

1 **Supplementary Information for Gilfillan et al., Noble gases confirm plume related**  
 2 **mantle degassing beneath Southern Africa**

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4 **Supplementary Table 1:** *List of samples and sample locations depicted on Fig. 1.* Water  
 5 temperature in °C, pH, Total Dissolved Solids as measured in the field using a Hanna  
 6 Instruments 991301 portable EC, TDS, pH and temperature meter and a description of the  
 7 seep morphology are also provided.

Sample Name	Location (Latitude, Longitude)	Temperature (°C)	pH	TDS (ppt g <sup>l</sup> <sup>-1</sup> )	Seep description
A - Baker Farm	-30.69472, 30.04166	Dry well - no water present			Partially sealed but active gas venting well bore, originally drilled as a groundwater well.
B - Mjaja	-30.75388, 29.97305	23.5	6.95	6.29	Bubbling seep in stream
C - Umtamvuna Mound 2 (UM)	-30.80722, 29.96222	20.9	5.41	2.31	Seep emitting from a 100 m wide, 30 m high travertine mound. No evidence of recent precipitation.
C - Umtamvuna River Spring (URS)	-30.80861, 29.96250	20.2	5.56	2.81	Stream of bubbles seeping from the river
C- East Cape Small Travertine (ECST)	-30.80861, 29.96250	20.5	6.22	3.29	Bubbling spring contained within a 1m diameter travertine cone
C - East Cape Large Travertine (ECLT)	-30.80819, 29.96224	20.1	6.24	3.18	Bubbling spring contained within a 2.5 m diameter travertine cone

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10 **Supplementary Table 2:** *Measured noble gas concentrations in  $\text{cm}^3(\text{STP})\text{cm}^{-3}$ .  $1\sigma$  errors to*  
 11 *last significant figure are provided in brackets, with bracketed letters for sample localities*  
 12 *corresponding to Fig. 1.*

Sample	$\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CO}_2}$ (‰)	$^4\text{He}$ ( $10^{-6}$ )	$^{20}\text{Ne}$ ( $10^{-8}$ )	$^{40}\text{Ar}$ ( $10^{-5}$ )
A - Baker Farm 1	-2.0 (2)	96.2 (46)	4.13 (18)	7.83 (29)
B - Mjaja	-2.0 (2)	26.6 (13)	1.19 (5)	3.71 (14)
C - Umtamvuna Mound 2 (UM)	-3.4 (2)	0.00480 (15)	0.40 (2)	0.634 (24)
C - East Cape Large Travertine (ECLT)	-2.9 (2)	0.713 (35)	1.75 (7)	2.87 (11)
C - East Cape Small Travertine (ECST)	-3.4 (2)	0.290 (9)	2.82 (10)	
C - Umtamvuna River Spring (UM-RS)		0.164 (5)	2.49 (9)	

13 **Supplementary Table 3:** *Noble gas isotope ratios, CO<sub>2</sub><sup>3</sup>He and stable isotope values.* <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He are reported relative to the atmospheric ratio  
14 (R<sub>A</sub>: 1.399 × 10<sup>-6</sup> after<sup>37</sup>). R<sub>c</sub> = measured <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He corrected for air contamination using equation [1]. δ<sup>13</sup>C<sub>CO2</sub>‰ = [(<sup>13</sup>C/<sup>12</sup>C<sub>sample</sub>-  
15 <sup>13</sup>C/<sup>12</sup>C<sub>standard</sub>)/(<sup>13</sup>C/<sup>12</sup>C<sub>standard</sub>)] x 1000; the standard used is the Vienna PeeDee Belemnite. 1σ errors to last significant figure provided in brackets  
16 with the letters for sample localities corresponding to Fig. 1.

