

18. EOCENE CALCAREOUS NANNOFOSSILS, DEEP SEA DRILLING PROJECT SITE 605, UPPER CONTINENTAL RISE OFF NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.¹

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ABSTRACT

Deep Sea Drilling Project Site 605 recovered a nearly continuous and thick (366 m) lower to middle Eocene carbonate sequence. The diversity of nannofossils is quite high and coccoliths are generally abundant to very abundant. Preservation is moderate in the upper part of the sequence and poor in the lower part, corresponding to a marked decrease in the biogenic silica content. Unrestricted open marine conditions are indicated by the high pelagic content of the section. The proximity to the continent is suggested by the early representatives of *Tribrachiatus* in CP9a and the occurrence of braarudosphaerids where preservation is moderate. Strict application of the low latitude zonation of Bukry is hindered somewhat in two instances by (1) the apparent absence of the zonal marker *Coccolithus crassus* in this section, and (2) the unanticipated overlap of the subzonal markers *Chiasmolithus gigas* and *Reticulofenestra umbilica* over 53.1 m of section.

INTRODUCTION

Deep Sea Drilling Project Hole 605, Leg 93, drilled 97 n. mi. southeast of Atlantic City, New Jersey (Fig. 1), penetrated a thick (366 m) lower to middle Eocene carbonate sequence. We discuss here the calcareous nannofossil biostratigraphy of these strata. The coccolith stratigraphy of the underlying Paleocene-Maestrichtian section in this hole is presented elsewhere by Lang and Wise (this volume).

The Eocene units cored at Site 605 are part of an extensive carbonate sequence along the Atlantic margin which, in the immediate study area, extends upsection to the lowermost Oligocene (Poag, 1985). Just landward of Site 605, the Eocene units crop out along the contour of the lower continental slope in a broad belt which has been mapped in the area of our drill sites by Robb et al. (1981, 1982; see Fig. 2). During DSDP Leg 11, the previous *Glomar Challenger* cruise to this area, the Eocene outcrop belt was drilled at Site 108 some 8.5 km northwest of Site 605 using an experimental turbocorer (Hollister et al., 1972). By this method, two wash cores were recovered over a 36 m interval and yielded middle Eocene microfossils (Luterbacher, 1972; Wilcoxon, 1972). The Eocene outcrop in this area appears to have been exposed since at least late Miocene times, and Lang and Wise (this volume) report on the coccolith compositions of displaced middle and upper Eocene chalk or ooze incorporated in upper Neogene sediments from Hole 604, which lies 7 km downslope from Site 605 (Fig. 2).

The Eocene units dealt with in this report also extend shoreward beneath the New Jersey coastal plain. Jiang and Wise (this volume) describe Eocene nannofossil assemblages from four cored coastal plain wells and discuss their relationships with those reported here. Subse-

quent to Leg 93, DSDP Leg 95 drilled two sites, DSDP 612 and 613, which penetrated the Eocene carbonate in our study area (Fig. 2). Hole 612 on the middle slope yielded 187 m of middle Eocene to lower Oligocene sediment, and 303.5 m of lower to middle Eocene sediment were recovered from Hole 613 on the upper rise. The coccolith biostratigraphy of these Leg 95 holes is described by Valentine (in press).

METHODS, ZONATIONS, AND SPECIES CONSIDERED

The abundances of coccolith species on standard smear slides observed at a magnification of X1000 are tabulated on a range chart using the method of Hay (1970). Letters used to denote abundances are keyed to the ¹⁰log of the number of specimens of a taxon likely to be observed in any one field of view of the microscope. These and the corresponding logs are determined as follows:

- A = Abundant, 0 (1 to 10 specimens per field of view)
- C = Common, -1 (1 specimen per 2 to 10 fields of view)
- F = Few, -2 (1 specimen per 11 to 100 fields of view)
- R = Rare, -3 (1 specimen per 101 to 1000 fields of view)

The abundances of reworked taxa and of downhole contaminants are denoted in lower-case letters.

The zonation applied in this study is that given by Okada and Bukry (1980; see Fig. 3). For comparison, the zones of Martini (1971) are also indicated. Taxa considered in this report are listed in the Appendix, where they are arranged alphabetically by specific epithets. Bibliographic references for these species are given in Leoblich and Tappan (1966, 1968, 1969, 1970a, b, 1971, 1973) or van Heck (1979a, b, 1980a, b, 1981a, b, 1982a, b, 1983).

EOCENE SECTION, SITE 605

Site 605 (38°44.53'N; 72°36.55'W; water depth, 2194 m) was drilled some 3 km seaward of the margin of the New Jersey continental rise sedimentary wedge. The Eocene carbonates lay disconformably beneath 198 m of gray Pleistocene silt-rich clay (Fig. 4) and were divided into two lithostratigraphic units, as follows:

Unit II: 153 m of lower middle Eocene biosiliceous nannofossil chalk rich in foraminifers, radiolarians, and well preserved diatoms. The biogenic silica content averages 12 to 15% and exceptionally is as high as 30%. The clay content is negligible except in the upper 67 m where

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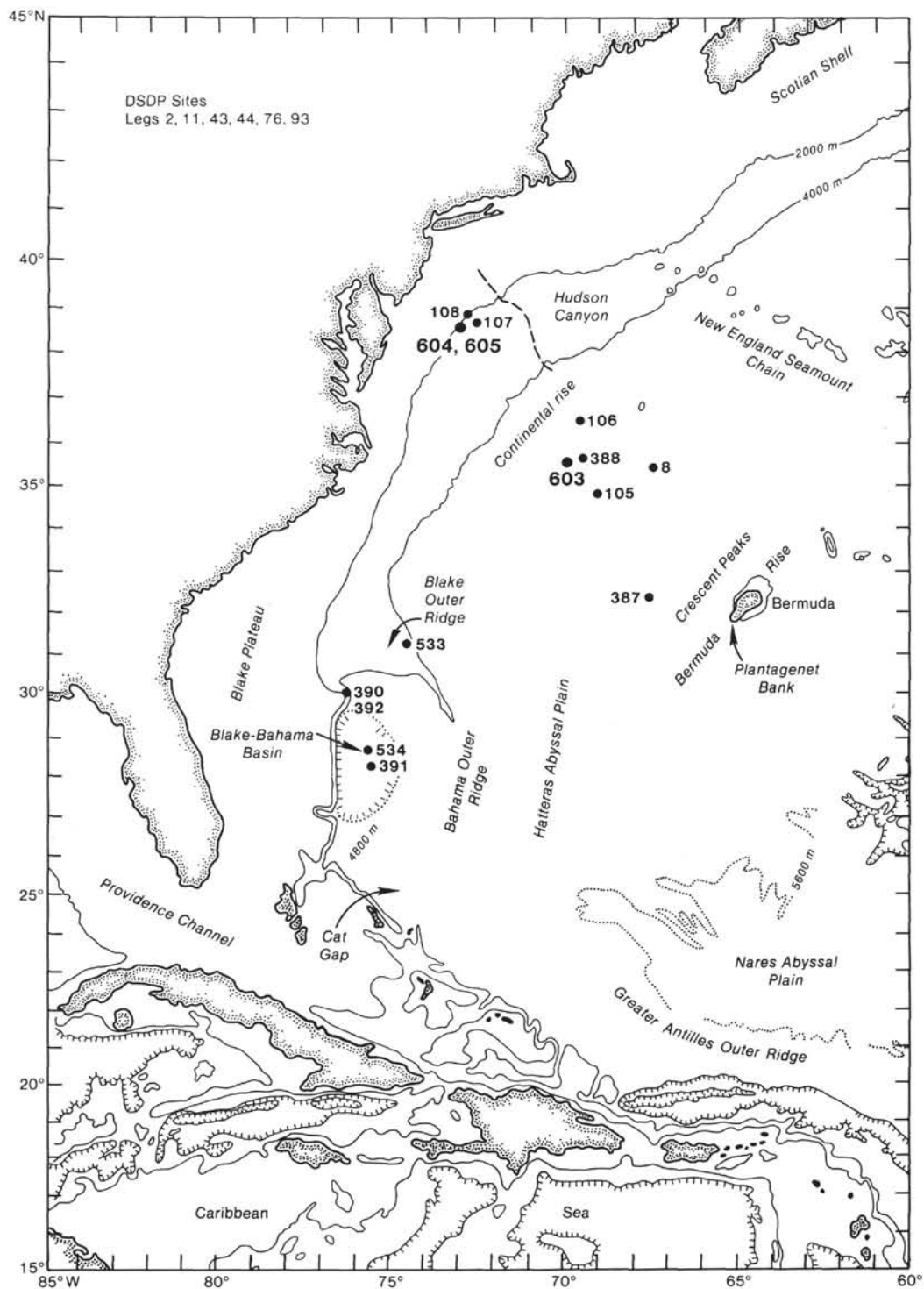


