

1 **A database of radiogenic Sr-Nd isotopes at the “three poles”**

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19 **Abstract:** The radiogenic isotope compositions of strontium (Sr) and neodymium (Nd)
20 on the surface of the Earth are powerful tools for tracing dust sources and sinks on
21 Earth’s surface. To differentiate between the spatial variabilities of aeolian dust
22 sources in key cryospheric regions at the three poles (including the ‘Third Pole’
23 covering the high mountainous area in Asia, the Arctic and Antarctica), a dataset of
24 the Sr-Nd isotopic compositions from the terrestrial extremely cold or arid
25 environments in this study was compiled, similar to the method of Blanchet (2019).

26 The database identified snow, ice, sand, soil (loess), sediment, and rock from the
27 modern and Quaternary periods of the three poles based on 90 different references and
28 our own measurement data, with a total of 1989 data points, 206 data points with
29 different grain sizes and 209 data points with fraction measurements. There are 485
30 data points from the Third Pole, 727 data points from the Arctic, and 777 data points
31 from the Antarctica. The sampling and measurement methods of these data are
32 introduced. For each pole, geographical coordinates and other information are
33 provided. The main scientific purpose of this dataset is to provide collective
34 documentation and our own measurements for the Sr-Nd dataset, which will be useful
35 for determining the sources and transport pathways of dust in snow and ice, river, and
36 oceans at the three poles, and to investigate whether multiple dust sources are present
37 at each of the poles. This dataset provides exhaustive detailed documentation of the
38 isotopic signatures at the three poles during specific time intervals of the Quaternary
39 period, which are useful for understanding the sources or sinks of aeolian dust or
40 sediments at the three poles. The datasets are available from the National Tibetan
41 Plateau Data Center (<https://doi.org/10.11888/Cryos.tpd.c.272100>, Du et al., 2022).

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43 Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets, Dust provenances.

44 **1. Introduction**

45 The role of mineral dust in the Earth system extends well beyond its impact on
46 the energy balance and involves interactions with the carbon cycle and glacier melting
47 on global scales (Skiles et al., 2018; Shao et al., 2011). The transport of dust from the
48 low mid-latitudes, which contain major deserts that are dust sources, to the Arctic
49 region or AIS is sensitive to amplified high-latitude climatic variability (Bory et al.,
50 2003a; Bory et al., 2003b; Lupker et al., 2010; Lambert et al., 2013; Struve et al.,

51 2020). The isotopic compositions of the radiogenic isotopes strontium (Sr) and
52 neodymium (Nd) are powerful tools for tracing dust sources and sinks because their
53 characteristics are significantly different on the surface of the Earth (including snow,
54 sand, sediment, loess and aeolian deposits) (Grousset et al., 2005; Chen et al., 2007;
55 Xu et al., 2012; Robinson et al., 2021). Therefore, the combination of different
56 isotopic signatures, specifically $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ (expressed as $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$), has
57 proven to be useful in discriminating different dust source areas in Earth science.

58 The transport of aeolian dust from natural desert regions has also been identified
59 in modern snow and ice records at the third pole based on Sr-Nd data (Wu et al., 2010;
60 Xu et al., 2012; Du et al., 2015; Dong et al., 2018). Many studies have focused on
61 dust transport from the western Chinese deserts to the Chinese loess plateau (CLP),
62 Pacific Ocean and even the Greenland ice sheet (GrIS) (Biscaye et al., 1997; Chen et
63 al., 2007; Wei et al., 2021). However, it is still a controversial issue; for example,
64 recent results have emphasized that aeolian dust from local sources contributes
65 significantly to high mountain glaciers (Du et al., 2019a; Wei et al., 2021). And
66 aeolian dust from various source regions, including the Saharan Desert in North
67 Africa and the Gobi and Taklimakan Deserts in Asia, is transported to the Greenland
68 snow and ice, and there are still great uncertainties (Han et al., 2018).

69 The Sr-Nd data in snow layers at the Berkner Island ice sheet in western
70 Antarctica, for most of the year, are data support scenarios that involve contributions
71 from proximal sources (Bory et al., 2010). The Sr-Nd data from insoluble dust in
72 snow samples from East Antarctica indicate that long-distance natural dust primarily
73 originates from Australia and that local dust originates from ice-free areas (Du et al.,
74 2018). The Sr-Nd data in the Taylor Glacier zero-age ice samples and snow samples
75 from Roosevelt Island could be a mixture of at least two local sources (Winton et al.,

76 2016; Aarons et al., 2017). The Sr-Nd data from East Antarctica ice cores during the
77 Holocene indicate a well-mixed atmospheric background involving a mixture of two
78 or more sources in the Southern Hemisphere (SH) (Aarons et al., 2016, 2017;
79 Delmonte et al., 2019). The amount of isotopic information is currently adequate for
80 Patagonian and non-Patagonian mineral dust exported from southern South America
81 and the East Antarctic ice sheet (EAIS) (Grousset et al., 1992; Gaiero et al., 2007;
82 Delmonte et al., 2010a, b, 2019; Delmonte et al., 2013; Blakowski et al., 2016; Aarons
83 et al., 2017). Major efforts have attempted to solve the ‘puzzle’ of the origin of the
84 potential source areas that contribute dust to the Southern Ocean (SO) and the whole
85 Antarctic Ice Sheet (AIS) (Gili et al., 2021). However, Sr-Nd data in the entire AIS
86 have an uneven distribution. Measuring Sr-Nd stable isotopic compositions in ice
87 cores from Antarctica is a major challenge.

88 As much Sr-Nd data were measured, these data characteristics and measurement
89 methods, which is necessary to reassess these data on the dust sources in these remote
90 regions. Therefore, the amounts of Sr-Nd data measured in snow, soil, sediment, sand
91 and other samples should be integrated into a dataset to better serve the environmental
92 and climatic sciences studying the third regions in the future. The answers to these
93 questions have been hindered by a paucity of Sr-Nd data, which provide information
94 on the local and potential dust sources. For these reasons, we measured Sr-Nd data in
95 some samples and collected Sr-Nd data in the literature at the three poles (Fig. 1,
96 Table 1). Therefore, the objective of this work was to produce a compilation of
97 published and unpublished data from the three poles, and the specific time intervals of
98 Sr-Nd data were limited to the Quaternary period. As an example, the modern dust
99 (Holocene) in snow or ice and sediment sample contributions from the three poles
100 were further discussed, and the potential dust transport paths in Greenland and

101 Antarctic ice sheets were traced. Similar to the method of Blanchet (2019), here, we
102 compile published and unpublished Sr-Nd data with an integrated filtering system
103 from three remote poles, in which these data were collected in extremely cold or arid
104 environments, and most of the data were not included in the previous dataset. The
105 dataset will help trace modern natural dust, reconstruct past environments, and extend
106 the database of terrestrial and marine radiogenic Sr and Nd isotope data in the Earth
107 and environmental sciences.

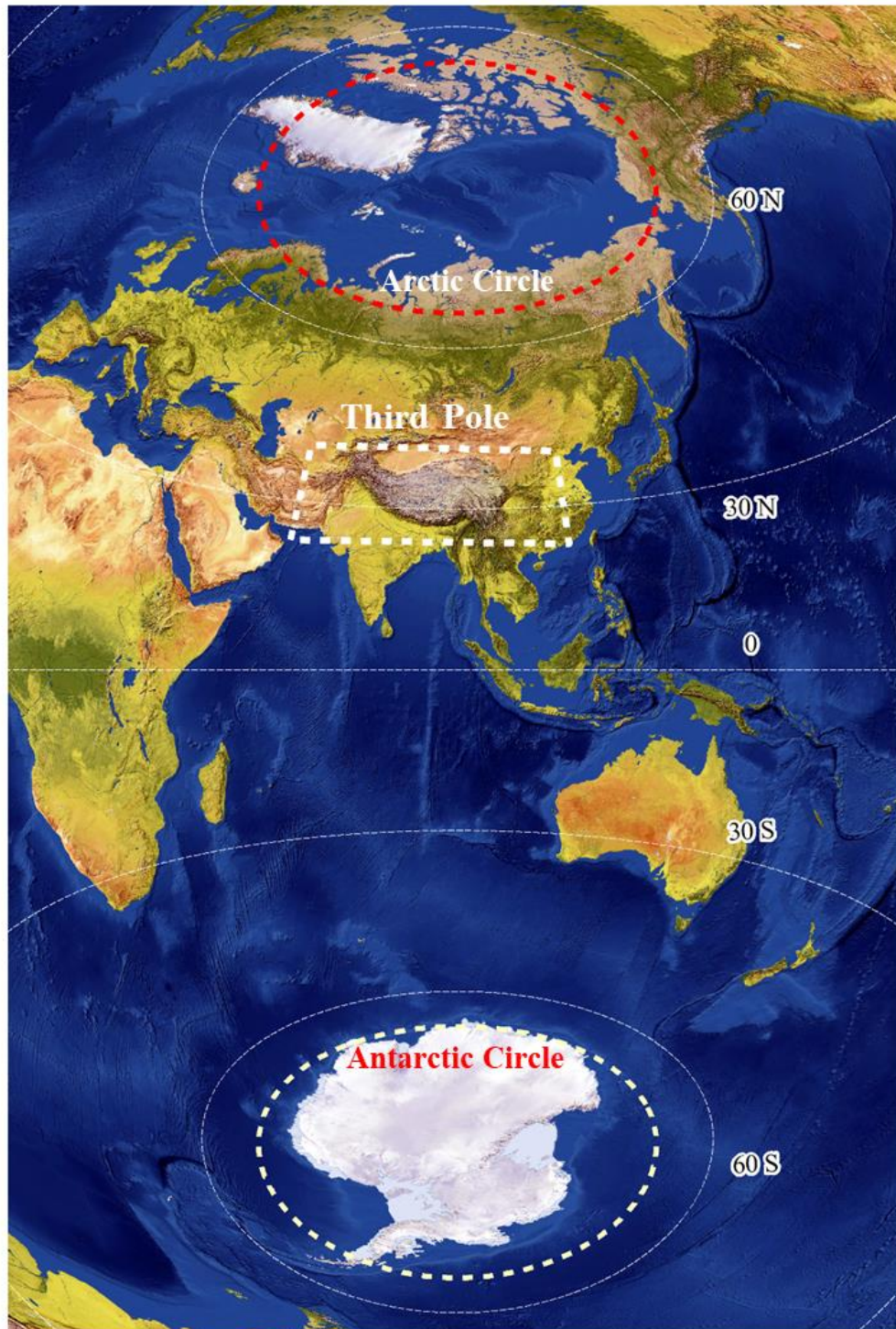
108 **2. Sample measurement and data processing**

