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Site U1473¹



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Background and objectives

International Ocean Discovery (IODP) Expedition 360 constituted Phase I Leg 1 of the SloMo (shorthand for “The nature of the lower crust and Moho at slower spreading ridges”) Project, a multi-phase drilling program that aims ultimately to drill through the Mohorovičić seismic discontinuity (Moho) at a slow-spreading mid-ocean ridge. The overall goal of SloMo is to test the hypothesis that the Moho may represent an alteration horizon such as a serpentinization front rather than the igneous crust/mantle boundary. If correct, the igneous crust/mantle boundary could lie at any depth above the seismic boundary; furthermore, because serpentinization is a methanogenic process, it raises the possibility that a significant biosphere exists below the crust at slow-spreading ridges.

The site chosen for this endeavor is Atlantis Bank, an oceanic core complex on the Southwest Indian Ridge (SWIR) proven from previous drilling to expose a substantial section of gabbro (e.g., Dick et al., 1991, 2000; Pettigrew, Casey, Miller, et al., 1999) and local areas of serpentinite (MacLeod et al., 1998), beneath which a Moho reflector is present at ~5.5 km below the seafloor (Muller et al., 2000). Phase I of SloMo is to drill 3 km through lower crustal gabbro and to penetrate the inferred crust/mantle boundary; Phase II proposes using the Japanese riser *D/V Chikyu* to drill to 6 km through the Moho itself and into the mantle.

The principal aim of Expedition 360 was to establish a legacy hole at Atlantis Bank suitable for deep penetration (now Hole U1473A) and then drill as deep as possible into the lower crustal gabbro layer. By doing so, Expedition 360 could in its own right address a number of first-order scientific questions about the mechanisms of accretion of the igneous lower ocean crust and exhumation by oceanic detachment faults. By comparing the results of Expedition 360 drilling with those from prior Ocean Drilling Program

(ODP) drilling at Atlantis Bank (Holes 735B and 1105A), we had the opportunity to examine for the first time the lateral continuity of igneous, metamorphic, and structural stratigraphy on a kilometer scale, and hence to assess the spatial and temporal scales of magmatic accretion of the plutonic lower crust and the mechanisms by which it is exhumed. A further aim was to determine the nature of the source rock in the lower crust responsible for magnetic anomalies by drilling through a magnetic reversal boundary that dips southward beneath Atlantis Bank. In addition, by employing modern protocols for obtaining samples free from contamination, we aimed to determine the microbiology of the nonvolcanic ocean crust and hence explore the extent to which life exists in the seafloor.

Operations

Expedition 360 was of 61 operational days' duration (30 November 2015–30 January 2016). The expedition achieved the deepest igneous rock penetration from the seafloor during a single *R/V JOIDES Resolution* expedition to date (789.7 m drilling depth below seafloor [DSF]) and recovered 469.4 m of core (59% recovery over the entire interval, 63% of the cored interval). The sequence of operational events can be grouped into eight successive episodes (Figures **F1**, **F2**; Tables **T1**, **T2**; also see OPERATIONS in **Supplementary material**).

Summary

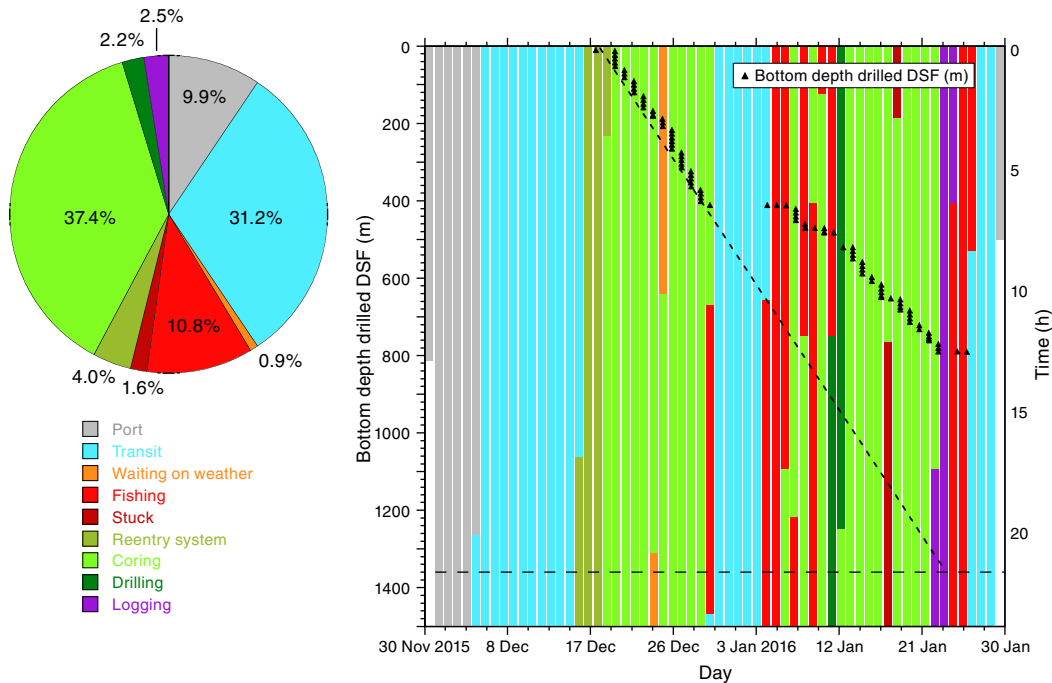
Port call and transit to Site U1473 (30 November–16 December)

Expedition 360 spent the first 5.6 days in port in Colombo, Sri Lanka, to offload and load samples, equipment, and supplies. The 2817 nmi transit to Site U1473 took 10.9 days.

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Figure F1. Expedition 360 operational time distribution. Left: Proportional time by major operational categories (desired activities [greens and purple], operational problems [reds], and logistics problems [blue and gray]). Right: Timeline of operational categories (each vertical bar = 1 day).



Seafloor survey and installing reentry system (17–19 December)

We established a reentry system using a drill-in casing assembly with a mud motor and underreamer and completed it with a free-fall funnel (FFF) at a water depth of 710.2 m (Figure F3). Following a 1.0 day seafloor survey to select the exact drill site, the method and design used for the Site U1473 reentry system took only 1.5 days to install. The drilled depth is 9.5 m DSF, the casing shoe is at 7.4 m DSF, and the top of the cone is at 703.2 meters below sea level (mbsl) (7.0 m above the seafloor). The casing was not cemented into the hole, and the reentry installation proved stable throughout the expedition.

First coring episode (19–30 December)

During this successful 10.3 day coring episode (including 0.6 days waiting on weather [WOW]) we retrieved Cores 360-U1473A-2R through 44R (9.5–410.2 m DSF) with a recovery of 207.0 m (52%), using four rotary core barrel (RCB) drilling bits. Projecting the advance per day of this episode (including WOW) to the total remaining coring time, we would have reached a total depth of >1200 m DSF, close to the 1300 meters below seafloor (mbsf) pre-cruise estimate (Figure F1).

Fishing for roller cones and medical evacuation (30 December–7 January 2016)

Three roller cones were lost in problematic coring conditions at the end of the first coring episode while cutting Core 360-U1473A-44R (Figure F4). We made a total of four fishing attempts, first with two fishing magnet runs (Figure F5) then with two reverse circulation junk basket (RCJB) runs, for a total of 2.8 days, without recovering any cones. However, to everyone's surprise, the last RCJB run (Figure F6) recovered an unprecedented 0.5 m long, 18 cm diameter core (Core 45M; 410.2–410.8 m DSF). This made it seem extremely

unlikely that we had a roller cone present at the bottom of the hole and we hence decided to resume coring.

Between the first and second fishing run we were obliged to sail to a helicopter rendezvous site near Mauritius for a medical emergency. The 1320 nmi round-trip consumed 5.5 days of operational time.

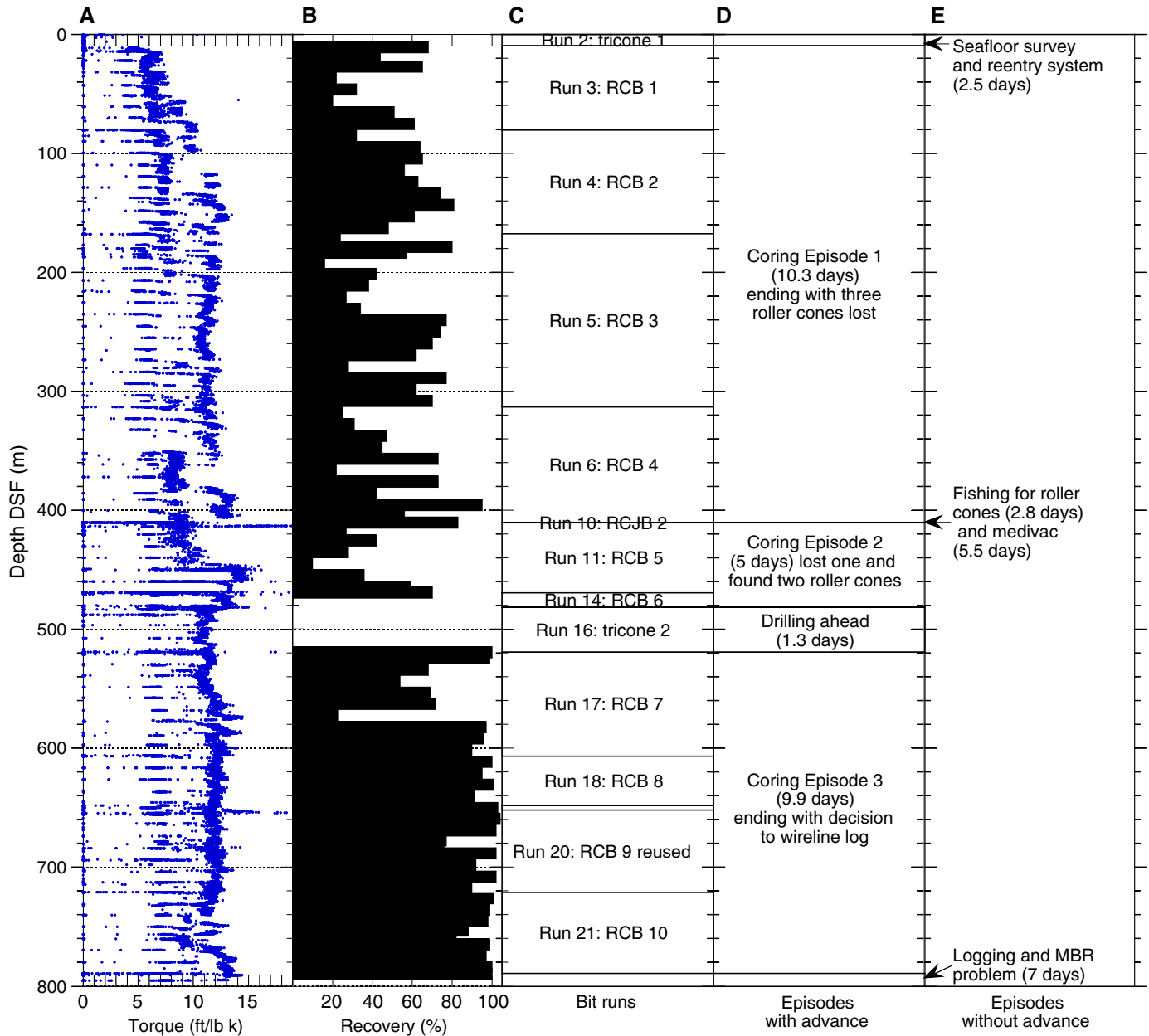
Second coring episode, one roller cone lost and two found (7–12 January)

Cores 360-U1473A-46R through 55R (410.8–481.7 m DSF) were retrieved with a total recovery of 20.0 m (28%). Penetration rates were high, recovery was low, and cores were highly fractured, indicating a weak (faulted) formation. Because of excessive torque (Figure F2) and the need for a wiper trip and reaming the hole, we decided to retrieve the drill string, only to discover that the RCB bit was missing one of its four roller cones. The second of two RCJB fishing runs that followed recovered one missing roller cone (Figure F7) but left three lost cones still unaccounted for. We decided to resume coring; however, Cores 53R through 55R (469.6–481.7 m DSF) had zero recovery. Deployment of depluggers had no effect. We retrieved the drill string and found that the bit had damage attributable to a roller cone (Figure F8A). We deployed the fishing magnet and recovered a heavily abraded roller cone that had evidently been stuck in the center of the drill bit, preventing advance and recovery (Figure F8B–F8C).

Drilling ahead (12–13 January)

We decided to drill ahead without coring for an interval not to exceed 100 m using a tricone bit, which is more robust than the RCB coring bit and therefore more suitable to mitigate potential issues near the bottom of the hole, such as reaming a slightly tight hole (Figure F9). We also wanted to get an idea of how much faster drilling would deepen the hole compared to coring. We drilled

Figure F2. Expedition 360 operational events plotted against depth. A. Torque from the rig instrumentation system was measured every second but only 1 point/min was used for plotting. Fluctuations in torque between 340 and 480 m DSF correlate with structural observations (see **Structural geology**) and wireline logging data (see **Petrophysics**) indicative of a fault zone. B. Core recovery (percentage of recovered length relative to cored interval) fluctuated shallower than 480 m DSF and was consistently high deeper than 580 m DSF. C. Bottom-hole assembly (BHA) runs that advanced Hole U1473A significantly. D. Operational episodes that advanced the hole significantly. E. Operational episodes that did not advance the hole significantly (mainly fishing for lost roller cones and medical evacuation).



ahead from 481.7 to 519.2 m DSF (37.5 m), found that the advance rate was not greater compared to that of coring, and after 1.3 days decided therefore to resume coring.

Third coring episode (13–23 January)

During this coring episode of 9.9 days (including 0.6 day when the pipe was stuck in the hole at 651.9 m DSF), we retrieved Cores 360-U1473A-57R through 89R (519.2–789.2 m DSF) and recovered 241.4 m (89%) using four RCB coring bits. Coring conditions were ideal for the most part in these less fractured gabbroic rocks. We arguably recovered the single longest piece of igneous rock ever

(2.85 m) in Core 84R (Figure F10). On 18 January the drill string stuck in the hole and it took 15 h to resume coring operations. Nevertheless, as with the first coring episode, extrapolating the average daily advance during this episode (including stuck time) over the total number of coring days available, we would have reached >1200 m DSF.

Successful logging and mechanical bit release problem (23–30 January)

The last coring bit deployed during coring Episode 3 was mounted with a mechanical bit release (MBR) system to drop the bit

Table T1. Site U1473 core summary. For more information on bottom-hole assembly (BHA) runs, see Table T2. DRF = drilling depth below rig floor, DSF = drilling depth below seafloor, CSF-A = core depth below seafloor, method A. Core type: G = ghost, M = miscellaneous, R = rotary core barrel (RCB), numeric core type = drilled interval. MBR = mechanical bit release. (Continued on next page.) [Download table in .csv format.](#)

Hole U1473A

Latitude: 32°42.3622'S
 Longitude: 057°16.6880'E
 Water depth (m): 710.23
 Date started (UTC): 1300 h; 16 December 2015
 Date finished (UTC): 0430 h; 27 January 2016
 Time on hole (days): 41.65
 Seafloor depth DRF (m): 721
 Rig floor to sea level (m): 10.77
 Penetration DSF (m): 789.7
 Cored interval (m): 742.7
 Recovered length (m): 469.15
 Recovery (%): 63
 Drilled interval (m): 47
 Drilled interval (no.): 2
 Total cores (no.): 89
 RCB cores (no.): 86
 Other cores (no.): 3

Core	Top depth drilled DSF (m)	Bottom depth drilled DSF (m)	Interval advanced (m)	Recovered length (m)	Curated length (m)	Core recovery (%)	Top depth cored CSF-A (m)	Bottom depth recovered CSF-A (m)	Core on deck date	Core on deck time UTC (h)	Sections (N)	BHA run number	Operational episode description
360-U1473A-													
11	****Drilled interval from 0.00 to 9.5 m DSF****								18 Dec 2015	1445	0	2	Install reentry system
2R	9.5	12.8	3.3	2.25	2.45	68	9.5	11.95	19 Dec 2015	2345	2	3	Coring Episode 1
3R	12.8	22.4	9.6	4.24	5.10	44	12.8	17.90	20 Dec 2015	0535	4		
4R	22.4	32.0	9.6	6.27	8.41	65	22.4	30.81	20 Dec 2015	1230	6		
5R	32.0	41.6	9.6	2.07	2.05	22	32.0	34.05	20 Dec 2015	1615	2		
6R	41.6	51.3	9.7	3.08	4.08	32	41.6	45.68	20 Dec 2015	1950	3		
7R	51.3	61.0	9.7	1.92	2.27	20	51.3	53.57	21 Dec 2015	0005	2		
8R	61.0	70.7	9.7	4.92	5.82	51	61.0	66.82	21 Dec 2015	0610	4		
9R	70.7	80.4	9.7	5.92	7.14	61	70.7	77.84	21 Dec 2015	1045	5		
10R	80.4	90.1	9.7	3.07	3.43	32	80.4	83.83	22 Dec 2015	0355	3	4	
11R	90.1	99.8	9.7	6.19	7.01	64	90.1	97.11	22 Dec 2015	0820	5		
12R	99.8	109.5	9.7	6.30	6.68	65	99.8	106.48	22 Dec 2015	1135	5		
13R	109.5	119.2	9.7	5.42	5.85	56	109.5	115.35	22 Dec 2015	1625	5		
14R	119.2	128.9	9.7	6.09	7.16	63	119.2	126.36	22 Dec 2015	2225	5		
15R	128.9	138.6	9.7	7.21	8.70	74	128.9	137.60	23 Dec 2015	0340	7		
16R	138.6	148.3	9.7	7.84	8.83	81	138.6	147.43	23 Dec 2015	1010	6		
17R	148.3	158.0	9.7	5.94	7.06	61	148.3	155.36	23 Dec 2015	1550	5		
18R	158.0	167.7	9.7	4.64	5.48	48	158.0	163.48	23 Dec 2015	2350	4		
19R	167.7	177.4	9.7	2.30	3.01	24	167.7	170.71	24 Dec 2015	1305	2	5	
20R	177.4	180.1	2.7	2.15	2.44	80	177.4	179.84	24 Dec 2015	1530	2		
21R	180.1	187.1	7.0	4.00	4.60	57	180.1	184.70	25 Dec 2015	1225	4		
22R	187.1	196.8	9.7	1.56	1.95	16	187.1	189.05	25 Dec 2015	1510	2		
23R	196.8	206.5	9.7	4.12	5.69	42	196.8	202.49	25 Dec 2015	1815	4		
24R	206.5	216.2	9.7	3.67	4.83	38	206.5	211.33	25 Dec 2015	2135	4		
25R	216.2	225.9	9.7	2.65	3.33	27	216.2	219.53	26 Dec 2015	0130	3		
26R	225.9	235.6	9.7	3.28	4.24	34	225.9	230.14	26 Dec 2015	0615	3		
27R	235.6	245.3	9.7	7.48	8.23	77	235.6	243.83	26 Dec 2015	1000	6		
28R	245.3	255.0	9.7	7.22	7.35	74	245.3	252.65	26 Dec 2015	1400	5		
29R	255.0	264.7	9.7	6.82	7.34	70	255.0	262.34	26 Dec 2015	1820	5		
30R	264.7	274.4	9.7	5.79	6.64	60	264.7	271.34	26 Dec 2015	2135	5		
31R	274.4	284.1	9.7	2.70	3.65	28	274.4	278.05	27 Dec 2015	0010	3		
32R	284.1	293.8	9.7	7.43	8.72	77	284.1	292.82	27 Dec 2015	0400	6		
33R	293.8	303.5	9.7	6.03	6.65	62	293.8	300.45	27 Dec 2015	0810	5		
34R	303.5	313.2	9.7	6.77	7.53	70	303.5	311.03	27 Dec 2015	1210	6		
35R	313.2	322.9	9.7	2.40	2.89	25	313.2	316.09	28 Dec 2015	0220	2	6	
36R	322.9	332.6	9.7	3.02	3.92	31	322.9	326.82	28 Dec 2015	0530	3		
37R	332.6	342.3	9.7	4.57	5.90	47	332.6	338.50	28 Dec 2015	0855	4		
38R	342.3	352.0	9.7	4.36	5.06	45	342.3	347.36	28 Dec 2015	1415	4		
39R	352.0	361.7	9.7	7.06	8.37	73	352.0	360.37	28 Dec 2015	1850	6		
40R	361.7	371.4	9.7	2.17	2.41	22	361.7	364.11	29 Dec 2015	0040	2		
41R	371.4	381.1	9.7	7.09	7.99	73	371.4	379.39	29 Dec 2015	0520	6		
42R	381.1	390.8	9.7	4.06	4.92	42	381.1	386.02	29 Dec 2015	0935	4		
43R	390.8	400.5	9.7	9.25	10.02	95	390.8	400.82	29 Dec 2015	1440	8		

Table T1 (continued).

Core	Top depth drilled DSF (m)	Bottom depth drilled DSF (m)	Interval advanced (m)	Recovered length (m)	Curated length (m)	Core recovery (%)	Top depth cored CSF-A (m)	Bottom depth recovered CSF-A (m)	Core on deck date	Core on deck time UTC (h)	Sections (N)	BHA run number	Operational episode description	
44R	400.5	410.2	9.7	5.44	6.42	56	400.5	406.92	29 Dec 2015	2140	5			
45M	410.2	410.8	0.6	0.50	1.25	83	410.2	411.45	7 Jan 2016	1130	1	10	Fishing for roller cones	
46R	410.8	420.5	9.7	2.59	3.94	27	410.8	414.74	8 Jan 2016	0425	3	11	Coring Episode 2 and two roller cones lost and found	
47R	420.5	430.2	9.7	4.04	5.29	42	420.5	425.79	8 Jan 2016	0815	4			
48R	430.2	439.9	9.7	2.69	3.83	28	430.2	434.03	8 Jan 2016	1035	3			
49R	439.9	449.6	9.7	0.98	1.31	10	439.9	441.21	8 Jan 2016	1830	1			
50R	449.6	459.3	9.7	3.52	4.50	36	449.6	454.10	9 Jan 2016	0015	3			
51R	459.3	469.0	9.7	5.72	6.40	59	459.3	465.70	9 Jan 2016	0505	5			
52R	469.0	469.6	0.6	0.42	0.49	70	469.0	469.49	9 Jan 2016	0725	1			
53R	469.6	470.6	1.0	0.00	0.00	0	469.6	469.60	11 Jan 2016	0045	0	14	Advance limited; recovery prevented by roller cone stuck in bit	
54R	470.6	480.3	9.7	0.00	0.00	0	470.6	470.60	11 Jan 2016	0635	0			
55R	480.3	481.7	1.4	0.00	0.00	0	480.3	480.30	11 Jan 2016	1100	0			
56I			*****Drilled interval from 481.7 to 519.2 m DSF*****							13 Jan 2016	1130	0	16	Drilling without coring
57R	519.2	519.6	0.4	0.40	0.40	100	519.2	519.60	14 Jan 2016	0400	1	17	Coring Episode 3	
58R	519.6	529.2	9.6	9.48	10.35	99	519.6	529.95	14 Jan 2016	0750	8			
59R	529.2	538.8	9.6	6.50	6.84	68	529.2	536.04	14 Jan 2016	1315	5			
60R	538.8	548.4	9.6	5.16	6.19	54	538.8	544.99	14 Jan 2016	1845	5			
61R	548.4	558.1	9.7	6.72	7.61	69	548.4	556.01	15 Jan 2016	0040	6			
62R	558.1	567.8	9.7	7.01	7.63	72	558.1	565.73	15 Jan 2016	0420	6			
63R	567.8	577.5	9.7	2.22	2.72	23	567.8	570.52	15 Jan 2016	0830	2			
64R	577.5	587.2	9.7	9.37	9.76	97	577.5	587.26	15 Jan 2016	1350	9			
65R	587.2	596.9	9.7	9.32	9.77	96	587.2	596.97	15 Jan 2016	2045	7			
66R	596.9	606.6	9.7	8.74	9.06	90	596.9	605.96	16 Jan 2016	0235	7			
67R	606.6	616.3	9.7	9.73	10.32	100	606.6	616.92	16 Jan 2016	2125	8	18		
68R	616.3	626.0	9.7	9.23	9.67	95	616.3	625.97	17 Jan 2016	0235	7			
69R	626.0	635.7	9.7	9.80	10.26	101	626.0	636.26	17 Jan 2016	0850	8			
70R	635.7	645.4	9.7	8.87	9.09	91	635.7	644.79	17 Jan 2016	1415	8			
71R	645.4	648.4	3.0	3.62	3.76	121	645.4	649.16	17 Jan 2016	1805	3			
72R	648.4	651.9	3.5	3.60	3.71	103	648.4	652.11	18 Jan 2016	1145	3	19		
73R	651.9	654.6	2.7	1.85	2.03	69	651.9	653.93	19 Jan 2016	0050	2	20		
74R	654.6	664.3	9.7	10.09	10.35	104	654.6	664.95	19 Jan 2016	0605	9			
75R	664.3	674.0	9.7	9.88	10.28	102	664.3	674.58	19 Jan 2016	1120	8			
76R	674.0	680.7	6.7	5.16	5.31	77	674.0	679.31	19 Jan 2016	1710	5			
77R	680.7	683.7	3.0	2.29	2.42	76	680.7	683.12	19 Jan 2016	2115	2			
78R	683.7	693.4	9.7	9.94	10.56	102	683.7	694.26	20 Jan 2016	0330	8			
79R	693.4	703.1	9.7	8.94	9.54	92	693.4	702.94	20 Jan 2016	0805	8			
80R	703.1	712.8	9.7	9.86	10.26	102	703.1	713.36	20 Jan 2016	1440	9			
81R	712.8	721.3	8.5	7.62	8.55	90	712.8	721.35	20 Jan 2016	2155	6			
82R	721.3	731.0	9.7	9.80	10.01	101	721.3	731.31	21 Jan 2016	1745	8	21		
83R	731.0	740.7	9.7	9.64	10.00	99	731.0	741.00	22 Jan 2016	0205	9			
84R	740.7	750.4	9.7	9.52	9.75	98	740.7	750.45	22 Jan 2016	0705	7			
85R	750.4	756.1	5.7	5.04	5.27	88	750.4	755.67	22 Jan 2016	1325	4			
86R	756.1	760.1	4.0	3.27	3.38	82	756.1	759.48	22 Jan 2016	1720	3			
87R	760.1	769.8	9.7	9.64	9.88	99	760.1	769.98	22 Jan 2016	2340	9			
88R	769.8	779.5	9.7	9.39	9.72	97	769.8	779.52	23 Jan 2016	0445	8			
89R	779.5	789.2	9.7	9.73	10.06	100	779.5	789.56	23 Jan 2016	1000	8			
90G	9.5	789.2	779.7	0.25	0.25		9.5	9.75	25 Jan 2016	1500	1	22	Successful logging (MBR problem)	
91M	789.2	789.7	0.5	0.50	0.50	100	789.2	789.70	27 Jan 2016	0230	1	24		
		Total:	1569.4	469.4										

on the seafloor and save pipe tripping time before logging. After successfully releasing the bit, we conducted successful wireline logging runs with (1) the “triple combo” tool string, (2) the Formation MicroScanner (FMS)-sonic tool string, and (3) the Ultrasonic Borehole Imager (UBI). When the drill string was recovered, the MBR top connector was missing the sleeve retainer ring, which was presumed to have fallen into the bottom of the hole. We first used a fishing magnet trying to recover the ring without success. Next, we deployed a coring bit in the hope that the missing part may have

dropped onto the seafloor when the previous RCB bit was released prior to logging; however, we immediately experienced excessive torque that was attributed to contact with metal at the bottom of the hole. The presence of the sleeve retainer ring at the bottom of Hole U1473A was confirmed with a subsequent RCJB deployment, which recovered two rounded boulders with tool marks that fit the sleeve retainer perfectly (Figure F11). At this point in time we had to leave Site U1473 and get under way for Mauritius.

Table T2. Operational summary information by bottom-hole assembly (BHA) run number, Hole U1473A. For coring summary, see Table T1. XCB = extended core barrel, RCB = rotary core barrel, TC = tricone, FM = fishing magnet, RCJB = reverse circulation junk basket. DIC = drill-in casing. WOW = waiting on weather. MBR = mechanical bit release. NA = not applicable. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

BHA run	Bit type/instance	Reentry date	Reentry time UTC + 4 (h)	Reentry number	Run advance (m)	Run recovered (m)	Run recovery (%)	Comment	Major operational episode	Episode advance (m)	Episode recovered (m)	Episode recovery (%)
1	XCB							Seafloor survey to select drill site	Install reentry system	9.5	NA	NA
2	TC 1	18 Dec 2015	0530		9.5			Bare-rock spud-in with mud motor and DIC				
3	RCB 1	19 Dec 2015	1535	1	70.9	30.7	43	Coring Run 1	Coring Episode 1	400.7	207.0	52
4	RCB 2	21 Dec 2015	2335	2	87.3	52.7	60	Coring Run 2				
5	RCB 3	24 Dec 2015	1137	3	145.5	74.2	51	Coring Run 3				
6	RCB 4	25 Dec 2015	1122	4				Reentry after WOW (13.25 h)				
7	RCB 4	28 Dec 2015	0008	5	97.0	49.4	51	Coring Run 4; lost three roller cones				
8	FM 1	30 Dec 2015	1244	6	0.0			FM did not retrieve roller cones	Fishing for roller cones (and medivac)	0.6	0.5	83
9	FM 2	5 Jan 2016	2146	7	0.0			Recovered little metal, no cone				
10	RCJB 1	6 Jan 2016	1330	8	0.0			Recovered gravel but no cone				
11	RCJB 2	7 Jan 2016	0555	9	0.6	0.5	83	RCJB took a core (but none of three cones)!				
12	RCB 5	7 Jan 2016	2320	10	58.8	20.0	34	Lost a roller cone	Coring Episode 2 and two roller cones lost and found	70.9	20.0	28
13	RCJB 3	9 Jan 2016	2007	11	0.0			Recovered gravel but no cone				
14	RCJB 4	10 Jan 2016	0846	12	0.0			RCJB recovered cobble and a roller cone!				
15	RCB 6	10 Jan 2016	2037	13	12.1	0.0	0	Slow advance, no recovery; depluggers; lost cone				
16	FM 3	12 Jan 2016	0321	14	0.0			Recovered roller cone!				
17	TC 2	12 Jan 2016	1545	15	37.5			Drilled interval	Drilling without coring	37.5	NA	NA
18	RCB 7	14 Jan 2016	0210	16	87.4	64.9	74		Coring Episode 3	270.0	241.4	89
19	RCB 8	16 Jan 2016	1424	17	41.8	41.3	99	Ended in WOW				
20	RCB 9	18 Jan 2016	0653	18	3.5	3.6	103	Got stuck at 1215 h				
21	RCB 9	18 Jan 2016	2315	19	69.4	65.6	95	Reused previous bit, worn out at the end				
22	RCB 10	21 Jan 2016	1038	20	67.9	66.0	97	Dropped bit on seafloor using MBR				
23	Log	23 Jan 2016	2145	21				Three successful logging runs	Successful logging (and MBR problem)	0.5	0.5	100
24	FM 4	25 Jan 2016	1012	22				MBR sleeve retainer ring not recovered				
25	RCB 11	25 Jan 2016	2230	23	0.0	0.0	0	No advance achieved				
26	RCJB 5	26 Jan 2016	1420	24	0.5	0.5	100	Recovered cobbles with clear tool marks				
Totals including drilled intervals:										789.7	469.4	59
Totals including only cored intervals:										742.7	469.4	63

Figure F3. Reentry system deployed, Hole U1473A. A. Schematic of reentry system. HRT = hydraulic release tool. B. Stinger with tricone bit, mud motor, and underreamer is readied on the rig floor. C. Drilling 14 ft long, 13 3/8 inch casing into bare rock seafloor was observed with subsea camera. D. FFF is readied at the moonpool. E. Successful deployment of FFF on casing hanger was confirmed with subsea camera. F. Complete reentry system was verified at beginning of first coring run (BHA Run 3), before first reentry into hole.

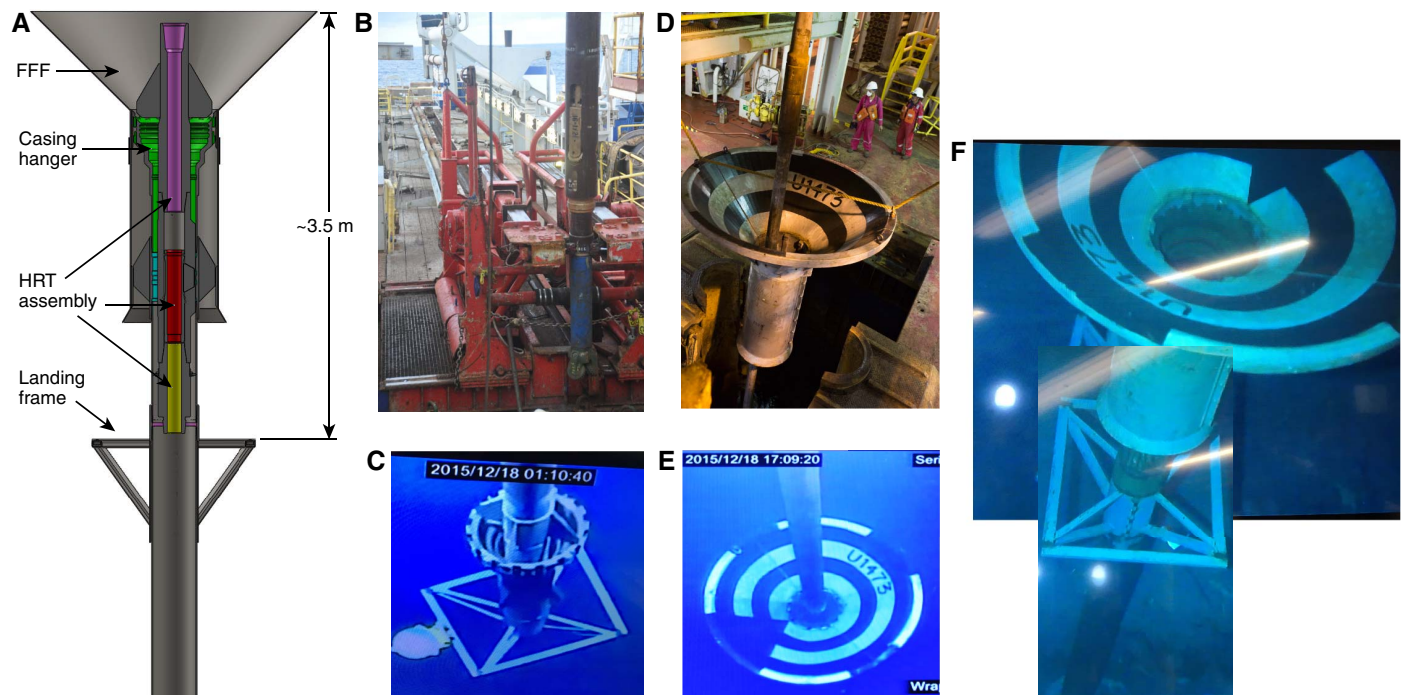


Figure F4. A. Typical coring bit wear after BHA Run 4. B. Bit failure during BHA Run 6, leaving three roller cones unaccounted for and presumed left in Hole U1473A.

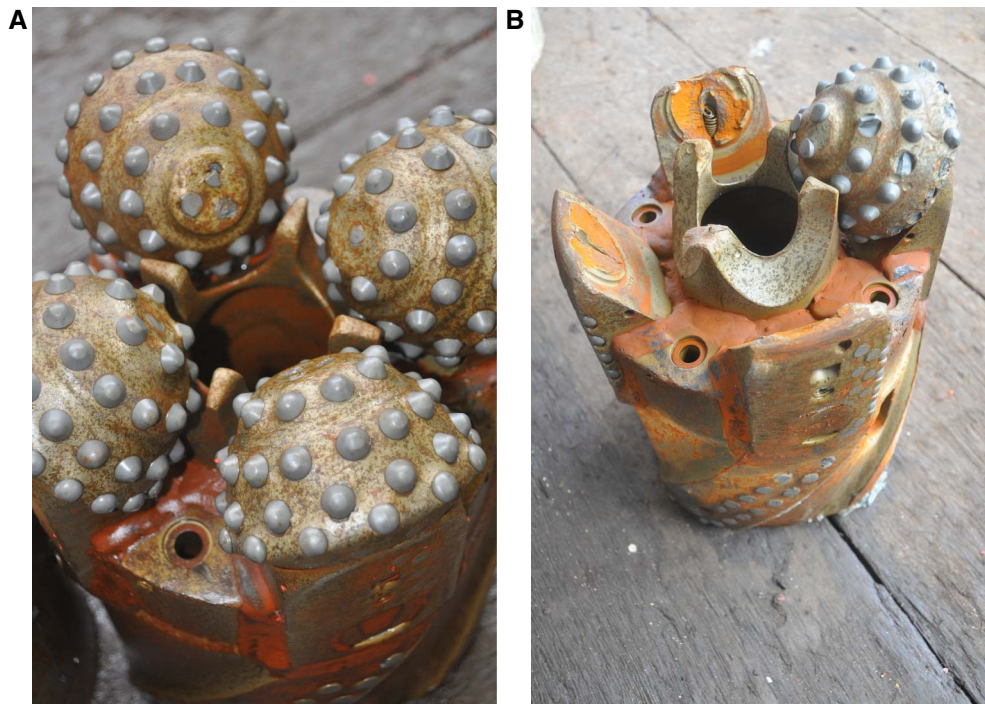
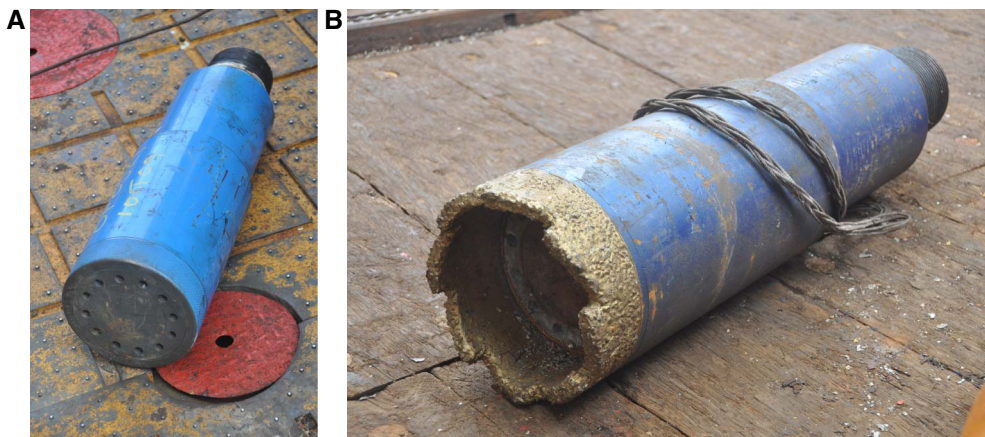


Figure F5. Two types of fishing magnets used in attempts to recover lost roller cones in Hole U1473A, without success. A. Simple Bowen magnet, BHA Run 7. B. Bowen magnet with milling guide, BHA Run 8.



Port call and transit to Site U1473 (30 November–16 December)

Expedition 360 (SWIR lower crust and Moho) began with the first line ashore at the Unity Container Terminal Berth in Colombo, Sri Lanka, at 1100 h on 30 November (UTC + 5.5 h). The Co-Chief Scientists, IODP technical staff, and the Expedition Project Manager boarded the ship. The remainder of the science party and the ship’s crew boarded the vessel on the second day of the port call (1 December).

Port call activities took place from 30 November through 5 December and included routine offloading of cores and miscellaneous freight from IODP Expedition 359 and loading miscellaneous drilling equipment, expedition stores, and food for Expedition 360. Ac-

tivities also included offloading 5½ inch and 5 inch drill pipe for inspection and refurbishment, loading 295 joints of new 5 inch drill pipe, and pumping 900 metric tons of marine gas oil from barges to the ship’s fuel tanks. On 4 December, the port authority required the ship to move from the Unity Container Terminal berth to the JCT Transfer Jetty to complete port call operations, including pumping of 60 metric tons of barite and 54 metric tons of sepiolite from trucks into the ship’s bulk tanks. Loading of all supplies was concluded at 1800 h on 5 December and the last line was released at 2018 h, getting the ship under way to the Atlantis Bank at full speed of 11.2 kt.

During the transit, ship time was changed by –0.5 h on 6 December and by –1.0 h on 7 December, resulting in UTC + 4 h, which

Figure F6. (A, B) Hole U1473A BHA Run 10 (second RCJB deployment, this time with a more aggressive hole cleaning action) unexpectedly recovered a 0.5 m long 18 cm diameter “fat core” (C: visible in core catcher, D: rinsed by technician).



Figure F7. A–B. Hole U1473A BHA Run 13 (fourth RCJB deployment) recovered one of the four lost roller cones.



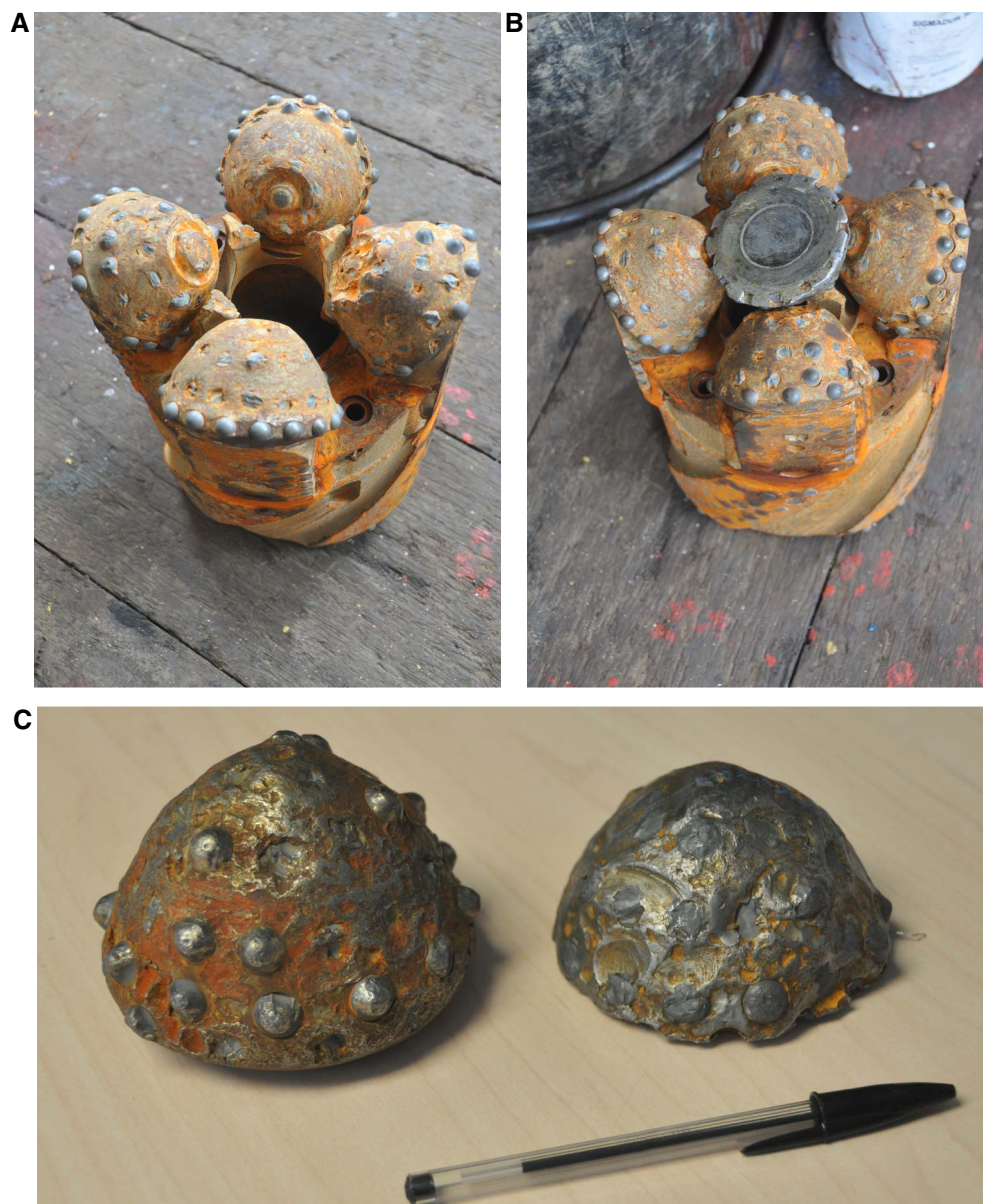
was the time zone for the remainder of Expedition 360. Plans for the reentry installation were finalized, and all reentry hardware was located and inspected. Ship tours were given to the science party. The hydraulic release tool (HRT) was assembled in preparation for running the drill-in casing system. Appropriate space-out drawings were completed, defining the drill-in casing program. The dual elevator handler was overhauled and all other drilling and coring equipment had the prespud maintenance checks completed.

On 13 December, the ship’s speed was reduced and the course changed to maneuver around the center of tropical depression Ex-Bohale. On 16 December, we arrived at the coordinates for proposed primary Site AtBk6 (32°42.3402’S, 57°16.6910’E), and at 1700 h we switched to dynamic positioning mode. The 2817 nmi sea voyage was completed in 10.9 days at an average speed of 10.7 kt.

Seafloor survey and installing reentry system (17–19 December)

On 17 December, an advanced piston corer/extended core barrel bit, bit sub, drill collars, and new 5 inch drill pipe were made up and lowered to 668 meters below rig floor (mbrf) (bottom-hole assembly [BHA] Run 1). The subsea camera system was installed and lowered to just above the bit in preparation for a survey to select a site appropriate for drilling at or near proposed Site AtBk6. The survey strategy was to proceed in a square spiral pattern, increasing at 10 m intervals away from the start point (Site AtBk6) until a sufficiently flat bare-rock spot at least 5 m in diameter was located. During the survey, the drill pipe and camera were raised and lowered by up to several meters as required by the seafloor morphol-

Figure F8. A. Hole U1473A BHA Run 14 experienced slow penetration and low core recovery. Upon recovery of coring bit, tool marks in roller cones indicated grinding contact with one of the lost roller cones at bottom of hole. (B, C) RCJB was deployed with BHA Run 15 and a roller cone ground to about half of original volume was recovered. C. Roller cone recovered with BHA Run 13 (also see Figure F7) shown for comparison with one recovered with BHA Run 15.



ogy. No suitable site was found during the initial 50 m × 50 m survey. The survey was extended south by a further 50 m in the direction of the most promising seafloor. After a total of 5.5 h of survey, a suitable location for Hole U1473A was found at 32°42.3622'S, 057°16.6880'E (710.2 mbsl), 40 m south of the original start point. Total survey operations took place from 0530 to 1530 h. After recovery of the camera system and drill pipe, an acoustic beacon was dropped to provide additional positioning information into the dynamic positioning system.

Later on 17 December we began to assemble the drill-in casing reentry system, consisting of a 12¼ inch tricone bit, bit sub, underreamer, and mud motor. A pump-in sub was installed on top of the mud motor and connected with a high-pressure hose to the mud manifold to verify the proper functioning of the mud motor and underreamer. The mud motor began turning at 15–20 strokes/min,

and the retractable arms on the underreamer opened at 40 strokes/min and 300 psi. The HRT running tool was attached to the drilling assembly, and this entire drilling stinger was racked back in the derrick (Figure F3B).

One joint of 13% inch casing was picked up and trimmed to 11.35 m length. The previously assembled drilling stinger was inserted into the casing, and the 13% inch casing hanger and the HRT were made up to the casing, with all casing connections stitch-welded. The assembly (BHA Run 2) was lowered to the moonpool, and the hard rock landing skirt was welded underneath the casing collar. The entire assembly was lowered to the seafloor, and the sub-sea camera system was run to just above the casing hanger to observe the drill-in process (Figure F3C). The top drive was picked up, and drilling in Hole U1473A started at 0535 h on 18 December. During the first hour, drilling was punctuated with erratic torque,

Figure F9. Tricone bit used to advance Hole U1473A without coring (BHA Run 16) from 481.7 to 519.2 m DSF shown (A) before and (B, C) after drilling. Drilling the 37.5 m interval resulted in no discernible wear on roller cones; however, (C) all three tungsten carbide bit nozzles were cracked and their steel casing deformed.

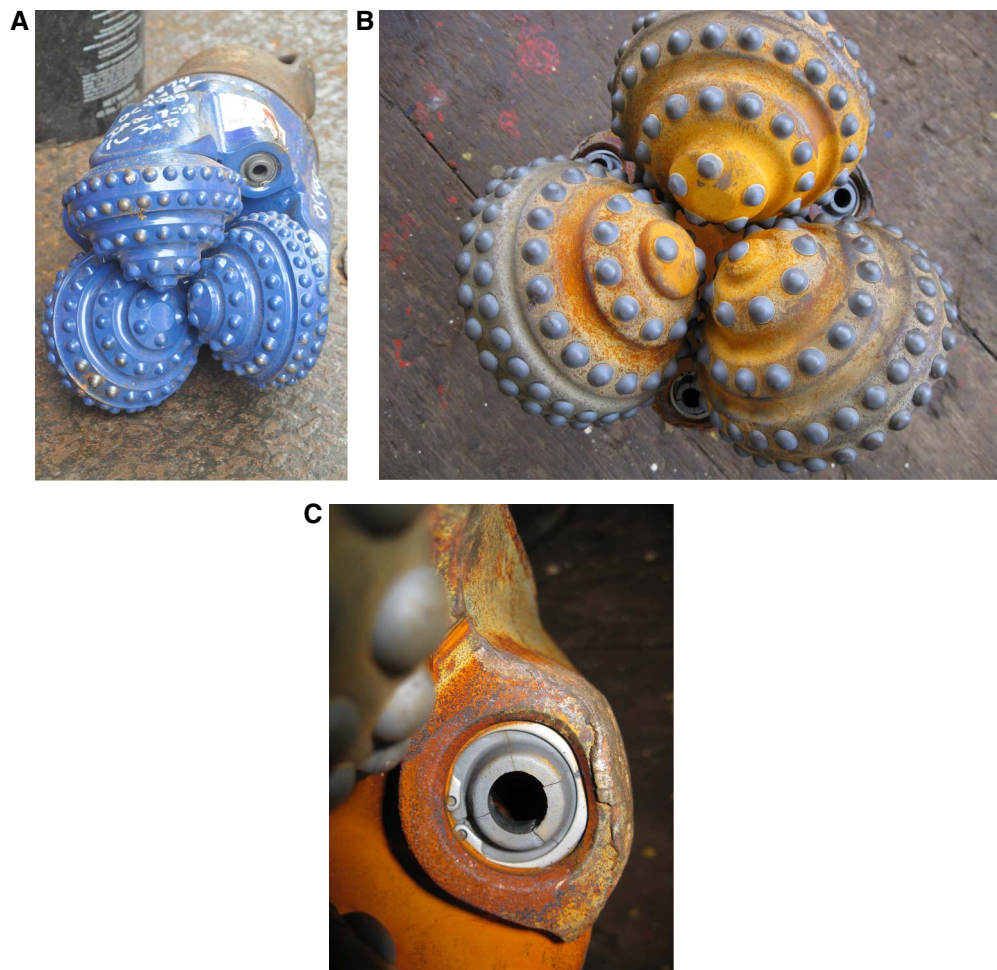
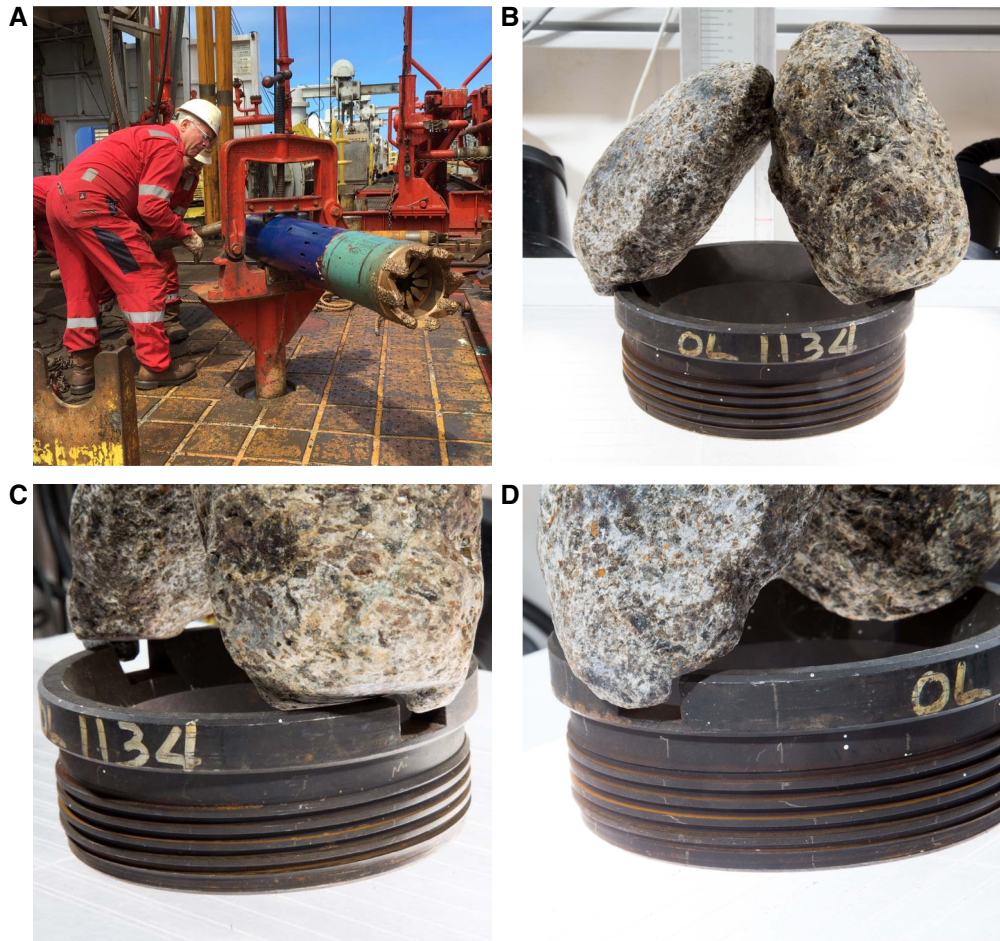


Figure F10. Longest piece (2.85 m) of rock recovered during Runs 17 through 21 (third coring episode; 519.2–789.2 m DSF), which yielded the originally expected excellent recovery (also see Figure F2B) with several unusually long pieces of rock recovered, Hole U1473A.



Figure F11. A. Attempts at fishing MBR retainer sleeve lost at bottom of Hole U1473A during logging operations (BHA Run 21) with RCJB Runs 22 and 24 were not successful. B–D. However, BHA Run 24 recovered two gabbro cobbles with tool marks that perfectly fit a spare retainer sleeve on board, which proved the presence of the sleeve at bottom of hole and indicated recovering (or milling) the sleeve is feasible.



which was only detectable by the camera system. Drilling smoothed noticeably after the underreamer was drilled into the seafloor. A bull's eye level mounted on the landing skirt broke off and disappeared from view about 1 h into the drill-in process.

The signals from the two subsea cameras were lost at 1445 h, and the camera was pulled to the surface. A backup telemetry pod was installed and the cameras redeployed by 1700 h. Drilling continued without the camera system except while handling the camera frame at the surface. After a period of no advancement, at 1845 h we stopped drilling out of concern that the underreamer and bit assembly may have had a problem. With the 16½ inch cased hole now extending to 11.5 m DSE, we circulated a mud sweep and started recovering the subsea camera system.

The HRT FFF was assembled and dropped at 2015 h (Figure F3D). We observed its successful landing on the 13¾ inch casing hanger via the redeployed subsea camera system from 1915 to 2045 h (Figure F3E). The stinger with bit, mud motor, and underreamer was released from the casing by pumping a release piston down the pipe and into the HRT. The casing dropped ~1.7 m to the bottom of the 16½ inch hole. The camera system and the stinger with HRT, mud motor, underreamer, and bit were pulled clear of the reentry system by 2230 h on 18 December and tripped back to the surface.

With the knowledge that the 13¾ inch casing had landed on the bottom of the 16½ inch hole, we decided that attempting to cement the casing would not be prudent. If we were unable to push cement into the annulus between the casing and the hole we might instead end up cementing inside the casing and up to the funnel.

First coring episode (19–30 December)

From 0500 to 1215 h on 19 December, the RCB BHA was made up with a C-7 coring bit and lowered to 668 mbrf (BHA Run 3). Next, we deployed the subsea camera system and performed a short survey of the reentry system, which showed that the reentry installation was higher than our initial numbers indicated (Figure F3F). Our current estimate has the seafloor at 721 mbrf (710.2 mbsl). The initial drilled depth is 730.5 mbrf (9.5 m DSF), with the casing shoe at 728.4 mbrf (7.4 m DSF). The 12¼ inch rathole was ~2 m deep, and the top of the cone is at ~714 mbrf (703.2 mbsl). The reentry installation appeared stable.

We picked up the top drive and reentered Hole U1473A at 1535 h on 19 December (first reentry). At 1745 h after recovering the camera system and washing back to bottom (~2 m of fill), the core barrel was dropped and cutting of the first core (360-U1473A-2R) began. Coring continued through Core 9R (80.4 m DSF), when drill

bit use had reached 39.5 h at 1500 h on 21 December. The hole was cleaned and the drill pipe was pulled to the surface, equipped with a new C-7 RCB bit, and redeployed (BHA Run 4). Hole U1473A was reentered for the second time at 2335 h on 21 December. No fill was recorded at the bottom of the hole. RCB coring resumed at 1315 h on 22 December from 80.4 m DSF. At 0400 h on 24 December when coring had reached 167.7 m DSF (Core 18R) and bit rotating hours were 42.5 h, the drill string was again retrieved to install a new bit. We reentered Hole U1473A with the third RCB bit at 1137 h on 24 December (BHA Run 5). No fill was detected on bottom and coring resumed at 1415 h from 167.7 m DSF. While cutting Core 19R, the ship's heave increased continuously. The situation worsened while attempting to cut Core 20R. When it became impossible to keep the bit on bottom after a 2.7 m advance, we suspended coring. Core 19R was recovered and the drill string tripped out of the hole and secured with the end of the pipe in the water column at 624 mbsl while we waited on the swell to subside. Ship heave of more than 6 m total amplitude was recorded while WOW.

After a 1 h period with heave consistently <4 m, the ship was positioned to reenter Hole U1473A at 1122 h on 25 December. After reentering the hole and lowering the bit to the bottom, no fill was observed and RCB coring continued at 1400 h from 180.1 m DSF, recovering Cores 21R through 34R (313.2 m DSF), when rotation time on the third RCB coring bit reached 41.9 h. The hole was cleaned and the drill string retrieved, with the bit clearing the rotary table at 1755 h on 27 December.

The fourth C-7 RCB bit was made up to the BHA and the drill string was redeployed and reentered Hole U1473A at 0008 h on 28 December. When the drill string was lowered to the bottom of the hole, 1.5 m of soft fill was encountered, which was washed out and followed by another mud sweep to remove the cuttings from the hole. RCB coring resumed at 313.2 m DSF and continued through Core 44R at 410.2 m DSF. At the end of cutting Core 44R, a mud sweep was pumped, which was followed by an increase in drill string torque to ~700 A. The drill string was worked for ~3 h with a combination of excessive pull (50,000 lb), rotation (800 A), and circulation. The drill string became free at 0100 h on 30 December. Core 44R was retrieved and another core barrel was dropped. While attempting to get back on bottom to continue coring, the driller experienced erratic torque, up to 450 A. After a few minutes of attempting to core, the decision was made to pull the drill string even though we had only 34.6 rotating hours on the bit. Upon clearing the rotary table at 0740 h, the bit was found to be missing three of four roller cones (Figure F4).

This first coring episode with four BHA runs and four RCB bits recovered Cores 2R through 44R (9.5–410.2 m DSF) with 161.3 m recovered (49%). Recovery was below expectations when compared with Hole 735B. Hole conditions and lithologic evidence indicated one or more major fault zones, including one at ~400 m DSF.

Fishing for roller cones and medical evacuation (30 December–7 January 2016)

A new BHA was assembled with a 9 inch Bowen fishing magnet to attempt to retrieve the cones left in the bottom of the hole (Figure F5A). Hole U1473A was reentered at 1244 h on 30 December (BHA Run 7), and the fishing magnet was lowered to the bottom of the hole with circulation and slight rotation, in accordance with the Bowen procedures. The drill string was tripped back to the surface and the fishing magnet arrived at the rig floor at 2020 h. The magnet had picked up some magnetic debris (core catcher parts); however, none of the three roller cones was retrieved.

During the trip out of the hole we were informed by the ship's physician of a medical emergency necessitating transfer of the patient to a medical facility for examination and treatment. At 2324 h on 30 December, the ship started the transit toward Mauritius. A helicopter was scheduled, and the vessel sailed to a rendezvous point south of Mauritius. A recently formed tropical depression was between the vessel and the meeting point, necessitating a course deviation to the west to avoid the worst of the bad weather. The vessel arrived at the agreed upon rendezvous point at 1634 h on 2 January 2016 and switched to dynamic positioning mode. The helicopter from the Mauritius Police Department touched down at 1717 h and departed at 1725 h with the patient on board. The ship started the transit back to Site U1473 at 1742 h. It arrived at 1035 h on 5 January, switching from cruise mode to dynamic positioning mode. The total transit distance covered for the medical evacuation was 1320 nmi and consumed 5.6 days of operational time allocated for Expedition 360.

In preparation for our second attempt to retrieve the three roller cones left at the bottom of Hole U1473A, the BHA was made up with new drill collars and a Bowen fishing magnet with a milling guide and two boot-type junk baskets (Figure F5B). Hole U1473A was reentered at 2146 h on 5 January (BHA Run 8; seventh reentry). The bit landed on fill at 316.7 m DSF and was washed to the bottom of the hole with slight rotation. A 30-barrel mud sweep was pumped and the string was worked up and down three times and slowly turned five times. The drill string was retrieved and the fishing magnet arrived at the rig floor at 0800 h on 6 January. The magnet picked up some metal debris from the lost core catcher but none of the missing cones from the main RCB coring bit.

Next, we made up a Gotco RCJB with a milling guide (Figure F6A) and two boot-type junk baskets (Figure F6B) and reentered Hole U1473A at 1330 h (BHA Run 9; eighth reentry). The bit was rotated and washed to the bottom of the hole with slight rotation. After tagging the bottom of the hole, a 20-barrel mud sweep was pumped to clean out the hole. The RCJB was worked up and down three times before the flow-deviating steel ball was dropped down the drill pipe to activate the reverse circulation. The driller attempted to advance the bit for 20 min using low weight (2000 lb) before the drill string was tripped back to the surface, clearing the rig floor at 0110 h on 7 January. The RCJB assembly recovered gravel, including a few boulders, of gabbroic and fault rock material but no signs of the missing roller cone parts.

The same RCJB assembly was made up once more and reentered in Hole U1473A at 0555 h (BHA Run 10; ninth reentry). With the bit near the bottom of the hole, two 30-barrel high-viscosity mud sweeps were pumped before the bit was worked up and down from 0845 to 1030 h. Reverse circulation was activated and the driller spent nearly 1 h advancing to ~410.8 m DSF, using greater weight than during the previous run (2000–4000 lb; 200–400 A; 160 strokes/min). The drill string was recovered, clearing the rig floor at 1510 h. To everyone's surprise, the RCJB had recovered an unprecedented 0.5 m long, 18 cm diameter core from a cored interval of 0.6 m (83% recovery; Figure F6C–F6D). The core was given the core type designation Core 45M. However, none of the three roller cones previously lost in the hole were recovered.

Given the tight fit of the RCJB assembly in the hole, it was extremely unlikely that any roller cone bits could have remained at the bottom of the hole. We speculated that the cones may have been lifted out of the hole with one or more of the previous three runs with two fishing magnets and the RCJB (Run 07-FM, Run 08-FMM, and Run 09-RCJB) and dropped on the seafloor before they could

reach the rig floor, or they could be lodged in the borehole sidewall where breakouts created cavities. On 7 January, we decided to resume RCB coring.

Second coring episode, one roller cone lost and two found (7–12 January)

A BHA was assembled with a new RCB C-7 bit and reentered Hole U1473A for the tenth time (BHA Run 11) at 2320 h on 7 January. A wash core barrel was deployed to facilitate cleaning out of debris before resumption of coring. The last meter of the hole had to be reamed because the RCJB had created a slightly undersized hole. We pumped 50 barrels, then 30 barrels of high-viscosity mud and retrieved the wash core barrel at 0515 h. Another core barrel was dropped, and Cores 46R through 52R (410.8–469.6 m DSF) were retrieved with a total recovery of 20.5 m (34%). Penetration rates were high for several cores, with a maximum of 8.9 m/h for Core 48R. In addition, recovery was low and cores were highly fractured, indicating a weak formation. Coring operations included five 30-barrel mud sweeps. Because of excessive torque (500 A) in the lowermost part of the hole, a wiper trip was conducted to condition the hole and 1 h was spent reaming the hole. After advancing through 1.5 m of fill on the bottom of the hole, the bit was advanced 0.6 m for Core 52R, with erratic high torque. Given the large amount of reaming that had been required and despite the low bit hours (12.1 h), we decided to retrieve the drill string, which cleared the rig floor at 1545 h on 9 January 2016. We discovered that the RCB bit was missing one of its four roller cones.

An RCJB with tandem boot junk baskets was assembled and deployed in an attempt to recover the missing cone (BHA Run 12). The bit reentered Hole U1473A at 2007 h on 9 January and was washed to the bottom of the hole at 469.6 m DSF with circulation and slight rotation. The RCJB was worked up and down near the bottom of the hole. After activating reverse circulation by dropping the steel ball down the hole and working some more on the bottom, the drill string was recovered. It cleared the rig floor at 0500 h on 10 January, recovering some gravel but no roller cone.

The RCJB was reassembled with a new mill tooth cutting shoe and catcher assembly and deployed once more (BHA Run 13), reentering Hole U1473A for the twelfth time at 0846 h. After a 30-barrel mud sweep, the RCJB was worked and activated again according to protocol. The drill string was retrieved, clearing the rig floor at 1605 h on 10 January. This time the recovery consisted of a large cobble and the lost roller cone (Figure F7).

We decided to resume coring and made up an RCB BHA with a new RCB C-7 bit, lowered it to the seafloor, and reentered Hole U1473A at 2037 h (BHA Run 14; sixth RCB run). The bit was washed to the bottom of the hole, which included a 50-barrel mud sweep after noting 0.5 m of fill at the bottom. Our attempt to cut Core 53R (469.6–470.6 m DSF) from 0015 to 0400 h on 11 January advanced only 1 m and achieved no recovery. Erratic torque was observed during this advance and repeated mud sweeps were pumped. Then we cut Core 54R (470.6–480.3 m DSF), advancing the full 9.7 m but not recovering any core. Based on the assumption that rock had jammed the bit throat, we deployed a deplugger (1045–1130 h) in an attempt to dislodge the obstacle. This was followed with another failed attempt to core (55R; 480.3–481.7 m DSF; 1.4 m advance, no recovery). We ran another bit deplugger and dropped another core barrel; however, no penetration could be achieved. At 1745 h on 11 January, we decided to recover the drill string and the bit cleared the rig floor at 2150 h. Upon inspection, the bit had lost most of the tungsten carbide inserts, particularly toward the inside

of the roller cones (Figure F8A), and was missing one of the four core guides.

The bit had obviously encountered metal at the bottom of the hole, at a minimum its own missing core guide, and possibly one of the missing cones lost in the hole a few days ago. At 2215 h on 11 January, we began to make up and deploy a fishing magnet with mill tooth guide (FMM) and two boot-type junk baskets in an attempt to recover the metal junk at the bottom of Hole U1473A (Run 15-FMM). We reentered Hole U1473A at 0321 h on 12 January and tagged the bottom of the hole at 0615 h without encountering any fill. Two 30-barrel mud sweeps were pumped while working the magnet and its milling shoe according to protocol. The drill string was retrieved, clearing the rig floor at 1105 h, and we found that the fishing magnet had successfully recovered a heavily eroded roller cone (Figure F8B–F8C). As we suspected from inspection of the bit from BHA Run 14, the cone had plugged the RCB bit and prevented advancement and recovery of core the previous day. Some gravel was recovered as well in the boot-type junk baskets.

Drilling ahead (12–13 January)

We decided to drill ahead without coring for an interval not to exceed 100 m using a tricone bit. The tricone drilling bit is more robust than the RCB coring bit and therefore more suitable to mitigate potential issues near the bottom of the hole, such as reaming a slightly tight hole (Figure F9A). We also wanted to get an idea of how much faster drilling would deepen the hole compared to coring, and we wanted to do that before reaching the modeled depth interval (~600 m DSF or deeper) where we expect to penetrate the magnetic transition from reversed to normal polarity.

We started to make up a 9% inch tricone bit at 1200 h on 12 January, reentered Hole U1473A at 1545 h, washed and reamed down a tight hole to the bottom at 481.7 m DSF, began to drill new hole at 2300 h, and deepened the drilled interval to 519.2 m DSF. Drilling conditions were reasonably good; however, the rate of advance barely matched the rates we had achieved with RCB coring earlier in the hole. We decided in the afternoon of 13 January to switch back to coring. The drill string was retrieved and cleared the rig floor at 2010 h. Inspection of the tricone drill bit showed slight wear of the outside diameter caused by the narrow-gauge hole, but the cones and bearings were all in good condition (Figure F9B). The wear was severe enough to crack all 3 tungsten carbide bit nozzles (Figure F9C).

Third coring episode (13–23 January)

A new 9% inch RCB C-7 bit was made up and deployed to near the seafloor (BHA Run 17; seventh RCB bit), at which point deployment was suspended to allow the rig crew to slip and cut 115 ft of drilling line as part of their routine rig maintenance. Hole U1473A was reentered at 0210 h on 14 January, reamed down from 510.6 to 519.2 m DSF, and cleaned with a 30-barrel high-viscosity mud sweep. When the intended wash barrel was recovered at 0730 h, it surprisingly contained a 0.2 m long freshly trimmed core plus 0.2 m of additional material, which was registered as Core 57R (519.2–519.6 m DSF). We subsequently recovered Cores 58R through 66R (519.6–606.6 m DSF) and recovered 64.9 m (75%). Coring conditions were optimal during this run. Average torque on bottom remained ~350 A, and recovery was improving downhole. High-viscosity mud sweeps of 30 barrels were pumped every 5 m.

With 39.6 h on the bit, we decided at 0700 h on 16 January to retrieve the drill string for another bit change, clearing the rig floor at 1055 h. Upon inspection, the RCB coring bit was intact, with very

little wear on the skirt or its tungsten carbide inserts. The inserts on the nose of the bit showed appreciable signs of wear but were intact. A new 9 $\frac{1}{8}$ inch C-7 bit was made up and, following some rig servicing tasks, reentered Hole U1473A at 1424 h (BHA Run 18; eighth RCB bit). Coring resumed at 1830 h and continued through Core 71R (648.4 m DSF), with 30-barrel mud sweeps pumped as required. At 2215 h on 17 January, we had to suspend coring and pull out of the hole because of high ship heave. Given the time spent on the bit already, we decided to use the down time for an early bit change and retrieved the drill string with the bit clearing the rig floor at 0240 h on 18 January. BHA Run 18 (Cores 67R through 71R) recovered 41.3 m (a staggering 99%).

A new RCB C-7 drill bit was installed and lowered toward the seafloor (BHA Run 19; ninth RCB bit). By that time, the swell had subsided and we reentered Hole U1473A at 0653 h (eighteenth reentry). RCB coring resumed at 1030 h on 18 January, and Core 72R was advanced from 648.4 to 651.9 m DSF with varying torque and mud sweeps every few meters. At 1215 h, the drill pipe became stuck with the bit at 651.9 m DSF, with loss of rotation despite applying torque up to 800 A and overpull up to 175,000 lb. The driller gradually increased the pressure and overpull on the drill string, opening and closing the heave compensator in the process, and was able to work the bit up to 648 m DSF. The pipe suddenly became free at 1400 h, and rotation and circulation were reestablished. As we pulled up to 555 m DSF, the torque gradually normalized and we retrieved Core 72R (648.4–651.9 m DSF) at 1615 h. We think that a significant piece of rock fell from higher up in the hole onto the tapered drill collar and the drill string became free when the rock was gradually broken up. The sudden release of energy when freeing the pipe was cause for concern. It was therefore decided to retrieve and inspect the BHA and the drill bit to minimize the overall risk to the hole. Before pulling the drill string, the major traveling equipment on the rig was inspected for any visible damage. While pulling the drill string with the top drive, the torque was carefully monitored; everything appeared normal. The bit arrived back on the rig floor at 2015 h and was inspected. With <2 h of coring time, the bit looked as good as new and was reassembled to the BHA.

Hole U1473A was reentered at 2350 h on 18 January (BHA Run 20; nineteenth reentry) and the bit was lowered to the bottom of the hole without encountering any fill. Coring resumed and BHA Run 20 retrieved Cores 73R through 81R (651.9–721.3 m DSF), recovering 65.6 m (95%). We pumped 30-barrel high-viscosity mud sweeps every 5 m to keep the hole clean. At 0200 h on 21 January, drill bit rotating time had reached 40 h and it was time for a pipe trip to replace the bit. The drill string was retrieved and the bit arrived back on the rig floor at 0635 h on 21 January.

We made up another RCB C-7 coring bit, this time with an MBR to allow us to drop the bit on the seafloor after coring, reenter the hole, and conduct wireline logging without the need for a full pipe trip. The bit was lowered to the seafloor, and Hole U1473A was reentered for the twentieth time at 1038 h on 21 January. The bit reached the bottom of the hole without drag or excessive torque and, after a 30-barrel mud sweep, coring resumed at 1515 h. We retrieved Cores 82R through 89R (721.3–789.2 m DSF) and recovered 66.0 m (a whopping 97%), pumping 30-barrel high-viscosity mud sweeps every 5 m and a 50-barrel mud sweep at the end.

Successful logging and MBR problem

At 1445 h on 23 January, we began our wireline logging program for Hole U1473A, which had a total depth of 789.2 m DSF. With the bit near the bottom of the hole, we displaced the hole with 290 bar-

rels of drill water (freshwater) to reduce the electrical resistivity contrast between the borehole fluid and the highly resistive formation. We raised the drill bit to 205 m DSF and displaced the upper part of the hole with another 49 barrels of drill water. Next, we pulled the bit out of the hole, clearing the seafloor at 1830 h, and offset the ship 30 m east with the bit ~10 m above the seafloor. The subsea camera system was deployed to document the bit release operation. Using two wireline runs with the rotary shifting tool, we dropped the drill bit onto the seafloor at 1930 h. Next, we repositioned the ship and reentered Hole U1473A at 2145 h on 23 January (twenty-first reentry), lowering the end of the pipe to 45.5 m DSF. The subsea camera system was recovered and the rig floor prepared for logging.

At 2330 h on 23 January, we began to rig up the logging tools for the first of three logging runs with the triple combo tool string, which measures bulk density, bulk resistivity, spectral gamma radiation, magnetic susceptibility, total gamma radiation, and temperature. The triple combo was deployed at 0045 h on 24 January. The run included a 150 m upward calibration pass from the bottom of the hole and the main upward logging pass from 787.8 m wireline log depth below seafloor (WSF). During the main log, the tool string temporarily lost power at 354.0 m WSF and was dropped back down to 383.1 m WSF before the log was completed. The tool string was back at the surface at 0530 h.

The second run with the FMS-sonic tool string, which measures microresistivity to generate a partial borehole wall image, propagation of compressional and shear waves, total gamma radiation, and temperature, was deployed at 0815 h. After the tool string was run to bottom at 785.5 m WSF, the controller of the heave compensator had to be rebooted to correct a problem. The run included three logging passes. The first was from 785.5 m WSF to just below the end of pipe at 88.9 m WSF. The second pass was from 785.5 to 568.2 m WSF; it was aborted because one of the FMS arms didn't open and the tool was dropped back to the bottom. The third pass was from 785.5 m WSF to the seafloor. The tool string was back at the surface at 1530 h and rigged down by 1645 h on 24 January.

The third run with the UBI tool string, which generates a borehole wall image using ultrasound, was deployed at 1800 h on 24 January. The tool string was also configured to measure spectral gamma radiation as well as total gamma radiation and temperature. A downhole pass was measured from just above the seafloor to 785.2 m WSF. The uplog started at 778.6 m WSF. A small problem was encountered with an apparent ledge at ~579 m WSF in both directions. The tool string was back on the rig floor at 0330 h on 25 January.

After all logging equipment was rigged down, the drill string was retrieved and cleared the rig floor at 0555 h. Upon inspection of the MBR top connector, we found that the sleeve retainer ring was missing. The locking bolt securing the sleeve retainer was sheared. The most likely situation was that the sleeve retainer backed out during logging operations and fell into the open hole. We therefore needed to retrieve it before we could resume coring. We made up and deployed a fishing magnet with mill guide, reentered Hole U1473A at 1012 h, and reached the bottom of the hole at 789.2 m DSF. A significant amount of fill and hard material was encountered on the way to bottom. A 30-barrel mud sweep was pumped, and the fishing magnet was worked up and down near the bottom of the hole according to protocol (1430–1530 h). The drill string was retrieved and cleared the rig floor at 1850 h. The sleeve retainer ring was not recovered.

Because a small possibility existed that the retainer dropped to the seafloor when the bit was dropped, rather than into the hole, we decided to attempt a coring run. An RCB bit was made up and deployed, reentering Hole U1473A at 2229 h on 25 January. The drill string was washed and reamed to the bottom of the hole at 789.2 m DSF, which included a 30-barrel high-viscosity mud sweep and the deployment and recovery of a wash barrel. Next, a core barrel was dropped at 0315 h on 26 January and an attempt was made at coring. Applying a maximum of 2000–3000 lb of weight and 350 A of torque, the driller noted erratic torque on bottom. After several careful attempts at coring, it became clear that metal junk was preventing advancement. The drill string was retrieved, clearing the rig floor at 1020 h. Upon inspection, the drill bit showed only a few scratches but was otherwise in excellent condition.

The RCJB was made up with a mill tooth cutting shoe and two boot-type junk baskets and deployed in an attempt to retrieve the missing MBR sleeve retainer ring (BHA Run 24). The bit reentered Hole U1473A at 1420 h on 26 January. At 1745 h when the top drive was picked up to lower the pipe to the bottom of the hole, power to the top drive was lost for 5.73 h. The circulation head was installed so we could keep circulating and raising/lowering the drill string while the top drive electrical problem was being repaired. At 2300 h, the top drive was picked up again and the drill string was washed toward the bottom of the hole to complete the fishing attempt. A 30-barrel mud sweep was pumped, and the string was worked up and down three times before the activation ball was dropped down the pipe to trigger reverse circulation. After circulating and rotating on bottom for 80 min, the top drive was set back and the drill string was retrieved, clearing the rig floor at 0545 h on 27 January. The sleeve retainer was not recovered; however, its presence at the bottom of Hole U1473A was confirmed with the recovery of three rounded cobbles that have clear tool marks characteristic of contact with the sleeve retainer (Figure F11).

With no expedition time left, the remaining drill collars were laid out to the drill collar racks and the rig floor was cleaned up and secured for transit. At 0440 h, the single acoustic positioning beacon was recovered. The thrusters and hydrophones were then raised.

A total of 86 RCB cores were taken over a 741.6 m interval with a total recovery of 468.15 m of core. The RCJB recovered a surprise large-diameter core on one run and other samples on a subsequent run. The total advance for the tool was recorded at 1.1 m with 1.0 m of material recovered. There were a number of other junk baskets recovered with sample material. With the exception of the last junk basket runs, these were curated and entered into the database referenced to the hole. On the next to last junk basket run, the material was recorded as a ghost core and entered into the database from 9.5 to 788.2 m DSF. The final RCJB was recorded as an advance of 0.5 m with 0.5 m of material recovered. The overall core recovery for Hole U1473A was 468.65 m over an interval of 742.2 m, yielding a recovery percentage for Hole U1473A of 63.2%. The ghost core was not considered in recovery statistics. The total time spent on Hole U1473A was 868.5 h or 36.19 days.

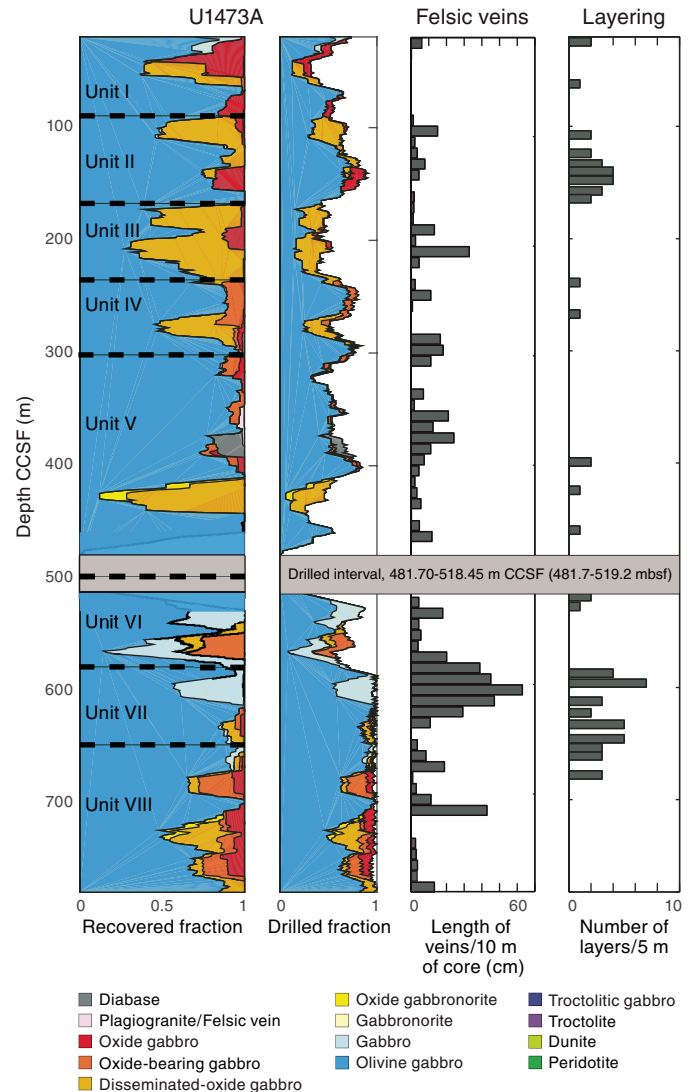
Transit to Port Louis, Mauritius

At 0830 h on 27 January, the transit to Port Louis, Mauritius, began. Expedition 360 ended at 0800 h on 30 January with the first line ashore.

Igneous petrology

Expedition 360 recovered 89 cores from Hole U1473A, composed of gabbros, diabase dikes, and felsic veins (Figure F12). Eight lithologic units were identified based on changes in mineral modes, grain size, texture, and the occurrence of other igneous features such as layering and the presence of felsic material (either patchy or in the form of veins). Both magnetic susceptibility and geochemical variations were also considered in defining these units. Primary magmatic gabbro textures to ~400 m core composite depth below seafloor (CCSF) are largely erased by intense crystal-plastic deformation; when preserved, there and deeper in the hole, texture is mostly subophitic and locally granular. The main lithology is dominated by olivine gabbro (<1% oxide; 76.5%), followed in abundance

Figure F12. Lithostratigraphic variations, Hole U1473A. Relative abundances of rocks are averaged over 20 m. Dashed lines = unit boundaries. Histograms document proportion of felsic veins per section and number of igneous layers identified every 5 m. Length of veins/10 m core is calculated as total sum of vein length (in centimeters) every 10 m of core.



by disseminated-oxide gabbro (containing 1%–2% oxide; 9.5% abundance), gabbro (*sensu stricto*; <1% oxide; 5.1%), oxide gabbro (>5% oxide; 3.7%), oxide-bearing gabbro (2%–5% oxide; 3.7%), and felsic veins (1.5%). Oxide abundance decreases slightly downhole, with the exception of the lowermost intervals where various oxide gabbros again recur. Oxide-bearing and oxide gabbros are typified by strong localized crystal-plastic deformation, though those in the deepest part of the hole (Unit VIII) are mostly undeformed. Oxide gabbro crystallization is most likely related to late-stage melt percolation. The occurrence of late-stage evolved melts is also inferred on the basis of the nearly ubiquitous presence of brown amphibole, either interstitially or as rims around clinopyroxene and/or olivine, and generally associated to Fe-Ti oxides. When rimming olivine, brown amphibole is also accompanied by orthopyroxene. These late-stage melt-related features are less abundant in the undeformed samples from the deeper levels of the hole. Felsic veins comprise ~1.5% of the cores and mainly consist of leucodiorite, quartz diorite, diorite, trondhjemite, and rare tonalite and occur in discrete horizons. Trondhjemites predominate deeper than 500 m CCSE, whereas leucodiorite, quartz diorite, and diorite are instead dominant shallower than 500 m CCSE. These felsic lithologies may locally contain oxide minerals, sometimes within and sometimes along the margins of the veins. Seven diabase dikes were found at various depths, locally intruding gabbros previously deformed under conditions ranging from granulite down to greenschist facies conditions. Primary minerals in diabase dikes are locally recrystallized in a granoblastic assemblage of brown amphibole, plagioclase, clinopyroxene, and orthopyroxene, likely reflecting recrystallization at lower granulite facies conditions (~800°C). Diabases appear locally to have partially melted the adjacent gabbro to form thin felsic veins directly at the contact to the gabbro.

Although predominantly coarse-grained, in some instances olivine gabbros may display local-scale variations in grain size, ranging from fine to very coarse grained. These regions tend to form irregular domains with intrusive or sutured contacts. In other instances, more systematic grain size variations give rise to apparent igneous layering, which is well developed in Units II and VII (i.e., 91.29–175 and 577.68–642 m CCSE, respectively). In most cases, contacts between different grain size layers are subparallel to each other, though less commonly irregular contacts are also found. Grain size variability is also generally accompanied by variation in mineral mode.

Lithostratigraphy

Major rock types

Rock nomenclature is defined in **Igneous petrology** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter (MacLeod et al., 2017a). The major rock types were distinguished principally by variations in the abundance of olivine and oxides. Where present, orthopyroxene, primary amphibole, and quartz were also used to define lithologies. Hole U1473A is composed of a variety of gabbroic rocks as represented in proportion by the running average presented in Figure F12 (see LITH in **Supplementary material** for method of calculating lithology fractions). Oxide-free (oxide < 1 vol%) to disseminated-oxide (oxide = 1–2 vol%) olivine gabbros represent the principal rock types, forming 76.5 and 9.5 vol% of the sections, respectively (Figure F13). On the other hand, olivine-free to olivine-bearing gabbros (<5 vol% olivine) are rare, constituting ~5.1% of the section. Oxide-bearing and oxide gabbros are abundant and represent 7.4% of the section. Very few nongabbroic intervals occur; these are felsic rocks (1.5 vol%) ranging from diorites to trondhjemites. A volumetrically insignificant percentage of sparsely phyrlic

diabase dikes and enclaves (see **Dikes**) was encountered (~0.5%; not included in volume totals above).

Lithologic units

We recognize eight major lithologic units in Hole U1473A. The units were distinguished on the basis of their modal mineralogy, grain size, texture, and other igneous features, including layering, veins, and/or patchy felsic material (Table T3). Magnetic susceptibility and geochemical data were also taken into consideration when defining the units. Depth distributions of rock types and unit boundaries are presented in Figure F12.

Unit I

Interval: Sections 360-U1473A-2R-1 through 11R-1

Igneous intervals: 1–41

Depth: 0–91.29 m CCSF

Lithology: subophitic olivine gabbro

The main lithology of Unit I is represented by coarse-grained olivine gabbro with minor medium- to fine-grained intercalations or patches of the same lithology. These gabbros show a subophitic nearly equigranular texture, in rare instances obliterated by weak to intense crystal-plastic deformation. This unit is also characterized by repeated occurrences of oxide gabbro locally intruding the olivine gabbro host. The oxide gabbros are preferentially associated with crystal-plastic deformation. Both olivine gabbros and oxide

Figure F13. Pie diagrams showing lithologic proportions (vol%) for Atlantis Bank (Holes U1473A, 735B, and 1105A) and Hole U1309D. Note that felsic veins and diabase were excluded in these plots.

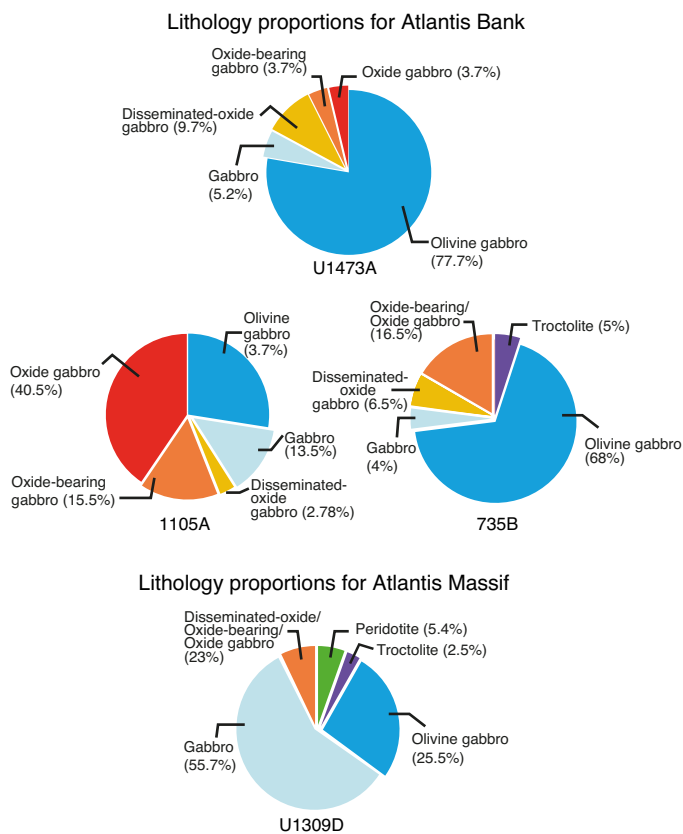


Table T3. Igneous intervals, Hole U1473A. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

gabbros show broad variations in grain size from coarse (up to 10 mm) to very coarse (up to 20 mm) and pegmatitic (>30 mm). Seven diabase dikes (0.5%) crosscut the section (see [Dikes](#) for further details).

Unit II

Interval: Sections 360-U1473A-11R-1 through 19R-2

Igneous intervals: 41–103

Depth: 91.29–175.00 m CCSF

Lithology: interlayered series of coarse-grained subophitic gabbros and medium-grained subophitic gabbros

The main lithology in Unit II is represented by coarse-grained olivine gabbros containing medium- to fine-grained layers, locally displaying subparallel contacts (see [Igneous layering](#)). Although rocks are locally characterized by various extents of crystal-plastic deformation along the entire unit, single 4–10 cm layers are present with sharp grain size and intrusive contacts. Interstitial sulfides are also present near contacts. Oxide gabbros occur rarely and are most commonly associated with high-grade crystal-plastic deformation. Average grain size is generally <10 mm and fairly constant. Very coarse grained and pegmatitic patches are absent. Transition from Unit I is clearly identified with magnetic susceptibility data.

Unit III

Interval: Sections 360-U1473A-20R-1 through 26R-2

Igneous intervals: 104–119

Depth: 175.00–228.59 m CCSF

Lithology: coarse-grained granular olivine gabbro enriched in oxides and displaying numerous felsic veins and patches

Unit III consists mostly of coarse-grained granular olivine gabbro to disseminated-oxide gabbro. Rare oxide gabbro is also observed. The general granular texture may not be primary, as Unit III has experienced extensive plastic deformation (see [Structural geology](#)). Numerous felsic veins and patches are present throughout Unit III (Figure [F12](#)). Transition from Unit II is clearly identified by the presence of oxide-rich lithologies.

Unit IV

Interval: Sections 360-U1473A-26R-2 through 34R-6

Igneous intervals: 120–154

Depth: 228.59–297.13 m CCSF

Lithology: coarse-grained subophitic olivine gabbro, with rare igneous layering, and dikes

Unit IV consists mostly of coarse-grained subophitic gabbro with rare horizons enriched in oxide. Medium-grained sub-horizontal layers of olivine gabbro are locally observed. Dikes crosscut Unit IV and are associated locally with felsic veins (see [Dikes](#) for further details).

Unit V

Interval: Sections 360-U1473A-34R-6 through 52R-1

Igneous intervals: 155–230

Depth: 297.13–469.60 m CCSF

Lithology: coarse-grained subophitic to granular olivine gabbro with dikes

Unit V consists mostly of coarse-grained subophitic to granular gabbro with horizons enriched in oxide. The general texture is patchy and highlighted by grain size variations from fine to very

coarse grained. Five dikes are present in the section (see [Dikes](#) for further details). Transition from Unit IV is not clearly identified and may be located between Section 360-U1473A-33R-3 (297.13 m CCSF) and the top of Section 35R-1 (313.2 m CCSF) where olivine is less abundant and deformation is very intense. Transition to Unit VI corresponds to the interval (49.71 m) that was drilled without coring.

Unit VI

Interval: Sections 360-U1473A-57R-1 through 64R-1

Igneous intervals: 231–266

Depth: 518.45–577.68 m CCSF

Lithology: coarse-grained subophitic olivine gabbro

Unit VI consists mostly of coarse-grained olivine gabbro with minor medium- to fine-grained intercalations or patches. These gabbros show a subophitic, nearly equigranular texture. A level enriched in oxide-bearing gabbros is more intensively deformed. Transition from Unit V corresponds to the interval (49.71 m) that was drilled without coring.

Unit VII

Interval: Sections 360-U1473A-64R-2 through 70R-5

Igneous intervals: 266–308

Depth: 577.68–642.00 m CCSF

Lithology: coarse-grained subophitic olivine gabbro with abundant igneous layering

Unit VII consists mostly of fine- to coarse-grained subophitic olivine gabbro that displays grain size layering. Igneous layer thicknesses vary from some centimeters to tens of centimeters. Most of the contacts are planar and subparallel. Some patchy grain size variations are also locally observed.

Unit VIII

Interval: Sections 360-U1473A-70R-6 through 89R-8

Igneous intervals: 308–424

Depth: 642.00–790.00 m CCSF

Lithology: coarse-grained subophitic olivine gabbro with minor gabbros containing oxide

Unit VIII is composed of a homogeneous coarse-grained subophitic gabbro with abundant horizons enriched in oxides and sulfides (disseminated-oxide to oxide-bearing gabbro). Compared to Unit VII, the olivine gabbros of Unit VIII have a well-developed subophitic texture, where olivine is abundant and locally interstitial to poikilitic. Deformation is exclusively localized within the oxide-bearing horizon.

