

21. INTERSTITIAL WATER STUDIES ON SMALL CORE SAMPLES, DEEP SEA DRILLING PROJECT, LEG 8¹

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INTRODUCTION

Leg 8 sites are dominated by siliceous-calcareous biogenic oozes having depositional rates of 0.1 to 1.5 cm/1000 years. Conservative constituents of pore fluids showed, as have cores from other pelagic areas of the Pacific, insignificant or marginally significant changes with depth and location. However, in Sites 70 and 71, calcium, magnesium and strontium showed major shifts in concentration with depth. These changes appear to be related to recrystallization phenomena in skeletal debris of nannoplankton and to the relative accumulation rate of the sediments.

The chemical anomalies increase relatively smoothly with depth, demonstrating the effectiveness of vertical diffusional communication, and apparent lack of bulk fluid movement, as noted in Leg 7 and other sites.

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RESULTS

The chemical analyses of major constituents in the pore fluids are listed in Table 1, which also provide bulk water and pH data, as supplied from the preliminary shipboard logs. Minor constituents are listed in

Table 2. Replicate samples which were carried through the entire sampling and analytical procedure are shown in parentheses.

The major cations generally demonstrated satisfactory precision. However, occasionally, large discrepancies were apparent in the case of the alkalinity and bicarbonate values calculated from them. We suspect that some absolute loss of alkalinity may have also occurred owing to the nature of the containers (polyethylene pipe) in which the squeezed waters are routinely sealed on board ship. Therefore, the alkalinity determinations are probably correct only for the water samples as received in the laboratory. Significant loss or gain of constituents due to evaporation is unlikely, in view of the consistent and reasonable chloride values obtained. Sodium values are given in two columns in Table 1. Sodium in Column 1 is calculated by summing the anions in terms of milliequivalents per kilogram, subtracting all cations except sodium (Na), and assuming the remainder is due to sodium (Na). That these values are more precise than the directly determined values (Column 2) may be seen by comparing the consistency within holes, both alone and with respect to chloride. Where strontium concentrations are large, as in Holes 71 and 72, strontium is included in the cations for the purpose of calculating sodium (Na). However, the calculated sodium (Na) values are slightly exaggerated owing to the fact that ammonia has not been determined, and it must also contribute a small amount to the total cations.

Significant concentrational relationships and variations with respect to sea (bottom) water include the following:

(1) In Sites 69, 73, 74 and 75 the demonstrated potassium concentrations are irregularly higher than normal, whereas Sites 70 and 71 show marked decreases with depth. At 329 meters in Site 70A, the potassium (K) values have declined to about half sea water values (0.19 ‰).

(2) In Sites 69, 73, 74 and 75, calcium and magnesium have relatively minor deviations from their normal sea water concentrations. In Sites 70 and 71, however, strong increases in calcium concentrations

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TABLE 1
Leg 8 Major Constituents of Pore Fluids. Values in g/kg (‰), Except as Noted.

Sample Designation	Depth (m)	Age	Description	Na ^a	Na ^b	K	Ca	Mg	Total Cations (meq/kg)	Cl	SO ₄	Alk. (meq/kg)	HCO ₃ ^c	Total Anions (meq/kg)	Sum ^d	H ₂ O (‰)	pH ^e
Site 69 (6° 00.0'N, 152° 51.9'W, water depth 4978 m, S. of Hawaii)																	
Hole 69																	
3-3	27	Middle Miocene	Dark yellowish brown radiolarian ooze w/beds of nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	10.9	10.7	0.45	0.41	1.26	601	19.64	2.67	2.7	0.16	612	35.5	77	7.1
5-3	120	Lower Oligocene	Pale yellow brown and pale brown nannofossil-radiolarian oozes.	10.8	10.7	0.48	0.40	1.32	606	19.45	2.67	3.5	0.21	608	35.3	65	7.7
Hole 69A																	
3-2	81	Middle Oligocene	White to yellow brown nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	11.0	10.7 (10.8)	0.46 (0.46)	0.40 (0.40)	1.25 (1.25)	602	19.47	2.94	3.1 (3.4)	0.19 (0.21)	614	35.7	46	7.7
8-6	143	Lower Oligocene	White w/beds of pale brown nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	10.8	10.7 (11.0)	0.43 (0.46)	0.41 (0.40)	1.27 (1.25)	607	19.44	2.63	1.6 (2.4)	0.07 (0.15)	605	35.0	48	7.7
11-2	216	Middle Eocene	Dark brown radiolarian ooze.	11.0	10.6 (10.8)	0.41 (0.41)	0.39 (0.41)	1.25 (1.25)	599	19.54	2.72	2.9 (2.8)	0.18 (0.17)	611	35.5	62	7.6
Site 70 (6° 20.1'N, 140° 21.7'W, water depth 5059 m, continuation of north to south profile started on Leg 5)																	
Hole 70																	
3-1	17	Middle Miocene	Dark grayish brown radiolarian ooze.	10.9	10.8 (10.7)	0.44 (0.44)	0.46 (0.45)	1.23 (1.21)	602	19.52	2.57	3.6 (3.5)	0.22 (0.21)	608	35.3	32	7.5
7-2	55	Lower Miocene	Light brownish gray nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	10.8	10.8 (10.9)	0.43 (0.41)	0.53 (0.52)	1.20 (1.18)	607	19.51	2.51	3.0 (3.2)	0.18 (0.20)	606	35.2	32	7.5
11-5	98	Lower Miocene	White nannofossil chalk ooze.	10.8	10.6 (10.9)	0.37 (0.37)	0.60 (0.60)	1.14 (1.15)	601	19.52	2.34	3.6	0.22	603	35.0	31	7.4
Hole 70A																	
1-2	115	Lower Miocene	Yellowish-gray nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	10.8	10.9	0.37	0.69	1.09	607	19.53	2.37	1.7	0.10	602	35.0	39	7.4
5-6	157	Upper Oligocene	Light greenish-gray nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	10.7	10.8	0.35	0.77	1.04	603	19.45	2.31	2.5	0.15	599	34.8	61	7.3

