

# MD218 CROTALE

## Cruise Report

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## Avant-propos

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During MD218 CROTALE we retrieved the longest core ever (69.70 m), beating the previous record by more than 5 meters. This would have not been possible with the strong involvement of many persons.

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Figure 1. Photo of MD218 CROTALE staff.

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## Objectives of the mission

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As the major hub of oceanic circulation and nutrient redistribution (Marshall and Speer, 2012), the Southern Ocean (SO) played an important role in modulating global climate variability throughout the Cenozoic (Figure 2). The SO is a key component of the feedback loops that modulates atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration variability over glacial–interglacial cycles (Hain et al., 2010; Brovkin et al., 2012; Ferrari et al., 2014) through the modulation of the build-up of remineralized carbon in the ocean interior (Sigman et al., 2010; Jaccard et al., 2013; Jaccard et al., 2016). The feedback loops affecting the air-sea flux of CO<sub>2</sub> include the extent of sea-ice (Keeling and Stephens, 2001; Ferrari et al., 2014), the position and strength of the westerly wind regime (Denton et al., 2010; Lamy et al., 2014), the dynamics of the Antarctic Circumpolar Current (ACC) (Mazaud et al., 2010; McCave et al., 2014; Lamy et al., 2015) and associated physical structure of the water-column (Francois et al., 1997; Siani et al., 2013), the efficiency/strength of the biological pump (Marinov et al., 2006; Anderson et al., 2009; Sigman et al., 2010; Jaccard et al., 2013) and their interactions. Indeed, changes in the westerly wind field modulate ACC intensity and location, which subsequently affects vertical and horizontal oceanic heat transport and, therefore, sea-ice extent and seasonality along with primary productivity (Purich et al., 2016). In turn, changes in sea-ice extent impact on the Southern Hemisphere latitudinal thermal gradient which feedbacks on the Westerly winds (Varma et al., 2012). Therefore, a robust understanding of these physical and biogeochemical interactions would improve our ability to predict how SO and Antarctica will respond to global warming (Polvani and Smith, 2013; Boyd et al., 2015; Ritz et al., 2015).

The primary aim of MD218 CROTALE expedition is to retrieve a suite of long sediment cores along bathymetric and zonal transects in the under-sampled southwestern Indian sector of the Southern Ocean (SO). This region is particularly important as it is modulating the redistribution of heat and salt by the Agulhas Current to the global ocean (Caley et al., 2014) and the redistribution of heat and salt to the SO by the Agulhas Return Current (Graham and De Boer, 2013). Additionally, the injection of iron via dust-born iron from South Africa (Lamy et al., 2014) and iron-leached from the Crozet Archipelago Plateau (Pollard et al., 2009) stimulates regional phytoplankton productivity with strong impact on geochemical cycles (C, N, Si).

Non-exhaustively, the main scientific objectives of MD218 CROTALE expedition are:

- To characterize the temporal and spatial variability of the ACC, including surface transport and deep water flow as well as the Atlantic-Indian inter-basinal property exchange, complementing the objectives outlined for IODP Leg 361 site U1475 and for IndienSud project based on several cores off Kerguelen Islands.
- To characterize the causes (dust iron vs remobilized iron; upwelling intensity) and consequences of changes in export production patterns and their implications for the biogeochemical cycles of carbon and nutrients over the Pleistocene.

The investigations will focus on different timescales. First, the new records will allow to characterize mean interglacial and glacial climate states over the past 2 million years, hence covering periods of drastic reorganization of the climate system such as the mid-Bruhnes Transition (MBT, ~0.43 Ma) and the mid-Pleistocene transition (MPT, 1.25-0.7 Ma). Second,



the new records will allow to document, and further constrain, the perturbations and forcing mechanisms involved in physical circulation and biogeochemical inventory changes at the millennial timescale during very different mean climate states (glacial and interglacial periods) and transitory climate (glacial inception, deglaciations).

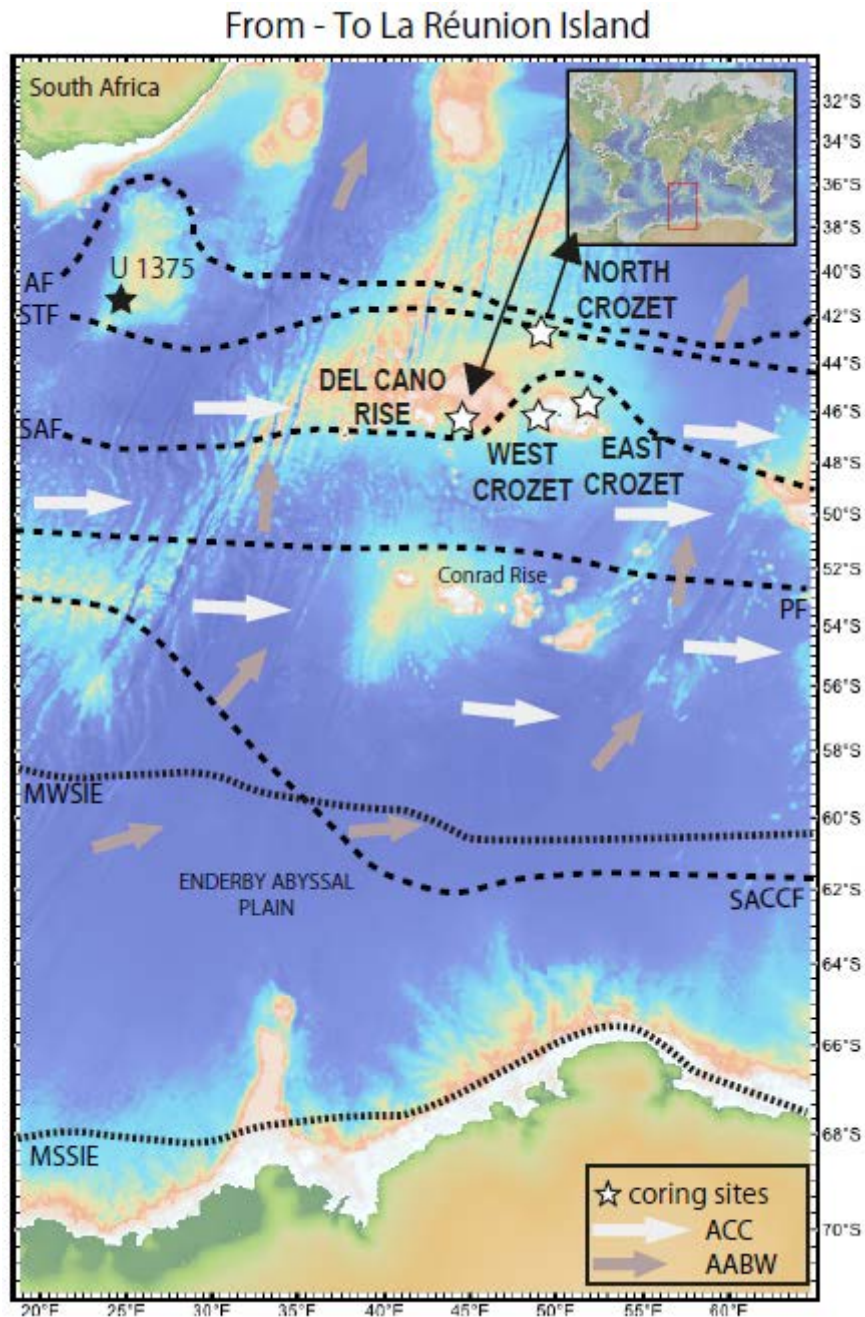


Figure 2. Location of the coring sites in Del Caño Rise, West Crozet, East Crozet and North Crozet regions along with mean topography and bathymetry. ACC: Antarctic Circumpolar Current, AABW: Antarctic Bottom Water; STF: Sub-tropical Front, SAF: Subantarctic Front, PF: Polar Front, SACCF: Southern Antarctic Circumpolar Current Front (Orsi et al., 1995; Belkin et al., 1996), MWSIE: mean winter sea ice edge, MSSIE: mean summer sea ice edge (Schweitzer, 1995).

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## Operations

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### On board acquisition

#### Multi-beam echo sounder

The EM 122 is designed to perform seabed mapping to full ocean depth with at ultra-high resolution, coverage and accuracy. The nominal sonar frequency is 12 kHz with an angular coverage sector of up to 150 degrees (130 degrees during this cruise) and 864 soundings per ping. The swath width is typically 6 times the water depth to almost 4000 m depth. The sounding spacing is normally equidistant with equiangle available (equidistant during this cruise).

#### Water column echo sounder

The beam inside water column sounder is part of the EM122. The beams used to map the seabed are read to detect density changes in the water column. Density changes can be due to fish swarms or, of interest here, traces of deep sea gas expulsion.

#### Sub-bottom profiler

The SBP 120 is an optional extension to the EM 122. The primary application of the SBP 120 is to do imaging of sediment layers and buried objects. The nominal sonar frequency is 3.5 kHz. Due to its narrow beamwidth, the SBP 120 offers a deep penetration in the sediment and a high angular resolution. During CROTALÉ reflectors, sediment layers having different density and composition than the surrounding ones, have been detected as deep as 100 m.

EM 120 and SB 122 equipments have been turned on at ~35°S – 49° 30'E and turned off at 29°S – 53°30E.

### Coring devices used on board

#### CASQ

The CASQ (Calypso square section) is a 9 to 12 meters long gravity corer showing a large section (25 cm per 25 cm). Its wide opening and its length allow sampling of a large volume of undisturbed sediment (Figure 3). It especially allows the preservation of top most sediments covering of the last millennia. Sampling is generally performed using pre-cut D-tubes that are pushed down in the sediment. Several series can be carved as presented in Figure 4.

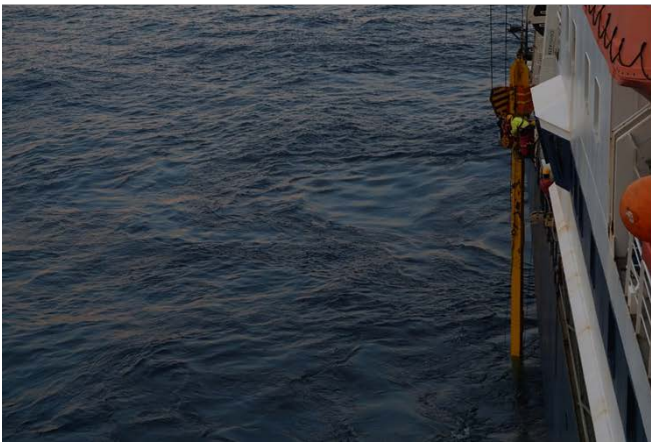
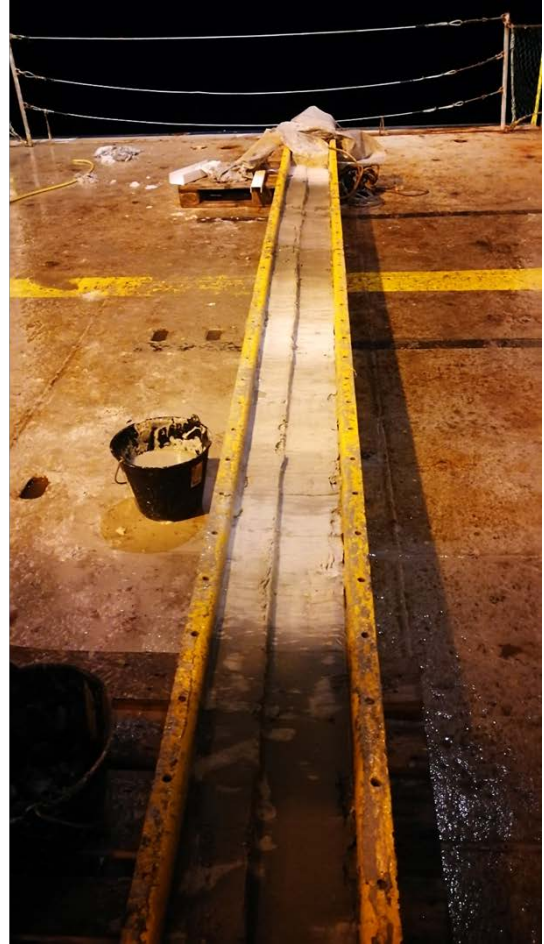
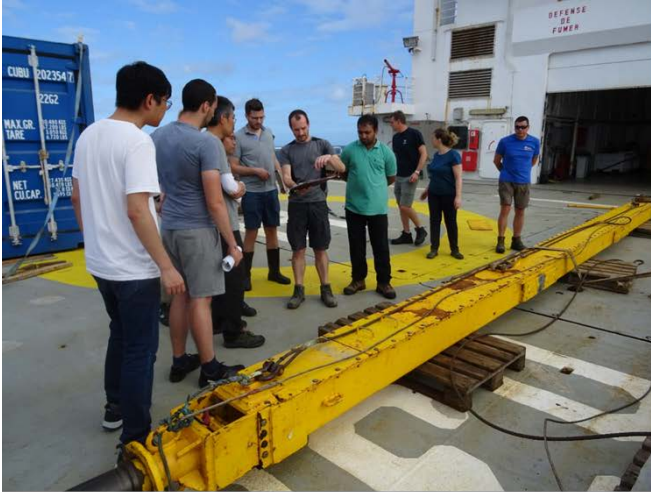


Figure 3. Photo of the CASQ at sea before coring and on board before and after coring

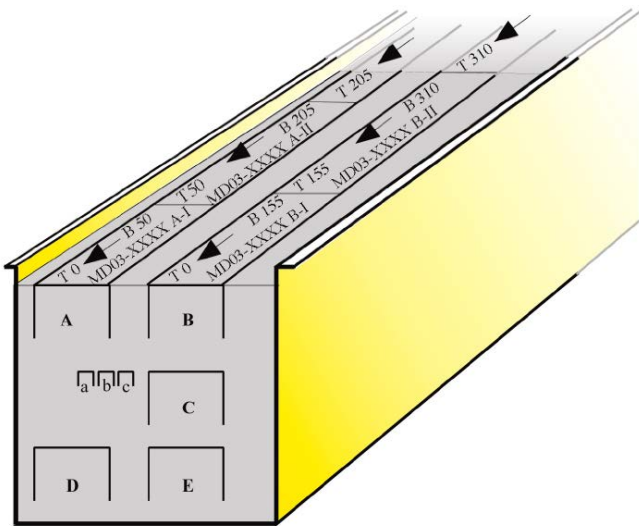
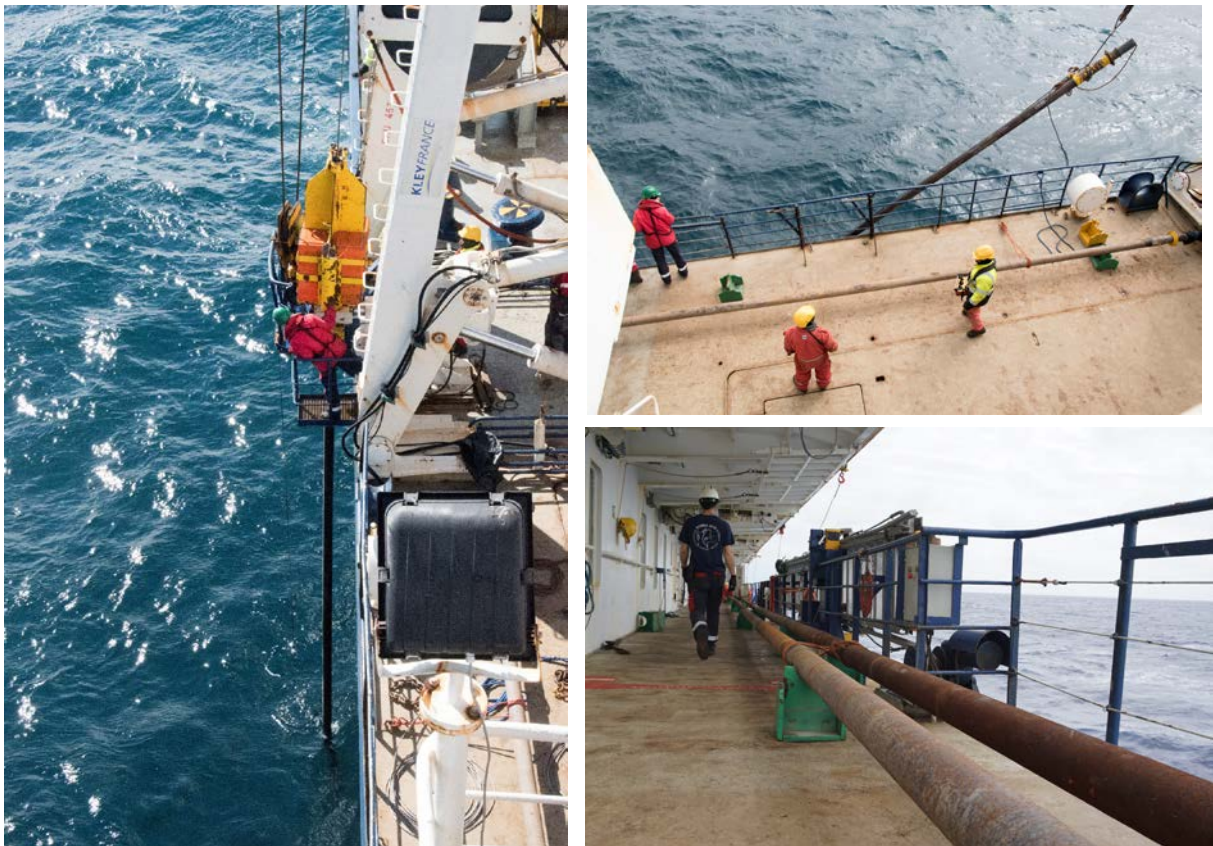


Figure 4. Schematic representation of the sampling protocol in the CASQ corer.



## CALYPSO

The CALYPSO corer is a giant piston corer that can retrieve sediment sequences up to 75 meters long, down to 7500 meters depth (Figure 5). Based on a Kullenberg piston coring system, it has been developed in size and rigged to the MD vessel with necessary handling equipments amongst which a 45 tons SWL Kley France annular traction coring winch and dedicated A-frames and booms. It is associated to the CINEMA software in order to prevent stretching of the upper part of long cores. By modeling and computing the kinematics of the coring operations with data loggers, the software allows to optimize all coring parameters before the operation and to quantify the quality of the cores after the operation (Figure 6).



*Figure 5. Photo of the CALYPSO corer at sea before coring and on board after coring.*

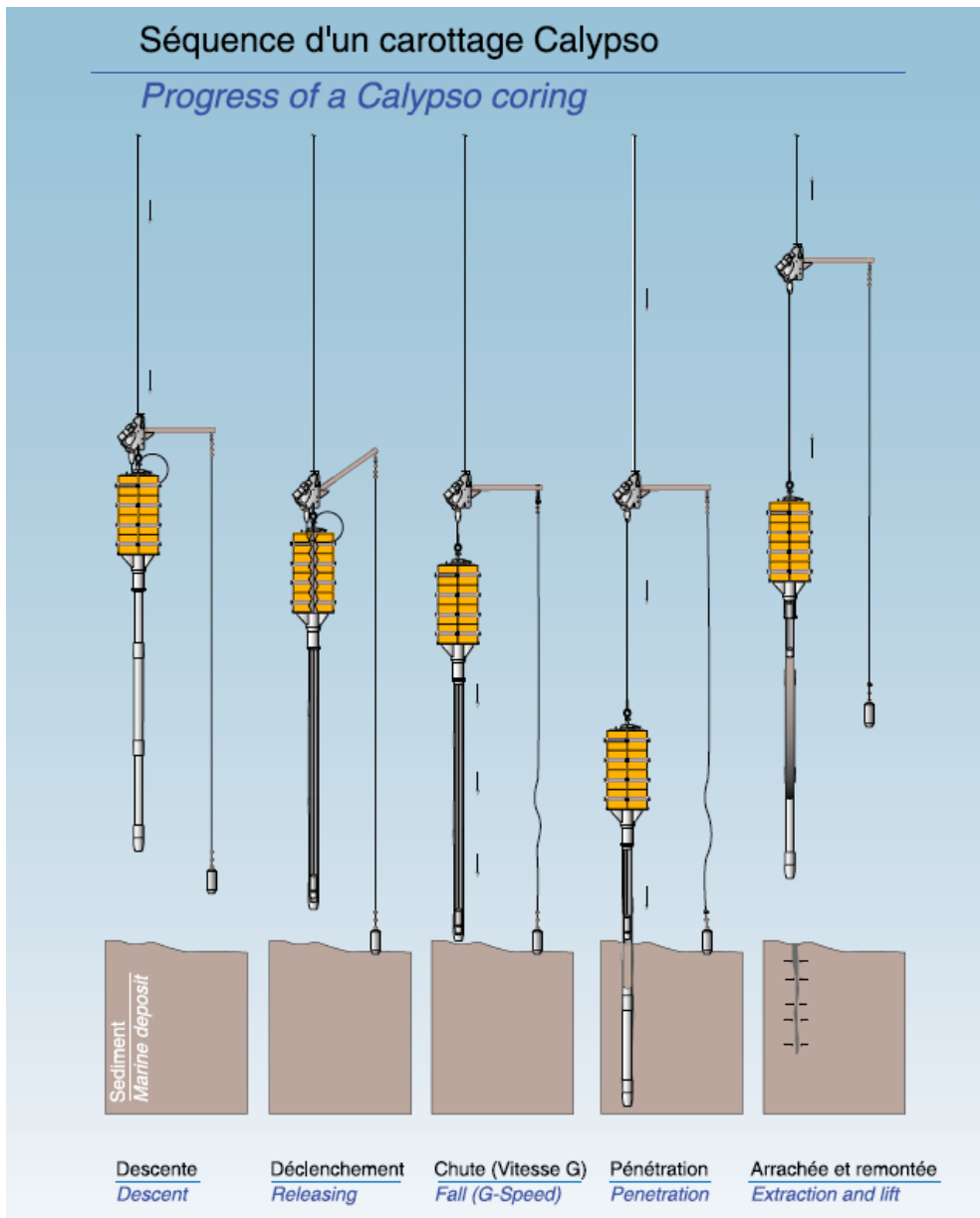


Figure 6. Schematic of a Calypso coring.

### Coring workflow

The core, after been pulled out from the corer, is measured, labelled and cut in 1.5 m long sections. Figure 7 presents the different steps in core handling on the deck prior to core splitting/opening, while Figure 8 presents the labelling method adopted by the *Images* community (The International Marine Past Global Change Study).



Figure 7. Photo of core handling on deck.

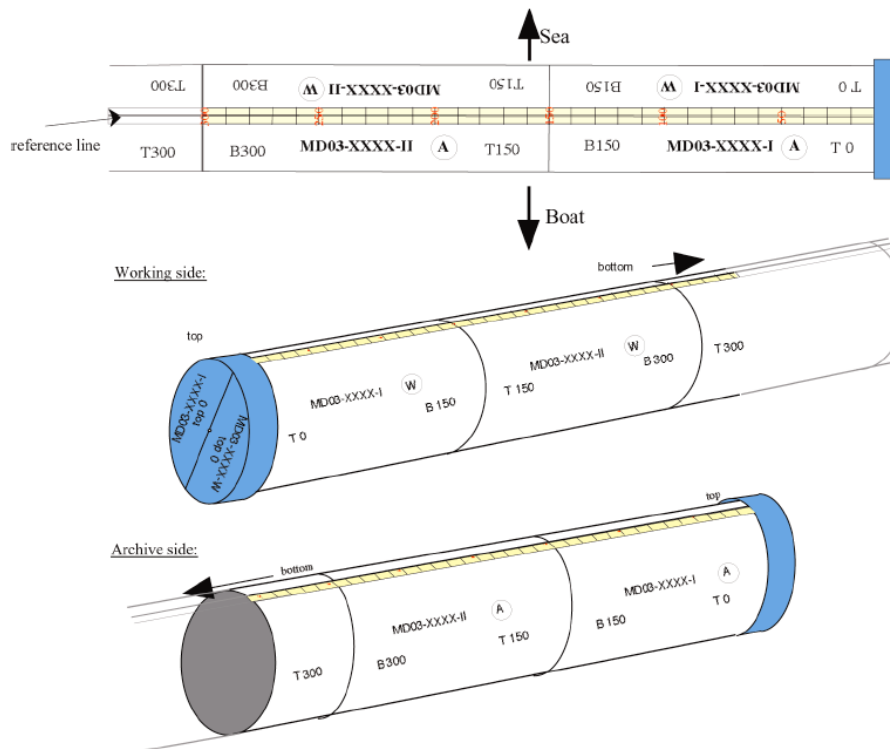


Figure 8. Schematic representation of the core labelling adopted by *Images* program.

The sections were subsequently opened in two halves using IFREMER new automated saw tool (Figure 9). The Archive half was sent to the sedimentological description and photo (Figure 10) while the Work half was sent to the MSCL (multi-sensor core logger; Figure 11). The GEOTEK MSCL on board R.V. Marion Dufresne is composed of a natural gamma detector, a magnetic susceptibility detector and a color spectrophometry detector. All cores have been analyzed at 1 cm resolution for gamma density, P Wave amplitude, P Wave velocity,



impedance, fractional porosity, magnetic susceptibility,  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$ ,  $b^*$  and color reflectance from 360 to 740 nm every 10 nm allowing the calculation of red (595-700 nm), green (515-595 nm) and blue mean reflectance (400-515 nm). The MSCL can also be equipped with an Olympus Innov-X handheld XRF spectrometer, which has been used only on core MD19-3575CQ for comparison with XRF cores-scanners.



Figure 9. Photo of IFREMER core opening tool and core splitting.



Figure 10. Photo of the description/photo laboratory.





Figure 11. Photo of the MSCL laboratory.

After completion of on-board measurements both Archive and Work halves were packed in hard boxes (D-tubes) and stored in a cold room at 4°C. Again, labelling of the D-tubes followed *Images* rules (Figure 12).

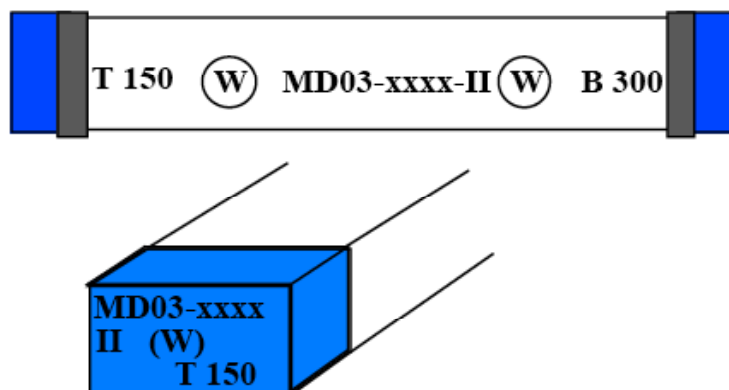


Figure 12. Schematic of D-tube labelling before storage.

## Coring activities

### Del Caño Rise region

Del Caño Rise (DCR) is located in the western Indian sector of the SO. Because of bathymetric highs above 2000m DCR represents an important topographical constrain on the Antarctic Circumpolar Current Front (ACC) flow and on the location hydrological fronts. The Subantarctic Front (SAF) is anchored to the south of DCR while the Subtropical Front is located north of DCR (Figure 1). However, the SAF is free to bend northward in between DCR and Crozet Plateau, thus passing north of Crozet Archipelago.

Del Caño Rise region has been partly surveyed by Japanese colleagues in 2010, from which was identified a potential coring site in the southwestern part of DCR. An extended survey performed during MD218 CROTALÉ (Figure 13) allowed the identification of several additional targets on southern Del Caño Rise by ~2400 m water depth (Figure 14). These targets present a sedimentary draping thicker than 100 m. A CASQ (MD19-3575CQ) was first sent at 46°02.83'S – 44°22.21'E – 2410 m of water depth. The bioturbated aspect of the retrieved sediment did not encourage to send a long Calypso at the same site. It was decided to move back to the original target at 46°01.36'S – 44°19.68'E to send the long Calypso (MD19-3576).

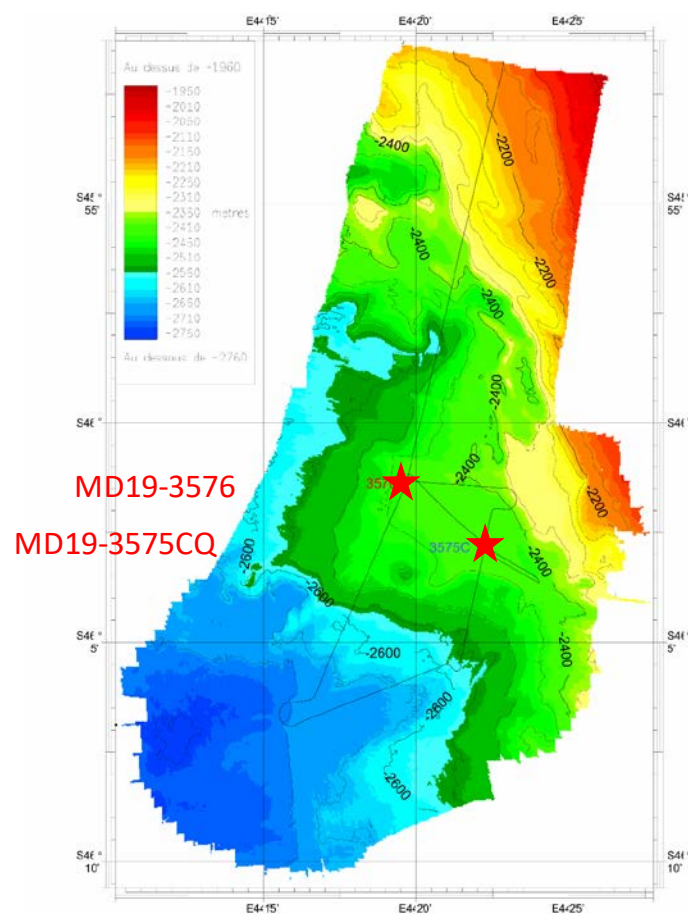


Figure 13. Local bathymetry and position of cores MD19-3575CQ and MD19-3576 (modified after Xavier Morin).

