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Assessing global-scale organic matter reactivity patterns in marine sediments using a lognormal reactive continuum model

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1 **1. Details of investigated sites.**

2 Table S1. Supplementary sources of data for Fig. 3 in the main text.

longitude latitude		Sea area Water depth		ω	G _{max}	Ref.	
(°)	(°)	(Ocean)	<i>(m)</i>	(<i>cm/a</i>)	(wt%)		
72°45′ W	42°15′ N	Long Island Sound	10	0.2	1.7	(1)	
131°75′ E	43°11′ N	Amur Bay	1	0.3	2.9	(29)	
130°72′ E	42°61′ N	Ekspeditsii Bight	1.5	0.4	2.1	(29)	
131°83′ E	42°96′ N	Voevoda bight	2.1	0.3	6.2	(29)	
09°08′ E	56°53.10′ N	Livø Strait	7	0.1	6.2	(27)	
04°18′ E	51°77′ N	Haringvliet Lake	7.5	1.01	4.73	(26)	
123°29′ W	48°36′ N	NorthCarolina,USA	8	0.15	4.5	(9)	
09°09′ E	56°50.32′ N	Bjørnsholm Bay	10	0.1	12	(27)	
70°63′ W	41°73.8′ N	Buzzards Bay	15	0.2	1.9	(14)	
70°62′ W	41°74.4′ N	Buzzards Bay	16	0.2	2.1	(14)	
71°41′ W	41°43.9′ N	Rhode Island	17	0.2	16	(14)	
89°44′ W	29°07′ N	Mississippi River	20	0.8	0.9	(22)	
89°35′ W	29°06′ N	Mississippi River	20	0.8	0.52	(22)	
73°42′ W	43°81′ S	Southern Chilean	20	0.29	1.4	(23)	
73°51′ W	43°47′ S	Southern Chilean	20	0.29	3.2	(23)	
73°63′ W	44°62′ S	Southern Chilean	20	0.29	3.1	(23)	
73°18′ W	45°31′ S	Southern Chilean	20	0.29	1.6	(23)	
74°46′ W	44°51′ S	Southern Chilean	20	0.29	2.4	(23)	
74°53′ W	45°68′ S	Southern Chilean	20	0.29	1.5	(23)	
13°86′ E	54°74′ N	Arkona Bassin	35	0.048	3.8	(21)	
13°79′ E	54°80′ N	Arkona Bassin	44	0.074	4.1	(21)	
13°66′ E	54°94′ N	Arkona Bassin	44	0.19	5.2	(21)	
13°61′ E	54°91′ N	Arkona Bassin	44	0.215	4.9	(21)	
136°78′ W	34°29′ N	Ago Bay	50	0.2	2.5	(18)	
136°72′ W	34°30′ N	Ago Bay	50	0.2	2.4	(18)	
136°70′ W	34°25′ N	Ago Bay	50	0.2	2.48	(18)	
14°18′ E	23°46.52′ S	Namibian shelf	110	0.34	12	(16)	
86°13′ W	09°37′ N	Costa Rica	160	0.01	2.4	(20)	
86°11′ W	09°39′ N	Costa Rica	160	0.01	1.75	(20)	
86°15′ W	09°42′ N	Costa Rica	160	0.01	1.6	(20)	
123°25′ W	48°32′ N	Saanich Inlet	170	0.69	4.8	(7)	
05°12′ W	78°93′ N	East Greenland shelf	189	0.37	0.72	(24)	
12°77′ W	74°99′ N	East Greenland shelf	320	0.46	0.48	(24)	
04°59′ W	75°06′ N	Central Greenland	272	0.09	0.62	(24)	
123°30′ W	48°37′ N	Saanich Inlet	210	1.04	3.8	(11)	
77°39′ W	12°0.5′ S	Peru continental	186	0.23	14	(2)	
77°40′ W	12°0.5′ S	Peru continental	255	0.23	7.9	(2)	
76°50′ W	13°37.3′ S	Peru continental	370	0.14	20	(5)	
76°51′ W	13°37.3′ S	Peru continental	370	0.04	20	(5)	
77°57′ W	11°15.1′ S	Peru continental	186	0.15	14	(5)	

