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# Data report: sedimentary columns with facies and bedding for Units II–IV at IODP Site U1438<sup>1</sup>

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## Abstract

This report contains a database of detailed section-, core-, and hole-scaled stratigraphic columns constructed from shipboard and shore-based observations of core recovered during International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) Expedition 351 at Site U1438. The section- and core-level stratigraphic columns include bedding and facies designations intended for use in postexpedition studies, including analyses of depositional processes and sediment provenance, as well as contexts for geochemical, isotopic, and geochronological analyses. We also present a stratigraphic synthesis column reflecting bedding and facies variation at the site.

## Introduction

The Izu-Bonin-Mariana system was the focus of several International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) expeditions (350, 351, and 352) in 2014 that were designed to answer questions about the fundamental plate tectonic processes of convergent-margin initiation and crustal development in intraoceanic settings (see the Expedition 351 summary chapter [Arculus et al., 2015b]). The primary objectives of Expedition 351 included discovering the nature and origin of the presubduction basement (lithosphere) in the Amami Sankaku Basin (Figure F1) west of the Kyushu-Palau Ridge (remnant arc) and the subsequent history of magmatic arc initiation and evolution as recorded in the overlying stratigraphic section. These objectives were achieved by drilling a single deep hole at Site U1438, where a thick 1.61 km volcanic/sedimentary section was cored (see the Expedition 351 summary chapter [Arculus et al., 2015b]). The Holocene to Eocene stratigraphy at Site U1438 was divided into five lithostratigraphic units (Figure F2): four sedimentary units (I, II, III, Figure F1. Location map for Site U1438, drilled during Expedition 351 south of Japan (see the Expedition 351 summary chapter [Arculus et al., 2015b]).



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Figure F2. Relationships of (left) hole summary, (middle) core, and (right) section columns showing how detailed sections and core summaries were used to provide insight into stratigraphy at Site U1438. Summary column depicts unit boundaries (left) and descriptions (right) for sedimentary (Units I–IV) to volcanic (Unit 1) succession drilled during Expedition 351. Downhole plot of averaged grain size (5 m intervals) shows gross trends from the Site U1438 chapter (Arculus et al., 2015c). Grain size classes: cl = clay, si = silt, vfs-fs = very fine to fine sand, ms-vcs = medium to very coarse sand, gr = granules. Note that intervals of low recovery are not adequately accounted for using this method. Maximum bedding thickness corresponds to thickest bed present in each core as determined by visual observation (\*\*\* = >1 m, \*\* = 1-0.3 m, \* = <0.3 m).



and IV) overlying volcanic rocks designated as igneous Unit 1 (1461.1–1611.1 meters below seafloor [mbsf]). Sedimentary Unit I (0–160.3 mbsf) comprises mainly hemipelagic mud with minor ash beds, whereas sedimentary Units II (160.3–309.6 mbsf), III (309.6–1361.4 mbsf), and IV (1361.4–1461.1 mbsf) are dominated by coarser (sand–gravel) marine volcaniclastic sediments. Sediment accumulation rates are estimated as having decreased from ~120 m/My in Units II and III (Eocene to Oligocene) to ~5 m/My in Unit I (Miocene to Holocene) (see the Site U1438 chapter [Arculus et al., 2015c]).

Shipboard scientists described ~1.15 km of volcaniclastic sedimentary core recovered in the 1.46 km cored interval at Site U1438, logging changes in grain size, texture, color, and gross lithology, as well as the nature of bedding contacts and presence of sedimentary structures on a core-by-core basis. All of this information was recorded on 11 inch × 17 inch data sheets with high-resolution core images and then entered into the DESClogik database. These data were used to define the four lithostratigraphic units (I, II, III and IV) in combination with color, magnetic susceptibility, and gamma ray measurements. For the site report, DESClogik data were extracted to create figures showing gross downhole trends in grain size, presence of sedimentary structures, and bioturbation.

Units II, III, and IV comprise tuffaceous mudstone, sandstone, and breccia-conglomerate (see the **Site U1438** chapter [Arculus et al., 2015c]). The sand includes mineral grains of plagioclase feldspar, ferromagnesian silicates, and opaque minerals, as well as a variety of

vitric to holocrystalline and variably vesiculated volcanic lithic clasts. Gravel clasts include pumice, scoria, lava, and a variety of volcanic rock fragments. These sedimentary rocks are variably altered with common clay mineral and zeolite cements at depth.

There was no shipboard facies analysis or intercore integration (e.g., beds extending across core boundaries, patterns in bedding types, trends in grain size, etc.). This report provides stratigraphic columns with bedding and facies designations meant to be used in postexpedition studies, including analyses of depositional processes and sediment provenance, as well as contexts for geochemical, isotopic, and geochronological analyses. We also present a stratigraphic synthesis column reflecting bedding and facies variation at the site.

### Methods

Illustrated stratigraphic columns were produced from the Unit II–IV cores recovered at Site U1438, first at the section level and then at the core level (Figure F2), starting from igneous basement (Core 351-U1438B-69R) and working upsection. Thicker beds present at the top of Unit III and structurally complex intervals at the Unit II/III boundary made the shorter section columns less informative, so starting at Core 351-U1438D-48R (~660 mbsf) and continuing uphole through Core 351-U1438B-18H, only summaries at the core level were produced.

These stratigraphic columns at the section and core levels were constructed based on slabbed core images taken shipboard, data in the DESClogik database exported into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet and summarized on visual core description sheets, and shipboard notes taken by K. Marsaglia during periods when multiple cores were laid out for visual inspection during several shipboard "sampling parties." Additional textural information at discrete intervals was gleaned from petrographic examination of a suite of 241 thin sections produced from shipboard samples of mainly sandy lithologies with some mudstone facies from Unit IV. Adobe Illustrator was used to combine these data into an easy-to-read page format at the section and core levels.

