

# Introduction to Oceanography

## Lecture 7: Marine sediment 2

1st Midterm, 12:30pm, Thursday April 27 in class

Midterm review session, Tuesday April 25, 3:30p - 4:20p

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•Extra Credit video, Friday April 28, 3:30p - 4:30p

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## Genetic Classification of Sediments

- Terrigenous: from continents
- Biogenous: from biological sources
- Hydrogenous: seawater precipitates
  - Sometimes referred to as “authigenic” -- means formed in place
- Cosmogenous: extraterrestrial sources

# Fluvial Terrigenous Sediments

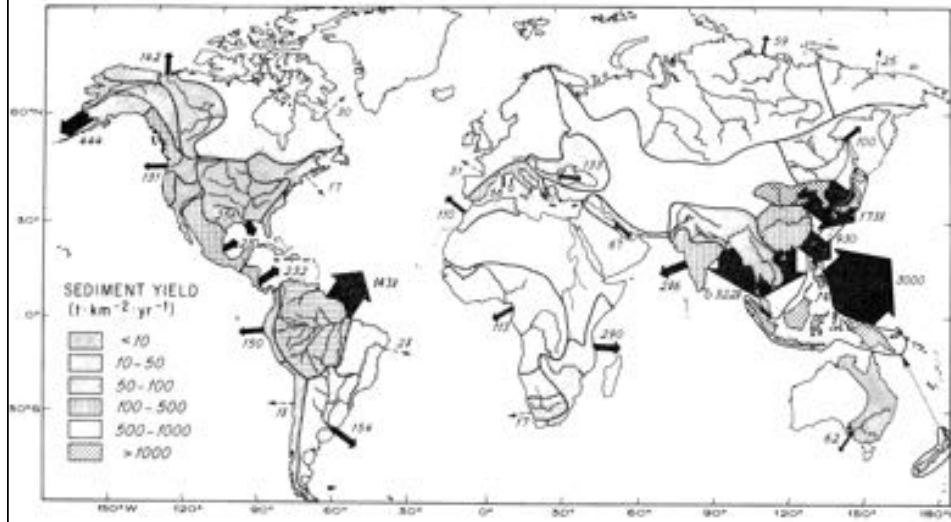
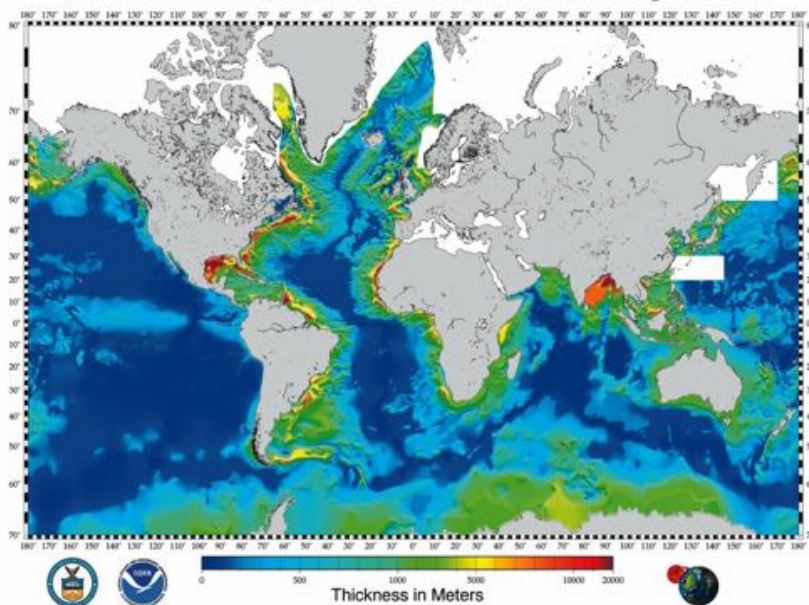


FIG. 4.—Annual discharge of suspended sediment from various drainage basins of the world; width of arrows corresponds to relative discharge. Numbers refer to average annual input in millions of tons. Direction of arrows does not indicate direction of sediment movement. The sediment yields and major rivers of the various basins also are shown; open patterns indicate essentially no discharge to the ocean.

Figure from Milliman JD and Meade RH (1983) World-wide delivery of river sediment to the oceans. *J. Geology* 91:1-21.

## Most sediment accumulates near continents... Total Sediment Thickness of the World's Oceans & Marginal Seas

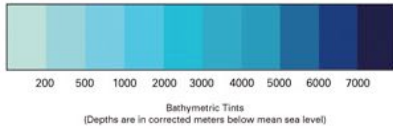


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## Terrigenous sediment accumulates near sources

Bengal Fan –  
World’s largest  
pile of mud?

