

Pliocene and Pleistocene chronostratigraphy and paleoenvironment of the central Arctic Ocean, using deep water agglutinated foraminifera

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Abstract: Deep-water agglutinated foraminifera (DWF) were studied from Cores PS2177-5, PS2200-5, PS2212-3 and PS2185-6; from the R/V POLARSTERN ARK-VIII/3 Cruise in the central Arctic Ocean. The sediments were non-calcareous containing a sparse assemblage of eleven DWF species. A chronostratigraphic framework is presented for Cores PS2200-5 and PS2185-6. Paleoenvironmental data suggests a bathyal environment (2000-4000m) affected by water masses in the Arctic Ocean. The taxonomy of all of the DWF found is presented and illustrated. A new species of the Family Trochamminidae; *Trochammina lomonosovensis* n. sp. is described and illustrated.

INTRODUCTION

Over the past few years, numerous studies have documented Recent benthic foraminifera from the Arctic Ocean, for example (Lagoe 1977, 1979). The deep water agglutinated foraminifera (DWF) from the central Arctic Ocean have so far received limited attention. The aim of this study is to contribute to an overview of DWF from the Arctic Ocean (see also Evans et al. 1995). The ultimate goal of this work is to construct a paleoenvironmental and biostratigraphical framework for the region for the Pliocene and Pleistocene.

A large and comprehensive database has been compiled by Schröder-Adams and McNeil, (1994) for Oligocene to Miocene agglutinated foraminifera from the Beaufort-Mackenzie Basin. Bergsten (1994) documented DWF from Recent sediments of the Yermak Plateau, Morris Jesup Rise and Amundsen Basin. Scott and Vilks (1991), documented agglutinated foraminifera from Recent sediments collected during the CESAR, LOREX and Fram II, III expeditions. Scott et al. (1989) described benthic foraminifera from the CESAR expedition, and found DWF, dominated by *Cyclammina* in Units A2-AB (Clark 1980) in CESAR Core 14. The agglutinated foraminifera were not described in detail, as they only made up a small percentage of the total foraminiferal population. Therefore, previous workers have not concentrated solely on Pliocene and Pleistocene DWF from sediments of the central Arctic Ocean.

During the summer of 1991 the R/V POLARSTERN took part in the ARK VIII/3 cruise in the central Arctic Ocean. A transect of cores were obtained from the Lomonosov Ridge, Morris Jesup Rise to the Yermak Plateau; from which the piston cores 2177-5 and Cores PS2185-6, PS2200-5, and PS2212-3 were taken. This paper focuses on the latter three cores, and compares with data already presented by Evans et al. (1995).

Location

Core PS2200-5 was collected from the Morris Jesup Rise, (text-fig. 1), the second, Core PS2212-3 is from the Yermak Plateau and Core PS2185-6 is from the Lomonosov Ridge. Core PS2177 was also from the Lomonosov Ridge [Evans et al. (1995)]. The position, water depth and recovery for the cores is given in Table 1.

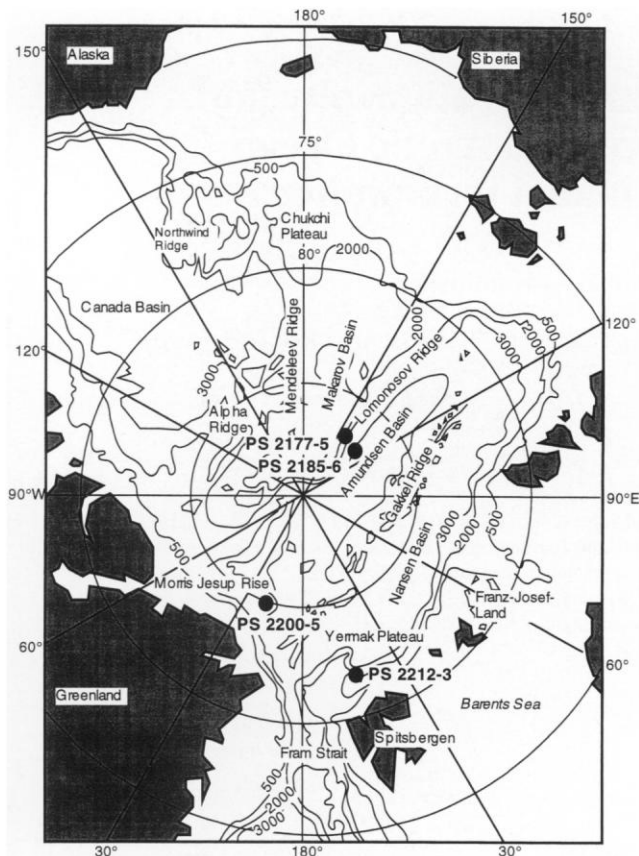
Lithology

The sediments of the three cores can be subdivided into four lithological units, which are typical for central Arctic Ocean sediments. The sedimentary units were described using a standard core description technique and no attempt was made by The Shipboard Party to correlate with the Clark Lithostratigraphic classification (Clark 1980) as this would require some element of interpretation (personal communication, Dr. Robert Spielhagen, July 1996). The lithological units present in the cores are 'sandy, silty mud', 'clay', 'clayey mud' and 'silty mud'. Some of the cores contain dropstones, calcareous concretions, and sand lenses. General lithological descriptions are illustrated in text-figures 2, 3 and 4.

METHODS

Each sample was washed over a 63 µm sieve, dried, and residues picked for foraminifera. This was carried out by technicians at the United States Geological Survey, Reston. The average sample weights for Core PS2200-5 is 70g and Core PS2212-3 is 40g, sample weights for Core PS2185-6 were not recorded by the technicians. Specimens were mounted in cardboard microscope slides, and are housed in the micropaleontology collections of University College London.

In this study 11 species of DWF, including one new species, are described from 53 samples collected from Core PS2177-5;



TEXT-FIGURE 1
Map showing location of cores in the Central Arctic Ocean.

132 samples from Core PS2200-5; and 37 samples from both Core PS2212-3 and Core PS2185-6.

The taxonomy of the DWF is based on Loeblich and Tappan (1987) using their morphological characteristics as the main criteria for their classification. The classification of agglutinated foraminifera using solely the cement morphology (Loeblich and Tappan 1989) has not been used, as this is not generally accepted (Bender 1995). The classification of the agglutinated foraminifera remains a problem and further research needs to be carried out to achieve a standard for classification.

RESULTS

The three cores contain fifteen species of DWF. The dominant species in Cores PS2200-5 and PS2185-6 is *Cyclammina pusilla* Brady, followed by *Alveolophragmium polarensis* O'Neill 1981. The latter dominates Core PS2212-3. The abundance of all the species is described from the bases of the cores to their tops. The taxonomy for all of the species presented in this paper is discussed in the taxonomy section, including the designation of the new trochamminid species, *Trochammina lomonosovensis* sp. nov.

Core PS2200-5 (KAL) - Morris Jesup Rise

The core was found to contain eleven species of DWF in eighty samples out of 132. These are *Cyclammina pusilla* Brady, *Alveolophragmium polarensis* O'Neill, *Psammosphaera fusca* Schulze, *Glomospira charoides* Parker and Jones, *G. gor-*

dialis Parker and Jones, *Rhabdammina discreta* Brady, *R. antarctica* Saidova, *Rhabdammina* sp. 1 and *Trochammina lomonosovensis* sp. nov., *Cyclammina* sp. 1 and *Recurvoides contortus* Earland 1934.

The species vary in abundance throughout the core, but assemblages are dominated by *C. pusilla*. This species is abundant from the base of the core (693cm), producing a peak at Sample 318cm, with 273 specimens (av. sample weight = 70g, text-fig. 5). This corresponds with the peak in total abundance of the species in the core, (text-fig. 5). There is then a large gap, where it is not observed, however, it is re-occurs in Samples 168cm and 18cm, represented by single specimens respectively (text-fig. 5). Altogether there are 3906 specimens of *C. pusilla*, and it comprises 78% of the total DWF assemblage.

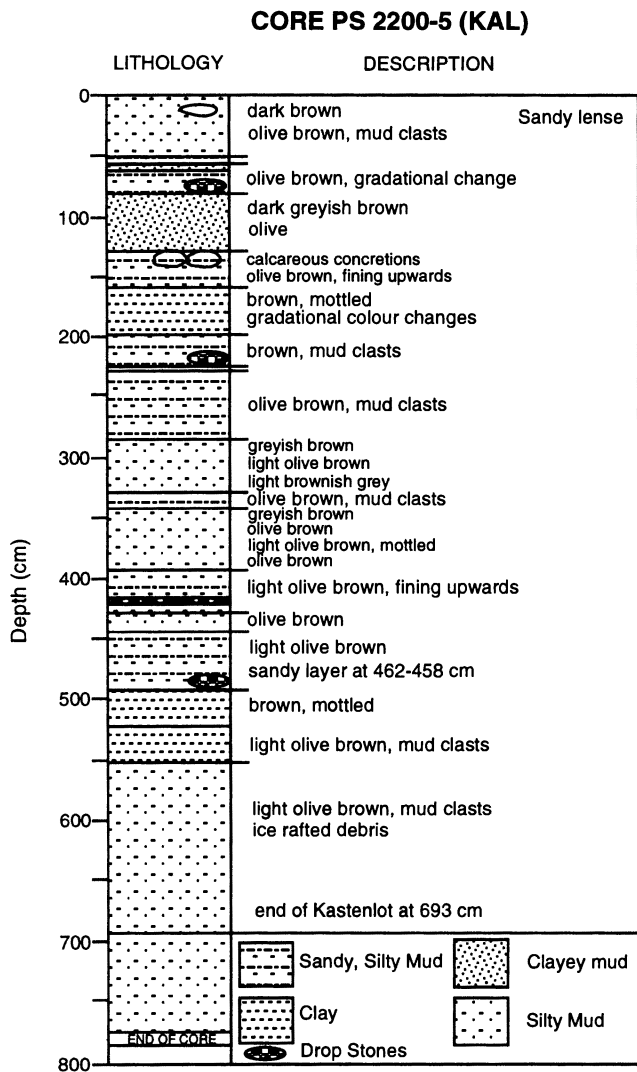
Alveolophragmium polarensis is the second dominant species in the core. It is present from the base of the core, but fluctuates widely in its abundance in comparison with *C. pusilla*. It peaks in Sample 568cm, with 155 specimens. There are gaps in its record, with smaller numbers at Samples 468cm, (51 specimens); 338cm (108 specimens), followed by low abundance values of the species through to Sample 133cm. It then re-appears at Sample 8cm (Table 2). This makes it one of the two species which occurs at the youngest level in the core. *Alveolophragmium polarensis* represents 15% of the total DWF assemblage in this core.

The other nine species present in the core have limited range and a low number of specimens. However, the most abundant of these is *Psammosphaera fusca* Schulze, which is present from the base to the top of the core. There is only a single specimen at Sample 693cm. The abundance slowly rises to 20 specimens at Sample 663cm. This is then followed by the highest abundance of the species in the core, at Sample 583cm with 41 specimens (text-fig. 5). *Psammosphaera fusca* is subsequently present in small numbers, with peaks at Sample 498cm (10 specimens); and Sample 398cm (12 specimens), it re-appears at Sample 8cm with a single specimen. The accessory species are present throughout the core, with *Trochammina lomonosovensis* appearing at Sample 18cm with four specimens. The abundance of these species is illustrated in a combined plot in text-figure 5 and presence in Table 2.

Core PS2212-3 - Yermak Plateau

Seven species are present in this core; *Alveolophragmium polarensis*, *Psammosphaera fusca*, *Glomospira charoides*, *G. gordialis*, *G. saturniformis*, *Rhabdammina discreta* and *Rhabdammina* sp. 1. Surprisingly, *Cyclammina pusilla* is absent from the core, which is unusual for the study area. Rare specimens of *G. charoides* have a final planispiral whorl coiled in a different plane, similar to the form described as *G. saturniformis* by Majzon (1943). It is not found in any of the other cores, and as it is only represented by three specimens. It is not included in the taxonomy section of this paper.

The dominant species, *Alveolophragmium polarensis* only occurs between 180cm and 5cm, (text-fig. 6). The numbers of the specimens are low in comparison with Core PS2200-5, peaking in abundance at Sample 20cm, with 29 specimens (av. sample weight = 40g), obviously corresponding with the peak in total abundance (text-fig. 6). The species makes up 80% of the total assemblage, however, this may appear to be artificially high, compared with Core PS2200-5, as only 119 specimens were found in the core, compared with 5036 in the first core. Many of



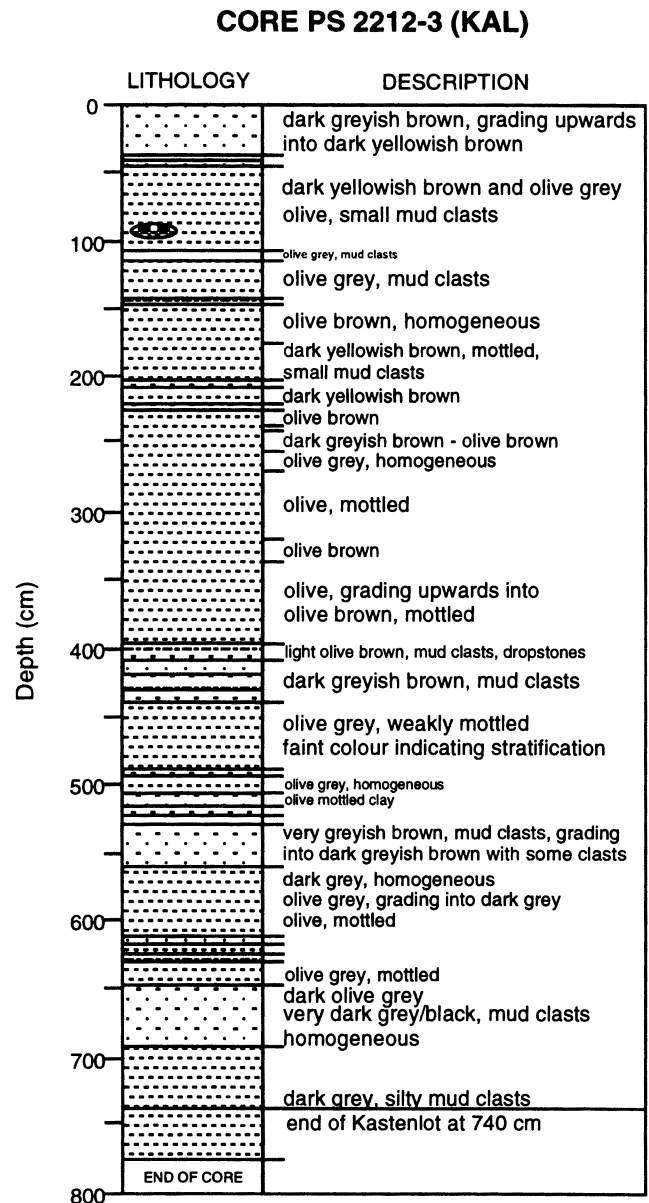
TEXT-FIGURE 2
Lithological log for Core PS2200-5 (KAL).

the specimens are broken, and whole specimens are rare. However, a number of specimens from this core are described and illustrated in the taxonomy chapter.

The remaining species are only present at certain horizons, notably *P. fusca*, occurring at Sample 40cm, with five specimens; and *G. charoides*, *G. gordialis* and *G. saturniformis* all present at Sample 340cm, with one, three and one specimens respectively. *Rhabdammina discreta* yielded two and eight specimens at two horizons, Samples 360cm and 250cm respectively; and *R. antarctica* appeared at Sample 340cm with four specimens.

Core PS2185-6 - Lomonosov Ridge

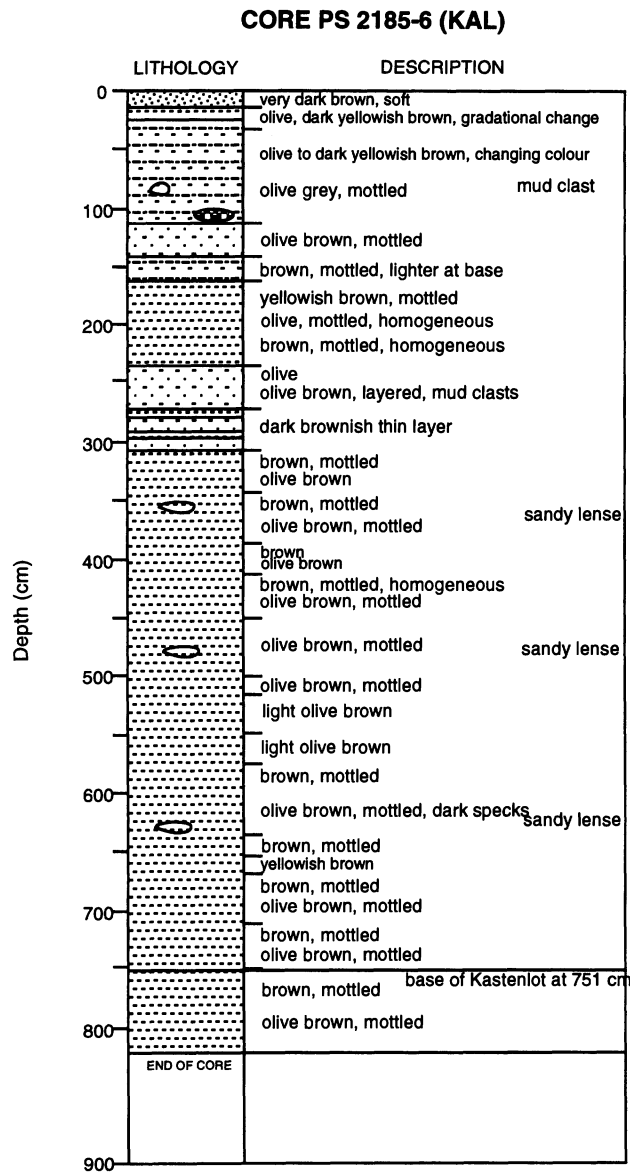
The DWAF in this core are the second most abundant of the cruise, with thirteen species present in 26 samples. The core contains 37 samples in total. As with Core PS2200-5, the assemblage is dominated by *C. pusilla*, followed by *Alveolophragmium polarensis*. The core is barren of DWAF above Sample 131cm. *Cyclammina pusilla* ranges from the base of the



TEXT-FIGURE 3
Lithological log for Core PS2212-5 (KAL).

core, (751cm), to Sample 231cm. It varies in abundance, having initial low numbers at the base and rises sharply to peak in abundance at Sample 671cm, with 136 specimens (text-fig. 6). Its abundance then declines, fluctuating between Sample 651cm, 25 specimens and Sample 411cm, 20 specimens, before peaking again at Sample 391cm, which contains 121 specimens (text-fig. 6). It remains at low values, and finally peaks and disappears at Sample 231cm, with 111 specimens. Altogether, 1209 specimens of *C. pusilla* were recovered from the core, comprising 82% of the DWAF assemblage. As with Core PS2212-3, this appears to be artificially high, however, the actual number of specimens obtained from the core is low in comparison with Core PS2200-5.

Alveolophragmium polarensis has a discontinuous abundance record, first appearing just above the base at Sample 731cm,



TEXT-FIGURE 4
Lithological log for Core PS2185-6 (KAL).

with 95 specimens. As with the other two cores, the specimens of this species are often fragmented, probably owing to its large size or related to sampling processes. This relatively high abundance, sharply drops to 14 specimens in the following sample, which is then preceded by a large gap until Sample 311cm, where 78 specimens were retrieved. The high value at this horizon, combined with 94 specimens of *C. pusilla*, produce the peak in overall DWAF abundance, (text-fig. 6). This differs to the other two cores, where the peak in total abundance has been solely as result of the highest value of *C. pusilla* at this point. However, *Alveolophragmium polarensis* constitutes only 8% of the total DWAF population in the core, which is lower than in Core PS2200-5. The value at Sample 311cm drops until Samples 231cm and 211cm, where there are 16 and six specimens respectively. This is the L.O. of this species.

Trochammina lomonosovensis has a wide occurrence in the core, appearing in Sample 751cm, where 4 specimens were found, and disappearing at Sample 131cm. This species occurs at the youngest horizon in the core, its abundance varies and peaks at 16 specimens in Sample 671cm, the same as for *C. pusilla*. *Psammospaera fusca* is present from the base of the core up to Sample 471cm (text-fig. 6), the number of specimens is low with a peak at Sample 531cm, with 15 specimens.

The abundance of the remaining species present, including two species of the genera *Rhabdammina*, and *Glomospira*; *Cyclamina* sp. 1, 2, and 3; and *Cystamina pauciloculata* (Brady) are low. These species do not make up more than 3% of the total DWAF assemblage.

