Seafloor Sediments

Interaction with the Ocean and Early Diagenesis

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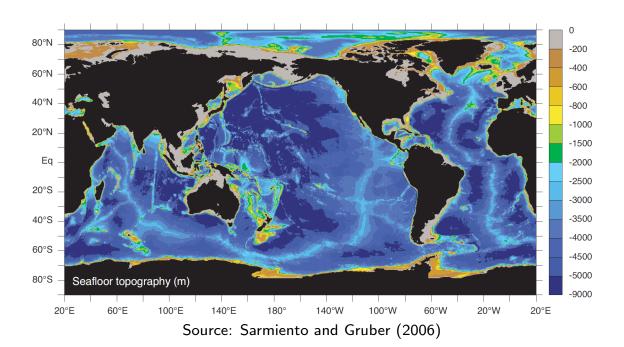
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Interest for our knowledge of the Earth System Role of Sediments in Biogeochemical Cycling

Plan

- Sediments in the present-day ocean
- Interest of sediments in Earth sciences
- Role of seafloor sediments in biogeochemical cycles
- Processes: transport and reaction
- Advection-diffusion-reaction model(s)

The Seafloor and its Sediments: a First Exploration

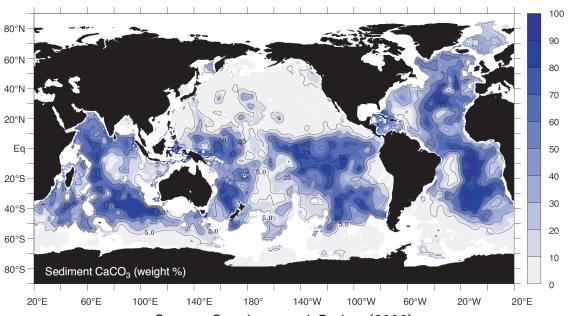


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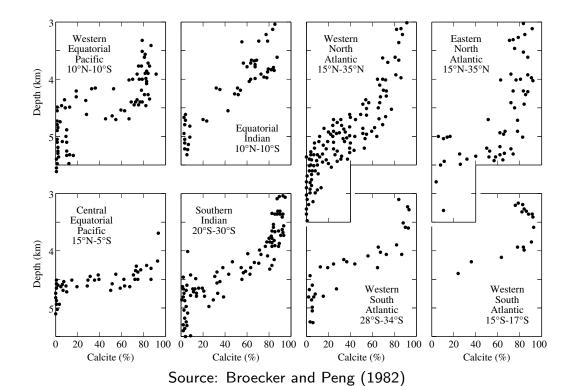
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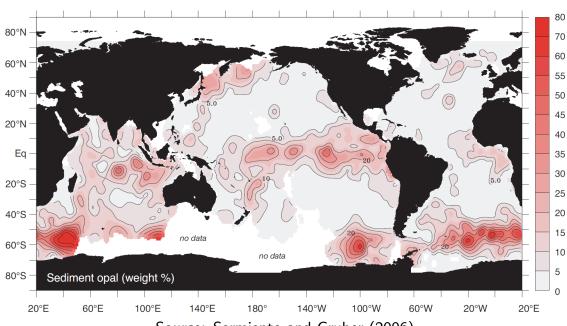
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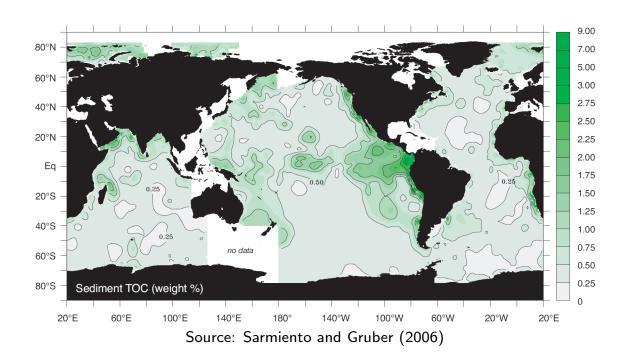
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Seafloor Sediments: Biogenic Components

Carbonates

- distribution related to seafloor depth: deepest sediments devoid of carbonate
- up to 90% on mid-ocean ridges

Opal

- abundant in the Southern Ocean (Opal Belt)
- abundant in the Eastern Equatorial Pacific
 nutrient-rich upwelling zone

Organic Carbon

- \bullet generally 1–2%, but locally up to 10%
- oxidation of organic carbon plays important role for carbonate dissolution (CO₂ source, porewater acidification)

