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**ABSTRACT**

**This combined sedimentological, diagenetic and remote sensing study of SE Asian Cenozoic carbonate systems has implications for the understanding of how depositional and diagenetic conditions unique to the equatorial tropics influence regional hydrocarbon reservoir development. Most modern analogues used to help evaluate carbonate development and their subsurface reservoir potential are from sub-tropical to arid regions. However, within carbonate build-ups some of the world's most prolific hydrocarbon reserves are in Neogene subsurface deposits from SE Asia where the models generated in other regions cannot easily be applied. Modern and Neogene carbonate production is, and was extensive and diverse throughout the tropical waters of SE Asia. Carbonate systems in SE Asia range from mixed carbonate clastic shelves, localised and ephemeral shoals or reefs, a variety of shallow-water platform top settings and deep water and/or reworked carbonates. Despite the economic importance of Neogene carbonate systems as hydrocarbon reservoir targets there are very few studies of analogous modern or Neogene outcrops from SE Asia. This study evaluates the diagenetic alteration of two Neogene carbonate systems: clastic influenced delta-front patch reefs and an isolated platform from a semi enclosed basin. The third part of the study investigates the environmental characterisation, sedimentology and early alteration of modern fringing reef systems developed around isolated carbonate islands. Comparisons are made with other equatorial carbonate systems and subsurface reservoirs, together with those from other climate belts, thereby enhancing understanding of global carbonate development and hydrocarbon potential.**

**Combined petrographic, geochemical and field studies reveal that mixed carbonate-siliciclastic deposits from humid equatorial coastal settings generally have low reservoir quality, due to the presence of abundant carbonate-siliciclastic matrix and the throughput of undersaturated meteoric fluids that pervasively stabilise and cement the deposits during early burial diagenesis. Also, isolated carbonate platforms that developed in protected and/or subsiding**

settings may possess low reservoir qualities due to abundant matrix together with extensive burial compaction, stabilisation and cementation. However, in high energy marginal settings it is likely that early marine cementation may be enhanced, with the potential to provide resistance to burial compaction effects and promote higher reservoir quality if primary porosity and pore throats are not totally occluded. The effects of meteoric dissolution in such isolated subsiding platforms is not pronounced and further mitigated by later cementation. Where reef development may have been impacted upon by potential nutrient influx there is less potential for exposure through building to sea level. Over 75% of the carbonate reservoirs in SE Asia are from isolated pure carbonate platforms. The effects of widespread vadose aragonite dissolution and large-scale reprecipitation of carbonate cements in both the vadose and particularly the phreatic marine realm lead to a layered reservoir development.

A combined remote sensing and modern sedimentological study of a small-scale high energy fringing reef system reveals where grainstone textures predominate. The paucity of fines across the system as a whole is attributed to high wave/current energies, the small size of the islands rendering limited protection, bidirectional monsoon winds and the lack of reef rimmed margins built to sea level. Furthermore seagrass beds acting as baffles promote the minor accumulation of fines. It is anticipated that if early partial cementation is promoted in such grainstone deposits good quality reservoir units may be preserved. The satellite and sedimentology study probably only hints at some of the variability within SE Asia's vast, and virtually unstudied fringing reef systems however, it highlights apparent significant differences between some equatorial fringing reefs and those from the subtropics. The systems studied here reveal the importance of seagrass bed development, the influence of the monsoons and a degree of sediment homogenisation, lack of windward-leeward effects, and a lack of hurricane influence on these equatorial SE Asian fringing reefs.

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## **List of Publications Included as a Part of this Thesis**

This thesis compiles a collection of research papers that were either published, in press or under review at the time of writing this document. The objectives and relationship amongst the different papers are described in the introductory chapter. The final chapter summarises the papers and places them into a wider context.

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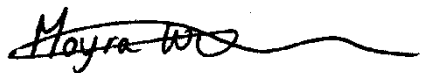
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## **Chapter 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Most modern analogues used to help evaluate carbonate development and their subsurface reservoir potential are from regions like the Bahamas, Florida, Central America, the South Pacific or the Persian Gulf (Roberts and Murray, 1984; Phillip et al., 1995; Gischler and Lomando, 1999; Rankey, 2002; Gischler et al., 2003; Gischler, 2006, 2011; Farzadi, 2006; Rankey and Reeder, 2010). However, within carbonate build-ups some of the world's most prolific hydrocarbon reserves are in Neogene subsurface deposits from SE Asia (Greenlee and Lehmann, 1993; Doust and Noble, 2008) where models generated in other regions cannot easily be applied (Wilson, 2002; 2012). The hypothesis here is that the study of modern and Neogene systems in SE Asia will allow an evaluation of how depositional and diagenetic conditions unique to the equatorial tropics influence regional reservoir development.

Tomascik et al. (1997) contributes to the knowledge base and understanding of modern SE Asian coral reefs and seas. This review expands on such early works as Kuenen (1933) and Umbgrove (1946, 1947) that were amongst the first studies to address the biology, morphology and controls on reef development. Within the SE Asian region, the highest global biodiversity in modern marine settings exists alongside the most extensive and complete record of equatorial carbonates spanning the Cenozoic (Fulthorpe and Schlanger, 1989; Wilson, 2002, 2008, 2011). Despite recent research endeavours (Wilkinson, 2000; Gordon, 2005, Wilson and Hall, 2010) it is apparent that there is still a gap in our knowledge resulting from a lack of basic research. There is a need to better evaluate the biota, communities, regional conditions, modern carbonate environments and diagenesis of carbonates from SE Asia (cf. Wilson, 2011).

Furthermore, a need for better evaluation of SE Asian carbonate systems is necessary given the complex interplay of environmental influences in the equatorial tropics that are under-evaluated in the currently accepted analogue models from more arid sub-

tropical regions. Throughout the Cenozoic SE Asia has experienced an interplay of: complex tectonics, frequent sea level fluctuations, low marine salinities, fluctuating temperature patterns and sustained nutrient and clastic influx (compared to the more episodic discharge from sub-tropical models) (e.g. Hamilton, 1979; Hall, 1996; Hendry et al., 1999; Wilson and Moss, 1999; Hall and Nichols, 2002; Burton, 2003; Wilson and Hall, 2010; Wilson, 2011).

Key to producing higher resolution models of subsurface heterogeneity within carbonate systems is to improve on the poorly documented spatial-temporal variability in deposition, diagenesis and porosity characteristics. In particular, there is a need for data that demonstrates how primary environmental settings unique to the region relate to primary depositional sediment characteristics and their early alteration. Furthermore, understanding the effects of diagenesis on the development of reservoir quality from a range of carbonate systems is integral to the development of models that help characterise hydrocarbon reservoirs.

## **1.1 Objectives**

The hypothesis here is that the study of a variety of modern and Neogene carbonate systems from SE Asia will allow better understanding of how depositional and diagenetic conditions unique to the equatorial tropics influence regional hydrocarbon reservoir development.

Specific objectives of this study are:

To evaluate how carbonate system morphologies, facies distributions and depositional environments vary from a range of land-attached and isolated modern-carbonate systems in SE Asia.

To assess the potential influence of environments and their sedimentary characteristics on reservoir development.

To assess how variable diagenesis may overprint primary facies characteristics and the resultant influence on associated reservoir characteristics.

To evaluate the major controlling factors influencing platform morphologies, facies characteristics, together with their spatial distributions and how these may impact reservoir potential.

To develop models for reservoir characterisation and heterogeneity that may be utilised by the hydrocarbon industry.

Carbonate–siliciclastic mixing is common in both modern and ancient environments (Mount 1984; Larcombe and Woolfe 1999; Woolfe and Larcombe 1999; Wilson and Lokier 2002; Wilson 2005). In spite of their common occurrence, the diagenesis of siliciclastic-influenced coral reefs and carbonate platforms from equatorial to subtropical settings remains largely unstudied (Hendry et al. 1999; Wilson 2012). Furthermore the diagenesis and development of open marine carbonate platforms from the humid equatorial tropics of SE Asia are relatively well documented, since many comprise hydrocarbon reservoirs in the subsurface (Epting, 1980; Fulthorpe and Schlanger, 1989; Grötsch and Mercadier, 1999; Wilson and Hall, 2010). However the diagenetic variability across platform flank and contemporaneous bathyal deposits, particularly from low to moderate energy carbonate platforms is less well known. The results of these diagenetic studies offer insights into patterns of diagenesis across humid equatorial land-attached and platform carbonate environments that may have regional analogues as well as implications for hydrocarbon exploration.

Aside from the hydrocarbon reservoir aspects of this project there are also significant developments to be made from a carbonate sedimentology perspective. This study contributes to a better understanding of variability in carbonate deposition and diagenesis in a range of pure carbonate and mixed carbonate–siliciclastic systems from the equatorial tropics, with comparison made to marine systems from other climatic belts. As well as generating a better understanding of the sedimentology of this region, a clearer snapshot on modern carbonate systems in terms of facies and their distribution may be useful for habitat and resource management and conservation (e.g. fisheries and reef eco-tourism), biodiversity as well as providing sedimentary “insight” on modern systems.

Understanding the effects of diagenesis on a range of carbonate systems is integral to the development of models that characterise what are typically fickle systems. Each individual study comprising this PhD project has yielded new and publishable results and are currently either published or accepted for publication in international peer reviewed journals.

## 1.2 Thesis Structure

This thesis opens with an introduction that addresses the ideas behind this study and ends with a conclusion that summarises the major outcomes of this research. A “standard” literature review is not presented within this thesis. Each manuscript, comprising a portion of this study, incorporates relevant background literature to place this research in a wider context, includes discussions of the new findings with respect to the previous studies, and references are cited at the end of each chapter/paper. Through reference to literature, summaries of the regional geological setting and history of the study sites are given together with evaluations of the field of research. Chapters two, three and four comprise the main body of this thesis, and are based on three peer reviewed international manuscripts. Two of these manuscripts are published (chapter 3 in the *Journal of Sedimentary Research* and chapter 4 in *Sedimentary Geology*), and the third is accepted for publication (chapter 2 in *Marine Geology*). Each of the publishing journals is ranked ‘A’ grade through ERA (Excellence in Research Australia).

Chapter two of this thesis is a accepted for publication in the journal *Marine Geology*.

**Madden, R.H.C., Wilson, M.E.J., and O’Shea, M., accepted.** Modern fringing reef carbonates from equatorial SE Asia: an integrated environmental, sediment and satellite characterisation study. *Marine Geology*.

This manuscript explores statistics-based satellite image classifications in conjunction with modern sediment samples from fringing reef systems around carbonate islands in the Tukang Besi Archipelago, Indonesia. Specific study objectives are to: (1) produce a satellite generated environmental facies map using



statistics based methods, (2) identify primary sedimentological and early sediment alteration characteristics of associated carbonate deposits, (3) compare primary sedimentological properties to primary environmental facies and their satellite characteristics and (4) contribute towards a greater understanding of modern humid equatorial carbonate systems highlighting the heterogeneities that may exist.

Chapter three is a manuscript published in the *Journal of Sedimentary Research*.

**Madden, R.H.C., and Wilson, M.E.J., 2012.** Diagenesis of Neogene delta-front patch reefs: alteration of coastal siliciclastic-influenced carbonates from humid equatorial regions. *Journal of Sedimentary Research* 82, 871-888.

This study offers insights into the diagenetic alteration of coastal carbonates that formed coevally with nearly continuous siliciclastic influx in a humid equatorial setting. The manuscript evaluates the diagenesis of Miocene delta-front patch reefs from Borneo with the aims of: (1) characterising the extent of diagenesis in these mixed carbonate–siliciclastic patch reefs from coastal settings, (2) developing a paragenetic sequence of the succession in the context of the evolving basin hydrology and the climatic setting, and (3) comparing general aspects of diagenesis of these humid equatorial carbonates with that of humid non-tropical carbonates and arid coastal carbonates

Chapter four, the final manuscript of this thesis, is published in the journal *Sedimentary Geology*.

**Madden, R.H.C., and Wilson, M.E.J., 2013.** Diagenesis of a SE Asian Cenozoic carbonate platform margin and its adjacent basinal deposits. *Sedimentary Geology* 286-287, 20-38.

This study provides insights into the diagenesis of a SE Asian Tertiary carbonate platform and the variations in alteration that occur across platform top, margin, slope and adjacent basinal deposits. This manuscript tests the hypothesis that the diagenesis: (1) of bathyal, slope and shallow platform deposits will vary associated with the different syn-, and post-depositional processes affecting the different

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Chapter five presents a discussion on modern and Neogene analogues for productive subsurface carbonate reservoirs. This chapter acts as a “tie-together” of the three journal manuscripts, identifying the significance of the studies in terms of hydrocarbon reservoir characterisation, as well as placing the studies in a global context. This chapter has been included as implications for reservoir quality within the individual manuscripts are only briefly touched upon.

Appendices lie at the back of this thesis and include the classification schemes used throughout the thesis and individual manuscripts. Further manuscript specific material is also presented including, where possible: high resolution thin-section scans, plain polarised light and cathodoluminescent photomicrographs, petrographic observations and binocular microscope photos of modern sediments. Additional “work-books” relevant to satellite image processing are also included. Finally co-author contribution statements are given at the end of the thesis.

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## **Chapter 2**

### **MODERN FRINGING REEF CARBONATES FROM EQUATORIAL SE ASIA: AN INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL, SEDIMENT AND SATELLITE CHARACTERISATION STUDY.**

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#### **Abstract**

**Fringing reefs of SE Asia may conservatively comprise ~30% of the world's coral reef area, but remain almost unstudied (White, 1987; Tomascik et al., 1997). This study provides insights into the primary sedimentological and early alteration characteristics of an isolated fringing reef system (Kaledupa-Hoga) from the Tukang Besi Archipelago, SE Asia. A combined multispectral satellite imagery, field and petrographic study allowed for the generation of an environmental facies map, which acts as a model for the distribution of primary sedimentological characteristics in relation to the primary environmental facies. The islands of the Tukang Besi Archipelago are mesotidal (<2 m) affected by strong diurnal and oceanic tidal currents, as well as high wave energy influenced by the bi-directional southeast Asian monsoon. An environmental facies map generated from Landsat-7 imagery and utilising field observations defines ten environmental facies. The facies map generated has a >71% accuracy when compared with field and sedimentary data. With the exception of the reef crest and reef slope that commonly have widths on a sub-imaging resolution (<30 m), the facies map accurately demonstrates the heterogeneous nature of the carbonate system.**

**Although field and satellite imagery observations reveal ten environmental facies, sedimentological characterisation results in a lower**

**number of distinctive categories due to the similarity of many deposits. Foreshore/backshore and bare intertidal deposits are distinctive and are composed of reef-derived material that has been reworked shorewards. Seagrass-associated facies all show some fine silt-clay sized material (<8%) with common imperforate foraminifera and pervasive micritisation, but also contain high abundances of reworked coral and shell allochems. Coral-associated reef flat facies are typically low in imperforate but high in perforate foraminifera, and show lesser effects of bioerosion and very low silt contents. The reef slope and crest are characterised by high abundances of gravel sized fragmented corals with the highest abundances of echinoderm material and alcyonarian sclerites. Sediment samples across all fringing reef environments from the Kaledupa-Hoga transects are characterised almost exclusively by grain-rudstone textures, with <2-5% silt and clay size fractions, and minor baffling of fines in seagrass-associated settings (grain-packstones). The paucity of fines across the fringing reef systems as a whole, and the degree of homogenisation of sediment characteristics across the different field- and satellite-identifiable environmental facies are attributed to: (1) high wave/current energies, (2) the small size of the islands rendering limited protection, (3) bidirectional monsoon winds and (4) the lack of reef rimmed margins built to sea level. Absent from these deposits are well developed high energy windward and low energy leeward deposit characteristics and/or an overriding hurricane influence that are commonly seen in fringing reef systems from other areas.**

**Keywords:** sedimentology, modern-carbonates, Landsat, pure-carbonates, coral-reefs, facies mapping.

## **2.1 Introduction**

It has been estimated that the fringing reefs of SE Asia may conservatively comprise ~30% of the world's coral reef area (White, 1987; Tomascik et al., 1997). There is a paucity of knowledge on fringing reefs globally, since almost no remote sensing studies, and very few modern sediment studies have been undertaken on these systems (Lewis, 1969; Hopley and Partain, 1987; Blanchon et al., 1997; Kennedy and Woodruffe, 2002, Purkis et al., 2012). Regionally, despite fringing reefs being

the dominant reef type within SE Asia they remain the least studied (Tomascik et al., 1997; Hewins and Perry, 2006). Here, a combined environmental, satellite and sediment characterisation study of fringing reefs surrounding isolated oceanic islands in central Indonesia aims to contribute to the understanding of this under evaluated, but globally important reef type.

Most modern analogues used to evaluate carbonate development are from sub-tropical to sub-arid regions such as the Bahamas, Central America or South Pacific and are focussed on barrier reef systems and atolls (Gischler and Lomando, 1999; Rankey, 2002; Gischler et al., 2003; Gischler, 2006, 2011; Rankey and Harris, 2008; Harris, 2010; Harris et al., 2010; 2011, Rankey and Reeder, 2010). However, these systems are not wholly analogous to those from equatorial SE Asia and/or to fringing reef systems (Tomascik et al., 1997; Kennedy and Woodruffe, 2002; Wilson, 2002; 2012; Park et al., 2010). Studies of fringing reefs have focussed on their Holocene development, through multiple coring studies and to a certain extent their environmental variability (Hopley and Partain, 1987; Cabioch et al., 1995; Kennedy and Woodruffe, 2002; Montaggioni, 2005), but there are very few detailed studies on their sedimentology (Lewis, 1969; Gabri e and Montaggioni, 1982; Blanchon et al., 1997; Hewins and Perry, 2006). Studies of modern carbonate systems in SE Asia typically focus on their biota and ecology (Tomascik et al., 1997; Cleary et al., 2005; Becking et al., 2006; Renema, 2006a, 2006b). Satellite studies of reefal environments within Indonesia are in their infancy, but are much needed to better understand the regions modern carbonate systems and for their use in ‘developing and implementing sound management and conservation policies’ (Tomascik et al., 1997; Asriningrum, 2011). Detailed sedimentological studies of modern carbonates from SE Asia are largely restricted to those of Pulau Seribu, on the predominantly siliciclastic shelf offshore Jakarta, Indonesia (Scrutton, 1978; Park et al., 1992; 2010; Jordan, 1998, O’Shea, 2005). These high-energy, small-scale build-ups do not fully encompass the inherent variability of carbonate depositional systems that have developed throughout the region. An additional sedimentological study reviews fringing reef deposits around the 1.5 km across Danjungan Island in the Philippines at the boundary between the equatorial tropics and subtropics (Hewins and Perry, 2006). SE Asian carbonate deposits are dominated by bioclastic assemblages and notably absent are the coated grains and aggregates of their better studied arid to sub-



tropical counterparts (Lees and Buller, 1972; Wilson, 2002; 2012). Furthermore, carbonate development in SE Asia is extensive forming a wide variety of platform types from land attached shelves, isolated platforms to localised and/or ephemeral carbonates (Tomascik et al., 1997; Wilson, 2002). There is a need to better evaluate sedimentological characteristics of modern carbonate environments, and in particular those from fringing reef systems and their facies distributions related to environmental conditions from SE Asia, since models generated from examples outside the equatorial tropics are commonly not wholly applicable (cf. Gischler and Lomando, 1999; Wilson, 2008a; 2011; 2012; Park et al., 2010).

Satellite based remote sensing is widely established as a key tool in the mapping of modern carbonate systems and reef environments (Lyzenga, 1981; Ahmad and Neil, 1994; Gischler and Lomando, 1999; Andréfouët et al., 2001, 2003; Rankey, 2002; Purkis and Pasterkamp, 2004; Harris, 2010; Kaczmarek et al., 2010). Most of these studies detail the variability of modern carbonate environments from classic sub-tropical Atlantic or Pacific examples, with very few studies including examples from the humid equatorial tropics of SE Asia (Harris and Vlaswinkel, 2008).

An important aspect of understanding SE Asian carbonate variability lies in developing models that demonstrate how primary environmental settings unique to the region relate to primary depositional sediment characteristics and their early alteration. SE Asian modern carbonate systems have distinctive characteristics that relate to local environments and water depths, and it is anticipated that these primary environmental differences will be reflected in satellite imagery characteristics that relate to: (1) benthic sedimentological characteristics, (2) benthic biota communities, and (3) water conditions (including depth and clarity); i.e. identifiable “environmental facies”.

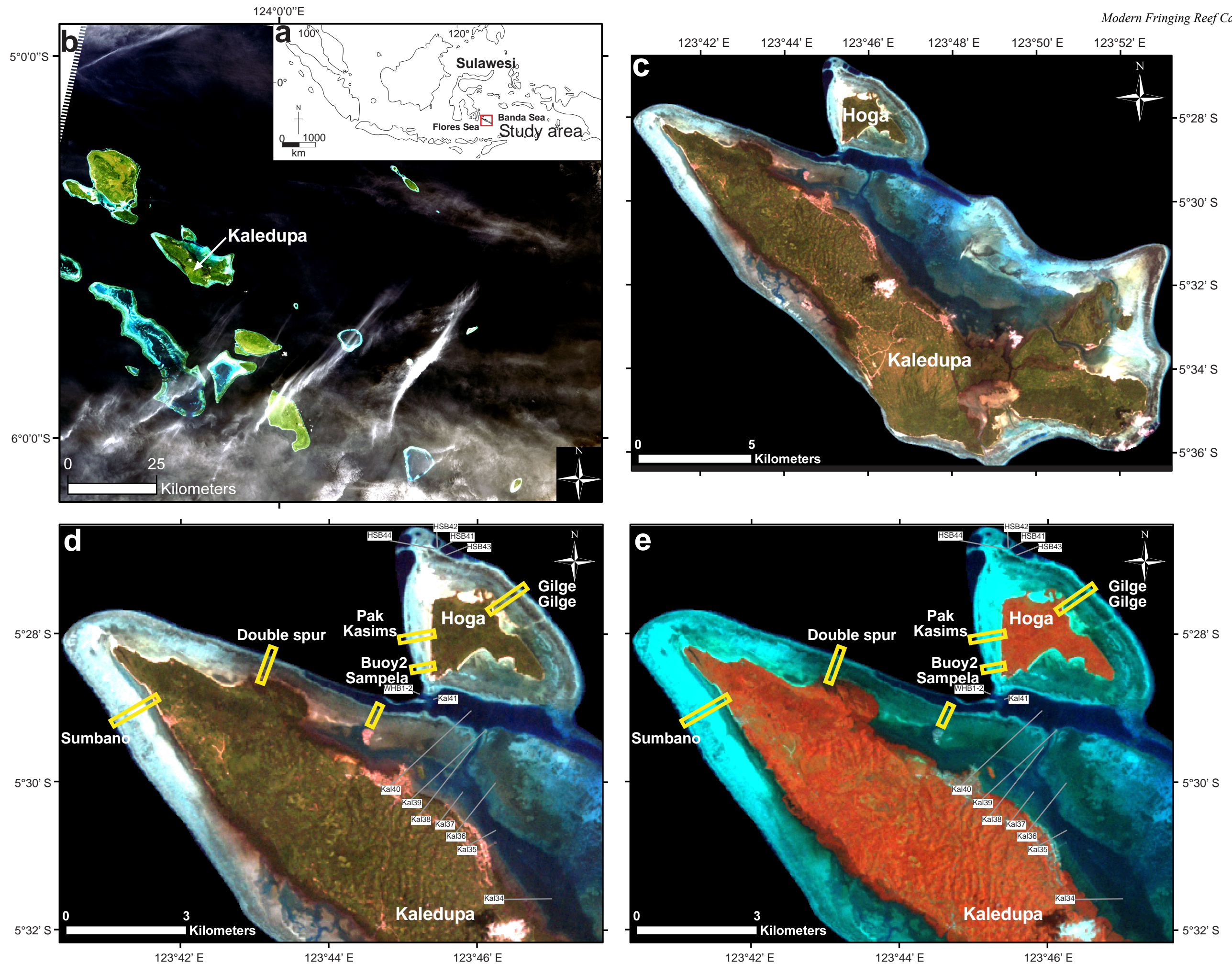
This study utilises statistics-based satellite image classifications in conjunction with modern sediment samples from fringing reef systems around carbonate islands in the Tukang Besi Archipelago, Indonesia (Fig. 2.1). Specific study objectives are to: (1) produce a satellite generated environmental facies map using statistics based methods, (2) identify primary sedimentological and early sediment alteration characteristics of associated carbonate deposits, (3) compare primary

sedimentological properties to primary environmental facies and their satellite characteristics and (4) contribute towards a greater understanding of modern humid equatorial carbonate systems highlighting the heterogeneities that may exist.

## **2.2 Regional Setting**

The Tukang Besi Archipelago, encompassing the Wakatobi Marine National Park, is situated <20 km southeast of Buton Island in SE Sulawesi, bordered by the Banda Sea to the northeast, and Flores Sea to the southwest (Fig. 2.1). Three linear rows of atolls, raised coral islands and build-ups trending northwest-southeast rise from a broad subsiding platform of possible continental origin that currently lies at 700-1000 m water depth (Smith and Silver, 1991; Koswara and Sukarna, 1994; Milsom et al., 1999). All the modern carbonate systems are largely isolated from siliciclastic input. The Tukang Besi archipelago contains approximately 500 km<sup>2</sup> of coral reef-related environments within a wide diversity of carbonate systems including large-scale atolls (>10 km across), small-scale atolls, small-scale build-ups and barrier or fringing reefs surrounding the four main islands of the archipelago (Tomascik et al., 1997; Wilson, 2008b). The islands of the archipelago preserve a record of Pliocene to Quaternary uplifted coral reefs. These ancient reefs are exposed as a series of stepped terrace levels that have been uplifted to maximum heights of 300 m (Wilson, 2008b). The deposits of each uplifted terrace formed in a variety of shallow marine environments that were associated with coral reefs that built towards sea level (Wilson, 2008b). These shallow water carbonate terraces overlie deeper water marls of Late Miocene and Early Pliocene age (the Ambewa Formation: Koswara and Sukarna, 1994; Wilson, 2008b). Poorly consolidated marl clasts are reworked into the modern carbonate sediment assemblages fringing the islands, but mainly only in regions adjacent to where there is limited or no preservation of Pliocene–Quaternary reef terraces. The archipelago is therefore an excellent location to characterise and evaluate the effects of primary environmental facies on carbonate sediment characteristics in the humid equatorial tropics of SE Asia. This work focuses on differences within the modern island-attached carbonate systems, with further work in preparation to evaluate the variability across the range of carbonate systems from the archipelago (Wilson et al., 2013).





**Figure 2.1.** Location of the Tukang Besi Archipelago (Wakatobi Marine National Park) offshore SE Sulawesi, Indonesia (a). Landsat 7 image of the Tukang Besi Archipelago captured on 6th February 2009 (b). Subset image of Pulau Kaledupa and Hoga, with pixels outside the area of interest removed (c). Magnified view of sample sites and transect locations utilised in this study, shown in both quasi-natural colour (RGB:123) and false colour (RGB:421) display format (d, e).



The marine environments surrounding the Tukang Besi islands contain amongst the world's highest levels of marine biodiversity (Halford, 2003; Turak, 2003; Pet-Soede and Erdmann, 2003; Bell and Smith, 2004). High biodiversity is not just a feature of the archipelago's coral reefs but also the associated interconnected habitats of seagrass meadows, mangroves, mud flats and algal beds. There are records from within the Wakatobi National Park of at least: 396 species of hermatypic scleractinian hard corals and 10 species of ahermatypic scleractinian corals, 28 species of soft corals, >145 sponge species, nine species of seagrass and upwards of 600 species of fish (Halford, 2003; Turak, 2003; Bell and Smith, 2004; Pet-Soede and Erdmann, 2004; Bell et al., 2010; McMellor and Smith, 2010). Mean coral cover throughout the Wakatobi systems (reef flat, crest and upper slope) is 48.05% with 10.62% macroalgal cover, 2.31% sponge cover and 5.4% dead coral and coral rubble cover (Suharsono et al., 2006; McMellor and Smith, 2010). It is this overall biotic and carbonate systems variability that makes the area ideal to characterise modern SE Asian carbonate deposits. However, with the exception of debates over the morphology and development of the archipelago (Escher, 1920; Hetzel, 1930; Kuenen, 1933a, b; Umbgrove, 1947; van Bemmelen, 1949; Tomascik et al., 1997; Milsom et al., 1999), to date no detailed sedimentological studies have been undertaken (cf. Wilson, 2008b).

The tidal range of the islands and reefs in the archipelago is ~2 m with semi-diurnal tides affecting shallow platforms and very strong oceanic tidal currents between the atolls and islands. Wave energy can be very high and is influenced strongly by the bi-directional monsoon. Very strong south-easterly winds blow between June and August with lesser westerly winds between December and March (Wilson, 2008b). Water temperatures are typically within the range of 27-28 °C with ocean salinities of 35‰ (O'Shea, 2005).

### 2.3.2 Sample Analysis

All 78 samples were air dried then photographed under a binocular microscope. A proportion of each sample was weighed and separated using a 2 mm sieve, with the <2 mm size fraction analysed for grain size using a Coulter Laser Granulometer. The proportions of components and grain sizes of the >2 mm size fractions were visually estimated. 2.5-3 g of the <2 mm fraction for each sample were placed in test tubes and in the rare samples containing organics 20 ml of 20% Hydrogen Peroxide was added and left overnight in a boiling water bath to allow digestion of the organics. Samples were centrifuged at 2500 rpm for four minutes and half of the supernatant liquid decanted off, then the tubes topped up with water and centrifuged for another 4 minutes to allow degassing and grains to settle. Following decanting off of the supernatant liquid, 20 ml of Sodium Hexametaphosphate solution was added to stop grains clumping then run through the Granulometer. Grain size plots incorporate the results of percentages of the >2 and <2 mm size fractions with grain size divisions from the Udden-Wentworth scheme (Udden, 1914; Wentworth, 1922) and nomenclature on sorting after Pettijohn et al. (1973). Of the 78 samples, 75 were made into thin section grain mounts for petrographic analysis. Half of each thin section was stained with potassium ferricyanide and Alizarin Red S for the identification of ferroan and non-ferroan calcite (Dickson, 1965, 1966). Semi quantitative visual estimates of components were directly comparable with point counting analyses previously undertaken on the Pak Kasim's transect (300 point counts: O'Shea, 2005). Textural classification of the sediments follows the scheme of Dunham (1962), modified by Insalaco (1998)<sup>1</sup>. An early sediment alteration index evaluating abrasion, fragmentation, encrustation, bioerosion and cementation for each thin section is modified after the abrasion and fragmentation index of Beavington-Penney (2004; see Appendix B3).

<sup>1</sup>Insalaco's (1998) scheme is a descriptive expansion, and modification, of the Embry and Klovan (1971) extension to Dunham's classification, and is suited to describing *in situ* reef-related growth fabrics with subdivisions based on dominant growth forms. The subdivisions are domestone (domal and massive colonies), pillarstone (vertical branches), platestone and sheetstone (flattened horizontal forms with a width-to-height ratio of between 30:1–5:1 and > 30:1, respectively) and mixstone (no one growth form dominates). Use of the Insalaco (1998) scheme rather than the Embry and Klovan terms of frame-, baffle-, and bindstone removes potential ambiguity over interpretive nomenclature. For example in the Wakatobi area, seagrass beds act as sediment "baffles", but do not result in bafflestone deposit textures (*sensu* Embry and Klovan), whereas branching coral-rich areas do not appear to act

## **2.3 Materials and Methods**

### **2.3.1 Fieldwork and Sampling**

Modern carbonate settings from across the Tukang Besi archipelago were surveyed and deposits sampled along underwater transects, generally oriented perpendicular to the trend of the reef crest (i.e. from deep forereef areas, passing across the shallow reef crest to inner reef or land areas). Study was through diving and snorkelling with local environmental conditions including substrate and biota types, water depths, water temperatures, slope angles and any wave or current activity recorded along each transect. Surface sediment samples were collected by hand (underwater directly into containers to minimise loss of fines) from the range of local environments and/or at decimetre-spaced intervals along transects, with sampling sites photographed. For regions deeper than 20-30 m additional samples were obtained using a Van Veen sediment grab (with only intact “solid” sediment taken from within the grab sample, again to minimise the loss of fines). In total, 42 modern transects were studied from the archipelago, with 390 samples of modern reef-associated sediments collected. From this larger dataset, six key transects and some additional spot sampling sites from around Pulau Kaledupa and its neighbouring “sibling” island of Hoga, were selected for comparison between shallow water environments and their satellite and sediment characterisation. The area of Kaledupa and Hoga was focused on due to: (1) good availability of a range of cloud-free Landsat multispectral data, (2) good sample and transect coverage allowing analysis of much of the range of local environments and variety in satellite characteristics from <20 m water depth in the Wakatobi region to be studied, and (3) the potential to compare between windward versus leeward, or more protected settings. In total, 78 samples were analysed for this study with all from <20 m, and most from <5 m water depth. Out of these 78 samples eight along the Kaledupa centre transect were collected using the Van Veen grab.

as baffles to sedimentation but would have bafflestone deposit textures as defined by Embry and Klovan (1971).

### **2.3.3 Landsat-7**

Modern carbonate systems are ideal for study through satellite based methods as they are typically best developed in shallow (<30 m) relatively clear water marine environments, consistent with the requirements for accurate satellite data collection and their interpretation. Several methods exist for the analysis and interpretation of satellite data sets from modern shallow water carbonate systems (cf. Harris and Kowalik, 1994; Harris, 1996; Gischler and Lomando, 1999; Rankey, 2002; Harris and Vlaswinkel, 2008; Harris et al., 2010; Kaczmarek et al., 2010; Harris et al., 2011). In this study the use of statistical algorithms has been adopted to quantitatively discriminate between combined benthic sediment and biota types across a SE Asian reef-related system.

This study utilises the simplified workflow of Kaczmarek et al. (2010) to generate a Landsat derived facies map of water-bottom characteristics. The methods outlined by Kaczmarek et al. (2010) discriminate between benthic sediment types to produce satellite derived sediment facies maps for carbonate platforms. In satellite imagery, variance in reflection (satellite characteristics) is attributed to variability from three predominant factors: (1) the benthic sediment type, (2) the benthic biota assemblages and (3) water depth. As it is applied to this study the derivative products of satellite analysis are environmental facies maps in which the satellite characteristics are directly related to local benthic communities, sediment types and water conditions.

The methods of Kaczmarek et al. (2010) offer a simple and time efficient way to assess satellite imagery and avoids the use of advanced image processing techniques that arguably would provide little improvement to a low spatial resolution image (cf. Ouillon et al., 2004; Purkis and Pasterkamp, 2004; Kaczmarek et al., 2010). One of the key objectives of this study is to foster a “user friendly” approach to satellite based study, allowing integration of what is possibly an underutilised, yet valuable resource (the Landsat data set), with more traditional sedimentological studies where remote sensing skill sets may be lacking.

A Landsat-derived environmental facies map was produced by combining Landsat multispectral data, statistics-based unsupervised classifications, and field observations of local environmental conditions for the shallow-water fringing reef-related area of Pulau Kaledupa and Hoga from the Tukang Besi Archipelago of SW Sulawesi (Fig. 2.1). A full discussion of the workflow and the Landsat multispectral sensor used to generate this facies map is given in Kaczmarek et al. (2010), with a brief overview outlined below. The Landsat data that forms the basis for the analyses of this study was captured on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in seven spectral (thematic) bands with a spatial resolution of 28.5 m<sup>2</sup>. The Landsat image of the Tukang Besi Archipelago (delineated to Pulau Kaledupa during image processing) was selected in place of other images collected between 1989 and 2012. The February, 2009 image was chosen as the area of interest was not affected by cloud cover or atmospheric haze and has the most consistent contrast and clarity across the area. Individual spectral bands were combined in the software package ER Mapper to produce a single multispectral composite image for the Tukang Besi Archipelago. Cloud masking and land masking algorithms were applied to the image to reduce the number of spectral classes required to classify the image. To further reduce spectral variability the image has been delineated to an area of interest by assigning pixels outside of a hand drawn polygon (i.e. deep water regions) a null value (Fig.2.1C).

Benthic sediments and biota assemblages are discriminated into distinct thematic classes using the image processing technique “unsupervised classification” within the ER Mapper software package. This image processing utility assesses each pixel in a satellite image by performing a calculation based on a combination of the spectral values of each spectral band. This spectral signature is then used in a binning algorithm which groups pixels into a pre-determined number of spectral classes. Because the unsupervised classification utility groups pixels based on differences between reflection properties, water depth inherently affects classifications. To account for variability due to water depth the unsupervised classification was calibrated so as to group pixels into a large number of classes. Previous studies (e.g. Rankey, 2002; Purkis et al., 2005) have utilised fewer than 10 spectral classes during unsupervised classification, whereas Kaczmarek et al. (2010) suggest that whilst a relatively small number of classes are required to create a satellite based facies map, that the number of spectral classes be significantly (~6x) greater than the number of



classes actually present. As it is applied to this study, ten distinct environmental facies have been identified from field observations across sampling transects, with 50 spectral classes being utilised to produce an environmental facies map.

Areas within the classified image, produced by the ER Mapper unsupervised classification utility, were assigned to environmental facies by linking pixels corresponding to sample locations with field observations of the environment. As a result pixels with similar satellite and field characteristics were automatically grouped together and assigned to the same environmental facies. For pixel groups with no corresponding sample data, environmental facies were assigned based on further field observations (Kaledupa Double Spur Transect; Fig. 2.1D, E), local knowledge, the location of nearby or adjacent environmental facies and the observed geometries of environmental facies groups. Quantification of the accuracy of the environmental facies map has been conducted using the “overall accuracy” metric of Mumby et al (1998; Eq. 1). Overall accuracy reflects the degree to which known pixel values (classes) are represented by the classified image as determined by a point count of correctly classified pixels.

$$\text{Overall accuracy (\%)} = (\text{No\# correctly classified pixels} / \text{No\# known pixel classes}) * 100 \quad (1)$$

Results of the “overall accuracy” metrics give an indication that the pixels of the classified Landsat image represent the environmental facies on the ground, as determined from field notes and sediment sampling (cf. Kaczmarek et al., 2010).

## **2.4 Results**

Primary sedimentary and environmental results of this study are analysis of sediment components, their early alteration and grain-size variations plotted onto environmental transects for the islands of Pulau Kaledupa and Hoga (Figures 2.2-2.8 and Appendix B3). Results are reported below as environmental and sedimentological descriptions for each environmental facies group identified.

**2.4.1 Foreshore/Backshore** (Sample References: Kal21, 20, HGG10, 9, PK21, HSB2S-10)

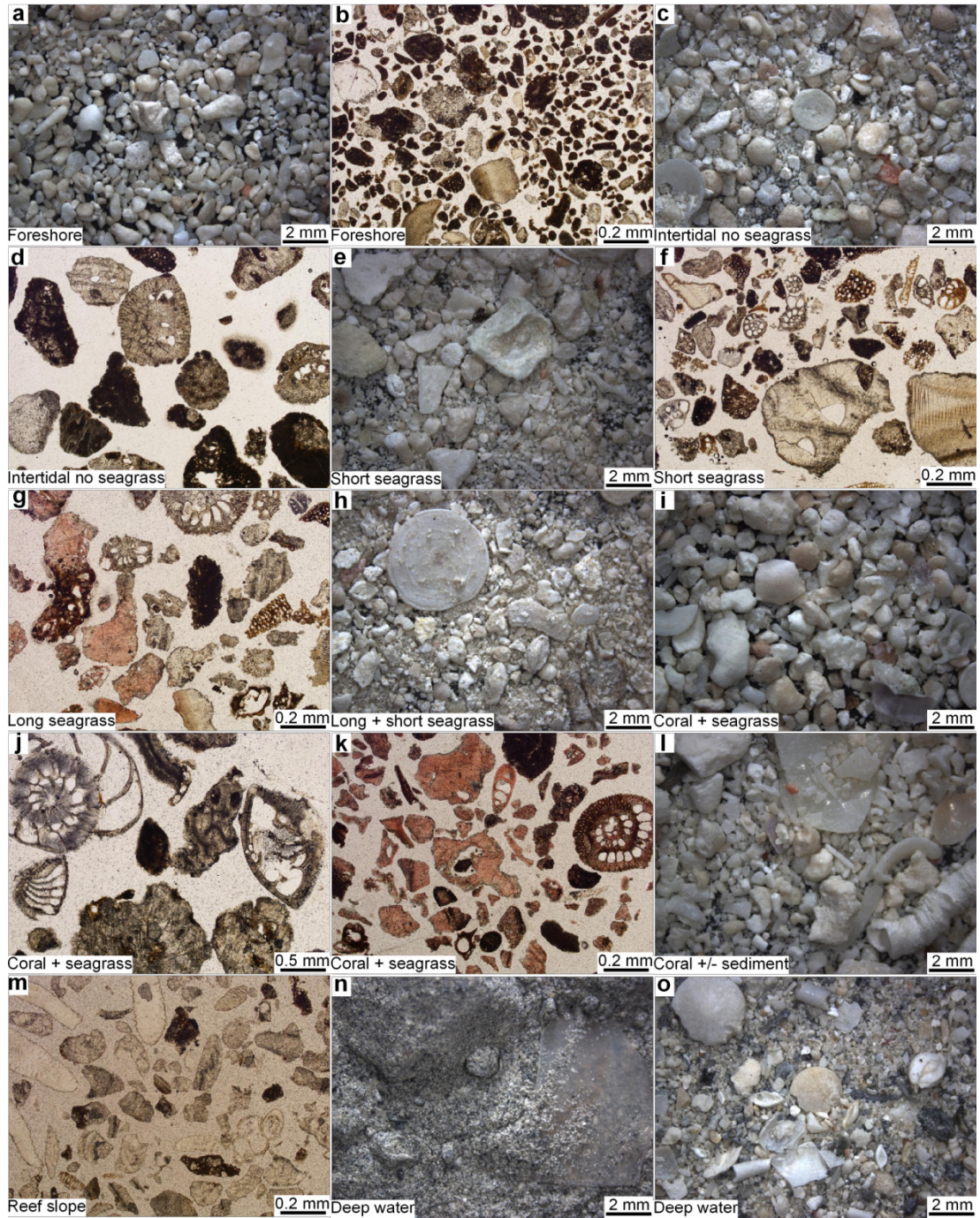
**2.4.1.1 Environmental Facies Description.** Foreshore/backshore deposits form a <15 m wide rim to the main vegetated landmasses and are bare-sandy deposits composed mainly of material reworked from the reef-flat. Foreshore deposits are supratidal to intertidal and dip 10-20° seaward. At high tide foreshore deposits are affected by breaking waves. In contrast backshore areas are unaffected by all but storm waves, may have the beginnings of colonisation by vegetation and generally include more disseminated land-derived plant material than foreshore areas.

**2.4.1.2 Sediment Characteristics.** Sediments associated with the foreshore/backshore deposits are dominated by bioclastic carbonate sands with grainstone to grain-rudstone textures. Foreshore/backshore deposits are dominantly moderately to well sorted sands, although there is some variability between the different transects. The foreshore/backshore deposits of Pak Kasim's and Hoga Buoy 2 are coarse to very coarse unimodal to bimodal sands with a minor (~<6%) gravel component (Figs. 2.3, 2.4). Foreshore/backshore deposits of Hoga Gilge Gilge and Sumbano are fine to very coarse bimodal sands with a negligible (<1%) gravel content (Figs. 2.2a, 2.2b, 2.5, 2.6). In all samples silt to clay size fractions are largely absent (<2%). The >2 mm size fraction of these deposits is dominated by shells and/or coral bioclasts which may contribute 60-100% of the material present (Fig. 2.2a). Less abundant bioclasts typically include *Halimeda* and imperforate foraminifera. In thin section the <2 mm size fraction is more variable, but reflects the >2 mm grain components in that coral and shell fragments typically contribute ~50% of the total bioclastic material. Collectively the bioclasts of these foreshore/backshore deposits are highly abraded (e.g. calcarinid spines broken/removed, and truncated to gouged grain margins on clasts) with coral and shell clasts showing pervasive fragmentation. Bioerosion (identified through micritised grain margins) is a variable feature of the deposits. Micritic rims range from 20-50 µm thick and are pervasive features of coral, shell and *Halimeda* fragments from the Hoga Gilge Gilge and Sumbano deposits (Figs. 2.2b, 2.5, 2.6). Non-pervasive micritic rims of up to 20 µm thick are present on coral and shell fragments in deposits from Pak Kasim's and Hoga Buoy 2 (Figs. 2.3, 2.4).

Encrustation by coralline algae and foraminifera is a rare feature of coral clasts from Sumbano and Hoga Buoy 2 (Figs. 2.2b, 2.4, 2.6). Cementation is absent from all foreshore/backshore deposits.

**Figure 2.2 (next page).** Binocular microscope photographs and Plane Polarised Light (PPL) photomicrographs of unsorted modern sediments from the various environmental facies of Kaledupa-Hoga. (a) Binocular microscope photo of foreshore sample Kal21; well sorted sediment composed dominantly of highly abraded and fragmented shell and coral allochems. (b) Thin-section photomicrograph of foreshore sample HGG10; moderately sorted sediment composed of highly abraded and fragmented shell material. Allochems are highly micritised and in places have been completely destroyed through micritisation by microborers. (c) Binocular microscope photo of sample Kal18, from the intertidal with no seagrass facies. Sample is very poorly sorted sediment with sands and gravels the dominant size fraction. Coral and shell allochems are dominant and highly abraded and fragmented, but also present are whole imperforate foraminifera. (d) Thin-section photomicrograph of sample Kal19 from the intertidal with no seagrass facies, showing high degree of micritisation and the presence of abraded perforate calcarinids. (e) Binocular microscope photo of sample HSB2S-5 from the short seagrass facies. Sample is very poorly sorted, with grain-sizes varying from silt to gravel sized fractions. Coral and shell material is dominant, showing a minor degree of abrasion and moderate fragmentation. Minor imperforate foraminifera and miliolids are also present. (f) Thin-section photomicrograph of short seagrass facies sample HGG7. Sample is moderately to poorly sorted and highly fragmented. Coral and shell allochems are heavily micritised with lesser bioerosion on foraminifera. (g) Thin-section photomicrograph of long seagrass facies sample HGG4. Sample is moderately to highly fragmented with coral and foraminifera showing moderate abrasion. Coral clasts are pervasively micritised. (h) Binocular microscope photo of mixed long and short seagrass facies sample Kal17. Sample is very poorly sorted silts to gravel. Characteristic *Halimeda*, imperforate foraminifera and miliolids are dominant with lesser coral and shell allochems. (i) Binocular microscope photograph of mixed coral and seagrass facies sample HGG3. Sample is moderately sorted and dominated by moderately to highly abraded and fragmented shell allochems. Imperforate, perforate and calcarinid foraminifera are present. Calcarinid spines are generally abraded. (j) Thin-section photomicrograph of mixed coral and seagrass facies sample HGG2. Sample shows abraded and micritised coral fragments with well preserved perforate foraminifera. (k) Thin-section photomicrograph of mixed coral and seagrass facies sample Kal3. Sample shows highly abraded and fragmented coral clasts with minor to moderate micritisation. (l) Binocular microscope photo of coral with/without sediment cover facies sample HSB2S-2. Sample is moderately sorted medium sands to gravel. Coral and shell allochems are dominant and show moderate abrasion and fragmentation. Minor alcyonarian sclerites and echinoid spines are present. (m) Binocular microscope photo of reef slope sample PK10. Sample is well sorted and has an overall low

degree of micritisation. Sample has high abundances of alcyonarian sclerites, with the abundant coral and shell allochems highly fragmented. (n) Binocular microscope photo of deep water facies sample Kal34. Sample is almost 100% lithic marl with a single fragment of shell material. (o) Binocular microscope photo of deep water facies sample Kal40. Sample is very poorly sorted with high abundances of perforate, imperforate and milioid foraminifera and shells. Lithic marl clasts comprises the fine grain sizes of this sample.





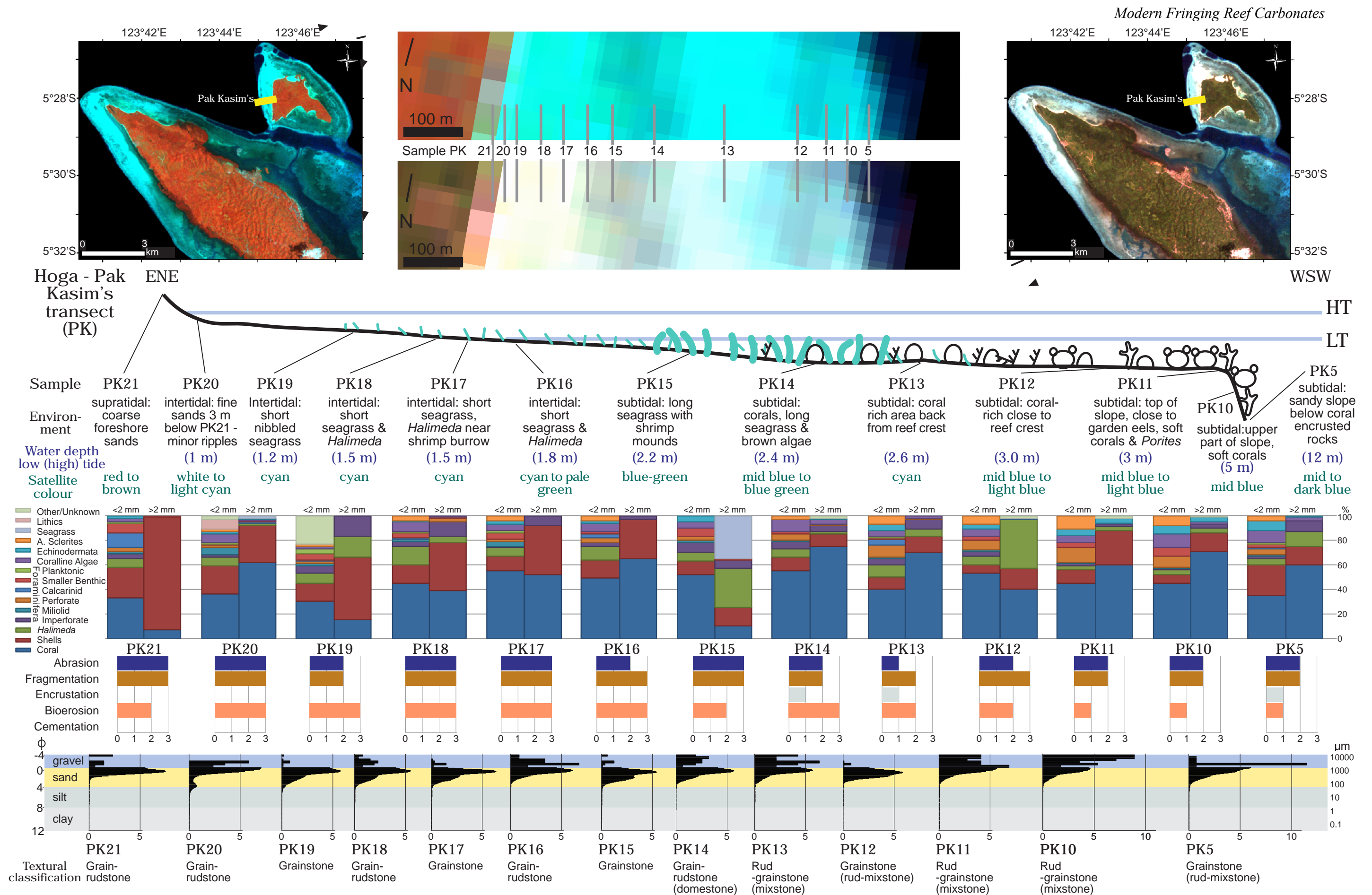


Figure 2.3. Combined environmental transect, field, component and grain size data for the Pak Kasim's transect undertaken on Hoga. The transect location is identified on both the quasi-natural (RGB:123) and false colour (RGB:421) images, with sample locations identified on the highly magnified displays. The environmental transect correlates with the individual pixels identified in the Landsat image, with field observations, detailed component, early alteration and grain size data beneath. Deposit texture characteristics are given at the base of composite image with dominant textures listed first and those identifiable from field characteristics only parenthesised.

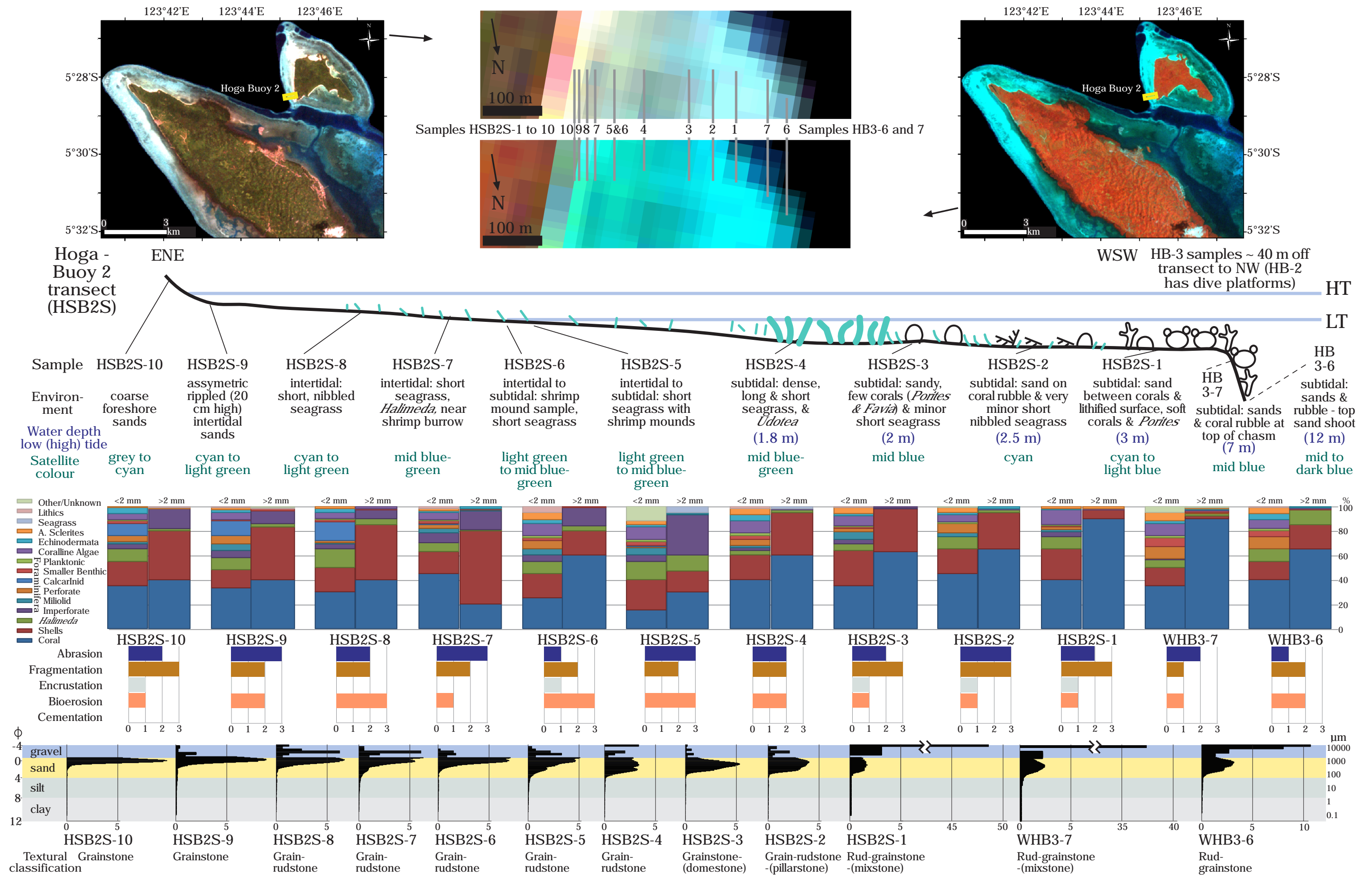


Figure 2.4. Combined environmental transect, field, component and grain size data for the Hoga Buoy 2 transect. The transect location is identified on both the quasi-natural (RGB:123) and false colour (RGB:421) images, with sample locations identified on the highly magnified displays. The environmental transect correlates with the individual pixels identified in the Landsat image, with field observations, detailed component, early alteration and grain size data beneath. Deposit texture characteristics are given at the base of composite image with dominant textures listed first and those identifiable from field characteristics only parenthesised.



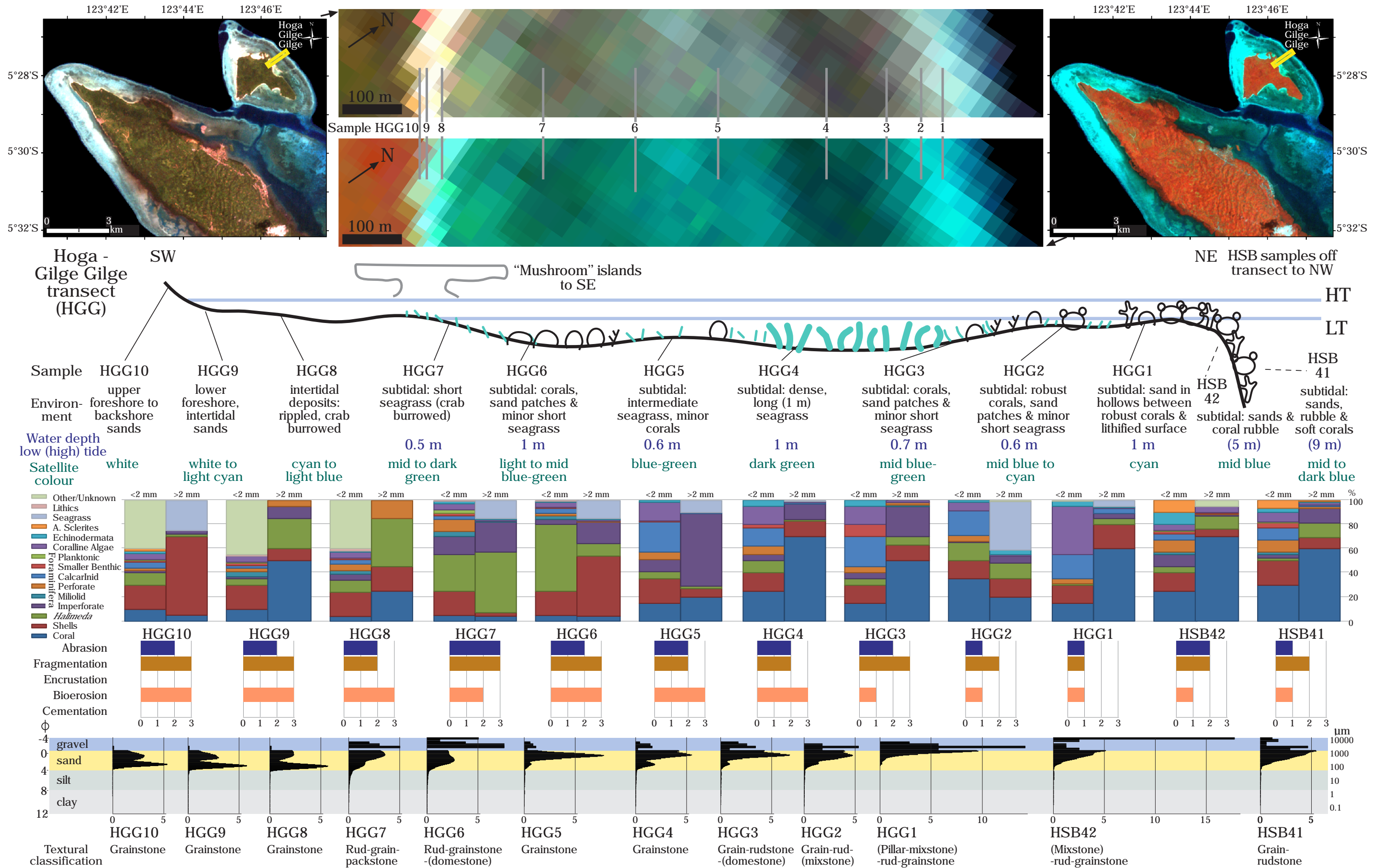


Figure 2.5. Combined environmental transect, field, component and grain size data for the Hoga Gilge Gilge transect. The transect location is identified on both the quasi-natural (RGB:123) and false colour (RGB:421) images, with sample locations identified on the highly magnified displays. The environmental transect correlates with the individual pixels identified in the Landsat image, with field observations, detailed component, early alteration and grain size data beneath. Deposit texture characteristics are given at the base of composite image with dominant textures listed first and those identifiable from field characteristics only parenthesised.

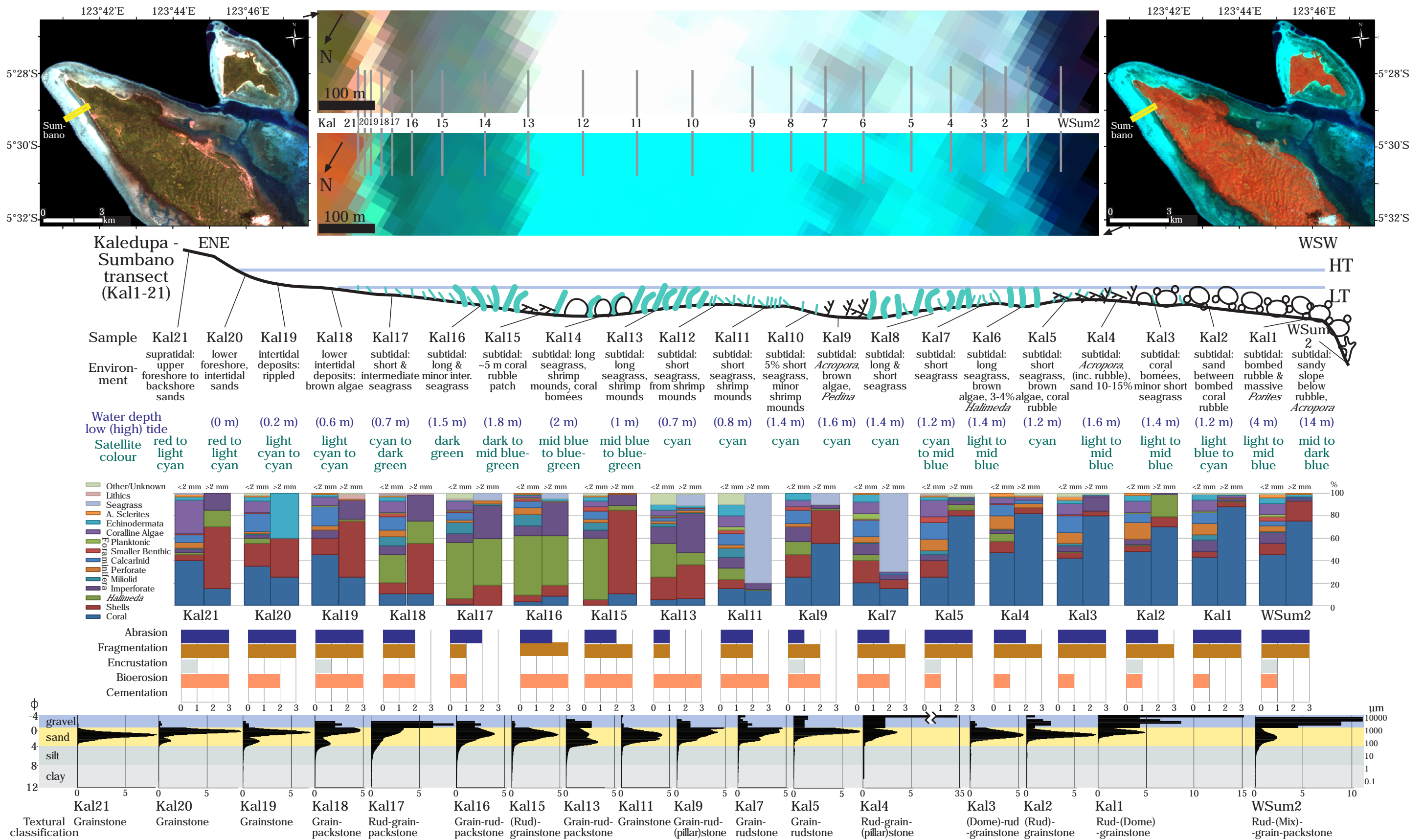


Figure 2.6. Combined environmental transect, field, component and grain size data for the Kaledupa Sumbano transect. The transect location is identified on both the quasi-natural (RGB:123) and false colour (RGB:421) images, with sample locations identified on the highly magnified displays. The environmental transect correlates with the individual pixels identified in the Landsat image, with field observations, detailed component, early alteration and grain size data beneath. Deposit texture characteristics are given at the base of composite image with dominant textures listed first and those identifiable from field characteristics only parenthesised. Detailed sediment characteristics are not shown for samples Kal14, 12, 10, 8 and 6 due to space constraints, but for individual samples are very similar to those directly on their right (i.e. to their ENE).



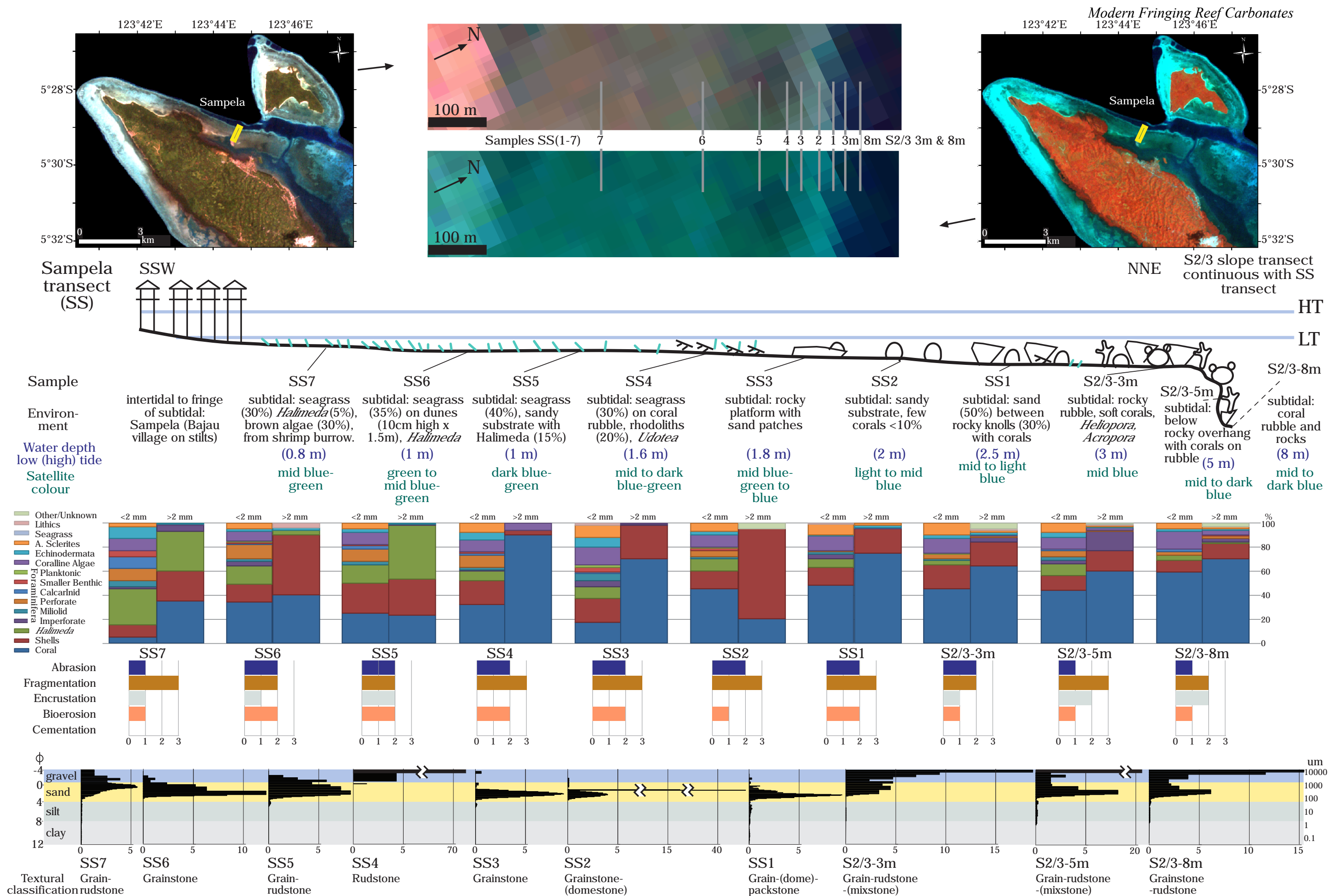


Figure 2.7. Combined environmental transect, field, component and grain size data for the Sampela transect, undertaken on Pulau Kaledupa. The transect location is identified on both the quasi-natural (RGB:123) and false colour (RGB:421) images, with sample locations identified on the highly magnified displays. The environmental transect correlates with the individual pixels identified in the Landsat image, with field observations, detailed component, early alteration and grain size data beneath. Deposit texture characteristics are given at the base of composite image with dominant textures listed first and those identifiable from field characteristics only parenthesised.

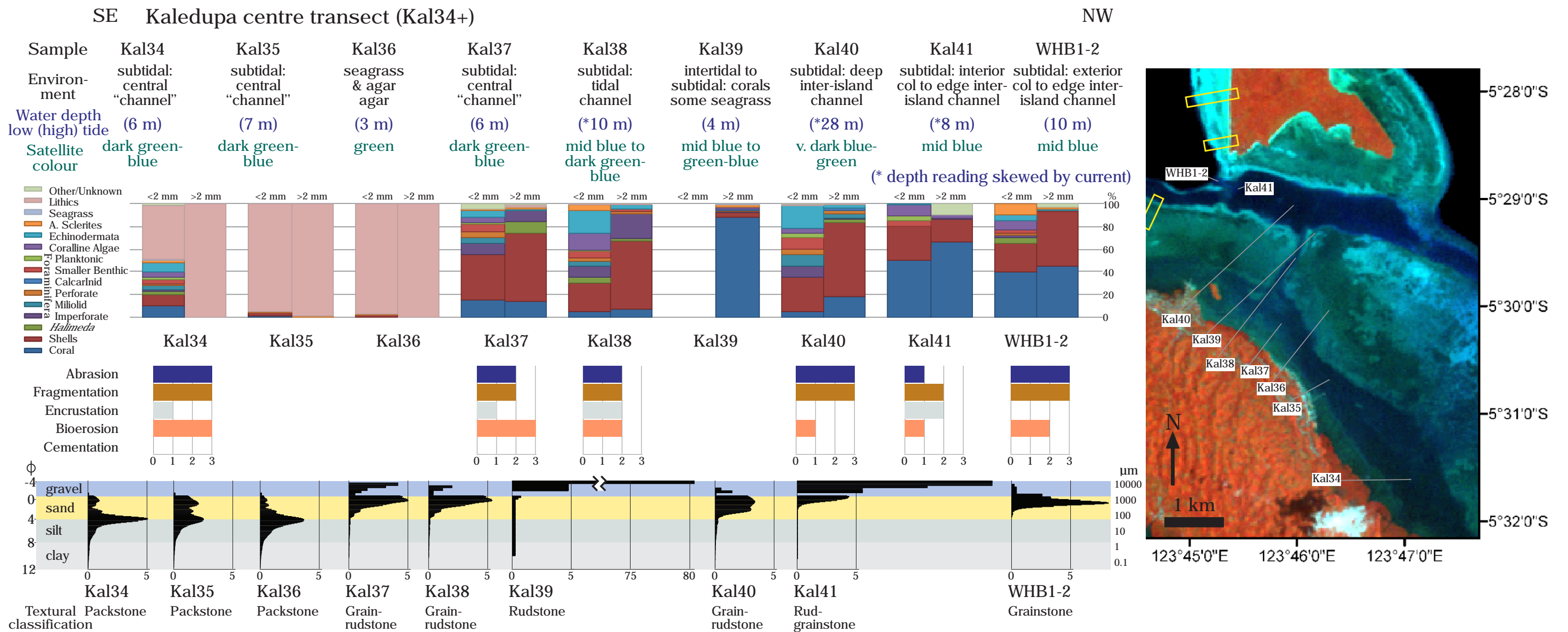


Figure 2.8. Combined environmental transect, field, component and grain size data for the Kaledupa Centre transect, undertaken on the deep water back reef areas of Pulau Kaledupa and the deep water lagoon separating Pulau Kaledupa and Hoga. Sample locations are identified on the false colour image (RGB:421). No environmental transect is shown here due to no underwater surveys being undertaken. The environmental descriptions correlate with the individual pixels identified in the Landsat image, with field observations, detailed component, early alteration and grain size data beneath. Samples in this transect were collected using a sediment grab. Deposit texture characteristics are given at the base of composite image with dominant textures listed first and those identifiable from field characteristics only parenthesised.

**2.4.2 Intertidal Reef Flat without Seagrass** (Sample References: Kal19, 18, HGG8, PK20, HSB2S-9)

**2.4.2.1 Environmental Facies Description.** Intertidal reef flat deposits without seagrass coverage form a <30-60 m wide perimeter to the foreshore/backshore deposits. These are bare sand deposits made up of reworked reef-flat material that may have symmetric ripples and may be bioturbated with shrimp mounds. These deposits dip between 1-5° seaward and are intertidal having water depths of 0.2 to 1 m at high tide.

**2.4.2.2 Facies and Sediment Characteristics.** Sediments associated with the deposits of this environmental facies are dominated by bioclastic carbonate sands with grainstone to grain-rudstone textures. The deposits are poorly to well sorted, with variability between transects. The deposits of the Sumbano transect are bimodal to trimodal fine to very coarse sands with a variable (1-7%) gravel component and consistent (3-7%) silt sized fraction (Fig. 2.6). Deposits from the Hoga Gilge Gilge transect are bimodal very fine to fine and coarse to very coarse-sands with a negligible gravel (<1%) and silt (<2%) content (Fig. 2.5). Deposits from the Pak Kasim's transect are dominantly bimodal coarse to very coarse-sands with gravel (11%) and a minor (<4%) clay-silt fraction (Fig. 2.3). Deposits from the Hoga Buoy 2 transect differ slightly with the other deposits of this environmental facies in that they are very well sorted, unimodal coarse to very coarse sands with minor gravel (<4%) and clay-silt (2%) sized components (Fig. 2.4). The bioclastic content of these deposits, from all transects, exhibits little variability. The >2 mm grain components are dominated by shells and coral bioclasts that may contribute 45-90% of the material present. Less abundant bioclasts include *Halimeda* and imperforate foraminifera (Fig. 2.2c). In thin section the <2 mm grain components are variable but dominated by coral and/or shell bioclasts that make up 20-60% of the bioclasts with *Halimeda* also common (5-25%). The <2 mm grains from the Sumbano transect also have common calcarinids (12-17%) and coralline algae (~10%; Fig. 2.6). Collectively the bioclasts of these intertidal deposits are highly abraded with coral, shell, *Halimeda* and algae clasts showing pervasive fragmentation (Fig. 2.2d). Bioerosion is pervasive throughout these deposits. Coral and shell clasts have micritic rims commonly 50 µm thick, with *Halimeda* clasts showing more variable

20-50  $\mu\text{m}$  thick rims. Minor encrustation by coralline algae is a rare feature of few coral clasts from Sumbano (Fig. 2.6). Cementation is absent from all samples of this facies.

**2.4.3 Intertidal/Subtidal Reef Flat with Short Seagrass** (Sample References: Kal12, 11, 10, 7, 36, HGG7, PK19, 18, 17, 16, HSB2S-8, 7, 6, 5, SS7, 6, 5)

**2.4.3.1 Environmental Facies Description.** Reef-flat intertidal/subtidal areas with short seagrass coverage form a <30-~350 m wide sloping to undulating margin to the intertidal deposits without seagrass (above). Short seagrass facies are also located as <100 m wide sections along the Sumbano transect that are adjacent to sections of long seagrass coverage (Fig. 2.6). The deposits are bioclastic sands and are commonly associated with shrimp mounds and bioturbation. These deposits are subtidal to intertidal with water depths of 0.7-1.8 m at high tide. Deposits are near flat lying to gently dipping, generally < 3°, although locally higher dips are present.

**2.4.3.2 Facies and Sediment Characteristics.** Sediments associated with the deposits of this environmental facies are dominated by bioclastic sands with grain-rudstone to more rarely packstone (Kal36) textures. The deposits are moderately to poorly sorted with some variability between transects. The deposits are dominantly bimodal fine to very coarse sands with a variable gravel (<1-17%) and clay-silt (<1-7%) content (Figs. 2.2e, 2.3-2.7). The sample from Kaledupa Centre transect is a moderately-poorly sorted unimodal silt-very fine sand (<75%) deposit with minor fine to coarse sands and a negligible (<1%) gravel content (Fig. 2.8). The >2 mm size fraction of these deposits is largely consistent across the transects. Coral and shell clasts contribute 13-90% of the bioclasts (Fig. 2.2e), with imperforate foraminifera (3-33%) and *Halimeda* (up to 50%) also dominant constituents. Only the sample from Kaledupa Centre transect differs, where lithic clasts make up 100% of the >2 mm fraction (Fig. 2.8). Lithics are loosely consolidated marl clasts (Fig. 2.2n). In thin section the <2 mm size fraction is composed of variable bioclasts. Coral and shell clasts may be dominant (~50%) with the remaining clasts evenly distributed between common *Halimeda*, imperforate and perforate foraminifera (Fig. 2.2f). Less common components include echinoid plates and spines, alcyonarian sclerites, calcarinids and miliolids. Collectively the bioclasts of these deposits are

moderately abraded and highly fragmented. Again the sample from Kaledupa Centre differs, having a <2 mm size fraction composed of 97% lithics (Fig. 2.8). Encrustation by algae and foraminifera is a rare feature and absent in the Pak Kasim and Sumbano deposits (Figs. 2.3, 2.6). Bioerosion of coral and shell material is pervasive and micritic rims may be 20-50  $\mu\text{m}$  thick (Fig. 2.2f) and rarely up to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . Bioerosion is less common where coral or shell abundances are lower; with *Halimeda*, calcarinids and larger foraminifera showing 10-30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick micritic rims. Cementation is absent from all deposits.

#### **2.4.4 Subtidal Reef Flat with Long Seagrass** (Sample References: Kal16, 13, 6, HGG4, PK15)

**2.4.4.1 Environmental Facies Description.** Back reef subtidal areas with long seagrass coverage occur along the Sumbano, Hoga Gilge Gilge and Pak Kasim's transects (Figs. 2.3, 2.5, 2.6). These areas form <30-100 m wide sections in relatively deep water areas (1.4-2.2 m) on the reef-flat. Seagrass present in this facies is typically up to 1 m in length, dense and may be associated with shrimp mounds.

**2.4.4.2 Facies and Sediment Characteristics.** Deposits of this facies are bioclastic sands with grainstone and less commonly grain- to rud- or packstone textures that show some variability between the transects. Deposits of the Sumbano transect are unimodal to trimodal poorly sorted very fine to very coarse sands with minor gravel (<9%) and a low clay-silt sized content (<7%). The >2 mm size fraction of the Sumbano deposits is dominated by *Halimeda* clasts (11-44%) and imperforate foraminifera (30-35%) with coral dominant (60%) from Kal6 adjacent to the subtidal coral deposits (Fig. 2.6). The <2 mm size fraction of the Sumbano deposits is dominantly *Halimeda* (30%), shell fragments (20%) and imperforate foraminifera (15%). The deposits of this facies from the Sumbano transect show only minor abrasion and fragmentation with pervasive micritic rims of 20-30  $\mu\text{m}$  on shell, coral and *Halimeda* fragments. Long seagrass deposits from Hoga Gilge Gilge are poorly sorted trimodal fine to very coarse sands with minor (4<%) gravel and clay-silt sized fractions (Fig. 2.5). The >2 mm size component of the Gilge Gilge deposits is dominated by coral clasts (70%) with less abundant shells and imperforate

foraminifera. The <2 mm fraction of the Gilge Gilge deposits is variable with coral, shell, *Halimeda*, imperforate, perforate and calcarinid foraminifera present in similar abundances. Gilge Gilge deposits of this facies are moderately fragmented and abraded with highly pervasive bioerosion. Coral and *Halimeda* clasts have micritic rims of 10-50  $\mu\text{m}$  (Fig. 2.2g), and shell fragments with rims up to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick. The deposits from Pak Kasim's are dominantly bimodal moderately sorted fine to very coarse sands with minor (<3%) gravel and clay-silt size fractions (Fig. 2.3). The >2 mm size fraction of the Pak Kasim's transect is dominated by imperforate foraminifera (35%) and *Halimeda* (32%). In thin section the <2 mm fraction is dominated by corals (52%) and minor imperforate, perforate, calcarinid and miliolid foraminifera. The Pak Kasim's deposit is highly abraded and fragmented with moderate bioerosion.

#### **2.4.5 Subtidal Reef Flat with Mixed Long and Short Seagrass** (Sample References: Kal17, 8, HSB2S-4)

**2.4.5.1 Environmental Facies Description.** The back reef subtidal mixed long and short seagrass facies was sampled in three locations along the Sumbano and Hoga Buoy 2 transects (Figs. 2.4, 2.6). Examples of this facies are 30-100 m wide. Water depths for this facies are 0.7-1.8 m at high tide.

**2.4.5.2 Facies and Sediment Characteristics.** Deposits of this facies are polymodal poorly sorted fine to very coarse sands with a moderate to high gravel (6-21%) and moderate silt-clay (<3-9%) content (Fig. 2.2h). Sediment textures are grain-rudstones, or in the case of Kal 17 a grain-rud-packstone. The >2 mm size fraction of these deposits is dominated by shell and coral material which may constitute 31-95% of the bioclastic content. Less common bioclasts include *Halimeda*, imperforate foraminifera and seagrass (Fig. 2.2h). In thin section the <2 mm size fraction is dominated by coral (40%) or *Halimeda* (50%) with lesser shell and coralline algae clasts. Minor components include echinoid plates and spines (5%), alcyonarian sclerites (5%), imperforate, perforate, miliolid and smaller benthic foraminifera (<10% respectively). Abrasion and fragmentation are pervasive on coral clasts and echinoderm material with truncated and broken edges and gouged

grain margins. Bioerosion is non-pervasive with <10 µm thick micritic rims to foraminifera and 20-30 µm thick rims to coral and shell fragments.

**2.4.6 Subtidal Reef Flat with Mixed Seagrass-Corals** (Sample References: Kal14, 5, 3 39, HGG5, 3, 2, HSB2S-3, PK14, SS4)

**2.4.6.1 Environmental Facies Description.** A few examples of back reef subtidal mixed coral and seagrass facies were sampled along all transects except Kaledupa Centre (Figs. 2.3-2.7). Sections of mixed coral and seagrass are typically 30-100 m wide and located in the deeper water (~2 m, high tide) parts of the back reef, and adjacent to patches of long seagrass or the reef margin. The seagrass present in this mixed facies is generally short and minor, and well-developed brown algae may be present.

**2.4.6.2 Facies and Sediment Characteristics.** Deposits of the mixed coral and seagrass facies are dominantly moderately sorted medium to very coarse sands with a typically moderate to low gravel (<13%) and silt-clay (<8%) sized fraction, with exception to samples Kal39, and SS4 (Figs. 2.7, 2.8) where the gravel sized fraction constitutes 83-94% of the sample. Hand samples are predominantly grain-rudstones, although in the modern environment domestone or mixstone textures are also present. The >2 mm size fraction is dominated mostly by coral and shell bioclasts (commonly 50-90%) with less abundant imperforate foraminifera and seagrass (Fig. 2.2i). In thin section the <2 mm size fraction has a high coral and shell content (typically <50%) with calcarinid and imperforate foraminifera (Fig. 2.2j, k) and coralline algae common components (<20%), together with minor perforate foraminifera and echinoid plates and spines and rarely alcyonarian spicules. Collectively the bioclasts of the mixed coral and seagrass facies are moderately abraded and fragmented with common preservation of elongate coral clasts and calcarinid spines (Fig. 2.2i). Bioerosion is pervasive with micritic rims of up to 100 µm on coral and shell material, and <10-30 µm rims common on other bioclasts. Minor and non-pervasive encrustation by algae is present commonly and cementation is absent from all samples.

#### 2.4.7 Subtidal Reef Flat with Corals and with/without Patchy Sediment Cover

(Sample References: Kal15, 9, 4, 2, HGG6, 1, HSB2S-2, 1, PK13, 12, SS3, 2, 1)

**2.4.7.1 Environmental Facies Description.** With exception to the Sumbano transect, back reef subtidal areas with coral and patchy sediment cover occurs adjacent to and back from the reef crest/margin. This facies is typically 50-150 m in width. Coral cover is variable ranging from coral rubble to robust massive and branching forms, with a cover of up to 30%, although locally around coral bomées this may be higher. Sand cover may be as high as 60%, occurring between corals, rocky knolls and lithified surfaces. Water depths range from 1-3 m (high tide). The distribution of this facies across the Sumbano transect (Fig. 2.6) is patchy, occurring adjacent to both seagrass and mixed coral/seagrass facies, as well as the reef crest/margin, with typically <30 m wide sections of coral rubble and intact massive and branching corals.

**2.4.7.2 Facies and Sediment Characteristics.** The deposits of back reef subtidal areas with corals and with or without sediment cover are typified by bimodal, moderately sorted fine to very coarse bioclastic sands to gravels. Sediment samples are rud-grainstones, although pillar-, mix- and domestones are also present in the modern environments. Gravel content is variable (<1-60%) and there is a typically low clay-silt sized fraction (<5%). The >2 mm size fraction of the deposits is variably dominated by coral and shell bioclasts which may comprise 10-90% and 5-75% respectively of a sample (Fig. 2.21). Less common components may be imperforate foraminifera, *Halimeda* and seagrass, with rare and minor echinoid plates and spines and alcyonarian sclerites. In thin section the <2 mm size fraction is rarely dominated by corals (5-50%) with commonly abundant perforate and calcarinid foraminifera and *Halimeda* (<20%) and less abundant imperforate foraminifera, echinoid material and alcyonarian sclerites (<10%). Collectively the bioclasts of this facies are not highly abraded, shell and coral clasts show minor evidence of abrasion whilst foraminifera, particularly calcarinids show higher levels of abrasion (i.e. spines removed). Clasts from this facies are typically highly fragmented and show little encrustation (Fig. 2.21). Bioerosion is not a pervasive feature of this facies, micritic rims are commonly 10-30 µm in thickness and



typically only present on coral, shell and echinoderm material. Cements are absent from all deposits of this facies.

#### **2.4.8 Subtidal Reef Crest/Margin** (Sample References: Kal1, HSB42, PK11, S2/3-3m)

**2.4.8.1 Environmental Facies Description.** The reef crest/margin is a narrow (<30 m) rim of coral rubble to massive corals occurring adjacent to the reef slope bordering deeper waters and affected by open oceanic processes (Figs. 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7). Extensive areas of coral rubble along the reef margin such as at Sumbano, probably at least in part reflect coral bombing and other destructive fishing practices by humans. The reef crest margin is predominantly subtidal, occurring in water depths of 3-5 m (high tide) or more rarely near emergent at low tide (Hoga Gilge Gilge; Fig. 2.5).

**2.4.8.2 Facies and Sediment Characteristics.** Deposits of the reef crest/margin are typified by bimodal, moderately to poorly sorted coarse sands and gravels. Sediment samples are rud-grainstones but mix- and domestone textures dominate in the modern environments. The gravel content of these deposits is high (25-43%) with a minor silt-clay sized fraction (<2%). The >2 mm size fraction is dominated by coral bioclasts (60-<90%) with less abundant shells, *Halimeda*, echinoid plates and spines and perforate and imperforate foraminifera. In thin section the <2 mm size fraction is largely coral bioclasts (25-45%) with common shell fragments, imperforate, miliolid, perforate and calcarinid foraminifera, echinoid spines and alcyonarian sclerites (<15%). Collectively the bioclasts are moderately to highly abraded and fragmented. Encrustation is not seen in these deposits and bioerosion is minimal. Micritic rims at most are <10 µm and non-pervasive. Cementation is absent from all deposits of the reef crest/margin.

#### **2.4.9 Subtidal Reef Slope** (Sample References: WSUM2, HSB41, HB3-7, 6, PK10, 5, S2/3-5m, 8m)

**2.4.9.1 Environmental Facies Description.** The reef slope environment is a subtidal rocky to sandy slope with hard coral coverage (locally up to 50%), coral

rubble and soft corals (Figs. 2.3-2.7). Selected samples were from water depths from 5-14 m, and from a range of slope environments including sediment collected on ledges from near vertical rocky walls, sediment patches between corals, sand shoots within canyons and sediment aprons below the main reefal development. Studied sections of the reef slope were <30 m wide, with all environments exposed to open oceanic processes.

**2.4.9.2 Facies and Sediment Characteristics.** The deposits of the reef slope are typically bimodal, moderately to poorly sorted bioclastic gravels and fine to very coarse sands. Rud-grainstone textures comprise the sediment samples, with mixstone textures also present in the modern settings. The coarse gravel content of the deposits is high (12-43%) with a typically low silt-clay sized fraction (<7%). The >2 mm size fraction of the reef slope deposits is dominantly comprised of coral clasts which may contribute 35-75% of the total bioclastic material. Common, less abundant bioclasts include, shell fragments, *Halimeda*, imperforate foraminifera, echinoid plates and spines and alcyonarian sclerites (<10%). In thin section the <2 mm size fraction of the reef slope deposits is largely coral clasts (35-45%) with common shell fragments, perforate foraminifera, echinoderm material and alcyonarian sclerites (Fig. 2.2m). Collectively the bioclasts show moderate to minor abrasion and fragmentation, with coral clasts showing the most pervasive fragmentation. Encrustation and bioerosion are rare and non-pervasive (Fig. 2.2m). No cementation is present in deposits of the reef slope environment.

