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Site U1526¹

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Background and objectives

Site U1526 (proposed Site HSM-08A) is located on the western flank of Tūrangānui Knoll seamount in 2908 m water depth, east of Site U1520 in the Hikurangi Trough (Figures [F1](#), [F2](#)). The primary objective of drilling at Site U1526 was to sample the thin sedimentary section (~30 m) and underlying volcanoclastics and/or igneous basement (see Figures [F2](#), [F3](#), both in the Expedition 372B/375 summary chapter [Saffer et al., 2019]). The seamount is elevated above the Hikurangi Plateau, a Cretaceous large igneous province (~118–96 Ma) currently subducting at the Hikurangi subduction zone. The age of the seamount is unknown; similar seamounts on the plateau are thought to have formed in the Late Cretaceous (~99–87 Ma; Hoernle et al., 2010), although earlier seamount formation during Hikurangi Plateau emplacement cannot be ruled out (e.g., Davy et al., 2008). Tūrangānui Knoll and many other seamounts on the Hikurangi Plateau are guyot-like, with a flat-topped, steep-sided morphology suggestive of the erosion of an island volcano to sea level. Dredge samples from nearby seamounts have included sandstones, conglomerates, lavas, and volcanoclastic breccia,

in some cases suggestive of shallow-water to subaerial depositional environments (Hoernle et al., 2010). Small volcanic cones on top of the seamount have a more pristine morphology (Figure [F2](#)) and may be more recent, perhaps as young as Pliocene (e.g., Timm et al., 2010).

The scientific objective of coring was to characterize the seamount's composition, physical properties, extent of alteration and hydration, and structure and hydrogeology prior to transport into the slow slip event (SSE) source region. Seismic imaging shows that subducted seamounts are present in the source region of shallow SSEs along the drilling transect (Bell et al., 2010; Barker et al., 2018) and may represent barriers to SSE propagation (Wallace et al., 2016). It is also possible that the subducted seamounts play a role in the location and rupture processes of historical tsunami earthquakes (Bell et al., 2014), as well as influence the location of tremor (Barker et al., 2018; Todd et al., 2018). Priorities for post-expedition analysis of cores include but are not limited to measurement of the mechanical, elastic, frictional, and hydrologic properties of the incoming sediment and basement along with detailed analyses of composition and alteration.

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Figure F1. Bathymetry and location of Sites U1526 and U1520. Black line shows location of Seismic Profile 05CM-04 in Figure F2.

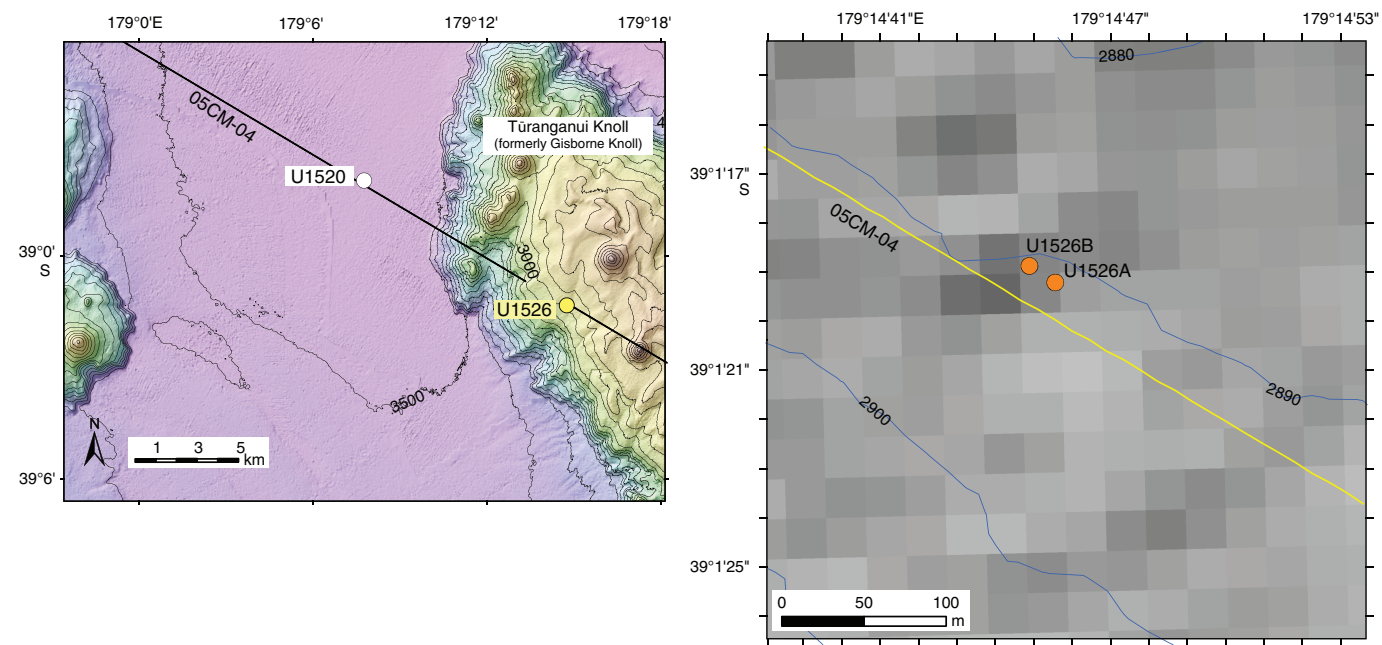
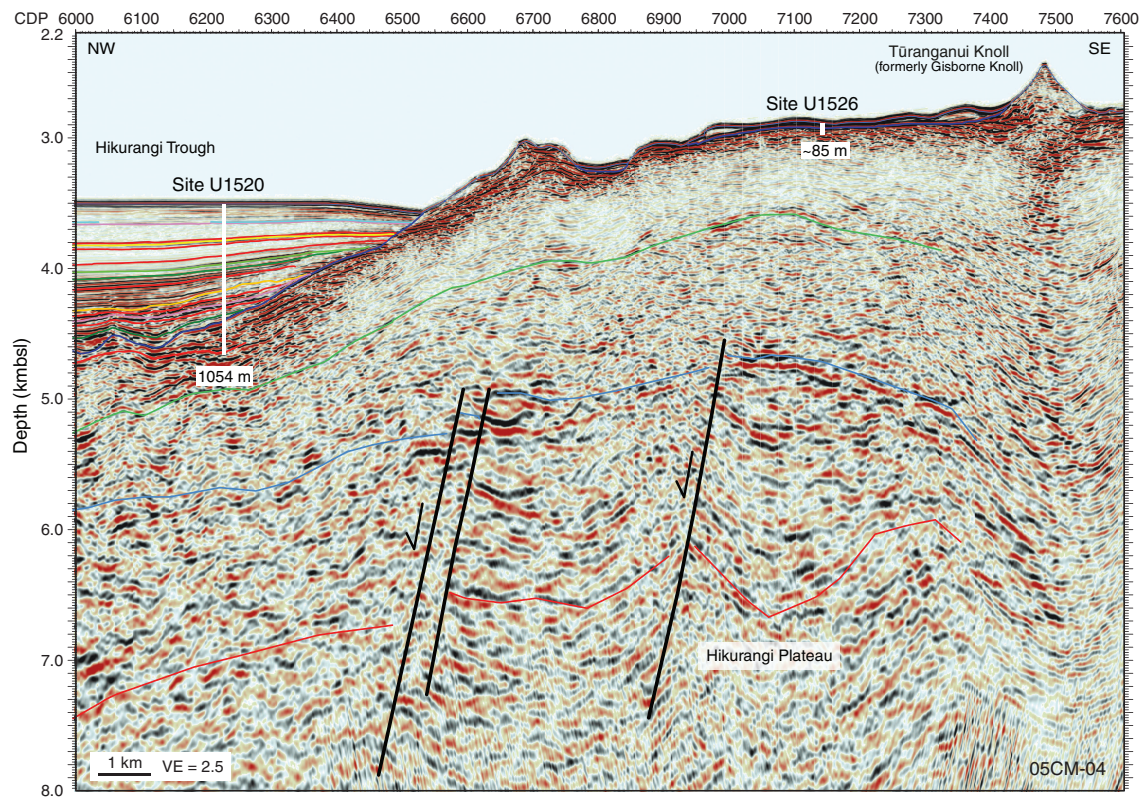


Figure F2. Seismic reflection image from Profile 05CM-04 (Barker et al., 2018) showing locations of Sites U1520 and U1526 (pre-expedition interpretation). VE = vertical exaggeration.



Operations

Transit to Site U1526

The vessel arrived at Site U1526 at 1700 h (UTC + 12 h) on 22 April 2018. Upon arrival, the thrusters were lowered, and the dynamic positioning (DP) system was engaged.

Hole U1526A

A rotary core barrel (RCB) bottom-hole assembly (BHA) was assembled, and the drill string was lowered to the seafloor. Hole U1526A (39°1.3203'S, 179°14.7594'E; 2890.1 meters below sea level [mbsl]; Table T1) was spudded at 0150 h on 23 April 2018. Cores 1R–14R advanced from 0 to 83.6 meters below seafloor (mbsf) and recovered 29.26 m (35% recovery). Nonmagnetic core barrels were used for all cores. At the completion of coring, the drill bit was par-

tially raised from the seafloor, and the ship returned to nearby Site U1520.

Hole U1526B

On 2 May 2018, we returned to Site U1526 following an 8 h transit from Site U1520 in DP mode. The ship was offset 20 m west-northwest from Hole U1526A, and Hole U1526B (39°1.3146'S, 179°14.7481'E; 2888.4 mbsl) was spudded at 2015 h on 2 May. Advanced piston corer (APC) Cores 1H–4H and extended core barrel (XCB) Core 5X advanced from 0 to 33.5 mbsf and recovered 31.56 m (94% recovery). Nonmagnetic core barrels were used for all APC cores. The total time spent at Site U1526 was 2.88 days.

The R/V *JOIDES Resolution* started the transit to Auckland (New Zealand) at 1200 h on 3 May. International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) Expedition 375 ended with the first line ashore at the Freyberg Wharf in Auckland, New Zealand, at 0652 h on 5 May.

Table T1. Core summary, Site U1526. * = total advanced, † = total cored. DRF = drilling depth below rig floor, DSF = drilling depth below seafloor, CSF = core depth below seafloor. H = advanced piston corer, X = extended core barrel, R = rotary core barrel. NM = nonmagnetic core barrel. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Hole U1526A (Expedition 375)						Hole U1526B (Expedition 375)				
Latitude: 39°1.3203 S						Latitude: 39°1.3146 S				
Longitude: 179°14.7594 E						Longitude: 179°14.7481 E				
Time on hole: 51.12 h (2.13 d)						Time on hole: 18 h (0.75 d)				
Seafloor (drill pipe measurement from rig floor, m DRF): 2901.3						Seafloor (drill pipe measurement from rig floor, m DRF): 2899.7				
Distance between rig floor and sea level (m): 11.2						Distance between rig floor and sea level (m): 11.3				
Water depth (drill pipe measurement from sea level, m): 2890.1						Water depth (drill pipe measurement from sea level, m): 2888.4				
Total penetration (drilling depth below seafloor, m DSF): 83.6						Total penetration (drilling depth below seafloor, m DSF): 33.5				
Total length of cored section (m): 83.6						Total length of cored section (m): 33.5				
Total core recovered (m): 29.26						Total core recovered (m): 31.56				
Core recovery (%): 35						Core recovery (%): 94				
Total number of cores: 14						Total number of cores: 5				

Core	Date	Time on deck UTC (h)	Top depth drilled DSF (m)	Bottom depth drilled DSF (m)	Interval advanced (m)	Top depth cored CSF (m)	Bottom depth cored CSF (m)	Recovered length (m)	Core recovery (%)	Comment
375-U1526A-										
1R	22 Apr 2018	1420	0.0	9.7	9.7	0.0	0.23	0.23	2	NM
2R	22 Apr 2018	1510	9.7	19.4	9.7	9.7	10.14	0.44	5	NM
3R	22 Apr 2018	1620	19.4	29.1	9.7	19.4	21.18	1.78	18	NM
4R	22 Apr 2018	1800	29.1	38.8	9.7	29.1	30.19	1.09	11	NM
5R	22 Apr 2018	2200	38.8	44.8	6.0	38.8	42.71	3.91	65	NM
6R	23 Apr 2018	0135	44.8	49.8	5.0	44.8	48.86	4.06	81	NM
7R	23 Apr 2018	0500	49.8	51.9	2.1	49.8	51.89	2.09	100	NM
8R	23 Apr 2018	0855	51.9	55.8	3.9	51.9	55.79	3.89	100	NM
9R	23 Apr 2018	1115	55.8	59.5	3.7	55.8	57.88	2.08	56	NM
10R	23 Apr 2018	1340	59.5	64.6	5.1	59.5	61.67	2.17	43	NM
11R	23 Apr 2018	1640	64.6	69.1	4.5	64.6	67.85	3.25	72	NM
12R	23 Apr 2018	2140	69.1	74.0	4.9	69.1	69.97	0.87	18	NM
13R	24 Apr 2018	0015	74.0	79.0	5.0	74.0	75.01	1.01	20	NM
14R	24 Apr 2018	0225	79.0	83.6	4.6	79.0	81.39	2.39	52	NM
Hole U1526A totals:				83.6*	83.6†			29.26	35	
375-U1526B-										
1H	2 May 2018	0840	0.0	5.8	5.8	0.0	5.81	5.81	100	NM
2H	2 May 2018	0945	5.8	15.3	9.5	5.8	14.37	8.57	90	NM
3H	2 May 2018	1040	15.3	24.8	9.5	15.3	24.16	8.86	93	NM
4H	2 May 2018	1140	24.8	32.5	7.7	24.8	32.51	7.71	100	NM
5X	2 May 2018	1350	32.5	33.5	1.0	32.5	33.11	0.61	61	
Hole U1526B totals:				33.5*	33.5†			31.56	94	
Site U1526 totals:				117.1*	117.1†			60.82	52	

Lithostratigraphy

We identified two lithostratigraphic units at Site U1526 (Figure F3). Unit I is a condensed section of fine-grained mixed siliciclastic-calcareous sediment grading downsection to biocalcareous sediment; Unit II is volcanoclastic. Unit II displays significant increases in magnetic susceptibility and natural gamma radiation (NGR) compared with the overlying carbonates (Figure F4).

Unit I

Interval: 375-U1526B-1H-1, 0 cm, to 4H-4, 94 cm
Thickness: 30.23 m
Depth: 0–30.23 mbsf
Age: Late Cretaceous to Holocene
Lithology: mud, calcareous mud, and nannofossil ooze with foraminifers

Coring in Holes U1526A and U1526B started at the mudline. Because Hole U1526A was cored exclusively with the RCB system, recovery of soft sediment was limited (<20% recovery) and did not include the complete sedimentary cover sequence. APC coring in Hole U1526B (90%–100% recovery) recovered the same sediments observed in Hole U1526A plus some lithologies missed in the first hole. We report interval depths for Unit I using curated depths from Hole U1526B.

Figure F3. Lithostratigraphic summary, Site U1526. Core recovery: black = recovery, white = no recovery. Ages are defined by foraminifer and nanno-fossil biostratigraphy and coralline algae (see Biostratigraphy).

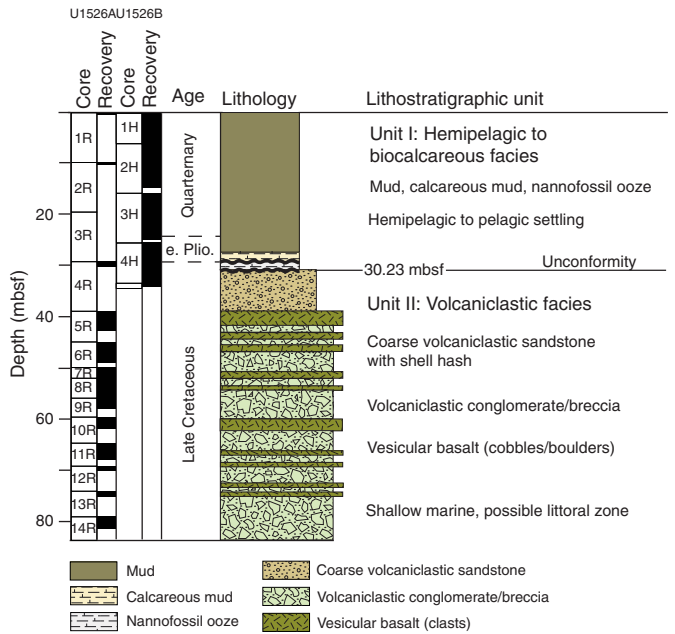


Figure F4. Color reflectance, bulk density, magnetic susceptibility (MS), and NGR variations, Hole U1526A. cps = counts per second.

