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Site U1488¹

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Background and objectives

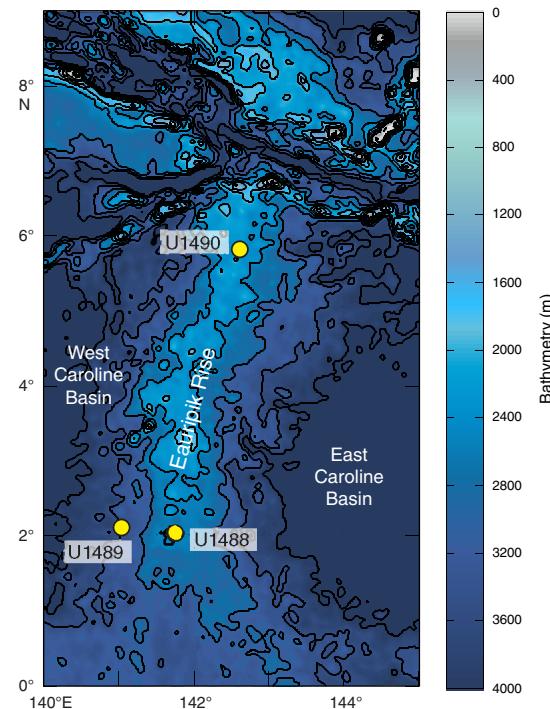
International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) Site U1488 (proposed Site WP-03A) is located atop the southern part of the Eauripik Rise at 02°02.59'N, 141°45.29'E in 2604 m water depth (Figure F1). The site is situated on seismic Line RR1313-WP3-1, ~4.4 km southwest of the intersection with seismic Line RR1313-WP3-3 (Figure F2). The seismic profile shows a continuous succession of hemipelagic, carbonate-rich sediment with basement at >650 meters below seafloor (mbsf) (Rosenthal et al., 2016) (Figure F3). Site U1488 is located ~28 km northwest of Deep Sea Drilling Project (DSDP) Site 62 and close to the location of piston Core MD97-2140, which was used to reconstruct the Pleistocene sea-surface temperature history of the Western Pacific Warm Pool (WPWP) (de Garidel-Thoron et al., 2005). DSDP Leg 7 recovered a nearly continuous sequence of upper Oligocene to Quaternary chalk and carbonate-rich ooze from Site 62 (Winterer and Riedel, 1971). However, recovery was relatively poor, and the sediment was frequently disturbed due to the use of the rotary core barrel system.

Site U1488 is situated on the Eauripik Rise, within the Caroline Basin north of Papua New Guinea (Figure F1). The roughly north-south-trending Eauripik Rise is an ~250 km wide aseismic ridge that rises ~1–2 km above the surrounding seafloor and separates the East and West Caroline Basins. Magnetic Anomalies C13–C9 in both basins show that ocean crust formed along roughly east–west spreading centers from the Eocene until the late Oligocene. Offsets in these anomalies and the lack of magnetic lineations beneath the

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Figure F1. Eauripik Rise within the Caroline Basin showing location of Sites U1488–U1490 (yellow circles).



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Figure F2. Contoured bathymetric map showing location of Site U1488 on seismic Line RR1313-WP3-1, 4.4 km southwest of the intersection with seismic Line RR1313-WP3-3 collected during the R/V *Roger Revelle* 13-13 cruise. Bathymetry is based on EM122 multibeam survey, collected during the same cruise. Numbers along seismic lines (black) are common depth points. Locations of piston Cores RR1313 PC37 and MD97-2140 also shown. Contour interval = 30 m.

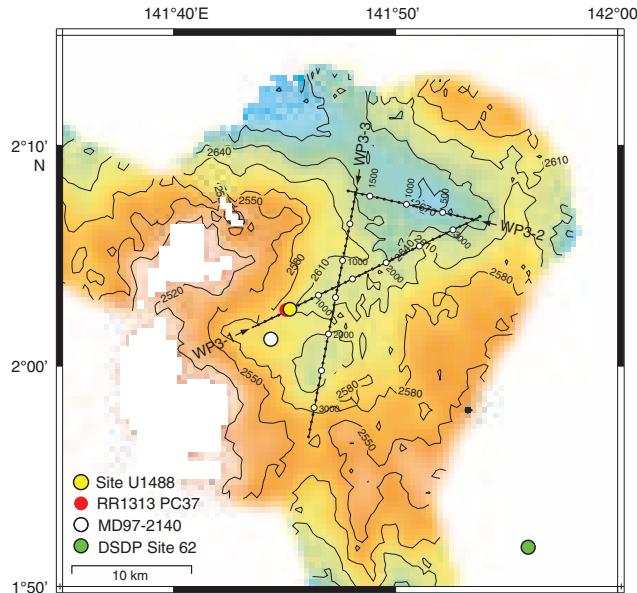
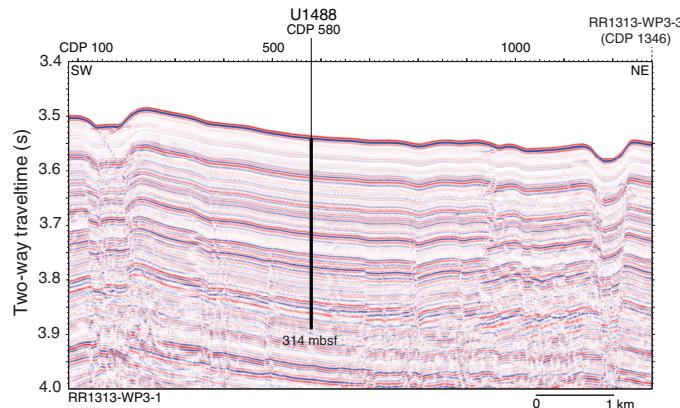
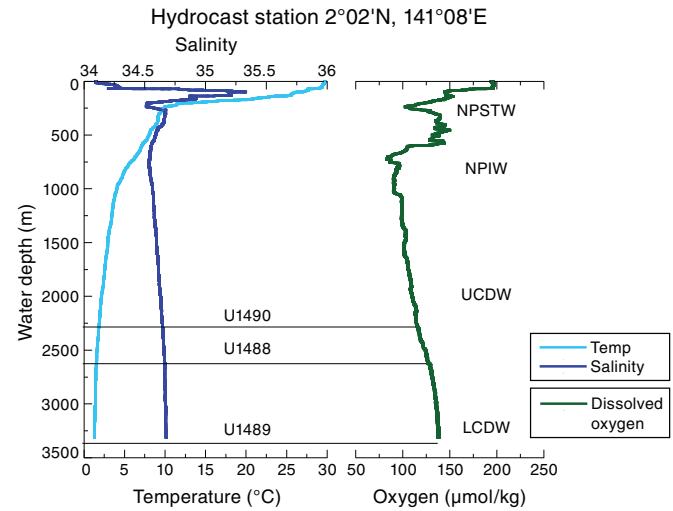


Figure F3. Seismic Line RR1313-WP3-1 showing location of Site U1488. Location of crossing seismic line shown with dashed line at top. CDP = common depth point. Seismic data available at <http://www-udc.ig.utexas.edu/sdc/cruise.php?cruiseIn=rr1313>.



Eauripik Rise supports the interpretation that it formed due to excess submarine volcanism along a leaky north-south transform fault (Hegarty and Weissel, 1988.) An alternative interpretation attributes the formation of the Eauripik Rise to the northward passage of a mantle hotspot that contributed to the tectonically and structurally complex region surrounding the Sorol Trough (Bracey, 1975). Seismic refractions show thickened ocean crust beneath the Eauripik Rise, and a small free air anomaly and positive geoid anomaly indicate a compensated structure reaching deep into the mantle (Hegarty and Weissel, 1988). Although there are no discernible magnetic lineations on the Eauripik Rise, these data and the recovery of tholeiitic basalt at Site 62 (Shipboard Scientific, 1971) make it

Figure F4. Hydrographic profiles of temperature, salinity, and dissolved oxygen near Sites U1488 and U1489 at hydrocast station labeled "HC38" on Figure F2 in the Site U1489 chapter (Rosenthal et al., 2018d). NPSTW = North Pacific Subtropical Water, NPIW = North Pacific Intermediate Water, UCDW = Upper Circumpolar Deepwater, LCDW = Lower Circumpolar Deepwater.



difficult to argue that it is a remnant of ancient continental material. The igneous rocks recovered from the bottom of Site 62 are slightly vesicular, highly altered, and contain calcite veins with well-preserved foraminifers and nannofossils. The dolomitization of overlying limestone suggests that these basalts intruded into marine chalk, leading to extensive diagenetic reactions near the base of the sedimentary succession.

Site U1488 is located ~2° north of the Equator and is thus suitable for reconstructing the hydrographic history of the WPWP. The comparatively low sedimentation rate at this site, typical of open-ocean environments, will be used along with the record from Site U1490 to reconstruct the evolution of the WPWP since the late Miocene. At 2600 m below sea level (mbsl) the site is bathed by modified Upper Circumpolar Deepwater (Figure F4) and therefore will be useful to monitor past changes in this water mass. High-resolution interstitial water sampling at this site will be used for geochemical reconstructions of the deep Pacific water mass ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$, salinity, and seawater chemistry) during the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM).

Operations

Transit to Site U1488

The 333.2 nmi transit to Site U1488 was completed in 29.8 h at an average speed of 11.2 kt. We lowered the thrusters and switched to dynamic positioning mode at 0400 h (all times local ship time; UTC + 10 h) on 20 November 2016. After arriving on site, we deployed a positioning beacon at 0425 h before commencing coring operations.

Operations summary

The original operations plan for Site U1488 called for three holes: the first to advanced piston corer (APC) refusal, estimated at 250 mbsf, followed by two holes to 300 mbsf using both the APC and extended core barrel (XCB) coring systems. We ultimately cored three holes using only the APC and half-length APC

(HLAPC) systems, with the deepest penetrating to ~315 mbsf (Table **T1**).

Hole U1488A was cored with the APC system using orientation and nonmagnetic hardware to 300.4 mbsf (Cores 1H through 32H). Downhole formation temperature measurements using the advanced piston corer temperature tool (APCT-3) were taken on Cores 4H (34.4 mbsf), 7H (62.9 mbsf), 10H (91.4 mbsf), and 13H (119.9 mbsf), obtaining good results on all four deployments. We also collected high-resolution interstitial water samples at a frequency of one whole-round (5–10 cm) sample per section over the upper 150 mbsf of Hole U1488A. After Cores 31H and 32H had excessive overpull and required drillover to extract them from the formation, we switched to the HLAPC system and continued coring to 314.5 mbsf (Cores 33F through 35F). Because Cores 33F and 35F also required drillover, indicating HLAPC refusal, we terminated coring. We collected 327.20 m of sediment over 314.5 m of coring (104% recovery) in Hole U1488A.

Hole U1488B was cored to 304.9 mbsf (Cores 1H through 33H) with the APC system using orientation and nonmagnetic hardware. Cores 31H through 33H required drillover, indicating APC refusal, so we terminated coring. We collected 315.77 m of core over 304.9 m of coring (104% recovery) in Hole U1488B.

Hole U1488C was cored to recover material for the stratigraphic splice over the upper 150 mbsf, since high-resolution interstitial water sampling was conducted in Hole U1488A over this interval. APC coring using orientation and nonmagnetic hardware proceeded to 159.3 mbsf (Cores 1H through 17H), where we terminated coring. We collected 153.60 m of core over 159.3 m of coring (96.4% recovery) in Hole U1488C.

Operations at Site U1488 ended at 1030 h on 24 November 2016. Total time spent at Site U1488 was 102.5 h (4.3 days). A total of 82 APC cores were recovered at this site, collecting 781.74 m of sediment over 764.6 m of coring (102.2% recovery). We also collected 3 HLAPC cores, retrieving 14.83 m of sediment over 14.1 m of coring (105.2% recovery). In total, we collected 796.57 m of sediment over 778.7 m of coring (102.3% recovery) at Site U1488.

Hole U1488A

We prepared and spaced out the bottom-hole assembly (BHA), which consisted of an APC/XCB coring assembly with two stands of drill collars. During deployment of the drill string, the seafloor depth was measured at 2616.4 m below rig floor (mbrf) with the precision depth recorder (PDR), and we positioned the bit at 2611.0 mbrf to shoot the first core. Hole U1488A was spudded at 1225 h on 20 November 2016. Core 1H recovered 5.89 m of sediment, establishing a seafloor depth of 2603.4 mbsl. APC coring using the Icefield MI-5 core orientation tool with nonmagnetic hardware continued to 300.4 mbsf (Cores 1H through 32H). Downhole formation temperature measurements using the APCT-3 were taken on Cores 4H (34.4 mbsf), 7H (62.9 mbsf), 10H (91.4 mbsf), and 13H (119.9 mbsf), obtaining good results on all four deployments. We also collected high-resolution interstitial water samples at a frequency of one (5–10 cm) whole-round sample per section over the upper 150 mbsf of Hole U1488A. The core liners of Cores 8H and 10H were twisted and split throughout. Cores 11H and 12H had zero recovery and therefore were shot a second time from the same depth, with full recovery both times. This problem ceased after the

inner, outer, and piston seals on the core barrels were changed. Cores 31H and 32H had excessive overpull and required drillover to extract them from the formation, indicating APC refusal.

We switched to the HLAPC coring system and continued coring to 314.5 mbsf (Cores 33F through 35F). Cores 33F and 35F both had excessive overpull and required drillover to extract from the formation. Core 33F also had to be pumped out of the core barrel. We declared HLAPC refusal after Core 35F and terminated coring in Hole U1488A. The drill string was pulled out of the hole, with the bit clearing the seafloor at 0120 h on 21 November, ending operations in Hole U1488A. Total time spent in Hole U1488A was 45.25 h (1.9 days).

A total of 32 APC cores were taken in Hole U1488A. We recovered 312.37 m of sediment over 300.4 m of coring for a recovery of 104.0%. We also collected 3 HLAPC cores, recovering 14.83 m of sediment over 14.1 m of coring (105.2% recovery). Overall recovery for Hole U1488A was 327.20 m of sediment over 314.5 m of coring (104.0%).

Hole U1488B

The vessel was offset 20 m east of Hole U1488A, and the drill string was spaced out with the bit at 2607.0 mbrf. Hole U1488B was spudded at 0300 h on 22 November 2016, with Core 1H recovering 0.90 m of sediment, establishing a seafloor depth of 2604.4 mbsl. Oriented APC coring using the Icefield MI-5 core orientation tool with nonmagnetic hardware continued to 304.9 mbsf (Cores 1H through 33H). Core 1H had a broken liner. Cores 31H through 33H had excessive overpull and had to be drilled over. We terminated coring in Hole U1488B after determining APC refusal based on the overpull. The drill string was pulled out of the hole, with the bit clearing the seafloor at 1140 h on 23 November, ending operations in Hole U1488B. Total time spent in the hole was 34.5 h (1.5 days).

A total of 33 APC cores were taken in Hole U1488B. We recovered 315.77 m of sediment over 304.9 m of coring for a total recovery of 103.6%.

Hole U1488C

Hole U1488C was cored to recover material for the stratigraphic splice over the upper 150 mbsf where high-resolution interstitial water sampling had been conducted in Hole U1488A. The vessel was offset 20 m south of Hole U1488B, and the drill string was spaced out with the bit at 2613.0 mbrf. Hole U1488C was spudded at 1300 h on 23 November 2016, with Core 1H recovering 7.27 m of sediment, establishing a seafloor depth of 2604.0 mbsl. Oriented APC coring using the Icefield MI-5 orientation tool with nonmagnetic hardware continued to 159.3 mbsf (Cores 1H through 17H). Core 14H had a split core liner. We terminated coring at 159.3 mbsf after achieving our objective of covering core gaps in the upper 150 mbsf of the site. The drill string was retrieved to the vessel, with the positioning beacon recovered during the pipe trip. The rig was secured for transit, and the thrusters were raised, ending operations in Hole U1488C and at Site U1488 at 1030 h on 24 November. Total time spent in Hole U1488C was 22.75 h (0.9 days).

A total of 17 APC cores were taken in Hole U1488C. We recovered 153.60 m of sediment over 159.3 m of coring for a total recovery of 96.4%.

Table T1. Site U1488 core summary. CSF = core depth below seafloor (mbsf in text), DRF = drilling depth below rig floor, DSF = drilling depth below seafloor. APC = advanced piston corer, XCB = extended core barrel HLAPC = half-length advanced piston corer. Core types: H = advanced piston corer, F = half-length advanced piston corer. APCT-3 = advanced piston corer temperature tool, Icefield = orientation tool. (Continued on next page.) [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Hole U1488A

Latitude: 02°02.5891'N
 Longitude: 141°45.2864'E
 Water depth (m): 2603.4
 Date started (UTC): 19 November 2016, 1800 h
 Date finished (UTC): 21 November 2016, 1520 h
 Time on hole (days): 1.89
 Seafloor depth DRF (m): 2614.6
 Seafloor depth calculation method: APC calculated depth
 Rig floor to sea level (m): 11.20
 Drilling system: 11-7/16 inch APC/XCB DC280 bit
 Penetration DSF (m): 314.5
 Cored interval (m): 314.5
 Recovered length (m): 327.20
 Recovery (%): 104.04
 Total cores (no.): 35
 APC cores (no.): 32
 HLAPC core (no.): 3
 Age of oldest sediment cored: late Miocene

Hole U1488C

Latitude: 02°02.5793'N
 Longitude: 141°45.2974'E
 Water depth (m): 2604.0
 Date started (UTC): 23 November 2016, 0140 h
 Date finished (UTC): 24 November 2016, 0030 h
 Time on hole (days): 0.95
 Seafloor depth DRF (m): 2615.2
 Seafloor depth calculation method: APC calculated depth
 Rig floor to sea level (m): 11.20
 Drilling system: 11-7/16 inch APC/XCB DC280 bit
 Penetration DSF (m): 159.3
 Cored interval (m): 159.3
 Recovered length (m): 153.60
 Recovery (%): 96.42
 Total cores (no.): 17
 APC cores (no.): 17
 Age of oldest sediment cored: latest Miocene

Hole U1488B

Latitude: 02°02.5901'N
 Longitude: 141°45.2966'E
 Water depth (m): 2604.4
 Date started (UTC): 21 November 2016, 1520 h
 Date finished (UTC): 23 November 2016, 0140 h
 Time on hole (days): 1.43
 Seafloor depth DRF (m): 2615.6
 Seafloor depth calculation method: APC calculated depth
 Rig floor to sea level (m): 11.20
 Drilling system: 11-7/16 inch APC/XCB DC280 bit
 Penetration DSF (m): 304.9
 Cored interval (m): 304.9
 Recovered length (m): 315.77
 Recovery (%): 103.57
 Total cores (no.): 33
 APC cores (no.): 33
 Age of oldest sediment cored: late Miocene

Core	Date (2016)	Time on deck UTC (h)	Depth DSF (m)		Depth CSF (m)		Recovered length (m)	Curated length (m)	Recovery (%)	Sections (N)	Comments
			Top of interval	Bottom of interval	Interval advanced (m)	Top of cored interval					
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1H	20 Nov	0240	0	5.9	5.9	0	5.89	5.89	5.89	100	5
2H	20 Nov	0345	5.9	15.4	9.5	5.9	15.83	9.93	9.93	105	8
3H	20 Nov	0430	15.4	24.9	9.5	15.4	25.30	9.90	9.90	104	8
4H	20 Nov	0535	24.9	34.4	9.5	24.9	34.84	9.94	9.94	105	8
5H	20 Nov	0620	34.4	43.9	9.5	34.4	44.39	9.99	9.99	105	8
6H	20 Nov	0705	43.9	53.4	9.5	43.9	53.83	9.93	9.93	105	8
7H	20 Nov	0805	53.4	62.9	9.5	53.4	63.32	9.92	9.92	104	8
8H	20 Nov	0905	62.9	72.4	9.5	62.9	72.15	9.25	9.25	97	7
9H	20 Nov	0955	72.4	81.9	9.5	72.4	82.27	9.87	9.87	104	8
10H	20 Nov	1055	81.9	91.4	9.5	81.9	91.61	9.71	9.71	102	8
11H	20 Nov	1245	91.4	100.9	9.5	91.4	101.30	9.90	9.90	104	8
12H	20 Nov	1450	100.9	110.4	9.5	100.9	110.52	9.62	9.62	101	8
13H	20 Nov	1610	110.4	119.9	9.5	110.4	120.36	9.96	9.96	105	8
14H	20 Nov	1655	119.9	129.4	9.5	119.9	129.80	9.90	9.90	104	8
15H	20 Nov	1745	129.4	138.9	9.5	129.4	139.30	9.90	9.90	104	8
16H	20 Nov	1830	138.9	148.4	9.5	138.9	148.89	9.99	9.99	105	8
17H	20 Nov	1915	148.4	157.9	9.5	148.4	158.35	9.95	9.95	105	8
18H	20 Nov	2005	157.9	167.4	9.5	157.9	167.84	9.94	9.94	105	8
19H	20 Nov	2050	167.4	176.9	9.5	167.4	177.18	9.78	9.78	103	8
20H	20 Nov	2140	176.9	186.4	9.5	176.9	186.77	9.87	9.87	104	8
21H	20 Nov	2235	186.4	195.9	9.5	186.4	196.34	9.94	9.94	105	8

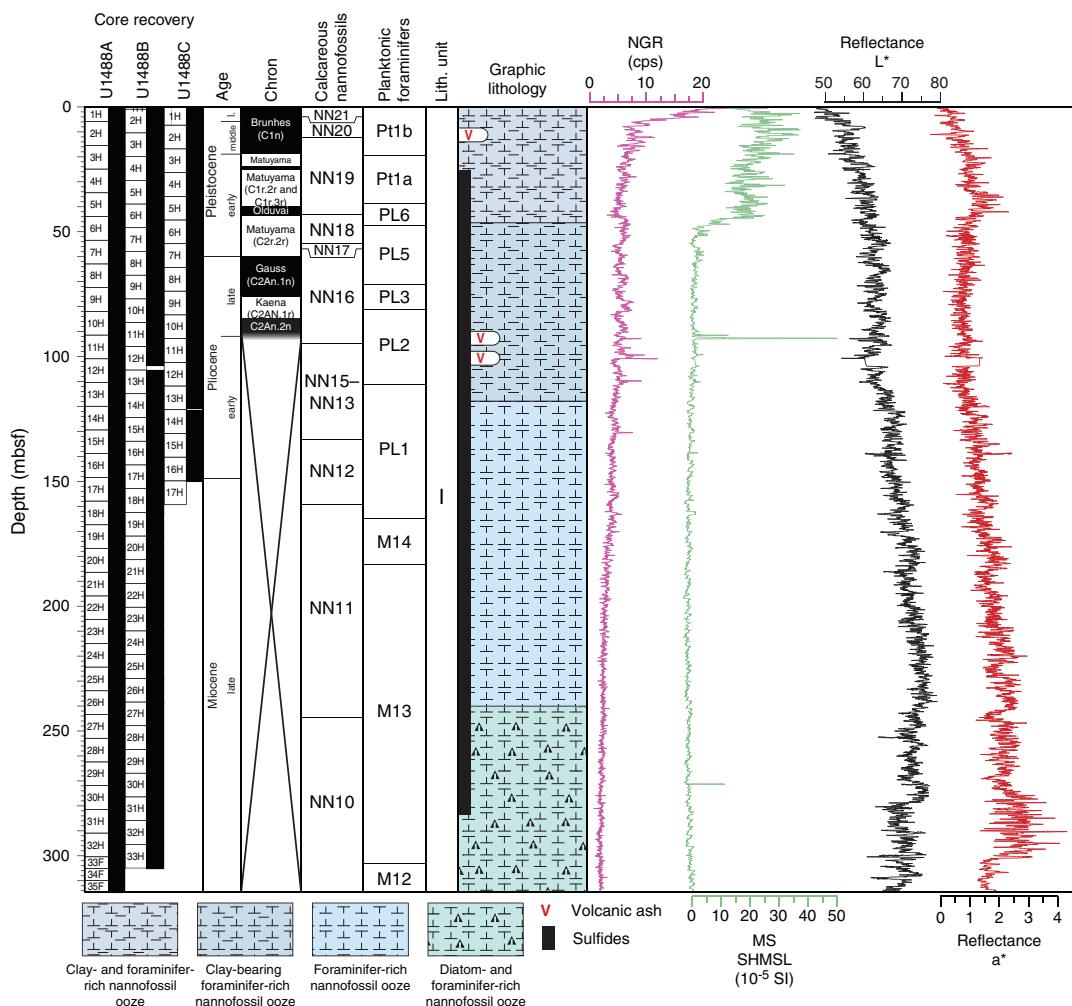
Table T1 (continued).

Core	Date (2016)	Time on deck UTC (h)	Depth DSF (m)			Depth CSF (m)			Recovered length (m)	Curated length (m)	Recovery (%)	Sections (N)	Comments
			Top of interval	Bottom of interval	Interval advanced (m)	Top of cored interval	Bottom of cored interval						
22H	20 Nov	2320	195.9	205.4	9.5	195.9	205.90	10.00	10.00	105	8	Icefield	
23H	21 Nov	0010	205.4	214.9	9.5	205.4	215.19	9.79	9.79	103	8	Icefield	
24H	21 Nov	0100	214.9	224.4	9.5	214.9	224.81	9.91	9.91	104	8	Icefield	
25H	21 Nov	0155	224.4	233.9	9.5	224.4	234.20	9.80	9.80	103	8	Icefield	
26H	21 Nov	0250	233.9	243.4	9.5	233.9	243.84	9.94	9.94	105	8	Icefield	
27H	21 Nov	0340	243.4	252.9	9.5	243.4	253.37	9.97	9.97	105	8	Icefield	
28H	21 Nov	0425	252.9	262.4	9.5	252.9	262.88	9.98	9.98	105	8	Icefield	
29H	21 Nov	0510	262.4	271.9	9.5	262.4	272.35	9.95	9.95	105	8	Icefield	
30H	21 Nov	0600	271.9	281.4	9.5	271.9	281.86	9.96	9.96	105	8	Icefield	
31H	21 Nov	0730	281.4	290.9	9.5	281.4	291.36	9.96	9.96	105	8	Icefield, drillover	
32H	21 Nov	0930	290.9	300.4	9.5	290.9	300.93	10.03	10.03	106	8	Icefield, drillover	
33F	21 Nov	1100	300.4	305.1	4.7	300.4	305.39	4.99	4.99	106	5	Drillover, pump out liner	
34F	21 Nov	1135	305.1	309.8	4.7	305.1	309.96	4.86	4.86	103	5		
35F	21 Nov	1250	309.8	314.5	4.7	309.8	314.78	4.98	4.98	106	5	Drillover	
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1H	21 Nov	1720	0	0.9	0.9	0	0.93	0.93	0.93	103	2	Icefield	
2H	21 Nov	1850	0.9	10.4	9.5	0.9	10.88	9.98	9.98	105	8	Icefield	
3H	21 Nov	1940	10.4	19.9	9.5	10.4	20.31	9.91	9.91	104	8	Icefield	
4H	21 Nov	2030	19.9	29.4	9.5	19.9	29.80	9.90	9.90	104	8	Icefield	
5H	21 Nov	2130	29.4	38.9	9.5	29.4	39.29	9.89	9.89	104	8	Icefield	
6H	21 Nov	2215	38.9	48.4	9.5	38.9	48.85	9.95	9.95	105	8	Icefield	
7H	21 Nov	2305	48.4	57.9	9.5	48.4	58.24	9.84	9.84	104	8	Icefield	
8H	21 Nov	2355	57.9	67.4	9.5	57.9	67.66	9.76	9.76	103	8	Icefield	
9H	22 Nov	0045	67.4	76.9	9.5	67.4	77.32	9.92	9.92	104	8	Icefield	
10H	22 Nov	0130	76.9	86.4	9.5	76.9	86.93	10.03	10.03	106	8	Icefield	
11H	22 Nov	0220	86.4	95.9	9.5	86.4	96.27	9.87	9.87	104	8	Icefield	
12H	22 Nov	0305	95.9	105.4	9.5	95.9	103.71	7.81	7.81	82	7	Icefield	
13H	22 Nov	0350	105.4	114.9	9.5	105.4	115.28	9.88	9.88	104	8	Icefield	
14H	22 Nov	0435	114.9	124.4	9.5	114.9	124.85	9.95	9.95	105	8	Icefield	
15H	22 Nov	0530	124.4	133.9	9.5	124.4	134.31	9.91	9.91	104	8	Icefield	
16H	22 Nov	0630	133.9	143.4	9.5	133.9	143.82	9.92	9.92	104	8	Icefield	
17H	22 Nov	0715	143.4	152.9	9.5	143.4	153.09	9.69	9.69	102	8	Icefield	
18H	22 Nov	0800	152.9	162.4	9.5	152.9	162.86	9.96	9.96	105	8	Icefield	
19H	22 Nov	0855	162.4	171.9	9.5	162.4	172.26	9.86	9.86	104	8	Icefield	
20H	22 Nov	0940	171.9	181.4	9.5	171.9	181.77	9.87	9.87	104	8	Icefield	
21H	22 Nov	1030	181.4	190.9	9.5	181.4	191.34	9.94	9.94	105	8	Icefield	
22H	22 Nov	1115	190.9	200.4	9.5	190.9	200.82	9.92	9.92	104	8	Icefield	
23H	22 Nov	1205	200.4	209.9	9.5	200.4	210.31	9.91	9.91	104	8	Icefield	
24H	22 Nov	1245	209.9	219.4	9.5	209.9	219.63	9.73	9.73	102	8	Icefield	
25H	22 Nov	1340	219.4	228.9	9.5	219.4	229.39	9.99	9.99	105	8	Icefield	
26H	22 Nov	1435	228.9	238.4	9.5	228.9	238.89	9.99	9.99	105	8	Icefield	
27H	22 Nov	1525	238.4	247.9	9.5	238.4	248.29	9.89	9.89	104	8	Icefield	
28H	22 Nov	1615	247.9	257.4	9.5	247.9	257.83	9.93	9.93	105	8	Icefield	
29H	22 Nov	1705	257.4	266.9	9.5	257.4	267.33	9.93	9.93	105	8	Icefield	
30H	22 Nov	1755	266.9	276.4	9.5	266.9	276.81	9.91	9.91	104	8	Icefield	
31H	22 Nov	1955	276.4	285.9	9.5	276.4	286.30	9.90	9.90	104	8	Icefield, drillover	
32H	22 Nov	2125	285.9	295.4	9.5	285.9	295.88	9.98	9.98	105	8	Icefield, drillover	
33H	22 Nov	2330	295.4	304.9	9.5	295.4	305.32	9.92	9.92	104	8	Icefield, drillover	
363-U1488C-													
1H	23 Nov	0315	0	7.3	7.3	0	7.27	7.27	7.27	100	6	Icefield	
2H	23 Nov	0420	7.3	16.8	9.5	7.3	16.64	9.34	9.34	98	8	Icefield	
3H	23 Nov	0505	16.8	26.3	9.5	16.8	26.86	10.06	10.06	106	8	Icefield	
4H	23 Nov	0550	26.3	35.8	9.5	26.3	36.07	9.77	9.77	103	8	Icefield	
5H	23 Nov	0635	35.8	45.3	9.5	35.8	45.76	9.96	9.96	105	8	Icefield	
6H	23 Nov	0720	45.3	54.8	9.5	45.3	55.19	9.89	9.89	104	8	Icefield	
7H	23 Nov	0810	54.8	64.3	9.5	54.8	64.67	9.87	9.87	104	8	Icefield	
8H	23 Nov	0900	64.3	73.8	9.5	64.3	74.18	9.88	9.88	104	8	Icefield	
9H	23 Nov	0945	73.8	83.3	9.5	73.8	83.61	9.81	9.81	103	8	Icefield	
10H	23 Nov	1050	83.3	92.8	9.5	83.3	93.24	9.94	9.94	105	8	Icefield	
11H	23 Nov	1135	92.8	102.3	9.5	92.8	102.40	9.60	9.60	101	8	Icefield	
12H	23 Nov	1220	102.3	111.8	9.5	102.3	112.18	9.88	9.88	104	8	Icefield	
13H	23 Nov	1310	111.8	121.3	9.5	111.8	120.69	8.89	8.89	94	7	Icefield	
14H	23 Nov	1355	121.3	130.8	9.5	121.3	130.75	9.45	9.45	99	7	Icefield, liner split throughout	
15H	23 Nov	1455	130.8	140.3	9.5	130.8	140.72	9.92	9.92	104	8	Icefield	
16H	23 Nov	1540	140.3	149.8	9.5	140.3	150.12	9.82	9.82	103	8	Icefield	
17H	23 Nov	1645	149.8	159.3	9.5	149.8	150.05	0.25	0.25	3	1	Icefield	

Core description

Site U1488 is located at ~2604 m water depth on top of the Eau-rik Rise, ~28 km northwest of DSDP Site 62. Three holes were drilled at Site U1488, with the deepest hole (U1488A) reaching 314.5 mbsf. The recovered sediment is primarily upper Miocene to recent foraminifer-nannofossil ooze with minor variation throughout the site. The sediment also contains minor amounts of siliciclastic (mainly clay minerals), siliceous (radiolarians, diatoms, sponge spicules, and silicoflagellates), and volcanogenic (ash) particles. Authigenic sulfide precipitates and authigenic clay minerals (e.g., smectite-chlorite) also occur as accessories. Bioturbation is slight to moderate throughout the cores. No obvious sign of sediment deformation was observed. Sediment color gradually varies from light greenish gray in the uppermost ~50 mbsf to greenish white between ~50 and ~250 mbsf and yellowish white below ~250 mbsf. Based on a combination of visual core description, microscopic examination of smear slides, magnetic susceptibility, natural gamma radiation (NGR), color reflectance, and mineralogical analysis by X-ray diffraction (XRD) (see **Core description** and **Physical properties** in the Expedition 363 methods chapter [Rosenthal et al., 2018a]), we defined one lithologic unit for Site U1488 with no subunits identified (Figure F5).