78°07′ W	11°20.6′ S	°20.6' S Peru continental		0.15	20	(4)
77°24′ W	12°23′ S	Peruvian margin	297	0.06	17.2	(33)
77°10′ W	12°13′ S	Peruvian margin	306	0.3	3.1	(33)
77°15′ W	12°17′ S	Peruvian margin	409	0.5	14.8	(33)
24°59' W	71°21′ N	Weddell Sea	422	0.58	0.28	(25)
120°14′ W	34°19.3' N	Santa Barbara Basin	430	0.2	2.8	(13)
120°01' W	34°14.3′ N	Santa Barbara Basin	578	0.2	3.2	(13)
120°02′ W	34°16.0′ N	Santa Barbara Basin	585	0.2	2.6	(13)
12°85′ E	38°13′ N	Castellammare	550	0.2	1.1	(28)
12°91′ E	38°14′ N	Castellammare	550	0.2	0.85	(28)
146°00' E	49°44.88′ N	Sea of Okhotsk	613	0.093	2.1	(30)
144°04' E	54°26.52′ N	Sea of Okhotsk	685	0.022	1.7	(30)
144°42′ E	52°43.88′ N	Sea of Okhotsk	713	0.115	1.8	(30)
144°14' E	53°50.00′ N	Sea of Okhotsk	771	0.092	1.7	(30)
146°02′ E	48°22.73′ N	Sea of Okhotsk	1256	0.013	1.6	(30)
146°08' E	48°11.83′ N	Sea of Okhotsk	1602	0.01	0.83	(30)
77°11′ W	12°14′ S	Peruvian margin	695	0.3	6.1	(33)
77°35′ W	12°31′ S	Peruvian margin	756	0.08	2.9	(33)
77°40′ W	12°35′ S	Peruvian margin	770	0.052	4.6	(33)
02°45' W	62°79′ N	Shetland Faeroe	777	0.68	1.2	(24)
119°42′ E	22°29′ N	South China Sea	1004	0.08	0.78	(32)
38°51' W	77°39′ N	Weddell Sea	1097	0.21	0.42	(25)
31°24' W	74°24′ N	Weddell Sea	1178	0.14	0.36	(25)
09°67′ W	68°71′ N	Weddell Sea	1185	0.08	0.32	(25)
27°64' W	73°17′ N	Weddell Sea	1566	0.24	0.35	(25)
22°36' W	73°36′ N	Weddell Sea	1598	0.24	0.25	(25)
27°16′ W	73°48′ N	Weddell Sea	444	0.74	0.21	(25)
118°83′ W	32°85′ N	Southern California	1500	0.06	6.5	(23)
65°35′ E	20°00' N	Arabian Sea	3000	0.0024	0.56	(31)
68°33′ E	15°36′ N	Arabian Sea	3500	0.0025	0.95	(31)
64°33′ E	14°24′ N	Arabian Sea	3500	0.0024	0.63	(31)
65°02′ E	10°03′ N	Arabian Sea	3500	0.0012	0.53	(31)
60°31′ E	16°10′ N	Arabian Sea	4000	0.0034	3.8	(31)
71°24' W	36°10′ N	NW Atlantic	4215	0.01	1.2	(8)
70°50′ W	32°59.3′ N	NW Atlantic	4595	0.003	0.28	(8)
60°50′ W	35°19.8′ N	NW Atlantic	5341	0.01	0.34	(8)
136°03′ E	28°59.00' N	Philippine Sea	2972	0.00006	0.34	(6)
135°93' E	29°08.00' N	Shikoku Basin	2972	0.00006	0.5	(6)
135°99′ E	29°10.00' N	Shikoku Basin	2972	0.00006	0.42	(6)
134°93' E	28°59.00' N	Shikoku Basin	2972	0.00002	0.27	(6)
151°39′ W	13°41.7′ N	the North Pacific	5686	0.00015	0.4	(10)
148°57′ W	6°13.2′ N	the North Pacific	5718	0.00019	0.23	(10)
146°09′ W	9°30.5′ N	the North Pacific	5004	0.00023	0.36	(10)
146°01′ W	9°19.3′ N	the North Pacific	5205	0.00032	0.45	(10)