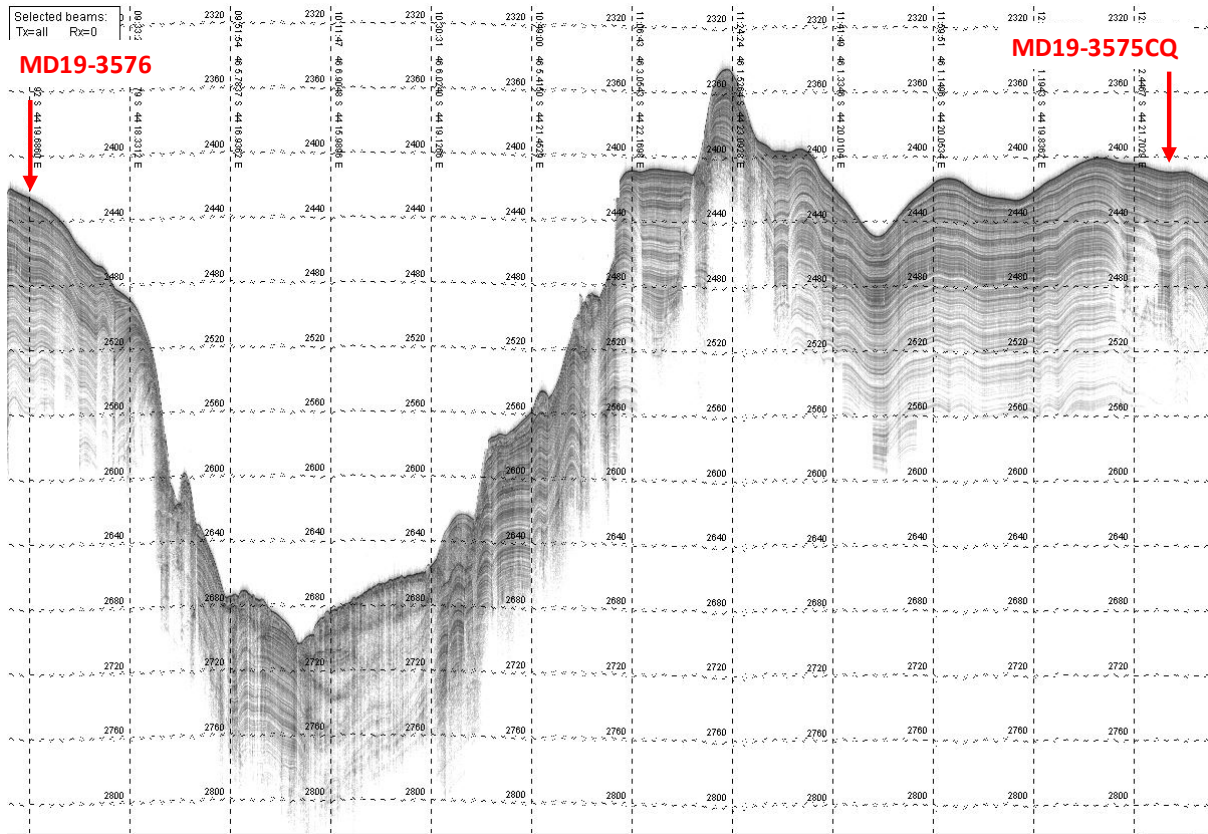


Figure 14. CHIRP 3.5 kHz profile around Del Caño Rise site. Locations of the CASQ (MD19-3575CQ) and Calypso (MD19-3576) cores are indicated by the red arrows.

### Core MD19-3575CQ

A 9 meters long CASQ corer was sent. The CASQ was sampled for 4 series. In the first layer, both a large (named a) and a small (named b) series were carved. The small series was offset by 50 cm compared to the large series to create an overlap at the section ends/beginnings. In the second layer, again a large (named c) and a small series (named d) were carved and again the series were offset in between themselves and between the upper layer series (Table 2). The rest of the interface sediment was sampled and preserved in small plastic bags.

The total length of the upper layer series was 8.09 m while the total length of the lower layer series was 8.14 m. This discrepancy was caused by the pressure exerted on the sediment when pushing down the opened D-tubes, which created a small expansion of the very bottom (Table 2).

The core is composed of foraminifera-bearing silt alternating with diatomaceous silt. The core is strongly bioturbated with the presence of numerous centimeter-scale burrows (Figure 15 and Figure 16).

The MSCL data indicate that the core may cover the period from the Holocene to MIS7.5 (Figure 17).





Cruise : MD218 - CROTALE - Core : MD19-3575CQ - Length : 8.09 m  
Study site : Del Cano DCR - Latitude : S46°02.83' - Longitude : E044°22.21' - Depth : 2408 m

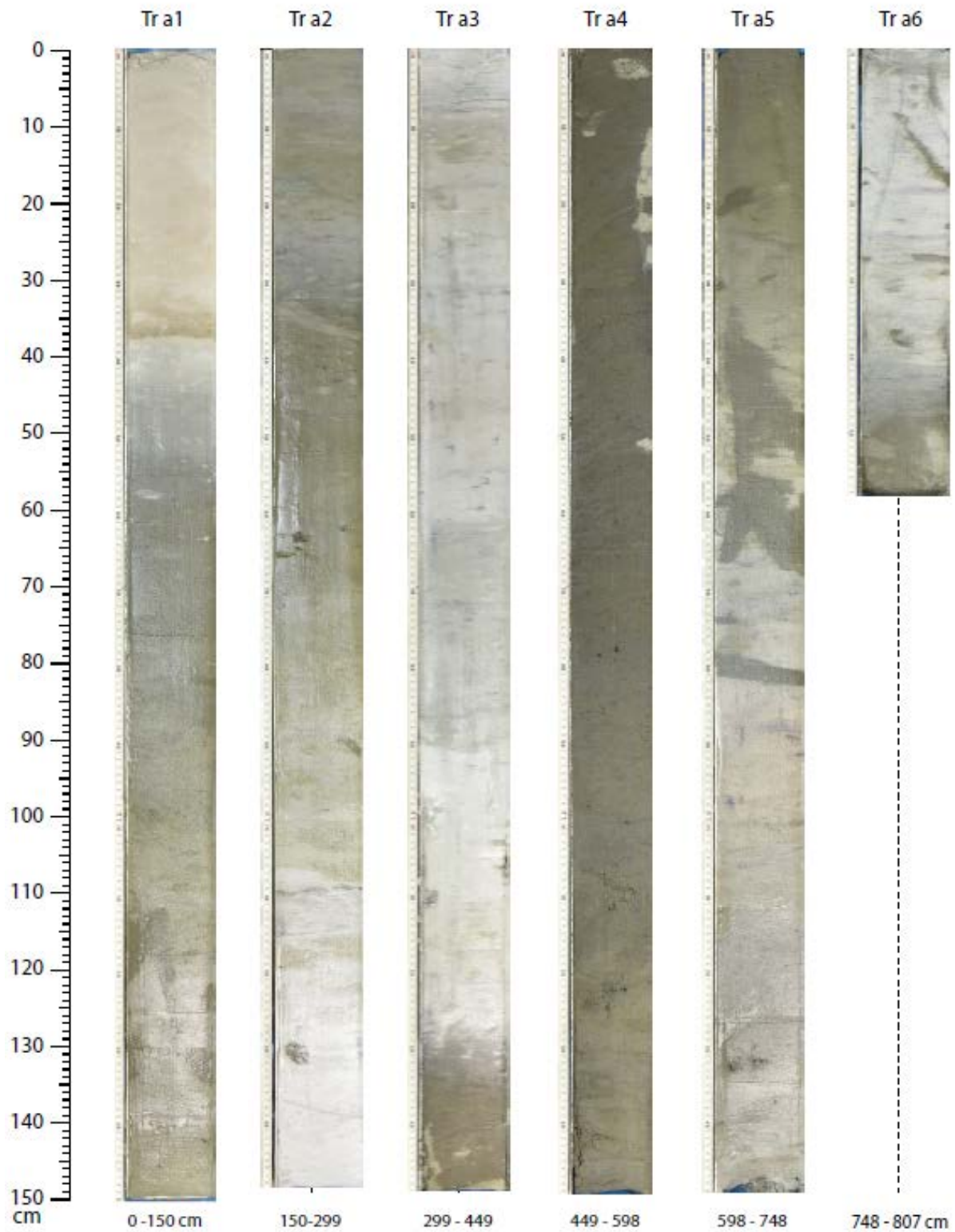


Figure 15. Composite photo of core MD19-3575CQ.

## Cruise : MD218 - CROTALE

**Core : MD19-3575CQ - Length : 8.09m - Coring site : Del Cano DCR**  
**Latitude : S 46°02.83 - Longitude : E 44°22.21' - Water depth : 2408 m**

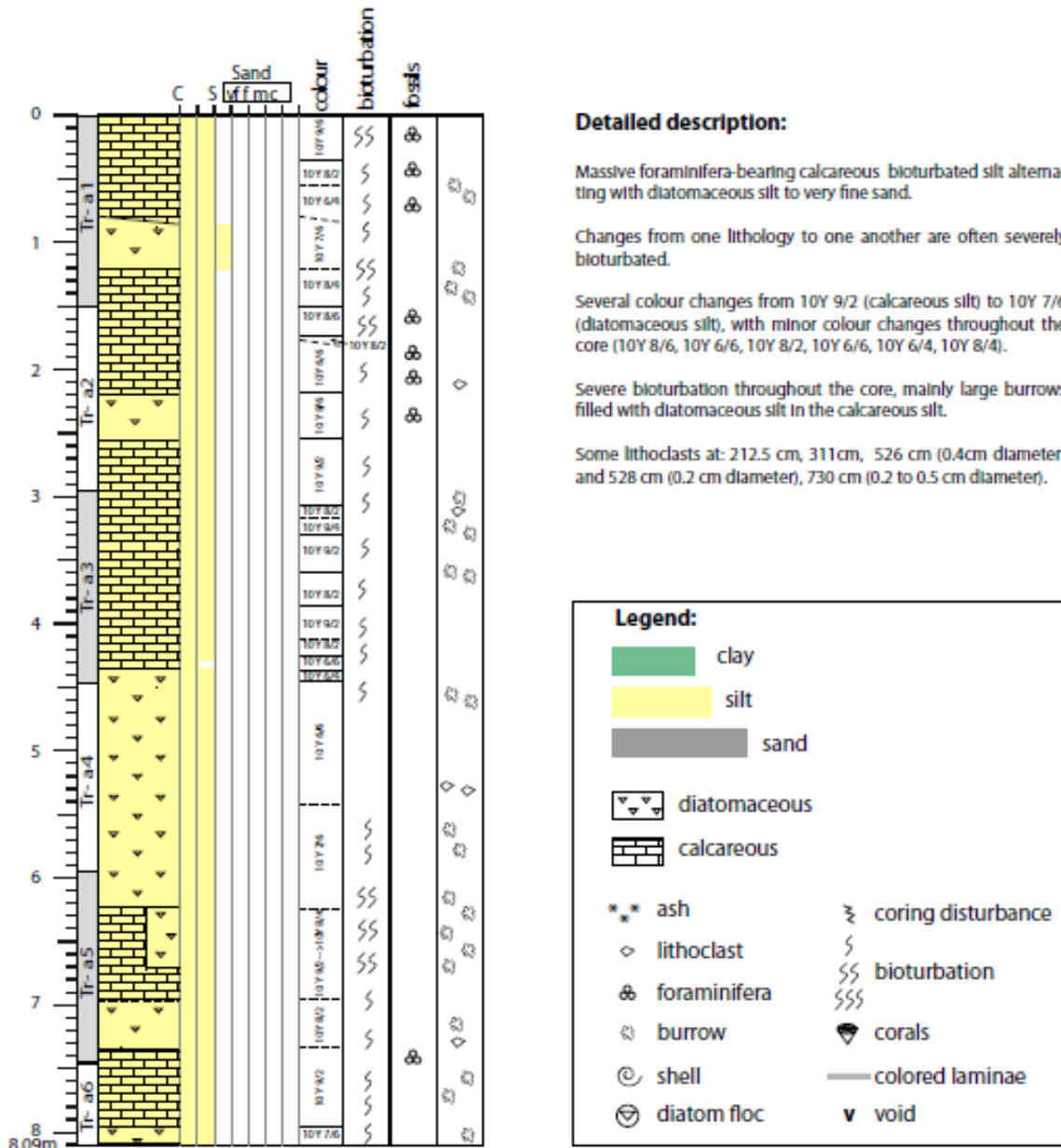


Figure 16. Synthetic log description of core MD19-3575CQ.

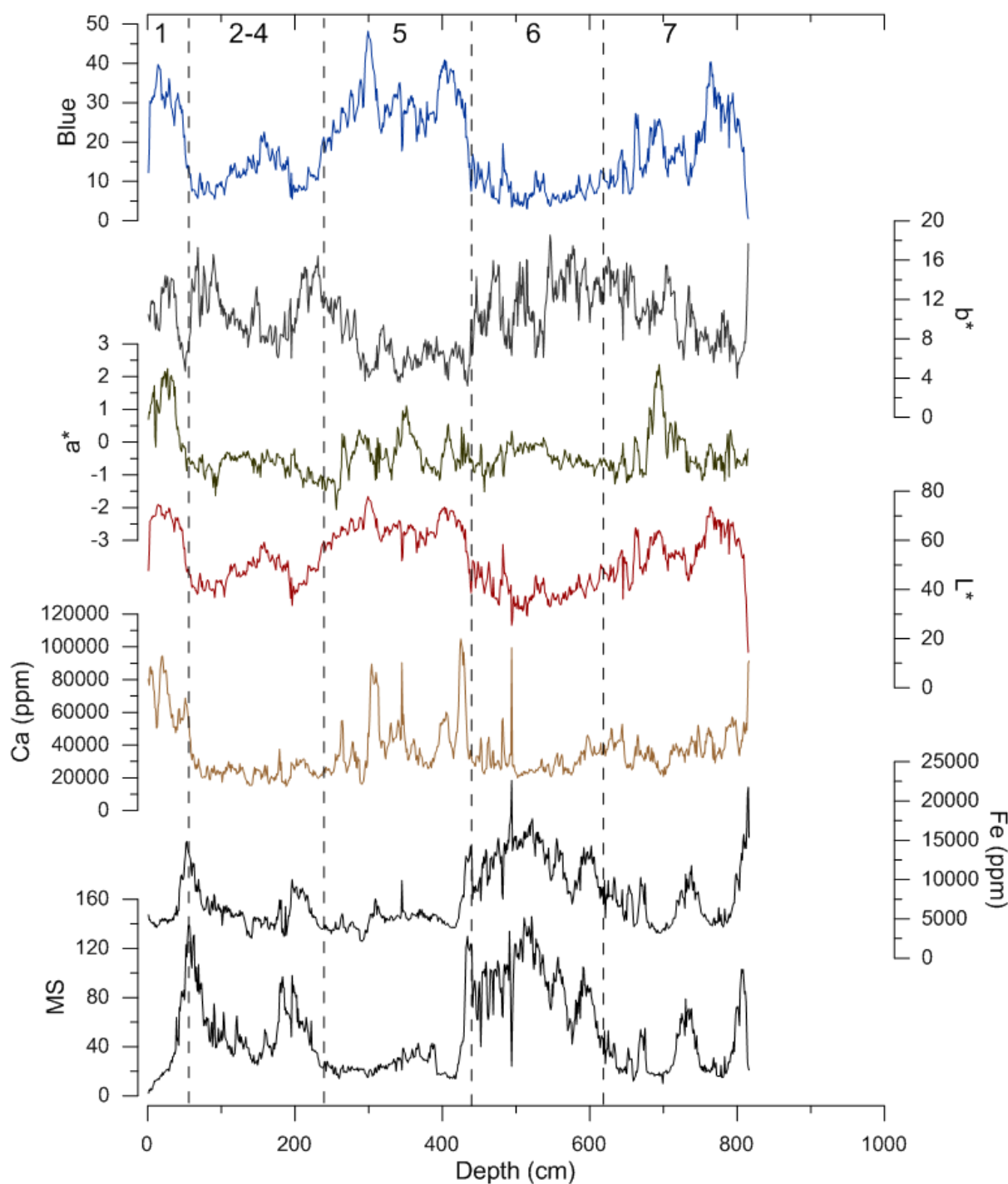


Figure 17. MD19-3575CQ data. From bottom to top: Mass specific susceptibility (in  $10^{-8} (m^3.kg)$ ), Fe concentration (in ppm), Ca concentration (in ppm),  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$ ,  $b^*$  and blue reflectance (mean 400-515 nm). Preliminary stratigraphy is highlighted by vertical dashed lines and MIS.

### Core MD19-3576

A 59,08 meters long Calypso corer was sent. Its length prevented to extrude the core liner in one piece. The liner was cut in three pieces that were subsampled in 1.5 meters long sections whenever possible (Table 3). Shorter sections were however produced at the pieces' tops to accommodate back to 1.5 m long sections downcore. MD19-3376 composition is similar to MD19-3575CQ. The upper sections were a bit soupy as well as some deeper parts, probably

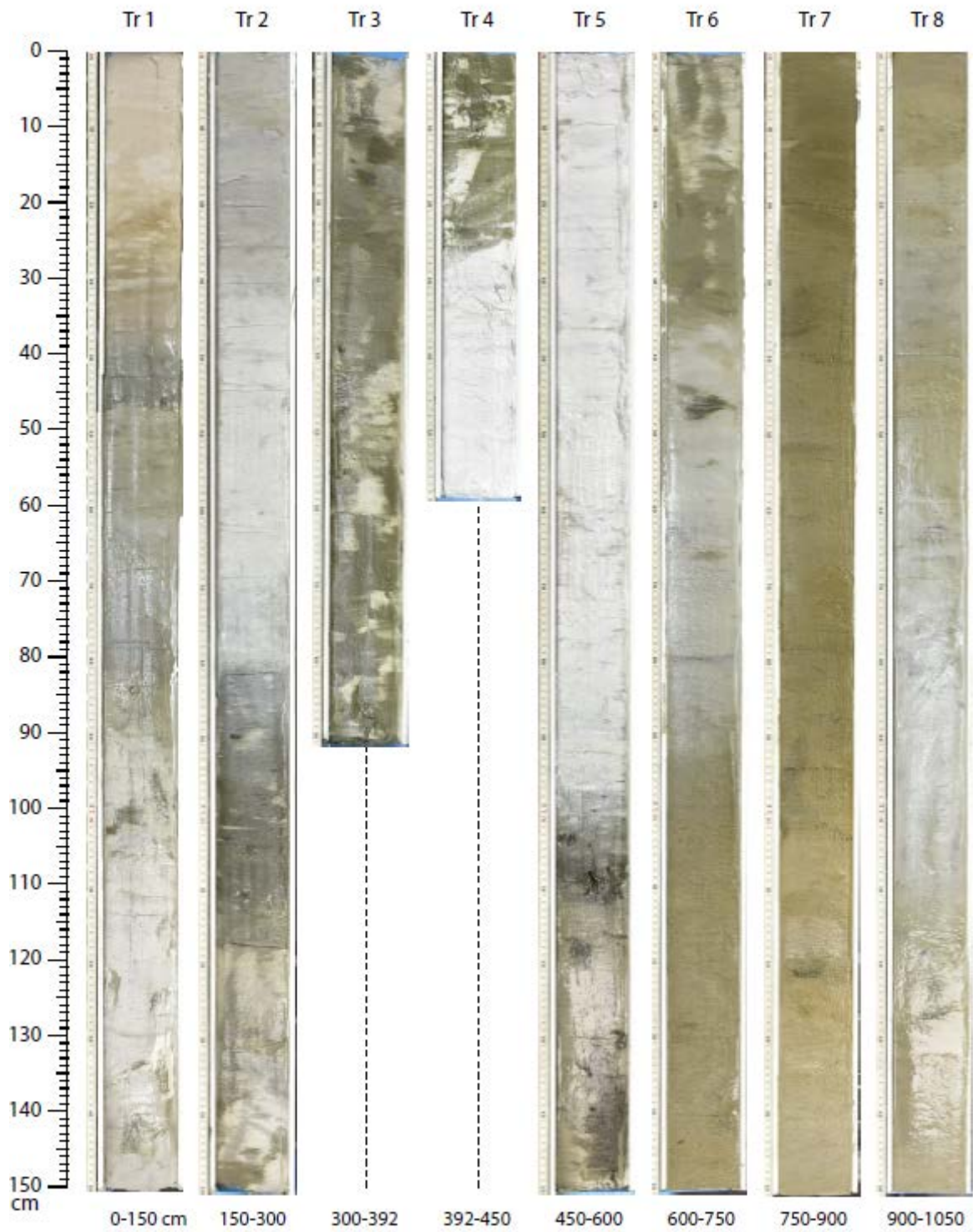
associated to more porous sediments. Numerous traces of bioturbation were still observed down to 2700 cm (Figure 18 and Figure 19). Nonetheless, the MSCL data suggest that the core covers the period from the Holocene to ~1.5 Ma (Figure 20 and Figure 21).

Table 3. MD19-3576 core general information.

<b>NOM DE LA CAMPAGNE</b>  <b>MD218 CROTALE</b>	Date : <b>28 February 2019</b> <b>1 March 2019</b>  N° de station : <b>DCR</b>	Météo : (force) / Direction Vent : Mer : Variation tension (maxi) :					
<b>CAROTTE (N°) :</b>  <b>MD19-3576</b> <small>(MD année -numéro)</small>	<b>LONGUEUR m :</b>  <b>57,56 m</b>	<b>POSITION :</b> Latitude : <b>46°01.36'S</b> Longitude : <b>44°19.68'E</b>					
<b>CAROTTIER (type) <sup>(1)</sup> :</b> <b>CALYPSO</b>  Poids total (air) : <b>6,0 t</b>  Poids total (eau) : <b>surf t</b> <b>bottom t</b>	<b>REGLAGES :</b> <u>Tubes</u> (longueur) : <b>59,08 m</b> <u>Câbles</u> : Chute libre : <b>1,70 m</b> Boucle : <b>6,42 m</b> LC poids : <b>m (3m50 lest)</b>	<b>CONTREPOIDS :</b> <b>Type (2) :</b> <b>CYLINDER 100 KG</b> Longueur PVC : <b>m</b> Pénétration : <b>m</b> Longueur de carotte : <b>m</b> + Ogive (+ 0,15 m)					
<b>PARAMETRES MESURES :</b> <u>Sonde corrigée</u> : <b>2 419 m</b> <u>Ligne filée</u> : <b>2 368 m</b> Arrachement/total (tonne) : <b>13,50 t</b> Pénétration/apparente (m) : <b>m</b> Pénétration/tensiomètre (m) : <b>m</b> <b>Description / incidents :</b>	<b>HEURES (GMT)</b> En station : <b>GMT</b> Début manœuvre : <b>22h59 GMT</b> <u>Déclenchement</u> : <b>0h55 GMT</b> Fin de manœuvre : <b>3h59 GMT</b> <u>Durée de manœuvre</u> : Départ station : <b>GMT</b>	<b>INSTRUMENTATION OPERATIONS ANNEXES</b> CTD (hydro) : CTD (bouteilles) : Filet à plancton : Autres : /					
0	150	300	392	450	600	750	900
<b>TR 1</b>	<b>TR 2</b>	<b>TR 3</b>	<b>TR 4</b>	<b>TR 5</b>	<b>TR 6</b>	<b>TR 7</b>	
900	1050	1200	1350	1500	1650	1800	1950
<b>TR 8</b>	<b>TR 9</b>	<b>TR 10</b>	<b>TR 11</b>	<b>TR 12</b>	<b>TR 13</b>	<b>TR 14</b>	
1950	2100	2250	2400	2550	2700	2850	3000
<b>TR 15</b>	<b>TR 16</b>	<b>TR 17</b>	<b>TR 18</b>	<b>TR 19</b>	<b>TR 20</b>	<b>TR 21</b>	
3000	3080	3150	3300	3450	3600	3750	3900
<b>TR 22</b>	<b>TR 23</b>	<b>TR 24</b>	<b>TR 25</b>	<b>TR 26</b>	<b>TR 27</b>	<b>TR 28</b>	
3900	4050	4200	4350	4500	4650	4800	4950
<b>TR 29</b>	<b>TR 30</b>	<b>TR 31</b>	<b>TR 32</b>	<b>TR 33</b>	<b>TR 34</b>	<b>TR 35</b>	
4950	5100	5250	5400	5550	5700	5756	
<b>TR 36</b>	<b>TR 37</b>	<b>TR 38</b>	<b>TR 39</b>	<b>TR 40</b>	<b>TR 41</b>		
Commentaires							



Cruise : MD218 - CROTALE - Core : MD19-3576 - Length : 57.56 m  
Study site : Del Cano DCR - Latitude : S46°01.36' - Longitude : E044°19.68 - Depth : 2419 m







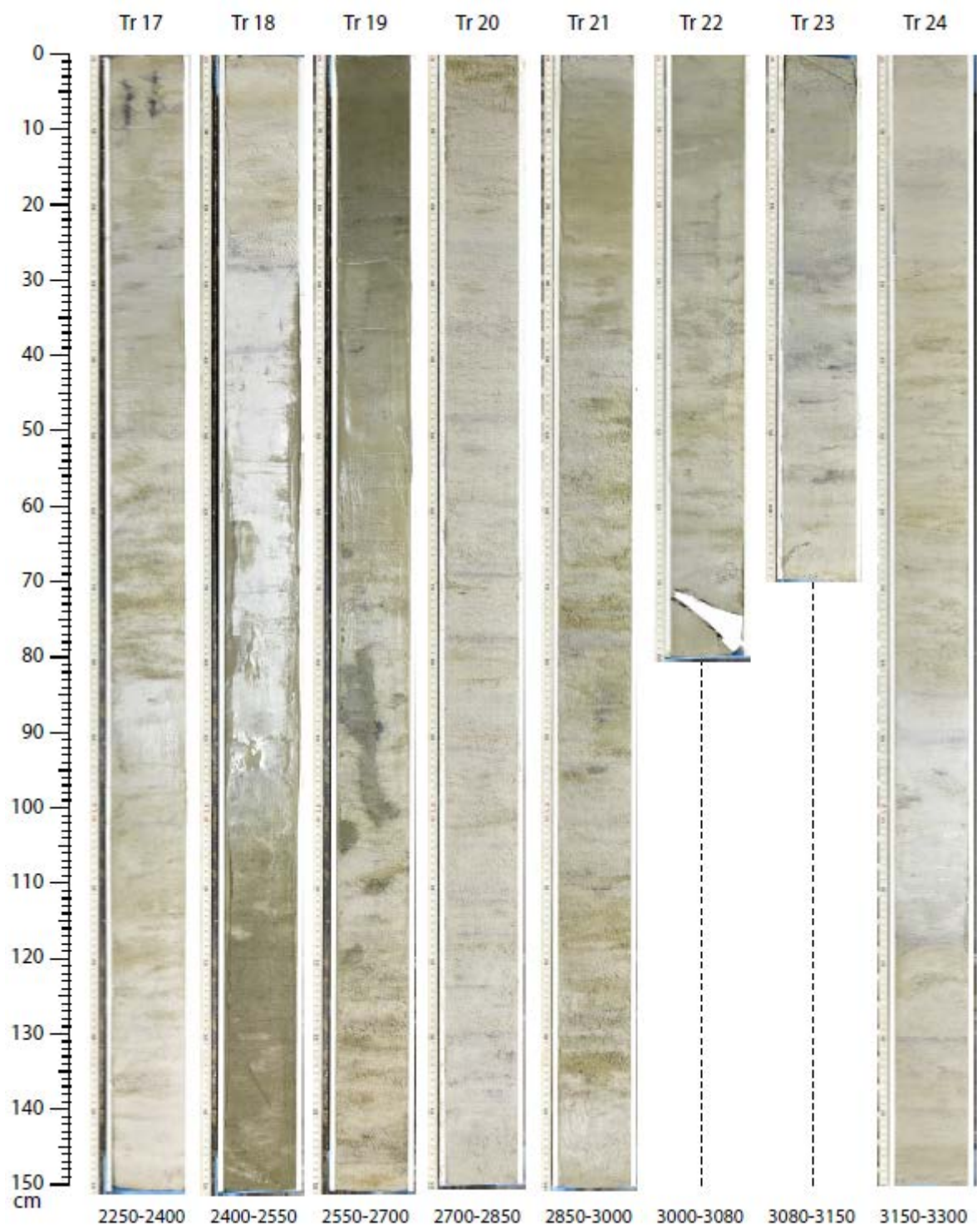




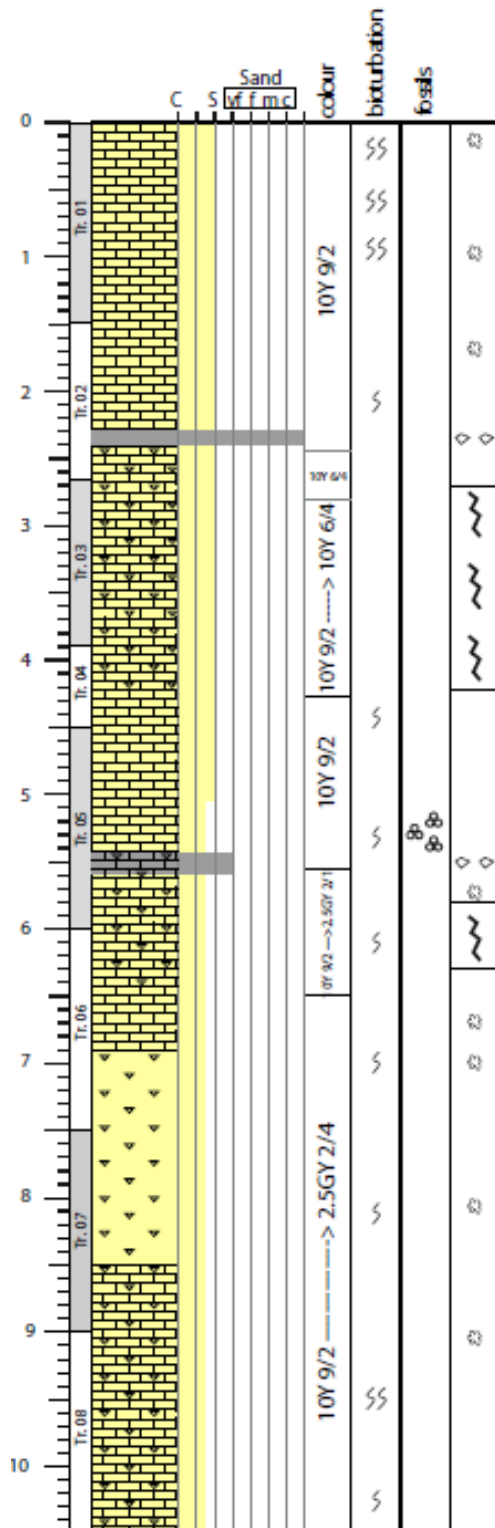


Figure 18. Composite photo of core MD19-3576.



## Cruise : MD218 - CROTALE

**Core : MD19-3576 - Length : 57,56 m - Coring site : Del Cano DCR**  
**Latitude : S 46°01.36' - Longitude : E 44°19.68' - Water depth : 2419 m**



### Detailed description 1/6 : Sections 1 to 8

Foraminifera-bearing calcareous silt alternating with diatomaceous silt, becoming clayey toward the bottom.

















Colour ranges from 10Y 9/2 (calcareous silt) to 2.5GY 2/4 (diatomaceous silt).

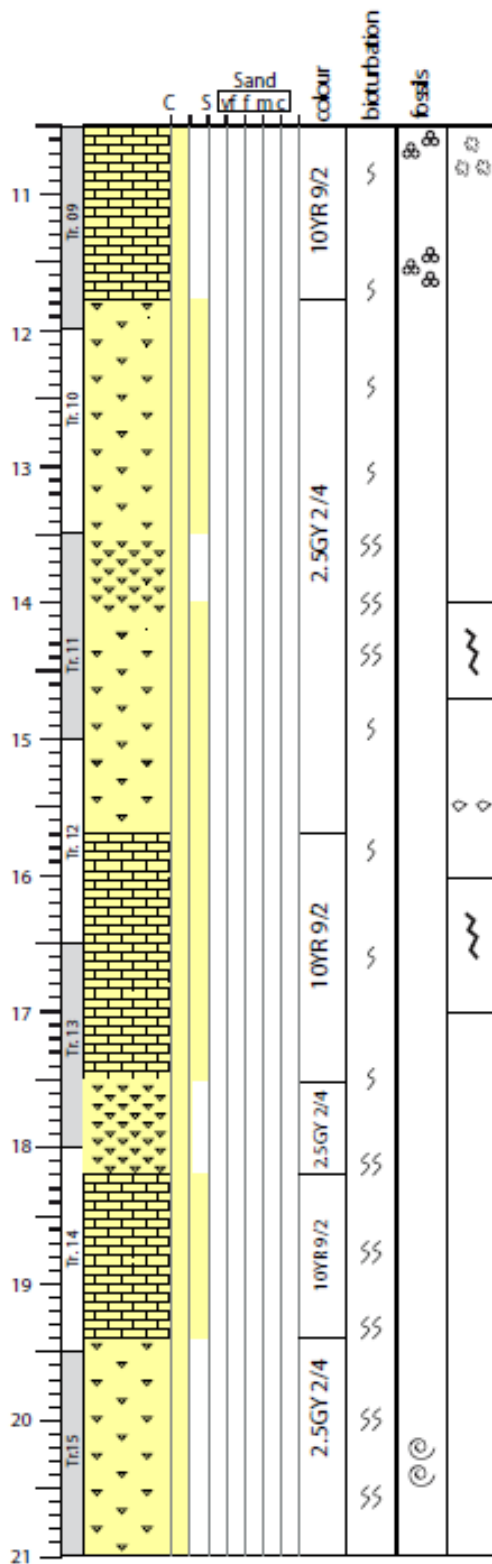
Abundant coarse lithic grains (ca. 5 mm diameter), probably dropstones, within two intervals : 230-240 cm and 547-560 cm.