Core descriptions

Modal variations

Modal abundances of the primary magmatic phases were estimated visually on core samples and refined where possible by subsequent thin section observations. We defined 424 igneous lithologic intervals varying from 13.2 m to 3 cm in thickness, with an average of 1.8 m. There is little significant variability in interval thickness with depth, although the interlayered gabbro Unit II shows the highest number of small intervals, whereas a higher number of thick lithologic intervals characterize the lowermost part of the hole. In most intervals, olivine and clinopyroxene were heterogeneously distributed, so an average modal proportion was recorded.

Figure F14. Mineral mode variations with depth (smoothed lines calculated as a running average over 10 intervals), Hole U1473A. A. Silicate minerals. B. Oxide (Ox). C. Plagioclase (Pl)/Clinopyroxene (Cpx), olivine (Ol)/Cpx, and Ol/Pl ratios $\times 10$. D. Interval length.

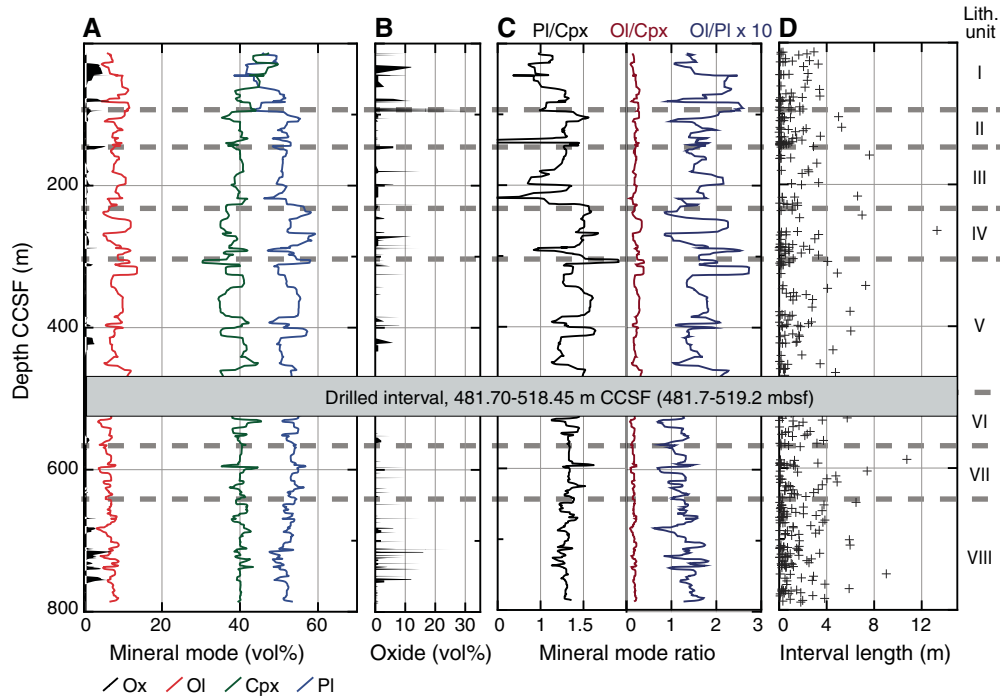
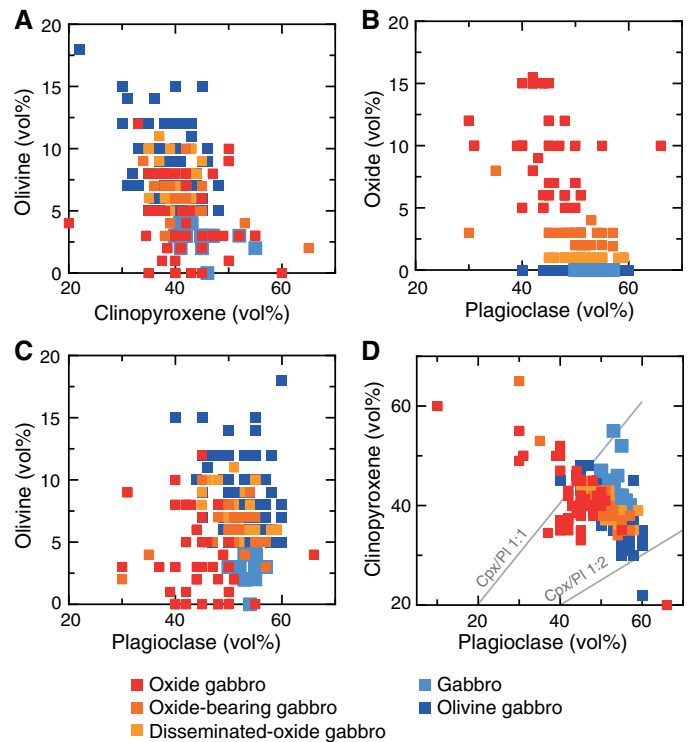


Figure F14 shows the mineral proportions of the gabbros, excluding felsic rocks and diabases, in Hole U1473A. Overall, there is no visible correlation between olivine and plagioclase modal contents in the different rock types. In contrast, relatively good correlations are noted between plagioclase and clinopyroxene and between olivine and clinopyroxene contents (Figure F15). Surprisingly, these correlations do not clearly correspond to the different rock types, except that those rocks in which oxides are present tend to have less plagioclase and more clinopyroxene. This is likely due to the preferential association of oxide patches with clinopyroxene and olivine (see Textures). Olivine gabbros and disseminated-oxide olivine gabbros have 5–16 vol% olivine, 40–60 vol% plagioclase, and 20–50 vol% clinopyroxene. The few gabbros have <5 vol% olivine, 50–60 vol% plagioclase, and 40–55 vol% clinopyroxene. Oxide-bearing and oxide gabbros have 2–30 vol% oxides, 30–67 vol% plagioclase, 0–12 vol% olivine, and 20–60 vol% clinopyroxene.

Downhole modal variability is given as a weighted running average for 10 intervals (see Igneous petrology in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]) in Figure F14. Mineral modes do not appear to vary systematically with depth. However, some variability does exist, especially in the plagioclase (Pl)/clinopyroxene (Cpx) ratio, which locally delineates the different lithologic units. For instance, a generally low Pl/Cpx ratio characterizes Unit I (mean = ~1.1) and is probably related to the occurrence of oxide gabbros in the shallower portion of the hole (~90 m CCSF). Similarly, negative spikes in the Pl/Cpx ratio are also visible downhole where oxide gabbros are present. Another important change in the Pl/Cpx ratio is observed at the transition between Units III and IV, where the mean ratio varies from 1.2 to 1.4, respectively. This ratio decreases again from Unit VI, where the Pl/Cpx ratio is more constant at a mean value of ~1.3.

Figure F15. Relationships in mineral mode for each lithology, Hole U1473A. A. Clinopyroxene (Cpx) vs. olivine (Ol). B. Plagioclase (Pl) vs. oxide. C. Pl vs. Ol. D. Pl vs. Cpx.



Contacts

A total of 424 lithologic contacts and breaks in lithology, corresponding to the same number of intervals, were recognized in Hole U1473A. Because of recovery gaps (35% of the total) many contacts were not observed directly other than as a change in lithology across a gap in recovery. The contacts recovered were classified at first order as either lithologic or structural (Figure F16). Lithologic contacts were further classified based on variations in either modal mineralogy or grain size, whereas structural contacts are related to the juxtaposition of different lithologies by intrusion or tectonic shearing. Lithologic and structural contacts constitute 65% and 35% of the total observed, respectively.

The nature of both lithologic and structural contacts is that they may be either sharp or gradational. Gradational lithologic contacts are interpreted to be intraformational, in that small differences in volatile contents or crystal nucleation and growth rate in the residing magma may have resulted in formation of the different rock types, rather than formation resulting from the arrival of a new batch of magma. Other gradational contacts may have resulted

from percolation of melt along fractures and grain boundaries beyond the boundaries of the intruding magma body. This may have been the case for some of the oxide-rich veins and networks present in some parts of the core (see below). In the case of gradational structural contacts, one rock type gradually changes into another and this change is marked by a change of the deformation style. This is the case in Section 360-U1473A-69R-5, where at the transition between olivine gabbro and oxide-bearing gabbro there is a change in plastic deformation style (Figure F17C; see also **Structural geology**).

Two contact types (“planar” and “sutured”) are generally the result of intrusive relationships between one lithology and another. Together they constitute 35% of the total observed contacts. Planar intrusive contacts are defined by brittle failure of the minerals composing the invaded rock, resulting in contacts that cut across grain boundaries (e.g., most dike/gabbro contacts). On the contrary, sutured contacts follow the outlines of grain boundaries, and grains in the invaded rock are not broken to make room for the invading magma. One interpretation of sutured contacts is that a melt in-

Figure F16. Variations in contact type with depth, Hole U1473A.

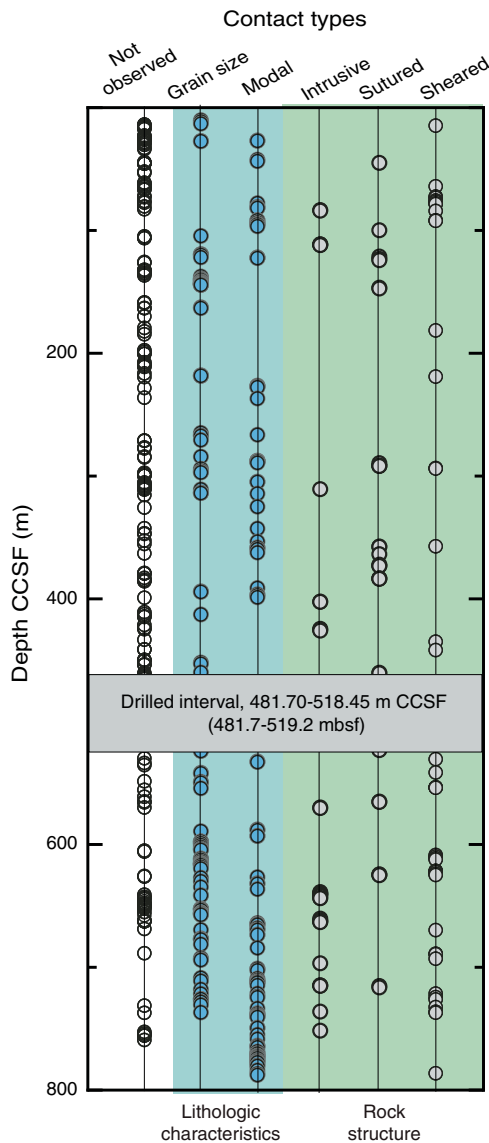
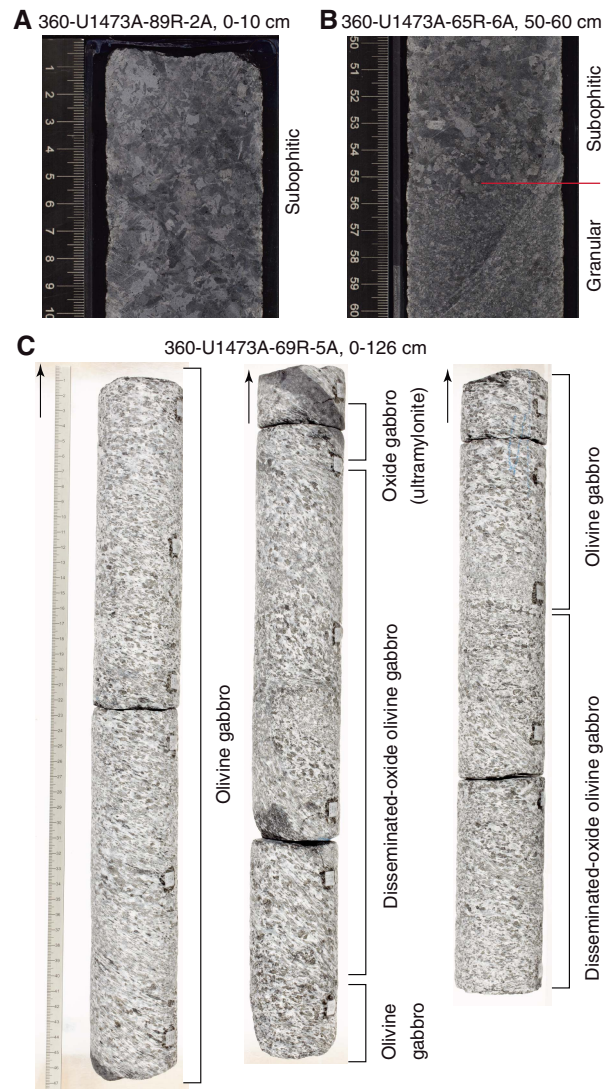


Figure F17. Core sections show (A) subophitic texture in coarse-grained olivine gabbro, (B) contact between subophitic and granular texture in olivine gabbro, and (C) gradational structural contacts with a change in deformation style between olivine gabbro and oxide-bearing gabbro, Hole U1473A.



truded a partly consolidated crystal mush so that grains of the invaded country rock were easily separated from one another during intrusion. Sutured contacts, which could equally be termed “reactive contacts,” can also be produced where the intruded rock has a dissolution-precipitation relationship to the invading melt. Sutured contacts may also be due to magmatic sedimentation with the appearance or disappearance of a phase from the liquidus of the crystallizing melt.

Sheared contacts commonly display a weak foliation adjacent to the contact in one or both bordering lithologies, and in many cases crystal-plastic deformation is developed along the contact. Where the shear zone is >5 cm in thickness, it was logged as a separate lithology. Sheared contacts imply that a fault zone (whether deforming in a ductile or brittle regime) has juxtaposed differing lithologies that may not have been in contact originally.

Grain size variations

The average grain size of samples varies from fine grained (<1 mm) to pegmatitic (>30 mm) on centimeter to meter scales and is generally in the coarse range (5–15 mm) for all rock types (Figures F18, F19; Table T4). Pegmatitic intervals (average grain size > 30 mm) are not common, although the maximum plagioclase and clinopyroxene grain sizes are >30 mm in some intervals.

There is generally a positive correlation between olivine, plagioclase, and clinopyroxene grain sizes, with clinopyroxene > plagioclase > olivine, especially for grains >10 mm in size (Figures F18, F19). These correlations are independent of rock type. Clinopyroxene is relatively coarser than plagioclase for grains >10 mm, whereas olivine is generally <10 mm. The maximum grain size for clinopyroxene is >60 mm. As a result, very coarse grained gabbro and few pegmatitic gabbro intervals have ophitic texture.

We recognized 963 grain size intervals as distinct from lithologic intervals, because grain size varies independently. Many grain size intervals represent zones of dynamic recrystallization that

crosscut the gabbros, whereas others represent variations in igneous grain size within an otherwise uniform lithologic interval. Average interval length is 0.5 m (± 0.7 1σ), and the maximum interval length is 5.9 m. Thin intervals tend to occur in clusters at several depths.

A running average of grain size over 10 intervals still shows many coarse and fine spikes (Figure F18). These spikes are caused by relatively long intervals with either very coarse grain size or fine grain size. Irrespective of these spikes, running grain size averages show a general trend: a gradual decrease in grain size from 0 to 140 m CCSF, a minimum in grain size (<5 mm) from 140 to 160 m CCSF, relatively fine grained units (5–7 mm) from 160 to 240 m CCSF and from 300 to 430 m CCSF, and relatively coarse grained units (around 10 mm) from 240 to 300 m CCSF. Of note is that the general grain size trend is inversely correlated with degree of crystal-plastic deformation (see Figures F18, F19), thus grain size is dependent on both magmatic and tectonic processes with neither the primary control.

Textures

Most of the gabbros have experienced some degree of crystal-plastic deformation (see **Structural geology**) that modified the original magmatic features. In addition, many samples have undergone metamorphic (hydrothermal) alteration that also partly obscures the original igneous (and/or structural) textures. However, primary igneous textures are still preserved in many of the least deformed and least altered samples. Coarse-grained rocks are generally characterized by subophitic texture (Figures F20, F17). Olivine crystals are generally subhedral and equant to subequant and occur either as an early cumulus phase locally occluded in plagioclase or as an interstitial to poikilitic phase (mostly in olivine gabbros from Unit VIII). Clinopyroxene is commonly subhedral to anhedral, with subequant to poikilitic habit, and generally encloses tabular plagioclase (totally or partially) and rarely olivine. The pegmatitic facies is characterized by the presence of large clinopyroxene oikocrysts. Plagioclase occurs as euhedral to subhedral tabular minerals partly or totally engulfed by large clinopyroxenes. Brown amphibole is seen in thin section as interstitial grains, filmlike coronae around clinopyroxenes, or exsolved blebs within clinopyroxenes. Irregular oxides are also present in olivine gabbros, within patches interstitial to olivine, plagioclase, and clinopyroxene, often associated with amphibole and orthopyroxene.

Medium-grained rocks are mostly characterized by granular texture in hand specimen, although they often show local subophitic textures under the microscope. Because these rocks are commonly deformed, it is an open question as to how far the granular textures represent a magmatic fabric.

Thin section descriptions

Hole U1473A gabbros display systematic variations in texture that correlate with degree of deformation. A few coarse-grained olivine gabbros and gabbros are less deformed and display subophitic texture, in which subhedral tabular plagioclase is partly or fully enclosed within clinopyroxene (Figure F21A). Such textures are locally preserved in the clinopyroxene porphyroclasts of more deformed samples (Figure F21B). With increasing deformation, plagioclase is partly or completely recrystallized and foliated (Figure F21B–F21C). The most highly deformed gabbros (Figure F21D) have mylonitic or ultramylonitic textures (see **Structural geology**).

Olivine is typically present in Hole U1473A gabbros as subhedral grains but locally shows anhedral to amoeboid shape and may locally enclose plagioclase crystals in an oikocrystic to poikil-

Figure F18. A. Mean and maximum grain sizes of plagioclase (Pl), clinopyroxene (Cpx), and olivine (Ol) with depth (smoothed lines calculated as a running average over 10 grain size intervals), Hole U1473A. Black lines = smoothed fit to the running averages. B. Interval length. Gray bar = drilled interval.

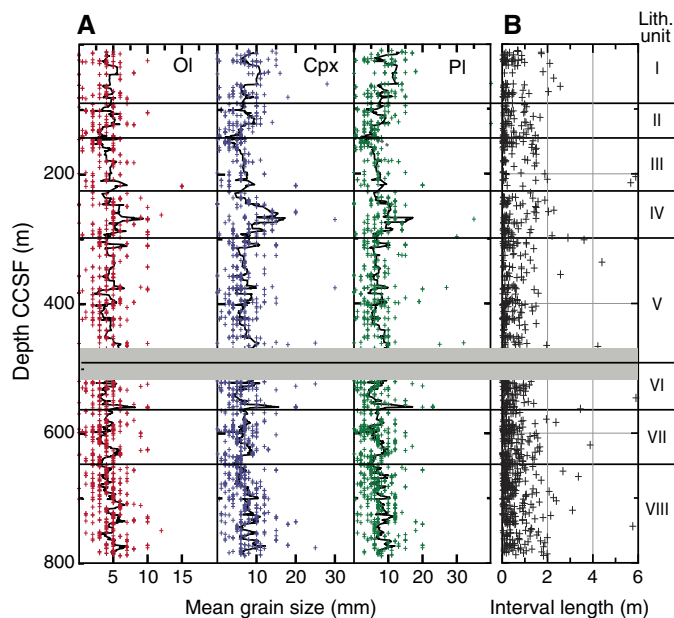
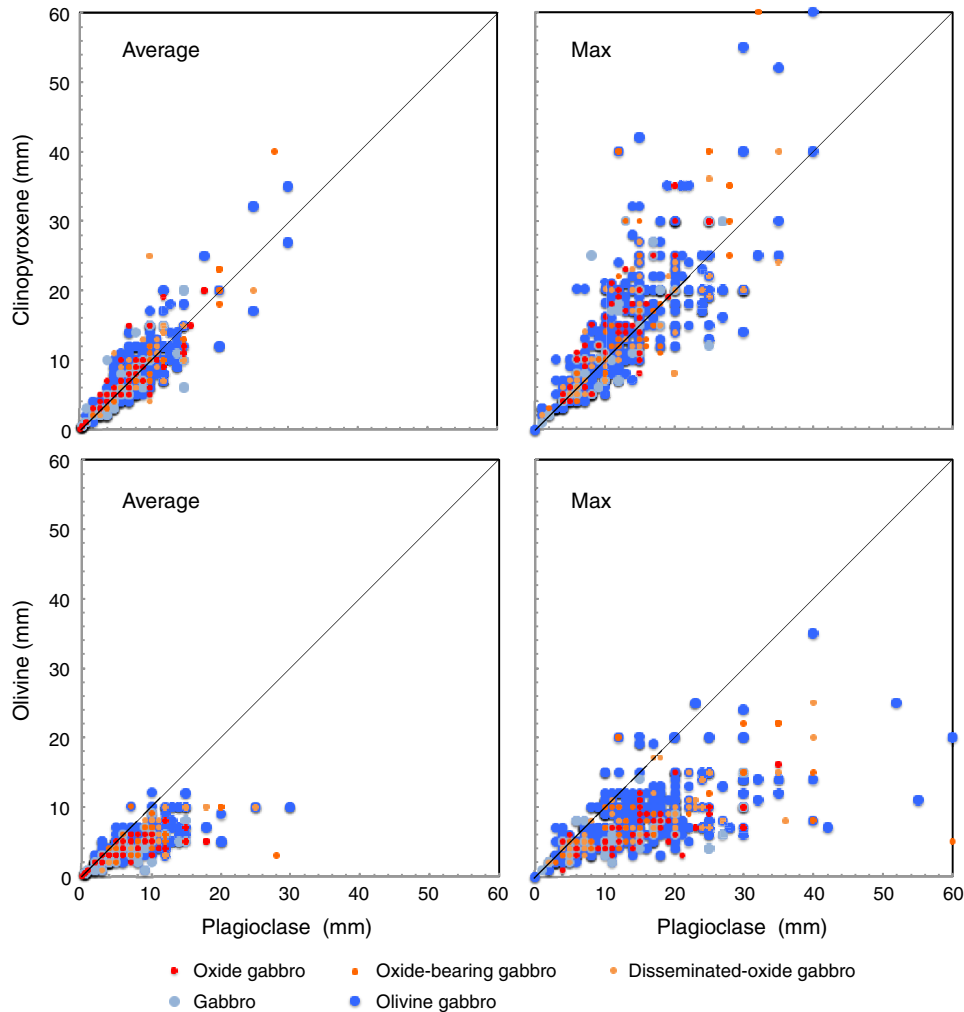


Figure F19. Correlation of average and maximum grain sizes between plagioclase and clinopyroxene and olivine, Hole U1473A.

Table T4. Grain size intervals, Hole U1473A. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

itic habit (Figure F22A). In most samples, olivine is partly or fully recrystallized. Some porphyroclasts are rimmed by orthopyroxene and brown amphibole. Olivine neoblasts are mostly elongate and occasionally occur as aggregates surrounding clinopyroxene. Polygonalized olivine aggregates are observed in a few samples due to annealing recrystallization of highly strained olivine grains (Figure F22B). Euhedral olivines are found only as phenocrysts in the diabase dikes.

In a few undeformed gabbros, plagioclase occurs as tabular crystals and displays magmatic twins (Figure F23A). Deformation twins are well developed in some samples (Figure F23B), whereas plagioclase is recrystallized and has undulose extinction in most samples (Figure F23C–F23D). Plagioclase subgrain boundaries locally occur along the margins of large porphyroclasts where they represent the initial stage of neoblast formation (Figure F23C). In some cases, plagioclase laths with undulose extinction in a matrix of polygonalized plagioclase may represent a partially recrystallized magmatic plagioclase foliation or, alternatively, grow preferentially oriented new plagioclase laths in a recrystallized plagioclase matrix (Figure F23D).

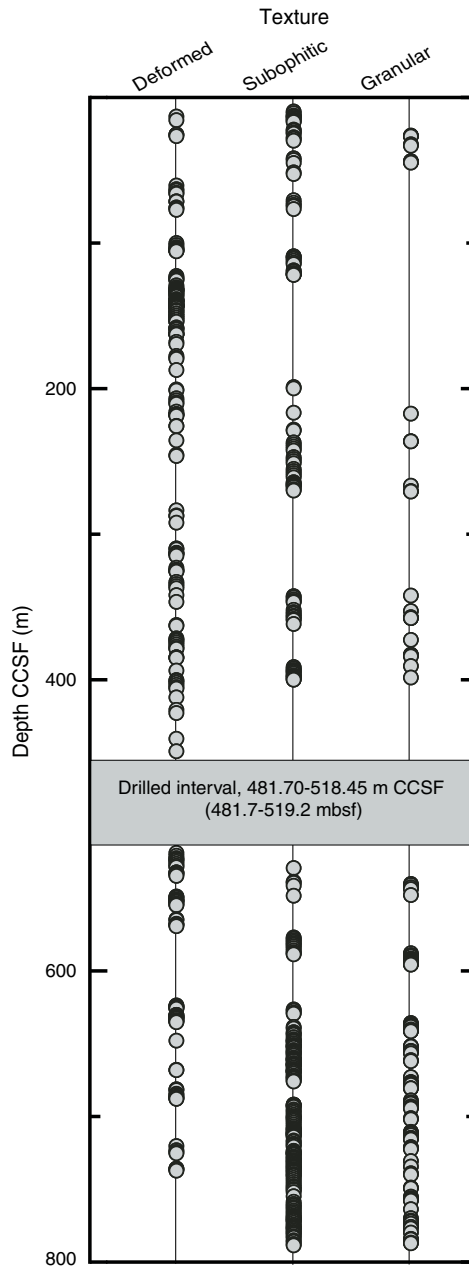
Clinopyroxene is the second most abundant phase in Hole U1473A gabbros. It is commonly present as coarse anhedral, inter-

granular, or subequant grains with well-developed exsolution lamellae (Figure F24A) or as a subophitic phase with plagioclase and olivine; however, it also commonly forms large oikocrysts enclosing plagioclase chadacrysts. Clinopyroxene in most samples is commonly recrystallized and the neoblasts are closely aggregated around the porphyroclasts (Figure F24B). Clinopyroxene porphyroclasts commonly display a consertal intergrowth texture of irregular interlocking crystals (Figure F24C). Symplectic texture between secondary (partly exsolved) clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, and brown amphibole can be seen in a few instances (Figure F24D).

Orthopyroxene is an accessory phase throughout the Hole U1473A gabbroic cores. It appears as thin selvages or reaction rims (Figure F25A–F25B), in most cases between olivine and plagioclase, but also as minor overgrowths on clinopyroxene. Orthopyroxene is also present as a relatively coarse grained granular phase in some orthopyroxene-bearing gabbros and gabbro-norites (Figure F25C–F25D); the oxide gabbro-norite of Core 360-U1473A-47R, for example, contains up to 20 vol% primary orthopyroxene.

Opaque minerals occur as interstitial phases among silicate phases. In oxide and oxide-bearing gabbro, they commonly surround clinopyroxene (Figure F26A) or occur in association with neoblastic clinopyroxene within the pressure shadows of clinopyroxene porphyroclasts in deformed samples. In other gabbros, oxides are commonly associated with brown amphibole (Figure

Figure F20. Variations in texture types (deformed, subophitic, and granular) with depth, Hole U1473A.



F26B), forming interstitial patches at the rims of clinopyroxene and olivine grains. Opaque minerals also occur within secondary clinopyroxene in association with amphibole blebs. Opaque minerals in most thin sections are predominantly ilmenite, though a few fresh olivine gabbros contain trace amounts of sulfide in greater proportion than ilmenite. Both chalcopyrite and pyrrhotite occur (Figure **F26C**), and intergrowths are quite common: both between ilmenite and sulfide and between ilmenite and magnetite (Figure **F26D**).

Brown amphibole is nearly ubiquitous in Hole U1473A gabbros but only rarely exceeds trace proportions (<1 vol%). It is commonly present as intergranular selvages between olivine, pyroxene, and plagioclase with much the same growth habit as orthopyroxene (Figure **F27A**). Brown amphibole appears to have a particular spatial affinity with oxide minerals and is commonly found intergrown with or enclosing them (Figure **F27B**). It also locally occurs as

Figure F21. Deformation-related features (cross-polarized light [XPL]). A. Gabbro with subophitic texture; subhedral tabular plagioclase (Pl) partly enclosed in clinopyroxene (Cpx) (80R-5, 68–71 cm; TS 283). B. Olivine (Ol) gabbro with porphyroclastic texture (39R-4, 15–18 cm; TS 126). Pl is weakly recrystallized and poikilitic texture is preserved in Cpx. C. Gabbro with porphyroclastic texture (15R-3, 60–62 cm; TS 48). Pl is completely recrystallized and foliated. D. Mylonite (23R-2, 71–73 cm; TS 71).

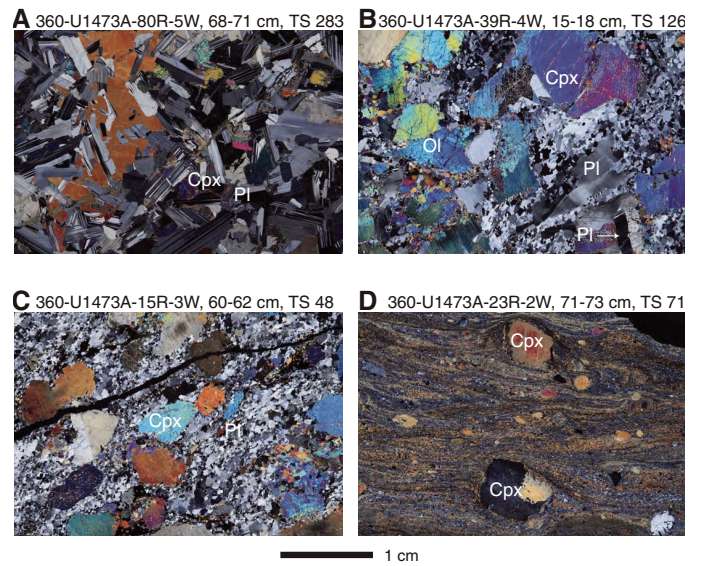
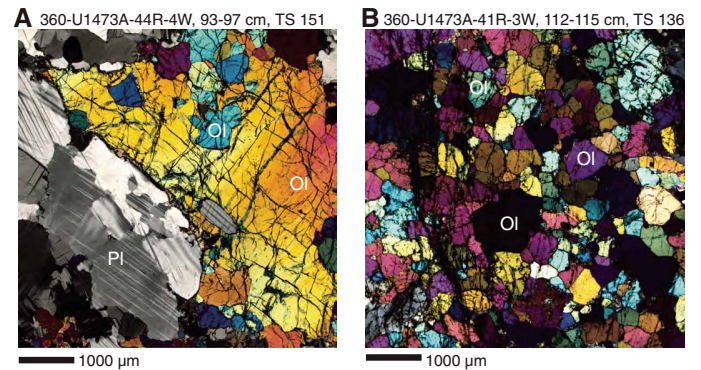


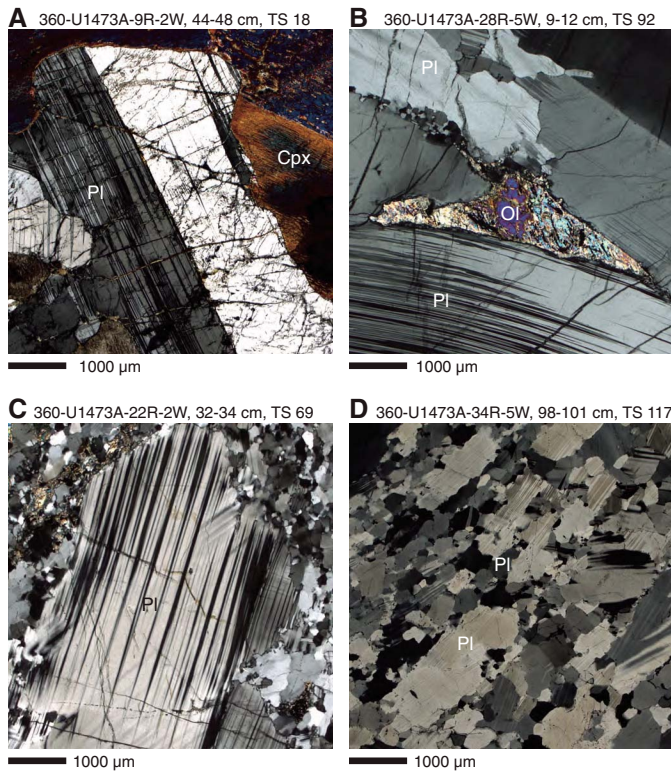
Figure F22. Olivine (Ol) textures in gabbros (XPL). A. Ol encloses plagioclase (Pl) crystals in an oikocrystic to poikilitic habit (44R-4, 93–97 cm; TS 151). B. Ol neoblasts with triple junction grain boundaries (41R-3, 112–115 cm; TS 136).



“blebs” and lamellae within secondary clinopyroxene, mostly associated with orthopyroxene and oxides. Brown amphibole reaches its greatest abundance in oxide-rich gabbros, where it may be present in more than trace amounts (1–5 vol%). Tiny interstitial brown amphiboles are very common among clinopyroxene neoblasts (Figure **F27C**). In gabbros crosscut by felsic veins, abundant brown amphibole is also present as coronae around clinopyroxene (Figure **F27D**).

Biotite, though rare, occurs in a few felsic veins and also in gabbros associated with felsic veins (see **Metamorphic petrology**). Accessory minerals, such as zircon, titanite, and apatite (Figure **F28A**, **F28B**, **F28D**), occur in some thin sections associated with the intrusion of felsic veins. Zircon is usually euhedral, with variable size ranging from <100 µm to ~2 mm (Figure **F28A–F28B**). Where present, titanite (Figure **F28C**) commonly shows a reaction texture with ilmenite (Figure **F28D**). Within the reaction halos between gabbros and felsic veins, apatite forms crystals, sometimes needle-

Figure F23. Plagioclase (Pl) textures in gabbros (XPL). A. Tabular Pl crystal with magmatic twins (9R-2, 44–48 cm; TS 18). Cpx = clinopyroxene. B. Tabular Pl with deformation twins (28R-5, 9–12 cm; TS 92). Ol = olivine. C. Partial recrystallization of Pl at the margin of big grains at initial stage of neoblast formation (22R-2, 32–34 cm; TS 69). Both porphyroclasts and neoblasts display undulose extinction. D. Strongly orientated and foliated Pl laths with undulatory extinction in a matrix of recrystallized Pl neoblasts (34R-5, 98–101 cm; TS 117).



like, enclosed within amphibole or else as euhedral crystals among plagioclase (Figure F28D).

Igneous features

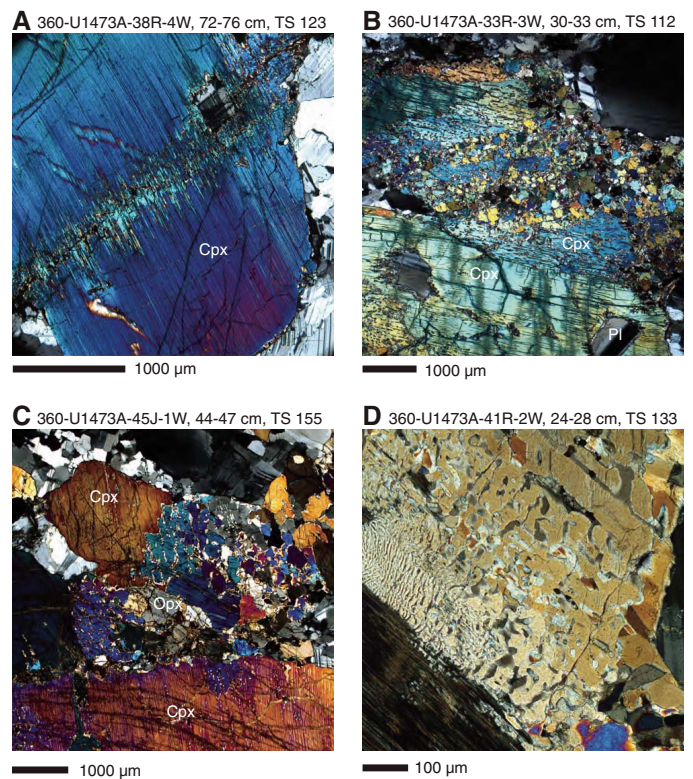
Oxides and sulfides

Petrographic observations of oxide minerals and sulfides from Hole U1473A were made using transmitted and reflected light microscopy. Quantitative modal estimates of the proportions of oxides and sulfides were obtained using ImageJ image analysis software applied to whole thin section photographs taken in transmitted light and, for fine-grained rocks, photomicrographs taken in both transmitted and reflected light (see **Igneous petrology** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]).

Rocks in which the sum of ilmenite and magnetite is very low include olivine gabbro, olivine-bearing gabbro, and gabbro (*sensu stricto*). Magnetic susceptibilities of these rocks are low, <800 instrument units (IU) (see **Petrophysics**; Figure F29). The two minerals occur as tiny, usually uniformly dispersed, interstitial grains, as do less abundant sulfides, usually traces of pyrrhotite only. Most of the time, all such grains are bordered by interstitial brown amphibole. All three comprise an interstitial mineral assemblage that is common to these rocks and is of widespread occurrence in all rock types cored from Atlantis Bank.

In rocks with <1% magmatic oxides, the oxides tend to be uniformly dispersed, whether the rocks have crystal-plastic deforma-

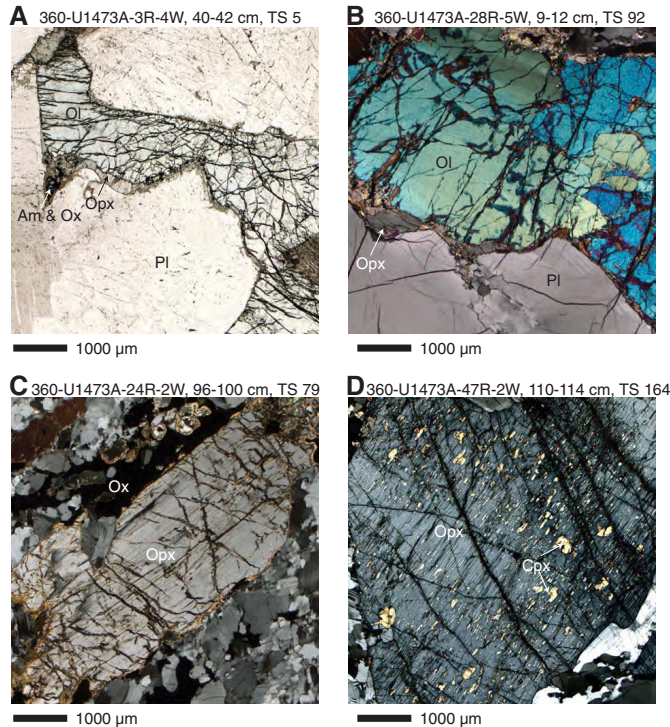
tion textures or not. Rocks with greater percentages of oxides, disseminated-oxide gabbros, oxide-bearing gabbros, oxide gabbros, and oxide olivine gabbros are almost always restricted to narrow veinlike structures or seams. They are typically, but not universally, related to the deformation fabric of surrounding rock, which may also contain dispersed oxides and sulfides. Oxide-bearing and oxide-rich seams in Hole U1473A gabbros have conformable or nearly conformable relationships to the deformation fabric in adjacent rocks. All told, hundreds of these seams occur in Hole U1473A.



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Figures F30 and F31 illustrate general characteristics of oxide-rich seams and oxide gabbros from Hole U1473A, respectively. In all cases, the photomicrographs are oriented with the tops up. The sections are thus also shown in consistent relationship to patterns of foliation in their host rock (the core reference frame [CRF]), in which the deformation fabric dips to the left. Three general categories are shown. The first (Figure F31A–F31C) is massive oxide gabbro, in which high percentages of oxide minerals separate and in some cases surround mats or aggregates of disrupted plagioclase and clinopyroxene that internally have partly or completely recrystallized granoblastic textures. The larger plagioclases have bent and somewhat twisted twin planes, and the edges of clinopyroxenes can have granoblastic subgrains and sievelike internal structure. As illustrated elsewhere, however, using reflected light (e.g., Shipboard Scientific Party, 1999b; also see the **Hole 1105A redescription** chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017b]) the coarse patches of oxide minerals can be seen to be themselves undeformed. Figure F31A–F31C

Figure F25. Orthopyroxene (Opx) textures in gabbros (XPL and plane-polarized light [PPL]). A, B. Olivine (Ol) rimmed by Opx (A: 3R-4, 40–42 cm; TS 5; B: 28R-5, 9–12 cm; TS 92). Pl = plagioclase, Am = amphibole, Ox = oxide. C, D. Subhedral Opx in Opx-bearing gabbro and gabbronorite (C: 24R-2, 96–100; TS 79; D: 47R-2, 110–114 cm; TS 164). Cpx = clinopyroxene.

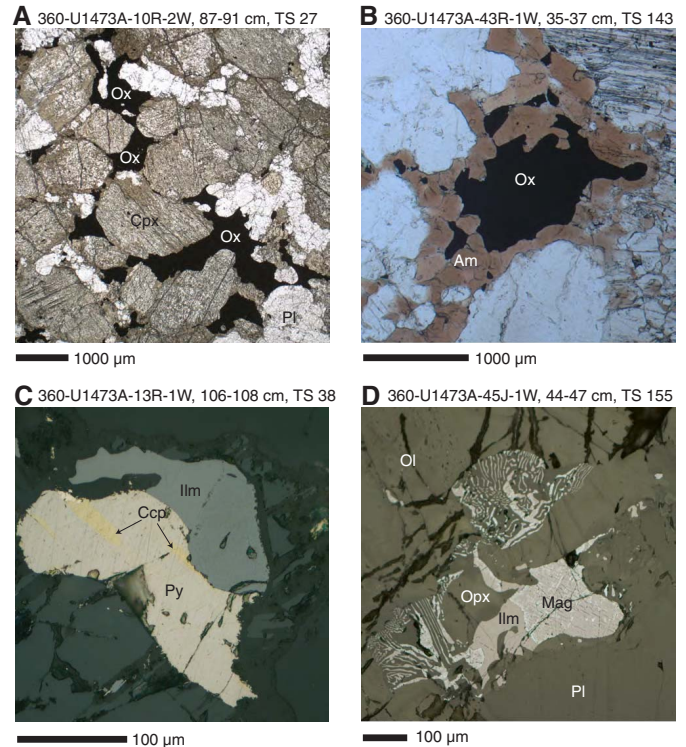


shows the general relationship between them and adjacent silicate minerals. In all three examples, the oxide minerals are in both horizontal and vertical concentrates. These are interpenetrative structures that give rise to the brittle deformation and brecciation of the silicates during the introduction of the oxide minerals.

Far more typical are narrow (0.1–1 cm) seams of oxide minerals that are parallel or nearly parallel to foliation in adjacent rock (Figure F31D–F31I). Some of the same characteristics of the more massive oxide gabbros are preserved, including broken and rounded mineral grains (Figure F31D, F31G–F31H), embedded granoblastic crystals, and association with brown amphibole (Figure F31E [upper center], F31H). Some have high proportions of clinopyroxene but almost no plagioclase (Figure F31D, F31G). The narrow planar aspect of these seams rather consistently dips as foliation dips or crosses it at a very low angle (Figure F31G). Slightly higher dips occur in thin sections from near the top of the hole, and through the 20 thin sections in which these structures occur, they flatten with depth, as does the foliation evident in the thin sections. The pattern is only partly evident in Figure F31D–F31I. Oxide percentages measured in these rocks are not those of the separate seams, which might exceed 70%, but of entire thin sections, most of which comprise adjacent rock. Textures in these rocks suggest significant porosity in the late-stage crystallization history of these rocks; silicate mineral grains may be deeply embayed, with the embayments now filled with oxide minerals.

The final category of oxide seams is that in which the oxide minerals occur in strongly foliated porphyroclastic to mylonitic shear zones (Figure F30). The orientation of these zones varies with depth. Some of these seams are up to 1 mm wide (Figure F30A), but many are narrower and strongly sheared (Figure F30B–F30D). The

Figure F26. Opaque mineral textures in gabbros (PPL and reflected light). A. Opaque oxides surrounding clinopyroxene (Cpx) in oxide (Ox) gabbro (10R-2, 87–91 cm; TS 27). Pl = plagioclase. B. Opaque Ox enclosed in brown amphibole (Am) (43R-1, 35–37 cm; TS 143). C. Intergrowth texture between ilmenite (Ilm) and sulfides and exsolution of chalcocopyrite (Ccp) from pyrrhotite (13R-1, 106–108 cm; TS 38). Py = pyrite. D. Intergrowth texture between Ilm and magnetite (Mag), which shows a symplectite with orthopyroxene (Opx) (45J-1, 44–47 cm; TS 155). Ol = olivine.



oxide minerals can be concentrated along bands displaying intense crystal-plastic deformation, juxtaposing different lithologies or rocks of different grain size. Some of these mylonitic zones crosscut older deformation fabric, which itself may be plastically transposed by the later stage of ductile deformation. These narrow, oxide-bearing mylonite shear bands tend to be later-stage features, generally crosscutting the older, more penetrative deformation fabrics within which the more prominent oxide-rich seams occur (Figure F31).

Figure F31H shows an aggregate of oxide minerals within a seam apparently lying on clinopyroxene grains—a true relative spatial relationship deduced from the oriented thin section. Although the oxide minerals are much denser than the clinopyroxene, the liquid from which they precipitated was not; depending on the mineral composition, it was less than $\sim 3.3 \text{ g/cm}^3$, the density of clinopyroxene at the magmatic stage (Niu and Batiza, 1991). The sequence of crystallization, presumably as the melts cooled, was possibly clinopyroxene, then the oxide minerals, which probably were simultaneous with plagioclase, as in an amphibole diorite dike rock described next. The invading fluid, however, was denser than plagioclase in a basaltic melt ($\sim 2.6 \text{ g/cm}^3$), which is absent in this seam. The feldspar may have been dissolved and carried away with the migrating fluid.

Section 360-U1473A-51R-1 preserves a distinctive late intrusion of magnetite-rich amphibole diorite. Its contact with surrounding rock is irregular (Figure F32A) and portions of it are incorporated into the intrusion; it is coarse grained and contains abundant phenocrysts of euhedral to subhedral magnetite that co-

Figure F27. Brown amphibole (Am) textures in gabbros (PPL). A. Brown Am, together with oxides (Ox) occurring as an intergranular patch between clinopyroxene (Cpx) and plagioclase (Pl) (10R-3, 72–75 cm; TS 28). B. Brown Am in association with Ox (15R-3, 60–62 cm; TS 48). C. Brown Am interstitial among Cpx neoblasts (20R-2, 9–12 cm; TS 63). D. Brown Am as corona over Cpx (43R-1, 35–37 cm; TS 143).

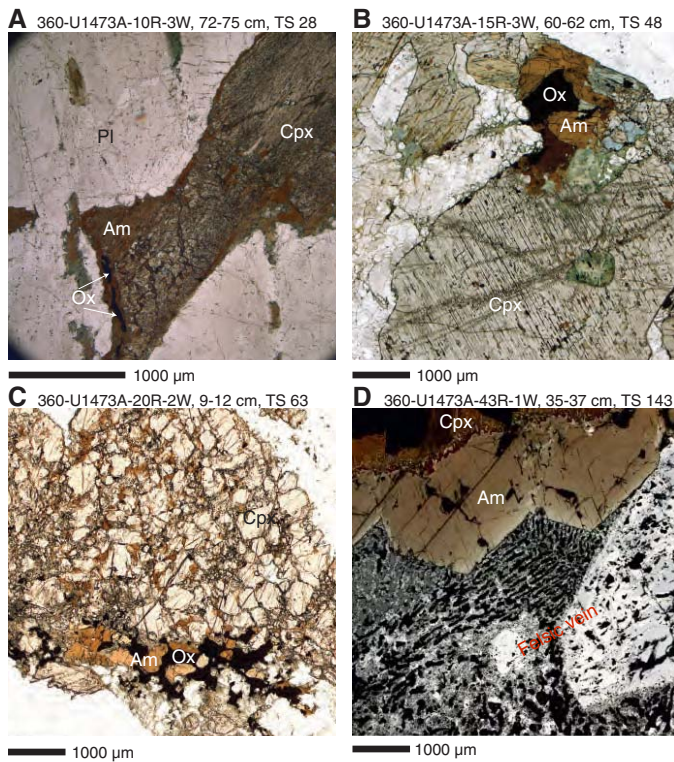
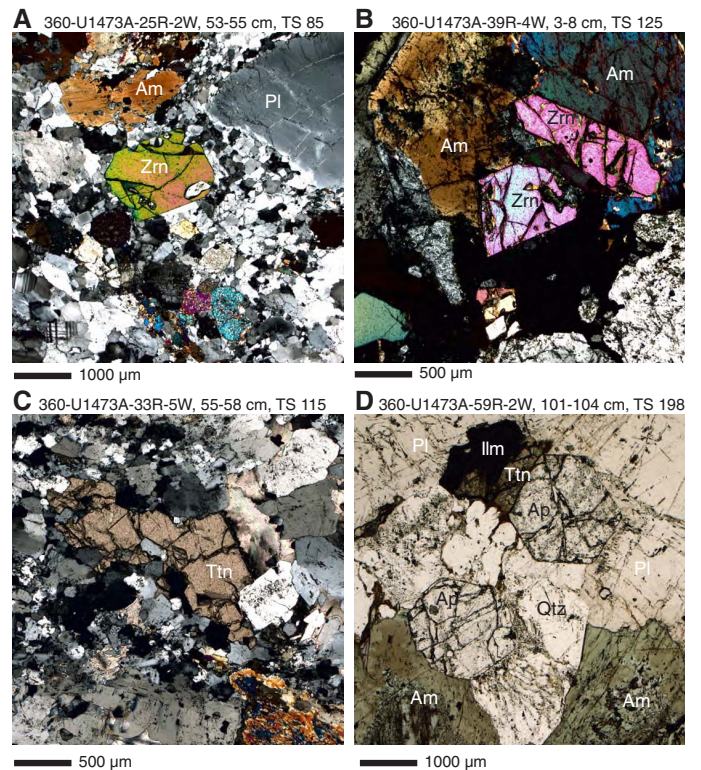


Figure F28. Accessory mineral occurrences in gabbros (XPL and PPL). A. Euhedral zircon (Zrn) within felsic vein (25R-2, 53–55 cm; TS 85). Pl = plagioclase. B. Subhedral Zrn within amphibole (Am) (39R-4, 3–8 cm; TS 125). C. Titanite (Ttn) in felsic vein (33R-5, 55–58 cm; TS 115). D. Euhedral apatite (Ap) in trondhjemite vein (59R-2, 101–104 cm; TS 198). Ilm = ilmenite, Qtz = quartz.



precipitated with plagioclase (Figure F32B–F32D). Grains of both plagioclase and magnetite are enclosed by oikocrysts of brown amphibole that filled in the late-stage porosity structure (Figure F32B–F32C). This dike is close to fine-grained granoblastically overprinted dikes in the core and may be related to them. It appears to be indicative of a greatly advanced stage of hydrous differentiation of the mafic plutonic mass or may be related to hydrous anatexis of host gabbros while the dike intruded.

Several samples of undeformed oxide gabbro from Cores 360-U1473A-81R, 83R, and 86R are particularly rich in magmatic oxides and sulfide (Figure F33). Sample 83R-1, 10–14 cm (TS 297) contains 24.1% of magmatic oxides and sulfides, as determined using image analysis procedures (Figure F34). In this sample, the oxide minerals form coarse patches between euhedral clinopyroxene and plagioclase. They are partly skeletal in morphology. Intergrown ilmenite and magnetite are readily distinguished because of incipient alteration cracking of the magnetite. Intergrown rounded sulfide globules are even visible on the thin section surface with the unaided eye and are up to 1 mm long. Both chalcopyrite and pyrrhotite occur in some of them. The thin section also contains large 1 mm sized apatite crystals within the oxide patches.

Sample 360-U1473A-81R-3, 77–80 cm (TS 292), has 12.3% oxides and even coarser-grained pyrrhotite-chalcopyrite intergrowths, up to 2 mm long. The oxide minerals again are partly skeletal. The section also contains some large intersertal crystals of biotite adjacent to brown amphibole. Sample 86R-2, 0–3 cm (TS 310), is a coarse-grained oxide gabbro in which both patches and very elongated

(up to 4 mm) strings of ilmenite-magnetite are arranged between large clinopyroxene and plagioclase crystals. The melts that crystallized the oxide minerals were thus able to penetrate the intergranular structure.

The crystallization/segregation sequence was as follows. Thin sections from deep in Hole U1473A document places in the core where the magmatic oxide minerals and globular immiscible sulfides accumulated within spaces between silicate minerals in high proportions but without apparent deformation. One of the sections encloses euhedral apatite, which thus formed before ilmenite and magnetite, and in all sections the oxide minerals are rimmed with brown amphibole and then with biotite, which formed sequentially later. Sulfides segregated throughout and are larger and more abundant than anywhere shallower in the core. The coarsest oxides are oikocrysts that grew in stagnant oxide gabbro around previously crystallized apatite.

Igneous layering

Igneous layering occurs mainly in Units II and VII and locally in other units (Figure F12). Layering is highlighted by grain size variations between two intervals, with upper and lower contacts that are mostly subplanar and sharp (Figures F35, F36). As plastic deformation is strong in the corresponding units, most of those layers are overprinted by deformation, such that a primary magmatic origin for the grain size variation is not always evident. Some alternating grain size layers that are undeformed are nevertheless observed (e.g., Section 360-U1473A-13R-1) and attest to their magmatic ori-

Figure F29. Section Half Multisensor Logger (SHMSL) point magnetic susceptibility (MSP) data filtered per procedures described in the Expedition 360 methods chapter (MacLeod et al., 2017a), Hole U1473A. CSF-A = core depth below seafloor. Blue triangles = single point measurements estimated from visual core description, red line = running average, pink arrows = principal occurrences of oxide gabbro, blue arrows = modal contents of oxides + sulfides where determined quantitatively by image analysis of thin sections.

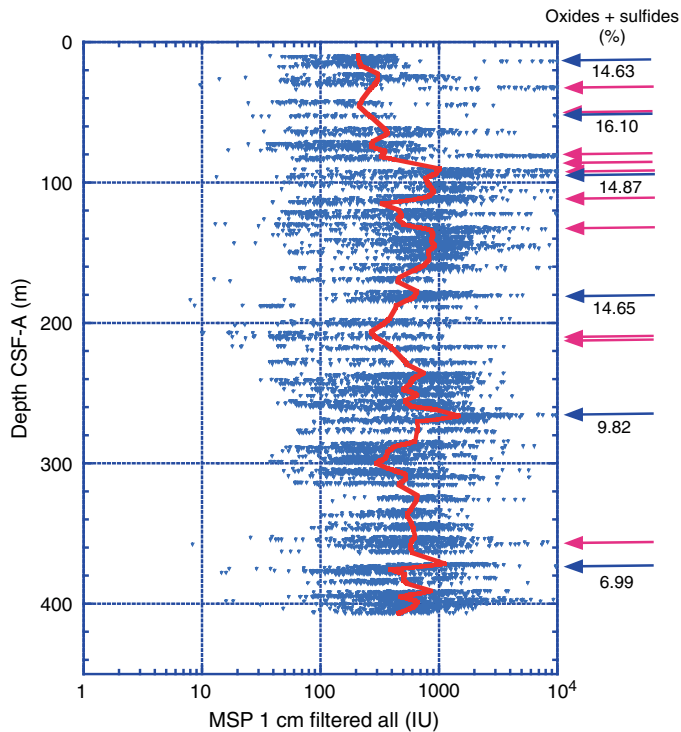
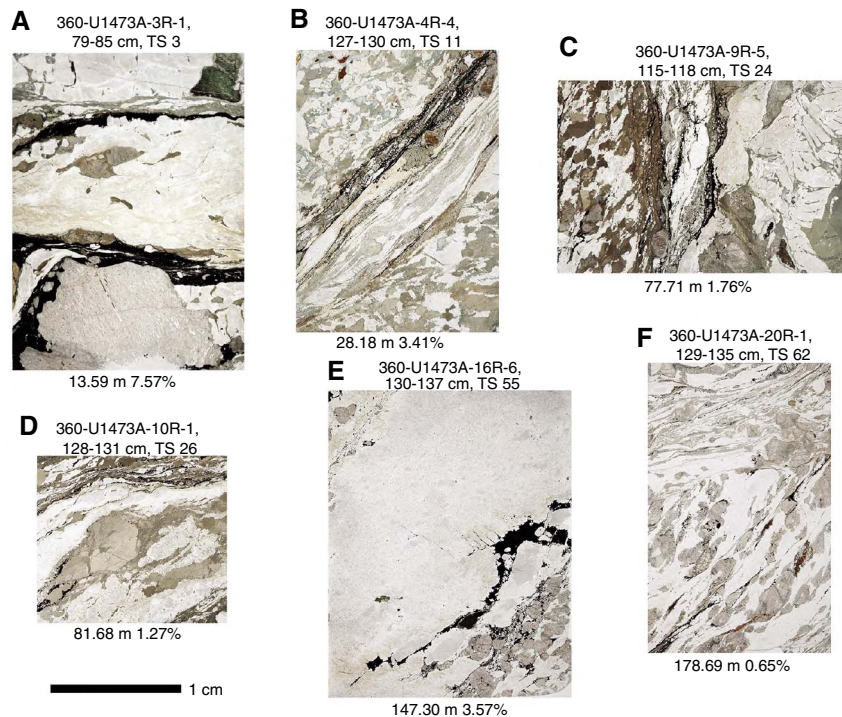


Figure F30. Representative texture of oxide-rich seam in gabbros (PPL; A: 3R-1, 79–85 cm; TS 3; B: 4R-4, 127–130 cm; TS 11; C: 9R-5, 115–118 cm; TS 24; D: 10R-1, 128–131 cm; TS 26; E: 16R-6, 130–137 cm; TS 55; F: 20R-1, 129–135 cm; TS 62). Oxide minerals are concentrated along bands displaying (A, B, D, F) intense crystal-plastic deformation, juxtaposing (E) different lithologies or (F) different grain size.



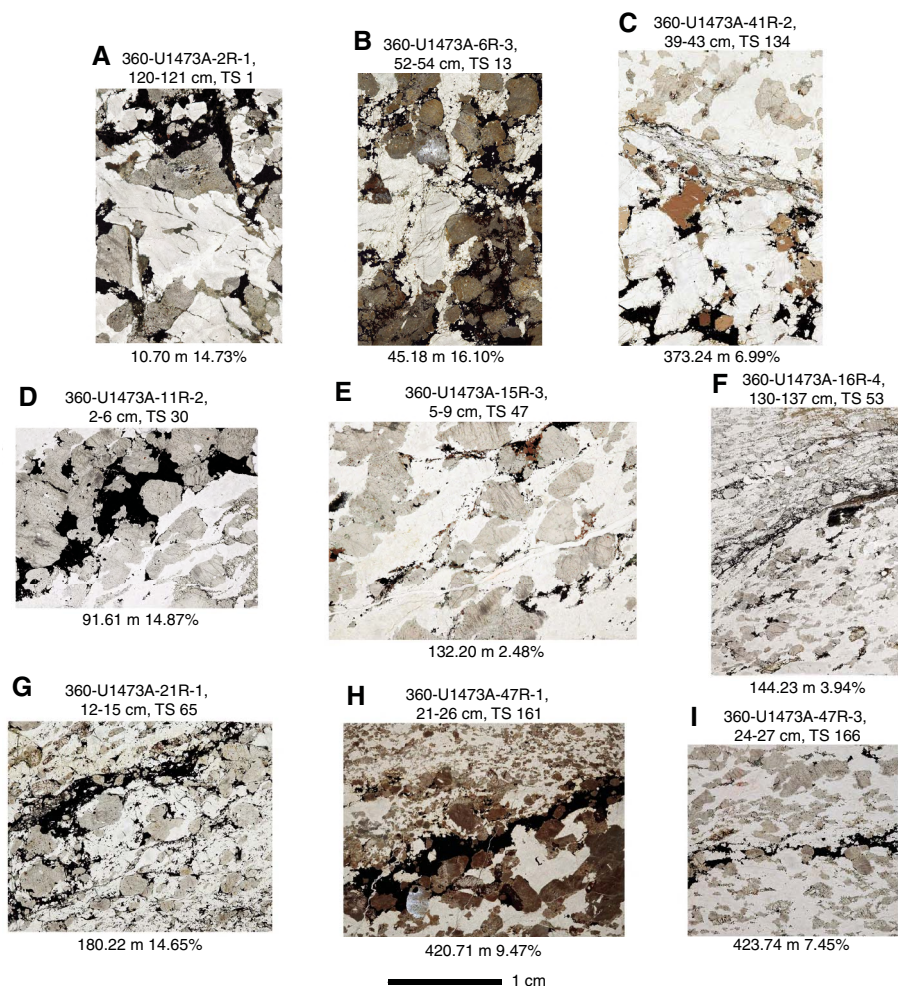
gin. Magmatic fabrics are locally present, in which case foliations are parallel to layer contacts (e.g., Section 65R-5). Modal proportions of plagioclase and clinopyroxene can differ between coarse- and medium-grained layers, but in most cases it is simply a grain size layering (Figure F37).

Felsic veins and patches

A total of 381 igneous felsic veins were identified in Hole U1473A cores (Tables T5, T6, T7). Felsic veins vary in geometry from regular planar dikes/dikelets (Figure F38) with sharp or irregular boundaries to irregularly shaped patches and networks and vary in thickness from a few millimeters to several centimeters. Felsic dikes are often associated with halos characterized by the formation of amphibole around clinopyroxene and changing to white in color macroscopically due to alteration of the plagioclase to a more sodic composition (Figure F39). Some felsic patches seem to infiltrate into grain boundaries between pyroxenes and olivines in the host gabbro (Figure F40). Figure F12 shows the location of felsic veins and patches in the cores. Felsic veins mostly intrude olivine gabbro and gabbro and are particularly concentrated at depth ranges 100–140, 180–220, 290–310, 380–410, 580, 630, and 700–710 m CCSE. These veins vary in width, geometry, and mineralogical composition.

Although most of the felsic rocks have clearly undergone post-emplacement high- and low-temperature alteration, many of them have primary igneous textures. Most are composed primarily of plagioclase and amphibole. Plagioclase is generally subhedral to euhedral in shape and may display concentric zoning (Figure F41). Quartz may occur as patches of several grains and have in places a granophyric texture with feldspar (Figure F42). Amphibole is pleochroic, pale to darker brown, and some is euhedral (Figure F43). Subhedral brown amphibole occurs at contacts between felsic veins

Figure F31. Representative texture of oxide (Ox) gabbros (PPL; A: 2R-1, 120–121 cm; TS 1; B: 6R-3, 52–54 cm; TS 13; C: 41R-2, 39–43 cm; TS 134; D: 11R-2, 2–6 cm; TS 30; E: 15R-3, 5–9 cm; TS 47; F: 16R-4, 130–137 cm; TS 53; G: 21R-1, 12–15 cm; TS 65; H: 47R-1, 21–26 cm; TS 161; I: 47R-3, 24–27 cm; TS 166). Massive Ox gabbros locally showing (A–C) disrupted plagioclase and clinopyroxene (Cpx) and (D, G) Ox and Cpx associations, Hole U1473A. In slightly deformed rocks, Ox occurs (E) within the pressure shadow of Cpx porphyroclasts or (F, I) as seams associated to the neoblastic phases. H. Ox concentration at boundary between undeformed and slightly deformed Ox gabbros.



and clinopyroxene of the host gabbros (Figure F42A). Biotite occurs rarely within felsic veins and at the contacts between biotite-bearing felsic veins and olivine in the host gabbro (Figure F44A; see **Metamorphic petrology**). Minor minerals are apatite, zircon, titanite, and opaque minerals (Figure F44B). Opaque minerals occur more frequently in felsic veins deeper in the section. They comprise five types according to mineral modes (Figure F45; Table T6): diorite (21% by number and 18% by thickness), leucodiorite (30% by number and 26% by thickness), quartz diorite (23% by number and thickness), tonalite (2% by number and 4% by thickness), and trondhjemite (24% by number and 30% by thickness). There is an obvious change downhole in felsic vein compositions with the most evolved, trondhjemites, appearing almost exclusively deeper than 500 m CCSF (Figure F97).

Dikes

Seven dikes were cored in Hole U1473A (Cores 360-U1473A-6R, 32R through 33R, 41R through 42R, and 51R through 52R). One diabase dike (Core 6R) displays intergranular and fluidal texture and contains plagioclase phenocrysts. Plagioclase from the groundmass

clearly displays skeletal textures related to fast growth due to undercooling (Figure F46). The diabase is characteristic of late dikes emplaced in relatively cool host rock. The remaining six dikes, however, display granoblastic textures with assemblages characteristic of the amphibole hornfels facies (Cores 32R through 33R) and of the transition between amphibole and the two-pyroxene hornfels facies (Cores 42R and 51R through 52R) (Figures F89, F90, F91). Some of the granoblastic dikes also contain plagioclase phenocrysts (Cores 32R through 33R); these are associated with relict skeletal olivine phenocrysts (Core 42R). Plagioclase phenocrysts display tiny clinopyroxene and/or amphibole inclusions that mimic their former euhedral shape (Figure F90). Plagioclase from the groundmass is oriented parallel to the margins (Figure F47). When dike margins display apophyses (Core 33R), plagioclase lath orientations parallel the local-scale geometry of the margin.

Felsic veins and patches are found along the contacts of the granoblastic dikes (Figure F48), evidently the product of anatexis of the gabbro at their margins (see **Felsic veins at granoblastic dike/gabbro contacts**). A large dike (>1.5 m thick) in Cores 360-U1473A-41R through 42R contains plagioclase and skeletal olivine pheno-

Figure F32. A–D. Oxide and amphibole association in a diorite vein (15R-1; PPL). Oxide is euhedral and included in plagioclase and amphibole.

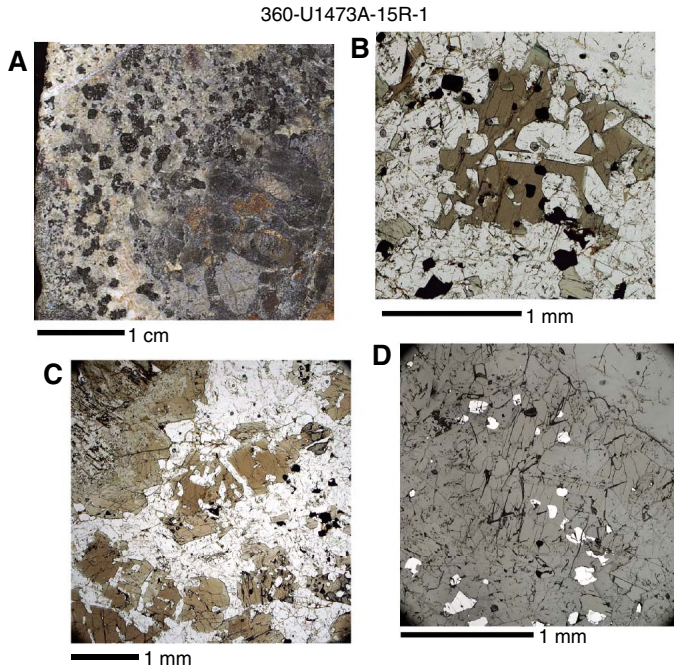
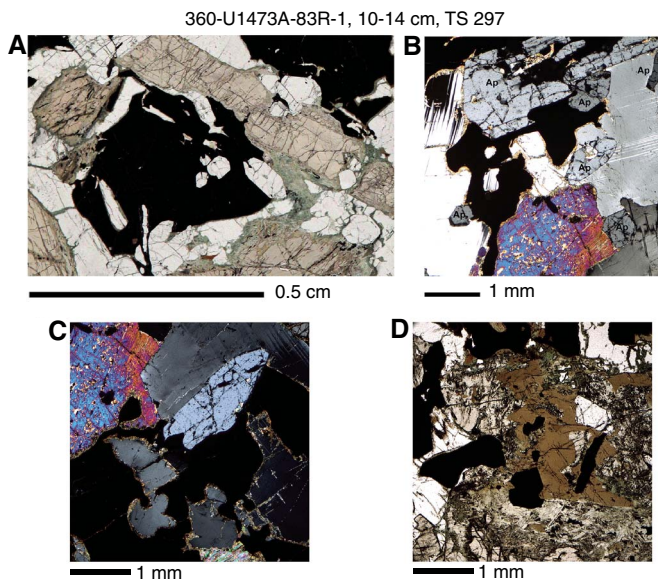


Figure F33. A–D. Oxide gabbros (83R-1, 10–14 cm; TS 297). Ap = apatite.



crystals and has an intergranular texture with late magmatic brown hornblende associated with oxides (Ox) (Figures F89, F90, F91). Although the general texture is intergranular, pyroxene and plagioclase nevertheless display slightly rounded boundaries. Plagioclase phenocrysts contain small amounts of pyroxene and/or tiny inclusions of brown amphibole close to their rims, in the same way as they occur in the granoblastic dikes. Although the dike/gabbro contact was not recovered, a decrease in grain size is observed from the center of the dike toward its rim. The granoblastic dike with a mineral assemblage characteristic of the transition between

amphibole and the two-pyroxene hornfels facies is located 23 cm below the last recovered piece of diabase.

General interpretations from Hole U1473A

Crystallization of olivine gabbros: evidence for melt-rock reaction processes

The textural features and chemical composition of olivine gabbros suggest that these rocks crystallized from a melt with relatively primitive chemical composition. In particular, the ophitic to sub-ophitic texture and occurrence of olivine ranging in form from rounded to an interstitial phase suggest the synchronous crystallization of olivine, plagioclase, and clinopyroxene. This was followed by the formation of interstitial phases such as brown amphibole and orthopyroxene, mostly associated with Fe-Ti oxides. Of particular interest is the local occurrence of plagioclase chadacrysts having irregular shape and resorbed grain boundaries against the enclosing clinopyroxene oikocrysts. This feature is commonly documented in olivine gabbros from other gabbroic occurrences (Blackman, Ilderson, John, Ohara, Miller, MacLeod, and the Expedition 304/305 Scientists, 2006; Lissenberg and Dick, 2008; Lissenberg et al., 2013) and is interpreted as evidence for assimilation of plagioclase by an invading melt that was crystallizing clinopyroxene. Similarly, partially corroded plagioclase crystals are also found within or at the contacts with the large olivine oikocrysts, also likely indicative of dissolution processes (Sanfilippo et al., 2013). These observations suggest that melt-rock reaction processes occurred during the first phases of crystallization of olivine gabbros in Hole U1473A. Although this inference must be tested with detailed mineral chemical determinations postcruise, the hypothesis is supported by good correlations between clinopyroxene and plagioclase or olivine modal composition in these rocks (Figure F15), which may be interpreted to suggest that clinopyroxene crystallized locally at the expense of plagioclase and olivine.

Other evidence for melt-rock reactions might be seen in the complex textural relationships between brown (magmatic) amphibole and the cumulus phases. Brown amphibole is the principal high-temperature hydrous mineral in oceanic gabbros (Mevel, 1988; Gillis, 1996; Manning et al., 1996), where it has been interpreted as either (i) a product of crystallization of evolved silicate melt (e.g., Dick et al., 2000) or (ii) evidence for high-temperature seawater-rock (e.g., Coogan et al., 2001). The textures and mineralogical characteristics of brown amphibole within Hole U1473A gabbros are similar to the high-Ti interstitial amphibole and amphibole blebs commonly reported in mid-ocean-ridge basalt (MORB)-type gabbros (Tribuzio et al., 2000b; Gillis and Meyer, 2001), suggesting a magmatic origin for this mineral. In particular, the common association of amphibole with Ti-Fe oxides and the local occurrence of irregular grain boundaries between amphibole and clinopyroxene suggest that brown amphibole (Am) might have formed through a reaction involving clinopyroxene and a H₂O-, TiO₂-rich melt through a reaction of the type



The origin of this melt can be attributed to the crystallization of chemically evolved melts, produced either by (i) extensive fractional crystallization (Meyer et al., 1989) or (ii) melt-crystal interaction processes (e.g., Coogan et al., 2001). An alternative hypothesis is that the melt crystallizing brown amphibole and oxides was produced by low degrees of partial melting of the gabbro triggered by the ingress of hydrothermal fluids (e.g., Koepke et al., 2007).

Figure F34. A. Textural features of oxide in oxide gabbro (83R-1, 10–14 cm; TS 297; PPL). B–E. Skeletal oxide patches between clinopyroxene and plagioclase. Po = pyrrhotite, Ccp = chalcopyrite, Ilm = ilmenite, Mag = magnetite. F. Detail of sulfide globules included in clinopyroxene.

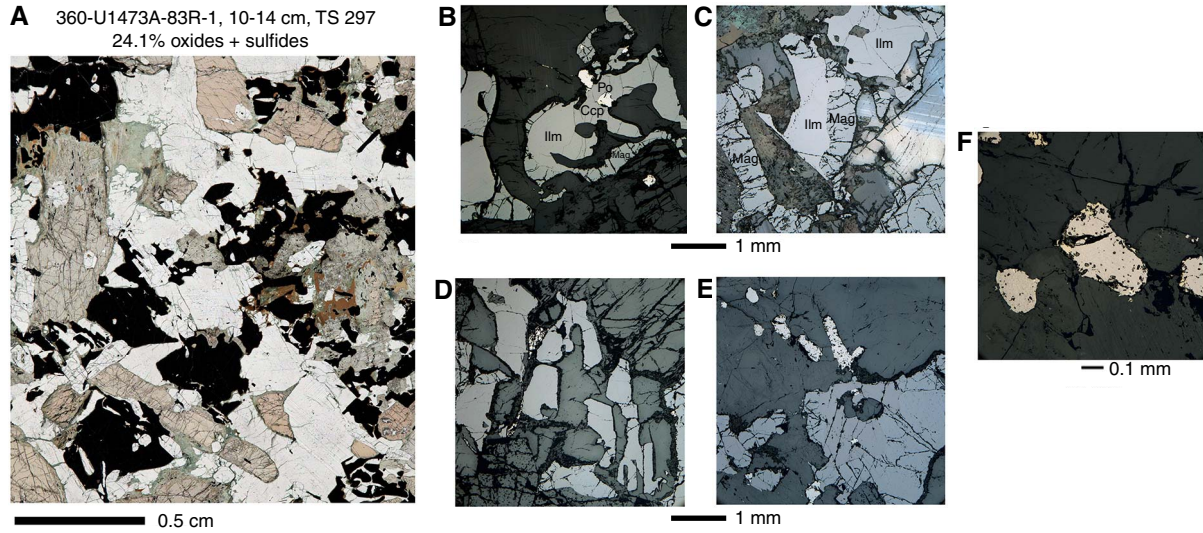


Figure F35. Igneous layering, Hole U1473A. Mostly undeformed medium-grained subophitic olivine gabbro interlayered with mostly undeformed coarse-grained subophitic orthopyroxene- and oxide-bearing olivine gabbro.

Figure F36. Igneous layering mostly displayed by grain size variations (F = fine, M = medium, C = coarse), although subtle modal variations are also present, Hole U1473A. Most of the contacts between different layers are sutured.

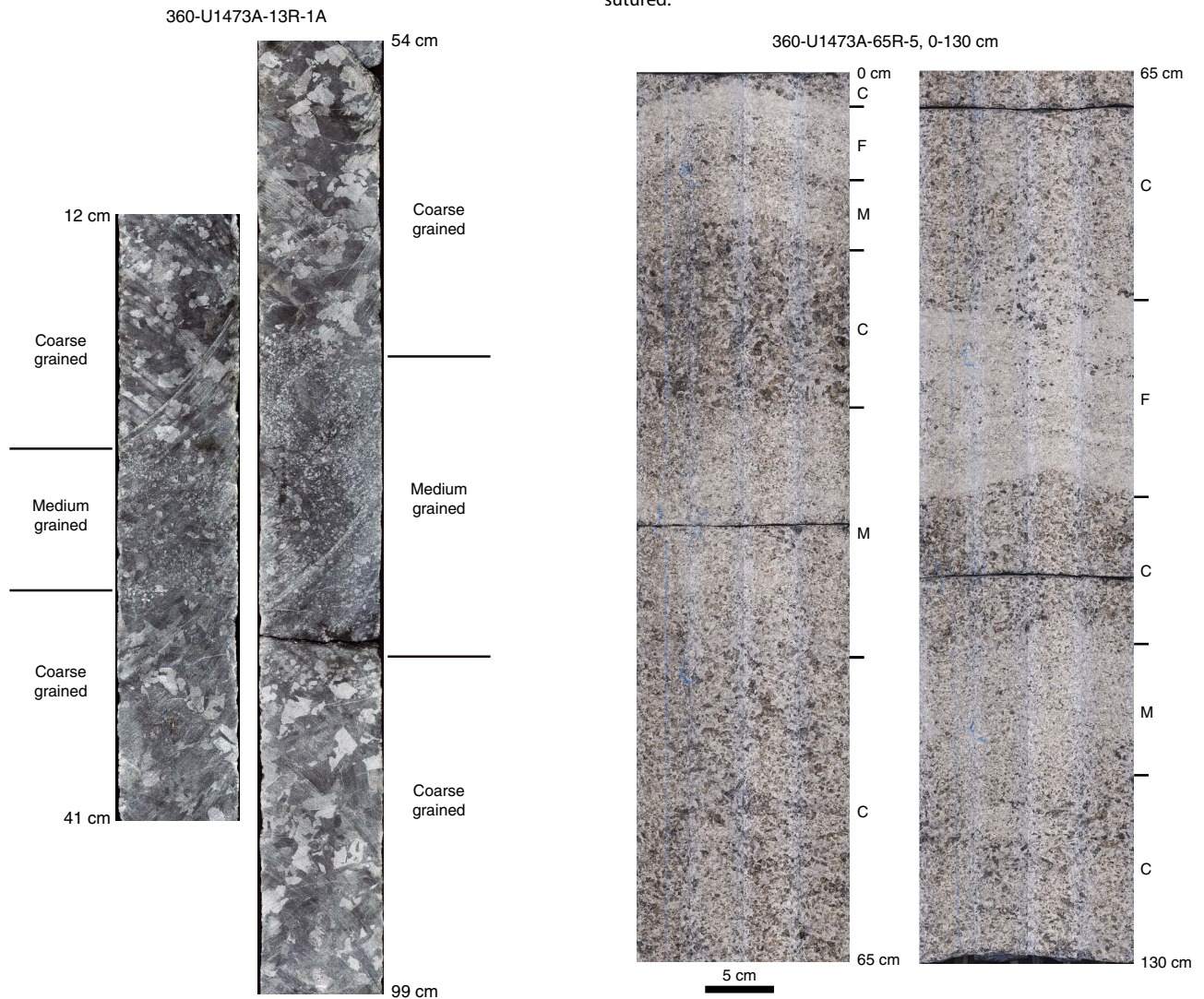
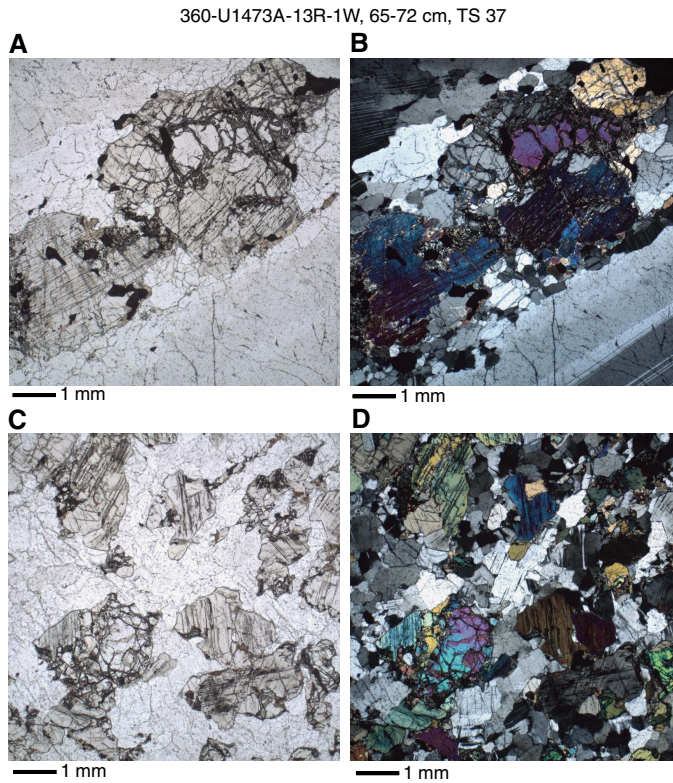


Figure F37. Different layers (13R-1, 65–72 cm; TS 37). A, B. Slightly deformed coarse-grained layer formed of plagioclase, clinopyroxene, olivine, orthopyroxene, oxide, and amphibole. C, D. Weakly deformed medium-grained layer formed of plagioclase, clinopyroxene, olivine, and amphibole. Texture is subophitic.



One interesting observation is that in those olivine gabbros where clinopyroxene is partly or completely recrystallized, abundant brown amphiboles occur as interstitial or filmlike phases between the clinopyroxene neoblasts. On the basis of this observation we can thereby infer that there is a correlation between the amount of brown amphibole and the deformation intensity. These textures and their implication for the occurrence of hydrous melt during deformation are described in [Metamorphic petrology](#) and [Structural geology](#).

Oxide gabbros

Ilmenite and magnetite join crystallization assemblages late in the MORB igneous differentiation sequence, typically at ~4 wt% MgO. After that, crystallization assemblages are oxide bearing and even oxide rich. Oxide minerals can be abundant in abyssal gabbros as a result. Oceanic gabbros in general, including those from Hole U1473A, are predominantly cumulates, and if, while early olivine, plagioclase, and clinopyroxene predominate, compaction and deformation are completely efficient at expelling intercumulus basaltic liquids, there will be no magmatic oxides in the rocks. Very small amounts of incompatible elements (e.g., TiO_2 or Y) mean that almost no intercumulus melt has been left in the cumulate gabbros. The expelled liquids can then migrate and accumulate to produce highly differentiated rocks that are rich in oxides. Hole U1473A gabbros, like those of Holes 735B and 1105A, thus have a bimodal distribution of rock types: those with almost no magmatic oxide and those with a lot.

Figure F38. Quartz (Qtz) diorite, leucodiorite, and tonalite, Hole U1473A.



From thin section observations of rocks from both Holes U1473A and 1105A (see the [Hole 1105A redescription](#) chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017b]), the character of the late melt that deposited the oxide gabbro seams may be deduced to have been as follows:

- It had the two magmatic oxides (ilmenite and magnetite) on the liquidus.
- It was very rich in total iron ($\text{FeO} + \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$) and TiO_2 .
- Data obtained from Hole 1105A rocks (Shipboard Scientific Party, 1999b; Thy, 2003; Casey et al., 2007), thin section observations of those rocks (see the [Hole 1105A redescription](#) chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017b]), and one occurrence from Hole U1473A indicate that it was locally saturated in apatite (P_2O_5).

Figure F39. Felsic vein with halo, Hole U1473A. Halo is characterized by albitized plagioclase parallel to the felsic vein.



Figure F40. Felsic patch in gabbro, Hole U1473A. Felsic veins seem to infiltrate into the preexisting gabbro (red broken arrows).

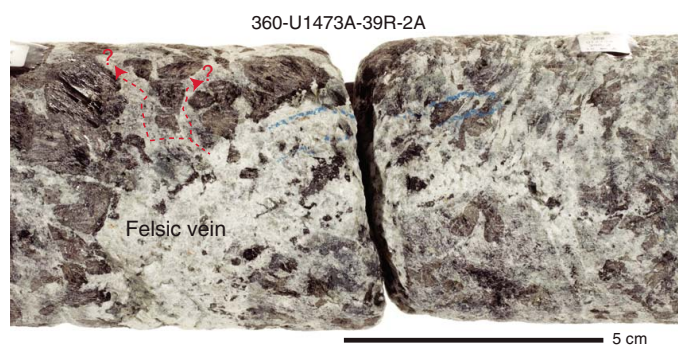


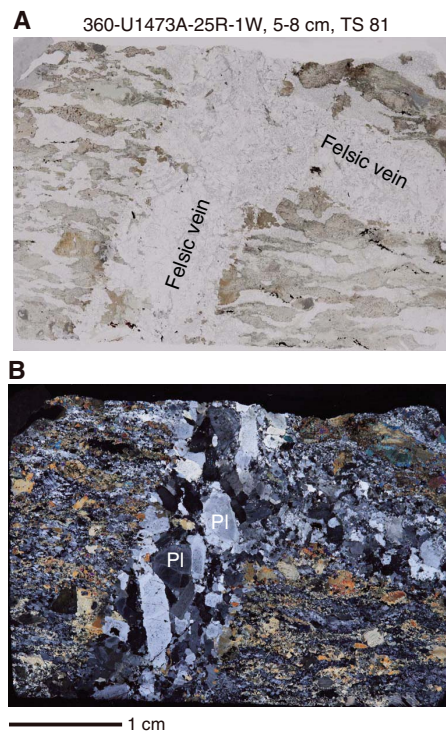
Table T5. Summary of each section, Hole U1473A. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

Table T6. Numbers and thickness of felsic rocks and their percentages, Hole U1473A. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

Felsic vein	Number	Vein (%)	Thickness (cm)	Thickness (%)
Leucodiorite	116	30	85.13	26
Trondhemite	93	24	98.3	30
Quartz diorite	86	23	75.91	23
Diorite	79	21	58.15	18
Tonalite	7	2	14.7	4
Totals:	381	100	332.19	100

Table T7. Igneous veins described, Hole U1473A. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

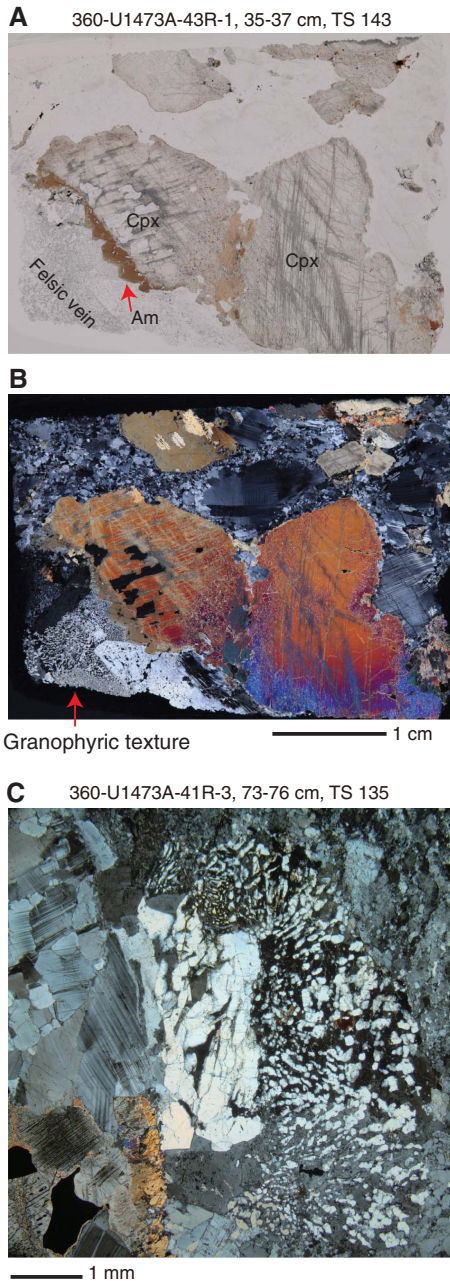
Figure F41. Branching felsic vein (25R-1, 5–8 cm; TS 81). A. PPL. B. XPL. PI = plagioclase.



- It was also saturated in sulfur, which resulted in widespread immiscible segregation of molten precursors to pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite.
- Its density can be inferred to have been somewhere between that of plagioclase and clinopyroxene at the magmatic stage (between 2.6 and 3.3 g/cm³) but denser than MORB ferrobasalt liquid (approximately 2.7 g/cm³).
- It was hydrous and invariably produced brown amphibole after precipitating the oxide minerals.
- Based on mineral studies of very similar rocks from Holes 735B and 1105A, the amphibole is mainly high-TiO₂ pargasite in composition; it crystallized at <1000°C and perhaps down to temperatures as low as 700°C (Ernst and Liu, 1998).
- Globular sulfides carrying chalcopyrite were partly molten down to 645°C, the solidus temperature of chalcopyrite (Barton and Skinner, 1979).
- The melt had extremely low viscosity and was capable of penetrating very fine intergranular porosity structure, even along cleavage surfaces in clinopyroxene.

The aggregate of these properties is antipathetic to that of normal basaltic liquids. Of particular concern is melt viscosity at the liquidus, which tends to increase dramatically from about 15 to ≥30 Pa·s at the point when oxide minerals join the liquidus. Eventually their ongoing crystallization and differentiation increases the SiO₂ contents of residual liquids and melt viscosities accordingly. Ferroandesitic liquids, for example, have viscosities two to three orders of magnitude higher than their immediate basaltic precursors, based on calculations using the model of Shaw (1972). Rhyodacite and rhyolite liquids, which intruded as leucodiorite, quartz diorite, diorite, trondhemite, and tonalite dikes with sharp contacts in the rocks of Hole U1473A, are an even greater problem: their dry viscosities are seven orders of magnitude higher than those of basalts.

Figure F42. Felsic vein with granophyric texture. A. Euhedral brown amphiboles (Am) at grain boundary of clinopyroxene (Cpx) of the host gabbro (43R-1, 35–37 cm; TS 143; PPL). B. XPL of A. C. Granophyric texture (41R-3, 73–76 cm; TS 135; PPL).



Two conditions can reduce the viscosities of very iron rich liquids and thus allow them to become fluidal: an increase in H₂O content and addition of superheat. Both can break down the polymers of network silicates in glass. The formulation of Shaw (1972) suggests that quantities of water of about 2% for iron-rich basaltic liquids or MORB ferroandesite and 6% for rhyolite, plus up to 200°C of superheat, can bring viscosities down to the level of typical basalt and thus allow mobility of both as either dikes or interpenetrative fluids. The heat could be provided by injection of very primitive basalt into a crystal mush or otherwise partly molten magma body, but the amount of heat necessary to reduce viscosities sufficiently, espe-

Figure F43. A. Sheared normal sense felsic vein with euhedral amphibole (Am) grain (23R-3, 52–55 cm, TS 75; PPL). B. XPL of A. Ol = olivine.

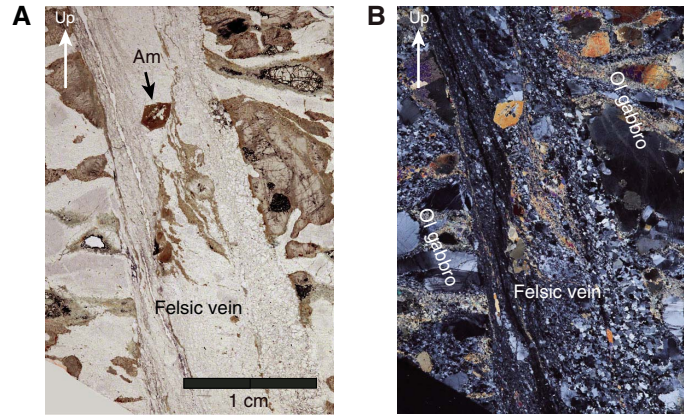
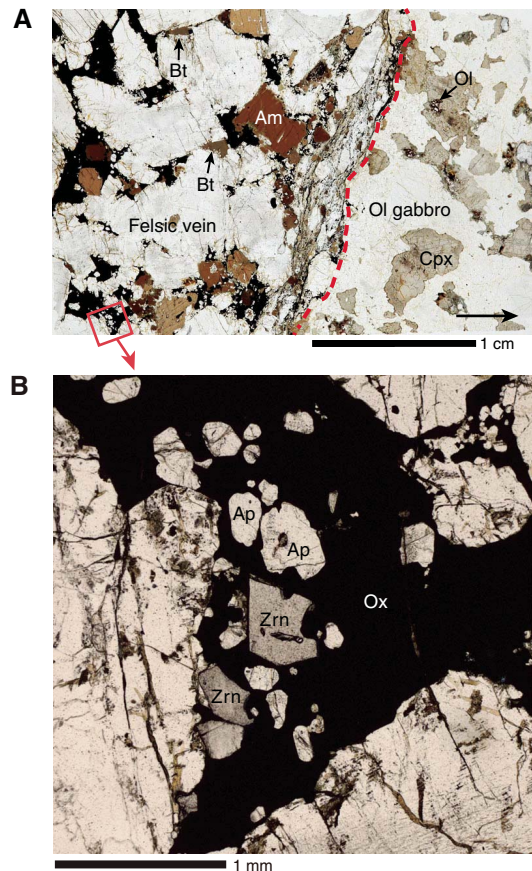


Figure F44. Biotite (Bt)-bearing felsic vein with brown amphibole (Am) and massive oxide (Ox) (41R-2, 24–28 cm; TS 133; PPL). A. Boundary between felsic vein and gabbro (dashed line). Ol = olivine, Cpx = clinopyroxene. Red box = location of B. B. Iron Ox cementing plagioclase neoblasts and apatite (Ap) and zircon (Zrn) grains in felsic vein.



cially for hydrous siliceous liquids, is surprising. Granoblastic former basaltic dikes that recrystallized with abundant brown amphibole are clear evidence for high water content in intrusive rocks in Hole U1473A, and they would have provided enough heat. Basalt melts intruded rocks that were clearly already hydrous and crystallizing amphibole at the magmatic stage.

Figure F45. Pie diagrams showing percent by numbers and thickness of felsic rocks, Hole U1473A.

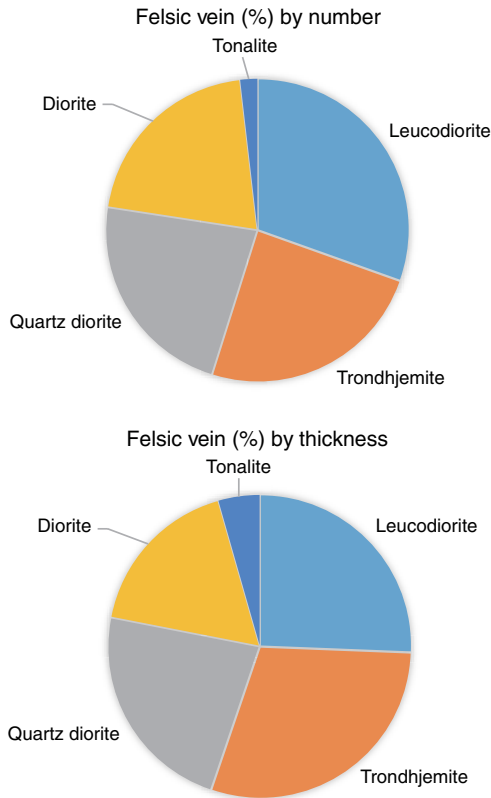


Figure F46. Diabase (6R-3, 94–98 cm; TS 15). A. Full thin section image highlighting general grain size and presence of oriented plagioclase phenocrysts; one alteration band (brown) is also observed. B, C. Intergranular texture in the groundmass with skeletal plagioclase and interstitial clinopyroxene. D. Intergranular texture and plagioclase phenocrysts.

