33. PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF BASALTS FROM DSDP LEG 55

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INTRODUCTION

Four seamounts in the Emperor Seamount chain were drilled during DSDP Leg 55. Holes 430A (Ōjin Seamount), 432A (Nintoku), and 433A, 433B, and 433C (Suiko) reached volcanic basement; in particular, Hole 433C penetrated 390 meters of basaltic layers, of which 250 meters was recovered. The basalts from these holes constitute almost the only available samples from seamount interiors, although many samples from seamount surfaces had previously been obtained by dredging. Below a thin sediment cover, the seamounts are probably comprised mostly of extrusive and some intrusive volcanic rocks. Geophysical anomalies (gravity, magnetism, etc.) caused by some seamounts have been studied intensively and hypotheses advanced to explain them. Measurements of various physical and magnetic properties of these basalts are therefore of considerable interest in interpreting such anomalies.

Petrological studies (Kirkpatrick et al., this volume) and magnetic studies (Kono, this volume) confirm that these basalts erupted subaerially and that they are quite similar in composition to the basalts found on the Hawaiian Islands. Moreover. the ages of \bar{O} jin, Nintoku, and Suiko seamounts (55, 56, and 65 m.y., respectively: Dalrymple et al., this volume) correlate well with an 8 cm/year rate of movement of the Pacific plate over the Hawaiian hot spot. It seems likely, therefore, that these basalts have physical properties very similar to those of Hawaiian basalts.

In this chapter, we report the results of physical property measurements and discuss their implications. In particular, we will compare these data with measurements on normal oceanic basalts (Hyndman and Drury, 1976; Hamano, in press) and on Hawaiian basalts (Robertson and Peck, 1974). The physical properties measured are bulk density (ϱ), porosity (ϕ), compressional velocity (V_p), shear velocity (V_s), thermal conductivity (\varkappa), and electrical resistivity (σ^{-1}). Other quantities such as grain density, Poisson's ratio (ν), and other elastic constants can be calculated from these data. All measurements except that of porosity were carried out on salt-water-saturated samples, since the *in-situ* properties of these rocks are of interest from the geophysical point of view.

EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

Measurements were made on minicore samples 2.5 cm in diameter and about 2.3 cm long, both on the

Glomar Challenger and in our Tokyo laboratory. Samples were kept in salt water between measurements to preserve the *in-situ* condition.

On board the *Glomar Challenger*, bulk density and compressional wave velocity were measured. Bulk density was determined by a two-minute count on the Gamma Ray Attenuation Porosity Evaluator (GRAPE), with an estimated accuracy of ± 2 per cent. Compressional wave velocity was measured using the Hamilton Frame velocimeter. For some of the samples, velocity was measured in both the horizontal (axis of the minicore) and vertical (across minicore diameter) directions. The differences between horizontal and vertical velocity were mostly within a few per cent and always smaller than about 5 per cent. This suggests that these basalts have isotropic elastic properties. Velocity measurement on board was reproducible to within about 2 per cent.

In our Tokyo laboratory, we measured porosity, bulk density, compressional velocity, shear velocity, thermal conductivity, and electrical resistivity. Bulk density was measured by the conventional immersion technique, with an estimated accuracy of 0.5 per cent. Porosity was determined for each sample after all the other measurements were finished. Samples were heated to 120°C and kept at that temperature for 24 hours. Porosity was calculated from the difference between the weight of the original, salt-water-saturated sample and the weight after drying. The porosity thus determined may be a minimum estimate (Hyndman and Drury, 1977). That grain density is independent of porosity (Figure 1) shows, however, that the porosity estimates are adequate.

To determine elastic-wave velocities, we used a standard pulse transmission method with 2-MHz (for V_p) and 1-MHz (for V_s) transducers. The higher frequency (compared with the Hamilton Frame [400 kHz]), as well as the better shape of shore samples, gave better accuracy, about ± 1 per cent.

We measured electrical resistivity using a commercial AC bridge. Because the frequency dependence of a saltwater-saturated sample is small in a frequency range of 100 Hz to 1 MHz (Katsube et al., 1977), we used a single frequency of 1 kHz, and our measurements are accurate to within about ± 5 per cent. Thermal conductivity was measured on a QTM-1 thermal conductivity meter (Showa Denko Ltd.) which uses a modified needle method. Accuracy of measurement is difficult to estimate, but the nominal precision of this apparatus is ± 5 per cent, and the reproducibility was better than a few per cent.