Chaotic Intervals from 270 to 422 cm and from 580 to 630 cm interpreted as coring disturbance (or mass flow deposit?).

Frequent burrows dispersed throughout.

#### Legend:

- |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
|  | clay               |
|  | silt               |
|  | sand               |
|  | diatomaceous       |
|  | calcareous         |
|  | ash                |
|  | coring disturbance |
|  | lithoclast         |
|  | bioturbation       |
|  | foraminifera       |
|  | corals             |
|  | burrow             |
|  | shell              |
|  | diatom floc        |
|  | colored laminae    |
|  | void               |

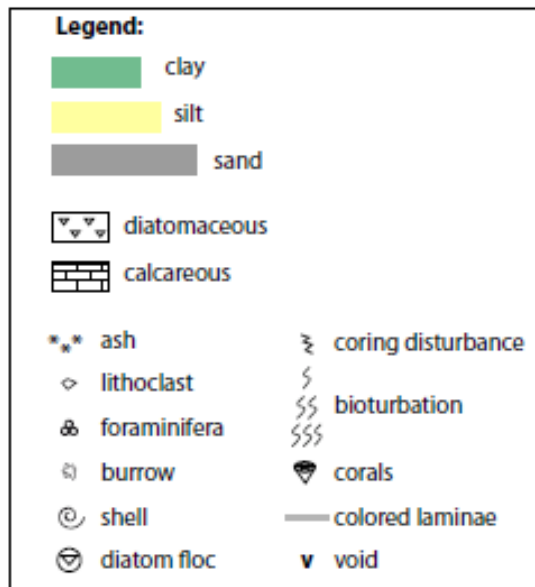


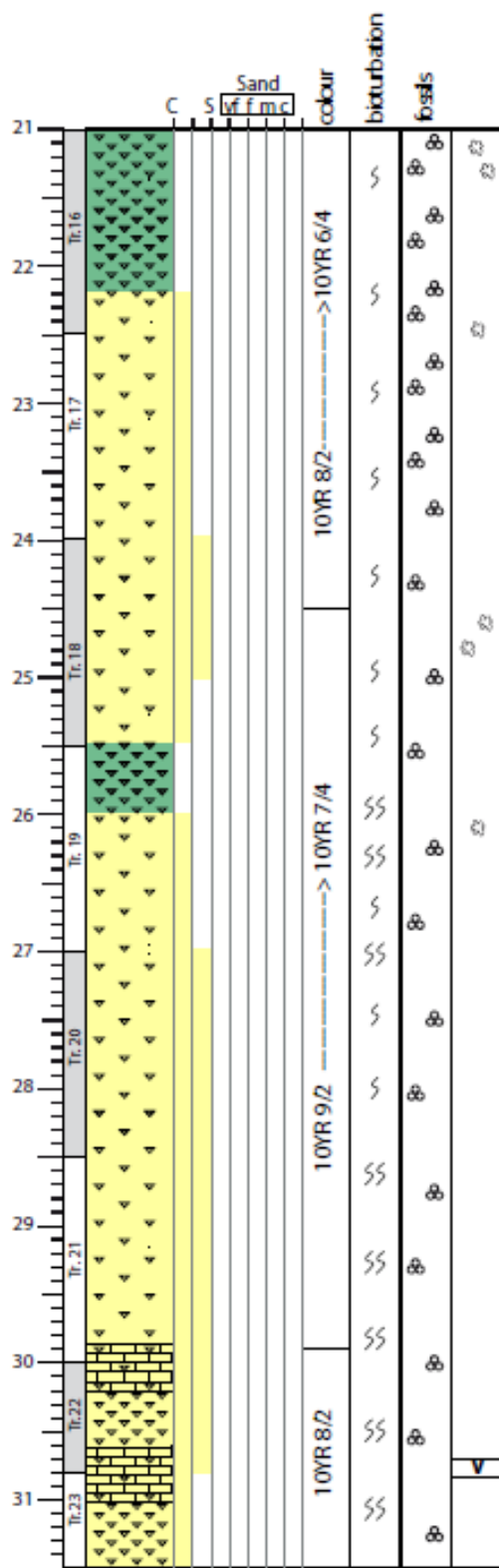
### Detailed description 2/6 : Sections 9 to 15

Foraminifera-bearing calcareous clayey silt to silty clay alternating with diatomaceous silt to silty clay.

Colour ranges from 2.5GY 2/4 (diatomaceous silt and silty clay) to 10YR 9/2 (calcareous silt to silty clay).

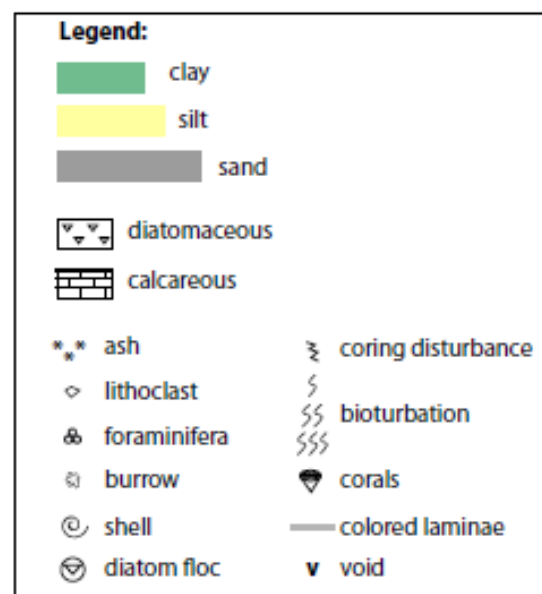
Two chaotic intervals from 1400 to 1470 cm and from 1600 to 1700 cm interpreted as coring disturbance.



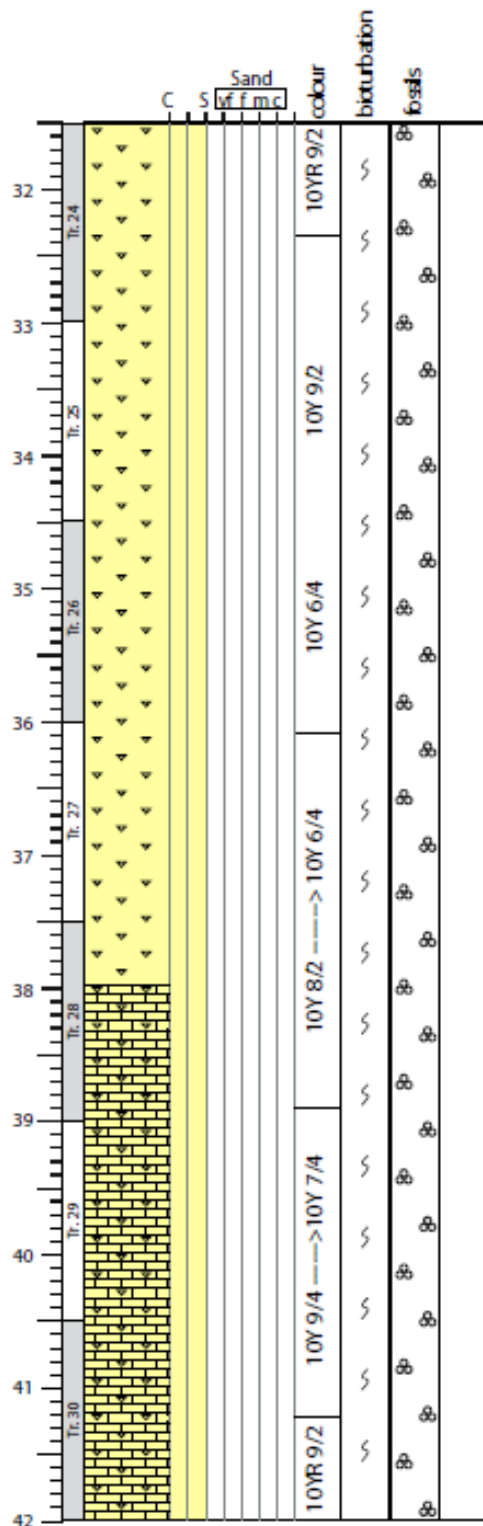


### Detailed description 3/6 : Sections 16 to 23

Foraminifera-bearing diatomaceous clay to silt grading to diatomaceous ooze.







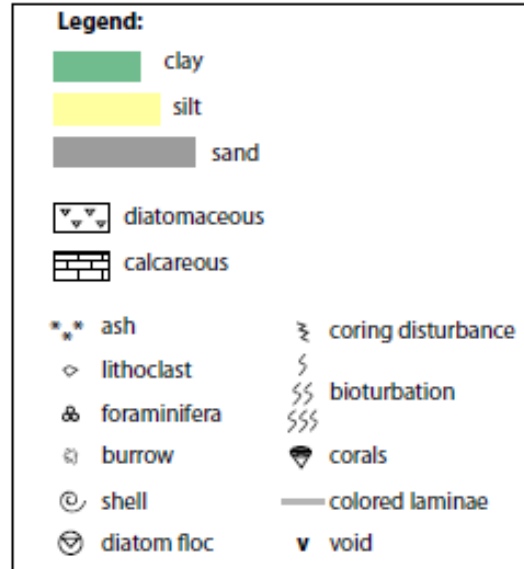
#### Detailed description 4/6 : Sections 24 to 30

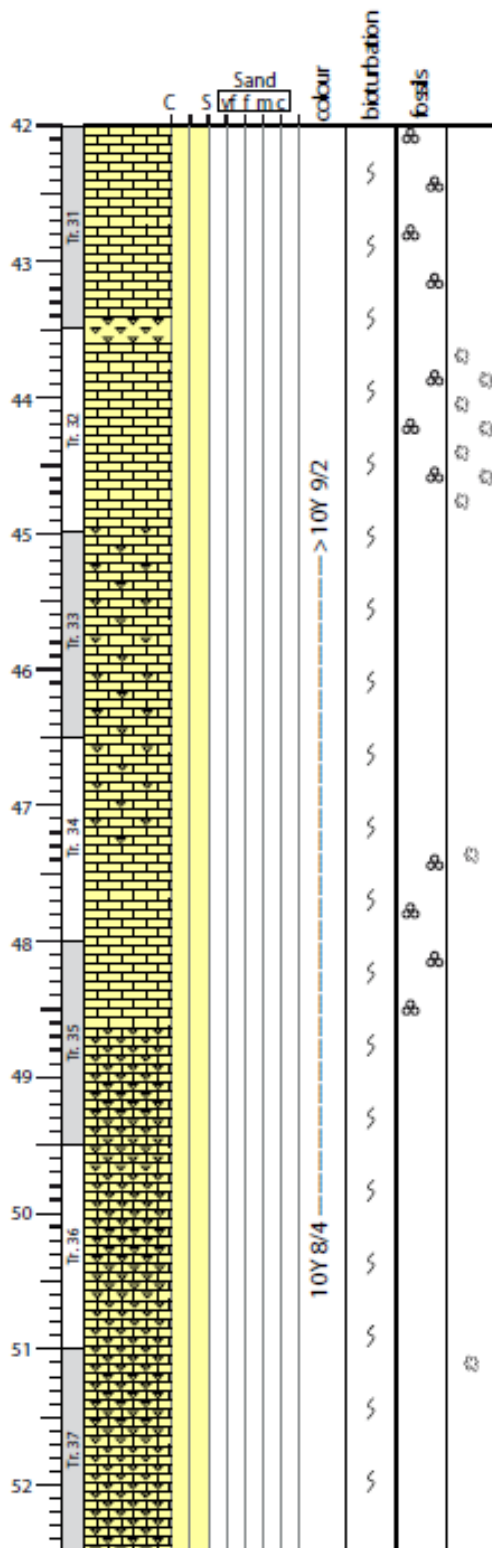
Lithology ranges from diatomaceous silt (ooze) to foraminifera-bearing silt .

Colours range from 10Y 9/2 to 10Y 6/4 according to diatoms abundances.

Mostly bioturbated with faint horizontal structures throughout.

No apparent coring disturbances.





### Detailed description 5/6 : Sections 31 to 37


















Foraminifera-rich calcareous silt with increasing abundance of diatoms toward the bottom.

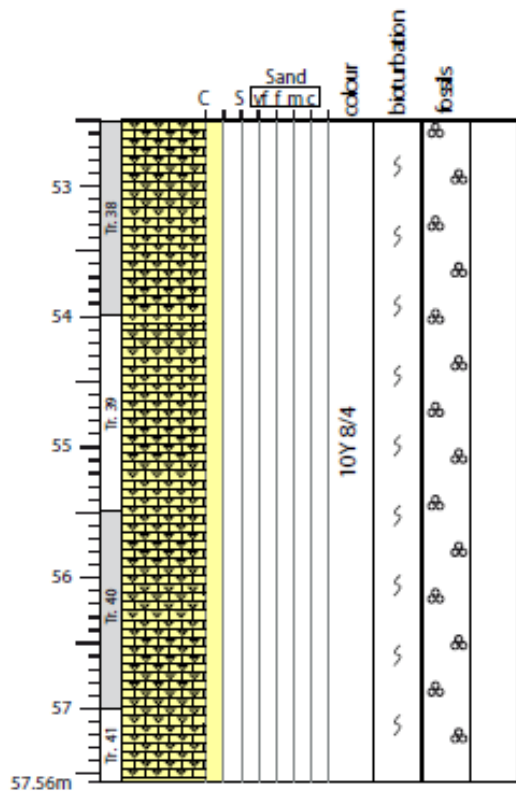
Colour range from 10Y 9/2 to 10Y 8/4 according to diatom abundance.

Faint horizontal layers throughout, some of them rich in diatoms.

No coring disturbance.

**Legend:**

	clay
	silt
	sand
	diatomaceous
	calcareous
	ash
	lithoclast
	foraminifera
	burrow
	shell
	diatom floc
	coring disturbance
	bioturbation
	bioturbation
	corals
	colored laminae
	void



#### Detailed description 6/6 : Sections 38 to 41

Foraminifera-bearing diatom rich silty clay.

Colour range from 10Y 9/2 to 2.5GY 2/4 with a mean around 10Y 8/4.

No apparent coring disturbance.

Bioturbation throughout with faint layers attributed to sulphide streaks mainly.

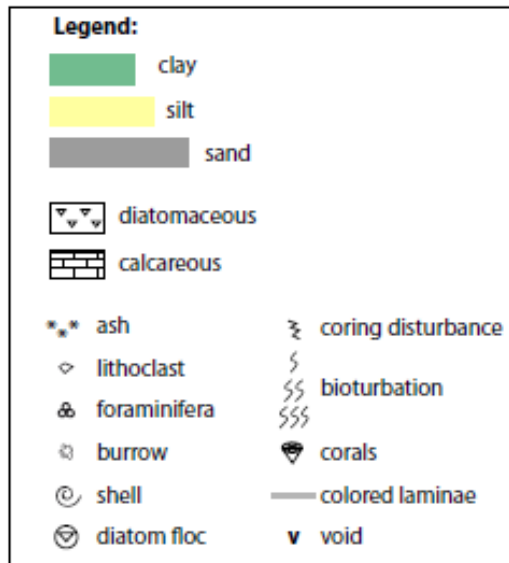


Figure 19. Synthetic log description of core MD19-3576.

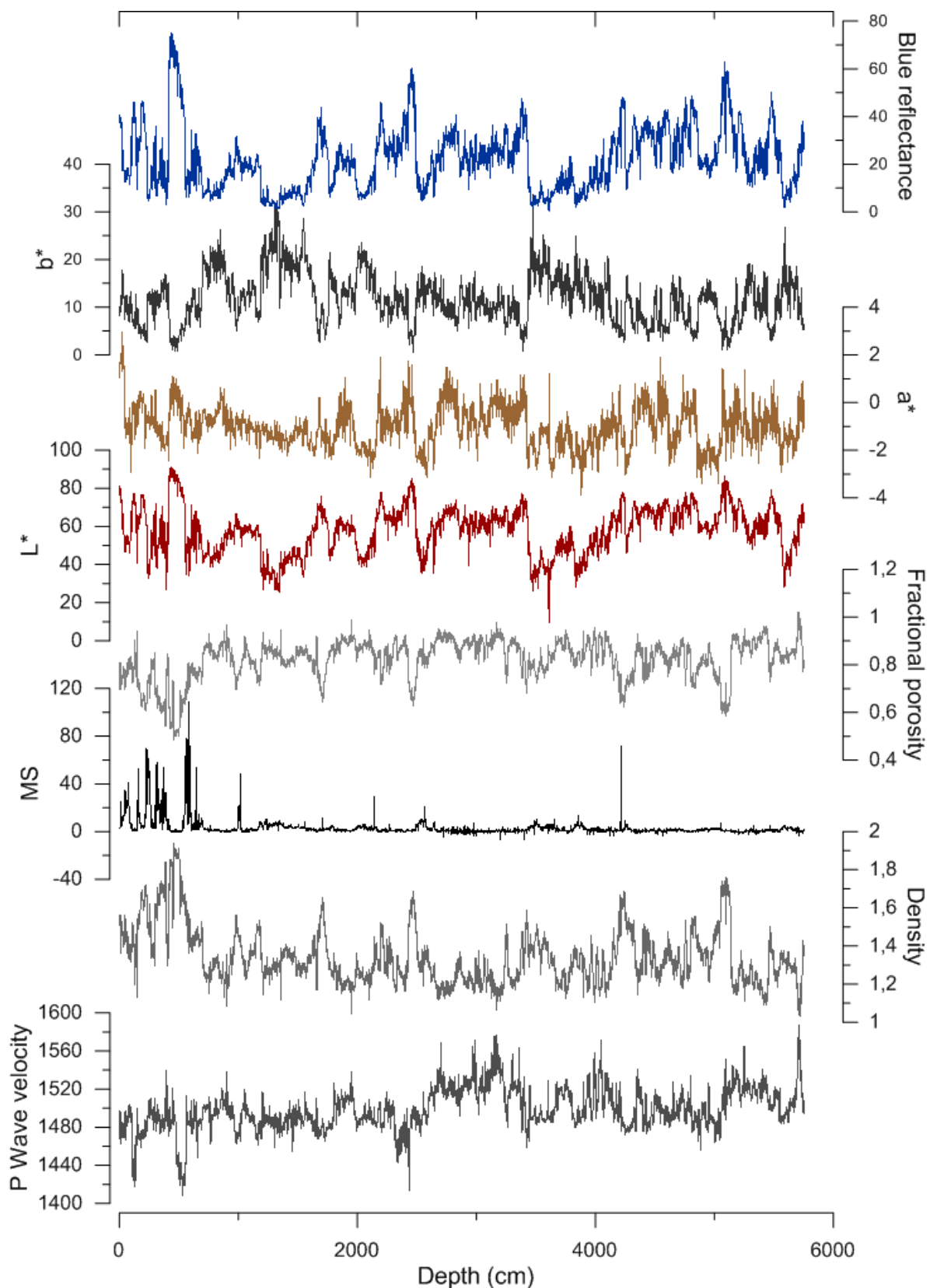


Figure 20. MD19-3576 data. From bottom to top: P Wave velocity (in  $m.s^{-1}$ ), Density (in  $g.cm^{-1}$ ), Mass specific susceptibility (in  $10^{-8} (m^3.kg)$ ), Fractional porosity,  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$ ,  $b^*$  and blue reflectance (mean 400-515 nm).

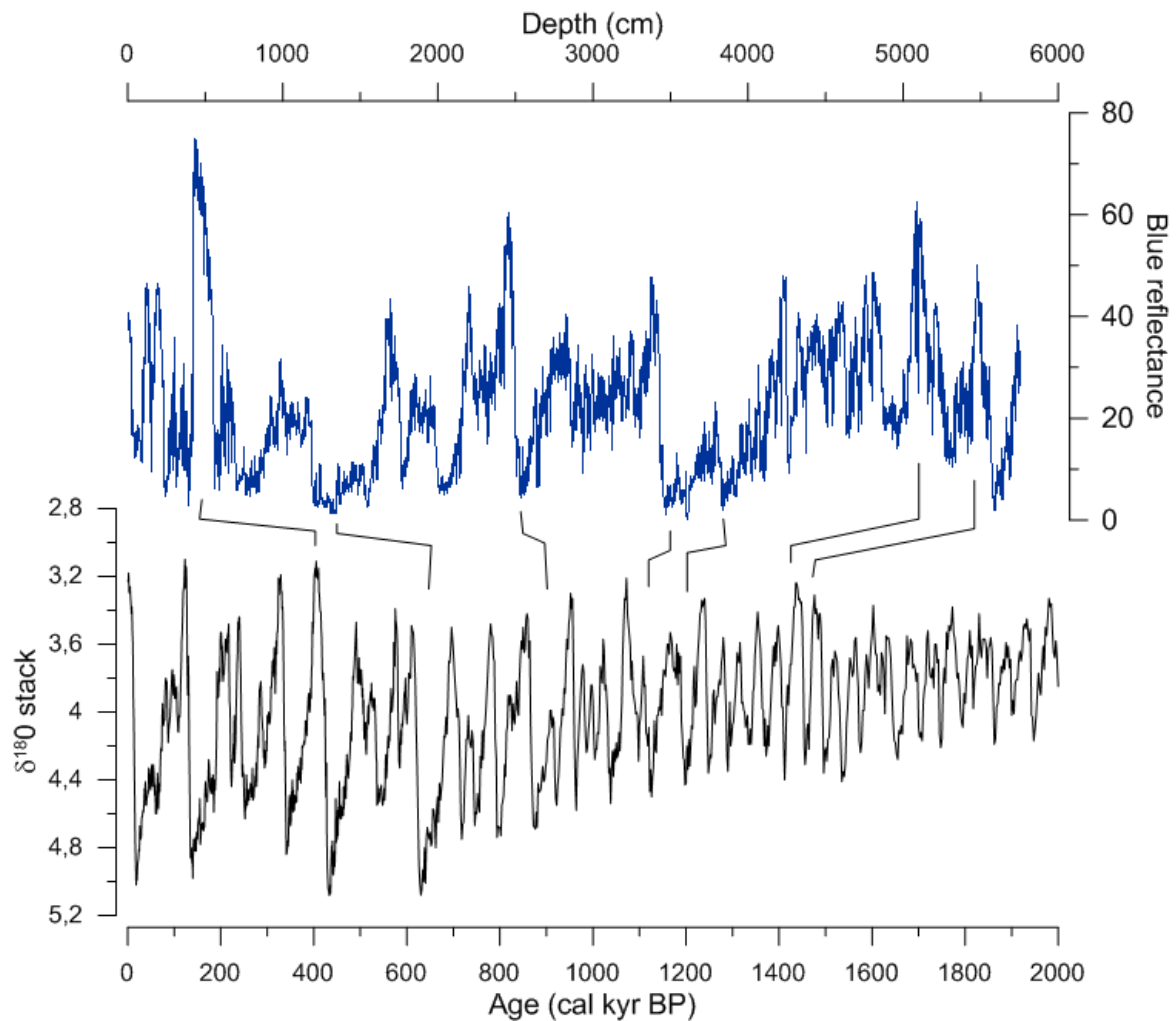


Figure 21. Preliminary chronology of core MD19-3576 based on the comparison of its color reflectance record to the reference  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  stack record of Lisiecki and Raymo 2004.

### West Crozet Region

The Crozet Archipelago is located 5° east of Del Caño Rise. However, conversely to DCR, Crozet Archipelago is located south of the SAF because this one bends northward between DCR and Crozet. Crozet Archipelago is composed of several volcanic islands delineating a very shallow plateau that strongly constrain the ocean circulation in this area. The ACC flow sweeps the plateau and remobilizes volcanic material, thus providing a large iron source to the surface waters east of Crozet Archipelago as shown by the intense phytoplanktonic blooms observed in this region (Pollard et al., 2009). The plateau is mainly barren of hemipelagic sediments, as shown by the 3.5 kHz profiles between the transit between west Crozet and the Crozet sites, and sediments mainly accumulate over the slope and rises. Been located south of the SAF, the Crozet region should be less influenced by the Agulhas Return Current than the DCR region. The target site originally proposed was chosen based on old 3.5 kHz and bathymetry profiles measured on board the MD. The survey performed during MD218 CROTALÉ greatly improved the bathymetry of the area and showed that the small depressions seen in the original 3.5 kHz profile were abandoned channels linking the plateau to the plain (Figure 22). The target site

was lying in between two depressions/channels. Another target site, also on a ridge in between two channels was identified and chosen over the original site (Figure 23).

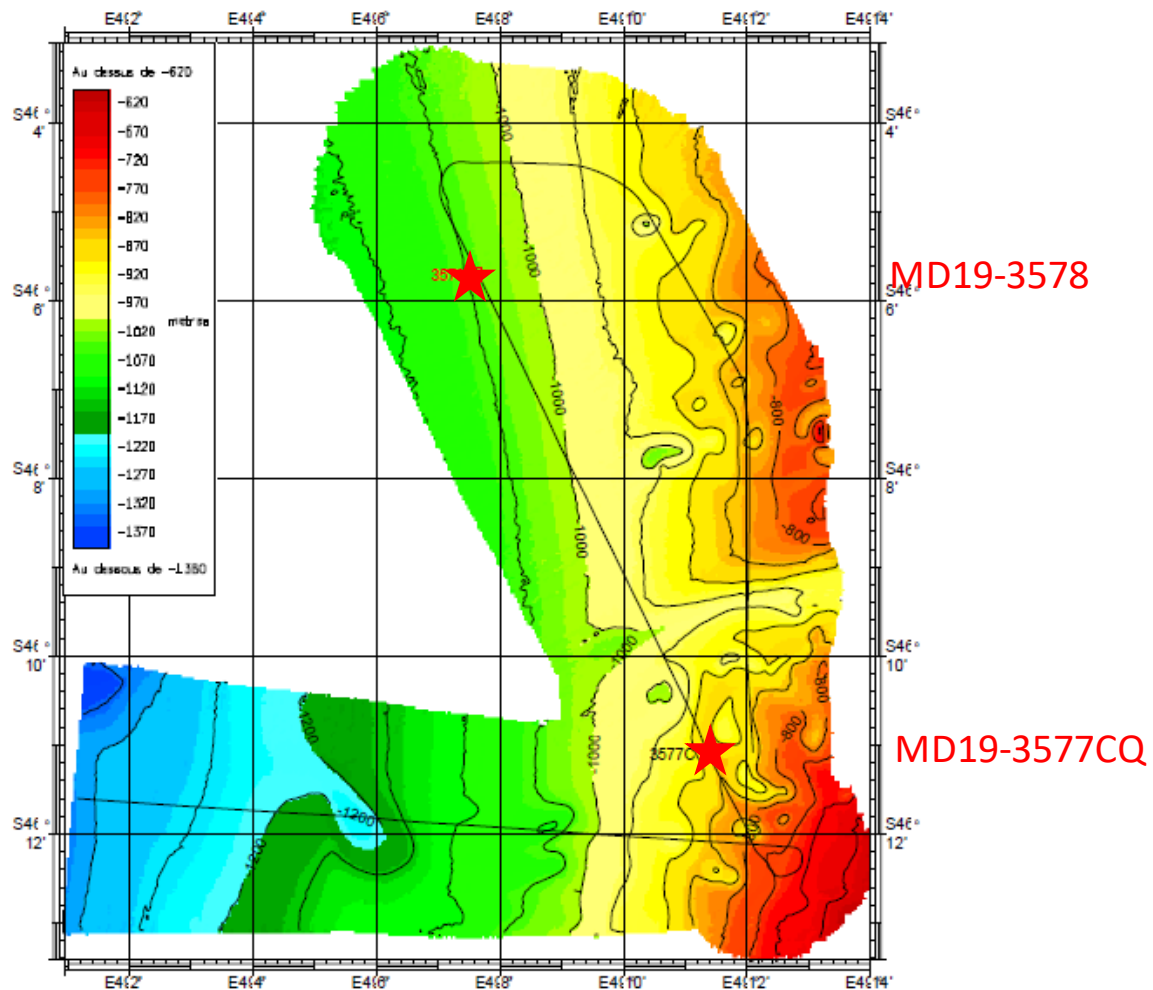


Figure 22. Local bathymetry and position of cores MD19-3577CQ and MD19-3578 (modified after Xavier Morin).

A CASQ (MD19-3577CQ) was first sent at  $46^{\circ}11.09'E - 49^{\circ}11.37'E - 850$  m of water depth. The ~6 meters of sediment were uniformly dark, composed of compact silt and fine volcanic particles and seemed barren of microfossils. It was decided to send a ~43 meters-long Calypso (MD19-3578) at a deeper target, located farther from the canyons, at  $46^{\circ}05.71'S - 49^{\circ}07.59'E - 1025$  m of water depth. The sediment was also quite dark, but less than in the CASQ core, and mainly composed of diatom ooze mixed with terrigenous material of volcanic origin.

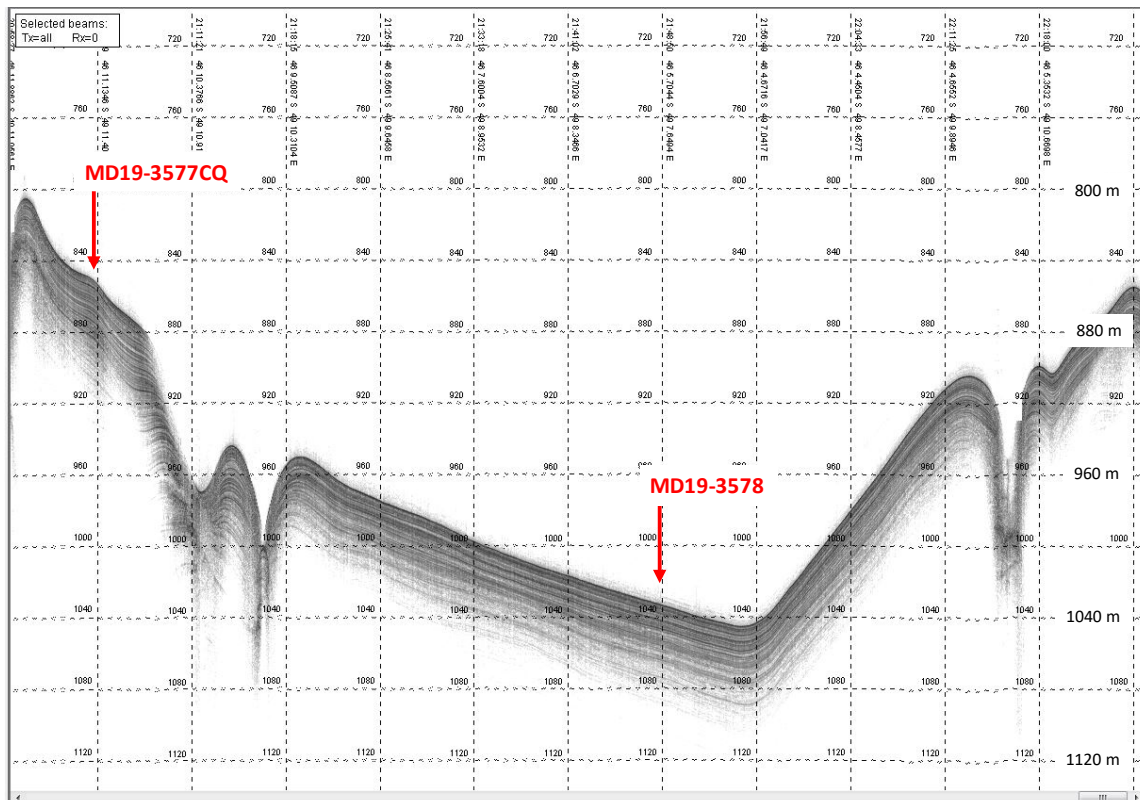


Figure 23. CHIRP 3.5 kHz profile around West Crozet site. Locations of the CASQ (MD19-3577CQ) and Calypso (MD19-3578) cores are indicated by the red arrows.