On each page, the illustrated width of the core interval (horizontal scale) represents grain size within the core. Intervals are marked with symbols for bedding contacts and sedimentary and tectonic structures as defined in Figure F3, using a system modeled after Expedition 351 shipboard descriptions (see the Expedition 351 methods chapter [Arculus et al., 2015a]). Two classification schemes were applied to the core: one broad (facies) and the other more detailed (bedding/depositional units). Facies divisions and bed-scale intervals were often bounded by bedding planes, but in some instances, boundary relationships were masked by diagenetic overprinting, drilling deformation, and/or gaps in recovery. A column on the left of each diagram includes facies classifications, whereas bedding classifications are indicated on the right at the bottom of individual beds or intervals of lamination distinguished as bedding <1 cm.

#### Facies classification

Sequences of beds in the core as portrayed on the stratigraphic columns were first classified into a number of facies categories (Table **T1**). The deep-water sediment classification scheme used by Pickering et al. (1986) and Pickering and Hiscott (2015) was used in its original form, with additional classes observed in Site U1438 cores such as debrites and tuffs. Classes are designated by prefixes associated with grain size (Pickering et al., 1986):

- A = gravels and pebbly sand classes.
- B = sand classes.
- C = sand and mud couplet classes.
- D = silt classes.
- E = mud and clay classes.

Following the prefix is a two-part number code. The first number represents bed organization:

- 1 = unorganized beds.
- 2 = organized beds.

Next, after a decimal point, is a second number that has different meanings for each prefix.

#### Bedding/depositional classification

Site U1438 core contains several bedding types associated with gravity flow or pyroclastic processes (Figure F4). Grain size variations and sedimentary structures were the main criteria used to help differentiate which type of depositional mechanism (turbidity current, debris flow, or pyroclastic fall/flow) to which each bed-scale interval belonged. Once the broad bedding category was determined (e.g., turbidite, debris flow, or tuff), more specific classification schemes were applied. For example, three turbidite classification options were used, each associated with different grain size distributions reflecting different flow densities.

Figure F3. Symbols used in constructing stratigraphic columns, Site U1438.



Table T1. Facies classification scheme. Pickering et al. (1989) facies classes used in this study. \* = new classes created for Site U1438 deposits. **Download table in CSV format.** 

Class	Description
A1.1	Disorganized gravel
A1.4	Disorganized pebbly sand
A2.7	Graded pebbly sand
B1.1	Disorganized sand
B2.1	Parallel-stratified sand
B2.2	Cross-stratified sand
C2.1	Sand and mud couplets, >30 cm
C2.2	Sand and mud couplets, 10–30 cm
C2.3	Sand and mud couplets, <10 cm
C2.4	Sand and mud couplets, 80% mud
D1.1	Structureless silt
D2.4*	Laminated silt
D2.5*	Silt with sandy injections
E1.1	Structureless mud
E1.2	Varicolored mud
E2.1	Graded mud
E2.2	Laminated mud

#### **Medium-grained turbidites**

Medium-grained turbidites (classic turbidites) were classified using the Bouma sequence divisions (Bouma, 1962) (Figure F4) as a root with hyphenated supplements for maximum grain size and deposit thickness: T(Bouma divisions)-(maximum grain size)-(deposit thickness). The supplements, maximum grain size (mud, silt, sand, or gravel) and deposit thickness, are defined in Tables T2 and T3. For example, Tacde-G-5 refers to a deposit exhibiting Bouma divisions a, c, d, and e with a maximum grain size of granule and a thickness between 30 and 100 cm.

#### **Fine-grained turbidites**

Fine-grained turbidites, resulting from low-density turbidity currents, were classified according to Stow and Shanmugam (1980), who separate Bouma's Tc, Td, and Te divisions into nine detailed subdivisions designated  $T_0-T_8$  (Figure F4). The  $T_0$  division correlates to the Bouma Tc division, the  $T_1-T_5$  divisions correlate to the Bouma Td division, and the  $T_6-T_8$  divisions correlate to the Bouma Te division contains basal lenticular lamination. The  $T_1-T_5$  divisions transition from well-developed convolute bedding, to irregular laminations and regular laminations, and then to indistinct laminations. The  $T_6-T_8$  divisions transition from graded mud and silt, to ungraded mud and silt, and finally to ungraded and bioturbated mud. Above  $T_8$  in section is hemipelagic bioturbated

Figure F4. Classification schemes used in this study. Schemes for turbidity current deposits and their subdivisions are after Stow and Shanmugam (1980), Bouma (1962), and Lowe (1982). Additional schemes for mud and debris flow deposits and primary pyroclastic deposits are also shown.









Table T2. Grain size designators. Download table in CSV format.

Grain designator	Maximum grain size
М	Mud
Si	Silt
S	Sand
G	Gravel

Table T3. Bed/deposit thickness designators. Download table in CSV format.

Bed designator	Bed thickness (cm)	Bed name		
1	0–1	Lamination		
2	1–3	Very thin bed		
3	3–10	Thin bed		
4	20-30	Medium bed		
5	30-100	Thick bed		
6	>100	Very thick bed		

sediment, which in this study is simply grouped with  $T_8$ . The divisions are used in a similar way to those of the classic turbidites described above, where the divisions present are displayed (i.e.,  $T_{3568}$ ) with hyphenated supplements for maximum grain size and deposit thickness (Tables **T2**, **T3**): T(divisions)-(maximum grain size)-(deposit thickness). For example,  $T_{3568}$ -Si-3 refers to a deposit exhibiting  $T_3$ ,  $T_5$ ,  $T_6$ , and  $T_8$  divisions, a maximum grain size of silt, and a total thickness between 5 and 10 cm. A complete sequence was very rarely observed; instead, partial sequences were more common, referred to as top-absent, base-absent, and middle-absent based on the absence of Te, Tc, or Td Bouma divisions, respectively, as defined by Pickering et al. (1986).

#### **Coarse-grained turbidites**

Coarse-grained turbidites, resulting from high-density turbidity currents, were classified using the Lowe (1982) "S" or "R" prefixes and divisions (Figure F4). The Bouma Ta division is generally equivalent to Lowe division "S<sub>3</sub>." Lowe division S is defined as follows:

- ${\rm S}_3$  = massive, graded, and suspension-sourced gravel and sand division with dish structures.
- $S_2$  = gravel and sand oriented as a traction carpet.
- $S_1$  = also a result of traction but has more organized coarse grains.

Below  $S_3-S_1$  is a sequence of gravel-sized divisions, labeled  $R_3-R_1$ , that are rarely in sequence with  $S_3-S_1$  due to movement of the flow-dispersing gravel-sized clasts more proximally than sand-sized grains.  $R_3-R_1$  are described similar to  $S_3-S_1$  but lack sandy matrix and have larger gravel clasts. In this study, coarse-grained turbidites were classified similarly to classic turbidites but using the Lowe divisions instead of Bouma division: S/R(Lowe divisions)-(maximum grain size)-(deposit thickness). For example,  $S_{12}$ -G-6 is a coarse-grained turbidite sequence with Lowe divisions  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , a maximum grain size of gravel, and a total thickness <100 cm.

#### **Debris flow deposits**

Debris flow deposits were classified based on criteria outlined in Boggs (2011), which describes four varieties of debris flows that contain clasts supported by a finer-grained matrix (Figure F4). The scheme developed for this study uses a prefix of "D" followed by a subscripted number denoting characteristics:

- $\mathbf{D}_1$  = debris flow that is primarily s and with sparse floating gravel clasts.
- $D_2$  = flows that have more gravel than sand but are not necessarily clast supported.
- $D_3$  = inversely graded debrites.
- $D_4$  = normally graded tops of debris flows.

Following the prefix are the two supplements, maximum grain size and bed thickness (Tables **T2**, **T3**):  $D_{(1, 2, 3)}$ , or <sub>4</sub>)-(maximum grain size)-(bed thickness). For example,  $D_2$ -G-4 is an unorganized gravel-rich debris flow deposit with a thickness between 10 and 30 cm. Note that the proportion of mud in these deposits was very hard to visually estimate by shipboard scientists and in core images owing to postdepositional alteration of volcanic components and cementation.

#### Mud/mudstone beds

Mud/mudstone beds were classified using a prefix of "M" followed by a subscripted number that represents bedding characteristics (Figure **F4**):

- $M_1$  = structureless mud.
- $M_2$  = structureless mud with unorganized floating gravel-sized clasts.

Following the prefix are the two supplements, maximum grain size and bed thickness (Tables **T2**, **T3**):  $M(_1 \text{ or }_2)$ -(maximum grain size)-(bed thickness). For example,  $M_2$ -G-5 is a bed, 30–100 cm thick, that consists of structureless mud with gravel-sized clasts. Note that the  $M_2$  bed designation may be considered a mud flow deposit with an emplacement mechanism more similar to the D units described above. In addition, the structureless  $M_1$  beds may be a product of thorough bioturbation.

#### Tuff/Lapillistone

Tuff/Lapillistone was classified using the prefix "V" with an added subscripted number that corresponds to grading (Figure F4):

- $V_2$  = normally graded.
- V<sub>3</sub> = inversely graded.

Akin to the previous schemes, two suffixes are added based on maximum grain size and bed thickness (Tables **T2**, **T3**) (e.g.,  $V[_1, _2,$ or  $_3$  for grading]-[maximum grain size]-[bed thickness]). For example,  $V_1$ -Si-4 refers to a tuffaceous bed/interval that is ungraded, has a maximum grain size of silt, and has a thickness of 10–30 cm.

#### Hole overlap

Lastly, a large-scale stratigraphic column with bedding and lithology variation was constructed from the core descriptions. In producing a generalized stratigraphic section, overlap in cored sections between holes was handled as follows. Shipboard correlation (figure F19 in Arculus et al. [2015d]) showed that the deformed Unit II-III contact zone was better recovered in Hole U1438B using extended core barrel drilling techniques than in Hole U1438D using rotary drilling techniques. Based on the correlation and depths, we used the larger scale stratigraphic sections from Cores 351-U1438B-1X through 30X to a depth of 257.13 mbsf then passed down to into Core 351-U1438D-7R starting at 257.60 mbsf, skipping Cores 1R through 6R, which averaged <30% recovery. The overlap of recovery in Unit III moving from Hole U1438D to U1438E was handled by using core recovered down through Core 351-U1438D-72R through 895.09 mbsf, and then starting at Core 351-U1438E-7R at 896.2 mbsf, within a thick conglomeratic interval present in each hole.