Figure 1. General location of Site 605.

it averages 6 to 8%. The sedimentation rate is high (56 m/m.y.), and bioturbation is heavy.

Unit III: 214 m of lower Eocene greenish gray nannofossil limestone with varying amounts of foraminifers and calcified radiolarians. The boundary with Unit II is not a visually apparent lithologic break, but is defined by a dramatic downward decrease in biogenic silica. The sedimentation rate and degree of bioturbation are the

same as in Unit II. The clay content is variable, reaching 15–20% toward the base of the unit.

The distribution of calcareous nannofossils in Eocene Units II and III is given in Table 1. Coccoliths are generally abundant to very abundant. The preservation of coccoliths is generally moderate in lithologic Unit II, where siliceous microfossils are also abundant and well preserved. There is an abrupt decrease in the percentage

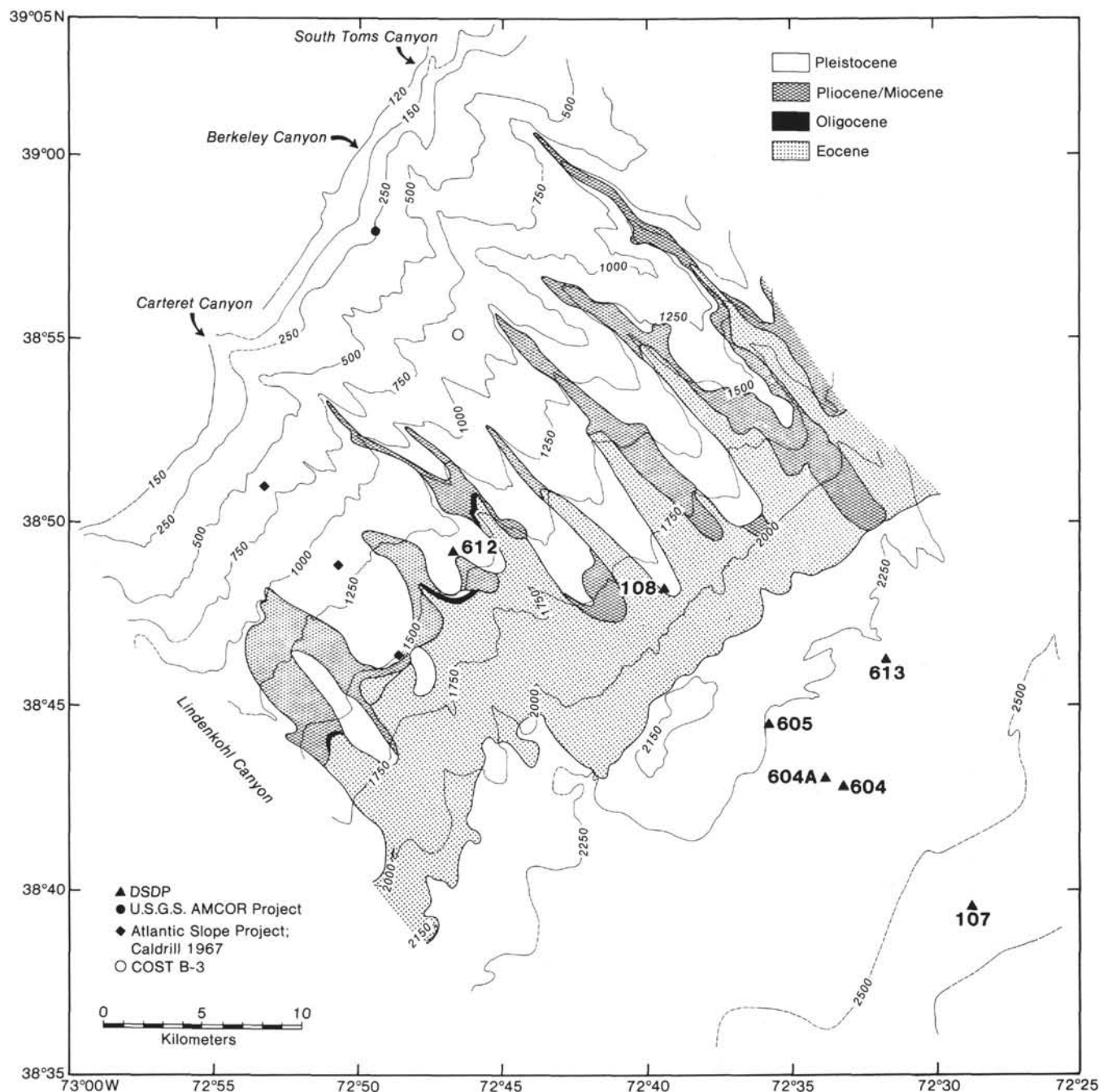


Figure 2. Location of DSDP Site 605 and neighboring sites on the New Jersey continental rise and slope (after Robb et al., 1981). Contours in meters below sea level.

of biogenic silica below Section 605-22-1, however, and the preservation of coccoliths drops off markedly in the lower Eocene. In Unit III it is generally poor, though it improves toward the base. Placoliths are characteristically etched and the discoasters strongly overgrown with secondary calcite.

Middle Eocene nannofossils were first sampled at 605-6-4, 150 cm. There coccoliths are abundant and belong to the *Chiasmolithus gigas* Subzone (CP13b) of the *Nannotetrina quadrata* Zone based on the presence of *C. gigas*. The assemblage includes common to abundant *C. solitus*, *Coccolithus formosus*, *C. pelagicus*, *Discoaster*

barbadiensis, and *Reticulofenestra samodurovii*. *Sphenolithus furcatolithoides* and *S. spiniger* are few to common but rather consistently present below Cores 605-7 and 605-9, respectively. Also present in the top 53 m of this subzone are few to common *R. umbilica*, a point which will be discussed later (see "Discussion"). The *Chiasmolithus gigas* Subzone extends down to Sample 605-17-1, 50–52 cm. Rare specimens of the zonal marker below that point are considered to be downhole contaminants. Preservation in this interval is generally moderate; many of the placoliths are etched, whereas many of the discoasters have secondary calcite overgrowths.

Age	Zone		Subzone		Datum levels
early middle Eocene	CP13	<i>Nannotetrina quadrata</i>	CP13c	<i>Coccolithus stauroion</i>	FAD <i>Reticulofenestra umbilica</i>
			CP13b	<i>Chiasmolithus gigas</i>	LAD <i>Chiasmolithus gigas</i>
			CP13a	<i>Discoaster strictus</i>	FAD <i>Chiasmolithus gigas</i>
early Eocene	CP12	<i>Discoaster sublodoensis</i>	CP12b	<i>Rhabdosphaera inflata</i>	LAD <i>Rhabdosphaera inflata</i>
			CP12a	<i>Discoaster kuepperi</i>	FAD <i>Rhabdosphaera inflata</i>
	CP11	<i>Discoaster lodoensis</i>			FAD <i>Discoaster sublodoensis</i>
	CP10	<i>Tribrachiatulus orthostylus</i>			FAD <i>Coccolithus crassus</i>
	CP9	<i>Discoaster diastypus</i>	CP9b	<i>Discoaster binodosus</i>	FAD <i>Discoaster lodoensis</i>
			CP9a	<i>Tribrachiatulus contortus</i>	LAD <i>Tribrachiatulus contortus</i>
					FAD <i>Discoaster diastypus</i>

Figure 3. Calcareous nannofossil zonation used in this study, from Okada and Bukry (1980).

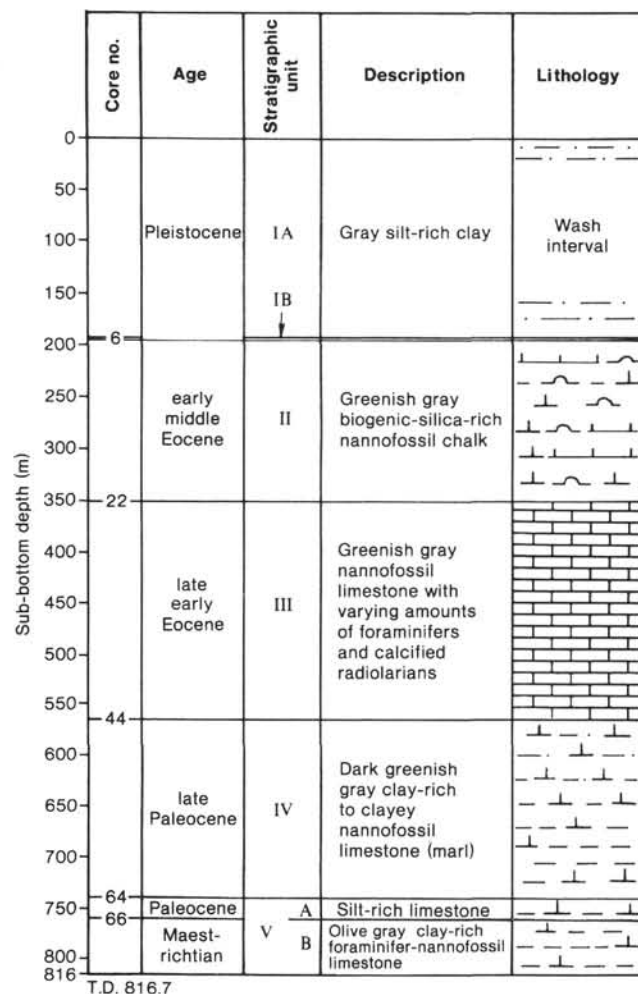


Figure 4. Lithostratigraphic column at DSDP Site 605.

A short interval from Sample 605-17-2, 50–52 cm to Sample 605-22-3, 110–111 cm is assigned to the *D. strictus* Subzone (CP13a). This assemblage of nannofossils is similar to CP13b but lacks *C. gigas*. The first appearance datum (FAD) of *S. furcatolithoides* is in the top of this subzone, and the last appearance datum (LAD) of

D. sublodoensis occurs near the base. Few to rare *Nannotetrina quadrata* are consistently present only from Sections 605-14-1 to 605-19-1.

The *Rhabdosphaera inflata* Subzone (CP12b) of the *D. sublodoensis* Zone encompasses the interval from Sample 605-22-4, 20–21 cm to Sample 605-26-2, 50–54 cm and is delineated here on the total range of the nominate species, which is consistently present throughout. One sample (605-22-3, 110–112 cm) separates the conspicuous LAD of *R. inflata* from the FAD of *N. quadrata*, the comarker for the boundary between CP12b and CP13a. The first *N. quadrata* are rare and not consistently present, however; therefore the *R. inflata* datum is used to mark the boundary. Preservation in CP12b varies from poor to good and coccoliths are common to very abundant. The following species are generally common to abundant: *Chiasmolithus grandis*, *C. expansus*, *C. solitus*, *Coccolithus pelagicus*, *D. barbadiensis*, *D. sublodoensis*, *Reticulofenestra dictyoda*, and *S. radians*. *Braarudosphaera bigelowii* is common in the top of the subzone but temporarily disappears from the middle of the section. *Chiphragmalithus acanthodes* is common toward the bottom and ranges into the next subzone below.

The *D. kuepperi* Subzone (CP12a) extends from Sample 605-27-1, 50–52 cm down to Sample 605-31-4, 50–52 cm, which marks the lowest consistent occurrence of *D. sublodoensis*. Preservation in this interval is poor because there are secondary calcite overgrowths on many of the discoasters. This assemblage is similar to that of CP13b. The FAD of the form we identify as *S. spiniger* occurs near the base of this zone, somewhat lower than usually reported.

The lower Eocene section is first encountered in Sample 605-31-5, 50–52 cm. The *D. lodoensis* Zone (CP11) extends from this level down close to Core 605-36. Because *Coccolithus crassus*, the basal marker for the zone, is absent in this section, the boundary between CP11 and the underlying CP10 can only be approximated (see "Discussion"). The species common to Zone CP11 are *C. formosus*, *C. pelagicus*, *D. barbadiensis*, *D. kuepperi*, *D. lodoensis*, *S. radians*, and *Zygrhablithus bijugatus*. An abrupt LAD for *Tribrachiatulus orthostylus* is

noted in Section 605-33-1, and the highest occurrence of *S. editus* is recorded in Section 605-34-1.

The *T. orthostylus* Zone (CP10) spans the interval from approximately Core 605-37 to Sample 605-42-1, 50–52 cm. Preservation in this zone is poor because placoliths are etched, particularly those of the genus *Chiasmolithus*. The abundance of this species decreases downhole, and the lowest occurrences of *C. expansus* and *C. solitus* are near the top of CP10, close to the LAD of *Chiphragmalithus calathus*. *D. binodosus* and a form we identify as *S. anarrhopus* have their highest occurrence in this interval. The FAD of *Neococcolithes dubius* and the LAD of *Ellipsolithus macellus* occur in Section 605-39-1. In the next lower core, the FAD of *D. kuepperi* provides a consistent marker some 20 m from the bottom of the zone. This marker can be recognized by its interference figure in cross-polarized light, despite overgrowths on the specimens. Interestingly, this important datum coincides in our section with the FAD of *Chiphragmalithus calathus*, and lies just above that of *Toweius gammation*.

