# 21. PALEOMAGNETISM AND ROCK MAGNETIC PROPERTIES OF GABBRO FROM HOLE 894G, HESS DEEP<sup>1</sup>

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### ABSTRACT

Results of paleomagnetic and rock magnetic measurements are presented from gabbroic samples recovered during Ocean Drilling Program Leg 147 at the Hess Deep. Paleomagnetic measurements indicate that samples acquired up to two small components of secondary remanent magnetization. Stable magnetic inclinations determined after alternating-field and thermal demagnetization reveal a mean stable magnetic direction (38°) that is significantly steeper than that predicted for this equatorial site ( $<5^{\circ}$ ). Thus, it is likely that remanent magnetization was acquired before tectonic uplift. The mean intensity of natural remanent magnetization for the recovered gabbros is 2.3 A/m, and the Koenigsberger ratio indicates that the in situ magnetization is dominated by remanent, rather than induced, magnetization. Measurements of hysteresis loop parameters indicate that the effective magnetic grain size of the gabbro samples falls within the pseudo-single domain region. Although recovered from a fast-spreading ridge, the paleomagnetic and rock magnetic properties of the gabbros from Hole 894G are very similar to those of gabbros recovered from slow-spreading ridges.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Leg 147 penetrated several sections of tectonically exposed lower oceanic crust and shallow mantle at the Hess Deep in the equatorial Pacific. Hole 894G penetrated a total of 154 meters below seafloor (mbsf) and recovered the first continuous section of gabbroic rock from a fast-spreading center. Thus, these gabbros represent an important opportunity to study the geological processes that form and, subsequently modify, lower oceanic crust in a fast-spreading environment. In this study, we present the results of paleomagnetic and rock magnetic measurements on gabbro samples taken from the 894G drill core. Following this, we characterize the magnetic structure of the Hole 894G gabbros, compare their magnetic properties to gabbros from slow-spreading centers, and evaluate the potential contribution of Hole 894G gabbros to marine magnetic anomalies.

## GEOLOGICAL SETTING

The Hess Deep is the deepest part of a tectonic valley created by the westward propagation of the Cocos-Nazca spreading center into ~1-Ma-old crust formed at the East Pacific Rise (Fig. 1; Lonsdale, 1988). The tectonic exposure of lower crustal and upper mantle rocks within the Hess Deep provided an opportunity to sample a representative section of lower crust/shallow mantle formed at a fast-spreading center in a location that is far from an oceanic fracture zone. Site 894 is located at a water depth of 3034 m on the summit of the intrarift ridge within the Hess Deep, and in a region where gabbros had previously been identified during *Nautile* and *Alvin* dive programs (Francheteau et al., 1990; Karson et al., 1992; Hekinian et al., 1993).

Hole 894G penetrated 154 m and recovered 49.09 m of drill core for an average recovery rate of 36%. The majority of the recovered

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drill core composed of gabbronorite (77%), followed by olivine gabbronorite (8%), basaltic dikes (7%), small amounts of gabbro and olivine gabbro, and <1% oxide gabbronorite (Fig. 2). Approximately 80% of the recovered gabbros are moderately altered to greenschist through amphibolite facies mineral assemblages. Small amounts of zeolite facies minerals are found throughout the core. The metamorphic assemblage and associated vein network indicate alteration occurred at temperatures ranging from >500°C to ambient shallow crustal temperatures (Gillis, this volume; Lécuyer and Gruau, this volume).

## METHODS

Measurements of natural remanent magnetization were made on minicores aboard the JOIDES Resolution using a 2-G cryogenic magnetometer, at the University of Minnesota using a Schonstedt spinner magnetometer, and at Texas A&M University using a CTF cryogenic magnetometer. Stepwise alternating-field demagnetization (AFD) was performed using a Schonstedt Model GS-1 demagnetizer. Thermal demagnetization was performed using a Schonstedt Thermal Specimen Demagnetizer at steps of 100°, 200°, 300°, 400°, 450°, 500°, 525°, 550°, 575°, and 600°C. Individual components of remanent magnetization were identified using orthogonal vector diagrams (Zijderveld, 1967), and the directions of the individual components were calculated using a least-squares fitting routine. Mean inclination values were calculated using the method of McFadden and Reid (1982). Magnetic susceptibility was measured using a Kappa Bridge KLY-2 (Geofyzika Brno). Rock magnetic measurements were made at the Institute of Rock Magnetism at the University of Minnesota. Hysteresis loop parameters were measured on large (e.g., 5-30 g) chips using a Princeton Applied Research vibrating sample magnetometer (VSM) and on much smaller chips (e.g., 0.03-0.05 g) using a Princeton Applied Research alternating gradient force magnetometer. From two to five small chips were taken from each minicore to get a reasonable estimate of the average hysteresis loop parameters for each core. The agreement in values between the two magnetometers and different size samples was excellent. Curie temperature measurements were made using an oven attachment on the Princeton Applied Research VSM.

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Figure 1. Location of Site 894 and Site 895 on the intrarift ridge within the Hess Deep.



Figure 2. Summary of the igneous lithostratigraphy of Hole 894G. Plag = plagioclase, Cpx = clinopyroxene, Ol = olivine, and Opx = orthopyroxene. Grain size represents average plagioclase grain size (Shipboard Scientific Party, 1993).