### Results

### Stratigraphic columns

Section columns, 538 in total ranging up to 150 cm in length, were constructed (see **Appendix A**). In constructing columns, recognizing bedding planes was problematic in some intervals owing to unrecovered contacts and breaks in cores as described in **Methods**. Several intervals were significantly altered, which also impeded column construction. The section columns for each core were combined into core summary columns (147 total) (see **Appendix B**). Thirteen Unit IV core summary columns were included here for completeness. No detailed columns were constructed for lithostratigraphic Unit I, as it consisted mainly of hemipelagic mud.

Grain sizes of individual beds were described in the DESClogik database. Thin section observations made in this study were consistent with shipboard analyses of thin sections, which indicated that the sand- to gravel-sized sediment was volcaniclastic in origin. As individual stratigraphic columns were finished, facies classes introduced by Pickering et al. (1986) were applied to the appearance of beds. A simplification was made to better apply to the interpretation of depositional processes in this study. This simplification disregarded specific differences in grading (taken into account by depositional unit classification), and internal structures (taken into account by symbols [Figure F3]). Once depositional unit classification schemes were determined (Figure F4), they were applied to groups of beds using structures, contacts, and lithologies identified within the core images. A few beds and groups of beds did not fit into any scheme and were left out of interpretations. Beds were often too disturbed (by drilling and/or soft-sediment deformation) to confidently determine deposit type; these were classified as having "disrupted bedding."

## **Downhole distributions**

To better illustrate downhole trends in these cores, several summary columns were constructed (Figure F5). The grain size distribution for each core was created by tabulating the total length of recovered core comprising each lithology. These data are presented in Table T4. These proportions were plotted on a 100% stacked plot to visualize distributions. The dominant grain size for each bed was used rather than the largest grain size, which was used in the depositional unit classification scheme. Within Unit IV and between

 $V_1$  = ungraded (massive).

Figure F5. Downhole distributions of grain size, facies classes, and depositional units, on core-by-core basis. Unit II–IV subunits outlined in this study and shipboard-defined units and ages (see the Expedition 351 summary and Site U1438 chapters [Arculus et al., 2015b, 2015c]) are shown. Facies classes refer to classes in Table T1: disorganized mud = E1, organized mud = E2, disorganized silt = D1, organized silt = D2, sand and mud couplets = C2, disorganized sand = B1, organized sand = B2, disorganized gravel = A1, sandy gravel = A2. Bin size is one 9.5 m core interval (9.5 m or less recovery). A. 0–896.2 mbsf, Holes U1438A, U1438B, and U1438D. (Continued on next page.)



#### Figure F5 (continued). B. 896.2–1500 mbsf, Hole U1438E.



1460 and 1200 mbsf within Unit III, mud and sand are the dominant grain sizes. Abruptly starting at 1200 mbsf, silt and gravel dominate with lower sand contents and diminished mud content. Above, mud and sand again dominate in Unit II.

To formulate a facies class distribution plot (Figure F5), elements of each facies class (A, B, C, D, and E) listed in Table T1 were grouped as disorganized or organized. Details can be found in the Figure F6 caption. The total thickness representing each class present in each core summary column was tabulated and recalculated to 100%; the plot for each core's distribution was then stacked to visualize their distribution in the section. Data are presented in Table **T5**. In Unit IV and below 1200 mbsf in Unit III, facies Classes C (organized sand and mud couplets) and E (mud) dominate, with organized mud more common below 1300 mbsf. This is the only interval where facies Class C is notable. The lowest half of this interval is rich in facies Class E2.1 (laminated mud), whereas the top has sig-

Table T4. Data and relative percentages of lithologies on a core-to-core basis. These data are visualized in Figure F5. Microsoft Excel version is available in TRENDS in Supplementary material.



nificant facies Class E1.1 (structureless mud). Above 1200 mbsf, facies Classes D (silt), B (sand), and A (gravel) are dominant, and Class A yields to Class D in fine intervals. From ~575 to 500 mbsf, a high proportion of facies Class E is again present before the facies Class A–dominated interval that precedes the Unit III/II boundary. Within Unit II, facies Classes E (mud) and B (sand) dominate with varying amounts of facies Class D (silt).

Proportions of depositional unit types were tabulated on a coreby-core basis and plotted on a 100% stacked plot for visualization (Figure F5). Depositional unit data at a one-depositional-unit bin size for Unit III are visualized in Figure F7. Data are presented in Table T6. In Unit IV and below 1200 mbsf in Unit III, turbidites are dominant. Exceptions are tuff intervals within Cores 351-U1438E-47R and 42R. Above 1200 mbsf, debrites and coarse-grained turbidites are introduced and vary in proportion until the Unit III/II boundary. Intervals of solely turbidites exist within intervals that contain debrites. Unit II contains turbidites that progressively yield to tuff and hemipelagic mudstone upsection. Overall percentages of each type are as follows: ~57% turbidites (fine and medium grained), ~31% debrites, ~3% coarse-grained turbidites, ~2% tuff/lapillistone, and ~1% structureless mud deposits.

## Stratigraphic subunit designations for Units IV and III

Shipboard scientists placed the Unit IV/III boundary at the first downhole occurrence of a thick mudstone interval below the thick interval of debrite and turbidite in Section 351-U1438E-55R-3. Unit IV is distinguished by a significant radiolarian content in the top 50 m of the unit. This is distinguished as Subunit IV-A, which contains thin and medium fine-grained turbidites. The underlying interval (Subunit IV-B) is characterized by fine-grained turbidites that contain minimal sand, whereas the thin Subunit IV-C is mainly hemipelagic mudstone. Note that Unit IV subunit designators follow the IODP format where A equals the youngest and then designators progress through the alphabet with increasing relative age. This format was continued into Units III and II.

As the thickest of the Site U1438 units (1052.33 m), Unit III contains the most variety of depositional unit characteristics. Unit III is distinguished from Unit IV in that it contains fine-, medium-, and coarse-grained turbidites as well as debrites in coarsening-upward packages.

Whereas shipboard scientists did not attempt to divide this thick unit into subunits, the detailed data collected in this study facilitated subunit divisions. Following the illustration and classification of all the cores, core summary columns for Units III and II were printed and combined end-to-end, forming a 25 m long high-resolution stratigraphic log. Large-scale subunits could then be discerned based on changes in grain size, bedding, facies classes, and depositional unit types present. Unit III is distinguished by periodic pulses of debrites. Debrite-rich and debrite-poor subunits generally alternate. Unit III subunits are broadly based on relative debrite versus turbidite content, where intervals of cores containing debrites were grouped together. Each debrite-rich subunit contains a gradual buildup of debrite content and thickness before dropping abruptly, which defines the upper contact of the subunits. Debrite-poor subunits may contain tuff beds, mudstone beds, and isolated debrites, but the dominant depositional units are turbidites. Throughout Unit III, the sediment accumulation rate varied but peaked at significant occurrences of debrites. Unit III is divided into twelve subunits, labeled "III-L" to "III-A" from oldest to youngest as summarized in Table T7 and Figure F5. These are described in detail below.

Figure F6. A. Nearly complete Stow and Shanmugam (1980) fine-grained turbidite sequence (351-U1438E-15R-1). B. Complete Bouma (1962) medium-grained turbidite sequence (34R-5). C. Complete Lowe (1982) coarse-grained turbidite sequence (26R-4). D.  $M_1$  hemipelagic mudstone (52R-1). E.  $D_2$  debrite (351-U1438D-12R-3). F.  $V_1$  primary tuff (351-U1438E-48R-1). Note centimeter scale on images. Gravity flow elements marked on images are defined in Figure F4.



Table T5. Data and relative percentages of facies classes on a core-to-core basis. These data are visualized in Figure F5. Microsoft Excel version is available in TRENDS in Supplementary material.

Figure F7. Downhole distribution of depositional units within Unit III. Unit III subunits described in this study are shown to the left of each column. Bin size is one depositional unit.



#### Subunit III-L

Interval: Cores 351-U1438E-55R to 50R Depth: 1361.88–1312.0 mbsf

Subunit III-L is composed of thin sand to mud turbidites (Figure **F8A**; Table **T4**) and scattered intervals of hemipelagic mudstone (Figure **F8B**). Drilling brecciation and disturbance were common, so intact bedding contacts were not often recognizable. Apparent depositional unit (turbidite) thicknesses are <10 cm, the thinnest of



all Unit III subunits. The dominant facies class, from Pickering et al. (1986), is Class C (Table **T1**), more specifically Classes C2.2 (sand and mud couplets 10–30 cm thick) and C2.3 (sand and mud couplets <10 cm), with thicknesses decreasing upsection within the subunit. Most turbidites exhibit either Tade or Tbde patterns. Bouma (1962) division Tc is absent aside from rare occurrences of complete and nearly complete turbidites.

### Subunit III-K

Interval: Cores 351-U1438E-50R to 47R Depth: 1312.0–1283.0 mbsf

Subunit III-K contains a relatively high percentage of tuff/lapillistone. A relatively structureless 11 m thick tuff bed (Figure **F9A**) occurs at the top of the subunit. The relative content of primary volcanic material (ash) builds upsection before dropping from 100% to 0% at the contact with Subunit III-J. Between volcanic deposits Table T6. Data and relative percentages of depositional unit types on a coreto-core basis. These data are visualized in Figure F5. Microsoft Excel version is available in TRENDS in Supplementary material.



are fine-grained turbidites and medium-grained turbidites with partial to nearly complete Bouma sequences (Figure **F9B**). Turbidites are affected by soft-sediment deformation at the bottom of the subunit coherent at the top where thicknesses exceed 30 cm. Facies

Classes B (sandstone), C, D (siltstone), and E (mudstone) (Table **T1**) occur in nearly equal proportions.

#### Subunit III-J

Interval: Cores 351-U1438E-48R to 37R Depth: 1283.0–1202.71 mbsf

Subunit III-J is primarily thin sandy turbidites, with minor isolated basin floor hemipelagic mudstones, debrites, and primary volcanic deposits. Core 351-U1438E-42R is a primary tuff and lapillistone thicker than 2.6 m exhibiting faint lamination (Figure F10A). Turbidites are either fine-grained or incomplete mediumgrained Bouma (1962) sequences (Figure F10B). Turbidite thicknesses increase upsection from ~20 to >50 cm. In addition, the primary facies class is Class E, corresponding to the abundance of mudstone (Table T1), although Classes B, C, and D are introduced near the top of the subunit.

#### Subunit III-I

Interval: Cores 351-U1438E-38R to 21R Depth: 1202.71–1034.5 mbsf

Subunit III-I is a primarily debrite-rich subunit with intermixed fine-, medium-, and coarse-grained turbidites. Two clusters of debrites are separated by a 25 m interval of ~50 cm thick Tabce turbidites. Both debrite clusters build up to about 85% debrite core percentage before abruptly dropping to 0%. The abrupt top of the second cluster is the boundary with overlying Subunit III-H. Within the debrite clusters are periodic 2–5 m thick fine- and medium-grained turbidite intervals (Figure F11A) overlain by debrite intervals (Figure F11B). Facies Classes A and B are dominant, meaning the dominant lithologies are conglomerate, sandstone, and siltstone (Table T1). Depositional unit thicknesses average <30 cm; however, contacts were often not recovered.