109 **2.1 Sample collection and measurement**

110 Sr-Nd data in snow, sand, soil, cryoconite, loess and sediment samples were
111 collected from our own research and literature from three poles (the ‘Third Pole’
112 covering the high mountainous area in Asia, the Arctic and Antarctica) (Fig. 1). Sr-Nd
113 data in the Third Pole cover the area of 40 ° to 23 °N and 106 ° to 61 °E and included
114 data from arid deserts and mountains in northern China (Fig. 2). Sr-Nd data in the
115 Arctic from the high Arctic to the sub-Arctic areas, and Sr-Nd data in Antarctica refer
116 to the area including the entire Antarctic continent, the AIS, and the Antarctic
117 Peninsula (>60 °S). Sr-Nd data were collected from Australia, southern South America
118 (SSA), southern Africa (SA) and New Zealand (Fig. 1). The cryoconite samples
119 indicate that the mixtures and/or aggregates of these biotic and abiotic impurities on
120 glacial ice, were collected at different elevations in glaciers (Table 2). Note that the
121 Sr-Nd data from the snow, ice core, surface aeolian dust, deposit samples, and the
122 ages of these samples are almost all less than one million. Therefore, the ages of
123 Sr-Nd data are limited to the Quaternary period in this dataset.

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128 Fig. 1. Map of the sampling regions in the three poles (Third Pole: data were collected
 129 in the area of 40° to 23° N and 106° to 61° E, Li et al., 2020; Arctic: from the high
 130 Arctic to the sub-Arctic areas, data were collected $>60^{\circ}$ N in this region); and

131 Antarctica: data were collected $>60^{\circ}\text{S}$ in this region, which are indicated with
132 different coloured circles) in this study (The background of this figure is from
133 ArcGIS).

134 Two sand samples from Kangerlussuaq, West Greenland were collected. Four
135 sand samples collected on King George Island and eleven sand samples collected on
136 Inexpressible Island in the Ross Sea, West Antarctica, were measured in this study. In
137 general, the upper 2 or 5 cm of surface topsoil (sand) was collected with a trowel and
138 stored in precleaned plastic bags or bottles. The sediment samples from shelves and
139 ridges in the Arctic Ocean (AO), which were mostly retrieved from core archives,
140 were subsampled in the upper surface of the core tops (with rare exceptions) (Maccali
141 et al., 2018). Different grain sizes ($<5\ \mu\text{m}$, $<10\ \mu\text{m}$, $30\ \mu\text{m}$, $<63\ \mu\text{m}$, $<75\ \mu\text{m}$ and <100
142 μm fractions and bulk) of surface soil or sand were extracted by the sieving method
143 (Chen et al., 2007; Maccali et al., 2018; Du et al., 2018, 2019a, b; Wei et al., 2021).

144 Snow samples were collected from the snowpit at a vertical resolution of 5–20
145 cm, following the clean-hands protocol with sampling personnel wearing integral
146 Tyvek[®] bodysuits, nonpowdered gloves and masks to avoid possible contamination
147 (Xu et al., 2012). In this study, one 1.0 m snowpit with a resolution of 10 cm was dug
148 in the East Greenland ice sheet (GrIS), and four fresh snow samples (M1, M2, M3 and
149 M4) were sampled on sea ice in the Arctic Ocean (AO) during fulfil mission of the
150 Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate (MOSAIC) in
151 October 2020. Surface fresh snow (2–10 cm) samples at different resolutions (with
152 different thicknesses, widths and lengths) in Greenland and Antarctica ice sheets were
153 excavated and placed in 5 L Whirl-Pak bags (Du et al., 2018; Du et al., 2019a, b).
154 Three horizontal snow layers were collected for Greenland and Antarctica snowpits
155 (Bory et al., 2003b; Bory et al., 2010). The dust in the ice core was extracted using the

156 same method as that for the snow samples. Snow or ice core samples are nearly bulk
157 samples or have different grain sizes ($>0.2\ \mu\text{m}$, $> 0.45\ \mu\text{m}$, $> 0.45\ \mu\text{m}$ and $<30\ \mu\text{m}$)
158 (Du et al., 2015, 2019b; Bory et al., 2003 a, b; Bory et al., 2010; Lupker et al., 2010;
159 Wu et al., 2010).

160 **2.2 Data processing**

161 Sr-Nd isotope datasets from snow, ice cores, sand, sediment, soil and loess
162 samples from the Third Pole, Arctic and Antarctica were compiled. Data were
163 collected from 90 different references with 2844 data points. In total, 485 data points
164 were collected from the Third Pole, 727 data points were collected from the Arctic,
165 and 777 data points were collected from the Antarctica. In addition, 259 data points
166 were collected from the Pan-third pole, and 181 data points were included from the
167 potential source areas (PSAs) of SH. Details of geographical coordinates and original
168 information can be found in this dataset, and the locations of these samples are shown
169 on maps. To keep the naming scheme uniform, the dataset assembled the names of
170 each sample based on the work by Blanchet (2019). This dataset was built by
171 incorporating data from the literature and our own database; in particular, units,
172 source or sink and geographical coordinates are marked in the dataset. Note that the
173 Sr-Nd data whether represent source or sink information, which need determine based
174 on the detail depositional environment or distribution. For examples, the loess
175 samples from the CLP represent the sink, which it also represent the dust source for
176 the Pacific Ocean. Therefore, these samples were marked with mixture. And the
177 sediment samples from the coast of SO or AO (Rivers or Dune sand) were also
178 marked with mixture. An overview of the input data is shown in Table 1. The study
179 focuses on the large amounts of different data, including data on snow, ice, sand, soil,
180 loess, sediment, etc. The data are based on our own measurements, author

181 contributions (data published) and literature searches.

182 All subsequent procedures were performed in clean lab facilities. The sand, loess,
183 sediment, cryoconite and dust extracted from snow or ice cores were generally
184 digested with ultrapure acid (HNO₃, HF and HClO₄ or HNO₃, HF and HCl), and
185 ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr and ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd ratios were determined by the different types of
186 thermoionization mass spectrometry or multiple collector inductively coupled
187 plasma-mass spectrometry. Sr-Nd values, with uncertainties expressed as $\pm 2\sigma \times 10^{-6}$ (2
188 standard errors of the mean), can also be found in the original references. The
189 ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd isotopic composition is expressed as:

190 $\epsilon_{Nd}(0) = ((^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd)_{Sample}/(^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd)_{CHUR}-1) \times 10^4$, where (¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd)_{CHUR}
191 = 0.512638, where CHUR stands for chondritic uniform reservoir and represents a
192 present-day average Earth value (¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd)_{CHUR}=0.512638 (Jacobsen &
193 Wasserburg 1980).

194 **3. Data descriptions**

195 **3.1. Reliability assessment for the differences in Sr-Nd based on grain sizes,** 196 **lithogenic and measuring methods**

197 The grain size effect in different samples resulted in ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr ratio and $\epsilon_{Nd}(0)$
198 variations. For surface aeolian sand and marine sediment samples, the variations in
199 size-separated ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr values are slightly affected by grain size (Chen et al., 2007;
200 Tütken et al., 2002). The Sr isotope ratios in loess from the CLP tended to be higher in
201 the fine fraction and were much higher in the <2 μm fraction than in other coarser
202 fractions (Rao et al., 2006). However, the variations in the ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr isotopic ratios in
203 alpine soils of the Tibetan Plateau are not clearly related to the carbonate effect and
204 grain size effect (Lin and Feng, 2015). $\epsilon_{Nd}(0)$ values clearly exhibits the grain
205 size-dependent variability, because $\epsilon_{Nd}(0)$ values seem not to be fractionated between

206 mineralogically different grain-size fractions during the sedimentary cycle (Tütken et
207 al., 2002; Xie et al., 2020). While a substantial proportion of Sr-Nd isotope values
208 showed enrichment in the coarse-grained fraction ($< 63 \mu\text{m}$, $30\text{--}63 \mu\text{m}$, $10\text{--}30 \mu\text{m}$ and
209 $< 10 \mu\text{m}$) (Xie et al., 2020). Within the isotopically diverse Indus delta sediment, bulk
210 isotopic compositions are estimated to deviate on average no than $\pm 1.04 \epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$ units and
211 ± 0.0099 for $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values for any sediment as a result of mineralogy, grain size
212 distribution, and analytical error (Jonell et al., 2018)..