Seafloor Sediments: Non Biogenic Components

- Clay minerals
- ullet Chlorite o product of continental weathering in temperate and arctic regions
- Kaolinite and gibbsite → product of continental weathering in tropical regions
- Quartz → detrital material, of aeolian or glacial origin (sedimentation in coastal areas due to the activity of glaciers and ice-sheets)
- Authigenic minerals, formed in situ,
 by alteration of volcanic materiel (e. g., basaltic glasses)
 or by precipitation of biogenic material during early diagenesis (e. g., phosphate minerals)

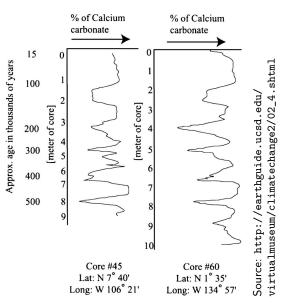
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Seafloor Sediments: Archives of the Earth's History

- 1920s: different plankton assemblages depending on the climate regimes
- 1947–1948: Swedish Deep-Sea Expedition on R.V. Albatross, visiting 403 sites and retrieving of 223 undisturbed cores (≈ 15 m) from different equatorial oceans
- Chemical analyses for %CaCO₃
 by Gustaf Arrhenius (1952)
 reveal glacial-interglacial cycles



Sedimentary Archives: C. Emiliani's δ^{18} O

- Cesare Emiliani. Pleistocene Temperatures. Journal of Geology 63:538-578, 1955.
- ullet Measurements of the evolution of the isotopic ratio $^{18}{\rm O}/^{16}{\rm O}$ on microfossils preserved in different cores, carried out in Harold Urey's lab (University of Chicago)
 - \rightarrow glacial-interglacial cycles
- Establishes the relationship between oxygen isotopes and climatic variables
- Observed variations attributed for
 - 60% to temperature changes
 - 40% to ice-volume changes

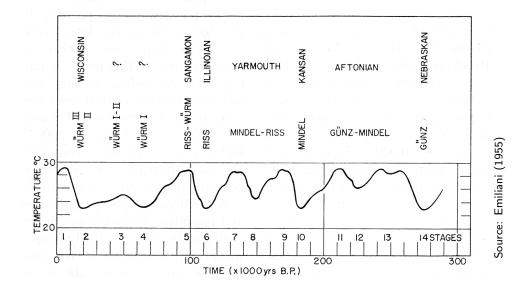
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Sedimentary Archives: C. Emiliani's δ^{18} O

- Dating beyond 50 000 years difficult and unreliable
- Correlation with terrestrial chronologies, witnessing of only four glaciations during the Pleistocene
- Tentative correlation with insolation cycles (Milankovitch)



Sedimentary Archives: N. Shackleton's δ^{18} O's

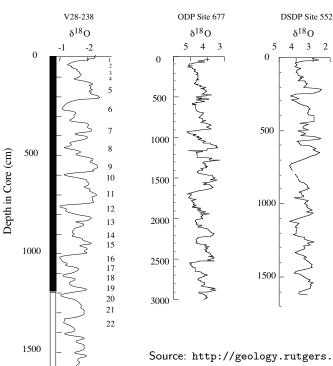
- Shackleton (1967)
 - joint $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$ measurements on planktonic (surface dwelling) and benthic (deep-sea dwelling) shells
 - co-variation \rightarrow ice-volume changes dominate $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$ variations
- Shackleton and Opdyke (1973)
 - measurement of $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$ and location of the last reversal of the Earth's magnetic field (Brunhes-Matuyama) on the same core (V28-238, Ontong-Java Plateau)
 - ullet about eight cycles for 700 kyr $ightarrow \simeq 90$ kyr per cycle
 - Brunhes-Matuyama revised to 780-790 kyr in the 1990s
- Hays, Imbrie and Shackleton (1976)
 - Validation of the Milankovich theory

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Sedimentary Archives: Dating of Brunhes-Matuyama



- V28-238:
 Western Equatorial
 Pacific
 (planktonic forams)
- ODP677: Eastern Equatorial Pacific (benthic forams)
- DSDP552: North Atlantic (benthic forams)

Source: http://geology.rutgers.edu/~jdwright/JDWWeb/1999/JDWright_NUREG.pdf

Role of Sediments in Biogeochemical Cycling

- Active role in ocean biogeochemical cycling
- Locus of preservation and remineralization of biogenic material (carbonates, opal, organic matter, etc.)
- Concentration gradients of similar amplitude in water column and in surface sediment

