HOLE 517

Date occupied: 30 March 1980
Date departed: 31 March 1980
Time on hole: 27.2 hr.
Position: 30°56.81'S, 38°02.47'W
Water depth (sea level; corrected m, echo-sounding): 2963
Water depth (rig floor; corrected m, echo-sounding): 2973
Bottom felt (m, drill pipe): 2970.4
Penetration (m): 50.9
Number of cores: 12
Total length of cored section (m): 50.9
Total core recovered (m): 48.49
Core recovery (%): 95

Principal results: Site 517 represents a relatively complete late Pliocene and Pleistocene record of the history of North Atlantic Deep Water (NADW) production. The upper 51 m of sediment was continuously cored by hydraulic piston corer (HPC) with high core recovery (95%), and the sediment recovered represents a complete stratigraphic record back to the middle Pliocene (approximately 3.1 Ma). Bad weather forced abandonment of the site before its Miocene objective was reached. Nevertheless, Site 517 recovered a detailed history of the oxygen isotopic record for the past 3.1 m.y., a record that may be pertinent to understanding the growth history of the northern hemisphere ice sheet and its effects on NADW production.

Several key geologic indices at Site 517 are interpreted as indicators of rates of NADW production. These include: (1) planktonic foraminiferal dissolution indices, (2) benthic foraminiferal assemblages, (3) carbon isotopic composition of benthic foraminifers, and (4) trace element geochemistry of benthic foraminifers. Some of these indices were analyzed for this Initial Reports volume, and some techniques are still being developed. Our preliminary conclusions include the following:

1) The oldest sediment recovered from Site 517 is late Pliocene in age. The benthic δ18O record between 3.1 and 2.8 Ma does not contain the single, permanent enrichment in δ18O that is commonly observed in the upper Pliocene. Rather, the δ18O record undergoes rapid oscillation, and gradually trends toward heavier values (Hodell and Kennett, this volume). The absence of a distinct δ18O enrichment is puzzling, in view of the location of Site 517 within the core of modern NADW. One possible explanation is that a major phase of ice growth was completed before 3.1 Ma and that the premature termination of Site 517 did not allow us to reach the principal “event”.

2) Like the benthic record, the planktonic δ18O record at Site 517 also lacks the expected δ18O enrichment within the upper Pliocene. Leonard and others (this volume) propose a surface water temperature increase in the South Atlantic co-occurring with the buildup of ice in the northern hemisphere and a dampened δ18O signal resulting from the opposing effects of warming temperatures and global ice growth.

3) A vertical water mass structure for the Vema Channel in the late Pliocene (about 3.0 Ma) has been reconstructed by calculating gradients in δ13C between the surface (about 50 m; planktonics), intermediate (1313 m; Site 516A), deep (2963 m; Site 517), and bottom (3944 m; Site 518) waters. The upper Pliocene vertical profile of δ13C is comparable to modern values, suggesting that the modern circulation patterns of the western South Atlantic were established about 3.0 Ma.

4) The relatively high abundance of benthic foraminifers indicative of Antarctic Bottom Water (AABW) during the late Pliocene at Site 517 suggests a relatively strong flow and/or a shallowing of AABW during the late Pliocene compared to the Pleistocene.

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Site 517 is part of a profile of drill sites selected in order to generate a depth transect of sites in the southwestern Atlantic for analysis of changes in paleotemperature, paleoproductivity, carbonate dissolution, and ocean circulation (Fig. 1). That profile includes Site 516 on the upper part of the Rio Grande Rise (water depth about 1310 m), Site 517 on the west flank (2950 m), Site 518 (3950 m), and Site 515 in the Brazil Basin (4250 m). A depth profile of these four sites shows their position with respect to the distribution of the major water masses of the South Atlantic Ocean (Fig. 2). The sites are positioned within transition zones between major water masses, and at the “core” of these water masses, North Atlantic Deep Water (NADW) and Antarctic Bottom Water (AABW). The lithologic, paleontologic, stratigraphic, and isotopic record at each of these sites should reflect both the rates of formation of these water masses in higher latitudes and the vertical migrations of the interfaces as a consequence of lead/lag relationships in their production rates. A similar transect of sites was drilled on the Walvis Ridge in the southeastern Atlantic on Leg 74. The Leg 72 results complement the efforts of the Leg 74 scientists in deriving a comprehensive understanding of the tectonic and oceanographic evolution of the South Atlantic during the Cenozoic.
Figure 1. Location map showing positions of Leg 72 sites, marine magnetic anomalies, and generalized bathymetry.