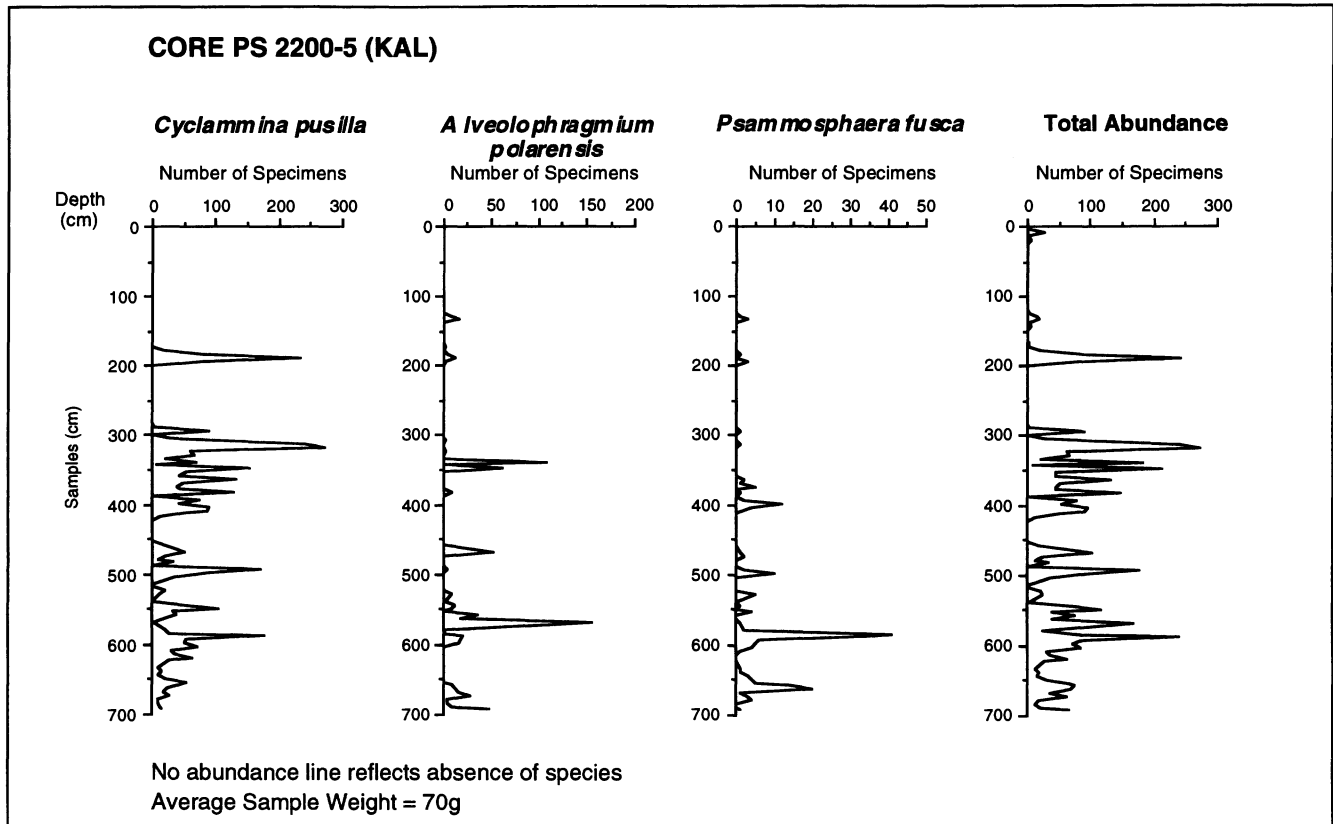
INTERPRETATION

Chronostratigraphy

The dating of these three cores and others from the ARK VIII/3 has been problematic, however, some work has been carried out in the past, including Gard (1988) and Gard and Backman (1990) using nannofossil biostratigraphy and Stein et al. (1994a) using stable isotope stratigraphy. Cronin et al. (1995) has shown that recent studies of stable isotopes, paleomagnetic stratigraphy and micropaleontology of sediments from the Eurasian Basin have facilitated the task of constructing a chronostratigraphic framework for the Arctic Ocean. It has been demonstrated that by using a variety of methods Arctic Ocean sediments can be correlated to the standard timescale. A chronostratigraphic framework has been assembled by Nowaczyk et al. (1994) using magnetostratigraphy, Frederichs (1995) using rock magnetic parameter variation data, Stein et al. (1994a, b) using accelerator mass spectrometer (AMS) dating and stable oxygen isotopes (^{18}O); and Gard (1993) using nannofossil biostratigraphy. However, Stein et al. (1994a) stressed that stable isotope records from the Arctic Ocean might be strongly influenced by local processes such as meltwater discharge. This generates difficulties for correlating the cores using stable isotope stratigraphy. In consequence to this, Stein et al. (1994a) used AMS ^{14}C dating, providing approximate calibration of the preliminary isotopic stages. The stable isotope method can be used to estimate average sedimentation rates for the cores, however, this depends on the presence of the dominant Arctic planktonic foraminifera, *Neogloboquadrina pachyderma* sin. This limits the dating of the complete length of the three cores as this species is only present in the upper sections of the cores. In addition, data from rock magnetic parameters variations in the sediments, have been used by Frederichs (1995) to generate age models. This has been carried out for all three of the cores studied and has proved to be one of the more precise methods used for the dating of the cores.

Core PS2200-5 (KAL) - Morris Jesup Rise

The sedimentation rates for the core and a tentative age model were proposed by Cronin et al. (1994) using ostracoda biostratigraphy. Sedimentation rates were assumed to average 1.5cm/1000 yr. This age model suggested that the upper 400cm of the core represents the last three interglacial periods, oxygen isotope Stages 7, 5 and 1 (the Holocene). Cronin et al. (1994) believed that there is a recognisable faunal sequence representing transitions from a glacial or cool to a warm, interglacial period. These are recognised at boundary terminations between Stages 5d to 5c and the boundary between Stages 2 and 1 and a transition within Stage 7. These isotopic constraints for the age



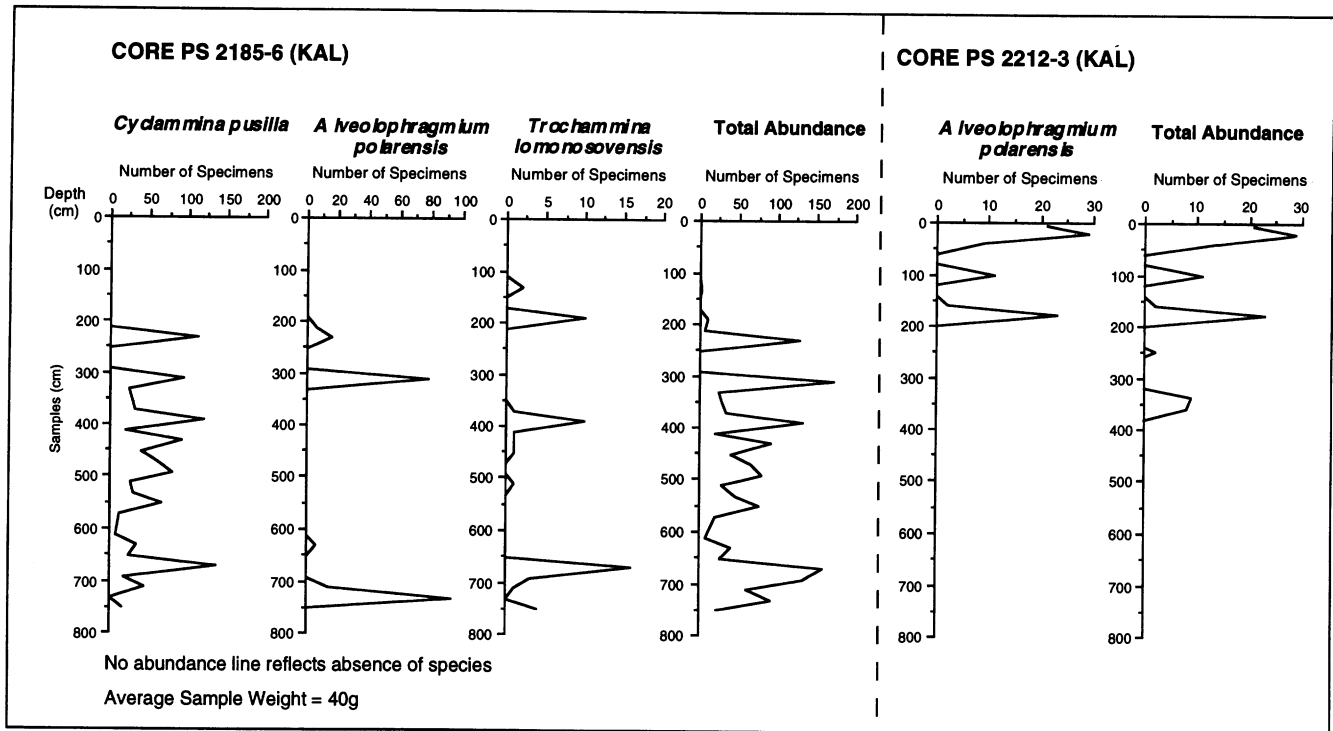
TEXT-FIGURE 5
Abundance plots of species in core PS2200-5 (KAL).

of the upper half of core help calibrate with the biostratigraphy of the core. However, the record from the base of the core to Sample 383cm, is not constrained isotopically.

The variation of rock magnetic parameters and paleomagnetic data enabled Frederichs (1995) to generate a chronostratigraphic model. Frederichs presented two age models, an older and a younger, however, he noted (personal communication, August 1995), that it is difficult to decide which of the two models is correct. Since Cronin et al. (1994) identified the isotopic stages discussed above, we prefer to use the younger of the age models. In addition, the distribution of the DWAF through the core appear to correlate well with the warm and cold periods.

The three dominant species in Core PS2200-5, *C. pusilla*, *Alveolophragmium polarensis* and *P. fusca* are present in significant numbers from the base of the core until 118cm, (text-fig. 7). According to Frederichs (1995) the base (693cm) region of the core up to 600cm, represents isotopic Stage 14. This is a glacial period where the amount of ice sheet coverage would have been high, with a corresponding amount of terrigenous, clastic material and particulate organic matter reaching the sea floor. This should have the effect of reducing the accumulation rates of the sediments and foraminifera, which is the case for, the three dominant species of DWAF throughout the period.

Cyclammmina pusilla, *P. fusca* and *A. polarensis* show abundance peaks at 590cm, 580cm and 565cm respectively (text-fig. 7), which corresponds with isotopic Stage 13, an interglacial period. Following this the DWAF are low in abundance, corresponding with isotopic Stage 12, a glacial period. During isotopic Stage 12, the Emperor geomagnetic event occurred, which ranged from 470-460 Ka. This low abundance occurs until 495cm, where *C. pusilla* and *P. fusca* suddenly increase in numbers. This subsequent higher abundance reflects the higher temperatures and more favourable environmental conditions during an interglacial period, isotopic Stage 11 (505cm - 439cm). It should be noted that the Biwa III geomagnetic event (395-370 Ka.) occurred during isotopic Stage 11, which may have borne some climatic influences on the Arctic Ocean. The abundance of the DWAF fluctuates from this point, through isotopic Stage 10, until it reaches 410cm, which corresponds with the base of isotopic Stage 9. This is a relatively abundant period, dominated by *C. pusilla* and *P. fusca*, and as noted by Frederichs corresponds with the Biwa II event (329-301 Ka.). Isotopic Stage 8 has a very low abundance value for the DWAF and has a very narrow range (350cm - 340cm). This stage is preceded by the highest abundance in the core, where *C. pusilla* is represented by approximately 273 specimens, during the middle of isotopic Stage 7, an interglacial. This suggests that Stage 7 might have generated optimum environmental conditions for the DWAF, resulting in high benthic biomass. Above Stage 7,



TEXT-FIGURE 6
Abundance of species in cores PS2185-6 (KAL)/PS2212-3 (KAL).

the DWAF are present, but are sparse for an interval of approximately 100cm. This is preceded by high abundance peak represented by *C. pusilla* which corresponds with the base of isotopic Stage 5. After this point, the DWAF only occur in very low amounts and are lastly observed in Stage 1, at the top of the core.

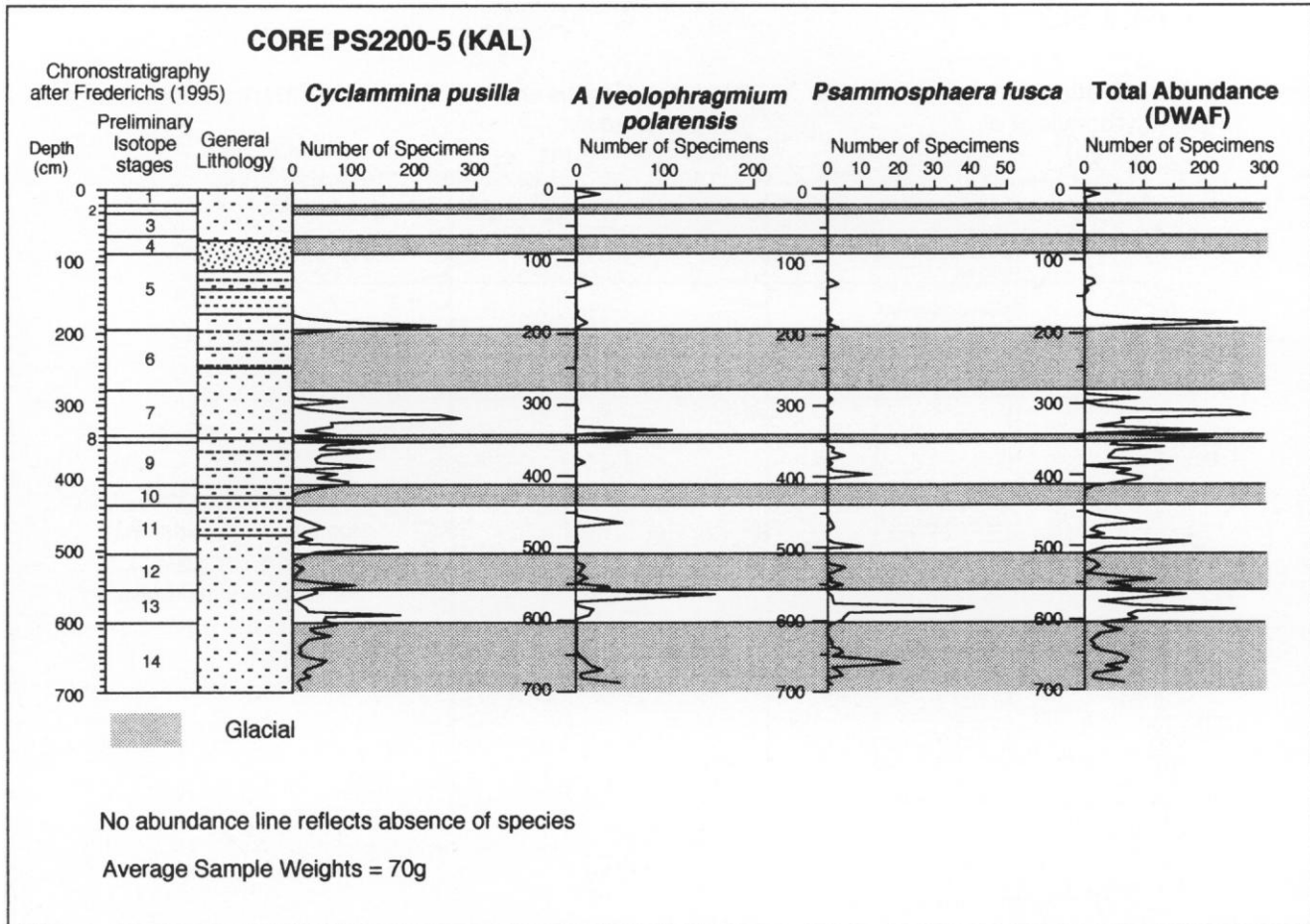
It is apparent that our DWAF records correlate well with Frederichs' younger chronostratigraphic model. The highest abundance peaks occurred during the interglacial sediments and the accumulation rate of the DWAF is generally low in the glacial sediments. The fact that they were present at the beginning of some glacial periods, suggests that they were able to tolerate the initial temperature changes at the interglacial/glacial transitions. However, once the temperature dropped further, with the formation of permanent ice cover accompanied by deteriorating sea-floor conditions, the DWAF assemblages declined markedly in numbers. There does not appear to be any strong lithological correlation with the glacial/inter-glacial episodes through the core.

