

2. CALCAREOUS NANNOFOSSIL AND PLANKTONIC FORAMINIFER BIOSTRATIGRAPHY OF HOLE 810C (SHATSKY RISE, NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC)¹

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ABSTRACT

The 136 m of calcareous oozes recovered in Hole 810C span the interval from upper Maastrichtian to middle Pleistocene. Three major hiatuses interrupt the sequence, with the topmost part of the Maastrichtian through the entire lower Paleocene, most of the lower Eocene, and the entire middle Eocene through most of the middle Miocene missing. Severe reworking and displacement affected the lower part of the succession from the Maastrichtian through the middle Miocene. Reworking and displacement gradually decreased in the upper portion. Calcareous nannofossil biostratigraphy enabled us to calibrate precisely the nearly complete magnetic reversal sequence of the Pliocene to the late Pleistocene. Two minor hiatuses detected by calcareous nannofossils across the Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary and in the upper lower Pleistocene, respectively, resulted in shortening of the Olduvai and Jaramillo Events within the Matuyama Chron of the magnetic reversal sequence.

INTRODUCTION

Site Description

Hole 810C was drilled on the Shatsky Rise ($32^{\circ}25.40'N$, $157^{\circ}50.74'E$) at a water depth of 2623.0 m (Fig. 1). Fifteen advanced hydraulic piston cores (APC) and a single extended core barrel (XCB) were raised from Hole 810C for a total recovery rate of 100%. The sedimentary sequence (Fig. 2) consists of 4.2 m of nannofossil ooze with common to abundant siliceous microfossils (Unit I, 0.0–4.2 m below seafloor, or mbsf), 71.8 m of nannofossil ooze with rare ash beds and isolated pumice pebbles (Unit II, 4.2–76.0 mbsf), 23.5 m of nannofossil ooze and calcareous clay in rhythmically alternating bands (Unit III, 76.0–99.5 mbsf), 13.8 m of nannofossil ooze with much bioturbation and rich in large-sized nannofossils (Unit IV, 99.5–113.3 mbsf), and 22.8 m of firm nannofossil ooze with foraminifers and chert (Unit V, 113.3–136.1 mbsf). Drilling disturbances occur from Section 132-810C-12H-2 through Core 132-810C-13H, because of anomalous contacts marked by major hiatuses, and in Core 132-810C-16X, possibly because of the presence of chert nodules.

Preliminary investigations conducted aboard ship on planktonic foraminifers revealed only that the recovered sequence spanned an interval from Maastrichtian through Holocene. It was interrupted and/or disturbed by the presence of several hiatuses, condensed sequences, and reworking events (Storms, Natland, et al., 1991).

The main stratigraphic hiatuses previously detected and confirmed by this work are as follows:

1. Between Sample 132-810C-13H-5, 41–43 cm, and Sample 132-810C-13H-5, 21–22 cm, where we can observe the contact between sediments of early late Paleocene and late Maastrichtian age.
2. Between Sample 132-810C-13H-2, 21–22 cm, and Sample 132-810C-13H-2, 7–9 cm, where sediments of late early Eocene age directly rest on a sequence of early late Paleocene age.
3. Between Sample 132-810C-12H-2, 120–122 cm, and Sample 132-810C-12H-2, 75–77 cm, where the middle Miocene lies on top of the upper lower Eocene.

This paper deals with the detailed biostratigraphic investigation of both calcareous nannofossils and planktonic foraminifers from Hole

810C. D. Castradori studied the nannofossils, whereas I. Premoli Silva and S. Spezzaferri studied the planktonic foraminifers of Maastrichtian through early Eocene and of middle Miocene through late Pleistocene age, respectively.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Sample spacing was guided by the preliminary investigations and resulted in a variable sample density for the different intervals. In general, samples were taken three per section except in Cores 132-810C-1H through -3H and in Cores 132-810C-7H through -11H. In the latter, samples were taken one per section, whereas up to 5 samples per section were taken across the major hiatuses. Calcareous nannofossils were studied in all the collected samples, whereas planktonic foraminifer investigation was confined only to two to three samples per core in the upper part of the sequence, where assemblages are relatively monotonous. A sample volume of about 10 cm^3 was used for both fossil groups.

The study of calcareous nannofossils at Hole 810C is based on 176 samples. For each sample a permanent smear slide was mounted with Canada balsam. Because abundance and preservation of the recovered assemblages were always sufficient, no particular technique was applied to concentrate or "clean" the biogenic fraction (e.g., centrifuge, ultrasound).

Smear slides were analyzed using an optical polarizing microscope at $1250\times$ magnification. This methodology was chosen because it allows a relatively simple and fast sample preparation; moreover, this technique is widely used for routine biostratigraphic nannofossil analysis.

The study of calcareous nannofossils is summarized in the distribution charts of Figures 3 through 7, where a semiquantitative estimate of the abundance of single taxa is also plotted, according to the following ranking: A = abundant (more than 1 specimen per field of view; $1250\times$); C = common (at least 1 specimen in 10 fields of view); F = frequent (at least 1 specimen in 30 fields of view); R = rare (less than 1 specimen in 30 fields of view); RR = very rare (1 or 2 specimens detected during the analysis).

All 176 samples studied yielded "abundant" nannofloras (more than 20 specimens per field of view). Moreover, the distribution charts include an estimate of the overall abundance of the reworked taxa.

All samples for foraminifer study were washed in distilled water through >250 -, 250 – 150 -, and 150 – $40\text{-}\mu\text{m}$ sieves, and the three fractions obtained were dried in open air in case some specimens proved to be suitable for isotopic analyses. Each sample was weighted

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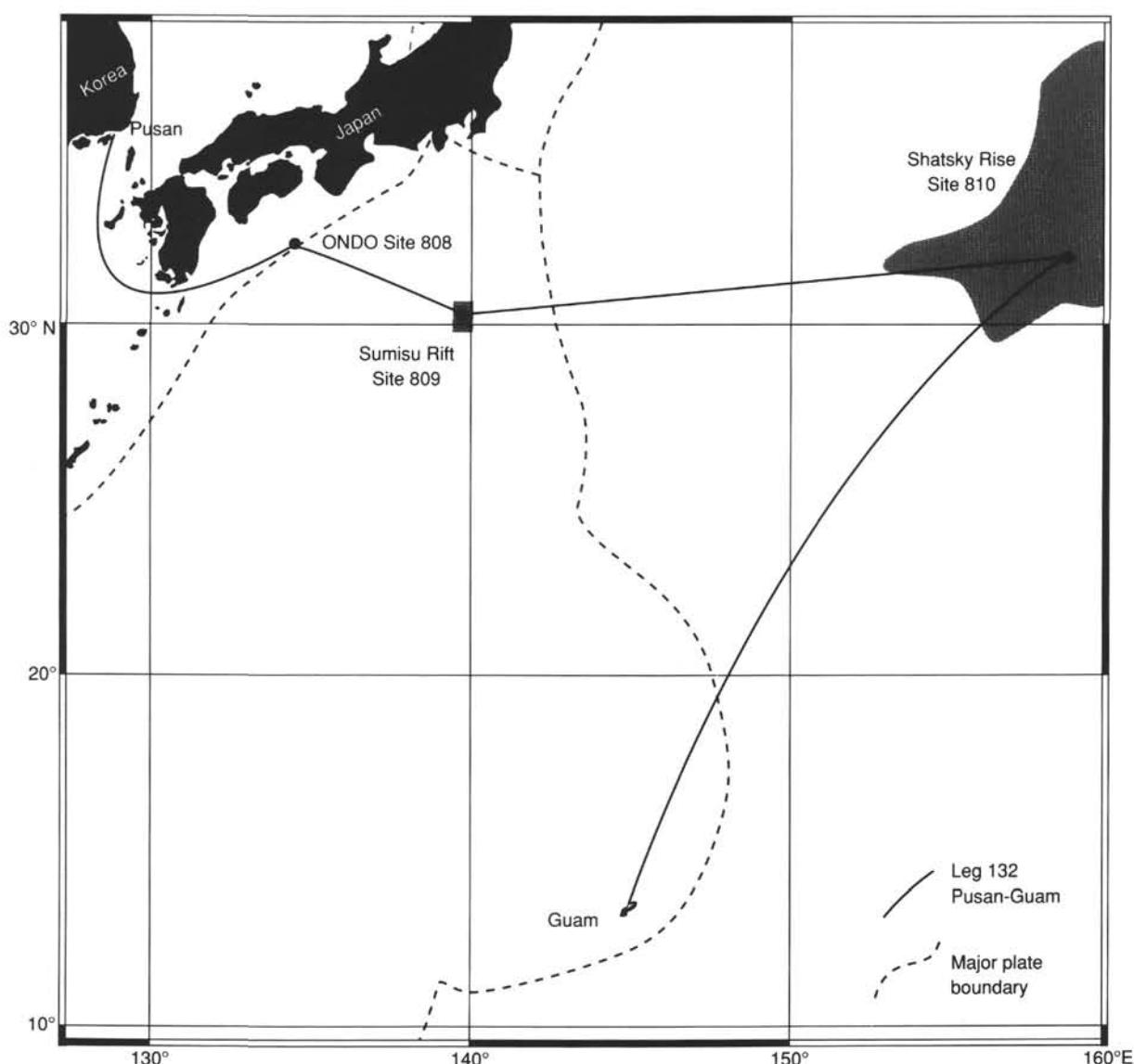


Figure 1. Location of Site 810, Shatsky Rise.

before and after washing, as were the three washed fractions. This operation was performed to determine the relationship among the fractions in the case of resedimented and/or dissolved assemblages, to prove sorting and/or degree of dissolution, respectively (Premoli Silva and Violanti, 1981; Spezzaferri, 1992). Abundance of the single species and groups, and other organic and inorganic components over the total faunas, were estimated for each fraction when possible. Five categories were distinguished and plotted in the range charts as follows: VR = very rare (1–5 specimens); R = rare (5–10 specimens); C = common (10–30 specimens); A = abundant (>50% of the total fauna); VA = very abundant (dominant).

Residues, abundance of other components, reworked and/or contaminant specimens as well as planktonic foraminifer preservation were graded with the following scales, respectively: VS = very scarce; S = scarce; M = medium abundant; A = abundant; X = simple presence; VP = very poor preservation; P = poor preservation; M = medium preservation; G = good preservation. Presence of inorganic components was indicated as follows: qz = quartz; ox = oxide; gl = glauconite; v = volcanic glass; ch = chert.

BIOSTRATIGRAPHY

On the basis of the three major hiatuses, listed in the "Introduction" (this chapter; Fig. 2), the stratigraphic sequence recovered at Hole 810C can be subdivided into four portions: one belonging to the Late Cretaceous (Maastrichtian), two of Paleogene age (late Paleocene and early Eocene), and one spanning the middle Miocene to Pleistocene time interval. The four intervals will be separately described in each fossil group.

Calcareous Nannofossils

Identification of nannofossil zones follows Perch-Nielsen (1981) for the Maastrichtian, Okada and Bukry (1980) for the Paleogene and Neogene, Gartner (1977) for the uppermost Pliocene and Pleistocene.

In some cases, biometric analyses have been performed by using the micrometer scale of the optical microscope. This kind of study was applied to define some taxonomic concepts and the related biostratigraphic events that are based on the absolute size of coccoliths. For

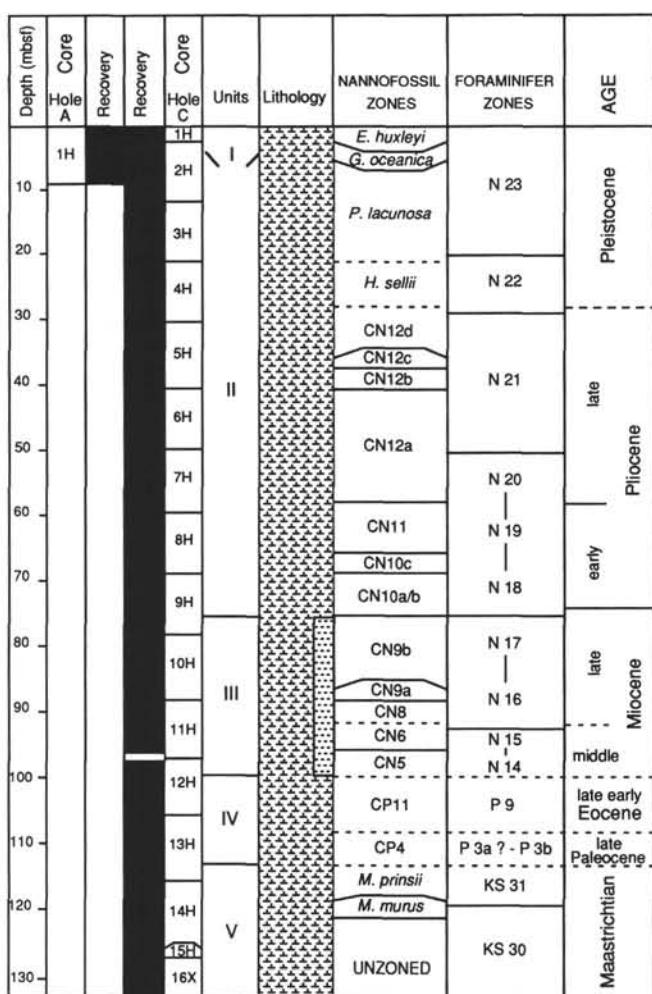


Figure 2. Lithologic log, core numbers and recovery, lithologic units, and calcareous nannofossil and planktonic foraminifer zones from Hole 810C.

what concerns the *Gephyrocapsa* group, a simplified taxonomy was applied for the identification of its different species. On the basis of the classifications adopted by Gartner (1977), Raffi and Rio (1979), Rio (1982), and Rio et al. (1990), among others, *Gephyrocapsa* spp. have been subdivided as follows: (1) *G. oceanica* s.l. has an open central area and a maximum length between 3.5 and 5.5 µm; (2) "small" *Gephyrocapsa* has a maximum length shorter than 3.5 µm; (3) *Gephyrocapsa* sp. 3 (*sensu* Rio, 1982) (= *G. parallela*), usually 4 to 6 µm in size, is characterized by a bridge nearly parallel to the short axis of the ellipse; and (4) "large" *Gephyrocapsa* has an open central area and maximum length longer than 5.5 µm.