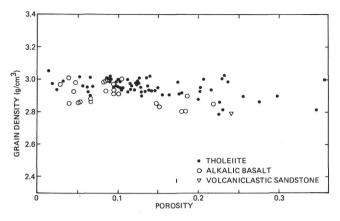


Figure 1. Porosity dependence of grain density.

RESULTS

Results of the shipboard measurements are shown in the Site Reports (this volume). Shore-based experimental data are summarized in Table 1 of this chapter. Figure 2 shows histograms of measured physical properties. The distribution of V_p values obtained on board (dashed line in Figure 2) disagrees substantially with that of values determined in our laboratory, although the distributions of densities are similar. The V_p measured on board may be systematically smaller than the real value. Accordingly, the discussions to follow are based solely on the shore-based experiments.

Table 2 summarizes the differences between physical properties of tholeiites and alkalic basalts (including hawaiites). Tholeiites have smaller means for all the measured physical properties except thermal conductivity, but the differences are not significant, and are caused mainly by differences in porosity; tholeiitic rocks contain more pores than do alkalic basalts.

Porosity Dependence of the Measured Physical Properties

The physical properties measured cover wide ranges of values, as shown in Figure 2. To make clear the origin of this wide dispersion, we have plotted the following properties as functions of porosity: bulk density (Figure 3), grain density (Figure 1), compressional- and shearwave velocities (Figures 4 and 5), thermal conductivity (Figure 6), and electrical resistivity (Figure 7). These physical properties, except grain density, correlate strongly with the porosity measured on the same specimen. This suggests that the volume of pores or fractures saturated with salt water is mainly responsible for the variation of these physical properties. The similar chemical and mineral compositions of the seamount basalts (Kirkpatrick et al., this volume) confirm this interpretation; to examine further its validity, we shall now discuss separately the relationship between porosity and each measured physical property.

Bulk Density and Grain Density

Figure 3 indicates a very strong correlation between bulk density and porosity for a wide range of porosity (2 to 35%). A linear decrease in density with increasing porosity is theoretically expected if the variation is caused by the difference in pore volume. A least-squares fit of the data gives a linear relation of ϱ (bulk density, g/cm^3) = 2.99 - 2.20 ϕ (porosity), with a high correlation factor of R = 0.974. The high correlation factor and the constancy of the grain density (Figure 1) confirm the above interpretation.

The slope of the density-versus-porosity plot is slightly higher than the theoretical estimate, as has also been observed for normal sea-floor basalts (Hamano, in press). Underestimation of the porosity, or some lowdensity secondary minerals filling some of the pores, may cause such a difference (Hamano, in press).

In Figures 1 and 3, tholeiitic and alkalic basalts are identified by different symbols. The porosity dependencies of bulk density and grain density for each basalt type are not significantly different. Data for one volcaniclastic sandstone suggest that the sandstone consists of material derived from these basaltic rocks.

Compressional- and Shear-Wave Velocities

Porosity dependencies of compressional- and shearwave velocities are shown in Figures 4 and 5, respectively. The velocities also tend to decrease with increasing porosity. Theoretical estimates of elastic properties of composite materials have been studied extensively. Watt et al. (1976) reviewed the previous studies. In the present case we can assume that the samples consist of two phases: solid rock and salt water. Among the theories treating the two-phase material, bounding theories, such as Voigt and Reuss bounds (Hill, 1963) or Hashin and Strikman bounds (Hashin and Strikman, 1963), give a broad constraint if one of the phases has a vanishingly small elastic constant. The bounds are so broad as to be practically useless to us here. In contrast, a deterministic theory, such as that of Walsh (1973) or of Kuster and Toksoz (1974), will give some information on the configuration of pores and cracks in the samples, as well as the intrinsic (pore-free) property of the rocks. Analysis along these lines is still in progress in our laboratory.

The relation between compressional- and shear-wave velocities is shown in Figure 8. The correlated variation of both velocities indicates the same mechanism for the velocity change. Poisson's ratio increases from about 0.29 ($V_p = 6.3 \text{ km/s}$) to 0.36 ($V_p = 3.3 \text{ km/s}$) with decrease of the velocities. The variation is consistent with the assumption that the increase of the water content causes the velocity decrease.

