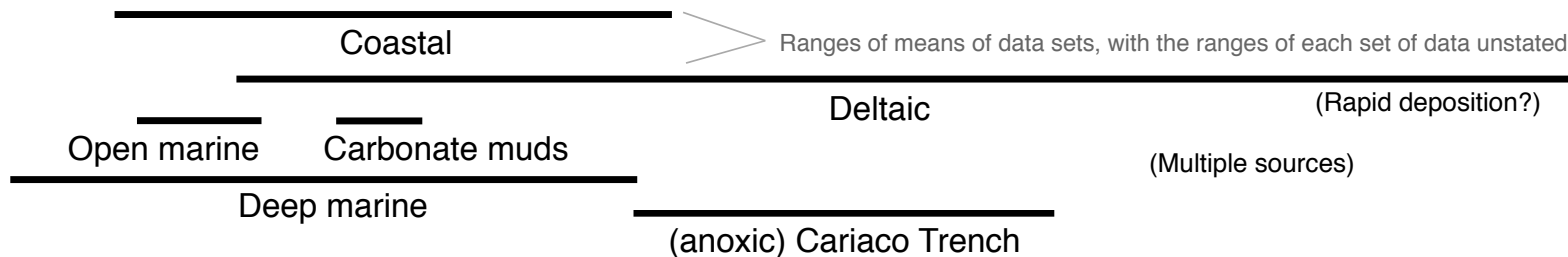
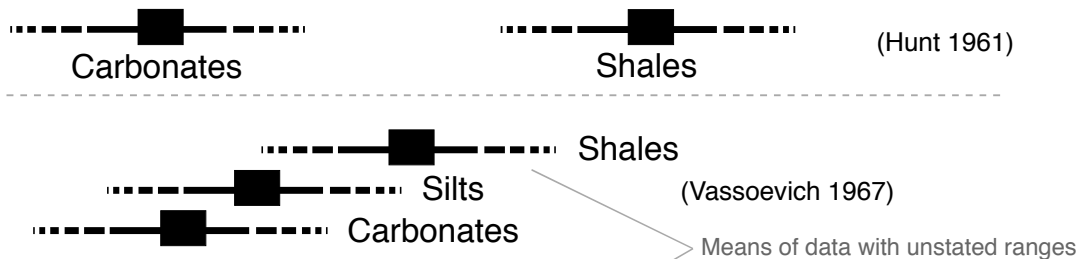


# Organic carbon contents of sediments and source rocks

## Modern marine sediments



## Sedimentary rocks:



All of the data presented on this page are from Tables II.3.1 and II.2.3 of Tissot & Welte (1984) *Petroleum Formation and Occurrence*. The most evident pattern is that no source rock is likely to have more than 4 to 5 wt% organic carbon. Secondly, carbonate rocks typically have less organic carbon than shales.

## Known source rocks:

