

## Self-Assessment

This was a thoroughly enjoyable project. I think the topic is suitable for a Part III project, as it is connected to what we do in Part II, and has a lot of scope for expansion into full PhD-style research. This project makes up a small part of a much larger NSF-funded research group, of which Ed Tipper and Mike Bickle are PIs. My project was well-defined and had a clear goal. I found that talking to other Part III student Zara Crapper, who also came to Nepal and whose project had a different aim, was very useful and so would recommend to bring multiple people on field-work-oriented Part III projects. This project combined field-work, lab work, and computational data analysis. I was also able to conduct strontium isotopic analyses in the clean labs. These results have relevance to the overall story in Melamchi but not particularly for my project brief, so they were not included in the finished report. Given the previously existing dataset, even if I was not able to conduct any labwork I would still have had a lot of data to model, so I do not find that there was many factors that adversely affected my research. Ed Tipper as a supervisor was always available for advice and guidance, and I thoroughly enjoyed working with him.

*Signed:*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Bernardi', with a stylized, cursive script.

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