2001; Welch et al., 2003; Mikutta et al., 2009). While it is difficult to assess this
506 hypothesis, the pH data (and calculated Eh values) from each site indicates that the subglacial streams
507 are firmly in the hematite/ferrihydrite field on an iron Eh-pH diagram (Fig. 4b). The redox boundary
508 may shift depending on the concentration of Fe in the water (Fig. 4b), which is an important
509 consideration to take into account when interpreting glacial outflow waters with a considerable range
510 in Fe concentrations. While all subglacial GIS waters are calculated to be oxidized, the most
511 fractionated GKL waters plot closer to the Fe^{2+} - $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$ boundary, while less fractionated waters plot
512 farther from the boundary. If we assume that waters closer to the boundary have a greater proportion
513 of Fe(II), and that the isotopic composition of the total Fe in each glacial outflow is similar, then we
514 would expect the GKL dissolved load to have higher, and not lower, $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values. Thus, this simple
515 hypothesis does not, on its own, account for what we see in subglacial waters.

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517 However, we cannot conclusively rule out a role for redox-related speciation effects in
518 controlling outflow $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$, specifically oxidation and precipitation of Fe in subglacial systems.
519 Equilibrium thermodynamic modeling using PHREEQC (Parkhurst and Appelo, 1999) suggests that
520 mineral saturation indices of outflow across the Greenland Ice Sheet vary between outflows (Aciego et
521 al., 2015). In particular for Fe-oxides (highlighted in Fig 4c) the majority of the outflows are
522 supersaturated in ferrihydrite, goethite, and hematite. The exceptions to this are the outflows from
523 GKL, which are inferred to be below (and not at) ferrihydrite saturation. This suggests that GKL
524 represents the most pristine Fe isotopic signal related to the release of Fe in the subglacial weathering
525 environment, most like a consequence of shorter residence times and water-rock contact times.
526 Precipitation of Fe-oxides during subglacial stream processing provides a mechanism for the removal
527 of Fe from the dissolved load and thus a means by which to fractionate Fe isotopically (e.g. Johnson et
528 al., 2008). Ultimately, this aspect remains difficult to assess with the data we have presented herein,
529 but warrants further investigation.



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532 *Figure 4:* (a) Total dissolved ($<0.2 \mu\text{m}$) Fe concentration versus $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ (‰). Grey bar represents a broad modern
 533 crustal (mafic) array (Poitrasson, 2006). (b) Eh-pH stability diagram for Fe. The upper and lower dotted lines
 534 represent the equilibrium between water and oxygen gas, while the solid black lines show the range of Fe
 535 speciation given set pH and Eh ranges. Red, green and blue lines represent Fe concentrations of $1 \cdot 10^{-3}$, $1 \cdot 10^{-6}$
 536 and $1 \cdot 10^{-9}$ M Fe respectively. (c) PHREEQC modeling, not all predicted minerals shown, data from Aciego et al.
 537 (2015) with the exception of the SQS, which was modeled for this manuscript, see Supplementary Information.
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The PHREEQC modeling also indicates that all meltwaters are undersaturated in primary
 silicates (i.e., albite, anorthite, and K-feldspar), calcite and aragonite, and pyrite (see Table 3 in

541 Aciego et al., 2015), and saturated with respect to Fe-oxyhydroxide, hematite, and goethite (Fig. 4c,
542 with the exception is the RG outflow, discussed above which is undersaturated in ferrihydrite). This
543 suggests that, insofar as outflow reflects the subglacial environment, primary silicate and pyrite
544 dissolution, as well as secondary oxide precipitation, control the Fe isotopic composition of outflow.
545 An alternate hypothesis therefore is that silicate weathering processes, which have been associated
546 with large kinetic isotope effects (e.g. Kiczka et al., 2010), may explain the observed variation in
547 outflow $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$. As discussed in Section 4.1, there is a wealth of geochemical evidence relates outflow
548 $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ to the major element chemistry, which is explored below.