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Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	NRM (A/m)	k (SL units)	0	MDF (mT)	T	1	Rock type	Source lab
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2R-1 13-15	19.03	0.75	ND	ND	26	-40	ND	Oxide gabbro	UM
2R-1, 20-22	28.80	0.75	ND	ND	22	51	30	Plag-olivine phyric basalt	U.W.
2R-1, 68-71	29.28	0.66	8.75-3	2.87	23	36	27	Diabase	J.R.
2R-1, 117-119	29.77	1.50	9.50-3	6.03	17	16	21	Plag-olivine phyric basalt	U.M.
2R-2, 57-59	31.00	0.83	8.21-3	3.80	ND	32	30	Plag-olivine phyric basalt	TAMU
2R-2, 110–113	31.20	0.88	1.04-2	3.23	19	29	18	Porphyritic diabase	J.R.
2R-3, 32-35	31.87	0.07	2.62	1.08	50	-2	NID	Gabbro	J.K. 1 D
2R-5, 116-121 3R-1 6-8	38.26	2 29	7.76-3	11.21	18	-5	ND 0	Olivine Gabbro	UM
4R-2, 76-78	47.10	0.25	9 37-4	10.18	17	68	68	Gabbronorite	J.R.
6R-1, 26-28	55.06	0.95	7.03-3	5.12	41	39	39	Gabbronorite	J.R.
6R-1, 53-55	55.33	1.01	ND	ND	38	35	38	Gabbronorite	U.W.
6R-1, 77–79	55.57	0.88	4.08-3	8.03	ND	21	24	Gabbronorite	TAMU
6R-1, 89–91	55.69	0.76	1.24-2	2.33	17	61	66	Gabbronorite	J.R.
6R-1, 109–111	55.89	0.64	ND 0.24-2	ND	44	58	63	Gabbronorite	U.W.
6R-2, 0-2 6R-2, 43-45	56.66	4.72	0.34 - ND	2.15 ND	38	28	28	Gabbronorite	U.W.
6R-2, 78-80	57.01	1.76	1.84-2	3.64	13	42	30	Olivine-bearing gabbronorite	J.R.
6R-3, 9-11	57.82	1.80	ND	ND	8	49	42	Gabbronorite	U.W.
7R-1, 99-101	65.79	1.11	6.45-3	6.44	ND	41	27	Gabbronorite	TAMU
7R-2, 6–8	66.26	1.72	1.16-2	5.65	20	41	32	Olivine-bearing gabbronorite	J.R.
7R-2, 10-12	66.30	1.83	1.09-2	6.29	ND	37	25	Gabbronorite	TAMU
/R-2, 61-63	66.80	1.07	4.91-3	8.12	ND	38	36	Gabbronorite	IAMU
8R-7 31-33	70.31	2 14	1.32-	7.20	13	29	20	Gabbronorite	I.R.
9R-1, 120-122	75.60	1.48	1.57-2	3.54	ND	-55	-31	Gabbronorite	TAMU
9R-2, 17-19	75.82	1.16	ND	ND	62	33	40	Gabbronorite	U.W.
9R-2, 66-68	76.31	0.70	ND	ND	14	45	32	Gabbronorite	U.W.
9R-2, 86-88	76.51	1.67	1.62-2	3.93	44	50	ND	Gabbronorite	J.R.
9R-3, 19-21	77.10	1.92	1.98-2	3.63	ND	74	44	Gabbronorite	TAMU
9K-3, 69-/1 0P 3 77-70	77.60	1.34	3.91-	1.30	4	49	12	Altered gabbronorite	J.K.
9R-3, 95-97	77.86	3.08	5.00 ND	ND	7	57	35	Olivine aphronorite	U.W.
9R-4, 9-11	78.42	0.20	5.26-3	1.43	16	53	49	Olivine gabbronorite	U.M.
9R-4, 45-47	78.78	0.87	8.44-3	3.93	13	59	31	Olivine gabbronorite	U.M.
9R-4, 74-76	79.07	1.30	1.29-2	3.84	ND	74	60	Gabbronorite	J.R.
9R-4, 95-97	79.28	0.89	1.10-2	3.02	ND	75	ND	Olivine gabbronorite	TAMU
9R-4, 130–132	79.63	1.31	1.75-2	2.87	97	4	ND	Gabbronorite	J.R.
9K-5, 6-8	79.83	0.58	ND	ND	19	15	ND	Olivine gabbronorite	U.W.
10R-1 81-83	79.09	2.19	1.52-2	5.48	63	35	36	Gabbronorite	LR.
10R-1, 91-93	80.01	0.33	3.09-3	3.95	ND	46	39	Gabbro	TAMU
10R-1, 124-126	80.34	2.85	ND	ND	7	9	38	Gabbro	U.W.
10R-2, 8-10	80.56	1.89	1.32-2	5.35	ND	31	29	Gabbro	TAMU
11R-1, 97-99	85.07	1.67	ND	ND	53	34	29	Gabbronorite	U.W.
11R-2, 34-0	85.90	1.00	4.52	8.29	ND	31	31	Altered gabbronorite	IAMU
11R-2, 45-47	86.26	1.14	1.62-2	3.88	ND	ND	ND	Gabbro	U.M.
12R-2, 50-52	95.76	4.71	3.01-2	5.97	73	54	44	Olivine-bearing gabbronorite	J.R.
12R-2, 111-113	96.37	4.83	3.20-2	5.65	ND	61	44	Gabbronorite	TAMU
12R-2, 140-142	96.66	ND	2.47-2	ND	ND	ND	54	Gabbronorite	TAMU
12R-3, 4-6	96.77	3.17	1.26-2	9.42	ND	41	36	Gabbronorite	TAMU
12K-3, 30-32	97.03	2.03	ND 1.00-2	ND 10.27	55 NID	40	42	Gabbronorite	U.W.
12R-3, 48-50	97.40	2.99	8 23-3	11.60	51	39	35	Poikilitic gabbronorite	U.M.
12R-3, 90-92	97.63	3.48	ND	ND	46	38	37	Gabbronorite	U.W.
12R-3, 147-149	98.20	ND	1.43-2	ND	ND	ND	36	Olivine-bearing gabbronorite	J.R.
12R-4, 20-22	98.43	3.74	1.67-2	8.39	ND	43	35	Gabbronorite	TAMU
12R-4, 51-53	98.74	ND	1.90-2	ND	ND	ND	38	Olivine-bearing gabbronorite	J.R.
12R-4, 139-141	99.62	2.65	1.29-4	7.82	35	28	19	Gabbro	U.M.
128-5, 79-81	100.57	5.96	6.11-2	3.34	7	53	41	Olivine-bearing gabbronorite	J.R.
12R-5, 100-102	100.73	3.45	1.99-2	6.59	ND	ND	ND	Gabbronorite	U.M.
12R-5, 116-118	100.89	6.39	5.08-2	4.79	ND	72	ND	Gabbronorite	U.M.
12R-6, 28-30	101.45	2.04	ND	ND	57	46	39	Gabbronorite	U.W.
12R-6, 39-41	101.56	5.19	5.14-2	3.78	ND	52	33	Gabbronorite	TAMU
15K-1, 59-61	103.99	3.67	3.05-2	4.51	ND	48	39	Gabbronorite	TAMU
13R-1, 02-04 13R-2 58-60	104.02	4.07	1.48 ···	ND	36	58	30	Gabbronorite	LW
13R-2, 79-81	105.69	2.62	ND	ND	35	52	45	Gabbronorite	U.W.
13R-2, 120-122	105.97	4.47	1.97-2	8.65	44	48	43	Gabbronorite	U.M.
13R-2, 142-144	106.19	2.35	1.79-2	4.99	ND	ND	ND	Gabbronorite	U.M.
13R-3, 5-7	106.28	7.20	4.42.2	6.20	20	59	44	Gabbronorite	J.R.
13R-3, 30-32	106.53	3.67	1.85-2	7.43	ND	48	43	Gabbronorite	TAMU
13R-3, 84-86	107.07	3.58	ND 1 21-2	ND	36	40 ND	37	Oliving bassing appropriate	U.W.
15R-1, 70-72	110.53	3.82	1.31-	7 37	ND	46	45	Gabbronorite	J.R.
16R-1, 43-45	123.23	ND	1.92-2	ND	ND	ND	2	Gabbronorite	J.R.
17R-1, 60-62	126.40	2.87	8.59-3	12.72	52	44	43	Poikilitic gabbronorite	U.M.
17R-1, 90-92	126.70	3.50	1.54-2	8.51	ND	39	41	Gabbronorite	TAMU
17R-1, 123-125	127.03	3.50	1.26-2	10.58	38	47	50	Gabbronorite	J.R.
17R-2, 7-9	127.31	2.67	1.45-2	7.00	38	44	51	Gabbronorite	J.R.
1/R-2, 65-67	127.89	1.86	3.353	21.13	ND	42	ND	Polkilitic gabbronorite	U.M.
178-2, 114-116 188-1 60-71	128.38	3.52	5.54-3	16.42	AD AD	34	42	Gabbronorite	IP
18R-2, 7-9	132 39	2.03	4.45-3	17 40	30	49	44	Poikilitic gabbronorite	U.M.
18R-2, 94-96	133.26	0.27	7.48-3	1.40	22	55	65	Altered gabbronorite	J.R.
18R-2, 110-112	133.42	2.45	ND	ND	39	36	37	Gabbronorite	U.W.