Figure 2. Water depth at Leg 72 drill sites with respect to the vertical distribution of the major water masses of the South Atlantic Ocean.

Site 517 is located to coincide approximately with the position of Core CHN 115-88, a 7-m piston core whose lithologic, stratigraphic, and isotopic record for the upper Pleistocene (down to 700,000 Ma) has been previously reported (Peters, 1976; Johnson et al., 1977; Lohmann, 1978; Williams and Ledbetter, 1979; Ledbetter, 1979).

The flanks of the Rio Grande Rise are particularly appropriate sites for monitoring NADW production, because steady southward flow at intermediate depths is well defined near 30°S (Reid et al., 1977). Moreover, there are relatively few topographic rises in the North and Central Atlantic with sufficiently smooth basement relief and a sufficiently thick pelagic sediment cover to intercept NADW at appropriate depths. Because the site lies within southward-flowing, relatively oxygen-rich, and CO₂-depleted NADW, the dissolution of calcareous microfossils and the microfossil and lithologic components should bear a direct relationship to the timing and production rates of that water mass.

Specific questions explored by drilling at Site 517 include:

1) How is the production of NADW in the northernmost Atlantic reflected in the dissolution characteristics of the calcareous microfossil constituents on the Rio Grande Rise?
2) Have the properties of NADW changed with time, or is it an essentially uniform water mass whose production rates have changed?
3) What are the phase relationships between NADW formation and the major glacial/interglacial climatic fluctuations of the late Cenozoic? What do these rela-
tionships imply regarding the oceanographic conditions favorable to maximum NADW production and maximum CO$_2$ extraction from the atmosphere?

4) Does the isotopic record support the evidence of Shackleton and Opdyke (1977), which implies an initiation of northern hemisphere glaciation at 3.2 Ma?

5) How did the intermediate waters of the South Atlantic respond to the full development of Antarctic glaciation during the Miocene?

**OPERATIONS**

We approached Site 517, on the western flank of the Rio Grande Rise, on a heading of 231° and dropped the beacon at 1654Z on 30 March 1980 on our first pass over the site (Fig. 3). The hole was spudded in at 2340Z on 30 March, and we commenced continuous HPC coring as planned.

In view of the very short time remaining for drilling operations, we planned to use the hydraulic piston corer (HPC) at Site 517 until middle to late Miocene sediments were recovered, then move downslope to Site 518. By 1430Z on 31 March, we had recovered 12 cores, the deepest late Pliocene in age; however, wind and sea conditions prevented further coring operations. When the hole was abandoned by clearing the mudline at 1157 hr. (1457Z) on 31 March, we had cored 50.9 m and recovered 48.49 m (95%) of calcareous, biogenic ooze (Table 1).

While we were retrieving the drill string, the ship drifted several miles to the west of Site 517 before we got underway for Site 518 on a heading of 027°, at 1706 hr. (2006Z) on 31 March.

**SEDIMENT LITHOLOGY**

**Unit 1. Foraminiferal-Nannofossil Ooze (0-50.9 m sub-bottom)**

Only one lithologic unit was recovered in Cores 1-12 at Site 517 (Fig. 4). The foraminiferal–nannofossil ooze at that location is light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) to very pale brown (10YR 7/3) in the upper cores, becoming generally white (10YR 8/1) with isolated darker mottles of very pale brown (10YR 7/3) sediment in the lower part of the section (Cores 6 through 12). Mottles may be due to coring disturbance or to bioturbation. Clay minerals are more abundant in Core 1 than else-
SITE 517

60 70 80 90 100

Figure 4. Summary lithologic column and percent carbonate at Site 517.

where in the section. The deposit is pelagic, and there is no evidence of bottom or turbidity currents. The relative abundance of foraminifers is variable, ranging from 3% in Section 517-2-1 to only 1% in Section 517-9-2. Similarly, the nannofossil concentration varies from 87% in Section 517-7-2 to 35% in Section 517-1-1. Pteropods and aragonite needles attest to the excellent preservation of the deposit.

