

NOTES

Hydrology, Weathering, Erosion & Deposition

OBJECTIVES

Correctly define: abrasion, capillarity, deposition, discharge, erosion, evapotranspiration, hydrology, impermeable, infiltration, meander, permeable, porosity, water table, weathering, zone of aeration, zone of saturation

HYDROLOGY:

- Explain what the hydrologic cycle is and correctly label a diagram of the hydrologic cycle.
- Explain the difference between permeability, porosity, and capillarity.
- Explain the relationship between particle size and each of the following: permeability, porosity, and capillarity.
- Describe how slope, particle size, and the state of soil (frozen or unfrozen) affect the rate of infiltration
- Describe the factors that affect runoff and stream discharge.

WEATHERING:

- Identify the two types of weathering---physical and chemical.
- Give two examples of both physical and chemical weathering.
- Describe the environment in which chemical weathering would be the greatest.
- Explain surface area and composition affect the rate of weathering.
- Explain the normal progression of soil profile development.

EROSION:

- Identify the greatest force and agents of erosion.
- Describe the difference in the shape of valleys carved out by streams and those carved out by glaciers.
- Describe the relationship between the rate of erosion and each of the following factors: stream discharge, slope, and location on a meander.
- Calculate the minimum of velocity required to move a specific size of sediment.

DEPOSITION:

- Describe the relationship between the rate of deposition and each of the following factors: stream velocity, slope, location on a meander, size, density, and shape.
- Describe the pattern of deposition for each of the following: streams, wind, glaciers, mass movement.

Vocabulary

Abrasion:

Capillarity:

Deposition:

Discharge:

Erosion:

Evapotranspiration:

Hydrology:

Impermeable:

Infiltration:

Meander:

Permeable:

Porosity:

Water Table:

Weathering:

Zone of Aeration:

Zone of Saturation:

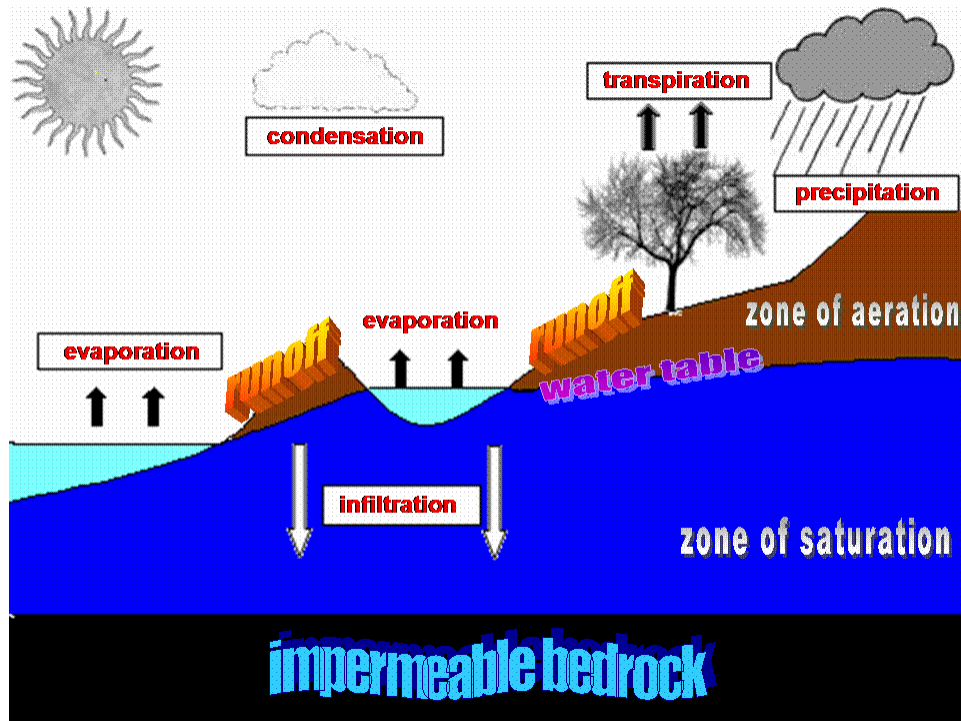
Hydrology

The water cycle is also called the hydrological cycle.