Late Maastrichtian (Samples 132-810C-16X-2, 110–112 cm, to 132-810C-13H-5, 41–43 cm)

Starting from the base of the sequence drilled at Hole 810C, the first 34 samples contain nannofossil assemblages belonging to the Maastrichtian. Nannofloras are always abundant, well diversified and commonly nicely preserved. Only a few samples (Fig. 3) are affected by weak dissolution. Reworking, as detectable through biostratigraphic analysis, is rare.

The lowest 10 m of the drilled sequence (i.e., from Sample 132-810C-16X-2, 110–112 cm, to Sample 132-810C-14H-4, 25–27 cm) yielded a nannofloral assemblage that could be tentatively attributed

to the late Campanian–early Maastrichtian: the presence of *Quadrum trifidum* and *Reinhardtites levis*, in fact, indicates such an age.

The planktonic foraminiferal analysis, however, clearly demonstrates that the lowermost part of the stratigraphic sequence in Hole 810C has a late Maastrichtian age, based on the identification of the *Gansserina gansseri* Zone (see below). For this reason, we prefer to leave this interval unzoned with respect to calcareous nannofossils.

The first biostratigraphic datum believed reliable in Figure 3 is the first occurrence (FO) of *Micula murus* in Sample 132-810C-14H-3, 125–127 cm. It is followed, some 3 m above, by the FO of *Micula prinsii* (Sample 132-810C-14H-2, 75–77 cm). These two biostratigraphic events allow us to assign an age for these samples of late Maastrichtian (Perch-Nielsen, 1981). The lower boundary of the *M. murus* Zone may be obscured by reworking, which led to dilution of the assemblages. The top of the *M. prinsii* Zone was not observed, based on the absence of *Thoracosphaera* spp. in the uppermost sample (Sample 132-810C-13H-5, 41–43 cm) below the hiatus.

Late Paleocene (Samples 132-810C-13H-5, 21–22 cm, to 132-810C-13H-2, 21–22 cm)

The 11 smear slides studied yielded diverse and well-preserved nannofossil assemblages (Fig. 4) that are assigned to the lower upper Paleocene. Reworking is present in all samples analyzed, particularly in the lowest one. All the reworked species identified belong to the Upper Cretaceous, commonly to the Maastrichtian.

The possible presence of a slump, which might have interlayered about 2.4 m of lower Paleocene sediments within a sequence of late Paleocene age, as previously reported by Storms, Natland, et al. (1991), is supported by the results of the biostratigraphic analysis. Indeed, in the two lowest and three highest samples of this interval (Fig. 4), we observed an association of *Fasciculithus* spp. that characterizes sediments not older than the lower part of Zone CP4. Moreover, these samples are almost devoid of *Chiasmolithus danicus*, a species that is rather abundant in the lower Paleocene but decreases gradually in abundance in the upper Paleocene. From Sample 132-810C-13H-4, 69–71 cm, to Sample 132-810C-13H-2, 135–137 cm, the assemblages are drastically different. *Fasciculithus* spp. is (almost) absent, whereas *C. danicus* is frequent to common. These assemblages are typical of the CP2–lower CP3 nannofossil zones.

Early Eocene (Samples 132-810C-13H-2, 7–9 cm, to 132-810C-12H-2, 120–122 cm)

The 18 smear slides analyzed are assigned to the upper lower Eocene (Fig. 5). Preservation is moderate to good and reworking is rather abundant only in the two lowest samples of this interval. The age of the reworked taxa is mainly late Paleocene or Maastrichtian.

The entire Eocene interval probably belongs to Zone CP11. The species *Discoaster sublodoensis*, whose FO defines the base of Zone CP12, occurs within the oldest Neogene sediments overlying the hiatus. This finding allows us to infer that the hiatus between Paleogene and Neogene sediments occurred when Zone CP12 was just beginning.

Middle Miocene–Pleistocene (Samples 132-810C-12H-2, 75–77 cm, to 132-810C-1H-1, 40–42 cm)

The main part of the stratigraphic sequence drilled at Site 810 (i.e., approximately 100 out of 136 m) belongs to this time interval. Neogene assemblages (Figs. 6 and 7) are characterized by variable preservation, although it is never poor. In particular, the middle Miocene associations are the worst, whereas nannofossils from the Pleistocene are the best preserved.

Besides the biostratigraphic scheme of Gartner (1977), we recognized at least one biostratigraphic event (the FO of large *Gephyro-*

Figure 3. Distribution of calcareous nannofossils from Samples 132-810C-13H-5, 41–43 cm, to -16X-2, 110–112 cm (Maastrichtian). (For abundance abbreviations, see “Materials and Methods” section, this chapter.)

Figure 4. Distribution of calcareous nannofossils from Samples 132-810C-13H-2, 21–22 cm, to -13H-5, 2–22 cm (late Paleocene). (For abundance abbreviations, see “Materials and Methods” section, this chapter.)

Age	Hole 810C		Preservation	Reworking	Abundance	Depth (mbsf)	Zone
	CPII						
	Sample	Depth (mbsf)					
EARLY EOCENE	12H-2, 120-122	99.99	A M	C R R F F C C C C	C. formosus		
	12H-2, 147-149	100.26	A M	A A R F R C C C C	C. jugatus		
	12H-3, 23-25	100.52	A G/M	A A R F R C C C C	C. pelagicus		
	12H-3, 75-77	101.04	A G/M	A A C C C C C C C	C. rileensis		
	12H-3, 120-122	101.49	A G/M	A C C C C C C C C	D. scrippasae		
	12H-4, 23-25	102.02	A G/M	A C C C C C C C C	D. bimodulus		
	12H-4, 75-77	102.54	A G/M	A C C C C C C C C	D. oxytropis		
	12H-4, 120-122	102.99	A G/M	A C C C C C C C C	D. gemmifer		
	12H-5, 23-25	103.52	A G/M	F F F F C C C C	D. kueppeni		
	12H-5, 75-77	104.04	A G/M	F F F F C C C C	D. dentifloralis		
	12H-5, 120-122	104.49	A G/M	F F F F C C C C	D. lodiensis		
	12H-6, 23-25	105.02	A M	F F F F C C C C	D. multiradiatus		
	12H-6, 75-77	105.54	A G/M	F F F F C C C C	D. discaster sp. 1		
	12H-6, 120-122	105.99	A G/M	F F F F C C C C	D. rimosus		
	13H-1, 21-22	107.11	A G/M	F F F F C C C C	E. leptocheilus		
	13H-1, 69-71	107.60	A G/M	F F F F C C C C	E. ovalis		
	13H-1, 135-137	108.26	A G/M	F F F F C C C C	N. dubius		
	13H-2, 7.9	108.48	A G/M	F F F F C/A	P. larvalis		
					P. vespa		
					R. oxydonta		
					S. nonformis		
					S. radians		
					S. springeri		
					S. planiculus		
					T. opercularata		
					T. prolata		
					T. sasakii		
					T. crassus		
					T. gemmation		
					Z. bilobatus		

Figure 5. Distribution of calcareous nannofossils from Samples 132-810C-12H-2, 120–122 cm, to -13H-2, 7–9 cm (late early Eocene). (For abundance abbreviations, see “Materials and Methods” section, this chapter.)

capsa spp.; see Fig. 7) included in a nannofossil zonation recently proposed by Raffi and Rio (in Rio et al., 1990). This zonation refers directly only to the Mediterranean area; however, most of the biostratigraphic events included (among them the one mentioned above) are recognizable also in oceanic areas (Raffi et al., in press).

Sample 132-810C-12H-2, 75–77 cm, yielded the oldest Neogene species, tentatively attributable to Zone CN5, that were hardly identified among the very abundant Eocene taxa. The abundance of the reworked taxa is high in the lowest samples and decreases upward (Fig. 6).

Moving upward from the base of the Neogene sequence, we observed a hiatus near the middle/upper Miocene boundary where the whole Zone CN7, defined by the FO and last occurrence (LO) of *Discoaster hamatus*, and possibly part of Zones CN6 and CN8 are absent.

A minor hiatus was detected near the Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary, where the simultaneous disappearance of *Discoaster brouweri* and *Calcidiscus macintyreai* suggests that the *Cyclococcolithina macintyreai* (later referred to as *Calcidiscus macintyreai*) Subzone of Gartner (1977) is missing.

No sample attributable to the small *Gephyrocapsa* Zone has been observed during the analysis. Whether this is due to the low sampling resolution or to a hiatus is not clear (see below). The possible presence of this zone can be limited to the interval between Samples 132-810C-4H-5, 110-112 cm, and 132-810C-4H-2, 65-67 cm (Fig. 7).

The true first occurrence of *Emiliania huxleyi*, which was detected and dated at 268 k.y. on the basis of counts with a transmission electron microscope (Thierstein et al., 1977), may have been missed in this study as a result of the use of an optical microscope: the FO of this species as reported in Figure 7 can thus slightly postdate the real biostratigraphic event.

The uppermost sample analyzed, at 0.41 mbsf, did not reach the *E. huxleyi* Acme Zone, whose base has been dated by Thierstein et al. (1977) at 73 or 85 k.y., in transitional and subtropical/tropical waters, respectively.

Planktonic Foraminifers

Detailed study of planktonic and benthic foraminifer assemblages revealed that Cretaceous, Paleocene, Eocene, and upper Miocene sediments were commonly displaced, and assemblages were strongly affected by reworking. Nevertheless, range charts could be constructed for the Cretaceous and middle Miocene through middle Pleistocene sequence, whereas the strong mixing of the upper Paleocene and lower Eocene sediments, also associated with strong contamination, prevented us from establishing a clear stratigraphic distribution of the planktonic species (see below).

Generic attribution and identification of planktonic foraminifer zones follow Robazynski et al. (1984), Caron (1985), and Sliter (1989) for the Cretaceous; Boersma and Premoli Silva (1983), Toumarkine and Luterbacher (1985), Boersma et al. (1987), Premoli Silva and Boersma (1988), and Olsson et al. (1992) for the Paleocene and Eocene; and Blow (1969, 1979), Brönnimann and Resig (1971), and Kennett and Srinivasan (1983) for the Miocene through Pleistocene.

Late Maastrichtian (Samples 132-810C-16X-CC to 132-810C-13H-5, 41–43 cm)

Planktonic foraminifer assemblages, studied in 39 samples from this interval, vary greatly in abundance from rich to poor. This distribution is well expressed in the weight percentage curve of Figure 8.

Figure 6. Distribution of calcareous nannofossils from Samples 132-810C-6H-1, 35–37 cm, to -12H-2, 75–77 cm (middle Miocene to late Pliocene). (For abundance abbreviations, see “Materials and Methods” section, this chapter.)