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550 *4.2.3 Influence of incipient weathering on the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ of dissolved Fe in the subglacial environment*

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552 The Fe isotopic composition of subglacial streams is controlled by physical and chemical
553 weathering processes that release and sequester Fe in the subglacial weathering environment. Such
554 processes include the dissolution of primary phases such as silicates and pyrite, oxic and anoxic
555 weathering, and the formation of secondary minerals. Previously, the isotopic composition of
556 dissolved Fe in glacial outflows has been linked to the weathering of Fe(II)-rich silicate minerals, such
557 as biotite, hornblende, and chlorite (Crusius et al., 2011; Kiczka et al., 2010; Kiczka et al., 2011;
558 Schroth et al., 2011; Schroth et al., 2014). Additional non-redox chemical changes in Fe speciation
559 have also been associated with large kinetic isotope effects (Zhang et al., 2015) for example during
560 inorganic Fe(III) precipitation experiments $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ ranged from -0.22‰ to -2.12‰ (Balci et al., 2006).
561 Laboratory dissolution experiments (both biotic and abiotic) of mineral separates and soils have
562 typically shown that Fe in solution is initially isotopically lighter than the bulk mineral by up to 1.8‰
563 (e.g., Brantley et al., 2004; Chapman et al., 2009; Kiczka et al., 2010)). This is typically followed by a
564 gradual transition towards less fractionated values with increased Fe release from the mineral
565 structure. Additional studies have suggested isotope effects observed in the field are a consequence of
566 mixing between Fe pools with different isotopic compositions (e.g., Chapman et al., 2009) and/or
567 kinetic isotope effects associated with the formation of leached surface layers, non-steady state
568 dissolution, and the action of bacteria/organic ligands (e.g., Brantley et al., 2004; Kiczka et al., 2010;
569 Wiederhold et al., 2006). Potentially, some or all of these process may contribute to the bulk dissolved
570 load $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ composition.

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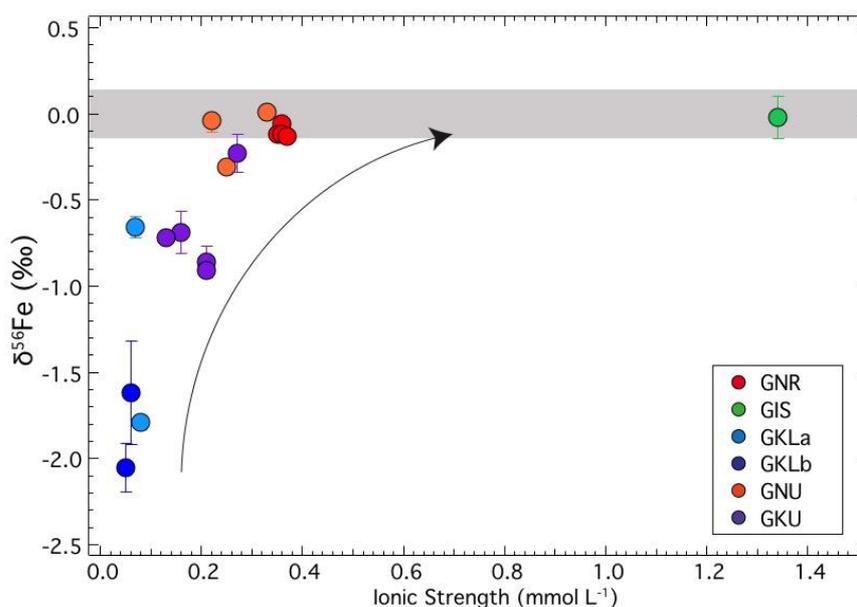
572 There is evidence in the literature that the Fe isotopic fractionation associated with silicate
573 dissolution, in particular phyllosilicate dissolution, is considerable. For example, Kiczka et al. (2010)
574 investigated the Fe isotopic effects associated with the dissolution of phyllosilicate mineral separates
575 (such as biotite) under anoxic conditions. They found the lowest $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values in the dissolved load
576 ($\sim -1.2\text{‰}$) compared to the mineral ($\sim -0.3\text{‰}$) were generated during the initial stages of mineral
577 dissolution. Kinetic isotopic fractionation factors as low as -2.0‰ associated with proton-promoted