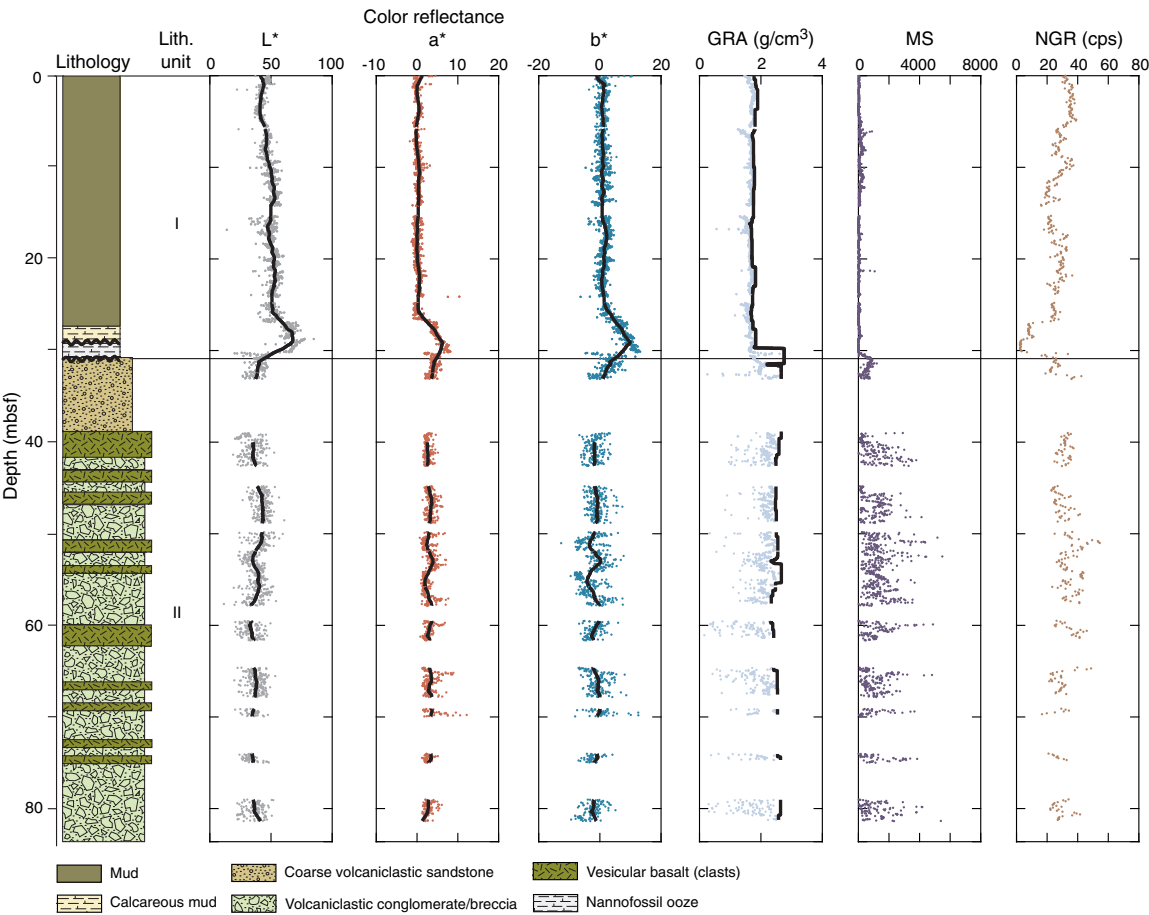
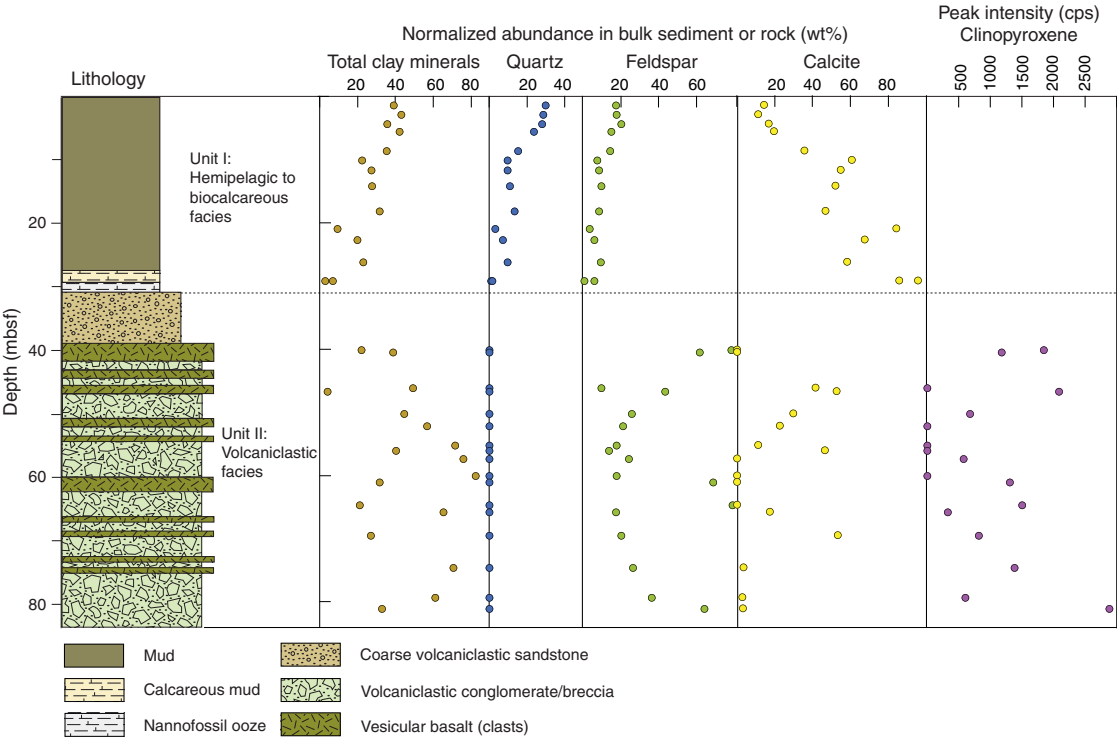


Table T2. Lithostratigraphic units, Site U1526. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Lith. unit	Hole, core, section, interval (cm)		Depth (mbsf)		Thickness (m)	Stratigraphic age	Lithologic summary	Dominant processes of sedimentation
	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom				
I	375- U1526A-1R-CC, 0	375- U1526A-4R-1, 0	0.00	29.10	30.23	Middle Pleistocene to Late Cretaceous	Mud (silty clay to clayey silt), calcareous mud, and nannofossil-rich ooze	Hemipelagic to pelagic settling
	U1526B-1H-1, 0	U1526B-4H-4, 94	0.00	30.23				
II	U1526A-4R-1, 0	U1526A-14R-CC, 12	29.10	81.39	51.16	Late Cretaceous	Volcaniclastic conglomerate and coarse sand with bivalve shells	Fragmentation, abrasion, and limited transport of basalt in shallow-marine environment, possibly by waves in the littoral zone
	U1526B-4H-4, 94	U1526B-5X-CC, 60	30.23	33.11				

Table T3. Bulk-powder X-ray diffraction results, Site U1526. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Figure F5. Bulk powder XRD results, Site U1526. Peak intensity values (cps = counts per step) for clinopyroxene provide qualitative indications of the severity of basalt alteration in the volcaniclastic facies.



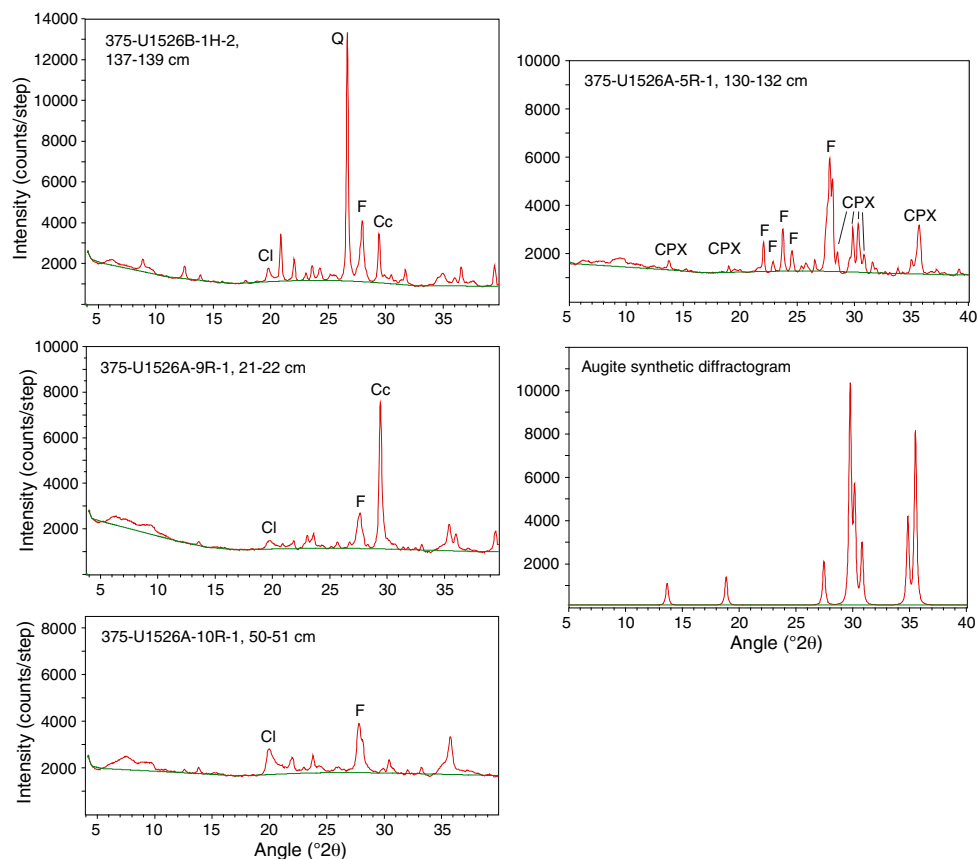
Unit I extends from 0 to 30.23 mbsf (interval 375-U1526B-1H-1, 0 cm, to 4H-4, 94 cm) (Table T2). The sediment changes down-section from mud (silty clay to clayey silt with nannofossils) to calcareous mud to nannofossil ooze (Figure F3). The depositional age ranges from Holocene to Late Cretaceous (see Biostratigraphy). Disseminated ash pod layers show abundant highly vesicular pumiceous clasts and common dense-blocky and cusped glass shards as well as a phenocryst assemblage of feldspar, amphibole, and pyroxene. Normalized mineral abundances from bulk powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) are listed in Table T3 and plotted in Figure F5. These compositional data define a gradual increase in calcite down-section corresponding to a decrease in total clay minerals. Representative X-ray diffractograms are shown in Figure F6.

From 0 to 26.91 mbsf (Figure F7) (interval 375-U1526B-1H-1, 0 cm, to 4H-2, 61 cm), the dominant lithology in Unit I is greenish gray mud (silty clay to clayey silt) with scattered layers of silt and volcanic ash. Smear slides indicate that the mud consists mainly of

clay minerals and common feldspar, quartz, and volcanic grains (mainly transparent glass). Trace to common abundances of foraminifers, nannofossils, diatoms, radiolarians, and sponge spicules were observed as microfossil content. Silt layers are rich in foraminifers.

A sharp boundary at 26.91 mbsf (Section 375-U1526B-4H-2, 61 cm) separates the greenish gray mud from light brown calcareous mud (Figure F7). This change is associated with an increase in nannofossil content. The calcareous mud extends to 28.70 mbsf (Section 4H-3, 91 cm). We analyzed one sample of calcareous mud for carbonate content, and its value is 38.4 wt% (Table T3). Smear slides show that the calcareous mud is composed of quartz, feldspar, clay minerals, common volcanic grains (including transparent and colored glass), and abundant nannofossils. Larger bioclasts include abundant foraminifers and rare radiolarians, sponge spicules, and mollusks. Foraminifers from this lithology in Hole U1526B are mid-to early Pleistocene (0.62–2.17 Ma) in age, whereas the oldest fossils

Figure F6. Representative X-ray diffractograms for sediments and volcanic clasts, Site U1526. Synthetic diffractogram for augite, generated using MacDiff software, is shown for comparison with mildly altered basalt. Cl = total clay minerals, Q = quartz, F = feldspar (plagioclase), Cc = calcite, CPX = clinopyroxene.



from this depth interval in Hole U1526A are early Pliocene (3.9–5.44 Ma) in age (see [Biostratigraphy](#)).

The lowermost lithology in Unit I is brownish white nanofossil ooze extending from 28.70 to 30.23 mbsf (Figure [F8](#)) (interval 375-U1526B-4H-3, 91 cm, to 4H-4, 94 cm). One sample of this lithology yields a carbonate content of 70 wt% (Table [T3](#)). Its boundary with the overlying calcareous mud is sharp and subhorizontal (Figure [F7B](#)). Foraminifers and nanofossils from the base of the nanofossil ooze are Late Cretaceous in age (see [Biostratigraphy](#)). If this age reflects the time of deposition of the entire ooze interval, then the contact with overlying calcareous mud is a significant unconformity.

We interpret Unit I to be pelagic to hemipelagic in origin with very low sedimentation rates on the crest of the seamount. The decrease in carbonate content upsection could be a result of post-Cretaceous subsidence of the Tūrangānui Knoll to a position closer to the lysocline. The cause of the sharp unconformity between nanofossil ooze (Late Cretaceous) and overlying calcareous mud (early Pliocene to early Pleistocene) is unclear.

Unit II

Interval: 375-U1526B-4H-4, 94 cm, to 375-U1526A-14R-CC, 12 cm

Thickness: 51.16 mbsf

Depth: 30.23–81.39 mbsf

Age: Late Cretaceous

Lithology: coarse volcanoclastic sandstone and volcanoclastic conglomerate

Unit II extends from 30.23 to 81.39 mbsf (interval 375-U1526B-4H-4, 94 cm, to 375-U1526A-14R-CC, 12 cm) and is composed of volcanoclastic sandstone and conglomerate. Macrofossils in the volcanoclastic conglomerates indicate a Late Cretaceous age (see [Biostratigraphy](#)). Recovery was better in Cores 375-U1526B-4H (100%) and 5X (60%) than in Core 375-U1526A-4R (11%), so we use the curated depths in Hole U1526B to define the top depth of Unit II; the bottom depth is defined in Hole U1526A.

The Unit I/II boundary coincides with a 20 cm thick interval (375-U1526B-4H-4, 94–113 cm) rich in manganese concretions (Figures [F7](#), [F9](#)). These concretions are underlain by coarse volcanoclastic sand (Figure [F10A](#)). The unconsolidated nature of this sand resulted in differential settling by size during core retrieval. Given the stark contrast in lithofacies across the unit boundary, the presence of the manganese crust, and the Cretaceous macrofossils in the volcanoclastic conglomerate, we interpret the contact to be an unconformity. The length of the hiatus represented by this unconformity will be refined as depositional ages of the nanofossil ooze above and the volcanoclastic facies below become clearer with future detailed studies.

The upper part of Unit II recovered in Hole U1526A (Core 4R) is reddish brown in color and ranges in grain size from coarse sand to granules (Figure [F10](#)). The lithified detritus includes a wide variety of rounded volcanoclasts composed of basalt and volcanoclastic sandstone. Concave shells of bivalves are also abundant. This sediment displays crude stratification, an organized clast-supported fabric, and moderate sorting. The intact shells and tabular clasts of basalt are aligned preferentially with their apparent long axes sub-

Figure F7. Contacts (dashed line) between lithologies in Unit I, Hole U1526B. A. Contact between greenish gray mud and light brown (early Pleistocene?) calcareous mud. B. Contact between (early Pliocene?) calcareous mud and Late Cretaceous nannofossil-rich ooze with foraminifers.

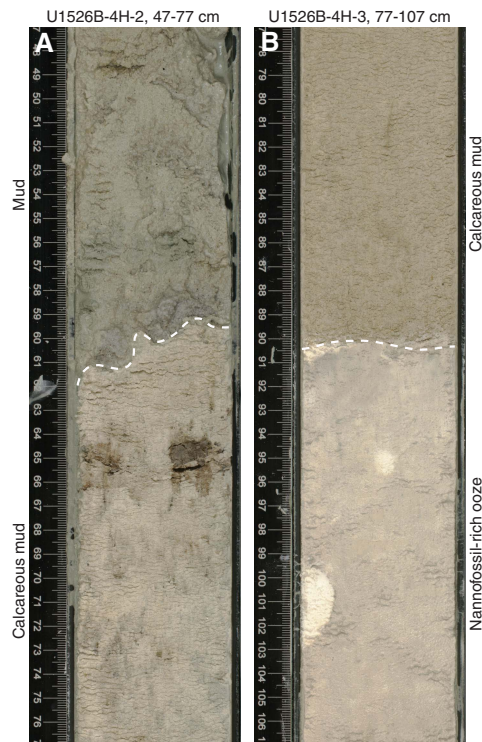
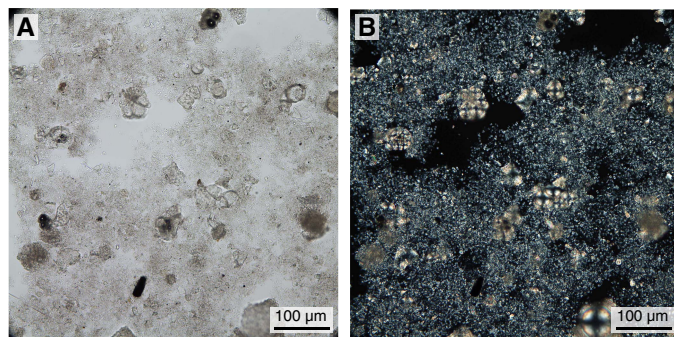


Figure F8. Nannofossil-rich ooze with foraminifers (375-U1526A-3R-2, 63 cm). A. Plane-polarized light (PPL). B. Cross-polarized light (XPL).



parallel to cryptic bedding (Figure F11A). The rounded volcaniclasts include vesicular basalt and variably altered basalt with feldspar, pyroxene, olivine, and spinel. The uppermost parts of this deposit also contain rounded clasts of micritic limestone. Thin sections show that the primary clast-supported voids are filled by calcite cement (Figure F11). The majority of the basalt clasts retain their primary igneous textures, showing preserved plagioclase laths. One sample was analyzed for carbonate content, and its concentration is 68.4 wt% (Table T3). This high value is indicative of incorporation of bivalve shells and calcite cement into the specimen.