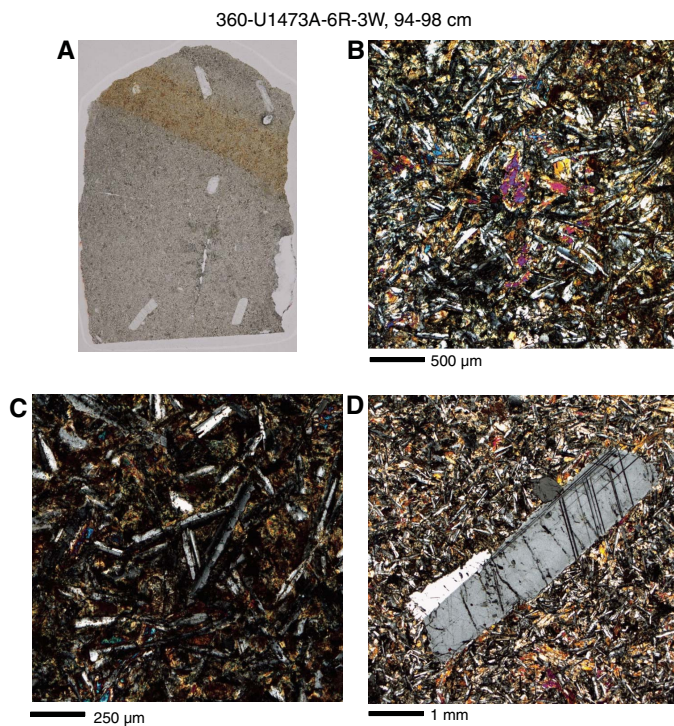
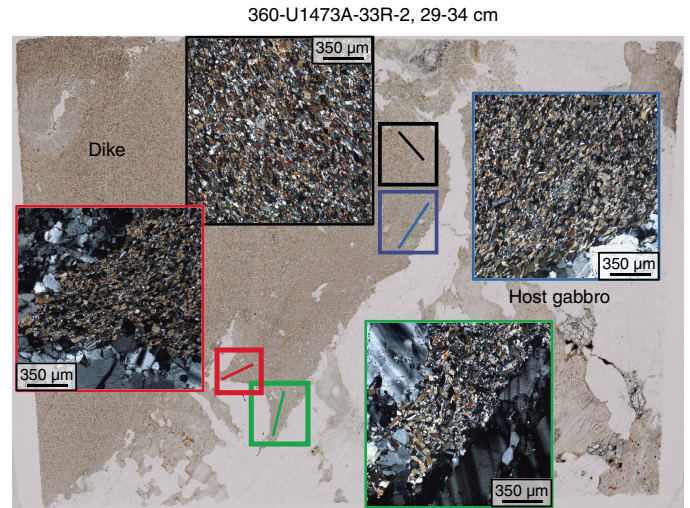


Figure F47. Crystal preferential orientation of plagioclase and amphibole at granoblastic dike margins (33R-2, 29–34 cm; TS 111). Full thin section image is displayed in the background; each photomicrograph is oriented in same direction as full thin section image to highlight variation of plagioclase and amphibole orientation when gabbro/dike contact direction changes. Colored boxes on background image localize photomicrographs (image border is same color as box), and a colored line underlines mineral preferred orientation.



A second but related matter concerns the segregation of the iron titanium–rich liquids into narrow seams. This by itself seems unlikely for molten materials with high viscosity, but we also see here evidence for very fluidal mobility during a pervasive pattern of strong crystal-plastic deformation. This had to be at fairly high temperature, but the pattern also seems to be one of dilatancy or an increase of porosity structure during that deformation. At the point the host rocks were on the cusp of the transition from crystal-plastic to brittle deformation, the major oxide-rich seams, with highest proportions of massive magmatic oxides, instead formed magmatic breccias. Volume increase, to accommodate the magmatic fluids and receive crystal precipitates from them, occurred, at least locally, leading to simultaneous flow into a wide network of veins and seams of oxide-rich and felsic melts with very different properties. The proximate driving force for the flow is the compaction of the complementary rocks, mainly olivine gabbro, that form the bulk of the crystal mush host and the very efficient expulsion of differentiated liquids from them.

Felsic material intrusions

Despite their small volume (1.5%) in the gabbro body, felsic rocks play an important role in the physical and chemical processes in the magmatic and tectonic evolution of the lower crust at Atlantis Bank. In particular, they are critical to any chemical mass balance involving incompatible elements.

Euhedral brown amphibole and granophyric texture coupled with the dikelike features of felsic veins indicate that some felsic veins formed by crystallization from high-SiO₂ hydrous melts. High-SiO₂ felsic rocks have been reported from the ocean floor (e.g., Aumento, 1969; Nakamura et al., 2007), including in Hole 735B of Atlantis Bank (Dick et al., 2000; Natland and Dick, 2001). The origin of high-SiO₂ melts for felsic rocks is still debated. Koepke et al. (2007) summarized the origin of high-SiO₂ melts for the mid-ocean ridges and ophiolites as the following four possibilities:

Figure F48. First encountered granoblastic dike, Hole U1473A. Granoblastic dike crosscuts a coarse-grained olivine gabbro, and felsic veins overprint dike margins. Left: wet cut face. Right: dry external face of core.

360-U1473A-32R-6A, 29-55 cm



(1) late-stage highly fractionated melt, (2) partial melting of gabbroic rocks, (3) liquid immiscibility, and (4) assimilation and partial melting of previously hydrothermally altered sheeted dikes. Although we need further geochemical analyses, some aspects of this are discussed based on visual and microscopic observations.

Felsic veins were formed during late stages of crystallization, evident from their low liquidus temperatures, as some of them cut lithologic boundaries between fine-grained gabbro, coarse-grained gabbro, and deformed gabbro. Some felsic veins also underwent crystal-plastic deformation. Genetic relationships between oxide gabbros and felsic veins are not clear. Biotites in some felsic veins and at contact with olivine in the host gabbro indicate relatively high- K_2O melts for their origin. Because MORB sources are generally low in K_2O and water content, interaction with an external fluid originating from seawater in the system is a plausible explanation for the origin of hydrous K_2O - and SiO_2 -rich melts. Felsic rocks also occur in patches and/or discontinuous small pods in gabbro, indicating infiltration of felsic melt. Amphibole-bearing gabbros were

identified in several locations where these felsic rocks occur (Figure F40) and can be explained as having formed at the same time.

Origin of various dikes

Of the seven dikes recovered from the hole, there was one relatively unaltered diabase dike (Core 360-U1473A-6R) and six partially recrystallized granoblastic dikes. The texture of the diabase (intergranular with numerous skeletal plagioclase in the groundmass) strongly supports the hypothesis that it was intruded into a partially cooled gabbro body after the crystal-plastic deformation stage, and thus after the partial uplift but prior to exhumation of these rocks at the rift valley wall. The granoblastic dikes display well-equilibrated textures with mineral assemblages that are, depending on the samples, typical of the amphibole hornfels facies conditions or of the transition between amphibole and the two-pyroxene hornfels facies. The granoblastic texture is well developed for brown amphibole and clinopyroxene (orthopyroxene when present) but is also evident from recrystallized plagioclase laths in the groundmass. The phenocrysts present in those dikes, the orientation of plagioclase from the groundmass parallel to dike margins, and the fact that those plagioclase display skeletal shapes (now partially erased by granoblastic recrystallization) indicate that the injected magma experienced a significant undercooling against the colder host rocks (temperature of magma \gg temperature of the host rock). The granoblastic texture and the associated mineral assemblage highlight that, once crystallized, dikes remained at high temperatures (probably $>800^\circ\text{C}$) in a hydrous environment long enough to allow recrystallization. This suggests that granoblastic dikes were intruded in a still hot gabbro host (probably $>800^\circ\text{C}$) that was already exposed to hydrothermal circulation.

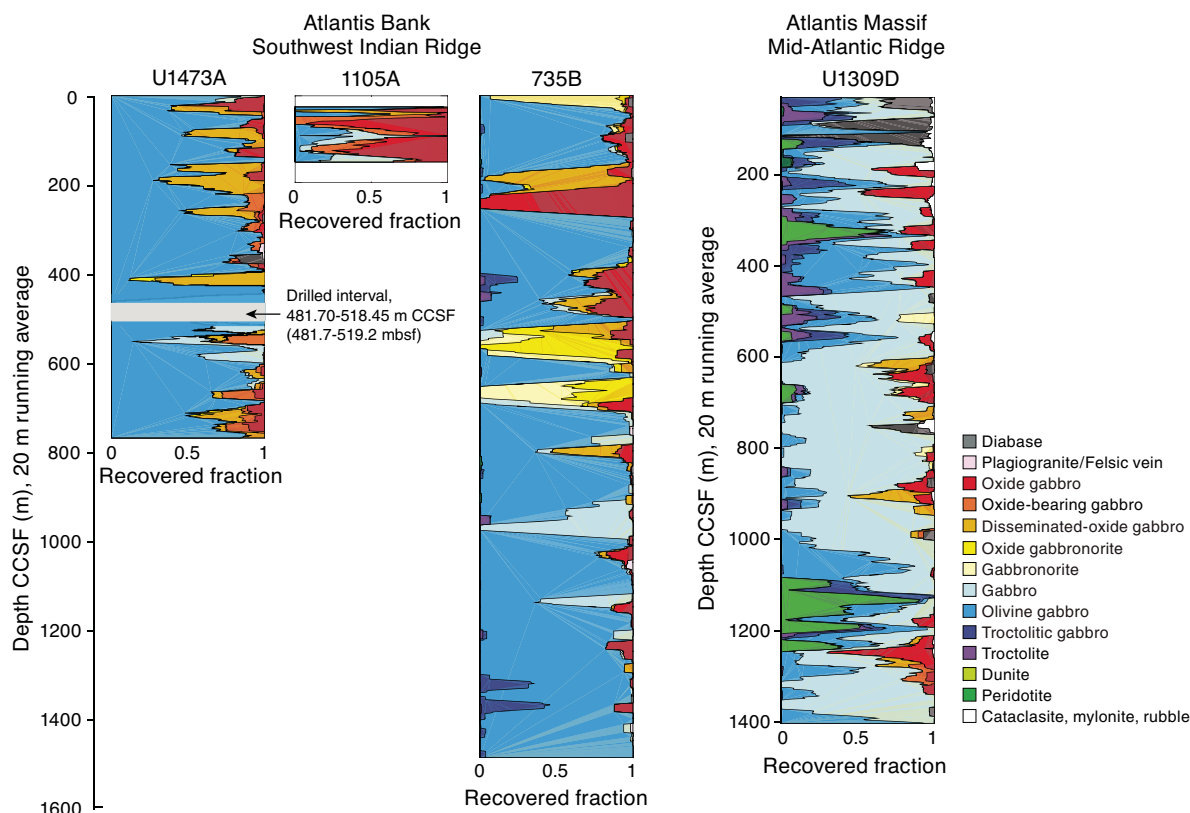
Granoblastic dikes are associated with late felsic material either at the contact between dike and host gabbro, within the gabbro, or within the dike itself. Where close to granoblastic dikes, the felsic material is always restricted to <20 cm of distance from the dike margins. This close association, together with the locally diffuse transition between the felsic material and the dikes, and the lack of chilled margins, suggest that the felsic vein genesis is closely related to the granoblastic dikes. The intrusion of hot basaltic magma ($>1100^\circ\text{C}$) within a still hot but partially cooled (probably $>800^\circ\text{C}$) and hydrothermally altered gabbro host may be associated with local hydrous partial melting of the host. Indeed, the altered gabbro solidus temperature is $<900^\circ\text{C}$ (e.g., Koepke et al., 2004), which is consistent with this. Additionally, the dike itself may have undergone hydrous partial melting by back-reacting, after initial or partial solidification, with the rhyolitic melt of the wall rock to produce more felsic melt. Hydrous partial melting of basaltic dikes has been shown to occur at temperatures down to 850°C (France et al., 2010; Erdmann et al., 2015). Further discussion on the recrystallization stage can be obtained in [Metamorphic petrology](#).

Comparison with other deep holes at slow-spreading ridges

Figures F49 and F13 compare the lithologic proportions and igneous stratigraphy of four deepest holes into slow and ultraslow-spreading ridge lower crust. Three of these holes were drilled within the lower oceanic crust at Atlantis Bank; the other hole (Integrated Ocean Drilling Program Hole U1309D) was drilled at the top of the Atlantis Massif core complex, along the Mid-Atlantic Ridge at 30°N .

Hole U1473A displays a number of similarities when compared to Holes 735B and 1105A, to shallow rock cores, and to dredge hauls at Atlantis Bank. This suggests that very similar igneous and tectonic processes acted during the genesis of the 400 km^2 Atlantis

Figure F49. Hole U1473A lithostratigraphic variations compared with lithostratigraphic columns of other holes drilled at Atlantis Bank (Holes 735B and 1105A) and Atlantis Massif (Hole U1309D). Relative abundances of rocks are averaged over 20 m. In Holes 735B and U1309D, oxide gabbro includes both oxide gabbro and oxide-bearing gabbro.



Bank gabbro massif (Figure F49). Striking is the first-order observation that the plutonic sections in Holes 735B and U1473A are principally composed of olivine gabbro (68% and 77%, respectively) but interspersed with numerous intercalations of oxide-bearing gabbros (23% and 17%, respectively). Troctolite and troctolitic gabbros are observed in Hole 735B (5%) but are absent in the other holes. Remarkable in Holes 735B and 1105A, in many shallow BGS 5 m drill and BRIDGE 1 m drill cores, and in dredges and *Shinkai 6500* and R/V *Kaire* remotely operated vehicle dive sections, is the occurrence of intensely deformed oxide-rich gabbros at shallow levels right across the surface of Atlantis Bank. By contrast, a thick oxide-rich layer is not observed in Hole U1473A, where oxide gabbros are instead sparsely distributed along the sections and slightly decrease with depth. One possible explanation for this difference is that the shallowest section of the platform at Site U1473 may have been removed by erosion (Palmiotto et al., 2013). The inferred proportion of late-stage hydrous melt, as indicated by the presence of secondary brown amphibole around clinopyroxene, also decreases with depth, along with the degree of crystal-plastic deformation and alteration. Felsic rocks are also ubiquitously documented over Atlantis Bank and are represented by veins or patches that appear randomly distributed in Hole U1473A. Diabase dikes with characteristic granoblastic textures and lack of chilled margins are also observed at Atlantis Bank. These rocks testify to the intrusion of basaltic melts into a relatively hot (~800°C) gabbroic body and imply the occurrence of melt bodies deeper in the section. In Hole U1473A, dike margins are invaded by felsic melts that were most

likely generated by hydrous anatexis of the previously hydrothermally altered host gabbro.

Another feature common to the three holes drilled at Atlantis Bank is the occurrence of 100–400 m thick lithologic units defined by variations in texture, grain size, and modal and geochemical compositions. In particular, variations in whole-rock composition downhole reveal apparent broad-scale upward differentiating geochemical trends defined by decreases in Mg#, Cr, and Ni coupled with an increase in Na upsection (see [Geochemistry](#)). Each unit is in turn characterized by meter-scale heterogeneity classically documented in all the drill holes at Atlantis Bank. Overall, the evolution of these igneous intervals was likely governed by a complex interplay between magmatic processes (new melt injections, fractional crystallization, melt-rock reaction, and late-stage melt migration) and deformation.

Taken as a whole, the igneous stratigraphy of Holes 735B, 1105A, and U1473A suggests that this ~1.5 km thick portion of the Atlantis Bank plutonic section is relatively homogeneous on a lateral scale of at least a few kilometers. Key features are (i) the occurrence of olivine gabbro as main lithology; (ii) the presence of disseminated-oxide gabbros, oxide-bearing gabbros, and oxide gabbros often associated with crystal-plastic deformation at shallow levels; and (iii) the presence of ~100–400 m thick units showing upward differentiating geochemical trends. Although the three ODP/IODP holes display striking similarities between each other, we can't (at least at this stage) correlate individual igneous units between holes; rather than documenting laterally continuous mush

bodies, they probably instead document a common and recurring igneous accretion process acting at Atlantis Bank. The pertinent question then is to what extent the processes documented at Atlantis Bank are applicable to plutonic bodies exposed at other oceanic core complexes and to what degree its igneous stratigraphy is representative of slow- and ultraslow-spread ocean crust.

In the latter context, we compare the Atlantis Bank igneous architecture to that described at Atlantis Massif, an oceanic core complex on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge at 30°N (Hole U1309D; Blackman, Ildefonse, John, Ohara, Miller, MacLeod, and the Expedition 304/305 Scientists, 2006; Blackman et al., 2011). The first striking difference relates to the lithologic variability of the two regions. In particular, the Atlantis Bank lithologies are generally more evolved: they contain a lower proportion of chemically primitive (clinopyroxene-free) lithologies (olivine-rich troctolite, troctolite, and troctolitic gabbro) and more gabbros containing oxide (Figure F49). Olivine gabbro is by far the main lithology at Atlantis Bank, whereas gabbro (*sensu stricto*) is the most abundant rock at Atlantis Massif. A second important difference is the presence of mantle peridotite horizons embedded within or between the gabbro bodies at Atlantis Massif, a feature that has not been observed at Atlantis Bank. A third difference is the degree of crystal-plastic deformation to which the different gabbro bodies have been subjected: as a whole Atlantis Bank is much more deformed than Atlantis Massif and some other Mid-Atlantic Ridge oceanic core complexes (e.g., MacLeod et al., 2002; Escartín et al., 2003; Blackman, Ildefonse, John, Ohara, Miller, MacLeod, and the Expedition 304/305 Scientists, 2006; Blackman et al., 2011; Kelemen et al., 2007; Schroeder and John, 2004). Nonetheless, similar deformation is documented at the Kane Megamullion (Dick et al., 2008; Hansen et al., 2013) and at ODP Sites 921–924 at 23°30'N on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (e.g., Karson and Lawrence, 1997), where similar oxide-rich gabbros are also associated with crystal-plastic deformation (Agar and Lloyd, 1997). These observations lead us to recognize that the mechanisms of accretion of the lower ocean crust at slower spreading ridges differ in important ways, with the observed variability probably resulting from the complex interplay between magma supply and locus of delivery, tectonic activity, and thermal regime, which is likely to produce heterogeneous lower crustal sections. Differences between the Atlantis Bank and Atlantis Massif sections could also be due to the fact of exposing different stratigraphic levels within the core complexes and/or relative positions in a magmatic segment.

Metamorphic petrology

Hole U1473A gabbros show three distinct modes of alteration: (1) static hydrothermal alteration, (2) alteration associated with crystal-plastic deformation, and (3) alteration associated with cataclastic deformation. These are discussed below in detail, together with the abundant metamorphic and magmatic veins and the contact alteration and retrograde autometamorphism of the late diabase dikes.

Static background alteration occurs throughout the hole, although with alteration mineral abundance varying widely from <3% to 90%. In some intervals with intense veining, alteration mineral abundance reaches >90%. Static alteration minerals consist mainly of (i) colorless amphibole, talc, serpentine, and clay minerals after olivine; (ii) secondary clinopyroxene and brown to green or colorless amphibole after clinopyroxene; (iii) colorless amphibole and talc after orthopyroxene; and (iv) secondary plagioclase and chlorite

after primary plagioclase. These minerals occur in different abundances in each core or hand specimen and indicate variable temperature and fluid conditions and fluxes for alteration. Textural relationships document overprinting of lower-temperature over higher-temperature assemblages during the cooling of the gabbroic sequence. The formation of the secondary clinopyroxene and brown amphibole association most likely took place at near-solidus temperatures (>800°C). Brownish green and green amphibole and tremolite/actinolite + chlorite ± talc assemblages formed at amphibolite to greenschist facies metamorphic conditions (700°–400°C). The assemblage of secondary plagioclase + chlorite + pale green amphibole (actinolite) with minor amounts of zoisite and titanite indicates greenschist facies conditions (450°–350°C). Serpentinization of olivine most likely took place at temperatures in the range 350°–200°C (i.e., lower than greenschist facies alteration but higher than that of clay mineral formation). Clay minerals are the latest products of alteration at lowest temperatures (<150°C). The down-hole trend in background alteration is related to the metamorphic vein distribution mentioned below.

Much of the Hole U1473A gabbroic sequence has been subjected to crystal-plastic deformation (see **Structural geology**). In the upper portion of the hole, static background alteration of these porphyroclastic and mylonitic rocks tends to be high, with much amphibole (mostly green to brown-green in thin section), making identification of the synkinematic mineral assemblages difficult. Deeper in the hole, where subsequent background alteration is typically much less, the plastically deformed rocks are characterized by neoblasts of olivine, plagioclase, and clinopyroxene with minor brown amphibole and Fe-Ti oxide minerals. This mineral assemblage, effectively granulite facies, indicates deformation at near-solidus temperature conditions (>800°C). Lower temperature amphibolite facies crystal-plastic deformation tends to be present in the form of discrete high-strain mylonitic shear zones largely composed of brown-green hornblende and plagioclase. They are commonly associated with local concentrations of Fe-Ti oxides. The amphibolite facies mineral assemblage also occurs in the halos associated with amphibole veins, some of which themselves display evidence of minor crystal-plastic deformation (see below). Amphibolite mylonites and amphibole vein halos show cooling of the gabbroic sequence to temperature conditions around the ductile–brittle transition (~700°C).

Intervals recording cataclastic deformation, sometimes intense, occur throughout the upper two-thirds of the hole (see **Structural geology**) and are associated with abundant carbonate and brownish clay mineral(s). Clays and carbonates show textural relationships indicative of simultaneous formation. These observations indicate that cataclastic deformation occurred under low-temperature alteration (<150°C) conditions.

Amphibole veins and amphiboles replacing primary mafic minerals are dominant at shallower levels (<180 m CCSF), whereas carbonate or carbonate-clay veins are conspicuous instead in the interval 180–580 m CCSF. Oxidative reddish clay-mineral replacement of primary minerals is also significant from the seafloor to 580 m CCSF. In these intervals, millimeter-wide veins commonly have alteration halos that may be centimeters wide. At deeper levels (>580 m CCSF), micro veins filled with chlorite ± amphibole are more abundant than the millimeter-wide veins.

Felsic veins are typically more altered than host gabbros. The most prominent feature in the felsic rocks is the replacement of primary plagioclase and sometimes quartz by secondary plagioclase,

which has a characteristic whitish milky appearance and often contains fluid inclusions. Together with the association of a relatively high abundance of secondary sulfide and patches of clay minerals in these veins, this implies that the felsic veins were pathways for large volumes of hydrothermal fluids, particularly at lower temperatures (below greenschist facies). Local occurrence of biotite in host gabbros is evidence for metasomatic alteration related to felsic vein intrusion.

Intrusive diabase dikes and apophyses occur at several levels in Hole U1473A, some with granoblastic textures and local contact metamorphism that may have led to the formation of felsic veins. The mafic phases in small apophyses may consist in part or entirely of brown hornblende, whereas larger dikes may have brown hornblende as the mafic phase on the margins.

Static alteration

Downhole variation of alteration intensity

Overall, 37% of the Hole U1473A section exhibits <10 vol% secondary replacement, 41% has 10–30 vol% replacement, and 18% is 30–60 vol% replaced, whereas ~4% of the core is extensively altered (60–90 vol%), and only 0.1% has undergone >90 vol% alteration. Downhole variations in total background alteration intensity and those of the primary igneous phases are shown in Figure F50. Downhole variations obtained from thin section observations are plotted in Figures F51, F52, F53, and F54.

In the upper part of the core, alteration is highly heterogeneous and shows variable intensity within the same thin section. The most pronounced alteration is typically observed in areas proximal to veins (Figure F55). The upper 180 m CCSF is composed of rocks that exhibit slight to moderate alteration, with a few spikes of increased alteration associated with high fracture density. Cores from 180 to 580 m CCSF are more altered overall than those from shallower and deeper. Extensive alteration observed in this interval is associated with an increased proportion of faults, fractures, carbonate veins, and heavily altered felsic patches deeper than 180 m CCSF (see **Structural geology**). Although amphibole veins are dominant in the upper 180 m CCSF of the hole, carbonate veins are common from 180 to 580 m CCSF and correspond to the most intensely altered part of the hole. Oxidative clay replacement is common in the upper part of the hole but is very rare deeper than 580 m CCSF. Overall, the spikes in alteration intensity within Hole U1473A are generally related to the presence of faults and dense fracturing (e.g., 50–70 and 180–580 m CCSF), suggesting structural controls on fluid flow and consequential alteration processes.

In general, rocks recovered from 580 m CCSF to the bottom of the hole exhibit only slight low-temperature alteration; correspondingly, recovery rates from this interval are the highest in the hole (~96%). A few spikes of elevated alteration intensity associated with localized greenschist facies replacement occur in conjunction with the sporadic occurrence of chlorite and amphibole veins, which are slightly more common than in the interval above. In contrast to the upper part of the hole, which is dominated by hornblende, the amphibole veins here are instead commonly composed of tremolite/actinolite (see **Metamorphic and magmatic veins**).

Figure F50 indicates an increase in overall alteration intensity deeper than ~620 m CCSF on the basis of the appearance of milky white plagioclase in the core, some of which is associated with abundant microfracturing. Thin section observations reveal that the milky appearance is a combination of hydrothermal alteration associated with the microcracking and extensive plagioclase neoblast formation associated with crystal-plastic deformation. The to-

tal alteration and plagioclase mineral alteration intensity indexes shown in Figure F50 do not therefore correlate simply with the degree of fluid-rock interaction associated with hydrothermal circulation.

Magmatic veins are common deeper than 200 m CCSF (for compositional variation of these veins, see **Metamorphic and magmatic veins**). These veins are generally more altered (>50 vol%) than their host gabbros.

Olivine alteration

Olivine is the most heavily altered primary phase and is characterized by mesh, corona, and pseudomorphic alteration textures. Its static alteration intensity is variable throughout the hole, even within individual description intervals. Secondary mineral modal proportion and assemblages replacing olivine display conspicuous variations even at the thin section scale (Figure F51). Intensive alteration of olivine is generally associated with high vein density. Although olivine alteration intensity shallower than 580 m CCSF is variable, deeper than 580 m CCSF it is homogeneous except for several intervals of more intense greenschist alteration. Where the rock contains veins, the olivine alteration assemblage is typically related to those of the veins.

Pale green/colorless amphibole

Pale green/colorless amphibole showing acicular shape mainly occurs as coronas around olivine. Where occurring at the boundary between primary olivine and plagioclase, it is generally associated with a rim of chlorite (Figure F56B). Pale green/colorless amphibole (probably actinolite) is also present in the center of pseudomorphic talc replacing olivine, with or without oxides (Figure F56C–F56D). This replacement mode is typical of greenschist grade alteration in Hole U1473A. It also rarely occurs as aggregates in the external portions of pseudomorphs modally dominated by talc (Figure F57A–F57B).

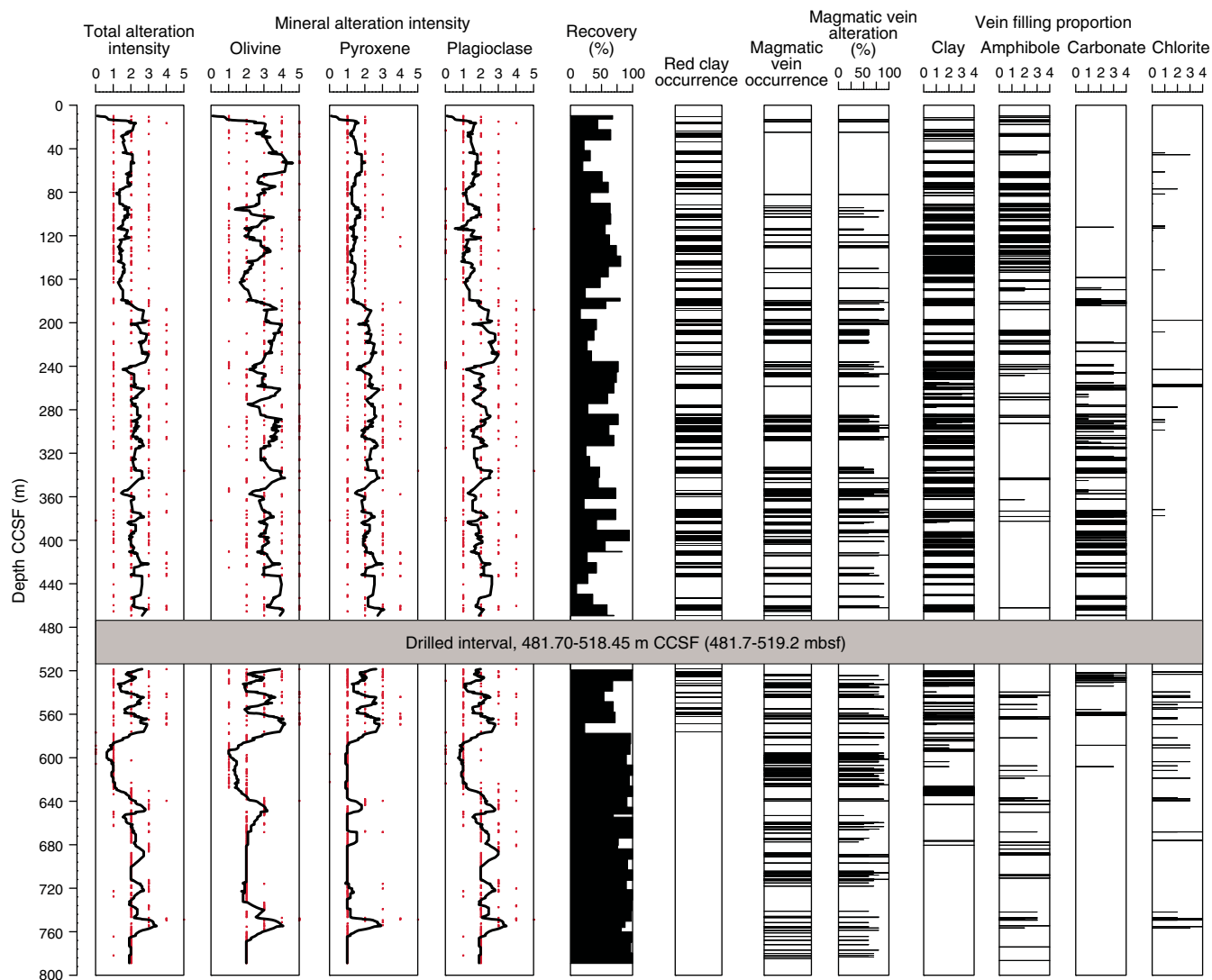
Talc

Talc is the most widespread secondary mineral replacing olivine. The replacement modes of olivine by talc have been divided into three types. The most frequent mode is represented by coronitic aggregates of talc and oxide rimming mesh textures (Figure F56A). In the second alteration mode, talc occurs in mesh rims coexisting with serpentine, clay minerals, and oxide phases (Figure F58C), as well as rare calcite (Figure F59B, F59D) in those instances where the rock hosts calcite veins. In general, talc in mesh rims is too fine grained to be identified under the microscope. Talc identification was inferred on the basis of its dark appearance in backscattered electron (BSE) images (Figure F58A, F58C). In few cases, talc occurs with green clay in mesh centers (Figure F60B). Finally, less frequently and only at depths shallower than 580 m CCSF, olivine is completely replaced by talc + oxide phases ± actinolite (Figure F57A) or by talc + actinolite ± oxide phases (Figure F56C–F56D). These form olivine pseudomorphs with no mesh texture, which in contrast occurs frequently in the greenschist alteration zone deeper than 580 m CCSF.

Serpentine

Serpentine is present in mesh textures preserving the shape of previous olivine grains. Tiny serpentine flakes (probably lizardite) occur in mesh rims and mesh centers (Figure F58B, F58D), where some of the mesh centers are also occupied by dark red clay and calcite. In another sample, some parts of mesh rims consist of tiny serpentine flakes and the other parts consist of talc and calcite (Figure

Figure F50. Downhole variations in alteration intensity, reddish clay after olivine (OI), magmatic veins, and vein filling minerals, Hole U1473A. A critical point here is that alteration intensity is the sum of several processes affecting cores. For example, plagioclase (Pl) alteration here includes dynamically recrystallized Pl (neoblasts), as well as that produced by hydrothermal alteration, because they cannot be confidently separated macroscopically, whereas pyroxene and Ol alteration does not include secondary clinopyroxene and Ol, as these cannot be easily separated macroscopically. A key point here is that there is almost no portion of Hole U1473A cores that has not undergone substantial dynamic and/or hydrothermal modification. Alteration intensity: 0 = <3%, 1 = 3%–9%, 2 = 10%–29%, 3 = 30%–59%, 4 = 60%–90%, 5 = >90%. Vein filling proportion: 0 = <10%, 1 = 10%–29%, 2 = 30%–59%, 3 = 60%–90%, 4 = >90%.



F56B). In this case, mesh centers are completely replaced by dark red clay and calcite. The brightness in a BSE image indicates that these serpentine flakes are relatively Fe rich (Figure **F58A**). The fibers associated with the linear arrangement of oxide phases inside the mesh rims could also be serpentine on the basis of optical observations (Figure **F58C**).

Clay minerals

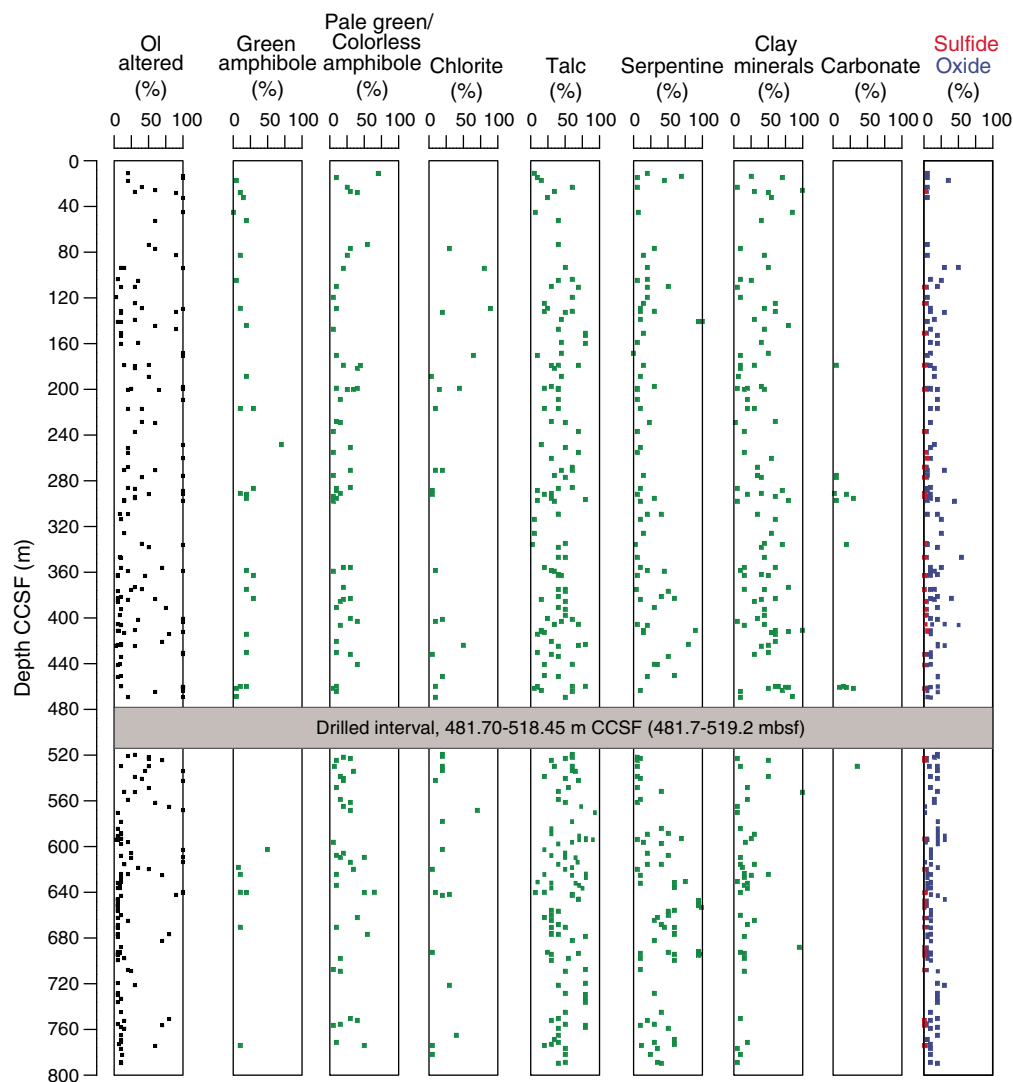
Clay minerals are dominant in Hole U1473A at 0–580 m CCSF where olivine is more intensely altered (Figure **F50**). The colors of clay minerals vary from green (Figure **F60A**) to yellow (Figure **F60C**) to red (Figure **F55B**) to dark red (Figure **F60C**). Clay minerals regularly occur in mesh textures or pseudomorphic textures after olivine (Figure **F58B**). Red clay usually coexists with yellow clay and dark red clay. Red clay and dark red clay, which form mesh textures with talc, serpentine, and oxides, are probably associated with

considerable amounts of goethite (Figures **F58C**, **F61**), which is generally found in highly oxidizing conditions. In contrast, green clay ± talc forming mesh centers (Figure **F60B**) and aggregates of green clay, talc, serpentine, oxide phases, and calcite (Figure **F59B**) occur in some samples and indicate relatively reducing conditions. In several samples, domains similar to saponite-talc layers (Nozaka et al., 2008) occur between talc-oxide layers and mesh-forming serpentine (Figure **F58A**). A saponite-like phase has acicular shape, low birefringence, and low relief under the optical microscope (Figure **F58D**). The brightness in BSE images indicates that this phase is relatively enriched in Fe (Figure **F58A**).

Other minerals

Oxide phases (magnetite was identified under the microscope) are typically associated with talc and form irregular linear arrangements (Figure **F57A**). Tiny linear aggregates of oxide phases, talc,

Figure F51. Variations in Hole U1473A olivine (Ol) alteration minerals and intensity as observed in thin section.



and serpentine in mesh rims commonly occur in most samples (e.g., 360-U1473A-3R-4, 40–42 cm; TS 5). Sulfides (pyrite was identified under the microscope) are also locally present together with magnetite in talc matrix (Figure F60D). In addition, the assemblage of sulfide, talc, serpentine, and oxide is locally observed in mesh rims. Near felsic veins, brown to pale green amphibole rims olivine and is locally associated with biotite (Figure F59C–F59D). Chlorite coronas, locally intimately associated with talc, are common where olivine is surrounded by plagioclase (Figure F56B–F56D; see **Plagioclase alteration**). The presence of calcite as an olivine alteration product is typically related to carbonate veining. In particular, calcite pseudomorphs and calcite rims are observed in thin section (Figure F59A).

Clinopyroxene alteration

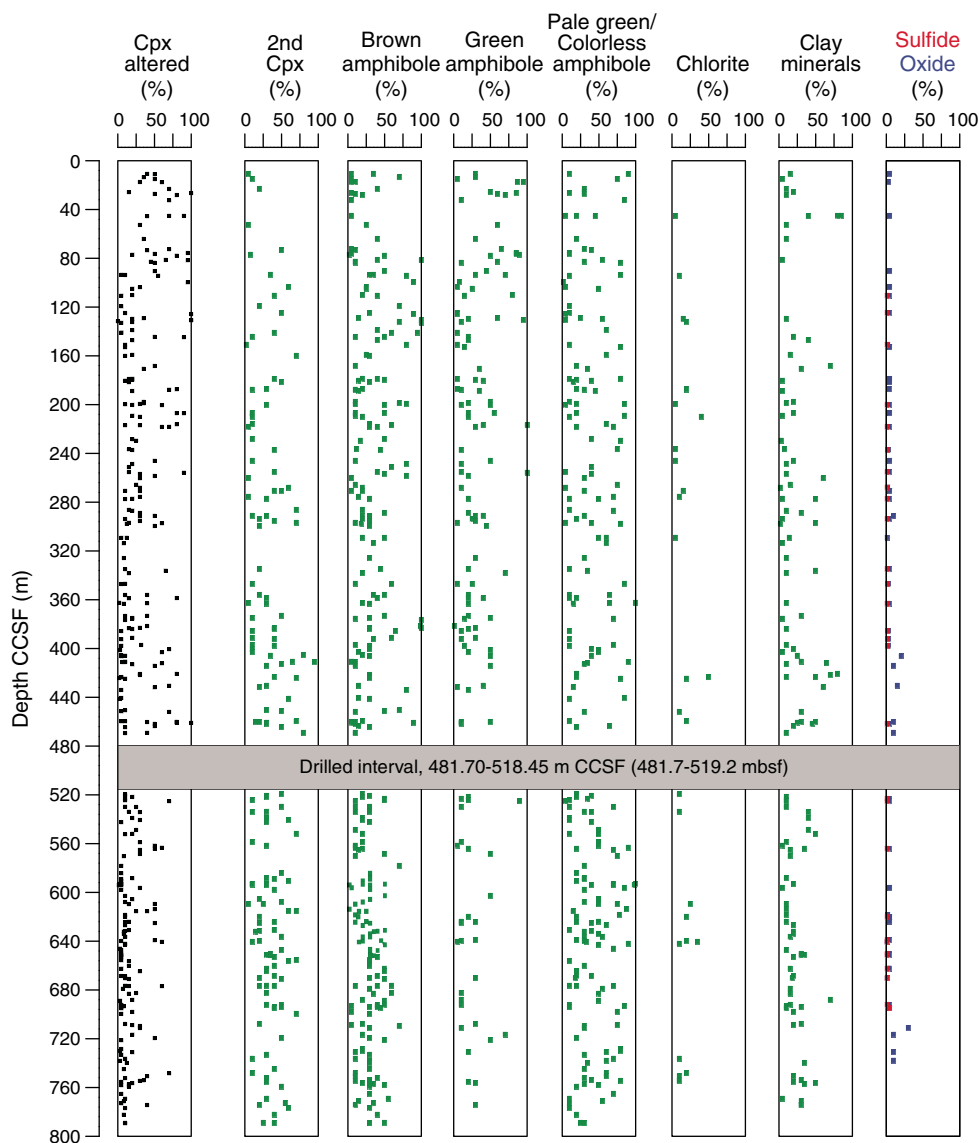
Clinopyroxene alteration is variable, estimated under the microscope as ranging from 2% to 100%. The high degree of alteration is mainly ascribed to abundant formation of amphiboles in mylonitic rocks and halos related to amphibole veins, as well as to the formation of clay minerals. Macroscopic downhole logs show that pyroxene alteration intensity increases from 180 to 580 m CCSF,

correlating with that of olivine, plagioclase, and the whole rock (Figure F50). These increases in alteration intensity, averaged in each descriptive alteration interval (see **Metamorphic petrology** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]), are attributed to clay mineral formation related to carbonate or carbonate-clay veining and/or faulting. Clinopyroxene alteration minerals observed under the microscope are secondary clinopyroxene, brown amphibole, brown-green amphibole, green amphibole, pale green or colorless amphibole, chlorite, clay minerals, sulfides, oxides, and carbonates. Clinopyroxene alteration intensity in thin section shows a correlation with the amount of green amphibole after clinopyroxene (Figure F52).

Secondary clinopyroxene

Secondary clinopyroxene was identified only in thin section. Compared with primary clinopyroxene, which has apparent cleavage and pale brownish color, secondary clinopyroxene is characterized by poorer cleavage and colorless/clear appearance in plane-polarized light (PPL) (Figure F62). Secondary clinopyroxene commonly occurs as patches replacing primary clinopyroxene with an elongated shape parallel to cleavage surfaces of primary clino-

Figure F52. Variations in Hole U1473A clinopyroxene (Cpx) alteration minerals and intensity as observed in thin section. 2nd Cpx = secondary clinopyroxene.



pyroxene and hosts minor amounts of parallel orthopyroxene lamellae. These lamellae are subparallel to the cleavage surfaces of relict primary clinopyroxene.

Secondary clinopyroxene never replaces other alteration minerals but is frequently subjected to partial replacement itself, and is therefore the earliest alteration product of magmatic clinopyroxene. Secondary clinopyroxene in mylonitic rocks may be bent along with the host primary clinopyroxene (Figure F63A–F63B). In some cases, undeformed secondary clinopyroxene replaces bent crystals of primary clinopyroxene (Figure F63C–F63D). Clinopyroxene neoblasts formed by crystal-plastic deformation are similar to secondary clinopyroxene in their clear appearance and in close association with brown amphibole; however, they were not classified with secondary clinopyroxene because it was too difficult to distinguish neoblastic aggregates from porphyroclasts in macroscopic descriptions.

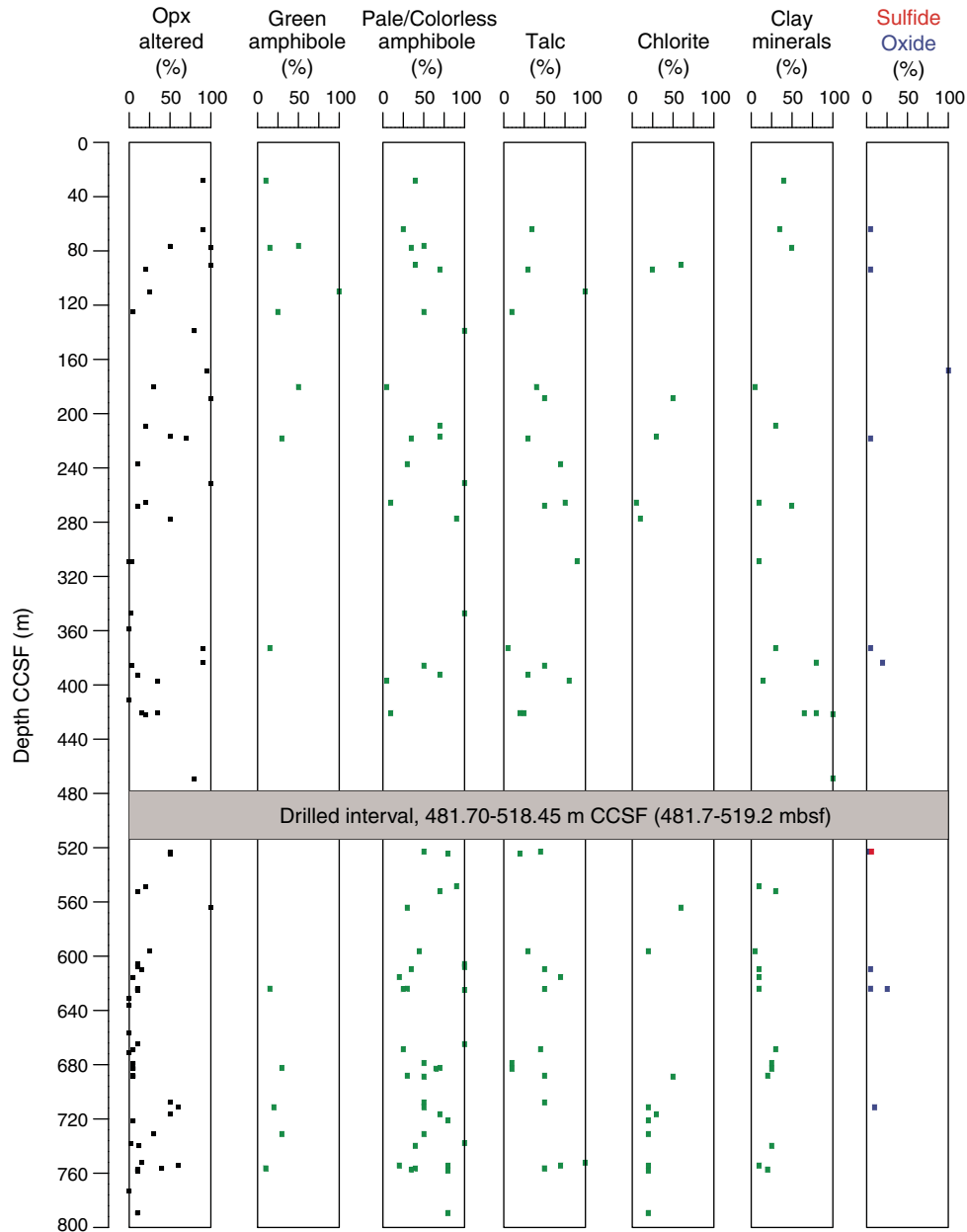
Brown amphibole

Brown amphibole is the most frequent clinopyroxene replacement (Figure F52). Its pleochroic color is slightly variable between

grains, including reddish brown, relatively dark brown, and pale brown. It occurs as blebs within and fringes mantling primary, secondary, and neoblastic clinopyroxene (Figures F62, F63). Brown amphibole blebs occur along the contacts between the orthopyroxene lamellae and host secondary clinopyroxene or along the cleavage surfaces of primary clinopyroxene. In some cases, brown amphibole blebs appear to be deformed along with the host clinopyroxene. Brown amphibole is also typically found as thin discontinuous rims around clinopyroxene, along the contact with plagioclase (Figure F62), locally including oxide phases (ilmenite and/or magnetite) and/or sulfides.

Alteration of primary clinopyroxene to brown amphibole was also observed in gabbros near felsic veins and patches. Clinopyroxene is typically rimmed by brown amphibole, locally in association with zircon and/or biotite (Figure F64A–F64B). These brown amphibole coronae around primary clinopyroxene in places include an inner portion made up of secondary clinopyroxene and vermicular brown amphibole (Figure F64C–F64D). The alteration of clinopyroxene to brown amphibole is locally substantial where the clinopyroxene is entirely in felsic material.

Figure F53. Variations in Hole U1473A orthopyroxene (Opx) alteration minerals and intensity as observed in thin section.



Brown-green amphibole in vein halos

Veins filled with brown-green amphibole typically crosscut the foliation of the host gabbro at a high angle and have up to centimeter-wide halos shown by the milky white appearance of plagioclase in hand specimen. Clinopyroxene in vein halos is replaced by brown-green amphibole, with the amphibole/clinopyroxene modal ratio progressively decreasing from the vein outward. Close to the amphibole vein, clinopyroxene is completely replaced by amphibole (Figure F65). Replacement of clinopyroxene by brown-green amphibole is also observed where an amphibole vein crosscuts an undeformed gabbro. In this case, the clinopyroxene is replaced by single grains or aggregates of brown-green amphibole. Away from the vein wall, at the thin section scale, clinopyroxene is commonly preserved and rimmed by brown-green amphibole coronae.

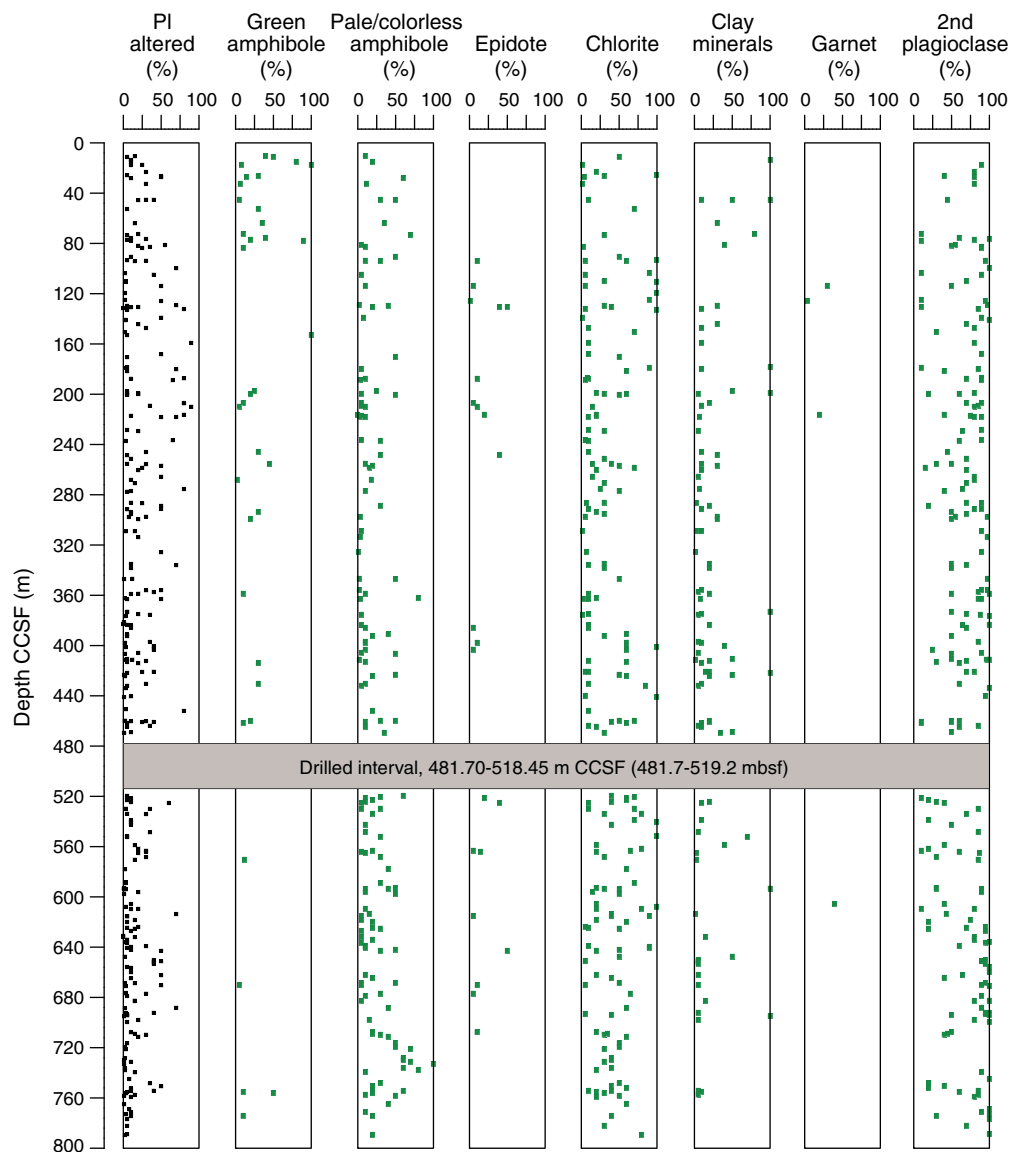
Green amphibole

Green amphibole includes here the brownish green variation but shows a different mode of occurrence from the brown-green amphibole mentioned above. Green amphibole typically occurs as fringes rimming clinopyroxene and brown amphibole (Figure F66A–F66B), thereby indicating formation later than brown amphibole. In highly altered rocks, green amphibole forms pseudomorphs after clinopyroxene (Figure F66C–F66D).

Pale green and colorless amphibole

The pale green/colorless amphibole group generally has acicular shape, suggesting that it belongs to the tremolite/actinolite amphibole series. It occurs as thin fringes rimming clinopyroxene or brown amphibole or pseudomorphous aggregates after clinopyroxene (Figure F66C–F66D).

Figure F54. Variations in Hole U1473A plagioclase (PI) alteration minerals and intensity in thin section. 2nd plagioclase = secondary plagioclase.



Other minerals

Brownish clay minerals locally occur along microcracks or cleavage surfaces of clinopyroxene or forming pseudomorphs near carbonate or carbonate-clay veins. In some samples, talc and chlorite occur at rims of clinopyroxene grains. Some of the chlorite-forming coronitic texture could also be considered as an alteration product of adjacent plagioclase (see [Plagioclase alteration](#)). Trace amounts of tiny grains of oxide(s) and sulfide(s) occur in association with brown amphibole, talc, and clay formation after clinopyroxene. Carbonate(s) replaces clinopyroxene in cataclastic zones (see [Alteration associated with cataclasis](#)).

Orthopyroxene alteration

Orthopyroxene is a minor constituent of Hole U1473A gabbros and shows no systematic downhole variations in alteration (Figure [F53](#)). Alteration minerals after orthopyroxene include green amphiboles, pale green amphiboles, colorless amphiboles, talc, chlorite, clay minerals, oxides, and sulfides. Orthopyroxene and clino-

pyroxene alteration degree may vary significantly in individual samples, presumably because of localized vein-related alteration.

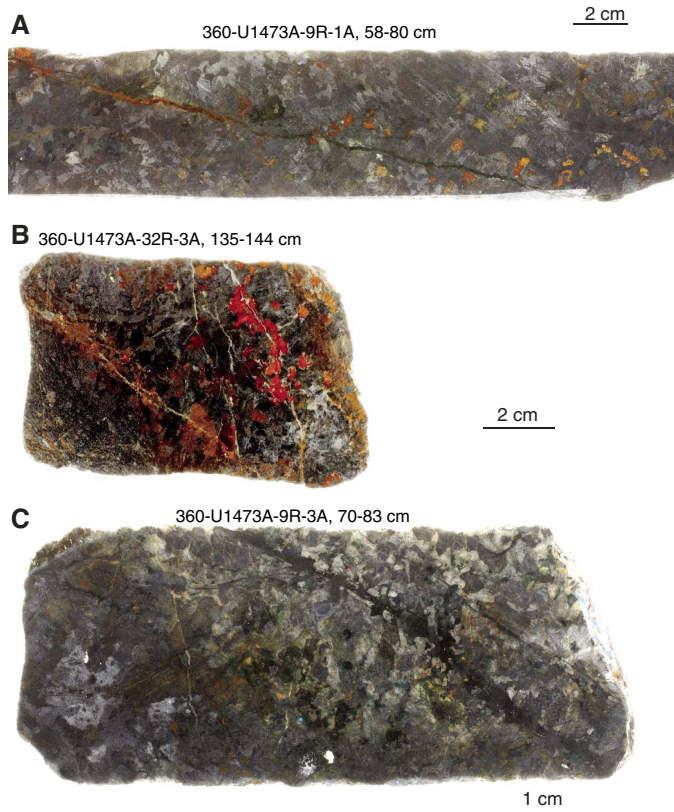
Amphibole

Pale green or colorless amphibole aggregates occur at rims, within micro veins, or along cleavage surfaces of orthopyroxene (Figure [F67](#)). Amphibole has an acicular shape with a width of 0.01–0.03 mm and typical length of 0.05–0.2 mm. Its color and shape indicate that this amphibole belongs to the tremolite/actinolite series. Green amphibole rims orthopyroxene or tremolite/actinolite aggregates, particularly along plagioclase contacts. Brown amphibole rimming small orthopyroxene grains in some samples may be formed by orthopyroxene alteration or may be continuous with amphibole replacing adjacent clinopyroxene.

Talc

Talc occurs at rims, in micro veins, or along cleavage surfaces of orthopyroxene in association with actinolitic aggregates. Talc shows

Figure F55. Hole U1473A core pieces showing intense alteration close to veins. A. Olivine grains completely replaced by brown clays close to an amphibole vein. B. Extensive occurrence of reddish clay minerals after olivine and pyroxene as often observed near carbonate veins. C. Milky white plagioclase and chlorite near an amphibole vein.



a flaky shape and similar size to the acicular actinolite crystals (Figure F67).

Other minerals

Chlorite aggregates with fringes of subordinate tremolite occur near amphibole veins in a few rare instances (e.g., Sample 360-U1473A-11R-1, 43–47 cm; TS 29). These aggregates are likely pseudomorphs after orthopyroxene because chlorite is considered too abundant to be a pseudomorph after olivine. In addition, within the same thin section, clinopyroxene is typically replaced by amphibole, not by chlorite, and plagioclase is fresh. Brownish clay minerals occur at rims and in micro veins of orthopyroxene or form pseudomorphs after orthopyroxene near carbonate or carbonate-clay veins (Figure F67C–F67D). Trace amounts of tiny oxide and sulfide grains occur in association with actinolitic amphibole + talc aggregates or brownish clay minerals.

Plagioclase alteration

From hand specimen description it is estimated that in 44% of the cores plagioclase is only slightly altered (<10 vol% alteration), whereas 37% has moderately altered plagioclase (10–30 vol% alteration). Only 14% of the plagioclase in Hole U1473A gabbro is substantially (30–60 vol%) and 5% is extensively altered (60–90 vol%), whereas complete alteration (>90 vol%) is rare. Downhole variations of plagioclase alteration intensity and secondary phases obtained

Figure F56. Examples of olivine alteration (XPL). A. Coronitic aggregates of talc (Tlc) and oxide (Ox) rimming olivine (Ol) mesh texture; presence of chlorite (Chl) and primary plagioclase (Pl) (26R-3, 52–57 cm; TS 87). B. Chl rim mixed with minor Tlc along boundary between Pl and Ol pseudomorph (white dashed line) (41R-2, 39–43 cm; TS 134). Colorless amphibole (Cl Am) arranged as corona next to outer Chl rim. Mesh-textured serpentine (Srp) enclosing clay and calcite (Cal) Ol pseudomorphs. DR = dark red. C. Tlc, Cl Am, and minor Ox Ol pseudomorph (32R-2, 85–89 cm; TS 105). D. Acicular Cl Am in the center of an Ol pseudomorph with Tlc and no Ox (44R-2, 117–120 cm; TS 149). Cpx = clinopyroxene.

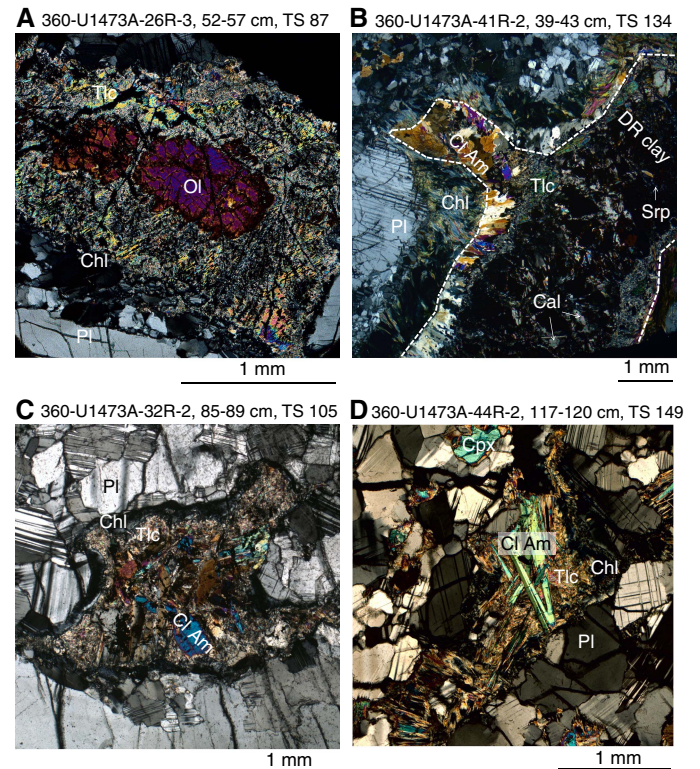


Figure F57. Talc (Tlc) pseudomorphing olivine (Ol) (19R-1, 55–59 cm; TS 60). A. Tlc and abundant irregular oxide (Ox) veins pseudomorphing Ol (PPL). Stained but otherwise colorless amphibole (Cl Am) occurs as external portions of pseudomorph and pale green amphibole (PGr Am) occur in pseudomorph. Calcite (Cal) vein is observed. Pl = plagioclase, Chl = chlorite. B. Shipboard scanning electron microscopy (SEM) backscattered electron (BSE) image of Tlc pseudomorphing Ol. Ox veins are bright gray, whereas dark areas are Tlc. In contrast, light gray Cl Am likely has relatively high Fe content. Yellow box = location of image in A.

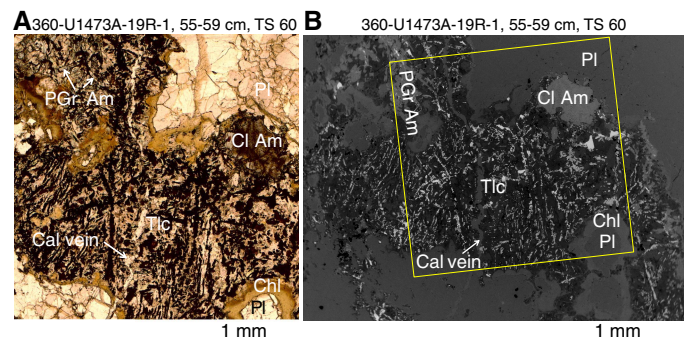
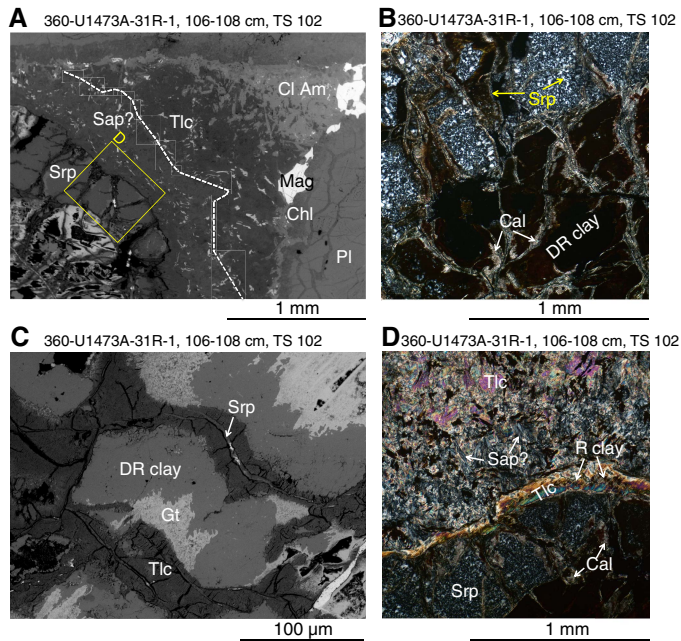


Figure F58. Olivine alteration (31R-1, 106–108 cm; TS 102). A. SEM BSE image of alteration types in a single olivine crystal. Likely saponite (Sap) is more Fe rich than talc (Tlc) due to slightly brighter color. Cl Am = colorless amphibole, Mag = magnetite, Chl = chlorite, Pl = plagioclase. White dashed line = boundary between Sap-like phase and Tlc layers, yellow box = location of D. B. Photomicrograph of mesh centers of tiny serpentine (Srp) flakes and/or dark red clay (DR clay) and calcite (Cal) with minor tiny Srp flakes comprising an enclosing mesh. C. BSE image of mesh texture. Dark black areas are Tlc comprising a mesh with Srp fibers containing local concentrations of oxides in the center of the veins, lighter gray is dark red Fe-rich clay, and brightest mineral in mesh centers could be goethite (Gt) with a very high Fe content. D. Photomicrograph showing acicular shape and low interference color of likely Sap. R clay = red clay.

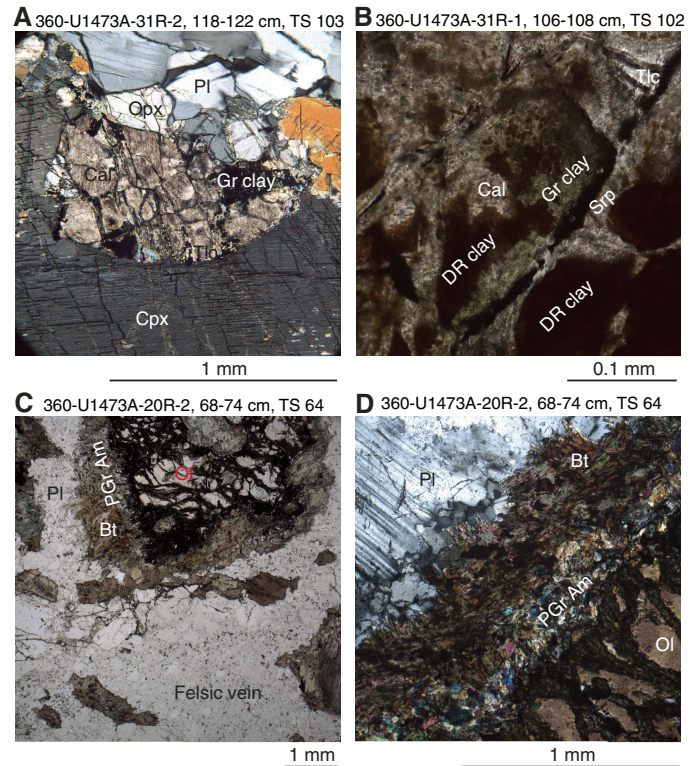


from thin section observations are shown in Figure F54. It should be noted that “alteration” as defined from observation of hand specimens here encompasses both low-temperature replacement associated with hydrothermal alteration and high-temperature neoblast formation related to crystal-plastic deformation.

Secondary plagioclase

Secondary plagioclase is the most common replacement mineral after primary plagioclase. At hand sample scale, secondary plagioclase is distinguished by its milky white appearance, whereas primary plagioclase is darker and more translucent. “Milky” plagioclase frequently rims primary plagioclase grains and occurs near amphibole veins (Figure F55C). Microscopically, secondary plagioclase mostly occurs at the grain boundary, along cleavage and twinning planes of primary plagioclase, often in close proximity to microfractures (Figure F68) filled with other secondary minerals such as amphibole and chlorite. Primary plagioclase is characterized by a faint brown color in PPL, whereas secondary plagioclase is clear and colorless. A high-contrast PPL photomicrograph was often used to distinguish between the two plagioclase generations (see [Metamorphic petrology](#) in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). It is difficult to distinguish secondary plagioclase resulting from static alteration from that produced by dynamic recrystallization. Recrystallized plagioclase is widespread

Figure F59. Olivine (Ol) alteration. A. Pseudomorphic calcite (Cal) replacing Ol enclosed in clinopyroxene (Cpx) (31R-2, 118–122 cm; TS 103; XPL). Talc (Tlc) and green clay (Gr clay) are also present. Opx = orthopyroxene. B. Mesh rims consist of assemblages of Gr clay, dark red clay (DR clay), serpentine (Srp), oxide, and Cal (31R-1, 106–108 cm; TS 102; PPL). Gr clay is overprinted by DR clay. C. Near a felsic vein, pale green amphibole (PGr Am) rims Ol and is locally associated with biotite (Bt) (20R-2, 68–74 cm; TS 64; PPL). D. Bt layer occurs in reaction boundary between plagioclase (Pl) and Ol (20R-2, 68–74 cm; TS 64; XPL).



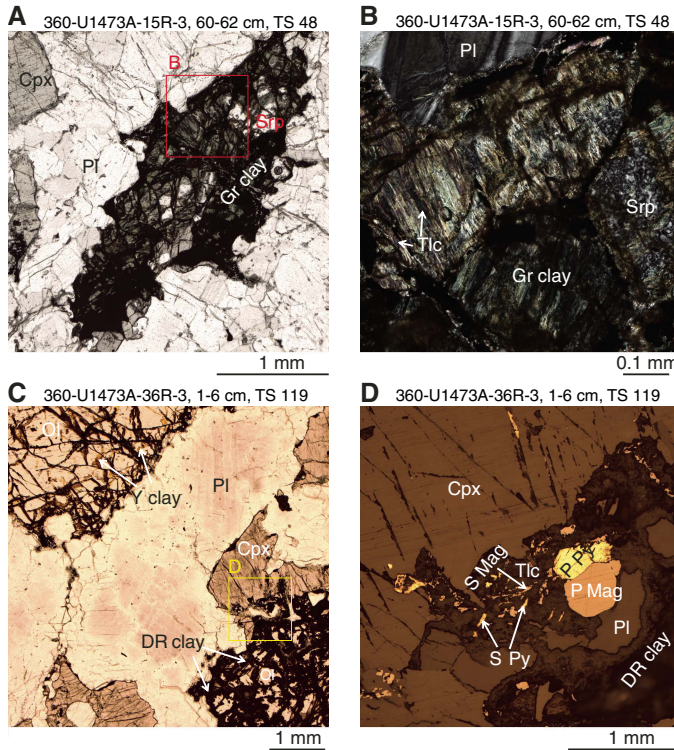
throughout Hole U1473A. As a consequence and as discussed in [Metamorphic petrology](#) in the Expedition 360 methods chapter (MacLeod et al., 2017a), accounting for secondary plagioclase static background replacement is prone to overestimation even in thin section.

Shallower than 620 m CCSF, pronounced occurrences of secondary plagioclase are mostly associated with veins and felsic intrusions. In contrast, milky white plagioclase is particularly conspicuous throughout most cores deeper than 620 m CCSF without any relation to veining and felsic intrusions; instead, plagioclase grains from this interval are characterized by abundant microfractures. Thin section observations show that secondary plagioclase at this interval is associated with epidote, chlorite, and tremolite/actinolite. Locally, secondary plagioclase is also associated with chlorite and calcite in the same interval.

Chlorite

Chlorite is the second most common alteration mineral replacing plagioclase. Macroscopically, chlorite is identified as a green to dark green mineral typically occurring in micro veins. Chlorite also occurs together with secondary plagioclase in zones of intense alteration such as vein halos (Figure F55C). Microscopically, chlorite is present in micro veins within a single plagioclase grain or in veinlets crosscutting several grains. In proximity to pyroxene and, par-

Figure F60. Olivine (Ol) alteration. A. Green clay (Gr clay) replacing Ol with typical mesh texture (15R-3, 60–62 cm; TS 48; PPL). Cpx = clinopyroxene, Pl = plagioclase. B. Enlargement of red box in A (XPL). Mesh cores are partly replaced by Gr clay mixed with talc (Tlc) and tiny serpentine (Srp) flakes. C. Yellow clay (Y clay) and dark red clay (DR clay) replacing Ol (36R-3, 1–6 cm; TS 119; PPL). D. Enlargement of yellow box in C (reflected light). Primary magnetite (P Mag) is bright gray and primary pyrite (P Py) is bright yellow with larger grain size (diameter ~0.5 mm). Aggregates of secondary magnetite (S Mag) and secondary pyrite (S Py) are tiny and coexist with Tlc replacing Ol.



ticularly, olivine, plagioclase is rimmed by chlorite (Figures F69D, F70). In some cases, plagioclase is completely replaced by chlorite, often associated with epidote, titanite, and a rim of tremolite and/or actinolite (Figure F69A, F69C). Chlorite in most samples shows a bluish interference color, whereas in a few samples it shows a yellowish-grayish interference color (Figure F69B).

Other minerals

Green, pale green, and colorless amphiboles usually occur as filling minerals in plagioclase micro veins and cleavage surfaces. These amphiboles are likely to be tremolite or actinolite due to acicular habit. Tremolite and/or actinolite were also observed at the contact between plagioclase and olivine (Figure F70), typically with chlorite rimming plagioclase and talc rimming olivine. Where plagioclase is completely altered to chlorite, the pseudomorph has an outermost actinolite rim (Figure F69A).

Epidote grains were identified under microscope and by X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis. In thin section, epidote is closely associated with chlorite and tremolite. Epidote also occurs in aggregates within veins (see **Metamorphic and magmatic veins**). Clinozoisite was identified by XRD, and both clinozoisite and zoisite were identified in thin section.

Garnet (likely hydrogrossular) was identified in a few thin sections. It occurs in the cores of plagioclase grains (Figure F71A) and as micro vein fillings. Some plagioclase grains have cores altered to a mineral with high relief and low birefringence (Figure F71B), likely hydrogrossular or epidote.

Yellowish to reddish clays were observed replacing plagioclase, particularly in the more intensely altered samples. At the thin section scale, these clays occur in micro veins and along grain boundaries, particularly near brownish clay veins. Kaolinite and, to a lesser extent, the pyrophyllite group of clay minerals were identified through XRD analysis of altered felsic veins, characterized by ~7 and ~9.5 Å peaks in the X-ray diffractograms, respectively. In particular, some of the samples have peaks indicating halloysite, a polymorph of kaolinite.

Reactions and emplacement processes at gabbro contacts

From thin section observation of felsic vein/gabbro contacts it is apparent that a number of magmatic and metamorphic reactions occur in the primary host minerals in proximity to the veins. Most commonly observed is the replacement of primary clinopyroxene by brown amphibole at the contact where the gabbro initially ruptured, as well as replacements/overgrowth of primary clinopyroxene by a secondary clinopyroxene, sometimes with symplectic texture. Plagioclase grains in the felsic veins adjacent to the contact often show epitaxial overgrowth of the primary plagioclases. Replacement of primary olivine by orthopyroxene due to interaction between olivine and the felsic melt is rare (Figure F72). In some cases, initial fracture of the gabbro during intrusion can be traced by petrographic features along the contact: beginning with epitaxial overgrowth in combination with precipitation of oxide minerals in plagioclase, trails of tiny relict clinopyroxene inclusions in brown hornblende, and the crystallization of small apatite needles in the felsic groundmass (Figures F73, F74).

Deformed felsic veins

Felsic veins locally record crystal-plastic deformation, which produces mylonitic foliation modally dominated by fine-grained plagioclase. The foliation in the veins frequently crosscuts the porphyroclastic or mylonitic foliation in the gabbro at a high angle. In these cases, the host gabbro shows coronitic replacement of clinopyroxene by brown amphibole close to the deformed felsic vein (Figure F75A). Where felsic veins and host gabbros have concordant foliation, clinopyroxene rims in the gabbro are replaced by brown amphibole. Euhedral to subhedral grains of plagioclase and brown amphibole, locally associated with quartz and/or zircon, are present in deformed felsic veins and interpreted as magmatic relics.

In deformed felsic veins, plagioclase may be associated with brown amphibole, clinopyroxene, and/or quartz. Clinopyroxene is colorless, has elongate morphology, and is aligned along the foliation. In some cases, clinopyroxene forms aggregates defined by elongated aligned grains indicative of synkinematic growth. Elongated clinopyroxenes and amphiboles locally exhibit planar contact relationships, thereby documenting equilibrium relationships between these two phases (Figure F75B). Deformed felsic veins locally exhibit a further recrystallization event, producing an extremely fine grained plagioclase matrix enclosing lens-shaped porphyroclastic amphibole and/or clinopyroxene (Figure F75C–F75D). This event was associated with dynamic crystallization of amphibole of extremely fine grain size, whose pleochroism could not be ascertained.

Figure F61. X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern of red and dark red clays drilled from pseudomorph in U1473A-32R-3, 91–92 cm (yellow box). Goethite, amphibole, and lizardite are the three dominant phases. Talc, albite, and diopside are also present.

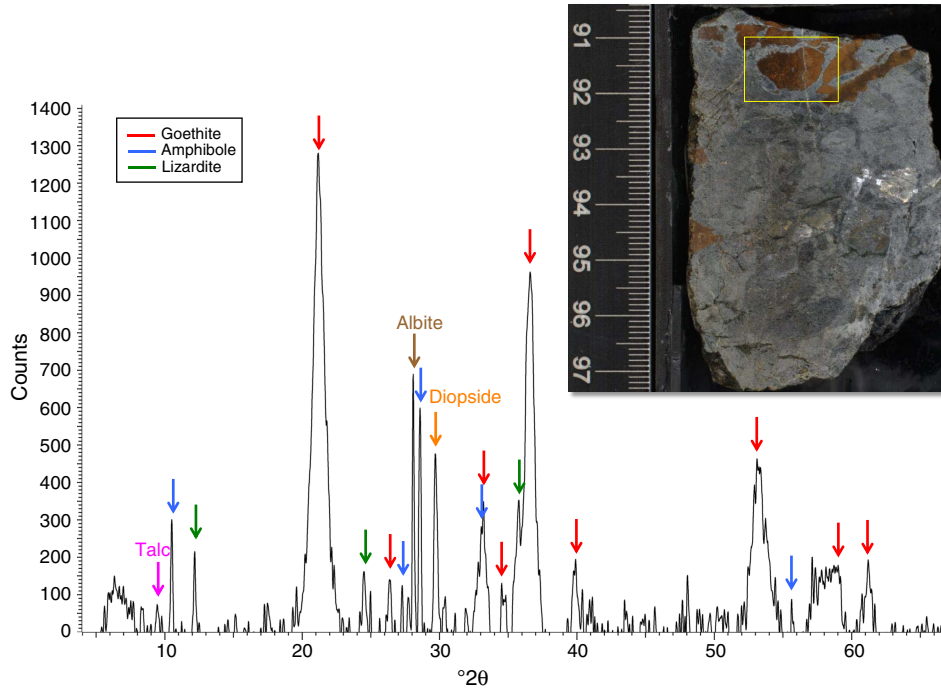


Figure F62. Clinopyroxene alteration to secondary clinopyroxene (S Cpx) and brown amphibole (Br Am). A, B. S Cpx and Br Am patches replacing primary clinopyroxene (P Cpx) (41R-4, 92–96 cm; TS 137; A: PPL, B: XPL). Ol = olivine, Pl = plagioclase. C, D. Br Am and orthopyroxene (Opx) blebs hosted by S Cpx (44R-4, 65–69 cm; TS 150; C: PPL, D: XPL).

Figure F63. Plastic deformation of clinopyroxene. A, B. Bent secondary clinopyroxene (S Cpx) within or partially enclosed by primary clinopyroxene (P Cpx) (20R-3, 9–12 cm; TS 63; A: PPL, B: XPL). Br Am = brown amphibole, Pl = plagioclase. C, D. Undeformed S Cpx replacing bent crystals of P Cpx (41R-2, 24–28 cm; TS 133; C: PPL, D: XPL).

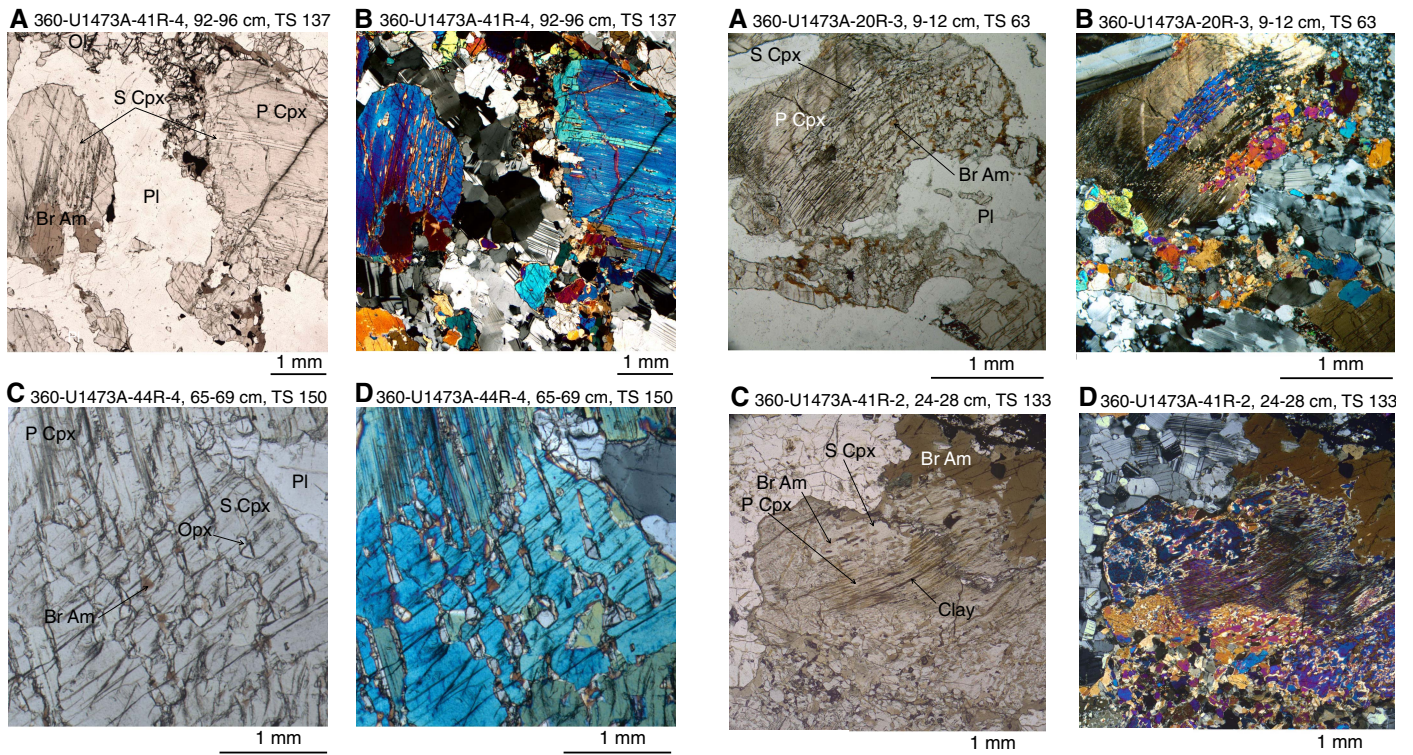


Figure F64. Clinopyroxene alteration near felsic veins. A, B. Primary clinopyroxene (P Cpx) rimmed by brown amphibole (Br Am) and biotite (Bt) (41R-2, 39–43 cm; TS 134; A: PPL, B: XPL). Pl = plagioclase. C, D. P Cpx is rimmed by a symplectitic aggregate of secondary clinopyroxene (S Cpx) and vermicular Br Am (43R-1, 35–37 cm; TS 143; C: PPL, D: XPL).

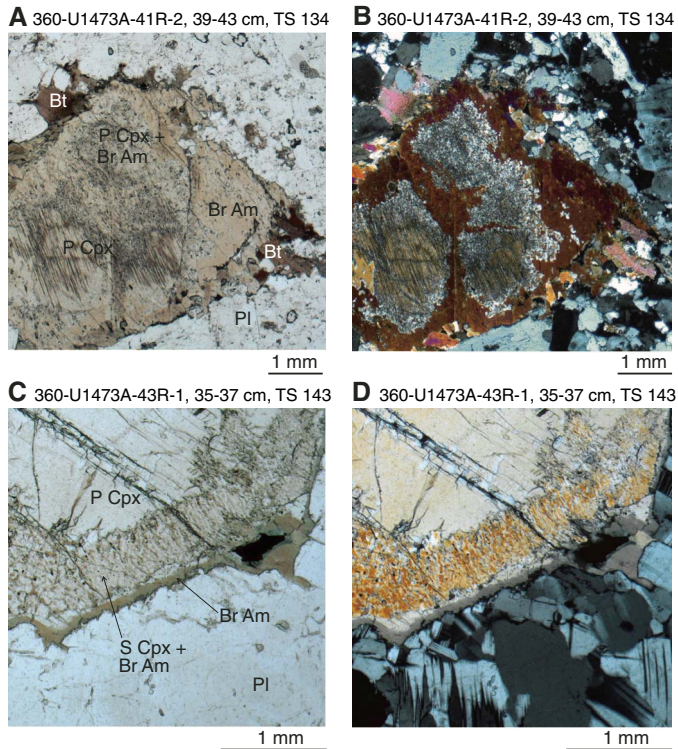
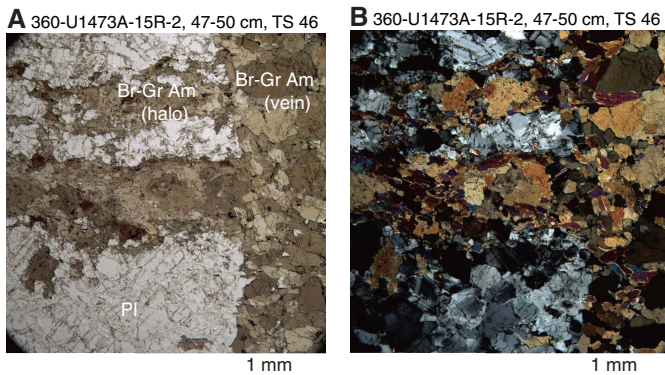


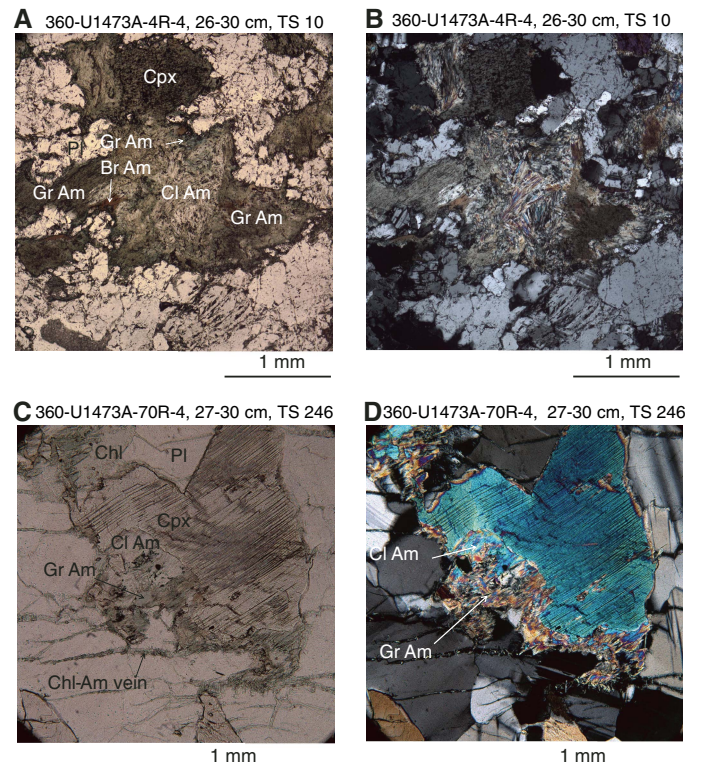
Figure F65. Clinopyroxene alteration to brown-green amphibole (Br-Gr Am) near a vein filled with Br-Gr Am (15R-2, 47–50 cm; TS 46). Pl = plagioclase. A. PPL. B. XPL.



Recrystallization associated with crystal-plastic deformation

Two main mineral assemblages were recognized in crystal-plastically deformed gabbros. The more common assemblage was formed by recrystallization of plagioclase, olivine, and clinopyroxene ± brown amphibole and is inferred to have formed under granulite facies conditions. Less commonly, dynamic crystallization of plagioclase is accompanied by brown-green amphibole, equating to amphibolite facies conditions. These rocks are hereafter referred to as amphibolite mylonites.

Figure F66. Clinopyroxene alteration to green amphibole (Gr Am) and pale green/colorless amphiboles. A, B. Gr Am and aggregates of colorless amphibole (Cl Am) pseudomorphing clinopyroxene (Cpx), which has patches of brown amphibole (Br Am) (4R-4, 26–30 cm; TS 10; A: PPL, B: XPL). Pl = plagioclase. C, D. Gr Am and Cl Am replacing Cpx near chlorite (Chl)–amphibole (Am) composite veins (70R-4, 27–30 cm; TS 246; C: PPL, D: XPL).



Granulite facies assemblage

In these rocks, plagioclase and olivine typically develop nearly polygonal aggregates, and neoblastic clinopyroxene aggregates typically include minor amounts of brown amphibole and/or oxide phases (ilmenite and/or magnetite, Figure F76A). In places, brown amphibole is also associated with neoblastic olivine, and orthopyroxene occurs within the neoblastic clinopyroxene aggregates. Brown amphibole associated with clinopyroxene neoblasts occurs as (i) irregular veinlike grains interstitial to clinopyroxenes and (ii) nearly equant grains at clinopyroxene triple junctions. Undeformed brown amphibole rimming both primary and adjacent neoblastic clinopyroxene is also locally seen (Figure F76B). Recrystallization of interstitial brown amphibole into granoblastic aggregates locally occurs, particularly around ilmenite and/or magnetite (Figure F76C–F76D).

Amphibolite facies assemblage

These rocks typically have a plagioclase and brown-green amphibole assemblage that is typically found in thin mylonitic bands, often discordant to the main crystal-plastic foliation in the gabbro. These shear bands may locally be associated with felsic veins that were also subjected to crystal-plastic deformation. Amphibolite facies crystal-plastic deformation unrelated to felsic veins largely occurs shallower than 200 m CCSF and is apparently restricted to oxide gabbros or to thin oxide-bearing mylonitic bands.

Figure F67. Orthopyroxene (Opx) alteration. A, B. Colorless amphibole (Cl Am) and talc (Tlc) aggregates at rim and in Opx micro veins (43R-5, 124–127 cm; TS 145; A: PPL, B: XPL). PI = plagioclase. C, D. Brownish clay at rims and along cleavage surfaces and microcracks of clinopyroxene (Cpx) and Opx near carbonate-clay veins (47R-1, 21–26 cm; TS 161; C: PPL, D: XPL).

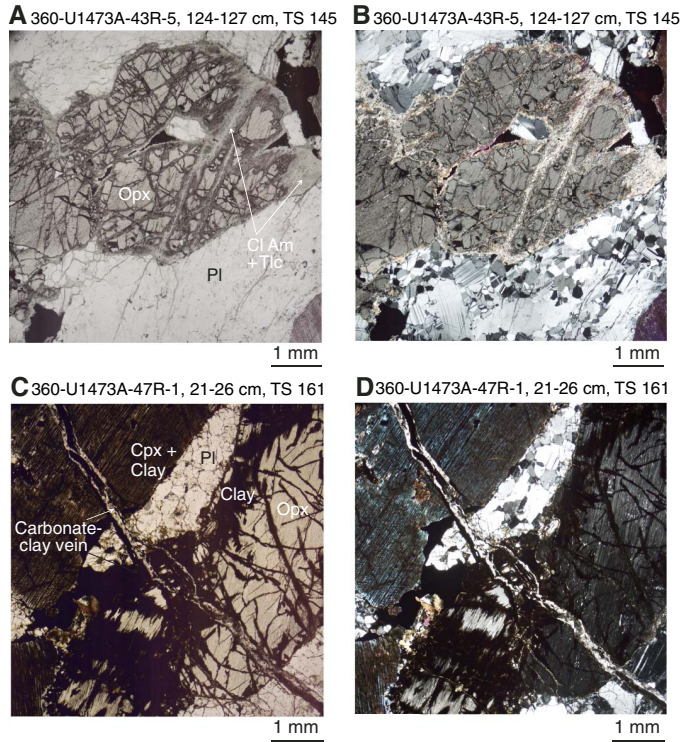


Figure F68. Secondary plagioclase (S PI) close to microfractures filled by (A) green amphibole (Gr Am) (9R-5, 115–118 cm; TS 24) and (B) actinolite (Act) (66R-7, 12–18 cm; TS 226). In B, a S PI vein cuts both clinopyroxene (Cpx) and plagioclase (PI) grains. Ol = olivine.