Below the FAD of *D. lodoensis*, a short interval from Sample 605-42-2, 50–52 cm to Sample 605-43-2, 110–111 cm is assigned to the *D. binodosus* Subzone (CP9b) of the *D. diastypus* Zone. The LAD of *D. diastypus* is near the top of this interval. *Chiasmolithus eograndis* has its lowest occurrence within this interval at the same depth (Section 605-43-1) as the apparent LADs of *C. bidens* and *C. californicus*. We term these LADs “apparent” because at this point, preservation improves down-section from poor to moderate and braarudosphaerids are once again present. Thus, our ability to trace *C. bidens* and *C. californicus* through their upper ranges may have been affected by diagenesis.

The top of the *Tribachiatus contortus* Subzone (CP9a) is marked by the highest occurrence of the nominative species. This subzone extends from Sample 605-43-3, 50–52 cm to the FAD of *D. diastypus* in Sample 605-44-1, 50–52 cm. Within this subzone the evolutionary steps from *T. bramlettei* to *T. orthostylus* can be seen, a phenomenon seldom observed in DSDP sections. Note that we decreased our sample spacing through this interval, which spans only 6.6 m of section. Mobile mounts were prepared to distinguish the lowest occurrence of *D. diastypus*, which marks the base of the Eocene. Other species which have their first occurrence in CP9a are *D. barbadiensis*, *D. binodosus*, *Sphenolithus anarrhopus*, *T. contortus*, and, near the top, *T. orthostylus*.

DISCUSSION

The Eocene section at Site 605 is considerably expanded because of its relatively shallow depth on the continental margin. This provides an opportunity to compare stratigraphic ranges among the rather diverse coccolith assemblages with those reported elsewhere, even though nannofossil preservation in lithostratigraphic Unit III is poor. Combined with other sections drilled in this area during DSDP Leg 95, this section could become an important reference area for mid-latitude Eocene nannofossil stratigraphy.

In applying the Bukry (1973) zonation to our Eocene section, two problems are immediately apparent. The first derives from the overlapping ranges of *Chiasmolithus gigas* and *Reticulofenestra umbilica* in the middle Eocene at the top of this section. Because the strata above our Eocene carbonate is a coccolith-poor Pleistocene clay, we assume that the *R. umbilica* in the Eocene cannot represent downhole contamination. The second problem stems from the absence in the lower Eocene of the index species *Coccolithus crassus*.

According to the low-latitude zonation of Bukry (1973), the total range of *Chiasmolithus gigas* lies within the *Nannotetrina quadrata* Zone, and its LAD is separated from the subsequent FAD of *R. umbilica* by a gap which is referred to as the *Coccolithus staurion* Subzone of the *N. quadrata* Zone. At Site 605, the range of *C. gigas* is either somewhat expanded or the FAD of *R. umbilica* is somewhat lower than generally recorded elsewhere. The latter case may be partly a matter of species concept and identification, because *R. umbilica* appears to evolve from a smaller antecedent, *R. samodurovii*, and the point at which *R. umbilica* first occurs is not well agreed upon among nannofossil specialists (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). We rather arbitrarily consider forms in that lineage over 14 μm in length to be *R. umbilica* (Wise and Mostajo, 1983).

Bukry (personal communication, 1985) examined selected samples from our section and noted in Sample 605-12-1, 50–52 cm “a large small-centered *Reticulofenestra* sp. which resembles *R. umbilica* in external size.” He further noted, however, the presence of *C. gigas* and sparse forms which he identified positively as *R. umbilica*. In view of the presence of *C. gigas* and the absence of *Discoaster bifax* (the co-markers for the base of the *R. umbilica* Zone), he concurred with our assignment of the top of our section to the *C. gigas* Subzone.

The Martini (1971) zonation for this interval does not address the overlap problem in that Martini does not use *C. gigas*, *R. umbilica*, or *D. bifax* as Eocene zonal markers. We did not observe at Site 605 the rather restricted species *Rhabdosphaera gladius*, which is Martini’s zonal marker for this part of the section. Perch-Nielsen (1985) suggested that the LAD of *Nannotetrina quadrata*, which is characteristically sparse at Site 605, could be used to approximate the *R. gladius* datum, particularly where *R. umbilica* seems to appear too low in the section. Because our section has been truncated by erosion, we cannot say whether we observed the actual LAD of *N. quadrata* at our site.

In summary, we observe an overlap between *C. gigas* and *R. umbilica* which shows that at Site 605, the former taxon either ranges higher or the latter taxon ranges lower than would be indicated by the Bukry (1973) zonation. It is understood, however, that the subzones in the Bukry low-latitude zonation may be to some extent provincial and not strictly applicable beyond the tropics. This may well be true in the present case, as is suggested by the fact that Gartner (1971, fig. 4) also records an overlap in the ranges of the two species in JOIDES Hole J3 on the Blake Plateau to the south. There, how-

Note: For abundance, VA = very abundant, A = abundant, C = common, F = few, R = rare; for preservation, B = barren, E = etched, O = overgrown, G = good, M = moderate, P = poor.

The second problem is posed by the absence of *Coccolithus crassus* in the section. We should note at the outset that this would not be a problem if the Martini (1971) zonation could be applied at Site 605, because most of the interval in question (CP10 and CP11) would fall within Martini's *Tribrachiatus orthostylus* Zone (which is bounded at the top by the LAD of *T. orthostylus*). Bukry (1973) questioned the reliability of that datum, however, noting that it may occur higher in the section in some areas. This may be the case at Site 605 because, if Martini's zonation were used, there would be little sec-

A number of datums on the range chart in Table 1 might be of value for approximating or constraining the boundary between CP10 and CP11 at Site 605. The two zones combined span 100 m of section, the midpoint of which would fall between Cores 605-36 and -37 at about 490 m. If sedimentation rates were reasonably uniform throughout this interval, a datum near that midpoint would be a convenient place to approximate a boundary between the zones (see Fig. 5).

The FADs of *Chiasmolithus expansus* and *C. solitus* along with the LADs of *Chiphragmalithus calathus* and

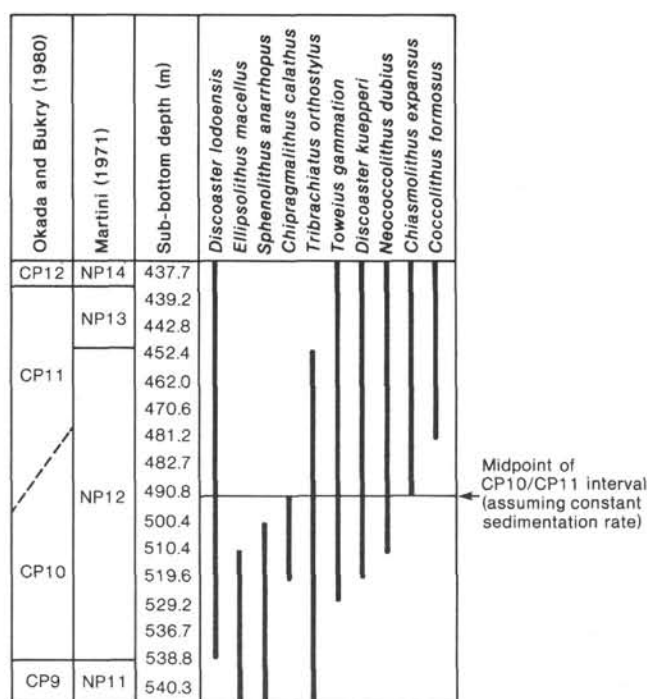


Figure 5. First and last appearance datums of species within the CP10-CP11 interval.

sion and high sea levels as indicated by the Vail et al. (1977) coastal onlap curve. CP10 and CP11 coincide closely with Vail et al.'s Cycle TE1.2, which marks the high point of early Eocene onlap. Such a high stand would also help explain the poor preservation of coccoliths in this part of the section, because less detrital clay reached Site 605, and the diagenetic dissolution-diffusion-precipitation reaction that degrades coccolith preservation was able to work more efficiently in the high-carbonate sediment (see Wise, 1977). That in turn compounded the biostratigraphic problems relative to these zones which we have already discussed.

