Drilling / Core Processing

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Core Processing

FIELD

- Minimal subsampling
- Prepare cores for shipment
- Metadata capture
- Drilling feedback
- Fast multisensor logging?
- Stratigraphic correlation?

LAB

- Full team regroups, intensive work
- Full suite of analytical procedures
- Nondestructive analyses first
- All cores:
 scanning, description, sampling
- Permanent curation

••• Both phases demand commitment



Drilling

• Successive 3m cores: 2-3 sections

20m / day (70? 100?)

Two 12-hour shifts Shift changes at drill site

Field Core Handling

- Package / secure
- Orient
- Identify
- Subsample
- Data capture
- Drilling engineering

Goals:

Cores identified, oriented, and associated with loc/depth Core quality must not suffer in transit Provide coarse-res samples to science team immediately Optimize drilling progress



Package / secure

- drillers provide long (3m), open, core tube
- cut sections to < 150cm
- remove empty liner / close gaps
- cap and seal with tape
- bit/shoe sections into liner



Mid-core cut(s)

-Section L <150cm
-Gas expansion?

Scrap liner if nec

Treat as a section



Lithified Core: Hammer and chisel



Lithified Core

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Lithified Core

Prevent re-hydration of expanding clays

Drain fluids

Bit/Shoe Tap / scoop into core liner scrap Treat as a section





Orient

- UP arrows
- T and B labels
- Color-coded endcaps (blue = up)





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Identify

- Handwritten (labels scratch/peel)
- Minimal label on cap





Lithologic Description

requires drilling without liner
liners obscure lithology

Liners are critical





Sampling

- bit / shoe / corecatcher, section cuts
 - color
 - texture
 - smear slides
 - pore waters
 - small subsamples for rapid analysis post-drilling
- other locations for analyses requiring immediate sampling (e.g. biogeochem)
- drilling fluid additives
- capture sampling information in spreadsheets
- upload to database later

Metadata capture

- section lengths
- depth interval drilled (mbs)
- date + time
- drilling notes
- basic lithology
- drilling fluid additives
- core weights
- samples
- personnel

Metadata capture

- paper copy
- LacCore Drill Site Database
- standard formats

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- inexperience with soft sediment tools

Drilling Engineering Support

- recovery and quality feedback for each core
- check driller depth marks
- continuous communication for depth intervals
- drill tool selection
- bit selection
- corecatcher selection
- drill fluid additives

Downhole Logging

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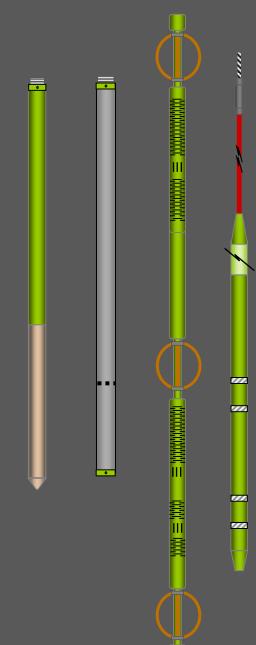
OSG Slimhole Tools

MS - Magnetic Susceptibility magnetic susceptibility

SGR - Spectrum Gamma Ray natural total GR; K, U & Th content

BS - Borehole Sonic sonic velocity, full waveforms

DLL - Dual Laterolog resistivity: deep & shallow

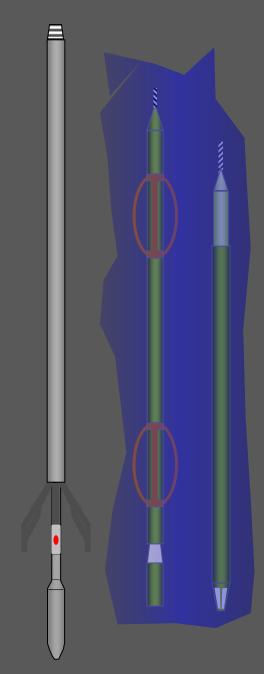


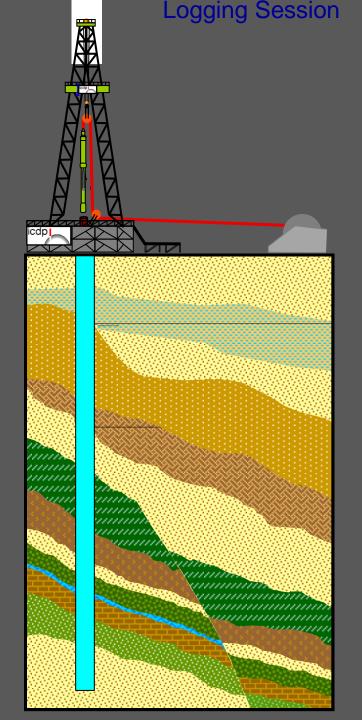
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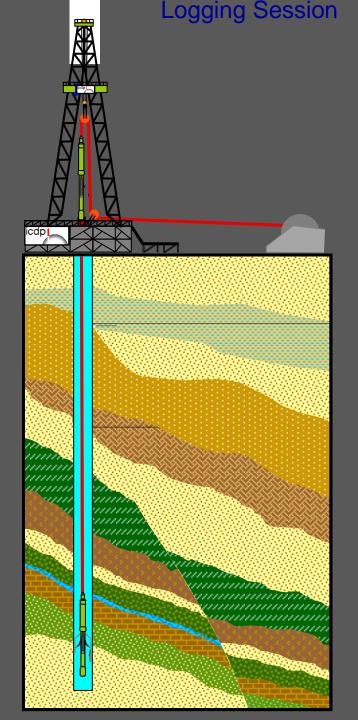
DIP - Dipmeter hole azimuth, deviation, caliper, structural dip, total magnetic field

FAC40 - Borehole Televiewer acoustical borehole wall images, hi-resolution caliper

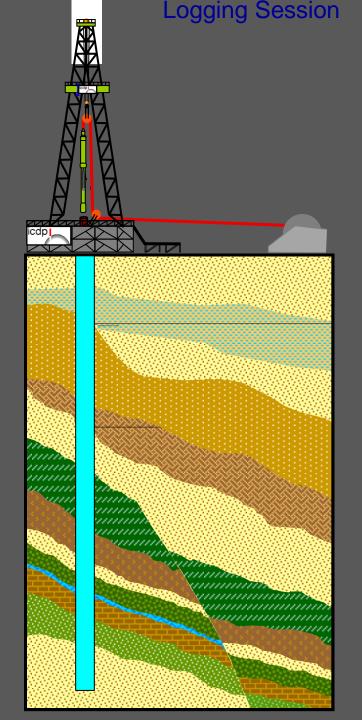
MP - Mud Parameters mud pressure, temperature & resistivity