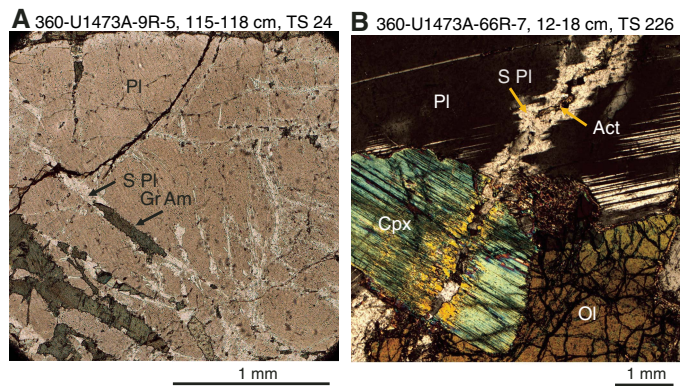


Figure F69. Chlorite (Chl) replacing plagioclase (PI). A. Chl completely replaces PI (25R-1, 5–8 cm; TS 81; XPL). B. Chl with yellow birefringence partially replaces PI (44R-2, 117–120 cm; TS 149; XPL). In both A and B, Chl is rimmed by actinolite (Act). C. Titanite (Ttn) in close association with Chl (25R-1, 5–8 cm; TS 81; PPL). D. Chl in microfractures and along PI grain rims at the contact with olivine (Ol) (30R-5, 27–31 cm; TS 101; PPL).

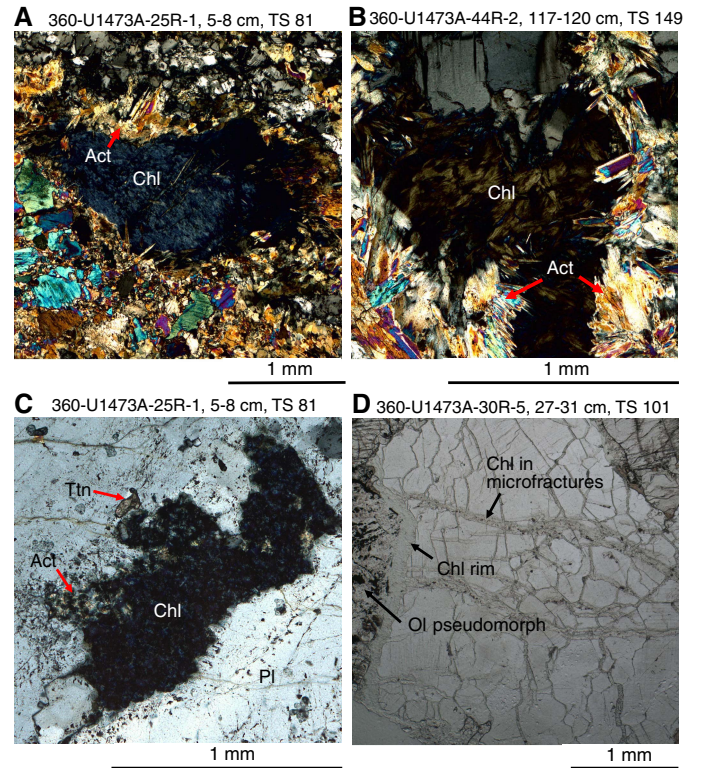


Figure F70. SEM BSE image of a plagioclase (PI)-olivine reaction rim showing the assemblages talc (Tlc), magnetite (Mag), actinolite (Act), and chlorite (Chl) (31R-1, 106–108 cm; TS 102).

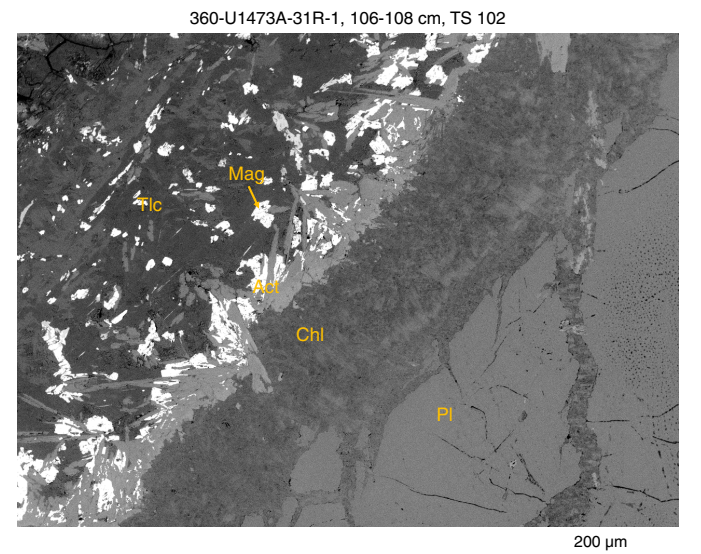


Figure F71. A. Hydrogrossular (Hgr) partially replacing plagioclase (Pl) (13R-4, 57–60 cm; TS 39). B. Either Hgr or epidote (Ep) replacing center of a Pl grain in a felsic vein (25R-1, 5–8 cm; TS 81). Brown amphibole (Br Am) also occurs locally in the felsic vein.

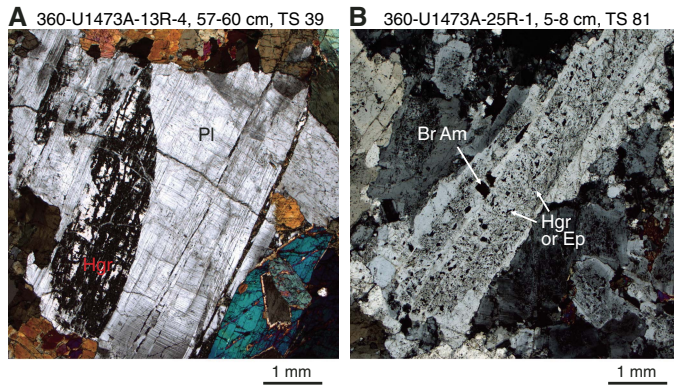


Figure F72. Alteration features in a felsic vein cutting an olivine (Ol) gabbro (U1473A-46R-3, 33–35 cm; TS 160; PPL). A. Felsic vein (outlined in blue) cutting a grain of prismatic Ol nearly entirely altered to reddish clay minerals. Note that both parts of the ruptured Ol are visible. Black boxes = location of images in B, C, and D. B. Green amphibole (Gr Am) overgrowth and partial replacement of brown amphibole (Br Am) at the Ol vein contact (arrow). C, D. Sequence of replacement and overgrowth of Br Am from magmatic stage to greenschist facies. Br Am is first replaced by Gr Am, which is overgrown by fibrous aggregates of actinolite (Act). At the latest alteration stage, yellowish clay minerals (red arrows in C) grew on grain boundaries implying sub-greenschist facies conditions. Qtz = quartz, Pl = plagioclase, Opx = orthopyroxene.

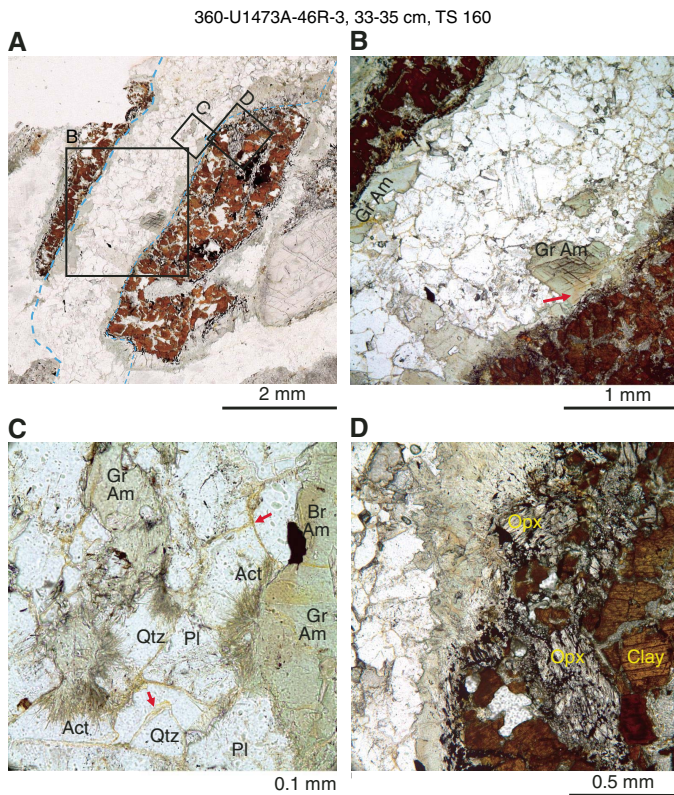
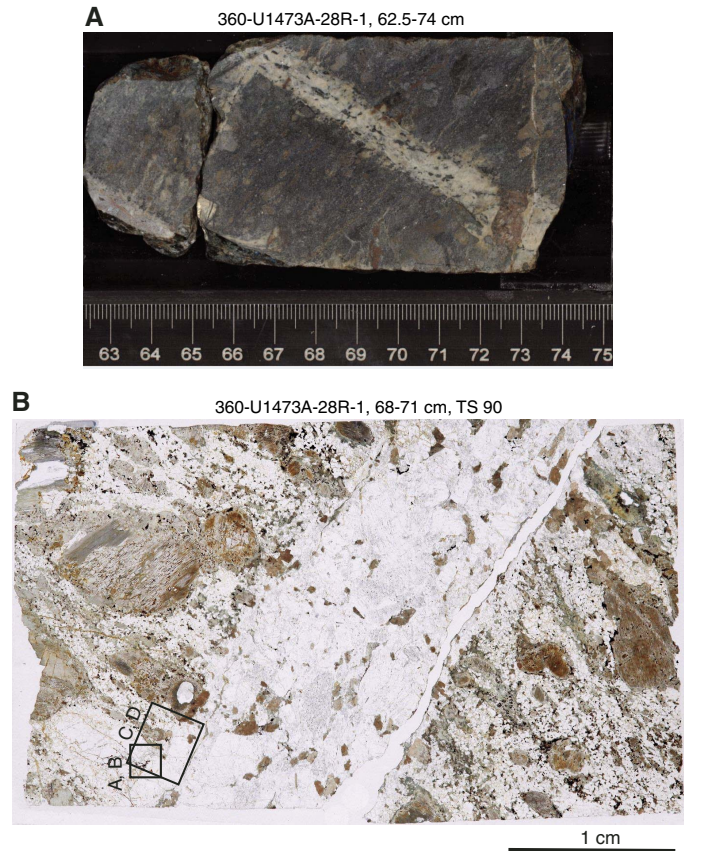


Figure F73. Reactions and emplacement processes at the contact of a felsic vein to host gabbro. A. Leucodiorite vein cutting a gabbro. B. Leucodiorite vein (28R-1, 68–71 cm; TS 90; PPL). Black boxes = location and orientation of images in Figure F74.

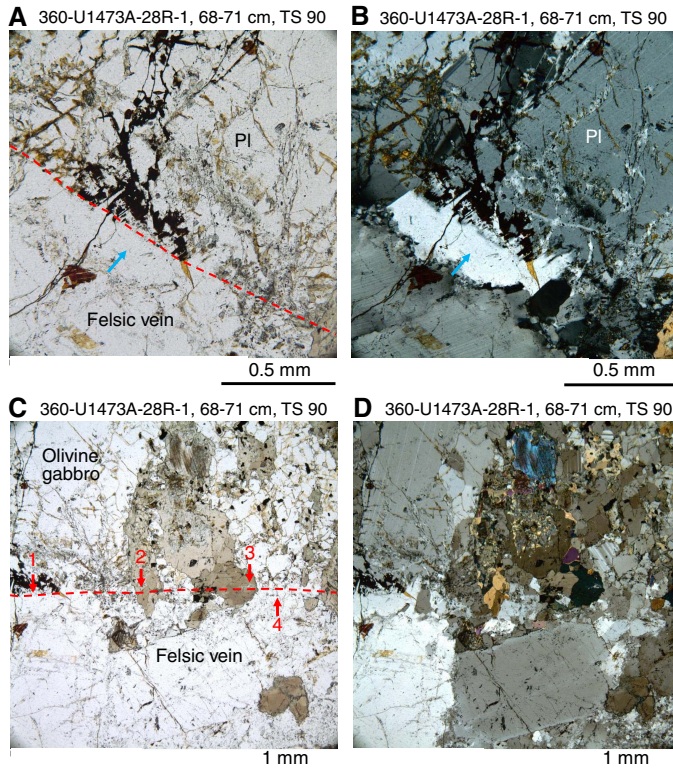


Foliation in the amphibolite facies crystal-plastically deformed rocks is typically defined by alternating irregular bands of fine-grained plagioclase and amphibole enclosing clinopyroxene and plagioclase porphyroclasts (Figure F77A–F77B). Brown-green amphibole typically also occurs as (i) tails of clinopyroxene porphyroclasts (Figure F77C) and (ii) coronae and pseudomorphs after clinopyroxene. Moreover, amphibole that statically replaced clinopyroxene is dynamically recrystallized (Figure F77D).

Alteration associated with cataclasis

Carbonates and brownish clay minerals are abundant in cataclastic intervals (e.g., interval 360-U1473A-37R-3, 38–53 cm), with carbonate and clay veins generally abundant nearby. These observations indicate a close association of cataclasis with the formation of carbonates and clay. In a representative sample (Figure F78), rock and crystal clasts are cemented in a matrix of carbonate, identified as calcite by XRD. Textural observations in thin section indicate that calcite fills microcracks in plagioclase and invades clinopyroxene fragmented along cleavage surfaces. It displays wavy extinction, indicating that it may be plastically deformed (Figure F79A–F79B). Completely altered olivine grains in this sample show mesh texture where calcite and brown clay minerals occur in the mesh rims and centers in one domain, and calcite occurs in the

Figure F74. Reactions and emplacement processes at contact (red dashed line) between a leucodiorite vein and a gabbro (28R-1, 68–71 cm; TS 90; A, C: PPL, B, D: XPL). A, B. Epitaxial overgrowth of plagioclase (Pl) crystallized in the felsic vein (blue arrow) on Pl from the gabbro. Directly at the contact, Pl of the gabbro shows precipitations of oxide minerals in micro veins. C, D. Initial fracture of gabbro during emplacement of felsic vein could be traced by petrographic features at the contact: 1 = epitaxial overgrowth in combination with precipitation of oxide minerals in Pl, 2 and 3 = trails of relict tiny clinopyroxene inclusions in brown hornblende, 4 = crystallization of small apatite needles in the felsic groundmass directly at the contact.



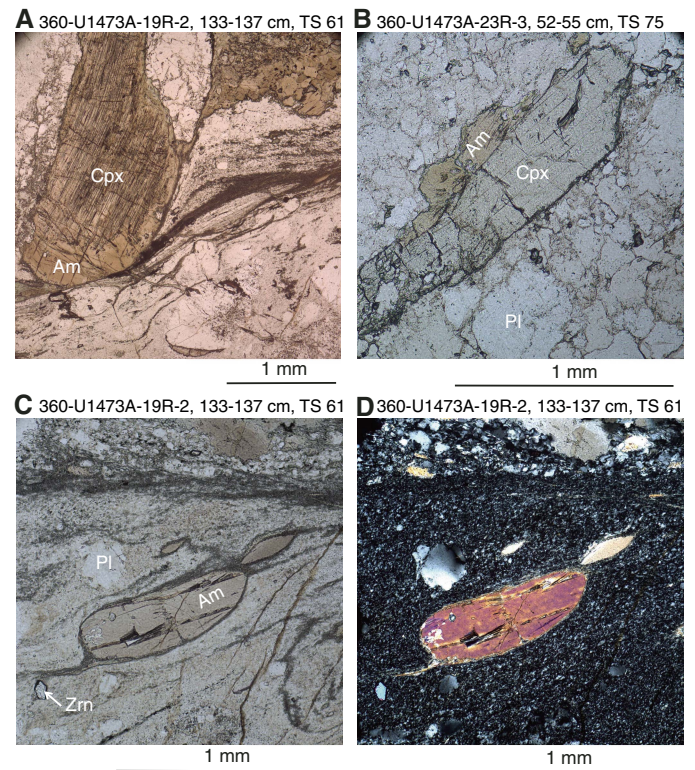
mesh centers with clay minerals in the mesh rims in other domains (Figure F79C–F79D). These observations indicate that calcite and clay formed simultaneously penecontemporaneous to cataclastic deformation and therefore provide a constraint on deformation temperature.

Metamorphic and magmatic veins

In combination with the structural geology team, 2445 veins were described and measured. All details concerning vein density and distribution, mineral association with depth, and correlations with other structural and alteration parameters are presented in **Structural geology**. All igneous aspects of the veins are presented in **Igneous petrology**.

Based on macroscopic descriptions and depending on their mineral paragenesis and abundances, 10 distinct vein assemblages were identified in cores drilled during Expedition 360. The results are presented in Table T8. The different vein assemblages and their abundances in Hole U1473A are given as percentages based on their number and thickness (Figure F80A–F80B). As a proportion of all veins, the most abundant are white clay veins (38.8%) followed by magmatic veins with an abundance of 20.1% (felsic veins were the only type counted in this magmatic vein category). Other vein types are amphibole (16.0%), carbonate (14.3%), brown clay (5.0%), car-

Figure F75. Characteristic microstructures of deformed felsic veins. A. Along abraded contact with a deformed felsic vein, clinopyroxene (Cpx) in host gabbro is rimmed by brown amphibole (Am) (19R-2, 133–137 cm; TS 61; PPL). B. Elongated grains of Cpx and Am showing planar contact relationships (23R-3, 52–55 cm; TS 75; PPL). Pl = plagioclase. C, D. Porphyroclastic Am showing tails made up of extremely fine grained neoblastic Am (19R-2, 133–137 cm; TS 61; C: PPL, D: XPL). Zrn = zircon.



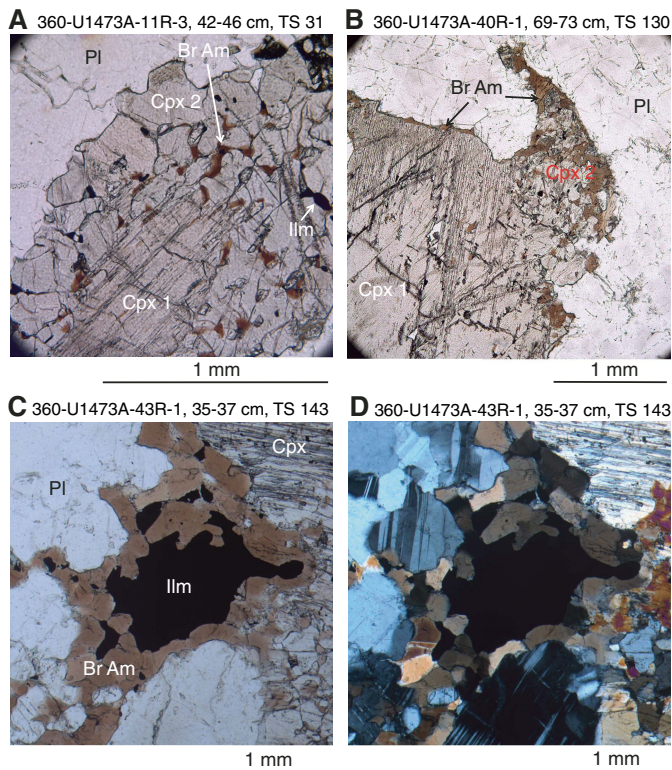
bonate-clay (2.3%), chlorite (1.5%), plagioclase (1.1%), plagioclase-chlorite (0.3%), and other veins (0.5%). A comparison with the corresponding vein data from Hole 735B (Shipboard Scientific Party, 1999b [table T9; figure F48]) shows relatively good correspondence with respect to clay, amphibole, and carbonate veins: 46% smectite veins from Hole 735B compared to 44% from Hole U1473A (both gray and brown clay minerals), 24% amphibole-dominated veins from Hole 735B compared to 16% from Hole U1473A, and 9% carbonate-dominated veins from Hole 735B compared to 14% from Hole U1473A. A significant difference is recorded with respect to felsic veins: only 4% felsic veins from Hole 735B compared to 20% from Hole U1473A. Emerald green diopside veins seen in Hole 735B were not seen in Hole U1473A. All percentages above relate to vein percent by count.

XRD identification of metamorphic and magmatic veins

A number of veins were sampled for further mineral identification using the shipboard X-ray diffractometer. Table T9 lists all samples analyzed (including nonvein-related samples) together with their preliminary mineral identification.

Because of their ubiquitous presence and multiphase assemblages, many of the samples were taken from magmatic veins. XRD peaks that are characteristic of the plagioclase group and the amphibole group were always detected in these samples. Specific plagioclase minerals were not identified shipboard because of similarities in mineral peaks within the plagioclase group. Aside

Figure F76. Characteristic microstructures in gabbro mylonites. A. Porphyroclastic clinopyroxene (Cpx 1) rimmed by neoblastic clinopyroxene (Cpx 2) aggregates including minor brown amphibole (Br Am) and ilmenite (Ilm) (11R-3, 42–46 cm; TS 31; PPL). B. Cpx 1 rimmed by Cpx 2; both generations are rimmed by Br Am (40R-1, 69–73 cm; TS 130; PPL). C, D. Granoblastic Br Am aggregate including Ilm along contact between plagioclase (Pl) and Cpx (43R-1, 35–37 cm; TS 143; C: PPL, D: XPL).



from plagioclase and amphibole, quartz was also identified in a number of felsic veins (Figure F81A). Common secondary phases identified in felsic veins are phyllosilicates such as kaolinite and pyrophyllite. Chlorite was identified together with plagioclase and amphibole in greenish and bluish fracture coatings that are likely remnants of plagioclase or plagioclase-amphibole veins. Biotite was also characterized in a few altered felsic veins (Figure F81A).

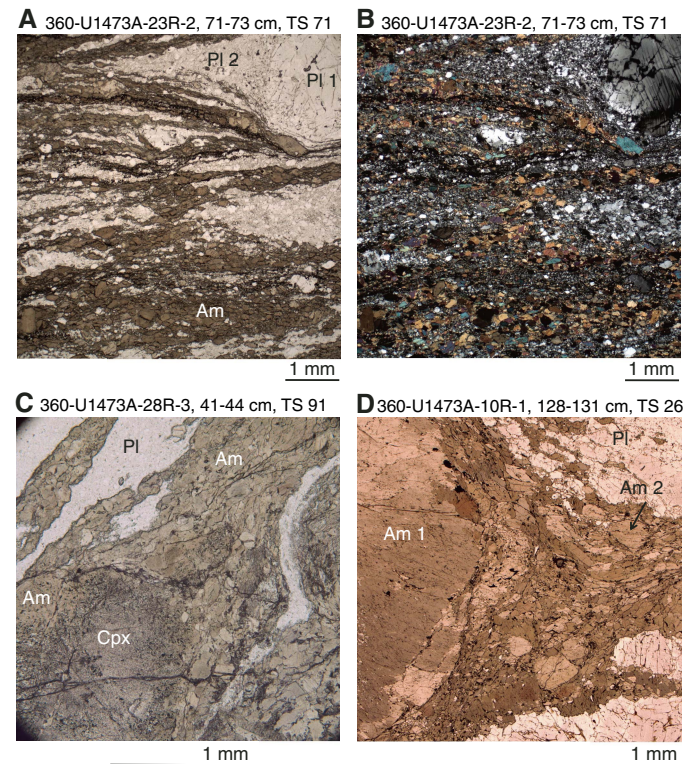
A number of amphibole veins were also analyzed, with grains displaying different habits (acicular, massive, or prismatic) targeted for analysis. As with plagioclase, it was difficult to identify the specific amphibole minerals due to similarities in XRD peaks of the different minerals in the amphibole group.

Clinozoisite and/or epidote were identified in association with felsic and amphibole veins (Figure F81B). Greenish veins are composed of either or both amphibole and chlorite. Chlorite was further confirmed using the ethylene glycol test, where 13–14 Å peaks did not shift to the higher d-spacings that characterize the smectite group.

Almost all of the carbonate veins were composed of calcite. Both aragonite and calcite were only identified in one carbonate vein in the upper part of the hole. Some cataclastic carbonate vein material is characterized by tiny plagioclase, amphibole, clinopyroxene, and clay mineral peaks.

Minerals of the zeolite group were identified from fracture coatings at the bottom part of the hole (~750 m CCSF). XRD peaks

Figure F77. Characteristic microstructures of amphibolite (Am) mylonites. A, B. Alternating bands of fine-grained plagioclase (Pl 2) and brown-green Am, which include a plagioclase porphyroclast (Pl 1) (23R-2, 71–73 cm; TS 71; A: PPL, B: XPL). C. Brown-green Am occurring as tails of porphyroclastic clinopyroxene (Cpx) (28R-3, 41–44 cm; TS 91; PPL). Pl = plagioclase. D. Porphyroclastic brown-green amphibole (Am 1) recrystallized into neoblastic brown-green amphibole (Am 2) (10R-1, 128–131 cm; TS 26; PPL).



closely match those of natrolite and mesolite. Chlorite and/or smectite as well as calcite were also identified in the same samples.

Metamorphic veins

Based on the mineral paragenesis within metamorphic veins (i.e., excluding felsic veins), nine different metamorphic vein types were defined. Their abundances within the cores are presented as percentages with respect to their count and thickness (Figure F80C–F80D). In terms of abundance by count, white clay veins are by far the most common veins (48.6%), followed by amphibole veins (20.1%) and carbonate veins (18%). Veins filled with brown clay (6.2%), carbonate-clay (2.9%), chlorite (1.9%), plagioclase (1.4%), plagioclase-chlorite (0.4%), and other assemblages (0.6%) are of minor importance. Because the white clay veins are in general very thin, they represent a significantly lower volume of the cores than other vein types despite their abundance. Considered together with the brown clay veins, clay veins as a whole represent 30.0% of the total thickness of metamorphic veins (100.0 cm). By volume, amphibole veins are the most abundant (47.2%) veins. The thickness of these veins varies considerably, from a few micrometers up to several centimeters. The diameter of the thickest amphibole vein recorded in Hole U1473A is larger than the diameter of the cores (6 cm) (Figure F82). Volumetrically, the third most important group are carbonate-dominated veins, which represent 15.6% of the total vein thickness. Other vein types are of minor importance and add

Figure F78. Whole thin section images of an olivine gabbro cataclasite (37R-3, 45–49 cm; TS 121). Rock and crystal clasts are cemented in a calcite matrix. A. PPL, B. XPL. Boxes = location of images in Figure F79.

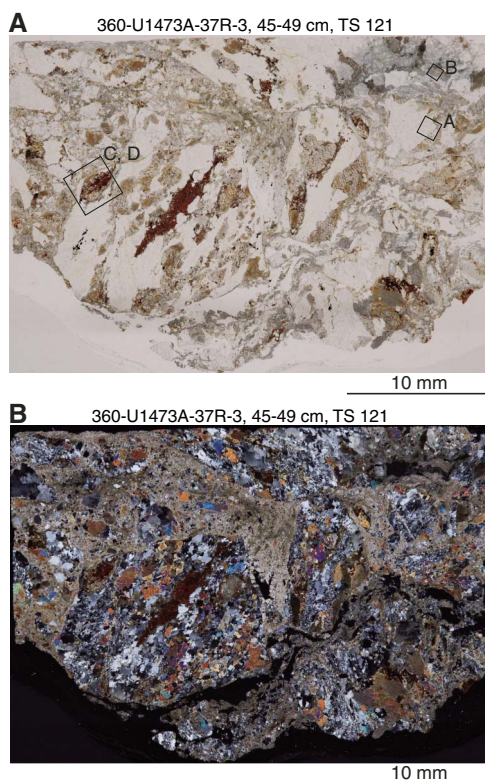
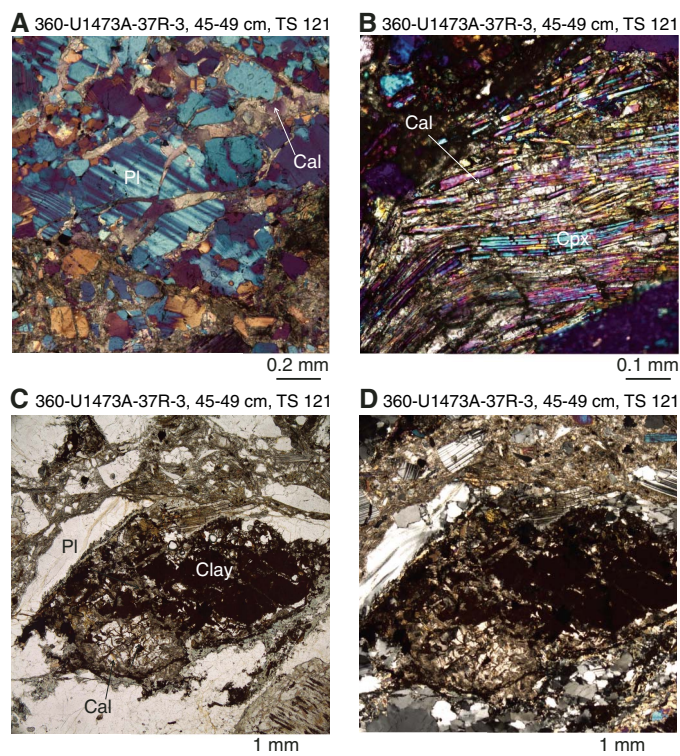


Figure F79. Alteration features in cataclasite in Figure F78 (37R-3, 45–49 cm; TS 121). A. Calcite (Cal) filling microcracks in plagioclase (Pl) (XPL with gypsum plate inserted). B. Cal with wavy extinction invading clinopyroxene (Cpx) fragmented along cleavage surfaces (XPL). C, D. Completely altered olivine grains show mesh texture where Cal and brown clay minerals occur at mesh rim and at mesh center, respectively, in one domain and Cal at mesh center and clay minerals at mesh rim in other domains (C: PPL, D: XPL).



up to 7.2% of the total vein thickness. These include veins filled with chlorite, plagioclase, carbonate-quartz, oxide/hydroxide, epidote, clinozoisite, quartz, and zoisite (for details see Figure F80). Veins filled with minerals from the epidote group were very thin, occurring as the innermost zones within compound amphibole veins (see below). Core close-ups from typical veins filled with white clay, carbonate, and felsic material are presented in **Structural geology** (Figures F127, F129).

In addition to the macroscopic observations, veins and their mineral assemblages were evaluated in thin section (for details see Table T10). Amphibole veins amounted to 44% of the 115 veins recorded in thin section, followed by chlorite-dominated veins (22%), carbonate (14%), and clay (10%). Other veins (11%) observed in thin section contain minerals from the epidote group, oxide/hydroxide, hydrogrossular, plagioclase, zeolite, and biotite. Mostly, the mineral assemblages in the veins correspond directly to the background alteration in the related primary minerals of the rock. This documents the importance of veins as a pathway for the transport of hydrothermal fluids under a range of conditions. Details of the thin section vein analyses and illustrations of their assemblages and petrographic features are presented below.

Amphibole-dominated veins

Monomineralic amphibole veins and those in which amphibole is the major constituent are by far the most common. These veins include different varieties, reflecting different temperature regimes. Out of 48 amphibole veins observed, 19% were composed of brown

Table T8. Summary of macroscopically estimated vein types, Hole U1473A. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

Vein type	Number	Vein (%)	Thickness (cm)	Thickness (%)
All veins (metamorphic and magmatic):				
Felsic	490	20.1	371.3	78.8
White clay	945	38.8	23.4	5.0
Amphibole	390	16.0	47.2	10.0
Carbonate	349	14.3	13.4	2.8
Brown clay	121	5.0	6.5	1.4
Carbonate clay	56	2.3	2.2	0.5
Chlorite	37	1.5	4.1	0.9
Plagioclase	27	1.1	1.8	0.4
Plagioclase chlorite	7	0.3	0.7	0.1
Other	12	0.5	0.7	0.1
Totals:	2434	100	471.4	100
Metamorphic veins:				
White clay	945	48.6	23.4	23.4
Amphibole	390	20.1	47.2	47.2
Carbonate	349	18.0	13.4	13.4
Brown clay	121	6.2	6.5	6.5
Carbonate clay	56	2.9	2.2	2.1
Chlorite	37	1.9	4.1	4.1
Plagioclase	27	1.4	1.8	1.8
Plagioclase chlorite	7	0.4	0.7	0.7
Other	12	0.6	0.7	0.6
Totals:	1944	100	100.0	100

Figure F80. Proportions of different vein types in Hole U1473A from macroscopic core descriptions. A. Number of metamorphic and magmatic veins of each type. B. Vein type by volume percentage of total metamorphic and magmatic veins. C. Number of metamorphic veins of each type. D. Metamorphic vein type by volume percent of total metamorphic veins. Data obtained by systematic counting of veins, measuring their thickness, and adjusting for dip in the core.

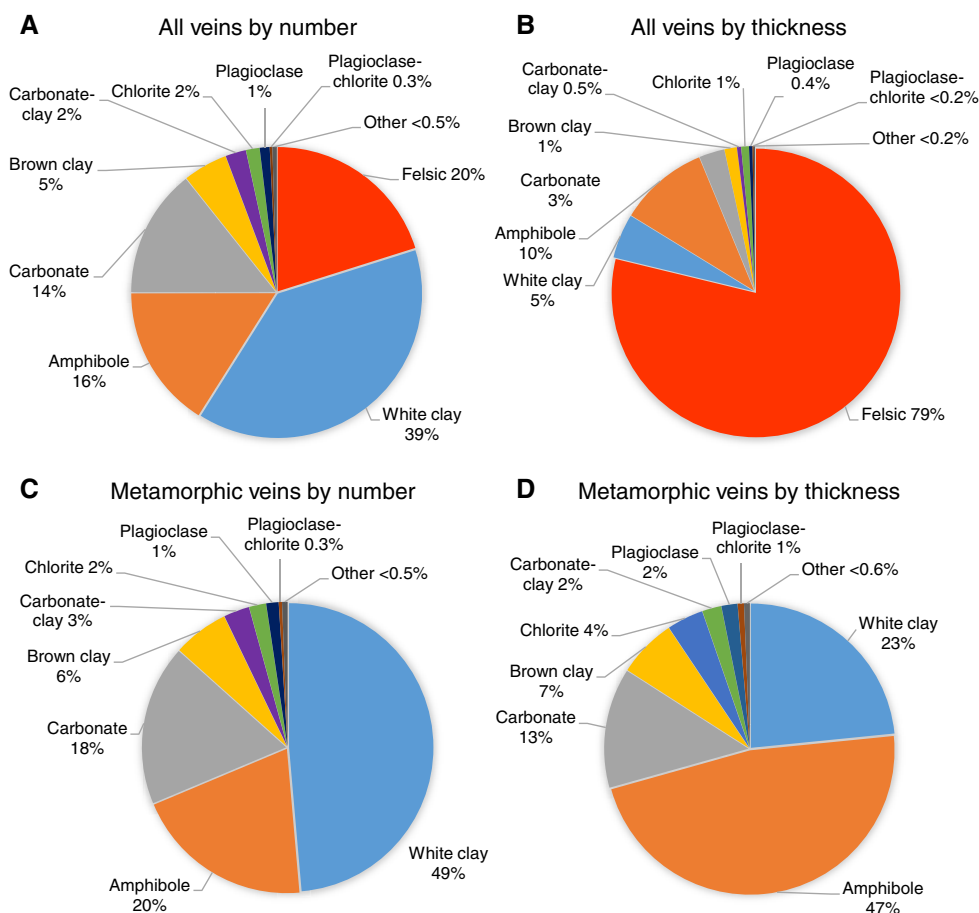


Table T9. Summary of results from XRD analysis of shipboard samples, Hole U1473A. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

amphibole formed at very high temperature in the transition between magmatic and metamorphic conditions, 17% are brown-green amphibole corresponding to the amphibolite facies, 47% are green amphibole corresponding to amphibolite to greenschist facies, and 17% are pale or colorless amphibole, including fibrous actinolite corresponding to the greenschist to sub-greenschist facies.

Examples of brown amphibole veins are shown in Figures F82, F83, and F84. As seen in these figures, brown amphibole occurs only as relics in the innermost part of the veins and is in general replaced by brown-green amphibole. An observation in Sample 360-U1473A-13R-4, 57–60 cm (TS 39), where brown amphibole only occurs as a diffuse patch, implies that the brown amphibole was probably formed under magmatic conditions. This is supported by diffuse plagioclase crystal cores in the vein assemblages, which are interpreted as former xenocrysts from the hosting gabbro incorporated during the formation of the vein (Figure F82) at the boundary between magmatic and metamorphic conditions.

Many of the millimeter-thick amphibole veins are composed of brown-green amphiboles. Their brown-green color is likely a result of high TiO₂ contents (Ernst and Liu, 1998), which corresponds to temperatures of the upper amphibolite facies. They often form gra-

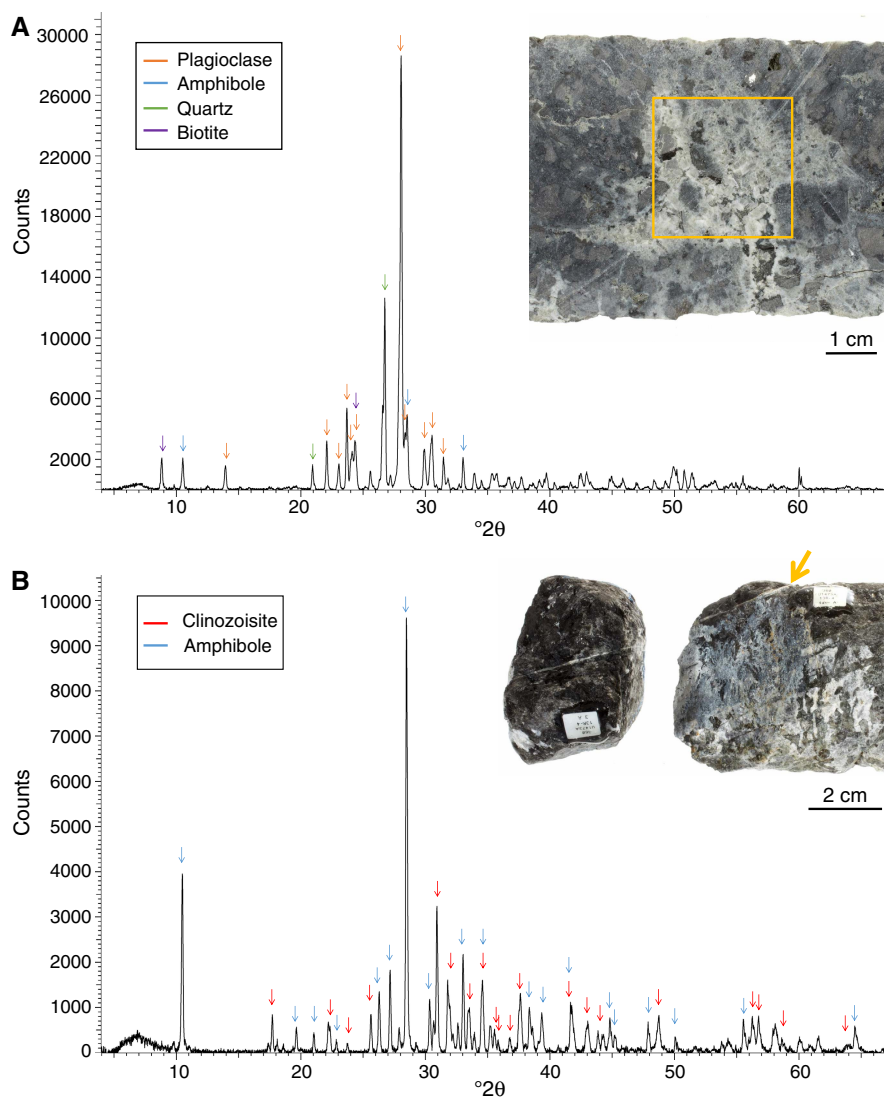
noblastic monomineralic patterns, often with millimeter-scale grain size (Figures F82, F83, F84).

Monomineralic veins composed of green prismatic amphibole, mostly with ~100 μm grain size, are by far the most common amphibole veins. Sometimes green amphibole in these veins replaces brown and brown-green amphiboles, reflecting replacement under lower amphibolite to greenschist conditions. In some thin sections, strong zoning associated with this replacement can be observed (Figure F84).

Pale and colorless amphiboles normally occur as aggregates of often micrometer-sized acicular to fibrous crystals, often replacing or overgrowing prismatic green amphibole (Figures F82, F84). In some thin sections, pale and colorless amphiboles are associated with chlorite (Figure F84), which corresponds to a typical greenschist facies phase assemblage. On the other hand, aggregates of micrometer-sized pale and colorless fibrous amphiboles are associated with clay minerals, which is a paragenesis typical of the sub-greenschist facies.

In some thin sections (e.g., Samples 360-U1473A-13R-4, 57–60 cm; TS 39 [Figure F82]; and 15R-2, 21–23 cm; TS 45 [Figure F84]), the whole replacement sequence from brown to pale amphibole is recorded, showing that the corresponding veins were pathways for hydrothermal processes that operated under decreasing temperature conditions from very high temperatures, probably within the magmatic regime, down to sub-greenschist facies conditions.

Figure F81. Minerals identified on board using XRD, Hole U1473A. A. Plagioclase, amphibole, quartz, and biotite identified in a felsic intrusion (39R-5, 127–128 cm) (yellow box). B. Clinzoisite and/or epidote and amphibole identified in a light green vein cutting a larger amphibole vein (13R-4, 60–61 cm) (arrow).



Chlorite-dominated veins

Vein chlorite forms colorless or slightly greenish aggregates, often with microcrystalline granoblastic textures with interpenetrating fibrous to flaky minerals. Chlorite often occurs with pale to colorless fibrous amphibole and/or tiny prismatic crystals of the epidote group (Figures F84, F85), reflecting greenschist facies conditions. In other mostly yellowish color veins, chlorite forms microcrystalline assemblages with clay minerals, implying temperature conditions below the greenschist facies (sub-greenschist facies and eventually within the regime of the prehnite-pumpellyite facies).

Epidote veins

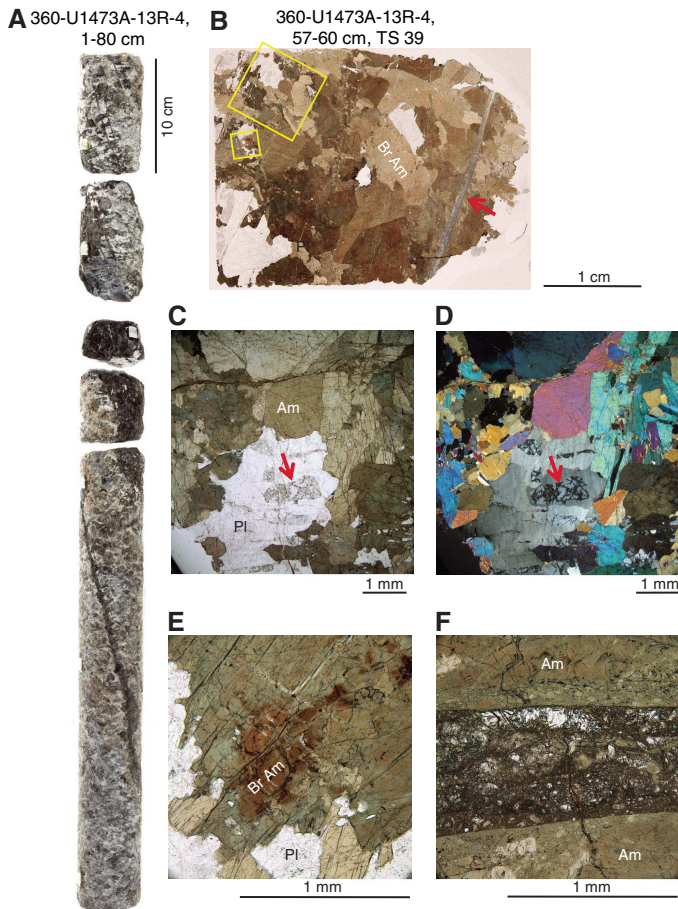
Epidote veins are composed of minerals from the epidote group, which includes assemblages dominated by colorless clinzoisite or zoisite, mostly forming tens of micrometer-sized prismatic crystals. Minerals of the epidote group with pistachio green color corresponding to very iron rich epidote minerals were not observed. In two samples, clinzoisite veins are macroscopically visible as thin inner bands within centimeter-thick veins composed of brown and

brown-green amphibole (Figures F82, F83). Here, clinzoisite forms assemblages together with chlorite in zones that are also characterized by cataclastic deformation, implying that the same pathways were used at high temperatures during the formation of the amphibole veins and at low temperatures under greenschist facies conditions in the brittle regime, when the clinzoisite–chlorite associations were formed. Zoisite was observed in one thin section as prismatic colorless crystals embedded in a groundmass of chlorite (Figure F85).

Clay veins

Although veins filled with gray and brown clay were the most common vein type, their abundance in thin section is relatively low (10% of all the metamorphic veins). This is likely due to clay forming soft fillings that were easily removed during thin section preparation. In thin section, they form yellowish microcrystalline aggregates (Figure F85). Often, the clays are associated with oxide/hydroxide, chlorite, and/or carbonate. In general, clay veins crosscut most other veins, including veins with chlorite-clay inter-

Figure F82. Amphibole (Am) veins (see also Figure F81B). A. Two major Am veins: a massive plagioclase (Pl)-bearing Am vein thicker than the core diameter and a ~1 cm thick vein in the lower half of the core. B–F. Massive vein (13R-4, 57–60 cm; TS 39). B. Central portion consisting mostly of brown amphibole (Br Am) (PPL). Large yellow box indicates position of C and D, small yellow box indicates position of E. Arrow = crosscutting clinzoisite vein. C, D. Enlargement of upper left corner of B, where new Pl has inclusions of dusty relict Pl (e.g., red arrow) interpreted as fragments of gabbro host (C: PPL, D: XPL). E. Patch of relict magmatic Br Am in brown-green Am (PPL). F. Detail of clinzoisite, actinolite, and cataclastic fill in the crosscutting vein in the massive Am-Pl vein (PPL). Note razor sharp fracture contact of the inner vein with massive Am-Pl vein.



growth, supporting a model of low-temperature formation under sub-greenschist facies conditions. According to the typical facies scheme in textbooks, the prehnite-pumpellyite facies follows the greenschist facies to lower metamorphic conditions. However, prehnite veins, common in lower gabbros from fast-spread East Pacific Rise crust drilled at Hess Deep (Gillis, Snow, Klaus, and the Expedition 345 Scientists, 2014), were not observed.

Carbonate veins

Carbonate veins represent the latest stage of rock fracturing and filling. In thin section, it can be seen that carbonates form anhedral granoblastic patterns or spherical aggregates of microcrystalline fibers (Figure F85).

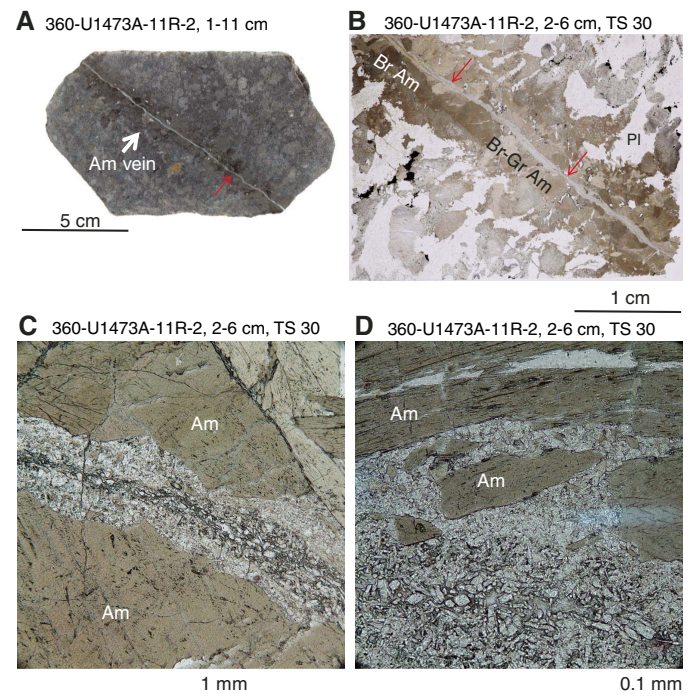
Felsic veins

Felsic veins were described both for magmatic and alteration features by the metamorphic petrology team in collaboration with the structural geology team, but details of the variation of the differ-

Table T10. Summary of vein types estimated in thin sections, Hole U1473A. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

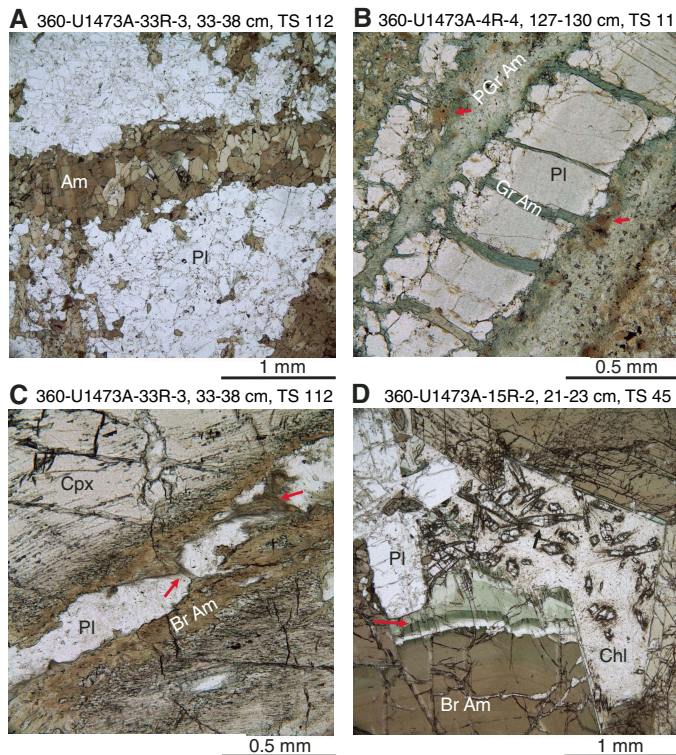
Vein type	Number	Vein filling (%)
All veins:		
Amphibole	50	43.5
Chlorite	25	21.7
Carbonate	16	13.9
Clay	11	9.6
Epidotite group/zoisite	3	2.6
Oxide/hydroxide	3	2.6
Hydrogrossular	2	1.7
Plagioclase	2	1.7
Zeolite	2	1.7
Biotite	1	0.9
Total:	115	99.9
Only amphibole veins:		
Brown amphibole	9	18.8
Brown-green amphibole	8	16.7
Green amphibole	23	47.9
Pale amphibole (including actinolite)	8	16.7
Total:	48	100

Figure F83. Centimeter-thick amphibole (Am) vein cutting weakly foliated gabbro. A. Am vein (white arrow). (B) Am vein consisting of brown (Br Am) and brown-green Am (Br-Gr Am), crosscutting the gabbro subperpendicular to the foliation, cut in turn by an inner vein composed of mainly clinzoisite (red arrows); (C, D) details of inner vein showing assemblage clinzoisite, chlorite, and actinolite (11R-2, 2–6 cm; TS 30; PPL). Pl = plagioclase. Note influence of cataclasis and incorporation of Am clasts into inner vein.



ent rock types within the felsic veins and other primary magmatic features such as grain size and the proportion of felsic veins with respect to the other magmatic lithologies are presented in **Igneous petrology**. We note that the felsic veins appear to have been synkinematic; some of the late-magmatic felsic veins were deformed along with the gabbros, some were undeformed and clearly crosscut

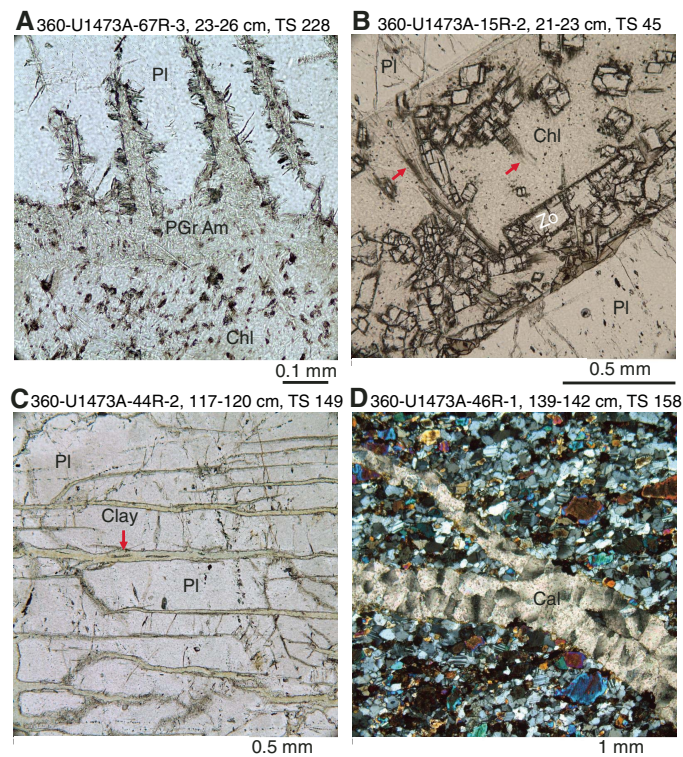
Figure F84. Veins crosscutting Hole U1473A gabbros (PPL). A. Monomineralic granoblastic brown amphibole (Am) vein (33R-3, 33–38 cm; TS 112). B. Green (Gr Am) and pale green Am (PGr Am) veins crosscutting a plagioclase (Pl) grain in olivine (Ol) gabbro (4R-4, 127–130 cm; TS 11). PGr Am is composed of fibrous aggregates (actinolite) replacing Gr Am. Brown amphibole (Br Am) relics (red arrows) are interpreted as remnants from a much higher temperature veining stage. C. Br Am vein crosscutting a clinopyroxene (Cpx) grain in an Ol gabbro (33R-3, 33–38 cm; TS 112). Inner part of Br Am vein is replaced by a greenschist facies assemblage of secondary Pl and fibrous actinolitic Am (red arrows). D. Portion of a vein composed of Br Am associated with Pl that is cut by a vein filled by the greenschist facies assemblage chlorite (Chl), zoisite (black arrow) with overgrowth of fibrous actinolite (15R-2, 21–23 cm; TS 45). Note strong zoning at rim of Br Am (red arrow) from deep Br Am via Gr Am to fibrous actinolite reflects decreasing temperature conditions from the upper Am facies down to the greenschist facies.



plastically deformed gabbro, and others show evidence for a cataclastic overprint.

Macroscopic observations in general reveal much stronger alteration in felsic veins than in the host gabbros. This can be seen in the downhole log of Figure F50. In general, the grade of alteration based on macroscopic observation in felsic veins varies from 40% to 100% with an average of 78%, whereas gabbro alteration intensity is much lower with only slight to moderate alteration (78% of all gabbros have alteration intensities between 0% and 30%). The most prominent feature is the formation of milky whitish secondary plagioclase, which is present in all of the veins for which estimation of alteration was possible (387). Typical mafic alteration phases are secondary amphibole (present in 94.3% of the veins) and chlorite (62.5%). Secondary oxides (21.2%) and secondary sulfides (4.7%) were relatively common. The large extent of felsic vein alteration is especially expressed in the high amount of clay minerals (greenish soft minerals; in one vein kaolinite was identified by XRD), which were observed in 53.2% of all the veins. Another common indicator of extensive alteration is orange staining, especially associated with quartz grains (31.3% of all the veins), which is likely due to the pres-

ence of limonite or goethite surrounding quartz. This orange staining was only observed in the upper part of the hole to Core 360-U1473A-64R (~580 m CCSF). Deeper cores do not show this effect, which could be due to changes in redox conditions from more oxidizing (presence of limonite and goethite) to more reducing.



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Relatively often, felsic veins are associated with alteration halos in the adjacent gabbro: 56% of all observed felsic veins have alteration halos. The halos are thin (0.4 cm in average), and alteration intensity of the adjacent gabbro is relatively low (37% average, varying from 20% to 100%).

In thin section, felsic veins are moderately to strongly altered and always more so than the adjacent gabbro. Primary plagioclase is often strongly, even completely, recrystallized to secondary plagioclase, which is extensively filled with cloudy, dusty opaque inclusions that could not be identified under the microscope. Primary brown and brown-green amphiboles often of igneous origin in the felsic veins are generally altered to secondary amphibole, often associated with chlorite and clay minerals. In some felsic veins, primary biotite occurs, which is often replaced by chlorite/clay minerals. In other sections, biotite can be observed as an alteration phase replacing amphibole. Quite often, the granular felsic matrix shows signs of cataclastic overprint with grain boundaries overgrown by fine masses of actinolite, colorless amphibole, clay minerals, iron oxides or hydroxides, and cloudy "dirty" masses. In rare cases, clinzoisite is associated with the background alteration min-

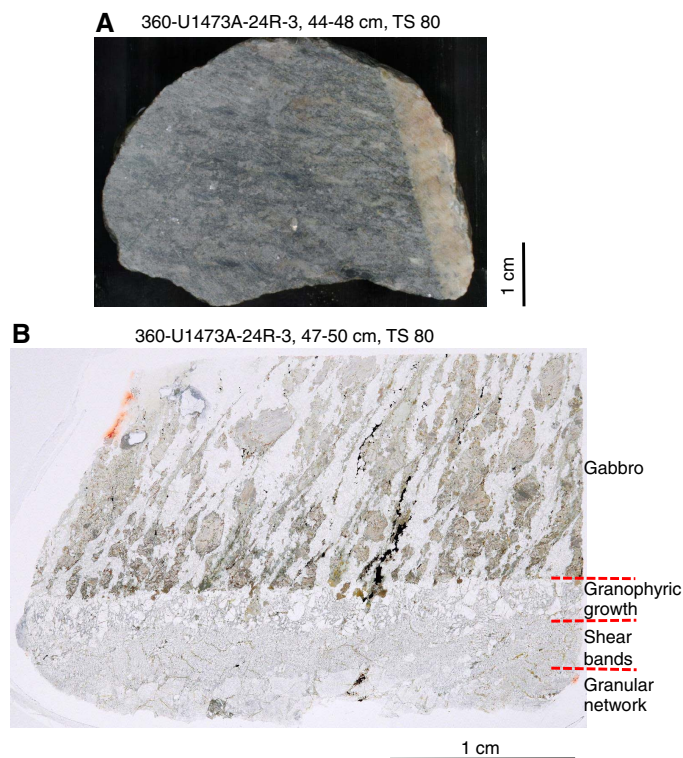
eral assemblage. Often, quartz grains show some kind of orange-opaque coating, probably corresponding to iron hydroxides (see also macroscopic_workbooks in DESC in [Supplementary material](#)). In places, quartz is replaced by secondary plagioclase or calcite (see below). Locally, both secondary plagioclase and quartz contain fluid inclusions, often arranged in trails within the crystals, providing evidence that these veins acted as pathways for hydrothermal fluid. In addition, felsic veins may also localize strain, as expressed by slight cataclastic deformation within the felsic vein groundmass, whereas similar cataclastic textures are not present in the adjacent gabbro.

It is obvious from the mineral assemblages seen petrographically that alteration started at very high temperature, shortly after the formation of the felsic veins, and then continued downward under amphibolite and greenschist facies conditions to very low temperatures, where clay minerals and carbonate minerals are stable. This process is illustrated in Figure F72, where the evolution with decreasing temperatures is recorded by a change in petrographic features of the amphiboles. Sample 360-U1473A-46R-3, 33–35 cm (TS 160), shows where intrusion of a felsic vein broke a millimeter-sized prismatic olivine in an olivine gabbro. At the contact, the olivine first reacted to orthopyroxene followed by rimming by brown amphibole, which also occurs as euhedral crystals in the vein. At a subsequent stage, this brown amphibole was replaced by green hornblende, likely under amphibolite facies conditions. Later, the green amphibole was replaced in turn by fine needles of actinolite, a typical greenschist facies mineral. Finally, clay minerals grew on boundaries of the intergranular felsic network.

A special alteration case is seen in Sample 360-U1473A-24R-3, 47–50 cm (TS 80), where a crystal-plastically deformed leucodiorite with clinopyroxene porphyroclasts enclosed in neoblasts cuts a foliated gabbro at a high angle (Figures F86, F87). The leucodiorite, however, has also undergone strong crystal-plastic deformation parallel to its contacts. The deformation is restricted to a narrow millimeter-scale band along the center of the vein, whereas the outer part in contact with the gabbro shows only slight cataclasis (Figure F86B). These two outer zones of the vein show completely different textures: one granophyric and the other granular. In the granophyric part, quartz (implying that this rock was once a trondhjemite) is completely replaced by secondary plagioclase. Primary plagioclase is relatively clear and translucent, whereas the secondary plagioclase replacing the quartz is filled with tiny inclusions of actinolite, clinozoisite, chlorite, titanite, and darkish brownish dust (Figure F87). These features imply that quartz reacted with a hydrothermal fluid rich in sodium and aluminum, producing the secondary plagioclase (probably albite) by dissolution-reprecipitation. Dolejš and Manning (2010) show by thermodynamic modeling of quartz solubility in aqueous fluids that transport of silica in hydrothermal fluids can readily occur. For example, these authors showed that quartz solubility in pure water is strongly pressure dependent and can reach up to 1 wt% at 600°C and 2 kbar pressure. This does not mean replacement occurred at such high temperatures but shows the potential for quartz, which is normally regarded as highly stable, to be dissolved and transported by hydrothermal fluids in the deep crust.

Replacement of quartz by CO₂-rich fluids was also found where many carbonate veins and carbonate-supported breccias are present (e.g., in Sections 360-U1473A-33R-5 and 51R-2). In thin section, the calcite invading the granular felsic groundmass replaces quartz and other primary minerals such as amphibole and titanite. This is illustrated by reactive contacts between quartz and calcite in Figure

Figure F86. Alteration features in leucodiorite cutting a foliated gabbro with clinopyroxene porphyroclasts and neoblastic domains. A. Leucodiorite on the right side obliquely cutting crystal-plastic foliation in gabbro. B. Gabbro and leucodiorite vein composed of vein-parallel zones (red dashed lines), beginning with granophyric growth adjacent to gabbro contact, followed by a band of strong crystal-plastic deformation along center of vein, and an outermost zone with granular texture (24R-3, 47–50 cm; TS 80; PPL).

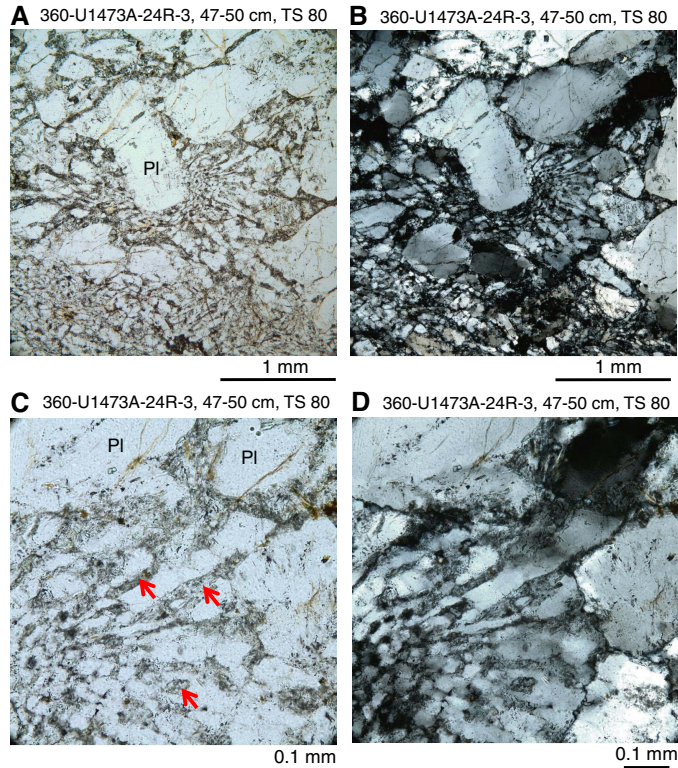


F88. Amphibole and primary titanite grain boundaries, which are sharp and undisturbed within the felsic groundmass, become blurred and diffuse when in contact with calcite, implying progressive replacement by carbonate. Because clay minerals are involved within this process, this implies that the reactions occurred at low temperatures, eventually within the regime of the prehnite-pumpellyite facies or lower.

Granoblastic diabase

Several diabase dikes intruding Hole U1473A gabbros are largely recrystallized to microcrystalline granoblastic hornfels (Sections 360-U1473A-32R-6, 33R-2, 42R-2, 51R-1, 51R-2, and 52R-1). The contact relations imply that these represent intrusions or apophyses of intrusions that were emplaced when host gabbros were still at near-solidus conditions. In thin section, magmatic relics were identified in the diabase, often in the form of well-aligned plagioclase microphenocrysts produced by magmatic flow (Figure F89), providing clear evidence of the magmatic origin of the diabase. Although plagioclase phenocrysts still preserve most of their magmatic features (see below), olivine phenocrysts (xenocrysts?) are largely altered to a dark dusty mass and brownish clay. It is possible that some of these crystals could be fragments of the gabbro, as for example suggested by the orthopyroxene reaction rim around the olivine pseudomorph in Figure F89, which indicates that the olivine was not in equilibrium with the enclosing melt despite its apparent subhedral form.

Figure F87. Details of granophyric zone in leucodiorite vein in Figure F86 (24R-3, 47–50 cm; TS 80; A, C: PPL, B, D: XPL). A, B. Plagioclase (Pl) grains surrounded by granophyric domains. C, D. Enlargement of granophyric zone at center of image in A and B. What is interpreted as original quartz of the granophyric domains is replaced by secondary Pl (arrows). Although primary Pl is relatively clear and translucent, the apparent secondary Pl (former quartz) has numerous tiny inclusions of actinolite, clinozoisite, chlorite, titanite, and darkish brownish dust.



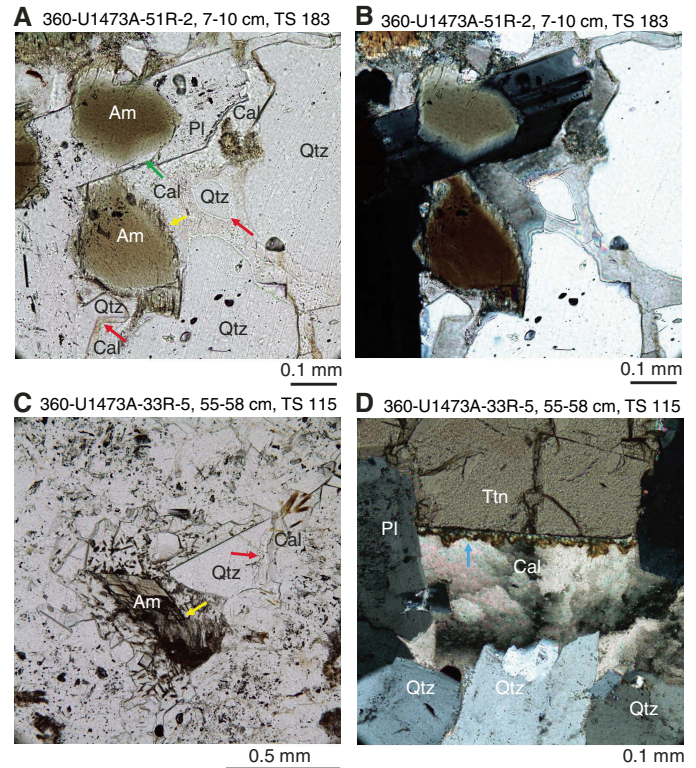
The following metamorphic parageneses are illustrated in Figure F89; these parageneses imply metamorphism within the hornblende to pyroxene hornfels facies:

- Brown amphibole – plagioclase – Fe-Ti oxide.
- Brown amphibole – plagioclase – clinopyroxene – Fe-Ti oxide.
- Brown amphibole – plagioclase – clinopyroxene – orthopyroxene – Fe-Ti oxide.

Granoblastic diabase is well known from the dike–gabbro transition at the fast-spreading East Pacific Rise, where they are interpreted as due to hornfels contact metamorphism by an upward progressing axial melt lens. Examples for this are recorded from the EPR (Wilson et al., 2006; Koepke et al., 2008; France et al., 2009), and from the Troodos (Gillis and Coogan, 2002) and Oman ophiolites (France et al., 2009, 2014).

Granoblastic hornfels diabase in both Hole U1473A and ODP Hole 1256D contain similarly altered plagioclase phenocrysts. The latter site is located in the equatorial Eastern Pacific, where the first penetration of fast-spreading oceanic crust from the basalts to the uppermost gabbros was made in intact ~15 Ma EPR crust (Wilson et al., 2006). Plagioclase phenocrysts from both locations contain cores of magmatic plagioclase free of granoblastic inclusions but rims that are integrated into the granoblastic matrix, displaying characteristic epitaxial overgrowth of plagioclase that contains tiny inclusions of the granoblastic paragenesis. The similarity in these

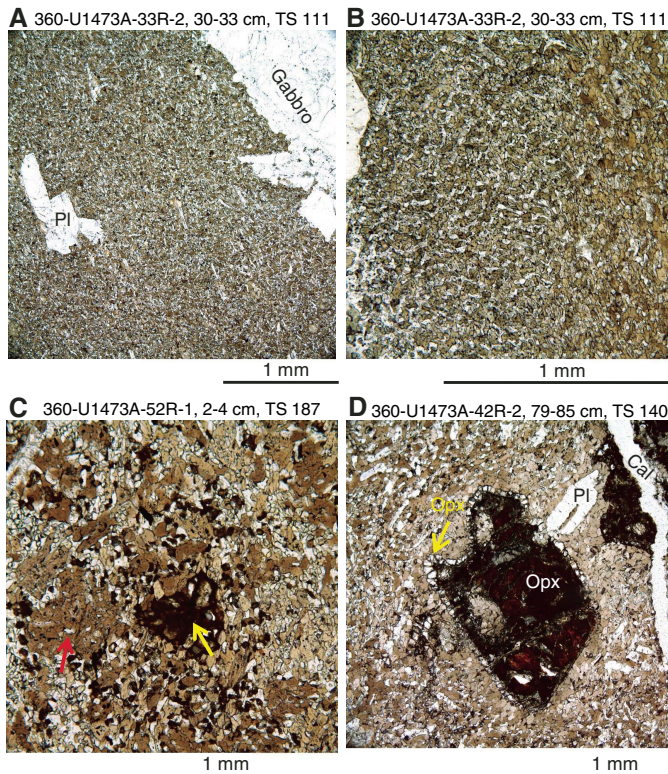
Figure F88. Primary mineral replacements by calcite (Cal) in felsic veins. A, B. Replacement of brown-green amphibole (Am) and quartz (Qtz) by Cal (51R-2, 7–10 cm; TS 183; A: PPL, B: XPL). Note that only lower Am grain shows replacement reactions with respect to Cal (yellow arrow), whereas upper one forms a stable grain boundary (green arrow) with enclosing plagioclase (Pl). Red arrows = Qtz replacement by Cal. C. Replacement of Am and Qtz by Cal (33R-5, 55–58 cm; TS 115; PPL). Arrows = corresponding reaction zones. D. Cal filling a cavity between Qtz and titanite (Ttn) with clay nucleating along the Cal/Ttn contact (33R-5, 55–58 cm; TS 115; XPL). Locally the contact between Cal and Qtz and Pl varies from sharp to ragged, indicating a possible replacement of these phases by Cal. Blue arrow = sutured contact between fine-grained clay along crystal face of Ttn with the Cal suggesting intergrowth of these phases. This contrasts sharply to interface of Cal with the Qtz and Pl, supporting an interpretation that Cal is locally replacing those phases.



overgrowth features within plagioclase microphenocrysts is remarkable, as shown in Figure F90, implying a similar formation process, viz. the metamorphic overprint of a primary magmatic intergranular texture at very high temperature.

There is, however, a clear difference in metamorphic conditions at these two sites. Although the metamorphic overprint at Site 1256 proceeded mostly at very high temperatures (up to 1050°C estimated using two-pyroxene geothermometry), this was under conditions of reduced water activity (as demonstrated by the absence of amphibole; Erdmann et al., 2015). The principal mafic mineral in Hole U1473A hornfels diabase, however, is brown amphibole, indicating high water activities near the contacts with the gabbro. The source of this water would have to be the intruded gabbros, as the interior of the larger dikes that contain brown hornblende hornfels near their margins lack this alteration deeper within the dike. It is unlikely, therefore, that the contact metamorphism model for granoblastic hornfels formation at Site 1256 can also be applied to Hole U1473A diabase. First, contact relations show that Hole U1473A diabase intruded the gabbro far from any sheeted dike–gabbro tran-

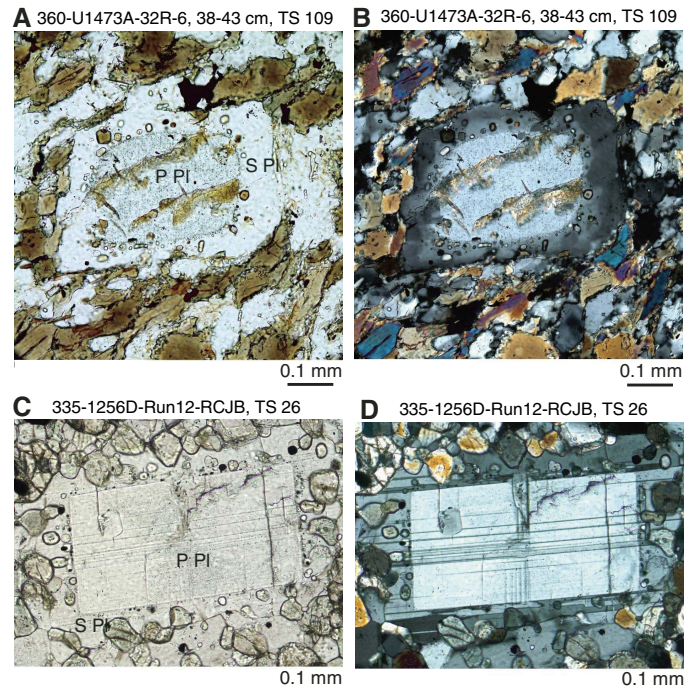
Figure F89. Recrystallization and metamorphism in diabase (PPL). A. Contact between gabbro and a diabase with a lathlike 1 mm plagioclase (Pl) phenocryst, with a near-solidus granoblastic assemblage of Pl and brown amphibole (Am) (33R-2, 30–33 cm; TS 111). Well-aligned Pl microphenocrysts in the granoblastic domain are interpreted as relics from magmatic flow during intrusion of the diabase. B. Change in paragenesis and texture (possible pyroxene chain structure) in the granoblastic domain in the vicinity of a Pl phenocryst (upper left) (33R-2, 30–33 cm; TS 111). Right part has paragenesis of brown Am, Pl, and Fe-Ti oxide (Ox), left part shows clinopyroxene (Cpx), Pl, Fe-Ti Ox, and lesser brown Am. C. Local poikilitic brown hornblende (red arrow) in a fully granoblastic domain composed of brown Am, Pl, Cpx, and Fe-Ti Ox (52R-1, 2–4 cm; TS 187). A former olivine (Ol) is locally replaced by orthopyroxene (Opx; yellow arrow) and later red clay. D. Replacement reactions during the granoblastic overprinting in diabase: Opx rimming Ol (now reddish clay minerals) near a relict Pl phenocryst (42R-2, 79–85 cm; TS 140). Granoblastic patch is cut by a late calcite (Cal) vein (upper left).



sition. Second, dynamic upward- and downward-migrating melt lenses are not known from slow-spreading ridges and would not be predicted from magma-starved ultraslow-spreading ridges like the SWIR. Therefore, in the absence of any heat source for contact metamorphism, we assume that the granoblastic overprint occurred during the cooling of the diabase in the lower crust under hydrous conditions (as shown by the presence of amphibole).

In one granoblastic brown hornfels diabase, a change in texture between the inner and outer parts of the intrusion can be observed: from regions with a pure granoblastic interpenetrating texture (Figure F91A) to a more open granular texture where the morphology of the crystals preserves the original igneous texture, with more subhedral to euhedral relic plagioclase laths and intergranular brown hornblende (Figure F91B). This can be interpreted as a transition from regions with a pure metamorphic texture in the inner part of the diabase to a more magmatic texture at the margin (shown in Sample 360-U1473A-42R-2, 79–85 cm; TS 140) (Figure F91). Finally, the evolution from metamorphic to magmatic condi-

Figure F90. Comparison of granoblastically overprinted plagioclase (Pl) microphenocrysts from Holes 1256D and U1473A. In both cases, primary plagioclase (P Pl) can be clearly distinguished from secondary plagioclase (S Pl), which is integrated into the equilibrium paragenesis of the granoblastic matrix. For details see text. A, B. Hole U1473A overprinted Pl phenocryst with later overgrowth by secondary metamorphic Pl enclosing granular brown hornblende (32R-6, 38–43 cm; TS 109; A: PPL, B: XPL). C, D. Hole 1256D overprinted Pl phenocryst with later overgrowth by secondary metamorphic Pl enclosing orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene (Run12-RCJB; TS 26; C: PPL, D: XPL).



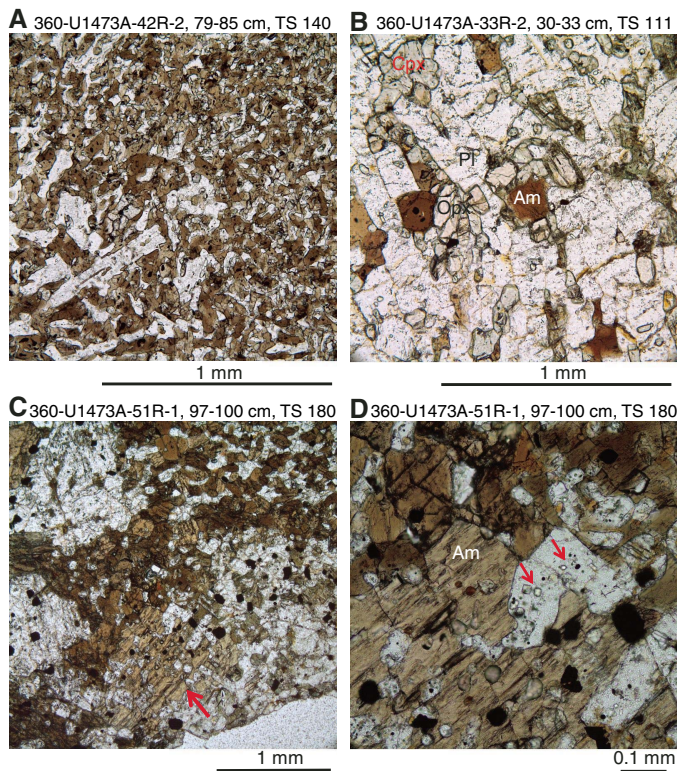
tions culminates in the development of poikilitic brown amphibole-bearing euhedral to subhedral plagioclase chadacrysts at the contact with the gabbro, a feature that is typically interpreted as the record of a magmatic process (shown in Sample 51R-1, 97–100 cm; TS 180). The presence of tiny inclusions of minerals of the granoblastic assemblage within the enclosed chadacrysts (brown hornblende, clinopyroxene, and Fe-Ti oxide) provides further evidence that these poikilitic crystals were developed from a granoblastic precursor domain.

All these observations are in accord with a model whereby the source of water was outside of the diabase intrusion and that small amounts of water, probably liberated from hydroxyl-bearing alteration phases within the gabbro, penetrated into the intrusion, resulting in a partially molten state at the outer part of the intrusion, whereas metamorphism occurred under subsolidus conditions at lower water activity the inner part of the diabase.

Felsic veins at granoblastic dike/gabbro contacts

A characteristic feature of several of the diabase intrusions in Hole U1473A is the presence of a thin zone of evolved felsic rock at their contact with the gabbro (observed at intervals 360-U1473A-32R-6, 29–55 cm; 51R-1, 96–108 cm; and 42R-2, 79–99 cm). This is illustrated in the close-up photographs in Figure F92. In principle, there are two major processes that could account for this relationship: (1) late-stage felsic melts in the pore space of the surrounding gabbro were mobilized and intruded into the granoblastic diabase

Figure F91. Details of granoblastic overprint near or at metamorphosed diabase/gabbro contacts (PPL). A. Patch of pure granoblastic texture; relict igneous texture is still visible (42R-2, 79–85 cm; TS 140). B. Near the contact of a metamorphosed diabase patch, pure magmatic granular texture consists of subhedral clinopyroxene (Cpx) crystals, orthopyroxene (Opx), plagioclase (Pl), and brown amphibole (Am) (33R-2, 30–33 cm; TS 111). C. Poikilitic Am (arrow), found only at the rim of the granoblastic patches (51R-1, 97–100 cm; TS 180). D. Close-up of oikocryst in C showing tiny inclusions (arrows) of brown Am, oxide, and Cpx within Pl chadacrysts. This relationship implies formation of poikilitic crystals by prograde metamorphism and not by crystallization from a melt, as normally Pl in diabase occurs as laths as an early crystallizing phase free of inclusions.



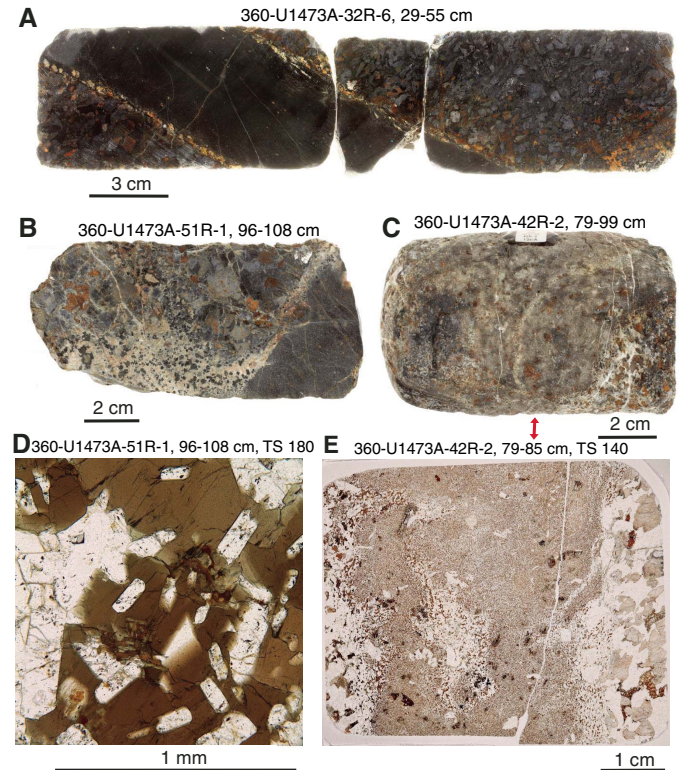
or (2) felsic melts were produced by partial melting of the gabbros at the intrusive contacts. The conclusion from the previous section that water was liberated from the gabbros and diffused into the granoblastic dikes supports the latter hypothesis. The fluids necessary to suppress the solidus of normal oceanic gabbro from $\sim 1100^\circ$ to $\sim 850^\circ\text{C}$ (Beard and Lofgren, 1991; Koepke et al., 2004) could be derived from the destabilization of hydroxyl-bearing phases in host gabbros. Further support for this view comes from the observation that felsic veins occur only at the contacts of granoblastic brown hornblende dikes and not along the contacts of other dikes drilled in Hole U1473A. These observations, along with the very close association of felsic veins with the granoblastic dikes leads us to conclude that they represent contact anatexis of the gabbro by the dikes.

Metamorphic conditions and history

General scheme of alteration sequence

Gabbros from Hole U1473A were subjected to an alteration sequence reflecting variable conditions, including temperature, pressure, fluid composition ($P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ and P_{CO_2}), and flux. In order to examine the conditions of alteration, temperature-silica activity diagrams in the simplified systems $\text{CaO-MgO-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$ (Figure

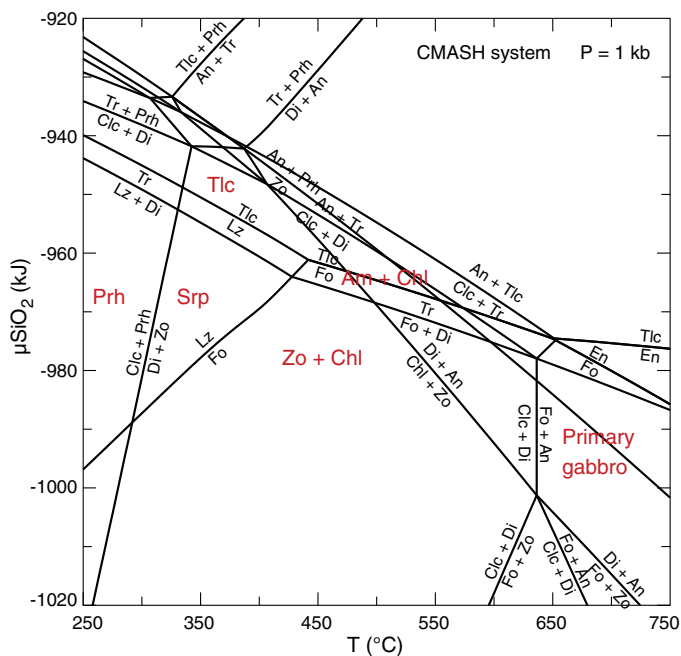
Figure F92. Basis for interpretation of felsic melt formation as due to anatexis at contacts during dike intrusion, followed by retrogressive metamorphism during cooling of the diabases and gabbros to form brown amphibole. A–C. Felsic melts and melt patches at diabase contacts. D. Domains of tiny euhedral plagioclase chadacrysts within poikilitic brown amphibole in a tonalite associated with a granoblastic diabase patch (51R-1, 96–108 cm; TS 180; PPL). E. Granoblastically overprinted diabase with a ragged reacted contact with the gabbro and a likely patch of partially assimilated gabbro in the center (42R-2, 79–85 cm; TS 140; PPL). This shows a transition from a metamorphosed magmatic textured olivine gabbro to overprinted granoblastic diabase.



F93) and $\text{CaO-MgO-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O-CO}_2$ (Figure F94) were drawn using the software *Perple_X* version 6.6.8 (Connolly, 2005, 2009) with the data set of Holland and Powell (2011) and the CORK equation of state of fluids (Holland and Powell, 1991, 1998). It should be noted that actual temperature conditions are not strictly constrained by this simplified model system. Textural observations indicate sequential overprinting effects of lower-temperature alteration.

Secondary clinopyroxene and brown amphibole are the products of the earliest and highest-temperature granulite or pyroxene hornfels ($800^\circ\text{--}950^\circ\text{C}$) to upper amphibolite facies alteration ($>700^\circ\text{C}$; Miranda and John, 2010). Crystal-plastic deformation, which caused dynamic recrystallization and formation of neoblasts of olivine + clinopyroxene \pm orthopyroxene \pm brown amphibole, took place in close association with this hydrothermal alteration stage. Subsequently, brown amphibole was overgrown and plagioclase microfractures were filled by green amphibole at slightly lower temperatures. Pale green or colorless amphibole + chlorite \pm talc formed at lower amphibolite to greenschist facies conditions ($\sim 700^\circ\text{--}350^\circ\text{C}$). Subsequently, pale green or colorless amphibole (actinolite) + chlorite \pm zoisite were formed at greenschist facies conditions ($<450^\circ\text{C}$). Talc could also be a sub-greenschist facies

Figure F93. Silica chemical potential vs. temperature diagram in the system CaO-MgO-Al₂O₃-SiO₂-H₂O drawn using Perple_X ver. 6.6.8 software. Both constant pressure (P) (1 kbar) and H₂O saturation are assumed. Am = amphibole, An = anorthite, Chl = chlorite, Clc = clinocllore, Di = diopside, En = enstatite, Fo = forsterite, Lz = lizardite, Prh = prehnite, Tlc = talc, Tr = tremolite, Zo = zoisite.



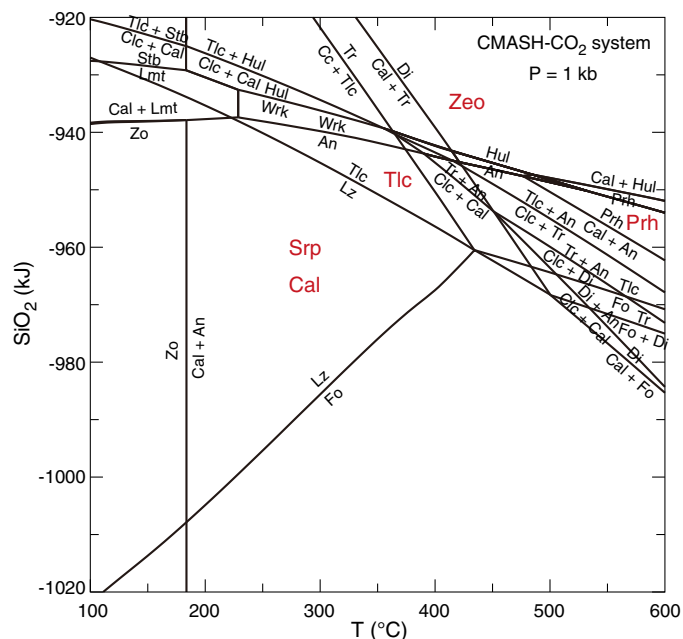
product, along with serpentine. Calcite and clay minerals are the lowest-temperature alteration products. The lack or rarity of prehnite and zeolite, which is typically reported for oceanic gabbro alteration (e.g., Blackman, Ildfonse, John, Ohara, Miller, and the Expedition 304/305 Scientists, 2006; Gillis, Snow, Klaus, and the Expedition 345 Scientists, 2014), could be attributed to high-CO₂ activity, low-SiO₂ activity, or both (Figure F94).

Formation of clinopyroxene–brown amphibole association

The association of clinopyroxene and brown amphibole is observed almost everywhere in Hole U1473A gabbros. In undeformed gabbros, accessory brown amphibole forms interstitial discontinuous rims along contacts between clinopyroxene and plagioclase (Figure F62A–F62B) and locally includes Fe-Ti oxide phases and/or sulfides. Accessory brown amphibole is also typically present as (i) blebs within primary and secondary clinopyroxene (Figure F62C–F62D) and (ii) grains associated with neoblastic clinopyroxene aggregates in gabbros that experienced crystal-plastic deformation under granulite facies conditions (Figure F76A). Similar brown amphibole occurrences were reported from Atlantis Bank gabbros in Holes 735B (e.g., Robinson et al., 2002) and 1105A (Casey et al., 2007).

Several geochemical studies dealing with the origin of interstitial brown amphiboles from undeformed oceanic gabbros have been conducted. These studies encompass gabbros from the Mid-Atlantic Ridge Kane Fracture Zone (MARK) area in the North Atlantic (Coogan et al., 2001), Hess Deep in the eastern Pacific (Gillis and Meyer, 2001), and Alpine Jurassic ophiolites (Tribuzio et al., 2000a). Mostly on the basis of amphibole chemical compositions (e.g., high concentrations of F, rare earth elements, and Nb), the different investigations concluded that interstitial brown amphiboles formed

Figure F94. Silica chemical potential vs. temperature diagram showing conditions in the system CaO-MgO-Al₂O₃-SiO₂-H₂O-CO₂ drawn using Perple_X ver. 6.6.8 software. Both constant pressure (P) (1 kbar) and H₂O and CO₂ saturation are assumed. An = anorthite, Cal = calcite, Cc = chalcocite, Clc = clinocllore, Di = diopside, Fo = forsterite, Hul = heulandite, Lmt = laumontite, Lz = lizardite, Prh = prehnite, Srp = serpentine, Stb = stilbite, Tlc = talc, Tr = tremolite, Wrk = wairakite, Zeo = zeolite, Zo = zoisite.



by reaction of clinopyroxene and plagioclase with a hydrous silicate melt.

On the basis of microstructures alone, the origin of the clinopyroxene–brown amphibole associations in Hole U1473A gabbros is not straightforward. A plausible scenario involves the following sequence of events: (1) crystallization of brown amphibole in interstices between clinopyroxene and plagioclase directly from a hydrous melt during the latest stages of gabbro solidification; (2) early cooling of the solidified gabbro and reaction with an aqueous fluid exsolved from a late melt, leading to the association of secondary clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene lamellae, and brown amphibole blebs; and (3) crystal-plastic deformation under subsolidus amphibolite facies conditions in the presence of a hydrous fluid. However, the occurrence of undeformed brown amphibole rimming both primary and neoblastic clinopyroxenes (Figure F76B) shows that interstitial brown amphibole developed at least locally after the early phase of crystal-plastic deformation. This implies that alternative or additional petrogenetic scenarios may be envisaged. For instance, the cooling gabbro could recurrently interact with migrating H₂O-rich melts or fluids, and crystal-plastic deformation could have been assisted by a small proportion of melt, as indeed shown by sheared Fe-Ti oxide-rich gabbros from Hole 735B (e.g., Shipboard Scientific Party, 1999b).

Whatever the nature of the different clinopyroxene–brown amphibole associations, microstructures indicate that they are related to near-solidus conditions. This inference is consistent with temperature estimates clustering at 870° ± 40°C for the crystallization of interstitial amphiboles and amphiboles associated with neoblastic clinopyroxenes in other oceanic crustal gabbros (e.g., Tribuzio et al., 2000a; Coogan et al., 2001; Gillis and Meyer, 2001; Sanfilippo and Tribuzio, 2011).

A peculiar clinopyroxene–brown amphibole association was observed in gabbros near felsic veins and patches. There, clinopyroxene is rimmed by brown amphibole (Figure F64A–F64B), locally including an inner portion consisting of secondary clinopyroxene and vermicular brown amphibole (Figure F64C–F64D). This structure postdated the development of the crystal-plastic foliation in the gabbro and is attributed to reactive grain boundary migration of the felsic vein–forming melt or of a fluid exsolved from the melt. Maximum temperature conditions for the crystallization of this clinopyroxene–brown amphibole association are those of the migrating melt.

Formation of amphibolite mylonites

Amphibolite mylonites typically develop in thin bands discordant to the foliation of crystal-plastically deformed gabbros. The amphibolite mylonites consist of brown amphibole and plagioclase, commonly coexisting with ilmenite and/or titanomagnetite (Figure F77). In some instances they are intimately associated with felsic veins, which have also suffered ductile deformation. In deformed felsic veins, brown amphibole and plagioclase locally coexist with quartz and/or clinopyroxene (Figure F75B). The association of amphibolite mylonites with deformed felsic veins raises the possibility that the late crystal-plastic deformation was locally promoted by a small proportion of melt. The amphibolite facies mineral assemblage was also observed in halos associated with amphibole veins (Figure F65). Amphibolite mylonites and amphibole vein halos show the cooling of the Hole U1473A gabbroic sequence to temperature conditions near the transition from ductile to brittle behavior at ~700°C.

Moderate-temperature static alteration

The moderate-temperature regime includes lower amphibolite, greenschist, and sub-greenschist facies (as low as serpentinization) conditions. Moderate-temperature assemblages commonly occur throughout Hole U1473A and are the dominant secondary phases deeper than 580 m CCSE, where low-temperature assemblages do not overprint them. Alteration mineral assemblages formed under these conditions are summarized as follows:

1. Widespread assemblage of talc + tremolite/actinolite + chlorite ± magnetite, which typically forms corona textures between olivine and plagioclase.
2. Formation of tremolite/actinolite rims around clinopyroxene.
3. Replacement of plagioclase by secondary plagioclase and chlorite.
4. Minor epidote (zoisite/clinozoisite) replacement of plagioclase.
5. Serpentine ± magnetite in mesh textures replacing olivine.
6. Local plagioclase replacement by hydrogrossular.