213 The $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ signatures of the lithic fraction of the sediments are taken as a robust
214 circulation and hydrologic proxies applicable because of its different origins across
215 timescales (Revel et al., 1996; Abbott et al., 2022). However, Sr-Nd isotope ratios in
216 the lithogenic sediment fraction represent a complex mixture (Meinhardt et al., 2016;
217 Bayon et al., 2021). The widespread influence of lithogenically sourced neodymium
218 on authigenic $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ had been demonstrated. Such as, there is a strong linear
219 relationship between detrital $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ and authigenic $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ ($r=0.86$, $n=871$). Therefore,
220 the sediment characteristics and detrital isotope records should be considered when
221 used $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ data (Abbott et al., 2022). The different acid leaching methods also have
222 an effect on the Sr-Nd isotopic composition in the silt and clay fractions in marine
223 sediments (Walter et al., 2000). Loess samples from the CLP and cryoconites
224 (including surface dust) from high mountain glaciers had obviously higher $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$
225 ratios after acid treatment than before (Rao et al., 2016; Nagatsuka et al., 2010,
226 Nagatsuka et al., 2019). In addition, $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ of the leachable in the surface sediment
227 samples implied the North Atlantic deep water circulation pattern. Sr-Nd data in
228 Fe–Mn fractions of marine sediments can be used in paleoceanography to infer
229 transportation of terrigenous material and changes in bottom-water circulation (Bayon
230 et al., 2002; Asahara et al., 2012).

231 Therefore, assuming that Sr-Nd data in different media in this dataset were used
232 for interpreting Sr-Nd isotope compositions in terms of provenance and
233 paleoceanography, the grain sizes, lithogenic and measurement methods on these
234 isotopic data must be considered for better illustration using these data.

235 **3.2 The Sr-Nd data characteristics of glaciers at the Third Pole**

236 Table 2 and Fig. 2 provide an overview of the information (the serial number of
237 glaciers; sub-regions; glacier name; name of the sampling site where the samples were
238 taken; sample type, age, elevation; longitude and latitude and elevation) from the
239 Third Pole. The dust in snow or ice in the Third Pole absolutely originates from PSAs,
240 therefore, Sr-Nd data in these samples represents the characteristics of sinks. And
241 Sr-Nd data from the local or arid deserts sand or soil represents the characteristics of
242 PSAs. As an example, the isotopic signatures in insoluble dust of these snow/ice
243 (sinks) from the Third Pole can be traced that which originate from the possible PSAs
244 based on those Sr-Nd data and geographic characteristics in sand (soil) samples from
245 the local exposed bedrock and long-distance dust transport of arid deserts. The same
246 Sr-Nd measurement methods were used in these snow samples (Xu et al., 2012; Du et
247 al., 2015, 2019a; Dong et al., 2018, Wei et al., 2019, 2021), and a similar
248 measurement method was used in those sand or surface dust samples (Chen et al.,
249 2007; Nagatsuka et al., 2010). The data results seem to remain fully consistent with
250 these references.

251 The sorting criteria for determining PSAs based on mountains and glaciers
252 distribution, geographic features and isotopic values (snow or ice from the Third Pole
253 glaciers, sand (soil) from local and arid deserts), six isotopic sub-regions across the
254 entire Third Pole were divided as follows (Fig. 2):

255 Region I: Samples from glaciers located in the Altai Mountains include snow

256 samples from Musidao glacier and Altay, and sand samples from the Gurbantunggut
257 Desert, with $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values from -6.6 to -1.2 and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values ranging from
258 0.705483 to 0.71480. The highest $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values were observed in this region (Chen et
259 al., 2007; Xu et al., 2012; Du et al., 2019a).

260 Region II: Samples from the glaciers on the northern margin of the TP include
261 snow samples from the Tianshan Mountains (Tianshan No. 1 glacier and Miaoergou
262 ice cap) and Kunlun Mountains (Muztagata), as well as sand samples from the
263 Taklimakan Desert, with $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values from -11.8 to -6.9 and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values from
264 0.70842 to 0.728641 (Chen et al., 2007; Nagatsuka et al., 2010; Du et al., 2015; Xu et
265 al., 2012; Wei et al., 2019).

266 Region III: The Sr-Nd isotopic characteristics of the glaciers and sand/soil in the
267 interior of the TP include $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values ranging from -10.5 to -8.6 and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values
268 from 0.713192 to 0.721786 (Xu et al., 2012; Du et al., 2019a; Wei et al., 2021).

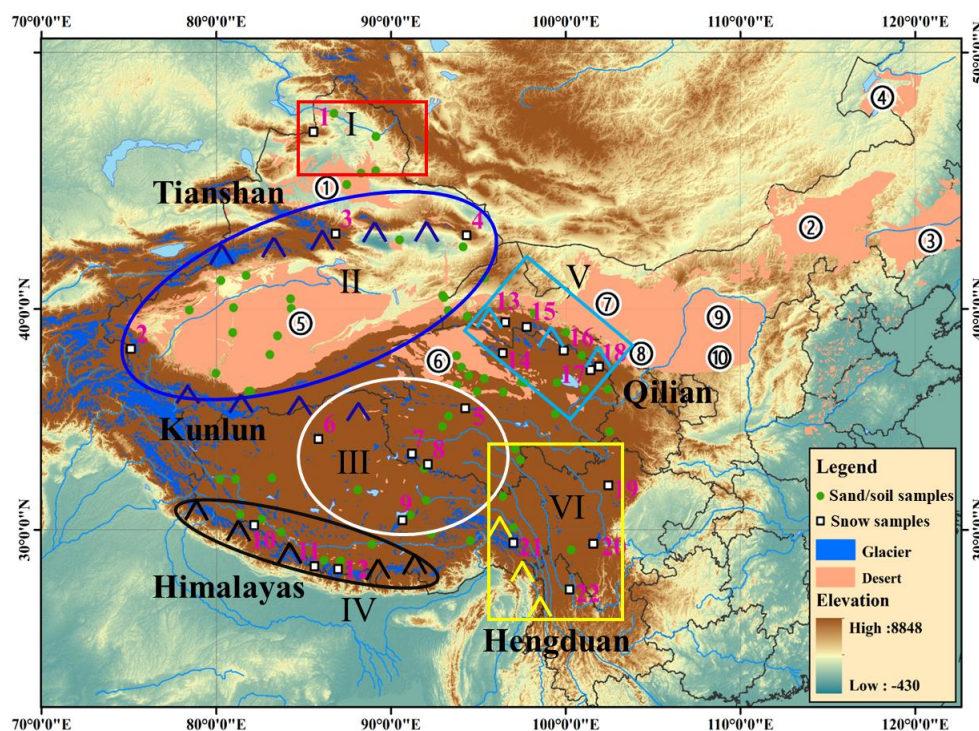
269 Region IV: The Sr-Nd isotope data from snow and sand (soil) samples from
270 glaciers in the Himalayan Mountains (East Rongbuk, Jiemayangzong and Yala)
271 include $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values ranging from -28.1 to -10.5 and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values ranging from
272 0.724542 to 0.757407 (Xu et al., 2012; Wei et al., 2021).

273 Region V: Samples from the glaciers in the Qilian Mountains include snow
274 samples from the Qilian Mountains and sand (soil and loess) samples from the Hexi
275 Corridor, with $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values from -15.7 to -7.0 and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values from 0.712349 to
276 0.73211 (Wei et al., 2017; Dong et al., 2018). The $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values have an increasing
277 trend along the Hexi Corridor from west to east: -15.7--12.9 for Laohugou No. 12
278 glacier (local soil: -13.6), -13.7--8.58 for Qiyi, -13.8--13.6 for Shiyi glacier (local
279 soil: -13.8--13.6), -12.1--12.0 for Dabanshan snowpack, and -10.9--7.0 for
280 Lenglongling glacier (Fig. 2, Dong et al., 2018). It is very clear that, based on local

281 soil data, regional dust makes a significant contribution to these glaciers.

282 Region VI: Samples from the glaciers in the eastern TP include snow and soil
283 samples from the Hengduan Mountains, with $\epsilon_{Nd}(0)$ values from -17.1 to -10.1 and
284 $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ values from 0.717145 to 0.735863 (Xu et al., 2012; Dong et al., 2018).