TABLE 1 – Continued

Sample Designation	Depth (m)	Age	Description	Na ^a	Na ^b	K	Ca	Mg	Total Cations (meq/kg)	Cl	SO ₄	Alk. (meq/kg)	HCO ₃ ^c	Total Anions (meq/kg)	Sum ^d	H ₂ O (‰)
Hole 70A – Continued																
9-3	189	Middle Oligocene	Light greenish-gray to pale blue nannofossil-radiolarian chalk.	10.7	10.9 (10.7)	0.30 (0.32)	0.96 (0.98)	0.98 (0.96)	606	19.58	2.33	1.5 (2.1)	0.09 (0.13)	602	35.0	34
13-2	221	Middle Oligocene	Bluish white nannofossil chalk.	10.7	10.7 (10.4)	0.26 (0.27)	1.17 (1.16)	0.86 (0.84)	593	19.57	2.21	2.2 (2.1)	0.13 (0.13)	600	34.9	32
28-1	329	Upper Eocene	Very pale brown semi-indurated radiolarian ooze.	10.5	10.2	0.19	1.55	0.71	584	19.43	2.30	1.9	0.12	598	34.5	55
Site 71 (4° 28.3'N, 140° 18.9'W, water depth 4419 m)																
Hole 71																
4-3	30	Upper Miocene	White and light brownish-gray nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	10.9	10.9 (10.8)	0.41 (0.43)	0.43 (0.42)	1.25 (1.24)	606	19.59	2.62	2.3 (2.4)	0.14 (0.15)	609	35.3	52
12-3	101	Middle Miocene	Very light gray nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	10.8	10.9	0.42	0.60	1.09	605	19.63	2.23	2.6	0.16	603	35.0	34
23-4	203	Lower Miocene	Light gray to grayish-green nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	10.9	10.6	0.35	0.86	0.93	591	19.63	2.29	3.3	0.20	605	35.0	36
30-3	265	Lower Miocene	Bluish-white foraminiferal-nannofossil ooze.	10.9	11.0	0.35	0.96	0.85	606	19.65	1.93	2.4	0.15	603	35.1	32
36-5	323	Lower Miocene	Bluish-white foraminiferal-nannofossil-radiolarian chalk.	10.9	10.9 (10.8)	0.35 (0.33)	1.03 (1.00)	0.77 (0.78)	596	19.66	2.08	2.1 (1.5)	0.13 (0.09)	600	34.9	28
42-3	375	Upper Oligocene	Bluish-white nannofossil chalk.	10.9	11.4	0.32	1.09	0.75	622	19.70	2.10	2.3	0.14	602	35.0	28
48-3	430	Upper Oligocene	Bluish-white to light gray nannofossil chalk.	10.9	11.0	0.34	1.14	0.71	603	19.70	2.06	1.9	0.12	600	35.0	28
Site 72 (0° 26.5'N, 138° 52.0'W, water depth 4326 m)																
Hole 72																
2-4	64	Upper Miocene	Greenish and purple white nannofossil ooze.	10.9	10.7	0.39	0.44	1.22	598	19.46	2.53	3.4	0.21	605	35.1	–
5-6	219	Lower Miocene	Greenish-white nannofossil ooze.	10.8	10.8	0.40	0.50	1.15	600	19.42	2.35	4.0	0.24	601	34.9	32
9-4	335	Lower Oligocene	White nannofossil ooze.	10.8	10.9	0.37	0.50	1.16	604	19.52	2.30	3.4	0.21	602	34.9	34