Thermal Conductivity

The relation between thermal conductivity and porosity is given in Figure 6. Although the distribution of data points is not so systematic as for the other physical properties, correlation is apparent. Robertson and Peck (1974) measured the thermal conductivity of Hawaiian vesicular basalt with porosity ranging from 2 to 98 per cent. Their data for water-saturated rocks within the present porosity range are also plotted in Figure 6. The two sets of data reveal no systematic disagreement; this

Sample (Interval in cm)	Piece No.	Rock Type	Porosity	Density (g/cm ³)	Compressional Velocity (km/s)	Shear Velocity (km/s)	Thermal Conductivity (W/m °C)	Electrical Resistivity (ohm m)
Hole 430A								
5-2, 30-32 5-3, 107-109 5-5, 44-46 5-5, 103-105 6-1, 67-69 6-1, 88-90 6-2, 54-56 6-2, 122-124	4B 3E 6A 10B 5B 6 7 12	A A A A A A A	0.054 0.040 0.180 0.086 0.066 0.066 0.187 0.067	2.764 2.779 2.474 2.821 2.759 2.761 2.550 2.740	5.35 5.40 4.95 5.09 5.34 5.16 4.72 5.21	2.83 2.88 2.65 2.71 2.83 2.70 2.31 2.77	1.627 1.793 1.210 1.652 1.760 1.733 1.341 1.692	116 185 21 79 86 73 43 140
6-4, 15-17	1B	A	0.052	2.740	5.37	2.82	1.482	117
Hole 432A								
2-1, 33-35 2-1, 74-76 2-1, 107-109 2-2, 72-74 2-3, 12-14 2-3, 21-23 3-2, 67-69 4-1, 64-66 4-1, 73-75 4-1, 120-122 4-2, 80-82 5-2, 69-71	3B 8A 8E 11A 1B 1C 7 4C 4D 6C 4A 3E	S A A A A A A A A A	$\begin{array}{c} 0.241 \\ 0.046 \\ 0.102 \\ 0.148 \\ 0.180 \\ 0.152 \\ 0.039 \\ 0.096 \\ 0.086 \\ 0.126 \\ 0.096 \\ 0.048 \end{array}$	2.363 2.836 2.718 2.581 2.488 2.933 2.729 2.760 2.738 2.754 2.888	3.78 5.74 5.12 4.75 4.20 4.37 6.11 4.99 5.15 4.99 5.15 5.93	1.72 2.98 2.83 2.56 2.08 2.24 3.16 2.50 2.72 2.60 2.77 3.13	$1.191 \\ 1.848 \\ 1.723 \\ 1.580 \\ 1.345 \\ 1.198 \\ 1.861 \\ 1.525 \\ 1.504 \\ 1.603 \\ 1.628 \\ 1.767 \\ $	9.8 438 61 28 18 19 648 39 54 43 48 447
Hole 433A								
