

Supporting Information for “MCADAM: A continuous paleomagnetic dipole moment model for at least 3.7 billion years”

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1. PINT v8.1.0 database. Available at <http://www.pintdb.org>, see website or Bono et al. (2022) for complete description.
2. MCADAM.1a – MCADAM.1c. Available at <http://www.earthref.org/ERDA/2537/>.

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Columns:

- (i) `0..N` : Time step index
- (ii) `age` : Age step realization (Ma)
- (iii) `mean` : MCADAM mean dipole ($1e22 \text{ Am}^2$)
- (iv) `std` : MCADAM dipole standard deviation ($1e22 \text{ Am}^2$)
- (v) `mode` : MCADAM dipole mode ($1e22 \text{ Am}^2$)
- (vi) `2.5%` : MCADAM dipole 2.5% percentile ($1e22 \text{ Am}^2$)
- (vii) `25%` : MCADAM dipole 25% percentile ($1e22 \text{ Am}^2$)
- (viii) `50%` : MCADAM dipole 50% percentile ($1e22 \text{ Am}^2$)
- (ix) `75%` : MCADAM dipole 75% percentile ($1e22 \text{ Am}^2$)
- (x) `97.5%` : MCADAM dipole 97.5% percentile ($1e22 \text{ Am}^2$)

Text S1. MCADAM sensitivity testing

To test the ability for the MCADAM modeling approach to recover true temporal variation of the average paleomagnetic field, we conducted a series of synthetic tests exploring models sensitivity to sampling density and distribution, as well as the data uncertainty in site mean age and dipole moment. We first define a “true” time-varying dipole field, here a combination of sine waves with the variation of PADM2M (Ziegler et al., 2011) superimposed over the baselines signal. Site mean age distributions are defined to mimic the PINT v8.1.0 distribution of ages. Synthetic paleointensity samples are realized from this “true” mean trend using a Gaussian distribution with a mean corresponding to the mean field predicted by the true dipole moment and a σ inferred from PINT v8.1.0, this variation represents a combination of secular variation and measurement noise, and Gaussian draw for the site age with increasing age uncertainty from 100 kyr to 20 Myr depending on site age (< 1 Myr and > 1 Gyr, respectively). While the “true” mean field does not resemble the paleomagnetic field, and the variation is arbitrarily defined, visually this synthetic field record appears to share broadly similar features to the paleomagnetic record in the PINT v8.1.0 database such that we feel it represents a reasonably synthetic analogue for sensitivity testing. The MCADAM modelling approach is applied to this synthetic dataset, using the synthetic VDM realizations to estimate the mean dipole field strength.

The results of these sensitivity tests demonstrate that generally the modeling approach is capable of reproducing the “true” median field temporal trend within the 75-95% interval of time trends. The MCADAM-derived model was able to estimate the true field

strength within the 95% predictive interval over 99% of the time, within the 75% predictive interval over 80% of the time, and yields a root-mean-square misfit of 1.7 ZAm². Visually, the MCADAM model's predictive interval reacts appropriately for the data density and distribution, with the predictive interval shrinking when the density of observations is high and enlarging when the density is low or the scatter is high.

