

# Petrology of Sedimentary Rocks

G421P13, summer semester, 2/1 hours, 3-4th year

## ***2. Carbonates - II. diagenesis, dolomitization***

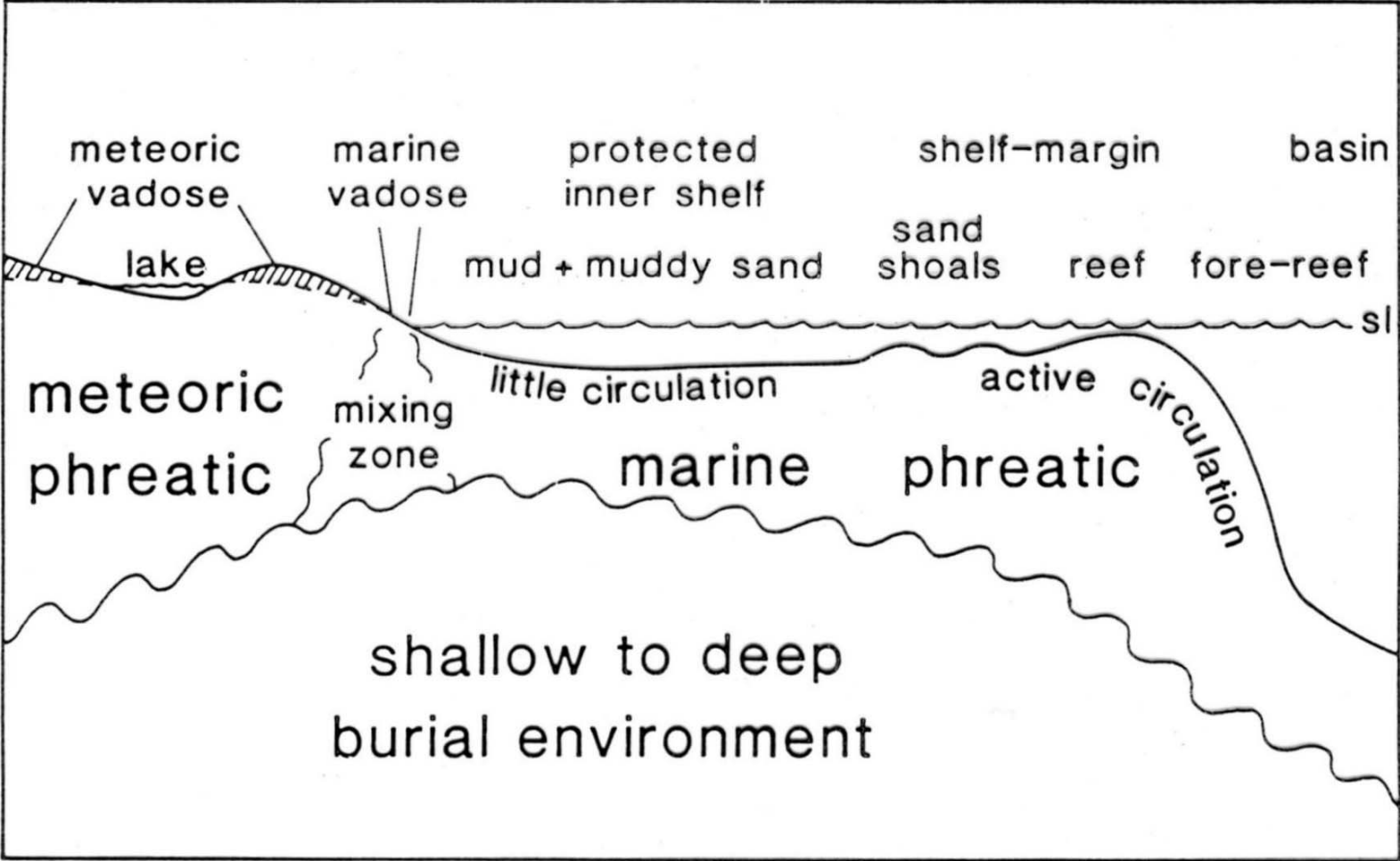
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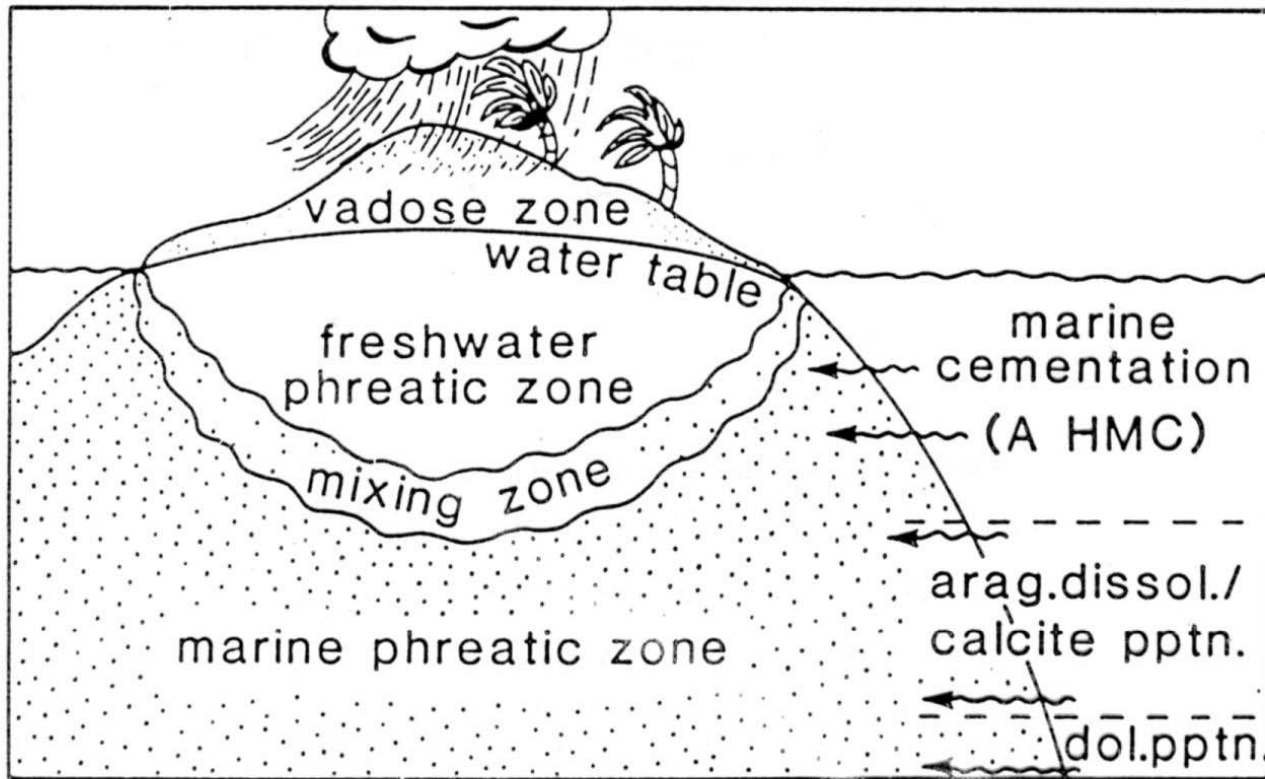
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## overview

diagenesis of grains – microbial micritization, borings, recrystallization;  
    argonite (A), high-Mg calcite (HMC) → low-Mg calcite (LMC)  
cementation – pore fluids supersaturated  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , mineralogy of  
    cements depends on  $\text{PCO}_2$ , Mg/Ca ratio  
neomorphism – recrystallization – change of mineralogy and/or  
    structure  
dissolution – carstification, pressure dissolution, stylolites  
compaction  
dolomitization, dedolomitization  
diagenetic environments – meteoric vadose, meteoric phreatic,  
    marine phreatic, burial

diagenetic environments





**Fig. 7.2** *Diagenetic environments for an isolated platform, atoll or shelf margin, where an island is present with a freshwater lens. With increasing depth, seawater will become less saturated with respect to  $\text{CaCO}_3$  so that aragonite may be dissolved and calcite precipitated, and eventually dolomite may be precipitated. This part of the model could apply to any platform or shelf margin. Depths will depend on the saturation state of seawater at the time.*



# marine diagenesis - overview

## present-day cements

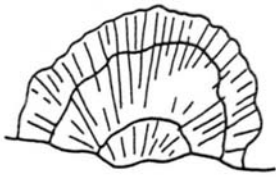
intertidal-subtidal – beachrock; A, HMC timely – **needle/accicular fringe surrounding grains**, perpendicular to grain surface; phreatic – **isopachous**; HMC dark micritic grain coatings, pore fillings; grain micritization; cement sources: a) phys.-chem. precipitation during evaporation on tidal flat, b) biochem. microbial precipitation (algal photosynthesis, bacterial calcification, decay of organic matter)

shallow subtidal – lagoons – **microbial micritization**; higher energy – cementation, **hardgrounds**; cements: **needle/accicular A, micritic HMC – grain coatings, peloidal structures**, surface crusts; reefs – high variability of cement types

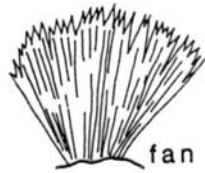
deep water cementation – up to 3,5 km depth, impregnation by phosphates and Fe, Mg oxides; Bahamas - cements: micritic LMC, deeper water - nodularization; warm undercurrents: thin crusts, nodules of lithified pelagic material, needle A and micritic A cement; cementation – low sedimentation rates, water-sediment interaction (but not with pore fluids)

present-day marine dissolution – higher latitudes – low CaCO<sub>3</sub> saturation – dissolution of bioclasts in first 100s m depth

### ARAGONITE CEMENTS

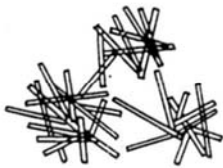


botryoids

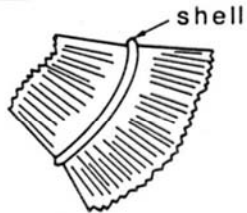


fan

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mesh of needles



shell

acicular fringe

### HIGH Mg CALCITE CEMENTS

100µm



bladed



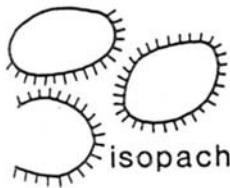
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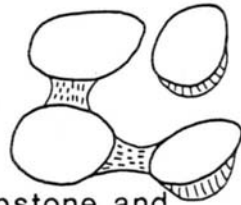
peloidal

### CEMENT GEOMETRY

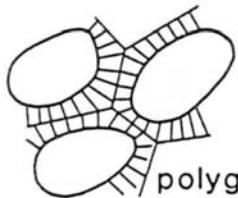
1mm



isopachous



dripstone and meniscus



polygonal boundary

modern marin cements and their geometries

undulose extinction  
curved twin planes  
subcrystals

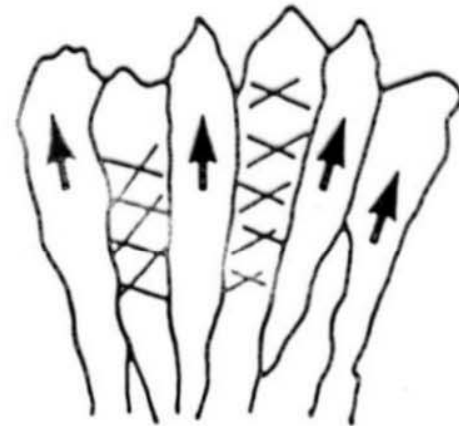


fascicular-optic

unit extinction  
straight twin planes



radiaxial



radial-fibrous

**Fig. 4.50** Common types of fibrous calcite. After Kendall (1985).

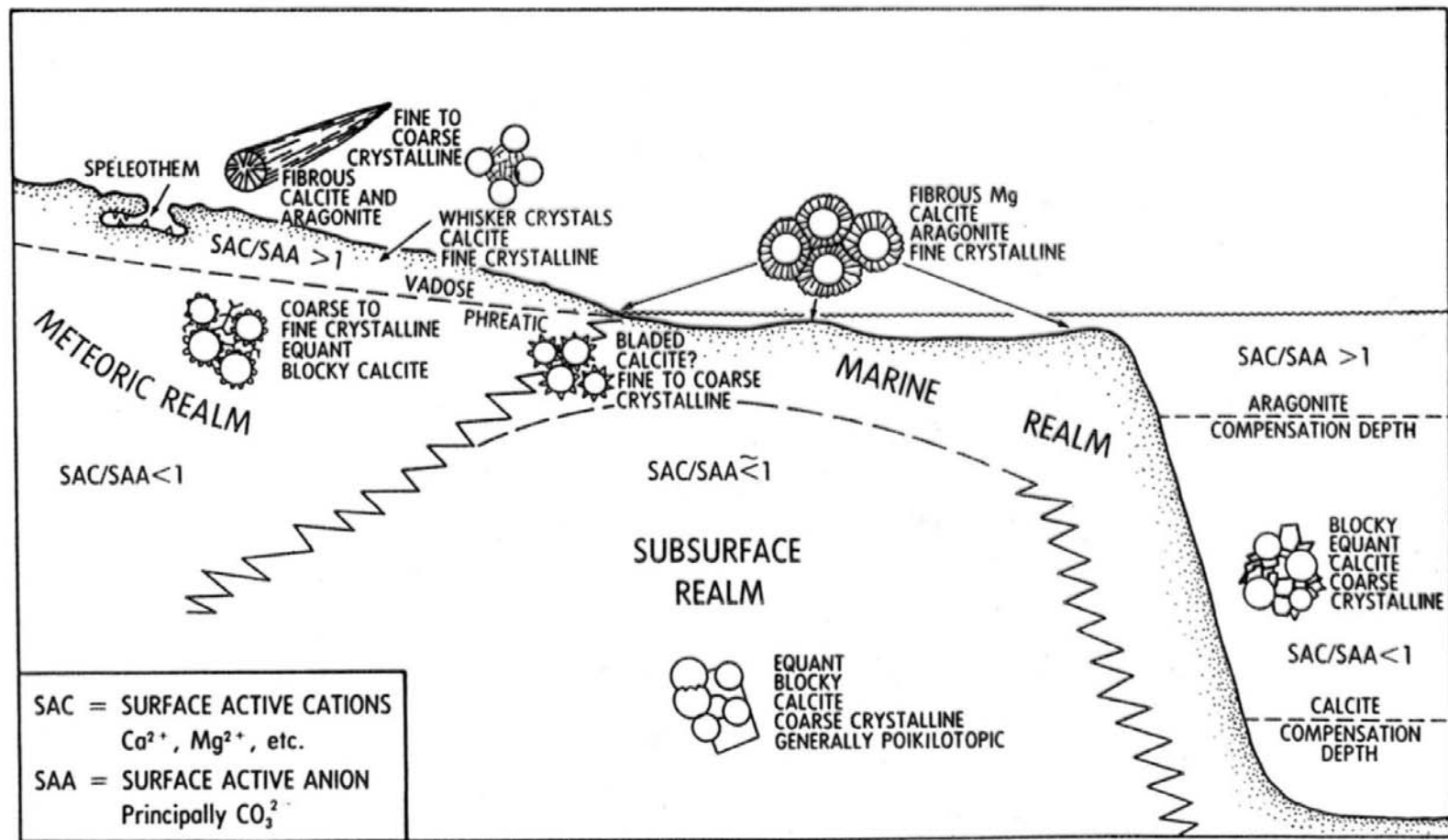


Fig. 3.5 Schematic diagram showing anticipated growth habits of pore-fill calcite cement in the principal diagenetic environments, as controlled by the ratio of surface active cations (SAC) to surface active anions (SAA).

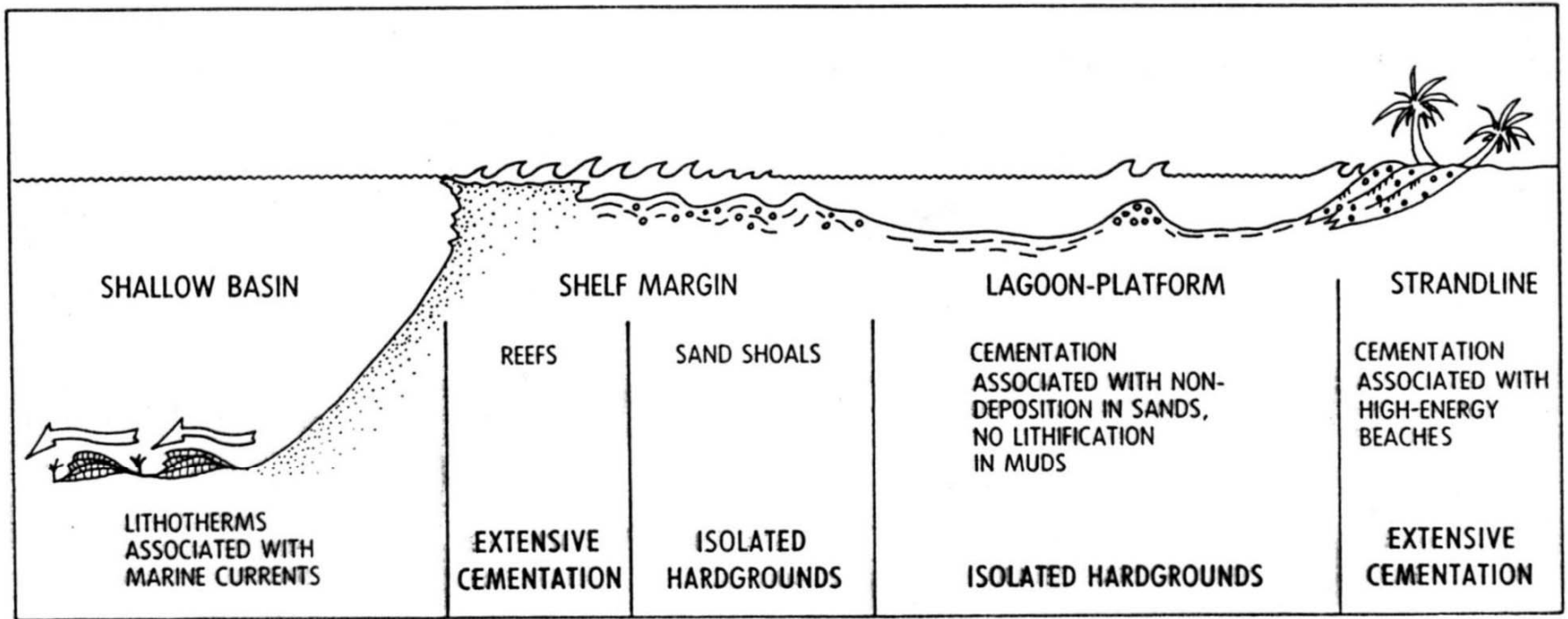
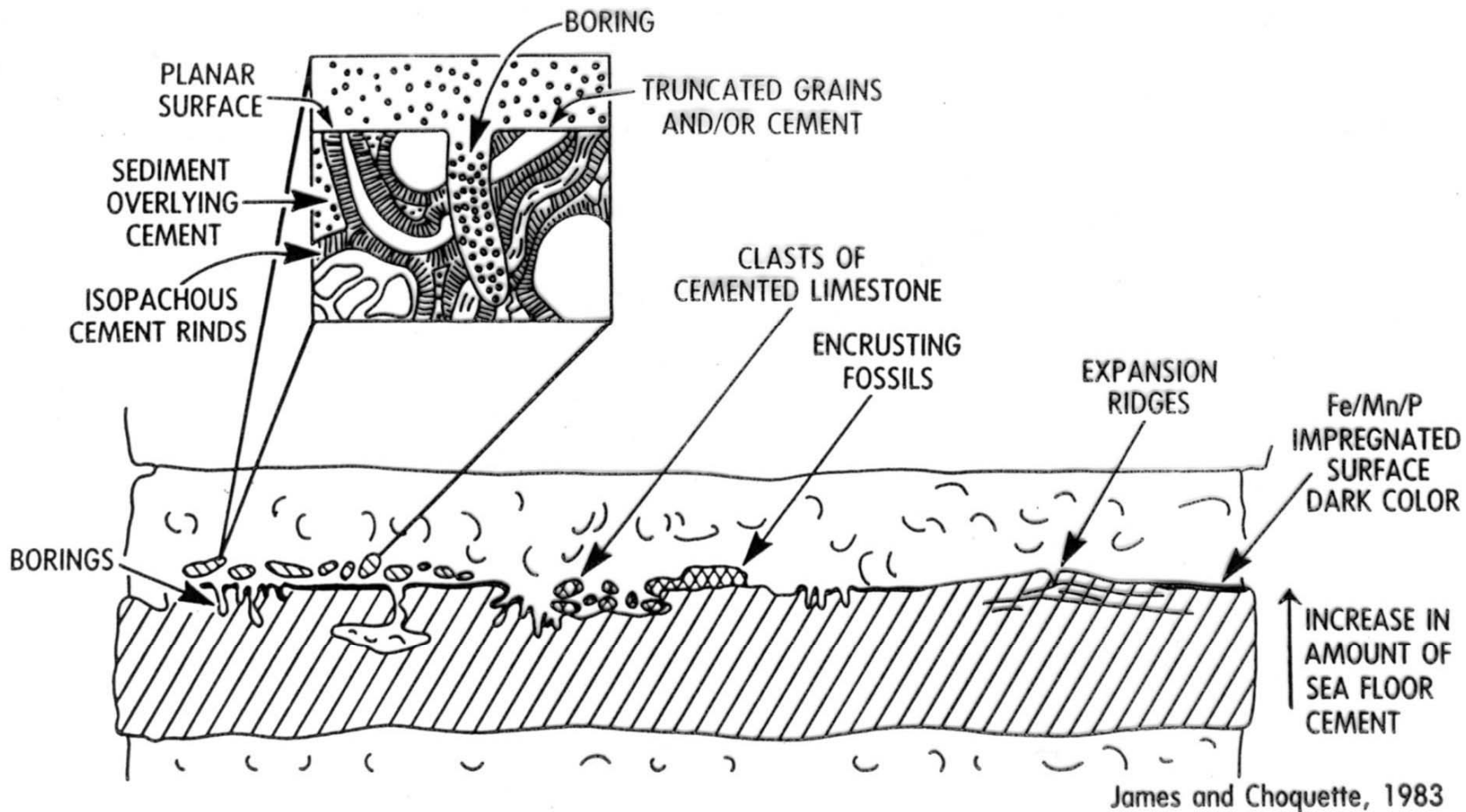
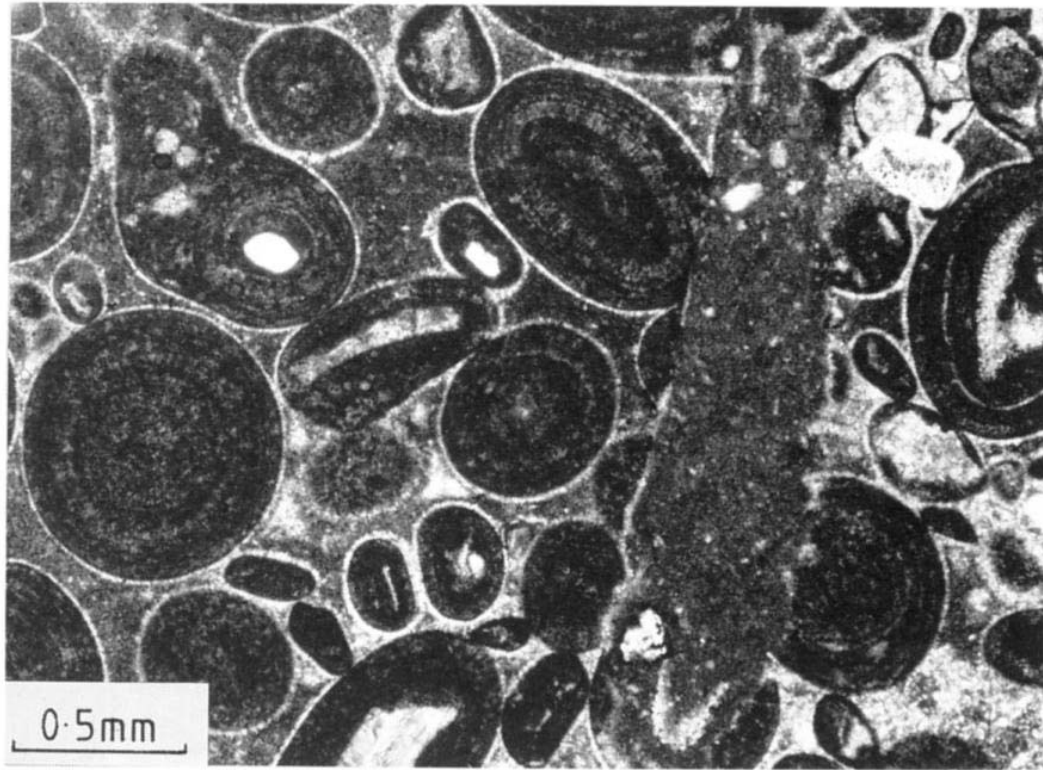