TABLE 1 – Continued

Sample Designation	Depth (m)	Age	Description	Na ^a	Na ^b	K	Ca	Mg	Total Cations (meq/kg)	Cl	SO ₄	Alk. (meq/kg)	HCO ₃ ^c	Total Anions (meq/kg)	Sum ^d	H ₂ O (‰)	pH ^e
Hole 72 – Continued																	
72A-2-3	21	Pliocene	Brownish and graying white radiolarian ooze and nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	10.8	10.7	0.45	0.43	1.22	599	19.54	2.24	2.3	0.14	600	34.8	–	7.6
Site 73 (1° 54.6'S, 137° 28.1'W, water depth 4387 m)																	
Hole 73																	
2-3	6	Pleistocene	Varicolored alternating beds foraminiferal-nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	11.0	10.6	0.42	0.41	1.25	595	19.73	2.65	3.3	0.20	615	35.7	41	7.7
6-4	45	Lower Pliocene	Light bluish-gray and grayish-green nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	10.9	10.6	0.44	0.42	1.22	594	19.54	2.60	2.5	0.16	607	35.3	60	7.6
12-3	143	Lower Miocene	White to light gray nannofossil chalk ooze.	10.9	10.8	0.41	0.42	1.20	600	19.44	2.43	3.6	0.22	602	35.0	30	7.6
20-5	298	Upper Eocene	Yellowish brown semi-indurated nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	11.0	11.0	0.44	0.43	1.20	610	19.60	2.53	3.2	0.19	609	35.3	–	–
Hole 74																	
2-2	11	Upper Miocene	Dusky yellow brown radiolarian ooze.	11.0	10.2	0.48	0.41	1.19	574	19.63	2.59	2.7	0.17	610	35.5	77	7.6
4-6	35	Lower Miocene	Very pale orange nannofossil ooze.	11.0	10.7	0.41	0.41	1.23	597	19.53	2.64	–	–	608	35.3	33	7.8
6-5	52	Upper Oligocene	Grayish-orange to yellowish-brown nannofossil ooze.	10.9	11.2	0.44	0.41	1.23	597	19.53	2.64	2.9	0.18	608	35.3	39	7.7
8-2	67	Upper Oligocene	Grayish-orange nannofossil ooze.	10.9	10.8	0.41	0.37	1.27	603	19.55	2.48	3.2	0.19	606	35.2	36	7.6
Site 75 (12° 31.0'S, 134° 16.0'W, water depth 4181 m)																	
Hole 75																	
2-2	10	Lower Miocene	Yellow nannofossil ooze.	10.8	10.6	0.40	0.43	1.25	596	19.42	2.64	2.1	0.13	605	35.1	32	7.6

TABLE 1 – Continued

Sample Designation	Depth (m)	Age	Description	Na ^a	Na ^b	K	Ca	Mg	Total Cations (meq/kg)	Cl	SO ₄	Alk. (meq/kg)	HCO ₃ ^c	Total Anions (meq/kg)	Sum ^d	H ₂ O (‰)	pH ^e
Hole 75 – Continued																	
4-5	33	Upper Oligocene	Yellow nannofossil ooze, trace amounts of phillipsite.	10.9	11.0	0.42	0.44	1.30	618	19.74	2.54	3.1	0.19	613	35.5	32	7.6
9-6	80	Lower Oligocene	Very dark grayish-brown clay with nannofossils.	11.0	10.6	0.44	0.45	1.20	593	19.63	2.62	2.2	0.13	610	35.5	39	7.7

^aSodium determined by differences between anions and cations excluding Na.

^bSodium determined directly. Values in parentheses refer to separate samples carried through the entire sampling and analytical processes. The total cation values shown are determined using these values and means of duplicate determinations, where available.

^cHCO₃ is calculated from total alkalinity, assuming this is entirely due to bicarbonate ion.

^dThe sum incorporates the calculated Na values and means of replicate value where available. Minor constituents are not included but—with the exception of strontium in some samples—they contribute less than 0.1‰ to the sum.

^epH and water content are taken from Shipboard Summaries.

^fDuplicate values in parentheses.

