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Abstract

The main operations of Endeavor Cruise EN-085 (May 27 - June 8, 1982) were conducted within the Hatteras Abyssal Plain study location E-N3 located between 31000 -34° 00'N; 69° 00' - 73° 00'W. Additional operations were carried out within the study location E-N2 situated on the lower continental rise (36° 00' - 37° 00'N; 71° 00' 72° 30'W). In total, 2471 track km of 3.5 kHz subbottom acoustic profiles were obtained. Within E-N3 location, 3 piston cores, 2 sphincter cores, 2 gravity cores and 4 boomerang cores were attempted; one current meter mooring (CMME-2) was recalled and 2 current meter moorings (CMME-4 and CMME-5) were installed; and 6 pogo camera lowerings, 7 CTD with transmissometer lowerings and 3 pinger probe lowerings were carried out. In addition, an unsuccessful attempt was made to retrieve components of instrumented mooring CMME-3.

In route between study locations E-N3 and E-N2, one CTD with transmissometer lowering was carried out within the lower continental rise hills province. One current meter mooring (CMME-6) and one Bottom Ocean Monitor were deployed; one CTD with transmissometer lowering was carried out, and one piston core was attempted within E-N2 study location.

Introduction

R/V Endeavor departed from Narragansett, Rhode Island at 1337Z (GMT) on May 27, 1982. Sampling occurred at 10 station locations, within the Hatteras Abyssal Plain study area and lower continental rise steps province (E-N3) (Figs. 1, 2, and 3). Areas of interest had been previously identified and investigated during Endeavor cruises EN-053 (7/26-8/15/80), EN-069 (6/19-7/4/81) and EN-071 (8/8-8/18/81). One sampling station was located in the lower continental rise hills province between E-N3 and E-N2 study locations (Figs. 2 and 3). Within the E-N2 study location sampling was concentrated around one station location (Fig. 4 and 5).

The various operations carried out during EN-085 are described in Table 1 and a summary of samples collected is presented in Table 2. EN-085 ended in Woods Hole, Massachusetts at 0930Z on June 8, 1982.

Cruise participants are listed in Table 3.

Results

Bottom Ocean Monitor

A Bottom Ocean Monitor (instrumented tripod) was installed within the E-N2 study area at station location H (Fig. 5; Table 4). The tripod consists of a nephelometer, a current meter, and a 35 mm time-lapse camera (Fig. 6). The system will be recalled in the spring of 1983.

Camera

Six camera lowerings were undertaken using a Benthos 371 "Pogo" camera and Kodak Plus-X (black and white) and Kodak Tri-X (black and white; one lowering) 35 mm film. Only one roll of 36 exposures taken at station

Table 1. Information Collected During EN-085

TYPE OF OBSERVATION

PURPOSE

Bottom Ocean Monitor

Time-lapse photography of seafloor joined with light scattering and current velocity time series to monitor the influence of near-bottom currents and organisms in the stability of the seabed.

Camera

Assess influence of bottom currents; determine presence or absence of epibenthic fauna.

CTD

Provide detailed vertical profiles of temperature, salinity, oxygen and silicates to assess water mass distribution, characterize nepheloid layer and trace advected mixed layers.

Current Meter

Determine vertical velocity profile in water column; determine coherence of circulation patterns.

Free-Fall Cores

Provide sample of surface sediments.

Gravity Core

Provide sediment samples to determine geological and geotechnical properties.

Pinger Probe

Provide record of detailed acoustic response of

seafloor sediments.

Piston Core

Sediment samples of up to 8 m in lengths to determine sedimentation rates, geophysical properties.

Sediment Trap

Define downward and upward fluxes of particles in water column. Characterize energy input to benthic ecosystem and determine if buoyant particles could provide potential "short circuit" across water column.

Seismic Survey

Seismic profiles to allow interpretation between cores and identify possible areas of erosion.

Silicates

To map distribution of deepwater masses.

Sphincter Core

High quality sediment samples to assess lateral uniformity of sediments.

Suspended Matter

Samples to calibrate transmissometer.

Transmissometer (moored)

Provide time-series record of near-bottom light transmission to assess temporal variability of the nepheloid layer.

Transmissometer
 (wire-lowered)

Provide detailed vertical profile of light transmission to chart the nepheloid layer.

Time sequence (GMT) of operations during EN-085 in study areas E-N2 and E-N3. Bottom Ocean Monitor; Camera; PP: Pinger Probe; FFC: Free-fall Core; PC: Piston Core; Current Meter with Sediment Trap Mooring; SC: Sphincter Core; Refer to figures 2 - 5 for station locations (BOM: Gravity Core) CMME: CAM:

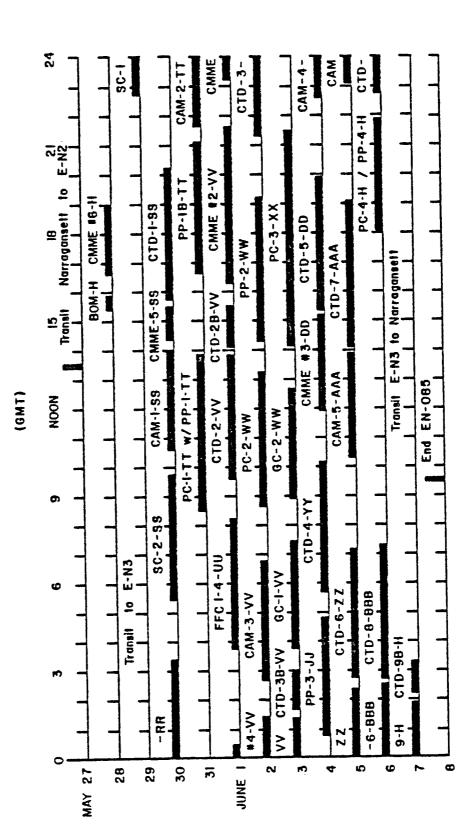


Table 3. Scientific Staff on EN-085

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Steve Dickson Coring/Watch

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Ann Isley

Suspended Matter/Watch URI

Mary Baker

Watch URI

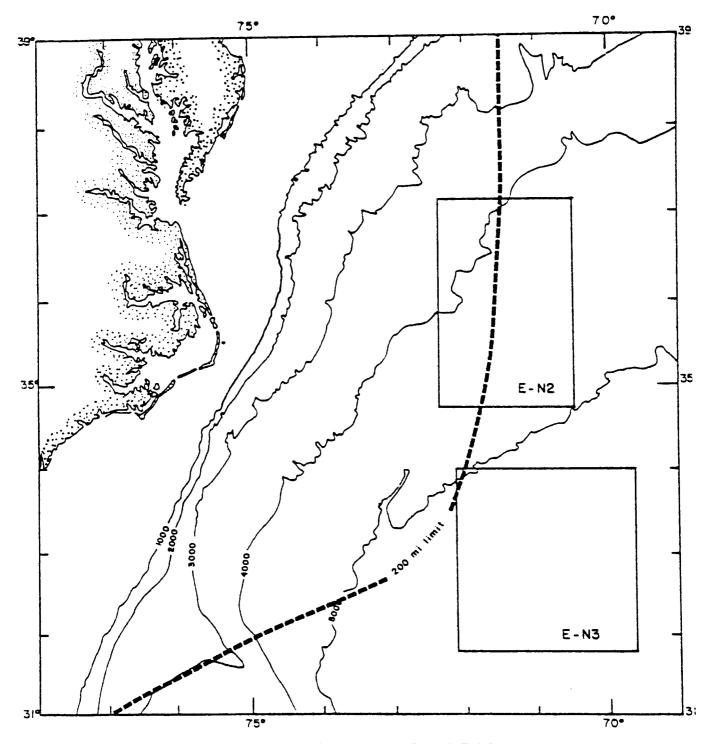


Figure. 1 Position of Study area E-N2 and E-N3 in relation to the coastline and 200 mile limit.

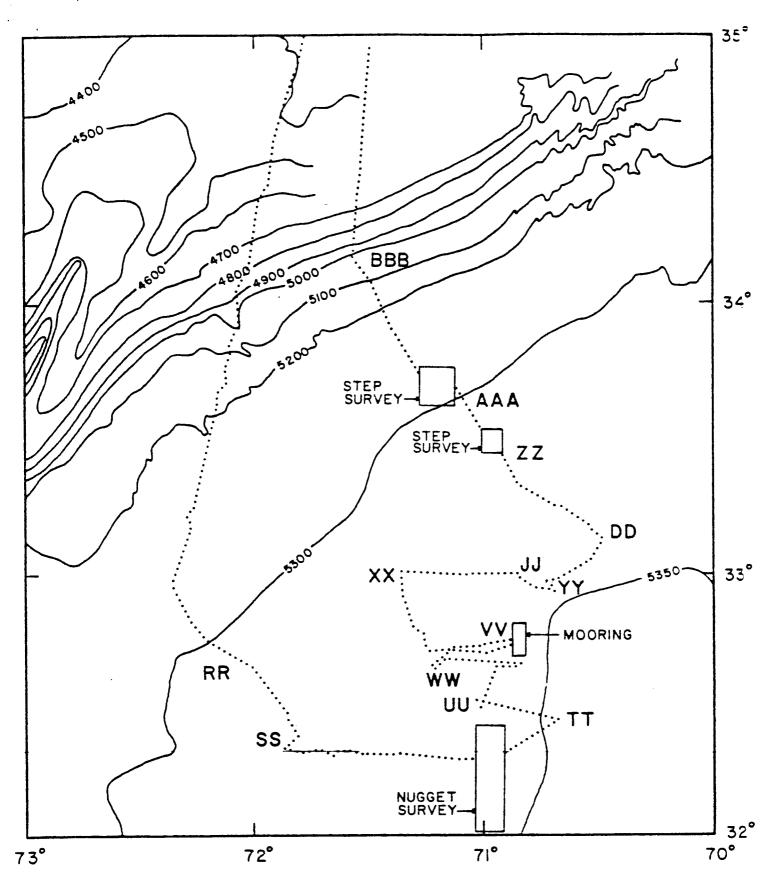


Figure. 2 Study area E-N3; EN-085 track lines (dotted) and station locations (letters).

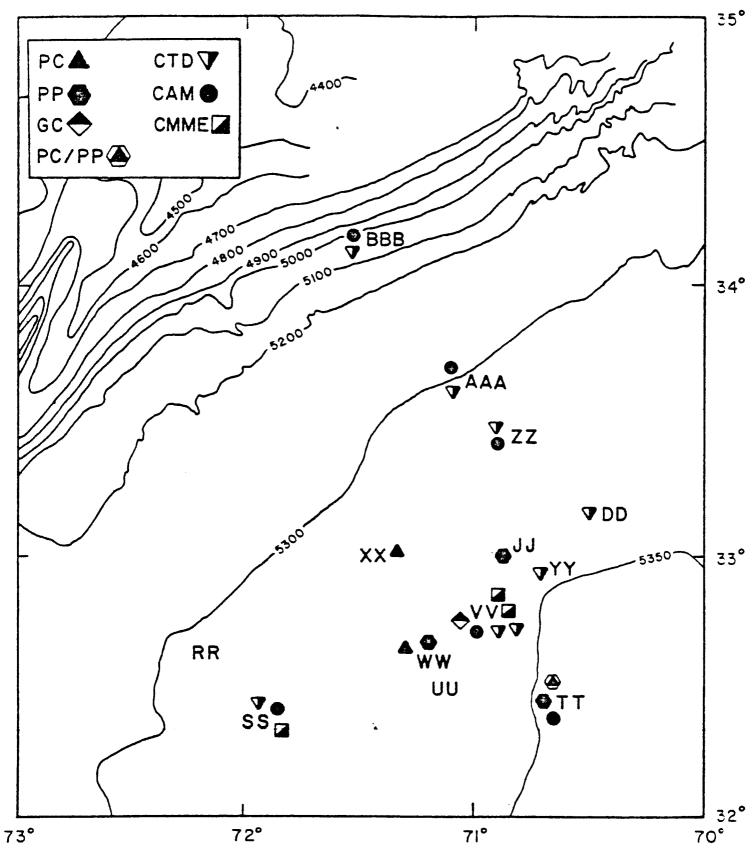


Figure. 3 Study area E-N3 showing EN-085 station locations (letters) and station operations (PC: Piston Core; PP: Pinger Probe; GC: Gravity Core; CAM: Camera; CMME: Current meter and sediment trap mooring). Bathymetric contours are given in meters.

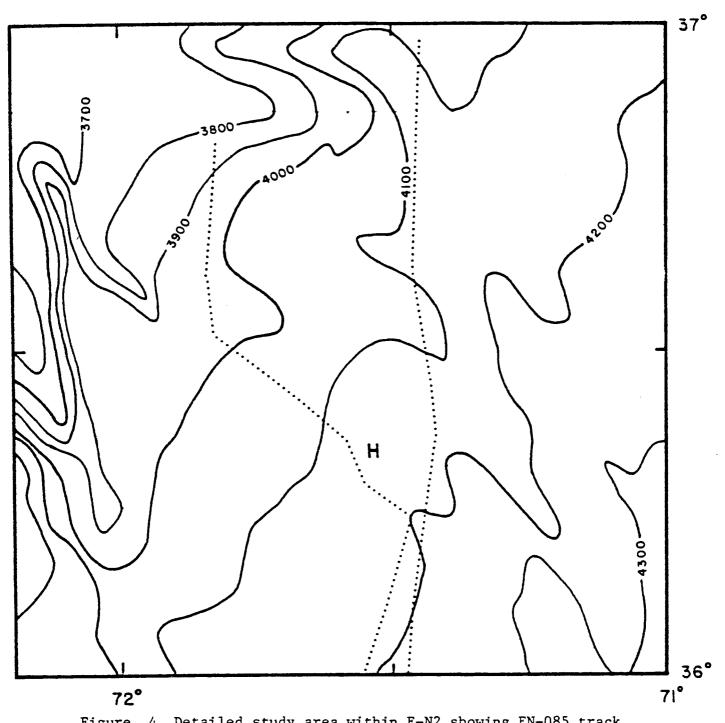


Figure. 4 Detailed study area within E-N2 showing EN-085 track lines (dotted) and station locations (letters).

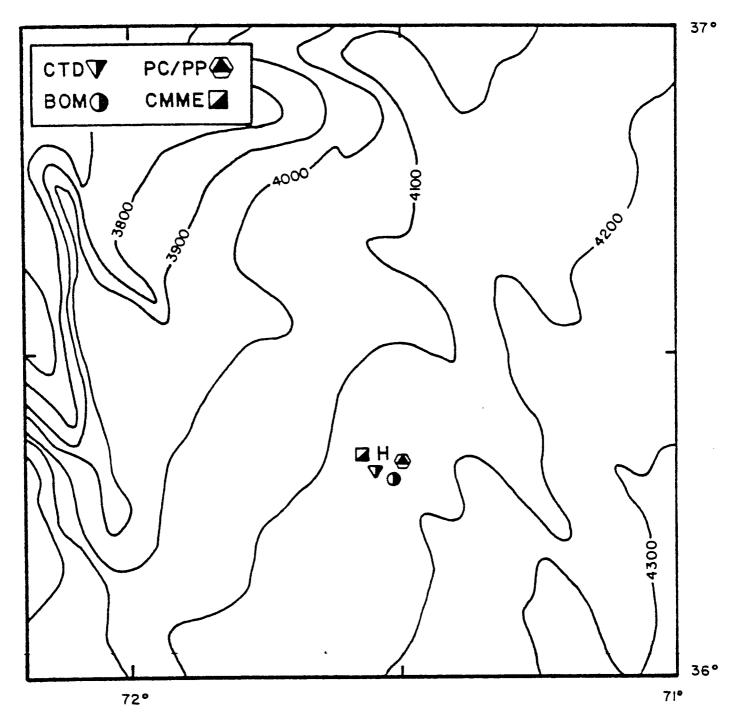


Figure. 5 Detailed Study area within E-N2 showing EN-085 station locations (letters) and station operations (BOM: Bottom Ocean Monitor; CMME: Current meter and sediment trap mooring; PC: Piston Core; PP: Pinger Probe). Bathymetric contours are given in meters.

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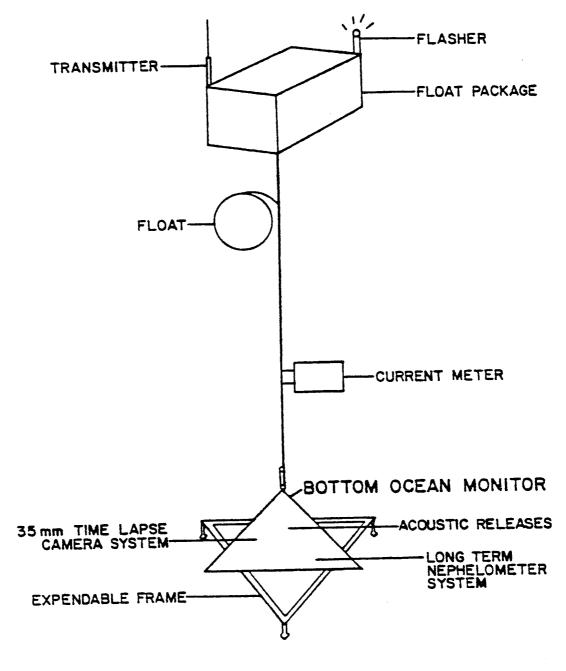


Figure. 6 Schematic illustration of Bottom Ocean Monitor installed at station location H (refer to Figure 5 for location) during EN-085.

location SS (Fig. 3; Table 5) was developed on board ship. The photographs revealed a slightly irregular seafloor with numerous tracks.

Current Meter and Sediment Trap Moorings

At station location H (36° 16.1'N; 71° 32.5'W/E-N2 study location) current meter mooring CMME-6 was installed (Figs. 4 and 5; Table 7). The mooring is comprised of 4 regular sediment traps, 2 inverted sediment traps, 3 current meters, and 2 current meters with transmissometers (Fig. 7). A shorter mooring, CMME-5, consisting of 2 regular sediment traps, one inverted sediment trap, one current meter and 2 current meters with transmissometers was deployed at station location SS (32° 21.4'N; 71° 50.0'W/E-N3 study location) (Figs. 3 and 8). At station location VV (32° 44.5'N; 70° 49.7'W/E-N3 study location) long mooring CMME-4, consisting of 4 regular sediment traps, 2 inverted sediment traps, 3 current meters and 2 current meters with transmissometers was installed (Figs. 3 and 9).

CMME-2 was recovered from station location VV (32° 47.1'N; 70° 49.0'W) (Fig. 10), having been operable for MCI-5. 332 days (deployed 07/3/81 during EN-069) RECOT AN unsuccessful attempt was made to retrieve components (releases) of CMME-3 at station location DD (33° 08.0'N; 70° 28.8'W) (Figs. 3 and 11).

Seismic Survey

A Raytheon CESP 3.5 kHz profiler was used at all times during the cruise to collect subbottom seismic profiles, resulting in 2471 km of records (Figs. 2 and 4). Three small areas were surveyed in detail; one area within the "nugget" region, and two areas within the lower continental rise steps province (Fig. 2). Depths were noted at 15-minute intervals.

Water Column Sampling

Nine lowerings of a Neil Brown III CTD with an 02 probe were made during the cruise (Figs. 3 and 5; Table

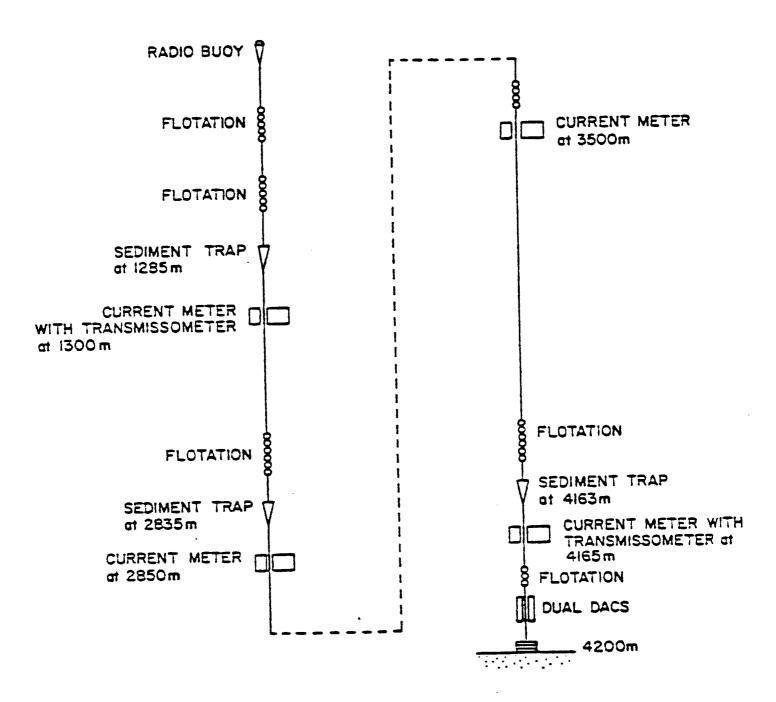


Figure. 7 Schematic illustration of CMME-6 installed at station location H (refer to Figure 5 for location) during EN-085.

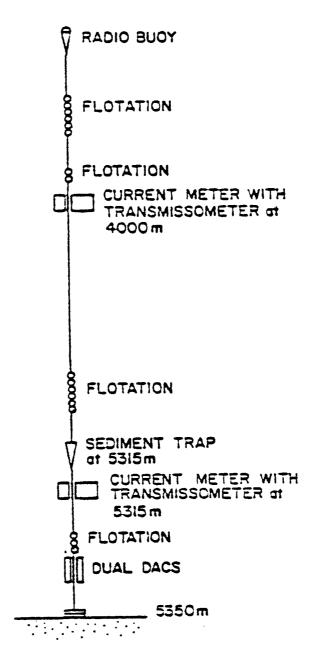


Figure. 8 Schematic illustration of CMME-5 installed at station location SS (refer to Figure 3 for location) during EN-085.