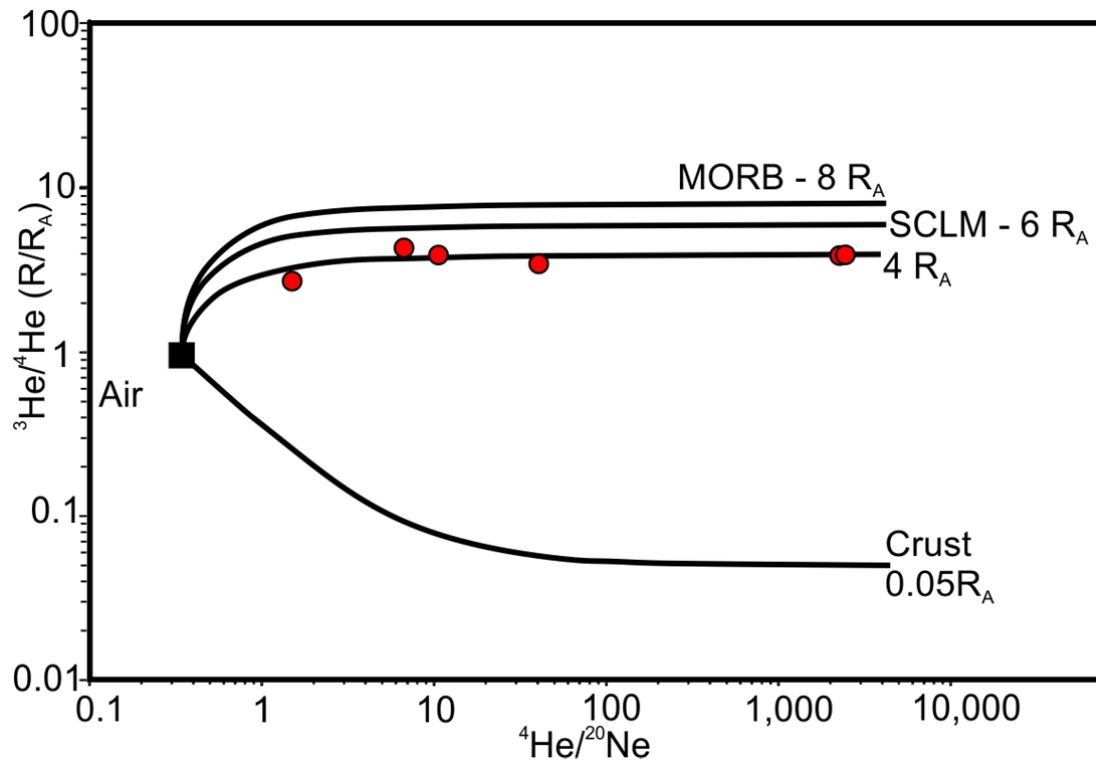
Sample	<sup>3</sup> He/ <sup>4</sup> He (R <sub>m</sub> /R <sub>A</sub> )	<sup>3</sup> He/ <sup>4</sup> He (R <sub>c</sub> /R <sub>A</sub> )	<sup>20</sup> Ne/ <sup>22</sup> Ne	<sup>21</sup> Ne/ <sup>22</sup> Ne	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>36</sup> Ar	<sup>38</sup> Ar/ <sup>36</sup> Ar	<sup>4</sup> He/ <sup>20</sup> Ne	CO <sub>2</sub> / <sup>3</sup> He (10 <sup>10</sup> )
A - Baker Farm 1 - MAP	3.92 (5)	3.9 (3)	9.98 (3)	0.0304 (2)	961 (4)	0.191 (4)	2311 (149)	0.188 (10)
B - Mjaja 1 - MAP	3.93 (4)	3.9 (3)	9.89 (3)	0.0300 (2)	549 (2)	0.189 (4)	2229 (144)	0.677 (35)
C- Umtamvuna Mound 2 (UM)	2.80 (2)	3.6 (2)	9.79 (3)	0.0292 (2)	298 (3)	0.182 (7)	1.19 (7)	5238 (474)
C - East Cape Large Travertine (ECLT)	3.58 (4)	3.6 (2)	9.77 (3)	0.0292 (2)	302 (2)	0.187 (3)	41.0 (26)	27.7 (14)
C - East Cape Small Travertine (ECST)	3.95 (7)	4.1 (2)	9.79 (3)	0.0288 (2)			10.3 (5)	61.8 (22)
C- Umtamvuna River Spring (UM-RS)	4.27 (8)	4.5 (2)	9.76 (3)	0.0286 (2)			6.59 (30)	101 (4)

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19 **Supplementary Table 4:** Results of the high precision analysis of Ne isotopes performed on the ARGUS mass spectrometer.  $^{20}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$ ,  
 20  $^{21}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$  uncorrected for the contribution from  $^{20}\text{NeH}^+$  and  $^{21}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$  corrected for the contribution from  $^{20}\text{NeH}^+$  are provided.  $1\sigma$  errors to last  
 21 significant figure provided in brackets with the letters for sample localities corresponding to Fig. 1.

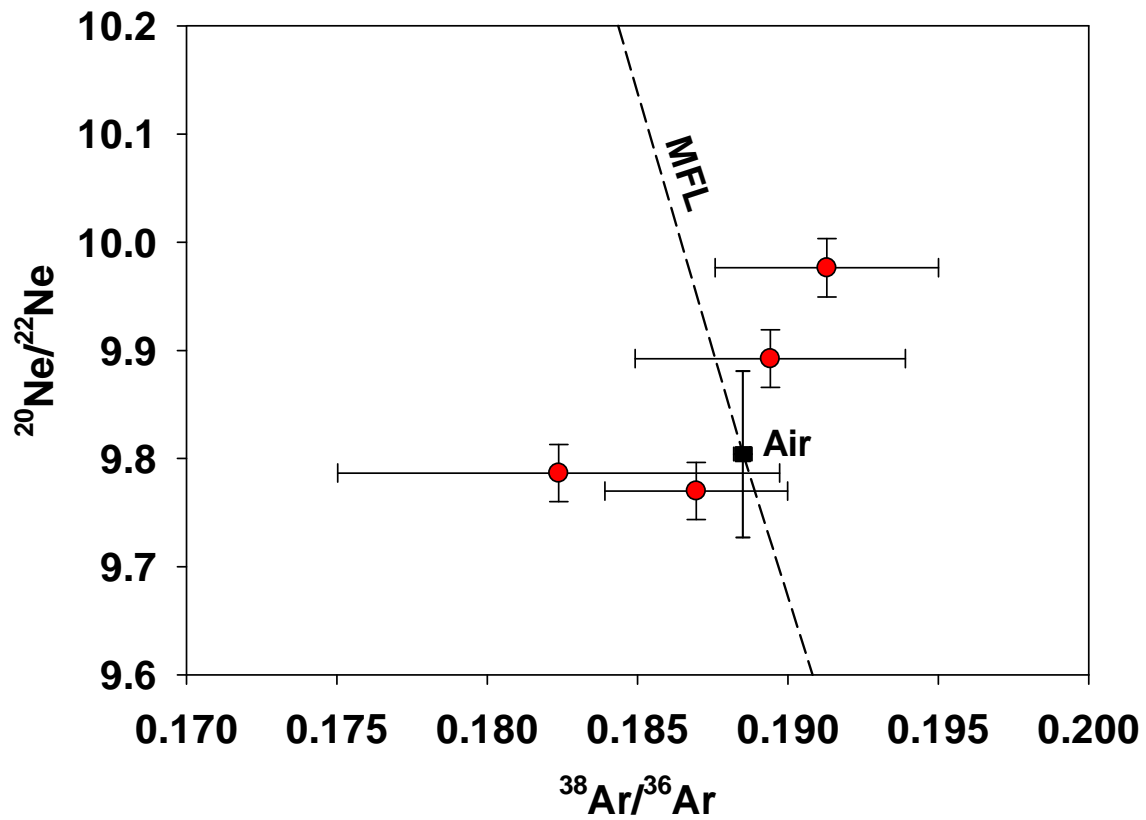
Sample	$^{20}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$	$^{21}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$ uncorrected for $^{20}\text{NeH}^+$	$^{21}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$ corrected for $^{20}\text{NeH}^+$
A - Baker Farm 2a - ARGUS	9.959 (7)	0.02996 (7)	0.02966 (8)
A - Baker Farm 2b - ARGUS	9.961 (7)	0.03003 (5)	0.02976 (6)
B - Mjaja 2a - ARGUS	9.881 (7)	0.03021 (5)	0.02963 (5)
B - Mjaja 2b - ARGUS	9.892 (5)	0.03013 (5)	0.02956 (5)