Interestingly, the major "Type I" sea level drop which, according to Vail et al. (1977), occurred at the CP11/CP12 boundary (NP13/NP14 of Martini, 1971), is not manifested at Site 605 either by an increase in clay content or by a return of braarudosphaerids. Instead, braarudosphaerids are encountered again upsection only at the top of Core 605-23, and become common only in Section 605-22-4, close to the point at which biogenic silica becomes an important sedimentary component. The effect of biogenic silica on coccolith preservation is much the same as that of clay; it would account for the consistent occurrence of the relatively dissolution-prone braarudosphaerids in the upper part of the section.

The Vail "Type I" sea-level drop (base cycle TE2.1) near the early/middle Eocene boundary (previously mentioned) might, however, be expressed in this section by the relatively short interval occupied by Martini's Zone NP13. This suggests an undetected hiatus in this section, within or at the boundary of Zone NP13.

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- Coccolithus cribellum* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Stradner, 1962
- Nannotetrina cristatus* (Martini) Perch-Nielsen, 1971
- Campylosphaera dela* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Hay and Mohler, 1967
- Discoaster diastypus* Bramlette and Sullivan, 1961
- Reticulofenestra dictyoda* (Deflandre and Fert) Stradner, 1968
- Braarudosphaera discula* Bramlette and Riedel, 1954
- Ellipsolithus distichus* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Sullivan, 1964
- Discoaster distinctus* Martini, 1958
- Neococcolithes dubius* (Deflandre) Black, 1967
- Sphenolithus editus* Perch-Nielsen, 1978
- Toweius eminens* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Gartner, 1971
- Chiasmolithus eograndis* Perch-Nielsen, 1971
- Chiasmolithus expansus* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Gartner, 1970
- Discoaster falcatus* Bramlette and Sullivan, 1961
- Coccolithus formosus* (Kamptner) Wise, 1973
- Sphenolithus furcatolithoides* Locker, 1967
- Toweius gammatum* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Romein, 1979
- Discoaster gemmifer* Stradner, 1961
- Chiasmolithus gigas* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Radomski, 1968
- Rhabdosphaera gladius* Locker, 1967
- Chiasmolithus grandis* (Bramlette and Riedel) Radomski, 1968
- Rhabdosphaera inflata* Bramlette and Sullivan, 1961
- Markalius inversus* (Deflandre) Bramlette and Martini, 1964
- Calcidiscus kingii* (Roth) Loeblich and Tappan, 1978
- Discoaster kuepperi* Stradner, 1959
- Discoaster lodoensis* Bramlette and Riedel, 1954
- Helicosphaera lophota* Bramlette and Sullivan, 1961
- Cepekella lumina* (Sullivan) Bybell, 1975
- Ellipsolithus macellus* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Sullivan, 1964
- Discoaster medius* Bramlette and Sullivan, 1961
- Discoaster mirus* Deflandre in Deflandre and Fert, 1954
- Sphenolithus moriformis* (Brönnimann and Stradner) Bramlette and Wilcoxon, 1967
- Rhabdosphaera morionum* (Deflandre) Bramlette and Sullivan, 1961
- Pontosphaera multipora* (Kamptner) Roth, 1970
- Discoaster multiradiatus* Bramlette and Riedel, 1954
- Discoaster nobilis* Martini, 1961
- Tribrachiatus orthostylus* Shamrai, 1963
- Coccolithus pelagicus* (Wallich) Schiller, 1930
- Toweius pertusus* (Sullivan) Romein, 1979
- Pontosphaera plana* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Haq, 1971
- Sphenolithus primus* Perch-Nielsen, 1971
- Neococcolithus protenus* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Black, 1967
- Pontosphaera pulchra* (Deflandre) Romein, 1979
- Nannotetrina quadrata* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Bukry, 1973
- Sphenolithus radians* Deflandre in Grassé, 1952
- Discolithina rimosa* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Levin and Joerger, 1967
- Discoaster saipanensis* Bramlette and Riedel, 1954
- Reticulofenestra samodurovii* (Hay, Mohler, and Wade) Roth, 1970
- Fasciculithus schaubi* Hay and Mohler, 1967
- Helicosphaera seminulum* Bramlette and Sullivan, 1961
- Discoaster septemradiatus* Klumpp, 1953
- Chiasmolithus solitus* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Locker, 1968
- Sphenolithus spiniger* Bukry, 1971
- Blackites spinosus* (Deflandre and Fert) Hay and Towe, 1962
- Coccolithus staurion* Bramlette and Sullivan, 1961
- Discoaster strictus* Stradner, 1961
- Discoaster sublodoensis* Bramlette and Sullivan, 1961
- Blackites tenuis* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Bybell, 1975
- Chiasmolithus titus* Gartner, 1970
- Fasciculithus tympaniformis* Hay and Mohler, 1967
- Reticulofenestra umbilica* (Levin) Martini and Ritzkowski, 1968
- Discoaster woodringii* Bramlette and Riedel, 1954

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APPENDIX

Calcareous Nannofossils Considered in This Chapter (in alphabetical order of species epithets)

- Chiphragmalithus acanthodes* Bramlette and Sullivan, 1961
- Sphenolithus anarrhopus* Bukry and Bramlette, 1969
- Discoaster barbadiensis* Tan, 1927
- Chiasmolithus bidens* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Hay and Mohler, 1967
- Discoaster bifax* Bukry, 1971
- Braarudosphaera bigelowii* (Gran and Braarud) Deflandre, 1947
- Zygrhabdolithus bijugatus* (Deflandre) Deflandre, 1959
- Discoaster binodosus* Martini, 1958
- Tribrachiatus bramlettei* (Brönnimann and Stradner) Proto Decima et al., 1975
- Chiphragmalithus calathus* Bramlette and Sullivan, 1961
- Chiasmolithus californicus* (Sullivan) Hay and Mohler, 1967
- Toweius callosus* Perch-Nielsen, 1971
- Zygolithus chiasmus* Bramlette and Sullivan, 1961
- Sphenolithus conspicuus* Martini, 1976
- Chiasmolithus consuetus* (Bramlette and Sullivan) Hay and Mohler, 1967

NOTE ON PLATES

All illustrations on the following plates are light micrographs. The abbreviations Pol, Ph, and Tr denote polarized, phase contrast, and transmitted light, respectively.