### Core MD19-3577CQ

A 9 meters-long CASQ was sent. The CASQ was sampled for 3 series. In the first layer, a large (named a) series was carved. In the second layer a large (named b) and a small (named c) were sampled. The series c was offset from the two other ones to allow for overlap (Table 4). The core is composed of well sorted dark grey silt (top 1m) and very fine sand (rest of the core) of volcanic origin throughout. Sediment structure is mainly massive without any macroscopic bioturbation (Figure 24). Small void probably represent ash layers that have been flushed out. Few foraminifera were observed in the top meter and corals in the bottom 3 meters (Figure 25). The MSCL, and especially the MS, data suggest that the core covers the period from the Holocene to MIS 3 (Figure 26).

Table 4. MD19-3577CQ core general information.

<b>NOM DE LA CAMPAGNE</b>  <b>MD218 CROTALE</b>	<b>Date : 1 March 2019</b> <b>2 March 2019</b>  <b>N° de station : W CROZET</b>	Météo : (force) / Direction Vent : Mer : Variation tension (maxi) :
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<b>CAROTTE (N°) :</b>  <b>MD19-3577CQ</b> <i>(MD année -numéroCQ)</i>	<b>LONGUEUR m :</b>  <b>5,44</b>	<b>POSITION :</b>  <b>Latitude : 46°11.09'S</b>  <b>Longitude 49°11.37'E</b>
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<b>CASQ</b>  Tubes (longueur) <b>9,00</b> <b>m</b> <span style="float: right;">m</span>  Sonde <b>850</b> <b>m</b>  ligne filée (touché) <b>857</b> <b>m</b>	<b>HEURES (GMT)</b> En station : <b>23h25</b> <b>GMT</b>  Début manœuvre : <b>23h53</b> <b>GMT</b>  touché: <b>0h15</b> <b>GMT</b>  Fin de manœuvre : <b>1h57</b> <b>GMT</b>  Départ station : <b>GMT</b>	<b>INSTRUMENTATION</b> <b>OPERATIONS ANNEXES</b>  CTD (hydro) :  CTD (bouteilles) :  Filet à plancton :  Autres : /
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0	150	300	450	544				
<b>a 1</b>	<b>a 2</b>	<b>a 3</b>	<b>a 4</b>					

0	150	300	450	545				
<b>b 1</b>	<b>b 2</b>	<b>b 3</b>	<b>b 4</b>					

0	94	246	395	544				
<b>c 1</b>	<b>c 2</b>	<b>c 3</b>	<b>c 4</b>					

Commentaires
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Cruise : MD218 - CROTALE - Core : MD19-3577CQ - Length : 5.44 m  
Study site : WEST CROZET - Latitude : S46°11.09' - Longitude : E049°11.37' - Depth : 850 m

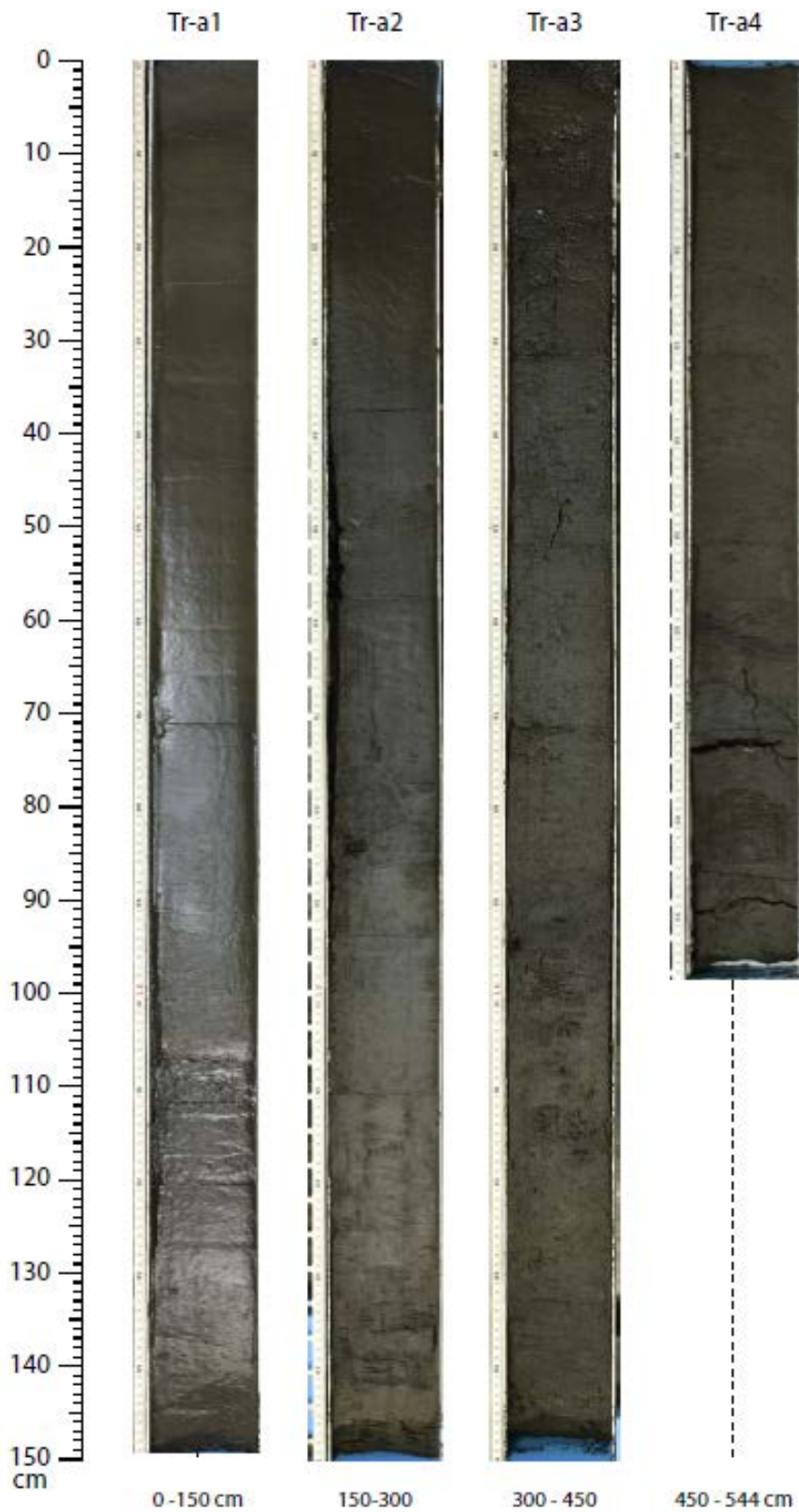


Figure 24. Composite photo of core MD19-3577CQ.

## Cruise : CROTALE

**Core : MD19-3577CQ - Length : 5.44 m - Coring site : Western Crozet**  
**Latitude : S 46°11.09' - Longitude : E 49°11.37' - Water depth : 850 m**

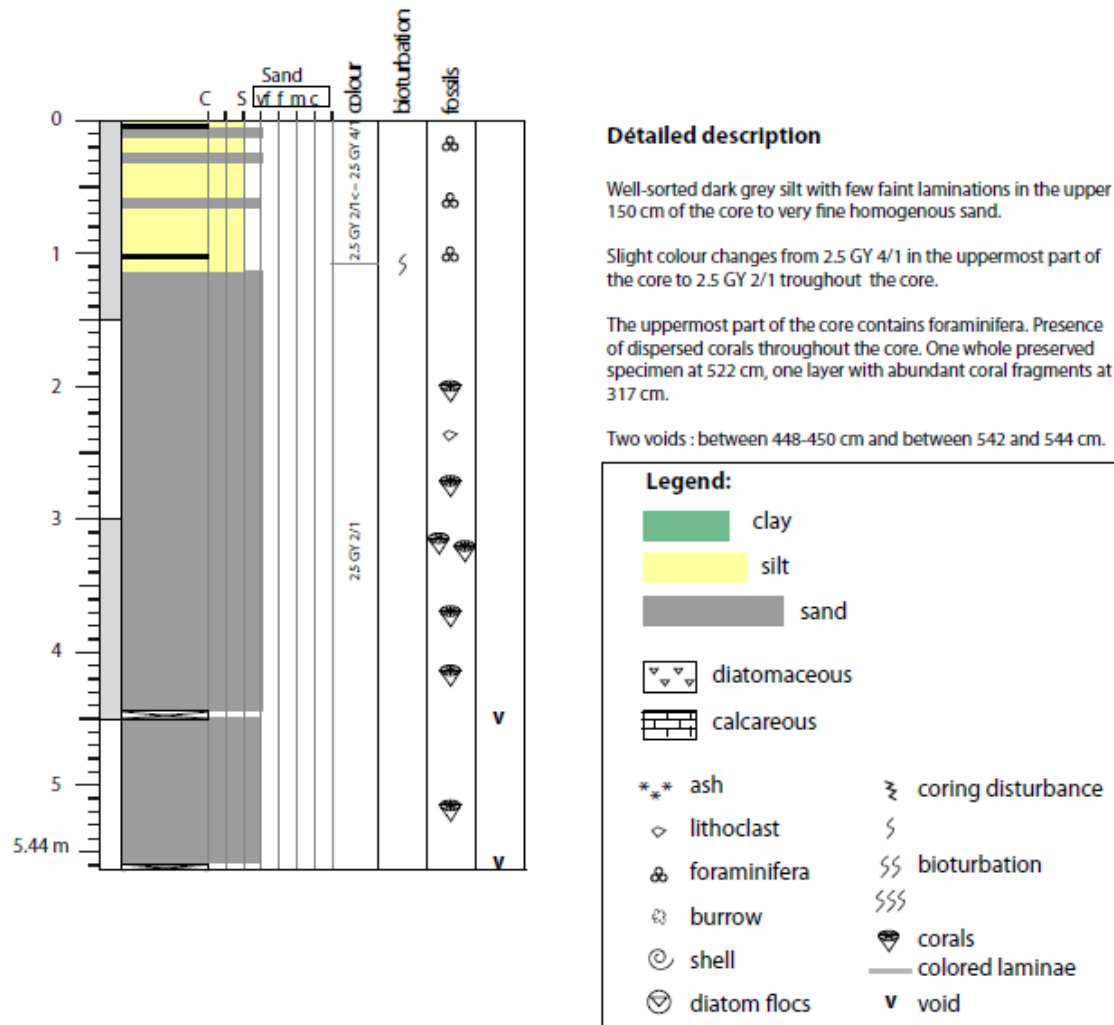


Figure 25. Synthetic log description of core MD19-3577CQ.

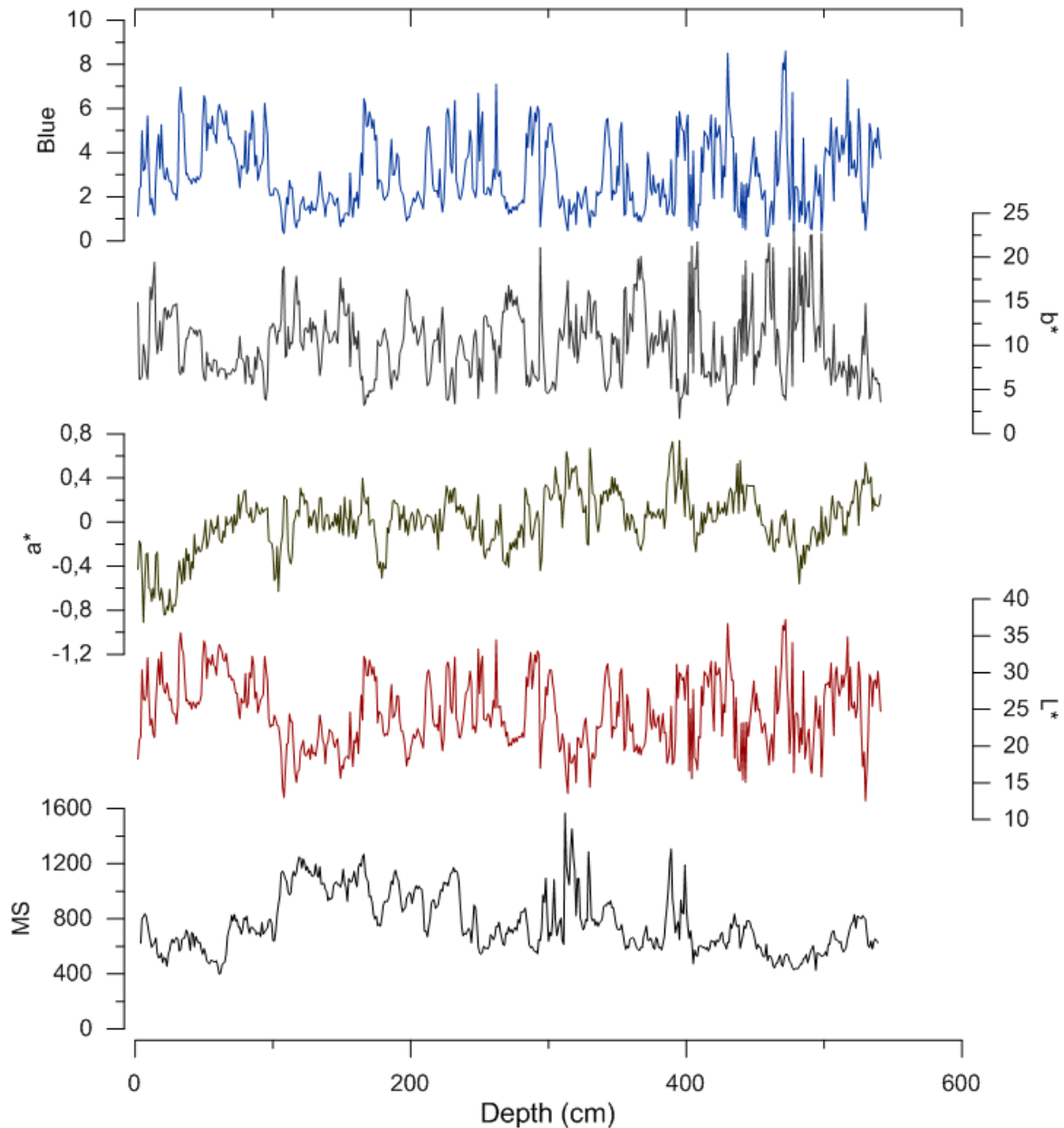


Figure 26. MD19-3577CQ data. From bottom to top: Mass specific susceptibility (in  $10^{-8}$  ( $m^3.kg$ )),  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$ ,  $b^*$  and blue reflectance (mean 400-515 nm).

### Core MD19-3578

A 43,67 meters-long Calypso was sent. This time the liner was extruded in one piece and cut into 1.5 meters long sections except for the last two sections (100 cm and 90 cm, respectively) to avoid handling a bottom section of 40 cm long (Table 5). The sediment is mainly composed of foraminifera-bearing diatomaceous silt with presence of shells and corals throughout (Figure 27 and Figure 28). Important bioturbation is evident throughout the core. A ~1m long void is present at ~16.5 m, probably due to the presence of a centimeter-thick ash layer that has been flushed out and subsequent sediment stretching. A “true depth” must be calculated. The MSCL data suggest that the MIS 11 is present à ~25 meters down in the core (Figure 29). If so the magnetic susceptibility record suggest that glacials (high values) are much more expanded than the interglacials (low values).

Table 5. MD19-3578 core general information.

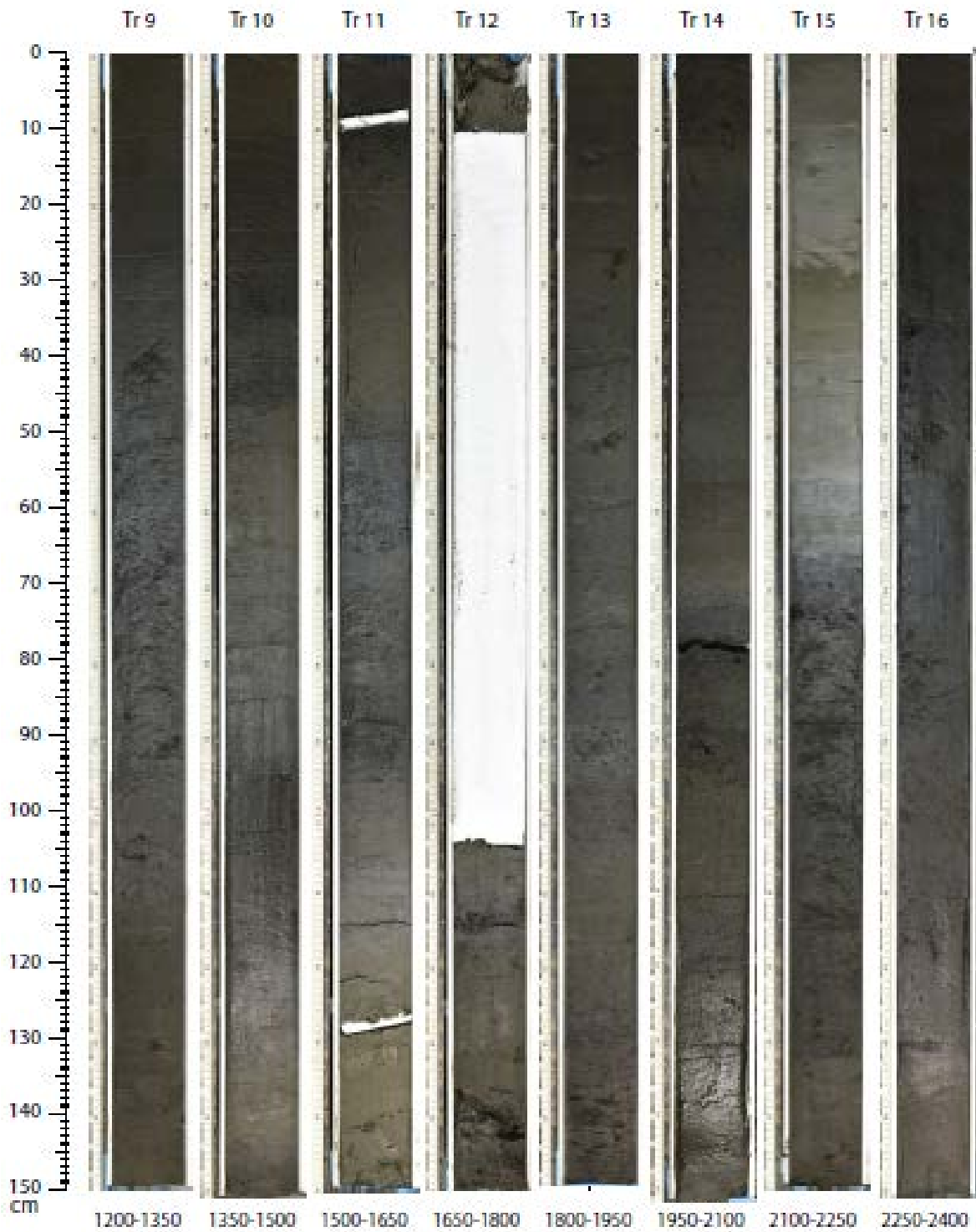
<p>NOM DE LA CAMPAGNE</p> <p><b>MD218 CROTALE</b></p>	<p>Date : <b>2 March 2019</b></p> <p>N° de station : <b>W CROZET</b></p>	<p>Météo : (force) / Direction</p> <p>Vent :</p> <p>Mer :</p> <p>Variation tension (maxi) :</p>
<p>CAROTTE (N°) :</p> <p><b>MD19-3578</b></p> <p><small>(MD année -numéro)</small></p>	<p>LONGUEUR m :</p> <p><b>42,40 m</b></p>	<p>POSITION :</p> <p>Latitude : <b>46°05.709'S</b></p> <p>Longitude : <b>49°07.594'E</b></p>
<p>CAROTTIER (type) <sup>(1)</sup> : <b>CALYPSO</b></p> <p>Poids total (air) : <b>6,5 t</b></p> <p>Poids total (eau) : <b>surf t</b> <b>bottom t</b></p>	<p>REGLAGES :</p> <p><u> Tubes </u> (longueur) : <b>43,67 m</b></p> <p><u> Câbles </u> :</p> <p>Chute libre : <b>1,50 m</b></p> <p>Boucle : <b>4,14 m</b></p> <p>LC poids : <b>m (3m60 lest)</b></p>	<p>CONTREPOIDS :</p> <p>Type (2) : <b>CYLINDER 100 KG</b></p> <p>Longueur PVC : <b>m</b></p> <p>Pénétration : <b>m</b></p> <p>Longueur de carotte : <b>m</b> + Ogive (+ 0,15 m)</p>
<p>PARAMETRES MESURES :</p> <p><u>Sonde corrigée</u> : <b>1 025 m</b></p> <p><u>Ligne filée</u> : <b>997 m</b></p> <p>Arrachement/total (tonne) : <b>16,50 t</b></p> <p>Pénétration/apparente (m) : <b>m</b></p> <p>Pénétration/tensiomètre (m) : <b>m</b></p> <p>Description / incidents :</p>	<p>HEURES (GMT)</p> <p>En station : <b>4h00 GMT</b></p> <p>Début manœuvre : <b>5h15 GMT</b></p> <p><u>Déclenchement</u> : <b>5h55 GMT</b></p> <p>Fin de manœuvre : <b>7h15 GMT</b></p> <p><u>Durée de manœuvre</u> :</p> <p>Départ station : <b>GMT</b></p>	<p>INSTRUMENTATION OPERATIONS ANNEXES</p> <p>CTD (hydro) :</p> <p>CTD (bouteilles) :</p> <p>Filet à plancton :</p> <p>Autres : /</p>

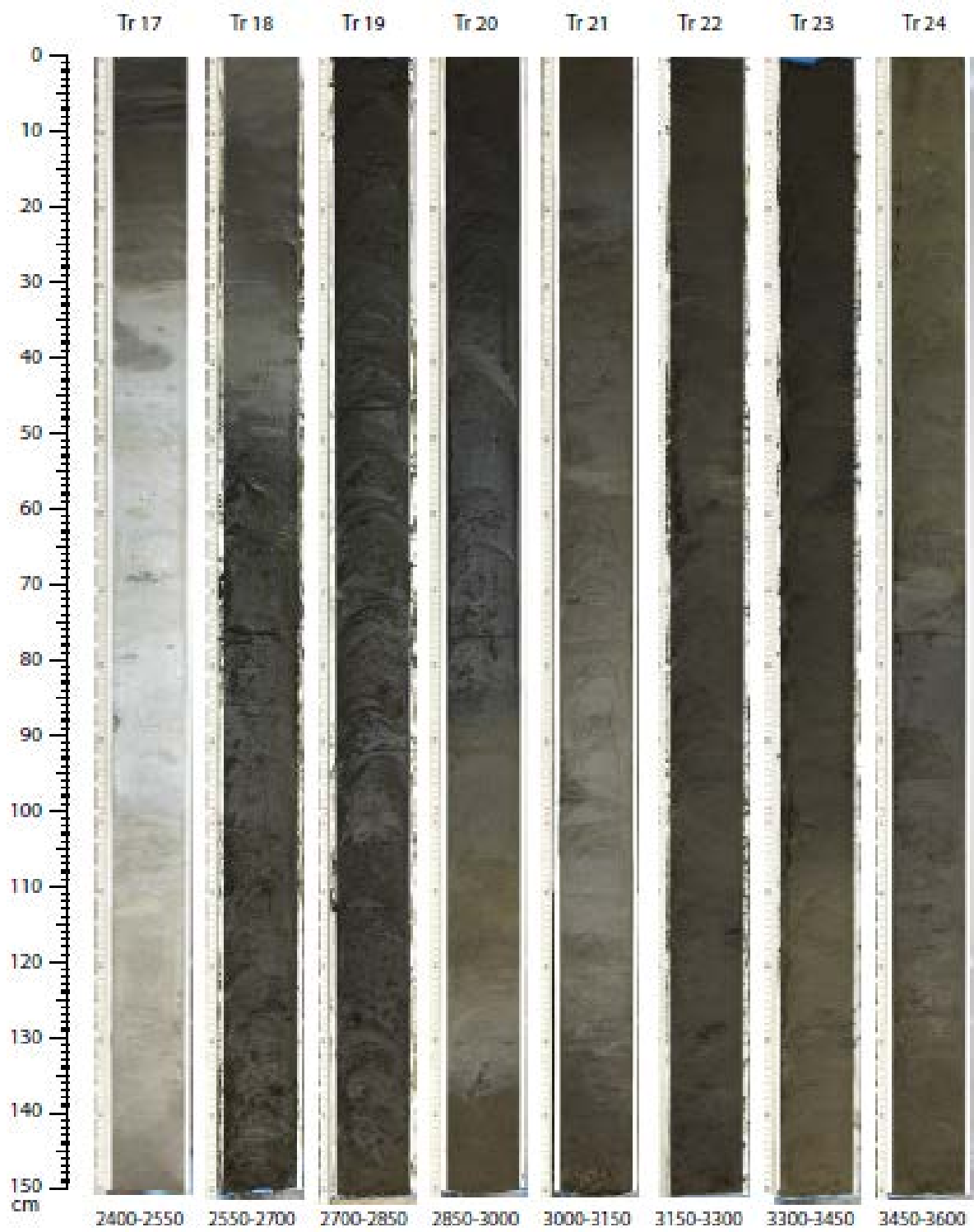
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Commentaires  
Two last sections cut in 100 cm and 90 cm, respectively, to avoid handling a bottom section of 40 cm

Cruise : MD218 - CROTALE - Core : MD19-3578 - Length : 42.40m  
Study site : West Crozet - Latitude : 546°05.709' - Longitude : E049°07.584' - Depth : 1025m







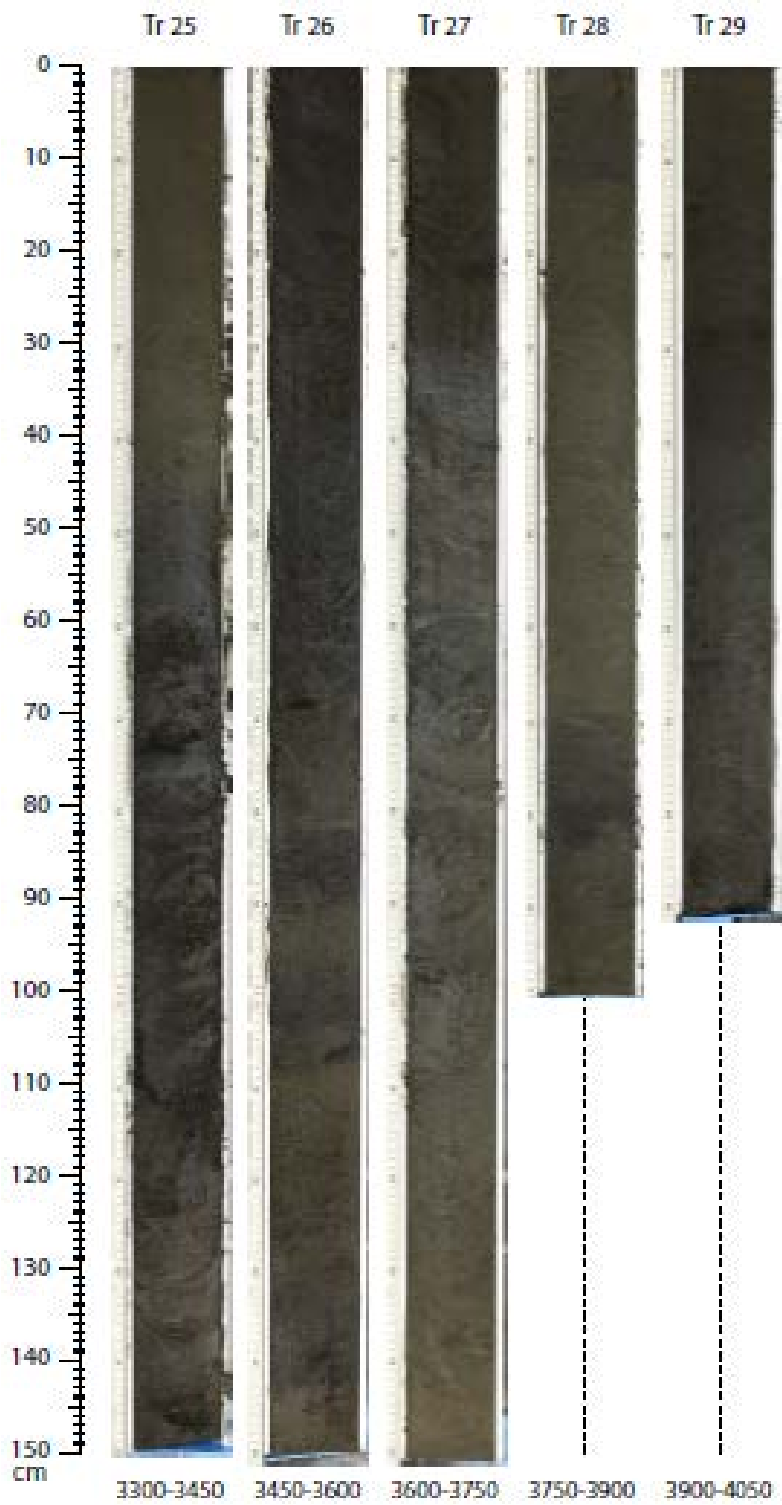
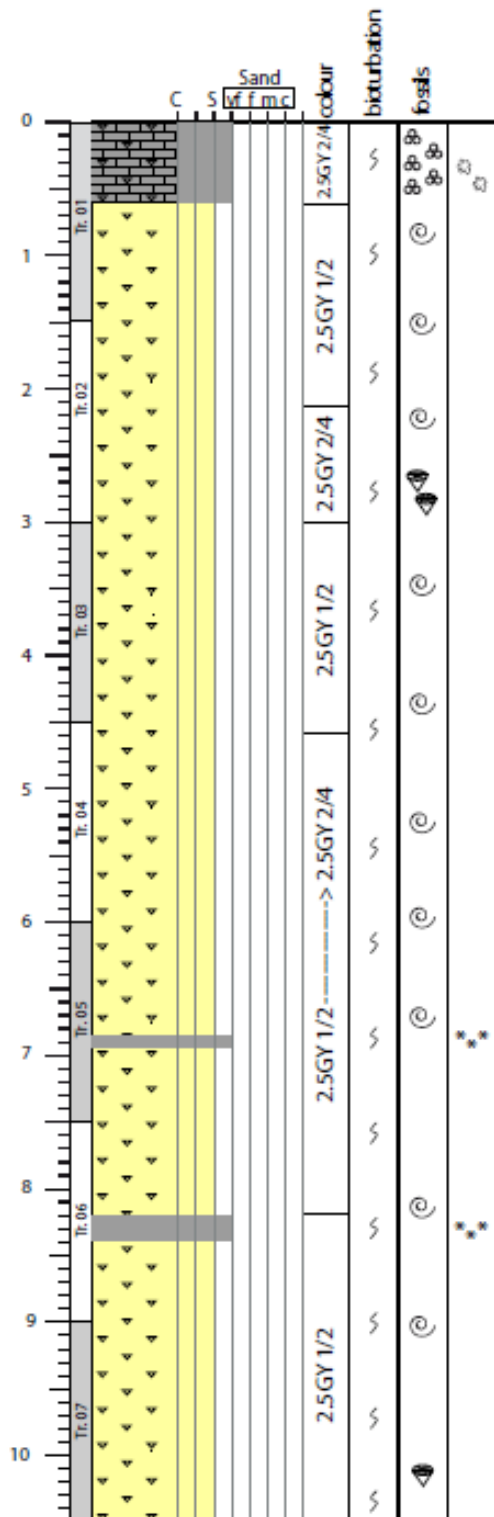


Figure 27. Composite photo of core MD19-3578.