578 dissolution explained the early stage fractionation of the Kiczka et al., (2010) dissolution experiments;
579 a similar isotope effect may also explain the dissolved load $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ in the GKL and GKU outflows. If
580 we assume a simple view of a weathering mineral, namely that a dissolution proceeds uniformly from
581 the solution-mineral interface into the crystal, such a mechanism becomes complicated. In theory, if
582 the Fe at a dissolving mineral surface is isotopically fractionated during dissolution, then the
583 dissolving surface will be isotopically distilled; subsequent dissolution will release the distilled Fe
584 from the surface. Ultimately, then, over time scales that are relevant to natural systems, the isotopic
585 composition of the cumulative Fe released to solution will reflect that of the bulk mineral.
586 Interestingly, Kiczka et al. (2010; 2011) suggested (based on experimental observations) that
587 exfoliation processes in phyllosilicates can continually expose new surfaces to dissolution, such that
588 the isotopic signal of dissolving distilled surfaces is not fully expressed. In an analogous manner, we
589 can tentatively suggest that given the high rates of mechanical crushing and abrasion in subglacial
590 systems may continually expose fresh mineral surfaces, which incipiently weather over short time
591 scales without the expression of significant distillation effects. Accordingly, the Fe isotopic
592 composition of the dissolved load in Greenland can be explained by isotopic fractionation associated
593 with incipient silicate mineral dissolution (i.e., the early stages of chemical weathering), such that
594 isotopically light Fe is preferentially released and transported in glacial outflow.

595 It should be stressed that the most isotopically fractionated Fe occurs in GKL outflow, which
596 is inferred to be the only one of those sampled that is below ferrihydrite saturation. This then suggests
597 that GKL represents a “near pristine” Fe isotopic signal related to the release of Fe by incipient silicate
598 weathering from the subglacial environment. In the GKL outflow, two marginal outlets that drain the
599 same glacial region (Fig. 1d) have similar $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values, suggesting similar subglacial geochemical
600 processing of Fe within a given glacial system. Likewise, the suggestion of a pristine incipient silicate
601 signal in GKL outflow is supported by the thermodynamic constraints on saturation state and the
602 elemental data in Section 4.2.2. In the other outflows where the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ of the dissolved load is similar
603 to the suspended sediment (GNR, GNU and GIL), Fe concentrations and ionic strengths are relatively
604 higher, as are total alkalinities (Aciego et al. (2015), Table 1). At the same time, molar Si/Al ratios in
605 these waters are at the low end of the range measured (Fig. 3c), and approach values of 2-3 that are
606 most likely explained by congruent silicate weathering. Therefore, based on the major element
607 chemistry, we hypothesize that weathering at Sites GKL and GKU is dominated by incongruent
608 silicate weathering, which is characterized by high Si/Al ratios, low ionic strengths, circumneutral pH
609 (~6.5), and low total alkalinities.

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611 This hypothesis is also consistent with the observed relationship between the ionic strength of
612 outflow and the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ value (Fig. 5). At low ionic strengths characteristic of incipient, incongruent
613 chemical weathering, outflow $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values are low, while at higher ionic strengths (i.e., more
614 extensively weathered), outflow $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values are similar to coexisting suspended sediment. However,

615 such a correlation is not explained by simple meltwater dilution. This hypothesis also requires that
 616 there may be an isotopically heavy reservoir somewhere in the system, either retained in the subglacial
 617 setting or in the stream, which we have not measured in any of the outflows. If there is an isotopically
 618 heavy Fe reservoir in the sediments of the most fractionated streams (GKL, GKU) which we do not
 619 measure in the suspended sediment from these outflows, this may be explained many ways (which we
 620 do not have the data to evaluate at present) including: (i) the retention of distilled phases in the
 621 subglacial domain, (ii) overprinting of the isotope effect (e.g., through secondary mineral formation),
 622 and (iii) mass balance arguments by which the residual Fe has not been distilled to a detectable
 623 amount and/or has been diluted by other Fe sources (e.g., from less soluble primary phases).



641 Sheet (Mikucki et al., 2009). This oxygen-free environment is rich in sulfate and Fe(II), the latter of
642 which is liberated from subglacial bedrock minerals under anoxic conditions by microbial activity,
643 resulting in dissolved Fe that has $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values of $-2.60 \pm 0.5\%$ (Mikucki et al., 2009). The low $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$
644 values at Blood Falls are inferred to be a consequence of microbial redox cycling and dissimilatory
645 iron reduction. Whilst this is a process we are not able to sufficiently assess with the data presented
646 here, the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values of dissolved Fe at GKL (as low as -2.1%) are at least consistent with a control
647 by redox processing. Repeated cycles of reductive dissolution and/or partial oxidation caused by
648 microbial action may generate significant differences in isotopic composition of the dissolved loads of
649 subglacial outflows, and warrants further investigation. A seasonal investigation of the evolution of
650 $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ in both suspended sediments and dissolved loads, as well as microbial diversity is also necessary
651 in order to place further constraints on glacial outflow $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ variability and evolution.

