

49. HIGH-RESOLUTION MAGNETIC SUSCEPTIBILITY AND CARBONATE RECORDS: SOUTHERN KERGUELEN PLATEAU¹

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ABSTRACT

High-resolution (5-cm interval) whole-core magnetic susceptibility measurements were made during ODP Leg 119 for Sites 744 and 745, located on the Southern Kerguelen Plateau. The magnetic log of Hole 744B is completed by carbonate analyses based on tightly spaced samples (7 samples per section; approximately 20-cm intervals). Initial results indicate an inverse relationship between susceptibility values and percent carbonate. The data sets represent a potential base for within-site hole cross-correlations and global paleoenvironmental studies.

INTRODUCTION

The logging of whole-core magnetic susceptibility (WCMS) has lately become an increasingly routine part among ODP shipboard measurements. Partially this is due to the fact that the shipboard susceptibility meter is user-friendly and allows simple, rapid, and nondestructive measurements of complete sections at relatively narrow intervals. Magnetic susceptibility is a function of the concentration and composition of magnetic components within the sediment, and thus WCMS logs reflect lithological variations (with possible exceptions in the presence of bacterial magnetite or drilling contaminations). The usefulness of magnetic susceptibility measurements as proxy indicators for paleoenvironmental changes has been well established (e.g., Thompson et al., 1980; Robinson, 1986, in press; Bloemendal et al., 1988a).

INSTRUMENTATION AND METHODS

WCMS measurements were applied on split core sections recovered with the advanced piston corer (APC) from Holes 744A, 744B, 744C, and 745B aboard *JOIDES Resolution*. The APC-drilled sections were measured using the Bartington Instruments M.S.1 susceptibility meter at high-sensitivity (0.1) and low-frequency (0.47 kHz) settings (for details see Bloemendal et al., 1988b; Robinson, in press). The split core sections were pushed manually through the Bartington Instruments 80-mm inside-diameter loop-type susceptibility sensor and measurements were performed successively downcore, usually at 5-cm intervals. Section boundaries (tops and bottoms), as well as obviously disturbed section intervals, were not measured. The measurements were stored on floppy disks on the interfaced work-station microcomputer.

Shore-based laboratory carbonate analyses were performed on tightly spaced (7 samples per section) shipboard samples of 5 cm³ volume from Hole 744B. Calcium carbonate values were determined by applying both coulometric and spectrometric techniques. The freeze-dried samples were pulverized with a swing-grinding mill and measured on either a Ströhlein COULOMAT 701 LI or LECO CS 244 carbonate analyzer. To

enhance accuracy, most values represent arithmetic means of double or triple individual measurements. For the presentation of carbonate percentages vs. depth plots, original sample-depth assignments have been recalculated, taking into account drill recovery exceeding 100%.

RESULTS

Magnetic susceptibility logs of Site 744 are shown in Figure 1A through 1C divided into 20-m intervals for each hole. Relatively higher volume magnetic susceptibility values in the uppermost sections, between about 23 and 12 m below seafloor (mbsf) apparently correspond to a major lithological change within each hole; at 21.60, 21.25, and 23.00 mbsf (Barron, Larsen, et al., 1989) in Holes 744A, 744B, and 744C, respectively, a shift occurs from mainly diatom ooze to calcareous nannofossil ooze sediments. In the deeper calcareous sedimentary unit, a comparison between WCMS log and high-resolution calcium carbonate analyses for Hole 744B (Fig. 2) reveals an inverse relationship between carbonate percentages and magnetic susceptibility values. Such a relationship is attributed to fluctuations in the ratio of biogenic to lithogenic components: if the amount of magnetic material within the sediment is assumed to remain constant while the supply of biogenic carbonate varies, then, as a consequence of dilution, higher carbonate percentages should result in lowered susceptibility values, and vice versa. Therefore, susceptibility curve variations in nannofossil sediments of Hole 744B can reflect changes in the supply of calcium carbonate, as well as increased lithogenic input or possible carbonate dissolution. Individual results of the carbonate analyses are listed in Table 1.

The WCMS profiles for Hole 745B (Fig. 3) show a pronounced cyclicity on a scale of 1–2 m, especially distinct in the interval from about 50 to 100 mbsf. The sequence recovered at Site 745 consists almost entirely of diatom ooze and diatomaceous clay, with practically no carbonate components. The diatomaceous sediments are characterized by alternations of variably clay-rich zones. Variations of WCMS values are thus tentatively ascribed to fluctuations in the ratios of biogenic siliceous components and clay content.