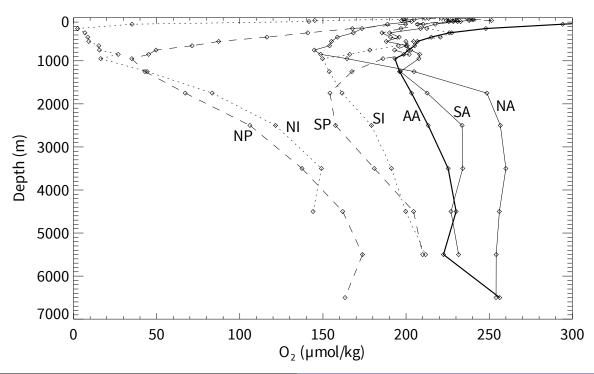
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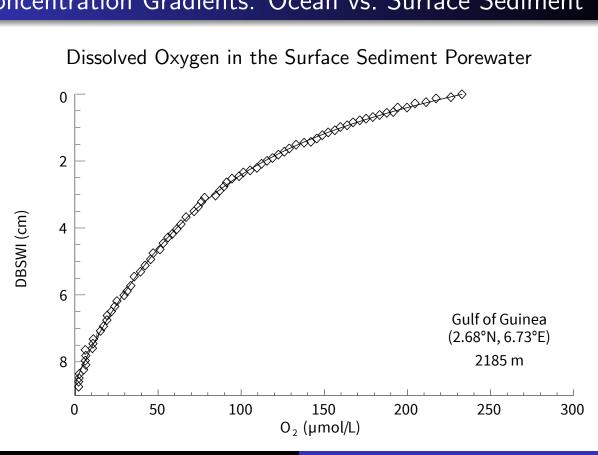
Concentration Gradients: Ocean vs. Surface Sediment

Dissolved Oxygen in the Water Column



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Dissolved Oxygen in the Surface Sediment Porewater



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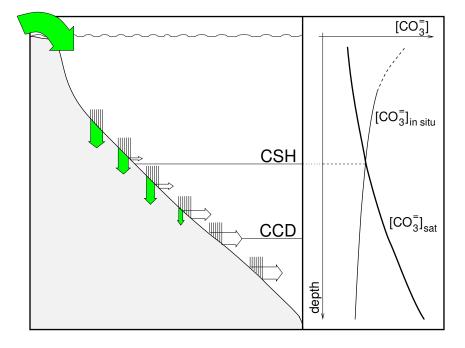
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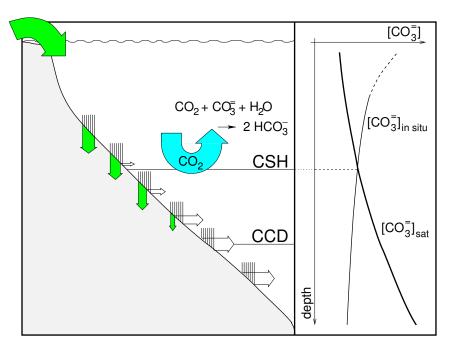
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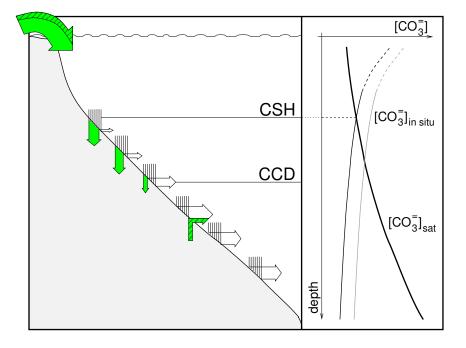
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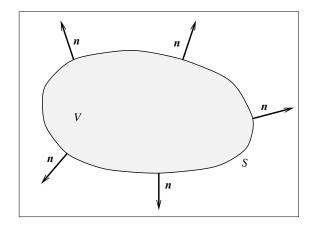
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Marine carbonates: ocean-sediment exchange



Preludes: geometric setting



- V arbitrary volume (fixed w/r to the coordinate system)
- S surface delimiting V
- n unitary normal vector at each point of S, external to V

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General Continuity Equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{V} \hat{C}_{i} dV = -\iint_{S} \hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_{i} \cdot \boldsymbol{n} dS + \iiint_{V} \hat{R}_{i}^{V} dV.$$

- \hat{C}_i is the concentration of constituent i in units of mass per unit volume of total sediment (solid fraction + porewater);
- \hat{J}_i is the total flux of i in units of mass per unit surface of total sediment per unit time;
- $\hat{R}_i^V = \hat{P}_i^V \hat{D}_i^V$ is the *net* rate of production of *i*, obtained as the difference between sources (rate of *production*, $\hat{P}_i^V \geq 0$) and sinks (i.e., rate of consumption and *destruction*, $\hat{D}_i^V \geq 0$) within V, in units of mass per unit volume of total sediment per unit time.

