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2	North Atlantic sediments: implications for transitional field geometry
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13	Abstract:
14	Sediments collected during the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP) Expedition 303
15	in the North Atlantic provide records of polarity transitions and geomagnetic excursions at a
16	high resolution. Here we investigate polarity transitions at the upper and lower boundaries of
17	the Jaramillo Subchronozone at Sites U1305, U1304, and U1306. The sediments carry
18	strong natural remanent magnetizations (NRM) with median destructive fields consistent
19	with magnetite as the dominant magnetic carrier. Both polarity transitions are characterized
20	by low values of relative paleointensity. The U1305 record of the lower Jaramillo reversal
21	exhibits a marked cluster of virtual geomagnetic poles (VGP) over southern South America,
22	and a secondary accumulation in the region of NE Asia / North Pacific. The main South
23	American VGP cluster is also visible at Site U1304, which documents a less complex
24	pattern, possibly because of a higher degree of smoothing. Records of the upper Jaramillo
25	polarity transition document a VGP loop over the Americas, followed by north to south
26	motion including a secondary VGP accumulation near India. The similarity between several
27	records of the upper Jaramillo transition obtained at various sites in the North Atlantic is a

strong indication that geomagnetic field changes have been faithfully captured. Results suggest that a transverse, possibly dipolar, component has fluctuated during these polarity reversals, and that these fluctuations combined with a reduced axial dipole component yielded the observed field at the Earth's surface during the polarity transitions. The lower Jaramillo transition also exhibits VGP clusters in the vicinity of South America and eastern Asia but these clusters are shifted relative to the upper Jaramillo VGP clusters, implying a memory exerted by the upper mantle on polarity transition geometry.

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36 **1 – Introduction**

37 Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP) Expedition 303 was conducted in 38 September-November 2004, with the principal objective of exploring the millennial-scale 39 climate variability in the North Atlantic Ocean during the Quaternary and late Neogene. 40 Such studies require not only adequate sedimentation rates but also a viable means of long-41 distance stratigraphic correlation at an appropriate resolution. In this respect, paleomagnetic 42 records, particularly records of relative paleointensity, provide the means of augmenting 43 more traditional stable isotope records. In addition, such studies provide information on the 44 high-resolution behavior of the geomagnetic field that can be utilized by geophysicists 45 investigating the geodynamo.

Sediments were obtained using the Advanced Piston Corer (APC), with non-46 47 magnetic core barrels which limit magnetic overprint during the coring process [Lund et al., 2003]. Many of the drilled sites are characterized by high mean Quaternary sedimentation 48 49 rates, of 15 –20 cm/kyr [Channell et al., 2006]. The high sedimentation rates, combined with the fidelity of the natural remanent magnetization (NRM) records, provide the opportunity to 50 51 study the configuration and paleointensity of the geomagnetic field during polarity reversals. 52 The configuration of the transitional field at polarity reversals remains poorly documented 53 due to the paucity of sedimentary records with sufficient resolution to record these 54 millennial-scale processes, and the intermittent character of volcanic reversal records. Here, 55 we present results obtained at Sites U1304, U1305 and U1306 for the polarity transitions at 56 the top and base of the Jaramillo Subchronozone.

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58 2- Drilling sites and shipboard paleomagnetic results

Sites drilled during the IODP Expedition 303 are described in detail in the IODP 60 Volume 303/306 Expedition Report [Channell et al., 2006]. At Site U1305, located at the 61 62 southwestern extremity of the Eirik Drift off southern Greenland (Lat 50°10'N, Long 48°31 W), three holes recovered sediments from the Brunhes and Matuvama Chronozones, 63 including the Jaramillo Subchronozone. Water depth at this site is 3460 m (Fig. 1) such that 64 65 the sediment-water interface is located below the present-day main axis of the Western Boundary Undercurent (WBUC). For this reason, and on the basis of oxygen isotope 66 67 stratigraphies from neighboring sites documenting the last glacial cycle, the site is likely to 68 be characterized by expanded interglacials and relatively condensed glacial stages. The base of the section lies within the Olduvai Subchronozone at about 1.8 Ma with a mean 69 70 sedimentation rate of 17 cm/ kyr [Shipboard Scientific Party, 2006]. Sediments recovered at 71 the site comprise silty clays with nannofossils. Paleomagnetic measurements were 72 conducted shipboard on archive half core sections comprised measurements of NRM using the shipboard pass-through cryogenic magnetometer. The spatial resolution of the shipboard 73 74 magnetometer, as measured by the width at half-height of the pickup coil response function, 75 is about 10 cm for each of the three orthogonal axes. Aboard ship, NRM intensity and 76 direction of half-core sections were measured before any demagnetization, and re-measured 77 after limited alternating field (AF) demagnetization, restricted to peak fields of 10 mT, or 78 occasionally 20 mT. Low peak demagnetization fields ensure that archive halves remain 79 useful for shore-based high-resolution measurements of u-channel samples. NRM intensities before demagnetization range from $\approx 10^{-1}$ to more than 1 A/m. After AF demagnetization at 80 peak fields of 10-20 mT, intensities are reduced to $\approx 10^{-1}$ A/m. NRM inclinations vary 81 82 around the value expected for a geocentric axial dipole, for both normal and reverse polarity 83 intervals. Despite the limited AF demagnetization, the Brunhes and the upper Matuyama