Fig. 4.5. Diagenetic processes associated with shallow marine depositional environments.

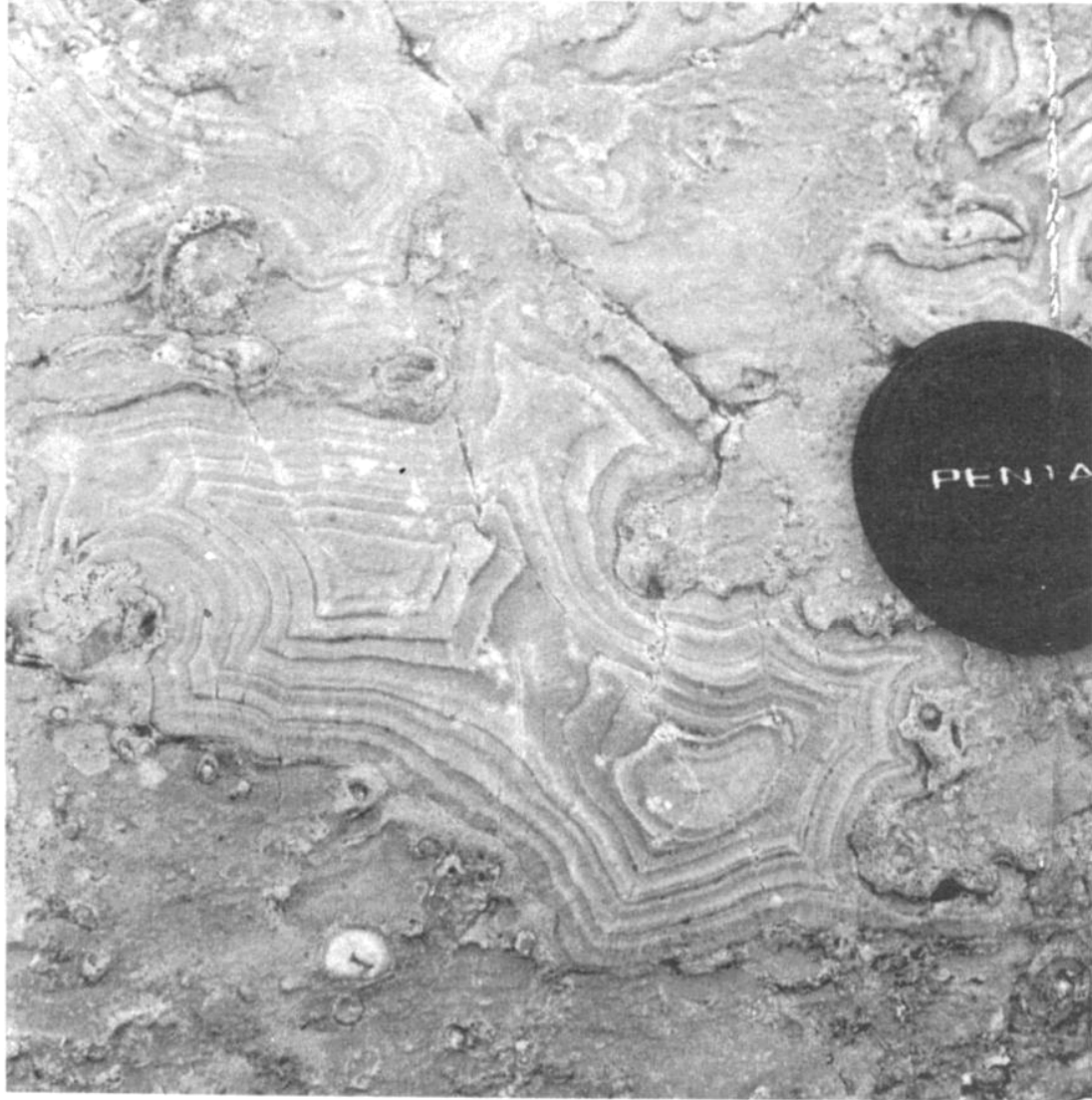


*Fig. 4.10. Criteria for the recognition of marine hardgrounds. Reprinted with permission of the Geological Association of Canada.*



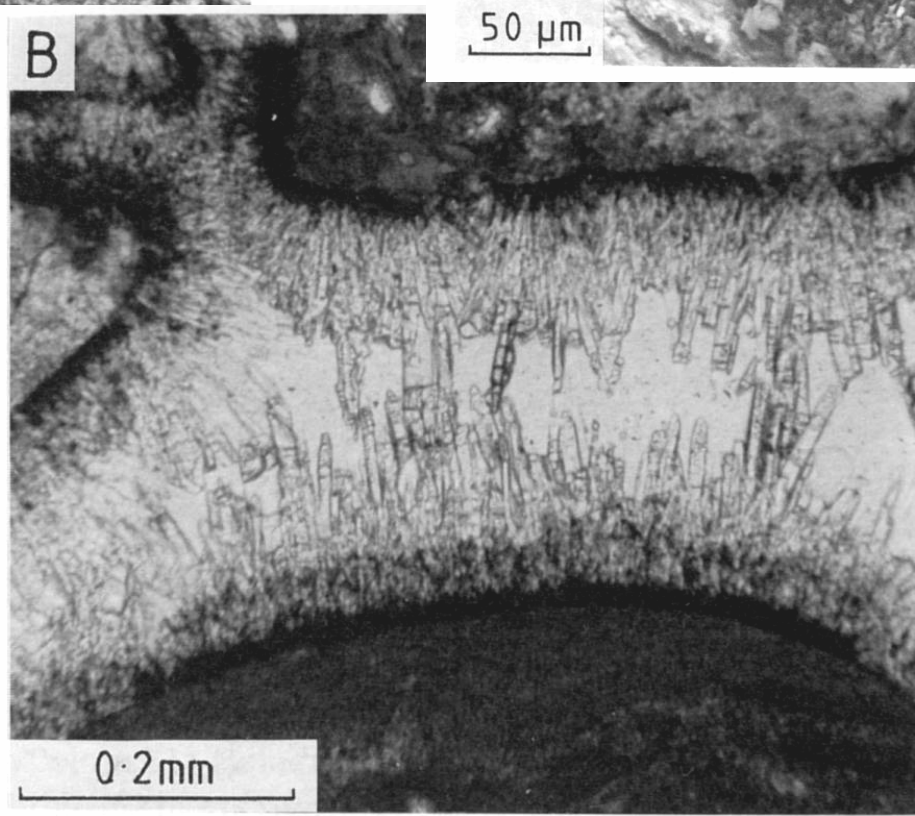
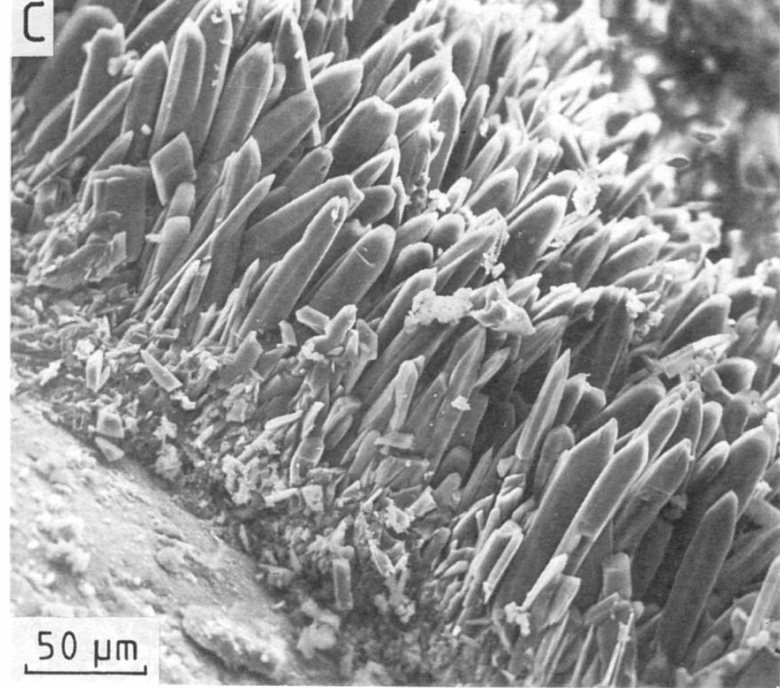
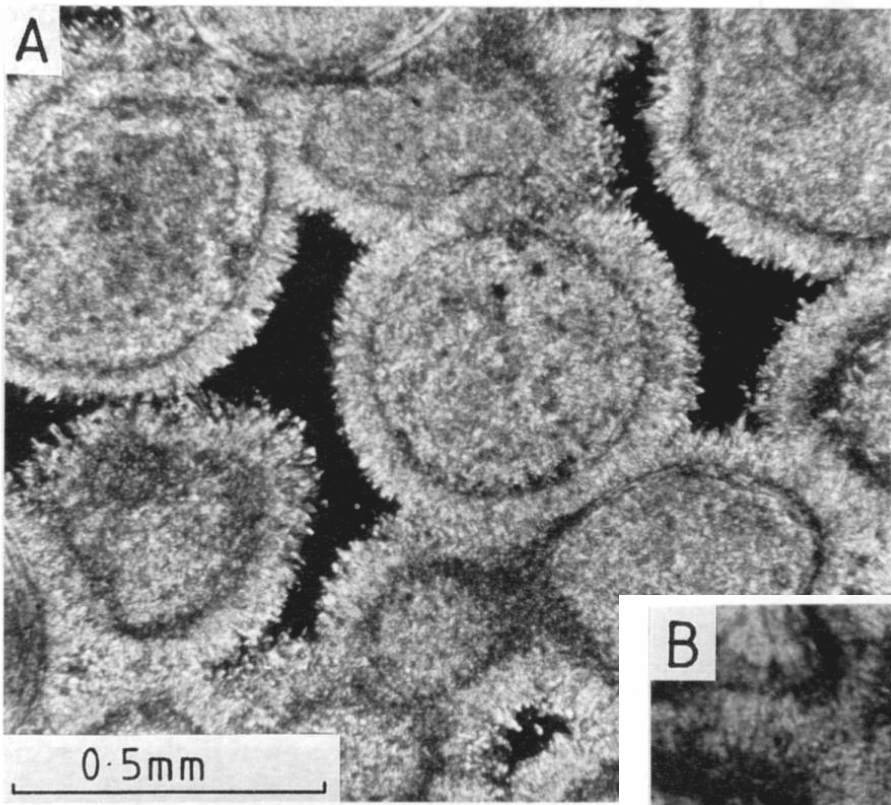
**Fig. 7.9** *Oolitic sand cemented in the submarine environment to form a hardground which was then bored.*

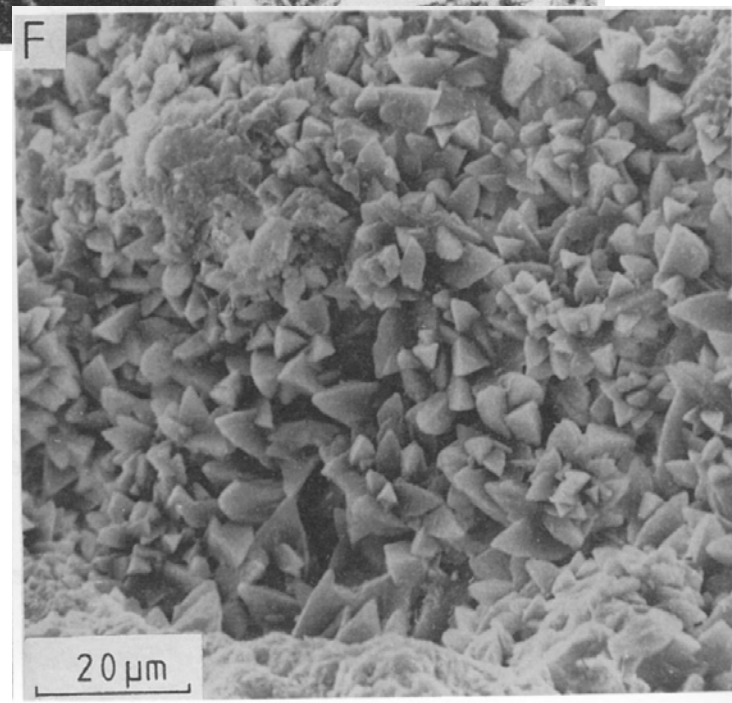
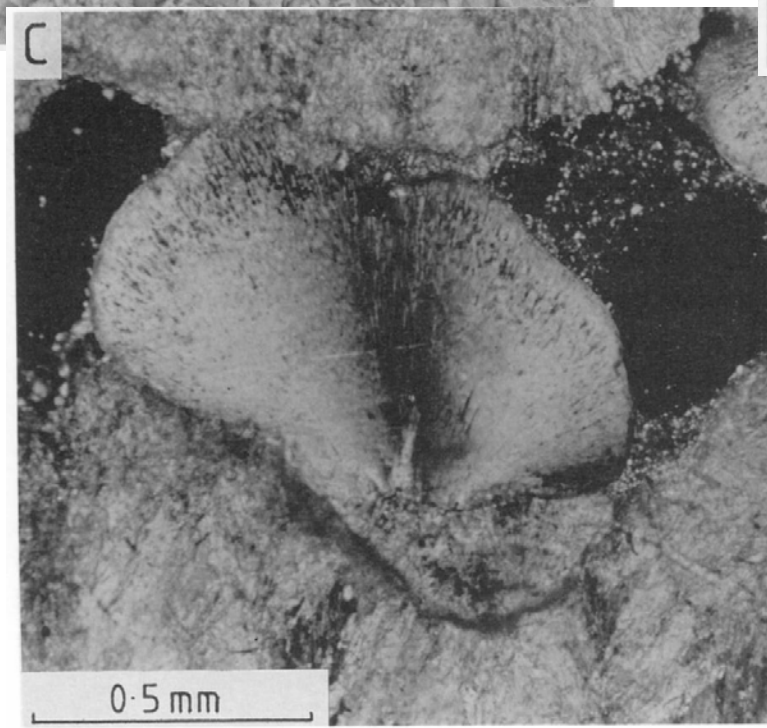
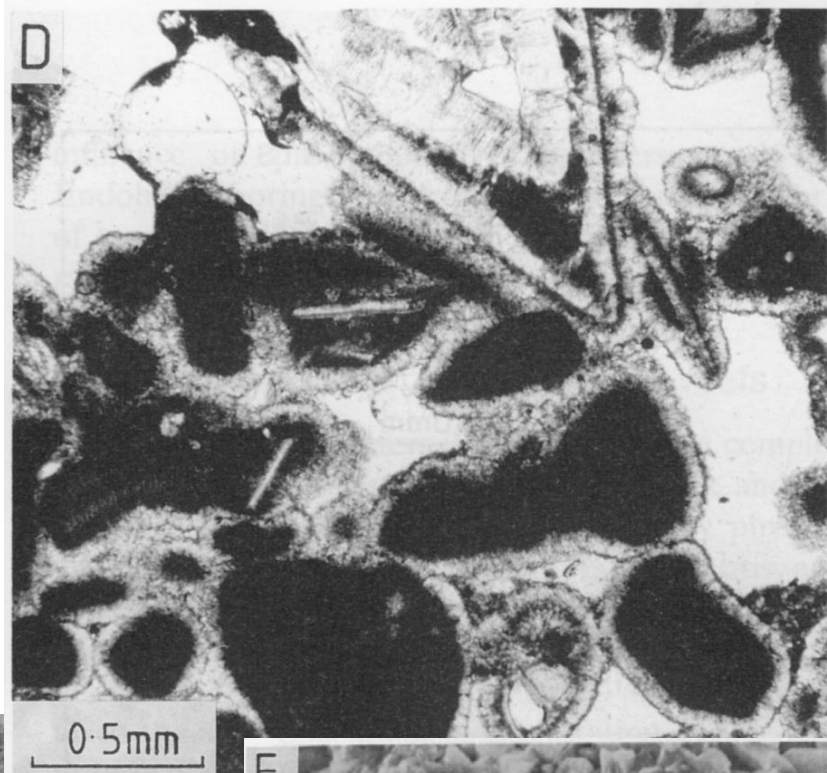
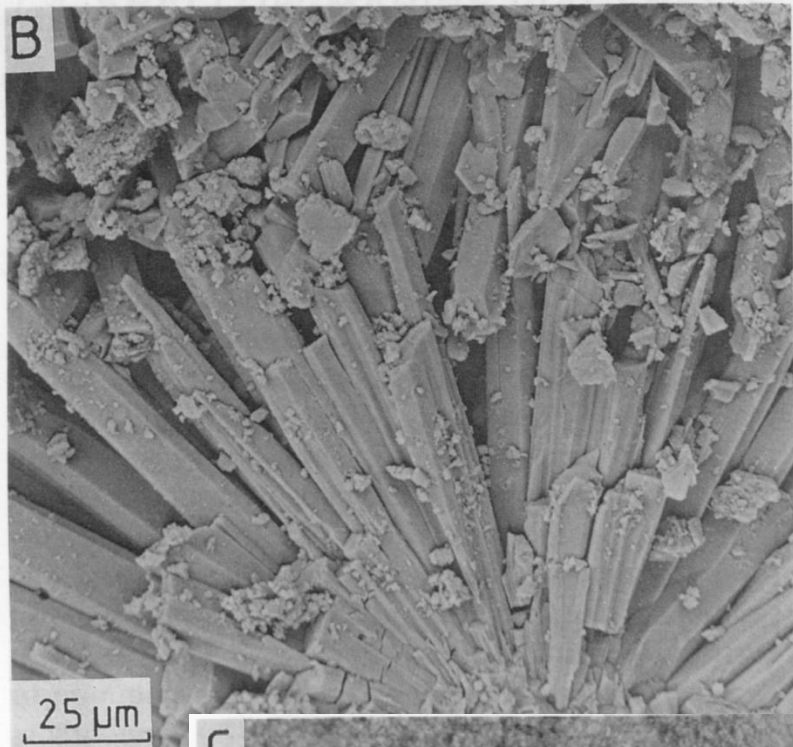
*Photomicrograph shows thin isopachous fringe of fibrous calcite around ooids and then micrite partly filling the intergranular porosity. The micrite may be an internal sediment or in part a cement. The ooids, micrite and fibrous calcite are cut by a boring which is itself filled with micrite. The early cementation prevented any compaction of this oolite which has grains in point contact. Middle Jurassic, Cotswolds, UK.*