#### Subunit III-H

Interval: Cores 351-U1438E-21R to 16R Depth: 1034.5–983.5 mbsf

Subunit III-H is dominated by fine- to medium-grained turbidites (Figure F12). As an exception, Core 351-U1438E-19R contains isolated thin debrites, a single primary lapillistone bed, and a single coarse-grained turbidite among the dominant thin fine-grained turbidites. Siltstone is the subunit's dominant lithology, meaning facies Classes D1.1 and D2.4 are dominant. Facies Classes A and B exist only within the most complete turbidites. The primary average turbidite thickness is >50 cm; however, two 2–3 m packages of ~10 cm turbidites are present.

#### Subunit III-G

Interval: Cores 351-U1438E-16R to 351-U1438D-66R Depth: 983.5–831.2 mbsf

Subunit III-G contains a relatively high percentage of debrites. Debrites build up to a proportion of about 50% in Core 351-U1438D-72R before gradually decreasing to 0%, marking the boundary with overlying Subunit III-F. A highly faulted zone (Figure **F13A**) marks the transition from Hole U1438E to U1438D where depositional units cannot be confidently interpreted. Below the faulted zone, gravel-sized clast content is very high and facies Classes A and B dominate. Similar to Subunit III-I, the bottom of

Table T7. Characteristics of each lithostratigraphic subunit, Site U1438. Subunits were separated using data in Tables T4, T5, and T6 and the trends of each illustrated in Figure F5. Microsoft Excel version is available in TRENDS in Supplementary material.

Site U1438		Age (Ma) Depth (mbsf)										
Hole	Unit	Subunit	top	bottom	top	bottom	Hole/Core	Lithologies	Facies Classes	Thicknesses	Depositional Units	Dep. Rate (m/Myr)
Hole A/B	I		0	22.5	0	160.25	A1H-B17H	Mud			Hemipelagic Mud and Ash	7.1
		II-A	22.5	26.5	160.25	199.1	B18H-B25X	Mud and ash	E1.1 with minor B1.1 and B2.1	Disturbed	Hemipelagic Mud and Ash	9.7
Hole B	Ш	II-B	26.5	28	199.1	237.9	B25X-B29X	Mudstone, Siltstone	E1.1, D1.1	Disturbed	Hemipelagic Mud, Turbidites, and Ash	25.9
		II-C	28	29.5	237.9	309.55	B29X-D12R	Mudstone, Sandstone	E1.1, D1.1	Disturbed	Fine-Grained Turbidites and Minor Medium-Grained Turbidites	47.8
		III-A	29.5	31.1	309.55	541	D12R-D36R	Conglomerate, Sandstone, Siltstone	A with minor B and D	10cm to 50cm and >100cm, One 20m	Debrites and Fine- and Medium-Grained Turbidites	144.7
		III-B	31.1	32	541	583.11	D36R-D40R	Mudstone, Siltstone, Sandstone	D, E, B1.1, B2,1	<30cm	Fine- and Medium-Grained Turbidites	46.8
Hole D		III-C	32	33.5	583.11	665.16	D40R-D49R	Conglomerate, Sandstone, Siltstone	A, B, D2.5, D2.4	<100cm and One 16m Bed	Debrites with Fine- and Medium-Grained Turbidites	54.7
		III-D	33.5	34.8	665.16	743.2	D49R-D57R	Siltstone, Sandstone	D2.5, B1.1, B2.1	10cm to 75cm	Fine-, Medium-, and Coarse- Grained Turbidites	60.0
		III-E	34.8	35.6	743.2	809	D57R-D63R	Conglomerate, Sandstone, Siltstone	A, B, D	<30cm to >100cm	Debrites with Fine- and Medium-Grained Turbidites	82.2
	ш	III-F	35.6	36	809	831.2	D64R-D66R	Sandstone, Siltstone	D2.5, B1.1	<10cm to >30cm	Medium-Grained Turbidites	55.5
		III-G	36	37.1	831.2	983.5	D66R-E16R	Conglomerate, Sandstone, Siltstone	A, B with minor C, D, E	<10cm to >100cm	Debrites with Fine- and Medium-Grained Disturbed Turbidites	138.5
		III-H	37.1	37.4	983.5	1034.5	E16R-E21R	Siltstone, Sandstone	D with minor A, B	10cm to >50cm	Fine- and Medium-Grained Turbidites	170.0
		111-1	37.4	37.75	1034.5	1202.71	E21R-E38R	Conglomerate, Sandstone, Siltstone	А, В	30cm to >50cm	Debrites with Fine-, Medium-, and Coarse- Grained Turbidites	480.6
Hole E		III-J	37.75	39.5	1202.71	1283	E38R-E47R	Mudstone, Siltstone, Sandstone	E with minor B, C, D, E	10cm to >50cm	Fine- and Medium-Grained Turbidites with Ash/Lapillistone	45.9
		Ш-К	39.5	40.5	1283	1312	E47R-E50R	Mudstone, siltstone, sandstone	B, C, D, E	>30cm	Fine- and Medium-Grained Turbidites with Ash/Lapillistone	29.0
		III-L	40.5	41.5	1312	1361.88	E50R-E55R	Sandstone, Mudstone	C2.2, C2.3	10cm	Fine- and Medium-Grained Turbidites	49.9
		IV-A	41.5	45.5	1361.88	1405.9	E56R-E61R	Mudstone			Turbidites with Ash	11.0
	IV	IV-B	45.5	54	1405.9	1453.65	E61R-E67R	Mudstone, Sandstone			Medium- and Coarse- Grained Turbidites	5.6
		IV-C	54	55	1453.65	1459.29	E68R	Mudstone			Turbidites with Hemipelagic Mud	5.6

Unit III Average 113.1 Debrite-Rich Average

180.1 Debrite-Poor Average 71.3

Subunit III-G contains alternating turbidite (facies Classes C, D, and E; Figure F13B) and debrite (Figure F13C) intervals, with coarsening-upward trends. Debrites are consistently thicker than 1 m.