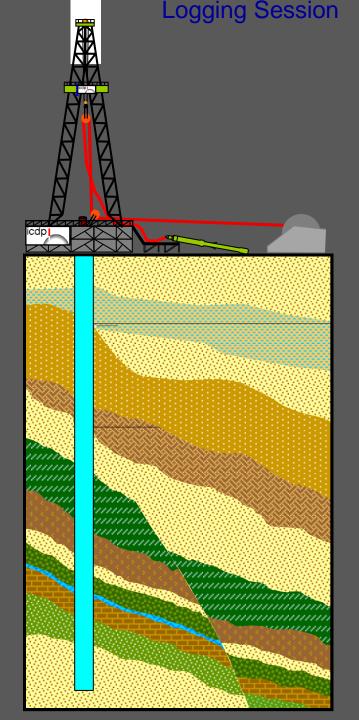


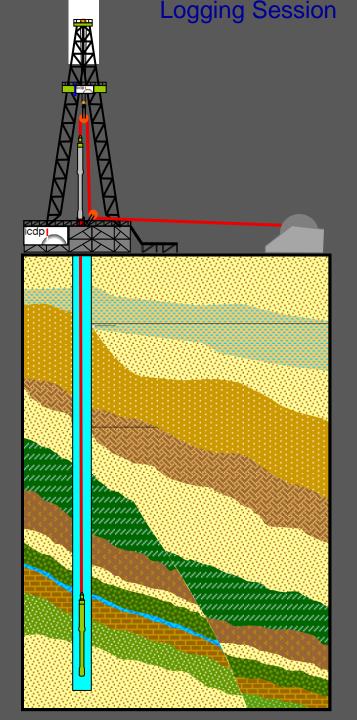




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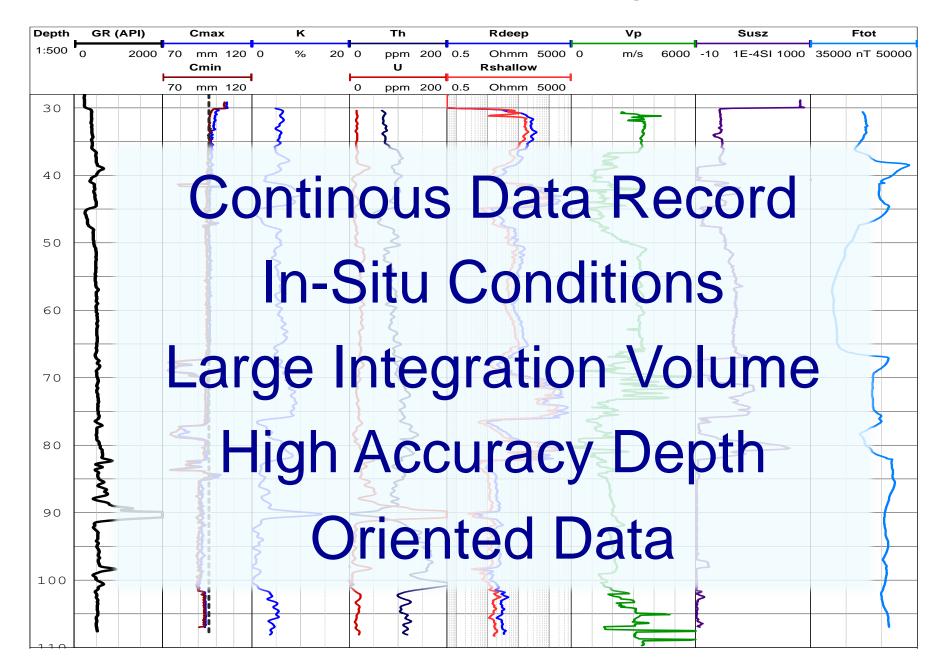




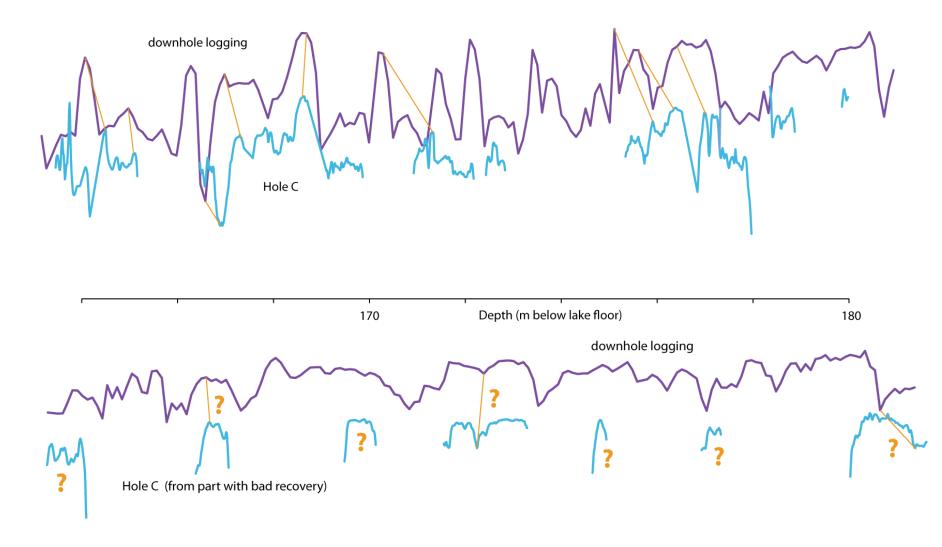


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Why downhole logs?



Match between MS and down hole logging MS



On-site Science



On-site Science: Multisensor Logs

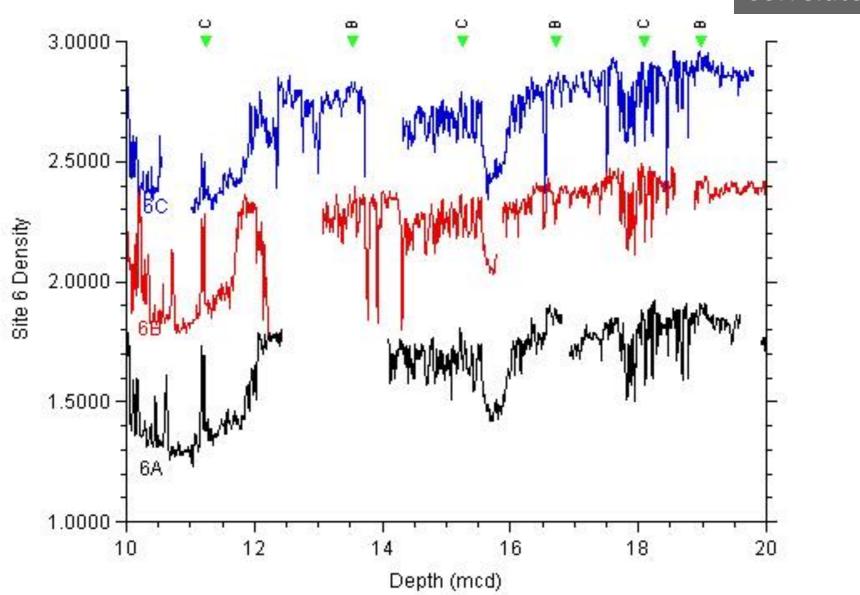
Magnetic susceptibility

- Fast, low-res, low-sensitivity
- Keep pace with drilling

Repeat logging in lab: high-res, high sensitivity

On-site Science: Stratigraphic correlation

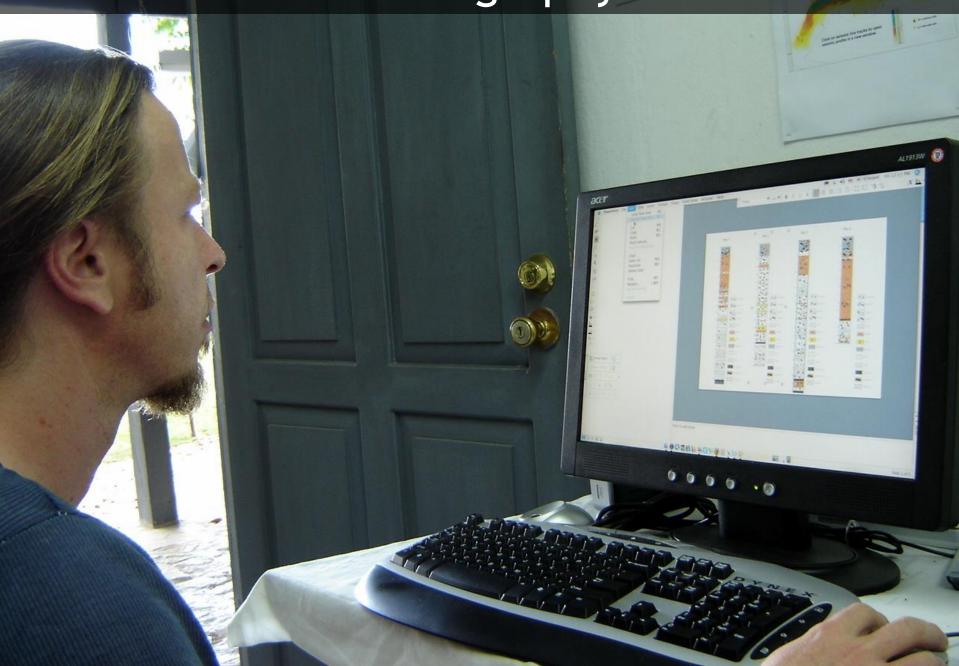
Correlator



Shore Science: Subsamples



Shore Science: Stratigraphy



Core Storage / Freight

On-site

- Reefer container
- Walk-in refrigerator
- Room with A/C
- Garage / shed / tent
- Shaded area