Based on the rounding of clasts, stratification by size segregation, preferred grain orientation, clast-supported fabric, and hash of bivalve shells, we infer that the sediment was deposited in shallow

Figure F9. Manganese concretions at top of Unit II, Hole U1526B. A. Manganese-rich silt surrounding a manganese concretion growing around a basalt clast. Unit I/II boundary is at 94 cm. B. Manganese concretion on a basalt clast. Note that nannofossil-rich ooze at the top of this section is likely debris from overlying lithostratigraphic unit that fell into the top of the core.

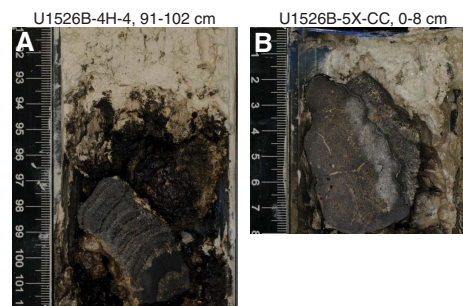


Figure F10. Volcaniclastic sandstone and conglomerate in Unit II, Site U1526. A. Unconsolidated coarse volcaniclastic sand near top of Unit II. Primary sedimentary structures were destroyed during core recovery. B. Coarse sandstone showing planar and low-angle cross-lamination. C. Closely packed granule-sized volcaniclastic conglomerate with shell fragments. D. Rounded pebble conglomerate with shell fragments (8–24 cm) grading into underlying coarse sandstone (24–33 cm).

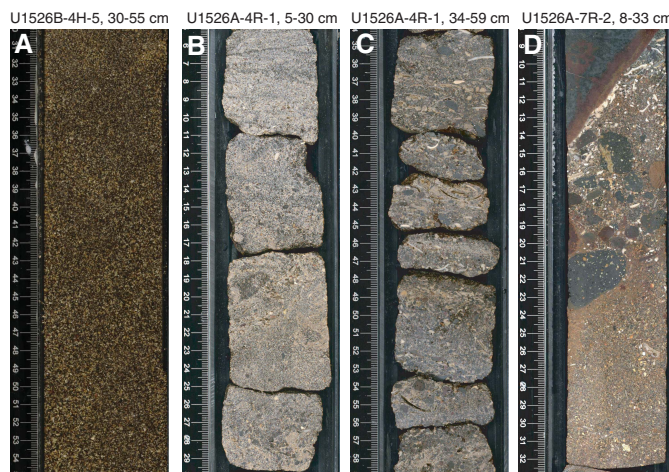
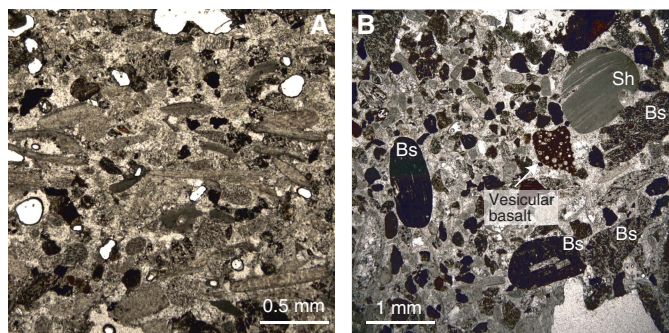


Figure F11. Volcaniclastic sandstone and conglomerate, Unit II. A. Volcaniclastic sandstone with bivalve shell fragments (375-U1526A-4R-1, 5–7 cm; PPL). Shell fragments are preferentially aligned parallel to bedding. B. Well-rounded clasts of altered basalt (Bs), vesicular basalt, and shell fragments (Sh) (4R-1, 42–44 cm; PPL). Sand grains in matrix are cemented by calcite.



water, possibly under the influence of wave action. The lack of silt- and clay-sized particles is also indicative of winnowing by currents and/or waves. This type of shallow-marine depositional environment is consistent with suggestions made by others for erosion of flat-topped seamounts on the Hikurangi Plateau close to or above sea level (e.g., Mortimer and Parkinson, 1996; Hoernle et al., 2010).

The sediment coarsens considerably downsection starting with Core 375-U1526A-5R (38.8 mbsf). Rounded to subangular clasts of variably altered basalt are mixed with a matrix of coarse sand (Figure F10). These conglomerates are clast supported. Bedding is crude but defined locally by interbeds of sandstone, fine-grained carbonate, and scattered laminae. The sandy intervals are also clast supported but poorly sorted. The larger sand clasts are rounded and variably altered with colors ranging from gray to reddish brown. The sand-sized matrix is typically cemented by calcite, palagonite, and clay minerals (Figure F11).

True dimensions of the largest basalt clasts are difficult to ascertain. We cannot rule out the possibility of some interlayering between lava flows and volcanoclastic debris, but we do not observe evidence of chilled margins or thermal reaction rims in the underlying finer grained sediments. In one interval (Figure F11), a thin layer of fossiliferous carbonate is mixed with compositionally diverse sand-sized clasts of well-rounded basalt and fills the space between two large clasts of basalt. Coralline algae from the matrix (Core 375-U1526A-6R) is Late Cretaceous in age and indicative of ~100–150 m water depths (see [Biostratigraphy](#)). Thin section observation of that contact material reveals no evidence for baking of the matrix. The thicker intervals of intact basalt measure 1–2 m, which is suggestive of boulders. The cobbles are also diverse in character, ranging from highly vesicular to dense and massive; some clasts retain glassy rims similar to pillow basalts, and others (e.g., Section 5R-1) show vesicle-enriched zones with elongated vesicles that are suggestive of flow structures (Figure F12). Alteration of the basalt clasts is also variable; the most-altered examples range from pale greenish gray to brown and reddish brown. Some altered clasts are coated with calcite cement, and many are thinly oxidized around their rims. In Core 12R, the material with intense red coloration is confined to cuttings, so we cannot determine the lithology's thickness and geometry in situ. Mixing of variable clast sizes and compositions in a pile of fragmented basalt seems likely.

From visual core descriptions, we discern a crude downward decrease in basalt alteration throughout the unit. Where sandy matrix is lacking (e.g., interval 375-U1526A-6R-1, 87–101 cm), the cobbles and pebbles are tightly packed and cemented by pore-filling calcite, palagonite, clay minerals, and possibly fine-grained zeolite (Figure F11). Subhorizontal and locally steeper veins, generally filled with calcite, are also common, occurring both as diffuse veins and as fractures filled by mineral precipitates (see [Structural geology](#)). Bulk powder XRD results show highly variable concentrations of clay minerals, feldspar (plagioclase), and clinopyroxene along with scattered occurrences of phillipsite (Figure F5).

Thin sections verify that the basalt clasts typically contain plagioclase, olivine, and pyroxene phenocrysts; many clasts retain well-preserved plagioclase needles in the groundmass (Figure F13). Some examples display consistent alignment of crystals in the groundmass, suggestive of lava flows. One sample (interval 375-U1526A-9R-2, 33–35 cm) has monolithic fine-grained trachytic basalt clasts. Palagonite is common as an alteration product of basaltic glass. Thin section observations reveal no significant difference in

Figure F12. Basalt clasts in Unit II, Hole U1526A. A. Vesicular basalt. B. Basalt clast showing a sharp bottom contact (80–84 cm) and concentration of vesicles (68–73 cm). Fine-grained fossiliferous mud and rounded sand grains of basalt occur just below the basalt clast and show no evidence of baking. C. Basalt breccia cemented by calcite.

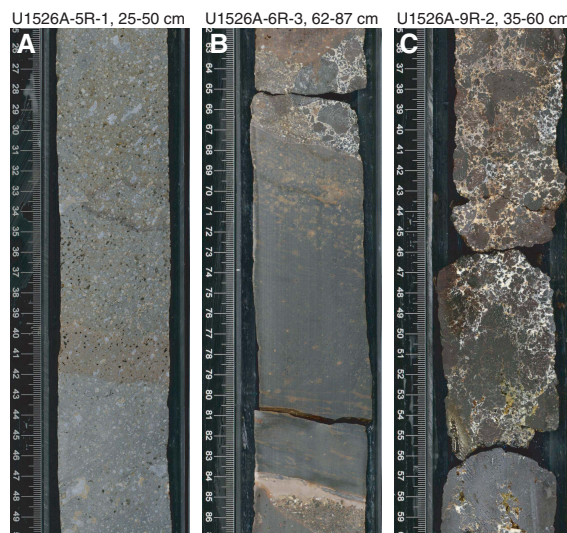
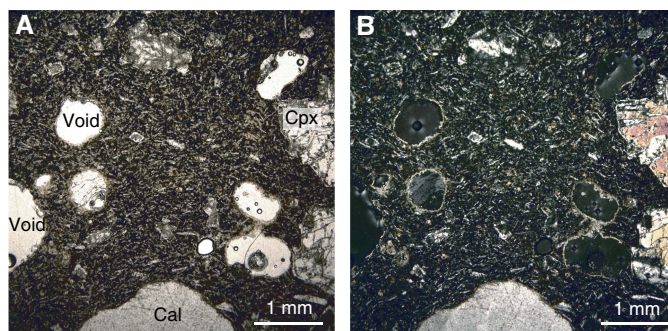


Figure F13. Vesicular basalt with plagioclase and pyroxene phenocrysts showing trachytic texture (375-U1526A-5R-1, 41–42 cm). A. PPL. Cpx = clinopyroxene, Cal = calcite. B. XPL.



the degree of microscopic alteration between intervals with green versus white cement. The white cement appears to be dominated by calcite, whereas the green cement is associated with palagonite rims and replacement by clay minerals.

We interpret the cobble- to boulder-sized conglomerates to be products of basalt fragmentation and transport for short distances from outcrops in a shallow-marine environment. Fossils are indicative of water depths in the photic zone. The rounded clasts provide clear evidence of extensive abrasion prior to deposition. The variability of primary volcanic textures, oxidation rims (Figure F10), and red coloration indicate that at least some of the rounded clasts were subjected to subaerial exposure. The absence of silt and clay as a matrix and the prevalence of clast-supported rather than matrix-supported fabrics argue against emplacement by debris flows. The largest inferred diameters of the basalt boulders require considerable flow strength to exceed the threshold for motion. One likely interpretation for the transport mechanism is strong wave action in the littoral zone of a volcanic island.

Biostratigraphy

Planktonic foraminifers and calcareous nannofossils from core catcher samples and additional split-core samples from Holes U1526A and U1526B were examined to develop a shipboard biostratigraphic framework for Site U1526. Additionally, benthic foraminifers provided data on paleowater depths.

At Site U1526, we drilled two shallow sections of the Tūrangui Knoll seamount and recovered a discontinuous Holocene to Late Cretaceous sedimentary sequence comprising a number of hiatus-bounded sedimentary packages. High foraminiferal and nannofossil abundances with moderate to very good preservation were observed throughout the hemipelagic sedimentary cover (Unit I). Below this section in Lithostratigraphic Unit II, volcanoclastic coarse sandstones and conglomerates were barren of microfossils. However, macrofossils provided sufficient data to allow for broad biostratigraphic constraint and paleowater depth reconstruction.

Calcareous nannofossils

Calcareous nannofossil biostratigraphy at Site U1526 was established through the analysis of core catcher samples from Holes U1526A and U1526B. Nannofossils are common to abundant throughout the cored sequences and show moderate to good preservation. Minor reworking of older taxa was observed through the Pleistocene interval in both holes (Samples 375-U1526A-1R-CC, 0–5 cm, through 3R-1, 54–56 cm [0.0–19.94 mbsf], and Samples 375-U1526B-1H-CC, 0–10 cm, through 3H-CC, 19–26 cm [5.7–24.09 mbsf]). Biostratigraphic datums are given in Table T4, and the distribution of calcareous nannofossil taxa is shown in Table T5.

Hole U1526A

Sample 375-U1526A-1R-CC, 0–5 cm (0.0 mbsf), contains a nannofossil assemblage that includes *Gephyrocapsa* spp. and *Pseudoemiliana lacunosa*; however, *Emiliana huxleyi* was not observed under light microscopy. The top of Hole U1526A is therefore assigned a Middle Pleistocene age or older based on the last appearance datum (LAD) of *P. lacunosa* (0.44 Ma). The first appearance datum (FAD) of large *Gephyrocapsa* spp. (>5.5 µm) occurs in Sample 3R-1, 54–56 cm (19.94 mbsf), indicating lower Zone NN19 (1.62 Ma). Consequently, the interval between Samples 1R-CC, 0–5 cm, and 3R-1, 54–56 cm (0.0–19.94 mbsf), is assigned an early Pleistocene age or younger. Other taxa in the Pleistocene sequence include abundant to dominant *Gephyrocapsa* spp. (<3.5 µm) with few to common specimens of *Calcidiscus leptoporus*, *Coccolithus pelagicus*, *Gephyrocapsa* spp. (4–5.5 µm), *Helicosphaera carteri*, *Helicosphaera hyalina*, *Pontosphaera discopora*, *Pontosphaera japonica*, *P. lacunosa*, *Pseudoemiliana ovata*, *Reticulofenestra asanoi*, and *Syracosphaera pulchra*. Less common taxa include *Calcidiscus macintyreii*, *Calcidiscus tropicus*, *Calciosolenia brasiliensis*, *Ceratolithus cristatus*, *Gephyrocapsa* spp. (>5.5 µm), *Helicosphaera sellii*, *Pontosphaera multipora*, *Reticulofenestra producta*, *Rhabdosphaera clavigera*, *Umbilicosphaera rotula*, and *Umbilicosphaera sibogae*.

The co-occurrence of *Amaurolithus delicatus* (zonal marker with *Amaurolithus tricorniculatus*; LAD = 3.92 Ma; see Young, 1998) and *Discoaster surculus* (LAD = 2.49 Ma) in Sample 375-U1526A-3R-2, 14–16 cm (20.46 mbsf), suggests a hiatus between Samples 3R-1, 54–56 cm, and 3R-2, 14–16 cm (19.94–20.46 mbsf). This possible hiatus is consistent with a change in lithology from light greenish gray calcareous mud to brownish white nannofossil

Table T4. Calcareous nannofossil and planktonic foraminifer datums and ages, Site U1526. B = base, T = top, Bc = base common. MIS = marine isotope stage. PF = planktonic foraminifer, CN = calcareous nannofossil. NN zones are from Martini (1971). New Zealand (NZ) stage: Wq = Haweran, Wc = Castleciffian, Wo = Opoitian, Wn = Nukumaruan, Mh = Haumurian. — = not available. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Calcareous nannofossil and planktonic foraminifer datum	Fossil group	Age (Ma)	NN zone or NZ stage	Top core, section, interval (cm)	Top depth (mbsf)	Bottom core, section, interval (cm)	Bottom depth (mbsf)	Midpoint depth (mbsf)	± (m)
				375-U1526A-		375-U1526A-			
T <i>Pseudoemiliana lacunosa</i>	CN	≥0.44	NN20/NN19	—	—	1R-CC, 0–5	0.00		
T <i>Truncorotalia truncatulinoides</i> dextral zone	PF	>0.53	Wq-Wc	—	—	1R-CC, 0–5	0.00		
Bc <i>Truncorotalia truncatulinoides</i>	PF	0.62	Wc	3R-1, 54–56	19.94	3R-2, 14–16	20.46	20.20	0.26
B large <i>Gephyrocapsa</i> spp.	CN	1.62	NN19	3R-1, 54–56	19.94	3R-2, 14–16	20.46	20.20	0.26
T <i>Amaurolithus delicatus</i>	CN	3.92	NN15/NN14	3R-1, 54–56	19.94	3R-2, 14–16	20.46	20.20	0.26
T <i>Globoconella pliozea</i>	PF	4.54	Wo	3R-1, 54–56	19.94	3R-2, 14–16	20.46	20.20	0.26
T <i>Globoconella mons</i>	PF	4.54	Wo	3R-1, 54–56	19.94	3R-2, 14–16	20.46	20.20	0.26
B <i>Globoconella puncticulata</i> s.s.	PF	5.15	Wo	3R-CC, 0–5	21.04	4R-CC, 0–3	30.16	25.60	4.56
B <i>Globoconella pliozea</i>	PF	5.44	Wo	3R-CC, 0–5	21.04	4R-CC, 0–3	30.16	25.60	4.56
B <i>Truncorotalia crassaformis</i>	PF	5.45	Wo	3R-CC, 0–5	21.04	4R-CC, 0–3	30.16	25.60	4.56
B <i>Globoconella mons</i>	PF	5.78	Wo	3R-CC, 0–5	21.04	4R-CC, 0–3	30.16	25.60	4.56
				375-U1526B-		375-U1526B-			
B <i>Hirsutella hirsuta</i> MIS 1 subzone	PF	0.011	Wq	1H-1, 6–8	0.06	1H-CC, 0–10	5.70	2.88	2.82
T <i>Pseudoemiliana lacunosa</i>	CN	≥0.44	NN20/NN19	—	—	1H-CC, 0–10	5.70	2.85	2.85
T <i>Truncorotalia truncatulinoides</i> dextral zone	PF	0.53	Wc	1H-1, 6–8	0.06	1H-CC, 0–10	5.70	2.88	2.82
Bc <i>Truncorotalia truncatulinoides</i>	PF	0.62	Wc-Wn	3H-CC, 19–26	24.09	4H-4, 91–93	30.19	27.14	3.05
B medium <i>Gephyrocapsa</i> spp.	CN	1.73	NN19	2H-CC, 0–7	14.30	3H-CC, 19–26	24.09	19.95	4.9
B <i>Globotruncana aegyptiaca</i>	PF	~74	Mh	4H-4, 91–93	30.19	4H-4, 115–117	30.43	30.31	0.12

Table T5. Distribution of calcareous nannofossils, Site U1526. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

ooze (see [Lithostratigraphy](#)). The interval between Samples 3R-2, 14–16 cm, and 3R-CC, 0–5 cm (20.46–21.04 mbsf), is therefore assigned an age older than 3.92 Ma. Other taxa observed in this interval include *C. leptoporus*, *C. tropicus*, *C. brasiliensis*, *C. pelagicus*, *Discoaster pentaradiatus*, *Discoaster variabilis*, *Helicosphaera intermedia*, *P. discopora*, *P. japonica*, *Reticulofenestra perplexa*, *R. producta*, *R. clavigera*, *Scyphosphaera ventriosa*, *S. pulchra*, and *U. rotula*.