#### Subunit III-F

Interval: Cores 351-U1438D-66R to 64R Depth: 831.2-809.0 mbsf

Subunit III-F is the thinnest subunit in Unit III and is composed entirely of turbidites. The primary lithologies are sandstone and siltstone, which are organized in very thin nearly complete medium-grained turbidites (Figure F14). No mudstone and minor gravel are present. One tuff bed occurs near the bottom of the subunit within a series of drilling-brecciated turbidites. Thin (<10 cm) turbidites of facies Class D2.5 are interrupted by short intervals of turbidites thicker than 30 cm (facies Class B1.1).

Figure F8. Subunit III-L, Hole U1438E. A. Thin turbidites (54R-2). B. One of many unstructured hemipelagic mud beds examined in this study (52R-1). Note centimeter scale on images.



Figure F9. Subunit III-K, Hole U1438E. A. Part of thick primary tuff bed (47R-1). B. Medium-grained turbidite (48R-4). Note centimeter scale on images.





#### Subunit III-E

Interval: Cores 351-U1438D-63R to 57R Depth: 809.0–743.2 mbsf

Subunit III-E has a relatively high proportion of debrites (Figure **F15A**) that alternate with fine- and medium-grained turbidite intervals. Most medium-grained turbidites contain the Ta Bouma division but those that do not are grouped together in relatively thin intervals with depositional unit thicknesses <30 cm (Figure **F15B**). Debrites and Ta-containing turbidites are <1 m thick. Intervals of thin fine- and medium-grained turbidites are common at the bottom of the subunit but are thicker and less common near the top. Facies Classes A, B, and D are present, meaning all lithologies are present except mudstone.

Figure F10. Subunit III-J, Hole U1438E. A. Primary tuff bed (42R-1). B. Tbce turbidite (40R-1). Note centimeter scale on images.





Figure F11. Subunit III-I, Hole U1438E. A. Turbidite interval that lies between thick debrite beds (out of image area) (24R-4). Sedimentary structures are likely overprinted and distorted by secondary alteration to zeolites. B. Base of thick debrite bed (25R-5). Note centimeter scale on images.





Figure F12. Typical Subunit III-H turbidite sequence (351-U1438E-18R-3). Note centimeter scale on image.



### Subunit III-D

Interval: Cores 351-U1438D-57R to 49R Depth: 743.2–665.16 mbsf

Subunit III-D is fine- and medium-grained turbidite dominated and is the most silt-rich section in Unit III. Fine-grained turbidites overprinted by bioturbation are accompanied by isolated mediumgrained turbidites (Figure F16A). Near the top of the subunit coarse-grained turbidites are introduced (Figure F16B) and transition into the overlying debrite-rich Subunit III-C. Depositional unit thickness ranges from 10 cm for the fine-grained turbidites to 75 cm for the medium- and coarse-grained turbidites at the top. Facies Class D2.5 (disturbed sequences of sand to silt turbidites) is prominent, and Classes B1.1 and B2.1 accompany the medium- and coarse-grained turbidites.

#### Subunit III-C

Interval: Cores 351-U1438D-49R to 40R Depth: 665.16–583.11 mbsf

Subunit III-C contains two intervals with a high debrite concentration within medium-grained turbidites. Most depositional unit contacts are not recovered, owing to drilling disturbance, but where recovered, depositional units are <1 m thick. A 16 m thick debris flow deposit makes up the bottom of the subunit (Figure F17A) and is the start of the first buildup of debrites that continues into the overlying 30 m of section. Turbidites are sand-to-silt Tbcde varieties (Figure F17B) with zones of soft-sediment deformation–disturbed fine-grained turbidites. Mudstone is present between the debrite intervals. Debrite-rich zones contain facies Classes A and B, whereas intervening turbidites are facies Classes D2.4 and D2.5. Figure F13. Subunit III-G. A. Portion of highly disturbed and microfaulted zone at base of Hole U1438D (71R-2). B. Part of turbidite interval situated between debrites in Hole U1438E (14R-4). C. Typical appearance of debrites in Subunit III-G (8R-1). Note centimeter scale on images.





#### Subunit III-B

Interval: Cores 351-U1438D-40R to 36R Depth: 583.11–541.0 mbsf

Subunit III-B is made up entirely of fine- to medium-grained turbidites. Turbidites are generally thin (<30 cm) (Figure **F18A**), and the thickest turbidite is 0.75 m (Figure **F18B**). The entire subunit is fairly uniform in character. Exceptions are one tuff bed, one mudstone bed, and a few Ta turbidites at the bottom of the subunit. There is an upsection transition from mudstone rich (facies Class E), the highest mudstone content of Unit III, to siltstone rich (facies Class D).

#### Subunit III-A

Interval: Cores 351-U1438D-36R to 12R Depth: 541.0–309.55 mbsf

Subunit III-A contains a very high proportion of debrites (Figure **F19A**) with few interbedded turbidites. Debris flow proportion builds from 0% in Core 351-U1438D-37R to 100% in Core 31R and remains high to the top of the subunit (Unit III/II boundary). Cores

Figure F14. Typical turbidite from thin Subunit III-F (351-U1438D-64R-1). Note centimeter scale on image.