Water that is stored in the oceans and lakes can evaporate and become a gas. As the water rises through the atmosphere, it cools, condenses and becomes clouds. When the water gets heavy enough it can fall to the ground in the form of different types of precipitation. If the lithosphere (ground) is saturated, the water that has fallen can become runoff and flow directly into streams, rivers, or lakes. If the lithosphere is not saturated, the water will infiltrate the lithosphere and move into the zone of aeration or the zone of saturation. The interface (boundary) between these two zones is called the water table. The roots of plants can reach into the zone of saturation, soak up the water, and the water can then re-enter the atmosphere through the process of transpiration.

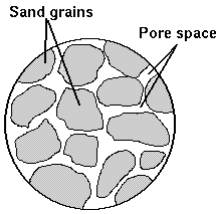
In the diagram below, place the following words in their correct locations:

condensation	evaporation	impermeable bedrock	infiltration	precipitation
runoff	transpiration	water table	zone of aeration	zone of saturation



Porosity

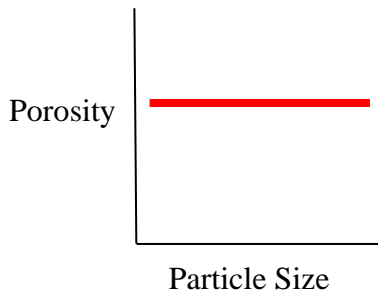
Total volume of empty space ÷ total volume of soil = porosity



What materials would you need to calculate the porosity of a sample of soil? **graduated cylinder, water**

Particle size alone does not determine porosity

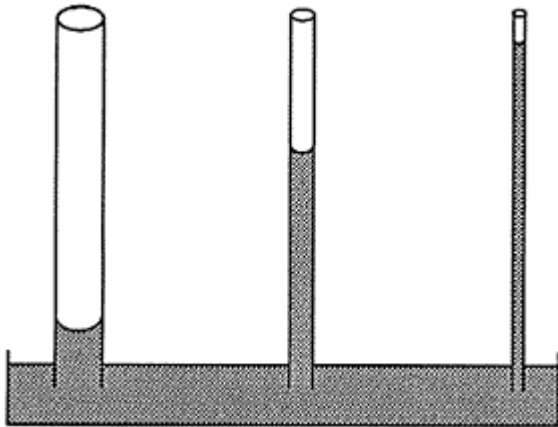
Identically shaped samples of increasing particles size will have the same porosity



Which is more porous, a container of:

a. round particles	or	angular particles
b. tightly packed particles	or	loosely packed particles
c. well-sorted particles	or	unsorted particles
d. large beads	or	small beads

Capillarity

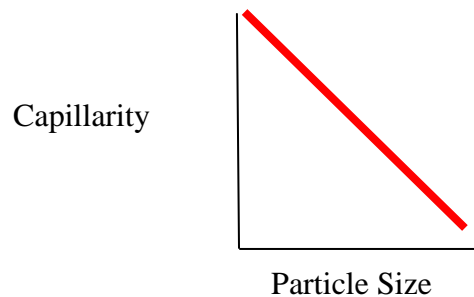


The diagram to the left shows three tubes of with different diameters. Water is placed in the tray at the bottom.