**2.4.10 Platform Interior Channel and/or Deep Water Regions** (Sample References: Kal34, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, WHB1-2)

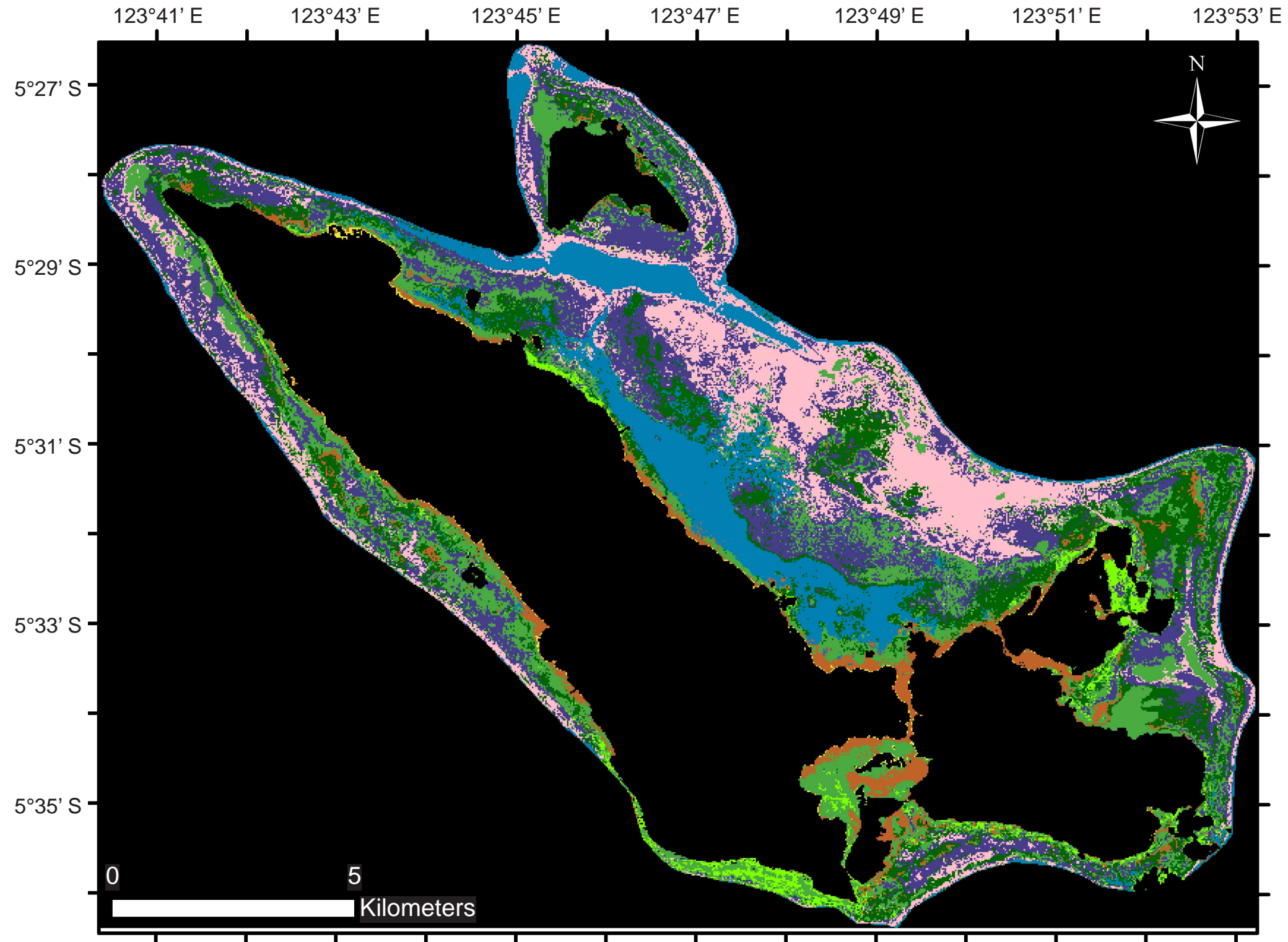
**2.4.10.1 Environmental Facies Description.** Turbid and deep water platform interior regions are found in the near-shore back reef 'lagoon' area of northeast Kaledupa and in the semi-enclosed channel that lies between Kaledupa and Hoga (Fig. 2.8). The areas of deep water are 3-<30 m in depth. Complete bottom-water/sediment-surface environmental data is not available along this transect since samples were acquired via a sediment grab. Unlike other transects that are adjacent to onshore areas of limestone the Kaledupan coast proximal to sample locations for Kal34-38 has cliff exposures of marl (deposits rich in carbonate and siliciclastic clay

and silt-sized particles). Turbidity associated with these deposits is commonly high related to suspended particulate matter derived from the marls, terrestrial derived organic matter, plankton and high tidal current velocities in the channels stirring up bottom sediment.

**2.4.10.2 Facies and Sediment Characteristics.** Deposits of the deep water regions are dominantly bioclastic sands and gravels, however variability exists between the south-eastern deposits (Kal34, 35; Fig. 2.2n, 2.8) and the north-western deposits. South-eastern deposits are bimodal to trimodal, moderately to poorly sorted silts with variable very fine to very coarse sand. Coarse gravel sized material is lacking (<0.2%) and clay-silt comprises 37-51% of the total sediment resulting in packstone textures (Fig. 2.2n). Bioclasts are absent from the small amount of >2 mm size fraction, instead the coarse sediment is 99-100% lithic clasts. In thin section the <2 mm size fraction is 50-95% lithics with minor coral and shell clasts, echinoid material, alcyonarian sclerites and smaller benthic and planktonic foraminifera. The bioclasts that are present are highly fragmented and abraded. Encrustation is a rare feature of larger coral clasts and bioerosion is pervasive. Micritic rims are typically >50  $\mu\text{m}$  in thickness on coral and shell material with other bioclasts showing more variable 10-50  $\mu\text{m}$  rims. The north-western deposits are dominantly unimodal, moderately to well sorted medium-coarse sands to gravel with grain-rudstone textures. The coarse gravel fraction may contribute from 4-54% of the sediment, with a typically low or moderate clay-silt sized fraction (<1-17%). The >2 mm fraction of these deposits is typically dominated by shell material (20-65%) or coral clasts (7-66%). In thin section the <2 mm size fraction is variable with commonly abundant shell (<30%) and echinoderm material (<20%) with less abundant coral, imperforate-, smaller benthic, miliolid- and planktonic-foraminifera, and rare alcyonarian sclerites (Fig. 2.2o). The bioclasts of these deposits are commonly moderately fragmented and abraded, with corals showing the most pervasive fracturing (Fig. 2.2o). Encrustation by coralline algae and rarely foraminifera is common. Bioerosion is common but rarely pervasive, with the best developed micritic rims of 10-40  $\mu\text{m}$  present on coral and shell clasts. Cementation is absent from all deposits.

#### **2.4.11 Satellite Classification Model**

A Landsat-7 derived environmental facies map has been created through unsupervised classification processes (Fig. 2.9; see Materials and Methods section). An overall accuracy of pixel classification linked to environmental facies of 71.43% is indicative of good agreement across the Landsat generated facies map (Table 2.1). However, accuracy of classification for most of the subtidal reef flat and intertidal to supratidal facies is >90%. The main source of error in the environmental facies model is due to misclassification of the reef crest-margin and reef slope facies. In all instances these features are at a single pixel or sub-pixel scale (feature width) and are misclassified as either platform interior channel/deep or reef flat subtidal corals with or without sediment cover. Despite attempts to group pixels into a larger number of classes (n=60, 75, 100) it was not possible to correctly identify these features whilst maintaining good agreement in the deep water facies around the Kaledupa Centre transect. To a lesser extent the mixed long and short seagrass facies are a secondary source of error, with only 20% agreement for this class. Misclassification of the mixed seagrass facies places pixels into the short seagrass, long seagrass or mixed coral and seagrass facies. Of the classifiable environmental facies for the classified area: 22.92% are mixed coral and seagrass, 20.53% are short seagrass, 18.43% are coral with or without sediment cover, 16.78% are long seagrass, 13.14% are deep water/turbid, 5.27% are intertidal/subtidal with no seagrass, 2.45% are mixed long and short seagrass and 0.46% are foreshore/backshore (Fig. 2.9).



**Classification Key**











 Class 1 Foreshore-backshore	 Class 2 Intertidal Reef Flat without Seagrass	 Class 3 Intertidal/Subtidal Reef Flat with Short Seagrass	 Class 4 Subtidal Reef Flat with Long Seagrass	 Class 5: Subtidal Reef Flat with Mixed Long and Short Seagrass
 Class 6 Subtidal Reef Flat with Mixed Seagrass-Corals	 Class 7 Subtidal Reef Flat with Coral and with/without Patchy Sediment Cover	 Class 8 Subtidal Reef Crest/Margin	 Class 9 Subtidal Reef slope	 Class 10 Platform Interior Channel and/or Deep Water Regions

Figure 2.9. Landsat derived environmental facies map, generated through the unsupervised classification utility of ER Mapper software. Land areas at the centre of Kaledupa and Hoga have been masked, along with several small scale areas of cloud cover. Foreshore/backshore facies are relatively sparse and narrow and in few areas have been removed due to the effects of the land masking algorithm applied during image processing.

**Table 2.1.** Percentage agreement (overall accuracy) metrics as determined through a count of correctly identified Landsat pixels/locations divided by the total number of samples/known pixels available. The overall accuracy has been broken down into individual accuracies for each identified environmental facies. Key sources of error and misclassification of pixels are from the reef slop and reef crest facies.

Class	Environmental Facies	Number of Calibration/Known Pixels	Number of Correctly Classified Pixels	Accuracy/Agreement
				(No. Known pixels/No. Correctly classified pixels)*100
10	Deep water	7	7	100.00%
9	Reef slope	8	0	0.00%
8	Reef crest	5	0	0.00%
7	Coral +/- sediment cover	14	13	92.86%
6	Mixed coral and seagrass	13	12	92.31%
5	Mixed long and short seagrass	5	1	20.00%
4	Long seagrass	5	3	60.00%
3	Short seagrass	17	16	94.12%
2	Intertidal no seagrass	2	2	100.00%
1	Foreshore/backshore	1	1	100.00%
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>77</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>71.43%</b>

#### 2.4.12 Cluster Analysis

Carbonate sedimentation across the Kaledupa-Hoga system is, for the most part, dominated by the accumulation of skeletal allochems including coral clasts, whole and broken shells, *Halimeda*, foraminifera, coralline algae and echinodermata grains. A comparison of composition (bioclasts and fines) by statistical cluster analysis for the whole data set allows for the identification of four “statistically-defined” sedimentary facies. These four “statistically-defined” facies have textures of; (1) packstone, (2) grainstone, (3) grainstone to grain-rudstone and (4) grain-rudstone to grain-rud-packstone (Fig. 2.10). The dendrogram demonstrates a large degree of sediment homogenisation in that at ~40% dissimilarity the sediments are still largely grouped as the same cluster. The cophenetic correlation coefficient value for the dendrogram at 0.9017 is very high, and indicates that the dendrogram accurately reflects the original sediment characteristics (Fig. 2.10).





**Figure 2.10.** Dendrogram of cluster analysis of sediment data from the Kaledupa-Hoga study area. Represented variables are the abundances of components measured in the <2 mm size fraction and the silt to clay sized sediment fraction of each sample (cf. Figs. 2.3-2.8). The unweighted pair-group average and Euclidean distance algorithms were selected as they generated the most meaningful dendrogram. The dendrogram was generated with PAST (Paleontological Statistics; Hammer et al., 2001). Deposit texture characteristics are given after each sample identifier with dominant textures listed first and those identifiable from field characteristics only parenthesised. The Number in parentheses after each sample is the environmental facies group each sediment has been sampled from (Fig. 2.9).

## **2.5 Interpretation and Discussion**

### **2.5.1 Environmental facies distributions, sediment characteristics and controlling influences**

As is the case for other modern humid equatorial carbonate systems, or indeed those from elsewhere, the distribution of environmental facies and their associated sediments from shallow platforms can be complex (cf. Scrutton, 1978; Park et al., 1992, 2010; Jordan, 1998, O'Shea, 2005). An important consideration for understanding spatial facies patterns well enough to be predictive about their inherent characteristics is whether or not a relationship can be established between observable sedimentary characteristics and the identifiable environmental associations (cf. Harris and Vlaswinkel, 2008). The classification of the Kaledupa- Hoga reef systems demonstrates a heterogeneous distribution of environmental facies. Field observations have identified 10 observable environmental facies. However, although the combined petrographic and sedimentological study allowed subtle deposit variations to be identified for the different environmental facies there is similarity between many of the facies, as corroborated by the cluster analysis of the deposits (Figs. 2.10, 2.11). Sediment characteristics, whilst distinctive would appear to identify broader environmental facies groupings than the facies breakdown presented in the Landsat derived facies map (Figs. 2.9-2.11).





**Figure 2.11.** Schematic summary transect of modern environments and their associated sedimentary characteristics, determined from high resolution sediment sampling and field observations from the shallow fringing reefs of Pulau Kaledupa and Hoga. There is similarity between many features and components from the different environments, although subtle variations in biotic assemblages and early alteration features correspond to groupings of environmental facies. a) Modern environment photograph (Hoga beach) showing both foreshore (1) and intertidal with no seagrass (2) environments. (a\*) Unsorted modern sediment sample (Kal21), representative of foreshore sediments. (b) Modern environment photograph of short (nibbled) seagrass facies with accumulation of fine sandy material (Hoga Buoy 2). (c) Modern environment photograph (Sampela) of long seagrass facies, with accumulations of both coarse and fine material. (b-c\*) Unsorted modern sediment sample (HBS2-7), representative of seagrass facies environments. (d) Modern environment photograph (Pak Kasim's) of mixed coral and seagrass facies. (d\*) Unsorted modern sediment sample (Kal5), representative of mixed coral and seagrass facies. (e) Modern environment photograph (Pak Kasim's) showing relatively clear non-turbid waters and minor patchy accumulations of sandy deposits between and around branching coral forms. (e\*) Unsorted modern sediment sample (HGG1), representative of coral with or without sediment cover facies deposits, with occurrence of echinoderm spine (1). (f) Modern environment photograph (Hoga Buoy 2) showing typical high energy reef margin, with abundant hard and soft corals. (f\*) Unsorted modern sediment sample (HSB41), representative of reef crest and reef slope deposits. Abbreviated component names are; Echino.-Echinodermata and A.ScleritesAlcyonarian sclerites.

Foreshore deposits are a minor component of the Kaledupa-Hoga system, distributed adjacent to the emergent landmasses. The highly abraded allochems, general absence of fine material and fragmented reworked reef debris are due to the accumulation of skeletal sands and coarse coral debris concentrated by wave and storm activity. These same features of foreshore and/or beach deposits are seen regionally, notably in the isolated carbonate systems of Kepulauan Seribu, offshore Jakarta (Jordan, 1998; O'Shea, 2005). The adjacent facies of intertidal reef flat without seagrass form a relatively wide perimeter to the foreshore deposits and are highly distinctive. The accumulation of poorly to well sorted very fine to very coarse sands reflect variable energy settings. The Sumbano deposits, in the lee of Kaledupa Island, having a trimodal grain-size distribution (fine to very coarse sand and low to moderate silts-clays and gravels) reflect the lowest energy depositional conditions. The highest percentage of silts and clays, albeit at only 4-7% (Fig. 2.6), likely reflect the leeside setting and are also a consequence of the broad reef flat, providing limited

protection from wave activity. Although Hoga Buoy 2 is situated in the lee of the smaller island of Hoga the limited width of the reef flat likely contributed to the apparently higher energy, well sorted coarse to very coarse intertidal deposits with minimal silts and clays (<2%; Fig. 2.4). Although the intertidal deposits of Hoga Gilge Gilge are sited in the lee of small offshore “mushroom” islands and inboard of a broad reef flat the paucity of clays and silts (<2%) reflects the windward setting with respect to the strong westerly monsoon (Fig. 2.5). The coral- and shell-rich content of both the foreshore/backshore and intertidal deposits reflect reworking and deposition from the reef flat environments. Micritisation of the intertidal deposits is pervasive and consistent with endolithic micro-borers being most active in moderate to lower energy shallow-photoc environments (cf. Swinchart, 1965; Budd and Perkins, 1980; Perry and Bertling, 2000; Perry and Hepburn, 2008). These foreshore and intertidal deposits are almost exclusively grainstones, a product of strong shoreward reworking of reefal material and localised turbulence and/or winnowing associated with waves breaking at the shore. However, cluster analysis of these samples does not fully resolve these grainstones into their own distinctive facies. Instead, cluster analysis results in a grouping of the heavily micritised foreshore and intertidal deposits of Hoga Gilge Gilge (Fig. 2.10). The remainder of the foreshore and intertidal environmental facies are clustered together with the sedimentary facies of grainstones to grain-rudstones that are pervasive across many environments of the Kaledupa-Hoga fringing reefs; indicating strong homogenisation of the sediments (Fig. 2.10).

Despite the presence of distinct reef flat environmental facies, detectable from field observations and Landsat interpretation, the sedimentological characteristics are less varied. There is a broad similarity of sedimentological features of the back reef in terms of allochem composition, grain size and early alteration characteristics (Figs. 2.2-2.8, 2.10, 2.11). Furthermore the controls of leeward versus windward settings and the effects of sheltering by a broad reef flat that are evident in the foreshore and intertidal deposits are not as apparent in the back reef facies. Reef flat deposits on the basis of their sedimentological characteristics may be grouped into two broad categories: (1) seagrass facies and (2) coral facies.

Seagrass facies are heterogeneous in their distribution and continuity across and between transects, a feature highlighted by their patchy distribution on the Landsat-derived facies map (Fig. 2.9). In general seagrass facies deposits are poorly sorted very fine to very coarse sands, with comparable abundances of clay-silt and gravel sized fractions (typically 3-10%). This apparent homogenous grain size distribution across both leeward and windward transects and inbound from both broad and narrow reef flats is indicative that the prevailing energy conditions are not the primary controlling factor for the development of high versus low energy deposits, as is the case for foreshore/backshore and intertidal settings. The bioclastic content of the seagrass facies deposits is composed dominantly of moderately abraded and fragmented coral and shell material, lesser imperforate foraminifera and *Halimeda*, and minor miliolid and calcarinid foraminifera, echinoderm material and alcyonarian sclerites. Micritic walled imperforate foraminifera, including miliolids, and calcarinids are associated with the development of seagrass beds where seagrass blades provide renewable substrate upon which such benthic organisms can attach and grow (Ginsburg and Lowenstam, 1958; Renema and Hohenegger, 2005), and where locally protected settings are developed by the baffling effect of the seagrass (e.g. Ginsburg, 1957; Scoffin, 1970; Brasier, 1975; Almasi et al., 1987). These same locally protected settings also act as sediment baffles trapping the highest abundances of silt and clays from the reef flat, resulting in the grain-rud-packstones textures in addition to grain-rudstones. Despite the presence of seagrass facies indicators (poorly sorted sediments, moderate to high silt-clay and imperforate foraminifera) there is an overriding bioclastic signature i.e., a high abundance of reworked corals with accessory echinoids and alcyonarian sclerites. This bioclastic signature is more typical of the coral associated facies occurring seaward of the seagrass facies deposits, although some corals are locally present in the seagrass areas. Reworking of coral reef material into the seagrass facies is attributed to the “wash-over effect” of wave activity and strong diurnal tidal currents promoting the shoreward movement of reef material. The lack of a well-defined or emergent reef crest that would act to protect the back reef areas likely contributed to the shoreward movement of reefal material. Similar to the foreshore/backshore and particularly the intertidal deposits, seagrass facies deposits show high degrees of micritisation consistent with low energy shallow-photoc environments, as inferred above.

Coral facies are widespread throughout the study area, comprising 40% of the Landsat classification. The sedimentology of these deposits is reflected in the overall moderately sorted medium to very coarse sands and gravels with a typically low (<5%) silt-clay content and grainstone to grain-rudstone classifications. Coral facies deposits show little variability, with coral contents typically constituting up to 90% of a sample. Less abundant clasts commonly include perforate (including calcarinids) and imperforate foraminifera, *Halimeda*, echinoderm material and alcyonarian sclerites. High abundances of highly fragmented coral with robust forms of perforate foraminifera are distinctive of high energy environments (Hallock and Glenn, 1986; Beavington-Penney and Racey, 2004). However, the presence of non-robust imperforate foraminifera, rare miliolids, calcarinids, and rare highly abraded clasts with pervasive micritisation are indicators of reworking of seagrass facies material into the coral facies deposits. Seaward reworking of sediments is best attributed to the strong semi-diurnal tidal currents in combination with bi-directional monsoonal winds, perhaps in combination with storm-waves, affecting shallow platform environments. Whilst reef crest and slope deposits were not identifiable on the Landsat derived facies map they are perhaps the most distinctive deposits sampled. These deposits are dominantly coarse to very coarse sands with consistently very high (<45%) gravel and low (typically <2%) silt-clay sized fractions, indicative of a high energy platform margin. Despite the inferred high energy setting of the reef crest/slope environments reef slope samples from Hoga Buoy 2 and Sumbano have moderate silt-clay contents of 3 to <6% respectively. This accumulation of some fine sediment is likely the result of their protected leeward setting that is also reflected in the foreshore/intertidal deposits for the same transects.

Despite the presence of identifiable seagrass and coral based environmental facies there is a strong homogenisation of sedimentary characteristics, a result of wash over, bi-directional monsoonal winds and strong semi-diurnal tidal currents. This homogenisation of sedimentary characteristics is clearly highlighted through cluster analysis of the sediments (Fig. 2.10). The dominance of coral and shell material as coarse bioclasts imparts a grainstone to grain-rudstone texture to the majority of the reef flat sediments (Fig. 2.10). However, where seagrass deposits have developed in the lee of Kaledupa (Sumbano transect) and in the more protected settings of

Sampela transect; the concentration of fines allows for the identification of grain-rudstone to grain-rud-packstone sediments which are distinctly representative of locally protected seagrass environmental facies. There is an apparent disconnect between the ability to map environmental facies from satellite imagery and what is preserved in the geologic record i.e., the lack of identifiable reef crest and reef margin facies. The reef crest and margin facies sediments whilst initially appearing as distinctive are still clustered with the largely homogenised sediments of the reef flat, i.e., grainstones-grain-rudstones (Fig. 2.10). These reef crest and margin deposits are likely, however, to be traceable in the rock record through combined component and/or textural class variations, with prior studies detailing the potential of diagenetic overprinting by early marine cements of reef margin sediments (Grötsch and Mercadier, 1999; Wilson and Evans, 2002; Madden and Wilson, 2013). The very small spatial extent of these reef margin and crest deposits and associated inability to detect sub-pixel scale features from this form of satellite imagery is not considered a major failing of this study since the broader sedimentary facies are still discerned (Figs. 2.9, 2.10).

### **2.5.2 Kaledupa-Hoga summary and comparisons with other fringing reefs**

Sediment samples across all fringing reef environments from the Kaledupa-Hoga transects have almost exclusively grain-rudstone textures, with <2-5% silt and clay size fractions (85% of all samples). Grain-packstone textures (albeit with only up to 7-9% silts and clays) are seen in the seagrass beds and intertidal deposits just from the broader reef flats and predominantly on leeward transects with respect to the predominant monsoonal wind direction. It appears seagrasses are a key baffler of fine grained sediment on these small-scale isolated systems, and are also areas of enhanced biologically-mediated breakdown and alteration of grains (cf. Ginsburg and Lowenstam, 1958). Tomascik et al. (1997) reported that seagrasses are a ubiquitous feature of many Indonesian fringing reefs and that there are important biological, and it now appears sedimentological, dynamics between the reef-seagrass systems (cf. Salinas de León et al., 2010; Unsworth, 2010). Fines in packstones from the Central Kaledupa transect are linked to the physical breakdown of island-derived lithics (marls) and their accumulation in the inter-platform “channel” and deep water “lagoon” area. There may also be anthropogenic influences on environments and

grain sizes, particularly in the Sampela transect (Crabbe and Smith, 2002). The paucity of fines across the Kaledupa-Hoga system as a whole is attributed to: (1) high wave/current energies, (2) the small size of the islands rendering limited protection, (3) bidirectional monsoon winds and (4) the lack of reef rimmed margins built to sea level. Additionally the equatorial tropics unlike the sub-tropics is not a region of significant marine carbonate precipitation, whether in the form of micrite “whitings”, ooid formation or cements (Lees and Buller, 1972; Wilson, 2002; 2012), as attested to by the paucity of early cementation throughout the fringing reef deposits. The degree of homogenisation of sediment characteristics across the different field- and satellite-identifiable environmental facies with evidence for both seaward and landward transportation of grains is again attributed to these same four factors listed directly above (cf. Cordier et al., 2012).

Similar features to those described here and a predominance of grain-rudstone sediments across reef flat, crest and slope deposits are also seen regionally in the high-energy, monsoon-influenced carbonate systems of Kepulaun Seribu, offshore Jakarta. In general the reef flat environments with widths of up to 2 km (including seagrass beds, lithified coral flats and patchy coral cover) are characterised by medium to coarse bioclastic sands where coral rubble constitutes 40-70% of the bioclastic material, molluscs 50-70% and minor foraminifera and echinoid material are widespread, and silt-clay size fractions are low (Scrutton, 1976, 1978; Jordan, 1998; O’Shea, 2005; Park et al., 2010). The reef crest and slope environments of Pulau Seribu are dominated by 40-95% coral rubble with a typically poor degree of sorting and <2% silt-clay sediment fraction (Scrutton, 1976, 1978; Jordan, 1998; O’Shea, 2005; Park et al., 2010). The Pulau Seribu system differ from those described here from Kaledupa-Hoga in being shelf patch reefs, with or without coral rubble/sand cays and/or interior lagoons, and in having prominent rampart rims, often with a landward developed moat and lesser seagrass development (Park et al., 1992; 2010; Tomascik et al., 1997; Jordan, 1998). The fringing reef deposits from around the 1.5 km across Danjungan Island in the Philippines, as with those described here, are dominated by sand- to gravel-grade bioclastic grains with homogenisation of grain types across different environments (Hewins and Perry, 2006). Where the Danjungan reefs differ is in showing strong differentiation between “windward, leeward and lagoonal” transects in addition to bathymetric trends, with the systems

as a whole influenced by predominant prevailing winds from the southwest (Hewins and Perry, 2006). Tomascik et al. (1997) noted that some of the variability in SE Asian fringing reef development relates to: (1) geographic location (e.g. continental shelf vs. oceanic), (2) topography and nature (e.g. volcanic or limestone) of the antecedent foundations, and (3) their geomorphological attributes. In the later case this may include the presence of spurs and grooves, lagoons, boat channels, reef crest, reef flats and the angle of the reef slope.

Other fringing reefs from isolated equatorial tropical carbonate systems, such as Mahé in the Seychelles, show similarities to those from the Tukang Besi Archipelago in being dominated by bioclasts, showing similar distinct environmental facies zonations, but in having sediment characteristics in terms of grain-sizes and/or components that may be difficult to relate to their primary environments (Lewis, 1969). As with the Wakatobi region, seagrass beds are zones of accumulation of the finer grained sediments, although rarely more than a few percent silt- or clay-grade material, and mostly in leeward settings (Lewis, 1969). The fringing reefs of Mahé differ from those of Kaledupa-Hoga in showing more distinctive zonation on windward versus leeward reefs, just having predominantly landward transport directions of marine sediments and in showing significant development of outer reef-flat to -crest algal ridges. These differences may reflect the slightly larger size of Mahé at 25 km compared with Kaledupa-Hoga (20 km), the lack of island-transsecting tidally-influenced channels, less oceanic-current influence and sea swells mainly during a predominant monsoon season (Lewis, 1969). Kuenen (1933) and Umbgrove (1947) noted that the thick algal sheets and ridges that characterise large areas of the Great Barrier Reef and many Pacific atolls are rare within the Indonesian archipelago, and these features are also not present in Pulau Seribu, Danjungan or Kaledupa-Hoga (cf. Hewins and Perry, 2006; Park et al., 2010).

Fringing reefs in the sub-tropics, such as those from Grand Cayman, New Caledonia or Réunion (Gabrié and Montaggioni, 1982; Cabioch et al, 1995; Blanchon et al., 1997; Blanchon and Jones, 1997), tend to differ significantly from those in the equatorial tropics. At 25 km across Grand Cayman is similar in size to Kaledupa and Mahé but the fringing reefs differ in their zonation, their reef morphology, not developing on leeward sides, having little seagrass development, being dominated by



zones of coral-cobble rubble underlying the reef crest and in having spur and grove development downslope of the reef crest (Blanchon et al., 1997). An overriding control on fringing reef development in Grand Cayman is inferred to be hurricanes (Blanchon and Jones, 1997; Blanchon et al., 1997): i.e. a process not affecting the equatorial tropics. Braithwaite et al. (2000) and Montaggioni (2005) noted that fringing reefs have a spectrum of development and internal structure related to lower or higher fair-weather energy conditions versus storm severity. Accommodation space and relative sea level change in addition to hurricanes are other important controls on the growth and morphology of fringing reefs (Kennedy and Woodruffe, 2002). The fringing reefs of Kaledupa-Hoga developed under high fair-weather energy, but low storm severity and their development is consistent with the trends described by Braithwaite et al. (2000) and Montaggioni (2005). Fringing reefs with near horizontal reef flats that are partially exposed landward of the reef flat at low tide, as is the case for those of Kaledupa-Hoga, are commonly reported throughout the Indo-Pacific (Kennedy and Woodruffe, 2002). Many of these Indo-Pacific reef flats that dry at low tide appear to have experienced relative sea level fall (Kennedy and Woodruffe, 2002). The fringing reef systems of Kaledupa-Hoga are no exception, surrounding islands with “stepped” coral reef terraces that have been uplifted to maximum heights of 300 m within the last five million years (Wilson, 2008b).

### **2.5.3 Limitations of, and Comparisons with, Landsat-Derived Environmental Facies Maps**

Given the heterogeneous and complex biological and morphological structure of coral reef environments it is perhaps unsurprising that many satellite based facies maps, whether environmentally or sedimentologically focused, typically fall short of 100% accuracy (e.g., Green et al., 2000; Kaczmarek et al., 2010). Discrepancies between the field determined environmental facies and the Landsat derived facies map presented here (i.e. 71.43% agreement) are attributable to several factors. The main source of error in the facies map generated for Kaledupa and Hoga is the misclassification of the reef crest and reef slope environments (Table 2.1, Fig. 2.9). This misclassification of forereef environments is an error inherent to the study area where reef crests and slopes with narrow <30 m wide profiles are juxtaposed against

steep drop-offs and deep water. The occurrence of sub-pixel scale (<30 m) reef features, and the absence of a well defined highly reflective reef crest results in misclassification and placement of these pixels into adjacent thematic classes. It has been suggested that the optimal spatial resolution for most coral reef mapping exercises is 1-10 m (Joyce and Phinn, 2001; Andréfouët et al., 2003). Whilst it is possible to utilise hand digitising, filtering algorithms and/or sub-pixel classification techniques to correct these misclassified pixels the techniques are labour and time intensive. Given the low spatial extent of the observable reef crest and reef margin environments and their sedimentary facies grouping within a broader coral environmental facies (Fig. 2.10) their misclassification does not significantly affect the overall success of the presented facies map (i.e. 86% agreement without the reef crest and slope). Lesser sources of error are likely attributable to the similarity in reflectance of chlorophyll-producing organisms present in the different environmental facies (Kaczmarek et al., 2010), most notably the seagrass environmental facies (Table 2.1, Fig. 2.9). Further sources of error are well established including sampling frequency where the resolution of the transect data is greater than the resolution of the Landsat sensor and local conditions of cloud cover and wave activity which alter the colour and brightness of the satellite image (Harris and Kowalik, 1994; Kaczmarek et al., 2010).

Primary depositional facies are a main controlling factor in the heterogeneity of deposits across a carbonate system. Accurately mapping and constraining primary facies variability is key to understanding resultant sedimentological variability for a system. There are few studies that attempt to characterise the facies and deposit characteristics of modern shallow water carbonate systems, utilising remote sensing data. In one key study, environmental facies are defined and accurately mapped for 19 modern isolated carbonate platforms (Harris and Vlaswinkel, 2008). In this study the colour, texture, shape and relative context of reef features were used to identify, map and hand-digitise nine distinct facies groupings from Landsat images. The resultant facies maps accurately outline the extent of reef environments from a fully aggraded reef crest through to the platform interior. Whilst this subjective method of hand-digitising features provides valuable data on facies metrics and distributions, no links are made between primary environmental facies and primary sedimentological characteristics. Furthermore the use of subjective, hand-digitised facies groupings

may contribute to a limited understanding of facies variability and heterogeneity across smaller scales. Conversely several studies have demonstrated the use of quantitative approaches in producing satellite-based maps of benthic sediments and reef biota (Purkis and Pasterkamp, 2004; Ouillon et al., 2004; Riegl et al., 2007; Kaczmarek et al., 2010). Whilst the approaches of such studies are effective in determining the distribution of benthic biota types or broad sediment observations (i.e. grainstone to mudstone identification) with high accuracies (e.g. >85%; Kaczmarek et al., 2010), such studies do not demonstrate the variability of sediment characteristics in relation to the primary environment of deposition. The Kaledupa-Hoga model presented here demonstrates that primary environmental facies are, for the most part, detectable at the moderate resolution (28.5 m) of the Landsat sensor, and that these environments have some consistent primary sedimentological, and early alteration characteristics (Figs., 2.10, 2.11).

Sub-tropical to tropical isolated carbonate systems are well known from areas such as Central America, the Indian Ocean and south Pacific, with their sedimentology and satellite characterisation well documented (Gischler and Lomando, 1999; Rankey, 2002; Gischler et al., 2003; Gischler, 2006, 2011; Rankey and Harris, 2008; Harris, 2010; Harris et al., 2010; Rankey and Reeder, 2010, Harris et al., 2011). Detailed combined Landsat imagery and sediment studies are lacking from other fringing reef systems globally. The sedimentology of four modern equatorial isolated carbonate platforms from Belize-Yucatan, (Central America) studied utilising Landsat imagery, provides some analogues for comparison with the isolated carbonate system of Kaledupa-Hoga. The composition and texture of surface sediment samples from the modern sedimentary facies of the four isolated carbonate platforms from Belize-Yucatan, define four major sediment types across nine depositional environments (Gischler and Lomando, 1999). A comparison of Landsat images with sediment distribution maps shows that correlations between satellite image characteristics (depositional environments) and sediment composition and/or texture is mostly very good for isolated carbonate systems in Belize-Yucatan (Gischler and Lomando, 1999). I.e. as with Kaledupa-Hoga there is some degree of sediment homogenisation across different field- and satellite-identifiable environmental facies. However, many of the depositional environments that are identified in the Belize-Yucatan systems are not present in the Kaledupa-Hoga

system, nor are the broad sediment types; grainstone, packstone, grain-rich wackestone and mud-rich wackestone of Gischler and Lomando (1999). Instead the sediment types of Kaledupa-Hoga are dominantly homogenous, represented mainly by grainstones to grain-rudstones. Another difference between the Belize-Yucatan platforms, not seen in Kaledupa-Hoga, are the presence of high energy windward versus low energy leeward settings, clearly identifiable through both satellite and sediment characterisation. Near continuous surface breaking reef rims on windward side, characterised by an encrusted and cemented coral rubble build up with a low (<5%) fine sediment (<125  $\mu\text{m}$ ) content. The high energy reef rims are absent on the leeward sides of these reef systems where unconsolidated, discontinuous and surface-breaking loose coral-rubble rims are present (Gischler and Lomando, 1999). Back reef lagoonal settings protected by the emergent reef rim in Belize contain high concentrations of shell material, *Halimeda*, and imperforate miliolid foraminifera with fine sediment (<125  $\mu\text{m}$ ) fractions as high as >23% (Gischler and Lomando, 1999). However, despite evidence of protected back reef settings redistribution of grains derived from windward margins towards back reef areas produces wide sand aprons that fill into the interior lagoons, and there is corresponding transport towards and across the leeside of the platforms (Gischler and Lomando, 1999). On the easterly side of Kaledupa is a broad coral reef flat partially draped by sediment (Class 7; Fig. 2.9). It is likely that this “apron” has developed due to sediment accumulation and reef progradation in response to the predominant prevailing monsoonal wind direction (cf. Harris and Vlaswinkel, 2008)

## **2.6 Conclusions**

The environments, sediments and satellite image characteristics of fringing reefs surrounding oceanic islands in the Tukang Besi Archipelago of Central Indonesia are detailed for the first time. Ten ground-truthed modern environmental facies were recognised across the fringing reef system, and although these have some distinctive primary depositional characteristics there is a degree of sediment homogenisation across facies. Foreshore/backshore deposits are characterised by moderately sorted, coarse to very coarse sands with a low silt and gravel content and high degrees of abrasion and fragmentation (grainstones). Seagrass-associated facies are typically poorly sorted, fine to very coarse sands with up to 9% silt and some gravel content

together with moderate degrees of fragmentation and abrasion (grain-packstones). Reef flat coral facies are moderately sorted medium to very coarse sands with low silt and typically high gravel contents (grainstones to grain-rudstones). Bioclasts within the coral facies are generally highly fragmented and show some abrasion. Distinctive moderately to poorly sorted coarse sands and abundant gravels with low silt contents are present in fore reef settings (grain-rudstones). The identification of different environmental facies has allowed a Landsat derived facies map to be generated with overall good accuracy. The paucity of fines across the fringing reef systems as a whole and the degree of homogenisation of sediment characteristics across the different field- and satellite-identifiable environmental facies are attributed to: (1) high wave/current energies, (2) the small size of the islands rendering limited protection, (3) bidirectional monsoon winds and (4) the lack of reef rimmed margins built to sea level. This study probably only hints at some of the variability within SE Asia's vast, and virtually unstudied fringing reef systems (>7500 km<sup>2</sup> of Indonesia's coast is fringed by reefs: Tomascik et al., 1997). However, it highlights apparent significant differences between some equatorial fringing reefs and those from the subtropics. The systems studied here reveal the importance of seagrass bed development, the influence of the monsoons and a degree of sediment homogenisation, lack of windward-leeward effects, and a lack of hurricane influence on these equatorial SE Asian fringing reefs. In addition to fostering a time and cost effective method to map system-scale facies distributions, the facies map presented here may have further applications for understanding modern carbonate system heterogeneity and controlling influences. Additional applications are likely for monitoring and assessment of modern coral reef related habitats and ecosystems, and for potential hydrocarbon reservoir analogue modelling.

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### **Chapter 3**

## **DIAGENESIS OF NEOGENE DELTA-FRONT PATCH REEFS: ALTERATION OF COASTAL, SILICICLASTIC-INFLUENCED CARBONATES FROM HUMID EQUATORIAL REGIONS**

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#### **Abstract**

**This study offers insights into the diagenetic alteration of coastal carbonates that formed coevally with nearly continuous siliciclastic influx in a humid equatorial setting. A multi-disciplinary petrographic, cathodoluminescent, stable-isotope, trace-element and major-element investigation allowed characterization of diagenetic features, paragenetic sequencing, and an interpretation of diagenetic environments from Neogene patch reefs of the Samarinda region, Mahakam Delta, Borneo, SE Asia. Marine cements are absent from the patch reefs, with grain micritization the only marine diagenetic feature recognized. The predominant diagenetic feature within the patch reefs is pervasive neomorphic stabilization and cementation of aragonite reef components to calcite that pre-dates all compaction features. Meteoric aquifer flow derived from the adjacent landmass is inferred as the main parent diagenetic fluid, since  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB values of calcite cements of -3.6 to -11.7‰ are consistent with precipitation from SE Asian freshwater, and inconsistent with a wholly marine origin. Late-stage fracturing, cementation, and chemical compaction are relatively minor features and attest to a changing paleohydrologic and diagenetic environment. Evidence for a shallow to moderate burial diagenetic regime for these later features are maximum temperature of 53 °C and burial depths < 1000 m inferred from stable-isotope**



**values of calcite and late dolomite cements, dolomite crystal fabrics, the onset depth of stylolite or dissolution-seam formation, and regional geothermal gradients. The humid tropical environment and “ever-wet” conditions on the island of Borneo together with rapid Cenozoic uplift likely led to paleoaquifer flow with fluids focused through adjacent deltaic units into the reef carbonates. In these coastal carbonates from the humid Samarinda region, continental groundwater flow has resulted in pervasive stabilization and calcitization, features rare in arid or temperate counterparts**

### **3.1 Introduction**

Carbonate–siliciclastic mixing is common in both modern and ancient environments (Mount 1984; Larcombe and Woolfe 1999; Woolfe and Larcombe 1999; Wilson and Lokier 2002; Wilson 2005). In spite of their common occurrence, the diagenesis of siliciclastic-influenced coral reefs and carbonate platforms from equatorial to subtropical settings remains largely unstudied (Hendry et al. 1999; Wilson 2012). The hypotheses tested here are that: (1) the diagenesis of continental margin reef deposits in a region of siliciclastic input will be influenced strongly by basin-margin paleohydrology, and (2) the alteration of coastal carbonates from other climatic regions (cf. Dodd and Nelson 1998; Hendry et al. 1999; Ricketts et al. 2004; Caron and Nelson 2009) may not be directly analogous to that of comparable deposits in the equatorial tropics.

To test these hypotheses, this study evaluates the diagenesis of Miocene delta-front reefs from Borneo, with three aims: (1) to characterize the extent of diagenesis in these mixed carbonate–siliciclastic patch reefs from a coastal setting, (2) to develop a paragenetic sequence of the succession in the context of the evolving basin hydrology and the climatic setting, and (3) to compare general aspects of diagenesis of these humid equatorial carbonates with that of other coastal carbonates from humid-nontropical and arid settings. Here, “coastal carbonate” refers to nearshore marine carbonate development along predominantly siliciclastic coastlines, such as in delta-front, fan-delta, or siliciclastic inner-shelf settings. The results of this study provide insights into patterns of diagenesis in coastal carbonate systems that may

have broad analogs elsewhere (Hendry et al. 1999; Nelson et al. 2003; Wilson and Hall 2010; Wilson 2012).

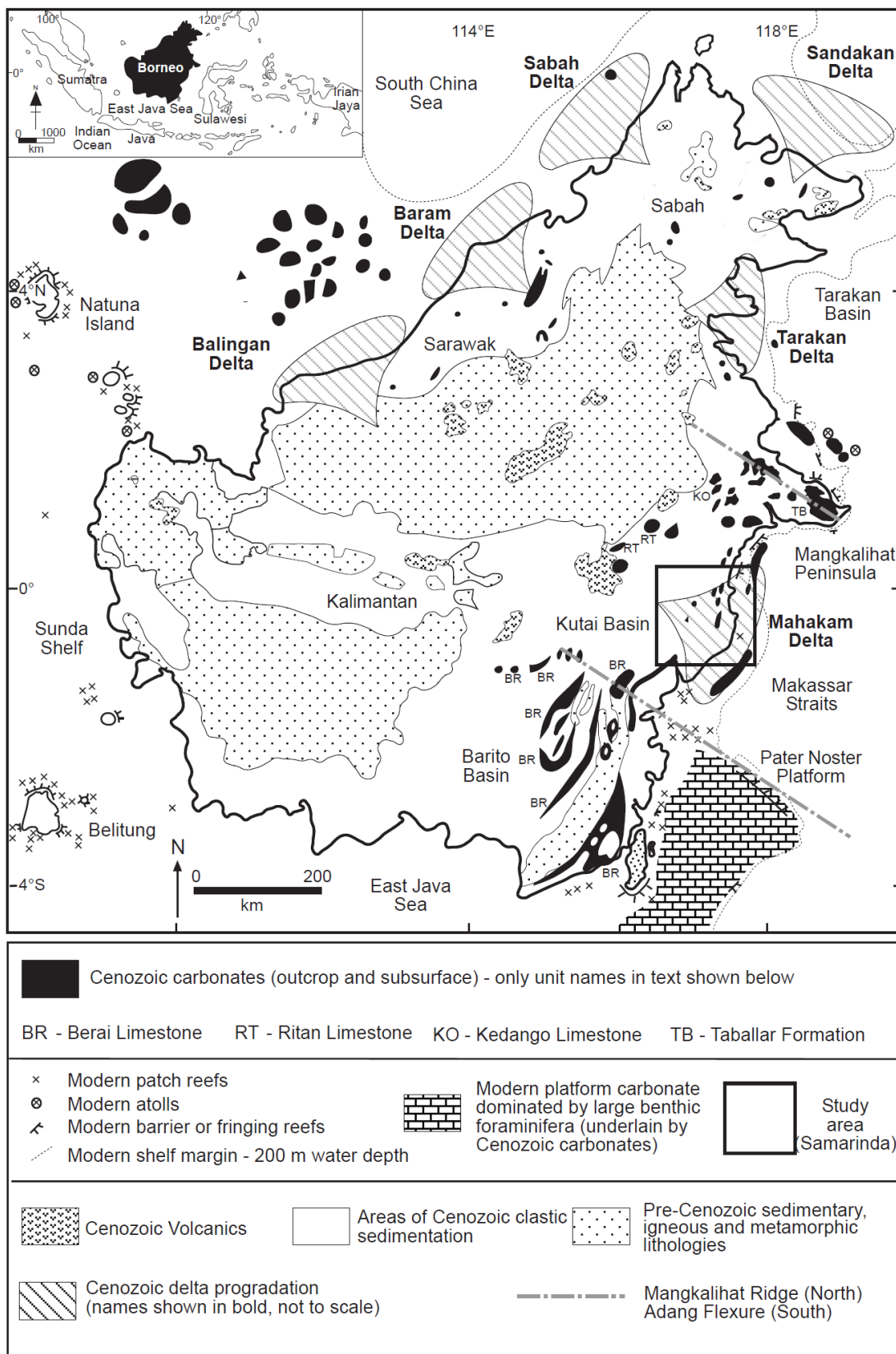
Neogene carbonates have developed extensively in the tropical marine waters surrounding Borneo, despite abundant sediment runoff from Borneo, the largest island in Indonesia (Fig. 3.1; Wilson et al. 1999; Hall 2002a). Modern and Neogene carbonates exist coevally with major siliciclastic influx from the Mahakam Delta on the eastern side of Borneo (Fig. 1; Roberts and Sydow 1996; Wilson and Lokier 2002; Hook and Wilson 2003; Wilson 2005). Outcrops, with up to 90% exposure, of Miocene patch reefs interbedded with Mahakam Delta deposits crop out onshore East Borneo (Fig. 3.2; Alam et al. 1999; Wilson 2005). The sedimentology and biostratigraphy of these units is well documented, as is the siliciclastic influence on carbonate production, reef growth, and sequence development (BouDagher-Fadel and Wilson 2000; Wilson and Lokier 2002; Wilson 2005; Lokier et al. 2009). The present study extends these results, focusing on the diagenesis of these deposits, by combining outcrop data with petrography, cathodoluminescence, and geochemistry.

### **3.2 Geological Setting**

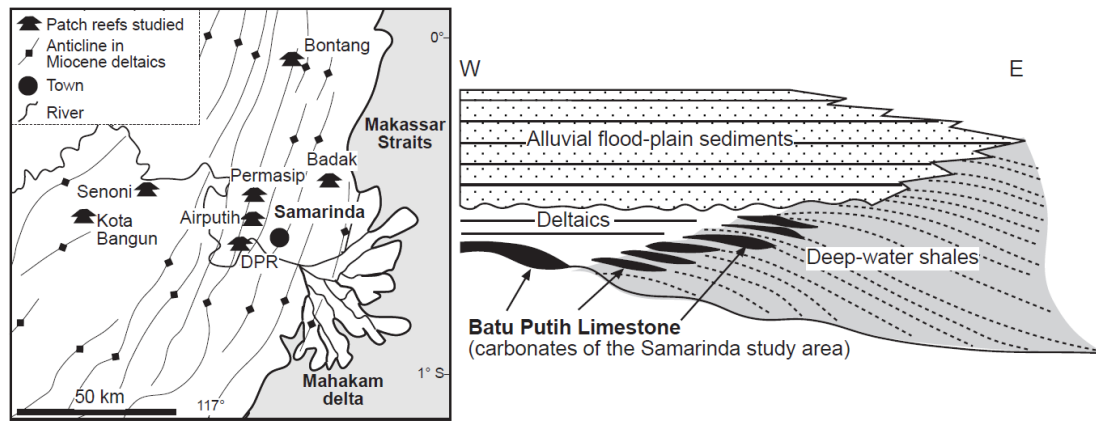
Tectonic plate convergence and weathering under humid equatorial climatic conditions in Southeast Asia have resulted in high rates of uplift and erosion of the Borneo landmass (Hall 1996; Hall and Nichols 2002). Since at least the Neogene, large volumes of siliciclastic sediments derived from Borneo have been deposited into the deep oceanic basins to the north and east of the island, with associated rapid delta progradation (Fig. 3.1; Hamilton 1979; Wilson and Moss 1999; Hall and Nichols 2002). The Mahakam Delta has been contributing to the Cenozoic sedimentation of the Kutai Basin, in Eastern Borneo, since at least the Early Miocene (van de Weerd and Armin 1992; Allen and Chambers 1998; Moss and Chambers 1999). The eastern Kutai Basin has a Neogene sedimentary section of at least 9 km thickness (Hamilton 1979; Cloke et al. 1999; Hall and Nichols 2002).

The Kutai Basin is one of a series of sedimentary basins that developed around the margins of the Eurasian continental crust during the Paleogene (van de Weerd and Armin 1992; Hall 1996). The cause and exact timing of regional basin initiation is

still debated, but most authors have inferred that the Kutai Basin has rift-related



**Figure 3.1.** Simplified geological map of Borneo. Major outcropping and subsurface Cenozoic and modern carbonates are illustrated, as are areas of Cenozoic delta progradation (modified from Wilson et al. 1999; Wilson 2002).



**Figure 3.2.** Distribution of patch reefs in the Samarinda area and schematic of the stratigraphy and facies of the patch reefs and associated deposits (from Wilson 2005; schematic is modified after Allen and Chambers 1998).

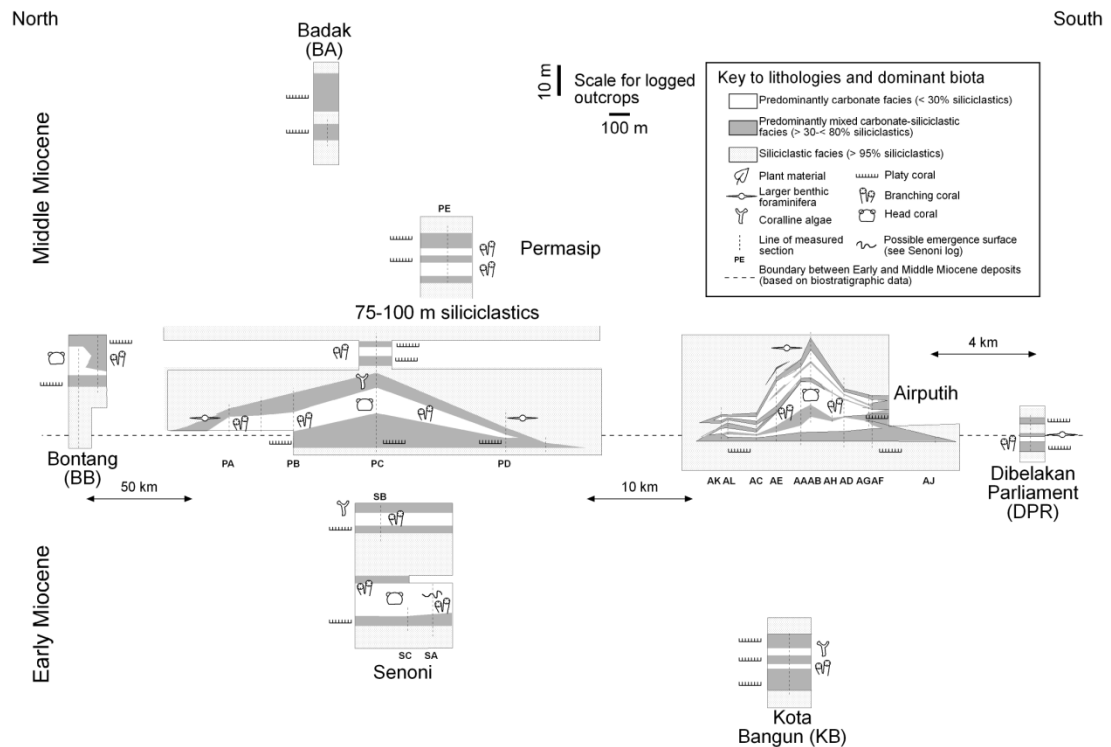
extensional or transtensional origins (van de Weerd and Armin 1992; Moss et al. 1997; Moss and Chambers 1999). Covering a region approximately 165,000 km<sup>2</sup>, the Kutai Basin (Fig. 3.1) is the largest and deepest basin in Indonesia, separated from the Tarakan Basin in the north and the Barito Basin in the south by the WNW–ESE-trending Mangkalihat Ridge and Adang Flexure, respectively (van de Weerd and Armin 1992; Alam et al. 1999; Moss and Chambers 1999). Throughout the Cenozoic, carbonates developed on faulted highs at the northern (Fig. 3.1; e.g., the Taballar Formation) and southern (e.g., the Berai Limestone) margins of the Kutai Basin, as well as faulted highs largely isolated from siliciclastic influx within the basin (e.g., the Kedango Limestone and the Ritan Limestone; Moss and Chambers 1999; Wilson et al. 1999). Subsequent to regional subsidence, several Neogene inversion episodes affected the basin, resulting in pulses of rapid delta progradation (Allen and Chambers 1998). Despite a high siliciclastic flux into the Mahakam Delta, Neogene to modern carbonates formed as proximal delta-front patch reefs and more distal shelf accumulations (Roberts and Sydow 1996; Wilson 2005; Saller et al. 2010). These Neogene delta-front patch reefs are the subject of this study.

Based on foraminifera and nannofossils, the western delta-front patch reefs at Senoni and Kota Bangun are of Early Miocene age, older than the Early–Middle Miocene deposits cropping out to the east at Airputih, Dibelakan Parliament (DPR), Permasip, Bontang, and Badak (Fig. 3.3; BouDagher-Fadel and Wilson 2000; Wilson 2005). These Miocene reef deposits are analogous in size, location, and lithology to delta-

front proximal patch reefs, and to a lesser extent more distal shelf carbonates, from the modern and Pleistocene of the Mahakam Delta. These post-Neogene carbonates create platforms and mounds on the northern part of the shelf (Roberts and Sydow 1996). Bioherms in the inner and middle shelf are up to 40 m thick, but they are currently inactive and are covered in a meter-scale layer of clay (Roberts and Sydow 1996). The late Pleistocene-to-modern development of carbonates has been controlled by two factors: (1) the northern delta lobe has a lower rate of sediment supply than the southern lobe, and (2) the Indonesian Throughflow Current flows south at high speed. Both factors favor waters less turbid in the north than in the south (Roberts and Sydow 1996). Miocene carbonates also were concentrated towards the north, and are inferred to have developed best during transgressive phases (Wilson 2005).

### **3.3 Morphology and Facies of the Miocene Patch Reefs**

The outcrops of Miocene patch reefs studied here are up to 2–4 km wide with a post-compactional thickness of up to 40 m (Fig. 3.3; Wilson 2005). The patch reefs overlie, interfinger with, and are overlain by siliciclastic deposits of the Mahakam Delta (Wilson 2005). Corals many in growth position, individually surrounded by a clay-rich and micritic groundmass, dominate the patch-reef deposits. Bioclastic grains including larger benthic foraminifera, coralline algae, mollusks, echinoderms, and *Halimeda* locally contribute to the deposits. None of the samples contain less than 5 weight % admixed siliciclastics, although they may be as high as 80%, suggesting siliciclastic influx contemporaneous with patch-reef development (Wilson 2005). Distinctive zoning of biota and facies within individual patch reefs suggests a dynamic interrelationship between siliciclastic input, nutrient influx, and the carbonate producers (Wilson and Lokier 2002; Wilson 2005; Lokier et al. 2009). Twelve facies were defined from outcrop and petrographic studies on the basis of their constituent components and their textural and lithological features (Wilson 2005). These facies have been grouped into three facies associations, on the basis of their sedimentary and biotic characteristics: (1) siliciclastic facies (> 95% siliciclastics), (2) mixed carbonate–siliciclastic facies (35–80% siliciclastics), and (3) carbonate facies (6–35% siliciclastics; Wilson 2005). The siliciclastic facies association is restricted to the deltaic system and is not considered in the present



**Figure 3.3.** Simplified sedimentary logs of patch reefs from the Samarinda region in east Borneo showing their dimensions, ages, and characteristics. The lateral distances between patch reefs are not to scale (from Wilson 2005).

study. Within individual patch reefs a trend of decreasing siliciclastic content is associated with a change from platy to branching to massive corals towards the core of the patch reefs (Figs. 3.3, 3.4). Specifically, mixed carbonate–siliciclastic facies (including common platy coral sheetstones; nomenclature of Insalaco 1998) dominate at the base, top, and margins of the patch reefs and bordering areas where they interfinger with siliciclastics of the delta. Towards the center of the patch reef, carbonate facies change successively from branching coral pillarstones and coral rud- floatstones to head coral mix-domestones as siliciclastic content decreases. Deposits richer in disseminated carbonaceous plant remains include more abundant calcareous algae, echinoderms, and locally larger benthic foraminifera (Wilson and Lokier 2002; Wilson 2005). The change in the faunal assemblage is consistent with a dominance of calcareous algal communities over framework-building reef communities associated with nutrient loading in the modern and the Quaternary (Roberts et al. 1988; Roberts and Sydow 1996). Siliciclastics within the patch-reef deposits are predominantly clay (including kaolinite and smectite) and subsidiary fine sand (Wilson 2005).

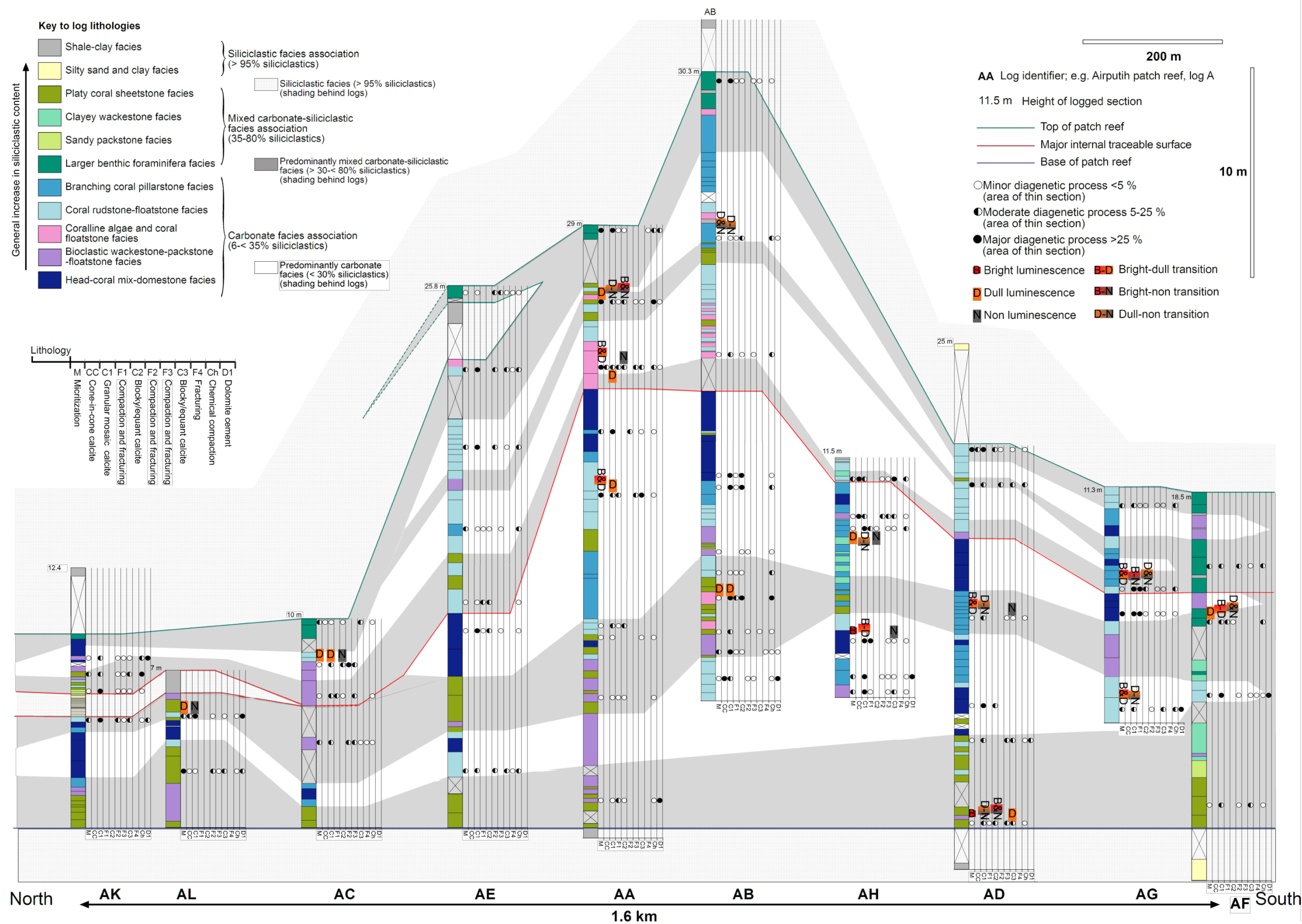
### **3.4 Methods**

Mixed carbonate–siliciclastic deposits are exposed in active and disused quarries and unquarried karst through seven patch-reef complexes in Eastern Borneo (Figs. 3.2, 3.3; Wilson 2005). Up to 90% exposure allowed high-resolution sampling, outcrop logging, facies mapping, and section correlation through individual patch reefs (Wilson 2005). Twenty-three sections through the seven reef complexes were logged, and of the 250 samples collected, 117 have been studied petrographically (Appendix C1).

Lithological components, microfacies, diagenetic phases, and the relative timing of diagenetic events were determined through petrographic analysis of the thin sections. Half of each thin section was stained with Alizarin Red S and potassium ferricyanide for identification of dolomites, ferroan calcite, and nonferroan calcite in thin section. The relative abundance of components and diagenetic phases were recorded semi quantitatively (visual estimates: Appendix 3), with the results closely comparable with fully quantitative point counting and acid digestion analyses previously undertaken on 52 of the samples (Wilson 2005; Lokier et al. 2009). Cold cathodoluminescent (CL) microscopy study of 26 polished thin sections utilized a Technosyn 8200 MKII luminoscope (after Witkowski et al. 2000). Samples for CL analysis, selected primarily from thin sections with a variety of coarse (> 250 µm) cements, facilitated investigation of the range of cement phases present. On the basis of the relative timing of petrographically defined diagenetic features, three groups are evident (Appendix C1): (1) pre-fracture, (2) fracture-associated, and (3) post-fracture features.

Stable-isotope analysis ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ) is based on 38 samples micro-drilled from the rock off-cut counterpart of thin sections. Drilling sites, matched directly to the off-cuts, represent a range of depositional and diagenetic features identified in thin section. Drilled samples included ferroan and nonferroan cements, and fracture (~ 1 mm) filling cements, dolomites, and bioclastic components. Twenty oxygen and carbon isotope analyses were run on a VG Isocarb automated system online to a VG Isogas Prism II isotope-ratio mass spectrometer at SUERC, East Kilbride. All data have been normalized to NBS-19, and are reported relative to V-PDB. Replicated







**Figure 3.4 (previous page):** Measured sections through the Airputih patch reef showing key lithologies and facies associations (from Wilson 2005) with petrographically defined diagenetic attributes and cathodoluminescent characteristics. On each measured section, to the right of the lithology column, the diagenetic features in individual thin sections are shown in order of occurrence (left to right — oldest to youngest), with their CL characteristics, where studied, shown directly above. Single letters indicate one CL character, two letters separated by "&" indicates two common characteristics, and two letters separated by "-" indicates a transition from one character to the other (modified from Wilson 2005).

analyses of an internal carbonate standard (Mab2b) were reproducible to  $\pm 0.1\%$ . An additional 18 oxygen and carbon isotope analyses (samples with the prefix Madden) were run on a GasBench II system coupled online to a stable-isotope-ratio mass spectrometer in continuous flow (Skrzypek and Paul 2006), with all data normalized to NBS-19 and reported relative to V-PDB; these analyses were undertaken at UWA, Perth. External errors for  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  were  $0.20\%$  and  $0.10\%$ , respectively.

Trace-element and major-element analyses on five cement samples and five matrix samples micro-drilled from hand specimen were subject to a four acid (hydrofluoric, nitric, perchloric, and hydrochloric) digestion process. Hydrofluoric acid was used to allow comparison of elemental signatures in the pure carbonate cements (containing no clay) and those of the matrix with admixed micrite and clays. A correction was not applied to account for the dissolution of the silicate fraction. Trace-element and major-element signatures were detected by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES). The results were within normal limits (WPR-1 reference standard) and no normalization was required. The results are reported as molar concentrations of the original sample. Precision for each sample is reported as percentage variability at the 95% confidence limit for each element. Precision values have a low variance amongst samples; these values range from 4.5 to 9.3% for Al, 4.2% for Ca, 4.3 to 6.5% for Fe, 4.3 to 6.4% for K, 4.3 to 5.4% for Mg, 4.9 to 6.2% for Mn, 4.4 to 5.4% for Na, and 4.7% for Sr. Variance is greater for S, with a range of 5.8 to 29.5%.

### **3.5 Diagenetic Characteristics of the Patch Reefs**

#### **3.5.1 Petrography of Pre-Fracture Features**

##### **3.5.1.1 Micritization**

Micritization of bioclastic components is prevalent in 114 of 117 thin sections. Micrite envelopes are visible in plane-polarized light (PL) as narrow (10–60  $\mu\text{m}$ ) dark brown rims to bioclasts. Corals show the most pervasive micritization, with rims up to 60  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, and *Halimeda* showing rims of only 10  $\mu\text{m}$  width. The CL properties of the originally calcitic bioclasts (e.g., coralline algae and larger benthic foraminifera) are typically bright to dull luminescent. This CL signature contrasts with that of the micrite envelopes, which are very dull to nonluminescent. The CL character of micritized features is consistent between, and within, individual patch reefs.

##### **3.5.1.2 Cone-in Cone Calcite Cementation**

Cone-in-cone calcite, present in approximately 10% of thin sections, is typically nonferroan and is rarely (~ 5% of samples) a dominant cement phase. Cone-in-cone calcite post-dates micritization, but it formed prior to the granular mosaic calcite (C1), since the latter replaces portions of the cones (Fig. 3.5A). This cement is present in samples with abundant fine siliciclastic-rich micritic matrix (25–50% of total rock volume). Cone-in-cone cement has developed within the matrix, and commonly close to the periphery of bioclasts, most notably corals. At Airputih and Permasip (Figs. 3.3, 3.4), cone-in-cone cement is confined to samples from either the top or basal portions of the patch reefs. In comparison, at the < 20-m-thick DPR section, this cement is pervasive throughout. The cone-in-cone cement has a divergent fibrous structure, with cone-shaped bundles of crystalline calcite columns and a displacive habit. Individual crystals are variable in size, typically ranging from 10 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  in width and up to 500  $\mu\text{m}$  in length. Crystals have an even and regular structure with regular crystal boundaries. Individual crystals are colorless to pale yellow to brown in plane light and are separated by a < 10- $\mu\text{m}$ -thick coating of clay minerals or micrite. Limited CL imagery reveals that in at least one sample, cone-in-

cone cements have the same dull to moderate luminescence as the granular mosaic cements, but with a < 10- $\mu\text{m}$ -thick, brightly luminescent rim to bundles of cones.

### **3.5.1.3 Granular Mosaic and Blocky Calcite (C1)**

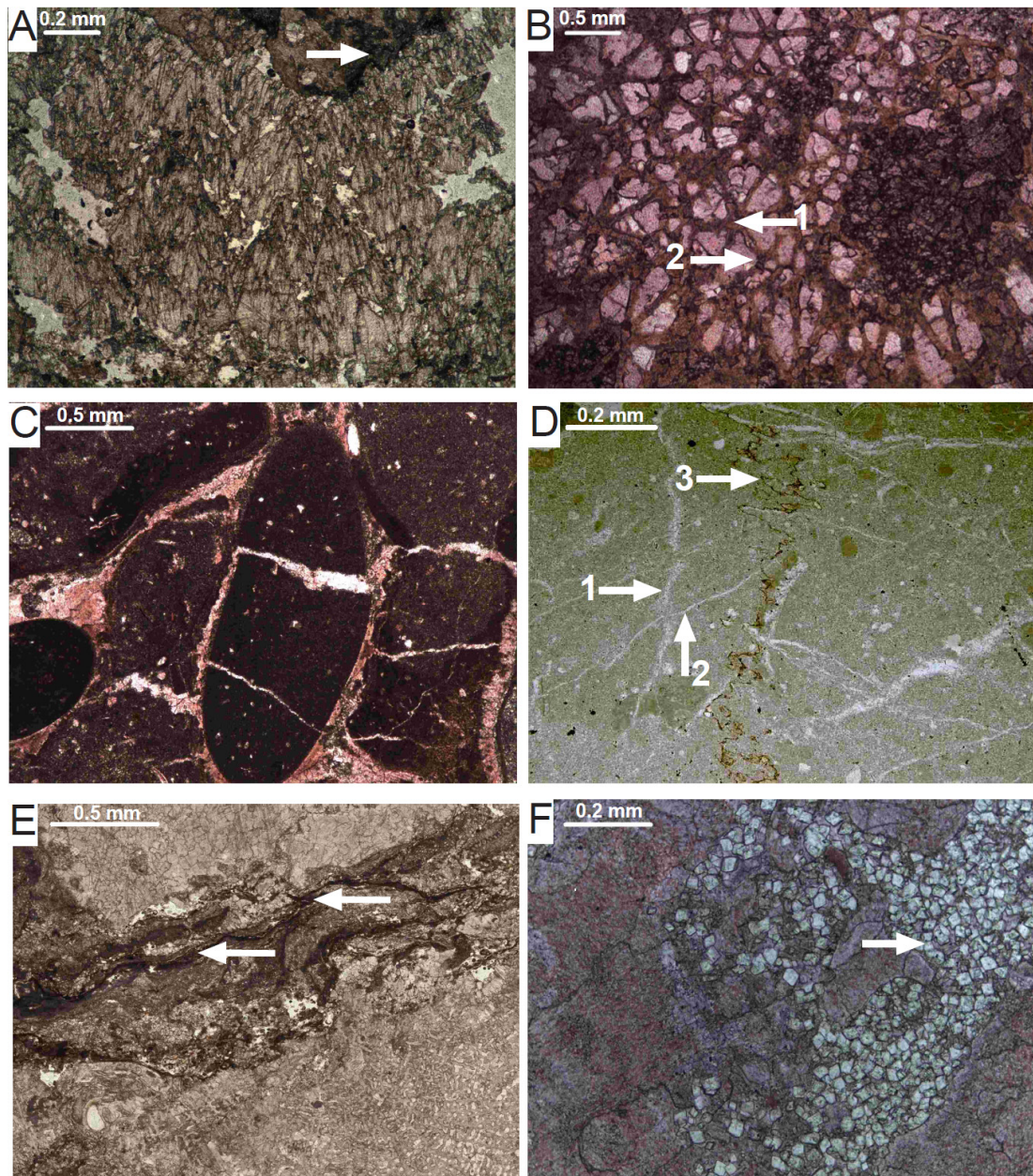
Mosaic and blocky calcite cement is a dominant diagenetic feature (up to 50% of the thin section), present in 98% of thin sections. This cement is confined to bioclastic components showing relicts of the original skeletal structure or occurs as minor mosaic cement extending into the chambers of bioclasts (Fig. 3.5B). The cement crystals show a wide variability in size, and where they replace original coral fabric or structure crystal sizes range from 100 to 200  $\mu\text{m}$  up to 600 to 700  $\mu\text{m}$ . The variable but commonly coarse texture contrasts with crystal mosaics found in the chambers of other bioclasts, such as larger benthic foraminifera, where crystal sizes are mostly 100–150  $\mu\text{m}$ . Localized areas of mosaic to granular cement are typified by a uniform mosaic of crystals with irregular crystal boundaries, and little or no evidence of drusy cement morphology. Relicts of the internal skeletal structures and walls of corals are partially preserved through original organic or inorganic inclusions and outlining micrite envelopes. The majority of mosaic cements are nonferroan (stained pink with Alizarin Red S and potassium ferricyanide), with a rare, slight ferroan signature (pale blue stain) in ~ 15% of thin sections. In plane light, these cements are colorless to gray, and have moderate-dull luminescence to nonluminescence in CL or bright CL where C1 blocky calcite grows into primary pore spaces. CL also reveals that these crystals grow crosscutting the micrite envelope and into areas of primary intraparticle porosity within bioclast chambers as outlined by the micritic envelope (Fig. 3.6A/A\*).

## **3.5.2 Petrography of Fracture-Associated Features**

### **3.5.2.1 Grain Breaks and Fractures (F1)**

First-phase grain breaks, pre-dating C2 cements, are uncommon (30% of thin sections) and, where present, are mainly associated with regions of C1 cement. Breakage is accommodated via minor crystal or grain fractures, typically on the order of hundreds of  $\mu\text{m}$  in length and no more than 20  $\mu\text{m}$  in width. There is minor to no

offset of fractured components. The full extent of minor early fracturing is most evident in CL as fine fracture networks filled with dull-luminescent to nonluminescent (C2) cements that crosscut earlier dull-luminescent C1 cement, and bright-luminescent primary depositional features including micritic matrix (Fig. 3.6A/A\*).



**Figure 3.5.** Plane-polarized light (PL) thin-sections photomicrographs illustrating a range of diagenetic features in patch-reef deposits. A) Cone-in-cone calcite cement showing fibrous structure arranged into bundles. Darker seams are concentrations of micritic-siliciclastic material. Granular mosaic C1 replacement of cones occurs at the top of the field of view, with the white arrow showing a replacement front. B) Granular mosaic C1 calcite replacing coral chamber walls (1), and contemporaneous blocky calcite cementation of primary porosity (2). C) F1 fractures crosscutting micritic and clay-rich matrix and probable serpulid

worm chamber infill. Fractures are filled by a later stage of C2 calcite cement. Blocky to equant C2 cement includes localized inclusions of dark-colored micritic matrix, attributed to aggrading neomorphism of the matrix. D) Two stages of fractures F2 (arrow 1) and F3 (arrow 2) crosscutting mixed micritic–siliciclastic matrix and filled with C3 calcite cement. Fractures are crosscut by a late-stage stylolite (arrow 3). E) Dissolution seam (arrows) crosscutting micritic matrix and encrusting coralline algae between two corals. F) Micro-dolomite rhombs partially replacing the micritic chamber fill of a coral that has undergone granular mosaic C1 replacement.

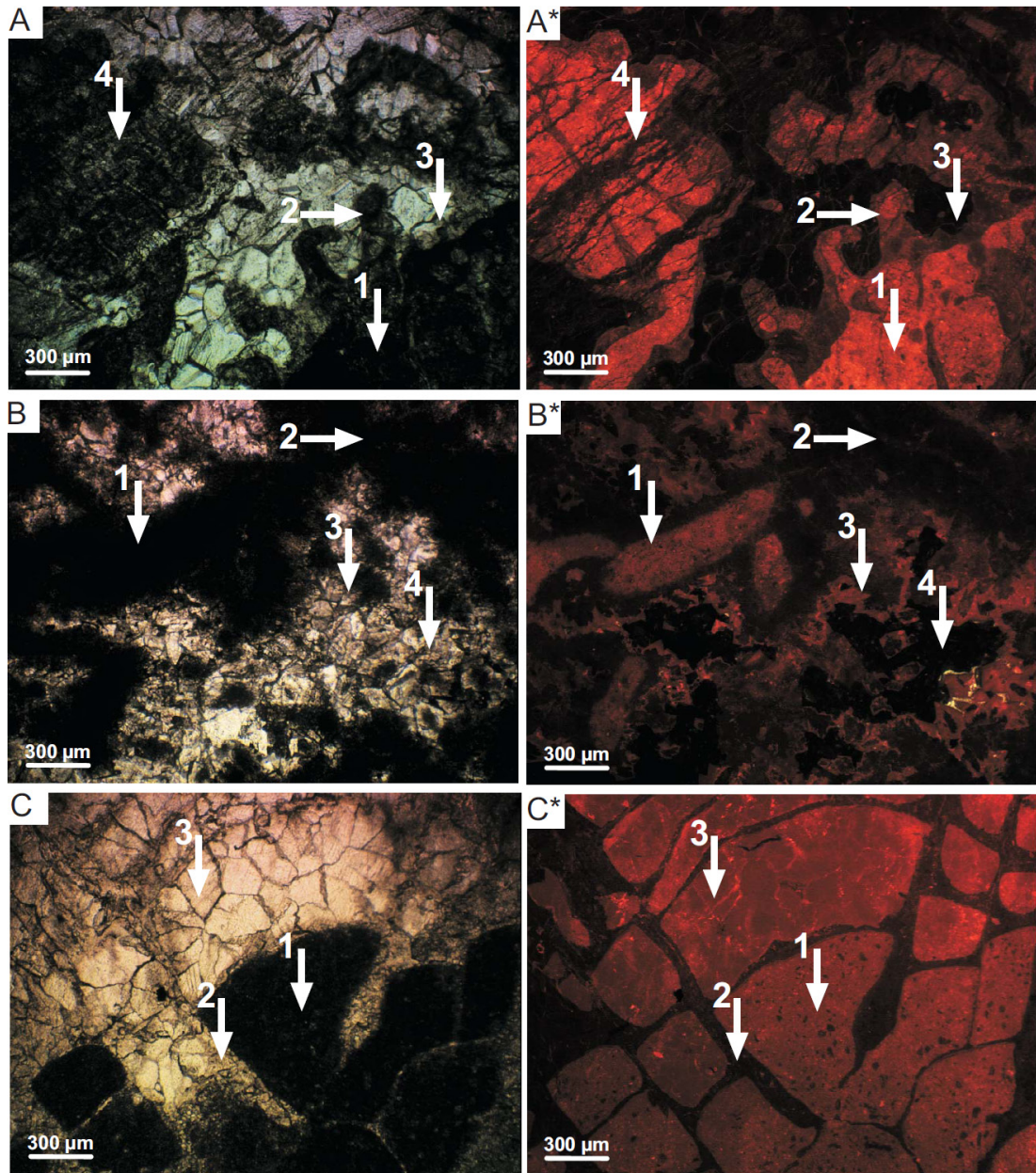
### **3.5.2.2 Blocky to Equant Calcite (C2 and C3)**

Thirty-five percent of thin sections show C2 calcite, of which 76% are weakly ferroan to ferroan and 24% are nonferroan. C2 cement fills F1 fractures with some associated growth into, and incorporation of, areas of micritic matrix (Fig. 3.5C), whereas C3 cements fill later F2 and F3 fractures (Fig. 3.5D). Eighty-three percent of thin sections show a C3 calcite, of which 40% are weakly ferroan to ferroan and 60% are nonferroan. In plane light, C2 and C3 cements are colorless to pale yellow and are dull luminescent to nonluminescent in CL. However, C2 cement may show zoning from bright to dull luminescence in larger pores (Fig 3.6B/B\*). Both C2 and C3 cements have crystal sizes ranging from 100 to 600  $\mu\text{m}$ , lack a preferred orientation, and have regular to subregular crystal boundaries.

### **3.5.2.3 Grain Compaction and Fractures (F2, F3 and F4)**

Following C2 cementation, a nonpervasive episode of grain compaction and fracturing (F2) occurs, and is evident in  $\sim 55\%$  of thin sections. F2 fractures have thicknesses of 10 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and crosscut matrix (commonly close to bioclasts), bioclasts, and earlier cements. A third stage of grain fracturing (F3) is recognized in 60% of thin sections, where F3 fractures crosscut F2 fractures (Fig. 3.5D). This third set of fractures is more numerous and may form “thread-works” of fractures in areas of micritic or siliciclastic matrix (Fig. 3.5D). Both F2 and F3 fractures are filled by C3 cement with dull luminescence to nonluminescence in CL. Compaction and fracturing did not lead to alignment, rotation, or flattening of grains. F4 fracturing is rare (10% of thin sections), nonextensive and nonpervasive, with fractures typically extending  $< 500 \mu\text{m}$  in length and a few tens of  $\mu\text{m}$  in width. F4 fractures crosscut earlier cements or, more commonly, contribute to the breakage of previously cemented fractures. F4 fractures are not cemented and remain open.





**Figure 3.6.** PL and CL photomicrograph pairs illustrating different diagenetic features. *A/A\**) Brightly luminescent micrite fill of coral chamber (1), dull-luminescent granular mosaic C1 replacement of a coral wall (2), contemporaneous blocky C1 calcite growth into cavity with nonluminescence (3) and dull-luminescent C2 calcite filling pervasive fracturing not evident in PL (4). *B/B\**) Pervasive micritization replacing an originally brightly luminescent bioclast (1), dull-luminescent character of micritic sediment (2) and zoning of C2 blocky calcite cement from bright luminescence (3) into nonluminescence at the center of the cement fill (4). *C/C\**) Detailed changes within a coral, with bright CL character of micritic chamber infill (1), C1 granular neomorphic cement with dull luminescence to nonluminescence (2) and C1 blocky cement fill of coral chamber (3) showing weak zoning with bright luminescence at the edge of some crystals towards a bright-dull center.

### **3.5.3 Petrography of Post-Fracture Features**

#### **3.5.3.1 Stylolites and Dissolution Seams**

Stylolites and dissolution seams are found in 23% and 88% of thin sections, respectively. Stylolites appear as serrated seams (stylolites; Fig. 3.5D), and dissolution seams are smooth and undulating (Fig. 3.5E). Stylolites have amplitudes of up to 1 mm, are several centimeters in length, and are found in areas with minor siliciclastic material in the matrix and with greater cementation. Stylolites crosscut bioclasts, earlier cement phases, and pre-existing fractures. Dissolution seams occur in samples with greater micritic or siliciclastic-rich matrix. Individual samples may have stylolites in calcite-cemented regions that change along length to dissolution seams in matrix-rich areas. Dissolution seams also crosscut older cement phases and fractures, but typically they do not intersect bioclasts, instead commonly going around or between them (Fig. 3.5E). Both features are identified through the concentration of insoluble noncarbonate material, resulting in a dark brown seam in plane light (Figs. 3.5D, 3.5E).

#### **3.5.3.2 Dolomite Cement**

Dolomite rhombs are found in < 15% of thin sections, but where present, they commonly are abundant. Mosaics of euhedral to subhedral 10–60  $\mu\text{m}$  micro-dolomite rhombs with regular crystal boundaries typically occur within the micritic matrix infilling bioclast chambers (Fig. 3.5F). Rhombs are also present along dissolution seams and are distributed in the matrix close to seams. In plane light, dolomites are colorless to pale yellow or brown, and in few samples have a cloudy appearance. In CL, they appear as brightly luminescent “spots” or, rarely, dull-luminescent rhombs. There are no crosscutting relationships that suggest that the dolomites were affected by later diagenetic phases.

#### **3.5.4 Cathodoluminescence**

CL characteristics are variable at scales from across individual patch reefs (Fig. 3.4) to within isolated corals (Figs. 3.6A/A\*, 3.6C/C\*), but some trends are evident. For

example, the Airputih and Permasip patch reefs show consistent trends, including: micritic areas typified by bright to dull luminescence, C1 cement with a dull luminescence, and C2/C3 cements with dull luminescence to nonluminescence. There is also a slight tendency for the CL character of carbonate facies (< 35% siliciclastics) to have a brighter luminescence in general than that of mixed carbonate–siliciclastic facies (35–80% siliciclastics). Consistent CL trends are not evident in the patch reefs of Senoni, Bontang, Badak, or Dibelean Parliament, although CL study was less extensive.

Matrix or cements within large coral chambers have CL characteristics generally brighter than the reef edge or reef core and may show weak zoning within these coral “micro-environments”. This trend is evident in C1 cements where nonluminescent C1 cement replacing the coral skeleton changes into dull-luminescent to bright-luminescent pore-filling micrite and blocky C1 cement (Fig. 3.6C/C\*).

### **3.5.5 Stable Isotopes**

Stable-isotope composition (Table 3.1, Fig. 3.7) of 31 calcite and six dolomite samples define a tight group, with low variance among individual values of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ . These values, ranging from -3.6‰ to -11.7‰ V-PDB, are similar to more negative than that expected from cements derived from Oligo-Miocene southeast Asian marine waters ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of -1.5 to -4.2‰; Ali 1995; Wilson and Evans 2002).  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values also lie within a narrow field, generally within to slightly more negative than, the expected range of normal marine waters (+1 to -1‰  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  V-PDB; Ali 1995; Wilson and Evans 2002), where values range from +1.1‰ to -2.6‰  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  V-PDB for all but two samples. Both of the two outlying values at -3.6‰ and -6.2‰  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  V-PDB are from C2 blocky cements.

### **3.5.6 Trace Elements and Major Elements**

The element ratios of magnesium to calcium (Table 3.2) indicate mol % close to a value of 4 mol % Mg, with two C1 and two micritic samples showing a slightly higher concentration of 6 to 7 mol % Mg (intermediate calcite; James 1997). A correction was not applied to account for the dissolution of the silicate fraction in the



**Table 3.1.**  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  ‰ VPDB and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  ‰ VPDB values from samples of the Samarinda patch reefs.

Sample	Name	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ‰ VPDB	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ‰ VPDB	Phase	Comment
SB10	Madden_SB10	-0.96	-6.87	Larger benthic foraminifera	
AE02	Madden_AE02	-0.09	-9.96	Larger benthic foraminifera	
AB08	Madden_AB08	0.42	-5.79	Larger benthic foraminifera	
AK12	Madden_AK12	1.11	-8.17	Larger benthic foraminifera	
AA26	AA26*0.9	0.57	-7.86	Larger benthic foraminifera	
AC08	AC8*0.6	-1.19	-9.49	Larger benthic foraminifera	
AH09	Madden_AH09	-0.98	-8.61	Cone-in-cone cement	
PE02	Madden_PE02	-0.80	-8.48	Cone-in-cone cement	
AB01	Madden_AB01	-0.45	-10.13	Cone-in-cone cement	
AC08	Madden_AC08	-0.34	-9.15	Cone-in-cone cement	
AL02	Madden_AL02	-0.23	-10.21	Cone-in-cone cement	
AA04a	AA4a*1.1	-1.60	-6.43	Granular mosaic cement (C1)	
AA20	AA20*0.8	-0.79	-7.98	Granular mosaic cement (C1)	
AB01	AB1*1.9	-0.74	-10.01	Blocky equant cement, continuation of granular mosaic (C1)	
AB12a	AB12a*1.5	-1.43	-9.46	Granular mosaic cement (C1)	
AB21a	AA21a*1.9	-0.10	-7.67	Granular mosaic cement (C1)	
DPR04	DPR4*2.2	0.52	-9.10	Granular mosaic cement (C1)	
AD02	AD2*1.2	-0.60	-11.49	Blocky equant cement, continuation of granular mosaic (C1)	
AE05a	AE5a*2.1	0.91	-7.20	Granular mosaic cement (C1)	
AB12a	AB12a*1.0	-1.52	-10.08	Granular mosaic cement (C1)	
AB12a	AB12a*1.0	-1.79	-10.41	Granular mosaic cement (C1)	
AA04b	AA4b*1.9	0.51	-1.64	Blocky equant cement (C2)	contaminated by dolomites or siliciclastics
AB07	AB7*1.3	-6.22	-3.61	Blocky equant cement (C2)	slightly ferroan
AE05b	AE5b*1.5	0.98	-6.27	Blocky equant cement (C2)	
BB05	BB5*0.5	-3.60	-4.86	Blocky equant cement (C2)	
AK02	Madden_AK02	-1.82	-10.74	Vein (Blocky C3 cement filling fracture)	
AA15	Madden_AA15	-0.76	-10.49	Vein (Blocky C3 cement filling fracture)	
PC03	Madden_PC03	-0.41	-7.30	Vein (Blocky C3 cement filling fracture)	
KB07	KB7*0.9	-0.15	-10.04	Vein (Blocky C3 Cement filling fracture)	
AA04	Madden_AA04	-2.62	-7.27	Dolomite	
AH02	Madden_AH02	0.14	-7.31	Dolomite	
PE06	Madden_PE06	0.48	-7.43	Dolomite	
AF06	Madden_AF06	0.49	-6.82	Dolomite	
PC08	Madden_PC08	0.60	-5.99	Dolomite	
AK12	Madden_AK12	1.04	-7.48	Dolomite	

matrix; therefore Mg contents may reflect both the carbonate and siliciclastic content of the matrix. Data reveal several distinctive trends for the trace-element and major-element results within the paired samples of C1 calcite and their associated micritic–siliciclastic matrix. Mn/Ca and Sr/Ca ratios show little variability from matrix to C1 calcite. In contrast, the ratios of Na/Ca, Fe/Ca and Mg/Ca decrease from the matrix to C1 samples. Aluminum content is highly variable, with values of ~ 1 to 13 mol % Al in C1 samples and ~ 27 to 72 mol % Al in micrite. Ratios of Al/Ca are consistent, showing a decreasing concentration from matrix to C1 (Table 3.2).

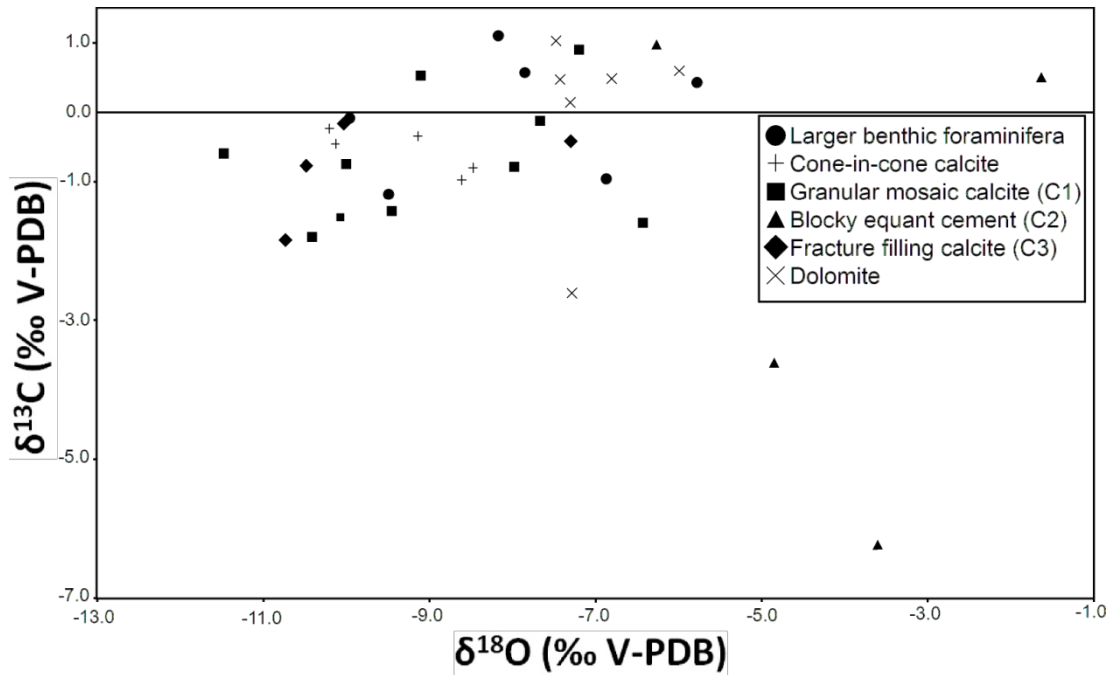
### **3.6 Diagenetic, Temperature and Paleohydrology Interpretations**

Collectively, the observations reveal a paragenetic sequence with several phases of cementation within the Samarinda patch reefs (Fig. 3.8). The Anderson and Arthur (1983) equation (Equation.1) provides a means to derive Miocene  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  seawater values for the region:

$$T=16 - 4.14(\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CALCITE}} - \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SEAWATER}}) + 0.13(\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CALCITE}} - \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SEAWATER}})^2 \quad (1)$$

A Miocene  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  seawater value for the region of -2 to 0‰ V-SMOW has been derived using this equation and the observed range of calcitic bioclast values for SE Asian Oligocene–Miocene seawater and an assumed ocean surface temperature of 25 °C (Neogene of coastal Borneo; Ali 1995). The larger benthic foraminifera in the Samarinda samples ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB values of -5.8‰ to -10.0‰) have lower  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values than the known range for SE Asian Oligocene–Miocene calcitic bioclasts, perhaps reflecting: (1) the samples containing contaminating matrix, (2) precipitation out of equilibrium with Miocene sea water, or (3) resetting of the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  during stabilization by meteoric waters or elevated temperatures. Because the deposition of Neogene patch reefs was impacted by terrestrial runoff, the strongly negative  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB values of the larger foraminifera may partially reflect a brackish signature. Given the uncertainties of the isotopic signatures of the larger foraminifera in the Samarinda patch reefs reflecting marine signatures, estimated Miocene seawater values are used (-1.5‰ to -4.2‰  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB; Ali 1995; Wilson and Evans 2002) in deriving a regional V-SMOW seawater value. A  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  value of -4 to -8‰ V-SMOW is suggested for meteoric parent fluids on the basis of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of meteoric

precipitation in SE Asia of -4 to -6‰ at low elevations (Bowen and Wilkinson 2002) and up to -8‰ for the whole of Borneo (Anderson and Arthur 1983).



**Figure 3.7.** Cross-plot of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ‰ V-PDB versus  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ‰ V-PDB for calcite and dolomite components and cements from patch reefs of the Samarinda region. The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of -3.6 to -11.7‰ are consistent with precipitation from SE Asian freshwater, and inconsistent with a wholly marine origin at temperatures of 25 to 53 °C (see text for details).

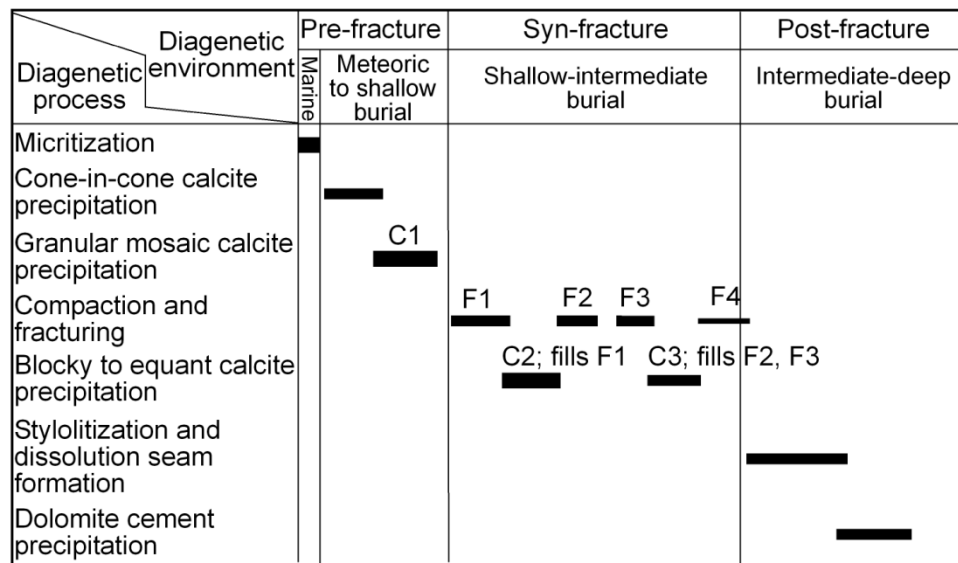
The onset of development of stylolites and dissolution seams occurs in moderate-burial to deep-burial environments of 500–1000 m (Nicolaidis and Wallace 1997; Machel 2004). Since all calcite cement precipitation pre-dates development of stylolites and dissolution seams, a maximum burial depth for calcite cementation of the Samarinda patch reefs of 1000 m is inferred. Extrapolation of the eastern Kutai Basins geothermal gradient (27.5 °C/km; Hall 2002b) gives an estimated maximum calcite precipitation temperature of 53 °C.

**Table 3.2.** Trace-element and major-element molar compositions and molar ratios with respect to calcium from samples of the Samarinda patch reefs. Precision is reported as percentage variability at the 95% confidence limit for each element and each sample.

Molar composition	Sample	Al	Ca	Fe	K	Mg	Mn	Na	S	Sr
	AC01	$2.45 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.77 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.23 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.54 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.46 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.44 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.37 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.36 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.00 \times 10^{-6}$
	AC01M	$3.35 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.24 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.75 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.29 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.92 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.61 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.06 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.62 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.53 \times 10^{-6}$
	PC14	$1.27 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.66 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.34 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.01 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.30 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.04 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.19 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.40 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.02 \times 10^{-5}$
	PC14M	$3.86 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.09 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.50 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.54 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.57 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.06 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.65 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.45 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.69 \times 10^{-6}$
	AH07	$4.85 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.92 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.54 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.70 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.82 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.10 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.97 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.63 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.36 \times 10^{-5}$
	AH07M	$4.62 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.15 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.58 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.10 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.03 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.64 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.64 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.90 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.66 \times 10^{-6}$
	AH05	$2.01 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.55 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.65 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.27 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.15 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.14 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.57 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.79 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.02 \times 10^{-5}$
	AH05M	$6.17 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.55 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.86 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.44 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.11 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.17 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.88 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.45 \times 10^{-6}$
	AE03	$6.94 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.85 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.04 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.13 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.16 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.79 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.57 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.45 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.05 \times 10^{-5}$
	AE03M	$3.09 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.28 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.82 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.81 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.12 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.01 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.24 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.91 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.85 \times 10^{-6}$

Molar Ratio	Sample	Al/Ca	Fe/Ca	K/Ca	Mg/Ca	Mn/Ca	Na/Ca	S/Ca	Sr/Ca
	AC01	$1.38 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.94 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.43 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.21 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.50 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.34 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.71 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.51 \times 10^{-3}$
	AC01M	$2.69 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.42 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.25 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.97 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.29 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.54 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.12 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.04 \times 10^{-3}$
	PC14	$7.68 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.64 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.10 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.60 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.30 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.13 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.45 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.16 \times 10^{-3}$
	PC14M	$3.53 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.38 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.16 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.93 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.72 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.51 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.32 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.21 \times 10^{-3}$
	AH07	$2.52 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.32 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.01 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.51 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.21 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.54 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.93 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.07 \times 10^{-3}$
	AH07M	$4.02 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.74 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.44 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.38 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.17 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.17 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.62 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.19 \times 10^{-3}$
	AH05	$1.30 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.00 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.11 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.27 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.35 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.31 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.45 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.57 \times 10^{-3}$
	AH05M	$7.23 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.29 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.15 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.69 \times 10^{-1}$	$8.32 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.22 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.20 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.37 \times 10^{-3}$
	AE03	$3.75 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.64 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.13 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.26 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.13 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.01 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.85 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.65 \times 10^{-3}$
	AE03M	$3.73 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.06 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.18 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.97 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.22 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.49 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.51 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.44 \times 10^{-3}$

Precision at the 95% confidence limit	Sample	Al +/- %	Ca +/- %	Fe +/- %	K +/- %	Mg +/- %	Mn +/- %	Na +/- %	S +/- %	Sr +/- %
	AC01	9.3	4.2	6.5	6.4	4.8	6.2	5.4	8.3	4.7
	AC01M	4.7	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.5	5.9	4.7
	PC14	5.3	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.4	5.0	4.8	7.2	4.7
	PC14M	4.7	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.9	5.0	4.4	5.8	4.7
	AH07	7.1	4.2	5.3	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.3	9.9	4.7
	AH07M	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.4	5.2	6.9	5.1	29.5	4.7
	AH05	4.9	4.2	4.7	4.4	4.8	4.9	5.1	11.8	4.7
	AH05M	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.5	5.6	4.8	19.0	4.7
	AE03	6.3	4.2	5.2	4.8	4.6	5.9	4.8	7.3	4.7
	AE03M	4.7	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.3	5.0	4.4	6.4	4.7



Typical abundances of diagenetic phase in thin section

- Minor process <5% abundance
- ▬ Moderate process 5-25% abundance
- ▬ Major process >25% abundance

**Figure 3.8.** Paragenetic sequence of the patch reefs of the Mahakam Delta. Relative timing of events is on the basis of petrographic observations.

### 3.6.1 Interpretation of Pre-Fracture Features

#### 3.6.1.1 Micritization

Micritization present throughout the samples is the first diagenetic process, on the basis of crosscutting relationships by each of the later features. Skeletal material in shallow-marine environments commonly is micritized due to micrite infilling the micro-borings of endolithic organisms (Bathurst 1966; Gunther 1990; Perry 1999). In particular, in warm and low-energy environments, as is inferred for these samples (Wilson 2005), micritization is commonly recognized as an early marine diagenetic feature (Gunther 1990; Perry 1999). The very dull-luminescent to nonluminescent CL character of the micritic envelopes is consistent with associated marine or oxidizing pore fluids. Alternatively the fine texture of the micritic material may impart a darker CL character.

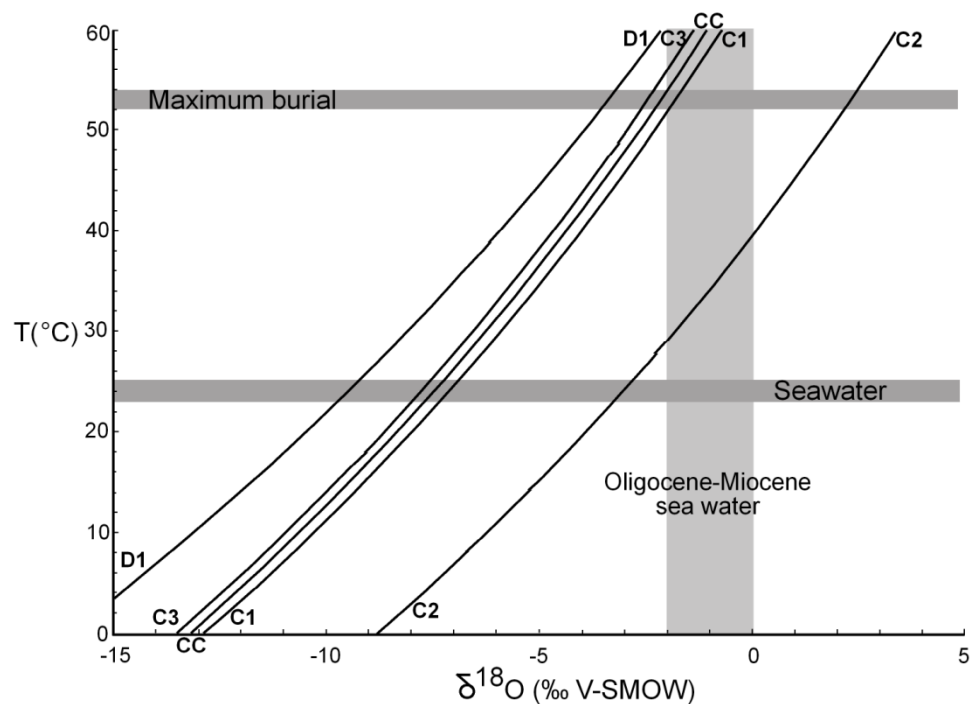
### **3.6.1.2 Cone-in-Cone Calcite**

Cone-in-cone calcite cement formed prior to the onset of C1 cementation. Well-formed bundles of crystals within the micritic–siliciclastic substrate indicate that the cone-in-cone cement was precipitated prior to lithification of the matrix (cf. Franks 1969; McBride et al. 2003). The predominant distribution of this cement at the top and base of patch reefs adjacent to siliciclastics and in siliciclastic-rich units (Fig. 3.4) may reflect enhanced fluid flow and diffusion from the more permeable siliciclastics, promoting precipitation of the cement (cf. McBride et al. 2003). A dull to moderate CL character of the cone-in-cone cement is suggestive of oxidizing to perhaps slightly reducing conditions (iron derivation from the siliciclastics may have contributed to reducing conditions).  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB values of -8.5 to -10.2‰ for the cone-in-cone calcite, if precipitated from marine parent fluids, would require temperatures of 50–70 °C at a burial depth of approximately 500–1600 m. This temperature and depth range is unlikely because the cone-in-cone cement precipitated prior to mechanical compaction features (below), and under conditions that were still oxidizing or perhaps slightly reducing. At temperatures of 25 to 35 °C, consistent with shallow burial, the cone-in-cone cements would have formed from pore fluids with  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of -7.3 to -5.3‰ V-SMOW (Fig. 3.9), suggestive of meteoric fluids with an upland source (Anderson and Arthur 1983). Absent from these cements are the depleted  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values associated with near-surface meteoric precipitation (Allan and Matthews 1982). Instead, relatively high  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values of approximately 0‰ indicate that carbon derived from either sea water or marine carbonate rock was supplied along the fluid flow path (Hendry et al. 1999).

### **3.6.1.3 Granular Mosaic to Blocky Calcite (C1)**

C1 calcite cement, retaining “ghost” internal and external fabrics of aragonitic bioclasts, is indicative of neomorphism rather than of bioclast dissolution and reprecipitation. Crosscutting of micritic rims and partial replacement of cone-in-cone cement (Fig 3.5A): (1) confirms micritization and cone-in-cone cementation as the earlier processes, and (2) is indicative of contemporaneous neomorphic replacement and growth of pore-filling cement. Neomorphism and contemporaneous cement growth (calcitization) into original porosity is consistent with the granular

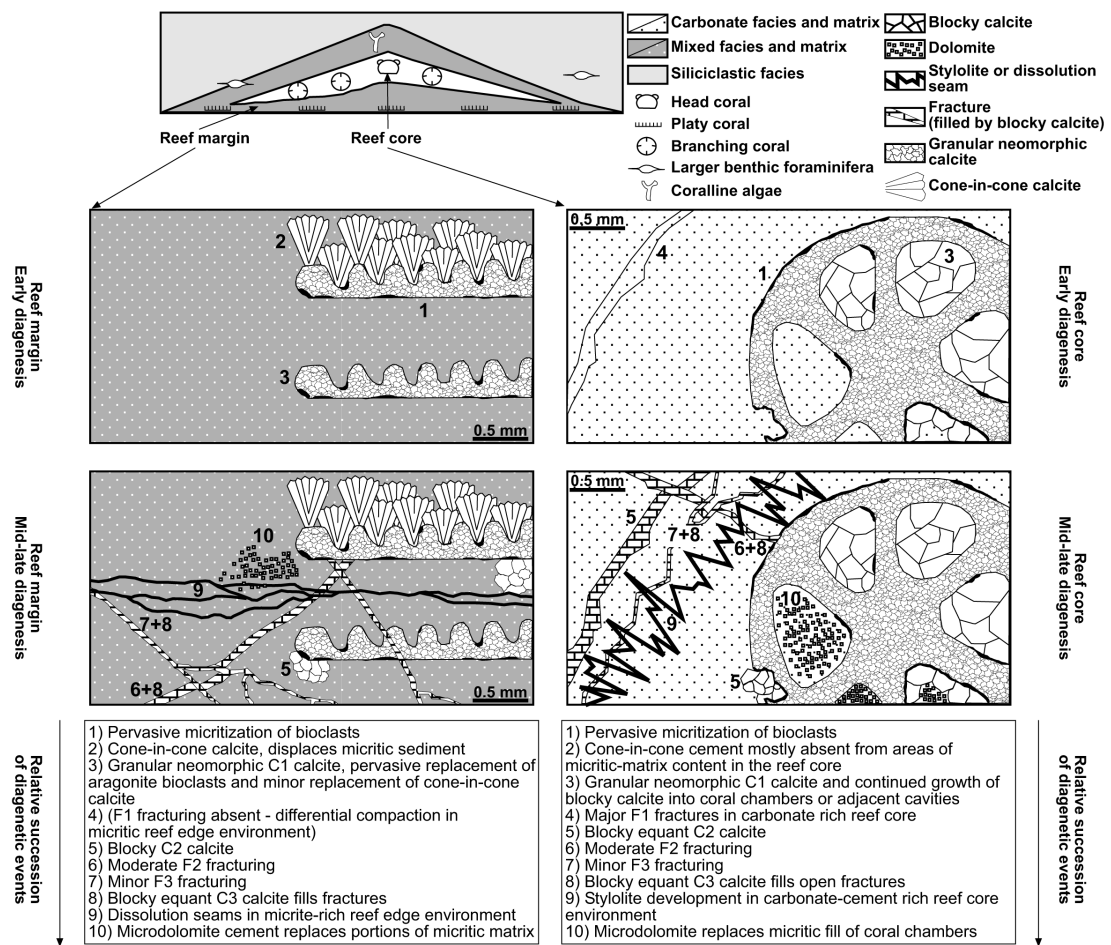
mosaic habit and absence of drusy cement morphologies (Fig. 3.10; Hendry et al. 1999). A change from dull luminescence to nonluminescence in neomorphic C1 to dull luminescence to bright luminescence in contemporaneous pore-filling C1 blocky cement in coral-hosted microenvironments is consistent with either: (1) trapping of initially oxidizing neomorphic diagenetic fluids that become more reducing within the pores, or (2) that intra-coral porosity received lower amounts and/or less sustained flushing by diagenetic fluids with a resulting decrease in oxygenation state.



**Figure 3.9.** Equilibrium oxygen isotope fractionation relationships between calcite and dolomite cements and formation fluids for the Samarinda patch reefs. Calcite curves are based on the equation  $10^3 \ln \alpha = 2.78 \cdot 10^6 T^{-2} - 2.89$  (where  $\alpha$  is the fractionation factor of calcite–water and  $T$  is temperature in K; Friedman and O’Neil 1977) and the dolomite curve is based on the equation  $10^3 \ln \alpha = 3.20 \cdot 10^6 T^{-2} - 3.30$  (where  $\alpha$  is the fractionation factor of dolomite–water and  $T$  is temperature in K; Land 1983). For each cement phase, averaged  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB compositions were used. CC indicates cone-in-cone cement. C2 cements suggest precipitation from pore fluids with increasing  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ , or precipitation from meteoric fluids at decreased temperatures than both earlier (CC and C1) and later (C3 and D1) cements

over time. If precipitated from marine parent fluids, cements with stable-isotope values ranging from  $-6.4$  to  $-11.7\text{‰}$   $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB, would require temperatures of  $40\text{--}80$  °C, at a burial depth of approximately  $500\text{--}1700$  m. These temperatures and depths are highly unlikely due to the pre-fracture timing of the C1 cement and potentially still oxidizing precipitation conditions. A formation fluid of  $-7$  to  $-5\text{‰}$  V-SMOW at  $25$  to  $35$  °C is likely (Fig. 3.9), consistent with early meteoric to shallow-

burial diagenesis and similar to the conditions inferred for the cone-in-cone cement that this C1 cement partially replaces. However, samples with low  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values may be indicative of: (1) mixing marine pore fluids with meteoric water, or (2) meteoric diagenesis at higher rock:water ratios. With the majority of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values being more negative than  $-4\text{‰}$   $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB, these predominantly reflect an influx of meteoric fluids and lower rock:water ratios. High  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values ( $-1.6$  to  $0.9\text{‰}$ ) indicate a lack of soil zone processes affecting these meteoric fluids or a rock-derived source of carbon with marine  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values, consistent with the prior cone-in-cone cement.



**Figure 3.10.** Schematic paragenetic scheme from different areas of a patch reef, based on petrographic relationships. Reef margin shows diagenesis of a platy coral-rich section from a mixed carbonate–siliciclastic (35–80% siliciclastics) area of the reef with development of cone-in-cone features, dolomites in the siliciclastic-rich matrix, and dissolution seams. Reef core shows diagenesis of a head or branching coral-rich section containing < 35% siliciclastics in which neomorphic C1 granular to blocky cement is prevalent and stylolites are developed.



Aragonitic scleractinian coral skeletons contain ~ 8000 ppm Sr<sup>2+</sup> (Milliman 1974; Morrison and Brand 1986). Observations of Sr<sup>2+</sup> concentrations of 3039 to 4692 ppm for C1 neomorphic calcite (Table 2), and assuming a distribution coefficient for Sr of 0.4 or less (Veizer 1983), suggest Sr removal via an open system, but that inflowing fluids contributed little to the elemental signature (Hendry et al. 1999). The high Sr values of C1 may reflect a partially closed system with less effective elemental removal, perhaps within the coral-hosted microenvironments. Scleractinian-coral aragonite typically contains Mn and Fe element concentrations on the order of tens of ppm at most (Morrison and Brand 1986). Low concentrations of Mn (< 270 ppm) and Fe (typically < 70 ppm) in neomorphic calcite and partition coefficients for both elements of > 1 (i.e. ready ion substitution) are again indicative of elemental removal and fluid throughflow, similar to that inferred for the Sr above. These low Mn and Fe concentrations likely are reflected in the dull-luminescent or nonluminescent CL character of the C1 cements.

Intermediate C1 calcite is affiliated with mixed micrite–siliciclastic matrix, which includes Mg/Ca ratios higher than those of C1. In the tropical marine setting of the patch reefs, it is likely that the primary mineralogy of the micrite was either aragonite or high-Mg calcite (Hoskin 1968; Hussein and Matthews 1972; Andrews et al 1997). The intermediate-Mg calcites may have retained, in part, the precursor elemental composition of the micrite after alteration by undersaturated fluids, or siliciclastic clays might locally contribute magnesium to the elemental signature (Morad et al. 2000).

### **3.6.2 Interpretation of Syn-Fracture Features**

#### **3.6.2.1 Compaction and Fracturing (F1)**

The first stage of grain breakage and fracturing (F1) is present mainly in neomorphosed coral-rich bioclastic samples and is interpreted to reflect differential compaction and fracturing of partially lithified matrix, combined with fracturing of more competent cemented components, most notably those units rich in corals (Fig. 3.10). The timing of fracturing, prior to the onset of later-stage chemical

compaction, is also consistent with F1 fractures resulting from mechanical compaction in a shallow burial environment.

### **3.6.2.2 Blocky to Equant Cement (C2)**

Blocky to equant C2 calcite cement infills, and therefore must post-date, F1 fractures. C2 cements also are present in areas of micritic matrix close to bioclasts where differential compaction has generated porosity, and with some cementation attributable to aggrading neomorphism of the matrix, as suggested by micritic inclusions within the cement (Fig. 3.5C). A dull-luminescent to nonluminescent character and largely ferroan to weakly ferroan mineralogy indicates that C2 cement probably was precipitated from oxygenated fluids with Fe ions in solution. A positive shift of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  between cone-in-cone calcite (-8.5 to -10.2‰) and C1 calcite (-6.4 to -11.7‰) to C2 calcite (-3.6 to -6.3‰) suggests either: (1) increasing pore-fluid  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ , or (2) decreasing temperature. Formation fluid  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values could range from -0.9 to +1.0‰ V-SMOW at 35–45 °C under conditions of increasing burial (Fig. 3.9), consistent with a marine source. If precipitated from meteoric fluids, cements with stable-isotope values ranging from -3.6 to -6.3‰  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB would require temperatures of < 20 °C at near-surface burial depths. A burial diagenetic environment is inferred for the C2 cements as evidenced by the prior onset of mechanical fracturing, and indicates that a decreasing formation temperature from C1 to C2 cements is unlikely. Enrichment of the precipitating fluids towards higher  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  can be ascribed to: (1) silicate alteration reactions between pore fluids and siliciclastics (Morad 1998), or (2) the introduction of seawater-derived fluids. The depleted  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values (-3.6 to -6.3‰  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  V-PDB) are consistent with carbon derivation from the decay of C<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>4</sub> plants in soil-rich and sediment-rich horizons (Morad 1998), such as occurs in the associated deltaic siliciclastics. The introduction of Fe ions in solution is most reasonably attributed to fluids sourcing Fe ions from siliciclastics along the fluid flow pathway (Morad et al. 2000).

### **3.6.2.3 Compaction and Fracturing (F2 + F3)**

F2 and F3 fractures generally are straighter than the earlier F1 fractures (Figs. 3.5C, 3.5D), indicating that fracturing continued after full lithification of matrix and

bioclasts. The conjugate natures of some of the F2 and F3 fracture sets (Fig. 3.5D) conform to either a compaction or a tectonic origin.

#### **3.6.2.4 Blocky to Equant Cement (C3)**

Blocky to equant C3 cementation is confined to, and post-dates, F2 and F3 fractures (Fig. 3.10). The nonluminescence and mostly nonferroan composition of this cement are consistent with oxygenated diagenetic fluids. Stable-isotope values ranging from -7.3‰ to -10.7‰  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PBD would require precipitation at 40–80 °C from marine fluids at a depth of 500–1400 m (based on a regional geothermal gradient of 27.5 °C/km; Hall 2002b), inconsistent with C3 formation prior to the onset of chemical compaction. Formation-fluid  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values range from -5.5 to -2.9‰ V-SMOW at 35–50 °C (Fig. 3.9) at < 1000 m burial depth. At the higher end of this temperature range, formation-fluids for C3 calcite are consistent with precipitation from either marine or meteoric fluids, but lower temperatures and a nonluminescent CL character suggest mixed water compositions. A shift towards higher  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values from C2 to C3 (-1.8 to -0.2‰) cements suggest enrichment of pore fluids by: (1) marine rock-sourced carbon or (2) a lack of soil-zone signatures. An influx of meteoric fluids dissolving marine carbon along its flow path and mixing with residual waters from C2 precipitation is likely with fluids utilizing F2 and F3 fractures as flow pathways.

#### **3.6.2.5 Fracturing (F4)**

The final stage of fracturing is minor and poorly developed, likely due to the impact of prior cementation (cf. Purser 1978; Hird and Tucker 1988; Clari and Martire 1996; Railsback 1993a).

### **3.6.3 Interpretation of Post-Fracture Features**

#### **3.6.3.1 Stylolites and Dissolution Seams**

Crosscutting all calcite cements and fractures, stylolites and dissolution seams are chemical compaction features that form in moderate to deep burial environments

(Machel 2004) at depths of 500–1000 m (where the onset of stylolitization occurs; Nicolaides and Wallace 1997). A transition from dissolution seams in more siliciclastic-rich samples to stylolites in more calcitic, well-cemented samples as occurs in the Samarinda deposits is a trend well documented in the literature (Wanless 1979; Railsback 1993b). The seams mostly circumvent calcified bioclasts, likely because dissolution was promoted along calcite to clay-rich interfaces (cf. Railsback 1993b).

### **3.6.3.2 Dolomite Cement**

Dolomites are a localized feature found dominantly in areas of micritic matrix (Fig. 3.10). These cements commonly are proximal to dissolution seams in the clay-rich matrix or hosted within coral chambers, with Mg perhaps locally contributed from the compaction of clays (Ali 1995; Carnell and Wilson 2004; Machel 2004). The euhedral microcrystalline and partly cloudy dolomite crystals indicate that they are at least in part replacing the micritic matrix (Warren 2000; Machel 2004). Euhedral rhombic dolomite is indicative of formation temperatures of < 50–60 °C (Warren 2000).  $\Delta^{18}\text{O}$  values for dolomite (-5.99 to -7.48‰ V-PDB) at 53 to 60 °C convert to formation fluids of -3.4 to -2.3‰ V-SMOW (Fig. 3.9). On the basis of the combined petrographic and stable-isotope evidence, meteoric fluids at moderate burial depths up to ~ 1000 m are interpreted to be the dolomitizing fluids; however, slightly higher  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values may be the result of: (1) mixed marine–meteoric signature similar to C3 fluids, or (2) silicate alteration reactions between pore fluids and siliciclastics (Morad 1998).

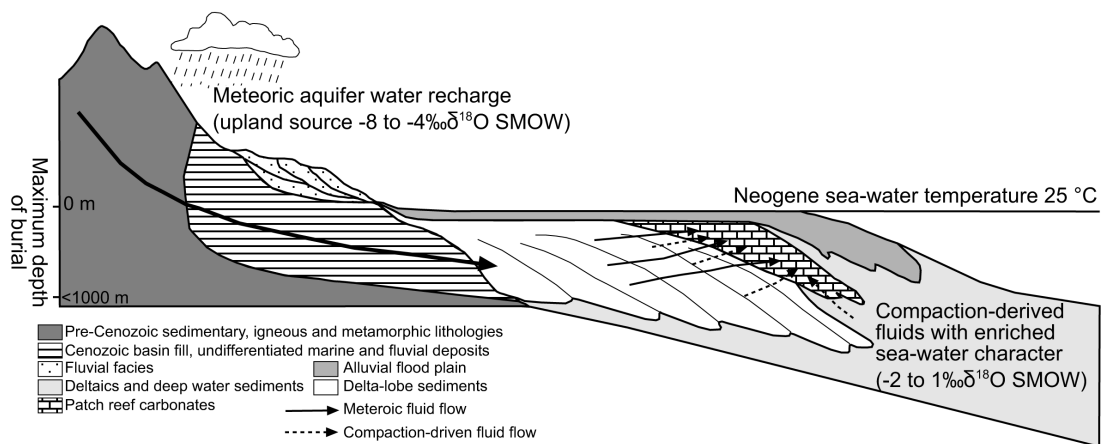
## **3.7 Discussion**

### **3.7.1 Basin Hydrology**

Fluids are integral to the diagenesis of sediments, with three primary mechanisms recognized as driving forces for fluid flow through sedimentary successions (Galloway 1984): (1) topography-driven flow, (2) compaction-driven flow, and (3) thermal-convection-driven flow. Given the conditions of shallow burial (< 1 km; based on the onset of stylolitization) and low thermal heat flow (Hall 2002b) for the

Samarinda patch reefs, thermally driven fluid flow is not considered an important factor. Topography-driven flow (established by the elevation of the ground-water table above sea level; Bjørlykke 1993), and compaction-driven flow of trapped marine fluids, appear the more important controls on subsurface flow in the Samarinda area (Fig. 3.11).

Low oxygen isotope values ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of -6.4 to -11.7‰ V-PDB) suggest that, at low temperatures, meteoric fluids with an upland source were responsible for the formation of early cone-in-cone and neomorphic C1 cements. Involvement of continent-derived fluids in the early diagenesis of the Samarinda patch reefs is consistent with their development adjacent to permeable sands of the Mahakam Delta (Allen and Chambers 1998). The Samarinda patch reefs are underlain by deep-water shales and overlain by alluvial flood-plain sediments (Fig. 3.2).



**Figure 3.11.** Schematic cartoon illustrating paleohydrology dominated by aquifer flow from hinterland areas to the patch reefs with minor contribution from compaction-derived marine fluids. Marine carbonate-sourced fluids (based on stable-isotope evidence; see text) along fluid flow path are derived from within the patch reefs where neomorphism and calcitization occur.

The location of the reefs adjacent to an “ever-wet” elevated continental landmass is inferred to have contributed to the development of a confined paleoaquifer allowing channelling of continent-derived fluids laterally into the patch reefs, dissolving marine carbonate along the flow path, and contributing to the high carbon isotope values of the patch-reef cements (Fig. 3.11). Furthermore, an aquifer system in an “ever-wet” climate would allow replenishment of meteoric fluids capable of pervasive stabilization of the patch reefs through neomorphic replacement and

calcitization. Permeable deltaic units have been shown to be important in the introduction of meteoric diagenetic fluids into carbonates during early diagenesis (Hendry et al. 1999; Taberner et al. 2002). Later cementation, fracturing, and compaction are relatively minor features occurring under the influence of continued burial, rock–water interaction, and the confined aquifer system generated by covering of the patch reefs in flood-plain sediments (Fig. 3.2). Under conditions of increasing burial, the introduction of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -enriched,  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ -depleted fluids and Fe ions in solution is consistent with dewatering of marine fluids from the underlying deep-water shales possessing an evolved  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  seawater character sourcing Fe ions from the shales (Fig. 3.11; cf. Galloway 1984; Hendry et al. 1999).

The diagenesis of a number of SE Asian siliciclastic-influenced coastal carbonates show pervasive early neomorphism of aragonite (Netherwood and Wight 1992; Madden 2008; Wilson 2012), and hint that, similar to the Samarinda patch reefs, their diagenesis is strongly controlled by the role of a continental aquifer driving fluid flow. Few detailed diagenetic studies exist of delta-associated carbonates that developed during the Cenozoic, in humid, temperate, or arid settings. However similarities, and differences, are exhibited between the Samarinda carbonates and delta-associated carbonates from a range of climatic settings from the Cenozoic.

### **3.7.2 Patterns of Diagenesis of Coastal Carbonates in the Humid Tropics**

With respect to early diagenesis and initial basin hydrology, the Samarinda carbonates are sedimentologically and diagenetically comparable to the Eocene Calders reef of the South Pyrenean foreland basin. The Calders reef developed on delta-lobe sand in a warm and humid climatic setting and is the subject of one of the few other detailed diagenetic studies of these types of deposits (Hendry et al. 1999). Reef development occurred contemporaneously with siliciclastic influx, resulting in both admixing and interbedding of mixed carbonate–clastic and siliciclastic lithologies (Hendry et al. 1999; Burton 2003; Lokier et al. 2009). Reef demise is attributed to influx of siliciclastic sediments, now forming low-permeability strata that overlie the Calders reef (Hendry et al. 1999). The Calders reef, like the Samarinda carbonates, was stabilized pervasively early in its diagenetic history via meteoric phreatic to shallow burial diagenesis under the influence of continent-

derived fluids in a confined aquifer system (Hendry et al. 1999). Continental waters with an upland source, indicated by  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  SMOW values of -7.9 to -9.0‰, were channeled through the reef by adjacent siliciclastic units and the low-permeability overlying strata. High  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values indicate that marine bicarbonate was sourced from aragonite dissolution along the meteoric-water flow path. This flow was, however, not influenced by the soil zone (Hendry et al. 1999). This pervasive early stabilization and cementation, linked to aquifer flow, appear to be essential elements of conceptual models for diagenesis of humid tropical coastal carbonates (Fig. 3.11; cf. Moore 2001). Nonetheless, the late diagenetic history of the Calders reef differs markedly from the Samarinda patch reefs associated with a postdepositional shift in climate towards more seasonal and arid conditions (Cavagnetto and Anadón 1996). Limited aquifer recharge resulting from an arid climatic shift facilitated late-stage cementation by marine fluids driven off from compacting basinal marls and evaporites at Calders (Hendry et al. 1999; Taberner et al. 2002).

### **3.7.3 Comparisons with Humid, Temperate Coastal Carbonates**

Pliocene limestones (the Te Aute Formation) from the eastern North Island of New Zealand are nontropical, cool-water, skeletal carbonate deposits (Nelson et al. 2003; Caron et al. 2005). Perhaps paradoxically, these coastal cool-water limestones provide further analogs to the Samarinda carbonates; the Te Aute Formation developed as near-shore shelf carbonates in a predominantly siliciclastic setting adjacent to a large elevated continental landmass. The limestones of the Te Aute Formation developed in two settings: (1) under strong, high-energy tidal flow, and (2) with weaker tidal currents, resulting in fine-grained siliciclastic-carbonate admixtures (Beu 1995). The primary low-Mg calcite mineralogy of the cool-water skeletal carbonates contrasts with the more aragonite-rich tropical Samarinda carbonates. However, aragonite locally constitutes 10–60% of the limestones (Hood and Nelson 1996; Nelson et al. 2003; Caron and Nelson 2009). Differential tilting and uplift of the limestones in basin-margin areas allowed temporally and spatially variable contact between the limestone and recharging meteoric waters (Kamp and Nelson 1988; Dodd and Nelson 1998; Nelson et al. 2003). Despite this variable influence of meteoric fluids, and the dominance of metastable low-Mg calcite mineralogy at Te Aute (Caron and Nelson 2009), the aragonite-rich sections of the

The Aute Formation were strongly affected by selective meteoric dissolution, and, to a lesser degree, neomorphism of aragonite provided a shallow source of carbonate for calcite cements with depleted (meteoric) stable-isotope composition. In comparison, the Samarinda carbonates were stabilized and calcitized by meteoric groundwater fluid flux providing carbonate in solution with a rock-derived, rather than a soil-zone-derived, carbon isotope signature.

#### **3.7.4 Comparisons with Subtropical Arid Coastal Carbonates**

Although subtropical arid coastal carbonates are well known from areas such as the Mediterranean and the Red Sea, the diagenesis of these carbonates is not as extensively studied as their sedimentology or stratigraphy (Esteban 1996). The diagenetic characteristics of these arid systems show major differences from humid tropical coastal deposits. Upper Miocene deposits of the Mediterranean region and Middle Miocene strata of the Red Sea include subtropical arid carbonates (Hayward 1982; Burchette 1988; Santisteban and Taberner 1988; Sun and Esteban 1994; Esteban 1996; Burton 2003). Many of these carbonates developed on marginal-marine high-energy fan-delta systems, resulting in intercalated wedges of pure carbonates and siliciclastic sediments due to periodic flash-flood-related influx of terrigenous siliciclastics (Santisteban and Taberner 1988; Wilson and Lokier 2002; Burton 2003). Poor sorting of the intercalated siliciclastics results in limited development of high-permeability aquifers. In contrast with humid equatorial carbonates, the diagenesis of subtropical arid carbonate systems commonly is influenced by flushing of hypersaline brines, leading to extensive dolomitization (Sun 1992; Sun and Esteban 1994; Esteban 1996). Carbonates developed in the semiarid climate of the Lower and Middle Miocene of the Mediterranean show evidence for diagenetic alteration by meteoric fluids. However, unlike the pervasive early stabilization evident in the equatorial humid coastal systems, extensive meteoric leaching and complete dissolution of skeletal aragonite occurs in pure carbonates associated with fan-delta sediments (Burton 2003). Drusy meteoric cements may partially fill primary and secondary porosity, and preserved porosity may be as high as 20–55% (Burton 2003). The Samarinda carbonates are extensively stabilized and cemented by aquifer flow. The development of subtropical carbonates on, and encasement by, poor-aquifer-quality units likely results in nonpervasive and



poorly developed meteoric groundwater flow paths, especially when coupled with an arid climatic setting. Even with preferred flow units, due to the decreased volumes of water flux in subtropical arid coastal carbonates, meteoric aquifer-related stabilization of aragonite is limited and there is good potential for porosity preservation due to limited cementation (cf. James and Choquette 1990; Sun and Esteban 1994).

### **3.7.5 Conceptual Diagenetic Model of Delta-Associated Carbonates in Humid Tropical Settings**

The interpretation of the diagenetic history of patch reefs of this study, as with that of other warm, humid tropical coastal examples (Hendry et al. 1999), suggests a model of continental aquifer flow driving early pervasive stabilization (Fig. 3.11). For the Samarinda carbonates, the lack of subaerial exposure due to early burial by siliciclastics, the presence of permeable siliciclastic units in association with the reefs adjacent to a large landmass, and the humid equatorial climate are the factors contributing to stabilization and pervasive cementation of the reefs. Other carbonates developed in similar humid coastal settings with high siliciclastic influx and, most importantly, continental-aquifer influence also include evidence of pervasive stabilization and calcitization (Ali 1995; Netherwood and Wright 1992; Hook and Wilson 2003; Wilson 2012). Factors that result in less pervasive stabilization in humid coastal carbonates are: (1) high original primary porosity linked to high depositional energy, (2) more common calcitic components, and (3) localized or limited aquifer flow (Hood and Nelson 1996; Nelson et al. 2003; Caron and Nelson 2009).

## **3.8 Conclusions**

### **3.8.1 Diagenesis**

Study of Neogene siliciclastic-influenced patch reefs in Borneo reveals that both pervasive early stabilization of reef components from aragonite to low-Mg calcite and calcite cementation are key diagenetic features of these coastal carbonates from the humid tropics. The early stabilization of reef components and extensive

cementation are attributed to the reefs being flushed by primarily undersaturated meteoric water. Depleted oxygen stable-isotope data indicate a continental meteoric, upland source for the precipitating fluids with a lesser influence from trapped marine fluids expelled with increasing burial. Early diagenesis occurred predominantly in meteoric to shallow-burial environments, with the exception of an initial phase of grain micritization under marine conditions. Late-stage diagenetic processes of fracturing and cementation (also related to aquifer-driven flow) are inferred to have occurred at burial depths of < 1000 m and at temperatures of up to 53 °C prior to chemical compaction. Overall, the diagenesis of the Samarinda patch reefs is inferred to be controlled dominantly by fluid flow from a continental aquifer, one not directly influenced by “soil-zone” processes (as indicated by generally high  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ), that caused early stabilization and cementation.

### **3.8.2 Controls on Diagenesis**

The diagenesis of these patch reefs from equatorial “ever-wet” climatic settings are strongly controlled by basin-margin paleohydrology. Notably, continental aquifer flow, which drove shallow subsurface flow and early pervasive stabilization of reef components, was driven by the humid “ever-wet” climatic conditions associated with extensive Cenozoic tectonic uplift. Early stabilization and cementation are developed in other carbonates in similar humid mixed carbonate–siliciclastic successions, with large adjacent landmasses, in which extensive meteoric phreatic to shallow-burial fluid flow is the dominant diagenetic process. These findings are of particular relevance to SE Asia, with widespread mixed carbonate–siliciclastic systems developed in coastal settings with a humid equatorial climate, in which models generated in other regions cannot easily be applied.

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## **Chapter 4**

### **DIAGENESIS OF A SE ASIAN CENOZOIC CARBONATE-PLATFORM MARGIN AND ITS ADJACENT BASINAL DEPOSITS**

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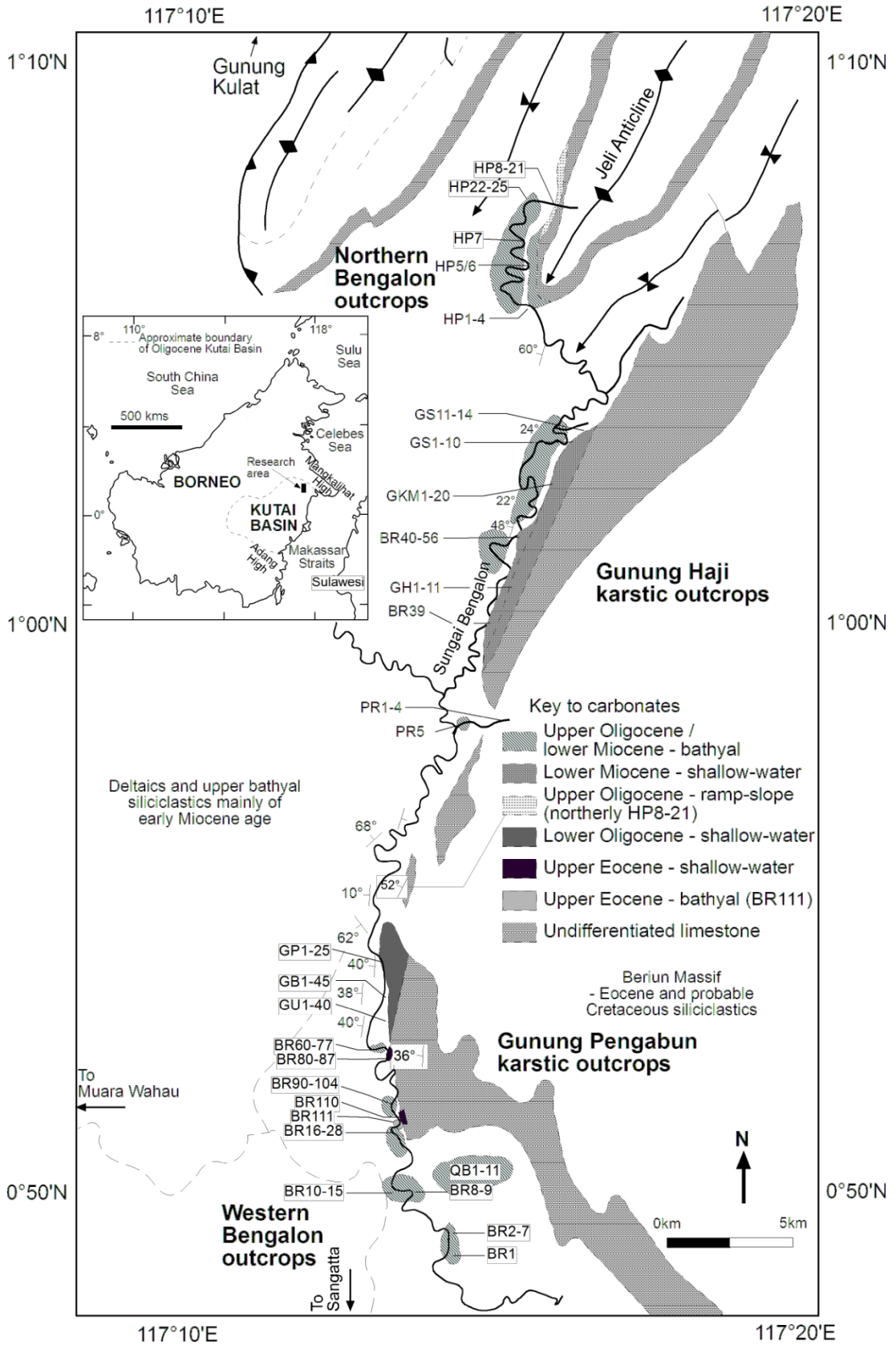
#### **Abstract**

**This study provides insights into the diagenesis of a SE Asian Tertiary carbonate platform and the variations in alteration that occur across platform top, margin, slope and adjacent basinal deposits. A petrographic, cathodoluminescent and stable isotopic study allowed evaluation of the diagenesis of the Kedango Limestone of Borneo. The Kedango Carbonate Platform developed as a predominantly low to moderate energy system in the semi-enclosed marine embayment of the Kutai Basin during the Eocene to Miocene. Early alteration through pervasive micritisation and minor isopachous fringing, syntaxial overgrowth and bladed to radiaxial cements was due to marine diagenesis on the basis of limited, relatively enriched stable-isotope compositions and non-luminescent cathodoluminescent (CL) characters. Minor early marine cementation formed just in the shallowest-platform top and margin deposits, and was likely promoted in high energy portions of the platform due to wave and/or current activity. Dissolution cavities, banded calcite cements with variable CL characteristics and depleted stable-isotope compositions, micritic sediment infiltration and alveolar textures are minor features, but together are indicative of localised subaerial emergence and meteoric diagenesis. The most prevalent and pervasive diagenetic feature of the deposits is the neomorphic alteration and replacement of metastable bioclasts and micritic matrix, together with contiguous calcitisation of pore spaces.**

**Burial fluids with a marine character are inferred as the parent diagenetic fluid, since stable-isotope compositions for the neomorphic spar is largely consistent with precipitation from SE Asian Oligocene Miocene seawater in a burial environment. Tectonic subsidence, the protected semi-enclosed marine embayment setting, and probably terrestrial runoff, together with component variability reflecting local environmental variations, are inferred to have been major controlling influences on the diagenesis of the Kedango Platform. Variations in diagenesis across bathyal, slope and shallow-platform deposits of the Kedango Limestone are not as marked as in other platforms from the region.**

#### **4.1 Introduction**

The diagenesis and development of open marine Tertiary carbonate platforms from the humid equatorial tropics of SE Asia are relatively well documented, since many comprise hydrocarbon reservoirs in the subsurface (Epting, 1980; Fulthorpe and Schlanger, 1989; Grötsch and Mercadier, 1999; Wilson and Hall, 2010). However the diagenetic variability across platform flank and contemporaneous bathyal deposits, particularly from low to moderate energy carbonate platforms is less well known. In this study a diagenetic assessment of shallow-water platform, slope and bathyal deposits is presented from the Kedango Carbonate Platform. The Kedango Limestone developed as an Eocene to Miocene platform within the semi-enclosed Kutai Basin in Eastern Borneo (Fig. 4.1; Wilson et al., 2012). The hypotheses tested here are that the diagenesis: (1) of bathyal, slope and shallow-platform deposits will vary associated with the different syn-, and post-depositional processes affecting the different environments, and (2) will be influenced by the setting of the platform in a tectonically active, subsiding marine embayment. Also, that there may be significant differences in diagenetic alteration of the Kedango Limestone from other carbonate platforms developed in more open-oceanic and/or non-subsiding settings within SE Asia. The results of this study offer insights into patterns of diagenesis across humid equatorial carbonate platform environments from basin to platform margin deposits that may have regional analogues as well as implications for hydrocarbon exploration.



**Figure 4.1.** Map of the study area, showing locations of studied sections, ages and inferred depositional environments. Inset map of Borneo shows the location of the research area within the Kutai Basin (from Wilson et al., 2012).

Extensive Cenozoic carbonate platforms developed on structural highs away from areas of clastic input on the northern margins of the Kutai Basin in Eastern Borneo (Moss and Chambers, 1999; Wilson et al., 1999; Wilson and Hall, 2010; Wilson, 2011). Carbonates of the Kedango Limestone outcrop extensively in and around the Bengalon Area in East Borneo, with the regional context, sedimentology and biostratigraphy of the formation previously documented (Fig. 4.1; Moss and Chambers, 1999; Wilson et al., 1999; Wilson et al., 2012). The present study expands on these earlier results, focusing on the diagenesis of the deposits through a multidisciplinary outcrop, petrographic, cathodoluminescent and geochemical study. The most influential controls on depositional development and variability along the western margin of the Kedango carbonate platform were tectonic subsidence, active faulting, the protected semi-enclosed marine embayment setting, and probably terrestrial runoff (Wilson et al., 2012). As discussed below, these same factors also had a major impact on diagenesis, together with platform/basin hydrology and component variability reflecting local environmental variations.

## **4.2 Geological Setting**

The Kedango Limestone crops out along the eastern side of the Bengalon River in a largely siliciclastic area close to the northern margin of the Kutai Basin (Wilson et al., 1999; 2012). Tertiary carbonates are common around the margins of the Kutai Basin and the associated widespread basinal area that included Western Sulawesi, the East Java Sea, and much of Eastern Borneo (van de Weerd and Armin, 1992; Wilson et al., 2000; Wilson, 2002; Sharaf et al., 2005). The Kutai Basin developed as one of a series of basins around the margins of the Eurasian continental crust during the Paleogene (van de Weerd and Armin, 1992; Hall, 1996; Moss and Chambers, 1999). The exact cause and timing of regional basin formation is still debated, but many authors infer that the Kutai Basin has rift-related extensional or transtensional origins (van de Weerd and Armin, 1992; Alam et al., 1999; Moss and Chambers, 1999). By the end of the Eocene, extension within the Makassar Strait and in Eastern Borneo had likely ceased, and regional subsidence resulted in marine flooding across the basinal depocentre (Moss et al., 1997; Moss and Chambers, 1999).

Throughout the late Paleogene, extensive carbonate deposition was near-continuous on faulted basement highs at the northern (e.g. the Taballar Formation on the Mangkalihat High) and southern (e.g., the Berai Limestone on the Adang Flexure) margins of the Kutai Basin (van de Weerd and Armin, 1992; Saller et al., 1993; Wilson and Evans, 2002). Shallow-water carbonate production also occurred on small-scale (tens of kilometres across) platforms surrounded by deeper waters largely isolated from siliciclastic influx, and as more localised and ephemeral areas (Moss and Chambers, 1999; Wilson et al., 1999; Wilson, 2002). The north-south trending Kedango Platform is one of these small-scale platforms, developed towards the northern margin of the Kutai Basin in a sheltered embayment setting (Wilson et al., 2012). However, there is uncertainty over whether the Kedango Platform was connected to siliciclastic shelves and land areas to the north and east (Wilson and Evans, 2002; Wilson et al., 2012). Post Miocene basin inversion (Cloke et al., 1999; Moss and Chambers, 1999) resulted in uplift, sedimentary unroofing, and for the Kedango Limestone subaerial exposure and associated tower karst development (Wilson et al., 2012).

A parallel study to this one discusses the Late Eocene to Early Miocene sedimentary evolution and facies of the 30 km long western margin of the >600 km thick Kedango Limestone, providing insights into the variability of a predominantly low to moderate energy platform margin (Wilson et al., 2012). The findings of the depositional study by Wilson et al. (2012) are summarised directly below and set the context for this diagenetic study.

To the east of the Bengalon River, the massive tower karst outcrops of Gunung (mountain) Kulat, Haji and Pengabun form north-south trending exposures of the Kedango Limestone. Both the depositional and diagenetic studies investigated shallow water carbonates forming the western side of Gunung Haji and Gunung Pengabun. The adjacent westerly platform margin and upper bathyal deposits were studied in well-bedded, several metre high outcrops from river and road cuttings in the Western Bengalon area (Fig. 4.1). To the north of Gunung Haji a thin carbonate succession is folded into a series of NNE-SSW trending anticline-syncline pairs in the Northern Bengalon area. The upper part of this carbonate succession was studied



in the northern reaches of the Bengalon River, in exposures of the western limb of the Jeli Anticline (Fig. 4.1).

The platform top deposits of the Kedango Limestone are composed dominantly of shallow-water bioclasts including larger and small benthic foraminifera, coralline algae and some corals mostly in a micritic matrix. During the Oligo-Miocene there was abundant reworking of both these shallow-water bioclasts and lithoclasts from along the ~30 km length of the western platform margin into the adjacent planktonic foraminifera-rich basinal deposits (Wilson et al., 2012). Eleven facies have been defined for the Kedango Limestone on the basis of components, textures and lithological features identified in outcrop and through petrography. These eleven facies have been grouped into four facies associations on the basis of their sedimentary textures and components. The sedimentology and environmental interpretations of these facies are discussed in Wilson et al (2012) and are summarised below:

- **Bioclastic Facies Group** - contains abundant whole, well-preserved and sometimes fragmented shallow marine bioclasts including corals, foraminifera, algae and molluscs mainly in packstones, grainstones, floatstones and rudstones. Deposition on a shallow-water platform to platform margin setting within the photic zone under normal marine conditions is inferred for most deposits, on the basis of well-preserved light dependant bioclasts such as larger benthic foraminifera and corals. Packstone and wackestone-floatstone textures were likely deposited under moderate to low energy conditions predominantly in shallow-photoc depths on the basis of lithological textures and the range of shallow bioclasts. Samples with planktonic foraminifera that lack miliolids are interpreted as deeper photic zone deposits with an open oceanic influence. Packstone-grainstone textures are inferred to have been deposited under moderate to high energy shallow-photoc conditions due to the varied bioclasts, their fragmentation and lithological textures. Bioclastic Facies dominate the karstic outcrops of Gunung Haji and Gunung Pengabun to the east of the Bengalon River.

- Mudstone-Wackestone Facies Group - contains few bioclasts and is dominated by micrite in carbonate mudstones, wackestones or floatstones. Mudstone-Wackestone Facies contain well-preserved shallow-marine bioclasts including corals, larger benthic foraminifera, imperforate foraminifera, molluscs, coralline algae, echinoderm plates and minor *Halimeda*. Poor sorting, an abundance of micritic matrix and light dependant bioclasts such as corals and larger benthic foraminifera are indicative of a dominantly low energy, normal marine environment, with deposition on a shallow to moderate photic depth platform. Mudstone-Wackestone Facies are interbedded with the Bioclastic Facies in the karstic outcrops at Gunung Haji and Gunung Pengabun.
- Planktonic Foraminifera Facies Group - contains abundant planktonic foraminifera (>20% and commonly >90% of the total bioclast content) in marls, shaley marls and wackestone-packstones. Marls contain >60-80% mixed clay and micrite content. Fragmented bioclasts including echinoderm debris and reworked shallow water bioclasts or siliciclastic grains may also be present. Planktonic Foraminifera Facies are inferred to have been deposited in open oceanic, bathyal to upper bathyal, slope or outer shelf settings on the basis of abundant planktonic foraminifera and diagnostic small benthic rotaliid foraminifera. Low energy conditions are inferred from the abundant clay and micritic matrix. Lithologies of the Planktonic Foraminifera Facies Group crop out to the south, west and north of the main karstic outcrops, largely in the Western and Northern Bengalon areas.
- Lithoclastic Facies Group - contains abundant reworked, up to 90 cm sized, lithoclasts (>10%) and commonly reworked unlithified shallow marine bioclasts in breccias and graded packstone-grainstones. Lithoclasts are dominated by those of the Bioclastic and Mudstone-Wackestone Facies Groups, although clasts of the Planktonic Foraminifera Facies Group and a range of siliciclastic clasts are also present, the later including arkosic sandstones, siltstones and chert. Reworked material therefore includes abraded shallow water bioclasts derived from the platform top, clasts from older siliciclastics underlying the platform carbonates and lithified slope and

shallow water carbonate clasts. Deposition in slope to bathyal depositional environments with reworking in calciturbidites, debris flows or modified grain flows was inferred from the commonly graded (fining or coarsening upwards) nature of the Lithoclastic Facies together with their interdigitation with Planktonic Foraminifera Facies. The common occurrence of reworked Bioclastic Facies lithologies indicates an erosional platform margin with reworking from the platform top. Lithoclastic Facies Group lithologies are interbedded with Planktonic Foraminifera Facies largely in the Western and Northern Bengal outcrops.

### **4.3 Methods**

Carbonates of the Kedango Limestone are exposed along the Bengal River as low riverbank outcrops and massive tower karst. Good exposure allowed high resolution sampling, outcrop sedimentary logging, facies mapping and partial section correlation along the western platform margin and adjacent basinal deposits (Wilson et al., 2012). Twenty-three measured sections were logged and of the 283 samples collected 124 have been studied petrographically.

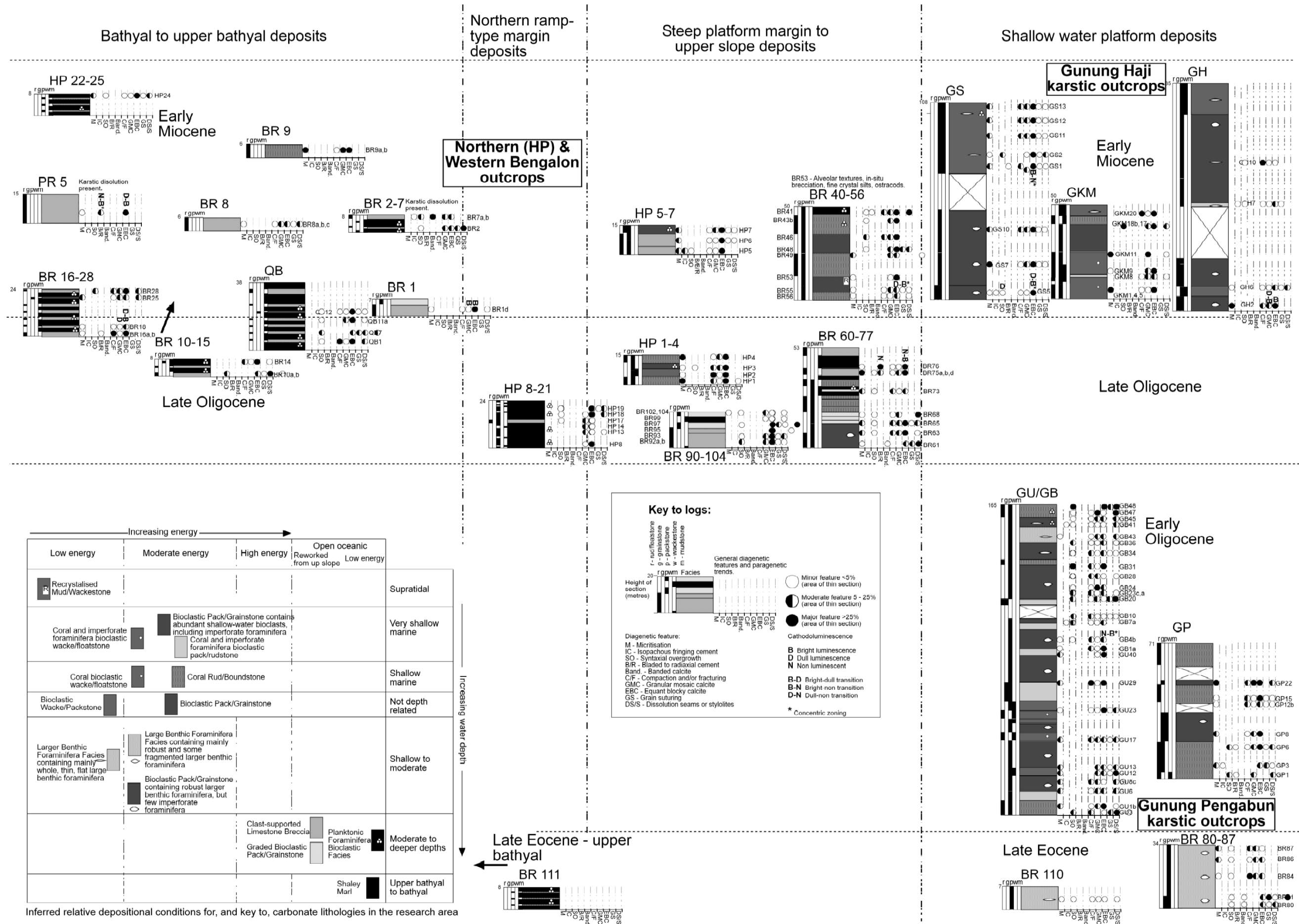
Lithological components, microfacies, diagenetic phases and the relative timing of diagenetic events were determined through thin-section petrography (Appendix D1 and Fig. 4.2). All carbonate lithologies were impregnated with blue epoxy resin to highlight porosity and half stained with Alizarin Red S and potassium ferricyanide for the identification of dolomites, ferroan and non-ferroan calcite (Dickson, 1965, 1966). The relative abundance of components and diagenetic phases were recorded semi-quantitatively (visual estimates; after Mazzullo and Graham, 1988). Facies nomenclature follows the textural classification scheme of Dunham (1962), modified by Embry and Klovan (1971), with components given in lithology names where they exceed 10-15%. Nomenclature on carbonate cement morphologies follows Flügel (2004). Cold cathodoluminescent (CL) microscopy study of 12 polished sections was via a Technosyn 8200 MkII luminoscope (after Witkowski, 2000). Samples for CL analysis were selected to investigate the range of coarse (>250 µm) cement phases present. Stable-isotope analysis ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ) was undertaken on 22 samples micro-drilled from the rock off-cut counterpart of the thin sections. Drilling

sites matched directly to the off-cuts, correspond to a range of depositional and diagenetic features identified in thin section. Drilled samples included a range of cements with varied morphologies and those filling fractures, bioclasts and matrix. Oxygen and carbon isotope analyses were run on a VG Isocarb automated system online to a VG Isogas Prism II isotope-ratio mass spectrometer. All data have been normalised, to NBS-19, which is the primary carbonate standard used to define the V-PDB scale ( $\delta^{13}\text{C} = +1.95\text{‰}$ ,  $\delta^{18}\text{O} = -2.2\text{‰}$ ). In addition, replicate analyses of an internal carbonate standard (Mab2b) were reproducible to  $\pm 0.1\text{‰}$ . An additional nine oxygen and carbon isotope analyses (samples with the prefix Madden) were run on a GasBench II system coupled online to a stable-isotope-ratio mass spectrometer in continuous flow (Skrzypek and Paul, 2006), with all data normalised to NBS-19 and reported relative to V-PDB; these analyses were undertaken at the University of Western Australia, Perth. External errors for  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  were  $\pm 0.1\text{‰}$ .

#### **4.4 Diagenetic Characteristics**

Although the age of the Kedango Limestone varies from Upper Eocene to Lower Miocene (Table 4.1), a broadly comparable set of diagenetic features is seen in many thin sections (Fig. 4.2 and Appendix D1). Depositional environments mentioned below are from Wilson et al. (2012). Figure 4.2 illustrates how the diagenetic features observed in individual samples (Appendix D1) relate to the measured sections of Wilson et al. (2012), and their inferred environments of deposition. Diagenetic features are described below in their relative order of formation, as inferred from petrographic study (Appendix D1 and Fig. 4.2).

**Figure 4.2 (next page).** Summary measured sedimentological sections for outcrops of the Kedango Limestone studied from the Bengalon Area showing key lithologies, their depositional environments and ages of sections. A generalised paragenetic scheme is given for each thin section studied, with diagenetic and cathodoluminescent features shown. Diagenetic features of individual thin sections are shown in general order of occurrence (left to right; oldest to youngest), with their CL features, where present, shown directly above or below. A comparable figure detailing finer-scale sedimentological attributes is given in Wilson et al. (2012) from which this figure is modified.



**Table 4.1.** Summary of the four study areas (Fig. 4.1), showing ages, facies characteristics and inferred depositional setting.

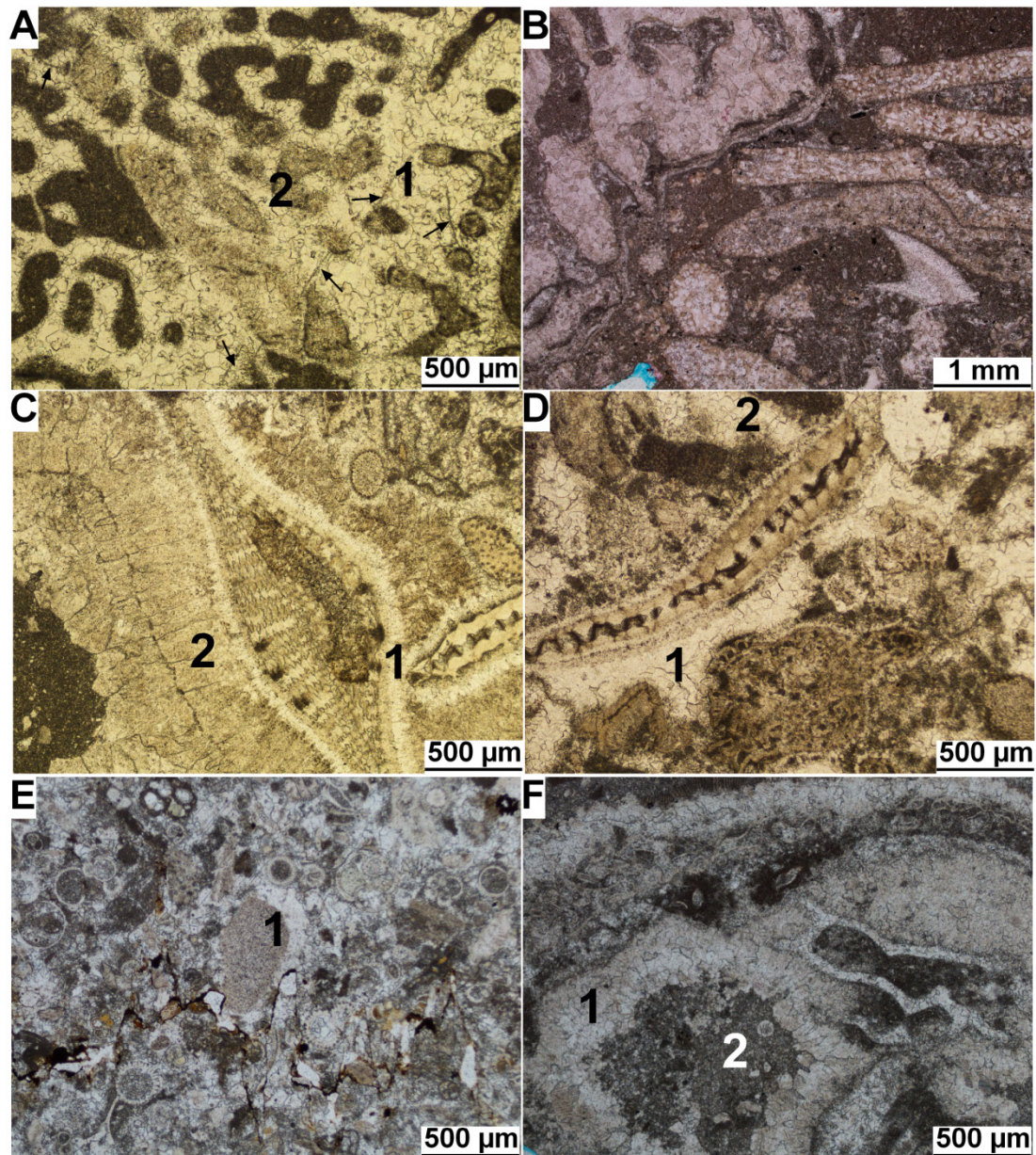
Area	Carbonate sections	Age range	Carbonate facies group	Inferred depositional setting
Northern Bengalón	Heli Pad (HP)	Oligocene and Lower Miocene	Dominated by Planktonic Foraminifera Facies Group, few Lithoclastic and Bioclastic Facies Group lithologies	Steep platform margin and unrimmed shelf margin deposits with an open oceanic influence
Gunung Haji Karstic	Gunung Semarang (GS)	Lower Miocene	Dominated by lithologies of the Bioclastic Facies Group and few beds of the Mudstone-Wackestone Facies Group	Low to moderate energy shallow-marine shelfal carbonates
	Gunung Kiham (GKM)	Lower Miocene		
	Gunung Haji (GH)	Lower Miocene		
	Bengalón River (BR39-56)	Lower Miocene		
Gunung Pengabun Karstic	Gua Pengabun (GP)	Lower Oligocene	Dominated by lithologies of the Bioclastic Facies Group and fewer beds of the Mudstone-Wackestone Facies Group	Low to moderate energy shallow-marine shelfal carbonates
	Gua Unguk/Bangki (GU/GP)	Lower Oligocene		
	Bengalón River (80-87)	Upper Eocene		
	Bengalón River (BR110)	Upper Eocene		
Western Bengalón	Bengalón River (BR60-77)	Upper Oligocene	Interbedded lithologies of the Planktonic Foraminifera and Lithoclastic Facies Groups	Upper bathyal slope and bathyal deposits into which shallow-water and lithified carbonate and clastic material has been reworked via sediment gravity flows
	Bengalón River (BR90-104)	Upper Oligocene		
	Bengalón River (BR111)	Upper Eocene		
	Quarry Batu (QB)	Upper Oligocene and Lower Miocene		
	Bengalón River (BR1-9)	Lower Miocene		
	Bengalón River (10-15)	Lower Miocene		
	Bengalón River (BR16-28)	Lower Miocene		

## 4.4 1 Petrography of Diagenetic Features

### 4.4.1 1 Micritisation

Micritisation of bioclasts is prevalent in 114 of 124 thin sections. Micrite envelopes are visible in plane-polarised light as narrow (10-50  $\mu\text{m}$ ) irregular dark brown rims on bioclasts (Fig. 4.3A, 4.3B). The common bioclasts in packstones, floatstones and wackestones from shallow-water platform deposits show the most consistently pervasive micritisation with micritic rims typically 50  $\mu\text{m}$  thick (Fig. 4.3B). Packstone-grainstones and rudstones from the platform top typically show less pervasive micritisation of bioclasts, having micritic rims mostly <20-30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick. Micritisation was noted from all platform margin deposits studied, with micritic rims on bioclasts most commonly 20-30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick. Micritic rims of 50  $\mu\text{m}$  thickness are only seen in platform margin deposits associated with coral bioclasts and a packstone texture, mainly from the Northern Bengalón area. Micritisation is a rarer feature of bathyal to upper bathyal deposits and rims are the most variable, ranging from 10-50  $\mu\text{m}$  thick. The most pervasive micritisation in bathyal deposits is from reworked shallow water components within Lithoclastic Facies including: (1) bioclastic packstone clasts and (2) coral clasts. Generally larger perforate benthic foraminifera in all three major depositional settings show limited micritisation with rims 10-20  $\mu\text{m}$  thick (Fig. 4.3C, 4.3D). Rare more pervasive micritisation (30-50  $\mu\text{m}$  thick rims) affects larger perforate foraminifera from just the shallow-water platform deposits. The CL signature of the micritic rims is typically dull- to non-luminescent, contrasting slightly with the CL signature of originally calcitic bioclasts that typically





**Figure 4.3.** Plane-polarised thin-section photomicrographs illustrating a range of diagenetic features from the Kedango Limestone. (A) Sample GP01; Coral fragment from a wackestone-floatstone from the shallow-water platform top. Minor micritisation of coral clast, coral skeleton has been neomorphically replaced by granular mosaic calcite (1) with ghost fabrics present in the neomorphosed coral (arrows) and contiguous cementation of the coral chamber porosity where not filled entirely by micrite. The turbid appearance of contiguous chamber cements (also granular mosaic calcite) is due to likely partial neomorphic replacement of the micritic matrix (2). (B) Sample GKM18b; Bioclastic wacke-pack-floatstone from shallow-water platform top. Abundant *Halimeda* fragments with well developed micritic rims and coral clast with micritic envelope and encrusting algae. The coral skeleton and *Halimeda* have been neomorphically replaced by granular mosaic calcite with infill of bioclast chambers and replacement of matrix both by equant blocky calcite. (C) Sample BR07a; Lithoclast of bioclastic grainstone within clast-supported limestone breccia from bathyal to upper bathyal setting. Clear isopachous fringing cement forming a fibrous rim to large benthic foraminifera (1). Fringing cement has been overgrown in places by bladed calcite cement (2). (D) Sample HP05; Bioclastic grain-rudstone from platform margin. Isopachous fringing cement developed on a larger benthic foraminifera showing

replacement by equant blocky calcite (1). Clear equant blocky calcite infills between clasts and areas of matrix (2). (E) Sample HP19; Planktonic foraminifera packstone from ramp type margin (Wilson et al., 2012). Syntaxial overgrowth cement present on echinoderm grain (1). A high amplitude stylolite cross-cuts the lithology. (F) Sample BR75a; Clast supported limestone breccia from platform margin. Recrystallised carbonate clast including a void (shelter porosity) infilled by bladed to equant calcite (1) and micritic sediment (2; includes planktonic foraminifera).

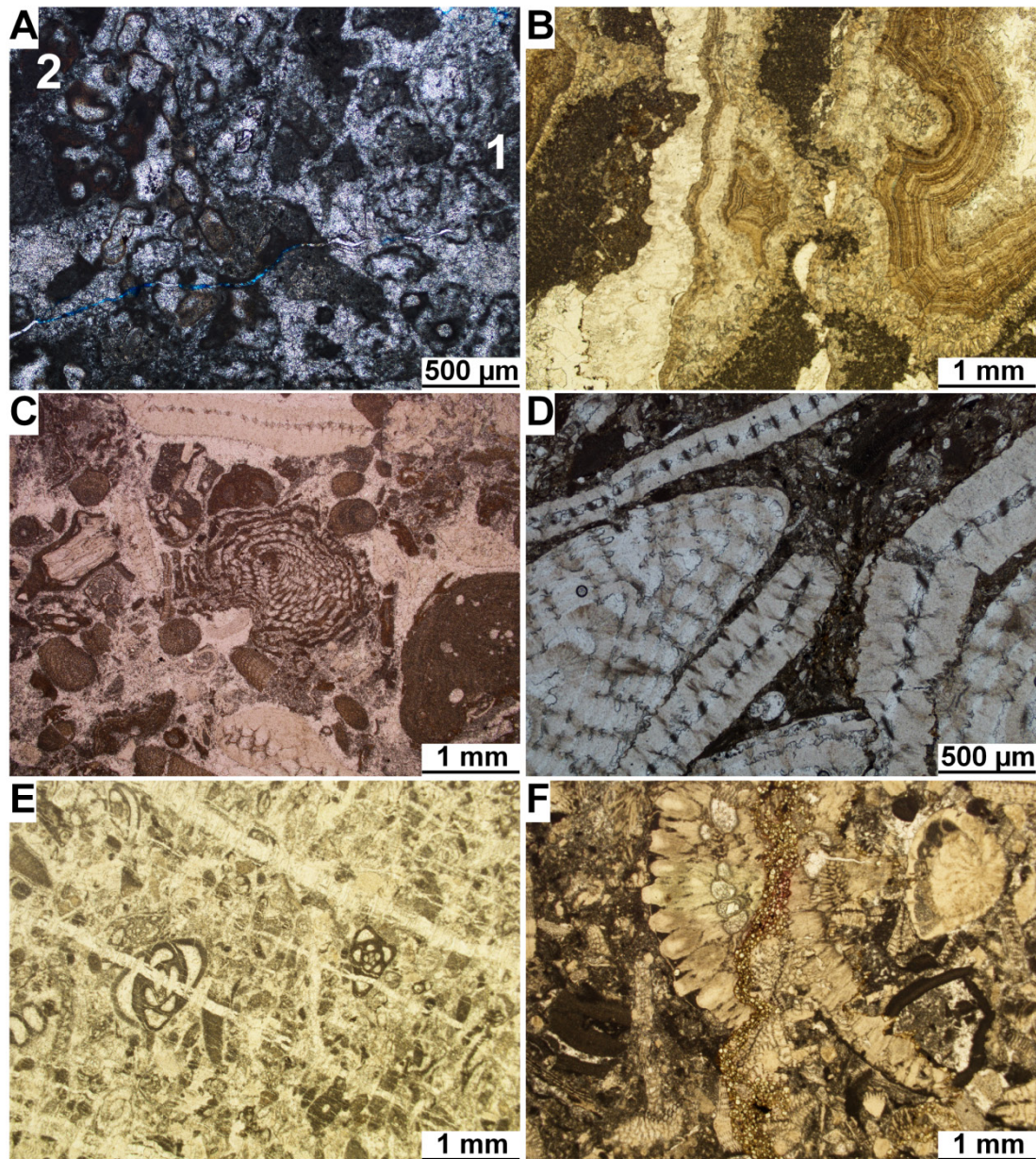
#### **4.4.1.2 Isopachous Fringing Cement**

Non-ferroan isopachous fringing cement is present in 8% of thin sections as minor cement fringes <200 µm wide on bioclasts. Fringing cements have acicular to fibrous crystal habits (Fig. 3C) and are rarely replaced by equant calcite (Fig. 4.3D). Fringing cements are colourless to weakly yellow-brown in plane light and are non-luminescent in CL. Isopachous fringing cements developed in the shallow-water platform deposits are rare in wackestone-packstone lithologies (<1% of a sample, <20 µm wide) but are more common in coarse bioclastic packstone and grainstone lithologies (1-5% of a sample, up to 50 µm wide). Fringing cements mostly occur within bioclast chambers or more rarely fringing bioclasts, notably larger perforate foraminifera. Fringing cements are most abundant (>5% of sample, up to 200 µm wide) in two thin sections of Lithoclastic Facies from the platform margin deposits. These platform margin deposits are a coarse bioclastic grain/rudstone, including carbonate lithic clasts with fringing cements developed on reworked larger perforate benthic foraminifera (Fig. 4.3D). The other occurrence of thick fringing cement from the platform margin deposits is in a reworked grainstone clast from a clast-supported limestone breccia. The only occurrence of isopachous fringing cement from the bathyal deposits is in a reworked grainstone clast from a Lithoclastic Facies limestone breccia (Fig. 4.3C).

#### **4.4.1.3 Syntaxial Overgrowths**

Syntaxial overgrowths, present in 19% of thin sections, are common on echinoderm grains (Fig. 4.3E), but are not a dominant cement phase (<1-2% of a sample). Syntaxial overgrowths typically have well-formed crystal shapes, and are only a few tens of microns in width and length. Some overgrowths have a cloudy and inclusion-rich appearance.





**Figure 4.4.** Plane-polarised thin-section photomicrographs illustrating a range of diagenetic features from the Kedango Limestone. (A) Sample BR53; Recrystallised mud-wacke-floatstone from platform margin deposits. Recrystallised coral with chambers partially cemented and filled by a fine dark micritic sediment (1). Alveolar texture present as irregular pores with a dark brown rim infilled by sparite and micrite (2). (B) Sample PR05; Clast supported limestone breccia from bathyal to upper bathyal setting. Banded cement infilling a karstic dissolution cavity within a reworked clast. (C) Sample GP03; Coral bioclastic grain-rudstone with mechanically deformed alveolinid (imperforate foraminifera; centre of field of view) with development of a concavo-convex grain contact with an echinoid clast with well developed syntaxial overgrowth cement. A perforate heterostegnid foraminifera has a partial rim of fringing cement and is undeformed (top of field of view). (D) Sample GB43; coarse bioclastic pack-rudstone from shallow-water platform top with Heterostegnid, *Nummulites* and coralline algae showing grain breakage and irregular suturing at grain-to-grain contacts. The matrix shows development of dissolution seams with concentrations of insoluble dark brown material. (E) Sample GU29; Bioclastic pack-grainstone from shallow-water platform top. Miliolids and bioclasts heavily micritised and cross-cut by multiple minor fractures. Fractures are filled by equant blocky calcite cement. (F) Sample BR81; Coarse bioclastic

pack-rudstone from shallow-water platform top. Extensive mechanical compaction has been partially accommodated through chemical compaction at grain-to-grain contacts and dissolution seam formation. Microdolomite rhombs are present along the length of the seam.

Overgrowths post-date micritisation, and pre-date later fracturing since fractures may cross-cut the overgrowths and overgrowths may partially extend over micritic rims. Syntaxial overgrowths are found most commonly in packstone-grainstone lithologies from the shallow-water platform deposits and platform margin deposits. Echinoid spines or plates are most commonly overgrown in shallow-water platform top deposits whereas overgrowths are more common on bifurcating crinoid plates (probably feather stars or Comatulida) in platform margin environments. In general there is a greater abundance of syntaxial overgrowth cement amongst the coarser grainstone lithologies of the platform margin rather than platform top deposits associated with a greater abundance of echinoiderm debris in the former. Syntaxial overgrowths are rare in the bathyal to upper bathyal deposits, but where present are associated with packstone-grainstone lithologies of the Lithoclastic Facies. CL imagery reveals that in at least one sample, of a coarse-gravel grain/rudstone (sample GS05; Fig. 4.2), syntaxial overgrowths have a dull-luminescence.

#### **4.4.1.4 Bladed to Radial Cements**

Non-ferroan bladed to radial cements are present in 6 out of 124 thin sections. Bladed cements are formed of individual crystals up to a few millimetres in length and <300 µm in width, with pyramidal to blocky long axis crystal terminations. A radial-bladed to fibrous habit is seen in some crystals displaying sweeping undulose extinction and convergent optic axes. Bladed to radial crystals of 70-100 µm in length were seen in only one coarse bioclastic packstone-grainstone platform top sample where they comprise a very minor phase just coating perforate foraminifera. The other examples of bladed to radial cements are all from platform margin deposits and/or within clasts reworked from the margin present in Lithoclastic Facies. In platform margin deposits bladed to radial cements between 100 µm to 5 mm in length are variously present within or around both bioclasts and lithic clasts (Fig. 4.3C). Bladed to radial cements are only a significant cement phase (15-25% of sample and up to 5 mm long) in two samples of clast supported limestone breccia, one infilling a cavity between lithic clasts (Fig. 4.3F), and the

other around coral clasts. In this later sample the bladed cements formed prior to the reworking of the coral fragments since both cements and corals are sharply truncated and abraded. Bladed cements between 50-250  $\mu\text{m}$  long with crystals truncated at clast margins also formed prior to clast reworking in two other samples from the platform margin and the one lithoclastic sample from bathyal water depths. Bladed to radial cements are colourless to moderately yellow-brown in plane light and may display twinning. These cements were not imaged in CL.

#### **4.4.1.5 Early Fracturing, Crystal Silt and Alveolar Texture**

One Lower Miocene bed (BR53; recrystallised wackestone-floatstone) has been affected by early fracturing (brecciation) and fracture infill by fine crystal silt. BR53 is a platform top sample from close to the margin and was deposited just prior to local deepening (Wilson et al., 2012). Fractures are up to 1-2 mm wide and several centimetres in length. Alveolar structure is composed of irregular pores infilled by sparite and separated by interconnecting micrite bridges (Fig. 4.4A). These features of early brecciation, alveolar textures and infill by fine crystal silt, the later including whole and disarticulated thin-shelled ostracods, are not seen elsewhere.

#### **4.4.1.6 Dissolution, Micritic Sediment Infiltration and Banded Calcite Cement**

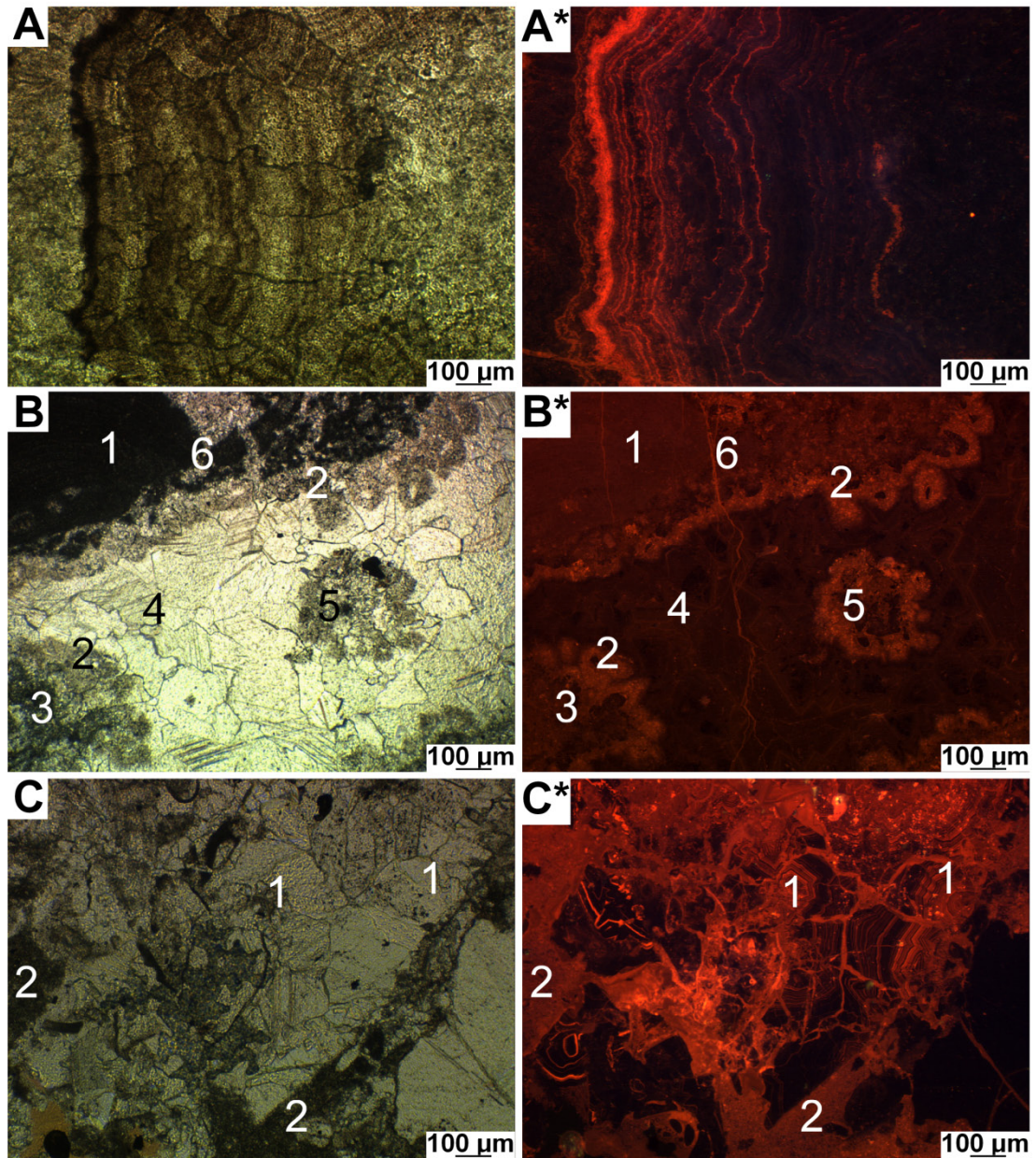
Dissolution features are rare. Irregular cavities up to several millimetres in diameter are present within reworked clasts in just two Lithoclastic Facies samples deposited in a bathyal setting and of Lower Miocene age (PR05 and BR07a; Fig. 4.2). The reworked clasts with dissolution cavities are a: (1) mollusc and imperforate foraminifera wackestone, and (2) bioclastic grainstone. In both samples these cavities are filled by irregular banded-bladed calcite cement and a fine (few tens of microns) non-laminated sediment infill that lacks fossils, although this sediment infill is rare in BR07a. Cement and sediment infills of cavities are sharply truncated at clast boundaries. Banded cements up to 5 mm in width appear as concentric zones or “bands” of crystals, with sharp margins between zones and sometimes a slight bladed habit to crystals (Fig. 4.4B). In plane light the banded cements are moderately yellow-brown. In CL the banded cements display >20 individual alternating bands of non-luminescent and brightly-luminescent zones over a distance of  $\sim 500 \mu\text{m}$  (Fig

4.5A/A\*). In one sample (BR07a) the banded cements have pendant morphologies where bladed calcite has precipitated around larger perforate benthic foraminifera. The sediment infill of the dissolution cavities is very dark brown in plane light and is typically homogenous.

#### **4.4.1.7 Grain Breakage and Mechanical Compaction**

Mechanical breakage and compaction of grains is prevalent throughout the platform deposits and is present in 43% of thin sections. Mechanical compaction effects are seen as grain breakage, internal grain distortion and tangential to concavo-convex grain contacts (Figs. 4.4C, 4.4D). Micritised grain-rims, and to a much lesser extent isopachous cements are both affected by compaction. In the shallow-water platform deposits, grainstone lithologies and coarse-gravel pack/rudstones show preferential compaction features. In these platform top deposits larger perforate benthic foraminifera and algae show common tangential to concavo-convex grain contacts as well as grain breakages, whereas imperforate foraminifera may show considerable internal deformation (Fig. 4.4C). Mudstone-Wackestone Facies have a high micrite content and with sparsely distributed bioclasts do not show extensive compaction features. Platform margin deposits mostly only display pervasive compaction features in grainstone-rudstone lithologies where larger benthic foraminifera or fragmented corals are present. Where isopachous and/or bladed cements are well-developed in platform margin, and to a lesser extent platform top deposits, compaction effects are less prevalent. In platform top deposits where larger perforate foraminifera are rimmed by isopachous cements these allochems may not be affected by compaction, whereas imperforate foraminifera lacking cement rims from the same samples may show significant deformation within the grain and at its margins.





**Figure 4.5.** PPL and CL photomicrograph pairs illustrating features and trends developed during diagenesis of the Kedango Limestone. (A/A\*) Sample PR05; Heavily zoned banded cement, exhibiting zones of non- to dull-luminescence and bright-luminescence. From the right side of the field of view to the left side the contrast in zoning becomes more pronounced as the thickness of bright zones increases. (B/B\*) Sample GH02; Dull-luminescence of coralline algae (1) adjacent to cement-filled shelter porosity. Micritic matrix partially infilling original pore space and micritised rims to bioclasts are moderately luminescent (2). The periphery of a coral clast shows dull- to non-luminescence where the original skeletal structure has been neomorphically replaced (3). Zoned non- to dull-luminescent equant blocky calcite fills the remaining original shelter porosity (4), and partially replaces patches of matrix (5), and the original micrite rim (2). A fine fracture filled with moderately- to brightly-luminescent cement, cross-cuts the sample that is not seen in PPL (5). (C/C\*) Sample GS01; Non- and brightly-luminescent zoning of equant blocky calcite cement. Dense alternating zones (1) occur during the earlier calcite spar development. Micrite matrix has dull to bright luminescence (2). (Fig. 4.4C). Lithoclastic deposits may show extensive breakage, concavo-convex and tangential contacts associated with larger benthic foraminifera, echinoderm material and lithic clasts in grainstones and breccias. Only minor

compaction effects, including grain breakage, are present in the Planktonic Foraminifera Facies.

#### **4.4.1.8 Fracturing**

Minor fracturing of bioclasts, matrix, and rarely prior cement phases, occurs in 69% of thin sections. More pervasive fracturing is common in Lithoclastic Facies derived from the southern part of the platform margin. These fractures are typically less than a few millimetres but may be up to a few centimetres in length, and are commonly <1 mm in width (Fig. 4.4E). Offsets along fractures, if present, are typically 100-500  $\mu\text{m}$ . Fractures cross-cut original fabrics and rarely syntaxial overgrowths and isopachous fringing cements, and are commonly infilled by later granular to equant calcite. However rare examples of fractures cross-cutting and being cross-cut by granular mosaic and equant blocky cements suggest a possible contiguous timing to some of these fractures. Fracturing is prevalent in samples from all three major depositional settings, but is most pervasive and with the largest fracture sizes in lithologies with little micritic matrix i.e., packstone to grainstone lithologies. The full extent of fracturing is seen in CL as fine fracture networks filled with brightly-luminescent granular to equant calcite cements that cross-cut the “background” of moderate- to non-luminescence (Fig. 4.5B/B\*).

#### **4.4.1.9 Granular Mosaic Calcite**

Non-ferroan granular mosaic calcite is a dominant diagenetic feature, present in 119 of 124 thin sections and accounting for 15-25% of individual samples. Granular mosaic calcite consists of typically small relatively equidimensional crystals with irregular to subhedral crystal margins (Flügel, 2004). This cement affects bioclastic components retaining relicts of original skeletal structure or occurs as mosaic cement extending into bioclast chambers (Figs. 4.3A, 4.3B), or rarely extending into fractures. Granular mosaic calcite crystals vary in size from a few hundred microns, where they replace original skeletal structures, up to 700  $\mu\text{m}$  within bioclast chambers. Relicts of internal skeletal structures and coral walls are partially preserved as original organic or inorganic inclusions or through outlining by micritic envelopes. In plane light granular mosaic calcite is colourless to pale yellow-grey, and has a dull-luminescence in CL.

#### **4.4.1.10 Blocky to Equant Calcite**

Non-ferroan blocky to equant calcite is the most dominant diagenetic feature (typically >25% of each sample) and is present in 122 of 124 thin sections. Blocky equant calcite consists of variably sized crystals (up to several millimetres) with commonly distinct euhedral crystal boundaries and an equicrystalline “block like” fabric (Flügel, 2004). This cement occurs between bioclasts and commonly within patches of micrite or more rarely as large areas of cement with micritic inclusions or small relict patches of micritic matrix between or within crystals (Figs. 4.3D, 4.3E, 4.4B, 4.4E, 4.5B/B\*). Blocky calcite may extend into bioclast chambers and fractures (continuous from areas of granular mosaic calcite), rarely (<5% of thin sections) with a drusy habit and rarely (8% of thin sections) with isolated crystals of dog tooth calcite. In plane light blocky to equant cements are colourless to pale yellow-grey, but have variable CL characteristics. Blocky calcite from bathyal Lithoclastic Facies deposits show little evidence of zoning and have moderate to bright-luminescence. In both Bioclastic Facies and Lithoclastic Facies from shallow water platform and steep platform margin deposits blocky calcite commonly shows multiple (up to 15) concentric CL bands of dull-luminescence and bright-luminescence (Figs. 4.5B/B\*, 4.5C/C\*). Both the granular mosaic calcite and blocky to equant calcite are cross-cut by later chemical compaction features and rarely (nine thin sections) very minor non-pervasive fractures which may be filled by an equant calcite spar (Fig. 4.5B/B\*).

#### **4.4.1.11 Grain Suturing, Stylolites, and Dissolution Seams**

Stylolites are uncommon features (11% of thin sections) appearing as serrated seams. Dissolution seams are common (53% of thin sections), and present as smooth anastomosing seams. Stylolites have amplitudes of up to 1 mm and both stylolites and dissolution seams may be up to several centimetres in length. Some stylolites have developed from intergranular sutures into circum-grain or clast seams. Stylolites are best developed in packstone-grainstone lithologies where there is a low abundance of micritic matrix and greater cementation. Dissolution seams occur in areas where there is a higher proportion of matrix to cement and may transition along their length from dissolution seams in micritic-rich regions to stylolites in cement-

rich regions. Dissolution seams and stylolites cross-cut older cement phases, fractures and depositional features, however dissolution seams most commonly only impact the margins of bioclasts. Both features are identifiable by the concentration of insoluble non-carbonate material, resulting in a dark brown seam in PPL (Figs. 4.3E, 4.4F). In 26% of thin sections the generation of stylolites and dissolution seams has resulted in minor (<1% of sample) dissolution and porosity generation along the features. In two Eocene samples (BR81 and BR110, Bioclastic Facies shallow-water platform deposits; Fig. 2) euhedral micro-dolomite rhombs (<100  $\mu\text{m}$ ) have developed along dissolution seams (Fig. 4.4F). In plane light dolomite rhombs are a pale yellow-brown and were not imaged in CL.

#### **4.5 Stable Isotope Analyses**

Stable-isotope compositions define a dominantly tight group, with low variance between individual values of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ . These values range from -12.0‰ to -1.3‰ V-PDB (Table 4.2, Fig. 4.6), and are similar to more negative than that expected from cements formed from Oligocene-Miocene SE Asian marine waters ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of -4.2‰ to -1.5‰; Ali, 1995; Wilson and Evans, 2002). Carbon stable-isotope values lie within a narrow range, commonly within, or slightly more negative than the expected range of normal marine waters (-1‰ to +1‰  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  V-PDB; Ali, 1995; Wilson and Evans, 2002), with values ranging from -4.0‰ to +1.1‰ V-PDB for all but five samples. These outlying samples have  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values within the range of -11.6‰ to -4.7‰ V-PDB, and are from samples of banded (two samples; PR05), blocky equant (adjacent to banded cement; PR05) and fracture filling cements (two samples; GU3 and GB4b (Fig. 4.2)).

#### **4.6 Diagenetic, Temperature, and Paleohydrologic Interpretations**

Petrographic observations reveal a paragenetic sequence for diagenetic events affecting the Kedango Platform including several phases of cementation (Figs. 4.2, 4.7). The Anderson and Arthur (1983) equation (Equation 1) provides a means to derive Miocene  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  seawater values for the region, and from this the potential to evaluate the possible origins of fluids involved in cement precipitation:



$$T=16 - 4.14(\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CALCITE}} - \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SEAWATER}}) + 0.13(\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{CALCITE}} - \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SEAWATER}})^2 \quad (1)$$

A Miocene  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  seawater value for the region of -2‰ to 0‰ V-SMOW has been derived using this equation and the observed range of calcitic bioclast values ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of -4.2‰ to -1.5‰; Ali, 1995; Wilson and Evans, 2002) for SE Asian Oligocene-Miocene seawater and an assumed ocean surface temperature of 25 °C (Neogene of coastal Borneo; Ali, 1995). The larger benthic foraminifera in the Kedango Limestone samples (Table 4.2, Fig. 4.6;  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB values of -6.2‰ to -1.4‰) are in general agreement with the known range of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values for SE Asian Oligocene-Miocene calcitic bioclasts, perhaps reflecting, precipitation in equilibrium with Miocene seawater. Where the originally calcitic bioclasts are more negative than the known range of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values for SE Asia it is possible that these may be a reflection of: (1) the samples containing contaminating matrix or (2) precipitation out of equilibrium with Miocene sea water. Alternatively, because there is significant terrestrial runoff into the seas around SE Asia the more negative  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of the calcitic bioclasts may reflect lower salinities than the global norm (i.e. an apparently slightly brackish signature; Tomascik et al., 1999; Wilson, 2008), indicating that the regional Miocene seawater  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  field requires modification. A possible need for modification is suggested by other results from the same region showing more negative  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values, from calcitic bioclasts and marine cements, than the regional seawater field (cf. Wilson and Evans, 2002; Madden and Wilson, 2012). Any meteoric parent fluids potentially involved in diagenetic alteration are suggested to have had  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of -8‰ to -4‰ V-SMOW on the basis of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of meteoric precipitation in SE Asia of -6‰ to -4‰ at low elevations (Bowen and Wilkinson, 2002) and up to -8‰ for the whole of Borneo (Anderson and Arthur, 1983).

The onset of development of stylolites and dissolution seams occurs in moderate to deep burial environments of approximately 1000 m (Finkel and Wilkinson, 1990; Lind, 1993; Railsback, 1993b; Nicolaidis and Wallace, 1997; Machel, 2004). Since all calcite precipitation pre-dates the development of stylolites and dissolution seams a maximum burial depth for calcite cementation of the Kedango Limestone of <1000 m is inferred. The prevalence of dissolution seams over stylolites may indicate lesser burial depths; although the occurrence of both features may be more strongly

controlled by the lithology undergoing burial compaction (below). Extrapolation of the Bengal region's geothermal gradient (24.4 °C/km; Hall, 2002) gives an estimated maximum calcite precipitation temperature of 49.4 °C.

**Table 4.2.**  $\delta^{13}\text{C}\text{‰}$  VPDB and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}\text{‰}$  V-PDB values from samples of the Kedango Limestone.

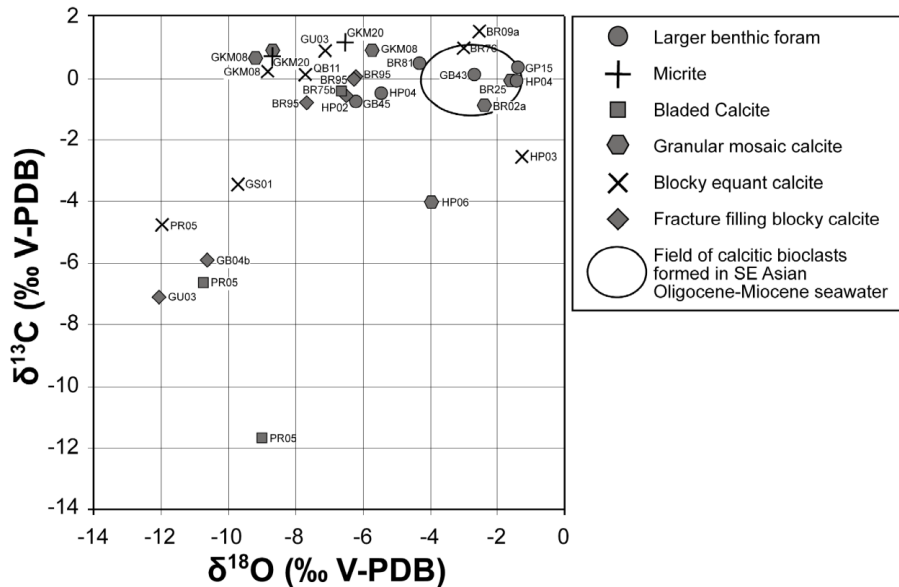
Sample	Name	Component	$\delta^{13}\text{C}\text{‰}$ VPDB	$\delta^{18}\text{O}\text{‰}$ VPDB
GB43	gb43 0.8	Larger benthic foraminifera	0.12	-2.67
GB45	gb45 0.8	Larger benthic foraminifera	-0.73	-6.19
GP15	gp15 1.0	Larger benthic foraminifera	0.35	-1.37
HP4	hp4a 1.1	Larger benthic foraminifera	-0.06	-1.59
HP4	hp4b 1.1	Larger benthic foraminifera	-0.48	-5.45
BR81	br81a 0.8	Larger benthic foraminifera	0.49	-4.31
GKM20	gkm20a 1.8	Micrite	0.70	-8.68
GKM20	GKM 20B 1.8	Micrite	1.14	-6.51
BR75b	br75b 0.5	Bladed calcite cement	-0.44	-6.60
PR5	pr5b 1.4	Bladed calcite cement (Banded)	-6.62	-10.75
PR5	pr5c 1.9	Bladed calcite cement (Banded)	-11.64	-9.00
GKM8	gkm8a 1.6	Granular mosaic calcite replacing coral	0.91	-8.69
GKM8	gkm8a 1.2	Granular mosaic calcite replacing coral	0.66	-9.20
BR2a	Madden BR2a S.I	Granular mosaic calcite replacing coral	-0.87	-2.37
BR25	Madden BR25 S.I	Granular mosaic calcite replacing coral	-0.07	-1.40
HP6	Madden HP6 S.I	Granular mosaic calcite replacing coral	-4.01	-3.95
BR43b	Madden BR43b S.I	Granular mosaic calcite	0.91	-5.72
GKM8	GKM 8B 1.7	Blocky equant cement (in mollusc)	0.23	-8.83
QB11	qb11 1.5	Blocky cement (within and between clasts)	0.10	-7.70
PR5	pr5a 1.0	Blocky calcite cement	-4.74	-11.98
BR76	Madden BR76 S.I	Blocky calcite cement	0.98	-2.99
BR9a	Madden BR9a S.I	Blocky calcite cement	1.52	-2.53
GU3	Madden GU3 S.I	Blocky calcite cement	0.88	-7.12
GS1	Madden GS1 S.I	Blocky calcite cement	-3.47	-9.72
HP3	Madden HP3 S.I	Blocky calcite cement	-2.54	-1.26
BR95	br95a 1.9	Fracture (thin) filling blocky cement	-0.02	-6.29
BR95	br95a 1.7	Fracture (thin) filling blocky cement	-0.80	-7.67
BR95	br95b 1.7	Fracture filling blocky cement	0.06	-6.20
GU3	GU3 1.6	Fracture filling blocky cement	-7.09	-12.07
GB4b	GB 4b 2.4	Fracture filling blocky cement	-5.88	-10.63
HP2	hp2 1.3	Fracture filling blocky cement	-0.57	-6.50

#### 4.6.1 Interpretation of Pre-Compaction Diagenetic Features

##### 4.6.1.1 Micritisation

Perhaps with the exception of the alveolar texture, micritisation is the first alteration process affecting samples, since micrite envelopes are cross-cut by all other diagenetic features. Bioclastic material in shallow-marine environments may be micritised due to the infilling of micro-borings made by endolithic organisms (Bathurst, 1966; Gunther, 1990; Perry, 1999). Pervasive micritisation of shallow-water platform deposits, particularly those with packstone, floatstone and wackestone textures (Fig. 4.3B), is consistent with endolithic micro-borers being most active in moderate to low energy shallow-photoc environments (cf. Swinchatt, 1965; Budd and Perkins, 1980; Perry and Bertling, 2000; Perry and Macdonald, 2002; Perry and Hepburn, 2008). Thick micritic rim development on bioclasts has been related to higher nutrient levels in shallow-photoc environments, such as occurs in relatively

protected settings, and/or to constructive micrite envelope development associated with seagrass beds (Golubic et al., 1975; Budd and Perkins, 1980; Tucker and Wright, 1990; Perry, 1998; 1999; Perry and Larcombe, 2003). In the Kedango Limestone the thickest (50  $\mu\text{m}$ ) development of micrite rims in wackestones, packstones and floatstones from shallow platform top environments, some associated with inferred seagrass beds, and in northern platform margin deposits closest to the area of terrestrial runoff is consistent with a nutrient and/or specific environmental control on pervasive micritisation. The typically dull-luminescent to non-luminescent CL character of the micritic envelopes is consistent with associated marine waters or oxidising pore fluids. Alternatively the fine texture of the rims may result in a dark CL character.



**Figure 4.6.** Cross-plot of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ‰ V-PDB versus  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ‰ V-PDB for calcite components and cements from the Kedango Limestone of the Bengalon River area, based on the data presented in Table 4.2. The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of -12.1‰ to -1.4‰ V-PDB are largely consistent with precipitation from SE Asian Oligocene-Miocene seawater at a temperature range of 25 to 49 °C. A meteoric influence relating to subaerial exposure may also be recorded in the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and some of the negative  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values although this is likely localised and minor (see text for details)

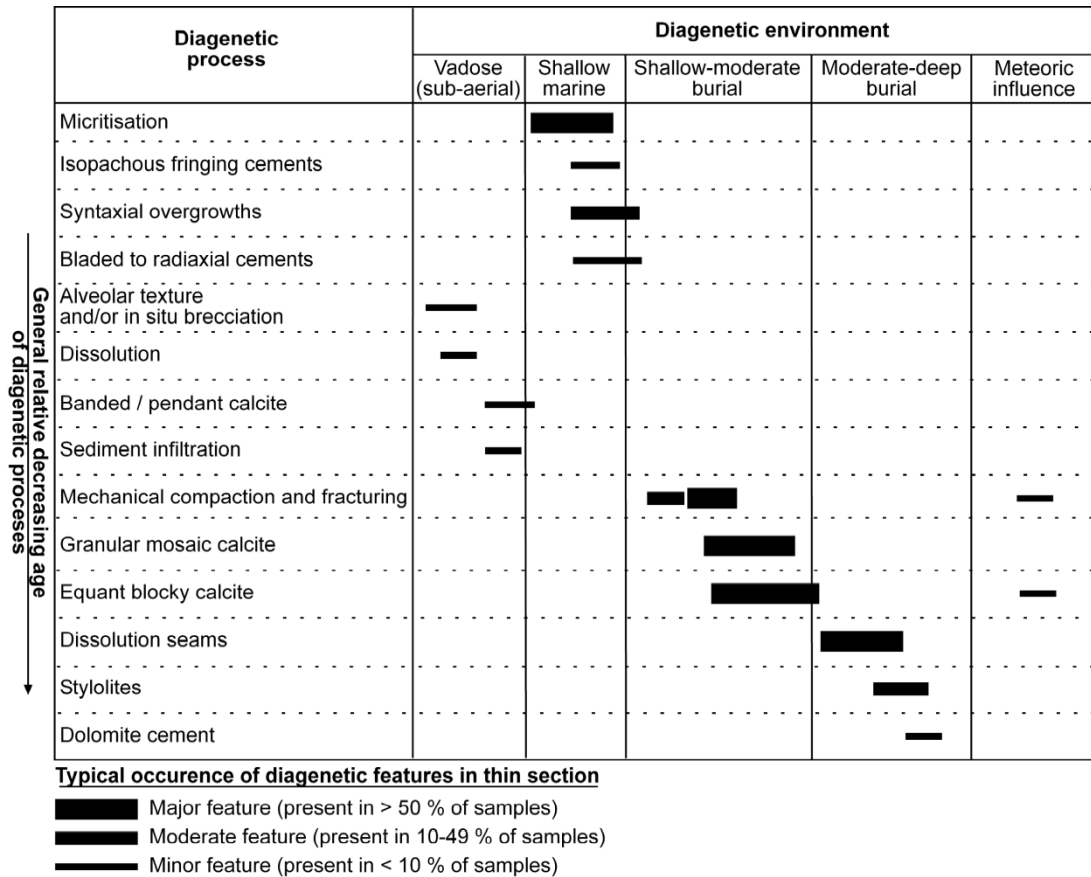


Figure 4.7. Consistent paragenetic scheme of diagenetic events affecting the Kedango Limestones from the Bengalon River area.

#### 4.6.1.2 Isopachous Fringing Cement

Isopachous fringing cements formed after micritisation and prior to late stage cementation, but perhaps with a near-contemporaneous timing to syntaxial overgrowth cements. The CL character of this cement is non-luminescent, consistent with precipitation from marine waters and/or oxidising pore fluids. Although rare, the occurrence of fringing cements is confined dominantly to grainstone lithologies or coarse packstones with an abundance of bioclasts. This distribution of the fringing cement and its non-luminescent character suggests that precipitation was controlled by the availability of marine pore fluids and that the inferred higher depositional energies associated with the open textures of grainstones and coarse bioclastic packstones also resulted in flushing of these deposits by seawater (cf. Tucker and Wright, 1990; Park et al., 1992; Wilson and Evans, 2002; van der Kooj et al., 2010). The slightly greater volume of fringing cements in platform margin deposits suggests that localised enhanced seawater flushing occurred primarily along

the platform margin. Where isopachous cements are present in platform top grainstones these may be associated with intra-bank tidal currents (cf. Rankey and Reeder, 2010; Wilson et al., 2012)

#### **4.6.1.3 Syntaxial Overgrowths**

Syntaxial overgrowths formed prior to the onset of later stage granular to equant calcite precipitation, but following micritisation as overgrowths may extend over micritic rims. The cloudy, inclusion-rich appearance to overgrowths, indicates formation most likely in a marine-phreatic environment (Swei and Tucker, 2012). The non-luminescent CL character of the syntaxial overgrowths is also suggestive of oxidising conditions and/or marine pore fluids. The possibility of precipitation during shallow burial cannot be ruled out and in particular may apply to overgrowth cements with a clear inclusion free appearance (Tucker and Wright, 1990; Flügel, 2004). The most common occurrence of overgrowth cements in shallow water and platform margin deposits, and their rarity in bathyal packstone-grainstones is attributed to: (1) primary environmental distributions of echinoderm material and (2) easier pathways for flushing of precipitating pore fluids of probable marine origin in higher energy sections with more open textures (Appendix 4).

#### **4.6.1.4 Bladed to Radial Cements**

Bladed to radial calcite cement growth forms are most commonly attributed a marine or shallow-burial marine diagenetic origin (Halley and Scholle, 1985). The occurrence of these cement phases in the Kedango Limestone as a first generation cement with pre-compaction timing, their growth as isopachous rims on marine skeletal substrates, together with their crystal habits are all suggestive of marine origins (cf. Flügel, 2004). Stable-isotope composition of a bladed cement from a platform margin deposit with a  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  value of  $-6.6\text{‰}$  V-PDB tentatively indicates that at near-surface temperatures of 25-30 °C (cf. Hall, 2002) formation fluids could range from  $-4.5\text{‰}$  to  $-3.5\text{‰}$   $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-SMOW, consistent with a marine parent fluid. A carbon stable-isotope value of  $-0.4\text{‰}$   $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  V-PDB is also consistent with SE Asian Oligocene-Miocene seawater values. That the bladed to radial cements are most abundant in the steep-platform margin deposits and associated with coarse

packstone-grainstone lithologies or Lithoclastic Facies deposits with high primary porosity is attributed to precipitation in a marine phreatic environment where seawater supersaturated with respect to calcium carbonate could be flushed into the carbonate platform.

#### **4.6.1.5 Early Fracturing, Crystal Silt and Alveolar Texture**

The alveolar texture in sample BR53 (Fig. 4.2, 4.7) is inferred to be related to alteration along rootlets (Steinen, 1974; Harrison, 1977; Esteban and Klappa, 1983). The localised nature of this feature and its association with auto-brecciation is suggestive of alteration during a period of localised subaerial exposure, desiccation and penetration by rootlets. Corals within the sample are indicative of initial marine depositional conditions. Subaerial exposure is inferred to have occurred shortly after deposition during the Early Miocene since alveolar textures and autobrecciation formed before full lithification and prior to deposition of the overlying marine bed. The presence of abundant ostracods within the fine crystal silt fracture fill are evidence of non-normal marine conditions and may be indicative of brackish or fresh-water conditions (Flügel, 2004) during the early stages of reflooding prior to a return to the normal marine conditions of the overlying strata.

#### **4.6.1.6 Dissolution, Micritic Sediment Infiltration and Banded Calcite Cement**

Dissolution cavities are rare features, present in only two examples of reworked clasts derived originally from the platform top (PR05 and BR07a, Fig 4.2; cf. Wilson et al., 2012). Since dissolution cavity margins and their infills of banded cements and fine sediment are all erosionally truncated at clast margins, the formation of these three features pre-dates clast reworking. The non-fossiliferous sediment infill to the cavities is of possible terrestrial origin (see Appendix 2 of Wilson et al., 2012). The depleted  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values (-11.6‰ and -6.6‰ V-PDB) of the banded calcite cements are most reasonably attributed to organic matter degradation associated with soil-zone processes (Saller and Moore, 1991; Nelson and Smith, 1996; Moore, 2001). The dissolution cavities, their banded calcite with partial pendant morphology and fine sediment infills are therefore inferred to be karst-related features associated with subaerial exposure of the platform top prior to reworking of clasts in the Early

Miocene. Stable-isotope values of -10.8‰ to -9.0‰  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB for the banded cements are comparatively lighter than most other oxygen stable-isotope compositions across the platform and suggests either: (1) decreased pore-fluid  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  or (2) increased temperature. If precipitated from a marine parent fluid, the banded cements would require temperatures of 43-59 °C, corresponding to a burial depth of approximately 700-1400 m (cf. Hall, 2002). This temperature and depth range is unlikely as this cement was precipitated prior to all stages of mechanical or chemical compaction features (below) and in association with likely vadose zone dissolution cavities. At temperatures of 25-30 °C, consistent with a near-surface environment (cf. Hall, 2002), the banded cements would have formed from pore fluids with  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of -7.9‰ to -6.8‰ V-SMOW, i.e. consistent with meteoric fluids. The likely depleted  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  formation fluids and depleted  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values together indicate meteoric fluids with a soil-zone connection (Allan and Matthews, 1982). Distinct CL zoning of this cement indicates changing pore water chemistry, or changing redox conditions during crystal growth, perhaps associated with variable meteoric recharge and or mixed marine-meteoric flushing. A progressively increasing non-luminescent character of the cement perhaps reflects increasingly reducing conditions.

#### **4.6.2 Interpretation of Syn- and Post-Compaction Diagenetic Features**

##### **4.6.2.1 Grain Breakage and Mechanical Compaction**

Compaction effects post-date micritisation and the early cements mostly of inferred marine origin since micritised margins, isopachous cements and syntaxial overgrowths are affected or broken. Mechanical compaction and grain breakage are interpreted to reflect compaction of the largely unlithified deposits as they underwent progressive burial. Mechanical compaction has been influenced by deposit textures, components and earlier cementation in the following ways. (1) In mudstone and wackestone samples extensive breakage of bioclasts and allochems is mitigated against by abundant micrite matrix and a paucity of grain-to-grain contacts (Fruth et al., 1966). (2) Elongate allochems, such as larger foraminifera or algae, are prone to breakage, whereas micritic walled imperforate foraminifera experienced internal deformation (Figs. 4.4C, 4.4D). (3) Larger perforate foraminifera and/or echinoderm material are preferential sites for early cement precipitation, and as a consequence

may be less affected by breakage and more prone to “impact compactionally” on adjacent uncemented grains (Fig. 4.3C, 4.4C).

#### **4.6.2.2 Fracturing**

Fractures mainly pre-date, but are also probably near contemporaneous, and in part post-date granular mosaic calcite and equant blocky calcite precipitation. Fracturing has affected deposits following their partial to full lithification and probably reflects continued progressive burial, but at least in part is also tectonic in origin (Cloke et al., 1999). Extensive reworking from the southern part of the platform margin has been linked to active faulting (Wilson et al., 2012). It may be that the pervasive fracturing affecting Lithoclastic Facies derived from the southern part of the platform, some with fracture offsets, reflects reactivation associated with these same structural lineaments (cf. Cloke et al., 1999).

#### **4.6.2.3 Granular Mosaic Calcite**

Granular mosaic calcite retaining relicts of internal and external fabrics of aragonitic bioclasts is indicative of neomorphism rather than dissolution and reprecipitation. Neomorphism and contiguous cementation into original porosity is consistent with the granular mosaic habit and lack of drusy cement fabrics (Hendry et al., 1999). The predominant dull-luminescent CL character of these spars is indicative of oxidising pore fluids. (The close association of neomorphic calcite with likely near-contemporaneous fracturing and contemporaneous (see below) blocky equant calcite indicates that neomorphism and subsequent calcitisation and cementation of the carbonate platform took place in a moderate depth burial environment, progressing towards maximum burial temperatures and depths, where the onset of stylolitisation begins. Precipitation of these cements with stable-isotope values of -9.2‰ to -1.4‰  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB (av. -5.22‰) at 35-49 °C and burial depths of approximately 400-1000 m (cf. Hall, 2002), suggests parent fluids of -1.2‰ to +1.3‰  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-SMOW, consistent with marine fluids in a moderate-deep burial environment. Stable-isotope values of -4.0‰ to +0.9‰  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  V-PDB indicate a lack of soil zone processes, and that a seawater or rock-derived source of carbon with marine  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values was inherited by the precipitating fluids (Hendry et al., 1999; Madden and Wilson, 2012).



#### **4.6.2.4 Blocky to Equant Calcite**

The occurrence of blocky equant calcite between bioclasts and within the micritic matrix with relicts and inclusions of micrite, and its apparent continued growth from areas of granular mosaic calcite, suggest that for the most part this cement is a neomorphic replacement of the micritic matrix. However, where a drusy or dog tooth habit is exhibited, or the calcite remains clear and inclusion free, it is likely that this is a separate infill of primary porosity. The moderate-bright luminescence of blocky calcite in bathyal Lithoclastic Facies deposits is suggestive of slightly reducing pore fluids, consistent with depletion of parent fluids under progressive neomorphism. CL zoning in Bioclastic and Lithoclastic Facies from shallow-water platform and platform margin deposits is indicative of a changing pore fluid chemistry. If indeed these cements are contiguous with neomorphic calcite precipitation from marine fluids, then the CL zoning in the equant cements may reflect periodic flushing of the platform margin by marine waters under conditions of increasing burial.

Stable-isotope compositions of the micrite matrix have oxygen values more negative than unaltered bioclasts despite the fact that the micritic portion of the deposits likely accumulated at normal marine temperatures (25 °C). The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values (-8.7‰ and -6.5‰ V-PDB) of the micritic matrix therefore at least in part reflect alteration by diagenetic fluids despite  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values (+0.7‰ and +1.1‰ V-PDB) in agreement with marine carbon values. Alteration of micrite is consistent with equant blocky calcite being, in part, a neomorphic replacement of the matrix. Alteration of micrite could have taken place after deposition on the sea-floor or up to maximum burial depths (cf. Brachert and Dullo, 2000; Melim et al., 2002; Caron and Nelson, 2009). Diagenetic fluids at temperatures of 25-49 °C suggest parent fluid compositions of -5.5‰ to -1.1‰  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-SMOW, suggestive of dominantly marine parent fluids.

Two dominant diagenetic signatures are revealed from equant blocky cements. Non-fracture filling equant blocky calcite just from sample PR05 has a stable-isotope composition of -12.0‰  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB and -4.7‰  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  V-PDB. Stable-isotope compositions from other equant blocky calcite samples range from -9.7‰ to -1.3‰  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB (av. -5.7‰) and -3.5‰ to +1.5‰  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  V-PDB. Assuming a burial

diagenetic environment, on the basis of prior compaction and fracturing events, then parent fluid compositions at 35-49 °C corresponding to depths of 400-1000 m (cf. Hall, 2002), for sample PR05, were likely -8.0‰ to -5.5‰  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-SMOW and in conjunction with depleted carbon values; suggest a meteoric derived source, in keeping with meteoric parent fluids for the banded cements in sample PR05. Parent fluids for other equant blocky calcite samples under the same temperature and depth conditions were likely -1.7‰ to +0.8‰  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-SMOW consistent with a marine composition diagenetic fluid, and in agreement with normal marine carbon values and neomorphic calcite parent fluid values.

Two dominant diagenetic signatures are revealed from equant blocky calcite that infill fractures. Stable-isotope compositions from two shallow-water platform deposits (samples GU4 and GB4b) range from -12.1‰ to -10.6‰  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB and -7.1‰ to -5.9‰  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  V-PDB. Depleted carbon values are suggestive of organically-derived carbon (cf. Morad, 1998; Warrlich et al., 2010). Depleted oxygen values indicate that at burial depths of 400-1000 m and temperatures of 35-49 °C (cf. Hall, 2002) parent fluid compositions were likely -7.4‰ to -4.9‰  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-SMOW, consistent with meteoric to mixed marine-meteoric fluids. All other fracture filling cements with stable-isotope compositions ranging from -7.7‰ to -6.2‰  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-PDB and -0.8‰ to +0.1‰  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  V-PDB suggest that at 35-49 °C parent fluid compositions were likely -2.6‰ to -1.8‰  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  V-SMOW, consistent with marine fluids and marine carbon values.

#### **4.6.2.5 Grain Suturing, Stylolites, and Dissolution Seams**

Cross-cutting relationships place these features as the final stages of diagenesis. These features are chemical compaction ones that form in moderate to deep burial environments (Machel, 2004) at depths of approximately 1000 m (Nicolaidis and Wallace, 1997). The greater abundance and occurrence of dissolution seams is attributed to a predominance of lower energy wackestone-packstone deposits, especially across the shallow-water platform, promoting dissolution seams in micrite-rich lithologies. Dissolution seams mostly circumvent calcified bioclasts, likely because dissolution was promoted along calcite to clay-rich interfaces (cf. Railsback, 1993b). Under conditions of increasing burial and compaction many

tangential and concavo-convex grain-to-grain contacts have developed into circum grain stylolites. Stylolite development is most common in higher energy packstone-grainstones and Lithoclastic Facies from platform margin and bathyal deposits, reflecting the most competent lithological textures and high numbers of grain-to-grain contacts. The minor occurrence of micro dolomite rhombs along clay rich dissolution seams may indicate a localised source of Mg ions for dolomite cementation (Ali, 1995; Machel, 2004; Carnell and Wilson, 2004).

## **4.7 Discussion**

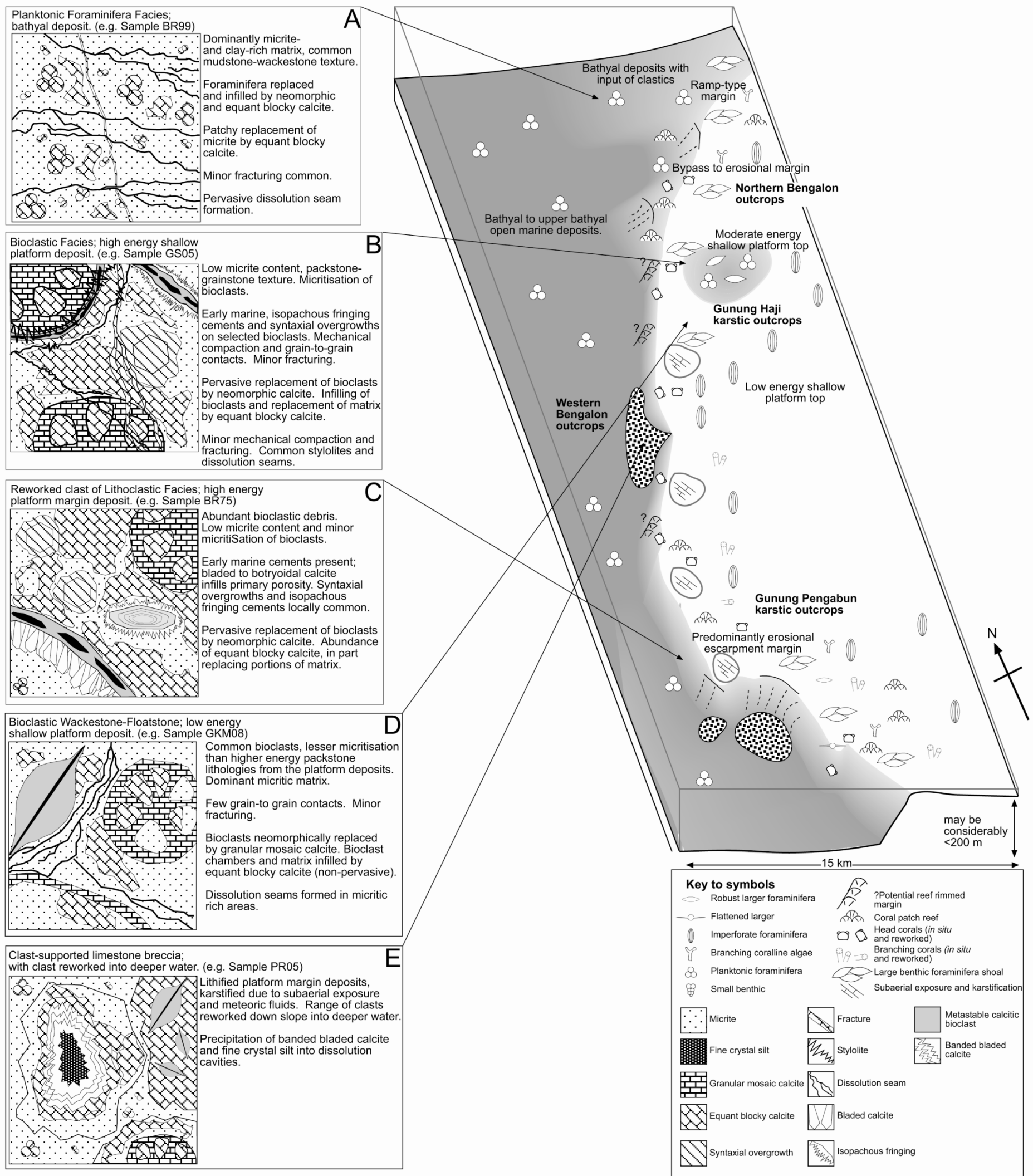
### **4.7.1 Diagenetic Summary**

Combined petrographic and stable isotope study has revealed a consistent diagenetic trend for the deposits of the Kedango Limestone with some association between diagenetic features and depositional facies (Figs. 4.2, 4.7 and 4.8). Grain micritisation occurred early during marine phreatic diagenesis and is most prevalent in shallow platform wackestones, packstones and floatstones, including those from close to the platform margin that were subsequently reworked down slope. Rare precipitation of isopachous fringing, bladed to radiaxial and syntaxial overgrowth cements is inferred to have taken place in a marine phreatic (to perhaps shallow burial) environment on the basis of cement geometries, non-luminescent CL characters suggestive of oxidising pore fluids, limited stable-isotope data, and a close temporal relationship between micritisation and early cementation. These three early cements are developed best in grain/rudstone lithologies. Fringing and bladed to radiaxial cements are limited to platform margin or margin-derived samples and more rarely shallow-platform top deposits, whereas overgrowths are most prevalent in margin to slope deposits. Grain breakage and other mechanical compaction features are common in most deposits except mudstones, wackestones and floatstones as well as the rare samples with early fringing or radiaxial cements.

Subaerial exposure during the Early Miocene is inferred for just three platform top or margin samples from irregular dissolution cavities in-filled by banded calcite cement and fine non-fossiliferous sediment, their stable isotopic signatures and alveolar textures (samples PR05, BR07a and BR53). The measured section including the

subaerial exposure features in BR53 correlates with a eustatic low at the end of the Early Miocene, although it is unclear whether local variations on the platform top or changes in sea level were responsible for emergence (Wilson et al., 2012).

Although there is some systematic variation in early diagenesis apparently associated with facies and/or environments, later diagenetic features are more prevalent in the Kedango Limestone and are less facies specific. Late stage diagenesis is dominated by the neomorphic replacement of bioclasts, matrix and contiguous calcitisation into primary pore space followed by the formation of dissolution seams and stylolites from chemical compaction. Fracturing and blocky to equant cementation, are also late stage diagenetic features. Late diagenesis is interpreted to have taken place in a burial environment at temperatures of up to 50 °C, under the influence of dominantly marine composition fluids on the basis of relatively enriched oxygen stable-isotope compositions and carbon stable-isotope compositions in good agreement with marine values. Late diagenetic stabilisation to neomorphic calcite and associated calcitisation, whilst commonly recognised as a feature of meteoric diagenesis, is interpreted to have occurred under: (1) variably recharging marine fluids or (2) from oxidising marine fluids that became reducing with progressive crystallisation and burial. Neomorphism has been shown to act in a range of diagenetic environments, and is not solely associated with meteoric diagenesis (Brachert and Dullo, 2000, Melim et al., 2002, Caron and Nelson, 2009). Overall the effects of pervasive cementation, stabilisation and compaction have led to typical porosities of <1-2% (Appendix 4). In summary although there is some facies-associated early diagenetic variability for the Kedango Limestone, there is an overriding platform-wide later diagenetic overprint. The extent to which the original hypotheses that: (1) cross-platform variations in environments and/or diagenetic processes, and (2) the tectonically-active, but subsiding marine embayment setting of the Kedango Limestone both impacted diagenesis are explored in further detail below.



**Figure 4.8.** Diagenetic summary of various deposits across the Kedango Carbonate Platform. (A) Low energy planktonic foraminifera facies are common background bathyal deposits adjacent to the main platform. Such bathyal deposits do not experience early marine cementation and later burial effects resulted in minor cement precipitation or neomorphism. (B) High energy deposits from the shallow-water platform top are not common, and typically contain whole or fragmented robust bioclasts. Early marine cements are most prevalent in grainstone or coarse packstone textures and sutured grain-to-grain contacts are well developed. (C) High energy platform margin deposits are similar to high energy shallow-water platform deposits, but may show development of bladed to radial calcite cements in primary porosity. (D) Low energy bioclastic facies to mudstone-wackestone facies are abundant across the platform. These deposits commonly show pervasive micritisation, and are dominated by micrite. Grain breakage, internal deformation of grain, and concavo-convex to tangential grain contacts may all develop prior to stabilisation and calcitisation. Dissolution seams are common through the micritic matrix. (E) Rare evidence of subaerial exposure and meteoric diagenesis may be seen in clasts reworked from the platform margin. Schematic layout of the Western Kedango Carbonate Platform is based upon a Lower Miocene reconstruction (Wilson et al. 2012).

#### **4.7.2 Diagenetic Variability and Controlling Influences**

As described above there are variations in diagenesis across the different bathyal, slope and shallow-platform deposits of the Kedango Limestone, particularly for the earlier stages of alteration. The most influential controls on depositional development and variability of the western margin of the Kedango carbonate platform were tectonic subsidence, active faulting, the protected semi-enclosed marine embayment setting, and probably terrestrial runoff (Wilson et al., 2012). These same regional controls, together with platform hydrology and component variability reflecting local environmental variations, are also inferred to have been major controlling influences on the diagenesis of the Kedango Platform. However, there are significant differences in diagenesis from other platforms in the broader Borneo-Makassar Straits region that commonly experienced repeated subaerial exposure (Epting, 1980; Fulthorpe and Schlanger, 1989). Also diagenetic variability within the Kedango Limestone is perhaps not as marked as in these other platforms (cf. Park et al., 1992; Grötsch and Mercadier, 1999; Wilson and Evans, 2002; Wilson, 2012) again probably reflecting the setting of the platform in a subsiding, protected semi-enclosed marine embayment as discussed below.

#### **4.7.3 Marine Embayment and Variations in Platform Energy**

The low to moderate energy deposits inferred for much of the Kedango Limestone reflect the setting of the western part of the Kedango Platform in the sheltered marine embayment of the Kutai Basin (Wilson et al., 2012). This setting protected the western platform from the high current and wave energies associated with the Indonesian Throughflow Current and the open oceanic conditions of the Celebes Sea by the north-eastern development of the rest of the platform and highs in the Mangkalahat area (Wilson and Moss, 1999; Wilson and Evans, 2002). The generally low energy setting of the Kedango Platform is the dominant control leading to extensive development of micrite-rich deposits throughout the study area (Wilson et al., 2012). The micritisation that is common in all platform top and margin deposits of the Kedango Limestone is also inferred to have been promoted in the generally protected setting of the platform and perhaps by the low-oligotrophy to mesotrophy inferred for the basin (cf. Wilson et al., 2012). The thickest development of micrite

rims (50  $\mu\text{m}$ ) in low energy shallow platform top deposits, some associated with inferred seagrass beds, and in northern platform margin deposits closest to the area of terrestrial runoff is consistent with a nutrient and/or specific environmental control on pervasive micritisation. The low-oligotrophy to mesotrophy inferred for the basin probably promoted the abundance of echinoderm debris in platform margin deposits, on which syntaxial overgrowths are promoted.

The general paucity, to localised lack of, isopachous fringing, bladed and other marine cements throughout most platform top and margin deposits is also consistent with the predominant low to moderate depositional energies inferred for the platform as a whole. If easterly winds affected Borneo then it is possible the western margin of the Kedango Platform experienced slightly enhanced wave energies along the platform margin and moderate to higher energies in the shallowest areas of the platform top, in the later case particularly where adjacent to inferred ramp margin development (Wilson et al., 2012). Alternatively, variable occurrences of grainstone and coarse packstone deposits may reflect localised higher energy areas associated with, or between, the patchy coral and seagrass bed development inferred for the shallow-water platform top, such as might be associated with intra-bank tidal currents (cf. Rankey and Reeder, 2010; Wilson et al., 2012). The isopachous fringing and bladed cements are only present generally as minor phases within some of the higher energy deposits, and attests to higher wave or current energy that promotes flushing of the platform with seawater, primarily in the shallowest platform top and platform margin. Marine cements are generally poorly developed in humid equatorial carbonates, perhaps linked to the low salinities of marine waters in the SE Asian region (Wilson, 2002; 2008; 2012). In the Kedango Limestone the general paucity of early marine cements together with the local environment of cement development are both in keeping with those from the region. However, where the Kedango Limestone differs from other Early Miocene examples, such as the Nido Limestone, offshore Palawan and the Taballar Limestone on the Mangkalihat High, is in having far lesser development of marine cements in platform margin deposits (sub-millimetre to mm-scale as opposed to cm-scale thickness fringing cements; cf. Grötsch and Mercadier, 1999; Wilson and Evans, 2002). Although the link between local environments, facies and marine cementation is analogous for the Kedango, Nido and Taballar Limestones the markedly lesser degree of marine cementation in

the Kedango Platform probably relates to its semi-enclosed basinal setting versus the open oceanic facing settings of the other platforms.

#### **4.7.4 Subsidence and Eustasy**

It is inferred that the Kedango Limestone was deposited in a largely subsiding area on the basis of the >600 m thick succession of shallow-water carbonates affected by common burial diagenesis (Wilson et al., 2012). Although eustatic fluctuations may have caused localised shallowing and deepening of the platform top during the Oligocene, it is only during the Miocene that there is evidence for highly localised emergence of the platform top (samples BR53, PR05 and BR07a; Figs. 4.1, 4.2), with a eustatic sea level fall a possible cause (Wilson et al., 2012). However active tectonism resulting in uplift and an angular unconformity at the end of the Early Miocene on the adjacent Mangkalihah High is also a possible and likely cause of emergence (cf. Camp et al., 2009; Wilson et al., 2012). The pervasive fracturing affecting Lithoclastic Facies derived from the southern part of the platform may reflect continued fault movement and/or reactivation of structures that are associated with an inferred faulted-escarpment southern margin to the platform and associated down-slope reworking (cf. Cloke et al., 1999; Wilson et al., 2012). Despite eustatic variability, the continued post-rifting sag and subsidence of the Kedango Platform is the most likely reason for the apparent overall lack of subaerial exposure features and meteoric diagenetic effects. The paucity of both early marine or meteoric cementation in the Kedango Limestone together with continued subsidence of, and accumulation on, the platform have resulted in pervasive burial-related stabilisation, cementation, mechanical and chemical compaction.

The Tonasa Limestone Formation (Sulawesi; Wilson, 1996, Wilson et al., 2000) and Kerendan Carbonate Platform (Borneo; Saller and Vijaya, 2002) are diagenetically analogous to the Kedango Limestone in many respects. In these comparable examples meteoric diagenetic effects are negligible and there is a tectonic influence on their development; only being seen as minor features on faulted highs. Instead burial diagenetic features of stabilisation, cementation, mechanical and chemical compaction dominate as in the Kedango Limestone (Wilson, 1996; Saller and Vijaya, 2002). However, there is a marked contrast in the diagenesis of predominantly low



energy platforms developed in subsiding basins, such as the Kedango, Kerenden and Tonasa Limestones to the more typical open-oceanic carbonate platforms that are often the focus of hydrocarbon exploration. Many Miocene carbonate platforms in SE Asia commonly built to sea level and experienced meteoric leaching due to repeated subaerial exposure, with the development of vuggy porosity through leaching commonly preserved and/or enhanced by later leaching (Epting, 1980; Fulthorpe and Schlanger, 1989; Grötsch and Mercadier, 1999; Wilson and Hall, 2010; Wilson, 2012). Despite the effects of widespread vadose aragonite dissolution there is also large-scale reprecipitation of carbonate cements in both the vadose and particularly the phreatic meteoric diagenetic environment (Wilson, 2012). Many of the classic SE Asian carbonate systems (e.g. Luconia, Natuna and Liuhua) have a layered development attributed at least in part to repeated subaerial exposure and leaching in the vadose zone and pervasive phreatic cementation (Epting, 1980; Dunn et al., 1996; Zampetti et al., 2003). Leaching commonly results in porosities of up to 10-40% making such carbonate systems attractive hydrocarbon reservoirs, unlike the Kedango Limestone with <1-2% porosity.

The hypotheses that cross-platform variations in depositional facies and/or environment specific processes influenced diagenesis holds to a limited extent for the Kedango Limestone. Environment specific diagenetic variability is seen as: (1) micritisation being most prevalent in low to moderate energy platform top deposits, (2) minor marine cementation being limited to platform margin or shallowest platform-top deposits, and (3) very limited meteoric diagenesis just affecting a few shallow platform margin samples. Also: (4) syntaxial overgrowth cements are most common in platform margin to slope deposits that are richest in echinoderm debris and had some original primary porosity, and (5) shallow platform-top deposits rich in imperforate foraminifera were affected most by compaction related allochem distortion. However, the subsiding marine embayment setting had the greatest diagenetic impact (i.e. hypothesis 2) resulting in a number of near platform-wide prevalent features that give overall diagenetic homogeneity to the Kedango Limestone. These prevalent diagenetic features include: (1) pervasive micritisation, (2) paucity of early marine or meteoric cements, (3) pervasive neomorphism of aragonite and associated calcitisation, and (4) prevalence of compaction-related features.

#### **4.8 Conclusions**

The diagenesis of the Kedango Limestone was strongly controlled by local environmental conditions, depositional facies variations and basin history. The low-energy, subsiding marine embayment setting had the most impact on diagenesis with some cross-platform variability in components, lithological textures and hydrology also influential factors. These facies and environmental influences impact: (1) the degree of micritisation, (2) the location and prevalence of marine isopachous and bladed cements, (3) components and component-specific diagenesis including syntaxial overgrowth cements and the potential for mechanical breakage or compaction of grains, and (4) mineralogies, depositional textures and primary porosities that all influence the potential for burial-related stabilisation, cementation and chemical compaction. However the overall low energy setting of the platform in a semi-enclosed subsiding basin results in a similarity of many features across the whole system, and “masking” of features that are prevalent in many other carbonate systems in SE Asia. I.e. extensive micritisation, together with pervasive burial-related cements and compaction effects dominate in the Kedango Limestone versus volumetrically important marine cements and layered vadose zone leaching. The basinal context and its history influenced the: (a) abundance of micrite; impacting primary porosity, (b) paucity of early cements and (c) prevalence of burial-related stabilisation, cementation and compaction that collectively result in porosities of 1-2% for the Kedango Limestone.

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## **Chapter 5**

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **MODERN AND NEOGENE ANALOGUES FOR PRODUCTIVE SUBSURFACE CARBONATE SYSTEMS IN SE ASIA**

##### **5.1 Introduction**

Most modern analogues used to help evaluate carbonate development and their subsurface reservoir potentials are from regions like, Florida, the Bahamas, the Red Sea, or the Persian Gulf. However, within carbonate build-ups the world's most prolific hydrocarbon reserves are in Neogene subsurface deposits from SE Asia (Greenlee and Lehmann 1993) where models generated in other regions cannot easily be applied (Wilson 2002). This study has been based on the hypothesis that the study of a variety of modern and Neogene systems in SE Asia will allow evaluation of how depositional and diagenetic conditions unique to the equatorial tropics influence regional reservoir development. This discussion chapter indentifies the significane of each of the individual studies (chapters 2, 3 and 4) in terms of hydrocarbon reservoir characterisation, as well as placing the studies in a global context.

##### **5.2 Reservoir Development of Humid Tropical Isolated Carbonates**

During the Cenozoic large isolated carbonate platforms commonly developed on faulted highs throughout SE Asia where they developed: (1) protected from siliciclastic influx, (2) as pure carbonates and (3) commonly forming prolific hydrocarbon reservoirs in the subsurface (Wilson and Hall, 2010). Isolated carbonate platforms commonly built to sea level and experienced meteoric leaching due to subaerial exposure (Epting, 1980; Fulthorpe and Schlanger, 1989; Grötsch and Mercadier, 1999). A lack of siliciclastics reduced the potential for diagenetic alteration of feldspars and clays and related cementation (Hendry et al., 1999; Morad et al., 2000) There is the potential for preservation of vuggy porosity generated

through meteoric leaching, or its enhancement through later solution enhancement (Wilson and Hall, 2010). Furthermore, pure carbonates, especially if partially cemented, have a higher resistance to compaction processes, and subsequent cementation, under burial than admixed carbonate-siliciclastics (Purser, 1978; Hird and Tucker, 1988; Railsback, 1993a; Clari and Martire, 1996).

Over 75% of carbonate reservoirs in SE Asia are from isolated pure carbonate platforms (e.g. Luconia, Natuna, Lulihua; Wilson and Hall, 2010). Despite the effects of widespread vadose aragonite dissolution there is also large-scale reprecipitation of carbonate cements in both the vadose and particularly the phreatic marine realm (Wilson, 2012). Meteoric cements typically show a soil-zone influenced carbon isotopic signature (Fournier et al., 2004). Many of the reservoirs have a layered development due to repeated subaerial exposure, leaching in the vadose zone and pervasive cementation in the phreatic zone (Epting, 1980; Dunn, 1996; Zampetti et al., 2003; Huebeck et al., 2004). Meteoric leaching of aragonitic components commonly results in porosities of up to 10-40% making such carbonate systems attractive hydrocarbon reservoirs.

### **5.3 Reservoir Potential of Humid Coastal Carbonates: The Samarinda Carbonates**

The end products of diagenesis of coastal humid equatorial carbonates (as presented in chapter 3) are markedly different from those of their better studied isolated platform counterparts. Subaerial exposure and near surface meteoric diagenesis in the vadose and phreatic zones has led to the development of extensively leached carbonate units in isolated carbonate platforms, in comparison with sustained meteoric aquifer flow leading to pervasive stabilisation and cementation in humid coastal settings (cf. Samarinda carbonates).

The interpretation of the diagenetic history of the coastal Samarinda carbonates, as with that of other warm, humid tropical coastal examples (Hendry et al., 1999), suggests a model of continental aquifer flow driving early pervasive stabilisation (Fig. 3.10) without generating the relatively high porosity of many SE Asian humid isolated platforms and carbonates from arid settings. For the Samarinda carbonates,

the presence of siliciclastic units in association with the patch reefs, their early burial, location adjacent to a large landmass, and the humid equatorial climate are the factors resulting in their poor reservoir quality. It is likely that other carbonates developed in similar humid coastal settings with significant siliciclastic influx and sustained continental aquifer influence are also likely to include unattractive reservoir units (cf. Ali, 1995; Netherwood and Wright, 1992; Hook and Wilson, 2003; Wilson and Hall, 2010), due to the early stabilisation and cementation of reef components. Factors that help to mitigate against low reservoir quality in humid coastal carbonates are: (1) high original primary porosity linked to high depositional energy, (2) limited aragonitic components, (3) localised or limited aquifer flow and (4) subaerial exposure (Hood and Nelson, 1996; Nelson et al., 2003; Caron and Nelson, 2009).

The Samarinda carbonates from the Kutai Basin of eastern Kalimantan, Indonesia indicate that the diagenesis of these (and likely other) patch reefs from equatorial “ever-wet” climatic settings are strongly controlled by basin margin palaeohydrology. Notably, continental aquifer flow, which drove shallow subsurface flow and early pervasive stabilization of reef components, was driven by the humid ‘ever-wet’ climatic conditions associated with extensive Cenozoic tectonic uplift. Early stabilisation and cementation are developed in other carbonates in similar humid mixed carbonate-siliciclastic successions, with large adjacent landmasses, in which extensive meteoric phreatic to shallow burial fluid flow is the dominant diagenetic process (cf. Hendry et al., 1999). Low reservoir quality with a porosity of <1-2% (Appendix C1) is commonly associated with this early stabilisation and cementation, but contrasts markedly with prolific reservoir development in many regional isolated carbonate platforms or arid sub-tropical systems. These findings are of particular relevance to SE Asia, with widespread mixed carbonate-siliciclastic systems developed in coastal settings with a humid equatorial climate, in which models generated in other regions cannot easily be applied.

#### **5.4 Reservoir Potential of Humid Protected Isolated Carbonate Platforms: The Kedango Limestone**

During periods of emergence, fresh water lenses commonly develop on carbonate platforms, leading to the pervasive dissolution of metastable calcite mineralogies. It is inferred that the Kedango Limestone was deposited in a largely subsiding area, although eustatic fluctuation may have caused localised shallowing and deepening of the platform top (Wilson et al., 2012). Despite eustatic variability, the continued post-rifting sag and subsidence of the Kedango Platform is the most likely reason for the apparent overall lack of subaerial exposure features and meteoric diagenetic effects. Also, an apparent lack of reefal framework, perhaps linked to the low-energy marine embayment setting, abundance of micrite and nutrient influx hindering reefal framework development may have reduced the potential for building to sea-level and subsequent exposure (cf. Wilson et al., 2012).

Overall the effects of diagenesis across the Kedango Platform have resulted in tight carbonates with very low porosities that are typically <1-2% (Appendix D1). The high abundance of low-energy, micrite-rich deposits in the Kedango Limestone resulted in low primary porosity. Where primary porosities may have been initially higher, particularly in the higher energy platform margin or lithoclastic facies deposits, porosity has been occluded partially by marine cementation together with neomorphic replacement of bioclasts and matrix and calcitisation into pore spaces, but also reduced via extensive mechanical and chemical compaction. In regional examples (Tonasa and Kerendan) higher primary porosities are also found in high energy deposits and lithoclastic facies deposits, however porosity has been nearly completely occluded by the effects of later cementation and compaction. In the case of the Kerendan Platform, acidic basinal waters expelled by the burial compaction of adjacent shales has caused late stage leaching and generated porosities of 5-13%. In the Kedango Limestone the generally low abundance of early marine cements has contributed little to mitigating against the effects of later compaction-related porosity reduction (cf. Purser, 1978; Bathurst, 1987; Hird and Tucker, 1988). Porosity and the potential for hydrocarbon reservoir development for the Kedango Limestone are best developed in the higher energy lithologies that show evidence of subaerial diagenesis and meteoric dissolution features, however the effects of sediment

infiltration localised nature of exposure, and later calcitisation of pore spaces still results in only minor porosity development (typically <1-2%). Furthermore, a low abundance of originally aragonitic components results in a low diagenetic potential (stabilisation versus dissolution and reprecipitation) and the effects of dissolution have not been pervasive. In similar high-energy deposits, if cementation has not been extensive it is possible that hydrocarbon reservoir potential could prove to be viable and perhaps laterally extensive.

In several dominantly low energy carbonate platforms within the SE Asian region diagenesis has resulted in limestones with comparable diagenetic properties to the Kedango Limestone (Wilson, 1996; Grötsch and Mercadier, 1999; Saller and Vijaya, 2000). In regional analogues to the Kedango Limestone there is a clear contrast in low energy platforms to the open oceanic carbonate platforms that are often the focus of hydrocarbon exploration. Low energy carbonate platforms are suggestive of diagenesis controlled by an interplay of factors: (1) subsidence versus uplift and exposure, (2) primary depositional facies, (3) local environmental settings, and (3) prevailing to local energy conditions.

### **5.5 Modern Isolated Carbonates as Models of Facies Attributes: Pulau Kaledupa and Hoga, Tukang Besi Archipelago**

Despite a clear economic importance of Neogene carbonate build-ups as reservoir targets there are very few studies of analogous modern or Neogene outcrops in SE Asia (Wilson, 2008b). Detailed modern studies are largely restricted to those of the Pulau Seribu system, offshore Jakarta (Scrutton, 1978; Park et al., 1992; Jordan, 1998; O'Shea, 2005). These high-energy, small-scale build-ups do not fully encompass the inherent variability of carbonate depositional systems that have developed throughout the region (Wilson, 2008b). There has been a need for new evaluations of modern and Neogene carbonate systems to provide analogue data to aid in reservoir prediction of subsurface build-ups.

Results from the study of modern carbonate sediments from the Tukang Besi Archipelago, Indonesia were the quantification of facies characteristics, primary sedimentological properties and an index of early alteration features. The analysis of

modern environmental facies and associated sedimentological characteristics is of particular importance to the production of geologic models for isolated platform reservoirs. Modern analogues, such as the Kaledupa-Hoga system, provide conceptual facies predictions for characterising fickle hydrocarbon systems, whereby reservoir models may be created with realistic, heterogeneous environmental facies distributions, and more accurate predictions of likely sedimentary attributes and primary porosity characteristics.

The Kaledupa-Hoga systems detailed in chapter 2 are small-scale modern fringing reef systems around isolated, uplifted carbonate islands; just one of several modern carbonate systems from the wider Tukang Besi Archipelago. The archipelago consists of a wide range of coral reef systems and depositional settings including: large-scale atolls (>10 km across), small-scale atolls (<10 km across), small-scale build-ups lacking an (significant) interior lagoon, and barrier to fringing reefs encircling the uplifted carbonate islands. The primary sedimentological characteristics of Kaledupa-Hoga reveal that for the most part sediments throughout the system are grainstones, despite the significant development of sediment baffles (seagrass beds). More importantly the primary controls on grain size distribution are poorly developed windward-leeward settings, and strong tidal currents. What remains to be tested is whether or not similar sedimentological characteristics (grainstones with a high abundance of fragmented and abraded coral and shell material) persist throughout the remainder of the archipelago. Within carbonate systems grainstones are particularly attractive as possible reservoir units (cf. Kaczmarek et al., 2010). Not only are the distribution of modern carbonate sediments from SE Asia poorly understood but so are early diagenetic impacts. Although grainstones are attractive reservoir targets, modern carbonate sediments from the archipelago suggest that grainstones do not predominate in the rock record, instead packstones dominate (Wilson, 2008b). However, similar to the Kedango Platform, higher energy margins that undergo early marine cementation may prove to be effective reservoir units. Preliminary results from the uplifted carbonate islands of Tukang Besi reveal that high-energy cemented margins do occur (Wilson, 2008b).

Equatorial carbonate production was extensive and diverse throughout the SE Asian region during the Cenozoic (Wilson, 2002). The modern sedimentological study of



Kaledupa-Hoga may provide analogues within the SE Asian region for subsurface Cenozoic fringing or small-scale sand-cay-fringing systems that may be identifiable in the subsurface.

## **5.6 Summary**

Modern and Neogene carbonate production is, and was extensive and diverse throughout the tropical waters of SE Asia. The studies presented within this thesis offer analogues to a variety of carbonate depositional systems seen in SE Asia, but may have applicability outside the region. Carbonate systems in SE Asia range from mixed carbonate clastic shelves, localised and ephemeral shoals or reefs, a variety of shallow-water platform top settings and deep water and/or reworked carbonates (Wilson et al., 1999; Wilson 2002; Wilson and Hall, 2010).

Almost half the world's oil production (Dickey, 1986) and a similar percentage of Indonesia's hydrocarbon production is from carbonate reservoirs (Park et al., 1995). The majority of SE Asia's hydrocarbon reserves are estimated to be contained in carbonate build-ups of Neogene age, with continuing major new discoveries (e.g. Kujung Formation; East Java Sea). Furthermore >45% of hydrocarbon reserves contained within Phanerozoic carbonate build-ups were in Neogene systems containing >16.5 BBOE, with most of these located in SE Asia (Greenlee and Lehmann, 1993). Despite the economic importance of Neogene carbonate systems as reservoir targets there are very few studies of analogous modern or Neogene outcrops from SE Asia.

This thesis presents data on three key carbonate systems: isolated fringing reefs, land-attached patch reefs and isolated platforms in semi-enclosed basins. The findings of each study have applicability within SE Asia, and perhaps elsewhere. Key reservoir-related findings are:

- Coastal mixed carbonate-siliciclastic deposits have low primary porosity and reservoir quality. These deposits are pervasively stabilised and cemented during early burial diagenesis due to the throughput of understaturated meteoric fluids. Diagenesis by meteoric fluids is promoted by the deposits

juxtaposition against uplifted continental islands in a humid equatorial climatic setting.

- Isolated carbonate platforms that developed in protected and/or subsiding settings possess low primary porosities and low reservoir qualities. Such carbonates developed in protected subsiding settings are subject to extensive burial compaction, stabilisation and cementation. However in high energy marginal settings it is likely that early marine cementation may be enhanced, with the potential to offset burial diagenetic effects and promote higher reservoir quality if primary porosity and pore throats are not occluded.
- In small-scale high energy fringing reef systems where grainstone textures predominate, if early partial cementation is promoted good quality reservoir units may be preserved. The ability to predict the location of primary sedimentological properties with the potential for good reservoir quality in Cenozoic examples may be enhanced through such models as the Kaledupa-Hoga system; however, it remains unclear as to how applicable this model is to the rest of the SE Asian region and forms part of an ongoing study to characterise the wider Tukang Besi Archipelago.

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## **Chapter 6**

### **CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK**

#### **6.1 Conclusions**

This study of modern and Neogene analogues for productive subsurface carbonate systems in SE Asia has provided an excellent opportunity to develop a better understanding of how depositional and diagenetic conditions unique to the equatorial tropics influence regional hydrocarbon development. The conclusions of this research and their implications for productive carbonate systems are given below.

#### **6.2 Sedimentology of Modern Fringing Reef Carbonates**

Fringing reefs of SE Asia may conservatively comprise ~30% of the world's coral reef area, but remain almost unstudied. The study of an isolated fringing reef system (Kaledupa-Hoga) from the Tukang Besi Archipelago, SE Asia has provided insights into the variability of primary sedimentological and early alteration characteristics from a range of shallow water carbonate environments. An environmental facies map generated from ground-truthed Landsat-7 satellite data accurately demonstrates the heterogeneous nature of the carbonate system. Although field and satellite imagery observations reveal ten environmental facies, sedimentological characterisation results in a lower number of distinctive categories due to similarities between some deposits. Sediment samples across all fringing reef environments from the Kaledupa-Hoga system are characterised almost exclusively by grain-rudstone textures, with <2-5% silt and clay size fractions, and minor baffling of fines in seagrass-associated settings. The paucity of fines across the fringing reef systems as a whole, and the degree of homogenisation of sediment characteristics across the different field- and satellite-identifiable environmental facies are attributed to: (1) high wave/current energies, (2) the small size of the islands rendering limited protection, (3) bidirectional monsoon winds and (4) the lack of reef-rimmed margins built to sea level. Absent from these deposits are well developed high energy windward and low energy leeward deposit characteristics and/or an overriding

cyclonic influence that may commonly be seen in fringing reef systems from other areas.

### **6.3 Diagenesis of Delta-Front Patch Reefs: Alteration of Siliciclastic Influenced Carbonates**

Carbonate–siliciclastic mixing is common in both modern and ancient environments. In spite of their common occurrence, the diagenesis of siliciclastic-influenced coral reefs and carbonate platforms from equatorial to subtropical settings remains largely unstudied. Study of Neogene siliciclastic-influenced patch reefs from the Samarinda region, Mahakam Delta, Borneo reveals that both pervasive early stabilisation of reef components from aragonite to low-Mg calcite and calcite cementation are key diagenetic features of these coastal carbonates from the humid tropics. The early stabilisation of reef components and extensive cementation are attributed to the reefs being flushed by primarily undersaturated meteoric fluids. Stable-isotope data indicate a continental meteoric, upland source for the precipitating fluids with a lesser influence from trapped marine fluids expelled with increasing burial. The diagenesis of these patch reefs from equatorial “ever-wet” climatic settings are strongly controlled by basin-margin paleohydrology. Continental aquifer flow, which drove shallow subsurface flow and early pervasive stabilisation of reef components, was promoted by the humid “ever-wet” climatic conditions together with Neogene tectonic uplift of the adjacent landmass of Borneo. Early stabilisation and cementation are developed in other carbonates in similar humid mixed carbonate–siliciclastic successions, with large adjacent landmasses, in which extensive meteoric phreatic to shallow-burial fluid flow is the dominant diagenetic process. Furthermore these features of pervasive stabilisation and cementation are rare in arid or temperate counterparts from coastal settings. These findings are of particular relevance to SE Asia, with widespread mixed carbonate–siliciclastic systems developed in coastal settings with a humid equatorial climate, in which models generated in other regions cannot easily be applied.



#### **6.4 Diagenesis of a Cenozoic Carbonate-Platform Margin and its Adjacent Basinal Deposits**

The diagenesis and development of open marine Tertiary carbonate platforms from the humid equatorial tropics of SE Asia are relatively well documented, since many comprise hydrocarbon reservoirs in the subsurface. However the diagenetic variability across platform flank and contemporaneous bathyal deposits, particularly from low to moderate energy carbonate platforms is less well known. The diagenesis of the Eocene to Miocene Kedango platform from the semi-enclosed Kutai Basin of Borneo was strongly controlled by local environmental conditions, depositional facies variations and basin history. The low-energy, subsiding marine embayment setting of the Kedango Limestone had a pronounced impact on diagenesis with some cross-platform variability in components, lithological textures and hydrology also influential factors. These facies and environmental influences impact: (1) the degree of micritisation, (2) the location and prevalence of marine isopachous and bladed cements, (3) components and component-specific diagenesis including syntaxial overgrowth cements and the potential for mechanical breakage or compaction of grains, and (4) mineralogies, depositional textures and primary porosities that all influence the potential for burial-related stabilisation, cementation and chemical compaction. The basinal context and its history influenced the: (1) abundance of micrite; impacting primary porosity, (2) paucity of early cements and (3) prevalence of burial-related stabilisation, cementation and compaction. The variability in cross-platform facies and environments impacted upon early diagenesis, however the overall low energy setting of the platform in a semi-enclosed subsiding basin results in a similarity of many features across the whole system, and “masking” of features that are prevalent in many other carbonate systems in SE Asia. I.e. extensive micritisation, together with pervasive burial-related cements and compaction effects dominate in the Kedango Limestone versus volumetrically important marine cements and layered vadose zone leaching.

## **6.5 Modern and Neogene Analogues for Productive Subsurface Carbonate Systems**

The studies presented within this thesis offer analogues to a variety of carbonate depositional systems seen in SE Asia, but may have applicability outside the region. Carbonate systems in SE Asia range from mixed carbonate clastic shelves, localised and ephemeral shoals or reefs, a variety of shallow-water platform top settings and deep water and/or reworked carbonates. With the extensive hydrocarbon production from SE Asian carbonate reservoirs the studies presented herein offer new data and models for SE Asian analogues. This thesis presents data on three key carbonate systems: isolated fringing reefs, land-attached patch reefs and isolated platforms in semi-enclosed basins. The findings of each study have implications for hydrocarbon exploration in other SE Asian carbonate systems.

## **6.6 Future Work**

Cenozoic carbonates are extensively developed throughout SE Asia. This research assesses how depositional and diagenetic conditions unique to the equatorial tropics influence regional carbonate and hydrocarbon reservoir development. However, this research focuses on a fraction of the wide diversity of environmental, depositional and diagenetic conditions that are common to the equatorial tropics, and many carbonate systems in the region have not been adequately studied. Long term research needs to more fully evaluate the impact of regional versus global controls on the development and diagenesis of a whole remit of equatorial carbonate systems. Suggestions are made below as to how such goals may be better realised.

- Limited studies exist that examine the impact of the range of climatic, oceanographic and tectonic factors common to the equatorial tropics on the development, diagenesis and reservoir quality of large-scale Cenozoic carbonate platforms in SE Asia. Carbonate systems for potential further study include the isolated Melinau Limestone (N Borneo), the land-attached Berai Limestone (SE Borneo) the volcanically influenced shelf and isolated patch-reef systems of the Tacipi Formation (Sulawesi) and the cratonic-wide New Guinea Limestone. Further studies that examine major climatic shifts

(e.g. greenhouse to icehouse) and the development of biodiversity hotspots are also required on SE Asian and other systems to bring greater insight into cross platform variations in sedimentology and diagenesis, and increased understanding of the development of large-scale carbonate systems and their controlling influences.

- Isolated SE Asian Cenozoic carbonate build-ups are well known for their hydrocarbon reservoir potential; however, their clastic-dominated land-attached shelf counterparts are poorly studied and understood. An understanding of onshore to offshore trends in shelfal equatorial carbonate development and reservoir quality needs to be cultivated. In particular greater understanding is needed of the apparent paucity of reservoir development in nearshore versus offshore carbonate systems. Studies are needed that examine carbonate systems developed with a near-continuous influx of terrestrial sediments and nutrients and in the presence of meteoric aquifer flow together with the trends that occur across broad land-attached shelves.
- Throughout this study reference has been made to arid and sub-tropical carbonate systems that have proven to not be fully comparable with deposits from the humid equatorial tropics. To more fully test the variability of carbonate systems on global and regional scales further studies are needed. In particular, future studies comparing carbonate systems from arid-subtropical, temperate and the humid-equatorial tropics should further address the development and diagenesis of: (a) clastic-influenced coastal, (b) nutrient-impacted, (c) volcanogenically-influenced and (d) tectonically-affected systems.
- Understanding the past climatic and oceanographic conditions of marine carbonate systems or admixed siliciclastic-carbonates and their often complex diagenetic overprinting commonly relies on geochemical data, particularly  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  stable isotopes. There is a need for the collection and interpretation of further stable isotopic data (elucidated towards in chapter 4), as well as trace and major element studies, from modern SE Asian

components, marine and meteoric cements, and whole rock samples. This proposed geochemical study will allow for a better representation and understanding of the overall modern SE Asian isotopic signature, with implications for reconstructing past environmental change and understanding ancient diagenetic histories.

- The ability to predict the location of primary sedimentological properties with the potential for good reservoir quality in Cenozoic examples may be enhanced through more systematic and statistical studies of modern marine systems, such as those from the the Kaledupa-Hoga (chapter 2). However, it remains unclear as to how applicable the environmental, deposit and satellite characterisation study of fringing reefs from Kaledupa-Hoga is to other modern carbonate systems. There is a need to test the applicability of the model presented in chapter 2 to a wider range of systems, including large isolated atolls, small-scale build-ups and further land-attached fringing or barrier systems from both within and outside the equatorial tropics.

## Chapter 7

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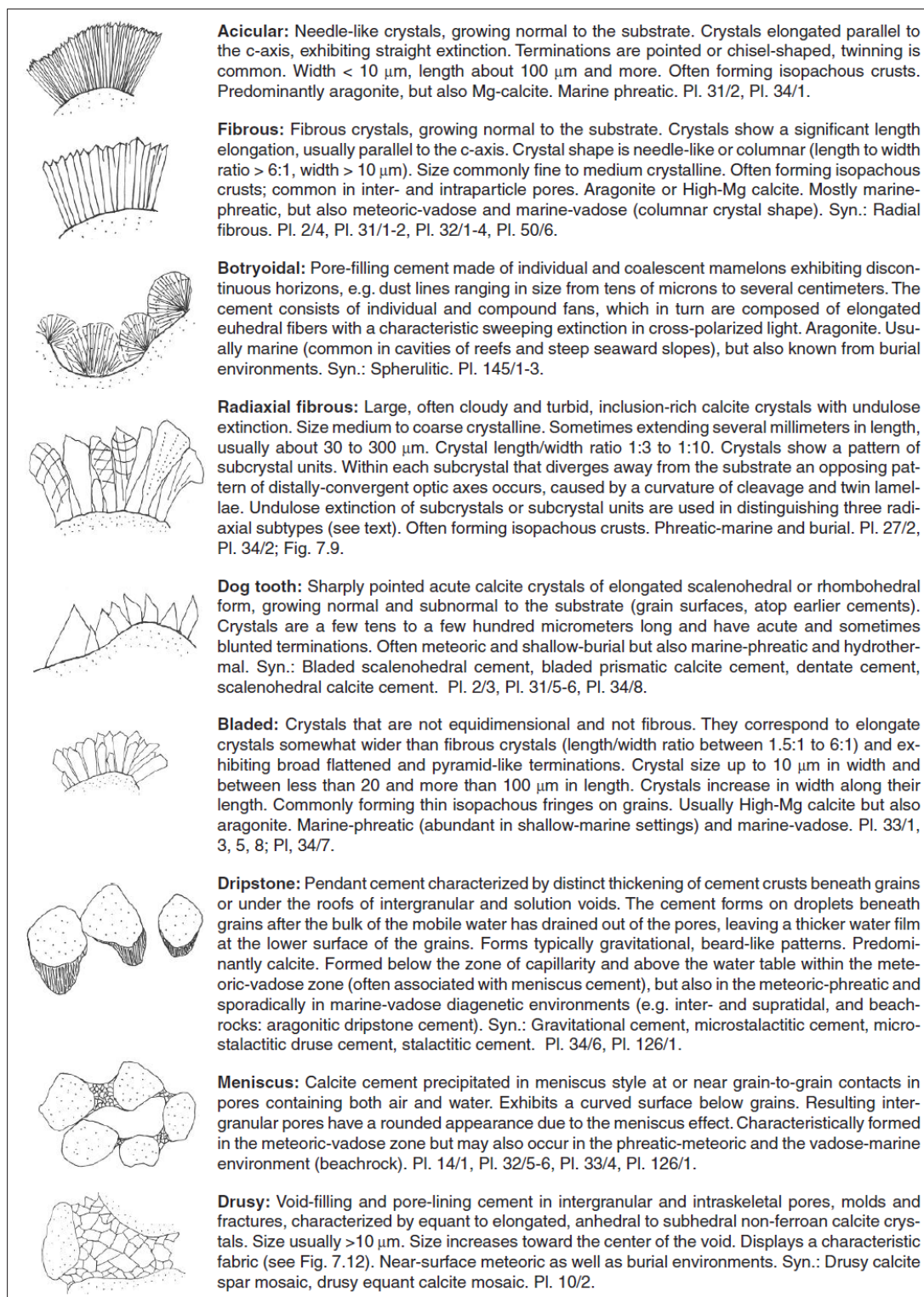
**APPENDICES**

**APPENDIX A**

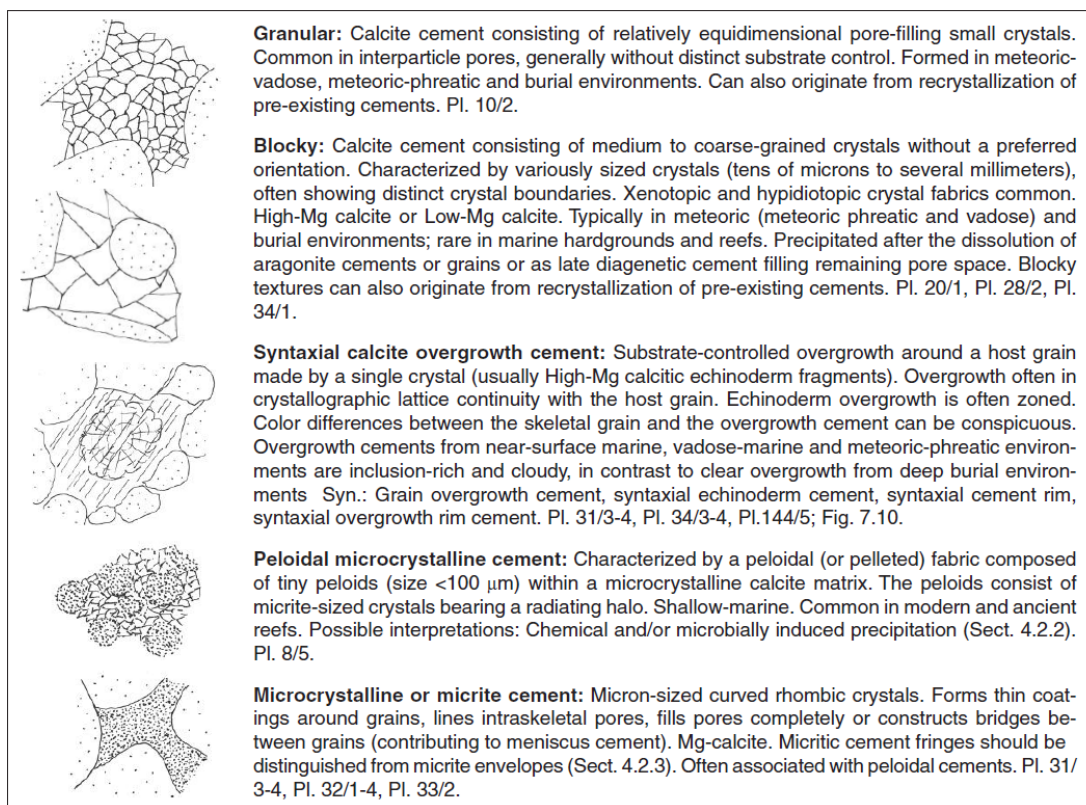
**CLASSIFICATION SCHEMES**

Limestone classification scheme by Dunham (1962), extended by Embry & Kloven (1971)								
Original components not organically bound during deposition						Original components organically bound during deposition		
Less than 10% <2mm components				Greater than 10% >2mm components		Bound by organisms which act as baffles	Bound by organisms which encrust and bind	Bound by organisms which build a rigid framework
Contains lime mud		Lacks lime mud and is grain supported	Matrix supported	Component supported				
Mud Supported	Grain-supported							
< 10% grains	> 10% grains							
MUD-STONE	WACKE-STONE	PACK-STONE	GRAIN-STONE	FLOAT-STONE	RUD-STONE	BAFFLE-STONE	BIND-STONE	FRAME-STONE
Terminology of basic porosity types, after Choquette & Pray (1970), modified by Tucker (1990)								
FABRIC SELECTIVE								
INTER-PARTICLE BP	INTRA-PARTICLE WP	INTER-CRYSTAL BC	MOLDIC MO	FENESTRAL FE	SHELTER SH	GROWTH FRAME- WORK GF		
NOT FABRIC SELECTIVE					FABRIC SELECTIVE OR NOT			
FRACTURE FR	CHANNEL* CH	VUG* VUG	CAVERN* CV	STYLOLITIC ST	BRECCIA BR	BORING BO		
* Cavern applies to man - sized or larger pores of channel or vug shapes								
					BURROW BU	SHRINKAGE SK		
Grain size classification after Wentworth (1922)				Terminology for crystal sizes in limestones and dolomites, after Folk (1962)				
>64 mm -	C	- Cobble		>4 mm -	Extremely coarsely crystalline			
64 - 4 mm -	P	- Pebble		1 - 4 mm -	Very coarsely crystalline			
4 - 2 mm -	G	- Granule		1 - 250 µm -	Coarsely crystalline			
2 - 1 mm -	v.c	- very coarse sand		62 - 250 µm -	Medium crystalline			
1 - 0.5 mm -	c	- coarse sand		16 - 62 µm -	Finely crystalline			
0.5 - 0.25 mm -	m	- medium sand		16 - 4 µm -	Very finely crystalline			
0.25 - 0.125 mm -	f	- fine sand		1 - 4µm -	Aphanocrystalline or Cryptocrystalline			
0.125 - 0.062 mm -	v.f	- very fine sand						
0.062 - 0.004 mm -	S	- Silt						
<0.004 -	M	- Mud						

A1. Fabric descriptive terminology.

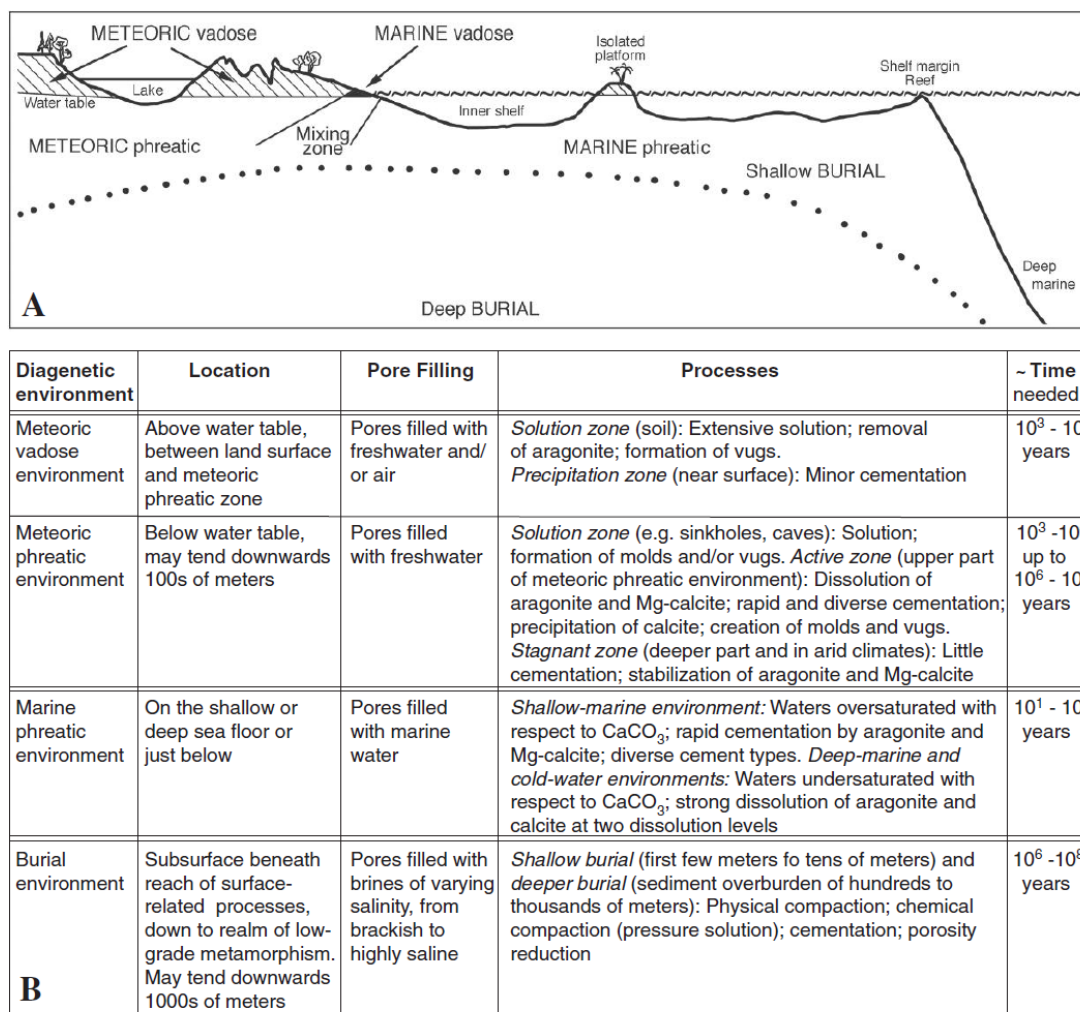


**A2.** Cement morphologies part 1 (from Flügel, 2004).



**A2 (cont.).** Cement morphologies part 2 (from Flügel, 2004).





**Fig. 7.2. Major diagenetic environments.** A – Simplified scheme. Many of the studies dealing with the diagenesis of carbonate rocks are environment-specific and concentrate on processes affecting particular hydrogeochemically defined diagenetic environments. Carbonate diagenesis operates in the *meteoric environment*, the *marine environment* and the *burial environment*. In the *meteoric environment* pore space is occupied by freshwater and air (*meteoric vadose zone* above water table; hatched) or by freshwater (*meteoric phreatic zone*). The *marine-vadose zone* at the land-sea boundary and the *mixing zone* in coastal areas and shallow near-coastal subsurface exhibits meteoric and marine criteria. In the *marine phreatic environment* water is supersaturated with respect to  $\text{CaCO}_3$  in shallow seas and undersaturated in cold and deep seas. The subsurface *burial environment* comprises the subsurface beneath the reach of surface-related processes down to the realm of low-grade metamorphism. Conventionally *shallow burial* and *deep burial* are differentiated. The term *near-surface diagenesis* refers to processes at or close to the sea floor and in the meteoric environment within the reach of surface-related processes related to depositional or weathering interfaces. Here, cementation is highly facies-specific. The terms eogenic, mesogenic and telegenic, introduced by Choquette and Pray (1970), refer to early near-surface, burial and uplift/unconformity-related processes (Sect. 7.3.2).

**B** – Major processes occurring in different diagenetic environments. The time involved in diagenetic processes varies significantly in different diagenetic zones. Early diagenetic solution/precipitation processes in meteoric vadose and shallow marine phreatic environments need far less time than late diagenetic deeper burial diagenesis, which can last millions of years. Similarly, unconformity-related meteoric phreatic processes may continue over very long time intervals. Early cementation in intertidal and shallow subtidal environments occurs within a range of almost recent to several tens to a few thousand years. Syndepositional botryoidal cements on marginal slopes of platforms may grow over several tens of years, resulting in syndepositional stabilization of steep carbonate slope deposits at or above angles of repose (Grammer et al. 1993).

### A3. Diagenetic environments and processes (from Flügel, 2004).



ALLOCHTHONOUS		AUTOCHTHONOUS					
Depositional fabric dominated by bio- and lithoclastic reefal material. More than 10% of the fragments are greater than 1 cm in size.		Facies dominated by a growth fabric of <i>in situ</i> and <i>in growth position</i> skeletons of calcifying organisms.					
Matrix supported.	Supported by the greater than 1 cm component.	Growth fabric dominated by platy to tabular colonies where calcification in the horizontal plane dominates over that of the vertical plane (width to height ratio of dominant organisms: 30:1 - 5:1). These growth forms constitute more than 60% of the total CSV.	Growth fabric dominated by sheet-like & lamellar colonies where calcification in the horizontal plane greatly dominates over that of the vertical plane (width to height ratio: >30:1). These growth forms constitute more than 60% of the total CSV.	Growth fabric dominated by domal & irregular massive colonies which have the same calcification potential in all free directions. These growth forms constitute more than 60% of the total CSV.	Growth fabric dominated by organisms which have a dominant vertical component of growth and relatively restricted lateral growth (for example all types of branching colonies and rod and tubular solitary forms). These growth forms constitute more than 60% of the total CSV.		No one growth form dominates in terms of CSV.
					PILLARSTONE		
FLOATSTONE	RUDSTONE	PLATESTONE	SHEETSTONE	DOMESTONE	Sparse	Dense	MIXSTONE

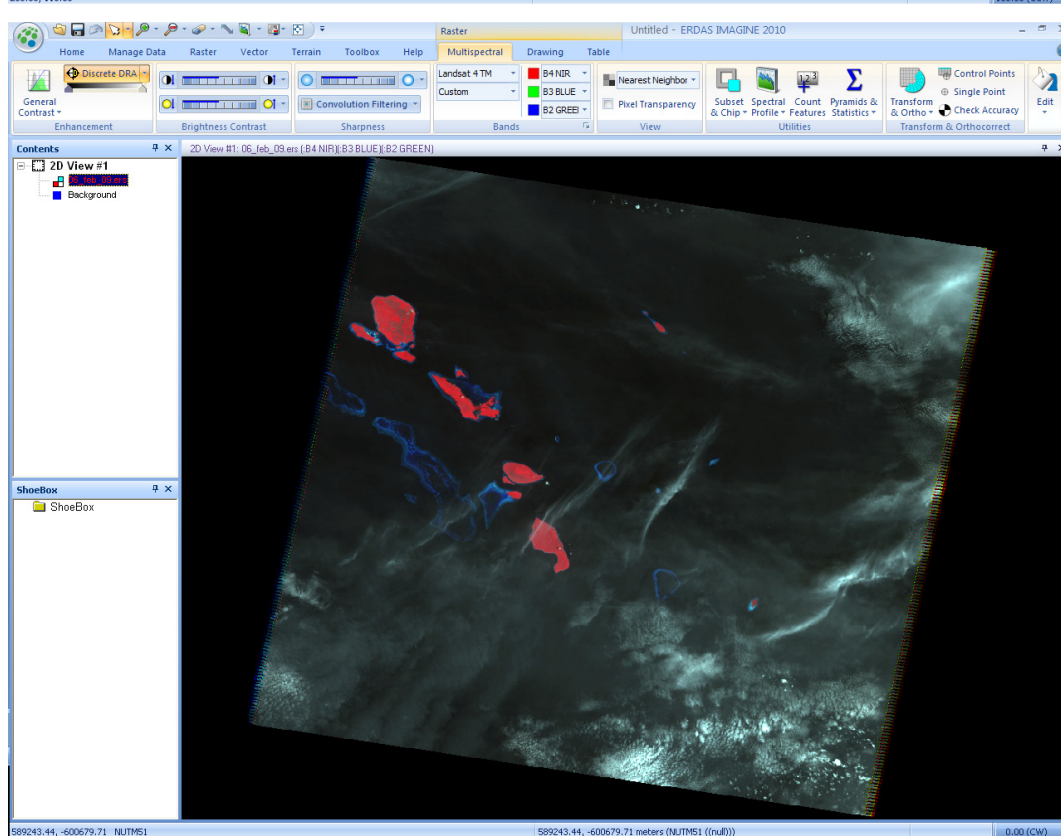
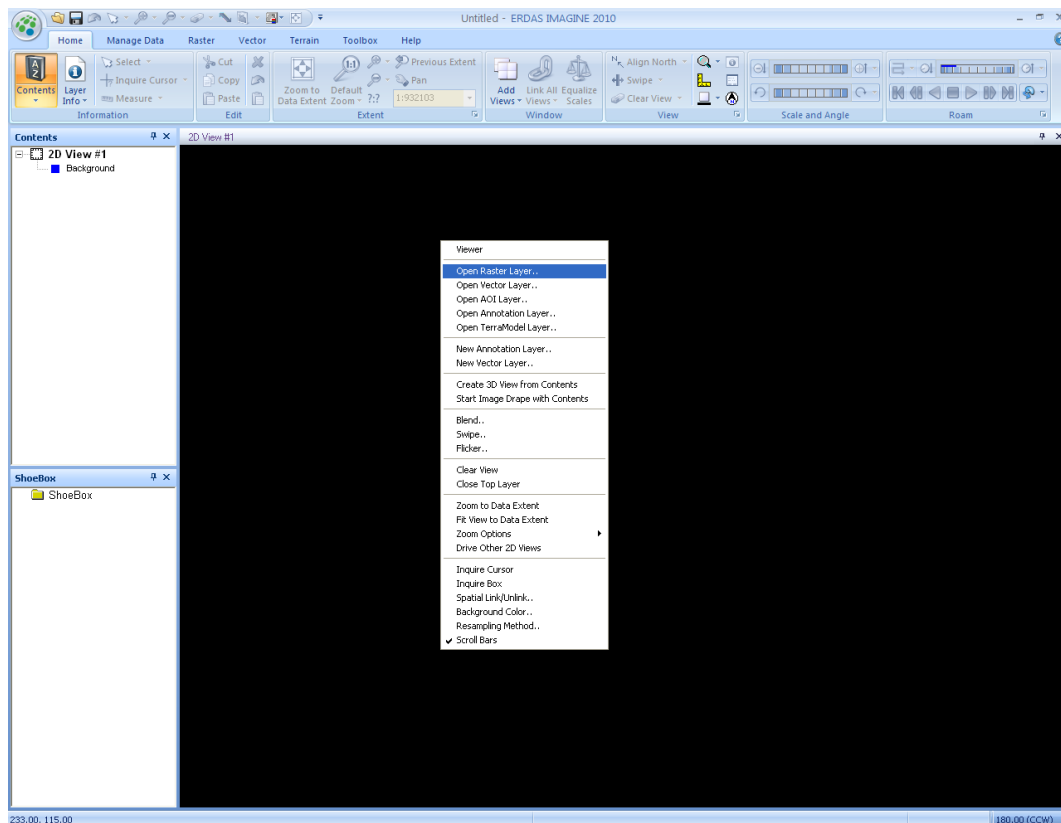
**A4.** Modified descriptive classification for styles of scleractinian growth fabric. CSV = coral skeletal volume.. After Insalaco (1978).