Mouths of Ganges/  
Brahmaputra River



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## An interlude: Grain Size Sediment Classification

- Typical Particle Sizes:

<u>Particle Name</u>	<u>Particle Diameter</u>
Gravel, Granules & Pebbles	2 -64 mm
Sand	0.062 - 2 mm
Silt	0.004 - 0.062 mm
Clay	< 0.004 mm



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## Grain Size Dependent Transport

High energy



- **Pebbles:** Hard to transport (storms, big surf, fast rivers & steep streams)
- **Sand:** in the middle (small surf, most rivers & streams)
- **Clays:** Easy to transport (tides, slow streams & rivers, long range transport by wind)

Low energy

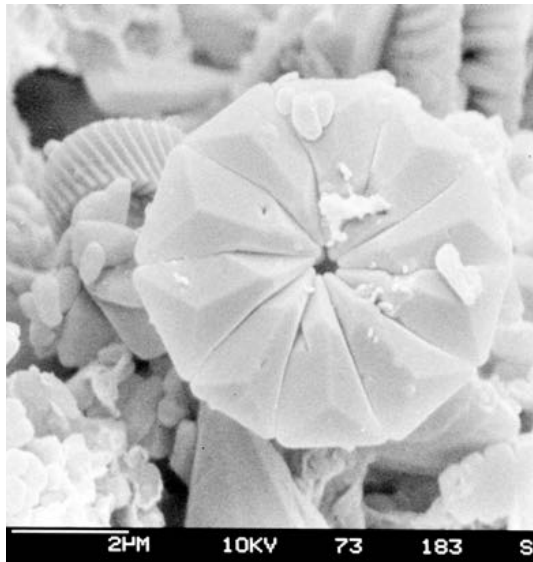
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### Weak/Moderate Debris Flow Deposit

40%wt. tap water  
3%wt. bentonite  
52%wt. 0.11 mm sand  
5%wt. 0.5 mm siliceous slag

## Biogenous Sediments

- Mostly skeletal material produced by dominant species of plankton
  - floating ocean organisms die, shells settle to the sea floor & lithify
- **Calcareous:** skeletal materials of  $\text{CaCO}_3$
- **Siliceous:** skeletal materials of opal ( $\text{SiO}_2 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )

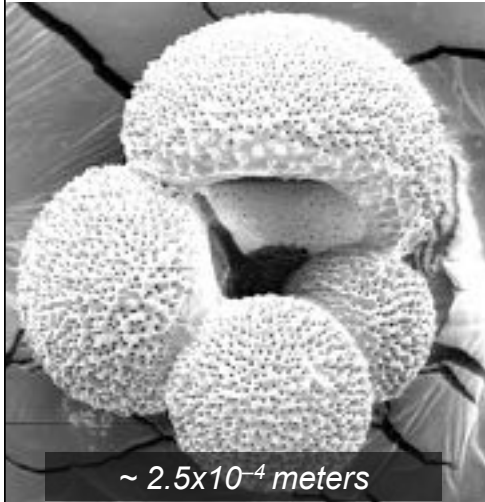


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# Calcareous ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) Plankton

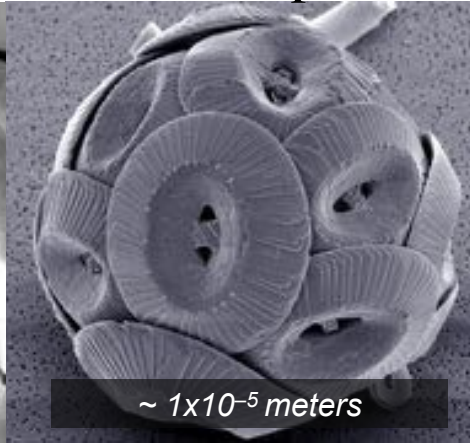
Foraminifera

Coccolithophores



$\sim 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$  meters

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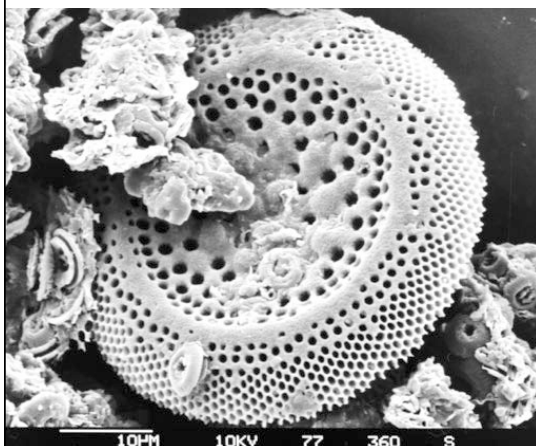
$\sim 1 \times 10^{-5}$  meters

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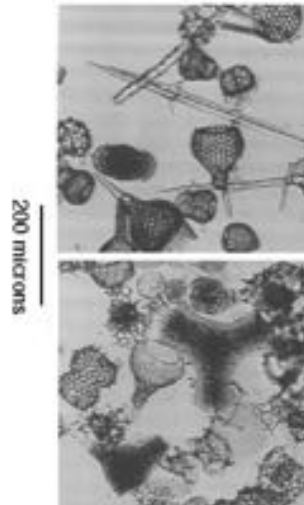
# Siliceous ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) Plankton

Diatoms

Radiolaria



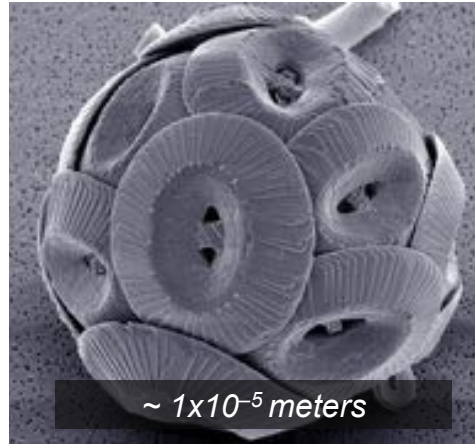
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## Biogenous Sediments