20-2, 2-4 20-2, 14-16 20-2, 24-26	1A 1B 2A	A A A	0.083 0.096 0.105	2.821 2.782 2.794	5.35 5.17 5.13	2.84 2.71 2.74	1.674 1.749 1.695	52 44 43
Hole 433C 10-3, 92-94 10-3, 145-147 10-4, 69-71 10-6, 38-40 11-1, 139-141 11-3, 84-86 11-3, 112-114 11-5, 36-38 12-1, 109-111 12-3, 5-7 13-1, 125-127 13-2, 103-105 14-2, 37-39 15-1, 17-19 15-4, 48-50 15-4, 84-86 15-5, 72-74 16-1, 80-82 19-2, 9-11 19-2, 40-42 19-2, 64-66 19-3, 74-76 20-1, 103-105	9D 11 3E 9C 2E 2F 4 9C 1A 6C 1N 2A 4 7 4A 6B 1B 2D 2G 1M 10	T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T	0.258 0.202 0.231 0.118 0.156 0.096 0.106 0.207 0.358 0.130 0.069 0.049 0.348 0.165 0.230 0.237 0.234 0.015 0.125 0.098 0.117 0.204 0.180	2.409 2.499 2.398 2.716 2.611 2.761 2.728 2.583 2.292 2.694 2.821 2.875 2.192 2.594 2.545 2.522 2.572 3.017 2.738 2.790 2.746 2.556 2.577	3.88 3.89 4.14 5.35 4.92 5.38 5.25 4.74 3.42 5.32 5.58 5.89 3.55 4.43 4.11 4.14 4.24 6.45 5.33 5.37 5.43 4.98 4.99	$\begin{array}{c} 1.88\\ 1.89\\ 1.95\\ 2.82\\ 2.49\\ 2.73\\ 2.73\\ 2.34\\ 1.59\\ 2.66\\ 2.97\\ 3.02\\ 1.78\\ 2.16\\ 2.05\\ 2.19\\ 2.21\\ 3.60\\ 2.91\\ 2.90\\ 2.91\\ 2.53\\ 2.60\\ \end{array}$	1.454 1.526 1.596 1.682 1.625 1.736 1.536 1.140 1.328 1.768 1.768 1.794 1.101 1.417 1.519 1.640 1.651 2.018 1.642 1.634 1.608 1.169 1.341	$ \begin{array}{c} 11\\ 24\\ 9.0\\ 49\\ 30\\ 66\\ 51\\ 17\\ 4.0\\ 18\\ 66\\ 175\\ 5.6\\ 21\\ 17\\ 15\\ 16\\ 537\\ 48\\ 98\\ 73\\ 32\\ 43\\ \end{array} $
20-1, 103-103 20-2, 20-22 20-2, 35-37 21-1, 128-130 21-3, 7-9 21-4, 64-66 21-4, 101-103 22-1, 104-106 23-4, 99-101 25-2, 7-9	10 3 4B 9B 1 7 10 11 7A 1A	T T T T T T T	$\begin{array}{c} 0.180\\ 0.130\\ 0.122\\ 0.175\\ 0.143\\ 0.098\\ 0.102\\ 0.130\\ 0.300\\ 0.098\\ \end{array}$	2.577 2.654 2.702 2.639 2.659 2.763 2.752 2.671 2.335 2.764	4.99 4.94 4.90 4.62 4.86 5.17 5.28 5.07 4.09 5.25	2.60 2.61 2.58 2.46 2.55 2.75 2.89 2.61 2.03 2.80	1.341 1.620 1.546 1.631 1.706 1.649 1.737 1.546 1.512 1.699	43 46 30 43 63 48 55 7.9 73