SEDIMENTARY GEOCHEMISTRY

Carbonate Analysis

Eighty-three carbonate bomb analyses were made on samples from Hole 517. Those data are plotted in Figure 4, and values are listed on the core description forms accompanying this chapter; the precision is estimated to be ±1%.

X-Ray Diffraction Analysis

X-ray diffractograms for samples from Cores 1, 2, 4, 6, 8-10, and 12 show peaks for calcite. Although pteropods and aragonite needles were noted in the smear slide descriptions, aragonite peaks were not registered in the diffractograms. Calcite dominates the mineral assemblage within the intervals sampled at Site 517, and X-ray diffraction analysis of bulk samples may not register peaks of minor components.

BIOSSTRATIGRAPHY

A total of 12 HPC cores were obtained at Site 517 on the west flank of the Rio Grande Rise. Core quality was relatively poor in the uppermost several meters but improved toward the bottom of the cored interval. A repeated lithologic succession of gray pteropod-foraminiferal ooze (representing surface sediment) overlying brown foraminiferal-nannofossil ooze indicated that Core 1 penetrated the seafloor interface at least four times before its retrieval. In some cores, several tens of centimeters of sediment were inadvertently extruded from the core liner and into the core barrel or onto the rig floor during the horizontal extrusion of the liner from the barrel. As a result, core recovery is not uniformly high in each of the 12 cores recovered and any minor "unconformities" present are probably artifacts of the core handling process rather than representative of actual erosional events on the seafloor.

With the above considerations in mind, we examined the recovered cores for all calcareous microfossil groups; they had no unconformities at the degree of resolution afforded by sample selection. The oldest sediment recovered is late Pliocene in age (Zones NN15 and PL3; 3.1 m.y.).

Microfossil preservation is uniformly good throughout the cored interval, and there is no evidence of significant reworking of older material. Fragmentation of foraminifers is variable downcore, possibly as a consequence of pulses in the production of O2-rich NADW.

Nannoplankton

Calcareous nannofossils were identified in all 12 cores of HPC Site 517. The nannoplankton are abundant and well preserved. The Tertiary zonation is the same as that used for Site 516 (see Berggren, Aubry, and Hamilton, this volume). For stratigraphic age determinations, 14 samples were investigated, and 5 calcareous nannofossil zones of 2 biostratigraphic intervals were identified:

1) Quaternary (Sections 517-1-1 through 517-6,CC; 0-24.5 m)
2) upper Pliocene (Sections 517-7,CC through 517-12,CC; 28.9-50.9 m)

Quaternary

Well-preserved and abundant Quaternary calcareous nannoplankton assemblages occur between the top of Core 1 and the core catcher of Core 6. The youngest assemblages from the tops of Cores 1 and 2 contain Gephyrocapsa oceanica but lack Pseudoemiliania lacunosa, indicating the G. oceanica Zone (NN20). Existing resolution allows no more exact refinement than the Emiliania huxleyi/G. oceanica Zone. The base of the Quaternary is represented with the P. lacunosa Zone (NN19) in Cores 2 to 6. The presence of P. lacunosa and absence of all discoasters characterize that zone.

