







2nd Leg Station :13 Site : USGS 15th operation

Day: 09/07/02 GMT time: 19:36 Latitude: 27°47.00 N Longitude: 91°29.94 W Water depth: 602 m Location: Bush Hill Basin

Core Number: **MD02-2554** Corer type: Calypso II core

Corer length: 35.93 m Core length: 31.05 m

Observations

Corer condition: Good

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Sections and Sampling

Number of sections recovered and conditions:

21 sections of 1.5 m recovered, the last section measures 115 cm, 10-cm long sections were taken on every section, 5 sections of 20 cm were also taken

Onboard sampling and post cruise processing:

- Both the working and archive halves will be stored at Texas A&M University
- the 10 cm sections were taken for pore water analysis, (microbiology, and SO₄-, Cl⁻, CH₄, Cl, DIC) (MBARI, Univ.Tokyo)
- 1 bag of core top sediment was taken
- X-ray microtomography will be processed post cruise from 800 cm to the end of the core
- MST magnetic susceptibility, gamma ray attenuation and p-wave measurements were made downcore, at a resolution of 2 cm. Colour measurements were taken every 2 cm.
- USGS core measurements and activities: Elec. Resist; Vane Shear, water content, (USGS-WH), Headspace Gas (USGS-Menlo Park), Thermal conductivity (Univ.Victoria), structure (ODM, PNNL)

Summary of physical and sedimentological observations:

Dominant lithologies: 0-600 cm, greenish to dark greenish gray silty clay with coccoliths and foraminifers. Bioturbation slight, black streaks common along some intervals. 600-1200 cm, dark greenish to brownish clay without visible foraminifer. 1200-3105 cm laminated dark greenish gray clay with little bioturbation. Lot of voids due to gas expansion and gas pockets. Rare to absent foraminifers.

Minor lithologies: None