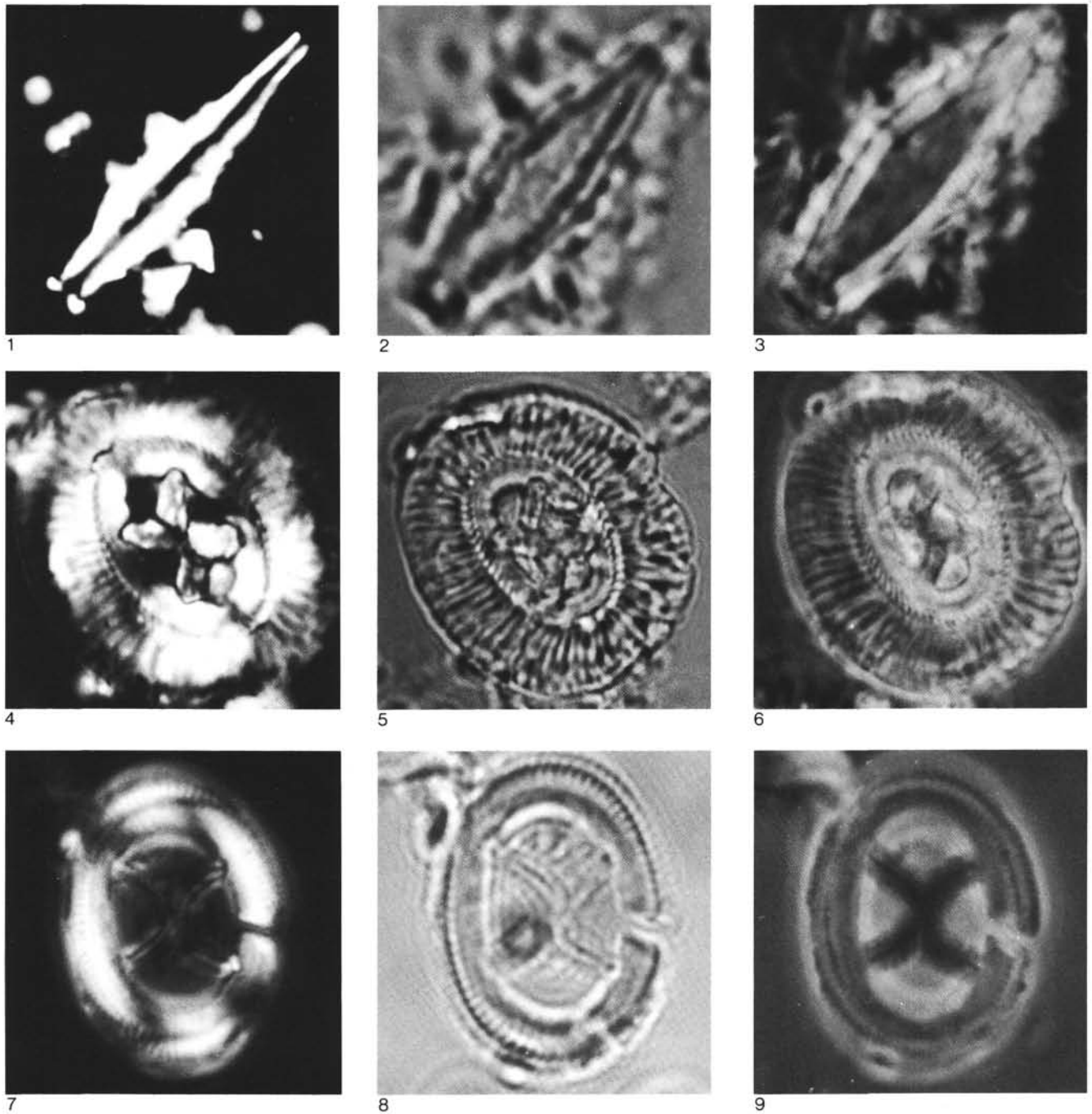


Plate 1. 1-3. *Rhabdosphaera inflata* Bramlette and Sullivan, $\times 4000$, Sample 605-22-5, 50-52 cm (1, Pol; 2, Tr; 3, Ph). 4-6. *Chiasmolithus gigas* (Bramlette and Sullivan), $\times 3000$, Sample 605-7-1, 50-54 cm (4, Pol; 5, Tr; 6, Ph). 7-9. *Chiasmolithus expansus* (Bramlette and Sullivan), $\times 3200$, Sample 605-6, CC (7, Pol; 8, Tr; 9, Ph).

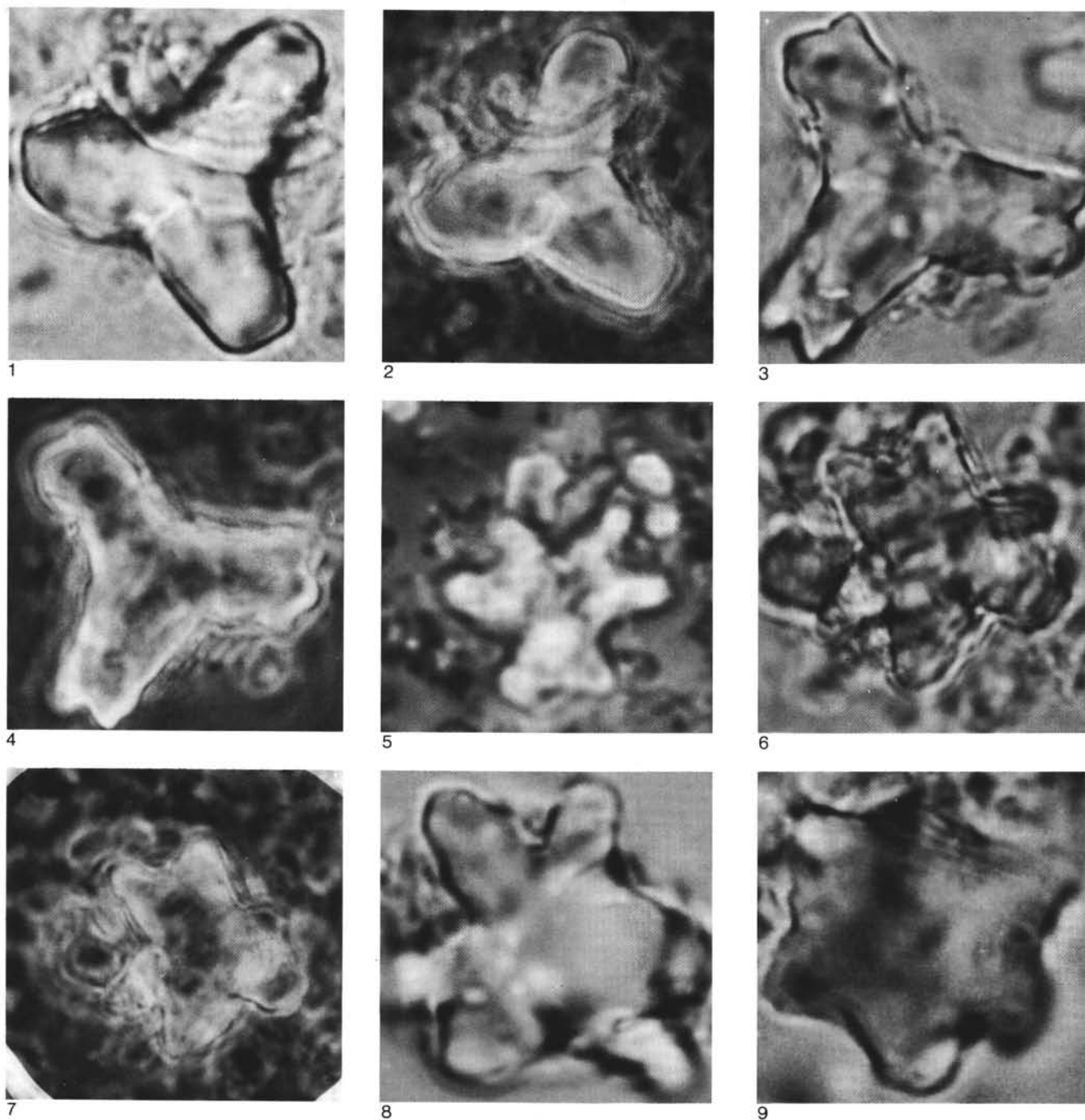


Plate 2. 1-4. *Tribrachiatus orthostylus* Shamrai, (1) $\times 3100$, Sample 605-34-1, 50-54 cm, Tr; (2) same specimen, $\times 2700$, Ph; (3) $\times 3100$, Sample 605-43-4, 50-52 cm, Tr; (4) same specimen, Ph. 5-7. *Tribrachiatus contortus* (Stradner), (5) Sample 605-43-6, 110-111 cm, $\times 2100$, Ph; (6) $\times 2400$, Sample 605-43-6, 110-111 cm, Ph; (7) same specimen as 6, Tr. 8-9. *Tribrachiatus bramlettei* (Brönnimann and Stradner), (8) $\times 3900$, Sample 605-43-5, 50-52 cm, Tr; (9) $\times 3900$, Sample 605-43-6, 110-111 cm.