145°59′ W	W 9°31.5' N the North Pacific		5164	0.00036	0.26	(10)
144°49' W	3°59.5′ N	the North Pacific	5214	0.00036	0.22	(10)
145°01' W	3°50.2′ N the North Pacific		4599	0.00041	0.23	(10)
148°44′ W	9°15.0′ N	the North Pacific	4619	0.00043	0.35	(10)
148°46′ W	9°06.5′ N	the North Pacific	5144	0.00058	0.32	(10)
151°39′ W	14°41.7′ N	the North Pacific	5686	0.0002	0.2	(10)
148°47′ W	9°06.5′ N	the North Pacific	5189	0.0012	0.25	(10)
168°46′ W	65°01.7′ S	South flank Pacific	2930	0.00258	0.5	(12)
174°14′ W	66°49.7′ S	South flank Pacific	3260	0.0018	0.32	(12)
174°44′ W	62°54.2′ S	North flank Pacific	4139	0.00588	0.6	(12)
63°27′ W	22°54.9′ N	Nares Abyssal Plain	5868	0.0005	0.3	(15)
63°26′ W	22°54.9′ N	Nares Abyssal Plain	5868	0.0005	0.14	(15)
63°00′ W	23°22.3′ N	Nares Abyssal Plain	5878	0.0005	0.12	(15)
63°01′ W	23°22.3′ N	Nares Abyssal Plain	5878	0.0005	0.008	(15)
169°04' E	08°13′ N	Equatorial Pacific	4239	< 0.002	0.25	(17)
177°58' E	07°27′ N	Equatorial Pacific	5269	< 0.002	0.42	(17)
175°52′ W	05°03′ N	Equatorial Pacific	5867	< 0.002	0.6	(17)
174°54′ W	174°54' W 03°04' N Equatorial Pacific		3572	< 0.002	0.54	(17)
171°04' W	04' W 00°02' S Equatorial Pacific		5352	< 0.002	0.7	(17)
168°04' W	°04' W 02°26' S Equatorial Pacific		5361	< 0.002	0.52	(17)
166°37′ W	W 03°39' S Equatorial Pacific		5469	< 0.002	0.53	(17)
166°32′ W	09°10′ S Equatorial Pacific		5283	< 0.002	0.15	(17)
85°22′ W	85°22' W 05°30' S Peru Basin		4082	0.002	1.7	(19)
85°11′ W	1' W 06°34' S Peru Basin		4165	0.0006	0.72	(19)
88°27′ W	88°27' W 07°40' S Peru Basin		4127	0.0004	0.8	(19)
3.07 W	51.5 N	Severn estuary	8	0.43	2.9	(34)
4.85 E	43.31 N	Rhone zone	19	0.1	1.9	(35)
4.77 E	43.27 N	Rhone shelf	74	0.5	1.5	(36)
10.34 E	56.11 N	Aarhus Bay	15	0.32	3.8	(37)
13.78 E	54.8 N	Arkona Basin	43	0.0074	3.9	(38)
7.97 E	54.08 N	Helgoland Mud	29	1.3	1.1	(39)
9.75 E	57.92 N	Skagerrak S10	86	0.5	1.4	(40)
9.7 E	57.95 N	Skagerrak S11	150	0.5	0.7	(41)
9.6 E	58.05 N	Skagerrak S13	386	0.5	2.1	(42)
63.02 E	24.88 N	Arabian Sea	645	0.05	1.1	(43)
62.99 E	24.81 N	Arabian Sea	957	0.05	0.95	(44)
62.99 E	24.71 N	Arabian Sea	1586	0.05	0.92	(45)
168.8 W	54.57 N	Bering Sea	1476	0.0016	1.6	(46)
53.59 W	39.31 S	Argentine Basin	3687	0.008	1.2	(47)

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135 **2. Parameter sensitivity analysis for the** *l***-RCM and the** *γ***-RCM**

We did parameter sensitivity analysis for γ -RCM and *l*-RCM, respectively. The results shown that when *v* is fixed value, the parameter *a* can vary over a wide range (from 10000 to 20000) while maintaining a relatively good fit ($R^2>0.9$). However, when *a* is a fixed value, the variation of parameter *v* can cause a large fitting error. The results were shown in the Table S2 and Fig. S1.