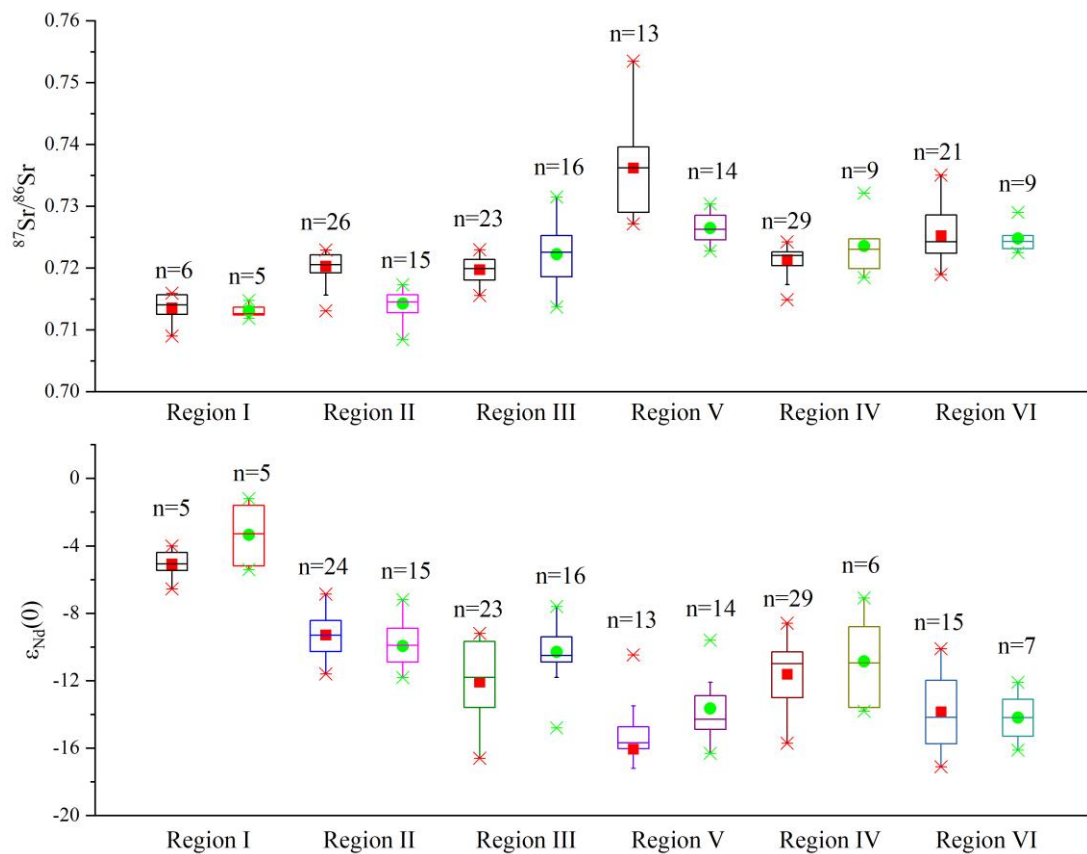
285 There is an increasing $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ trend from north (region I) to south (region V),
286 and there is a decreasing $\epsilon_{Nd}(0)$ trend from north (region I) to south (region V). The
287 maximum $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ ratios and minimum $\epsilon_{Nd}(0)$ values were observed in region V (Fig.
288 3). The Sr-Nd data in the Third Pole have relatively narrow ranges with distinct
289 features, while the largest uncertainty was observed from Region IV (Fig. 3).



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291 Fig. 2. The glacier and desert distributions in western China (the different coloured
292 oval and rectangular shapes represent six sub-regions (PSAs and glaciers) (Tianshan,
293 Kunlun, Qilian, Himalayas and Hengduan Mountains) in the Third Pole; pink
294 numbers and white rectangles represent 22 glaciers (snow samples were collected

295 from these glaciers) for which the names of glaciers are shown in Table 2, and the
 296 numbered circles represent the ten deserts or sandy areas of China (1. Gurbantunggut
 297 Desert, 2. Onqin Daga sandy land, 3. Horqin sandy land, 4. Hunlun Buir sandy land, 5.
 298 Taklimakan Desert, 6. Qaidam Desert, 7. Badain Jaran Desert, 8. Tengger Desert, 9.
 299 Hobq Desert, 10. Mu Us Desert), and green solid circles represent sand/soil samples
 300 (this figure was created with ArcGIS).

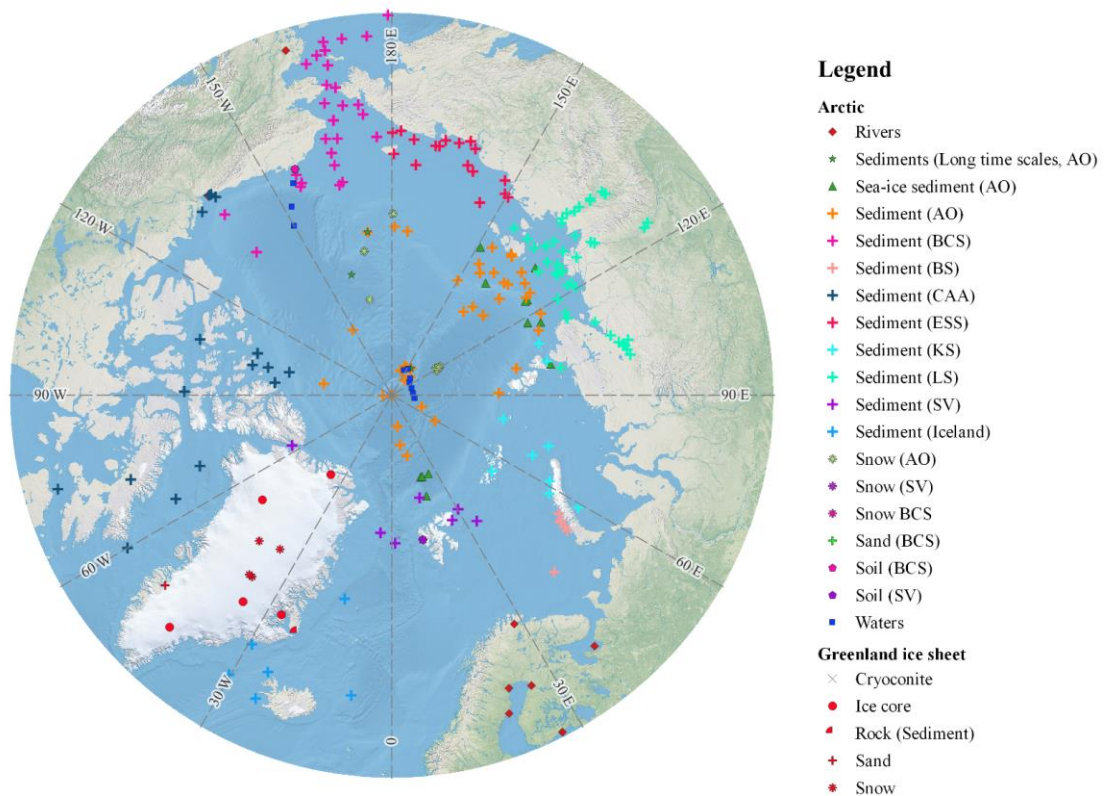


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 302 Fig. 3. Box plot for the Sr-Nd isotope signatures of third pole PSAs and snow samples.
 303 Samples are located in each PSA region based on the data from Table 2 (the number
 304 of samples for each sub-region are presented ($n > 5$)). The horizontal line within the
 305 box is the median, and the squares are the mean Sr-Nd values (red rectangles for sand
 306 or soil samples and green solid cycles for snow samples). The interquartile range is
 307 represented by the lower and upper boundaries of the boxes, and whiskers indicate

308 confidence intervals of 1.5 times the interquartile range.

309 **3.2. Sr-Nd data from the Arctic**

310 Considerable Sr-Nd data have been obtained from modern snow/ice samples from the
311 Arctic and surface (including sea ice-transported sediments) sediment from the AO,
312 which covers the entire Arctic and represents the characteristics of sinks (Fig. 4). The
313 data points are presented in Table 3. Sr-Nd data from arid deserts (East Asian and
314 Saharan deserts) have been compiled in previous datasets (Blanchet et al., 2019;
315 Robinson et al., 2021), and these data are useful for tracing terrigenous material
316 transport in the Arctic. For user-friendly selection of the Sr-Nd data according to the
317 modern environment characteristics and the geographical location, Sr-Nd data from
318 the deep ice core are not included in Fig. 5. We compared the Sr-Nd data from the
319 surface snow (sink) and marine sediment (sink or source) samples in the Arctic (Figs.
320 5 and 6). Based on the isotopic signals of these samples, geologic units, adjacent seas
321 and drainage basins of the main river systems in the Arctic, the Sr-Nd patterns can be
322 divided into 12 sub-regions according to Maccali et al. (2018).