TABLE 2
Leg 8 Minor Constituents. Values in ppm.^a

Sample Designation	Depth (m)	Age	Description	Sr	Ba	Si(col.) ^b	Li
Site 69 (6° 00.0'N, 152° 51.9'W, water depth 4978 m, South of Hawaii)							
69-3-3	27	Middle Miocene	Dark yellowish-brown radiolarian ooze w/beds of nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	8.6	<0.1	26	0.22
5-3	120	Lower Oligocene	Pale yellow brown and pale brown nannofossil-radiolarian oozes.	9.5	0.10	27	0.18
69A-3-2	81	Middle Oligocene	White to yellow brown nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	8.6(9.3)	<0.1(<0.1)	25(24)	0.19(0.20)
8-6	143	Lower Oligocene	White w/beds of pale brown nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	8.8(8.6)	0.10(0.10)	28(36)	0.18(0.16)
11-2	216	Middle Eocene	Dark brown radiolarian ooze.	10.2(8.8)	0.10(<0.1)	29(32)	0.18(0.16)
Site 70 (6° 20.1'N, 140° 21.7'W, water depth 5059 m, Continuation of North to South Profile Started on Leg 5)							
70-3-1	17	Middle Miocene	Dark grayish-brown radiolarian ooze.	7.9	<0.1(<0.1)	11(12)	0.16(0.18)
7-2	55	Lower Miocene	Light brownish-gray nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	13.7	<0.1(<0.1)	21(26)	0.25(0.21)
11-5	98	Lower Miocene	White nannofossil chalk ooze.	9.1	0.1(<0.1)	24(25)	0.12(0.13)
70A-1-2	115	Lower Miocene	Yellowish-gray nannofossil radiolarian ooze.	14.6	<0.1	19	0.19
5-6	157	Upper Oligocene	Light greenish-gray nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	13.8	<0.1	18	0.16
9-3	189	Middle Oligocene	Light greenish-gray to pale blue nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	16.7(18.0)	0.10(<0.1)	26(26)	0.16(0.17)
13-2	221	Middle Oligocene	Bluish-white nannofossil chalk.	18.2(20.2)	<0.1(<0.1)	30(16)	0.17(0.17)
28-1	329	Upper Eocene	Very pale brown semi-indurated radiolarian ooze.	18.6	<0.1	38	0.22
Site 71 (4° 28.3'N, 140° 18.9'W, water depth 4419 m)							
71-4-3	30	Upper Miocene	White and light brownish-gray nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	22.0(25.0)	<0.1(0.12)	11(12)	0.23(0.24)
71-12-3	101	Middle Miocene	Very light gray nannofossil radiolarian ooze.	51.0	0.17	24	0.13
23-4	203	Lower Miocene	Light gray to grayish-green nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	95.0	<0.1	30	0.11
30-3	265	Lower Miocene	Bluish-white foraminiferal nannofossil ooze.	0.8	0.1	—	0.06
36-5	323	Lower Miocene	Bluish-white foraminiferal nannofossil-radiolarian chalk.	96.0(84.0)	0.1(<0.1)	42(26)	0.10

TABLE 2 – *Continued*

Sample Designation	Depth (m)	Age	Description	Sr	Ba	Si(col.) ^b	Li
Site 71 – <i>Continued</i>							
42-3	375	Upper Oligocene	Bluish-white nannofossil chalk.	119.0	0.11	24	0.07
48-3	430	Upper Oligocene	Bluish-white to light gray nannofossil chalk.	92.0	0.13	24	0.08
Site 72 (0° 26.5'N, 138° 52.0'W, water depth 4326 m)							
72-2-4	64	Upper Miocene	Greenish and purple white nannofossil ooze.	37.0	<0.1	16	0.14
5-6	219	Lower Miocene	Greenish-white nannofossil ooze.	50.0	0.10	21	0.09
9-4	335	Lower Oligocene	White nannofossil ooze.	41.0	0.10	20	0.11
72A-2-3	21	Pliocene	Brownish and grayish-white radiolarian ooze and nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	19.4	<0.1	18	0.19
Site 73 (1° 54.6'S, 137° 28.1'W, water depth 4387 m)							
73-2-3	6	Pleistocene	Varicolored alternating beds foraminiferal-nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	12.9	<0.1	–	0.22
6-4	45	Lower Pliocene	Light bluish-gray and grayish green nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	16.5	0.11	25	0.21
12-3	143	Lower Miocene	White to light gray nannofossil chalk ooze.	15.8	<0.1	14	0.20
20-5	298	Upper Eocene	Yellowish-brown semi-indurated nannofossil-radiolarian ooze.	14.4	0.10	22	0.24
Site 74 (6° 14.2'S, 136° 05.8'W, water depth 4431 m)							
74-2-2	11	Upper Miocene	Dusky yellow brown radio-ooze.	8.8	<0.1	25	0.29
4-6	35	Lower Miocene	Very pale orange nannofossil ooze.	9.0	0.10	12	0.21
6-5	52	Upper Oligocene	Grayish-orange to yellowish-brown nannofossil ooze.	8.5	<0.1	14	0.25
8-2	67	Upper Oligocene	Grayish-orange nannofossil ooze.	9.8	0.1	17	0.29

TABLE 2 — Continued

Sample Designation	Depth (m)	Age	Description	Sr	Ba	Si(col.) ^b	Li
Site 75 (12° 31.0'S, 134° 16.0'W, water depth 4181 m)							
75-2-2	10	Lower Miocene	Yellow nannofossil ooze.	8.3	0.14	5	0.28
4-5	33	Upper Oligocene	Yellow nannofossil ooze, trace amounts of phillipsite.	7.9	0.14	10	0.31
9-6	80	Lower Oligocene	Very dark grayish-brown clay with nannofossils.	9.3	0.20	9	0.45

^aDuplicate values for Sr, Ba, and Li in parentheses.

^bValues in parentheses represent colorimetric analyses.

and simultaneous decreases in magnesium concentrations occur with depth (Figure 1). Extraordinary increases in strontium concentration occur in Sites 71 and 72.

(3) Moderate decreases in sulfate concentrations occur in Sites 70, 71 and 72.

(4) Silica concentrations typically range between 20 and 30 ppm, a tenfold or greater increase over values obtained in the open ocean.

(5) The pH values are somewhat lower (7.3) in the anomalous holes than in the others.