## Cruise : MD218 - CROTALE

**Core : MD19-3578- Length : 42.40 m - Coring site : West Crozet**  
**Latitude : S 46°05.709' - Longitude : E 49°40.594' - Water depth : 1025 m**



### Detailed description 1/4 : Sections 1 to 7

The general lithology is foram-bearing diatomaceous silt with colour ranging essentially from 2.5GY 2/4 to 2.5GY 1/2.

Two sand (very fine) layers at 686-692 cm and 820-840 cm are interpreted as ash layers.


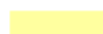



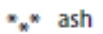
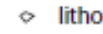
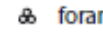
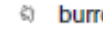
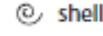
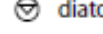
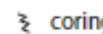
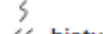
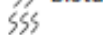
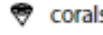
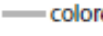
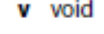
Abundant coarse lithic grains within a silt matrix define the Interval 269-284 cm.

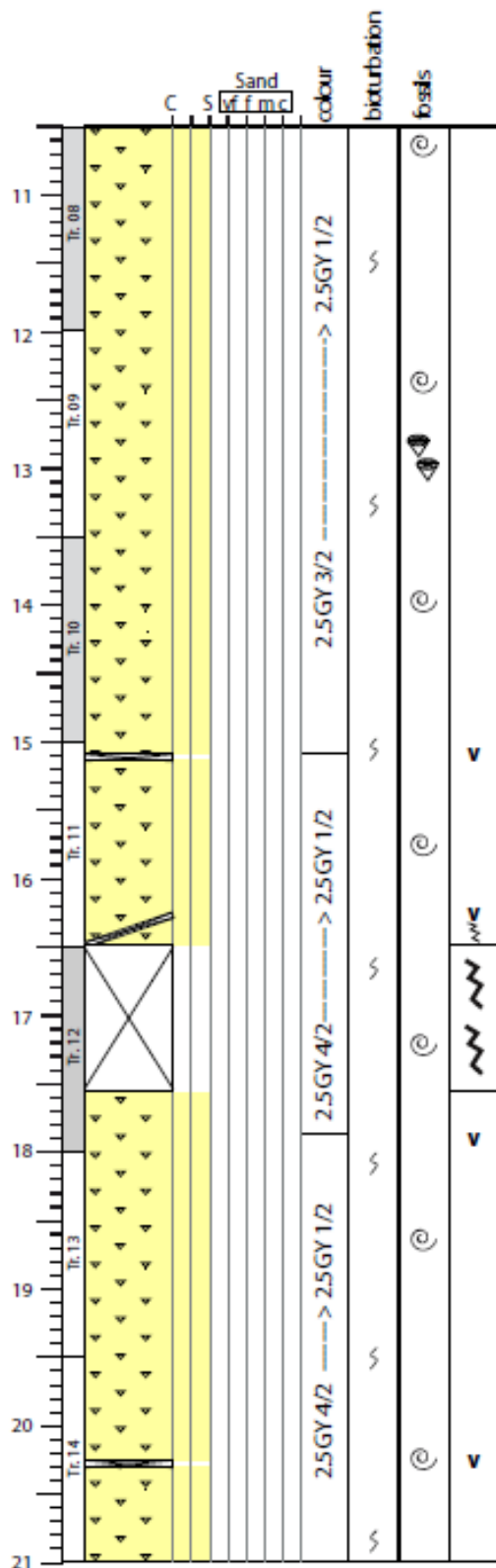
Shell/coral fragments frequent throughout.

Frequent sulphide streaks throughout.

No coring disturbance.

### Legend:

	clay
	silt
	sand
	diatomaceous
	calcareous
	ash
	lithoclast
	foraminifera
	burrow
	shell
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	coring disturbance
	bioturbation
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	corals
	colored laminae
	void



### Detailed description 2/4 : Sections 8 to 14

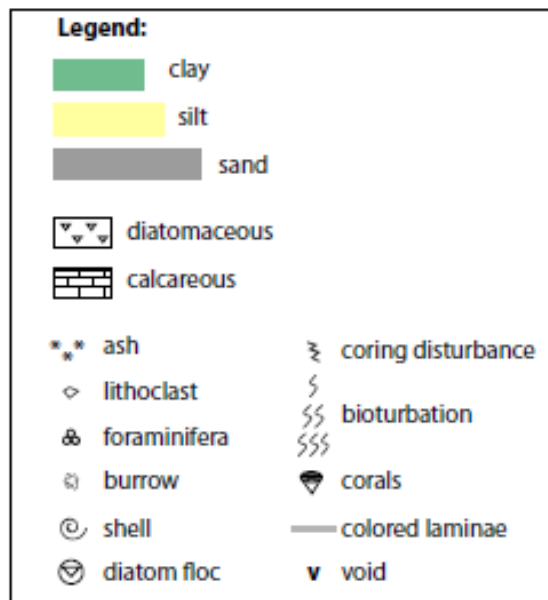
Massive silt, mostly of lithic nature, with variable contribution of diatoms.

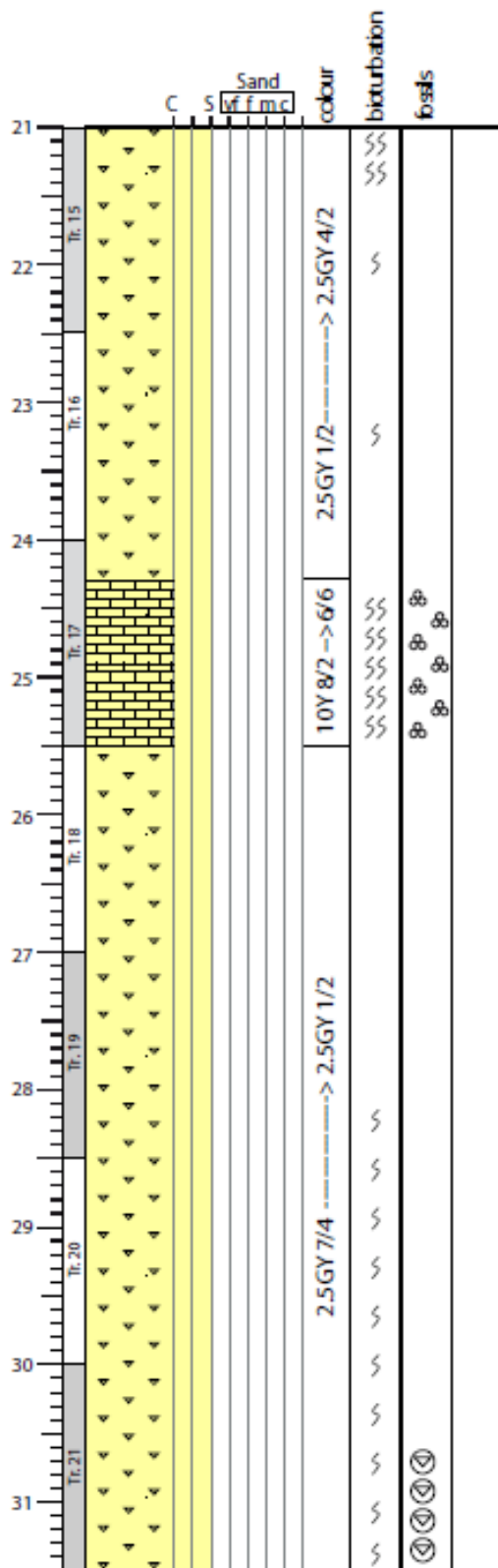
Foraminifera rare or absent.

Sediment colour within the 2.5GY range grading between 1/2 and 4/2.

Coring disturbance : 1508-1510 cm, 1626-1629 cm, 1650-1754 cm, 1787-1792 cm, 2027-2029 cm.

Void : 1508-1510 cm, 1626-1629 cm, 1650-1754 cm, 2027-2029 cm.

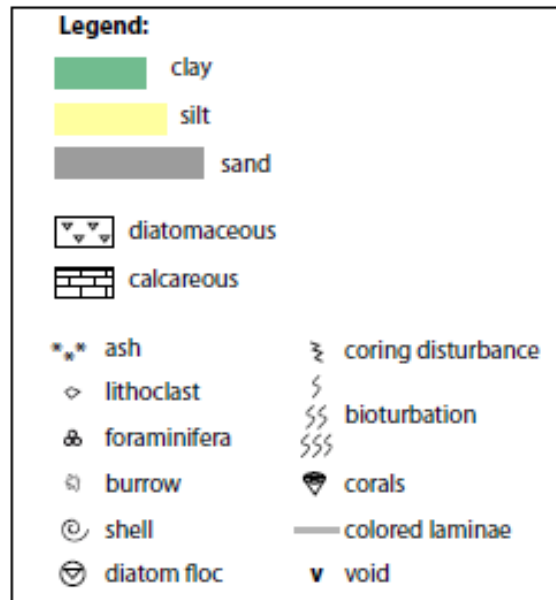


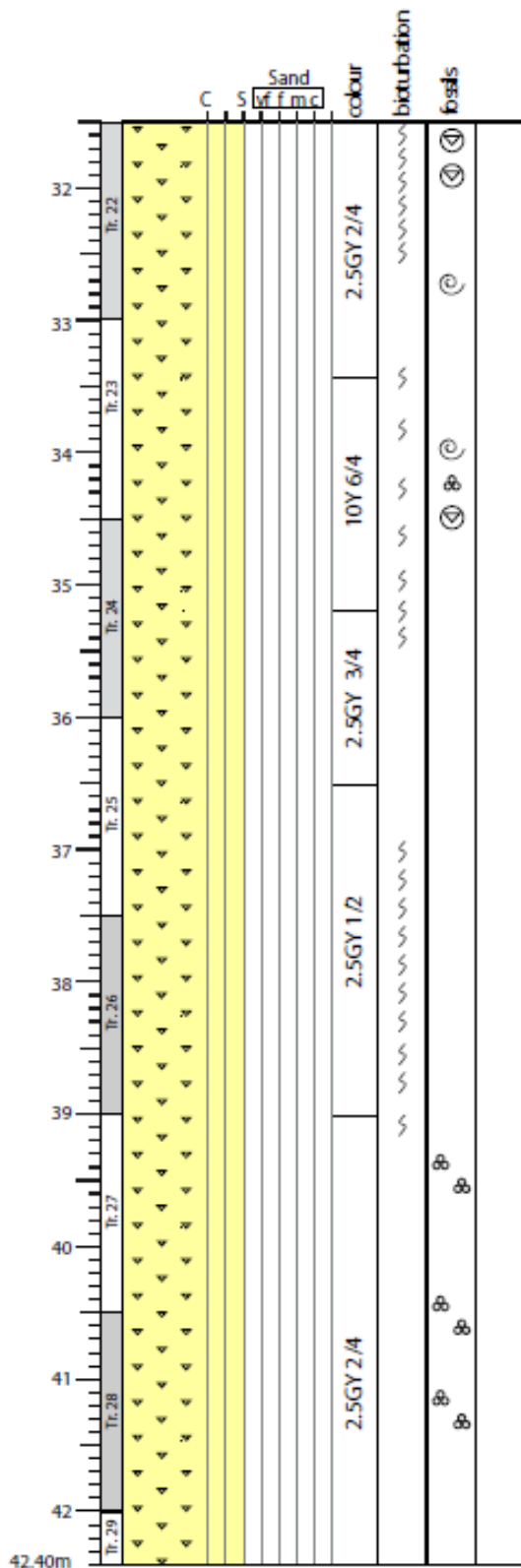


### Detailed description 3/4 : Sections 15 to 21

Bioturbated diatomaceous silt with increasing diatom contribution with depth.

One foraminifera-rich calcareous silt with sharp upper and lower boundaries from 2429 to 2550 cm.





#### Detailed description 4/4 : Sections 22 to 29

Diatomaceous silt, often massive, locally foraminifera-bearing.

Colour ranges from 2.5GY 1/2 (diatomaceous) to 10Y 6/4.

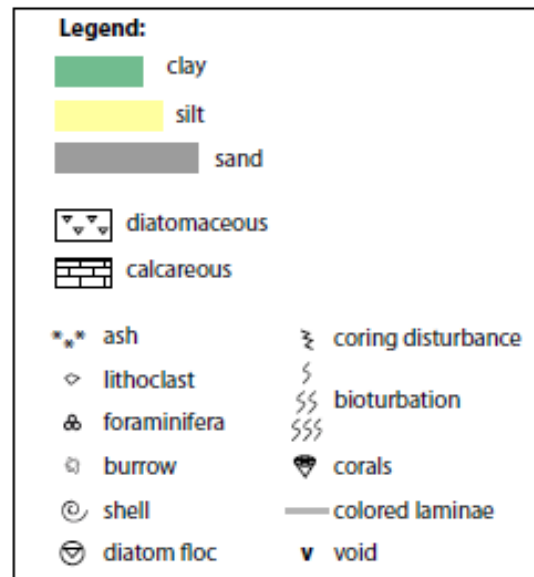


Figure 28. Synthetic log description of core MD19-3578.

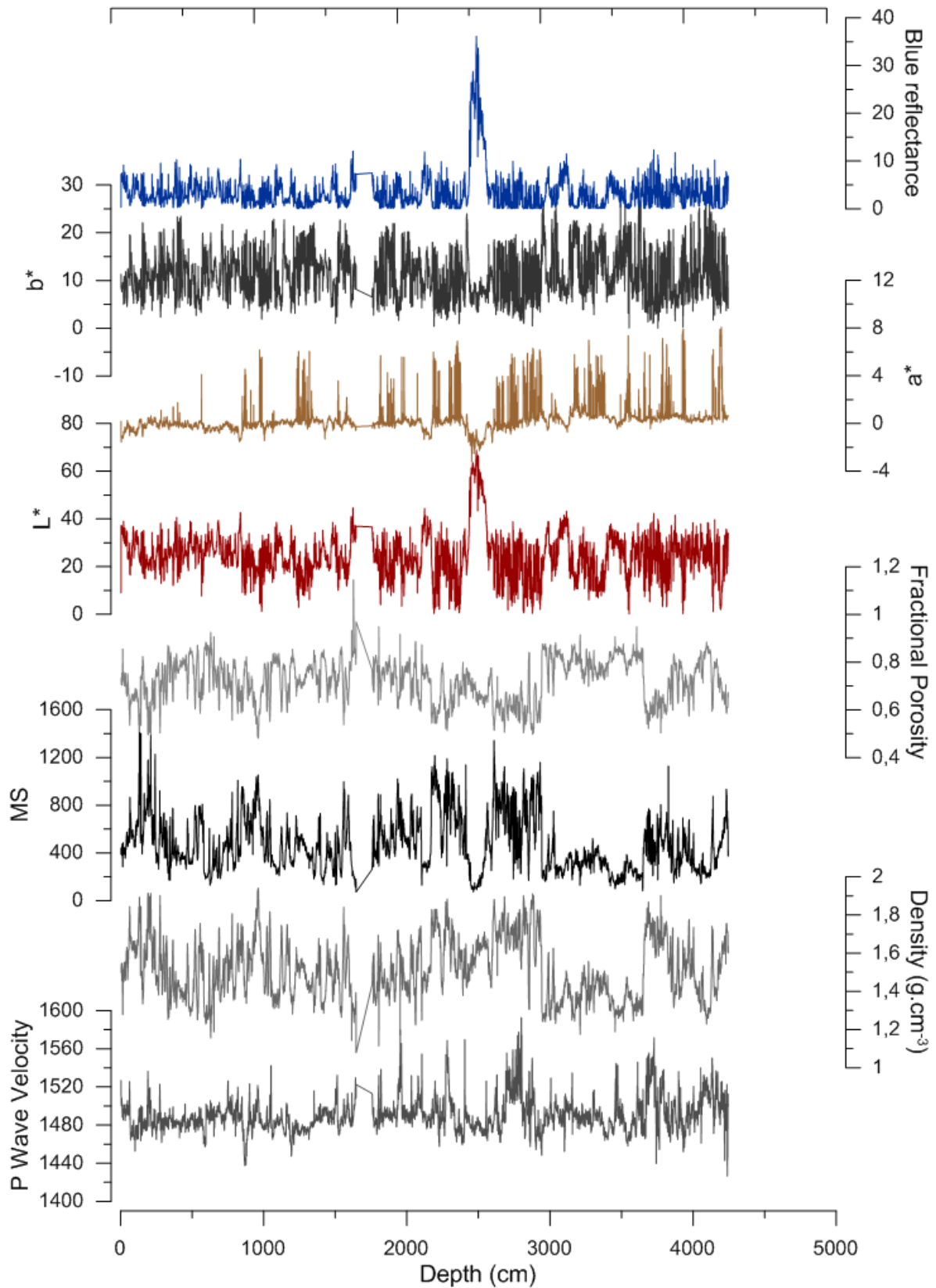


Figure 29. MD19-3578 data. From bottom to top: P Wave velocity (in  $m.s^{-1}$ ), Density (in  $g.cm^{-3}$ ), Mass specific susceptibility (in  $10^{-8} (m^3.kg)$ ), Fractional porosity,  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$ ,  $b^*$  and blue reflectance (mean 400-515 nm). The peak in  $L^*$  and blue reflectance is probably the MIS 11.

## East Crozet Region

A quick survey indicated that the proposed site, selected on old 3.5 kHz and bathymetry profiles measured on board the MD, was a good target for coring with a sediment draping of ~60 m (Figure 31). The site is located northeast of the internal plateau and is located on the slope of a small bank oriented WSW-ENE by ~2450 m of water depth (Figure 30). The 9 meters-long CASQ was completely filled and retrieved a sediment sequence of dark silty clay mixed with volcanic particles and microfossils (diatoms and foraminifera). It was decided to send a ~44 meters-long Calypso at the same location.

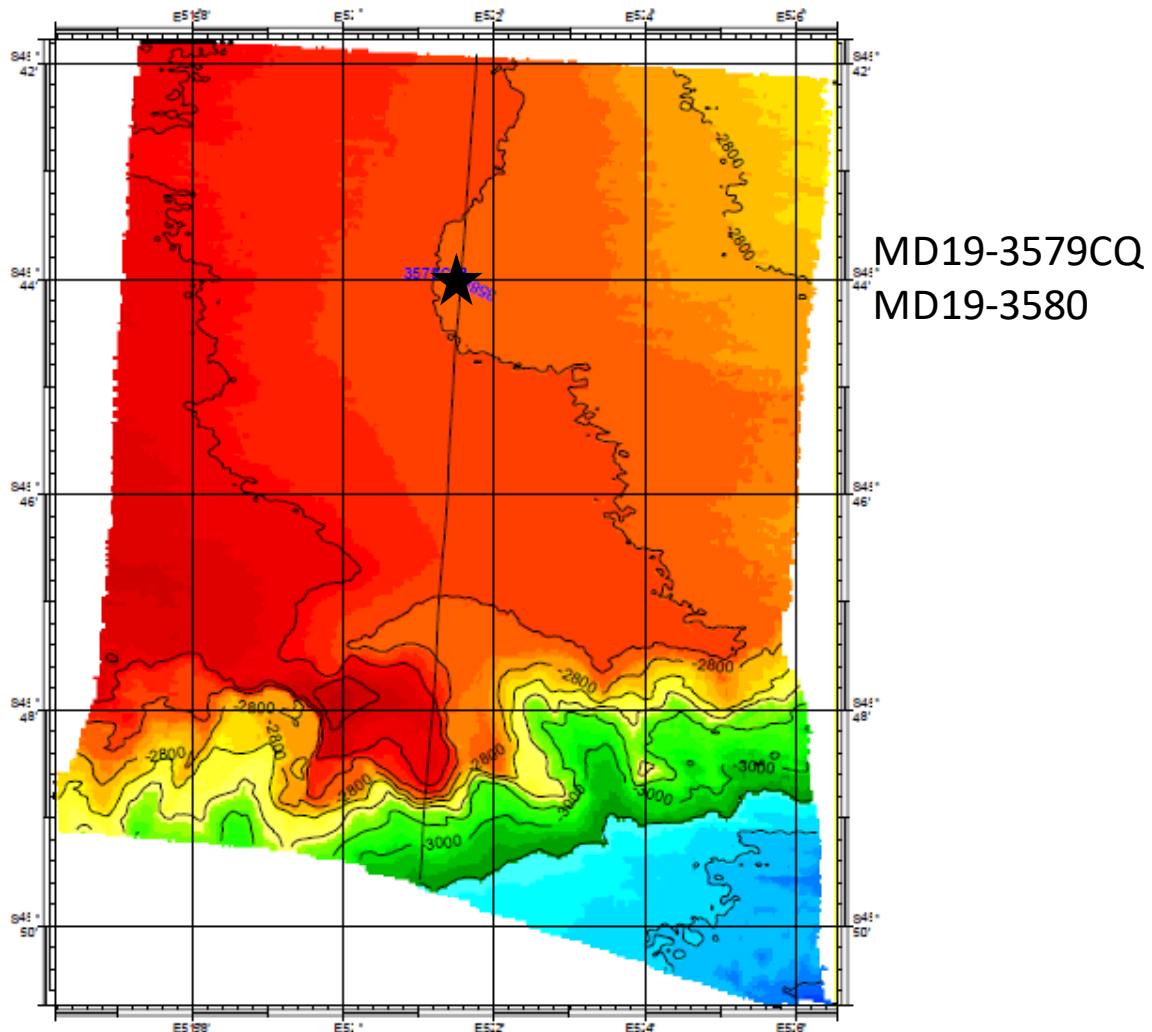


Figure 30. Local bathymetry and position of cores MD19-3579CQ and MD19-3580 (modified after Xavier Morin).

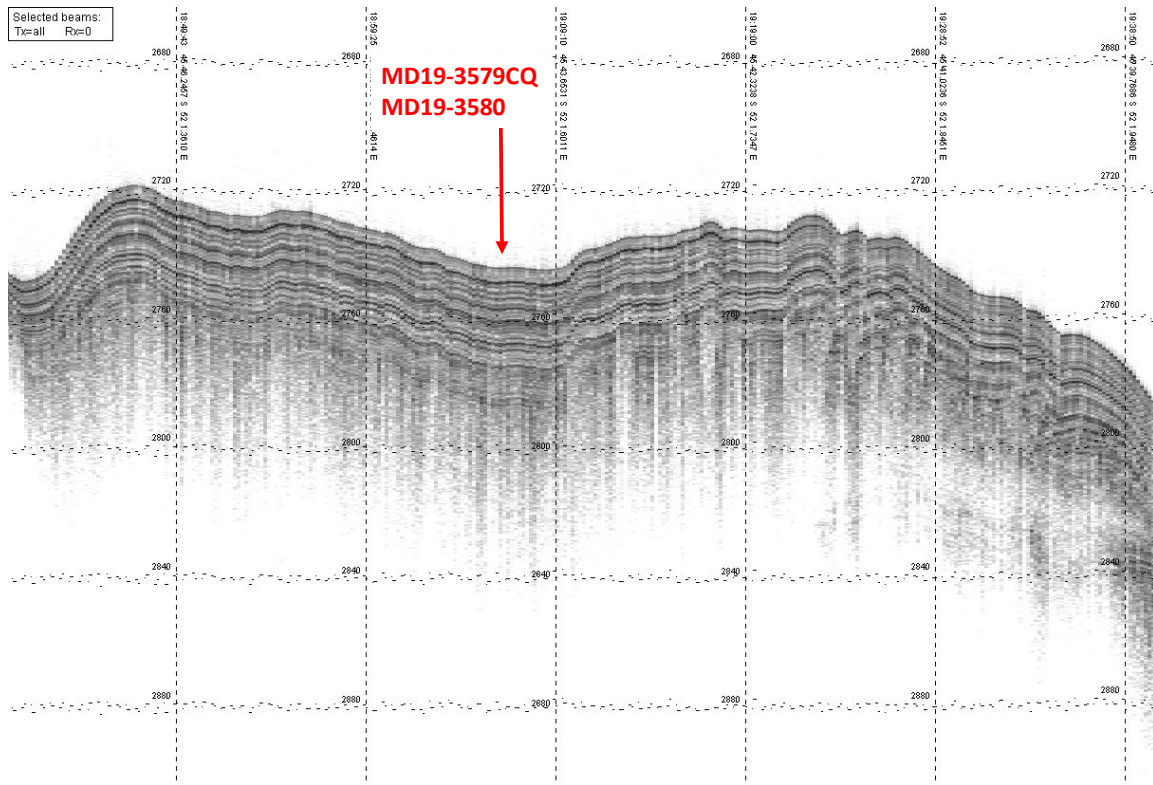


Figure 31. CHIRP 3.5 kHz profile around East Crozet site. Locations of the CASQ (MD19-3579CQ) and Calypso (MD19-3580) cores are indicated by the red arrows.

### Core MD19-3579CQ

A 9 meters-long CASQ was sent. The CASQ was sampled for 4 series. In the first layer, both a large (named a) and a small (named b) series were carved (Table 6). In the second layer, again a large (named c) and a small (named d) series were sampled. The second layer series were offset from the upper layer ones to allow for an overlap on the sections beginnings/ends. Some sediments felt on the deck when opening the core catcher. This sediment was stored in plastic bags and called “ogive”. Some sediment from the core catcher was also stored in plastic bags and called “core catcher”. To note also that the upper layers flow over few centimeters on both side of the Styrofoam cap. A part was pushed back in place, another part was sampled in plastic bags called “top”.

The sediment is uniformly composed of diatom-rich silty clay, with the presence of foraminifera throughout. The sediment is bioturbated throughout (Figure 32 and Figure 33). From the data point of view, the very high values in magnetic susceptibility represent centimeter-thick ash layers, probably due to volcanic activity in the nearby Crozet Islands (Figure 34). MSCL data suggest that the core may cover down to MIS 3.

Table 6. MD19-3579CQ core general information.

<p><b>NOM DE LA CAMPAGNE</b></p> <p><b>MD218 CROTALE</b></p>	<p>Date : <b>2 March 2019</b> <b>3 March 2019</b></p> <p>N° de station : <b>E CROZET</b></p>	<p>Météo : (force) / Direction Vent : Mer : Variation tension (maxi) :</p>
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<p><b>CAROTTE (N°) :</b></p> <p><b>MD19-3579CQ</b> <small>(MD année -numéroCQ)</small></p>	<p><b>LONGUEUR m :</b></p> <p><b>8,3</b></p>	<p><b>POSITION :</b></p> <p>Latitude : <b>45°43.941'S</b> Longitude <b>52°01.554'E</b></p>
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0	150	299	448	598	748	829		
<b>b 1</b>	<b>b 2</b>	<b>b 3</b>	<b>b 4</b>	<b>b 5</b>	<b>b 6</b>			

0	50	200	351	500	650	799	829		
<b>c 1</b>	<b>c 2</b>	<b>c 3</b>	<b>c 4</b>	<b>c 5</b>	<b>c 6</b>	<b>c 7</b>			

0	50	199	349	499	648	798	830		
<b>d 1</b>	<b>d 2</b>	<b>d 3</b>	<b>d 4</b>	<b>d 5</b>	<b>d 6</b>	<b>d 7</b>			

**Commentaires**  
Offset of 1 cm at the bottom results from an inegal interface due to sediment falling off when opening the core catcher. Some sediment was preserved in plastic bags.  
Top laterally overflowed. Partly pushed back. Partly sampled in plastic bags.



Cruise : MD218 - CROTALE - Core : MD19-3579CQ - Length : 8.3 m  
Study site : East Crozet - Latitude : S45°43.941' - Longitude : E052°01.554' - Depth : 2447 m

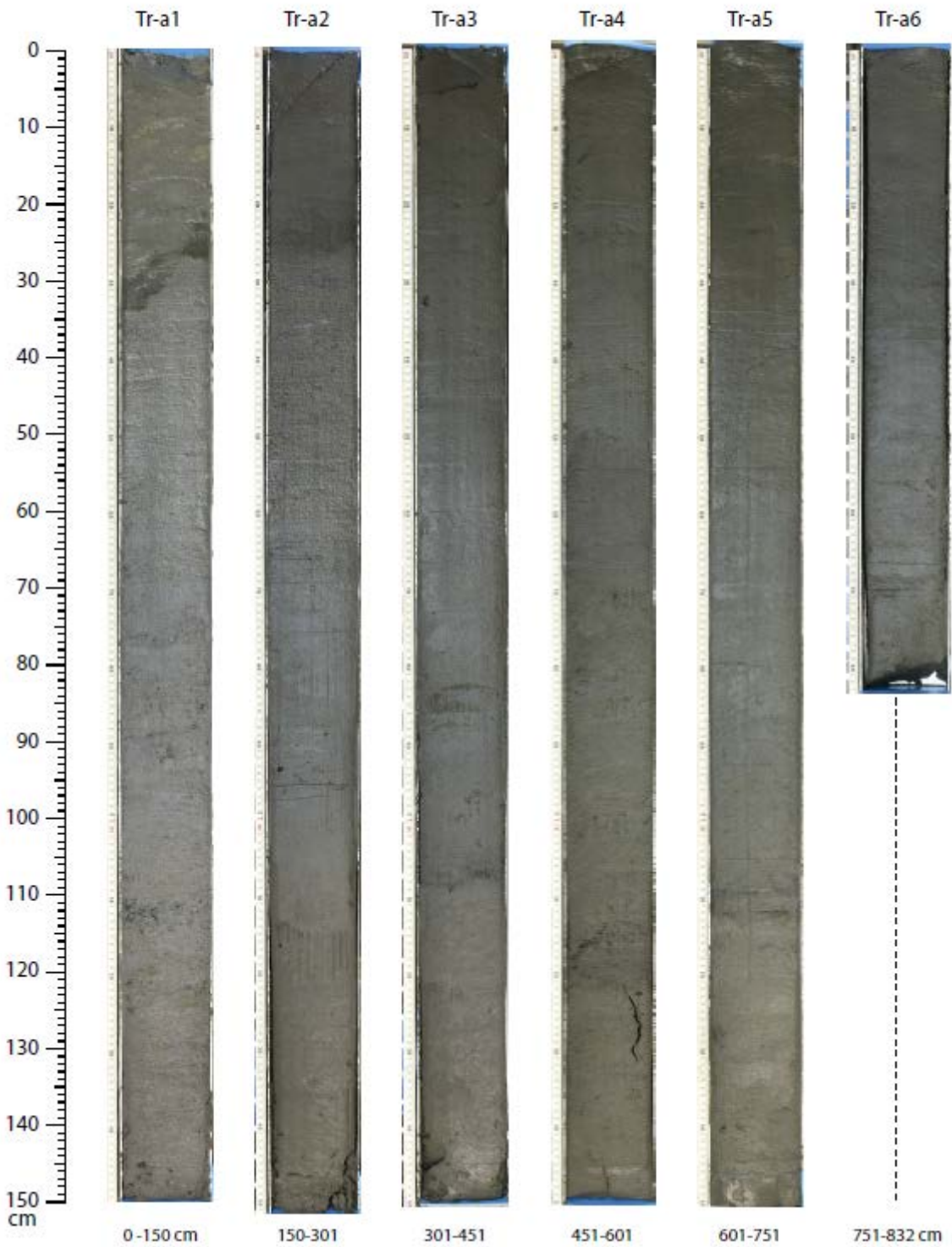


Figure 32. Composite photo of core MD19-3579CQ.