The coronitic assemblage (Assemblage 1) is the most common throughout Hole U1473A. It was formed by a reaction between olivine and plagioclase. In some cases, the reaction went to completion with tremolite/actinolite + talc in olivine pseudomorphs and, less frequently, chlorite + tremolite/actinolite completely replacing plagioclase. This assemblage is common in olivine gabbros and troctolites from Atlantis Massif (Hole U1309D; Expedition 304/305 Scientists, 2006) and Hess Deep (Integrated Ocean Drilling Program Site U1415; Gillis, Snow, Klaus, and the Expedition 345 Scientists, 2014). In both localities, the coronitic assemblage formed in primitive high-Mg# gabbroic rocks has been interpreted to be the product of lower amphibolite facies alteration (Nozaka and Fryer, 2011; Gillis, Snow, Klaus, and the Expedition 345 Scientists, 2014;

also see Figure F93). In more differentiated gabbroic rocks, however, the assemblage could be formed under greenschist facies conditions. This assemblage indicates the immobility of Al and the mobility of Ca, Mg, Fe, and Si, because chlorite occurs near plagioclase and tremolite/actinolite and talc occurs near olivine. In some cases, either talc or tremolite/actinolite is present or predominant, suggesting variations in silica and calcium mobility. A considerable amount of Fe should be hosted in magnetite grains associated with talc. Talc, however, is usually Mg rich, as indicated by shipboard BSE images (Figure F57B). BSE images indicate that actinolite could also be a potential host for iron (Figure F70 and colorless amphibole in Figure F58A). In some cases, sulfides, including pyrite, may also be associated with this assemblage (Figure F60D), consistent with high sulfur fugacity conditions.

Tremolite/actinolite replaces clinopyroxene (Assemblage 2) along rims and overgrows brown amphibole (Figure F84D), indicating a lower-temperature overprinting. Plagioclase alteration is characterized by secondary plagioclase, chlorite, and tremolite/actinolite replacement (Assemblage 3). At hand sample scale, this assemblage is noticeable in proximity to tremolite/actinolite and chlorite veins (Figure F55). At thin section scale, complete replacement of plagioclase by chlorite with a tremolite/actinolite rim is only observed close to chlorite veins. Epidote occurs in a few Hole U1473A gabbros, commonly in association with chlorite, tremolite/actinolite, and titanite (Assemblage 4). A more common occurrence of epidote is as a plagioclase alteration product in felsic and amphibole-plagioclase metamorphic veins or as a vein-filling mineral that crosscuts amphibole veins. Epidote is a typical phase in mafic rocks that experienced greenschist facies metamorphism (Figure F93). In gabbros from Hole U1309D (Atlantis Massif), epidote in association with chlorite was inferred to postdate the development of the talc-amphibole-chlorite assemblages and was formed by olivine-plagioclase reaction at temperature conditions <350°C (Expedition 304/305 Scientists, 2006; Nozaka and Fryer, 2011). In Hole U1473A, Assemblages 2–4 could also be greenschist facies alteration products, but their exact temperatures and timing of formation have yet to be constrained.

Throughout Hole U1473A, olivine is mostly characterized by minor replacement of serpentine ± magnetite (Assemblage 5) in micro veins, presumably reflecting an incipient stage of the mesh-forming process. In general, mesh rim serpentine consists of lizardite with rare exceptions of antigorite (e.g., O’Hanley, 1996; Beard et al., 2009). In the presence of water, olivine starts to break down into serpentine at temperatures <400°C (Figure F93; see also Frost and Beard, 2007). From textural relationships, serpentinization in Hole U1473A gabbros likely took place later, hence at lower temperature, than coronitic amphibole-chlorite and talc alteration (Assemblage 1), as was also found in the case of Atlantis Massif gabbros (Expedition 304/305 Scientists, 2006; Nozaka and Fryer, 2011).

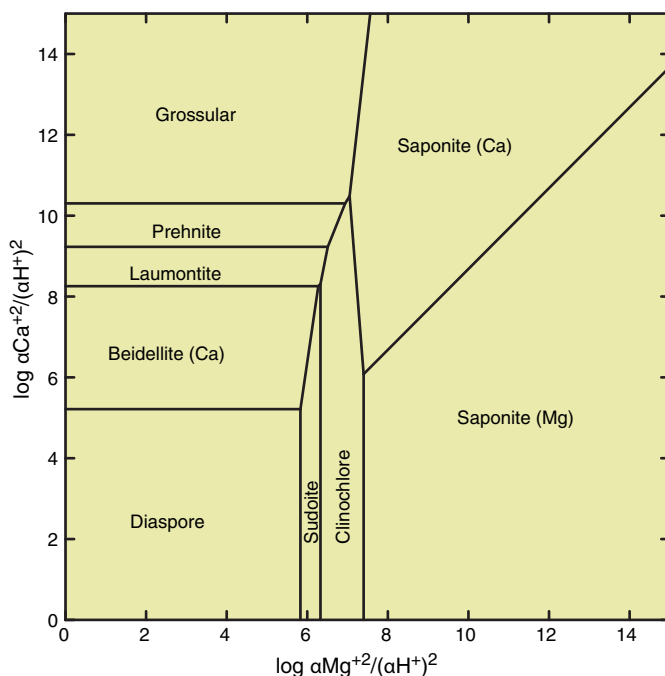
Prehnite is a common low- to moderate-temperature metamorphic phase in oceanic gabbros (Figure F93), for instance in Atlantis Massif (Hole U1309D; Expedition 304/305 Scientists, 2006) and Hess Deep (Site U1415; Gillis, Snow, Klaus, and the Expedition 345 Scientists, 2014); however, it is absent from Hole U1473A. Prehnite was only reported in the deepest intervals of Hole 735B (Shipboard Scientific Party, 1999b; Alt and Bach, 2002). The near-absence of prehnite at Atlantis Bank is therefore peculiar. At Atlantis Massif, prehnite in association with hydrogrossular and chlorite was inferred to be stable at temperatures <350°C. This association presumably developed in conjunction with olivine serpentinization (Expedition 304/305 Scientists, 2006). The mobilization of alumi-

num and silica during plagioclase alteration can form prehnite adjacent to plagioclase and grossular next to prehnite, whereas excess silica reacts with olivine to form serpentine (Frost et al., 2008). Secondary phases after plagioclase can also be controlled by silica and proton activities wherein low and high values stabilize grossular and epidote, respectively. Prehnite is favored at intermediate values between these two secondary phases (Bach and Klein, 2009). In Hole U1473A, both epidote and hydrogrossular were only observed in a few samples; therefore, it is unlikely that the variations of aluminum, silica, and proton activities caused the lack of prehnite throughout most of Hole U1473A. Other possible reasons for the absence of prehnite and the rarity of hydrogrossular could be linked to the presence of CO₂-saturated fluid, which promoted crystallization of other minerals such as calcite (Figure F94). This would imply that some of the carbonates were formed at temperatures as high as the prehnite stability field (~300°C) (Figure F93). Another possibility for the lack of prehnite is the effect of clay mineral formation. To understand formation conditions of these minerals, an aqueous activity diagram for the simplified MgO-CaO-Al₂O₃-SiO₂-H₂O system was drawn using Geochemist Workbench (Bethke and Yeakel, 2015) with the Thermoddem database (Blanc et al., 2012). The diagram shows that higher Mg activity would favor the formation of the chlorite and smectite group instead of prehnite (Figure F95). Indeed, smectite and chlorite are common secondary phases in Hole 735B deeper than 600 mbsf (Bach et al., 2001), and chlorite micro veins in plagioclase were frequently observed in Hole U1473A.

Low-temperature static alteration

Low-temperature minerals are visible throughout most of Hole U1473A. The following mineral assemblages were found:

Figure F95. Activity diagram for simplified MgO-CaO-Al₂O₃-SiO₂-H₂O system at 200°C and 15 bar, and silica activity in equilibrium with quartz. High Mg activities can stabilize minerals of the chlorite (sudoite and clinochlore) and smectite (saponite) group. Grossular and prehnite are stable at lower Mg activities. Activity diagram plotted using Geochemist Workbench (Bethke and Yeakel, 2015) with the Thermoddem database by Blanc et al. (2012).



- Reddish clay minerals and goethite after olivine (“iddingsite”), common to 580 m CCSF.
- Clay minerals (kaolinite and pyrophyllite) in altered felsic veins, as well as coatings in fractures likely to be late-stage precipitates or remnants of felsic veins.
- Carbonate veins, mostly made up of calcite, that are ubiquitous from 170 to 580 m CCSF.
- Zeolite veins, occurring shallower than 700 m CCSF.

One of the most conspicuous alteration characteristics throughout Hole U1473A is the occurrence of reddish clay minerals after olivine and, in some cases, pyroxene and plagioclase. A similar mode of olivine alteration was described by Bach et al. (2001) in the upper 40 mbsf and in the 500–600 mbsf intervals of Hole 735B, the latter corresponding to a fault zone. During Expedition 360, this assemblage was identified through XRD analysis to be composed of phyllosilicates and goethite. However, the bulk Fe-rich composition of this assemblage makes it hard to obtain clean diffractograms using the shipboard X-ray diffractometer, which uses Cu as an X-ray source. Further identification of this assemblage therefore requires shore-based analysis.

Clay minerals replace olivine to varying degrees from reddish stains on grain surfaces and fractures to complete pseudomorphic replacement. Saponite-forming pseudomorphs after olivine have been reported from Atlantis Massif and interpreted to be formed at a temperature <150°C (Nozaka et al., 2008). Saponite could also be formed at lower temperatures still (<100°C; e.g., Velde, 1985). If an olivine pseudomorph is rimmed by talc and tremolite/actinolite, clay would only occur in the center of the pseudomorph, presumably replacing relict olivine and rarely replacing talc and tremolite/actinolite. In addition, clay replacement is more intense in proximity to veins and predominant in cores with high fracture density. Such a selective alteration trend shows that this process is highly dependent on structures responsible for providing oxygen-rich seawater. Clay minerals show variable colors such as green, yellow, red, and dark red, which likely result from different chemical compositions and/or proportions of iron oxyhydroxides. These variations occur at centimeter to millimeter scales, thereby indicating that the structural controls may also produce significant gradients in the activities of various aqueous species (e.g., f_{O_2} , $\alpha_{\text{SiO}_2(\text{aq})}$). In addition, different generations of clay minerals were observed to replace olivine. Figure F59B shows that green clay is replaced by dark red clay. This texture reflects a system shifting to more oxidizing conditions that is likely brought on by an increase in fracture permeability.

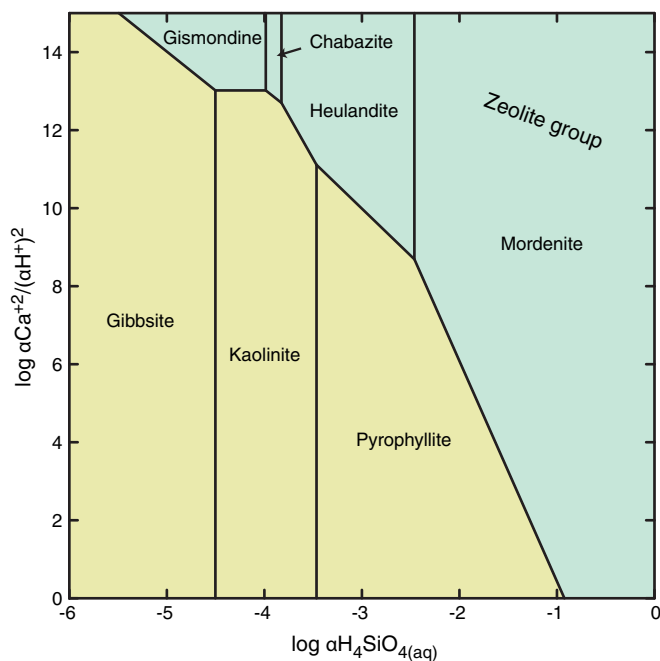
Clays were also identified in fracture coatings and altered veins. Fractures are filled with minerals of various habits and colors. Some of these fracture coatings could be late-stage precipitates or remnants of an altered vein. For instance, most of the bluish and greenish fracture coatings were identified using XRD to be composed of plagioclase (likely albite), amphibole, and various sheet silicates (chlorite or smectite group). Some fracture precipitates are too small to be sampled for XRD analysis, but the wide variety of colors observed (green/blue to yellow/red) indicates that these different minerals formed at various aqueous conditions. Unreacted seawater rich in oxygen is likely to form the more oxidized precipitates (e.g., goethite); on the other hand, hydrothermal fluids depleted in oxygen because of prior water–rock interactions could form the reduced minerals.

Zeolites, a common group of low-temperature secondary minerals after plagioclase, were only observed at the base of Hole

U1473A. Zeolites were likewise only observed in the deeper parts of Hole 735B (Bach et al., 2001). As shown in a simplified aqueous activity diagram (Figure F96), formation of zeolite minerals needs higher silica and Ca activities and/or higher pH than kaolinite and pyrophyllite. Indeed, both kaolinite and pyrophyllite were identified in altered felsic veins in Hole U1473A. Another possible cause for the absence of zeolites is high $f\text{CO}_2$, which is indicated by the widespread occurrence of calcite (Figure F94). Calcite veins cutting felsic veins indicate that Ca from plagioclase was taken up by the carbonates, whereas Al and Si were transferred into kaolinite or pyrophyllite. In the deeper parts of Holes U1473A and 735B, zeolite could be saturated by low $f\text{CO}_2$, more dissolved Ca and SiO_2 , and a low water/rock ratio in a more rock dominated system.

Carbonate veins are common in Hole U1473A, especially from 170 to 580 m CCSF. Carbonate veins are mostly made up of calcite, often with reddish stains that could come from co-precipitating iron oxyhydroxides or mixing of fine-grained reddish clays. Some carbonate veins contain clasts from brecciated rocks. In fault breccias, the matrix consists of carbonates and is associated with reddish clays (Figure F78). Overall, carbonate formation seems to be the latest-stage event, cutting higher-temperature veins (i.e., chlorite, amphibole, and felsic veins), and is likely synchronous with the clay formation process. Carbonate veins crosscut each other, possibly reflecting multiple generations and variable chemical and temperature conditions for their formation. Nevertheless, the co-occurrence of calcite with iron oxyhydroxide seems to indicate an oxidic fluid source and not a reduced fluid from a source at depth.

Figure F96. Activity diagram for simplified $\text{CaO-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$ system at low temperature and pressure (25°C and 1 bar). Ca-zeolites (gismondine, chabazite, heulandite, and morденite) are stable at higher Ca and Si activities than gibbsite, kaolinite, and pyrophyllite. Activity diagram plotted using Geochemist Workbench (Bethke and Yeakel, 2015) with the Thermoddem database by Blanc et al. (2012).



Structural geology

The Atlantis Bank oceanic core complex preserves a record of down-temperature deformation from primary magmatic fabrics and crosscutting magmatic veins to near and subsolidus crystal-plastic fabrics (CPFs), to brittle fracture and veining. The interplay between magmatic and tectonic processes and subsequent brittle overprint and alteration is fundamental to our understanding of the evolution of oceanic core complexes.

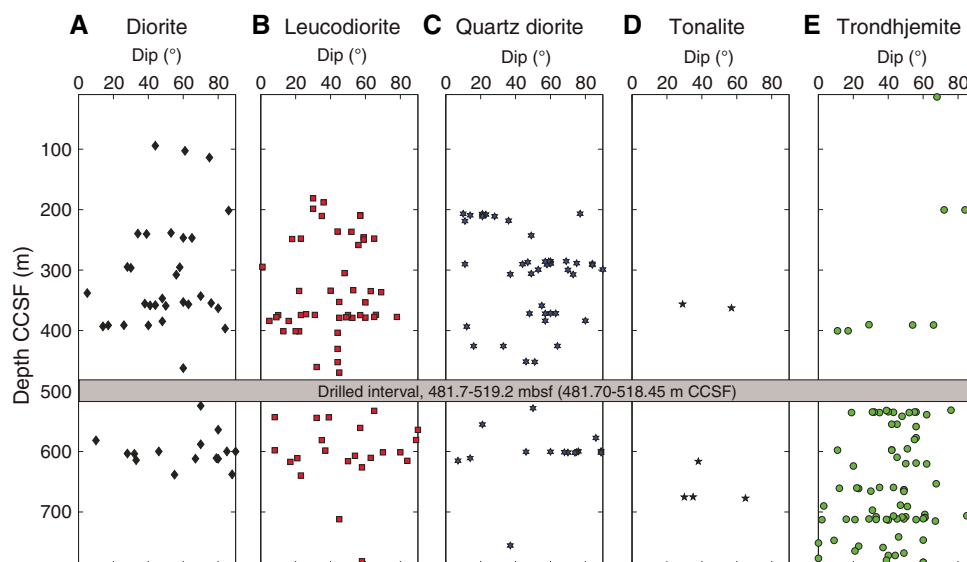
We present results from core and thin section observations in Hole U1473A based on a structural scheme defined and detailed in **Structural geology** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter (MacLeod et al., 2017a). The results are presented in down-temperature order from magmatic contacts and veins, magmatic fabrics and layering, CPFs, alteration veins, to brittle deformation. The results are followed by a discussion of temporal and spatial relationships between the various structures in Hole U1473A. Finally, a brief discussion on the deformation recorded within Hole U1473A in comparison with Holes 735B and 1105A is given. The results and discussion presented here demonstrate that the crustal sections sampled in different parts of Atlantis Bank are structurally distinct. However, the presence of intense, penetrative crystal-plastic deformation forming a shear zone up to 600 m thick strongly indicates the presence of a detachment shear zone/fault that records a temperature-time path of decreasing temperature and deformation.

Magmatic veins

Magmatic veins and magmatic breccias occur throughout much of Hole U1473A, and in total 482 veins and breccias were documented. Summation of the perpendicular thickness of each vein, corrected to core parallel thickness using the dip of the vein and corrected for recovery, leads to an estimate that magmatic veins comprise $1.5\% \pm 0.2\%$ of the core volume. Magmatic veins consist of five compositional types: diorite (15 vol%), leucodiorite (26 vol%), quartz diorite (23 vol%), tonalite (3 vol%), and trondhjemite (33 vol%). Although most veins are moderately to heavily altered (see **Metamorphic petrology**), the least altered veins contain assemblages of plagioclase + quartz \pm clinopyroxene \pm brown hornblende \pm amphibole \pm biotite \pm titanite \pm apatite \pm zircon. Trondhjemite veins occur mainly at or deeper than 400 m CCSF, whereas the other four magmatic vein types primarily occur shallower than 600 m CCSF (Figure F97). All magmatic vein types show a broad scatter in dip down the core and no overall preferred orientation. Figure F98 shows histograms of dip for all magmatic veins and the two dominant vein types (trondhjemites and leucodiorites) and a reference curve for the expected dip distribution for randomly oriented veins. In all three cases, the measured distribution does not depart significantly from that expected for a random distribution (see **Structural geology** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). However, examination of Figure F97 suggests that at certain depths, clusters of similar dip can occur (e.g., the dip of quartz-diorite veins at 210 m CCSF [mean dip $\sim 20^\circ$] and 300 m CCSF [mean dip $\sim 65^\circ$]).

The apparent absence of veins in the top 200 m of the core is partly an artifact due to poor recovery. Figure F97 only shows veins for which a dip can be determined, and lower recovery in the top of the core leads to many veins occurring in nonoriented pieces (see

Figure F97. Depth distribution of magmatic vein dips (veins from unoriented pieces not shown), Hole U1473A. A. Diorite veins. B. Leucodiorite veins. C. Quartz diorite veins. D. Tonalite veins. E. Trondhjemite veins.



Structural geology in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). Figure F99 gives an estimate of the volumetric distribution of all magmatic veins present in the core and shows that veins are only lacking in the top 100 m of the core and are otherwise generally present from 100 m CCSF to the base of the core. Overall, the volume of veins appears to increase downward to 600 m CCSF and, most importantly, occur in relatively discrete horizons (e.g., at 200, 300, 370, and 600 m CCSF). Some of the horizons are dominated by particular vein types. For example, comparison of Figures F97 and F99 shows that the peak at 300 m CCSF is dominated by quartz-diorite veins and the peak at 700 m CCSF is dominated by trondhjemite veins. The largest peak at 600 m CCSF appears to consist of all five major vein types (diorite, leucodiorite, quartz diorite, tonalite, and trondhjemite). There is no obvious relationship of vein volume to CPF intensity (compare Figures F99 and F100), although some of the peaks in vein volume do correspond to areas of overall weak crystal-plastic deformation intensity (300, 600, 670, and 700 m CCSF).

Magmatic veins range from 1 mm to several centimeters wide and from straight parallel veins (Figures F101, F102, F103, F104) to more complicated branching veins (Figure F105) to irregular patches several centimeters in thickness. The latter have diffuse and complicated nonparallel margins and are incipient to fully developed magmatic breccias (Figures F106, F107). Morphologically, 70% of the veins are planar with parallel sides, 21% have irregular geometries, 4% are vein tips, 2% are curved, and 2% form pull-apart structures (Figure F108). A total of 12 veins show extensional melt-filled pull-apart structures such as those illustrated in Figure F108.

There are several generations of magmatic veins reflecting a protracted history of injection during ongoing deformation. The earliest magmatic veins/breccias have diffuse margins having intruded, infiltrated, and brecciated the host gabbro at near-solidus temperatures (Figures F105, F106, F107). Some veins are folded by shearing (Figure F106A), whereas later veins keep coherent vein geometry but provide heterogeneity for strain localization (Figures F103, F104). Nearly all veins show at least some evidence of deformation, such as minor plagioclase neoblast formation along grain

boundaries and subgrain development (Figure F102), with only a minority of undeformed veins (e.g., Figure F101). Most veins have undergone high- and low-temperature alteration and have developed diffusive or reactive boundaries with the host gabbro. Many have undergone alteration during hydrothermal fluid migration or as a result of fluid exsolution during the final stages of felsic crystallization.

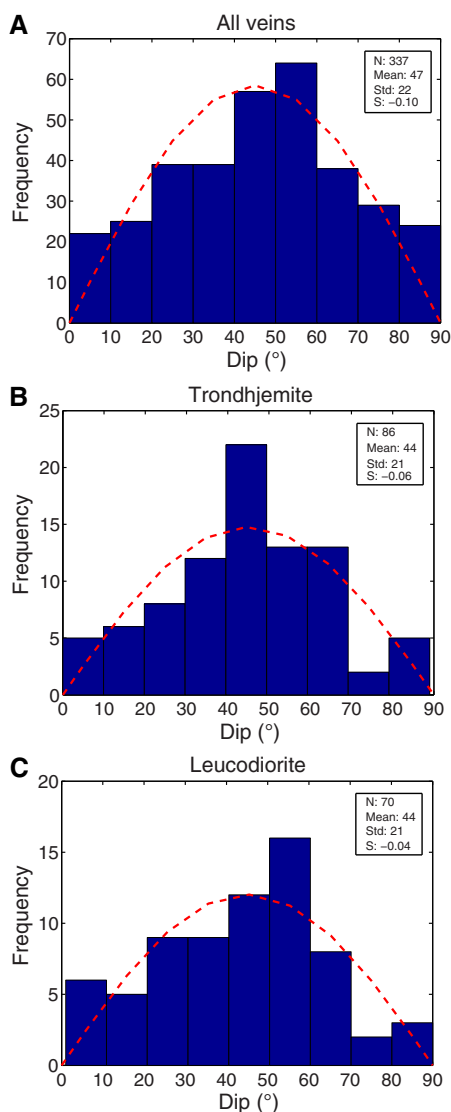
Magmatic contacts

Magmatic contacts correspond to boundaries separating igneous intervals and include changes in grain size (30% of all contacts), changes in mode (21%), sheared/tectonic (15% of all contacts), and intrusive (6%); 28% of the boundaries between igneous intervals correspond to gaps in core recovery, and thus their nature is unknown. Planar contact orientations were recorded in the plutonic_mantle worksheet in the DESClogik macroscopic workbook, whereas no orientation was entered for irregular or very gradational contacts.

Figure F109A–F109B presents histograms of the dips of the two most abundant igneous contact types: grain size contacts and sheared contacts. The histogram for grain size contacts has a mean dip of 28°, whereas that for sheared contacts is broadly similar at 35°. There is no preferred distribution of the dips of the different contact types with depth, as shown in Figure F109C. More contacts were found deeper than 500 m CCSF, likely due to less crystal-plastic deformation obscuring them.

Figures F110, F111, and F112 give examples of the four types of magmatic contacts. Figure F110A–F110B shows examples of planar igneous grain size contacts, and Figures F110C and F111C show an irregular grain size contact, all within a layered gabbro series (see **Igneous petrology**) and one example of a modal boundary. Figure F111 shows examples of intrusive contacts, including planar contacts between intrusive diabase dikes and the host gabbro and a more complicated boundary between a fine-grained intrusive gabbro and a coarse-grained host gabbro. Figure F112 shows examples of sheared/tectonic boundaries between intervals. These contacts

Figure F98. Frequency distribution of measured magmatic vein dips, Hole U1473A. A. All veins with measurable dip (337 veins). B. Trondhjemite veins (86 veins). C. Leucodiorite veins (70 veins). Vein types with <70 measurable veins are not shown. Red dashed lines = expected distribution of dips for randomly oriented small-scale (10 cm to 1 m) planar features. N = number of measurements, mean = mean dip, Std = standard deviation, S = skewness of the distribution.



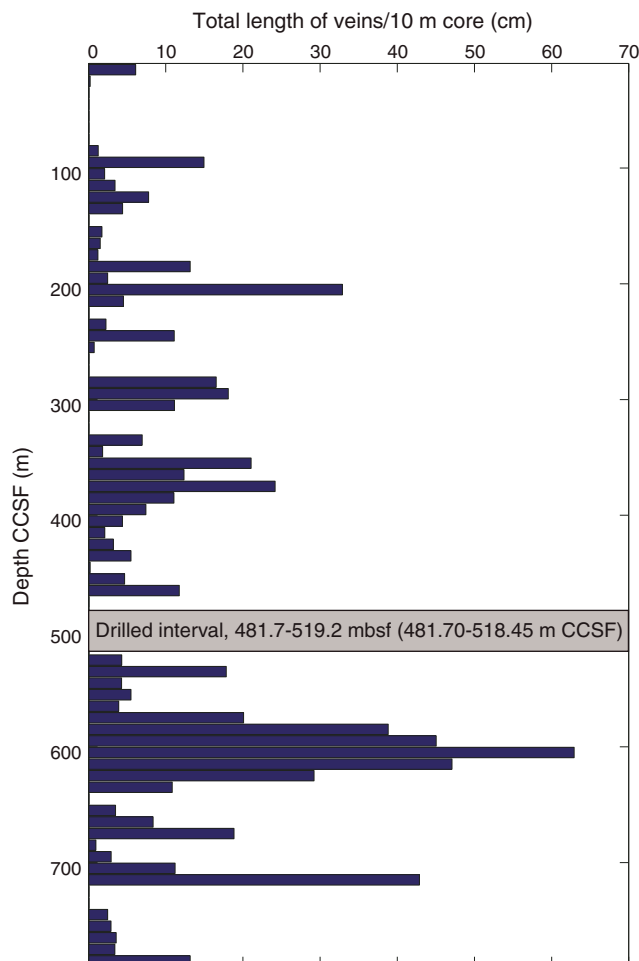
vary from vertical to horizontal and from approximately 1 mm wide to more complicated and thicker contact zones.

Magmatic fabrics and igneous layering

Magmatic fabrics

Identifiable magmatic textures are preserved in 42% of Hole U1473A gabbros. They can be recognized both in undeformed cores and in those displaying evidence for moderate degrees of crystal-plastic deformation (i.e., crystal-plastic intensities < 3) (see [Crystal-plastic deformation and alteration](#)). The majority of the gabbros display random orientation of subhedral (e.g., plagioclase) to anhedral (e.g., poikilitic clinopyroxene) primary igneous minerals (Figures [F113A](#), [F114A](#)) that range from fine- to coarse-grained subophitic and granular textures (see [Igneous petrology](#)). Weakly to moderately developed magmatic fabrics, defined by elongated

Figure F99. Distribution and volume of magmatic veins with depth expressed as the sum of the core parallel thickness corrected for dip of veins in centimeters per 10 m depth of the core, Hole U1473A.



laths of euhedral to subhedral tabular plagioclase and sometimes pyroxene showing shape-preferred orientation (SPO) (Figure [F113B](#)), were observed in discrete intervals of about 80 cm maximum thickness. Throughout the uppermost 400 m CCSF of Hole U1473A, magmatic fabrics are present in medium- to coarse-grained intervals at 20–145, 230–300, and 355–465 m CCSF (Figure [F115](#)). Interlayered fine-grained intervals are overprinted by crystal-plastic deformation and do not retain their presumed original magmatic fabric (Figures [F115C](#), [F116](#)) or have isotropic fabrics. Deeper than 500 m CCSF, magmatic fabrics are better preserved because of the broad decrease of CPF intensity (Figure [F115C](#)).

No systematic variation of magmatic fabric intensity is observed with depth (Figure [F115C](#)). Generally, magmatic fabrics are shallow to moderately dipping, ranging between 10° and 50° (Figure [F115A–F115B](#)). No systematic variation in dip with depth is observed. There also appears to be no correlation between magmatic fabric intensity and grain size in plagioclase and clinopyroxene (Figure [F115D](#)).

The mineral phases that define magmatic fabric in a particular interval were confirmed by thin section observation. Magmatic textures free of crystal-plastic overprint represent 10% of all samples observed in thin section. Overall, the primary igneous minerals are randomly oriented; for example, Sample 360-U1473A-3R-2, 89–98

Figure F100. CPF characteristics plotted against depth, Hole U1473A. A. CPF intensity. Red = interval fabric intensities representing lengths of core with relatively uniform fabric (i.e., orientation and intensity). Interval lengths vary and may be anywhere from <1 cm to several meters in length. Black = running average, length weighted over 5 intervals (or cells in spreadsheet). CPF intensity: 0 = undeformed, 1 = foliated, 2 = porphyroclastic, 3 = protomylonitic, 4 = mylonitic, 5 = ultramylonitic. B. CPF foliation dips. C. CPF shear sense in CRF measured archive halves (note: fabrics were measured and reported on the Hole 735B working halves, and thus a similar plot of shear sense for Hole 735B would mirror what is seen here). As cores were oriented for cutting parallel to dip with the most prominent foliation dipping to the left of vertical in the archive half, most observations give an apparent dextral shear sense, as reversed were most common.

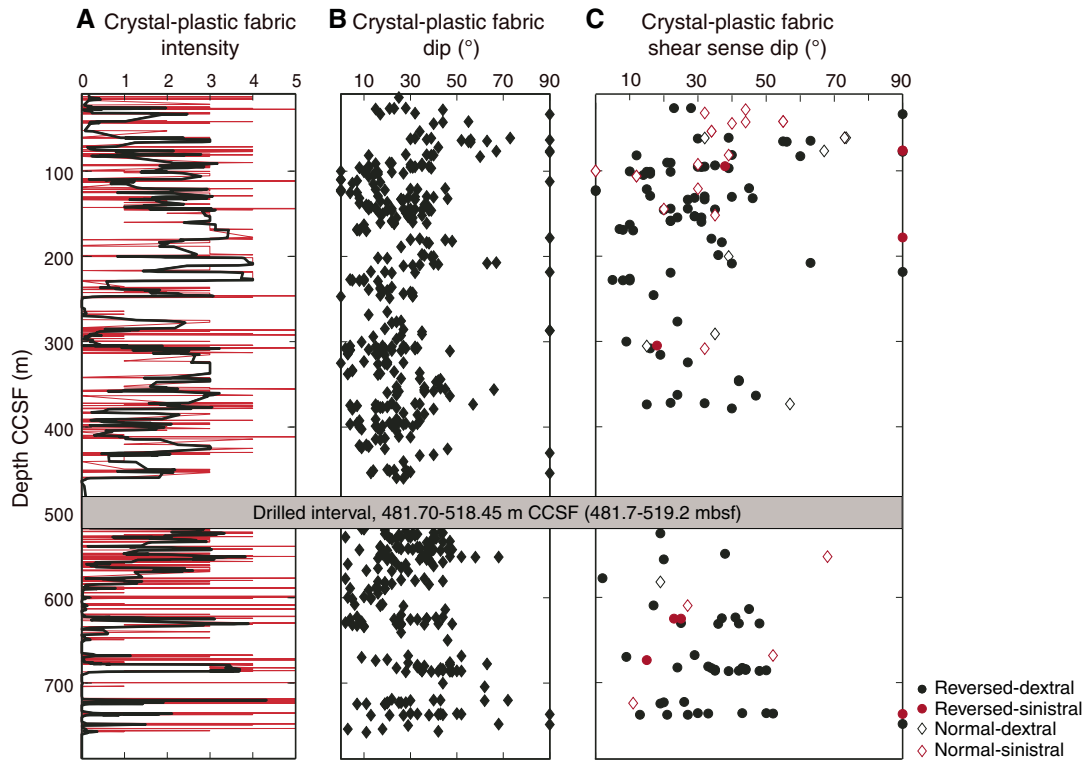
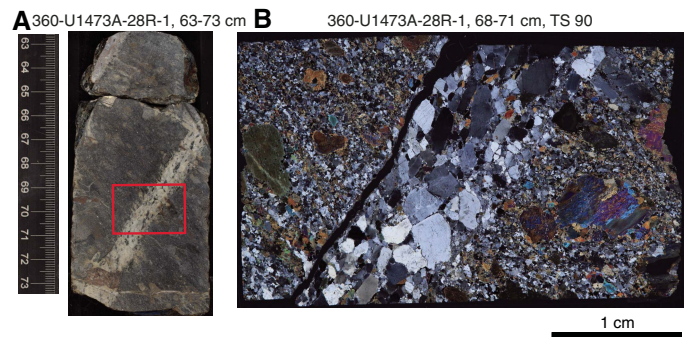
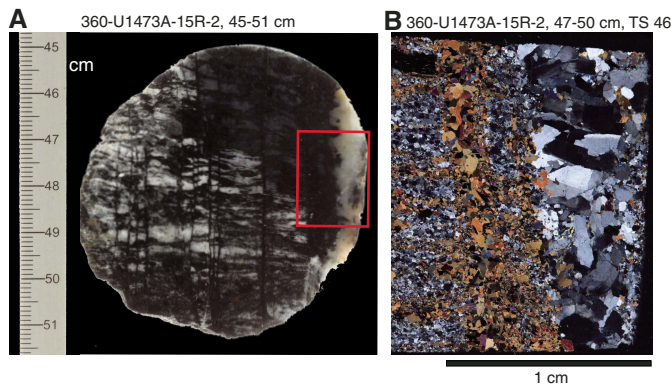


Figure F101. A. Undeformed diorite vein (0.4 cm wide) intruding mylonitic gabbro crosscut and faulted by amphibole veins. Red box = location of thin section in B. B. Plagioclase and minor amphibole present in the vein and an adjacent amphibole vein (15R-2, 47–50 cm; TS 46; XPL).

Figure F102. Example of a weakly deformed leucodiorite vein (0.7 cm wide) crosscutting altered gabbro mylonite. A. Planar but sutured margins. Red box = location of thin section in B. B. Minor deformation of the vein as evidenced by larger grains of plagioclase developing subgrains, undulose extinction, and recrystallized neoblasts around grain boundaries (28R-1, 68–71 cm; TS 90; XPL).



cm (TS 4) (Figure F114A), contains undeformed elongated euhedral plagioclase with no obvious SPO. However, a few fine-grained olivine gabbros display weak magmatic fabrics defined principally by tabular plagioclase SPO (Figure F116). Well-preserved plagioclase crystals display igneous twinning with straight margins and sharp terminations (Figure F114). Tapered twins and undulose ex-

inction are common in plagioclase and indicate weak crystal-plastic deformation. Olivine is characterized by anhedral habit and displays variably preserved straight subgrain boundaries. Olivine is variably fractured and partially replaced by serpentine and oxide. Clinopyroxene is subhedral to anhedral, subophitic to poikilitic, and generally undeformed. Pyroxene oikocrysts may have inclusions of

Figure F103. Moderately deformed leucodiorite vein (0.8 cm wide) crosscutting a gabbro mylonite. A. Sharp planar vein margins. B. Center of the vein has been sheared and recrystallized (dextral shear sense) (24R-3, 43–48 cm; TS 80; XPL). Red box = location of C. C. Sheared and recrystallized interior of the vein.

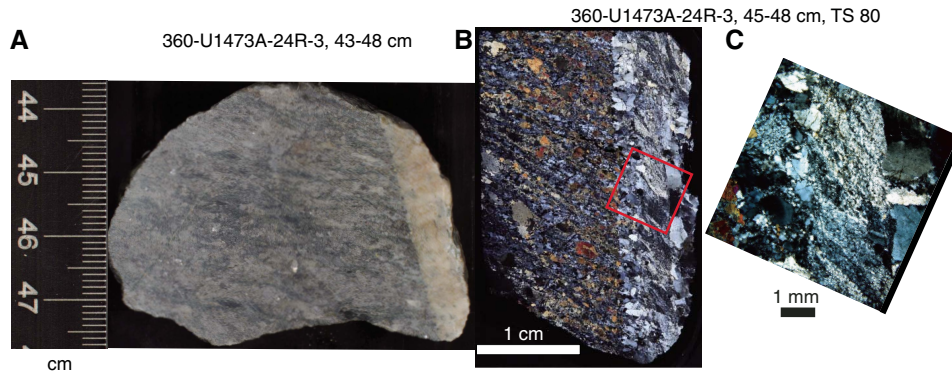
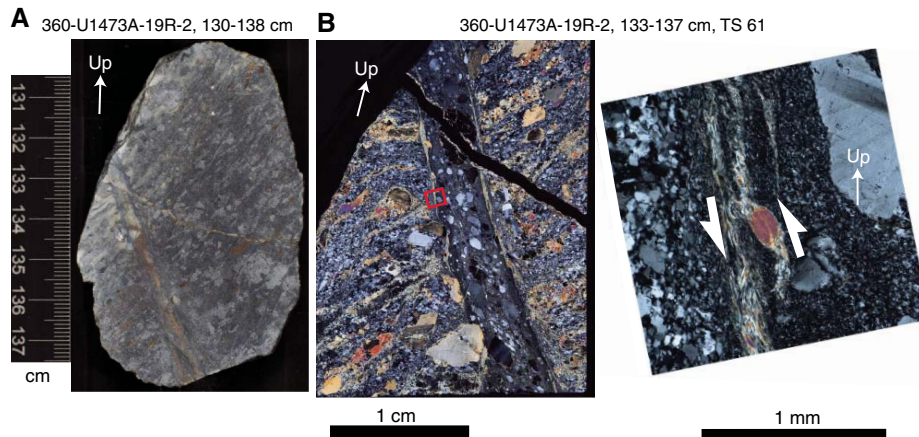


Figure F104. Heavily internally deformed but coherent felsic vein (0.3 cm wide) crosscutting a gabbro mylonite. A. Sharp and relatively planar margins. B. Felsic vein in thin section showing a mylonitic foliation subparallel to the vein margins (19R-2, 133–137 cm; TS 61; XPL). Red box = location of C. C. Interior of the vein. An amphibole “fish” defines a dextral shear sense (white arrows) consistent with a reversed fault.



euhedral plagioclase chadacrysts that are randomly or weakly to moderately oriented.

Igneous layering

Igneous layering was observed throughout Hole U1473A, characterized by variations in grain size, either patchy or with planar contacts (see [Igneous petrology](#)). A total of 67 series of igneous grain size layers were identified downhole with particular intervals exhibiting intense igneous layering at 105–165 and 580–680 m CCSF. These intervals correspond to lithologic Units II and overlap Units VII and VIII, respectively (see [Igneous petrology](#)).

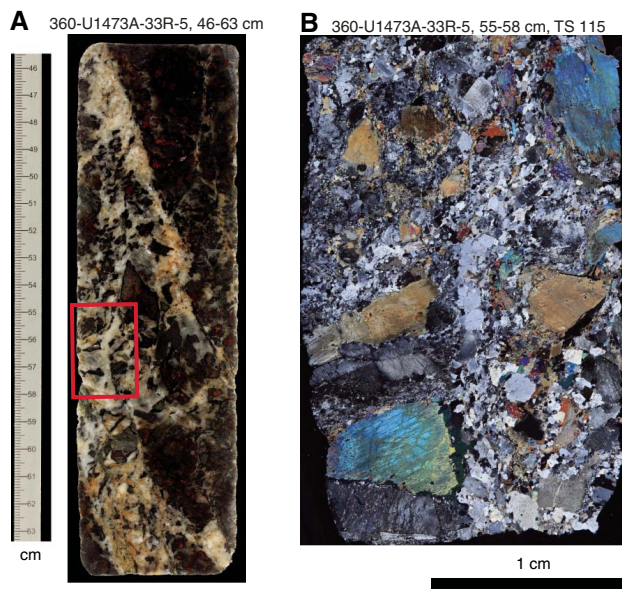
Grain size layering is generally characterized by sharp changes in grain size between fine- and medium-grained or medium- and coarse-grained gabbro (Figure [F117](#)). Of these layered series, 50% show planar and subparallel boundaries between layers of 5–10 to 15–20 cm thickness (Figures [F110](#), [F117](#)). Other intervals that display grain size variations are often limited within centimeter-scale patches with irregular boundaries (Figures [F117C](#), [F118](#)). Some of the contacts have subparallel magmatic fabrics, observed in several intervals, in particular 140–150, 238–340, 590–600, and 650–670 m CCSF (Figures [F115B](#), [F118C](#)). However, the majority of grain size layers do not display SPO (Figure [F117B](#)) (e.g., in Cores 360-U1473A-13R, 16R, 64R, 65R, 74R, and 88R).

Crystal-plastic fabrics

The distribution and intensity of CPFs in Hole U1473A is variable, with most of the section having enjoyed at least some crystal-plastic deformation. CPFs were categorized using a qualitative intensity scale based on the alignment and observable recrystallization of constituent phases ranging from undeformed (Rank 0) to ultramylonitic (Rank 5; see [Structural geology](#) in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). Systematic measurements of intensity, orientation, and constituent mineral phases defining the fabric were made. Relative shear sense indicators were recorded if possible, and the relationships with magmatic fabrics and alteration were documented.

In some instances, the transition from magmatic fabrics (when the magma consisted of interlocking crystals with a matrix of residual melt, e.g., Bouchez et al., 1992) to CPFs is seen in the gabbros. This transition, where there is a crystal-plastic overprint but the magmatic texture is still preserved, is best identified in thin section. It is exemplified by euhedral, primary igneous plagioclase with bent igneous twins and tapered twins and in some cases by undulose extinction and subgrain development around the crystal edges (Figure [F119](#)). Olivine has undulose to rectilinear extinction defining sub-

Figure F105. Relatively undeformed quartz-diorite vein showing diffusive boundaries with host gabbro (0.3 cm wide) crosscutting an olivine gabbro protomylonite. A. The vein includes gabbro xenoliths and has complicated margins. Red box = location of B. B. Diffusive nature of the vein margins (33R-5, 55–58 cm; TS 115; XPL).



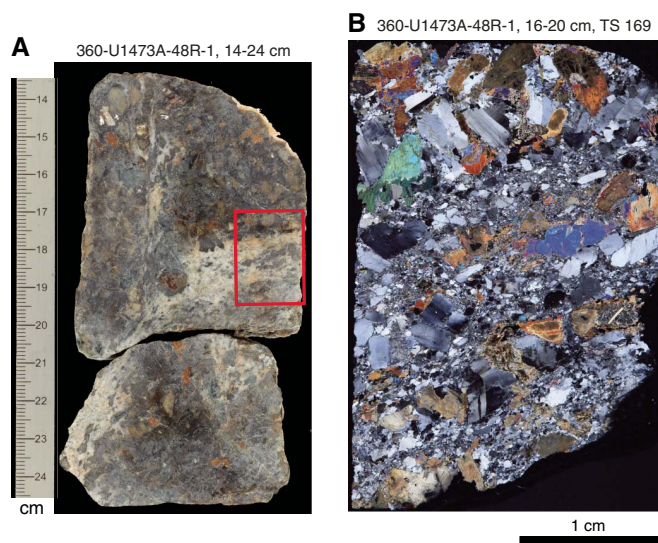
grains. In contrast, clinopyroxene is commonly undeformed but in some cases has kinked cleavage planes.

CPF are always defined by elongated and recrystallized plagioclase regardless of the CPF intensity (Figures F120, F121, F122, F123, F124). In samples with high CPF intensities, pyroxene forms elongated porphyroclasts and can have tails of neoblasts. Olivine, if present, is generally recrystallized, but some porphyroclasts may be preserved. Fe-Ti oxide segregations and stringers, characterized by several contiguous Fe-Ti oxide grains, are most often parallel to the foliation and typically localized near mafic phases (Figure F124A–F124B).

Intensity and distribution of crystal-plastic fabrics with depth

Hole U1473A is characterized by significant, near-pervasive crystal-plastic deformation, with only few intervals apparently completely devoid of such deformation (e.g., 250–275 and 700–720 m CCSF) (Figure F100A). The proportion and overall intensity of crystal-plastic deformation in the core decreases downhole; however, ultramylonites (CPF intensity Rank 5) are present throughout the core. The upper 100 m of the core has a lower overall CPF intensity, increasing downhole to a peak between 200 and 230 m CCSF. The interval between 200 and 230 m CCSF consists of two 10 m thick shallow to moderately dipping mylonitic zones (CPF intensity Rank 4; 200–210 and 220–230 m CCSF) separated by a 10 m thick porphyroclastic zone (CPF intensity Rank 3; Figures F100A–F100B, F123C, F123E). These two mylonitic zones are part of a larger 100 m thick zone of deformation starting at ~150 m CCSF and ending at ~250 m CCSF. This 100 m thick zone is the thickest near-continuous zone of high-intensity crystal-plastic deformation in the hole. Another zone of almost continuous crystal-plastic deformation occurs between 300 and 400 m CCSF. Deeper than 400 m CCSF, CPF intensity is much less variable.

Figure F106. Incipient leucodioritic magmatic breccia. The leucodioritic vein system intrudes an olivine-bearing gabbro. A. Diffusive nature of the vein margins, folded by a vertical shear band on left side of the interval. Red box = location of B. B. Incipient brecciation associated with the vein system (48R-1, 16–20 cm; TS 169; XPL). Clasts of plagioclase and clinopyroxene lie within fine-grained plagioclase matrix.



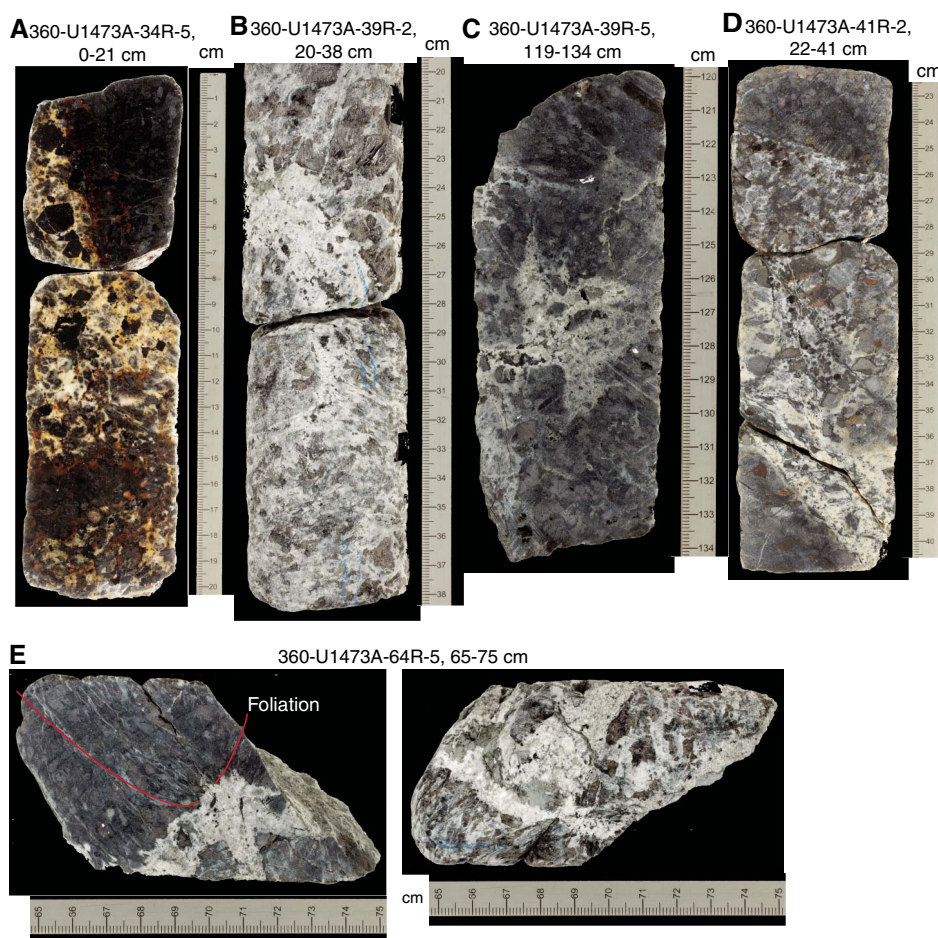
Ultramylonites are heterogeneously distributed throughout the cores, commonly present in the middle of a broader porphyroclastic shear zone, or crosscutting a previous porphyroclastic foliation, or developed at the contacts between major discontinuities (e.g., veins and/or contacts) (Figures F121, F122B, F122D). The upper 500 m of the hole has more distributed deformation with fewer ultramylonites. In contrast, deeper than 500 m CCSF ultramylonites are more common but occur in more discrete intervals. Ultramylonites are characterized by a fine-grained mixture of recrystallized olivine + plagioclase ± clinopyroxene ± amphibole ± oxides (Figures F121, F122).

Postkinematic reaction products are commonly observed within the shear zones, typically consisting of amphibole and clay minerals derived from alteration of clinopyroxene and olivine, respectively. Amphibole is mainly concentrated at the grain boundaries of clinopyroxene and may also fill veins and shear zones that crosscut the porphyroclastic fabric (Figure F122D; see **Metamorphic petrology**).

The distribution of CPF dip magnitudes in Hole U1473A varies from horizontal to vertical; however, the majority of CPFs dip less than 50° (Figure F100B). The shallower 10°–30° dips mostly correspond to porphyroclastic fabrics (CPF intensity Rank 3), whereas the steeper dips generally relate to mylonitic and ultramylonitic fabrics that may locally crosscut the porphyroclastic fabric.

Shear sense indicators, when observed, were collected relative to the orientation of the CRF. Shear senses in mylonites from Hole U1473A were documented primarily by foliation asymmetries (Figure F125) and porphyroclast tails (see **Structural geology** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). All shear senses were observed, with both apparent normal and apparent reversed senses; however, the majority of shear sense determinations indicated an apparent reversed (dextral) component (Figure

Figure F107. Magmatic breccias in core. A. Olivine gabbro xenoliths and large amphibole crystals in a dioritic matrix. B. Leucodiorite infiltrated and brecciated olivine gabbro. C. Quartz diorite infiltrated and incorporated xenocrysts and clasts from host olivine gabbro. D. Leucodiorite vein intruded and brecciated host olivine gabbro. E. Split and back sides of archive half with trondhjemitic vein apparently intruded and brecciated on axis of folded mylonitic foliation (red lines).



F100C). Apparent normal senses of shear appear to be more prevalent in the upper ~150 m of the cores.

Microstructural observations

Crystal-plastic deformation is widely observed within the Hole U1473A thin sections examined during Expedition 360. In general, macroscopic observations of fabric intensity correlate well with microscale structures.

Incipient crystal-plastic deformation of the gabbro developed during the final stages of magma crystallization, as evinced by coarse subhedral plagioclase grains that display mechanical twins and local undulose extinction mainly at grain boundaries (Figure **F126A–F126B**). Microfractures are widespread as late-stage structures crosscutting the twinning and cleavage of plagioclase and clinopyroxene, respectively.

More pronounced solid-state deformation (CPF deformation intensity Rank 3) results in broad recrystallization and grain size reduction of initial plagioclase porphyroclasts into medium- to fine-grained crystals that may form polygonal aggregates (Figures **F126B, F123B**). Clinopyroxene porphyroclasts undergo microfracturing and tend to orient their long axes parallel to the SPO, defining a coarse-grained solid-state foliation (Figure **F123A–F123B**). Fine, recrystallized olivine grains might develop at the margins of porphyroclasts.

CPFs with intensities ranging from Ranks 4 to 5 (corresponding to mylonite and ultramylonite) can be observed as a final product of progressive deformation of the section (Figure **F123C–F123D**). Fine-grained shear zones with sharp boundaries develop as a result of intense recrystallization of plagioclase grains in the matrix (Figure **F123C**). The internal regions of the shear zones are commonly characterized by fine-grained plagioclase and alteration products, such as amphibole, whereas oxides typically localize at the shear zone walls or at the tails of porphyroclasts (Figures **F123A, F123D, F124A**). Reaction products are commonly observed as part of the fine-grained mixture within the sheared domains and mostly consist of (probably postkinematic) green amphibole (Figures **F123C–F123E, F124A**).

Clinopyroxene crystals are progressively fractured and experience a moderate degree of plastic deformation, as shown by fractured and bent crystals both parallel and discordant with the foliation (Figures **F123E, F124D**). Deformation of clinopyroxene is commonly associated with increasing crystallization of green amphibole, which is mostly localized at clinopyroxene grain boundaries. In intervals where the rock is not altered, clinopyroxene undergoes local recrystallization at the periphery of the grains and bending of cleavage planes (Figure **F124D**).

Figure F108. Semibrittle pull-apart structures bounded and filled by vein systems. A. Outer side of split core section showing trondhjemite vein system in olivine gabbro. B. Quartz-diorite veins in Ol gabbro. C. Quartz-diorite veins in oxide-bearing olivine gabbro.



Alteration veins

Vein distribution

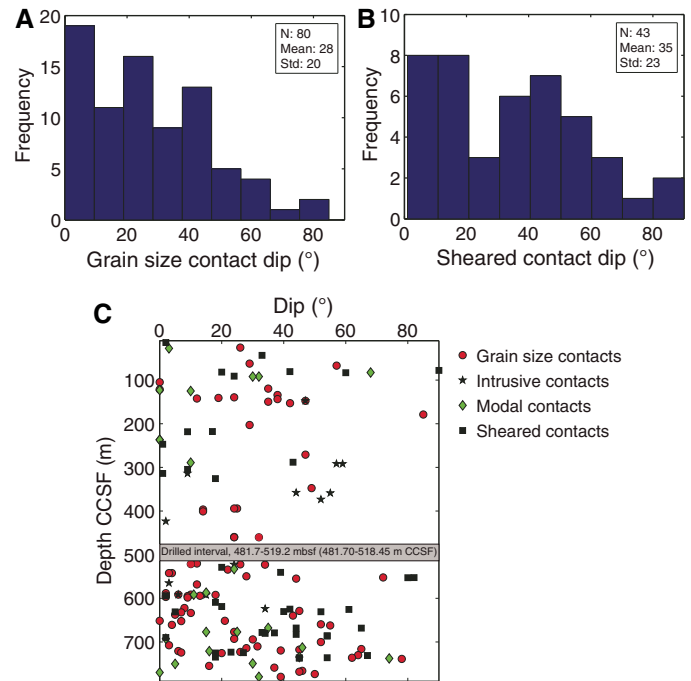
The structural analysis of downhole vein patterns focuses on the three major types of alteration veins: (1) high-temperature amphibole veins, (2) low-temperature clay veins, and (3) carbonate veins. A total of 59% of all identified veins are clay veins, 21% carbonate veins, and 20% amphibole veins; however, by volume, the three types of alteration veins are present in comparable overall proportions: 0.13 vol% amphibole veins, 0.12 vol% clay veins, and 0.10 vol% carbonate veins.

The average total alteration vein density, including all three compositional types, in Hole U1473A is ~1 vein/10 cm in the top ~640 m and decreases to fewer than 0.5 veins/10 cm from 640 m CCSF to the bottom of the hole (Figure F127).

Amphibole veins are mainly concentrated in the top ~170 m of the borehole. Deeper than 170 m CCSF, amphibole vein abundance decreases drastically with a minor frequency maximum at 210–230 m CCSF (Figure F127). Amphibole veins to ~230 m CCSF are mainly composed of brown/green amphibole, suggesting amphibole formation temperatures of 600°–700°C. Deeper than 230 m CCSF, amphibole veins drop off rapidly in abundance. From ~540 m CCSF to the base of the hole, they recur but sporadically and are dominantly composed of pale green amphibole, suggesting formation temperatures of ~400°C. For a more detailed investigation of the amphibole mineralogy please refer to [Metamorphic petrology](#).

Clay veins occur continuously downhole (Figure F127) with a frequency maximum at ~150 m CCSF and several local maxima

Figure F109. A. Frequency distribution of the 80 magmatic contact dips defined by grain size, Hole U1473A. N = number of measurements, mean = mean dip, Std = standard deviation. B. Frequency distribution of the 43 sheared or structural contact dips. C. Depth distribution of grain size, intrusive, modal, and sheared magmatic contact dips. There is no preferred distribution with depth. More contacts are recognized deeper than 500 m CCSF, most likely due to the decrease in crystal-plastic deformation with depth.



such as between 240 and 250 m CCSF and at ~620 m CCSF. A substantial number of clay veins show signs of dissolution and removal of mineral fillings, resulting in cavitation. We interpret these veins as low-temperature phenomena and not as drilling-induced or unloading features (a definition of drilling-induced fractures logged in Hole U1473A can be found in [Structural geology](#) in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). For a more detailed investigation of the clay mineralogy see [Metamorphic petrology](#).

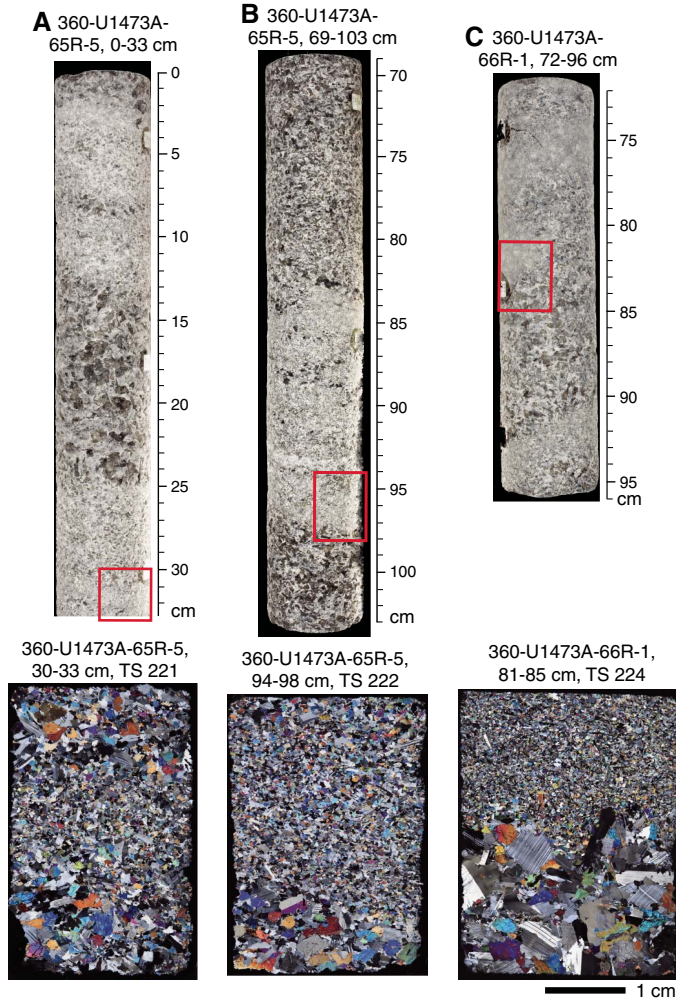
In contrast to amphibole veins, carbonate veins are nearly absent in the uppermost 170 m of the hole. The first occurrence of more than 10 carbonate veins/10 m is found between 180 and 190 m CCSF (Figure F127). From 220 m CCSF, carbonate vein frequency increases continuously downsection, with maxima of 38 veins/10 m and 37 veins/10 m between 340 and 350 m CCSF and between 390 and 400 m CCSF, respectively. Between 400 and 470 m CCSF, 20–25 carbonate veins are present per 10 m. Deeper than 470 m CCSF, carbonate veins decrease steadily and cease at ~610 m CCSF.

With regard to vein width, amphibole veins exhibit the greatest thickness with an average of 0.15 cm, followed by carbonate and clay veins with thicknesses of 0.12 cm and 0.07 cm, respectively.

Vein dips

The dips and dip directions of veins were measured throughout Hole U1473A (Figure F128). Because the measurements were made relative to an arbitrary CRF (see [Structural geology](#) in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]), the measured dip directions cannot be compared between pieces or relative to a geographical reference frame; hence, we are restricted to consideration of dip magnitudes only.

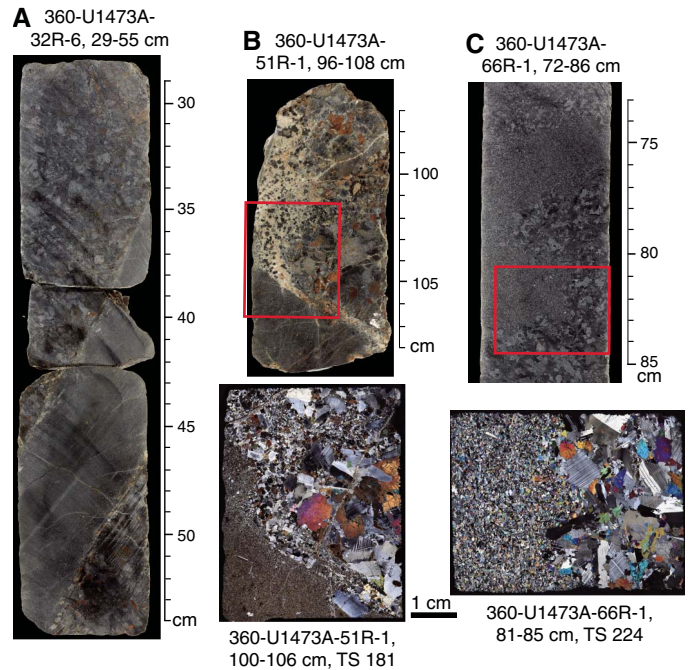
Figure F110. Modal and grain size contacts. Red boxes = thin section locations. A. Three igneous interval contacts between four ~10 cm thick magmatic layers. Uppermost contact at 3 cm is modal between olivine-bearing gabbro (above) and fining-upward olivine gabbro (below). Contacts at 13 and 25 cm are grain size contacts that bound relatively coarse grained olivine gabbro. A 1.5 cm thick fine-grained olivine gabbro layer (30.5–32 cm) illustrating the abrupt nature of grain size contacts (bottom: 65R-5, 30–33 cm; TS 221; XPL). B. A 14 cm thick fine-grained layer defined by an irregular grain size contact at 83 cm and a planar grain size contact at 98 cm. Sharp, planar nature of lower grain size contact (bottom: 65R-5, 94–98 cm; TS 222; XPL). C. Complicated and irregular grain size contact between a fine-grained “patchy” layer (left) and a medium-grained olivine-bearing gabbro (right and below). Sharp sutured grain size contact (bottom: 66R-1, 81–85 cm; TS 224; XPL).



Amphibole veins have an average dip of 48° with a standard deviation of 18° . Comparison of these vein orientations with a theoretical distribution of a random set of planes in a vertical borehole (see **Structural geology** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]) indicates that amphibole vein dips in Hole U1473A are nonrandom (Figure F128A) and tend to have a dominant moderately steep dip between 50° and 70° throughout most of Hole U1473A.

Clay veins are typically isolated, but single veins extending through the core piece ($> \sim 5$ cm) have a mean dip of 43° , with a standard deviation of 26° (Figure F128B). Comparison to the theoretical random vein distribution shows that the clay vein dip distri-

Figure F111. Intrusive contacts. Red boxes = thin section locations. A. A 5 cm thick granoblastic diabase dike intruding medium-grained subophitic olivine gabbro. Contacts are sharp and planar, and grain size of the dike fines toward the dike margin. B. A more complicated granoblastic diabase/olivine gabbro contact. In this case, intrusion of the dike led to generation of tonalitic melt, which extends from the margin into the gabbro. Interfingering of the tonalitic melt and diabase (bottom: 51R-1, 100–106 cm; TS 181; XPL). C. Irregular intrusive contact between a very fine grained gabbro and a medium-grained olivine-bearing gabbro. Irregular sutured but sharp contact (bottom: 66R-1, 81–85 cm; TS 224; XPL).



bution is nonrandom, with a greater than expected proportion of near-horizontal or near-vertical dips.

Carbonate veins have an average dip of 48° with a standard deviation of 18° and display a near random distribution (Figure F128C). However, carbonate veins tend to be more steeply inclined in the vicinity of fault zones (see **Brittle deformation**). Visual inspection of the core, in cases where discrete orientation measurements were not possible, confirms the presence of steeply dipping carbonate veins in the vicinity of the major fault zone starting at 411 m CCSE.

Vein shape and structure of vein-filling material

Figure F129 depicts the morphologies of typical high-temperature amphibole veins, and Figure F130 illustrates the occurrences of low-temperature clay and carbonate veins.

Amphibole vein morphologies observed in 407 veins from Hole U1473A are divided into five categories: (1) planar (59%), (2) irregular (24%), (3) curved (12%), (4) faulted (3%), and (5) other morphologies (2%). A total of 63% of the veins are single features (i.e., they extend through the core piece [greater than ~ 5 cm]), whereas 18% are parallel to each other, 8% are branched, 6% are organized in networks, 3% are anastomosing, 1% exhibit en echelon connectivity, and 1% are isolated veins (i.e., their length is contained within the core piece). Out of all of the amphibole veins, 78% have clear-cut relationships with their igneous host, 13% have alteration halos, and 9% have diffuse boundaries. Where halos developed, extensive feldspar replacement was observed to have migrated outward away from the veins (Figure F129B–F129C).

Figure F112. Sheared or tectonic contacts. Red boxes = thin section locations. A. Vertical sheared contact between a mylonitic oxide-bearing gabbro (left) and a coarse-grained olivine gabbro (right). 1 cm wide shear zone and transposed mylonitic fabric (left) (9R-5, 115–118 cm; TS 24; middle: PPL, bottom: XPL). B. Steeply inclined sheared contact between a weakly deformed medium-grained olivine gabbro (left) and a porphyroclastic coarse-grained gabbro (right). The coarse-grained gabbro is bound at the top by a gray gabbro mylonite. The contact has locally high abundances of Fe-Ti oxide. C. Sharp, planar 1 mm thick horizontal shear band separating a medium-grained granular olivine gabbro (above) from a fine-grained olivine gabbro (below). D. An 8 cm thick inclined and complex mylonitic shear zone crosscutting a relatively undeformed olivine gabbro (below) and truncating a felsic vein in a complexly sheared olivine-bearing gabbro (above). Truncated felsic vein and upper part of the shear zone (bottom: 32R-5, 129–133 cm; TS 108; XPL).

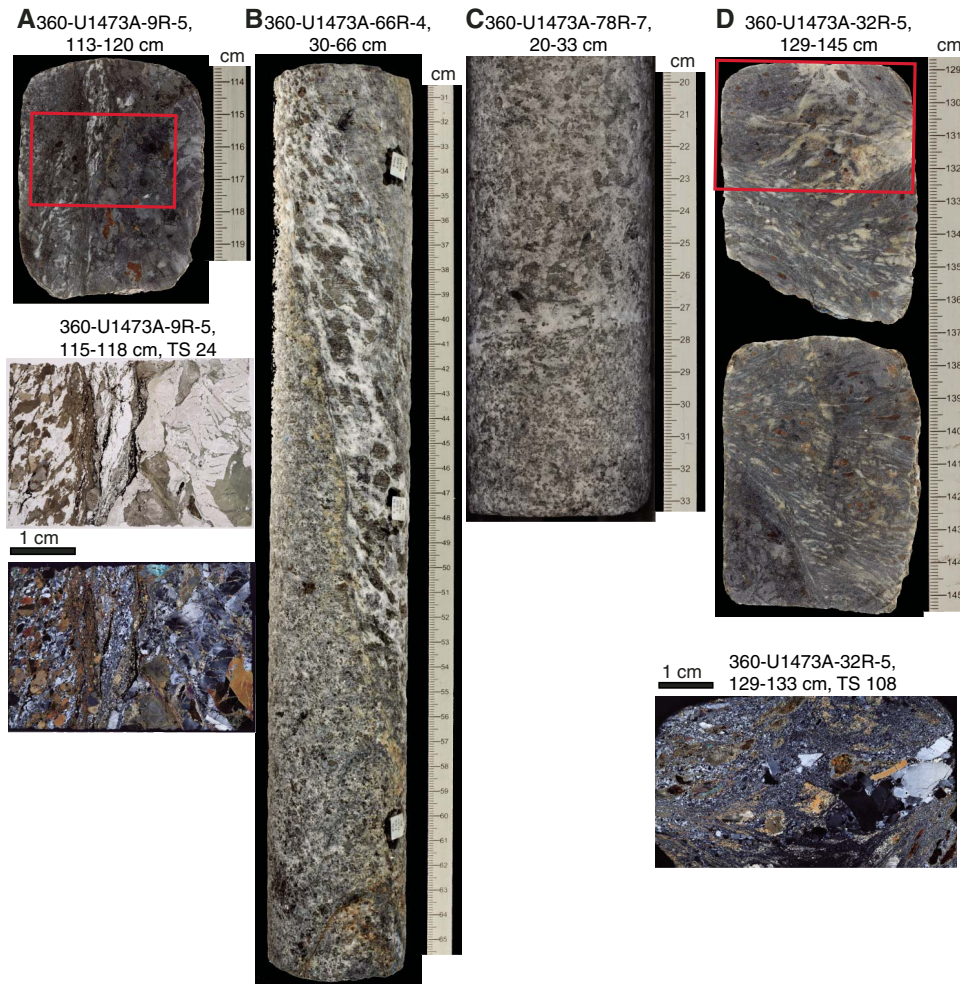
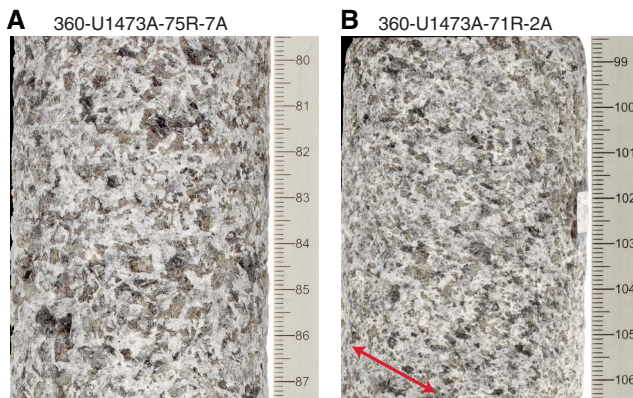


Figure F113. A. Typical isotropic fabric displaying poikilitic clinopyroxene with euhedral to subhedral randomly oriented plagioclase chadacrysts. B. Weakly to moderately developed magmatic fabric defined by elongated tabular plagioclase and pyroxene. Red arrow is parallel to the fabric.



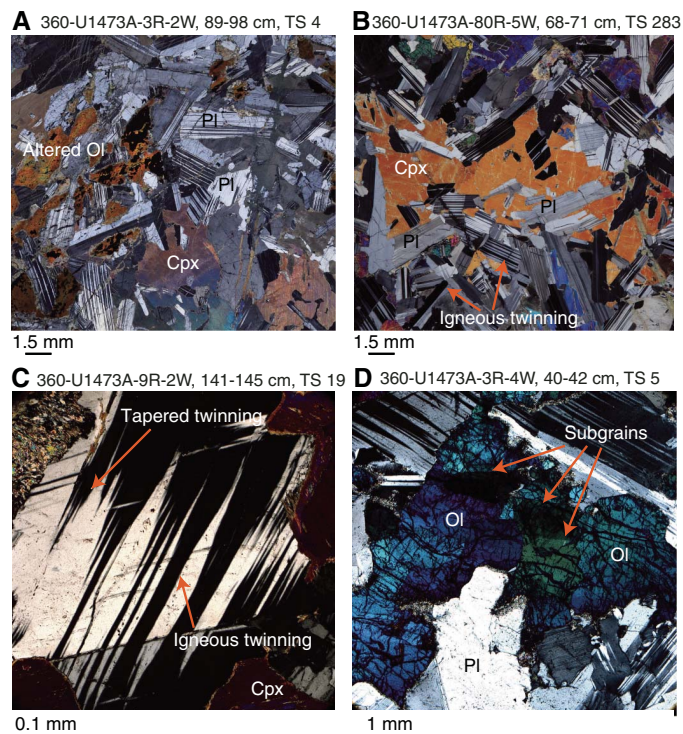
Clay vein morphologies observed in 1174 veins range from irregular (87%) to planar (8%) and curved (5%). Most of the clay veins (93%) are single veins as shown in Figure F130A, 5% exhibit branching, and 2% are organized in networks. All clay veins have clear-cut relationships with the wall rock and do not exhibit any reaction halos.

Carbonate vein morphologies observed in 425 veins are dominated by planar (65%) and irregular (32%) vein morphologies; 91% of carbonate veins are single veins extending through the core pieces, 5% show branching, and 1% exhibit macroscopically visible network development. Out of all identified carbonate veins, 46% are related to or are fracture surface coatings; 3% exhibit macroscopically visible geodelike cavities such as shown in Figure F130D.

Crosscutting relationship of veins with other structural features

In several places, crosscutting relationships are observed between different vein types, indicating a relative time sequence of vein formation. In general, amphibole veins postdate magmatic

Figure F114. A. Euhedral randomly oriented elongated and tabular plagioclase (Pl) showing igneous and tapered twins (3R-2, 89–98 cm; TS 4; XPL). Clinopyroxene (Cpx) is subophitic and undeformed. B. Weakly developed preferred dimensional orientation of tabular elongated Pl showing igneous twinning with undeformed Cpx oikocryst including Pl chadacrysts (80R-5, 68–71 cm; TS 283; XPL). C. Preserved and slightly bent igneous twins and tapered twins in Pl (9R-2, 141–145 cm; TS 19; XPL). D. Deformed olivine (Ol) grain displaying straight subgrain boundaries (3R-4, 40–42 cm; TS 5; XPL).



veins, whereas carbonate and clay-bearing veins postdate both magmatic and amphibole veins. An example of a carbonate vein cross-cutting a felsic vein is shown in Figure F130C. Amphibole veins typically crosscut the high-temperature crystal-plastic foliation and, in some cases, may transpose or displace the foliation as discussed further below (Figure F129B–F129C).

Brittle deformation

Fault zones

The presence and intensity of fault rocks and density of fracturing were measured systematically and plotted downhole to reveal the variations in brittle deformation and identify fault and fractured zones. Fault rock intensity and fault density generally agree and decrease downhole (Figure F131). The fault rock intensity plot effectively identifies the faults themselves, whereas the fracture density plot is essentially indicative of the accompanying fault damage zones. The variation in fault rock intensity reveals 7 main faults with 12 subsidiary faults and fracture zones. The seven main fault zones occur near 44, 114, 130, 187, 274, 315, and 411–460 m CCSF. Five out of the seven fault zones correlate with increases in the diameter of the borehole determined by the downhole logging caliper tool and changes in other physical properties (e.g., resistivity) (see Figure F188). The thickest fault zone occurs over the interval 411–469 m CCSF (Sections 360-U1473A-46R-1 through 51R-2) and is composed of seven discrete fault breccias, two of which are hydrothermal breccias that in total form a ~50 m thick fault zone (Figure

F131). Additional fault material was recovered from junk basket Runs 12, 13, and 15, consisting of a chlorite-rich matrix and millimeter-thick plagioclase and pyroxene cataclasites (Figure F132). The true thickness of this fault has not been determined because at the bottom of this interval the recovery was very low and we drilled ahead without coring (“drilled interval” marked on several figures [e.g., Figure F131]); therefore, the 50 m fault zone thickness is a minimum estimate.

The five fault breccias that compose the 50 m fault zone range from 1 to 24 cm thick and are surrounded by zones of minor to moderate fracturing and incipient brecciation. All of the breccias over this interval comprise carbonate material and correlate with an increase in the number of calcite veins (see **Alteration veins**). XRD results from within this broad fault zone (Sample 360-U1473A-48R-2, 20–21 cm) indicate the presence of calcite, plagioclase, and minor clinopyroxene, amphibole, and clay in a hydrothermal breccia (see **Metamorphic petrology**). The core of the fault is most likely represented by the 24 cm thick fault breccia that occurs within Section 41R-1 (431 m CCSF) and material that was recovered in the junk baskets.

The other faults in Hole U1473A range from 1 cm thick cataclasites to 50 cm thick fault and magmatic breccias (e.g., interval 360-U1473A-63R-1, 25–71 cm; for more on the magmatic breccias see **Magmatic veins**). Cataclasites occur in the top 50 m of the hole and consist of a very fine grained matrix with few silicate clasts (Figure F132). The fault breccias consist of a brown to green calcite-bearing matrix and a greater proportion of silicate clasts (Figure F133). The second largest fault zone after that near 415 m CCSF occurs in Section 31R-1 at 315 m CCSF. This fault zone is represented by a ~50 cm thick fault breccia surrounded by a 10 m thick zone of fracturing. The fault breccia is composed of a matrix of chlorite with clasts of plagioclase and amphibole, determined by XRD (see **Metamorphic petrology**). The fault breccia in Section 31R-1 overprinted a moderately dipping porphyroclastic crystal-plastic shear zone.

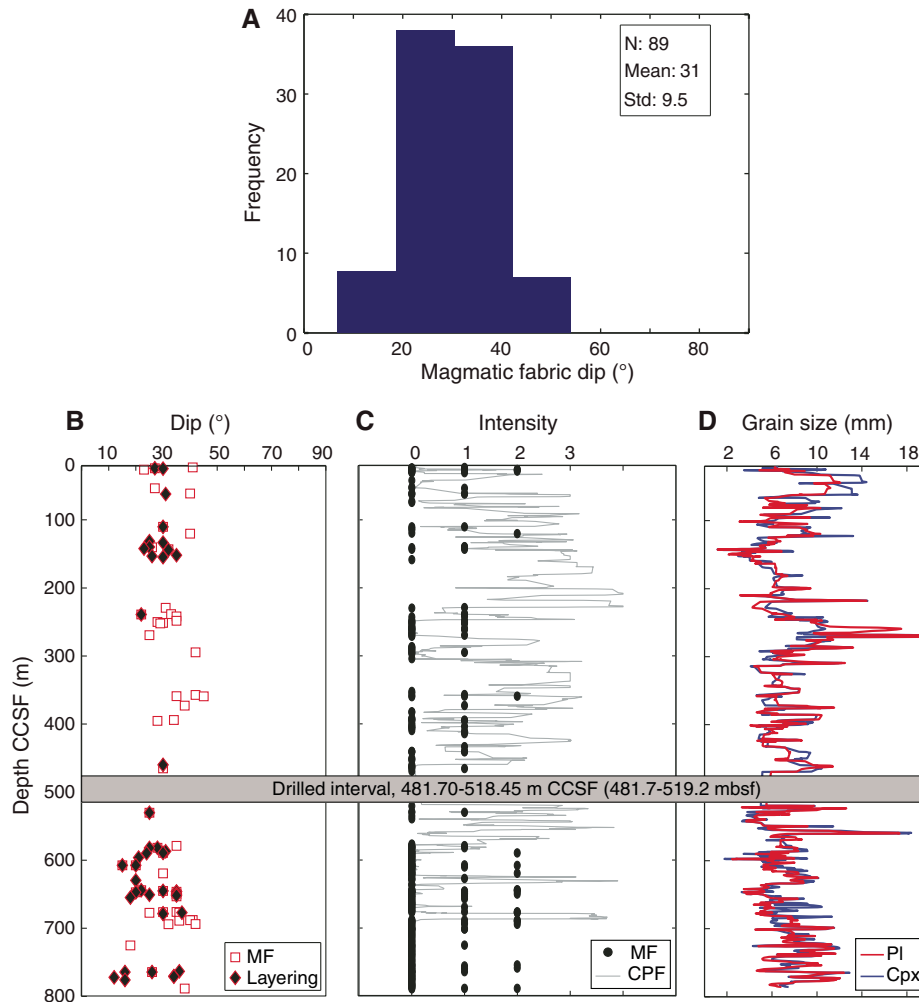
The subsidiary faults and fractured zones range from 1 to 6 cm thick incipient breccias to moderately fractured intervals. The majority of the subsidiary faults are filled with calcite with primary void space preserved (Figure F134). The fault zones with limited offset typically comprise very fine grained calcite that define the core of the fault and sparry calcite fill (Figure F135). This indicates at least two generations of calcite formation: syntectonic and post-tectonic.

Discrete fractures

We measured 969 discrete fractures/joints, which over the 790 m interval roughly equates to a fracture every 81 cm (Figure F136). The majority of the fractures are planar (56%), with the remainder either irregular (28%), curved (14%), or stepped (2%). A total of 25% of the open fractures are partially filled with vein material, most likely to be along stepped or planar fractures. Amphibole veins are most common along open fractures in the top part of the hole, and carbonate is most common in the middle part of the hole, starting at 177 m CCSF (Section 360-U1473A-20R-1). In one case (Sample 35R-2, 58–64 cm), a fracture filled with carbonate crosscuts a fracture with an amphibole slickenline, indicating a younger carbonate vein. For more discussion on the distribution of vein fill and their orientation see **Alteration veins** and **Metamorphic petrology**.

Fracture dips vary between 3° and 90° (Figure F136). The relatively few dips between 0° and 5° and between 80° and 90° are probably artifacts of vertical borehole bias (see **Structural geology** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). The

Figure F115. Magmatic fabrics, Hole U1473A. A. Histogram of foliation dips displaying shallow to gently dipping fabrics. N = number of measurements, mean = mean dip, Std = standard deviation. B. Variation of magmatic foliation (MF) and grain size igneous layering dips with depth. C. Variation of magmatic fabric intensity. Only well-preserved magmatic textured intervals are shown (i.e., intensities of crystal-plastic overprint <2). An intensity measurement represents a length of core with relatively uniform fabric. Gray line = average crystal-plastic deformation intensity with depth for comparison. Running averages for CPFs (and grain size) were length weighted over 5 observations (or cells in spreadsheet). Magmatic fabric intensity: 0 = isotropic, 1 = weak, 2 = moderate, 3 = strong. CPF intensity: 0 = undeformed, 1 = foliated, 2 = porphyroclastic, 3 = protomylonitic, 4 = mylonitic. D. Average grain size of plagioclase (Pl) and clinopyroxene (Cpx).



mean fracture dip is 49° with a standard deviation of 19° . The distribution of fracture dips is similar to the predicted distribution of a randomly oriented population.

Slickenlines were observed on 64 fractures (Figure F136). The majority of the slickenlines occur in the upper 250 m CCSF; however, a large maximum occurs near 530 m CCSF. The interval between these two maxima has the highest abundance of carbonate veins. The carbonate veins, which fill preexisting fractures, could have grown over the slickenlines, therefore obscuring them. The rakes of the slickenlines range from 6° to 90° with an average of 64° . Rakes indicate that most of the faults are oblique-slip with a minority that is purely dip-slip (Figure F137). Five of the slickenlines have shear sense indicators (e.g., steps along the slickenside): four are normal and the other is reversed.

Hole U1473A structural summary

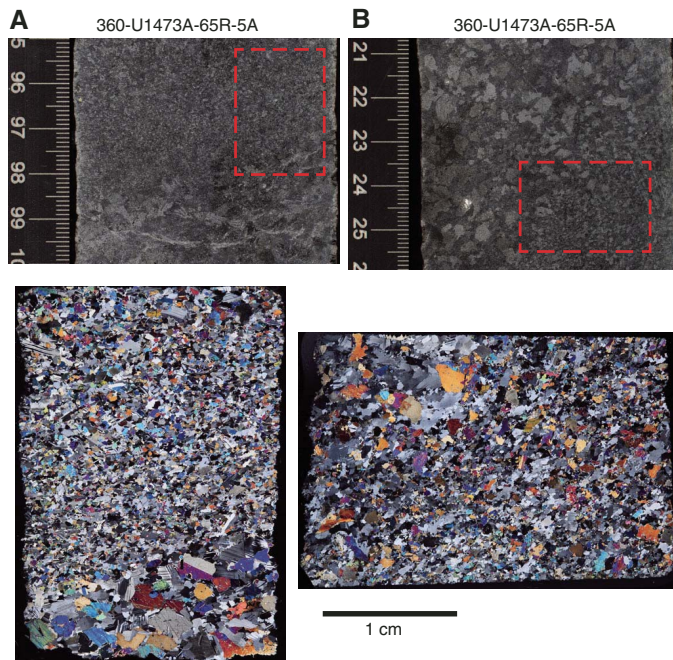
The variety, distribution, and intensity of deformation in Hole U1473A illustrates the structural evolution of an oceanic core com-

plex. The following is an attempt to summarize the broad range of observed structures and their relative timing. A down-temperature history of the deformation is presented starting with (i) the transition from magmatic fabrics to CPFs; (ii) evidence for multiple generations of CPFs; (iii) the relationships between CPFs, magmatic contacts, and Fe-Ti oxides; (iv) the subsequent crosscutting of CPFs by alteration veins; and (v) brittle structures. The results establish the continuum of deformation recorded in the Atlantis Bank oceanic core complex as the lower crust is exhumed along a detachment shear zone/fault.

Transition from magmatic to crystal-plastic fabrics

The transition from foliated or isotropic magmatic textures to porphyroclastic fabrics, and in some cases to mylonites and ultramylonites, forms a scenario of continually increasing ductile deformation through a variety of deformation mechanisms. Several parameters control the localization of strain, encompassing (i) the remaining melt percentage, (ii) mineralogical composition,

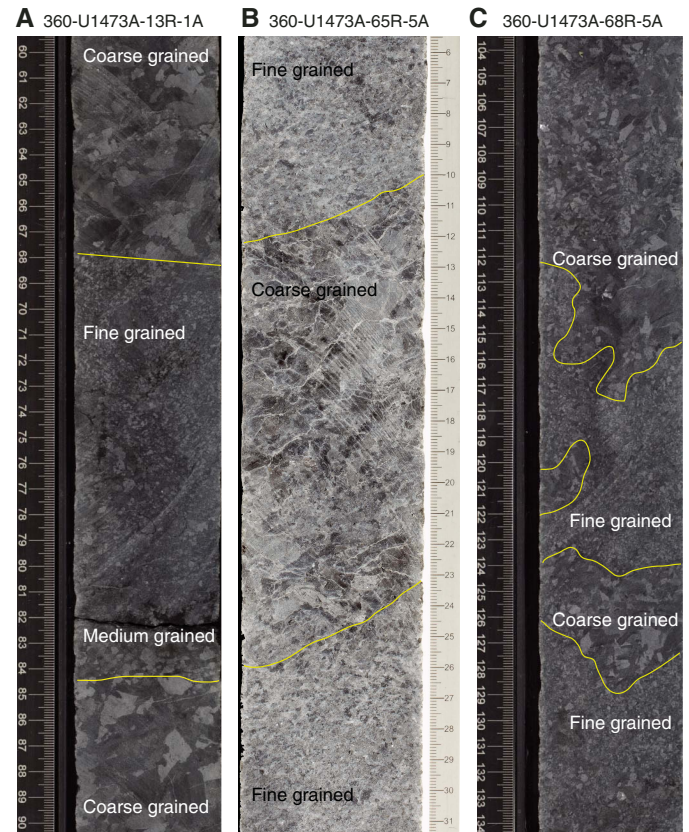
Figure F116. A. Undeformed primary grain size variation with euhedral and elongated plagioclase defining a weak magmatic fabric parallel to boundary between fine- and medium-grained olivine gabbro. Contact is planar and relatively sharp (65R-5, 95–99 cm; bottom: XPL). B. Fine-grained layer grading to coarse-grained material, overprinted by weak crystal-plastic deformation (65R-5, 22–26 cm; bottom: XPL). Plagioclase in fine-grained olivine gabbro is weakly recrystallized and defines the foliation.



(iii) grain size, and (iv) the amount of water at grain boundaries and within the intracrystalline lattice of recrystallized grains. Different minerals deform by different deformation mechanisms under the same conditions. For example, at low remaining melt fractions, clinopyroxene and plagioclase may deform by diffusion creep, whereas olivine deforms by dislocation creep (e.g., Yoshinobu and Hirth, 2002). In Hole U1473A, further investigation of thin sections highlight that a weak crystal-plastic overprint is recorded in discrete intervals that display little to no macroscopically visible crystal-plastic deformation. Of these, the majority of samples contain plagioclase crystals displaying tapered twins, olivine crystals show curved subgrain boundaries, and clinopyroxene deformation is restricted to microfracturing (Figure F138). These features occur under conditions of decreasing temperature and increasing fraction of solid particles derived from magmatic crystallization (i.e., submagmatic regime). Deformation related to cooling in the presence of melt results in strain partitioning between the melt fraction and the crystallizing phases, ultimately leading to strain localization in the rheologically weaker phases, such as plagioclase and olivine.

When the crystal/melt ratio is high, the solid framework of newly formed grains forms a load-bearing framework that accommodates strain by solid-state deformation processes (dislocation creep, dissolution-precipitation, and/or brittle deformation; e.g., Handy et al., 2007). For example, fractures in basalt xenoliths or in discrete clinopyroxene crystals are filled with plagioclase crystals (Figure F139A–F139B), indicating that while the basalt xenolith or the clinopyroxene was fracturing, melt was present and eventually crystallized plagioclase. In other examples, plagioclase porphyroclasts have fractures filled with fine-grained recrystallized plagioclase. This indicates that plagioclase was capable of

Figure F117. A. Grain size igneous layering showing planar and sharp contact between coarse- and fine-grained olivine gabbro. Boundary between medium- and coarse-grained layers is planar but irregular. B. Parallel, sharp, and relatively planar grain size layering. C. Irregular to patchy igneous layering with fine- to coarse-grain variations.



contemporaneously deforming by brittle (i.e., fracturing) and ductile (i.e., dynamic recrystallization) deformation mechanisms. These features have been described in granitoids (e.g., Blumenfeld and Bouchez, 1988) and are interpreted as the transition from magmatic to crystal-plastic conditions, during which submagmatic to crystal-plastic foliations may develop.

Weak to moderate CPFs commonly have strong SPOs defined by elongated coarse plagioclase and pyroxene crystals and only limited plagioclase recrystallization. Given the amount of recrystallization observed, it appears unlikely that ductile deformation could have caused the alignment of the coarse crystals. Therefore, it is more likely that plagioclase and pyroxene were originally aligned during magmatic flow and subsequently overprinted by localized crystal-plastic deformation. Additionally, the grain size layering may have acted as a favored planar anisotropy for a subsequent CPF to nucleate. In some examples, the layering has a strong crystal-plastic overprint, particularly when it has a moderate dip (Figure F117).

The transition from magmatic flow to solid-state crystal-plastic deformation is marked by the increase of plagioclase recrystallization. The presence of a previously formed planar anisotropy, such as SPO of magmatic crystals, may guide subsequent solid-state deformation to be preferentially parallel to these early formed anisotropic structures. Therefore, as temperature decreases and extension at the spreading ridge and along the detachment shear zone continues, strain might be mainly accommodated along previously formed

Figure F118. A. Irregular grain size variation showing weak magmatic fabric. Red box = fine/coarse-grained boundary, location of C. B. Coarse to fine grain size variation overprinted by crystal-plastic deformation. Foliation is parallel to the boundary. C. Undeformed grain size contact with subparallel magmatic fabric (67R-3, 41–44 cm; TS 229; XPL). Primary foliation is defined by elongated subhedral plagioclase and is weaker in the coarser-grained olivine gabbro.

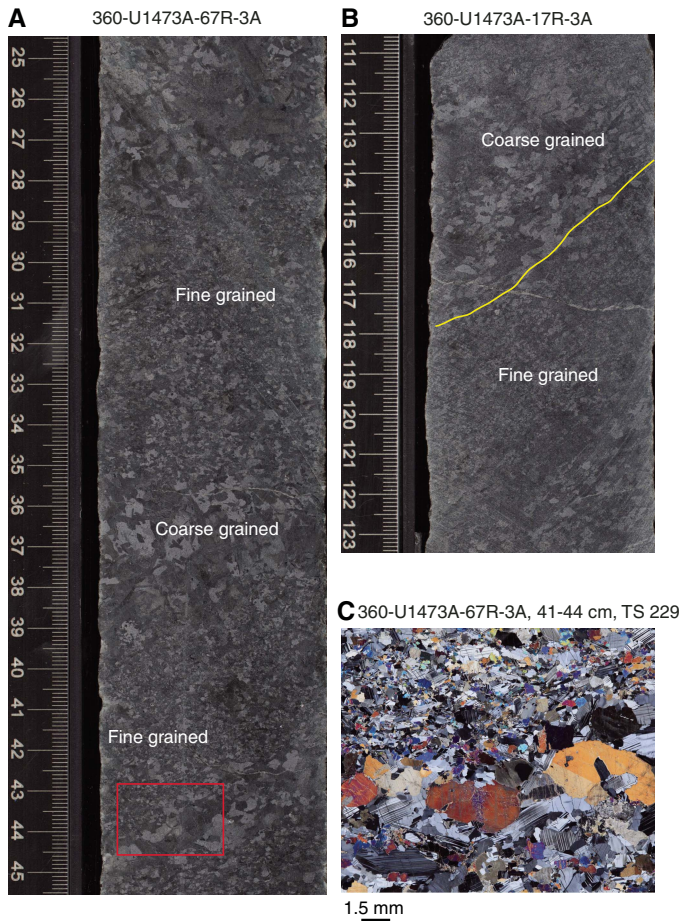


Figure F119. Examples of early transition from magmatic to crystal-plastic deformation. A. Deformed plagioclase (Pl) with well-developed tapered twins, relatively undeformed clinopyroxene (Cpx), and strain localization with Pl neoblast formation at mineral grain boundaries (33R-4, 11–15 cm; TS 114; XPL). B. Deformed elongated Pl locally and weakly recrystallized along grain boundaries with relatively undeformed Cpx (28R-5, 9–12 cm; TS 92; XPL). Ol = olivine.