- Most plankton live near the ocean surface
- Calcareous shells and skeletons produced fastest in surface waters
- Calcareous shells & skeletons tend to dissolve quickly in the deep ocean.
- Siliceous shells dissolve fast near surface, slowly in deep ocean.
- Found in areas with lots of nutrients (few nutrients: ~little biology --> little sediment).
- **Shallow - Calcareous**
- **Deep - Siliceous**

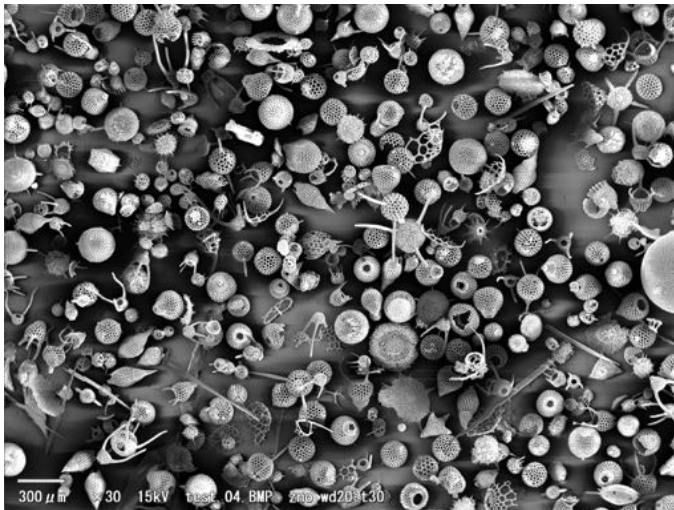


Coccolith (phytoplankton)

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## Biogenic Oozes

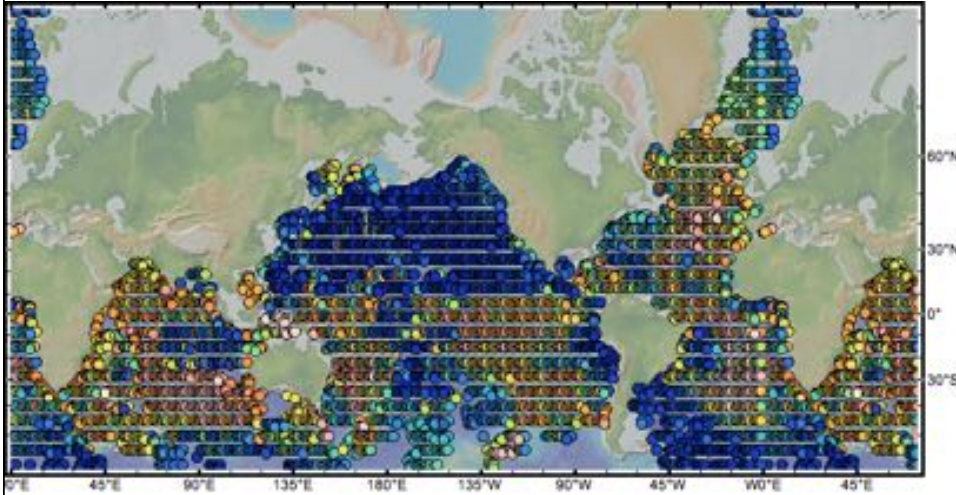
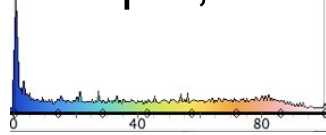
- Oozes contain > 30% biogenic material
  - Production: Shells & Skeletons
  - Destruction: Dissolves before burial
  - Dilution: Mixing with terrigenous sediments
- Oozes uncommon near continents: diluted by copious terrigenous sediments
- Oozes also uncommon where there are few nutrients



*Electron micrograph of radiolarian ooze, image by Yasuhiro Hata, Creative Commons BY-NC-SA 2.0 <http://www.flickr.com/photos/hatash/6195181070/in/pool-765680@N20/lightbox/>*

# Carbonate Compensation Depth, CCD

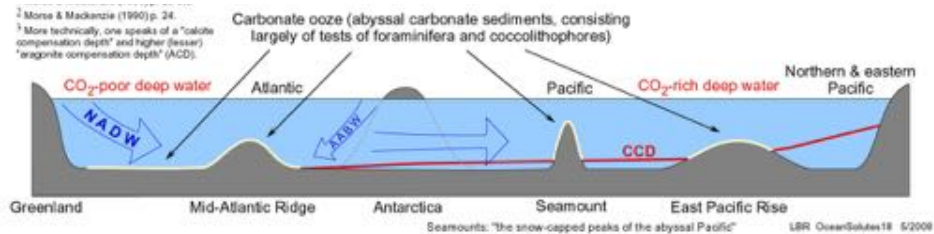
- **CCD**: Depth below which calcium carbonate sediments don't accumulate



% Carbonate in seafloor sediments, created with GeoMapApp using Archer (2003) interpolated data.