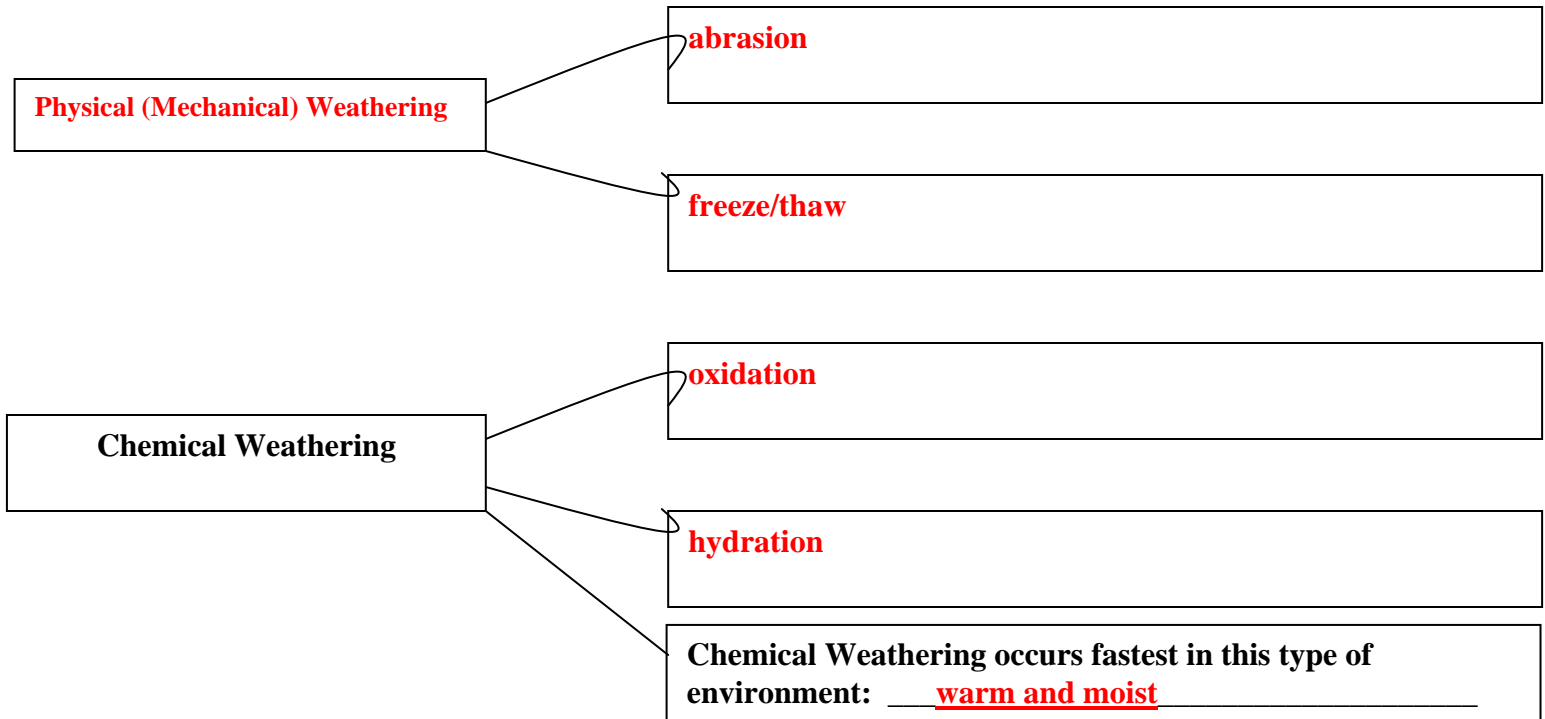
Capillary action draws the water up higher in the smaller tube.

Soils with smaller sized particles can draw water from the zone of saturation higher than those with larger sized particles.

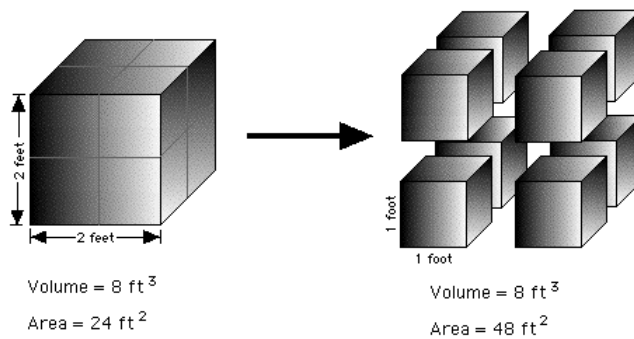
Therefore, a indirect relationship exists between particle size and capillarity.