Core PS2212-3 (KAL) - Yermak Plateau

The amount of data available generated from the study of DWAF in this core is limited in comparison with the other cores, however, Nowaczyk and Baumann (1994) indicated by using nannofossil and $^{10}\text{Be}/^{230}\text{Th}$ stratigraphy, that the core ranges from isotopic Stage 6 up to Stage 1, which included four geomagnetic polarity events within the Brunhes Chron. The occurrence of the DWAF corresponds with the nannofossils. Nowaczyk and Baumann (1994) described their occurrence during the warmer interglacial periods, isotopic Stages 5e, 5a

and 1. They noted that the nannofossils do not occur below this Stage and they left the extent of Stage 6 open ended. It is therefore not possible to delimit the maximum age of the core by this method. However, they suggest that the sediments recovered are not older than 170 Ka, based on chrono-magnetostratigraphic results. The authors carried out demagnetisation on the core at different levels (10, 20, 35, 50, 65, 80, 100, 200 mT) and the characteristic remnant magnetisation (ChRM) determined. In core PS2212-3, through using these methods and magnetic susceptibility, intervals of negative inclination were interpreted as records of geomagnetic polarity events within the Brunhes Chron. Nowaczyk and Baumann (1994) indicated that the Biwa I event (181-171 Ka.) lies in the lowermost part of the core, this is followed by an excursion-like shallow positive inclination, corresponding with an event around 160-150 Ka. in Baffin Bay, Alaska and the Fram Strait. In addition, Nowaczyk and Baumann (1994) documented that the other dating methods consistently yielded age ranges of 128-118 Ka. for the Blake event, 86-72 Ka. for the Norwegian-Greenland Sea event, 43-34 Ka. for the Laschamp event, and 29-24 Ka. for the Mono Lake event.

This age is further justified by Frederichs (1995). Using rock magnetic parameter variations, the estimation of sedimentation rates and re-plotting the data provided by Nowaczyk and Baumann (1994), Frederichs illustrated how the rock magnetic data corresponds with the proposed age model. The DWAF, although low in abundance and diversity, exhibit trends similar to the rock magnetic data. Using ChRM data, Frederichs (1995) was able to highlight the four geomagnetic polarity events within the Brunhes Chron identified by Nowaczyk and Baumann (1994). The first event in the core is the Blake event at 500-455cm



TEXT-FIGURE 7
Abundance of DWAF shown against isotopic stages for Core PS 2200-5 (KAL).

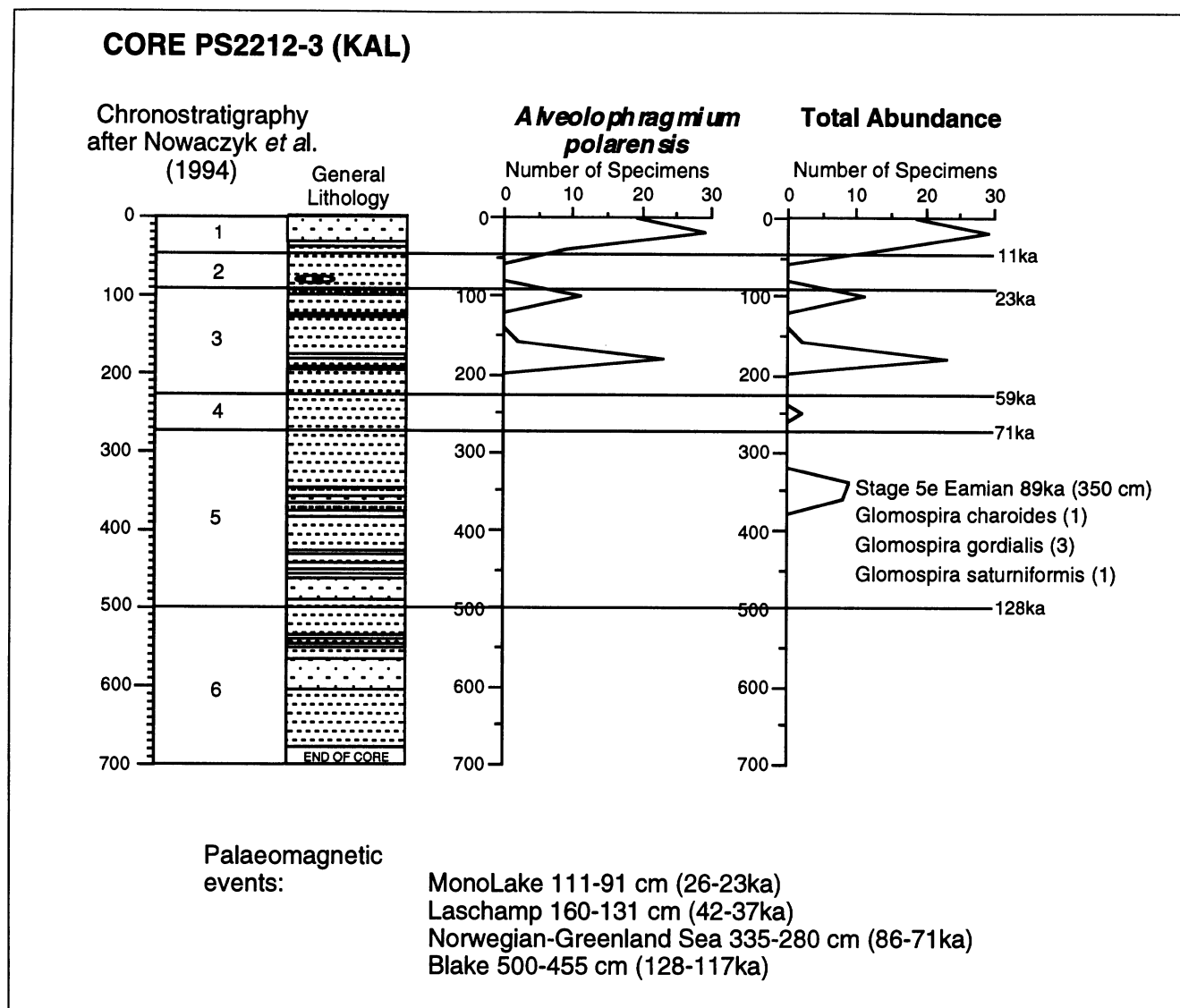
(128-117 Ka.), there is nothing in the DWAF record to correspond with this. The total abundance (text-fig. 8) shows a peak at 350cm, which occurs during the three-quarters the way through isotopic Stage 5. This is the first time the DWAF are observed in the core from the base. This total abundance peak is represented by *Glomospira charoides* and *G. gordialis*, and initially was thought to correspond with substage 5e interglaciation (~129-118 Ka), however, according to the timescale provided by Frederichs (1995) the abundance peaks occurs at 89 Ka. Keigwin et al. (1994) indicated that substage 5e represented conditions where there was less continental ice than today and that it was a peak interglacial within Stage 5. The DWAF data suggests that the peak may correspond with a slightly earlier substage, 5a, which is also in accordance with the nannofossil biostratigraphy calculated by Nowaczyk and Baumann (1994).

A further suggestion is, the peak may correspond to the Norwegian-Greenland Sea event (86-72 Ka), which occurred during Stage 5, identified by Nowaczyk and Baumann (1994). However, it appears that the peak occurred three thousand years too early to correlate exactly with the event. The event gener-

ated the Norwegian-West Spitsbergen current, which flows from the Norwegian and Greenland Sea to the Yermak Plateau. Nowaczyk and Baumann (1994) highlighted that there was a stratigraphic hiatus between 117-86 Ka. (315cm) using the inclination and susceptibility data. However, the DWAF appear to contradict this as they occur at 350cm, which can be dated as 89 Ka. The proceeding geomagnetic event, known as the Laschamp event, occurred between 42-37 Ka., Frederichs (1995) identified this between 160-131cm in the core. This occurs within isotopic Stage 3 (59-23 Ka.), but does not correspond with a peak of DWAF. However, the Mono Lake event (26-23 Ka.), which occurs between 111-119cm in the core, highlights the abundance of the DWAF. The DWAF finally peak during Stage 1.

Core PS2185-6 (KAL)- Lomonosov Ridge

The chronostratigraphy for this core was initially described by Stein et al. (1993, 1994a) using ¹⁸O stratigraphy for the upper 500cm of the core suggesting that it represented isotopic Stages 1-7, which with hindsight is much too young. The treatment of the data available to them was comprehensive, however, further



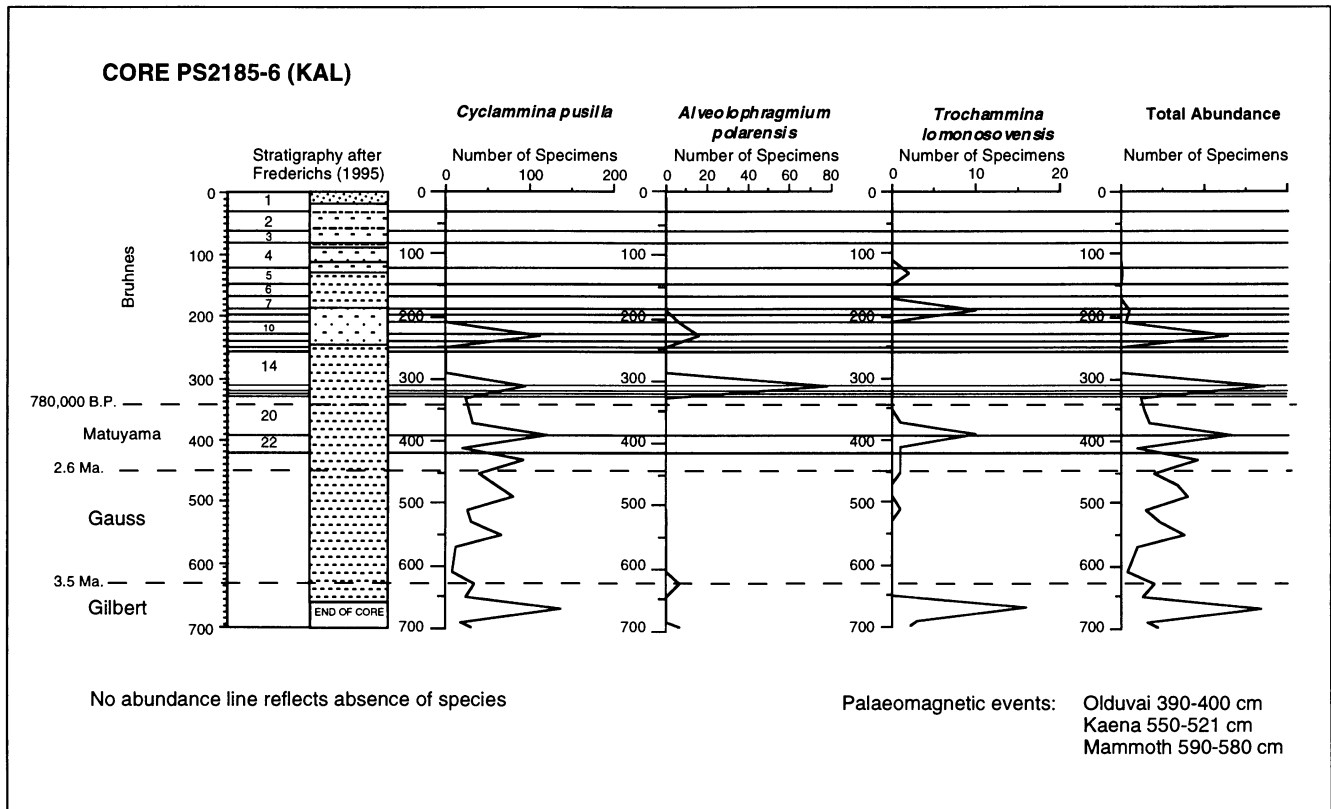
TEXT-FIGURE 8
 Abundance of DWAF shown against isotopic stages for core PS2212-3 (KAL).

evidence from Frederichs (1995) suggested that the core is much older.