(6) Water-content decreases characteristically occur in the first few meters or tens of meters of cores in pelagic sediments. However, below a few tens of meters no significant trends could be observed. It should be pointed out that occasional high water content, as shown here, may be due to disturbance of the cores. Packaged core subsamples carefully chosen to represent the least disturbed sediments have not yet been analyzed here. Below 50 meters (sediment penetration) water content ranging between 30 and 35 per cent seems to be typical for the biogenic oozes, with no significant decrease with depth observable.

As observed on previous open ocean legs, the conservative constituents—chlorine (Cl) and sodium (Na)—showed few deviations from values characteristic of present-day bottom waters beyond those which may be attributed to manipulation of the sediments and pore fluids on board ship, and analytical scatter. If any significant change occurs, it may be a small (<1 per cent) increase in chlorinity with depth in Hole 71. Similar marginal tendencies have been noted in previous legs.

DISCUSSION

Major interest centers on the origin of the large departures in calcium, magnesium and strontium concentrations with depth, from those characteristic of sea water values. In the absence of evaporites, clayey sediments in geosynclinal accumulations from the Gulf of Mexico (Manheim and Bischoff, 1969), western Atlantic continental margin (Chan and Manheim, 1970), Vema Trench (Sayles *et al.*, 1970), and continental margin off the coast of Oregon (Manheim *et al.*, 1970) have been shown to take up magnesium and potassium, leading to deficits in the pore fluids. Similar tendencies, though less pronounced, have been observed in pore fluids obtained from piston-cored sediments (Bruevich, 1965, and references cited therein). In the current leg, Sites 70 and 71 are overwhelmingly dominated by siliceous and calcareous nannofossil remains—Radiolaria and coccolithophorids, in particular. Yet, they show decreases in magnesium and potassium similar to anomalies heretofore associated with terrigenous clays. Further, calcium is dramatically enriched in Sites 70 and 71, whereas strontium is very high in Sites 71 and 72 (to 113 and 50 ppm, respectively) but only moderately enriched in Site 70.

The following factors were examined for their possible genetic relationship to the anomalies:

(1) *Water depth.* All sites in Leg 8 are at depths greater than 4000 meters, and no consistent relationship between pore fluid chemistry among these holes or previous Pacific holes can be determined.

(2) *General lithology.* Leg 8 sites are dominated by biogenic oozes; and, siliceous and calcareous nannoplankton material was characteristic of all sites from which pore fluids were obtained. Although quantitative