Weathering



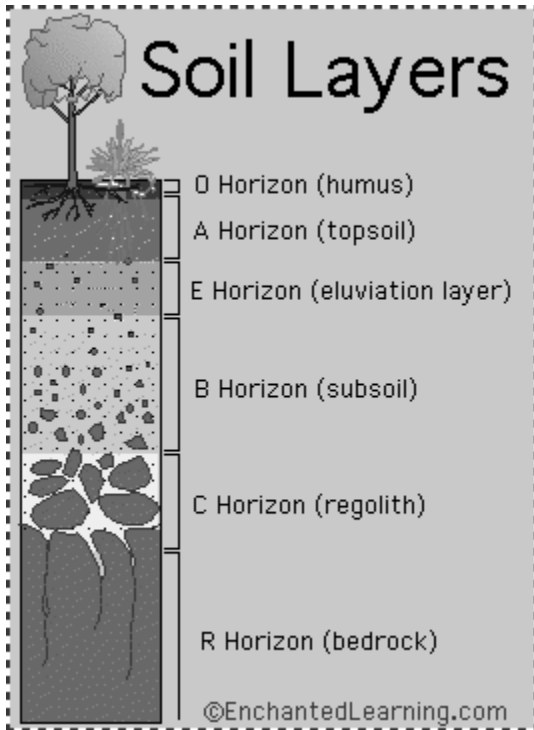
Surface Area and Weathering



Why will smaller particles weather faster? **they have greater surface area**

Which will weather faster and why? Pebbles Sand Silt **Clay**
they are smaller and have greater surface area

Soil

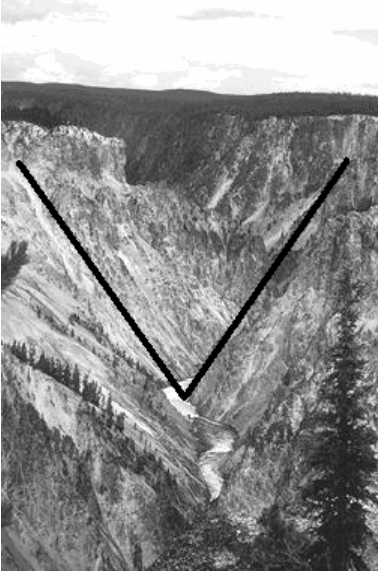


When the bedrock weathers, soil is created. Scientists separate this soil into **horizons**. Water can only infiltrate through horizon C as the R Horizon is solid rock.

Erosion

Greatest **FORCE** of Erosion
gravity

Greatest **AGENT** of Erosion
running water



What agent of erosion is responsible for carving out V-SHAPED valleys such as the above?

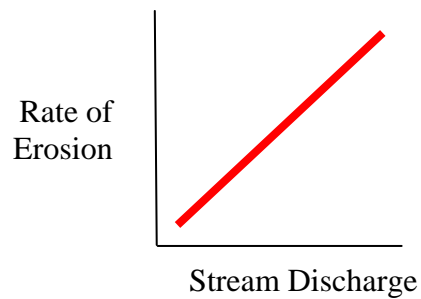
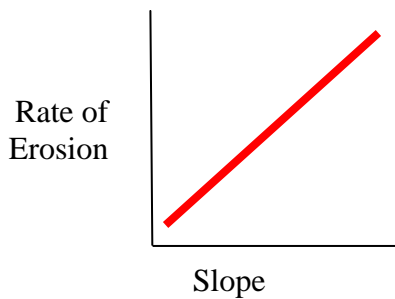
running water

What agent of erosion is responsible for carving out U-SHAPED valleys such as the one above?

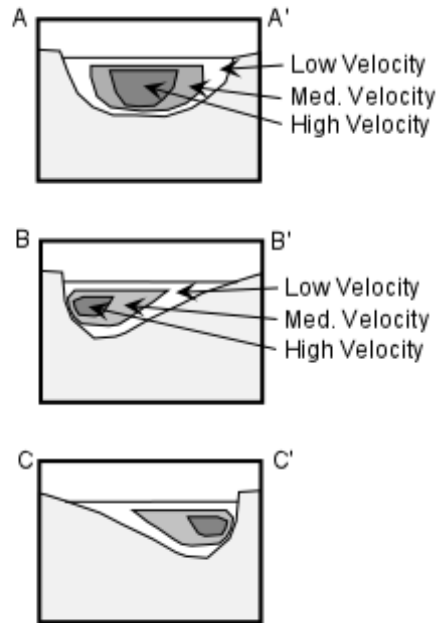
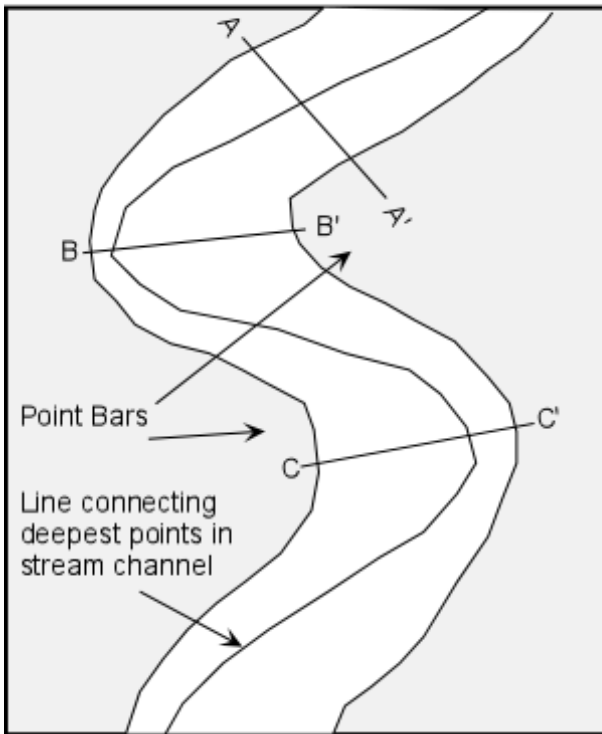
glaciers