CPME-4 32^o44.5'N 70^o49.7'W 0128Z 6/01-02/82

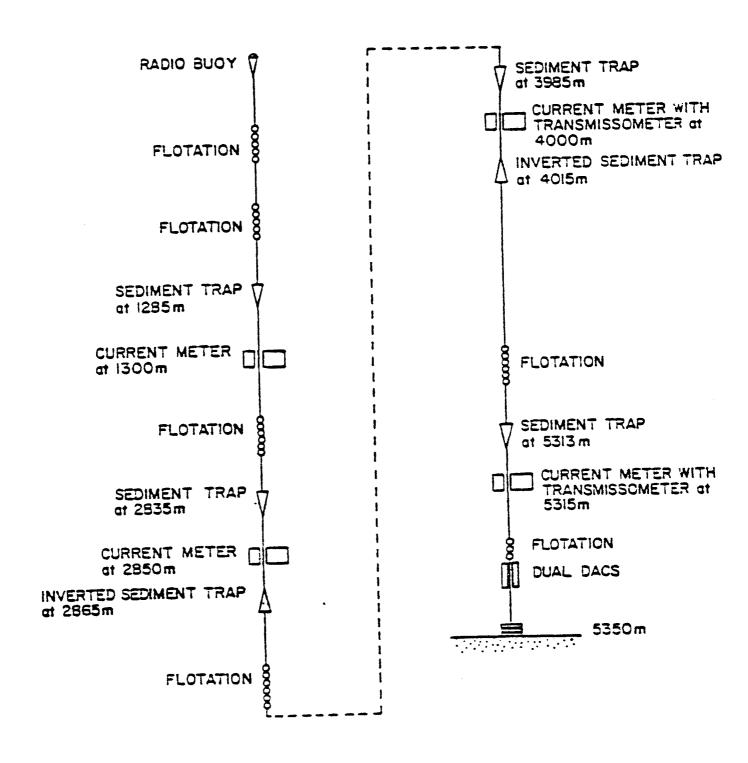


Figure. 9 Schematic illustration of CMME-4 installed at station location VV (refer to Figure 3 for location) during EN-085.

CDME-4 32^o44.5'N 70^o49.7'W 0128Z 6/01-02/82

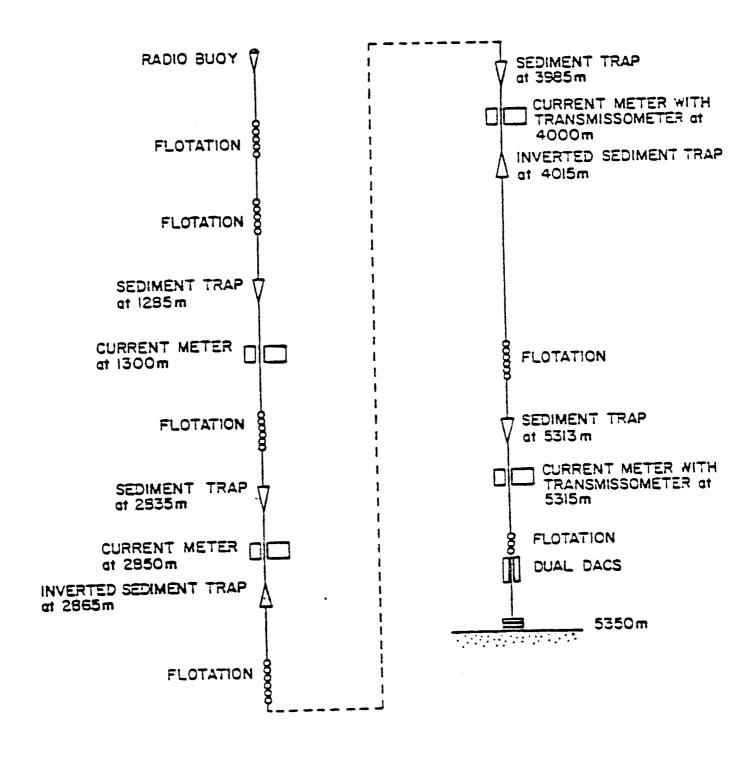


Figure. 9 Schematic illustration of CMME-4 installed at station location VV (refer to Figure 3 for location) during EN-085.

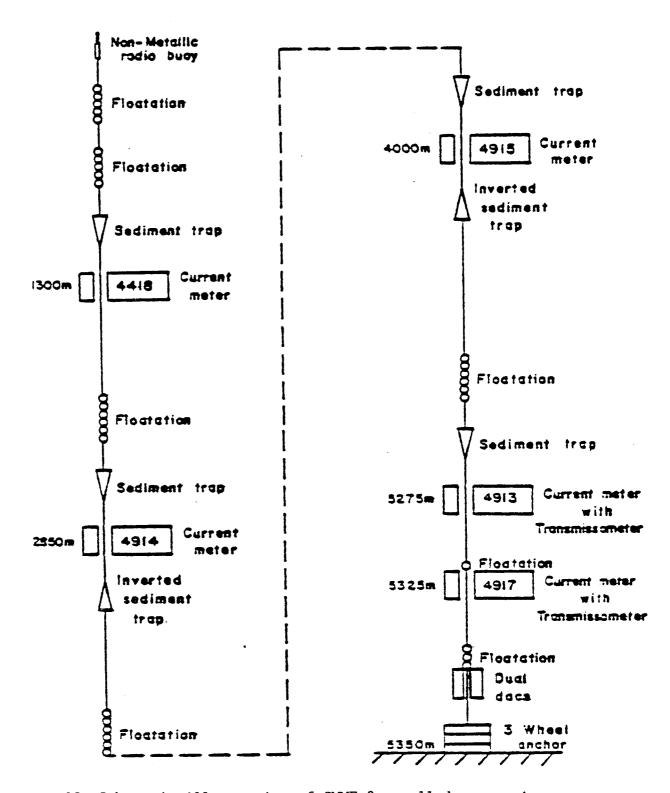


Figure. 10 Schematic illustration of CMME-2 recalled at station location VV (refer to Figure 3 for location) during EN-085.

CMME-3 33°08.0'N 70°28.8'W 1157Z 6/04/82

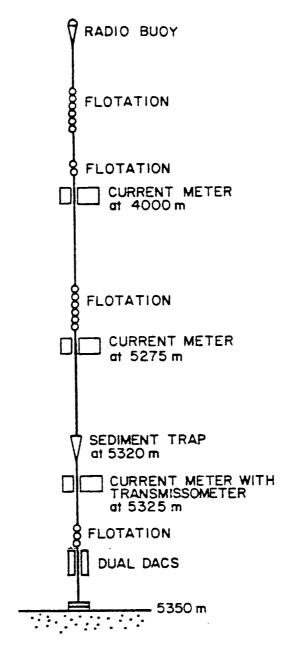


Figure. 11 Schematic illustration of CMME-3; recalled but failed to surface at station location DD (refer to Figure 3 for location) during EN-085.

6). A SEATECH transmissometer with a 1 m light path was mounted on the frame in order to collect data on the well-mixed layer. Lowerings were made to the bottom, and the bottom bottle was tripped on all nine casts. Thirteen 5-liter niskin bottles, 6 with reversing thermometers, were tripped during each lowering. At stations where current meter moorings with sediment traps were located, two casts were made, totaling seventeen 5-liter niskin bottles.

In general, bottles were tripped at approximately 200, 1300, 2850, 4000, 4400, 4800, 5200 (2 bottles) dBars (depth and at bottom), with remaining bottles tripped at intervening depths. At CMME sites 3 bottles were tripped at depths corresponding to sediment traps.

Samples were analyzed at sea for salinity content. In order to calibrate the transmissometer, 111 samples were filtered for total suspended matter and 19 samples were filtered organics. In addition, silicate samples were taken from all bottles at each station. Two 50 ml samples were taken from CTD -3 lowering for trace metal analysis to be performed by Dr. Robert Collier at Oregon State University.

Pinger Probe

Five pinger probe lowerings were carried out during the cruise (Figs. 3, 5, and Table 10); three lowerings on the conducting wire and two lowerings on the deep sea wire, mounted 100 m above the piston core. The probe 12.K pingers. A receiving consisted of 3.5 kHz and hydrophone was attatched on lowerings using the conducting wire. During the three single lowerings the probe was held just above the bottom for about one-half hour while pinger to ship, ship to hydrophone and pinger hydrophone signals were recorded. Pinger probe lowering accompanying piston core attempts provided pinger to ship recordings directly over the core site. Pinger probe data will be used to determine the relationship between the detailed acoustic response of seafloor sediments and the geophysical properties of the sediments.

Sediment Sampling

Four standard (40 ft.) piston cores were attempted during EN-085 (Figs. 3, 5, and Table 11). All four attempts were successful and recovered cores range in length from 606-671 cm. Trigger cores were also secured at each core site and varied in length from 16.5 to 143.5 cm.

Some slight damage to the piston core cutter occurred during PC-2-WW. The cutter sample was damaged by rain due to retrieval of the corer during a downpour. The bottom 10 foot section of the core barrel of PC-3-XX is bent and attempts to remove the core liner have, thus far, been unsuccessful. The core liner in the bottom barrel of PC-4-H is also lodged in the core barrel and has not yet been removed. Sample lengths for these cores are, therefore, estimates.

Two unsuccessful sphincter core attempts were made (Fig. 2; Table 12). The corer failed to trip at site RR and at location SS, the corer was tripped and showed evidence of penetration but retrieved no mud.

Only one of two gravity core attempts was successful (Fig. 3; Table 9). Twenty-one cm of mud was recovered at site VV and the core cutter returned dented. Apparently, the corer was laid on its side during the second coring attempt, as there was mud along one side of the barrel. Four free-fall corers were tested at station location UU (Fig. 3; Table 8). All four cores were seen to surface but rain squalls prevented the recovery of three of the corers. Only one glass ball of the fourth corer was retrieved, the net having ripped.

Upon return to URI, cores were split, photographed, and subsamples were taken for geological and geotechnical analysis, including bulk density, water content, Atterberg limits, triaxial shear strength, consolidation, permeability, and calcium carbonate content.

