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On The Correlation of IODP347-M0060 of An Integrated High-Resolution PSV, RPI and 14C Study (Anholt Loch, Baltic Sea) and An Age-Depth Model Based on An Ultra-High-Resolution, 80-m-thick Sedimentary Succession from A Marine Continental Shelf Basin, The Kattegat

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This is a study of the rock and paleomagnetic properties and 14C dating of a c. 205 m core from Site M0060 (Anholt Loch, BSB1 at Kattegat), recovering clays, (silty) sands and sandy clays and the very important correlation to the age-depth model based on an “ultra-high” resolution, 80-meter-thick sedimentary succession from a marine continental shelf basin in the Kattegat Baltic Sea. There were 297 8cc samples at c. 50 cm intervals down-core. χ was measured along with AF demagnetization of the NRM up to 80 mT. ChRM was isolated between 0 and 25 mT. A weak VRM was removed at 5 mT. The intensity shows a positive relationship with χ . At Site M0060 the upper lithologic units (i.e. 0–100 mcd) show inclinations that vary within 10° on either side of the GAD prediction (i.e. +72°). Curie points indicate minerals with temperatures of 360–400, 520, 575 and 610°C. We obtained calibrated 14C determinations for 15 levels, with the oldest age from 78.87 mbsf to c. 17 940 cal BP. The J, inclination, χ , ARM, SIRM, SIRM/ χ and ARM/ χ paleomagnetic (i.e. inclination) wave forms results from the top c. 100 mcd correlate well to the deglacial inclination wave forms master curve for Fennoscandia. The best correlation to this curve shows four oscillations of the inclination record of Site M0060 from 11 to 14 ka BP. Shallow negative inclinations are characteristic of the deeper coarse-grained sediments deposited during the rapid wasting of the Fennoscandian ice-sheet.

Keywords: Integrated ocean drilling program; paleosecular variation; relative paleo intensity; potential geomagnetic field oscillation

Introduction

One of the main objectives of Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP) Expedition 347, The Baltic Sea Experiment, from the paleomagnetic/geomagnetic, rock magnetic, paleosecular variation (PSV) and relative paleo intensity (RPI) view point is to

determine the presence of potential geomagnetic field oscillation (i.e. centennial, millennial, geomagnetic jerks, Cryptochrons, Chron and Subchrons etc etc). In reality the oceanic sediments are archives of such records and if the sedimentation rates are high to very high (>than 1 m per thousand years) they represent high resolution records of the short-and-long term behavior of the geomagnetic field in the past. The drilling of several planned sites was achieved from the 12th of September until the 1st of November of 2013 of the platform operations and the subsequent Onshore Science Party (OSP) took place from the 22 of January until the 20th of February

of 2014. Also, one of main objectives of such drilling experiment among other goals was produce and age-depth model for IODP site M0060 using calibrated radiocarbon years (14C) to calendar years before present and plot such results against depth and combined them with the determined sedimentation rates for such drilled site located at Site M0060 (Anholt Loch, BSB1 at Kattegat) see Figure 1. Both objectives were met and here we present of combined results to understand further the early response of the Fennoscandian Ice Sheet behavior with respect to the atmospheric and oceanic warming.