Freight

- Airfreight
- Reefer container
- Dry container

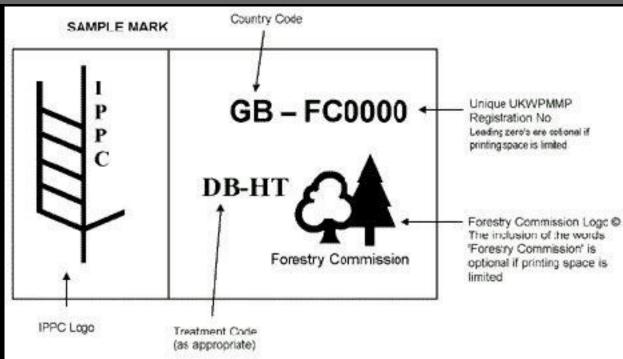
ISPM-15 certification





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- Heat Treatment
- Fumigation



2.1 Exemptions

The following articles are of sufficiently low risk to be exempted from the provisions of this standard:

- wood packaging made wholly of processed wood material, such as plywood, particle board, oriented strand board or veneer that has been created using glue, heat or pressure

Logistics

Housing and Personnel

- 1. Housing for 15+
 - a. 8 drillers
 - i. Drillers (2)
 - ii. Helpers (4)
 - iii. Supervisor (2)
 - b. 8 drill site scientists
 - i. Curators/Company Rep (2)
 - ii. Core handlers (4)
 - iii. Downhole loggers (2)
 - c. 1 lab scientist
 - i. MSCL / DB / core mgmt, smear slides, strat correlator (1)
 - ii. Manager?

Logistics

Fuel / Power

- 1. Drill rig: ~400-600L diesel / day (depending on rig)
- 2. Core reefer container
 - 1. 220V, 60A (15kW) hardwired, or
 - 2. 75-100L diesel / day
- 3. Vehicles (2-3): gasoline, diesel

Logistics

Housing and Personnel (cont.)

- 1. Meals: Breakfasts / dinners: 6a/8a, 6p/8p ? Lunches at drill site
- 2. Comms: mobile/satellite phones, radios (drill site, camp/hotel/lab)
- 3. Internet: USB modems, Inmarsat BGAN
- 4. Laundry: service
- 5. Waste disposal: garbage from drill site, toilet pit

Supplies

- Drilling contractor provides tubes and caps
- Tape, markers, pens, pencils, rags, brushes, buckets, core crates
- Sampling tools, sample containers, sampling supplies
- Hand tools: drills, drill bits, utility knives, pipe cutters, hack saws, chisels, hammers, cutting cylinders, screwdrivers, measuring tapes
- Core data sheets, clipboards, laptop
- Scale, temperature data logger
- Mobile / cell phones



Outreach



Outreach

Public / Local

- Neighbors: Individual meetings
- Community meetings
- Schools
- Museums

Public / Local to Global

- Newspapers
- TV stations: access, or footage. Documentary?
- Radio

Scientific Community

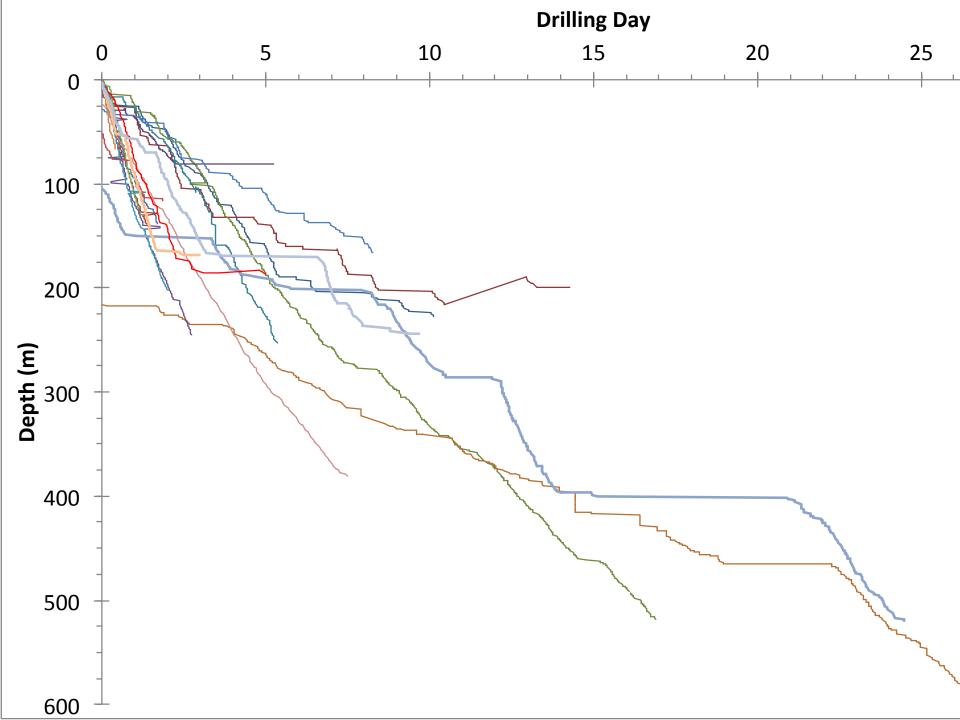
- Facebook page
- Twitter hashtags #HSPDP #ICDP
- Institutional news pages

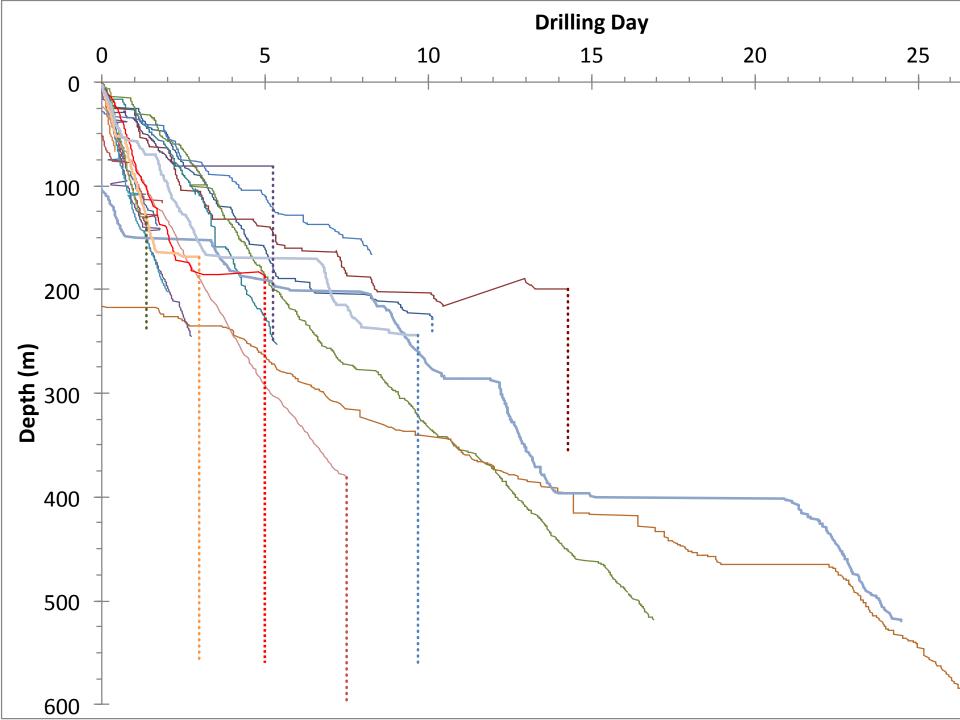
We can help design/execute!