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	NRM (A/m)	k (SI units)	Q	MDF (mT)	$I_{nrm}$	Istable	Rock type	Source lab
19R-1, 37-39	140.87	0.60	ND	ND	48	-7	ND	Gabbronorite	U.W.
19R-1, 72-74	141.22	0.03	6.07-4	1.92	17	-11	ND	Phyric basalt	J.R.
20R-1, 60-62	146.20	ND	1.36-2	ND	ND	ND	44	Gabbronorite	J.R.
20R-1, 92-94	146.52	2.67	ND	ND	59	39	32	Gabbronorite	U.W.
20R-1, 117-119	146.77	2.25	$2.08^{-2}$	4.12	ND	ND	ND	Poikilitic gabbronorite	U.M.
20R-3, 56-58	147.98	ND	2.37-2	ND	ND	ND	ND	Gabbronorite	J.R.
20R-3, 124-126	148.66	2.91	6.59-3	16.52	ND	-31	-31	Gabbronorite	TAMU
20R-3, 107-109	149.70	0.50	2.43-2	0.78	ND	ND	ND	Poikilitic gabbronorite	U.M.

Table 1 (continued).

Notes: ND = particular parameter not determined. The labs in which individual samples were analyzed are as follows: J.R. = JOIDES Resolution, U.W. = University of Washington, U.M. = University of Minnesota, and TAMU = Texas A&M University.

Table 2. Summary of rock magnetic measurements for Hole 894G.