TABLE 4 BOTTOM OCEAN HONITOR EN-085

COPPIENTS	E-N2 study Jocation.
ВОТГОН DEPTII (m)	4137
TIME (2) TOTAL STATION (ANCINOR DEPLOYED)	1527-1553
DATE	05/28/82
POSITION	36°21.7° 71°36.0°
BOH STATION- LOCATION	=

TABLE 5 POGO CAMERA LOUERINGS EN-085

COPPLETTS	Black and white	Black and white	Black and white	Black and wlife	Black and white	Black and white
CAHERA TYPE (mr)	38	35	35	٤.	\$6	3.5
BOTTOH CHARACTER	Transitional- distinct discon- tinucus/diffuse reflector (Hatteras Deep Sea Fan).	Distinct discontinuous (Hatteras AP)	Distinct discontinuous	Distinct continuous (terrace-AP boundary)	Trans-Distinct Continuous/ Diffuse reflect- or (Terraces)	Lower Continental Riber Hills Frovince.
ROTTOM DIFTH (m)	5325	5347	5344	5333	\$298	5013
TIME (2) TOTAL STATION (ON BOTTON)	1036-1359 (1210)	2141-0125 (2326)	0242-0643 (0422)	2241-0223 (0026)	1026-1358 (1200)	2309-0236 (0050)
DATE	05/10/82	05/31-06/01/82	06/02/82	06/04-05/82	06/05/82	06/05-06/82
FOSTT10N	32°20.5° 71°48.9°	32°25.1' 70°39.8'	32 ⁰ 41.3' 70 ⁰ 50.3'	31°26.3' 70°54.7'	31°37.9° 71°06.5°	71,33.1
CANERA STATION- LUCATION	I - SS	2-TT	3-44	72-4	5-AAA	6 - BBH

TABLE 6
CTD WITH TRANSMISSOMETER LOWERINGS EN-ORS

	1		
COPPENTS	Bottles 4,5,6 Bottles 7,8,9	Bottles 5 6 6 Bottles 8 6 9 Bottles 11 6 12	Rottles 13 & 14 Bottle 16 Bottlem Bottle Rottles 6 6 9 Bottles 11 & 12
SAMPLE PRESSURE (dB)	5497 5488 5480 5462 5447 4162 2850 1300	5573 5489 5481 5461 5436 5424 5424 4161 4161 3015	1466 202 202 503 5503 5480 5464 5464 5764 5764 5764 5764 5764 5764
BOTTOM	Transitional and distinct discontinuous/diffusoreflector (Hatterns Deep Sen Fan)	Distinct discontinuous	Distinct discontinuous Distinct discontinuous
ROTTOM DEPTH (m)	5325	5344	5344
THE (2) TOTAL STATION (ON BOTTOH)	1545-2013 (1750)	0936-1345 (1133)	1403-1527 (1450) (at max depth) 2120-0125 (2315)
PATE	05/30/82	06/01/82	06/02-03/82
POSITION	32 ⁰ 20.0' 71 ⁰ 49.7'	32 ⁹ 44.6' 70 ⁹ 50.3'	32°44.8° 70°49.9° 32°45.4° 70°50.3°
CTD W/TRANS. STATION- LOCATION	1-58	2-vv	2B-VV 3-VV

TABLE 6 CTD VITH TRANSMISSOMETER LOWERINGS EN-085

COPPIENTS	Bottles 2 & 3		Nottles 2 6 3
SAHPLE PRESSURE (db)	1349 1348/1347 203	5512 5475 5448 5362 5297 5297 5196 4797 4001	1301 204 204 5592 5592 5592 5597 5197 6800 6398 1301 1301
BOTTON	Distinct discontinuous	Transitional- distinct discontinuous/ diffuse reflector.	Distinct Contin- uous
BOTTOM DEPTH (m)	5344	5340	5344
TINE (2) TOTAL STATION (ON ROTTOH)	0143-0255 (0221z) (at max depth)	0544-1012 (0738)	1522-1956 (1705)
DATE	06/03/82	06/04/82	06/04/82
FOSITION	32 ⁰ 44.0' 70 ⁰ 49.3	32 ⁶ 55.1' 70 ⁶ 42.5'	33°07.8' 72°28.4'
CTD W/TRANS. STATION- LOCATION	VV-8r	A.A 7	5-DD

TABLE 6
CTO WITH TRABSHISSOURTER LOWERINGS EN-085

COINTENTS		Bottles 1 & 2 Bottles 5 & 6 Bottles 5 & 6	
SAIPLE PRESSURE (dB)	5501 5439 5439 5438 5291 5290 5196 64800 6495 4000 2837 1303	5357 5329 5266 5214 5123 4733 4343 1959 1285 190	\$130 \$122 \$120 \$050 \$002 4950 4802 4802
ROTTON CIIARACTER	Distinct continuous (Terrace-AP Boundary).	Trans-Distinct continuous/ diffuse reflector (Terraces)	Lover Contin- ental Rise IIIIIs Province
BOTTON DEFTH (m)	5333	5298	4990
TIME (2) TOTAL STATION (ON BOTTOH)	0248-0715	1406–1905 (1553)	0243-0720 (0435)
DATE	06/05/82	06/05/82	06/06/82
POSITION	33°24.8' 70°57.4'	33 ⁰ 38.2' 71 ⁰ 07.2'	34.09.1' 71 ⁰ 33.7
CTD W/TRANS. STATION- LOCATION	6-2.2	7-AAA	8-838

TABLE 6 CTD WITH TRANSHISSOMETER LONERINGS EN-085

COMPLENTS		
SAITU.E PRESSURE (dB)	4001 2853 1305 204 4258 4255 4253 4117 3699 3698 3698	2852 2850 1308 1308 1307 205
BOTTON CHARACTER	•	
BOTTOM DEPTH (m)	4197	4197
TIME (2) TOTAL STATION (ON BOTTOM)	. 2246-0157 (0024)	0214-0317 (0244) (at max. depth)
DATE	06/06-07/82	06/07/82
POSITION	36 ⁹ 18.9° 71.27.0°	36° 21.0°
CTD W/TRANS. STATION- LOCATION	8-BB (cont)	H-46

TABLE 1 CURRENT HETER PRORINGS EN-085

COPPLENTS	Deployed in E-N2 study location.	Deployed.	Recalled.	Deployed.	Recalled to surface.
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BOTTON		Transitional - distinct discontinuous/ diffuse reflec- tor (latterns Deep Sea Fan)	Distinct	Distinct	Distinct continuous
ROTTOM DEPTH (m)	4172	5325	5343	5344	5344
TIME (2) TOTAL STATION (ANCINIR DEPLOYED)	1640-1906 (1906)	1426-1536 (1521)	1620-2140 (1648) (on surface)	2316-0134 (0128)	1157-1515
DATE	05/28/82	05/30/82	06/01/82	06/01-02/82	06/04/82
POSITION	36°16.1° 71°32.5°	32°21.4' 71°50.0'	32 47.1° 70°49.0°	32°44.5' 70.49.7'	31 ⁰ 08.0°
CPHE STATION- LOCATION	II-CPNE 16	SS-Creuk #5	VV-CNME #2	VV-CIME #4	DID-CHRIE #3

TARLE 8 (FREE-FALL) CORES EN-085

COPPLENTS	Recovered only one flashing sphere; no cores.	squalls prohibited recovery.					
RARREL LENGTH (SAHPLE) (Cm)	143	69	(a)	(0) 143			
ROTTOM CHARACTER	Distinct Continuous (Hatteras Deep Sca Fan)	=	=	:			
ВОТТОН	5337	5339	5339	5338			
TIME (2) TOTAL STATION (DEPLOY/RECOVER)	0345-0816 (0347! -)	(0407/ -)	(- /6070)	(0415/ -)			
DATE	06/01/82	06/01/82	06/01/82	06/01/82			
F0S1T10H	32 ⁹ 30.8' 71°01.3'	32 ⁰ 29.8' 71 ⁰ 01.9'	32°29.7' 71°00.9'	32 ⁰ 29.5' 71 ⁰ 00.8'			
BC STATION LOCATION	1-uu	2-110	3-00	(H)-4	·		

TABLE 10 PINGER PROBE EN-085

COPPLENTS	Pinger probe on wire with PC #1.			Pinger probe on wire with PC-4.		
BOTTOM CIIARACTER	Distinct continuous (Natters AP)	Distinct continuous (Hatteras AP)	Diffuse reflector	Distinct continuous (AP Province)		
BOTTOM DEPTH (m)	5348	5348	5332	4197		
TIME (r) TOTAL STATION (ON BOTTOM)	0830-1748 (1118)	1638-2110 (1826)	1422-1915	1804-2155 (2011)		
DATE	05/31/82	05/31/82	06/02/82	78/10/90		
POSITION	32°26.8' 70°40.6'	32°23.7' 70°40.1'	32°41.0° 70°50.3°	36 ⁰ 19.3' 71 ⁰ 26.1'	,	
PP STATION- LOCATION	1-11	IR-TT	2-WH	4-11	·	

TABLE 12 SPHINCTER CORES EN-085

		
COPPIENTS	Corer did not trip.	Cutter nample = (5 gms) only.
LENGTII BARREL (SAMPLE) (cm)	89 (n)	(a) (b)
BOTTOM	Distinct discontinuous (Hatterns Deep Sea Fan)	Transitional distinct discontinuous/ diffuse reflec- tor (Hatterns Deep Sea Fan)
воттом	5.108	5323
TIME (2) TOTAL STATION (ON ROTTOM)	2247-0324 (0144)	0527-0942 (0750)
DATE	05/29-30/82	05/30/82
POSITION	32 ⁰ 39.2' 72 ⁰ 03.3'	32°23.4°71°50.5°
SC STATION- LOCATION	- R.R.	2-SS

TABLE 11 PISTON CORES EN-085

COPPLENTS	3.5 kHz and 12 kH Pinger on wire = 100 m above corer for Pinger test.			Deep sea wire Jammed in the block.
RARREL LENGTH (SAMPLE) (cm)	1220 (690)	(909)	1220 (669)	(671)
BOTTOM CIMRACTER	Distinct discontinuous (Hatteras AP)	reflector	Distinct continuous (AP Province)	
BOTTON DEPTH (m)	5348	6666	5329	4197
TIME (2) TOTAL STATION (ON BOTTOM)	0830-1348	08 18-1 315 (1046)	1408-2132 (1927)	1804-2155 (2011)
DATE	05/23/82	06/02/82	06/03/82	06/06/82
POSITION X	32°23.9° 70°41.4°	32 ⁰ 40.6' 71 ⁰ 14.4'	32 ⁰ 58.4' 71 ⁰ 23.1'	36°19.3' 71°26.1'
PC STATION- LOCATION	1-1Т	2-WW	J-XX	= - _q

TABLE 9 CRAVITY CORES EN-085

COPPLENTS	Gutter dented #Hightly.
BARREL LENCTII (SAHPLE) (cm)	250 (0) (0)
BOTTON	Distinct continuous Difiuse reflector
ВОТТОН ВЕРТИ (m)	5344 5331
TIME (2) TOTAL STATION (ON BOTTOH)	0350-0721 (0541) 0857-1236 (1056)
DATE	06/03/82
POSITION	32 ⁰ 42.4° 70°54.4° 32 ⁰ 42.1° 71°13.4°
GC STATION LOCATION	1-vv 2-4W