An abrupt lithologic change occurs between Samples 375-U1526A-3R-CC, 0–5 cm, and 4R-1, 0 cm (21.04–29.1 mbsf), with a shift to volcanoclastic sediments (Unit II; see [Lithostratigraphy](#)). Nannofossils are not present in the sample examined from the upper portion of Unit II (Sample 4R-CC, 0–3 cm [30.16 mbsf]), and no further samples were examined in Hole U1526A.

Hole U1526B

Similar to the shallowest sample from Hole U1526A, Sample 375-U1526B-1H-CC, 0–10 cm (5.70 mbsf), contains a nannofossil assemblage that includes *Gephyrocapsa* spp. and *P. lacunosa*. However, *E. huxleyi* was not observed under light microscopy. Consequently, a Middle Pleistocene age or older is assigned to the top of Hole U1526B based on the LAD of *P. lacunosa* (0.44 Ma). The FAD of medium *Gephyrocapsa* spp. (4–5.5 μm) occurs in Sample 2H-CC, 0–7 cm (14.30 mbsf), indicating lower Zone NN19 (1.73 Ma). Sample 3H-CC, 19–26 cm (24.09 mbsf), contains an assemblage that is consistent with an early Pleistocene age. Other taxa in the Pleistocene sequence include abundant to dominant *Gephyrocapsa* spp. (<3.5 μm) and *P. ovata* with few to common specimens of *C. leptoporus*, *C. pelagicus*, *H. carteri*, *H. hyalina*, *H. sellii*, *P. discopora*, *P. japonica*, *P. multipora*, *P. lacunosa*, and *R. clavigera*. Less common taxa include *C. tropicus*, *C. brasiliensis*, *C. cristatus*, *Reticulofenestra haqii*, *S. pulchra*, *U. rotula*, and *U. sibogae*.

An abrupt lithologic change occurs between Samples 375-U1526B-3H-CC, 19–26 cm, and 4H-4, 91–93 cm (24.09–30.19 mbsf) (see [Lithostratigraphy](#)). Sample 4H-4, 91–93 cm (30.19 mbsf), contains a Late Cretaceous nannofossil assemblage that in-

cludes *Arkhangelskiella cymbiformis*, *Kamptnerius magnificus*, *Nephrolithus frequens*, and *Prediscosphaera spinosa*.

Foraminifers

Planktonic and benthic foraminifers were examined from core catcher samples and split-core samples from Holes U1526A and U1526B (Figure [F14](#)). Biostratigraphic datums are given in Table [T4](#), the distribution of planktonic foraminifer taxa is given in Table [T6](#), and planktonic foraminifer abundances and indications of oceanicity (qualitative measure of the extent to which the paleo-environment recorded by the faunal assemblage represents open ocean conditions relative to a nearshore-influenced environment) and paleowater depths are given in Table [T7](#) and shown in Figure [F14](#). Absolute ages assigned to biostratigraphic datums follow those listed in Table [T4](#) in the Expedition 372B/375 methods chapter (Wallace et al., 2019).

All samples yielded well-preserved, diverse foraminifer assemblages dominated by planktonic foraminifers, which are the primary sedimentary constituent. Echinoid spines, radiolarians, and ostracods are also present in some samples but are rare compared with foraminifers.

Hole U1526A

Samples 375-U1526A-1R-CC, 0–5 cm, through 3R-1, 54–56 cm (0.0–19.94 mbsf), are assigned a Holocene to Middle Pleistocene age (Haweran to Castlecliffian; 0–0.63 Ma) based on the abundance of predominantly dextral coiled populations of *Truncorotalia truncatulinoides* and the presence of *Hirsutella hirsuta* in Sample 3R-1, 54–56 cm (19.94 mbsf) (see [Biostratigraphy](#) in the Expedition 372B/375 methods chapter [Wallace et al., 2019]). The identification of Holocene strata in Hole U1526B (see below) indicates a sedimentary hiatus between the Holocene and Middle Pleistocene. This age is supported by the presence of a typical Pleistocene assemblage composed of *Globoconella inflata*, *Globigerina bulloides*, *Globigerinita glutinata*, *Neogloboquadrina incompta*, *Truncorotalia crassacarina*, *Truncorotalia crassula*, *Tr.* (cf.) *crassula*, and *Tur-*

Figure F14. Summary of lithostratigraphy, planktonic foraminifer abundance, interpreted oceanicity, paleowater depths, and biostratigraphic datums, Site U1526. Core recovery: black = recovery, white = no recovery. See Figure F3 for lithology key. New Zealand (NZ) stages: Wq = Haweran, Wn = Nukumaruan, Wo = Opoitian, Mh = Haumurian.

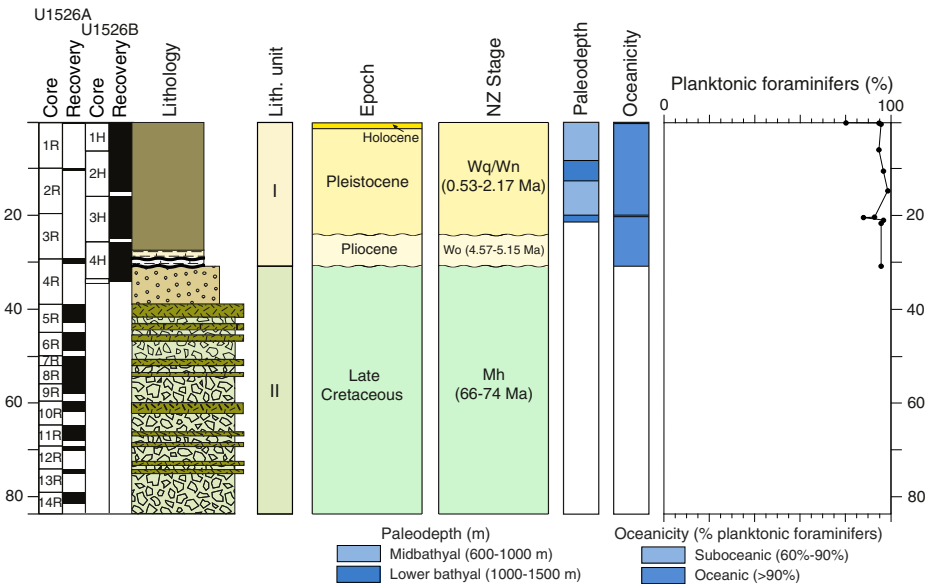


Table T6. Distribution of foraminifers and other fossil material, Site U1526.
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Table T7. Summary of biostratigraphic and foraminifer data, Site U1526.
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borotalita quinqueloba. A sedimentary hiatus is also inferred to be present below Sample 3R-1, 54–56 cm (19.94 mbsf), wherein the Pleistocene lies unconformably over early Pliocene strata.

Samples 375-U1526A-3R-2, 14–16 cm, through 3R-CC, 0–5 cm (20.46–21.04 mbsf), are assigned to the early Pliocene (early Opoitian) based on abundant–common populations of *Globoconella pliozea* (3.9–5.44 Ma) and *Globoconella puncticulata* (younger than 5.33 Ma). This age is consistent with the background assemblage that is composed of *Globoconella conomiozea* s.l., *Globoconella mons*, *Globoconella puncticuloides*, *Truncorotalia crassaformis*, and *Truncorotalia juanai*.

Samples from the underlying volcanoclastic conglomerate (Unit II) are barren of microfossils, but macrofossils, including disarticulated prisms of calcite from inoceramid shells, and encrusting coralline algae on the surfaces of subrounded volcanic clasts support a Cretaceous age and shallow-water environment.

Hole U1526B

Samples 375-U1526B-1H-1, 0 cm, through 1H-1, 6–8 cm (0–0.06 mbsf), are assigned to the Holocene (Haweran; younger than 0.011 Ma) based on the presence of common sinistral *Tr. truncatulinoides* (younger than 0.53 Ma) and *Hirsutella hirsuta* (younger than 0.011 Ma) and the absence of *Tr. crassacarina* (younger than 0.05 Ma). Below these samples, a hiatus is inferred at the base of the Holocene at ~0.15 mbsf based on the faunas present in the underlying core catcher sample and a distinct lithologic change (see [Lithostratigraphy](#)). Samples 1H-CC, 0–10 cm, through 2H-CC, 0–7 cm (5.7–14.3 mbsf), are Middle Pleistocene (Castlecliffian; 0.53–0.62 Ma) based on the abundance of predominantly dextral coiled populations of *Tr. truncatulinoides*. Sample 3H-CC, 19–26 cm (24.09 mbsf), is Middle to early Pleistocene (Castlecliffian to Nukumaruan; 0.62–2.17 Ma) based on a decrease in the abundance of *Tr. truncatulinoides*. A Holocene to Pleistocene age for the upper part of Lithostratigraphic Unit I is supported by the presence of *Beella digitata*, *Gc. inflata*, *Gg. bulloides*, *Gt. glutinata*, *Nq. incompta*, *Tr. crassula*, *Tr.* (cf.) *crassula*, and *Tb. quinqueloba*. Early Pliocene sediments identified in Hole U1526A are inferred to be present in Hole U1526B; however, these sediments were not sampled for shipboard analysis.

Planktonic foraminifers present in Sample 375-U1526B-4H-4, 91–93 cm (30.19 mbsf), represent a well-preserved Campanian–Maastrichtian fauna constrained by the common occurrence of *Globotruncana aegyptiaca* (~66–74 Ma) as well as the Late Cretaceous faunal association of *Globotruncana bulloides*, *Planoheterohelix globulosa*, and *Rugoglobigerina rugosa*.

Paleowater depths

Benthic foraminifers present in Holes U1526A and U1526B through Unit I are indicative of mid- to lower bathyal water depths throughout the Holocene to Pleistocene succession (Figure [F14](#)) based on the faunal association of *Eggerella bradyi*, *Sigmilopsis schlumbergeri*, and *Planulina wuellerstorfi*. This water depth conforms with planktonic foraminifer abundances (88%–97%) that indicate an oceanic to suboceanic setting. Early Pliocene samples

indicate a lower bathyal depositional environment based on the presence of *P. wuellerstorfi* and *Cibicides robertsonianus* in an oceanic setting designated by planktonic foraminifer abundance (96%–97%). Late Cretaceous faunas are also dominated by planktonic foraminifer abundances (96%) consistent with an open oceanic setting.

Macroinvertebrate faunas in Unit II provide a tentative lower paleodepth limit in the upper photic zone (100–150 mbsl [J.C. Braga, pers. comm., 2018]) based on the presence of the Late Cretaceous coralline algae *Sporolithon* in Samples 375-U1526A-6R-3, 84–85 cm (49.33 mbsf), and 6R-CC, 14–17 cm (48.81 mbsf). However, these samples are interpreted to be ex situ and are likely sourced from upslope.

Paleomagnetism

Paleomagnetic investigations at Site U1526 focused on understanding the remanence intensity values and demagnetization behavior of volcanoclastic material recovered below 30.2 mbsf. We further aimed to provide constraints on the emplacement temperatures of this material and to investigate the possibility that in situ lava flow(s) are present. We also aimed to provide a preliminary magnetostratigraphy for the sedimentary cover sequence recovered in Hole U1526B.

Natural remanent magnetization (NRM) of archive halves was measured prior to and following stepwise alternating field (AF) demagnetization in 5–10 mT increments up to a peak field of 30 mT (Hole U1526B) or 40 mT (Hole U1526A). Archive halves were measured with a spacing of 2.5 cm. The superconducting rock magnetometer (SRM) has a response curve with a half-width of ~4 cm (see [Paleomagnetism](#) in the Expedition 372B/375 methods chapter [Wallace et al., 2019]), which limits the clast size that can be successfully resolved based on the SRM data. We thus collected 14 discrete samples from individual clasts/basalts in the volcanoclastic sequences of Lithostratigraphic Unit II (see [Lithostratigraphy](#)) to better resolve the remanence directions from individual clasts, their alteration and/or oxidation state, and their emplacement temperatures. Discrete samples were subjected to thermal demagnetization and measured in steps of 50°, 100°, 150°, 200°, 300°, and 400°C. Characteristic remanent magnetization directions were calculated using principal component analysis (Kirschvink, 1980).

Hole U1526B

Figure [F15](#) displays the remanence declination and inclination records prior to and following demagnetization to a peak field of 20 mT and the half-core magnetic susceptibility measured using the Section Half Multisensor Logger (SHMSL) (see [Physical properties](#)). Background remanence intensity prior to demagnetization ranges from $\sim 5 \times 10^{-3}$ to 0.5 A/m.

Prior to demagnetization all measured sections are affected by a pervasive drilling overprint that manifests in steep positive inclination readings. This overprint was usually removed at the 10 or 20 mT demagnetization level. With the exception of 5–10 mbsf, the inclination records show a well-defined pattern with multiple switches from negative (normal polarity) to positive (reversed polarity) inclinations with sharp (maximum length of 10 cm) transitions. Preliminary biostratigraphic datums suggest the 30 m section spans from the Holocene at the seafloor to Late Cretaceous (74 Ma or younger) at 30 mbsf. Further refinement post-expedition may enable a correlation of individual polarity horizons with the geomagnetic polarity timescale (GPTS) of Gradstein et al. (2012).

Figure F15. Magnetic inclination, declination, intensity, and magnetic susceptibility, Hole U1526B. Core recovery: black = recovery, white = no recovery. GAD = geocentric axial dipole.

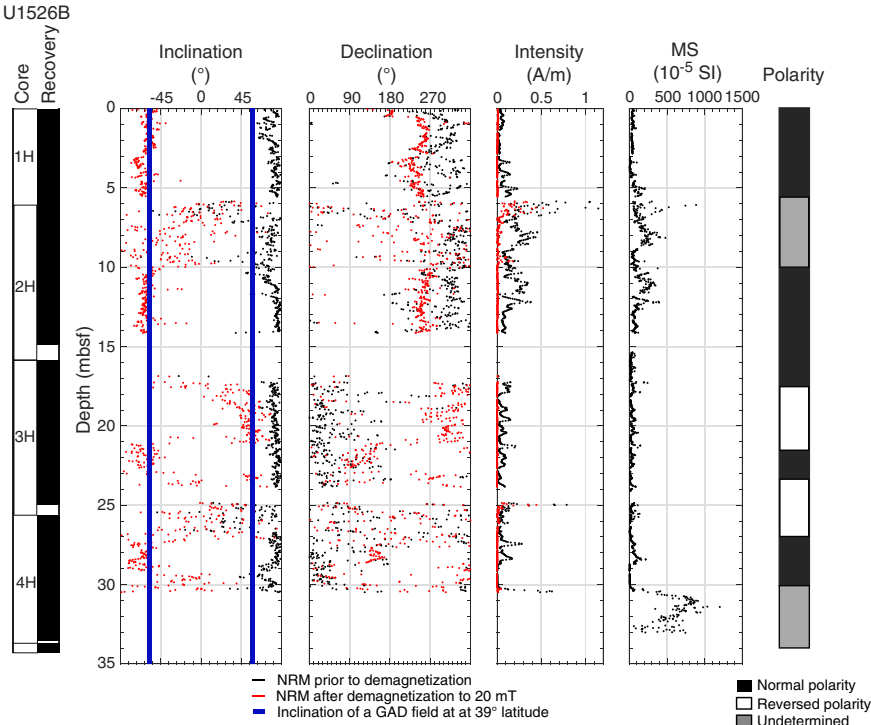
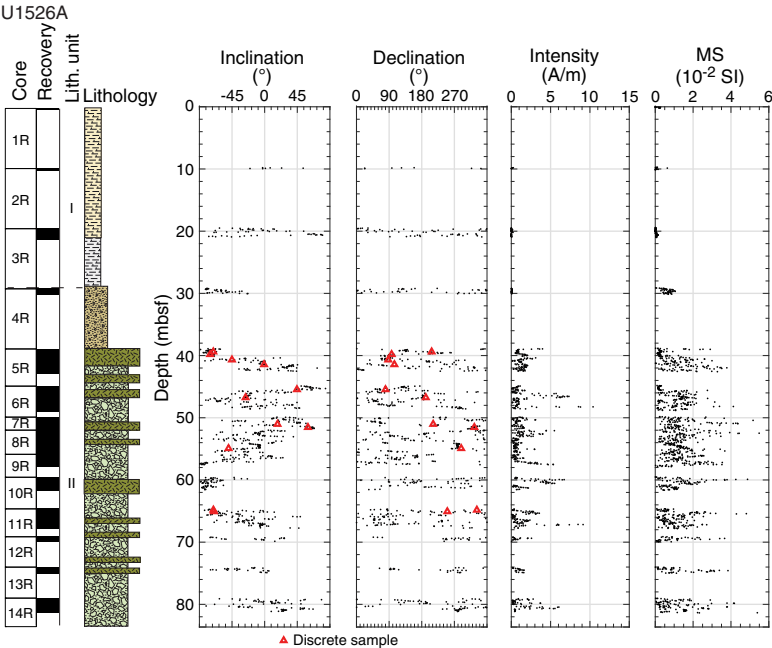


Figure F16. Magnetic inclination, declination, intensity, and magnetic susceptibility, Hole U1526A. Core recovery: black = recovery, white = no recovery. See Figure F3 for lithology key.