 TABLE 1

 Physical Properties of Basalts from DSDP Leg 55

TABLE I – Communea								
Sample (Interval in cm)	Piece No.	Rock Type	Porosity	Density (g/cm ³)	Compressional Velocity (km/s)	Shear Velocity (km/s)	Thermal Conductivity (W/m °C)	Electrical Resistivity (ohm m)
Hole 433C								
25-2, 27-29	1B	Т	0.104	2.743	5.15	2.66	1.635	55
25-2, 54-56	1E	T	0.151	2.658	5.03	2.62	1.455	43
25-5, 103-105	1H	Ť	0.102	2.789	5.46	2.92	1.861	73
26-5, 94-96	11	T	0.063	2.827	5.29	2.79	1.834	127
26-6, 129-131	7A	Ť	0.136	2.673	4.95	2.52	1.681	37
27-5, 41-43	1D	Ť	0.177	2.579	4.32	2.20	1.529	15
28-4, 121-123	8A	Ť	0.203	2.539	4.98	2.83	1.460	29
29-2, 115-117	16	Ť	0.113	2.771	5.18	2.59	1.683	47
31-4, 83-85	3B	Ť	0.227	2.441	4.15	1.86	1.610	7.9
32-1, 38-40	3B	Ť	0.226	2.383	3.48	1.64	1.475	10
35-1, 112-114	1M	Ť	0.136	2.739	5.00	2.66	1.862	61
35-6, 48-50	1E	T	0.033	2.922	6.06	3.16	1.950	662
35-6, 121-123	10	T	0.217	2.520	4.63	2.33	1.679	19
35-7, 116-118	5A	Ť	0.141	2.740	5.08	2.69	1.652	34
36-1, 45-47	1E	Ť	0.126	2.739	5.21	2.69	1.829	32
36-1, 105-107	3A	T	0.277	2.354	4.36	2.12	1.421	9.5
36-3, 60-62	1H	T	0.114	2.706	4.81	2.35	1.767	27
36-4, 56-58	1G	Ť	0.123	2.729	4.78	2.33	1.723	26
36-5, 29-31	1D	T	0.123	2.667	4.78	2.31	1.751	28
37-3, 74-76	1D 1J	T	0.091	2.807	5.31	2.85	1.895	52
38-1, 57-59	15 1F	Ť	0.025	2.887	6.07	3.16	1.998	1241
38-5, 119-121	10	Ť	0.064	2.802	5.47	2.89	1.873	104
39-5, 96-98	1D	Ť	0.020	2.937	6.27	3.34	2.013	989
39-6, 78-80	1D 1D	Ť	0.057	2.846	5.77	3.03	1.900	200
41-1, 51-53	1E	Ť	0.103	2.783	5.22	2.84	1.828	45
42-1, 68-70	1G	Ť	0.127	2.734	5.08	2.69	1.828	40
42-2, 136-138	6E	Ť	0.127	2.700	5.18	2.09	1.759	40
42-5, 134-136	1N	T	0.092	2.815	5.25	2.95	1.770	38
43-1, 33-35	1B	Ť	0.092	2.815	5.23	2.95	1.838	45
44-1, 41-43	1E	Ť	0.066	2.835	5.48	2.80	1.889	82
44-4, 108-110	4	Ť	0.128	2.881	4.89	2.91	1.732	33
45-2, 45-47	4 1D	T	0.128	2.827	5.19	2.86	1.866	54
45-5, 51-53	1D 1D	T	0.053	2.911	5.76	3.18	1.921	95
45-6, 43-45	1D 1C	T	0.033	2.911	4.94	2.67	1.705	93 27
	2B	T	0.108	2.736	5.02	2.67	1.662	59
46-3, 54-56	2B 2A	T	0.118	2.733	5.27	2.89	1.829	43
47-1, 26-28			0.087	2.834	4.43	2.81	1.829	43 30
47-5, 25-27	3A	A						
48-3, 30-32	1C	A T	0.028	2.917	5.98	3.20	1.940	497
49-1, 142-144	8B		0.147	2.657	5.13	2.65	1.672	26
49-2, 50-52	1H	Т	0.138	2.693	5.04	2.51	1.831	24

TABLE 1 – Continued

is compatible with petrologic studies on seamount samples under discussion (Kirkpatrick et al., this volume). As pointed out by Robertson and Peck (1974), thermal conductivity of their high-porosity ($\gtrsim 10\%$) samples can be explained reasonably well by a theoretical estimate of the pore effect. The observed thermal conductivity of the low-porosity basalts, however, is appreciably smaller than the conductivity determined from fully solid rock. They attributed the discrepancy to the insulating effect of micropores and thin microfractures, and obtained a prediction formula for these low-porosity rocks by applying an empirical correction factor. The similarity between their data and our thermal conductivity data here suggests not only that conductivity is determined mainly by the water content of the samples, but also that the intrinsic conductivity of the fully solid rock of our seamount samples is quite similar to that of the Hawaiian basalts.

Figure 6 indicates that the conductivity of alkalic basalts is somewhat lower than that of tholeiitic basalts. The difference may be attributed to their different mineral compositions. The effect of mineral composition is appreciable, probably because thermal conductivity is much more sensitive to mineral composition than are other physical properties, and because the difference between the conductivity of the solid rock (2.55 W/m°C) and that of water (0.59 W/m°C) is relatively small. These reasons also account for the observed broad distribution of the conductivity data.

Electrical Resistivity

Electrical resistivity and porosity are closely correlated, as shown in Figure 7. The correlation and the low resistivity of these samples compared with the resistivity of dry rocks (Nafe and Drake, 1968; Parkhomenko, 1967) indicate that resistivity and its variation are much