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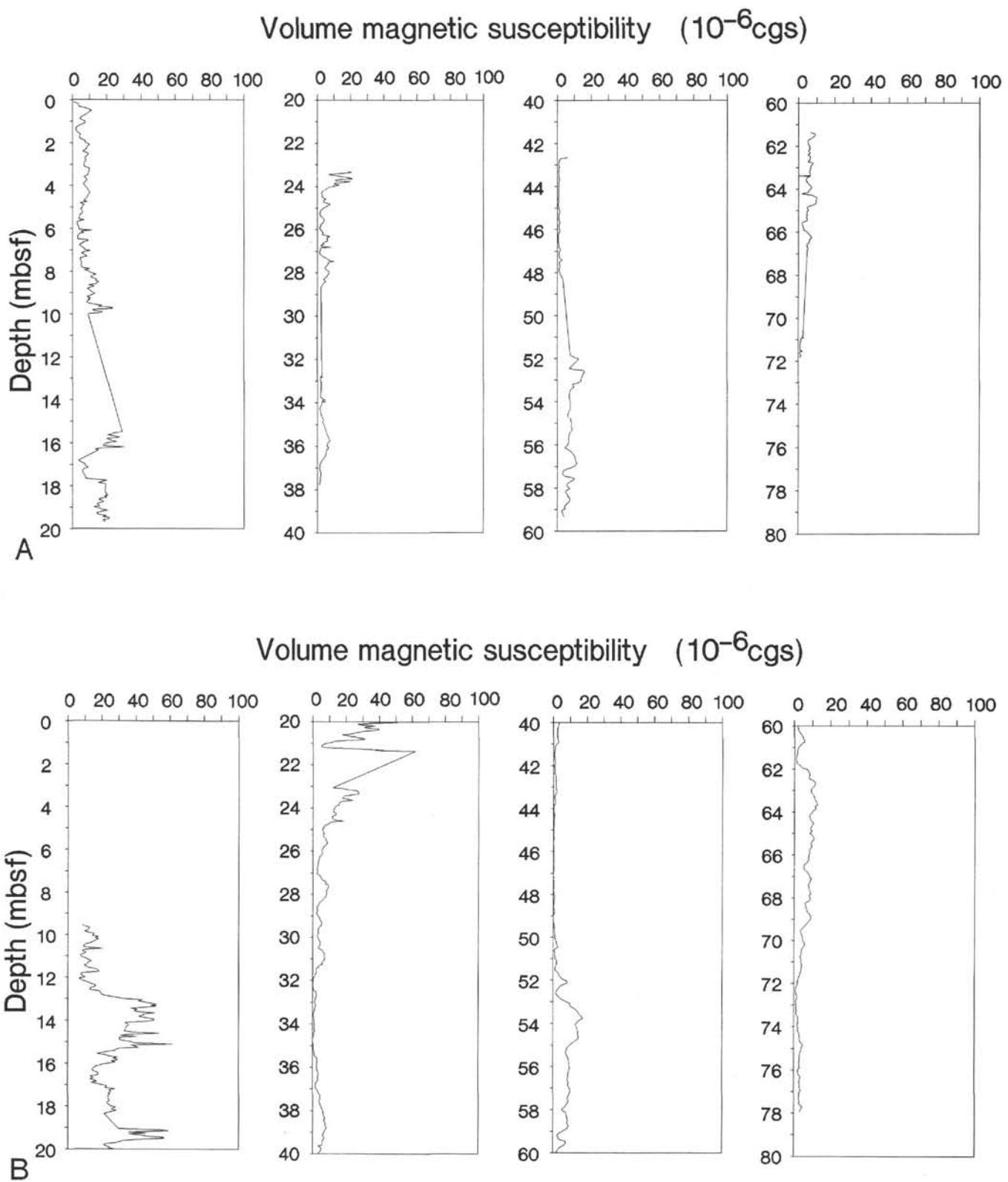


Figure 1. Volume magnetic susceptibility logs of Holes 744A (A), 744B (B), and 744C (C). Logs are divided into 20-m intervals.