Figure F5. Lithologic summary, Site U1488. cps = counts per second, MS = magnetic susceptibility, SHMSL = Section Half Multisensor Logger.



Unit description

Unit I

Intervals: 363-U1488A-1H-1, 0 cm, through 35F-CC, 26 cm;

363-U1488B-1H-1, 0 cm, through 33H-CC, 23 cm;

363-U1488C-1H-1, 0 cm, through 17H-CC, 25 cm

Depths: Hole U1488A = 0–314.78 mbsf, Hole U1488B = 0–305.32 mbsf, Hole U1488C = 0–150.05 mbsf

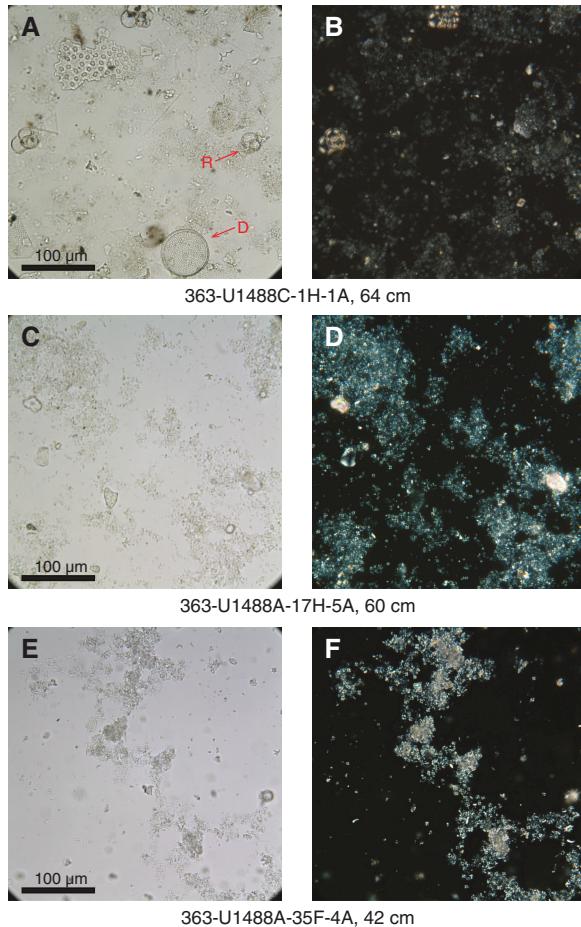
Thickness: Hole U1488A = 314.78 m, Hole U1488B = 305.32 m, Hole U1488C = 150.05 m

Age: late Miocene to recent

Lithology: foraminifer-rich nannofossil clay, foraminifer-bearing nannofossil ooze, clay-rich foraminifer-nannofossil ooze, clay-bearing foraminifer-bearing nannofossil ooze, foraminifer-bearing nannofossil clay, radiolarian-bearing foraminifer-nannofossil ooze, diatom-rich foraminifer-nannofossil ooze, and nannofossil-rich diatom ooze

Unit I is composed of ~315 m of upper Miocene to recent mainly biogenic, secondarily siliciclastic (mainly clay minerals), and volcanogenic sediment (Figure F5). The upper ~1 m of the sediment is relatively dark in color (pale brown [10YR 6/3] to greenish gray [10Y 6/1]) and is dominated by biogenic siliceous particles (nanno-

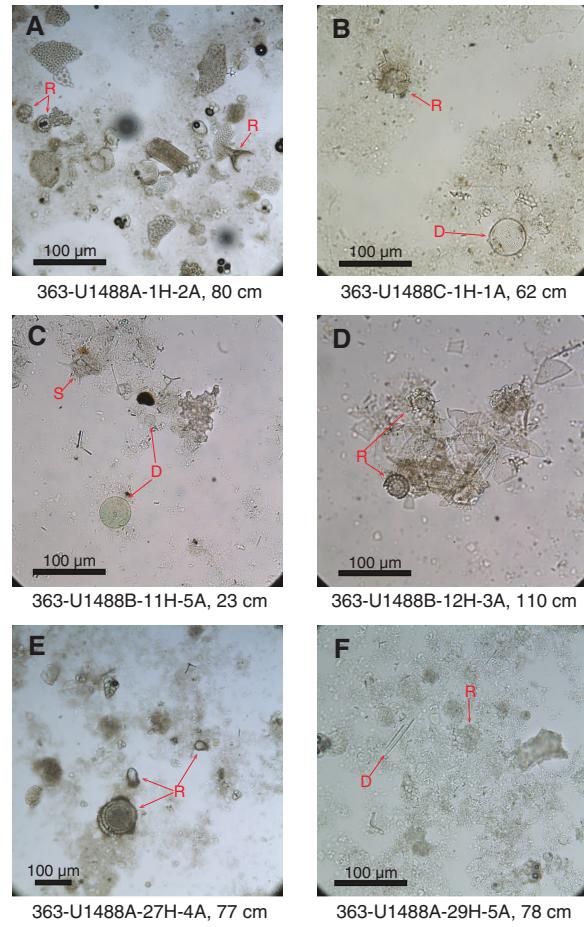
Figure F6. Characteristic lithologies, Site U1488. A, B. Foraminifer-bearing nannofossil clay with abundant siliceous microfossils. D = diatom, R = radiolarian. C, D. Clay-rich foraminifer-nannofossil ooze. E, F. Foraminifer-nannofossil ooze. A, C, and E: plane-polarized light (PPL); B, D, and F: cross-polarized light (XPL).



fossil-rich diatom ooze) (Figures F6A, F6B, F7A, F7B). The sediment below the uppermost ~1 m is composed mainly of greenish gray to white foraminifer and nannofossil ooze with minor and variable amounts of clay, siliceous microfossils, and volcanicogenic material (Figures F5, F6C–F6F, F8). Three volcanic ash layers composed of fresh, angular, and colorless shards are found at ~6.5, ~93, and ~100 mbsf (Table T2; Figures F9, F10).

One striking feature of the sediment succession at Site U1488 is the relatively regular occurrence of distinct layers or bands (Figure F11) that display a variety of colors (greenish, brownish, yellowish, and pale purplish) in contrast to the background lithology. These distinctive horizontal layers, up to a few centimeters thick, occur throughout the sediment sequence (Figure F11). In particular, green layers are concentrated between ~270 and ~300 mbsf, where they occur at regular intervals of ~40–60 cm within the white foraminifer-nannofossil ooze (Figure F11C). The green layers are not disrupted by bioturbation, and some are indurated. Under the petrographic microscope, some of the green layers are characterized by abundant clusters of clay-sized particles. The clusters are green, pleiochroic (Figure F11D), and in many cases infill the tests of foraminifers and radiolarians (Figure F11E). Clay mineral XRD analysis on the carbonate-free samples of two of these green layers revealed that their composition is smectite (montmorillonite) and

Figure F7. Biogenic siliceous components, Site U1488. A, B. Abundant siliceous microfossils in the uppermost ~2 mbsf. C, D. Occurrence of siliceous microfossils in (C) yellowish sediment and (D) above tephra layers. E, F. Siliceous microfossils as a minor component of the sediment sequence below ~240 mbsf. D = diatom, R = radiolarian, S = silicoflagellate.



chlorite (possibly vermiculite) (Figure F11F). Some of the bands observed with smear slide microscopy show small-scale compositional differences that could account for the color differences. For instance, the brownish bands have more radiolarians and clay, whereas the greenish bands contain more foraminifers.

Generally, the siliciclastic component of the sediment, including clay and other silicate minerals, occurs in trace amounts at Site U1488. These siliciclastic minerals are most abundant in the upper ~50 mbsf (the depth at which magnetic susceptibility drops dramatically) and less abundant below this depth. In particular, clay mineral abundance is relatively high in the upper ~100 mbsf and decreases downhole, which is reflected by a progressive decrease in NGR and reductions in natural remanent magnetization (NRM) intensity below ~100 mbsf (Figure F5) (see **Physical properties** and **Paleomagnetism**).

Biogenic components are abundant throughout the sediment sequence but show varying degrees of preservation at Site U1488. Above 240 mbsf, calcareous microfossils (nannofossils and foraminifers) dominate the sequence, whereas below 240 mbsf, siliceous microfossils (primarily diatoms and radiolarians) are more abundant and constitute on average ~10% of the sediment particles (Figures F5, F7E, F7F). Abundant biosilica is also observed within a few centimeters above ash layers (Figure F7C, F7D). During smear slide

Figure F8. Main lithologies, Site U1488. A. Foraminifer-bearing nannofossil clay. B. Foraminifer-bearing nannofossil ooze. C. Foraminifer-bearing nannofossil ooze with trace amounts of biosilica.

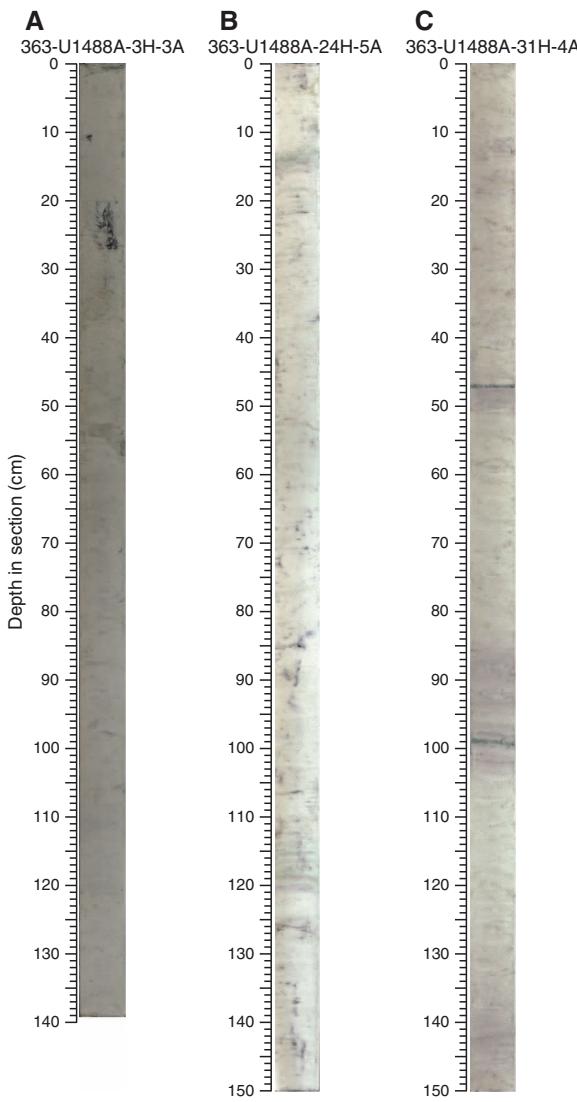


Table T2. Stratigraphic position of tephra layers, Site U1488. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)
363-U1488A-11H-2, 0-10	92.90-93.00
11H-7, 61-64	101.01-101.04
363-U1488B-2H-4, 117-118	6.57-6.58
11H-5, 20-30	92.60-92.70
12H-3, 115-117	100.05-100.07
363-U1488C-10H-7, 46-52	92.76-92.82
11H-5, 111-113	99.91-99.93

Figure F9. Occurrence of volcanogenic sediment (arrows), Site U1488. A. Tephra patch (U1488B-2H-4A, 117-118 cm). B-G. Tephra layers. B: U1488A-11H-2A, 0-10 cm; C: U1488B-11H-5A, 20-30 cm; D: U1488C-10H-7A, 46-52 cm; E: U1488A-11H-7A, 61-64 cm; F: U1488B-12H-3A, 115-117 cm; G: U1488C-11H-5A, 111-113 cm.



analysis, we noted that when clay is present the larger biogenic particles (radiolarians and foraminifers) are often coated with clay minerals. Preservation of calcareous microfossils decreases downhole (see **Biostratigraphy**), concomitant with the decrease in abundance of clay minerals. In the deeper part of the succession, nannofossils and foraminifers are clearly identifiable in smear slide but are commonly mixed with carbonate particles only a few micrometers in diameter. The nature of these small carbonate particles could not be identified, but they are probably recrystallized coccoliths.

Dark sulfide precipitates are very common throughout the succession (Figure F5), and pyrite nodules are found from ~20 to ~280 mbsf (Figure F12).

Discussion

The sediment at Site U1488 mainly consists of clay-rich foraminifer-rich nannofossil ooze, foraminifer-bearing nannofossil ooze, and radiolarian-bearing foraminifer-nannofossil ooze, indicating the dominance of pelagic sedimentation at this location since the late Miocene. However, changes in the relative abundance of minor sedimentary components, including biosilica and clay, may reflect changes in depositional conditions from the late Miocene to recent. The lower part of the upper Miocene sequence below ~240 mbsf is characterized by higher abundances of siliceous microfossils, especially diatoms, which suggest higher productivity in the surface waters overlying the site. The upper part of the upper Miocene to lower Pliocene sequence (between ~240 and 120 mbsf) is mainly nannofossil ooze with varying amounts of foraminifers, suggesting a change to more oligotrophic conditions. Clay minerals are present mainly above ~120 mbsf and become a significant part of

Figure F10. SEM photomicrographs of glass shards in volcanogenic material, Site U1488.

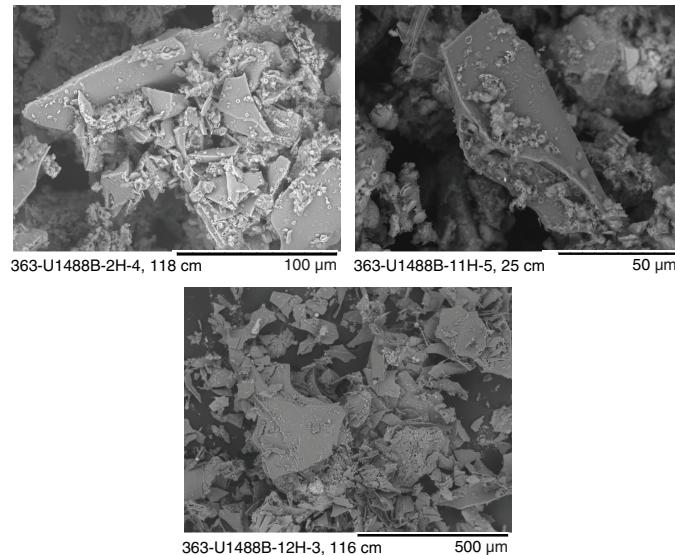
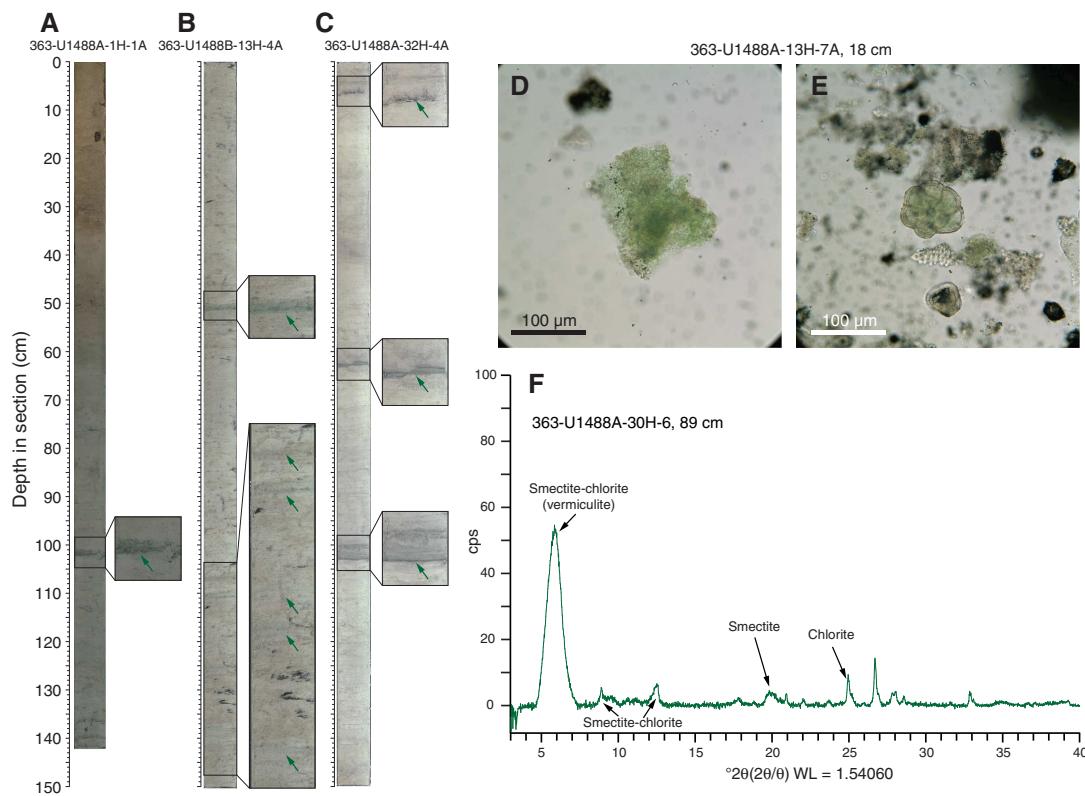


Figure F11. Distinctive color banding, Site U1488. A–C. Core images. D, E. Smear slide photomicrographs from green layers showing (D) green clay clusters and (E) green clay infilling a foraminifer. F. XRD results. WL = wavelength.



the sediment above ~50 mbsf (Figure F5). Given the location of Site U1488 in an open-ocean setting, far from direct riverine input and on a relative high rise of the seafloor (the Eauripik Rise), the most likely source of the clay and other fine siliciclastic material is eolian. If this interpretation is correct, then the increase in clay content together with magnetic susceptibility and NGR above ~50 mbsf (since the early Pleistocene) could be interpreted as reflecting a progressive increase in wind action possibly related to monsoonal activity.

Color banding is one of the most prominent features of Site U1488. The bands are generally a few centimeters thick, and although they occur throughout the cored sequence, they seem to be more concentrated in several stratigraphic intervals. Some of the green bands are clay rich and composed of smectite and chlorite (Figure F11). Bands of other colors, including yellow and brown, show small-scale compositional differences in microfossil content that might reflect variations in primary deposition, although more detailed and quantitative analysis is needed to confirm these differences exist. The recurrence of these bands and the compositional differences associated with them might represent redox fronts in the sediment column associated with the redox reactions of iron and manganese (e.g., Cole and Shaw, 1983; Steinberg et al., 1987).

Figure F12. Pyrite nodules, Hole U1488B.



Biostratigraphy

Site U1488 consists of a 315 m thick succession of foraminifer-rich nannofossil ooze with varying proportions of clay (see [Core description](#)). Calcareous microfossil assemblages and preservation are typical of a pelagic, relatively deep water bathyal environment throughout the recorded succession. Unlike previous sites (Sites U1482–U1487), microfossil preservation at Site U1488 shows an increase in recrystallization (foraminifers) and some fragmentation, etching, and overgrowth (foraminifers and calcareous nannofossils) downhole. Preservation is typical of pelagic carbonate-rich environments. Both planktonic foraminifer and calcareous nannofossil taxa are easily recognized to species level, except for some discoasters in the upper Miocene, which are susceptible to overgrowth. Results from each fossil group (calcareous nannofossils, planktonic foraminifers, and benthic foraminifers) are presented in the sections below, followed by a detailed characterization of benthic and planktonic foraminifer preservation state using the shipboard scanning electron microscope (SEM; Hitachi TM3000). An integrated bio- and magnetostratigraphy and preliminary age model are presented in the final section. Shipboard taxon occurrence data are available to download from the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) database (<http://web.iodp.tamu.edu/LORE>).

Calcareous nannofossils

Calcareous nannofossil biostratigraphy is based on analysis of core catcher samples and additional samples from working-half sections in Hole U1488A. Observations were undertaken using plane- (PPL), cross- (XPL), and circular-polarized light (CPL), as well as the shipboard desktop SEM to confirm the presence of *Emiliania huxleyi* and to check preservation state. Depth positions and age estimates of key biohorizons are given in [Table T3](#).

At Site U1488, the preservation of calcareous nannofossils is good from the top of the succession downhole to Core 363-U1488A-14H, near the base of the early Pliocene (Figure [F13](#)). From Core 15H (early Pliocene) to the penultimate core of the hole, Core 34H (late Miocene), preservation is moderate with some fragmentation and overgrowth. Overgrowth of discoasters occasionally makes species identification difficult in upper Miocene samples. Placolith coccoliths in the same upper Miocene interval show little overgrowth but are sometimes slightly etched and fragmented. In the deepest recovered core (Core 35H), preservation is moderate to poor, with more significant overgrowth of discoasters and some pla-

coliths. This pattern of calcareous nannofossil preservation with depth is consistent with SEM observations of foraminifer overgrowth (see [Foraminifer preservation](#)) and the progressive down-hole increase in the cementation of the sediment.

Pleistocene

The stratigraphy of the Pleistocene is well constrained by 10 calcareous nannofossil biohorizons. Biohorizon base *E. huxleyi* (base of Zone NN21; 0.29 Ma) occurs between Samples 363-U1488A-1H-2, 80 cm, and 1H-CC (2.30–5.83 mbsf) and biohorizon top *Pseudemiliania lacunosa* (base of Zone NN20; 0.44 Ma) occurs between Samples 2H-4, 80 cm, and 2H-6, 10 cm (11.20–13.50 mbsf). Shipboard biostratigraphy confirms that the paleomagnetic reversal at 19 mbsf is the Brunhes/Matuyama (0.781 Ma) (see [Paleomagnetism](#)). This reversal lies between the biohorizon base acme *Gephyrocapsa caribbeana* (0.56 Ma) between Samples 3H-2, 80 cm, and 3H-4, 80 cm (17.70–20.70 mbsf), and biohorizon top *Reticulofenestra asanoi* (0.91 Ma) between Samples 3H-4, 80 cm, and 3H-6, 10 cm (20.70–23.00 mbsf). The distinctive series of early Pleistocene discoaster extinctions is clearly recorded in Hole U1488A. Biohorizon top *Discoaster brouweri* (base of Zone NN19; 1.93 Ma) occurs between Samples 5H-6, 101 cm, and 5H-CC (42.91–44.34 mbsf). Biohorizon top *Discoaster pentaradiatus* (base of Zone NN18; 2.39 Ma) occurs between Samples 6H-CC and 7H-2, 49 cm (53.78–55.39 mbsf). The lowermost Pleistocene extinction, biohorizon top *Discoaster surculus* (base of Zone NN17; 2.49 Ma) occurs between Samples 7H-2, 49 cm, and 7H-4, 45 cm (55.39–58.35 mbsf).

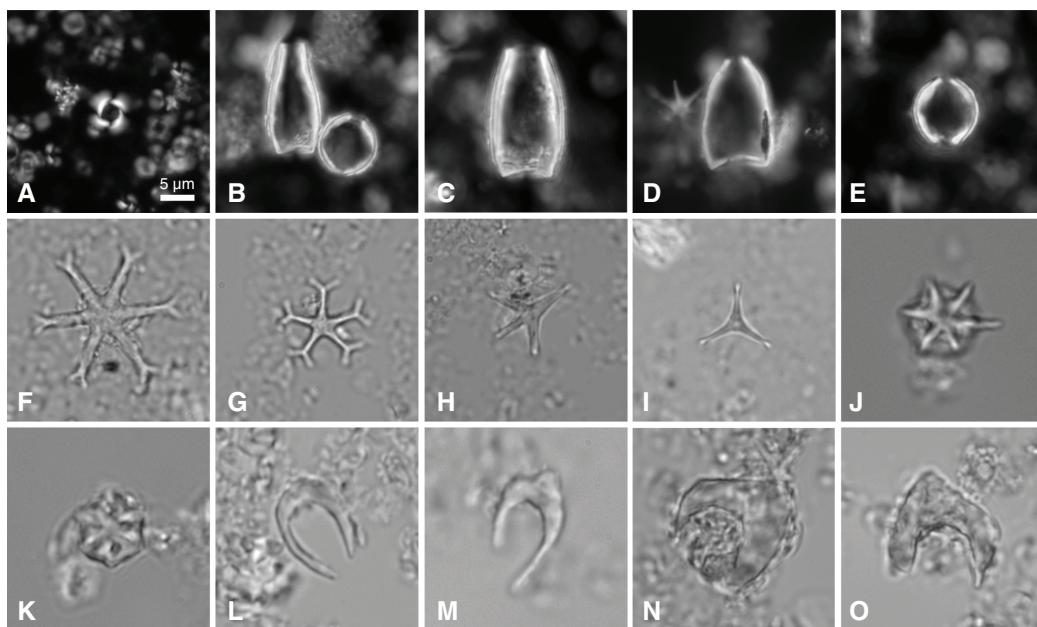
Pliocene to late Miocene

Calcareous nannofossil biostratigraphy is continuous through the recovered Pliocene to upper Miocene succession, with the basal late Pliocene biohorizon top *Sphenolithus abies* (3.54 Ma) occurring between Samples 363-U1488A-10H-6, 50 cm, and 10H-CC (89.90–91.56 mbsf), and biohorizon top *Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilicus* (base of Zone NN16; 3.70 Ma) occurring between Samples 11H-1, 50 cm, and 11H-4, 90 cm (92.30–96.80 mbsf).

In the lower Pliocene to upper Miocene succession, biohorizons based on occurrence of species within the *Amaurolithus* lineage are problematic. *Amaurolithus tricorniculatus*, whose biohorizon top defines the base of Zone NN15, was not observed in any sample. As a result, Zones NN13–NN15 are undifferentiated. The base of Zones NN13–NN15 (undifferentiated) is placed at biohorizon base *Ceratolithus cristatus* (5.12 Ma) between Samples 363-U1488A-15H-2, 80 cm, and 15H-4, 80 cm (131.70–134.70 mbsf). *Amaurolithus delicatus* was rarely observed between Samples 16H-CC and 22H-6, 10 cm (148.84–203.50 mbsf). *Amaurolithus primus* was also rarely observed and only in an interval from Sample 19H-6, 10 cm, to 20H-4, 80 cm (175.00–182.20 mbsf), which is closely associated with the total range of *Nicklithus amplificus* from Sample 19H-CC to 21H-2, 80 cm (177.09–188.70 mbsf). No intermediate forms in the proposed *Orthorhabdus rugosus* to *N. amplificus* transition (Raffi and Flores, 1995) were observed at the base of the range of *N. amplificus*, and may indicate that the observed biohorizon base *N. amplificus* in the western equatorial Pacific is somewhat above the interval where intermediate forms occur in the eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean (Raffi and Flores, 1995). Here we place biohorizon top *N. amplificus* between Samples 19H-6, 10 cm, and 19H-CC (175.00–177.09 mbsf); biohorizon base *N. amplificus* between Samples 21H-2, 80 cm, and 21H-4, 80 cm (188.70–191.70 mbsf); and biohorizon base *Amaurolithus* spp. at the biohorizon base *A. delicata*.

Table T3. Calcareous nannofossil bioevents, Site U1488. B = base, T = top, Bc = base common, Ba = base acme, Ta = top acme, Bpa = base paracme, X = abundance crossover. [Download table in CSV format](#).