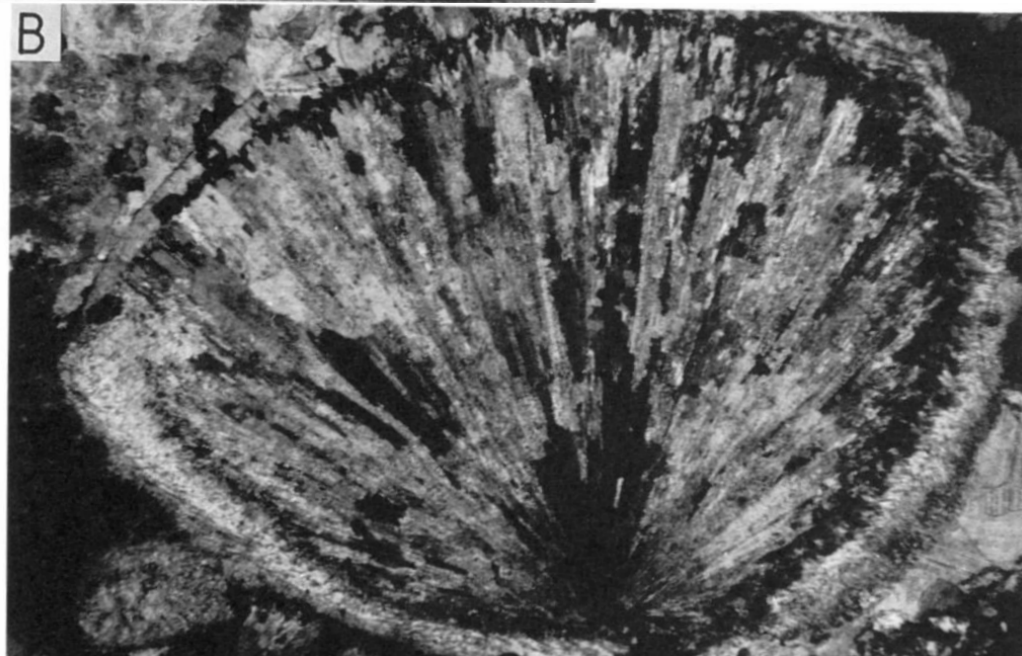
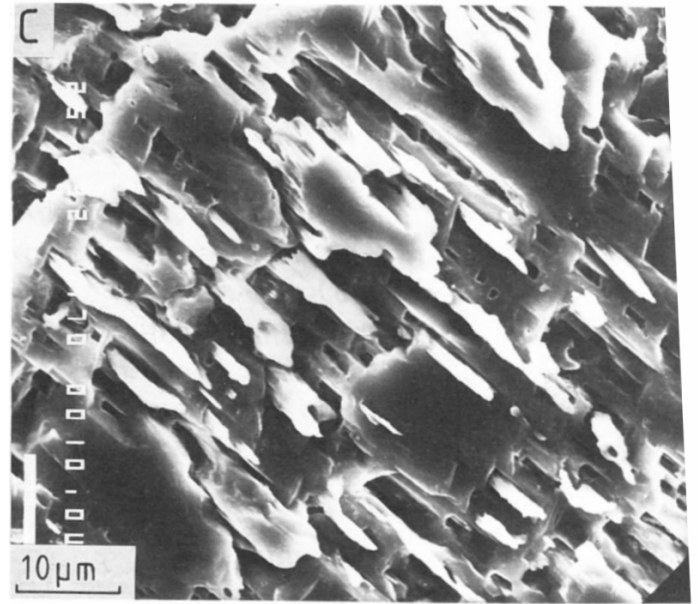
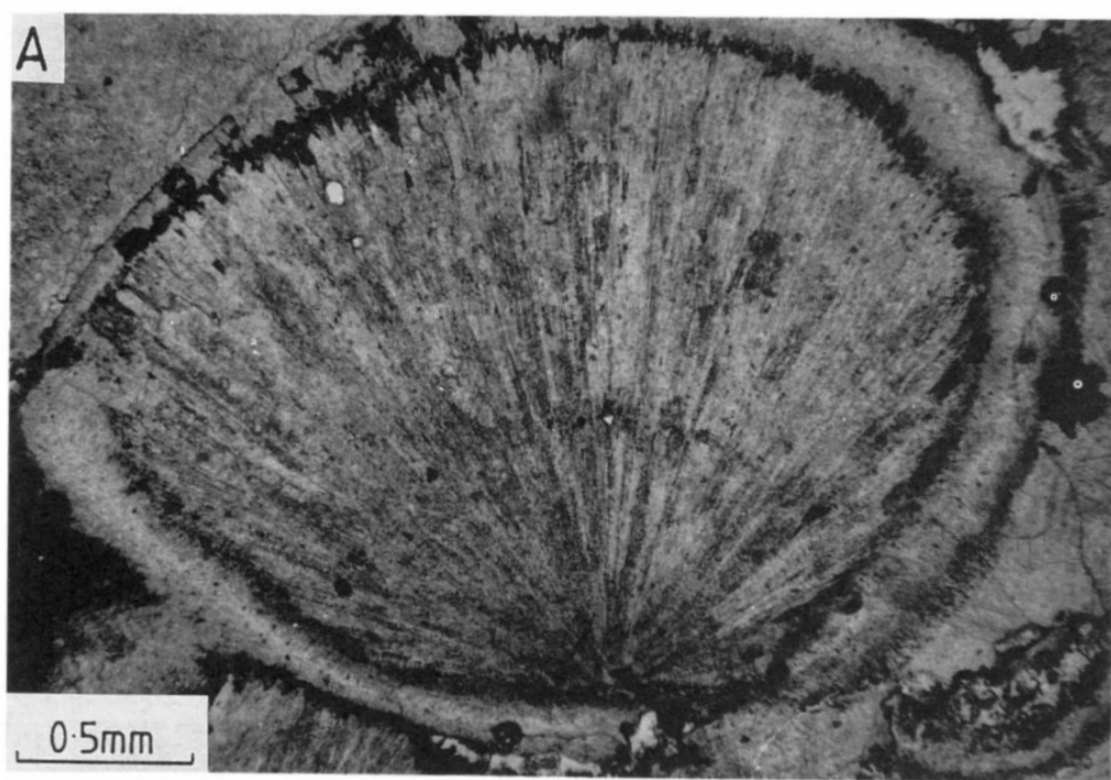


**Fig. 7.8** *Marine cement in a Triassic reef, Hafelekar, Austria. Isopachous layers of fibrous calcite cementing fore-reef debris and known locally as 'Grossoolith'. Lens cap 6 cm diameter.*

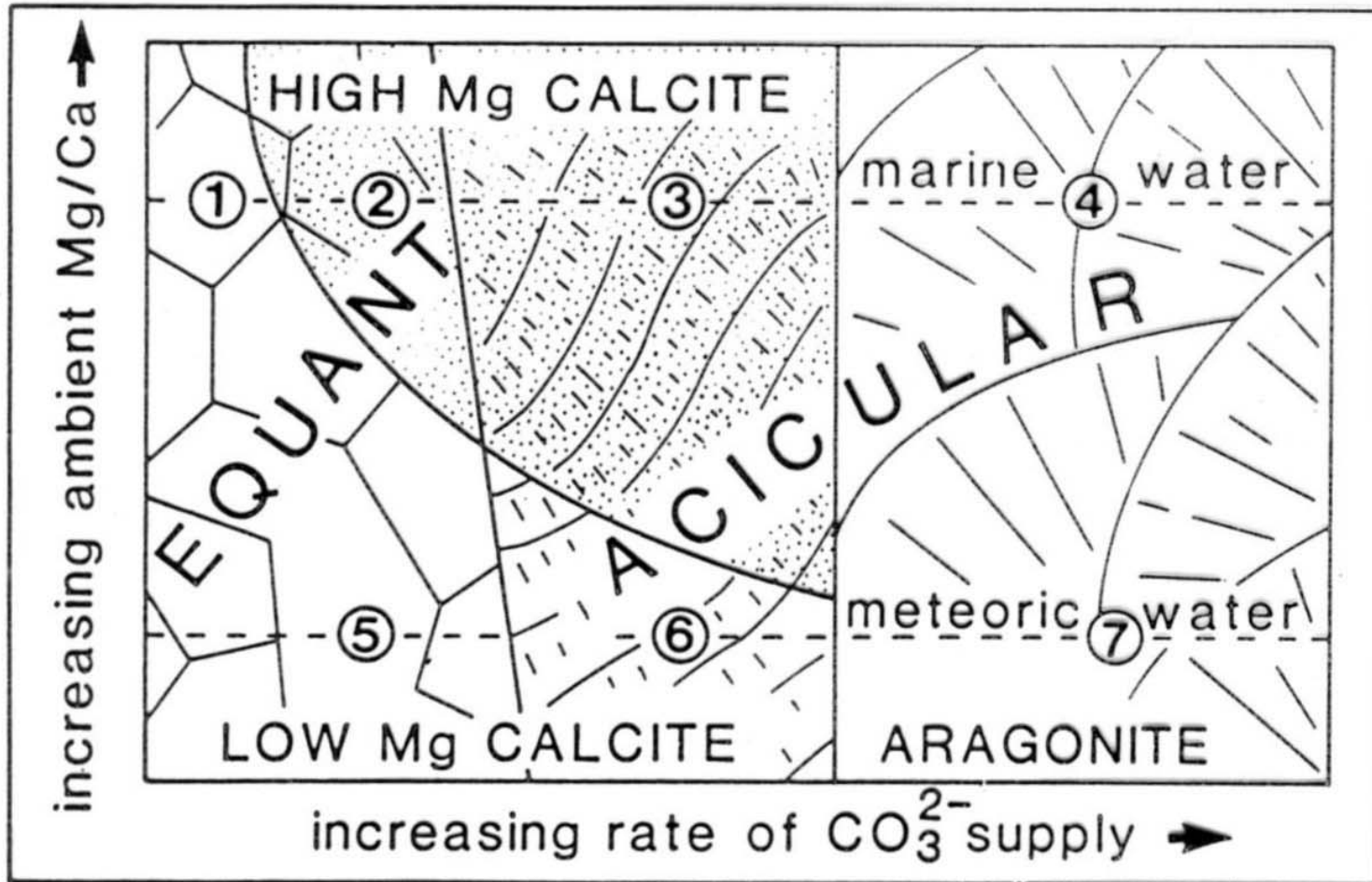




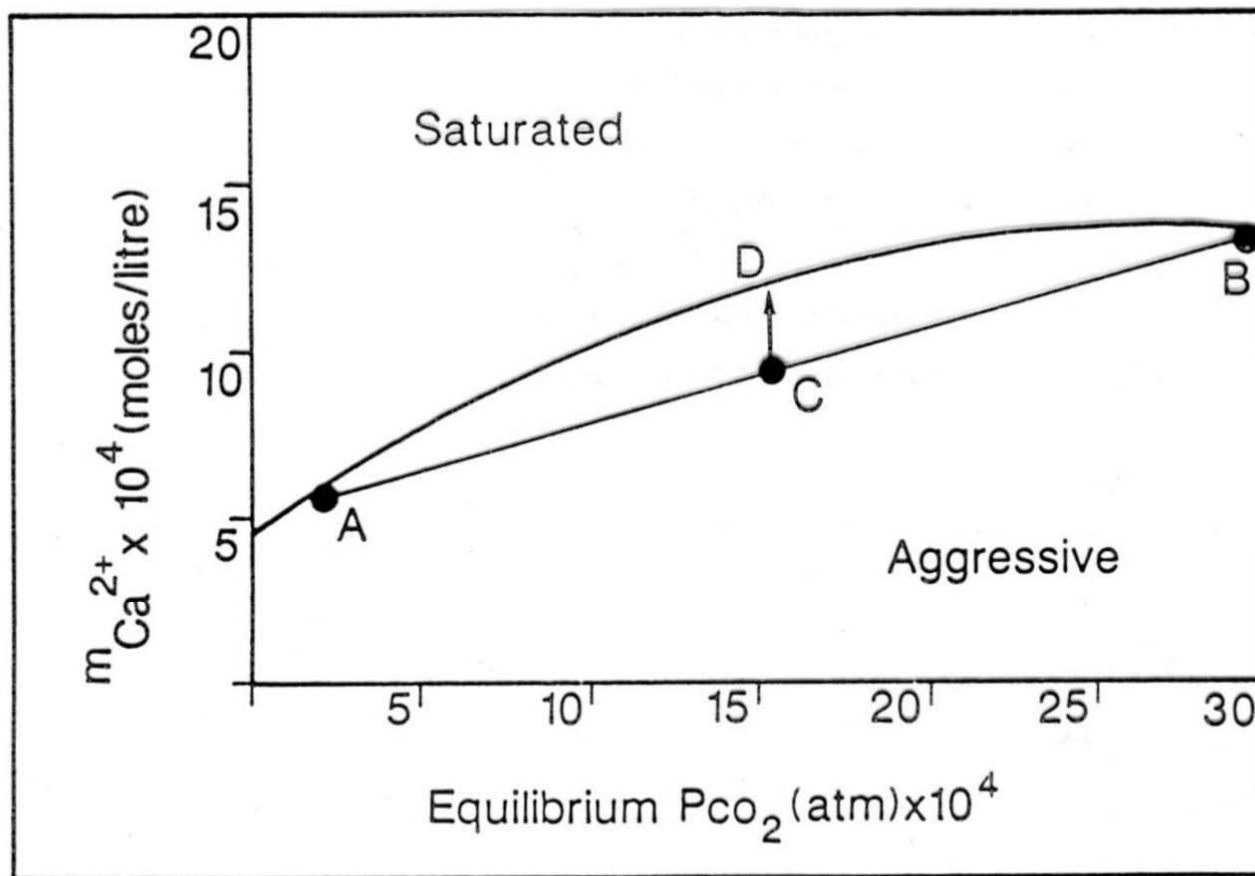




# cement mineralogy



# dissolution



**Fig. 7.20** *Mixing corrosion effect. The solid curve shows the solubility of  $CaCO_3$  with respect to the total  $CO_2$  in solution. If two liquids, A and B are mixed, an undersaturated solution results, C. It evolves by dissolution of calcite to equilibrium at D. From various sources.*



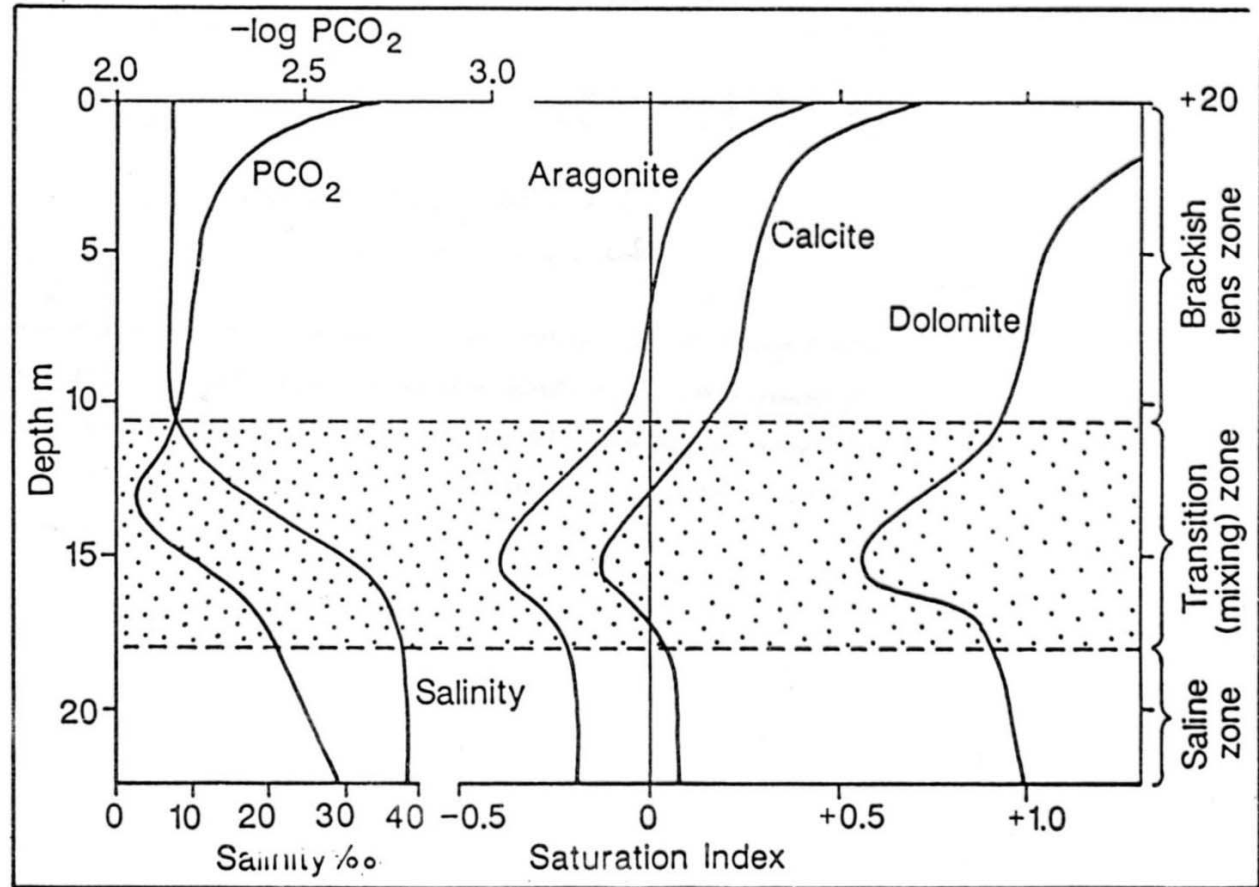
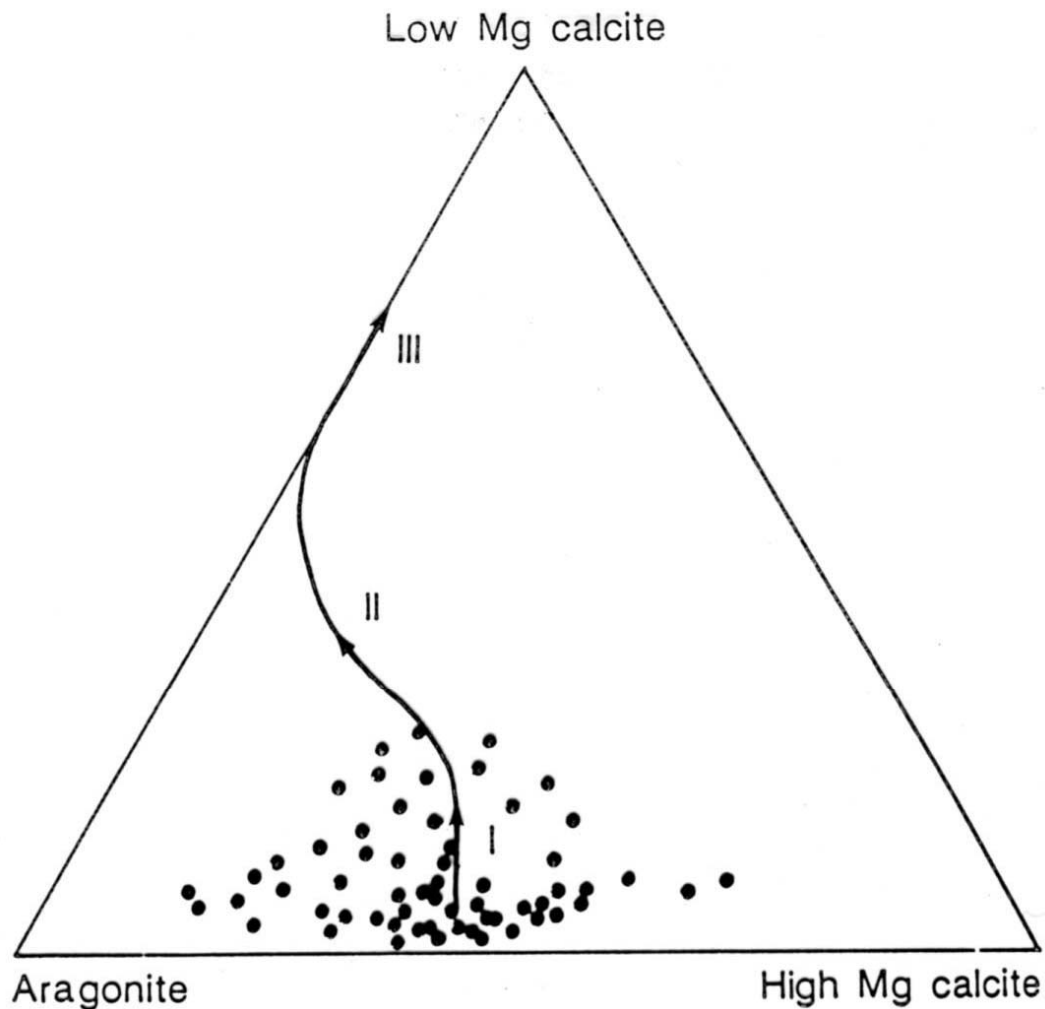


Fig. 7.21 Vertical variation of salinity,  $PCO_2$ , and the saturation indices of aragonite, calcite and dolomite through the meteoric-marine mixing zones within a 'blue hole', Andros Island. After Smart et al. (1988).