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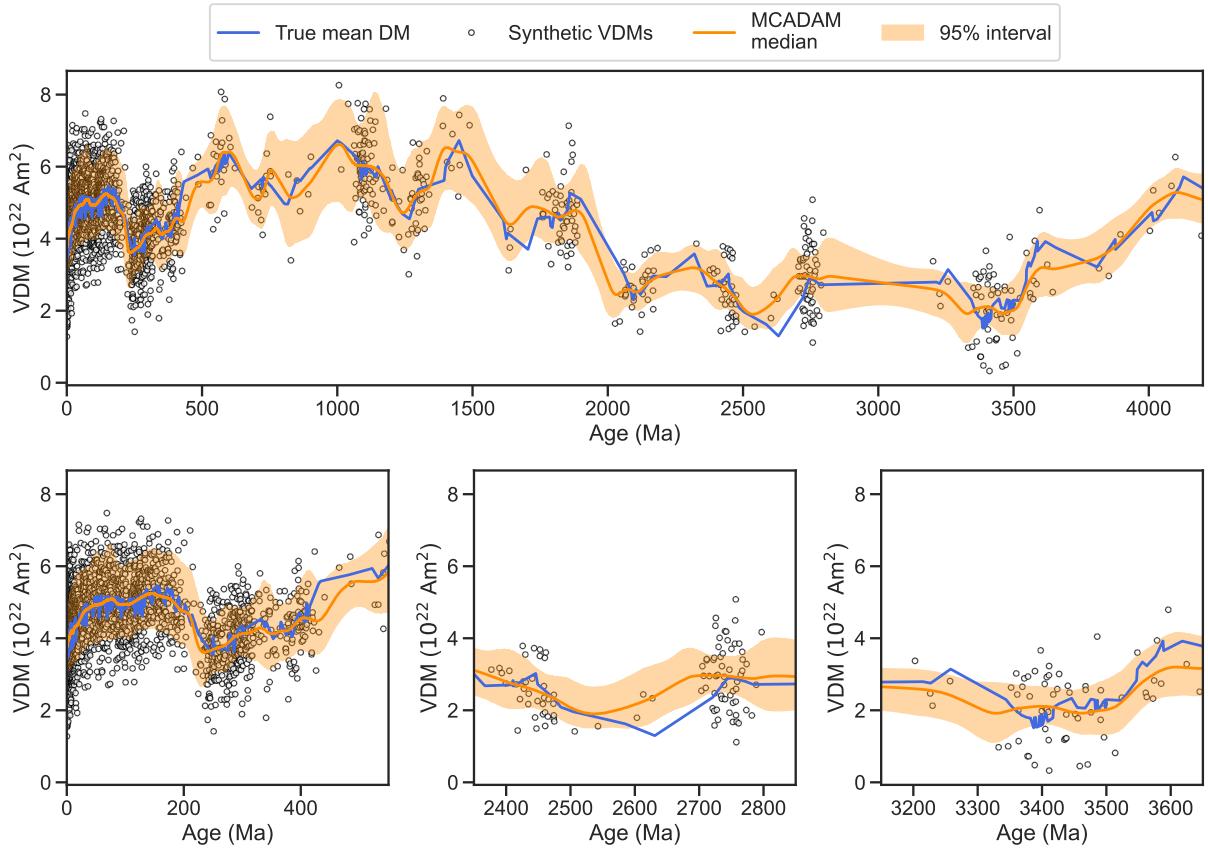


Figure S1. Synthetic test of MCADAM using a known dipole mean field with realistic variation. Blue line: true mean dipole moment; grey circles: synthetic VDMs drawn from true mean dipole moment with plausible variance; orange line and field, MCADAM model median field strength estimate and 95% predictive interval.