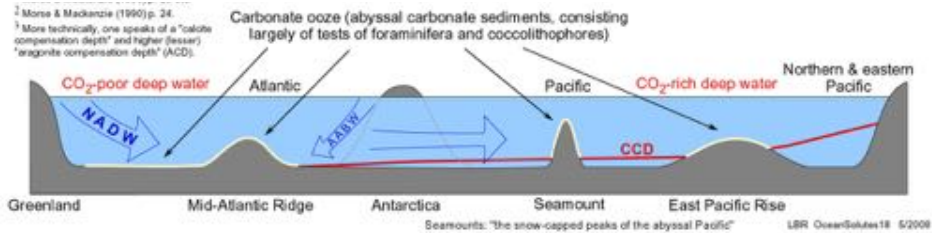
# “Calcite” Compensation Depth, CCD

- **CCD**: Depth below which calcium carbonate sediments can't accumulate
  - CCD depth: high acidity, cold bottom waters dissolve  $\text{CaCO}_3$  below CCD
  - Average Depth of CCD: 4,500 m
- Deeper in the Atlantic; Shallower in the Pacific



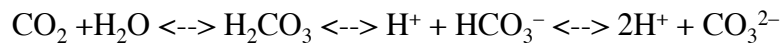
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# Calcite Compensation Depth, CCD



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CO<sub>2</sub> mixed with water makes carbonic acid (H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>):



More CO<sub>2</sub> can dissolve in cold water.

Calcium carbonate dissolves in acid.

In today's ocean deep waters are very cold, CO<sub>2</sub>-rich.

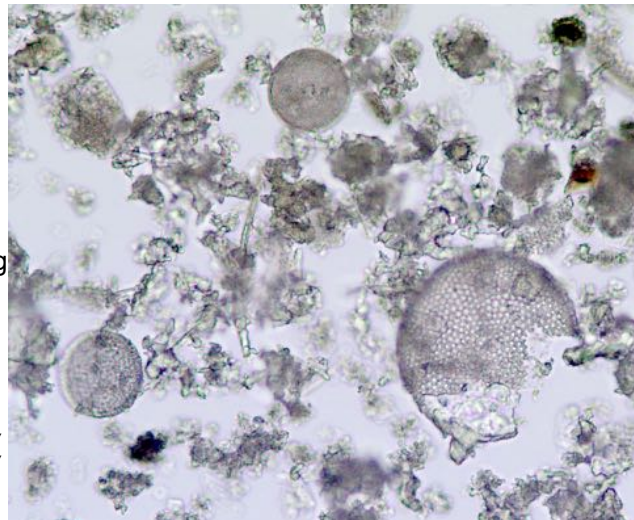
Therefore, calcium carbonate tends to dissolve fastest in deeper water because it tends to be more acidic.

# Siliceous Oozes

Siliceous oozes found underneath regions of high productivity and

- Below CCD
- Far from continents
- Mainly in nutrient rich zones

Areas of upwelling flows around Antarctica & equator



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# Abyssal Clays

**Found where no other sediments  
accumulate rapidly**

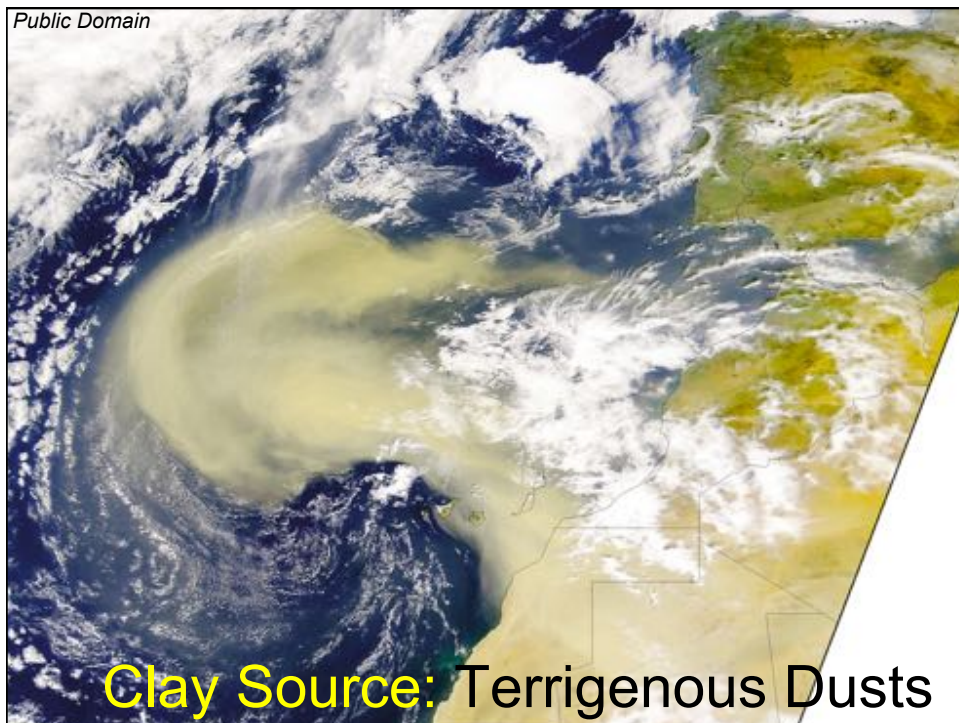
Dominated by wind-blown dusts

Common in deep basins

**Below CCD**

**Regions of low bioproductivity**

Far from continents



# Hydrogenous Sediments



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## Hydrogenous Sedimentary Deposits

- Chemical deposits formed by precipitation
  - Grow at water-sediment interface
  - Manganese nodules

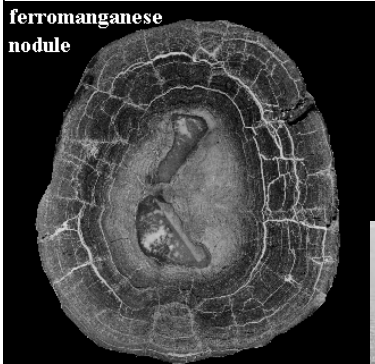


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nodule from the Blake Plateau

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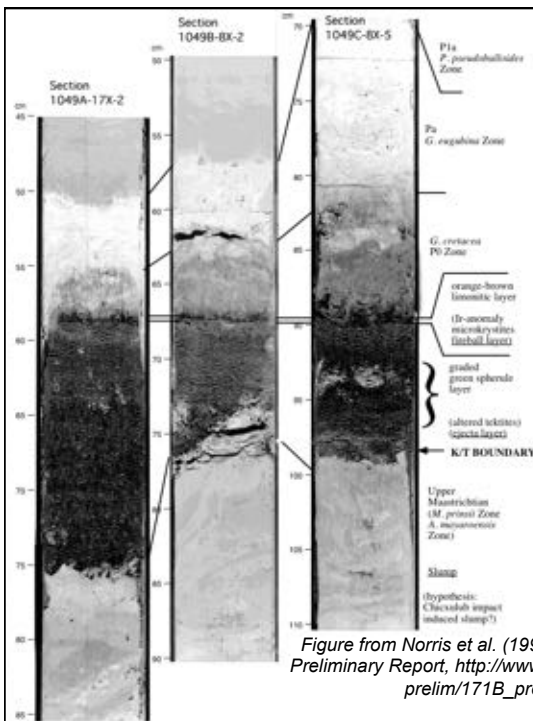
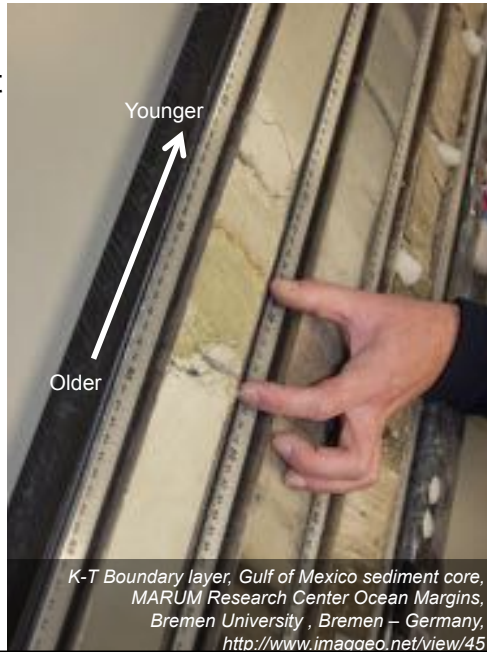
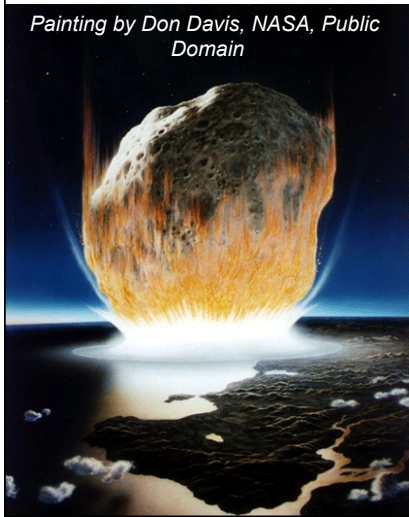


"Hughes" Glomar Explorer

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# Cosmogenic Sediments

Sediments from space  
Cosmic dust or meteorite impact



## K-T boundary in sediment

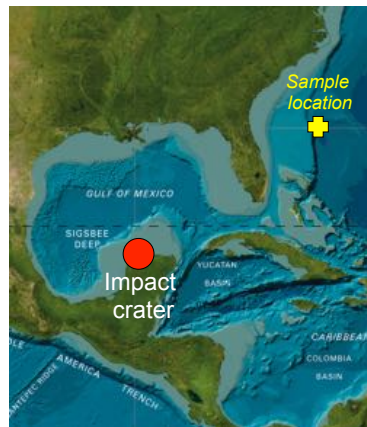



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Figure from Norris et al. (1997) Ocean Drilling Program Preliminary Report, [http://www-odp.tamu.edu/publications/prelim/171B\\_pre/171Bprel.pdf](http://www-odp.tamu.edu/publications/prelim/171B_pre/171Bprel.pdf)

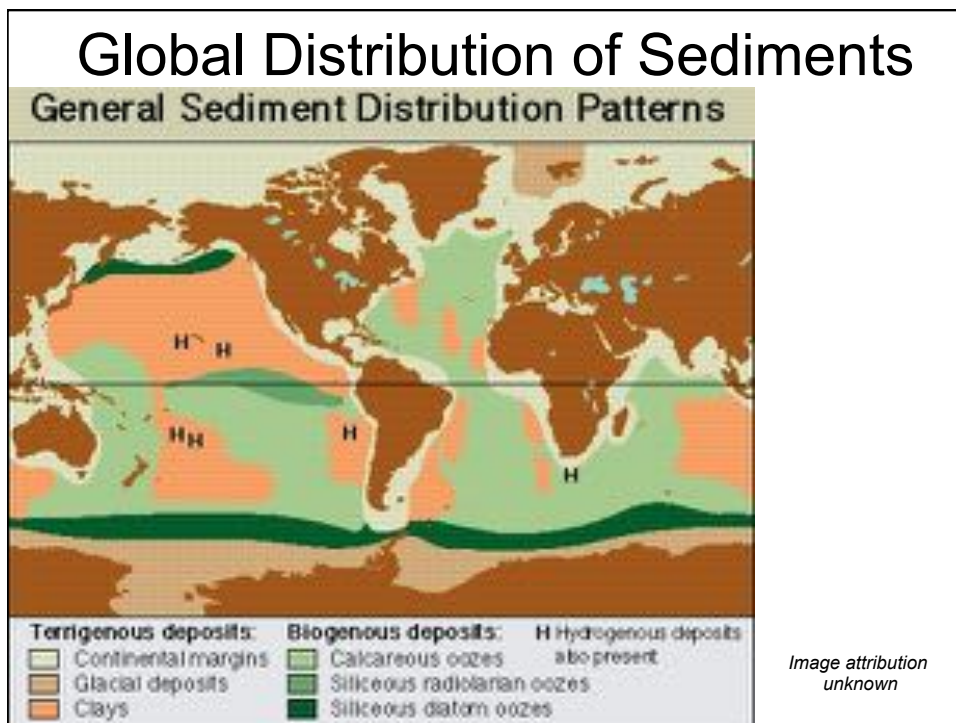
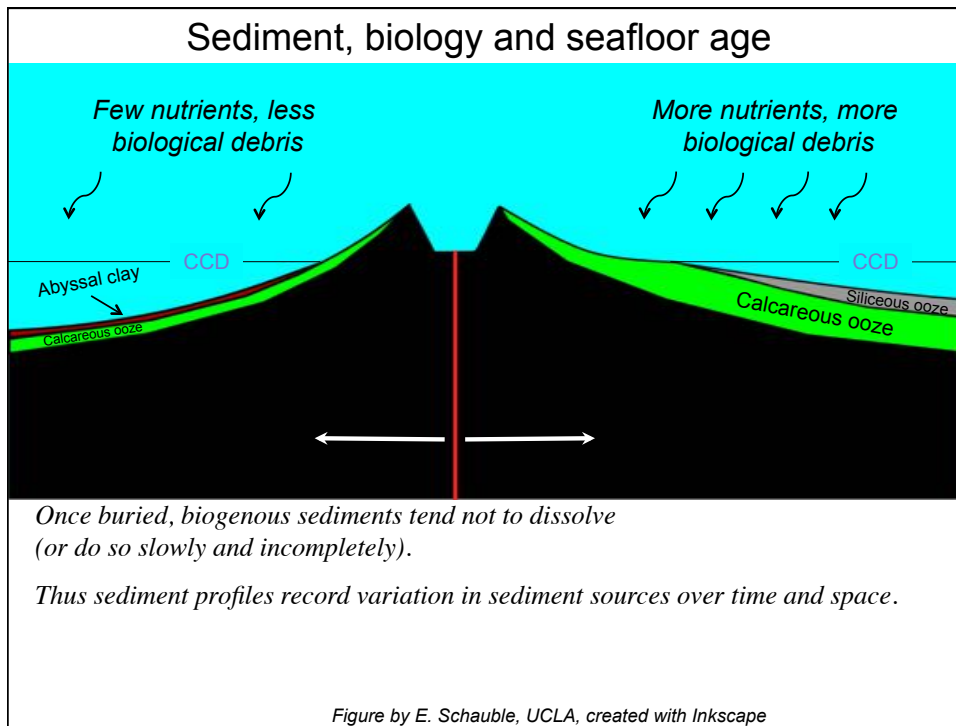
## Rate of sediment addition:

<u>Sediment Type</u>	<u>Rate (m/Myr)</u>
Continental Margins	~ > 50 = 0.05 mm/yr
Deep Sea	
Calcareous	10 - 30
Siliceous	2 - 10
Clay	0.5 - 2
Manganese Nodules	0.001

*fast*  
  
*slow*

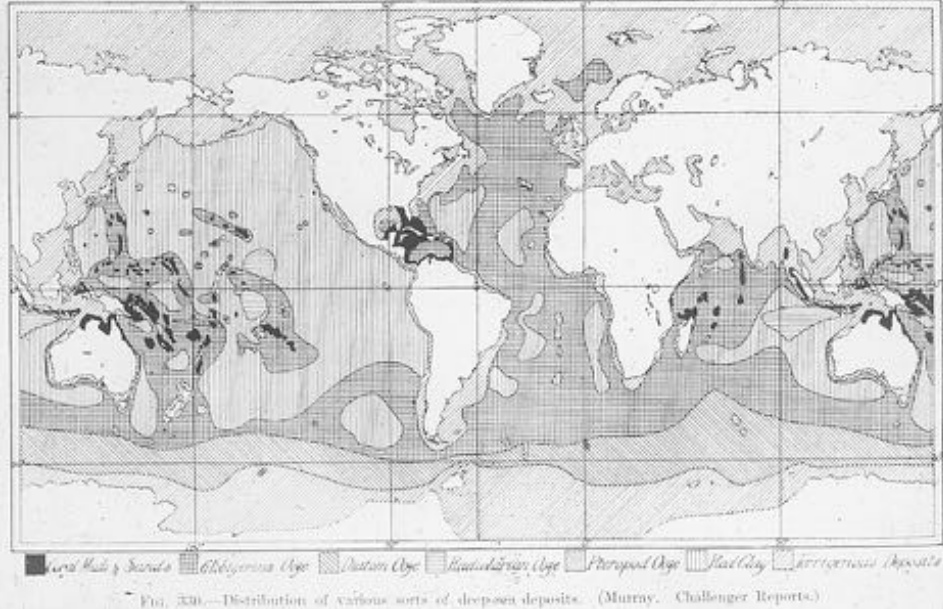
## BIG PICTURE ON SEDIMENTS

- Terrigenous near continents
- High Bioproductivity:
  - Calcareous oozes above CCD
  - Siliceous oozes below CCD
- Abyssal clays where nothing else is getting deposited
- Give recent (~200 Myr) historical record



Map of seafloor sediment distribution from the Challenger expedition (1872-1876), by John Murray (1896).