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653 *4.3 Comments on the dissolved Fe flux and $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ from the Greenland ice sheet*

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655 Ultimately, the work presented herein suggests that subglacial runoff from some large land
656 terminating glaciers draining the GIS are sources of isotopically light dissolved Fe. Given the high
657 erosion rates and subsequent generation of highly reactive sediments, its possible a light signal may be
658 maintained as a glacial end-member. But whether or not that signal can be maintained downstream is
659 questionable, especially given that the most fractionated outflows have the lowest Fe concentrations.
660 Processing in proglacial environments and estuaries will have a significant impact on the dissolved Fe
661 fluxes, Fe speciation, and the removal of Fe via flocculation and other secondary weathering
662 processes. Zhang et al. (2015) suggest that during estuarine processing there is little fractionation of the
663 $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ composition of dissolved loads from glacial outflows, whereby Fe is lost from the dissolved
664 phase by a process that fractionates $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ by less than 0.05% . But this study also reported little total
665 iron isotope variation in the upstream glacial end-member ($\sim 0 \pm 0.1\%$) compared to the large variation
666 reported here. The lightest composition in this study was also undersaturated in ferrihydrite phases
667 (GKL, Fig. 4), therefore the inevitable precipitation of such phases downstream as a result of
668 oxidation with undoubtedly alter the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ composition of this dissolved load. Future analysis of
669 downstream transects may elucidate the fate of such isotopically light dissolved Fe.

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671 Meltwater fluxes from the GIS to the ocean are not uniform, as various drainage basins have
672 different responses to regional and global climate change (e.g. Lewis and Smith, 2009; Rignot, 2011;
673 Sasgen et al., 2012). Iron concentrations vary by an order of magnitude between the glacial outflows
674 measured here (from ~ 0.1 to $7 \mu\text{M L}^{-1}$), meaning that regional differences in Fe fluxes to the coastal
675 ocean are a function of geographical location. Assuming that the average concentration of each
676 sampled glacial outflow represents all outflows within a given geographical region (where the regions
677 are defined as in Lewis and Smith (2009); Table 2), we estimate the flux of dissolved Fe exported

678 from the GIS. We used the meltwater flux estimates from Lewis and Smith (2009), which are a
679 reasonable approach for this initial estimate of Fe fluxes. The meltwater flux estimates from Lewis
680 and Smith (2009) are based on the locations of 460 meltwater outlets (proglacial lakes, streams, and
681 rivers; and sediment plumes into fjords) mapped along the ice sheet perimeter, this is important so that
682 our flux estimates refer to land terminating glaciers and not to ocean terminating glaciers, which were
683 not sampled. Where we do not have dissolved Fe concentration data from a given region (i.e., from
684 regions in the north; Table 2), we use the average mean Fe concentration from our measured glacial
685 outflows ($1.61 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$) to broadly estimate the Fe flux from these regions.

Drainage region*	Location	Glaciers sampled	Region area (Mm ²)*	Melt area (Mm ²)*	Annual meltwater production (km ³ /yr)*	Annual meltwater production % of total GIS	Average Fe ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	Average Fe mg/L	Fe flux from GIS (Gg yr ⁻¹)	Probable coastal export (-90%) (Gg yr ⁻¹)	$\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ DL (‰)	Error, 2 s.d (‰)
Humboldt	North	-	289.6	127.4	16.6	6.9	1.61				-0.7	1.40
Tunu	Northeast	-	634.2	137.0	16.8	6.9	1.61				-0.7	1.40
Scoresbysund	East	-	132.7	29.2	8.3	3.4	1.61				-0.7	1.40
Jakobshavn	West	Russell Glacier, Saqqarliup Sermia	711.8	196.0	85.4	35.3	1.85	0.101	8647.08	864.71	-1.37	1.50
Godthab	Southwest	Kangaarsarsuup Sermia	114.7	3.8	35.1	14.5	0.23	0.013	440.47	44.05	-0.06	0.25
Angmagssalik	Southeast	Glacier G	324.8	56.4	42.4	17.5	0.29	0.016	669.58	66.96	-0.70	0.48
Julianhab	South	Qoorup Sermia	68.3	32.0	37.5	15.5	4.06	0.223	8349.02	834.90	-0.11	0.06
Total (GIS)			2276.3	582.0	242.1	100%						
Total (regions sampled)			1284.1	285.5	171.2	70.70%						
Average (AF)							1.61	0.088	21.32	2.13	-0.62	1.40
Flux weighted average (FW)							1.64	0.090	21.78	2.18	-0.75	1.40
Statham et al., 2008 <0.03 to 0.4 μm							0.05	0.003	0.66	0.07		
Bhatia et al., 2013 <0.2 μm							3.70	0.203	49.13	4.91		
Hawkings et al., 2014 <0.02 to 0.45 μm							0.71	0.039	9.43	0.94		