Volume magnetic susceptibility (10^{-6} cgs)

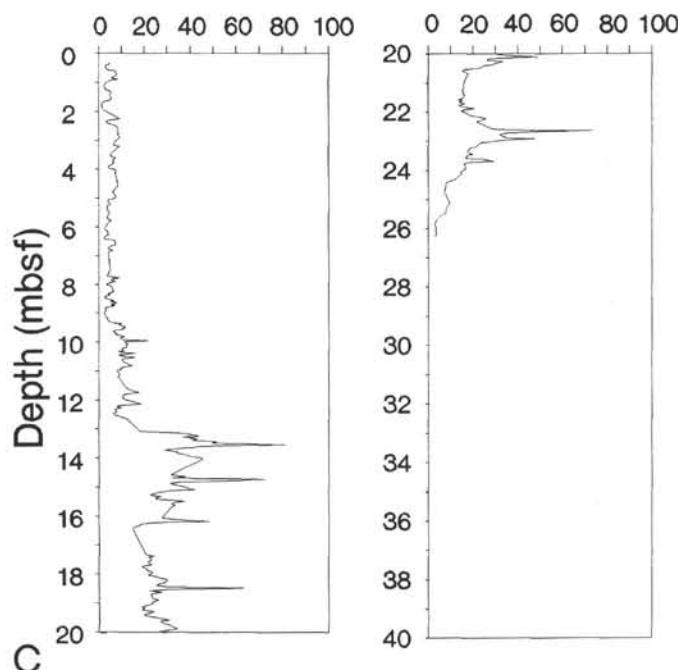


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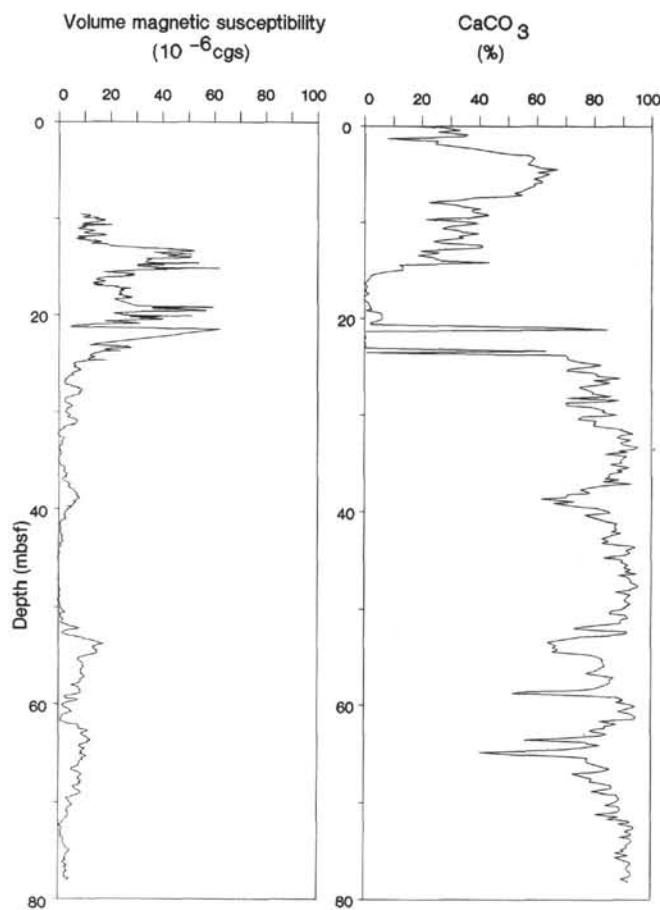
Table 1. Calcium carbonate percentages of all samples analyzed from Hole 744B.

Figure 2. Volume magnetic susceptibility log and percent calcium carbonate curve of Hole 744B. Carbonate curve based on analyses listed in Table 1. Comparison reveals an inverse relationship between carbonate content and susceptibility values.