**APPENDIX B**

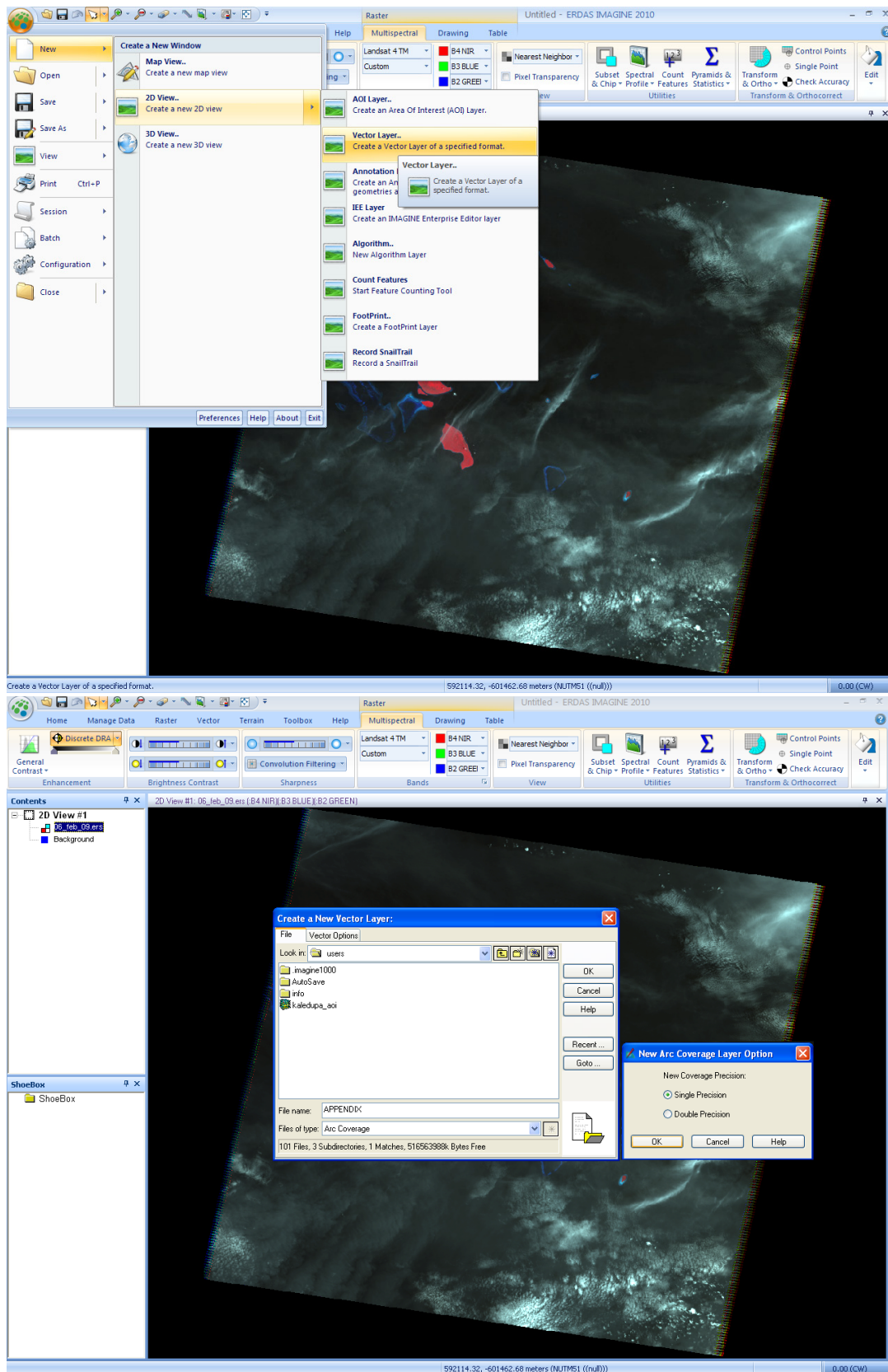
**WORK BOOKS, PETROGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS AND  
PHOTOMICROGRAPHS RELATING TO CHAPTER 2**

**Appendix B1**

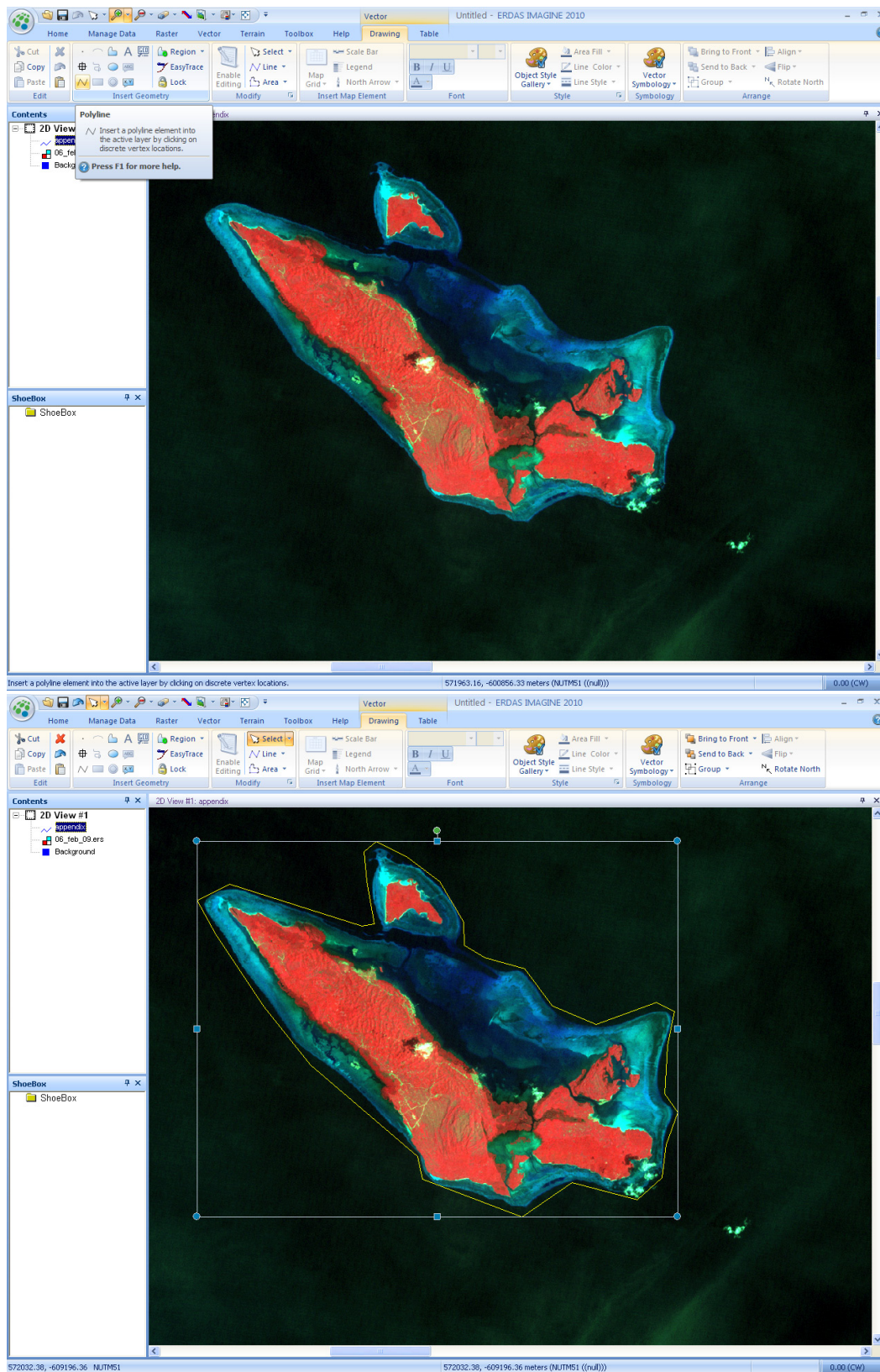
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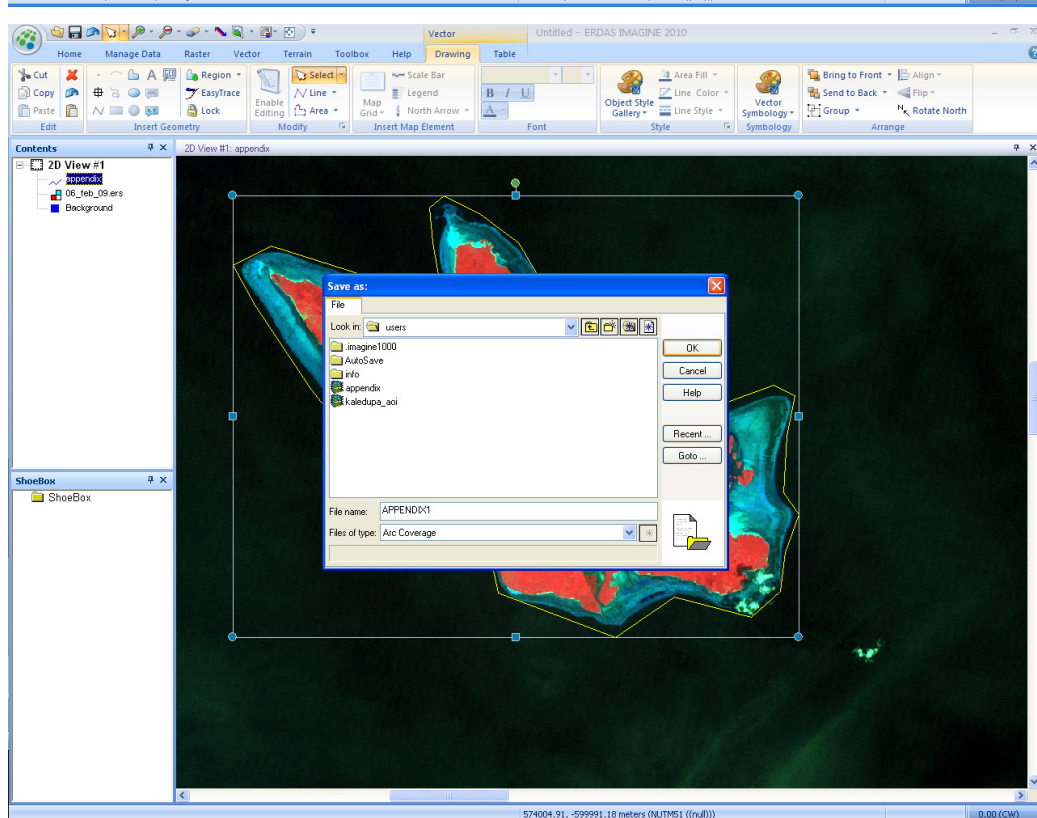
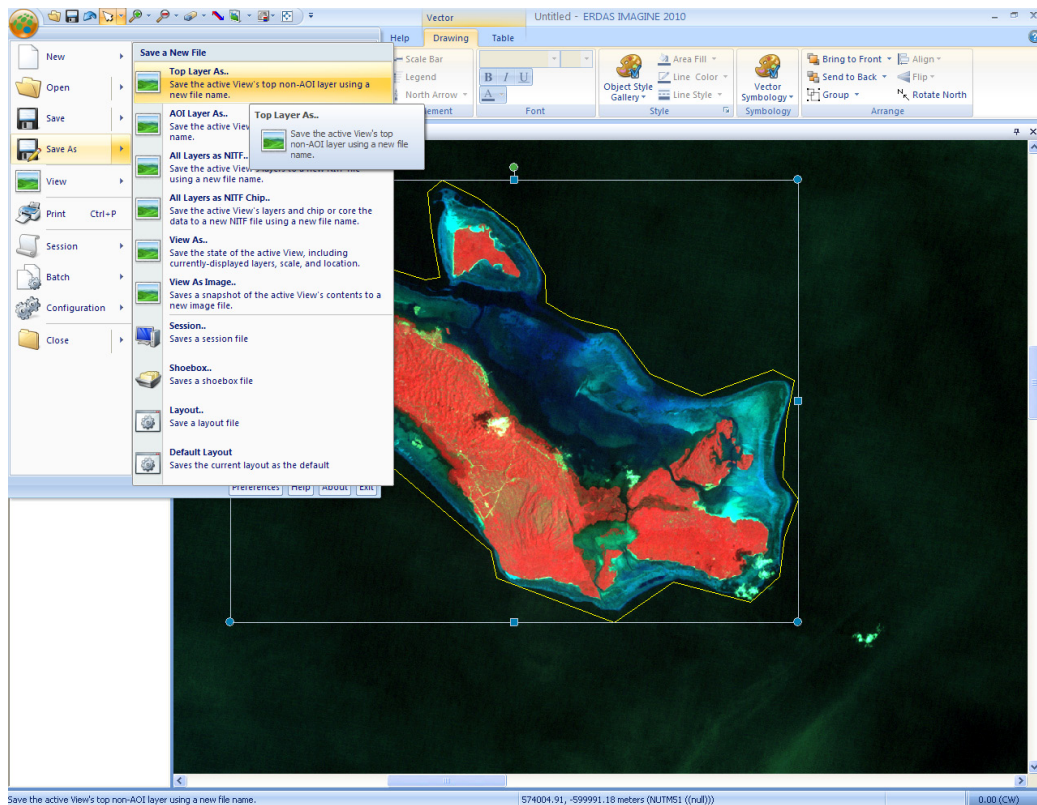


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4. Save file type in arc coverage. Click OK. Choose Single Precision. Click OK.



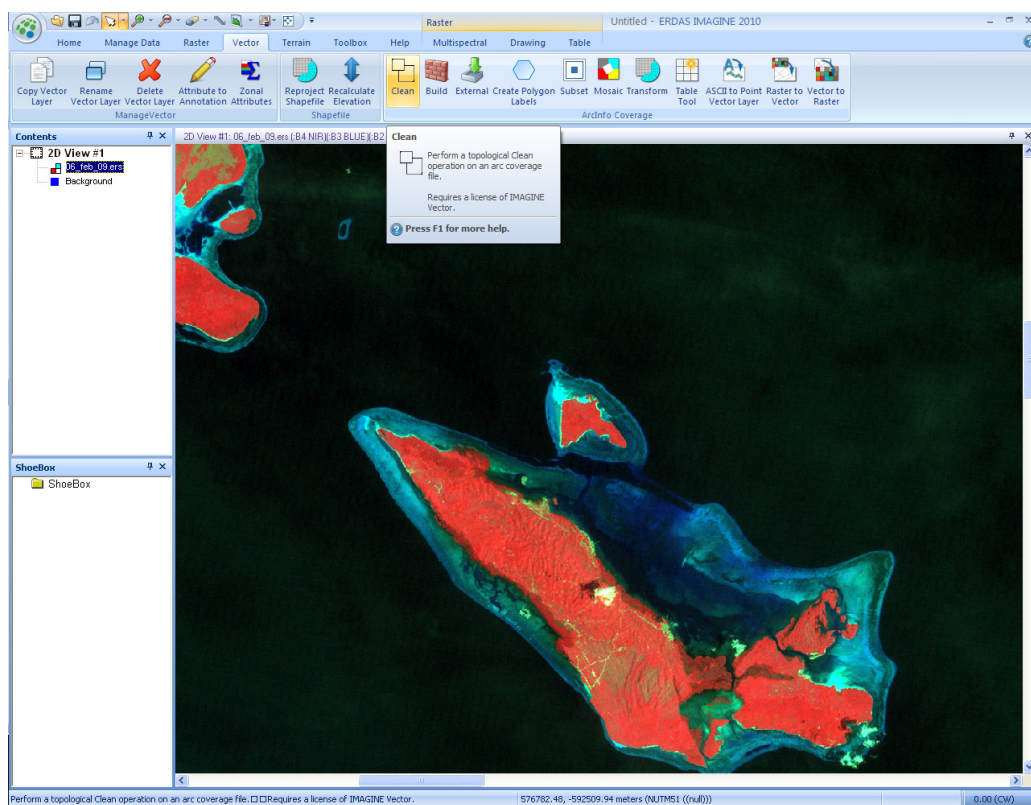
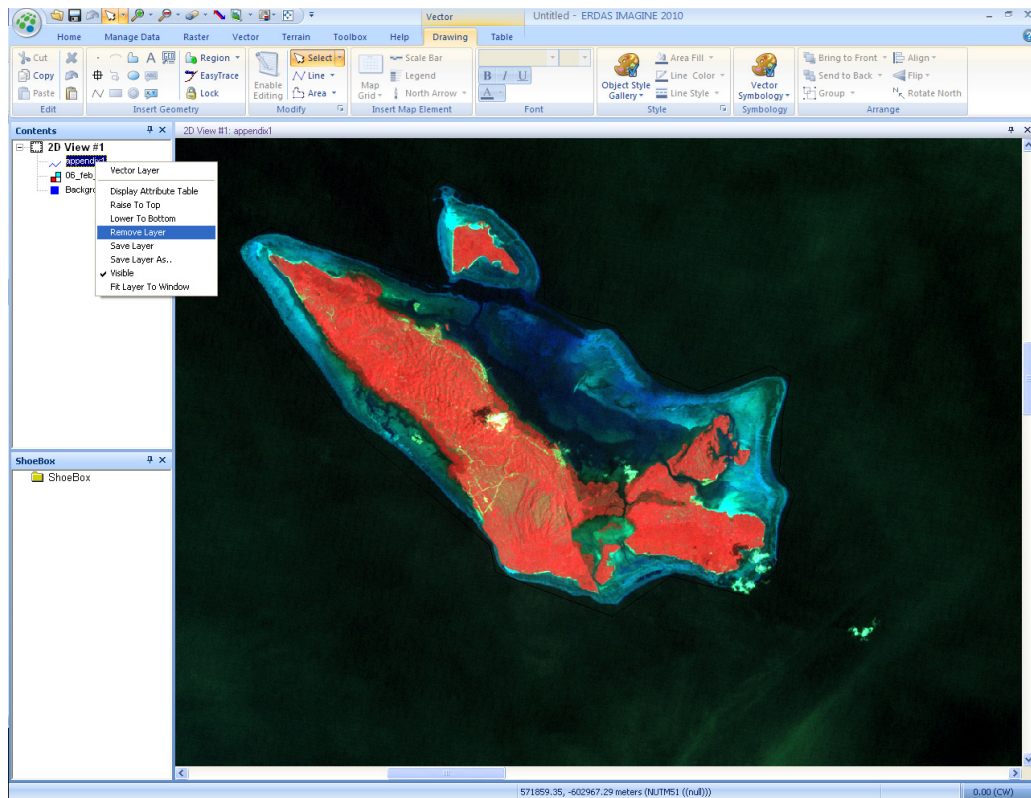
5. Vector Tool Box Display. Click on Draw Polygon.
6. Draw a polygon on the image where you wish to crop to.





7. First viewer window File menu bar Save Top Layer As.

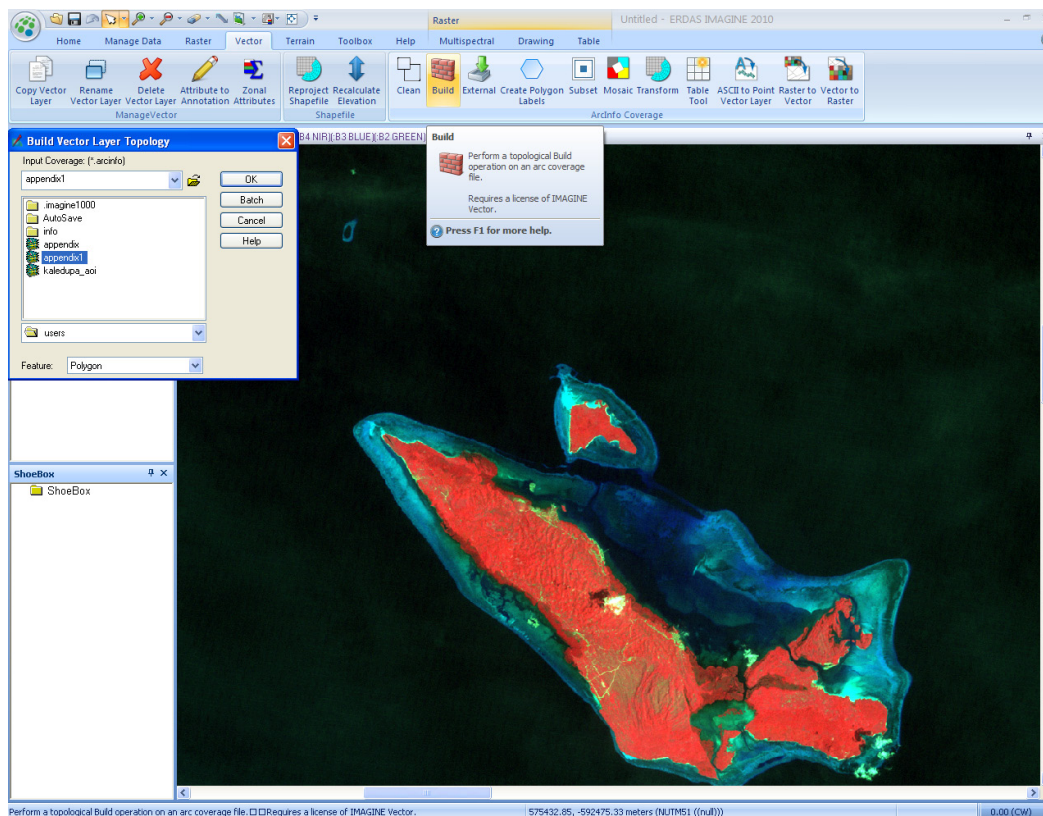
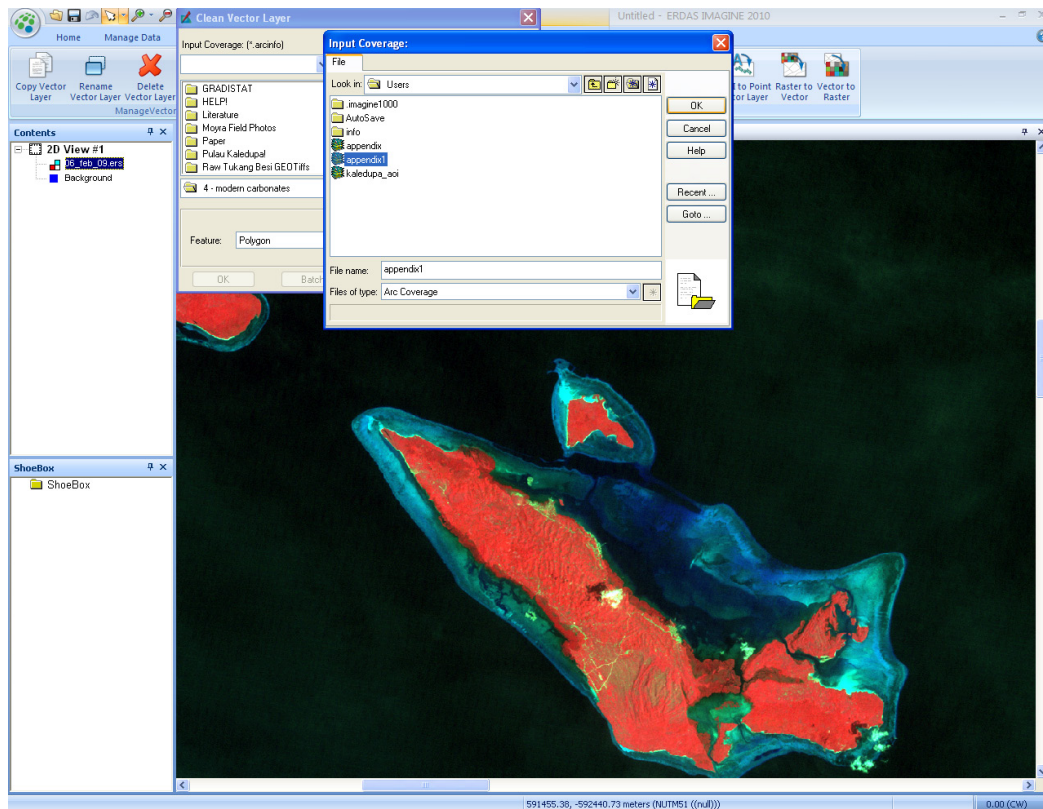
8. Select arc file saved previously. Click yes to delete file. Click OK again to save.



9. In contents pane right click the vector layer. Remove layer.

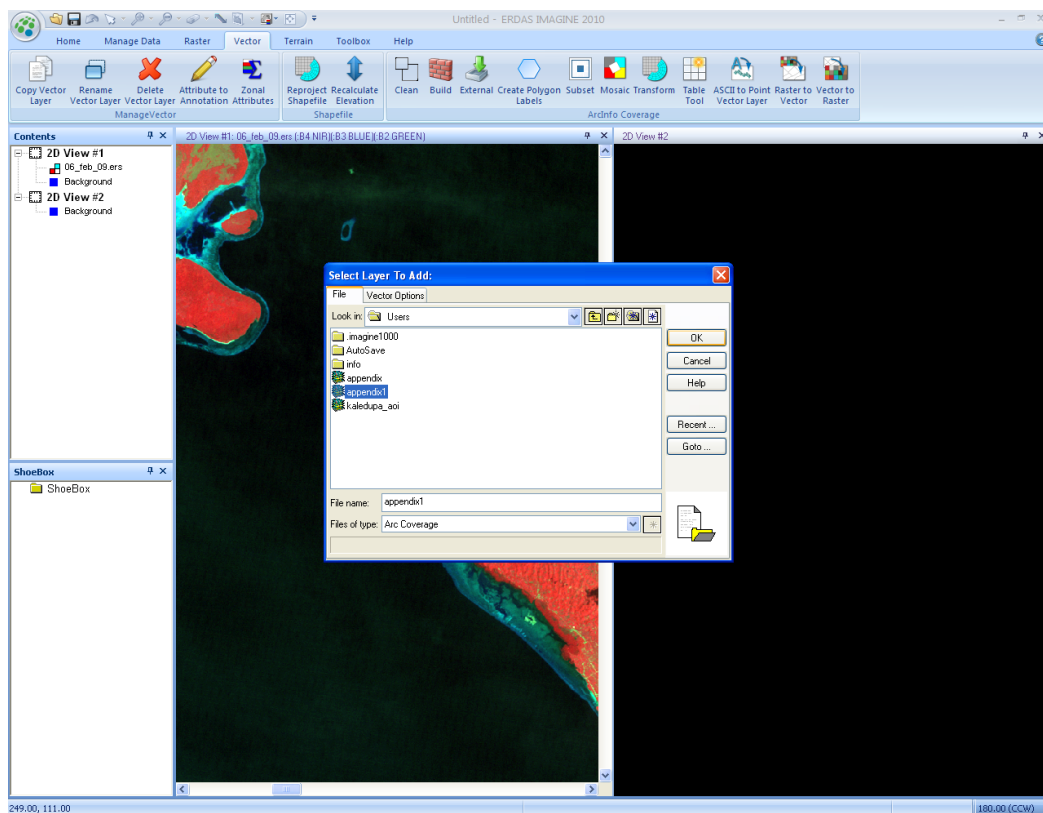
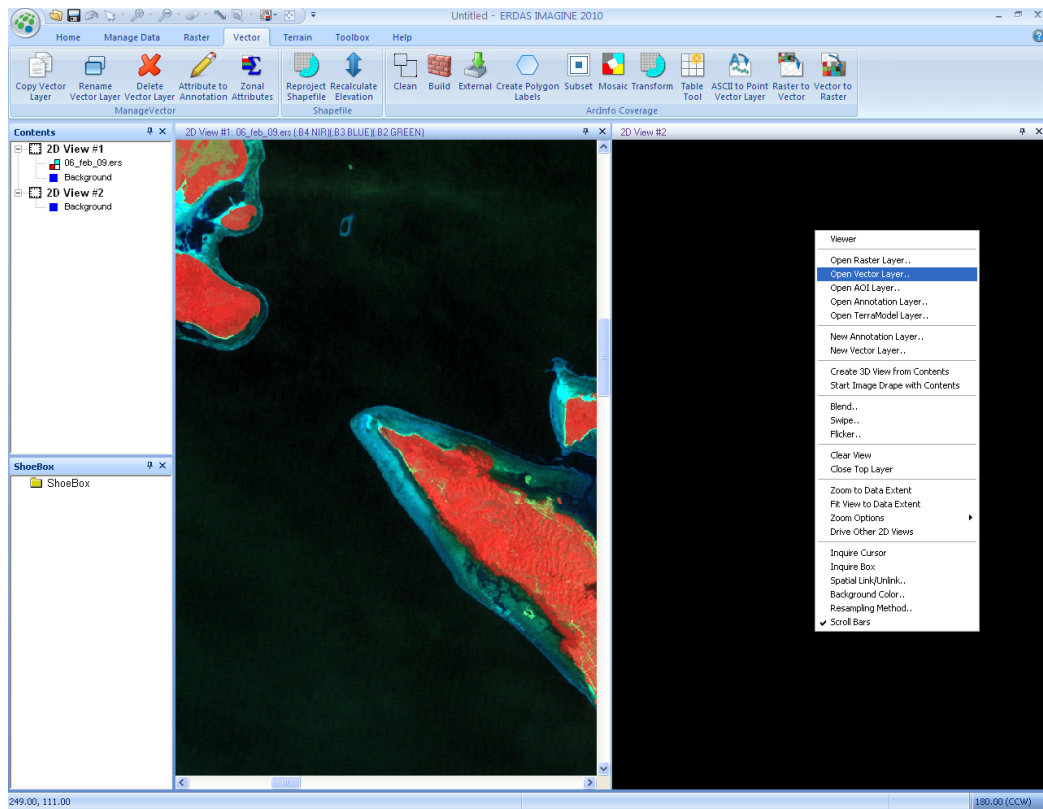
10. On Vector menu select Clean.



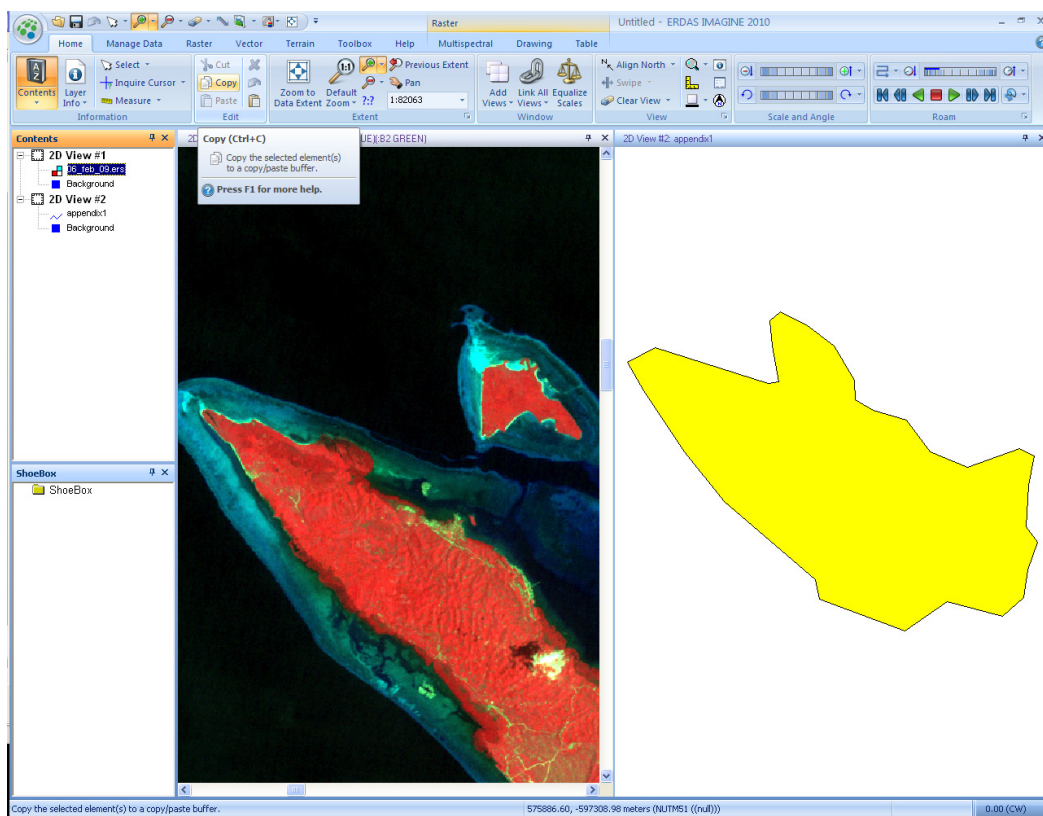
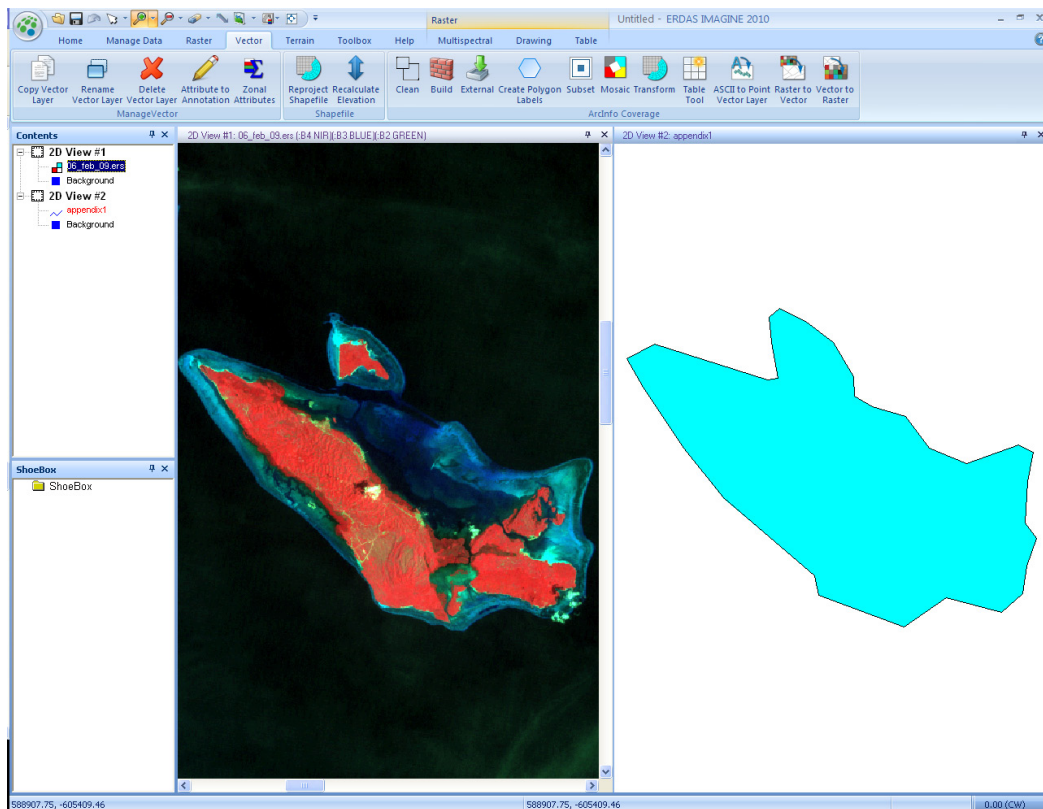


11. Select the vector file saved previously. Click OK.

12. In Vector Menu select Build. Select previously saved file. Click OK.



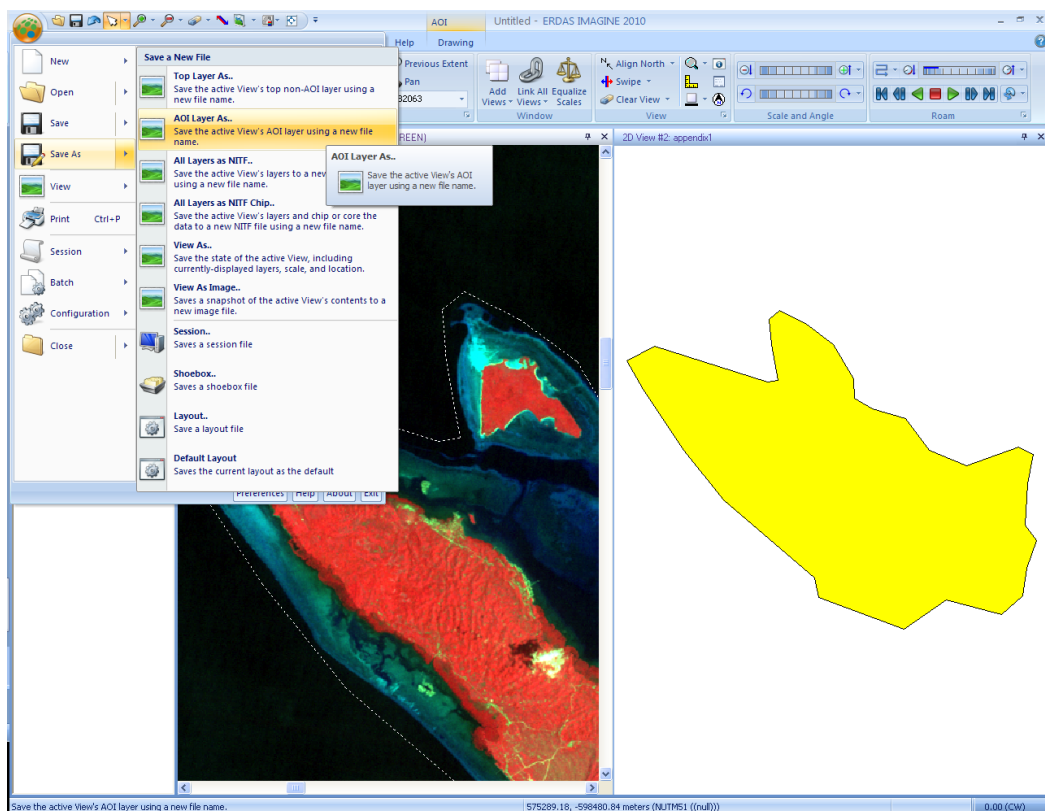
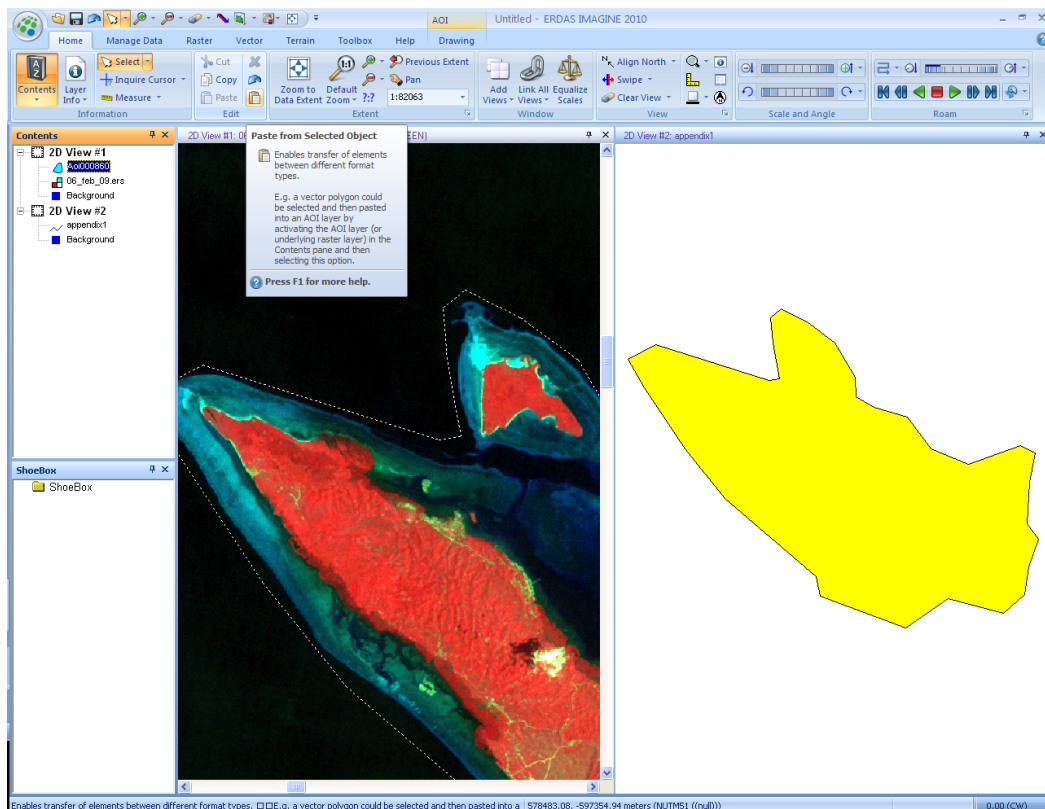
13. Add a new viewer.
14. Open vector layer previously saved.



15. In second viewer window click inside polygon (blue – turns yellow).

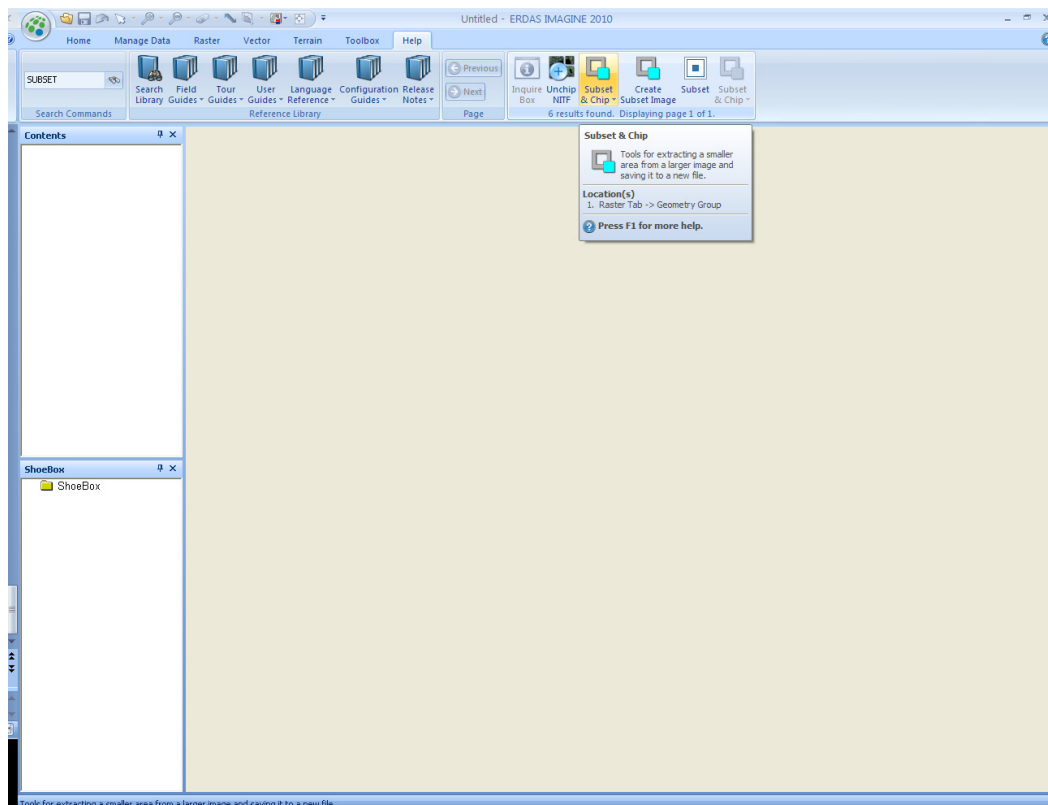
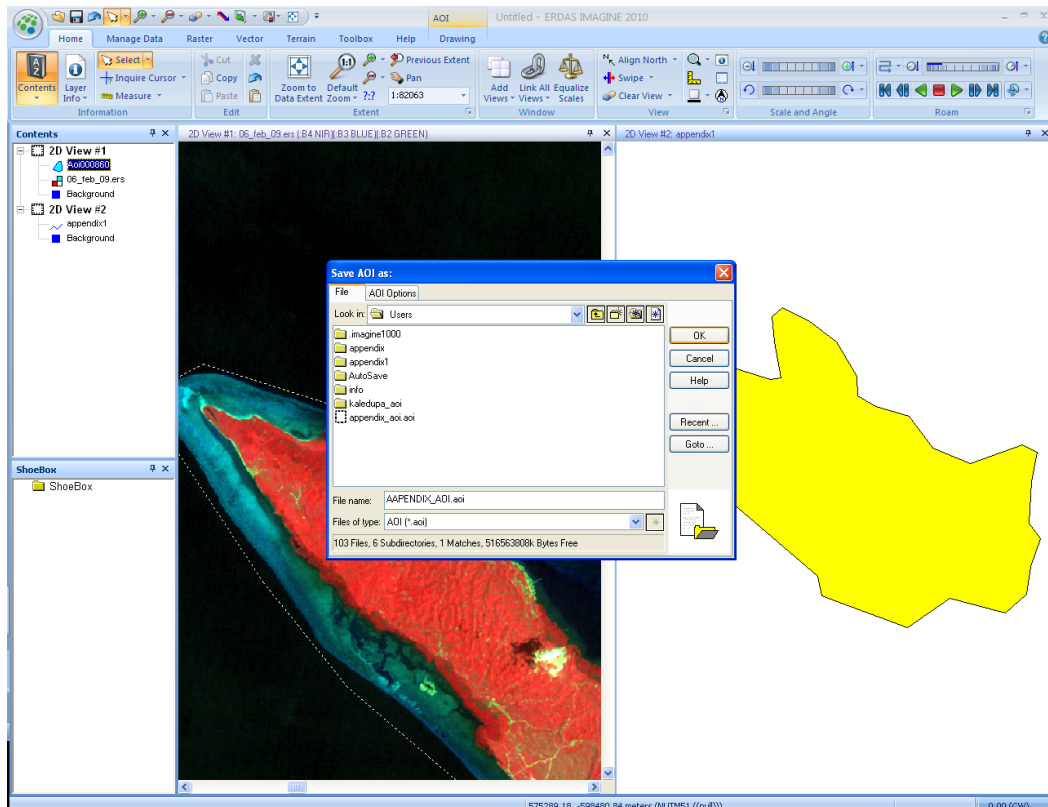
16. In first viewer window on the Home Menu select Copy.





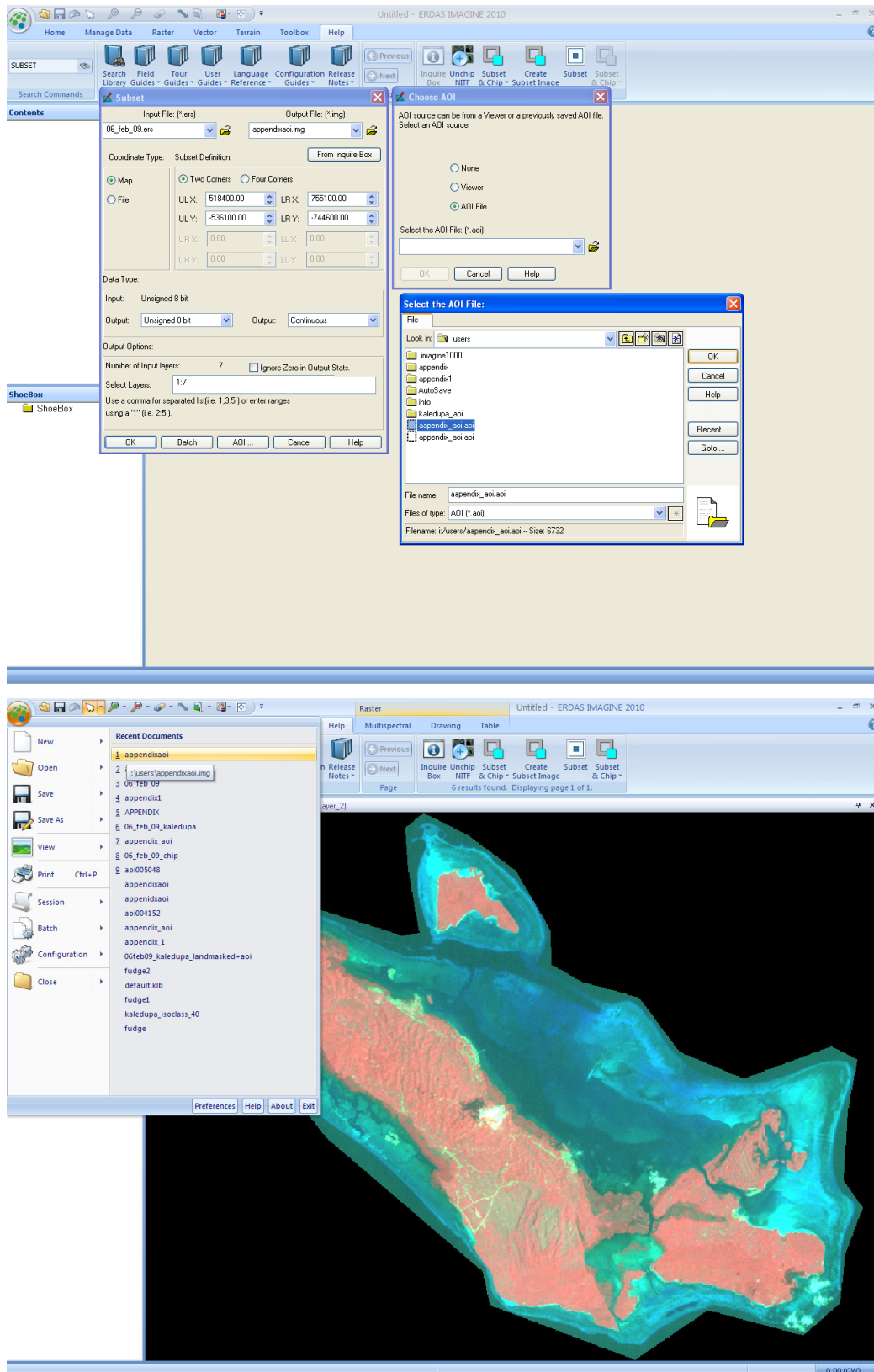
17. In first viewer window on the Home Menu select Paste.

18. In first viewer window on the File Menu bar choose save AOI Layer As.



19. Save as an .AOI layer file.

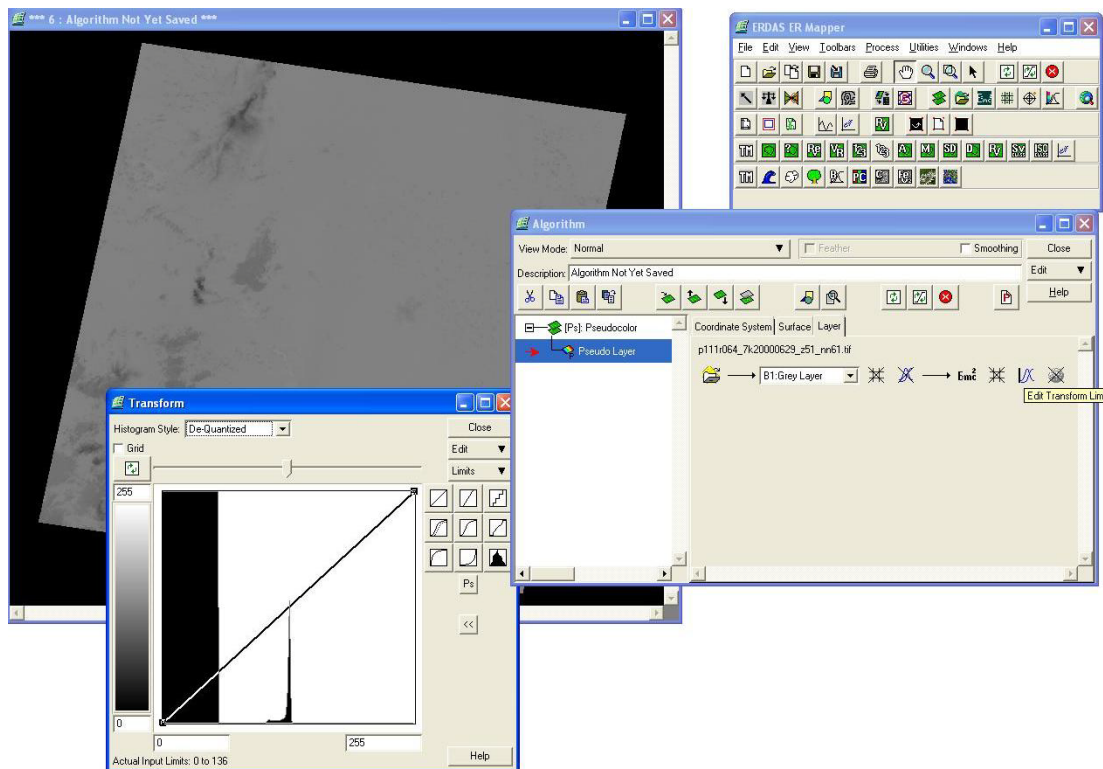
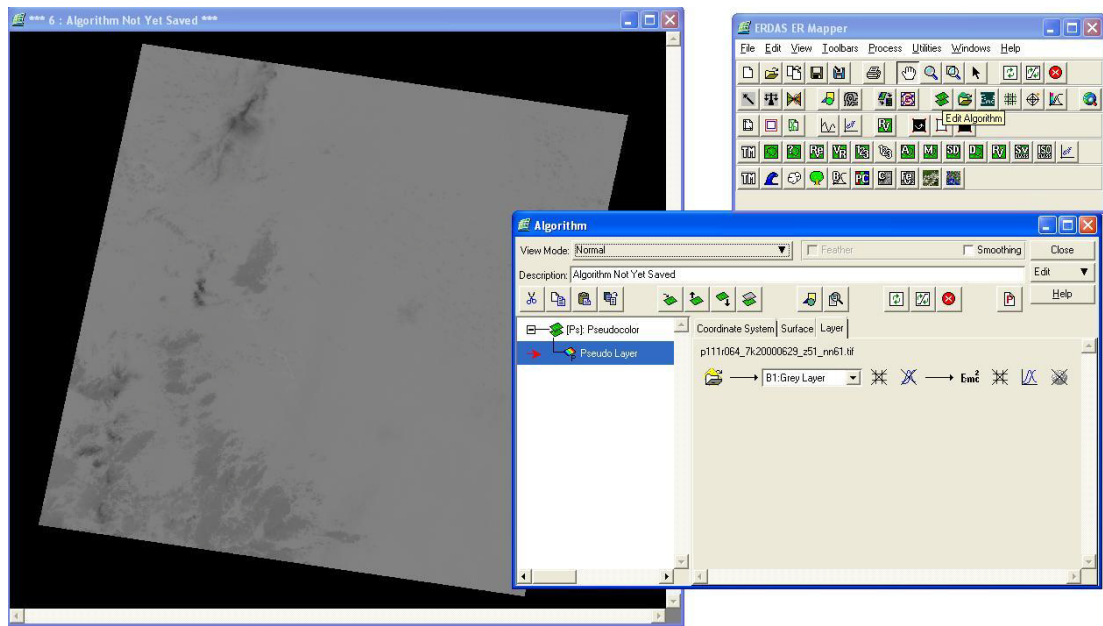
20. Close all viewers. Select Subset Image in Menu Bar.



21. Select input file (original landsat image), then give an output file name.
22. Select the AOI button. Select file (last saved .AOI file). Click OK.
23. Open new viewer. Open raster layer. Select newly created subset file

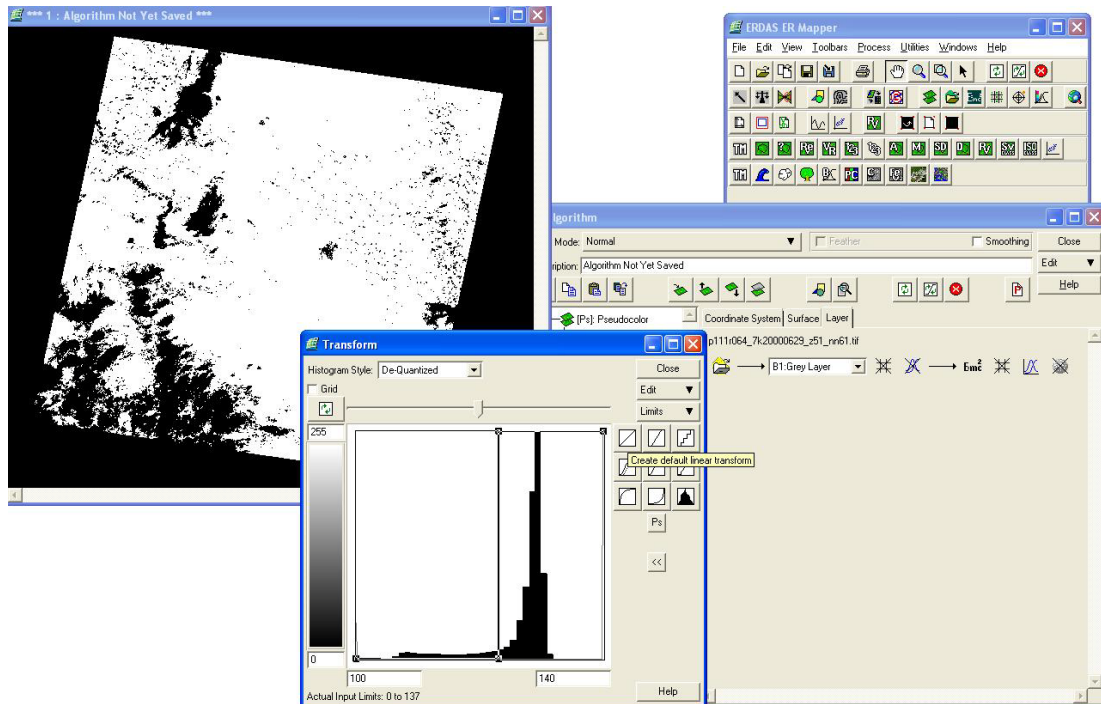
**Appendix B2**

**ER Mapper Cloud Masking Work Book**

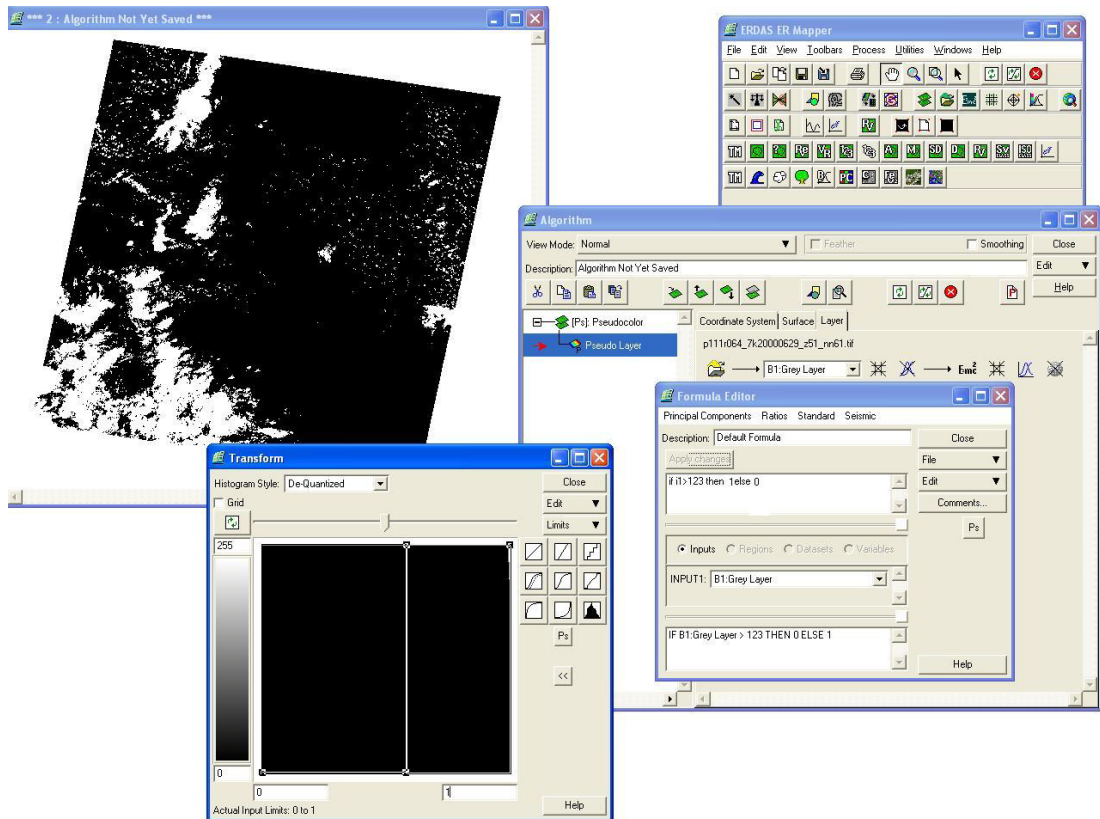


1. Open ER MAPPER. File, Open, Thermal Band 6.
2. File opens in algorithm window. This should show a pseudo colour layer. B1: Grey Layer.
3. Open algorithm window. Edit transform limits. Default linear transformation.

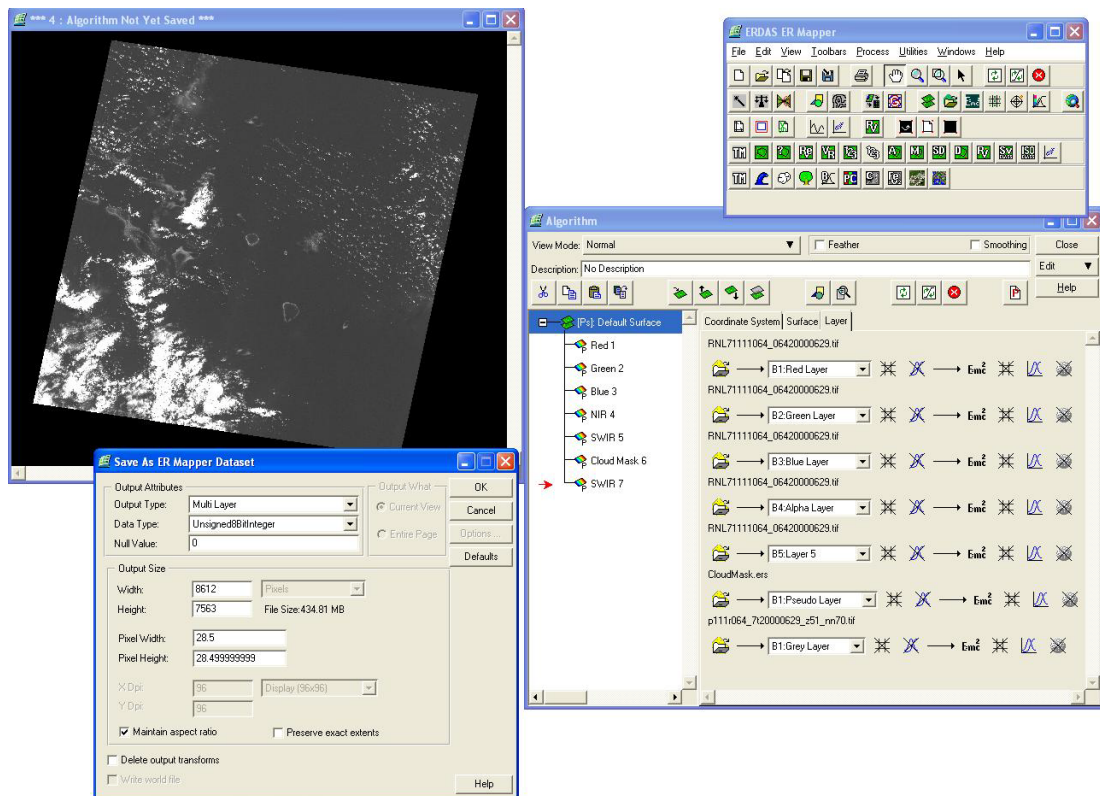




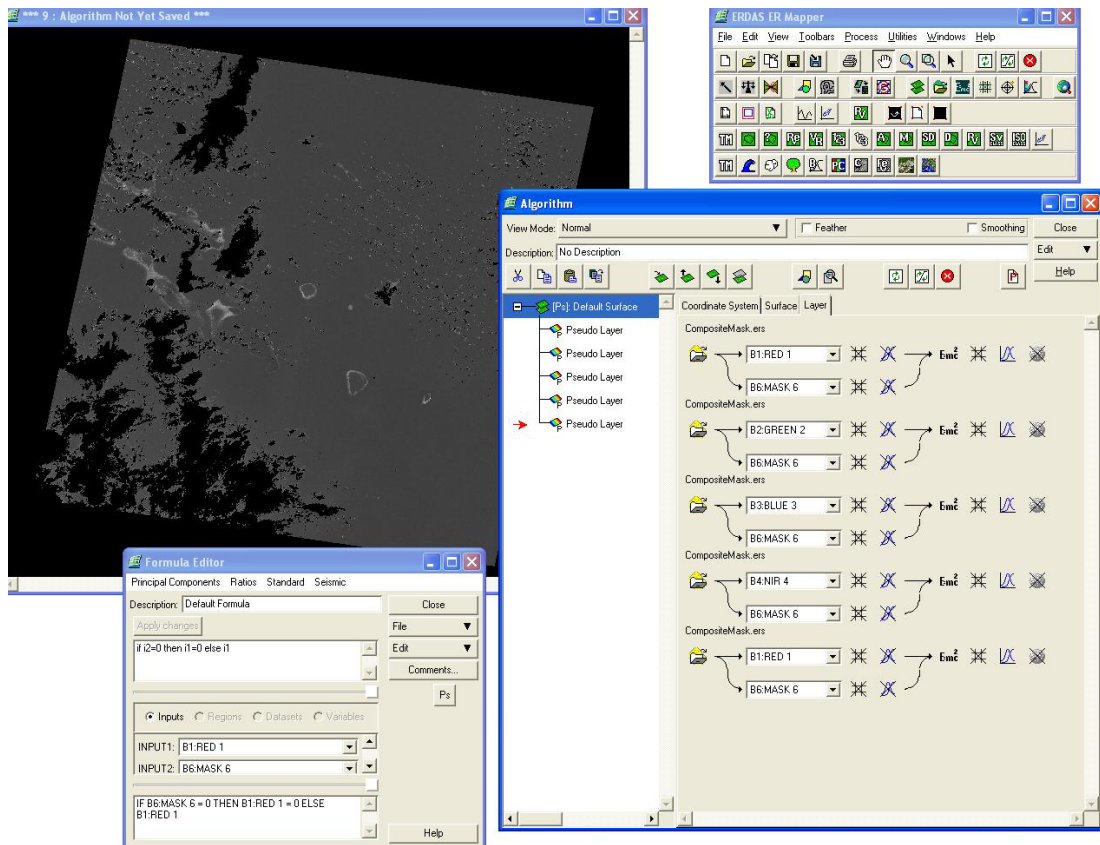
4. Apply contrast stretch consistent with actual display values; e.g. 100:140.
5. Set cut off point with vertical line where histogram spikes, consistent with lower end member cloud values; e.g. 123.



6. Open formula editor.
7. Enter formula “ if i1>123 then 1 else 0”.
8. Set input limits on transform window to 0:1.
9. Save as .ers file.



10. Combine .ers files; open raster file as individual pseudo layers 1-5 and 7, layer 6 is cloud mask .ers file.
11. Rename layers appropriate to bands.
12. Save as a multilayer .ers file.



13. Open composite .ers file as individual pseudo layers.
14. Formula editor input equation “ if i2=0 then i1=0 else i1” for each individual band/pseudo layer expect for cloud mask layer. INPUT 2/ i2 = Cloud mask layer 6.
15. (Open each pseudo layer and perform equation entry one after the other)
16. Save as .ers file.

**NB:** Colours may appear to have altered in display following either the cloud mask or the area of interest subsetting processes. This is a display algorithm variation, the data points in each pixel are however unaffected and may have classifications and/or other techniques performed with no data loss.

**Appendix B3**

**Petrographic Observations of Samples Relating to Chapter 2**

Sample	(Mostly) >2 mm Bioclasts (approximate percentage breakdowns from sediment samples)														(Mostly) <2 mm Bioclasts (approximate percentage breakdowns from grain mounts)														Early Grain Alteration					Notes				
	Coral	Shells	Halimeda	Imperforate	Miliolids	Perforate	Calcarinids	Smaller Benthics	Planktonics	Coraline Algae	Echinodermata	Alcyonarian sclerites	Seagrass	Lithics	Other/Unknown	Total	Coral	Shells	Halimeda	Imperforate	Miliolids	Perforate	Calcarinids	Smaller Benthics	Planktonics	Coraline Algae	Echinodermata	Alcyonarian sclerites S	eagrass	Lithics	Other/Unknown	Total	Abrasion		Fragmentation	Encrustation	Bioerosion	Cementation
HSB41	60	9	12	12	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	100	30	20	2	3	2	10	10	4	1	8	3	7	0	0	0	100	1	2	0	1	0	
HSB42	70	6	11	1	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	100	25	15	5	10	2	10	5	2	1	5	10	0	0	0	100	2	2	0	1	0	
HGG1	60	20	5	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	0	100	15	15	1	0	0	4	20	0	0	40	4	0	0	0	1	100	1	1	2	1	0
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**Appendix B4**

**Modern Sediment Photographs and Thin Section Photomicrographs of Samples  
Relating to Chapter 2**





HGG1 +2MM 8X.jpg



HGG1 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



HGG2 +2MM 8X.jpg



HGG2 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



HGG3 +2MM 8X.jpg



HGG3 UNSORTED 8X.jpg





HGG4 +2MM 8X.jpg



HGG4 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



HGG5 +2MM 8X.jpg



HGG5 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



HGG6 +2MM 8X(2).jpg



HGG6 +2MM 8X.jpg





HGG6 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



HGG7 +2MM 8X.jpg



HGG7 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



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HGG8 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



HGG9 +2MM 8X.jpg





HGG9 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



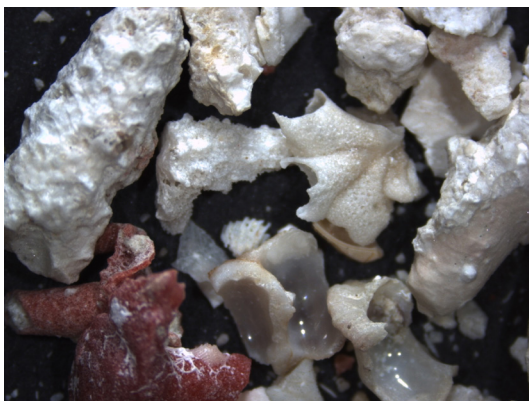
HGG10 +2MM 8X.jpg



HGG10 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



HSB41 +2MM 8X.jpg



HSB42 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL1 +2MM 8X.jpg





KAL1 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL2 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL2 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL3 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL3 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL4 UNSORTED 8X(2).jpg





KAL4 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL5 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL5 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



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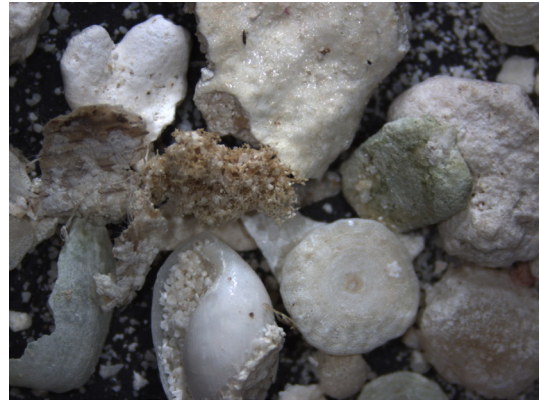


KAL7 +2MM 8X.jpg





KAL7 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL8 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL8 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL9 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL9 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL10 +2MM 8X.jpg





KAL10 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL11 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL11 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL12 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL12 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL13 +2MM 8X.jpg





KAL13 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL14 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL14 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL15 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL15 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL16 +2MM 8X.jpg





KAL16 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL17 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL17 +2MM 35X MILLIOLID.jpg



KAL17 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL18 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL18 UNSORTED 8X.jpg





KAL19 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL19 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL20 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL20 UNSORTED 8X.jpg

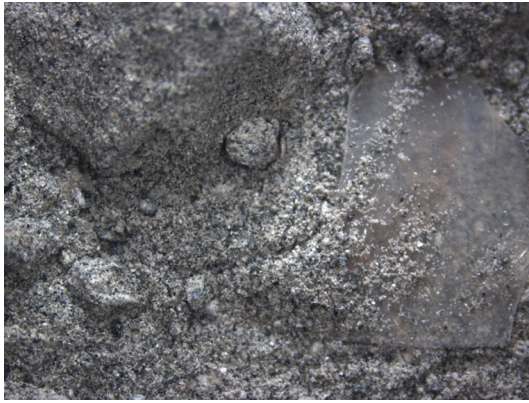


KAL21 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL21 UNSORTED 8X.jpg





KAL34 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL35 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL36 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL37 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL37 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL38 +2MM 8X.jpg





KAL38 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL39 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL39 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL40 +2MM 8X.jpg



KAL40 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



KAL41 +2MM 8X.jpg





KAL41 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



PK5 +2MM 8X.jpg



PK10 +2MM 8X.jpg



PK11 +2MM 8X.jpg

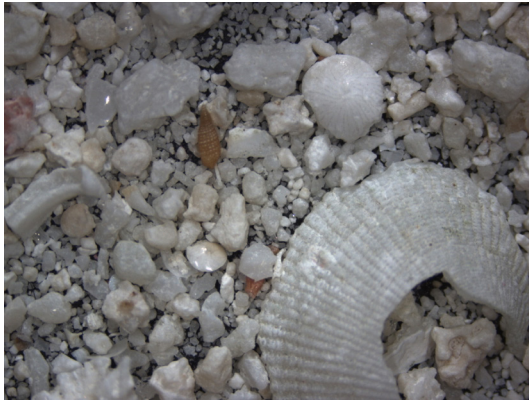


PK12 +2MM 8X.jpg



PK13 +2MM 8X.jpg





PK13 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



PK14 +2MM 8X.jpg



PK15 +2MM 8X.jpg



PK16 +2MM 8X.jpg



PK17 +2MM 8X.jpg



PK18 +2MM 8X.jpg





PK19 +2MM 8X.jpg



PK20 +2MM 8X.jpg



PK21 +2MM 8X.jpg



S2-3 3m UNSORTED 8X.jpg



S2-3 5m UNSORTED 8X.jpg



S2-3 8m UNSORTED 8X.jpg





SS1 +2MM 8X.jpg



SS1 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



SS2 +2MM 8X.jpg



SS2 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



SS3 +2MM 8X.jpg



SS3 UNSORTED 8X.jpg





SS4 +2MM 8X.jpg



SS4 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



SS5 +2MM 8X.jpg



SS5 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



SS6 +2MM 8X.jpg



SS6 UNSORTED 8X.jpg





SS7 +2MM 8X.jpg



SS7 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



WHB1-2 +2MM 8X.jpg



WHB1-2 UNSORTED 8X.jpg



WHB3-6 +2MM 8X.jpg



WHB3-6 UNSORTED 8X.jpg





WHB3-7 +2MM 8X.jpg



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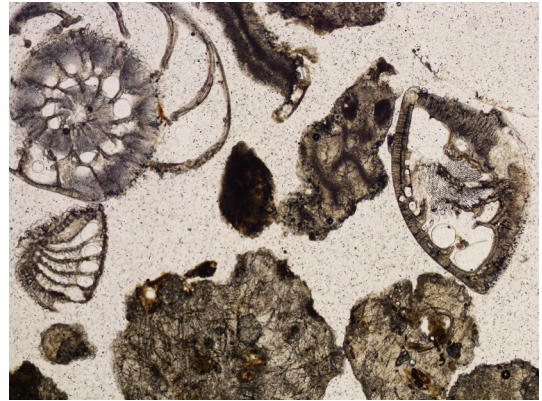


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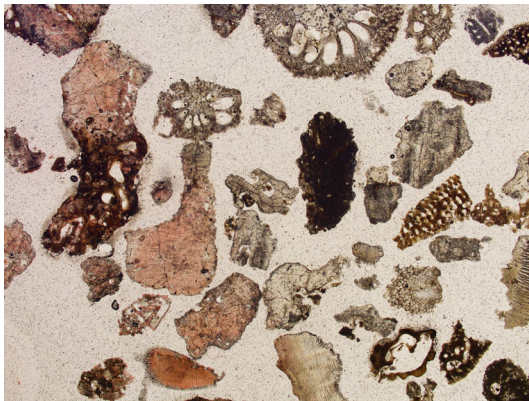




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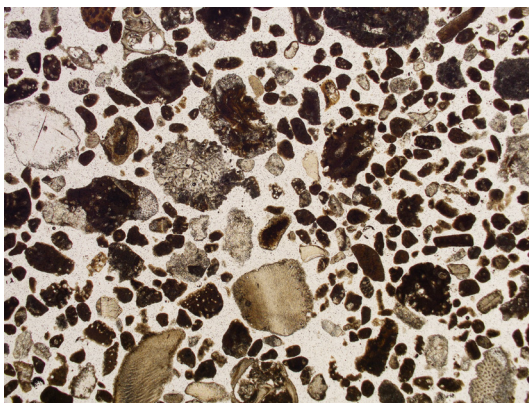
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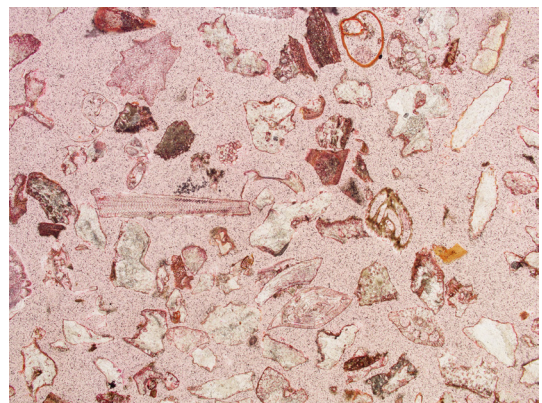
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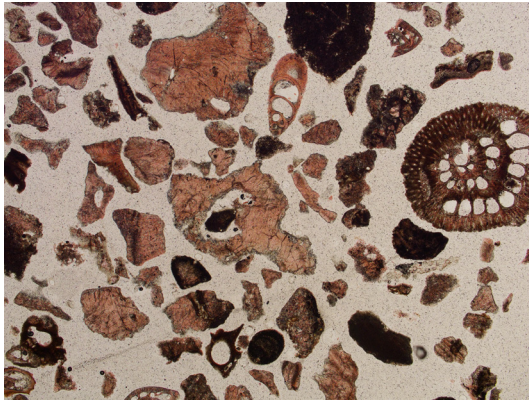


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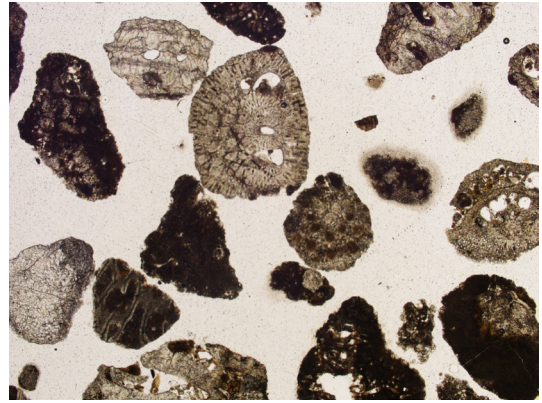


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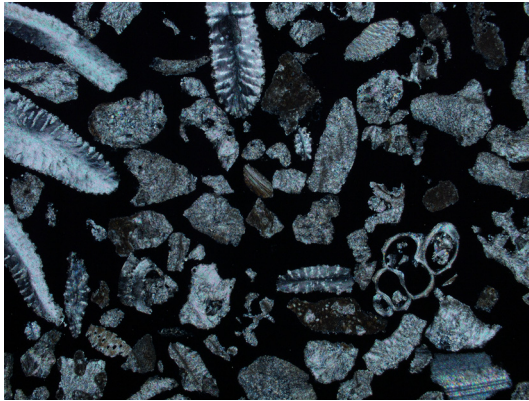




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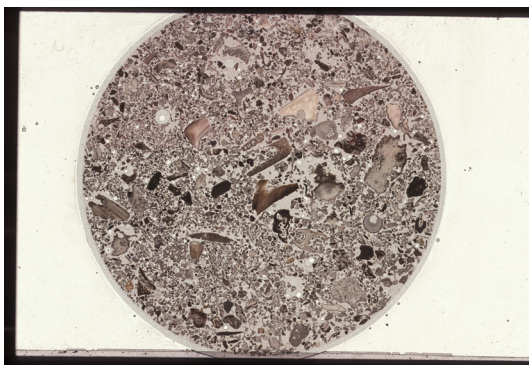
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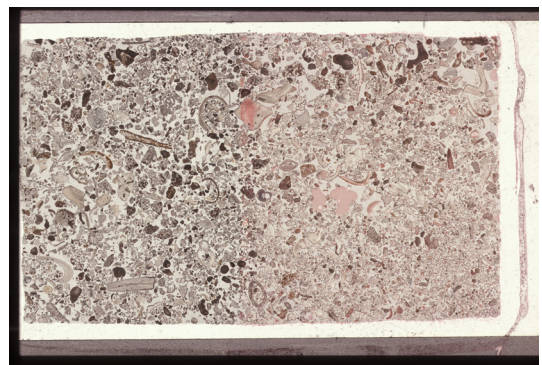
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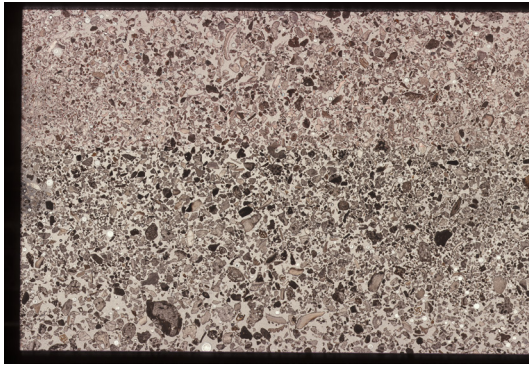


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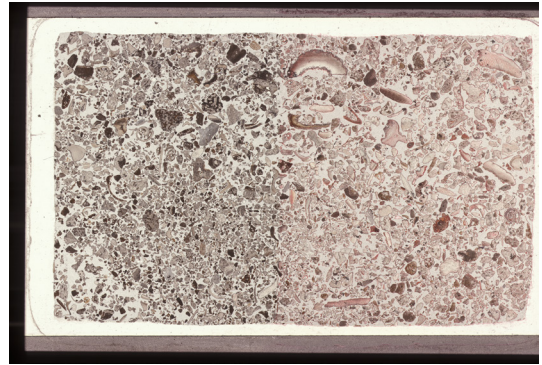


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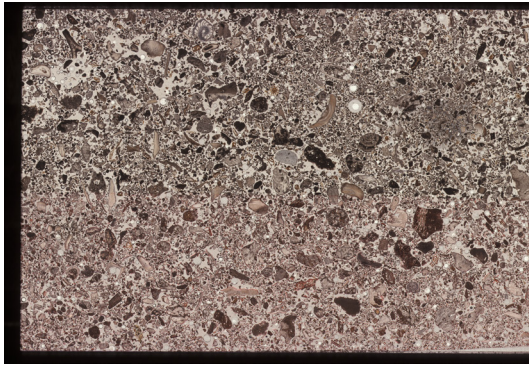




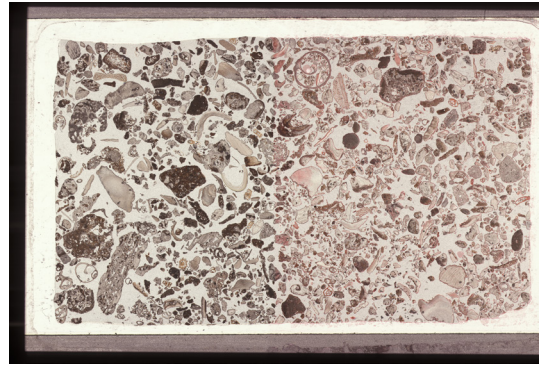
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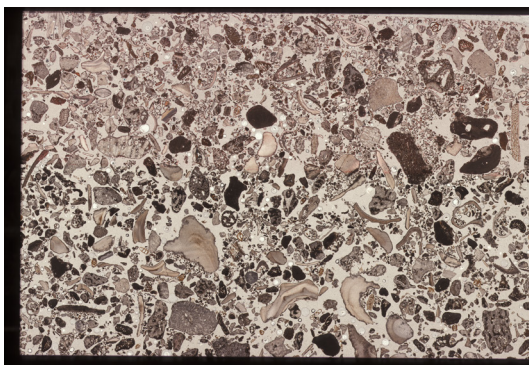
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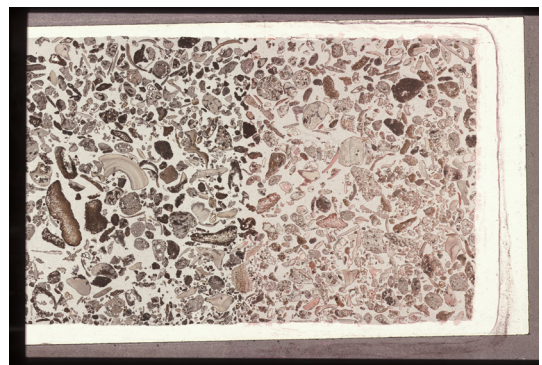
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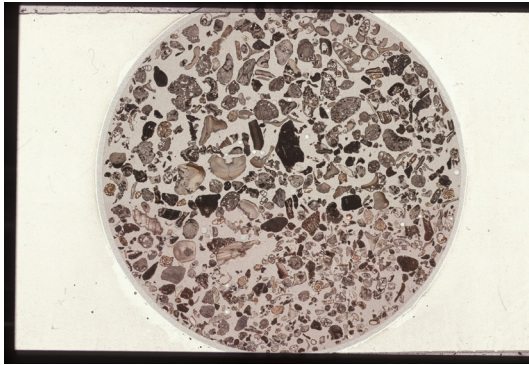


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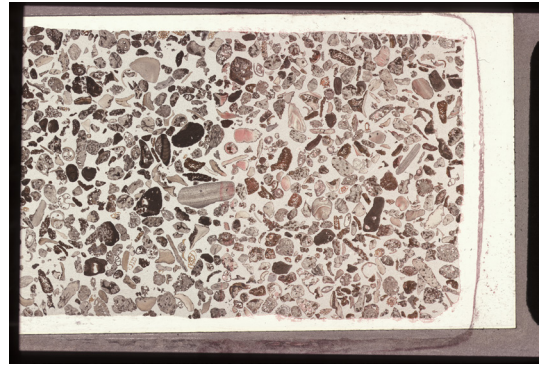


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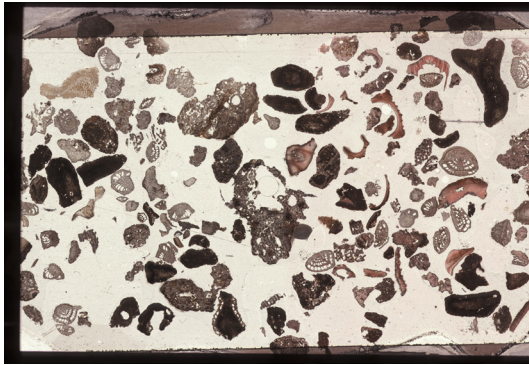




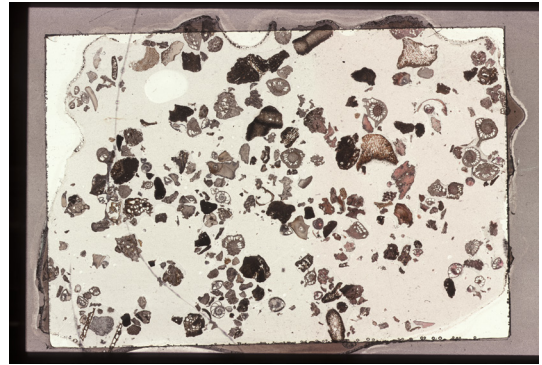
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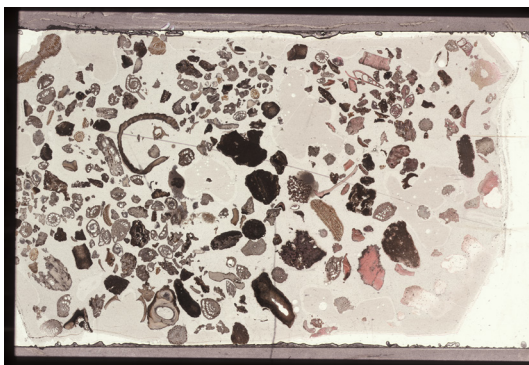
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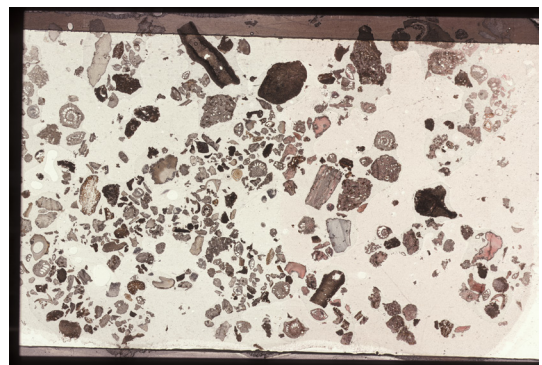
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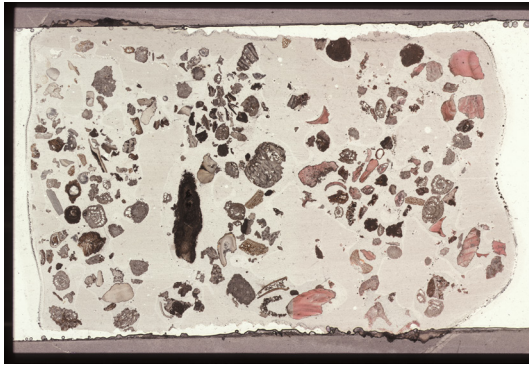