Figure F15. Subunit III-E, Hole U1438D. A. Typical appearance of Subunit III-E debrites (63R-1). B. Turbidites deposited within debrite intervals (60R-7). Note centimeter scale on images.





25R and 16R contain relatively thin-bedded (10–50 cm) fine- and medium-grained siltstone-rich turbidite intervals (Figure **F19B**) that exhibit abrupt contacts with the surrounding debrite intervals. Debrites range from 1 m thick to <20 m thick (in Cores 22R to 24R), but thickness determinations are different because approximately 20% of depositional contacts were not recovered. The primary lithologies are conglomerate and coarse sandstone (facies Class A).

Figure F16. Subunit III-D. A. Fine- and medium-grained turbidites (351-U1438D-50R-5). B. Coarse-grained turbidites (49R-6). Note centimeter scale on images.



Figure F17. Subunit III-C, Hole U1438D. A. Part of 16 m debrite bed that makes up bottom of subunit (47R-2). B. One of many Tbcde turbidites in Subunit III-C (43R-2). Note centimeter scale on images.



Figure F18. Subunit III-B, Hole U1438D. A. Thin medium-grained turbidites (39R-3). B. 0.75 m thick Tbcde turbidite (39R-5). Top is not shown. Note centimeter scale on images.



Figure F19. Subunit III-A, Hole U1438D. A. Part of debrite bed immediately below Unit III/II boundary (12R-3). B. Fine-grained turbidite (25R-5) from the fine- and medium-grained turbidite interval that makes up Core 25R. Note centimeter scale on images.





Figure F20. Unit III/II boundary (351-U1438D-12R-3). Note the contact was not recovered but drawn in rubble zone where lithologies change from mudstone to conglomerate. Note centimeter scale on image.

### Stratigraphic subunit designations for Unit II

The Unit III/II boundary was placed at 309.55 mbsf, within Core 351-U1438D-12R by shipboard scientists. It is marked by an abrupt shift from the largely gravel-rich Unit III to the sandstone-to-mudstone turbidite- and hemipelagic mud–rich Unit II (Figure F20). The exact boundary was not recovered but was placed at the top of the youngest gravel-rich interval in a drilling-brecciated zone.

Unit II subunits are divided based on lithologic changes and degree of drilling disturbance of variably lithified subunits. This unit is primarily mud and mudstone, with a varying sandstone content that corresponds to the ratio of medium-grained turbidites to finegrained turbidites. Drilling disturbance and hemipelagic mud proportions increase upsection. Unit II is divided into three subunits, labeled "II-C," "II-B," and "II-A" from oldest to youngest (Figure **F5A**; Table **T4**).

#### Subunit II-C

Interval: Cores 351-U1438D-12R to 351-U1438B-29X Depth: 309.55–237.9 mbsf

Subunit II-C immediately overlies the Unit III/II boundary and is composed of mud-rich turbidites. Individual bed contacts are indistinguishable due to soft-sediment deformation (Figure F21) and drilling-related disturbance but turbidite divisions are discernible. The entire subunit is made up of fine-grained turbidites (Figure F21) with scattered sandy medium-grained turbidites. Sandy beds in Subunit II-C are the thickest of all Unit II. Facies Classes E1.1 and D1.1 dominate with lesser facies Class B2.1 (sandy beds).



#### Subunit II-B

Interval: Cores 351-U1438B-29X to 25X Depth: 237.9–199.1 mbsf

Subunit II-B is too disturbed by drilling and bioturbation (Figure F22) to confidently apply any classification scheme to depositional units. Unconsolidated ash and lapilli beds are present in the upper

Figure F21. Prominent convoluted fine-grained turbidite (351-U1438D-9R-2), Subunit II-C. Note centimeter scale on image.



Figure F22. Drilling disturbance (brecciation) in fine-grained heavily bioturbated beds in Subunit II-B (351-U1438B-28X-3). Note centimeter scale on image.



two cores of the subunit (Cores 351-U1438B-25X and 24X). Sandstone is rare—yielding to an increased proportion of bioturbated mudstone (facies Class E1.1) and siltstone (facies Class D1.1).

#### Subunit II-A

Interval: Cores 351-U1438D-25X to 18X Depth: 199.1–160.25 mbsf

Subunit II-A makes up the top portion of Unit II and transitions into the hemipelagic mud of Unit I. The bottom 12 m consists of sand-rich turbidites (facies Classes B1.1 and 2.1) (Figure F23A) and a relatively high volcanic ash content. Drilling brecciation means fine-grained depositional units cannot be confidently interpreted. Sand content decreases upsection. The top 17.5 m consists of unlithified hemipelagic mud (Class E1.1) with altered ash and no visible structures other than burrows (Figure F23B).

### Unit II/I boundary

The Unit II/I boundary is a shift from sandstone-to-mudstone turbidites with hemipelagic mud in Unit II to massive and uninterrupted hemipelagic mud in Unit I. This occurs at 160.25 mbsf, within Core 351-U1438B-18H.

Figure F23. Subunit II-A, Hole U1438B. A. Final turbidites deposited (23X-2). B. Hemipelagic mud and dark, fining-upward primary ash (18H-2). Note centimeter scale on images.





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# **Appendix A**

## Section-scale stratigraphic columns

Section-scale (up to 1.5 m) stratigraphic columns are available in STRATCOL in **Supplementary material**.

# Appendix **B**

## Core-scale stratigraphic columns

Core-scale (up to 9.5 m) stratigraphic columns are available in STRATCOL in **Supplementary material**.