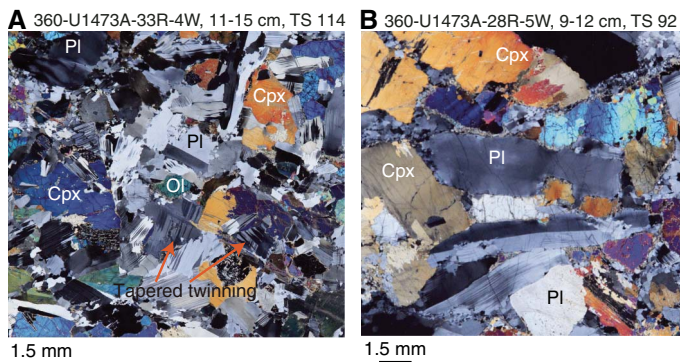


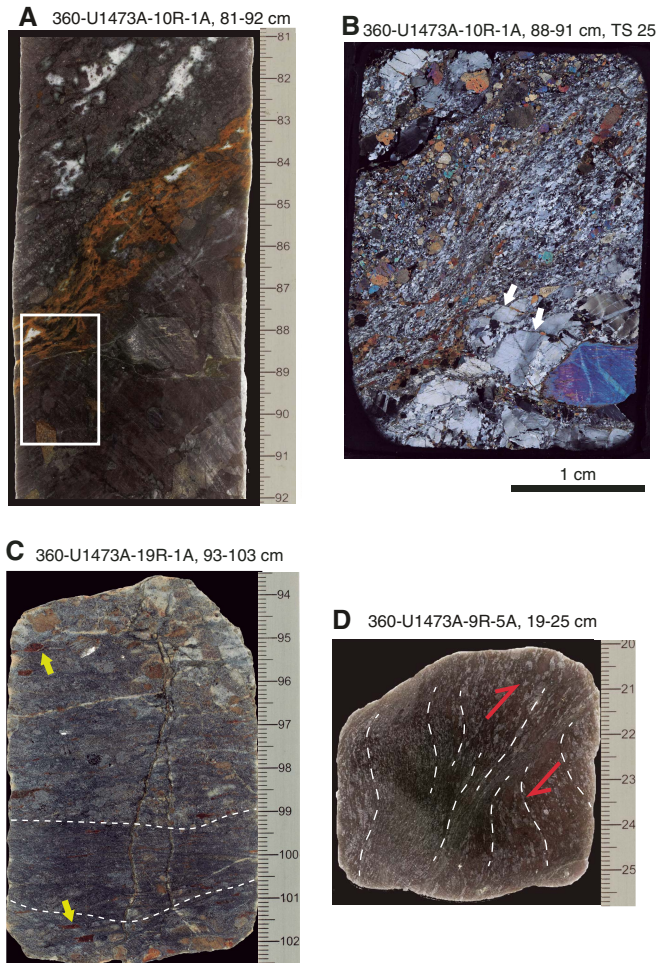
Figure F120. Porphyroclastic fabric marked by coarse clinopyroxene and olivine clasts and recrystallized plagioclase. Fabric is bounded by two plagioclase-rich protomylonites in upper left and bottom right corners (dashed white lines).



Figure F121. Mylonitic shear zone along contact between an oxide gabbro (upper) and olivine gabbro (lower). This is part of two 10 m thick mylonitic zones between 200 and 220 m CCSF. The mylonite (right side) is in contact with a moderately deformed porphyroclastic rock (left) (white dashed line). A thin ultramylonite layer defines the contact with the mylonite-porphyroclastic rock (yellow dashed line).



Figure F122. Shear zone morphologies. A. ~2 cm wide mylonitic zone (CPF = 4) exhibiting strain localization at a lithologic contact between an oxide gabbro (above) and a more coarse-grained gabbro below. The mylonite is oxidized while pyroxene there is replaced by green amphibole, likely reflecting late fluid transport along the zone. Note both the oxide gabbro (CPF = 3) and the olivine-bearing gabbro (CPF = 1) are themselves deformed. White box = location of thin section in B. B. Mylonitic shear zone in A (10R-1, 88–91 cm; TS 25; XPL). Coarser-grained gabbro below the contact has fractured and faulted plagioclase (white arrows) indicating a brittle overprint. C. Elongated olivine clasts, red due to alteration to clay (yellow arrows), in fine-grained subhorizontal mylonite (dashed lines). D. Fine-grained shear zone in olivine gabbro crosscutting and rotating a porphyroclastic foliation indicating a reversed shear sense.

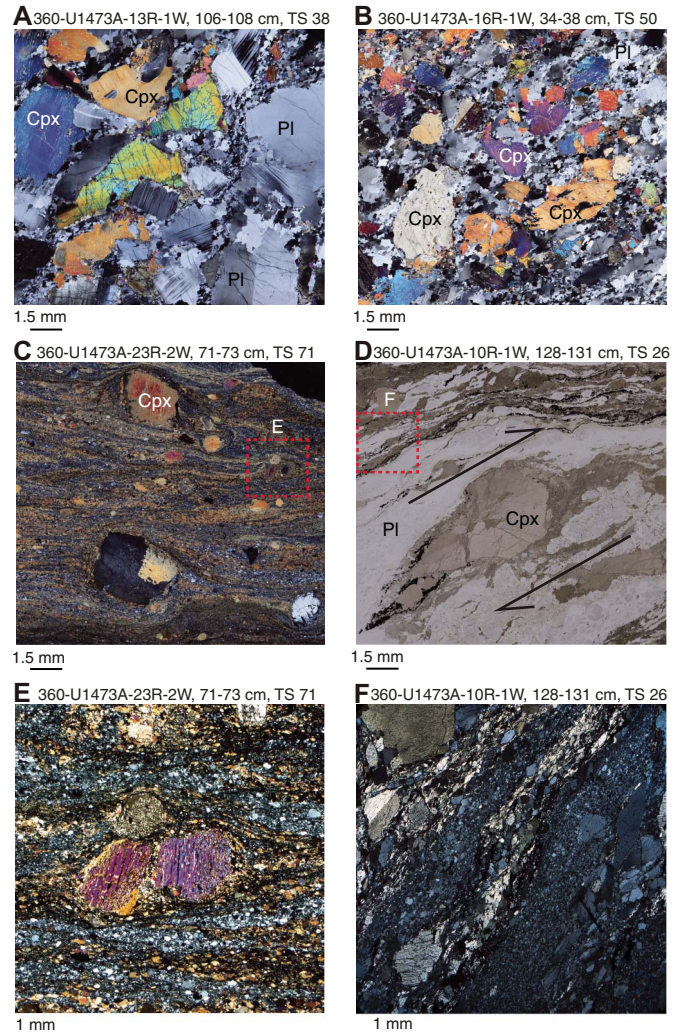


magmatic structures that act as preferential sites for the nucleation of localized shear zones. It is reasonable to suggest that the microstructures observed in Hole U1473A preserve a variety of stages along the path from magmatic fabric to CPF development. Samples that record a moderate to strong CPF may have formed along a cooling path in which the relationships between previous magmatic anisotropy and the crystal-plastic overprint are no longer observed due to continued deformation.

Multiple generations of crystal-plastic fabrics

There are several examples in Hole U1473A of multiple generations of CPFs with different shear senses, dips, dip directions, and metamorphic grades. For example, in Sample 360-U1473A-20R-1, 129–135 cm (TS 62), an older mylonitic fabric with moderate dip

Figure F123. A, B. Olivine (Ol) gabbros with porphyroclastic fabric defined by clinopyroxene (Cpx), elongated Ol, and plagioclase (Pl) porphyroclasts immersed in a fine-grained recrystallized Pl matrix (A: 13R-1, 106–108 cm; TS 38; B: 16R-1, 34–38 cm; TS 50; XPL). Ol contains numerous subgrain boundaries. C. Fine-grained mylonite consisting of a mixture of recrystallized Pl, Cpx, amphibole (Am), and oxides (Ox) (23R-2, 71–73 cm; TS 71; XPL). Red box = location of E. D. Cpx porphyroclast replaced by Am and rimmed by fine-grained recrystallized Am and Ox crystals in a disseminated-oxide gabbro (10R-1, 128–131 cm; TS 26; PPL). Red box = location of F. E. Fractures displacing Cpx porphyroclast (XPL). F. Mylonite layer mainly composed of fine-grained recrystallized Pl + Cpx aggregates (XPL).



and a reversed sense of shear is cut and transposed by a younger mylonitic fabric with subhorizontal dip and a normal sense of shear (Figure F140A). In another example (Sample 23R-3, 65–72 cm; TS 76), a moderately dipping reversed sense porphyroclastic fabric is crosscut by a subvertical normal sense mylonite (Figure F140B). In both examples, amphibole is more prevalent in the younger cross-cutting fabric.

The variety of crosscutting relationships indicates an evolving strain field through time, but the change in orientation and kinematics are difficult to resolve because of the lack of azimuthal orientation of the drill cores. Additionally, the original fabric is primarily preserved at granulite grade conditions of deformation, whereas the younger fabric is amphibolite facies. The difference in metamorphic facies indicates that in some instances granulite grade CPFs have

Figure F124. Different aspects of oxide (Ox)-bearing shear zones. A. Fine-grained Ox concentrations and bands bordering an ultramylonite shear zone with recrystallized clinopyroxene (Cpx) matrix, plagioclase (Pl), and brown amphibole enclosed in olivine (Ol)-bearing gabbro (4R-4, 127–130 cm; TS 11; PPL). Footwall fabric asymmetry in the olivine gabbro gives a normal shear sense (red arrows). Locally a few Cpx porphyroclasts are preserved. B. Porphyroclastic Ox gabbro with more diffusely distributed Ox and local Ox segregations that enclose pyroxene neoblasts (21R-1, 12–15 cm; TS 65; PPL). Ox also decorate cracks in the Pl and grain boundaries. Buckled Ox layer and Cpx neoblast trail give a reversed shear sense. C. Disseminated-oxide Ol-bearing gabbro with intensely recrystallized fine-grained Pl in large monomineralic aggregates enclosing Cpx augen (24R-2, 96–100 cm; TS 79; XPL). D. Disseminated-oxide gabbro with bent Cpx crystals and polygonalized matrix of recrystallized Pl (17R-4, 44–48 cm; TS 57; XPL).

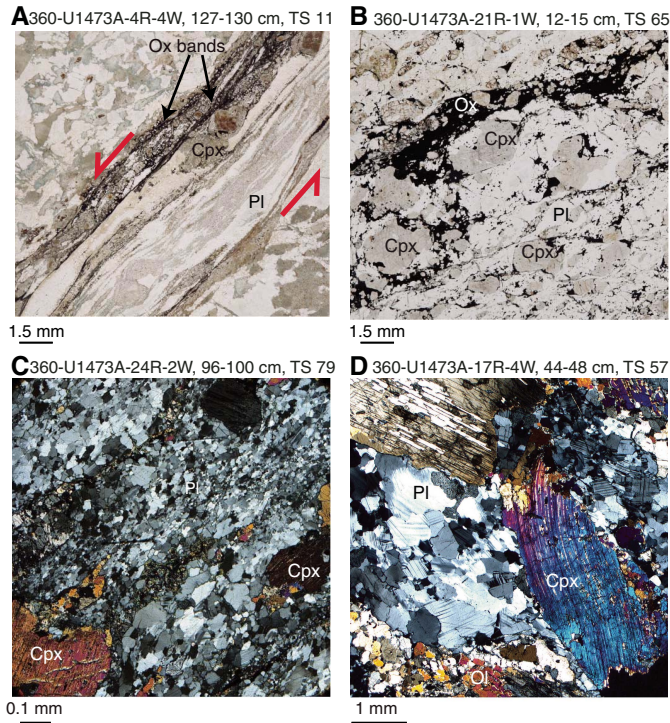


Figure F125. Coarse-grained mylonite with an asymmetric pattern of mylonitic foliation that indicates a dextral shear sense. Ultramylonite layer enclosing a pyroxene porphyroclast can be observed in the sigmoid outlined at the upper right corner (dashed lines).

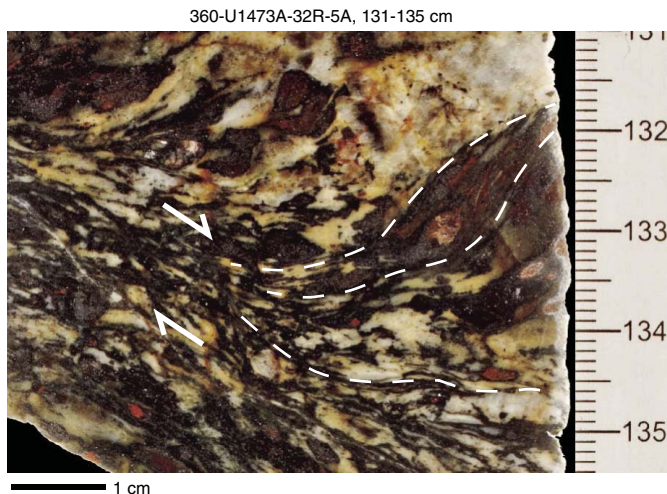
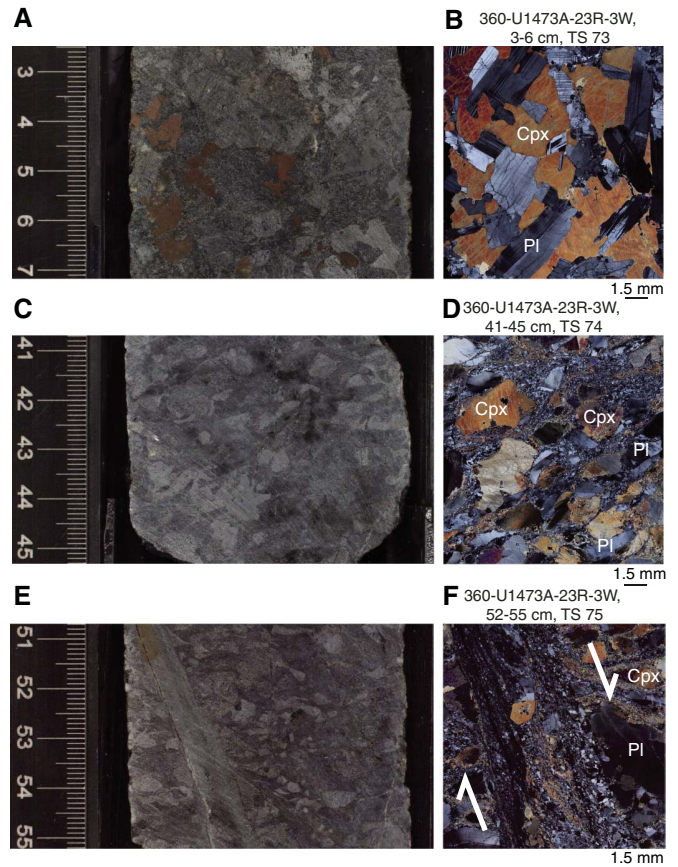


Figure F126. Progressive mylonite development from macro- to microscale in one core section. A, B. Weakly deformed isotropic texture showing localized mechanical twins and curved boundaries on plagioclase (Pl) laths (23R-3, 3–6 cm; TS 73; B: XPL). C, D. Porphyroclastic fabric marked by recrystallization of Pl clasts into a fine-grained matrix enclosing subrounded, kinked, coarse clinopyroxene (Cpx) porphyroclasts and elongated olivine (Ol) with well-defined subgrain boundaries (23R-3, 41–45 cm; TS 74; D: XPL). E, F. Normal sense mylonitic shear zone developed within a diorite vein enclosing amphibolitized gabbro schlieren in contact with porphyroclastic Ol gabbro (23R-3, 52–55 cm; TS 75; F: XPL). Note the relict euhedral amphibole crystal preserved in the diorite.

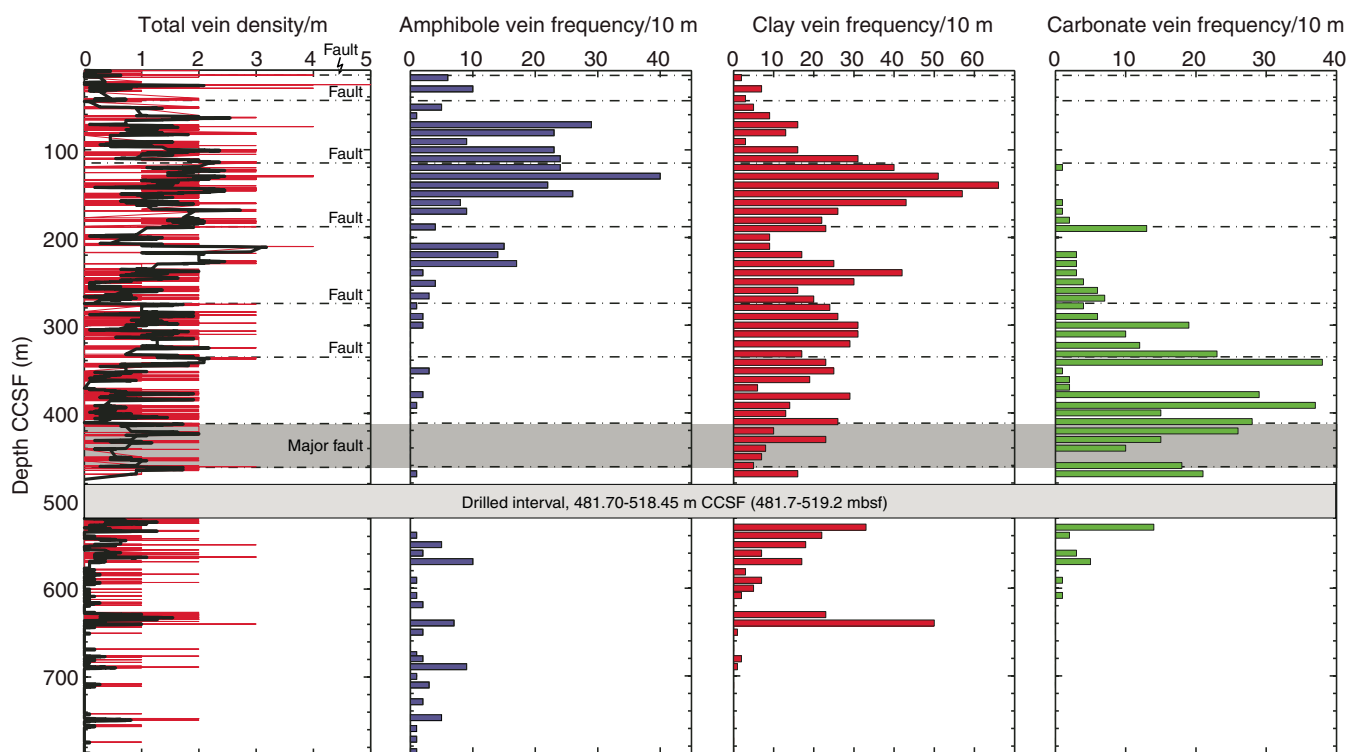


different orientations compared to amphibolite grade fabrics. This result does not match the simple prediction of continuous extension along the detachment fault, and suggests that the deformation path of the rocks in the lower oceanic crust is more complex and protracted.

Relationships between crystal-plastic fabrics, magmatic contacts, and Fe-Ti oxides

Fe-Ti oxides are a significant component of the lower oceanic crust at slow-spreading ridges (Dick, Natland, Miller, et al., 1999; Dick et al., 2000; Natland, 2002). Fe-Ti oxide-rich domains are heterogeneously distributed throughout Hole U1473A, as demonstrated by the distribution of magnetic susceptibility, which is an approximation for the amount of Fe-Ti oxides (see **Petrophysics**; Figure F141). The relationship between deformation and Fe-Ti oxides is not simple, however, as Fe-Ti oxides occur in both deformed and undeformed samples (Figure F142), and deformed samples may or may not be oxide bearing. Whereas the majority of occurrences of ultramylonites and mylonites within Hole U1473A correlate with

Figure F127. Metamorphic vein density and amphibole, clay, and carbonate vein frequency with depth, Hole U1473A. Vein density: 0 = no veins, 1 = <1 vein/10 cm, 2 = 1–5 veins/10 cm, 3 = 5–10 veins/10 cm, 4 = 10–20 veins/10 cm, 5 = >20 veins/10 cm. Black curve = 11-point running average, horizontal dash-dotted lines = fault zone locations.



peaks in magnetic susceptibility (Figure F141), the two largest contiguous zones of deformation (Figure F100), consisting of 10 m thick mylonites, from 201 to 210 m CCSF (Cores 360-U1473A-23R through 24R) and from 219 to 228 m CCSF (Cores 25R through 26R) are Fe-Ti oxide poor.

Out of 321 thin sections, 250 were described in terms of the presence and qualitative abundance of Fe-Ti oxides, CPF intensity, magmatic fabric intensity, and the presence of an igneous contact. Of these thin sections, 62% have Fe-Ti oxides present. These accessory Fe-Ti oxides occur either in the interstitial space between silicate minerals or along edges of mafic phases. Commonly, these samples have suffered very little crystal-plastic deformation (CPF intensity \leq Rank 1). A total of 8 out of 10 thin sections of ultramylnite and 14 out of 17 thin sections of mylonite contain Fe-Ti oxides. Additionally, 85% of the porphyroclastic fabrics have Fe-Ti oxides present. Therefore, the relationship between the occurrence of porphyroclastic to ultramylnitic fabrics and presence of Fe-Ti oxides in thin section is consistent with the observations on core samples outlined above.

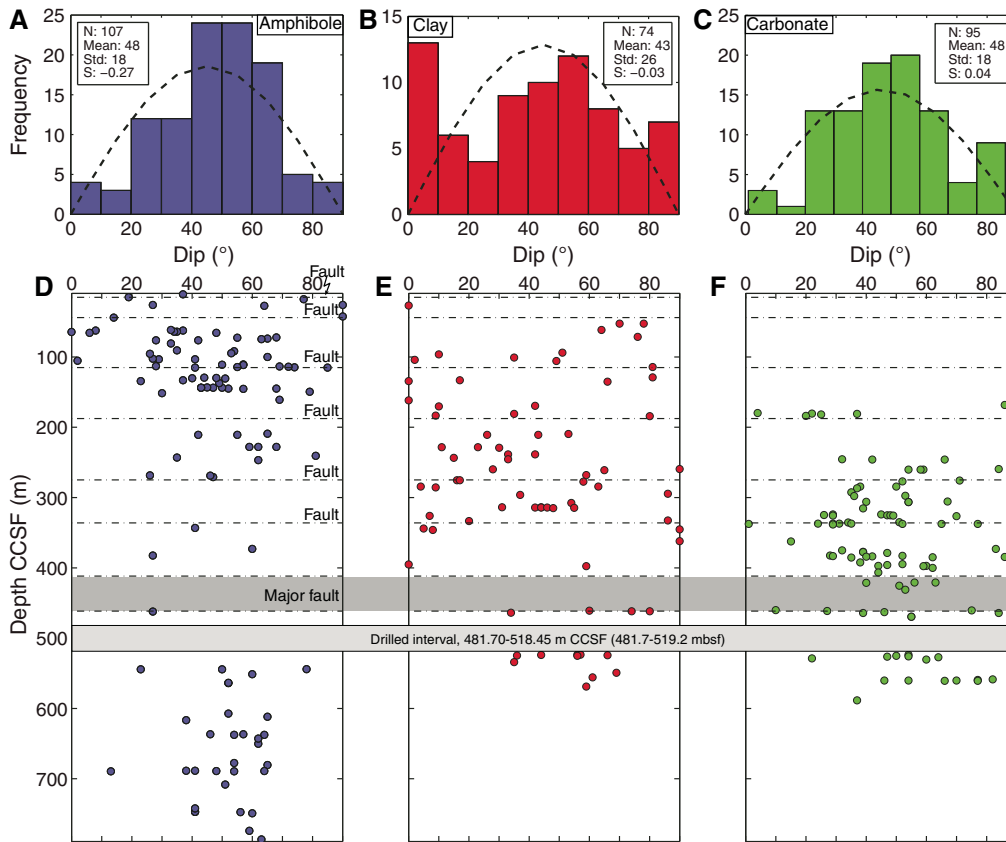
The common (although not systematic) association of Fe-Ti oxides and localized crystal-plastic deformation suggests a strong correlation between the most intense deformation and the presence of Fe-Ti oxides. However, in the majority of samples, the proportion of Fe-Ti oxides is low; therefore, the rheology of the samples is still dominated by plagioclase (John and Cheadle, 2010). However, because Fe-Ti oxides are very weak compared to silicates (Agar and Lloyd, 1997; Till and Moskowitz, 2013), a small proportion of Fe-Ti oxides may be all that is required to reduce the strength of an interval and therefore preferentially localize discrete zones of strain.

Magmatic and sheared contacts present throughout Hole U1473A commonly have Fe-Ti oxides present. Out of 37 contacts observed in the 250 thin sections analyzed, 28 have Fe-Ti oxides present. In many of these examples the contact is sheared, whether subhorizontal or subvertical (Figure F142). In one of the examples (Sample 360-U1473A-39R-4, 3–8 cm; TS 125), an Fe-Ti oxide-rich ultramylnite is in contact with an Fe-Ti oxide-rich felsic vein, which is itself in contact with an Fe-Ti oxide-poor gabbro (Figure F142B). Most igneous contacts with Fe-Ti oxides have the oxides localized near the contact and not distributed throughout either unit. Some of the highest abundances of Fe-Ti oxides occur at the contact between felsic veins and host gabbro.

Crystal-plastic deformation and alteration

The conditions over which ductile deformation occurred in Hole U1473A range from near-solidus granulite grade to amphibolite grade (see **Metamorphic petrology**). The granulite grade shear zones that are not overprinted by amphibolite facies assemblages likely did not continue to deform below granulite grade conditions, and therefore did not stabilize amphibole. The deformation mechanisms between granulite and amphibolite grade change from sub-grain rotation recrystallization to amphibole-accommodated dissolution-precipitation creep (Miranda and John, 2010) or dissolution-precipitation creep of silicates in general. In cases where a mylonite crosscuts and transposes an older CPF, the younger fabric often contains amphibole (Figure F140). The distribution of amphibole within mylonites is not restricted to the top of the hole, as are the discrete amphibole veins, but instead extend to at least ~670 m CCSF (e.g., Sample 360-U1473A-75R-6, 2–5 cm; TS 264). The pres-

Figure F128. Dip orientations of amphibole, clay, and carbonate veins, Hole U1473A. Frequency distribution of dip orientations for (A) amphibole, (B) clay, and (C) carbonate veins. Dashed bell curves = predicted distribution of a random set of planes in a borehole due to biases introduced by spherical geometry of true dip data and vertical nature of the borehole (see **Structural geology** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). Curves were fitted to the total number of measured veins of each vein type. Deviations from this curve depict the nonrandomness of vein dip measurements. N = number of measurements, mean = mean dip, Std = standard deviation, S = skewness of the distribution. Depth distribution of vein dip for (D) amphibole, (E) clay, and (F) carbonate veins.



ence of amphibole shear zones to 670 m CCSF indicates that crystal-plastic shear zones may have formed preferential pathways for fluids.

The relationship between CPFs and veins is more complex. Amphibole veins, both brown (hornblende) and pale green (actinolite) amphibole, exhibit a wide variety of crosscutting relationships with CPFs. Amphibole veins commonly crosscut the crystal-plastic foliation at high angles (Figure F143). This crosscutting relationship is highlighted in the close-up core images shown in Figure F129B and F129D and in the microscopic description found in **Metamorphic petrology**. Amphibole veins may transpose an older CPF (Figure F144), indicating that the amphibole veins formed at moderate to high temperatures. In contrast, amphibole veins may fault an older CPF, indicating a thermal contrast between a previously formed CPF and the intrusive vein (Figure F129D). The crosscutting relationships between amphibole veins and crystal-plastic deformation demonstrate that the lower oceanic crust has a complex thermal history with cycles of ductile–brittle deformation to at least amphibolite facies, and probably greenschist facies, conditions.

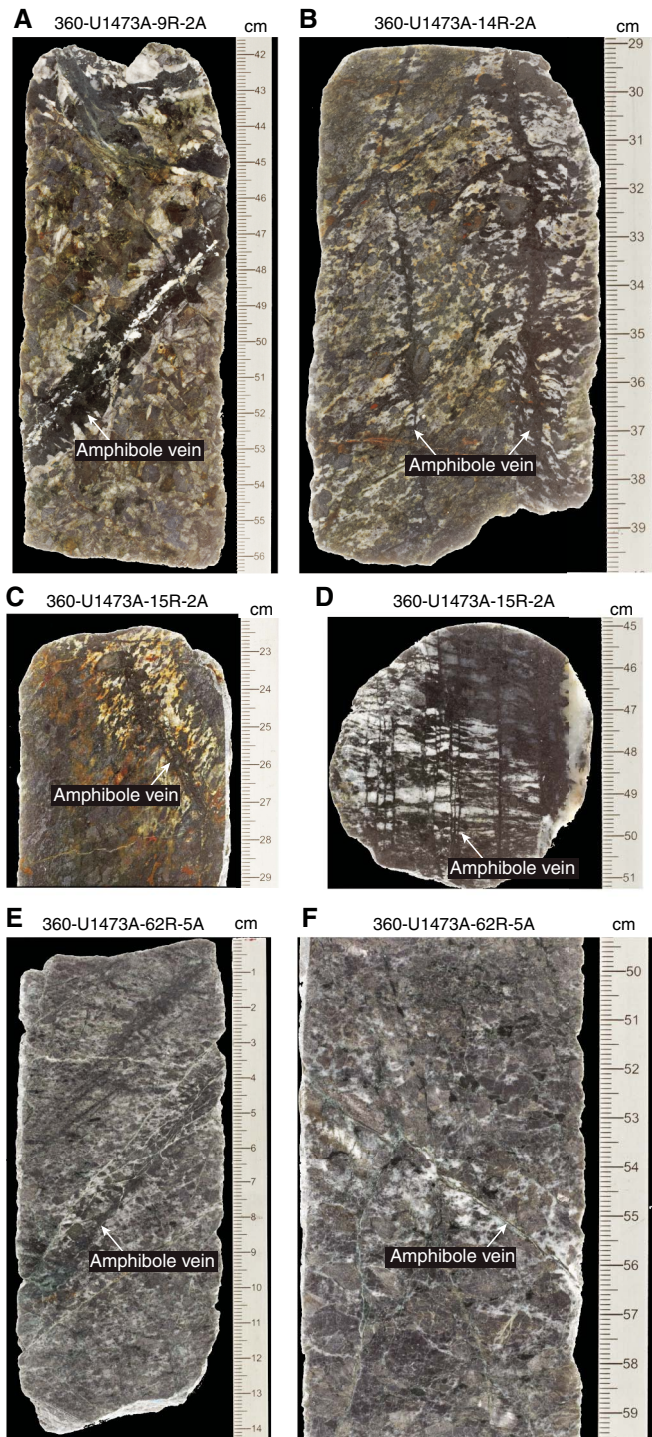
No clear relationship exists between the distributions of amphibole veins and CPFs in Hole U1473A (Figure F145). Whereas high CPF intensities occur in the upper ~250 m CCSF where the majority of amphibole veins are found, zones of high CPF intensity elsewhere (e.g., between 300 and 400 m CCSF and between 500 and 600

m CCSF) are marked by very low numbers of amphibole veins. Hence, we suggest that the controlling factor for amphibole vein development may instead be the extensive brittle fracturing that affects the shallowest intervals of Hole U1473A. This mechanism is closely associated with veining and fluid percolation at decreasing temperature conditions and may be associated with depths corresponding to the brittle–ductile transition.

Relationships between crystal-plastic fabrics and brittle deformation

The direct interaction between ductile and brittle deformation is observed mainly in the upper sections of Hole U1473A, specifically from 0 to ~300 m CCSF. Solid-state fabrics are overprinted and offset by brittle fractures and local faults with dominantly normal senses of shear; however, brittle reversed shear sense indicators are also observed. In most cases, the fractures and faults within plagioclase and pyroxene are filled with amphibole (Figure F146C–F146D). These microstructural relationships suggest that the brittle–ductile overprint occurred at lower temperatures, mainly ranging from amphibolite to greenschist facies conditions. Some of the shear zones contain Fe-Ti oxides (Figure F146A), which are significantly weaker than the silicate phases (e.g., Till and Moskowitz, 2013). This may suggest that discrete parts of the shear zone were still deforming by ductile deformation mechanisms at the same time

Figure F129. High-temperature amphibole veins. A–D. Upper 140 m. E, F. ~550 m CCSF. A. Compound plagioclase-amphibole vein cutting olivine gabbro. B–D. Olivine gabbros with brown-green amphibole veins cutting crystal-plastic foliations. Note the prominent amphibole-albite reaction coronas around the veins. Amphibole-filled fractures in D offset crystal-plastic foliation. E–F. Pale green amphibole veins cutting olivine-bearing gabbro.



as other zones were deforming by brittle fracturing. The resulting microstructures are characterized by coeval ductile and brittle deformation mechanisms that were activated by variations in the thermal gradient, composition, and grain size.

Correlation between brittle deformation, carbonate veining, and low-temperature background alteration

Downhole carbonate veining is positively correlated to an increase in fault rock intensity (Figure F127). Fault zones at 187, 274, and 335 m CCSF and between 411 and 461 m CCSF correlate with maxima in carbonate veining. The downhole frequency of carbonate veins exhibits a pattern of increasing toward a fault zone then almost disappearing below it. The background alteration and olivine alteration increases with the degree of carbonate veining, suggesting that low-temperature olivine alteration is enhanced in the vicinity of carbonate veins. This is supported by macroscopic core observations displaying the pronounced red-stained alteration of olivine in the vicinity of carbonate veins (see **Metamorphic petrology**; Figure F130B, F130D). Additionally, these carbonate-alteration zones correlate with areas of increased borehole diameter, borehole wall resistivity, discrete sample seismic velocity, and discrete sample porosity (see **Petrophysics**) suggesting that they are likely the focus of active fluid flow.

Summary/Conclusions

Gabbros from Hole U1473A exhibit a range of deformation mechanisms from high-temperature, melt-present to low-temperature conditions, consistent with synkinematic exhumation and cooling during extension along a detachment shear zone/fault. The following are the principal structural conclusions from Hole U1473A:

1. The history of melt generation and deformation overlapped: some late-magmatic felsic veins were deformed along with the gabbros, whereas others, themselves undeformed, clearly cross-cut plastically deformed gabbro.
2. Primary igneous layering and magmatic fabrics constitute preferential planar anisotropies that were exploited during development of CPFs.
3. The 600 m thick zone of crystal-plastic deformation represents high-temperature ductile deformation in the footwall of a detachment shear zone/fault.
4. The 600 m thick zone of crystal-plastic deformation in Hole U1473A is much more intense and extensive than the ductile deformation encountered in Holes 735B and 1105A.
5. Differences in thickness of the crystal-plastically deformed intervals between Holes U1473A, 735B, and 1105A (Figure F147) may be due to one or more factors, including original heterogeneities along the detachment fault shear zone, later high-angle normal faulting, and/or differential erosion.
6. Multiple generations of CPFs exist, with different orientations, shear senses, and metamorphic grades, indicating a protracted history of ductile deformation.
7. The majority of CPFs in the first 50 m have normal sense of shear, but at greater depths instead have a reversed sense of shear. Hole 735B has a similar change in shear sense, but the transition in this hole occurs at ~450 mbsf.
8. A correlation is identified between the presence of Fe-Ti oxides, mylonites/ultramylonites, and/or magmatic contacts. However, the modal abundance of Fe-Ti oxides does not seem to correlate with deformation, and weaker CPFs tend not to correlate with the presence or absence of Fe-Ti oxides.
9. The transition from crystal-plastic to brittle deformation is associated with granulite to amphibolite facies metamorphism and in some cases greenschist grade alteration by way of ductile, semibrittle, and brittle deformation mechanisms. This is similar

Figure F130. Low-temperature clay and carbonate veins. A. Subhorizontal clay-filled fractures in disseminated-oxide olivine gabbro. B. Steeply dipping carbonate vein associated with oxidative alteration of the wall rock, particularly the low-temperature alteration of olivine in olivine gabbro. C. Carbonate vein cross-cutting a felsic vein in disseminated-oxide olivine gabbro. D. Carbonate vein in olivine gabbro with void structure on the left and a pervasive network of carbonate veining on the right of the core piece.

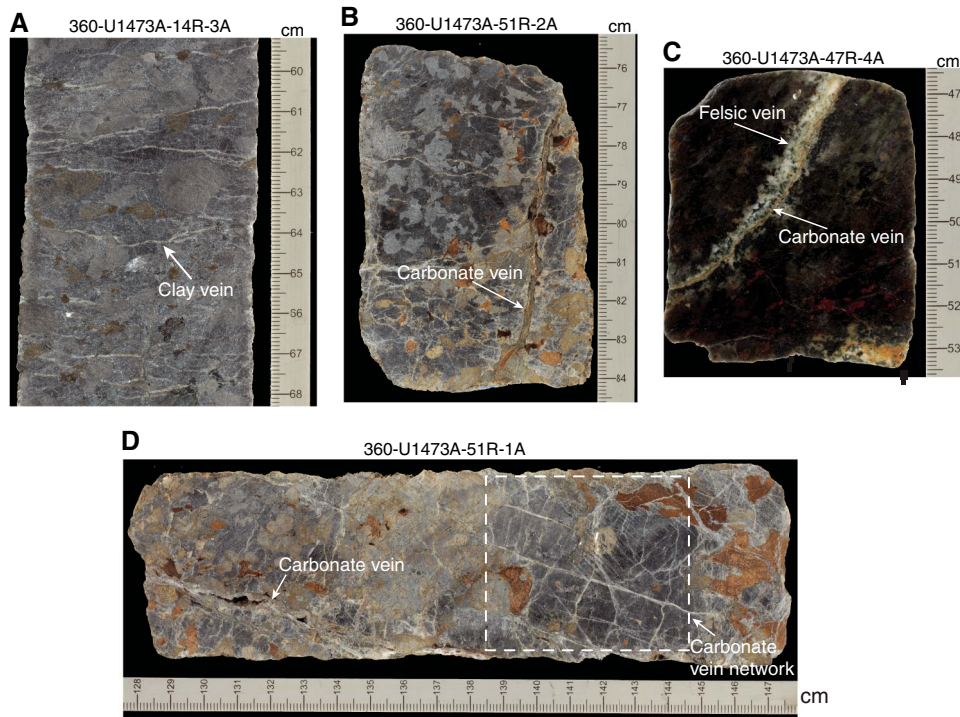
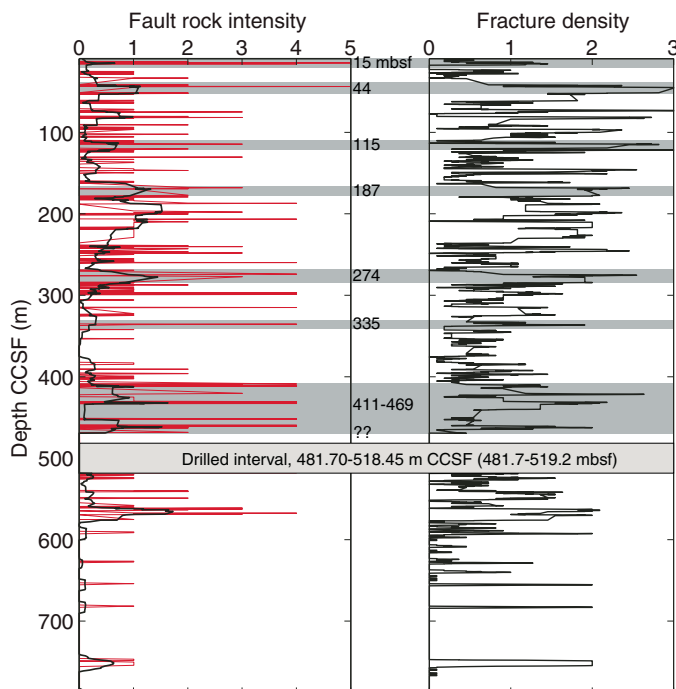


Figure F131. Fault rock intensity (1 = minor fracturing, 2 = moderate fracturing, 3 = incipient breccia, 4 = fault breccia, 5 = cataclasite) and fracture density (1 = 1 fracture/10 cm, 2 = 2–5 fractures/10 cm, 3 = >5 fractures/10 cm) with depth in Hole U1473A, raw data plotted. Fault rock intensity and fracture density are plotted as 11-cell (10 cm interval per cell) running averages (black). Red = raw fault rock intensity data, gray bars = seven major fault systems.



to results presented by Miranda and John (2010) using samples from the top of Atlantis Bank; however, the degree of green-schist grade deformation is much less in Hole U1473A than in samples collected from the seafloor.

10. Amphibole veins are restricted to the upper 400 m of the hole and transpose (i.e., deflect) or offset (i.e., fault) previous CPFs at high angles (~50°–90°).
11. Relatively limited brittle overprint of high-temperature CPFs is restricted to the upper 300 m of the hole.
12. A high-angle fault zone defined by several fault breccias, an increase in carbonate veins, an increase in borehole size, and a decrease in borehole resistivity and downhole temperature profile occurs from 411 to 469 m CCSF, probably representing a hydrologically active fault zone.

Figure F132. A. Cataclasite, Hole U1473A. First piece shows the very sharp contact between cataclasite (black) and host gabbro. B. Discrete cataclasite (white arrows). C. Fault breccia with clasts of pyroxene and recrystallized plagioclase, suggesting the brittle deformation overprinted a CPF (Run 15; TS 189; XPL). Bottom of the breccia is cataclasite with very fine grained plagioclase, pyroxene, and amphibole in a chlorite matrix.

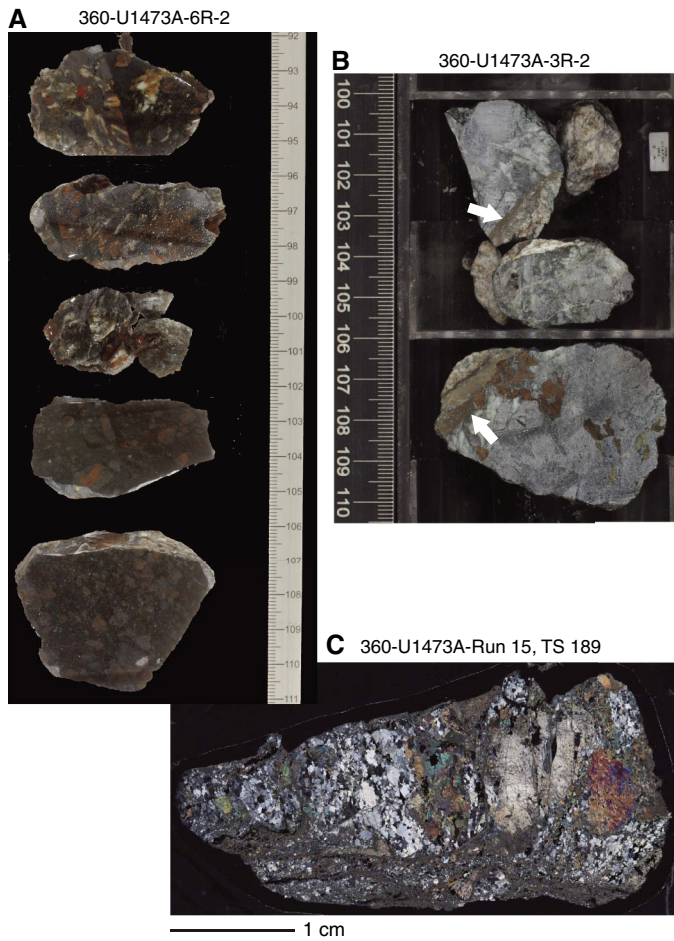


Figure F133. A. Carbonate-rich fault breccia with olivine gabbro clasts (37R-3, 45–49 cm; TS 121; XPL). White arrow = primary porosity defined by sparry calcite. B. Fractured plagioclase (Pl) within a matrix of calcite (Cal) and talc (Tlc); XPL. C. Fractured pyroxene (Cpx) within a matrix of Ct and Pl clasts; XPL.

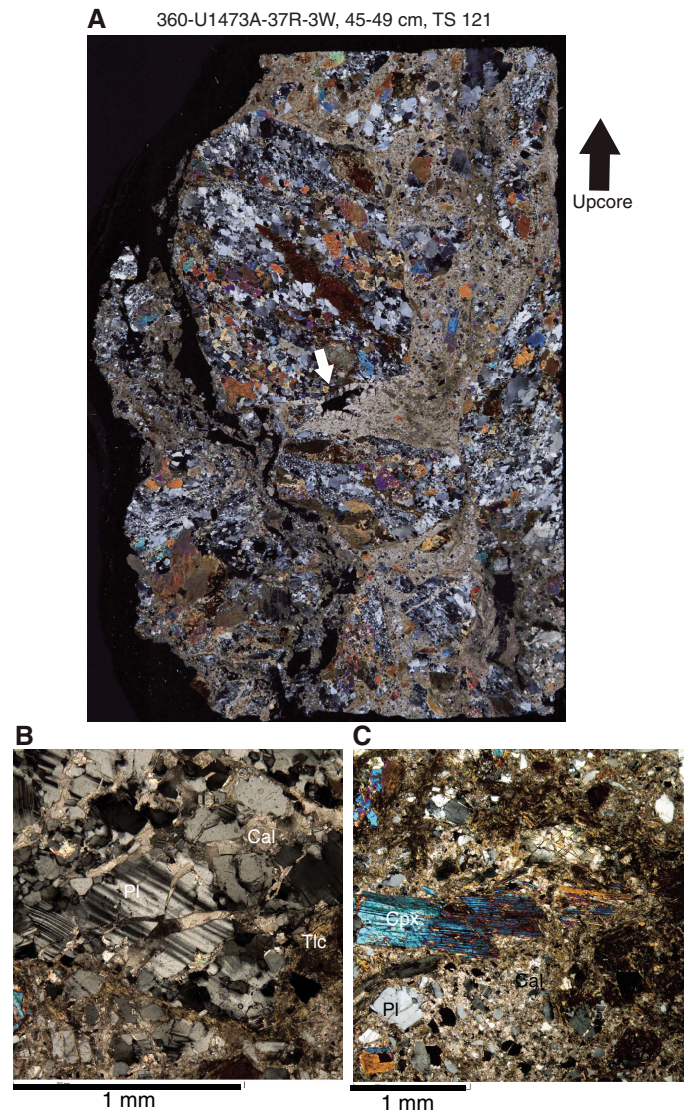


Figure F134. A. Carbonate-filled fault composed of two main zones in olivine gabbro: (1) the middle zone is filled with very fine grained calcite and primary porosity surrounded by sparry calcite (black arrow in B and white arrow in D); (2) a fine breccia of calcite and mica, which forms the majority of the fault zone. White box = thin section location. B–D. Fault zone (29R-4, 112–116; TS 97; XPL). B. Main carbonate-filled fault zone outlined by the white box in A. C. Contact between the fault and the host gabbro. Carbonate at the contact is finer grained compared to the center of the fault. D. Sparry calcite filling the center of the fault showing some porosity (white arrow).

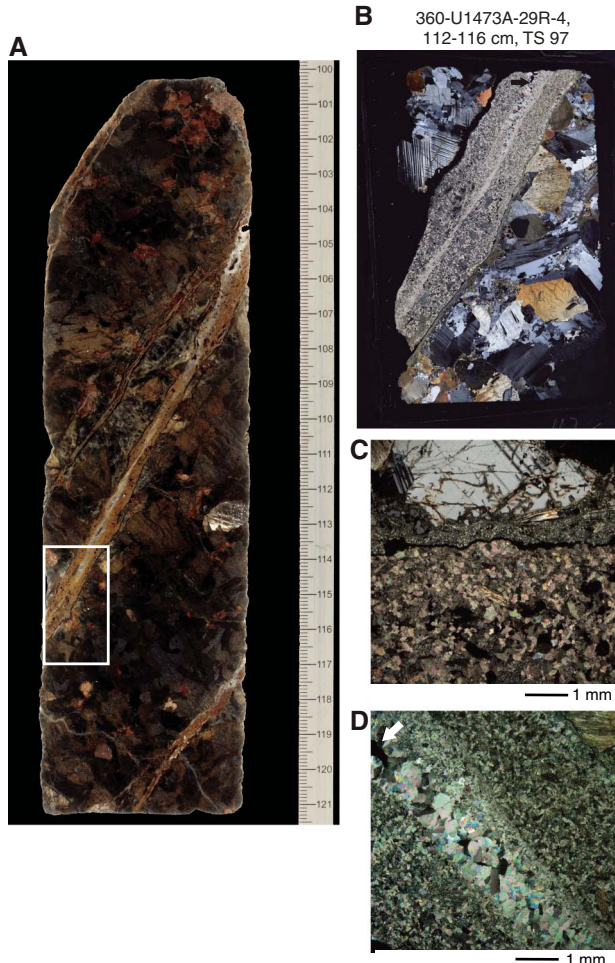


Figure F135. A. Fault filled with calcite offsetting a contact between crystal-plastically deformed possible diabase and coarse-grained olivine (Ol) gabbro. The fine-grained Ol gabbro has a magmatic foliation parallel to the contact. The fault is discrete with a few branches. A calcite (Cal) vein fills a crosscutting fracture, which also partially fills the fault. The core piece is not oriented, so the up direction, and therefore the shear sense, cannot be determined. B. Schematic illustration of crosscutting relationships between contact, fault, and Cal vein. C. Core piece showing branched fault filled with Cal (46R-1, 139–142 cm; TS 158; XPL). Pl = plagioclase, Cpx = clinopyroxene.

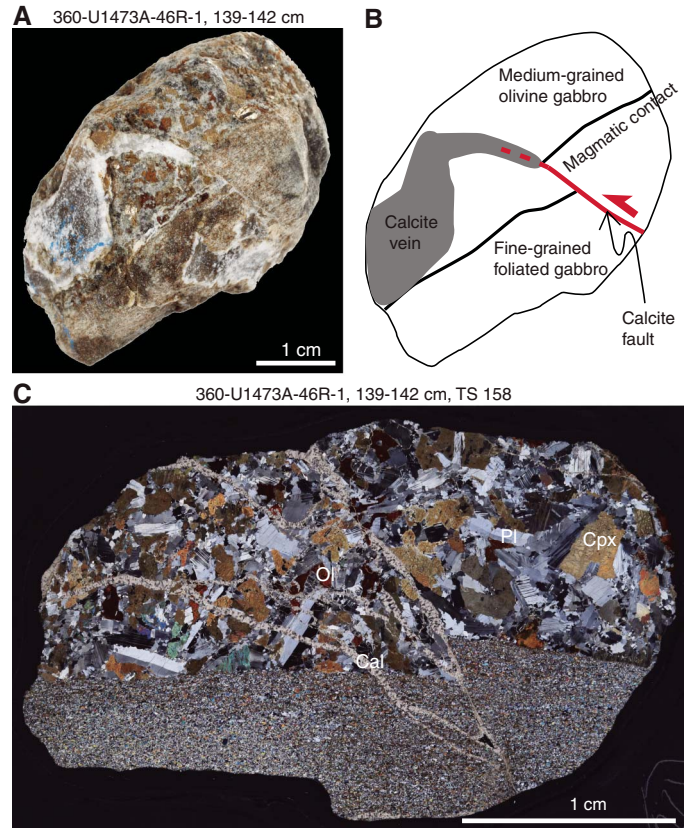


Figure F136. A. Frequency histogram of discrete fracture dips, Hole U1473A. N = number of measurements, mean = mean dip, Std = standard deviation, S = skewness of the distribution. B. Distribution of dip magnitude with depth. Teal circles = all of the fractures measured, red diamonds = fractures that have slickensides or slickenlines, black diamonds = fault dips and locations.

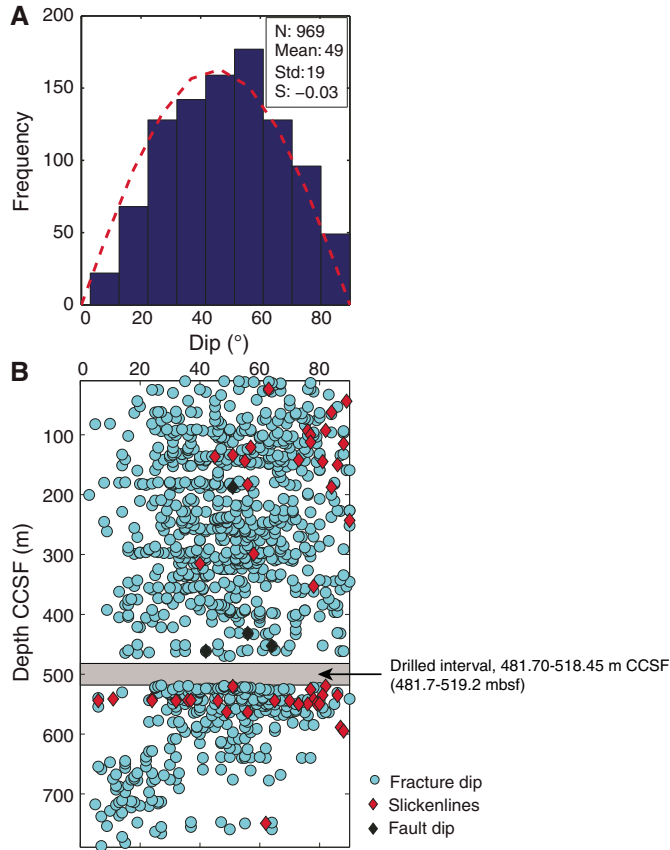


Figure F137. A. Fracture surface with slickenlines on olivine gabbro. B. Annotated image of the slickenlines with rake of 63° from γ in the CRF.



Figure F138. Transition from magmatic to crystal-plastic deformation textures in gabbros. A, B. Magmatic foliation in olivine gabbro defined by the SPO of primary phases (plagioclase and clinopyroxene) (65R-5, 94–98 cm; TS 222; XPL). Magmatic foliation is subparallel to the sutured contact between coarser- and finer-grained olivine gabbro. The magmatic fabric has a weak crystal-plastic overprint indicated by tapered twins in plagioclase; however, the primary igneous fabric and contact is preserved. White box = location of B. C, D. A stronger crystal-plastic overprint indicated by tapered twins, kinks, subgrains, and limited recrystallization near crystal edges (arrow in D) in plagioclase (65R-1, 123–129 cm; TS 218; XPL). Most other phases are unaffected. White box = location of D. E, F. A well-defined CPF (69R-4, 107–111 cm; TS 239). Some plagioclase porphyroclasts remain; however, the majority of plagioclase is recrystallized. Other phases like clinopyroxene and olivine are kinked and have undulose extinction. White box = location of F.

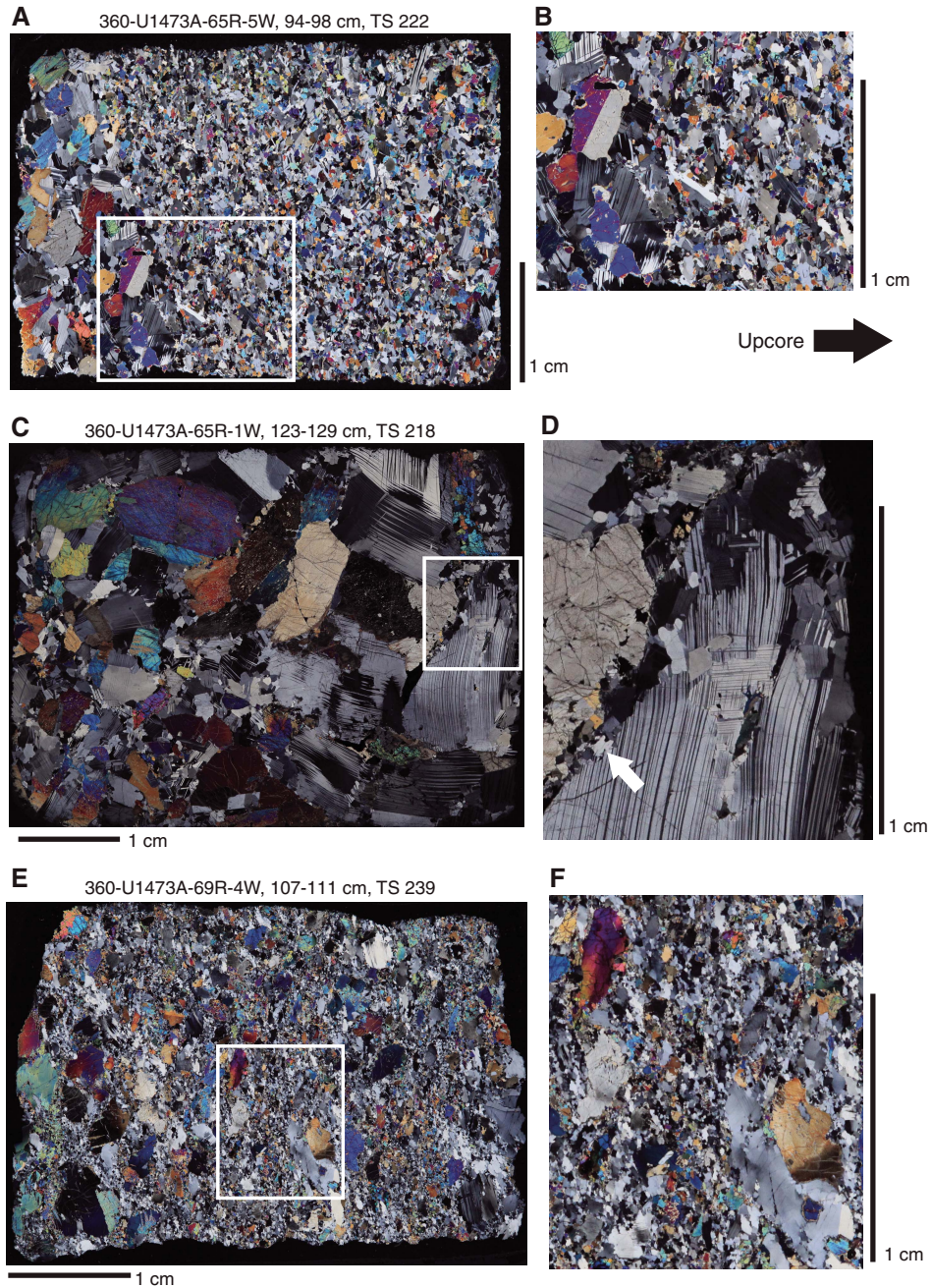


Figure F139. Submagmatic and semibrittle structures (XPL). A. Contact between a diabase and host gabbro (33R-2, 30–33 cm; TS 111). Box = location of B. B. Fractured and faulted pyroxene crystal; fractures are filled with plagioclase (Pl) (white arrow). C. Dynamically recrystallized olivine (Ol) gabbro (25R-1, 84–90 cm; TS 83). Pl porphyroclast fractures are filled with Pl neoblasts. White boxes = locations of D and E. D. Porphyroclast of Ol with incipient fractures where neoblasts nucleated (white arrow). E. Fractured Pl filled with neoblasts. F. Kinked Pl (white arrow shows a kink) (31R-2, 118–122 cm; TS 103). G. Kinked pyroxene showing bent cleavage planes and undulose extinction (59R-1, 68–71 cm; TS 197). Cpx = clinopyroxene.

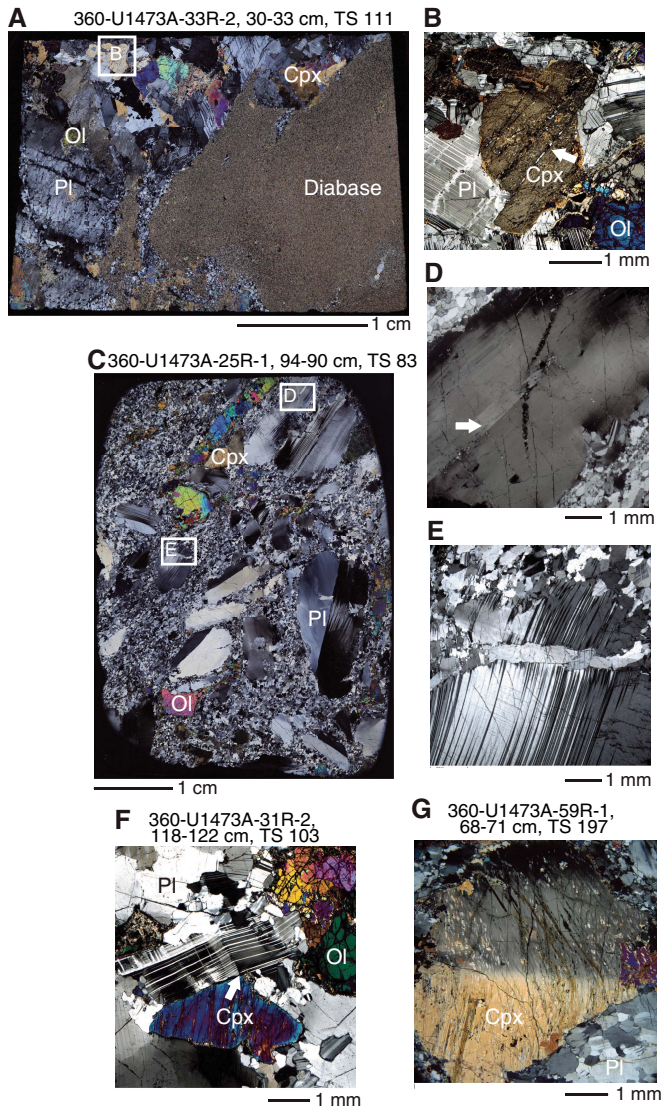


Figure F140. Crosscutting relationships between fabric generations (XPL). Each thin section vertical length is ~5 cm (A, B). Scale bars = 1 mm. A. Moderately dipping reversed sense porphyroclastic fabric crosscut by a subhorizontal normal sense mylonite in a disseminated-oxide olivine gabbro with examples of shear sense indicators including a (1) pyroxene delta clast and a (2) pyroxene sigma clast with an oxide-rich pressure shadow (20R-1, 129–135 cm; TS 62). B. Subhorizontal reversed sense porphyroclastic fabric crosscut by a subvertical normal sense mylonite in an olivine gabbro with examples of shear sense indicators including (1) amphibole aggregates, (2) sigmoidal plagioclase, and (3) faulted plagioclase porphyroclasts (23R-3, 65–72 cm; TS 76).

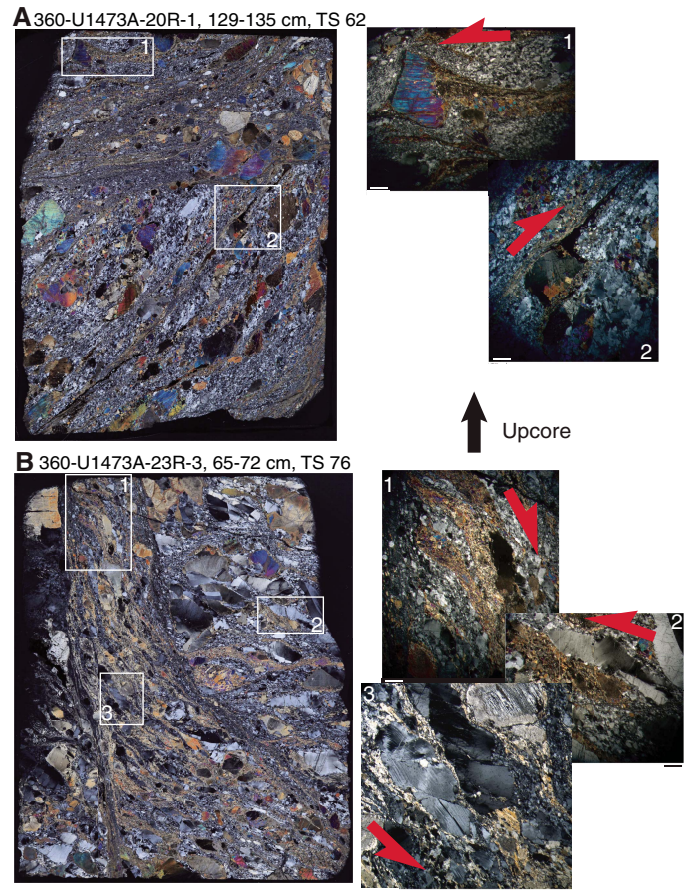


Figure F141. CPF intensity and magnetic susceptibility (MS), Hole U1473A. CPF intensity: 0 = undeformed, 1 = foliated, 2 = porphyroclastic, 3 = protomylonitic, 4 = mylonitic, 5 = ultramylonitic; red lines = raw data, black curves = 5-cell thickness-corrected running averages of intensity. MS: red dots = raw magnetic susceptibility, black line = running average of MS. See text for discussion.

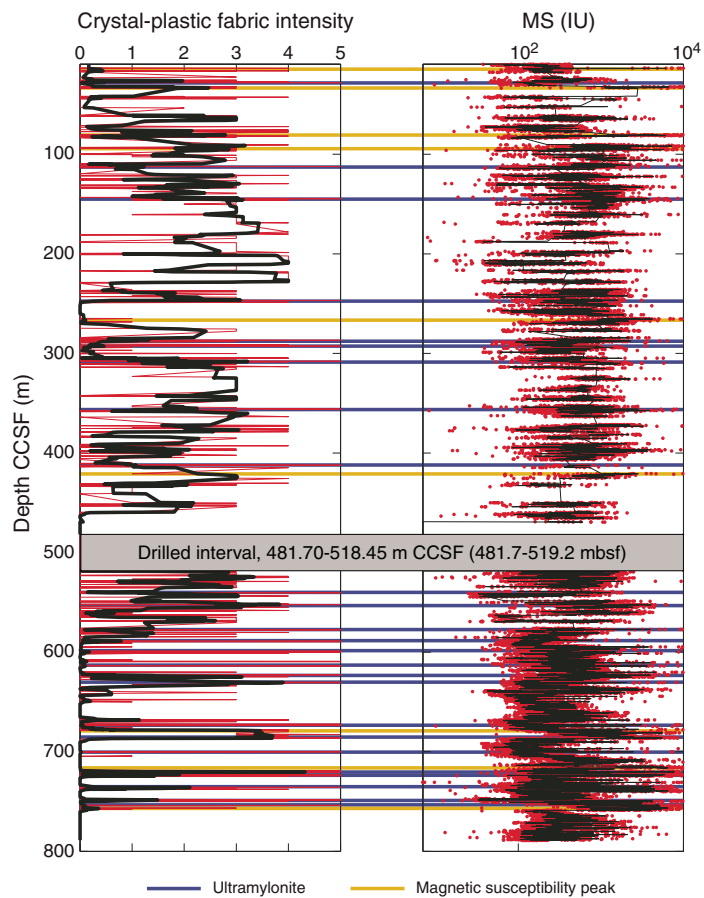


Figure F142. Oxide (Ox) and olivine (Ol) gabbros (PPL and XPL). A. Ox gabbro with a moderate crystal-plastic overprint, where Fe-Ti Ox segregations (i.e., collection of Fe-Ti Ox minerals) do not define a foliation (2R-1, 120–121 cm; TS 1). Several silicate mineral xenoliths in the larger Fe-Ti Ox pods are most commonly neoblasts of plagioclase (Pl) and pyroxene that likely represent disaggregated host rock. B. 2 cm thick ultramylonite lying along the center of an Ox-rich diorite vein that crosscuts an earlier weak crystal-plastic foliation at a high angle in the enclosing Ol gabbro (39R-4, 3–8 cm; TS 125). Sutured diorite/Ol gabbro contact is parallel to shear zone with a brown amphibole (Am) corona partially replacing clinopyroxene (Cpx) in the gabbro. Ultramylonite consists of recrystallized Pl, brown hornblende, and Ox with numerous small subrounded Pl and brown Am augen, whereas diorite is largely undeformed with subhedral Am and weak undulatory extinction and deformation twinning in Pl. Upper contact of mylonite with diorite (39R-4 Piece 1, 0–2 cm) indicates normal shear sense. C. Complex compound Ox-bearing subhorizontal shear zone with coarse pyroxene augen in sharp contact with an upper very weakly deformed coarse Ol gabbro and a lower contact with a foliated porphyroclastic fine-grained Ol gabbro. Shear zone cuts the foliation and has three subparallel domains. Lower domain encloses an angular clast (possibly diabase) of very fine grained granoblastic Pl, Ox, and brown hornblende rock rimmed by a thin layer of brown Am. The mylonite enclosing the fragment has long trails of Cpx neoblasts locally altered to green Am. The central domain differs significantly in character from the others, reflecting the smallest grain size, especially Pl, and a higher proportion of Ox. The two generations of Am, juxtaposition of two texturally very different gabbros, and three different mylonite domains suggest that this shear zone represents a significant offset due to multiple deformation events under a range of conditions.

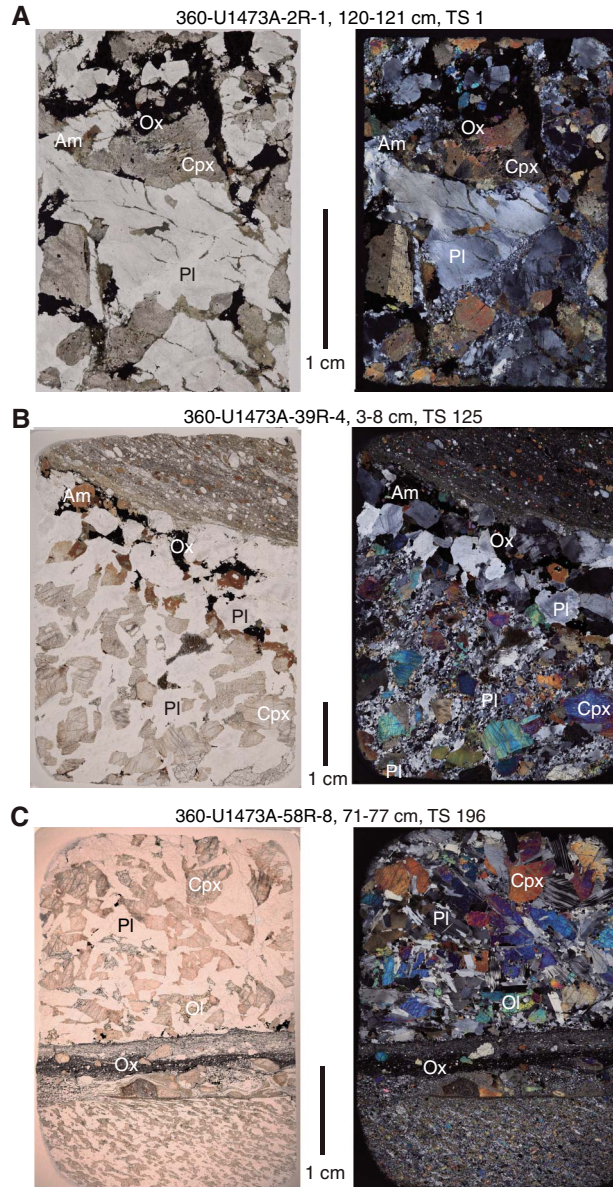


Figure F143. Angles between amphibole vein dips and crystal-plastic foliations, Hole U1473A. Amphibole veins tend to crosscut CPF at a high angle. N = number of measurements, mean = mean dip, Std = standard deviation.

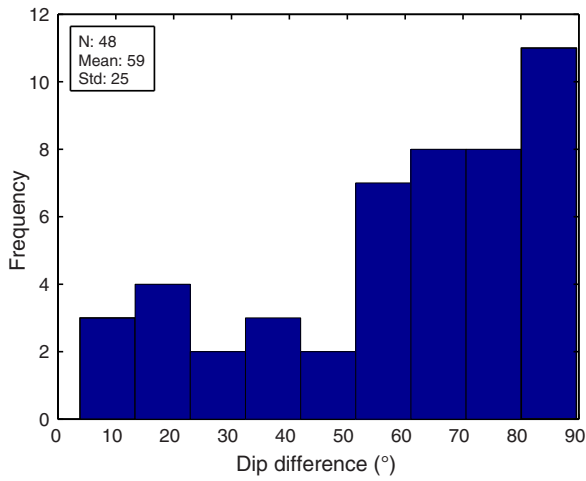


Figure F144. Crosscutting relationships of amphibole (Am) veins in gabbros. A, B. Am vein crosscutting a strong CPF at high angle (9R-4, 128–129 cm; TS 21; A: PPL, B: XPL). Crystal-plastic foliation is transposed by the vein with a reversed shear sense. C, D. Am vein crosscutting a gabbroic rock without major crystal-plastic foliation (29R-1, 69–73 cm; TS 94; C: PPL, D: XPL). Note the numerous green Am-filled brittle fractures within the gabbro sub-parallel to the Am vein. Pl = plagioclase, Cpx = clinopyroxene.

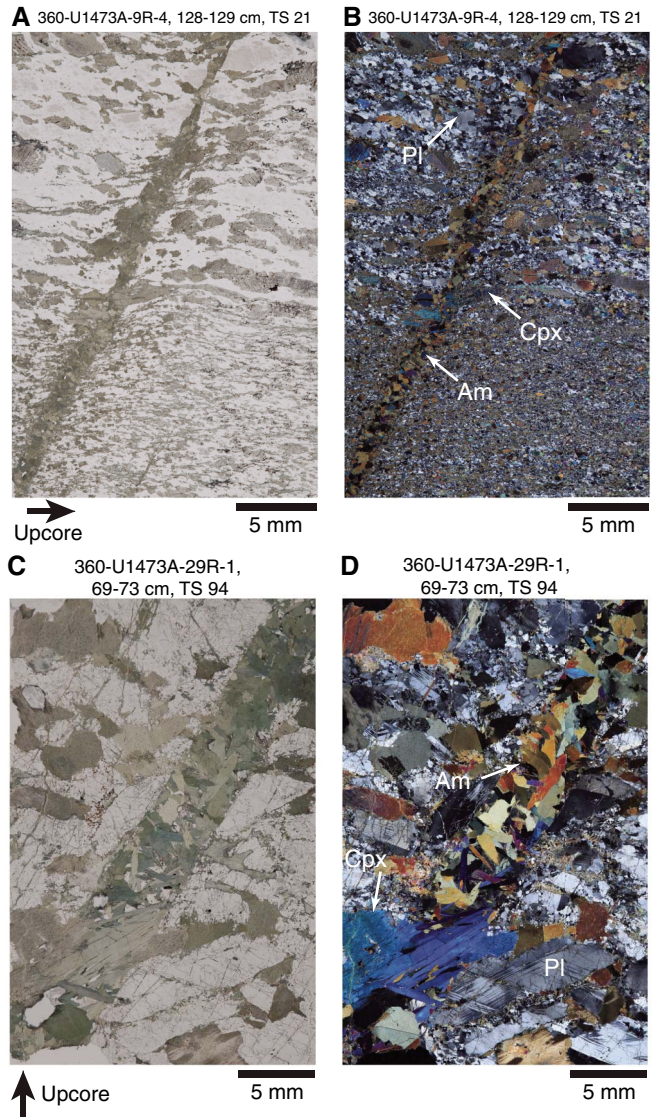


Figure F145. Downhole comparison of (A) CPF intensity and (B) amphibole vein occurrence, Hole U1473A. CPF intensity: 0 = undeformed, 1 = foliated, 2 = porphyroclastic, 3 = protomylonitic, 4 = mylonitic, 5 = ultramylonitic. Red = raw data, black = 5-cell thickness-corrected running intensity averages. Amphibole vein frequency shows number of veins downhole at 10 m intervals.

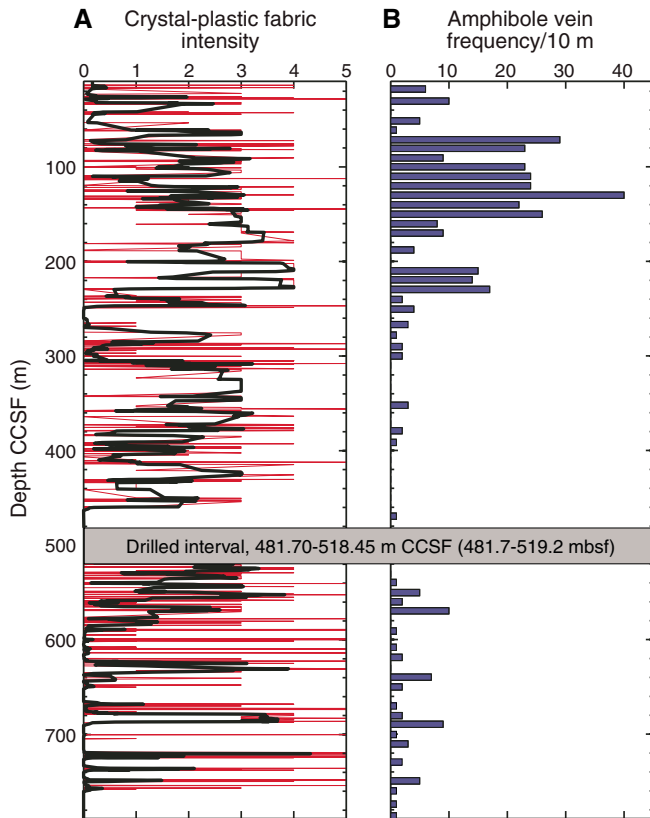


Figure F146. Brittle overprint of CPFs. A. Mylonite with oxide (Ox)-rich bands on margins overprinted by brittle deformation in Ox olivine (Ol)-bearing gabbros (3R-1, 79–85 cm; TS 3; left: XPL). The porphyroclasts of plagioclase (Pl) are faulted and fractured. The margin of the shear zone on the upcore side are also fractured and faulted. B. From right to left a coarse-grained gabbro in contact with an Ox-bearing gabbro mylonite, which in turn is in contact with a brown amphibole (Am)-rich mylonite and a porphyroclastic Ox-bearing gabbro (9R-5, 115–118 cm; TS 24; left: XPL). Note that the mafic minerals in the porphyroclastic gabbro and the mylonite at its contact are altered to brown Am, whereas mafic minerals in the adjacent mylonite and the coarse-grained gabbro are replaced by green Am. The coarse-grained gabbro has fractured Pl filled with green Am (black arrow). Black boxes = locations of C and D. C. Fractured pyroxene crystal filled with Am. D. Fractured Pl filled with Am. Upcore direction applies to full thin section images and core photographs (A, B). White boxes in A, B = thin section locations. Cpx = clinopyroxene.

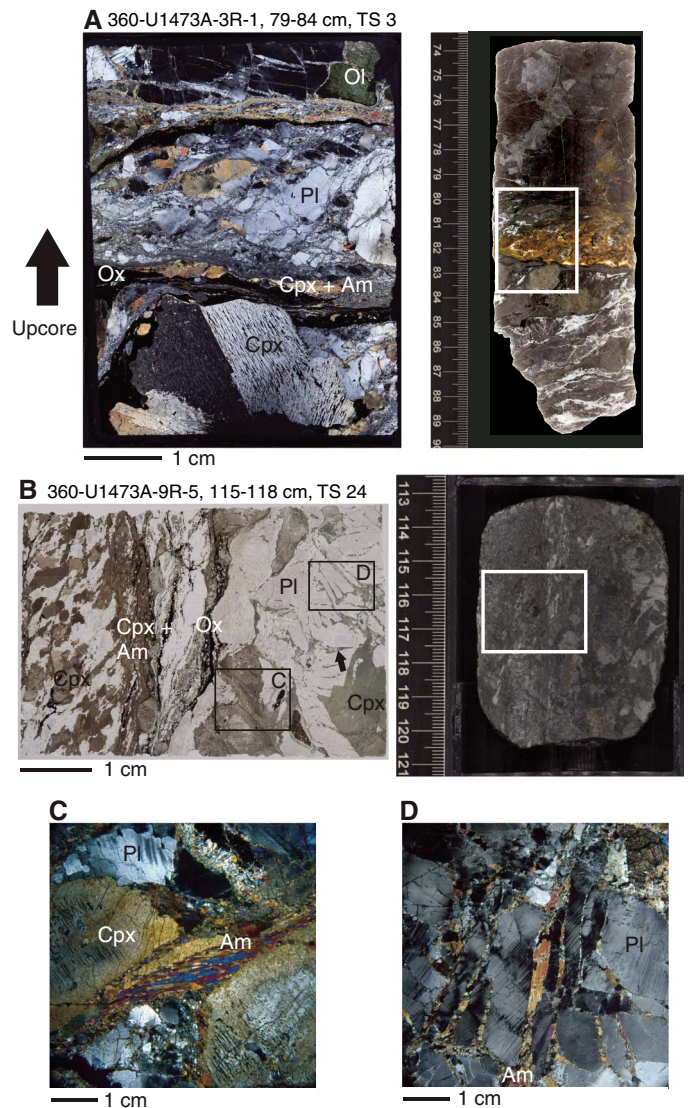
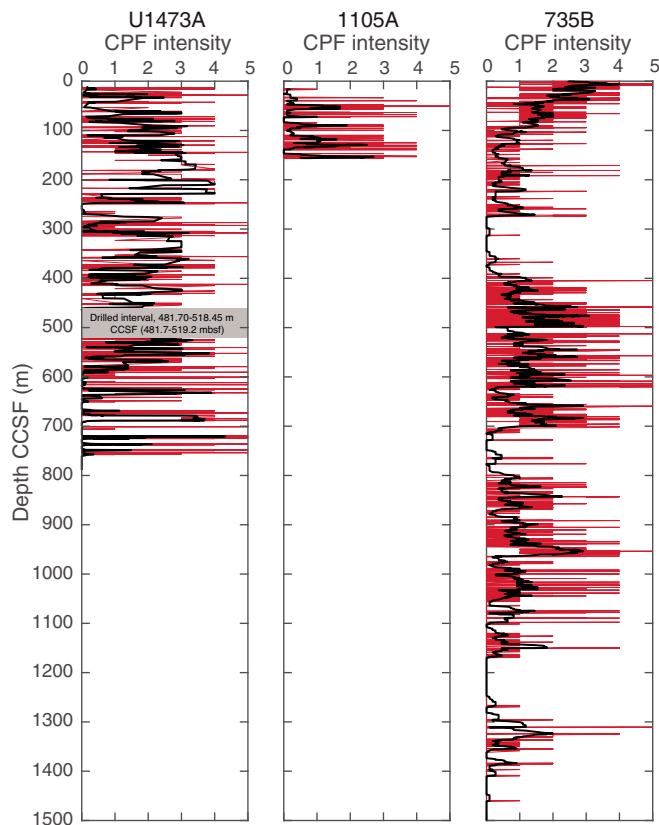


Figure F147. Comparison of CPF intensity between Holes U1473A, 1105A, and 735B. 0 = undeformed, 1 = foliated, 2 = porphyroclastic, 3 = protomylonitic, 4 = mylonitic, 5 = ultramylonitic. Red lines = raw data, black line = 5-cell thickness-corrected running averages of intensity.



Geochemistry

A representative selection of the lithologies recovered at Site U1473 was chosen for shipboard geochemical analysis (see **Igneous petrology** and **Metamorphic petrology** for characterization of the lithologic units). Sample selection was based on discussion among representatives from all shipboard science party expertise groups. The 219 samples analyzed included 113 fresh olivine gabbros, which represent the dominant lithology recovered from Hole U1473A, 9 olivine-bearing gabbros and gabbros, 24 disseminated-oxide gabbros, 17 oxide gabbros, 12 felsic veins, and 4 diabase dikes. In addition, 41 altered olivine gabbros were analyzed to examine the effects of low-temperature chemical exchange with seawater and hydrothermal fluids.

Major and trace elements (Ni, Cr, Co, Sc, V, Sr, Zr, Y, Cu, and Zn) were analyzed on board by inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES). Volatiles were measured by weight loss on ignition (LOI) and by carbon-hydrogen-nitrogen-sulfur (CHNS) gas chromatography (H_2O , CO_2 , and S). In most of this report we assume that the total carbon (TC) measured by CHNS represents predominantly CO_2 , which facilitates comparison with previous hard rock expeditions that all reported C measured by CHNS as CO_2 . However, this assumption was explored during Expedition 360 by analyzing a subset of 10 geochemistry samples and 9 microbiology samples for organic carbon (OC) and inorganic carbon (IC) by combining CHNS (which measures TC) with coulometry, which measures CO_2 . The complete ICP and CHNS data set

Table T11. Geochemical data for samples recovered from Hole U1473A. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

is reported in Table **T11**, in which major and trace element concentrations are reported on a volatile-free basis (see **Geochemistry** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). The average composition of Hole U1473A is estimated in Table **T12**. TC, based on CHNS measurements, and IC, based on coulometry, are reported in Table **T13** together with estimated external uncertainties.

Major and trace elements in igneous samples

The suite of olivine gabbros, gabbros, disseminated-oxide gabbros, oxide gabbros, diabase dikes, and felsic veins analyzed encompasses a wide range of igneous differentiation. The degree of chemical differentiation can, in principle, be estimated from a number of indexes, including the Mg and Ca numbers ($Mg\# = \text{molar ratio of } Mg/[Mg + Fe] \times 100$ and $Ca\# = \text{molar ratio of } Ca/[Ca + Na] \times 100$) and concentrations of compatible (Ni and Cr) or incompatible (e.g., Y) elements, which all co-vary in a systematic manner (e.g., Figure **F148**). Whole-rock $Mg\#$ and Ti content are often used as indexes of fractionation in mafic igneous systems but are not good guides to the differentiation of oxide gabbros or felsic veins because these parameters are disproportionately affected by the presence of Fe-Ti oxides in oxide gabbros and felsic veins are strongly depleted in all mafic components. The $Ca\#$ and Ni, Cr, and Y concentrations allow the degree of olivine gabbro and oxide gabbro differentiation to be more easily compared, and felsic veins are best evaluated in oxide-oxide plots.

Olivine gabbros encompass a range of differentiation and include the most primitive lithologies recovered from Hole U1473A. Olivine gabbros have $Mg\#$ of 82–62, $Ca\#$ of 81–58, and contain up to 1380 ppm Cr and 244 ppm Ni, with 0.2–1.1 wt% TiO_2 (average = 0.5 wt%) and 5–29 ppm Y (Figure **F148**; Table **T11**). In comparison, disseminated-oxide gabbros have slightly lower $Mg\#$ of 77–59, $Ca\#$ of 75–60, lower concentrations of Cr (<316 ppm) and Ni (<154 ppm), and higher average concentrations of TiO_2 (0.6 wt%) and Y (5–57 ppm). Oxide gabbros have the lowest $Mg\#$ of 70–32 and highest TiO_2 contents (up to 7 wt%), which reflect the high abundance of Fe-Ti oxides in these rocks. Oxide gabbros have $Ca\#$ of 76–48, some of the highest Y concentrations (up to 168 ppm), and the lowest concentrations of Cr (<260 ppm, average = 82 ppm) and Ni (<194 ppm, average = 53 ppm). Oxide gabbros lie at the evolved end of the trends defined by olivine gabbros, gabbros, and disseminated-oxide gabbros in Figure **F148**, indicating that they are significantly more evolved than the majority of gabbros recovered from Hole U1473A. Felsic veins appear decoupled from the gabbroic lithologies in the $Mg\#$ plots, but it is clear from the MgO versus CaO plot that felsic veins could be distinguished from the other lithologies by a much greater degree of igneous differentiation (Figure **F149**). The origin of the felsic veins is beyond the scope of this report, but they could have formed either by extreme fractionation of the melts producing the oxide gabbros or by independent petrogenesis involving remelting of the gabbro sequence due to serial intrusion of gabbro bodies or fluid ingress.

The $Mg\#$, $Ca\#$, and Cr, Ni, TiO_2 , and Y concentrations of the major lithologies exhibit broadly systematic downhole variation, with maxima in $Mg\#$, $Ca\#$, and Cr and Ni concentrations occurring at ~60–90, ~300, and ~700 m CCSF (Figures **F150**, **F151**). Interestingly, the breaks at ~60–90 and ~300 m CCSF coincide with the Unit I/II and IV/V boundaries in the igneous stratigraphy, respec-

Table T12. Comparison of average “primary” crustal composition at Atlantis Bank, Atlantis Massif, Hess Deep, and MORB. Compositional averages and standard deviations of Holes U1473A, 1105A, and 735B are based on unaltered (least altered) rocks (see Table T11); abundances are reported in **Igneous petrology** (see also Shipboard Scientific Party, 1999a; Casey et al., 2007). Minor variations in lithologic density have not been taken into account: gabbro = 2.95 ± 0.03 g/cm³; olivine gabbro = 2.97 ± 0.04 g/cm³; oxide gabbro = 2.94 ± 0.03 g/cm³ (see **Petrophysics**). Data sources: primitive MORB from Siqueiros Transform Zone (Perfit et al., 1996), average lower crust and MORB (Arevalo and McDonough, 2010; White and Klein, 2014), bulk composition of Hess Deep plutonic section (Gillis et al., 2014), bulk composition of Site U1309 (Godard et al., 2009), SWIR MORB from east of the Atlantis II Transform (Dick et al., 1991). ND = not determined. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

Element	Atlantis Bank			Atlantis Massif		Hess Deep	Lower crust average	Primitive MORB	MORB average	SWIR MORB	Hole U1473A diabase
	Hole U1473A 0–800 m	Hole 1105A 0–156 m	Hole 735B 0–1500 m	Site U1309 bulk crust	Site U1309 bulk gabbro	Site U1415 plutonic section					
Major element oxides (wt%):											
SiO ₂	51.3 ± 0.8	48.3 ± 2.2	50.3 ± 1.1	49.6	50.1	47.7 ± 0.6	50.6 ± 1.6	49.0	50.5	49.9 ± 0.4	49.9 ± 0.3
Al ₂ O ₃	16.1 ± 0.9	14.0 ± 1.6	16.6 ± 1.7	15.9	16.7	17.6 ± 0.6	16.7 ± 2.3	17.4	15.5	15.5 ± 0.7	15.6 ± 0.2
TiO ₂	0.7 ± 0.2	2.4 ± 1.0	0.8 ± 0.1	0.6	0.7	0.5 ± 0.1	0.8 ± 0.8	0.95	1.4	2.0 ± 0.4	1.4 ± 0.2
Fe ₂ O _{3T}	7.4 ± 1.2	14.0 ± 3.0	7.7 ± 1.0	7.8	7.4	7.2 ± 0.4	7.5 ± 3	8.0	10.4	11.8 ± 1.0	10.3 ± 0.5
MgO	9.0 ± 1.0	7.3 ± 1.2	9.1 ± 1.2	12.3	10.3	13.7 ± 1.3	9.4 ± 1.1	10.1	7.8	7.3 ± 0.7	9.0 ± 1.0
MnO	0.13 ± 0.02	0.22 ± 0.04	0.14 ± 0.11	0.13	0.13	0.12 ± 0.01	0.14 ± 0.05	0.17	0.17	0.22 ± 0.08	0.16 ± 0.01
CaO	12.5 ± 0.9	10.7 ± 1.0	12.4 ± 0.9	12.3	12.9	12.4 ± 0.4	12.5 ± 1	12.0	11.5	10.4 ± 0.5	11.1 ± 0.6
Na ₂ O	3.0 ± 0.3	3.1 ± 0.6	2.9 ± 0.3	2.0	2.1	1.6 ± 0.2	2.4 ± 0.5	2.3	2.7	3.3 ± 0.3	3.2 ± 0.5
K ₂ O	0.05 ± 0.03	0.09 ± 0.03	0.1 ± 0.1	0.03	0.03	0.10 ± 0.01	0.06 ± 0.03	ND	0.18	0.20 ± 0.08	0.12 ± 0.13
Mg#	71 ± 3	53 ± 7	73 ± 3	76	73	79	69 ± 10	71.5	67	55 ± 4	63 ± 3
Minor elements (ppm):											
Ni	97 ± 33	76 ± 34	105 ± 39	292	189		140 ± 45	218	200		208 ± 186
Cr	211 ± 186	222 ± 137	204 ± 188	525	460		308 ± 129	500	330		320 ± 64
Y	18 ± 5	33 ± 18	15 ± 5	15	16		14 ± 7	25	30		18 ± 5

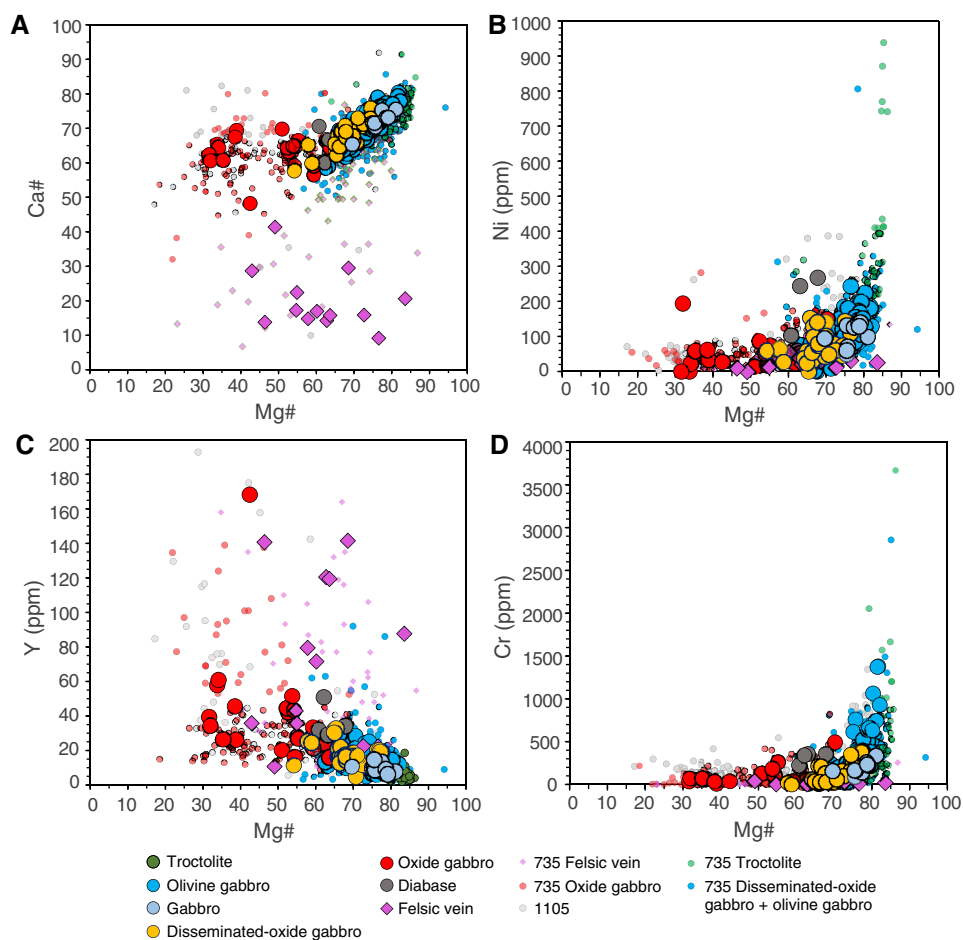
Table T13. Total carbon (TC) measured by CHNS and inorganic carbon (IC) measured by coulometry (1σ uncertainties), Hole U1473A. The reported 1σ uncertainty (66% confidence level) represents the external precision relevant for comparison between techniques. Results are reported to the nearest 10 ppm. Organic carbon (OC), TC – IC, is reported when significant at the 66% confidence level (otherwise = No). Lithology: OG = olivine gabbro, DG = disseminated-oxide gabbro, FV = felsic vein. ND = not detected. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

Sample type	Core, section, interval (cm)	Lithology	TC (ppm)		IC (ppm)			OC (ppm)
			Run 1	Run 2	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	
360-U1473A-								
MBio	2R-1, 123–137		160 ± 60		80 ± 60			No
MBio	3R-1, 111–125		230 ± 60	240 ± 70	160 ± 60			No
MBio	4R-4, 0–12		180 ± 60		120 ± 60			No
MBio	6R-2, 139–150		ND		80 ± 60			
MBio	8R-3, 68–78				70 ± 60			
MBio	8R-3, 68–78		120 ± 60		70 ± 50	60 ± 20		No
MBio	8R-3, 68–78				70 ± 60			
MBio	9R-1, 19–34		120 ± 60	ND	70 ± 60	60 ± 30		No
MBio	12R-3, 10–20		ND		80 ± 60	50 ± 20		
MBio	13R-2, 117–127		170 ± 60	200 ± 70	190 ± 50	170 ± 20		No
MBio	14R-1, 52–69		1910 ± 80			2090 ± 60		
MBio	14R-1, 52–69		1960 ± 80	1960 ± 180	2020 ± 220	2080 ± 60		No
MBio	14R-1, 52–69		1900 ± 80					
ICP	15R-3, 60–64	OG	5400 ± 320		330 ± 60			5070 ± 330
ICP	19R-1, 55–60	OG	2680 ± 210		2750 ± 110			No
ICP	21R-1, 96–99	DG	2970 ± 330		1980 ± 80	2130 ± 60	1920 ± 210	960 ± 350
ICP	24R-1, 51–53	FV	950 ± 160		80 ± 60	ND		870 ± 170
ICP	27R-6, 95–99	OG	4410 ± 320		160 ± 50	140 ± 20		4260 ± 320
ICP	31R-1, 0–5	DG	2280 ± 180	2160 ± 120	2300 ± 90			No
ICP	33R-3, 92–96	OG	2360 ± 110	2460 ± 130	2410 ± 100			No
ICP	34R-4, 40–42	FV	1430 ± 70		1580 ± 60			No
ICP	37R-3, 114–118	OG	4470 ± 390	4350 ± 200	3950 ± 160			No
ICP	44R-3, 87–90	OG	2310 ± 120		2240 ± 90			No

tively (see **Igneous petrology**). The break at ~300 m CCSF is most obvious in the Mg#, Ca#, and Cr and Ni concentrations (Figure F150), although there is a considerable scatter in the TiO₂ and Y contents (Figure F151). It should be noted that the variation in Ni and Cr concentrations cannot be explained by the modal mineralogy of the cumulate alone (see **Igneous petrology**). Olivine gabbros

have pyroxene and plagioclase modes that vary by only ~10%, whereas the Cr concentrations vary by a factor of 10, which should equate to 1000% difference (Figure F148). Furthermore, with the exception of Fe₂O₃ and TiO₂ abundances, which are broadly correlated with the modal oxide abundance, there are no other correlations between the modal mineralogy and whole-rock chemistry.