Rate of Erosion

For each of the factors below, draw the relationship between that factor and the rate of erosion.



Meandering Channels



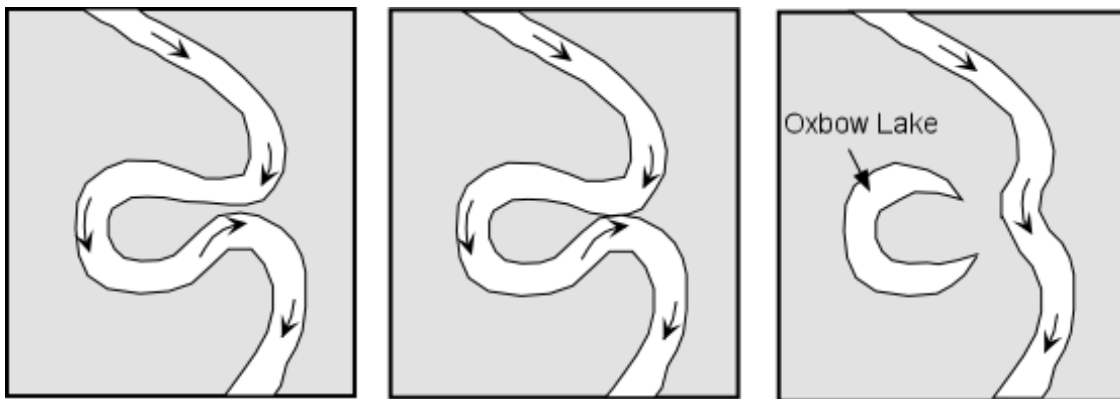
Where is erosion greatest?

Outside of Curve
Inside of Curve

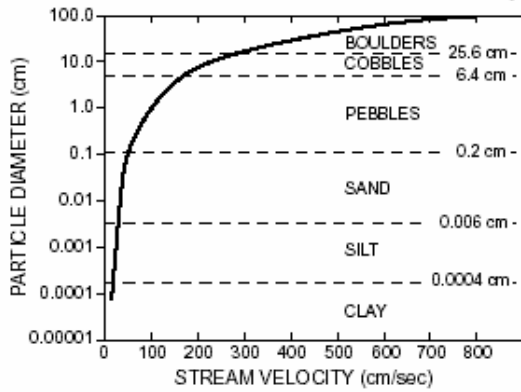
Where does the river flow fastest?

center down from the surface

Oxbow Lakes



Relationship of Transported Particle Size to Water Velocity



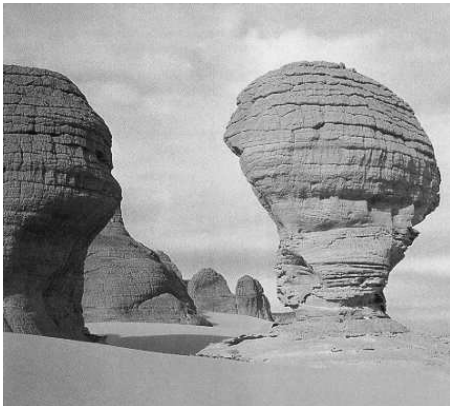
*This generalized graph shows the water velocity needed to maintain, but not start, movement. Variations occur due to differences in particle density and shape.