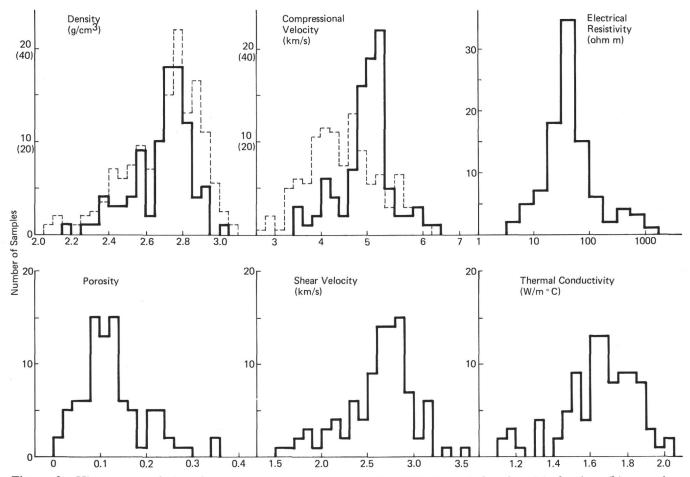


Figure 2. Histograms of the observed physical properties of DSDP Leg 55 basalts: (a) density, (b) porosity, (c) compressional-wave and (d) shear-wave velocities, (e) electrical resistivity, and (f) thermal conductivity. Dotted lines in density and compressional-wave velocity show distribution of the onboard measurement.

TABLE 2
Average Physical Properties of Leg 55 Tholeiites
and Alkalic Basalts

	Tholeiites (70 samples)		Alkalic Basalts (25 samples)	
	Mean	Std. Dev.	Mean	Std. Dev.
Bulk density (g/cm ³)	2.684	0.162	2.726	0.134
Porosity	0.140	0.072	0.098	0.053
Grain density (g/cm ³)				
Compressional velocity (km/s)	4.99	0.62	5.17	0.47
Shear velocity (km/s)	2.60	0.40	2.72	0.27
Thermal conductivity (W/m°C)	1.669	0.194	1.620	0.192
Electrical resistivity ^a (ohm m)	1.61	0.46	1.87	0.45

^aMean and standard deviation of log (σ^{-1}).

affected by the salt water (resistivity = 0.23 ohm m) in the samples.

The variation of electrical resistivity with water content has been studied extensively for various rock types (cf. Parkhomenko, 1967). The variation is usually expressed by a semi-empirical formula called Archie's law (cf. Keller, 1967, for review). In its general form, Archie's law is expressed as

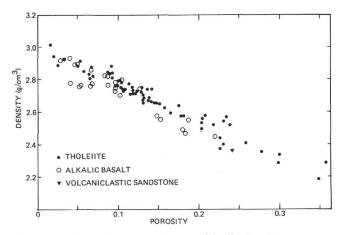


Figure 3. Porosity dependence of bulk density.

$$\sigma^{-1}/\sigma_{\rm w}^{-1} = A\phi^{-n}$$

where σ^{-1} and σ_w^{-1} are the electrical resistivity of the water-saturated rocks and pore fluid, respectively; ϕ is the porosity; and A and n are empirical parameters determined for each rock type. A least-squares approximation to the present data gives A = 5.09 and n = 1.67, where σ_w^{-1} of 0.23 ohm m was applied. These values are

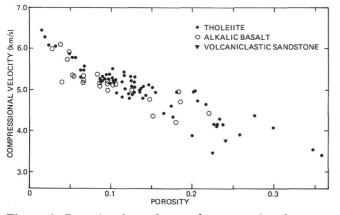


Figure 4. Porosity dependence of compressional velocity.

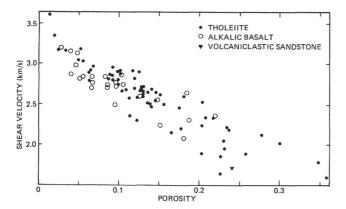


Figure 5. Porosity dependence of shear velocity.

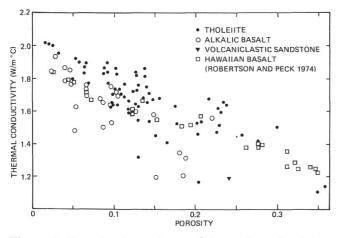


Figure 6. Porosity dependence of thermal conductivity.

comparable to those obtained for highly porous volcanic rocks (Keller, 1967). The parameter n depends on the configuration of the pores. If the electrical conduction is through mutually connected cracks with equal thicknesses, n = 1. And for conduction through pores that are nearly equidimensional, n = 2. The present value of 1.67 suggests that the effects of vesicles in the observed resistivity is dominant.

