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11 **Abstract**

12 Volcanic ocean islands and shield volcanoes form superb natural experiments for  
13 investigating changes in topography and hydrology over geologic time. As  
14 volcanoes age, their surfaces evolve from undissected, high-permeability landscapes  
15 into deeply dissected, low-permeability terrain. Here we review the tight linkages  
16 and co-evolution of topographic and hydrologic processes in volcanic landscapes.  
17 We discuss a number of factors that affect rates and patterns of hydrological and  
18 topographic co-evolution, including soil development, spatial and temporal  
19 variability of water availability, flank collapses, geologic architecture, and the  
20 tectonic history of subsidence or uplift. To illustrate the effects of climate on  
21 volcanic dissection, we compile a global dataset of volcanic landscapes and ages that

22 suggests that substantial dissection begins between 0.5 and 2 million years after  
23 construction, with volcanoes in high precipitation regions tending to become  
24 dissected more quickly than those in drier regions. Obtaining a deeper  
25 understanding of volcanic landscape evolution will require further research on  
26 several topics, such as the sensitivity of river incision to fluctuations in  
27 precipitation; the hydrologic responses of soil to chemical weathering and dust  
28 deposition; the evolution of chemical and physical erosion rates over a volcano's  
29 lifetime; the role of hydrology in triggering of flank collapses; and the extent to  
30 which the long-term evolution of an island is determined by the initial and boundary  
31 conditions set by geologic structure and regional tectonics.

## 32 **Keywords**

33 Landscape evolution, hydrologic processes, shield volcanoes, ocean islands,  
34 dissection, climate

## 35 **1. Introduction**

36 As volcanic landscapes transform from bare, undissected surfaces into vegetated  
37 landscapes with deeply entrenched river valleys, they form extraordinary natural  
38 experiments in landscape evolution, with unparalleled constraints on the timing and  
39 form of the initial topography. Volcanic landscapes undergo dramatic topographic  
40 changes following construction [Thouret, 1999], and they also grow profoundly less  
41 permeable [e.g., Ingebritsen *et al.*, 1992], which radically alters the way water moves  
42 across the surface and through the subsurface [Lohse and Dietrich, 2005; Jefferson *et*  
43 *al.*, 2010]. These topographic and hydrologic changes are closely coupled to one

44 another, and the interplay between them can be understood as a modification of  
45 well-constrained initial conditions. As such, volcanic ocean islands and shield  
46 volcanoes offer a remarkable opportunity to study the co-evolution of topography  
47 and hydrology. These co-evolving processes set the template for ecosystem  
48 structure, volcanic hazards, and water availability in volcanic landscapes of all ages.  
49 Thus, understanding the processes, patterns, and timescales of volcanic landscape  
50 evolution is not only of interest to hydrologists and geomorphologists, but is also  
51 important for ecologists interested in understanding species distributions and  
52 evolutionary history [Whittaker *et al.*, 2008], for volcanologists assessing risks from  
53 lava flows, lahars, or water-magma interactions [e.g., Fisher, 1995; Mastin and  
54 Witter, 2000; Németh and Cronin, 2011], and for communities seeking sustainable  
55 water supplies [e.g., Koh *et al.*, 2005; Herrera and Custodio, 2008; Carreira *et al.*,  
56 2010; Cruz *et al.*, 2011].

57 Not all volcanic landscapes experience the same processes and trajectories of  
58 hydrologic and topographic change. In some parts of the world, occasional intense  
59 rainstorms cause torrents of water to cut steep canyons through an otherwise arid  
60 landscape [Mannaerts and Gabriels, 2000; Menendez *et al.*, 2008]. Elsewhere, gentle  
61 rainfall and fog drip may promote soil and vegetation development, even though  
62 surface water remains largely absent from the landscape [Adelinet *et al.*, 2008;  
63 Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010; Pryet *et al.*, 2012]. Orographic precipitation may  
64 cause one side of a volcano to become deeply eroded while the other side retains its  
65 initial form [Wentworth, 1927; Stearns, 1946; Ferrier *et al.*, 2013]. Massive flank  
66 collapses may remove large sectors of a volcano and catalyze rapid knickpoint

67 retreat and incision in the remaining landscape [*Lamb et al., 2007*], and eruption  
68 patterns may create substantial spatial variability in permeability [*Izuka and*  
69 *Gingerich, 2003; Won et al., 2005*] that drive different trajectories of landscape  
70 evolution. All of these processes act on volcanoes around the world, but their  
71 relative importance can vary widely, modifying the timescales and trajectories of  
72 topographic and hydrologic evolution and leading to a diversity of volcanic  
73 landforms and hydrologic states.

74 *In this paper, we propose a conceptual framework for understanding the major*  
75 *controls on the co-evolution of hydrology and topography of shield volcanoes and*  
76 *volcanic islands, in order to identify the controls and patterns common to all volcanic*  
77 *landscapes, to analyze how the relative importance of those controls in various*  
78 *regions, and to identify fruitful areas for future research.* Section 2 presents this  
79 conceptual framework and defines the scope of co-evolutionary processes. In  
80 section 3, we assemble a global dataset of shield volcanoes and ocean islands, which  
81 we use to assess the extent to which climate sets the pace of volcanic landscape  
82 evolution. In section 4, we review observations from diverse volcanic landscapes to  
83 illustrate the various controls on their evolution, beginning with sites that clearly  
84 demonstrate the hydrologic and geomorphic responses to climate and then shifting  
85 to sites that demonstrate the effects of non-climatic factors such as subsurface  
86 volcanic architecture and tectonics.

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## 88 **2. A general framework for volcanic landscape evolution**

89 Volcanic landscape evolution is generally defined by changes over time in the way  
90 water is routed over and through the landscape and the concomitant changes in the  
91 landscape's topography. For volcanic landscapes, as in most others, hydrologic  
92 processes are the dominant drivers of landscape evolution, and topographic changes  
93 effected by water in turn affect the hydrologic processes. Partitioning of water  
94 between runoff and groundwater is controlled by vegetative cover, soil  
95 characteristics, bedrock transmissivity, slope, and patterns of precipitation and  
96 evapotranspiration [*Dunne and Leopold, 1978*]. As a landscape ages, each of these  
97 factors may change. If they change in the direction of increasing surface runoff,  
98 streams grow more capable of incising and dissecting the landscape, which further  
99 changes the distribution of water between the surface and subsurface. Thus, there  
100 can be feedbacks between hydrology and topography, as well as more complicated  
101 feedbacks involving soils, plants, and climate.

102 In the simplest sense, the topographic development and hydrologic processes  
103 operating on a volcanic landscape can be conceived of as a function of water  
104 availability and the age of the volcanic bedrock. The amount, timing, and spatial  
105 distribution of water available for surface and subsurface flow control the potential  
106 for weathering and fluvial erosion, while age is a measure of the timescale over  
107 which water and the volcanic landscape have interacted. Volcanic landscapes form a  
108 special case for studying co-evolution of hydrology and topography, because few  
109 other landscapes undergo such dramatic changes in permeability from their origins  
110 as barren rock. There can also be competition in volcanic landscapes between  
111 water-driven erosion and constructive and destructive volcanic and tectonic

112 processes. For example, a stream valley may be filled by a lava flow, and a dike  
113 injection may disrupt groundwater flowpaths.

114 On volcanoes, distinctive topographic changes over time can be dramatic enough to  
115 qualitatively distinguish stages of landscape evolution from topographic maps and  
116 imagery (Figure 1). In recognition of the striking topographic differences among  
117 volcanoes, in this paper we adopt the following qualitative classification of volcanic  
118 landscapes, based on a visual assessment of the degree of topographic dissection.  
119 Undissected volcanoes are easily recognizable by their constructional volcanic  
120 topography, an absence of surface drainage networks [*Wentworth, 1927; Stearns,*  
121 *1942*] and extremely high bedrock permeability ( $10^{-9}$  to  $10^{-11}$  m<sup>2</sup>) [*Davis, 1969*].  
122 Weakly dissected volcanoes have incipient drainage networks with low drainage  
123 density and little tributary development, and lack deep valleys. In a few cases,  
124 weakly dissected volcanoes may have valleys along their periphery but also have a  
125 large undissected caldera or summit area. Substantially dissected volcanoes have  
126 higher drainage density, with fluvial valleys that penetrate inland to the central  
127 portion of the volcano. Eventually, the only remnant of the volcano's initial  
128 constructional surface may be a small, high elevation, central plateau [*Wentworth,*  
129 *1927*].

130 Stages of hydrological evolution cannot be directly observed remotely, but they can  
131 be estimated based on the stages of topographic landscape evolution. On  
132 undissected volcanoes, most precipitation returns to the atmosphere through  
133 evapotranspiration or infiltrates to recharge groundwater, leaving no obvious

134 drainage network. On weakly dissected volcanoes, some precipitation in excess of  
135 evapotranspiration is routed through surface drainage, but low drainage density  
136 and absence of significant incision suggests that groundwater drainage is likely still  
137 a dominant hydrologic process. The presence of substantial dissection indicates that  
138 fluvial processes have had enough water and time to erode substantial rock  
139 volumes, and suggests that groundwater drainage may be of secondary importance  
140 in terms of water routing [Jefferson *et al.*, 2010].

141 We emphasize that this classification scheme is qualitative, and that quantitative  
142 metrics for topography (e.g., drainage density) and hydrology (e.g., rates of runoff  
143 and groundwater recharge) will be required to better constrain models of the co-  
144 evolution of volcanic topography and hydrology. Such quantities are, however,  
145 difficult to obtain with the low-resolution topographic data and sparse hydrologic  
146 measurements currently available for many volcanic islands. For this reason, we  
147 limit ourselves to this qualitative characterization of the degree of topographic  
148 development, and note that as remotely sensed data and global mapping efforts  
149 [e.g., Gleeson *et al.*, 2011] improve in spatial resolution, quantification may become  
150 possible even where field data remains limited.

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### 152 **3. Insights from a global compilation of volcanic ocean islands and shield** 153 **volcanoes**

154 To test the idea that topographic dissection of shield volcanoes and volcanic ocean  
155 islands is a function of landscape age and water availability, we compiled a global



156 database of 97 ocean island and shield volcanoes with published ages and annual  
157 precipitation rates, and visually assessed the intensity of dissection of the volcanic  
158 edifice. Details of the selected volcanoes, calculations, and data sources are in the  
159 Appendix.

160 Water availability is most easily quantified using a metric related to precipitation,  
161 since that is the dominant input of water to a volcanic landscape. Precipitation can  
162 vary strongly across seasons and across the landscape, but few volcanoes have  
163 extensive meteorological observation networks that would permit characterization  
164 of their climatic variability in time and space. We report instead a representative  
165 precipitation rate (m/y) for each volcano based on historical data, which  
166 corresponds to the best estimate of the spatially averaged mean annual  
167 precipitation for a volcano. These estimates of spatially-averaged mean annual  
168 precipitation are from reported averages in the literature, WMO station records  
169 [*WMO*, 1998], existing spatial interpolation schemes [e.g., *Daly et al.*, 1994; *Daly et*  
170 *al.*, 2002; *Trueman and d'Ozouville*, 2010], or medians of reported values from  
171 multiple stations. However, the representative precipitation rate may still be an  
172 underestimate in some regions where adequate data do not exist for areas of  
173 maximum rainfall, high elevations, or windward slopes. Details of the data sources  
174 and calculation methods are given in the Appendix.

175 The cooling age of volcanic bedrock can often be dated, and isotopic ages and  
176 historical eruption data are readily available for many volcanoes around the world.  
177 Thus, the time over which water and the volcanic landscape have interacted can be

178 quantified for an individual lava flow or deposit, or at the landscape scale, by a  
179 representative age of volcanic activity that produced the bedrock exposed nearest  
180 the present land surface. Given the global overview in this compilation, we  
181 calculated a single *representative age* (ka) for each volcano, on the basis of (1) a  
182 reported average or shield age, (2) a median of the oldest and youngest dates  
183 available, or (3) the reported age, if only a single date was available. In regions  
184 where multiple dates and geologic mapping are available, it is possible to more  
185 rigorously calculate a representative age based on a weighted average of map unit  
186 ages [e.g., *Jefferson et al.*, 2010] or to assign multiple ages to each island.  
187 Unfortunately, these data are not available for every volcano in the compilation and  
188 such calculations are beyond the scope of the present work.

189 The 97 volcanoes included in this analysis are found in 14 different geographic  
190 regions, range in representative age from 500 years to 10.7 million years old (Ma),  
191 and span representative precipitation rates from 0.07 to 5.46 m yr<sup>-1</sup> (Figure 2,  
192 Appendix). We classified 53 volcanoes as undissected/weakly dissected (Figure 3),  
193 using the criteria described above (Section 2). More substantial dissection was  
194 apparent in 41 volcanoes in the dataset and 3 volcanoes were best described as  
195 razed edifices, partially or completely truncated by marine erosion and later  
196 exposed by uplift.

197 This compilation suggests volcanic landscape evolution occurs over timescales that  
198 are globally broadly consistent, but that precipitation may influence the onset of  
199 substantial dissection within those broad timescales (Figure 3). On volcanoes less

200 than 500 thousand years old (ka), there tends to be little or no dissection of the  
201 landscape. The 500 ka lag between volcanic landscape construction and substantial  
202 dissection may reflect time during which hydrological changes occur through  
203 “hidden” processes of soil development and dust deposition that do little to modify  
204 the topography. These processes promote hydrologic changes such as reductions in  
205 permeability that may be prerequisites for dissection. Also, within the first 500  
206 thousand years (kyr), chemical erosion may remove substantial mass from a  
207 volcanic edifice before physical erosion begins to dissect the terrain. By 2000 ka,  
208 most volcanoes, even in arid environments, are substantially dissected.