Hole 810C															
Age Gartner, 1977 Zonations	Sample	Depth (mbsf)	Abundance	Preservation											
				Reworking			<i>C. leptopus</i>			<i>C. macintyrei</i>			<i>C. armatus</i>		
E huixleyi Zone	1H-1, 40-42	0.41	A	G	RR	A			R						
1H-2, 40-42		1.81	A	G		A			RR						
G.ocean. Zone	2H-1, 100-102	3.41	A	G	C		F		R	A	C				
2H-2, 100-102		4.91	A	G	RR	C			R	F	C				
EARLY-MIDDLE PLEISTOCENE															
<i>P. lacunosa</i> Zone															
H. sellii Zone															
Large Gephyrocapsa FAD (Ro et al., 1990)															
4H-1, 100-102															
2H-3, 100-102	6.41	A	G	F		R									
2H-4, 100-102	7.91	A	G			R									
2H-6, 100-102	9.41	A	G			RR	A	C							
3H-1, 120-122	10.91	A	G			R	A	C							
3H-2, 120-122	13.11	A	G				A	C							
3H-3, 120-122	14.61	A	G				C	R							
3H-4, 120-122	16.11	A	G				A	F							
3H-5, 120-122	17.61	A	G				A	F							
3H-6, 120-122	19.11	A	G				A	F							
	20.50	A	G				A	F							
4H-1, 26-28	21.67	A	M	R/F	A										
4H-1, 55-57	21.96	A	G/M	RR	A										
4H-1, 110-112	22.51	A	G												
4H-2, 3-5	22.94	A	G												
4H-2, 27-29	23.18	A	G												
4H-2, 75-77	23.66	A	G												
4H-2, 110-112	24.01	A	G												
4H-3, 26-28	24.67	A	G												
4H-3, 60-62	25.01	A	G/M		A										
4H-3, 110-112	25.51	A	G/M		R										
4H-3, 137-139	25.78	A	M		R										
4H-4, 26-28	26.17	A	G/M		R										
4H-4, 73-76	26.64	A	G/M		R										
4H-4, 110-112	27.01	A	G/M		R										
4H-5, 4-6	27.45	A	G/M		R										
4H-5, 65-67	28.06	A	G/M	RR	R										
CN12 d															
4H-5, 110-112	28.51	A	G/M		C	C									
4H-5, 129-131	28.70	A	G/M		F	A									
4H-6, 60-62	29.51	A	G/M		C	C									
4H-6, 76-77	29.67	A	G/M		C	C									
4H-6, 110-112	30.01	A	G/M		A	C									
4H-7, 4-6	30.45	A	G/M		A	C									
4H-7, 63-65	31.04	A	G/M		C	C									
5H-1, 35-37	31.25	A	G/M		C	C									
5H-1, 73-75	31.54	A	G/M		R										
5H-1, 100-102	31.91	A	G/M		A	C									
5H-2, 13-15	32.54	A	G/M	RR	A	C									
5H-2, 43-45	32.84	A	G/M	RR	A	C									
5H-2, 61-63	33.02	A	G/M		R										
5H-2, 100-102	33.41	A	G/M	F/C	A	C									
5H-2, 123-125	33.64	A	G/M		C	C									
5H-3, 42-44	34.33	A	G/M	F	C	C									
5H-3, 100-102	34.91	A	G/M	RR	A	R	F	RR	RR						
CN12 c															
5H-4, 4-6	35.45	A	G/M		C	C									
5H-4, 53-55	35.94	A	G/M		A	C									
5H-4, 100-102	36.41	A	G/M		C	F									
5H-4, 135-137	36.76	A	G/M		A	F									
5H-5, 15-17	37.06	A	G/M		C	C									
5H-5, 60-62	37.51	A	G/M	RR	A	F									
5H-5, 100-102	37.91	A	G/M		C	C									
5H-5, 130-132	38.21	A	G/M		C	F									
5H-6, 26-28	38.67	A	G/M	RR	A	F									
5H-6, 100-102	39.41	A	G/M		C	C									
5H-6, 119-121	39.60	A	G/M	RR	C	F									
5H-7, 8-10	39.99	A	G/M	R	C	F									
5H-7, 43-45	40.34	A	M/P	R	C	F									
CN12 b															
LATE PLIOCENE															
Large Gephyrocapsa FAD (Ro et al., 1990)															
H. sellii Zone															
P. lacunosa Zone															
4H-1, 40-42 cm to -5H-7, 43-45 cm (late Pliocene through middle Pleistocene)															
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Figure 7. Distribution of calcareous nannofossils from Samples 132-810C-1H-1, 40-42 cm, to -5H-7, 43-45 cm (late Pliocene through middle Pleistocene). (For abundance abbreviations, see "Materials and Methods" section, this chapter.)

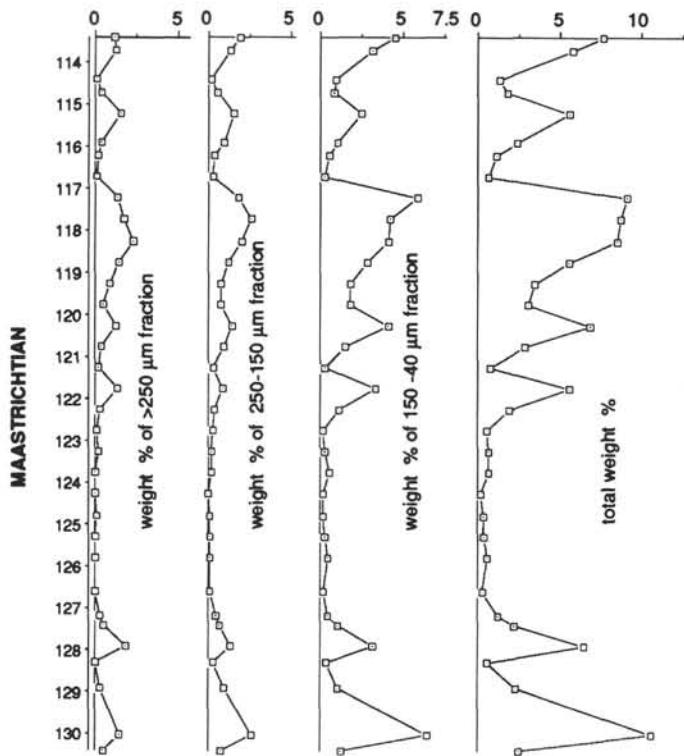


Figure 8. Total weight of washed residues and weight per >250-, 250–150-, and 150–40- μm fractions expressed as percentage of the raw sample weight, from Samples 132-810C-13H-5, 41–43 cm, to -16X-CC (Maastrichtian).

Low weight percentages correspond to very small residues in all the three fractions and especially in the >250- μm fraction (see also Fig. 9). High weight percentages correspond to samples yielding rich and well-diversified faunas, whereas the number of species is drastically reduced in samples with small residues. The preservation also varies from sample to sample and within a single sample from good or moderately good, to chalky and fragile, to recrystallized. The finest fractions (150–40 μm) almost consistently contain a large amount of minute fragments. These differences in preservation occur in specimens belonging to the same species and in the same sample, suggesting that the assemblages result from mixing of in-situ and displaced faunas. The age difference of the variously preserved specimens is not so clearly detectable because the bulk of the assemblages comprises long-ranging taxa.

Despite such a bias, the stratigraphic distributions of taxa are plotted in the range chart of Figure 9. Also included are the overall planktonic foraminifer abundance, preservation, and dissolution, as well as the abundance of benthic foraminifers, other organisms, and inorganic components associated with the occurrence of reworking and contamination.

The oldest sample studied at the bottom of the hole (Sample 132-810C-16X-CC) yielded a few specimens attributable to *Globotruncanella pschadæ*, an intermediate form between *Globotruncanella havanensis* and *Abathomphalus intermedius*, associated with *Rugoglobigerina hexacamerata*, *R. reicheli*, and *Pseudoguembelina excolata*. According to Caron (1985), all these species appear at the base of the *Gansserina gansseri* Zone (KS31 of Sliter, 1989) indicating that the oldest sediments at Hole 810C belong to the *G. gansseri* Zone of mid- to late Maastrichtian age. This attribution is corroborated by the successive appearances of *Globotruncanita pettersi* (Sample 132-810C-16X-2, 68–70 cm), *Abathomphalus intermedius* (Sample 132-810C-15H-1, 119–121 cm), *Planoglobulina multicamerata* (Sample 132-810C-14H-7, 25–27 cm), *Planoglobulina acervulinoides* (Sam-

ple 132-810C-14H-6, 125–127 cm), *Contusotruncana walfischensis* (Sample 132-810C-14H-5, 75–77 cm), and *Trinitella scotti* (Sample 132-810C-14H-4, 25–27 cm). According to Caron (1985), the occurrence of all these species indicates that the succession is progressing from the middle to the upper part of the *G. gansseri* Zone.

The occurrence of primitive specimens of *Abathomphalus mayaroensis* in Sample 132-810C-14H-2, 125–127 cm, marks the beginning of the nominal zone (KS31 of Sliter, 1989), the youngest zone of the Cretaceous. Therefore, the Maastrichtian sediments at the bottom of Hole 810C are younger than previously thought (attributed to the *Globotruncanella havanensis* and *Globotruncana aegyptiaca* Zones of the early Maastrichtian in Storms, Natland, et al., 1991).

It is worth mentioning that (1) *G. gansseri*, true *Contusotruncana contusa*, and *Rugoglobigerina rotundata* were never observed in Hole 810C; (2) the assemblages are dominated by double keeled globotruncanids, which should decrease in abundance throughout the upper part of the Maastrichtian (Premoli Silva and Boersma, 1977); and (3) the lowermost core, Core 132-810C-16X, which was highly disturbed by drilling, yielded in several samples some specimens attributable to *Globotruncanita atlantica*, *Ventilabrella eggeri*, and very rare *Globotruncanita elevata*, which all should have become extinct at the end of the Campanian.

Whereas the absence of the species mentioned at point (1) is not easy to understand, the other two features mentioned in (2) and (3) may be easily explained by displacement and reworking. Displacement and reworking are also demonstrated by the benthic foraminifers associated with the planktonic assemblages. Although the anomalously high abundance of benthic foraminifers indicates that the planktonic foraminifers were affected by strong dissolution, as in several samples belonging to Cores 132-810C-14H and -15H, the benthic faunas, even in these cases, included genera such as *Stensioina*, ornamented *Lenticulina*, *Marssonella*, and numerous buliminids among others, whose habitat is not consistent with the >2600-m water depth of Site 810; on the contrary, they indicate an upper bathyal environment. Also, the lower bathyal indicator and most consistent genus, *Aragonia*, displays a variety of preservation from well-preserved, almost transparent specimens to broken and worn ones in the same sample.

Late Paleocene (Samples 132-810C-13H-5, 35–36 cm, to 132-810C-13H-2, 21–22 cm)

A very slight difference in color in Section 132-810C-13H-5, 40 cm, corresponds to a major hiatus that removed the uppermost part of the *A. mayaroensis* Zone and the entire lower Paleocene. In fact, the presence of *Morozovella angulata* and *Globanomalina ehrenbergi* in the lowermost sample of this interval indicates Zone P3b, or less likely the topmost part of Zone P3a, of late Paleocene age. This attribution is confirmed by the occurrence of *Morozovella pusilla*, the index species of Zone P3b, in Sample 132-810C-13H-5, 20–22 cm.

Planktonic foraminifer assemblages in this interval are rich in species with an usually excellent preservation of at least the large-sized forms. However, the assemblages are strongly mixed either by contamination or by heavy reworking. Contaminants even include species from the Pleistocene, although they are most commonly from the lower Eocene. Reworking involved planktonic species from Zone Palpa, the entire Zone P1, and Zone P2, which occur either mixed together or preferentially from a single zone. The most common reworked species are *Praemurica trinidadensis*, *Praemurica uncinata*, *Praemurica praecursoria*, *Globococonusa daubjergensis*, and the woodringinids, guembelitids, and sometimes *Parvarugoglobigerina eugubina*. Few globotruncanids may also occasionally occur.

In the interval from Sample 132-810C-13H-4, 99–100 cm, to -13H-2, 69–71 cm, the assemblages are predominantly constituted by forms from Zones Palpa and P1 with the species from Zone P3b almost absent. The preliminary interpretation (Storms, Natland, et al., 1991), supported by the different and variable dip recorded in these strata, was that this portion was slumped within sediments of Zone

Figure 9. Distribution of planktonic foraminifers from Samples 132-810C-13H-5, 41-43 cm, to -16X-CC (Maastrichtian). Abundance: vr = very rare; r = rare; f = few; C = common; F = frequent; A = abundant. Dissolution: l = low; m = medium; h = high. Other organisms: O = ostracodes; E = echinoderms; M = mollusks; Fi = fish remains; Spic = sponge spicules. Mineral components: ch = chert; vol = volcanics. For key to other symbols, see text.

P3b. This interpretation still holds except that most samples also yielded some rare forms from the enveloping Zone P3b (the assemblages are again a mixture). Because of these disturbances no routine range chart could be produced for this interval. Instead, the major biostratigraphic events are plotted against lithology and depth in a closeup of Core 132-810C-13H in Figure 10, with a few remarks on the occurrence of the reworked material. These sedimentary features are well expressed in the weight percentage curves of Figure 11 (note the large fluctuations in the total weight percentage curve). Total weight percentages are overall much higher than in the Maastrichtian portion. The very low weight percentages in the >250- μm fraction curve reflect that the reworked faunas are composed of small-sized forms such as those from the older zones of the Paleocene. The highest weight percentages correspond to samples yielding very rich and well-diversified faunas.

The planktonic assemblages, supposed to be autochthonous, are typically tropical and include numerous *Morozovella angulata*, *M. abundocamerata*, *M. conicotruncata*, *M. aequa*, *Muricoglobigerina mckannai*, *Parasubbotina pseudobulloides*, *P. varianta*, *Subbotina triloculinoides*, *Globanomalina ehrenbergi*, *G. compressa*, and rare acarininids.

The benthic foraminifer assemblages throughout the interval vary in abundance from almost absent to common. In the latter case the assemblages display a highly mixed nature with lower bathyal forms such as *Aragonia*, *Pleurostomella*, thin *Dentalina*, and *Nuttallidites*, among others, associated with upper to middle bathyal forms, including numerous buliminids and bolivinids and large-sized *Lenticulina*. Specimens of *Aragonia* display different preservation in some samples as mentioned in the previous interval. A few very altered glauconite grains are scattered throughout.

Early Eocene (Samples 132-810C-13H-2, 7–9 cm, to 132-810C-12H-2, 75–77 cm)

A slight difference in color without any apparent change in the composition of the ooze marks the second major hiatus in Section 132-810C-13H-2 between the upper Paleocene and lower Eocene sediments. This interval is topped by a very soupy interval from 50 to 57 cm in Section 132-810C-12H-2, above which the sediments are attributable to the middle Miocene (Fig. 10).

