

18. PARAMETERS CONTROLLING ACOUSTIC PROPERTIES OF CARBONATE AND VOLCANICLASTIC SEDIMENTS AT SITES 866 AND 869¹

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ABSTRACT

Comparison of the acoustic and index properties with the petrographic character of 125 brine-saturated carbonate and volcaniclastic rocks from Sites 866 and 869 indicates that porosity is the dominant parameter influencing *P*- and *S*-wave velocity and acoustic impedance. Porosity in the mid-Cretaceous platform carbonates (Site 866) is controlled by diagenetic alteration, rather than primary depositional texture. Replacement and cementation by dolomite yields the highest acoustic velocities. Similarly, porosity in the volcaniclastics (Site 869) is controlled by diagenetic alteration of components and partial replacement and cementing by zeolite.

The density-velocity relationship of the carbonates shows excellent correlation with Gardner's curve for limestone. The general Gardner's curve, however, underestimates the velocities of the volcaniclastics. Laboratory porosity-velocity trends of the carbonates are consistently 5% to 20% higher than those predicted by the time-average equation using the correct matrix velocities. Similar crossplots for the volcaniclastics show a division into two distinct subgroups, each corresponding to a time-average equation with a different matrix velocity, which suggests that progressive diagenetic alteration of the volcaniclastics has decreased the matrix velocity. The V_p/V_s ratios of the carbonates do not discriminate mineralogic composition. Laboratory measurements, under effective pressure simulating in situ conditions, are 5% to 25% higher than analyses of velocity made aboard *JOIDES Resolution* under atmospheric pressure.

The carbonates at Site 866 have a considerably wider range of acoustic impedance than the basalt. As a consequence, the contact between the carbonate succession and the underlying basalt basement in many drowned Cretaceous guyots of the equatorial Pacific Ocean may be difficult to image seismic-reflection profiles.

INTRODUCTION

The complex relationship between acoustic properties and the texture, composition, and facies of sedimentary rocks strongly influences the geological interpretation of wireline logs and seismic reflection data and the seismic modeling of outcrops. To connect seismic data with geology, identifying and quantifying the factors influencing the density and acoustic velocity of the sediments that generate seismic-reflection patterns, is essential. Siliciclastics traditionally have been the primary target for research on the acoustic properties of sedimentary rocks, grounded on the fundamental importance of seismic-reflection surveys and well-logging to petroleum exploration. Extensive work over the last few decades has resulted in some conceptual models on the petrophysical classification of siliciclastics (e.g., Wyllie et al., 1958; Birch, 1960, 1961; King, 1966; Gardner et al., 1974; Toksöz et al., 1976; Klimentos and McCann, 1990; Vernik and Nur, 1992). In contrast, little information on the acoustic properties of carbonates is present in the literature. Though several case studies have been published (e.g., Spain, 1983; Rafavich et al., 1984; Wilkens et al., 1984; Biddle et al., 1992; King et al., 1992; Anselmetti and Eberli, 1994), the relationship between sedimentary and petrophysical properties in carbonate rocks is still poorly documented (e.g., see Bourbié et al., 1987).

Complex theoretical models have been proposed for describing the wave propagation in porous media (Gassman, 1951; Kuster and Toksöz, 1974; Winkler, 1983), but a theory accounting for the variety of experimental data does not exist. Experimental studies in siliciclastics, however, suggest that relatively simple relationships exist between seismic velocities and variables such as porosity and clay content (Wyllie et al., 1958; Tosaya and Nur, 1982; Klimentos and

McCann, 1990) or bulk density (Nafe and Drake, 1963; Gardner et al., 1974). Vernik and Nur (1992) developed an integrated approach of combined petrophysical and petrographical analysis of siliciclastics that resulted in a new model describing the acoustic behavior of these sediments.

Comparable experimental studies of carbonates have produced no equivalent model for the acoustic behavior of carbonates (Rafavich et al., 1984; King et al., 1992; Anselmetti and Eberli, 1994). The analyzed data sets show different behavior with regard to the time-average equation, an empirical velocity-porosity relationship (Wyllie et al., 1958), Gardner's curve, an empirical velocity-density relationship (Gardner et al., 1974), and the V_p/V_s velocity ratio, which highlights differences in lithology and pore type (Tatham, 1982; Rafavich et al., 1984; Wilkens et al., 1984).

Another uncertainty in the analysis of acoustic properties is relating measurements from small scale to large. Measurements of acoustic velocity on core plugs are at a scale of centimeters and use ultrasonic frequencies (about 0.5 to 1 MHz), whereas sonic logs average velocity over distances of meters and are measured with lower frequencies (about 10 kHz), whereas seismic data are at a scale of tens of meters with low frequencies (about 50 Hz). Case studies that directly compare cross-hole seismic data and sonic velocity from wireline logs with discrete measurements of acoustic properties are very successful (e.g., Sams et al., 1993), but larger data sets are needed to expand the correlation to the wider range of lithologic types and acoustic properties.

Over the years, standard Ocean Drilling Program procedure was to measure acoustic properties of the recovered lithified sediments on 1-in.-diameter cubes under atmospheric pressure on a Hamilton-Frame velocimeter. Little information is available in the literature on the correlation between these measurements and analyses of cylindrical rock specimens under effective pressure and brine-saturated conditions. To use the vast ODP data set available, it is important to establish a correlation between the two methods.

In this study, we present combined petrophysical (bulk density, grain density, porosity, and acoustic velocity under effective pressure simulating in-situ conditions) and petrographical analyses of 125 1-in.-

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diameter minicores from Sites 866 and 869, and correlate the results with existing empirical equations of Gardner et al. (1974) and Wyllie et al. (1958). The velocity measurements are compared with shipboard measurements from the 1-in. cubes and minicores under atmospheric pressure and the log velocity.

GENERAL LITHOLOGY AT SITES 866 AND 869

Sites 866 and 869 penetrate sedimentary rocks of two completely different depositional origins and mineralogical compositions. Site 866 is located 1.5 km behind the margin of Resolution Guyot and drilled a thin pelagic cap, 1620 m of Barremian–Albian shallow-water, mainly lagoonal, carbonates, and 125 m of subaerial basalt flows. The recovered carbonates have low clay-content (less than 5%) and exhibit variable degrees of dolomitization. Measurement on samples from Sites 867/868, drilled nearby, were added to the Site 866 data set, but constitute only a small fraction of the whole data set. Hole 867B was drilled in the carbonate platform margin, whereas Hole 868A penetrated the seaward side of the margin. Samples from all three holes are combined because they reflect the acoustic properties of the entire margin of Resolution Guyot.

Site 869 was drilled in the distal sediment apron flanking Wodejebato Guyot and Pikinni (formerly Bikini Atoll). The sedimentary section consists of 208 m of alternating nannofossil ooze, radiolarian nannofossil ooze, clayey nannofossil ooze, and chert of early Miocene to early Maastrichtian age, which overlie 589 m of volcanoclastic sandstone to breccia, graded and laminated, interbedded with calcareous claystones. Figure 1 shows simplified lithologic columns along with smoothed versions of the sonic velocity and neutron density for both Sites 866 (Fig. 1A) and 869 (Fig. 1B). In addition, discrete measurements of acoustic properties and density and calculated acoustic impedance are shown with the wireline logs. Processed logs were smoothed by applying a 5-point (0.61 m) moving average and resampled to a 6-m interval by averaging data over ± 3 m.

METHODS

Petrography

For each sample of the core analyzed for acoustic properties, a thin section was prepared from one of the end pieces of the cylindrical 1-in.-diameter minicores that were drilled aboard *JOIDES Resolution*. The thin sections were impregnated with blue epoxy to identify porosity and stained to determine the mineralogy. Because most of the samples are nearly pure carbonate, grain density was used as a proxy for mineralogy (Zenger, 1968). The samples from Site 866 are nearly pure carbonates varying in mineralogy from 100% calcite to 100% dolomite. The percentage of dolomite in the Site 866 samples is calculated using,

$$\text{Dolomite (\%)} = [(\rho_c - \rho_{\text{calcite}})/0.148] \cdot 100,$$

where ρ_c is the grain density corrected to values between 2.718 and 2.866 g/cm³, grain densities for calcite and dolomite, respectively (Carmichael, 1989).

Primary depositional textures of the Site 866 samples range from a well-sorted oolitic and peloidal grainstone to rudstone, fossiliferous wackestone and mudstone, and some completely dolomitized textures. Dominant porosity types are interparticle, moldic, microcrystalline, and intercrystalline and intracrystalline porosities. Specimens from Site 866 were discriminated by primary depositional texture (carbonate classification according to Dunham, 1968), mineralogy, and type of porosity. A fourth variable analyzed is the presence and character of cement.

The volcanoclastic sediments from Site 869 have been subdivided according to depositional texture (siltstone and sandstone, breccia, and basalt), grain preservation (altered vs. unaltered), type of porosity (interparticle and intercrystalline), and the presence of zeolite to re-

place volcanic components and/or to fill pores. Specimens that have volcanic components (basalt and glass fragments) with abundant and extensive reaction rims, have been labelled "altered." In contrast, specimens of volcanic components with minor, or absent, reaction rims are categorized as "unaltered." Table 1 summarizes the petrographic categories of the rock specimens from both Sites 866 and 869.

Acoustic Properties

Procedures for the sampling and measurement of acoustic velocity and density of the 1-in. cubes and 1-in. minicores aboard ship have been described in the *Initial Reports* volume of Leg 143 (Sager, Winterer, Firth, et al., 1993). *P*-wave velocity was measured in both longitudinal and transverse directions (V_{pl} and V_{pt} , respectively) in both cubes and minicores, some of which were cut from adjacent samples. Shipboard measurements from Sites 866 and 869 are listed in the *Initial Reports* volume (Sager, Winterer, Firth, et al., 1993). Those acoustic velocity measurements included only *P*-wave velocity and were performed under drained conditions and at atmospheric pressure.

Nearly 125 minicores were collected during Leg 143 from cores from Sites 866 and 869. After the *P*-wave velocity was measured on the Hamilton-Frame velocimeter, the samples were stored in sample containers and sealed to prevent evaporation and drying of the rock specimens. Upon arrival at the Vrije Universiteit laboratory, all of the specimens were resaturated with seawater (35‰ NaCl-solution) under vacuum for 48 hr.

P-wave and *S*-wave velocities were measured in the petrophysics laboratory of the Royal School of Mines, Imperial College, London. The samples were trimmed to approximately 0.75 to 1.5 in. (1.9–3.8 cm) long, and the sample ends were ground flat and parallel to within 0.001 in. Each specimen was assembled between the brass end pieces within the nitrile rubber jacket of a Hoek triaxial test cell. Lead foil disks were placed between each end piece and the rock specimen to provide the acoustic coupling necessary for the *S*-wave measurements.

The cell is designed for a maximum confining pressure on the specimen of 100 MPa (about 15,000 psi or 1000 bar). Ports in the upper brass end piece permit pore-fluid drainage from the specimen when under stress. The *P*- and *S*-wave transducers are each switched sequentially to produce and to detect pulses of either type of wave. The pulse train bandwidths are as follows: *P*-wave, 500 to 900 kHz; *S*-wave, 300 to 700 kHz. The time-of-flight method, as described by Tao and King (1990), was used to determine the *P*- and *S*-wave velocities. A hydrostatic stress of 1 MPa was first applied with the hydraulic pressure system to allow the lead foil disks to bed down and to permit unequivocal picks for *S*-wave arrivals. We applied effective pressures, ranging from 5 to 40 MPa, to simulate in-situ stress conditions. The precision of the *P*- and *S*-wave velocities, in consideration of the combined effect of inaccurate readings of the first arrivals and the consolidation of highly porous samples, is limited to within approximately 5%. A total of 124 specimens was measured for *P*- and *S*-wave velocities in longitudinal (V_{pl} and V_{sl}) and transverse (V_{pt} and V_{st}) directions (see Tables 2 and 3). The temperature during measurements varied between 18° and 20°C. The effect of the slightly elevated temperature during laboratory measurement of the acoustic properties was assumed to be minimal, probably less than 1% (Bourbié et al., 1987; Carmichael, 1989).

Index Properties

Measurements of the index properties, bulk density, grain density, and porosity were performed at the petrophysics laboratory at the Vrije Universiteit. The individual sample volume (V_{bc}) was determined by direct measurement using calipers. As the diameter can vary along the sample, an average of several readings accurate to within ± 0.001 in. (0.025 mm) was used to determine the diameter. Samples that were damaged or otherwise imperfect cylinders were rejected. Dry-sample masses were measured to within 0.001 g after the sam-

Table 1. Dominant petrographic groups of rock specimens from Sites 866 and 869.

Carbonate specimens					
Code	Fabric	Mineralogy	Original fabric	Porosity	Observations
1a	Grainstone	Calcite	—	BG	Less than 75%
1b	Grainstone	100% calcite	—	Ocluded	Calcite cement < 30% of pore space
2	Packstone	100% calcite	—	MP	—
3	Wackestone	100% calcite	—	MP	—
4	Mudstone	100% calcite	—	MP	—
5a	Dolomite	Calcite—dolomite	Grainstone	MP and BC	Dolomite
5b	Dolomite	(Calcite) dolomite	Grainstone	BC	—
5c	Dolomite	Dolomite	Unknown	BC	—
6a	Rudstone	Calcite (dolomite)	—	BG	Dolomite replacement
6b	Rudstone	Calcite	—	MOP	100% of BG filled by cement or micrite
6c	Rudstone	Calcite	—	Nihil	100% of BG filled by cement or micrite
Volcanic—volcaniclastic specimens					
	Fabric	Grain character	Porosity		Observations
7	Basalt	Nonaltered	BC	—	
8	Siltstone	Altered grains	BG, BC	Minor zeolite cement	
9a	Sandstone	Altered grains	BG, BC	Minor zeolite cement	
9b	Sandstone	Nonaltered grains	BC	Zeolite cement filling pores and replacing other minerals	
10a	Breccia	Altered grains	BG, BC	Minor zeolite	
10b	Breccia	Nonaltered grains	BC	Zeolite cement filling pores and replacing other minerals	

Notes: Code = petrographic group as referred to in text. BG = between grains; MP = microcrystalline porosity; BC = between crystals; MOP = moldic porosity. See text for explanation.

ples were oven-dried at 70°C for 48 hr. Dry bulk densities (ρ_d) were corrected for salt content and have been calculated using the formula,

$$\rho_d = (W_g' - W_s)/V_{bc}$$

where W_g' is the weight of the dry sample and W_s is the weight of the salt, which was calculated using the formula,

$$W_s = (W_{bw} - W_g') \cdot 0.024,$$

where W_{bw} is the wet-bulk weight of the sample. Bulk density (ρ_b) was calculated from

$$\rho_b = (W_g' + V_p \cdot \rho_{sw})/V_{bc}$$

where ρ_{sw} is the density of seawater (1.024 g/cm³), and V_p is the total volume of the pores. Part of the sample was crushed and used to determine the grain density using the formula,

$$\rho_g = W_g/V_g$$

where W_g is the weight of the grains after drying for 48 hr at 70°C and V_g is the grain volume measured using a Micrometrics AccuPyc 3200 helium pycnometer. Total porosity (n_t) was then calculated using,

$$n_t = (1 - \rho_d/\rho_g) \cdot 100.$$

Grain density determined in this manner has an accuracy of ± 0.02 g/cm³; bulk density has an accuracy of ± 0.5 g/cm³; and porosity has an accuracy of $\pm 3\%$. Temperature during the analyses varied between 21° and 25°C. Table 2 summarizes the measured index properties for rock specimens from both Sites 866 and 869.

Data Set

Figure 2 shows histograms for bulk density, total porosity, longitudinal compressional velocity (V_{pl}), and impedance for sediments from Sites 866 and 869. Bulk density in the carbonate sediments (including the basalt specimens at the bottom of Hole 866A) ranges from 2.16 to 2.86 g/cm³, porosity ranges from 1.3% to 31.3%, and grain density ranges from 2.60 to 2.92 g/cm³. In the volcanoclastic sediments, bulk density varies between 1.97 and 2.42 g/cm³, porosity varies between 11.7% and 55.9%, and grain density ranges from 2.25 to 2.81 g/cm³. V_{pl} in the carbonate specimens ranges from 3.16 to 6.94 km/s; in the volcanoclastic sediments, V_{pl} varies between 2.33 and

4.81 km/s. Acoustic impedance values of the sediments from Site 866 range from 6.8×10^6 to 18.4×10^6 kg/m²/s, whereas in the sediments from Site 869, impedance varies between 4.9 and 11.4×10^6 kg/m²/s.

RESULTS

Laboratory vs. Shipboard Measurements and Logging Velocity

Crossplots of P -wave velocity measured in cubes vs. minicores exhibit no significant difference. In-situ measurements on the carbonate specimens from Site 866 clearly have velocities, both vertical and horizontal, that are about 10% to 25% higher than those measured under atmospheric conditions (Fig. 3A). Crossplots of the Site 869 specimens show a similar trend, but here, in-situ measurements exhibit velocities only 5% to 10% higher than those measured under atmospheric conditions (Fig. 3B).

Figure 4 shows the comparison between log velocity and V_{pl} measured in minicores under confining pressure. Sonic logs from both Sites 866 and 869 were smoothed by applying a 5-point (0.61 m or 2 ft) moving average window (see also Fig. 1). As recovery was relatively low at both sites, sonic velocity was selected by hand from the logs over the entire core interval. Figure 4A shows a crossplot of logging velocity and velocity from minicores from Site 866 specimens. Discrete velocity is close to the logging velocity in the range of up to 5 km/s, whereas discrete velocities over 5 km/s tend to be higher than the logging velocity. A similar plot for the Site 869 specimens shows no clear difference between discrete and logging velocities (Fig. 4B). Note that the comparison is obscured by low recovery, which caused core-log depth offsets and lithologic variation.

V_{pl} vs. Density and Porosity (Undiscriminated Data Sets)

Two equations that are commonly used by exploration geophysicists to relate physical properties and lithology are the empirical equation by Nafe and Drake (1963) and that of Gardner et al. (1974). The general Gardner's equation is,

$$\rho = 1.741 \cdot V_p^{0.25},$$

where ρ is density in g/cm³ and V_p is velocity in km/s; this expression relates velocity with density, and is an empirical average for all

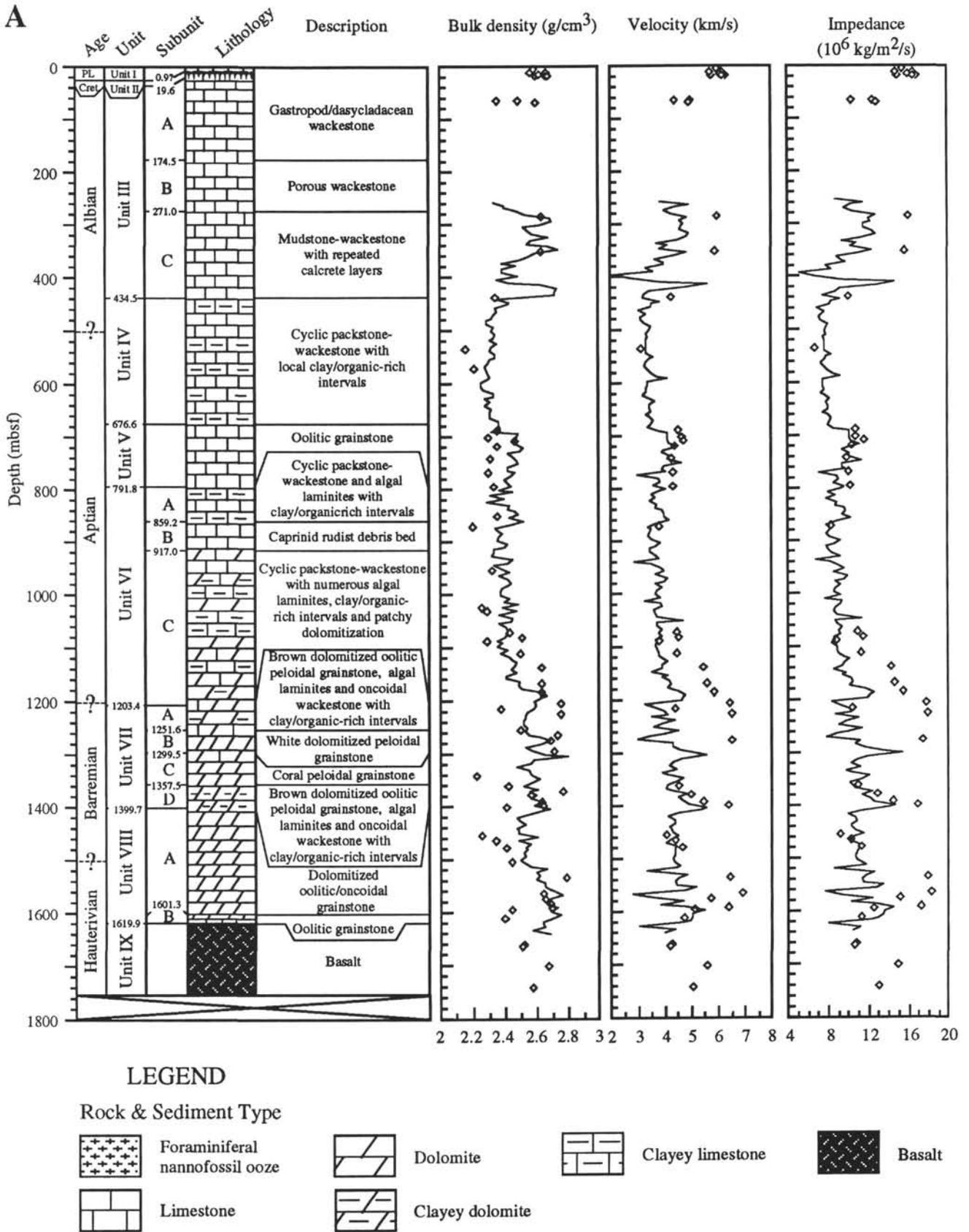


Figure 1. Simplified lithologic column along with smoothed sonic, neutron density, and impedance logs and discrete measurements of vertical compressional wave velocity, V_{pl} (under effective pressure), bulk density, and calculated impedance (diamonds) for Sites 866 (A) and 869 (B). Processed logs have been smoothed by applying a five-point (0.61 m or 2 ft) moving average window and resampled to a 6-m (18 ft) interval by averaging data over ± 3 m (9 ft).

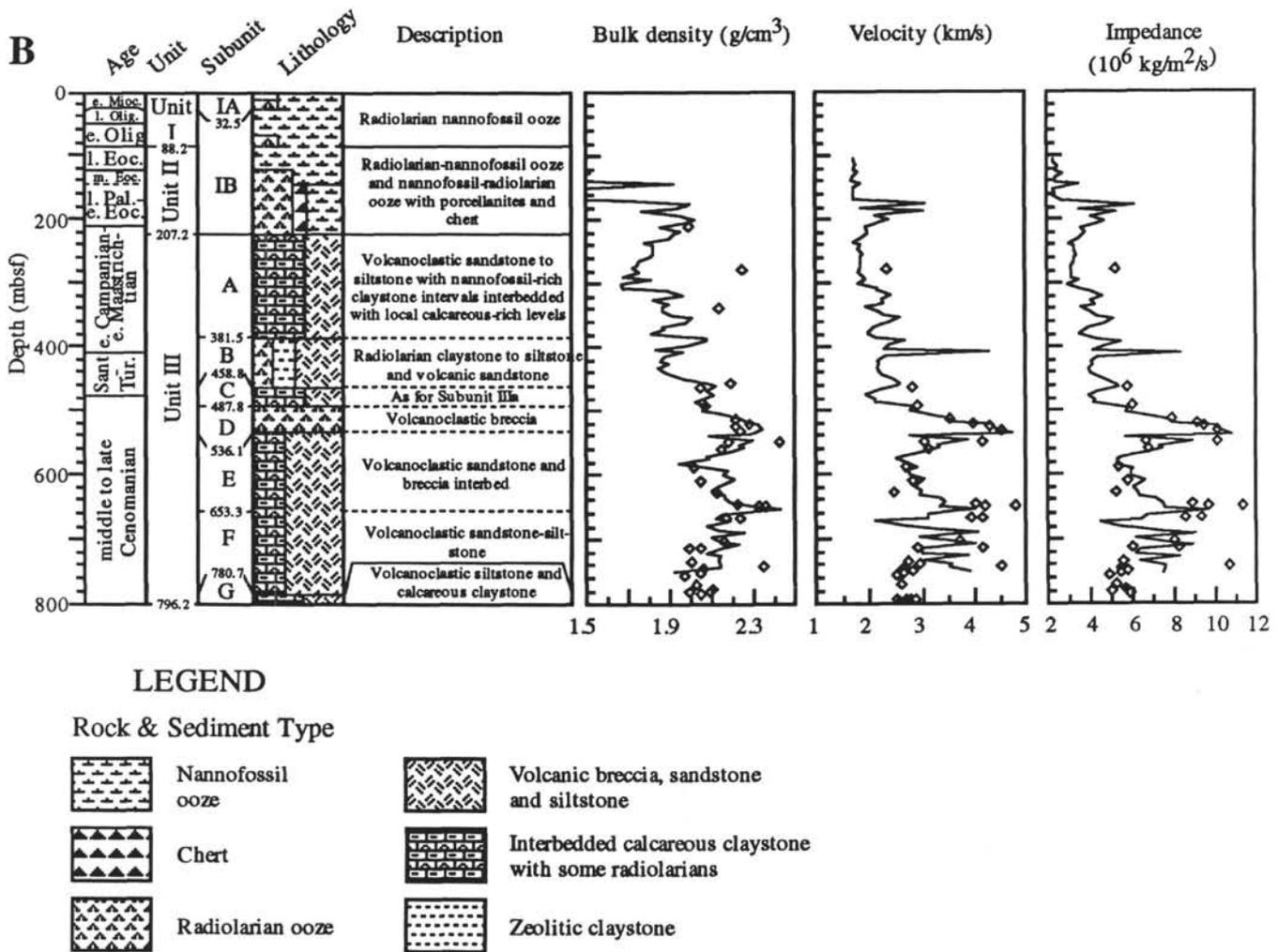


Figure 1 (continued).

lithologies. The equation for limestone (Gardner et al., 1974), graphically depicted and fitted by a power function is,

$$\rho = 1.493 \cdot V_p^{0.324}$$

Figure 5A shows a crossplot of bulk density vs. acoustic velocity (V_{pl} and V_{pt} , from the data set from Site 866 rock specimens) along with the empirical relationship for limestone from Gardner's equation. The data from Site 866 can be fitted by a power function similar to Gardner's equation,

$$\rho = 1.489 \cdot V_p^{0.321}$$

with a correlation coefficient $R = 0.92$ ($N = 92$). Both Gardner's curve for limestone and the fitted power function to the data of Site 866 run through the middle of the data and have only a minor offset. Figure 5C shows a similar crossplot for the volcanoclastic specimens from Site 869, along with the general Gardner's equation. Velocities predicted by Gardner's curve are significantly lower than those shown by the volcanoclastic specimens.

The "time-average equation" of Wyllie et al. (1958),

$$1/V_p = \phi/V_{fluid} + (1 - \phi)/V_{matrix}$$

where ϕ is porosity and V_{fluid} or $V_{seawater}$ is 1.5 km/s (at 14.3°C and salinity of 35‰, see Carmichael, 1989), relates porosity to velocity. To convert the time-average equation for specimens with calcite and dolomite mineralogy we substituted 6.5 and 6.9 km/s for V_{matrix} (Carmichael, 1989), for calcite and dolomite fabrics, respectively. Figure 5B shows a crossplot of bulk porosity vs. acoustic velocity along with the time-average equation for calcite and dolomite for the data set of Site 866 rock specimens. The time-average equation for pure calcitic fabrics forms the lower limit of the data set and even the higher matrix velocity of the dolomite does not explain the observed trend. Figure 5D shows a crossplot of porosity vs. acoustic velocity along with the time-average equation for Site 869 rock specimens. In addition, curves are plotted that represent the time-average equation for different matrix velocities, ranging from highly to moderately altered basalt, 2.5 to 4.5 km/s, to fresh basalt, 4.5 to 5.5 km/s (see Sager, Winterer, Firth, et al., 1993). Two discrete groups with different matrix velocities are present within the volcanoclastic data set. The volcanoclastic sediments at Site 869 are complex in mineral composition, as the components of the fabric vary from unaltered to highly altered volcanic glass fragments and basalt fragments. In addition, zeolite replaces original grains and locally acts as cement. Therefore, it is difficult to substitute values that represent the matrix velocity in the time-average equation.

Table 2. Summary of index properties, acoustic properties, and characteristic petrographic groups for rock specimens from Site 866.

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	Fabric	Bulk density (g/cm ³)	Grain density (g/cm ³)	Porosity (%)	V_{pl} (km/s)	V_{sl} (km/s)	V_{pt} (km/s)	V_{st} (km/s)	V_{pl}/V_{sl}	Impedance (10 ⁶ -g/m ² /s)
143-866A-											
31R-1, 120-122	281.81	2	2.63			6.119	3.190			1.92	16.09
39R-1, 44-46	348.15	3	2.64	2.71	6.16	5.932	4.354			1.36	15.66
48R-1, 47-51	434.88	2	2.35	2.71	20.19	4.309	2.044			2.11	10.13
58R-1, 67-71	531.69	2	2.16	2.60	27.73	3.158	1.415			2.23	6.82
62R-2, 5-7	571.16	4	2.22	2.71	28.14			3.260	1.737		
74R-1, 20-27*	685.76	1a	2.36	2.71	21.24	4.544	1.981	4.175	2.124	2.29	10.72
75R-3, 53-64*	698.59	1a	2.30	2.77	26.63	4.680	2.380	4.274	1.774	1.97	10.76
76R-3, 37-40	708.09	1a	2.47	2.73	14.89	4.751	2.193			2.17	11.73
77R-2, 87-93*	716.90	1a	2.36	2.70	20.96	4.425	1.987	4.146	1.851	2.23	10.44
79R-4, 2-10*	738.15	1a	2.32	2.72	24.74	4.271	2.070	3.800	1.888	2.06	9.91
82R-2, 62-68*	764.83	1a	2.31	2.72	25.11	4.370	2.406	3.818	2.016	1.82	10.09
85R-2, 45-55*	793.81	1a	2.34	2.71	21.30	4.357	2.862	4.187	2.703	1.52	10.20
91R-1, 6-8	849.57	3	2.36	2.71	20.72			4.227	1.776		
93R-1, 21-28*	868.95	6b	2.20	2.73	31.35	3.818	1.177	4.427	2.534	3.24	8.40
102R-1, 78-80	953.49	1a	2.33	2.71	23.07			3.828	2.389		
109R-2, 10-12	1021.51	2	2.26	2.72	26.12			3.760	1.936		
110R-1, 53-55	1030.14	2	2.29	2.73	25.37			3.750	2.219		
114R-1, 85-87	1069.02	2	2.44	2.74	17.53	4.502	3.196			1.41	10.98
115R-1, 76-78	1078.67	3	2.51	2.74	12.52	4.584	2.353			1.95	11.51
116R-1, 49-51	1088.00	2	2.29	2.73	25.19	3.841	2.500	3.513	1.824	1.54	8.80
118R-2, 138-143	1109.70	5a	2.50			4.510	2.810			1.60	11.28
121R-1, 31-34	1136.03	5a	2.64	2.79	8.85	5.453	3.684			1.48	14.40
124R-1, 30-33	1165.22	5a	2.63	2.76	7.13	5.586	4.124			1.35	14.69
126R-1, 54-56	1184.55	1b	2.63	2.73	5.77	5.893	3.045			1.94	15.50
128R-2, 0-9*	1204.75	5b	2.76	2.86	5.12	6.452	3.242	6.253	3.152	1.99	17.81
129R-2, 23-26	1213.15	1a	2.38	2.85	22.62	4.404	3.237			1.36	10.48
130R-2, 20-26	1224.33	5b	2.76	2.75	1.45	6.514	3.774	6.216	2.180	1.73	17.98
133R-2, 54-57	1253.66	5c	2.50	2.83	19.25			5.438	2.949		
134R-2, 67-70	1263.39	5b	2.74	2.84	5.31			6.498	3.162		
135R-1, 113-116	1272.05	5b	2.69	2.84	9.38	6.510	3.191			2.04	17.51
137R-2, 79-81	1292.10	5b	2.71	2.84	6.62			6.500	3.312		
142R-1, 89-91	1339.10	5c	2.23	2.88	30.01			4.759	2.416		
144R-2, 51-59*	1359.55	1a	2.43	2.71	16.95	4.545	2.384	4.396	3.162	1.91	11.04
145R-1, 131-134	1368.13	5b	2.77	2.79	1.29			6.671	4.985		
146R-1, 79-81	1377.20	4	2.57	2.72	8.51	4.993	2.119			2.36	12.83
147R-2, 91-93	1388.52	2	2.64	2.72	4.43	5.490	3.518			1.56	14.49
148R-1, 55-58	1396.27	5b	2.65	2.86	10.14	6.377	3.188			2.00	16.90
148R-4, 95-98	1401.17	1a	2.42	2.76	17.60			4.727	2.026		
154R-1, 63-70*	1454.47	1a	2.26	2.73	27.22	4.093	2.047	3.662	1.486	2.00	9.25
155R-1, 91-98*	1464.45	1a	2.35	2.76	22.12	4.398	2.175	4.094	2.347	2.02	10.34
156R-2, 57-61	1475.28	6a	2.41	2.72	17.74	4.672	2.893			1.61	11.26
159R-1, 99-101	1501.90	2	2.45	2.77	17.37			4.093	2.047		
162R-2, 2-5	1532.53	5b	2.79	2.83	2.75	6.487	3.892			1.67	18.10
165R-2, 71-75	1561.83	5b	2.65	2.82	8.23	6.944	3.545			1.96	18.40
166R-4, 85-98	1574.67	5c	2.66	2.77	6.60	5.714	3.509			1.63	15.20
167R-3, 101-103	1584.42	5b	2.69	2.85	7.97			6.649	3.387		
168R-1, 128-134*	1591.41	5b	2.70	2.81	6.21	6.391	3.482	6.447	3.390	1.84	17.26
168R-3, 72-74	1593.83	5c	2.45			5.130	2.706			1.90	12.57
170R-1, 109-118*	1610.55	1a	2.40	2.74	18.83	4.748	2.470	4.381	2.370	1.92	11.40
179R-1, 71-75	1660.13	7	2.53	2.80	14.94	4.274	2.151			1.99	10.81
179R-2, 108-119	1661.64	7	2.51	2.79	15.99	4.247	1.807	4.204	1.998	2.35	10.66
185R-3, 51-54	1700.83	7	2.68	2.92	10.60	5.598	3.620			1.55	15.00
189R-4, 33-36	1739.63	7	2.58	2.83	14.28	5.078	3.001			1.69	13.10
143-866B-											
8M-1, 69-71	61.80	6b	2.49	2.72	14.05	5.026	2.178			2.31	12.51
8M-2, 9-11	62.70	6b	2.36	2.72	2.72	20.40	4.395	2.107		2.09	10.37
143-867B-											
1R-2, 47-49	1.98	6c	2.59	2.72	9.75	5.977	3.427			1.74	15.48
3R-1, 82-85	15.94	6c	2.60	2.72	8.24	5.774	2.683			2.15	15.01
10R-1, 27-36	66.72	6b	2.60	2.72	8.25	4.978	2.811	5.618	2.448	1.77	12.94
143-868A-											
2R-1, 72-75	8.74	6b	2.57	2.72	9.14	5.747	2.874			2.00	14.77
2R-2, 69-71	10.20	6c	2.67	2.72	3.45	6.220	3.274			1.90	16.61
4R-2, 8-13	14.56	6c	2.62	2.72	2.72	7.82	6.160	2.781		2.22	16.14
4R-2, 52-56	15.00	6c	2.67	2.72	2.38	6.340	3.973			1.60	16.93
5R-1, 75-77	17.96	6c	2.68	2.72	1.93	6.196	3.297			1.88	16.61