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	Core, section, interval (cm)	Subsample	Depth (mbsf)	$J_{s}$ (Am <sup>2</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> )	$J_{rs}/J_s$	<i>H</i> <sub>c</sub> (mT)	H <sub>rc</sub> /H <sub>c</sub>	Core, section, interval (cm)	Subsample	Depth (mbsf)	J <sub>s</sub> (Am <sup>2</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> )	$J_{cs}/J_{s}$	<i>H</i> <sub>c</sub> (mT)	H <sub>rc</sub> /H <sub>c</sub>
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	147-894G-							11R-2 70-72		86.26	1 330	0.05	4.5	33
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	2R-1, 20-22	3	28.80	0.598	0.31	32.5	1.6	128-2 140-142		96.66	0.487	0.09	6.3	3.6
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	2R-1. 20-22	b	28.80	0.867	0.33	33.2	1.5	12R-3 4-6		96 77	0.811	0.09	44	3.4
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	2R-1, 20-22	c	28.80	0.592	0.31	321	1.6	12R-3 30-32		97.03	0.207	0.15	12.6	2.5
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	2R-1, 20-22	d	28.80	0.700	0.31	32.0	1.6	128-3 30-32	h	97.03	0.331	0.13	11.7	3.1
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	2R-2 57-59	a	30.67	0.332	0.34	27.5	1.6	128-3 30-32	c	97.03	0.283	0.12	10.9	33
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6R-1 53-55	9	55 33	0.200	0.14	137	2.7	128-3 30-32	d	97.03	0.283	0.13	12.3	33
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6R-1 53-55	h	55 33	0.168	0.13	12.7	2.0	12R-3, 50-52	u	97.03	0.157	0.12	94	0.4
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6R-1 53-55	2	55 33	1.520	0.00	2.4	5.3	120 3 67 60		07.40	0.786	0.10	7.2	3.8
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6R-1 53-55	d	55.33	0.354	0.09	9.6	3.5	12R-3, 07-09		07.63	0.142	0.16	17.8	2.8
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6P-1 53-55	u o	55 22	0.172	0.11	0.0	3.4	128-3, 90-92	a b	07.63	0.208	0.10	0.8	4.3
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6P 1 77-70	e	55 57	0.172	0.14	11.0	3.9	12R-3, 90-92	0	07.63	0.298	0.10	12.0	3.2
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6P 1 100 111	12	55.00	0.193	0.14	11.2	3.2	12R-3, 90-92	C	97.03	0.272	0.12	5.6	0.5
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6P 1 109-111	il h	55.00	0.104	0.10	14.0	2.9	12R-4, 20-22		90.43	0.575	0.12	5.0	0.5
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6R-1, 109-111	D	55.00	0.030	0.20	30.1	2.2	12R-4, 139-141		100.72	0.449	0.09	5.1	3.1
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6R-1, 109-111	c	55.89	0.089	0.10	14.5	3.3	12R-5, 100-101		101.15	0.303	0.08	17.6	4.0
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	OR-1, 109-111	d	55.89	0.316	0.08	9.7	3.0	12R-6, 28-30	a	101.45	0.179	0.20	17.0	2.0
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	OR-2, 43-43	a	50.00	0.204	0.12	11.1	3.5	128-6, 28-30	D	101.45	0.190	0.17	15.4	2.2
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	OR-2, 43-45	D	56.66	0.384	0.07	1.2	5.0	12R-6, 28-30	c	101.45	0.151	0.14	10.0	5.0
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6K-2, 43-45	c	50.00	0.132	0.14	14.6	3.0	12R-6, 28-30	d	101.45	0.226	0.13	10.7	2.8
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	/R-2, 10-12		00.30	0.398	0.10	5.8	3.5	12R-6, 39-41		101.50	1.650	0.00	4.8	3.0
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-2, 17-19	a	15.82	0.188	0.10	11.6	3.5	13R-2, 58-60	a	105.35	1.580	0.02	2.6	8.0
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-2, 17-19	b	75.82	0.115	0.17	16.9	2.8	13R-2, 58-60	b	105.35	0.437	0.18	10.2	0.9
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-2, 17-19	c	75.82	0.187	0.11	10.3	4.4	13R-2, 58-60	c	105.35	5.750	0.03	1.9	5.2
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-2, 17-19	d	75.82	0.162	0.13	11.9	3.2	13R-2, 58-60	d	105.35	0.151	0.13	11.9	4.4
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-2, 66-68	a	76.31	0.043	0.15	15.7	2.9	13R-2, 58-60	e	105.35	0.374	0.09	9.4	3.5
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-2, 6668	b	76.31	0.058	0.10	10.8	4.3	13R-2, 79–81	а	105.56	0.256	0.09	4.2	6.0
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-2, 66-68	c	76.31	0.624	0.06	4.7	4.2	13R-2, 79–81	b	105.56	0.149	0.17	14.4	2.9
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-3, 77-79		77.68	2.220	0.02	2.7	4.9	13R-2, 79–81	С	105.56	1.140	0.19	6.0	2.4
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-3, 95–97	а	77.86	0.350	0.19	14.4	2.2	13R-2, 79–81	d	105.56	0.211	0.08	7.0	6.1
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-3, 95-97	b	77.86	0.682	0.16	10.9	2.2	13R-2, 120–122		105.97	0,456	0.09	5.4	3.2
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-3, 95–97	c	77.86	0.708	0.12	9.2	3.3	13R-2, 142–144		106.19	0.697	0.08	6.3	3.2
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-4, 9–11		78.42	0.138	0.15	10.2	2.4	13R-3, 30-32		106.53	0.363	0.11	7.9	2.9
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-4, 95–97		79.28	0.540	0.15	8.1	2.6	17R-2, 114–116		128.38	0.180	0.09	5.7	4.8
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-5, 6–8	a	79.83	0.022	0.17	13.8	3.5	18R-2, 7–9		132.39	0.128	0.12	9.6	3.9
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	9R-5, 6-8	b	79.83	1.050	0.19	10.2	1.9	18R-2, 110-112	а	133.42	0.111	0.11	12.5	3.6
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-5, 6-8	c	79.83	0.017	0.18	9.7	2.1	18R-2, 110-112	b	133.42	0.135	0.08	9.9	4.0
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-5, 6-8	d	79.83	0.012	0.11	11.0	2.8	19R-1, 37-39	a	140.87	0.125	0.15	15.4	3.3
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-5, 12-14	a	79.89	0.338	0.21	17.8	2.1	19R-1, 37-39	b	140.87	0.113	0.12	12.6	3.9
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-5, 12-14	b	79.89	0.364	0.10	7.1	5.2	19R-1, 37-39	C	140.87	0.178	0.12	12.9	3.5
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-5, 12-14	c	79.89	0.337	0.17	13.6	2.6	20R-1, 92-94	a	146.52	0.166	0.17	61.6	0.8
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9R-5, 12-14	d	79.89	4.710	0.07	6.7	2.8	20R-1, 92-94	b	146.52	1,520	0.09	6.0	3.7
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	10R-1, 124-126	c	80.34	0.209	0.09	8.6	4.1	21R-1, 92-94	d	146.52	0.341	0.11	8.1	2.9
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11R-2, 34-36 85.90 0.140 0.09 6.3 4.8 20R-3, 107-109 149.7 0.483 0.13 7.7 2.	11R-2, 34-36		85.90	0.140	0.09	6.3	4.8	20R-3, 107-109		149.7	0.483	0.13	7.7	2.4