Bioevent number	Marker species	Age (Ma)	Zone base	Top core, section, interval (cm)	Bottom core, section, interval (cm)	Top depth (mbsf)	Bottom depth (mbsf)	Midpoint depth (mbsf)	± (m)
3	B <i>Emiliana huxleyi</i>	0.29	NN21	363-U1488A-1H-2, 80	363-U1488A-1H-CC	2.30	5.83	4.07	1.77
4	T <i>Pseudoemiliana lacunosa</i>	0.44	NN20	2H-4, 80	2H-6, 10	11.20	13.50	12.35	1.15
5	Ba <i>Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica</i>	0.56		3H-2, 80	3H-4, 80	17.70	20.70	19.20	1.50
6	T <i>Reticulofenestra asanoi</i>	0.91		3H-4, 80	3H-6, 10	20.70	23.00	21.85	1.15
9	T <i>Helicosphaera sellii</i>	1.26		4H-6, 10	4H-CC	32.50	34.79	33.65	1.15
10	T <i>Calcidiscus macintyrei</i>	1.60		4H-CC	5H-2, 111	34.79	37.01	35.90	1.11
11	T <i>Discoaster brouweri</i>	1.93	NN19	5H-6, 101	5H-CC	42.91	44.34	43.63	0.72
12	Bc <i>Discoaster triradiatus</i>	2.22		5H-6, 101	5H-CC	42.91	44.34	43.63	0.72
14	T <i>Discoaster pentaradiatus</i>	2.39	NN18	6H-CC	7H-2, 49	53.78	55.39	54.59	0.80
15	T <i>Discoaster surculus</i>	2.49	NN17	7H-2, 49	7H-4, 45	55.39	58.35	56.87	1.48
	Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary	2.58							
16	T <i>Discoaster tamalis</i>	2.80		8H-4, 60	8H-6, 60	68.00	71.00	69.50	1.50
17	T <i>Sphenolithus</i> spp.	3.54		10H-6, 50	10H-CC	89.90	91.56	90.73	0.83
18	T <i>Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilicus</i>	3.70	NN16	11H-1, 50	11H-4, 90	92.30	96.80	94.55	2.25
20	Bc <i>Discoaster brouweri</i>	4.12		13H-4, 80	13H-6, 80	115.70	118.70	117.20	1.50
23	T <i>Ceratolithus armatus</i>	5.04		15H-2, 80	15H-4, 80	131.70	134.70	133.20	1.50
24	B <i>Ceratolithus cristatus</i>	5.12	NN13–NN15	15H-2, 80	15H-4, 80	131.70	134.70	133.20	1.50
25	T <i>Orthostylus rugosus</i>	5.28		18H-2, 80	18H-4, 80	160.20	163.20	161.70	1.50
	Miocene/Pliocene boundary	5.33							
27	B <i>Ceratolithus armatus</i>	5.35		16H-CC	17H-2, 80	148.84	150.70	149.77	0.93
28	T <i>Discoaster quinqueramus</i>	5.59	NN12	17H-CC	18H-2, 80	158.30	160.20	159.25	0.95
29	T <i>Nicklithus amplificus</i>	5.98		19H-6, 10	19H-CC	175.00	177.09	176.05	1.05
30	B <i>Nicklithus amplificus</i>	6.82		21H-2, 80	21H-4, 80	188.70	191.70	190.20	1.50
31	B <i>Amaurolithus</i> spp.	7.39		22H-6, 10	22H-CC	203.50	205.85	204.68	1.17
33	Bc <i>Discoaster surculus</i>	7.79		26H-4, 60	26H-6, 60	239.00	242.00	240.50	1.50
34	B <i>Discoaster quinqueramus</i>	8.12		26H-6, 60	26H-CC	242.00	243.57	242.79	0.78
35	B <i>Discoaster berggrenii</i>	8.29	NN11	26H-CC	27H-2, 60	243.57	245.50	244.54	0.97
38	Bpa <i>Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilicus</i>	8.79		31H-4, 100	31H-6, 100	286.90	289.90	288.40	1.50
39	T <i>Discoaster bollii</i>	9.21		32H-CC	33F-2, 40	300.62	301.17	300.90	0.28
40	B <i>Discoaster pentaradiatus</i>	9.37		32H-CC	33F-2, 40	300.62	301.17	300.90	0.28
41	T <i>Discoaster hamatus</i>	9.53		33F-2, 40	33F-CC	301.17	305.34	303.26	2.08
42	T <i>Catinaster calyculus</i>	9.67		34F-3, 20	34F-CC	308.30	309.91	309.11	0.81
43	T <i>Catinaster coalitus</i>	9.69		35F-2, 80	35F-3, 60	312.10	313.40	312.75	0.65

Figure F13. Calcareous nannofossils, Hole U1488A. A. *Reticulofenestra asanoi* (3H-6, 10 cm). B. *Scyphosphaera lagena* (left) and *Scyphosphaera globulata* (right) (14H-2, 60 cm). C, D. *S. lagena* (C: 14H-2, 60 cm; D: 8H-4, 60 cm). E. *S. globulata* (14H-2, 60 cm). F, G. *Discoaster variabilis* (F: 10H-4, 50 cm; G: 5-rayed variety, 13H-2, 80 cm). H. *Discoaster* sp. (13H-2, 80 cm). I. *Discoaster triradiatus* (6H-2, 60 cm). J. *Catinaster calyculus* (25H-CC). K. *Catinaster coalitus* (35F-3, 60 cm). L, M. *Amaurolithus delicatus* (L: 16H-CC; M: 20H-4, 80 cm). N, O. *Nicklithus amplificus* (N: 20H-4, 80 cm; O: 19H-CC). A–E: XPL; F–O: PPL.

tus between Samples 22H-6, 10 cm, and 22H-CC (203.50–205.85 mbsf). Biohorizon top *N. amplificus* fits well with the planktonic foraminifer biostratigraphy, whereas biohorizon base *N. amplificus* and base *Amaurolithus* spp. sit slightly above the general age-depth relationship and may be occurring at a slightly younger age in this region than in the eastern equatorial Pacific or equatorial Atlantic Oceans. We note that there are significant abundance variations in *A. primus* in some equatorial Pacific sites within the stratigraphic interval between the base of its range and the biohorizon base *N. amplificus* (e.g., Ocean Drilling Program [ODP] Site 848; Raffi et al., 1995). Given the low abundance of *Amaurolithus* species in this sediment, establishing the position of this base biohorizon with confidence will require postcruise analysis of thickly made sediment smear slides. Biohorizon base *A. delicatus* is reported as nearly coincident with biohorizon base *A. primus*, which is the first-occurring *Amaurolithus* spp. (Raffi et al., 1998).

The topmost Miocene biohorizon, base *Ceratolithus armatus* (5.35 Ma), occurs between Samples 363-U1488A-16H-CC and 17H-2, 80 cm (148.84–150.70 mbsf). The base of late Miocene Zone NN12 is placed at biohorizon base *Discoaster quinqueramus* (5.59

Ma) between Samples 17H-CC and 18H-2, 80 cm (158.30–160.20 mbsf), and the base of Zone NN11 is placed at biohorizon base *Discoaster berggrenii* between Samples 26H-CC and 27H-2, 60 cm (243.57–245.50 mbsf). *Catinaster calyculus* (9.67 Ma) was observed within Sample 34F-CC (309.91 mbsf). The stratigraphy of the base of Hole U1488A is constrained by biohorizon top *Catinaster coaliatus* (9.69 Ma) between Samples 35F-2, 80 cm, and 35F-3, 60 cm (312.10–313.40 mbsf).

Planktonic foraminifers

Core catcher samples plus three samples per core from Hole U1488A were studied for planktonic foraminifers. Diverse assemblages dominate the sedimentary particles in the 63–150 and >150 μm size fractions. Preservation, as visually assessed under the light microscope, varies from very good near the surface to moderate at depth. There is increasing evidence of dissolution, recrystallization, and eventually cementation downhole, as discussed further in **Foraminifer preservation**. A list of planktonic foraminifer biohorizons is given in Table T4.

Table T4. Planktonic foraminifer bioevents, Site U1488. * = biohorizon follows Resig et al. (2001), † = biohorizon follows Chaisson and Pearson (1997), ‡ = biohorizon follows Berggren et al. (1995). B = base, T = top, X = coiling reversal, s = sinistral, d = dextral. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Biohorizon number	Marker species	Age (Ma)	Zone base	Top core, section, interval (cm)	Bottom core, section, interval (cm)	Top depth (mbsf)	Bottom depth (mbsf)	Midpoint depth (mbsf)	\pm (m)
				363-U1488A-	363-U1488A-				
1	T <i>Globorotalia flexuosa</i>	0.07		1H-2, 80–82		<2.30	1.15	1.15	
2	T <i>Globigerinoides ruber</i> (pink)	0.12	1H-4, 80–82	1H-CC	5.30	5.83	5.57	0.26	
3	B <i>Globigerinella calida</i>	0.22		2H-2, 80–82	5.83	8.20	7.02	1.19	
4	B <i>Globorotalia flexuosa</i>	0.40		3H-2, 79–81	3H-4, 79–81	17.69	20.69	19.19	1.50
6	T <i>Globorotalia tosaensis</i>	0.61	Pt1b	3H-2, 79–81	3H-4, 79–81	17.69	20.69	19.19	1.50
8	X <i>Pulleniatina</i> s to d "L1"	0.80		3H-4, 79–81	3H-6, 9–11	20.69	22.99	21.84	1.15
11	T <i>Globigerinoidesella fistulosa</i>	1.88	Pt1a	5H-2, 110–112	5H-4, 110–112	37.00	40.00	38.50	1.50
12	B <i>Globorotalia truncatulinoides</i>	2.65*		7H-2, 48–50	7H-4, 44–46	55.38	58.34	56.86	1.48
13	T <i>Globigerinoides extremus</i>	1.98		5H-CC	6H-2, 58–60	44.34	45.98	45.16	0.82
14	B <i>Pulleniatina finalis</i>	2.04		5H-4, 110–112	5H-6, 100–102	40.00	42.90	41.45	1.45
17	T <i>Globorotalia pseudomiocenica</i>	2.30	PL6	6H-2, 58–60	6H-4, 58–60	45.98	48.98	47.48	1.50
18	T <i>Globorotalia limbata</i>	2.39		6H-2, 58–60	6H-4, 58–60	45.98	48.98	47.48	1.50
	Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary	2.58							
21	B <i>Globigerinoidesella fistulosa</i>	3.33		9H-6, 60–62	9H-CC	80.50	82.22	81.36	0.86
22	B <i>Globorotalia tosaensis</i>	3.35		9H-6, 60–62	9H-CC	80.50	82.22	81.36	0.86
23	T <i>Dentoglobigerina altispira</i>	3.13†	PL5	8H-6, 60–62	8H-CC	71.00	72.10	71.55	0.55
25	T <i>Sphaeroidinellopsis seminulina</i>	3.59	PL4	9H-6, 60–62	9H-CC	80.50	82.22	81.36	0.86
28	T <i>Globorotalia margaritae</i>	3.60†	PL3	9H-6, 60–62	9H-CC	80.50	82.22	81.36	0.86
29	X <i>Pulleniatina</i> s to d "L9"	4.08		11H-CC	12H-2, 130–132	101.25	103.70	102.48	1.22
30	T <i>Pulleniatina spectabilis</i>	4.21		12H-6, 60–62	12H-CC	109.00	110.47	109.74	0.73
32	T <i>Globoturborotalita nepenthes</i>	4.37	PL2	12H-CC	13H-2, 80–82	110.47	112.70	111.59	1.12
35	T <i>Globorotalia cibaoensis</i>	4.61		14H-4, 60–62	14H-6, 60–62	125.00	128.00	126.50	1.50
	Miocene/Pliocene boundary	5.33							
36	B <i>Sphaeroidinella dehiscens</i> s.l.	5.53		17H-CC	18H-2, 79–81	158.30	160.19	159.25	0.94
37	B <i>Globorotalia tumida</i>	5.57	PL1	18H-4, 79–81	18H-6, 9–11	163.19	165.49	164.34	1.15
39	T <i>Globoquadrina dehiscens</i>	5.92		18H-2, 79–81	18H-4, 79–81	160.19	163.19	161.69	1.50
40	B <i>Globorotalia margaritae</i>	6.08		20H-6, 9–11	20H-CC	184.49	186.72	185.61	1.12
41	T <i>Globorotalia lengaensis</i>	6.13	M14	20H-4, 81–83	20H-6, 9–11	182.21	184.49	183.35	1.14
42	B <i>Globigerinoides conglobatus</i>	6.20		20H-4, 81–83	20H-6, 9–11	182.21	184.49	183.35	1.14
43	X <i>Neogloborotalia acostaensis</i> s to d	6.34		20H-CC	21H-2, 78–81	186.72	188.69	187.71	0.98
44	B <i>Pulleniatina primalis</i>	6.60		21H-4, 79–81	21H-6, 9–11	191.69	193.99	192.84	1.15
45	X <i>Neogloborotalia acostaensis</i> d to s	6.77		21H-6, 9–11	21H-CC	193.99	196.29	195.14	1.15
51	B <i>Neogloborotalia acostaensis</i>	9.83	M13	33F-2, 79–81	33F-CC	301.16	305.34	303.25	2.09
52	T <i>Paragloborotalia mayeri</i>	10.46		Total depth	Below hole	>314.73			

The topmost sample examined, Sample 363-U1488A-1H-2, 80–82 cm (2.30 mbsf), contains *Globorotalia flexuosa* and is therefore older than 0.07 Ma. Biohorizon top *Globigerinoides ruber* (pink) (0.12 Ma) is located between Samples 1H-4, 80–82 cm, and 1H-CC (5.30–5.83 mbsf). The base of Subzone Pt1b, marked by biohorizon top *Globorotalia tosaensis* (0.61 Ma), is difficult to locate because of the rarity of the marker species; therefore, its identification between Samples 3H-2, 79–81 cm, and 3H-4, 79–81 cm (17.69–20.69 mbsf), may be too low within the succession. This is the same level as biohorizon base *G. flexuosa* (0.40 Ma), which may have an anomalous range at this site.

Coiling in *Pulleniatina* was measured downhole to 110.47 mbsf, below the level of Saito's (1976) L9 excursion. Data are given in Table T5 and plotted in Figure F14. The L1 excursion (0.80 Ma) is located between Samples 363-U1488A-3H-4, 79–81 cm, and 3H-6, 9–11 cm (20.69–22.99 mbsf).

Biohorizon top *Globigerinoidesella fistulosa* (1.88 Ma), which marks the base of Subzone Pt1a, is found between Samples 363-U1488A-5H-2, 110–112 cm, and 5H-4, 110–112 cm (37.00–40.00 mbsf). This sampling interval is coincident with the L5 shift in *Pulleniatina* coiling direction from sinistral to dextral (Figure F14), although at other Expedition 363 sites the top *G. fistulosa* biohorizon was located in the dextral interval immediately above the shift (for instance, see **Biostratigraphy** in the Site U1486 chapter [Rosenthal et al., 2018c]). More detailed sampling could reveal the same order of biohorizons at Site U1488. Biohorizon base *Pulleniatina finalis* (2.04 Ma) is located between Samples 5H-4, 110–112 cm, and 5H-6, 100–102 cm (40.00–42.90 mbsf), at a somewhat higher correlative level than was found at other sites. Biohorizon top *Globigerinoides extremus* (1.98 Ma) is placed tentatively between Samples 5H-CC and 6H-2, 58–60 cm (44.34–45.98 mbsf), due to the extreme rarity of the marker species near its top occurrence.

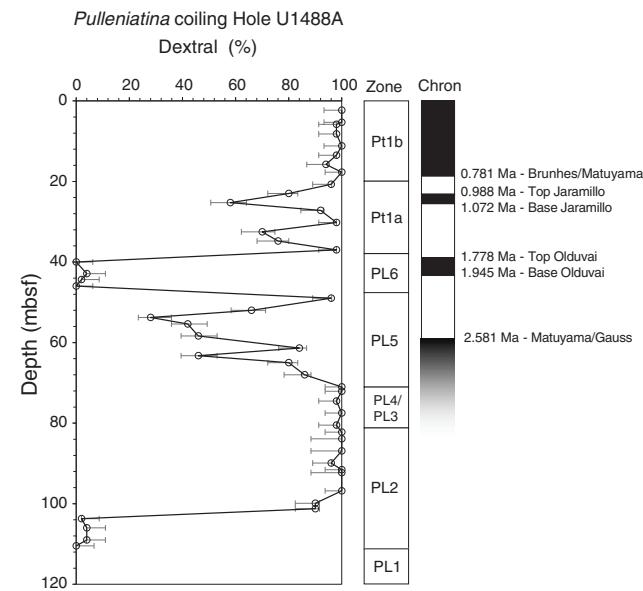
Biohorizons top *Globorotalia pseudomiocenica* (2.30 Ma), which marks the base of Zone PL6, and top *Globorotalia limbata* (2.39 Ma), occur together between Samples 363-U1488A-6H-2, 58–60 cm, and 6H-4, 58–60 cm (45.98–48.98 mbsf). The base of Zone PL5 is marked by biohorizon top *Dentoglobigerina altispira* (3.13 Ma according to the Atlantic calibration of Chaisson and Pearson, 1997), which occurs within the stratigraphic range of *Globigerinoidesella fistulosa* between Samples 8H-6, 60–62 cm, and 8H-CC (71.00–72.10 mbsf). Biohorizon top *Sphaeroidinellopsis seminulina* (3.59 Ma), which marks the base of Zone PL4, occurs in the same sampling interval as biohorizon top *Globorotalia margaritae* (3.60 Ma), which marks the base of Zone PL3, between Samples 9H-6, 60–62 cm, and 9H-CC (80.50–82.22 mbsf).

The last downhole *Pulleniatina* coiling direction reversal, Saito's (1976) L9 event (4.08 Ma), occurs between Samples 363-U1488A-11H-CC and 12H-2, 130–132 cm (101.25–103.70 mbsf). The uppermost two sections of Core 12H were very disturbed during drilling. Two specimens of *Pulleniatina spectabilis* were found in Sample 12H-2, 130–132 cm (103.70 mbsf), although these may have been displaced during drilling. Biohorizon top *P. spectabilis* (4.21 Ma) is more securely placed between Samples 12H-6, 60–62 cm, and 12H-CC (109.00–110.47 mbsf), below which *P. spectabilis* is continuously present.

The base of Zone PL2 is marked by biohorizon top *Globoturborotalita nepenthes* (4.37 Ma) between Samples 363-U1488A-12H-CC and 13H-2, 80–82 cm (110.47–112.70 mbsf). Only a single specimen was found in this sample, and although it remains a particularly rare species downhole, it occurs in most samples beneath this level. Biohorizon top *Globorotalia cibaoensis* (4.61 Ma), placed

Table T5. Coiling patterns in *Pulleniatina*, Hole U1488A. [Download table in CSV format](#).

Figure F14. Coiling patterns in *Pulleniatina*, Hole U1488A.



between Samples 14H-4, 60–62 cm, and 14H-6, 60–62 cm (125.00–128.00 mbsf), is also determined by the occurrence of rare but distinctive foraminifers.

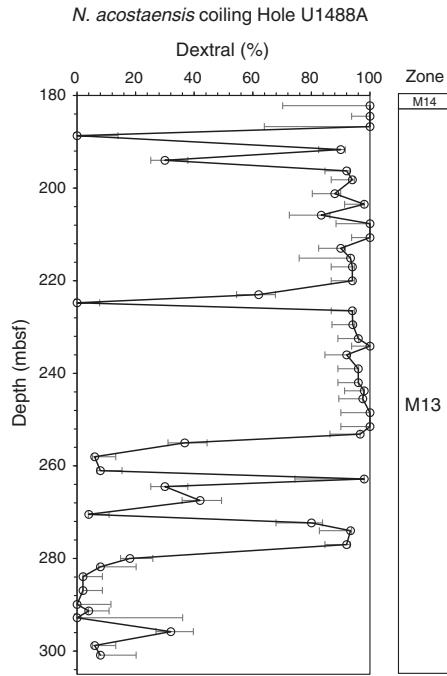
Biohorizon base *Sphaeroidinella dehiscens* s.l. (5.53 Ma), which includes forms with minuscule supplementary apertures, occurs between Samples 363-U1488A-17H-CC and 18H-2, 79–81 cm (158.30–160.19 mbsf). As expected, this event occurs slightly above biohorizon base *Globorotalia tumida* (5.57 Ma), which marks the base of Zone PL1, between Samples 18H-4, 79–81 cm, and 18H-6, 9–11 cm (163.19–165.49 mbsf). Biohorizon top *Globoquadrina dehiscens* (5.92 Ma) is found between these two biohorizons (between Samples 18H-2, 79–81 cm, and 18H-4, 79–81 cm; 160.19–163.19 mbsf); however, this biohorizon is not expected as high as this level, although *G. dehiscens* is well developed and frequent in its topmost sample, so the level is well defined.

Biohorizon top *Globorotalia lenguensis* (6.13 Ma), which marks the base of Zone M14, occurs in the same sampling interval as biohorizon base *Globigerinoides conglobatus* (6.20 Ma) between Samples 363-U1488A-20H-4, 81–83 cm, and 20H-6, 9–11 cm (182.21–184.49 mbsf). Specimens that appear transitional between *Globigerinoides obliquus* and *G. conglobatus* appear in the next few samples below this level.

According to Wade et al. (2011), which follows Berggren et al. (1995) where, unfortunately, the original source is miscited, the upper part of Subzone M13b is divided on the basis of a relatively short interval of sinistral coiling in *Neogloboquadrina acostaensis* (6.34–6.77 Ma). The evolutionary appearance of *Pulleniatina primalis* (6.60 Ma) is located within this interval. We conducted coiling direction counts on *N. acostaensis* from around the top of its stratigraphic range in Core 363-U1488A-20H to the base of the hole (Table T6). There are two sinistral intervals in the upper part of Zone M13 and a series of other well-defined reversals below (Figure F15), so the pattern appears more complex than previously recognized, with considerable potential for biostratigraphic division of the long Zone M13. Biohorizon base *P. primalis* (6.60 Ma) is well

Table T6. Coiling patterns in *Neogloboquadrina acostaensis*, Hole U1488A. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Figure F15. Coiling patterns in *Neogloboquadrina acostaensis*, Hole U1488A.



defined between Samples 21H-4, 79–81 cm, and 21H-6, 9–11 cm (191.69–193.99 mbsf).

Division of Zone M13 proved impossible because of ambiguity in differentiating the marker species for Subzone M13b, *Globorotalia plesiotumida*, from its presumed ancestor, *Globorotalia merotumida*. Another potentially useful species, *Neogloboquadrina humerosa*, is too scarce to reliably identify its base biohorizon (8.56 Ma). Biohorizon base *N. acostaensis* (9.83 Ma), which marks the base of Zone M13, is well defined between Samples 363-U1488A-33F-2, 79–81 cm, and 33F-CC (301.16–305.34 mbsf). Biohorizon top *Paragloborotalia mayeri* was not encountered, which constrains the age at the base of the hole (314.73 mbsf) to <10.46 Ma.

Benthic foraminifers

Benthic foraminifers were studied in all 35 core catcher samples from Hole U1488A. The assemblages are characteristic of intermediate to deep bathyal depths. The planktonic:benthic foraminifer ratio is ~99:1 throughout Hole U1488A. The most abundant species are *Laevidentalina* spp. and *Uvigerina* spp. (Table T7). Both *Uvigerina hispida* and *Uvigerina proboscidea* are typical bathyal forms (van Morkhoven, 1986). *Planulina wuellerstorfi* is present in 19 of the 35 core catcher samples examined.

Foraminifer preservation

Five core catcher samples from Hole U1488A were selected to assess foraminifer preservation and diagenesis. The upper three samples (Samples 363-U1488A-1H-CC [5.83 mbsf], 12H-CC [110.47 mbsf], and 23H-CC [215.13 mbsf]) are spaced at ~100 m intervals and range in age from late Pleistocene (0.12 Ma) to late Miocene (~7.42–7.49 Ma). The lower two samples (Samples 28H-CC [262.83 mbsf] and 35H-CC [314.73 mbsf]) were taken from levels in the lower part of the hole and are spaced at ~50 m intervals.

Table T7. Benthic foraminifer distribution, Hole U1488A. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Foraminifer preservation, as assessed visually in the core catcher samples, varies from very good to good for most of the succession but is moderate to poor for Cores 363-U1488A-33F through 35F. Even where preservation is very good, foraminifers are typically white and opaque rather than glassy and translucent. For the uppermost ~100 mbsf, *Pulleniatina* has a polished reflective surface but below ~100 mbsf it is typically a dull matte white. Recrystallization and cementation become progressively more severe at greater depth. Overgrowth, dissolution, and minor infilling of the planktonic foraminifer *Trilobatus trilobus* and incipient recrystallization of the benthic foraminifer *P. wuellerstorfi* occur throughout the site. Images of selected specimens are shown in Figure F16. The full set of images is available from the LIMS database.

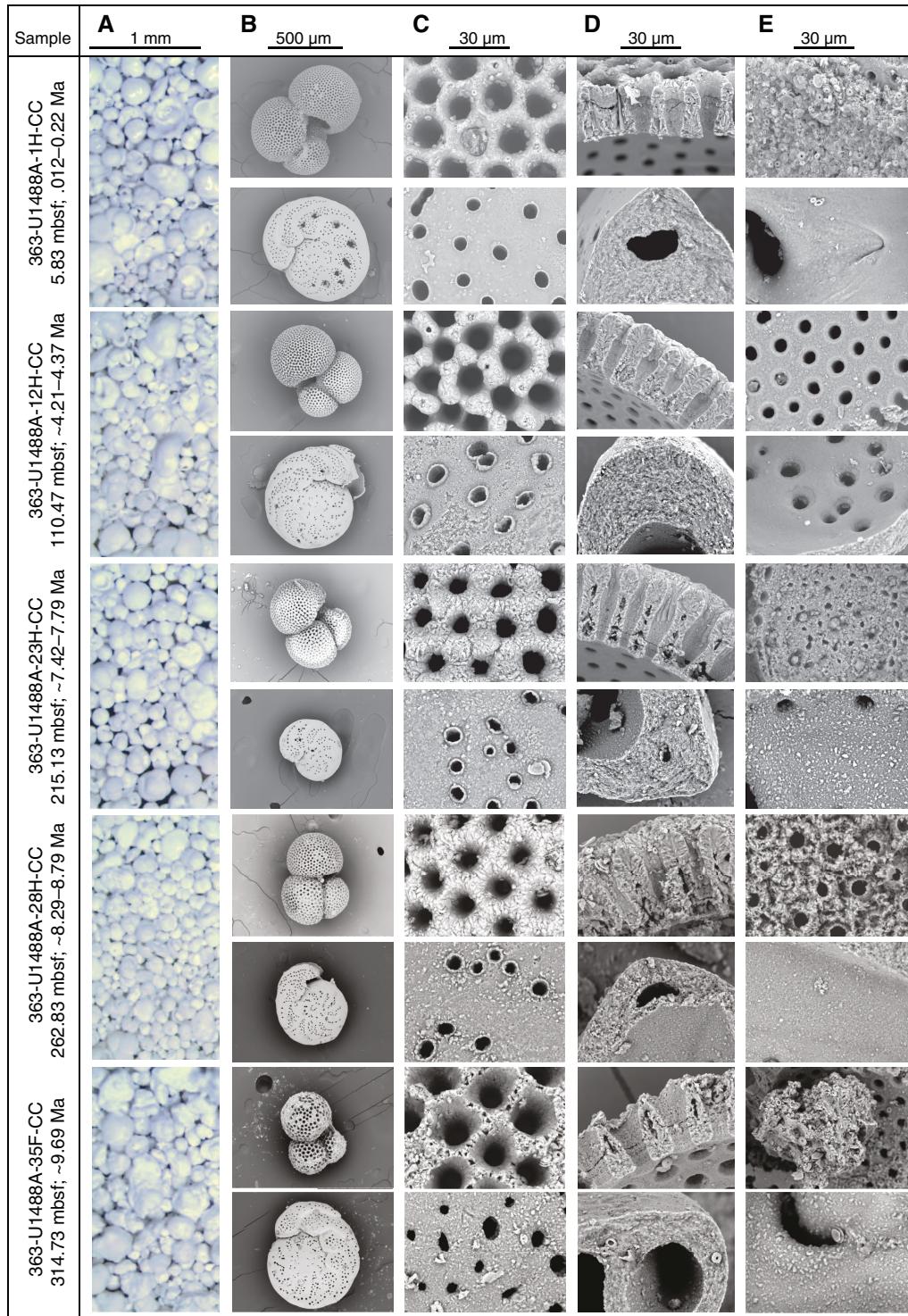
Sample 363-U1488A-1H-CC (5.83 mbsf; late Pleistocene to latest middle Pleistocene; 0.12–0.22 Ma) shows excellent to very good preservation. Foraminifers have a glassy appearance under the light microscope. In *T. trilobus*, the outer wall surfaces show minor evidence of abrasion and dissolution. The wall cross sections show microgranular textures and other typical biogenic features. Evidence of dissolution is observed near the level of the primary organic membrane in some places. The inner wall surfaces exhibit minor calcite overgrowth layers <1 µm thick, with small amounts of unconsolidated sediment infill. The wall cross section of *P. wuellerstorfi* generally shows biogenic microgranules. However, one studied specimen exhibits evidence of minor but pervasive textural alteration, which may be evidence of incipient recrystallization. All specimens of *P. wuellerstorfi* show generally smooth inner wall surfaces. There is no evidence of cementation.

Sample 363-U1488A-12H-CC (110.47 mbsf; early Pliocene; ~4.21–4.37 Ma) shows very good preservation. Wall cross sections of *T. trilobus* show biogenic microgranular textures typical of the species and minor evidence of dissolution. Only one specimen of *P. wuellerstorfi* was available for study. Both the outer surface and the wall cross section show evidence of very minor textural alteration in places indicating incipient recrystallization. The inner wall surfaces of *T. trilobus* and *P. wuellerstorfi* exhibit minor calcite overgrowth layers (<1 µm thick) without evidence of infilling and cementation.

Sample 363-U1488A-23H-CC (215.13 mbsf; late Miocene; ~7.42–7.49 Ma) shows good to very good preservation. Wall cross sections of *T. trilobus* show minor textural alteration in places indicating incipient recrystallization and evidence of dissolution. The wall cross sections of *P. wuellerstorfi* show widespread evidence of early stage recrystallization in which the microgranular texture is modified to show slightly larger and better separated granular crystals, particularly toward the inner and outer surfaces. The inner wall surfaces of *T. trilobus* and *P. wuellerstorfi* exhibit minor calcite overgrowth layers up to 1–2 µm thick. Minor infilling of unconsolidated sediment (cocoliths) occurs in some specimens. *P. wuellerstorfi* also shows calcite overgrowth on external surfaces. There is no evidence of cementation.

Sample 363-U1488A-28H-CC (262.83 mbsf; late Miocene; ~8.29–8.79 Ma) shows good preservation. Wall cross sections of *T. trilobus* show evidence of early stage recrystallization, inorganic calcite overgrowth in pore channels, and dissolution along internal layers. Wall cross sections of *P. wuellerstorfi* also show obvious evidence of recrystallization and calcite overgrowth in pore channels. The inner wall surfaces of *T. trilobus* and *P. wuellerstorfi* exhibit minor calcite overgrowth layers <1 µm thick, which also occur on the

Figure F16. Downhole foraminifer preservation states, Site U1488. A. Light microscope images to assess the extent of fragmentation and staining and whether the tests are glassy or opaque. B. SEM images of selected specimens (*T. trilobus* and *P. wuellerstorfi*) as whole tests, umbilical side upward. C. High-magnification images of outer wall surfaces to examine additional features such as spine holes, pustules, etc. D. High-magnification images of wall cross sections to find original microgranules or diagenetic crystallites. E. High-magnification images of inner wall surfaces, focusing on evidence for internal overgrowth and cementation.