General Continuity Equation

- V fixed: integral and derivative may commute
- Divergence theorem

$$\iint_{S} \hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_{i} \cdot \boldsymbol{n} \, dS = \iiint_{V} \nabla \hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_{i} \, dV$$

• General equation may be rewritten as

$$\iiint_{V} \left\{ \frac{\partial \hat{C}_{i}}{\partial t} + \nabla \hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_{i} - \hat{R}_{i}^{V} \right\} dV = 0$$

ullet V is arbitrary, and thus

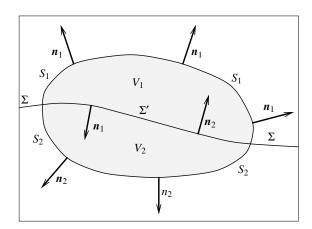
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General Continuity Equation for Interfaces



- ullet V arbitrary volume, delimited by the surface S
- Σ arbitrary surface dividing V into V_1 , V_2 and S into S_1 , S_2
- Σ' the part of Σ contained in V
- n_1 , n_2 unitary normal vectors in each point of S_1 , S_2 et Σ' , pointing to the outside of V_1 and V_2 , resp.

General Continuity Equation for Interfaces

• Continuity equation in V, completed by possible reactions on Σ'

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{V} \hat{C}_{i} dV = -\iint_{S} \hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_{i} \cdot \boldsymbol{n} dS + \iint_{\Sigma'} \hat{R}_{i}^{\Sigma} dS + \iiint_{V} \hat{R}_{i}^{V} dV,$$

with $n = n_1$ on S_1 , and $n = n_2$ on S_2

ullet Conservation equations in V_1 and V_2

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{V_1} \hat{C}_i \, dV = - \iint_{S_1} \hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_1 \, dS - \iint_{\Sigma'} \hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_1 \, dS + \iiint_{V_1} \hat{R}_i^V \, dV$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{V_2} \hat{C}_i \, dV = - \iint_{S_2} \hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_2 \, dS - \iint_{\Sigma'} \hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_2 \, dS + \iiint_{V_2} \hat{R}_i^V \, dV.$$

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General Continuity Equation for Interfaces

Since

$$\iiint_{V} \hat{C}_{i} dV = \iiint_{V_{1}} \hat{C}_{i} dV + \iiint_{V_{2}} \hat{C}_{i} dV,$$
$$\iiint_{V} \hat{R}_{i}^{V} dV = \iiint_{V_{1}} \hat{R}_{i}^{V} dV + \iiint_{V_{2}} \hat{R}_{i}^{V} dV,$$

and

$$\iint_{S} \hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_{i} \cdot \boldsymbol{n} \, dS = \iint_{S_{1}} \hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_{i} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_{1} \, dS + \iint_{S_{2}} \hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_{i} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_{2} \, dS,$$

we get

$$\iint_{\Sigma'} \left\{ \hat{R}_i^{\Sigma} + (\hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_i|_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_1 + \hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_i|_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_2) \right\} dS = 0$$

General Continuity Equation for Interfaces

 Σ' being arbitary since Σ is arbitrary, we have the following continuity equation for any interface:

$$\hat{R}_i^{\Sigma} + (\hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_i|_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_1 + \hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_i|_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_2) = 0.$$

Noting that

$$n_2 = -n_1$$
 on Σ' ,

we can rewrite this equation as

$$\hat{R}_i^{\Sigma} + (\hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_i|_1 - \hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_i|_2) \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_1 = 0.$$

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Sediments: Two Phases and Multiples Constituents

- Two phases
 - solids → properties denoted by exponent 's'
 - ullet porewater o properties denoted by exponent 'f'
- Surface sediment: typically 70–90% water
- Porosity $\varphi = \varphi(t,x)$ defined by

$$\phi = \frac{\text{volume of connected porewater space}}{\text{total volume of sediment}}$$

- ullet ϕ^{f} water fraction (fluid) and ϕ^{s} solid fraction
- Neglecting volumes of unconnected pores

$$\phi^{\mathsf{f}} = \phi$$
 and $\phi^{\mathsf{s}} = 1 - \phi$

Total Concentrations and Phase Concentrations

- Continuity equations expressed in terms of \hat{C}_i , concentration of i per unit volume of total sediment
- More directly measurable
 - i solid: C_i^s concentration of i in units of mass per unit volume of solid sediment

$$\hat{C}_i = \varphi^{\mathsf{s}} C_i^{\mathsf{s}}$$

• i solute: C_i^f concentration of i in units of mass (or moles) per unit volume of porewater