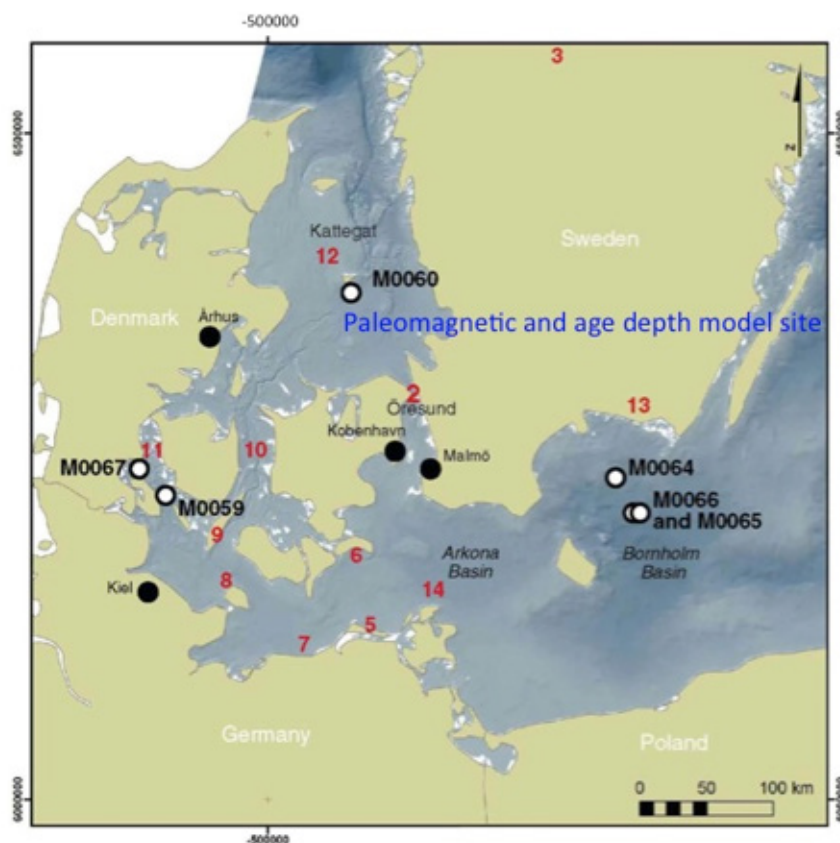


Figure 1: A modified figure of the location of Site M0060 studied belonging to the Kattegat-Skagerrak area. [1].

Rock Magnetic, Paleomagnetic and Relative Paleo Intensity (RPI) And Paleosecular Variation (PSV) Results

Paleomagnetic, rock magnetism properties, RPI and PSV results have been already published [1,2] and here is a summary of those results. Figure 2 shows a good summary of the results of the paleomagnetic findings. The Natural Remanent Magnetization (NRM) was determined by isolating the Characteristic Remanent Magnetization (ChRM) component by using stepwise alternating field (a.f.) demagnetization techniques from NRM up to 80mT at

every 5 to 10 mT. The results of the pilot sample demagnetization indicated that an a.f. of 5 mT was sufficient to remove a weak viscous remanent magnetization (VRM) see the inclination results displayed on Figure 2. Low field susceptibility versus temperature (k-T) were conducted to characterize the magnetic mineralogy of the M0060 sediments and additional Transmission Electron Microscope experiments (TEM) to detect the presence of Greigite as well as First Order Reversal Curves (FORC's). These experiments showed the presence of Titanomagnetite ($\text{Fe}_3\text{-xTiSO}_4$) as well as secondary Greigite ($\text{Fe}^{++}\text{Fe}^{+++}2\text{S}_4$).