Upper Pliocene

The last occurrence of Discoaster brouweri in Sample 517-7,CC defines the end of the upper Pliocene and also the top of the D. brouweri Zone (NN18). The last occurrence of D. pentaradiatus and D. asymmetricus defines the base of this zone. Both species are present in Sample 517-8,CC and co-occur with D. surculus, the index fossil (last occurrence) of the D. surculus Zone (NN16).
There is no evidence regarding the *D. pentaradiatus* Zone (NN15). Perhaps a small hiatus occurs between Samples 517-7, CC and 517-8, CC (4.4 m of sediment). The base of Zone NN16 is present in Sample 517-11, CC. The presence of *Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilica* without *Ceratolithus tricorniculatus* assigns Sample 517-12, CC to the *R. pseudoumbilica* Zone (NN15).

**Planktonic Foraminifers**

Well-preserved foraminiferal assemblages are contained in the stratigraphic sequence ranging from Recent through upper Pliocene in all 12 cores from Site 517. The zonation of Berggren (1973; 1977a, b) is used for the Pliocene, and Blow's (1969) for the Quaternary sequence. A few biozones or episodes are somewhat different; they are based on variations in the frequency of occurrence of some key species (Pujol and Duprat, this volume).

**Quaternary**

Quaternary sediments are present in Core 517-1 to Section 517-7-2. The assemblage contains *Globorotalia truncatulinoides* with some subtropical and transitional species. In this sequence, the first occurrence of *G. hirsuta* determines Zone N23 (mudline to Section 517-2-1). So defined, Zone N23 begins at about 0.450 Ma. Below this zone, the sequence is Pleistocene (N22 Zone). The more frequent species present in this interval are: *G. inflata, Globigerinoides conglobatus, G. ruber, Globigerina bulloides, Globorotalia crassaformis, and Sphaeroidinella dehiscens.*

**Pliocene**

Upper Pliocene sediments were recovered from Section 517-7-2 to Core 517-12. The Pliocene/Quaternary boundary is placed at the last occurrence of *Globigerinoides obliquus* (Section 517-7-3) rather than at the first appearance of *Globorotalia truncatulinoides* because of the likelihood of downhole contamination. On the basis of the disappearance of *G. miocenica* s.l. with increasing sub-bottom depth, Zones PL6, PL5, and PL4/PL3 are differentiated (Berggren, 1977a, b).

This zone is assessed as follows:

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The separation of Zones PL4 and PL3 is difficult because of the scarcity of *Sphaeroidinella dehiscens* and some possible contamination.

**Benthic Foraminifers**

Benthic foraminifers are generally common and well preserved at Site 517. For comparison with Sites 515 and 516, the census of the benthic foraminifers in a core-top sample was taken. The greater-than-149-micron fraction was counted because of the high ratio of planktonic to benthic foraminifers in the pteropod-rich surface sediment. The assemblage is dominated by *Globocassidulinina subglobosa, Quinqueloculina, Nummuloculina, in association with Planulina wuellerstorfi, and Oridor-salis umberatus, Pyrgo, and Pullenia cf. bulloides.* This equitabale assemblage is present within much of the Pliocene although, at least at one level (Sample 517-2, CC), *O. umberatus* becomes dominant. Other species included in the assemblage are *Uvigerina peregrina* and *Melonis barleeanum.*

The benthic assemblages of the upper Pliocene are quite distinct from those of the Quaternary. They are more diversified and are dominated by *Nuttalides umbonifera* rather than by *G. subglobosa.* Accompanying species are *G. subglobosa, O. umberatus, U. peregrina, Osangularia culter(?), Bulimina alazanensis, Eggerella bradyi, Stilostomella consochina, Pyrgo, and Epistomi-nella exigua.* The relative abundance of *Planulina wuel-lerstorfi* decreases markedly.

In terms of water mass distribution, the Quaternary assemblage of *G. subglobosa, Quinqueloculina, Nummu-loculina, Pyrgo, and P. wuellerstorfi* is characteristic of NADW. The high abundance of AABW indicator species *Nuttalides umbonifera,* together with characteristic NADW species, such as *G. subglobosa, U. peregrina,* and *Pyrgo,* suggests the mixing of AABW and NADW during the late Pliocene at Site 517.