What page can this graph be found in the ESRTS? 6

What's the minimum speed water need to be moving in order to transport sand? **~50cm/sec**

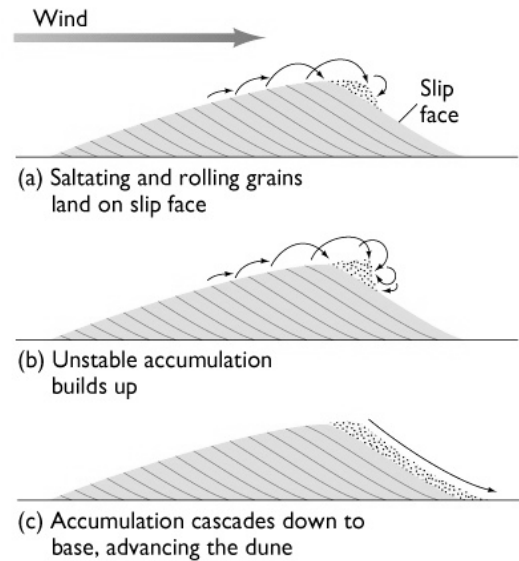
In order to move a particle that is 7.0 cm, a stream's velocity would need to be at least **200 cm/sec.**

Wind Erosion



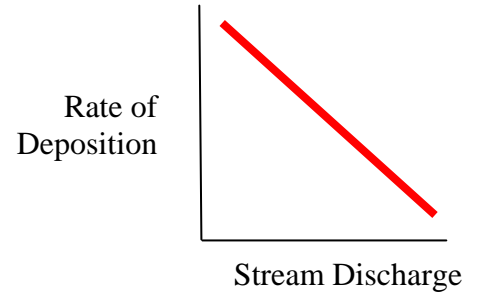
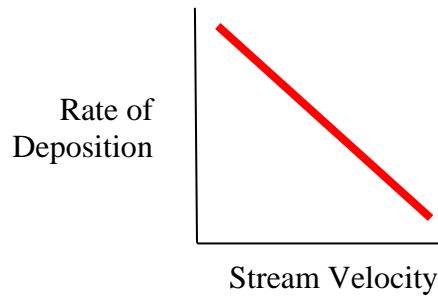
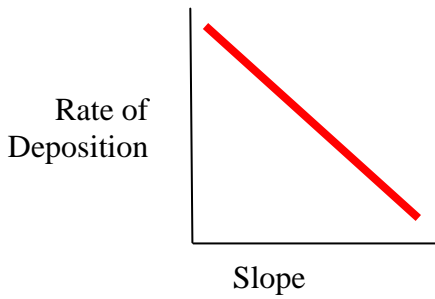
desert wind erosion

How sand dunes form

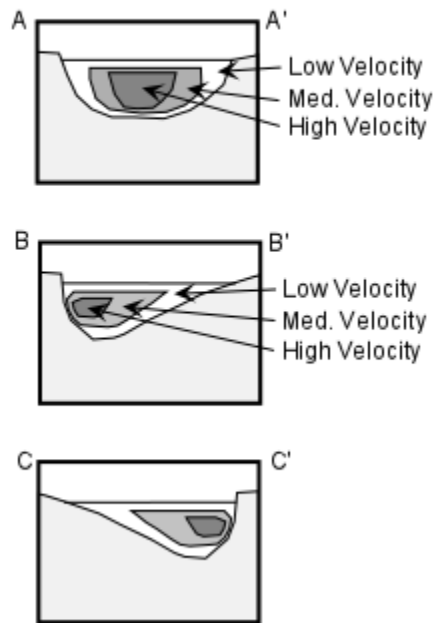
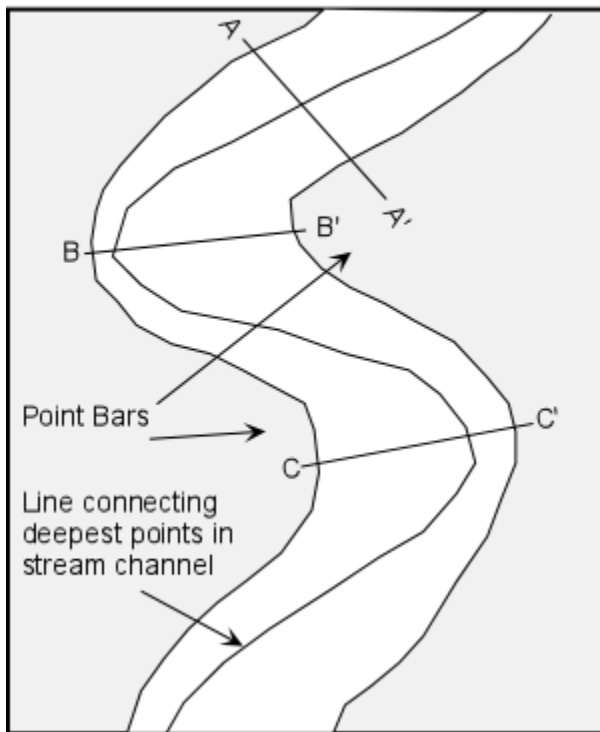