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	CaCO ₃ (%)	Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	CaCO ₃ (%)
1H-1, 0-1	0.00	16.3	2H-5, 94-95	16.44	0.0
1H-1, 16-17	0.16	27.3	2H-5, 114-115	16.64	0.9
1H-1, 46-47	0.46	33.1	2H-5, 136-137	16.86	0.5
1H-1, 63-64	0.63	25.7	2H-6, 0-1	17.00	0.4
1H-1, 94-95	0.94	35.9	2H-6, 16-17	17.16	0.2
1H-1, 114-115	1.14	34.2	2H-6, 46-47	17.46	1.5
1H-1, 136-137	1.36	7.7	2H-6, 63-64	17.63	0.2
1H-2, 0-1	1.50	14.9	2H-6, 94-95	17.94	0.0
1H-2, 16-17	1.66	25.5	2H-6, 114-115	18.14	0.1
1H-2, 46-47	1.96	24.7	2H-6, 136-137	18.36	1.0
1H-2, 63-64	2.13	28.6	3H-1, 0-1	19.00	2.3
1H-2, 94-95	2.44	38.2	3H-1, 16-17	19.16	0.4
1H-2, 114-115	2.64	41.9	3H-1, 46-47	19.46	5.7
1H-2, 136-137	2.86	47.1	3H-1, 63-64	19.63	5.9
1H-3, 0-1	3.00	50.5	3H-1, 94-95	19.94	6.1
1H-3, 16-17	3.16	57.1	3H-1, 114-115	20.14	6.0
1H-3, 46-47	3.46	59.0	3H-1, 136-137	20.36	4.2
1H-3, 63-64	3.63	58.6	3H-2, 0-1	20.50	1.9
1H-3, 94-95	3.94	57.5	3H-2, 16-17	20.66	2.1
1H-3, 114-115	4.14	56.7	3H-2, 46-47	20.96	67.9
1H-3, 136-137	4.36	60.5	3H-2, 63-64	21.13	84.6
1H-4, 0-1	4.50	61.0	3H-CC, 1-2	21.39	0.3
1H-4, 16-17	4.66	67.1	4H-1, 0-1	21.50	0.0
1H-4, 46-47	4.96	60.1	4H-1, 46-47	21.96	0.3
1H-4, 63-64	5.13	64.2	4H-1, 63-64	22.13	0.1
1H-4, 94-95	5.44	61.6	4H-1, 94-95	22.44	0.0
1H-4, 114-115	5.64	58.8	4H-1, 114-115	22.64	0.2
1H-4, 136-137	5.86	61.5	4H-1, 136-137	22.86	0.2
1H-5, 0-1	6.00	61.9	4H-2, 0-1	23.00	0.3
1H-5, 16-17	6.16	59.1	4H-2, 16-17	23.16	0.0
1H-5, 46-47	6.46	59.1	4H-2, 46-47	23.46	63.4
1H-5, 63-64	6.63	57.2	4H-2, 63-64	23.63	0.5
1H-5, 94-95	6.94	55.2	4H-2, 94-95	23.94	70.2
1H-5, 114-115	7.14	52.1	4H-2, 114-115	24.14	70.9
1H-5, 136-137	7.36	54.8	4H-2, 136-137	24.36	70.8
1H-6, 0-1	7.50	50.1	4H-3, 0-1	24.50	72.9
1H-6, 16-17	7.66	38.8	4H-3, 16-17	24.66	75.1
1H-6, 46-47	7.96	32.8	4H-3, 46-47	24.94	82.6
1H-6, 63-64	8.13	22.3	4H-3, 63-64	25.13	79.0
1H-6, 94-95	8.44	31.9	4H-3, 94-95	25.44	71.5
1H-6, 114-115	8.64	34.5	4H-3, 114-115	25.64	70.5
1H-6, 136-137	8.86	40.3	4H-3, 136-137	25.86	79.9
1H-7, 0-1	9.00	37.6	4H-4, 0-1	26.00	81.1
1H-7, 16-17	9.16	37.5	4H-4, 16-17	26.16	81.0
1H-7, 46-47	9.46	43.0	4H-4, 46-47	26.46	89.2
2H-1, 0-1	9.50	35.6	4H-4, 63-64	26.63	80.0
2H-1, 16-17	9.66	21.2	4H-4, 94-95	26.94	85.6
2H-1, 46-47	9.96	36.3	4H-4, 114-115	27.14	81.6
2H-1, 63-64	10.13	39.5	4H-4, 136-137	27.36	75.0
2H-1, 94-95	10.44	29.4	4H-5, 0-1	27.50	75.3
2H-1, 114-115	10.64	27.0	4H-5, 16-17	27.66	77.2
2H-1, 136-137	10.86	33.1	4H-5, 46-47	27.96	79.6
2H-2, 0-1	11.00	33.7	4H-5, 63-64	28.13	79.2
2H-2, 16-17	11.16	39.7	4H-5, 94-95	28.44	86.0
2H-2, 46-47	11.46	32.8	4H-5, 114-115	28.64	70.5
2H-2, 63-64	11.63	34.3	4H-5, 136-137	28.86	88.6
2H-2, 94-95	11.94	24.0	4H-6, 0-1	29.00	86.3
2H-2, 114-115	12.14	27.0	4H-6, 16-17	29.16	70.0
2H-2, 136-137	12.36	39.9	4H-6, 46-47	29.46	70.6
2H-3, 0-1	12.50	41.3	4H-6, 63-64	29.63	78.8
2H-3, 16-17	12.66	40.2	4H-6, 94-95	29.94	83.6
2H-3, 46-47	12.96	19.5	4H-6, 114-115	30.14	82.7
2H-3, 63-64	13.13	26.0	4H-6, 136-137	30.36	85.7
2H-3, 94-95	13.44	18.4	4H-7, 0-1	30.50	88.0
2H-3, 114-115	13.64	23.9	4H-7, 16-17	30.66	76.1
2H-3, 136-137	13.86	25.1	4H-7, 46-47	30.96	74.4
2H-4, 0-1	14.00	26.8	4H-7, 63-64	31.13	80.8
2H-4, 16-17	14.16	43.3	5H-1, 1-2	31.01	79.6
2H-4, 46-47	14.46	12.1	5H-1, 20-21	31.20	83.7
2H-4, 63-64	14.63	13.2	5H-1, 47-48	31.47	88.8
2H-4, 94-95	14.94	13.3	5H-1, 94-95	31.94	93.5
2H-4, 114-115	15.14	7.8	5H-1, 114-115	32.14	89.7
2H-4, 136-137	15.36	4.5	5H-1, 136-137	32.36	88.0
2H-5, 0-1	15.50	2.3	5H-2, 1-2	32.51	90.1
2H-5, 16-17	15.66	2.2	5H-2, 16-17	32.66	93.0
2H-5, 46-47	15.96	1.4	5H-2, 47-48	32.97	89.3
2H-5, 63-64	16.13	0.8			