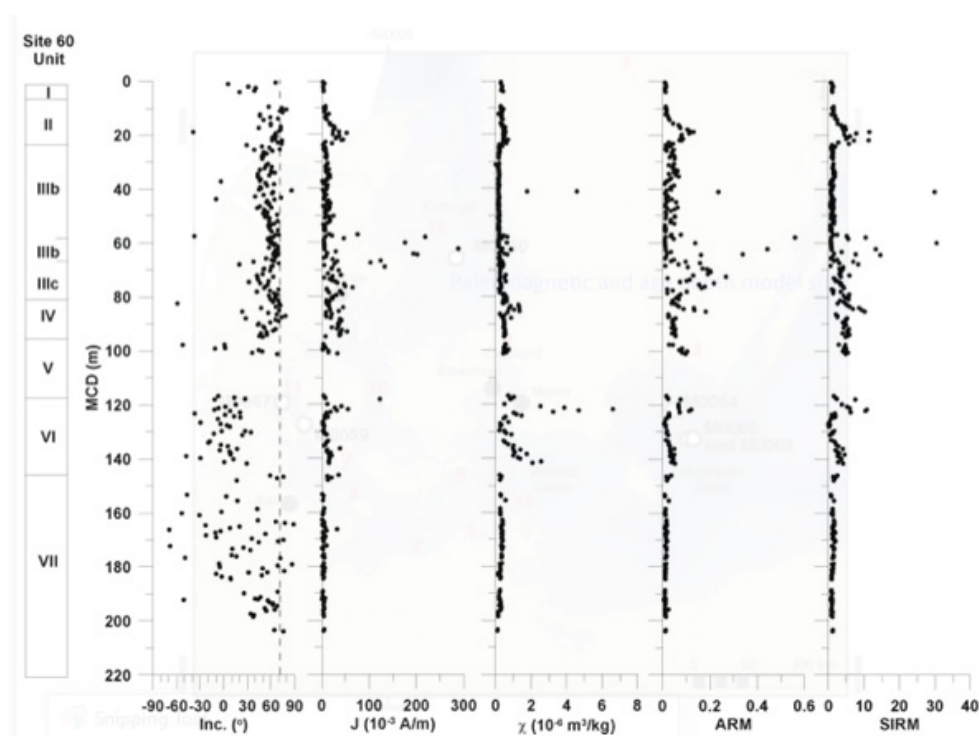


Figure 2: Data from sediment core M0060A. Inclination, intensity of magnetization (J), magnetic susceptibility (χ), anhysteretic remanent magnetization (ARM) and saturation isothermal remanent (SIRM) [1,2].

Induced Magnetization Experiments-Results

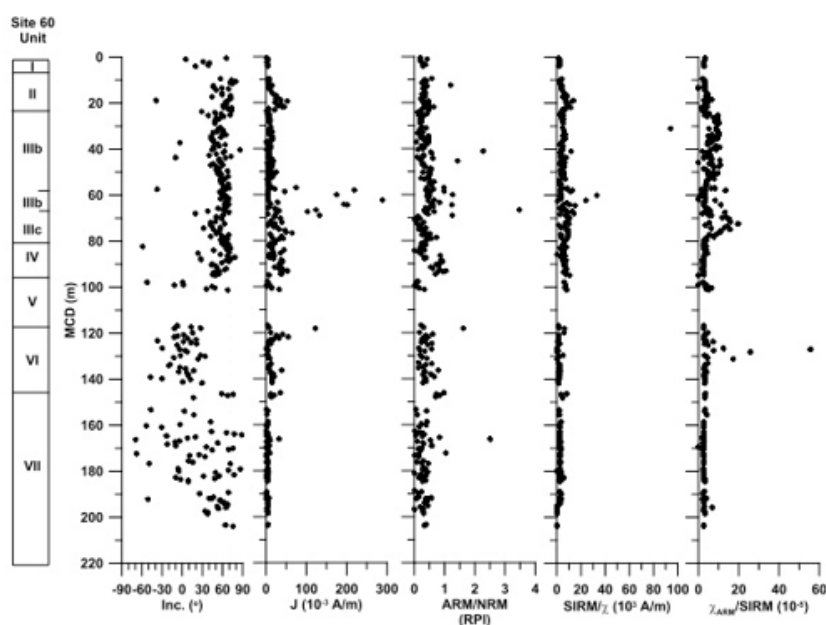


Figure 3: Thus far the relative paleo intensity (RPI) created records that have the characteristic to mimic the behavior and evolution of the geomagnetic field in the past. The obtained records in general terms represent the minimization of the undesirable effects of mineralogical or concentration variations throughout the sediments of M0060 from 0-10m. Such records.