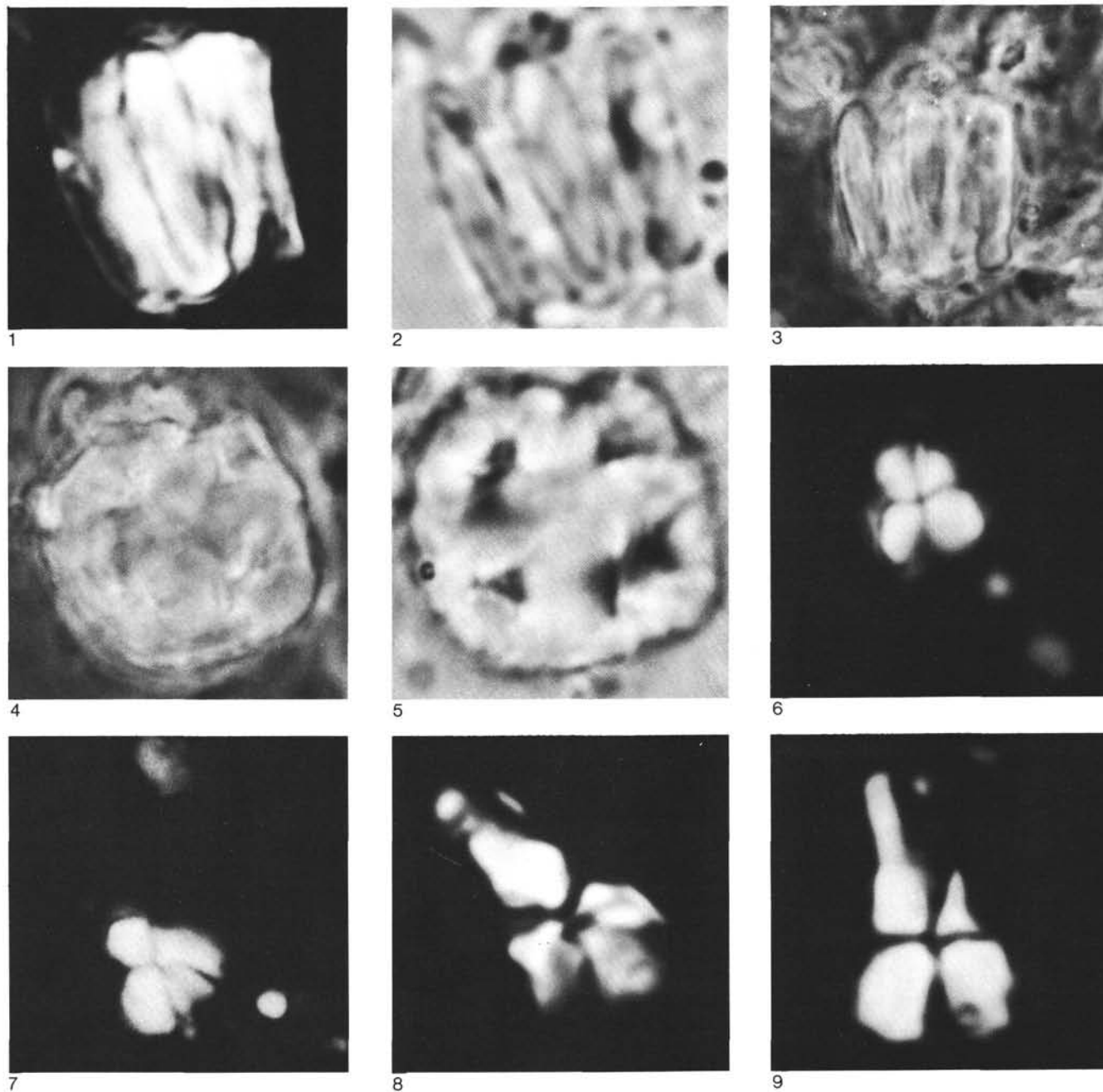


Plate 3. 1-5. *Chipragmalithus calathus* Bramlette and Sullivan, $\times 3900$, Sample 605-38-1, 50-52 cm, (1-3) side view (1, Pol; 2, Tr; 3, Ph); (4, 5) end view (4, Ph; 5, Tr). 6, 7. *Sphenolithus spiniger* Bukry, $\times 4100$, Sample 605-7-1, 50-54 cm, (6) Pol, long axis 0° to crossed nicols; (7) Pol, long axis 45° to crossed nicols). 8, 9. *Sphenolithus anarrhopus* Bukry and Bramlette, $\times 4600$, Sample 605-43-3, 50-52 cm, (8) Pol, long axis 45° to crossed nicols; (9) Pol, long axis 10° to crossed nicols.