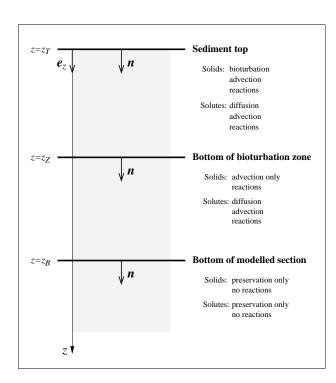
$$\hat{C}_i = \varphi^f C_i^f$$

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With $\hat{\boldsymbol{J}}_i = \hat{J}_i \boldsymbol{e}_z$, the continuity equation becomes

$$\frac{\partial \hat{C}_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \hat{J}_i}{\partial z} - \hat{R}_i^V = 0.$$

At any interface Σ , with upper side '1' and lower side '2':

•
$$\hat{J}_{i}^{1} n^{1} = -\hat{J}_{i}^{1}$$

•
$$\hat{J}_{i}^{2} n^{2} = \hat{J}_{i}^{2}$$

Hence,

$$\hat{R}_i^{\Sigma} + \left(\hat{J}_i^2 - \hat{J}_i^1\right) = 0.$$

Flux Types

- Advection transport by the general movement of one or more phases
- Diffusion mixing processes
- Non-local transport

representation (parametrization) of transport phenomena that cannot be taken explicitly into account in a one-dimensional framework

 \rightarrow to include as sources or sinks, similarly to reactions

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Transport in Porewater: Advection

• Solute i, of concentration C_i^f in porewater

$$\hat{J}_{\mathsf{adv}\,i} = u\,\hat{C}_i = \varphi^{\mathsf{f}}\,u\,C_i^{\mathsf{f}},$$

where u = u(z, t), such that $u = ue_z$ is the velocity of the porewater flux relative to the sediment-water interface

- Generally oriented upwards, as a result of compaction of the sedimentary column (φ decreases with z)
- u can possibly include a contribution from an externally impressed flow
- u is most often negligible compared to diffusion

Transport in Porewater: Diffusion

- Molecular and ionic diffusion
- Diffusive flux per unit area of porewater

$$J_{\mathsf{diff}\,i}^{\mathsf{f}} = -D_{i}^{\mathsf{sed}} \frac{\partial C_{i}^{\mathsf{f}}}{\partial z}$$

where D_i^{sed} is the *effective diffusion coefficient* in the sediment and $\frac{\partial C_i^f}{\partial z}$ the concentration gradient of i in porewater along the vertical

- $J_{\text{diff}\,i}^{\text{f}}$, per unit area of porewater, must be related to $\hat{J}_{\text{diff}\,i}$, per unit area of total sediment
- Diffusion does not operate directly along the vertical, but along tortuous pathways: follows local concentration gradients, lower than the vertical gradient

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Transport in Porewater: Diffusion

• Empirical relationship between D_i^{sed} and D_i^{sw} , the diffusion coefficient in seawater

$$D_i^{\text{sed}} = D_i^{\text{sw}}/\theta^2$$

where $\theta = \frac{dL}{dz}$ is the *tortuosity*, dL being the total distance that a molecule has to travel to cover the distance dz along the vertical

• Empirical relationships between θ^2 and porosity

Archie's Law $heta^2=\phi^{1-m}$ $m=2.14\pm0.03$ $r^2=0.53$

Burger-Frieke eqn. $\theta^2 = \varphi + a(1 - \varphi)$ $a = 3.79 \pm 0.11$ $r^2 = 0.64$

Weissberg rel. $\theta^2 = 1 - b \ln \varphi$ $b = 2.02 \pm 0.08$ $r^2 = 0.65$

Transport in Porewater: Diffusion

• Relationship between $J_{\text{diff }i}^{\text{f}}$ and $\hat{J}_{\text{diff }i}$: it is possible to show that

$$\hat{J}_{\text{diff }i} = \varphi^{\text{f}} J_{\text{diff }i}^{\text{f}}$$

• Finally:

$$\hat{J}_{\mathsf{diff}\,i} = -\varphi^{\mathsf{f}} \frac{D_{i}^{\mathsf{sw}}}{\theta^{2}} \frac{\partial C_{i}^{\mathsf{f}}}{\partial z}$$

• In summary: total transport of a solute i

$$\hat{J}_i = \varphi^{\mathsf{f}} u C_i^{\mathsf{f}} - \varphi^{\mathsf{f}} \frac{D_i^{\mathsf{sw}}}{\theta^2} \frac{\partial C_i^{\mathsf{f}}}{\partial z}$$

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Transport in the Solid Phase: Advection