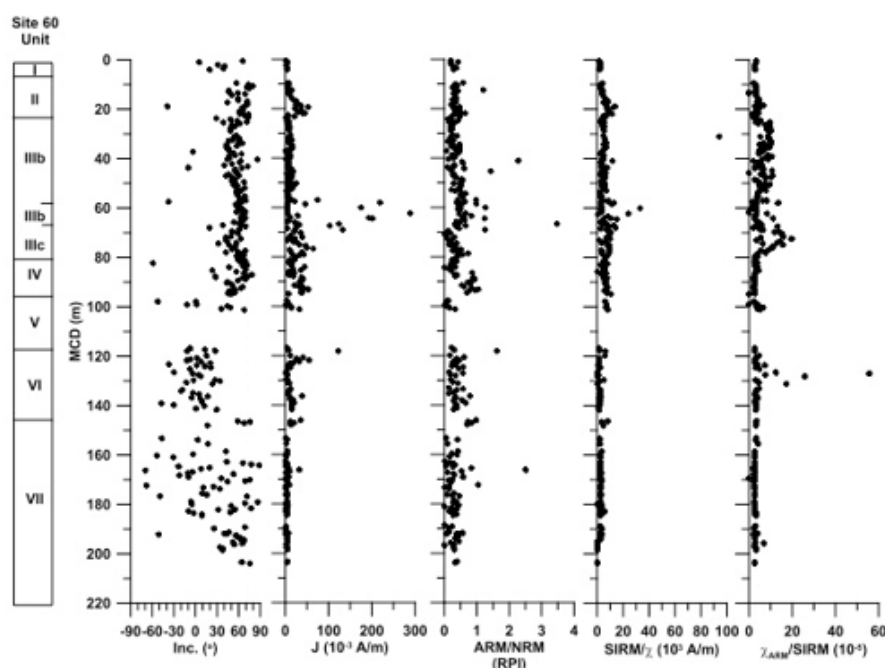


Figure 4: Data from sediment core M0060A. Inclination, intensity of magnetization (J), ARM/NRM (RPI), Saturation Isothermal Remanent Magnetization normalized with respect to (χ), χ anhysteretic remanent magnetization (ARM) normalized with respect to saturation isothermal remanent magnetization (SIRM) [1,2].

In addition to the NRM and rock magnetic properties of the M0060 sediments a study of the Relative Paleo Intensity (RPI) was conducted to investigate to potential oscillations of the top of the sediment core down to about 100m that straddle the boundaries of sedimentary Units IV and V which is the most paleomagnetic (i.e. Inclination record) reliable behavior that correlates well with the Geomagnetic Axial Dipole hypothesis (i.e. GDA=+72 degrees) see Figure 3. In order to obtain a Relative Paleo Intensity proxy for the sediments of M0060A there was induced an Anhysteretic Remanent Magnetization (ARM) and Saturation Isothermal Remanent Magnetization (SRIM) fields to 297 discrete c. 8 cc cubes from the 1.5 m sections targeted for the sampling studies. Laboratory analyses for paleomagnetic and rock magnetic characterizations were performed at the Magnetic Materials Paleomagnetism and Petrofabrics Laboratory of the SOEST-Hawaii Institute of Geophysics and Planetology of the University of Hawaii at Manoa. After we applied an AF field stepwise, we imparted an ARM at 0.5 Gauss DC field using a Helmholtz coil and superposed on an alternating field of 70 mT applied by a Schonstedt AC demagnetizer model GSD-1 to all the samples. In addition, and after demagnetizing the same samples at high AF fields there was imparted an SIRM field of 1.0 T using an ASC Scientific Model IM-10 impulse magnetizer. All these induced experiments on the specimens under question were measured on a JR5 Spinner magnetometer built by AGICO (Brno, Czech Republic). The results are shown in Figure 4. The results of the induced magnetization experiments (Figure 4) showed that for the most reliable part of the record (i.e. inclination and J), mainly from 10 m to about 100 m down-core, represented by Units II to IV, agrees well with the GAD prediction of 72°, (i.e. inclination record

of the top 100 m of the core.

Relative Paleo-Intensity (RPI) Experiment Results

To understand and evaluate the strength of the geomagnetic field in this case fine laminated and rapidly deposited sediments (.002 m per year, from Unit III) of SiteM0060 that have successfully recorded inclination and intensity (i.e. J) changes during geomagnetic jerks and excursions, it was necessary to performed normalization of the NRM/ARM, SIRM/ χ and χ ARM/SIRM as depicted in Figure 4. The normalized signals (i.e. SIRM/ χ and χ ARM/SIRM) are very similar to the ARM/NRM trend and the oscillation of the top 100 m (i.e. Units I-III) that represent geomagnetic field behavior attest for the success of the relative paleo intensity results of the experiment (Figure 4).

Discussion of The Rock Magnetic and Paleomagnetic Results

The paleomagnetic data presented here, which were obtained during the OSP, as well as at the SOEST-HIGP Paleo magnetism Laboratory of the University of Hawaii, enabled to use the regional PSV deglacial master curve of Lougheed et al. [3] to identify the period of steep inclinations for the past 14 ka. A combination of such deglacial PSV curve with Fennostack led the authors of the work to assess the general patterns in inclination for the past 14 ka, and compare these to a general prediction of regional inclination for the last 14 ka, based on an extrapolation of the latitudinal and longitudinal NGP periodicity noted by Nilsson et al. [4]. These results suggest that the Fennoscandian PSV of the last 14 ka should reveal at least four recurring intervals of generally steeper inclination

due to a dominant NGP longitudinal band in Europe. The recent geomagnetic field intensity changes in Sweden between c. 13.5 and c. 11.7 cal ka BP indicate that the high-resolution sedimentary data were that significant century-scale increases and decreases in relative field intensity between 14 and 11 cal ka BP and were associated with abrupt changes (i.e. spikes) in the direction of the geomagnetic field of the Earth's magnetic vector.