Challenges

Shipping / Customs

- Logistics
- Equipment failure
- Communication
- Formation character
- Weather
- Politics





Core Freight

• Export permit

Surface vs Air

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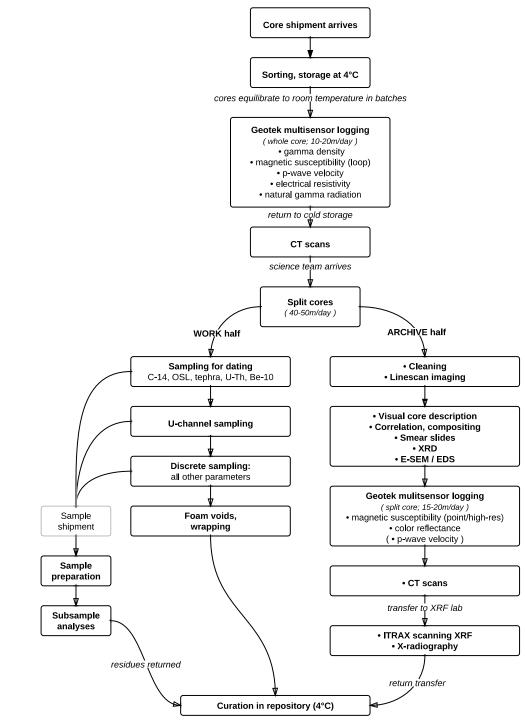
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Lab Core Processing Workflow

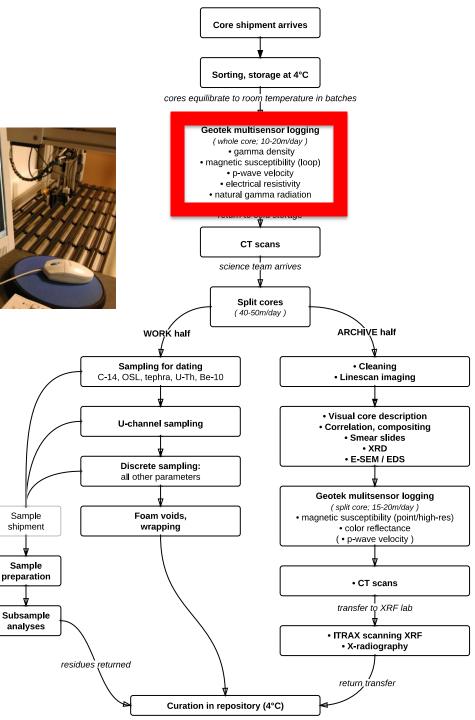
- Adaptable
- Proposal details ideal case
- Specifics determined postdrilling, prior to core party
- Recognize incompatibilities (e.g. OSL after XRF / XR / CT)

Goals:

Process all cores rapidly Nondestructive analyses first Prioritize chronology Distribute samples immediately Preserve sediment in tubes Manage data



Multisensor Logging

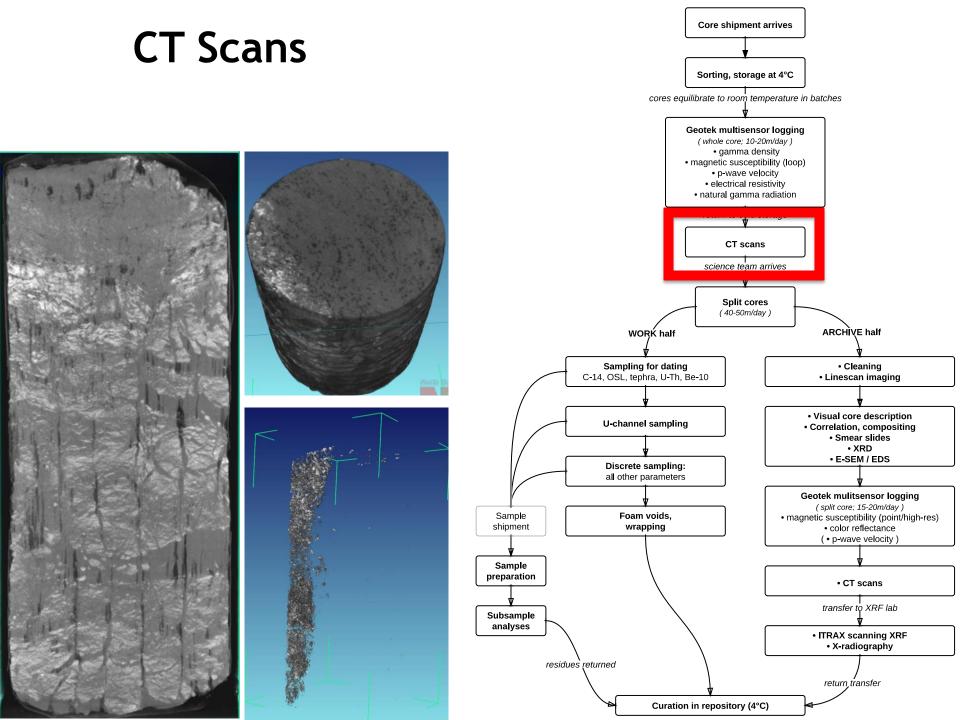


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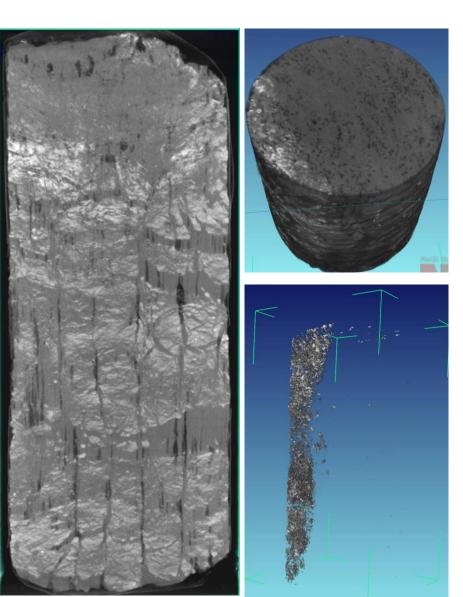
Sample

Geotek MSCL-S

- gamma density
- p-wave velocity •
- electrical resistivity •
- magnetic susceptibility (loop)
- natural gamma radiation



CT Scans



- Create 3D image of core contents
- Isolate / locate densities (components) of interest: dropstones, concretions, fish fossils, etc
- Slow
- Expensive
- Incompatible with OSL dating

Splitting

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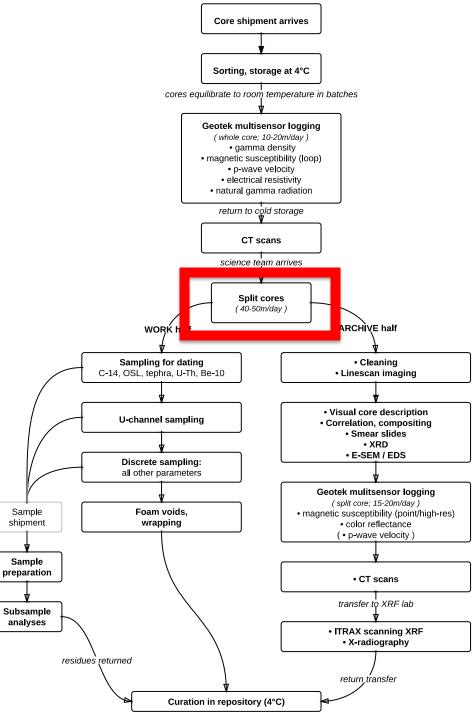
- Project scientists reconvene
- Split, describe cores
- 30-50m / 12 hr