**Fig. 7.22** *Triangular diagram showing the typical mineralogical evolution of Quaternary marine sediments during prolonged meteoric diagenesis. Stippled area represents range of marine sediments. I, initial cementation by low-Mg calcite. II, loss of Mg from high-Mg calcites. III, dissolution of aragonites and cementation by low-Mg calcite. Modified from Tucker (1981).*

# marine diagenesis

## diagenesis in sedimentary record

early d. – on the seafloor or close to sediment surface; late d. – burial  
diagnostic features of marine cements: 1) early (1st generation), 2)  
isopachous fringes surrounding grains, 3) needle/accicular/prismatic  
structure, 4) following generation is typically sparite

**aragonite** cements – usually calcitised, **isopachous** fringes

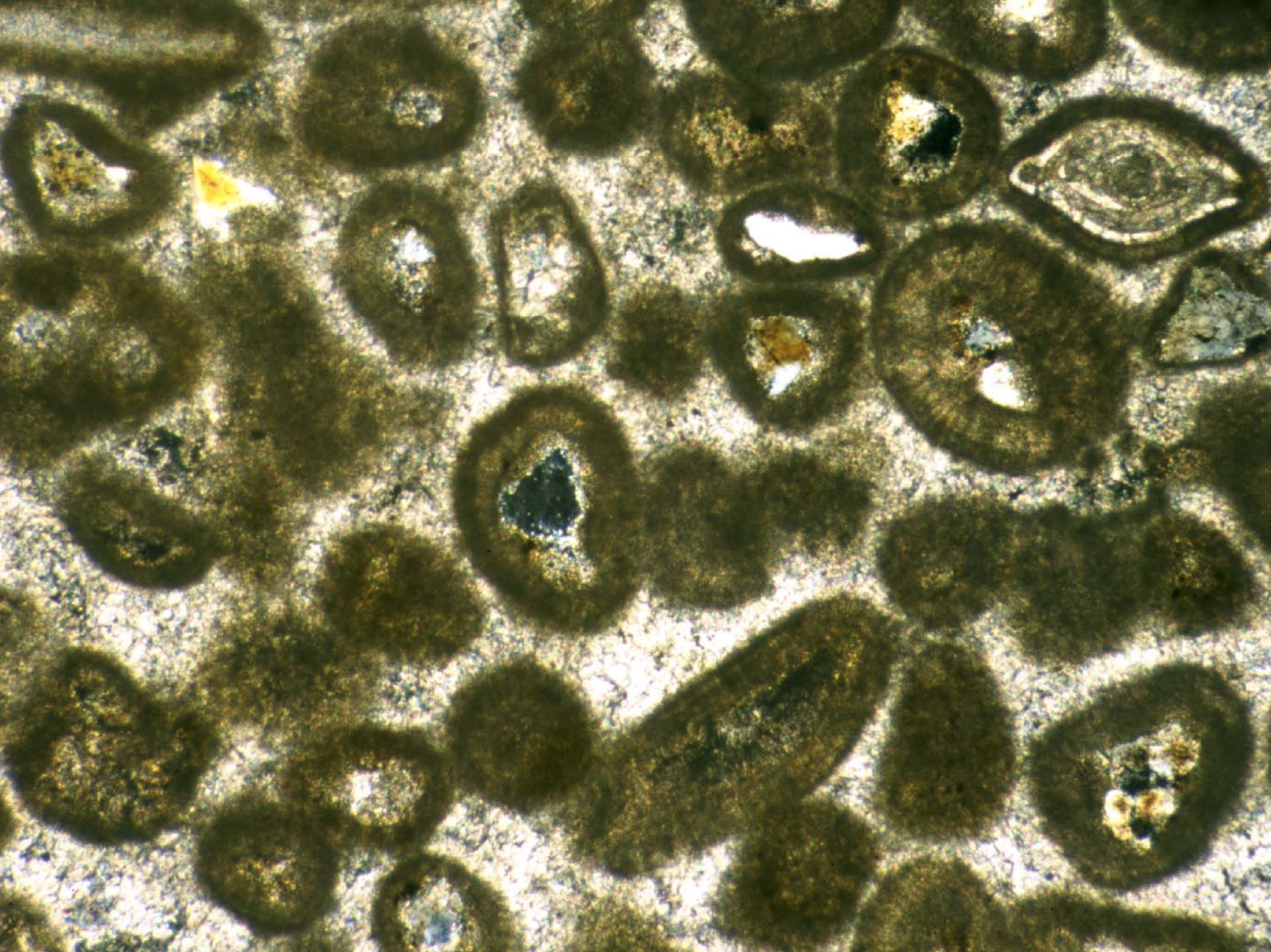
**calcite** cements – accicular (**needle, prismatic**) calcite, perpendicular  
to substrate; reefs – **micritic and peloidal HMC**; hardgrounds –  
syntaxial overgrowths, equant sparite – both also typical for meteoric  
diagenesis and burial

processes: micritic cement – rapid nucleation, slow accretion;  
needle/prismatic – faster accretion perpendicular to substrate; equant  
sparite – very slow nucleation

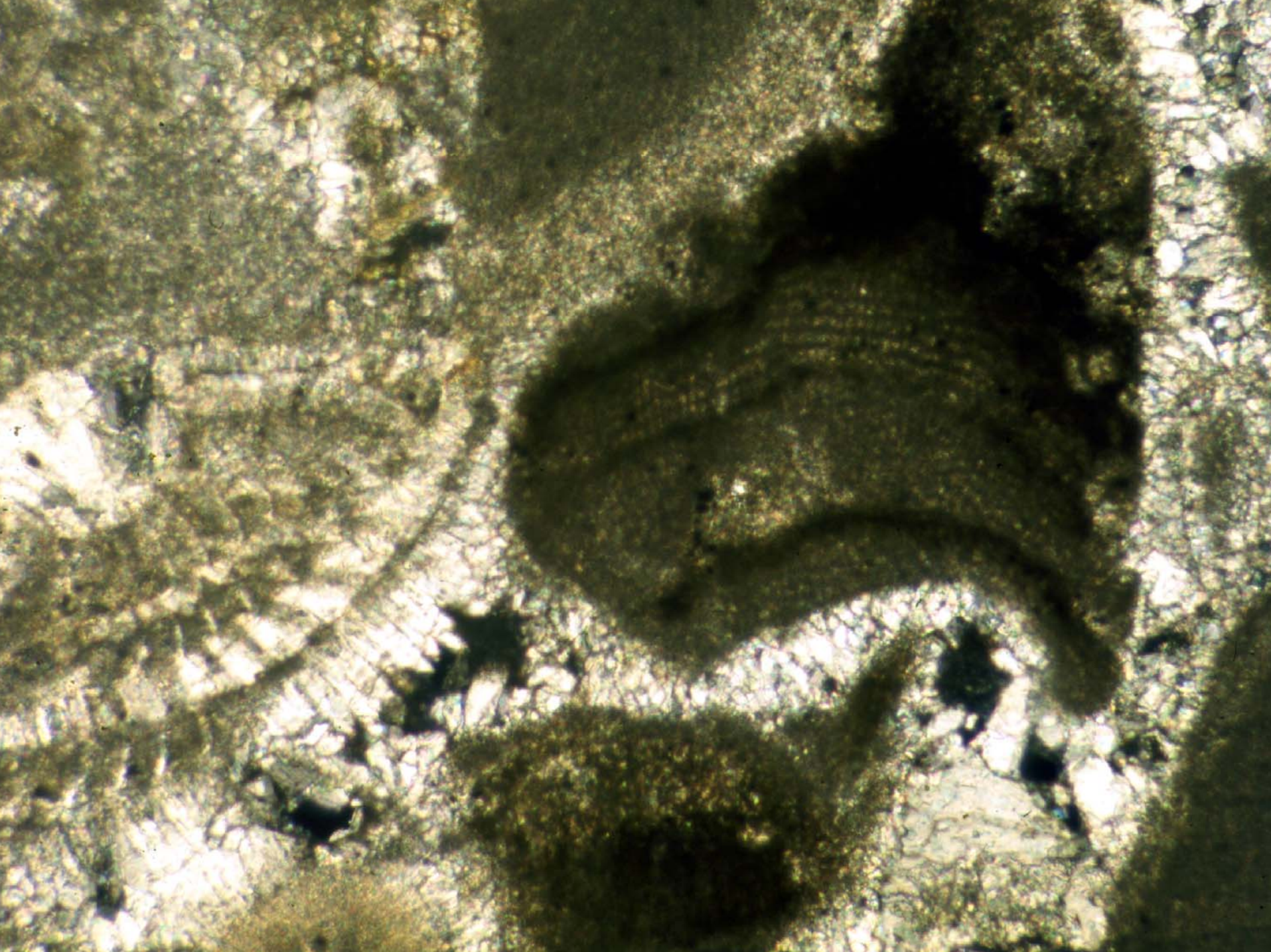




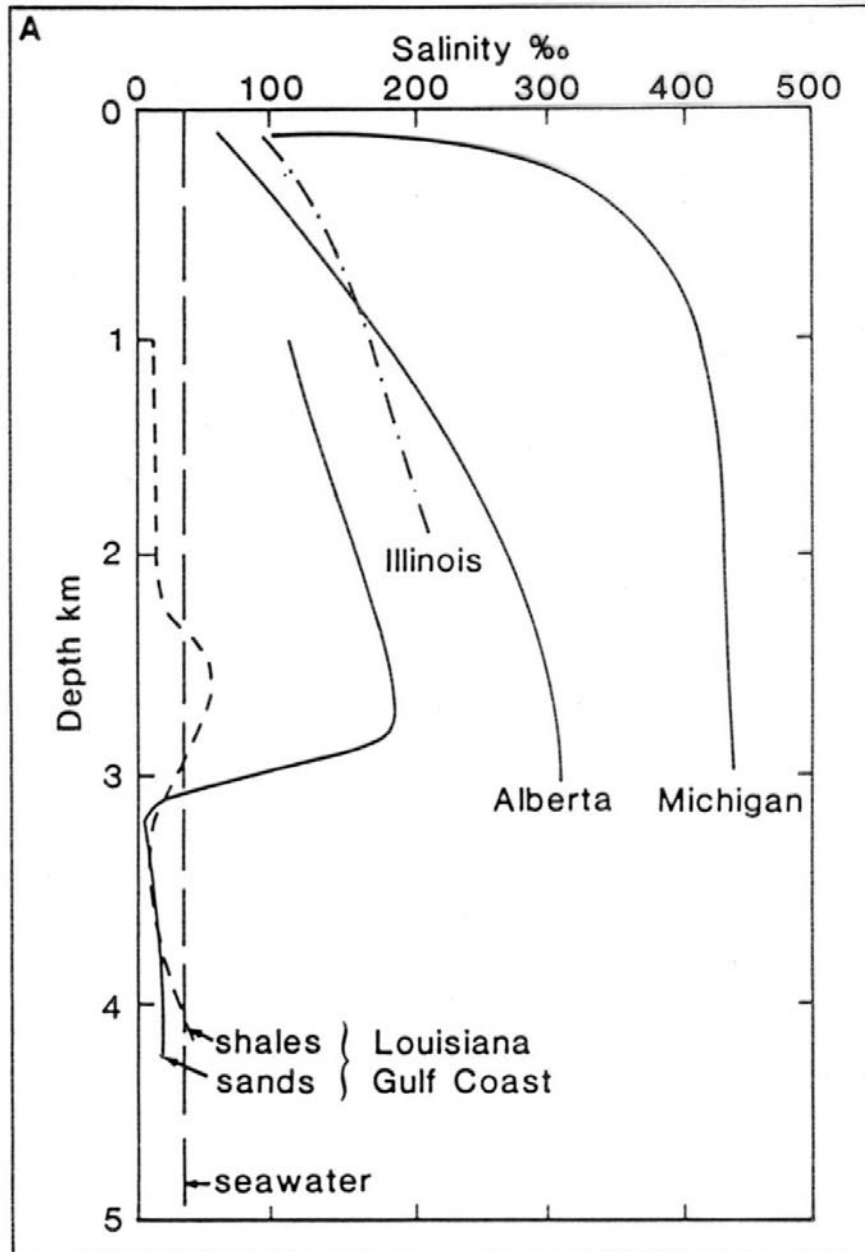


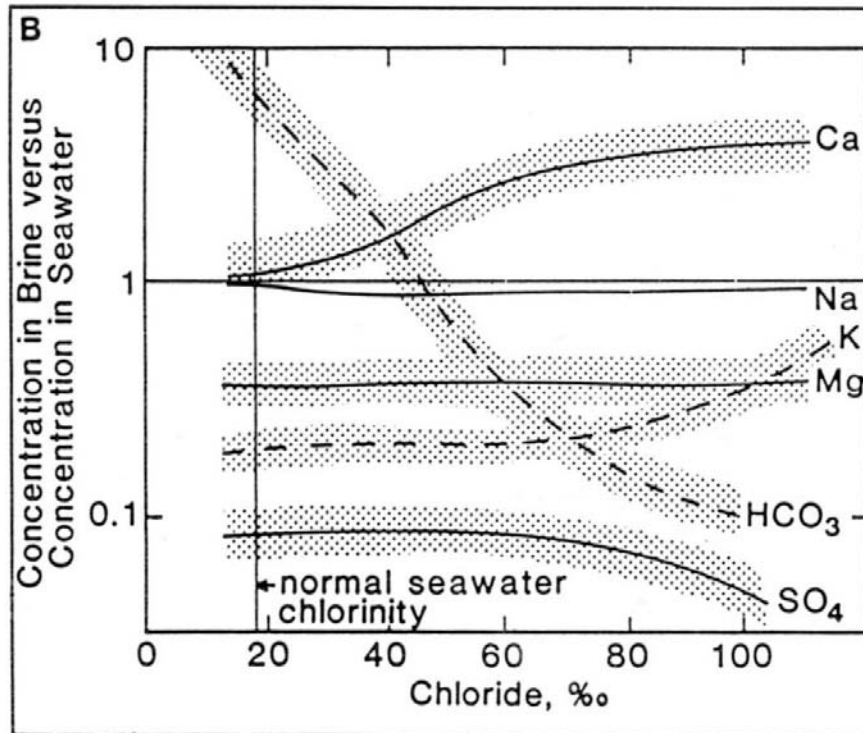






# burial diagenesis

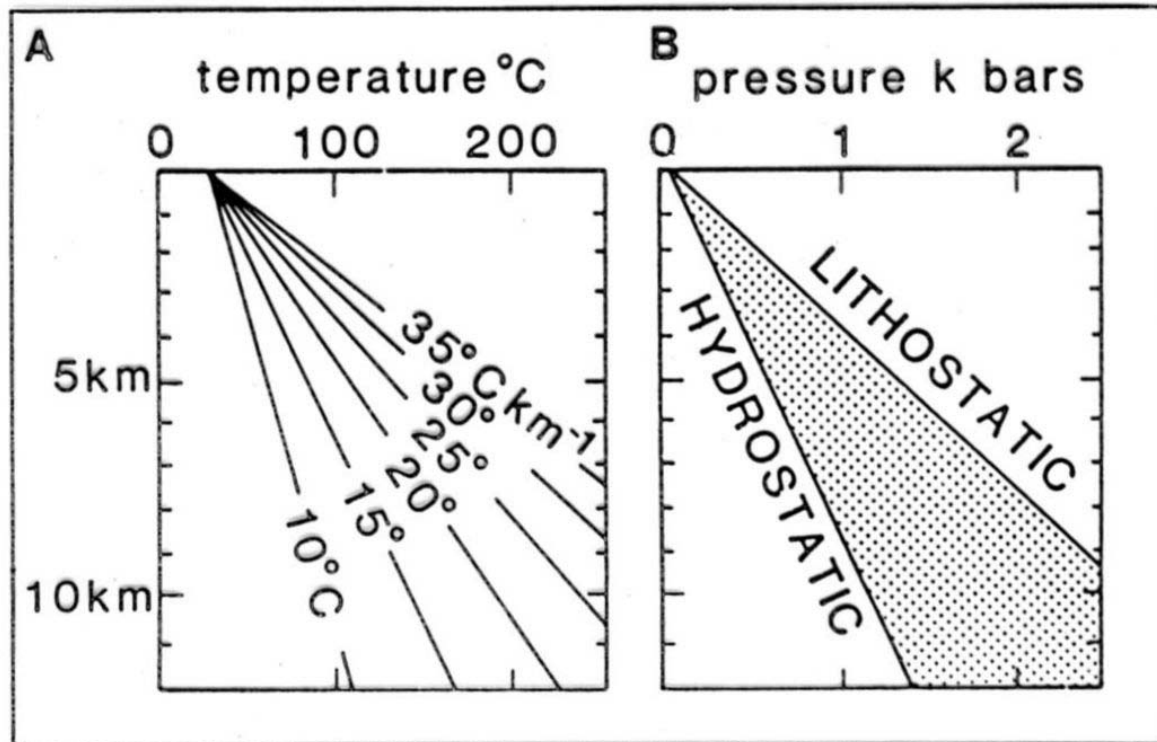


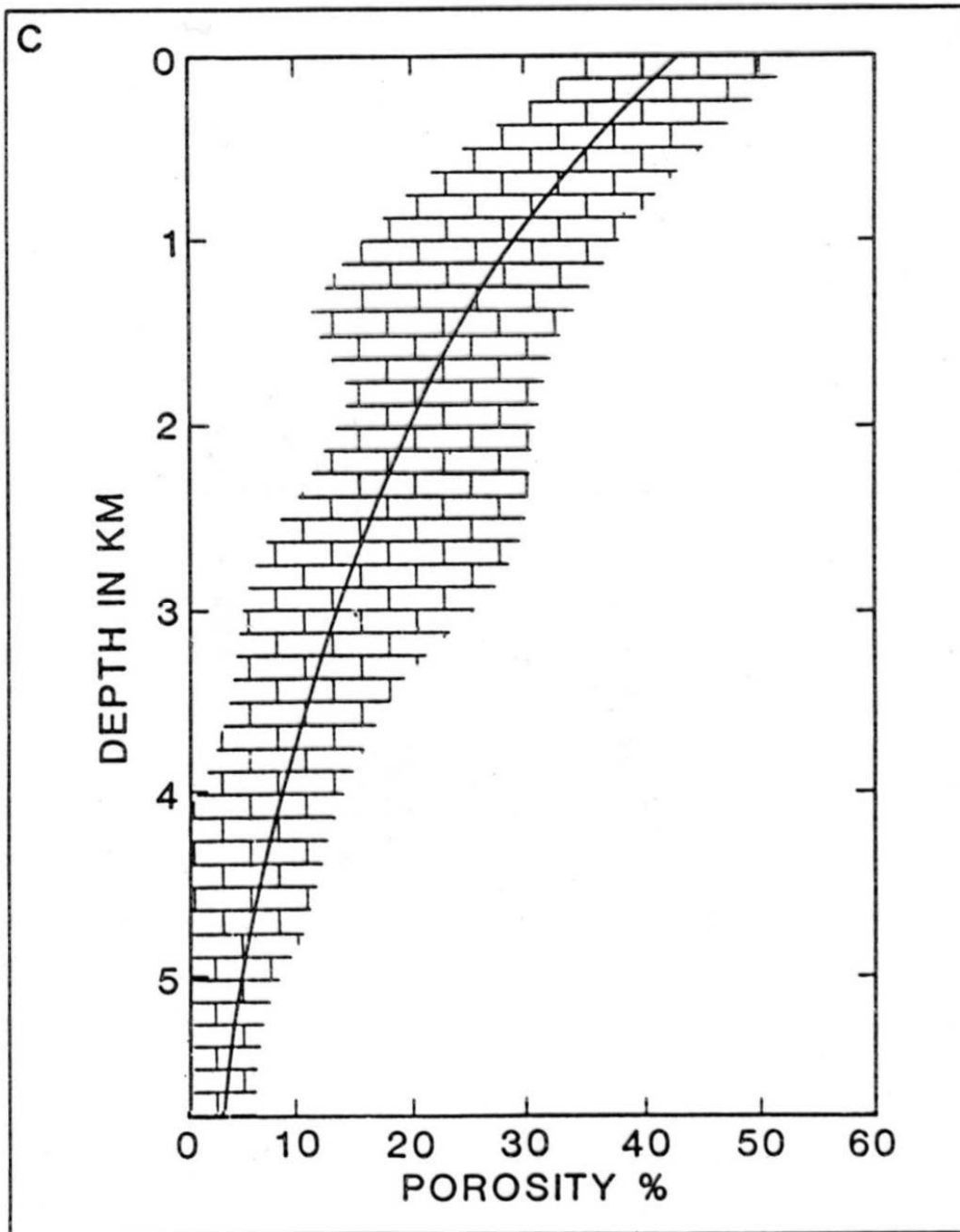


**Fig. 7.30** (A) Generalized salinity variations with depth for formation waters from the Alberta, Illinois, Louisiana Gulf Coast and Michigan Basins (B) Generalized variations in chemical composition of subsurface brines in the Illinois Basin with increasing chlorinity. Values are normalized with respect to seawater of the same chloride content. From Hanor (1983).