Table 1 (continued).

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	CaCO ₃ (%)	Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	CaCO ₃ (%)	Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	CaCO ₃ (%)
5H-2, 63-64	33.13	90.1	7H-1, 16-17	50.16	85.9	8H-5, 94-95	66.44	83.3
5H-2, 96-97	33.46	95.4	7H-1, 46-47	50.46	85.6	8H-5, 114-115	66.64	85.7
5H-2, 114-115	33.64	93.7	7H-1, 63-64	50.63	91.3	8H-5, 136-137	66.86	82.6
5H-2, 136-137	33.86	88.6	7H-1, 94-95	50.94	92.0	8H-6, 0-1	67.00	79.6
5H-3, 1-2	34.01	91.7	7H-1, 114-115	51.14	89.5	8H-6, 16-17	67.16	72.6
5H-3, 16-17	34.16	83.6	7H-1, 136-137	51.36	89.5	8H-6, 46-47	67.46	77.0
5H-3, 47-48	34.47	91.5	7H-2, 0-1	51.50	89.2	8H-6, 63-64	67.63	79.4
5H-3, 63-64	34.63	90.4	7H-2, 16-17	51.66	83.2	8H-6, 94-95	67.94	78.6
5H-3, 94-95	34.94	89.1	7H-2, 46-47	51.96	74.8	8H-6, 114-115	68.14	83.0
5H-3, 114-115	35.14	89.8	7H-2, 63-64	52.13	73.2	8H-6, 136-137	68.36	86.1
5H-3, 136-137	35.36	85.8	7H-2, 94-95	52.44	91.7	8H-7, 0-1	68.50	86.6
5H-4, 1-2	35.51	88.7	7H-2, 114-115	52.64	91.5	8H-7, 16-17	68.66	85.9
5H-4, 16-17	35.66	92.4	7H-2, 136-137	52.86	84.1	8H-7, 46-47	68.96	79.5
5H-4, 47-48	35.97	88.2	7H-3, 0-1	53.00	75.9	8H-CC, 0-1	69.03	81.8
5H-4, 63-64	36.13	90.1	7H-3, 16-17	53.16	72.0	9H-1, 0-1	69.00	83.8
5H-4, 94-95	36.44	84.9	7H-3, 46-47	53.46	66.1	9H-1, 16-17	69.16	88.0
5H-4, 114-115	36.64	85.5	7H-3, 60-61	53.60	64.1	9H-1, 46-47	69.46	88.7
5H-4, 136-137	36.86	83.6	7H-3, 94-95	53.94	67.1	9H-1, 64-65	69.64	89.0
5H-5, 1-2	37.01	88.6	7H-3, 114-115	54.14	65.8	9H-1, 94-95	69.94	87.4
5H-5, 16-17	37.16	83.0	7H-3, 136-137	54.36	67.6	9H-1, 114-115	70.14	84.2
5H-5, 47-48	37.47	92.8	7H-4, 0-1	54.50	66.9	9H-1, 136-137	70.36	88.8
5H-5, 63-64	37.63	83.5	7H-4, 16-17	54.66	65.5	9H-2, 0-1	70.50	89.0