**PALEOMAGNETICS**

Paleomagnetic studies on the foraminiferal–nannofossil oozes recovered by HPC at Site 517 consist of both long-core spinning and remanence measurements on discrete samples. Thirty-one whole-core sections were rotated on the long-core spinner magnetometer unit, and 39 samples were measured from the split-core sections on the standard spinner magnetometer. Subsequent shore-based magnetic cleaning on individual samples, by thermal demagnetization techniques, was undertaken at the Geological Institute of the USSR Academy of Sciences.

Success with whole-core spinning at Site 515 prompted use of this technique again at Site 517 as the first stage of the paleomagnetic investigations. Unfortunately, the sediment lithologies here are poorly consolidated biogenous oozes. The HPC cores show numerous void intervals and evidence of coring disturbance. Hence, whole-core spinning provides data that are inferior in quality to those obtained at Site 515. Nevertheless, below 14.5 m depth, reversal boundaries were detected. Investigation of the remanence inclinations of the individual sample set supplemented and confirmed these identifications. The magnetostratigraphy for this site described below is somewhat fragmentary because of the incomplete core recovery and sample disturbance.

The uppermost core is of the Brunhes Epoch, and near the terminal depth of 51 m the reversed polarity in Core 12 is assigned to the youngest part of the Gilbert Epoch. The base of the Jaramillo Event is between these two cores at 15.2 m sub-bottom. Reversed polarity be-
low this boundary down to a depth of 18.5 m confirms
the Matuyama Epoch. The base of the Olduvai Event
occurs at approximately 26 m sub-bottom. The Gauss/
Matuyama boundary is placed at a depth of 31.1 m. The
Gauss Epoch interval is moderately well preserved down
to a depth of 45.5 m. In all likelihood, both the Kaena
and the Mammoth reversed events are shown in the
whole-core spinning data (see Suzyumov and Hamilton,
this volume).

These magnetostratigraphic assignments result in sed-
iment accumulation rates at Site 517 in the range of 7 to
22 m/Ma. The faster rate is encountered in the upper
part of the Gauss Epoch. Natural remanent magnetiza-
tion (NRM) intensity values for this site (mean $J_{NRM} =
8.8 \pm 5.0 \text{ mA/m}$) are generally higher than those of sed-
iments of equivalent age from the Rio Grande Rise crest
(Hole 516A, mean $J_{NRM} = 3.9 \pm 4.0 \text{ mA/m}$).

SEDIMENTATION RATES

Sedimentation rates at Site 517 are based on plank-
tonic foraminiferal and calcareous nannoplankton stra-
tigraphy and magnetic reversals, combined by means of
the Neogene time scale of Berggren, Kent, and Van
Couvering (in press). Sedimentation was apparently
continuous through the Pleistocene and late Pliocene, at
rates varying between 7 and 22 m/Ma and averaging 15
m/Ma (Fig. 5). Correction of these rates for compaction
is unnecessary.

Sediments are pelagic, with no sign of turbidites or
reworked material, and preservation is good. Sedimen-
tation rates are 2 to 3 times as high as for the same
time period on the shoulder of the Rio Grande Rise, at
Site 516.