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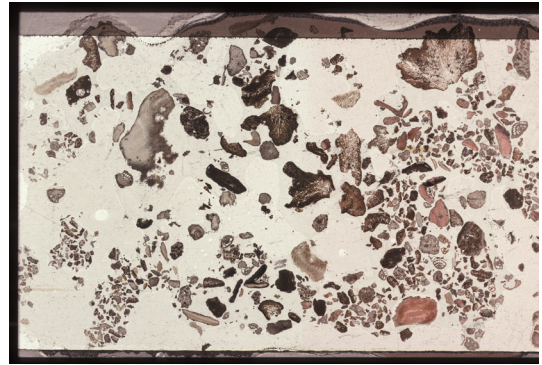


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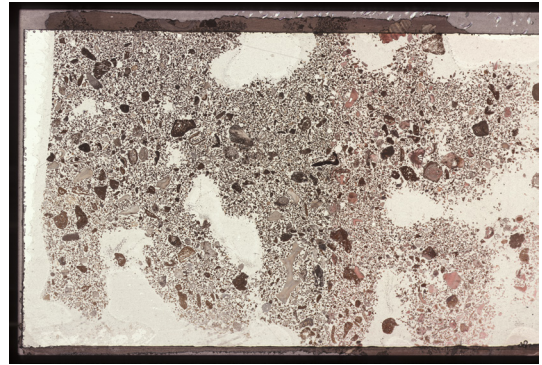
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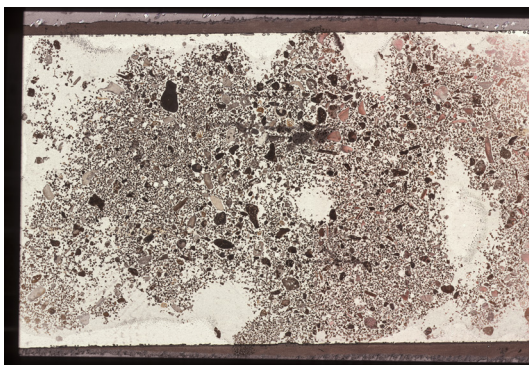
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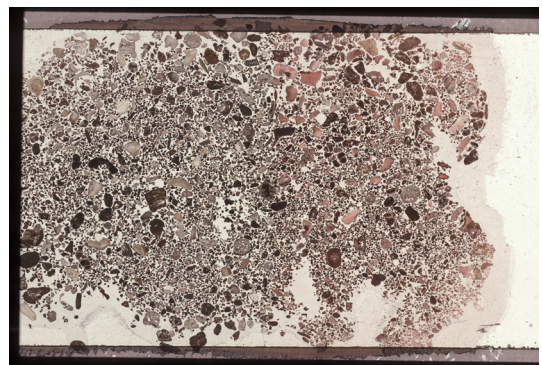
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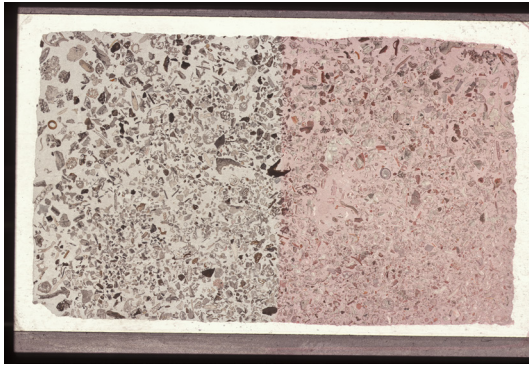


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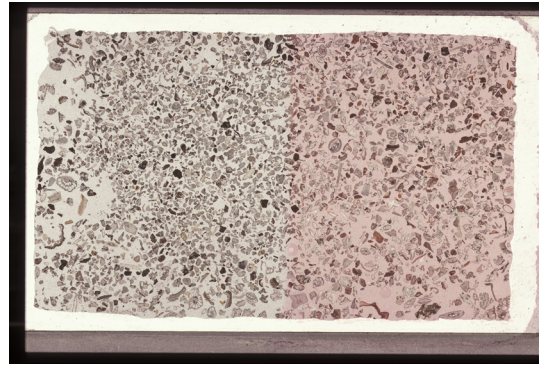


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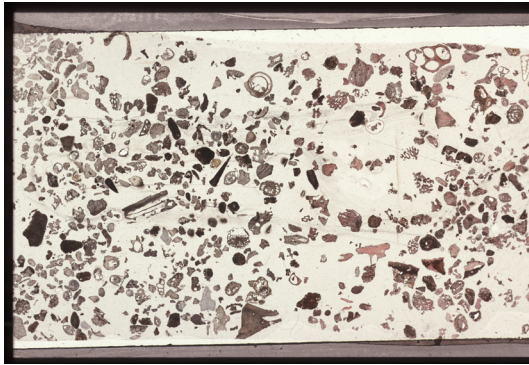




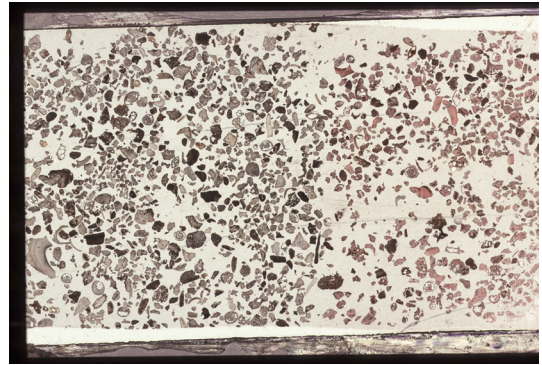
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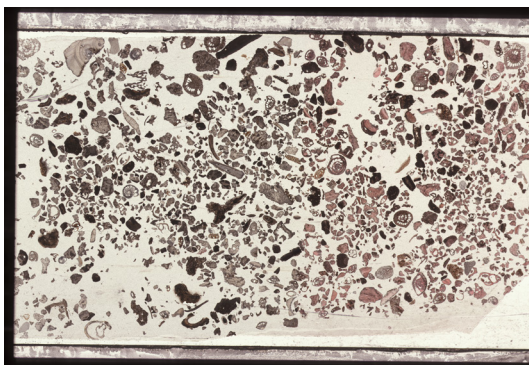
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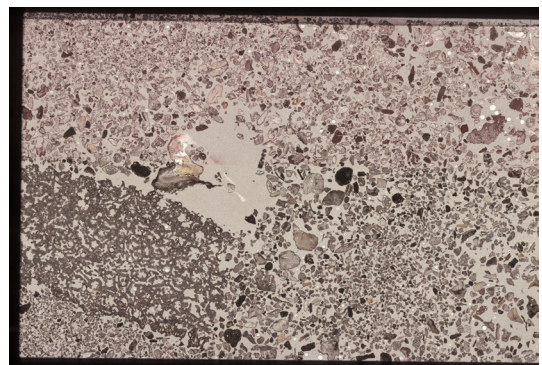
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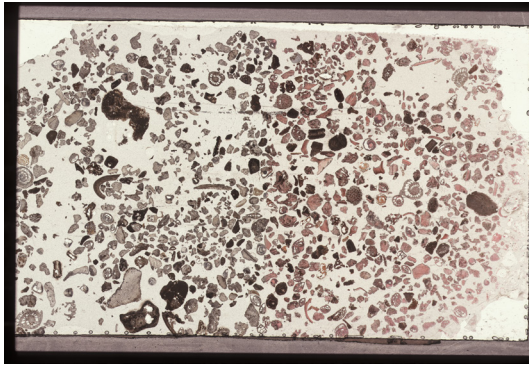


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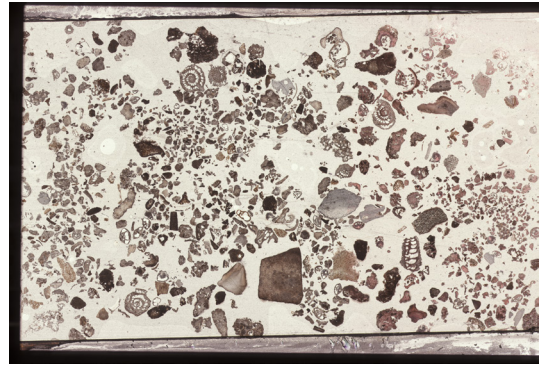


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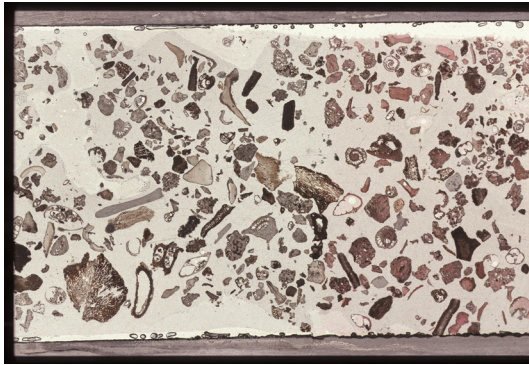




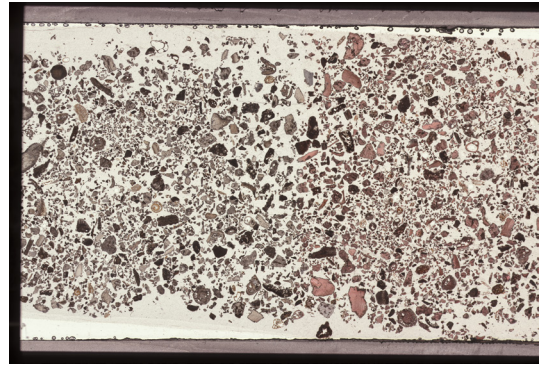
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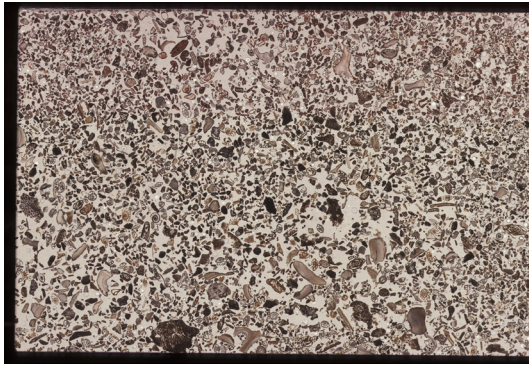


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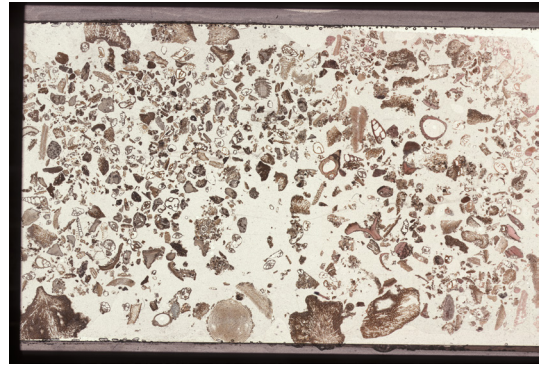


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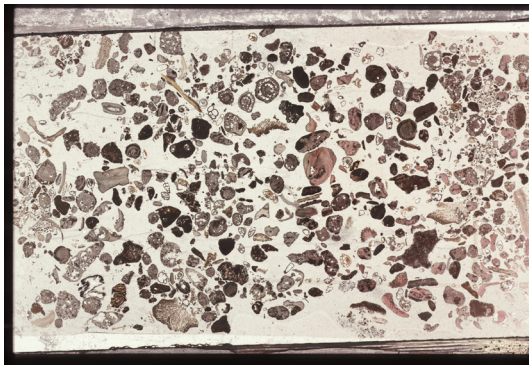




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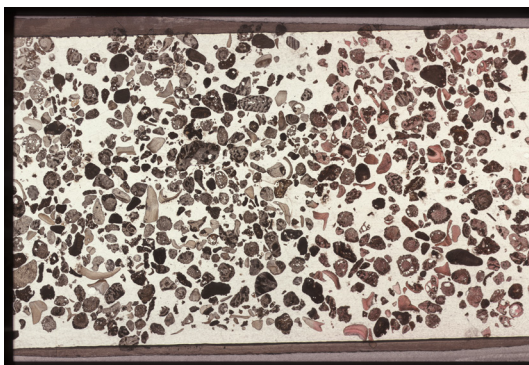
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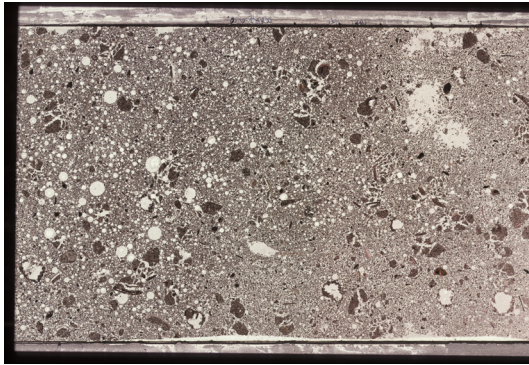


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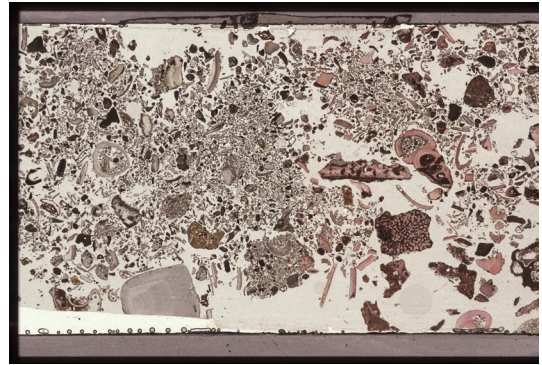


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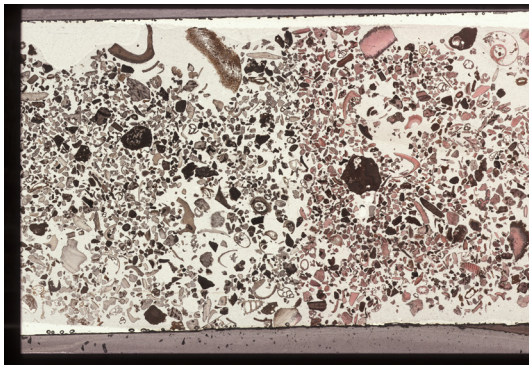




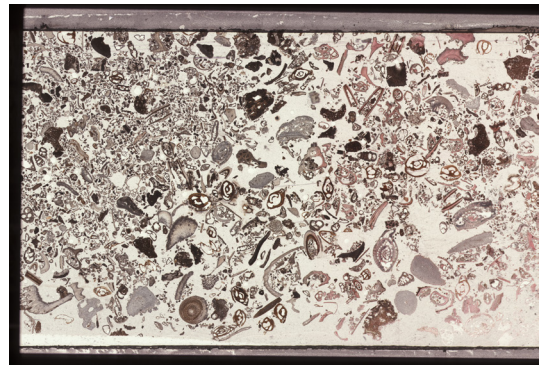
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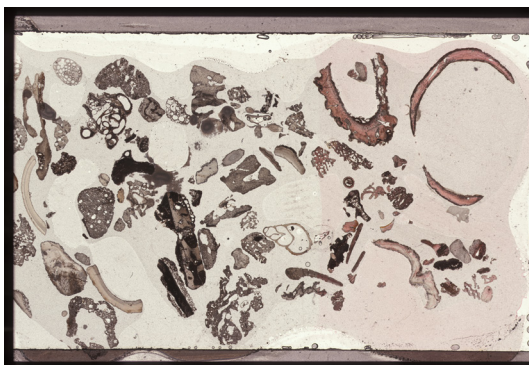
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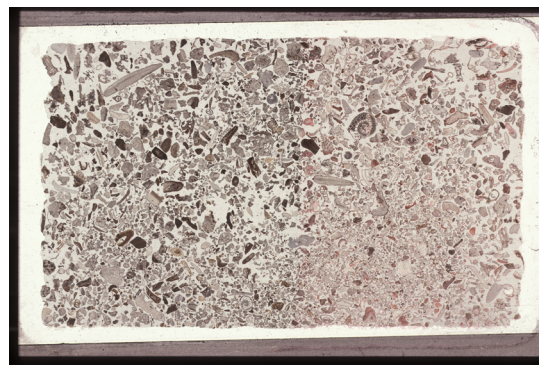
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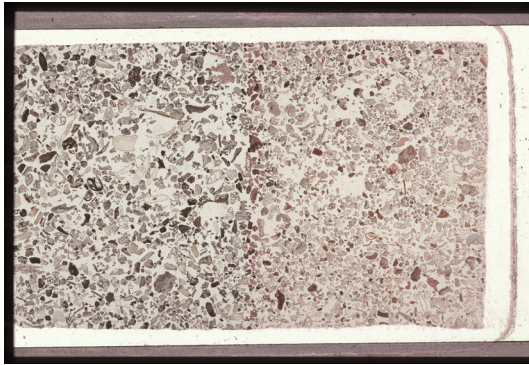


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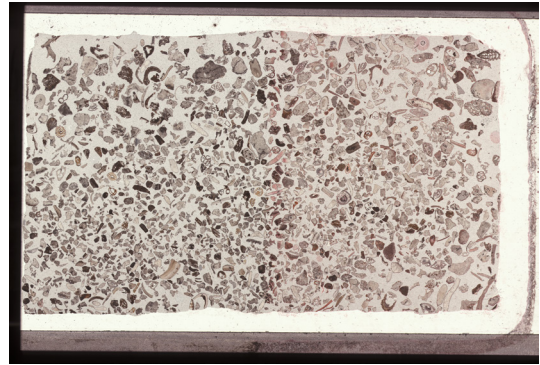


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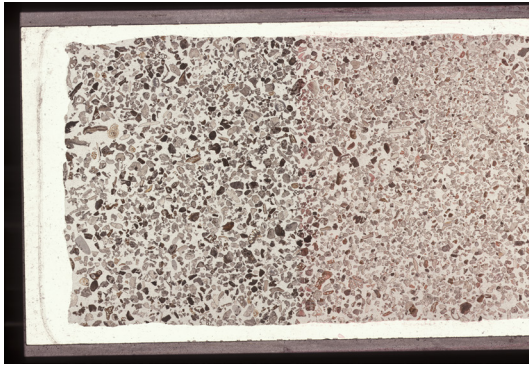




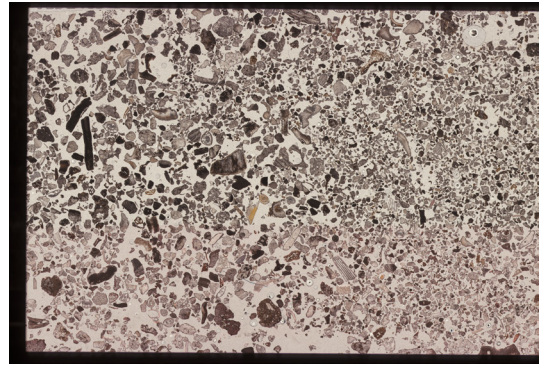
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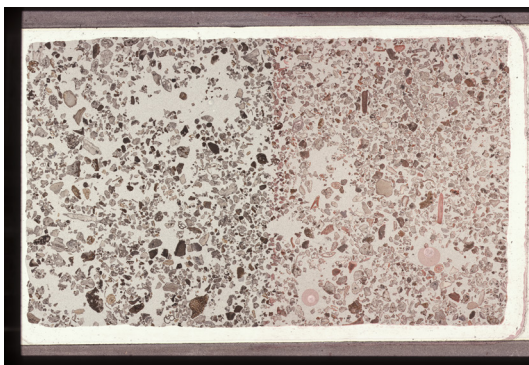
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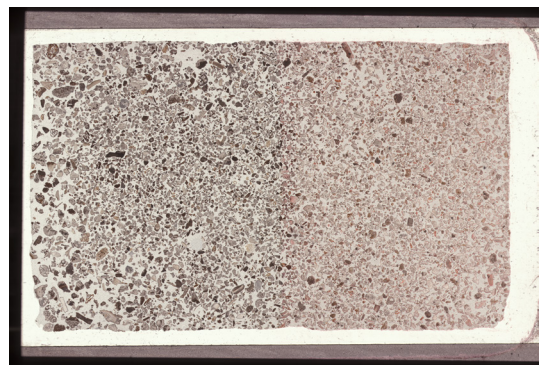
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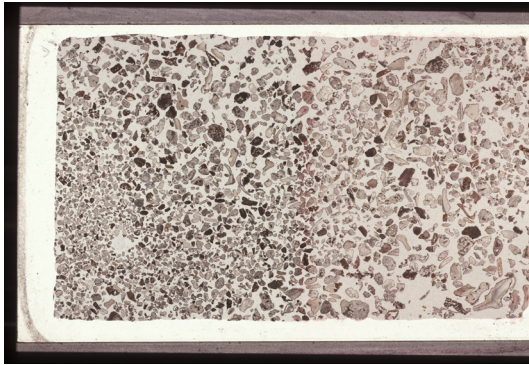


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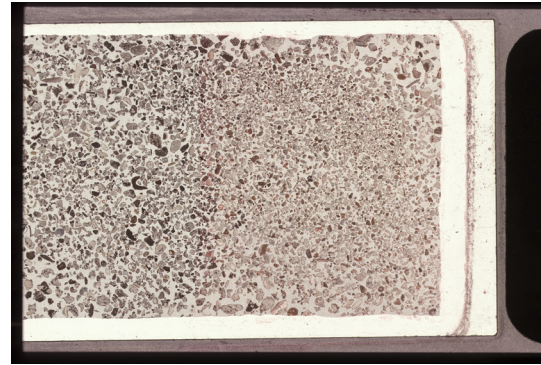


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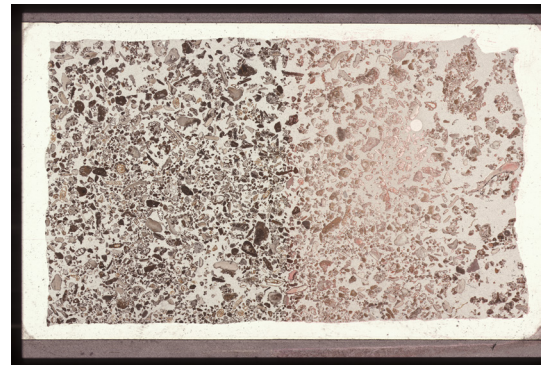
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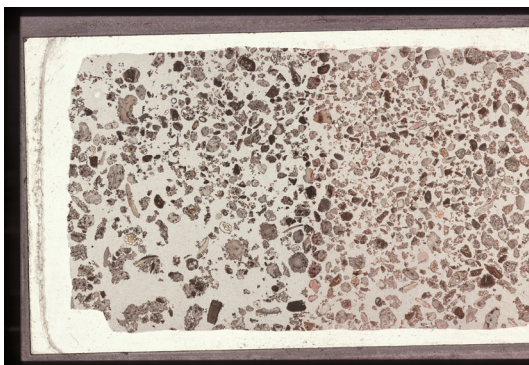
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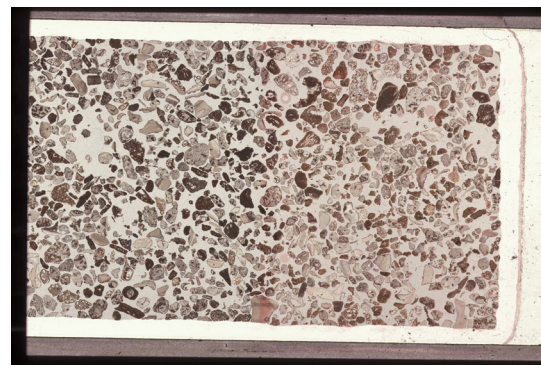
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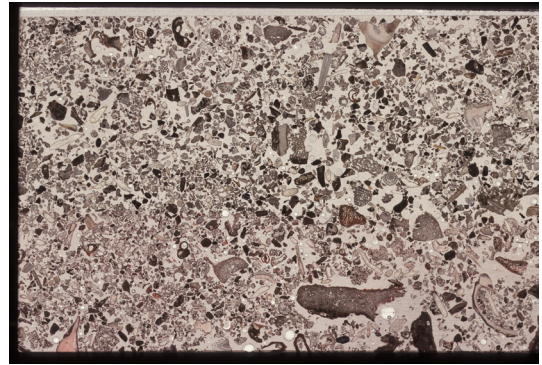


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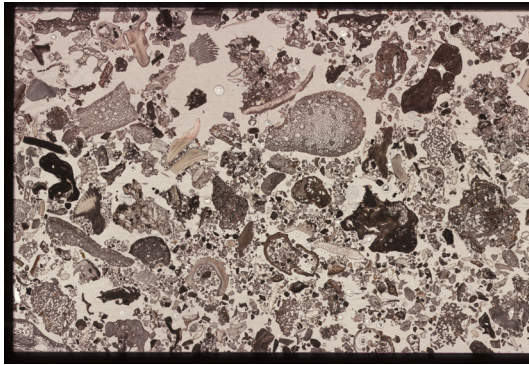




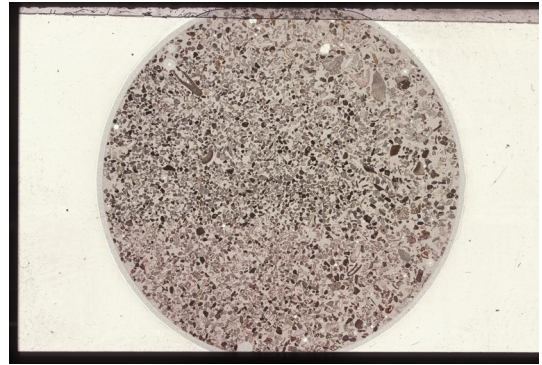
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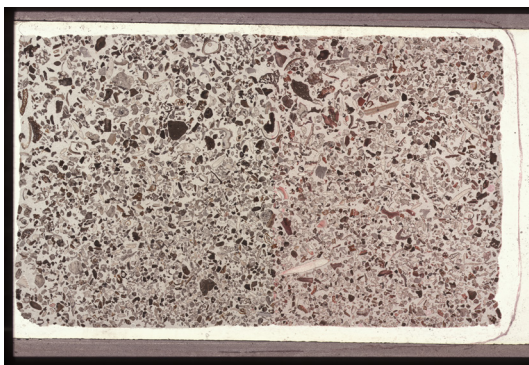
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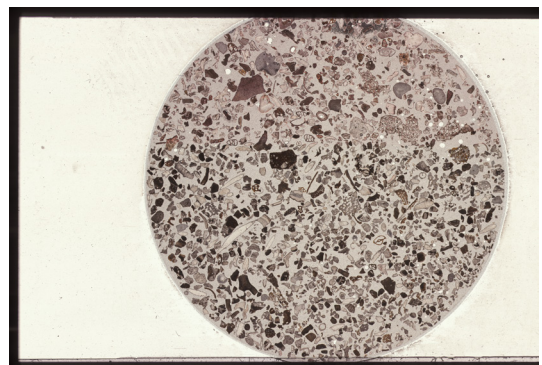
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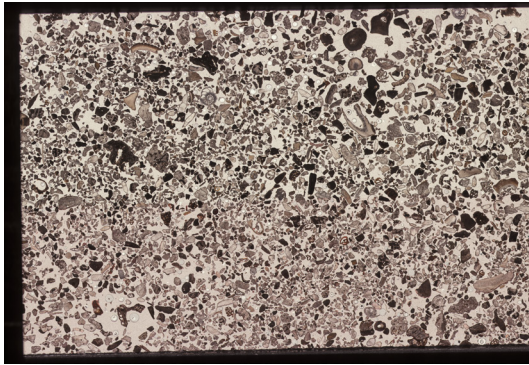


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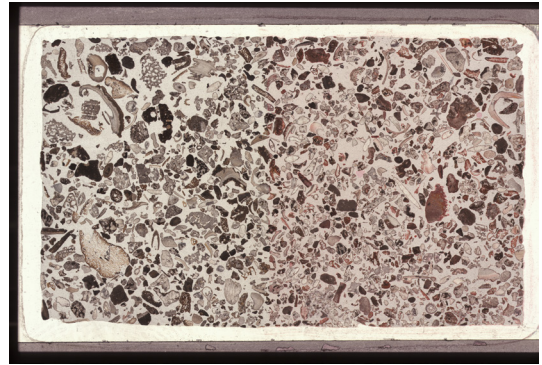


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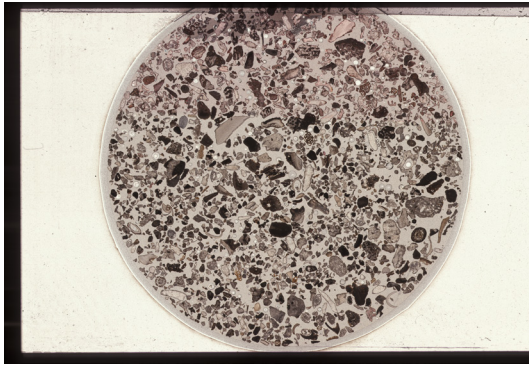




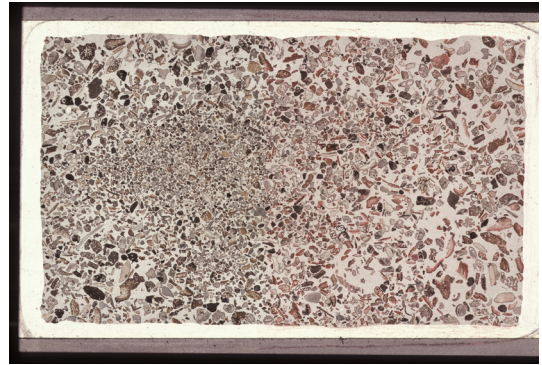
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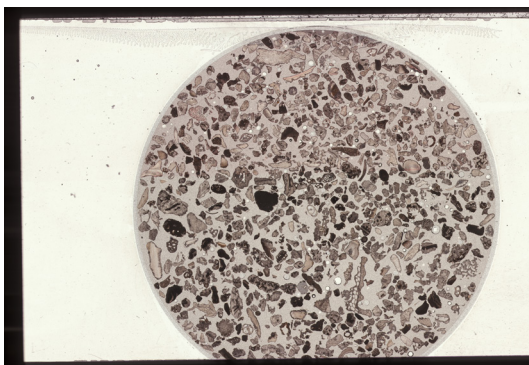
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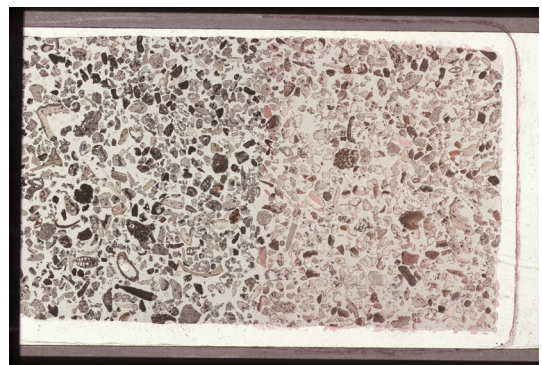
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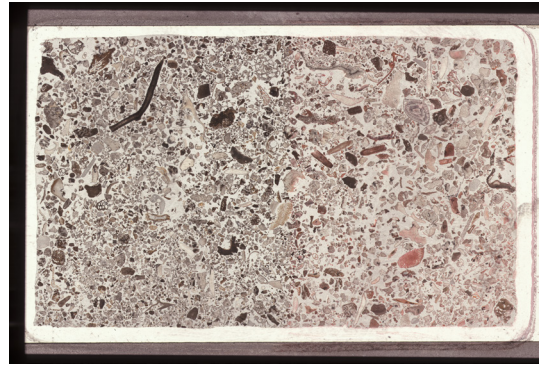
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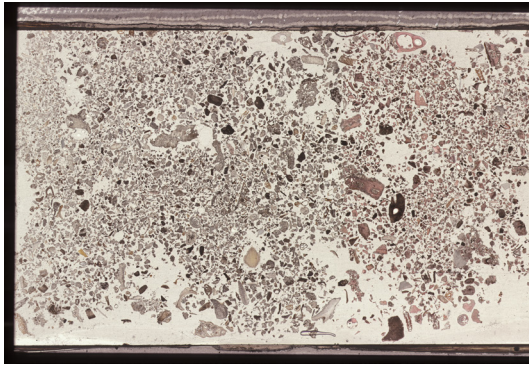
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WHB3-7.tif



WSUM2.tif



**APPENDIX C**

**PETROGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOMICROGRAPHS  
RELATING TO CHAPTER 3**

**Appendix C1**

**Petrographic Observations Relating to Chapter 3**



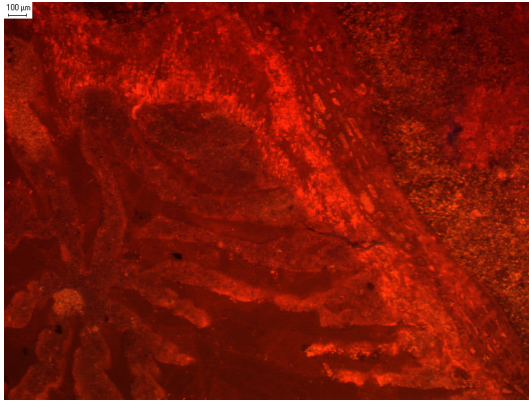
Airputh H	AH09	Coral bioclastic rudstone	A C P	CE RH G A	AMg	P R P	A A R	P	2 or 3	2 or 3	2 or 3	C > G	m > p (B)	Minor	<5%	NC	<1%	<1 mm	<5%	Matrix microporosity, intercrystalline solution enhanced vuggy	1	2X	3X	3	4	5X	6		
Airputh K	AK03	Platy coral sheetstone	A P R	PE R R R		R	A A C	C	2 or 3	2 or 3	2 or 3	C > P	m > p (B)	Moderate (some artefact)	<15%	PC	<1%	<3 mm	<4 mm	Matrix microporosity, intercrystalline vuggy, fracture	1	2X	3X	4	5	6X	7		
Airputh K	AK07	Coral bioclastic rudstone	D C	PE P C P	CMg		R	C A C	C	2 or 3	2 or 3	2 or 3	C > P	m > p (B)	Moderate	<15%	PC	<1%	<2 mm	<2 mm	Matrix microporosity, intercrystalline solution enhanced vuggy, fracture	1		2(F)X	3	4	5F	6	
Airputh K	AK09	Sandy coral bioclastic packstone	A P R	PE RH	C P	RMg	C	R R R	A C A	P	2 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	C > P	m > p (T)	Minor	<5%	PC		<2 mm	<5%	Interparticle	1		2FX	3	4	5(F)X	7
Airputh K	AK11	Bioclastic packstone	P R P	CB/PH	C P	PMg	P P	P R R R	C A A	P	2 or 3	2 or 3	2 or 3	C > m	w (T)	Minor	<2%	NC	<2%			Matrix microporosity	1		2FX	3	4	5(F)X	7
Airputh K	AK12	Coral bioclastic wacke/pack/floatstone	A R P	P R C P	PMg	P P	P R R P	C A A P	P	1 or 2	1 or 2	0 or 1	f > p	m > p (B)	Minor	5%	NC	<1%	<250 μm	<5%	Matrix microporosity, intercrystalline	1		2X	3	4	5X	6	
Airputh L	AL02	Platy coral sheetstone	A	PE P C P	PMg	P	P R	C C A P	C	1 or 2	2 or 3	0 or 1	C > G	p > m (B)	Moderate (some artefact)	<10%	PC	<1%	<2 mm	<10%	Matrix microporosity, intercrystalline, vuggy	1	2X	3X	4	5	6X	7	
Airputh L	AL03	Platy coral sheetstone	A					P A A C	P	0 or 1	0	1 or 2	C > m	w (B)	Minor	<2%	NC		<250 μm	<2%	Inter-crystalline	1		2(F)X	3X	4	5F	6	
Dibelakan Parliament	DPR02	Platy coral sheetstone	D		P			A P	R	0 or 1	0 or 1	1 or 2	C > m	w (U)	Minor	<1%	NC	<1%			Matrix microporosity	1		2X	3(F)X	4	5X	6	
Dibelakan Parliament	DPR04	Dolomitized, coral & Halimeda domestone/packstone	A R	PE CH	P P		R R	P C A C	P	0 or 1	0 or 1	1 or 2	C > m	w (T)	ACE	Minor	<2%	NC	<1%	<100 μm	<2%	Matrix microporosity, intercrystalline	1	2X	3X	4	5X	6	
Dibelakan Parliament	DPR05	Foraminiferal & Coralline Algal floatstone/packstone	P P R	PE PH C	A C C	P	R R P	P C A	P	0 or 1	1 or 2	2 or 3	C > m	w (T)	Minor	5%	NC	<1%	<250 μm	<750 μm	Matrix microporosity, intercrystalline, fracture	1		2X	3	4	5X	6	
Dibelakan Parliament	DPR09	Sandy, Coral & Coralline Algal pillarstone/packstone	D	CBE	P P	PMg		A A P	P	1 or 2	2 or 3	1 or 2	C > P	m > w (B)	Minor	5%	NC		<750 μm	<1 mm	intercrystalline, vuggy, fracture	1	2X	3FX	4	5	6X	7	
Dibelakan Parliament	DPR10	Sandy, foraminiferal & coralline algal floatstone/packstone	P R R	CE PH	A C	CMg	P P P	A C C	P	2 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	C > P	m > p (T)	Minor	5%	NC		<250 μm	<5%	Inter-crystalline	1		2(F)X	3	4	5X	6	
Kota Bangun	KB01	Coral bioclastic sheetstone/packstone	D C	CE RD	C C	PMg	C P	C C A	P	2 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	C > G	p > m (T)	ACE	Minor	5%	C	<100 μm	<5 mm	Inter-crystalline, fracture	1		2X	3	4	5X	6	
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Permasip A	PA02	Coral bioclastic floatstone/wackestone	A P C	CE PH	C C	P	P R	C A A	P	2 or 3	1 or 2	2 or 3	C > P	m > p (T)	Minor	<1%	NC	<1%	<500 μm	<2 mm	Matrix microporosity	1		2X	3	4	5X	6	
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Permasip C	PC06	Sandy, foraminiferal & coralline algal floatstone/packstone	P P	CB/PH	A A	P C	C P R	A A C	R	2 or 3	2 or 3	2 or 3	C > G	m > p (T)	Minor	<1%	NC	<1%	<200 μm	<1%	Matrix microporosity, intercrystalline	1		2FX	3(D)F)X	4	5	6(F)X	7
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Permasip D	PD08	Foraminiferal bioclastic mudstone	PG P	PBE	C A A	AMg	A A P R	P P A	P	0 or 1	3	2 or 3	C > G	p > m (B)	Minor	<5%	NC		<200 μm	<5%	Inter-crystalline, fracture	1		2X	3	4	5X	6	
Permasip E	PE02	Coral, (crystalline carbonate) pillarstone	A R	PB	R	PMg	R R	C A P	P	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	C > w	(U)	Minor	<5%	NC		<3%	<2%	Inter-crystalline	1		2X	3X	4	5FX	6	
Permasip E	PE04	Coral bioclastic sheetstone/packstone	A P	PBI/PH	C C	P P	P R P P	C A C	C	1 or 2	1 or 2	2 or 3	C > G	m > p (T)	Moderate (some artefact)	<10%	PC	<1%	<750 μm	<25 mm	Matrix microporosity, intercrystalline, fracture/channel	1		2X	3(F)X	4	5(F)X	6	
Permasip E	PE06	Dolomitized, coral pillarstone/grainstone	D P	PE	P P		R R R R	C A A C	C	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	C > w	m (T)	Moderate (some artefact)	<8%	PC	<1%	<15 mm	<10 mm	Matrix microporosity, intercrystalline, vuggy, fracture	1		2X	3	4	5	6	
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Badak	BA01	Coral bioclastic sheetstone/grainstone	A R P	PE RD			R R	C A R	P	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	C > w	m (T)	Minor	5%	NC	<1%	<500 μm	<5%	Matrix microporosity, intercrystalline	1		2(F)X	3	4(F)X	5	6	
Badak	BA03	Sandy, coral bioclastic sheetstone/grainstone	D R P R	RBE	P P	PMg	P R	A A R	P	1 or 2	0 or 1	2 or 3	C > w	m (B)	Minor	5%	NC	<1%	<250 μm	<5%	Matrix microporosity, intercrystalline	1		2X	3	4(F)X	5	6X	7
Bontang	BB02	Coral bioclastic sheetstone/wackestone	C P	P C P	PMg	R P	P T	C C C	P	2 or 3	2 or 3	2 or 3	C > P	m > w (B)	Minor	<5%	PC	<1%	<200 μm	<30 mm	Matrix microporosity, intercrystalline, crystallisation reduced fracture	1		2X	3	4	5X	6	
Bontang	BB03	Coral bioclastic sheetstone/packstone	A P	C C C	CMg	P R P R		C C C	P	1 or 2	1 or 2	2 or 3	C > G	m > p (T)	Minor	<2%	NC		<250 μm	<2%	Inter-crystalline	1		2X	3	4(F)X	5	6	
Bontang	BB04	Coral bindstone/sheetstone/grainstone	D P	RB RH	C C	PMg	R G R P R	C A P	P	2 or 3	1 or 2	2 or 3	C > P	m > p (B)	Minor	<4%	C	<1%	<500 μm	<10 mm	Matrix microporosity, intercrystalline, fracture	1		2X	3	4(F)X	5	6	
Bontang	BB05	Coral bioclastic sheetstone/packstone	D P	C P	PMg	R R P T		P A A	P	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2	C > P	m > p (B)	Minor	5%	NC		<500 μm	<20 mm	Inter-crystalline, fracture	1		2X	3	4(F)X	5	6	
Bontang	BB06	Sandy, coral, bioclastic sheetstone/bindstone/grainstone	A P	AB	C A C	CMg	P P R P T	R A A P	C	3	3	2 or 3	C > P	m > p (B)	Moderate (Some Artefact)	<8%	PC	<1%	<2 mm	<8%	Matrix microporosity, solution enhanced intercrystalline	1							



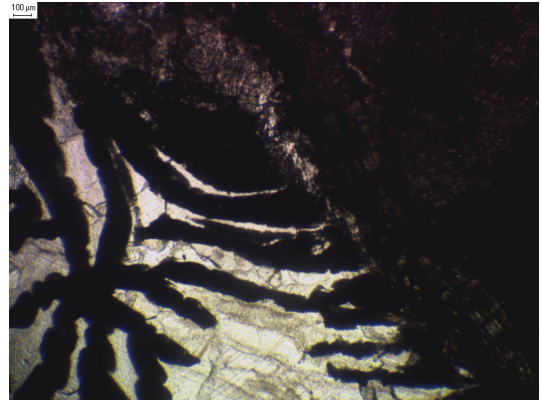
**Appendix C2**

**Thin Section Photomicrographs of Samples Relating to Chapter 3**

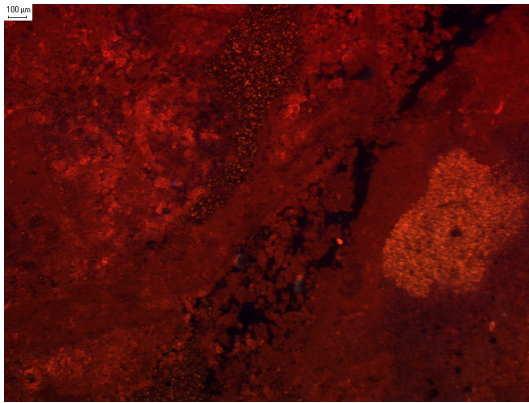




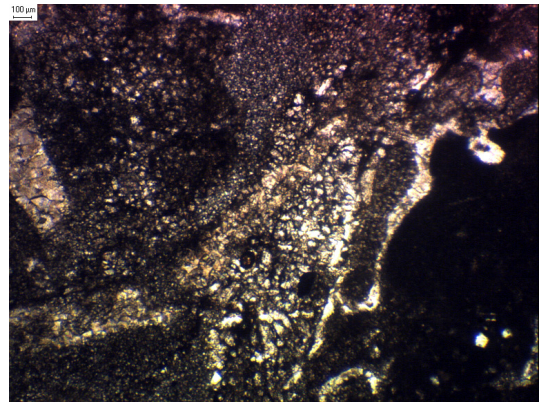
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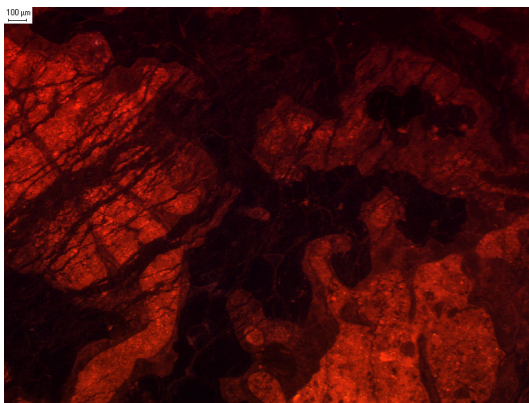
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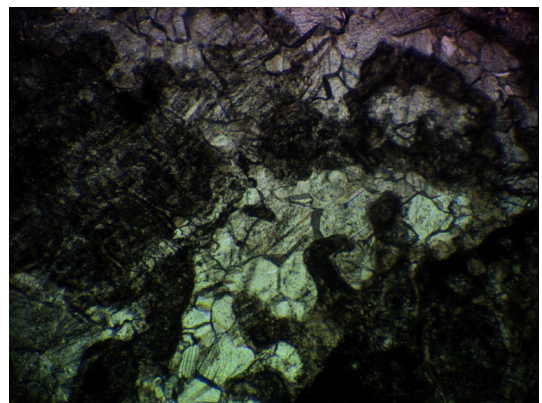
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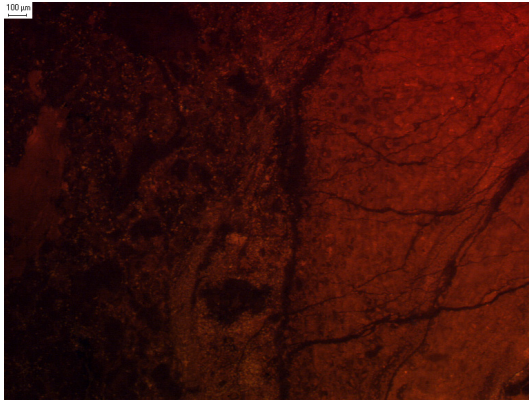


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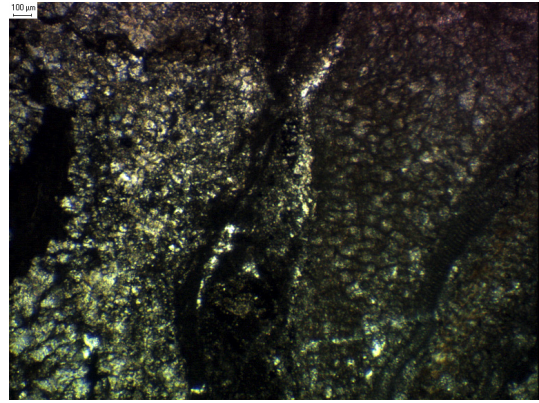


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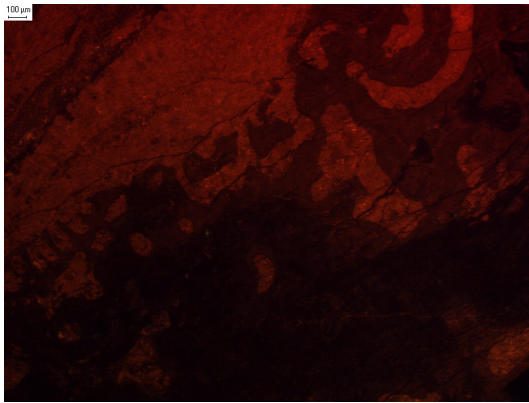




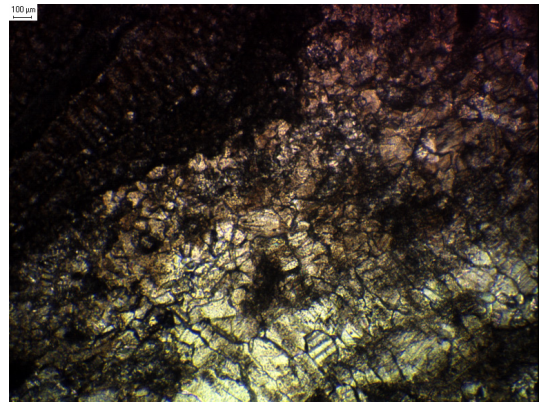
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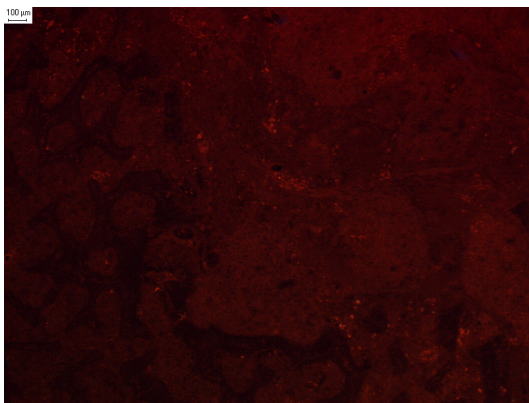
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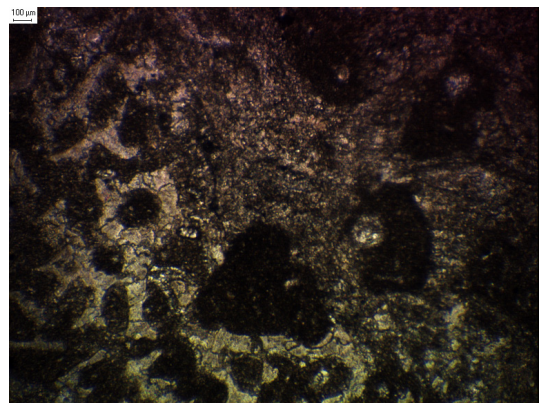
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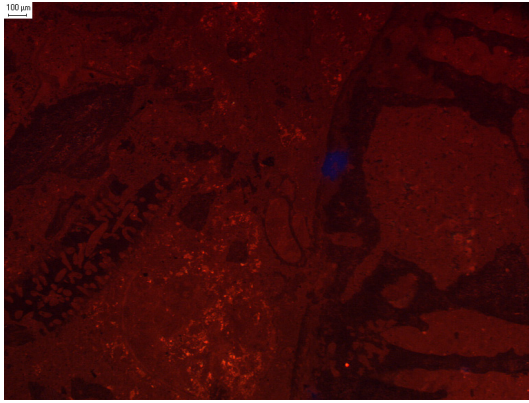


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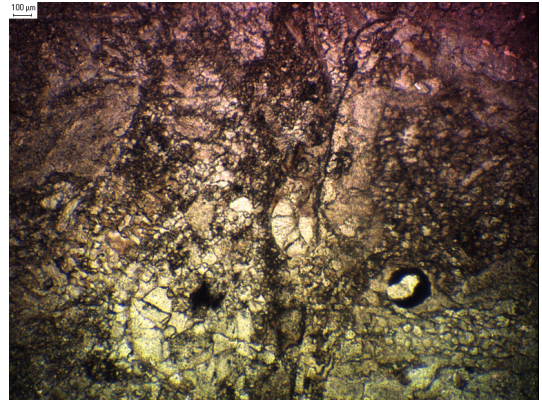


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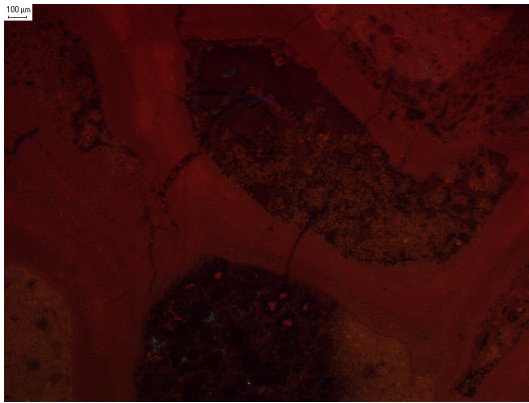




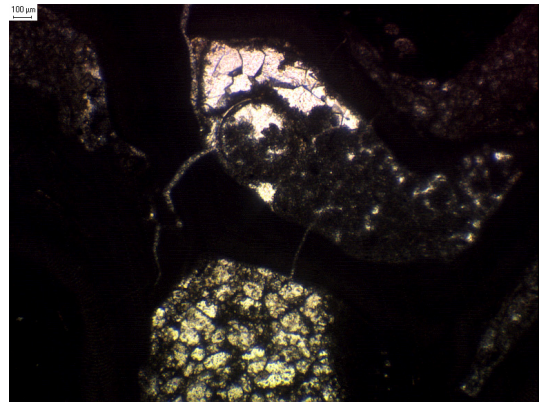
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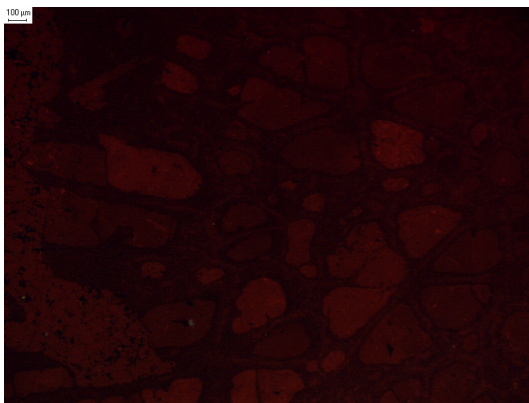
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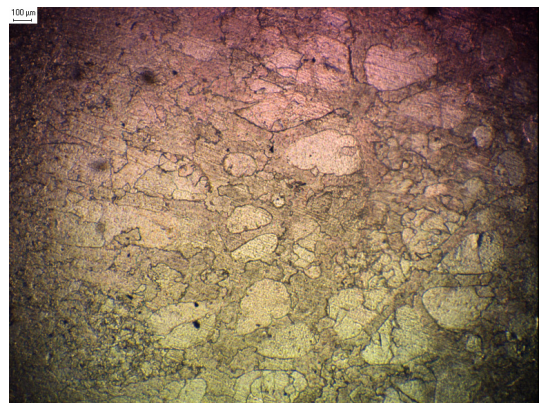
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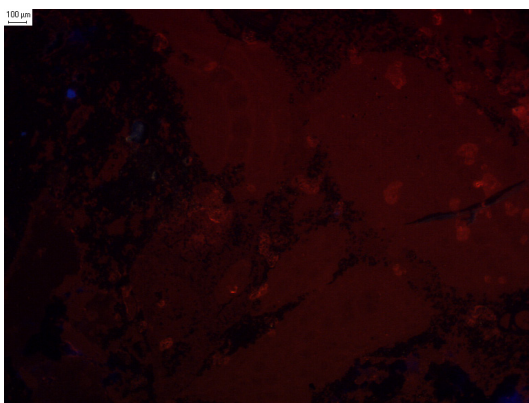


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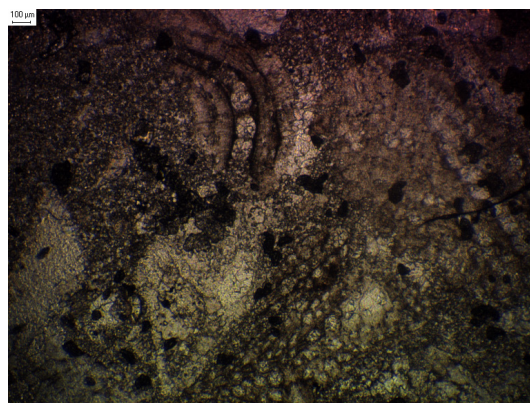


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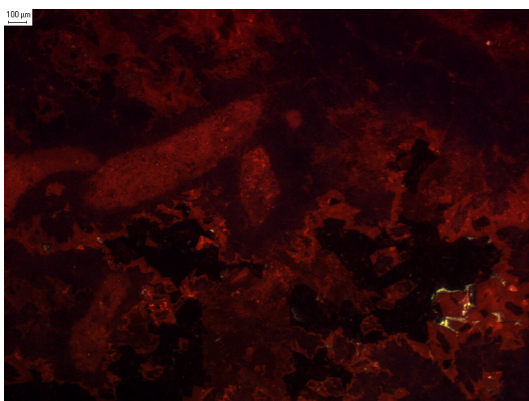




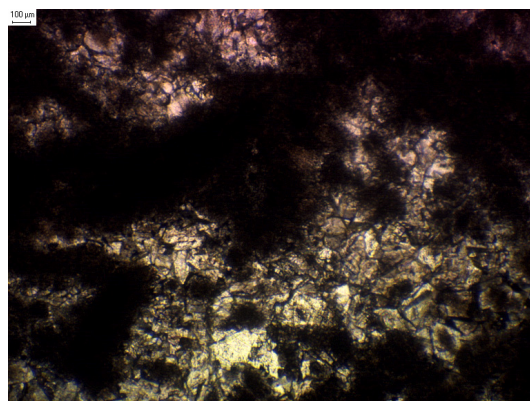
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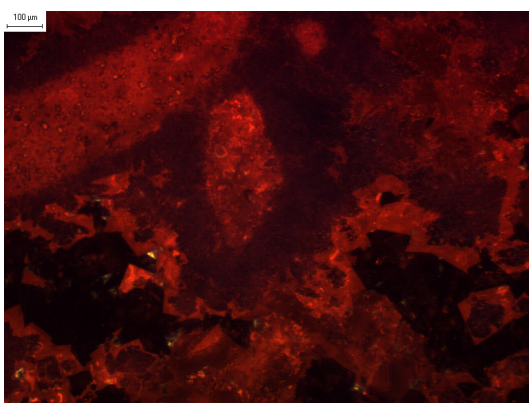
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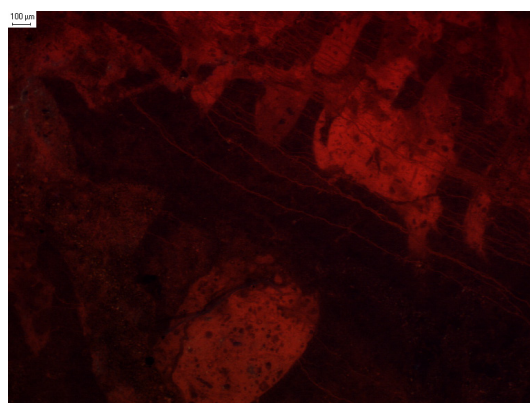
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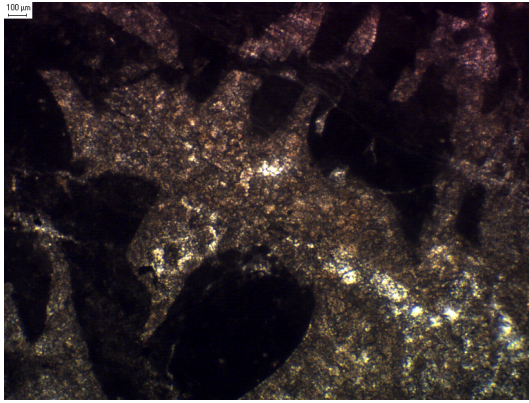
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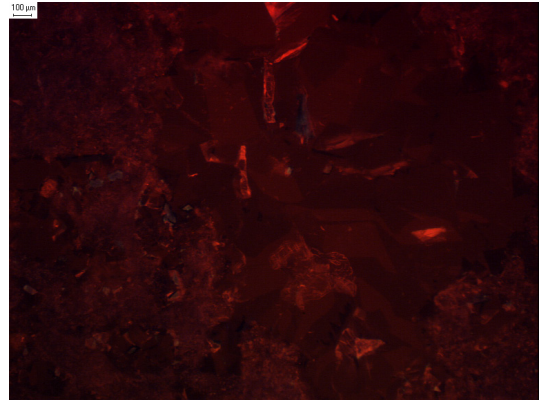
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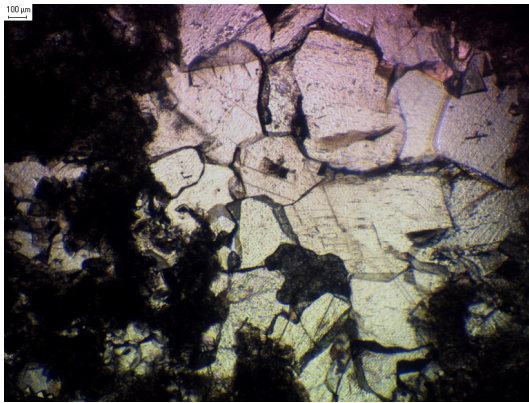
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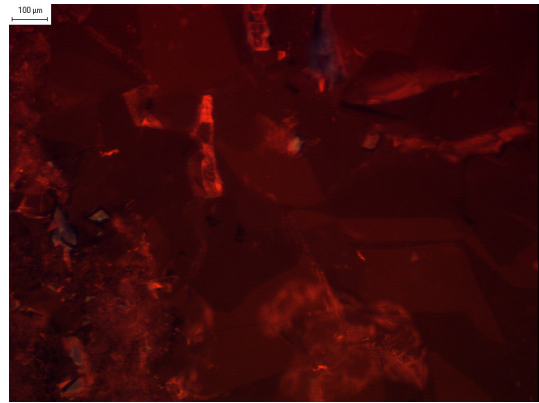
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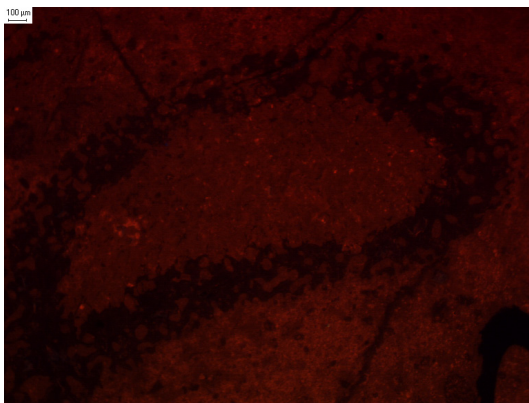
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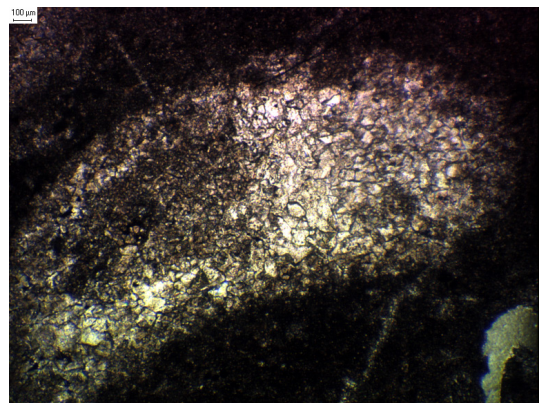
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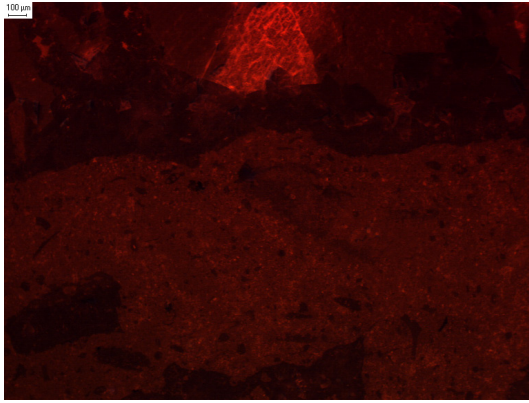


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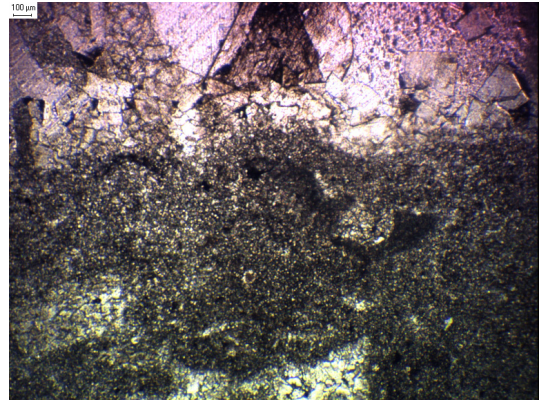


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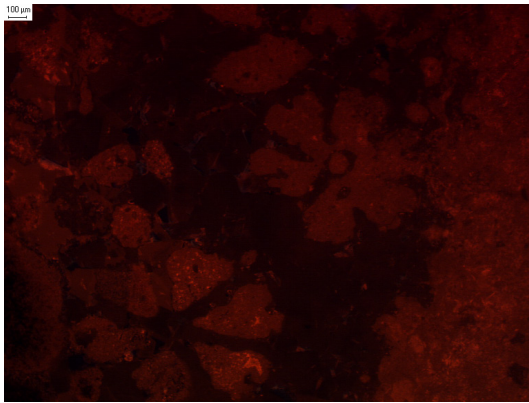




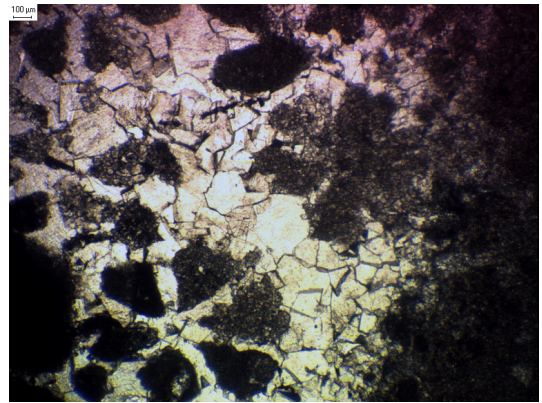
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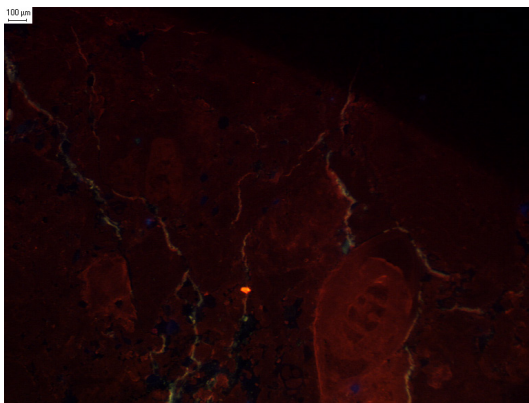
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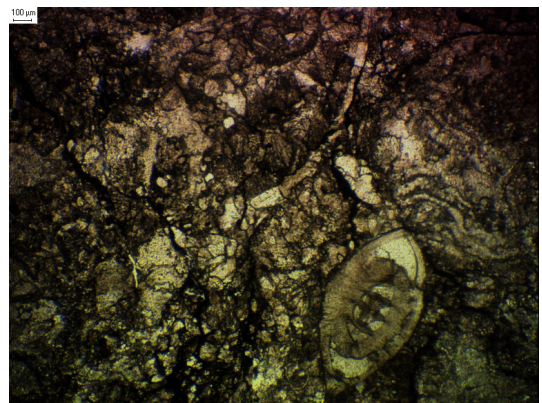
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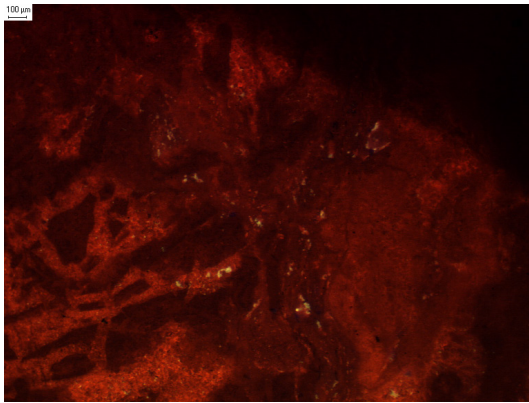


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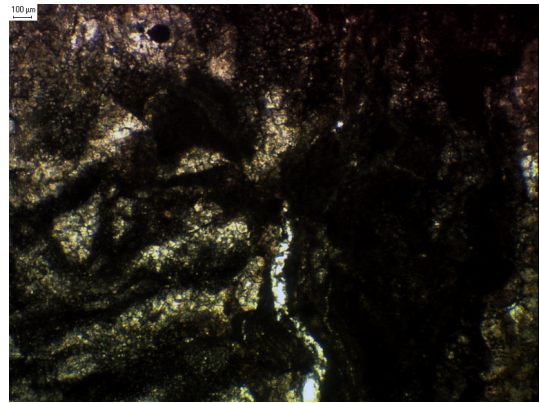


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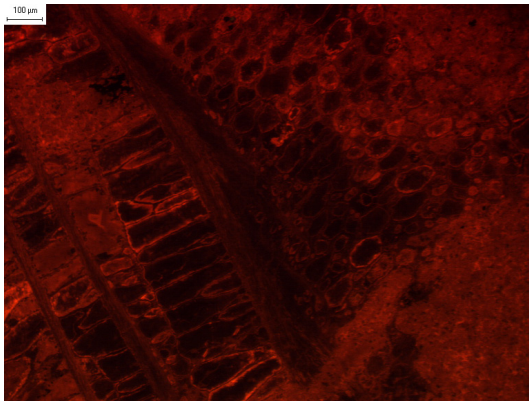




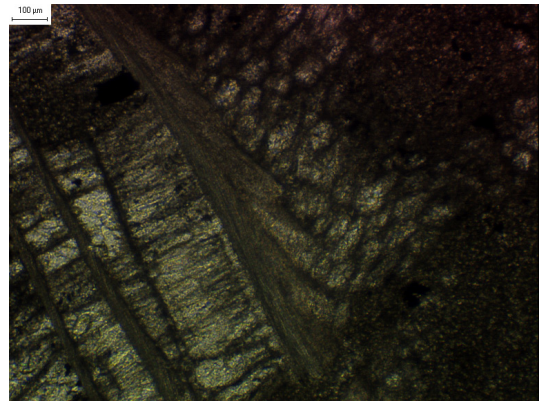
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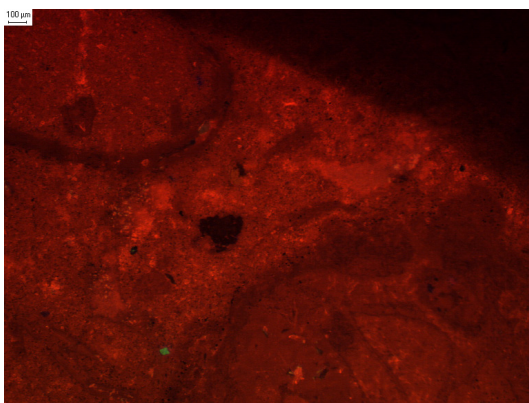
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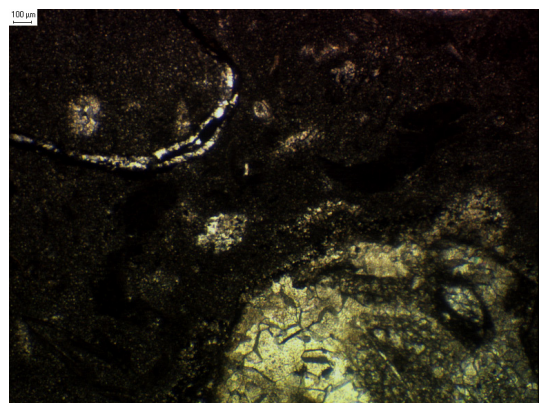
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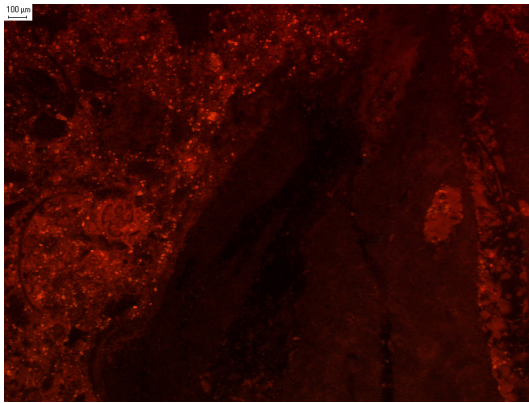
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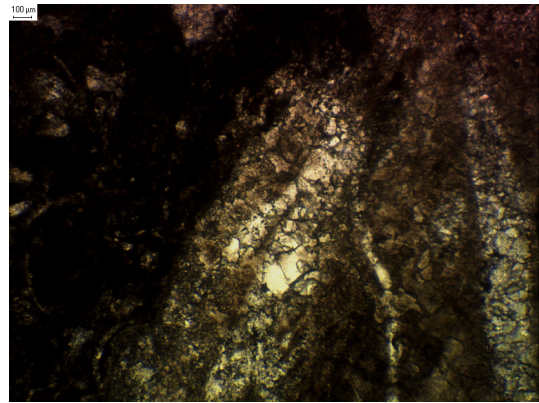
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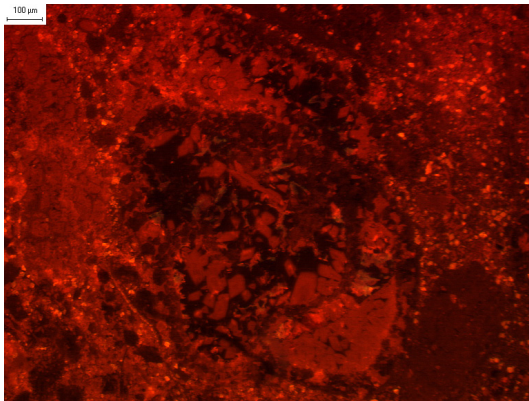
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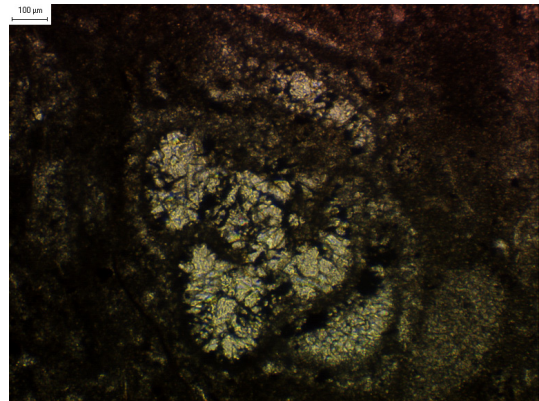
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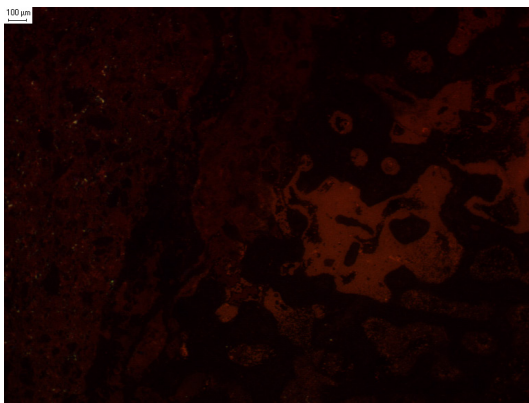
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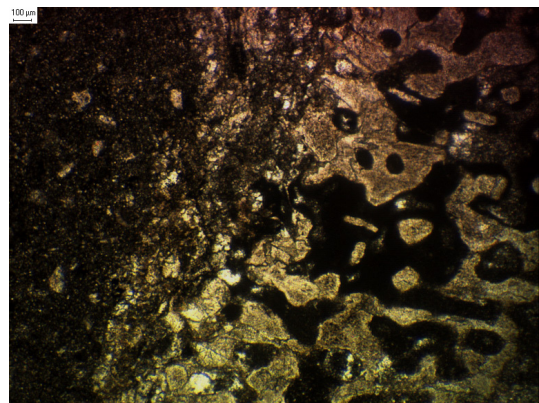
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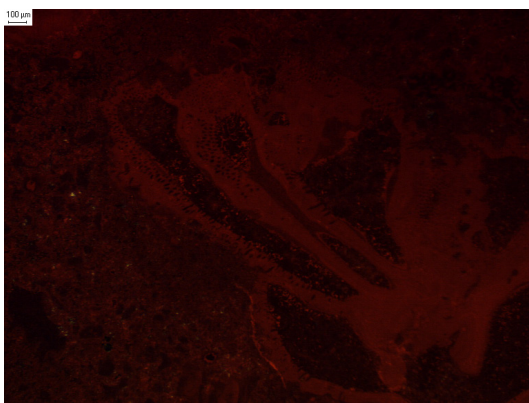


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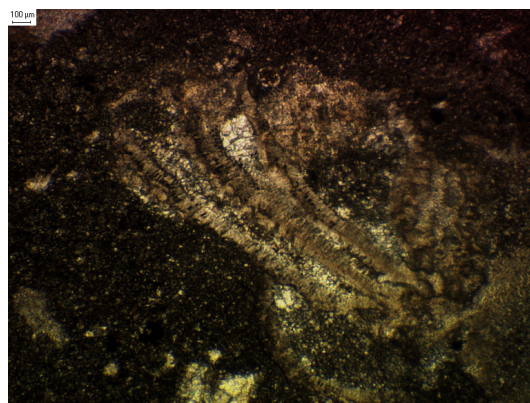


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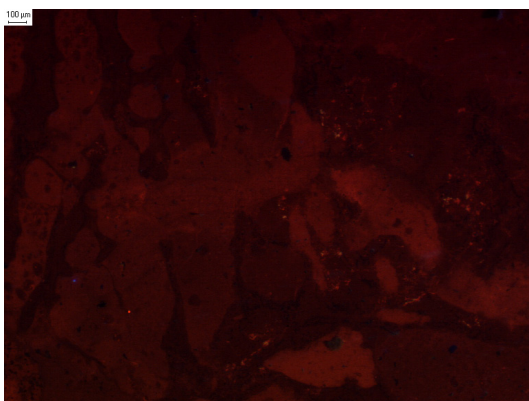




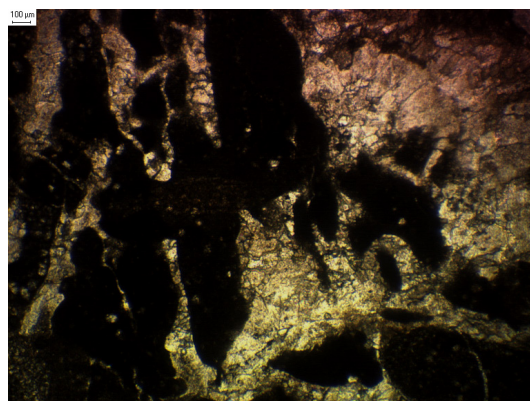
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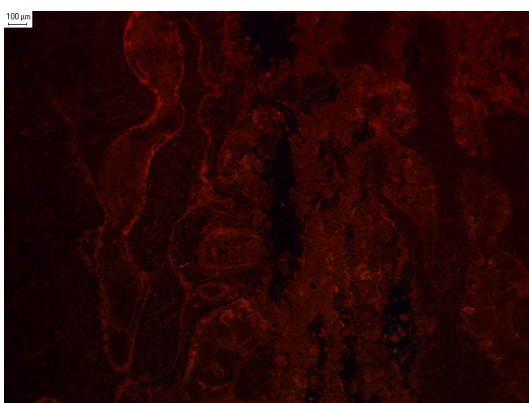
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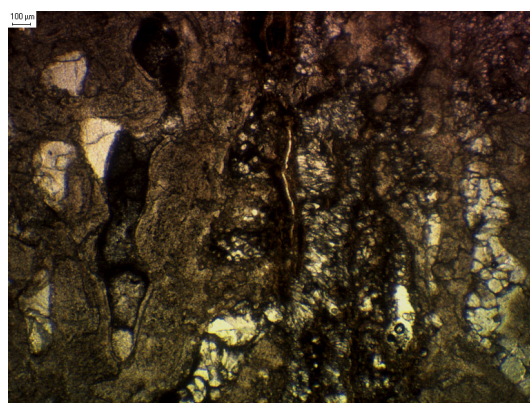
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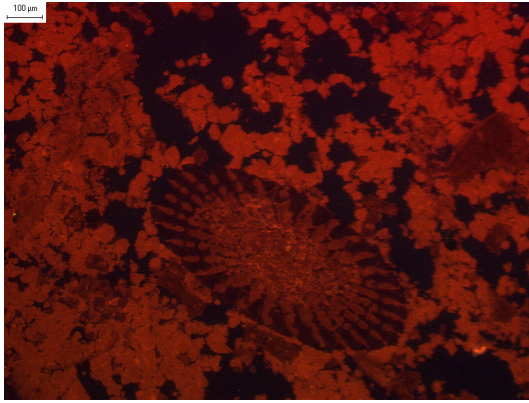


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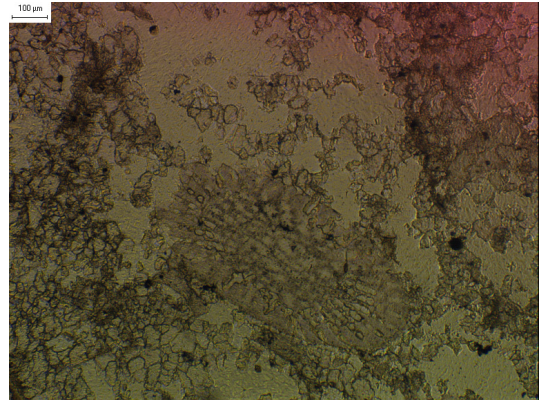


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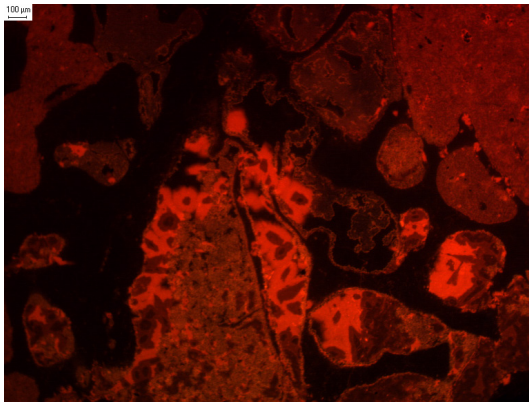




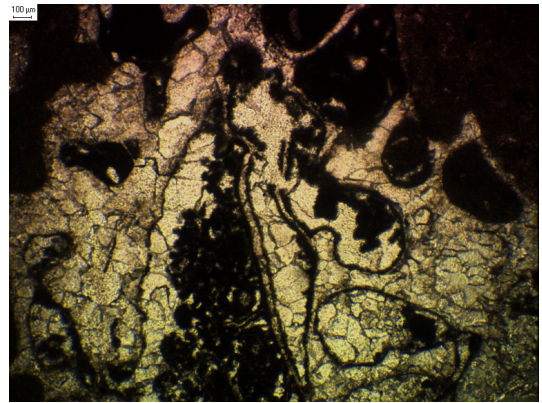
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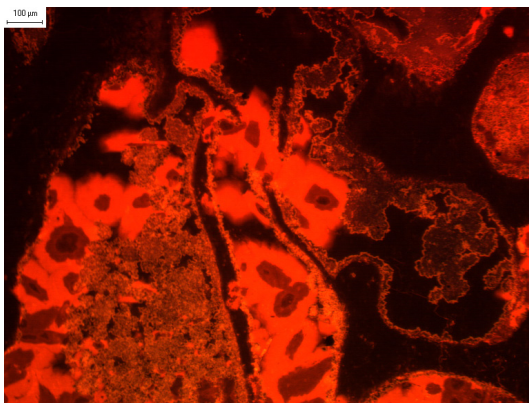
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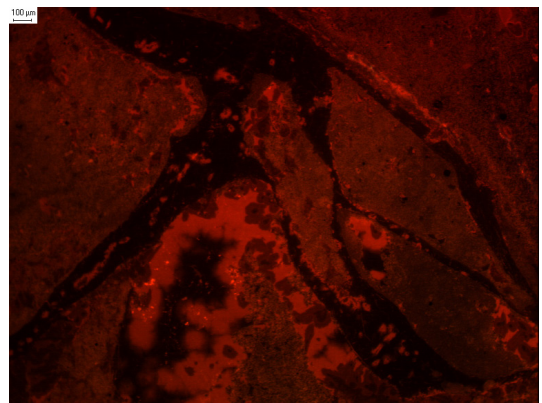
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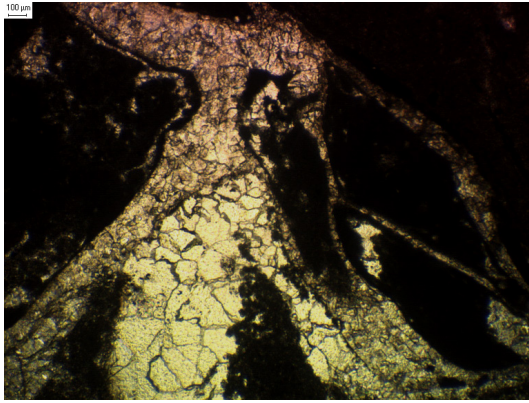
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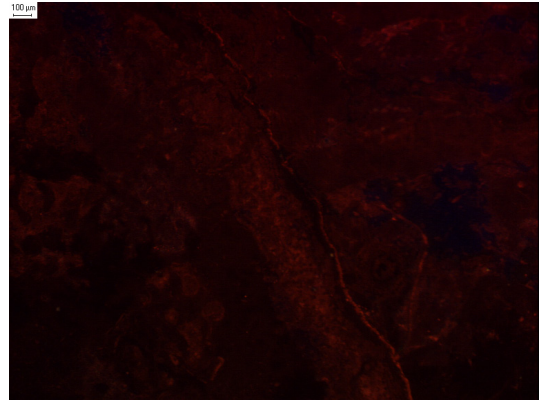
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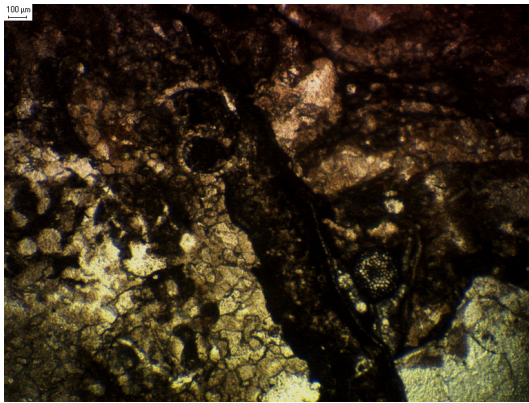
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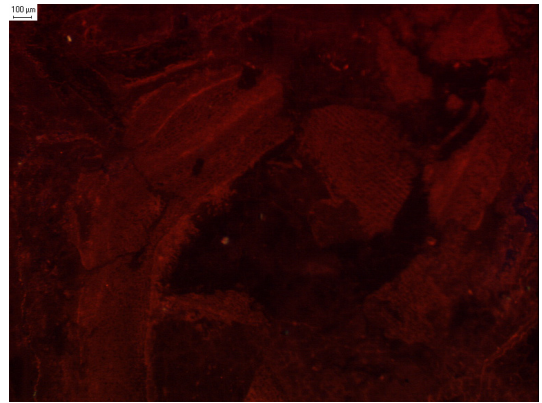
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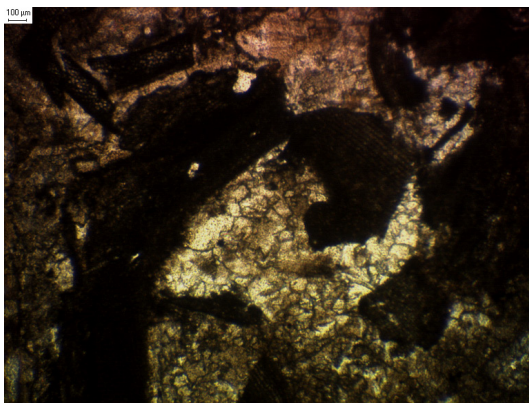
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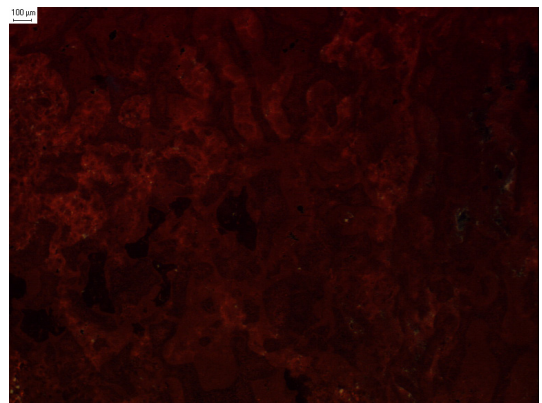
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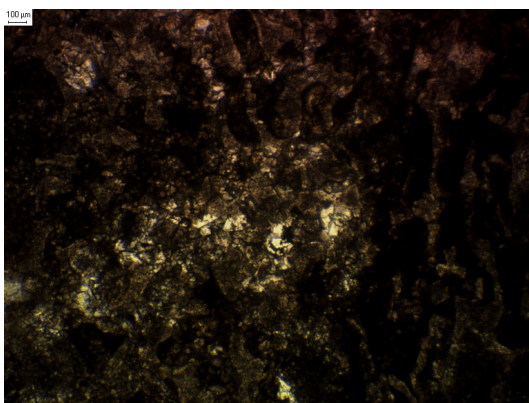


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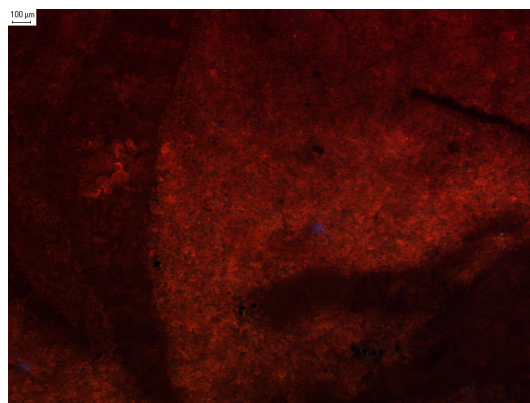


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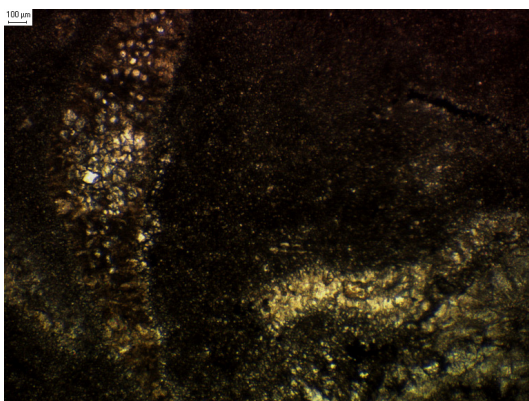