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RESULTS

Paleomagnetic and rock magnetic data for Leg 147 samples are displayed in Tables 1 and 2, respectively. Mean values of paleomagnetic and rock magnetic parameters for Leg 147 gabbros are displayed in Table 3. For comparison, Table 3 also summarizes mean values of paleomagnetic and rock magnetic parameters for (1) gabbros drilled and dredged from the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (compiled from Fox and Opdyke, 1973; Kent et al., 1978; and Dunlop and Prevot, 1982) and (2) olivine gabbros and gabbronorites recovered from ODP Hole 735B at the Southwest Indian Ridge (Pariso and Johnson, 1993a, 1993b).

## **Remanent Magnetic Properties**

Note: ND = particular parameter not determined.

Values of the intensity of natural remanent magnetization  $(J_0)$  are plotted vs. depth for Hole 894G in Figure 3. The  $J_0$  values range over 2 orders of magnitude with a mean of 2.3 A/m for gabbro samples. In comparison, this value is similar to olivine gabbros and gabbronorites from ODP Hole 735B (Pariso and Johnson, 1993a) and somewhat higher than the average  $J_0$  value (1.2 A/m) for gabbros from the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (Dunlop and Prevot, 1982; Fox and Opdyke, 1973; Kent et al., 1978). The highest  $J_0$  values are observed at about 100 mbsf in samples from Cores 147-894G-12R and 13R. These cores are from lithologic Unit 11 (see Fig. 2), a gabbronorite unit with primary orthopyroxene phenocrysts and abundant primary magnetite. The susceptibility (k) values for Hole 894G gabbros are plotted vs. depth in Figure 3. The mean k value is 0.018 SI. This value is very close to the k value observed in gabbros from slow-spreading ridges, the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, and Hole 735B on the Southwest Indian Ridge.

The Koenigsberger (Q) ratio compares the magnitude of the remanent magnetization to the instantaneous magnetization induced in the sample by the Earth's field. Q values were calculated for Hole 894G samples using the equation  $Q = J_0/(k \times H)$ , where H is the value of the geomagnetic field at Site 894 (0.033 mT). Figure 3 shows that nearly all of the samples have values much greater than 1 and are thus dominated by remanent, rather than induced, magnetization. Because it is the remanent magnetization that records reversals of the Earth's magnetic field, this becomes a particularly important fact to establish when assessing the ability of this crustal section to contribute to marine magnetic anomalies.

The NRM of the Hole 894G gabbros was generally very resistant to alternating-field demagnetization. Examples of typical demagnetization curves are shown in Figure 4. In several cases, as much as 40% of the initial remanent magnetization remained after demagnetization at AF levels of 100 mT. A simple quantitative way to compare the demagnetization behavior of individual samples is to calculate the demagnetizing field required to remove half of the NRM. This parameter is known as the median demagnetizing field (MDF). MDF values for the Hole 894G gabbro samples are plotted in Figure 3. The mean MDF value is 31.0 mT, which again demonstrates that most of the gabbros are resistant to AF demagnetization. This high stability against AF demagnetization indicates that the remanent magnetization of Hole 894G gabbros is likely to be stable over geologically long periods of time. The MDF values are comparable to those observed on gabbros from the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (Fox and Opdyke, 1973; Kent et al., 1978; Dunlop and Prevot, 1982), Unfortunately, we cannot compare the demagnetization results from Hole 894G gabbros with those from Hole 735B because the initial remanence of the Hole 735B gabbros was modified by a strong, but soft drilling-induced remanent magnetization (Kikawa and Pariso, 1991; Pariso and Johnson, 1993a).