5H-5, 94-95	37.94	78.2	7H-4, 46-47	54.96	78.0	9H-2, 16-17	70.66	89.3
5H-5, 114-115	38.14	75.2	7H-4, 60-61	55.10	80.5	9H-2, 46-47	70.96	88.5
5H-5, 136-137	38.06	78.0	7H-4, 94-95	55.44	83.2	9H-2, 64-65	71.14	80.9
5H-6, 1-2	38.51	78.4	7H-4, 114-115	55.64	82.8	9H-2, 94-95	71.44	88.7
5H-6, 16-17	38.66	70.8	7H-4, 136-137	55.86	83.3	9H-2, 114-115	71.64	85.0
5H-6, 47-48	38.97	70.4	7H-5, 0-1	56.00	83.4	9H-2, 136-137	71.86	92.2
5H-6, 63-64	39.13	61.7	7H-5, 16-17	56.16	84.0	9H-3, 0-1	72.00	92.5
5H-6, 94-95	39.44	73.3	7H-5, 46-47	56.46	81.7	9H-3, 16-17	72.16	88.8
5H-6, 114-115	39.64	66.0	7H-5, 60-61	56.60	81.3	9H-3, 47-48	72.47	94.0
5H-6, 136-137	39.86	70.7	7H-5, 94-95	56.94	77.4	9H-3, 64-65	72.64	93.9
5H-7, 1-2	40.01	75.5	7H-5, 114-115	57.14	81.5	9H-3, 94-95	72.94	90.8
5H-7, 16-17	40.16	80.8	7H-5, 136-137	57.36	86.6	9H-3, 114-115	73.14	93.0
5H-7, 47-48	40.47	85.1	7H-6, 0-1	57.50	87.0	9H-3, 136-137	73.36	93.2
5H-7, 63-64	40.63	85.5	7H-6, 16-17	57.66	85.4	9H-4, 0-1	73.50	89.1
5H-7, 91-92	40.91	76.6	7H-6, 46-47	57.96	85.7	9H-4, 16-17	73.66	92.6
6H-1, 71-73	41.21	88.1	7H-6, 60-61	58.10	85.1	9H-4, 46-47	73.96	93.3
6H-1, 93-95	41.43	87.3	7H-6, 94-95	58.44	82.1	9H-4, 64-65	74.14	92.5
6H-1, 113-115	41.63	87.3	7H-6, 114-115	58.64	79.8	9H-4, 94-95	74.44	91.3
6H-1, 136-138	41.86	87.9	7H-6, 136-137	58.86	74.1	9H-4, 114-115	74.64	91.9
6H-2, 0-1	42.00	86.2	7H-7, 0-1	59.00	54.4	9H-4, 136-137	74.86	89.6
6H-2, 16-17	42.16	89.5	7H-7, 16-17	59.16	51.6	9H-5, 0-1	75.00	90.8
6H-2, 45-46	42.45	85.6	7H-7, 43-44	59.43	78.9	9H-5, 16-17	75.16	87.6
6H-2, 72-74	42.72	82.7	7H-7, 60-61	59.60	88.1	9H-5, 46-47	75.46	92.2
6H-2, 94-95	42.94	85.1	8H-1, 0-1	59.50	90.5	9H-5, 64-65	75.64	87.6
6H-2, 114-115	43.14	82.9	8H-1, 16-17	59.66	87.8	9H-5, 94-95	75.94	90.7