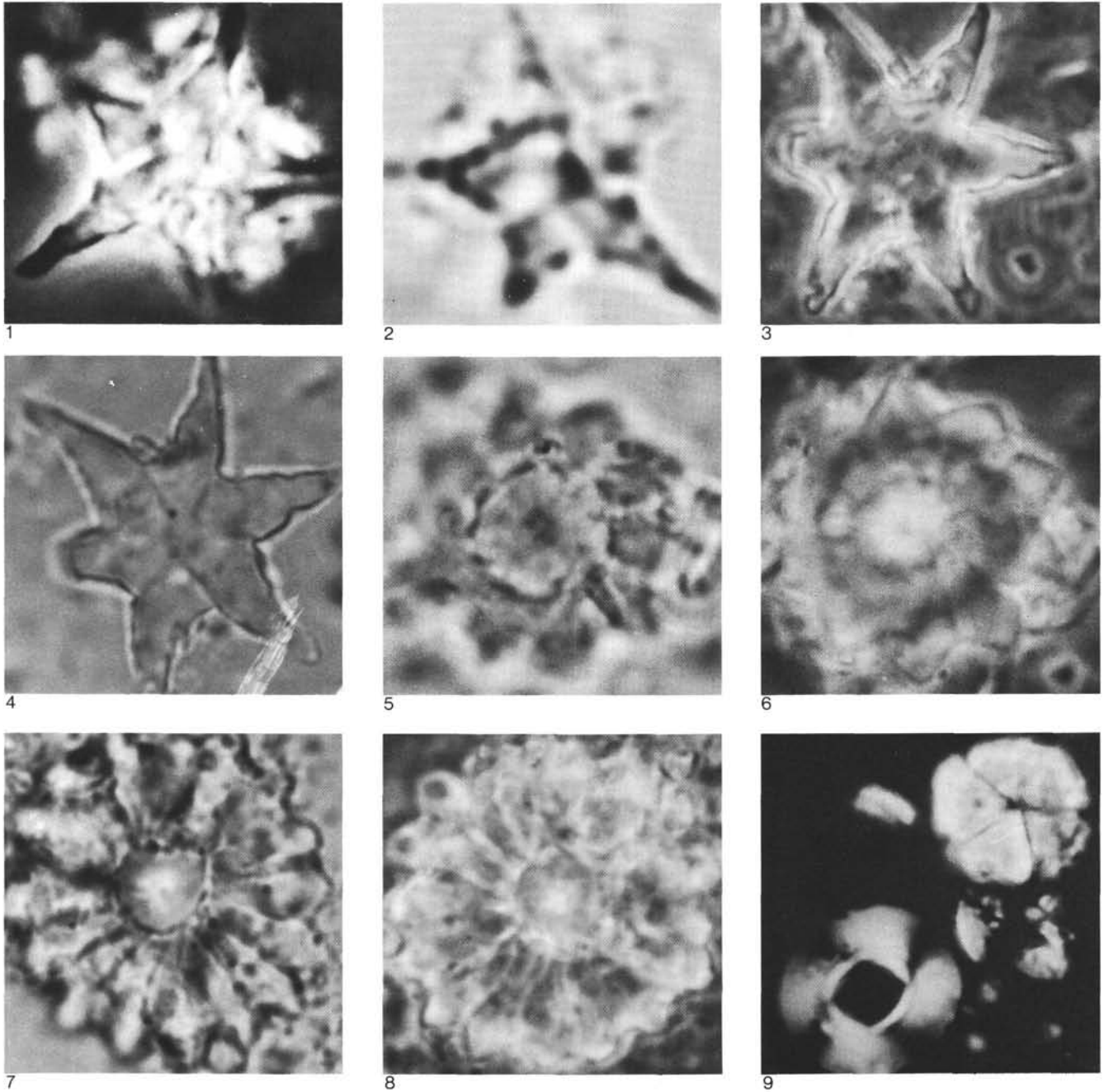


Plate 4. 1-2. *Discoaster sublodoensis* Bramlette and Sullivan, $\times 5000$, Sample 605-22-5, 50-52 cm, (1) Ph; (2) Tr, same specimen, right-left reversed. 3-4. *Discoaster lodoensis* Bramlette and Riedel, $\times 2600$, Sample 605-34-1, 50-54 cm (3, Ph; 4, Tr). 5-6. *Discoaster kuepperi* Stradner, $\times 4000$, Sample 605-34-1, 50-54 cm, (5) Tr, high focus; (6) Ph, low focus. 7-8. *Discoaster diastypus* Bramlette and Sullivan, $\times 2500$, Sample 605-43-3, 50-52 cm, (7, Tr; 8, Ph). 9. *Reticulofenestra samodurovi* (Hay, Mohler, and Wade) and *Braarudosphaera discula* Bramlette and Riedel, $\times 2800$, Sample 605-7-2, 50-54 cm, Pol.

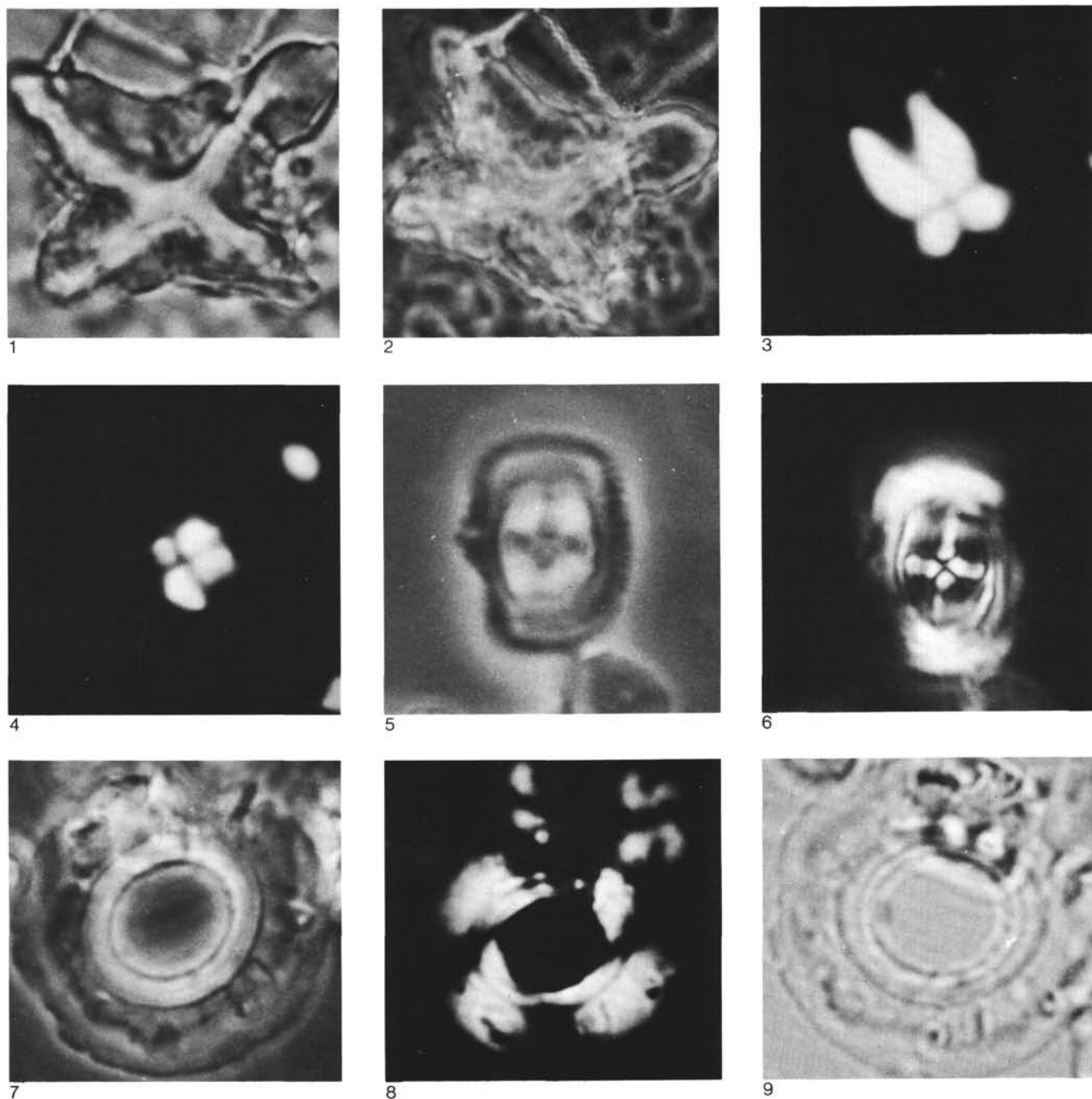


Plate 5. 1, 2. *Nannotetrina quadrata* (Bramlette and Sullivan), $\times 3000$, Sample 605-17-1, 50-52 cm (1, Tr; 2, Ph). 3, 4. *Sphenolithus furcatolithoides* Locker, $\times 5000$, Sample 605-10-1, 50-54 cm, (3) Pol, long axis 0° to crossed nicols; (4) Pol, long axis 45° to crossed nicols. 5, 6. *Campylosphaera dela* Bramlette and Sullivan, $\times 3800$, Sample 605-6, CC (5, Ph; 6, Pol). 7-9. *Reticulofenestra umbilica* (Levin), $\times 3500$, Sample 605-7-1, 50-54 cm, (7) Pol; (8) Ph; (9) Tr, rotated 30° .