Personnel: 6 to 12 (depending on sampling)

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Core Splitting Soft sediment





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- Cast saws score plastic tube
 - Blades vibrate: safer than other saws, routers, etc
- Finish cut by hand: utility knife
- Pass line through core

Core Splitting

Harder, drier sediment



- Band saw cuts core and liner in one pass
- Diamond-grit blade
- Aggressive core cleaning required
- Cores cannot be dry
- Use:
 - Evaporites
 - Peats
 - Dropstones
 - Desiccation surfaces
 - Concretions / nodules
 - Depths where line-cutting shatters sediment

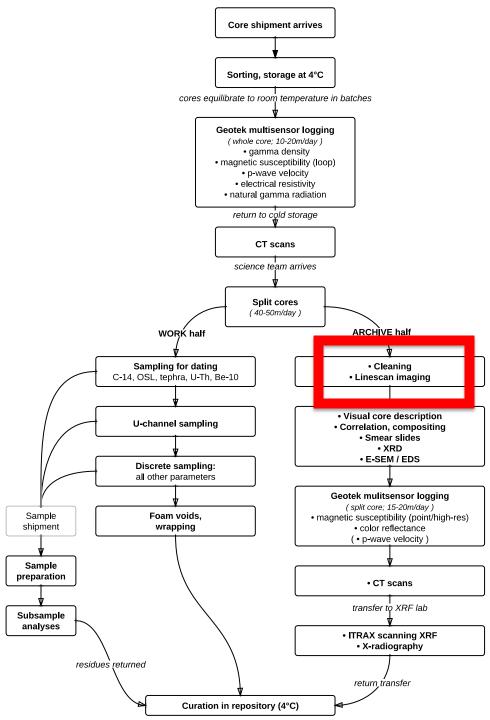
Core Splitting Dry / lithified cores

- Rock/tile saw cuts liner and core
- Air-cooled blades
- Water-cooled blades
- Use:
 - Dry / lithified cores

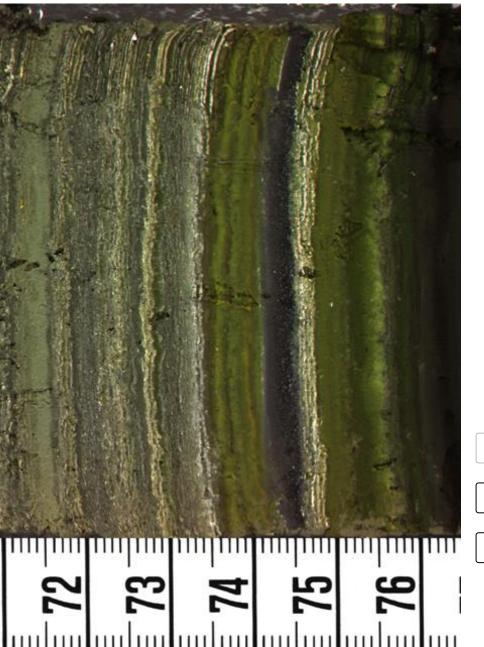


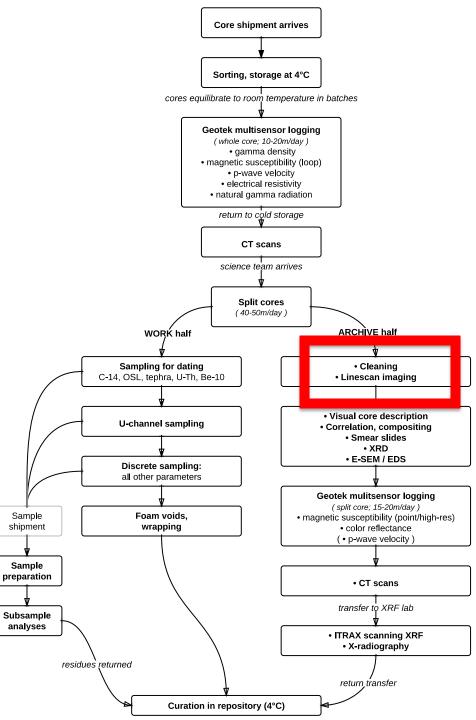
Cleaning

- Glass microscope slides, with corners rounded
- Scrape across core, parallel to bedding
- Wipe scraper on wet rag
- Spray lithified cores

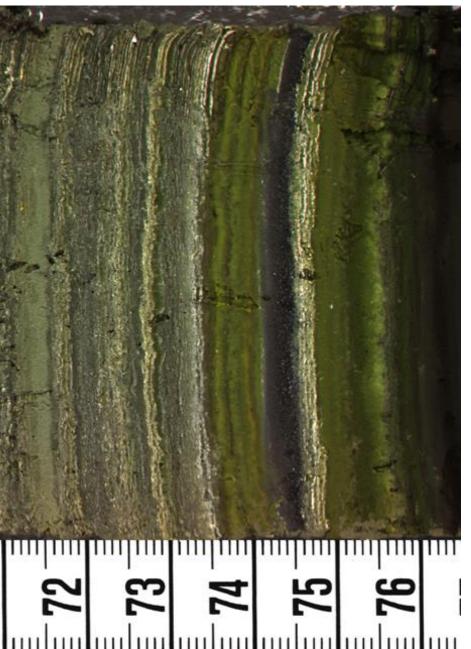


Linescan Imaging





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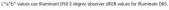


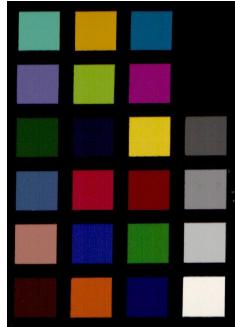
- 50 micron resolution
- Cross-polarized light: eliminate glare
- Permanent high-res record of fresh lithology
- Basis for descriptions and reference for all numerical datasets
- Calibrated color reference card in images permits post-processing to:
 - Equalize exposure across images
 - Calibrate color for accurate rendering