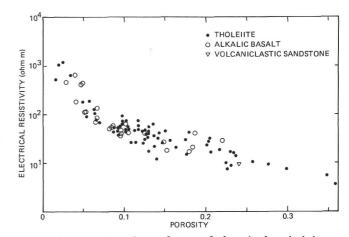


Figure 7. Porosity dependence of electrical resistivity.

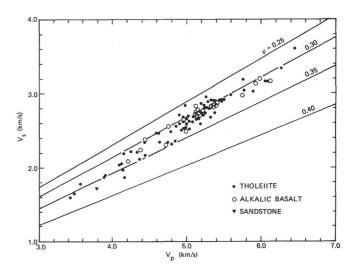


Figure 8. Relation between compressional- and shearwave velocity. Equi-Poisson's ratio (ν) lines for $\nu =$ 0.25, 0.30, 0.35, and 0.40 in the diagram are also shown.

The values of electrical resistivity for our seamount samples are comparable to those for sea-floor basalt (Hyndman and Drury, 1976). This does not necessarily mean that their intrinsic resistivity values are the same, because the contribution of rock resistivity to the observed resistivity is negligible. For the same reason, it is not possible to obtain the intrinsic resistivity from our data.

Average Physical Properties of Seamount Basalts

Hole 433C (Suiko) penetrated nearly 400 meters of basaltic layer. Because of the high recovery ($\sim 65\%$) and deep penetration, the samples from this hole can be considered representative of the upper part of a typical seamount. Since this is the first opportunity to obtain and examine an appreciable portion of seamount basalt, it is pertinent to discuss the average physical properties of the samples. Comparison with normal sea-floor basalts is convenient because extensive data are available (cf. Christensen and Salisbury, 1975).

As discussed in the foregoing, the intrinsic properties and the porosity dependence of the bulk properties of the seamount basalt samples are comparable to those of normal sea-floor basalts. Average properties, however, show some differences. The average properties of the seamount basalts are compared in Table 3 with those of ocean-floor basalts from DSDP Leg 37 (Hyndman and Drury, 1976) and from Legs 51-53 (Hamano, in press). The average porosity of the seamount basalts is larger than that of the oceanic tholeiite, and all the other average properties of the seamount basalt have smaller values than those of the tholeiite. This tendency is reasonable because the bulk physical properties are controlled mainly by the salt water content filling the pore space, and the corresponding physical properties values of salt water are smaller than those of the solid basalts. The larger average porosity of the seamount basalts can be attributed to subaerial eruption, deduced from the petrologic study (Kirkpatrick et al., this volume) and the magnetic study (Kono, this volume). The subaerial eruption may also be responsible for the wider dispersion in values of bulk properties.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Physical properties were measured on 98 basalt samples obtained during Leg 55. These basalts can be taken as typically representative of the upper parts of the seamounts in the Emperor Seamount chain. Variations in the measured physical properties among the samples result from their water content or porosity. The variations and the intrinsic (pore-free) properties of the seamount basalts are comparable to those of normal sea-floor basalts. The higher average porosity value and the wider dispersion of porosity data for the seamount basalts, reflecting their subaerially erupted origin, result

 TABLE 3

 Average Physical Properties of the Whole Leg 55 Basalts

 Compared with Those of Oceanic Tholeiite

	Leg 55	Leg 37 ^a	Legs 51-53 ^b	
Bulk density				
(g/cm^3)	2.695 ± 0.154	2.795 ± 0.082	2.785 ± 0.128	
Porosity (vol.				
fraction)	0.129 ± 0.067	0.078 ± 0.041	0.084 ± 0.055	
Compressional				
velocity (km/s)	5.037 ± 0.582	5.94 ± 0.34	5.48 ± 0.48	
Shear velocity				
(km/s)	2.632 ± 0.369	3.27 ± 0.15	3.10 ± 0.21	
Thermal conduc-				
tivity (W/m °C)	1.656 ± 0.192	1.66 ± 0.07	1.80 ± 0.07	
Electrical resis-				
tivity ^c (ohm m)	48	220	120	

^a_bHyndman and Drury, 1976.

^bHamano, in press.

^cGeometric mean.

in smaller average physical properties values for these basalts compared with sea-floor basalts.

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