# geothermal gradient





# meteoric diagenesis

dissolution (secondary porosity, carstification), cementation, pedogenesis

vadose zone – upper – infiltration, lower – percolation

phreatic - **syntaxial overgrowths, equant spar cements**

vadose – asymmetric: **meniscus, gravity cements**

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isopachous cement – phreatic

asymmetrical – vadose

syntaxial overgrowths

calcite replacing aragonite – sparry cements

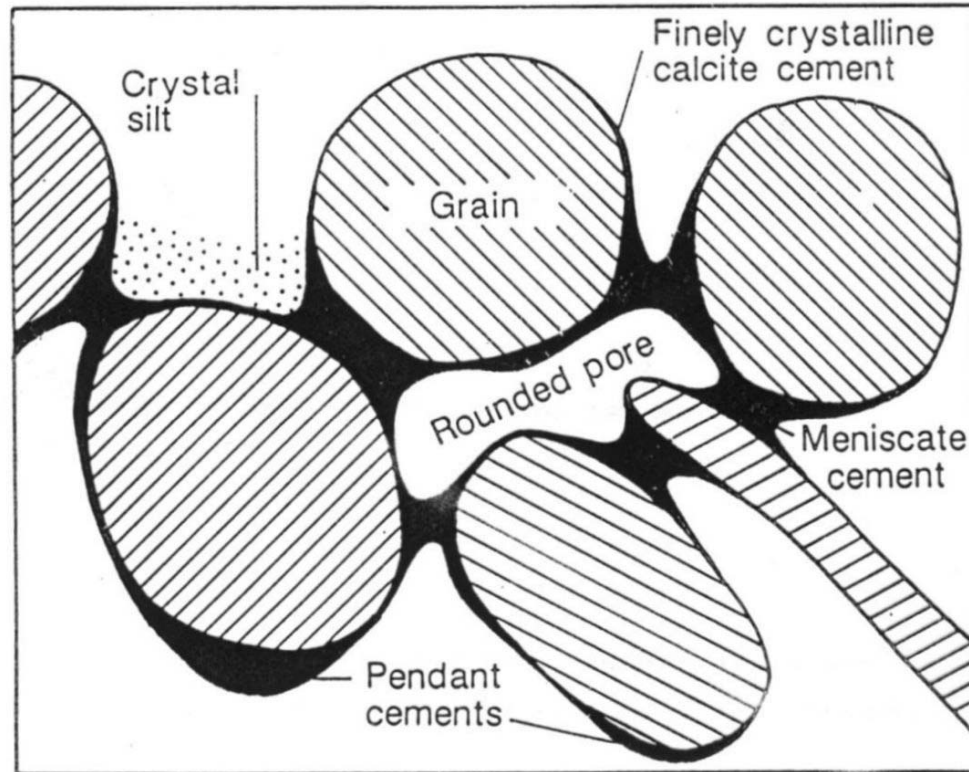
LMC infilling pores

early stage

late stage







**Fig. 7.27** *Common cement geometries in vadose zones (see text).*

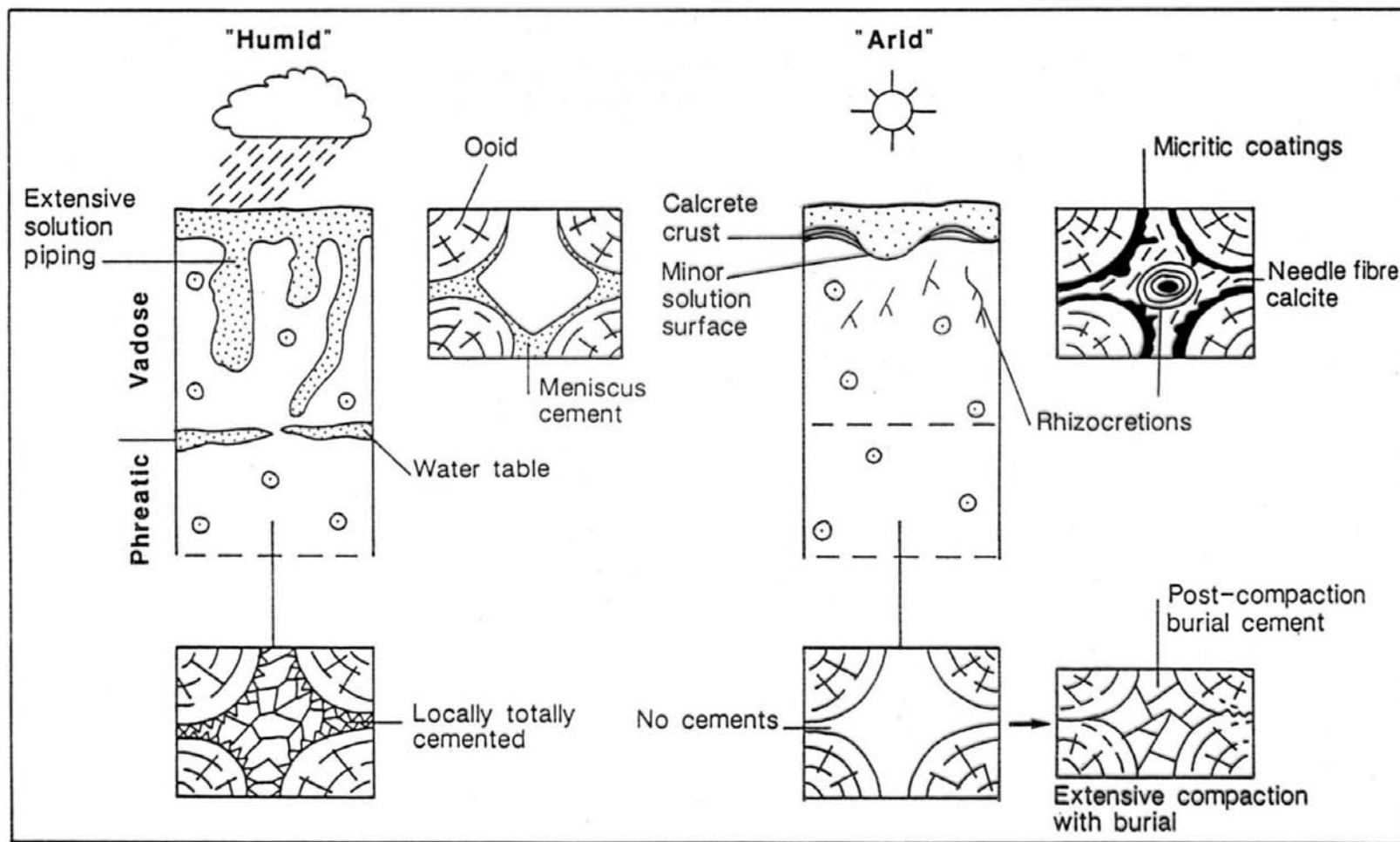


Fig. 7.24 Contrasting styles of karstification, meteoric cementation and porosity evolution in Early Carboniferous oolitic limestones from south Wales. Based on Hird & Tucker (1988) and Wright (1988).

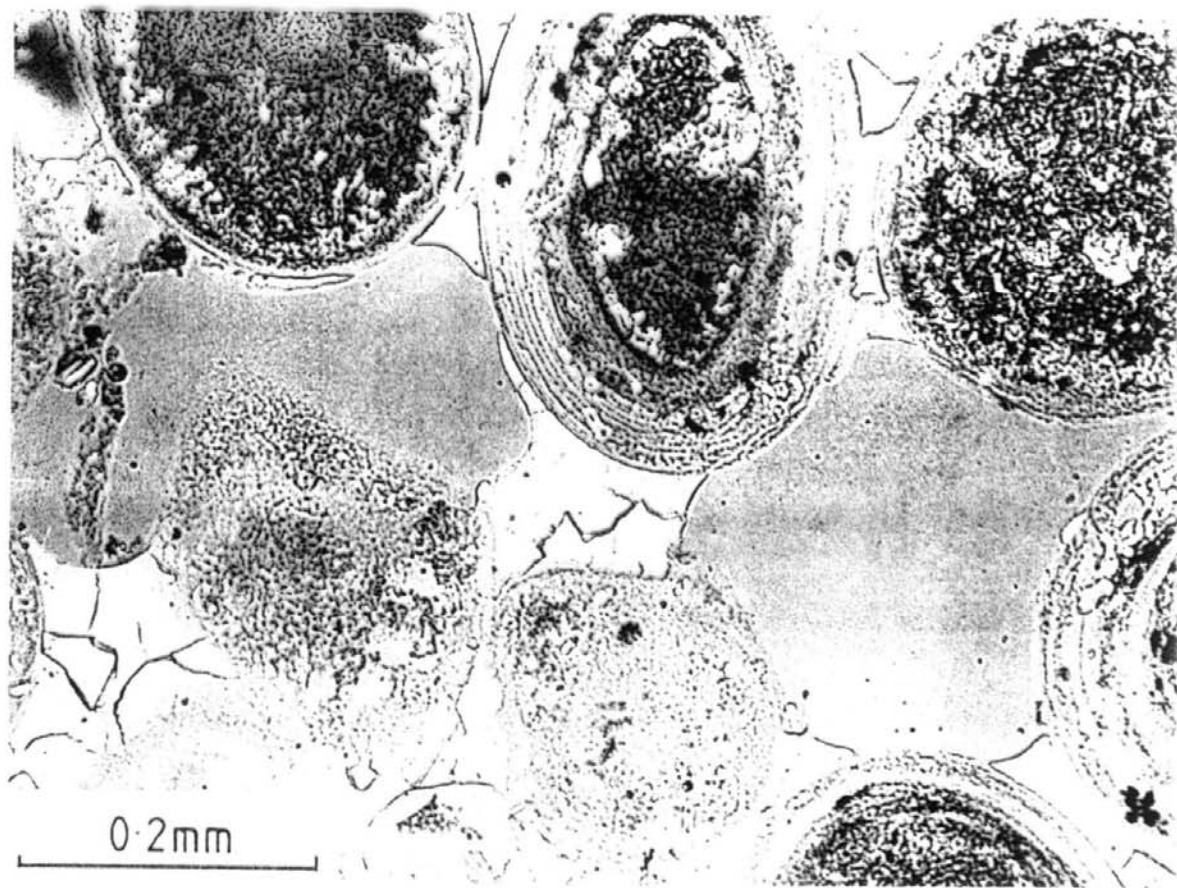


Fig. 7.28 *Meniscus cement*, vadose zone, Joulter's Cay, Bahamas.

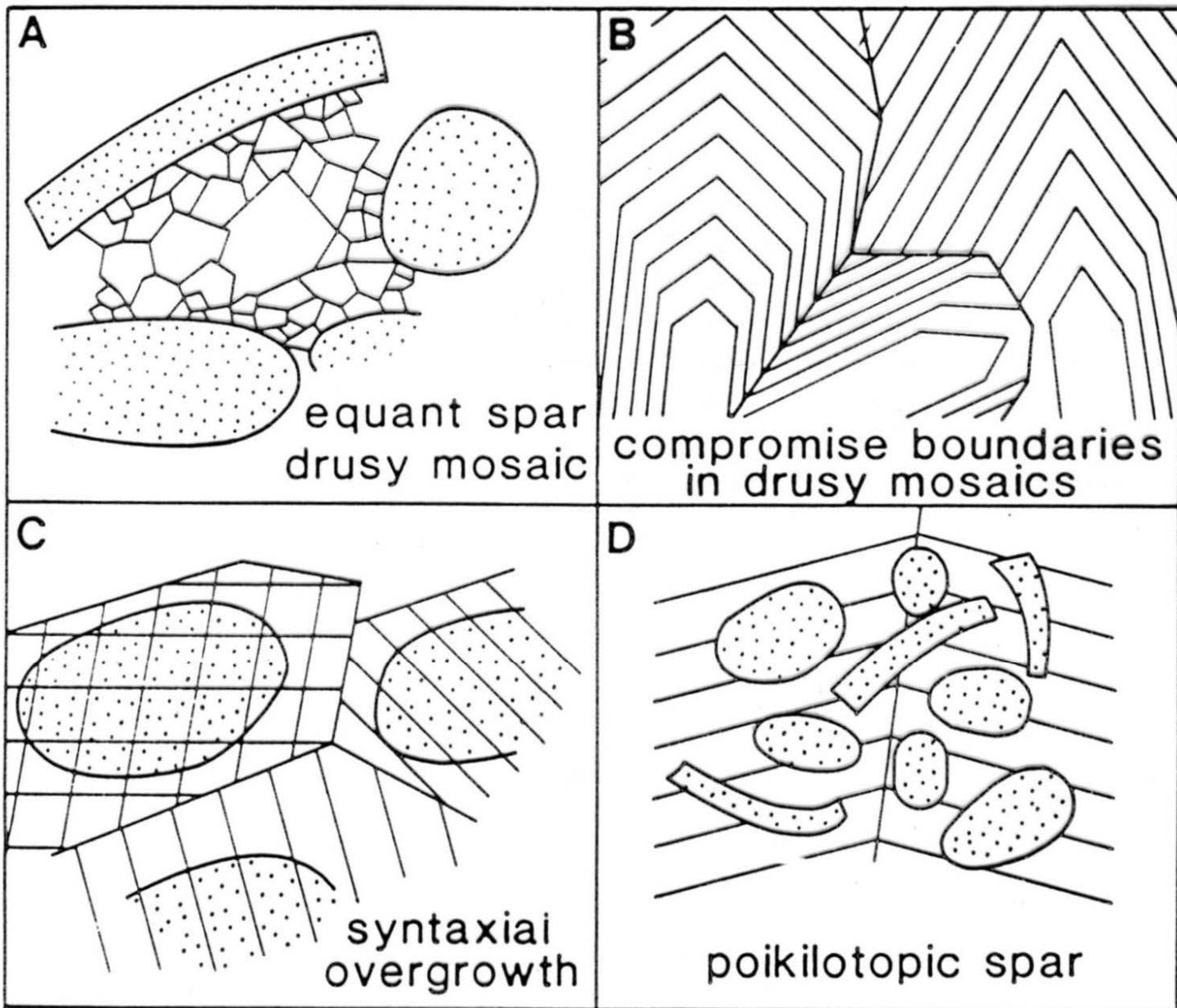
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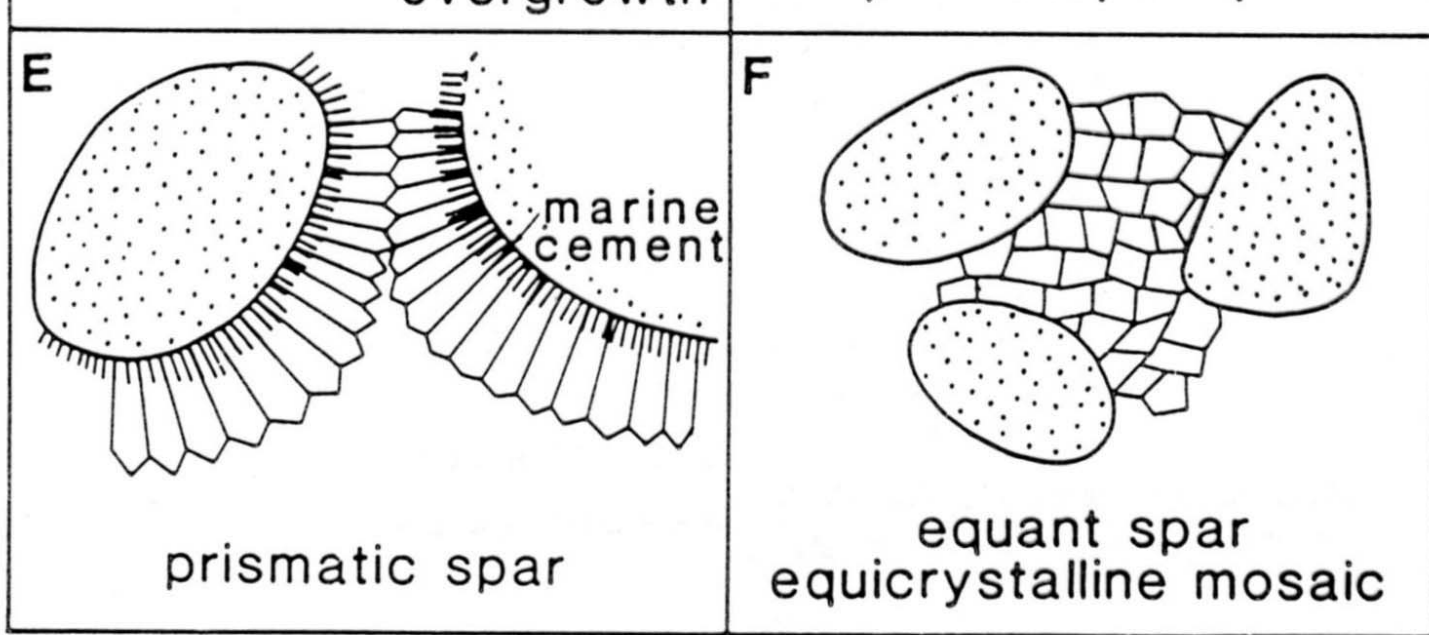
equigranular mosaic, syntaxial overgrowths, poikilotopic spar

-meteoric phreatic zone, source of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  – pore fluids

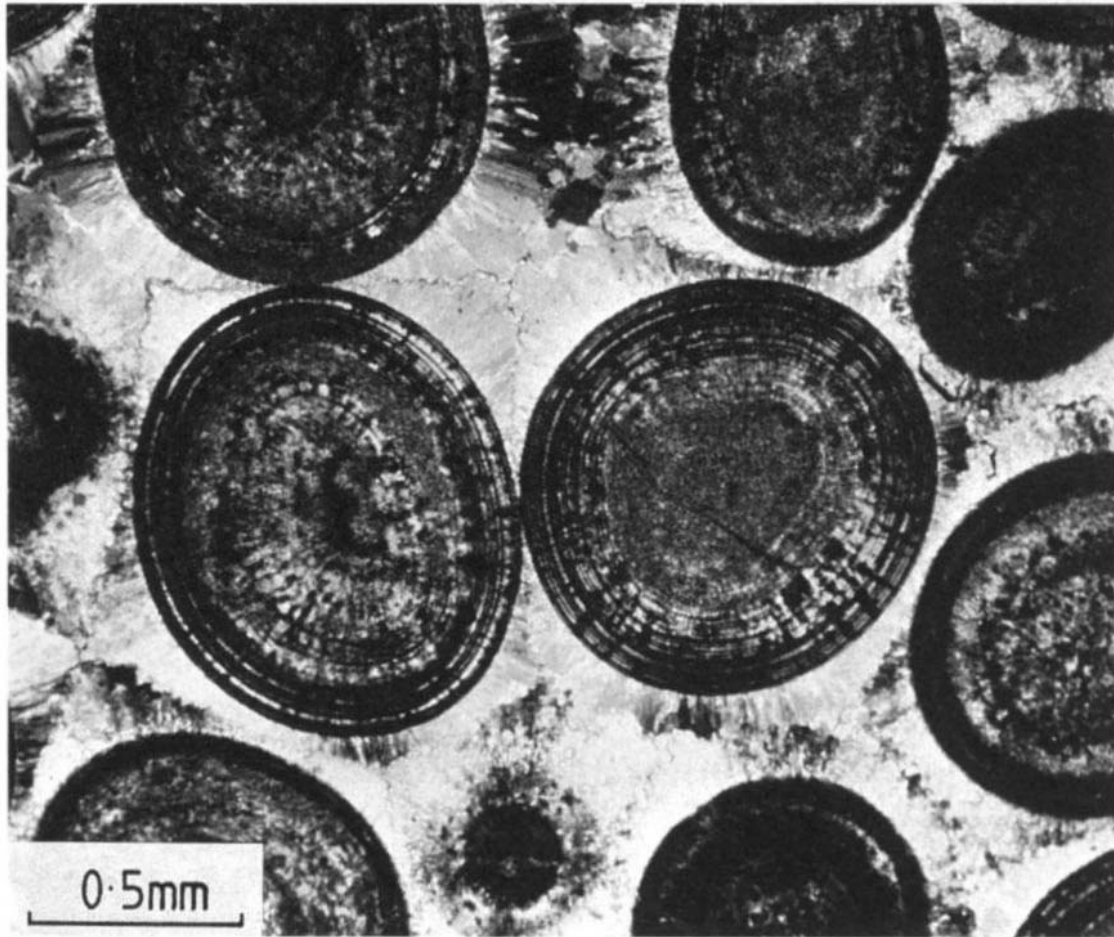
-burial, source of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  – pressure solution

cement stratigraphy, cathode luminescence, stable isotopes, fluid inclusions





**Fig. 7.32** *Calcite spar: sketches illustrating the common types.*



**Fig. 7.14** *Fibrous calcite marine cement (primary) around ooids (also primary calcite) with prominent polygonal compromise boundary between fringes. These more acicular crystals are in optical continuity with radial-fibrous crystallinities of the ooids. Jurassic Smackover Formation, subsurface Arkansas. Crossed polars.*