84 subchronozones were clearly identified in shipboard records [Shipboard Scientific Party,
85 2006].

86 Site U1306 (Lat 58°14'N, Long 45°38'W) was drilled South of Greenland, in a water depth of ≈ 2270 m in the main axis of the Western Boundary Undercurent (WBUC). 87 88 Sediments comprise silty clays with varying amounts of diatoms, nannofossils and 89 foraminifera [Shipboard Scientific Party, 2006]. Based on stratigraphies for the last glacial 90 cycle obtained from conventional piston cores in the region, we expect glacial intervals to be 91 expanded relative to interglacials, providing a stratigraphy that is complementary to that 92 obtained at Site U1305. Shipboard paleomagnetic measurements revealed NRM intensities prior to demagnetization in the 10^{-1} A/m range. After AF demagnetization at peak fields of 93 94 10 or 20 mT, NRM intensities were reduced by about 50%. Inclinations vary around the 95 expected values for a geocentric axial dipole for normal and reverse polarity intervals. The 96 Brunhes Chronozone and the upper Matuyama subchronozones were clearly identified from shipboard magnetic measurements [Shipboard Scientific Party, 2006]. 97

98 Site U1304 (Lat 53°03'N, Long 33°32 W) was drilled at the southern edge of the 99 Gardar Drift in a water depth of \approx 3065 m. The objective was to compare climatic and 100 paleomagnetic records to those previously obtained on the northern part of the Gardar Drift 101 during ODP Leg 162 (Site 983). Sediments at Site U1304 comprise interbedded diatom 102 oozes and nanofossil ooze with intervals of clay and silty clay. Shipboard paleomagnetic measurements document NRM intensity in the range of 10⁻¹ A/m for most intervals. 103 104 Intervals rich in diatom oozes are less strongly magnetized with intensities in the range of 10⁻³ A/m. An almost continuous sequence was obtained including the Brunhes Chron and 105 106 part of the Matuyama Chron, including the Jaramillo and Cobb Mountain Subchronozones, 107 and the top of the Olduvai Subchronozone [Shipboard Scientific Party, 2006].

109 **3**Sampling and laboratory methods

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111 Core sections from IODP Sites U1304, U1305 and U1306 recording geomagnetic 112 polarity transitions and excursions were sampled with u-channels at the IODP core 113 depository in Bremen (Germany) in February 2005 prior to the main sampling in May 2005. 114 The objective was to measure polarity transitions in u-channels from the working halves of 115 core sections that would later be sub-sampled for other purposes during the main sampling 116 party three months later. Natural remanent magnetization (NRM) and bulk magnetic 117 parameters were measured at a high-resolution with pass-through cryogenic magnetometers 118 designed for long-core measurements [Weeks et al., 1993] at the LSCE in Gif-sur-Yvette 119 (France) and at the University of Florida, Gainesville. Stepwise AF demagnetization of the 120 NRM was conducted up to peak fields of 100 mT using the in-line 3-axes AF coils system. 121 Component magnetization directions were then determined for the 20-60, or 20-80 mT demagnetization interval using the standard "principal component" method of Kirschvink 122 123 (1980) either through the standard software used at the University of Florida, or through the Excel routine used at Gif-sur-Yvette [Mazaud et al., 2005]. Declinations of the resolved 124 125 component magnetizations were adjusted according to the shipboard "Tensor Multishot" 126 orientation tool when available, or by uniform rotation of cores such that the core mean 127 declinations for intervals outside the polarity transitions equaled 0° or 180°, depending on the sign of the inclination. 128