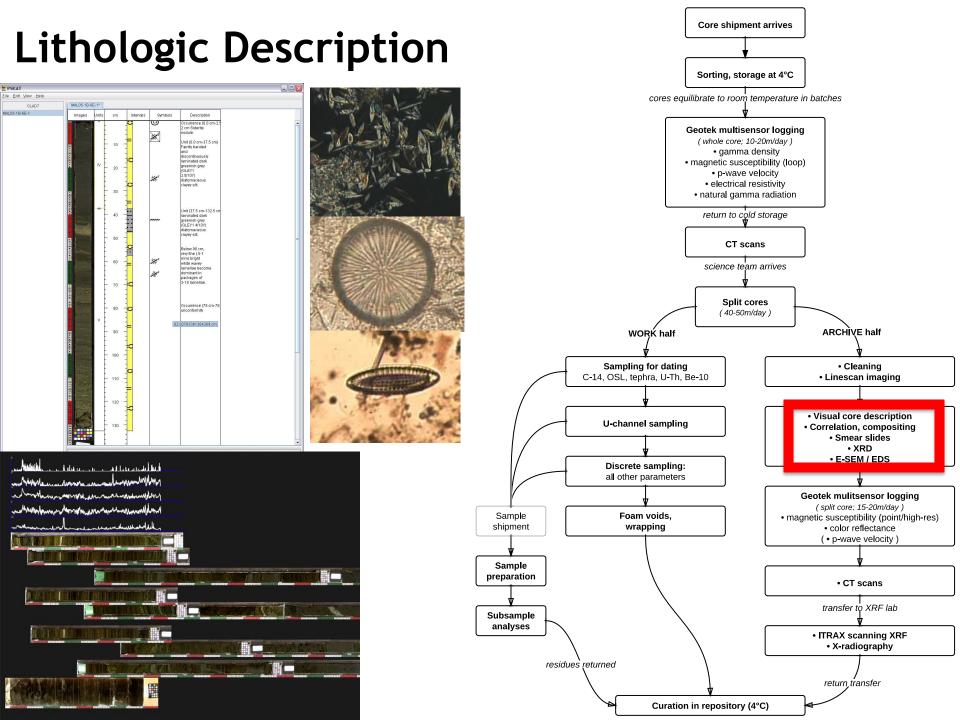
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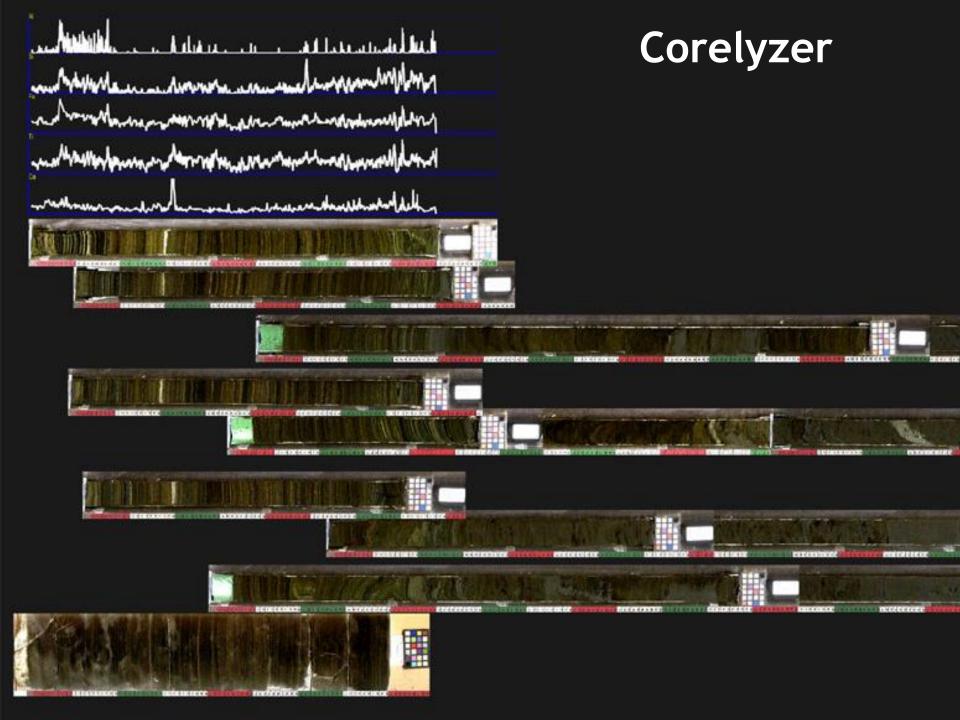
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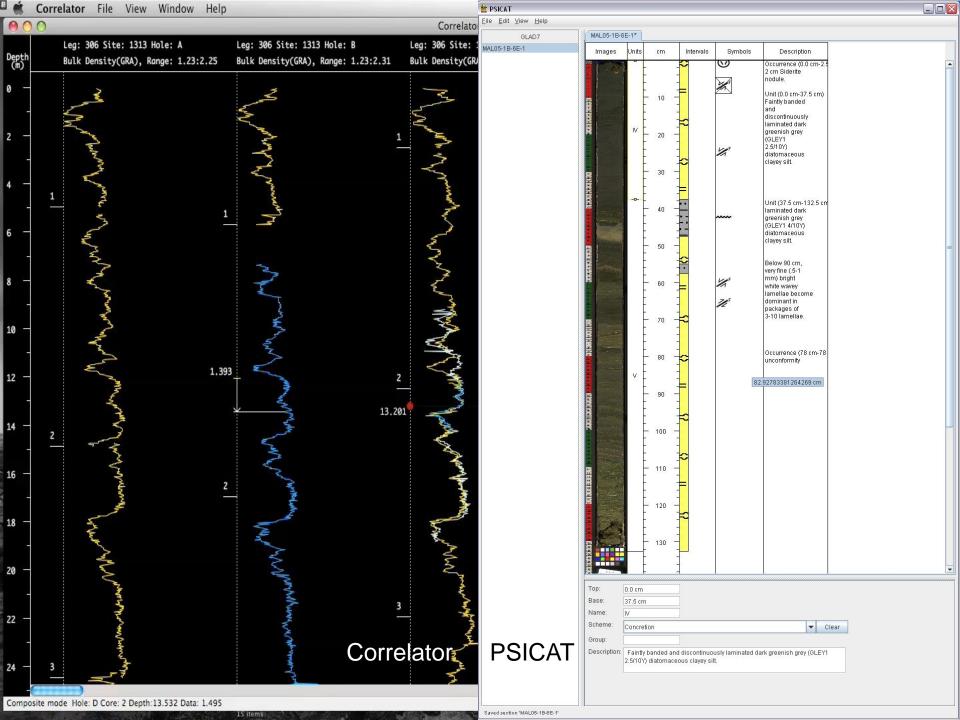
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3.	blue sky	98	122	157	49.927	-4.88	-21.925	4.3 PB	4.95/5.
4.	foliage	87	108	67	43.139	-13.095	21.905	6.7 GY	4.2/4.
5.	blue flower	133	128	177	55.112	8.844	-25.399	9.7 PB	5.47/6.
6.	bluish green	103	189	170	70.719	-33.397	-0.199	2.5 BG	7/1
7.	orange	214	126	44	62.661	36.067	57.096	5 YR	6/1
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15.	red	175	54	60	42.101	53.378	28.19	5 R	4/1.
16.	yellow	231	199	31	81.733	4.039	79.819	5 Y	8/11.
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18.	cyan	8	133	161	51.038	-28.631	-28.638	5 B	5/
19.	white (.05*)	243	243	242	96.539	-0.425	1.186	N	9.5
20.	neutral 8 (.23*)	200	200	200	81.257	-0.638	-0.335	N	8
21.	neutral 6.5 (.44*)	160	160	160	66.766	-0.734	-0.504	N	6.5
22.	neutral 5 (.70*)	122	122	121	50.867	-0.153	-0.27	N	5
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Tool for Microscopic Identification

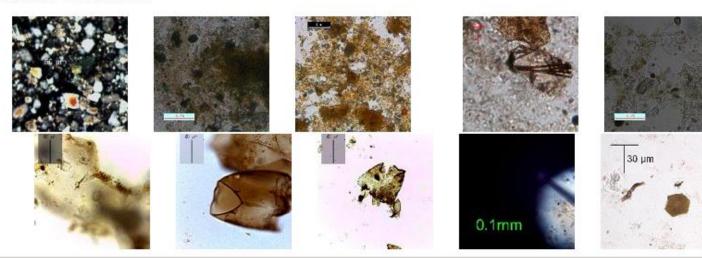
Smear slides are a simple and powerful tool for the characterization of unconsolidated sediment. Used as a part of visual core descripton, they provide a tremendous amount of information about past depositional environments, geochemistry and mineralogy, and flora and fauna.

TMI is designed to help the novice or expert identify sedimentary components as viewed in the polarizing light (petrographic) microscope, with reflected light as necessary. Our focus is on minerals and mineraloids, but the tool also briefly covers biological components that may be encountered while analyzing smear slides.

This resource grew out of the need for a lacustrine smear slide resource, but TMI includes many components that occur in marine sediments as well.