## neomorphism

A→C, C→C, dissolution + reprecipitation

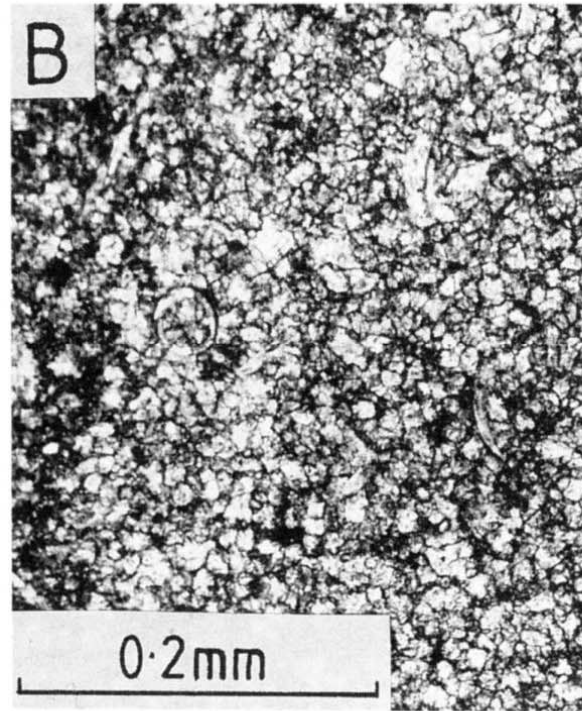
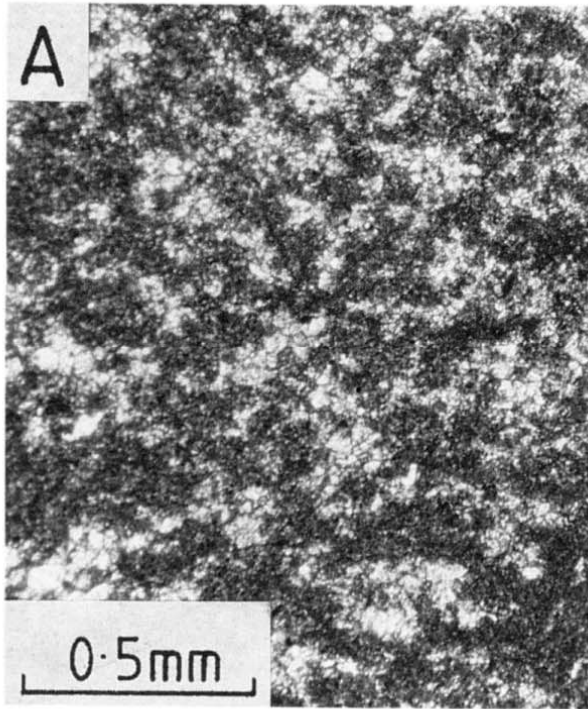
aggradational neomorphism – following crystal phase is coarser-grained; a) micrite → microspar, pseudospar, b) calcitization of aragonite

calcilutites: **microspar** (4-10 mm), **pseudospar** (10-50 mm); irregular uneven grain boundaries, irregular grainsize, clastic grains floating in spar; pseudobrecciation

calcitization of A grains and cements – **druse spar**; a) relics of original bioclast structures, b) irregular mosaics of grains with different sizes, c) brownish coloring of neomorphic spar (relics of org. matter) - pseudopleochroism

degradational neomorphism – grain size is decreasing; rare; usually during metamorphism or deformation



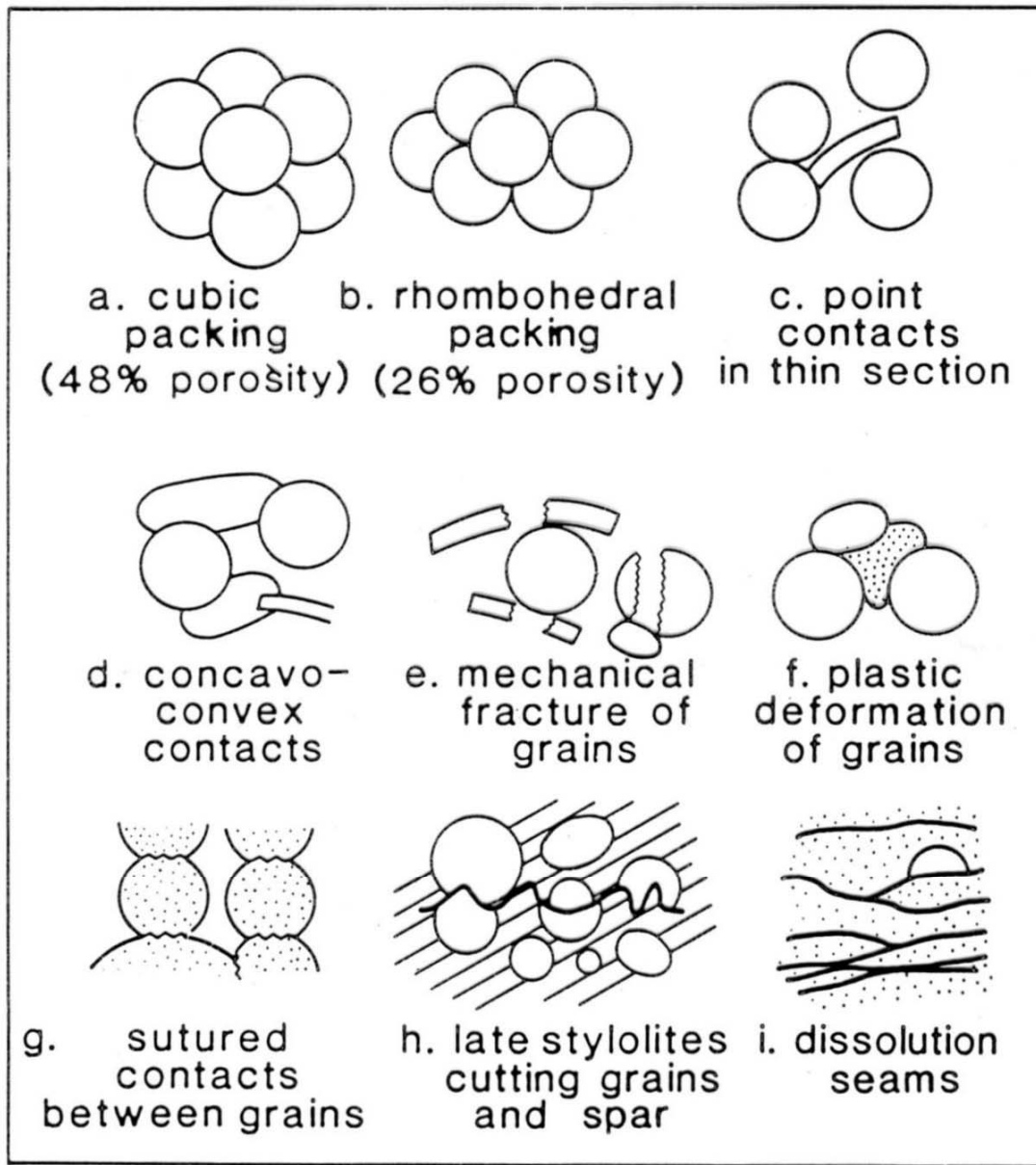


**Fig. 7.41** *Neomorphic spar. (A) Patches of microspar in a micritic pelagic limestone resulting from aggrading neomorphism. Upper Devonian, West Germany. (B) Coarse microspar mosaic of equant crystals with floating skeletal debris. Pseudobreccia, Lower Carboniferous, northwest England.*

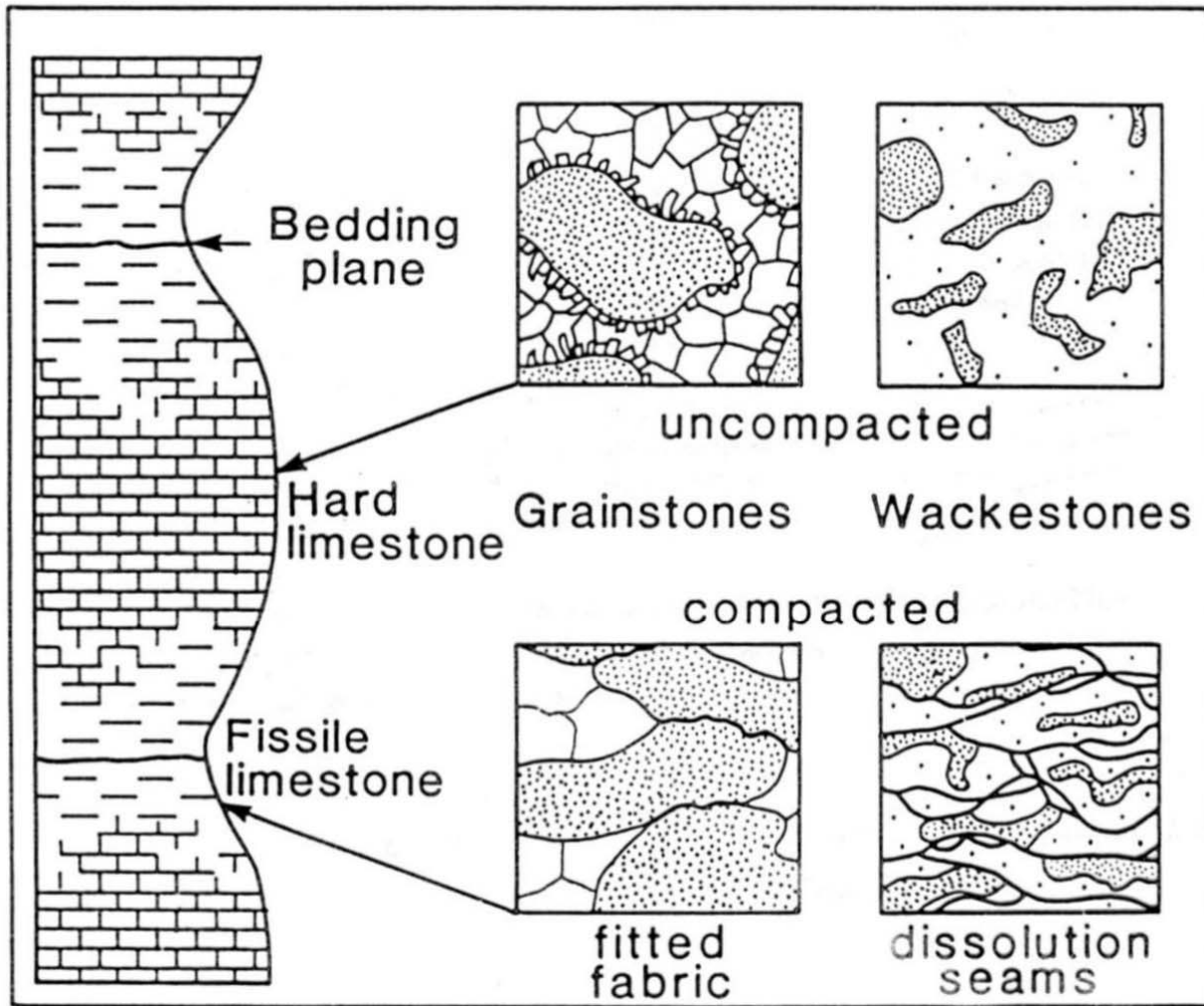
## compaction

mechanical c. – early stages of diagenesis; reorganizing particles to more fitted/stable fabric; deformation of large clasts, cements, mikritic overgrowths; bioklastic wackestone → b. packstone

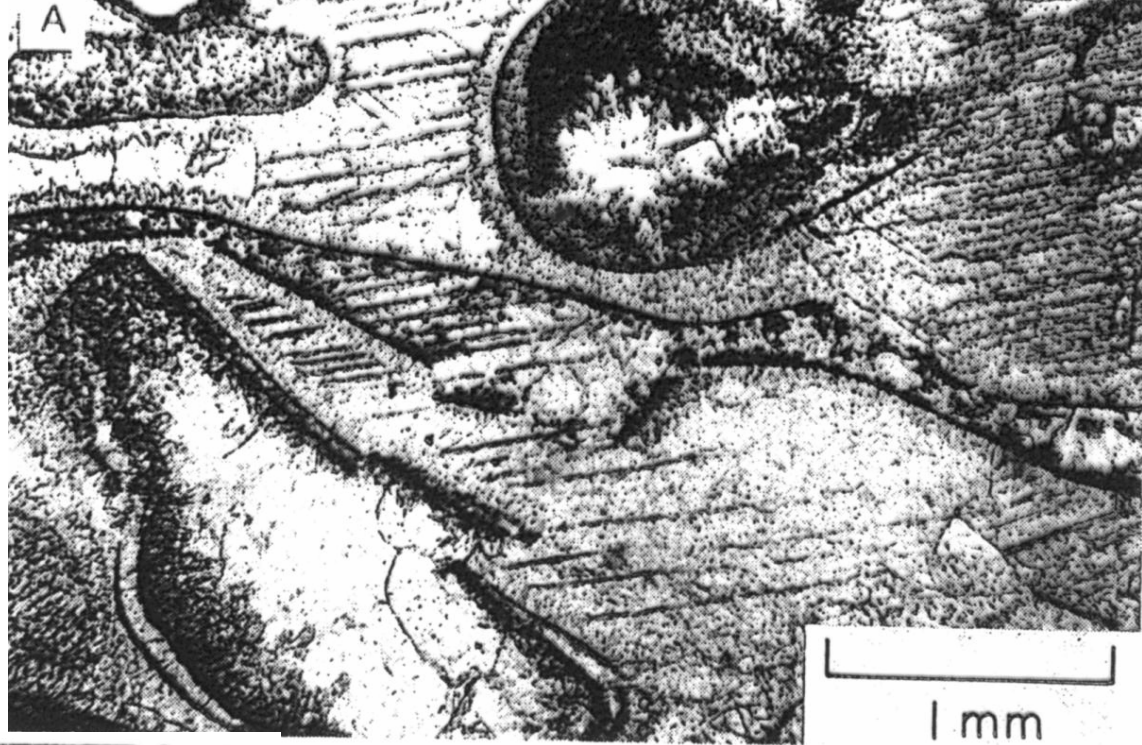
chemical c. – deeper burial (hundreds of m); matrix dissolution → fitted fabric; stylolites, dissolution seams

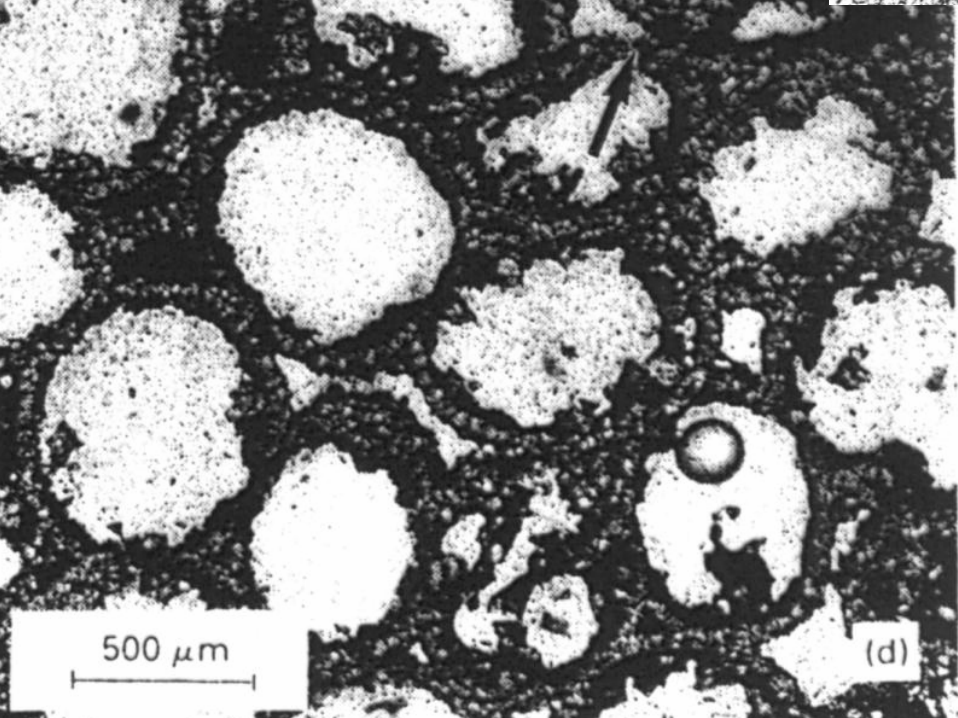
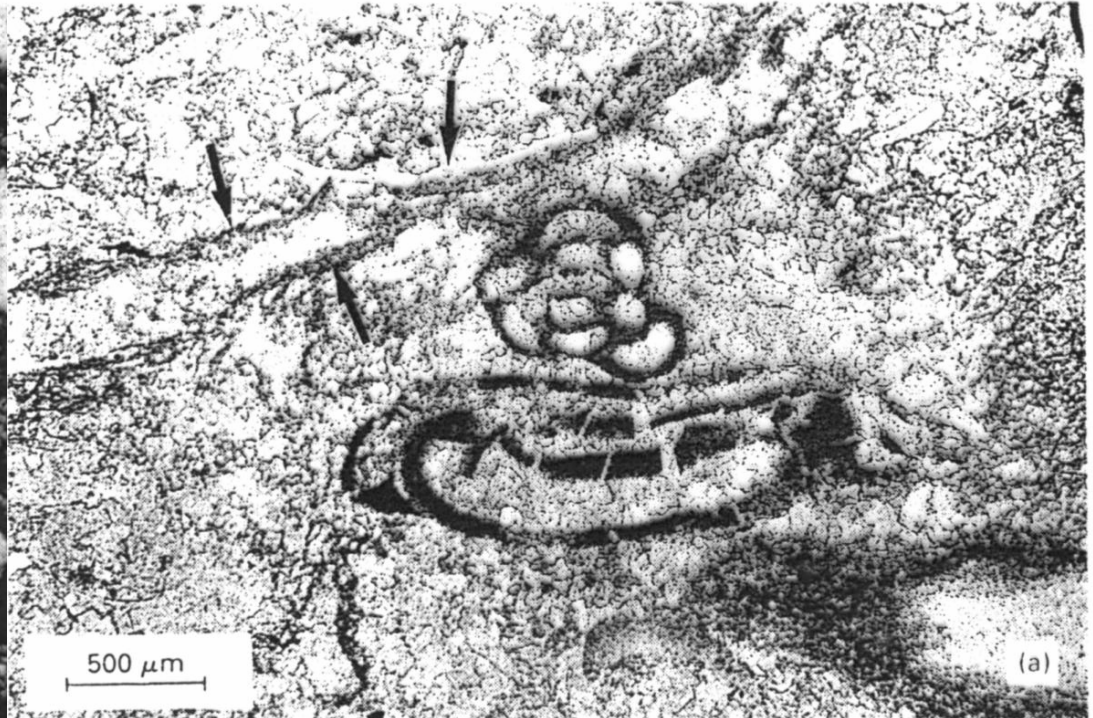
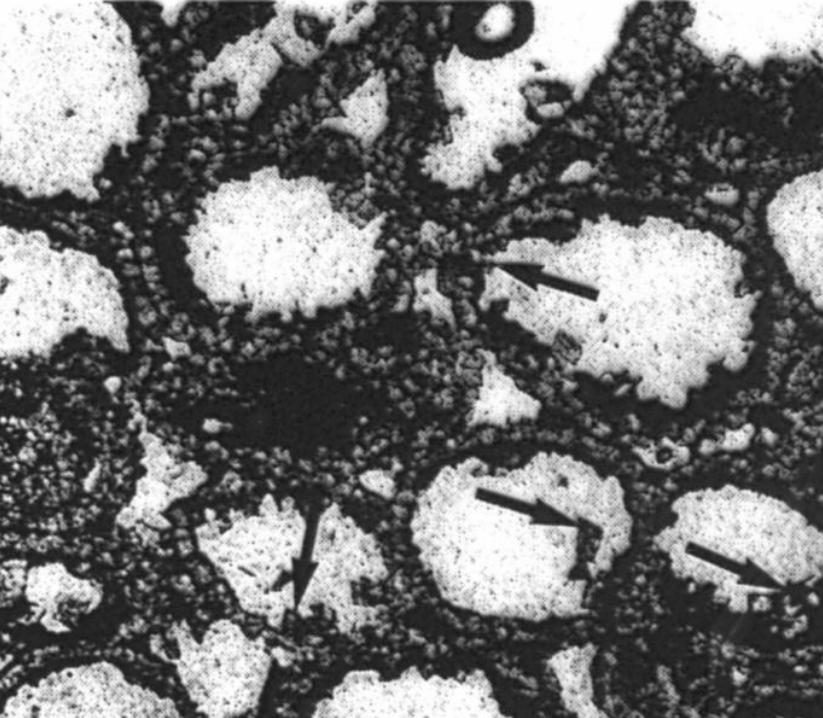