## Cruise : MD218 - CROTALE

**Core : MD19-3579CQ - Length : 8.3 m - Coring site : East Crozet**  
**Latitude : S 45°43.941' - Longitude : E 52°01.554' - Water depth : 2447 m**

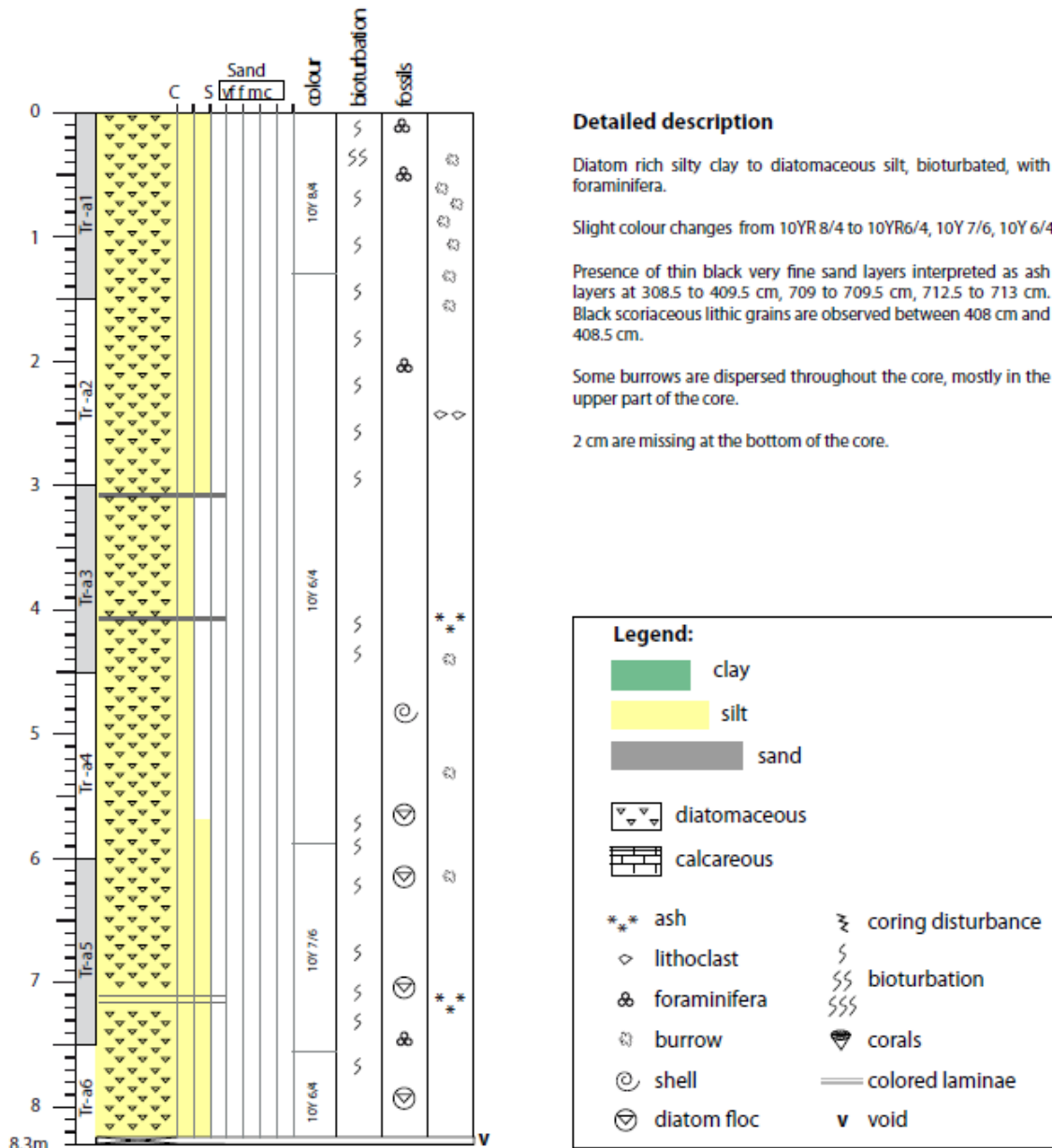


Figure 33. Synthetic log description of core MD19-3579CQ.

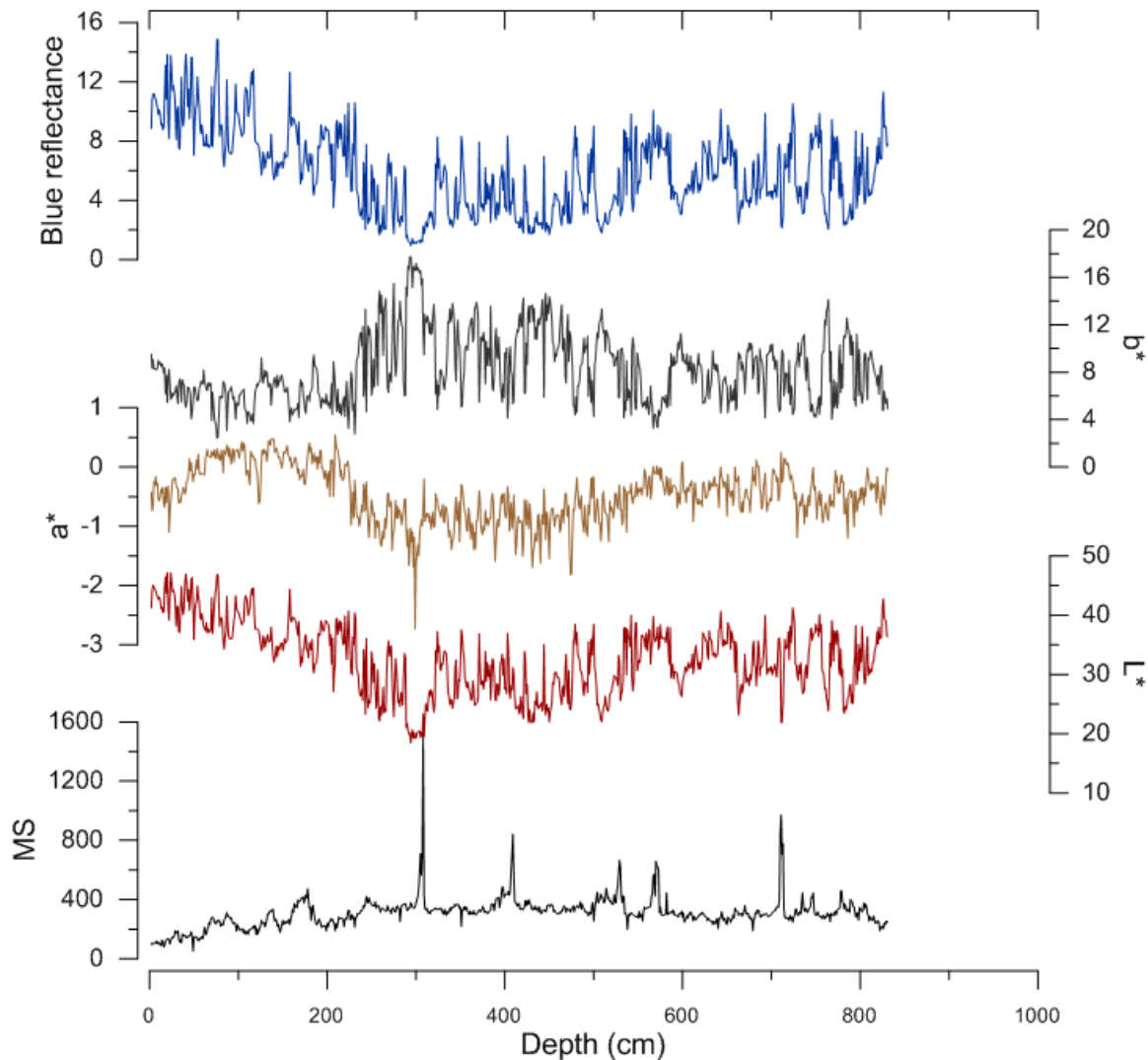


Figure 34. MD19-3579CQ data. From bottom to top: Mass specific susceptibility (in  $10^{-8}$  ( $m^3.kg$ )),  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$ ,  $b^*$  and blue reflectance (mean 400-515 nm).

### Core MD19-3580

A ~44 meters-long Calypso was sent. The liner was extruded in two pieces and cut into 1.5 meters long sections except for the sections 2-4 (1.18, 0.92 and 0.90 m long, respectively) to avoid transferring non-conventional depths downcore (Table 7). Few decimeter thick voids are present due to flushed out ash layers. The presence of intact, decimeter thick ash layers may indicate that the sediment has probably not been stretched over the voids.

The main lithology is dark greenish grey diatomaceous silt to silty-clay with foraminifera only observed in the upper 5 m (Figure 35 and Figure 36). The sporadic high values in magnetic susceptibility indicate the presence of centimeter thick ash layers from nearby Crozet archipelago. The MSCL data suggest that the core reaches mid-late MIS 6 (Figure 37).

Table 7. MD19-3580 core general information.

<b>NOM DE LA CAMPAGNE</b>  <b>MD218 CROTALE</b>	Date : <b>4 March 2019</b>  N° de station : <b>E CROZET</b>	Météo : (force) / Direction Vent : Mer : Variation tension (maxi) :
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<b>CAROTTE (N°) :</b>  <b>MD19-3580</b> <i>(MD année -numéro)</i>	<b>LONGUEUR m :</b>  <b>43,17</b>	<b>POSITION :</b> Latitude : <b>45°43.99'S</b> Longitude : <b>52°01.52'E</b>
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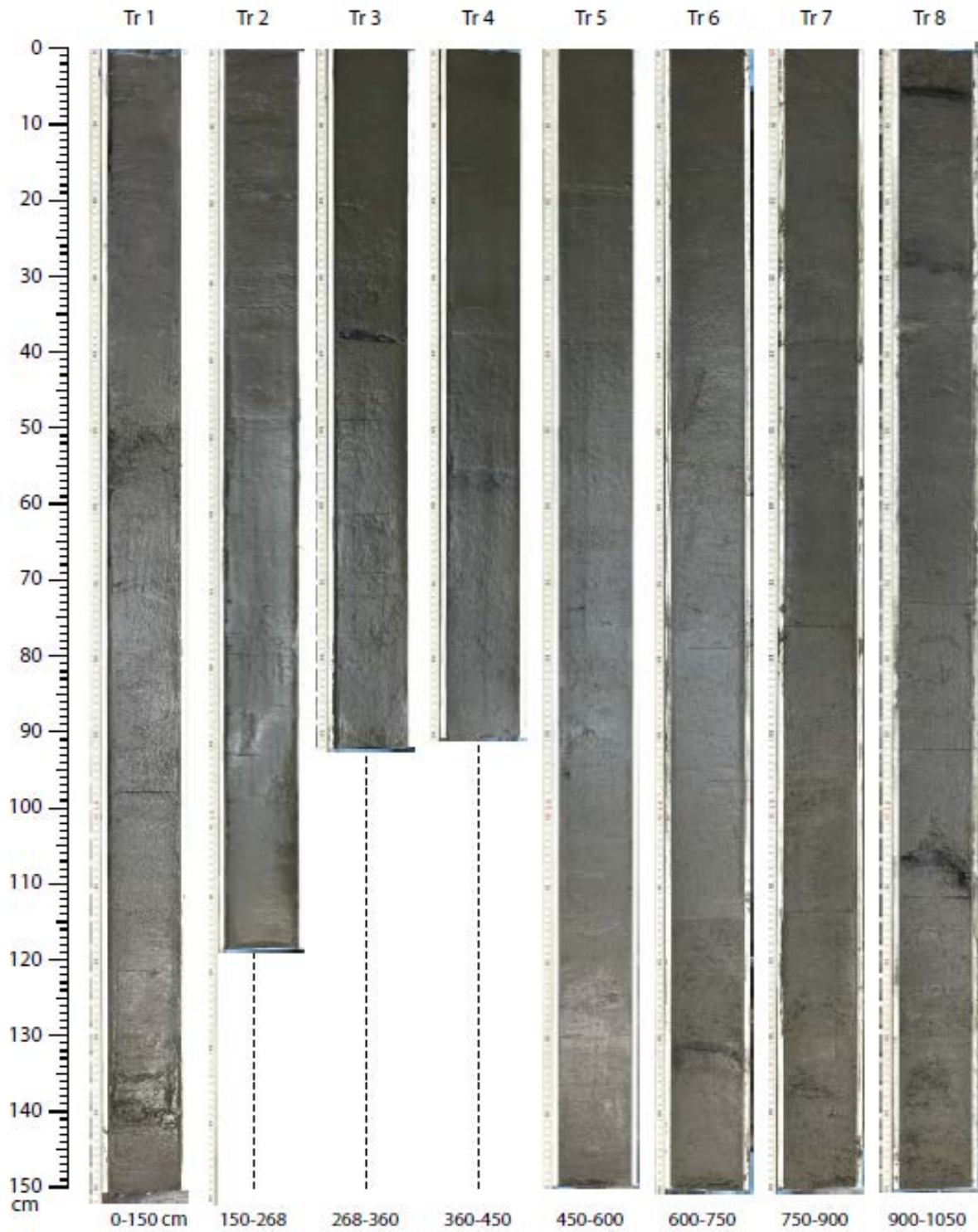
<b>CAROTTIER (type) <sup>(1)</sup> :</b> Calypso  Poids total (air) : <b>6,2 t</b>  Poids total (eau) : <b>surf t</b> <b>bottom t</b>	<b>REGLAGES :</b> Tubes (longueur) : <b>43,67 m</b> Câbles : Chute libre : <b>1,95 m</b> Boucle : <b>6,48 m</b> LC poids : <b>m (3m50 lest)</b>	<b>CONTREPOIDS :</b> Type (2) : <b>CYLINDER 100 KG</b> Longueur PVC : <b>m</b> Pénétration : <b>m</b> Longueur de carotte : <b>m</b> + Ogive (+ 0,15 m)
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<b>PARAMETRES MESURES :</b> Sonde corrigée : <b>2 748 m</b> Ligne filée : <b>m</b> Arrachement/total (tonne) : <b>10,00 t</b> Pénétration/apparente (m) : <b>m</b> Pénétration/tensiomètre (m) : <b>m</b> Description / Incidents :	<b>HEURES (GMT)</b> En station : <b>GMT</b> Début manœuvre : <b>07h35 GMT</b> Déclenchement : <b>08h30 GMT</b> Fin de manœuvre : <b>11h00 GMT</b> Durée de manœuvre : Départ station : <b>GMT</b>	<b>INSTRUMENTATION OPERATIONS ANNEXES</b> CTD (hydro) : CTD (bouteilles) : Filet à plancton : Autres : /
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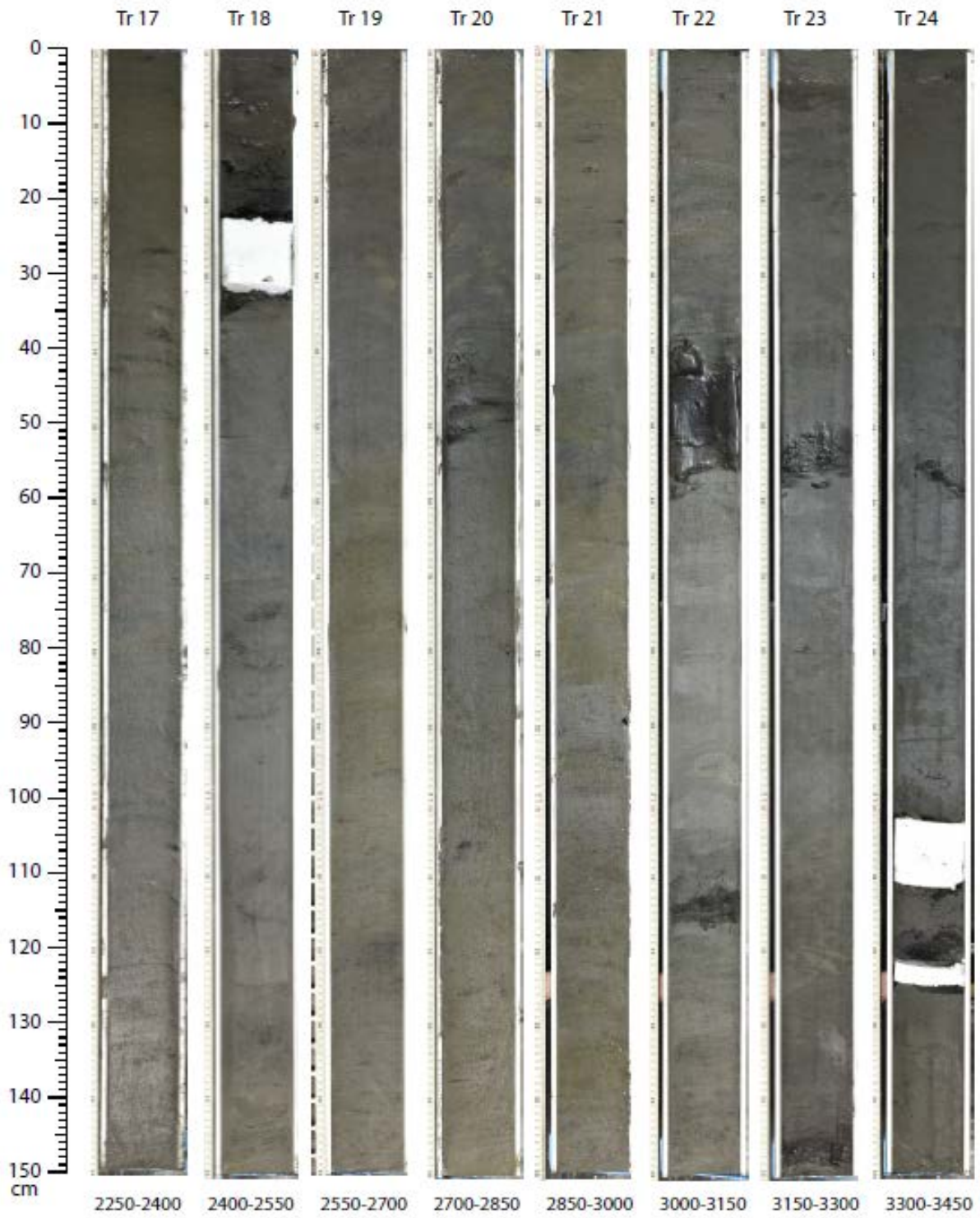
Commentaires  
 Few places where ash layers cracked during coring => hole in sediment (cf description)

Cruise : MD218 - CROTALE - Core : MD19-3580 - Length : 43.17 m  
Study site : East Crozet - Latitude : S45°43.99' - Longitude : E52°01.52' - Depth : 2748 m









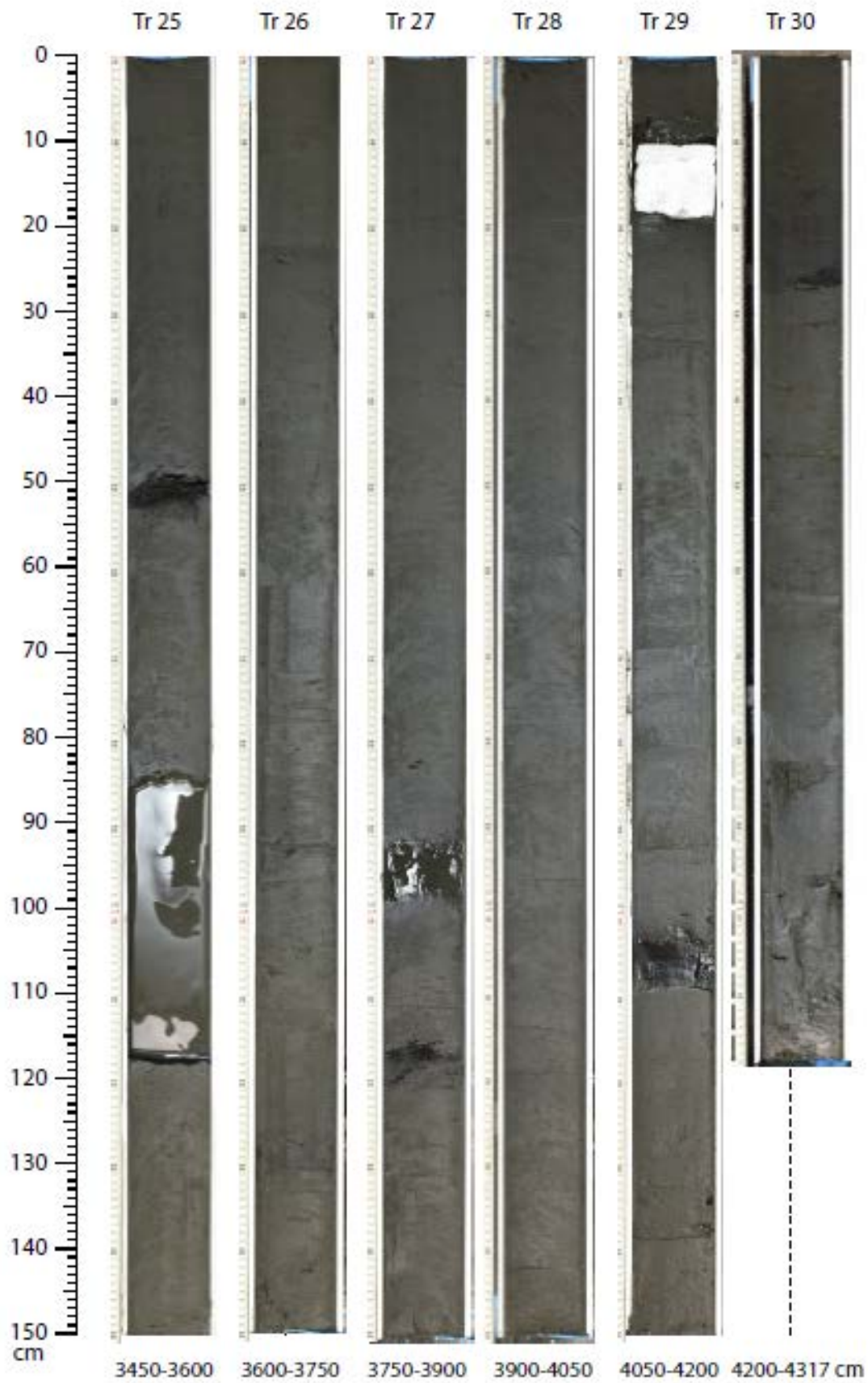
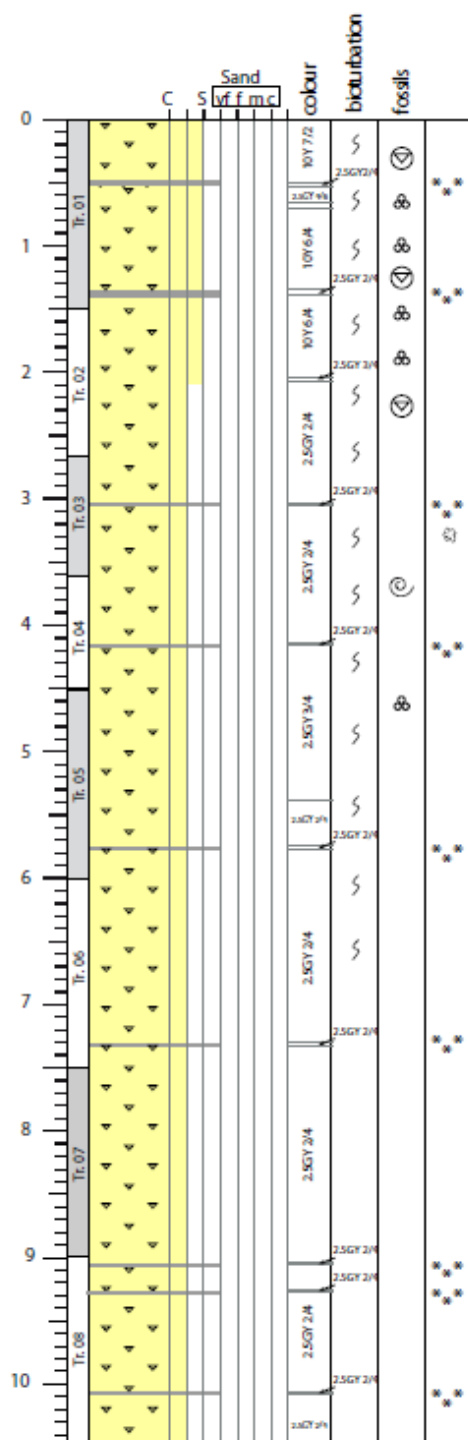


Figure 35. Composite photo of core MD19-3580.

## Cruise : MD218 - CROTALE

**Core : MD19-3580 - Length : 43.17 m - Coring site : East Crozet**  
**Latitude : S 45°43.99' - Longitude : E 52°01.52' - Water depth : 2748 m**



### Detailed description 1/4 : Sections 01 to 08

The main lithology is dark greenish gray diatomaceous silt to silty-clay. Foraminifera are observed in the uppermost two meters of the core.

Bioturbation occurs throughout the core.

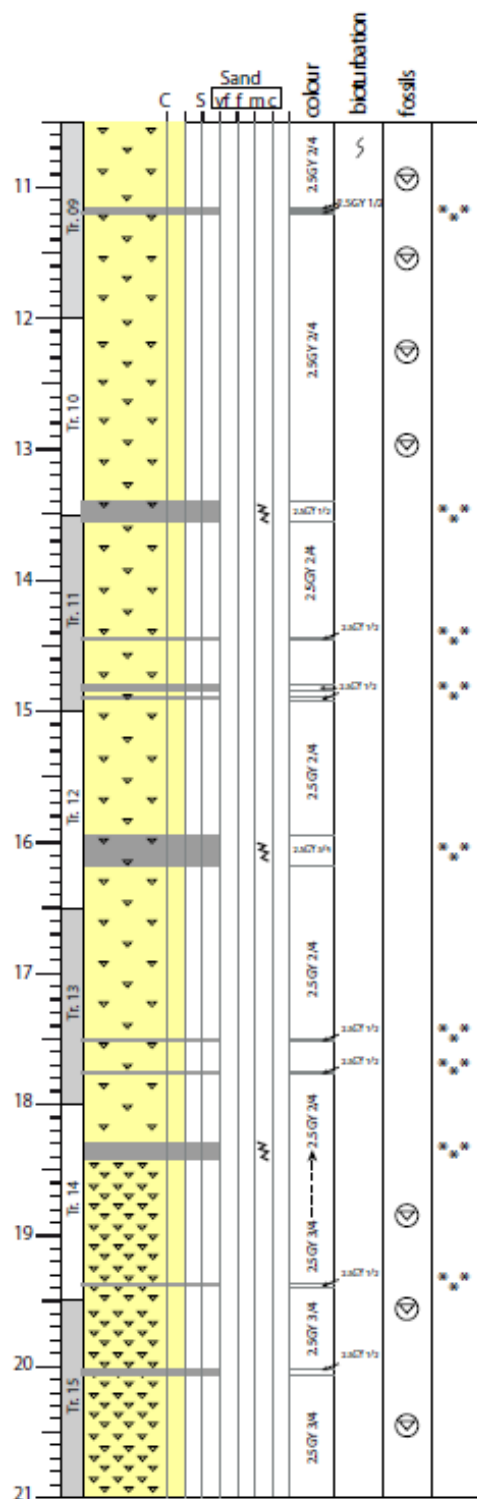
The main colour is 10Y 6/4.

Discrete black fine sand ash layers : 50-51.5 cm, 66.5-71.5 cm, 136.5-140 cm, 304.5-306 cm, 416.8-418.2 cm

### Legend:

- clay
- silt
- sand
- ▽▽ diatomaceous
- ▢▢ calcareous
- \*.\*.\* ash
- ◇ lithoclast
- ⊗ foraminifera
- ⊖ burrow
- ⊙ shell
- ⊕ diatom floc
- ⊘ coring disturbance
- ⋈ bioturbation
- ⋈⋈⋈ corals
- colored laminae
- ∇ void





**Detailed description 2/4 : Sections 09 to 15.**

















The main lithology is dark greenish gray diatomaceous silty-clay. No foraminifera, no structures.

The main colour is 2.5GY 2/4.

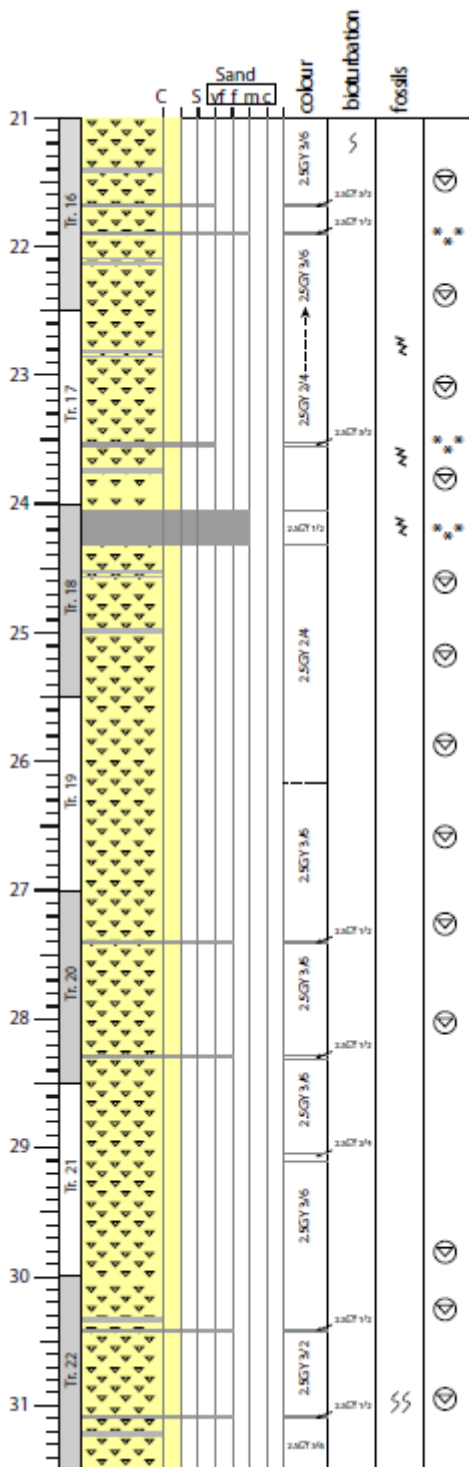
Discrete black fine sand ash layers : 1114-1115 cm, 1120-1122 cm, 1445-1446 cm, 1480-1484 cm, 1490-1491 cm, 1752-1753 cm, 1775-1782 cm, 1937 cm, 2003-2007 cm.

Some ash layers have been flushed out and replaced by water during coring : 1340-1355 cm, 1597-1617 cm, 1830-1842 cm

**Legend:**

	clay
	silt
	sand
	diatomaceous
	calcareous
	ash
	lithoclast
	foraminifera
	burrow
	shell
	diatom floc
	coring disturbance
	bioturbation
	corals
	colored laminae
	void





**Detailed description 3/4 : Sections 16 to 22.**

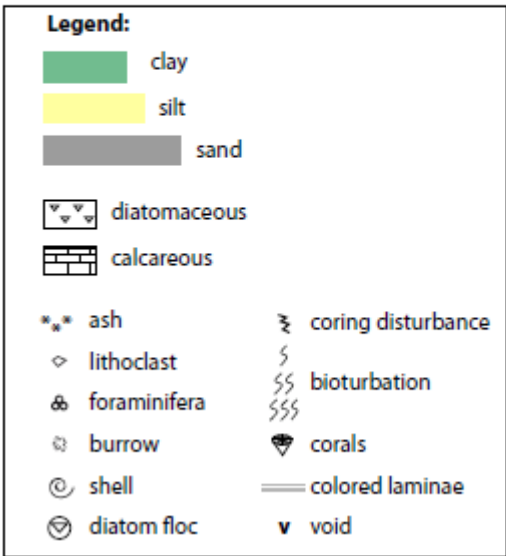
The main lithology is dark greenish gray diatomaceous ooze. The main grain size is silty clay. Presence of frequent diatom flocs throughout the core. Faint colored (orange, green, purple, blue) laminations throughout the core .