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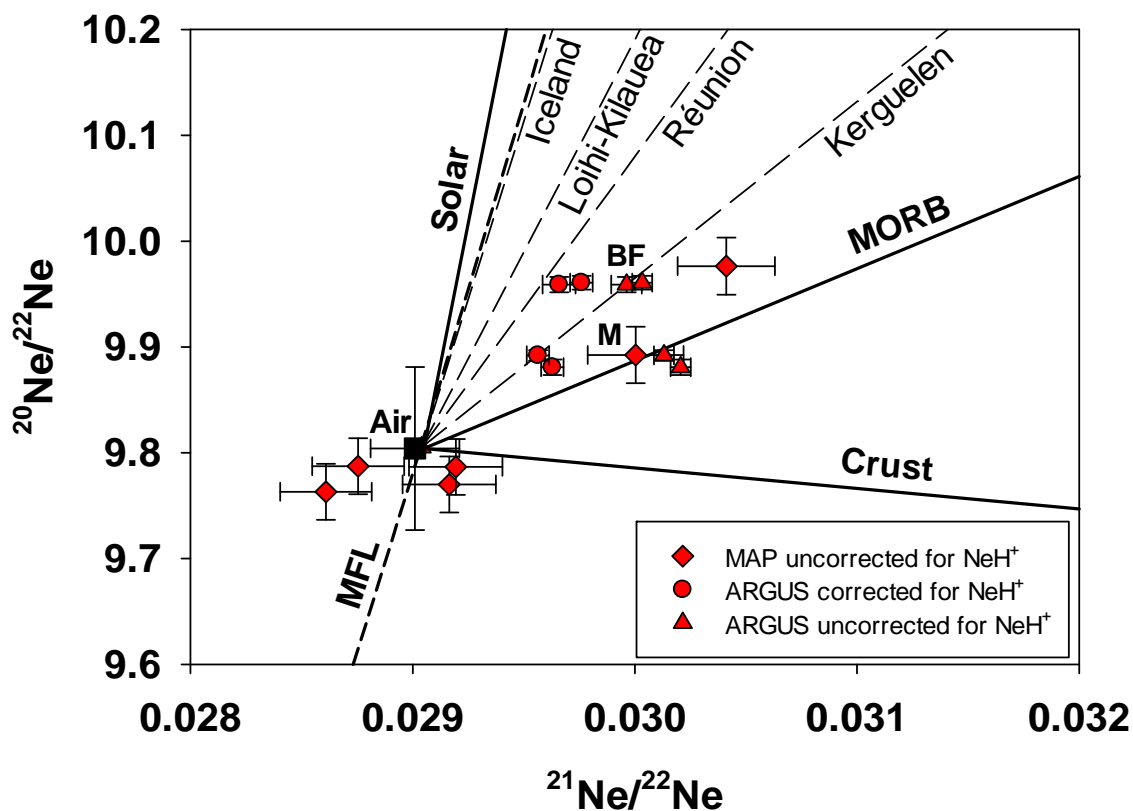
24 **Supplementary Figure 1:** Plot of air corrected  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ( $R/R_A$ ) against  $^4\text{He}/^{20}\text{Ne}$  for the  
 25 Bongwan  $\text{CO}_2$  samples (red circles). Also plotted is the atmospheric air value (black square)  
 26 and mixing lines between the air value and: typical average crust ( $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He} = 0.05 R_A$  and  
 27  $^4\text{He}/^{20}\text{Ne} = >5000$  <sup>41</sup>), Mid Ocean Ridge Basalt (MORB) mantle ( $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He} = 8 R_A$  and  
 28  $^4\text{He}/^{20}\text{Ne} = >5000$  <sup>46</sup>) and Sub-continental Lithospheric mantle (SCLM) ( $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He} = 6 R_A$  and  
 29  $^4\text{He}/^{20}\text{Ne} = >5000$  <sup>46</sup>). This highlights that the  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  and  $^4\text{He}/^{20}\text{Ne}$  of the Bongwan  $\text{CO}_2$   
 30 samples can be explained by mixing between mantle, crustal and atmospheric air components  
 31 with a consistent mantle-crust mixing ratio, and a  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  end member of  $\sim 4 R_A$ . All errors  
 32 are smaller than printed symbols.



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34 **Supplementary Figure 2:** Plot of  $^{20}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$  against  $^{38}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  for the Bongwan  $\text{CO}_2$  samples  
 35 (red circles).  $1\sigma$  errors associated with each measurement are shown and the atmospheric air  
 36 (black square) and the mass fractionation line (MFL) are also plotted. All of the Bongwan  
 37  $\text{CO}_2$  samples exhibit  $^{38}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  that are within error of the air value, as are the  $^{20}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$ ,  
 38 other than that of Baker Farm, which exhibits  $^{20}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$  above air and does not lie on the  
 39 MFL.  $1\sigma$  error envelopes are also plotted.

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42 **Supplementary Figure 3:** Plot of  $^{20}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$  against  $^{21}\text{Ne}/^{22}\text{Ne}$  for all of the measured  
 43 *Bongwan CO<sub>2</sub> samples*.  $1\sigma$  errors associated with each measurement are provided and the  
 44 plot includes lower precision analysis uncorrected for  $\text{NeH}^+$  (red diamonds); higher precision  
 45 analysis uncorrected for  $\text{NeH}^+$  (red diamonds) and the higher precision analysis corrected for  
 46  $\text{NeH}^+$  (red triangles). This highlights that the Mjaja sample is within the error envelope of the  
 47 low precision measurement, which was not corrected for the  $^{20}\text{NeH}^+$  contribution to  $^{21}\text{Ne}$ .  
 48 The uncorrected high precision Baker Farm sample plots further above the air-MORB line  
 49 than the low precision measurement. This can be explained by the fact that the high precision  
 50 analysis was performed on a separate sample of the CO<sub>2</sub> from the Baker Farm well, which  
 51 was collected at a later time, after the well had been sealed off from the atmosphere for a  
 52 greater period of time. The approximately 1 hour period of magmatic gas accumulation in the  
 53 sealed well between sample collection can account for the more mantle enriched signature of  
 54 the uncorrected high precision sample.

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