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687 *Table 2:* Simple model calculations for determining the dissolved load Fe flux from different regions draining
688 the GIS. Hydrological data (*) is from Lewis and Smith, (2009). Previous measurements of dissolved load
689 concentration data are shown for Bhatia et al., (2013a), Hawkings et al., (2014) and Statham et al., (2008). AF is
690 average flux, FW is the flux normalized data for each draining region. Dissolved Fe concentrations for the
691 Humboldt, Tunu and Scoresbysund regions are the average Fe concentrations calculated from all the outflows.
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693 Using these regional concentration estimates, we calculate the average (AF), and flux
694 weighted average (FW) concentration of Fe in GIS meltwaters. The resulting AF is $1.61 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$,
695 while FW is $1.64 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$. For each of these flux estimates (AF and FW), we calculate a total Fe
696 export from the entire GIS (Gg Fe yr⁻¹, Table 2). Given that there is a significant loss of Fe from the
697 dissolved load during transport through estuarine environments, we have further calculated a
698 ‘probable’ coastal export flux (Gg Fe yr⁻¹) assuming 90% removal of dissolved Fe (Table 2), although
699 we recognize it may be as high as 99%. For comparison, we also recalculate the dissolved load (<0.45
700 μm) Fe fluxes from Bhatia et al. (2013a), Statham et al. (2008), and Hawkings et al. (2014), using the
701 AF model, then similarly assume a 90% estuarine removal (Table 2). The results of our simple
702 calculations, which are independent of Fe isotopes, suggest a total dissolved Fe flux from GIS glaciers
703 of $\sim 21.5 \text{ Gg Fe yr}^{-1}$ and a coastal export of dissolved Fe of $\sim 2.1 \text{ Gg Fe yr}^{-1}$. The dissolved Fe coastal

704 ocean flux estimates lie within previously published ranges; a flux of $\sim 2.1 \text{ Gg Fe yr}^{-1}$ is lower ($\sim 55\%$)
705 than that of the recalculated dissolved load fluxes (Table 2) from Bhatia et al. (2013a), and double
706 those of Hawkings et al. (2014). Our calculated Fe flux is much lower than the global riverine input
707 ($0.14 \text{ Tg Fe yr}^{-1}$; Raiswell and Canfield, 2012), and lower than the modern aeolian dust flux to the
708 oceans of 0.07 to $0.7 \text{ Tg Fe yr}^{-1}$ (Boyd and Ellwood, 2010; Fan et al., 2006). This suggests that the
709 ‘dissolved’ flux of Fe from the GIS is not globally significant, consistent with the conclusions of
710 Hopwood et al. (2015) and Zhang et al. (2015). It is noteworthy that our flux estimate does not include
711 either the contribution of labile Fe from glacial sediments or particulates $>0.2 \mu\text{m}$, which are the most
712 significant source of labile Fe in meltwaters (e.g. Bhatia et al., 2013a; Hawkings et al., 2014). Our spot
713 sampling approach does not allow us to calculate a catchment area normalized dissolved load flux, as
714 the effective catchment area depends on how much melting takes place in a given melt-season
715 (Hindshaw, 2014). Additionally, we did not measure Fe concentrations over the entire melt season at
716 each glacier, therefore this estimate does not account for temporal variability in outflow Fe
717 concentrations during the melt season. However, by sampling at peak melt when glacial meltwater is
718 most dilute, our calculations may represent a minimum flux (Aciego et al., 2015).