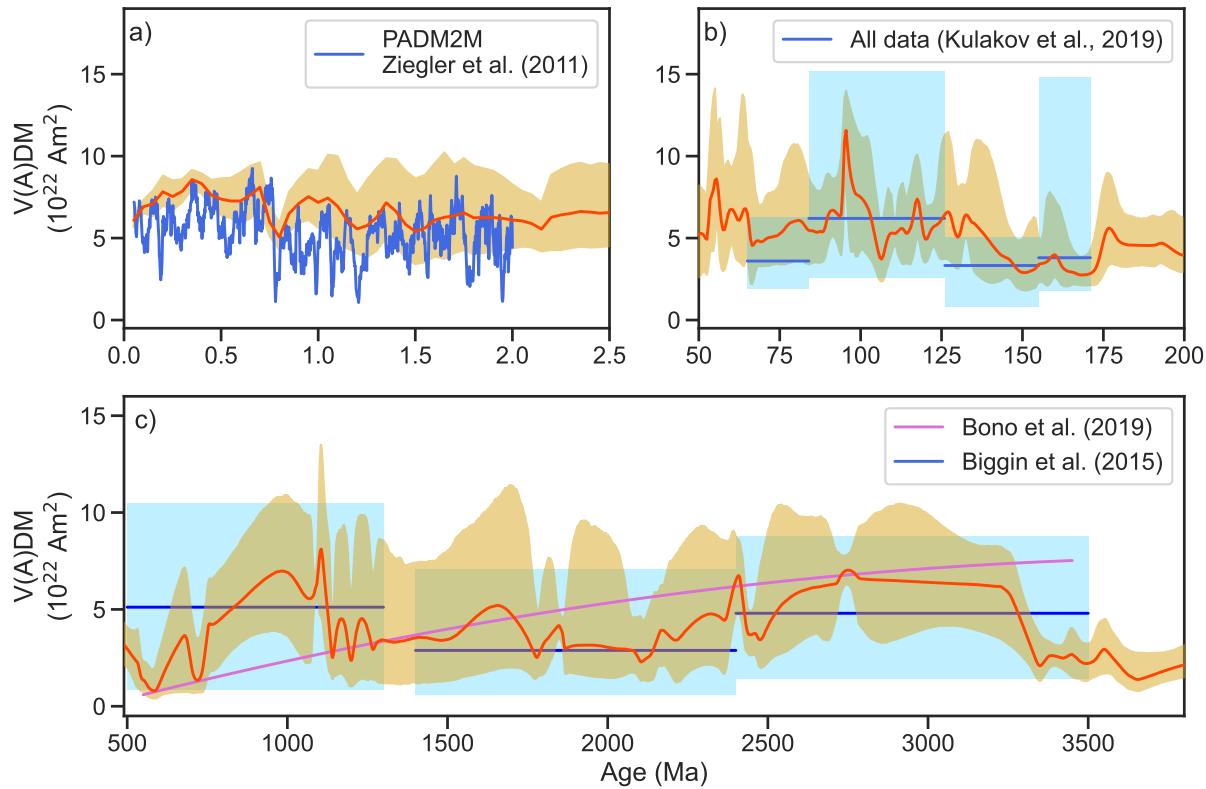


Figure S2. MCADAM.1a time-varying model of paleofield strength for the past 3.7 billion years from all non-transitional sites in the PINT v8.1.0 database. In all panels, the orange line represents the median time-varying model from MCADAM.1b with shaded 95% interval. a) Quaternary; blue line shows PADM2M model (Ziegler et al., 2011); b) Mesozoic; blue line and field shows median and 95% interval of Q_{PI} binned following (Kulakov et al., 2019); c) Precambrian; purple line shows polynomial fit of Bono et al. (2019), blue lines show bin medians with shaded 95% confidence intervals of Biggin et al. (2015).

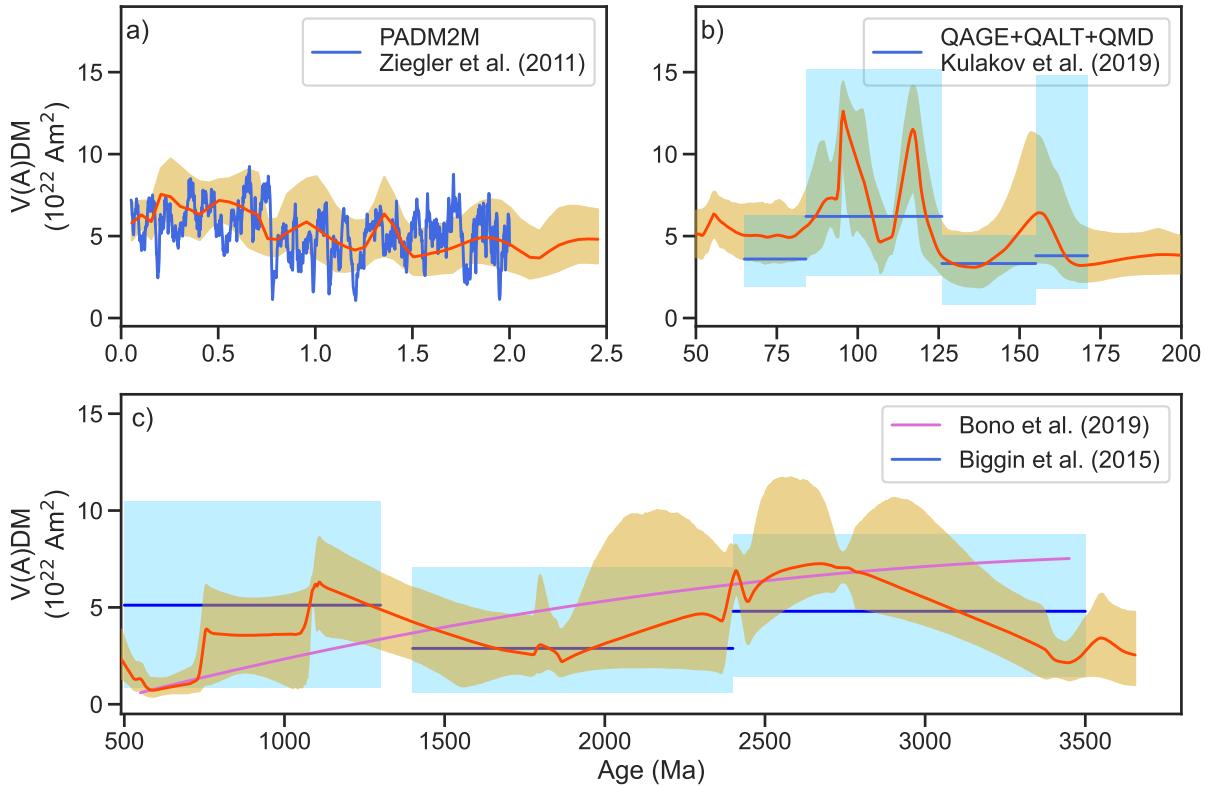


Figure S3. MCADAM.1c time-varying model of paleofield strength for the past 3.7 billion years from PINT v8.1.0 data meeting the prioritized Q_{PI} criteria: QAGE + QALT + QMD. In all panels, the orange line represents the median time-varying model from MCADAM.1b with shaded 95% interval. a) Quaternary; blue line shows PADM2M model (Ziegler et al., 2011); b) Mesozoic; blue line and field shows median and 95% interval of Q_{PI} binned following (Kulakov et al., 2019); c) Precambrian; purple line shows polynomial fit of Bono et al. (2019), blue lines show bin medians with shaded 95% confidence intervals of Biggin et al. (2015).