209 Between 500 and 2000 ka, there is a transition between weak dissection and  
210 substantial dissection, during which dissection proceeds into the core of the volcano  
211 and erosional rather than constructional topography starts to dominate. The effect  
212 of precipitation is apparent in this transitional age range. There are four volcanoes  
213 with ages between 500 and 1000 ka that receive  $>2 \text{ m yr}^{-1}$  representative  
214 precipitation. Three of these four volcanoes are substantially dissected. In contrast,  
215 there are seven volcanoes in the same age range that receive  $<2 \text{ m yr}^{-1}$   
216 representative precipitation. Of these, six are undissected or weakly dissected, and  
217 only one is substantially dissected. Five more volcanoes with ages between 1000  
218 and 2000 ka receive  $>2 \text{ m yr}^{-1}$  representative precipitation, and all are substantially  
219 dissected. In the same age range, eight volcanoes receiving  $<2 \text{ m yr}^{-1}$  representative  
220 precipitation are undissected or weakly dissected, and three are substantially  
221 dissected. The present dataset is limited by the simplifying choices of a single age  
222 and precipitation rate, as well as the use of a qualitative index of dissection, but

223 there is a plausible physical mechanism linking precipitation and dissection  
224 timescales. Precipitation is a proxy for water available to run off and dissect the  
225 landscape, so wetter volcanic landscapes may become dissected more quickly than  
226 drier ones, after an initial period of soil development and permeability reduction.

227 The utility of the simplified, global analysis (Figure 3) is to identify the geographic  
228 regions, precipitation rates, and age classes where interesting phenomena occur so  
229 that a more detailed and process-based analysis can occur. We can expand on the  
230 simple conceptualization of water availability and age as the primary controls on the  
231 landscape evolution of a volcano, by refining that idea with other significant factors  
232 affecting the evolution of volcanic hydrology and topography:

- 233 A. Soil development and dust deposition set the stage for landscape dissection
- 234 B. Chemical and physical erosion rates change throughout landscape evolution
- 235 C. Precipitation rate affects erosion and soil development
- 236 D. Flank collapses can hasten topographic dissection
- 237 E. Volcanic architecture and tectonics constrain the patterns of landscape  
238 evolution

239 The remainder of this paper is dedicated to exploring these significant factors  
240 influencing hydrologic and topographic evolution (Section 4), briefly highlighting  
241 some other potential influences on volcanic landscape evolution (Section 5), and  
242 suggesting open research questions. We use studies and observations from around  
243 the world, but draw heavily from the Galápagos, Cape Verde, and Hawaiian islands  
244 as contrasting examples of volcanic ocean island landscapes.

## 245 **4. Phenomena driving landscape evolution**

### 246 **4A. Soil development and dust deposition set the stage for landscape dissection**

247 The hydrologic evolution of a volcanic landscape is affected by the evolution of its  
248 vegetation and soils. On young basalts, dissolution is enhanced by secretions by  
249 symbiotic microbes on plant roots [*Berner and Cochran, 1998*]. Organic matter can  
250 be a large fraction of young lava soils (~38-84%), as plant roots and soil organic  
251 matter interweave through vesicles and rock fragments, which helps retain water  
252 near the land surface [*Vaughan and McDaniel, 2009*]. Vegetation first colonizes the  
253 edges of young lava flows, possibly from pre-existing habitats not overrun by lava  
254 flows [*Inbar, 1994; Inbar et al., 1995*]. Trees that overhang lava margins drop leaves,  
255 needles, and branches onto the flow. In the Oregon High Cascades, on lava less than  
256 5000 years old, vegetation density increases toward the flow edges [*Jefferson et al.,*  
257 *2006*] and lava flow levees are preferentially colonized because of their ability to  
258 retain moisture and proximity to seed sources [*Deligne, 2012*].

259 Rates of plant and soil development are controlled both by the texture of the  
260 substrate and the local climate. In Hawaii, the weathering front propagates  
261 downward faster on a'a than pahoehoe flows and soil development initially occurs  
262 in fine tephra and crevices around a'a clinkers [*Porder et al., 2007*]. This has been  
263 attributed to the lower permeability and surface area of pahoehoe relative to a'a  
264 lava. However, at Craters of the Moon in Idaho, soil and vegetation develop in  
265 fractures or crevices in the lava surface, and soil is more abundant on pahoehoe  
266 than a'a lava [*Vaughan and McDaniel, 2009*]. There, the slower rate of development

267 on a'a is attributed to greater downward movement of deposited organic and  
268 mineral material through fractures, thus requiring greater time and input to develop  
269 soil and vegetation on the lava surface. The differences in soil development between  
270 Hawaii and Idaho may reflect differences in climate. In the warm, wet Hawaiian  
271 Islands, the greater permeability of a'a may afford greater rates of chemical  
272 weathering, whereas in cool, dry Idaho, water retention near the surface may be  
273 more crucial for plant and soil development.

274 A number of studies have investigated the evolution of Hawaiian soils by examining  
275 soils developed on bedrock of different ages across the Hawaiian Islands [*Chadwick*  
276 *et al.*, 1999; *Vitousek et al.*, 2003; *Porder et al.*, 2007]. These studies have compared  
277 soils developed on substrates as young as 300 years on the Big Island of Hawai'i and  
278 as old as 4.1 Ma on Kaua'i, and their observations show that Hawaiian soil  
279 mineralogy changes dramatically over time. The youngest soils in this  
280 chronosequence show few signs of chemical weathering and have a coarse texture  
281 that reflects the scoria-rich parent rock. Intermediate-age soils, by contrast, are  
282 highly weathered andisols with abundant non-crystalline minerals that adsorb  
283 phosphorus and complex organic matter, which help maintain soil fertility. The  
284 oldest soils are yet more weathered than the intermediate-age soils, and are  
285 dominated by Fe- and Al-oxides that lack the capacity to retain or supply nutrients  
286 [*Chadwick et al.*, 1999].

287 These changes in soil mineralogy produce concomitant changes in soil hydrology.  
288 *Lohse and Dietrich* [2005] found that the youngest soil (on 300 ya bedrock) in the

289 Hawaiian chronosequence had a high vertical hydraulic conductivity resulting from  
290 its coarse texture, shallow thickness (38 cm), and minimal horizonation. The oldest  
291 soil (on 4.1 Ma bedrock), by contrast, was thick (120 cm) and deeply weathered,  
292 with a plinthite layer overlying several clay-rich soil horizons. These low-  
293 conductivity horizons inhibit vertical water transport and promote lateral transport  
294 of water in the oldest soil [Lohse and Dietrich, 2005]. In other volcanic  
295 environments, similar soil mineralogy and hydrology changes have been observed  
296 in soil chronosequences. For basalts in the Pinacate volcanic field in arid Sonora,  
297 Mexico, the clay percentage in soil increases linearly with lava age from 200 ka to  
298 1200 ka [Slate *et al.*, 1991]. Andisols have high water retention, with young andisols  
299 having permeability ( $10^{-12}$  to  $10^{-14}$  m<sup>2</sup>) comparable to basalt lava. Like soils formed  
300 on lava, as ash-based soils age and weathering products accumulate, water retention  
301 increases and permeability decreases [Nanzyo *et al.*, 1993].

302 Soil development is often accompanied by external inputs of wind-blown loess and  
303 wet or dry deposition of dust. Such eolian inputs may be particularly important to  
304 the topographic and hydrologic development of volcanic landscapes in arid and  
305 semi-arid regions. Fine sediments can clog pores and fractures in lava surfaces, fill  
306 swales and topographic depressions [Eppes and Harrison, 1999], and form a mantle  
307 over volcanic deposits [Dohrenwend *et al.*, 1987]. Young lava flows are effective  
308 traps of eolian material because of their high surface roughness and lack of runoff  
309 [Wells *et al.*, 1985]. Over time such fine grained sediments may smooth topography  
310 and promote surface drainage development by lowering the infiltration capacity of  
311 the land surface. The permeability of loess ( $10^{-12}$  to  $10^{-16}$  m<sup>2</sup>) is several orders of

312 magnitude lower than those of young basalts ( $10^{-9}$  to  $10^{-11}$  m<sup>2</sup>). On Quaternary  
313 basaltic lava fields in California and Nevada, channel incision occurs through the 1-3  
314 m thick fine-grained eolian mantle, but rarely exposes the underlying basalt, even  
315 though the lava topography controls the network structure [*Dohrenwend et al.*,  
316 1987].

317 The importance of eolian processes in soil development in a particular area depends  
318 on the local rates of dust deposition, soil production, and soil erosion [*Brimhall et al.*,  
319 1988]. On ocean islands remote from eolian sources, dust fluxes can be 100-1000  
320 times lower than in continental settings [*Kurtz et al.*, 2001]. However, even on ocean  
321 islands, dust fluxes can be significant contributors to soil development. Dust flux  
322 increases with elevation and rainfall on Hawaii, with accumulation ranging from  
323 330 to 2000 tons ha<sup>-1</sup> on a 170,000 year old a'a flow. The correlation between dust  
324 flux and rainfall has been attributed to dust as condensation nuclei for raindrops  
325 [*Porder et al.*, 2007]. On Kohala, where soils have developed on quartz-free basalts  
326 over >150 kyr, quartz grains from Asia form up to 30% of the upper 50 cm of the  
327 soil [*Kurtz et al.*, 2001]. Silica-rich dust does not weather as rapidly as mafic ash and  
328 tephra, so accumulated dust can become a progressively larger component of the  
329 soil as chemical weathering preferentially depletes the soil of its other components  
330 [*Porder et al.*, 2007]. Tephra deposits can also speed the development of soils and  
331 vegetation on young lava flows. Recent work in the Oregon Cascades has shown that  
332 juxtaposition of barren surfaces and mature forests on lava flows of similar age can  
333 be attributed to syn- and post-eruptive tephra fall of fine materials on which plant  
334 colonization could rapidly occur [*Deligne et al.*, 2012].



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336 As valleys propagate into volcanic interiors, gently sloping surfaces are replaced by  
337 steep hillslopes and deep valley networks. In the Hawaiian Islands, as well as some  
338 other volcanic landscapes, soils on remnant surfaces are dominated by clays and  
339 inert oxides and have low hydraulic conductivities [e.g., *Chadwick et al.*, 1999; *Lohse*  
340 *and Dietrich*, 2005]. By contrast, physical erosion of soils on steep hillslopes sweeps  
341 away weathered soils and promotes the production of new, less weathered soil [e.g.,  
342 *Heimsath et al.*, 1997; *Ferrier and Kirchner*, 2008]. The juxtaposition of remnant  
343 surfaces and steep-sided valleys results in a patchwork distribution of soils on  
344 volcanic islands, with old, low-gradient, low-permeability soils interspersed  
345 between young, high-gradient, higher-permeability soils [*Vitousek et al.*, 2003]. As  
346 river valleys expand, the area dominated by steep hillslopes increases at the  
347 expense of low-gradient remnant surfaces, with young soils becoming more  
348 dominant as remnant surfaces are eroded away. Thus, the progressive fluvial  
349 dissection of volcanic islands affects island hydrology by changing how water is  
350 routed through the landscape, and by changing spatial patterns in soil hydrologic  
351 properties.

352 As soil development, rock weathering, and external sediment deposition proceed, a  
353 volcanic landscape becomes more erodible through the generation of  
354 unconsolidated material and weakening of rock, and it simultaneously becomes  
355 more capable of fluvial erosion as more water is routed along shallow subsurface or  
356 surface flowpaths and forms channels. Connecting the soil profile changes described

357 above with landscape-scale development of drainage networks is a research area  
358 where more work is needed. What soil structures, thickness, and permeability are  
359 required to route water laterally rather than vertically down to a depth where it  
360 recharges bedrock groundwater? At what stage of soil development do channels  
361 begin to form on volcanic landscapes?

362 **4B. Chemical and physical erosion rates change throughout landscape**  
363 **evolution**

364 The co-evolution of volcanic topography and hydrology affects the relative rates of  
365 chemical and physical erosion from island interiors to the ocean. Immediately after  
366 construction of the volcano surface, hillslopes are dominated by bare, fractured,  
367 highly permeable rock. Any rain falling on these hillslopes percolates quickly into  
368 the subsurface and does not concentrate into surface channels. During this early  
369 stage, fluvial erosion of solids and solutes is slow, because rivers are scarce.  
370 Mechanical weathering can act to smooth the land surface, but does not result in  
371 mass loss unless surface runoff can transport the weathered materials away from  
372 the volcanic landscape. At the same time, subsurface chemical erosion progresses  
373 quickly as groundwater passes through the highly permeable and chemically  
374 reactive bedrock. High-temperature water-rock interactions and long subsurface  
375 residence times can further enhance chemical erosion rates [Rad *et al.*, 2011]. Rad *et*  
376 *al.* [2007] estimated subsurface chemical erosion rates from measurements of  
377 groundwater solute concentrations and estimates of groundwater recharge on the  
378 volcanic islands of Guadeloupe, Martinique, and Réunion. They then compared these

379 estimates to measurements of fluvial chemical erosion rates, and suggested that  
380 subsurface chemical erosion fluxes outpaced surface chemical erosion rates on  
381 these islands by a factor of 2-5. *Schopka and Derry* [2012] carried out a similar  
382 analysis on Hawaii and estimated that subsurface chemical erosion fluxes there  
383 were 15 times faster than surface fluvial chemical erosion fluxes. Given the lack of  
384 surface dissection at this early stage of landscape evolution, subsurface chemical  
385 erosion appears to be the primary means of mass transfer from young island  
386 interiors to the ocean.

387 Chemical weathering rates in volcanic landscapes are affected by a number of  
388 factors, including mineral supply rates to the weathering zone, precipitation,  
389 temperature, vegetation, glacial cover, and rock age, and mineral dissolution  
390 kinetics [*Gislason et al.*, 1996; *Benedetti et al.*, 2003; *Pokrovsky et al.*, 2005]. On  
391 Hawaii, mass loss via chemical weathering proceeds quickly for the first 10,000 to  
392 20,000 years after lava emplacement, but then rates of mass loss slow at later times  
393 [*Vitousek*, 2004; *Porder et al.*, 2007].