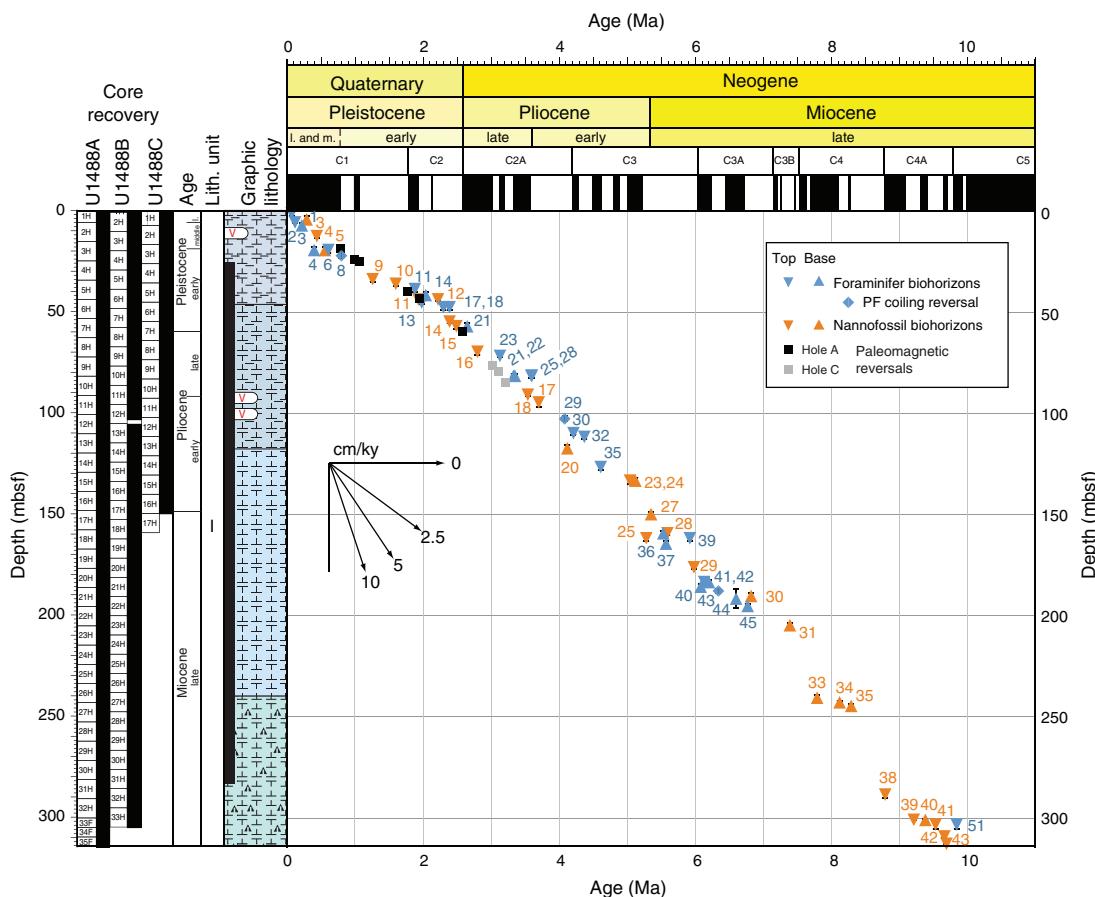


outer surfaces. Minor infilling of unconsolidated sediment (cocoliths) occurs in some *T. trilobus* specimens

Sample 363-U1488A-35F-CC (314.73 mbst; late Miocene; ~9.69 Ma) shows moderate to poor preservation. Foraminifers are generally opaque under the light microscope and exhibit strong cementa-

tion. SEM images show abundant evidence of infilling, overgrowth, incipient recrystallization, and cementation. Both *T. trilobus* and *P. wuellerstorfi* show evidence of incipient recrystallization, with more solid patches developing within the wall. Wall cross sections of *T. trilobus* show evidence of dissolution near spine holes and internal

Figure F17. Age-depth plot for Site U1488 showing integrated biomagnetochronology in Hole U1488A. Magnetochron reversals from Hole U1488C are shown where these extend below those reliably recorded in Hole U1488A. Age of the oldest recovered sediment at Site U1488 is constrained at <10.46 Ma by the absence of planktonic foraminifer (PF) *Paragloborotalia mayeri* and >9.69 Ma by the presence of calcareous nannofossil *Catinaster coalitus* at 314.52 mbsf. Sedimentation rates average ~2–3 cm/ky above 50 mbsf and ~4 cm/ky below 50 mbsf.



wall layers, but other parts of the walls in cross section are well preserved, showing the typical microgranular texture of the species. The inner and outer wall surfaces of *T. trilobus* and *P. wuellerstorfi* exhibit minor calcite overgrowth layers up to 1–2 μm thick.

Shipboard age model

Integrated calcareous nannofossil and planktonic foraminifer biostratigraphy at Site U1488 is shown on an age-depth plot (Figure F17) together with magnetostratigraphic horizons within the upper Pliocene and Pleistocene (see **Paleomagnetism**). Biostratigraphic and magnetostratigraphic horizons indicate recovery of a continuous sequence of pelagic sediment spanning the last ~10 My. Long-term average sedimentation rates through the late Miocene and Pliocene were remarkably consistent at ~4 cm/ky. These rates roughly halved through the early Pleistocene (~2 cm/ky), before increasing in the middle to late Pleistocene (~3 cm/ky).

The oldest sediment recovered at Site U1488 is constrained to be younger than ~10.46 Ma by the absence of the planktonic foraminifer *Paragloborotalia mayeri* and older than 9.69 Ma by the presence of the calcareous nannofossil *Catinaster coalitus* in Sample 363-U1488A-35F-CC (314.52 mbsf). The Miocene/Pliocene boundary (5.333 Ma) is placed at ~149 mbsf based on linear interpolation between the biohorizon base *C. armatus* (5.35 Ma) and biohorizon base *C. cristatus* (5.12 Ma). The base of the late Pliocene (3.60 Ma) is placed at ~92 mbsf, between the biohorizon top *Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilicus* (3.70 Ma) and biohorizon top *Sphen-*

lithus abies (3.54 Ma). The Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary is placed at ~60 mbsf, just below the base of Chron C2r.2r at 59.70 mbsf, and the base of the middle Pleistocene is at the base of Chron C1n at ~19 mbsf (see **Paleomagnetism**). The middle/late Pleistocene boundary is placed between biohorizon top *Pseudoemiliania lacunosa* (0.44 Ma) and biohorizon top *G. ruber* (pink) (0.12 Ma) at ~12 mbsf.

Paleomagnetism

Measurements summary

Paleomagnetic investigations at Site U1488 involved measuring the NRM of archive-half cores from Holes U1488A–U1488C before and after alternating field (AF) demagnetization in a peak field of 15 mT. We measured the entire sediment succession in Hole U1488A but ceased measurement deeper than ~67 mbsf in Hole U1488B and deeper than ~102 mbsf in Hole U1488C because Whole-Round Multisensor Logger (WRMSL) magnetic susceptibility values decreased to almost zero (see **Physical properties**) and paleomagnetic data quality decreased and became increasingly uninterpretable. In addition to measuring 354 core sections, we took one to two discrete samples per core from Hole U1488A (67 samples) to characterize the NRM demagnetization behavior and to investigate the rock magnetic properties of the sediment. NRM of the discrete samples was measured before and after AF demagnetization in peak fields of 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, and 40 mT. Rock magnetic

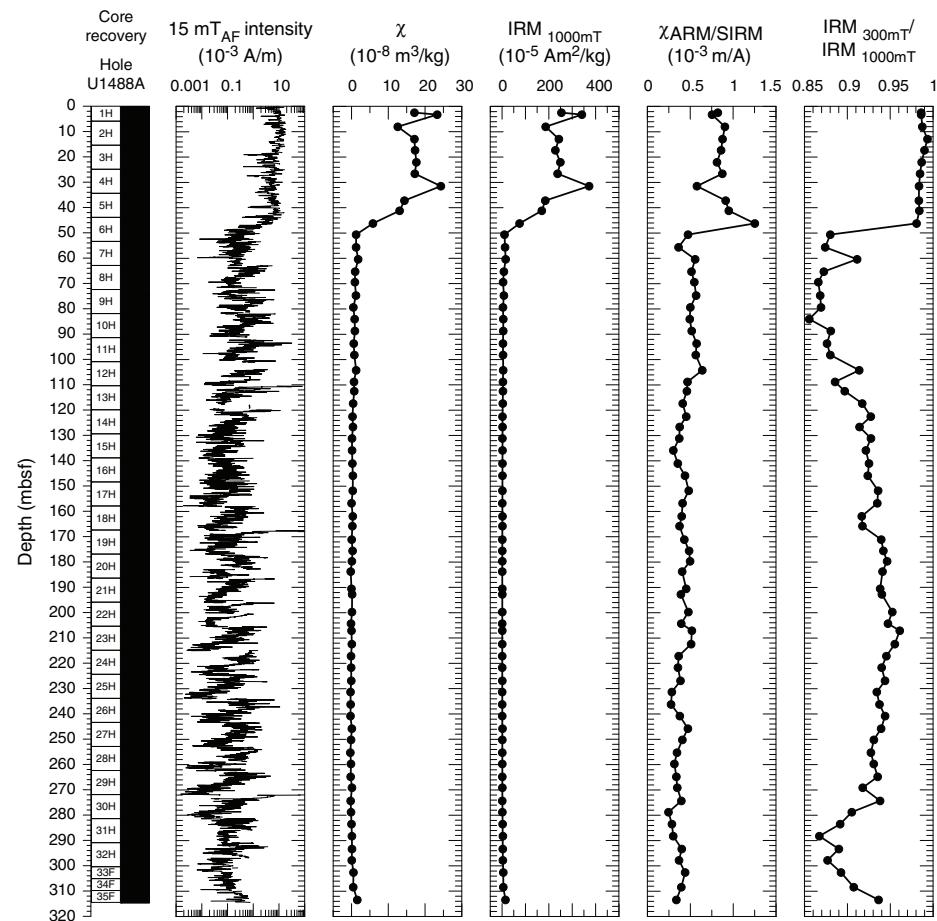
investigations comprised measurements of magnetic susceptibility (χ), susceptibility of anhysteretic remanent magnetization (χ_{ARM}) imparted using a 100 mT AF demagnetization and 0.05 mT direct-current bias field, and isothermal remanent magnetization (IRM) acquired in 300 mT and 1000 mT (saturation IRM [SIRM]) fields. All sample measurements were mass corrected. The Icefield MI-5 core orientation tool was deployed with nonmagnetic hardware for all cores, which permitted azimuthal correction of declination. Azimuthally corrected declination is largely coherent between successive cores; however, absolute values in all holes cluster between 90° and 180° for periods of normal polarity and between 270° and 0°/360° for reversed polarity, suggesting that issues of a baseline offset experienced at the majority of sites during Expedition 363 and also during Expedition 362 (McNeill et al., 2017) affected these measurements. As with other sites cored during Expedition 363, we leave declination uncorrected for these additional offsets in the plotted figures, so care should be employed for future calculations of virtual geomagnetic poles using these data.

Rock magnetic characterization

In the upper ~45 mbsf, WRMSL magnetic susceptibility data average 23×10^{-5} SI (see [Physical properties](#)) and, when coupled with average mass-corrected χ ($1.7 \times 10^{-7} \pm 0.8 \times 10^{-7}$ m³/kg as 2 standard deviations [2σ]) and SIRM ($2.5 \times 10^{-3} \pm 1.3 \times 10^{-3}$ Am²/kg as 2σ) values, suggest moderately low (ferri)magnetic mineral concentration in the sediments deposited at Site U1488 (Figure F18). In

this upper ~45 mbsf, all samples acquire >98% of their SIRM remanence in a field of 300 mT, suggesting that ferrimagnetic minerals (e.g., [titano]magnetite [Fe_xTi_xO₄] and maghemite [γ -Fe₂O₃]) control the remanence-carrying properties of the sediment. Between ~45 and ~50 mbsf NRM_{15mT}, χ , SIRM, and χ_{ARM} /SIRM values decrease sharply, and below ~50 mbsf average WRMSL magnetic susceptibility values fall to $\sim 0.6 \times 10^{-5}$ SI. NRM_{15mT}, χ , and SIRM values below ~50 mbsf are one to two orders of magnitude lower than those in the upper ~45 mbsf and often approach the noise level of their respective instruments (see [Paleomagnetism](#) in the Expedition 363 methods chapter [Rosenthal et al., 2018a]), indicating a significant reduction in magnetic mineral concentration below ~50 mbsf. Finer magnetic grain sizes are associated with higher magnetic concentrations, as χ_{ARM} /SIRM values are highest in the upper 45 m and decrease by half below ~50 mbsf. IRM_{300mT}/IRM_{1000mT} values show a more variable pattern downhole. Following the sharp reduction at ~50 mbsf, IRM_{300mT}/IRM_{1000mT} values steadily increase with depth to ~208 mbsf. A second, more gradual decrease in IRM_{300mT}/IRM_{1000mT} values occurs between 208 and 288 mbsf before a return to relatively high values >0.9 at the very base of the hole. Low magnetic concentration and lower IRM_{300mT}/IRM_{1000mT} values below ~50 mbsf likely reflect the almost total absence of magnetite rather than an increase in the relative proportions of higher coercivity components (e.g., hematite [Fe₂O₃] and goethite [FeO(OH)]). Reduced concentration of ferrimagnetic minerals and a coarser ferrimagnetic grain size assemblage downhole coupled with obser-

Figure F18. Archive-half NRM intensity after 15 mT AF demagnetization, discrete sample χ and SIRM, and discrete sample χ_{ARM} /SIRM and IRM_{300mT}/IRM_{1000mT} ratios, Hole U1488A.



vations of secondary iron sulfides (e.g., pyrite [FeS_2]) throughout the sedimentary sequence at Site U1488 (see **Core description**) suggests that sediment diagenesis (e.g., Karlin and Levi, 1983; Rowan et al., 2009) may have strongly influenced the primary mineral magnetic assemblage below ~ 50 mbsf.

Paleomagnetic data and core orientation

NRM demagnetization behavior and $\text{IRM}_{300\text{mT}}/\text{IRM}_{1000\text{mT}}$ ratios in the upper ~ 45 mbsf are consistent with (titano)magnetite being the primary remanence-carrying mineral species in sediments deposited at Site U1488 (Figures F18, F19). In this upper interval, the drill string overprint is effectively removed after AF demagnetization in a 5–15 mT field, and following exposure to higher AF demagnetization steps, inclination and declination stabilize and trend to the origin on Zijderveld diagrams (Zijderveld, 1967), indicating a single component to the magnetization (Figure F19). Origin-anchored maximum angular deviation values of the principal component analysis calculated over the 15–40 mT range average 2° (range = 1.1° – 3.1°) for the upper ~ 45 mbsf of Hole U1488A (Figures F19, F20), suggesting paleomagnetic directions are stable and well resolved and should yield reliable estimates for magnetostratigraphy (Stoner and St-Onge, 2007). Below ~ 50 mbsf, higher maximum an-

gular deviation values (average = 9.7° ; range = 4.5° – 25.2°) are associated with decreased ferrimagnetic concentration, coarser magnetic grain sizes, and higher coercivity components that do not demagnetize linearly toward the origin, suggesting that paleomagnetic directions below ~ 50 mbsf likely do not reflect geomagnetic field behavior.

For all APC cores from Site U1488, declination was corrected using the Icefield MI-5 core orientation tool (see **Operations**). Azimuthally corrected declination is generally consistent between adjacent cores and absolute values cluster between 90° – 180° and 270° – 360° . However, assuming the uppermost sediment in each hole was deposited during normal polarity associated with the Brunhes Chron (see **Biostratigraphy**), declination values at Site U1488 experience offsets of $\sim 90^\circ$ – 180° in absolute terms because declination should cluster around 0° (180°) during periods of normal (reversed) polarity. Although an $\sim 180^\circ$ offset was a persistent issue during Expedition 363, $\sim 90^\circ$ offsets were previously restricted to a single tool (Icefield #2007) used during operations in Holes U1483C and U1485A. All three holes at Site U1488 show evidence for shallower declination offsets than the $\sim 180^\circ$ baseline offset we came to expect during Expedition 363. The majority of cores from these holes were orientated with Icefield tool #2052. Icefield tool #2043 was used

Figure F19. A–F. Discrete sample AF demagnetization results, Hole U1488A. Left plots: intensity variation through progressive demagnetization steps. Middle and right plots: NRM vector measurements after each AF demagnetization treatment on orthogonal (Zijderveld; blue = horizontal projections, red = vertical projections) and stereographic (solid squares = positive inclination, open squares = negative inclination) projections, respectively. MAD = maximum angular deviation.

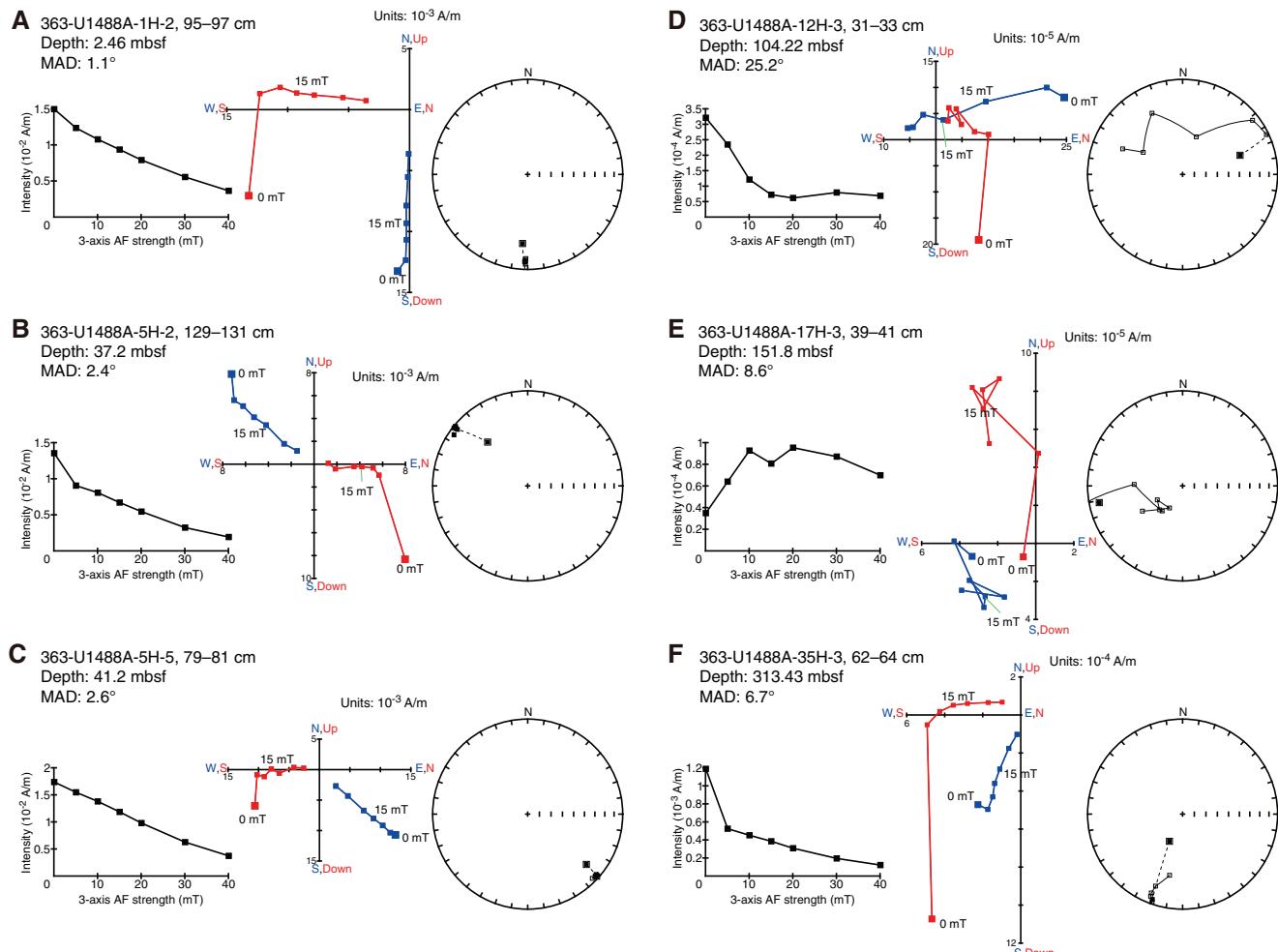
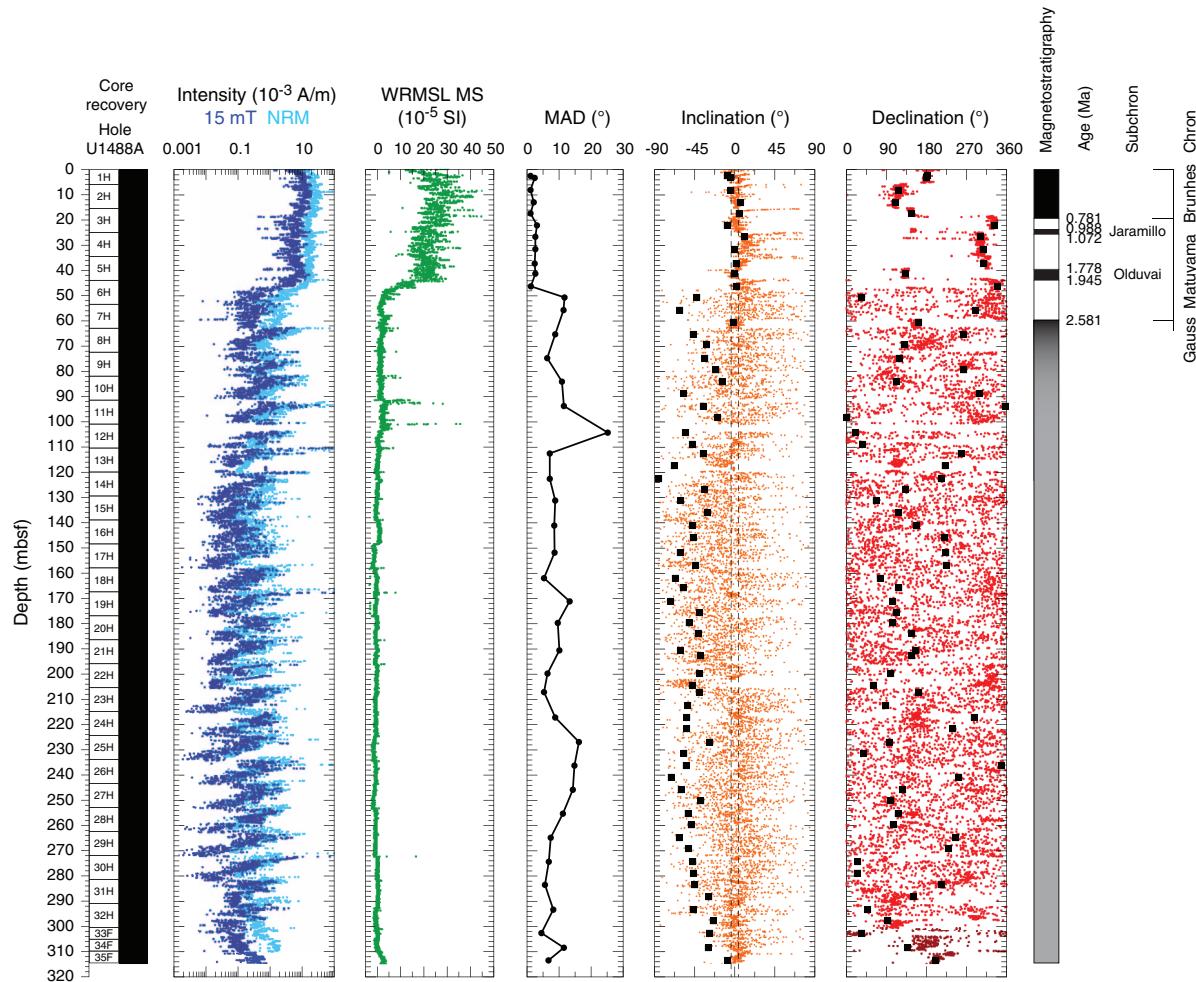


Figure F20. NRM intensities before and after 15 mT AF demagnetization, WRMSL magnetic susceptibility (MS), maximum angular deviation (MAD), and inclination (dashed lines = predicted values assuming a geomagnetic axial dipole [GAD] field for normal [4°] and reversed [-4°] polarity for the site latitude) and declination (red = azimuthally corrected values, dark red = uncorrected HLAPC cores) after 15 mT AF demagnetization, Hole U1488A. Black squares = discrete samples. Magnetostratigraphy and GPTS shown at right. Black = normal polarity, white = reverse polarity, gray = no magnetostratigraphic interpretation made from the data.



while coring Cores 363-U1488A-27H through 32H; however, the low magnetic concentration and scattering of paleomagnetic directions in this interval make it difficult to interpret whether this is a persistent cross-tool offset. The origin of this additional offset is not immediately clear, but because it appears systematic (the two declination clusters are $\sim 180^\circ$ offset to each other) we assume that declination values rotated 180° relative to the uppermost sediment values reflect periods of reversed polarity in the sediment recovered from Site U1488. Orientation tools cannot be deployed with the HLAPC coring system, and due to the low ferrimagnetic concentration and highly scattered nature of the declination of HLAPC Cores 33F through 35F, we leave measured declination values uncorrected and highlight these data using dark red symbols in Figure F20.

NRM intensity before and after 15 mT AF demagnetization, WRMSL magnetic susceptibility, and inclination and azimuthally corrected declination after 15 mT AF demagnetization are shown for Holes U1488A, U1488B, and U1488C in Figures F20, F21, and F22, respectively. Displayed inclination and declination values were cleaned of visibly disturbed intervals and voids (see **Paleomagnetism** in the Expedition 363 methods chapter [Rosenthal et al., 2018a]). Inclination and declination measured on discrete samples

are generally in excellent agreement with those measured on the archive-half sections, although below ~ 50 mbsf discrete inclination is steeper and more negative than its SRM-measured counterpart (Figure F20). In the upper ~ 50 mbsf of Hole U1488A, SRM and discrete measured inclination plot around the expected values of approximately $\pm 4^\circ$ for the site latitude assuming a geocentric axial dipole (GAD) field. Declination shows a similar, relatively stable pattern with values clustering around those indicative of both normal and reversed polarity. Below ~ 50 mbsf, inclination shows more scatter with discrete values significantly steeper (averaging $-45^\circ \pm 33^\circ$ as 2σ) than a GAD-predicted field. Coupled with highly scattered declination values, decreased magnetic mineral concentration, and higher magnetic coercivity and maximum angular deviation values (Figures F18, F20), these data suggest that sediment diagenesis has likely severely altered the primary magnetic assemblage below ~ 50 mbsf in Hole U1488A; the paleogeomagnetic record is not interpretable in this deeper section. Magnetic susceptibility (see **Physical properties**) and NRM profiles of Holes U1488B (Figure F21) and U1488C (Figure F22) are very similar to those of Hole U1488A, suggesting similar diagenetic alteration at depth. Inclination and declination are relatively stable in the upper

Figure F21. NRM intensities before and after 15 mT AF demagnetization, WRMSL MS, and inclination (dashed lines = predicted values assuming a GAD field for normal [4°] and reversed [-4°] polarity for the site latitude) and declination (red = azimuthally corrected values, dark red = additional 90° magnetic tool face [MTF] correction for Core 6H) after 15 mT AF demagnetization, Hole U1488B. Magnetostratigraphy and GPTS shown at right. Black = normal polarity, white = reverse polarity, gray = no magnetostratigraphic interpretation made from the data.

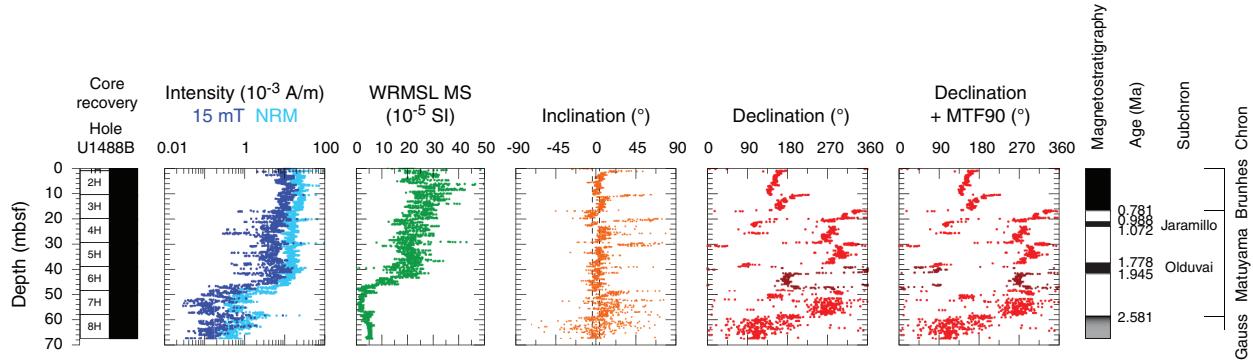
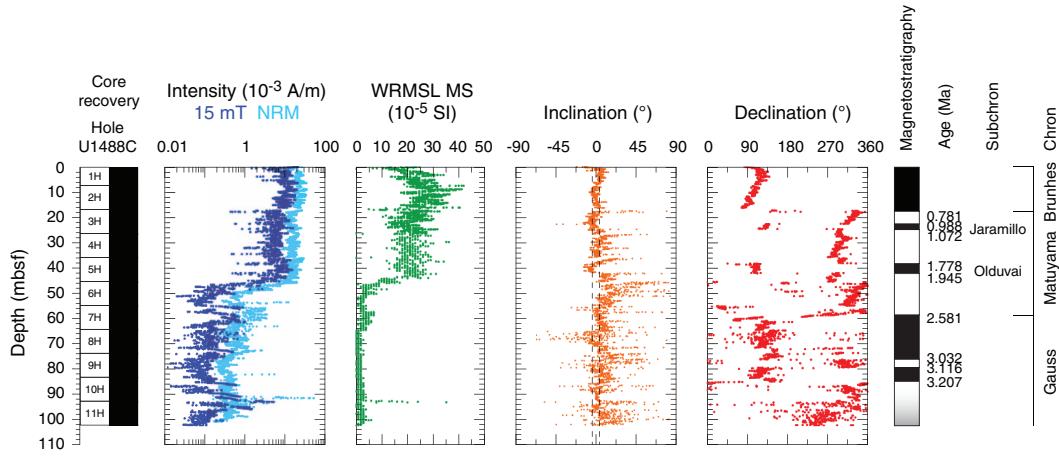


Figure F22. NRM intensities before and after 15 mT AF demagnetization, WRMSL MS, and inclination (dashed lines = predicted values assuming a GAD field for normal [4°] and reversed [-4°] polarity for the site latitude) and azimuthally corrected declination after 15 mT AF demagnetization, Hole U1488C. Magnetostratigraphy and GPTS shown at right. Black = normal polarity, white = reverse polarity, gray = no magnetostratigraphic interpretation made from the data.



~50 mbsf of Hole U1488B and become increasingly more scattered below ~50 mbsf (Figure F21); thus, we ceased measurement of sediment recovered from Hole U1488B after Core 8H at ~67.4 mbsf. In Hole U1488C, inclination and declination values appear more stable into the low intensity and low magnetic susceptibility interval to the bottom of Core 10H at ~93 mbsf. In Hole U1488C, we ceased measurement one core later at 102 mbsf (Figure F22).