The planktonic foraminifer assemblages from this interval are more monotonous than in the previous intervals with the bulk of faunas consistently constituted by forms belonging to Zones P6b, P8, and P9. The Zone P9 assemblage is apparently diluted into Zone P8 faunas. The total weight percentage and the three weight fraction curves reflect this homogeneity (Fig. 11) with the exception of the lowermost two samples. The latter, corresponding to highest weight percentages that are highly visible also in the >250- μm fraction curve, yielded more abundant reworked faunas also attributable to Zone P5 of late Paleocene age (missing below).

Zonal attribution is based on the occurrence of few specimens of *Turborotalia frontosa* and forms close to *Truncorotaloides topilensis* in Sample 132-810C-13H-2, 7–9 cm. This attribution is corroborated by the occurrence of “*Globigerinatheka*” *senni*, *Pseudohastigerina danvillensis*, and very rare *Globigerinatheka micra* in the absence of hantkeninids and *Pseudohastigerina micra*. The most common forms throughout are *Morozovella aragonensis*, *M. caucasica*, *M. crassata*, *Acarinina bullbrookii*, *A. rotundimarginata*, *A. rugosoaculeata*, and *A. pseudotopilensis*. Less frequent but consistently present are “*G. senni*”, *Guembelitrioides higginsi*, *Globanomalina pseudoscitula*, *A. rohri*, and rarer *Acarinina pentacamerata*.

The preservation is variable within a single sample, with the same species such as *M. aragonensis* and *M. caucasica* represented by fragile, worn individuals associated with recrystallized specimens; nicely preserved specimens are rarely present. This suggests that part of the faunas are resedimented and possibly also reworked. Benthic foraminifers are also mixed from different bathymetric zones (upper

to lower bathyal) as in the previous intervals, although they are overall much less frequent.

Middle Miocene to Pleistocene

Considerable difficulty was encountered in applying the existing zonation to the Hole 810C planktonic foraminifer assemblages, because strong dissolution episodes that occur throughout the middle Miocene to most of the Pliocene sedimentary section also removed some of the dissolution-resistant markers (e.g., *Sphaeroidinella dehiscens*). This is well expressed in the weight percentage curves, especially in that of the >250- μm fraction, and by the overall scarcity of the residues from the lower two-thirds of the Neogene sequence (Figs. 12 and 13). Moreover, the distribution of some species used as markers is apparently strongly controlled by environmental conditions.

The strong reworking and/or dissolution episodes affecting a large part of the sedimentary sequence prevented a reliable reconstruction of the succession of bioevents. In such conditions, we could rely only on the first evolutionary occurrence of taxa for biostratigraphic assignment and had to disregard extinction events and assemblage characteristics.

Nevertheless, the standard zonal scheme of Blow (1969) is tentatively applied to the Neogene tropical assemblages of Hole 810C. The distribution of the identified planktonic foraminifer species and groups are reported in the range chart of Figure 13. The major events used for identifying the zonal boundaries or zones are listed below (from old to young):

1. The co-occurrence of abundant *Zeaglobigerina nepenthes* and *Z. microstoma*, equated to Zone N14–N15 (middle to upper Miocene).
2. The FO of *Globorotalia merotumida* followed 1.5 m above by the FO of *Neogloboquadrina pachyderma* identifies Zone N16 (upper Miocene).
3. The co-occurrence of *Globorotalia plesiotumida* and *Globigerinoides extremus* identifies Zone N17 (upper Miocene).
4. The FO of *Globorotalia margaritae primitiva* and the LO of *Globorotalia merotumida* identify the upper Zone N17 (upper Miocene).
5. The FO of *Globorotalia tumida* s.s. equates to the base of Zone N18 (lower Pliocene).
6. The FO of *Globorotalia margaritae margaritae*, followed 1.5 m above by the FO of *G. margaritae evoluta* and *Zeaglobigerina incisa*, 5 m above by the FO of *Globorotalia crassaformis*, and 6 m above by the FO of *Sphaeroidinella dehiscens* and *Globorotalia puncticulata* identifies Zones N18 to N20 (lower Pliocene).
7. The LO of *Globigerinoides extremus*, followed about 1 m above by the LO of *G. puncticulata*, and 2 m above by the FO of *Globorotalia crassaformis viola* identifies the upper Zone N21 (upper Pliocene).
8. The FO of *Truncorotalia truncatulinoides* equates to the base of Zone N22 (uppermost Pliocene).
9. The FO of *Globigerina calida* equates to the base of Zone N23 (lower Pleistocene).

Middle to late Miocene (Samples 132-810C-12H-2, 75–77 cm, to 132-810C-9H-5, 110–112 cm)

This interval is characterized by highly dissolved and scarce middle to upper Miocene planktonic foraminifer faunas and by common to abundant, mainly fragmented Cretaceous (*Heterohelix striata*, *Globotruncana* spp.) to Paleocene and Eocene (*Praemurica uncinata*, *Morozovella gracilis*, *Parasubbotina pseudobulloides*, *Morozovella caucasica*, etc.) reworked faunas. Therefore, no zonal assignment can be made with certainty. The high-dissolution episode is also corroborated by abundant benthonic foraminiferal faunas and by rare to very abundant crystals and/or fragments of clinoptilolite (see Fig. 13).

The oldest Miocene sample (132-810C-12H-2, 75–77 cm) examined is tentatively referred to Zone N14–N15 based on the occurrence

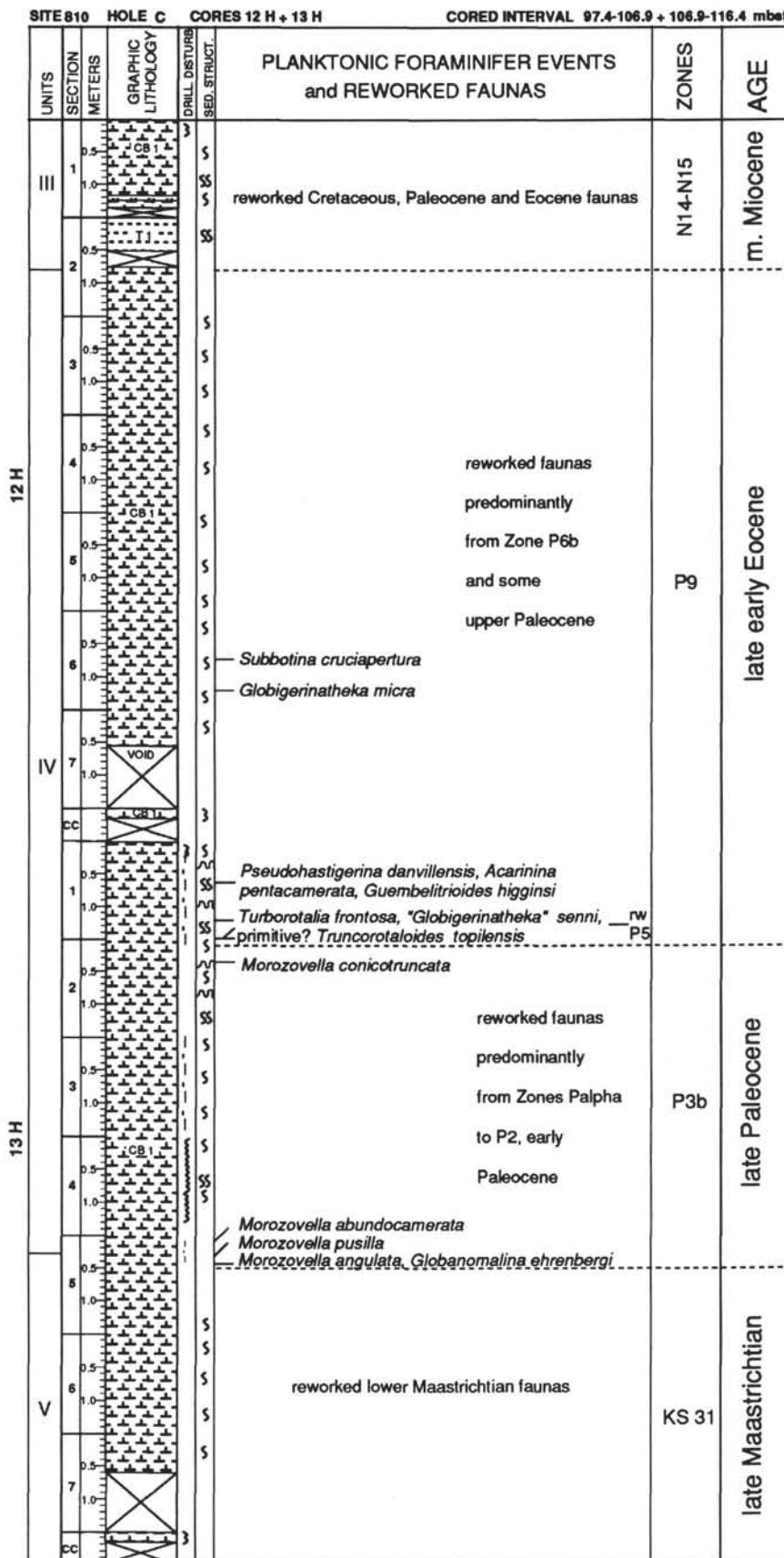


Figure 10. Close-up of Cores 132-810C-12H and -13H with lithology, major planktonic foraminifer events, and sedimentary characteristics (late Maastrichtian to late early Eocene).

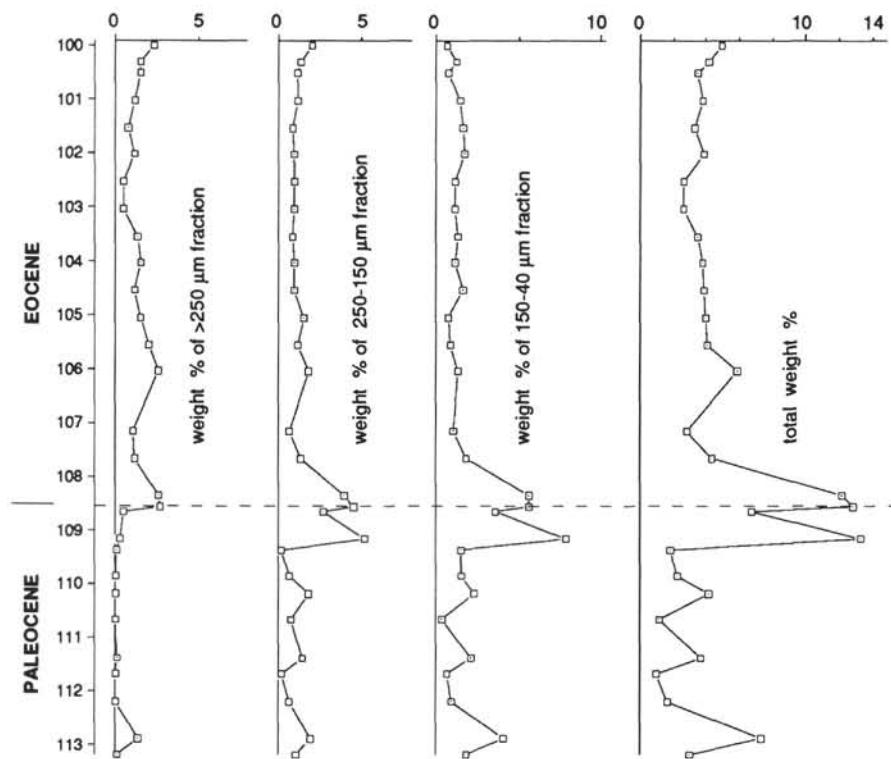


Figure 11. Total weight of washed residues and weight per >250-, 250–150-, and 150–40 µm fractions expressed as percentage of the raw sample weight from Samples 132-810C-12H-2, 120–122 cm, to -13H-5, 21–22 cm (late early Eocene to late Paleocene).