129 After measurement of NRM, the following magnetic concentration parameters were 130 measured on all u-channels: volume low-field susceptibility (κ), anhysteretic remanent 131 magnetization (ARM), and the isothermal remanent magnetization (IRM). κ is controlled by 132 the amount, nature and grain size of ferromagnetic (s.l.) and is also inluenced by 133 paramagnetic and diamagnetic minerals. ARM and IRM, on the other hand, are remanent

134 magnetizations, and therefore solely sensitive to the ferromagnetic (s.l.) fraction, and do not 135 depend on paramagnetic minerals. ARM is principally linked to small magnetic grains, with size around $0.1 - 5 \mu m$, while IRM is sensitive to a wider spectrum of grain sizes up to 136 several tens of microns [Maher, 1988; Dunlop and Ozedemir, 1997]. ARM was acquired 137 138 along the axis of the u-channel using a 100 mT AF field and a 50 µT DC field. It was demagnetized using the same steps than those used for the NRM. IRM was acquired in 6 139 140 steps up to 1 T using a 2G pulsed IRM solenoid. IRM_{1T} was stepwise demagnetized. Then, 141 after a re-acquisition at 1 T, a backfield of 0.3 T was applied to calculate the S-ratios_{-0 3T} (S. 142 _{0.3T}. = -IRM_{-0.3T}./IRM_{1T}. [King and Channell, 1991]), which provides a measure of magnetic 143 coercivity spectrum that can also be gauged by hysteresis experiments conducted with a 144 Princeton Measurements Corp. alternating gradient magnetometer (AGM) or vibrating sample magnetometer (VSM). Measurements of the low field bulk susceptibility (κ) were 145 performed using a small diameter Bartington sensor loop mounted in line with a track 146 system designed for u-channels at Gif-sur-Yvette and a Sapphire loop with susceptibility 147 148 track designed for u-channels at the University of Florida [Thomas et al., 2003].

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150 4. Records of polarity transitions

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4.1 Lower Jaramillo transition

The lower Jaramillo polarity transition is recorded in the composite section at Site U1305 [Shipboard Scientific Party, 2006] between 167 and 169 meters composite depth (mcd). Orthogonal projections of AF demagnetization data indicate progressive decrease of NRM intensity at peak fields greater than 20 mT (Fig. 2a). Component magnetization directions were calculated for the 20 to 60 mT AF peak field interval (Fig. 2b and 2c) Maximum angular deviations (MAD) values [Kirschvink, 1980] (Fig. 2d) indicate the

159 precision of the definition of magnetization components. Median destruction fields of about 160 27 mT is obtained for ARM, which is consistent with magnetite or low Ti (titano)magnetite as 161 the dominant carrier of the NRM. NRM/ARM is a proxy commonly used for relative 162 paleointensity determinations [Banerjee and Mellema, 1974; Levi and Banerjee, 1976; King 163 et al., 1983; Tauxe, 1993]. Here we used the NRM-ARM slope calculated in the 20-60 mT AF 164 peak field range [Channell et al., 2002]. The linear correlation coefficient (r) indicates welldefined slopes with values around 0.99 outside the transition and higher than 0.95 during the 165 166 reversal (Fig. 2i). The NRM/ARM slopes indicate a broad low at the time of directional 167 changes associated with the polarity transition. Interestingly, the paleointensity was 168 significantly reduced prior the directional reversal (Fig. 2i). Virtual geomagnetic poles 169 (VGPs) were then calculated from the NRM component directions. The plot of VGPs (Fig. 2g) is used here as a convenient means of documenting directional changes at the reversal (in 170 171 addition to Figs. 2 b-d), and does not imply that the transitional fields were dipolar. VGP 172 latitudes fluctuate prior the transition in the 168.5-169.6 mcd interval (Fig. 2h), however, 173 these fluctuations occur in an interval where the bulk magnetic parameters (K, ARM, IRM and 174 ARM/ κ) also fluctuate around relatively high values (Fig. 2e). The polarity transition onset at 175 about 168 mcd is marked by an accumulation of VGPs over the South America. The VGP 176 then moves to the northern hemisphere, with a large longitudinal drift and a secondary 177 accumulation of VGPs over eastern Asia (Fig. 2g).

Another record of the same transition was obtained at Hole U1304B at \approx 176 mcd (Fig. 3). Stable magnetization components were isolated after AF demagnetization at peak fields of \approx 20 mT (as before component magnetization directions were calculated in the 20-60 mT peak field range). Bulk magnetic parameters display very limited variations, indicating that, in this case, the paleomagnetic record is not strongly perturbed by changes in concentration and grain size of the magnetic fraction. A broad low in relative paleointensity

(NRM-ARM slope) coincides with the directional transition (Fig. 3i). No fluctuations are observed prior the transition. However, only a limited interval prior to the transition was sampled. This VGP path shows a less complex pattern than at site U1305. This could be due to more smoothing of the transition record at Site U1304 than at Site U1305. A VGP cluster near southern America is apparent at the onset of the polarity transition. The VGP motion to the northern hemisphere resembles that obtained at Site U1305. No longitudinal drift of the VGP is visible in the last part of this record of the lower Jaramillo transition.