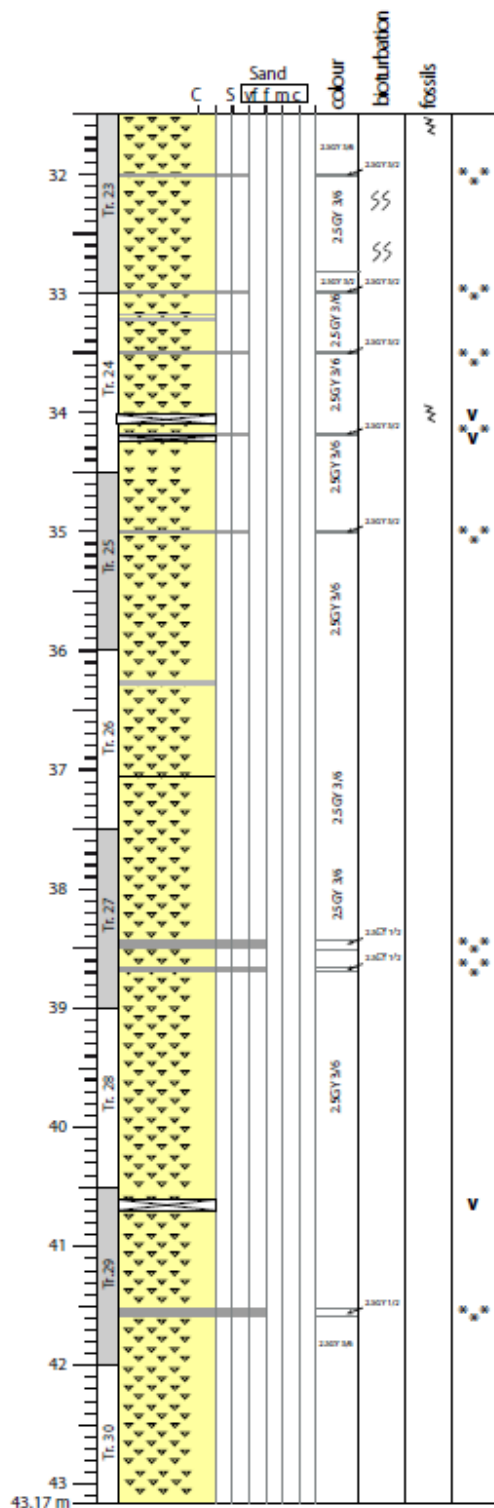
No foraminifera.

The main colors are 2.5GY 2/4 to 2.5GY 3/6.

Discrete black very fine to medium sand ash layers : 2316-2319 cm, 2340-2347 cm, 2356 cm, 2747-2752 cm, 2873 cm, 2903-2910 cm, 3043-2053 cm, 3112-3116 cm.

One massive ash layer have been flushed out and replaced by water during coring : 2406-2433 cm.





#### Detailed description 4/4 : Sections 23 to 30.

The main lithology is dark greenish gray diatomaceous ooze. The main grain size is silty clay. Bioturbation observed at colour changes.

No foraminifera.

The main colour is 2.5GY 3/6.

Discrete black very fine to medium sand ash layers : 3200-3204 cm, 3295-3299 cm, 3350-3352 cm, 3417-3422 cm, 3500-3504 cm, 3842-3850 cm, 3866-3870 cm, 4153-4159 cm.

Some ash layer have been flushed out and replaced by water during coring : 3402-3411 cm, 3422-3425 cm, 4060-4070 cm.

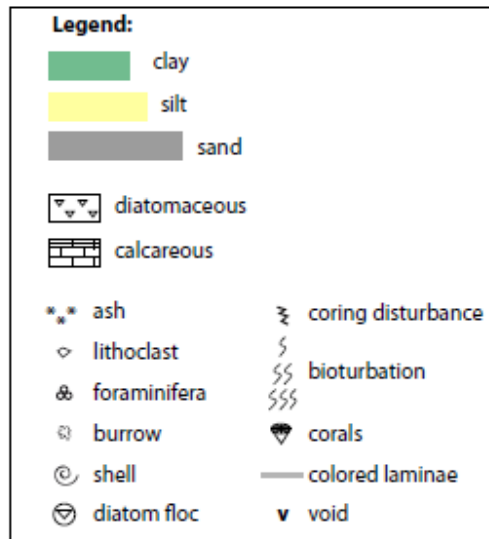


Figure 38. Synthetic log description of core MD19-3580.

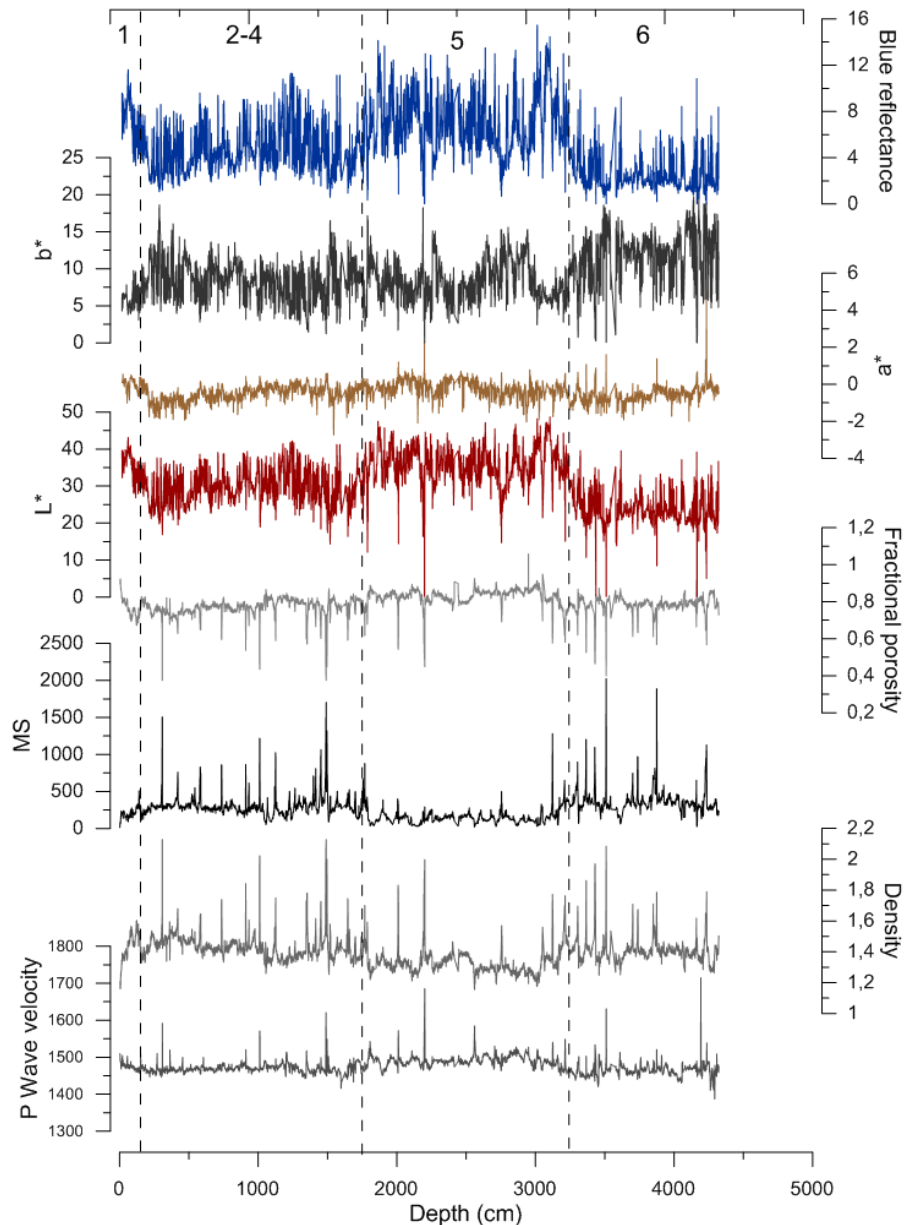


Figure 37. MD19-3580 data. From bottom to top: P Wave velocity (in  $m.s^{-1}$ ), Density (in  $g.cm^{-1}$ ), Mass specific susceptibility (in  $10^{-8} (m^3.kg)$ ), Fractional porosity,  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$ ,  $b^*$  and blue reflectance (mean 400-515 nm). Preliminary stratigraphy is highlighted by vertical dashed lines and MIS.

## North Crozet Region

This site was not listed in the expedition proposal. Enough time was spared on the other sites to plan another coring operation on the way back to La Réunion Island. Previous surveys demonstrated the presence of a sediment draping thicker than 120 m on the northern slope of a W-E elongated rise located just south of the Mid Indian Ocean Ridge (Figure 38). A short Calypso retrieved in 2004 demonstrated the presence of soft diatom oozes due to the inflection of the SAF and ACC towards the north in between Del Caño Rise and Crozet Plateau fueling surface waters with iron. High micro-nutrient concentrations stimulate phytoplankton productivity (Pollard et al., 2009), essentially diatoms, allowing for high sediment accumulation (Figure 39).

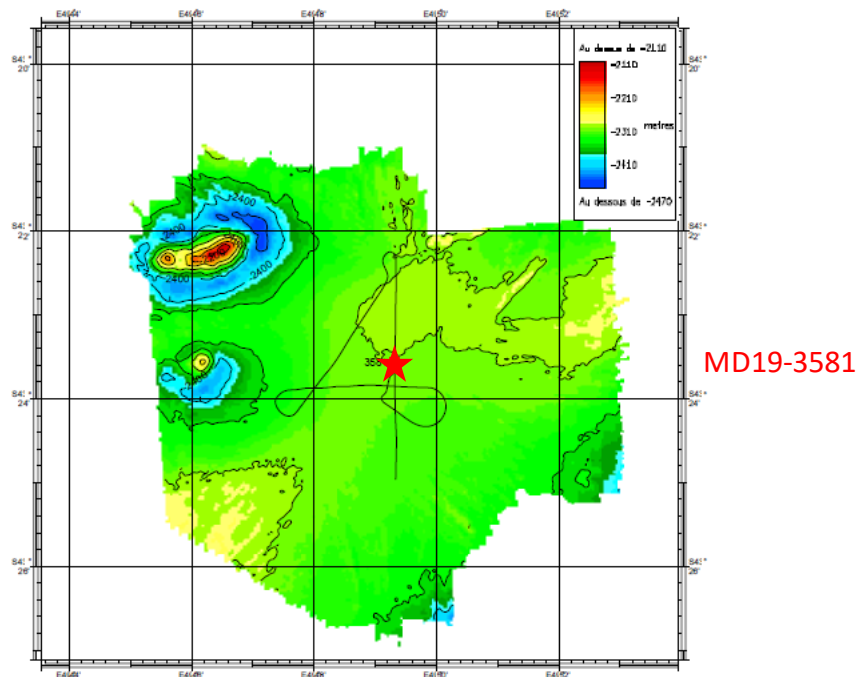


Figure 38. Local bathymetry and position of core MD19-3581 (modified after Xavier Morin).

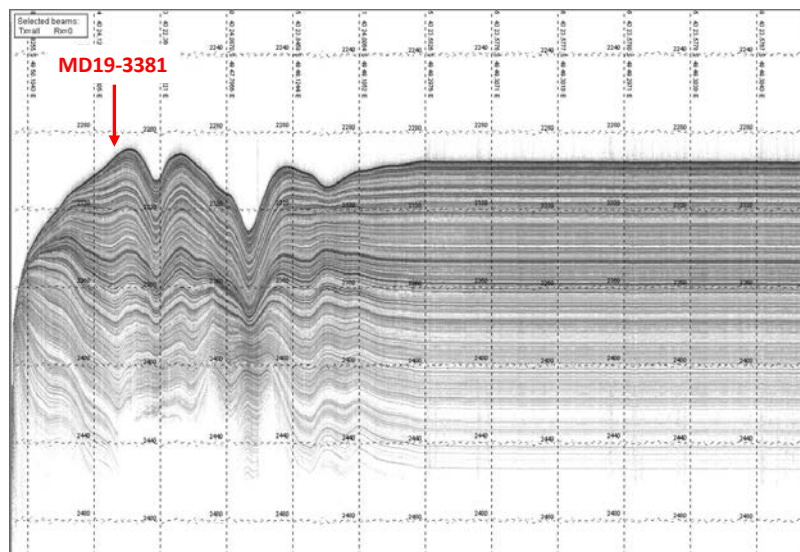


Figure 39. CHIRP 3.5 kHz profile around North Crozet site. Locations of the Calypso (MD19-3581) cores are indicated by the red arrows.

### Core MD19-3581

A ~70 meters-long Calypso was sent. The liner was extruded in five pieces and cut into 1.5 meters long sections whenever possible (Table 7). Few decimeter thick voids are present due to flushed out ash layers. The presence of intact, decimeter thick ash layers may indicate that the sediment has probably not been stretched over the voids.

The main lithology is diatom ooze. Foraminifera were observed in several sections probably accumulated during warm periods (Figure 40 and Figure 41). Macro-bioturbation is observed throughout the core.

MSCL data suggest that the core reach ~1.5 million years (and maybe beyond) and that the Holocene-to-last glacial period is very compacted or absent (Figure 42 and Figure 43).

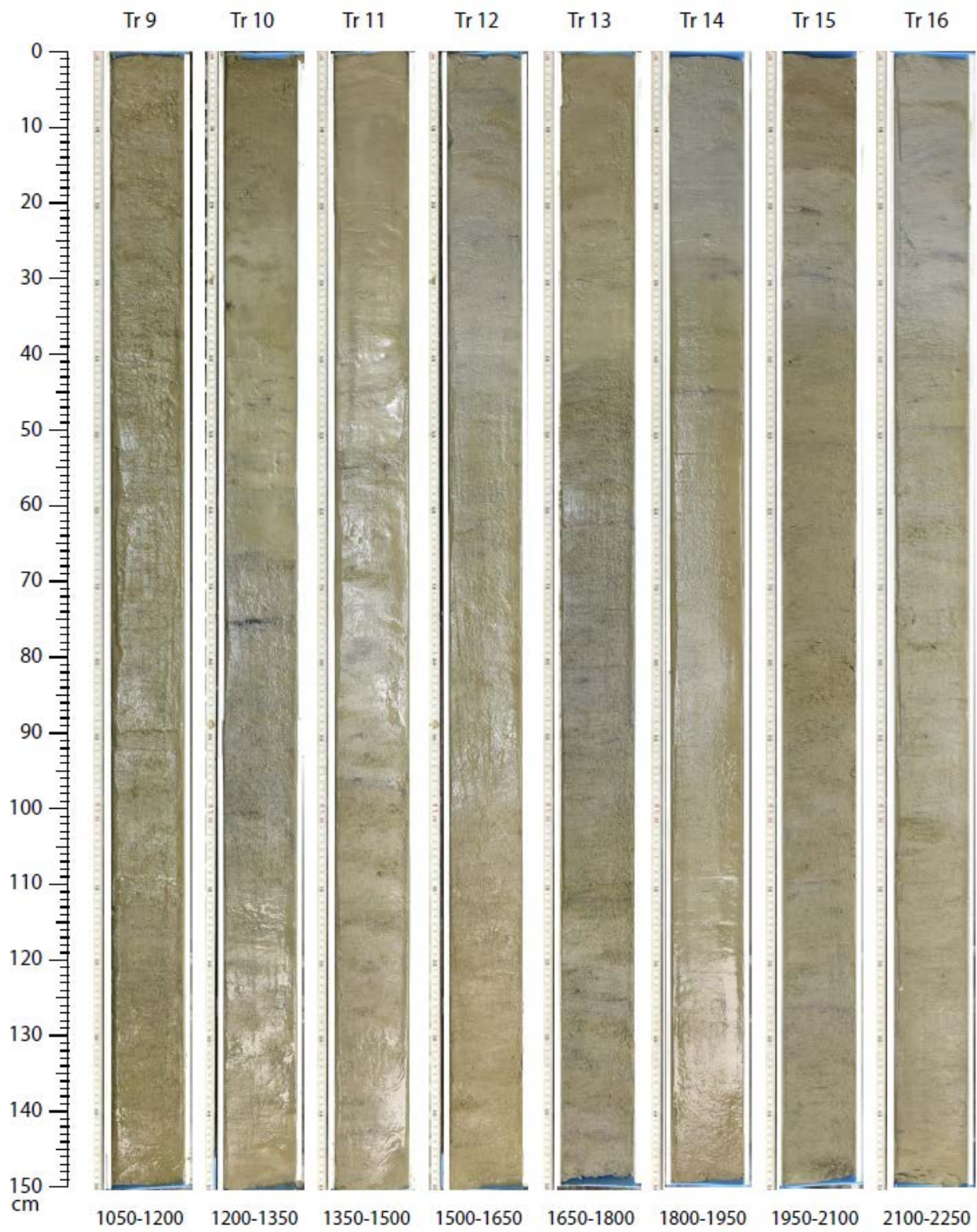
Table 8. MD19-3581 core general information.

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<b>CAROTTE (N°) :</b>  <b>MD19-3581</b> <small>(MD année -numéro)</small>	<b>LONGUEUR m :</b>  <b>69,69</b>	<b>POSITION :</b> Latitude : <b>43°23.57'S</b> Longitude : <b>49°49.31'E</b>																																																																																																																																
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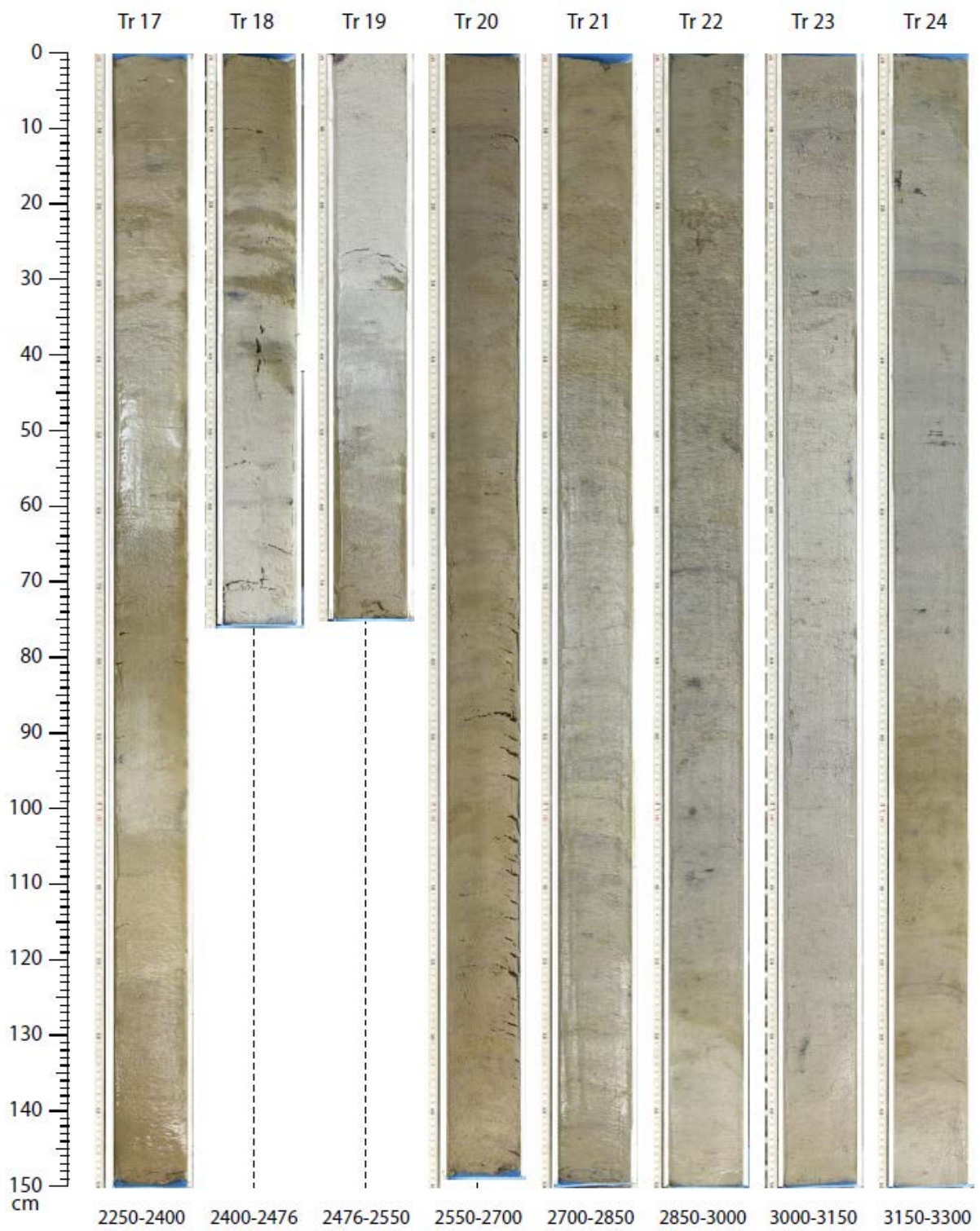


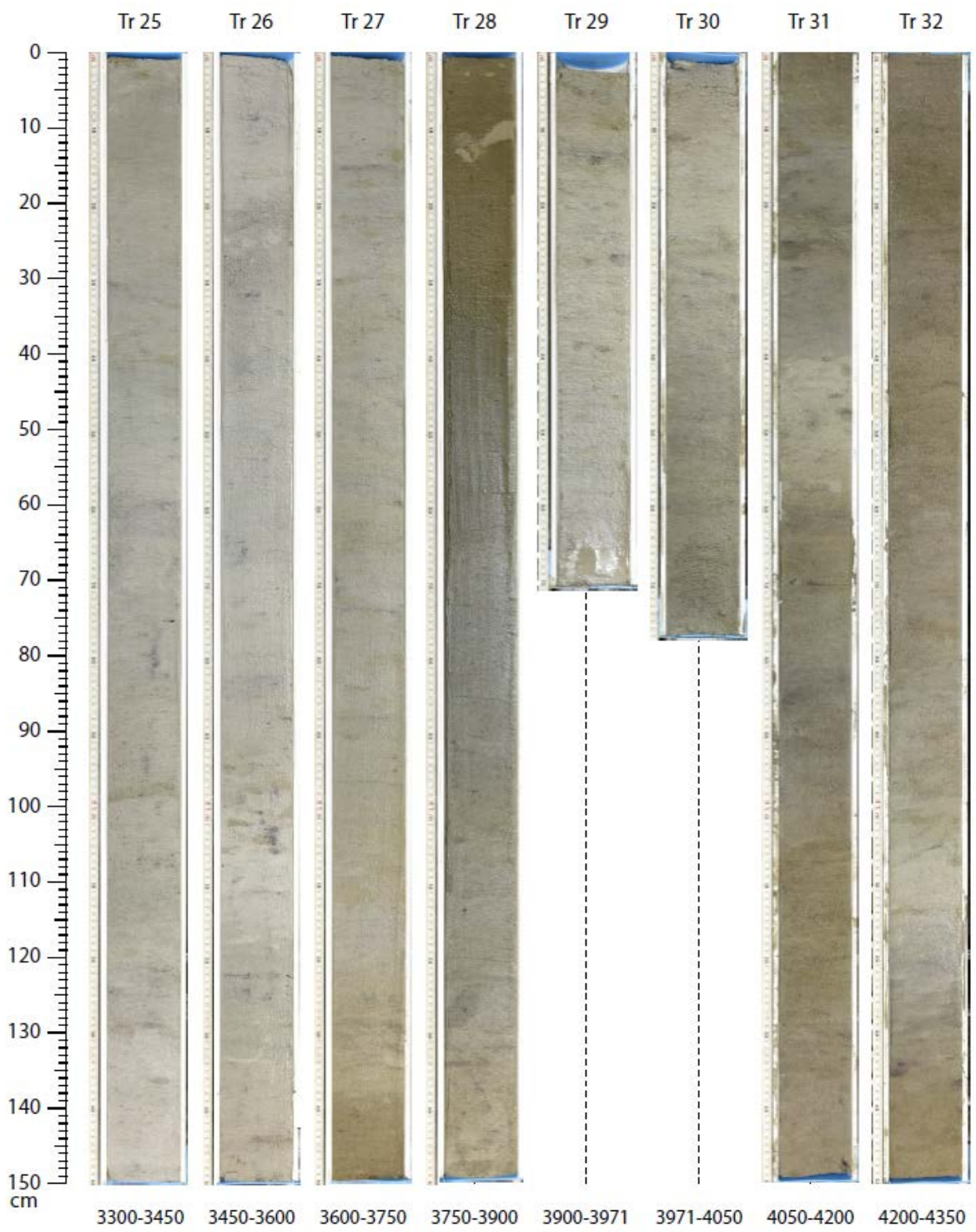
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Study site : North Crozet : - Latitude : S43°23.57' - Longitude : E49°49.31' - Depth : 2295 m