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720 5. Conclusions

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722 In this contribution, we present the first evidence of significant Fe isotopic fractionation in the
723 dissolved load of subglacial streams draining land-terminating glaciers in Greenland. Such a discovery
724 is significant, as it highlights that dissolved Fe generated within subglacial systems can be driven to
725 extremely light $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ compositions (-2.1%), and that variability in dissolved $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ is highly dependent
726 on individual glacial systems. Simple calculations suggest that the dissolved load Fe flux from GIS
727 land terminating glaciers are within the range of other studies at $\sim 2.1 \text{ Gg Fe yr}^{-1}$, and that flux
728 weighted calculations based on regional melt water estimates produce a similar flux to those
729 extrapolated from a single region. Nevertheless, the diversity in the range of Fe concentrations and
730 $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ compositions from individual outlets highlights the importance of ascertaining geographically
731 distributed hydrochemical data sets for glacial systems.

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733 Suspended sediments have a relatively constant $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ regardless of geographical location or
734 hydrology, and are similar to the composition of the continental crust. The $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ of the dissolved load
735 from land-terminating glaciers in Greenland is not uniform and varies geographically. The lowest
736 $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values occur in the dissolved fraction of the stream draining the Russell Glacier (GKL), with
737 $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ as low as -2.1% . As this glacial outflow is inferred to be the only outflow (of those sampled)
738 that is uniformly below ferrihydrite saturation, it suggests that GKL represents the most pristine Fe
739 isotopic signal related to the release of Fe in the subglacial weathering environment. The major
740 element chemistry of the dissolved loads supports the presence of a weathering gradient across the

741 various GIS sites samples, from the GKL (least weathered) through GKL, GIL, GKU and, to GNR, the
742 inferred most weathered. Mechanistically the data suggest a link between the extent of chemical
743 weathering and $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ of aqueous Fe, with lighter $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ representative of the least chemically
744 weathered subglacial systems: at extremely low ionic strengths (early stages of incipient chemical
745 weathering) dissolved loads take most negative $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ compositions. At the highest ionic strength
746 (inferred to be more extensively weathered system), we have the $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values that are similar to the
747 crustal array and coexisting suspended sediments.

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749 The fractionation associated with Fe-oxide precipitation is very important for determining the
750 $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ composition of the dissolved loads, yet is still a process that remains to be quantified in this
751 study. PHREEQC calculations confirm the presence of Fe-oxide phases, but the extent of their control
752 on the dissolved loads here, especially with regards to changing redox states and pH, was not
753 ascertained with the data presented here. Complex controls on the aqueous geochemistry of subglacial
754 environments confound simple interpretations of Fe isotopic fractionation. We propose that the lighter
755 isotopes of Fe are released during primary dissolution of silicate minerals, via Fe detachment during
756 chemical weathering of bedload and suspended sediments. This hypothesis likely explains the lighter
757 range of fractionation in the dissolved loads given the high rates of physical weathering and sediment
758 generation. Whether this isotopic composition can be maintained downstream remains to be
759 determined. Nevertheless, Fe speciation, redox control and mineral precipitation will also impact any
760 subsequent isotopic signal generated after the initial stages of silicate weathering. The data illustrate
761 that the dissolved Fe supplied by subglacial weathering can have variable $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ values depending on
762 the degree of chemical weathering. Thus, Fe isotopes may have potential as a proxy for subglacial
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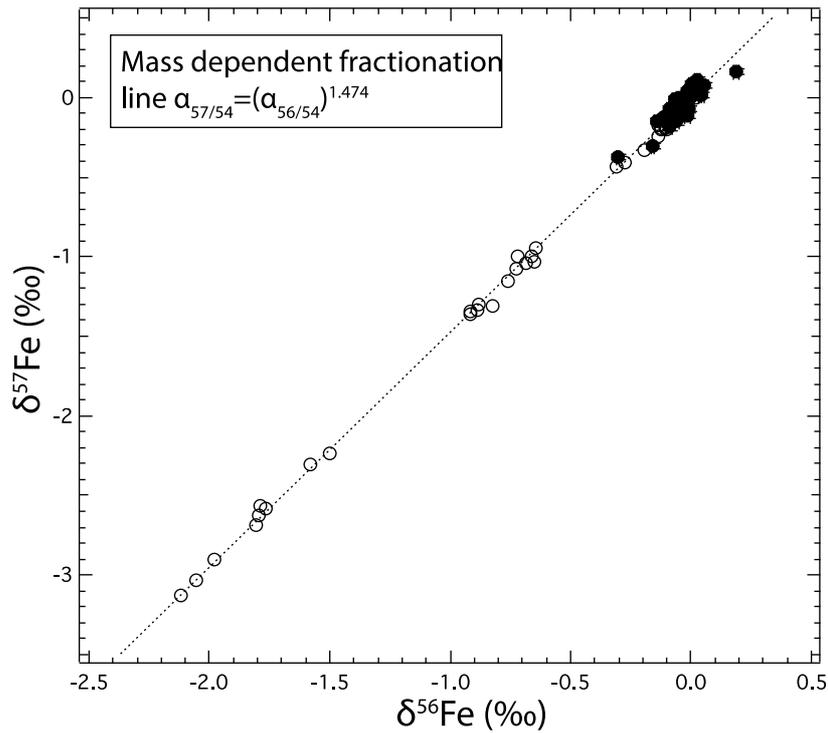
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1065 *Supplemental Figure 1:*