As with the other two cores, Frederichs (1995) presented two age models and was unsure as to which was correct. However, Spielhagen (personal communication, October 1995), indicated that the older of the two models correlated well with the available data. In accordance with Frederichs, Spielhagen and others (unpublished data, March, 1996) have used ¹⁰Be and paleomagnetic analyses, which are supported by ¹⁴C-AMS and faunal data. This enabled them to mark the interglacial/glacial periods as the ¹⁰Be concentrations are high during the inter-glacial episodes and correspondingly low for the glacial periods. The Gauss/Gilbert and Matuyama/Gauss boundaries are found at 631cm and 450 respectively; the Brunhes chronozone is found in the upper 342cm of the core. Frederichs (1995) provided both palaeomagnetic and oxygen isotope data, enabling correlation with younger cores. However, it should be noted that he only

identifies the core to be as old as isotope Stage 23, which lies just above the Matuyama/Gauss boundary. This does not enable us to precisely date the DWAF in the whole of the core, as they occur above and below this level to the base. However, using magnetic events within the chronozones, Spielhagen's work provided an age of approximately 4.9 Ma. for the core base.

DWAF occur from the base of the core up until 105cm, occurring throughout the Gilbert, Gauss, Matuyama, and Brunhes chronozones. The presence of the DWAF at the base of the core, indicates that they are older than 3.5 Ma., as they occur below the Gauss/Gilbert chronozone boundary. The isotopic stages begin to correlate with the DWAF at 420cm (text-fig. 9), which lies within isotopic Stage 23. This is an interglacial period, during which *C. pusilla* shows an abundance peak. This is followed by a low total abundance, corresponding with the glacial period, isotopic Stage 22 (420-392cm). This is preceded with an abundance peak in isotopic Stage 21, which in text-figure 9 is repre-



TEXT-FIGURE 9
Abundance of DWAF shown against isotopic stages for Core PS 2185-6 (KAL).

sented by a line. There is a period of low abundance of DWAF, corresponding with isotopic Stages 20, 19 (Brunhes/Matuyama boundary, 780,000 B.P.), 18, 17 and 16. This period ranges from 763-620 Ka. This is followed by the largest abundance peak in the core, represented by 175 specimens at 310cm, correlating with the interglacial isotopic Stage 15 (620-565 Ka.) Spielhagen's work proposed that this may be as a result of enhanced bioproduction. This is highlighted by high planktonic foraminifera abundance within ^{10}Be -rich layers at 240, 215, 175, 35cm and in the core, corresponding with isotopic Stages 15, 13, 11, and 5 (text-fig. 9). It should be noted that these levels are at slightly different levels in the core to those proposed by Frederichs (1995) which are used for the purpose of this study. This is possibly due to data re-calculation. However, the DWAF do exhibit peaks at the Stages 15, 11 and 5 proposed by Frederichs (1995). Spielhagen indicated that these stages were identified as the only "very warm" interglacials in the Norwegian Sea during the last 600 kyr by Henrich and Baumann, (unpublished data). The DWAF are then absent from approximately 465-362 Ka., until they exhibit a peak at the top of isotopic stages 11. There is then a further gap in the DWAF record until the middle of isotopic Stage 5. The peak is represented by only a few specimens of *Trochammina lomonosovensis*. This may correspond with the warmer interglacial periods of the Eamian, 5e or 5a. The DWAF do not occur above this point in the core.

The paleomagnetic analyses (variation of magnetic inclination) enabled Spielhagen and others to identify geomagnetic events within the core. They identified the main chronozone bounda-

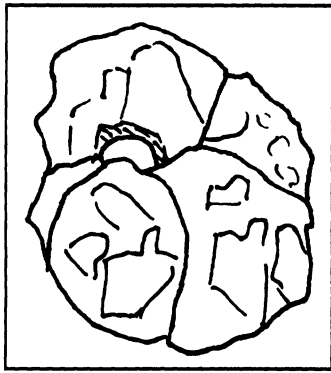
ries to be in the same position in the core as Frederichs (1995). It is therefore possible to describe the positions of the events. The first one identified from the base, in the Gilbert chron, was the Thvera event (500-485 Ka), followed by the Sidufjall (447-432 Ka), Nunivak (420Ka-405 Ka), and Cochiti (390-380 Ka), marking the end of the Gilbert chron. The end of the Nunivak event corresponds with a DWAF peak at 670cm. This may be related to the environmental conditions prevailing during the duration of the event. The middle of the Gauss chron is marked two events, the Mammoth and Kaena. These do not appear to correlate well with any DWAF record. The two final events identified in their study, the Olduvai and Jaramillo, are within the Matuyama chron. Both of these precede peaks of DWAF, which may suggest that they had some climatic impact, resulting in higher organic flux, therefore enabling the DWAF to support to a larger living population.

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Core PS2200-5 - Morris Jesup Rise

The ecological characteristics of modern living benthic foraminifera, including DWAF, are directly comparable with those from the Pleistocene. This principal was used by Murray (1991) and it is from this data base that the paleoecological characteristics of the genera are taken for this study.

The dominant genus in the core is *Cyclammina* and it is present from the base of the core, to Sample 168cm. Murray (1991) suggested that this is epifaunal and lives free on mud or sand on the



TEXT-FIGURE 10
Trochammina lomonosovensis camera-lucida sketch showing the position and characteristics of the aperture. The aperture is situated one quarter to half the way along between the axial depression and test periphery. Umbilical region is tight.

outer shelf to abyssal plain. This can be further refined, indicating that it is present on the lower slope = lower bathyal (2000-4000m) and also on the abyssal plain (4000m).

The genus *Alveolophragmium* has a Recent ecological habitat of a deep water environment and is epifaunal. Kaminski et al. (1988), found that such forms are epifaunal, living in the top 2cm of the sediment. The genus *Psammospaera*, represented by the third most dominant species, is probably an opportunistic species (Kaminski et al. 1988), suggesting that the species was able to survive in a disturbed environment. We assume that other genera present in the assemblage will have had similar ecological characteristics, for example, *Rhabdammina* is believed to be epifaunal, suspension-feeding group according to the morphogroup classification of Jones and Charnock (1985). In the Paleogene and Cretaceous high numbers of *Glomospira* reflect high organic productivity, (Kuhnt and Kaminski 1989, Kaminski et al. 1989). However, as there are only six specimens of this genus, this is probably not the case for this core. *Trochammina lomonosovensis* occurs at the youngest horizon in the core, its abundance varies and peaks at 16 specimens in Sample 671cm. This value correlates with the highest value for *C. pusilla*, suggesting that both species have similar ecological characteristics.

Cronin et al. (1995) indicate that for the ostracoda in Core PS2200-5, comparisons with closest modern analogues suggested that deep-water assemblages such as this one, lived at shallower depths (1073m). Cronin et al. (1995) also noted that whilst the precision of paleobathymetric estimates require improvements, it is clear that the predominance of deep-water ostracod assemblages in the core contrast with typical diverse, bathyal assemblages characteristics of warm interglacials. The DWAF appear to show a similar pattern to the behaviour of the ostracoda where the DWAF in Core PS2200-5 are present in the interglacial periods, however, they are not preserved during the colder, glacial periods. It should be noted that even though the DWAF do not occur in significant numbers in the upper 20cm of the core, Cronin et al. (1995) suggest that the increase of the most notable ostracod oceanographic indicator for this period, *Acetabulastoma arcticum*, in the upper 5-8cm of Core PS2200-4 also from the Morris Jesup Rise, might signify the evolution of extensive perennial sea ice during the last 4000-

TABLE 1
Showing the location, water depth and core recovery.

CORES	Location	Latitude	Longitude	Water Depth	Recovery
PS 2177-5	Lomonosov Ridge	88° 2.1' N	134° 36.7' E	1400 m	6.94 m
PS 2200-5	Morris Jesup Rise	85° 19.4' N	14° 00.0' W	1073 m	7.70 m
PS 2212-3	Yermak Plateau	82° 4.2' N	15° 51.2' E	2550 m	7.70 m
PS 2185-6	Lomonosov Ridge	87° 32.2' N	144° 55.6' E	1052 m	8.20 m

5000 years. This relationship is based on work on the Arctic and Iceland regions, where the species is found in sediments when sea-ice is present and its occurrence with ice-rafted shallow water ostracodes. (T.M. Cronin, personal communication, November, 1995). We suggest that this can be correlated with Core PS2200-5 as the two are from the same geographic area. In addition, using ostracod biofacies, Cronin et al. (1994), suggest that the Morris Jesup Rise would have been affected by the Lower Intermediate Eurasian water mass.

We conclude from the paleoecological data that the DWAF lived in a bathyal environment, the water chemistry was corrosive, preventing the preservation of calcareous benthic foraminifera, and it may have been a disturbed environment, reflected by the low number of DWAF present compared with a modern Arctic assemblage.

Core PS2212-3 - Yermak Plateau

The dominant genus *Alveolophragmium*, has a modern ecology of being epifaunal, living free on sand and is a marine detritivore (Murray 1991). The other genera present are the same as Core PS2200-5 and therefore the DWAF would have lived in similar environment. In accordance with the ostracod data from Cronin et al. (1995), the upper 10cm of the core, may represent a period during which perennial sea ice was evolving, this was during the last 4000-5000 years, (see previous). The study of nannofossils from a core by Nowaczyk et al. (1994), indicated that the area was affected by the Norwegian – West Spitsbergen current system. This was responsible for the introduction of nannofossils to the area. In addition, using ostracod biofacies, Cronin et al. (1994), suggest that the Yermak Plateau would have been affected by the deep Nansen Basin water mass.

Core PS2185-6 - Lomonosov Ridge

Core PS2200-5, this core is dominated by the genus *Cyclamina*. Murray (1991) suggested this would imply that the DWAF inhabited a bathyal, disturbed environment. The other genera present in the core are the same as at Morris Jesup Rise, suggesting that environmental conditions were similar.

Cores PS2200-5 and PS2185-6, were collected from the top of their respective ridges, and exhibit relatively high abundance of DWAF. We suggest that DWAF prefer a relatively bathymetrically shallower environment in the central Arctic Ocean, i.e. at depths between ~ 1000-1400m. This is based on Core PS2212-3 (water depth 2550m, Yermak Plateau). This may indicate that the DWAF were not able to sustain a large population at deeper localities. This data corresponds with that proposed by Scott and Vilks (1991), where they observed diverse agglutinated foraminifera in Recent sediments of the Fram strait at depths between 800-1000m. Therefore, this study extends the bathymetric range of the DWAF in the region. Core PS2177-5,

TABLE 3
Presence of agglutinated foraminifera in the core.

CORES (cm)																			
PS 2177-5		PS 2200-5																	
X - PARTICULAR SPECIES OF AGGLUTINATED FORAMINIFERA PRESENT A - AGGLUTINATED FORAMINIFERA PRESENT BLANK SPACE INDICATES BARREN SAMPLE OR CALCAREOUS BENTHIC/PLANKTONIC FORAMINIFERA PRESENT		<i>Cyclammi pusilla</i>	<i>Cyclammi pusilla</i>	<i>Alveolohtragmium polarenensis</i>	<i>Alveolohtragmium polarenensis</i>	<i>Psammosphaera fusca</i>	<i>Psammosphaera fusca</i>	<i>Glomospira charoides</i>	<i>Glomospira charoides</i>	<i>Glomospira gordialis</i>	<i>Glomospira gordialis</i>	<i>Rhadammi discreta</i>	<i>Rhadammi discreta</i>	<i>Rhadammi antarctica</i>	<i>Rhadammi antarctica</i>	<i>Rhadammi sp. 1</i>	<i>Rhadammi sp. 1</i>	<i>Trochammi lomonosovensis sp. nov.</i>	<i>Trochammi lomonosovensis sp. nov.</i>
10	328	X		A		A		A		A		A		A		A		A	
15	333	X		A		A		A		A		A		A		A		A	
20	338	X		X		A		A		A		X		A		A		A	
25	343	A	X	X		A	A	A	A	A	A	X		A	A	A	A	A	A
30	348	A	X	X		A	A	A	A	A	X		A	A	A	A	X	A	
35	353	X		A		A		A		A		A		A		A		A	
40	358	X		X		A		A		A		A		A		A		A	
45	363	X		X		X		A		A		A		A		A		A	
50	368	X		A		X		A		A		A		A		X		A	
55	373	X		A		X		A		A		A		A		X		A	
60	378	X		X		A		A		A		A		A		A		A	
65	383	X		X		X		A		A		X		A		X		X	
70	388																		
75	393	X		A		X		A		A		A		A		A		X	
80	398	X		A		X		A		A		A		A		X		A	
85	403	X		A		X		A		A		A		A		X		A	
90	408	X		A		X		A		A		A		A		A		X	
95	413	X		X		A		A		A		X		A		A		A	
100	418	X		A		A		A		A		A		A		A		A	
105	423																		
110	433																		
115	438																		
125	443																		
130	448																		
135	453	A				X		X		X		A		X		X		X	
140	458	A	X		X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	X	A
145	468	A	X		X	A	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	X	A
150	473	X	X		A	A	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
155	478	X		X		A		A		A		A		A		A		A	
160	483	X		X		A		A		A		A		A		A		A	
165	488																		
170	493	X		X		X		A		A		A		A		A		A	
175	498	A	X		X	A	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	X	A
190	503	X		A		A		A		A		A		A		A		A	
205	508	A	X		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	X	A
220	513																		
240	518																		
255	523	X		A		A		A		A		A		A		A		A	
285	528	X	X		X	X	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
300	538	X	X		X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
315	543	X		X		X		X		X		A		A		A		X	
330	548	X		X		A		A		A		A		A		X		X	
345	553	X		A		X		A		A		A		A		X		X	
355	558	X		X		A		A		A		A		A		A		A	
370	563	X		X		A		A		A		A		A		A		A	
385	568	X		X		A		A		A		X		X		X		A	
400	578	X		X		X		A		A		A		A		A		A	
415	583	X	X		X	A	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	X		A	X	X	A
435	588	X	X		X	A	X	A	X	A	X	A	A	X		A	X	A	A
450	593	X	X		X	A	X	A	A	X	A	A	A	X		A	X	A	A
465	598	X	X		X	A	X	X	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	X
480	603	X	X		A	X	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	X	X	
495	608	X	X		A	X	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	X	X	A
515	613	X	X		A	A	X	A	X	A	X	A	A	A		A	A	X	A
530	618	X	X		A	X	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	X	X
545	623	X	X		A	X	A	X	A	X	A	A	A	X		A	A	X	A
575	633	X	X		A	X	X	A	A	A	X	A	A	A		A	X	X	A
590	638	X	X		X	X	X	A	A	X	A	X	A	X		A	X	X	A
605	643	X	X		A	X	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		X	X	X	A
620	648	X	X		A	X	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	X		A	X	X	A
635	653	X	X		X	X	X	A	A	X	A	X	A	X		X	X	X	A
650	658	X	X		X	X	X	A	A	X	A	A	A	A		A	X	X	A
665	663	X	X		X	X	X	X	A	X	A	A	A	X		A	X	X	A
680	668	X	X		X	X	X	X	A	X	A	X	A	X		X	X	X	A
690	673	X	X		X	X	A	A	A	X	A	A	A	X		X	X	X	A
	678	X		X		X		A		A		A		A		A		A	
	683	X		X		A		A		A		A		A		A		A	
	688	X		X		A		A		A		A		A		A		A	
	693	X		X		X		A		A		A		A		A		A	

[1400m] from the Lomonosov Ridge contained abundant DWAF, whereas Core PS2176-3, [4363m], from the Amundsen Basin was nearly devoid of DWAF. As the DWAF observed in the cores are not confined to narrow depth ranges, it is not possible to construct a palaeobathymetrical zonation, as has been done by Cronin et al. (1995) using the ostracoda. Core PS2185-6 would have been affected by the Lower Intermediate Eurasian water mass.

We agree with Cronin et al. (1995), that the late Quaternary oceanographic history of the Arctic Ocean was complex. The DWAF present evidence to suggest that changes occurred during the last deglaciation and preceding glacial and interglacial periods (Holocene). These may have both been triggered by the formation of Arctic water masses, their changing strength and the increased effect of inflowing Atlantic water. However, further study needs to be carried out to investigate the connections between the areas, so that a more complete model can be generated for the oceanographic development of the Arctic Ocean using the DWAF.

CONCLUSIONS

DWAF were analysed from Cores PS2200-5, PS2212-3 and PS2185-6 from the central Arctic Ocean. These were collected during the ARK-VIII/3 cruise in the Summer of 1991 and range in age from early Pliocene to latest Pleistocene. Graphic lithology and the abundance of the DWAF are given for the three cores. Abundance fluctuations correspond closely with isotopically determined glacial/interglacial cycles, with peak abundances generally corresponding to warm (interglacial) conditions. We believe that the interglacial/glacial stages can be recognised in Arctic sediments using the DWAF abundance fluctuations alone, without isotopic records from calcareous benthic and planktonic foraminifera. This highlights the importance of the agglutinated foraminifera and proves that they even though they may be low in numbers in the central Arctic Ocean, they deserve equal study to that of the calcareous benthic and planktonic foraminifera.

We reinterpret the chronostratigraphy of Core PS2200-5 from the Morris Jesup Rise, based on DWAF evidence to suggest that sediments at the base of the core correlate with isotopic Stage 16. This refines the previous age model based on paleomagnetic stratigraphy, and AMS ¹⁴C dating. We have calibrated the DWAF record with the paleomagnetic framework in Core PS2185-6 from the Lomonosov Ridge, extending the Arctic DWAF record to the lower Pliocene.

The paleoenvironmental data is interpreted from the three cores, concluding that on the basis of the paleoecology of the dominant genera present, the DWAF lived in a bathyal environment, which was at times disturbed and was generally not advantageous to the preservation of calcareous benthic foraminifera.

The taxonomy of the 11 DWAF species found in the studied cores is presented and illustrated. This includes a new species from the Family Trochamminidae, *Trochammina lomonosovensis*.

Further study is required to generate a more complete database of the DWAF from the central Arctic Ocean. This will provide more concrete evidence for the chronostratigraphy of the central Arctic Ocean, the behaviour of the DWAF, and the oceanographic

TABLE 4
Barren samples in the core.

BARREN SAMPLES		
CORES (cm)		
PS 2200-5	PS 2212-3	PS 2185-6
28	60	31
38	200	51
48	220	91
53	240	111
58	380	151
63	400	251
68	420	271
73	440	291
78	480	
83	500	
148	520	
153	540	
158	640	
208	660	
213	680	
218		
223		
228		
243		
248		
253		
258		
268		
273		
278		
283		
423		
433		
438		
443		
448		
453		
458		
463		
513		
518		

graphic factors affecting their development during the Neogene.

TAXONOMY

A list of barren samples and samples with calcareous benthic foraminifera and planktonic foraminifera are given in Tables 4 and 5/5A respectively.

Order FORAMINIFERIDA Eichwald 1830
Suborder Allogromiina Loeblich and Tappan 1961
Superfamily Astrorhizacea Brady 1881
Family Rhabdamminidae Brady 1884
Subfamily Rhabdammininae Brady 1884
Genus *Rhabdammina* Brady 1879

Rhabdammina antarctica Saidova 1975

Plate 1, figure 1, 2

Rhabdammina antarctica SAIDOVA 1975, pl. 2, fig. 1.

Material: Core PS2177-5, 32 specimens; Core PS2200-5, 1 specimens.

Horizon: Pliocene and Pleistocene, See Tables 2 and 3.

Description: Straight tube which is slightly inflated at the centre. Quartz grains of varying diameter, but generally of smaller dimensions at one end of the tube. Distance between the larger grains varies, grains are tightly packed and one layer thick on the wall. Sharp edges of the grains protrude. External surface of test is rough. Internal surface is smooth. Pelitic material between the grains is light brown. Wall thickness is 0.5mm.

Remarks: Saidova (1975) noted that this species is found in the upper bathyal zone of the Antarctic, Ross Sea, Bellinghausen Sea and Southern subtropics. This is the first report of this species in the Arctic, therefore, it has a bipolar distribution.

Dimensions: Smallest: Length = 0.26mm, Width = 0.14mm. Largest: Length = 0.64mm, Width = 0.24mm.

Rhabdammina discreta Brady 1881

Plate 1, figure 3

Rhabdammina discreta, BRADY 1881. Original designation, not illustrated. — BRADY 1884, pl. 22, figs. 8-10.

Material: Core PS2177-5, 10 specimens; Core PS2200-5, 28 specimens; Core PS2212-3, 10 specimens; Core PS2185-6, 1 specimen.

Horizon: Pliocene and Pleistocene. See Tables 2 and 3.

Description: The test is cylindrical and open at both ends, consisting of a straight or nearly straight tube. The test is segmented with annular constrictions, but with no internal partitions. Wall is several grains thick and finely cemented. Aperture is at the open end of the tube. All specimens present are broken.

Dimensions: Smallest: Length = 0.18mm, Width = 0.52mm. Largest: Length = 1.75mm, Width = 0.59mm.

Rhabdammina sp. 1

Plate 1, figure 4

Plesiotype: Sample Core PS2177-5, 690cm, Box 25, 1a.

Material: Core PS2177-5, 6 specimens; Core PS2200-5, 71 specimens; Core PS2212-3, 4 specimens; Core PS2185-6, 8 specimens.

Horizon: Pliocene and Pleistocene. See Tables 2 and 3.

Description: Straight tube. The tube is even and the tube has an equal diameter along its length. Surface of the tube is even. The fine grained inter-granular cement is light brown. Grains are of similar dimensions along the length of the tube and one layer thick. Smooth internal surface. Wall thickness is 0.01mm, tube diameter 0.5mm.

Remarks: This species differs from *Hyperammina* with the absence of a proloculus. *Rhabdammina antarctica* appears to be very similar, however, the uniform grain size and absence of inflated region in this species distinguishes it. This species also occurs in Core PI-92-AR P39 from the Northwind Ridge, Canada Basin. Evidence from Cronin et al. (1994) suggests that the high abundance in Core PS2200-5 may be explained by the outflowing of water masses Northwest of the Fram Strait near the boundary between the outflowing Intermediate Arctic (200-800m) and Deep Arctic water masses. This would increase the amount of suspended food particles available and thus the productivity of the foraminifera.

Dimensions: Smallest: Length = 0.70mm, Width = 0.52mm. Largest: Length = 1.22mm, Width = 0.70mm.

Family Psammosphaeridae Haeckel 1894.

Subfamily PSAMMOSPHAERINAE Haeckel 1894.

Genus *Psammosphaera* Schulze 1875.

Psammosphaera fusca Schulze 1875, emend Heron-Allen and Earland (1913)

Plate 2, figure 9

Psammosphaera fusca SCHULZE 1875, p. 113, pl. 2, fig. 8a-f.

Material: Core PS2177-5, 64 specimens; Core PS2200-5, 215 specimens; Core PS2212-3, 5 specimens; Core PS2185-6, 50 specimens.

Horizon: Pliocene and Pleistocene. See Tables 2 and 3.

Description: Unilocular test which is spherical to sub-spherical. Comprised of sand grains cemented to an inner organic lining. The tests and grains vary in size. The wall is thicker than the grains and the inside of the wall is smooth. Aperture is a rounded large opening.

Dimensions: Smallest: Length = 0.4mm, Width = 0.4mm. Largest = 0.56mm, Width = 0.54mm.

Superfamily Ammodiscacea Reuss 1862.

Family Ammodiscidae Reuss 1862.

Subfamily Ammovertellininae Saidova 1981.

Genus *Glomospira* Rzehak 1885.

Glomospira charoides (Jones and Parker).

Plate 1, figure 7

Trochammina squamata var *charoides* JONES and PARKER 1860: no type figure given.

Glomospira charoides (Jones and Parker). BERGGREN and KAMINSKI 1990 pl. 1, fig. 2.

Material: Core PS2177-5, 23 specimens; Core PS2200-5, 3 specimens; Core PS2212-3, 1 specimen.

TABLE 5
Showing samples containing calcareous benthic and planktonic foraminifera.

CORES (cm)			Calcareous Benthics	Planktonic	Calcareous Benthics	Planktonic	Calcareous Benthics	Planktonic	PS 2200 CONT	Calcareous Benthics	Planktonic
PS 2200-5	PS 2212-3	PS 2185-6									
									328	X	X
3	5	11			X	X	X	X	333	X	X
8	20	31			X	X			338	X	X
13	40	51				X			343		X
18	60	71						X	348		
23	80	91							353		
28	100	111			X	X			358		
33	120	131			X	X			363		
38	140	151			X	X			368		
48	160	171			X	X	X	X	373		
53	180	191			X	X	X	X	378	X	
58	200	211					X	X	383	X	X
63	220	231					X	X	388	X	X
68	240	251							393		
73	250	271				X			398		
78	260	291				X			403		
83	280	311			X	X	X	X	408	X	
88	300	331	X	X	X	X			413	X	
93	320	351	X	X	X	X			418		
98	340	371	X	X	X	X			423		
103	360	391	X	X	X	X			433		
108	380	411	X	X					438		
113	400	431	X	X					443		
118	420	451		X					448		
123	440	471	X	X					453		
128	480	491	X	X	X	X			458		
133	500	511	X	X		X			468		
138	520	531	X	X					473		
143	540	551		X				X	478		
148	560	571				X			483		
153	580	611				X		X	488		
158	620	631							493		
163	640	651	X	X					498		
168	660	671	X	X					503		
173	680	691	X	X					508		
178	700	711	X	X		X			513		
183	720	731	X	X	X	X			518		
188	740	751	X	X	X	X			523		
193			X	X					528		
198			X	X					538	X	
203				X					543		
208									548		
213									553		
218									558		
223									563		
228									568		
233			X	X					578		
238			X	X					583		
243									588		
248									593		
253									598		
258									603		
263			X	X					608		
268									613		
273									618		
278									623		
283									633		
288			X	X					638		
293			X	X					643		
298			X	X					648		
303									653		
308			X	X					658		
313			X	X					663		
318			X	X					668		
323			X	X					673		
									678		
									683		
									688		
									693		

Horizon: Pliocene and Pleistocene. See Tables 2 and 3.

Description: Test free, proloculus followed by trochospirally enrolled, undivided tubular second chamber. This is coiled around a vertical axis. Test is comprised of approximately three coils. Finely agglutinate wall, smooth surface. Aperture at end of the tube.

Dimensions: Smallest: Length = 0.1mm, Width = 0.06mm. Largest: Length = 0.1mm, Width = 0.12mm.

Glomospira gordialis (Jones and Parker)
Plate 1, figures 5, 6

Trochammina squamata Jones and Parker var. *gordialis* JONES and PARKER 1860, no type figure given.
Glomospira gordialis (Jones and Parker). — BERGGREN and KAMINSKI 1990. pl. 1, fig. 1.

Material: Core PS2177-5, 36 specimens; Core PS2200-5, 3 specimens; Core PS2212-3, 3 specimens; Core PS2185-6, 5 specimens.

Horizon: Pliocene and Pleistocene. See Tables 2 and 3.

Description: Test comprised of proloculus, undivided tubular second chamber which is streptospirally coiled about a common plane. This occurs with five or six whorls of open coiling, not enrolled and umbilicus is usually visible and depressed. Final part of tube may be irregular. Wall is finely imperforate, finely agglutinated with a smooth finish. Aperture is at open end of tube.

Dimensions: Smallest: Length = 0.08mm, Width = 0.08mm. Largest: Length = 0.14mm, Width = 0.2mm.

Superfamily Cyclolinacea Loeblich and Tappan, 1964.
Family Cyclamminidae Marie 1941.
Subfamily Cyclammininae Marie 1941
Genus *Cyclammina* Brady 1879

Cyclammina pusilla Brady 1881
Plate 1, figures 8, 9, 10

Cyclammina pusilla BRADY 1881, p. 53. — BRADY 1884, p. 354, pl. 37, figure 20, 21.

Material: Core PS2177-5, 697 specimens; Core PS2200-5, 4002 specimens; Core PS2185-6, 1209 specimens.

Horizon: Pliocene and Pleistocene. See Tables 2 and 3.

Description: Biconvex test. Depressed at the umbilicus with a sharp slightly lobulate periphery. Three complete whorls, the last of which has ten to fifteen segments. Alveolar structure is poorly developed. Sutures are depressed and vary from straight to sigmoidal. The sutures are not always visible in the specimens and the grains are moderately coarse, densely packed and tightly cemented. Grains consist of quartz and black mafic fragments. Cement is light brown in colour. Walls thin. Inner surface shows a simple structure labyrinthic structure (small pseudo pores). Little variation grain size between the specimens.

Remarks. Our specimens are smaller and more coarsely agglutinated than the syntype specimens of *C. pusilla* [from CHALLENGER Station 323 in the South Atlantic] preserved in the Brady Collection, Natural History Museum, London. As a re-

sult the sutures are not as clearly defined. The species is apparently common in the polar regions, as Earland (1934) reported it as “abundant in deep-water clays” from the Weddell Sea.

Dimensions: Smallest: Length = 0.29mm, Width = 0.26mm. Largest: Length = 0.66mm, Width = 0.64mm.

Suborder Trochamminina Brönnimann and Whittaker 1988
Superfamily Trochamminacea Schwager 1877, (emended Brönnimann, Zaninetti and Whittaker 1983, emended Brönnimann and Whittaker 1990)

Family Trochamminidae Schwager 1877, emended Brönnimann, Zaninetti and Whittaker 1983

Subfamily Trochammininae Schwager 1877, emended Brönnimann and Whittaker 1988

Genus *Trochammina* Parker and Jones 1859, emended Brönnimann and Whittaker 1988

Trochammina lomonosovensis Evans and Kaminski **n. sp.**
Plate 2, figures 1, 2, 3, 4

Holotype: Sample PS2177-5, 545cm from a site on the Lomonosov Ridge situated at 88° 2.1'N, 134° 36.7'E, water depth of 1400m, sediment recovered 6.94m. Deposited in the Micropaleontology collections of the NHM, London, Cat. nos.: PF66744 (Holotype) and PF66745 (Paratype).

Diagnosis: Trochospiral, rounded and compact test. Four to four and a half chambers in final whorl on umbilical side, one interiomarginal aperture.

Derivation of name: Lomonosov Ridge, central Arctic Ocean, where it was found in abundance and where its characteristic aperture was observed.

Material: Core PS2177-5, 102 specimens; Core PS2200-5, 21 specimens, Core PS2185-6, 32 specimens.

Horizon: Pliocene and Pleistocene. See Tables 2 and 3.

Description: Test free, rounded and compact in outline, concavo-convex in shape, not watch-glass like. Wall coarsely agglutinated, giving the specimen a “blocky” appearance, imperforate and single layered. Wall has inner and outer organic sheets. Spiral side, low convex, coiling not easily visible. Proloculus is small and difficult to see because the surface of the test is obstructed with sediment or is smoothed, therefore, total number of chambers in the test not given. On umbilical side four to four and a half chambers are visible in the final whorl, the ultimate chamber is the largest and embraces the second and third chambers. Trochospiral coiling, compressed to rounded periphery. Chambers are subrounded. One aperture present, simple semi-circular opening, interiomarginal, resting on first/second chambers in the final whorl.

Remarks: Brönnimann and Whittaker (1988) indicated that the presence of single interiomarginal aperture distinguishes the Trochammininae from the other five sub-families of the Trochamminidae. *Trochammina subglobigeriniformis* Mikhalevich (1972) has a single interiomarginal aperture, however, the chambers increase rapidly in size, the spiral side of the test is flat, the periphery is broadly rounded, and even though its single aperture rests on the first chamber in the final whorl, it has a rim, which is absent in *T. lomonosovensis*. The genus *Trochammina* is distinguished from the genus *Deuterammina* by the presence of its single aperture. The umbilical region in *Deu-*

teramina is very open, the umbilical region has a star shaped aperture with a secondary preserved aperture at the umbilical end of the sutures (John E. Whittaker, personal communication). The genus *Trochammina* differs from the genus *Paratrochammina* as the aperture lies at the base of the septum, therefore is closed toward the axial cavity and does not communicate directly with it (Brönnimann 1979). However, in the description of *Paratrochammina*, Brönnimann indicated that its aperture extends beneath the septum from its points of attachment on the umbilical wall of the first chamber of the last whorl to that of the preceding chamber. Brönnimann and Whittaker (1988) remarked that this genus is distinguished from *Portatrochammina* by the absence of a porticus covering the umbilicus.

The size of the aperture varies in *T. lomonosovensis*. The holotype illustrated has a relatively large opening compared with other specimens. The aperture is not clearly visible in all specimens, it is often blocked with detritus or sediment which may have been collected during the life of the foraminifera. It is also possible that this may be material collected by the foraminifera for building the test or next chamber. Modern species of *Trochammina* are known to live and reproduce within a loosely-built cyst of agglutinated material.

The holotype and specimens are from a water depth range of 1052 m (Core PS2185-6) to 1400 m (Core PS2177-5). This does not imply that *T. lomonosovensis* is restricted to this depth range, however, this remains to be seen from examination of additional core samples. This information is in contrast data from the Discovery Reports discussed by Brönnimann and Whittaker (1988). In the Southern Ocean the genus *Trochammina* was regarded as a deep water genera group, with a water depth of 3959-4845m. However, our records of *T. lomonosovensis*, is comparable with findings of Brönnimann and Whittaker (1988), with those of Shchedrina (1979), and the original depth range of 1800-3960m given by Mikhalevich (1972) from the Antarctic. The evidence to suggest that *T. lomonosovensis* does not belong in the genus *Paratrochammina* or *Deuterammina*, is strengthened by the suggestion of Brönnimann and Whittaker (1990), that most *Paratrochammina* and *Deuterammina* are shallow-water forms.

Dimensions: Smallest: Length = 0.1mm, Width = 0.1mm. Largest: Length = 0.12mm, Width = 0.14mm.

Subfamily Alveolophragmiinae Saidova 1981
Genus *Alveolophragmium* Stschedrina 1936

Alveolophragmium polarensis O'Neill 1981
Plate 2, figure 5, 6, 7, 8

Alveolophragmium polarensis O'NEILL 1981 pl. 2, figs. 15, 16.

Material: Core PS2200-5, 744 specimens; Core PS2212-3, 95 specimens; Core PS2185-6, 120 specimens.

Horizon: Pliocene and Pleistocene, See Tables 2 and 3.

Description: Test free, multilocular. Planispiral, involute. Periphery rounded. Organic cement. Two whorls, with nine/ten chambers in final whorl. Outer whorl encompassed inner whorl. Umbilical region is smooth and rounded when viewed internally. Broad final chamber and large proloculus. Depressed sutures are seen in some specimens and are darker than chambers. Some specimens are coarsely agglutinated, which restricts viewing the sutures. Solid outer surface to test wall, with holes (alveoles) in the wall itself, internal section of wall is solid. The

interior is complex, with the chamber walls often filled with holes. Many specimens are often coated with pyrite, giving a dark or black appearance. Aperture is equatorial, just above the base of the final chamber face, and a simple slit in the early chambers, later a linear series of irregular to rounded openings. Aperture is sometimes obscured by large sedimentary particles.

Remarks: In appearance this species is very similar to *Cribrosomoides subglobosus* forma *subglobosus* and is easily misidentified. However, further study has shown that its internal morphology separates the two species. *Alveolophragmium polarensis* differs from *C. subglobosus* forma *subglobosus* in the wall structure, with *Alveolophragmium polarensis* possessing holes in the wall and in the internal make up of the test. Many of the specimens examined are often less coarse than those illustrated by O'Neill (1981). It is observed that the smaller, possibly juvenile, specimens of this species have the same form of coiling, however, the aperture is more commonly a simple equatorial slit, whereas the larger specimens have simple slits and some have a series of irregular openings which make up the aperture.

Dimensions: Smallest: Length = 0.42mm, Width = 0.35mm, Aperture face view = 0.45mm. Largest: Length = 1.05mm, Width = 1.01mm, Aperture face view = 0.52mm.

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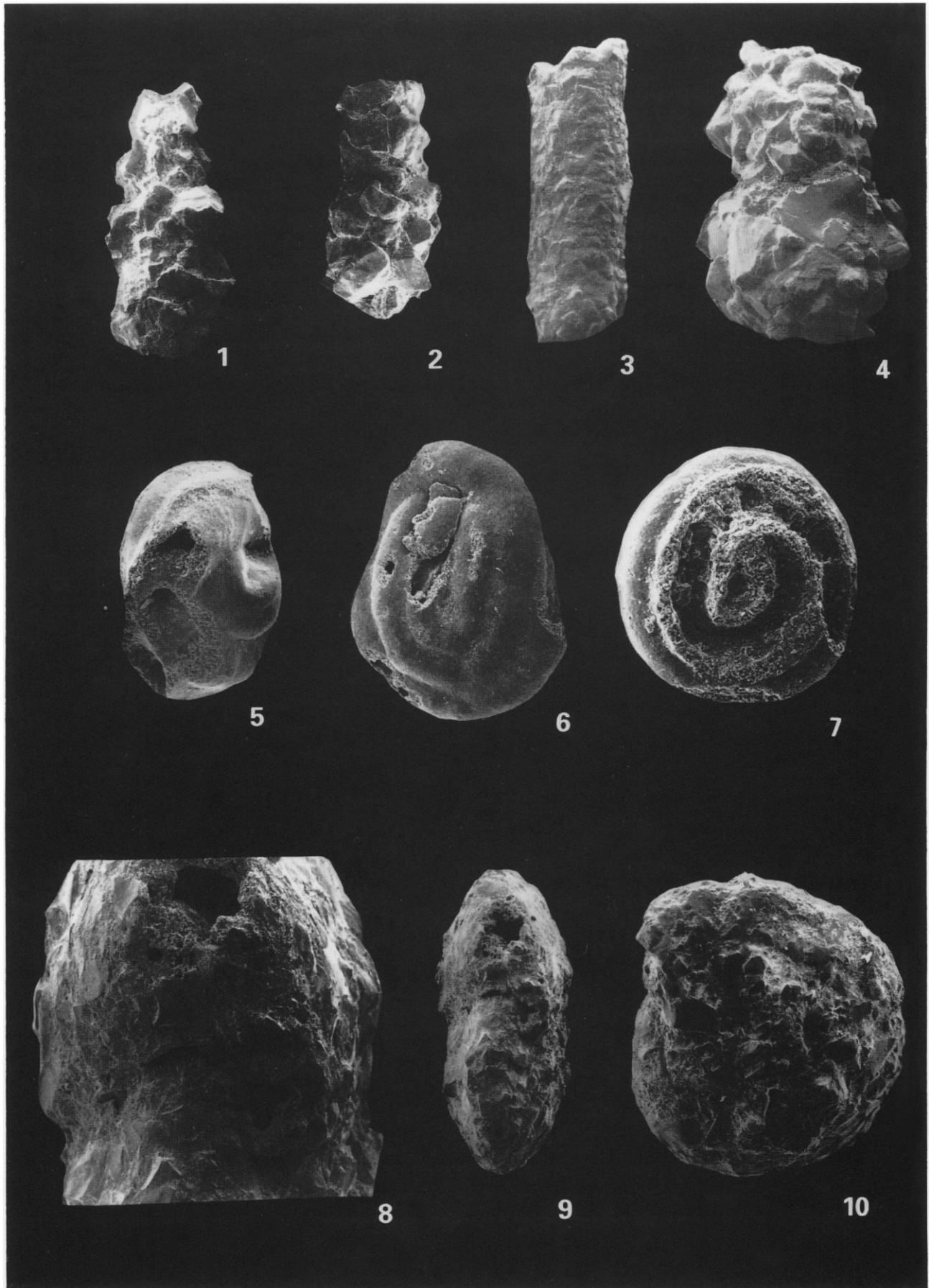
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PLATE 1

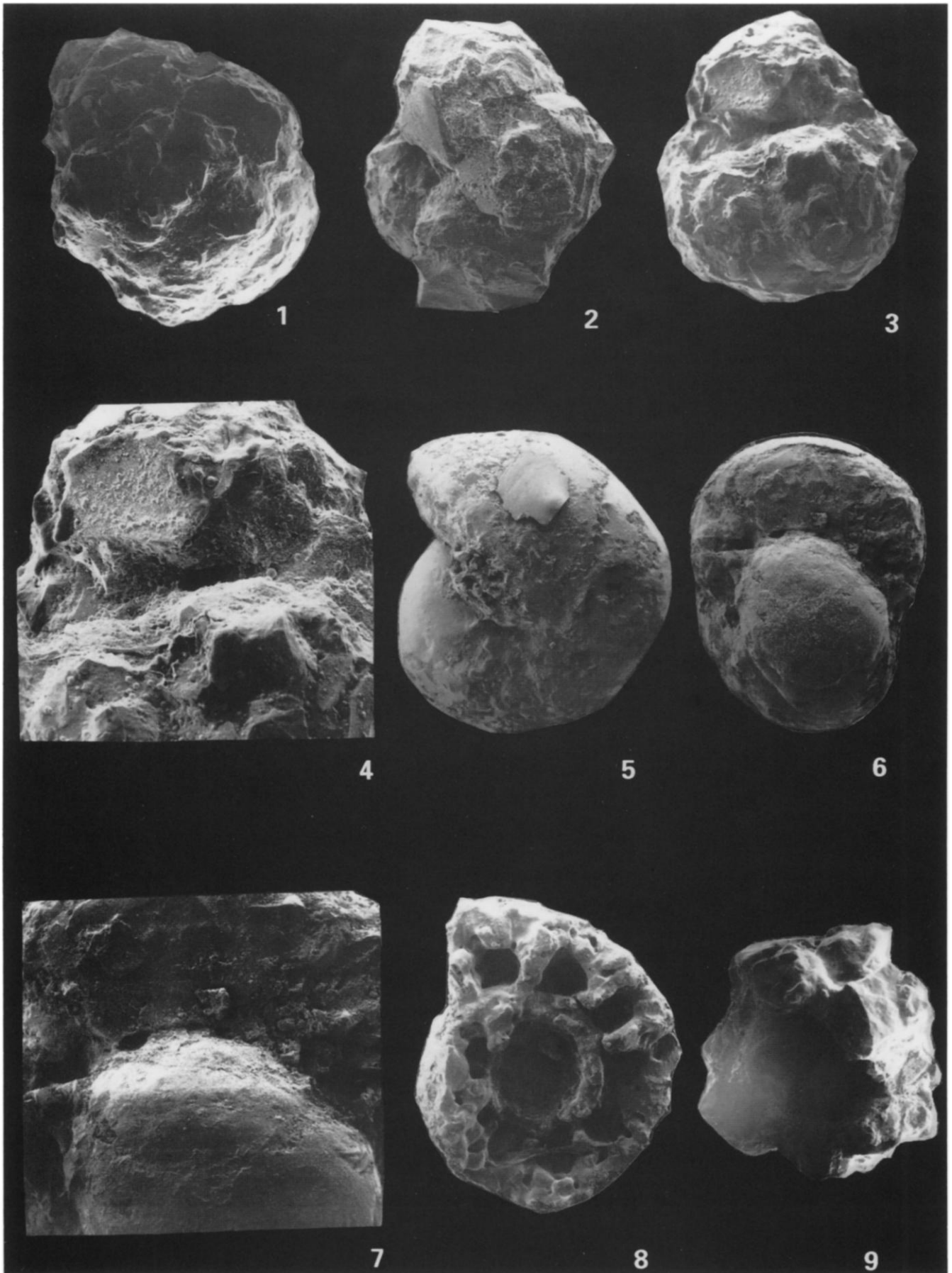
- 1,2 *Rhabdammina antarctica* Saidova 1975. 1, PS 2177-5 (KAL), Sample 590cm, x64. 2, Sample 635cm, x100.
- 3 *Rhabdammina discreta* Brady 1881. PS 2200-5 (KAL), Sample 568cm, x43.
- 4 *Rhabdammina* sp. 1., PS 2200-5 (KAL), Sample 538cm, x62.
- 5,6 *Glomospira gordialis* (Jones and Parker). 5, PS 2177-5 (KAL), Sample 680cm, x350, side view. 6, PS 2177-5 (KAL), Sample 680cm, x250.
- 7 *Glomospira charoides* (Jones and Parker). PS 2177-5 (KAL), Sample 545cm, x410.
- 8-10 *Cyclammina pusilla* Brady 1881. 8, PS 2177-5 (KAL), Sample 545 cm, x200, aperture face. 9, PS 2177-5 (KAL), Sample 590 cm, x115, side view. 10, PS 2177-5 (KAL), Sample 590cm, x120.



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PLATE 2

- 1 *Trochammina lomonosovensis* Evans and Kaminski, n. sp. Holotype. PS 2177-5 (KAL), Sample 545cm, x300, spiral view.
- 2 *Trochammina lomonosovensis* Evans and Kaminski, n. sp. Holotype. PS 2177-5 (KAL). Sample 545cm, x300, side view.
- 3 *Trochammina lomonosovensis* Evans and Kaminski, n. sp. Holotype. PS 2177-5 (KAL), Sample 545cm, x290, umbilical view.
- 4 *Trochammina lomonosovensis* Evans and Kaminski, n. sp. Holotype. PS 2177-5 (KAL), Sample 545cm, x550, close up of aperture.
- 5 *Alveolophragmium polarensis* O'Neill 1981. PS 2200-5 (KAL), Sample 568cm, x68, spiral view.
- 6 *Alveolophragmium polarensis* O'Neill 1981. PS 2200-5 (KAL), Sample 568cm, x70, aperture face view.
- 7 *Alveolophragmium polarensis* O'Neill 1981. 7, PS 2200-5 (KAL), Sample 568cm, x140, close up of aperture.
- 8 *Alveolophragmium polarensis* O'Neill 1981. 8, PS 2200-5 (KAL), Sample 348cm, x82, internal view showing coiling and chambers.
- 9 *Psammospaera fusca* Schulze 1875. Emend. 9, PS 2177-5 (KAL), Sample 620cm, x100. Broken specimen.



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