394 As volcanic landscapes grow older, physical erosion of the land surface becomes the  
395 dominant mass flux. Hillslope surfaces grow less permeable as soils develop, and  
396 surface runoff becomes stronger, which drives channel incision and fluvial  
397 transport. Measurements of erosional fluxes on volcanic islands at this stage  
398 (Figure 4) show that chemical erosion rates are generally a small fraction of total  
399 erosion rates (i.e., the sum of chemical and physical erosion rates). In the  
400 measurements compiled in Figure 4, chemical erosion rates comprise on average

401 only 9% of the total erosion rates. We note that the chemical erosion rates in Figure  
402 4 were determined from fluvial solute fluxes, and therefore underestimate total  
403 chemical erosion rates because they do not include subsurface chemical erosion  
404 fluxes that leave islands in groundwater. However, even if subsurface chemical  
405 erosion rates at those sites were several times larger than surface chemical erosion  
406 rates, the sum of surface and subsurface chemical erosion fluxes would still be  
407 smaller than the surface physical erosion rates at all but two sites. Figure 4 also  
408 shows that chemical erosion rates on volcanic islands tend to increase with total  
409 erosion rates. This suggests that, once volcanic islands progress beyond their  
410 earliest stage of development, there is a close connection between physical and  
411 chemical erosion on volcanic islands. In this respect, after their initial stage of  
412 development, volcanic islands behave similarly to many continental settings, in  
413 which chemical erosion rates are often closely coupled to physical erosion rates  
414 [*Riebe et al., 2004; West et al., 2005*], possibly because physical erosion rates control  
415 the supply of fresh, unweathered material to the soil.

#### 416 **4C. Precipitation rate affects erosion and soil development**

417 Volcanic edifices protruding into the atmosphere cause air masses to move up and  
418 over them, producing orographic precipitation on their windward sides and a rain  
419 shadow on their leeward sides. The upper elevations on the windward side of a  
420 volcano can receive much more precipitation than lower elevations or the leeward  
421 side, though maximum rainfall does not always correspond with peak elevations.  
422 Strong precipitation asymmetry is evident in many ocean island and arc settings,

423 including the Hawaiian Islands and Oregon Cascades [*PRISM*, 2012], and each of  
424 these regions displays asymmetry in landscape dissection. An extreme case is Piton  
425 de la Fournaise, where annual precipitation rates range from  $<1 \text{ m yr}^{-1}$  to  $>10 \text{ m yr}^{-1}$   
426 [*Violette et al.*, 1997]. Spatial variation in precipitation may have significant  
427 consequences for hydrology and landscape evolution, and can be analyzed by sub-  
428 dividing a volcano by precipitation and age and quantifying dissection in terms of  
429 drainage density, incision depth, or eroded volume. Such an analysis at the global  
430 scale is beyond the scope of this paper, but has been undertaken for individual  
431 islands [e.g., *Menendez et al.*, 2008; *Ferrier et al.*, 2013].

432 Evidence for climatic influences on volcanic island topography can be found on the  
433 Hawaiian island of Kaua‘i, which is roughly 50 km in diameter, has a maximum  
434 elevation of 1593 m, and is the second oldest of the major Hawaiian islands (Figure  
435 5). Superimposed on the island is one of Earth’s steepest rainfall gradients, with  
436 mean annual precipitation rates as high as  $9.5 \text{ m yr}^{-1}$  on the island’s high-altitude  
437 central plateau (peak elevation 1598 m), and as low as  $0.5 \text{ m yr}^{-1}$  on Kaua‘i’s low-  
438 lying southwestern coast. Kaua‘i’s large rainfall gradient and small lithologic  
439 variations make it an exceptional natural laboratory for investigating how erosion  
440 rates on volcanic islands are influenced by rainfall rates.

441 *Ferrier et al.* [2013] estimated erosion rates in 33 basins across Kaua‘i by measuring  
442 the mass of rock eroded from each basin over the basin’s lifetime, an approach that  
443 yields erosion rates averaged over the area of the drainage basin and over the  
444 duration of erosion. These Myr-scale basin-averaged erosion rates range from 8 t

445  $\text{km}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$  to  $335 \text{ t km}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$  across Kaua'i and are positively correlated with modern  
446 basin-averaged mean annual precipitation rates (Figure 5). There is a large  
447 difference in timescale between the modern precipitation rates in Figure 5 and the  
448 paleoprecipitation rates that helped shape Kaua'i's topography over the past 5 Myr,  
449 as there is in any study that links long-term landscape evolution to modern climate  
450 measurements. However, even though Kaua'i's paleoclimatic history is poorly  
451 constrained [e.g., *Hotchkiss et al., 2000*], asymmetries in pyroclastic cones suggest  
452 that the dominant direction of the trade winds were similar during glacial and  
453 interglacial periods [*Porter, 1997*], which suggests that spatial patterns in  
454 paleoprecipitation may have been similar to those today, even if the magnitudes of  
455 paleoprecipitation rates are not well known. Furthermore, there are no obvious  
456 geological controls across Kaua'i that would generate the observed correlation  
457 between erosion rates and modern precipitation rates in Figure 5. Thus, the  
458 observations in Figure 5 are consistent with a positive influence of rainfall rates on  
459 long-term erosion rates, and are consistent with the notion that spatial patterns in  
460 rainfall steer the topographic development of volcanic islands.

461 Several studies have taken advantage of steep intra-island rainfall gradients to show  
462 that rates of soil development in Hawaii are mediated by climate. *Chadwick et al.*  
463 [2003], for instance, examined soil profiles at sixteen sites on Hawaii's Kohala  
464 peninsula, across which mean annual precipitation ranged from  $0.16 \text{ m yr}^{-1}$  to  $3 \text{ m}$   
465  $\text{yr}^{-1}$ . They observed that soils at sites with high mean annual precipitation rates have  
466 higher concentrations of noncrystalline material and lower concentrations of  
467 crystalline minerals and base cations than soils in dry areas. Along three rainfall

468 gradients on Hawaii, *Porder et al.* [2007] measured the enrichment of presumably  
469 immobile Nb in soil relative to its parent rock and concluded that soil chemical mass  
470 losses are 3-8 times higher at sites where mean annual precipitation rates exceed 1-  
471 1.5 m yr<sup>-1</sup> than at drier sites.

472 On San Cristobal Island in the Galápagos, there is a strong association between  
473 elevation, rainfall, and soil development and hydraulic properties. Above 350 m  
474 elevation, where precipitation is about 2 m yr<sup>-1</sup>, soils have substantial accumulations  
475 of clay minerals, relatively low porosity (<25%), and relatively low permeability  
476 (10<sup>-12</sup> to 10<sup>-13</sup> m<sup>2</sup>). At lower elevations, rainfall is about 0.5 m yr<sup>-1</sup>, and soils have  
477 developed primarily from mechanical alteration, and therefore have few clay  
478 minerals. In these low elevation soils, porosity is relatively high (35-40%), as is  
479 permeability (10<sup>-10</sup> to 10<sup>-11</sup> m<sup>2</sup>) [*Adelinet et al.*, 2008]. As with the observations in  
480 Hawaii, these climosequence studies show that soils weather and develop clay-rich,  
481 low-permeability horizons more quickly in wetter places. Because not all of these  
482 climosequence studies quantified soil production rates, a comparison of the extent  
483 of soil chemical weathering at these sites cannot distinguish between the effects of  
484 mineral supply rates and those of climate [*Riebe et al.*, 2004; *Yoo and Mudd*, 2008].  
485 Nonetheless, these observations of soils in the Galapagos as well as those in Hawaii  
486 are consistent with faster chemical weathering and faster development of clay-rich,  
487 low permeability horizons in wetter soils. Thus, to the extent that high rainfall rates  
488 accelerate the development of low-permeability soils, high rainfall rates should also  
489 lead more quickly to less groundwater recharge and more surface runoff.

490 The seasonal distribution and intensity of rainfall may be an important control on  
491 the patterns and timescales of landscape evolution of volcanoes, because higher  
492 intensity rainfall can result in more efficient erosion than lower intensity rainfall,  
493 even if mean annual precipitation rates are the same [e.g., *Molnar, 2001; Lague et al.,*  
494 *2005; Molnar et al., 2006; Wu et al., 2006*]. A compilation of World Meteorological  
495 Organization (WMO) records shows strong differences in the seasonality of  
496 precipitation among ocean islands (Table 2). Because these data are monthly, they  
497 may mask even more dramatic differences in event-scale rainfall intensity across  
498 regions. The low elevation bias of the WMO stations may also obscure contributions  
499 of cloud water interception (fog drip) to the water budget, which can be significant  
500 at higher elevations in some regions [*Scholl et al., 2002; Prada et al., 2009; Pryet et*  
501 *al., 2012*].

502 Field observations suggest that high-intensity rainfall, like that in the Cape Verde,  
503 Azores, and Canary Islands, drives faster landscape dissection than gentle, low-  
504 intensity precipitation and cloud water interception, such as typically occurs in the  
505 Galápagos Islands. The comparison between Cape Verde and the Galápagos is not  
506 perfect, because styles of volcanism and resulting volcanic products and  
507 architecture are different [*McBirney and Williams, 1969; Ramalho, 2011*], but it does  
508 illustrate the role of precipitation intensity in affecting rates of landscape evolution.

509 The Cape Verde Archipelago's arid climate is governed by seasonal shifts of the Inter  
510 Tropical Convergence Zone and the Azores anticyclone, causing an extremely  
511 variable rainfall regime [*Mannaerts and Gabriels, 2000*]. During the months of July-



512 October, the area experiences a southwesterly monsoon – “the wet season”,  
513 accounting for almost 80% of the annual precipitation – whereas during the rest of  
514 the year, dry northeast trade winds prevail and virtually no precipitation occurs  
515 [*Vailleux and Bourgue, 1974; Mannaerts and Gabriels, 2000; Heilweil et al., 2009*].  
516 Even during the wet season, most rain falls in just a few days [*Heilweil et al., 2009*].  
517 Local rainfall is strongly dependent on elevation, with some low coastal areas  
518 having no rainfall or fog condensation for several years at a time. Coastal areas  
519 average 0-150 mm yr<sup>-1</sup> of rain, in contrast to 800-1000 mm yr<sup>-1</sup> in the mountain  
520 areas above 1000 m a.m.s.l. [*Vailleux and Bourgue, 1974; Langworthy and Finan,*  
521 *1997; Mannaerts and Gabriels, 2000; Heilweil et al., 2009*]. When rainstorms occur,  
522 precipitation is intense [*Da Rocha Faria, 1971*], and an annual maximum 24 hour  
523 storm may represent an average of 45% of total annual rainfall [*Mannaerts and*  
524 *Gabriels, 2000*]. Streams are ephemeral but torrential.

525 The strong erosivity of the Cape Verde precipitation regime is evident in the  
526 morphology of Fogo Island. The island is probably entirely Quaternary [*Brum da*  
527 *Silveira et al., 1995*], and the Pico do Fogo stratocone, which is built in an old  
528 caldera/flank collapse scar, is Holocene with numerous historical eruptions [*Brum*  
529 *da Silveira et al., 1995*]. Despite its young age, Pico do Fogo already exhibits  
530 erosional gullies, carved in the loose scoria and scree that constitute the cone’s  
531 upper slope. Likewise, in the surrounding landscape of historical cones and flows,  
532 incipient gullies have started to form on the sides of the lava flows, the depressions  
533 between flows, or within lower channels of the flows. There is evidence for water  
534 runoff in some of the emptied lava channels, bounded by levees, which have

535 smoother, less permeable surfaces, bounded by levees. In the lower areas, gullies  
536 develop preferentially where the substratum is composed of older, fine distal  
537 pyroclastic deposits, which are less permeable than the porous lava flows.

538 In contrast to Cape Verde, rainfall in the Galápagos is usually low intensity, although  
539 it too is strongly influenced by orography. Annual precipitation varies from <300  
540 mm at the coast to >1600 mm at the summit of Santa Cruz Island, for which the  
541 climate records are most extensive. More than 80% of cool season days with  
542 recorded precipitation produced <2 mm of rain at low elevations. Higher elevations  
543 also have low intensity rainfall, with a significant fraction of the total precipitated  
544 water resulting from fog condensation in the forest canopy [*Trueman and*  
545 *d'Ozouville, 2010*]. All cool season precipitation can be infiltrated in low elevation  
546 zones, which have extremely high hydraulic conductivity (3600 mm/hr). At higher  
547 elevations, the infiltration capacity is lower, but still relatively high (3.6 mm/hr)  
548 [*Adelinet et al., 2008*], and there is greater vegetative water demand than at low  
549 elevations. Thus, the cool season precipitation regime is unable to generate  
550 significant runoff that would enable erosion.

551 During the hot season, Galápagos rainfall can be more intense and spatially localized  
552 than during the cold season, and there is more potential for runoff generation and  
553 erosion. Over 40% of hot season rain days produced >5 mm of precipitation, and 10  
554 days in a 40 year period generated >100 mm of rainfall near sea level at the Charles  
555 Darwin Foundation station on Santa Cruz. At the Bella Vista station on Santa Cruz,  
556 which at 194 m above sea level is the best available dataset for higher elevation

557 locations, as much as 490 mm has occurred in a single day of hot season rainfall  
558 [*Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010*]. At low elevations, infiltration capacity is greater  
559 than hot season rainfall intensity, so there is unlikely to be any significant runoff  
560 generation in the coastal zone. At higher elevations, rainfall rates can exceed the  
561 infiltration capacity or produce saturated soils and result in runoff. The potential for  
562 runoff generation is evidenced by ephemeral channels on the south side of Santa  
563 Cruz Island at elevations above 150 m [*d'Ozouville et al., 2008*]. These channels are  
564 generally <10 m wide and a few meters deep or even shallower. Below 150 m  
565 elevation, the channels virtually disappear, either because they lose water to the  
566 underlying fractured basalt or because sediment loads become higher than the  
567 carrying capacity of the discharge [*d'Ozouville et al., 2008*]. Except for San Cristóbal,  
568 the other Galápagos shields have even less evidence of runoff-driven erosion than  
569 Santa Cruz. It appears that the generally low intensity precipitation limits the  
570 efficacy of fluvial erosion throughout the Galápagos Islands.

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572 The rates and spatial patterns of soil development and valley incision on the  
573 Hawaiian, Cape Verde, and Galápagos islands strongly covary with rainfall rates at  
574 both the annual and event timescales. If this is generally true of volcanic islands, it  
575 implies that spatial patterns in climate may strongly influence spatial patterns of  
576 hydrologic and topographic evolution. The comparison between the Cape Verde and  
577 Galápagos also highlights the need for more data on short-term and long-term  
578 erosion rates in both landscapes. Future work on the effects of precipitation rate on  
579 erosion and soil development could focus on linking the distribution of water flow

580 between the surface and subsurface to weathering states and rates, erosion rates,  
581 and the spatial distribution of precipitation. Future work could also focus on  
582 quantifying the role of precipitation variability and intensity, and resultant soil  
583 moisture variability, on chemical weathering processes and fluxes, especially in  
584 semi-arid and arid volcanic landscapes. Finally, the potential importance of  
585 precipitation variability in driving dissection highlights the need for a better  
586 understanding of past precipitation regimes, and the role of paleoclimates in  
587 shaping modern volcanic landscapes.