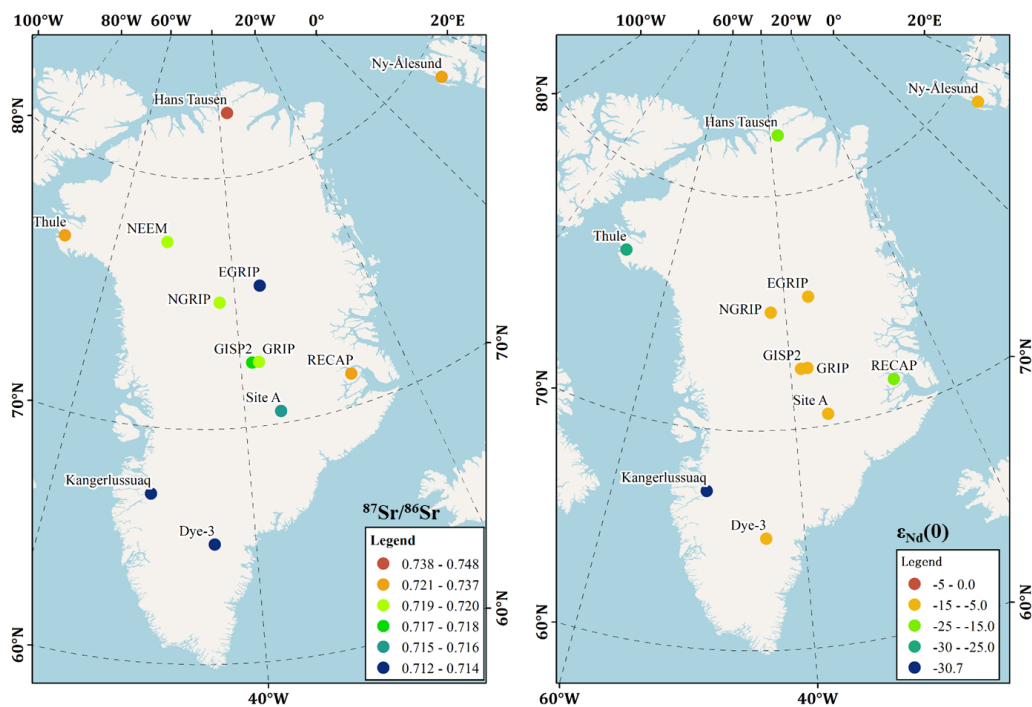
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324 Fig. 4. Sampling distribution sites in the Arctic. The types of samples are denoted
 325 with different shapes and colours (Table 3). (AO: Arctic Ocean; BCS: Bering-Chukchi
 326 Sea; BS: Barents Sea; CAA: Canadian Arctic Archipelago; ESS: East Siberian Sea;
 327 KS: Kara Sea; LS: Laptev Sea; SV: Svalbard) (this figure was created with ArcGIS).

328 3.2.1 Sr-Nd data from snow/ice and sand samples of the Greenland ice sheet

329 Sr-Nd data from the East Greenland Ice Core Project (EGRIP) and the North
 330 GRIP (NGRIP) were measured via snowpits. Sr-Nd data were also measured in GRIP,
 331 GISP2 and NEEM ice cores, and Renland, Site A, Hans Tausen and Dye 3 shallow ice
 332 cores. Sr-Nd data exhibit large differences in these samples (Fig. 5). The Sr-Nd data
 333 indicated that the dust sources were variable and showed complicated dust sources in
 334 the same location for NGRIP snow (Bory et al., 2002; Bory et al., 2003b). As much
 335 more Sr-Nd data from the sand, soil, cryoconite, moraine, and englacial dust samples
 336 in the periphery of the GrIS were recently measured (Nagatsuka et al., 2016), $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$
 337 values are high and the $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values are the least radiogenic in these samples (Table

338 3). Compared with Sr data in NGRIP and EGRIP snowpits (Bory et al., 2002; Bory et
 339 al., 2003b), much larger variations were observed for $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ in the EGRIP snowpit,
 340 and relatively lower $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values were observed in the NGRIP snowpit. The $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$
 341 values in the interior of the GrIS are relatively consistent, while the large differences
 342 are observed at the periphery of the GrIS. Therefore, although the Sr-Nd isotope ratios
 343 indicated that Asian deserts might be the main dust source for the GrIS, the ice-free
 344 region around the GrIS might be another source for the interior GrIS. Sr-Nd data in
 345 sediment samples collected from the Scoresby Sund region by Simonsen et al. (2019)
 346 are as follows: the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios range from 0.709689 to 0.736137, and the $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$
 347 values range from -15.7 to -10.1. Combining Sr-Nd values in snow (Renland, Site A,
 348 Hans Tausen and Dye 3) and Dye 3 shallow ice core samples, as proposed by Lupker
 349 et al. (2010), the local dust sources may contribute some of the dust to the inland
 350 regions and the Sahara is also the most likely additional PSA. These local dust for the
 351 free ice of the GrIS may have been neglected in previous studies.



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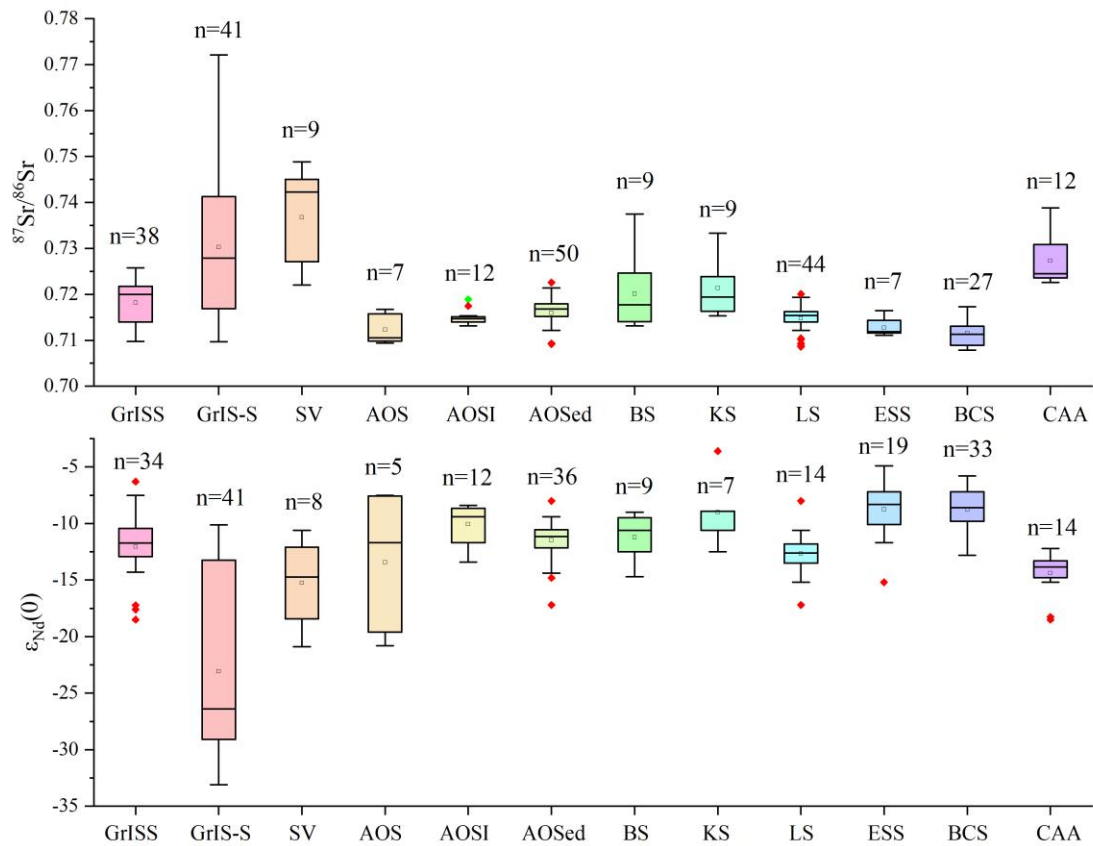
353 Fig. 5. $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ data in snow or ice cores, and sand/soil samples from
354 Ny-Ålesund, Svalbard and GrIS (this figure was created with ArcGIS).

355 The mainstream view of the provenance of dust in inland Greenland deep ice
356 cores (GISP2 and GRIP) is that the dust is from the eastern Asian deserts (the Gobi
357 and Taklimakan Deserts) based on the best Sr-Nd data matches during the last glacial
358 period (Biscaye et al., 1997; Svensson et al., 2000; Újvári et al., 2015).
359 High-resolution Sr isotope data from the Greenland NEEM ice core suggested that
360 there was a significant Saharan dust influence in Greenland during the last glacial
361 period (Han et al., 2018). The Sr-Nd data ($>5 \mu\text{m}$) in Holocene RECAP ice core
362 samples are attributed to proximal dust sources; however, the resolution of the data is
363 approximately one thousand years (Simonsen et al., 2019). However, the Sr-Nd data
364 in Greenland deep ice core samples (Biscaye et al., 1997; Svensson et al., 2000),
365 which have low resolutions and represent multiyear averages with no seasonal or
366 interannual variations (60 to 200 cm or 30-150 years), need to be considered when
367 using some data.

368 **3.2.2 Sr-Nd data from snow and sediment samples in the Arctic Ocean**

369 Surface aeolian dust from mid- or high-latitude continental weathering and arid
370 deserts may be the most important dust contributor to snow and ice cores. The
371 $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values are higher and $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values are lower in snow and sand samples from
372 Ny-Ålesund, Svalbard (SV) (not including data from Iceland in Fig. 6). The Sr-Nd
373 data in snow samples from sea ice were measured in bulk, and four of these samples
374 were collected near the North Pole in the western AO by MOSAIC (October 2020) in
375 this study (Figs. 4 and 6). The $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ data have much more negative $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values
376 (-20.8 to -19.6), which cannot be explained by low latitude potential dust sources. As
377 shown in Fig. 6, the lowest ϵ_{Nd} values were observed along the ice-free periphery of

378 the GrIS and SV; therefore, these ice-free regions are potential dust sources for natural
 379 dust in the AO.