CORRELATION OF REFLECTION PROFILER
DATA WITH DRILLING RESULTS

HPC coring at Site 517 penetrated only 50.9 m to up-
ner Pliocene calcareous ooze. If we assume compres-
sional-wave velocity of 1.54 km/s, this sub-bottom
depth amounts to only 0.066 s, reaching only to just
beneath the envelope of the seabed reflection, even on
the stacked UTMSI profile (Fig. 6). Thus, apart from
verifying the original inference from the profile, that
Site 517 would yield an essentially pelagic succession
without large amounts of downslope slumping, the cor-
relation is trivial. The 3.5-kHz profile at the site shows
reflectors at 9 and 20 m (Fig. 7). These correspond
neither to any observable change in properties in the
somewhat disturbed cores recovered nor to any detect-
able hiatus in sedimentation.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Site 517 was originally proposed as one in a series of
sites constituting a depth traverse of the Rio Grande
Rise in the southwestern Atlantic for studies of Ceno-
zoic lithofacies, carbonate dissolution, paleotempera-
ture, paleoproductivity, and ocean circulation. The site
was chosen at an intermediate depth on the Rise (about
2950 m), corresponding in location with a piston core
(CHN 115-88) that contains a continuous upper Pleisto-
cene paleoceanographic record. The original objective
was to continuously core this site through the Cenozoic
section, to provide a lithologic and paleontologic record
that complements that of the shallower (Site 516) and
deeper (Site 518) regions on the Rise. Because of the
time required to complete the drilling objectives at Site
516, however, the objectives at Site 517 were modified
to include HPC coring only, with a target depth of the
base of the upper Miocene. Adverse weather conditions
forced premature termination of coring, after obtaining
50.9 m of penetration. The oldest sediment recovered is
mid-Pliocene (about 3.1 Ma).
The lithologic unit recovered is a foraminiferal-nannofossil ooze with scattered pteropods and aragonite needles, which indicate the excellent preservation of the calcareous components. The quality of the HPC cores was poor in the uppermost several meters, but it improved downward.

Microfossil preservation is uniformly good throughout the cored interval, with no evidence for slumping or reworking of older sediment. Fragmentation of foraminifers is variable downcore, possibly as a consequence of pulses in the production of O₂-rich NADW.

The Nuttalides umbonifera-dominated assemblages of the Pliocene are distinct from the Globocassidulina subglobosa-dominated assemblages of the Quaternary. The former species is diagnostic of AABW environments today, whereas the latter is characteristic of NADW, suggesting shallowing of AABW during the Pliocene.

The planktonic δ¹⁸O record at Site 517 does not show the expected δ¹⁸O enrichment in the upper Pliocene (e.g., Shackleton and Opdyke, 1977). Leonard and others (this volume) suggest that an increase in surface water temperature in the South Atlantic occurred at the same time as the buildup of ice in the northern hemisphere, and that the negligible δ¹⁸O signal is the result of the opposing effects of warming temperatures and global ice growth upon planktonic δ¹⁸O in the southwestern Atlantic.

REFERENCES


Date of Initial Receipt: November 22, 1982
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- Clay
- Composition: Quartz TR, Feldspar, Other clay minerals, Carbonates unspecified, Volcanic glass

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- Composition: Quartz, Feldspar, Other clay minerals, Carbonates unspecified, Volcanic glass
LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION

FORAM-NANNOOOZE

Very pale brown (10YR 7/3).

SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY:

Texture:
- Sand: 10
- Silt: 40
- Clay: 50

Composition:
- Heavy minerals: TR
- Other clay minerals: 10
- Carbonate unspecified: 20
- Foraminifers: 10
- Nannofossils: 60
- Volcanic glass: TR

CARBONATE BOMB:
- 1-20: 77
- 1-70: 80
- 1-100: 80
- 2-20: 75
- 2-70: 75
- 2-120: 62
- 3-20: 65
- 3-70: 77
- 3-120: 84

Section 2: foram-nanno ooze, very pale brown (10YR 7/3).

Between 52-55 cm there is a layer of very pale brown (10YR 8/2) that is richer in forams.

SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY:

- 2-35: 3-53: 3-120
- Sand: 10: 10: 5
- Silt: 50: 50: 55
- Clay: 40: 40: 40

Composition:
- Quartz: 1
- Feldspar: 1
- Pyrite: TR
- Heavy minerals: TR
- Other clay minerals: 10
- Foraminifers: 10
- Nannofossils: 75: 70: 80
- Volcanic glass: TR: TR: TR
- Aragonite needles: TR: TR: TR

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LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION

FORAM-MARINO Ooze
Very pale brown (10YR 7/3).

SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY:
2-70
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Sand 10
Silt 30
Clay 60
Composition:
Other clay minerals 17
Foraminifers 15
Nannofossils 85
Diatoms TR
Volcanic glass TR
Micronodules TR
Iron-oxyhydroxides 3

CARBONATE BOMB:
2-20 = 85
2-70 = 85
2-120 = 77
3-20 = 80
3-70 = 80
3-120 = 82
### Lithologic Description

**NANNOFOSIL Ooze**
- Color: white (10YR 8/1). Slightly rich in clay from 58-93 cm (Section 2) with gradational contacts above and below.

**SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY:**
- Composition:
  - Sand: 72%
  - Silt: 25%
  - Clay: 14%
  - Other clay minerals: 3%
  - Foraminifera: 3%
  - Nannofossils: 2%
  - Volcanic glass: 1%
  - Microfossils: 1%

**CARBONATE BOMB:**
- 1-20 = 85
- 1-70 = 86
- 1-120 = 87
- 2-20 = 84
- 2-70 = 86
- 2-120 = 85
- 3-20 = 85
- 3-70 = 87
- 3-120 = 87

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### Lithologic Description

**NANNOFOSIL Ooze**
- Color: white (10YR 8/1-8/2). In gradational contact with breccias (page at the bottom of the section).
- Section 2: 12.5 cm with gradational contact. White ooze (10YR 8/1) with both bottom and top in gradational contact. Homogeneous in Section 3 except for a 2 cm layer (21-23 cm) cell of darker gray (10YR 7/2), probably richer in clay.

**SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY:**
- Composition:
  - Sand: 23%
  - Silt: 37%
  - Clay: 40%
  - Other clay minerals: 10%
  - Foraminifera: 4%
  - Nannofossils: 72%
  - Volcanic glass: 1%
  - Microfossils: 1%

**CARBONATE BOMB:**
- 1-20 = 85
- 1-70 = 85
- 1-120 = 84
- 2-20 = 84
- 2-70 = 85
- 2-120 = 85
- 3-20 = 85
- 3-70 = 85
- 3-120 = 85
**SITE 517 HOLE CORE (HPC) 9 CORED INTERVAL 33.3-37.7 m**

### Lithologic Description

**NANOFASSIL Ooze**
White (10YR 8/1-7/1).

**SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY:**

- **Texture:**
  - Sand: 5%
  - Silt: 36%
  - Clay: 59%
- **Composition:**
  - Quartz: 1%
  - Feldspar: 1%
  - Other clay minerals: 13%
  - Foraminifers: 5%
  - Nannofossils: 85%
  - Foraminifers: 1%
  - Volcanic glass: TR
- **Carbonate Bomb:**
  - 1-20: 87%
  - 1-70: 86%
  - 1-120: 87%
  - 2-20: 89%
  - 2-70: 74%
  - 2-120: 87%
  - 3-20: 84%
  - 3-60: 87%
  - 3-120: 86%

**SITE 517 HOLE CORE (HPC) 10 CORED INTERVAL 37.7-42.1 m**

### Lithologic Description

**NANOFASSIL Ooze**
White (10YR 8/1-7/1).

**SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY:**

- **Texture:**
  - Sand: 10%
  - Silt: 30%
  - Clay: 30%
- **Composition:**
  - Quartz: TR
  - Feldspar: 1%
  - Other clay minerals: 10%
  - Foraminifers: 1%
  - Nannofossils: 15%
  - Foraminifers: 5%
  - Volcanic glass: TR
- **Carbonate Bomb:**
  - 2-20: 84%
  - 2-70: 84%
  - 2-120: TR
  - 3-20: 85%
  - 3-60: 85%
  - 3-120: 85%
FORAM NANO Ooze

Layer (Section 2, 20-25 cm) slightly richer in forams, very pale brown (10YR 7/3).

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Composition:

- Quartz: 2 TR
- Feldspar: TR
- Mica: 2 3
- Pyrite: 3 3
- Glauconite: 2 2
- Other clay minerals: 16 22
- Carbonate: - 14
- Foraminifers: 15 20
- Nannofossils: 70 70
- Volcanic glass: 1 2

CARBONATE BOMB:

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- spots of very pale brown (10YR 7/3) sediment (Section 1). Mottles from bioturbation.