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1067 Terrestrial mass fractionation line ($\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$ versus $\delta^{57}\text{Fe}$). All sample lie within error of the mass fraction line
 1068 defined as $\alpha_{57/54} = (\alpha_{56/54})^{1.474}$ (Beard and Johnson, 2004). Only sample and sample replicates shown, white
 1069 symbols are dissolved loads and black symbols are suspended sediments.

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1071 *Supplemental information 1:* Tab 1: In situ measurements, cation and anion concentration data
 1072 measured in this study. Procedural blanks, standard data and detections limits included in
 1073 the table. Data in italics are from Aciego et al. (2015). Tab 2: Raw output PHREEQC data
 1074 (units are saturation index Tab 2: Output of mineral saturation states (SI units) from
 1075 PHREEQC modeling for the GIL.

Sample	Specific Conductivity $\mu\text{S m}^{-1}$ *	Temp $^{\circ}\text{C}$ *	Na μmol	Mg μmol	Al μmol	Si μmol	K μmol	Ca μmol	Fe μmol	SO_4^{2-} μmol	Cl^- μmol	Alkalinity $\mu\text{mol HCO}_3^-$
Detection limits	$\pm 0.5\%$	$\pm 0.2^{\circ}\text{C}$	0.60	0.20	0.05	0.50	0.05	0.50	0.02	0.02	0.01	
Procedural Blank			0.60	0.30	0.10	0.80	0.10	0.60	0.05	n.d.	n.d.	
NIST1640a (n=4)			132 \pm 2	45 \pm 1	3.0 \pm 0.4	153 \pm 3	15.4 \pm 0.3	152 \pm 3	0.69 \pm 0.01			
NIST1640a certified			135.36	43.21	1.96	184.05	14.71	138.98	0.66			
AGV-2 (n=5)			1256654.49	355186.09	3009598.35	-	575912.81	775472.92	767993.89			
AGV-2 literature			1352775.60	444353.01	3317087.63	-	611279.77	928190.03	838033.84			
BCR-2 (n=2)			1027361.33	844936.44	2615455.71	-	383301.17	1260375.44	1667718.19			
BCR-2 literature			1000444.98	888706.03	2646257.62	-	381090.74	1270023.45	1729787.81			
GNR-200713	12.40	0.90	22.14	20.78	13.56	35.96	17.24	94.57	6.97	12.59	6.61	6.54
GNR-210713	12.40	1.00	26.19	13.45	3.74	19.83	19.39	90.82	0.98	12.82	6.81	7.02
GNR-220713	11.90	0.90	22.53	16.54	7.08	25.74	16.85	93.32	4.17	12.51	6.28	7.20
GNR-240713	11.70	0.60	118.31	26.95	7.49	24.89	15.63	83.09	4.12	10.94	5.52	4.56
GIL-290713	1.90	0	135.71	29.79	13.01	25.85	16.24	33.43	7.22	157.08	1777.97	32.89
GLK-0308313a	1.6	0.00	4.13	3.62	0.50	5.55	4.45	10.43	0.71	5.49	3.42	1.74
GLK-030813b	1.4	0.10	3.04	2.51	0.26	4.66	2.66	8.98	0.42	5.35	1.66	1.86
GLK-040813b	2.4	0.10	3.22	4.36	0.16	7.05	3.15	14.00	0.45	6.04	1.59	2.04
GLK-040813a	1.5	0.00	3.18	2.84	0.22	4.70	4.04	8.71	0.44	3.88	0.42	1.56
GNU-060813	5.6	0.00	23.64	6.53	1.65	18.00	21.21	32.23	0.13	16.17	1.69	14.82
GNU-070813	8.3	0.00	28.84	7.94	1.72	19.30	20.95	40.17	0.25	26.43	4.86	6.36
GNU-080813	7.5	0.00	24.36	6.62	1.72	17.59	19.23	34.93	0.31	22.75	2.27	5.88
GKU-110813	8.2	1	56.98	12.01	0.54	8.87	13.50	36.93	0.26	42.36	52.41	3.72
GKU-120813	13.2	0.3	35.45	9.18	0.19	8.08	11.18	29.94	0.28	35.20	16.13	3.72
GKU-130813	5.3	0.4	26.32	7.49	0.40	5.73	8.11	25.20	0.30	26.25	9.84	2.88
GKU-140813a	5.4	0.3	74.82	14.03	0.36	5.66	9.49	28.44	0.28	23.65	3.17	3.84
GKU-140813b	3.7	0.3	33.28	7.65	0.33	5.48	7.60	24.20	0.31	18.77	2.61	1.68