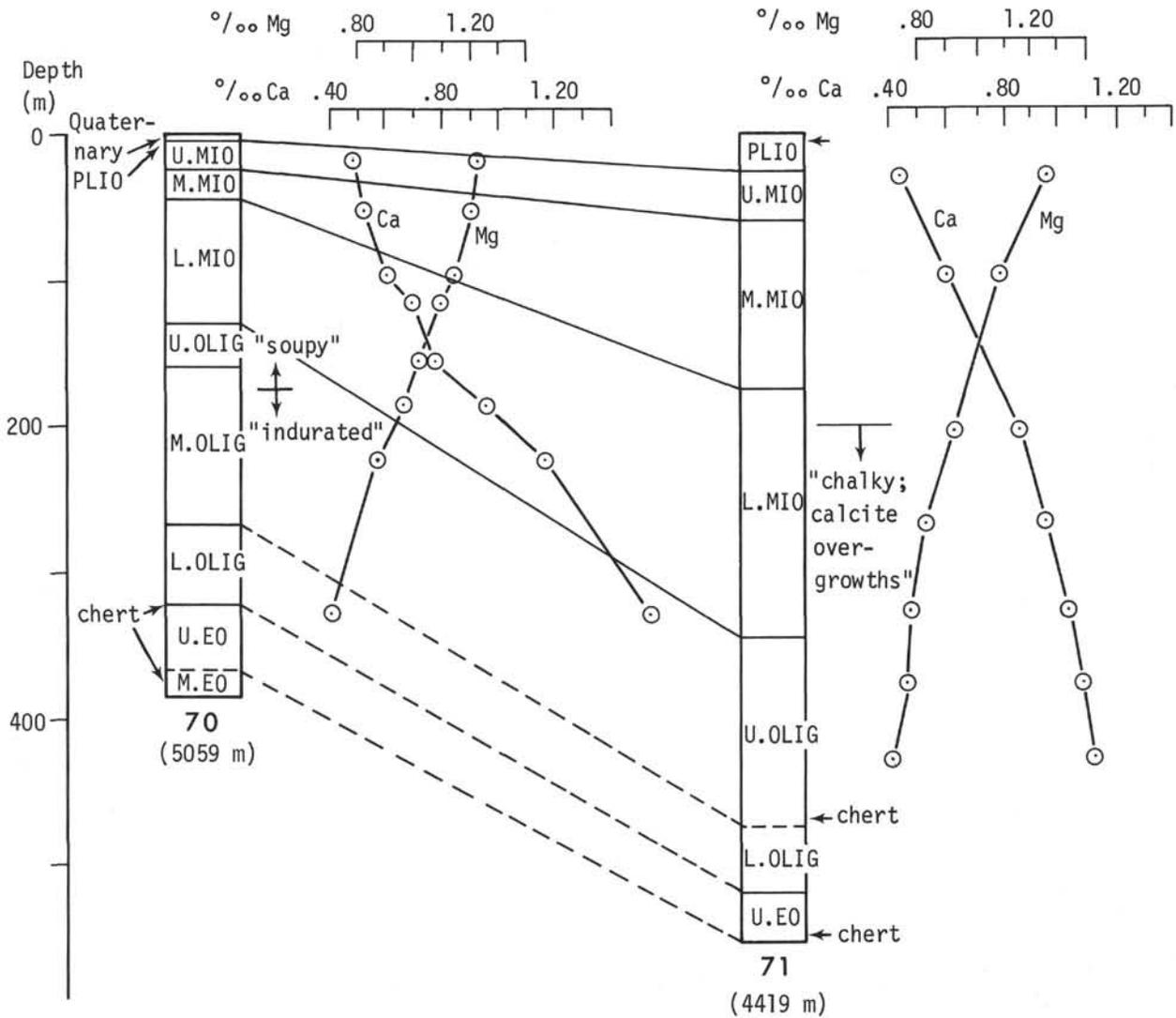


Figure 1. Distribution of calcium and magnesium in pore fluid of Sites 70 and 71. Stratigraphy is taken from preliminary site descriptions (Shipboard Logs). Both sites represent relatively rapid deposition rates.

data on the proportion of clay in the anomalous holes is not yet available, it seems to be very small. Such differences occurring in gross lithology seem incapable of accounting for observed effects.

(3) *Age of sediments.* Ages are coherent in Sites 69 through 75, and offer no distinctive pattern in the anomalous strata.

(4) *Temperature or physical gradients.* Although heat flow measurements were attempted, the efforts were not successful. However, there is no reason to presume that thermal gradients vary markedly over the area in question. The fact that excess potassium was observed in the upper portions of Sites 70 and 71, and declined with depth would at first appear to agree with

the observations of Mangelsdorf *et al.* (1969) and Bischoff *et al.* (1970), regarding the loss of potassium (K) and gain of magnesium (Mg) by sediments as they are warmed prior to squeezing on board. However, in this case the sediments apparently contain few exchangeable materials capable of releasing potassium. One material which has not yet been sufficiently checked for its exchange behavior is amorphous silica of pelagic sediments. Zaitseva (1965) claims that pelagic biogenic debris does not have appreciable exchange capacity. Her analyses indicated that some nonclayey sediments in the Pacific were capable of total exchange capacity close to that of clayey samples, but she attributed this behavior to the presence of such minerals as allophane and zeolites, particularly phillipsite.

(5) *Rate of accumulation of sediments.* As may be seen in Figures 2 and 3, those sites which exhibit the most marked anomalies, Sites 70, 71 and 72, also demonstrate the most rapid accumulation rates. Though not shown in the figures, one can also note qualitatively that local variations in the anomaly trends are often associated with intra-site changes in accumulation rate for the sediments. To view the relationships more quantitatively, Figure 3 shows plots of mean losses and gains for magnesium and strontium in pore fluids against mean accumulation rate for each site taken as a unit. Calcium (not shown) has a slope and scatter more like that of magnesium than the very strong relationship shown by strontium. Potassium, on the other hand, has little consistent relationship with accumulation rate in these cores. In part, the anomalies are reminiscent of the high strontium pore fluids found in biogenic oozes from sites in the East Carolina Basin and Ontong Java Plateau (Leg 7, Sayles and Manheim, 1971).

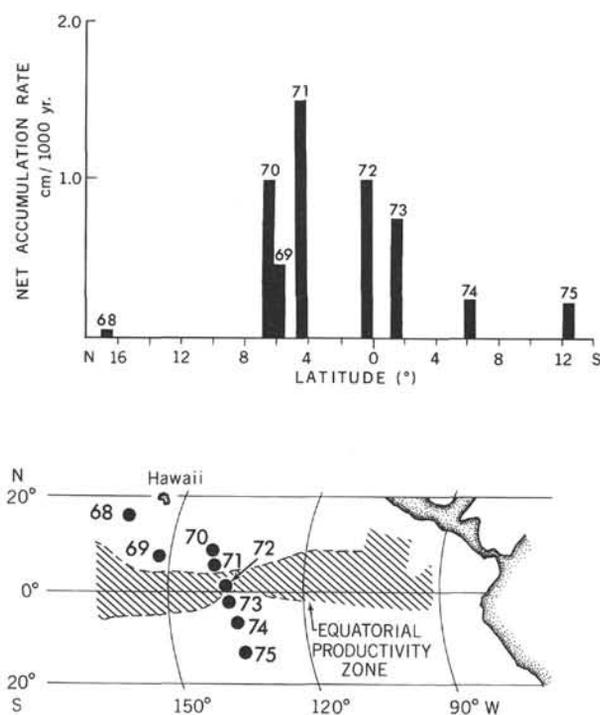


Figure 2. Location and accumulation rates for sites in Leg 8. Productivity boundaries are taken from Heezen and Hollister, 1971.