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#### 589 **4D. Flank collapses can hasten topographic dissection**

590 Flank collapses of volcanic ocean islands are among the largest landslides on Earth  
591 [*Moore et al.*, 1989] and produce major, almost instantaneous topographic change.  
592 They are linked to hydrology through the possible triggering mechanisms of the  
593 slope failures and their after-effects on hydrology and topographic evolution. These  
594 massive landslides – which we distinguish from the small (~10-1000 m<sup>2</sup> in area),  
595 shallow (up to several meters thick), soil-based landslides common in island  
596 interiors [e.g., *Scott and Street*, 1976] – can set hydrologic and geomorphic evolution  
597 on a new trajectory by steepening slopes, creating knickpoints that drive fluvial  
598 incision, and short-circuiting groundwater flowpaths. Flank collapses have been  
599 documented on numerous ocean islands, including in the Cape Verde [*Madeira et al.*,  
600 2008], Galápagos [*Naumann and Geist*, 2000; *Geist et al.*, 2002], and Hawaiian  
601 Islands [*Moore et al.*, 1989; *Presley et al.*, 1997; *Clague and Moore*, 2002; *Lamb et al.*,  
602 2007].

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604 Flank collapses may occur at any point in a volcano's development. The largest  
605 landslides tend to occur near the end of the shield-building stage, when the volcano  
606 reaches its maximum height, but they can continue to occur after eruptive activity  
607 has ceased [Moore *et al.*, 1989]. The shallow slope angles of shield volcanoes suggest  
608 that landslides may require some other trigger in addition to gravitational pull, but  
609 no widely accepted explanation for the causes or triggers of volcanic landslides  
610 currently exists [Iverson, 1995]. Steep submarine slopes and heights greater than  
611 2500 m seem to predispose some ocean islands to landslides [Mitchell, 2003].

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613 Groundwater could contribute to triggering landslides by reducing frictional  
614 resistance to failure through groundwater seepage or by inducing phreatomagmatic  
615 eruptions [Violette *et al.*, 2001]. The substantial groundwater slopes required for  
616 initiation of sliding are not commonly found in ocean island volcanoes, but thick  
617 low-permeability clay layers could enhance landslide potential [Iverson, 1995].  
618 Clague and Moore [2002] speculate that phreatomagmatic eruptions could produce  
619 large lateral forces which contribute to slope failures and landsliding. These  
620 eruptions would be controlled by the availability of a groundwater reservoir that  
621 could be pressurized and converted to steam. Clague and Dixon [2000] suggest that  
622 the possibility of phreatomagmatic eruptions is correlated with high rainfall rates.  
623 Where rainfall rates are too low, volcanoes cannot maintain an active hydrothermal  
624 system, because water is converted to steam faster than groundwater is replenished  
625 [Clague and Dixon, 2000], thus limiting the potential for groundwater to be involved

626 in landslide triggering. However, massive landslides have occurred on volcanoes  
627 with a wide range of precipitation rates [*Mitchell, 2003*], so the necessity of  
628 precipitation or groundwater as a triggering force is not clear.

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630 On Kohala volcano on Hawai'i, a massive landslide, likely between 250 and 230 ka,  
631 created a scarp now expressed as cliffs up to 450 m high along a ~20 km section of  
632 coast. This section of Kohala is much more dramatically dissected than the area to  
633 the north of the slide, where rainfall and bedrock geology are comparable. Valleys  
634 draining towards the landslide scarp are 350-750 m deep and abruptly terminate in  
635 an amphitheater shape [*Lamb et al., 2007*]. This distinct valley morphology, coupled  
636 with observation of springs along valley walls, prompted several authors to suggest  
637 that these valleys were formed by groundwater seepage erosion [*Kochel and Piper,*  
638 *1986; Baker and Gulick, 1987*]. However, there is little evidence that seepage erosion  
639 is capable of forming valleys in basalt [*Lamb et al., 2006*], and more recent  
640 interpretation has focused on the role of the landslide in creating a knickpoint that  
641 has propagated upstream via plunge pool erosion and undercutting at the base of  
642 waterfalls [*Lamb et al., 2007*]. This interpretation requires that landscape evolution  
643 on Kohala proceeded to the extent that streams carried sufficient water and  
644 sediment to cause knickpoint retreat and valley erosion, either before the landslide  
645 or sufficiently soon after the landslide to produce the valleys observed today. The  
646 existence of numerous smaller, perched fluvial valleys draining to the Kohala coast  
647 suggests that such fluvial incision could indeed have occurred.

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649 While knickpoint retreat by waterfall erosion as a mechanism for landscape  
650 evolution following landsliding is compelling and may apply in many settings, *Llanes*  
651 *et al.* [2009] suggest that knickpoint retreat from a landslide scarp is observed in the  
652 absence of waterfalls on La Gomera in the Canaries. This setting is presently more  
653 arid than Hawaii and waterfalls are sparse or absent. Instead, *Llanes et al.* [2009]  
654 attribute retreat to seepage erosion at the contact between younger and older  
655 strata. Thus, there may be a climatic determinant influencing the way volcanic  
656 landscapes evolve following landslides, but volcanic architecture is also important.  
657 Because valleys take time to erode headward, the morphological extent of the  
658 failure is also affected by the time since flank collapse. For example, the massive  
659 landslide scarp on Ta'u in American Samoa is only weakly dissected, which may  
660 reflect the short time since the failure occurred (<70 ka) [*McDougall, 2010*].

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662 It is clear that, where they occur, flank collapses have a profound influence on the  
663 subsequent evolution of volcanic landscapes by hastening dissection and perhaps by  
664 shifting patterns of volcanism. One estimate suggests that the rate of mass removal  
665 by flank collapses may be equivalent to that accomplished by fluvial erosion  
666 [*Madeira et al., 2008*]. More such comparisons, across a range of climates and  
667 tectonic settings, would help constrain the global and geologic role of landsliding in  
668 shaping volcanic evolution. As described above, much remains to be determined  
669 about the role of groundwater in triggering volcanic landslides and the mechanisms  
670 by which they promote dissection or volcanic rejuvenation.

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672 **4E. Volcanic architecture and tectonics constrain the patterns of landscape**  
673 **evolution**

674 In addition to the climatic factors described in preceding sections, there is an  
675 underlying set of geologic and tectonic properties that constrain the evolution of  
676 volcanic landscapes. Volcanic architecture, including rock properties and  
677 stratigraphy, controls the initial distribution of water between the surface and  
678 subsurface and the distribution of hydrologic flowpaths within the subsurface. This  
679 initial template may continue to affect the trajectory of landscape evolution  
680 throughout its development, while the tectonic setting controls the base level to  
681 which hydrologic and geomorphic processes must adjust.

682 An ocean island generally goes through a sequence of constructional stages that  
683 form its architecture. The transition between seamount and emergent island is  
684 typically characterized by highly explosive hydrovolcanism, followed by effusive  
685 activity that builds a large lava shield. Later, towards the end of the shield-building  
686 stage, volcanism becomes more explosive, producing brecciated deposits and  
687 collapse calderas. Intensive hydrothermal alteration may occur during this time.  
688 This period is often followed by one of quiescence, but rejuvenation of the volcano  
689 may occur, generating a second shield building phase or more frequently one or  
690 more low-volume post-erosional volcanic stages [*Peterson and Moore, 1987*]. This  
691 sequence leads to complex subsurface architecture that exerts strong controls on  
692 hydrologic flowpaths. Even in shield volcanoes and ocean islands with less complex



693 geologic histories, volcanic architecture can substantially influence hydrologic and  
694 landscape evolution.

695 There are two dominant conceptual models for groundwater flow in shield and  
696 ocean island volcanoes. In one model, a basal aquifer exists near sea level and higher  
697 elevation groundwater is either perched on impermeable layers or impounded by  
698 dikes. Dikes and sills tend to be low-permeability barriers to groundwater flow, but  
699 if they are extensively fractured with little mineral infilling of the fractures, they can  
700 act as zones of preferential flow [Custodio, 2007]. This perched and dike-impounded  
701 model was developed to explain hydrogeologic features of Hawaiian volcanoes  
702 [Stearns, 1942; Izuka and Gingerich, 2003], and may be appropriate for the  
703 Galápagos [d'Ozouville et al., 2008; Pryet et al., 2012], Cape Verde [Heilweil et al.,  
704 2009] and Piton de la Fournaise [Violette et al., 1997]. An alternative model assumes  
705 that permeability decreases with depth as a result of compaction and hydrothermal  
706 alteration [Custodio, 1989; 2007]. Decreasing permeability with depth would mean  
707 that near surface volcanic deposits are the most important hydrogeologically, with a  
708 water table that forms a dome across the volcano, as a subdued mirror of surface  
709 topography. In this case, high elevation groundwater could be connected to basal  
710 groundwater near sea level on ocean islands, as appears to be the case on Piton des  
711 Neiges and in the Canary Islands [Custodio, 1989; Join et al., 2005]. In the Cape Verde  
712 Islands, strong permeability contrasts exist between shield-stage and underlying  
713 basement complexes, with springs emerging along the contact. Declining  
714 permeability with depth is also likely the appropriate conceptual model for the  
715 hydrogeology of the Oregon Cascades [Saar and Manga, 2004; Jefferson et al., 2006].

716 The implications of these two conceptual models for hydrologic and topographic  
717 evolution need to be explored.

718 The style and products of a volcanic eruption, specifically the permeability and  
719 consolidation of the deposit, can strongly affect hydrologic and geomorphic  
720 processes and rates following emplacement, by controlling the initial infiltration  
721 capacity and erodibility of the landscape. In general, subaerial basalt lavas are much  
722 more permeable ( $10^{-9}$  to  $10^{-15}$  m<sup>2</sup>) and more consolidated than more explosive  
723 volcanic products ( $10^{-12}$  to  $10^{-21}$  m<sup>2</sup>). The permeability of basaltic lava flows is also  
724 strongly anisotropic, with permeability parallel to the flow surface typically 2 to 100  
725 times greater than surface-normal permeability [*Singhal and Gupta, 2010*]. In  
726 pahoehoe flows, permeability is primarily the result of lava tubes and gas vesicles,  
727 whereas in a'a flows, autobrecciated top and bottom surfaces are the major zone of  
728 permeability. Interflow spaces may also be high permeability zones, and with basalt  
729 flows typically 1-6 m thick, a vertical section encompasses many such zones [*Davis,*  
730 *1969; Kilburn, 2000*]. Spring and channel locations appear to be influenced by lava  
731 flow geometry [*Jefferson et al., 2006; Jefferson et al., 2010*], and the mechanisms by  
732 which lava morphology controls spring occurrence and incipient channel  
733 development is an area where more research is needed. For hyaloclastite,  
734 permeability is strongly affected by the extent of secondary alteration [*Frolova,*  
735 *2010*], and for ocean islands with steeper slopes and more explosive histories, lahar  
736 and tuff deposits may contribute to runoff generation and dissection. [*Lavigne et al.,*  
737 *2000*]. In tuffs, permeability is controlled by the abundance of phenocrysts and rock  
738 fragments and the extent of welding and compaction [*Smyth and Sharp, 2006*].

739 Even from a single volcano, multiple eruptive styles can produce a highly  
740 heterogeneous landscape. Far from the volcanic vent, lava flows may be interbedded  
741 with sediment, fine ash, and soil. Closer to volcanic vents, pyroclastic materials may  
742 dominate the section [*Custodio, 2007*]. Groundwater patterns reflect the three-  
743 dimensional spatial variability of eruptive products, as evidenced by the  
744 correspondence between well yields and lithology on Jeju Island [*Won et al., 2005*].  
745 On Santa Cruz and San Cristóbal in the Galápagos, the presence of perched aquifers  
746 may be attributed to a low permeability layer formed from weathered ash or  
747 colluvial material that was baked by subsequent lava flows [*d'Ozouville et al., 2008*;  
748 *Pryet et al., 2012*].

749 A volcanic island's landscape evolution is also affected by the island's tectonic  
750 setting. Unlike many continental mountain ranges, volcanic islands are generally not  
751 in topographic steady state. That is, erosion rates on volcanic islands are rarely  
752 offset by rock uplift rates, unlike in steady-state landscapes (Figure 6). Instead,  
753 vertical motion rates on volcanic islands are generally negative: islands subside.  
754 Island subsidence is driven by a number of processes, including isostatic adjustment  
755 of the oceanic lithosphere, which progresses faster under larger or faster-growing  
756 islands; changes in dynamic topography as an island migrates away from a hotspot's  
757 topographic swell; and continued cooling and contraction of the volcano [e.g., *Zhong*  
758 *and Watts, 2002*]. Although some islands experience short periods of uplift – Oahu,  
759 for example, currently appears to be rising on the flexural bulge created by Hawaii's  
760 growing load [*Grigg and Jones, 1997*; *Grigg, 1998*] – such hiatuses in subsidence are  
761 usually temporary. The dominant topographic history for a post-constructional

762 volcanic island is a coordinated effort by fluvial and marine erosion and subsidence  
763 to bring the island down to sea level.

764 The 2-6 Ma Cape Verde islands illustrate the importance of tectonics on spatial  
765 patterns of dissection. In contrast to most other ocean islands, most of the Cape  
766 Verde Islands have been vertically stable over their lifetime or have experienced  
767 uplift [*Madeira et al.*, 2010; *Ramalho et al.*, 2010c; b; *Ramalho et al.*, 2010a] and their  
768 morphology reflects a competition between uplift and erosion. This competition is  
769 seen most starkly in some of the old (15-26 Ma) island volcanoes, which were  
770 completely or partially razed by marine erosion during the Plio-Quaternary, and  
771 then exposed again by recent uplift [*Ramalho et al.*, 2010c; *Ramalho et al.*, 2010a;  
772 *Ramalho*, 2011]. This razed morphology is interrupted only by residual isolated hills  
773 that escaped marine erosion and young volcanic cones of the last post-erosional  
774 stage [*Ramalho et al.*, 2010c; *Ramalho et al.*, 2010a; *Ramalho*, 2011]. The islands  
775 generally have a central region that is elevated but deeply dissected, surrounded by  
776 concentric rings of marine terraces with very low gradients in the seaward direction  
777 [*Ramalho*, 2011]. The present day drainage network is thus incipient when  
778 dissecting the razed morphology exposed by uplift, and it is highly evolved when  
779 dissecting old elevated areas. Incision is enhanced when streams reach the inner,  
780 highly impermeable basement complexes (typically uplifted, hydrothermally  
781 altered, submarine volcanic units) [*Serralheiro*, 1976; *Ramalho et al.*, 2010c]. Large  
782 alluvial fans radiate from deep canyons that dissect the central elevated region,  
783 covering adjacent razed flatlands with flood deposits. In effusive valley-filling lavas  
784 and associated coastal lava-deltas, second and third generation valleys, recurrently

785 superimposed on each other by lava filling processes and subsequent fluvial  
786 erosion, are not uncommon. Overland flow and soil wash are enhanced by the low  
787 permeability of the old lithologies, leading to a barren and dusty landscape  
788 [*Ramalho, 2011*].

789 The examples of the Hawaiian and Cape Verde Islands suggest that there are many  
790 open research questions about how volcanic landscape evolution depends on  
791 tectonic history and internal volcanic architecture. These are challenging questions  
792 because uplift and subsidence patterns may vary in space and time, even within the  
793 same regional tectonic setting, and because hydrologic flowpaths can be strongly  
794 influenced by complexities in a volcano's three-dimensional architecture.

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## 796 **5. Other controls on volcanic landscape evolution**

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798 In addition to the factors described in Section 4, there are several other factors that  
799 may affect volcanic landscape evolution that we have not discussed for the sake of  
800 brevity or due to the relative scarcity of previous research to review. Here we list  
801 two additional factors that may be particularly important drivers of hydrologic and  
802 geomorphic evolution in certain geographic regions: glaciation and biota.

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804 In temperate and polar latitudes, glaciation may shape landscape evolution much  
805 more dramatically than riverine processes. For example, the glaciated volcanoes of  
806 the Oregon Cascades stand out as the only volcanoes <500 ka that were  
807 substantially dissected in our data compilation (Figure 2). In a few other locations,

808 there are shield volcanoes and ocean islands strongly influenced by past or present  
809 glaciation. These include Iceland [*Andrew and Gudmundsson, 2007; Jakobsson and*  
810 *Gudmundsson, 2008*], Antarctica and sub-Antarctic Islands [*McDougall et al., 2001;*  
811 *Smellie et al., 2006*], and the Northern Cordillera Volcanic Province of North America  
812 [*Edwards et al., 2011*].

813 Life is also clearly one of the factors that mediates hydrologic and topographic  
814 changes as volcanic landscapes evolve, but the effects of microbial, plant, and animal  
815 communities are not understood well enough to make a definitive statement about  
816 whether the different ecological settings that exist on shield volcanoes and ocean  
817 islands lead to different trajectories of hydrologic and geomorphic evolution. This is  
818 clearly a promising area for future research. For example, there may prove to be  
819 detectable differences in landscape evolution between islands with similar climates  
820 but different degrees of biogeographical isolation. On the other hand, it is also  
821 possible that even very different microbial and plant communities can fill the same  
822 ecological niches and play the same roles in weathering soil development, and  
823 hydrology on different volcanoes, such that landscape evolution is still ultimately  
824 controlled by hydrologic processes.

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## 826 **6. Conclusions**

827 Volcanic ocean islands and shield volcanoes are excellent natural laboratories in  
828 which to investigate the processes by which hydrology and topography co-evolve.  
829 Based on an analysis of 97 shield and ocean island volcanoes, we suggest that

830 substantial dissection of volcanic landscapes typically begins between 0.5 and 2 Myr  
831 after eruption of the lavas that form the main shield. This apparent lag between  
832 construction and dissection may reflect the time necessary for processes of soil  
833 development and dust deposition to produce hydrological changes essential to  
834 generate sufficient erodible material and streamflow for dissection to proceed.

835 This compilation also reveals that topographic dissection tends to begin earlier on  
836 islands with higher mean annual precipitation. This lends empirical support to the  
837 expectation that water should drive the topographic and hydrologic evolution of  
838 volcanic islands. It is clear, however, that mean annual precipitation alone is an  
839 inadequate proxy for the many ways that water mediates volcanic landscape  
840 evolution. For instance, river incision rates may depend more on fluctuations in  
841 precipitation rates than on mean annual precipitation; soil development and dust  
842 deposition may occur at rates that are not proportional to mean annual  
843 precipitation; chemical and physical erosion rates change over time and may  
844 depend on precipitation rates in different ways; and flank collapses may be more  
845 likely to be triggered by rare, large storms than by average rainfall. In addition to  
846 such climatic effects, volcanic architecture and regional tectonics set the initial  
847 template for hydrology and topography, and likely constrain the possible  
848 trajectories for hydrologic and geomorphic evolution. All of these issues are  
849 candidate subjects for future research. To better understand the evolution of  
850 volcanic ocean islands and shield volcanoes, we suggest that efforts should be  
851 directed toward integrating a three-dimensional geologic perspective of volcanic  
852 architecture and tectonics with a stronger understanding of the ways in which

853 precipitation-driven processes mediate the topographic evolution of landscapes  
854 undergoing remarkable permeability changes.

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1213 precipitation and age data used to assess the effects of water availability and age on

1214 landscape evolution. The labels indicate regions used as a frequent examples in the  
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1217 volcanoes listed in the Appendix and depicted in Figure 2. Regions used as frequent  
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1219 Galápagos; purple: Cape Verde). Representative age is the best estimate for average  
1220 time since volcanic construction, while representative precipitation rate is the best  
1221 estimate of spatially-averaged mean annual precipitation. The degree of landscape  
1222 dissection was visually classified based on digital terrain models and imagery  
1223 available through Google Maps (<http://maps.google.com>), with verification, where  
1224 possible, by maps, photographs, or descriptions in the referenced literature.

1225 **Figure 4:** Chemical and physical erosion rates on volcanic islands, measured with  
1226 diverse methods over diverse timescales. Symbol size is scaled by area with erosion  
1227 rate. Data were collected in the Azores [*Louvat and Allegre, 1998*]; Hawaiian Islands  
1228 [*Li, 1988*]; Iceland [*Louvat et al., 2008*]; Reunion [*Louvat and Allegre, 1997*]; and  
1229 Tahiti [*Hildenbrand et al., 2008*]. These data show a positive correlation between  
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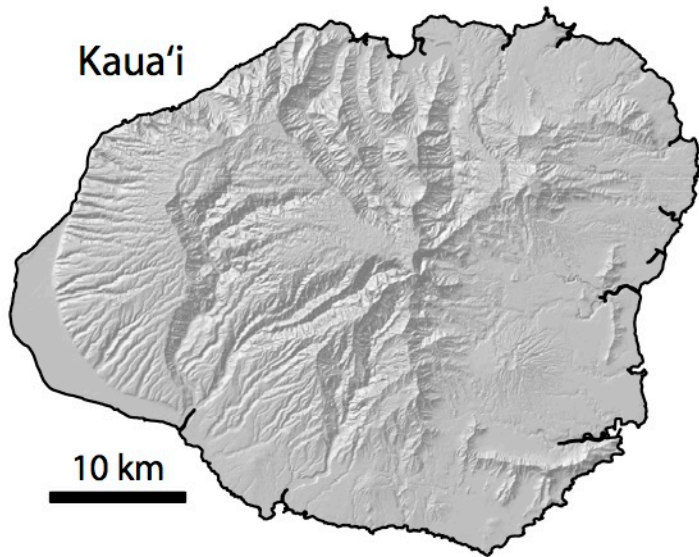
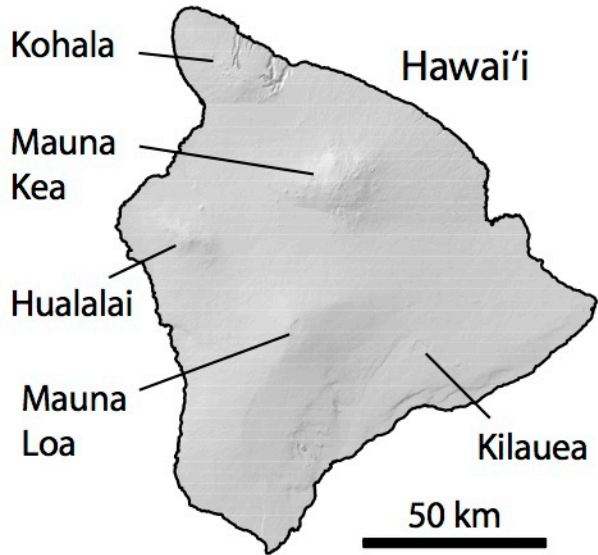
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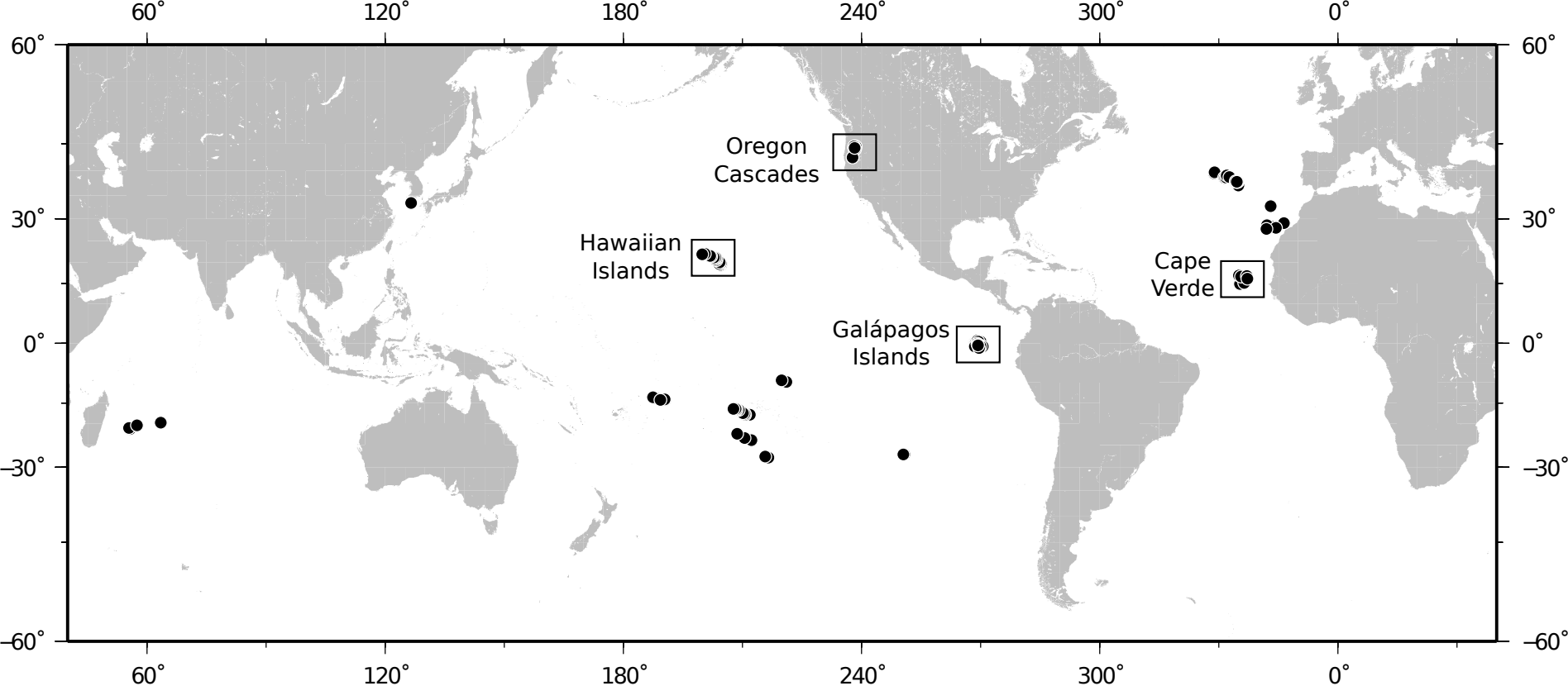