6H-2, 138-140	43.38	88.0	8H-1, 46-47	59.96	93.0	9H-5, 114-115	76.14	93.0
6H-3, 0-1	43.50	93.1	8H-1, 63-64	60.13	94.5	9H-5, 136-137	76.36	92.8
6H-3, 16-17	43.66	94.4	8H-1, 94-95	60.44	90.8	9H-6, 0-1	76.50	92.1
6H-3, 45-46	43.95	91.3	8H-1, 114-115	60.64	88.6	9H-6, 16-17	76.66	91.5
6H-3, 72-74	44.22	92.7	8H-1, 136-137	60.86	92.5	9H-6, 46-47	76.96	92.0
6H-3, 94-95	44.44	90.8	8H-2, 0-1	61.00	93.5	9H-6, 64-65	77.14	92.9
6H-3, 114-115	44.64	83.5	8H-2, 16-17	61.16	94.7	9H-6, 94-95	77.44	93.2
6H-3, 138-140	44.88	89.7	8H-2, 46-47	61.46	94.2	9H-6, 114-115	77.64	92.4
6H-4, 0-1	45.00	90.1	8H-2, 63-64	61.63	82.1	9H-6, 136-137	77.86	89.6
6H-4, 16-17	45.16	89.5	8H-2, 94-95	61.94	88.0	9H-CC, 0-1	78.00	91.2
6H-4, 45-46	45.45	91.7	8H-2, 114-115	62.14	83.8	9H-CC, 16-17	78.16	92.3
6H-4, 72-74	45.72	90.5	8H-2, 136-137	62.36	83.9			
6H-4, 94-95	45.94	92.6	8H-3, 0-1	62.50	80.3			
6H-4, 114-115	46.14	90.7	8H-3, 16-17	62.66	78.8			
6H-4, 138-140	46.38	95.0	8H-3, 46-47	62.96	84.5			
6H-5, 0-1	46.50	88.5	8H-3, 63-64	63.13	82.5			
6H-5, 16-17	46.66	91.3	8H-3, 94-95	63.44	69.7			
6H-5, 45-46	46.95	92.6	8H-3, 114-115	63.64	55.8			
6H-5, 72-74	47.22	92.8	8H-3, 136-137	63.86	77.6			
6H-5, 94-95	47.44	94.9	8H-4, 0-1	64.00	77.9			
6H-5, 114-115	47.64	95.5	8H-4, 16-17	64.16	82.1			
6H-5, 138-140	47.88	92.7	8H-4, 46-47	64.46	75.8			
6H-6, 0-1	48.00	92.9	8H-4, 63-64	64.63	69.2			
6H-6, 16-17	48.16	87.6	8H-4, 94-95	64.94	40.2			
6H-6, 45-46	48.45	92.6	8H-4, 114-115	65.14	52.3			
6H-6, 72-74	48.72	91.6	8H-4, 136-137	65.36	72.0			
6H-6, 94-95	48.94	90.9	8H-5, 0-1	65.50	78.0			
6H-6, 114-115	49.14	90.7	8H-5, 16-17	65.66	77.5			
6H-6, 138-140	49.38	92.5	8H-5, 46-47	65.96	78.0			
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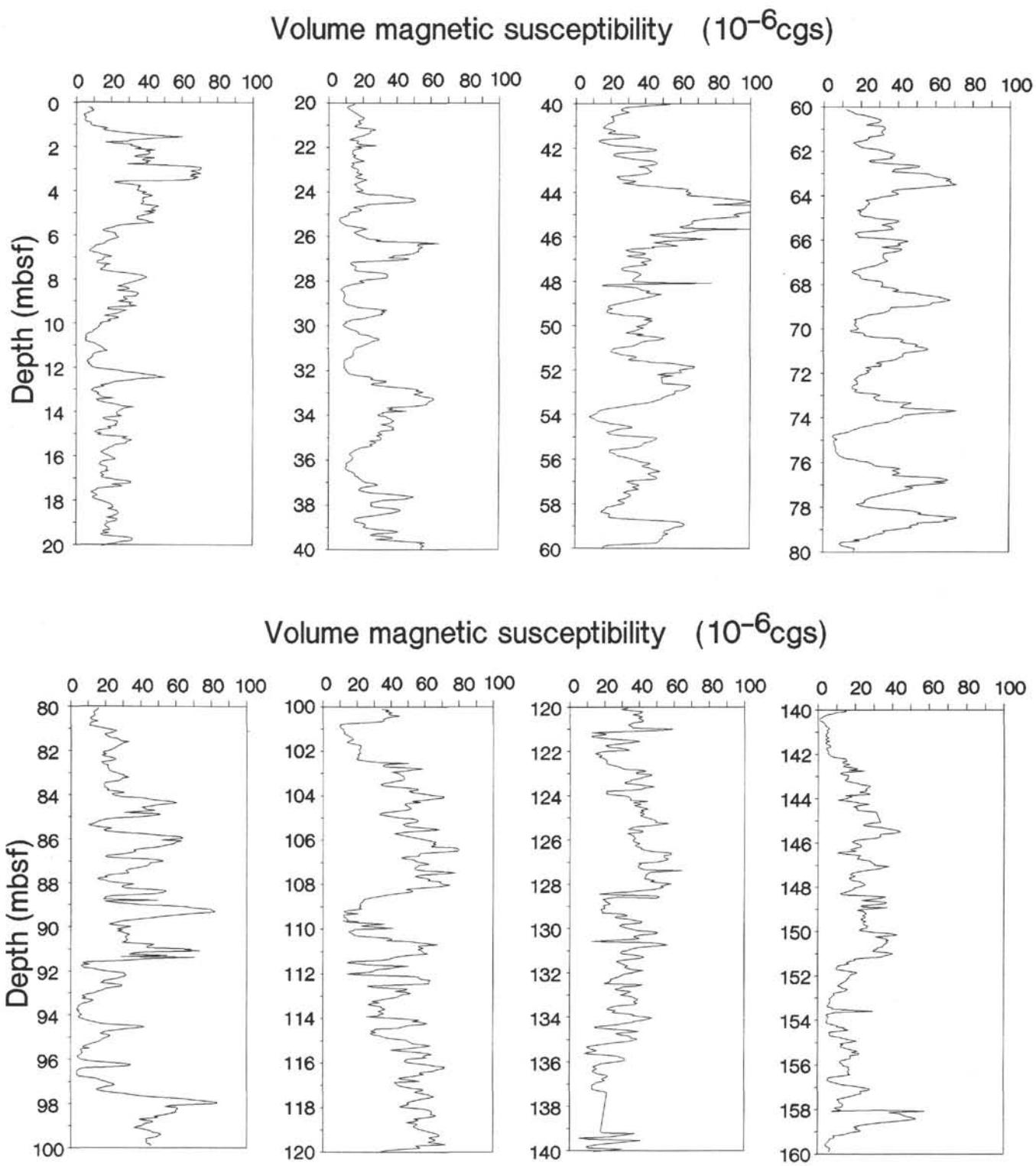