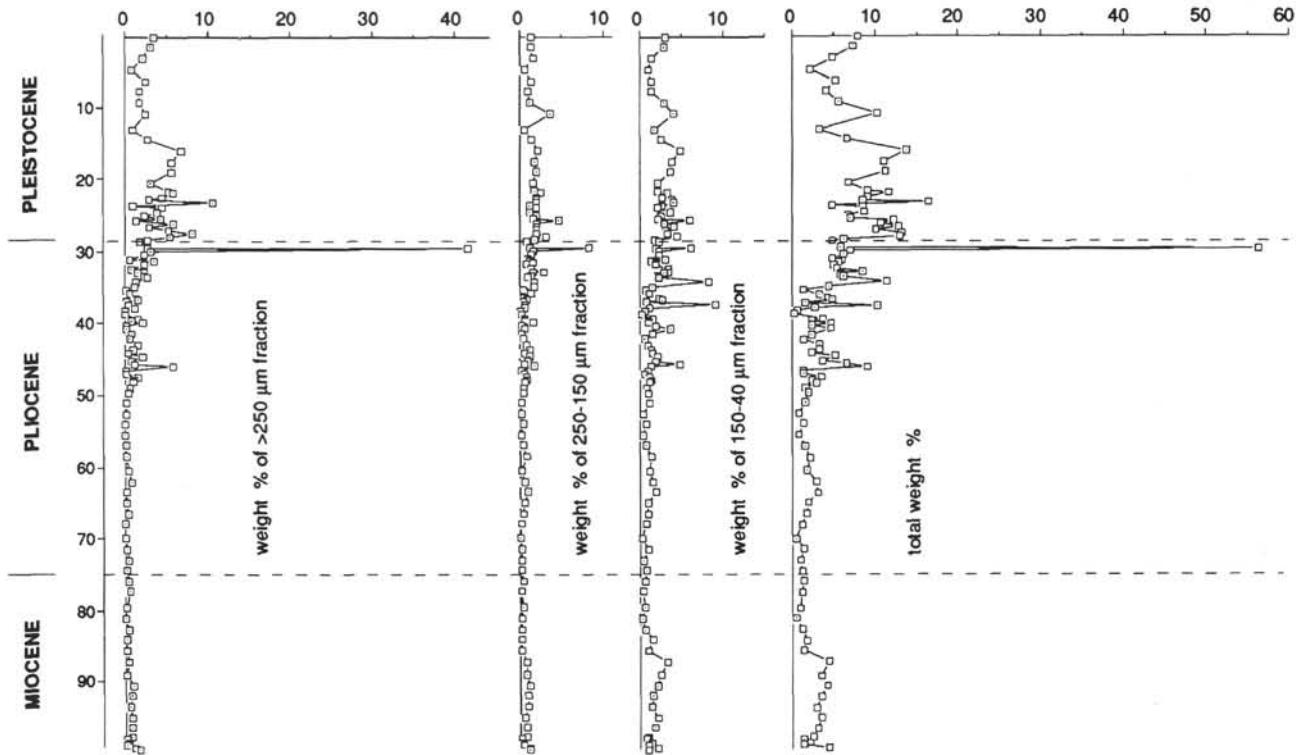


Figure 12. Total weight of washed residues and weight per >250-, 250–150-, and 150–40-µm fractions expressed as percentage of the raw sample weight from Samples 132-810C-1H-1, 40–42 cm, to -12H-1, 120–122 cm (middle Miocene to Pleistocene).

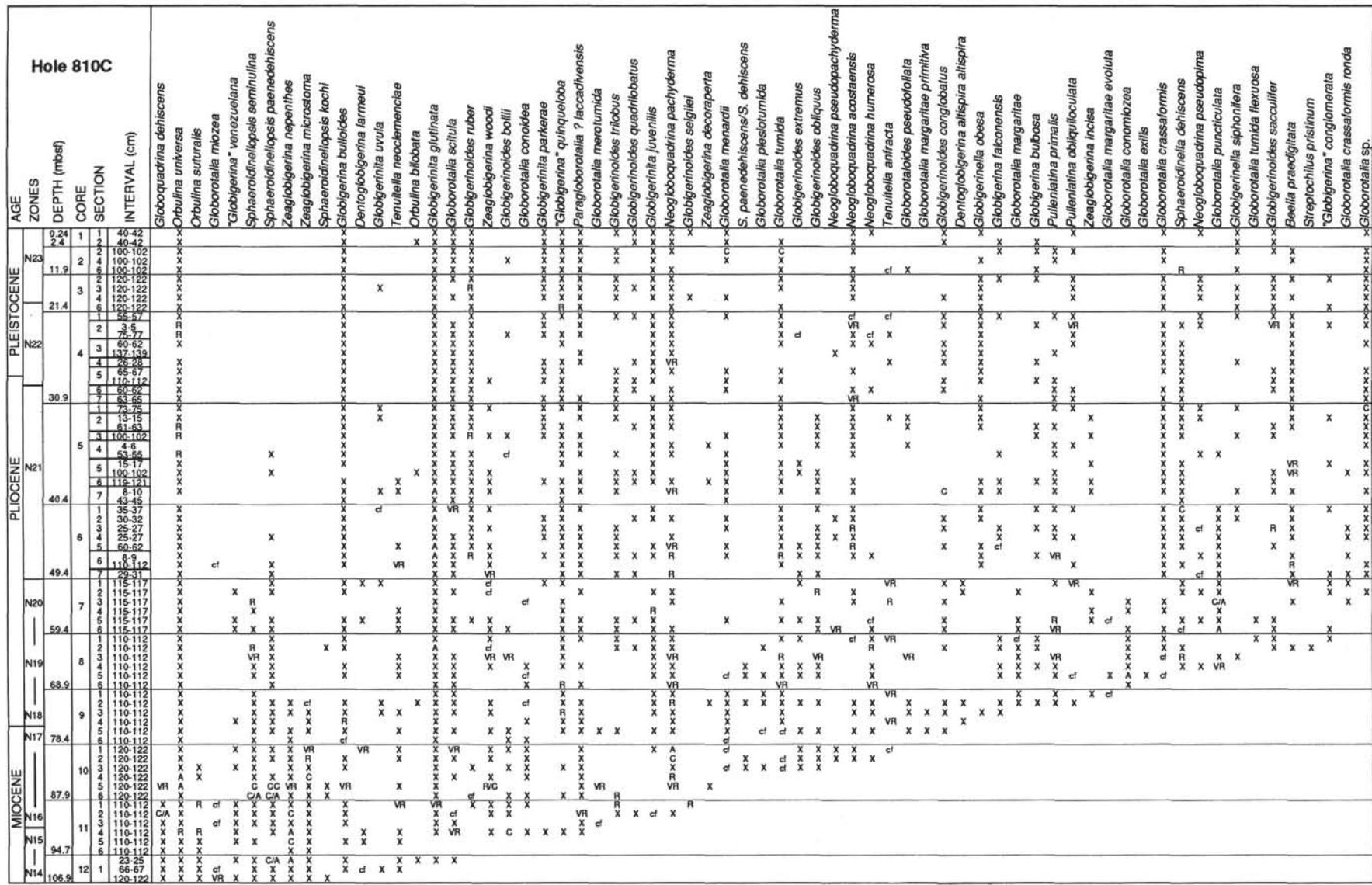


Figure 13. Distribution of planktonic foraminifers from Samples 132-810C-1H-1, 40–42 cm, to -12H-1, 120–122 cm (middle Miocene through middle Pleistocene).

		PLEISTOCENE		AGE		DEPTH (mbsf)		CORE SECTION		INTERVAL (cm)		Hole 810C continued												
MO./YR.	ZONE	MO./YR.	ZONE	MO./YR.	ZONE	MO./YR.	ZONE	MO./YR.	ZONE	MO./YR.	ZONE	Globigerinoides elongatus	Globigerinoides cyclostomus	Globigerinoides hexagonus	Globigerinoides oceanica	Globigerinoides dehlsensis excavata	Globigerinoides tenellus	Globigerinoides truncatulinoides	Globigerinoides pyramidalis	Globigerinoides hirsutica	Globigerinoides crassula	Globigerinoides tenuis	Globigerinoides calida	Globigerinoides viola
N23		0.24 2.4	1	-	40-42																			
		100-102	2	4	40-42																			
		120-122	3	4	100-102																			
		120-122	4	4	120-122																			
		120-122	5	6	120-122																			
		120-122	6	6	120-122																			
		120-122	7	7	120-122																			
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		120-122	9	9	120-122																			
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N22		0.24 2.4	1	-	40-42																			
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N17		0.24 2.4	1	-	40-42																			
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		120-122	11	11	120-122																			
		120-122	12	12	120-122																			
N16		0.24 2.4	1	-	40-42			</																

of abundant to dominant *Zeaglobigerina nepenthes* and *Zeoglobigerina microstoma* in the absence of youngest forms. The N14/N15 zonal boundary, placed by Blow (1969) upon the last occurrence of *Paragloborotalia siakensis*, was not identified because this species is absent in the studied samples.

The boundary between the N14–N15 and N16–N17 zonal intervals is here placed with the FO of *Globorotalia merotumida*, although this species is generally very rare in the Hole 810C assemblages. The FO of *Neogloboquadrina acostaensis*, suggested by Blow (1969) to mark the N15/N16 zonal boundary, is not here used because the appearance of this species is older (D. Rio, pers. comm., 1992).

The N16–N17 zonal interval assemblages consist of common *Zeaglobigerina nepenthes* and *Z. microstoma*, *Orbulina* spp., and *Sphaeroidinellopsis* spp. In the upper part of this interval the rare specimens of *G. merotumida* are associated with rare specimens of *G. plesiotumida* and *G. cf. tumida*.

Pliocene (Samples 132-810C-9H-4, 110–112 cm, to 132-810C-4H-5, 110–112 cm)

The preservation and abundance of the planktonic foraminifer faunas vary from sample to sample and increase upward from very scarce to abundant and from very poor to good, respectively. Benthic foraminifer faunas are generally common and abundant, whereas the reworked faunas (Cretaceous to Eocene) are less abundant than in the previous interval. Radiolarians increase in abundance upward and diatoms are present only in Cores 132-810C-6H and -5H (Zone N21) (Fig. 13).

The Miocene/Pliocene boundary is placed by Blow (1969) within Zone N18. According to nannofossil and paleomagnetic data from Hole 810C (see above), this boundary, here placed between Samples 132-810C-9H-5, 110–112 cm, and 132-810C-9H-4, 110–112 cm, corresponds to the base of Zone N18 as marked by the FO of *Globorotalia tumida*. This definition of Zone N18 was already proposed by Berggren (1973), Fleisher (1974), and Vincent (1975), the latter at Site 305, which is also drilled on the Shatsky Rise.

The N18/N19 zonal boundary is not distinguished here as defined by Blow (1969) because of persistent dissolution that removed the marker species, *Sphaeroidinella dehiscens*. Moreover, the FO of *Neogloboquadrina pseudopima* could not be used to place the N19/N20 boundary, because this taxon is reported from the upper Zone N18 (Brönnimann and Resig, 1971; Fleisher, 1974).

According to Brönnimann and Resig (1971) and Berggren (1973), the LO of *Globorotalia margaritae* should identify the N19/N20 zonal boundary, whereas the base of Zone N21 is equated to the FO of the *Globorotalia tosaensis* group. The latter event occurs less than 3 m above the disappearance of *G. margaritae*, which results in a very thin Zone N20 at Site 810. Zone N20 was not identified at Site 305 (Vincent, 1975).

The assemblage of Zone N21 is dominated by representatives of the *Globorotalia crassaformis* group associated with rare *Neogloboquadrina dutertrei*, *Globigerinoides* spp., *Pulleniatina precursor*, and very few specimens of *Globorotaloides hexagonus* and *Globorotalia theyeri*. The N21/N22 zonal boundary is equated to the FO of *Truncorotalia truncatulinoides*, a latest Pliocene event.

Pleistocene (Sample 132-810C-4H-5, 65–67 cm, upward)

Both the abundance and preservation of the planktonic foraminifer assemblages improve slightly in this interval, whereas benthic foraminifers decrease in abundance. Resedimented specimens are rare. Although fragmentation varies among samples from moderate to high, we could determine that the Pleistocene faunas are typical of tropical assemblages of this age.

According to nannofossil and paleomagnetic data, the Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary falls within the lower part of Zone N22, just above the FO of *T. truncatulinoides*, in accordance to the record

from the Mediterranean (Rio et al., 1984, 1991). *T. truncatulinoides* is consistently present but relatively rare and occurs associated with *N. dutertrei*, common *Globigerinoides ruber*, *Globorotalia tumida*, and representatives of the *G. crassaformis* group.

The N22/N23 zonal boundary is tentatively placed with the FO of *Globigerina calida*, although according to Brönnimann and Resig (1971) this species in the southwestern Pacific predates the FO of *T. truncatulinoides*.

INTERPRETATION OF MAGNETOSTRATIGRAPHY AT HOLE 810C

The calcareous nannofossil biostratigraphy of the Neogene portion recovered in Hole 810C allows us to correctly interpret the magnetic stratigraphy published in the *Initial Reports* volume for Leg 132 (Storms, Natland, et al., 1991, p. 88–92), in which it was stated that “the magnetic polarity reversals are identified as normal polarity for negative values of inclination and reversed polarity for positive values of inclination.” This unusual interpretation of the magnetic signal was the result of the cryogenic magnetometer being miswired during Leg 132 (see Sager et al., this volume). Accordingly, the calcareous nannofossil biostratigraphy, reconstructed here, indicates that the interval from 0 to about 18.1 mbsf in figure 15 (Storms, Natland, et al., 1991) must be ascribed to the Brunhes Chron (Figs. 14 and 15) (see Sager et al., this volume).

At 20.7–21.6, 28.4–28.6, and 31.1–31.3 mbsf, three short positive events occurring in the underlying Matuyama Chron can be identified as the Jaramillo, Olduvai, and Réunion Events, respectively. The relatively thin Jaramillo Event and the identification near its base of the *H. sellii* Zone of Gartner (1977), instead of the small *Gephyrocapsa* Zone, led us to infer the presence of a short hiatus involving the lower part of this magnetic event (see also above).

We have already pointed out that the biostratigraphy suggests the presence of a hiatus across the Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary, based on the simultaneous extinction of *D. brouweri* and *C. macintyreai*. This would justify the very low thickness of the Olduvai Event, which is probably truncated at its top.