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JAMSTEC Ship *Chikyu*





## Periodic Table of the Elements

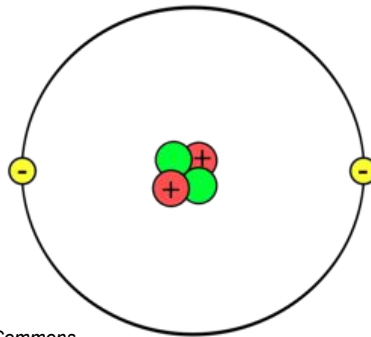
Physical and chemical properties of Seawater

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# Atoms

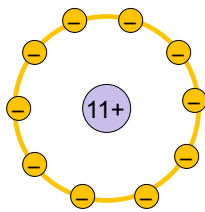
- Atom: cannot be broken down into simpler parts by chemical means
- Nucleus:
  - Protons (+) & Neutrons (uncharged)
  - Massive
  - Small ( $\sim 10^{-15}$  m)
- Electrons (–)
  - Little mass
  - Most of the volume ( $\sim 10^{-10}$  m = 1 Å)



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# Ions

- Ions are atoms with net electrical charge
  - Anion: negative charge ( $\text{Cl}^-$ ) -- extra electrons
  - Cation: positive charge ( $\text{Na}^+$ ) -- electrons removed



$\text{Na}^+$ : 11p<sup>+</sup>, 10e<sup>-</sup>

*Elements on the left side of the periodic table of elements tend to become positive (H, Na, Mg).  
Elements near the right side of the periodic table tend to become negative (O, F, Cl)*

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# Molecules

- Substances made up of chemically bonded atoms



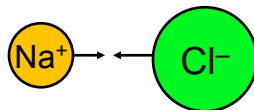
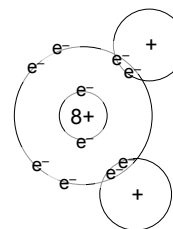
## What kind of ions will an element form?

The periodic table is color-coded to show trends in ion formation. Elements on the left side (Groups IA and IIA) are shaded in light red and labeled "Tend to form cations (+)". Elements on the right side (Groups IIIA through VIIA) are shaded in light blue and labeled "Tend to form anions (-)". The table includes groups IA through VIIA and periods 1 through 7, plus the Lanthanide and Actinide series.

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## Chemical Bonds

- Covalent: e<sup>-</sup> **shared** between atoms (i.e., H<sub>2</sub>O)
- Ionic: Charges **borrowed** by anions
  - Like Na<sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup>



- Hydrogen Bonding: in water, H has slightly + charge, which attracts negatively charged O. H in water molecules also attracts anions like Cl<sup>-</sup>. O in water molecules also attracts cations like Na<sup>+</sup>

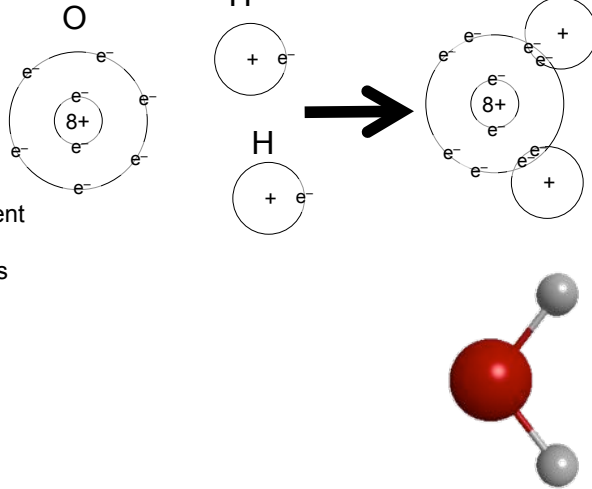
**Bond Strength: Covalent > Ionic > H-bond**

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# Water Molecule: H<sub>2</sub>O

Covalent bond between O and H

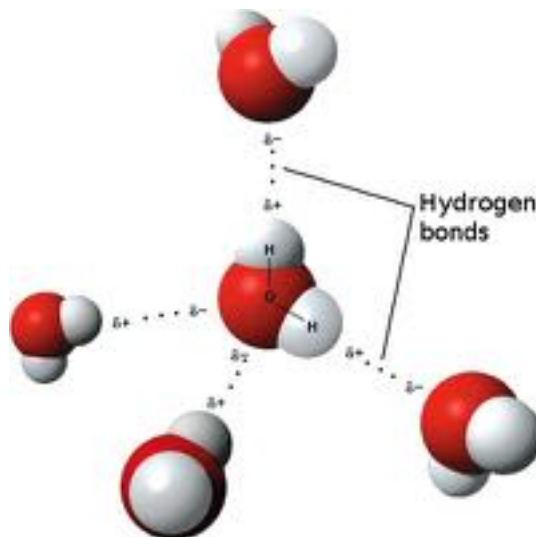
- Polar Molecule
  - Positive “ears”-105°
  - Mickey Mouse
  - Polar structure
- Hydrogen Bonding
  - Effect of polarization
  - ~5% as strong as covalent bonds
  - tends to make molecules clump together – i.e., condense



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ball & stick model rendered using MacMolPlt*

# Liquid Water

- Hydrogen Bonding
  - Each H<sub>2</sub>O: 4 possible H-bonds
  - Makes liquid water “clump” together
  - Accounts for many peculiarities
    - Great solvent power
      - Saline ocean water
    - Thermal and density properties



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# Heat Capacity

Substance	Heat Capacity (cal/gram/°C)
Granite	0.20
Gasoline	0.50
<b>Water</b>	<b>1.00</b>
Ammonia	1.13

The **only** common liquid with higher heat capacity than water is ammonia!

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# Heat Capacity

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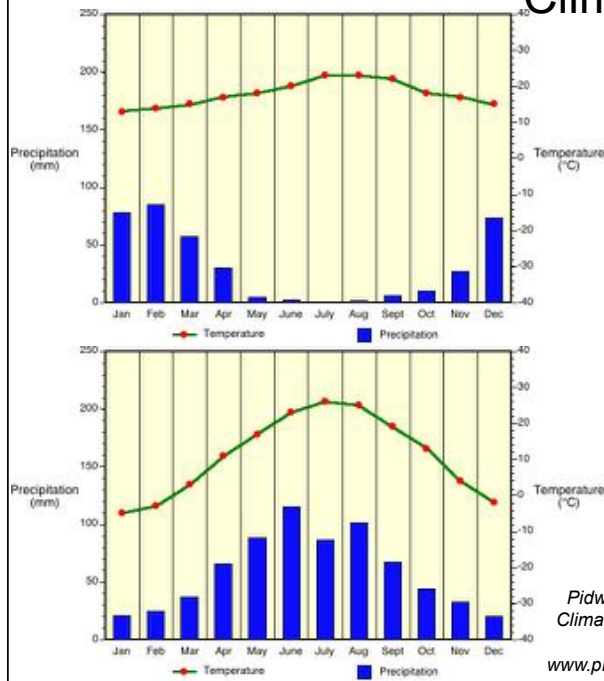
TV dinner: Aluminum Foil vs. Gravy. Both are at the same temperature, but gravy has much higher heat capacity – it hurts!

At the beach:  
Sand vs. water



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## Climate Comparison



LAX -- on coast.  
Strong ocean influence.  
Little daily/seasonal variation in Temp.

Omaha, NE – middle of continent.  
Weaker ocean influence.  
Variable Temp.

*Pidwirny, M. (2006). "Climate Classification and Climatic Regions of the World". Fundamentals of Physical Geography, 2nd Edition. <http://www.physicalgeography.net/fundamentals/7v.html>*

## Physical States of Matter

**Solid:** molecules bonded in a fixed lattice

- Add energy (i.e., latent heat of fusion).

**Liquid:** bonded molecules but in no fixed lattice

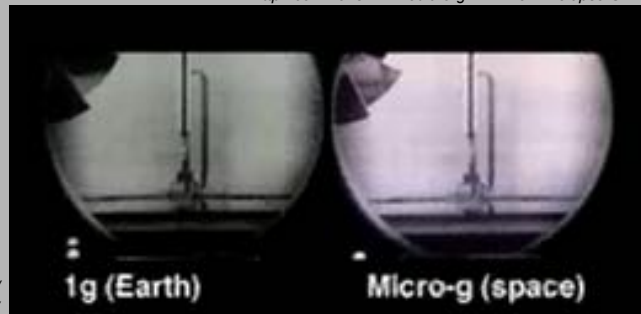
- Add energy (i.e., latent heat of vaporization)...



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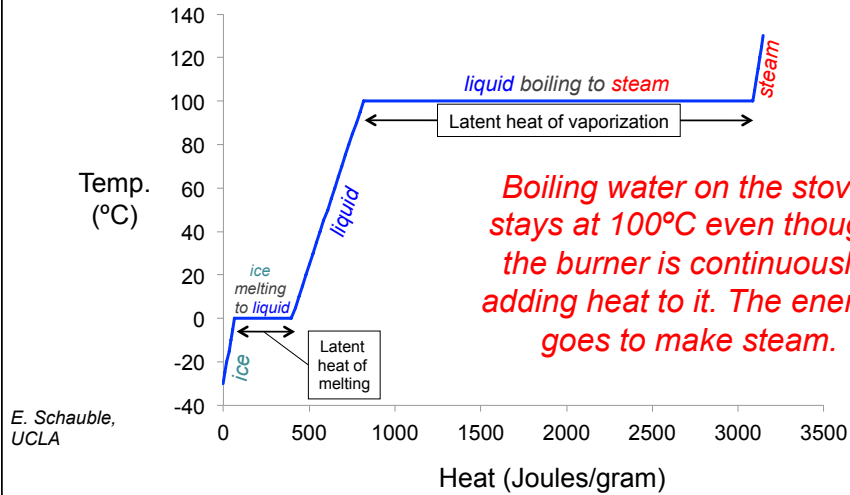
**Gas:**

Free molecules



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## Relationship between Heat and Temperature for H<sub>2</sub>O



**Sensible Heat:** measurable change in temperature when heat is added or subtracted (sloping lines).

**Latent Heat:** no temperature change with added/subtracted heat (flat lines).