- 140 Besides, we found when both a and v had a huge change, γ -RCM can also obtain a good fit result,
- 141 as shown in the Fig. S3.

Sensitivity analysis of y-RCM								
BX-6	v=0.278	a=12.5	$R^2 = 0.82$	DSDP 58	<i>v</i> =1.08	<i>a</i> =10224	$R^2 = 0.91$	
		a=22.5	$R^2 = 0.93$			<i>a</i> =12224	$R^2 = 0.92$	
		<i>a</i> =32.5	$R^2 = 0.86$			a=14224	$R^2 = 0.93$	
		<i>a</i> =42.5	$R^2 = 0.74$			<i>a</i> =16224	$R^2 = 0.92$	
		<i>a</i> =52.5	$R^2 = 0.61$			<i>a</i> =18224	$R^2 = 0.92$	
						a=20224	$R^2 = 0.92$	
	<i>a</i> =22.5	v=0.178	$R^2 = 0.56$		<i>a</i> =20224	v=0.68	$R^2 = 0.63$	
		v=0.278	$R^2 = 0.93$			v=0.88	$R^2 = 0.84$	
		v=0.378	$R^2 = 0.76$			v=1.08	$R^2 = 0.92$	
						v=1.28	$R^2 = 0.93$	
						v=1.48	$R^2 = 0.91$	

142 Table S2. Fitting results of parametric sensitivity analysis of γ-RCM



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Fig. S1. Parameter sensitivity analysis of *γ*-RCM.

145 The *l*-RCM best-fit parameters are well fixed. According to the parametric sensitivity analysis, we

146 found that very small changes in parameters μ and σ can cause large errors in the fitting results. The 147 results were shown in the Table S3 and Fig. S2.

148	Table S3. Fitting results of	parametric sensitivity	analysis of <i>l</i> -RCM.
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Sensitivity analysis of <i>l</i> -RCM								
BX-6	µ=2.24	<i>σ</i> =1.031	$R^2=0.71$	DSDP	µ=6.11	σ=0.663	$R^2 = 0.87$	
	×10 ⁻³	<i>σ</i> =2.031	$R^2 = 0.93$	58	×10 ⁻⁵	<i>σ</i> =1.663	$R^2 = 0.92$	
		<i>σ</i> =3.031	$R^2 = 0.88$			<i>σ</i> =2.663	$R^2 = 0.88$	
_		<i>σ</i> =4.031	$R^2 = 0.83$			<i>σ</i> =3.663	$R^2 = 0.81$	
	<i>σ</i> =2.031	$\mu = 1.24 \times 10^{-3}$	$R^2 = 0.62$		<i>σ</i> =1.663	μ =3.11×10 ⁻⁵	$R^2 = 0.86$	
		μ =2.24×10 ⁻³	$R^2 = 0.93$			μ =6.11×10 ⁻⁵	$R^2 = 0.92$	
		μ =3.24×10 ⁻³	$R^2 = 0.89$			$\mu = 9.11 \times 10^{-5}$	$R^2 = 0.87$	
		μ =4.24×10 ⁻³	$R^2 = 0.82$			$\mu = 12.11 \times 10^{-5}$	$R^2 = 0.82$	

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154 Fig. S3. A: pink circles are measured OM date. The red solid (μ =2.23×10⁻³, σ =2.03, R^2 =0.93)

and dotted lines (μ =2.23×10⁻³, σ =1.03, R^2 =0.82) are the results of *l*-RCM, the blue solid

156 (v=0.278, a=22.5, $R^2=0.93$) and dotted lines (v=0.5, a=53, $R^2=0.91$) are the results of γ -RCM.

157 B: pink circles are measured OM date. The red solid (μ =6.11×10⁻⁵, σ =1.66, R^2 =0.92) and

dotted lines (μ =8.8×10⁻⁵, σ =1.36, R^2 =0.78) are the results of *l*-RCM, the blue solid (ν =1.08,

159 *a*=20225, *R*²=0.92) and dotted lines (*v*=0.5, *a*=4024, *R*²=0.89) are the results of *y*-RCM.