Archaeomagnetic spikes younger than 14 ka were not reproduced in these multiple sediment cores study since the work of Snowball & Sandgren [5] and does not extend beyond 9 ka. A preliminary age–depth relationship based on interpolation between the inclination tie points is shown in the right side of Figure 5. The positions of four ^{14}C determinations obtained from foraminifera

(Exp. 347 scientists) are also shown for a rough comparison, and these are all older than the paleomagnetically inferred ages. The paleomagnetic results from Sweden, the Baltic Sea and NW Russia [3] on the other hand, similarly to the pseudo-thellier (PT) and RPI of Kruiver et al. [6] and Snowball & Sandgren [5] results, show century- to millennial-scale trends between 14 and 11 cal ka BP that are coherent with archaeomagnetic datasets from western Europe and Central Asia [7]. This agreement indicates that paleo intensity may be used as a relative dating technique across this region. The paleomagnetic (i.e. declination and inclination results of the Fennostack record, Loughheed et al. [3]) correlation to this curve (Figure 5) shows four oscillations of the inclination record from 11 back to 14 ka BP.

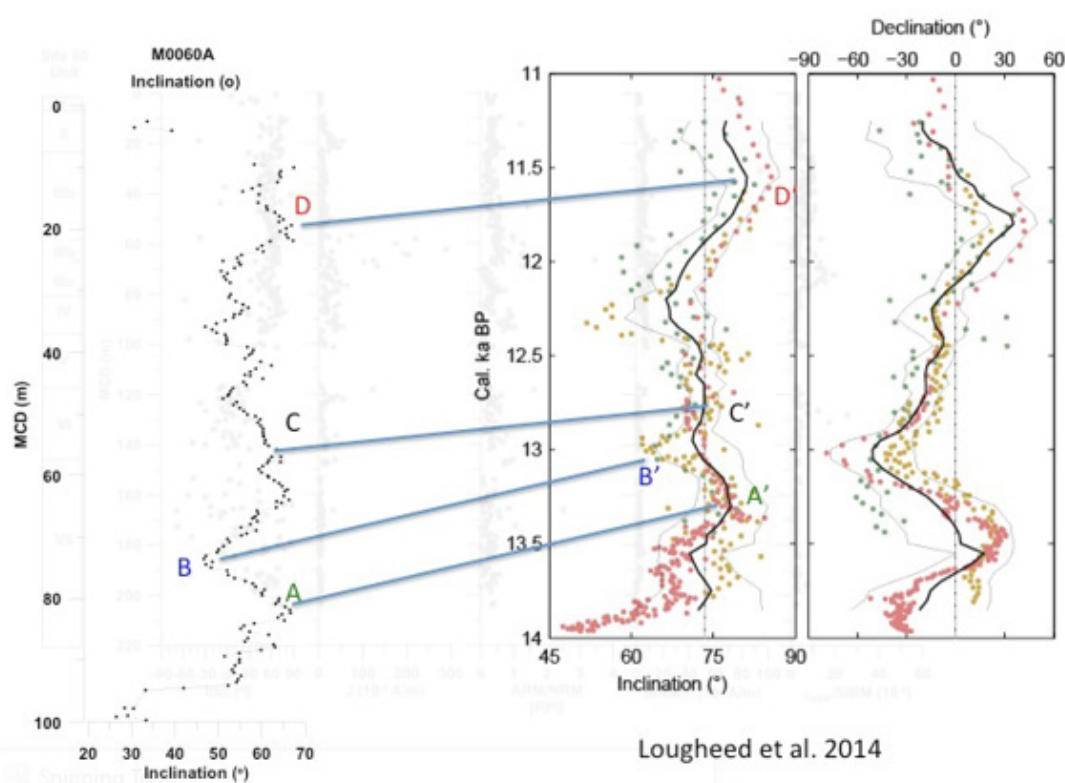


Figure 5: A deglacial paleomagnetic master curve for Fennoscandia, providing a dating template and supporting millennial-scale geomagnetic field patterns for the past 11–14 ka. On the left side of the diagram are the AF demagnetized inclination results of this study and on the right-hand side of the figure are the inclination and declination results for Fennoscandia. The blue tilted lines represent the possible correlation of the geomagnetic spikes (i.e. A–A', B–B', C–C' and D–D') between the IODP Expedition 381, Site M0060 between the Baltic Sea and the Fennostack records [2,3].