1236 mean annual precipitation rates (PRISM Climate Group, 2006, Oregon State  
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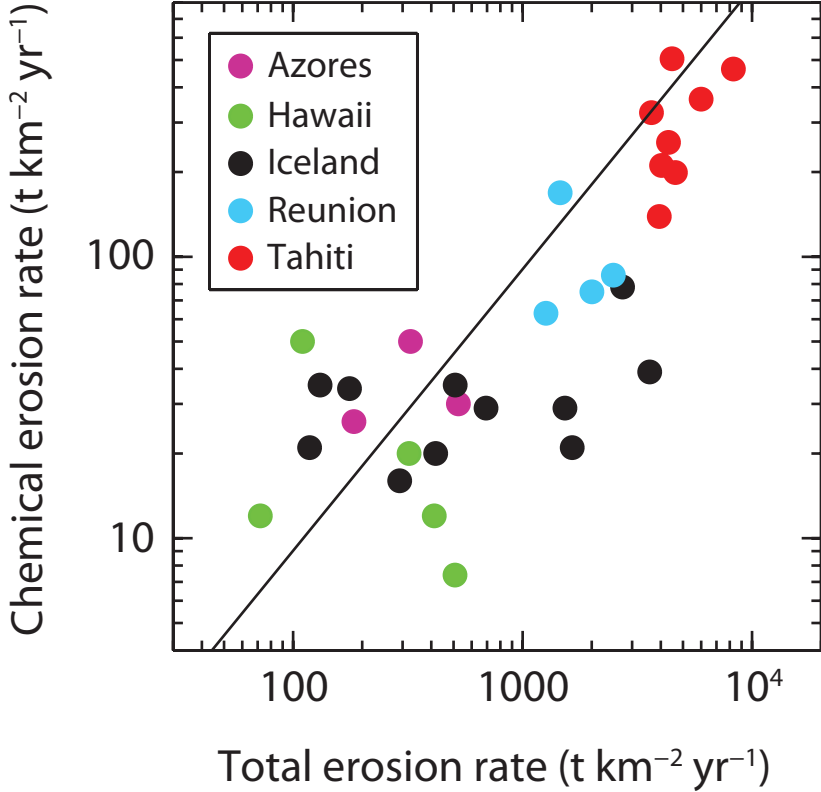
1240 **Figure 6.** Erosion rates and rock uplift rates on several volcanic islands. Negative  
1241 uplift rates indicate subsidence. With the exception of Oahu, which is temporarily  
1242 rising on Hawaii's flexural bulge at about the same rate it is eroding, these islands  
1243 are far from topographic steady state (1:1 line). Instead, erosion and subsidence  
1244 work in concert to lower island topography. Uncertainties in erosion rates are  $\pm 1$   
1245 standard error of the mean, and uncertainties in rock uplift rates are reported  
1246 ranges. Rates in this compilation were inferred by a variety of methods over a  
1247 variety of timescales, on Hawaii [*Wentworth, 1927; Li, 1988; Ludwig et al., 1991;*  
1248 *Webster et al., 2007*], Molokai [*Wentworth, 1927; Engels et al., 2004; Montaggioni,*  
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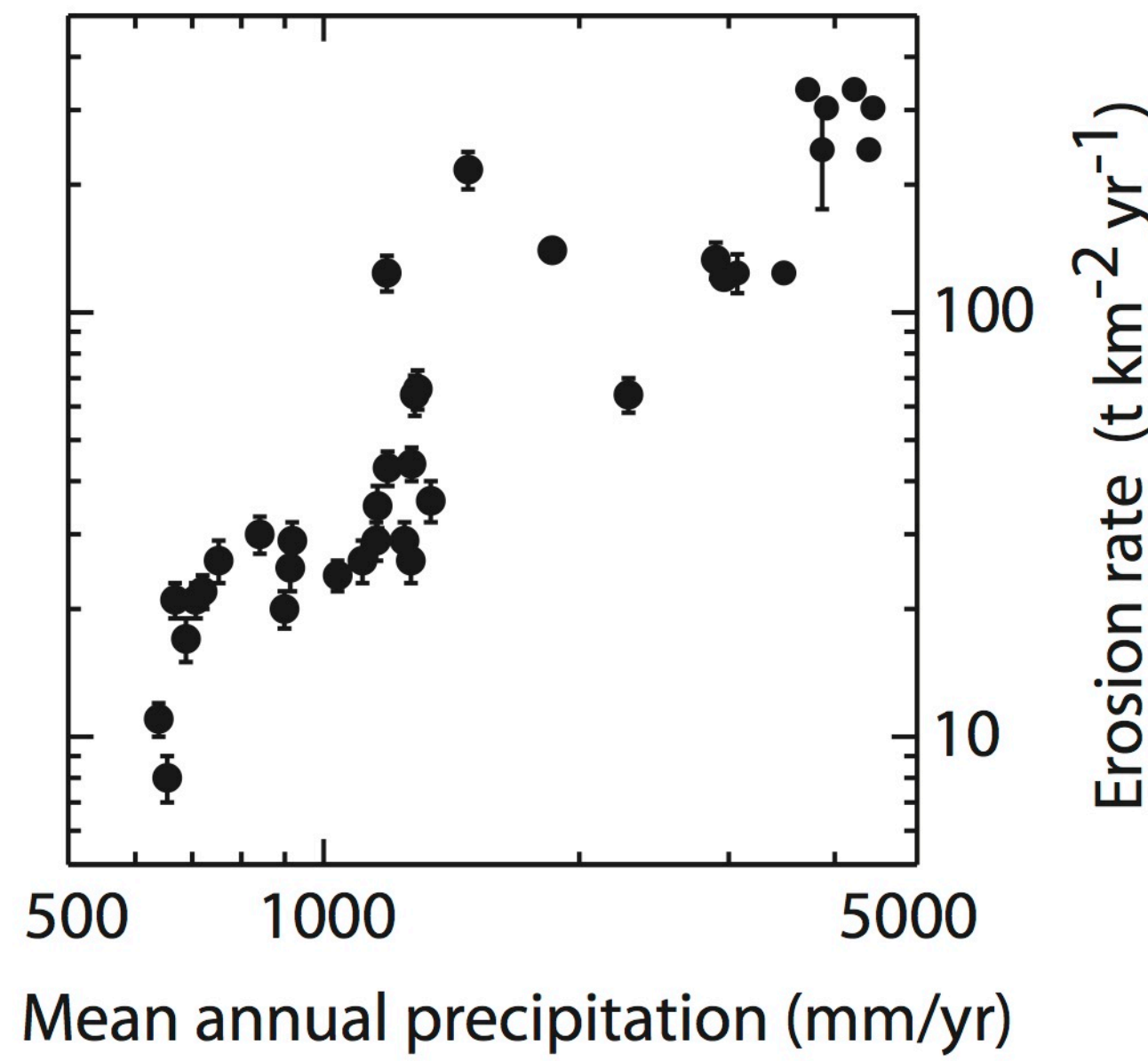
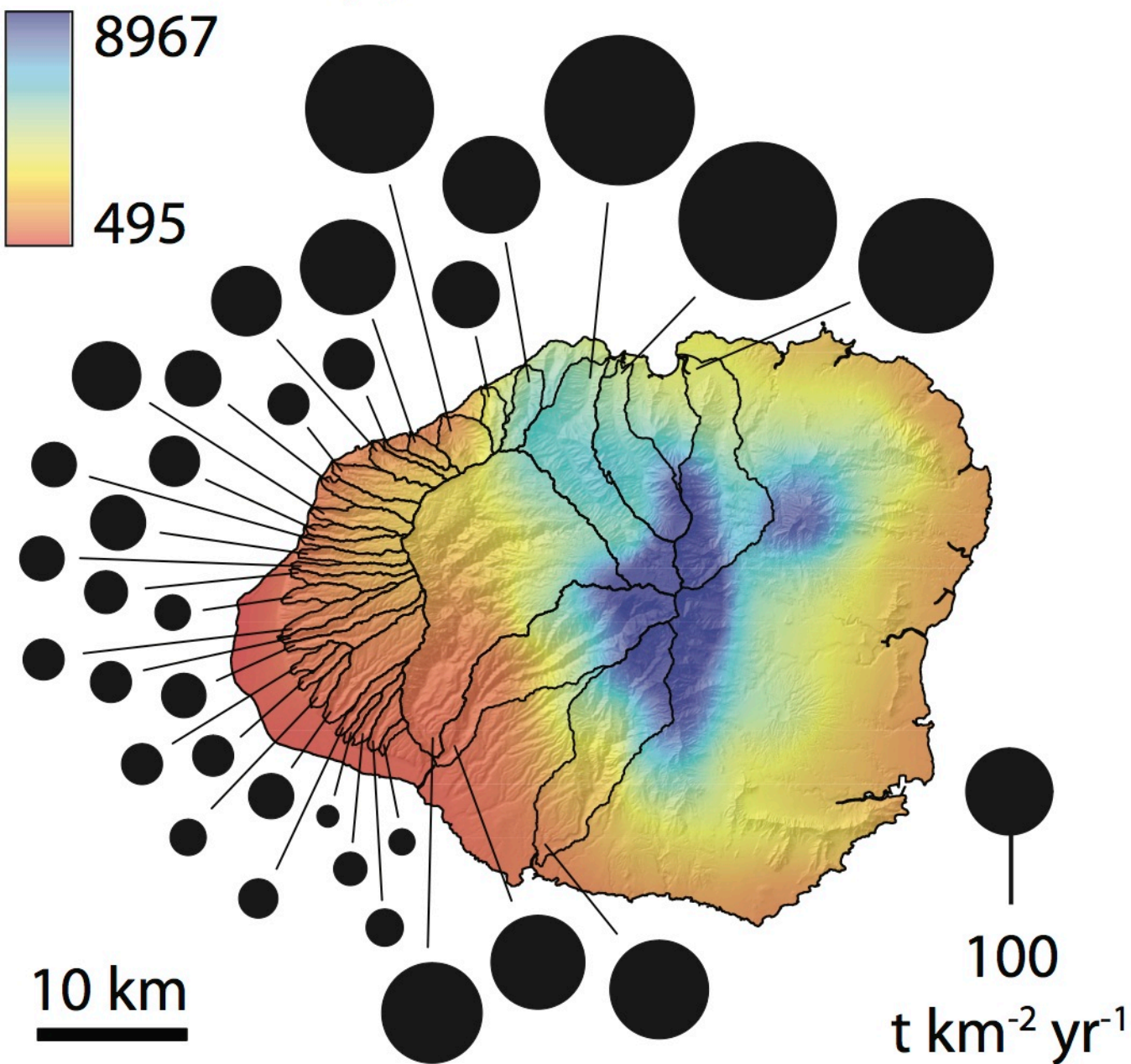








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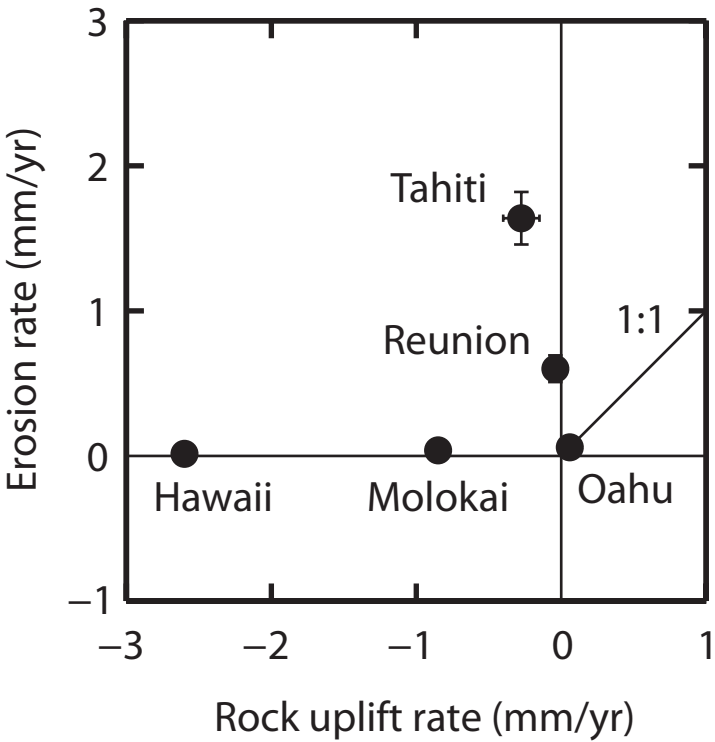


Table 1. Precipitation seasonality across ocean island regions, as calculated from WMO station climate normals. If all months had equal precipitation, each month would represent 8% of the total annual precipitation.

| Region         | Number of WMO Stations | Average Station Elevation (m) | Max Monthly Precipitation (mm/month) | Max Month Precip / Annual Precip | Min Month Precip / Annual Precip |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Austral Is.    | 2                      | 2                             | 235                                  | 0.13                             | 0.05                             |
| Azores         | 3                      | 65                            | 118                                  | 0.13                             | 0.03                             |
| Canary Is.     | 3                      | 24                            | 33                                   | 0.21                             | 0.00                             |
| Cape Verde Is. | 1                      | 54                            | 34                                   | 0.48                             | 0.00                             |
| Easter I.      | 1                      | 51                            | 153                                  | 0.13                             | 0.06                             |
| Galápagos Is.  | 1                      | 6                             | 94                                   | 0.21                             | 0.01                             |
| Hawaiian Is.   | 4                      | 19                            | 185                                  | 0.16                             | 0.03                             |
| Jeju I.        | 1                      | 22                            | 241                                  | 0.17                             | 0.03                             |
| Madeira        | 1                      | 58                            | 103                                  | 0.16                             | 0.00                             |
| Marquesas      | 1                      | 51                            | 178                                  | 0.13                             | 0.05                             |
| Mascarene Is.  | 2                      | 57                            | 210                                  | 0.15                             | 0.03                             |
| Society Is.    | 3                      | 3                             | 370                                  | 0.16                             | 0.03                             |



Appendix Table 1. Data sources for calculation of representative age and representative precipitation of 97 shield and ocean island volcanoes. ● indicates weakly dissected; Δ indicates substantially dissected; □ indicates razed morphology.