Hole U1526A

Archive-half measurements

Figure F16 displays the remanence declination and inclination records prior to and following demagnetization to a peak field of 20 mT and archive half magnetic susceptibility. Core sections that con-

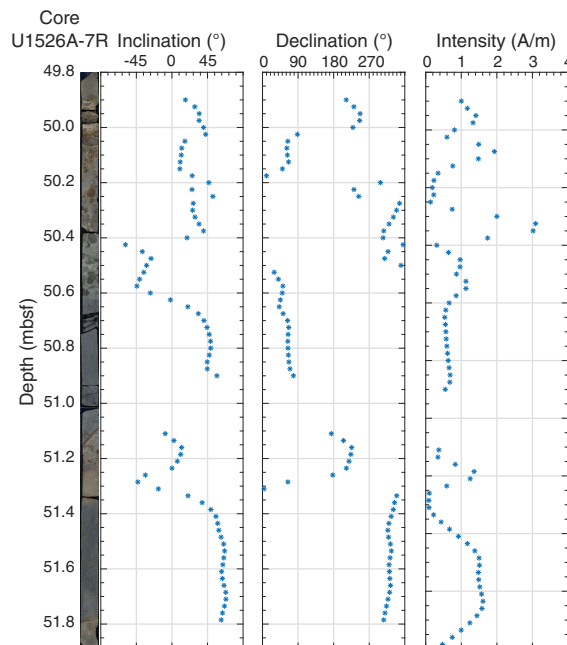
tain calcareous mud and nannofossil ooze in Lithostratigraphic Unit I were severely damaged during the drilling process, and the remanence directions measured are unlikely to represent a depositional remanence. The shell-rich volcanoclastics of Section 375-U1526A-3R-1 are dissected into 2–5 cm long subhorizontal biscuits, and the declination records are thus not representative. The

remanence inclinations range from -84.6° to -23.2° and average $-61.35^\circ \pm 17.3^\circ$. The magnetic remanence intensity of the volcanoclastic deposits in Unit II varies in phase with the magnetic susceptibility values downhole. Mafic clasts usually exhibit peaks in remanence intensity and susceptibility and sudden changes in the remanence direction (Figure F17). NRM intensity values for Lithostratigraphic Unit II range from ~ 0.2 to 13 A/m. Because of the high mafic clast abundance it is difficult to estimate the remanence intensity of calcareous or sandy matrix and pore-filling cements. Visual inspection of the demagnetization trajectories in vector component diagrams shows simple single component remanences with variable median destructive fields between 5 and 30 mT.

The inclination records measured on both archive halves and discrete specimens between 40.8 and 57.25 mbsf and below 65 mbsf exhibit significant scatter (Figure F16). However, each individual clast appears to carry a consistent declination and inclination (Figure F17). The results from additional thermal demagnetization experiments on discrete samples are consistent with the results from archive-half measurements. We interpret this scatter to be analogous to a positive conglomerate test (Butler, 2004) implying that in this depth range the clasts were likely emplaced at ambient ("cold") temperature. Furthermore, the magnetic remanence carriers have not experienced significant alteration since emplacement, which would have resulted in the growth of a chemical remanent magnetization overprint with a direction that is consistent across matrix and clasts. These observations are consistent with lithostratigraphic interpretations.

The identification of in situ lava flows, if present, is difficult because of incomplete core recovery, fracturing, and the absence of clear indicators such as chilled margins or baked contacts (see **Lithostratigraphy**). As a quick identification mechanism, we compare the inclination measurements of basaltic clasts that are 30 cm or more in length that are not surrounded by a bordering sedimentary matrix. We identified an interval between 57.2 and 64.8 mbsf (Sections 375-U1526A-9R-2, 10R-1, 10R-2, 10R-CC, and 11R-1) in which basalts that are 20 cm or longer have NRM directions with steep and negative inclinations (Figure F18). The (arithmetic) means calculated for each individual segment range from $-83.7^\circ \pm 3.2^\circ$ to $-74.21^\circ \pm 2.6^\circ$, which compare well with inclinations measured on a ~ 1.5 m long and mostly intact piece of basalt in Section 5R-1 (38.8 – 40.27 mbsf; mean = $-74.3^\circ \pm 5.4^\circ$). The results from a thermal demagnetization experiment conducted on a reddish sample below the lower end of a basalt in Section 11R-1 has an inclination that is consistent with the overlying basaltic rock, which could be a result of contact heating and/or alteration in a normal polarity

Figure F17. Core photographs, inclination, declination, and intensity for volcanoclastic clasts recovered between 49.8 and 51.8 mbsf, Hole U1526A.



field. Based on these paleomagnetic observations, we cannot rule out that in situ lava flows may be present in the sequence. Shore-based studies may shed further light on these observations.

Discrete samples

Figure F19 displays representative vector component and NRM intensity versus temperature plots for a discrete sample from a basaltic clast and for a sample collected from a reddish and visibly deformed clast in Section 375-U1526A-11R-1 (see Figure F18 for location), both of which were subjected to thermal demagnetization. NRM intensity values range from 2 to 5 A/m. All samples collected from basaltic clasts show high-quality demagnetization behavior, and few samples have a small, probably thermoviscous overprint in the blocking temperature (T_B) range 0° – 200°C . Samples from the basaltic clast predominantly demagnetize in the blocking temperature range 200° – 350°C , whereas the sample from the reddish clast in Section 11R-1 retained $\sim 70\%$ of its NRM intensity following demagnetization to 400°C .

Figure F18. Core photographs and inclination for archive-half basalt sections recovered between 57.2 and 66.1 mbsf, Hole U1526A.

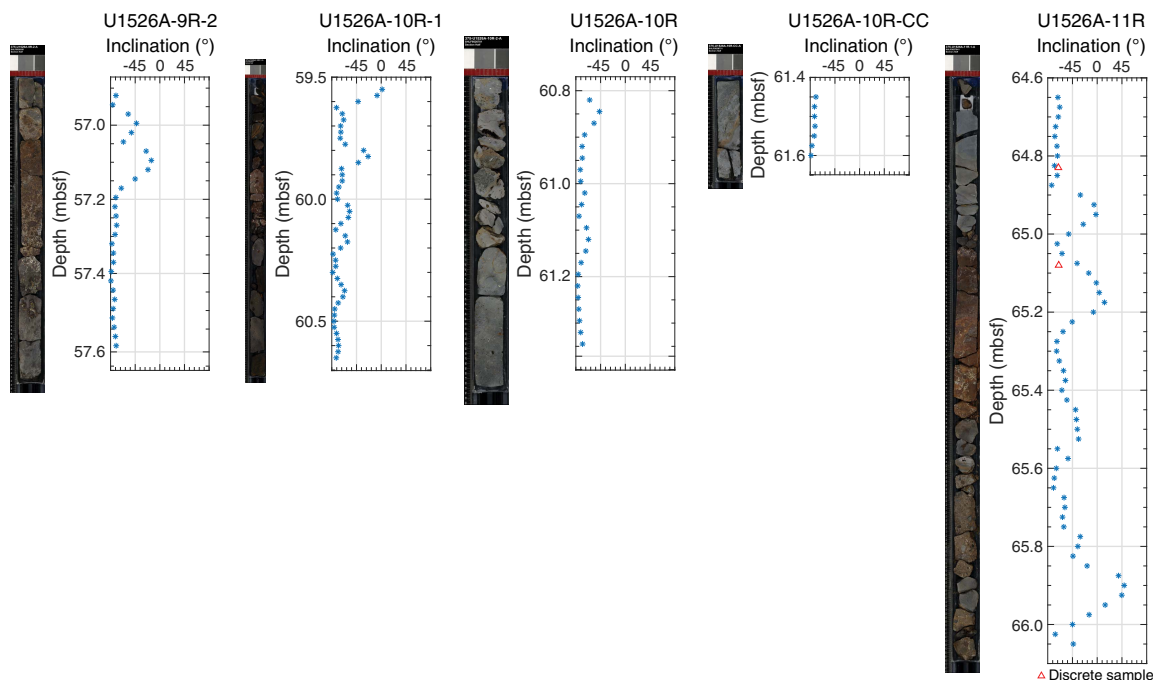
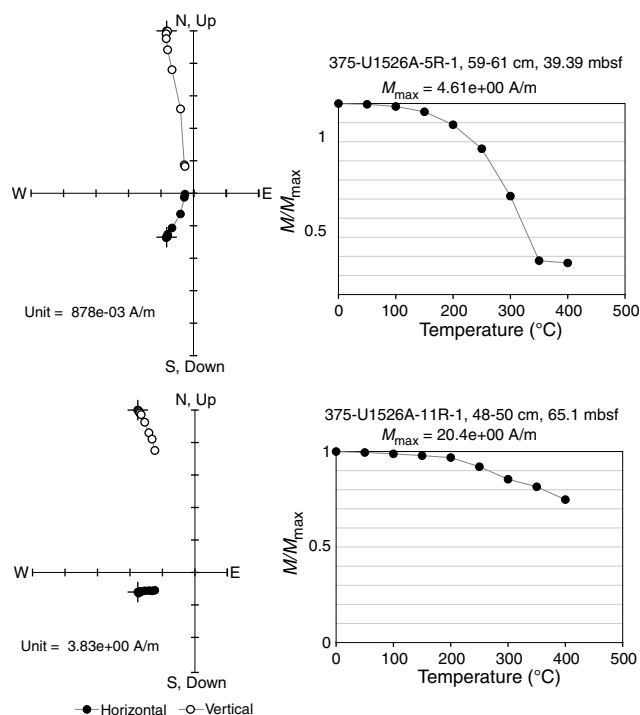


Figure F19. Representative vector components and NRM intensity vs. thermal demagnetization results for (top) basalt clasts and (bottom) reddish material underlying basalts, Hole U1526A.



Structural geology

Site U1526 sampled a suite of heterogeneous volcanoclastic deposits and basalts overlain by ~30 m of pelagic sediments (see [Lithostratigraphy](#)). Brecciated volcanoclasts are scattered throughout the drilled interval. Fractures and veins are the most common structural features encountered at this site and were observed in both clasts and matrix. Both filled fractures and diffuse veins occur in Lithostratigraphic Unit II, similar to structures described at Site U1520.

We defined two distinct structural domains at this site. Domain 1 contains fine-grained, flat-lying sediments with no veins. Domain 2 shows varying degrees of cementation and veining and coincides with Lithostratigraphic Unit II (volcanoclastic facies) (Figure [F20](#)). Hole U1526A was cored from 0 to 83.6 mbsf and Hole U1526B was cored from 0 to 33.11 mbsf. Because of drilling disturbance in pelagic sediments in the upper 30 m of Hole U1526A, structural measurements in Lithostratigraphic Unit I are recorded only in cores from Hole U1526B.

Types of structures observed

Two types of veins were observed at Site U1526: (1) filled, opening-mode fractures with distinct sharp edges and (2) zones of cementation that have diffuse boundaries and occur over centimeter-scale intervals. For Vein Type 2 (diffuse vein), the term “vein” denotes a tabular zone that differs texturally and compositionally from the surrounding rock and is inferred to have formed after deposition of the surrounding sediments but did not necessarily require

a fracture to form. Diffuse veins are common in the volcanoclastic sediments at Site U1520, but only two were recorded at Site U1526. Rare open fractures (two) and faults (one) were also described at Site U1526.

Domain 1: undeformed fine-grained calcareous mudstone

The upper 30.23 m consists of undeformed pelagic sediment (Sections 375-U1526B-1H-1 through 4H-4; 0–30.23 mbsf). Beds in Domain 1 are poorly resolved but are gently dipping to nearly horizontal where visible (Figure F20).

Domain 2: volcanoclastic deposits and basalts with veins

From 30.23 to 83.6 mbsf, cores consist of heterogeneous volcanoclastic sediments and basalt fragments (Sections 375-U1526A-3R-2 through 14R-2) that exhibit varying degrees of alteration, cementation, and mineralization (see [Lithostratigraphy](#); Figure F21B–F21H). Veins occur from approximately ~39 mbsf to the bottom of the hole but are essentially absent in the shell-rich, poorly lithified volcanoclastics at the very top of Domain 2 (30.23–39 mbsf). Vein dip angles vary from subhorizontal to subvertical and exhibit no systematic variation with depth (Figure F20).

The degree of cementation and lithification in Domain 2 generally increases with depth (Figure F21B–F21H). Subtle grain size variations may locally indicate poorly defined apparent bedding (Figure F21D, F21E), but no distinct planar bedding surfaces could be measured. Several silty horizons exhibit laminations and cross-bedding (Figure F21D), but it is unclear if these horizons represent lithic clasts or in situ matrix. Evidence for fragmentation and shear is recorded by brecciated clasts (Figure F21C) locally preserving jigsaw textures (Figure F21F) and rare planar fabrics in altered clasts (Figure F21H).

Veins occur throughout the volcanoclastic units below ~39 mbsf (middle of Section 375-U1526A-5R-1). Diffuse veins are defined by bands of interstitial cement in the volcanoclastic matrix (Figure F22A). Fracture veins occur both in the volcanoclastic matrix and in clasts, and these veins locally traverse clast/matrix boundaries (Figure F22B–F22E). The fracture veins are commonly <1 mm thick, anastomosing (Figure F22D), and filled by white-gray calcite. Thicker, wavy veins with a blocky internal structure were also observed, locally merging with open pore spaces lined with calcite. Circumgranular veins are common over several intervals, indicating a tendency for mineral precipitation along clast edges (Figures F21B, F22D). Thick, brown veins with micritic or clastic fill occur at 67.6–67.8 mbsf (Sections 11R-2 and 11R-CC) and appear to pre-date calcite-filled veins that also occur in this zone (Figure F22E).

Drilling disturbance

Drilling disturbance, mostly in the form of upward-arching beds, was severe in Domain 1 in Hole U1526A but minimal in Hole U1526B because of the change from RCB to APC coring. Domain 2 was disturbed by local slight to moderate biscuiting. Differential biscuit rotation affects our ability to orient deformation structures in a geographical reference frame.

Figure F20. Depth distribution and dip angles of structures, Site U1526. Structure observations are merged from Holes U1526A and U1526B, assuming the seafloor is at the same level in both holes. See Figure F3 for lithology key.

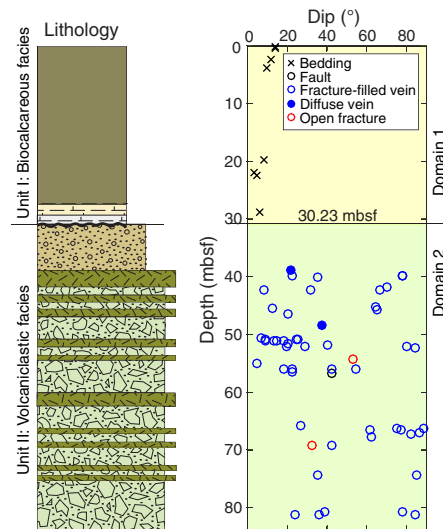
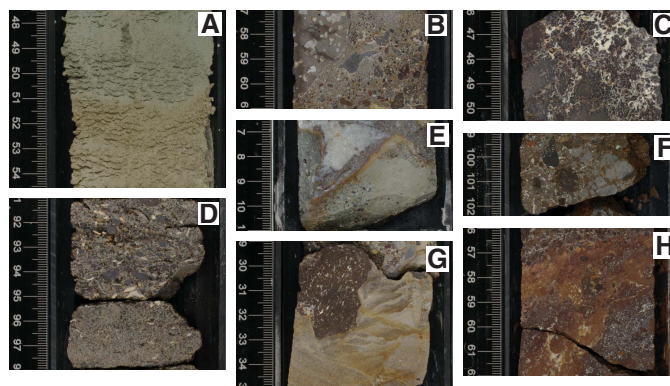


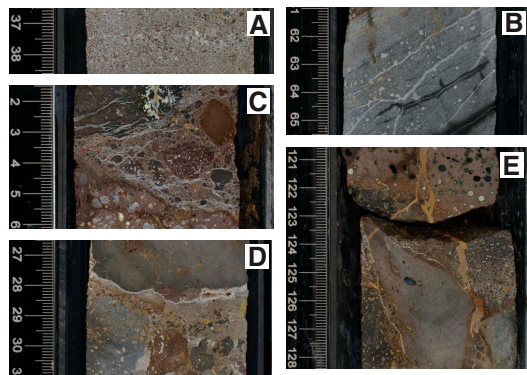
Figure F21. Examples of bedding, matrix, and clast relationships, Hole U1526A. A. Subhorizontal beds in Domain 1 (3R-1, 48–54 cm). B. Heterogeneous, cemented, volcanoclastic sediments (6R-6, 57–61 cm). C. Brecciated volcanic clast with cement (9R-2, 46–50 cm). D. Poorly cemented, volcanoclastic sediments with shells in Domain 2 (4R-1, 91–98 cm). E. Sedimentary matrix in sharp contact with clast and blocky pore filling (8R-CC, 7–11 cm). F. Brecciated clast retaining jigsaw textures in volcanoclastic matrix (11R-1, 99–102 cm). G. Silt unit with contorted bedding in contact with volcanic clast (8R-2, 29–34 cm). H. Brecciated, altered, and veined volcanic clast with planar color banding (11R-1, 56–62 cm).



Summary and discussion

The cores recovered at Site U1526 are largely undeformed. Fractures and veins are the only postdepositional structures of note. No deformation structures are preserved in Domain 1, which is characterized by subhorizontal beds. Fractures and veins occur throughout Domain 2 in the volcanoclastics and basalts.