(6) *Diagenesis and recrystallization of skeletal remains.* One phenomenon clearly related to the pore fluid anomalies is the reported evidences of recrystallization and induration phenomena in the sediments of Sites 70 and 71. Carbonate overgrowths on discoasters and other organisms were singled out for comment in the lithologic Hole Summaries. Radiolaria were cited as

being well-preserved in Site 72 down to Oligocene layers, where corrosion was noted. Thus, there is evidence that both leaching of solid phases and formation of new authigenic phases is going on in the sediments. Table 3 shows relative gains and losses in calcium, magnesium and strontium, expressed in milliequivalents per kilogram fluid. The question remains: what phases are being leached and what is taking up magnesium (and potassium)?

TABLE 3
Changes in Composition of Pore Fluids in Sites 70 and 71, Expressed as Differences from Mean Sea Water (mg-eq./kg)^a

Site	Depth (m)	K	Ca	Mg	Sr
70	17	+1.3	+ 2.3	- 4.1	
	55	+1.0	+ 5.8	- 7.3	+(0.07)
	98	-0.4	+ 9.3	-10.5	+0.01
	155	-0.4	+13.7	-15.5	+0.08
	157	-1.0	+17.7	-19.5	+0.07
	189	-2.0	+27.6	-25.3	+0.10
	221	-3.2	+37.1	-35.1	+0.13
	329	-5.0	+56.4	-46.7	+0.12
	71	30	+0.8	+ 0.8	- 1.5
101		+0.8	+ 9.2	-15.6	+0.49
203		-1.0	+21.9	-28.6	+1.00
265		-1.0	+27.1	-35.1	+0.89
323		-1.2	+29.5	-40.9	+0.94
375		-1.6	+33.5	-43.5	+1.27
430		-1.2	+36.0	-46.7	+0.96

According to available data, pure Recent-sub-Recent coccolith ooze and fresh foraminiferal carbonate have about 0.15 per cent strontium and 0.14 per cent magnesium (Table 4). These values should be compared against those from fossil equivalents which have not been exposed to meteoric waters on land or unusual conditions, in order to evaluate net losses and gains in skeletal remains with time. Published chemical data on these constituents in solids of the Deep Sea Drilling Program cores are not yet available, but evidence from JOIDES drillings (Manheim, 1971, cited in Table 4) off Florida indicates that older Tertiary coccolith oozes have more magnesium and less strontium than the sub-Recent materials. Further, particularly marked decreases in strontium were observed in sediments showing evidence of consolidation and lithification (less than 0.08 per cent strontium, compared with about 0.12 per cent strontium for unconsolidated oozes).