| Volcano Name           | Oldest Reported Age (ka)   | Youngest Reported Age (ka) | Representative Age (ka)              | Maximum Precipitation (m/yr)                     | Minimum Precipitation (m/yr) | Representative Precipitation (m/yr)                     | Maximum Elevation (m) |
|------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Austral Islands</b> |  |                            |                                      |  |                              |   |                       |
| Marotiri<br>Δ          | <b>3500</b><br>[Chauvel et al., 1997]                              | <b>3000</b>                | <b>3250</b><br>Median                |  |                              | <b>1.83</b><br>Average of Tubuai and Rurutu [WMO, 1998] | <b>113</b>            |
| Raivavae<br>Δ          | <b>7500</b><br>[Chauvel et al., 1997]                              | <b>5500</b>                | <b>6500</b><br>Median                |  |                              | <b>1.83</b><br>Average of Tubuai and Rurutu [WMO, 1998] | <b>437</b>            |
| Rapa<br>Δ              | <b>5500</b><br>[Chauvel et al., 1997]                              | <b>3500</b>                | <b>4500</b><br>Median                |  |                              | <b>1.83</b><br>Average of Tubuai and Rurutu [WMO, 1998] | <b>650</b>            |
| Rurutu<br>Δ            | <b>13000</b><br>[Chauvel et al., 1997]                             | <b>1100</b>                | <b>7050</b><br>Median                |  |                              | <b>1.88</b><br>[WMO, 1998] at Rurutu                    | <b>385</b>            |
| Tubuai<br>Δ            | <b>12500</b><br>[Chauvel et al., 1997]                             | <b>8500</b>                | <b>10500</b><br>Median               |  |                              | <b>1.79</b><br>[WMO, 1998] at Tubuai                    | <b>422</b>            |
| <b>Azores</b>          |  |                            |                                      |  |                              |   |                       |
| Corvo<br>●             | <b>1500</b><br>[França et al., 2006]                               | <b>80</b>                  | <b>710</b><br>[Cruz et al., 2010]    |  |                              | <b>1.93</b><br>average value for Azores [Cruz, 2003]    | <b>718</b>            |
| Faial<br>●             | <b>730</b><br>[Siebert and Simkin, 2002-];<br>[Cruz et al., 2010]  | <b>0.05</b>                | <b>365</b><br>Median                 |  |                              | <b>1.93</b><br>average value for Azores [Cruz, 2003]    | <b>1043</b>           |
| Flores<br>Δ            | <b>2160</b><br>[Siebert and Simkin, 2002-];<br>[Cruz et al., 2010] | <b>2.9</b>                 | <b>1081</b><br>Median                |  |                              | <b>2.65</b><br>[Cruz, 2003]                             | <b>914</b>            |
| Fogo<br>●              | <b>180</b><br>[Moore, 1990]; [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]           | <b>0.45</b>                | <b>90</b><br>Median                  | <b>3.00</b><br>[Cruz, 2003]                      | <b>1.00</b>                  | <b>1.72</b><br>[Cruz, 2003]                             | <b>947</b>            |
| Furnas<br>●            | <b>93</b><br>[Moore, 1990]; [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]            | <b>0.38</b>                | <b>47</b><br>Median                  | <b>2.36</b><br>[Cruz et al., 1999]; [Cruz, 2003] | <b>1.00</b>                  | <b>1.72</b><br>[Cruz, 2003]                             | <b>805</b>            |
| Graciosa<br>●          |  |                            | <b>2500</b><br>[Cruz et al., 2010]   |  |                              | <b>0.97</b><br>[Cruz, 2003]                             | <b>402</b>            |
| Nordeste<br>Δ          | <b>4010</b><br>[Cruz, 2003]  | <b>950</b>                 | <b>2480</b><br>Median                | <b>3.00</b><br>[Cruz, 2003]                      | <b>1.00</b>                  | <b>1.72</b><br>[Cruz, 2003]                             | <b>1103</b>           |
| Pico<br>●              | <b>300</b><br>[Cruz and Silva, 2001]; [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]  | <b>0.29</b>                | <b>240</b><br>[Cruz and Silva, 2001] | <b>7.52</b><br>[Cruz and Silva, 2001]            | <b>1.10</b>                  | <b>3.86</b><br>[Cruz and Silva, 2001]                   | <b>2351</b>           |

| Volcano Name          | Oldest Reported Age (ka)                                      | Youngest Reported Age (ka) | Representative Age (ka)  | Maximum Precipitation (m/yr)   | Minimum Precipitation (m/yr) | Representative Precipitation (m/yr)  | Maximum Elevation (m) |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------------|--|--|------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Picos<br>●            | 30<br>[Moore, 1990]; [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]              | 0.36                       | 15<br>Median   | 3.00<br>[Cruz, 2003]   | 1.00                         | 1.72<br>[Cruz, 2003]   | 350                   |
| São Jorge<br>●        | 550<br>[Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]; [Cruz et al., 2010]       | 0.20                       | 275<br>Median  |  |                              | 1.93<br>average value for Azores [Cruz, 2003]  | 1053                  |
| Santa Maria<br>□      |   |                            | 8120<br>[Cruz et al., 2010]                                    |  |                              | 1.93<br>average value for Azores [Cruz, 2003]  | 590                   |
| Sete Cidades<br>●     | 40<br>[Moore, 1990]; [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]              | 0.13                       | 20<br>Median   | 3.00<br>[Cruz, 2003]   | 1.00                         | 1.72<br>[Cruz, 2003]   | 856                   |
| Terceira<br>●         | 2000<br>[Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]; [Cruz et al., 2010]      | 0.01                       | 1000<br>Median   |  |                              | 1.93<br>average value for Azores [Cruz, 2003]  | 1023                  |
| <b>Canary Islands</b> |   |                            |  |  |                              |  |                       |
| El Hierro<br>●        | 1120<br>[Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]; [Menendez et al., 2008]  | 2.56                       | 561<br>Median  |  |                              | 0.27<br>Average for Canary Islands, based on [WMO, 1998] and [Menendez et al., 2008] | 1500                  |
| Gran Canaria<br>Δ     | 14500<br>[Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]; [Menendez et al., 2008] | 1.97                       | 5300<br>Onset of rejuvenated volcanism [Menendez et al., 2008] | 0.80<br>[Menendez et al., 2008]; [WMO, 1998] at Las Palmas de Gran Canaria | 0.12                         | 0.46<br>Median   | 1950                  |
| La Palma<br>Δ         | 1770<br>[Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]; [Menendez et al., 2008]  | 0.04                       | 885<br>Median  |  |                              | 0.27<br>Average for Canary Islands, based on [WMO, 1998] and [Menendez et al., 2008] | 2426                  |
| Lanzarote<br>Δ (●)    | 15500<br>[Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]; [Menendez et al., 2008] | 0.19                       | 7750<br>Median   |  |                              | 0.11<br>[WMO, 1998] at Lanzarote   | 670                   |
| Tenerife<br>Δ         | 11900<br>[Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]; [Clarke et al., 2009]   | 0.10                       | 3500<br>Onset of renewed volcanism [Clarke et al., 2009]       |  |                              | 0.23<br>[WMO, 1998] at Santa Cruz de Tenerife  | 3715                  |

| Volcano Name              | Oldest Reported Age (ka)                                       | Youngest Reported Age (ka) | Representative Age (ka) | Maximum Precipitation (m/yr)                      | Minimum Precipitation (m/yr) | Representative Precipitation (m/yr)                 | Maximum Elevation (m) |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Cape Verde Islands</b> |  |                            |                         |   |                              |   |                       |
| Boa Vista<br>□            | 16630<br>[Dyhr and Holm, 2010]                                 | 4750                       | 10690<br>Median         |   |                              | 0.07<br>Similar to Sal Island, based on [WMO, 1998] | 387                   |
| Brava<br>Δ                | 2900<br>[Madeira et al., 2010]                                 | 240                        | 1570<br>Median          | 1.00<br>[Heilweil et al., 2009]                   | 0.00                         | 0.50<br>Median                                      | 900                   |
| Fogo<br>●                 | 2600<br>[Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]; [R. Ramalho, pers. comm.] | 0.02                       | 1300<br>Median          | 1.00<br>[Heilweil et al., 2009]                   | 0.00                         | 0.50<br>Median                                      | 2829                  |
| Sal Island<br>□           | 26000<br>[Torres et al., 2002]                                 | 1100                       | 13550<br>Median         |   |                              | 0.07<br>[WMO, 1998] at Sal Island                   | 406                   |
| Santiago<br>Δ             | 4600<br>[Holm et al., 2008]                                    | 700                        | 2650<br>Median          | 1.00<br>[Heilweil et al., 2009]                   | 0.00                         | 0.50<br>Median                                      | 1394                  |
| São Nicolau<br>Δ          | 5710<br>[Duprat et al., 2007]; [Ramalho et al., 2010]          | 57.8                       | 2884<br>Median          | 0.68<br>[Heilweil et al., 2009]                   | 0.02                         | 0.35<br>Median                                      | 1340                  |
| São Vicente<br>□          | 9000<br>[Ancochea et al., 2010]                                | 330                        | 4665<br>Median          | 1.00<br>[Heilweil et al., 2009]                   | 0.00                         | 0.50<br>Median                                      | 725                   |
| <b>Easter Island</b>      |  |                            |                         |   |                              |   |                       |
| Poike<br>●                | 2500<br>[Herrera and Custodio, 2008]                           | 800                        | 1650<br>Median          |   |                              | 1.13<br>[Herrera and Custodio, 2008]                | 370                   |
| Rano Kau<br>●             | 2560<br>[Herrera and Custodio, 2008]                           | 180                        | 1370<br>Median          |   |                              | 1.13<br>[Herrera and Custodio, 2008]                | 324                   |
| Terevaka<br>●             | 360<br>[Herrera and Custodio, 2008]                            | 10                         | 185<br>Median           |   |                              | 1.13<br>[Herrera and Custodio, 2008]                | 511                   |
| <b>Galápagos</b>          |  |                            |                         |   |                              |   |                       |
| Alcedo<br>●               | 60.8<br>[Kurz and Geist, 1999]; [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]    | 0.03                       | 30<br>Median            | 1.40<br>Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]* | 0.10                         | 0.57<br>Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*   | 1130                  |
| Cerro Azul<br>●           | 2.9<br>[Kurz and Geist, 1999]; [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]     | 0.003                      | 1<br>Median             | 1.40<br>Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]* | 0.10                         | 0.57<br>Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*   | 1640                  |
| Darwin<br>●               | 1.74<br>[Kurz and Geist, 1999]; [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]    | 0.20                       | 1.0<br>Median           | 1.40<br>Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]* | 0.10                         | 0.52<br>Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*   | 1330                  |

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|-----------------|--|----------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Ecuador ●       | 127  | 0.86                       | 100   | 1.40                                      | 0.10                         | 0.43   | 790                   |
|                 | [Geist et al., 2002]; [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]        |                            | End of shield-building [Geist et al., 2002] | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]* |                              | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*          |                       |
| Fernandina ●    | 1  | 0.002                      | 1   | 1.40                                      | 0.10                         | 0.34   | 1496                  |
|                 | [Kurz and Geist, 1999]; [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]      |                            | Median                                      | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]* |                              | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*          |                       |
| Floreana ●      | 1520   | 26                         | 773   | 1.40                                      | 0.10                         | 0.52   | 640                   |
|                 | [White et al., 1993]; [Kurz and Geist, 1999]             |                            | Median                                      | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]* |                              | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*          |                       |
| Genovesa ●      | 350  | 200                        | 275   | 0.90                                      | 0.10                         | 0.34   | 64                    |
|                 | [Harpp et al., 2002]                                     |                            | Median                                      | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]* |                              | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*          |                       |
| Marchena ●      | 560  | 0.01                       | 108   | 0.50                                      | 0.10                         | 0.25   | 343                   |
|                 | [White et al., 1993]; [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]        |                            | Mode of [White et al., 1993]                | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]* |                              | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*          |                       |
| Pinta ●         | 700  | 0.08                       | 350   | 1.40                                      | 0.10                         | 0.34   | 780                   |
|                 | [Cullen and McBirney, 1987]; [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-] |                            | Median                                      | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]* |                              | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*          |                       |
| Pinzon ●        | 1400   | 930                        | 1165  | 1.40                                      | 0.10                         | 0.61   | 458                   |
|                 | [Swanson et al., 1974]; [White et al., 1993]             |                            | Median                                      | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]* |                              | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*          |                       |
| Rabida ●        | 1060   | 920                        | 990   | 0.50                                      | 0.10                         | 0.25   | 367                   |
|                 | [Swanson et al., 1974]                                   |                            | Median                                      | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]* |                              | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*          |                       |
| San Cristobal ● | 2300   | 600                        | 1450  | 2.00                                      | 0.50                         | 0.91   | 759                   |
|                 | [Geist et al., 1986]                                     |                            | Median                                      | [Adelinet et al., 2008]                   |                              | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*          |                       |
| Santa Cruz ●    | 2000   | 585                        | 1215  | 1.40                                      | 0.28                         | 0.81   | 864                   |
|                 | [Kurz and Geist, 1999]; [Adelinet et al., 2008]          |                            | Average of [White et al., 1993]             | [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]           |                              | Bellavista station [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010] |                       |
| Santa Fe ●      | 2760   | 720                        | 1740  | 0.50                                      | 0.10                         | 0.25   | 260                   |
|                 | [White et al., 1993]                                     |                            | Median                                      | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]* |                              | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*          |                       |
| Santiago ●      | 780  | 0.11                       | 390   | 1.40                                      | 0.10                         | 0.36   | 920                   |
|                 | [Swanson et al., 1974]; [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]      |                            | Median                                      | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]* |                              | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*          |                       |
| Sierra Negra ●  | 10.2   | 0.006                      | 5   | 1.40                                      | 0.10                         | 0.57   | 1124                  |
|                 | [Kurz and Geist, 1999]; [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]      |                            | Median                                      | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]* |                              | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*          |                       |
| Wolf ●          | 173  | 0.03                       | 2   | 1.40                                      | 0.10                         | 0.52   | 1710                  |
|                 | [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]; [Geist et al., 2005]        |                            | Oldest flank lava [Geist et al., 2005]      | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]* |                              | Based on [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]*          |                       |

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| <b>Hawaiian Islands</b> |  |                            |   |                                 |                              |   |                       |
| East Molokai<br>Δ       | 1530<br>[Clague and Moore, 2002]                             | 350                        | 1500<br>[Robinson and Eakins, 2006]                         | 4.06<br>[Fletcher et al., 2002] | 1.02                         | 2.54<br>Median  | 1210                  |
| Haleakala<br>●          | [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]                                  | 0.26                       | 1000<br>[Robinson and Eakins, 2006]                         | 8.38<br>[PRISM, 2012]           | 0.25                         | 4.32<br>Median  | 3055                  |
| Hualalai<br>●           | [J G Moore and Clague, 1992];<br>[Siebert and Simkin, 2002-] | 0.21                       | 130<br>[J G Moore and Clague, 1992]                         | 2.03<br>[PRISM, 2012]           | 0.25                         | 1.14<br>Median  | 2523                  |
| Kahoolawe<br>●          |  |                            | 1000<br>[Robinson and Eakins, 2006]                         |                                 |                              | 0.40<br>1989-2012, station #512558<br>Kahoolawe 499.6,<br><a href="http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cg-i-bin/cliGCStP.pl?hi2558">http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cg-i-bin/cliGCStP.pl?hi2558</a> | 1483                  |
| Kilauea<br>●            | [Rubin et al., 1987]; [Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]            | 0                          | 1<br>[J G Moore and Clague, 1992]                           | 3.05<br>[PRISM, 2012]           | 0.76                         | 1.91<br>Median  | 1222                  |
| Kohala<br>●             | [Lipman and Calvert, 2011]                                   | 60                         | 400<br>[Robinson and Eakins, 2006]                          | 4.06<br>[PRISM, 2012]           | 0.25                         | 2.16<br>Median  | 1670                  |
| Koolau<br>Δ             | [Gripp and Gordon, 2002]                                     | 1830                       | 2600<br>[Robinson and Eakins, 2006]                         | 3.56<br>[PRISM, 2012]           | 0.51                         | 2.03<br>Median  | 945                   |
| Lanai<br>Δ              | [Gripp and Gordon, 2002]                                     | 1240                       | 1300<br>[Robinson and Eakins, 2006]                         | 1.02<br>[Fletcher et al., 2002] | 0.25                         | 0.64<br>Median  | 1026                  |
| Mauna Kea<br>●          | [J G Moore and Clague, 1992];<br>[Siebert and Simkin, 2002-] | 4.47                       | 130<br>[J G Moore and Clague, 1992]                         | 7.62<br>[PRISM, 2012]           | 0.25                         | 3.94<br>Median  | 4205                  |
| Mauna Loa<br>●          | [J G Moore and Clague, 1992];<br>[Siebert and Simkin, 2002-] | 0.03                       | 4<br>[J G Moore and Clague, 1992]                           | 7.62<br>[PRISM, 2012]           | 0.25                         | 3.94<br>Median  | 4170                  |
| Niihau<br>Δ             | [Gripp and Gordon, 2002]                                     | 4890                       | 4900<br>[Robinson and Eakins, 2006]                         | 0.51<br>[PRISM, 2012]           | 0.51                         | 0.51<br>Median  | 390                   |
| Olokele (Kaua'i)<br>Δ   | [Gripp and Gordon, 2002]                                     | 3947                       | 5100<br>[Robinson and Eakins, 2006]                         | 8.38<br>[PRISM, 2012]           | 0.51                         | 4.45<br>Median  | 1593                  |
| Waianae<br>Δ            | [Guillou et al., 2000]                                       | 3930                       | 3080<br>[Guillou et al., 2000]                              | 2.29<br>[PRISM, 2012]           | 0.51                         | 1.40<br>Median  | 1221                  |
| West Maui<br>Δ          | [McDougall, 1964]; [Tagami et al., 2003]                     | 400                        | 600<br>Onset of rejuvenated volcanism [Tagami et al., 2003] | 6.35<br>[PRISM, 2012]           | 0.25                         | 3.30<br>Median  | 1764                  |