Figure F22. Representative veins in Domain 2, Hole U1526A. A. Diffuse vein characterized by an irregular, tabular zone of interconnected cement in volcanoclastic matrix (6R-3, 37–38 cm). B. Network of fracture veins within volcanic clast (14R-2, 61–65 cm). C. Zone of anastomosing filled fracture veins cutting through both matrix and clasts (6R-2, 2–6 cm). D. Circumgranular vein with open pores lined with calcite crystals (7R-1, 27–31 cm). E. Brown vein containing volcanic clasts, crossing from the matrix into vesicular basalt (11R-2, 121–128 cm).



Geochemistry

Inorganic geochemistry

The main objective of the inorganic geochemistry program at Site U1526 was to identify diagenetic reactions and potential fluid flow. A total of 11 routine pore water whole-round (WR) samples (10 cm long) were collected from APC cores in Hole U1526B and squeezed for shipboard and shore-based pore water chemical analyses. WR samples were collected on the catwalk at a frequency of four samples in Core 375-U1526B-1H, three samples in Core 2H, and two samples per core in Cores 3H and 4H.

All WR samples were thoroughly cleaned in an effort to remove drilling fluid contamination and then pressed in titanium squeezers at gauge forces to a maximum of 30,000 lb. The volume of recovered pore water varied with lithology and depth and ranged between 15 and 58 mL.

The major and minor element concentrations are listed in Tables T8 and T9, respectively. Their depth profiles are shown in Figures F23, F24, and F25. The geochemical profiles at Site U1526 reflect the combined effects of early organic matter diagenesis and carbonate and silicate mineral diagenesis. The concentrations of major elements at the top of Unit I are similar to seawater composition, and only the most reactive solutes show significant alteration relative to bottom water. However, a sharp gradient occurs in the profiles of many solutes approaching the volcanoclastic sediments in Unit II to a modified fluid composition that is similar to that of the volcanoclastic unit at Site U1520. Below, we provide a general description of the pore water chemical profiles and evidence for fluid–rock reactions.

Organic matter diagenesis

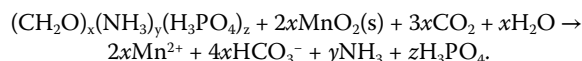
Sulfate concentrations at the top of Unit I are lower than modern seawater value and are relatively constant, ranging from 27.4 to 28 mM (Figure F23). Alkalinity concentrations increase from the seafloor to a peak value of 4.36 mM at 2.95 mbsf, decrease to 3.27 mM at 5.65 mbsf, and remain relatively constant deeper than 5.65 mbsf to the base of Unit I. Phosphate concentrations decrease sharply from 13 μM at 1.45 mbsf to 4.7 μM at 5.6 mbsf and then decrease more gradually to the base of Unit I. The shape of the Mn

Table T8. Pore water major element concentrations, Hole U1526B. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

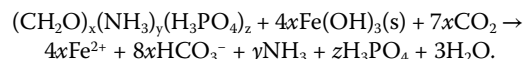
Table T9. Pore water minor element concentrations, Hole U1526B. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

concentration profile is concave downward with concentrations decreasing from 5.02 μM at 1.45 mbsf to 0.9 μM at 18.3 mbsf (Figure F25). Dissolved Fe concentrations range from 0.49 to 3.85 μM in the upper ~12 m of the sediment column and are below the detection limit deeper than ~12 mbsf.

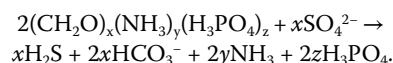
Collectively, these solute profiles reflect the oxidation of particulate organic carbon through Mn reduction, Fe reduction, and SO_4 reduction. The Mn reduction equation is



The Fe reduction equation is



The sulfate reduction equation is



Some of the alkalinity produced through these metabolic reactions is sequestered in authigenic carbonates in the upper portion of Unit I.

Carbonate and silicate mineral diagenesis

Dissolved strontium concentrations are higher than modern seawater and are relatively constant with depth, ranging from 95 to 98 μM (Figure F25). The slight enrichment in Sr concentrations likely reflects recrystallization of biogenic carbonate in Unit I. Magnesium concentrations are less than seawater and relatively constant, ranging from 49 to 53 mM (Figure F24). Some of the depletion in Mg likely reflects recrystallization of biogenic carbonate to a higher Mg calcite. However, the Mg profile is also affected by silicate mineral diagenesis in Unit I. Dissolved silica concentrations are elevated with respect to seawater in the upper portion of Unit I, ranging from 487 to 569 μM in the upper 18 m of the sediment column and then decreasing to 251 μM at 29 mbsf (Figure F24). In the interval of elevated Si concentrations, boron concentrations range from 472 to 546 μM and then decrease to the base of Unit I. The elevated Si and B concentrations along with the lower than seawater Mg concentrations suggest minor silicate mineral diagenesis in the upper portion of the sediment column and the formation of authigenic aluminosilicate minerals.

A sharp decrease in potassium and silica concentrations, a moderate decrease in boron concentrations, and a sharp increase in calcium concentrations occur at the base of Unit I (Figures F24, F25). The sharp changes in these concentration profiles reflect a modified fluid composition in Unit II (volcanoclastic facies) owing to different and more mature fluid–rock reactions. Extrapolating the gradients to the Unit I/II boundary indicates that the fluid in the volcanoclastic sediments has a composition similar to that of volcanoclastic Unit V at Site U1520 (see [Geochemistry](#) in the Site U1520 chapter [Barnes et al., 2019]). Given that the sediments comprising Unit I at Site U1526 were deposited between the Holocene and 5.33 Ma (see

Figure F23. Alkalinity, sulfate, phosphate, and bromide concentration profiles, Site U1526. Arrows = average seawater values.

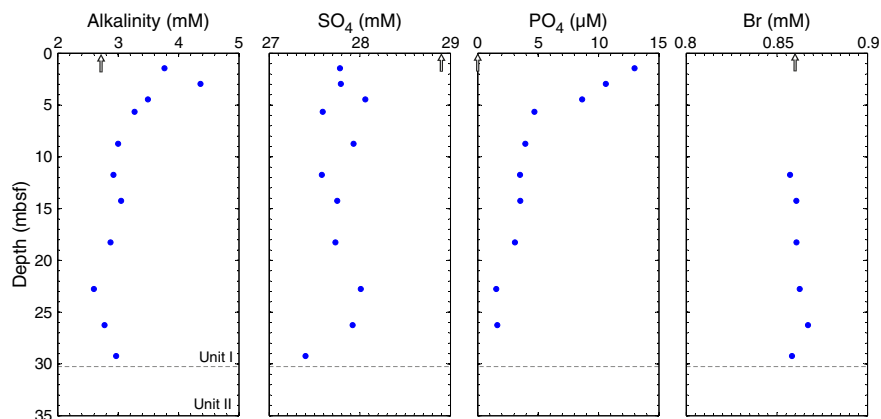


Figure F24. Chloride, sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and silica concentration profiles, Site U1526. Arrows = average seawater values.

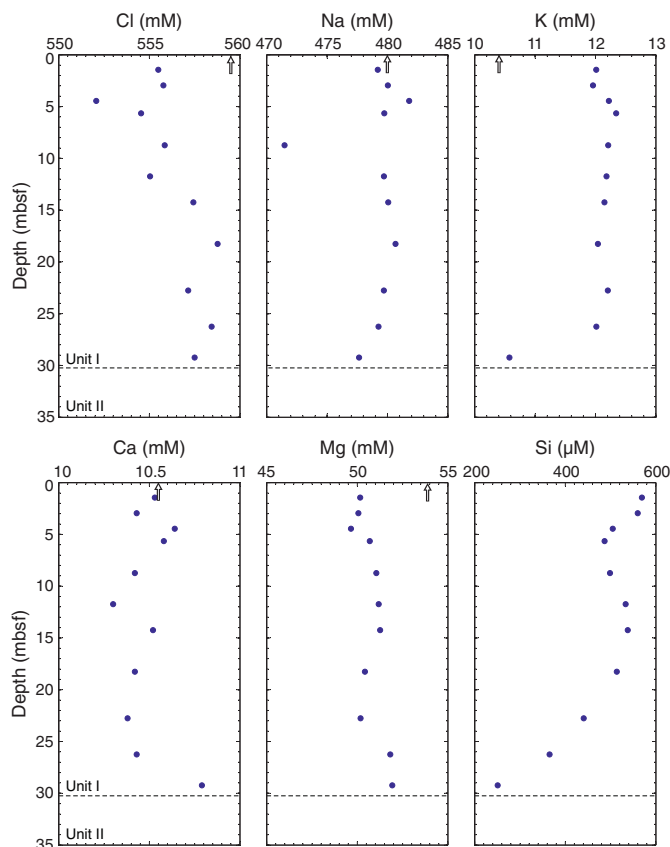
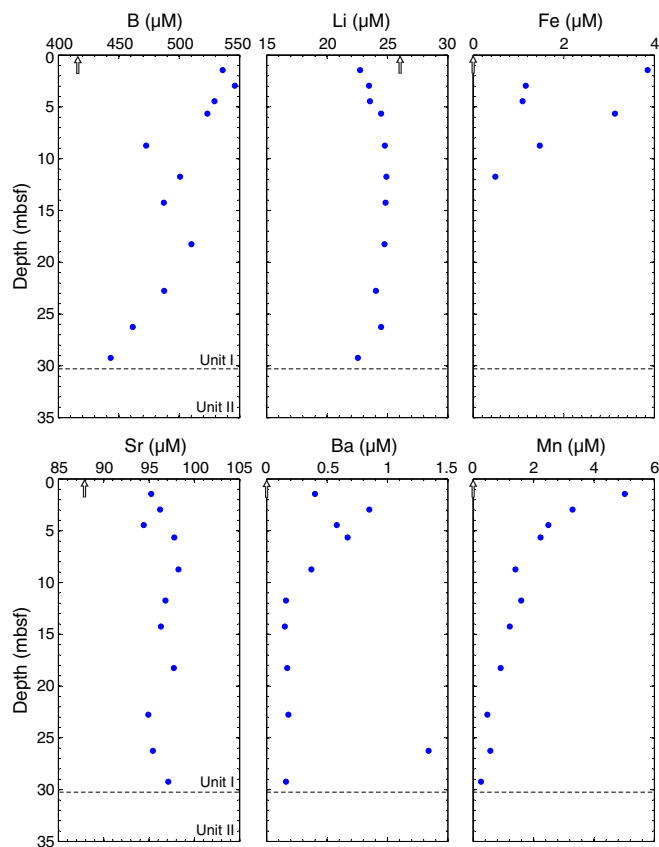


Figure F25. Boron, lithium, iron, strontium, barium, and manganese concentration profiles, Site U1526. Arrows = average seawater values.



Biostratigraphy), we would expect the concentrations of solutes in Unit II to establish a diffusional gradient to the top of Unit I over this long time period rather than the sharp gradients observed at the base of Unit I. The reason for the sharp gradients observed in the solute profiles will be explored further post-expedition.

We note that pore water lithium concentrations at the top of Unit I are $\sim 3 \mu\text{M}$ lower than modern seawater value. These analyses were conducted at the very end of the expedition, and Li concentrations will be remeasured post-expedition to verify the shipboard values.

Organic geochemistry

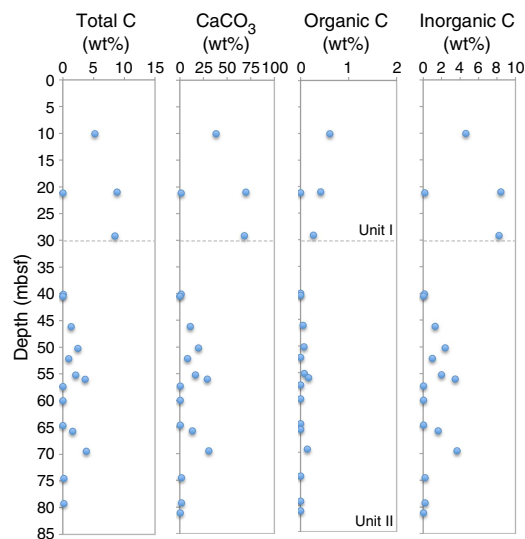
Gas analyses

Headspace samples were taken from each sediment core to monitor for the presence and abundance of C_1 – C_3 hydrocarbons as part of the standard safety protocol (Pimmel and Claypool, 2001). A total of 13 headspace gas samples were analyzed by gas chromatography (see **Geochemistry** in the Expedition 372B/375 methods chapter [Wallace et al., 2019]), and no methane, ethane, propane, ethene, or propene were detected (Table T10).

Table T10. C₁–C₃ concentrations from headspace gas sample analyses, Hole U1526A. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Table T11. Inorganic C, CaCO₃, TC, TN, and organic C contents in bulk sediment samples, Hole U1526A. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Figure F26. TC, CaCO₃, organic carbon, and inorganic carbon contents, Site U1526.



Bulk sediment analysis

The main objective of bulk sediment analysis was to provide measurements of the quantity and quality of organic matter and calcium carbonate contents. A total of 19 bulk sediment samples were collected at Site U1526 (Table T11) for elemental analysis by coulometric and carbon-hydrogen-nitrogen-sulfur measurements to determine inorganic carbon, calcium carbonate, total carbon (TC), total nitrogen (TN), and organic carbon contents (weight percent).

Calcium carbonate (CaCO₃) in Lithostratigraphic Unit I (0–30.2 mbsf), which consists of fine-grained mixed to biocalcareous sediment, exhibits a large degree of scatter (ranging from 1.26 to 69.99 wt%). The CaCO₃ profile mimics the depth profiles of TC (ranging from 0.03 to 8.82 wt%) and inorganic C (ranging from 0.04 to 8.40 wt%). Calcium carbonate content increases with depth and reaches its highest value of 69.99 wt% at 21 mbsf, corresponding to a nannofossil-rich ooze. In Lithostratigraphic Unit II (30.2–81.39 mbsf), which is composed of coarse volcanoclastic sandstone and volcanoclastic conglomerate, CaCO₃ contents also exhibit a large degree of scatter, ranging from 0.25 to 68.30 wt%. The highest value (68.30 wt%; Sample 375-U1526A-4R-1, 6–7 cm) is indicative of bivalve shells and calcite cement (Figure F26).

Organic C values, calculated as the difference between TC and carbonate C content (see [Geochemistry](#) in the Expedition 372B/375 methods chapter [Wallace et al., 2019]), are low in Lithostratigraphic Units I and II (ranging from 0.00 to 0.61 wt%). The highest values are shallower than 21 mbsf and correspond to calcareous mud. The ratio of organic C to TN (C/N) can provide information on organic material provenance. Terrestrial organic matter typically has a C/N ratio of ~20, whereas marine organic matter, which is more proteinaceous, is characterized by a C/N ratio of ~5–8 (Pimmel and Claypool, 2001). TN is below the detection limit

deeper than 21 mbsf. C/N ratios shallower than 21 mbsf range from 20.89 (possibly due to a terrestrial influence of organic matter) to 191 and reflect low TN values.

Physical properties

Density and porosity

Gamma ray attenuation (GRA) bulk density was determined on WR cores, and moisture and density (MAD) bulk density, grain density, and porosity were determined on discrete samples from Site U1526 working halves (see [Physical properties](#) in the Expedition 372B/375 methods chapter [Wallace et al., 2019]). No MAD measurements were conducted for Hole U1526B. Between the seafloor and ~21 mbsf in Hole U1526A, GRA bulk density ranges from ~1.3 to 1.5 g/cm³ and then increases rapidly to ~2.8 g/cm³ at ~40 mbsf (Figures F27, F28). From 40 to 82 mbsf, the majority of GRA bulk density values range between 2 and 2.5 g/cm³ with large scatter because of the irregular diameter of the recovered RCB cores and heterogeneity in lithology. After correction for the RCB core diameter, GRA bulk density ranges from 2.3 to 3 g/cm³ (Figure F28). In Hole U1526B, GRA bulk density increases from 1.5 g/cm³ to slightly above 1.8 g/cm³ in the uppermost 2 m and then decreases slightly with depth and remains constant at 1.5–1.6 g/cm³ between 6 and 24 mbsf. GRA bulk density shifts to lower values of 1.4–1.5 g/cm³ at 25 mbsf and then increases significantly over the lowermost 8 m of Hole U1526B, reaching values as high as ~2.8 g/cm³ at 30 mbsf.

MAD bulk density is 1.6 g/cm³ between the seafloor and 21 mbsf. MAD bulk density increases to 2.4 g/cm³ at ~30 mbsf in the clastic material of Core 375-U1526A-4R (Figure F27). Between 39 mbsf and the bottom of Hole U1526A, MAD bulk density exhibits large scatter, ranging between 2.1 and 2.9 g/cm³ with an average of 2.5 g/cm³ and no discernible downhole trend. Grain density increases steadily from 2.5 g/cm³ at <1 mbsf to values as high as 2.9 g/cm³ at 40 mbsf and remains mostly constant between 40 and 69 mbsf, averaging 2.85 g/cm³. Grain density values are as high as 3.0 g/cm³ at the bottom of Hole U1526A from 75 to 81 mbsf.

Between the seafloor and 21 mbsf (in Lithostratigraphic Unit I) in Hole U1526A, porosity is 62%–68%. Porosity decreases abruptly to 18% at ~30 mbsf. From 39 mbsf to the bottom of Hole U1526A (in Unit II), porosity exhibits large scatter and ranges from 2% to 44%, averaging 20% with no significant downhole trend (Figure F27). In general, low bulk density, low grain density, and high porosity correspond to the shallow fine-grained sediment cover in Unit I, whereas high bulk density, high grain density, and low porosity values in Unit II are associated with the appearance of larger clasts of basalt. The large scatter in Unit II is due to the differences between the clastic material and the low-porosity basalt, as well as large variations in the size of vesicles in the basalt.