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 381 Fig. 6. Box plot for the Sr-Nd isotopic signatures of the Arctic, including the 12
 382 sub-region samples of snow, sand, soil, sediment from sea ice and sediment cores in
 383 dataset (the number of samples for each sub-region are presented ($n > 5$)). (GrIS:
 384 Greenland ice sheet (snow samples); GrIS-S: Greenland ice sheet (sand); SV:
 385 Svalbard (snow and sand); AOS: Arctic Ocean (sediment); AOSI: Arctic Ocean (sea
 386 ice sediment)).

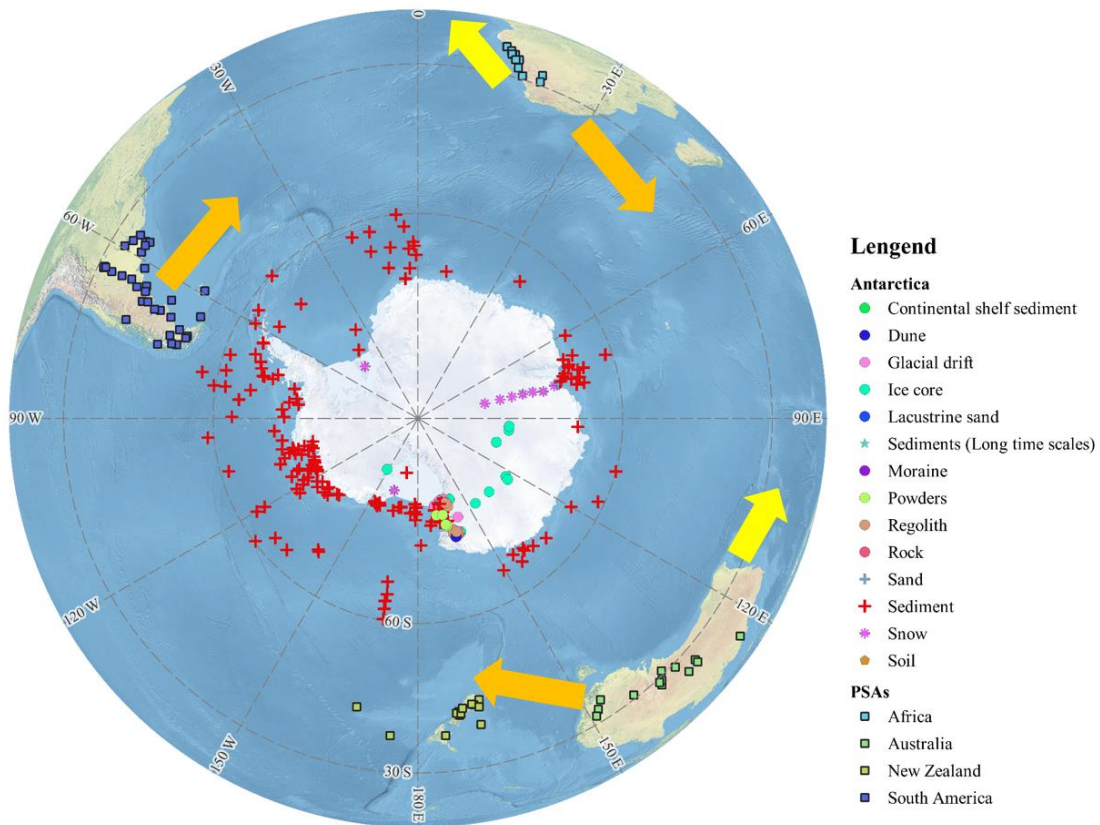
387 The terrigenous material from the Arctic margin sea, including BS, KS, LS, ESS,
 388 BCS and CAA, was transported and deposited into the AO, which may be the primary
 389 material source for marine sediment. The Sr-Nd data from Arctic surface sediments
 390 were based on the literature (Fig. 6), and most samples were sieved at < 45 or $63 \mu\text{m}$
 391 for bulk. These samples were chosen at the surface or 0-10 cm from the top to better

392 represent the characteristics of coastal terrestrial sources as presented by Maccali et al.
393 (2018). The Sr-Nd values from the sediment samples (including sea ice sediment) are
394 almost the same as those of snow samples from the AO, indicating that the same PSAs
395 exist in the central AO. The Sr-Nd signals in sediment from the AO seem to be close
396 to the BS, KS and LS values, which may contribute to the Transpolar Drift originating
397 from the Siberian shelves and crossing the AO towards the Fram Strait. The sample
398 spatial coverage in each sub-region is variable, and Fig. 6 shows the distinguishing
399 characteristics for each region, but Sr-Nd isotopic values overlap for close
400 geographical regions to the greatest extent. Therefore, these data should be carefully
401 used in the different regions.

402 **3.3. Information on Sr-Nd data from the SH and Antarctic ice sheet**

403 By integrating the literature and adding data with new evidence, dust
404 provenances of low-elevation areas on the periphery of the AIS in the Holocene
405 (including modern) were discussed. The dataset provides a comprehensive overview
406 of the state of knowledge of dust sources and sinks in different sectors of the AIS and
407 PSAs in the SH. The location Sr-Nd datasets from different sectors of Antarctica and
408 AIS are presented in Fig. 7. Sr-Nd data from Antarctica are not evenly distributed, and
409 more data were measured in western Antarctica and the Ross Sea. Sr-Nd data in PSAs
410 from the SH (Australia, southern South America (hereafter SSA) and southern Africa
411 (SA)) clearly showed characteristics in these regions and provided insight for tracing
412 dust source–sink paths. For example, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios in Australian dust samples range
413 from 0.709 to 0.732, and $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values are between -15 and -3 (Revel-Rolland et al.,
414 2006). Sr-Nd data in Patagonia (39–52 °S) of SSA with more radiogenic Nd (-1–1 for
415 $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$) (Gaiero, 2007). The aeolian dust from Argentina and Chile is confined to the
416 ranges of $0.7045 < ^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} < 0.7130$ and $-5 < \epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0) < 3$ (Delmonte et al., 2003). The

417 $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios in the sand samples from SA varied between 0.712348 and 0.74716,
 418 and the $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ ratios varied between -24.5 and -8.4 (Delmonte et al., 2003; Gili et al.,
 419 2021). These Sr-Nd data can very clearly distinguish geographic subgroups for PSAs
 420 in SH.

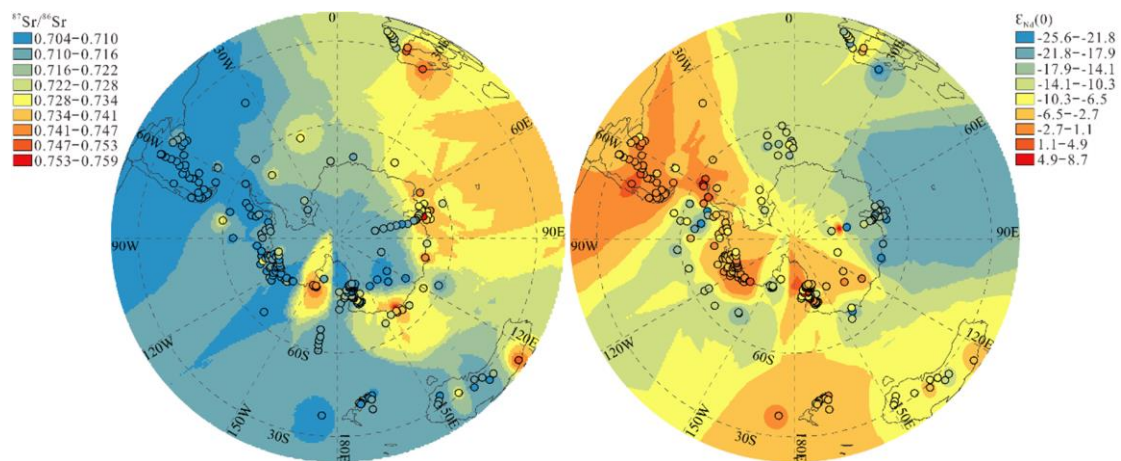


421
 422 Fig. 7. The locations of the samples were marked in this database for Sr-Nd isotope
 423 ratios from Antarctica and PSAs. The dust transport paths are marked with yellow
 424 arrows based on previous studies (Gaiero, 2007; Shao et al., 2010; Gili et al., 2021)
 425 (this figure was created with ArcGIS).