2011 GSA Poster and associated flyer

Random Components



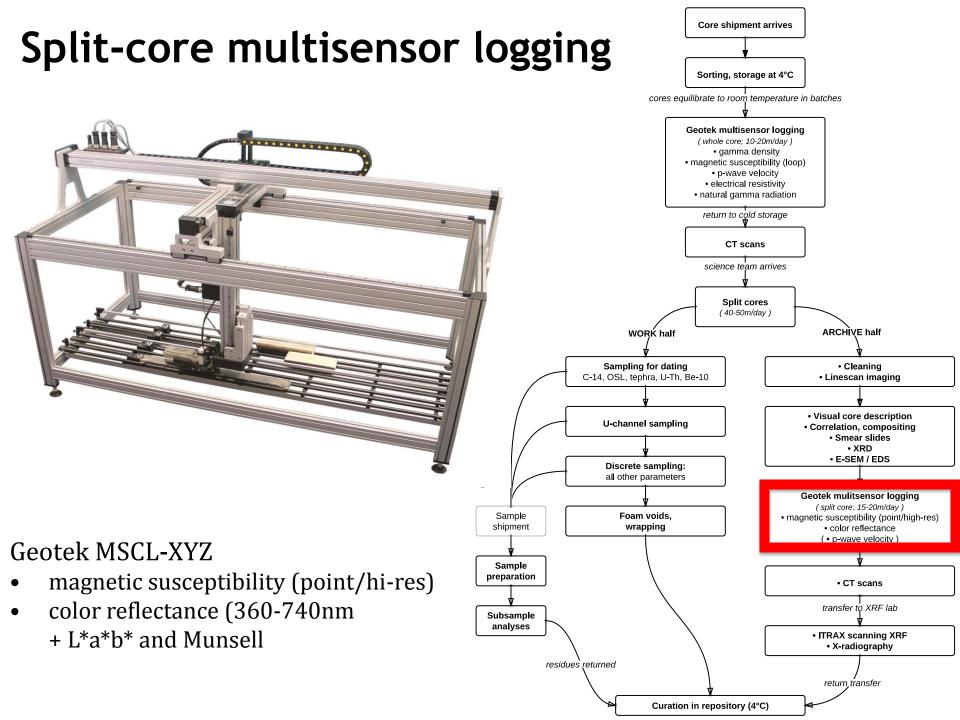
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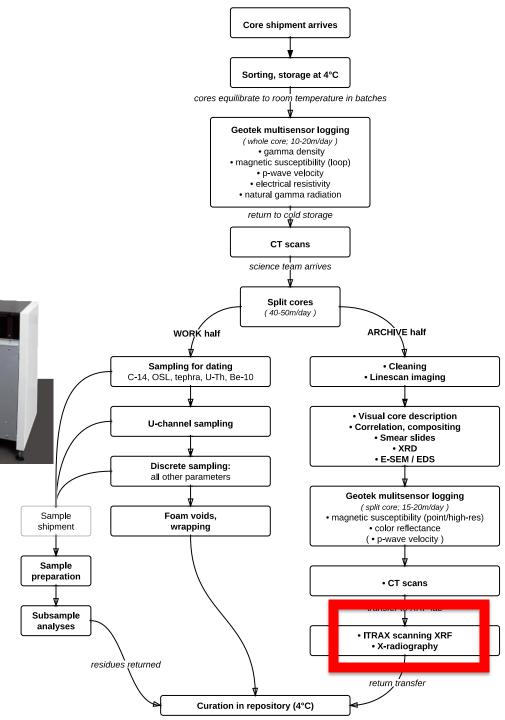
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Scanning XRF X-radiography

Cox ITRAX

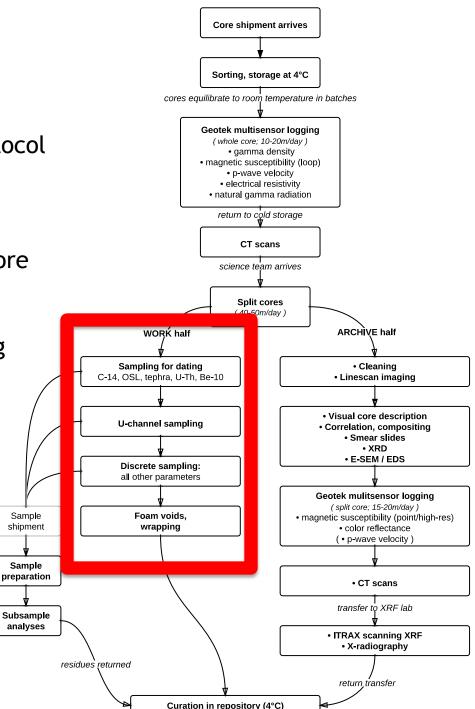
- Concentrations of most elements from Al to U at resolutions to 200 micron
- ~30 to 60 sec/sample interval
- X-radiography: 200 micron resolution; 30 minutes/meter



Sampling

Priorities:

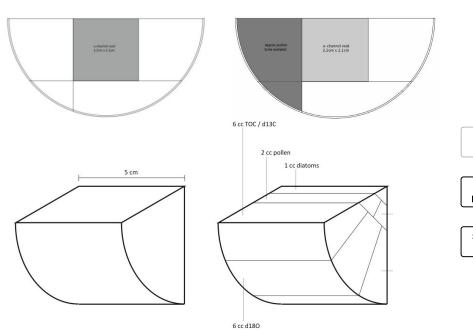
- 1) Meet analytical criteria / optimize protocol
- 2) Core preservation
- 3) Speed
- Establish preliminary sampling plan before drilling: all groups represented
- Revise plan as needed after post-drilling
- Prioritize as in workflow
- Ensure stratigraphic equivalence for paleoenvironmental proxies

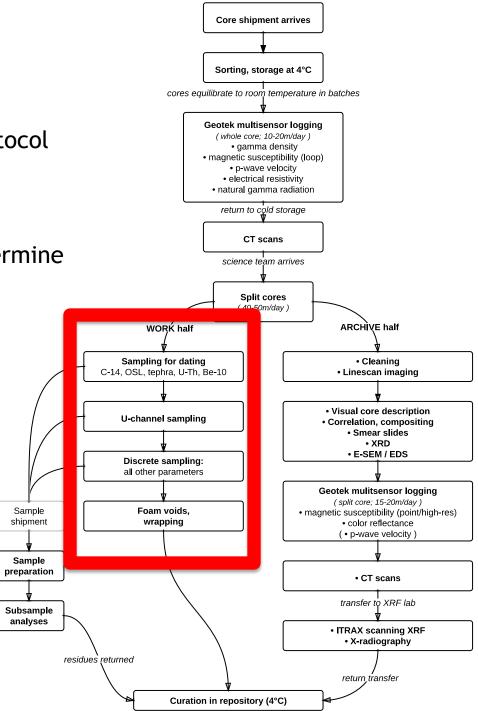


Sampling

Priorities:

- 1) Meet analytical criteria / optimize protocol
- 2) Core preservation
- 3) Speed
- Use minimum sed required; CCs to determine
- Tools (stainless steel):
 - Spatulas, scoops, syringes, discs
 - Sheet metal





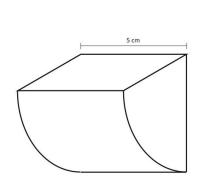
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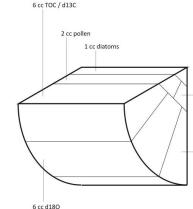
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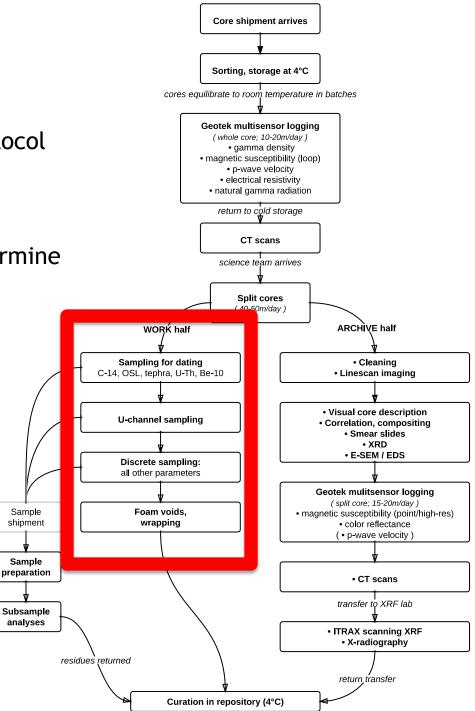
- 1) Meet analytical criteria / optimize protocol
- 2) Core preservation
- 3) Speed
- Use minimum sed required; CCs to determine
- Tools (stainless steel):
 - Spatulas, scoops, syringes, discs
 - Chisel, scroll saw, drill press
- Re-use sample residuals