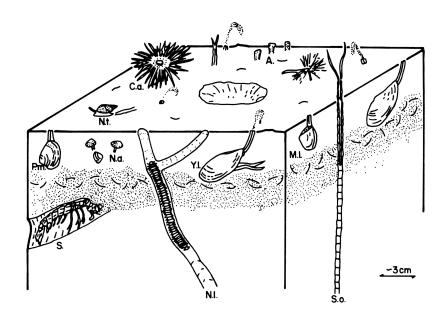
• Solid i, with concentration C_i^s in the solid sediment fraction

$$\hat{J}_{\mathsf{adv}\,i} = w\,\hat{C}_i = \varphi^{\mathsf{s}}wC_i^{\mathsf{s}},$$

where w = w(z, t), such that $w = we_z$, is the velocity of the bulk solids relative to the water-sediment interface

- w may be positive (oriented downwards) or negative (oriented upwards), and may even change sign within the sediment column
 - $w \ge 0$: net accumulation
 - $w \le 0$: erosion

Transport in the Solid Phase: Mixing Processes



Macrofaunal activity (Berner, 1980)

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Transport in the Solid Phase: Mixing Processes

- Bioturbation: mixing of the surface layer of the seafloor sediment by macro-organisms in their quest for food (organic matter)
- Assimilable to a diffusive process \rightarrow biodiffusion
- Characterization of a biodiffusive process
 - biodiffusion coefficient $D_{\rm bio}$ (typical values: $0.1-10 \,\mathrm{cm}^2/\mathrm{yr}$)
 - mixed-layer depth L average depth of activity (global average observation: $9.8 \text{ cm} \pm 4.5 \text{ cm}$)
- Positive correlation between bioturbation and deposition rate of fresh organic matter
- Absence of bioturbation in anoxic sediments

Transport in the Solid Phase: Mixing Processes

- Two types of biodiffusion
 - interphase: the bulk sediment (solids and porewater) is mixed

$$\hat{J}_{\text{inter }i} = -D^{\text{inter}} \frac{\partial \varphi^{\mathsf{s}} C_{i}^{\mathsf{s}}}{\partial z}$$

• intraphase: mixing operates separately on the fluid and the solid phases (possibly, even separately on different solids)

$$\hat{J}_{\text{intra}\,i} = -\phi^{\text{s}} D_{i}^{\text{intra}} \frac{\partial C_{i}^{\text{s}}}{\partial z}$$

ullet Biodiffusion also affects solutes, but in general, $D_{{
m bio},i} \ll D_i^{{
m sw}}$

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Advection, Diffusion, ... Reaction

• Dissolution rate of calcite \hat{T}_{Calc}^{V} in units of mass per unit volume of total sediment

$$\hat{T}^V_{\mathsf{Calc}\ \mathsf{diss}} = k_{\mathsf{Calc}} imes \varphi^{\mathsf{s}} imes [\mathsf{Calcite}]^{\mathsf{s}}$$

with

$$k_{\mathsf{Calc}} = \left\{ egin{array}{ll} k_c imes (1 - \Omega_{\mathsf{Calc}})^{n_c} & \mathsf{si} & \Omega_{\mathsf{Calc}} < 1 \\ 0 & \mathsf{si} & \Omega_{\mathsf{Calc}} \geq 1 \end{array}
ight.$$

where

- $\Omega_{\text{Calc}} = \frac{[\text{Ca}^{2+}]^f[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]^f}{\mathcal{K}_{\text{Calc}}}$ is the degree of saturation of calcite, K_{Calc} being its (stoichiometric) solubility product
- k_c is the dissolution rate constant
- n_c is the apparent rate order

*Boundary Conditions: Ocean-Sediment Interface

Apply the continuity equation to an interface

$$\hat{R}_i^{\Sigma} + \left(\hat{J}_i^{-} - \hat{J}_i^{+}\right) = 0$$

• Let us define $\hat{J}_i^- = \hat{l}_i^{\text{top}} - \hat{O}_i^{\text{top}}$ where $\hat{l}_i^{\text{top}} \geq 0$ is the gross input flux of i across the sediment-water interface and $\hat{O}_i^{\text{top}} \geq 0$ is the gross output flux. In the absence of surface reactions

$$\hat{I}_i^{\text{top}} - \hat{O}_i^{\text{top}} - \hat{J}_i^{z_T^+} = 0.$$

- Solutes: set concentrations (Dirichlet boundary conditions)
- *Solids*: continuity of the input flux (set \hat{I}_i^{top})

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*Boundary Conditions: Mixed-Layer Bottom

• Apply the continuity equation to an interface

$$\hat{R}_i^{\Sigma} + \left(\hat{J}_i^{-} - \hat{J}_i^{+}\right) = 0$$

- Solids:
 - no boundary condition required for solids if $w_B \ge 0$;
 - boundary condition similar to that at the sediment-water interface if $w_B \le 0$ (chemical erosion, input of materiel into the mixed-layer across the bottom)
- Solutes: continuity equation requires the porewater concentration gradients to vanish for each solute (C_i^f)

Boundary Conditions

Ocean-sediment interface

- Solutes: set concentrations (Dirichlet boundary conditions)
- Solids: continuity of the input flux $(\hat{J}_i^{z_T^+} = \hat{I}_i^{\mathsf{top}})$

Mixed-layer bottom

- Solutes: continuity equation requires porewater concentration gradients of each solute (C_i^f) to vanish
- Solids:
 - net accumulation ($w_B \ge 0$): no boundary condition
 - chemical erosion ($w_B \le 0$): boundary condition similar to that at the sediment-water interface (input of material into the mixed-layer across the bottom)

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A First Simple Carbonate Diagenesis Model

- Mixed layer 10 cm thick, with constant porosity
- Homogeneous ("well-mixed") solid phase
- Solids: calcite, inert material (clay, quartz)
- Solute: CO_3^{2-}
- Steady-state $[CO_3^{2-}]$ profile, advection neglected
- Equations
 - one global mass conservation equation for calcite and inert material in the mixed-layer
 - one diffusion-reaction equation for $[CO_3^{2-}]$
 - reaction term: $\hat{R}^{V}_{\text{CO3}} = \hat{T}^{V}_{\text{Calc diss}}$
- Exact analytical solution for $n_c=1$, approximate analytical or numerical for $n_c \neq 1$

Insufficiency of the Simple Model

- Transport of DIC underestimated: CO_3^{2-} ions released during $CaCO_3$ dissolution react with porewater CO_2 to form HCO_3^- and DIC can thus also be transported under that form
- Significant CaCO₃ dissolution above the saturation horizon

 → dissolution promoted by the release of CO₂ during
 organic matter degradation in the mixed-layer
- Phenomenon impossible to represent with the simple model: no dissolution if $\Omega_{\text{Calc}}(z_{\text{top}}) > 1$

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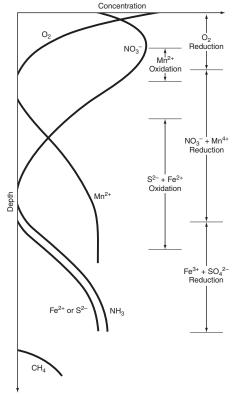
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Organic Matter Remineralization

Organic matter remineralization reactions $(OM = (CH_2O)_{106}(NH_3)_{16}(H_3PO_4)$, following Redfield)

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(1) Oxic Respiration
                                            OM + 138O_2
                                                \rightarrow 106 \, \text{CO}_2 + 16 \, \text{HNO}_3 + \text{H}_3 \, \text{PO}_4 + 122 \, \text{H}_2 \, \text{O}_4
(2a) Complete
                                            OM + 94, 4HNO_3
                                                \rightarrow 106 CO<sub>2</sub> + 55, 2 N<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> + 177, 2 H<sub>2</sub>O
        denitrification
(2b) Partial
                                            OM + 84,8HNO_3
        denitrification
                                                \rightarrow 106 \, \text{CO}_2 + 42,4 \, \text{N}_2 + 16 \, \text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_3 \, \text{PO}_4 + 148,4 \, \text{H}_2 \, \text{O}
(3) Mn(IV) reduction
                                            OM + 236 MnO_2 + 472 H^+
                                                \rightarrow 106 \, \text{CO}_2 + 8 \, \text{N}_2 + \text{H}_3 \, \text{PO}_4 + 236 \, \text{Mn}^{2+} + 366 \, \text{H}_2 \, \text{O}_4
                                            OM + 212 Fe_2 O_3 + 848 H_2 O
(4) Fe(III) reduction
                                                \rightarrow 106CO<sub>2</sub> + 16NH<sub>3</sub> + H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> + 472 Fe<sup>2+</sup>
        Sulfate reduction
                                            OM + 53SO_4^2
(5)
                                                \rightarrow 106 \, \text{CO}_2 + 16 \, \text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_3 \, \text{PO}_4 + 53 \, \text{S}^{2-} + 106 \, \text{H}_2 \, \text{O}
(6) Methanogenesis
                                            OM \rightarrow 53CO_2 + 53CH_4 + 16NH_3 + H_3PO_4
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Porewater Solute Zonation



Source: Sarmiento et Gruber (2006)