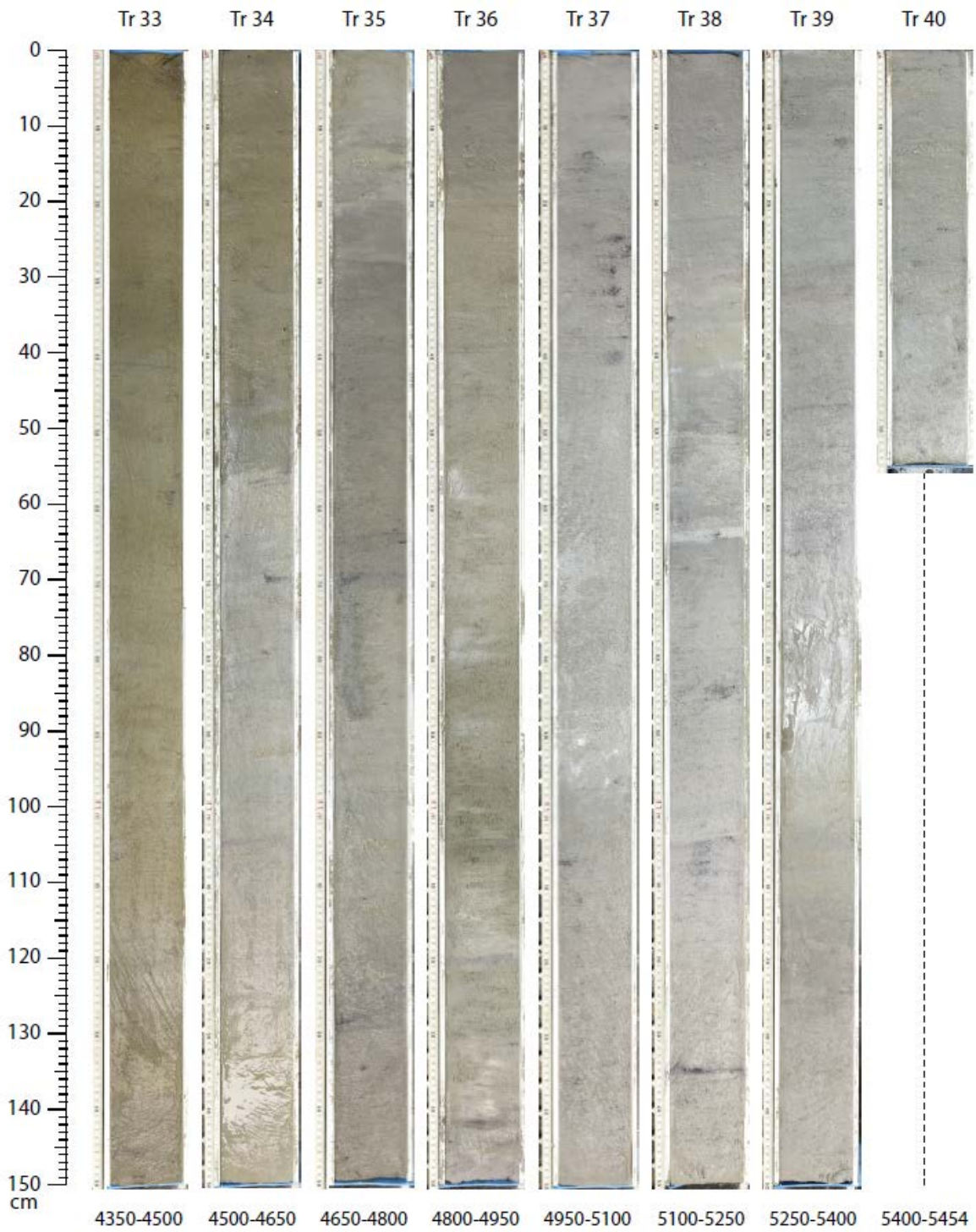


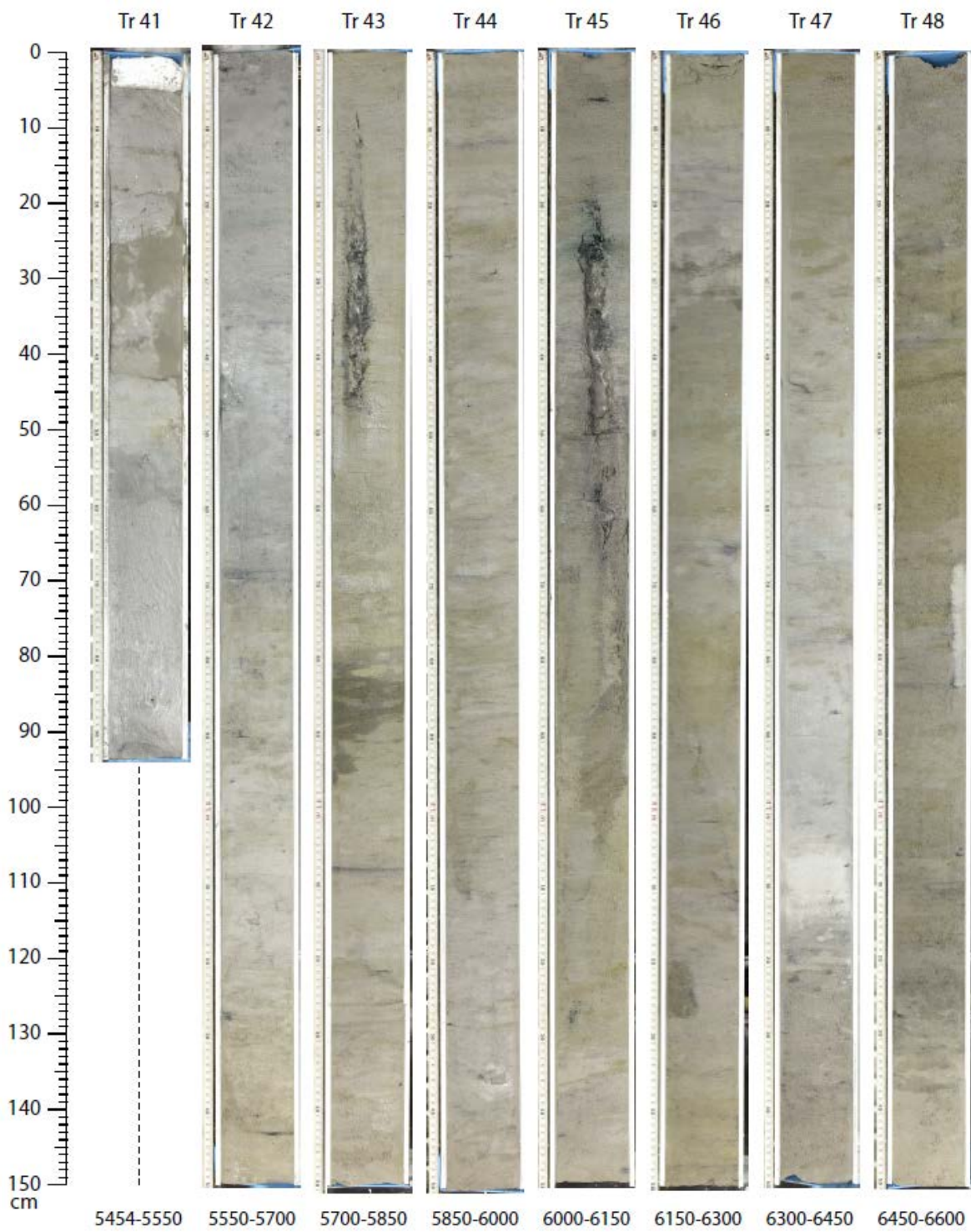














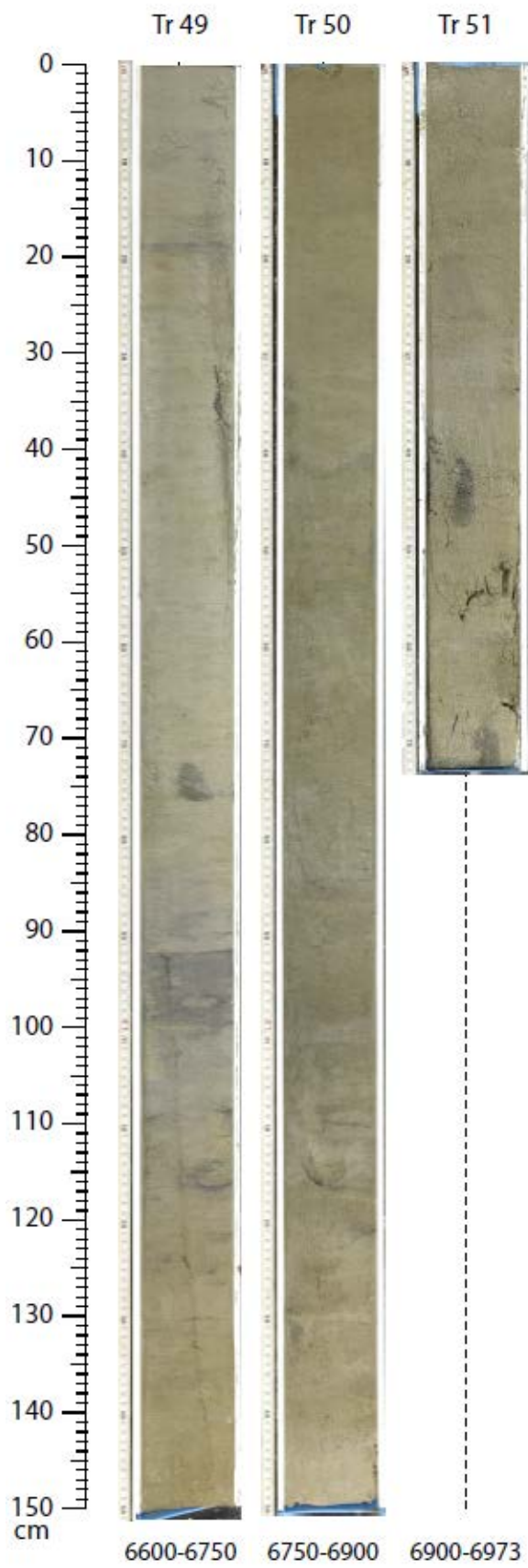
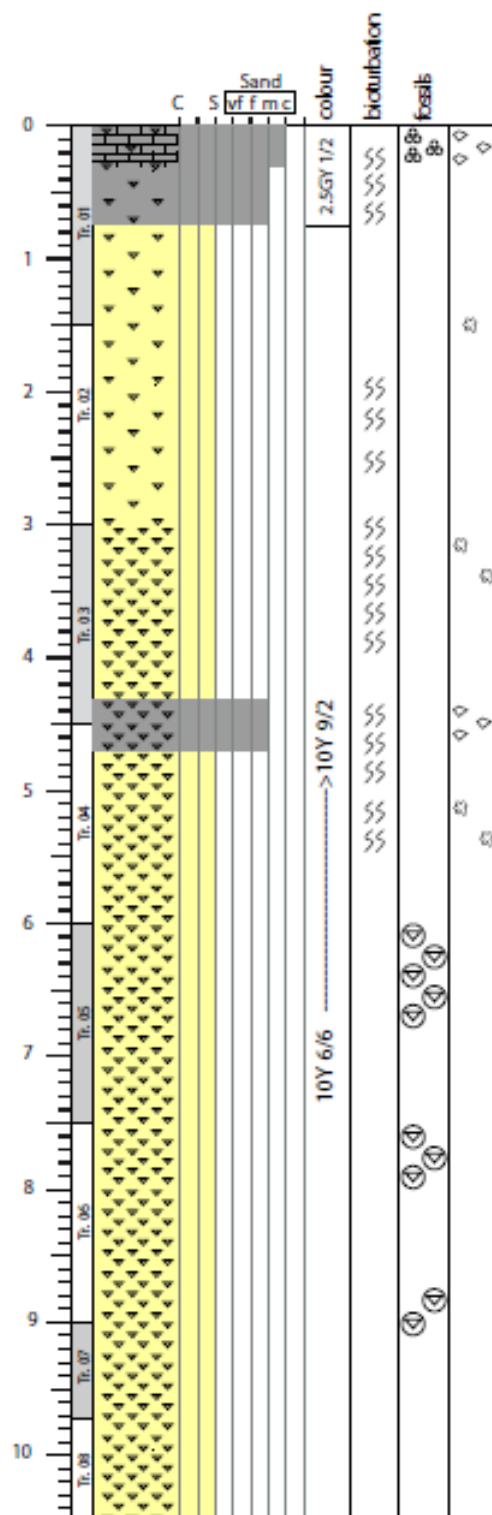


Figure 40. Composite photo of core MD19-3581.

**Core : MD19-3581- Length : 69.69 m - Coring site : North Crozet**  
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**Detailed description 1/7 : Sections 1 to 8**

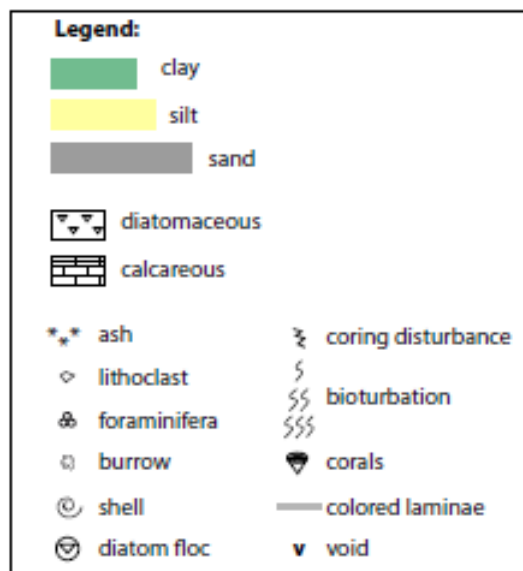
Diatom ooze with colour ranging from 10Y 9/2 in the upper part to 10Y 6/6 in the lower part.

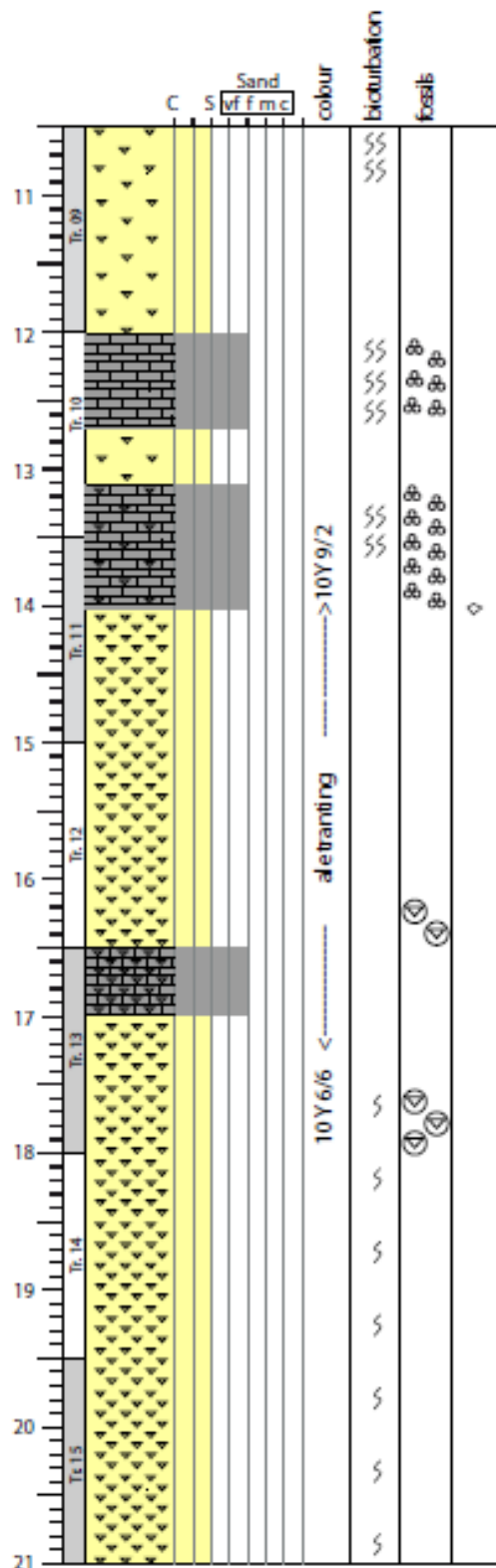
Two coarse grain intervals, the uppermost one including very coarse grains to gravels (dropstones) and foraminifera (otherwise rare to absent).

Diatom flocs common within the lower part of the interval.

Frequent colour changes induced by sulphide streaks and greenish cm-thick layers.

Rare burrows filled with sand-size material.





### Detailed description 2/7 : Sections 9 to 15

Diatomaceous-rich to diatom ooze (silt) of colour from 10Y 9/4 (foraminifera-rich) to 10Y 6/6.

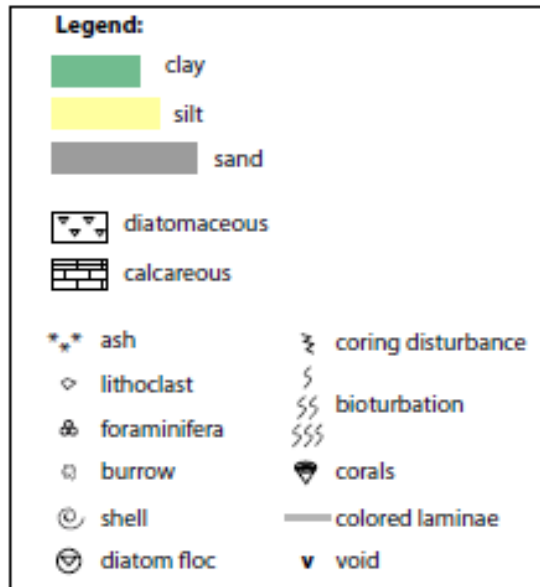
Moderately bioturbated throughout.

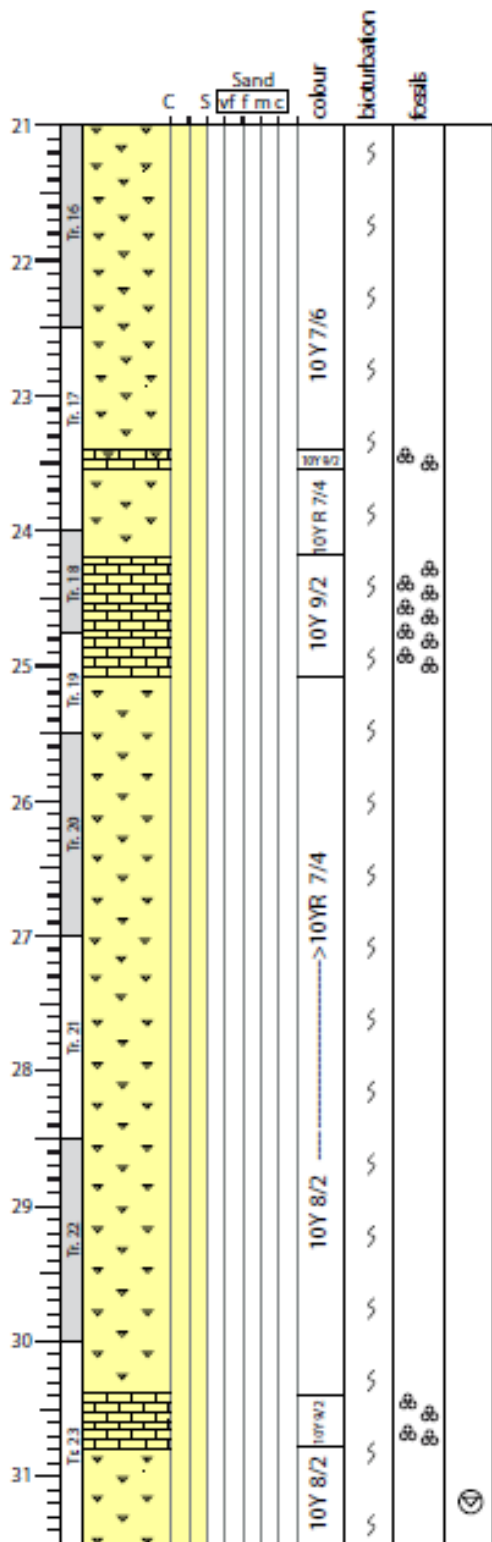
Three intervals of foraminifera-rich fine sand.

Diatom floes more abundant in the lower part of the interval.

Black (sulphide streaks) and green colour bands throughout.

Rare to common foraminifera throughout.





### Detailed description 3/7 : Sections 16 to 23

Foraminifera-bearing bioturbated diatomaceous silt, alternating with foram-bearing diatom ooze.

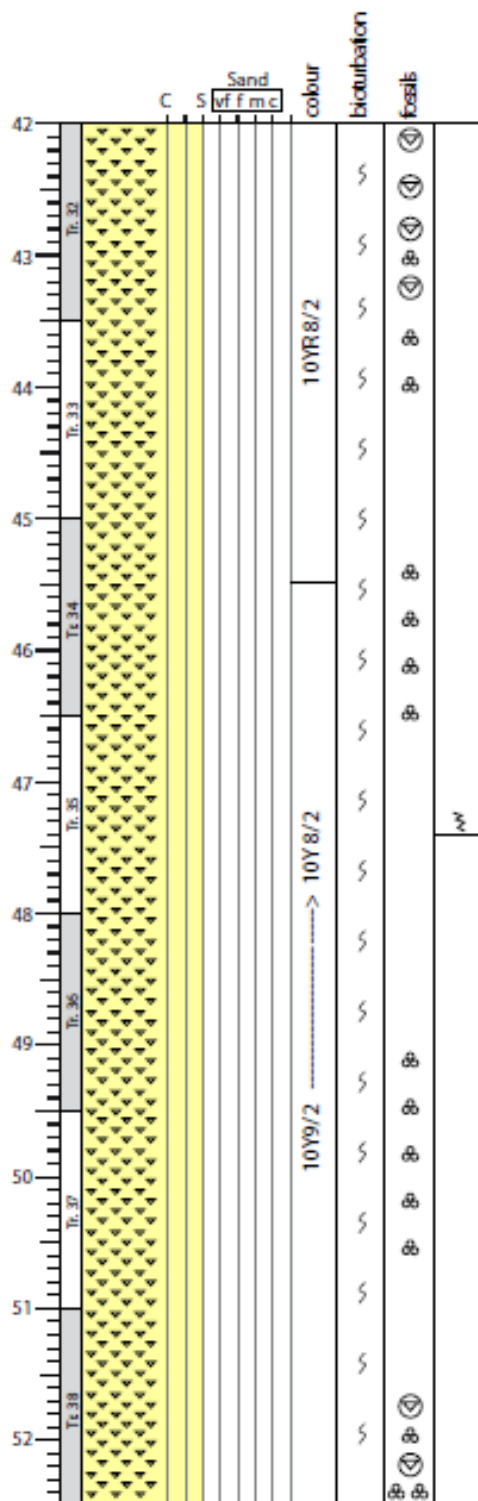
Three intervals of foraminifera-rich calcareous silt with gradual bottom and top boundaries at : 2342-2353 cm, 2418-2509 cm and 3042-3078 cm.

Frequent diatomaceous silt filling burrows within calcareous silt intervals.

#### Legend:

- clay
- silt
- sand
- diatomaceous
- calcareous
- \* \* \* ash
- ◇ lithoclast
- ⊗ foraminifera
- ⊖ burrow
- ⊙ shell
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### Detailed description 5/7 : Sections 32 to 38

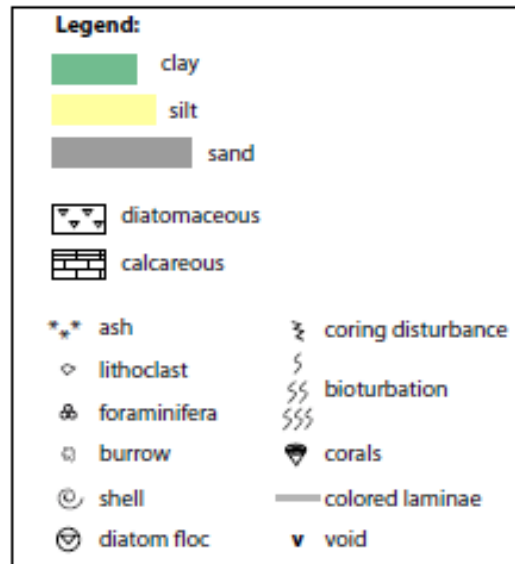
Diatom ooze (silt), bioturbated throughout with scattered occurrence of foraminifera.

Diatom flocs mostly concentrated in uppermost and lowermost part of this interval.

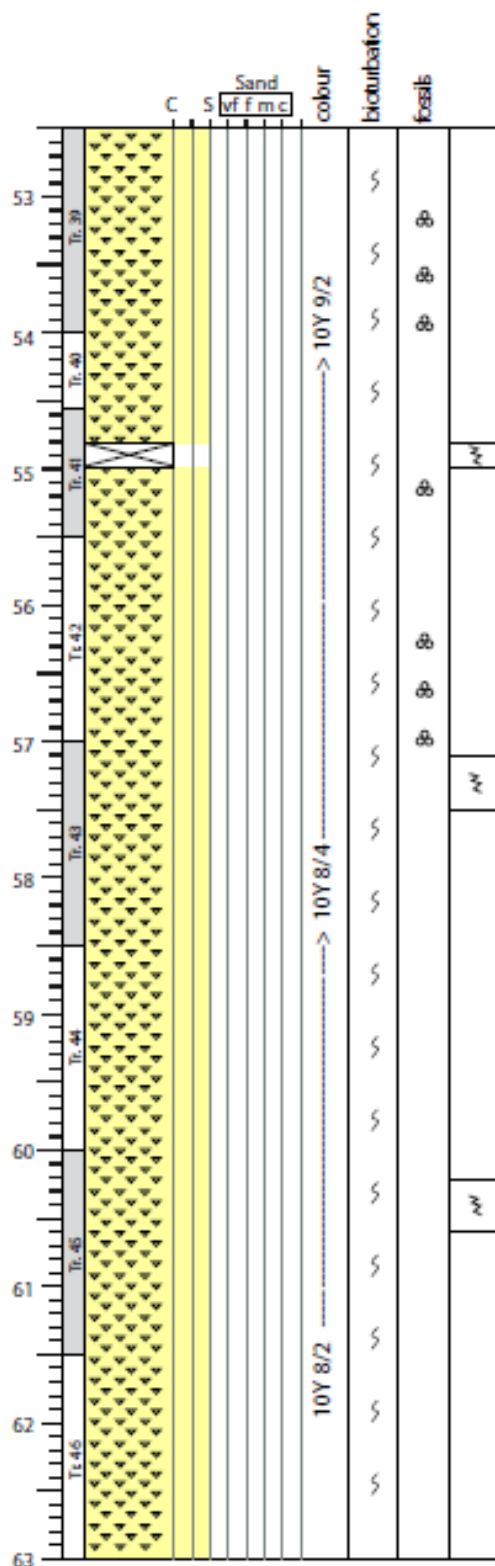
One sharp colour change at 4555 cm.

Colour ranges from 10Y 9/2 to 10Y 6/12.

One coring disturbance between 4720 and 4740 cm.







### Detailed description 6/7 : Sections 39 to 46

Homogeneous diatom ooze (silt).

Gradual colour changes from 10Y 9/2 at the top, to 10Y 8/4 to 10Y 8/2 at the bottom of the interval.

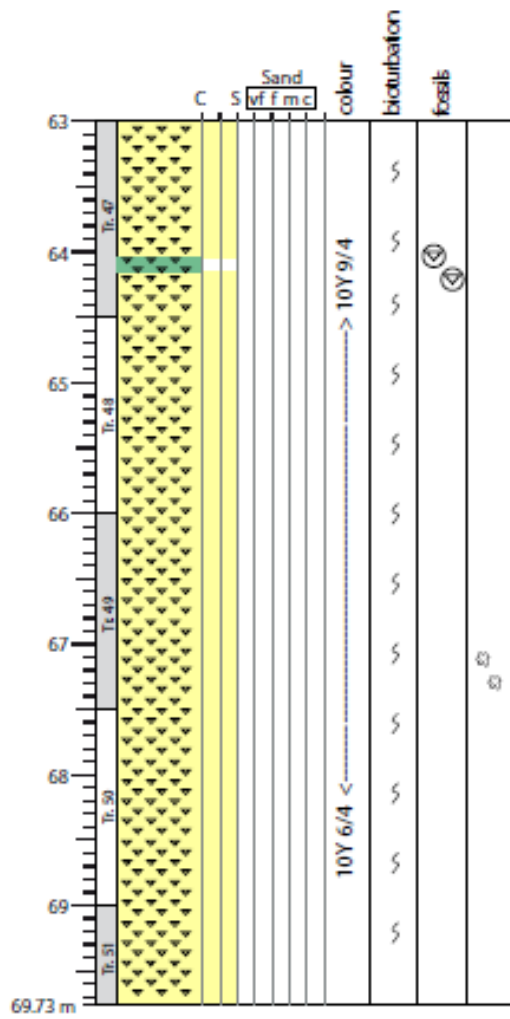
Foraminifera only present in the upper part of the interval.

Three coring disturbances at : 5480-5500 cm, 5710-5750 cm, 6020-6070 cm. The upper one is related to a void in section 41.

Frequent black (sulphide streaks) and green cm-thick bands throughout the interval.

**Legend:**

- clay
- silt
- sand
- diatomaceous
- calcareous
- ash
- lithoclast
- foraminifera
- burrow
- shell
- diatom floc
- coring disturbance
- bioturbation
- corals
- colored laminae
- void



### Detailed description 7/7 : Sections 47 to 51

Homogeneous diatom ooze (silt) with frequent sulphide streaks and greenish-coloured bands.

One clayey layer from 6405 to 6415 cm.

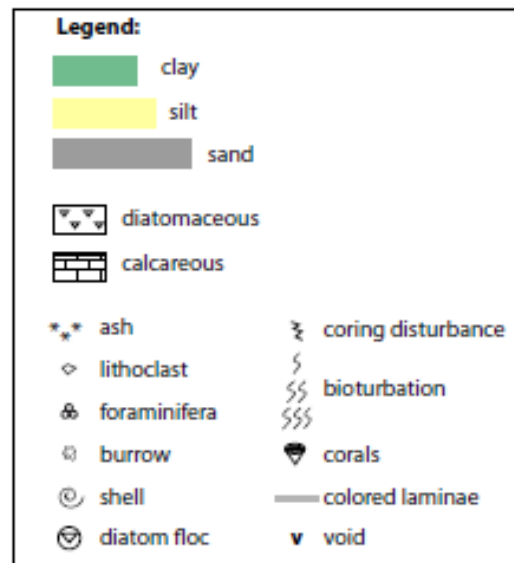


Figure 41. Synthetic log description of core MD19-3581.

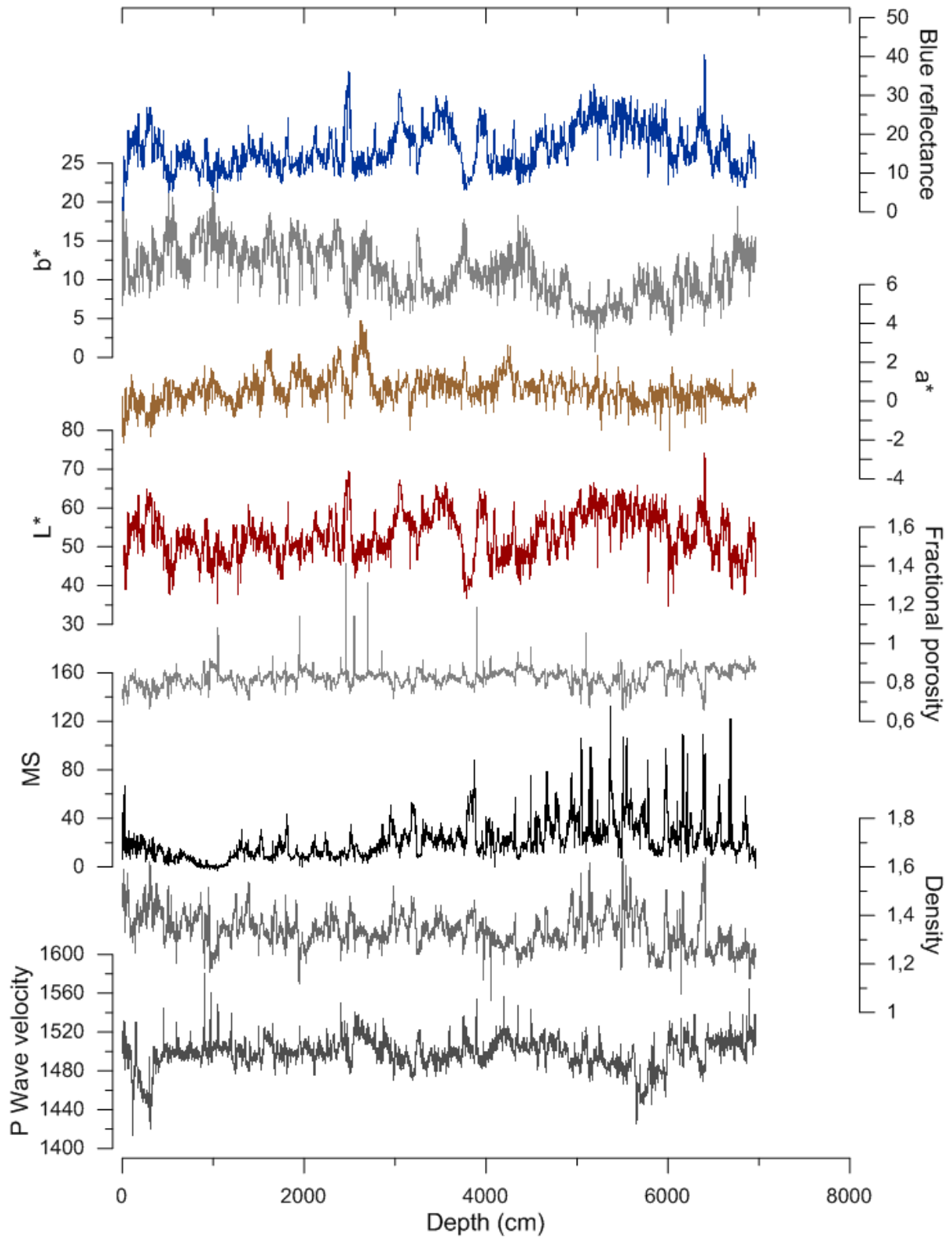


Figure 42. MD19-3581 data. From bottom to top: P Wave velocity (in m.s<sup>-1</sup>), Density (in g.cm<sup>-1</sup>), Mass specific susceptibility (in 10<sup>-8</sup> (m<sup>3</sup>.kg)), Fractional porosity, L\*, a\*, b\* and blue reflectance (mean 400-515 nm).

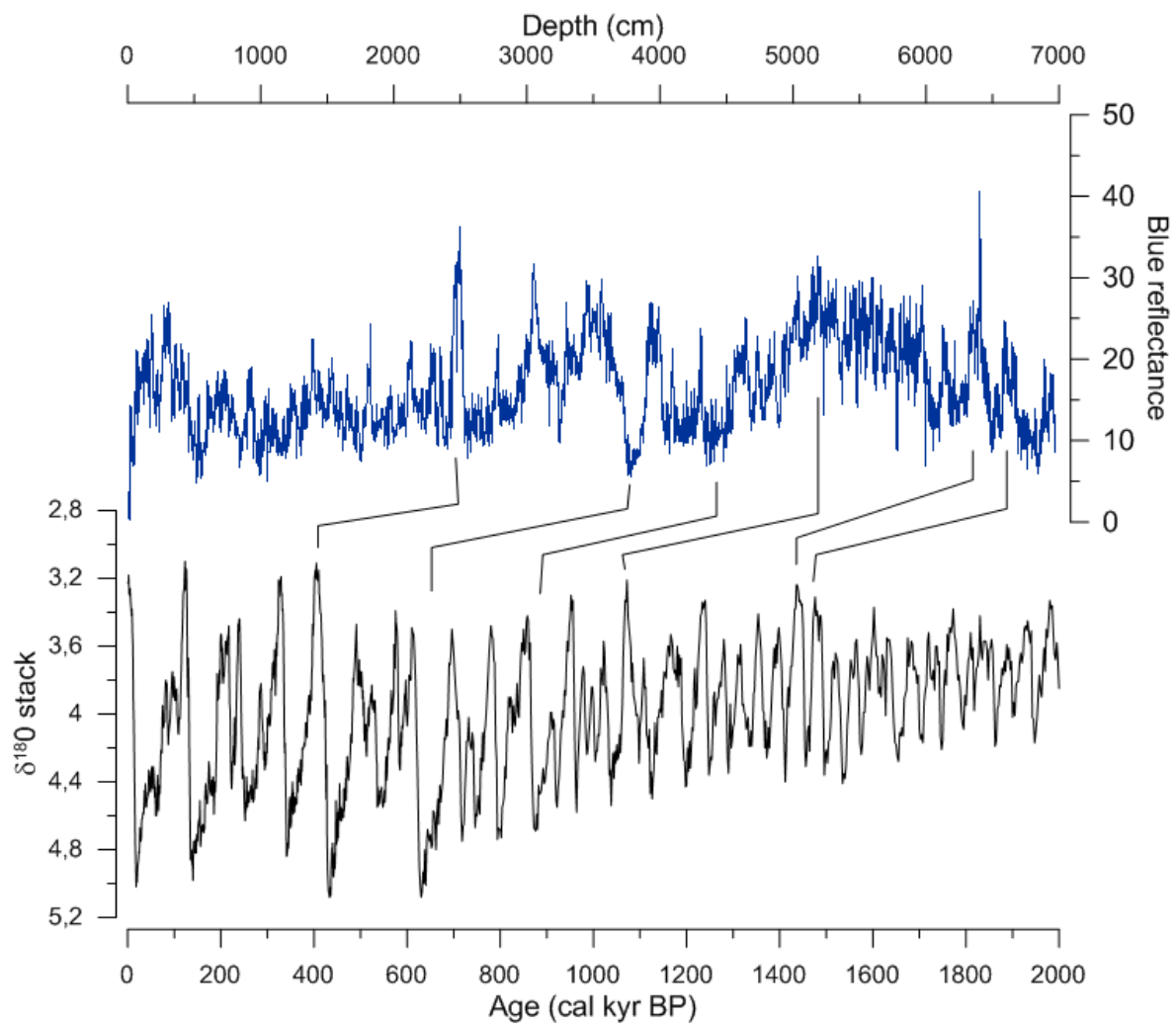


Figure 43. Preliminary chronology of core MD19-3581 based on the comparison of its color reflectance record to the reference  $\delta^{18}O$  stack record of Lisiecki and Raymo 2004.