426 3.3.1 Sr-Nd data of sediment in Antarctica

427 Sr-Nd data for the marine sediment (near-core-top samples) from the
 428 Circum-Antarctica, terrigenous materials (aeolian dust, glacial drift and dust in ice
 429 core) from the AIS are presented in Fig. 8. The ages of these samples were limited to
 430 the Holocene. We compared these data with PSA samples from SH. At some sites, if
 431 the samples are >2 , we obtained the average Sr-Nd values in this map. For example,

432 for the Pacific sector (146.78 °E-67.27 °W), $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values ranged from 0.705281 to
 433 0.725643; $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values ranged from 0.710616 to 0.738862 for the Indian Ocean
 434 sector (20.00 °E-146.78 °E); $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values ranged from 0.715989 to 0.741609 for the
 435 Atlantic sector (67.27 °W-20.00 °E) (Hemming et al., 2007). Viewed from Fig. 8, Sr
 436 and Nd contours were determined by inverse distance weighted interpolation, and the
 437 numbers of data were >2 in some sites, the averages of surface samples were obtained,
 438 the patterns of the two isotopic compositions are consistent in all AIS. Although
 439 $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values differ between sediments from the Circum-Antarctica and sand of
 440 PSAs (Australia, SSA and SA), the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ patterns from the Pacific
 441 sector and Indian Ocean sector are relatively consistent with SSA and SA, which can
 442 partly explain the aeolian dust contributing to the entire SO. It seems to be abnormal
 443 Sr-Nd values that were found in the Ross Sea and Amundsen Sea, which may have
 444 contributed to many more sample numbers in the two regions.



445
 446 Fig. 8. Sr versus Nd isotopic compositions for Holocene samples (black circles) at the
 447 AIS and its periphery in ice-free areas, and aeolian dust samples (surface samples
 448 with no accurate ages) from PSAs in Australia, southern Africa and South America
 449 defined by colours, which were determined by inverse distance weighted interpolation
 450 using ArcGIS.

451 3.3.2 Sr-Nd data on the periphery and interior of the Antarctic ice sheet

452 New Sr-Nd data from coastal and low-elevation sites were measured in ice-free
453 areas near the Filchner–Ronne Ice Shelf, Ross Ice Shelf and Amery Ice Shelf (Fig. 7).
454 Sr-Nd isotope compositions of four sand samples from southern King George Island
455 (South Shetland Islands) in West Antarctica, with less radiogenic $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values
456 ranging from ~ 0.703907 to ~ 0.704157 and relatively higher $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values ranging
457 from 4.6 to 6.4. The $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios ranged from 0.71135 to 0.72377, and the $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$
458 composition ranged from -13.3 to -9.6 from ice-free areas of Inexpressible Island in
459 the Ross Sea, West Antarctica. Based on the Sr-Nd data on our own and the literature
460 (Table 3), we can observe the highest $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ value of > -5.0 in McMurdo and King
461 George Island. The large variations in $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values and moderate $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values for
462 Victoria Land and Ross Sea (including Inexpressible Island). The high $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios
463 and low $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values for the Amery Ice Shelf have the lowest $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values of < -15 .
464 These sub-regions are very close to $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ data from the different sectors of
465 circumpolar sediments (Roy et al., 2007). Therefore, the dataset will be useful for
466 tracing the dust sources or sinks in SO or AIS.

467 However, among these regions, Sr-Nd data have significant differences in some
468 of the endmembers, which are similar, and care must be taken when directly
469 comparing these data to precisely explain the observed isotopic compositions in ice
470 core records. For example, there is overlap of the Sr and Nd isotopic compositions of
471 King George Island, SSA (Patagonia) and McMurdo dry valleys. Sr-Nd data from
472 Inexpressible Island also overlap with the other endmembers (SA, New South Wales
473 and Prydz Bay). Therefore, dust from low-latitude regions (New South Wales and SA)
474 cannot be excluded from East Antarctica (Du et al., 2018; Gili et al., 2021). Another
475 example is the characteristics of snow layers at the Berkner Island ice sheet in western
476 Antarctica. These data can be partly explained by the surface sediment samples from

477 the Weddell Sea sector, with $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values ranging from -10 to -8 (Hemming et al.,
478 2007). Therefore, the dataset from the SH and AIS demonstrates that multiple mixed
479 sources can be inferred for Antarctic surface snow samples. However, among the data
480 from the entire AIS, Sr-Nd isotopic components were measured in only 29 snow
481 samples, and there is an urgent need to collect more data in the future.

482 Information on Sr-Nd data in Antarctic ice cores during the Holocene and
483 glacial-interglacial times is presented by integrating the literature (Du et al., 2022). To
484 obtain enough dust particles, the different age interval samples were merged. For
485 example, each sample represents approximately 40-160 years for the Vostok ice core,
486 which is a few thousand years to obtain a single large-volume sample (Delmonte et al.,
487 2008). Alternatively, several ice core sections from different depths were integrated to
488 obtain a few large samples for the Sr and Nd isotope analyses of the Talos Dome ice
489 core (Delmonte et al., 2010b). A relatively high resolution (spanning between ~ 3 and
490 ~ 30 yrs.) was used in the Taylor Dome ice core (Aarons et al., 2016). Sr-Nd data in
491 the Antarctica deep ice core mainly focus on the coastal and inland areas of the EAIS.
492 As previously mentioned, the dust source is similar to that of the modern samples in
493 the Dome C and Vostok ice cores during the Holocene and interglacial periods, which
494 can be explained by an SSA provenance; an additional hypothesis explains the
495 isotopic signature of Holocene dust in central East Antarctica (Delmonte et al., 2008,
496 Delmonte et al., 2019). Sr-Nd data in the Talos Dome, Taylor Dome and Taylor
497 Glacier ice cores during the Holocene point towards a local dust provenance
498 (Delmonte et al., 2019; Aarons et al., 2016, 2017). Therefore, the Sr and Nd data from
499 East Antarctica ice cores during the Holocene and interglacial periods indicate a
500 well-mixed atmospheric background involving a mixture of two or more sources in
501 the SH (Fig. 8). The study demonstrated that SA emerges as the second most

502 important dust source to East Antarctica during interglacial periods (Gili et al., 2021).

503 However, the glacial stage (stage 4: ~ 60 ka and stage 6: ~ 160 ka) samples in the
504 Vostok ice core span a very narrow range of Sr compositions ($0.708219 < ^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} <$
505 0.708452) and Nd compositions ($1.1 < \epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0) < 5.0$), which can also be explained by
506 the Sr-Nd data in sand samples from southern King George Island ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values
507 ranging from ~0.703907 to ~0.704157 and $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ values ranging from 4.6 to 6.4).
508 The $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ isotopic compositions of dust in the Taylor Glacier ice core
509 samples during the last glacial period indicated that dust may originate from SSA and
510 from potential local source areas in the Ross Sea Sector (Delmonte et al., 2010b;
511 Aarons et al., 2016; Aarons et al., 2017). Therefore, these data suggest that the
512 glacial-period dust in East Antarctic ice cores also contributes from local
513 contributions. However, almost no Sr-Nd data were obtained from West Antarctic
514 deep ice cores, which limits our understanding of the dust transport in the spatial and
515 temporal distribution of the entire AIS. More importantly, the ages of Sr-Nd data in
516 surface aeolian dust from the AIS and PSAs from SH are unknown, which is limited
517 to accurate dust source or sink tracing.

518 **4. Data availability**

519 All datasets and the associated metadata table presented in this study are
520 available through a Big Earth Data Platform for Three Poles. The dataset can be
521 downloaded from <https://doi.org/10.11888/Cryos.tpd.272100> (Du et al., 2022). In
522 this repository, all datasets are provided in Excel spreadsheet format together with
523 metadata files.

524 **5. Conclusions**

525 The maintenance integrated Sr-Nd dataset was presented from the remote three
526 poles, and these data are not easily collected because of the extremely cold and high

527 altitude environment. The dataset is complicated and includes snow, sand, soil, loess,
528 deposits, sediment and other types. We presented case studies of snow, ice core and
529 sediment are intended to demonstrate the Sr-Nd characteristics in the Third Pole
530 glaciers or Arctic and Antarctica ice sheets. These integrated data can provide a new
531 perspective into present and paleodust sources or sinks from the three poles, more
532 importantly, which clearly emphasizes the following points for potential users of the
533 datasets provided with this paper:

- 534 1. This Sr-Nd dataset enables us to map the standardized locations in the remote
535 three poles, while the use of sorting criteria related to the sample location, type or
536 resolution permits us to trace the dust sources or sinks based on their isotopic
537 signatures.
- 538 2. For the third pole, each sub-region of Sr-Nd data was provided, the integration of
539 these data between sand (soil) and snow samples for six sub-regions allowed us to
540 clearly understand the Sr-Nd data characteristics in the Third Pole. The data will
541 be useful for tracing the local or long-distance transported dust of the source and
542 sink for user.
- 543 3. The Sr-Nd characteristics in snow (ice) and sediment samples showed that there
544 are significant differences in different sub-regions for the entire Arctic, which
545 would be useful for tracing dust sources or sinks
- 546 4. The new data from Arctic and Antarctic samples emphasized the ice-free regions
547 on the periphery of the ice sheets, which may be important local dust sources.
548 However, in particular, Sr-Nd data overlap with the low-latitude regions in
549 Antarctica, the paucity of data in Antarctica is serious and future studies should
550 concentrate on this aspect.

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793 Table 1. Data distribution locations and sample types for $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ from 90 references.