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| <b>West Molokai</b><br>●          | <b>1900</b><br>[Clague and Moore, 2002]                           | <b>1720</b>                | <b>1900</b><br>[Robinson and Eakins, 2006]   | <b>0.51</b><br>[Fletcher et al., 2002]                                | <b>0.00</b>                  | <b>0.25</b><br>Median                            | <b>421</b>            |
| <b>Jeju Island</b>                |   |                            |  |   |                              |  |                       |
| <b>Halla</b><br>●                 | <b>1200</b><br>[Siebert and Simkin, 2002-];<br>[Won et al., 2006] | <b>1.0</b>                 | <b>601</b><br>Median   | <b>3.40</b><br>[Won et al., 2006]                                     | <b>1.20</b>                  | <b>1.98</b><br>[Won et al., 2006]                | <b>1950</b>           |
| <b>Madeira</b>                    |   |                            |  |   |                              |  |                       |
| <b>Madeira</b><br>Δ               | <b>5200</b><br>[Prada et al., 2005]                               | <b>6</b>                   | <b>2603</b><br>Median  | <b>2.97</b><br>[Prada et al., 2005]; [WMO, 1998] at Funchal           | <b>0.64</b>                  | <b>1.80</b><br>Median                            | <b>1862</b>           |
| <b>Marquesas</b>                  |   |                            |  |   |                              |  |                       |
| <b>Hiva Oa</b><br>Δ               | <b>2480</b><br>[Duncan and McDougall, 1974]                       | <b>1580</b>                | <b>2030</b><br>Median  |   |                              | <b>1.42</b><br>[WMO, 1998] at Atuona,<br>Hiva Oa | <b>1213</b>           |
| <b>Ua Pou</b><br>Δ                | <b>5610</b><br>[Duncan et al., 1986]                              | <b>1800</b>                | <b>3705</b><br>Median  |   |                              | <b>1.42</b><br>[WMO, 1998] at Atuona,<br>Hiva Oa | <b>1230</b>           |
| <b>Mascarene Islands</b>          |   |                            |  |   |                              |  |                       |
| <b>Mauritius</b><br>Δ             | <b>7800</b><br>[McDougall and Chamalaun, 1969]                    | <b>170</b>                 | <b>3450</b><br>Onset of younger volcanic series<br>[McDougall and Chamalaun, 1969] |   |                              | <b>1.79</b><br>[WMO, 1998] at Plaisance          | <b>828</b>            |
| <b>Piton de la Fournaise</b><br>● | <b>500</b><br>[Join et al., 2005]                                 | <b>5</b>                   | <b>253</b><br>Median   | <b>10.96</b><br>[Violette et al., 1997]                               | <b>0.90</b>                  | <b>4.15</b><br>[Violette et al., 1997]           | <b>2632</b>           |
| <b>Piton des Neiges</b><br>Δ      | <b>3000</b><br>[Louvat and Allegre, 1997]                         | <b>30</b>                  | <b>1515</b><br>Median  | <b>7.00</b><br>[Louvat and Allegre, 1997];<br>[Violette et al., 1997] | <b>0.90</b>                  | <b>3.95</b><br>Median                            | <b>3069</b>           |
| <b>Rodrigues</b><br>Δ             | <b>1540</b><br>[McDougall et al., 1965]                           | <b>1320</b>                | <b>1430</b><br>Median  |   |                              | <b>1.12</b><br>[WMO, 1998] at Rodrigues          | <b>398</b>            |
| <b>Oregon Cascades</b>            |   |                            |  |   |                              |  |                       |
| <b>Belknap Crater</b><br>●        | <b>3.262</b><br>[Sherrod et al., 2004]                            | <b>1.3</b>                 | <b>2</b><br>Median   |   |                              | <b>2.61</b><br>[PRISM, 2012]**                   | <b>2095</b>           |
| <b>Black Butte</b><br>●           |   |                            | <b>1430</b><br>[Sherrod et al., 2004]  |   |                              | <b>0.93</b><br>[PRISM, 2012]**                   | <b>1962</b>           |
| <b>Little Brother</b><br>Δ        | <b>153.4</b><br>[Schmidt and Grunder, 2009]                       | <b>47.6</b>                | <b>101</b><br>Median   |   |                              | <b>2.50</b><br>[PRISM, 2012]**                   | <b>2380</b>           |
| <b>Mt. Bachelor</b><br>●          | <b>12.5</b><br>[Sherrod et al., 2004]                             | <b>7.7</b>                 | <b>10</b><br>Median  |   |                              | <b>1.57</b><br>[PRISM, 2012]**                   | <b>2764</b>           |

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| <b>Mt. McLouglin</b><br>●       | <b>125</b><br>Based on regional map units<br>[ <i>Sherrod and Smith, 2000</i> ]         | <b>25</b>                               | <b>75</b><br>Median                                    |                                       |                              | <b>1.63</b><br>[ <i>PRISM, 2012</i> ]**  | <b>2894</b>           |
| <b>North Sister</b><br>Δ        | <b>500.8</b><br>[ <i>Schmidt and Grunder, 2009</i> ]                                    | <b>55</b>                               | <b>182</b><br>[ <i>Schmidt and Grunder, 2009</i> ]     |                                       |                              | <b>2.20</b><br>[ <i>PRISM, 2012</i> ]**  | <b>3074</b>           |
| <b>Scott Mtn.</b><br>●          |   |   | <b>35</b><br>[ <i>Jefferson et al., 2010</i> ]         |                                       |                              | <b>2.51</b><br>[ <i>PRISM, 2012</i> ]**  | <b>1859</b>           |
| <b>Squaw Back Ridge</b><br>●    |   |   | <b>2900</b><br>[ <i>Sherrod et al., 2004</i> ]         |                                       |                              | <b>0.51</b><br>[ <i>PRISM, 2012</i> ]**  | <b>1408</b>           |
| <b>Three Fingered Jack</b><br>Δ | <b>140</b><br>Based on glacial till stratigraphy<br>[ <i>Sherrod et al., 2004</i> ]     | <b>20</b>                               | <b>80</b><br>Median                                    |                                       |                              | <b>2.45</b><br>[ <i>PRISM, 2012</i> ]**  | <b>2391</b>           |
| <b>Tumalo Mtn.</b><br>●         | <b>150</b><br>Based on glacial till stratigraphy<br>[ <i>Sherrod et al., 2004</i> ]     | <b>18</b>                               | <b>84</b><br>Median                                    |                                       |                              | <b>1.63</b><br>[ <i>PRISM, 2012</i> ]**  | <b>2371</b>           |
| <b>Samoa</b>                    |   |   |  |                                       |                              |  |                       |
| <b>Ofu &amp; Olosega</b><br>●   | <b>560</b><br>[ <i>Siebert and Simkin, 2002-</i> ];<br>[ <i>Koppers et al., 2011</i> ]  | <b>0.15</b>                             | <b>310</b><br>[ <i>McDougall, 2010</i> ]               | <b>4.19</b><br>[ <i>PRISM, 2012</i> ] | <b>3.43</b>                  | <b>3.81</b><br>Median  | <b>639</b>            |
| <b>Savai'i</b><br>●             | <b>5290</b><br>[ <i>Siebert and Simkin, 2002-</i> ];<br>[ <i>Koppers et al., 2011</i> ] | <b>0.1</b>                              | <b>253</b><br>Average of<br>[ <i>McDougall, 2010</i> ] |                                       |                              | <b>2.97</b><br>1971-2000 nationwide normal,<br><a href="http://www.mnre.gov.ws/meteorology/Education/climate.htm">http://www.mnre.gov.ws/meteorology/Education/climate.htm</a> | <b>1858</b>           |
| <b>Ta'u</b><br>●                |   | <b>20</b><br>[ <i>McDougall, 2010</i> ] | <b>50</b><br>[ <i>McDougall, 2010</i> ]                | <b>7.62</b><br>[ <i>PRISM, 2012</i> ] | <b>3.30</b>                  | <b>5.46</b><br>Median  | <b>931</b>            |
| <b>Tutuila</b><br>Δ             | <b>1540</b><br>[ <i>McDougall, 1985</i> ]   | <b>1010</b>                             | <b>1260</b><br>[ <i>McDougall, 2010</i> ]              | <b>6.60</b><br>[ <i>PRISM, 2012</i> ] | <b>2.41</b>                  | <b>4.51</b><br>Median  | <b>653</b>            |
| <b>Upolu</b><br>Δ               | <b>2780</b><br>[ <i>McDougall, 2010</i> ]; [ <i>Koppers et al., 2011</i> ]              | <b>220</b>                              | <b>2150</b><br>[ <i>McDougall, 2010</i> ]              |                                       |                              | <b>2.97</b><br>1971-2000 nationwide normal,<br><a href="http://www.mnre.gov.ws/meteorology/Education/climate.htm">http://www.mnre.gov.ws/meteorology/Education/climate.htm</a> | <b>1100</b>           |

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| <b>Society Islands</b>            |   |                            |                                  |   |                              |   |                       |
| <b>Bora Bora</b><br>Δ             | <b>4010</b><br>[Guillou et al., 2005]; [Uto et al., 2007]         | <b>3100</b>                | <b>3555</b><br>Median            | <b>8.50</b><br>Similar to Tahiti, based on [Hildenbrand et al., 2005]; [WMO, 1998] at Bora Bora | <b>1.91</b>                  | <b>5.20</b><br>Median   | <b>727</b>            |
| <b>Huahine</b><br>Δ               | <b>3190</b><br>[Uto et al., 2007]                                 | <b>2020</b>                | <b>2605</b><br>Median            |   |                              | <b>5.13</b><br>Similar to Tahiti, based on [Hildenbrand et al., 2005] and [WMO, 1998] | <b>669</b>            |
| <b>Maupiti</b><br>Δ               | <b>4610</b><br>[Guillou et al., 2005]; [Uto et al., 2007]         | <b>4200</b>                | <b>4405</b><br>Median            |   |                              | <b>5.13</b><br>Similar to Tahiti, based on [Hildenbrand et al., 2005] and [WMO, 1998] | <b>380</b>            |
| <b>Mehetia</b><br>●               | <b>300</b><br>[Siebert and Simkin, 2002-]; [Guillou et al., 2005] | <b>2</b>                   | <b>151</b><br>Median             |   |                              | <b>5.13</b><br>Similar to Tahiti, based on [Hildenbrand et al., 2005] and [WMO, 1998] | <b>435</b>            |
| <b>Moorea</b><br>Δ                | <b>1700</b><br>[Guillou et al., 2005]                             | <b>1360</b>                | <b>1530</b><br>Median            |   |                              | <b>5.13</b><br>Similar to Tahiti, based on [Hildenbrand et al., 2005] and [WMO, 1998] | <b>1207</b>           |
| <b>Raiatea</b><br>Δ               | <b>2770</b><br>[Guillou et al., 2005]; [Uto et al., 2007]         | <b>2440</b>                | <b>2605</b><br>Median            |   |                              | <b>5.13</b><br>Similar to Tahiti, based on [Hildenbrand et al., 2005] and [WMO, 1998] | <b>1017</b>           |
| <b>Tahaa</b><br>Δ                 | <b>3240</b><br>[Uto et al., 2007]                                 | <b>2570</b>                | <b>2905</b><br>Median            |   |                              | <b>5.13</b><br>Similar to Tahiti, based on [Hildenbrand et al., 2005] and [WMO, 1998] | <b>590</b>            |
| <b>Tahiti</b><br>Δ                | <b>1400</b><br>[Hildenbrand et al., 2004]                         | <b>250</b>                 | <b>825</b><br>Median             | <b>8.50</b><br>[Hildenbrand et al., 2005]; [WMO, 2010] at Faa'a, Tahiti                         | <b>1.76</b>                  | <b>5.13</b><br>Median   | <b>2241</b>           |
| <b>Taiarapu (Tahiti-Iti)</b><br>Δ |   |                            | <b>510</b><br>[Uto et al., 2007] |   |                              | <b>3.59</b><br>[WMO, 1998] at Tautiri, Tahiti   | <b>1306</b>           |

\* Estimated based on vegetation zonation and precipitation-vegetation relationships described in [Trueman and d'Ozouville, 2010]. Representative precipitation is calculated from the sum of the precipitation in each zone multiplied by the fraction of the island covered by that zone.

\*\* [PRISM, 2012] for 1971-2000 normal for 800 m cell covering volcano summit



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