Figure 3. Volume magnetic susceptibility log of Hole 745B, divided into 20-m intervals.

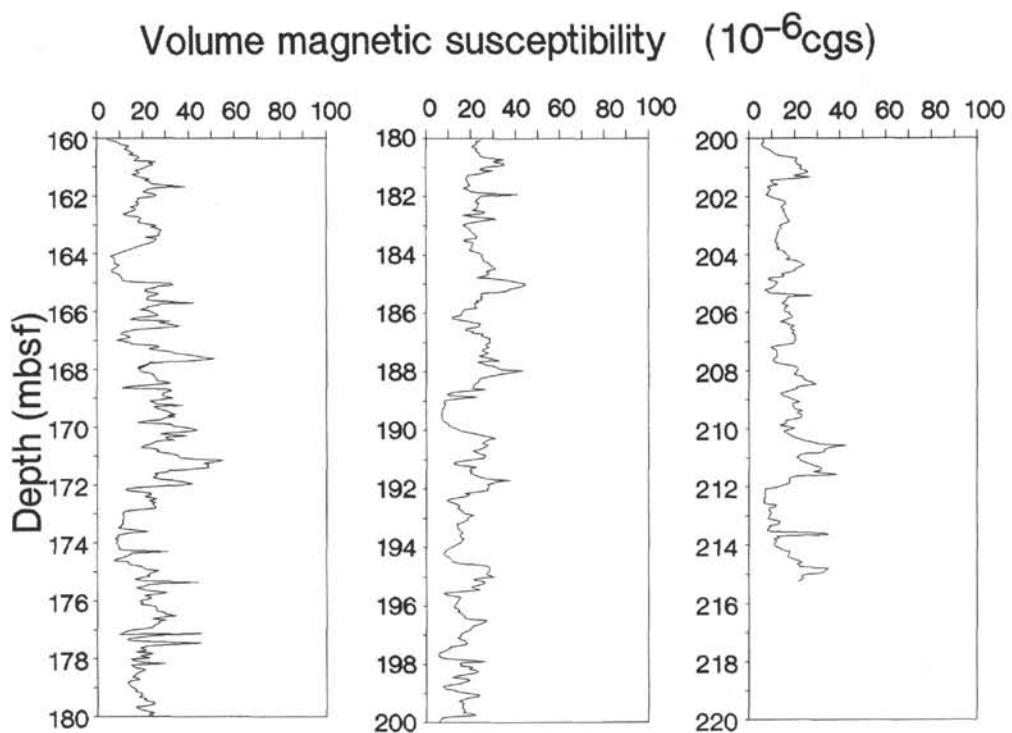


Figure 3 (continued).