## **Direction of Remanent Magnetization**

Values of the inclination of NRM (Intro) and stable remanent magnetization ( $I_{stable}$ ) are plotted vs. depth in Figure 5. The mean  $I_{new}$  and Istable values for the Hole 894G gabbro samples are 45° and 38°, respectively, indicating that the in situ direction of remanent magnetization is very similar to the stable remanent magnetization. One or two small components of secondary magnetization were commonly observed (Fig. 6). Because these components were small (often removed by 2.5 mT) and there is no azimuthal control of the cores, it is difficult to assess the origin of the secondary components. However, there was no apparent consistency of the inclination of the secondary components, suggesting that they were not caused by a systematic geological process. There is a slight steepening (about 10°) of Istable values with depth. This may be caused by an increasing tilt of the borehole with depth. Unfortunately, bad hole conditions restricted logging to a relatively short section between 36 and 72 mbsf. Thus, although we have an estimate of the borehole tilt in this section, we are unable to determine if the tilt of the borehole increases below a depth of 72 mbsf.

Based on a geocentric axial dipole field, the magnetic inclination expected for Site 894 is  $<5^{\circ}$ . Thus, the observed inclination of stable remanent magnetization for Hole 894G samples is significantly steeper than the predicted magnetic inclination. For equatorial latitudes, up to 13° of angular dispersion in magnetic direction are predicted based on variations in the Earth's field during the past 5 Ma (McFadden and McElhinny, 1984). Continuous measurements of the tilt of the borehole between 36 and 72 mbsf indicated that Hole 895G

#### Table 3. Magnetic properties of oceanic gabbros.

		Mean	SD	Samples (N)
$J_0$ (A/m)				
	Hole 894G	2.3	1.6	84
	Mid-Atlantic Ridge	1.2	3.4	94
	Hole 735B	2.2	2.5	113
k (SI units)				
	Hole 894G	0.018	0.015	70
	Mid-Atlantic Ridge	0.018	0.037	92
	Hole 735B	0.011	0.029	120
0				
-	Hole 894G	5.9	3.6	61
	Mid-Atlantic Ridge	6.0	11.0	89
	Hole 735B	9.9	8.5	117
MDF (mT)				
	Hole 894G	31.0	19.0	53
	Mid-Atlantic Ridge	28.0	17.0	65
	Hole 735B	ND	ND	ND
$J_{c}(\mathrm{Am}^{2}\mathrm{kg}^{-1})$				
	Hole 894G	0.50	0.83	88
	Mid-Atlantic Ridge	0.49	0.76	20
	Hole 735B	0.17	0.16	54
J./J.				
100	Hole 894G	0.12	0.05	88
	Mid-Atlantic Ridge	0.22	0.13	18
	Hole 735B	0.16	0.07	54
$H_{c}(\mathrm{mT})$				
(20 <b>1</b> 979) (2019)	Hole 894G	10.5	7.0	88
	Mid-Atlantic Ridge	16.0	13.0	18
	Hole 735B	11.7	4.2	54

Notes: Data for Hole 894G are from the present study. Mid-Atlantic Ridge gabbro data were compiled from Dunlop and Prevot (1982) and Kent et al. (1978). Hole 735B data for olivine gabbros and gabbronorites were compiled from Pariso and Johnson (1993a). SD = standard deviation, N = number of samples, and ND = not determined.

is inclined ~4°. Thus, it is unlikely that either normal variations of the Earth's field or tilt of the borehole are responsible for the steep Istable values. These observations demonstrate that it is unlikely that this crustal section acquired its remanent magnetization in its in situ position. Rather, we suggest that it experienced significant tectonic rotation (up to 45°) about a horizontal axis after the acquisition of a near-horizontal remanent magnetization. This model is consistent with the observation that these rocks have undergone considerable tectonic uplift (e.g., Lonsdale, 1988; Francheteau et al., 1990). Because ODP drill cores are not azimuthally oriented, we are unable to determine if significant horizontal rotation about a vertical axis took place. The possible mechanisms of rotation and uplift of this crustal section, and their geographic context with respect to the East Pacific Rise were analyzed, using paleomagnetic data, deformation structures in the recovered drill core, and borehole televiewer data, and discussed by MacLeod, Célérier, et al. (this volume).

#### **Rock Magnetic Properties**

Hysteresis loop parameters were measured on 42 of the Leg 147 gabbro samples to examine the intrinsic magnetic properties of these rocks and the variation in effective magnetic grain size within the drilled gabbros. Saturation magnetization  $(J_s)$  measures the total quantity of magnetic material in the sample (minus the paramagnetic component) and is plotted vs. depth in Figure 7.  $J_s$  is typically dependent on both the concentration and composition of the magnetic material within a sample. As will be discussed later, the dominant magnetic material in the Hole 894G samples is low-titanium magnetite. In this case, the  $J_s$  values can be directly related to the total quantity of magnetite within the individual samples. Figure 7 shows  $J_s$  values of Hole 894G samples plotted vs. depth in the drilled section. The mean value of  $J_s$  for the gabbro samples is 0.50 A m<sup>2</sup>/kg. This value is very close to the mean  $J_s$  value observed for gabbros from the Mid-



Figure 3. Intensity of NRM ( $J_0$ ), magnetic susceptibility (k), Q ratio, and mean demagnetization field (MDF) vs. depth for Hole 894G samples. Note that  $J_0$ , k, and Q are plotted on logarithmic scales.