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- Mixed-layer 10 cm thick
- Solids: calcite, inert material (clay, quartz) and organic matter, transported by advection and biodiffusion
- Solutes: CO_2 , HCO_3^- , CO_3^{2-} et O_2 , transported by molecular and ionic diffusion only
- Organic matter remineralization by oxic respiration:

- Equations
 - one diffusion-reaction equation per solute
 - one advection-diffusion-reaction equation per solid

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Reaction terms: organic matter and oxygen

• Organic matter (OM) remineralization rate

$$\hat{T}_{\mathsf{OM remin}}^{V} = k_{\mathsf{OM}} \times \boldsymbol{\varphi}^{\mathsf{s}} \times [\mathsf{OM}]^{\mathsf{s}} \times \frac{[\mathsf{O}_{2}]^{\mathsf{f}}}{M_{\mathsf{O}_{2}} + [\mathsf{O}_{2}]^{\mathsf{f}}}$$

where $M_{\rm O_2}$ is a half-saturation constant and $k_{\rm OM}$ is a degradation rate constant

Hence

$$\hat{R}^{V}_{\mathrm{OM}} = -\hat{T}^{V}_{\mathrm{OM remin}} \\ \hat{R}^{V}_{\mathrm{O}_{2}} = -138 \times \hat{T}^{V}_{\mathrm{OM remin}}$$

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Reaction terms: calcite

Dissolution rate if calcite

$$\hat{T}_{\mathsf{Calc}\ \mathsf{diss}}^{V} = k_{\mathsf{Calc}} imes \varphi^{\mathsf{s}} imes [\mathsf{Calcite}]^{\mathsf{s}}$$

with

$$k_{\mathsf{Calc}} = \left\{ egin{array}{ll} k_c imes (1 - \Omega_{\mathsf{Calc}})^{n_c} & \mathsf{si} & \Omega_{\mathsf{Calc}} < 1 \\ 0 & \mathsf{si} & \Omega_{\mathsf{Calc}} \geq 1 \end{array}
ight.$$

Hence,

$$\hat{R}_{\text{Calc}}^{V} = -\hat{T}_{\text{Calc diss}}^{V}$$

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Reaction terms: dissolved inorganic carbon

Chemical reaction

$$CO_2 + CO_3^{2-} + H_2O \stackrel{r_{1/2}}{\rightleftharpoons} 2HCO_3^-,$$

where $r_{1/2}$ denotes the net reaction rate, from left to right

Reaction terms for CO₂, HCO₃⁻ and CO₃²⁻

$$\hat{R}_{\text{CO2}}^{V} = -r_{1/2} + 106 \times \hat{T}_{\text{OM remin}}^{V}$$
 $\hat{R}_{\text{HCO3}}^{V} = 2 \times r_{1/2}$
 $\hat{R}_{\text{CO3}}^{V} = -r_{1/2} + \hat{T}_{\text{Calc diss}}^{V}$

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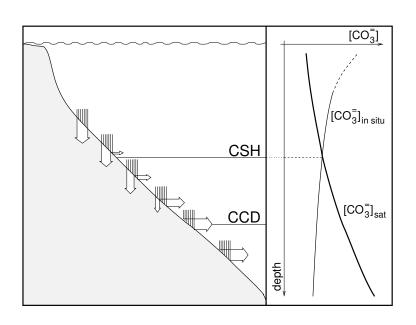
Elimination of the fast reactions

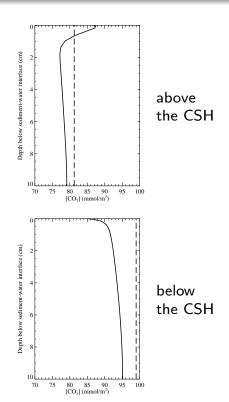
- $r_{1/2} \gg \hat{T}_{\text{Calc diss}}^V, \hat{T}_{\text{MO remin}}^V$ (characteristic time $\simeq 10^2 10^3$ s)
- Equilibrium hypothesis for interconversion reactions
- Elimination of $r_{1/2}$ from the eqns. for CO_2 , HCO_3^- and CO_3^{2-}
 - replace the equation for CO₂ by the sum of the equations for CO_2 , HCO_3^- and CO_3^{2-} (\rightarrow DIC)
 - \bullet replace the equation for HCO_3^- by the sum of the equation for HCO_3^- plus twice the equation for CO_3^{2-} (\to ALK) • replace the equation for CO_3^{2-} by the equilibrium condition

$$K_2([HCO_3^-]^f)^2 - K_1[CO_2]^f[CO_3^{2-}]^f = 0$$

 Transformation of the partial differential equation (PDE) system into a differential algebraic equation (DAE) system

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