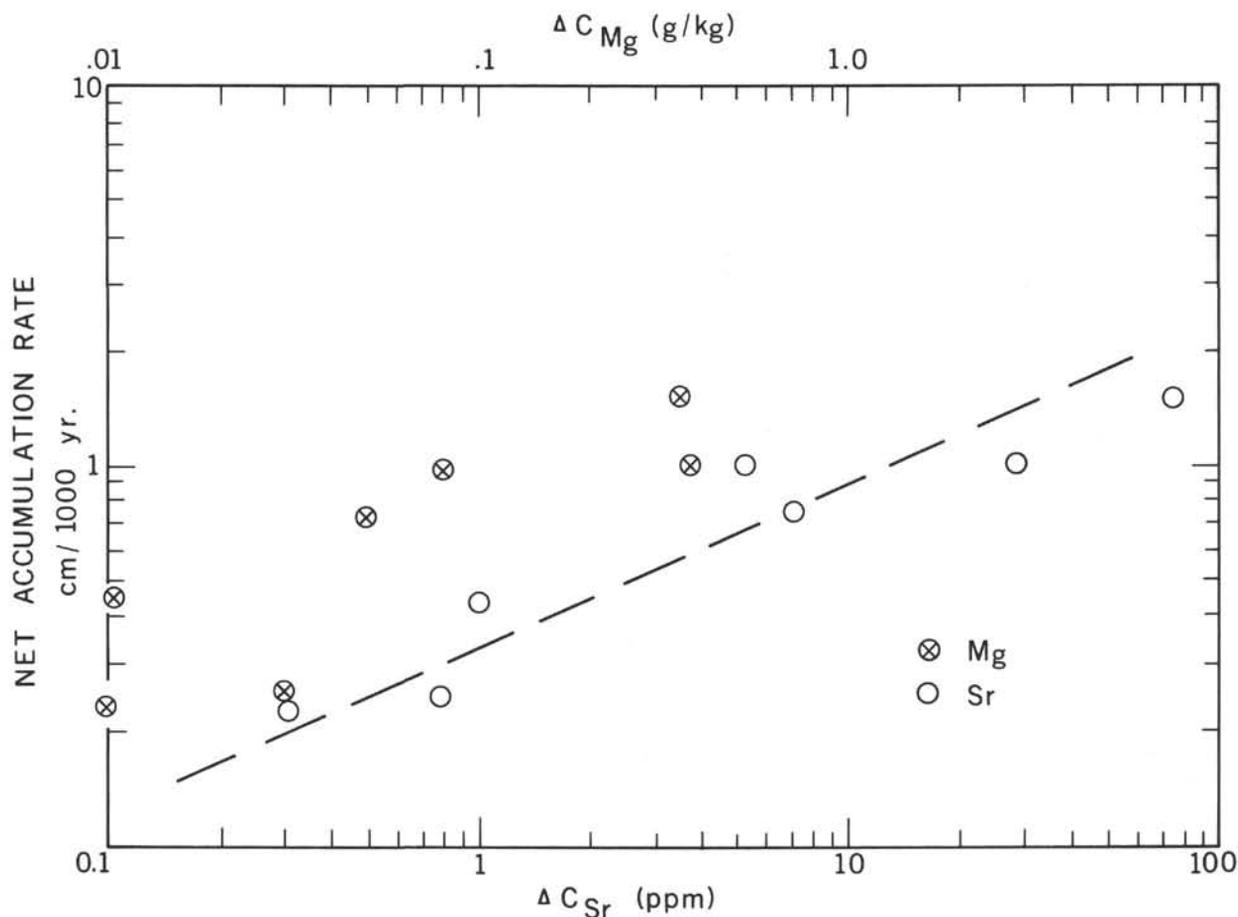


Figure 3. Plot of Mg and Sr anomalies against accumulation rate (mean) for all analyzed sites. ΔC is obtained by subtracting the value for mean ocean water from the mean concentration of the given species in the pore fluids of each site.

Strontium enrichments in the pore water appear anomalous. The excess Ca:Sr ratios (ions in pore water in excess of normal oceanic values) in Site 71 are less than 10:1, compared with Ca:Sr ratios in coccolith or foraminiferal ooze of more than 250:1. The highest strontium content known in organisms reported to be preserved in sediments is about 1.0 per cent SrO in nonmolluscan aragonite (Milliman, 1971). Acantharian Radiolaria are known to contain celestite (SrSO_4) (for example, Hollande and Cachon-Enjumet, 1963), but since this phase is greatly undersaturated in sea-water, these organisms dissolve rapidly on death, and are not reported as having been preserved in sediments (Kling, 1970). Virtually nothing is known about the composition of non-acantharian Radiolaria, except that they have siliceous skeletons and, therefore, are unlikely to contain large strontium concentrations. Finally, preliminary analyses of organisms from sediments in Site 71 by scanning electron microprobe (Kevex) revealed no particles having unusual strontium concentrations.

In the absence of organisms or special phases containing very large strontium concentrations we must assume that carbonate ooze is being dissolved and a calcite phase containing less strontium and more magnesium is being reprecipitated. Emiliani (1955) concluded that there was virtually no magnesium in shell carbonate; amounts being detected in core samples were due to contamination with terrigenous detritus. However, the data of Kinsley (1960) and Lipps and Ribbe (1967) contradict this view. Without taking the loss of excess metals due to diffusion and totally reprecipitated—forming oozes having concentrations like those given for the Tertiary oozes in Table 4—to account for the strontium anomalies. Larger proportions of the sediments would have to be dissolved and reprecipitated to account for magnesium. These processes are still unclear, since thermodynamics would predict that calcite should not recrystallize to a higher magnesium calcite in a closed system (for example, Weyl, 1965). Kinetics may play a role, and

TABLE 4
Strontium and Magnesium Carbonate Organisms Prominent in Oozes, and Selected Sediments

Description	Sr	Mg	Source
Coccolith ooze, gravity core from tropical Atlantic, 2 meter length. Mean of three analyses (7,97,169 cm).	0.150	0.11	Thompson and Bowrn, 1969
Foraminiferal carbonate from Caribbean Sea (piston core). Mean of 35 analyses.	0.160	0.15	Wangersky and Joensuu, 1964
Foraminiferal carbonate, Atlantic Ocean, 2 cores. More than 50 analyses.	0.160	0.13	Wangersky and Joensuu, 1964
Planktonic foraminifera, tops of Atlantic cores (<i>Globigerinoides rubra</i> , <i>Globigerina inflata</i> , and <i>Globorotalia truncatulinoides</i>). Mean of analyses from Caribbean, Azores, Bermuda, Cape Verde and Canary Is.	0.150	0.16	Krinsley, 1960
Site 3, JOIDES drilling program, off South-eastern U. S. Coccolith-foraminiferal ooze—Upper Miocene to Middle Eocene age (175 meters total depth). Mean 12 samples (HCl-leachable fraction).	0.094	0.28	Manheim, 1971

the introduction of carbon dioxide (CO₂) on a continuous basis may also be a factor in causing significant dissolution of carbonate and adjusting the degree of supersaturation in discrete layers of the strata. Organic ligands may also shift stability fields in favor of magnesian calcites (Kitano and Kanamori, 1966).

Once the major reactions are sorted out, corrections due to ancillary factors may bring observation into harmony with theory. Such factors include differences in diffusion constants, and the porosity (ratio of liquid to solid) in the sediments.

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