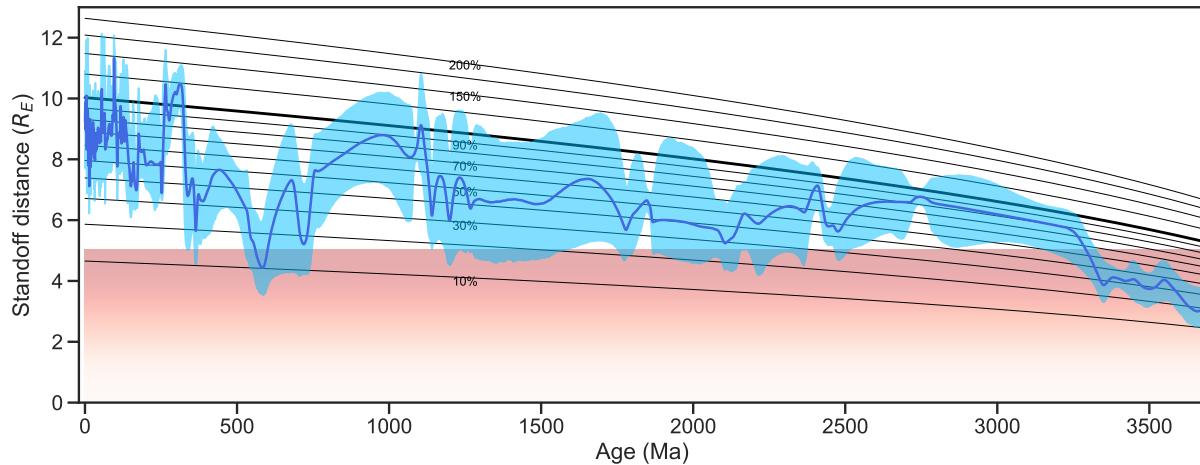


Figure S4. Magnetopause standoff distance estimate using equation 2 in the main text and the MCADAM.1a modeled dipole moment curve with from all non-transitional sites in the PINT v8.1.0 database. Blue curve is the predicted median dipole moment and blue field is the 95% predicted interval. Contour lines show standoff distance relative to the present day. Red gradient shows standoff distance associated with the Halloween 2003 solar storm (Rosenqvist et al., 2005).

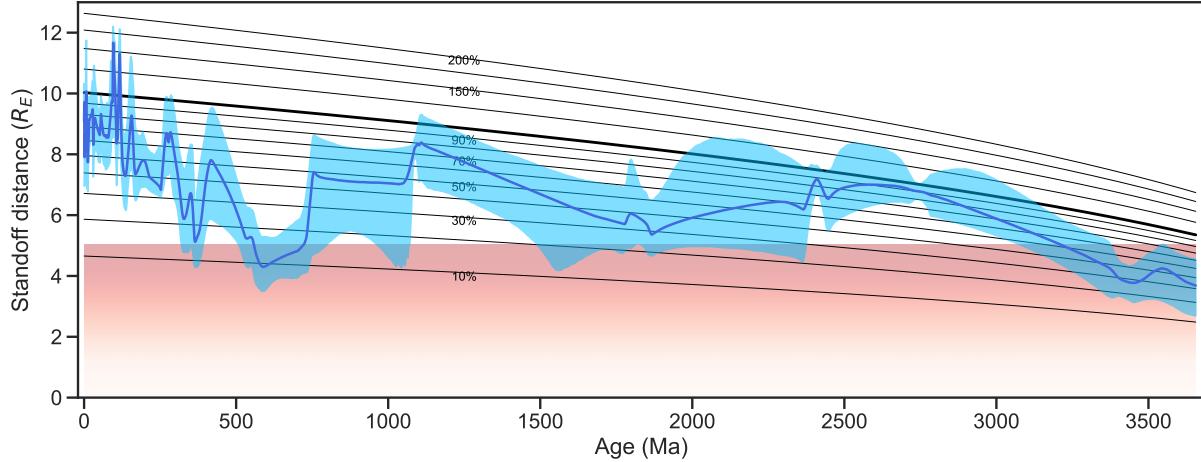


Figure S5. Magnetopause standoff distance estimate using equation 2 in the main text and the MCADAM.1c modeled dipole moment curve with PINT v8.1.0 data meeting the prioritized Q_{PI} criteria: QAGE + QALT + QMD. Blue curve is the predicted median dipole moment and blue field is the 95% predicted interval. Contour lines show standoff distance relative to the present day. Red gradient shows standoff distance associated with the Halloween 2003 solar storm (Rosenqvist et al., 2005).