pitted

For each of the factors below, draw the relationship between that factor and the rate of deposition.



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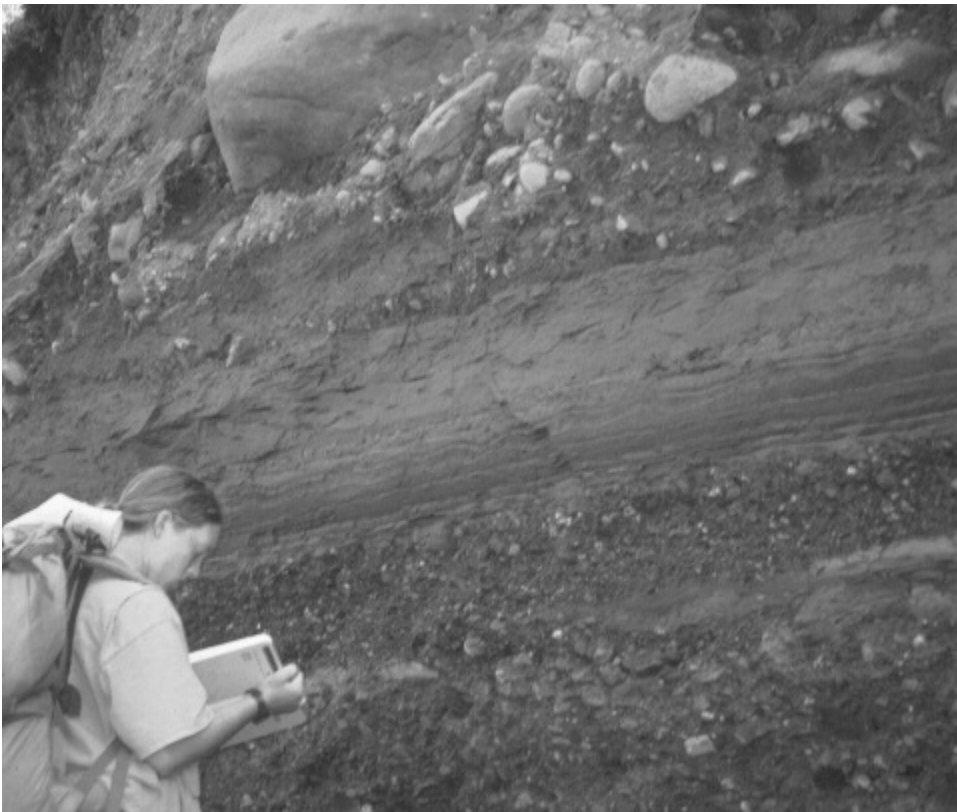


Where is deposition greatest?

Outside of Curve
Inside of Curve

Source of River
Mouth of River

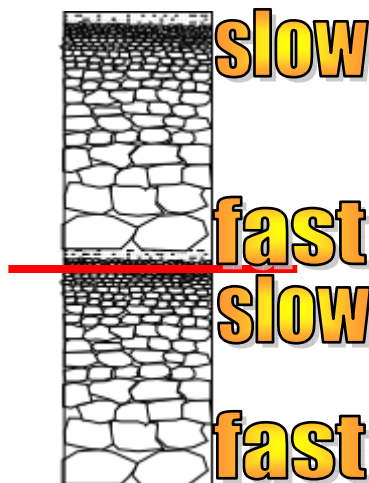
Why?
lowest velocity



What agent of deposition was probably responsible for depositing these unsorted layers of sediment?