One important observation is that the inclination dataset includes positive and negative inclinations. Relatively shallow inclinations, including negative values are characteristic of the deeper, relatively coarse-grained sediments that were probably deposited during the rapid wasting of the Fennoscandian ice-sheet (FIS). Finally, these deglacial PSV master curve findings indicate a strong correlation to the hypothesis of millennial-scale trends in geomagnetic pole motions motions in the region reported by Loughheed et al., [3]. In any case, the M0060 paleomagnetic

dataset contains one of the highest resolution (i.e. .20 cm ka⁻¹ sedimentation rates) Holocene PSV datasets ever recovered from the marine realm [2].

The Age Model and Sedimentation Rates

In order generate an age model, 31 samples were measured (24 mollusk samples and seven benthic foraminifera samples) for radiocarbon (^{14}C). The samples were analyzed at the Poznan Radiocarbon Laboratory (Poland), Lund Radiocarbon Dating

Laboratory and at the Zurich, Radiocarbon Dating Laboratory (ETH) in Switzerland, led by scientists of the University of Helsinki, and the Geologian tutkimuskeskus, Environmental Solutions group led by Dr Aarno Kotilainen, Finland. The interval 6 to 10 mcd was not recovered from Hole M0060A, so three samples from Hole M0060B were measured to increase resolution. They assumed the sediment surface to be modern (i.e. 2013, the year of coring). Calibrated radiocarbon (^{14}C) years to calendar years before present (cal BP, BP = AD 1950) using OxCal 4.2 software [8] and the MARINE13 calibration dataset [9] without deviation from the Marine13 reservoir age. To justify this choice, they explored alternative reservoir ages. All subsequent ages discussed refer to calibrated ages in the years before 1950 BP.

The sedimentation rates were calculated and will be published in the literature. The mean sedimentation rate in Unit III (Hole A: 79.52–23.84 mcd) is 2.95 cm a⁻¹; the mean sedimentation rate in Unit II (Hole A: 23.84–6 mcd) is 0.53 cm a⁻¹, and the sedimentation rate within these units is generally steady, with no evidence of abrupt changes in the sedimentation rate. In their age–depth model, Unit III top (23.84 mcd) was given an age of 15.9 ka. Their interpolation was based on the average sedimentation rate within Unit III. In a similar way, Unit II top (6.0 mcd) was estimated to be an age of 13.0 ka (+/–100 years). This estimation gives the minimum mean sedimentation rate for Unit I as 0.05 cm a⁻¹ (or more). If this minimum rate is applied, the lower boundary of Unit I will be 8.4 ka. This coincides relatively well with the discarded age of c. 9.2 ka from Hole B (7.21 mcd), which was interpreted to come from Unit

I. These sedimentation rates results have been published already in the in the literature [10–15].

Correlation between Paleomagnetic Magnetostatigraphy, Rock Magnetic, Relative Paleo intensity (RPI), Paleo-Secular Variation (PSV) and Age-Depth Model for IODP Site M0060

It has been reported relatively recently a manuscript with the latest and most updated age–depth model coupled with the sedimentation rates of IODP 347 Site M0060 [16–19]. Here, it is displayed a composite figure including the detailed stratigraphic units and the age–depth model combined with the obtained sedimentation rates. Right: age–depth model for IODP site M0060. Radiocarbon age results are plotted against depth (m c.d.) and ages used in the model are indicated by black dots. F indicates that radiocarbon dates are obtained on foraminifera. Samples marked with a white/open diamond were omitted from the depth model. The age scale is given in years before present (cal. a BP). The dashed lines indicate the 95.4% likelihood age range and the solid horizontal lines show the boundaries between Units I, II and III. Right: sedimentation rates (centimetres/year) for Units II and III based on the dated samples [20–26]. Samples gave scattered age estimates for Unit I and the unit shows indications of sedimentary reworking and redeposition, and depositional rates were therefore not calculated for this unit. Modified from Andren et al. [1] and Hyttinen et al [10].

