



## Supplement of

# **Propagating rifts: the roles of crustal damage and ascending mantle fluids**

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Supplement

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#### Introduction

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**Figure S22.** Cluster analysis result. (**a**) Map of time (T) and distance (R) components of the nearest-neighbor distance for each earthquake in the catalog. The red line separates the clustered events (below the line) from the background events (on or above the line). (**b**) Histogram showing the distribution of the nearest-neighbor distances. (**c**) Probability plot comparing the distribution of the nearest-neighbor distances (blue plus symbols) to a Weibull distribution (red dashed line). The deviation of the data from the Weibull distribution indicates that the seismicity does not represent a Poissonian (background) catalog. The deviation occurs approximately around the estimated separation threshold (red line).



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Figure S24. Similar to Fig. 2, with the clusters highlighted (colored circles).

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