Figure F148. Geochemistry of rocks recovered, Hole U1473A. A. Mg# vs. Ca#. B. Mg# vs. Ni. C. Mg# vs. Y. D. Mg# vs. Cr. In each plot the most primitive rocks have the highest Mg#, Ca#, and Ni and Cr content and the lowest Y. Compositional data for rocks recovered from Holes 735B and 1105A are shown for comparison (Shipboard Scientific Party, 1999a; Casey et al., 2007).



The complex downhole variation more probably results from the combination of multiple factors that may include (1) the different extent of crystal accumulation, (2) the presence of trapped melt, (3) migration of late-stage melts and reaction with cumulus minerals, and (4) chemical changes in response to recrystallization during crystal-plastic deformation. The latter process could have been particularly important between ~150 and ~250 m CCSF and at ~350 m CCSF (see [Structural geology](#)), where crystal-plastic deformation is particularly intense.

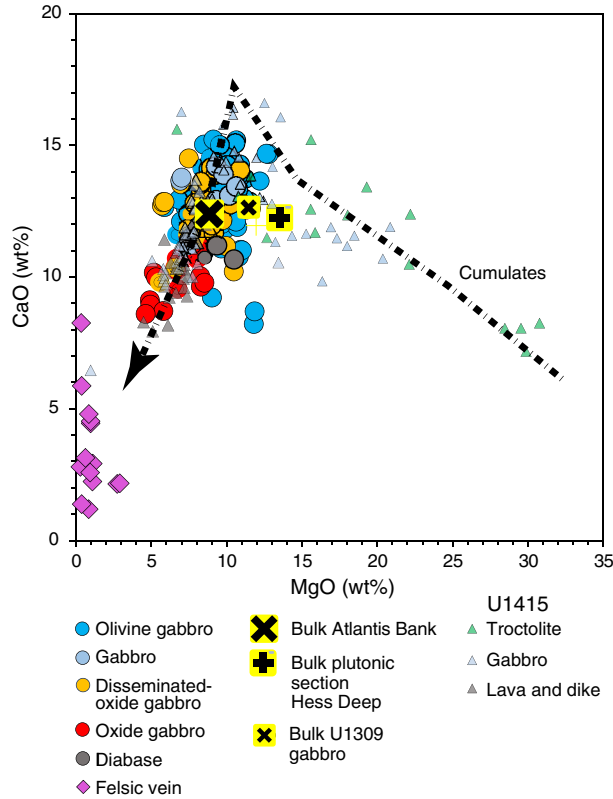
Despite the complexity in the observed profiles, the first-order control of the gross variation in Mg#, Ca#, and Cr and Ni concentrations between the discontinuities at ~60–90, 300, and 700 m CCSF seems to result from fractional crystallization of the basaltic melt supplied to the system. The 200–400 m thick intervals may therefore represent intrusion of individual magma batches, and the high Cr and Ni concentrations at the base of each cycle could result from the accumulation of chemically primitive olivine and pyroxene and/or the low amount of evolved melt trapped within the cumulus minerals. In comparison, lithologies higher in each interval would contain a higher proportion of trapped melt and more evolved (i.e., having lower Ni and Cr concentrations, respectively) olivine and pyroxene. Geochemical cycles similar to the ones identified here (Figure F150) but encompassing a slightly wider range of Mg# (up to 85), were identified in olivine gabbros from Hole 735B and were in-

terpreted in a similar way (Shipboard Scientific Party, 1999a; Dick et al., 2000). The downhole variation in Mg# in Holes U1473A and 735B is shown in Figure F152. It is possible that a correlation exists between the unit at the top of Hole U1473A and ~450 mbsf in Hole 735B. If the correlated abrupt change in Mg# is correct, it indicates lateral continuity of ~400 m thick units over a distance of 2.2 km and over a timescale of ~160 ka. However, the downhole variation in Mg# in these holes is clearly complex, and it is only possible to make tentative correlations between the other discontinuities in the downhole sections of the holes. As concluded from the study of petrological variations (see [Igneous petrology](#)), the more robust conclusion is that the similarity in nature and scale of vertical geochemical variation between holes suggests a direct comparability in the fundamental igneous accretion process over a timescale of hundreds of thousands of years at Atlantis Bank.

A calculation to estimate the bulk chemical composition of the crustal section penetrated in Hole U1473A is given in Table T12. The overall proportions of the lithologies recovered from Hole U1473A are estimated to be 74% olivine gabbro, 4% gabbro, 12% disseminated-oxide gabbro, 8% oxide-bearing gabbro (>2% oxide) and oxide gabbro, 1.2% felsic veins and impregnations, and 0.5% diabase dikes (see [Igneous petrology](#)). Based on the average compositions, densities, and relative proportions of these lithologies, the new crustal section penetrated in Hole U1473A is estimated to

have an average composition with ~7.4 wt% Fe₂O₃, ~9.0 wt% MgO, and ~0.7 wt% TiO₂. This is essentially indistinguishable from Hole

Figure F149. CaO vs. MgO for lithologies recovered from Hole U1473A and Hess Deep (Gillis et al., 2014), showing bulk composition of Atlantis Bank (Table T12), bulk composition of plutonic section from Hess Deep, and schematic crystallization trend from Gillis et al. (2014).



735B (Table T12) (Shipboard Scientific Party, 1999a). In comparison, the 156 m deep Hole 1105A has higher Fe₂O₃ and TiO₂ (~14.0 and ~2.4 wt%) and slightly lower MgO (7.3 wt%) than Holes U1473A and 735B (Table T12), reflecting the higher proportion of oxides in the Hole 1105A section (Casey et al., 2007; Shipboard Scientific Party, 1999a).

The bulk compositions of Holes U1473A and 735B are considered representative of the upper plutonic section formed at the slow-spreading SWIR at the time of its crystallization and emplacement (Table T12). The bulk composition of the plutonic section sampled at Atlantis Bank is similar to the bulk estimate of gabbros (i.e., bulk of Hole U1309D excluding troctolites) from the slow-spreading Atlantis Massif (Godard et al., 2009). However, the bulk compositions of both Atlantis Bank and Atlantis Massif gabbros are more evolved in composition (e.g., lower MgO and higher TiO₂ contents) than the bulk plutonic section from Hess Deep (Figure F149) (Gillis et al., 2014). This difference in composition could indicate that more primitive lithologies exist at depth and are still to be sampled at Atlantis Bank. However, an alternative possibility is that the Atlantis Bank plutonic section and Atlantis Massif gabbros differ from the Hess Deep plutonic section because a much smaller proportion of evolved magma is extracted from gabbroic bodies emplaced in the footwalls of detachment faults at slow-spreading ridges (Godard et al., 2009; MacLeod et al., 2009). This would be consistent with models in which Atlantis Bank gabbros crystallized in place without producing abundant overlying lavas. In comparison with the gabbros, the minor diabase dikes that are present in the Atlantis Bank crust (recovered from 46, 380, and 460 m CCSF), have a narrow range of compositions that are intermediate between the gabbroic lithologies and basalts erupted east of the Atlantis II Transform (e.g., 49.9 wt% SiO₂ and 1.4 wt% TiO₂; Table T12) (Dick et al., 1991).

The following principal conclusions can be drawn from the shipboard chemical analyses of igneous lithologies recovered from Hole U1473A:

Figure F150. Chemical variations of Mg# and Ni and Cr concentrations as a function of depth, Hole U1473A. Mg# decreases over most of the hole with discontinuities at ~60, ~300, and 700 m CCSF (dotted lines). Ni and Cr data define geochemical boundaries with abrupt changes in concentration at ~60, 300, and 700 m CCSF. Olivine gabbros collected to investigate alteration are distinguished from remaining fresher gabbros.

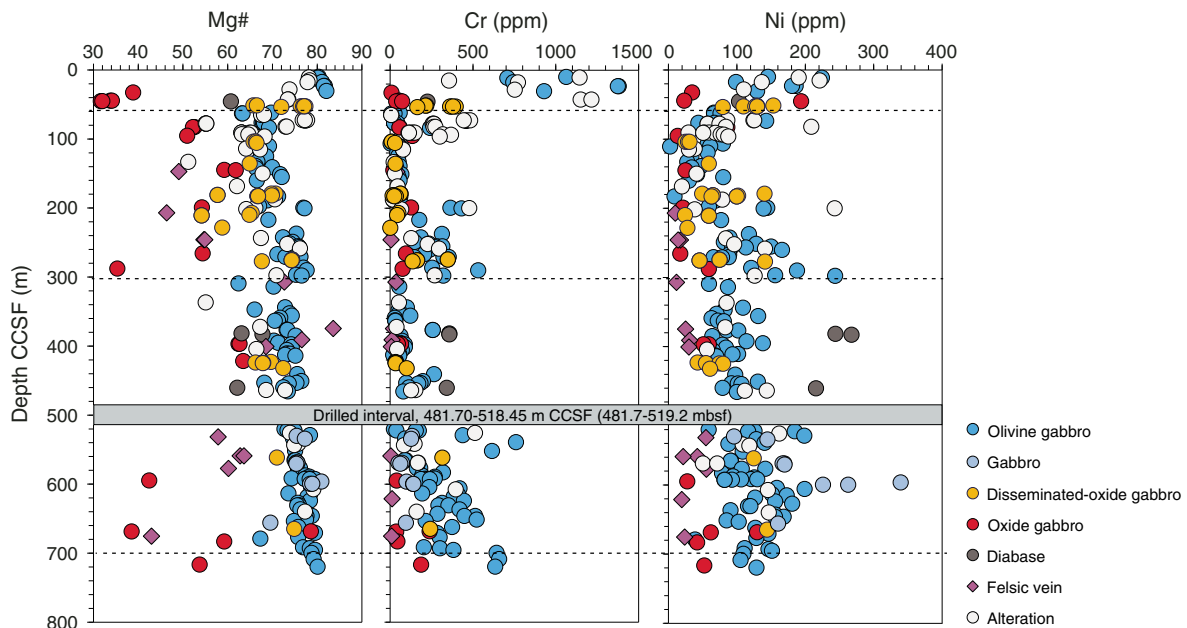


Figure F151. Chemical variations of Ca# and TiO₂ and Y concentrations as a function of depth, Hole U1473A. Boundaries indicated at ~60, 300, and 700 m CCSF are based on Cr and Ni data in Figure F150. Olivine gabbros collected to investigate alteration are distinguished from remaining fresher gabbros.

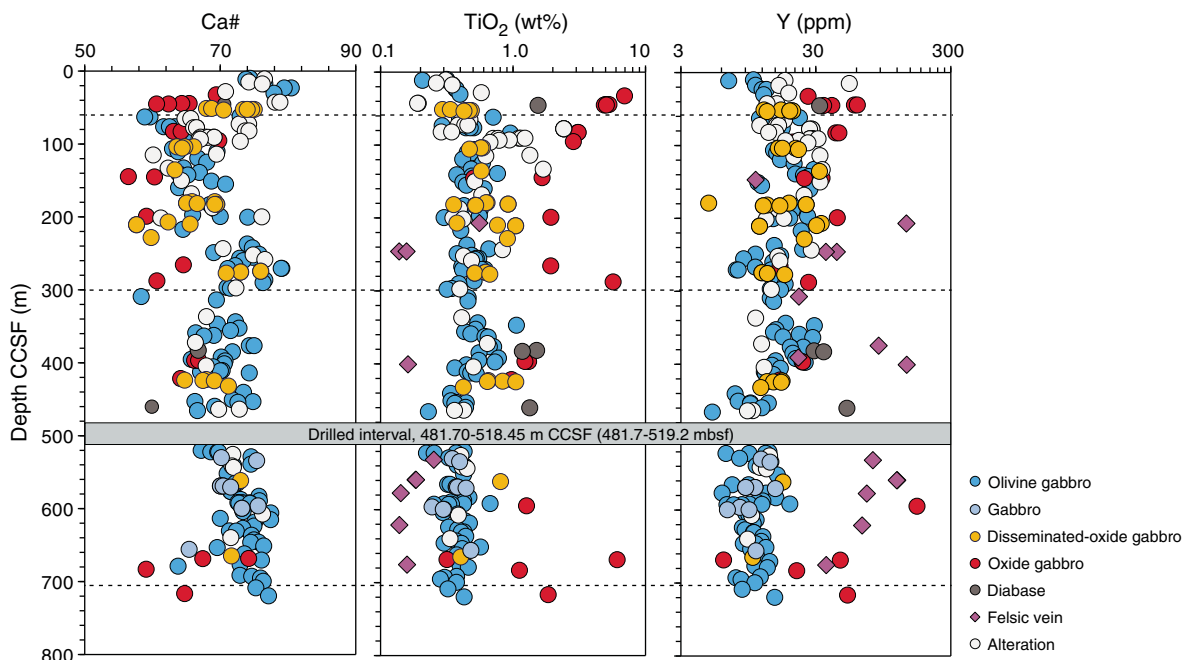
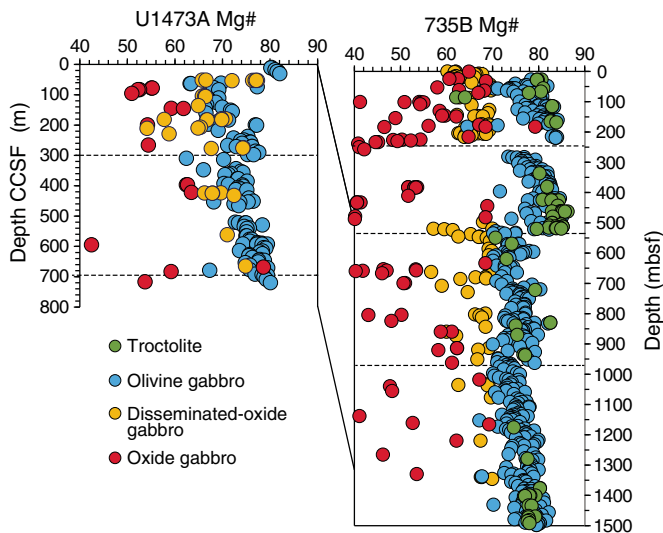


Figure F152. Comparison of downhole variation in Mg#, Holes U1473A and 735B.



1. The main rock type is a moderately fractionated olivine gabbro with between 0.2 and 1.2 wt% TiO₂. Fe-Ti oxide gabbros containing up to 7 wt% TiO₂, and up to 20 wt% Fe₂O₃ occur in centimeter- to decimeter-thick intervals in isolated parts of the core.
2. Olivine gabbros with systematically varying Mg#, Ca#, and Ni, Cr, and Ti concentrations form a continuum with disseminated-oxide and oxide gabbros, implying a genetic relationship between this spectrum of different rock types (Figure F148). However, the oxide gabbros occur interleaved with variably evolved olivine gabbros in different parts of the section, and the Mg#, Ca#, and Ni, Cr, and Ti content of oxide gabbros and olivine gabbros do not vary in a systematic manner downhole (Figures F150, F151). The close proximity of these different rock types

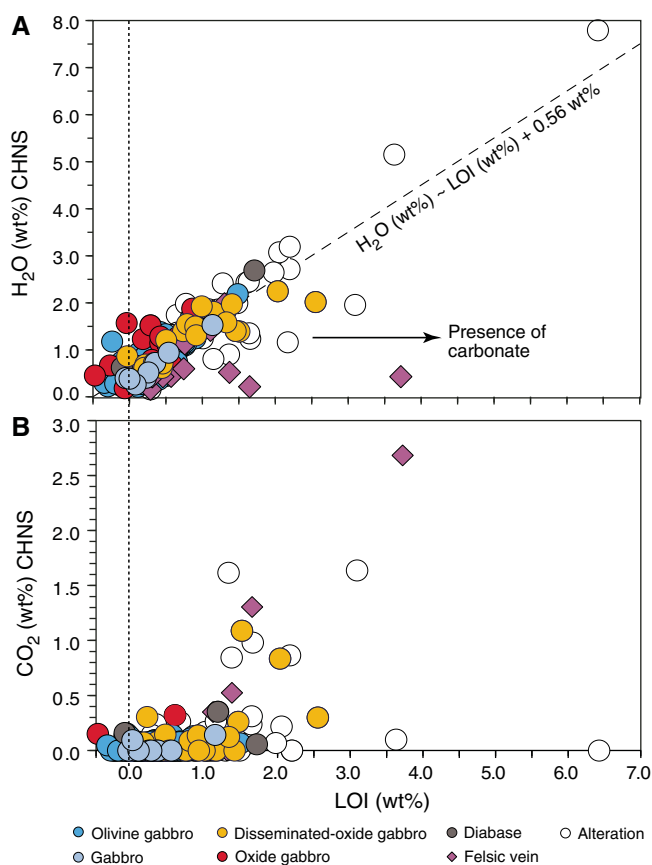
and the lack of a gradual transition from olivine gabbro to oxide gabbro downhole suggest the current interlayering of oxide gabbros and olivine gabbros is not a result of simple in situ fractional crystallization within the plutonic section. Textural relationships, including crosscutting veins, indicate that in many cases oxides crystallized from late-stage melts that percolated through the cumulate pile or lithified rock.

3. Felsic veins transect the gabbroic lithologies throughout the hole, demonstrating intrusion at a late stage in the igneous accretion history. Geochemical data demonstrate a possible petrologic relationship between felsic veins and the gabbroic lithologies (Figure F149), but further work is required to understand the nature of that relationship and determine whether the veins were produced by, for example, late-stage melting of gabbros triggered by infiltration of seawater, by fractional crystallization, or by liquid immiscibility.
4. Geochemical data spanning the uppermost 720 m of the 789 m section drilled during Expedition 360 define three major chemical units, with boundaries at ~60, ~300, and ~700 m CCSF (Figures F150, F151). The chemical unit boundaries show some correspondence with igneous unit boundaries. The thickness of the separate units varies from ~200 to ~400 m, which probably represents the scale at which individual magmatic events at the SWIR constructed the lower ocean crust at Atlantis Bank. Downhole variation in Hole U1473A shows some similarities to Hole 735B, probably indicating comparability of process in the accretion of igneous units over a distance of a few kilometers and timescales of >100 ka (Figure F152).

Volatiles and alteration

Volatiles were measured by multiple techniques during Expedition 360 (see [Geochemistry](#) in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). Our results show that the H₂O measured by CHNS is on average ~0.5 wt% higher than the LOI (Figure F153). In most cases, the discrepancy reflects weight gain resulting from

Figure F153. Volatile content of Hole U1473A lithologies determined by LOI and CHNS analyzer. A. H₂O vs. LOI. B. CO₂ vs. LOI. Note that although C is reported as CO₂, some of it may be present as C (see **Inorganic and organic carbon**). Also note that LOI axis goes from -0.5 to 7 wt%. Vertical dotted line = 0 wt% LOI. Olivine gabbros collected to investigate alteration are distinguished from remaining fresher gabbros.



oxidation of Fe²⁺ to Fe³⁺ during ignition (see **Geochemistry** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). In contrast to H₂O, the LOI data are not related to sample CO₂ content, which represents a minor component of total volatiles LOI in most of the samples (Figure F153). The CHNS technique was demonstrated to reliably reproduce H₂O concentrations with an average precision of ~5% during Expedition 360. In contrast, LOI and CO₂ concentration measurements of <0.5 wt% CO₂ (0.14 wt% C) have a much lower reproducibility (see below; see also Figure F21 in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]).

CHNS analyses indicate that samples recovered from Hole U1473A contain 0.2–8 wt% H₂O (mean = 1.0 ± 0.9 wt%, median = 0.8 wt%) and, in the majority of samples, <0.3 wt% CO₂ (Figures F153, F154). The H₂O concentration data are scattered in the downhole plot but have a baseline that decreases from ~0.7 wt% at the top of the hole to ~0.3 wt% at 700 m CCSF (Figure F154). In contrast, the CO₂ data are frequently below detection limit and only show elevated concentrations in proximity to carbonate veins at 200–400 m CCSF. In many cases, the highest CO₂ concentrations are due to the presence of very small carbonate veins that are sometimes only visible in thin section and were not identified during shipboard sampling. However, a surprising finding is that two of the samples with the highest C content are dominated by OC rather than carbonate (Table T13; see **Inorganic and organic carbon**).

H₂O concentration is not correlated with CO₂ concentration in Hole U1473A lithologies (Figure F154).

Previous expeditions recovered gabbroic rocks from Holes 735B and 1105A on Atlantis Bank with similar ranges of H₂O and CO₂ concentrations as in the lithologies recovered from Hole U1473A (Figure F153) (Casey et al., 2007; Shipboard Scientific Party, 1999a). In comparison, olivine gabbros recovered from Hess Deep were reported to have broadly similar CO₂ contents but significantly higher H₂O contents that are mostly between 2 and 4 wt%, with olivine-rich troctolites containing even higher H₂O contents of 5–10 wt% (Gillis et al., 2014). These figures compare to typical ranges of 0.2–0.4 wt% H₂O in MORB glasses that have not degassed H₂O (Dixon et al., 1995; Michael, 1995) and the expectation that unaltered cumulate rocks in the lower crust would be depleted in all incompatible elements (including H₂O) relative to MORB. Therefore, the high H₂O concentrations observed (Figure F154) strongly suggest that all the samples recovered by deep drilling of oceanic basement rocks, including the freshest samples selected, have been affected to some extent by seawater alteration. In contrast with H₂O, mid-ocean-ridge magmas degas CO₂ at an early stage, meaning that the initial CO₂ content of oceanic magmas is poorly defined (Dixon et al., 1995). Nonetheless, the relationship between CO₂ content and distribution of carbonate veins suggests that like H₂O, the CO₂ content of the gabbros is related to alteration.

The effects of alteration on the major and minor elements measured during Expedition 360 were investigated by examining the composition of altered samples relative to unaltered (or less altered) equivalent lithologies from the same interval. These data are presented as altered/fresh ratios in Figure F155, which shows that almost all of the elements investigated scatter around a ratio of 1. The scatter of fluid immobile elements such as Ti, Zr, and Y indicates that the rock pairs selected from some intervals were not exactly equivalent. However, H₂O and CO₂, which are assumed to have been almost entirely introduced during alteration, and K₂O are significantly enriched in the altered samples. In addition, S and Cu are both depleted in the altered samples, but because the S and Cu measurements have relatively low precision (see **Geochemistry** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]), further work is required to test if this apparent depletion is real. The altered samples are distinguished on the downhole plots in Figures F150 and F151 and demonstrate good coherence with the unaltered samples. Therefore, we conclude that alteration has not significantly influenced any of the elements discussed in **Major and trace elements in igneous samples**.

Inorganic and organic carbon

The procedural blank of the CHNS analyzer limited the reproducibility of TC measurements during Expedition 360 (see Figure F21 in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]); however, the microbiology samples run in two CHNS runs with optimally low blank results gave reproducible results at the 200 ppm C level (equivalent to 700 ppm CO₂; Table T13). The IC component measured in these samples by coulometry had a higher reproducibility for those samples for which replicate measurements are available. However, when uncertainty in the calibration is taken into account (external precision), none of the microbiology samples contain OC that is significant at the 66% confidence level.

Following the initial results, coulometry measurements were made on 10 geochemistry samples for which CHNS had indicated high and therefore reliable C concentration measurements >1000 ppm. The coulometric measurements then indicated that four of

Figure F154. H₂O and CO₂ downhole depth, Hole U1473A. H₂O baseline decreases from ~0.6 wt% at top of hole to ~0.3 wt% at ~700 m CCSF. The highest CO₂ concentrations are related to carbonate veining. In comparison with gabbroic lithologies recovered, typical MORB glasses contain 0.2–0.4 wt% H₂O and lower concentrations would be expected in unaltered cumulate rocks. Note that geochemical intervals shown in Figures F149 and F150 are not shown, because the H₂O content represents secondary alteration processes. Olivine gabbros collected to investigate alteration are distinguished from remaining fresher gabbros.

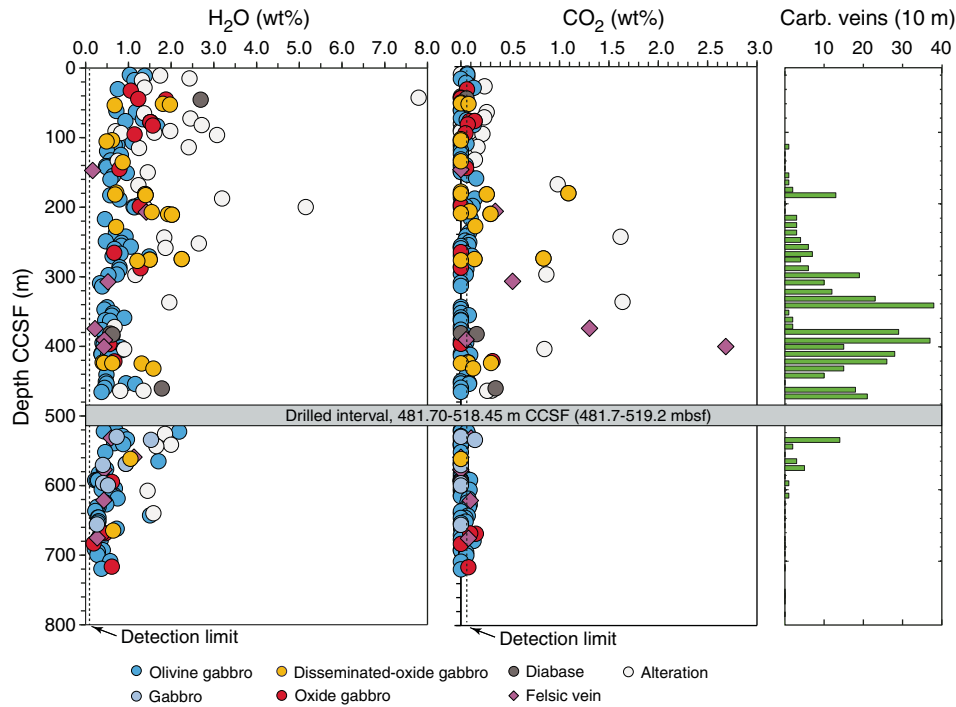
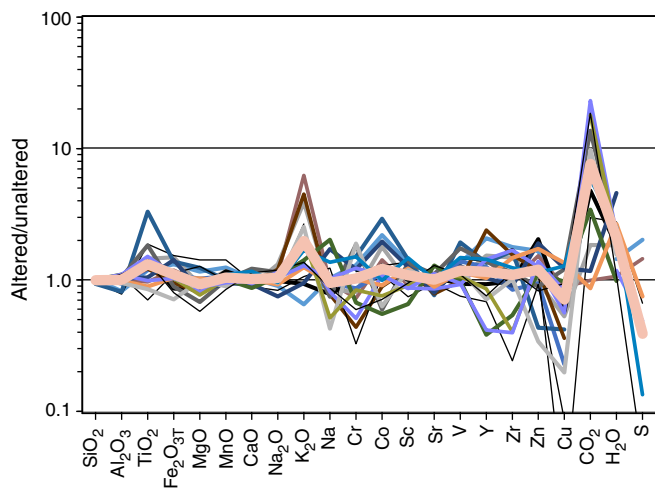


Figure F155. Relative element abundance in adjacent altered vs. fresh samples taken from same interval, Hole U1473A. Each line represents a pair of altered/fresh samples. Only H₂O, CO₂, and K₂O are significantly influenced by alteration. The apparently high TiO₂ of altered rocks probably reflects preferential alteration of oxide-bearing lithologies, and the differences in immobile elements suggest the paired lithologies are not exactly equivalent. Pink line = average of all intervals.



the selected samples contain OC that is statistically significant at the 1σ or 66% confidence level (Table T13). Furthermore, the results for Samples 360-U1473A-15R-3, 60–64 cm, and 27R-6, 95–99 cm, which contain 0.4–0.5 wt% OC, are significant at the 3σ or 99% confidence level. The low concentration of CO₂ measured by coulometry was reproduced for two of the samples, suggesting that it did not result from an equipment malfunction. Therefore, the results

indicate that some of the samples with the highest TC concentrations, in the interval 130–240 m CCSF, where carbonate veins start to become important, are dominated by OC rather than carbonate (cf. Figure F153 and Table T13).

The samples containing OC include a felsic vein, disseminated-oxide gabbro, and two olivine gabbros, all of which are altered to varying extents. An examination of the thin sections for these samples revealed that only Sample 360-U1473A-21R-1, 96–99 cm, contains microscopically visible carbonate in thin section, consistent with it containing a mixture of ~1000 ppm OC and ~2000 ppm IC (Table T13). Carbonate was not observed in the thin sections of Samples 15R-3, 60–64 cm, 24R-1, 51–53 cm, and 27R-6, 95–99 cm, which are all dominated by ~900–5000 ppm OC. The only feature all four samples share in common is clay alteration. Clay alteration occurs in most of the geochemistry samples investigated for OC but is only intense enough to replace plagioclase in the samples that contain measurable OC.

As points of comparison, oceanic gabbros and serpentinized lithologies from the Iberian margin of the Atlantic Ocean, the MARK area, the East Pacific Rise Hess Deep, and elsewhere on the SWIR typically contain ~10–2000 ppm of OC (Delacour et al., 2008; Früh-Green et al., 2004). However, palagonitic glass alteration, which comprises a mixture of clay minerals, oxides, and zeolites, can contain weight percent levels of OC (e.g., 0.4–1.5 wt%; Kruber et al., 2008). The origins of C in these systems is of critical importance: OC in serpentinites could be advected into place by the seawater-derived fluids responsible for serpentinization (Delacour et al., 2008) or C could precipitate during reaction of CO₂ and CH₄ produced during serpentinization. In contrast, OC in palagonite is attributed to living and fossilized biomass responsible for the alteration of glass, implying the C is sequestered into the rock in situ rather than by advection (Kruber et al., 2008).

It is surprising that the altered whole rocks analyzed in this study with alteration intensities between 30% and 60% have OC concentrations of up to 0.4–0.5 wt%. These levels are much higher than usually attributed to seawater advection in serpentinites and are comparable to palagonite formed by microbial replacement of glass (Table T13). Further work is clearly required in order to verify the measurements reported here, track the origin of C in the rock using other geochemical tracers, and investigate the nature of the clay alteration with advanced microscopy.

Microbiology

Microbiology sampling during Expedition 360 focused on exploring evidence for life in the lower crust and hydrated mantle using culture-based and culture-independent approaches, microscopy, and enzyme assays. Sampling efforts focused on core sections with evidence of alteration or fracturing within all lithologies encountered. A total of 68 whole-round samples (4–22 cm long) were collected from Hole U1473A for microbiological analysis (Figure F156). Lithologies of the samples collected, as defined by the igneous petrology group, were granular or subophitic olivine gabbro (36), coarse-grained olivine gabbro (16), subophitic olivine-bearing gabbro (1), disseminated-oxide or oxide olivine gabbro (11), coarse-grained granular disseminated-oxide olivine gabbro with fine-grained granular oxide-bearing trondhjemite felsic domain (2), olivine-bearing gabbro (1), coarse-grained granular oxide gabbro-norite (1), and fine-grained aphyric diabase (1).

The number of analyses possible for each sample depended on the size of the core sample available for microbiology, and hence, the amount of material we were able to harvest for analyses:

- 64 samples were processed for shore-based DNA iTAG (small subunit ribosomal RNA [SSU rRNA] gene diversity) analysis, and of those, 45 samples had sufficient material for coupled RNA iTAG analyses.
- Of the 45 samples above, 11 were processed for metatranscriptome analyses, 21 were processed for metagenome analyses, and 21 were processed for lipid analyses. It should be noted that low biomass expected in these samples may prevent success for some of these analyses.
- 66 samples were processed for cell counts.
- 58 samples were prepared for thin section and scanning electron microscopy.
- 66 samples were analyzed on board for adenosine triphosphate (ATP) concentration (Table T14).
- 16 samples were used to initiate exoenzyme assays to determine the rates of metabolic activity in seafloor gabbroic basement (Table T15).
- 38 samples were inoculated into up to 10 different kinds of microbial media targeting specific archaea, bacteria, or fungi (Table T16).
- 12 samples were used to initiate nutrient addition bioassays with inorganic nitrogen and phosphorus or organic carbon to determine the nutritional constraints on biomass in this environment (Table T16).

Additionally, a new chemical tracer, perfluoromethyldecaline (PFMD), was used for contamination testing for the first time (Table T17). This was run during coring operations for 10 samples. PFMD was consistently detected in the drilling fluid, usually detected on the outside of uncleaned cores, and on rare occasions was above detection levels on the cleaned outside of cores. It was always below detection on the inside of cores, indicating penetration of drilling

fluid to the interior of whole-round drill cores (where we collected our samples) is unlikely. We ran the more volatile tracer perfluoromethylcyclohexane (PMCH) during three coring runs at the end of the cruise. It was more difficult to successfully clean the core exteriors with this more volatile tracer, and tracer was detected on occasion on core interiors.

Sampling for shore-based DNA, RNA, and lipid analyses

DNA, RNA, and lipid analyses will be performed in shore-based laboratories. Material for DNA, RNA, and lipid analyses was collected as indicated in **Microbiology** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter (MacLeod et al., 2017a) and placed into sterile 50 mL Falcon tubes, labeled, and immediately frozen at -80°C . A total of 64 samples were processed for shore-based DNA-based iTAG (SSU rRNA gene diversity) analysis, and of those, sufficient material was provided for 45 coupled RNA-based (expressed SSU rRNA gene diversity) iTAG analyses. We predict that 20–40 g of material is required to obtain sufficient DNA for metagenomics. This amount of rock was available for 21 of the 64 DNA samples. Sufficient material (an additional 40 g) for metatranscriptome analyses of gene expression was only obtained for 11 samples. A total of 21 samples were collected for lipid analyses.

Cell counts

Performing shipboard cell counts on rock samples is difficult due to the time required to separate cells from rock material in addition to sample processing and other shipboard tests. Therefore, shipboard cell counts were not attempted on samples from Site U1473; instead, the samples were powdered and preserved for post-cruise analysis in a 1:5 slurry of rock powder and 4% paraformaldehyde.

ATP measurements

The presence of ATP is indicative of the presence of nucleic acids, and if this ATP is coming from living cells, it should be proportional to cell abundance, although there are complicating factors that prevent direct correlation (e.g., low-activity cells have lower than average ATP concentrations). The assay for ATP concentrations uses the luciferase enzyme and light detection, which makes it easy to employ and relatively sensitive. We regard positive detection of ATP as supporting the possibility of subsurface microbial biomass; however, we do not view negative results to indicate a lack of biomass but, more likely, biomass below the detection limit of the ATP assay.

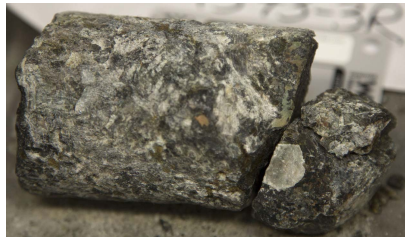
ATP was detectable in 23 of the 66 analyzed samples (Table T14). The highest values were detected in Samples 360-U1473A-2R-1, 123–137 cm, 71R-1, 0–8 cm, and 72R-2, 121–129 cm. ATP in Sample 2R-1, 123–137 cm, was an order of magnitude lower than surface seawater at Site U1473, whereas ATP in the other two samples was in the same order of magnitude as that in seawater. For Samples 2R-1, 123–137 cm, through 24R-2, 104–115 cm, we used a homogeneous mix of powder from different parts of the sampled core for the ATP analysis. The reasoning for this was to generate a value for the whole rock, but this reasoning evolved as the cruise progressed. Starting with Sample 25R-2, 114–125 cm, we changed our strategy specifically to collect only vein and adjacent material for ATP analysis, where available (as indicated in Table T14). Our strategy changed because we felt we were diluting the signal of microbial biomass in veins, where cells are more likely to occur, with sample from the background rock material. Indeed, a higher pro-

Figure F156. Whole-round samples collected for microbiological analysis, Hole U1473A. (Continued on next five pages.)

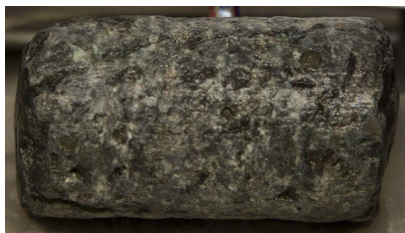
2R-1, 123-127 cm
Top: 10.73 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine-bearing gabbro
Lith. Interval 1
Veins: no



3R-1, 110-125 cm
Top: 13.91 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 4
Veins: no



4R-4, 0-12 cm
Top: 26.91 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 10
Veins: amphibole (1)



6R-2, 139-150 cm
Top: 44.49 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
olivine oxide gabbro
Lith. Interval 16
Veins: no



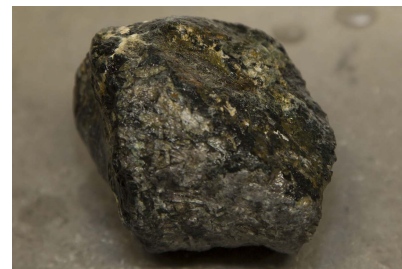
8R-3, 68-78 cm
Top: 64.52 m CCSF
Medium-grained granular
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 25
Veins: ?



9R-1, 19-35 cm
Top: 70.89 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 26
Veins: no (?)



10R-2, 20-28 cm
Top: 81.98 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 36
Veins: amphibole (1?)



11R-1, 119-131 cm
Top: 91.29 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 41
Veins: carbonate (1-2),
amphibole (?)



12R-3, 10-20 cm
Top: 102.82 m CCSF
Medium-grained granular
disseminated-oxide
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 49
Veins: no



13R-2, 117-127 cm
Top: 111.98 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 58
Veins: amphibole (2?)



14R-1, 52-69 cm
Top: 119.72 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 60
Veins: carbonate (≥3)



15R-2, 84-102 cm
Top: 131.22 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 67
Veins: amphibole (≥3)



portion of samples collected this way were positive than when we collected homogeneous rock powder. The samples positive for ATP detection will be initial priority targets for shore-based research, and ATP concentrations will also be used later for correlation with cell counts, exoenzyme analyses, and molecular biology data.

Exoenzyme assays

A total of 16 samples were used to initiate exoenzyme assays to determine the rates of metabolic activity in subseafloor plutonic basement rocks (Table T15). We assayed alkaline phosphatase (AP)

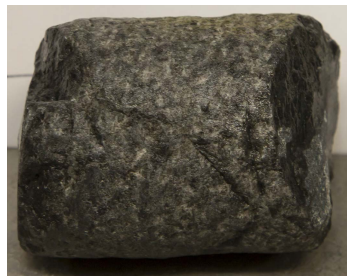
and leucine aminopeptidase (LeuAP) for all 16 of these samples. We initially tried to assay also for esterase activity using the substrate 4-methylumbelliferyl acetate (MUF-acetate), but blanks and samples were consistently off-scale above the highest readable value of the plate reader. This may be due to one or a combination of the following factors: (1) interference from the reducing agent in the anoxic artificial seawater (ASW360), although tests with reducing agent in Milli-Q water and MUF-acetate did not exhibit this interference; (2) salt in the ASW360, although it is notable that tests with surface seawater and MUF-acetate were also off-scale, indicating perhaps it

Figure F156 (continued). (Continued on next page.)

16R-6, 67-79 cm
Top: 146.60 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
olivine oxide gabbro
Lith. Interval 94
Veins: amphibole (≥ 1)



17R-3, 92-101 cm
Top: 152.13 m CCSF
Granular olivine gabbro
with coarse-grained and
fine-grained domains
Lith. Interval 97
Veins: amphibole (≥ 1)



18R-2, 119-130 cm
Top: 160.53 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 99
Veins: carbonate (≥ 2)



19R-1, 67-78 cm
Top: 168.37 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 103
Veins: carbonate (≥ 3)



21R-2, 96-107 cm
Top: 182.44 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
disseminated-oxide
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 106
Veins: carbonate (≥ 5),
felsic (1?)



23R-4, 32-40 cm
Top: 201.59 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
disseminated-oxide olivine
gabbro w/fine-grained granular
oxide-bearing trondhjemite
felsic domain
Lith. Interval 111
Veins: felsic (1),
amphibole (1)



24R-2, 104-115 cm
Top: 209.04 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
disseminated-oxide olivine
gabbro w/fine-grained granular
oxide-bearing trondhjemite
felsic domain
Lith. Interval 111
Veins: felsic (1),
carbonate (1)



25R-2, 114-125 cm
Top: 218.84 m CCSF
Medium-grained granular
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 115
Veins: felsic (1) with
amphibole



26R-2, 129-140 cm
Top: 228.68 m CCSF
Medium-grained subophitic
disseminated-oxide
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 120
Veins: carbonate (1),
amphibole (≥ 1)



27R-5, 0-18 cm
Top: 241.09 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 123
Veins: alteration vein (1)



is not the reducing agent alone in ASW360 that causes interference; or (3) acetone in the working solution. Regarding the third possibility, because the assay substrate will not dissolve in water, it is initially dissolved and diluted in acetone, which does increase fluorescence when added to MUF standards in the same concentration as it would be added to the sample assays. However, the increased fluorescence caused by adding acetone to MUF standards did not push the values off-scale, so interference cannot be attributed to this factor alone. After observing trouble with the MUF-acetate assays, we switched to assaying for arginine aminopeptidase (ArgAP) and continued this for Samples 360-U1473A-27R-5, 0–18 cm, and deeper.

Experiments were conducted with powdered rock from Samples 360-U1473A-9R-1, 19–35 cm, 51R-3, 110–127 cm, 74R-7, 40–44 cm, and 75R-2, 0–3 cm, to determine the amount of fluorophore adsorbance to rock powder in the exoenzyme experiments. Adsorbance was found to behave in a systematic manner, resulting in a straight line when comparing fluorescence standards in ASW alone to fluorescence standards in ASW plus rock powder, although this relationship was found to be different when measured at 4 h versus days later. Therefore, a correction factor for adsorbance was applied to generate the enzyme data presented in Table T15, and a different correction factor was applied to the initial measurement (T_0) ($y = 1.90x - 676$ for MUF and $y = 2.02x - 69.7$ for 7-amino-4-methylcou-

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28R-2, 97-108 cm
Top: 247.71 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 125
Veins: felsic (? 1)



29R-3, 112-123 cm
Top: 259.03 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 125
Veins: felsic (1),
carbonate (1)



30R-3, 61-73 cm
Top: 268.16 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 129
Veins: felsic (? 1), and another
vein along bottom?



31R-1, 15-23 cm
Top: 274.55 m CCSF
Coarse-grained ophitic
disseminated-oxide olivine
gabbro
Lith. Interval 132
Veins: no



32R-2, 6-18 cm
Top: 285.43 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro background
domain
Lith. Interval 137
Veins: felsic (2), carbonate (1?)



33R-5, 66-81 cm
Top: 299.61 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
olivine gabbro background
and coarse-grained granular
felsic patch domain
Lith. Interval 155
Veins: felsic (? 2)



34R-3, 110-121 cm
Top: 306.65 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro background
Lith. Interval 158
Veins: felsic (? 1),
carbonate (? 1)



36R-2, 66-77 cm
Top: 324.97 m CCSF
Medium-grained granular
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 167
Veins: ≥5, not sure of type



37R-1, 18-27 cm
Top: 332.78 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 169
Veins: ≥3, carbonate
and felsic (?)



39R-5, 29-37 cm
Top: 357.66 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
amphibole-bearing olivine
gabbro domain with coarse-
grained granular diorite patch
domain
Lith. Interval 179
Veins: carbonate (2)



41R-3, 81-82 cm
Top: 375.08 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 184
Veins: felsic (3)



42R-2, 9-17 cm
Top: 382.69 m CCSF
Fine-grained aphyric
diabase
Lith. Interval 187
Veins: ≥6 (what kind?)



marin [AMC]) than to the second and third measurements (T_1 and T_2) ($y = 4.64x - 303$ for MUF and $y = 2.15x$ for AMC).

During Expedition 360, three time points were measured for Samples 360-U1473A-2R-1, 123–137 cm, 6R-2, 139–150 cm, and 9R-1, 19–35 cm. For these samples, AP activity rates were 2.3×10^{-3} to 2.8×10^{-3} nmol/(g·h) and LeuAP activity was below detection.

The goal is to measure three time points for all samples. For Sample 2R-1, 123–137 cm, the second sampling was performed 30 h after the initial sampling and no increase in fluorophore was detected. We therefore decided to allow incubations to proceed for at least 3 weeks prior to the second sampling. During Expedition 360, Samples 2R-1, 123–137 cm, through 9R-1, 19–35 cm, were sampled

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43R-8, 24-34 cm
Top: 399.76 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 201
Veins: felsic (4)



44R-4, 5-16 cm
Top: 404.92 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 203
Veins: carbonate (4)



46R-1, 63-70 cm
Top: 411.43 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 205
Veins: carbonate (1)



47R-1, 48-55 cm
Top: 420.98 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
oxide gabbro
Lith. Interval 209
Veins: carbonate (1)



48R-2, 114-125 cm
Top: 432.84 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
disseminated-oxide olivine
gabbro
Lith. Interval 214
Veins: carbonate (2)



50R-3, 29-38 cm
Top: 452.89 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 219
Veins: carbonate and
felsic (?)



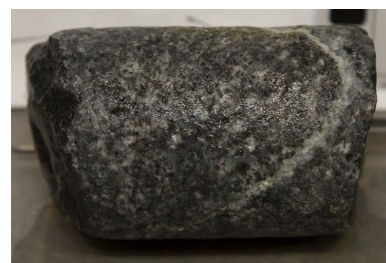
51R-1, 110-127 cm
Top: 460.40 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 226
Veins: felsic (≥5)



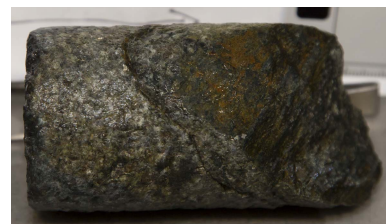
58R-4, 0-20 cm
Top: 522.73 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 239
Veins: felsic (≥2)



59R-4, 24-33 cm
Top: 533.45 m CCSF
Medium-grained granular
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 245
Veins: felsic (1)



60R-4, 112-126 cm
Top: 543.65 m CCSF
Medium-grained granular
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 250
Veins: felsic (1)



61R-1, 101-108 cm
Top: 549.41 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 252
Veins: felsic (1)



three times; Samples 11R-1, 119–131 cm, through 37R-1, 18–27 cm, were sampled twice; and Samples 68R-4, 57–71 cm, through 89R-2, 95–102 cm, were sampled only for their initial measurement. For those samples with two measurements (T_0 and T_1), AP activity was often above detection but low (8.7×10^{-5} to 2.3×10^{-3} nmol/[g·h]), whereas both LeuAP and ArgAP were consistently below detection (Table T15). A final time point for these samples will be taken post-cruise. Negative controls, consisting of the same ASW used for the

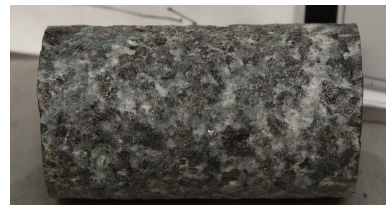
sample incubations plus substrate but no sample, were consistently below detection or at least an order of magnitude lower than the values measured in the experimental samples. To clearly verify the veracity of the low but positive AP activity rates, postcruise negative controls with killed rock chips will be conducted. This will reveal whether there is any reaction between the rock itself with the 4-methylumbelliferyl phosphate (MUF-P) substrate used for the AP assays.

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62R-1, 40-53 cm
Top: 558.50 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
oxide-bearing olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 258
Veins: felsic (1)



67R-6, 29-33 cm
Top: 611.60 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 287
Veins: felsic (1)



62R-5, 140-150 cm
Top: 564.77 m CCSF
Medium-grained granular
olivine-bearing gabbro
Lith. Interval 259
Veins: felsic (1)



68R-4, 57-71 cm
Top: 619.64 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 293
Veins: felsic (1)



63R-1, 0-10 cm
Top: 567.80 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 263
Veins: felsic (1)



69R-12, 53-58 cm
Top: 626.26 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 298
Veins: felsic (1)



64R-5, 76-84 cm
Top: 580.41 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 266
Veins: felsic (2)



70R-4, 74-84 cm
Top: 639.34 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 305
Veins: felsic (2)



65R-3, 17-29 cm
Top: 588.68 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
olivine gabbro with medium-
grained granular olivine
gabbro domain
Lith. Interval 269
Veins: felsic (1)



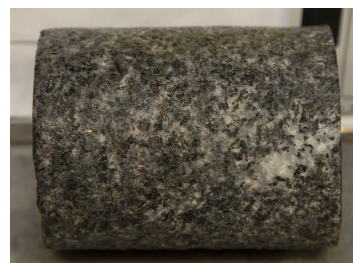
71R-1, 0-8 cm
Top: 643.87 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 309
Veins: felsic (11)



66R-4, 58-70 cm
Top: 600.51 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine-bearing gabbro
Lith. Interval 282
Veins: felsic (2)



72R-2, 121-129 cm
Top: 650.10 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 311
Veins: felsic (1)



Culturing experiments

A total of 38 samples were used to inoculate enrichment cultures using 10 different types of cultivation media. These included media targeting fungi: potato glucose agar with and without chloramphenicol and penicillin, marine broth agar 2216 with and without chloramphenicol and penicillin, and YEPG media with and

without chloramphenicol and penicillin (see Table T6 in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). Selective media were used to initiate enrichment cultures for methanogenic archaea, sulfate-reducing bacteria, iron-reducing microbes, and sulfur-oxidizing microbes as well (see Table T7 in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). Samples for which culturing experiments were initiated are listed in Table T16. The sam-

Figure F156 (continued).

74R-7, 40-44 cm
Top: 661.11 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro w/medium-
grained granular olivine
gabbro domain
Lith. Interval 305
Veins: felsic (2)



75R-2, 0-3 cm
Top: 664.79 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 328
Veins: felsic (2)



78R-1, 59-68 cm
Top: 682.32 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 333
Veins: none



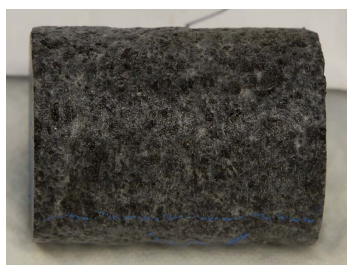
80R-8, 112-122 cm
Top: 711.34 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 363
Veins: felsic (1)



81R-2, 33-150 cm
Top: 714.86 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
oxide gabbro
Lith. Interval 367
Veins: felsic (1)



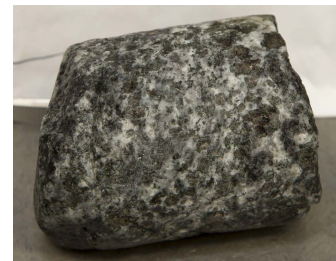
82R-3, 115-124 cm
Top: 724.68 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 368
Veins: no



84R-6, 4-14 cm
Top: 747.73 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 396
Veins: felsic (1)



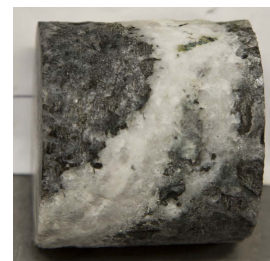
85R-4, 0-9 cm
Top: 754.69 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
olivine oxide gabbro
Lith. Interval 400
Veins: felsic (≥ 1)



86R-1, 18-25 cm
Top: 756.28 m CCSF
Coarse-grained granular
oxide-bearing olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 402
Veins: felsic (1)



87R-8, 21-29 cm
Top: 767.75 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 406
Veins: felsic (1)



89R-2, 95-105 cm
Top: 781.45 m CCSF
Coarse-grained subophitic
olivine gabbro
Lith. Interval 420
Veins: felsic (1)



ple slurry used to inoculate all media for each sample was turbid; therefore, visual inspection of liquid cultures for increased turbidity could not be used to assess growth during the cruise. Additionally, supplies for staining cells for visualizing them under the microscope were not available on the ship; therefore, growth was not assessed during the cruise. Shore-based research will focus on assessing growth and isolating new microbes from these subsurface enrichments.

Nutrient addition experiments

Twelve samples were used to initiate nutrient addition bioassays to determine the nutritional constraints on biomass in this environment (Table T16). For four of these experiments, 5 cm³ of rock powder (fine particles < 3 mm) were added to 30 mL serum vials and the volume of the experiment was brought up to 27 mL using ASW360 (see Table T7 in the Expedition 360 methods chapter

Table T14. ATP raw luminescence (relative light units) and concentration from samples collected from Hole U1473A. Samples where vein (only) was targeted for ATP are indicated; those without further designation are carbonate veins. * = some ATP concentrations were >0 but off the standard curve and cannot be quantified. RLU = relative light units, BD = below detection. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

Core, section, interval (cm)	Top depth CCSF (m)	ATP (RLU)	ATP (pg/mL)	Samples that targeted vein material for ATP
360-U1473A-				
Surface seawater	—	3079	9.0	
2R-1, 123–137	10.73	275.4	0.6	
3R-1, 110–125	13.91	13.8	>0*	
4R-4, 0–12	26.91	0	BD	
6R-2, 139–150	44.49	0	BD	
8R-3, 68–78	64.52	3.6	>0*	
9R-1, 19–35	70.89	0	BD	
10R-2, 20–28	81.98	0	BD	
11R-1, 119–131	91.29	0	BD	
12R-3, 10–20	102.81	0	BD	
13R-2, 117–127	111.94	0	BD	
14R-1, 52–69	119.72	0	BD	
15R-2, 84–102	131.22	0	BD	
16R-6, 67–79	146.60	0	BD	
17R-3, 92–101	152.13	0	BD	
18R-2, 119–130	158.37	0	BD	
19R-1, 67–78	168.37	0	BD	
21R-2, 96–107	182.44	0	BD	
23R-4, 32–40	201.59	0	BD	
24R-2, 104–115	209.04	0	BD	
25R-2, 114–125	218.84	0.045	>0*	x
26R-2, 129–140	228.79	3.04	>0*	x
27R-5, 0–18	241.09	0	BD	x
28R-2, 97–108	247.82	125.9	0.4	x
31R-1, 15–23	274.55	0	BD	
32R-2, 6–18	292.09	0	BD	x (felsic)
33R-5, 66–81	299.61	0	BD	x (felsic primarily)
34R-3, 110–121	306.65	0	BD	
36R-2, 66–77	324.97	0	BD	x
37R-1, 18–27	332.78	0	BD	x
39R-5, 29–37	357.66	0	BD	x
41R-3, 81–82	375.08	1.04	>0*	x
42R-2, 9–17	382.69	80.34	0.3	x (felsic primarily)
43R-8, 24–34	392.08	0	0	x
44R-4, 5–16	404.92	0	0	
46R-1a, 63–70	411.43	0	BD	x
47R-1b, 94–98	420.98	0	BD	x
48R-2, 114–125	432.84	15.54	0.10	x
50R-3, 29–38	452.89	15.54	0.10	x
51R-1, 110–127	463.46	0	BD	x
58R-4, 0–20	522.73	8.28	>0*	
59R-4, 24–33	533.45	0	BD	x
60R-4, 112–126	543.65	0	BD	
61R-1, 101–108	549.41	0	BD	x
62R-1a, 40–53	558.50	0	BD	x
64R-5, 76–84	580.41	0	BD	x
65R-3, 17–29	588.68	0	BD	
66R-4, 58–70	600.51	0	BD	x
67R-6, 29–33	611.60	0	BD	
68R-4, 57–71	619.64	43.2	0.29	x (felsic with green and white)
69R-2, 53–58	626.26	7.41	0.12	x (felsic with green and white)
70R-4, 74–84	639.34	0	BD	x
71R-1, 0–8	643.87	187.53	1.04	x (background rock had tiny white veins)
72R-2, 121–129	650.10	546.3	2.89	
74R-7, 40–44	661.11	0	BD	x
75R-2, 0–3	664.79	0.003	0.08	x (felsic with chlorite)
78R-1, 59–68	682.32	1023	5.34	
80R-8, 112–122	711.34	105.57	0.621	x (felsic with chlorite)
81R-2, 133–150	714.86	72.63	0.448	x (felsic with dark green)
82R-3, 115–124	724.68	13.35	0.15	
83R-1, 0–11	731.00	0	BD	
84R-6, 4–14	747.73	126.57	0.73	x (greenish)
85R-4, 0–9	754.69	0	BD	x
86R-1, 18–25	756.28	0	BD	x (felsic with white and green)
87R-8, 21–29	767.75	0.375	0.08	x (felsic)
89R-2, 95–105	781.45	0	BD	x (felsic with green)

Table T15. Exoenzyme activity rates from assays, Hole U1473A. For each sample, 2–3 enzyme substrates were added to separate aliquots of rocks. If at least 2 measurements were taken, activity was determined and is presented here. For samples where only the initial measurement was made on board, the sample is listed but activity was not determined (ND). Additional measurements will be made postcruise. Enzymes assayed: AP = alkaline phosphatase, LeuAP = leucine aminopeptidase, ArgAP = arginine aminopeptidase. *N* = number of measurements taken during Expedition 360. BD = below detection, — = not measured.

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Core, section, interval (cm)	Top depth CCSF (m)	AP (nM/[g-h])	LeuAP (nM/[g-h])	ArgAP (nM/[g-h])	<i>N</i>	Total time (h)
360-U1473A-						
2R-1, 123–137	10.73	0.0023	BD	—	3	876
6R-2, 139–150	44.49	0.0028	BD	—	3	863
9R-1, 19–35	70.89	0.0028	BD	—	3	846
11R-1, 119–131	91.29	0.00011	BD	BD	2	781
14R-1, 52–69	119.72	0.0001	BD	—	2	772
15R-2, 84–102	131.22	0.000087	BD	—	2	781
18R-2, 119–130	158.37	0.0023	BD	—	2	772
21R-2, 96–107	182.44	0.0014	BD	—	2	1022
27R-5, 0–18	241.09	BD	BD	BD	2	719
28R-2, 97–108	247.82	BD	BD	BD	2	329
34R-3, 110–121	306.65	0.0018	BD	BD	2	723
37R-1, 18–27	332.78	0.00027	BD	BD	2	671
51R-1, 110–127	460.40	ND	ND	ND	1	—
68R-4, 57–71	619.64	ND	ND	ND	1	—
71R-1, 0–8	643.87	ND	ND	ND	1	—
89R-2, 95–105	781.45	ND	ND	ND	1	—

[MacLeod et al., 2017a]). Nutrients were then added to bottles according to the conditions tested:

1. No added nutrients (control).
2. Added 750 μM NH_4Cl .
3. Added 750 μM NH_4Cl and 50 μM K_2HPO_4 .
4. Added 200 μM each of acetate, formate, and lactate.

Because of the small sample sizes typically available for hard rock microbiology sampling, these enrichments were established using one vial per treatment, with the exception of Sample 360-U1473A-9R-1, 19–35 cm, which was processed with duplicates for each treatment. Following inoculation and nutrient addition, vials were sealed, crimped, gassed with a mixture of 90%:5%:5% N_2 : CO_2 : H_2 , and kept at 10°C for the remainder of the cruise. These enrichments will be allowed to incubate in the laboratory postcruise for at least 6 months prior to sampling to test for cell growth and microbial diversity.

Contamination tracer testing

A new chemical tracer, PFMD, was used for contamination testing during Expedition 360 for the first time (Table T17). PFMD was run during coring operations for 10 samples. It was always detected in the drilling fluid collected from the sampling port on the rig floor (on the way down the drill pipe prior to contact with the core) and was usually detected on the outside of core samples that we had not yet subjected to our cleaning procedure; however, it was below detection on almost all of the samples collected from the whole-round exterior following the standard cleaning procedure used during Expedition 360 and was never detected on the insides of cores, indicating that penetration of drilling fluids to the interior of whole-round drill cores, where we collected our samples, is unlikely. We tested the sepiolite drilling mud for detection of PFMD tracer prior to its mixing with seawater and found that it was below detection. During collection of Sample 360-U1473A-12R-3, 10–20 cm, we used a sterile plastic pipette to collect some drilling fluid directly

from the core liner in the core splitting room; PFMD was measured at 28.73 ppb in that sample. No additional core liner samples were collected.

A challenge for our tracer tests throughout the cruise was that tracer is pulsed into the drilling fluid; therefore, when a drilling fluid sample is collected at the spigot on the coring deck, the concentration may vary depending on the moment of sampling. Also, technicians sampling the fluid needed to let the spigot run for a few minutes onto the deck before collecting the sample in order to clear seawater without tracer out of the pipes. These times varied. For this reason, we focused on quantifying the removal of tracer from the core exterior by our washing procedures relative to the starting concentration detected on the prewashed core exterior rather than on comparing final concentrations in our samples to starting concentrations in the more variable drilling fluid.

We ran three runs of the much more volatile tracer PMCH at the end of the cruise for comparison with PFMD. PMCH has been the standard tracer used for microbiology sampling during ODP, Integrated Ocean Drilling Program, and IODP expeditions for the past 15 y (Smith et al., 2000; Lever et al., 2006; Yanagawa et al., 2013). Because of the volatility of PMCH, it becomes increasingly difficult to achieve a clean blank reading between runs because the PMCH permeates the atmosphere of the laboratory. There was more variability in results using this tracer, and it was more difficult to successfully achieve readings that indicated clean core exteriors. Preliminary analysis of our data indicates data from PMCH are more difficult to interpret, likely due to the much higher volatility of this tracer. PMCH was detected on occasion on core interiors, which we do not necessarily interpret as proof of contamination given the volatility of this tracer and likelihood of it contaminating our cleaned samples. PFMD tracer may be a more consistent and reliable tracer to use, and analyses of our contamination control samples using DNA-based approaches will inform on the value of using tracers in drilling fluid as a contamination control for microbiological analyses.

Table T16. Microbiology samples used for establishing enrichment cultures and nutrient addition experiments using selective media for postcruise analyses, Hole U1473A. See Tables T6 and T7 in the Expedition 360 methods chapter (MacLeod et al., 2017a) for details of media used. e = enrichment slurry only. Samples with an "a" and "b" label were pooled for processing. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

Core, section	Top depth CCSF (m)	Enrichment cultures		Nutrient addition experiments			
		Fungi culturing (6 media types)	Bacteria and archaea culturing	Control	+ lactate + acetate + formate	NH ₄	+ NH ₄ + PO ₄
360-U1473A-							
2R-1	10.73	x	x				
8R-3	64.52	x					
9R-1	70.89	x	x	x	x	x	x
11R-1	91.29	x	x	x	x	x	x
15R-2	131.22	e	x				
16R-6	146.60	e					
18R-2	158.37	e					
21R-2	182.44	x	x				
24R-2	209.04	e					
26R-2	228.79	x	x	x	x	x	x
28R-2	247.82	e		x	x	x	x
31R-1	274.55	x	x	x	x	x	x
32R-2	292.09	e					
36R-2	324.97	e					
37R-1	332.78	x	x	x	x	x	x
39R-5	357.66	e					
41R-3	375.08	e					
43R-8	392.08	x	x				
44R-4	404.92	e					
46R-1a	411.43	e					
46R-1b	411.74	e					
47R-1a	420.98	e					
47R-1b	421.50	x	x	x	x	x	x
48R-2	432.84	x	x	x	x	x	x
50R-1	452.89	e					
51R-1	460.40	e					
58R-4	522.73	x	x	x	x	x	x
59R-4	533.45	e					
60R-4	543.65	e					
62R-1a	558.50	e					
62R-5b	564.77	e					
63R-1	567.80	x	x				
64R-5	580.41	e					
67R-6	611.60	e					
69R-2	626.26	e		x	x	x	x
78R-1	682.32	e					
80R-8	711.34	x	x				
81R-2	714.86	e		x	x	x	x
84R-6	747.75	x		x	x	x	x
89R-2	781.45	x	x				

Table T17. GC mass spectrometry measurements of PFMD and PMCH tracer concentrations in drilling fluids and samples, Hole U1473A. * = 4 washes, † = 3 washes, ‡ = no core liner used. BD = below detection limit, AD = above detection limit. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

Hole U1473A core, section	Drilling fluid			Core exterior before cleaning			Core exterior after cleaning			Core interior		
	Rep 1	Rep 2	Rep 3	Rep 1	Rep 2	Rep 3	Rep 1	Rep 2	Rep 3	Rep 1	Rep 2	Rep 3
PFMD tracer (ppb):												
3R-1				2115			BD*				BD	
4R-4				BD			BD				BD	
12R-3	116.1			115.06 [‡]			49.12 [†]				BD	
30R-3				BD	BD	7.2	BD*	BD*	BD*	BD	BD	BD
43R-1	5324	6677	5161	83.29	88.24	58.25	BD*	BD*	BD*	BD	BD	BD
60R-4	512.1	482.1	482.5	1071.5	1020.25	187.36	37.24	BD	12.09	BD	BD	BD
63R-1	742.7	720.9	744.7	4594.6	3665.5	2108.6	29.2	22.1	BD	BD	BD	BD
67R-1	2865.7	2763.6	2901	59.9	61.8	40.7	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD
72R-2	1650.1	1601.2	1590.6	11.5	2.4	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD
75R-2	3002.3	3038.8	3183.4	56.6	56.3	33.4	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD
PMCH tracer (ng/mL headspace):												
82R-3	AD	AD	AD	160	201	214	11	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD
83R-1	3510	3862	3912	3476	9194	1489	3214	1749	3762	81	BD	BD
84R-6	2090	2463	2194	2863	1366	4595	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD

Paleomagnetism

Archive section half remanence data

Remanence measurements were made on archive section half pieces recovered during Expedition 360 by RCB coring in Hole U1473A using the superconducting rock magnetometer (SRM) system. Remanence was measured every 2 cm, and the resulting data were filtered to reject measurement points within 4 cm of piece ends (Table T18). Pieces <8 cm long were removed from the tray during demagnetization and measurement. A list of these pieces is provided in PALEOMAG in [Supplementary material](#). Point susceptibility data obtained from the archive section halves were also filtered to preserve only data corresponding to the intervals where remanence measurements were made.

For the purpose of characterization based on bulk magnetic parameters, the lithologies recovered from Hole U1473A are grouped into three categories based on oxide content (Figure F157). Group 1 consists of gabbros with no visible oxide content (including gabbro and olivine gabbro) and has a geometric mean natural remanent magnetization (NRM) intensity of 0.45 A/m (range = 0.49 mA/m to 9.0 A/m; $N = 10,146$) and a geometric mean low-field susceptibility of 298 IU (range = 24.7–9,820 IU; $N = 9,999$). Group 2 consists of disseminated-oxide and oxide-bearing gabbros (i.e., with <5% oxides including disseminated-oxide and oxide-bearing gabbro and olivine gabbro) and has a geometric mean NRM intensity of 1.07 A/m (range = 40.8 mA/m to 10.3 A/m; $N = 1423$) and a geometric mean susceptibility of 710 IU (range = 38.7–9760 IU; $N = 1411$). Group 3 consists of oxide gabbros (i.e., with >5% oxides including oxide gabbro and olivine gabbro) and has a geometric mean NRM intensity of 2.11 A/m (range = 13.3 mA/m to 19.7 A/m; $N = 448$) and a geometric mean susceptibility of 1999 IU (range = 72.7–9994 IU; $N = 445$). Range and mean susceptibility values for Group 3 in particular are likely underestimated due to an instrument artifact that “wraps” data $\geq 10,000$ IU because of limited dynamic range and returns lower values by subtracting 10,000 IU (see [Petrophysics](#) in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). These data demonstrate that with increasing oxide content the oxide-bearing gabbro (<5% oxides; Group 2) and oxide gabbro (>5% oxides; Group 3) have progressively higher NRM intensities and susceptibilities than the gabbro and olivine gabbro (Group 1) (Fig-

Table T18. Piece-averaged remanence data, Hole U1473A. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

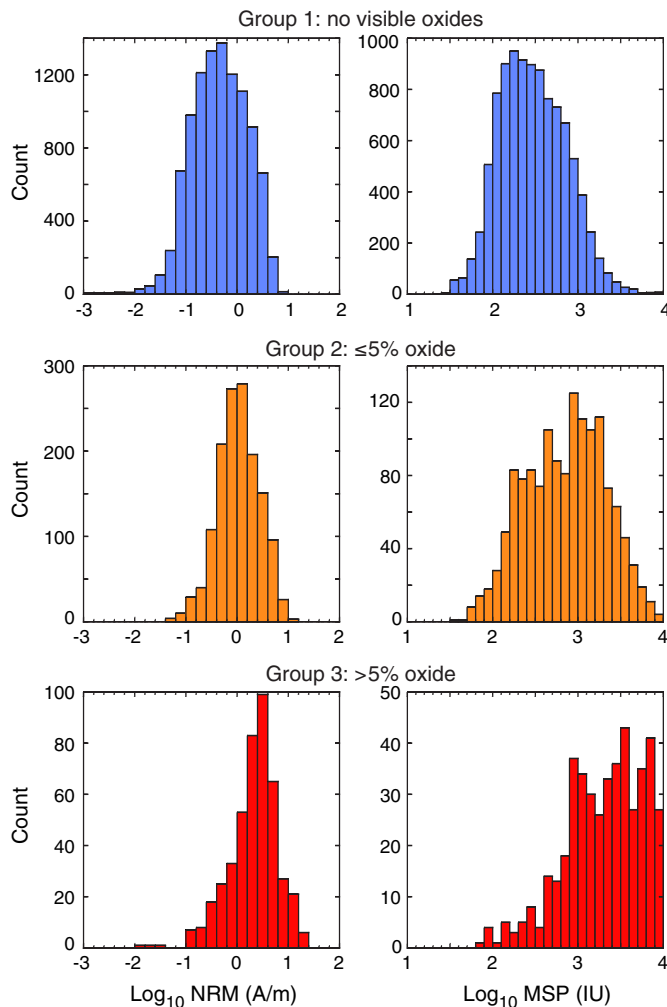
ure F157). However, all groups have wide ranges of NRM and susceptibility that overlap considerably.

Alternating field (AF) demagnetization of archive section halves during Expedition 360 generated a data set consisting of 12,017 individual orthogonal vector plots for principal component analysis (PCA) (see PALEOMAG in [Supplementary material](#)). Visual inspection of orthogonal vector plots revealed four types of AF demagnetization behavior:

- Samples with linear demagnetization trajectories toward the origin (Figure F158A), representing the highest quality data.
- Samples with progressive changes in remanence direction ending in linear segments directed toward the origin, representing the most commonly observed type of demagnetization path (Figure F158B, F158F–F158G).
- Samples with demagnetization trajectories that are not directed toward the origin (Figure F158C).
- Samples with high coercivities that have significant remanence left after demagnetizing at 50 mT (Figure F158D–F158E).

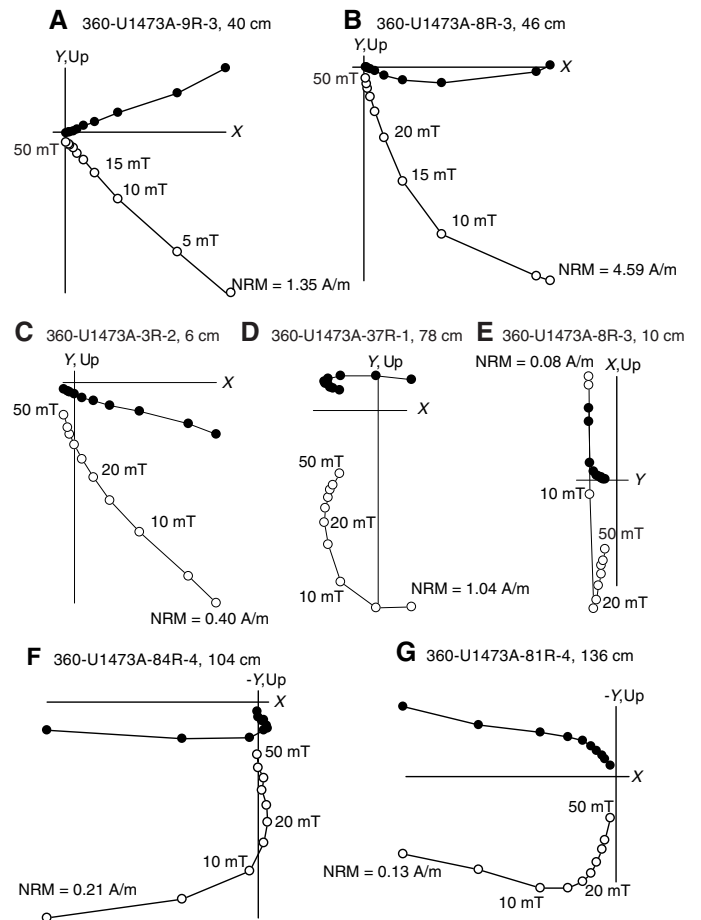
Upward-directed low-coercivity overprints are sometimes observed (e.g., Figure F158E), but overprints with shallow inclinations are more common (e.g., Figure F158B, F158D, F158F–F158G). These overprints have coercivities that partially overlap those of the characteristic remanent magnetization (ChRM), resulting in initially curvilinear demagnetization paths. They are commonly directed toward +X in the CRF (i.e., out of the archive section halves; declinations toward 000°/360°) in the upper 410 m of the hole and toward -X (in the CRF; declinations toward 180°) in the lower half of the hole deeper than 410 m CCSF (see Figure F159). This change in overprint corresponds directly to the location where drilling operations encountered difficulties with the loss of three roller cones from one bit and the subsequent fishing attempts with a strong magnet and RCJBs to recover the lost cones. It is speculated that the magnet may have magnetized the BHA of the drill string and the adjacent drill pipe resulting in a change of overprint. Previous studies of the geometry of drilling-induced remanent magnetizations (DIRMs) have documented a pronounced radial-inward DIRM

Figure F157. Histograms of NRM intensity and low-field magnetic susceptibility for each of three simplified lithologic groups based on oxide content in Hole U1473A, based on archive section half SRM measurements of and low-field MSP measurements.



component in addition to a subvertical component. In particular, experiments conducted during ODP Leg 206 on a suite of samples cut from a whole-round basaltic core piece in Hole 1256D (Wilson, Teagle, Acton, et al., 2003) demonstrated that DIRM results in bias of archive section half remanences toward $+X$ in the CRF. The common X -directed overprints observed in archive section halves from the upper 410 m of Hole U1473A result in a similar pronounced bias of NRM declinations toward $000^\circ/360^\circ$ (Figure F159A) and are therefore likely to represent such radial DIRM components. Deeper than 410 m CCSE, the overprint is predominantly toward $-X$ in the CRF, resulting in a pronounced bias in NRM declination toward 180° , which in turn implies that there is a net outward radial component. To test this assumption, we carried out a whole-round test similar to Wilson, Teagle, Acton, et al. (2003). A 1 cm thick whole round was sampled (360-U1473A-72R-3, 63–64 cm) and then cut into 16 small $\sim 1 \text{ cm}^3$ cubes as shown in Figure F160A. NRMs were measured on the SRM with cubes spaced sufficiently far apart (40 cm) to obtain an accurate measurement of each small sample using the SRM discrete measurement program. Figure F160C–F160D shows the resultant directional data for the cubes and demonstrates that a strongly outward radial component is indeed present near the

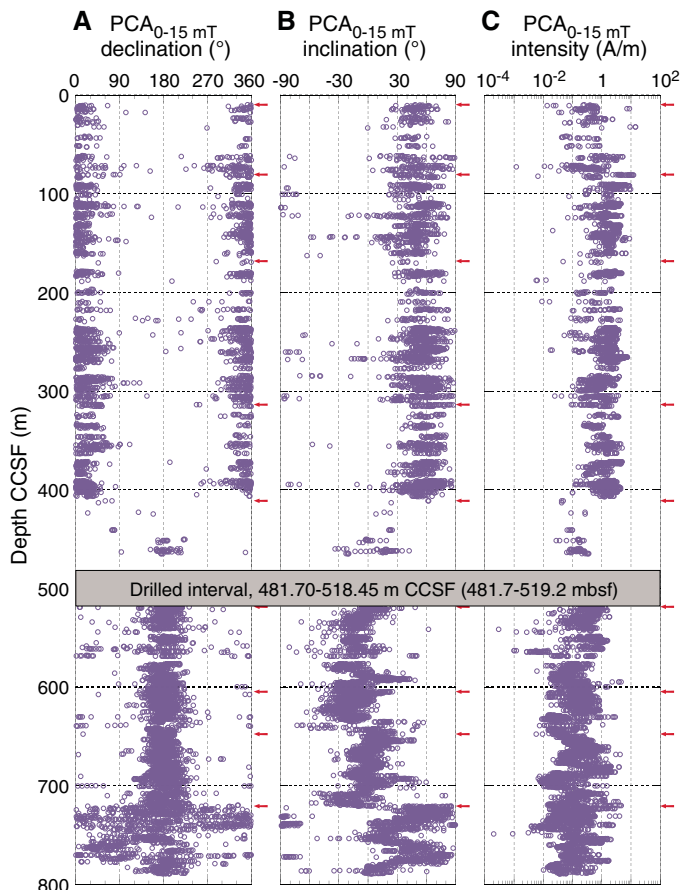
Figure F158. A–G. Examples of AF demagnetization of archive section halves, Hole U1473A. Solid circles = projection onto horizontal plane, open circles = projection onto vertical X -Up or Y -Up plane.



outside of the core and would generate a net $-X$ (i.e., a 180°) declination overprint in archive-half measurements. PCA of the archive section half demagnetization data indicate that this drilling overprint persists after AF demagnetization at 50 mT (Figure F159) and that higher AFs (or thermal demagnetization) are required to recover predrilling remanence directions in these rocks. This outward/inward-directed drilling overprint dominates the outer periphery of the core but has less of an effect on the core interior from where discrete samples are taken, as previously reported by Wilson, Teagle, Acton, et al. (2003). These observations suggest that discrete sample data are more reliable than archive section half data, as they are likely to be less affected by drilling overprints, and that caution is required when interpreting archive section half data in terms of tectonic rotations or when attempting core reorientation.

The majority of NRM inclinations in Hole U1473A are positive (Figure F161), typically with values between 30° and 90° in the upper 480 m CCSE and with a broader spread of inclinations extending to shallow or negative inclinations in some intervals deeper than 518 m CCSE. Following AF demagnetization, PCA of the resulting data, and quality filtering (see Paleomagnetism in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]), the archive section half data set for Hole U1473A consists of 5497 remanence determinations with well-constrained inclinations (Figure F161). With two exceptions, all PCA inclinations are positive, indicating that the drilled interval at the site carries a reversed magnetization, consist-

Figure F159. Downhole variation in low-coercivity (0–15 mT) remanence components in archive section halves in Hole U1473A, based on PCA of AF demagnetization data (after excluding components with maximum angular deviation > 10°). Red arrows = bit changes during coring. A declination bias toward 000°/360° to 400 m CCSF is consistent with effects of a radial-inward drilling-induced component. This bias switches toward 180° deeper than 400 m CCSF, suggesting a radial-outward drilling-induced component. These low-coercivity components exhibit significant shifts in inclination downhole, with several steps in inclination associated with bit changes (e.g., at ~720 m CCSF), suggesting that the character of the drilling overprint varies between drilling bits. $PCA_{0-15\text{ mT}}$ intensity = intensity of the component removed by treatment at 15 mT.

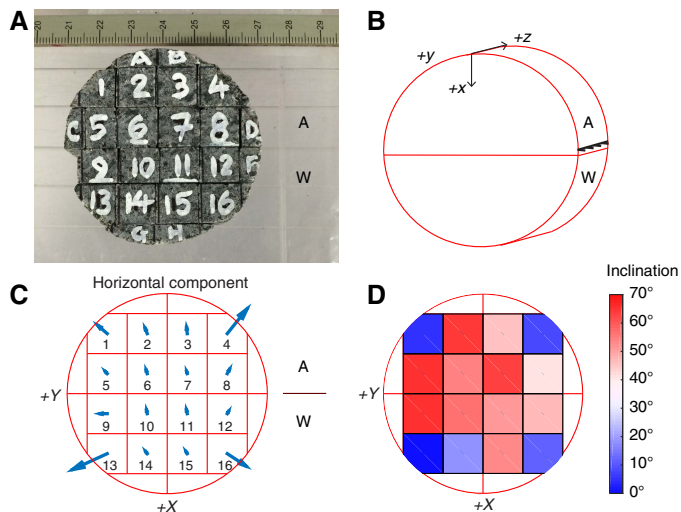


tent with interpretation of marine magnetic anomalies (Allerton and Tivey, 2001).

Working section half discrete sample data

Cubic samples (8 cm³) were cut from the working section halves for detailed paleomagnetic analyses. For Cores 360-U1473A-2R through 44R, discrete samples were shared with the petrophysics team. For Cores 45R and higher, separate paleomagnetic (PMAG) and physical properties (PP) samples were taken. Anisotropy of magnetic susceptibility (AMS) and NRM were measured on all samples (PMAG and PP). Shared samples and PMAG-only samples were also subjected to either thermal or AF demagnetization (see [Paleomagnetism](#) in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). For samples shared with the petrophysics team, AMS and NRM measurements, as well AF demagnetization, took place in the paleomagnetic laboratory prior to physical properties analyses. Treatments in the physical properties laboratory included

Figure F160. Summary of results of NRM measurements on ~1 cm³ samples prepared from a whole-round piece in order to investigate change in declination bias observed in Figure F159. A. Photograph of whole-round slice after cutting 16 samples for measurement on SRM system. B. Coordinate system used in the measurements with archive (A) and working (W) halves labeled. C. Representation of directional variation in the horizontal component of NRM between samples shown in A. Length of blue arrows is proportional to magnetization intensity. Note the large radial-outward magnetization of samples closest to the outer surface of the core piece. D. Representation of the variation of inclination between samples (color-coded), showing shallowest inclinations in samples closest to the outer surface of the core piece.

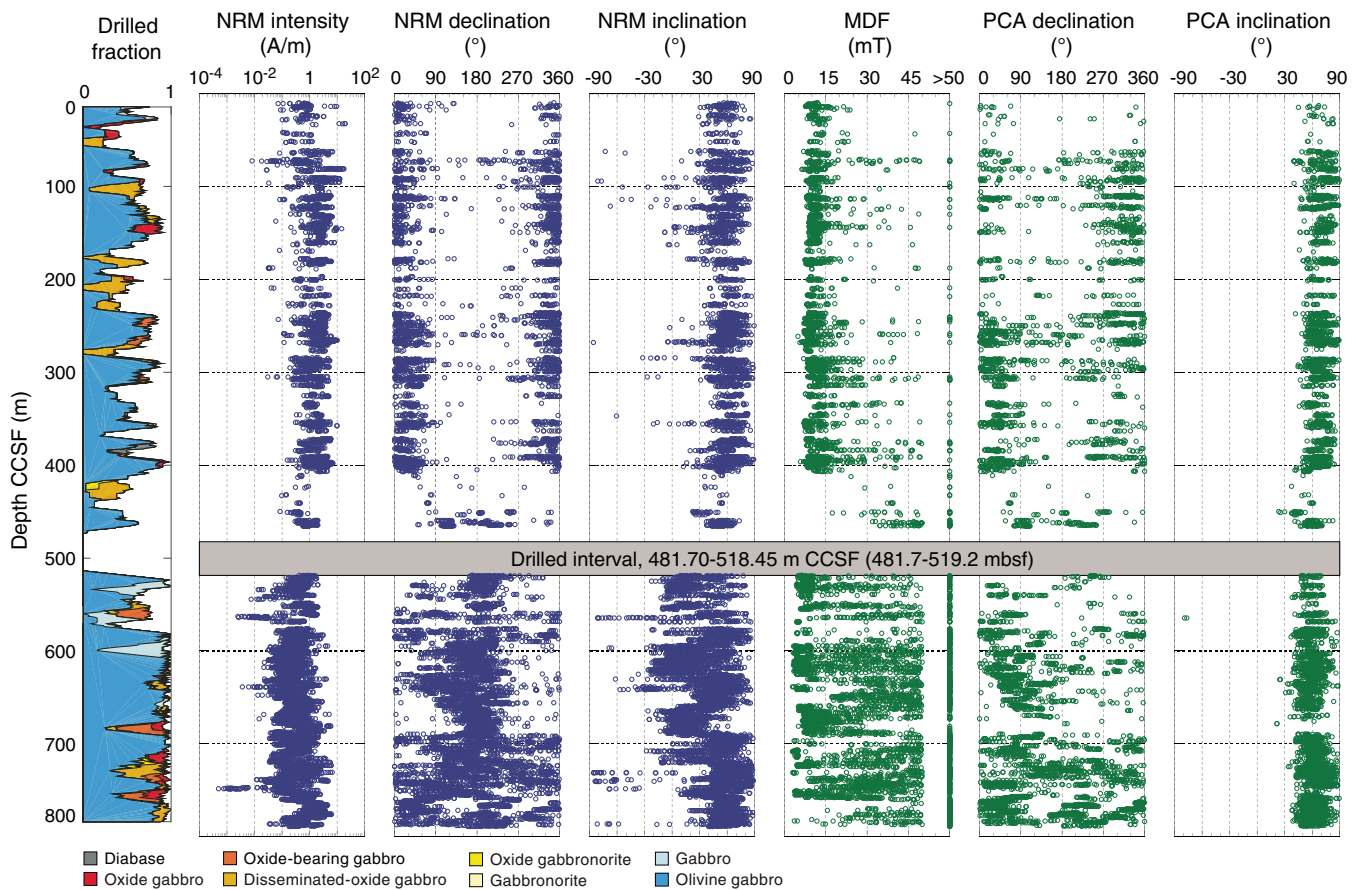


24 h in a drying oven at 105°C, after which magnetic remanence was measured upon sample return to the paleomagnetic laboratory. Prior to thermal demagnetization, most samples were subjected to a low-temperature demagnetization (LTD) step to minimize any viscous magnetization carried by multidomain magnetite (see [Paleomagnetism](#) in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). Samples lost up to 60% of their magnetization during the LTD step.

Results of AF demagnetization can be separated into two broad categories. A few samples have extremely low coercivities and are almost entirely demagnetized by 15–20 mT (e.g., Figure F162A). Others show variable proportions of a higher coercivity component that is not removed until 100–200 mT. Samples with contributions from both coercivity fractions typically show two-component directional behavior (e.g., Figure F162C).

The effects of the thermal treatment in the physical properties laboratory must be considered in interpretation of the thermal demagnetization data. A large proportion of the shared samples acquired a significant thermoviscous overprint during the 105°C 24 h treatment. A total of 63% of samples (52 out of 83) had a >50% change in magnetization as measured by the vector difference between the NRM and the post-PP step. This remanence is partially removed by the LTD treatment (Figures F163, F164) but persists until ~580°C. The effect is most clearly seen in six samples that were AF demagnetized before the 105°C treatment. All of these samples acquired a magnetization that was only partially removed by LTD and persisted to at least 580°C (Figure F164). This magnetization represented between 6% and 76% of the samples' NRM. This is consistent with multidomain behavior, which can have a considerable partial thermal remanent magnetization tail that is not fully un-

Figure F161. Summary of archive section half magnetic data, Hole U1473A. Summary of downhole lithostratigraphy; NRM intensity, declination, and inclination; median destructive field (MDF); autopicked archive section half PCA declination (based on 25–50 mT demagnetization data) after quality filtering; and autopicked archive section half PCA inclination after quality filtering.



blocked until the Curie temperature is reached (e.g., Xu and Dunlop, 1994).

In many samples the PP overprint is sufficiently small compared to the NRM or is sufficiently removed by $\sim 530^\circ\text{C}$ so that a stable principal component can still be isolated. Figure F162B and F162D–F162F shows characteristic demagnetization behavior. In most cases a characteristic remanence is isolated at temperatures greater than 500°C – 530°C . In cases where both AF and thermal demagnetization were carried out on adjacent samples, both the demagnetization behavior and the ChRM direction are in reasonable agreement (Figure F162B–F162C).

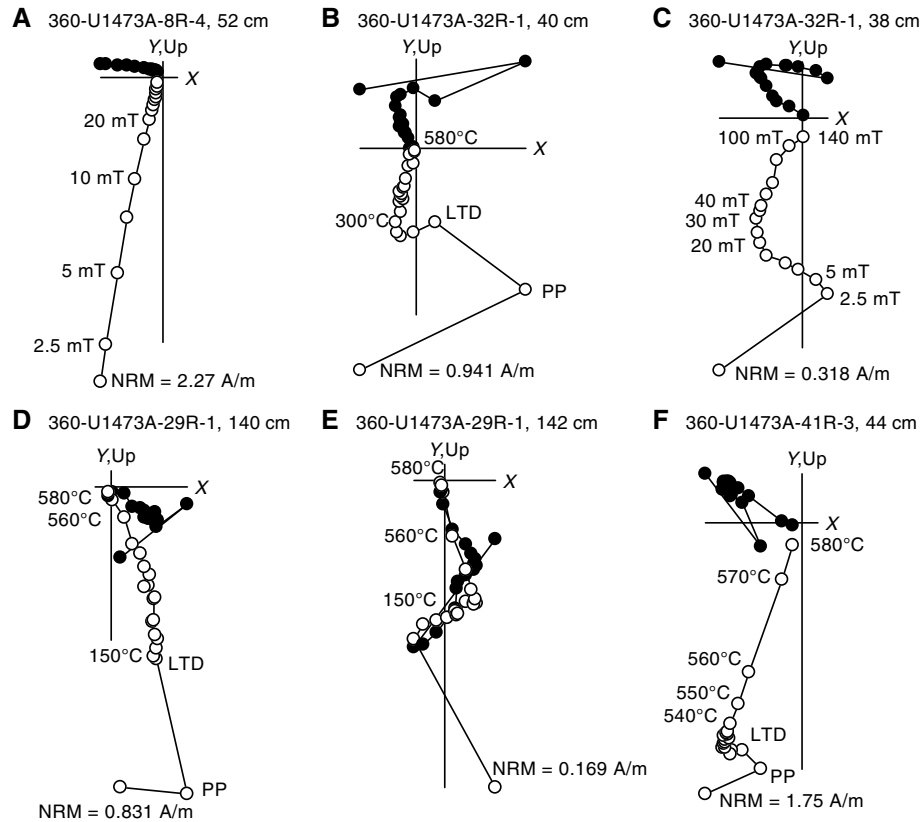
Representative unblocking temperature characteristics (excluding PP treatment and LTD steps) of thermally demagnetized discrete samples are illustrated in Figure F165 and are divided into two categories: (i) samples with discrete unblocking at high temperatures, marked by $>70\%$ of remanence remaining after demagnetization to 510°C , representing samples with the highest stability; and (ii) samples with more distributed unblocking, with $<70\%$ of remanence remaining after demagnetization to 510°C , potentially reflecting a wider distribution of magnetite grain sizes or contributions from titanomagnetite in these samples. In addition, Figure F165 shows unblocking curves for several samples that were not subjected to LTD (green lines) prior to thermal demagnetization. These display more significant unblocking at lower temperatures, reflecting contributions from multidomain magnetite that are removed by LTD in other samples.

In the final interpretation of both thermal and AF data, we require that the principal components have maximum angular deviation $\leq 10^\circ$ and $D_{\text{ang}} < 10^\circ$ (see **Paleomagnetism** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). Samples that pass these criteria are shown in Figure F166. In general, inclinations derived from AF demagnetized samples or thermally demagnetized samples without LTD treatment are shallower than thermally demagnetized samples with LTD treatment. This suggests that the LTD treatment is effective in removing a shallow overprint, either acquired during drilling or in the physical properties laboratory.