Overall Conclusions

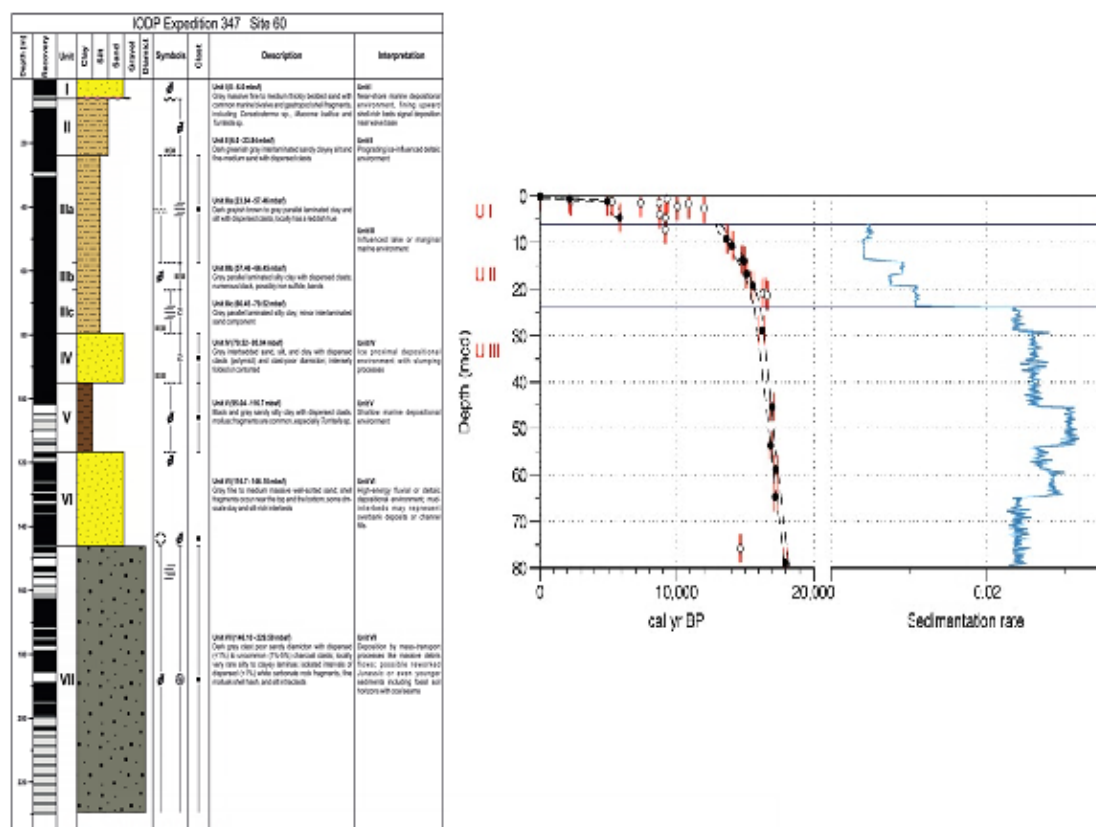


Figure 6: Left plot of the stratigraphy of IODP The Baltic Sea expedition 347 of site M0060.

One important observation of the combined results is that relatively shallow inclinations were obtained from analyses of the deeper, relatively coarse-grained sediments that were probably deposited during the rapid wasting of the Fennoscandian ice-sheet, which may have implications for the interpretation of paleomagnetic data derived from glacial deposits [27-33]. The paleomagnetic (i.e. Inclination), relative paleo intensity (RPI) and Paleosecular variations (PSV) are restricted to the high paleomagnetic stability interval between ~9 meters corresponding to Unit 1 down to ~95 meters corresponding to Unit 4 of the magnetostratigraphic record, See Figures 4-6. The most prominent archaeomagnetic jerks (i.e. oscillations) derived from these studies have occurred in Fennoscandia, with significant peaks in geomagnetic field intensity that have occurred at c. 11.7, c. 12.8, c. 13.2 and c. 13.5 cal ka BP [3]. The maximum field at 12.8 cal ka BP was associated with the most rapid change in the direction of the geomagnetic vector [34,35]. The recent geomagnetic field intensity changes in Sweden between c. 13.5 and c. 11.7 cal ka BP indicate that the high-resolution sedimentary data were that significant century-scale increases and decreases in relative field intensity between 14 and 11 cal ka BP and were associated with abrupt changes (i.e. spikes) in the direction of the geomagnetic field of the Earth's magnetic vector [36-47].

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