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192 *4.2. Upper Jaramillo transition*

193 This polarity transition is recorded between ≈ 156 and 158 mcd at Hole U1305A (Fig. 194 4). AF demagnetization indicates that a stable magnetization component is resolved after ≈ 20 195 mT peak field demagnetization. As for the other transitions, the characteristic NRM directions 196 were calculated for the 20-60 mT peak field range, and MAD values were calculated. 197 Fluctuations of the bulk magnetic parameters are very limited in the vicinity of the transition, 198 suggesting that magnetic concentration and grain size were more uniform for the upper 199 Jaramillo transition than for the lower Jaramillo transition at Site U1305. NRM-ARM slopes 200 are well defined (Fig. 4i) and they indicate reduced field intensity at the time of directional 201 changes. VGP motion starts from the North pole with a large loop over the Americas, 202 followed by a progressive move from the North pole to the South pole that includes a 203 secondary accumulation of VGPs at low latitudes in the Indian Ocean. A short post-204 transitional excursion is observed at $\approx 155.5 \text{ mcd}$ (Fig. 4).

Record obtained at Hole U1306D (Fig. 5) offers a very detailed view of the same transition trajectory, with a transitional zone over more than 2 m. As for Hole 1305A, stable component was isolated after 20mT peak alternating field demagnetization. Characteristic NRM directions were calculated for the 20 - 80 mT peak field range, and are clearly defined

through the entire transitional zone. NRM-ARM slopes indicate a broad low in relative paleointensity which coincides with the directional reversal (Fig. 5). Magnetite abundance and grain size proxies document limited variability and do not correlate with characteristic NRM directions or intensity changes (Fig. 5). Overall, the VGP trajectory calculated from the characteristic directions (Fig. 5) is very similar to that of Site U1305, with a large VGP swing over the Americas prior a pole-to-pole transition showing a secondary cluster (Fig 5).

215 Finally, another record of the Upper Jaramillo transition was obtained at Hole U1304B 216 in the 164 and 165 mcd interval (only a limited interval around this transition was sampled). 217 ARM, IRM, \Box and ARM/ \Box (Fig. 6) indicate homogeneity in amount and size of magnetite 218 grains. The VGP path calculated from the characteristic NRM directions is less complex than 219 at Sites U1305 and U1306 (Fig 6), presumably because of a higher smoothing of the polarity 220 transition at this site. Nevertheless, a strong resemblance with the records from sites U1305-221 U1306 records is observed. Records at sites U1305 and U1306 are remarkably similar to the record previously obtained at ODP Site 983 (ODP Leg 162) [Channell and Lehman, 1997] 222 223 (Fig. 7). Overall, the similarity between several records obtained at various sites in the North 224 Atlantic is a strong indication that geomagnetic field changes during this transition were 225 correctly captured.

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228 **5- Discussion and conclusion**

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Detailed records obtained for the upper and lower Jaramillo polarity transitions from IODP Expedition 303 sediments yield VGP trajectories (Fig. 7) that show clusters and loops alternating with fast changes, reminiscent of reversal records previously obtained at ODP Sites 983 and 984, and also of some volcanic records [Channell and Lehman, 1997; Mazaud

234 and Channell, 1999, Channell et al., 2004; Prévot et al., 1985; Mankinen et al., 1985]. The 235 VGP paths do not pass close to the sites or to their antipodes, confirming the idea that the 236 transitional fields are not axi-symmetric. Clusters and loops tend to be located in the two longitudinal bands, one over eastern Asia and another over the Americas, that were 237 238 recognized over 15 years ago in sedimentary and volcanic records and interpreted to indicate 239 lower mantle influence on transition field geometry [Clement, 1991; Laj et al., 1991; 240 Hoffman, 1992; Love, 1998]. Other causes linked to sedimentary magnetization acquisition 241 rather than to geomagnetic field behavior have been also envisaged for these two bands 242 [Quidelleur et al., 1995]. Such artifacts, however, are hardly compatible with the complex patterns obtained here. In the higher resolution (higher sedimentation rate) records 243 244 illustrated here, VGPs appear to jump from one longitudinal band to the other during an 245 individual polarity transition.

The similarity between the different records of the upper Jaramillo transition 246 obtained at North Atlantic sites (ODP Sites 983 and 984, and IODP Expedition -303) is a 247 248 convincing indication that geomagnetic field changes were faithfully captured at these sites (Fig. 7). Transitional VGPs obtained for the upper Jaramillo transition tend to be located in 249 250 the two preferred longitudinal bands, with a VGP loop over the Americas prior an eastern 251 Asia VGP path with a secondary VGP accumulation, and, finally, in some records, a VGP 252 loop in the vicinity of Australia (Fig. 7). The results suggest a simple mechanism, in which a transverse field, possibly dipolar, has oscillated while the axial dipole was reduced in 253 254 intensity. In this scheme, the transverse component and a residual axial dipole alternatively 255 dominate the field during the transition. When the intensity of the transversal component is 256 strong, then VGP departs from the pole and moves towards low latitudes. When the 257 transverse component is weak, then VGP moves back towards the north, or south, 258 geographic pole, because of the dominance of the axial dipole term. The initial excursion

259 visible in the upper Jaramillo transition records is consistent with a transversal field growing 260 and then decaying in intensity, while the residual axial dipole does not strongly change. 261 After this loop, the VGPs move to a final reverse polarity along a longitudinal path 262 approximately antipodal to the initial loop (Fig. 7). A transversal field opposed to that 263 responsible for the initial loop may explain this feature, suggesting an oscillation between 264 two opposite configurations. This simple scheme is somewhat reminiscent of the field 265 evolution during geomagnetic excursions, for which an important role for a transversal 266 dipole field has been proposed [Laj et al., 2006; Laj and Channell, 2007]. A model relating 267 VGP path longitude, site location, and motion of magnetic flux patches at the core surface 268 has been proposed [Gubbins and Love, 1998]. A western VGP path (i.e. near the Americas) 269 is expected for a N-R reversals recorded in the north Atlantic, when a pole-wards motion is 270 hypothesized for the flux patches [Gubbins and Love, 1998]. The initial loop over or near 271 the Americas for the upper Jaramillo polarity transition may fit this scheme. During this loop, VGP departure from the North pole and subsequent return to the same pole occurred 272 273 along almost identical longitudes (Fig. 7), which suggests a reversible evolution of the 274 geomagnetic field, and therefore of the flux patches in the scheme of Gubbins and Love 275 [1998]. Another configuration, however, has to be envisaged for the final VGP motion to the 276 South pole, which occurred at a longitude approximately antipodal to that of the initial loop 277 (Fig. 7). The lack of a precise age model does not allow investigation of the tempo of the 278 geomagnetic field changes during the Jaramillo polarity transitions. At Site U1305, it is 279 observed that the extremity of the initial loop and the secondary VGP accumulation in the 280 final motion to the South pole over Indian Ocean are separated by about 20 cm in the 281 sediment record (Fig. 4). This interval corresponds to about 1 kyr, assuming that the overall 282 mean sedimentation rate at this site can be applied to this interval. This is of the order of 283 theoretical estimates [Hulot and Le Mouël, 1994] for transverse dipole fluctuations in the

284 modern field. At ODP Sites 983 and 984, the records of polarity transitions for the upper Olduvai [Mazaud and Channell, 1999] and for the Brunhes-Matuyama boundary and 285 286 Jaramillo reversals [Channell and Lehman, 1997; Channell et al., 2004] also exhibits a VGP 287 loops that feature south American and east Asian VGP clusters that suggest a similarity 288 between these two successive reversals implying a memory for the transition field geometry 289 imparted by the influence of the lower mantle. The importance of heat flux across the core-290 mantle (C-M) boundary in controlling reversal rates in numerical models [Glatzmeier et al., 291 1999], implies that the C-M heat flux is an important control on transition field geometry. 292 Progressively, high-resolution sedimentary and volcanic records of polarity transitions are converging towards a consistent picture of the geomagnetic field evolution during polarity 293 294 transitions.

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Figure 5. Results obtained for the Upper Jaramillo transition at Hole U1306D (see Fig. 2 forcaption details)

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Figure 7. Summary of the detailed VGP paths obtained for the Upper and Lower Jaramillo
transitions. Records of the Upper Jaramillo and Upper Olduvai transitions previously
obtained at site 983 (ODP-162) are also shown [Channell and Lehman, 1997; Mazaud and

444 Channell, 1999]. Orange circles indicate VGP loops and accumulations.

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