glaciers

Deposition by Streams: Graded Bedding



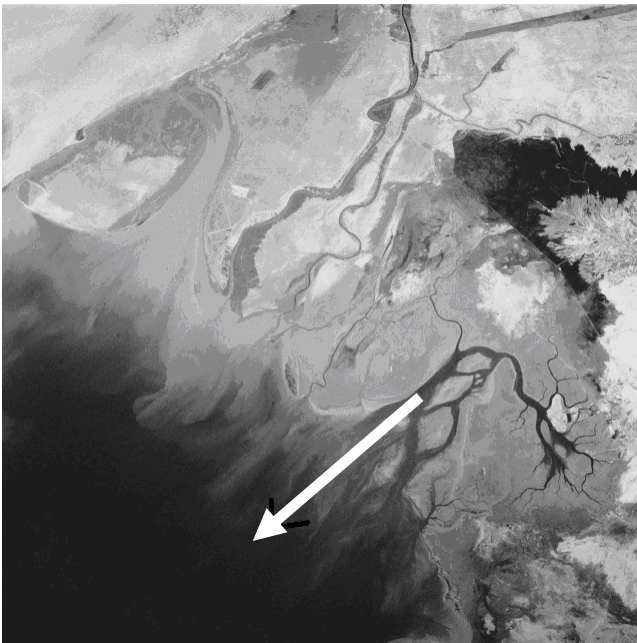
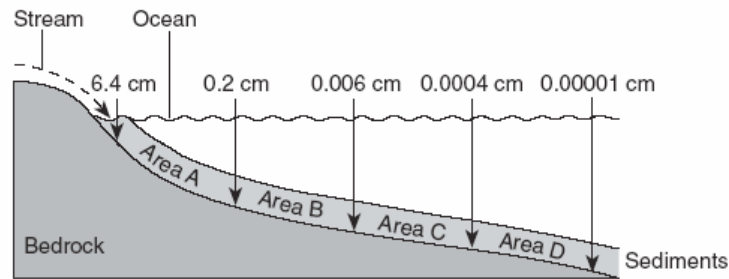
Draw a line on the diagram to the left to show where the stream velocity changed.

Write “fastest” on the side of the diagram where the stream would have been flowing the fastest.

Write “slowest” on the side of the diagram where the stream would have been flowing the slowest.

Based on the diagram below, what happens to the size of particles deposited in the ocean as distance from the mouth of a stream increases? **they get smaller**

Why? **the stream velocity decreases**



What is this type of river deposit called?

delta

Where would the largest sized particles be found?

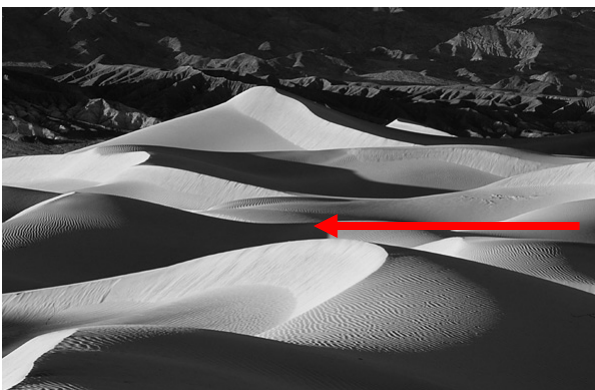
near shore

Where would the smallest sized particles be found?

farthest from shore

Along the arrow that is drawn, would the sediment size that is deposited decrease, increase or remain the same?

decrease



What agent of deposition would have created the image to the left?

wind

What direction was this agent moving?

to the left

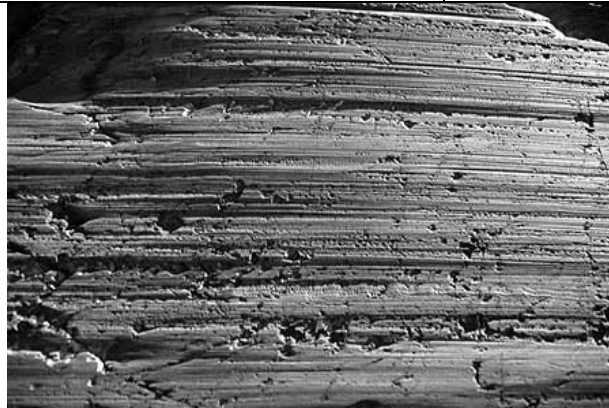
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erratics



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Glacial Landforms:

