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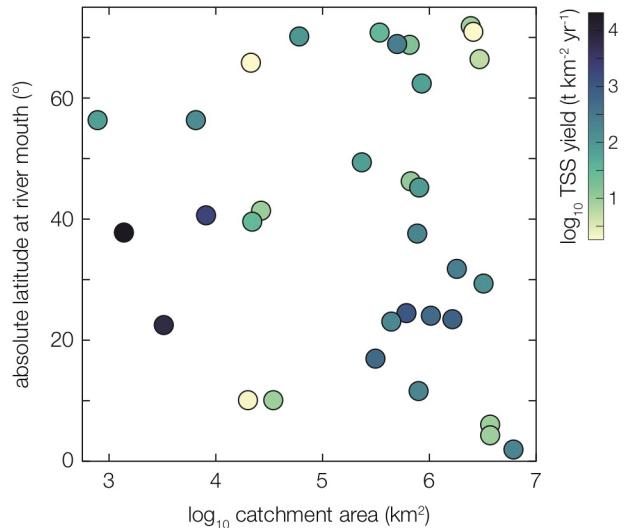
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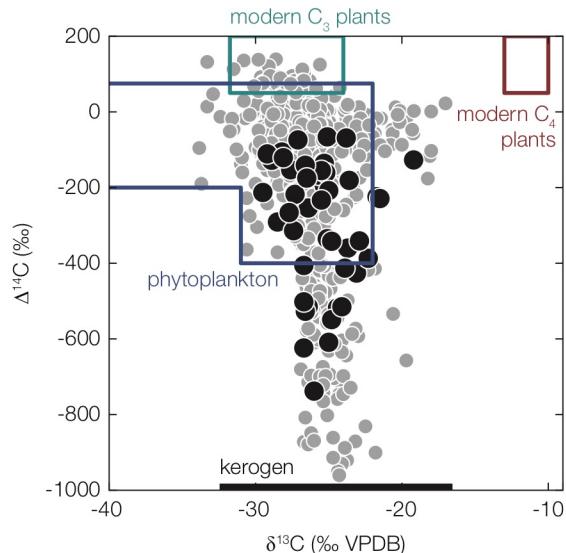
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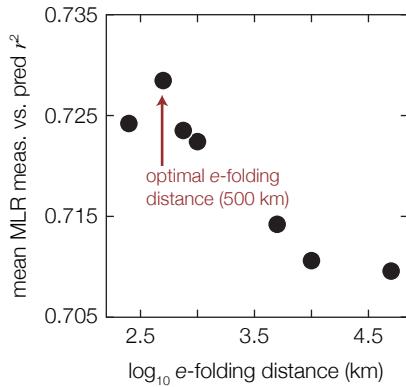
24 **Figure S1. Catchment latitude as a function of area.** Absolute value of latitude at the river
25 mouth plotted as a function of catchment area for all river basins used in this study. Markers are
26 additionally color coded by total suspended sediment (TSS) yield. There exists no correlation
27 between catchment area and latitude at the river mouth, indicating that our sample set provides
28 adequate global coverage and that covariance between these properties will not bias our results.

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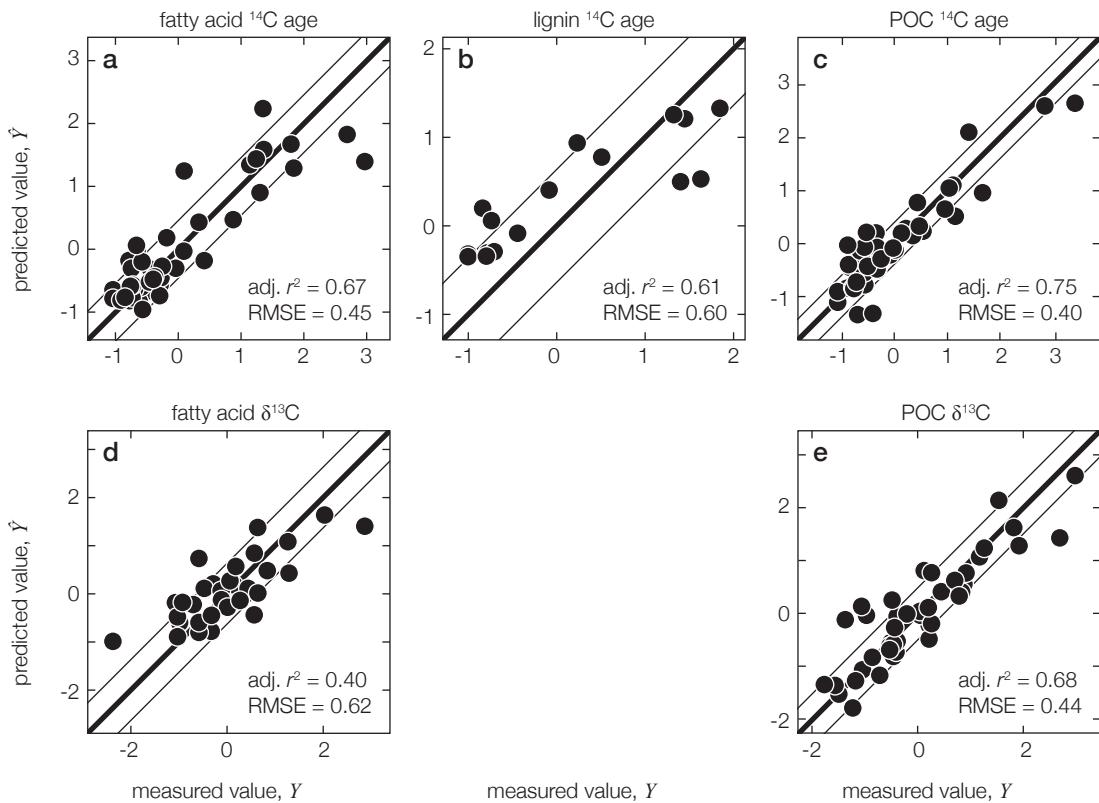


30 **Figure S2. River POC dual isotope plot.** Bulk POC $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values (relative to Vienna Pee Dee
 31 Belemnite) vs. ^{14}C content reported in $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ notation (*I*), which allows for the inclusion of samples
 32 with “above modern” ^{14}C ages due to incorporation of nuclear-bomb-derived ^{14}C . All samples
 33 from the database of Marwick et al. (2) are shown as gray circles; all samples from this study are
 34 shown as black circles. Importantly, samples from this study span a majority of the variability seen
 35 in the global database, indicating that results from our sample set likely reflect global phenomena.
 36 Estimates of end-member OC compositions are also plotted as colored boxes (2).
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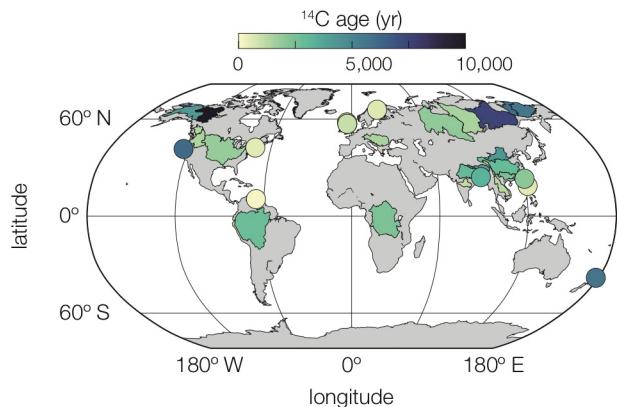
39 **Figure S3. MLR correlations with *e*-folding distance.** The mean of multiple linear regression
40 (MLR) r^2 values for all biomarker and POC ^{14}C and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ response variables plotted as a function
41 of weighting *e*-folding distance. Higher *e*-folding distances result in control variable values that
42 are more uniformly integrated across the river basin, with the longest *e*-folding length equivalent
43 to catchment-wide integration. Here, we choose 500 km as the optimal *e*-folding distance for
44 determination of catchment-weighted parameters, as this value maximizes MLR r^2 values.



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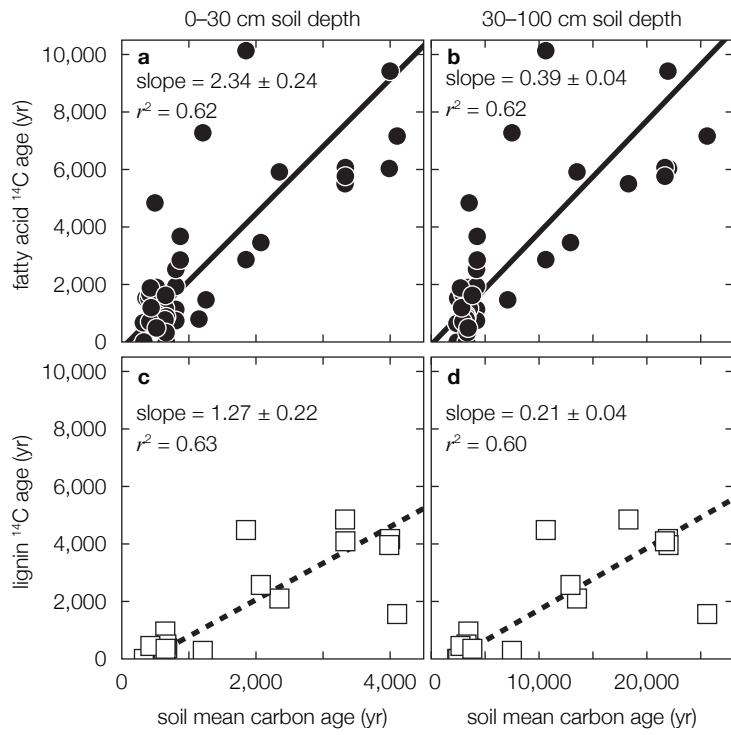
46 **Figure S4. Measured vs. MLR-predicted response variables.** Multiple-linear-regression (MLR)
47 predicted A, plant-wax fatty acid ^{14}C age, B, lignin phenol ^{14}C age, C, bulk POC ^{14}C age, D,
48 plant-wax fatty acid ^{13}C composition, and E, bulk POC ^{13}C composition as a function of their measured
49 values. For each panel, thick black line is the 1:1 line and thin black lines represent ± 1 root mean
50 square error (RMSE) about the 1:1 line; adj. r^2 refers to the adjusted r^2 value that removes the
51 effect of spurious improvement resulting from increasing the number of predictor variables. All
52 measured and predicted values have been scaled such that each distribution has a mean of zero and
53 a standard deviation of unity.

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56 **Figure S5. Riverine POC ^{14}C ages.** Catchment areas of all rivers analyzed in this study color-coded by bulk POC ^{14}C ages (*SI Appendix, Table S1*). Rivers with catchment areas smaller than
57 30,000 km 2 are shown as colored circles for clarity. Legend is the same as in Fig. 1.
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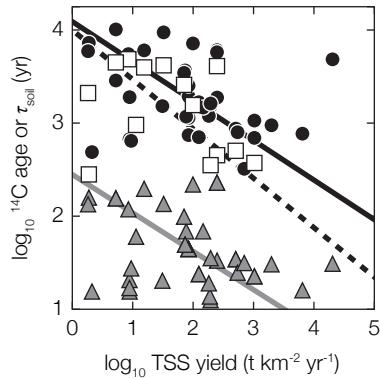


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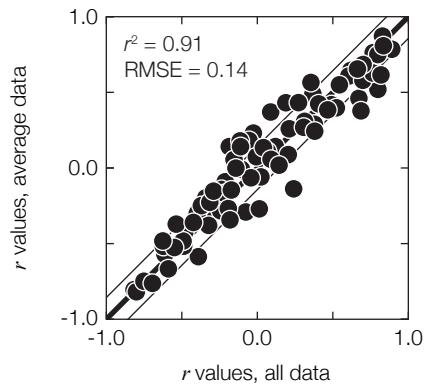
60 **Figure S6. Relationships between soil mean carbon age and biomarker ^{14}C age.** **a** and **b**, Plant-
 61 wax fatty acid, and **c** and **d**, lignin phenol ^{14}C ages as a function of soil mean carbon age (0–30 cm,
 62 left panels; 30–100 cm, right panels). Solid and dashed black lines are reduced major axis
 63 regression lines; reported values are the corresponding reduced major axis regression slopes and
 64 r^2 values ([Materials and Methods](#)). Uncertainty ($\pm 1\sigma$) is always smaller than marker points.

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66 **Figure S7. TSS controls on soil carbon turnover times and biomarker ^{14}C ages.** Logarithmic
 67 plant-wax fatty acid ^{14}C ages (black circles), lignin phenol ^{14}C ages (white squares), and catchment
 68 soil carbon turnover times (τ_{soil} ; gray triangles) (3) as functions of total suspended sediment (TSS)
 69 yield (SI Appendix, Tables S1, S3). Solid black, dashed black, and gray lines are plant-wax fatty
 70 acid, lignin phenol, and τ_{soil} reduced major axis regression lines, respectively (Materials and
 71 Methods). Relationship slopes and r^2 values are as follows: fatty acid ^{14}C ages: slope = $-0.42 \pm$
 72 0.08, $r^2 = 0.07$; lignin phenol ^{14}C ages: slope = -0.53 ± 0.18 , $r^2 = 0.12$, τ_{soil} : slope = -0.41 ± 0.08 ,
 73 $r^2 = 0.10$.



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75 **Figure S8. All vs. averaged correlation coefficients.** Cross plot of all correlation coefficients
76 between environmental control variables and isotope response variables when either “all” or
77 “catchment-averaged” response variable datasets are used (i.e., *SI Appendix*, Table S1 or S2).
78 Thick black line is the 1:1 line and thin black lines represent ± 1 root mean square error (RMSE)
79 about the 1:1 line. Although some scatter exists, correlation coefficients are largely independent
80 of the chosen response variable dataset used; that is, they plot close to the 1:1 line.
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- 82 **Table S1.** Average bulk POC, fatty acid, and lignin ^{14}C ages and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values for all river basins
83 used in this study, including information on sample type (suspended sediment, bedload, or deposit
84 sediment), collection year, GPS coordinates, and original data source.
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86 **Table S2.** Similar to Supplementary Table 1 but including all individual data points for all river
87 basins.
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89 **Table S3.** All environmental and geomorphic control variables, including spatially resolved
90 variables at various *e*-folding distances as well as notes on data sources.
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92 **Table S4.** Multiple linear regression (MLR) results and statistics, including correlation coefficients
93 (*r* values) and statistical significance *p* values.
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95 **Table S5.** Redundancy analysis (RDA) results and statistics, including control variable loadings,
96 response variable loadings, and individual sample scores for each RDA canonical axis.
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98 **Supplementary Dataset S1.** Input Python code needed to perform all statistical analyses and
99 generate all tables and figures provided in this manuscript.

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Yangtze @ Zhenjiang	Suspended sed.	2009	2009	120.930	31.780	-25.5	0.7729	-232.6	2069	0.7584	-247.0	2221	694.7	24-32	0.8179	-193.9	1674	This study		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	40722				-23.8	0.5859	-418.6	4294	-31.0	0.8529	-153.7	1278	24-32	0.9688	-38.7	255	Ref. 18		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	40808				-24.2	0.5893	-415.2	4248	-31.2	0.8430	-163.5	1372	24-32	0.9973	-10.4	22	Ref. 18		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	40864				-24.0	0.6043	-400.3	4046	-31.3	0.8149	-191.4	1645	24-32				Ref. 18		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	40921				-23.9	0.5963	-408.3	4154	-31.0	0.8201	-186.2	1593	24-32	0.8792	-127.6	1034	Ref. 18		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	41021				-24.2	0.5613	-443.0	4639	-31.3	0.7862	-219.9	1933	24-32	0.8982	-108.8	863	Ref. 18		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	41079				-24.0	0.6075	-397.2	4004	-31.1	0.8209	-185.4	1585	24-32	1.0097	1.9	0	Ref. 18		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	41087				-23.8	0.5686	-435.8	4535	-31.2	0.7893	-216.8	1901	24-32				Ref. 18		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	41195				-23.5	0.5581	-446.2	4685	-30.7	0.7837	-222.3	1958	24-32				Ref. 18		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	41278				-23.6	0.5688	-435.6	4532	-30.5	0.7879	-218.1	1914	24-32				Ref. 18		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	41392				-23.7	0.5915	-413.1	4218	-31.1	0.8442	-162.3	1360	24-32				Ref. 18		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	41444				-23.4	0.5758	-428.7	4435	-30.6	0.8064	-199.9	1729	24-32				Ref. 18		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	41459				-23.5	0.5578	-446.5	4690	-30.7	0.8177	-188.6	1617	24-32				Ref. 18		
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Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	42194				-23.9	0.5963	-408.5	4153	-32.5	0.8719	-135.1	1101	24-32				Ref. 19		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	42220				-23.5	0.6547	-350.6	3403	-32.2	0.8611	-145.8	1201	24-32				Ref. 19		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	42332				-24.3	0.5759	-428.7	4433	-33.3	0.7821	-224.2	1975	24-32				Ref. 19		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	42390				-24.3	0.5650	-439.6	4586	-31.8	0.8121	-194.5	1672	24-32				Ref. 19		
Yellow @ Binzhou	Suspended sed.	42497				-24.9	0.7018	-303.8	2844	-33.1	0.8216	-185.1	1579	24-32				Ref. 19		
Yenisey @ mouth	Shelf deposit			79.860	72.610	-26.5	0.8311	-175.9	1486	-32.1	0.4788	-525.2	5916	159.9	24-28	0.7755	-236.7	2102	11151.7	Ref. 13; Ref. 14
Yukon @ mouth	Floodplain deposit	2007	2007			-26.7	0.5989	-405.2	4118	0.6502	-354.3	3458	726.9	24-28	0.7313	-279.1	2574	7506.6	Ref. 7	

*Indicates that deposit samples likely integrate across the nuclear-bomb-derived ¹⁴C spike (-1955 – present).

†Calculated as $\Delta^{14}\text{C} = [\text{Fm}^{\text{a}} \exp((1950 - \text{collection year})/8267) - 1]^{\text{b}} * 1000\%$; for samples with unknown collection year, 2020 was used.

^aSamples with Fm > 1.0 are designated as ¹⁴C age = 0 yr for all statistical analyses.

Table S3. All environmental and geomorphic control variables, including spatially resolved variables at various *e*-folding distances as well as notes on data sources.

River	Longitude	Latitude	Area	Runoff†	TSS Yield‡	POC Yield‡	Permafrost cover	Elevation§	Slope§	floodplain§	MAT¶	T CV	MAP	P CV	C _{soil} ¶	NPP**	τ _{ecosystem} ***	τ _{soil} **	anthro.	
	° E	° N	km ²	cm yr ⁻¹	t km ⁻² yr ⁻¹	tC km ⁻² yr ⁻¹	% contin. % discontin.	m	% rise	fractional	Kelvin	unless	cm yr ⁻¹	unless	tC km ⁻²	tC km ⁻² yr ⁻¹	yr	yr	fractional	
Amazon @ Obidos	-55.508	-1.935	6.1E+06	102.7	194.6	1.9	0 0	469	2.7	0.70	297.9	0.003	183.3	0.469	23078.8	308.4	13.408	17.948	0.06	
Brahmaputra @ Jamuna Bridge	89.730	24.470	6.1E+05	99.9	1032.8	2.9	0 0	3143	15.2	0.16	280.9	0.021	94.8	0.959	10975.4	121.0	79.936	54.773	0.12	
Cagayan @ mouth	121.673	18.123	2.7E+04	185.3			0 0	531	8.3	0.18	297.0	0.005	217.1	0.635	15556.0	265.5	10.783	12.959	0.90	
Cariaco (composite) @ mouth	-65.187	10.089	3.5E+04	17.8	8.9	0.2	0 0	136	1.0	0.76	299.7	0.002	82.7	0.798	19119.6	194.9	11.361	15.666	0.14	
Columbia @ Portland	-123.991	46.245	6.7E+05	35.3	11.4	0.1	0 0	1324	9.7	0.09	278.9	0.029	52.8	0.377	20769.4	90.4	42.401	67.415	0.09	
Colville @ Nuiqsut	-150.913	70.174	6.0E+04	31.3	99.3	2.6	100	0	567	5.1	0.15	262.2	0.055	192	0.618	36293.8	51.4	118.586	181.691	0.00
Congo @ Boma	12.567	-6.050	3.7E+06	34.6	8.8	0.5	0 0	729	1.6	0.46	296.9	0.003	125.8	0.614	18604.4	280.6	13.060	15.212	0.11	
Congo @ Brazzaville	15.289	-4.289	3.7E+06	34.6	8.8	0.5	0 0	733	1.6	0.47	297.0	0.003	126.2	0.610	18597.0	282.4	13.076	15.054	0.11	
Connecticut @ Lyme	-72.394	41.388	2.7E+04	64.1	9.4	0.5	0 0	352	4.6	0.04	279.5	0.036	93.1	0.109	26195.4	245.9	24.628	27.648	0.02	
Danube @ Tulcea	28.628	45.218	8.0E+05	25.3	84.1	1.2	0 0	460	5.0	0.28	282.0	0.028	64.6	0.298	18148.4	145.1	18.154	30.292	0.65	
Delaware @ state border	-75.553	39.577	2.2E+04	78.9	31.0	0.3	0 0	295	2.8	0.23	282.5	0.033	94.3	0.128	12603.3	203.7	12.665	20.114	0.23	
Dul @ Duinhain Bridge	-3.699	57.302	3.1E+02	61.0			0 0	454	4.9	0.00	278.5	0.016	101.0	0.217	39385.8	123.2	34.927	101.152	0.80	
Earn @ Bridge of Earn	-3.403	56.350	7.8E+02	116.2	76.8	0.9	0 0	243	7.3	0.00	280.9	0.016	92.7	0.227	21816.9	117.8	16.286	68.715	0.88	
Eel @ mouth	-124.263	40.625	8.1E+03	88.6	1983.2	12.2	0 0	768	11.7	0.01	283.9	0.014	103.6	0.871	29865.7	225.2	25.515	29.270	0.01	
Fraser @ Hope	-121.451	49.381	2.3E+05	48.9	73.6	0.6	0 0	1201	10.5	0.06	275.4	0.030	61.4	0.265	17426.4	115.9	34.674	43.286	0.01	
Ganga @ Harding Bridge	89.032	24.040	1.0E+06	47.4	507.2	1.6	0 0	853	5.2	0.64	294.7	0.020	88.6	1.267	14203.3	86.7	45.710	36.463	0.78	
Gaoping @ mouth	120.416	22.498	3.3E+03	248.6	6449.6	17.4	0 0	1131	17.9	0.13	295.0	0.012	168.5	0.848	14244.5	241.8	11.560	15.999	0.90	
Godavari @ Rajahmundi	81.755	16.949	3.1E+05	38.4	543.9	2.4	0 0	432	1.6	0.58	299.8	0.013	92.5	1.203	19361.9	106.4	25.958	31.178	0.68	
Indigirka @ mouth	148.894	70.813	3.4E+05	14.7	32.5	0.5	100 0	620	5.7	0.28	257.2	0.078	23.8	0.756	24074.5	41.9	75.828	147.698	0.00	
Kalix @ mouth	23.183	65.832	2.1E+04	41.8	1.9	0.1	5 15	368	3.2	0.26	271.1	0.038	40.4	0.398	43450.0	94.7	67.783	172.491	0.01	
Kolyma @ mouth	161.302	68.790	6.5E+05	20.2	15.5	0.5	100 0	434	4.8	0.26	260.1	0.070	23.1	0.575	28649.5	51.3	76.099	175.406	0.00	
Lena @ mouth	127.158	71.874	2.4E+06	21.7	8.5	0.5	79 20	562	4.9	0.18	263.4	0.073	31.9	0.695	20741.4	91.4	47.421	72.464	0.01	
Mackenzie + Peel @ Tsigehtchic*	-134.769	68.924	5.0E+05	17.9	248.4	4.0	16 66	678	5.2	0.36	267.1	0.055	30.9	0.459	35496.1	64.6	104.517	207.472	0.00	
Mekong @ Phnom Penh	104.943	11.596	7.9E+05	59.3	189.3	4.1	0 0	1123	6.8	0.31	294.4	0.011	124.5	0.857	16021.7	226.9	16.393	22.736	0.32	
Mississippi @ mouth	-89.511	29.355	3.2E+06	18.0	124.3	0.3	0 0	662	1.6	0.55	283.4	0.035	64.2	0.439	20510.0	110.4	31.628	49.967	0.47	
Ob @ mouth	70.686	66.428	3.0E+06	13.7	5.3	0.1	2 24	330	1.8	0.72	273.0	0.050	36.7	0.481	33707.8	95.0	54.747	116.290	0.32	
Padma @ Mawa	90.250	23.460	1.6E+06	66.9	702.4	2.2	0 0	1660	8.7	0.47	289.9	0.020	91.8	1.153	13166.1	98.7	57.973	43.195	0.55	
Pearl @ Guangzhou	113.468	23.071	4.4E+05	68.6	181.8	1.2	0 0	657	6.4	0.09	292.5	0.021	123.9	0.713	20965.4	173.6	16.309	23.152	0.67	
Pettaquamscut @ Narragansett	-71.452	41.453	3.5E+01			0 0	0 0	39	0.4	1.00	282.7	0.032	100.1	0.100	22829.2	253.8	21.018	26.701	0.00	
Tay @ Earn confluence	-3.246	56.353	6.5E+03	92.3	146.2	1.4	0 0	391	8.0	0.03	279.8	0.016	96.6	0.244	33859.7	117.8	28.448	68.715	0.88	
Unare @ mouth	-65.187	10.089	2.0E+04	8.9	2.1	0.1	0 0	136	1.0	0.76	299.7	0.002	82.7	0.798	19119.6	194.9	11.361	15.666	0.14	
Waipapu @ Ruatoria	178.480	-37.779	1.4E+03	200.1	20319.3	116.6	0 0	566	9.0	0.00	285.5	0.013	166.2	0.252	17942.2	315.6	30.839	0.00		
Yangtze @ Zhenjiang	120.930	31.780	1.8E+06	48.9	249.4	2.4	0 0	1633	9.2	0.15	284.6	0.027	89.8	0.755	17675.4	128.6	31.846	36.730	0.43	
Yellow @ Binzhou	118.544	37.612	7.7E+05	6.3	194.8	0.5	0 0	1881	4.8	0.18	279.3	0.036	39.8	0.971	14842.3	59.8	74.673	74.507	0.26	
Yenisey @ mouth	83.356	70.939	2.6E+06	24.0	1.8	0.1	33 55	544	4.4	0.17	267.1	0.059	42.2	0.509	19636.9	100.8	37.290	73.426	0.04	
Yukon @ mouth	-163.818	62.400	8.5E+05	24.2	70.8	0.9	23 76	692	6.8	0.16	266.9	0.052	26.2	0.665	18835.3	71.4	46.488	112.322	0.00	

*Mackenzie River area upstream of Great Slave Lake is omitted from spatial statistics.

†Data from Peucker-Ehrenbrink (2009).

‡Data from Galy et al. (2015).

|Data from Feng et al. (2013).

§Data from GTOPO30 digital elevation model, US Geological Survey; floodplain calculated as area with slope ≤ 1 % rise.

¶Data from New et al. (2002); coefficient of variation (CV) calculated as σ / mean MAT, where σ = std. dev. of monthly average temperatures

||Data from Carvalhais et al. (2014).

**Data from Bloom et al. (2016).

||Data from the Global Land Cover Characterization (GLCC) database; anthropogenic taken as the sum of "croplands", "urban and built-up", and "croplands/natural vegetation mosaic" (International Geosphere Biosphere Programme classification)

^Data are carbon-weighted averages for the designated depth ranges from Shi et al. (2020).

Table S4. Multiple linear regression (MLR) results and statistics, including correlation coefficients (r values) and statistical significance p values.

	correlation coefficients, r						statistical significance p -values*					
	bulk POC		n-alkanoic ("fatty") acids		lignin phenols		bulk POC		n-alkanoic ("fatty") acids		lignin phenols	
	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	^{14}C age	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	^{14}C age	^{14}C age		$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	^{14}C age	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	^{14}C age	^{14}C age	
Sample type†	0.2690	0.1408	0.2432	0.4319	0.6543		8.11E-02	3.68E-01	1.87E-01	3.41E-03	5.96E-03	
Runoff	-0.009	-0.091	-0.059	-0.283	-0.586		9.54E-01	5.66E-01	7.56E-01	6.64E-02	1.70E-02	
Elevation	0.291	0.142	0.148	-0.226	-0.511		5.86E-02	3.64E-01	4.28E-01	1.40E-01	4.30E-02	
log TSS Yield	0.370	0.289	0.231	-0.291	-0.300		1.88E-02	7.06E-02	2.20E-01	6.48E-02	2.60E-01	
log POC Yield	0.141	0.398	0.135	-0.138	-0.169		3.85E-01	1.11E-02	4.76E-01	3.90E-01	5.32E-01	
MAT	0.393	-0.533	0.091	-0.772	-0.764		9.09E-03	2.32E-04	6.28E-01	8.66E-10	5.66E-04	
T CV	-0.229	0.563	0.057	0.759	0.863		1.40E-01	8.59E-05	7.62E-01	2.33E-09	1.70E-05	
log MAP	0.177	-0.496	-0.032	-0.727	-0.716		2.57E-01	7.26E-04	8.64E-01	2.32E-08	1.81E-03	
P CV	0.588	0.145	0.472	-0.191	-0.353		3.43E-05	3.52E-01	7.34E-03	2.15E-01	1.80E-01	
Permafrost (% contin.)	-0.142	0.490	0.141	0.645	0.608		3.63E-01	8.61E-04	4.48E-01	2.30E-06	1.25E-02	
Permafrost (% discontin.)	-0.198	0.520	-0.065	0.460	0.418		2.04E-01	3.55E-04	7.29E-01	1.66E-03	1.07E-01	
Soil C stock	-0.483	0.297	-0.345	0.580	0.390		1.03E-03	5.32E-02	5.71E-02	3.70E-05	1.36E-01	
NPP	-0.049	-0.364	-0.301	-0.451	-0.534		7.54E-01	1.65E-02	9.93E-02	2.12E-03	3.31E-02	
$\tau_{\text{ecosystem}}$	-0.002	0.767	0.069	0.620	0.362		9.89E-01	3.24E-09	7.11E-01	9.19E-06	1.68E-01	
τ_{soil}	-0.300	0.643	-0.140	0.766	0.576		5.09E-02	3.33E-06	4.54E-01	1.39E-09	1.96E-02	
Longitude	0.069	-0.107	0.175	0.040	0.037		6.58E-01	4.95E-01	3.45E-01	7.95E-01	8.91E-01	
log Area	0.054	0.118	-0.119	0.070	0.175		7.33E-01	4.50E-01	5.23E-01	6.51E-01	5.16E-01	
Slope	0.033	0.155	0.096	-0.166	-0.307		8.32E-01	3.22E-01	6.07E-01	2.83E-01	2.47E-01	
Floodplain (fractional area)	0.346	-0.162	0.049	-0.027	0.177		2.32E-02	2.99E-01	7.92E-01	8.62E-01	5.12E-01	
Anthropogenic (fractional area)	0.074	-0.380	0.179	-0.526	-0.570		6.35E-01	1.21E-02	3.35E-01	2.43E-04	2.11E-02	

*All correlations deemed as significant for the purposes of this study (i.e., $p < 0.05$) are highlighted in red.

†Sample type descriptions have been replaced by a dummy variable: 1 = suspended sediments, 2 = bank and bedload sediments, 3 = estuary/shelf/slope/etc. deposits.

Table S5. Redundancy analysis (RDA) results and statistics, including control variable loadings, response variable loadings, and individual sample scores for each RDA canonical axis.

	Control variable loadings ("biplot scores")*				
	RDA1	RDA2	RDA3	RDA4	RDA5
Sample type†	0.263	-0.383	0.565	-0.334	-0.135
Runoff	-0.217	0.078	-0.242	0.177	-0.183
Elevation	-0.230	-0.293	-0.415	0.067	0.330
log TSS Yield	-0.161	-0.440	-0.570	0.147	-0.210
log POC Yield	0.051	-0.299	-0.593	0.247	-0.149
MAT	-0.881	-0.043	-0.279	-0.111	-0.031
T CV	0.836	-0.157	0.267	0.124	-0.102
log MAP	-0.779	0.081	-0.307	0.026	-0.070
P CV	-0.274	-0.598	-0.190	0.029	0.253
Permafrost (% contin.)	0.689	-0.216	0.299	0.134	-0.059
Permafrost (% discontin.)	0.603	-0.098	-0.105	0.086	-0.124
Soil C stock	0.713	0.254	0.052	-0.110	0.339
NPP	-0.503	0.250	-0.313	-0.198	-0.294
$\tau_{\text{ecosystem}}$	0.870	-0.276	-0.103	-0.072	0.304
τ_{soil}	0.905	-0.017	0.111	-0.057	0.214
$f_{\text{anthropogenic}}$	-0.537	0.097	-0.074	0.411	-0.067

	Response variable loadings*				
	RDA1	RDA2	RDA3	RDA4	RDA5
bulk POC $\delta^{13}\text{C}$	-0.411	-0.742	0.029	-0.191	-0.018
bulk POC ^{14}C age	0.699	-0.421	-0.348	0.054	-0.014
<i>n</i> -alkanoic ("fatty") acid $\delta^{13}\text{C}$	-0.135	-0.499	0.182	0.246	0.053
<i>n</i> -alkanoic ("fatty") acid ^{14}C age	0.819	-0.065	0.262	-0.121	0.066
lignin phenol ^{14}C age	0.305	-0.081	0.215	0.054	-0.146

	Individual sample scores ("site scores")				
	RDA1	RDA2	RDA3	RDA4	RDA5
Amazon @ Obidos	-0.631	1.154	-1.453	-1.934	-1.760
Brahmaputra @ Jamuna Bridge	-1.023	-1.507	-0.967	0.058	0.853
Brahmaputra @ Jamuna Bridge	-0.910	-0.742	-1.594	0.407	0.935
Cagayan @ mouth	-1.260	1.043	0.037	0.399	-0.753
Cariaco (composite) @ mouth	-2.029	-0.986	1.247	-1.668	0.535
Columbia @ Portland	-1.009	-0.444	1.145	-1.578	1.549
Colville @ Nuiqsut	3.558	-0.511	-1.343	0.021	1.716
Congo @ Boma	-1.307	0.967	0.071	-0.445	0.909
Congo @ Brazzaville	-1.111	2.094	-0.854	-0.483	0.678
Connecticut @ Lyme	0.465	2.165	-0.871	1.429	0.380
Danube @ Tulcea	-0.519	1.121	-0.024	0.844	-0.590
Danube @ Tulcea	-0.406	1.886	-0.650	1.193	-0.508
Danube @ Tulcea	-0.632	0.356	0.603	0.495	-0.673
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Delaware @ state border	-0.479	1.322	0.224	-0.209	-1.268
Dulnain @ Dulnain Bridge	-0.127	3.079	-0.074	1.156	1.234
Earn @ Bridge of Earn	-0.575	2.592	1.332	1.261	0.538
Eel @ mouth	0.279	-0.801	-0.670	-0.435	0.240
Fraser @ Hope	-0.421	0.224	-0.038	-0.208	1.056
Fraser @ Hope	-0.534	-0.541	0.589	-0.557	0.973
Ganga @ Harding Bridge	-1.438	-2.521	-0.506	0.750	1.509
Ganga @ Harding Bridge	-1.551	-3.286	0.121	0.401	1.427
Gaoping @ mouth	-0.706	0.095	-0.699	0.890	-2.360
Godavari @ Rajahmundi	-1.948	-3.745	1.257	0.037	0.365
Indigirka @ mouth	2.625	-1.727	1.675	-0.104	-0.827
Kalix @ mouth	1.469	1.987	1.271	-1.872	2.425
Kolyma @ mouth	3.114	0.014	2.158	-1.266	-0.768
Lena @ mouth	2.190	-1.776	2.039	3.710	-0.568
Mackenzie + Peel @ Tsiigehtchic	3.545	-1.803	-1.870	-0.657	0.408
Mackenzie + Peel @ Tsiigehtchic	3.658	-1.038	-2.497	-0.308	0.490
Mekong @ Phnom Penh	-0.536	1.375	-1.563	-0.064	-0.330
Mississippi @ mouth	-1.188	-0.990	0.492	-2.079	-2.717
Mississippi @ mouth	-1.075	-0.225	-0.135	-1.730	-2.634
Ob @ mouth	1.821	2.003	0.816	-1.401	0.910
Ob @ mouth	1.708	1.237	1.443	-1.750	0.828
Padma @ Mawa	-1.281	-1.922	-0.769	0.874	1.317
Pearl @ Guangzhou	-1.185	-0.006	-0.590	1.443	-0.738
Pettaquamsutt @ Narragansett	0.101	-0.327	0.364	-1.305	-1.482
Tay @ Earn confluence	-0.523	1.999	0.066	2.317	1.031
Unare @ mouth	-2.098	0.266	0.715	-1.724	0.892
Waiapu @ Ruatoria	1.055	-1.470	-0.709	-0.853	-0.926
Yangtze @ Zhenjiang	-0.847	-0.514	-0.188	2.681	-0.049
Yellow @ Binzhou	-0.346	-0.097	-1.682	-1.294	-0.017
Yenisey @ mouth	1.236	-0.595	1.821	1.926	-0.524
Yukon @ mouth	1.504	0.237	-0.341	1.133	-3.031

*Control and response variable loadings are scaled according to "Type-II" scaling (73).

†Sample type descriptions have been replaced by a dummy variable: 1 = suspended sediments, 2 = bank and bedload sediments, 3 = estuary/shelf/slope/etc. deposits.