Magnetostratigraphy

Sediments in all three holes appear to have been deposited (quasi)continuously with no major hiatuses (see **Core description** and **Biostratigraphy**). Across all three holes we observed at least six coeval and distinct $\sim 180^{\circ}$ changes in declination downhole; in Hole U1488C we observed nine such horizons. Interpretation of these horizons as reversals of the geomagnetic field allows correlation to the geomagnetic polarity timescale (GPTS; Cande and Kent, 1995) of the geologic timescale (Hilgen et al., 2012) and assignment of age. The Matuyama/Brunhes boundary (0.781 Ma) was identified at 16.35–18.75 mbsf (note that these ranges encompass the minimum and maximum mbsf depths across all three holes where the reversal is identified within a single core, not between cores) (see Table T8 for the depths of each boundary in each hole). Below this boundary, we observed the upper (21.0–23.825 mbsf; 0.988 Ma) and lower

(22.825–25.325 mbsf; 1.072 Ma) boundaries of the Jaramillo normal (C1r.1n) and the upper (101.08–102.55 mbsf; 1.778 Ma) boundary of the Olduvai normal (C2n). The base of the Olduvai (1.945 Ma) in Holes U1488A and U1488C occurs between 41.9 and 43.55 mbsf; however, in Hole U1488B an interval of intermittent and apparently normal polarity extends down from the upper boundary of the Olduvai to ~47.5 mbsf. This difference would imply significantly different sediment accumulation rates in Hole U1488B compared to Holes U1488A and U1488C. We can reconcile the Hole U1488B declination data and implied sedimentation rates with those of Holes U1488A and U1488C if we assume a 90° error in the magnetic toolface (MTF) orientation data for Core 363-U1488B-6H and apply an MTF correction value of 288° instead of the recorded pick of 198°. The corrected declination plus the additional 90° MTF correction are compared in Figure F21; data for Core 363-U1488C-6H are highlighted in dark red in each plot. With this additional correction, we can assign the base of the Olduvai in Hole U1488B to 41.1–41.95 mbsf, which is comparable to the depths in Holes U1488A and U1488C. The Gauss/Matuyama boundary (2.581 Ma), which in Holes U1488A and U1488B is the last observed reversal horizon before the paleomagnetic data become scattered and uninterpretable, occurs at 57.975–60.85 mbsf. In Hole U1488C, we identified the upper (76.0–76.275 mbsf; 3.02 Ma) and lower (79.175–79.225 mbsf;

Table T8. Top and base depths of identified reversal boundaries determined from last and first points of stable polarity, Holes U1488A–1488C. * = reversal occurs between cores. The midpoint (arithmetic mean) depth and range are also shown. Ages are determined using the geologic timescale of Hilgen et al. (2012). Note: This table is a revised version of the shipboard dataset. A flux jump during background measurement of Section 363-U1488C-8H-6 prevented the identification of the Keana Subchron in the background- and tray-corrected dataset. Using the raw data now reveals both the upper and lower boundaries of the Keana in Core 8H. The two reversals in Core 9H are now identified as the upper and lower boundaries of the Mammoth, and the deepest identifiable reversal in Section 10H-2 is now interpreted as the Gauss/Gilbert boundary. [Download table in CSV format](#).

Horizon	Age (Ma)	Top depth (mbsf)	Base depth (mbsf)	Midpoint depth (mbsf)	Range (m)	Avg. sed. rate (cm/ky)
Hole U1488A						
Brunhes/Matuyama	0.781	18.58	18.75	18.66	0.09	2.4
Upper Jaramillo	0.988	23.78	23.83	23.80	0.02	2.5
Lower Jaramillo*	1.072	24.98	25.33	25.15	0.18	1.6
Upper Olduvai	1.778	39.50	39.53	39.51	0.02	2.0
Lower Olduvai	1.945	43.23	43.55	43.39	0.16	2.3
Matuyama/Gauss	2.581	59.63	59.78	59.70	0.07	2.6
Hole U1488B						
Brunhes/Matuyama	0.781	16.35	16.60	16.48	0.12	2.1
Upper Jaramillo	0.988	21.00	21.18	21.09	0.09	2.2
Lower Jaramillo	1.072	22.83	23.05	22.94	0.11	2.2
Upper Olduvai	1.778	37.45	37.55	37.50	0.05	2.1
Lower Olduvai	1.945	41.10	41.95	41.53	0.42	2.4
Matuyama/Gauss	2.581	57.98	59.45	58.71	0.74	2.7
Hole U1488C						
Brunhes/Matuyama	0.781	17.40	17.50	17.45	0.05	2.2
Upper Jaramillo	0.988	22.60	22.65	22.63	0.02	2.5
Lower Jaramillo	1.072	24.60	24.70	24.65	0.05	2.4
Upper Olduvai	1.778	38.05	38.28	38.16	0.12	1.9
Lower Olduvai	1.945	41.90	42.00	41.95	0.05	2.3
Matuyama/Gauss	2.581	57.73	60.85	59.29	1.56	2.7
Upper Keana	3.020	71.30	71.45	71.375	0.15	2.8
Lower Keana*	3.116	73.80	73.90	73.85	0.10	2.6
Upper Mammoth	3.207	76.00	76.28	76.14	0.14	2.5
Lower Mammoth	3.330	79.18	79.23	79.20	0.02	2.5
Gauss/Gilbert	3.596	84.75	85.10	84.93	0.17	2.2

3.116 Ma) boundaries of the Kaena reversal (C2An.1r) and the upper boundary of C2An.2n (84.75–85.1 mbsf; 3.207 Ma) before ultimate degradation of the paleomagnetic signal. These data imply Pleistocene sedimentation rates of ~2–2.5 cm/ky (Table T8), which are consistent with both the calcareous nannofossil and planktonic foraminifer datums (see [Biostratigraphy](#)).

Physical properties

Physical properties were measured on whole-round cores, split cores, and discrete samples from all holes drilled at Site U1488 to provide basic information for characterizing the core sections. Gamma ray attenuation (GRA) bulk density and magnetic susceptibility were measured on all core sections from Hole U1488B with the Special Task Multisensor Logger (STMSL) immediately after the cores were brought on board. All core sections were measured with the GRA bulk densitometer, the magnetic susceptibility loop, and the *P*-wave logger (PWL) on the WRMSL. Below 50 mbsf at Site U1488, WRMSL *P*-wave velocity data show the most distinct variability and as a result were most useful for stratigraphic correlation between holes. For this reason, the WRMSL was employed as the

“fast track” system to rapidly generate 5 cm resolution magnetic susceptibility, GRA density, and *P*-wave data as Hole U1488C core sections came on board. Magnetic susceptibility and GRA density measurement settings were taken from the STMSL, whereas *P*-wave settings were left unchanged (see [Physical properties](#) in the Expedition 363 methods chapter [Rosenthal et al., 2018a]). After equilibration, cores were run on the STMSL for magnetic susceptibility and GRA density measurements at high resolution (2.5 cm) using the magnetic susceptibility and GRA density settings normally applied on the WRMSL. Additionally, Cores 363-U1488C-13H through 16H were run at both 5 and 2.5 cm resolution on the WRMSL to obtain high-resolution *P*-wave data over this interval to help with determination of the stratigraphic splice (see [Stratigraphic correlation](#)). Natural gamma radiation (NGR) was measured on all whole-round sections (10 cm resolution for Hole U1488A and Cores 363-U1488B-1H through 29H and 20 cm resolution for Cores 30H through 33H and Hole U1488C) (see [Physical properties](#) in the Expedition 363 methods chapter [Rosenthal et al., 2018a]). Point-sensor magnetic susceptibility and color spectrophotometry (color reflectance) were measured on split core sections using the Section Half Multisensor Logger. Discrete thermal conductivity, *P*-wave velocity, and moisture and density (MAD) measurements were made in Hole U1488A. Discrete *P*-wave measurements (*z*- and *x*-axis) were made using the *P*-wave caliper (PWC) system on the Section Half Measurement Gantry. The *x*-axis measurements were taken to the base of the hole, but the *z*-axis measurements were stopped at Section 30H-3 to avoid extensive damage to the sediment. Preconditioning treatments were applied to the records to aid in interpretation of noisy or spiky data (for details, see [Physical properties](#) in the Expedition 363 methods chapter [Rosenthal et al., 2018a]). All data shown in figures are from the preconditioned data sets. Tables presented in this section contain raw and treated data for NGR, and high-resolution (WRMSL/STMSL) GRA bulk density, magnetic susceptibility, and *P*-wave velocity. Raw data for all data sets are available from the LIMS database.

GRA bulk density

GRA bulk density reproducibility between holes at Site U1488 is excellent, with all holes showing a general increasing trend with depth from 1.4 to 1.8 g/cm³, most likely due to increasing compaction with depth (Figure F23; Tables T9, T10, T11). We see a small increase from ~1.4 to ~1.5 g/cm³ in the upper 4 mbsf, reflecting consolidation below the mudline. Between 4 and 245 mbsf, GRA bulk density increases from ~1.5 to ~1.75 g/cm³, with 20–40 m variations of ~0.1 g/cm³ superimposed upon this increase. These decimeter-scale variations have minima in GRA bulk density that generally correspond to subtle darker intervals containing 0.5 m scale oscillating light and dark gray layers. Between 245 and 285 mbsf, the long-term increase in GRA bulk density ceases, and the average GRA bulk density value (~1.75 g/cm³) remains stable with two large 20 m variations of ~0.1 g/cm³ superimposed. Darker sediment layers are more prevalent in this interval; however, no obvious relationship between the color and density of the sediment is apparent. Between 285 and 300 mbsf, we observed a rapid increase in GRA bulk density from 1.65 to 1.85 g/cm³, coincident with an increase of biosilica in the sediment, which correlates to an increase in *a** (redness) (see [Core description](#)). In the lowermost 20 m of the hole, small variations occur around an average of ~1.8 g/cm³, probably reflecting the appearance of more-indurated sediment layers.

Figure F23. Physical property measurements, Holes U1488A and U1488B. GRA bulk density, magnetic susceptibility, and *P*-wave data were measured on the WRMSL. cps = counts per second.

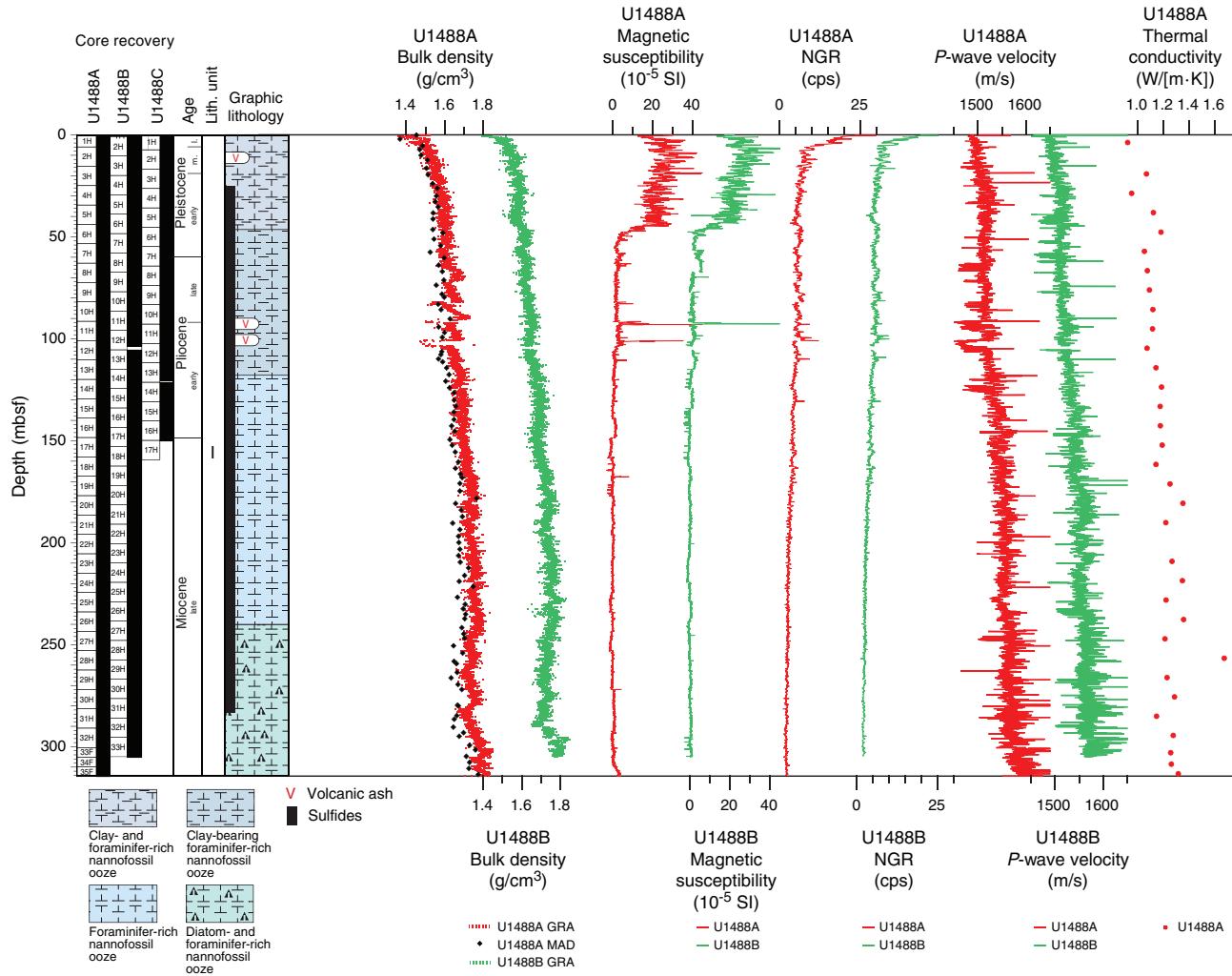


Table T9. Raw, cleaned, and detrended Whole-Round Multisensor Logger gamma ray attenuation (GRA) bulk density data, Hole U1488A. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Table T10. Raw, cleaned, and detrended Whole-Round Multisensor Logger gamma ray attenuation (GRA) bulk density data, Hole U1488B. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Table T11. Raw, cleaned, and detrended high-resolution (2.5 cm) Special Task Multisensor Logger (STMSL)/Whole-Round Multisensor Logger (WRMSL) gamma ray attenuation (GRA) bulk density data, Hole U1488C. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Magnetic susceptibility

In the uppermost 0.6 mbsf, magnetic susceptibility is characterized by a sharp downcore drop from 30×10^{-5} to 12×10^{-5} SI coinciding with a gradual change of sediment color from reddish brown to greenish gray (see **Core description**). By 3 mbsf, magnetic susceptibility returns to higher values, averaging $24 \times 10^{-5} \pm 5 \times 10^{-5}$ SI between 3 and 45 mbsf (Figure F23; Tables T12, T13, T14). Magnetic susceptibility then decreases to $\sim 2 \times 10^{-5}$ SI by 54 mbsf. The average magnetic susceptibility value is $3 \times 10^{-5} \pm 4 \times 10^{-5}$ SI be-

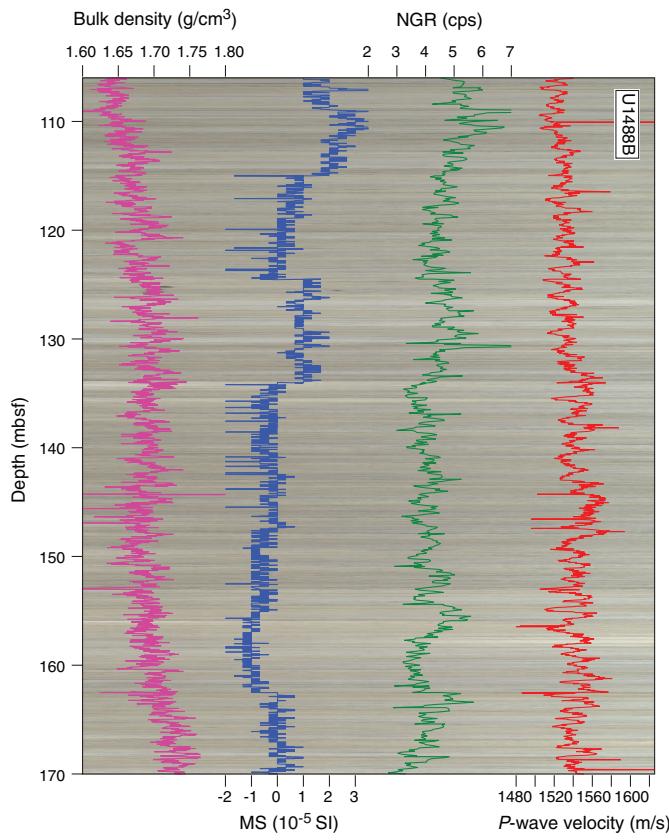
Table T12. Raw and cleaned Whole-Round Multisensor Logger magnetic susceptibility (MS) data, Hole U1488A. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Table T13. Raw and cleaned Whole-Round Multisensor Logger magnetic susceptibility (MS) data, Hole U1488B. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Table T14. Raw and cleaned high-resolution (2.5 cm) Special Task Multisensor Logger (STMSL)/Whole-Round Multisensor Logger (WRMSL) magnetic susceptibility (MS) data, Hole U1488C. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

tween 54 and 105 mbsf, with increased spikiness between 90 and 105 mbsf across an interval with soupy and disturbed sediment caused by coring difficulties in Hole U1488A (see **Operations**). The largest spike in the record ($> 80 \times 10^{-5}$ SI) occurs at ~ 92 mbsf in both Holes U1488A and U1488B and is associated with a tephra layer (see **Core description**). From 105 mbsf to the bottom of the hole, magnetic susceptibility values remain extremely low with little variability (mean = $0 \pm 1 \times 10^{-5}$ SI) (Figures F23, F24). Data in this interval should be interpreted cautiously because variations are small relative to the sensitivity of the measurement ($\sim 1 \times 10^{-5}$ SI) (Dearing, 1999) (Figure F25). These low values probably reflect the high carbonate content at Site U1488 (see **Geochemistry**). Magnetic sus-

Figure F24. WRMSL bulk density, magnetic susceptibility and *P*-wave velocity and NGR overlaid on core photos (generated using Code for Ocean Drilling Data [CODO]; Wilkens et al., 2017), from Hole U1488B between 105 and 170 mbsf. cps = counts per second.



ceptibility values increase slightly to $\sim 4 \times 10^{-5}$ SI in the lowermost 6 m of Hole U1488A.

Natural gamma radiation

At the top of Site U1488, NGR is relatively high (~ 25 counts/s), peaking at ~ 0.3 mbsf (~ 32 counts/s) (Figure F23; Tables T15, T16, T17). Between 0.3 and 8 mbsf, NGR decreases drastically downhole to 6 counts/s and then increases to ~ 10 counts/s at ~ 12 mbsf. This decrease is likely related to the rapid decrease in clay content and increase in carbonate content below the mudline (Figure F26). From 12 to ~ 44 mbsf, NGR gradually decreases to 4 count/s, coincident with the abrupt transition to low magnetic susceptibility values and a distinct reduction in clay content. Between 44 and 110 mbsf, NGR varies by ~ 3 counts/s around a mean of 6 ± 1 counts/s within this carbonate-rich, light-colored interval. From 110 mbsf to the bottom of the hole, average NGR steadily decreases from 4 to 2 counts/s with minimal variability (1 count/s) (Figure F25). NGR and carbonate content exhibit similar opposing long-term trends throughout the site (Figure F26), although differences between the NGR and CaCO_3 content could also reflect variations in the biosiliceous component of the sediment.

P-wave velocity

PWL *P*-wave velocity measurements were obtained over the entire cored succession at Site U1488 (Figures F23, F27; Tables T18, T19, T20). For description purposes, Hole U1488A is used as representative for all *P*-wave velocities because discrete measurements

Figure F25. Comparison of WRMSL magnetic susceptibility and NGR from 60 mbsf to the bottom of Hole U1488B. cps = counts per second.

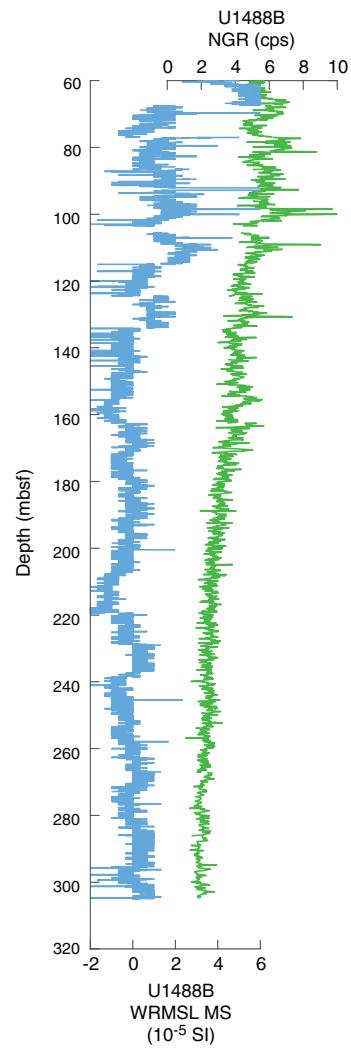


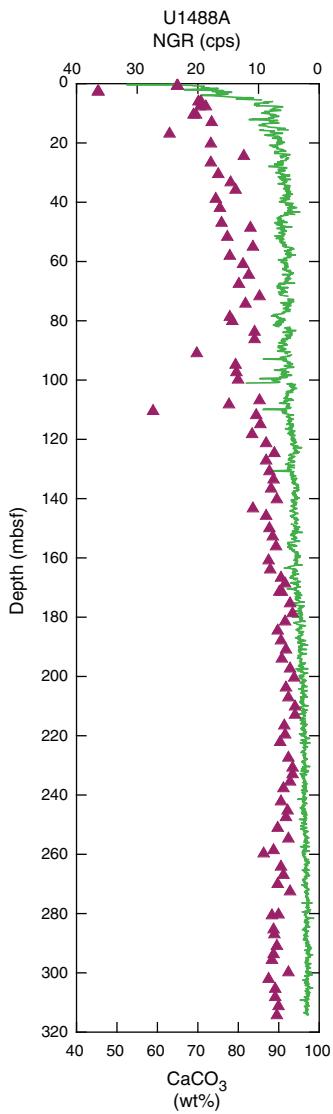
Table T15. Raw and cleaned Natural Gamma Radiation Logger natural gamma radiation (NGR) data, Hole U1488A. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Table T16. Raw and cleaned Natural Gamma Radiation Logger natural gamma radiation (NGR) data, Hole U1488B. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Table T17. Raw and cleaned Natural Gamma Radiation Logger natural gamma radiation (NGR) data, Hole U1488C. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

were only carried out on this hole. PWL and PWC *x*- and *z*-axes *P*-wave velocities generally display a slight increasing trend from the seafloor to the bottom of the hole, similar to the trend in GRA bulk density and probably reflecting increased compaction with depth (Figure F23). Some outliers in the PWC *z*-axis data indicate velocities < 1449 m/s (Figure F27), which are not reproduced by either PWC *x*-axis or PWL velocities and therefore appear unreliable. One distinctively large outlier of 1704 m/s at 221.5 mbsf (interval 363-

Figure F26. NGR (green line) and CaCO_3 content (triangles), Hole U1488A. cps = counts per second.



U1488A-24H-5, 62 cm) coincides with a spike in PWL measurements at 221.9 mbsf (interval 24H-5, 98 cm). Based on core description, no obvious feature is observed that could explain the high velocity at this depth. Thus, this outlier is excluded from analyses using the PWC z-axis measurements. The slope and y-intercept of the linear trend in P -wave velocity versus depth are 0.26 and 1497 m/s for PWL data, 0.23 and 1482 m/s for PWC x-axis data, and 0.24 and 1463 m/s for PWC z-axis data. Thus, PWC x-axis measurements are generally ~15 m/s lower than PWL measurements and ~19 m/s higher than PWC z-axis measurements.

In addition, PWL P -wave velocity displays no obvious cyclicity but does exhibit changes every ~30–50 m. In the upper 35 mbsf, P -wave velocity increases downhole from ~1480 to 1530 m/s. P -wave velocity then decreases slightly to ~1500 m/s from ~35 to ~70 mbsf. The interval from ~70 to ~100 mbsf shows a slight increasing trend in PWL P -wave velocity. Between ~105 and ~148 mbsf, P -wave velocity increases by ~40 m/s. After a short-term decrease, P -wave velocity increases from ~1540 to ~1560 m/s between ~150 and ~180 mbsf. From ~180 to ~225 mbsf, PWL P -wave velocity averages 1554 ± 12 m/s, and from ~235 to ~300 mbsf, it averages 1564 ± 15 m/s.

Figure F27. Discrete and whole-round P -wave measurements, Site U1488.

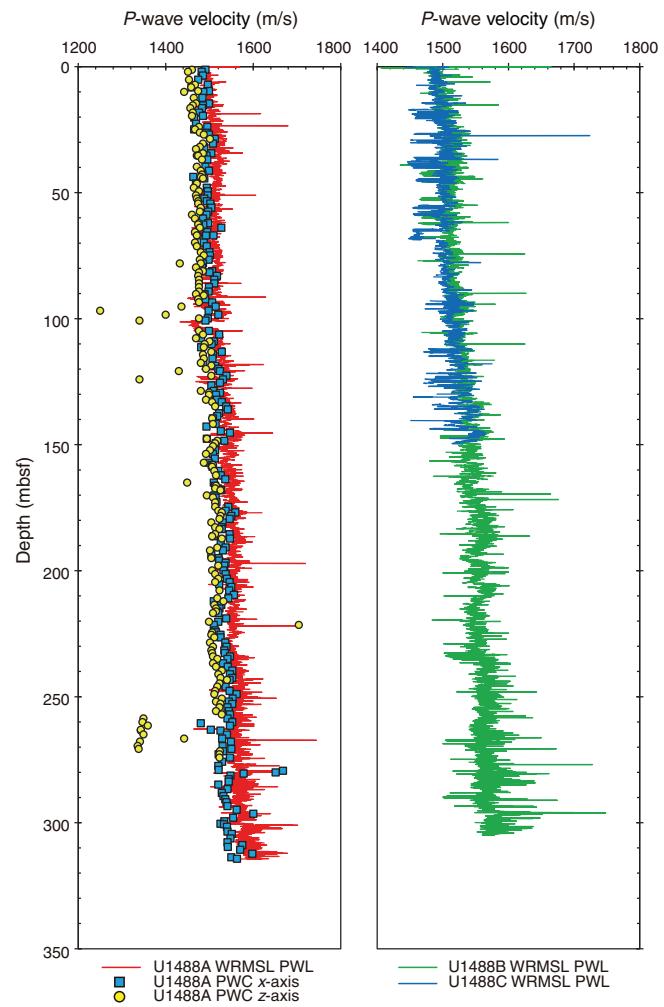


Table T18. Raw and cleaned Whole-Round Multisensor Logger P -wave logger data, Hole U1488A. [Download table in CSV format](#).

Table T19. Raw and cleaned Whole-Round Multisensor Logger P -wave logger data, Hole U1488B. [Download table in CSV format](#).

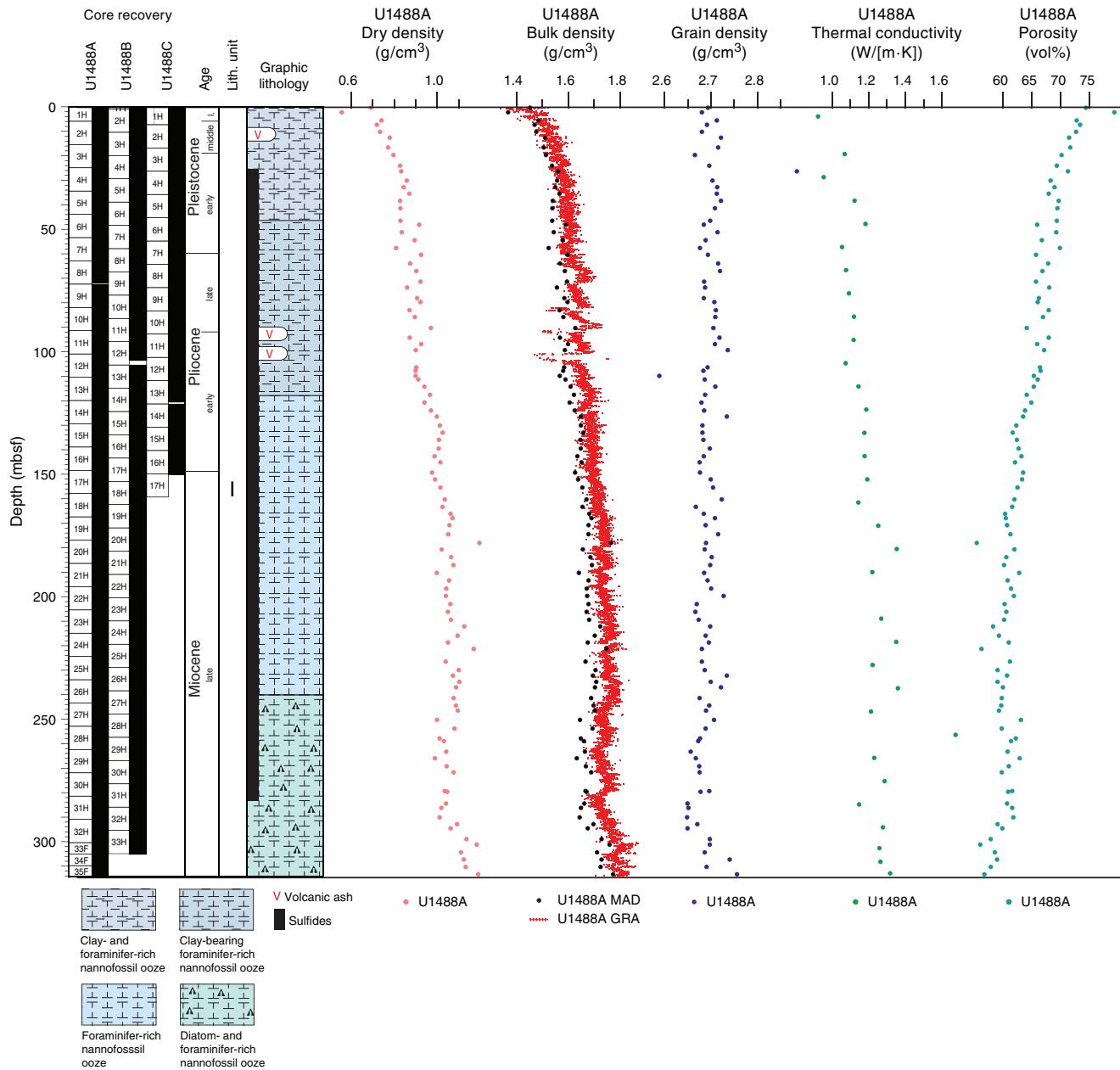
Table T20. Raw and cleaned Whole-Round Multisensor Logger low-resolution (5 cm) P -wave logger data, Hole U1488C. [Download table in CSV format](#).

Over this deeper interval, P -wave velocity is characterized by the largest variability and highest values (up to 1660 m/s), possibly related to the more frequent occurrence of indurated sediment layers and thin layers of biosilica-rich sediment. Between ~270 and ~320 mbsf, higher x-axis velocity values occur in more-indurated thin green layers (see **Core description**).

Moisture and density

Dry density, bulk density, and grain density values show opposing trends to porosity in Hole U1488A (Figure F28). The downhole trends in MAD bulk density and GRA bulk density generally agree with each other; however, there is an ~0.05 g/cm³ offset between MAD and GRA bulk densities below ~40 mbsf. In the upper 40 mbsf, dry density increases downhole from ~0.7 to 0.85 g/cm³ and

Figure F28. MAD dry, bulk, and grain densities and porosity, WRMSL GRA bulk density, and thermal conductivity, Hole U1488A.



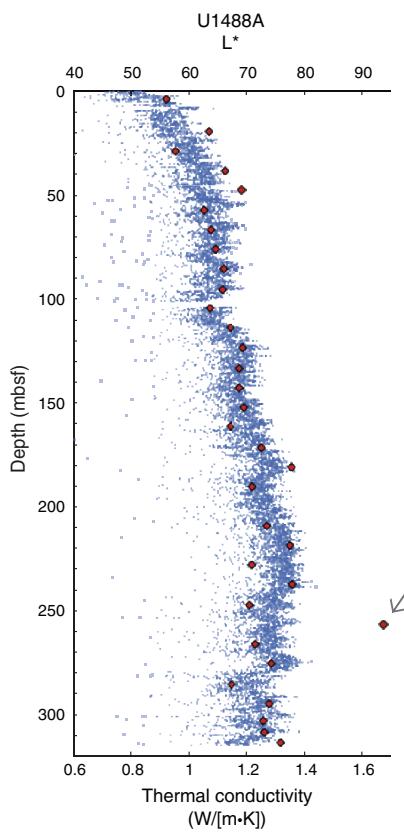
bulk density increases from ~ 1.45 to ~ 1.55 g/cm^3 . Between ~ 40 and ~ 280 mbsf, dry density increases from 0.85 to 1.0 g/cm^3 , reaching a maximum of 1.1 g/cm^3 between ~ 210 and ~ 250 mbsf. Over the same interval, MAD bulk density increases from 1.55 to ~ 1.65 g/cm^3 with maximum values of 1.7 g/cm^3 . In the upper ~ 290 mbsf, the lowest MAD bulk density, dry density, and grain density values correspond to biosilica-rich sediment, although grain density does not show an increase. Biosilica is present in a higher concentration in the upper and lower parts of the site (see **Core description**). Below ~ 290 mbsf, strong downhole increases in dry (1.0 – 1.2 g/cm^3), bulk (1.7 – 1.8 g/cm^3), and grain (2.65 – 2.75 g/cm^3) densities occur which could reflect a change in compaction or in lithology near the APC refusal depth. In general, porosity in Hole U1488A shows a downhole decreasing trend from 75% to 60%, comparable to previous sites. This decreasing trend is strongest in the upper ~ 40 mbsf

and deeper than ~ 290 mbsf, where the strongest changes in dry, bulk, and grain densities also occur.

Thermal conductivity

A thermal conductivity profile was obtained at ~ 10 m resolution using a thermal conductivity needle (Figures F23, F28). Thermal conductivity generally increases with depth from 0.9 to 1.3 $\text{W}/(\text{m}\cdot\text{K})$, although this increase occurs mainly in the upper portion of the site. From the mudline to ~ 150 mbsf, thermal conductivity increases from 0.9 to 1.2 $\text{W}/(\text{m}\cdot\text{K})$, and below ~ 150 mbsf, thermal conductivity has an average value around 1.3 $\text{W}/(\text{m}\cdot\text{K})$ with superimposed variability between 1.2 and 1.4 $\text{W}/(\text{m}\cdot\text{K})$. This deeper interval of high thermal conductivity values corresponds to the highest luminosity (L^*) (Figure F29) and carbonate content and is possibly indicative of increasing diagenesis and lithification down-

Figure F29. Comparison of thermal conductivity mean measurements (diamonds) and L^* (blue points), Hole U1488A. Arrow = outlier likely caused by measurement error.



hole. The outlier ($1.7 \text{ W}/[\text{m}\cdot\text{K}]$) at $\sim 250 \text{ mbsf}$ could be an erroneous measurement (arrow in Figure F29). Average thermal conductivity is $1.17 \text{ W}/(\text{m}\cdot\text{K})$ with a standard deviation of $0.06 \text{ W}/(\text{m}\cdot\text{K})$. The downhole trend in thermal conductivity correlates well with that in GRA bulk density and is inversely correlated with porosity, reflecting downhole compaction (Figure F28).

Downhole temperature measurements

Downhole temperature measurements were made on Cores 363-U1488A-4H (34.4 mbsf), 7H (62.9 mbsf), 10H (91.4 mbsf), and 13H (119.9 mbsf) using the APCT-3. An exponential decrease in temperature was observed between ~ 60 and 600 s after penetration and was used to estimate ambient formation temperature (unshaded area in Figure F30). Temperature increased with depth from 3.99°C at 34.4 mbsf to 9.05°C at 119.9 mbsf (Figures F30, F31). All extrapolated temperatures are quite low, probably reflecting the $\sim 2603 \text{ m}$ water depth at Site U1488. The correlation between the four downhole temperatures and depth is very high ($R^2 = 0.99915$). Using the slope of the temperature-depth relationship, we estimate that the bottom water temperature at Site U1488 is 2.01°C , yielding a geothermal gradient of $59^\circ\text{C}/\text{km}$ (Figure F31).

We generated a thermal conductivity profile ($\sim 10 \text{ m}$ resolution) (Figure F31) and calculated thermal resistance based on the in situ correction and the average thermal conductivity of $1.17 \text{ W}/(\text{m}\cdot\text{K})$, following the “average approach” outlined in Pribnow et al. (2000). The slope of the linear fit between temperature and thermal resistance indicates that the heat flow is $69 \text{ mW}/\text{m}^2$ at Site U1488. Com-

Figure F30. APCT-3 temperature-time series, Hole U1488A. Unshaded area = time interval with exponential decrease in temperature.

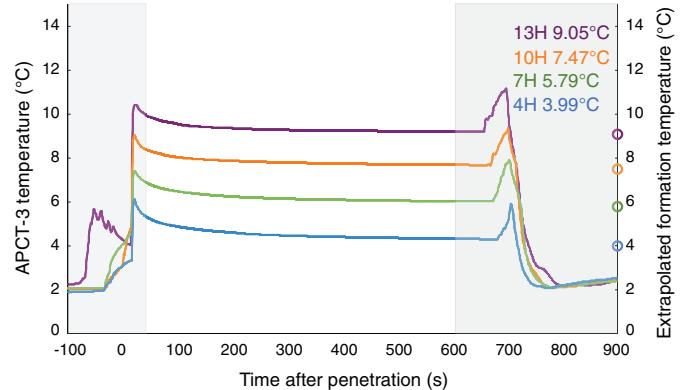
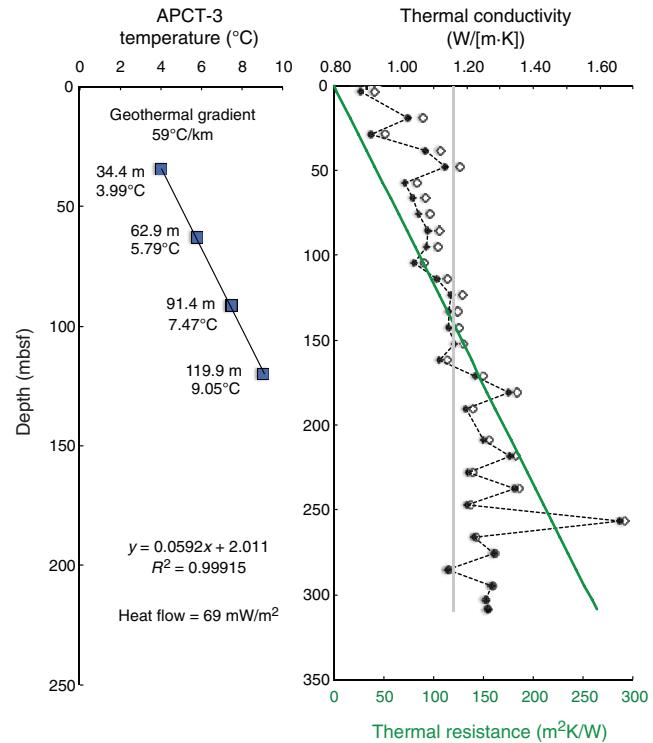


Figure F31. Heat flow calculations, Hole U1488A. Green line = calculated thermal resistance, gray vertical line = average thermal conductivity value used for calculation of thermal resistance, solid diamonds and dashed line = corrected thermal conductivity, open diamonds = uncorrected thermal conductivity.



parison of the modeled heat flow (Shapiro and Ritzwoller, 2004) with that predicted based on the oceanic age grid north of Australia indicates that the area around Site U1488 shows an anomaly of approximately $-20 \text{ mW}/\text{m}^2$ (figure 15 in Gına and Müller, 2007). If we add this $-20 \text{ mW}/\text{m}^2$ anomaly to the calculated heat flow, we obtain a heat flow of $89 \text{ mW}/\text{m}^2$. This new heat flow estimate is equivalent to an ocean-crust age of 30.6 Ma according to the model of Stein and Stein (1992), which agrees with the early Oligocene ocean-crust age at DSDP Site 62 (Shipboard Scientific Party, 1971).

Stratigraphic correlation

Correlations between holes at Site U1488 were accomplished using Correlator software (version 2.1). Tie points were established with WRMSL magnetic susceptibility (Figure F32), GRA bulk density (Figure F33), *P*-wave velocity (PWL) (Figure F34), NGR, and luminescence (L^*) data (Table T21). We constructed a splice for the entire site using Holes U1488A–U1488C (Table T22; Figure F35). The splice is continuous and well constrained from 0 to 324.89 m core composite depth below seafloor (CCSF), although there are a few tentative tie points that should be verified during postcruise research. Only Hole U1488A penetrated deeper than 324.89 m CCSF, and therefore we added the last two cores of Hole U1488A to the bottom of the splice using an offset calculated with a growth factor of 1.085.

The CCSF scale is anchored to the mudline of Core 363-U1488C-1H, which is assigned a depth of 0 m CCSF. From this anchor, we worked downhole, using Correlator to establish a composite stratigraphy on a core-by-core basis. In the upper part of the splice, we primarily used magnetic susceptibility to establish tie points; however, the amplitude of the magnetic susceptibility variations greatly diminished deeper than ~65 m CCSF, and PWL and GRA bulk density data were also needed to correlate between holes. Deeper than 120 m CCSF, magnetic susceptibility values were too low, so PWL data became critical for correlating between holes, particularly from ~100 to 250 m CCSF. GRA density data were also critical in defining tie points between holes, particularly between 120 and 150 m CCSF and from 200 m CCSF to the bottom of the splice. Much of the splice was constructed by considering all available data, as detailed in Tables T21 and T22.

Because the upper 150 mbsf (equivalent to ~162 m CCSF) of Hole U1488A was heavily sampled for high-resolution interstitial water analyses (one 5 or 10 cm whole-round sample per section), our general approach was to avoid using material from 0 to 150 mbsf in Hole U1488A; in fact, Hole U1488C was cored to 150 mbsf to recover material to enable the construction of a complete splice. Thus, in the upper part of the splice from 0 to 162.10 m CCSF, we used Hole U1488C as the “backbone” of the splice and Hole U1488B to cover the core gaps in Hole U1488C. Within this upper part of the splice, there was only one interval with poor recovery, from 110 to 112 m CCSF. Although we found a good splice tie point between Cores 363-U1488C-12H and 363-U1488B-12H that indicates that we have stratigraphic continuity in this interval, this continuity should be verified during postcruise research (Tables T21, T22). There is one interval where it was difficult to find a reliable tie point between Cores 363-U1488B-14H and 363-U1488C-14H; therefore, we used one short interval from Hole U1488A to construct the

splice. This approach also provides the opportunity to construct a second splice for the upper 162 m CCSF of Site U1488 using Hole U1488A as the backbone and Hole U1488B to fill in the core gaps. There was not enough time to construct a second splice, but it should be possible postcruise to generate a nearly complete second splice in this upper interval.

From 162.10 to 324.89 m CCSF, the splice was constructed using Holes U1488A and U1488B. From 162.10 to 256.67 m CCSF, we used Hole U1488B as the backbone of the splice, with short splice intervals from Hole U1488A to cover the core gaps between long intervals from Hole U1488B. Because it was more difficult to find splice tie points at the tops and bottoms of cores from Hole U1488B, from 256.67 to 324.89 m CCSF we stopped using this hole as the backbone and simply used the best available splice tie points between holes. In this deepest interval, we had to inspect all available data, including core photos, to verify the tie points, and we identified six tie points that require further verification during postcruise research (Table T21). Hole U1488A was the only hole to penetrate deeper than 324.89 m CCSF, and thus we added the last two cores (34H and 35H) to the bottom of the splice by setting their offset using 1.085, the growth factor in the overlying interval.

The splice interval table (Table T22) is intended to provide a sampling plan that can be used to generate high-resolution continuous records with minimal gaps; however, an “off-splice” sampling plan was also designed mainly for low-resolution studies. An explanation of the strategy used to determine the off-splice sampling plan, and a table of core intervals that should be used for off-splice sampling can be found in OFFSPLICE in **Supplementary material**.

The cumulative offset between mbsf and CCSF depth scales is nearly linear (Figure F36A). The growth factor is relatively low (8%–9%), as expected in sediment that expands due to the release of overburden and has minimal gas expansion due to low concentrations of methane and other gases (see **Geochemistry**). There is a marked change in the growth factor, and therefore in the cumulative offset with depth (Figure F36B), at ~110 mbsf due to a disturbed core (363-U1488A-12H) and a core with incomplete recovery (Core 363-U1488B-12H). These issues result in hole-to-hole differences in the location (in mbsf) of certain stratigraphic features; correlating these features to each other to place the cores on the CCSF scale results in offsets that are strongly influenced by the drilling process rather than simply by expansion due to the release of overburden. We think we established solid tie points in this interval, but this should be verified during postcruise research. Calculation of mass accumulation rates based on the CCSF scale should account for differential expansion by dividing apparent depth intervals by the appropriate growth factor.

Figure F32. WRMSL magnetic susceptibility (MS) data for Holes U1488A–U1488C divided into 50 m intervals. MS values deeper than 150 m CCSF were too low to be meaningful and are not shown. The MS vertical axis occasionally varies between 50 m segments. Upper panel shows the MS splice constructed by combining data from all three holes. (Continued on next page.)

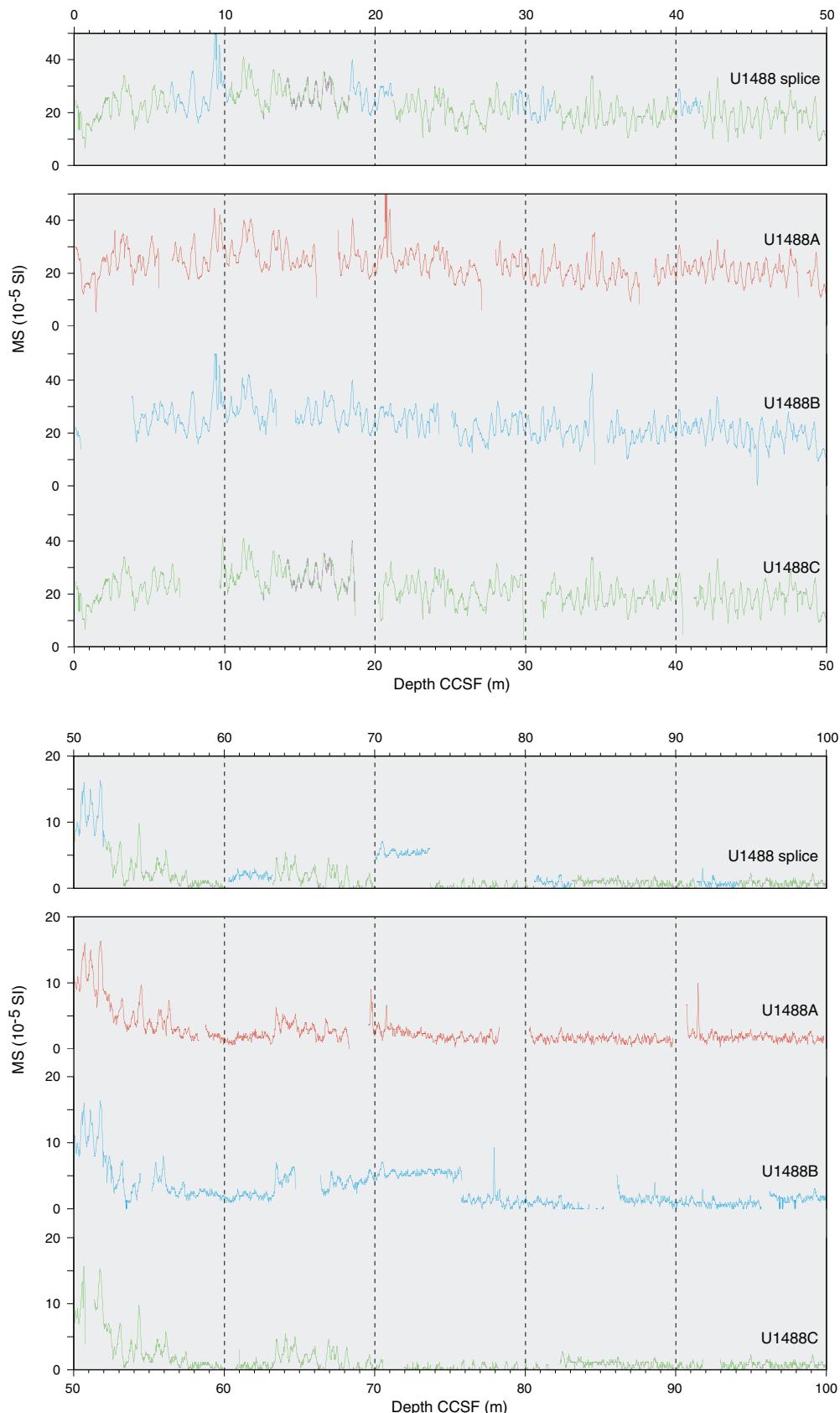


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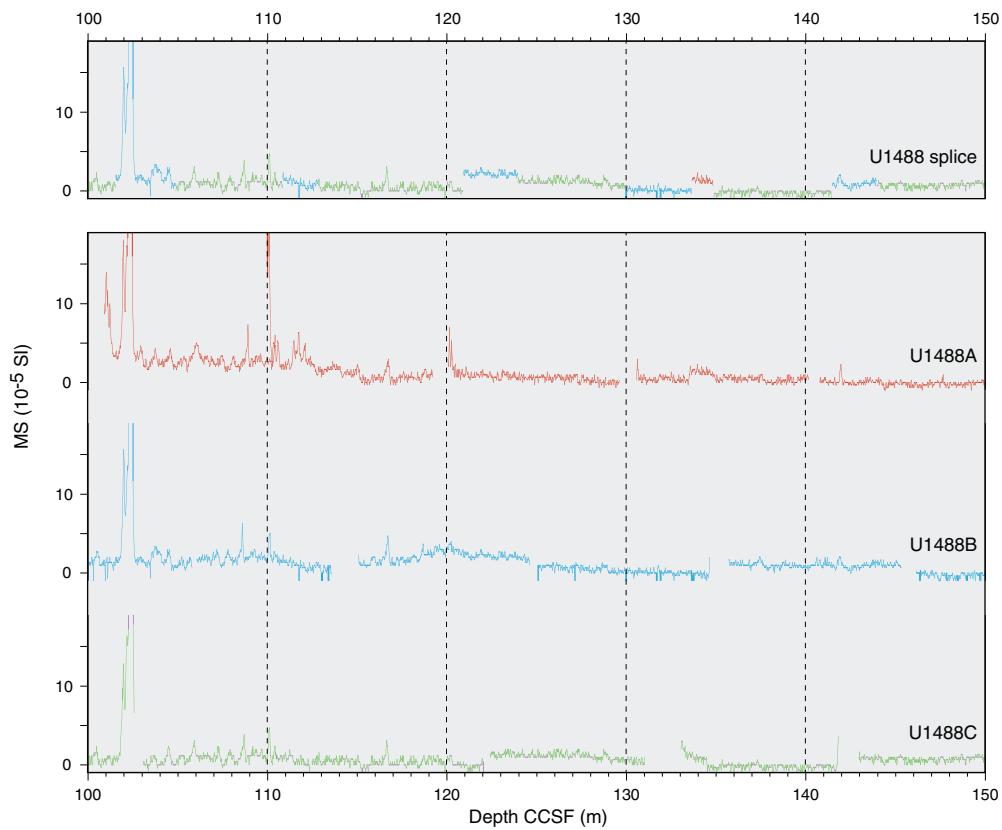


Figure F33. WRMSL GRA bulk density data for Holes U1488A–U1488C divided into 50 m intervals. Upper panel shows the GRA splice constructed by combining data from all three holes. (Continued on next three pages.)

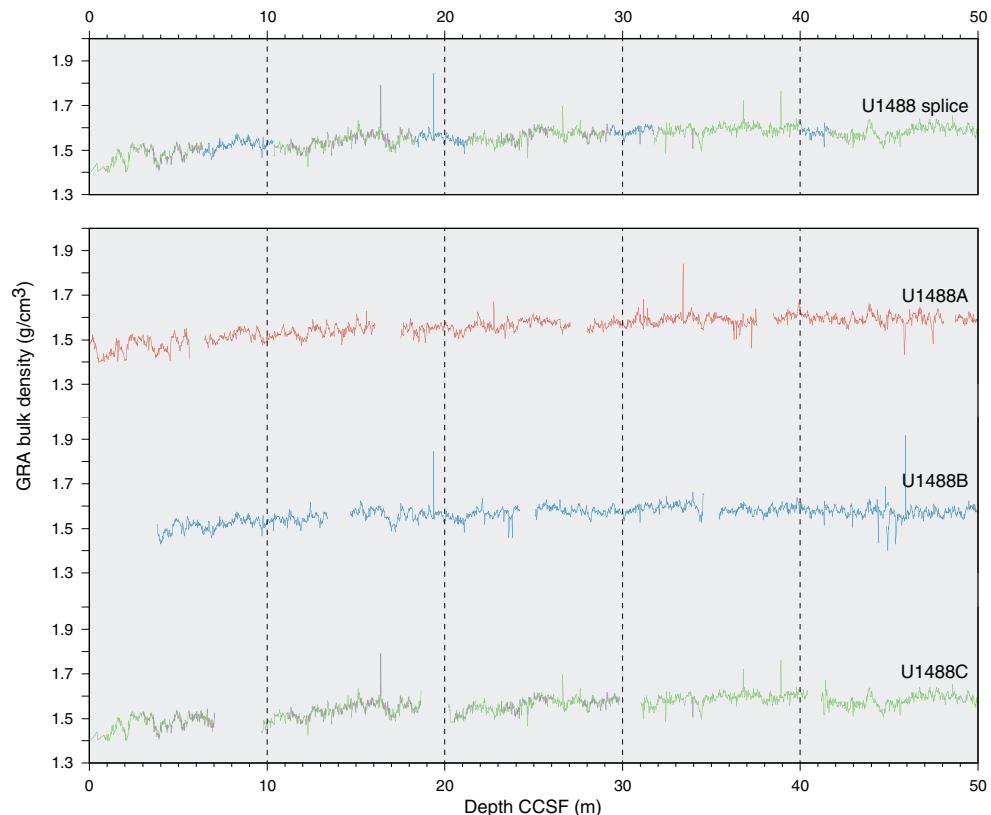


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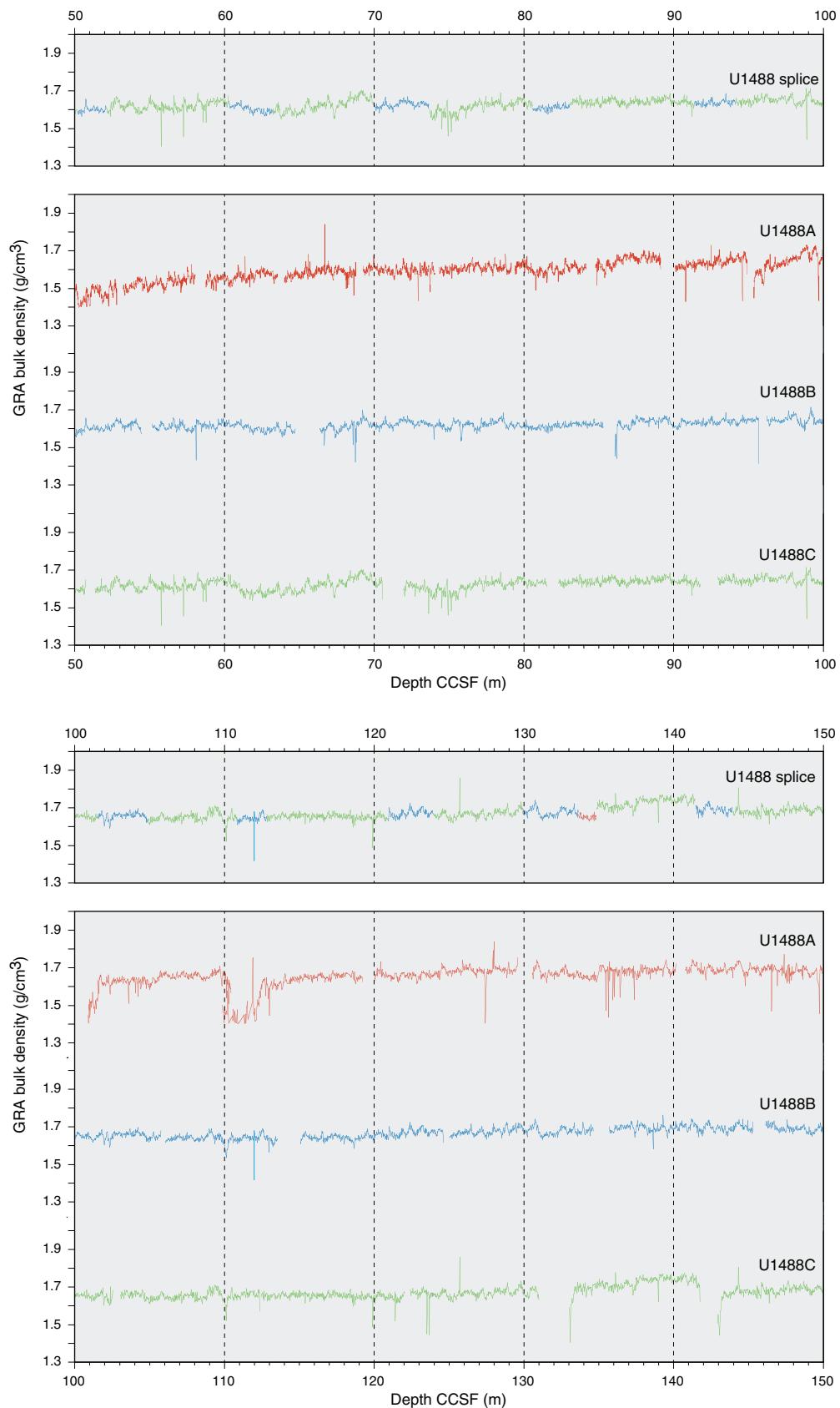


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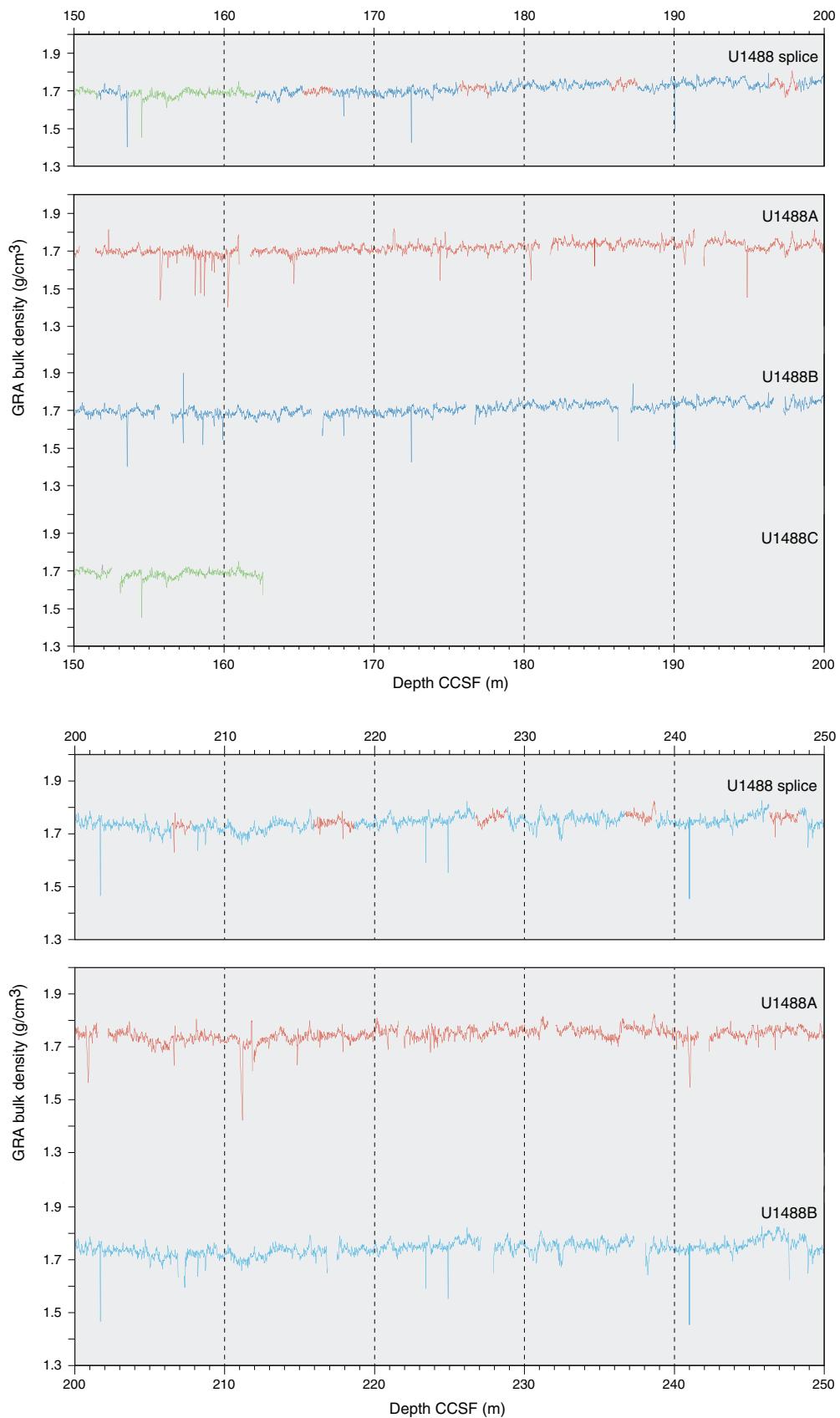


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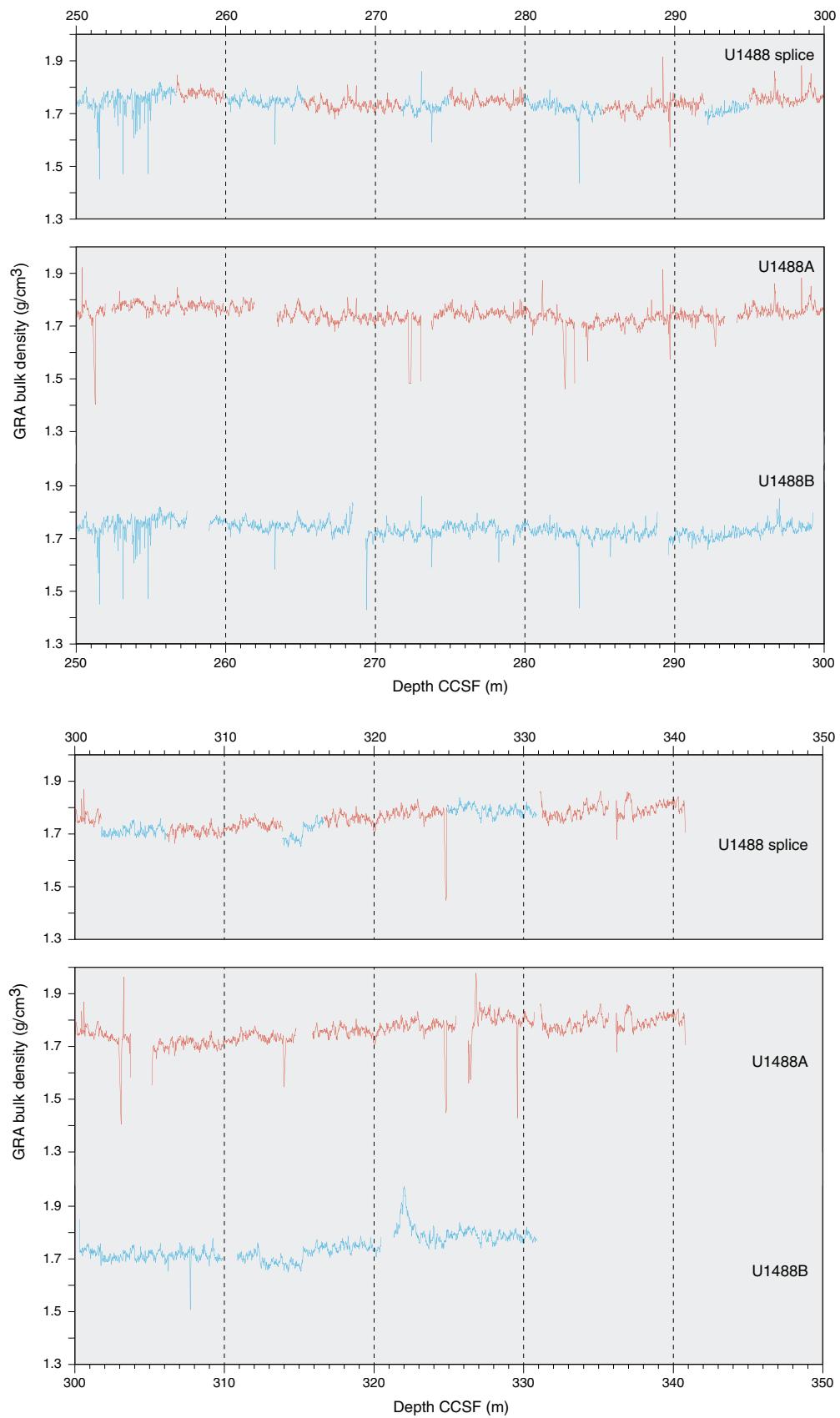


Figure F34. WRMSL P -wave velocity (PWL) data for Holes U1488A–U1488C divided into 50 m intervals. Upper panel shows the PWL splice constructed by combining data from all three holes. (Continued on next three pages.)