Figure 4. Normalized magnetization vs. AF demagnetization field shows typical decay of NRM for two Hole 894G gabbro samples. A. Sample 147-894G-13R-2, 58-60 cm. B. Sample 147-894G-20R-1, 94-96 cm.

Atlantic Ridge (Dunlop and Prevot, 1982; Fox and Opdyke, 1973; Kent et al., 1978). In comparison, the mean  $J_s$  value for olivine gabbros and gabbronorites from Hole 735B is somewhat lower (0.17  $\text{Am}^2\text{kg}^{-1}$ ). Figure 7 also shows that the highest  $J_s$  values are observed at about 100 mbsf. As previously discussed,  $J_0$  values are also high at



Figure 5. Inclination of natural remanent magnetization  $(I_{nrm})$  and stable remanent magnetization  $(I_{stable})$  vs. depth for Hole 894G gabbro samples.

this depth and correspond to a gabbronorite unit with primary orthopyroxene phenocrysts and abundant primary magnetite.

The ratio of saturation magnetization to saturation remanence  $(J_{rs}J_s)$  provides a quantitative measure of the proportion of magnetic minerals that are capable of carrying a stable remanent magnetization. This ratio is commonly used to estimate the effective magnetic grain size (e.g., Day et al., 1977), with  $J_{rs}J_s$  values less than 0.1 indicating that the carrier of remanent magnetization is multidomain and with  $J_{rs}/J_s$  values greater than 0.5 indicating that the carrier of remanent magnetization is multidomain and with  $J_{rs}/J_s$  values greater than 0.5 indicating that the carrier of remanent magnetization is dominated by single-domain grains (Dunlop, 1973). Figure 7 shows values of  $J_{rs}/J_s$  for the Hole 894G samples plotted vs. depth. The mean  $J_{rs}/J_s$  value (0.12) indicates that the majority of the Hole 894G gabbro samples exhibit pseudo-single domain behavior (Fig. 8). Thus, although the average magnetic grain



Figure 6. Zijderveld plots determined from AF demagnetization. A. Sample 147-894G-10R-1, 81-83 cm. B. Sample 147-894G-17R-1, 123-125 cm.

size is larger than that observed for single-domain magnetite, the gabbro samples are capable of carrying significant stable remanent magnetization.

Bulk coercivity ( $H_c$ ) measures the strength of the field that is required to drive the saturation magnetization of the sample to zero when measured in an applied field. It is generally used to determine the stability, or hardness, of the remanent magnetization carried by the sample. Values of  $H_c$  are plotted vs. depth in Figure 7. The mean  $H_c$  value for the Hole 894G gabbros is 10.5 mT. Although this indicates a moderate stability, this value is somewhat lower than expected based on the results of AF demagnetization. This difference probably reflects the response of different magnetic carriers to high and low field techniques. Specifically, AF demagnetization indicates that the carriers of the natural remanent magnetization are very hard, or stable, magnetically. Bulk coercivity, on the other hand, is a measure of the behavior of all of the grains in a high, or saturating, field. In this case, it appears that the bulk coercivity is not a perfect analog for the stability of natural remanent magnetization. Figure 8 shows a plot of the J<sub>rs</sub>/J<sub>s</sub> values vs.  $H_{rc}/H_c$  and demonstrates that the behavior of Hole 894G gabbro samples places them in the field described as pseudo-single domain.

## **Magnetic Mineralogy**

Thermal demagnetization of 10 samples showed a sharp decrease in magnetization at ~550°C, indicating that nearly pure magnetite was the most important magnetic phase (Fig. 9). Measurements of magnetic susceptibility were made before and after thermal demagnetization and indicated that no signification change in magnetic mineralogy (e.g., oxidation) took place during the process of thermal demagnetization. Curie temperature  $(T_{curie})$  measurements were made on two Leg 147 gabbros to constrain the composition of the magnetic minerals contained in these rocks more accurately. Values of 549° and 545° indicate that the dominant magnetic mineral is titanomagnetite with about 5% ulvospinel or other cations ( $T_{curie} = 582^{\circ}C$  for pure magnetite). Neither thermal demagnetization nor Curie temperature measurements indicated the presence of a magnetic phase other than magnetite in these samples. These observations are consistent with optical mineralogy studies (below), which indicate that the only significant magnetic phase is magnetite. These results also agree with those of Dunlop and Prevot (1982), Hall et al. (1989), and Pariso and Johnson (1993b), which showed that titanium-poor magnetite was the only significant magnetic phase in oceanic gabbros recovered from DSDP drilling, the Troodos Ophiolite, and ODP Hole 735B, respectively.

Polished thin sections of Hole 894G gabbros were examined in both transmitted and reflected light at magnifications ranging from 30× to 1200×. Primary titanomagnetite and ilmenite were observed in most sections, although the amount of this phase varied from <1% to a few percent. The primary titanomagnetite was commonly interstitial to the silicate phases or rounded and included within a silicate phase. Primary titanomagnetite grains consistently contained welldeveloped ilmenite lamellae, indicating that high-temperature (>600°C) deuteric oxidation was an important process (e.g., Buddington and Lindsley, 1964; Haggerty, 1976). In comparison, evolved gabbroic rocks recovered from Hole 735B (iron-titanium oxide-rich gabbros and gabbronorites) also contained variable amounts of primary titanomagnetite, which experienced high-temperature deuteric oxidation. However, the more primitive olivine gabbros from Hole 735B comprised most of the recovered rocks (60%) but rarely contained primary titanomagnetite.