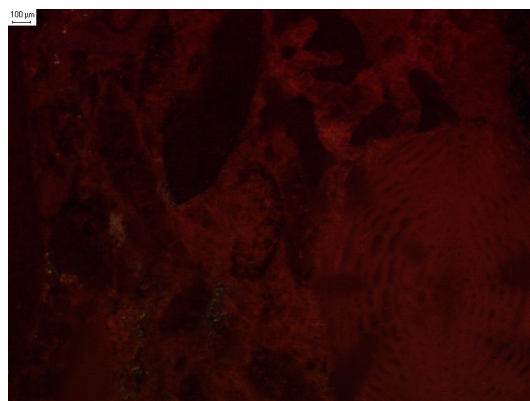
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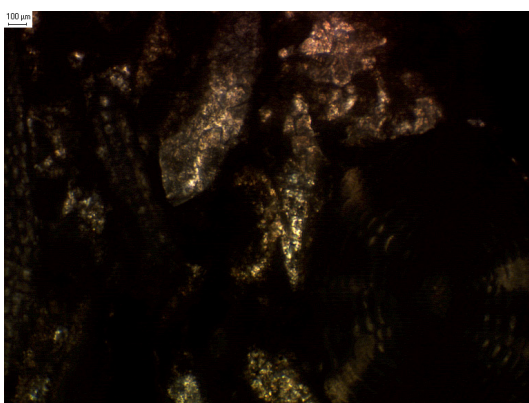
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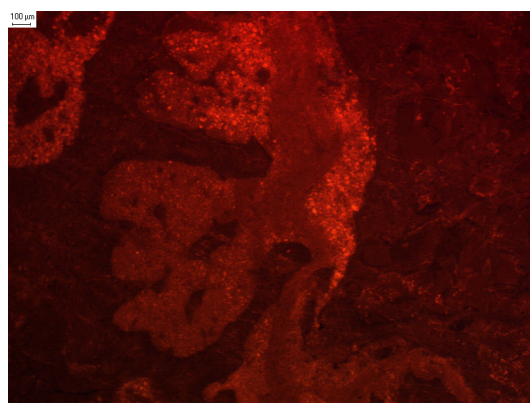
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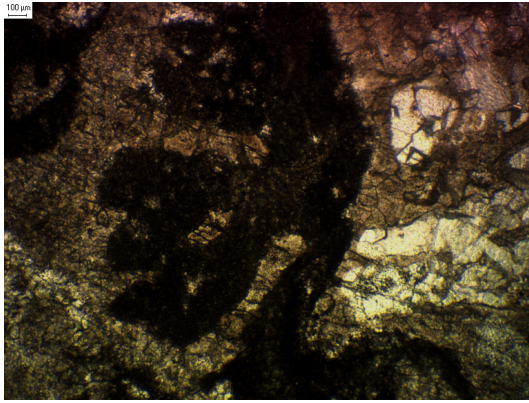


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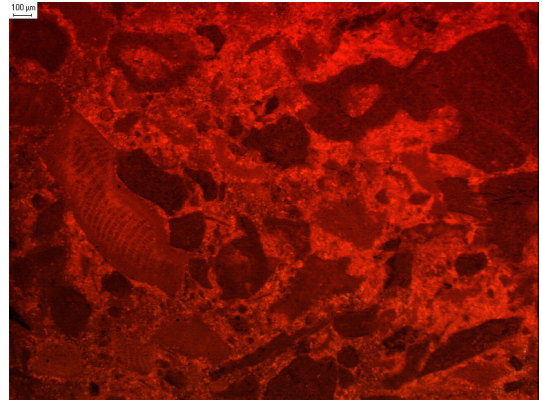


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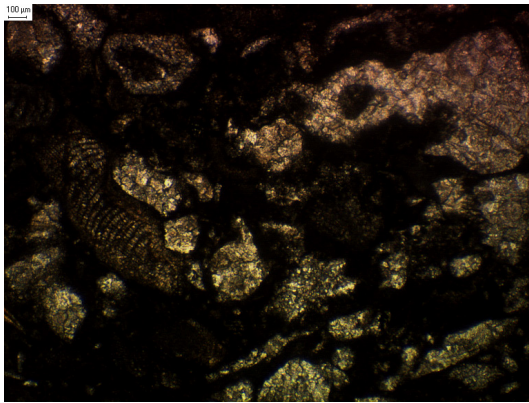




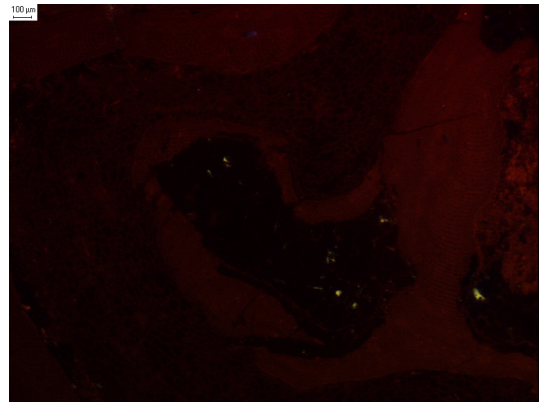
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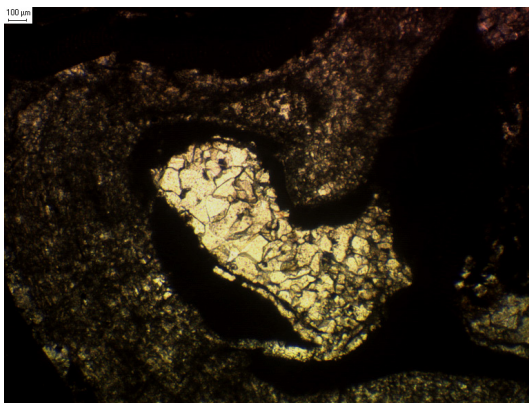
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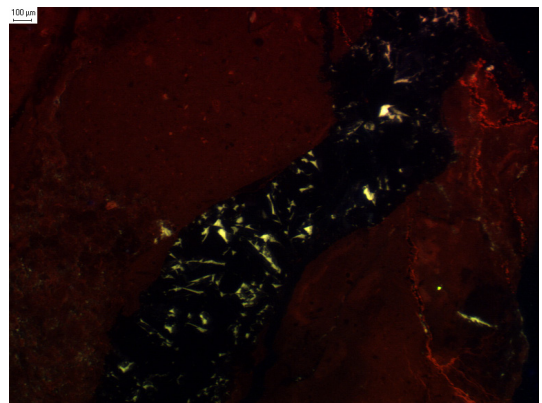
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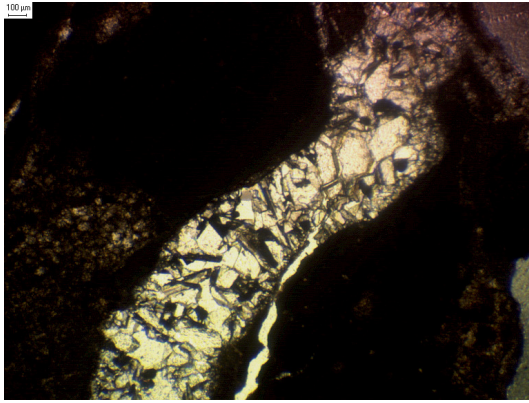
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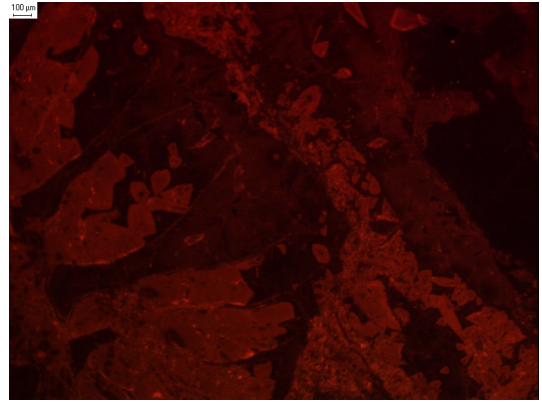
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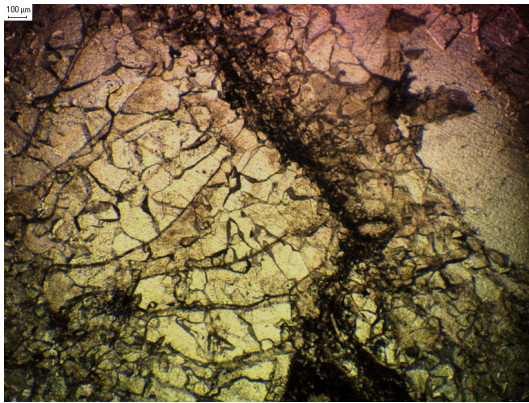
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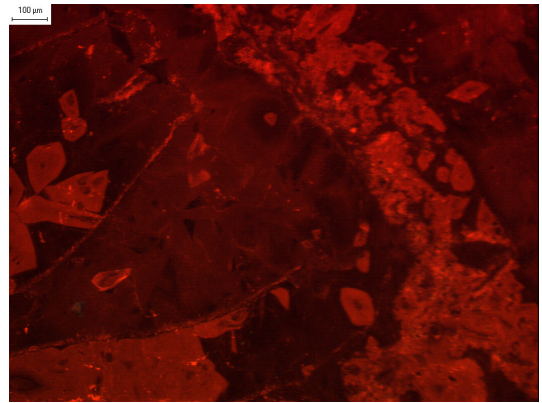
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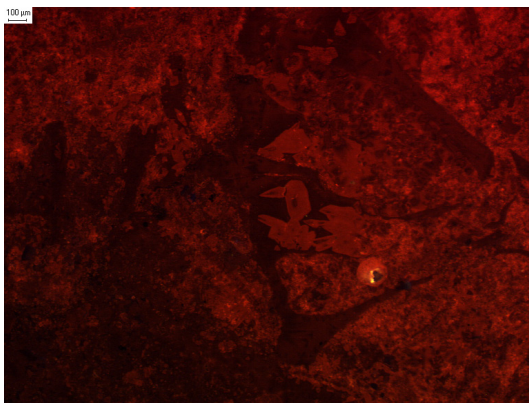
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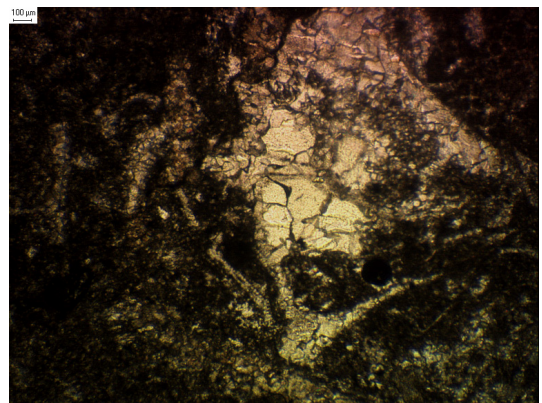
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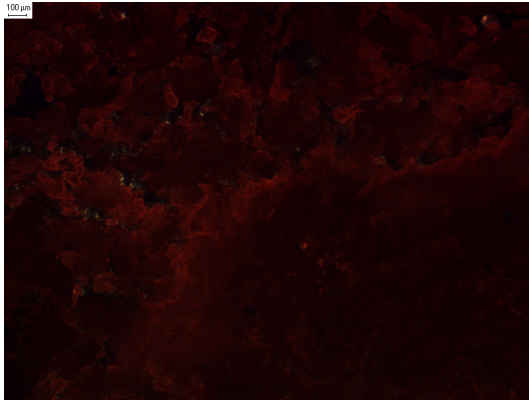


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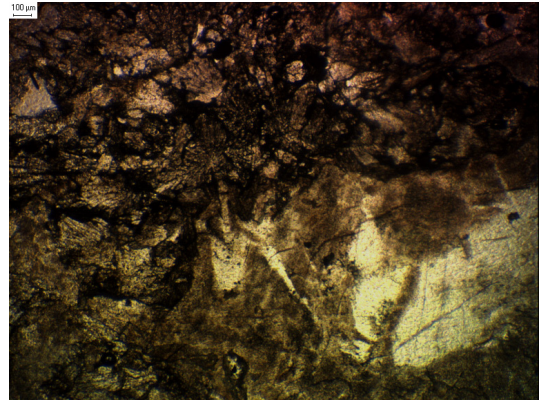


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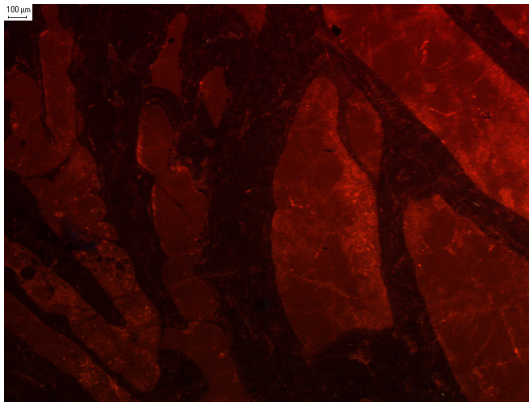




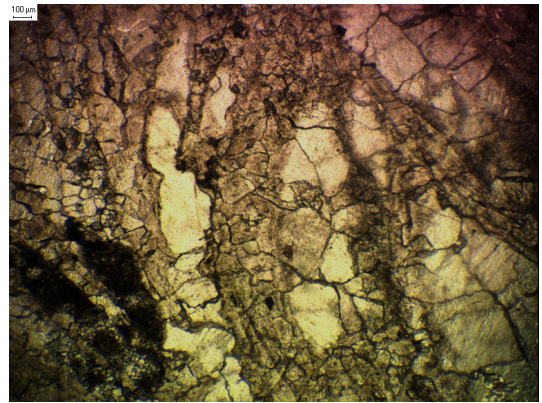
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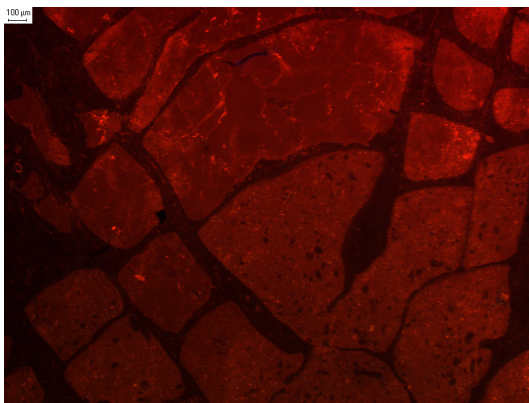
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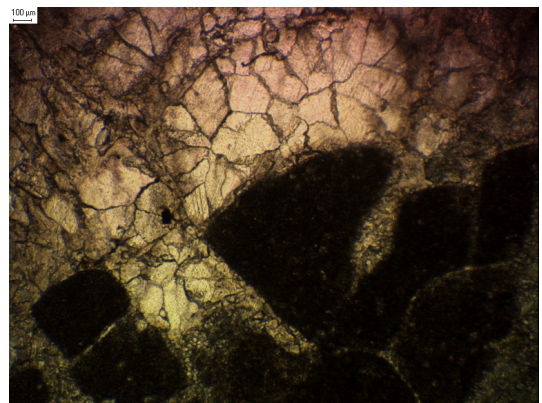
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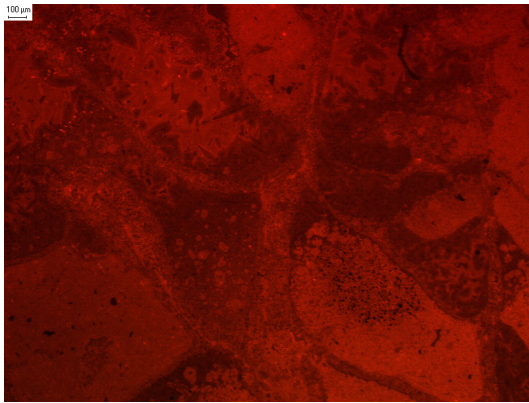


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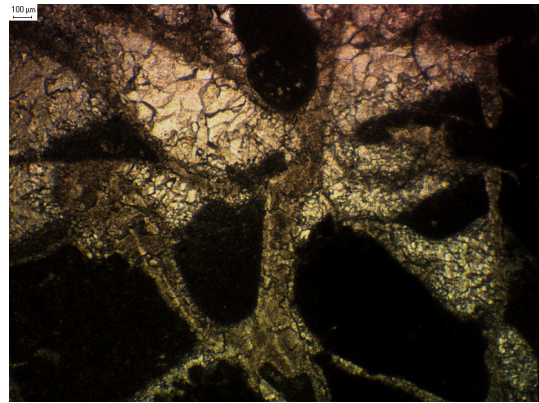


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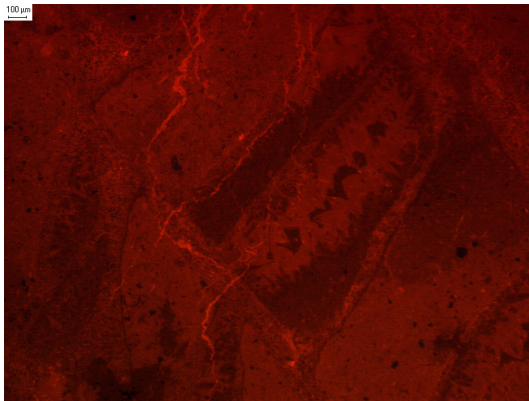




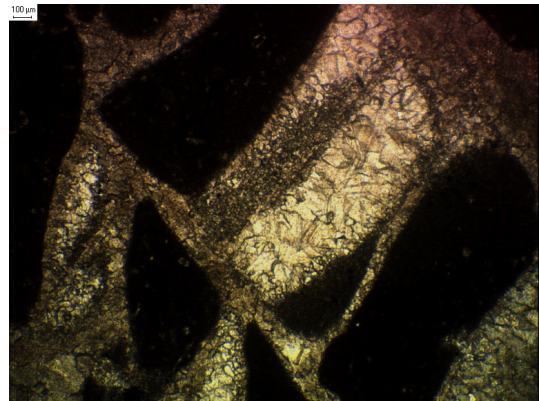
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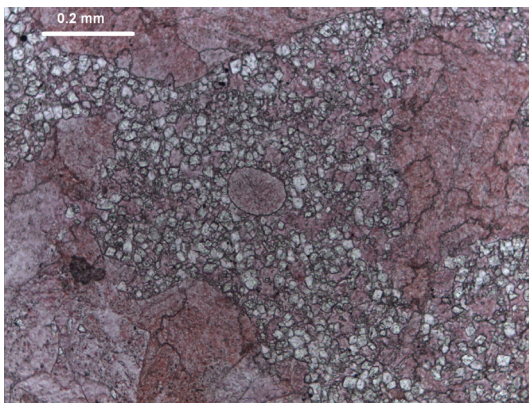
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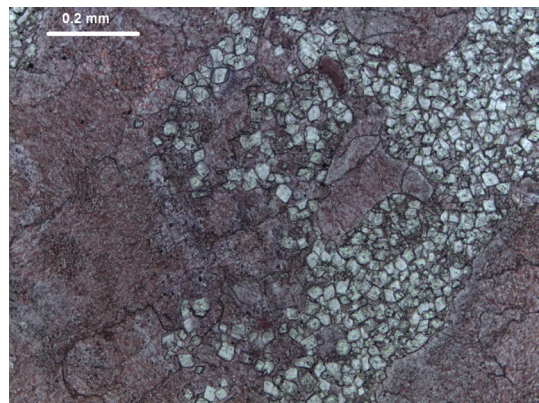
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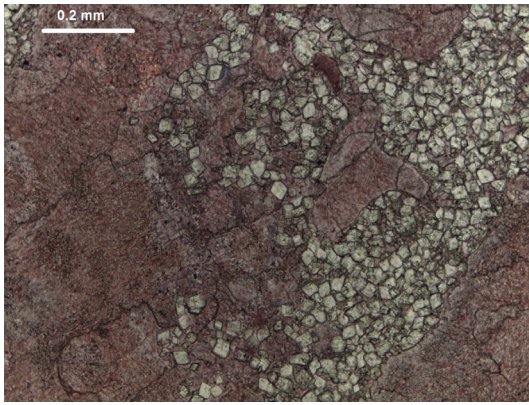


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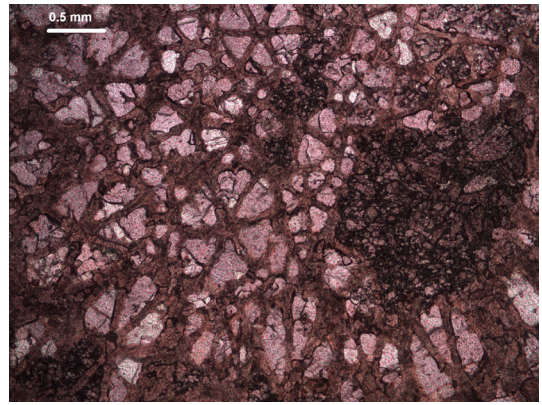


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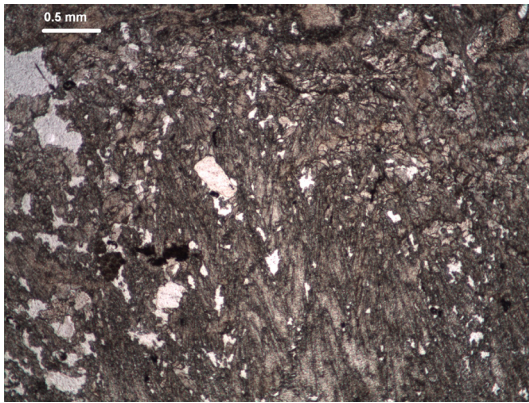




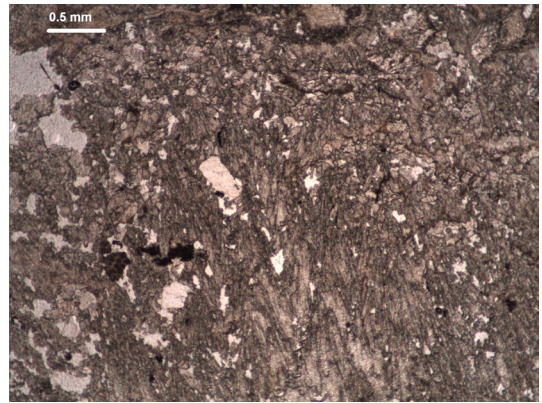
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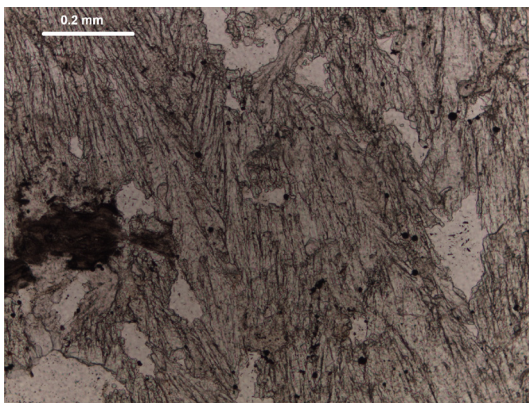
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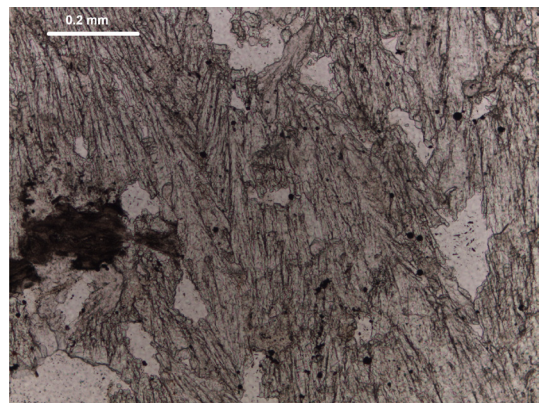
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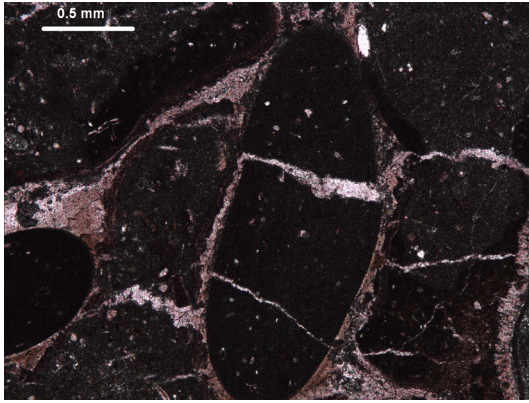


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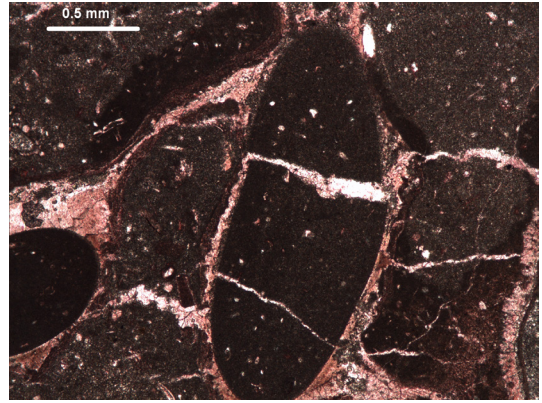


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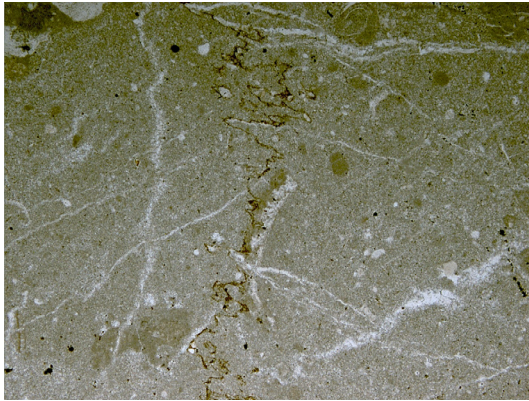




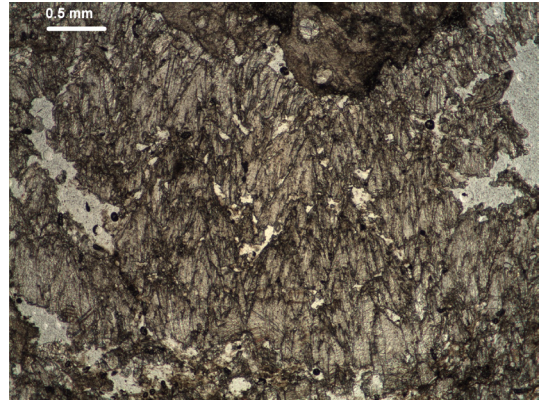
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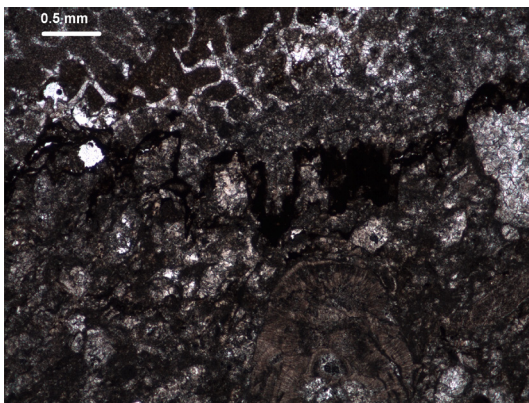
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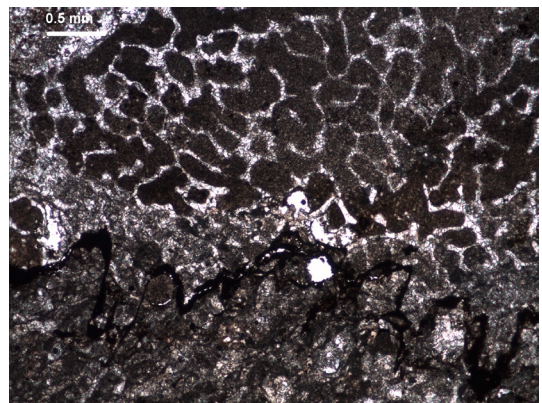
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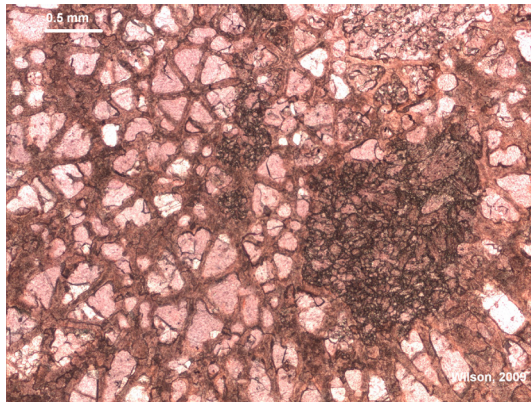


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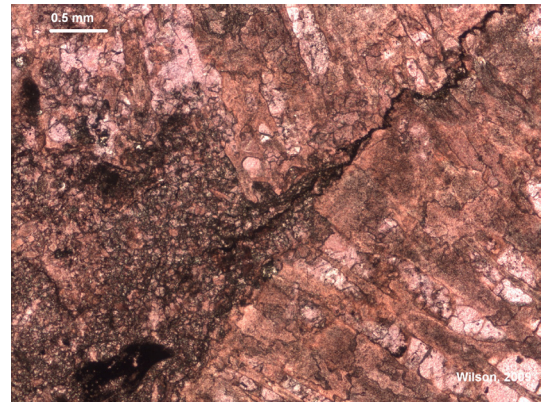


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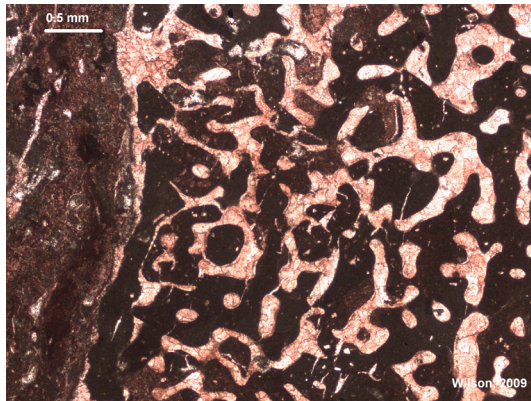




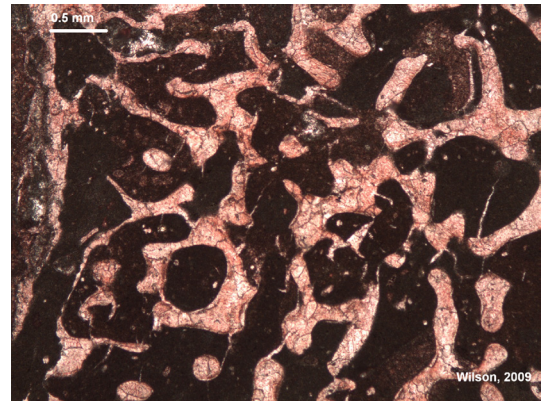
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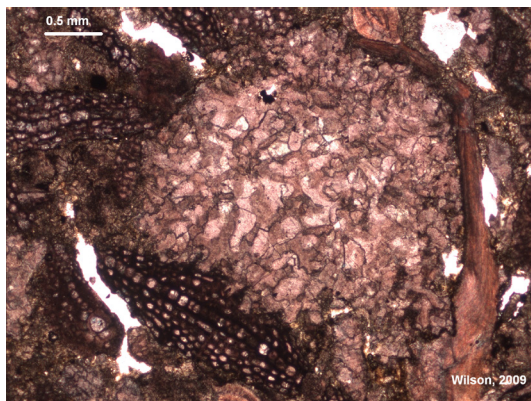
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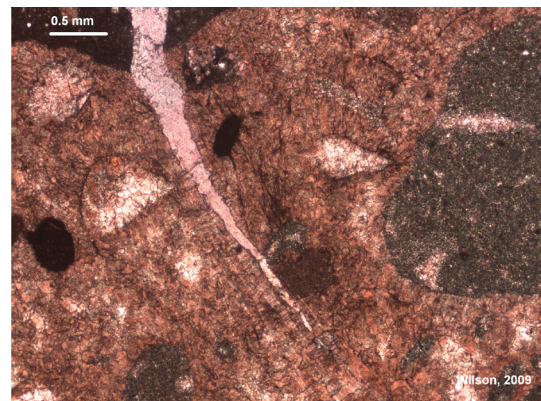
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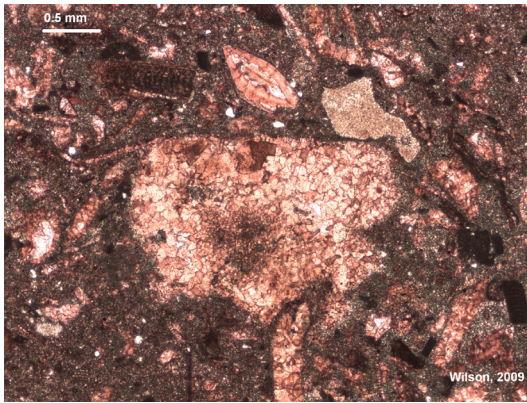


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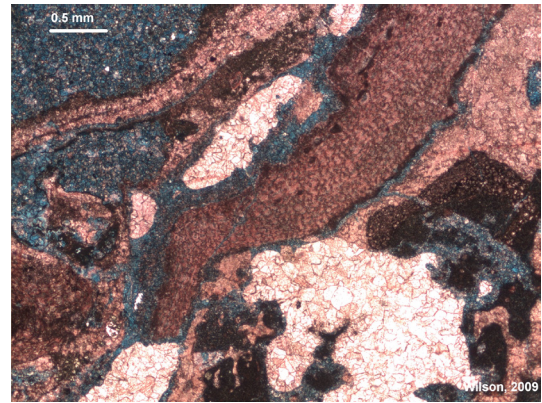


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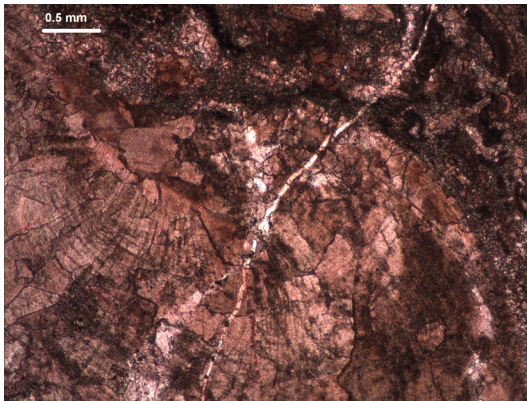




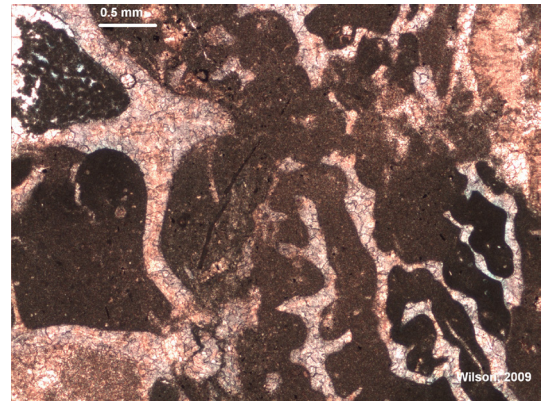
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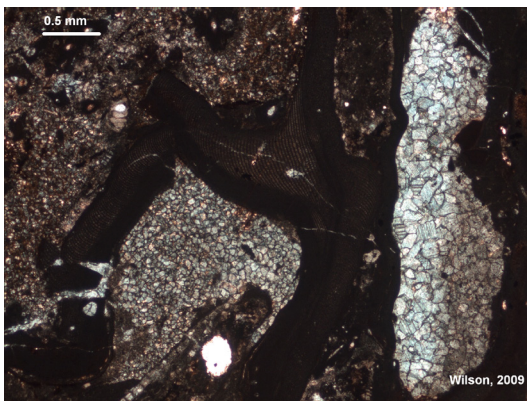
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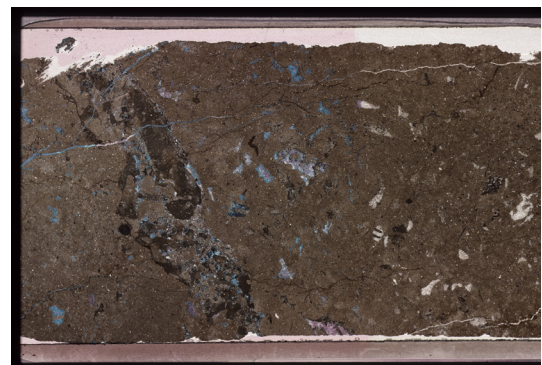
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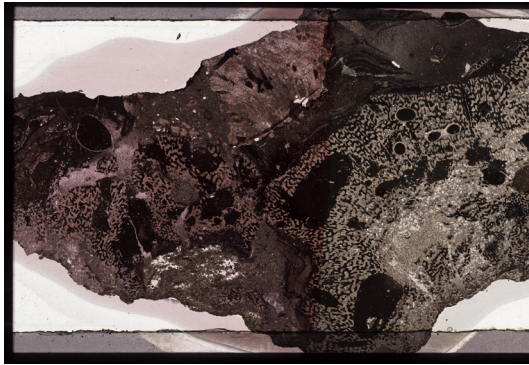


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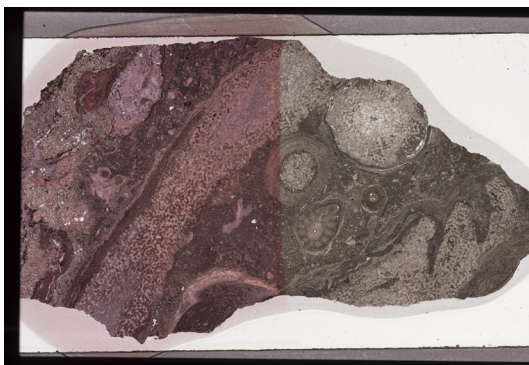
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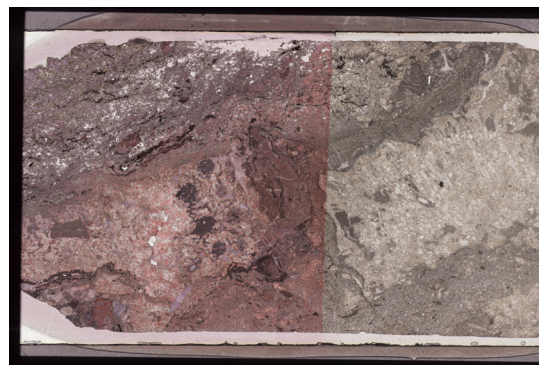
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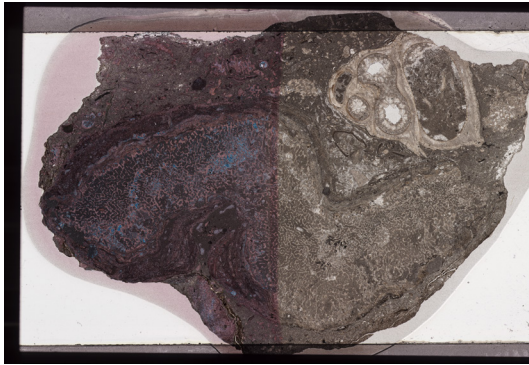


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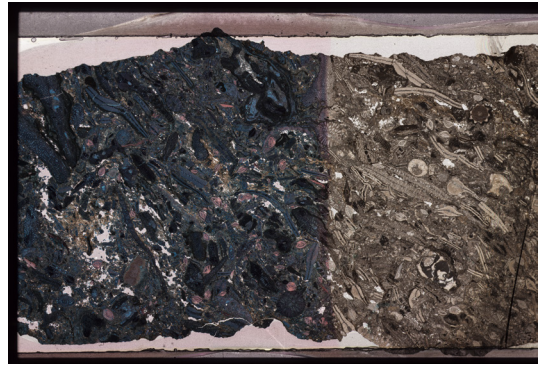


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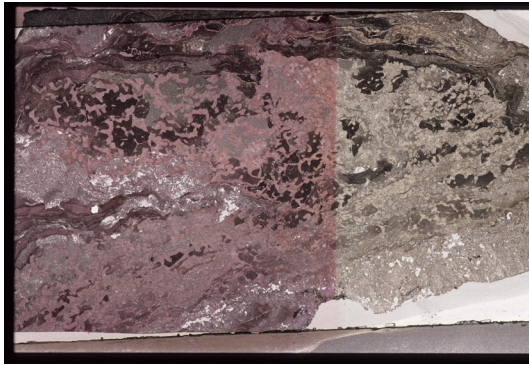




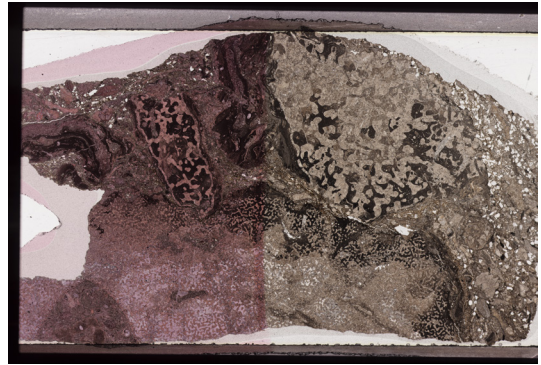
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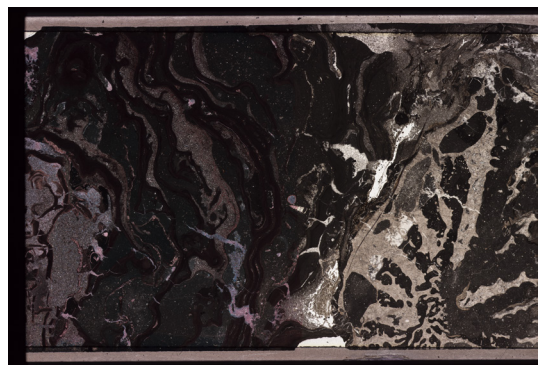
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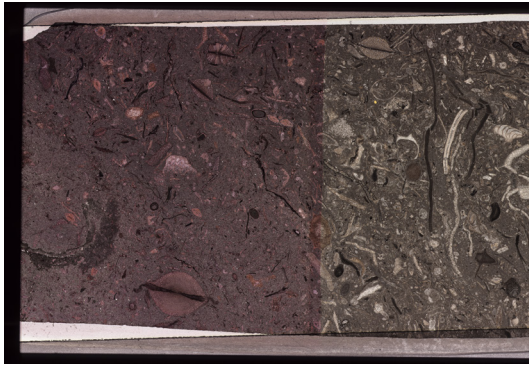


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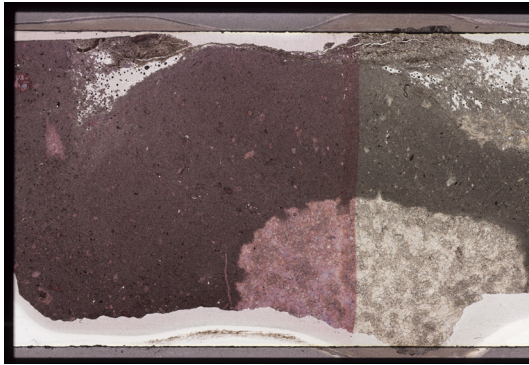




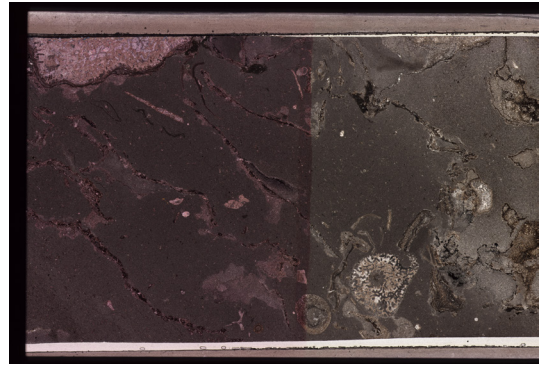
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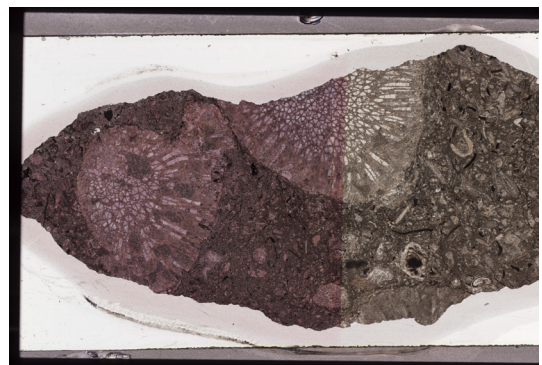
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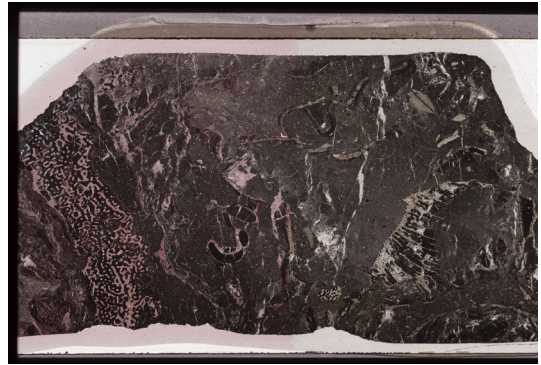


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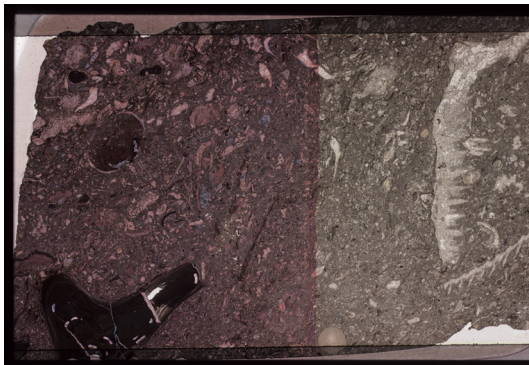




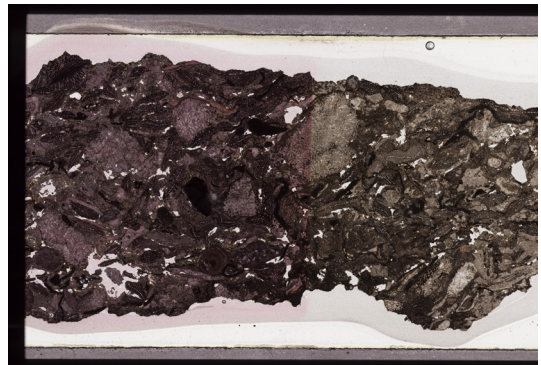
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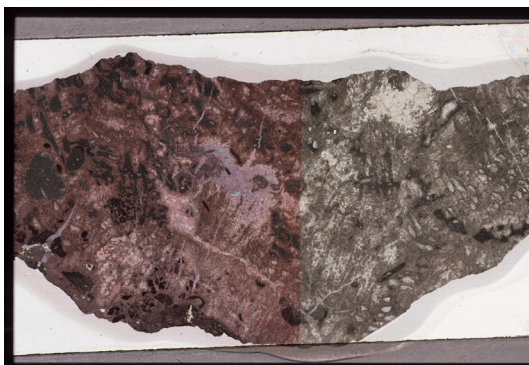
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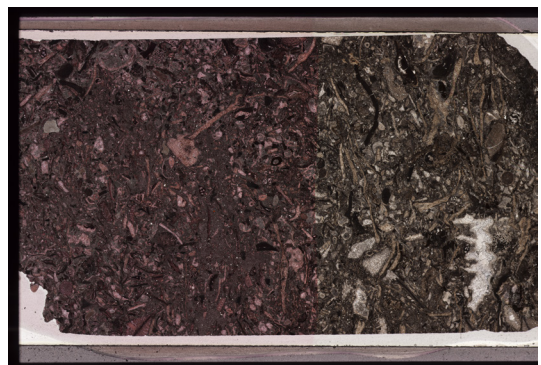
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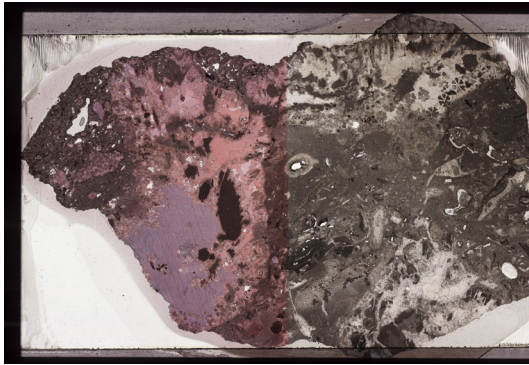


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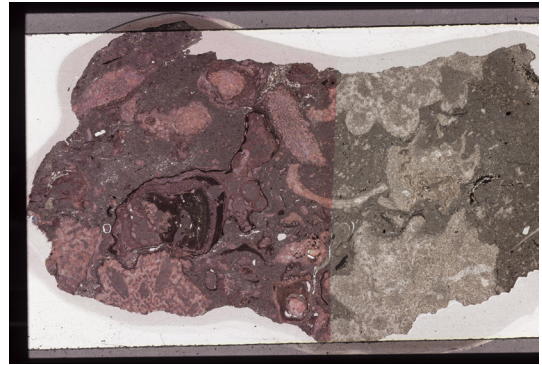


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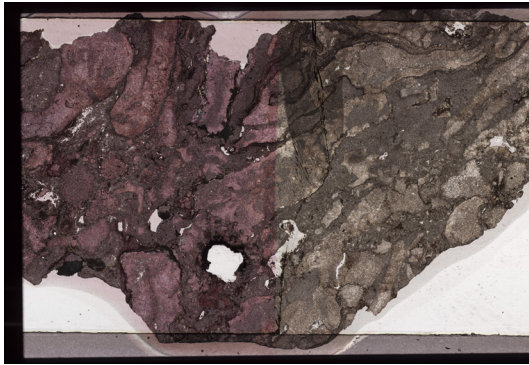




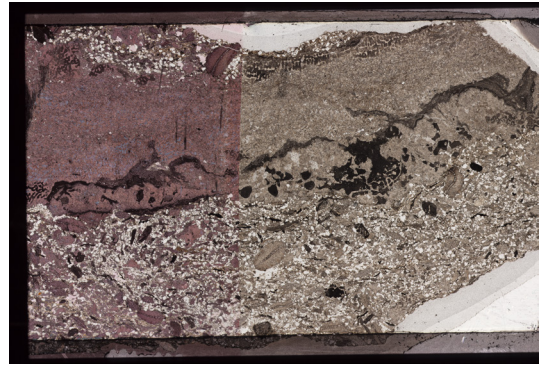
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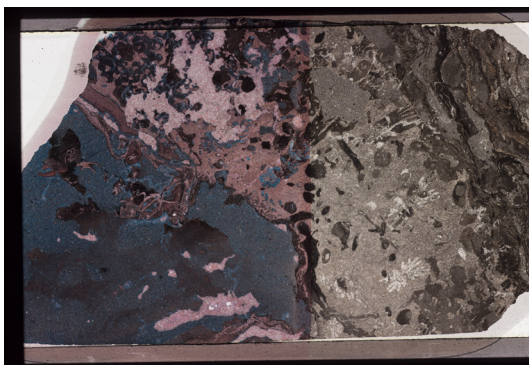
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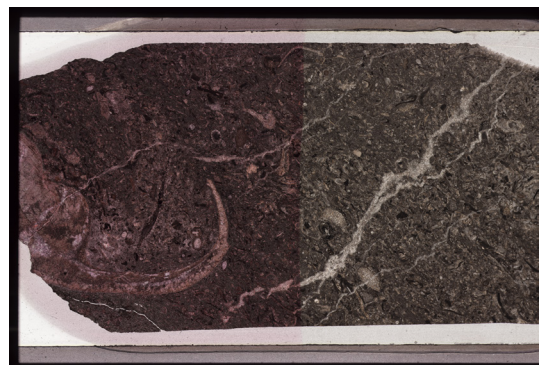
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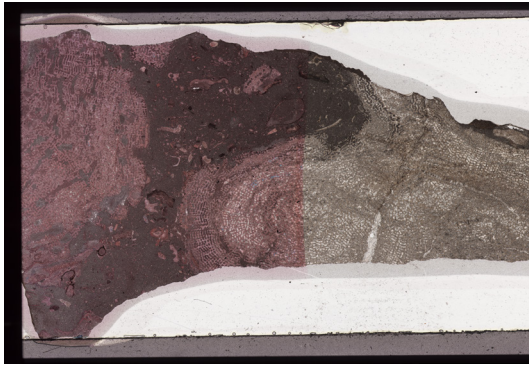


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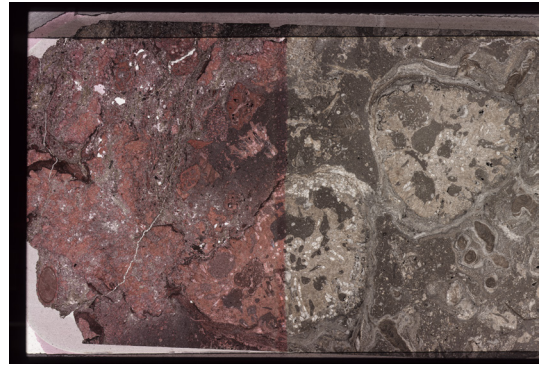


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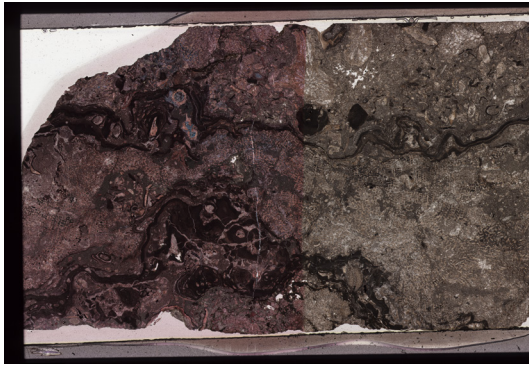




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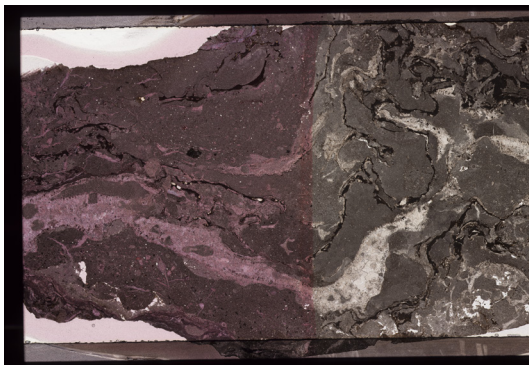
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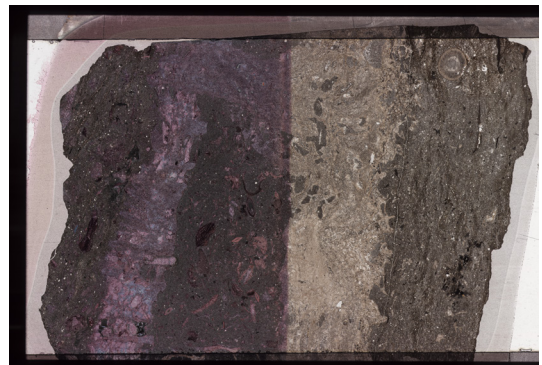
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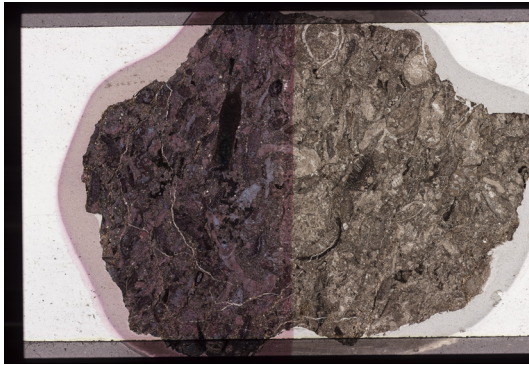


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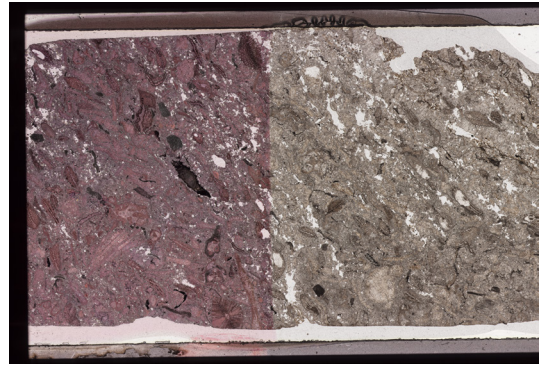


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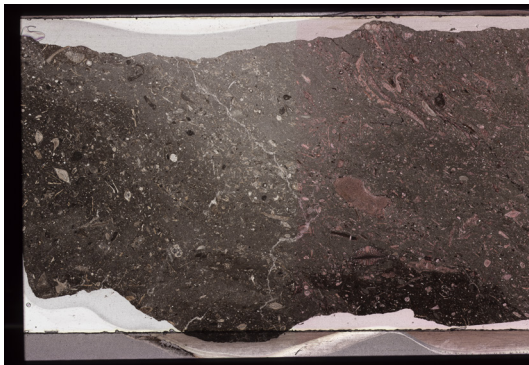




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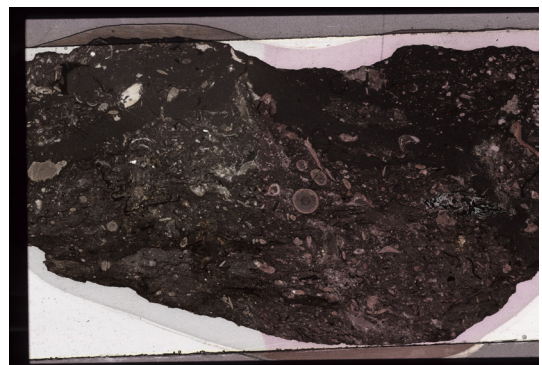
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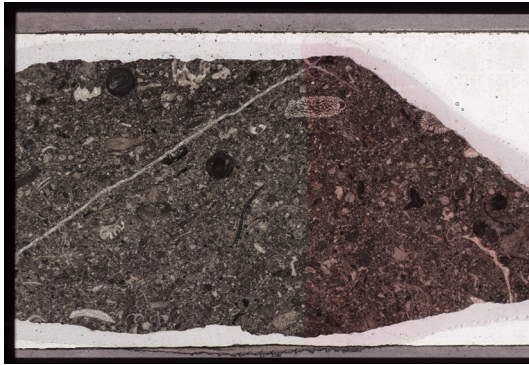


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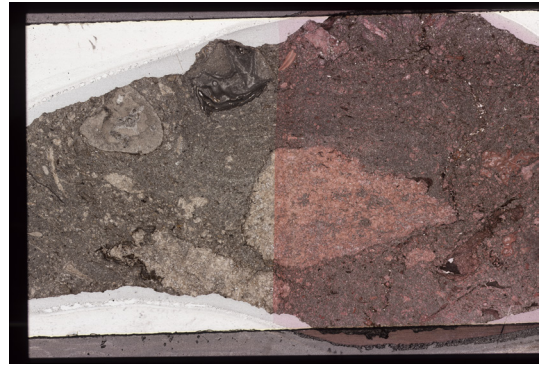


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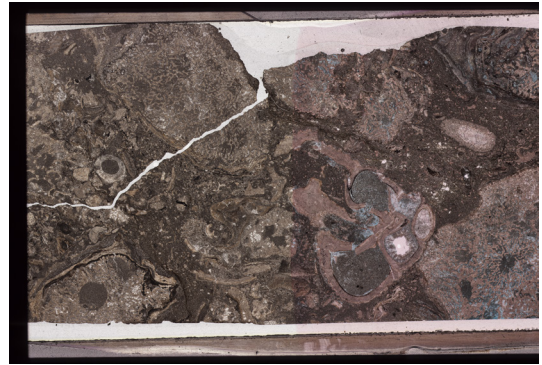
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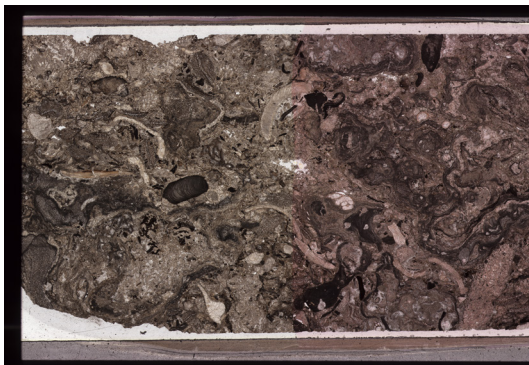
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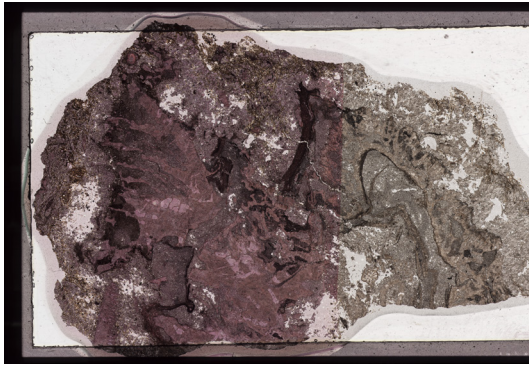


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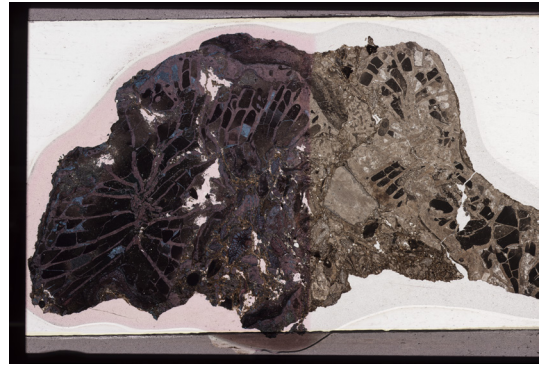


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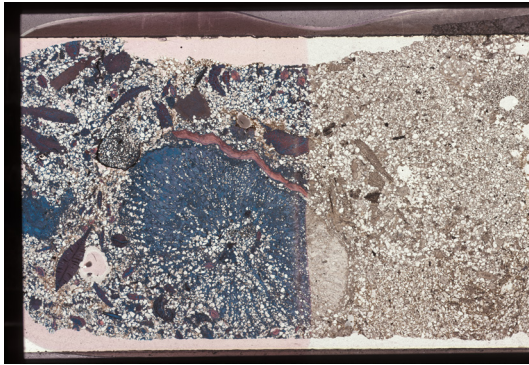




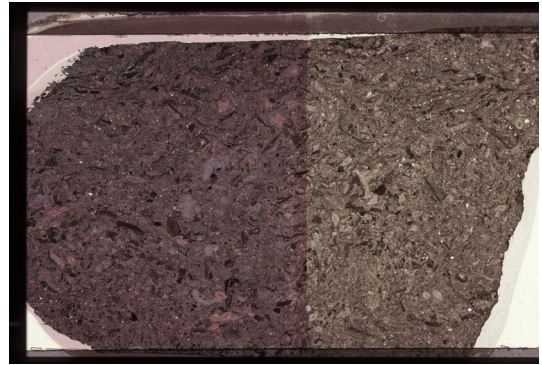
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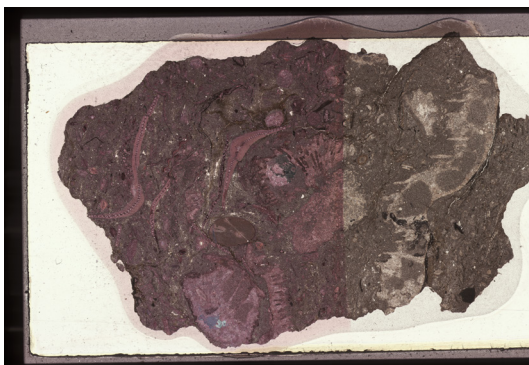
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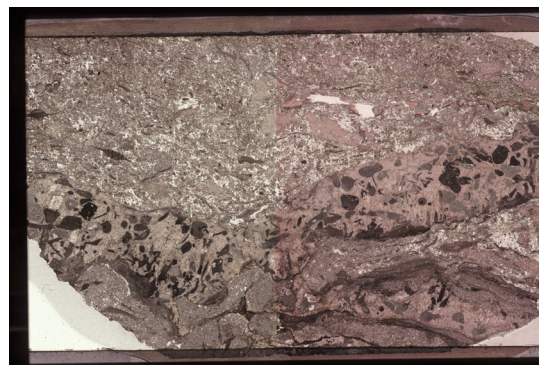
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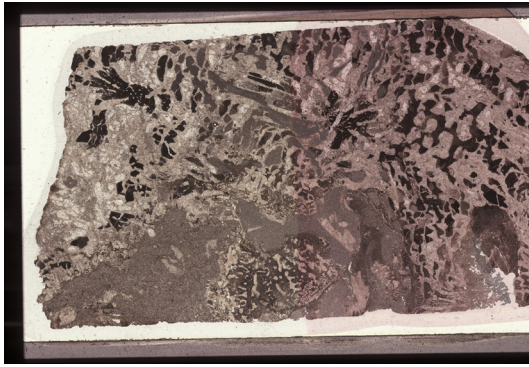


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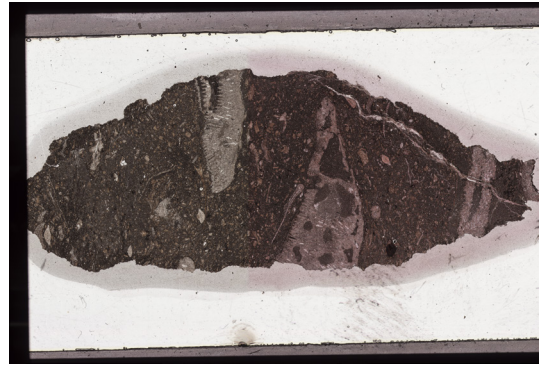
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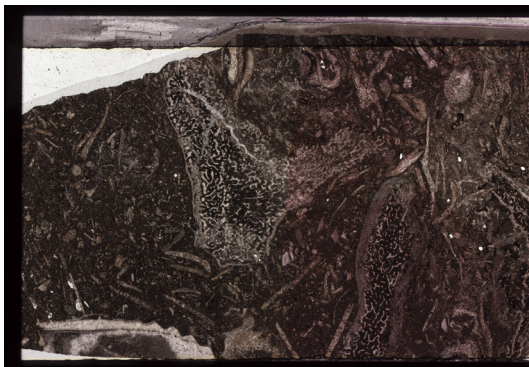
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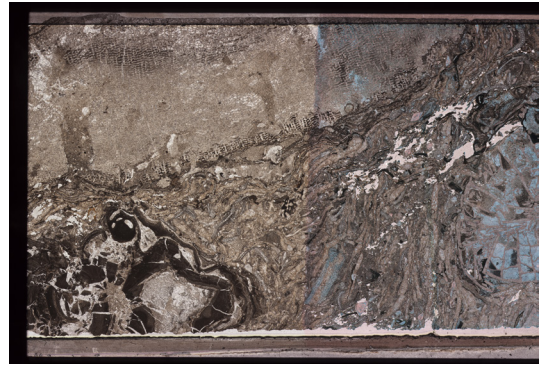


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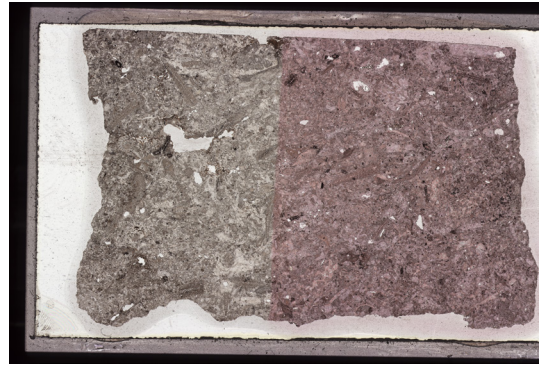
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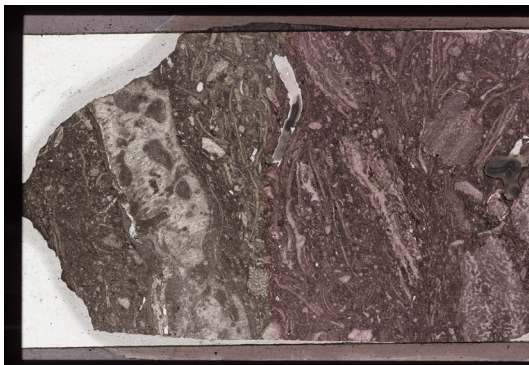
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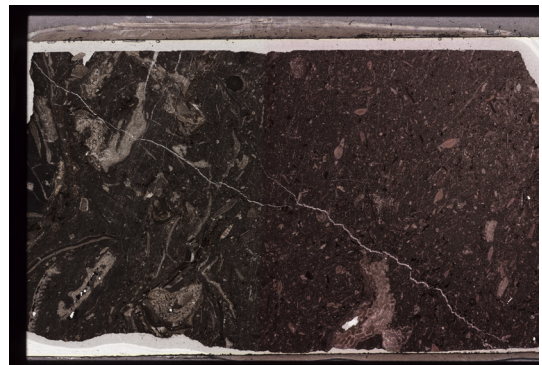
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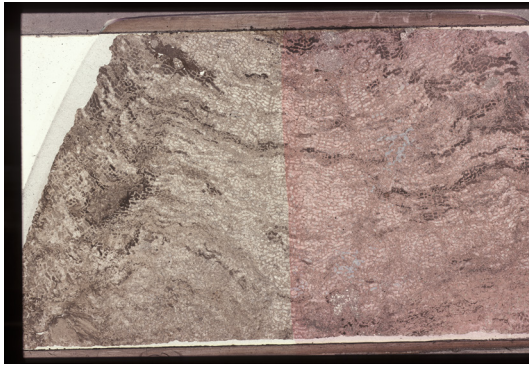


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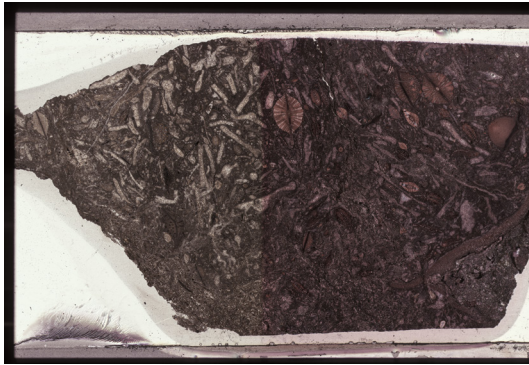




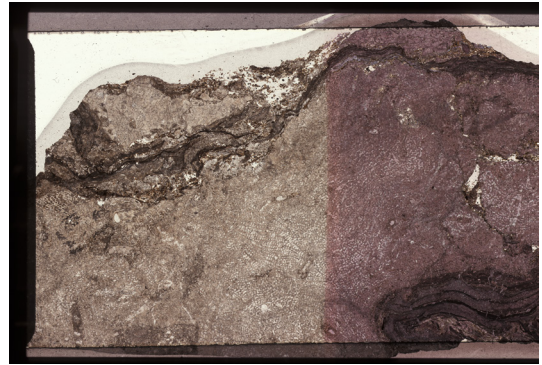
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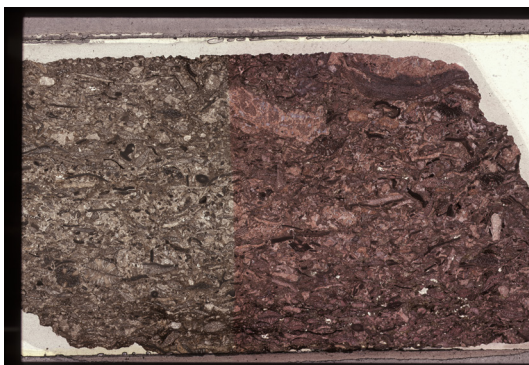
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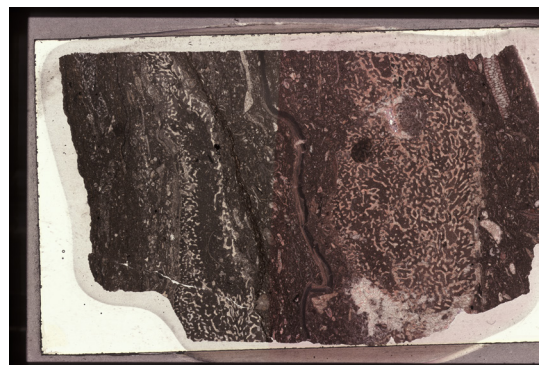
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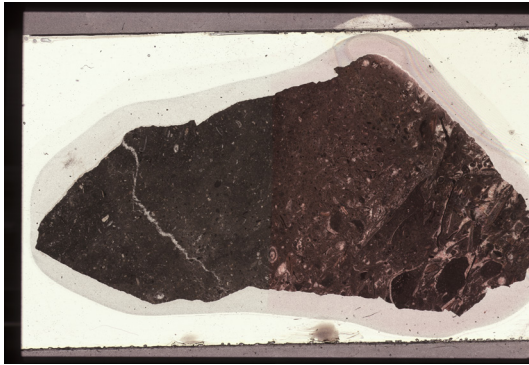


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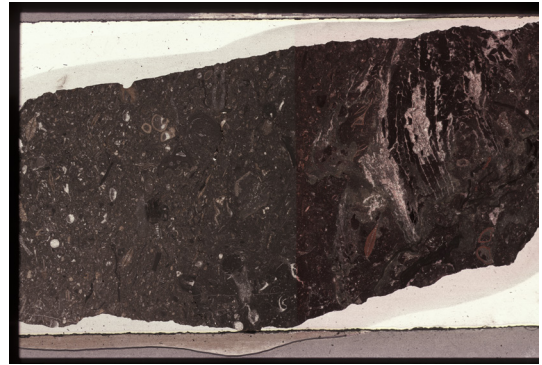


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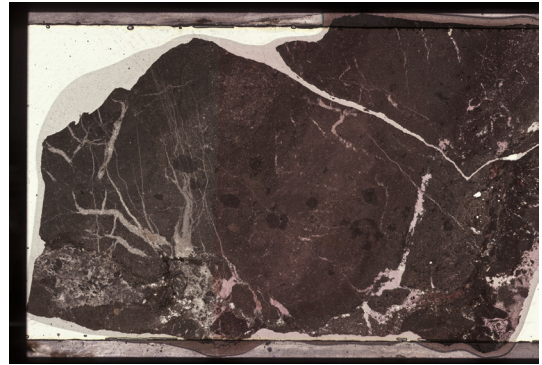
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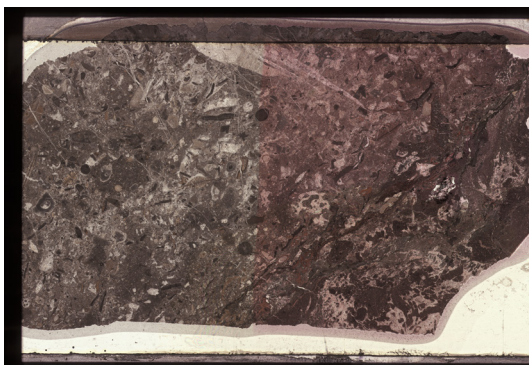
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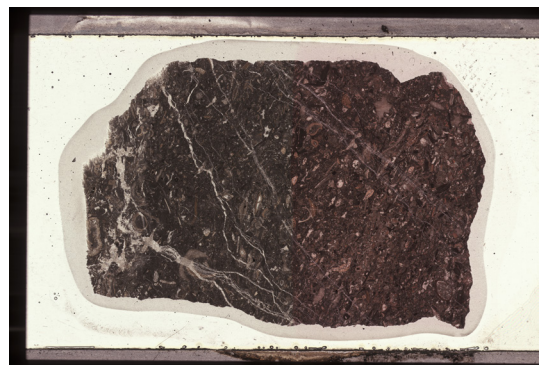
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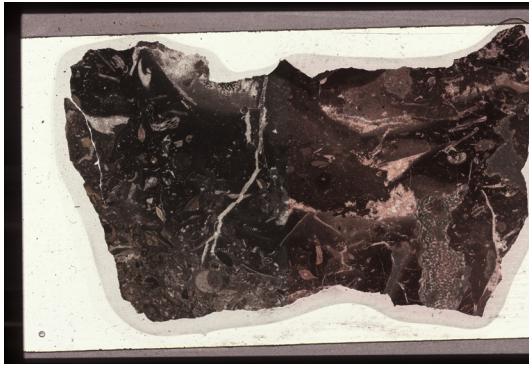
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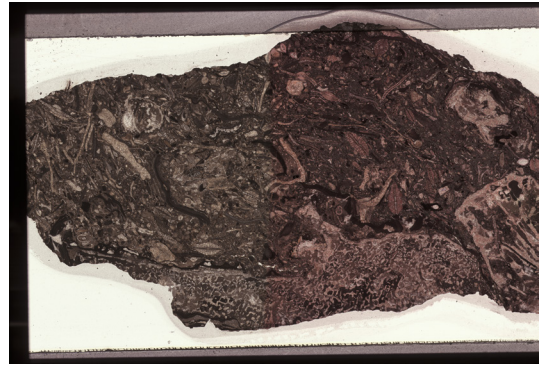
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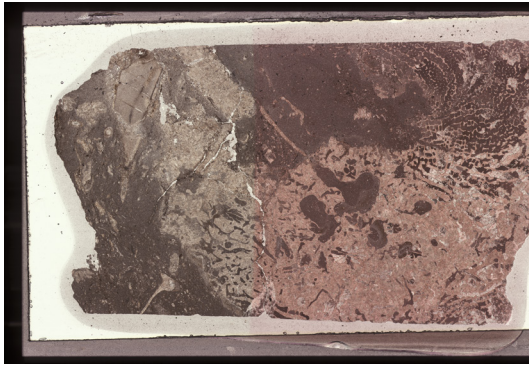
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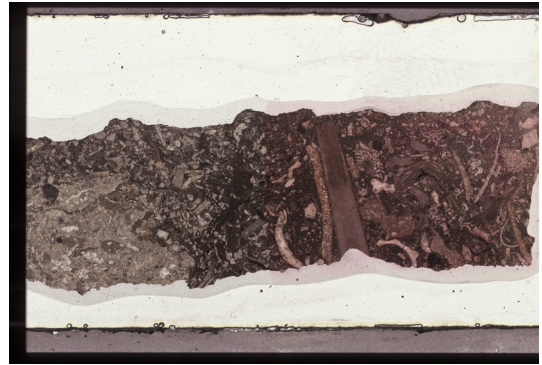
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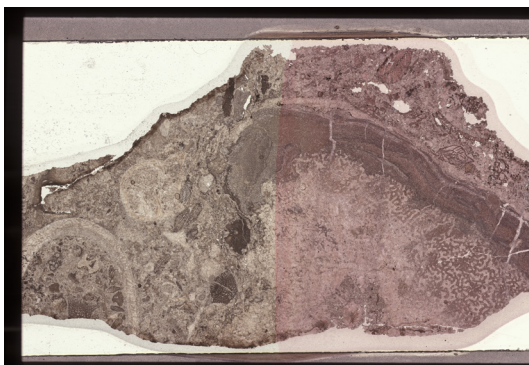
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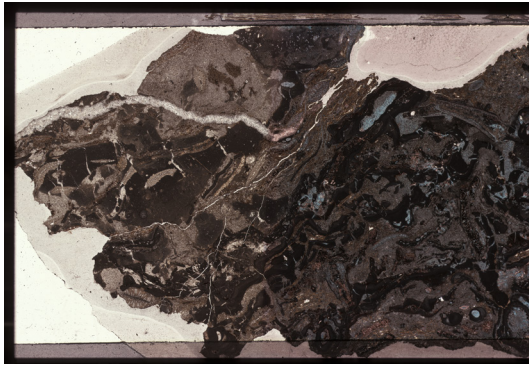


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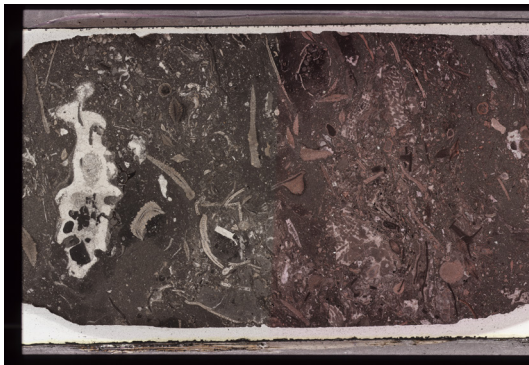




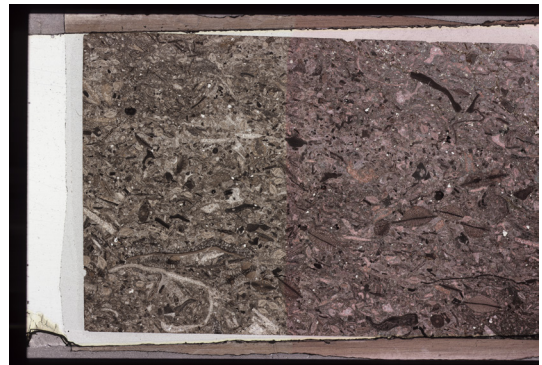
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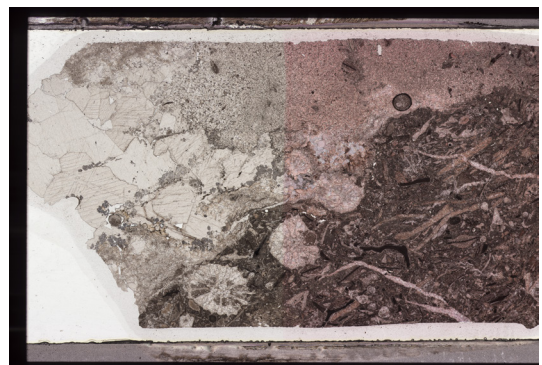
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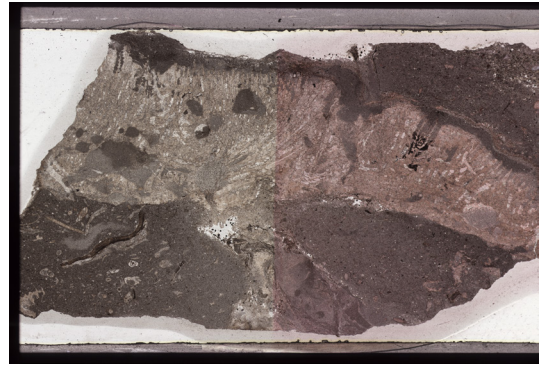


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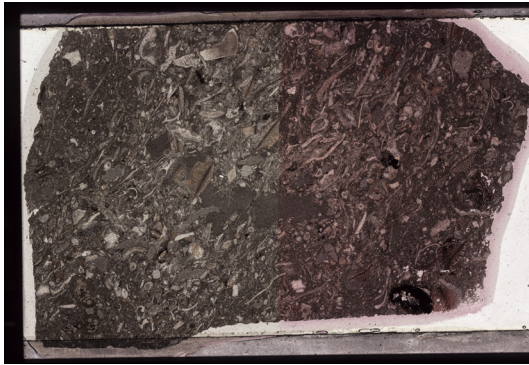




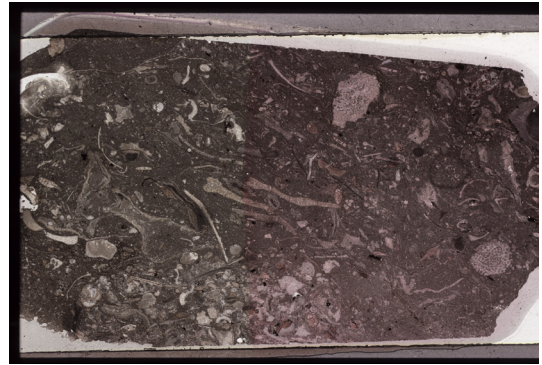
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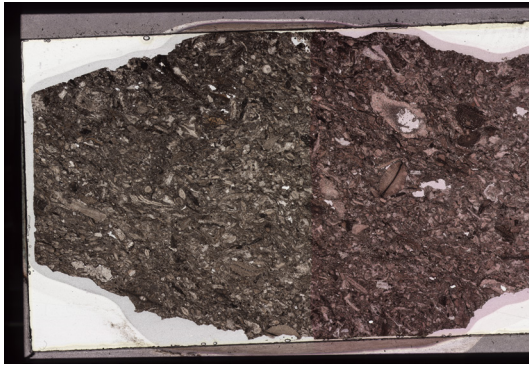


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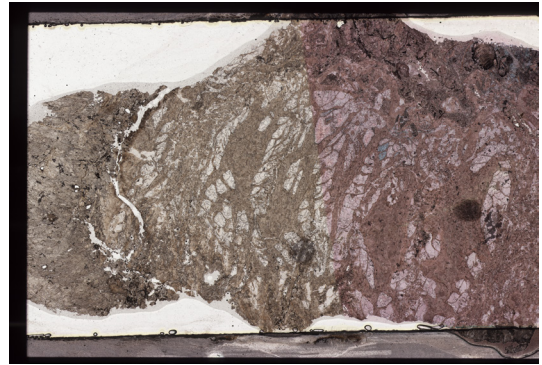
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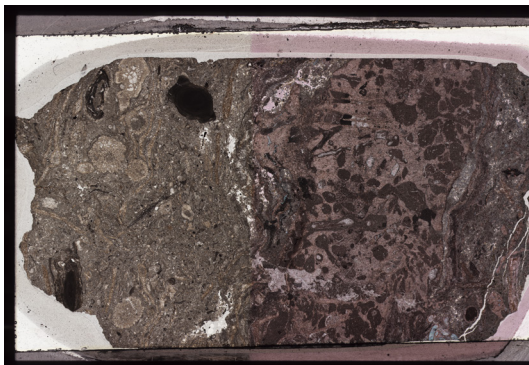
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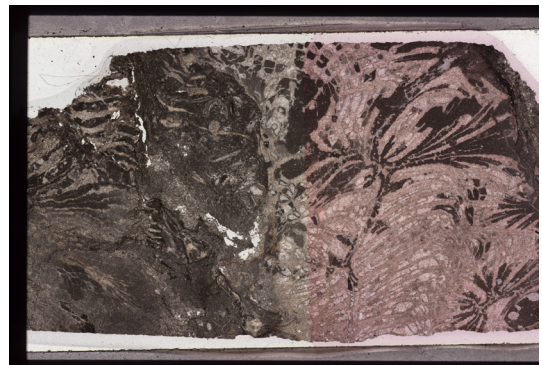
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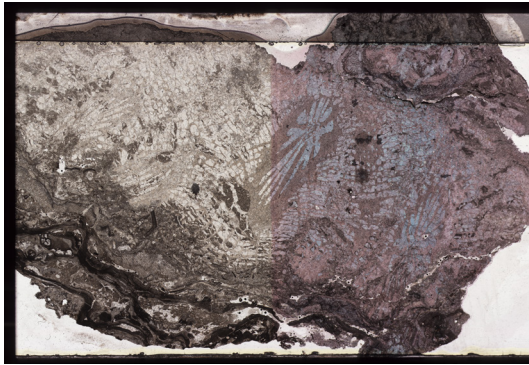


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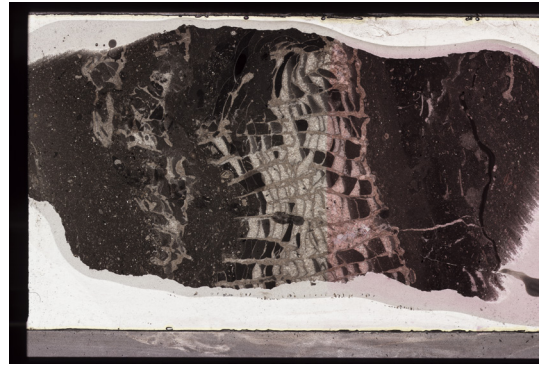


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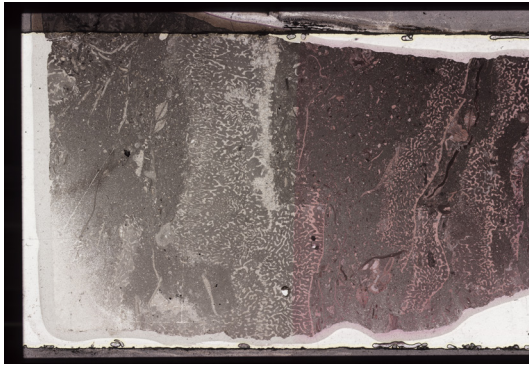




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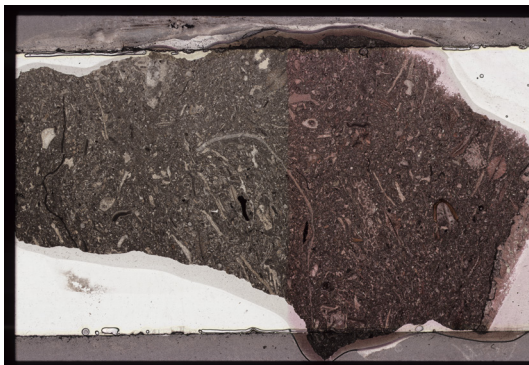
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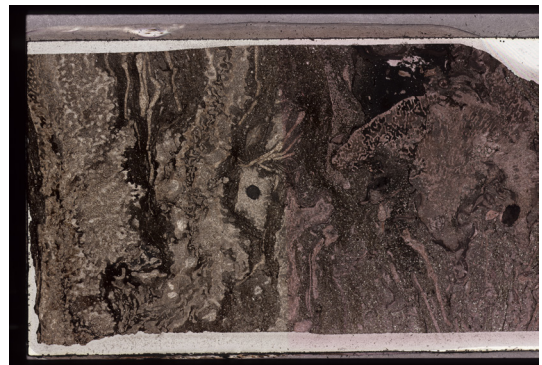
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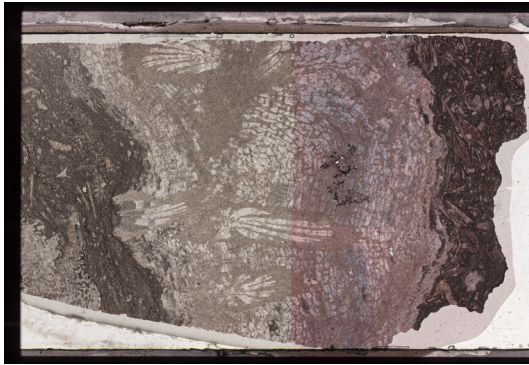


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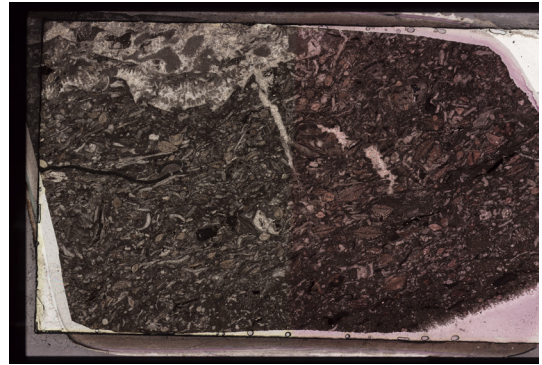


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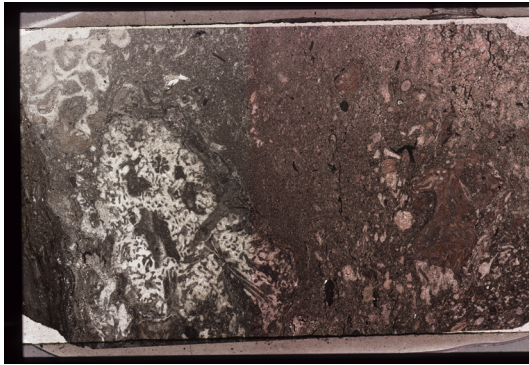