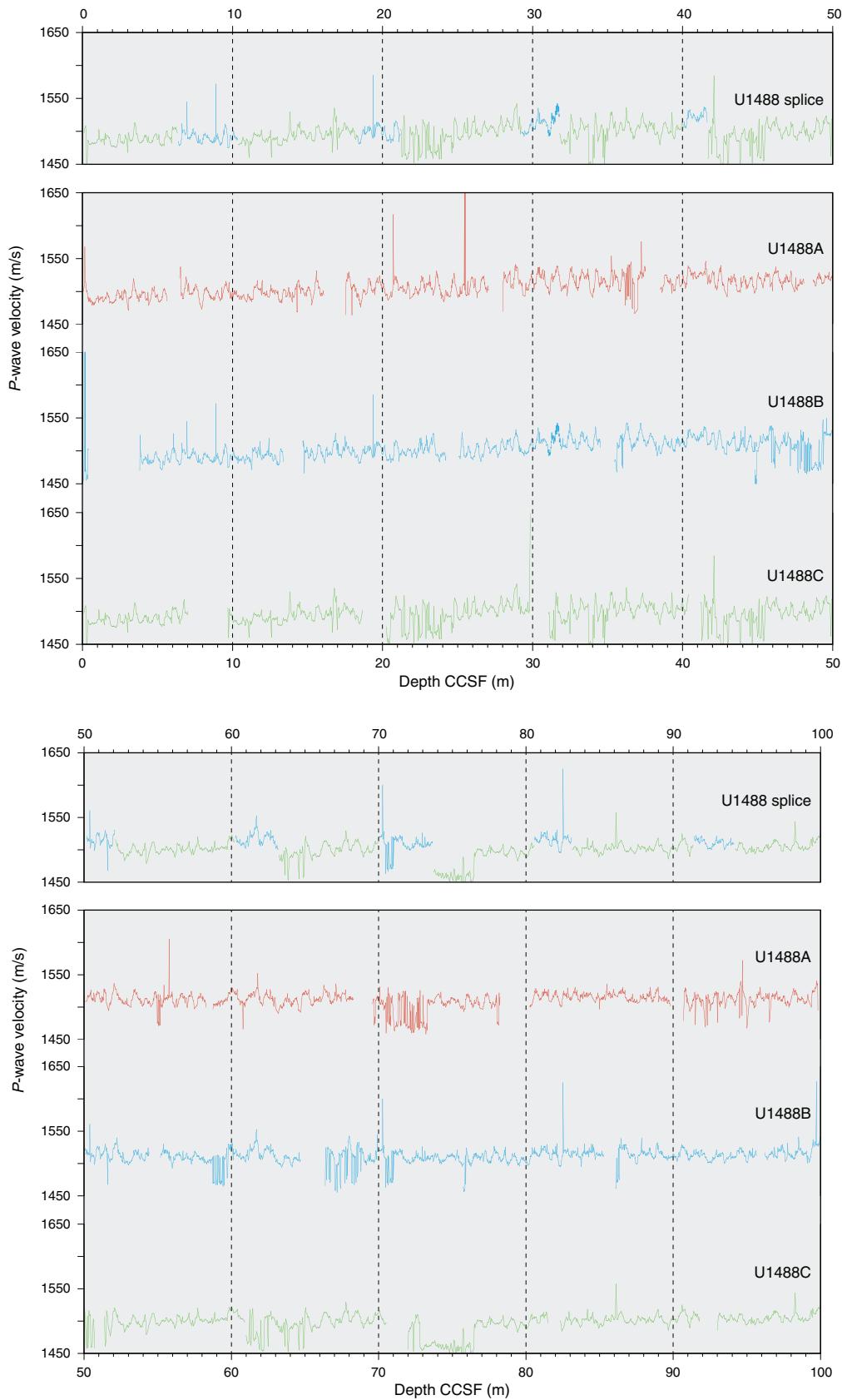


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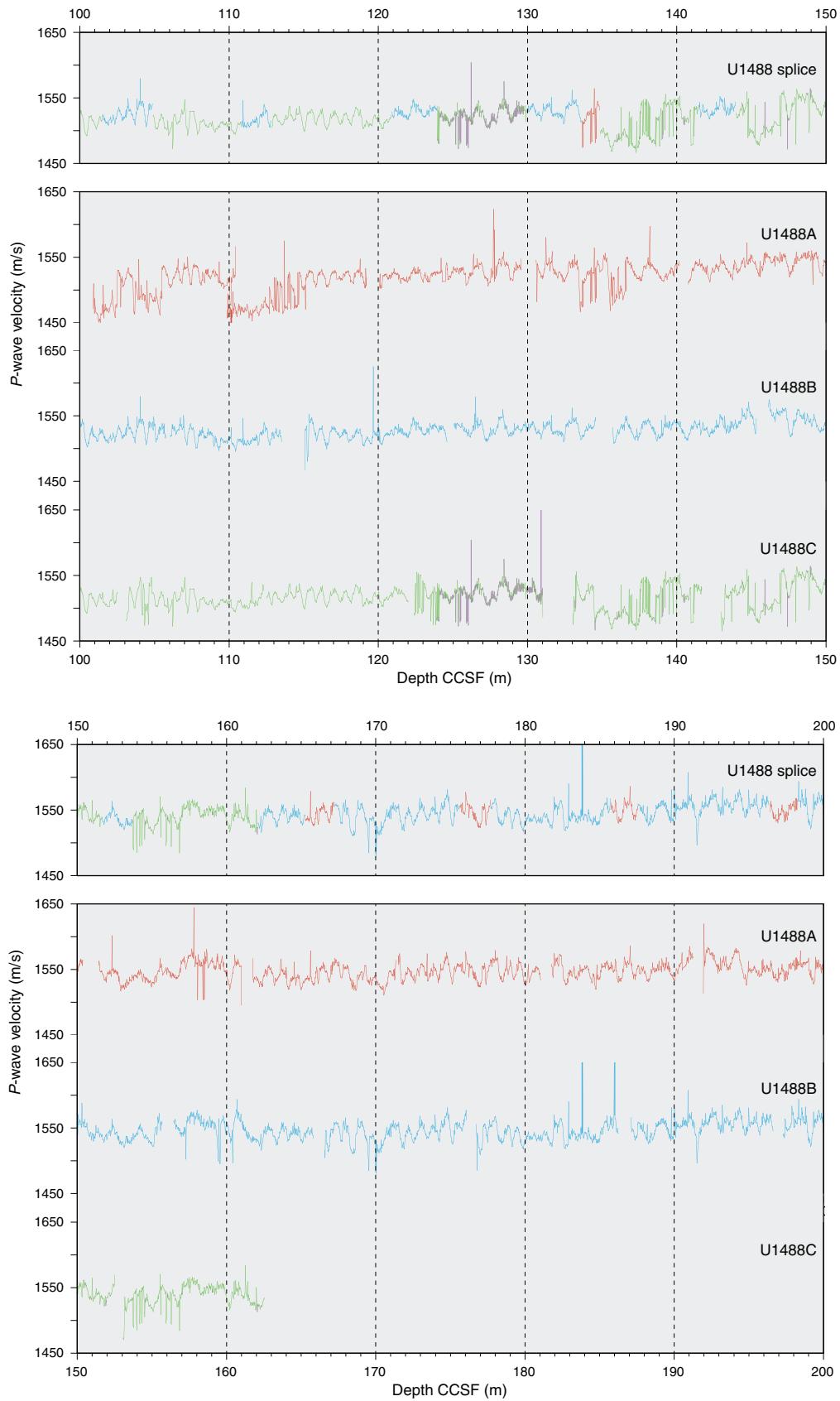


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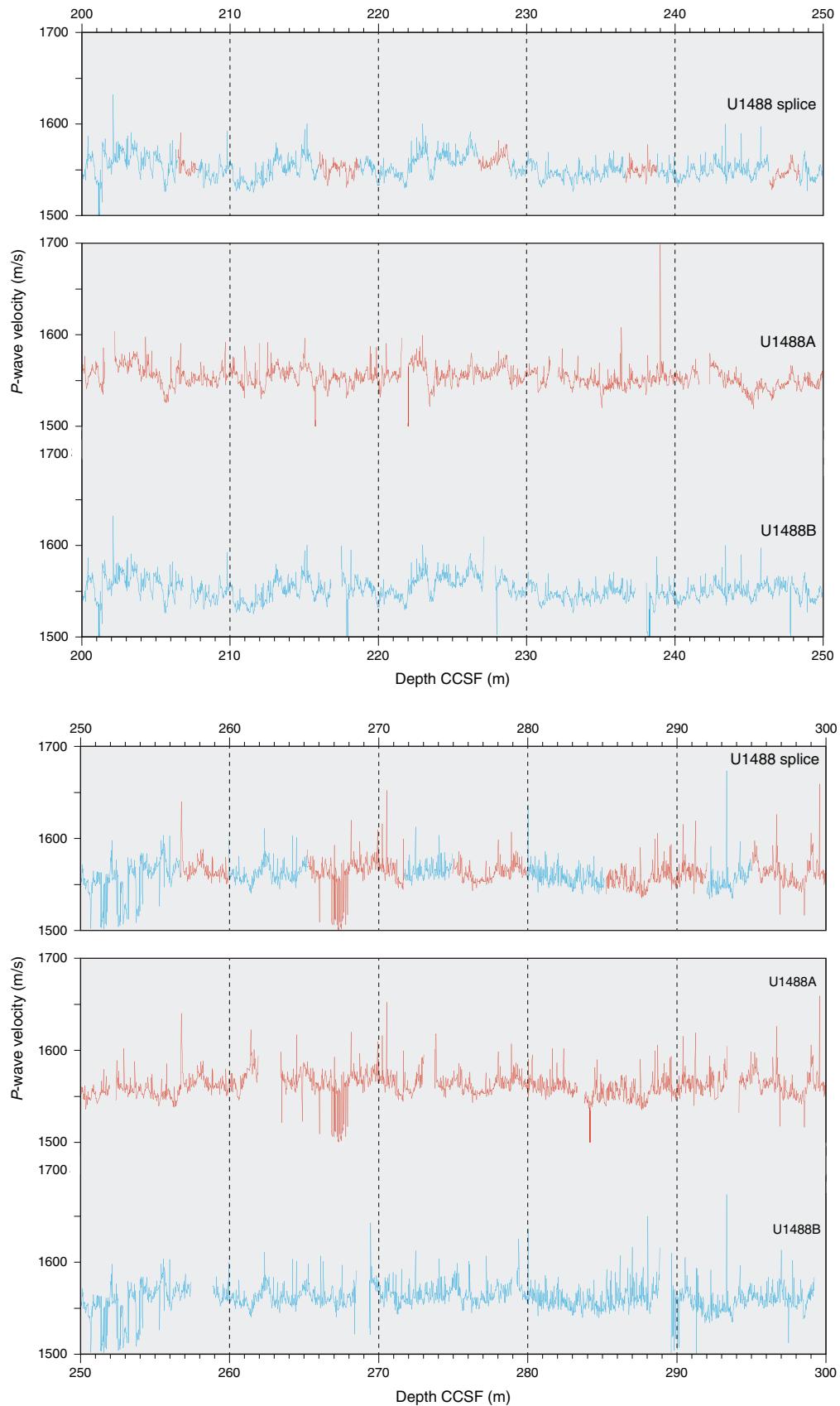
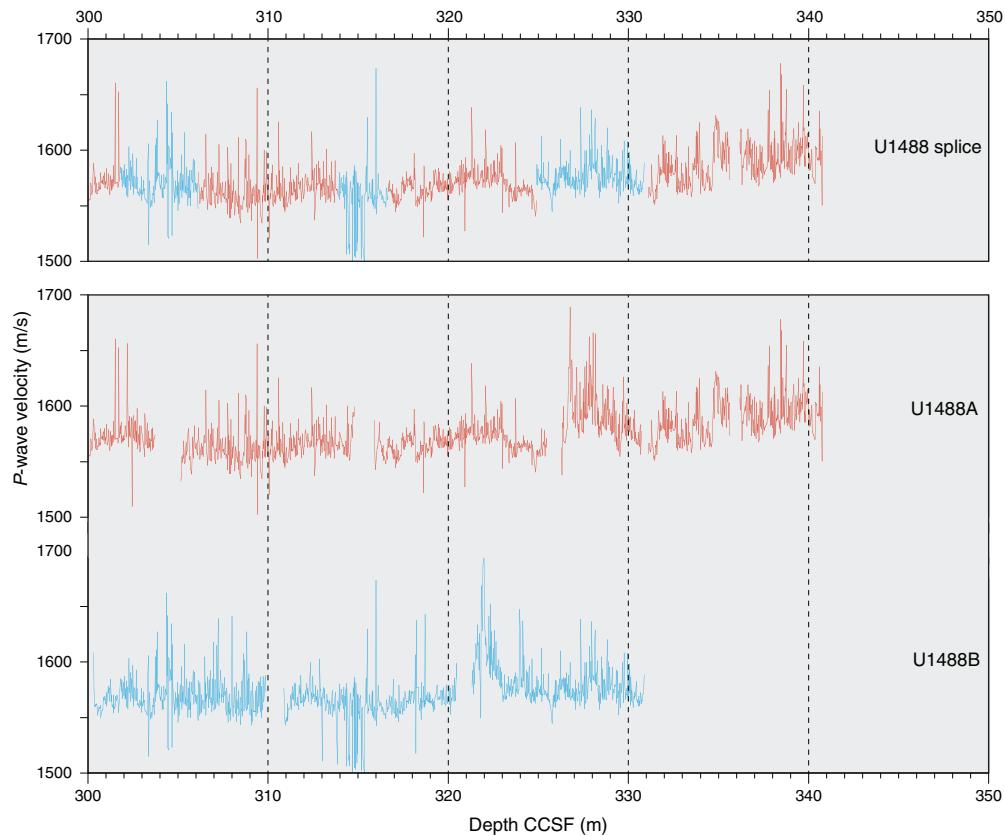


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Table T21. Affine table, Site U1488. * = uncertain tie point. GF = growth factor. MS = magnetic susceptibility, GRA = gamma ray attenuation bulk density, PWL = P-wave logger P-wave velocity, NGR = natural gamma radiation. (Continued on next page.) [Download table in CSV format](#).

Tied to point depth CCSF (m)							Tied to point depth CCSF (m)							
Core	Depth (mbsf)	Depth CCSF (m)	Offset CCSF (m)	Shift type	Data used	Reference hole, core	Core	Depth (mbsf)	Depth CCSF (m)	Offset (m)	Shift type	Data used	Reference hole, core	
363-U1488A-							363-							
1H	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.531	Set	MS	29H	262.40	283.72	21.32	285.154	Tied to	GRA	
2H	5.90	6.41	0.51	10.351	Tied to	MS	30H	271.90	294.08	22.18	295.012	Tied to*	L*	
3H	15.40	17.46	2.06	21.192	Tied to	MS	31H	281.40	305.11	23.71	306.123	Tied to*	GRA	
4H	24.90	27.95	3.05	31.772	Tied to	MS	32H	290.90	315.80	24.90	316.657	Tied to	GRA	
5H	34.40	38.43	4.03	41.655	Tied to	MS	33H	300.40	326.22	25.82	328.051	Tied to*	MS	
6H	43.90	48.63	4.73	52.109	Tied to	MS	34F	305.10	331.04	25.94		Set; GF = 1.085	U1488A-33H	
7H	53.40	58.68	5.28	63.219	Tied to	MS	35F	309.80	336.13	26.33		Set; GF = 1.085	U1488A-34H	
8H	62.90	69.51	6.61	74.677	Tied to	MS	363-U1488B-							
9H	72.40	80.18	7.78	83.104	Tied to	MS	1H	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mudline	363-		
10H	81.90	90.63	8.73	94.147	Tied to	MS	2H	0.90	3.74	2.84	6.356	Tied to	MS	U1488C-1H
11H	91.40	100.82	9.42	101.522	Tied to	MS	3H	10.40	14.61	4.21	18.321	Tied to	MS	U1488C-2H
12H	100.90	109.79	8.89	117.095	Tied to	MS	4H	19.90	25.00	5.10	29.244	Tied to	MS	U1488C-3H
13H	110.40	119.96	9.56	126.737	Tied to	GRA	5H	29.40	35.35	5.95	40.084	Tied to	MS	U1488C-4H
14H	119.90	130.49	10.59	133.650	Tied to	PWL	6H	38.90	44.76	5.86	50.170	Tied to	MS	U1488C-5H
15H	129.40	140.69	11.29	143.960	Tied to	GRA	7H	48.40	55.11	6.71	60.277	Tied to	PWL	U1488C-6H
16H	138.90	151.36	12.46	153.684	Tied to	PWL	8H	57.90	66.30	8.40	70.007	Tied to	MS	U1488C-7H
17H	148.40	161.67	13.27	165.267	Tied to	PWL	9H	67.40	75.66	8.26	80.577	Tied to	MS	U1488C-8H
18H	157.90	171.42	13.52	175.583	Tied to	PWL	10H	76.90	86.00	9.10	91.384	Tied to	MS	U1488C-9H
19H	167.40	181.70	14.30	185.736	Tied to	PWL	11H	86.40	96.15	9.75	101.522	Tied to	MS	U1488C-10H
20H	176.90	191.88	14.98	196.342	Tied to	PWL	12H	95.90	105.98	10.08	110.844	Tied to	MS	U1488C-11H
21H	186.40	202.13	15.73	206.460	Tied to	PWL	13H	105.40	115.00	9.60	120.896	Tied to	MS	U1488C-12H
22H	195.90	211.87	15.97	215.925	Tied to	GRA	14H	114.90	124.96	10.06	129.936	Tied to	GRA	U1488C-13H
23H	205.40	221.90	16.50	226.709	Tied to	PWL	15H	124.40	135.64	11.24	141.441	Tied to	GRA	U1488C-14H
24H	214.90	232.03	17.13	236.653	Tied to	PWL	16H	133.90	146.06	12.16	151.644	Tied to	GRA	U1488C-15H
25H	224.40	242.24	17.84	246.339	Tied to	PWL	17H	143.40	156.39	12.99	162.102	Tied to	PWL	U1488C-16H
26H	233.90	252.30	18.40	256.677	Tied to*	L*	18H	152.90	166.49	13.59	167.243	Tied to	PWL	U1488A-17H
27H	243.40	263.34	19.94	265.219	Tied to	GRA	19H	162.40	176.65	14.25	177.694	Tied to	PWL	U1488A-18H
28H	252.90	273.66	20.76	274.925	Tied to	GRA	20H	171.90	187.05	15.15	187.551	Tied to	PWL	U1488A-19H
							21H	181.40	197.22	15.82	198.257	Tied to	GRA	U1488A-20H

Table T21 (continued).

Core	Depth (mbsf)	Depth CCSF (m)		Tied to point depth CCSF (m)		Shift type	Data used	Reference hole, core	Depth CCSF (m)		Tied to point depth CCSF (m)		Shift type	Data used	Reference hole, core				
		Offset (m)	depth CCSF (m)	Offset (m)	depth CCSF (m)				Offset (m)	depth CCSF (m)	Offset (m)	depth CCSF (m)							
22H	190.90	207.24	16.34	207.792	Tied to	NGR	U1488A-21H		3H	16.80	20.14	3.34	21.192	Tied to	MS	U1488B-3H			
23H	200.40	217.42	17.02	218.666	Tied to	GRA	U1488A-22H		4H	26.30	30.96	4.66	31.772	Tied to	MS	U1488B-4H			
24H	209.90	227.82	17.92	228.852	Tied to	PWL	U1488A-23H		5H	35.80	41.09	5.29	41.655	Tied to	MS	U1488B-5H			
25H	219.40	238.00	18.60	238.777	Tied to	GRA	U1488A-24H		6H	45.30	51.28	5.98	52.109	Tied to	MS	U1488B-6H			
26H	228.90	247.70	18.80	248.381	Tied to	PWL	U1488A-25H		7H	54.80	60.90	6.10	63.219	Tied to	MS	U1488B-7H			
27H	238.40	258.79	20.39	259.936	Tied to	GRA	U1488A-26H		8H	64.30	71.87	7.57	73.684	Tied to	MS	U1488B-8H			
28H	247.90	269.28	21.38	271.733	Tied to	GRA	U1488A-27H		9H	73.80	82.23	8.43	83.104	Tied to	MS	U1488B-9H			
29H	257.40	279.14	21.74	279.936	Tied to	GRA	U1488A-28H		10H	83.30	92.90	9.60	94.147	Tied to	PWL	U1488B-10H			
30H	266.90	289.54	22.64	292.016	Tied to	GRA	U1488A-29H		11H	92.80	103.00	10.20	104.872	Tied to	MS	U1488B-11H			
31H	276.40	300.24	23.84	301.766	Tied to*	GRA	U1488A-30H		12H	102.30	112.41	10.11	112.820	Tied to*	MS	U1488B-12H			
32H	285.90	310.79	24.89	313.890	Tied to	L*	U1488A-31H		13H	111.80	122.33	10.53	123.945	Tied to	GRA	U1488B-13H			
33H	295.40	321.23	25.83	324.892	Tied to	MS	U1488A-32H		14H	121.30	132.99	11.69	134.843	Tied to	PWL	U1488A-14H			
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1H	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mudline		MS	U1488B-2H		16H	140.30	153.01	12.71	153.684	Tied to	PWL	U1488B-16H			

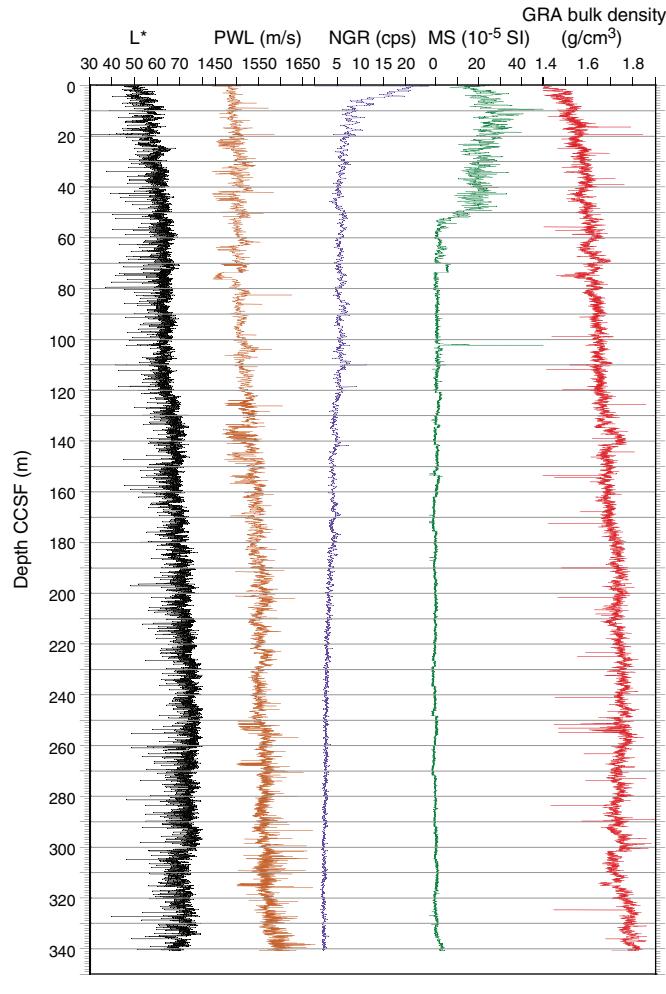
Table T22. Splice intervals, Site U1488. GRA = gamma ray attenuation bulk density, PWL = P-wave logger P-wave velocity, MS = magnetic susceptibility, NGR = natural gamma radiation. (Continued on next page.) [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Top of splice interval			Bottom of splice interval			Splice type	Data used	Other data needed to verify tie
Hole, core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	Depth CCSF (m)	Hole, core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	Depth CCSF (m)			
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U1488C-1H-1, 0	0	0	U1488C-1H-5, 35.6	6.36	6.36	Tie	MS	
U1488B-2H-2, 112	3.52	6.36	U1488B-2H-5, 61.5	7.52	10.35	Tie	MS	
U1488C-2H-1, 76.2	8.06	10.35	U1488C-2H-7, 41.2	16.03	18.32	Tie	MS	
U1488B-3H-3, 71	14.11	18.32	U1488B-3H-5, 58.1	16.98	21.19	Tie	MS	
U1488C-3H-1, 104.9	17.85	21.19	U1488C-3H-7, 10.1	25.90	29.24	Tie	MS	
U1488B-4H-3, 124.8	24.15	29.24	U1488B-4H-5, 77.6	26.68	31.77	Tie	MS	
U1488C-4H-1, 81.7	27.12	31.77	U1488C-4H-7, 25.9	35.43	40.08	Tie	MS	
U1488B-5H-4, 23.4	34.13	40.08	U1488B-5H-5, 30.5	35.71	41.66	Tie	MS	
U1488C-5H-1, 56.1	36.36	41.66	U1488C-5H-7, 7.6	44.88	50.17	Tie	MS	
U1488B-6H-4, 91.5	44.32	50.17	U1488B-6H-5, 135.4	46.25	52.11	Tie	MS	
U1488C-6H-1, 82.7	46.13	52.11	U1488C-6H-6, 149.5	54.30	60.27	Tie	PWL	MS
U1488B-7H-4, 66.9	53.57	60.28	U1488B-7H-6, 61.1	56.51	63.22	Tie	MS	
U1488C-7H-2, 82	57.12	63.22	U1488C-7H-7, 10.8	63.91	70.01	Tie	MS	
U1488B-8H-3, 76.9	61.61	70.01	U1488B-8H-5, 144.6	65.29	73.68	Tie	MS	GRA
U1488C-8H-2, 31	66.11	73.68	U1488C-8H-6, 120.3	73.00	80.58	Tie	MS	
U1488B-9H-4, 41.4	72.31	80.58	U1488B-9H-5, 144.1	74.84	83.10	Tie	MS	
U1488C-9H-1, 87.4	74.67	83.10	U1488C-9H-7, 15.4	82.95	91.38	Tie	MS	
U1488B-10H-4, 88.3	82.28	91.38	U1488B-10H-6, 64.6	85.05	94.15	Tie	PWL	
U1488C-10H-1, 125.1	84.55	94.15	U1488C-10H-6, 112.6	91.93	101.52	Tie	MS	
U1488B-11H-4, 86.8	91.77	101.52	U1488B-11H-6, 121.8	95.12	104.87	Tie	MS	
U1488C-11H-2, 37.4	94.67	104.87	U1488C-11H-6, 34.6	100.65	110.84	Tie	MS	
U1488B-12H-4, 36.3	100.76	110.84	U1488B-12H-5, 83.9	102.74	112.82	Tie	MS	GRA, PWL
U1488C-12H-1, 41.2	102.71	112.82	U1488C-12H-6, 98.8	110.79	120.90	Tie	MS	MS
U1488B-13H-4, 139.7	111.30	120.90	U1488B-13H-6, 144.6	114.35	123.95	Tie	GRA	PWL
U1488C-13H-2, 11.6	113.42	123.95	U1488C-13H-6, 10.7	119.41	129.94	Tie	GRA	PWL
U1488B-14H-4, 47.6	119.87	129.94	U1488B-14H-6, 119	123.59	133.65	Tie	PWL	
U1488A-14H-3, 16.4	123.06	133.65	U1488A-14H-3, 135.7	124.26	134.84	Tie	PWL	MS
U1488C-14H-2, 35.7	123.16	134.84	U1488C-14H-6, 95.5	129.76	141.44	Tie	GRA	GRA
U1488B-15H-4, 130.3	130.20	141.44	U1488B-15H-6, 82.2	132.72	143.96	Tie	GRA	GRA
U1488C-15H-1, 108.3	131.88	143.96	U1488C-15H-6, 126.7	139.57	151.64	Tie	GRA	PWL
U1488B-16H-4, 108.5	139.48	151.64	U1488B-16H-6, 12.5	141.53	153.68	Tie	PWL	
U1488C-16H-1, 67	140.97	153.68	U1488C-16H-7, 8.8	149.39	162.10	Tie	PWL	GRA
U1488B-17H-4, 120.8	149.11	162.10	U1488B-17H-7, 6.3	152.27	165.27	Tie	PWL	
U1488A-17H-3, 60	152.00	165.27	U1488A-17H-4, 107.6	153.98	167.24	Tie	PWL	
U1488B-18H-1, 75	153.65	167.24	U1488B-18H-7, 9	162.00	175.58	Tie	PWL	NGR
U1488A-18H-3, 116.2	162.06	175.58	U1488A-18H-5, 27.3	164.17	177.69	Tie	PWL	NGR
U1488B-19H-1, 104.8	163.45	177.69	U1488B-19H-7, 9	171.49	185.74	Tie	PWL	NGR
U1488A-19H-3, 103.6	171.44	185.74	U1488A-19H-4, 135.1	173.25	187.55	Tie	PWL	NGR
U1488B-20H-1, 50.3	172.40	187.55	U1488B-20H-7, 29.4	181.19	196.34	Tie	PWL	NGR
U1488A-20H-3, 146.4	181.36	196.34	U1488A-20H-5, 37.9	183.28	198.26	Tie	GRA	PWL, NGR
U1488B-21H-1, 103.6	182.44	198.26	U1488B-21H-7, 23.9	190.64	206.46	Tie	PWL	NGR, GRA
U1488A-21H-3, 133	190.73	206.46	U1488A-21H-4, 116.2	192.06	207.79	Tie	NGR	GRA, PWL

Table T22 (continued).