Region	Characteristics	Data characteristics	Attribution/ harmonization of coordinates	Attribution sorting of criteria	Number of data points
Third Pole					485
Kunnun Mountain (Pamirs)	Peer-reviewed publications	Snow, River Sediment, Moraine	Yes	Yes	39
Tibet Plateau	Peer-reviewed publications and own research articles	Snow, Soil, Sand, River Sediment	Yes	Yes	102
Himalaya Mountain	Peer-reviewed publications	Snow, River Sediment	Yes	Yes	14
Qilian Mountain	Peer-reviewed publications and own research articles	Snow, Ice, River Sediment, Soil, Moraine	Yes	Yes	66
Hengduan Mountain	Peer-reviewed publications	Snow, Soil	Yes	Yes	17
Western Chinese Deserts	Peer-reviewed publications and own research articles	Sand, Dune, Fluvial, Lacustrine, Proluvial	Yes	Yes	219
Chinese Loess Plateau	Peer-reviewed publications and own research articles	Loess	Yes	Yes	21
Others (Qinling and Linxia Basin)	Peer-reviewed publications	River sediment	Yes	Yes	7
Pan-third Pole	Peer-reviewed publications and own research articles	Snow, Ice, Sand, Soil, Loess, Moraine, Lacustrine, Dune	Yes	Yes	250
Arctic					727
Greenland ic sheet	Peer-reviewed publications, own research articles and own measurements	Snow, Ice, Cryoconite, Sand, Sediment, Rock	Yes	Yes	186
Svalbard (Atlantic Ocean)	Peer-reviewed publications and own research articles	Snow, Sand, Sediment	Yes	Yes	32

Arctic Ocean	Peer-reviewed publications, own research articles and own measurements	Snow, Sediment, Waters	Yes	Yes	496
Others (Rivers and Alaska)	Peer-reviewed publications and own research articles	Snow, Soil (Sand), River Sediment	Yes	Yes	13
Antarctica					777
East Antarctica	Peer-reviewed publications and own research articles	Snow, Ice, Sand, Regolith, Glacial drift, Dune, Moraine, Aeolian deposit, Rock, Sediment	Yes	Yes	298
West Antarctica	Peer-reviewed publications and own measurements	Snow, Ice, Sand, Rock, Sediment	Yes	Yes	44
Southern Ocean	Peer-reviewed publications	Sediment	Yes	Yes	435
PSA in Southern Hemisphere					181
South America	Peer-reviewed publications	Loess, Soil, Sediment, Aeolian dust	Yes	Yes	57
Southern Africa	Peer-reviewed publications	Aeolian dust, Loess, Sediment deposit, Aerosol	Yes	Yes	53
Australia	Peer-reviewed publications	Sand, Loess, Dune, Lacustrine, Sediment	Yes	Yes	24
New Zealand	Peer-reviewed publications	Loess, Aeolian deposits	Yes	Yes	16
Others	Peer-reviewed publications	Sediment	Yes	Yes	31
Grain sizes	Peer-reviewed publications	Sand, Loess, Sediment, Rock	Yes	Yes	206
Methods	Peer-reviewed publications	Loess, Sand, Cryoconite, Rock, Moraine, Dust, Aerosol, River sediment	Yes	Yes	209
Grand total					2835

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809 Table 2. Snow, sand and soil samples were located in the third pole glaciers and PSAs of dust
810 generation. Headers from left to right: Label: the number of glaciers; Sub-regions; Glacier name; Site
811 name: name of the sampling site where the samples were taken; Longitude and Latitude; sampling
812 location; Sample type: Snow, sand or soil; Elevation: m a.s.l.; Isotopic ratios of Sr and $\epsilon_{Nd}(0)$; Ref.:
813 reference publications. The different colours represent different sub-regions.

Label	Glacier name	Sub-regions	Latitude (° N)	Longitude (° E)	Mountains	Sample type	Elevation (m a.s.l)	$^{86}Sr/^{87}Sr$	$\epsilon_{Nd}(0)$	Ref
1	Musidao	Region I	47.10	85.55	Altai	Snow	3605	0.713185–0.713571	-6.55–-4.80	Xu et al., 2012
2	Muztagata		38.28	75.10	East Pamirs	Snow	6365	0.717187–0.717415	-10.3–-8.4	Xu et al., 2012
3	Tianshan No. 1	Region II	43.12	86.82	Tien Shan	Snow, dust	4063	0.719404–0.721728	-10.9–-6.9	Nagatsuka et al., 2010; Xu et al., 2012
4	Miaoergou		43.06	94.32	Tiean Shan	Snow, Ice, Cryoconite	3100–4512	0.710284–0.720825	-11.6–-7.3	Du et al., 2015; Wei et al., 2019
5	Yuzhufeng Glacier		35.66	94.24	Kulun	Snow	4300–4720	0.714821–0.716757	-16.6–-11.8	Wei et al., 2019
6	Zangsegangri		34.27	85.85	Qiangtang	Snow	6226	0.717352–0.718328	-12.9–-9.2	Xu et al., 2012
7	Guoqu	Region III	33.58	91.20	Tanggula	Snow	5765	0.717546–0.721786	-10.2–-9.5	Xu et al., 2012
8	Dongkemadi		33.10	92.10	Tanggula	Snow	5700	0.713192	-10.5	Xu et al., 2012
9	Zadang		30.47	90.65	Nyainqentanglha	Snow	5758	0.718285–0.721305	-12.9–-11.1	Xu et al., 2012
10	Jiemayangzong		30.22	82.17	Himalaya	Snow	5558	0.72671–0.740694	-14.3–-10.5	Xu et al., 2012
11	Yala	Region IV	28.23	85.62	Himalaya	Snow	5190	0.740112	-15.68	Xu et al., 2012
12	East Rongbuk		28.10	86.97	Himalaya	Snow	6525	0.728057–0.757407	-28.1–-14.7	Xu et al., 2012
13	Laohugou Glacier No.12		39.43	96.53	Qilian	Snow	4288–5026	0.720448–0.723303	-15.7–-9.5	Xu et al., 2012; Wei et al., 2019
14	Dunde ice cap		38.10	96.40	Qilian	Ice	5325	0.715220–0.721874	-11.1–-9.9	Wu et al., 2010
15	Qiyi Glacier 1	Region V	39.24	97.76	Qilian	Snow	4500–4750	0.712349–0.722751	-13.7–-8.6	Dong et al., 2018
16	Shiyi Glacier		38.21	99.88	Qilian	Snow	3928–4152	0.721032–0.721711	-14.0–-13.8	Wei et al., 2019
17	Dabanshan		37.36	101.40	Qilian	Snow	3593–3625	0.723105–0.725015	-12.1–-12.0	Wei et al., 2019
18	Lenglongling Glacier		37.52	101.90	Qilian	Snow	3558–3992	0.719084–0.728414	-10.9–-7.0	Dong et al., 2018
19	Dagu Glacier		32.12	102.43	Hengduan	snow	3520–3701	0.719216–0.721102	-16.9–-12.3	Dong et al., 2018
20	Hailuogou Glacier	Region VI	29.33	101.57	Hengduan	snow	3010–3850	0.722805–0.728326	-17.1–-12.0	Dong et al., 2018
21	Demula Glacier		29.37	97.00	Hengduan	Snow	5404	0.729095–0.735863	-17.1–-14.2	Xu et al., 2012
22	Baishui Glacier No.1		27.10	100.20	Hengduan	Snow	4338–4747	0.717145–0.719881	-13.8–-11.4	Xu et al., 2012; Dong et al., 2018

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836 Table 3. Snow, cryoconite, sand, soil and sediment samples located in the Arctic. Headers from left to
 837 right: Label; Subregions; name of the sampling site where the samples were taken; Sample type: Snow,
 838 Cryoconite, sand and soil; Ref.: reference publications.

Label	Subregion	Location	Sample type	Time interval	Size fraction	Ref
1	GrISS	East GrIS; North GrIS	snowpit	2017/2018; early-1995	>0.2 μm ; <45 or 38 μm	This study; Bory et al., 2002
2	GrIS-S	East GrIS; West GrIS	Cryoconite, Moraine, Englacial dust, Sand, Rock, Sediment	NO	Bulk	This study; Nagatsuka et al., 2016; Simonsen et al., 2019
3	SV	Ny-Ålesund	Snow, Sand, Soil; Sediment	NO	Bulk; <100 μm	Tütken et al., 2002; Maccali et al., 2018; Du et al., 2019b
4	AO	Arctic Ocean	Snow	2016	Bulk	This study; Du et al., 2019b
5	AOSI	Arctic Ocean	Sea ice sediment	NO	<100 μm	Eisenhauer et al., 1999; Tütken et al., 2002
6	AOSed	Arctic Ocean	Sediment	NO	Bulk; <100 μm	Eisenhauer et al., 1999; Tütken et al., 2002; Maccali et al., 2018
7	BS	Arctic Ocean	Sediment	NO	<100 μm	Tütken et al., 2002; Maccali et al., 2018
8	KS	Arctic Ocean	Sediment	NO	<100 μm	Tütken et al., 2002; Maccali et al., 2018
9	LS	Arctic Ocean	Sediment	NO	<100 μm ; Bulk	Eisenhauer et al., 1999; Maccali et al., 2018
10	ESS	Arctic Ocean	Sediment	NO	<100 μm	Bazhenova et al., 2017; Maccali et al., 2018
11	BCS	Arctic Ocean	Sediment	NO	<100 μm ; Detrital	Asahara et al., 2012; Bazhenova et al., 2017; Maccali et al., 2018; Du et al., 2019b
12	CAA	Arctic Ocean	Sediment	NO	<100 μm	Asahara et al., 2012; Bazhenova et al., 2017; Maccali et al., 2018

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