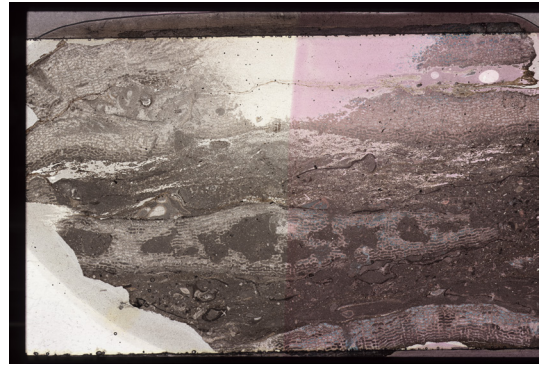
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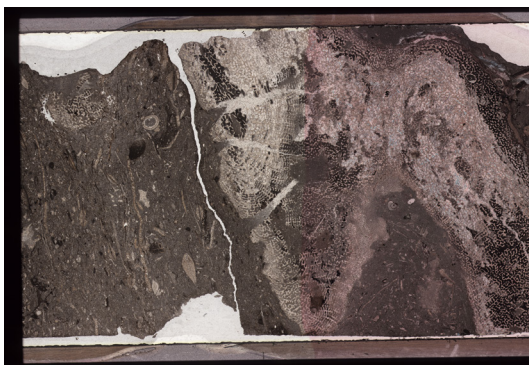
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**APPENDIX D**

**PETROGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOMICROGRAPHS  
RELATING TO CHAPTER 4**

**Appendix D1**

**Petrographic Observations Relating to Chapter 4**

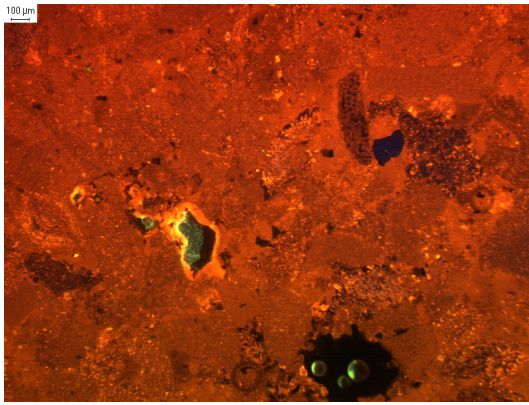




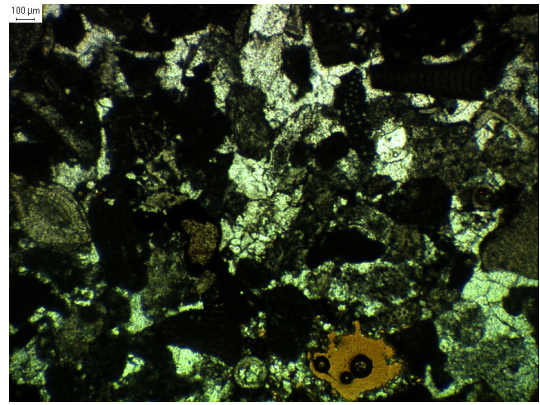


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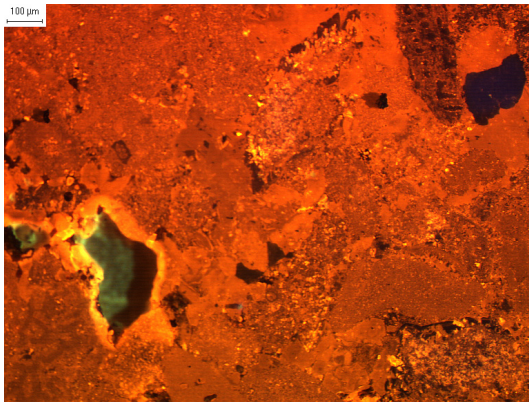
**Thin Section Photomicrographs of Samples Relating to Chapter 4**



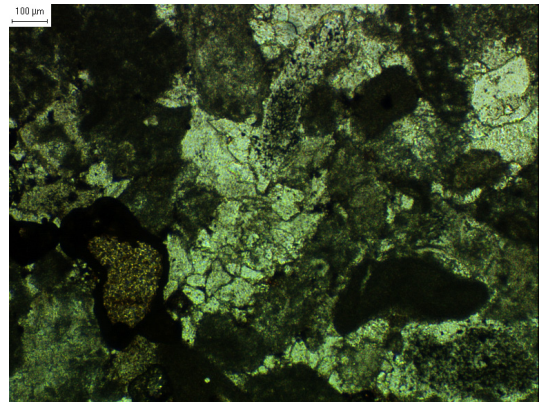
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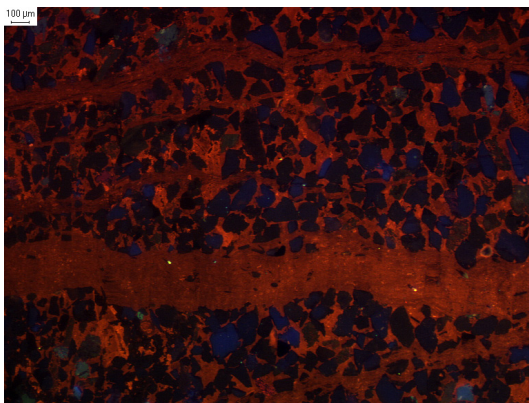
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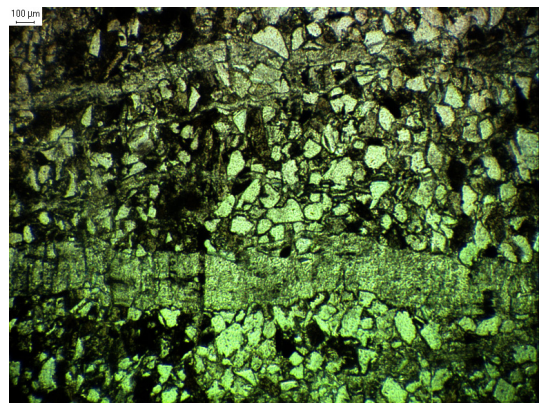
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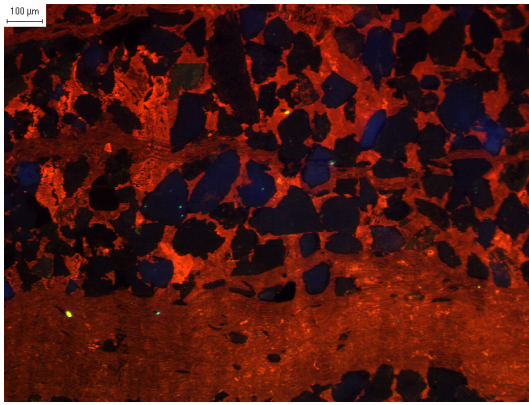


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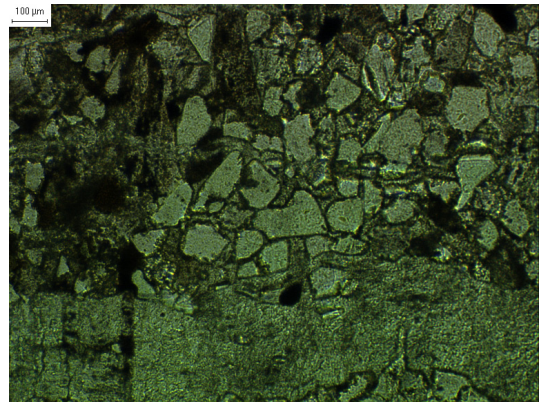


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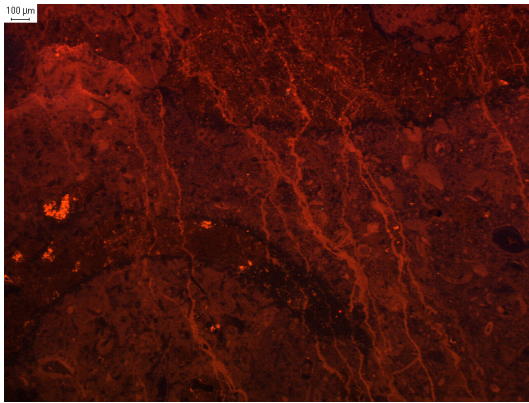




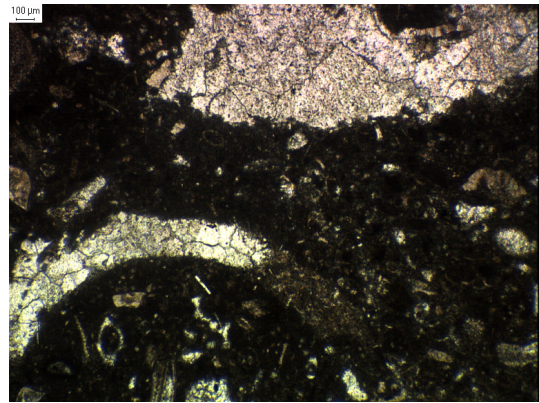
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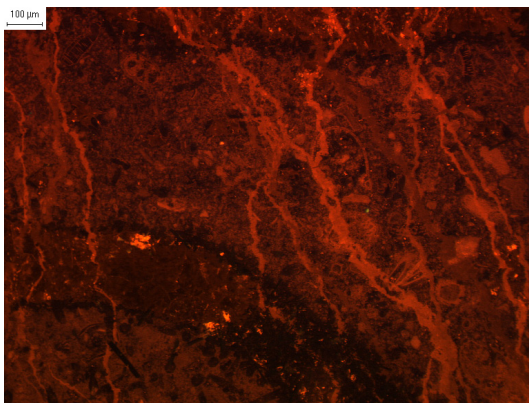
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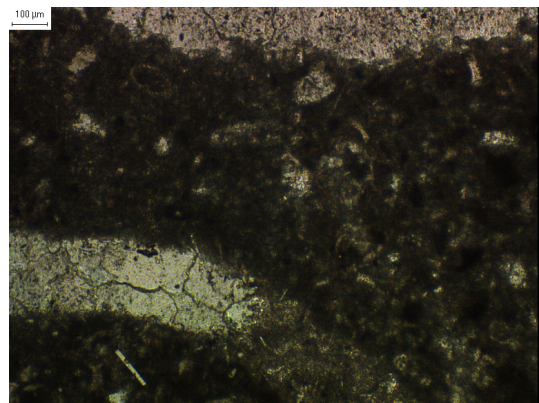
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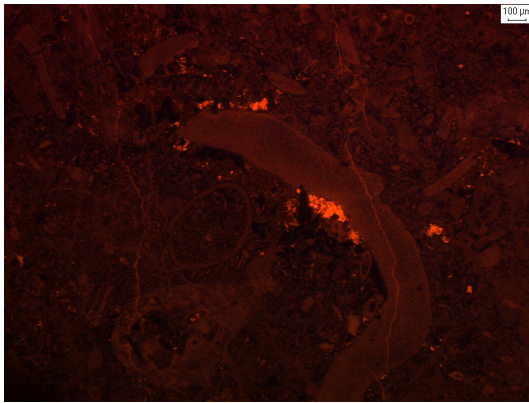


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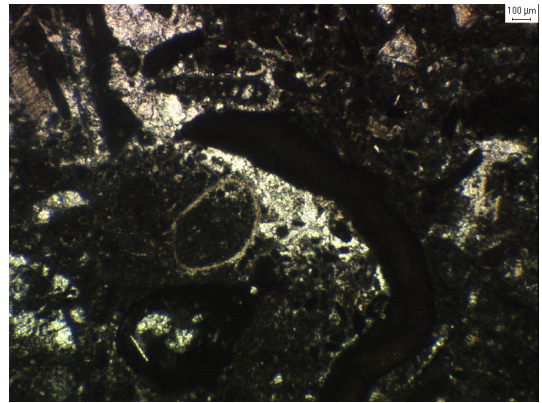


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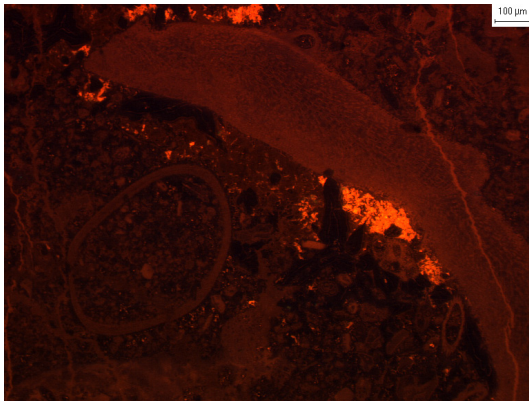




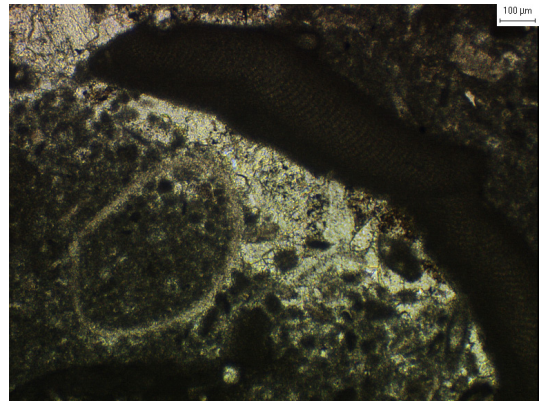
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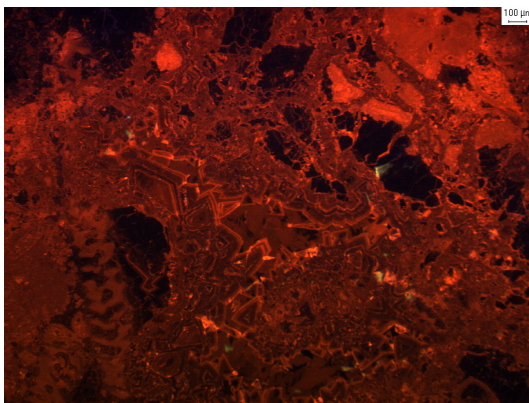
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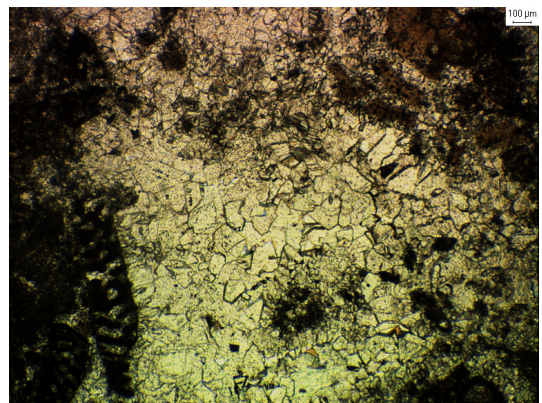
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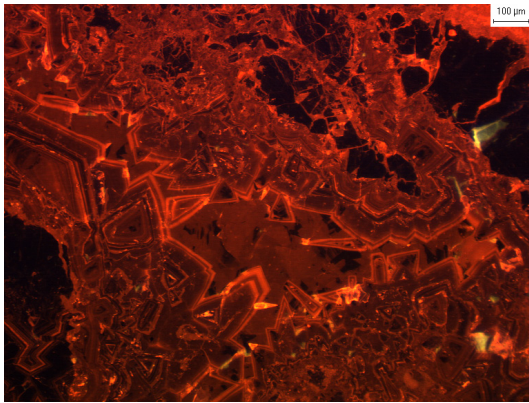


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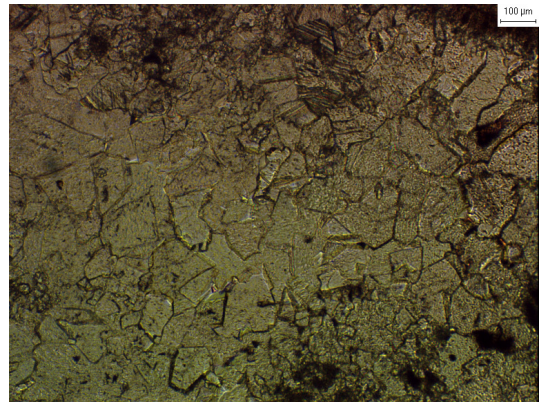


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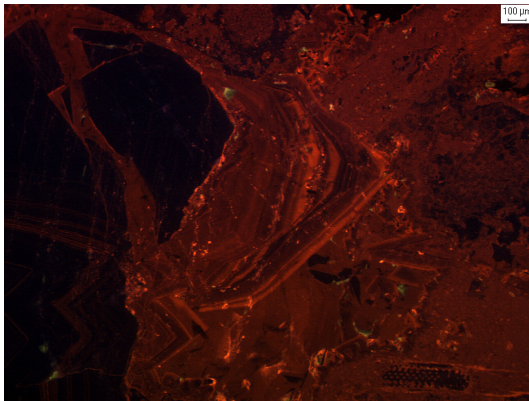




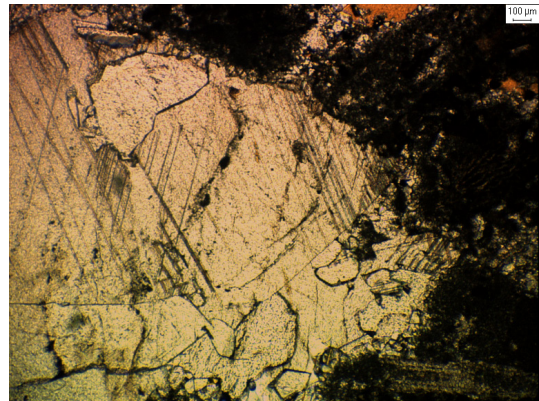
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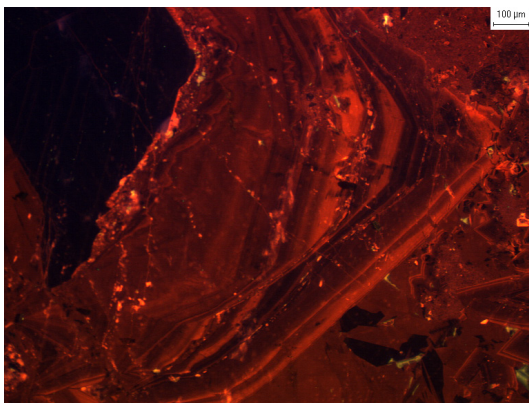
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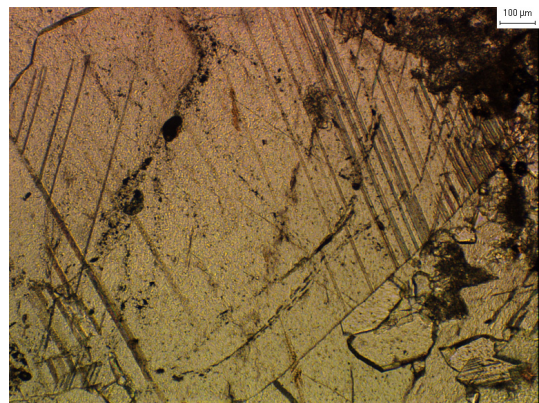
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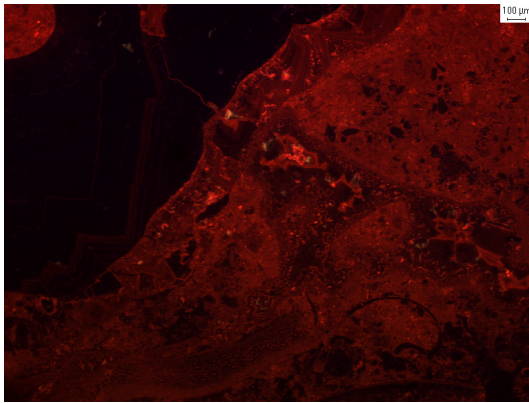


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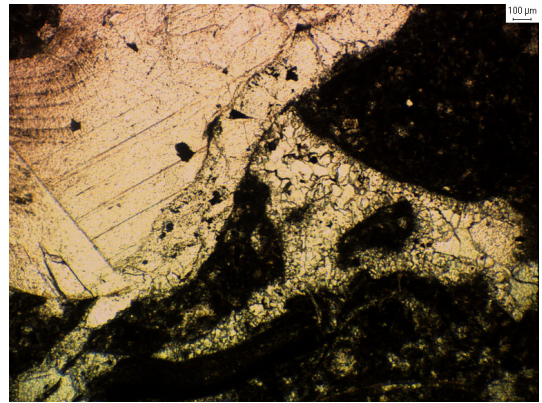


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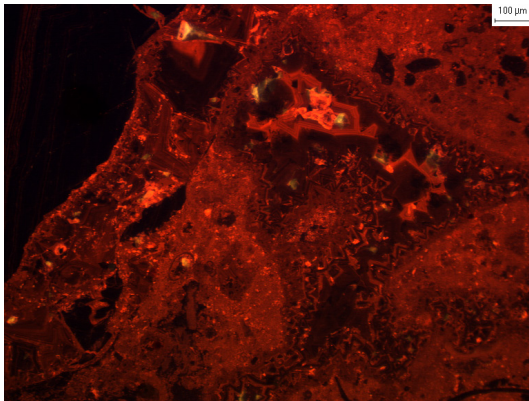




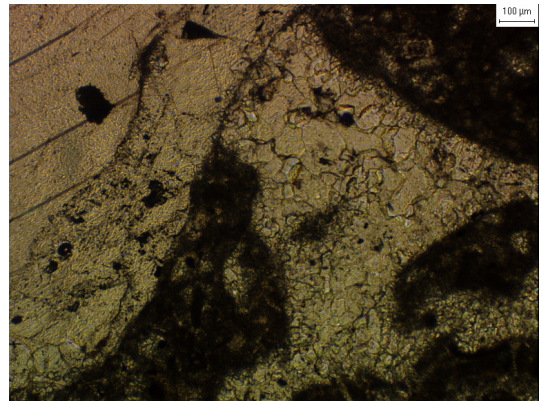
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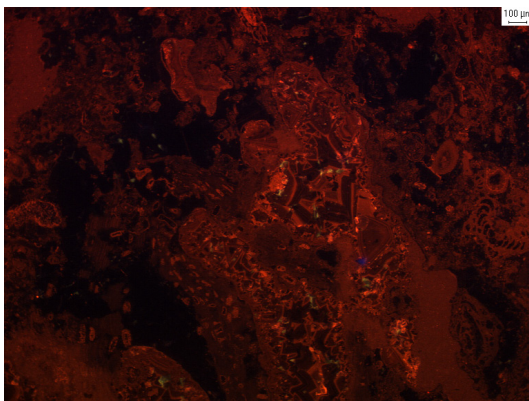
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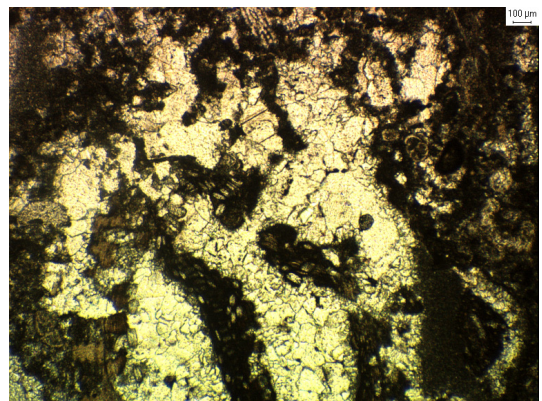
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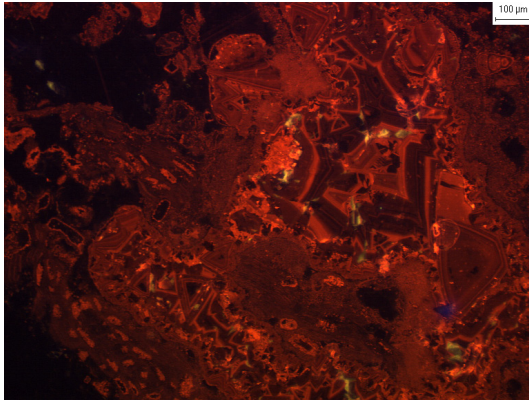


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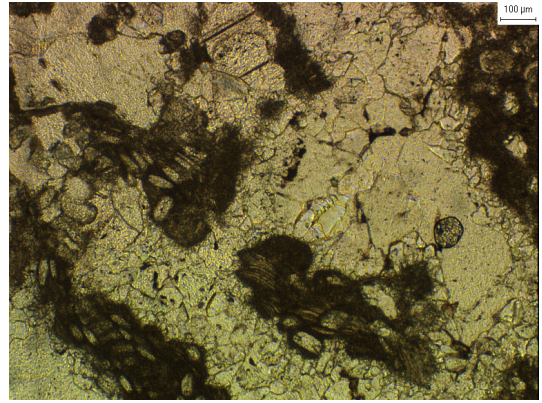


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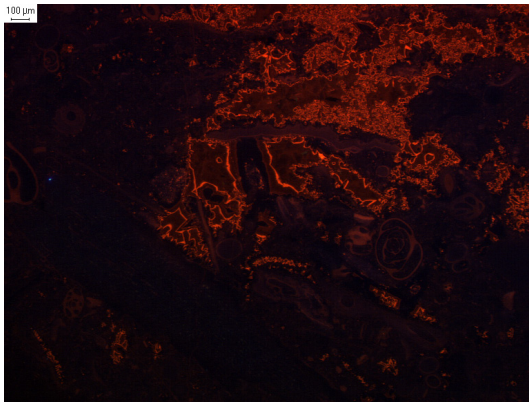




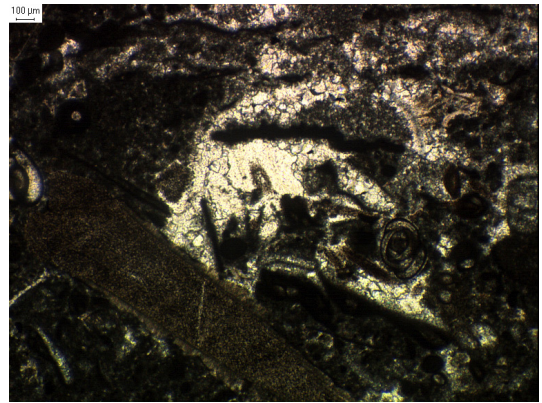
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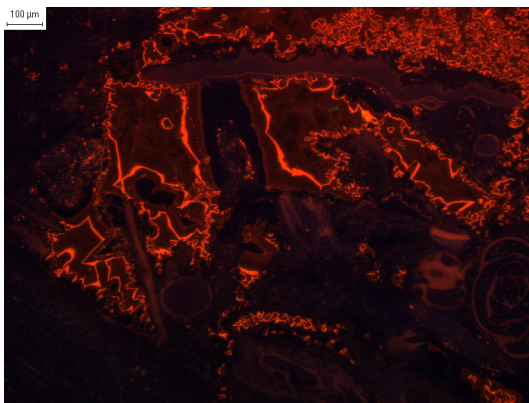
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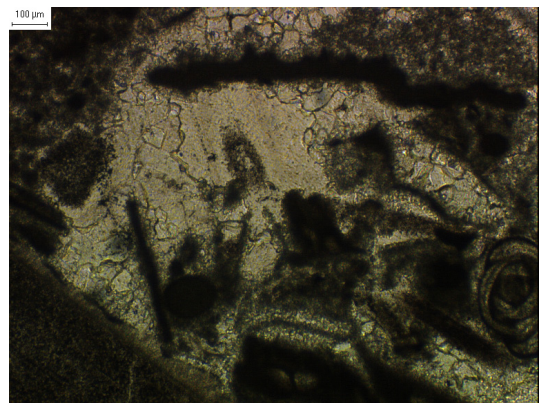
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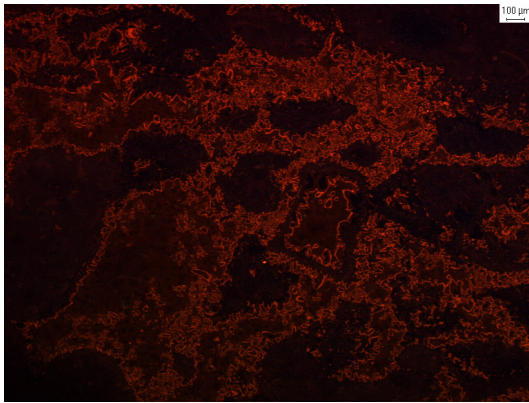


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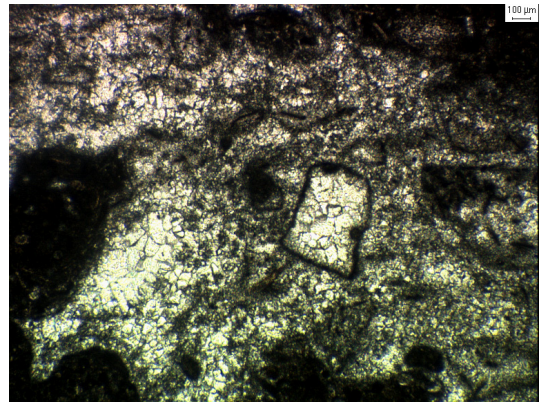


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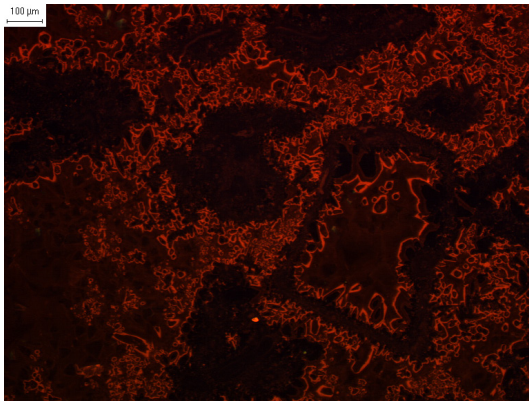




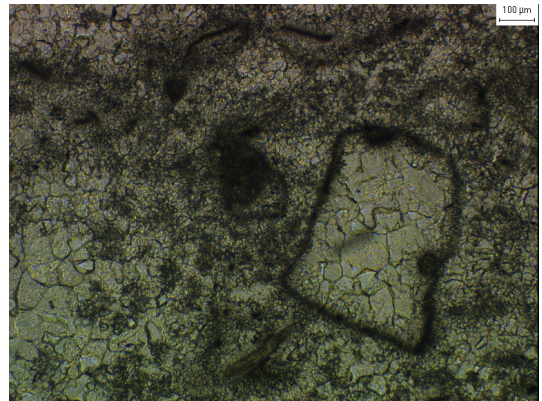
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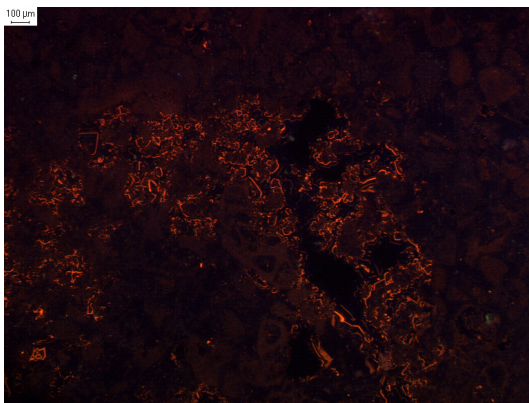
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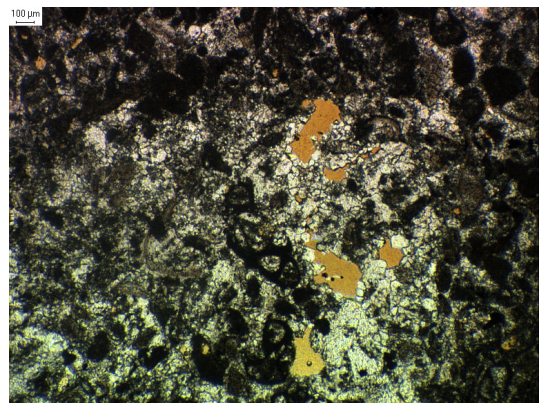
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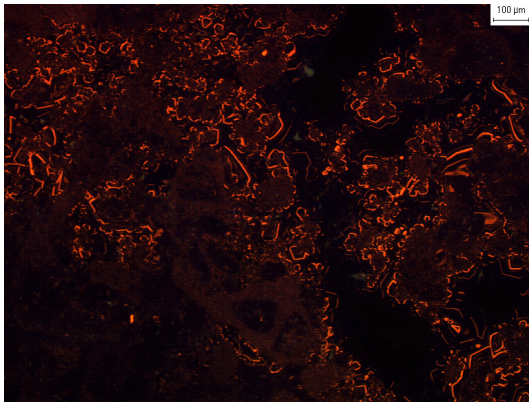


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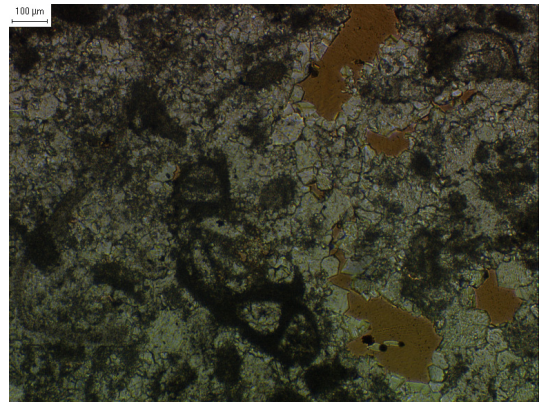


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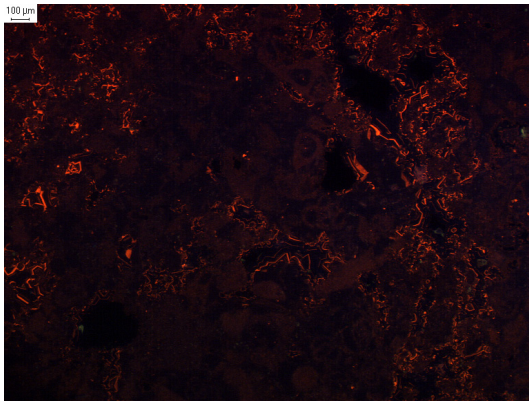




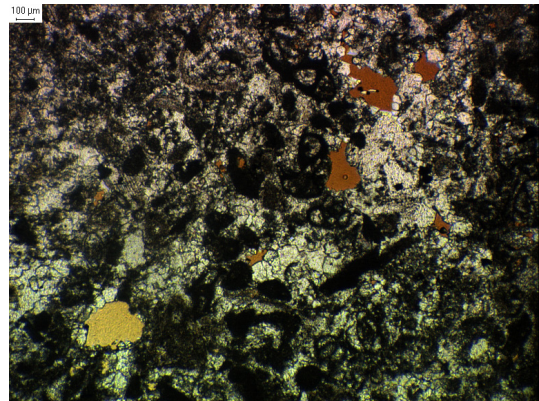
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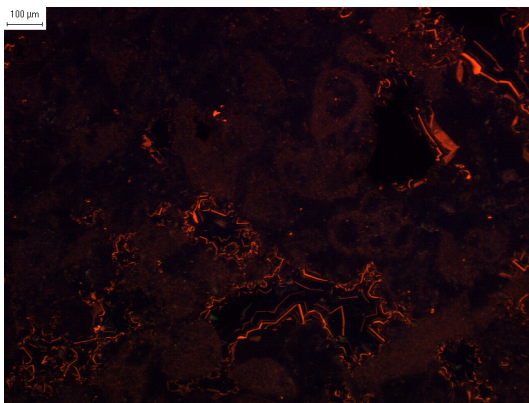
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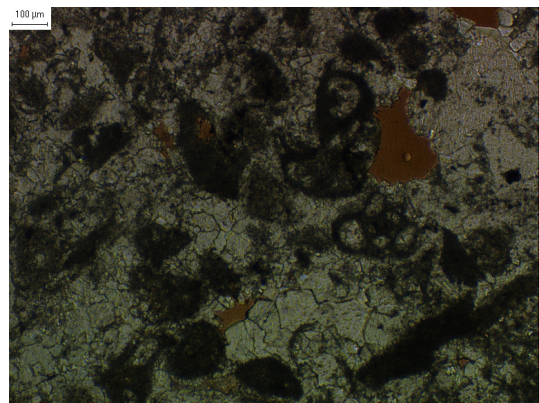
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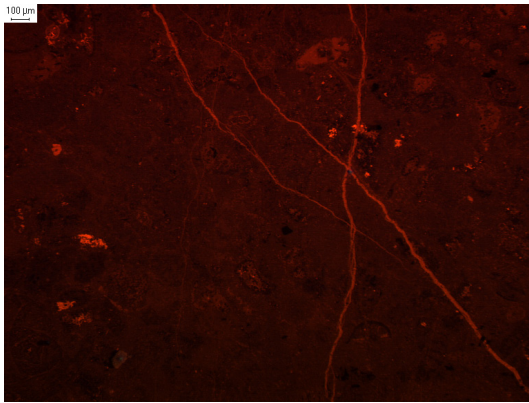


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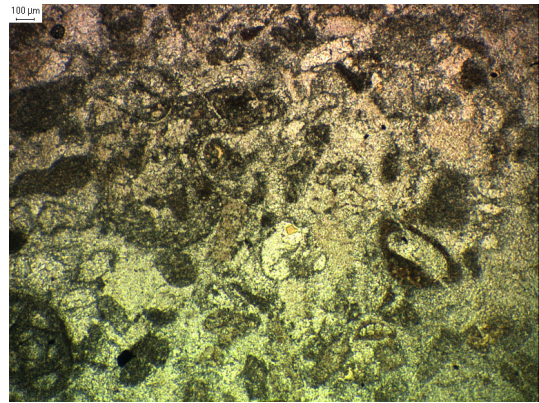


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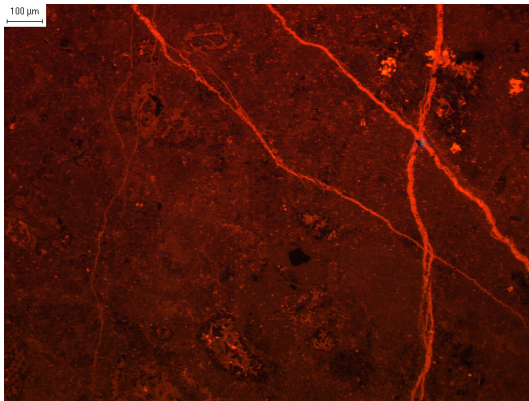




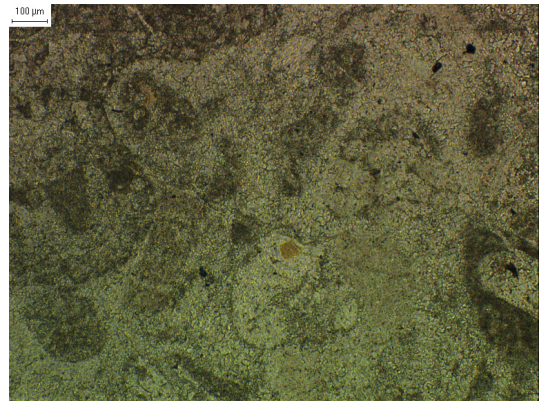
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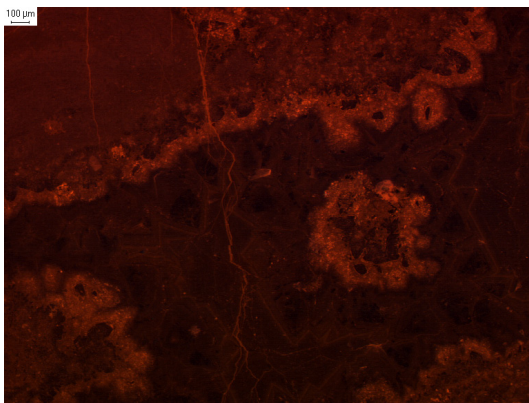
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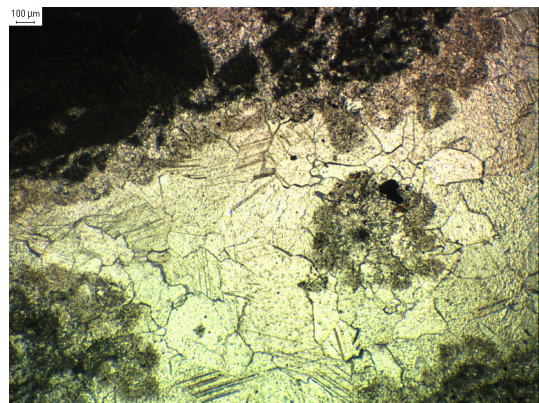
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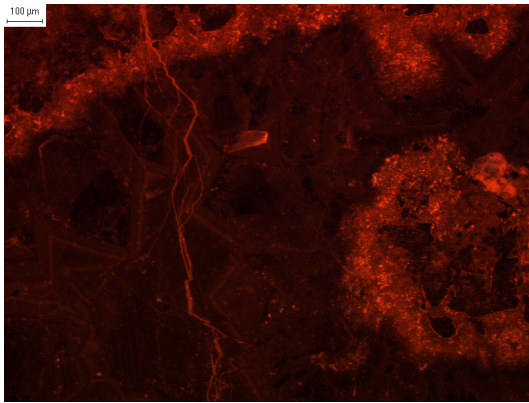


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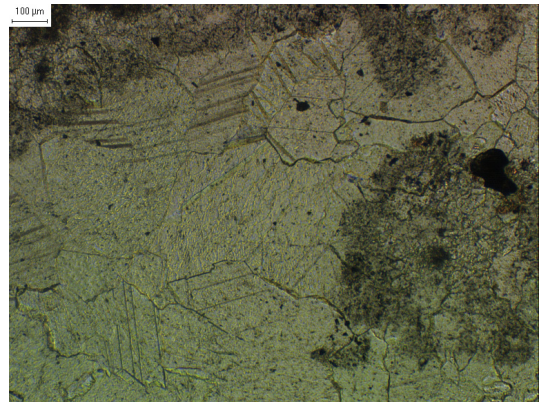


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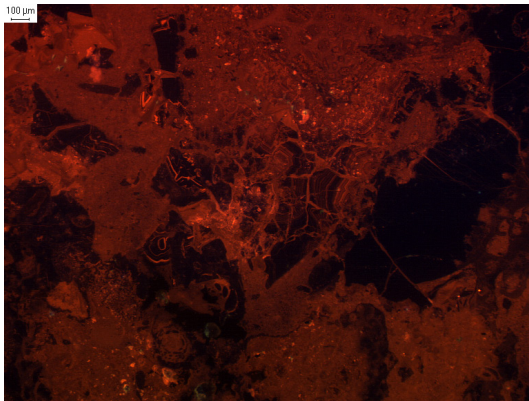




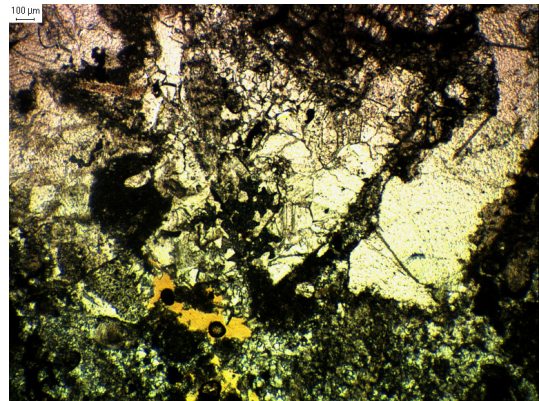
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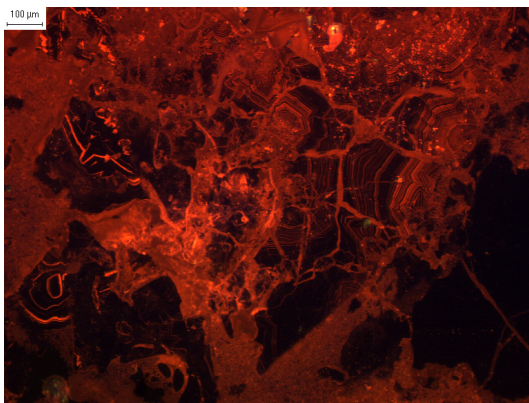
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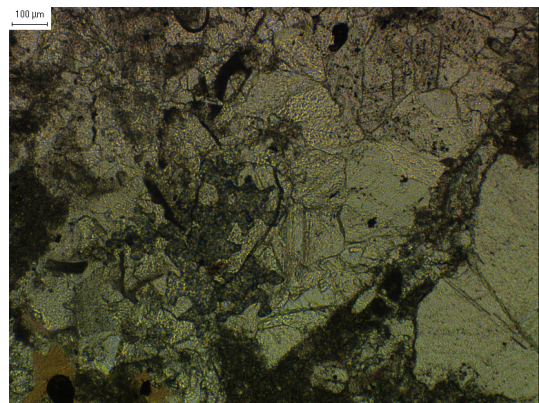
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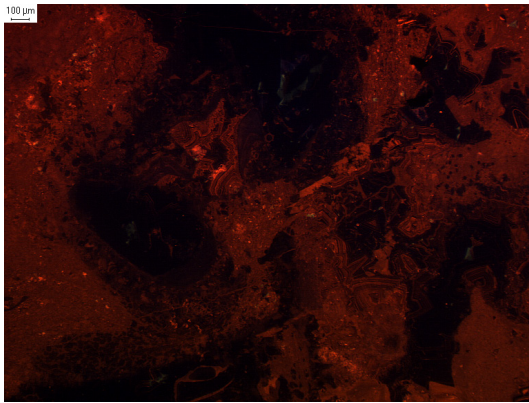


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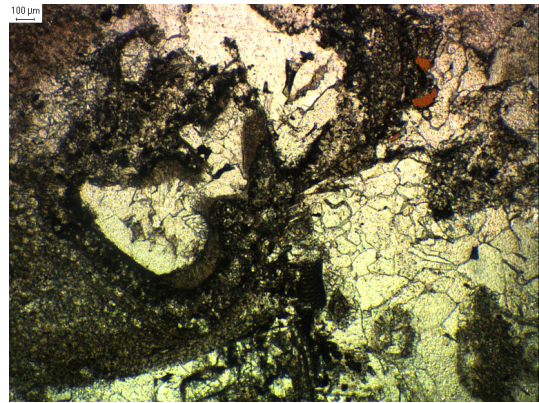


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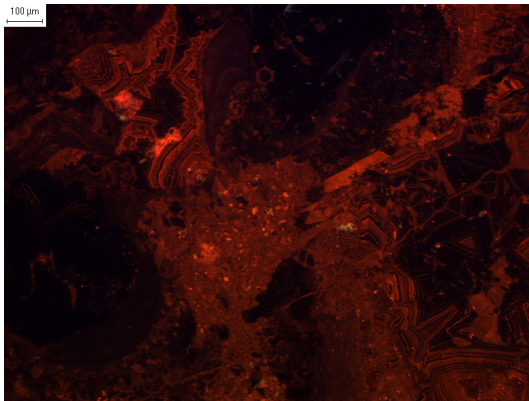




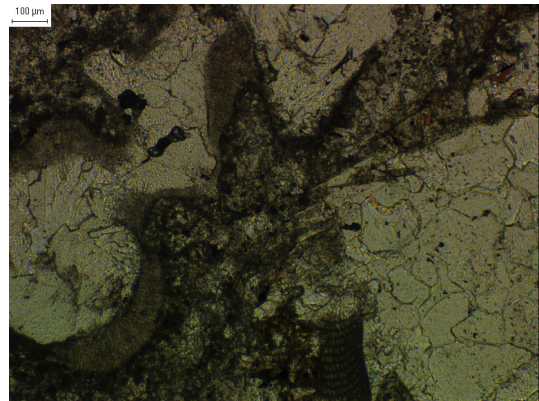
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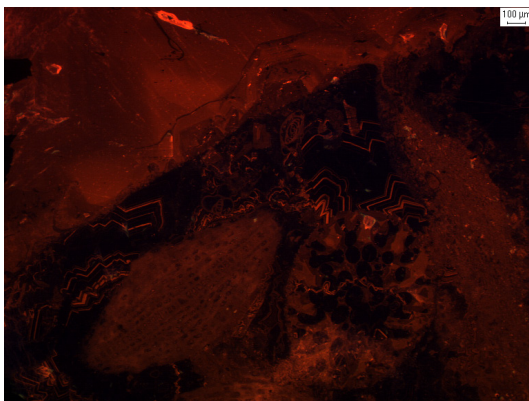
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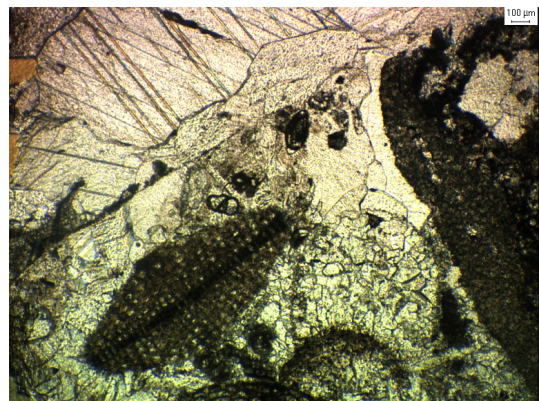
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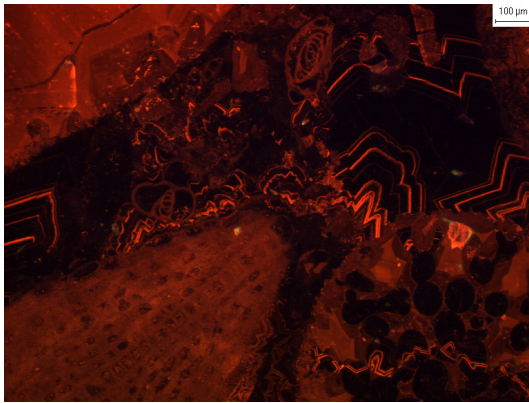


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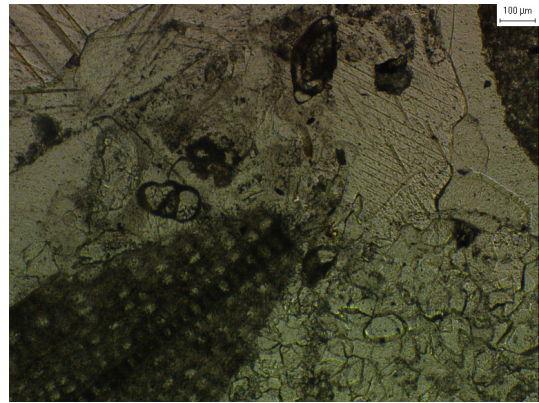


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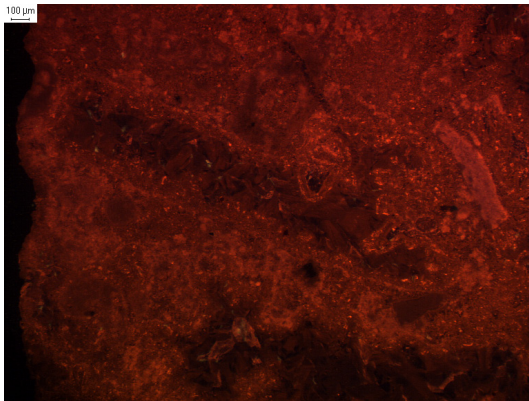




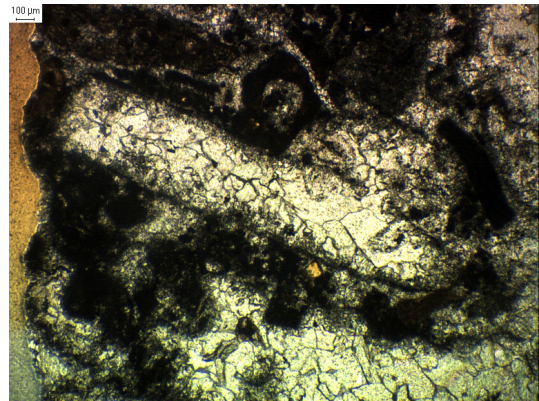
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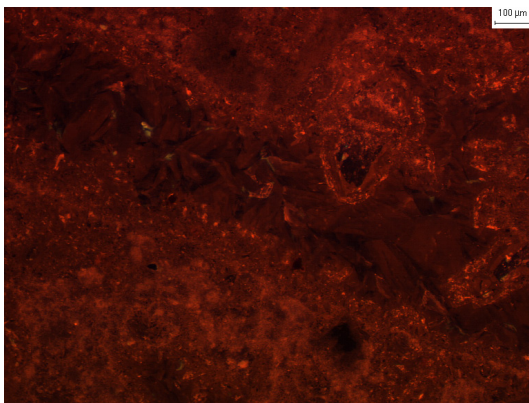
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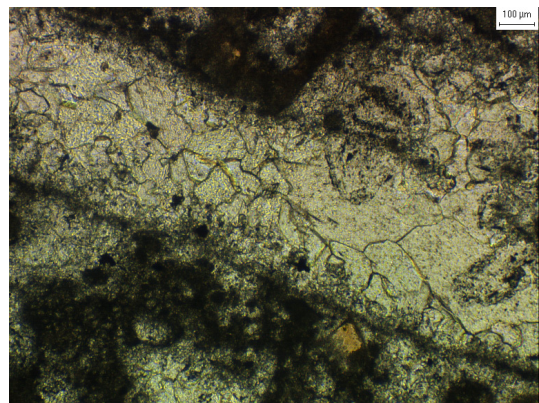
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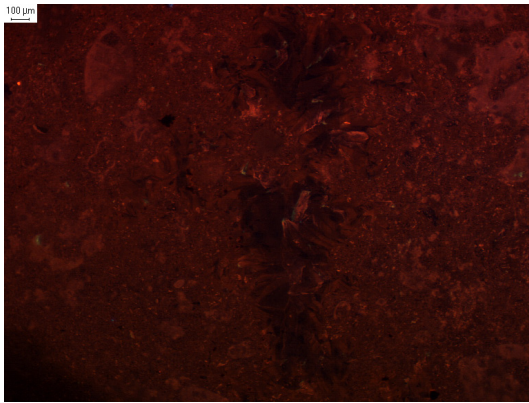


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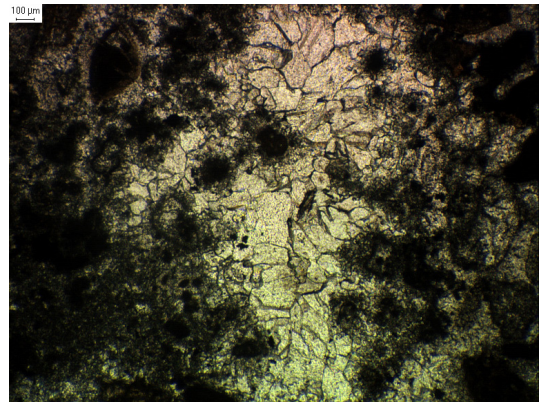


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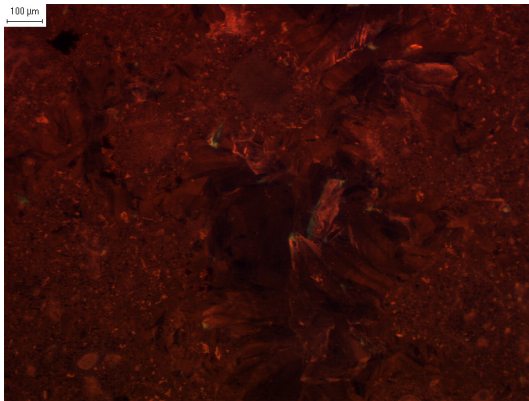




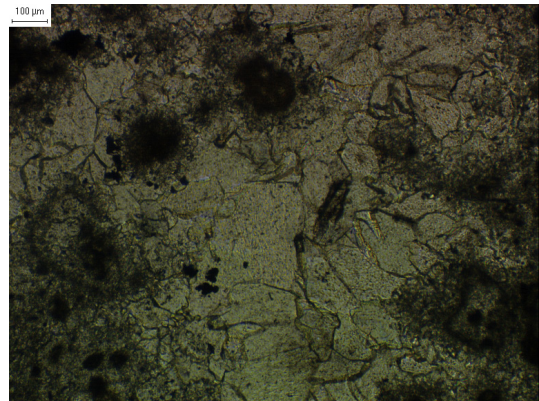
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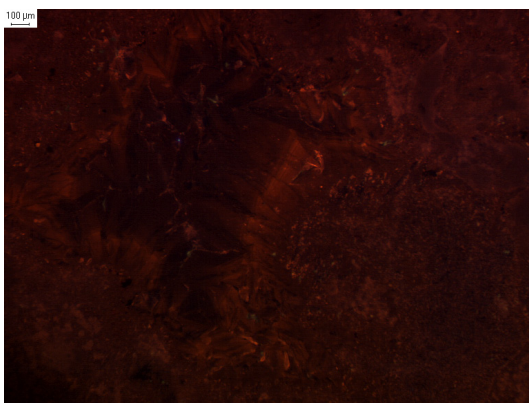
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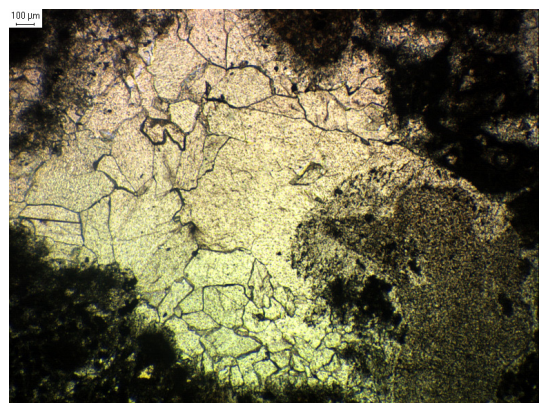
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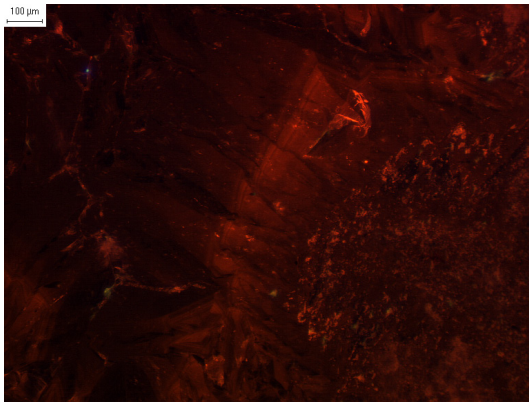


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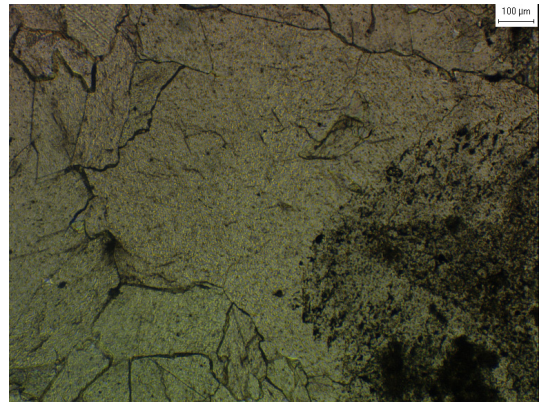


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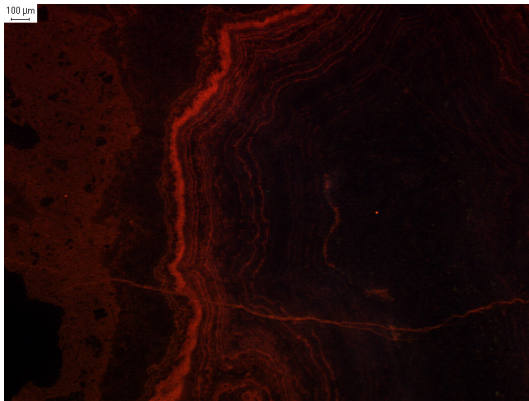




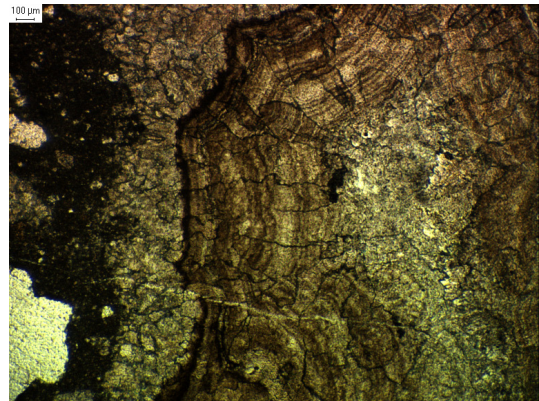
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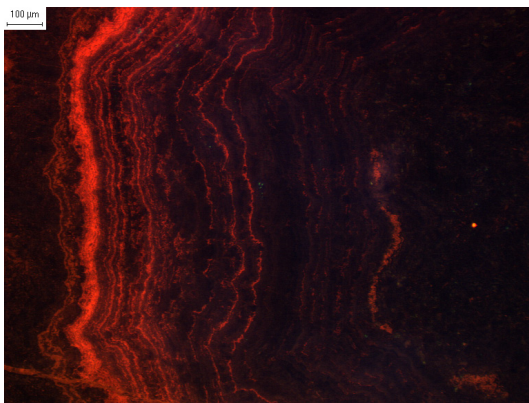
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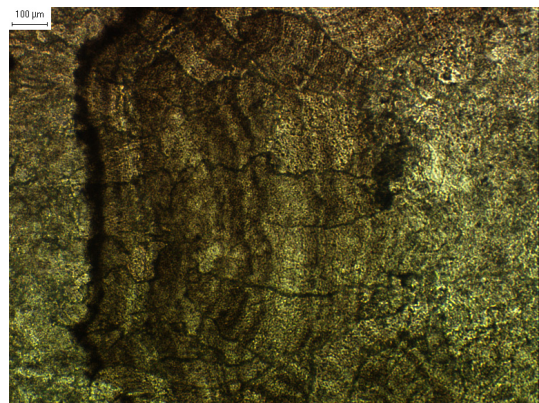
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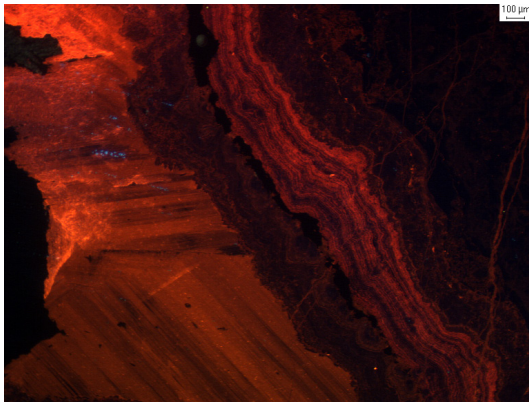


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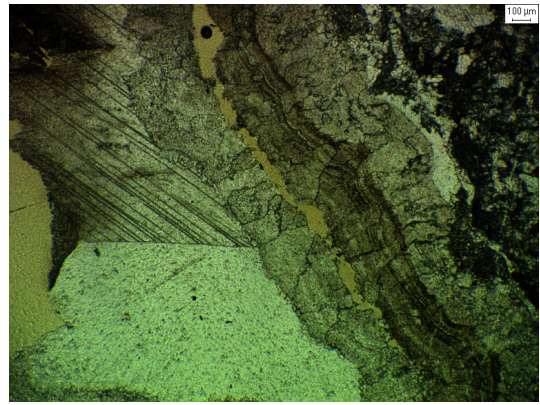


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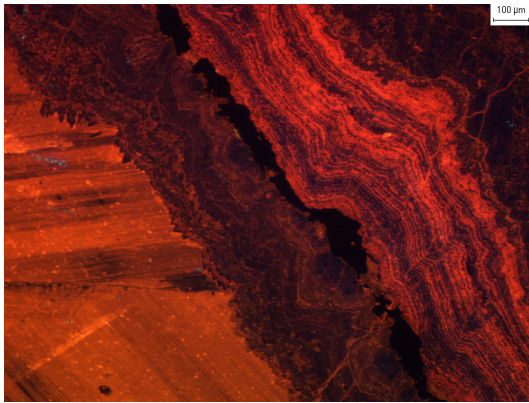




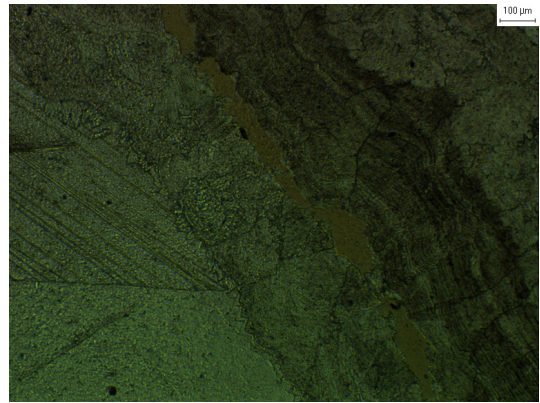
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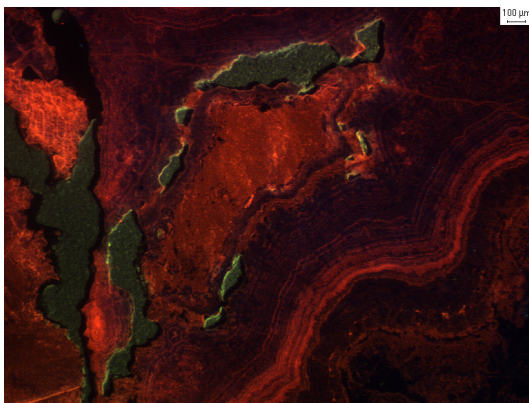
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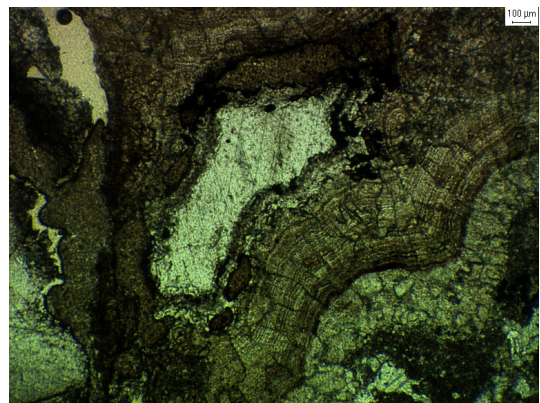
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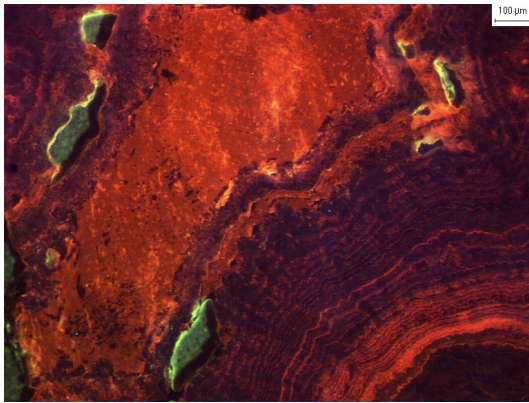


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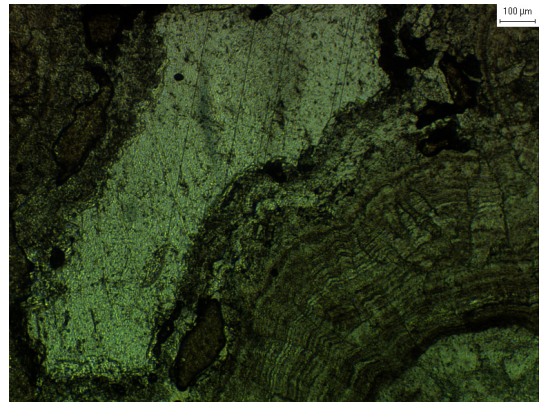


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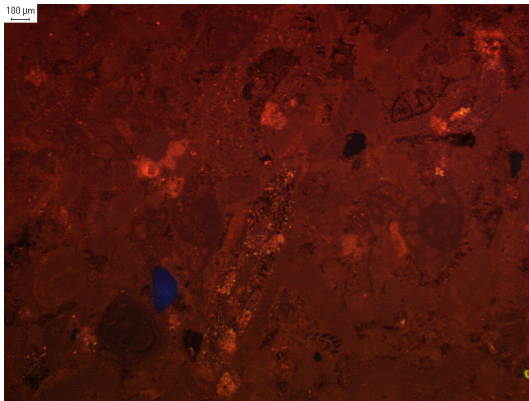




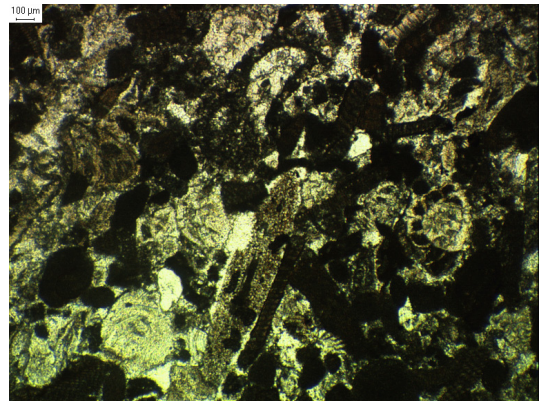
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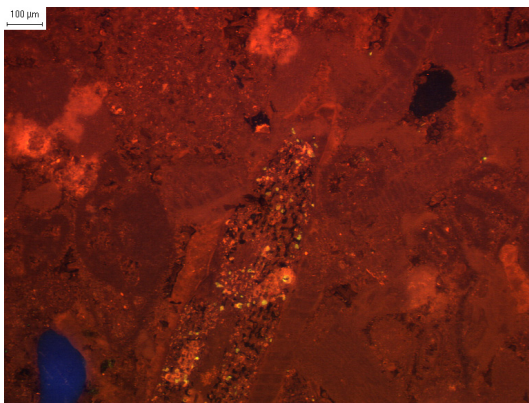
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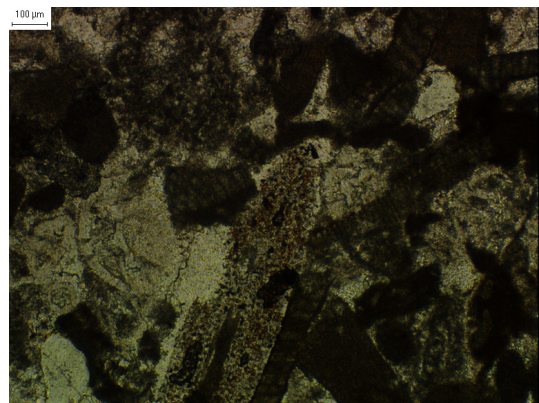
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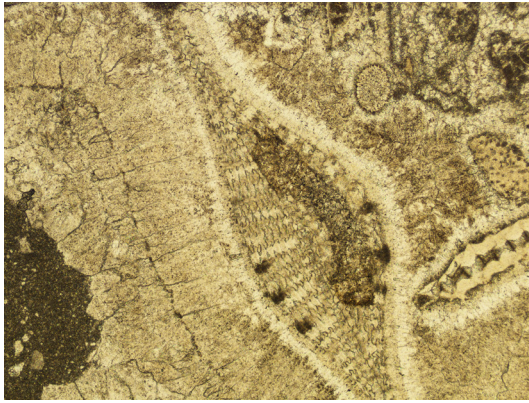


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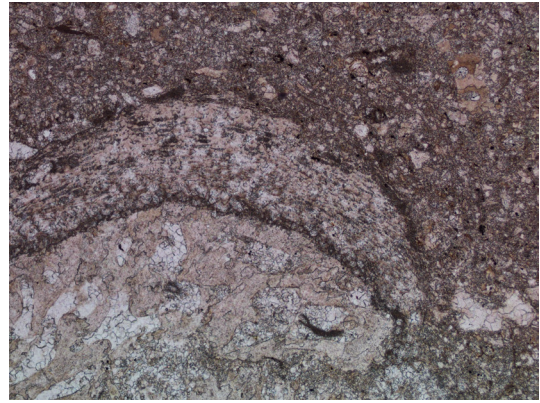


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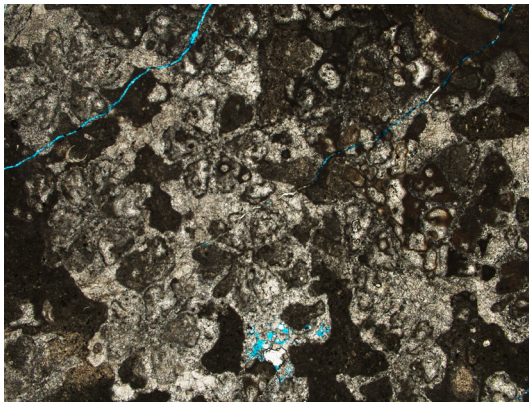




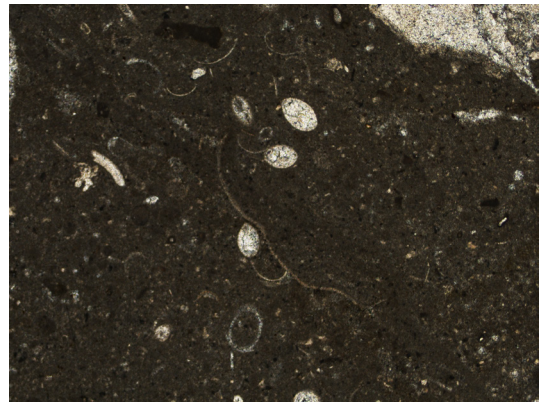
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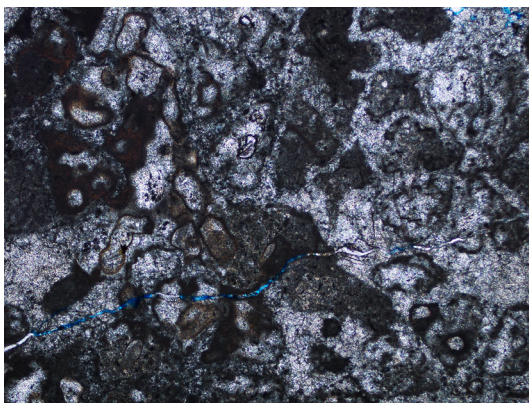
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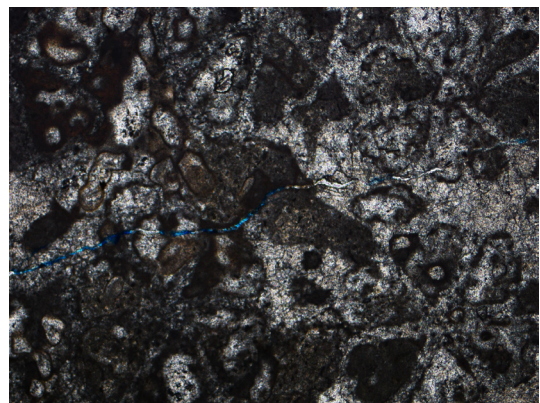
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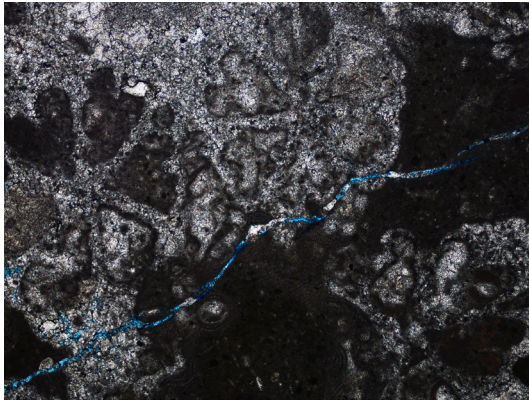


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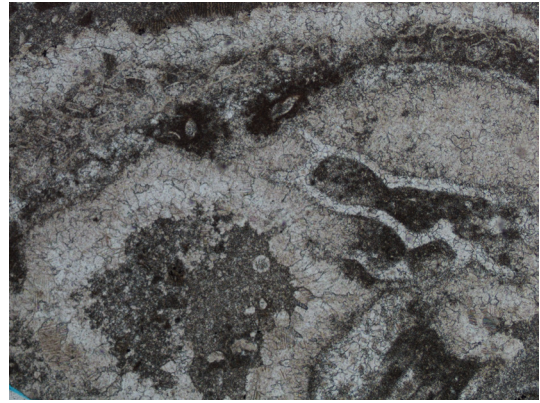


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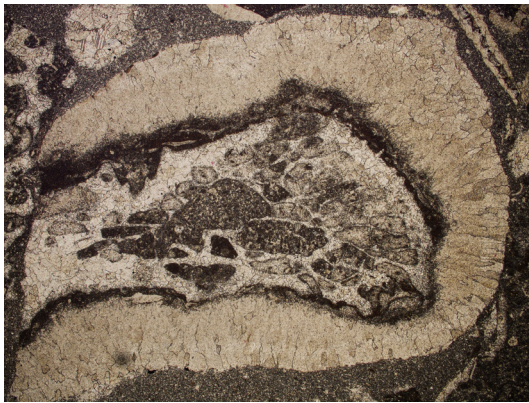




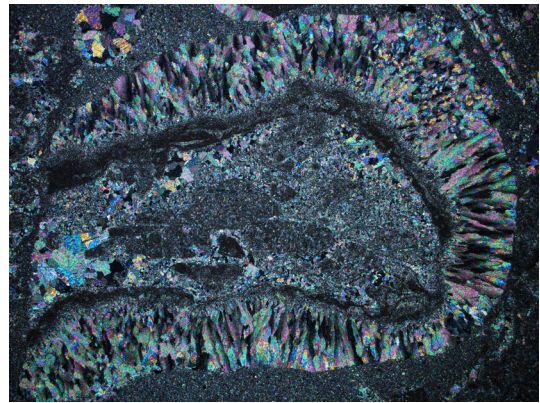
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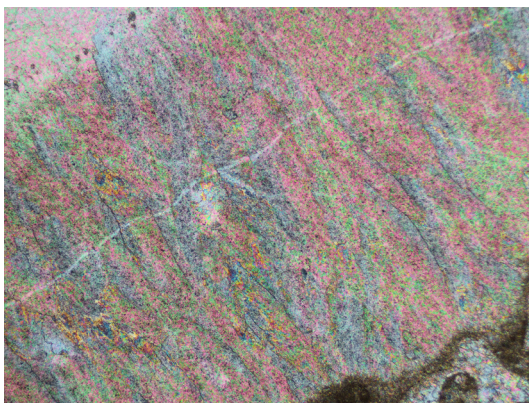
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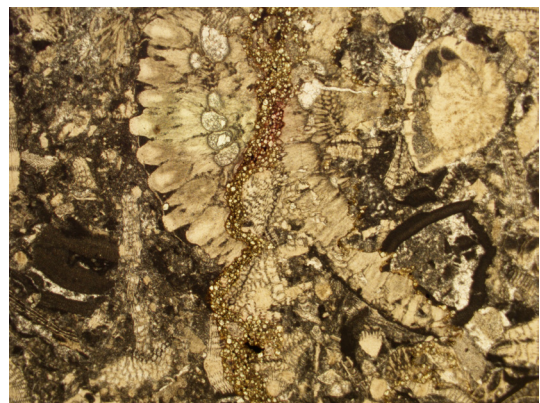
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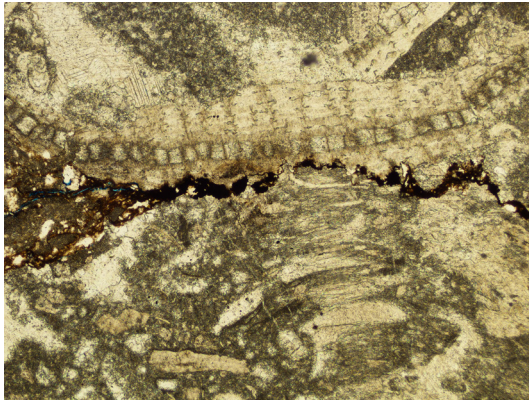


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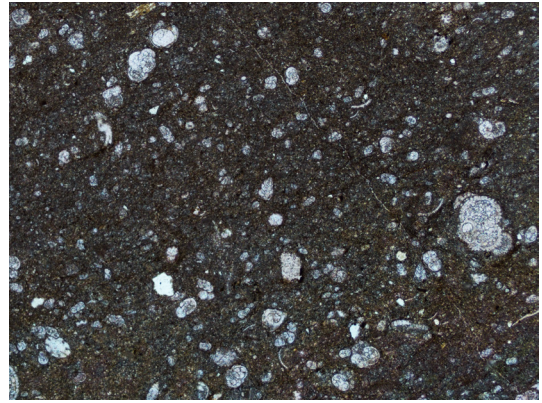


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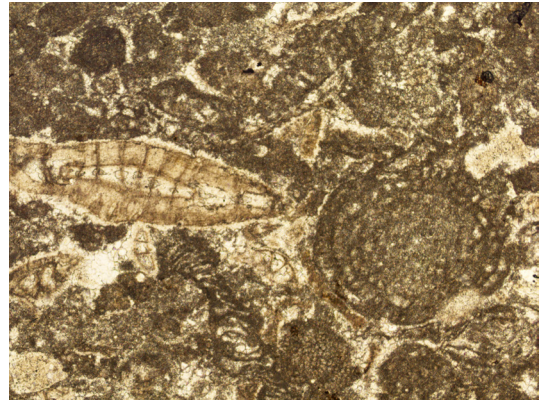
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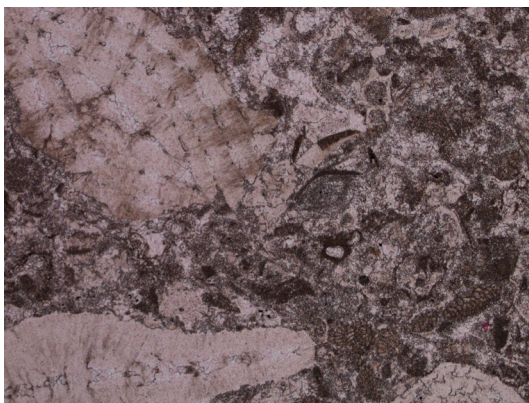
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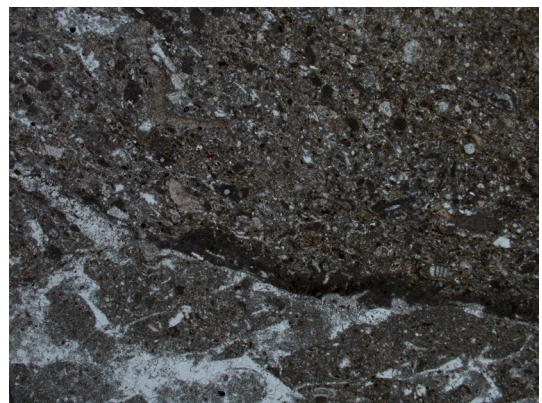
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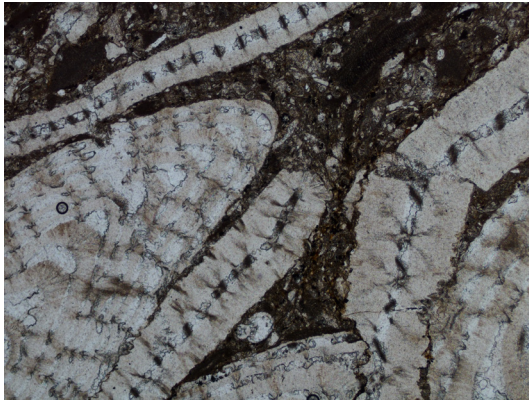


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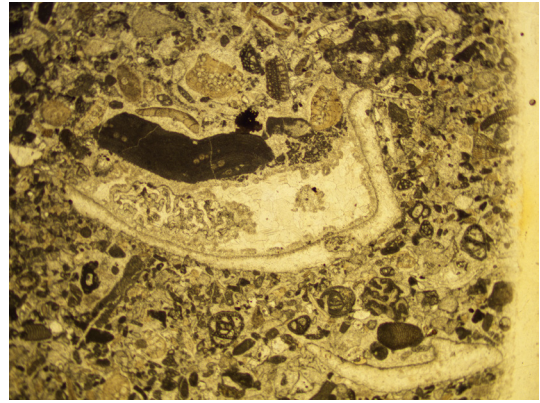


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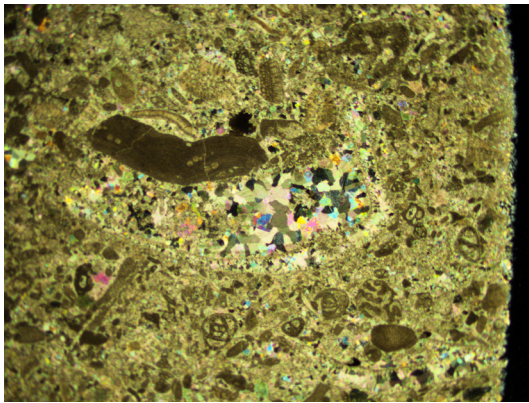




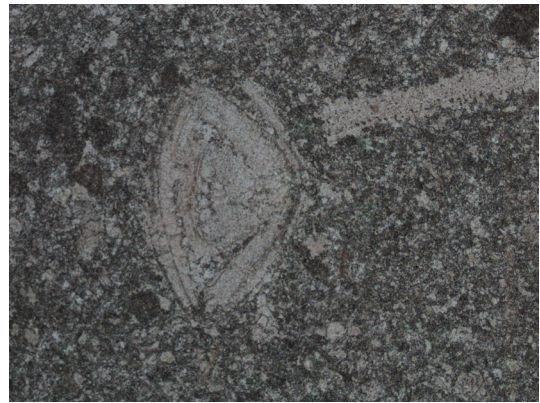
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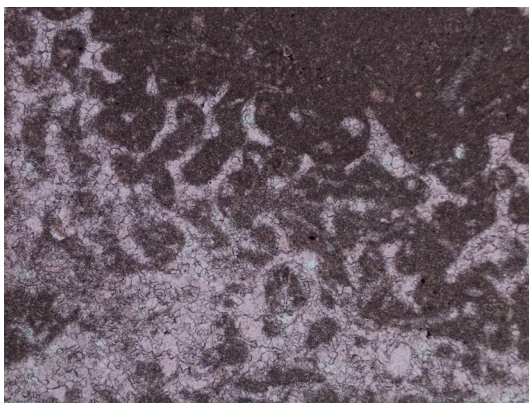
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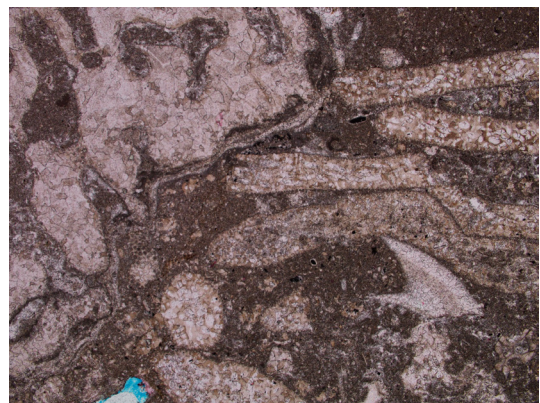
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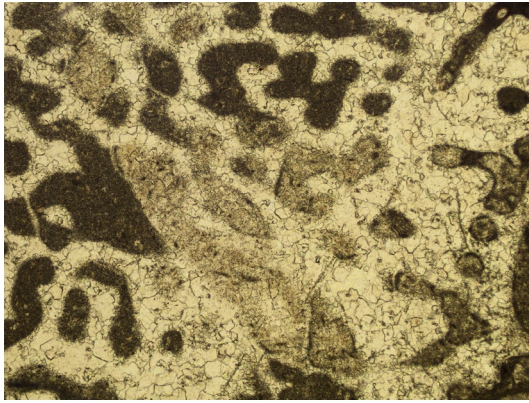


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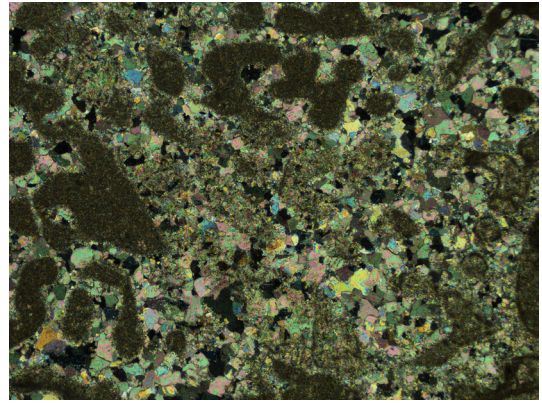


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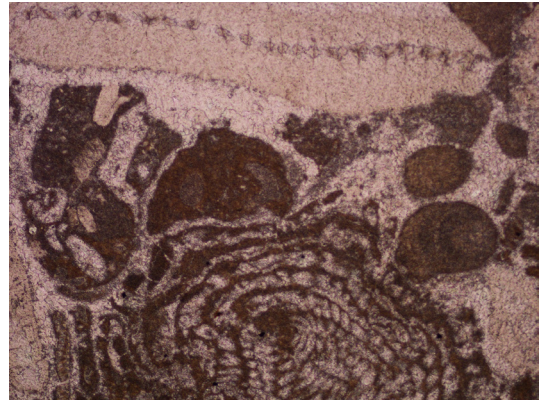
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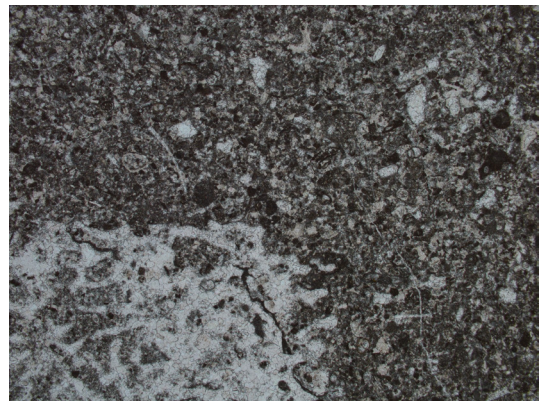
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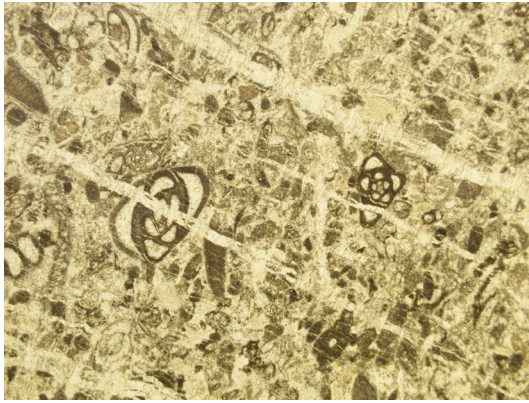


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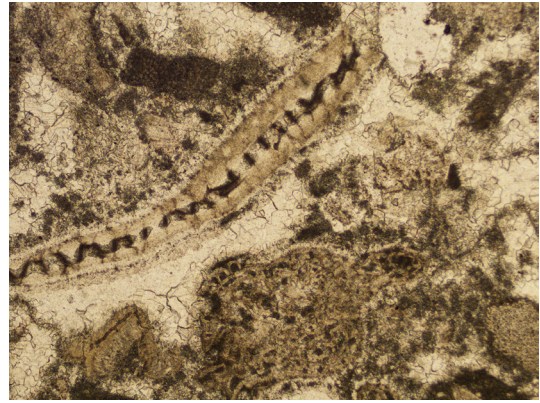


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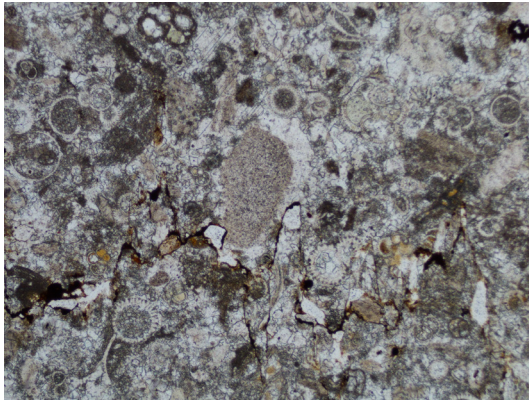




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PR05-BandedCement,CavityInfill 2.5xPPL.tif

**APPENDIX E**

**STATEMENT OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF OTHERS**

To Whom It May Concern

I, **Robert Henry Christopher Madden**, contributed to all aspects of research including, but not limited to, primary data collection, data processing and analysis, figure drafting and writing for the publications entitled:

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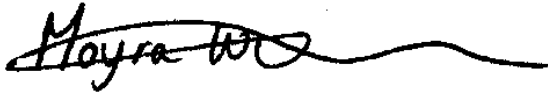
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