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Oceanic Crust and Upper Mantle Structure

Layer 1

A thin layer of pelagic sediment

Lithology		Ocean Crustal Layers	Typical Ophiolite Normal Ocean Crust		
			Thickness (km) P wave ave. vel. (km/s)		
Deep-Sea Sediment		1	~ 0.3	0.5	1.7 -2.0
Basaltic Pillow Lavas		2A & 2B	0.5	0.5	2.0 - 5.6
Sheeted dike complex		2C	1.0 - 1.5	1.5	6.7
Gabbro		ЗА	2.5	47	71
Layered Gabbro		3В	2-5	4.7	7.1
Layered peridotite		4	up to 7		8.1
Unlayered tectonite peridotite					

Distribution of marine sediments



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Why in these places?

Distribution of marine sediments



The shallow oceans are supersaturated with respect to calcite, the deep ocean is undersaturated. Hence Calcareous sediment only accumulates (either by reef building or rain of planktonic shells) in water shallower than the CCD, and these locations are restricted to young seafloor, continental margins, and oceanic plateaux

Distribution of biogenous sediments

Most common as pelagic deposits Factors controlling distribution Productivity Destruction (dissolution)

Warm, shallow ocean saturated with calcium carbonate

Cool, deep ocean undersaturated with calcium carbonate

Lysocline--depth at which CaCO₃ begins to dissolve rapidly

Calcite compensation depth CCD--depth where CaCO₃ readily dissolves

Calcareous ooze and the CCD





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Scarce calcareous ooze below 5000 m in modern ocean

Ancient calcareous oozes at greater depths if moved by sea floor spreading

Diatoms (algae) Photosynthetic Diatomaceous earth



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Silica in biogenic sediments



Examples of nasselarian (top) and spumellarian (bottom) polycystine **radiolarians**

Siliceous ooze

Seawater undersaturated with silica

Siliceous ooze commonly associated with high biologic productivity in surface ocean



Coccolithophores (algae) Photo-synthetic

Coccoliths (nanno-plankton)



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Scanning electron micrographs of coccolithophores











A: mature Emiliana huxleyi Type
A (warm);
B: young E. huxleyi Type A
(warm), and individual coccoliths;
C: young E. hux- leyi Type B
(cold);
D: Florisphaera profunda
E: Reticulofenestra sessilis.
Modified from Hagino, K., Okada, H.,
Matsuoka, H., 2005.

Coccolithophore assemblages and morphotypes of Emiliana huxleyi in the boundary zone between the cold Oyashio and warm Kuroshio currents of the coast of Japan.

Foraminifera (protozoans) Use external food Calcareous ooze



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Examples of benthic foraminifera. A: Textularia, B: Cibicidoides, C: Uvigerina, D: Stilostomella E: Bulimina.

Living Foraminifera



Minerals precipitate directly from seawater Manganese nodules Phosphates Carbonates Metal sulfides Small proportion of marine sediments Distributed in diverse environments

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Fist-sized lumps of manganese, iron, and other metals Very slow accumulation rates



^(a) Fig. 4.15a

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Hydrogenous marine sediments

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Manganese nodules



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Sedimentation in the Ocean

The Atlantic basin contains a "*two-layer-cake*" stratigraphy-a thick basal layer of carbonate ooze overlain by a layer of mud.



Stratigraphy of the Atlantic Basin

Sedimentation in the Ocean

The Pacific basin contains a "*fourlayer-cake*" stratigraphy, because unlike the Atlantic its sea floor as it spreads crosses the equator where the CCD is lowered to the ocean bottom.



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