Top of splice interval			Bottom of splice interval			Splice type	Data used	Other data needed to verify tie
Hole, core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	Depth CCSF (m)	Hole, core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	Depth CCSF (m)			
U1488B-22H-1, 55.5	191.46	207.79	U1488B-22H-6, 118.8	199.59	215.93	Tie	GRA	
U1488A-22H-3, 105.7	199.96	215.93	U1488A-22H-5, 79.8	202.70	218.67	Tie	GRA	
U1488B-23H-1, 124.7	201.65	218.67	U1488B-23H-7, 29	209.69	226.71	Tie	PWL	NGR
U1488A-23H-4, 30.9	210.21	226.71	U1488A-23H-5, 95.2	212.35	228.85	Tie	PWL	NGR
U1488B-24H-1, 103.3	210.93	228.85	U1488B-24H-6, 133.4	218.73	236.65	Tie	PWL	NGR
U1488A-24H-4, 12.8	219.53	236.65	U1488A-24H-5, 75.2	221.65	238.78	Tie	GRA	NGR
U1488B-25H-1, 77.3	220.17	238.78	U1488B-25H-6, 83.5	227.74	246.34	Tie	PWL	NGR, GRA
U1488A-25H-3, 109.4	228.49	246.34	U1488A-25H-5, 13.6	230.54	248.38	Tie	PWL	NGR, GRA
U1488B-26H-1, 68	229.58	248.38	U1488B-26H-6, 147.6	237.88	256.68	Tie	L*	GRA
U1488A-26H-3, 137.5	238.28	256.68	U1488A-26H-6, 13.4	241.53	259.94	Tie	L*	GRA, PWL, NGR
U1488B-27H-1, 114.3	239.54	259.94	U1488B-27H-5, 42.6	244.82	265.22	Tie	GRA	L*, PWL, NGR
U1488A-27H-2, 37.9	245.28	265.22	U1488A-27H-6, 89.3	251.79	271.73	Tie	GRA	
U1488B-28H-2, 95.6	250.36	271.73	U1488B-28H-4, 114.8	253.55	274.93	Tie	GRA	
U1488A-28H-1, 126.1	254.16	274.93	U1488A-28H-5, 27.2	259.17	279.94	Tie	GRA	L*, PWL, NGR
U1488B-29H-1, 79.8	258.20	279.94	U1488B-29H-5, 1.6	263.42	285.15	Tie	GRA	L*, PWL, NGR
U1488A-29H-1, 143.2	263.83	285.15	U1488A-29H-6, 81.4	270.69	292.02	Tie	GRA	L*, PWL, NGR
U1488B-30H-2, 97.9	269.38	292.02	U1488B-30H-4, 97.5	272.38	295.01	Tie	L*	
U1488A-30H-1, 93.2	272.83	295.01	U1488A-30H-6, 18.6	279.58	301.77	Tie	GRA	L*, PWL
U1488B-31H-2, 3.1	277.93	301.77	U1488B-31H-4, 138.8	282.29	306.12	Tie	GRA	MS
U1488A-31H-1, 101.6	282.42	306.12	U1488A-31H-6, 128.3	290.18	313.89	Tie	L*	MS, GRA
U1488B-32H-3, 9.7	289.00	313.89	U1488B-32H-4, 136.4	291.76	316.66	Tie	GRA	MS
U1488A-32H-1, 85.5	291.76	316.66	U1488A-32H-7, 9	299.99	324.89	Tie	MS	
U1488B-33H-3, 66.4	299.06	324.89	U1488B-33H-7, 69	305.09	330.92	Set		
U1488A-34F-1, 0	305.10	331.04	U1488A-34F-4, 56	309.76	335.70	Set		
U1488A-35F-1, 0	309.80	336.14	U1488A-35F-4, 52	314.52	340.86			

Figure F35. Spliced L* data, WRMSL P-wave velocity (PWL), NGR, and WRMSL MS and GRA bulk density, Site U1488. cps = counts per second.



Geochemistry

Site U1488 was drilled on the Eauripik Rise in the central Caroline Basin at a water depth of 2604 m. High-resolution interstitial water sampling was conducted in the upper ~150 mbsf at this site, with the goal of reconstructing chlorinity (Cl) and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ profiles in Upper Circumpolar Deep Water (UCDW) during the LGM. The interstitial water profiles at this site reflect the influence of carbonate diagenesis and, to a lesser extent, organic matter remineralization in the uppermost 50 mbsf. Preliminary shipboard chlorinity measurements suggest that reconstruction of the salinity of UCDW will be possible with the samples collected at this site. Carbonate content averages 83.5 wt% and increases with depth. Total organic carbon (TOC) decreases downhole from ~0.5% to 0.2% in the uppermost 25 mbsf and continues to decrease downhole to concentrations that are often below the detection limit. For detailed background on organic matter remineralization and clay mineral alteration, see **Geochemistry** in the Site U1482 chapter (Rosenthal et al., 2018b).

Results

Volatile hydrocarbons

Headspace gas samples were taken at a spacing of one sample per core in Hole U1488A as part of the routine environmental protection and safety-monitoring program (Table T23; Figure F37).

Figure F36. A. Comparison of mbsf and composite depth scales in the Site U1488 splice. B. Comparison of the growth of cumulative depth offset and mbsf depth scale.

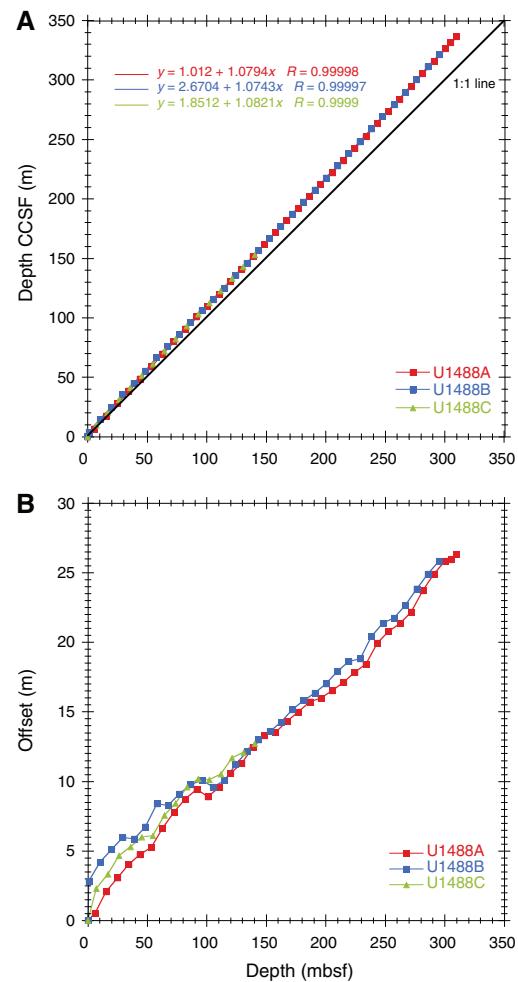


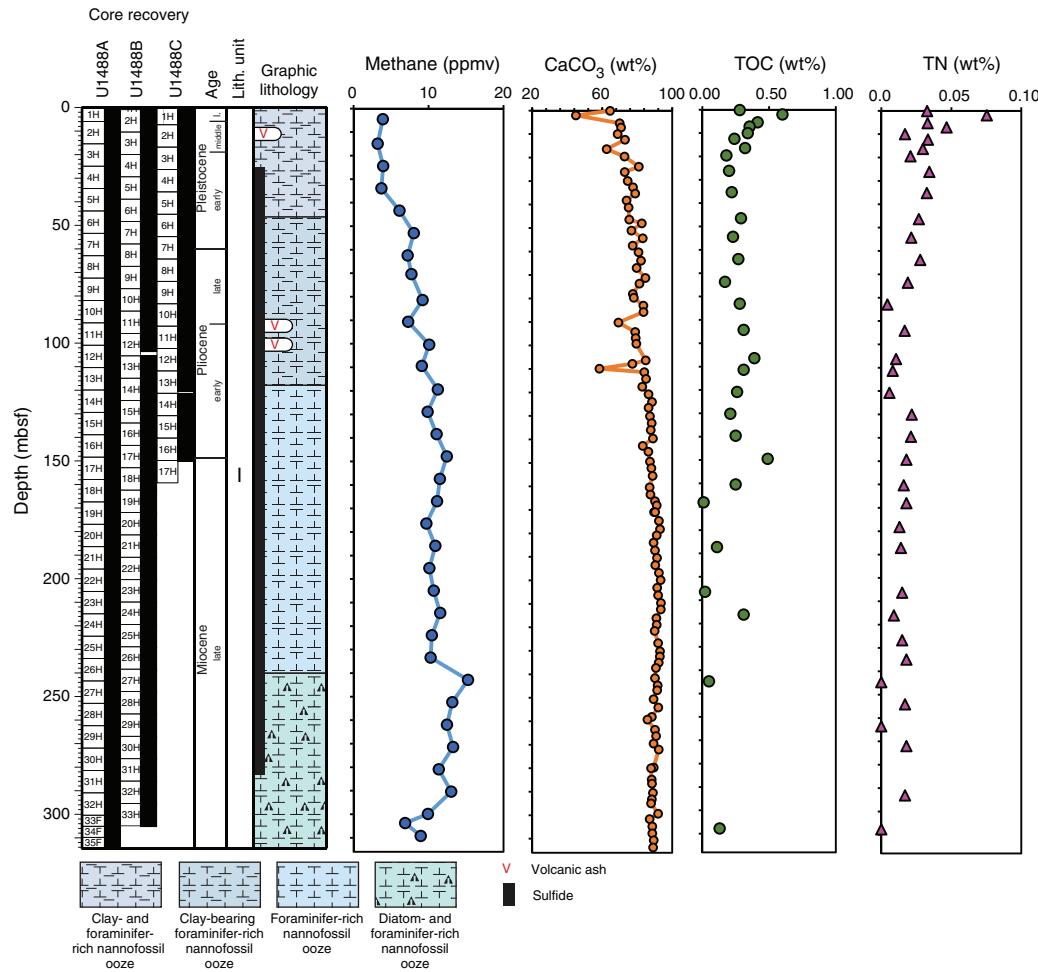
Table T23. Volatile hydrocarbon concentrations, Hole U1488A. [Download table in CSV format](#).

Overall, methane concentration was low (<16 ppmv) throughout Hole U1488A, which is consistent with interstitial water analyses that show high concentrations of dissolved sulfate (SO_4) through the entire hole (see **Sulfate and barium**); however, the methane profile exhibits a clear downhole increasing trend, suggesting increased production and/or decreased consumption downhole or diffusive transport from deeper to shallower sediment. Ethane and propane are below detection limit.

Bulk sediment geochemistry

Calcium carbonate (CaCO_3) content was measured on sediment samples from Hole U1488A (Table T24; Figure F37). In general, CaCO_3 is the major constituent of the sediment, with an average content of 83.5 wt%. CaCO_3 content shows an increasing trend with depth, from ~70 wt% at the top of the hole to >90 wt% at ~170 mbsf. TOC content shows several stepwise decreases downhole, from ~0.5 to 0.2 wt% in the uppermost 25 mbsf with a further decrease at ~170 mbsf to minimal values that are often below the detection limit. Total nitrogen (TN) content shows a similar trend to TOC content. Because TOC and TN concentrations are very low, the

Figure F37. Methane, calcium carbonate, TOC, and TN profiles, Hole U1488A.

Table T24. Calcium carbonate (CaCO_3), total organic carbon (TOC), total nitrogen (TN), and C/N ratio, Hole U1488A. [Download table in CSV format](#).Table T25. Interstitial water geochemical data, Hole U1488A. [Download table in CSV format](#).

C/N ratio estimates are considered to be unreliable and are not plotted.

Interstitial water chemistry

Sampling at Site U1488

A total of 113 whole-round samples and 1 mudline sample were taken from Hole U1488A. High-resolution interstitial water sampling was conducted in the upper ~ 150 mbsf at this site with the goal of constructing the Cl and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of the UCDW during the LGM. Deeper than 150 mbsf, interstitial water sampling continued at one sample per core. Of the interstitial water samples collected, 50 were used for shipboard analyses following the procedures described in **Geochemistry** in the Expedition 363 methods chapter (Rosenthal et al., 2018a). Interstitial water chemistry data are reported in Table T25.

Chlorinity and salinity

The Cl profile at Site U1488 displays considerable variability, with values ranging between 546.5 and 560.7 mM (Figure F38). Cl concentration increases from a mudline value of 549.8 mM to a

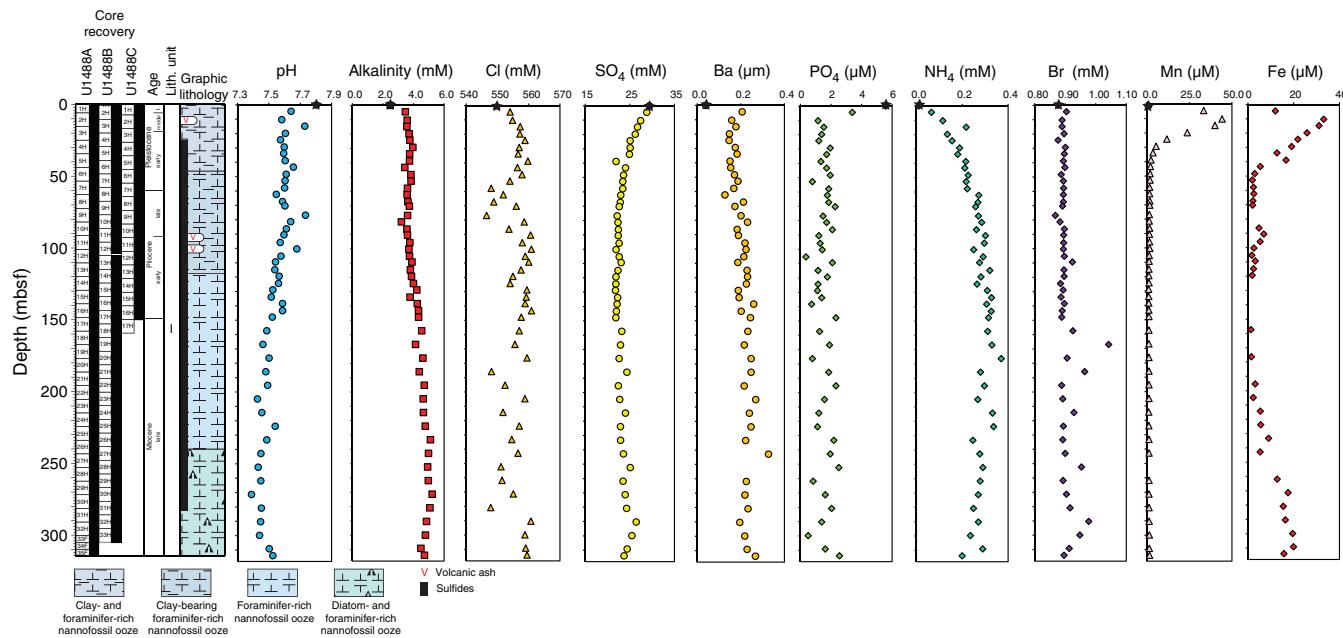
broad local maximum that averages 558 ± 2 mM between 14.8 and 48.3 mbsf, followed by a sharp drop between 48.3 and 57.8, with lower values (550 ± 4 mM) to 76.8 mbsf. The peak in the upper 77 mbsf likely represents the LGM, which will be further investigated by high-precision shore-based analysis. Below ~ 100 mbsf, Cl shows a slight decreasing trend toward the base of the hole (313.9 mbsf) but with large (up to 11 mM) variations superimposed over the subtle decreasing trend.

Salinity at Site U1488 (not shown) varies similarly to Cl in the upper 77 mbsf. An increase in salinity from 36 at the mudline to a peak of 37 between 19.8 and 29.3 mbsf coincides with the peak in chlorinity around this depth. Salinity subsequently decreases to 36 and remains at this level downhole to 242.8 mbsf. A small increase to a salinity of 37 occurs from 242.8 mbsf to the bottom of the hole.

Alkalinity and pH

Alkalinity increases from a mudline value of 2.5 mM to 3.5 mM at 4.5 mbsf, whereas pH decreases from 7.8 to 7.6 over the same interval (Figure F38). For the remainder of the profile, alkalinity shows a gradual and fairly linear increase to a maximum of 5.2 mM at 271.3 mbsf. pH shows an inverse relationship with alkalinity, with a gradual decrease toward lower values of 7.4 at the base of the hole. The inverse relationship of these trends suggests that interstitial water alkalinity and pH are in a large part controlled by carbonate diagenesis at this site. Minor sulfate depletion in the uppermost ~ 60

Figure F38. Interstitial water concentration profiles, Hole U1488A. Black stars = mudline samples. Fe mudline concentration was below detection limit and is not plotted.



mbsf indicates that organic matter remineralization is likely influencing the alkalinity and pH profiles within this interval of the hole.

Sulfate and barium

Sulfate (SO_4) concentration at Site U1488 decreases from a seawater-like value of 29.4 mM at the mudline to a minimum of 21.9 mM at 147.8 mbsf (Figure F38). Slight curvature in the SO_4 profile in this interval indicates the occurrence of sulfate reduction. Interestingly, SO_4 concentration shows an overall increasing (albeit noisy) trend below 147.8 mbsf and exceeds 25 mM at 290.3 mbsf before decreasing slightly to the base of the hole at 313.9 mbsf. The roughly linear nature of this increase suggests diffusion from a source of sulfate at depth (see **Discussion**).

Barium (Ba) concentration increases from 0.04 μM at the mudline to 0.21 μM at 4.5 mbsf (Figure F38). For the remainder of the interstitial water profile, Ba is low (averaging 0.21 μM) and constant, varying by <0.2% between 4.5 and 313.9 mbsf. The low Ba concentration reflects both the low overall organic matter content (Figure F37) and the presence of dissolved SO_4 , which facilitates retention of Ba in the solid phase.

Phosphate, ammonium, and bromide

Phosphate (PO_4) concentration decreases abruptly from a mudline concentration of 5.6 μM to 1.2 μM at 10.3 mbsf (Figure F38). PO_4 typically peaks during organic matter remineralization; thus, this rapid decrease may reflect a combination of organic matter remineralization, scavenging of PO_4 by sorption to clay minerals, or possibly small amounts of diagenetic apatite precipitation. Deeper than 10.3 mbsf, PO_4 concentration is low but variable, averaging $1.6 \pm 0.5 \mu\text{M}$. Although values of >2 μM were observed deeper than 10 mbsf, the overall PO_4 concentration is consistently low.

Ammonium (NH_4) concentration increases from 0.01 mM at the mudline to ~0.3 mM between 128.8 and 176.3 mbsf (Figure F38). Deeper than 176.3 mbsf, NH_4 concentration decreases slightly to 0.2 mM. The overall low NH_4 concentration is reflective of the generally low organic matter content at this site. Bromide (Br) con-

centration remains largely constant throughout the hole, with average values of $0.90 \pm 0.03 \text{ mM}$, but is more variable deeper than ~150 mbsf (Figure F38). The relatively constant Br again reflects the low organic matter content at the site.

Manganese and iron

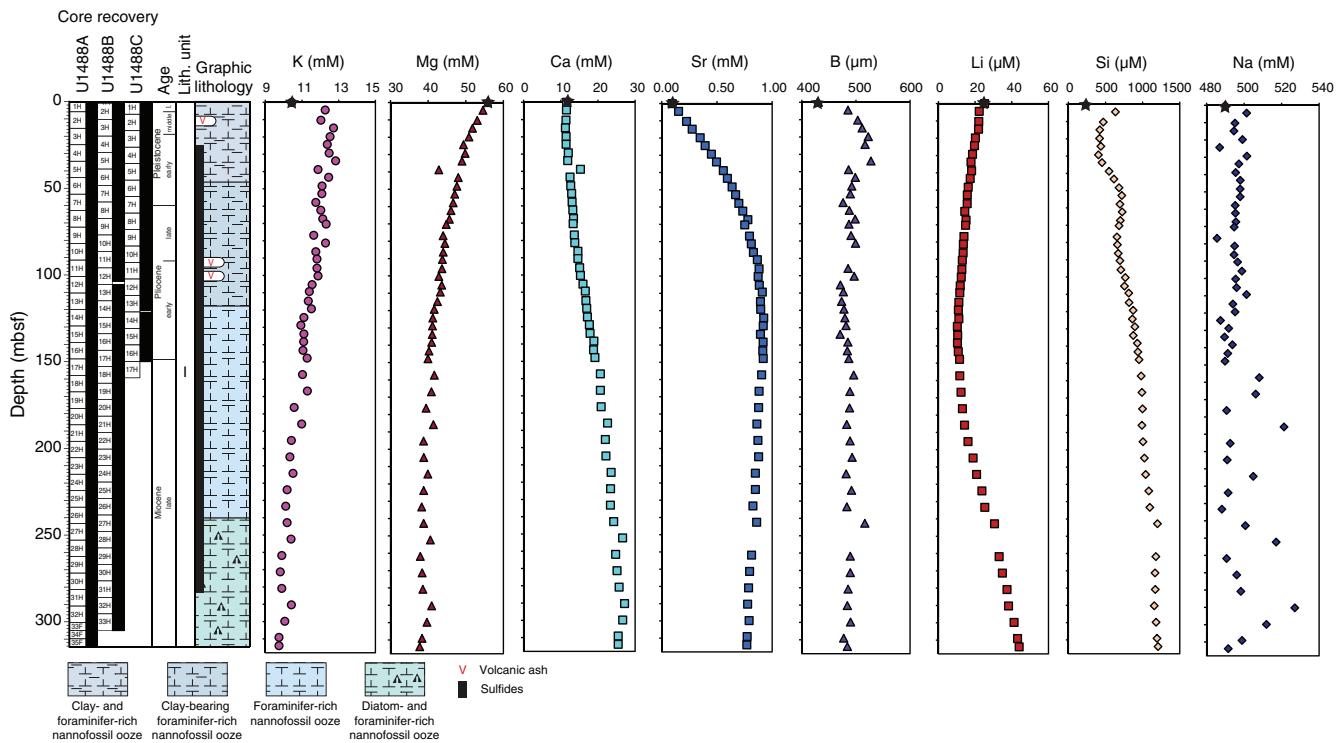
Manganese (Mn) concentration increases in the upper 10.3 mbsf, from 1.1 to 44.2 μM , followed by a decrease between 10.3 and 57.8 mbsf to <2 μM (Figure F38). Mn concentration remains low (<2 μM) from 57.8 mbsf to the base of the hole. The shape of the Mn profile in the upper 30 mbsf reflects the reduction of Mn hydroxides and Mn oxyhydroxides as organic matter is degraded.

Iron (Fe) behaves similarly to dissolved Mn in the upper ~58 mbsf (Figure F38). Fe concentration increases from a value below detection limit at the mudline to a maximum of 33.1 μM at 10.3 mbsf before decreasing to values of <2 μM at 52.8 mbsf and remains low to 195.3 mbsf. As with Mn, the Fe profile reflects reduction of Fe hydroxides and Fe oxyhydroxides during organic matter remineralization in the shallowest sediment at this site. In stark contrast to the Mn profile, Fe concentration shows a pronounced downhole increase beginning at 195.3 mbsf, reaching 19.9 μM at 309.1 mbsf.

Potassium, magnesium, and calcium

Potassium (K) increases from the mudline (10.4 mM) to 14.8 mbsf (12.7 mM) (Figure F39). Deeper than 33.8 mbsf, K displays a smooth, generally linear decrease to the base of Hole U1488A at 313.9 mbsf (9.75 mM). Calcium (Ca) concentration remains mostly constant in the upper ~24 mbsf of the hole (~11.5 mM), slowly increases downhole to 13.7 mM by ~81 mbsf, and then more rapidly increases to 27.1 mM by ~290 mbsf (Figure F39). Magnesium (Mg) concentration exhibits a progressive downhole decrease from seawater-like values at the mudline (55.8 mM) to 37.8 mM at the base of Hole U1488A (Figure F39). Curvature within this profile suggests some uptake of Mg in the upper ~150 mbsf or a change in the Mg concentration of seawater over this time interval (see **Discussion**).

Figure F39. Interstitial water concentration profiles, Hole U1488A. Black stars = mudline samples.



Strontium and boron

Strontium (Sr) shows a steady increase over the upper ~110 mbsf from a mudline Sr concentration of 0.1 mM to a maximum of ~0.8–0.9 mM between 109.3 and 147.8 mbsf (Figure F39). Deeper than 147.8 mbsf, Sr decreases toward the base of the hole, reaching a concentration of 0.77 mM at 313.9 mbsf. The trend and curvature of the profile in the upper ~110 mbsf suggest that interstitial water Sr is influenced by CaCO_3 diagenesis, whereas deeper than ~148 mbsf, the profile shows evidence of diffusion. Boron (B) concentration increases slightly from 430.6 μM near the mudline to 485.4 μM at 4.5 mbsf (Figure F39). Below this depth, the B profile shows a small downhole increase in the upper ~34 mbsf to values of ~523–527 μM before decreasing to 487.9 μM at 38.8 mbsf. From 38.8 mbsf to the base of the hole, B concentration varies within 8% of 487 μM .

Lithium, silica, and sodium

Lithium (Li) decreases downhole from a mudline value of 25.1 μM to a minimum of 10.2 μM at ~129 mbsf in Hole U1488A (Figure F39). Thereafter, Li concentration increases markedly toward the base of the hole, reaching a maximum value of 44 μM at 313.9 mbsf. Silica (Si) is characterized by an increasing downhole trend from a mudline concentration of 236.7 μM to 1206.6 μM at 313.9 mbsf; several smaller scale variations occur within this overall increasing trend (Figure F39). First, Si concentration increases rapidly from 236.7 μM at the mudline to 633.2 μM at 4.5 mbsf and then decreases to values of ~403–422 μM between 14.8 and 29.3 mbsf before increasing again below that depth. Another slight drop (~30 μM) in Si concentration occurs between 62.3 and 76.8 mbsf, below which concentration steadily increases. Sodium (Na) concentration is fairly constant over the upper 150 mbsf, averaging 495 ± 5 mM (Figure F39). Between 147.8 and 313.9 mbsf, the Na profile becomes markedly more variable, with concentration ranging between ~488 and 527 mM over the remainder of the hole.

Discussion

Four distinct processes appear to contribute to the observed trends in the interstitial water geochemistry at Site U1488: (1) early diagenetic remineralization of organic matter, (2) carbonate diagenesis, (3) contributions from deep fluids, and (4) temporal evolution of seawater chemistry.

Early diagenetic organic matter remineralization processes influence interstitial water geochemistry in the upper part of the sediment to about 80 mbsf. The small downhole decrease in SO_4^{2-} concentration to ~22 mM and corresponding modest increase in NH_4^+ concentration to 0.4 mM indicate limited degradation of organic matter within the sediment, likely due to low sedimentary organic carbon content. Nonetheless, active Fe and Mn oxide/oxyhydroxide cycling occurs in the upper ~50 mbsf, as revealed by pronounced enrichments in dissolved Mn and Fe above this depth. The particularly high peak in Fe concentration measured in the interstitial water at 10.3 mbsf (33.2 μM), which marks the transition between the oxic upper sediment horizon and underlying suboxic sediment, suggests that a substantial source of reactive iron is available at Site U1488, possibly from hydrogenous Fe-Mn oxyhydroxide phases and/or eolian dust. Dissolved PO_4^{3-} becomes rapidly depleted below 10 mbsf to a negligible concentration (~1 μM) suggesting that precipitation of authigenic phosphate phases such as carbonate fluorapatite may be taking place in the sediment, in agreement with previous investigations at other carbonate-rich sedimentary settings (Froelich et al., 1988).

The interstitial water profiles also indicate that carbonate diagenesis takes place within the sediment column. This process can be inferred from the steady 10-fold enrichment of dissolved Sr downhole to ~100 mbsf accompanied by an increase of dissolved Ca. The observed relationship between Ca and Sr is best explained by carbonate dissolution (Baker et al., 1982); however, the slight increase

in alkalinity within the same sediment interval suggests that carbonate recrystallization also occurs simultaneously.

Deeper than ~100 mbsf, the interstitial water geochemistry shows increasing concentrations of alkalinity, SO_4 , Ca, and Li and decreasing trends of Na, K, and pH. Many of these trends are linear in nature and cannot be collectively explained either by degradation of organic matter or by carbonate diagenesis. Instead, we suggest that the interstitial water geochemical trends deeper than 100 mbsf in Hole U1488A might reflect the influence of a deep fluid source through diffusion. As reported previously for Site U1486, the inverse pattern observed between Ca (increasing) and Mg (decreasing) concentrations is a common feature of interstitial water profiles overlying oceanic basement (see **Geochemistry** in the Site U1486 chapter [Rosenthal et al., 2018c]). Basalt-seawater low-temperature interaction typically leads to Ca release into the surrounding environment and Mg sequestration due to formation of authigenic clays. The trends in Ca and Mg can also be interpreted as reflecting carbonate diagenesis, which, as discussed above, occurs at this site. A previous study suggests that observed increases and decreases of dissolved Ca and Mg in a 1:1 ratio are indicative of carbonate diagenesis; however, when dissolved Ca gains are larger than Mg losses, the profiles are more easily explained by weathering of basaltic material (McDuff and Gieskes, 1976). Deeper than ~80 mbsf, the increase in Ca is nearly twice the decrease in Mg, supporting the idea that the interstitial water profile in the deeper portion of Hole U1488A is reflective of basalt-seawater interaction.

The relatively high SO_4 concentration deeper than ~150 mbsf is also in agreement with upward diffusion of deep fluid signatures related to basalt-seawater interactions (Baker et al., 1991). The bottom part (>150 mbsf) of Hole U1488A is also characterized by a marked increase in dissolved Fe. Similar Fe enrichments, accompanied by increases in SO_4 and Mn, have been documented at deep ocean drilling sites (D'Hondt et al., 2004) and were interpreted as indicative of deep microbial redox processes, associated with the presence of oxygen and nitrate-rich fluids migrating upward from the underlying oceanic basement. Although some of the interstitial profiles at this site are suggestive of upward migration of basement-influenced fluids, notably missing are an increase in Mn concentration and evidence of oxygen or nitrate-rich fluids that would support microbial redox processes at this site.

Finally, several of the interstitial water profiles at Site U1488 might be influenced by secular variations in seawater chemistry. Based on interstitial water and solid phase geochemical data from a similarly carbonate-rich site (ODP Site 807) on the Ontong Java Plateau, Fantle and DePaolo (2006) concluded that an increase in seawater Mg of at least several millimolar occurred over the past 10 My. A secular change in seawater Mg may also more readily explain the observed decrease in interstitial water Mg with depth observed at Site U1488, given the relatively low sedimentary clay content in the cores (see **Core description**).

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