P-wave velocity

Compressional wave (*P*-wave) velocity was measured on WR cores, working halves, and discrete cubes. The discrete cubes were also used for MAD measurements. In Lithostratigraphic Unit I where the main lithologies are calcareous mud and nannofossil-rich ooze, *P*-wave velocity ranges from 1450 to 1570 m/s (Figure F27). In Unit II, the lithology is volcanoclastic conglomerate with basalt clasts and *P*-wave velocity ranges from 1700 to ~6000 m/s with significant scatter because of the heterogeneous nature of the conglomerate. Both horizontal anisotropy (α_1) and vertical anisotropy (α_T) range mostly between –0.2 and 0.2 (Figure F29; Table T12).

Figure F27. Summary of physical properties measured on core samples, Site U1526. Between 0 and 33 mbsf, MAD and thermal conductivity measurements were not made on Hole U1526B samples. cps = counts per second. WRMSL = Whole-Round Multisensor Logger.

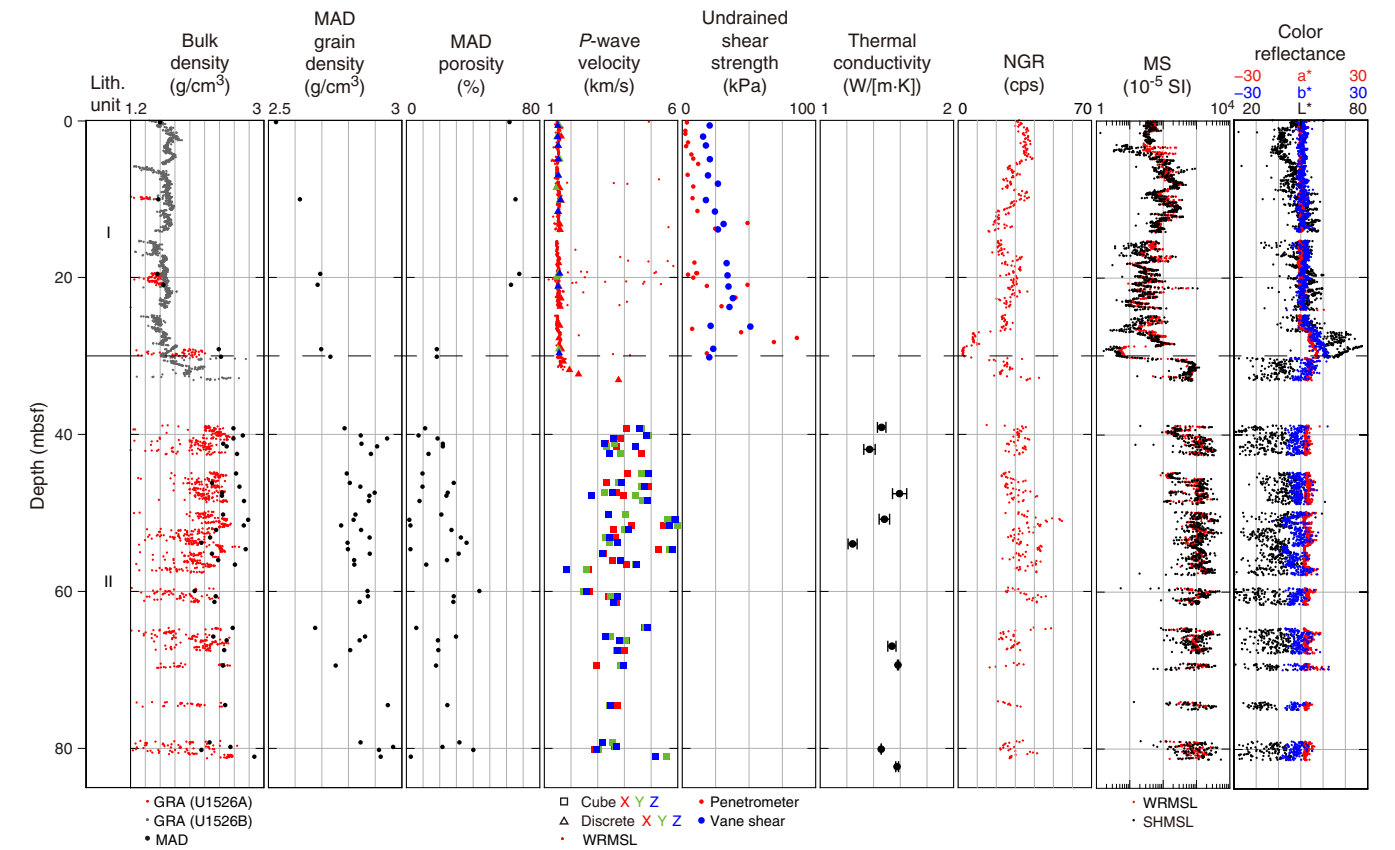
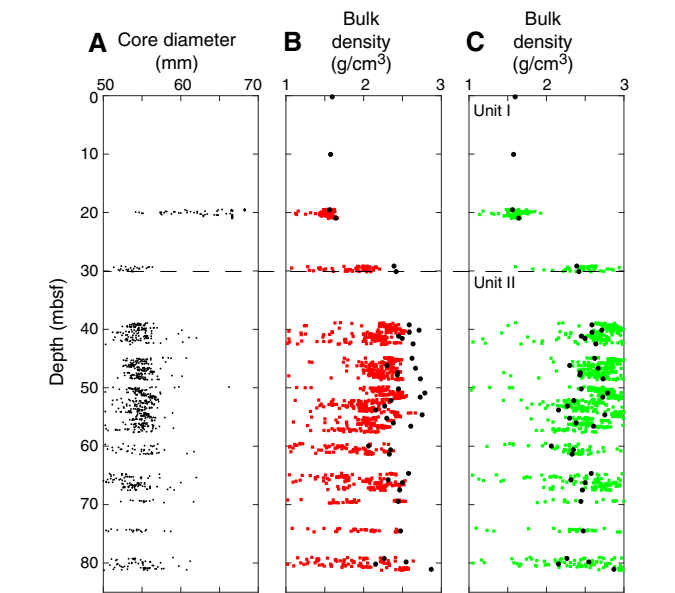


Figure F28. GRA bulk density corrected for RCB core diameter, Hole U1526A. A. Core diameter determined from section images. B. Uncorrected GRA bulk density. C. Corrected GRA bulk density. Black dots in B and C = MAD bulk density.

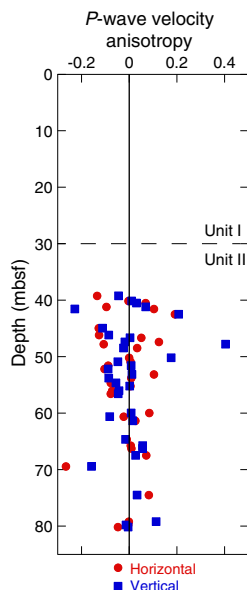


Shear strength

Shear strength measurements were conducted on the working halves of sediment cores from 0 to 30 mbsf in Holes U1526A and U1526B using the Giesa automated vane shear (AVS) and a pocket penetrometer. Undrained shear strength increases with depth from 0 to ~100 kPa between 0 and 30 mbsf.

Thermal conductivity

Thermal conductivity measurements were conducted on working halves from Lithostratigraphic Unit II in Hole U1526A using the half-space probe (see [Physical properties](#) in the Expedition 372B/375 methods chapter [Wallace et al., 2019]). No thermal conductivity measurements were conducted in Unit I because of poor recovery in Hole U1526A and limited time to process cores from Hole U1526B. In most cases, three measurements were made at each position. The plotted value represents the mean of the three measurements, and the horizontal bar shows the standard deviation. Although a sample of three does not represent an accurate measure of the standard deviation, this value can be used to assess the relative scatter in the measurements. From 39 to 82 mbsf, nine thermal conductivity measurements were made. Thermal conductivity values vary between 1.2 and 1.6 W/(m·K) with a mean value of 1.5 W/(m·K) (Figure F27).

Figure F29. *P*-wave velocity anisotropy, Site U1526.Table T12. Horizontal and vertical anisotropy of *P*-wave velocity, Hole U1526A. [Download table in CSV format.](#)

Natural gamma radiation

NGR values in Lithostratigraphic Unit I mostly range between 20 and 40 counts/s, except for lower values of 2–8 counts/s between 27 and 30 mbsf corresponding to nannofossil-rich ooze (see [Lithostratigraphy](#)). NGR values in Unit II increase from about 29 counts/s at the top of the unit to about 50 counts/s at about 50 mbsf and then gradually decrease to 27 counts/s at the bottom of the cored interval (Figure [F27](#)).

The NGR spectra were used to estimate ^{40}K , ^{232}Th , and ^{238}U concentrations using the algorithm of De Vleeschouwer et al. (2017) (Figure [F30](#)). K, Th, and U concentrations generally mimic patterns observed in the NGR data. Mean values of ^{40}K , ^{232}Th , and ^{238}U through Unit I are 1.4 wt%, 3.2 ppm, and 1.3 ppm, respectively. In Unit II, mean values of ^{40}K , ^{232}Th , and ^{238}U are 1.8 wt%, 2.8 ppm, and 0.8 ppm, respectively. These generally low values likely reflect the low concentration of clay throughout the cored intervals (see [Lithostratigraphy](#)).

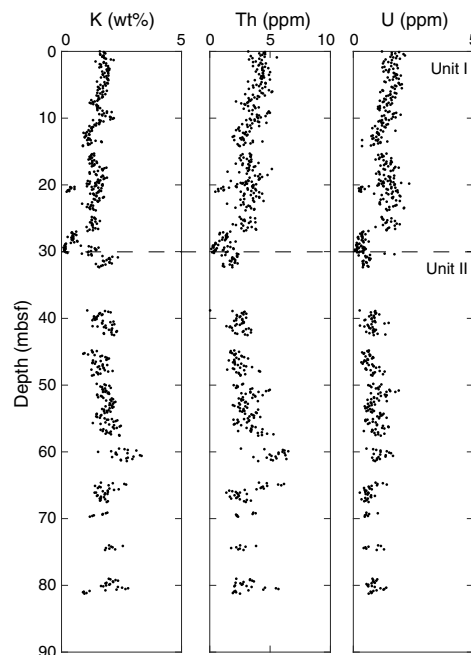
Magnetic susceptibility

Magnetic susceptibility mostly ranges from 10×10^{-5} to 200×10^{-5} SI in Lithostratigraphic Unit I shallower than ~30 mbsf. Deeper than ~30 mbsf, magnetic susceptibility ranges from $\sim 100 \times 10^{-5}$ to 3000×10^{-5} SI with an average of $\sim 1400 \times 10^{-5}$ SI (Figure [F27](#)).

Reflectance spectroscopy and colorimetry

Color reflectance data were measured on archive halves from Site U1526 and are reported as L^* , a^* , and b^* values (Figure [F27](#)). L^* decreases from 50 at the seafloor to 40 at 5 mbsf and then increases to 50 at ~10 mbsf. It remains constant between 10 and 27 mbsf and then increases to 60–80 between 27 and 30 mbsf. Deeper than 30 mbsf, L^* shows large scatter, ranging from 20 to 65. From the seafloor to 27 mbsf, a^* and b^* values are mostly constant with average values of 0; a^* increases to a maximum value of 8 and b^* increases to a maximum value of 10 between 27 and 30 mbsf. Deeper than 30

Figure F30. Estimated K, Th, and U concentrations based on NGR spectra, Site U1526.



mbsf, both a^* and b^* are relatively constant with average values of ~4 and ~1.2, respectively.

Core-seismic integration

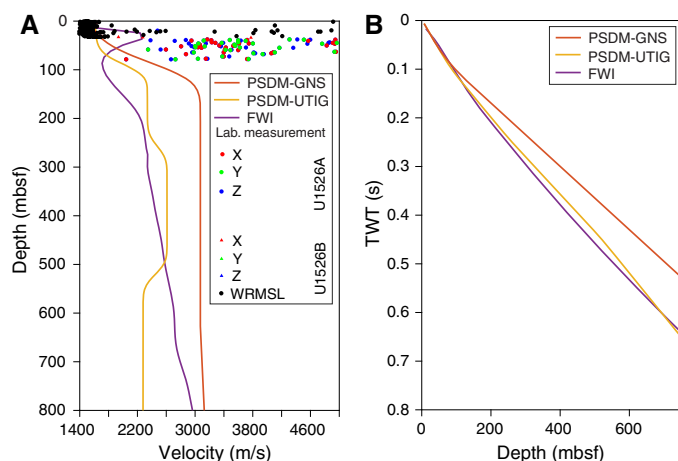
In this section, we integrate core-based observations and measurements with seismic reflection profiles from Site U1526. No borehole logging data exist at this site; the site was not drilled with logging while drilling during IODP Expedition 372, and no wireline logging was undertaken during Expedition 375.

Seismic-well ties

RCB coring was undertaken to 83.6 mbsf in Hole U1526A, and the seafloor was identified at 2890.1 mbsl. APC and XCB coring were completed to 31.5 mbsf in Hole U1526B where the seafloor was identified at 2888.4 mbsl. Because no logging data were acquired in either hole, velocity and density information from laboratory measurements on cores were used to tie the lithologic information from cores to the seismic sections.

The available seismic data at Site U1526 include Seismic Line 05CM-04 on which Sites U1518, U1519, and U1520 are also located and a low-fold (48-channel) section acquired on the R/V *Tangaroa*. Site U1526 is located near Seismic Line 05CM-04 at common depth point (CDP) 7144 and lies 110 m from Cross-Line TAN1114-03. Figure [F31](#) compares pre-expedition seismic velocity estimates produced for the depth migration of Seismic Line 05CM-04 and a full waveform inversion (FWI) (see [Core-log-seismic integration](#) in the Expedition 372B/375 methods chapter [Wallace et al., 2019]). We conducted continuous velocity measurement only on WR sediment cores, whereas discrete *P*-wave velocity measurements using a bayonet (PWB) and caliper (PWC) system were made on split cores and discrete samples, respectively, throughout Holes U1526A and U1526B (Figures [F27](#), [F31A](#); see [Physical properties](#)). *P*-wave velocity measurements in the pelagic sediments (see [Lithostratigraphy](#)

Figure F31. A. Comparison of pre-expedition PSDM and FWI P -wave velocity profiles near the site with Hole U1526A and U1526B laboratory P -wave velocity data (see Physical properties). PSDM-GNS and PSDM-UTIG models from Barker et al. (2018). FWI velocity model provided by R. Bell (unpubl. data; Imperial College London, United Kingdom). B. Comparison of time-depth relationships derived from different seismic P -wave velocity profiles and laboratory P -wave velocity measurements.



phy) in the upper 29 m of Hole U1526A were restricted to Core 3R, where values of 1451, 1527, 1576 and 2475 m/s were recorded (see [Physical properties](#)). In Hole U1526B, 90%–100% core recovery was achieved in the same unit, which extended to 30.2 mbsf. P -wave velocity increases from about 1500 m/s close to the seafloor to about 1530 m/s at 30 mbsf (see [Physical properties](#)). In Hole U1526A below 29 mbsf, P -wave velocity values measured in the laboratory show a wide variation between 2034 and 5162 m/s with a mean value of 3805 m/s. This mean velocity is considerably higher than predictions made by the prestack depth migration (PSDM) (Barker et al., 2018) and FWI velocity models (Figure F31A).

In the absence of continuous velocity and density data, we built a lithologic model and populated it with velocity and density information from laboratory measurements to create a synthetic seismic trace to tie the core and seismic data (see [Core-log-seismic integration](#) in the Expedition 372B/375 methods chapter [Wallace et al., 2019]). Holes U1526A and U1526B are divided into two lithostratigraphic units (see [Lithostratigraphy](#)). Unit I in Hole U1526B (0–30.2 mbsf) consists of hemipelagic mud, calcareous mud, and nannofossil-rich pelagic ooze. Unit II (30.2–82 mbsf) comprises coarse-grained cemented volcanoclastic sandstone, large (tens of centimeters) blocks of vesicular basalt, and cemented volcanoclastic conglomerate. Seismic Line 05CM-04 shows a high-amplitude, normal polarity reflection at 40 ms two-way traveltime (TWT) below seafloor at Site U1526 (Figure F32). If the normal polarity reflection at 40 ms TWT below seafloor corresponds to the Lithostratigraphic Unit I/II boundary at 30.2 mbsf in Hole U1526B, it would require an interval velocity of 1510 m/s for Unit I. This value is in good agreement with the Hole U1526B laboratory measurements.

Below ~30 mbsf, significant scatter in the laboratory P -wave velocity measurements reflects the mixed assemblage of low-velocity (<3000 m/s) volcanoclastic conglomerate with large (tens of centimeters) blocks of vesicular basalt and cemented volcanoclastic conglomerate intervals having higher velocity values of >5000 m/s. To produce a synthetic seismic trace, we constructed a velocity model with an interval velocity of 1510 m/s in Unit I and 3805 m/s in Unit II, corresponding to the mean velocity measured on Hole U1526A

core samples (Velocity Model 1, Figure F32A; see [Physical properties](#)).

Figure F32B shows the synthetic seismic trace that is produced from Velocity Model 1 and MAD measurements (see [Physical properties](#)). There is a good match between a high-amplitude reflection trough at 30 mbsf (blue phase in Figure F32B) and the observed velocity and density increase across the contact between nannofossil-rich ooze and volcanoclastic sandstone. Velocity Model 1 is the simplest model that provides a partial match to the real data and honors laboratory P -wave velocity measurements. We recognize, however, that other more complex models could provide a better match below 30 mbsf. We use the synthetic seismic trace to tie core and seismic data in Holes U1526A and U1526B.