Notes: * = Pairs of both longitudinal and transverse oriented minicores within identical layer and spaced less than 15 cm apart; V_{pl} = vertical compressional velocity; V_{sl} = vertical shear-wave velocity; V_{pt} = transverse compressional velocity; V_{st} = transverse shear-wave velocity; V_{pl}/V_{sl} = ratio of vertical compressional velocity over vertical shear-wave velocity. See text for discussion.

V_{pl} and V_{pl}/V_{sl} vs. Porosity (Data Sets Discriminated for Petrography)

Figures 6A and 6B show crossplots for porosity and longitudinal compressional velocity for Sites 866 and 869, respectively. Here, the rock specimens are labeled according to their petrographic character, as explained in Table 1 and summarized in Tables 2 and 3. The basalt specimens from Site 866 have been plotted with the volcanoclastic specimens from Site 869 in Figure 6B. Plotted along with the data set

of Site 866 are curves that represent the time-average equation for calcite and dolomite matrices (Fig. 6A). Similarly, a series of curves representing the time-average equation for matrix velocities ranging from 2.5 to 7.5 km/s in steps of 0.5 km/s, are plotted with the data from Site 869 (Fig. 6B).

Measurements of oolitic to skeletal grainstones with open inter-particle porosity (Pl. 1, Fig. 8) show that velocity is directly related to porosity, grain size and grain packing (Fig. 6A, open triangles). Cementation of the grainstone and rudstone (Pl. 1, Fig. 2) reduces the

Table 3. Summary of index properties, acoustic properties and characteristic petrographic groups for rock specimens from Site 869.

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	Fabric	Bulk density (g/cm ³)	Grain density (g/cm ³)	Porosity (%)	V_{pl} (km/s)	V_{st} (km/s)	V_t (km/s)	V_{st} (km/s)	V_{pl}/V_{st}	Impedance (10 ⁶ ·kgm ² /s)
143-869B-											
9R-CC, 3-5	207.64	8	1.99	2.25	23.12						
16R-1, 92-94	276.03	8	2.24	2.81	39.38	2.334	0.979	3.226	1.792	2.38	5.23
22R-3, 0-4	335.62	8	2.13	2.66	35.92			2.704	1.144		
34R-2, 107-110	451.68	8	2.19	2.72	38.18			2.346	0.946		
35R-1, 24-26	459.05	2	2.05	2.48	30.25	2.822	1.265			2.23	5.78
38R-2, 25-27	488.60	9a	2.07	2.60	37.46	2.914	0.947			3.08	6.03
40R-2, 36-42*	508.99	10a	2.21	2.63	28.05	3.555	1.696	3.716	1.527	2.10	7.86
41R-2, 114-118	517.96	10b	2.28	2.56	21.07	3.994	1.715			2.33	9.11
41R-4, 5-7*	520.98	10b	2.21	2.48	23.03	4.294	2.076	4.492	1.615	2.07	9.49
42R-1, 107-116*	527.51	10b	2.23	2.51	23.22	4.545	1.954	4.857	2.006	2.33	10.14
44R-1, 101-105	546.63	10b	2.42	2.72	19.47	4.185	1.949			2.15	10.13
44R-2, 18-19	547.29	9a	2.18	2.66	31.97	3.074	2.002			1.54	6.70
45R-2, 49-65*	557.17	9a	2.15	2.69	34.01	3.147	1.328	3.200	1.299	2.37	6.77
48R-1, 40-44	584.32	9a	2.01	2.70	43.61	2.680	1.923			1.39	5.39
50R-3, 7-13*	606.30	9a	2.05	2.71	40.39	2.845	1.996	2.955	1.919	1.43	5.83
52R-3, 2-8*	625.46	3	2.12	2.58	32.73	2.488	1.406	2.660	1.091	1.77	5.27
54R-1, 93-99*	642.77	10b	2.22	2.56	24.70	4.029	1.715	4.374		2.35	8.94
54R-4, 32-41*	646.35	10b	2.32	2.63	20.91	4.221	2.007	4.956	2.663	2.10	9.71
54R-4, 116-119	647.19	10b	2.36	2.49	12.47	4.808	2.071			2.32	11.35
56R-2, 113-115	663.84	9b	2.23	2.42	17.37	4.188	2.451			1.71	9.34
56R-3, 68-70	664.89	9b	2.17	2.44	21.58	3.939	2.118			1.86	8.55
59R-6, 57-63*	698.11	9b	2.16	2.46	24.67	3.717	1.832	3.721	1.811	2.03	8.03
61R-1, 37-44*	709.82	9a	2.05	2.56	36.67	2.912	1.304	3.100	1.450	2.23	5.97
61R-2, 41-48*	711.34	9b	1.99	2.45	27.93	4.150	2.466	4.221	2.631	1.68	8.26
63R-3, 28-31	732.00	8	2.00	2.58	38.35	2.760	1.380			2.00	5.52
63R-4, 81-85	734.04	9a				2.947	1.278			2.31	
63R-CC, 2-4	738.34	9b	2.35	2.47	11.70	4.541					10.67
64R-3, 113-116	742.55	8	2.06	2.65	38.28	2.656	1.173			2.26	5.47
64R-6, 57-60	746.49	8	2.04	2.71	40.51	2.833	1.256			2.26	5.78
65R-1, 70-73	748.62	8	2.04	2.70	40.84	2.646	1.439			1.84	5.40
65R-4, 3-7	752.45	8	1.97	2.68	55.85	2.508	1.173			2.14	4.94
67R-1, 146-149	768.78	8	2.02	2.64	40.09	2.590	1.179			2.20	5.23
67R-CC, 2-5	775.68	8	2.10	2.76	38.71	2.702	1.367			1.98	5.67
68R-1, 60-63	777.51	9a	1.99	2.64	42.30	2.497	1.389			1.80	4.97
68R-2, 44-47	778.89	8	2.09	2.68	36.50	2.784	1.240			2.25	5.82
68R-3, 53-57	780.45	8	2.05	2.68	36.84	2.880	1.376			2.09	5.90

Note: * = Pairs of both longitudinal and transverse oriented minicores within identical layer and spaced less than 15 cm apart; V_{pl} = vertical compressional velocity; V_{st} = vertical shear-wave velocity; V_{pt} = transverse compressional velocity; V_{st} = transverse shear-wave velocity; V_{pl}/V_{st} = ratio of vertical compressional velocity over vertical shear-wave velocity. See text for discussion.

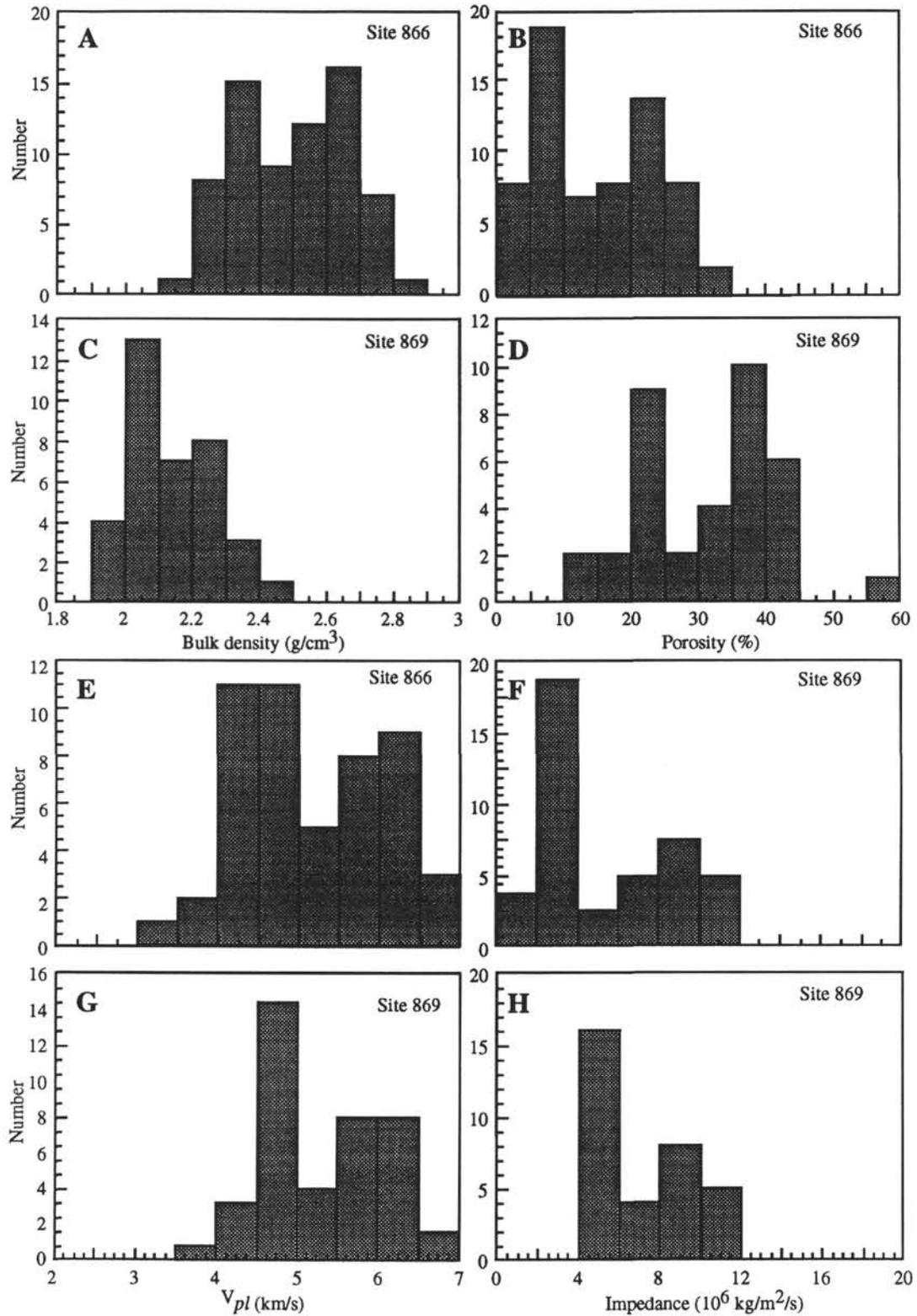


Figure 2. Histograms of bulk density (A, C), porosity (B, D), vertical compressional velocity (E, G), and impedance (F, H) for rock specimens from Sites 866 and 869. See text for discussion.

porosity and consequently increases velocity from 4.2 to 4.8 km/s (Fig. 6A, open triangles and circles), to 5.7 to 5.9 km/s (Fig. 6A, solid triangles and circles). Dense packstone, wackestone, and mudstone with low micro porosity (Pl. 1, Fig. 3) have comparable velocity, ranging from 5 to 6 km/s, and low porosities, ranging from 5% to 5.8%. The presence of micrite as matrix (Pl. 1, Fig. 4) has a similar influence on the velocity (Fig. 6A, solid circles). In contrast, the leaching of skeletal components to create moldic porosity (Pl. 1, Fig. 5), decreases the velocity (Fig. 6A, open circles with dot). One rudstone specimen with a high interparticle porosity of 18% and partial replacement by dolomite has a velocity of 5.7 km/s (Pl. 1, Fig. 6). The effect of the replacement of grains or matrix, and/or cementation, by dolomite is illustrated in the data set in two stages. Partial replacement of grains by dolomite in an ooid rudstone (Pl. 1, Fig. 7) has little effect on the velocity (Fig. 6A, open circle). Dolomite cementation of grainstones significantly increases the velocity from 4.2 to 4.8 km/s (Fig. 6A, open triangles) to 5.4 km/s (Fig. 6A, squares with dot). Complete recrystallization of grainstones by dolomite increases velocity up to 6.4 and 7 km/s (Fig. 6A, solid squares; Pl. 1, Fig. 8).

Volcaniclastic rock specimens from Site 869 on average exhibit higher porosity and lower velocity and show a clear subdivision into two separate groups (solid vs. open symbols, Fig. 6B). Clayey packstone to wackestone rock specimens have high microporosities of 30% to 33%, and low velocity of 2.5 to 2.8 km/s. Volcaniclastic siltstones that have altered grains (Pl. 2, Fig. 1), and high interparticle and intercrystalline porosity (36% to 56%) have low velocities, ranging from 2.3 to 2.8 km/s. Similar, altered sand-sized fabrics (Pl. 2, Fig. 2) have slightly higher velocity and porosity of 2.5 to 3.2 km/s and 32% to 44%, respectively. Sandstones that have predominantly unaltered grains and zeolite partially replacing and cementing the components (see Pl. 2, Fig. 3) have significantly higher porosity and higher velocity of 12% to 28% and 3.6 to 4.6 km/s, respectively. Volcaniclastic breccia that has altered components and high interparticle and intercrystalline porosity (28%) has a velocity of 3.6 km/s. Breccias of nonaltered grains with zeolite as replacing and cementing agent (see Pl. 2, Fig. 4) have comparable porosity and velocity to their sand-sized equivalents of 12% to 24% and 4 to 4.8 km/s, respectively. Basalt specimens show little alteration and have velocities ranging from 4.2 to 5.6 km/s and porosities between 10% and 16%.

Figure 7A shows a crossplot of V_{pl}/V_{sl} vs. V_{pl} for rock specimens from Site 866. Overall, V_{pl}/V_{sl} ranges from 1.35 to 2.35 and V_{pl} ranges from 3.8 to 7 km/s. Besides the clustering of dolomitic specimens (solid squares), the data points seem to be randomly distributed, and no trend is visible. A similar situation is seen in Figure 7B, where V_{pl}/V_{sl} ranges from 1.4 to 2.4 and V_{pl} ranges from 2.3 to 5.6 km/s. In contrast to the observations of Rafavich (1984), no obvious relationship between mineralogy and V_p/V_s is visible.

Carbonates at Site 866 range between 6.8×10^6 and 18.4×10^6 kg/m²/s, whereas the acoustic impedance of the basalt ranges from 10.8 to 13.1×10^6 kg/m²/s (see Tables 2 and 3). Because of the overlapping values, the contact between the carbonate sequence and the underlying basaltic basement at Site 866, and possibly other mid-Cretaceous guyots of the western Pacific, may well be invisible in seismic-reflection profiles. However, uncertainties exist as to the whether our impedance values for the basalt are accurate. Nonaltered marine basalts may have impedance values between 12×10^6 and 18×10^6 kg/m²/s (e.g., see Carmichael, 1989). Impedance values from the sonic and density logs are about 10×10^6 kg/m²/s, whereas values from discrete measurements range between 10.8×10^6 and 16.35×10^6 kg/m²/s (including measurements of samples from the deeper, not logged, portion of the basalt interval).

Impedance values for Site 869 show two peaks (histogram of Fig. 2G) with values respective of 4×10^6 to 6×10^6 and 8×10^6 to 12×10^6 kg/m²/s that correspond to the two clusters of petrophysical and petrographic groups of diagenetically altered and nonaltered rock specimens. In summary, we suggest that impedance, at both Sites 866

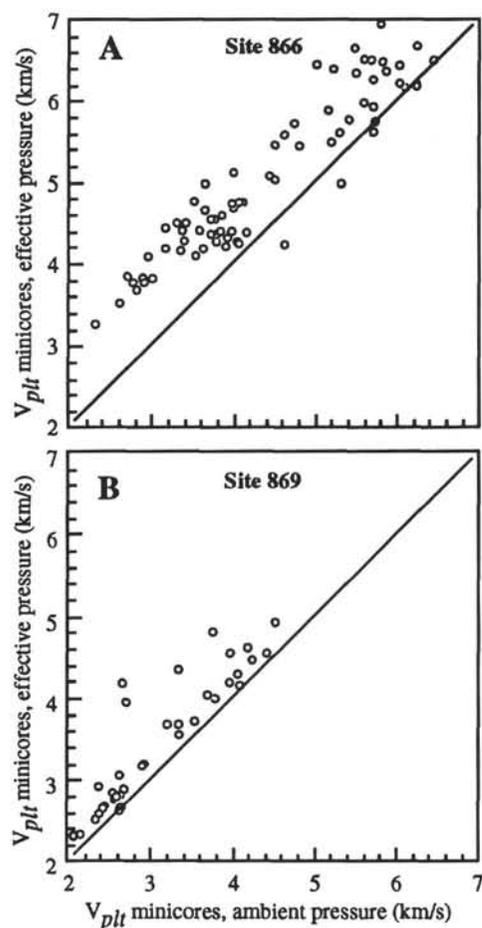


Figure 3. Crossplots of V_{pl} and V_{pt} measured under atmospheric pressure on minicores vs. V_{pl} and V_{pt} measured under effective pressure simulating in-situ conditions. A. Site 866. B. Site 869. See text for discussion.

and 869, is controlled largely by diagenesis, rather than by primary depositional texture.

V_p/V_s Velocity Ratio

The ratio of the velocity of compressional waves, V_p , to the velocity of shear waves, V_s , is an important parameter for discriminating lithology and differentiating between water and gas saturations (Gregory, 1977; Tatham and Stoffa, 1976; Hamilton, 1979; Tatham, 1982). Recently, Rafavich et al. (1984) suggested that V_p/V_s velocity ratios discriminate mineralogy in limestones (specifically calcite vs. dolomite) and Wilkens et al. (1984) showed that carbonate content dominates V_p/V_s in siliceous limestones.

Figure 7 shows crossplots of V_{pl}/V_{sl} vs. V_{pl} for rock specimens from Sites 866 and 869. Overall, V_{pl}/V_{sl} ranges from 1.35 to 2.35 and V_{pl} ranges from 3.8 to 7 km/s. No trend is visible that indicates any correlation between rock fabric or mineralogy, calcite-dolomite, as suggested by Rafavich et al. (1984) for carbonates (Figs. 7A and 8). Nor does Figure 7B show any significant trends for the volcaniclastic data. Literature values for V_{pl}/V_{sl} in carbonates are between 1.7 and 2.7 (Hamilton, 1979; Wilkens, 1984). High values of V_{pl}/V_{sl} ratios in Figure 7 may be the result of erroneous readings of the first arrivals of the shear waves.

V_{pl}/V_{sl} ratios for basalt range from 1.55 to 2.35, with the higher values corresponding to the higher velocity specimens, though porosity shows minimal variation. Literature values range from 1.86 to 2.04 (Christensen and Salisbury, 1975; Hamilton, 1979). Note that the

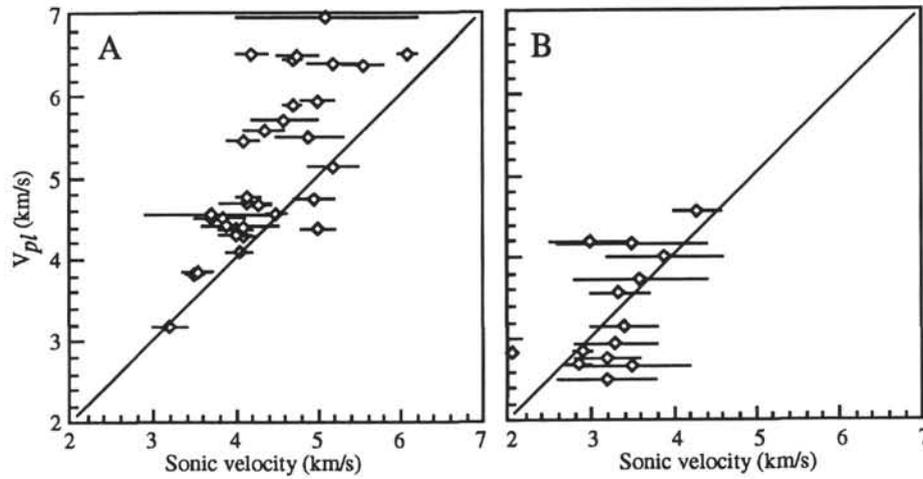


Figure 4. The correlation between acoustic velocity estimated from the sonic log and measurements of V_{pl} under effective pressure for Site 866 (A) and Site 869 (B). See text for discussion.

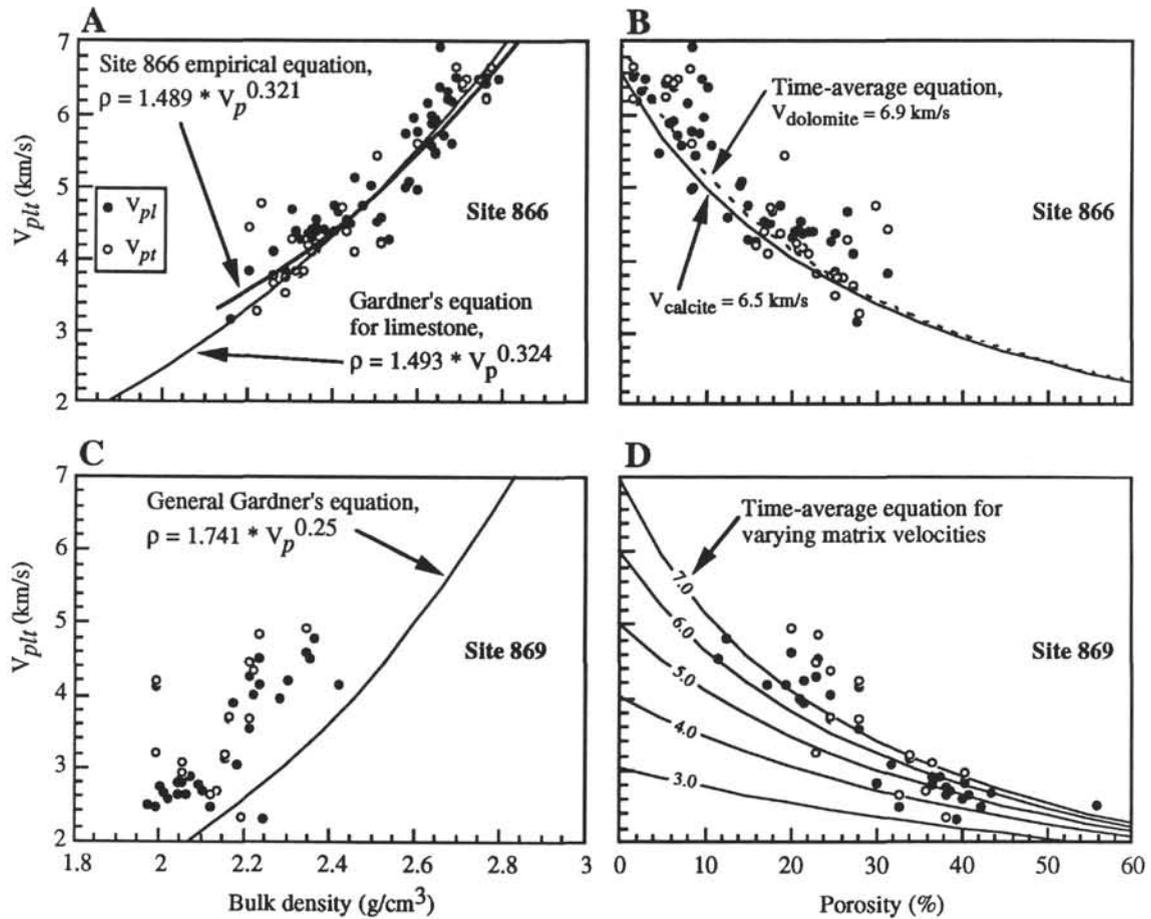


Figure 5. Crossplots between V_{pl} measured under effective pressure vs. bulk density and porosity for both Site 866 (A and B) and Site 869 (C and D). Gardner's equation is plotted along with bulk density- V_{pl} . Figure 5C shows curves representing the time-average equation at matrix velocities resembling those of the calcite and dolomite mineralogy, $V_{calcite} = 6.5$ km/s and $V_{dolomite} = 6.9$ km/s. Similarly, Figure 5D curves represent the time-average equation at matrix velocities from 2.5 up to 8 km/s at intervals of 0.5 km/s. See text for discussion.

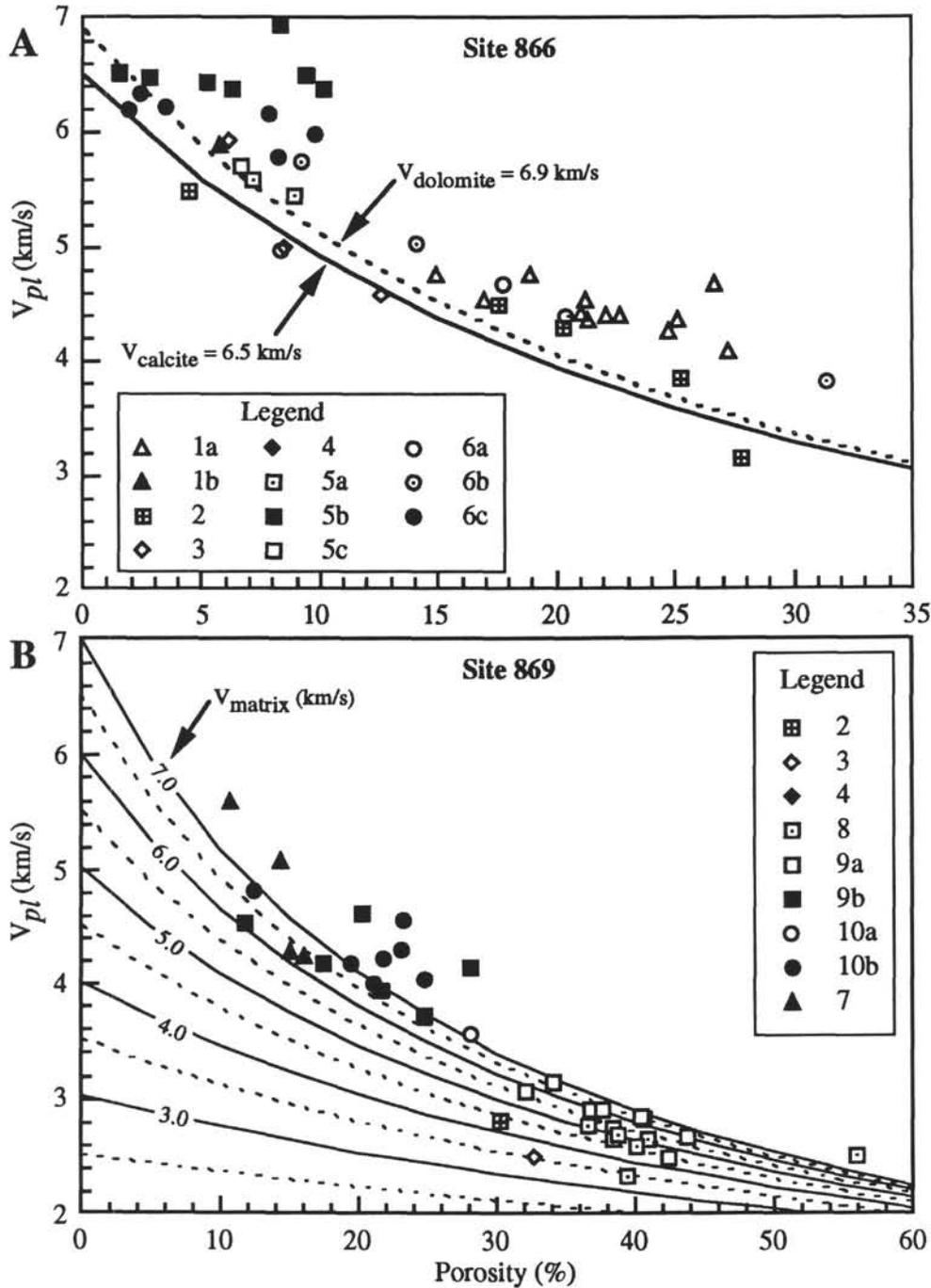


Figure 6. Crossplots of V_{pl} measured under effective pressure vs. porosity for Site 866 (A) and Site 869 (B). Rock specimens are discriminated for petrographic character indicated by symbols (see Table 1 for explanation). See text for discussion.

basalt specimens from Site 866 were likely deposited subaerially, whereas the literature values are measurements of submarine basalt. The difference in the V_{pl}/V_{sl} ratio and P -wave velocity may be explained by variations in the pore aspect ratios (Wilkens et al., 1991): low aspect ratios (i.e., cracks), corresponding to lower velocities and V_{pl}/V_{sl} ratios and high velocities correspond to high aspect ratios (round pores). Minimal subaerial alteration of basalt may generate low aspect ratios (microcracks) that, without significantly changing the porosity, influence the velocity and V_{pl}/V_{sl} ratio.

Similar to the porosity-velocity relationship in carbonates, more experimental data will be needed to resolve the precise relationship between V_{pl}/V_{ps} ratio, mineralogy, and the elongation of pores in basalts.

Scaling

Although some case studies that directly compare cross-hole seismic data and sonic velocity from wireline logs with discrete measurements of acoustic properties are highly successful (e.g., Sams et al., 1993), the correlation between log velocity and discrete velocity measured under effective pressure, V_{pl} , shows a relatively poor correlation for Site 866. Log velocities between 3 and 5 km/s have corresponding laboratory velocities of 5% to 15% higher. Log velocities of 5 to 7 km/s have corresponding laboratory velocities that are significantly higher. Similar observations can be made from the correlation of log velocity with discrete velocity at Site 869 (Fig. 4B).

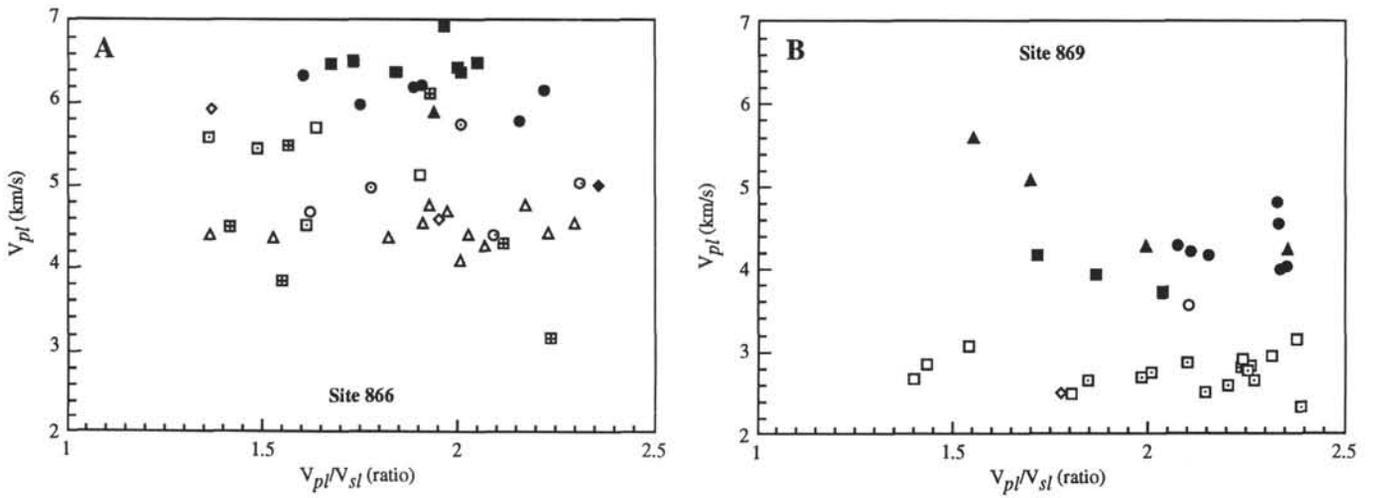


Figure 7. Crossplots of V_{pl} measured under effective pressure vs. V_{pl}/V_{sl} for Site 866 (A) and Site 869 (B). Rock specimens are discriminated for petrographic character indicated by symbols (see Table 1 for explanation). See text for discussion.

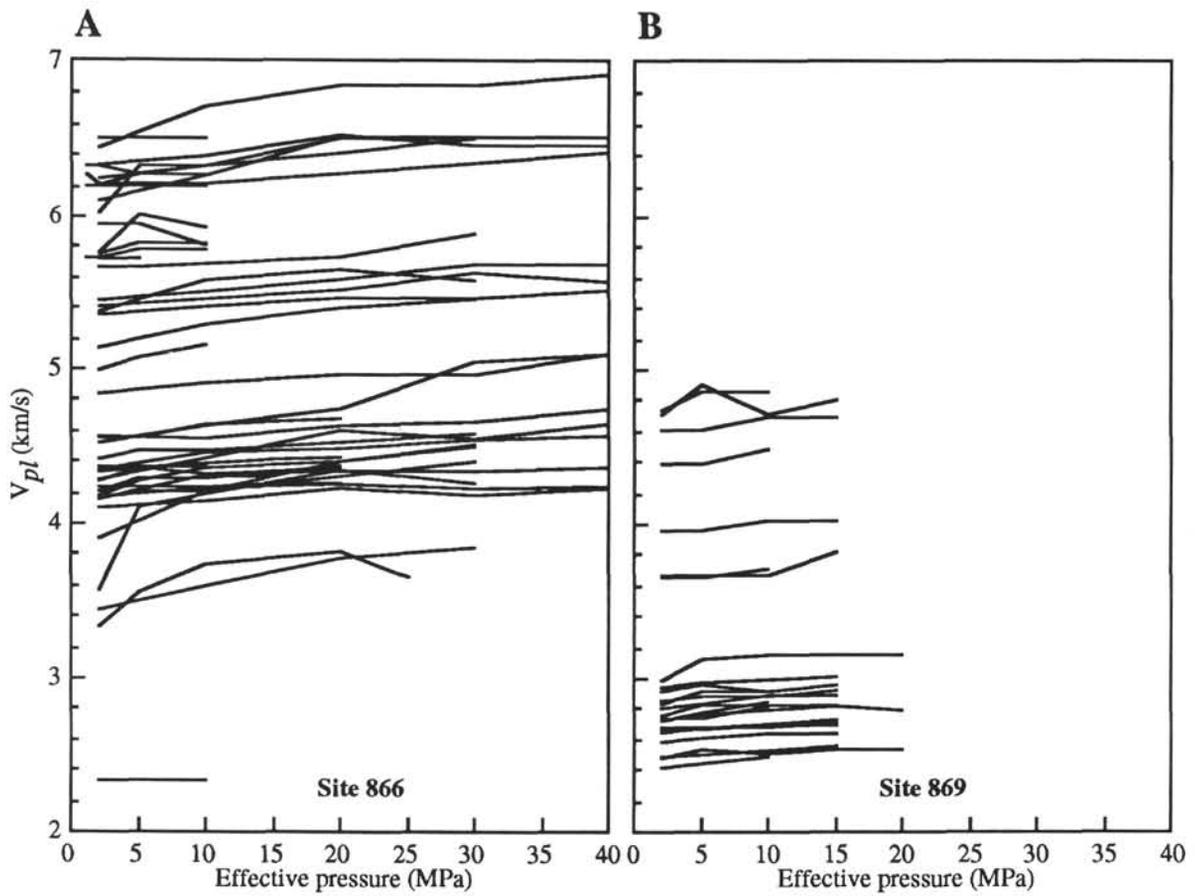


Figure 8. Crossplots of effective pressure vs. V_{pl} for rock specimens from Site 866 (A) and Site 869 (B). See text for discussion.

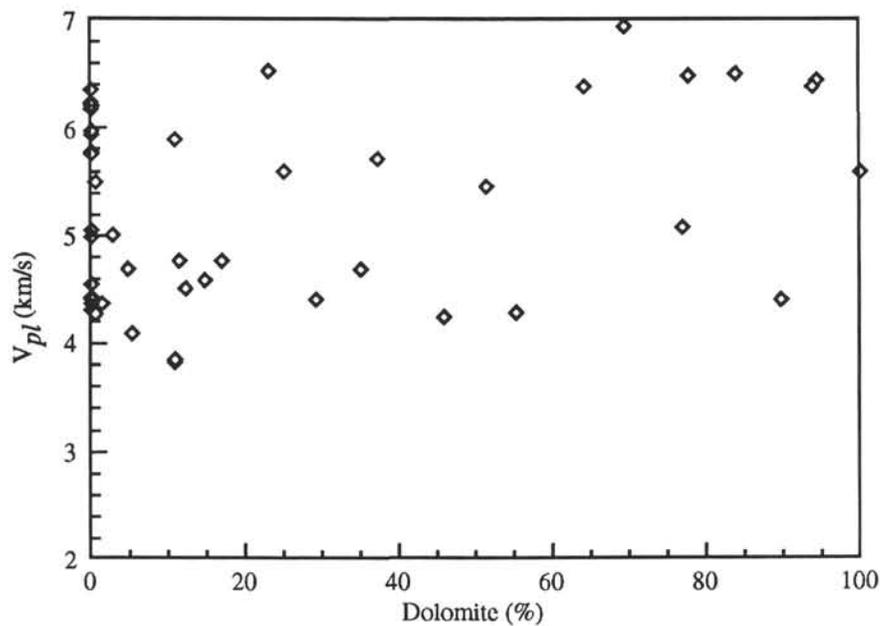


Figure 9. Crossplot of dolomite percentage and V_{pl} for the carbonate specimens from Site 866. Because rock specimens are nearly pure carbonates, the grain density is used to calculate the percentage of dolomite. See text for discussion.

Several factors influence the correlation of log velocity with discrete measurements of velocity. First, uncertainties exist in the depth-matching between sample location and position on the sonic log as a result of low recovery at both sites, 15% at Site 866 and 31% at Site 869 (Sager, Winterer, Firth, et al., 1993). Consequently, the progressive deviation of discrete velocity from log velocity toward higher values is probably related to the "selective" sampling of more competent (and therefore "faster") rock fabrics during coring operations (see Figs. 1A and 1B). In addition, there is a ± 2 -m uncertainty between the methods used to calculate "log depth" and "core (pipe) depth." A second factor is the potential alteration of core samples during and after recovery, for example, because of desiccation or damage during trimming of the sample. Third, one of the most important effects is the introduction of velocity dispersion: seismic velocities increase with increasing frequency (Paillet and Cheng, 1991). Discrete measurements of velocity are performed using ultrasonic frequencies (1 MHz), whereas the sonic log uses frequencies of 10 kHz. Fourth, the quality of the sonic log is closely related to the borehole's diameter and shape. Abundant cycle skipping in the sonic log raw data and poor hole quality (i.e., the presence of coring-induced fractures or other damage to the wall of the borehole; see caliper log, Sager, Winterer, Firth, et al., 1993) reduce the quality of the sonic log (Bourbié et al., 1987). In addition, the presence of a borehole forms a discontinuity in Earth's stress field and thus will influence the petrophysical properties of the surrounding rock. Fifth, the scale of lithologic, and therefore petrophysical, alternations within the core is critical compared to the sampling interval of the sonic log (scale of several meters).

Over the last few decades, thousands of measurements of sonic velocity have been performed under atmospheric and drained conditions on 1-in.-diameter cubes of lithified sediments using the Hamilton-Frame during ODP operations. The results of these analyses are available from the ODP data base, but are not calibrated to in-situ pressure conditions. As shown in Figures 3A and 3B, a significant difference exists between measurements performed in the laboratory and in-situ conditions. Figure 9 demonstrates the increasing P -wave velocity measured on minicores, while increasing effective pressure to in-situ conditions. The difference between velocity measured at

atmospheric and effective pressure amounts up to 25% for samples at Site 866. Several other factors are suggested to add to this discrepancy. First, ultrasonic analysis of centimetric samples requires precisely parallel sides to assure good coupling between the transducers and the rock specimens. Second, the distance between the transducers should be such that the emitted wave is virtually a plane wave on arrival (Bourbié et al., 1987). For 1-in.-diameter samples (cubes or minicores), the minimum length should be 1.5 in. (M.S. King, pers. comm., 1993). Neither of these two requirements is met by the 1-in. cube samples. More data will be needed to mathematically resolve the conversion of this vast ODP data set into values that reflect the in-situ conditions and to help in studying the calibration of discrete measurements of acoustic properties with wireline logs.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

One hundred twenty-five 1-in.-diameter minicores from Sites 866 and 869 of Leg 143, consisting of carbonates and volcanoclastics, respectively, were analyzed for index properties (bulk density, grain density, and porosity) and acoustic properties (P - and S -wave velocities) under effective pressure with simulation of in-situ conditions (brine-saturated, drained). Petrographic analysis was used to classify fabric, primary texture, mineralogy, and pore type of each rock specimen. The acoustic properties were compared with shipboard measurements of adjacent 1-in.-diameter cubes and minicores under atmospheric pressure and also the sonic logs measured within the wells.

1. Diagenetic alteration of primary depositional texture is the predominant parameter that influences acoustic properties and porosity and, hence, the acoustic impedance of the carbonate specimens from Site 866.

2. Similarly, diagenesis is the controlling factor in the acoustic behavior of the volcanoclastic sediments of Site 869.

3. The time-average equation significantly underestimates the laboratory acoustic properties of the carbonates, whereas the Gard-

ner's equation for limestone accurately describes the velocity-density relationship for the carbonates from Site 866.

4. Diagenetic alteration of the volcanoclastics is suggested to decrease the composite matrix velocity and to produce two discrete groups with discrete ranges in acoustic properties, but of similar genetic and compositional origin.

5. The V_{pl}/V_{sl} velocity ratio does not discriminate between dolomites and carbonates.

6. The limestones from Site 866 have a considerably wider range of impedance than the volcanoclastics from Site 869 and the basalt from Site 866. As a result, some lithologic boundaries may well be invisible in the seismic-reflection profiles.

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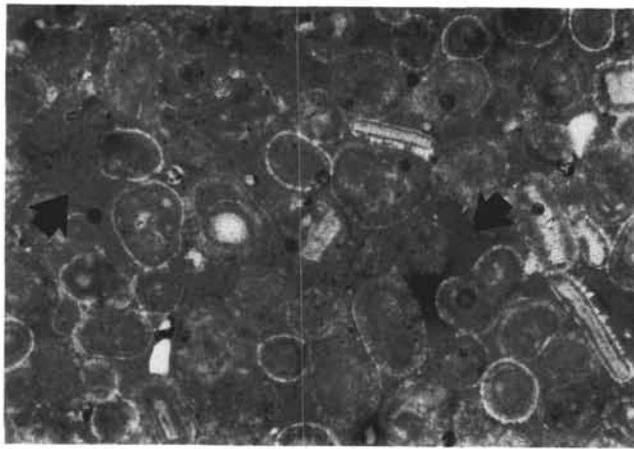
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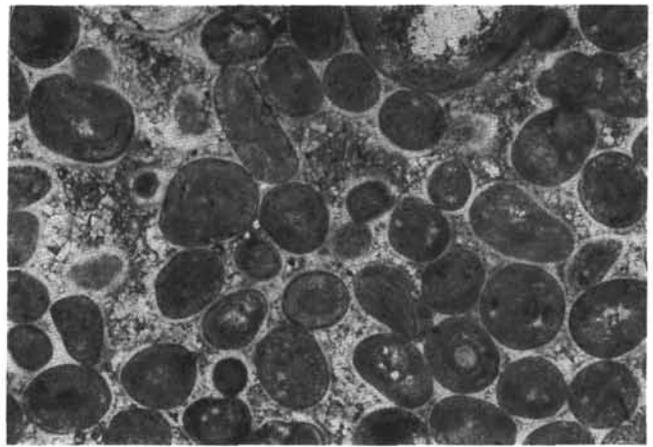
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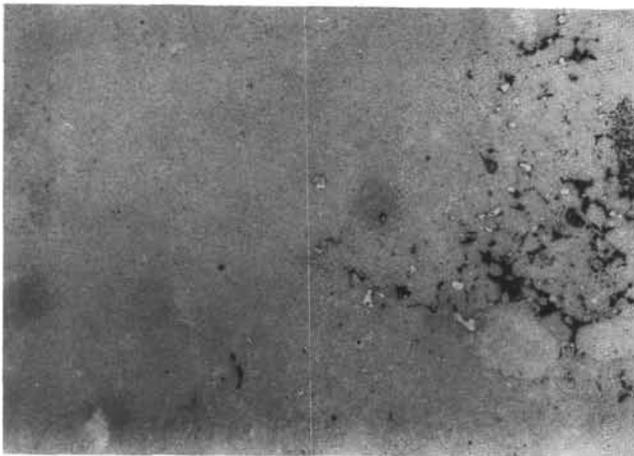
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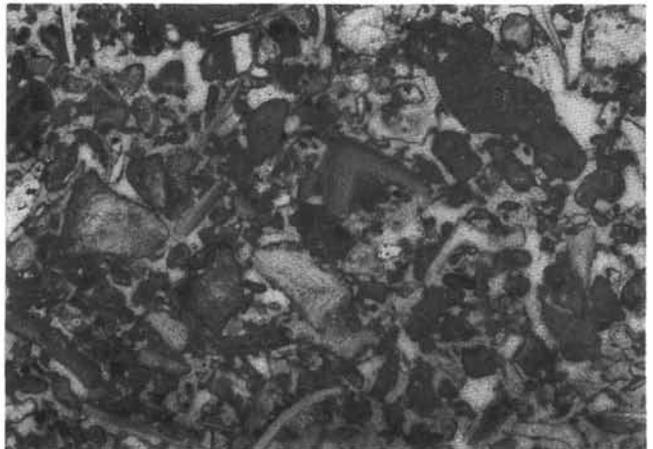
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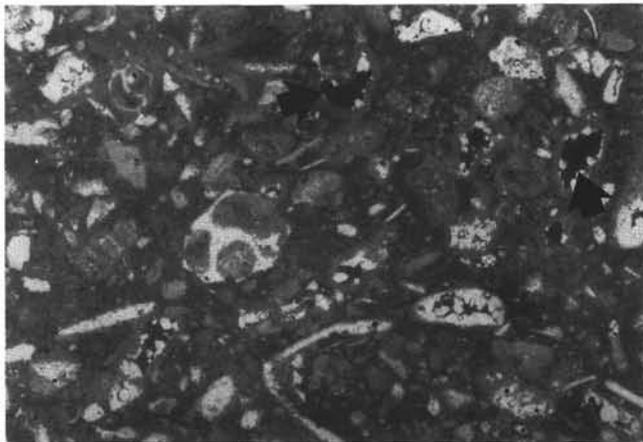


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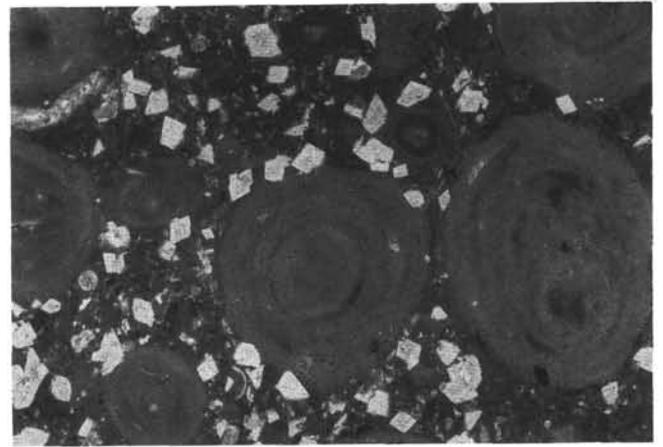
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Plate 1. Photomicrographs of rock specimens illustrating typical petrophysical groups from Site 866 (see Table 1 for explanation). 1. Ooid grainstone with open interparticle porosity, Sample 143-866A-148R-1, 55–58 cm, Petrophysical Group 1a (arrow indicates porosity). Scale bar is 1000 μm . 2. Ooid-skeletal grainstone with calcite cement filling interparticle porosity, Sample 143-866A-126R-1, 54–56 cm, Petrophysical Group 1b. Scale bar is 1000 μm . 3. Dense wackestone to mudstone, Sample 143-866A-31R-1, 120–122 cm, Petrophysical Group 3. Scale bar is 2000 μm . 4. Dense, tight, skeletal rudstone with interparticle porosity filled by calcite cement, Sample 143-868A-5R-1, 75–77 cm, Petrophysical Group 6c. Scale bar is 2000 μm . 5. Dense, tight, skeletal rudstone with abundant moldic porosity (see arrow), Sample 143-867B-10R-1, 27–36 cm, Petrophysical Group 6cb. Scale bar is 2000 μm . 6. Skeletal rudstone with high interparticle porosity (1%) and partial replacement by dolomite rhombs, Sample 143-866A-156R-2, 57–61 cm, Petrophysical Group 6a. Scale bar is 2500 μm . 7. Skeletal grainstone with dolomite cement filling interparticle pore space and partially replacing components (see arrow), Sample 143-866A-124R-1, 30–33 cm, Petrophysical Group 5a. Scale bar is 500 μm . 8. Coarse crystalline dolomite with high (30%) intercrystalline porosity (see arrow), Sample 143-866A-133R-2, 54–57 cm, petrophysical group 5b. Scale bar is 3000 μm .



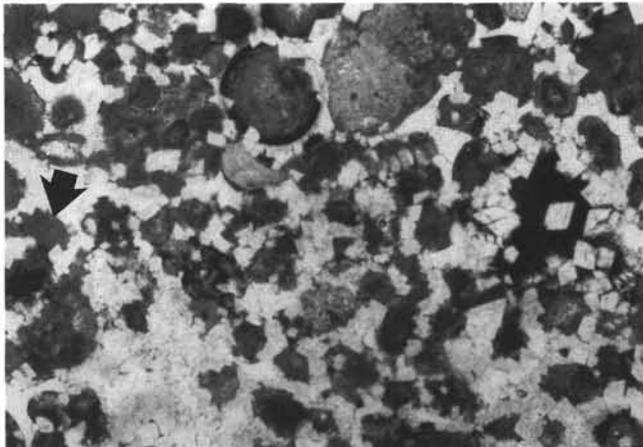
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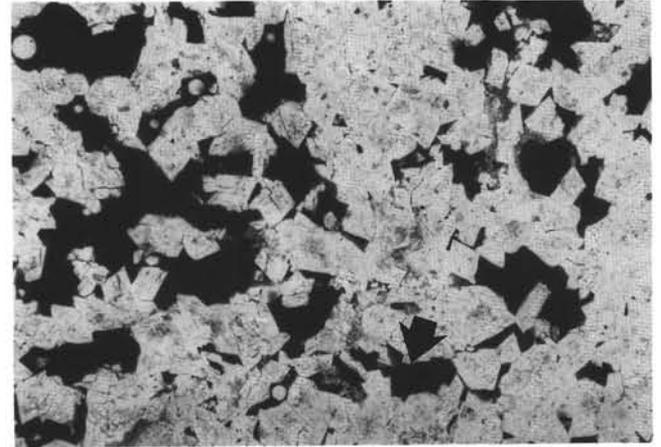
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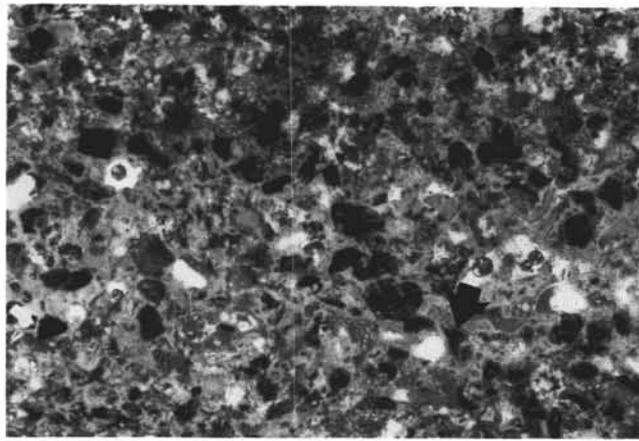
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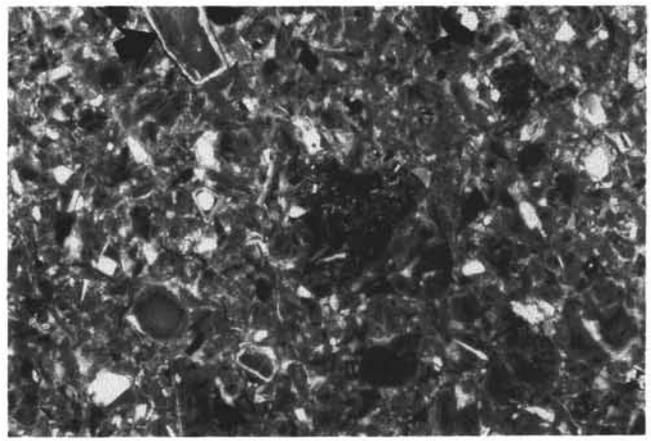
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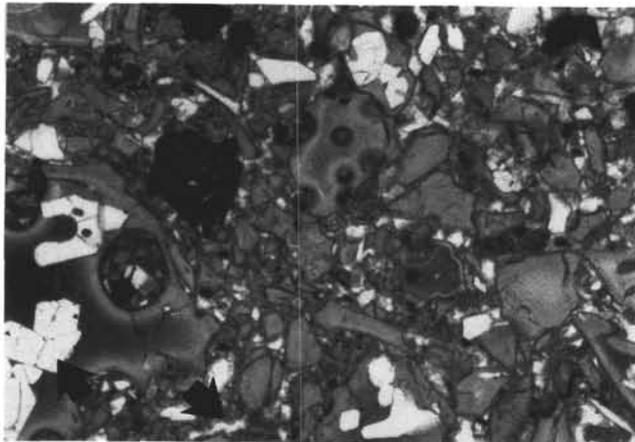
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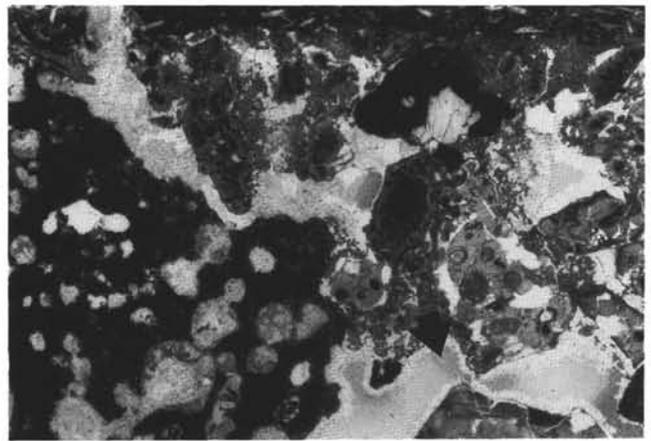
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Plate 2. Photomicrographs of rock specimens documenting interesting characteristics of the petrophysical groups from Site 869. **1.** Volcaniclastic siltstone with highly altered grains, volcanic glass and basalt fragments with reaction rims (see arrow), Sample 143-869B-16R-1, 92–94 cm, Petrophysical Group 8. Scale bar is 500 μm . **2.** Volcaniclastic sandstone with highly altered grains, volcanic glass and basalt fragments with reaction rims (see arrow), Sample 143-869B-61R-1, 37–44 cm, Petrophysical Group 9a. Scale bar is 1000 μm . **3.** Volcaniclastic sandstone with unaltered grains and zeolite replacing components and filling interparticle pore space (see arrows), Sample 143-869B-61R-2, 41–48 cm, Petrophysical Group 9b. Scale bar is 1000 μm . **4.** Volcaniclastic breccia with unaltered grains and zeolite replacing components and filling interparticle pore space (see arrow), Sample 143-869B-54R-1, 93–99 cm, Petrophysical Group 10b. Scale bar is 2000 μm .