Phase	Chemical formula	GIL (SI units)
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Albite	NaAlSi3O8	-3.81
Alunite	KAl3(SO4)2(OH)6	0.11
Anhydrite	CaSO4	-4.57
Anorthite	CaAl2Si2O8	-3.72
Aragonite	CaCO3	-3.44
Barite	BaSO4	-0.68
Ca-Montmorillonite	Ca0.165Al2.33Si3.67O10(OH)2	3.08
Calcite	CaCO3	-3.27
Celestite	SrSO4	-4.72
Chalcedony	SiO2	-1.05
Chlorite(14A)	Mg5Al2Si3O10(OH)8	-12.57
Chrysotile	Mg3Si2O5(OH)4	-12.34
CO2(g)	CO2	-4.41
Dolomite	CaMg(CO3)2	-6.9
Fe(OH)3(a)	Fe(OH)3	3.5
Gibbsite	Al(OH)3	3.17
Goethite	FeOOH	8.42
Gypsum	CaSO4:2H2O	-3.98
H2(g)	H2	-23.64
H2O(g)	H2O	-2.21
Halite	NaCl	-8.2
Hausmannite	Mn3O4	-17.63
Hematite	Fe2O3	18.72
Hydroxyapatite	Ca5(PO4)3OH	-9.61
Illite	K0.6Mg0.25Al2.3Si3.5O10(OH)2	2.02
Jarosite-K	KFe3(SO4)2(OH)6	-4.05
K-feldspar	KAlSi3O8	-1.83
K-mica	KAl3Si3O10(OH)2	9.98
Kaolinite	Al2Si2O5(OH)4	5.97
Manganite	MnOOH	-4.69
Melanterite	FeSO4:7H2O	-6.85
NH3(g)	NH3	-9.31
O2(g)	O2	-45.22
Pyrochroite	Mn(OH)2	-6.36
Pyrolusite	MnO2:H2O	-13.28
Quartz	SiO2	-0.54
Rhodochrosite	MnCO3	-2.85
Sepiolite	Mg2Si3O7.5OH:3H2O	-9.19
Sepiolite(d)	Mg2Si3O7.5OH:3H2O	-11.37
Siderite	FeCO3	-1.75
SiO2(a)	SiO2	-1.98
Smithsonite	ZnCO3	-4.63
Strontianite	SrCO3	-4.97
Sylvite	KCl	-8.34

Talc	$\text{Mg}_3\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2$	-11.12
Vivianite	$\text{Fe}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-2.39
Willemite	Zn_2SiO_4	-5.7
Witherite	BaCO_3	-5.47
Zn(OH) ₂ (e)	$\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2$	-3.11