Secondary magnetite was common as rods along the cleavage planes of altered pyroxene, as small equant, unoriented grains within altered pyroxene, and as irregular grains in altered olivine. This alteration assemblage is very similar to that observed in gabbro samples from Hole 735B (Pariso and Johnson, 1993b). The primary difference in the nature of silicate alteration between the gabbro samples from these two localities is that the Hole 894G gabbros experienced pervasive greenschist facies metamorphism in addition to amphibolite facies metamorphism, whereas alteration minerals in the Hole 735B gabbros were generally restricted to amphibolite and granulite facies. With the exception of two shear zones, greenschist facies metamorphic minerals were rare in the Hole 735B drill core. Nevertheless, the abundance and occurrence of secondary magnetite in Hole 894G gabbros is very similar to that observed in Hole 735B gabbros.



Figure 7. Saturation magnetization  $(J_s)$ , ratio of saturation magnetization to saturation remanence  $(J_{rs}J_s)$ , bulk coercivity  $(H_c)$ , and ratio of coercivity or remanence and bulk coercivity  $(H_{rc}/H_c)$  vs. depth for Hole 894G gabbro samples. Note that  $J_s$  is plotted on a logarithmic scale.



Figure 8. Values of  $J_{rs}/J_s$  plotted vs.  $H_{rc}/H_c$  for Hole 894G gabbros. Boundaries for single domain (SD), pseudo-single domain (PSD), and multidomain (MD) magnetic behavior are after Day et al. (1977). Most of the Hole 894G gabbros fall within the region described as pseudo-single domain.

# DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

One of the most interesting aspects of studying the Hole 894G drill core was the opportunity to explore the potential differences in crustal formation processes that operate at fast- vs. slow-spreading centers. In our study, we were particularly interested in the net effect of these geological processes on the magnetic properties of the crustal rocks. Our results demonstrate that both the paleomagnetic and rock magnetic properties of the Hole 894G gabbros fall within the range of those from gabbros recovered from slow-spreading ridges. In particular, the intensity of the remanent magnetization is moderately high (mean  $J_0 = 2.3$  A/m), the remanent magnetization is very stable, and hysteresis loop parameters indicate the effective magnetic grain size falls within the range described as pseudo-single domain. In other words, our results indicate that the Hole 894G gabbros, like those



Figure 9. Thermal demagnetization of Sample 147-894G-17R-2, 65-67 cm.

from slow-spreading ridges, are capable of carrying significant stable remanent magnetization.

Both the highly fractured nature of the Hole 894G drill core and the drilling conditions indicated that the crustal section penetrated by Hole 894G consisted of highly fractured material. However, the range in  $I_{stable}$  values is not high and compares well to that observed in Hole 735B (Pariso and Johnson, 1993a). Moreover, the range in  $I_{stable}$  values for Hole 894G samples is much smaller than that observed in drill-core samples recovered from sections of extrusive basalt (e.g., Hole 504B; Furuta and Levi, 1983). Both the consistency of  $I_{stable}$  values determined for Hole 894G samples and the strong evidence that remanent magnetization was acquired before uplift indicate that, although this crustal section may be highly fractured, the drilled section can accurately be described as a coherent (and reasonably intact) portion of lower oceanic crust. Magnetite in the Hole 894G gabbros is present as both a primary (i.e., igneous) and a secondary phase. The secondary magnetite formed as a result of the penetration of water into the crustal section at reasonably high temperatures. This result suggests that the remanent magnetization in this crustal section is a thermal remanent magnetization or a combination of thermal and chemical remanent magnetization, acquired soon after formation. In a general sense, our results suggest that gabbros like these are capable of making a significant contribution to a marine magnetic anomaly and suggests that it is important to consider the importance of Layer 3 when assessing possible source layers for marine magnetic anomalies. Unfortunately, because of its unusual tectonic environment, we cannot directly assess the ability of the Hole 894G gabbros to contribute to marine magnetic anomalies.

Coherent linear magnetic anomalies were not identified in the Hess Deep area. This is probably because of the tectonic and/or thermal disruption associated with the propagation of the Cocos-Nazca spreading center into crust formed at the East Pacific Rise. For example, the absence of an identifiable marine magnetic anomaly could be caused by a lack of a coherent magnetic direction in the bulk of the crustal section. Because we have only sampled a 150-m-thick section, it is possible that the general disruption of the crustal layers results in many different magnetic directions within a vertical section. In addition, we have no evidence that these gabbros acquired their remanent magnetization on the ridge axis. The steep inclination of the stable magnetic vector indicates that remanent magnetization of the Hole 894G section was acquired before uplift to its in situ position. Although it is likely that the Hole 894G section acquired remanent magnetization soon after formation, it is difficult to constrain the point between emplacement at the ridge and uplift to its current position when the magnetization was blocked in. Thus, based on the Hole 894G gabbros, we cannot determine whether Layer 3 rocks systematically record reversals of the Earth's magnetic field. Future drilling of Layer 3 rocks that are in their original position and have an associated, well-developed marine magnetic anomaly pattern may be the only means of addressing this long-standing problem.

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