Seismic units and comparison with core data

Two seismic reflection units are identified in the upper sequence of Tūrangānui Knoll at Site U1526 (Figure F33).

Seismic Unit 1 (0–30 mbsf)

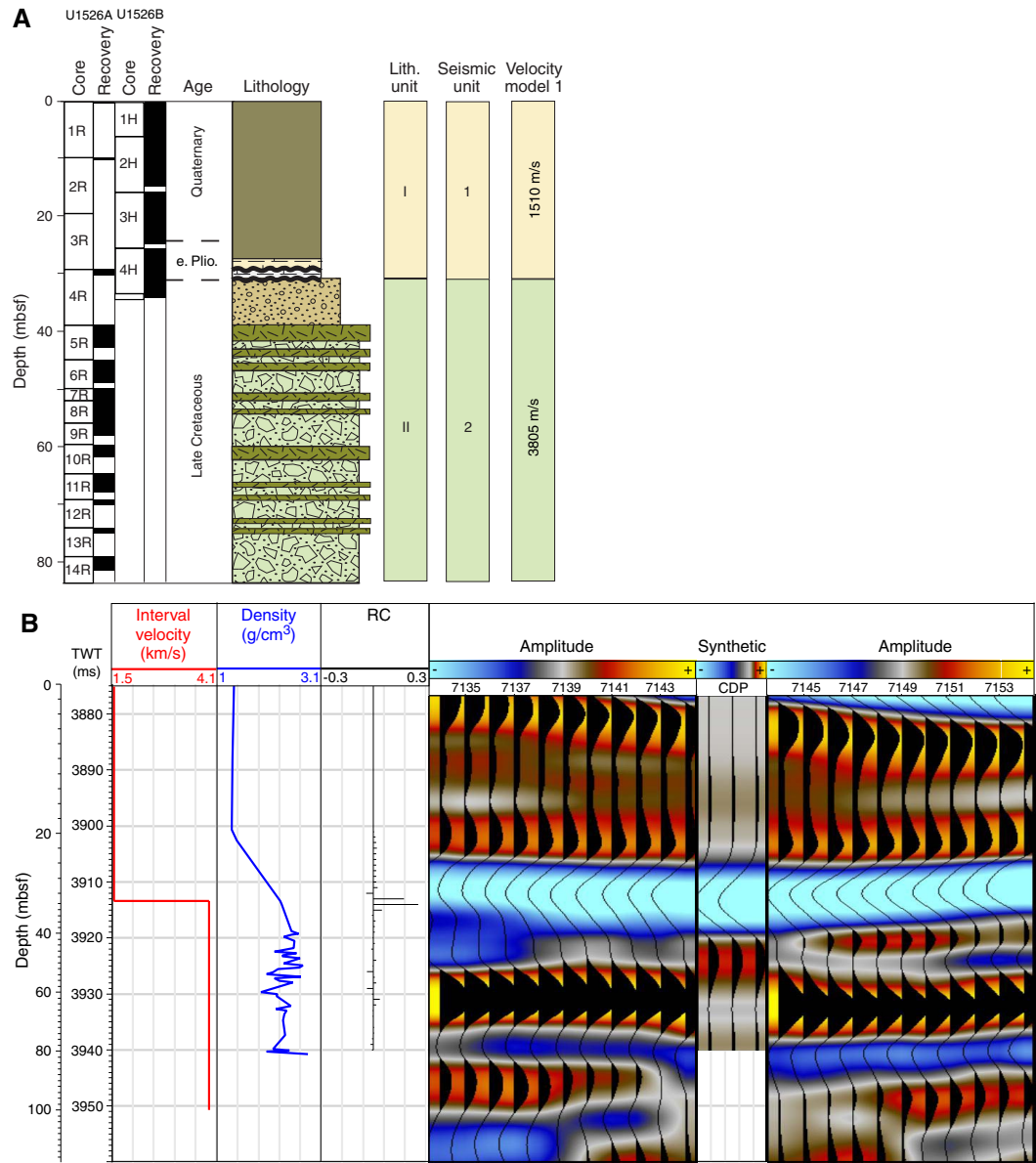
Seismic Unit 1 is represented by a weakly reflective interval that is ~30 m thick at Site U1526. Away from the site, a striking feature of the unit is its lateral variation in thickness and distinctive “pinch and swell” geometry (Figure F33). The unit reaches ~105 m thickness 2.5 km east of Site U1526 on Line 05CM-04. Elsewhere on other seismic profiles crossing the seamount, the unit locally exceeds 140 m thickness and includes unconformity-bounded intervals. The overall geometry of the unit and its internal unconformities would be consistent with sediment deposition under the influence of bottom currents. The apparent moat-like depressions around volcanic cones imaged in seismic sections and on multibeam bathymetric data provide supporting evidence for this interpretation.

Coring in Hole U1526B recovered a nearly complete sequence representing Seismic Unit 1, which corresponds to Lithostratigraphic Unit I (see [Lithostratigraphy](#)) (Figure F32). Lithostratigraphic Unit I (0–30.2 mbsf) comprises hemipelagic mud, light greenish gray calcareous mud, and brownish white nannofossil-rich ooze, and biostratigraphic ages range from Pleistocene to Cretaceous (see [Biostratigraphy](#)). Carbonate contents increase gradually downsection. Laboratory physical properties measurements reveal that the bulk density for cores in Hole U1526B ranges from about 1.5 g/cm³ close to the seafloor to about 1.8 g/cm³ at 30 mbsf (Figure F34).

Seismic Unit 2 (30–82 mbsf)

Seismic Unit 2 represents the lower 44 m drilled in Hole U1526A but extends a considerable depth below the drilling depth (Figure F33). The upper part of the unit is strongly reflective, comprising planar to irregular, discontinuous, high-amplitude reflections that vary locally from horizontal to gently (~10°–20°) dipping. The high-amplitude reflections extend to about 250 mbsf, beneath which the unit becomes more weakly reflective. Based on our preferred velocity model at Site U1526 (Figure F32), the drilled interval of Seismic Unit 2 is represented by a single seismic wavelet (Figure F35). Drilling operations planned using the PSDM of Line 05CM-04 (Barker et al., 2018) had anticipated that drilling to 82 m would allow irregular and locally dipping reflections beneath a high-amplitude, reversed polarity reflection to be cored, but these reflections were apparently not reached. The contact between Seismic Units 1 and 2 is approximately planar and at least locally appears to be an angular unconformity.

Figure F32. A. Lithostratigraphic and seismic units, Site U1526. We interpret that the high-amplitude, reversed polarity reflection seen in seismic data corresponds to the Unit I–II transition (see Lithostratigraphy). Seismic Unit 1 and 2 velocity values are assigned as 1510 and 3805 m/s, respectively, in Velocity Model 1. Core recovery: black = recovery, white = no recovery. See Figure F3 for lithology key. B. Synthetic seismic trace produced from Velocity Model 1 and MAD density data. Blue reflections are troughs and indicate an increase in acoustic impedance with depth. RC = reflection coefficient.



Seismic Unit 2 corresponds to Lithostratigraphic Unit II (see [Lithostratigraphy](#)), which comprises coarse volcanoclastic sandstone to conglomerate composed of large, subrounded to sub-angular pebbles and boulders of variably altered to fresh basalt embedded in a matrix of cemented coarse-grained volcanoclastic sand. Although the lower part of the sequence includes intervals of relatively fresh basalt, it is not clear if they represent in situ flows or

boulders of transported material (see [Lithostratigraphy](#) and [Paleomagnetism](#)). As with the *P*-wave velocity data, density values in Lithostratigraphic Unit II (~2.2–2.9 g/cm³) are considerably higher than in Unit I (~1.5–1.8 g/cm³) (Figure [F34](#)). The increase in density and velocity from Unit I to Unit II results in the high-amplitude normal polarity reflection observed in seismic reflection data (Figure [F32](#)).

Figure F33. Interpreted seismic units in upper sequence of Tūranganui Knoll on Seismic Line 05CM-04 and Cross-Line TAN1114-03, Site U1526. A. Seismic Line 05CM-04 prestack time migrated (from Barker et al., 2018) showing two seismic units and a relatively late stage volcanic cone. B. Seismic units visible in Profile TAN1114-03 lying 110 m from Site U1526. Red reflections are troughs and indicate an increase in acoustic impedance with depth. C. Kongsberg EM 302 30 kHz multibeam bathymetry data gridded to 25 m showing bathymetry contours at 20 m interval and Site U1526 location.

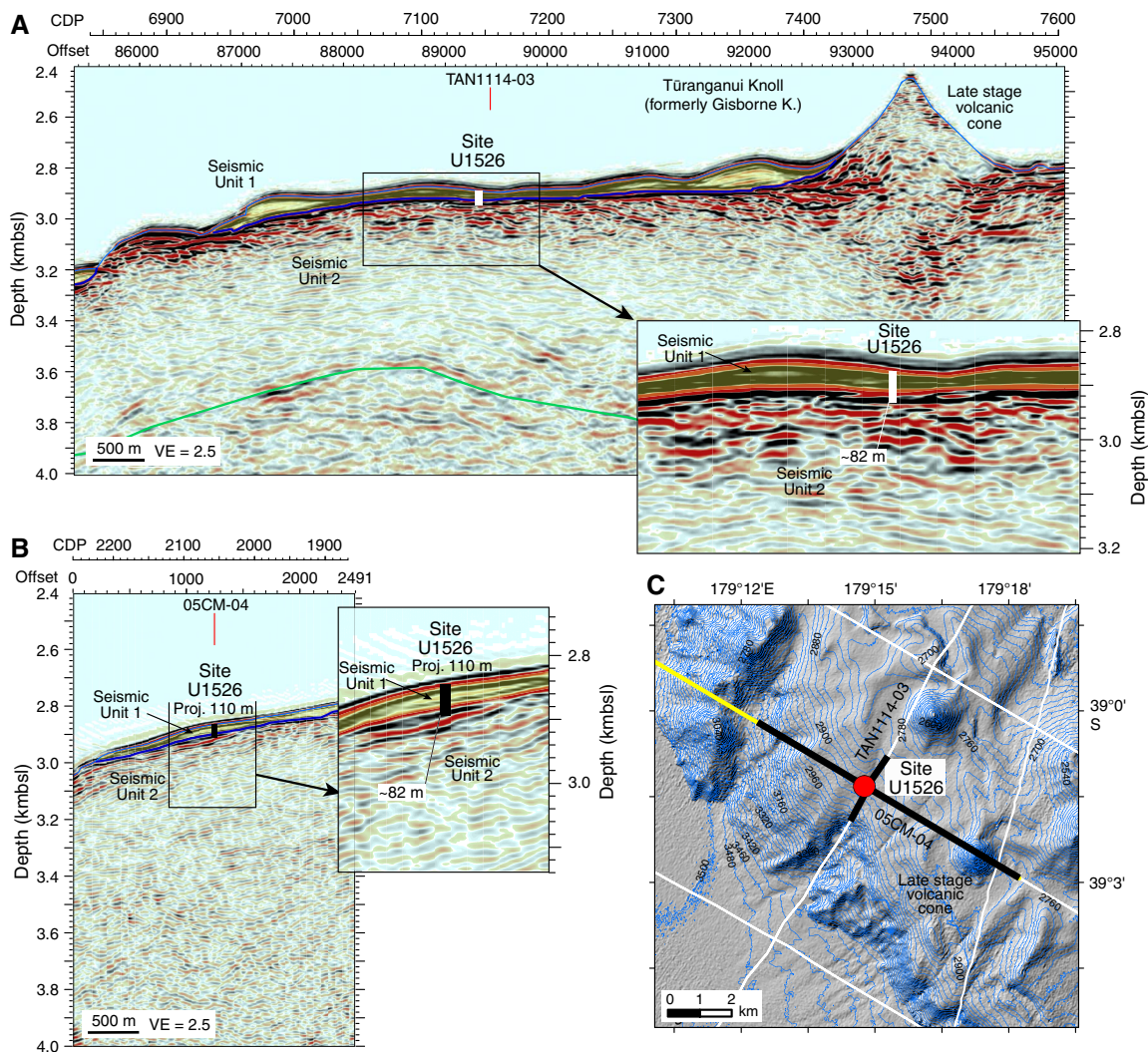


Figure F34. Comparison of Hole U1526A and U1526B laboratory physical properties data with Line 05CM-04 seismic reflection data. Core recovery: black = recovery, white = no recovery. See Figure F3 for lithology key. cps = counts per second.

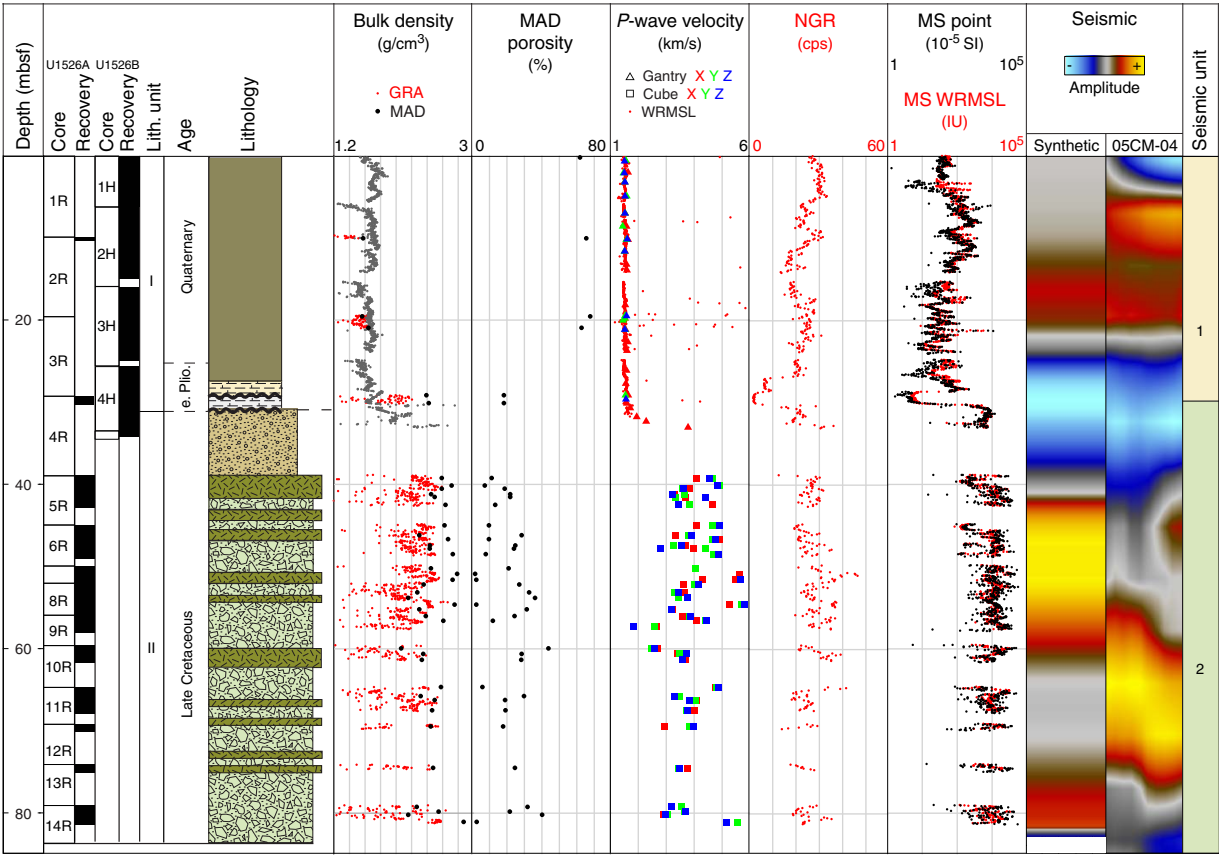
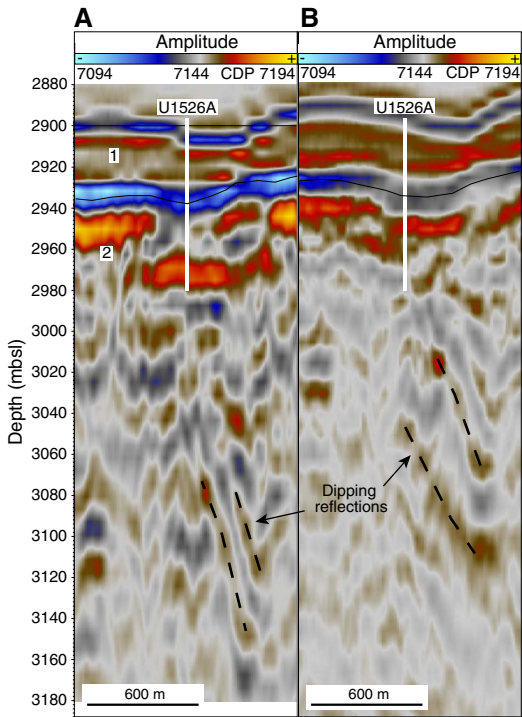


Figure F35. A. Seismic Line 05CM-04 (CDPs 7094–7194), depth converted using Velocity Model 1 and showing the cored interval at Site U1526 (Figure F32). Hole U1526A drilled to the base of a high-amplitude, reversed polarity reflection and did not reach a zone of lower amplitude dipping reflectivity. B. PSDM-GNS model of Line 05CM-04 (CDPs 7094–7194) (Barker et al., 2018), showing the drilled interval at Site U1526. Blue reflections are troughs and indicate an increase in acoustic impedance with depth.



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