Ex. p-mag > XRF > CNS,d13C,bSi

- Curate remaining core
- Foam voids

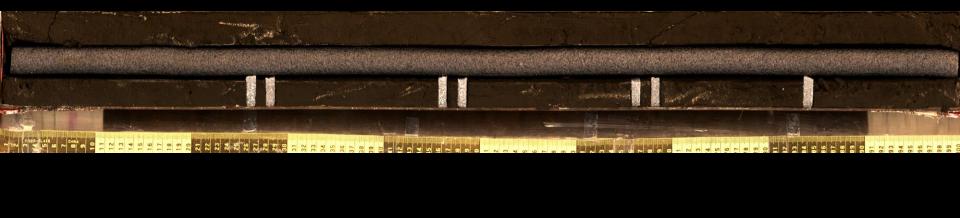






Stabilize sample voids

Backer rod (closed-cell PE foam)





Depths

Below section top

Database translates using section ID and metadata



Data Management

METADATA

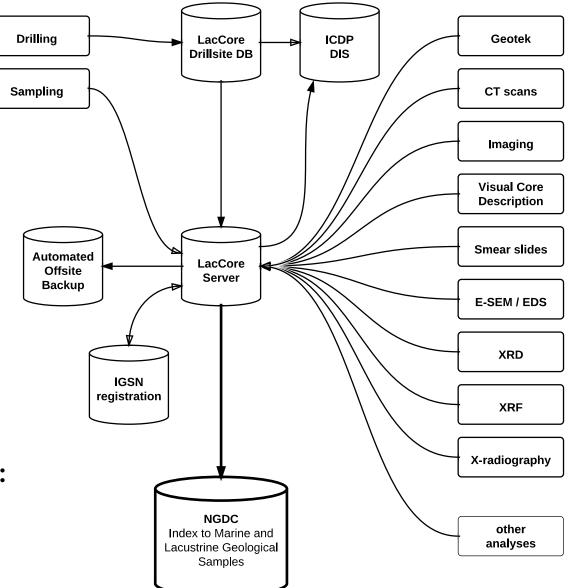
- Efficient
- Interoperable
- Secure
- Available
- Permanent

Fulfills funding agency data management requirements for:

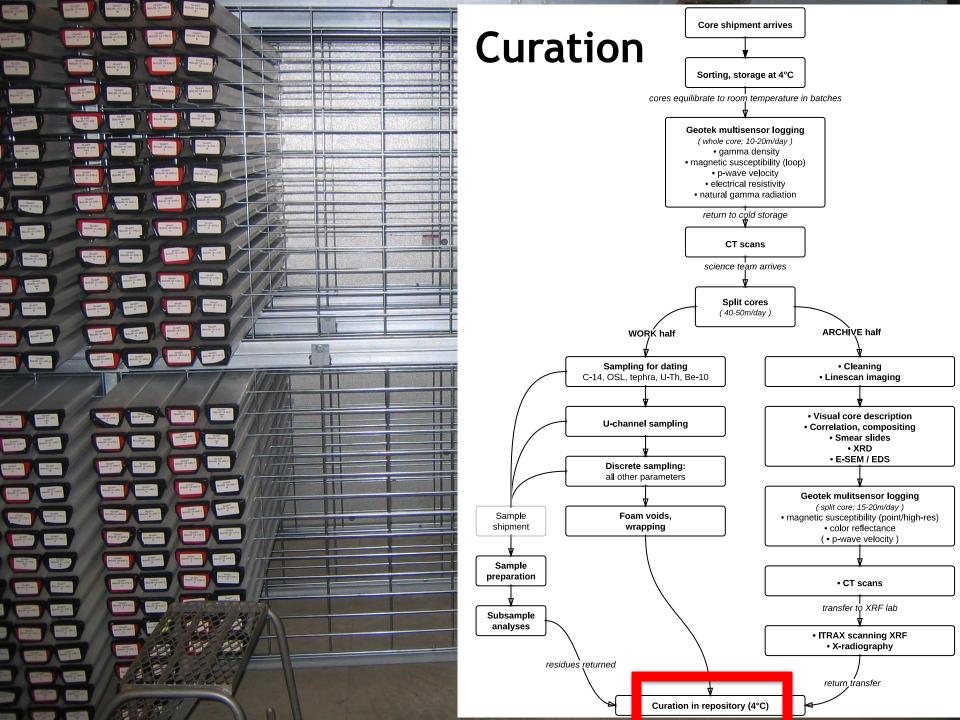
- metadata
- physical samples
- fundamental datasets

Publication datasets separate:

- NCDC
- PANGAEA



DATA



Supplies

Labels + printers + ribbons

Plastic film for wrapping cores (O₂, H₂0 barrier)
PVDC / polyvinylidene chloride: Krehalon CB100 46-gauge
LDPE (low-density polyethylene) films from food stores transmit water vapor and oxygen at rates 5x and 500x faster than PVDC

Plastic film (ultraclear), does not cling or wrinklePolyester Melinex 462 200-gauge

D-tubes + caps

- Polystyrene, IODP tubes
- For physical protection only
- U-channels
 - Polystyrene—sediment dehydrates rapidly

Tape

- Polyethylene for u-channels
- PVC for Dtube endcaps

Coldroom and racks

Temperature monitors / alarms: Prevent subfreezing temperatures

Labels

Attach metadata to the core

LacCoreID: HYBLA-HVW12-1A-9H-2-W

OrigiD: Hybla9 Run 9 C



M.Pavich/J.Smoot/R.Litwin/H.Markewich

[SectionIDLacCore],OrigID,[SectionIDOriginal],IGSN,[SectionIGSN],Loc,[Locati onName],Lat,[Latitude],Lon,[Longitude],Elev,[Elevation],WaterD,[WaterDept h],SedD,[SedimentDepthTop]-[SedimentDepthBottom],PI,[ScientistFirstInitial].[ScientistLastName]/[additio nal names separated by slashes if applicable];

Labels

Zebra ZM400 printer Z-Ultimate 2000T thermal transfer labels Zebra 5095 resin ribbon

- Labels won't tear, scratch, dissolve
- Remain viable in subfreezing, wet, saline environments

Barcode: QR Code 2D

- Maximum possible number of alphanumeric characters
- Best readability on uneven / curved surfaces and with damaged codes

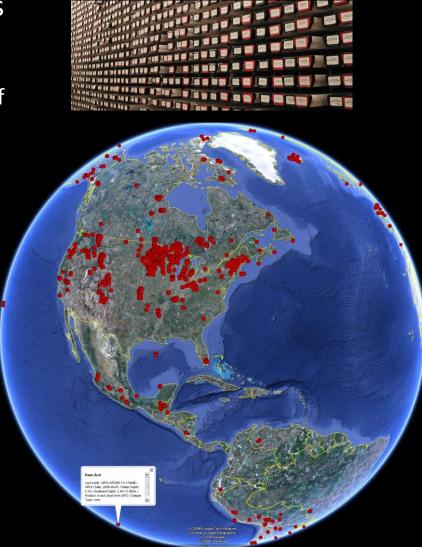
Curation

Sharing requirements: Data/Samples

"For those programs in which selected principle investigators have initial periods of exclusive data use, data should be made openly available as soon as possible, but no later than two (2) years after the data were collected."

-- NSF Division of Earth Sciences Data Policy http://www.nsf.gov/geo/ear/EAR_data_policy_204.pdf

Data Discovery



Curation

Sample Requests

Is the analysis experimental?

• Test with a preliminary set of samples

What is the minimum sample volume / mass?

• How is this assessed?

Avoid depleting entire intervals

Preserve sediment in the core as long as possible

• Provide stratigraphic context for new samples

Take the long view

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