The underlying Gauss and Gilbert Chrons seem to be fully represented in the stratigraphic sequence: the Kaena and Mammoth (negative events within the Gauss), Cochiti, Nunivak, Sidutjall, and Thvera (positive events within the Gilbert) are indeed nicely expressed (Figs. 14 and 15). The calcareous nannofossil data are always in good to excellent agreement with the reinterpreted magnetic stratigraphy.

Below the lower boundary of the Gilbert Chron (i.e., below 75 mbsf) the reversal pattern is more complicated. Moreover, the presence of at least one hiatus and the relatively low number of samples analyzed prevent us from reaching a final interpretation. The same holds true for the Eocene, Paleocene, and Maastrichtian intervals.

On the basis of the reversal ages published in the literature, we estimated the accumulation rate curve (Fig. 14). In Figure 14, two alternative curves are shown, following different dating methods: the first one is based on seafloor anomalies (Harland et al., 1989), the second one on astronomical calibrations (Shackleton et al., 1990; Hilgen, 1991a, 1991b). In the same figure, the depth position of the bioevents is also reported on the right side and can be projected on the two accumulation curves. This allows us to infer the relative position of the bioevents with respect to magnetic reversals and the resulting biochronologies.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The biostratigraphic analysis of the calcareous oozes recovered in Hole 810C revealed that the 136 m of sediments span an interval from upper Maastrichtian to upper Pleistocene. Biostratigraphic data are based on both calcareous nannofossils and planktonic foraminifers and resulted in consistent correlation throughout, although the calcareous nannofossils provided a better resolution especially in the

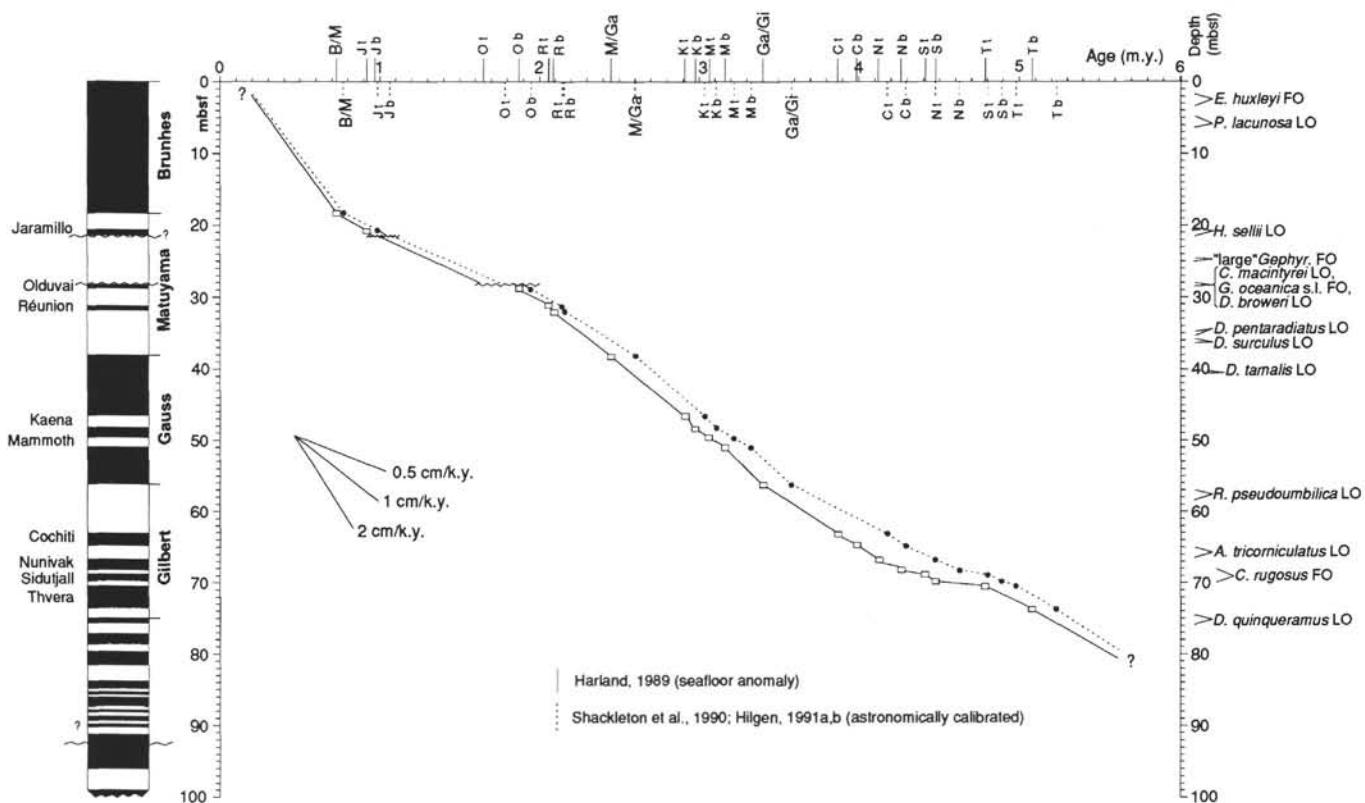


Figure 14. Sedimentation rate curve of the Neogene through Pleistocene in Hole 810C, based on two different magnetic reversal time scales (seafloor anomalies and "astronomic"). Positions of calcareous nannofossil events through depth are also included.

younger portion. About 99 m of sediments out of the total 136 m recovered in Hole 810C belong to the middle Miocene to upper Pleistocene interval. The succession is interrupted by three major hiatuses that removed (1) the topmost part of the Maastrichtian through the entire lower Paleocene and possibly the base of the upper Paleocene; (2) most of the lower Eocene, with a little portion of the uppermost Paleocene (Zone P5) reworked in younger lower Eocene sediments; and (3) the entire middle Eocene through most of the middle Miocene.

Three minor hiatuses are also inferred in the upper portion of the sequence mainly on the basis of calcareous nannofossils. They fall (1) between the middle and upper Miocene, removing Zone CN7; (2) across the Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary; and (3) at the top of the *H. sellii* Zone.

Severe reworking and displacement affected the lower part of the succession from the Maastrichtian through the middle Miocene. Reworking and displacement gradually decrease in the upper portion. These features are better expressed by the planktonic and benthic foraminifers than the calcareous nannofossils.

Two major dissolution episodes were detected in the Hole 810C succession as supported by the light weight percentage of the washed residues in comparison with the weight of the raw samples. They occur in the Maastrichtian and from the middle Miocene to upper Pliocene, but dissolution seems to have affected only the planktonic foraminifers, whereas calcareous nannofossils display relatively good preservation throughout.

Finally, the Pliocene–Pleistocene sequence recovered from Hole 810C is remarkably almost complete. The nannofossil succession allowed us to calibrate precisely the magnetic reversal sequence of the Pliocene through the middle Pleistocene (see Fig. 15). Moreover, the two minor hiatuses detected by calcareous nannofossils at the Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary and in the lower Pleistocene are also expressed in the shortening of the Olduvai and Jaramillo magnetic

Events within the Matuyama Chron. Planktonic foraminifers contributed little to this calibration because of poor preservation and low biostratigraphic resolution in this interval.

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APPENDIX

Planktonic Foraminifers

Planktonic foraminifers are arranged in alphabetic order per genus and per species.

List of Cretaceous Species

- Abathomphalus intermedius* (Bolli, 1951) (= *Globotruncana intermedia* Bolli)
- Abathomphalus mayaroensis* (Bolli, 1951) (= *Globotruncana mayaroensis* Bolli)
- Archaeoglobigerina blowi* Pessagno, 1967
- Archaeoglobigerina cretacea* (d'Orbigny, 1840) (= *Globigerina cretacea* d'Orbigny)
- Contusotruncana contusa* (Cushman, 1926) (= *Pulvinulina arca* var. *contusa* Cushman)
- Contusotruncana fornicate* (Plummer, 1921) (= *Globotruncana fornicate* Plummer)
- Contusotruncana patelliformis* (Gandolfi, 1955) (= *Globotruncana patelliformis* Gandolfi)
- Contusotruncana plummerae* (Gandolfi, 1955) (= *Globotruncana plummerae* Gandolfi)
- Contusotruncana walfischensis* (Todd, 1970) (= *Globotruncana walfischensis* Todd)
- Gansserina wiedenmayeri* (Gandolfi, 1955) (= *Globotruncana wiedenmayeri* Gandolfi)
- Globigerinelloides alvarezi* (Eternod Olvera, 1959) (= *Planomalina alvarezi* Eternod Olvera)
- Globigerinelloides messinae* (Brönnemann, 1952) (= *Globigerinella messinae* Brönnemann)
- Globigerinelloides prairiehillensis* Pessagno, 1967
- Globigerinelloides subcarinatus* (Brönnemann, 1952) (= *Globigerinella messinae* subcarinata Brönnemann)
- Globotruncana aegyptiaca* Nakkady, 1950
- Globotruncana arca* (Cushman, 1926) (= *Pulvinulina arca* Cushman)
- Globotruncana bulloides* Vogler, 1941
- Globotruncana dupeublei* Caron, Gonzales Donoso, Robaszynski, and Wonders, 1984
- Globotruncana falsostuarti* Sigal, 1952
- Globotruncana lapparenti* Brotzen, 1936
- Globotruncana linneiana* (d'Orbigny, 1839) (= *Rosalina linneiana* d'Orbigny)
- Globotruncana orientalis* El Naggar, 1966
- Globotruncana rosetta* (Carsey, 1926) (= *Globigerina rosetta* Carsey)
- Globotruncana ventricosa* White, 1928
- Globotruncanella havanensis* (Voorwijk, 1937) (= *Globotruncana havanensis* Voorwijk)
- Globotruncanella minuta* Caron and Gonzales Donoso, 1984

Globotruncanella petaloidea (Gandolfi, 1955) (= *Globotruncana (Rugoglobigerina) petaloidea* Gandolfi)
Globotruncanella pschadæ (Keller, 1946) (= *Globorotalia pschadæ* Keller)
Globotruncanita atlantica (Caron, 1972) (= *Globotruncana atlantica* Caron)
Globotruncanita conica (White, 1928) (= *Globotruncana conica* White)
Globotruncanita elevata (Brotzen, 1934) (= *Rotalia elevata* Brotzen)
Globotruncanita pettersi (Gandolfi, 1955) (= *Globotruncana rosetta pettersi* Gandolfi)
Globotruncanita stuarti (de Lapparent, 1918) (= *Rosalina stuarti* de Lapparent)
Globotruncanita stuartiformis (Dalbiez, 1955) (= *Globotruncana stuartiformis* Dalbiez)
Gublerina acuta de Klasz, 1953
Gublerina cuvillieri Kikoine, 1948
Hedbergella holmdeagensis Olsson, 1964
Hedbergella monmouthensis (Olsson, 1960) (= *Globorotalia monmouthensis* Olsson)
Heterohelix globulosa (Ehrenberg, 1840) (= *Textularia globulosa* Ehrenberg)
Heterohelix navarroensis Loeblich, 1951
Heterohelix pulchra (Brotzen, 1936) (= *Guembelina pulchra* Brotzen)
Heterohelix punctulata (Cushman, 1938) (= *Guembelina punctulata* Cushman)
Heterohelix rajagopalani (Govindan, 1972) (= *Gublerina rajagopalani* Govindan)
Heterohelix striata (Ehrenberg, 1840) (= *Textularia striata* Ehrenberg)
Planoglobulina acervulinoides (Egger, 1899) (= *Guembelina acervulinoides* Egger)
Planoglobulina carseyae (Plummer, 1931) (= *Ventilarella carseyae* Plummer)
Planoglobulina multicamerata de Klasz, 1953
Pseudoguembelina costulata (Cushman, 1938) (= *Guembelina costulata* Cushman)
Pseudoguembelina excolata (Cushman, 1926) (= *Guembelina excolata* Cushman)
Pseudoguembelina palpebra Brönnimann and Brown, 1953
Pseudotextularia elegans (Rzehak, 1891) (= *Cuneolina elegans* Rzehak)
Racemiguembelina fructicosa (Egger, 1899) (= *Guembelina fructicosa* Egger)
Rugoglobigerina hexacamerata Brönnimann, 1952
Rugoglobigerina macrocephala Brönnimann, 1952
Rugoglobigerina reicheli Brönnimann, 1952
Rugoglobigerina rugosa (Plummer, 1926) (= *Globigerina rugosa* Plummer)
Rugotruncana subcircumnodifer (Gandolfi, 1955) (= *Globotruncana (Rugoglobigerina) circumnodifer* subcircumnodifer Gandolfi)
Rugotruncana subpenneyi (Gandolfi, 1955) (= *Globotruncana (Rugoglobigerina) penneyi* subpenneyi Gandolfi)
Schakoina multispinata (Cushman and Wickenden, 1930) (= *Hantkenina multispinata* Cushman and Wickenden)
Schakoina sp.
Trinitella scotti Brönnimann, 1952
Ventilarella eggeri Cushman, 1928

List of Paleocene and Eocene Species

Acarinina bullbrookii (Bolli, 1957) (= *Globorotalia bullbrookii* Bolli)
Acarinina collactea (Finlay, 1939) (= *Globorotalia collactea* Finlay)
Acarinina decepta (Martin, 1943) (= *Globigerina decepta* Martin)
Acarinina esnaensis (LeRoy, 1953) (= *Globigerina esnaensis* LeRoy)
Acarinina nitida (Martin, 1943) (= *Globigerina nitida* Martin)
Acarinina pentacamerata Subbotina, 1953
Acarinina primitiva (Finlay, 1939) (= *Globoquadrina primitiva* Finlay)
Acarinina pseudotopilensis Subbotina, 1953
Acarinina rohri (Brönnimann and Bermudez, 1953) (= *Truncorotaloides rohri* Brönnimann and Bermudez)
Acarinina rotundimarginata Subbotina, 1953
Acarinina rugosoaculeata Subbotina, 1953
Acarinina soldadoensis (Brönnimann, 1952) (= *Globigerina soldadoensis* Brönnimann)
Acarinina soldadoensis angulosa (Bolli, 1957) (= *Globigerina soldadoensis* Brönnimann subsp. *angulosa* Bolli)
Eoglobigerina edita (Subbotina, 1953) (= *Globigerina edita* Subbotina)
Globanomalina compressa (Plummer, 1926) (= *Globigerina compressa* Plummer)
Globanomalina ehrenbergi (Bolli, 1957) (= *Globorotalia ehrenbergi* Bolli)

Globanomalina planoconica (Subbotina, 1953) (= *Globorotalia planoconica* Subbotina)
Globanomalina pseudoscitula (Glaessner, 1937) (= *Globorotalia pseudoscitula* Glaessner)
"Globigerinathea" senni (Beckmann, 1953) (= *Sphaeroidinella senni* Beckmann)
Globigerinathea subconglobata micra (Shutskaya, 1958) (= *Globigerinoides subconglobatus* var. *micra* Shutskaya)
Globoconus daubjergensis (Brönnimann, 1953) (= *Globigerina daubjergensis* Brönnimann)
Guembelitrioides higginsi (Bolli, 1957) (= "Globigerinoides" *higginsi* Bolli)
Morozovella abundocamerata (Bolli, 1957) (= *Globorotalia abundocamerata* Bolli)
Morozovella acuta (Toulmin, 1941) (= *Globorotalia wilcoxensis* var. *acuta* Toulmin)
Morozovella aqua (Cushman and Renz, 1942) (= *Globorotalia crassata* (Cushman) var. *aqua* Cushman and Renz)
Morozovella angulata (White, 1928) (= *Globigerina angulata* White)
Morozovella aragonensis (Nuttall, 1930) (= *Globorotalia aragonensis* Nuttall)
Morozovella caucasica (Glaessner, 1937) (= *Globorotalia caucasica* Glaessner)
Morozovella conicotruncata (Subbotina, 1947) (= *Globorotalia conicotruncata* Subbotina)
Morozovella crassata (Cushman, 1925) (= *Pulvinulina crassata* Cushman)
Morozovella gracilis (Bolli, 1957) (= *Globorotalia formosa gracilis* Bolli)
Morozovella pusilla (Bolli, 1957) (= *Globorotalia pusilla* Bolli)
Morozovella simulatilis (Schwager, 1883) (= *Discorbina simulatilis* Schwager)
Morozovella subbotinae (Morozova, 1939) (= *Globorotalia subbotinae* Morozova)
Morozovella velascoensis (Cushman, 1925) (= *Pulvinulina velascoensis* Cushman)
Muricoglobigerina mckannai (White, 1928) (= *Globigerina mckannai* White)
Parasubbotina pseudobulloides (Plummer, 1926) (= *Globigerina pseudobulloides* Plummer)
Parasubbotina varianta (Subbotina, 1953) (= *Globigerina varianta* Subbotina)
Parvularugoglobigerina eugubina (Luterbacher and Premoli Silva, 1964) (= *Globigerina eugubina* Luterbacher and Premoli Silva)
Praemurica inconstans (Subbotina, 1953) (= *Globigerina inconstans* Subbotina)
Praemurica praecursoria (Morozova, 1957) (= *Acarinina praecursoria* Morozova)
Praemurica trinidadensis (Bolli, 1957) (= *Globorotalia trinidadensis* Bolli)
Praemurica uncinata (Bolli, 1957) (= *Globorotalia uncinata* Bolli)
Pseudohastigerina danvillensis (Howe and Wallace, 1932) (= *Nonion danvillensis* Howe and Wallace)
Pseudohastigerina micra (Cole, 1927) (= *Nonion micrus* Cole)
Pseudohastigerina wilcoxensis (Cushman and Ponton, 1932) (= *Nonion wilcoxensis* Cushman and Ponton)
Subbotina cruciapertura Blow, 1979
Subbotina eocaenica (Terquem, 1882) (= *Globigerina eocaenica* Terquem)
Subbotina triloculinoides (Plummer, 1926) (= *Globigerina triloculinoides* Plummer)
Truncorotaloides topilensis (Cushman, 1925) (= *Globigerina topilensis* Cushman)
Turborotalia frontosa (Subbotina, 1953) (= *Globigerina frontosa* Subbotina)

List of Neogene Species

Beella digitata (Brady, 1879) (= *Globigerina digitata* Brady)
Beella praedigitata (Parker, 1967) (= *Globigerina praedigitata* Parker)
Candeina nitida d'Orbigny, 1839
Dentoglobigerina altispira altispira (Cushman and Jarvis, 1936) (= *Globigerina altispira* Cushman and Jarvis)
Dentoglobigerina larmeui (Akers, 1955) (= *Globoquadrina larmeui* Akers)
Globigerina bulbosa LeRoy, 1944
Globigerina bulloides d'Orbigny, 1926
"Globigerina" conglomerata Schwager, 1866
Globigerina eamesi Blow, 1959
Globigerina falconensis Blow, 1959
Globigerina palpebra (Brönnimann and Resig, 1971) (= *Globorotalia palpebra* Brönnimann and Resig)
"Globigerina" quinqueloba Natland, 1938

- "*Globigerina*" *venezuelana* Hedberg, 1937
Globigerinella calida (Parker 1962) (= *Globigerina calida* Parker)
Globigerinella obesa (Bolli, 1957) (= *Globorotalia obesa* Bolli)
Globigerinella siphonifera (d'Orbigny, 1839) (= *Hastigerina siphonifera* d'Orbigny)
Globigerinella glutinata (Egger, 1893) (= *Globigerina glutinata* Egger)
Globigerinella juvenilis (Bolli, 1957) (= *Globigerina juvenilis* Bolli)
Globigerinella parkerae (Bermudez, 1961) (= *Globigerinoides parkerae* Bermudez)
Globigerinella uvula (Ehrenberg, 1861) (= *Pylodexia uvula* Ehrenberg)
Globigerinoides bollii Blow, 1959
Globigerinoides conglobatus (Brady, 1879) (= *Globigerina conglobata* Brady)
Globigerinoides cyclostomus (Galloway and Wissler, 1927) (= *Globigerina cyclostoma* Galloway and Wissler)
Globigerinoides elongatus (d'Orbigny, 1826) (= *Globigerina elongata* d'Orbigny)
Globigerinoides extremus Bolli and Bermudez, 1957 (= *Globigerinoides obliquus* Bolli subsp. *extremus* Bolli and Bermudez)
Globigerinoides gomitus (Seguenza, 1880) (= *Globigerina gomitus* Seguenza)
Globigerinoides obliquus Bolli, 1957
Globigerinoides pyramidalis (Van den Broeck, 1876) (= *Globigerinoides ruber* var. *pyramidalis* Van den Broeck)
Globigerinoides quadrilobatus (d'Orbigny, 1846) (= *Globigerina quadrilobata* d'Orbigny)
Globigerinoides ruber (d'Orbigny, 1839) (= *Globigerina rubra* d'Orbigny)
Globigerinoides sacculifer (Brady, 1877) (= *Globigerina sacculifera* Brady)
Globigerinoides seigliei Bermudez and Bolli, 1969
Globigerinoides trilobus (Reuss, 1850) (= *Globigerina triloba* Reuss)
Globigerinoides tenellus Parker, 1958
Globoquadrina dehiscens (Chapman, Parr, and Collins, 1934) (= *Globorotalia dehiscens* Chapman, Parr, and Collins)
Globorotalia crassaformis crassaformis (Galloway and Weissler, 1927) (= *Globigerina crassaformis* Galloway and Weissler)
Globorotalia conoidea Walters, 1965 (= *Globorotalia miozea conoidea* Walters)
Globorotalia conomicoza Kennett, 1966
Globorotalia crassaformis oceanica Cushman and Bermudez, 1949 (= *Globorotalia (Turborotalia) oceanica* Cushman and Bermudez)
Globorotalia crassaformis viola Blow, 1969 (= *Globorotalia (Globorotalia) crassula viola* Blow)
Globorotalia crassula Cushman and Stewart, 1930
Globorotalia exilis Blow, 1969 (= *Globorotalia cultrata exilis* Blow)
Globorotalia hirsuta (d'Orbigny, 1839) (= *Rotalina hirsuta* d'Orbigny)
Globorotalia inflata (d'Orbigny, 1839) (= *Globigerina inflata* d'Orbigny)
Globorotalia margaritae Bolli and Bermudez, 1965
Globorotalia margaritae evoluta Cita, 1973
Globorotalia margaritae primitiva Cita, 1963
Globorotalia menardii (Parker, Jones, and Brady, 1865) (= *Rotalia menardii* Parker, Jones, and Brady)
Globorotalia merotumida Blow and Banner, 1965
Globorotalia miozea Finlay, 1939
Globorotalia plesiotumida Blow and Banner, 1965
Globorotalia puncticulata (Deshayes, 1832) (= *Globigerina puncticulata* Deshayes)
Globorotalia scitula (Brady, 1882) (= *Pulvinulina scitula* Brady)
Globorotalia theyeri Fleisher, 1974
Globorotalia tumida (Brady, 1877) (= *Pulvinulina menardii* (d'Orbigny) var. *tumida* Brady)
Globorotalia tumida (Koch, 1923) (= *Pulvinulina tumida* Brady var. *flexuosa* Koch)
Globorotaloides hexagonus (Natland, 1938) (= *Globigerina hexagona* Natland)
Globorotaloides pseudofoliatus (Parker, 1967) (= *Globoquadrina pseudofo- liata* Parker)
Neogloboquadrina humerosa (Takayanagi and Saito, 1962) (= *Globorotalia humerosa* Takayanagi and Saito)
Neogloboquadrina acostaensis (Blow, 1959) (= *Globorotalia acostaensis* Blow)
Neogloboquadrina dutertrei (d'Orbigny, 1839) (= *Globigerina dutertrei* d'Orbigny)
Neogloboquadrina eggeri (Rhumbler, 1901) (= *Globigerina eggeri* Rhumbler)
Neogloboquadrina pachyderma (Ehrenberg, 1861) (= *Aristospira pachy- derma* Ehrenberg)
Neogloboquadrina pseudopachyderma (Cita, Premoli Silva, and Rossi, 1965) (= *Globorotalia pseudopachyderma* Cita, Premoli Silva, and Rossi)
Neogloboquadrina pseudopima (Blow, 1969) (= *Globorotalia (Turborotalia) acostaensis pseudopima* Blow)
Orbulina bilobata (d'Orbigny, 1864) (= *Globigerina bilobata* d'Orbigny)
Orbulina suturalis Brönnimann, 1951
Orbulina universa d'Orbigny, 1839
Paragloborotalia? laccadivensis (Fleisher, 1972) (= *Globanomalina laccadi- vensis* Fleisher)
Pulleniatina finalis Banner and Blow, 1967
Pulleniatina obliquiloculata (Parker and Jones, 1865) (= *Pullenia sphaero- oides* (d'Orbigny) var. *obliquiloculata* Parker and Jones)
Pulleniatina precursor Banner and Blow, 1967 (= *Pulleniatina obliquilocu- lata* (Parker and Jones) *praecursor* Banner and Blow)
Pulleniatina primalis Banner and Blow, 1967
Sphaeroidinella dehiscens (Parker and Jones, 1865) (= *Sphaeroidina bul- loides* d'Orbigny var. *dehiscens* Parker and Jones)
Sphaeroidinella dehiscens excavata Banner and Blow, 1965
Sphaeroidinellopsis kochi (Caudri, 1934) (= *Globigerina kochi* Caudri)
Sphaeroidinellopsis paenedehiscens Blow, 1969
Sphaeroidinellopsis seminulina (Schwager, 1866) (= *Globigerina seminulina* Schwager)
Streptochilus pristinum Brönnimann and Resig, 1971
Tenuitella anfracta (Parker, 1967) (= *Globorotalia anfracta* Parker)
Tenuitella neoclemenciae Li, 1987
Tenuitellinata iota (Parker, 1962) (= *Globigerinita iota* Parker)
Truncorotalia tosaensis tenuiteca (Blow, 1969) (= *Globorotalia (Turbo- rotalia) tosaensis tenuiteca* Blow)
Truncorotalia tosaensis tosaensis (Takayanagi and Saito, 1962) (= *Globoro- talia tosaensis* Takayanagi and Saito)
Truncorotalia truncatulinoides (d'Orbigny, 1839) (= *Rotalia truncatulinoides* d'Orbigny)
Truncorotalia truncatulinoides excelsa (Sprovieri, Ruggeri, and Unti, 1980) (= *Globorotalia truncatulinoides excelsa* Sprovieri, Ruggeri, and Unti)
Turborotalita humilis (Brady, 1884) (= *Truncatulina humilis* Brady)
Turborotalita rubescens (Hofker, 1956) (= *Globigerina rubescens* Hofker)
Zeaglobigerina decaperata (Takayanagi and Saito, 1962) (= *Globigerina decaperata* Takayanagi and Saito)
Zeaglobigerina incisa (Brönnimann and Resig, 1971) (= *Globorotalia incisa* Brönnimann and Resig)
Zeaglobigerina microstoma (Cita, Premoli Silva, and Rossi, 1965) (= *Globig- erina microstoma* Cita, Premoli Silva, and Rossi)
Zeaglobigerina nepenthes (Todd, 1957) (= *Globigerina nepenthes* Todd)
Zeaglobigerina woodi (Jenkins, 1960) (= *Globigerina woodi* Jenkins)

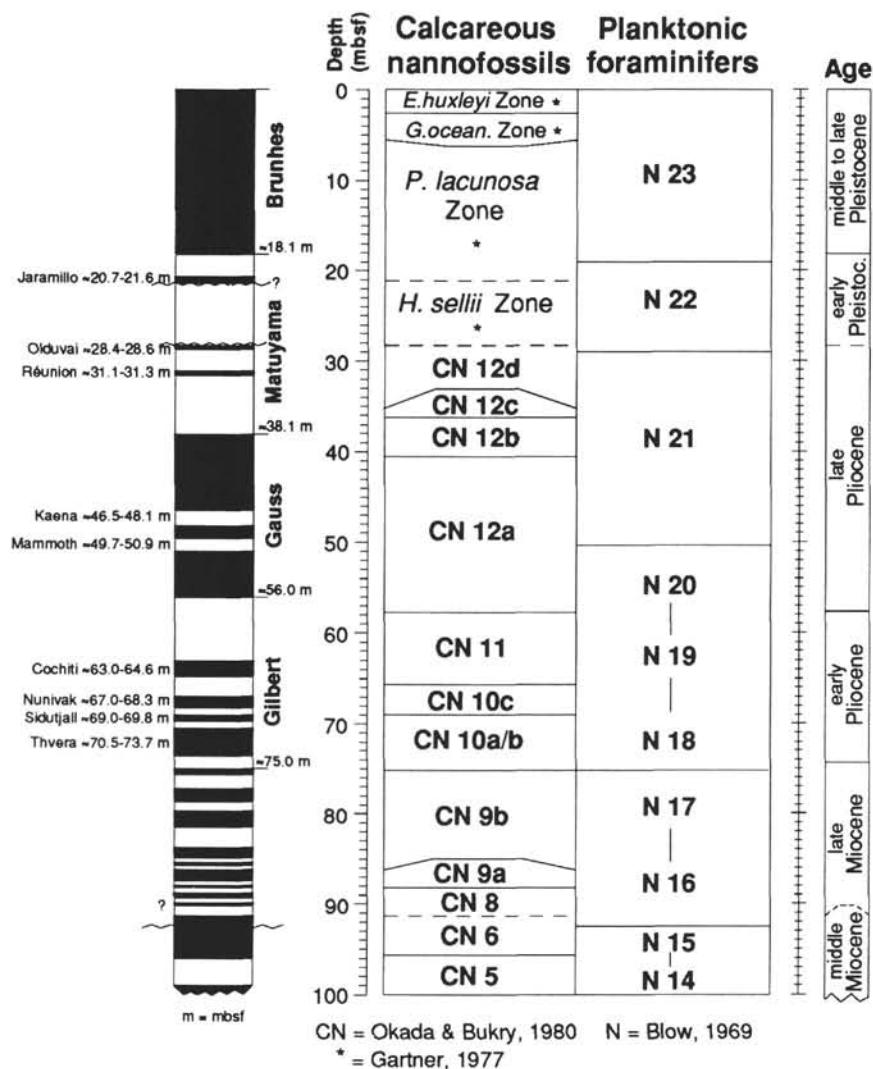


Figure 15. Biostratigraphic and magnetostratigraphic summary of Neogene to Pleistocene sequence recovered in Hole 810C.

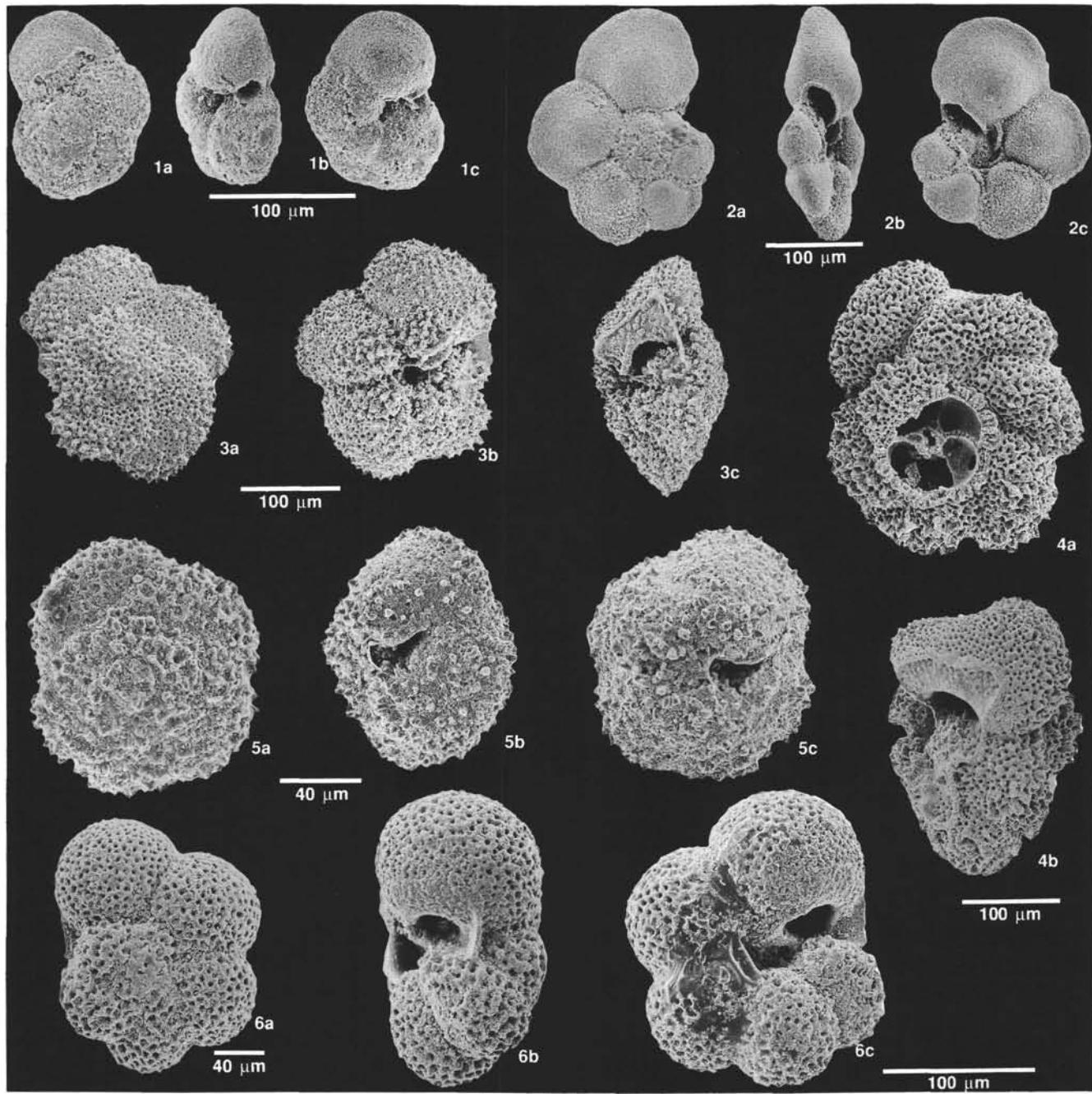


Plate 1. **1a–c.** *Globanomalina compressa* (Plummer), Sample 132-810C-13H-2, 21–22 cm. **2a–c.** *Globanomalina ehrenbergi* (Bolli), Sample 132-810C-13H-2, 21–22 cm. **3a–c.** *Morozovella simulatilis* (Schwager), Sample 132-810C-13H-2, 21–22 cm (a, spiral view; b, umbilical view; c, side view). **4a–b.** *Morozovella abundocamerata* (Bolli), Sample 132-810C-13H-2, 21–22 cm. **5a–c.** *Morozovella pusilla* (Bolli), Sample 132-810C-13H-2, 21–22 cm. **6a–c.** *Eoglobigerina edita* (Subbotina), Sample 132-810C-13H-2, 21–22 cm (a, spiral view; b, side view; c, umbilical view).

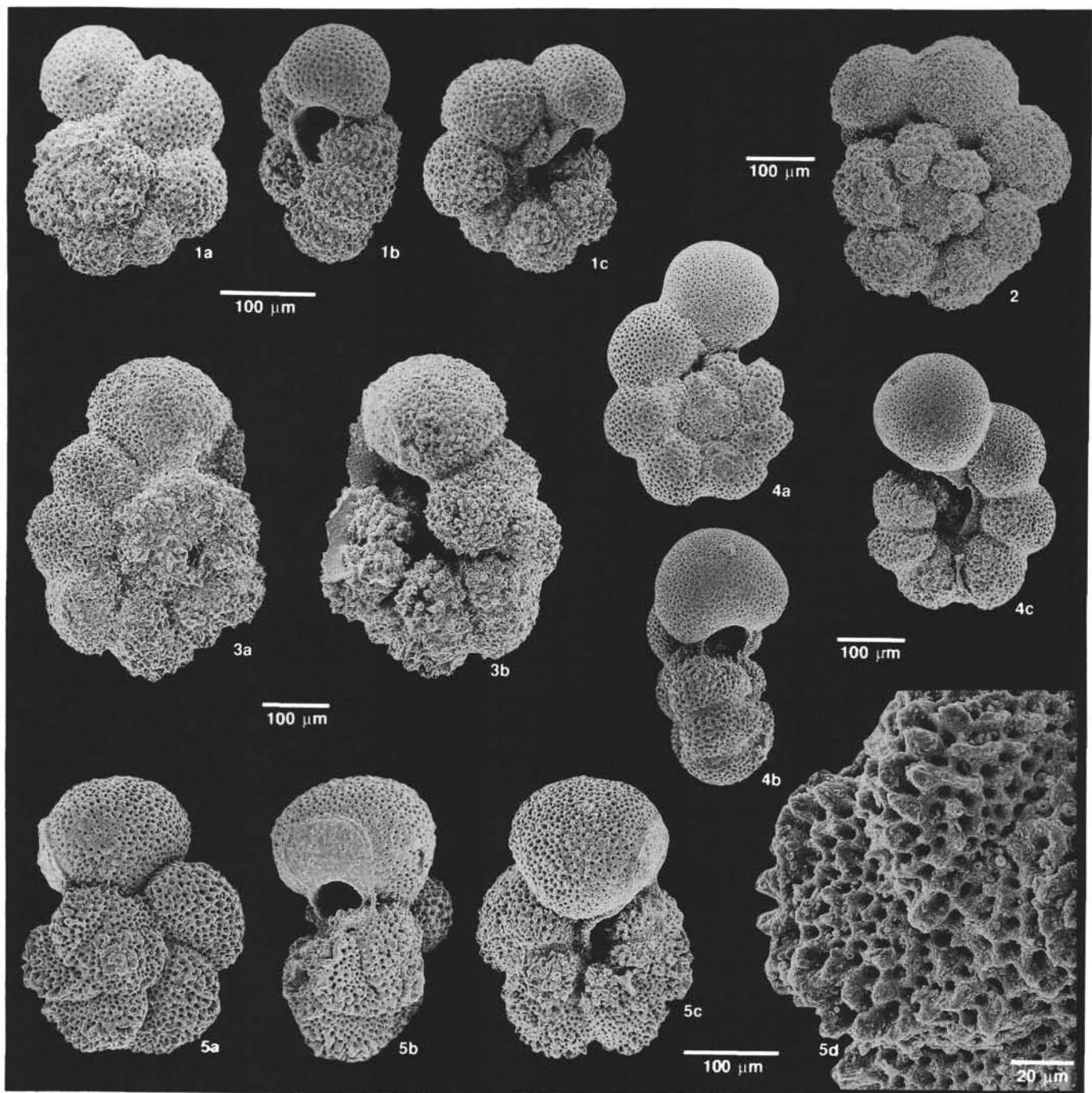


Plate 2. **1a-c.** *Praemurica inconstans* (Subbotina), Sample 132-810C-13H-4, 22–23 cm. **2.** *Praemurica inconstans* (Subbotina), Sample 132-810C-13H-4, 22–23 cm. **3a-b.** *Praemurica praecursoria* (Morozova), Sample 132-810C-13H-4, 137 cm (a, spiral view; b, umbilical view). **4a-c.** *Praemurica trinidadensis* (Bolli), Sample 132-810C-13H-4, 22–23 cm. **5a-d.** *Praemurica uncinata* (Bolli), Sample 132-810C-13H-4, 22–23 cm (a, spiral view; b, side view; c, umbilical view; d, detail of the wall texture except when differently specified).