Inclination data and deformation of the Atlantis Bank footwall section

Quality-filtered archive section half inclination data from Hole U1473A are summarized in Figure F167. Piece-averaged inclination values provide the most robust estimates of the true mean inclination of the sampled section and are consistently steeper than the expected reversed polarity geocentric axial dipole field direction at Site U1473 (52° ; red dashed line in Figure F167). This suggests significant footwall rotation at Atlantis Bank. However, significant variations in inclination are observed that are used to define five inclination zones. Mean inclinations of magnetization in each zone have been calculated (using the method of McFadden and Reid [1982]) for archive section half pieces with multiple measurement points after quality filtering (Table T19). These are accompanied by

Figure F162. Examples of AF and thermal demagnetization of discrete samples, Hole U1473A. Solid circles = projection onto horizontal plane, open circles = projection onto vertical X-Up plane, PP = measurement following heating in physical properties oven at 105°C with no field control.



Fisherian statistics (Fisher, 1953) for pieces containing ≥ 4 measurements. These data indicate a 12° difference in inclination between Zones I and II, corresponding to the top of a major fault zone at ~ 400 mbsf (probably corresponding to the major fault zone with an upper limit at 411 mbsf; see [Structural geology](#)). This suggests that relative tectonic rotation of the footwall section has been accommodated by this structure. Inclinations become steeper again in a narrow zone between 734 and 750 m CCSF, again suggesting partitioning of strain within the footwall.

Evidence for normal polarity magnetizations associated with alteration

Although the majority of Hole U1473A carries a reversed polarity magnetization, thermal demagnetization of discrete samples and AF demagnetization of archive section half pieces reveals characteristic remanences with negative inclinations in some narrow zones of altered greenschist-facies gabbro (around ~ 564 , 678, and 749 m CCSF). Examples of demagnetization data from such samples are shown in Figure F168. The presence of these zones within broader intervals with reversed polarity indicates (near) complete remagnetization of these rocks during a subsequent normal polarity period. The timing of the alteration cannot be uniquely determined from these data, but the presence of these components in the lower part of the hole suggests that the reversal boundary between reversed geomagnetic polarity Chron C5r.3r and normal polarity Chron C5r.2n may occur in close proximity to the current bottom of Hole U1473A. Further sampling of these altered intervals for postcruise study will allow the nature of this remagnetization to be characterized.

Magnetic susceptibility, NRM intensity, and Königsberger ratio

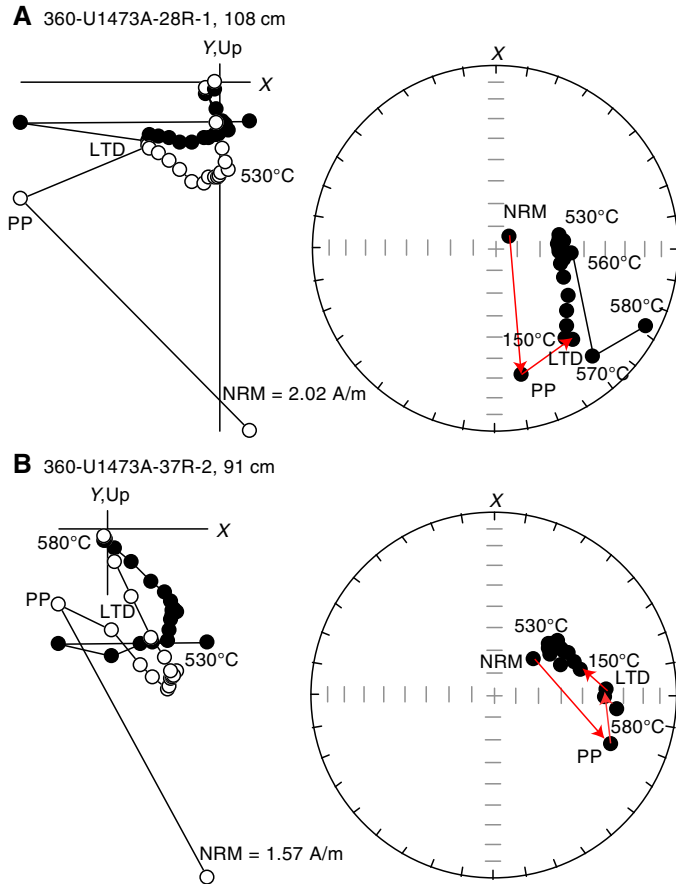
In mafic igneous rocks, low-field magnetic susceptibility (k) is principally controlled by the volume concentration of (titano)magnetite. NRM intensity variability is also controlled by variations in magnetite content, but may also be influenced by variability in the magnitude of DIRMs. The relation of NRM intensity and susceptibility is expressed by the Königsberger ratio (Q), which is defined as the ratio of remanent to induced magnetization in a rock (where induced magnetization equals the product of k [SI] and the geomagnetic field strength in A/m). Values of $Q > 1$ indicate that remanence dominates the magnetization of a rock unit.

Figure F169 shows a log-log plot of NRM intensity against k for archive section half and discrete samples from Hole U1473A together with lines of equal Q calculated for a field of 31.8 A/m (equal to the International Geomagnetic Reference Field intensity at Site U1473). Virtually all samples plot between $Q = 1$ and $Q = 100$, with a strong cluster around $Q = 10$. These data suggest that gabbroic lithologies sampled in Hole U1473A are capable of producing observed marine magnetic anomalies over Atlantis Bank. However, caution is required in the interpretation of Q ratios calculated for these samples, as NRM intensities (particularly in the archive section halves) may be artificially modified by drilling-induced magnetization.

Anisotropy of magnetic susceptibility

Discrete samples measured for AMS have weak to moderate anisotropy with corrected anisotropy (P') (Jelinek, 1981), ranging

Figure F163. Two examples of demagnetization behavior in discrete samples, showing effects of physical properties (PP) treatment (heating to 105°C in an oven with no field control) that imparts a spurious remanence seen as a major change in direction and intensity between the NRM and PP steps, Hole U1473A. This laboratory-imparted remanence is partly removed by LTD but persists until ~530°C during subsequent thermal demagnetization. Solid circles = projection onto horizontal plane, open circles = projection onto vertical X-Up plane.



between 1.01 and 1.56. All samples (except two) show statistically triaxial fabrics (Hext, 1963) but the majority have a stronger foliation than lineation (Figure F170), as measured by the shape factor (T) (Jelinek, 1981). There is a slight trend toward more foliated fabrics with increasing degree of anisotropy (Figure F170) and with depth in the upper part of the hole to 480 m CCSF (Figure F171A).

The average pole to foliation (k_{min}) is subvertical (Figure F172), but there are considerable downhole variations. Whereas there is little to no correlation between downhole magnetic fabric intensity and CPF intensity (Figure F171B–F171C), there is a reasonable correlation between the magnetic fabric and CPF dips (Figure F171D–F171F). The correlation is strong in the upper ~225 m and lower ~100 m of the hole (650–780 m CCSF) but is weaker and with steeper magnetic fabric dips between 225 and ~650 m CCSF.

For subvertical k_{min} and randomly oriented cores, one would expect k_{max} to have no preferential orientation. However, we see instead a preferential grouping of the k_{max} directions toward the southeast in core coordinates in the upper part of the hole (shallower than 480 m CCSF; Figure F172A–F172B). This grouping likely arises from the fact that the cores are cut down the dip of the

Figure F164. Thermal demagnetization of a thermoviscous remanence acquired during heating at 105°C for 24 h in the physical properties (PP) oven (without field control), Hole U1473A. Samples had been previously AF demagnetized so that 1%–14% of the NRM remained. Vertical axis is magnetization normalized to magnetization immediately following PP treatment. Numbers within plot are remanence gained during PP treatment as a percentage of NRM. Blue circles = samples subjected to LTD prior to thermal demagnetization, red squares = samples with no LTD treatment.

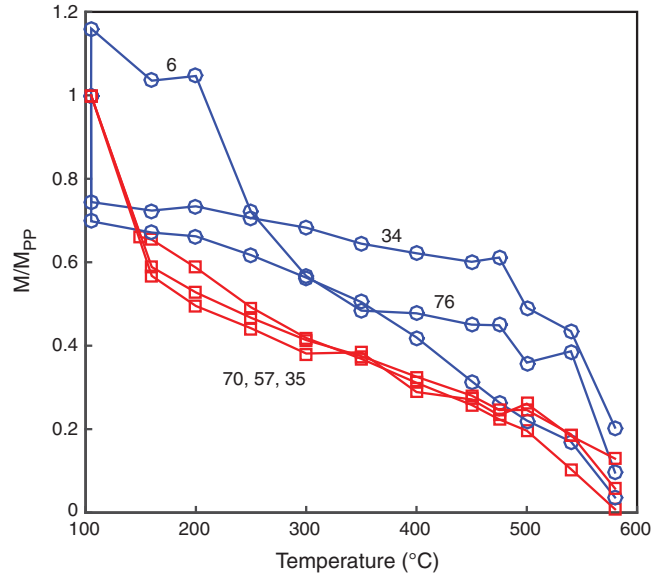
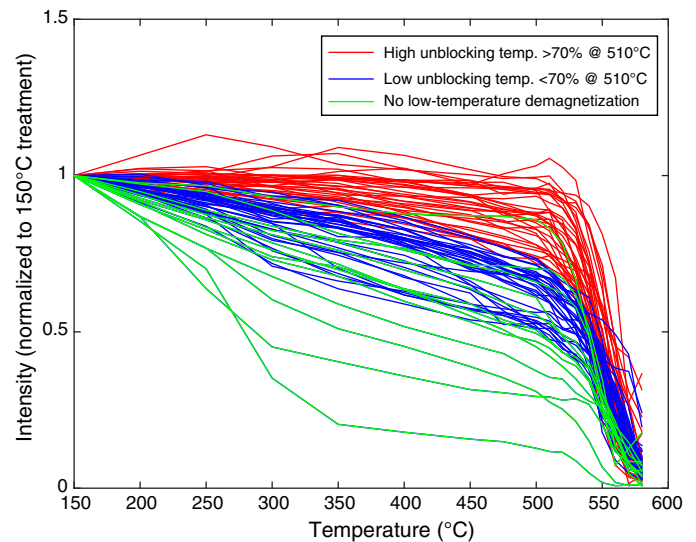


Figure F165. Representative unblocking temperature curves for discrete samples subject to thermal demagnetization, normalized to remanence remaining after treatment at 150°C (to remove effects of LTD and the disturbing effects of PP treatment), Hole U1473A.



observed macroscopic foliation (i.e., with a dip direction of 090° in core coordinates). Clustering of k_{max} away from 090° (+Y in core coordinates) therefore suggests that the magnetic lineation is not predominantly aligned down the dip of the macroscopic fabric. This clustering is no longer statistically significant in the lower part of the hole (>500 m CCSF; Figure F172C–F172D).

Figure F166. Downhole variation in discrete sample bulk magnetic properties and principal component directions, Hole U1473A. MS = magnetic susceptibility. Principal component inclinations and declinations are filtered to show only samples with maximum angular deviation 10° and

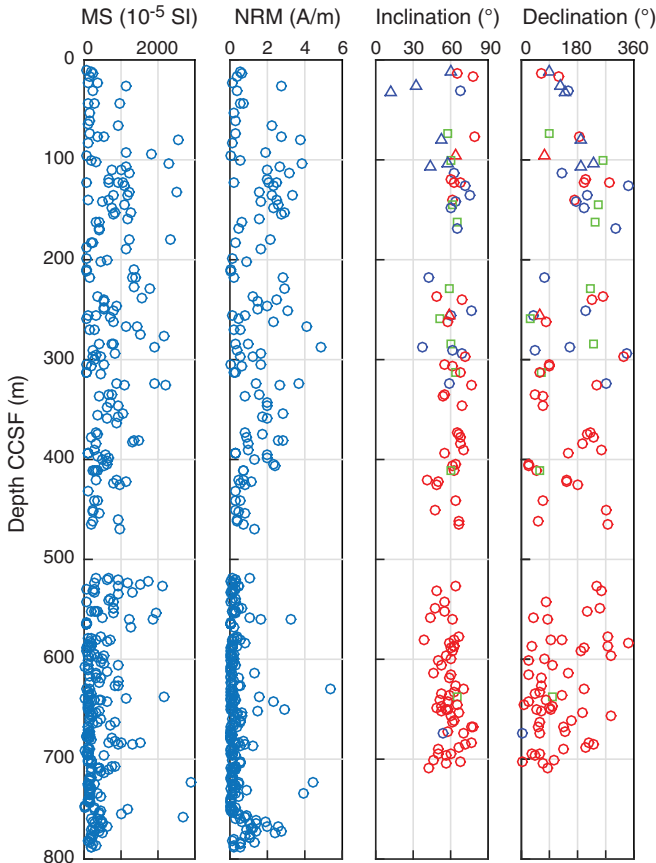


Figure F167. Summary of inclination data from Hole U1473A based on quality-filtered principal components determined from 25–50 mT AF demagnetization data before (green) and after (orange) piece averaging. Red dashed line = geocentric axial dipole. The data define five inclination zones, described statistically in Table T19.

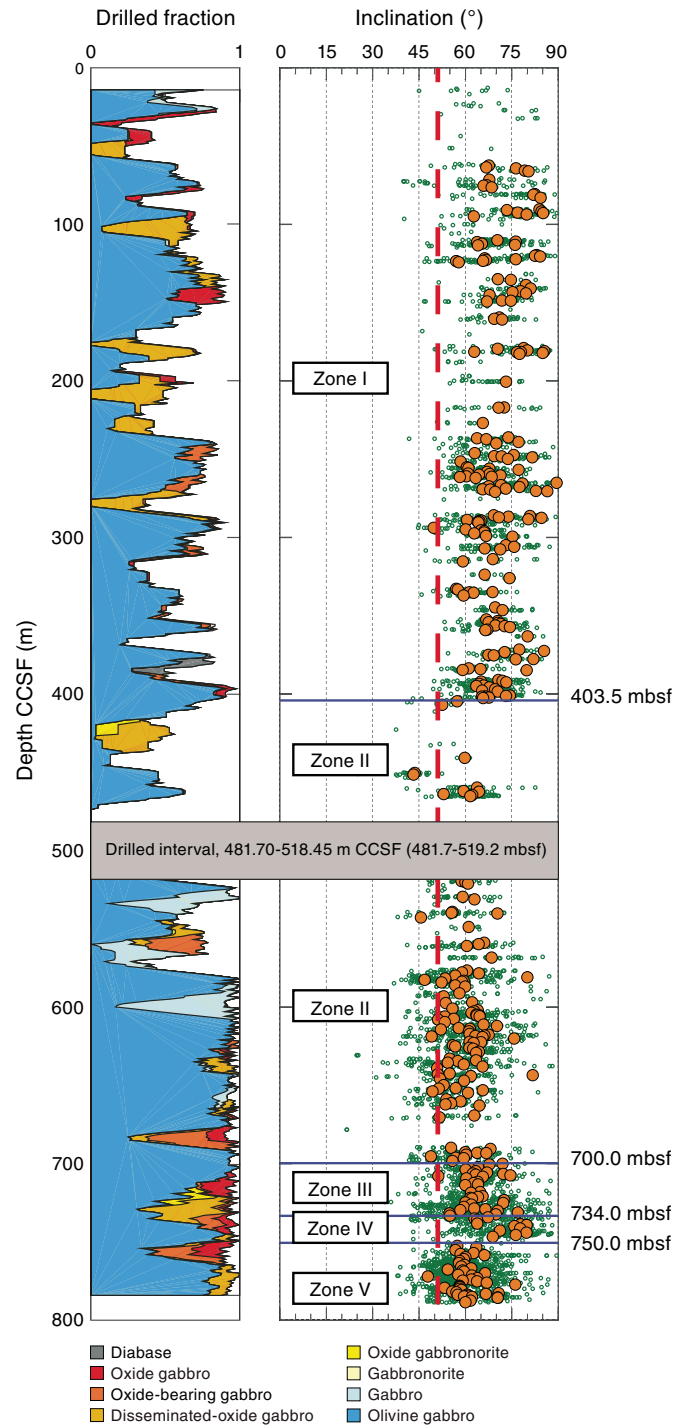


Table T19. Inclination-only mean statistics, Holes U1473A and 1105A and previously published analyses of samples from Atlantis Bank. Data sources: Leg 118 (Kikawa and Pariso, 1991), Leg 176 (Shipboard Scientific Party, 1999b), Leg 179 (Rao and Krishna, 2002). Except for the Leg 176 mean, which was reported by Shipboard Scientific Party (1999b) using the same method we employ here, all means are recalculated from individual inclination data presented by the authors. All data from other expeditions include both AF and thermal data, with the exception of the subset from Leg 118, which were filtered to include only AF data with MDF ≥ 25 mT. k = dispersion parameter, MAD = maximum angular deviation. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

Hole	Mean inclination (°)	k	N	α_{95}
360-U1473A				
Continuous - Zone 1	72.3	54.6	173	2.0
Continuous - Zone 2	60.1	76.3	111	1.3
Continuous - Zone 3	64.8	103.7	37	1.8
Continuous - Zone 4	73.3	74.5	12	4.0
Continuous - Zone 5	61.3	132.3	46	1.4
Discrete - Zone 1	63.5	23.8	54	3.8
Discrete - Zone 2	59.9	47.9	63	2.1
Discrete - Zone 3	54.2	24.6	4	18.1
Hole 1105A				
360(179)-1105A Continuous	72.7	97.0	110	1.4
179-1105A Discrete	69.0	29.0	32	4.3
Hole 735B				
118-735B Discrete	71.1	16.8	244	5.4
176-735B Discrete	71.4		339	

Figure F168. Examples of samples with characteristic normal polarity (negative inclination) components, Hole U1473A. Solid circles = projection onto horizontal plane, open circles = projection onto vertical X-Up or Y-Up plane.

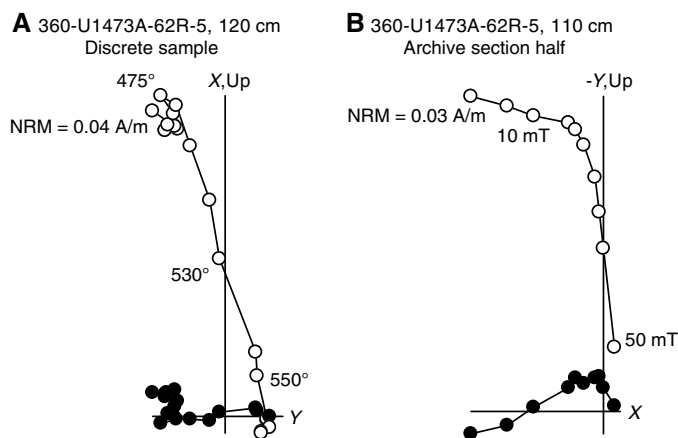


Figure F169. Log-log plot of NRM versus magnetic susceptibility of archive section halves and discrete samples, Hole U1473A. Distribution of values compared to lines of constant Q (Königsberger ratio of remanent to induced magnetization; calculated for field of 31.8 A/m) shows that remanence is substantially greater than induced magnetization in most samples.

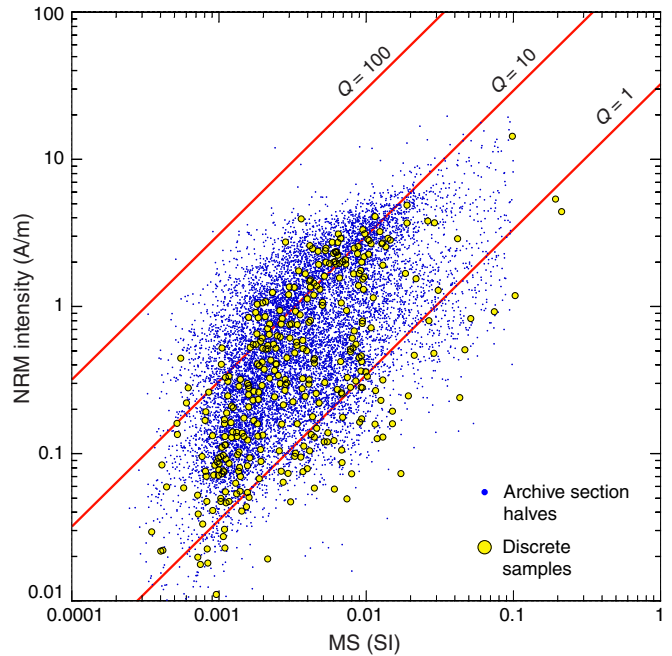


Figure F170. Shape factor plotted against corrected anisotropy degree (Jelinek, 1981) for discrete sample AMS results, Hole U1473A.

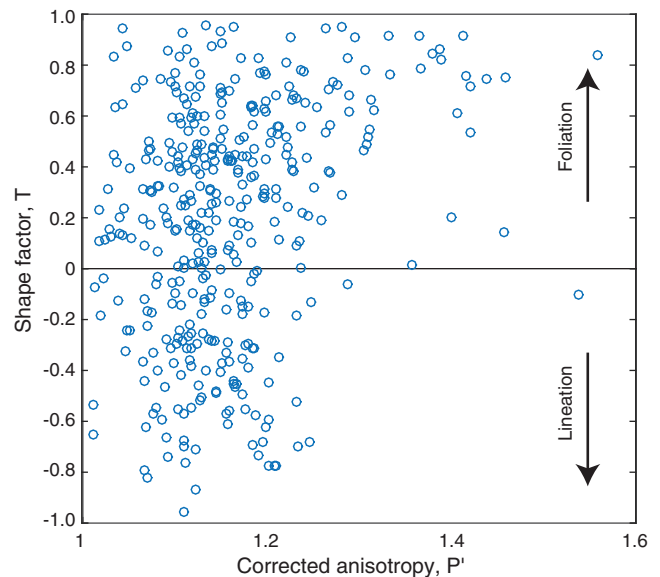


Figure F171. Downhole comparison of magnetic fabrics and CPFs, Hole U1473A. Blue symbols/lines = individual measurements, red lines = smoothed over a 20 m depth interval. A. Shape factor (Jelinek, 1981). Positive values are more foliated (oblate), negative values are more lineated (prolate). B. Corrected anisotropy degree (Jelinek, 1981). C. CPF intensity (0 = undeformed, 1 = foliated, 2 = porphyroclastic, 3 = protomylonitic, 4 = mylonitic, 5 = ultramylonitic). D. Magnetic foliation dip ($90^\circ - k_{\min}$ inclination). E. CPF dip. F. Smoothed magnetic fabric (green) and CPF (black) dips.

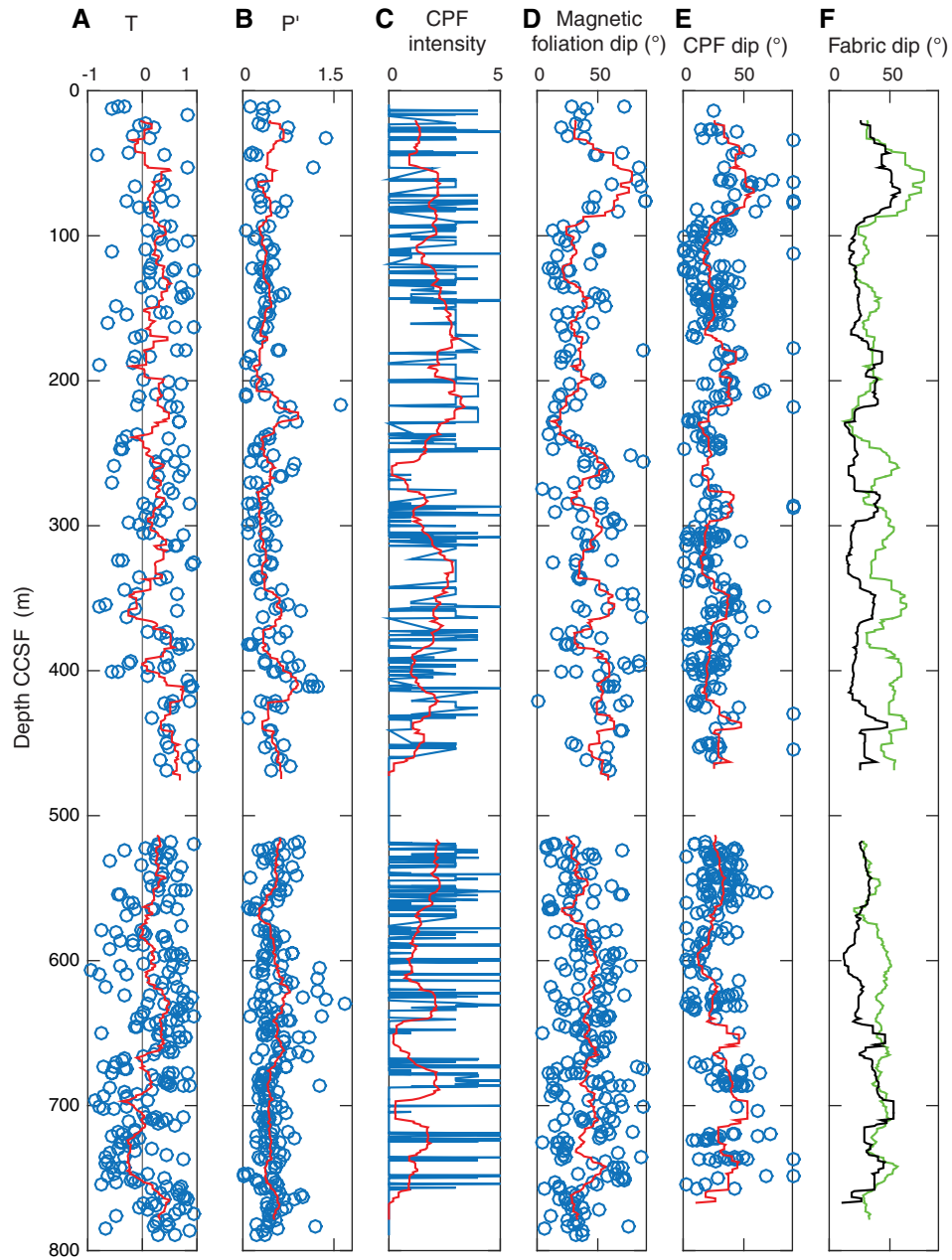
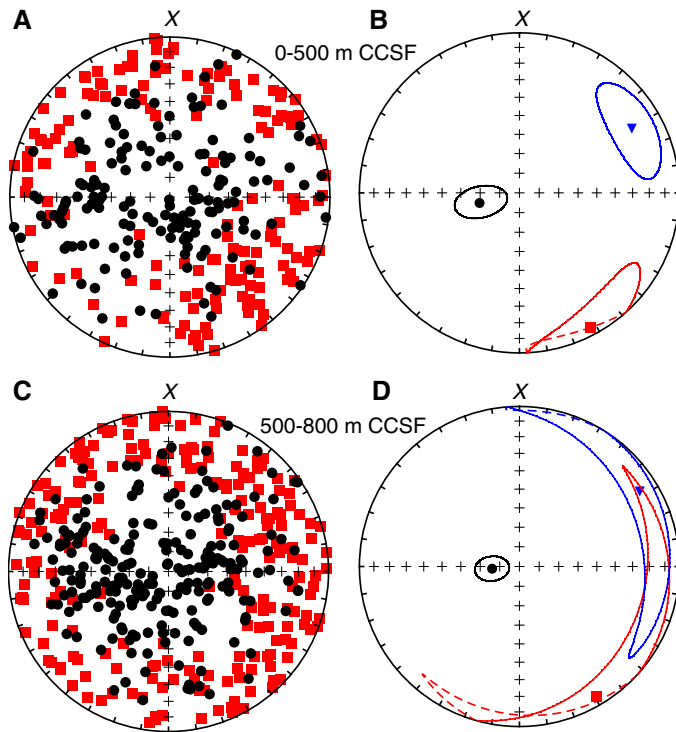


Figure F172. AMS results in core coordinates (lower hemisphere equal-area stereographic projection), Hole U1473A. A, B. 0–500 m CCSF. C, D. 500–800 m CCSF. Black circles = k_{\min} , red squares = k_{\max} , blue triangle = k_{int} . A, C. Axes of individual samples. B, D. Site mean eigenvectors with 95% confidence ellipses derived from bootstrap resampling (Constable and Tauxe, 1990). Results show that average pole to magnetic foliation is subvertical. Preferential alignment of k_{\max} axes in upper part of the hole is a consequence of systematic cutting of section halves down the dip of observed macroscopic planar fabrics. Offset of k_{\max} away from 090° (+Y in core coordinates) suggests that magnetic lineation is not predominantly downdip of macroscopic fabric. This preferential alignment of k_{\max} is absent in lower part of hole.



Petrophysics

The physical properties of gabbroic rocks recovered in Hole U1473A were characterized through a series of measurements on whole-round sections, section halves, section half pieces, and discrete samples (see **Petrophysics** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). We measured natural gamma ray attenuation (GRA) density and magnetic susceptibility with the Whole-Round Multisensor Logger (WRMSL), natural gamma ray radiation (NGR) with the Natural Gamma Radiation Logger (NGRL), point magnetic susceptibility (MSP) and reflectance spectroscopy and colorimetry with the Section Half Multisensor Logger (SHMSL), thermal conductivity on section half pieces, and compressional wave velocity, density, and porosity on discrete samples. The rock names reported in data tables correspond to the primary lithologies assigned by the igneous petrology team (Tables **T20**, **T21**, **T22**). Data are summarized as a function of depth in Figure **F173**.

The formation properties were measured during a series of downhole logging runs. Wall rock density, gamma radiation, resistivity, and magnetic susceptibility were measured during the first run. Seismic velocity and FMS imagery data were collected during the second run. The final run obtained UBI acoustic imagery data.

Relationships between the measured core, discrete samples and formation physical properties, and the shipboard petrological, alteration, and structure descriptions were preliminarily assessed to arrive at petrophysical results reported here.

Whole-round and section half measurements

Natural gamma radiation

A total of 404 core sections from Hole U1473A were measured with the NGRL. NGR is generally low (<1 count/s on average), except in a few cores where narrow intervals that contain felsic material return significantly higher counts (up to ~8 counts/s) (Figures **F173**, **F174**).

Gamma ray attenuation density

All core sections but one (Section 360-U1473A-64R-1, which only contains three small pieces) from Hole U1473A were measured with the WRMSL. Raw GRA data were filtered following the procedure described in **Petrophysics** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter (MacLeod et al., 2017a). Raw data are available in the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) database; filtered data are provided in PETROPHYS in **Supplementary material**. GRA density measurements are core diameter (thickness) dependent, and filtered data range between 2.1 and 3.2 g/cm³ with an average of 2.65 g/cm³ (~2% of the values are <2.3 g/cm³ and are not shown in Figure **F173**). GRA density values, calibrated under the assumption of a 6.6 cm core diameter, are generally significantly lower than the bulk density measured on discrete samples in the same cores.

Magnetic susceptibility

Magnetic susceptibility was measured on whole-round sections with the MS2C pass-through coil on the WRMSL and on archive section halves using the MS2E probe on the SHMSL (407 core sections). Raw data were filtered following the procedure described in **Petrophysics** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter (MacLeod et al., 2017a). Nine intervals with magnetic susceptibility values >10,000 IU that were wrapped around and recorded as low values by the pass-through magnetic susceptibility logger were manually corrected (intervals 360-U1473A-5R-1, 24 cm; 10R-1, 58–84 cm; 66R-1, 120 cm; 75R-4, 110–112 cm; 81R-3, 49–113 cm; 81R-6, 67 cm; 82R-2, 108–122 cm; 83R-8, 108–116 cm; and 83R-9, 60–64 cm). Filtered data are available in PETROPHYS in **Supplementary material**. When measured on whole-round sections, magnetic susceptibility is less often underestimated for Hole U1473A cores than inferred in previous hard rock expeditions; whole-round instrumental values track section half MSP values rather well (Figure **F175**). Magnetic susceptibility averages ~570 IU for whole-round filtered data and ~650 IU for MSP filtered data. The magnetic susceptibilities of rocks recovered in Hole U1473A were compared with those from Holes 735B and 1105A (Figure **F176**). The upper part of Hole U1473A shows significantly lower magnetic susceptibility than Hole 1105A at the same depth below seafloor.

Discrete sample measurements

Density and porosity

Bulk density, grain density, and porosity were calculated from measurements on 186 cubic samples (2 cm × 2 cm × 2 cm) taken from the working section halves (Tables **T20**, **T21**; Figure **F173**). These samples comprise several rock types; olivine gabbro (including orthopyroxene-bearing olivine gabbro and oxide-bearing olivine gabbro) is the predominant lithology. Oxide gabbro (and oxide oliv-

Table T20. Summary of discrete physical properties measurements, Hole U1473A. Std. dev. = standard deviation. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

Physical property	All samples		Gabbro		Olivine gabbro		Oxide gabbro and olivine oxide gabbro	
	Mean	Std. dev.	Mean	Std. dev.	Mean	Std. dev.	Mean	Std. dev.
Bulk density (g/cm ³)	2.97	0.04	2.95	0.03	2.97	0.04	2.94	0.03
Grain density (g/cm ³)	2.98	0.04	2.96	0.02	2.98	0.04	2.97	0.03
Porosity (%)	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4	1.5	1.4
V _p (m/s)	6734	250	6673	271	6747	236	6747	328
V _p apparent anisotropy (%)	2.2	1.5	1.9	1.7	2.2	1.6	1.8	0.9
Thermal conductivity (W/[m·K])	2.28	0.14	2.33	0.09	2.28	0.14	2.16	0.21

Table T21. Velocity, density, and porosity measurements, Hole U1473A. [Download table in .csv format.](#)Table T22. Thermal conductivity measurements, Hole U1473A. [Download table in .csv format.](#)

ine gabbro), gabbro (including oxide-bearing and disseminated-oxide gabbro), and diabase are represented in the sampled lithologies. Bulk density and grain density average 2.97 and 2.98 g/cm³, respectively (Table T20). These values are similar to densities measured previously on igneous crustal rocks from slow-spread crust (Sites 735 and U1309; Figure F177). Porosity is generally very low, ranging from 0.1% to 4.2% with an average of 0.6% (Figure F173), reflecting the low degree of brittle deformation in the cube samples; 85% of the samples have porosities lower than 1%.

Four specimens from microbiological sample locations in two core sections were measured to determine their porosity (Table T21). These felsic vein specimens have porosity ranging from 3.0% to 6.4%.

P-wave velocity

P-wave velocity was measured on 184 cube samples along the three principal directions *x*, *y*, and *z* in the CRF (see Figure F3 in the Expedition 360 methods chapter [MacLeod et al., 2017a]). Results are listed in Tables T20 and T21 and plotted in Figures F173, F177, and F178. Average V_p is 6.7 km/s, and the apparent anisotropy varies from 0% to 11%. As detailed in **Petrophysics** in the Expedition 360 methods chapter (MacLeod et al., 2017a), the precision of our V_p measurements is on the order of 1%. Hence, the lowest measured apparent anisotropies should be treated with caution.

Results for all samples from Site U1473 are plotted in Figure F177 together with V_p and density measurements made during ODP Legs 176 and 179 and Integrated Ocean Drilling Program Expeditions 304 and 305 on gabbroic and troctolitic samples from slow-spread oceanic crust at Atlantis Bank and Atlantis Massif, respectively. V_p values from Hole U1473A are consistent with previous measurements done on gabbroic rocks at Atlantis Bank, although Hole U1473A data are less scattered than those from Holes 735B and 1105A. V_p measurements done on board over time vary notably for these hard rock investigations, which may not be solely explained by petrophysical variations. There is a ~1 to 1.5 km/s difference in velocity between Hole 735B data and Site U1309 data, although they have similar composition, porosity, and alteration. It is possible that changes in the shipboard acquisition system contribute to this difference, but sonic log data (see **Downhole logging**) indicate that V_p does differ downhole between Atlantis Bank

and Atlantis Massif, with the latter having lower velocities in general.

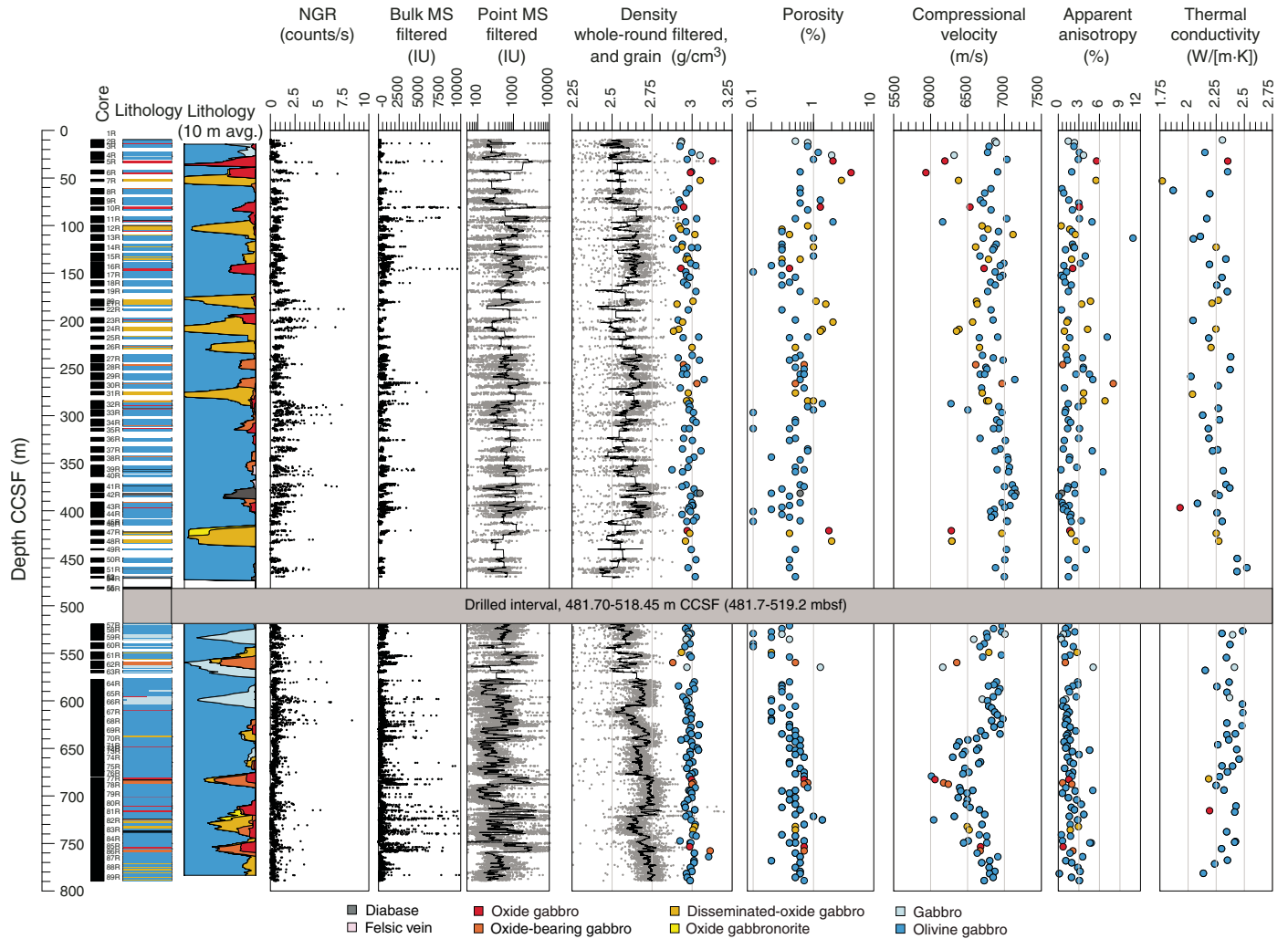
Although the range of measured porosity values is small, the measured velocities at room pressure show a general inverse correlation with porosity (Figure F178A). Downhole (negative) correlation between velocity and porosity occurs in several intervals (Figure F173). Two of these intervals are in the upper 100 m of the hole. Three others occur over distinct ~20–30 m long intervals between 380 and 640 m CCSF. A broad correlation between sample V_p and background alteration (Figure F178B) or olivine mode estimated by the metamorphic and igneous petrology teams (Figure F178C) also exists.

Magnitude or orientation of V_p anisotropy and the intensity or dip of crystal-plastic foliations have no simple relationship (Figures F179, F180). V_p anisotropy in most samples is relatively small (average = 2.97%). Compressional velocity is on average lowest along the vertical direction (*z*) in the CRF (Table T21). Only three samples have V_p along *z* more than 200 m/s slower than the average V_p (Figure F180C); all three samples are from intervals where the foliation dip measured by the structural geology team is relatively shallow (<20°). The absence of a clear relationship between V_p anisotropy and the crystal-plastic structure of the samples may be partly explained by the primary control of porosity on V_p (Figure F178A). Also, anisotropy is expected to be variable in gabbroic rocks because the fast V_p direction for a foliated plagioclase aggregate is perpendicular to the foliation (e.g., Satsukawa et al., 2013), orthogonal to that expected for a foliated olivine and/or clinopyroxene-rich rock. Hence, the orientation and magnitude of anisotropy depends not only on the fabric strength and orientation but also on the proportions of plagioclase and olivine/clinopyroxene in the rock.

Thermal conductivity

Thermal conductivity was measured in 86 gabbroic section half pieces (≥8 cm long and representative of the various recovered lithologies) taken at irregularly spaced intervals along Hole U1473A (Tables T20, T22; Figure F173). Measured values range from 1.77 to 2.52 W/(m·K) and average 2.28 W/(m·K). The standard deviation of the measurements is <2% (average = 0.44%). These values are in general agreement with thermal conductivities measured in similar lithologies during previous ODP legs and Integrated Ocean Drilling Program expeditions (Figure F181). Values are slightly higher in the deepest section of the core (average = 2.35 W/[m·K]), below the major fault zone at ~411–462 m CCSF, than in the upper part of the hole (average = 2.21 W/[m·K]). This may partly reflect the general change in background alteration at the bottom of the hole, in particular deeper than 560 m CCSF, where olivine is less altered and secondary clays are absent.

Figure F173. Summary of petrophysics measurements, Hole U1473A cores. Solid lines on point MS and density show 1 m running average of the data (gray dots). Discrete samples are color coded by lithology.



Downhole logging

Operations

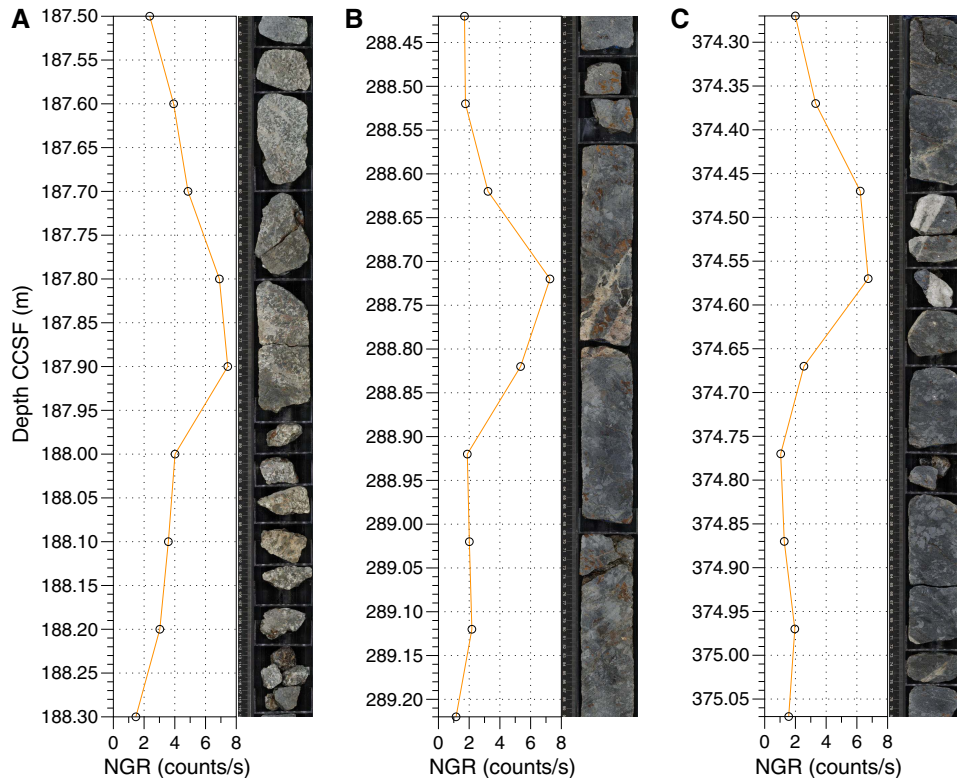
Prior to logging, freshwater was pumped with the drill string at the bottom of Hole U1473A. A second freshwater pump was done after tripping up to 205 m DSF, to fill in the volume no longer displaced by pipe. The triple combo run (Run 1), including an ~100 m repeat pass at the bottom of Hole U1473A, was followed by a two-pass FMS-sonic run (Run 2), then a UBI run (Run 3). A short repeat run with the FMS-sonic was also conducted near the bottom of the hole but not for the UBI.

Local weather was calm throughout downhole logging. A modest swell at the start of logging increased somewhat to include occasional heave maxima of 3 m by the middle of the logging period and then tapered off by the end of logging to 1–2 m. No significant operational delays or issues occurred, although a few minor hiccups did. During the triple combo main pass, the power dropped out when the string was ~1075 m wireline depth below rig floor (WRF). This was apparently due to a rack power supply problem of unclear cause. Restart was straightforward, took about 10 min, and the system operated normally from then on. The triple combo string was lowered to ~1105 m WRF, and a short interval of overlapping data

were collected to allow a clean splice for the main pass. Twice during the subsequent runs the onboard logging rack power unit sounded a brief alarm, but it did not stop. During Run 2 (FMS-sonic), the heave compensator was consistently below the center position on the downlog. When the tool reached bottom, it was pulled up a few meters and the compensator system was rebooted after mechanical reset to the center position. This took ~15 min; the problem did not recur. During Run 3 (UBI), the tool string had trouble passing a ledge at 1288 m WSF. Repeated lifting up of several meters and trying to pass down worked after about 10 min. On the uplog part of the run, the tool passed through this section without stopping, but a brief period of higher tension occurred and the UBI motor stopped at 1305 m WRF. The motor restarted fine and we experienced no further problem while running up the formation. Just after the tool entered the pipe, the motor stopped once more. Again, restart was quick and straightforward. A brief period of data collection (with reset parameters tuned for pipe diameter) inside the pipe was successful, clearly imaging a pipe connection.

The drill pipe was set at 40–50 m DSF for all runs. For both the FMS-sonic and UBI runs, the pipe was pulled up at the end of the run to collect an additional 15 m of logs in the shallowest section (to ~30 m DSF).

Figure F174. Examples of higher NGR values corresponding to felsic intervals, Hole U1473A. A. 22R-1A, 40–120 cm. B. 32R-4A, 10–90 cm. C. 41R-3A, 0–80 cm.



Total logging time during Expedition 360 was about 30 h. The number of runs conducted was one less than laid out in the *Scientific Prospectus*. Early during the expedition, the priority of the check shot (Versatile Seismic Imager) run was discussed, relative to both the other logs and to coring, with a consensus that these data could be high priority if intervals with significantly variable properties (lithology and/or alteration) were encountered in the core, particularly troctolitic lenses that might signal the beginning of a transition from crust to mantle. However, this criterion was not met. Obtaining a general measure of compressional velocity in the upper several hundred meters of gabbroic rock exposed in an oceanic core complex has been previously accomplished, including in this area. Other work had higher priority at this stage of the expedition.

An overview of borehole geophysical measurements throughout the hole is shown in Figure F182. Caliper data are consistent between runs, showing several ragged overbore intervals. There is a complete lack of useful data from a ~5 m interval (dubbed “Cone Cavern”) at 272–277 m WSF. A very ragged zone with average hole diameter of 15 inches occurs in the interval 420–450 m WSF. A more variable zone, where hole diameter reaches 14–15 inches for several 1 m scale intervals occurs between 308 and 348 m WSF. The shallowest uneven interval has smaller excursions, but borehole diameter averages 12–13 inches for much of the 160–210 m WSF interval. The latter section is near the limit of data quality for several tools deployed; the larger, more ragged intervals are beyond tool specifications, although some imagery data may be useful in parts of the zones. Deeper than 570 m WSF, the borehole has a much more regular and clean shape, in the interval where core recovery was always close to 100%. The following sections describe the log data, and then **Initial core-log integration** combines both the log and

core data to draw some initial inferences about petrophysical characteristics of the site.

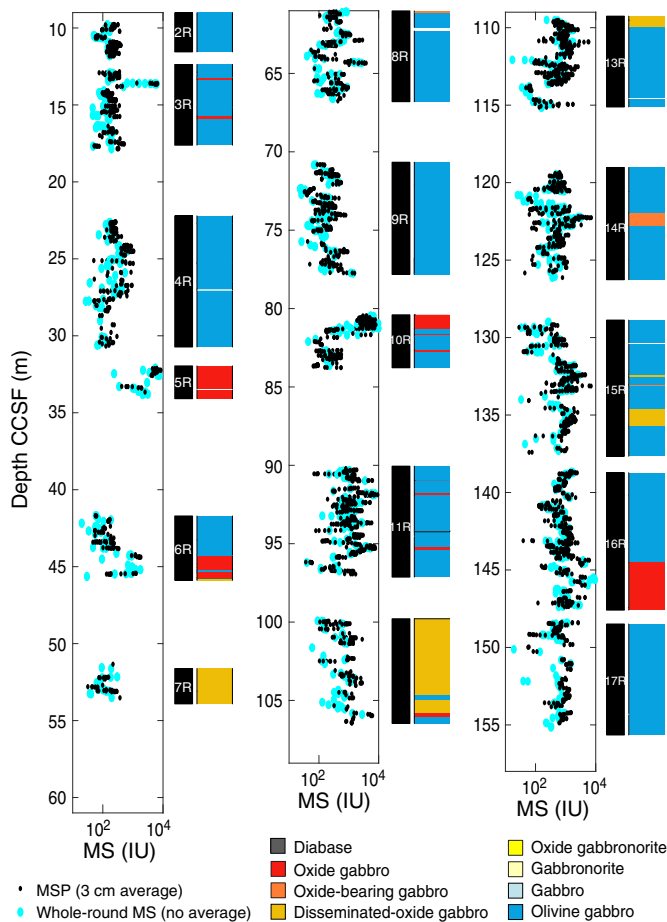
Temperature

The temperature sensor in the cablehead (Enhanced Digital Telemetry Cartridge [EDTC]) obtained repeat logs of the borehole fluid for each logging pass. The surface seawater temperature is within 1° of 22°C; both the flushing during drilling and the freshwater pumping prior to logging introduced fluid of this temperature into the hole. During the logging run, the temperature of the borehole fluid, as recorded in the raw data from the cablehead sensor (MTEM), progressively decreased (Figure F183). This cooling was consistently just over 1°C in the upper 430 m. Deeper, the amount of cooling with time decreases steadily with depth to the bottom of the hole, where <0.2°C of cooling was recorded.

The most prominent signal in the temperature logs is the clear and repeated deviation of -1°C, sharply over the 440–470 m WSF interval, and then a steady increase to the bottom of the hole, where the 18°C temperature is 0.6° higher than at the top of the hole. A smaller deviation (0.2°–0.3°C) persists just above it. The constancy of fluid temperature above these deviations indicates that mixing is efficient in this zone from 430 m WSF to the seafloor. Deeper, the effect of the cool deviation does not notably deepen over the ~24 h period of our observations. During the first downlog, a shallower negative deviation (0.8°C) was measured at ~360–430 m WSF. This did not persist, although narrower deviations with smaller amplitude were consistently measured just above this location.

Given the location of the deviations within a documented fault zone (see **Initial core-log integration**) and having noted apparent outflow from the reentry cone during camera runs after bit changes in the later part of the expedition, we infer that cooler fluid is flow-

Figure F175. Magnetic susceptibility measured on cores in the upper part of Hole U1473A. Similarity of data obtained from whole-round sections with those obtained from section halves (MSP) and correspondence of signal level and oxide intervals in the lithologic section are illustrated.



ing into the hole from the fractured zone. Further work is required to estimate and correct for temperature impacts of the drilling, pumping, and logging, but the magnitude of the deviation is large compared to previously documented deviations in other ODP, Integrated Ocean Drilling Program, and IODP hard rock holes where variations of a fraction of a degree were measured near a fault (e.g., von Herzen and Scott, 1991; Blackman et al., 2014).

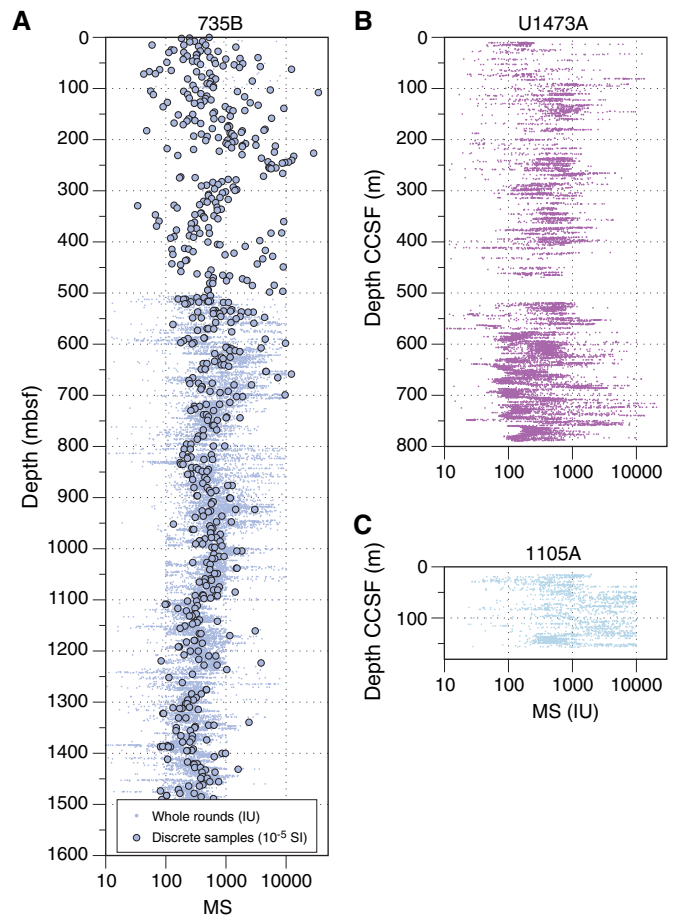
Formation radiation

NGR is generally very low, with peak amplitudes of 2–4 American Petroleum Institute gamma radiation units (gAPI). The peaks correlate well with those in the gamma radiation measured on the cores (Figure F184). Although the amplitude of the peaks is low, they are distinctive in the largely unradiative formation. Thorium is the radiation source best correlated with the total NGR record and uranium is the least correlated, although uranium peaks are often associated with the veins that give rise to these signals. Unlike the NGRL data from cores, the amplitude of the peaks in the wireline log data is highest deeper than ~680 m WSF.

Formation density and seismic velocity

The raw borehole density and compressional velocity data do not vary greatly downhole when screened to eliminate the out-of-

Figure F176. Comparison of magnetic susceptibility measurements on cores from Holes 735B, 1105A, and U1473A, Atlantis Bank. A. Whole-round and discrete sample data, Hole 735B. No whole-round magnetic susceptibility data were obtained during ODP Leg 118. Filtered whole-round data, (B) Holes U1473A and (C) 1105A.

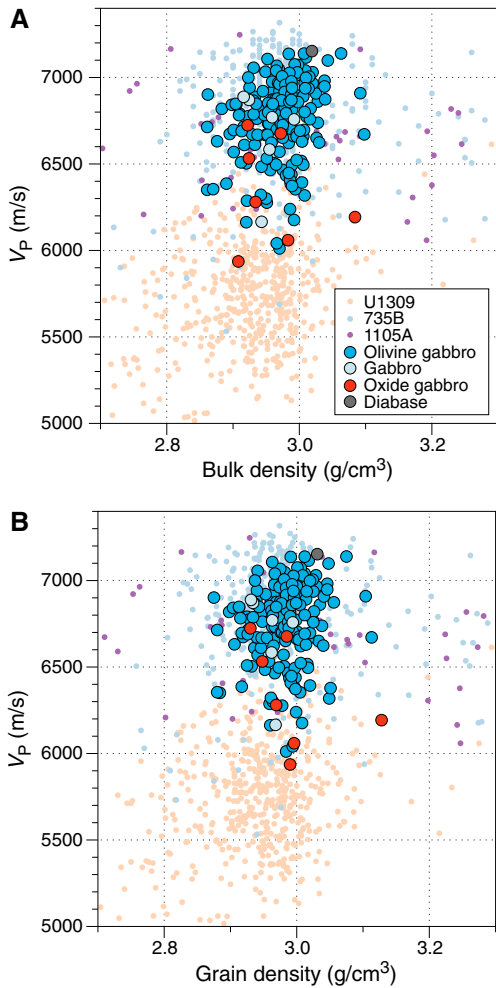


bore sections (Figure F182). Density is generally 2.9 g/cm³ shallower than 700 m WSF; deeper, it increases rapidly to ~3.0 g/cm³ and stays at that value for the remaining ~50 m of the hole that could be logged. Small-scale variability warrants additional assessment in conjunction with core data. In the clean portion of the borehole, these should be reliable measures of small-scale variation.

The raw compressional velocity averages ~6.9 km/s deeper than 600 m WSF and is more variable in the upper part of the section. An average value of ~6.4 km/s characterizes the 220–580 m WSF section away from the ragged, out-of-bore intervals. It would be reasonable for velocity to be reduced in the porous fractured zones but data in a majority of these intervals should not be interpreted quantitatively unless advanced processing can confirm sufficient coherence in seismic returns.

During acquisition, the shear (V_s) and Stoneley wave data appeared to be of good quality in the clean portions of the hole, and it appeared that some useful data would be available in portions of some of the ragged sections. The downhole variation in V_s tracks that of V_p in general (Figure F182), but differences do occur in intervals up to several tens of meters thick. Based on the logged density and V_p data, this section would not be expected to be highly reflective, as impedance contrasts downhole are modest.

Figure F177. Compressional velocity vs. (A) bulk density and (B) grain density in Hole U1473A samples, compared with previous data in gabbroic sections from Hole 735B at Atlantis Bank (Robinson, Von Herzen, et al., 1989; Dick, Natland, Miller et al., 1999) and Site U1309 (Atlantis Massif) on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge at 30°N (Blackman, Ildefonse, John, Ohara, Miller, MacLeod, and the Expedition 304/305 Scientists, 2006). Data from Hole U1473A are color-coded by lithology.



Formation magnetic susceptibility

Several narrow anomalies in the magnetic susceptibility of the wall rock were recorded with the Magnetic Susceptibility Sonde (MSS) tool (Figure F185). A majority of these anomalies correspond to peaks in core magnetic susceptibility; the double peak at ~360 m WSF being an exception as the large MSS amplitudes only show in the downhole logs. A number of smaller MSS peaks show elsewhere in the log where core data are either unavailable or do not show a peak, indicating that the wall rock does contain material that was not documented in core measurements.

The MSS data appear to detect susceptibility anomalies reliably, but the recording is neither calibrated nor to be taken at face value. The recorded anomalies are of the opposite sign than high-susceptibility material would produce, and background values should be lower than these anomalous zones. This type of recording problem was previously recognized and IODP thought it had been addressed, based on work in low-resistivity formations. Clearly, further work is required to understand tool behavior in very resistive formations.

Formation electrical resistivity

Electrical resistivity was measured in the borehole fluid and in five successively increasing depths of penetration in the wall rock. Downhole resistivity (Figure F182) is most stable (1.1×10^4 to $1.4 \times 10^4 \Omega m$) and highest in the deep section (>580 m WSF), similar to V_p and density. Resistivity increases steadily downhole by 1.5 orders of magnitude, from $\sim 8 \times 10^2$ to $\sim 9 \times 10^4 \Omega m$, from 300 m WSF to the top of the severely fractured interval at 410 m WSF. The lowest resistivity characterizes the lower part of the main fractured zone, centered at 430 m WSF. Resistivity values increase in the 450–490 m WSF interval, where data quality should be good.

Formation imaging

Geologic features were observed during acquisition of both the FMS and UBI data. Features appeared to be sparse throughout the deepest section of the hole, but isolated features were observed there (Figure F186). In the middle portion of the hole, features in the borehole wall are more common, many with classic sinusoidal shape that are certain to be useful in determining structural dips. Rare, possibly coherent features are also present in the out-of-bore fractured intervals. Geologic features were definitely observed be-

Figure F178. Compressional velocity plotted against (A) porosity, (B) background alteration, and (C) olivine mode, Hole U1473A discrete samples.

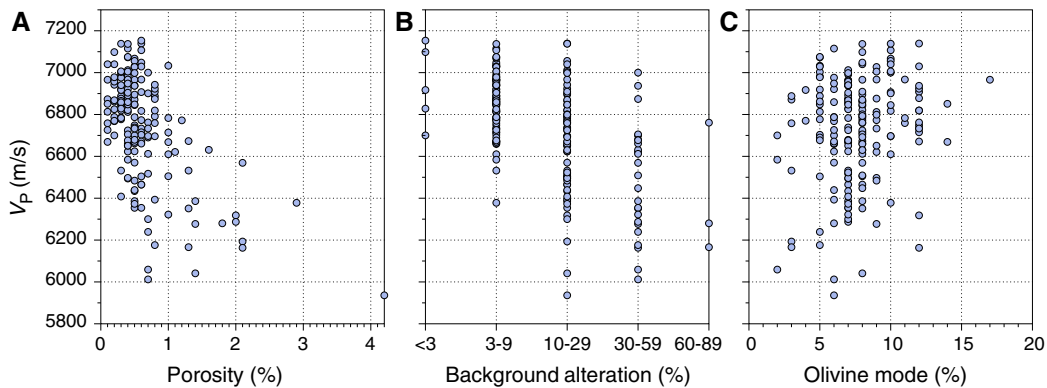


Figure F179. Downhole variation in V_p anisotropy in core samples, Hole U1473A. Mean V_p (average of V_x , V_y , and V_z), apparent anisotropy ($100\% \times [\max(V_i) - \min(V_i)]/V_{pmean}$, where $i = x, y, \text{ or } z$), difference of sample V_x relative to sample V_{pmean} , difference of sample V_y relative to sample V_{pmean} , difference of sample V_z relative to sample V_{pmean} , CPF deformation intensity estimated for section halves by structural geology team for intervals where measured cubes were taken (0 = undeformed, 1 = foliated, 2 = porphyroclastic, 3 = protomylonitic, 4 = mylonitic, 5 = ultramylonitic), and CPF foliation dip (degrees from horizontal) estimated for section halves by structural geology team.

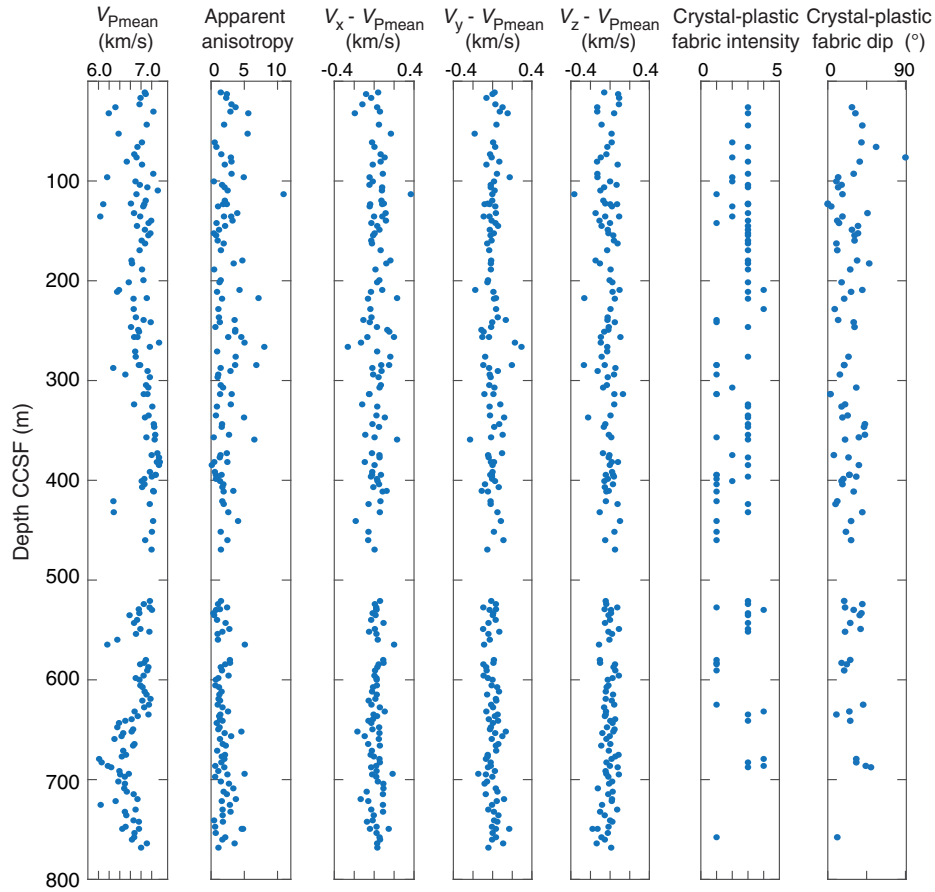
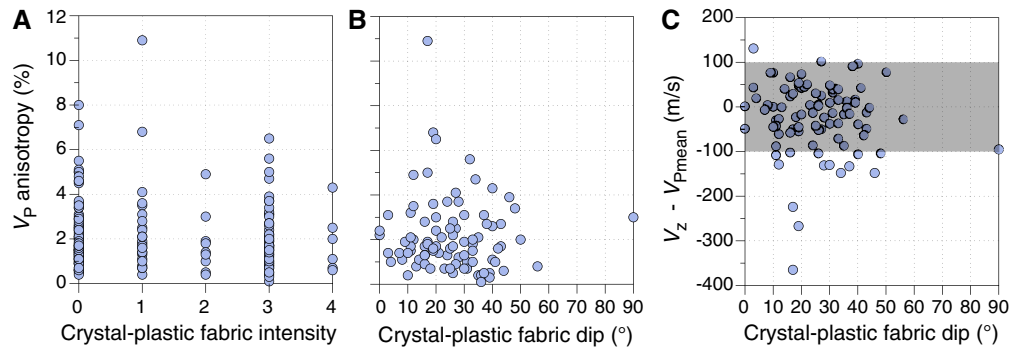


Figure F180. V_p apparent anisotropy as a function of CPF intensity and dip (as estimated by structural geology team), Hole U1473A. A. V_p anisotropy vs. CPF intensity. CPF intensity: 0 = undeformed, 1 = foliated, 2 = porphyroclastic, 3 = protomylonitic, 4 = mylonitic. B. V_p anisotropy vs. CPF dip. C. Difference of sample V_z relative to sample V_{pmean} vs. CPF dip. Gray zone = ± 100 m/s for $V_z - V_{pmean}$.



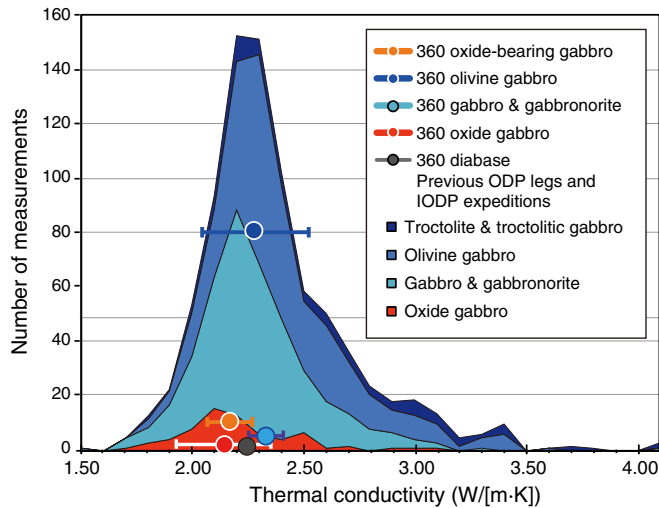
tween the two large fractured intervals (410–460 and 300–350 m WSF). In the section at 160–200 m WSF, the raw UBI images show occasional features. The shallowest section seems mostly devoid of clear features, except near the very top.

The initially processed FMS data were received at the time of writing. First viewing of these images indicated that depth corrections have not fully accounted for either between-run shifts or

during-run acceleration (Figure F186). Additional processing will be required before routine qualitative or any quantitative work with the imagery is possible.

The processed UBI data show only sparse features in the deepest part of the hole (Figure F187), but structural and/or lithologic features are commonly observed and show notable complexity in some intervals throughout the section shallower than ~600 m WSF.

Figure F181. Thermal conductivity measurements in ODP, Integrated Ocean Drilling Program, and IODP gabbroic cores. Cumulative curves are compiled data from fast- and slow-spread crust: Hess Deep at ODP Site 894 (Gillis, Mével, Allan, et al., 1993), Hole 1256D (Teagle, Alt, Umino, Miyashita, Banerjee, Wilson, and the Expedition 309/312 Scientists, 2006), Hole 735B at SWIR (Robinson, Von Herzen, et al., 1989; Dick, Natland, Miller et al., 1999), MARK area (Cannat, Karson, Miller, et al., 1995), Mid-Atlantic Ridge in 15°N area (Kelemen, Kikawa, Miller, et al., 2004), and Site U1309 (Atlantis Massif) on Mid-Atlantic Ridge at 30°N (Blackman, Ildefonse, John, Ohara, Miller, MacLeod, and the Expedition 304/305 Scientists, 2006). Large circles = average Expedition 360 thermal conductivity values, horizontal bars = range of Expedition 360 thermal conductivity values.



Initial core-log integration

Overall, physical properties are as expected for a gabbroic section where alteration style and intensity varies moderately through-

out the section. Measurements on the core and in the borehole are generally in line with prior results from oceanic core complex drilling. Density, porosity, seismic velocity, and thermal conductivity are more variable in the upper 600 m of the section at Site U1473 than in the underlying 200 m, which is not surprising given the greater lithologic, structural, and metamorphic complexity in the upper section. Alteration has a somewhat stronger association with physical properties in the deeper section.

Gradients in one or more physical properties correspond to either a fault or a lithologic boundary in several locations downhole (Figure F188). Porosity, seismic velocity, and resistivity each change along the downhole approach to the major faulted interval identified by the structural geology team and recognized from the poor drilling and borehole conditions at ~411–469 m CCSF. Velocity and electrical resistivity also show gradients to higher values in the ~50 m below this faulted zone. Although their minimum values within the zone are not constrained due to poor log quality, velocity and resistivity measured along the gradient region below are reliable. Smaller faults identified at 187 and 274 m WSF (see **Structural geology**) occur where our sample suite included several high porosity values, compared to immediately surrounding intervals. The fault at 335 m WSF does not mark a change in physical properties. The base of lithologic Unit II is characterized by a decrease in resistivity and an increase in the variability of seismic velocity. Both of these properties increase again toward the base of Unit III. Throughout Unit VI, velocity and resistivity are variable, and they increase fairly sharply across the boundary with underlying Unit VII, suggesting some factors (faulting or alteration) beyond a purely lithologic change play a role in the existence of this boundary. Sample velocities are highest in the least altered interval that dominates Unit VII, whereas formation velocity, at the meter scale, is similar to that within Unit VIII, although more variable.

Figure F182. Downhole logs showing unprocessed data, Hole U1473A. Triple combo (blue) and FMS (red) calipers, density (2.25 m running average), compressional velocity (2.25 m running average), and resistivity (light blue = borehole fluid, blue = mid-range penetration, black = deepest penetration; 2.25 m average).

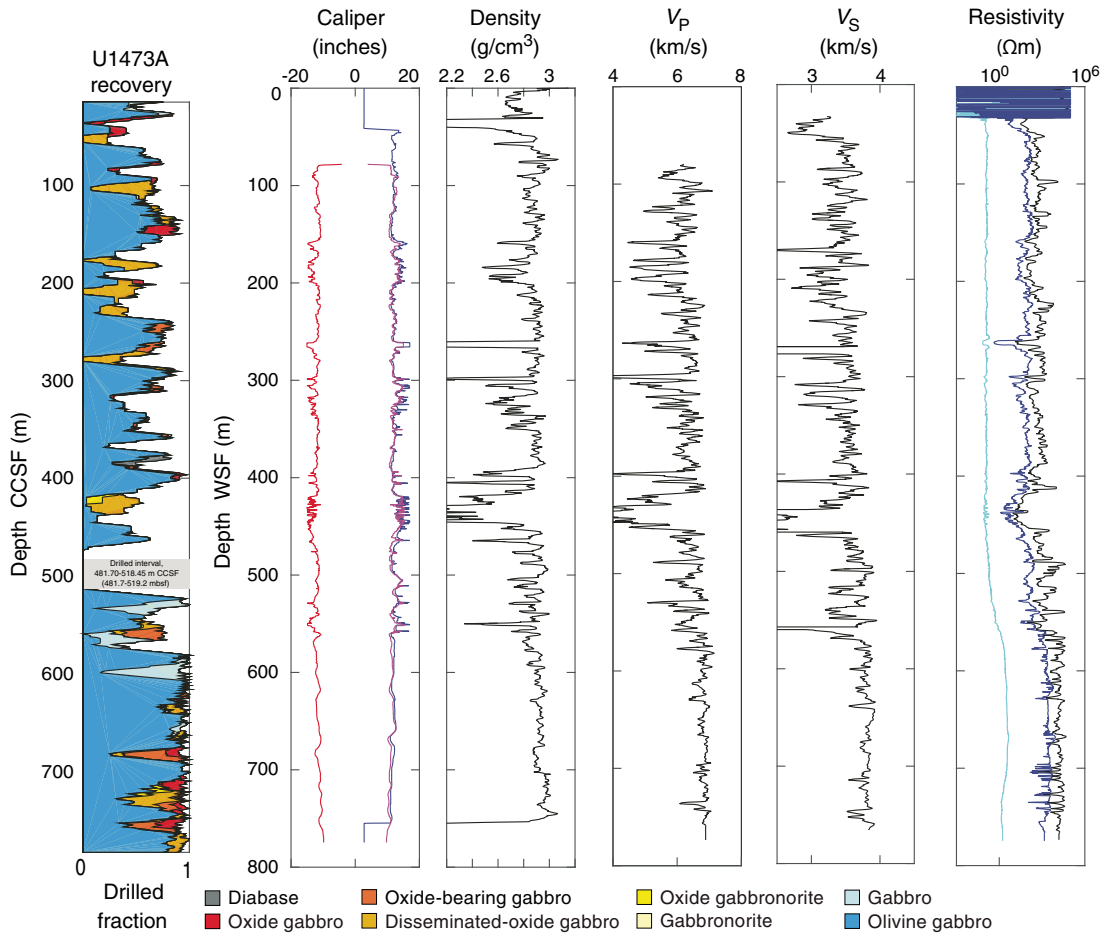


Figure F183. Borehole fluid temperature at end of Expedition 360. A. Repeat logs of temperature recorded by cablehead sensor (raw data, no depth correction). Time increases as curve color passes from black through green to yellow. B. Triple combo caliper log.

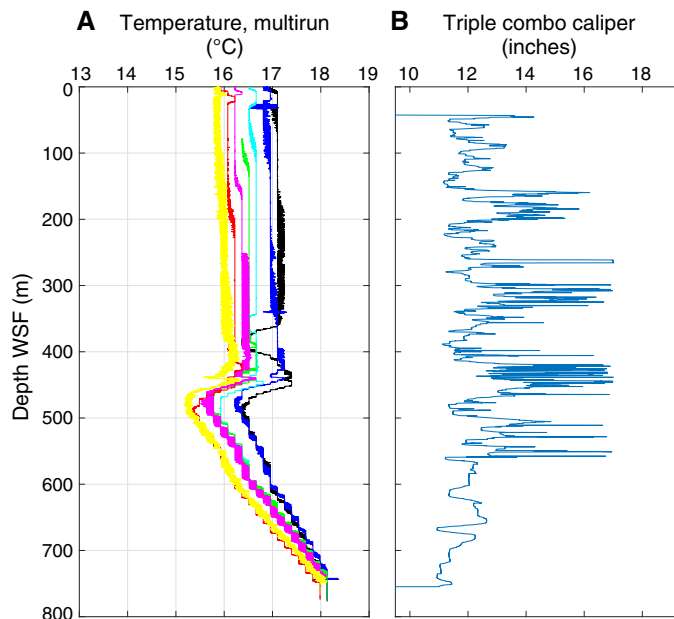


Figure F184. NGR, Hole U1473A. Th, U, and K are derived from total gamma measured by Hostile Environment Natural Gamma Ray Sonde (lighter blue). Total gamma measured by EDTC sensor also plotted (darker blue). Dots = whole-round core section total count data obtained with NGRL.

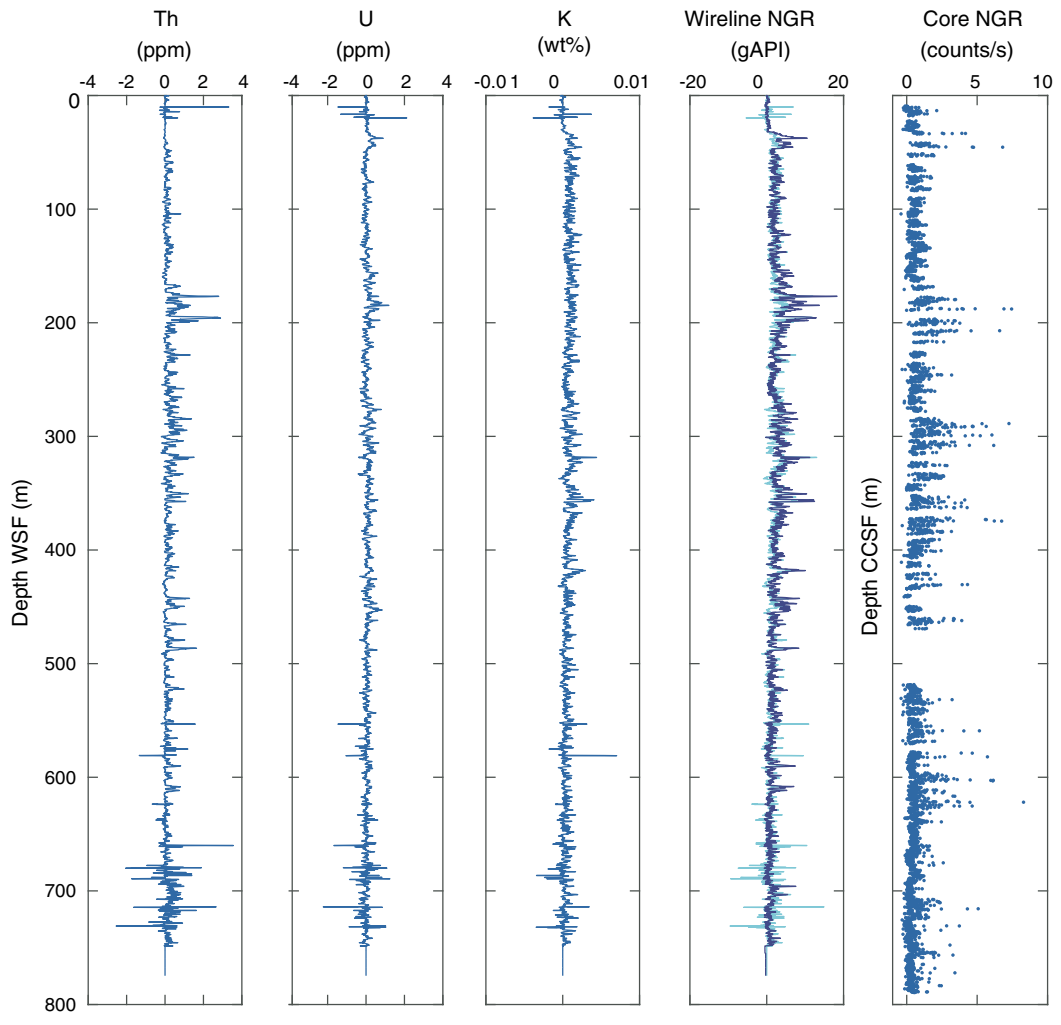


Figure F185. Comparison of magnetic susceptibility measured in the borehole (MSS) and on whole-round core sections, Hole U1473A. All data are filtered (see text for explanation).

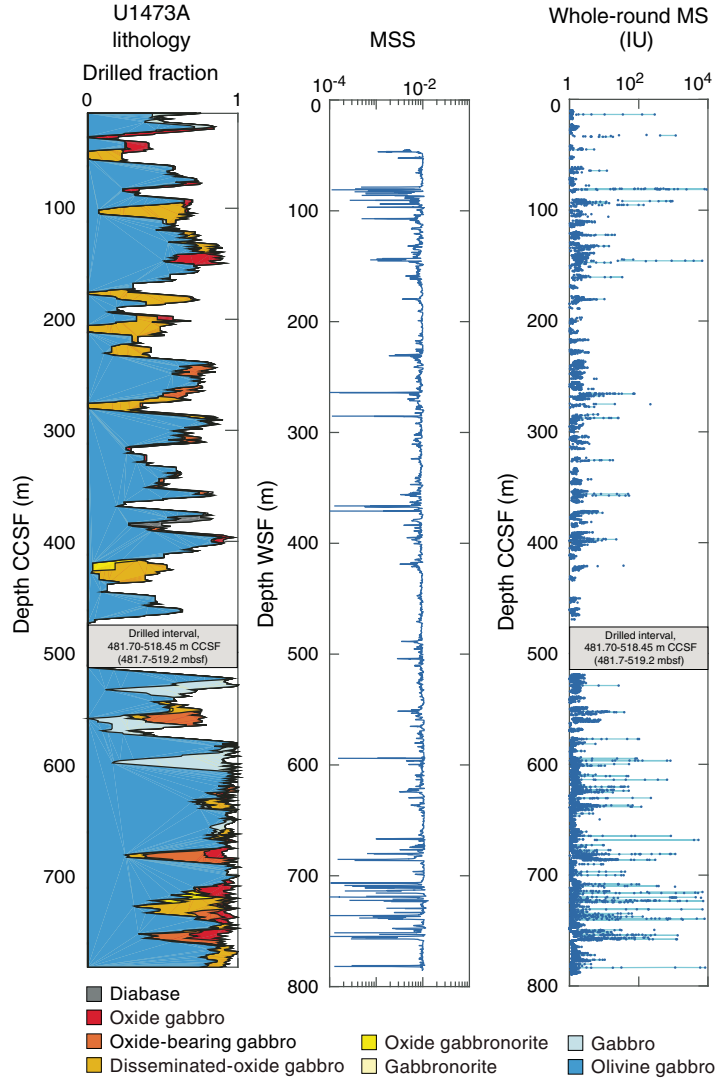


Figure F186. Example of FMS data, as processed by Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (LDEO) and received on board, from a single 5 m interval in the deepest section of Hole U1473A. Images from two passes (P1 and P3) are shown next to each other, with different depth shifts (see text for further discussion). A. No additional depth shift; Passes P1 and P3 are plotted against depth after LDEO processing. Features recorded by the two passes are offset. B. Pass P3 was shifted down manually (red arrow) to align geologic features in the lower portion of the interval. Offset between the 2 passes remains visible at top of interval. C. Pass P3 was shifted further down (red arrow) to align geologic features in the upper part of interval. In this case, the features in the lower part are offset again.

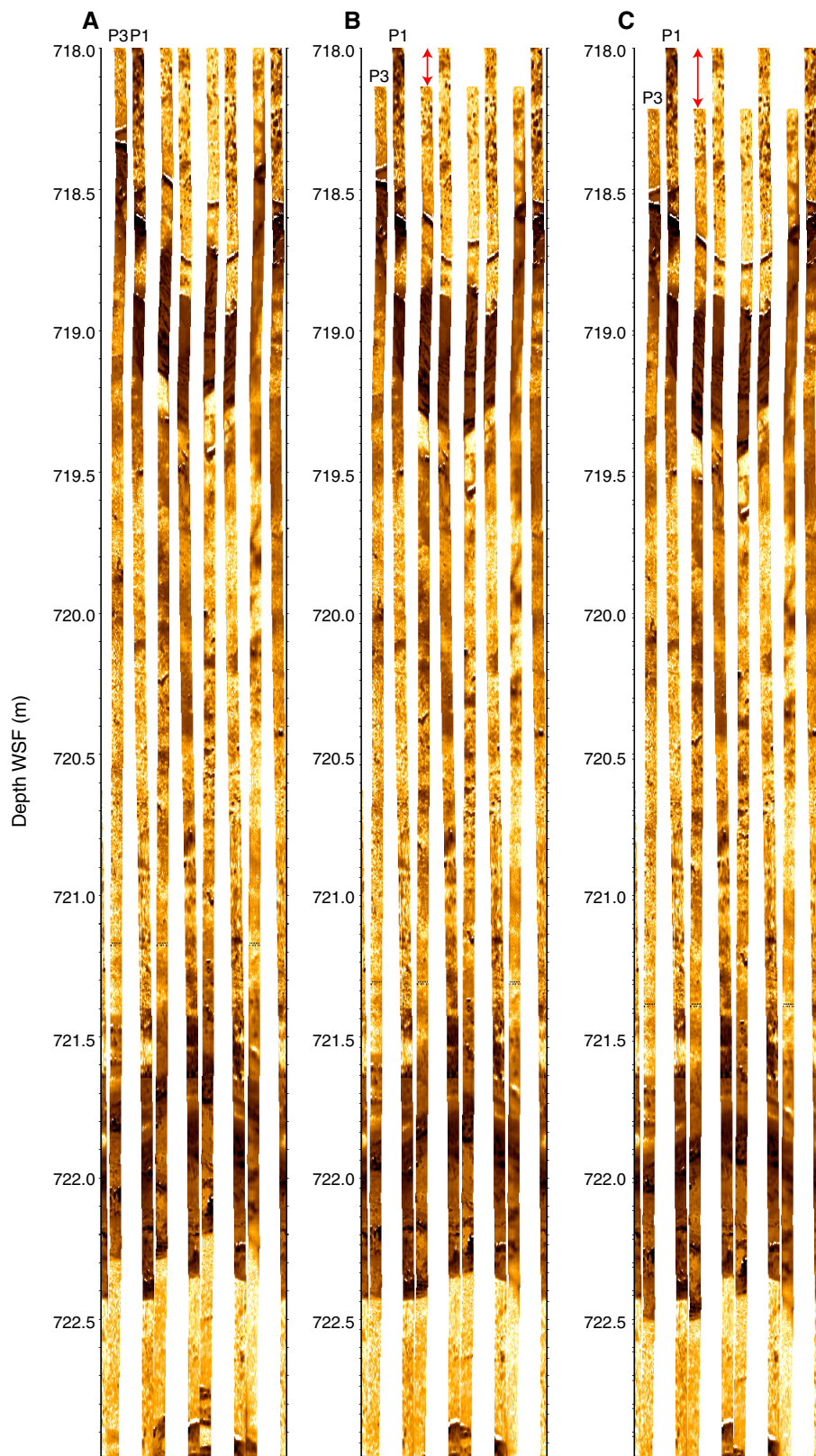


Figure F187. Examples of UBI images of the borehole from three different depth intervals. Several types of features are visible, including sinusoidal anomalies corresponding to planar discontinuities, probably veins or fractures, in borehole wall. Paucity of features in deepest section is notable.

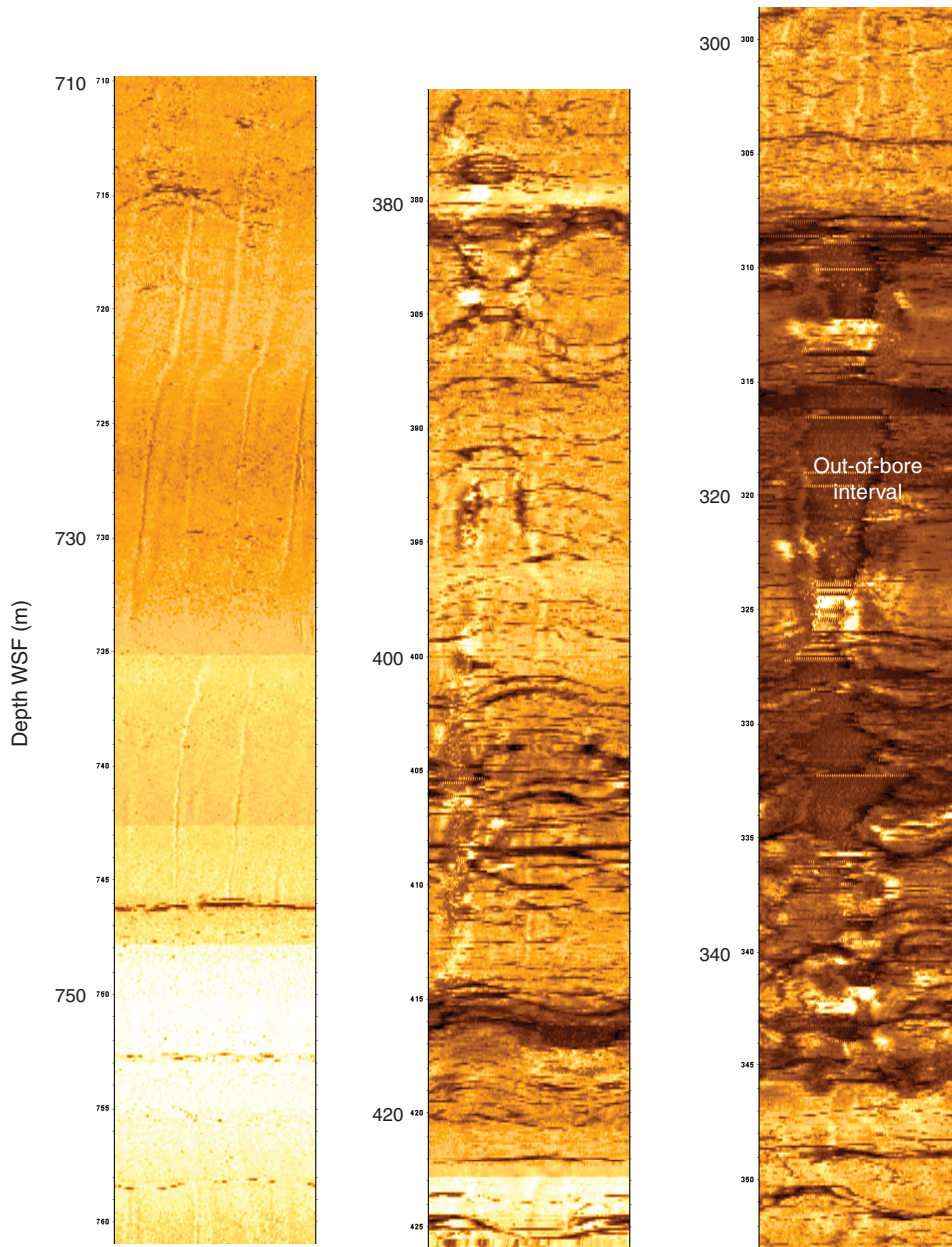
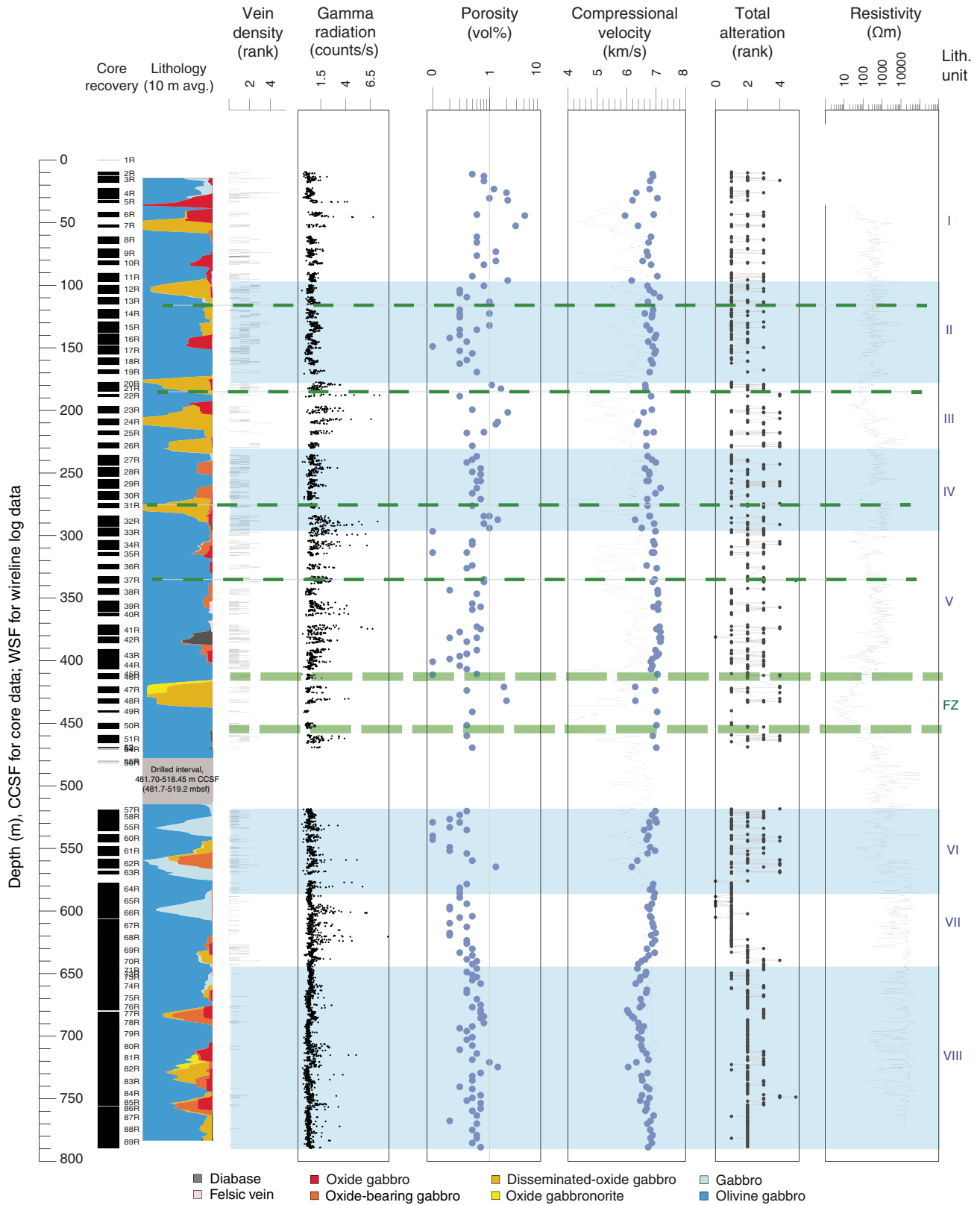


Figure F188. Initial petrophysical summary, Hole U1473A. Downhole physical properties and core description data are shown in context of lithologic units and faults. Blue shading marks every other lithologic unit (I–VIII). Green dashed lines show faults, with the thicker lines outlining the large faulted interval 410–460 m WSF. Vein density and total alteration based on core description. Gamma radiation measured on whole-round sections. Blue dots = discrete sample data, black curves = log data (2.25 m running average). Deepest penetration resistivity is shown. Alteration: 0–4 = slight–intensive. FZ = fault zone.



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