Table S1. New entries to PINT v8.1.0

REF	Site Lat.	Site Long.	Age	N_{Sites}	V(A)DM	Q_{PI}	Author (Year)
745	36.8	-116.5	12.7	2	6.09	6.0	Abdulghafur and Bowles (2019)
746	41.4	43.3	3.6	8	3.89	4.6	Sánchez-Moreno et al. (2020)
747	-33.5	-55.9	157.6	3	9.79	3.0	Cervantes-Solano et al. (2020)
749	64.4	-51.4	1818.0	1	2.33	6.0	Miki et al. (2020)
750	51.5	26.0	568.5	4	0.90	7.8	Shcherbakova et al. (2020)
751	-26.2	117.0	3495.5	24	1.88	2.1	Tarduno et al. (2020)
752	13.3	37.9	30.1	11	4.19	3.9	Yoshimura et al. (2020)
753	40.2	75.3	63.6	4	6.13	6.5	Meng et al. (2020)
754	17.3	73.7	65.5	10	1.18	3.0	Radhakrishna, Asanulla, Venkateshwarlu, and Soumya (2020)
755	-78.0	164.9	1.9	26	4.36	5.6	Asefaw, Tauxe, Koppers, and Staudigel (2021)
756	41.4	44.0	67.4	6	5.26	4.5	Calvo-Rathert et al. (2021)
757	56.3	-3.0	366.4	14	2.48	6.8	Hawkins et al. (2021)
758	25.1	88.7	117.0	10	3.50	1.0	Kapawar and Mamilla (2021)
759	76.4	-77.1	723.0	11	1.00	6.5	Lloyd, Biggin, Halls, and Hill (2021)
760	41.4	43.3	3.5	18	4.36	7.1	Sánchez-Moreno et al. (2021)
761	46.0	279.3	589.8	7	0.92	7.4	Thallner, Biggin, and Halls (2021)
762	-23.8	116.1	912.0	6	3.89	7.5	Lloyd, Biggin, and Li (2021)
763	54.8	87.1	250.0	4	1.72	5.5	Eliseev et al. (2021)
764	49.5	301.9	550.0	8	1.40	6.8	Thallner, Biggin, McCausland, and Fu (2021)
765	-15.9	-5.7	9.2	5	2.33	7.8	Engbers, Grappone, Mark, and Biggin (2022)
767	-16.8	208.6	2.6	2	7.34	4.0	Chauvin, Roperch, and Levi (2005)
768	41.5	43.3	3.8	6	6.89	1.0	Goguitchaichvili, Alva-Valdivia, Urrutia-Fucugauchi, Morales, and Ferrari (2000)
769	38.0	127.4	73.1	5	3.10	4.0	Chang, Kim, Doh, and Yu (2013)
770	65.1	-15.5	1.5	6	5.97	4.2	Dössing, Muxworthy, Supakulopas, Riishuus, and Mac Niocaill (2016)
772	51.5	-68.9	214.0	1	4.90	5.0	Eitel, Gilder, Spray, Thompson, and Pohl (2016)
774	29.1	-114.1	7.4	9	5.34	6.4	Mahgoub, García-Amador, and Alva-Valdivia (2021)
775	46.9	15.9	2.3	9	5.37	4.0	Schnepp et al. (2021)
777	42.7	268.9	1091.8	7	8.31	6.0	Zhang, Swanson-Hysell, Avery, and Fu (2022)
778	34.8	-98.9	532.5	1	3.50	6.0	Zhou et al. (2022)
779	45.7	-74.6	531.4	1	0.94	9.0	Lloyd, Biggin, Paterson, and McCausland (2022)
780	51.7	24.7	571.0	17	0.81	6.8	Thallner et al. (2022)

REF: study reference number in PINT v8.1.0; mean site location, Lat., Long. in degrees; mean site age in Ma; N_{Sites} :

number of sites associated with the study; mean V(A)DM: virtual (axial) dipole moment, in 10^{22} Am 2 ; Q_{PI} : mean Q_{PI} score of sites associated with the study.