*Fig. 7.37 Grain packing, grain contacts and mechanical and chemical compaction textures in limestones.*

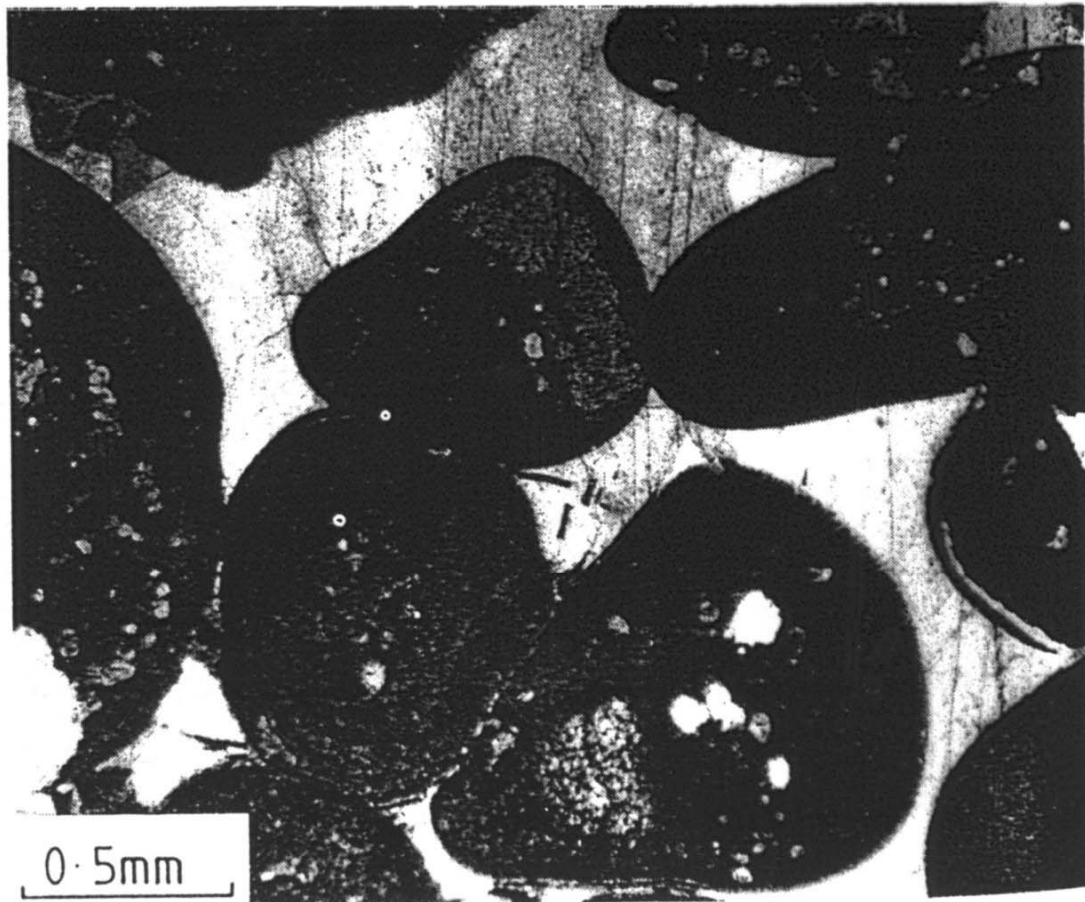


**Fig. 7.40** *Uncompacted, hard limestones alternating with fissile limestones showing fitted fabrics and dissolution seams. This is the result of episodic seafloor cementation. After Bathurst (1987).*

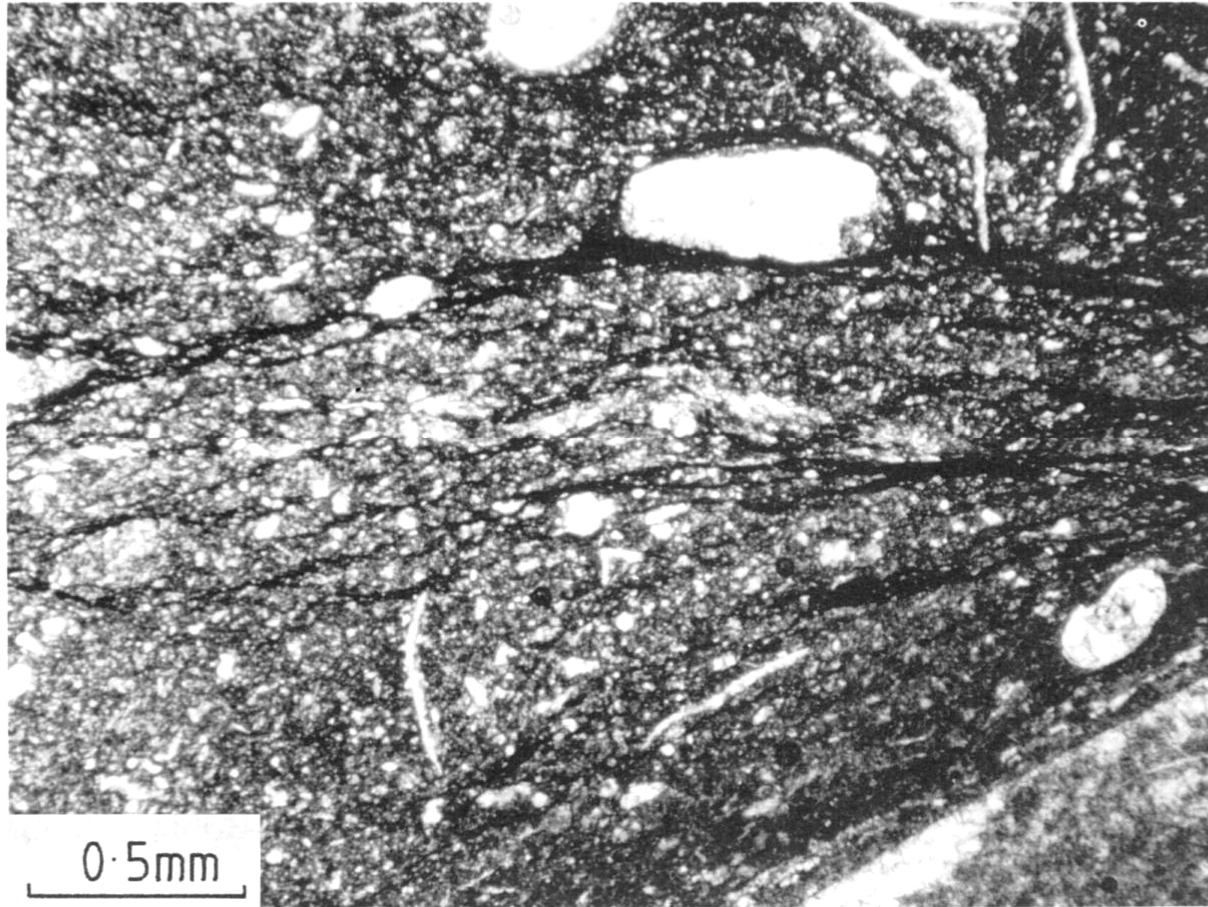








**Fig. 7.38** *Concavo-convex and microstylolitic contacts in Smackover Oolite, Jurassic, Louisiana subsurface. Notice also the spalling and fracture of thin oolitic coating off the central grain. Intergranular porosity later filled by very coarse, poikilotopic calcite spar (white).*

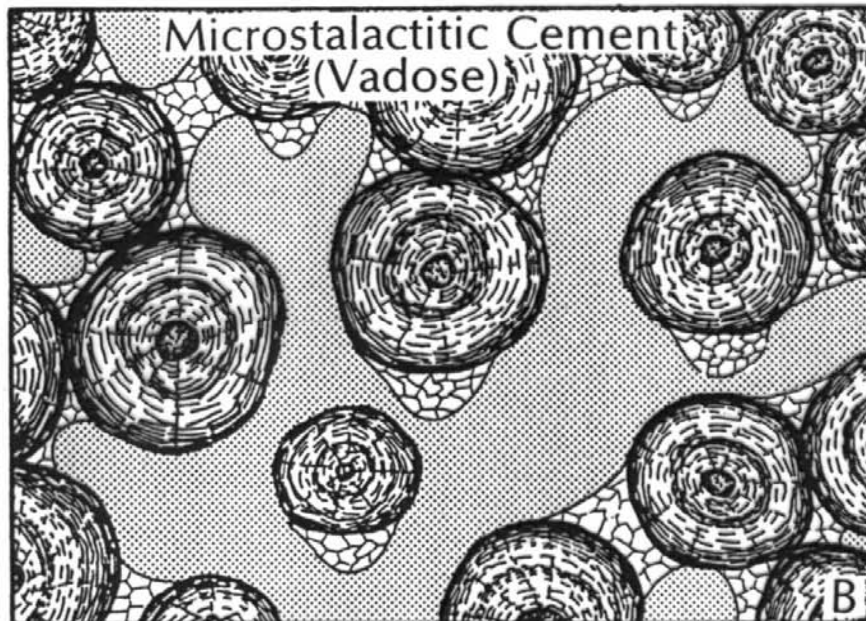
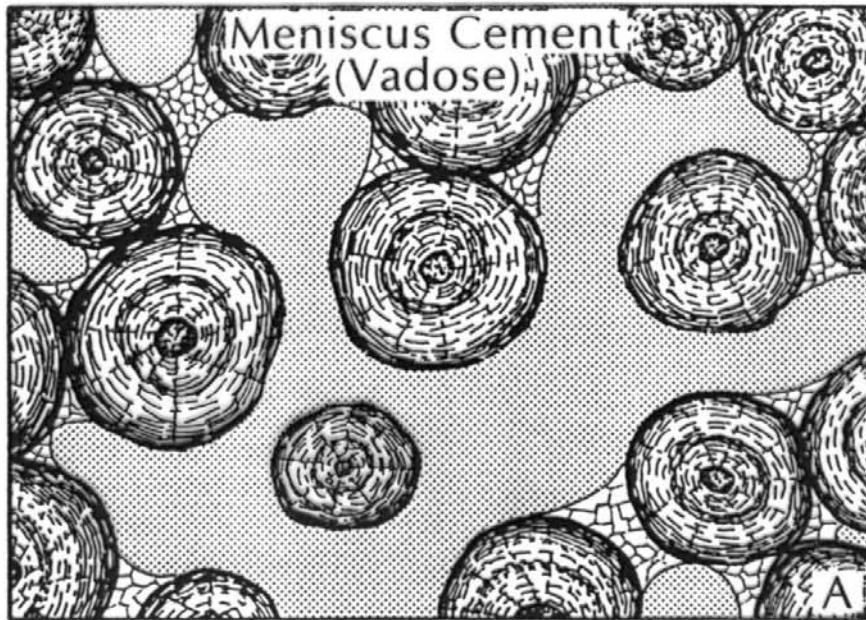


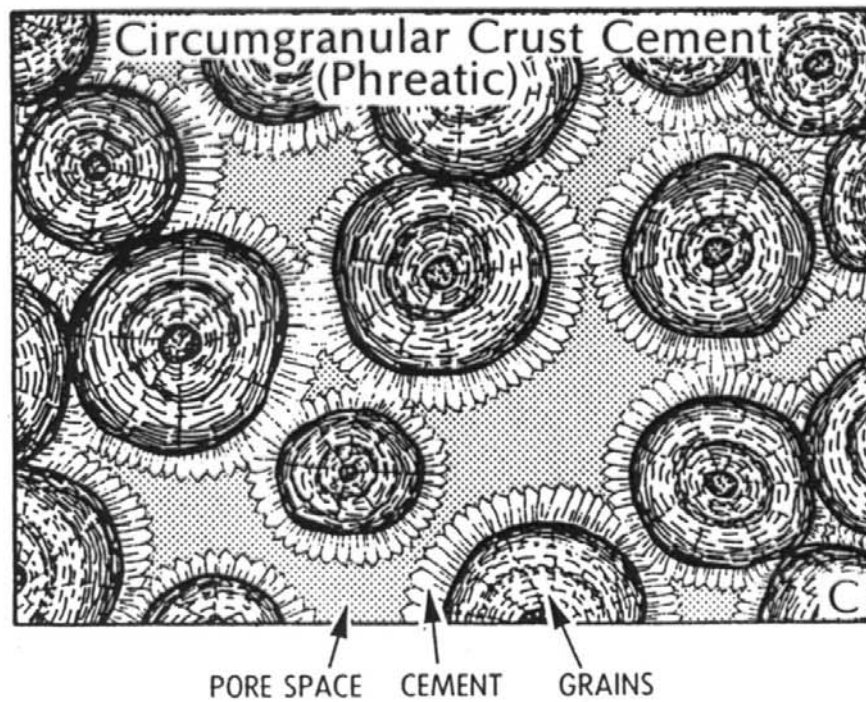
**Fig. 7.39** *Dissolution seams with insoluble residue (clay) concentrated along them. Upper Devonian, Griotte (pelagic limestone), southern France.*



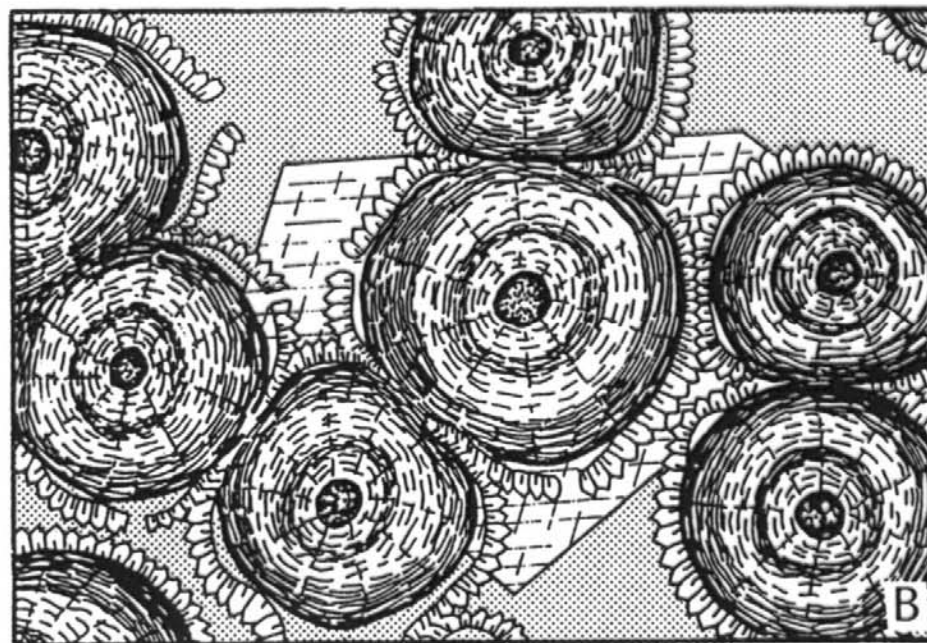
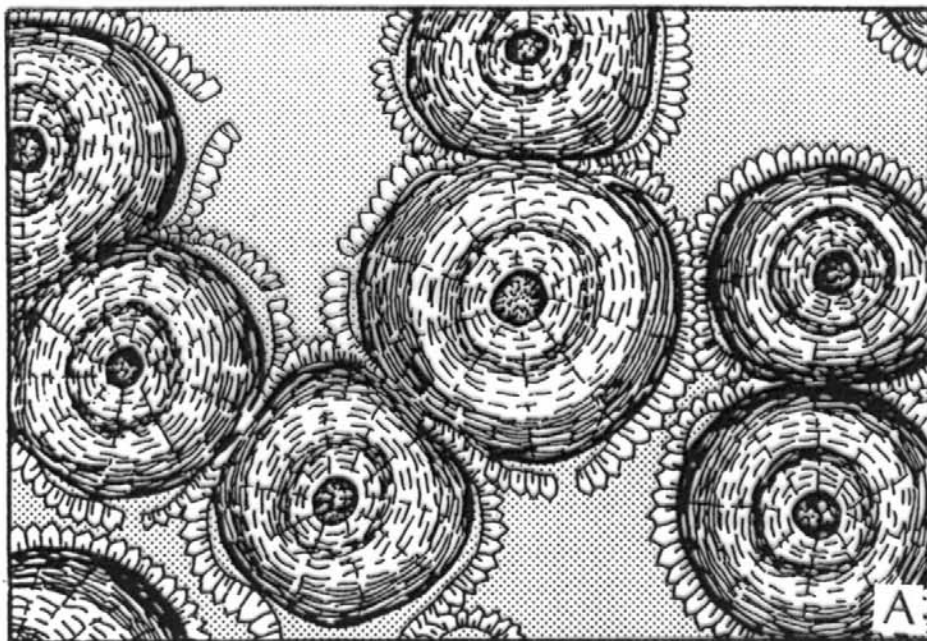


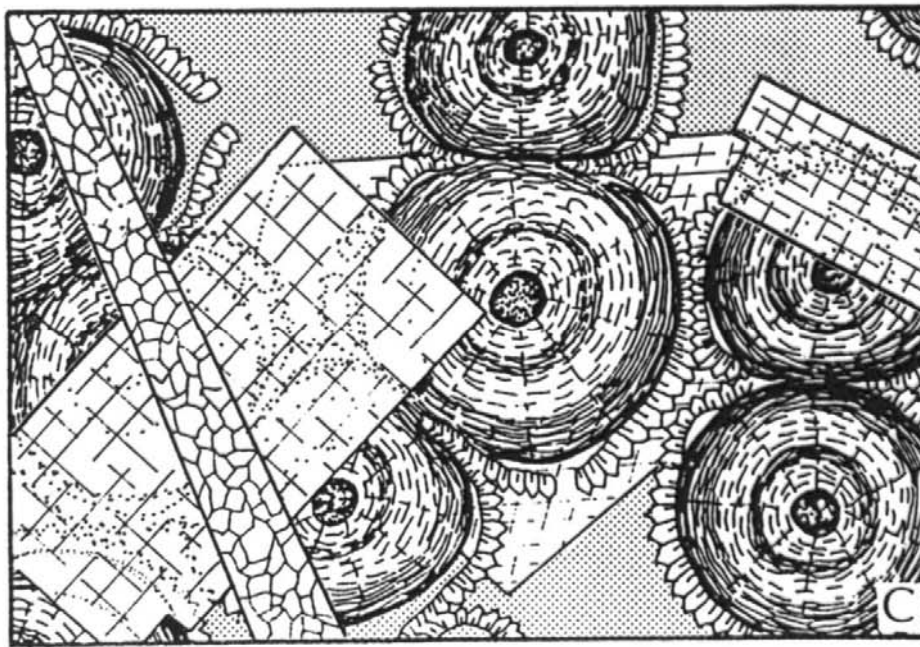




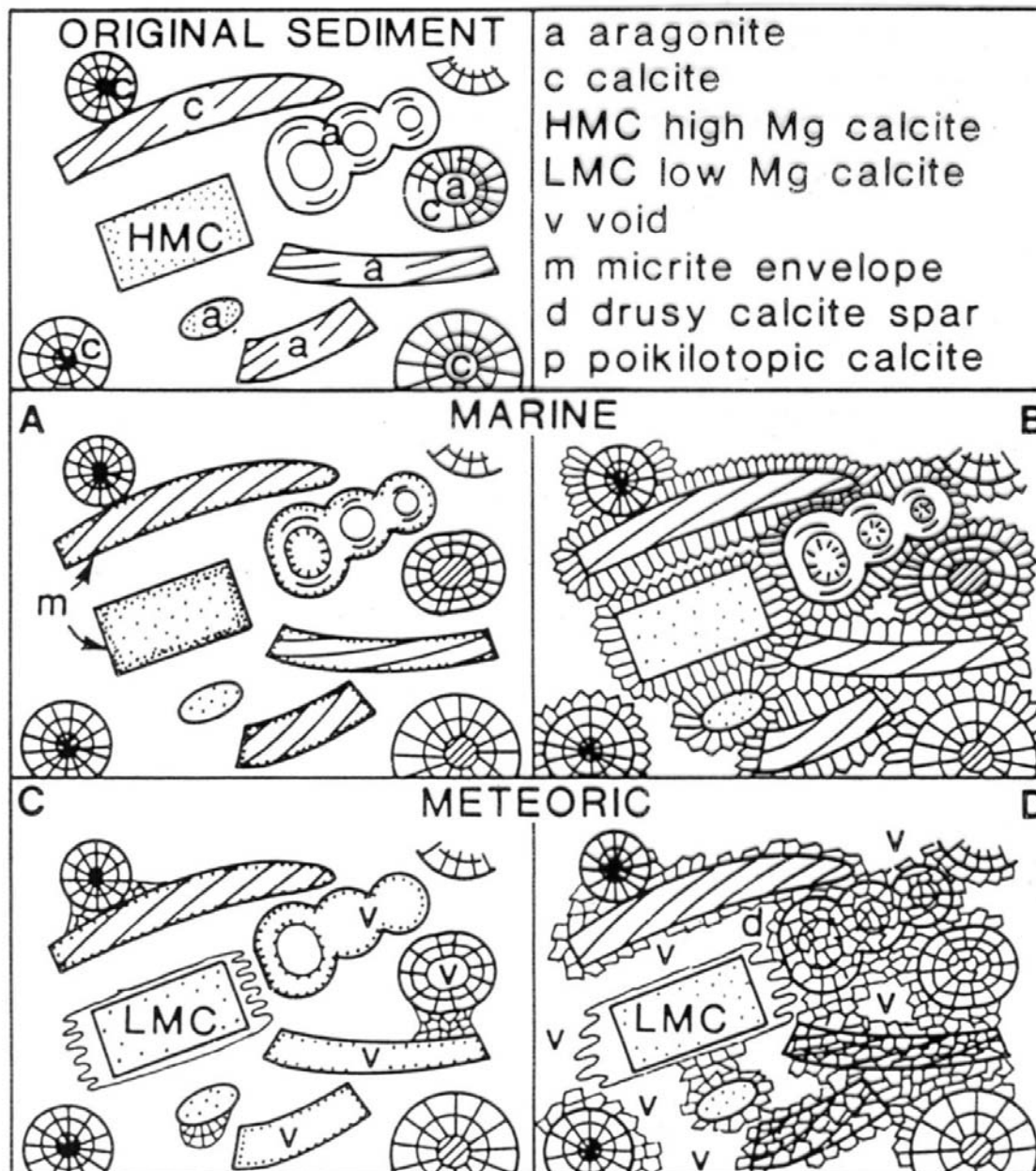


*Fig. 3.6. Cement distributional patterns as a function of diagenetic environment. A. In the vadose zone, cements are concentrated at grain contacts and the resulting pores have a distinct rounded appearance due to the meniscus effect. The resulting cement pattern is termed meniscus cement. B. In the vadose zone immediately above the water table there is often an excess of water that accumulates at the base of grains as droplets. These cements are termed microstalactitic cements. C. In the phreatic zone, where pores are saturated with water, cements are precipitated as circumgranular crusts.*

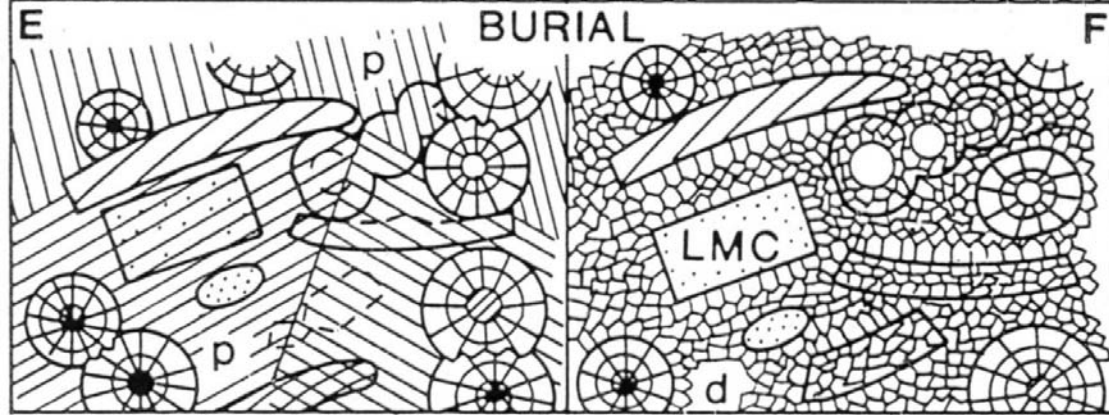




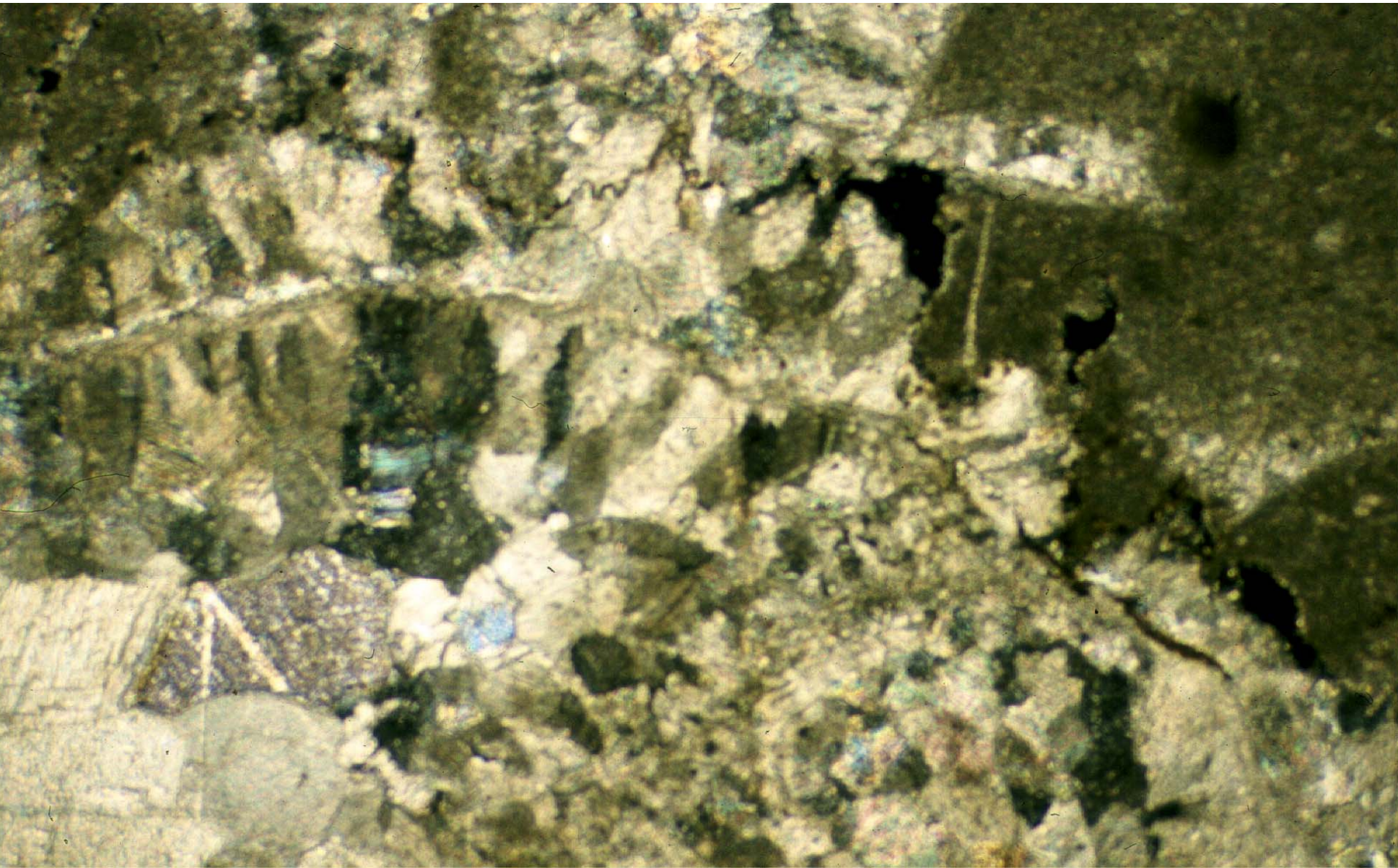
*Fig. 3.8. Timing of diagenetic events by petrographic relationships. A. Involvement of isopachous cement in compaction indicates that cement was early. B. Cement that encases compacted grains and spalled isopachous cement is relatively late. C. Cross cutting relationships of features such as fractures and mineral replacements are useful. Calcite filling fracture is latest event, replacement anhydrite came after the late poikilotopic cement, but before the fracture, while the isopachous cement was the earliest diagenetic event.*









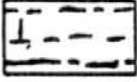




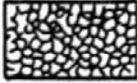



**Fig. 7.42** *End-member diagenetic models for marine, meteoric and burial environments. Model A is for marine diagenesis in a poorly agitated or stagnant location where grain micritization is dominant. Model B is for marine diagenesis in a high-energy location where there is much cementation through seawater pumping. Model C is for meteoric diagenesis in an active zone of much dissolution, whereas model D applies to a zone of more  $\text{CaCO}_3$ -saturated meteoric water where cementation and grain replacement are features. Model E applies to the burial diagenesis of sediments which have little near-surface cement and so compaction is extensive, whereas model F is appropriate for sediments which have been well lithified before any significant compaction. See text for further discussion.*





## BASIC POROSITY TYPES

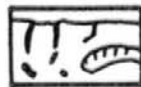
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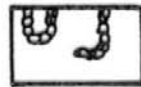
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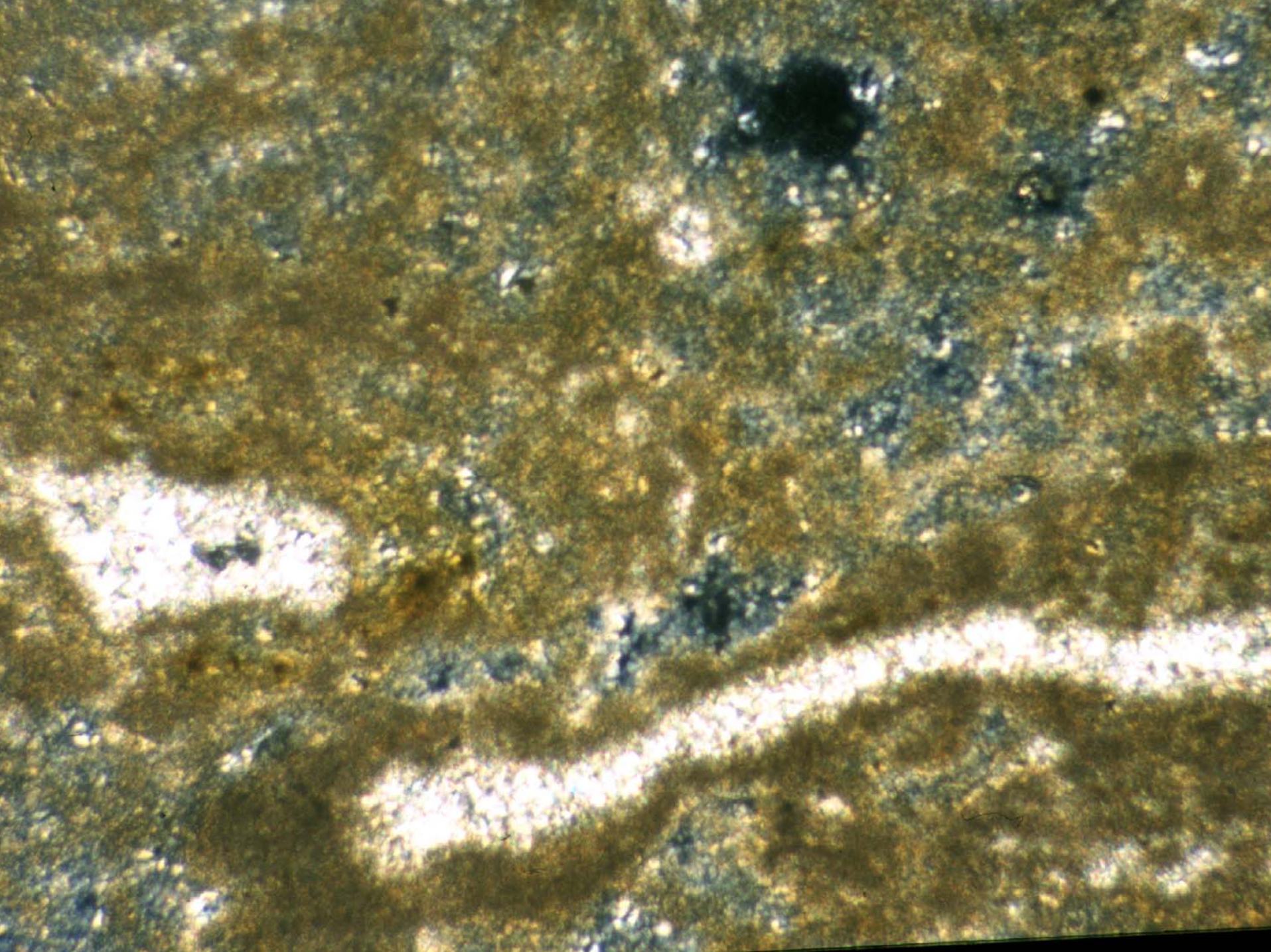
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## ***Dolomitization***

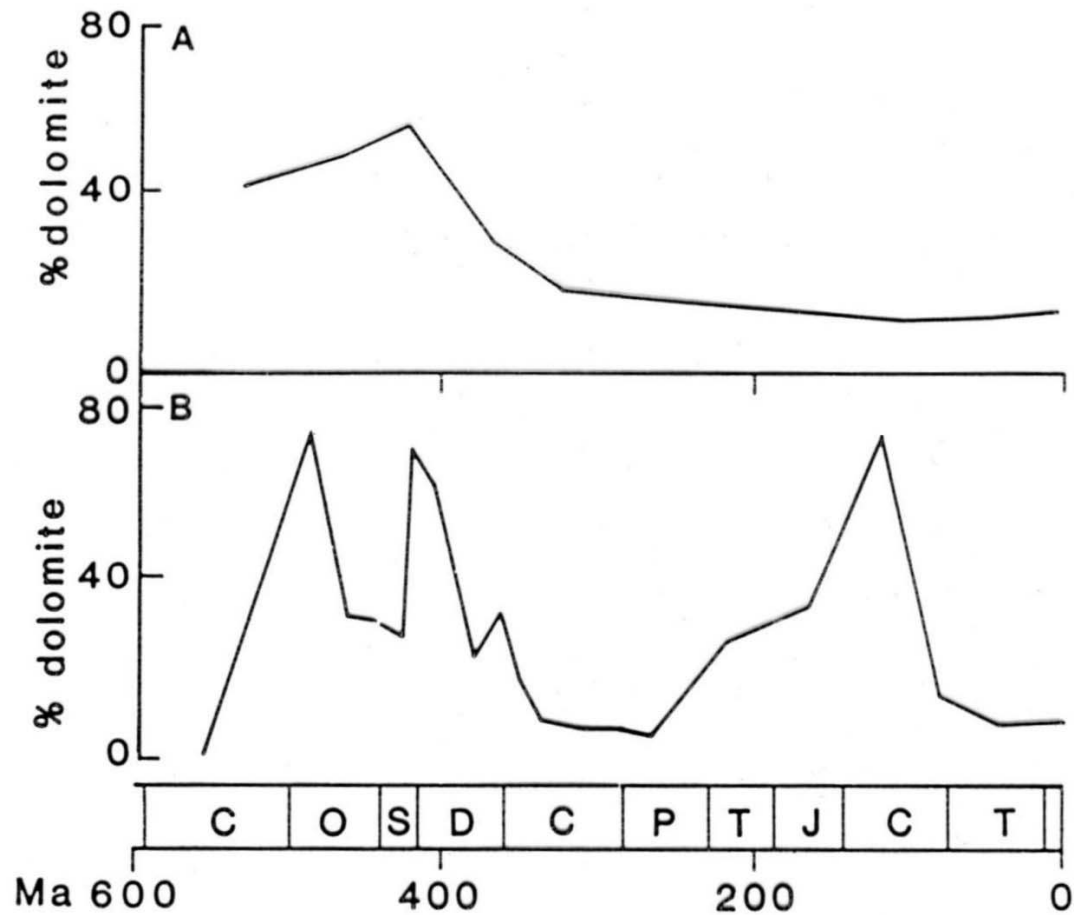
limestone → dolomitization → dolostone → dedolomitization → limestone  
dolomite, protodolomite, Fe-dolomite

dolomitization      - very early - penekontemporaneous dolomite  
                                 - late – after cementation, burial (epigenetic d.)

strukturaly selective d., eg. focused on matrix or bioclasts

dolomitization HMC – preserving original structures; dol. A - recrystalization,  
destruction of original structures

barroque/saddle dolomite – large crystals, barroque/saddle shaped crystals  
and shistosity, undulose extinction → burial (HT, hydrocarbons, sulphide  
mineralization)



**Fig. 4.65** Geological record of dolomites through the Phanerozoic. A, Increasing dolomite occurrence back in time as suggested by many earlier workers. B, A recent compilation showing a more variable trend, which broadly corresponds with the global sea-level curve (greater abundance of dolomite coinciding with higher sea-level stand). The global sea-level curve is given in Fig. 4.4. After Given & Wilkinson (1987).



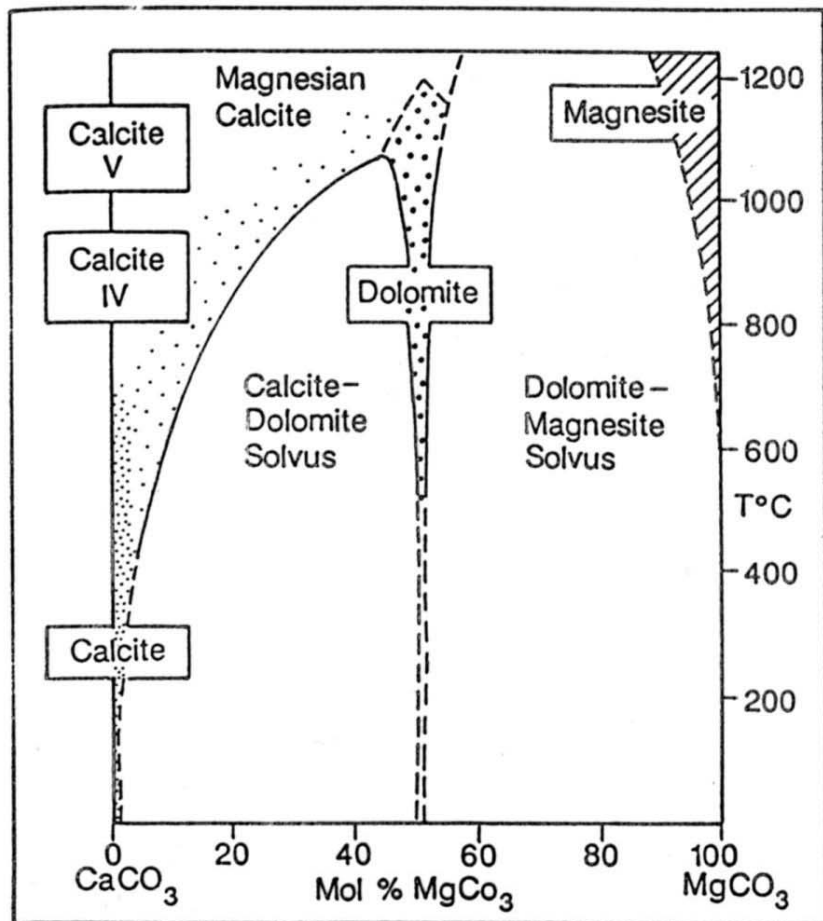


Fig. 6.7 Phase relations of the  $\text{CaCO}_3$ - $\text{MgCO}_3$  system. High temperature margin to dolomite field conjectural. After Goldsmith & Heard (1961a).

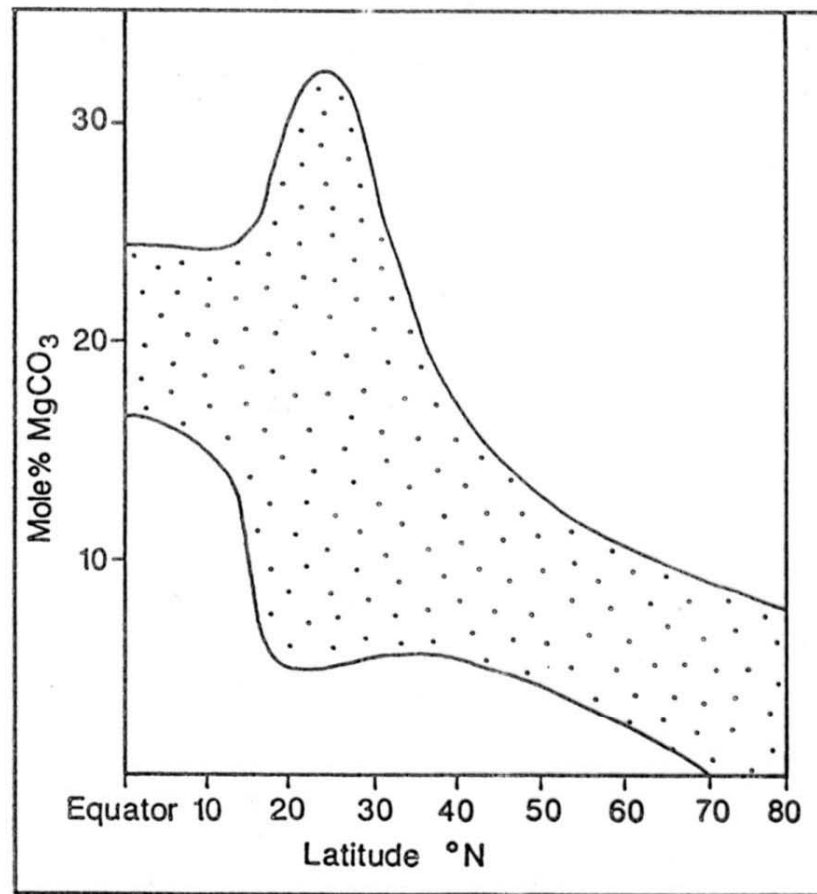


Fig. 6.8 Range of mole %  $\text{MgCO}_3$  in skeletal magnesian calcites plotted against latitude. Data (from Chave, 1954) include red algae and a variety of invertebrate phyla.

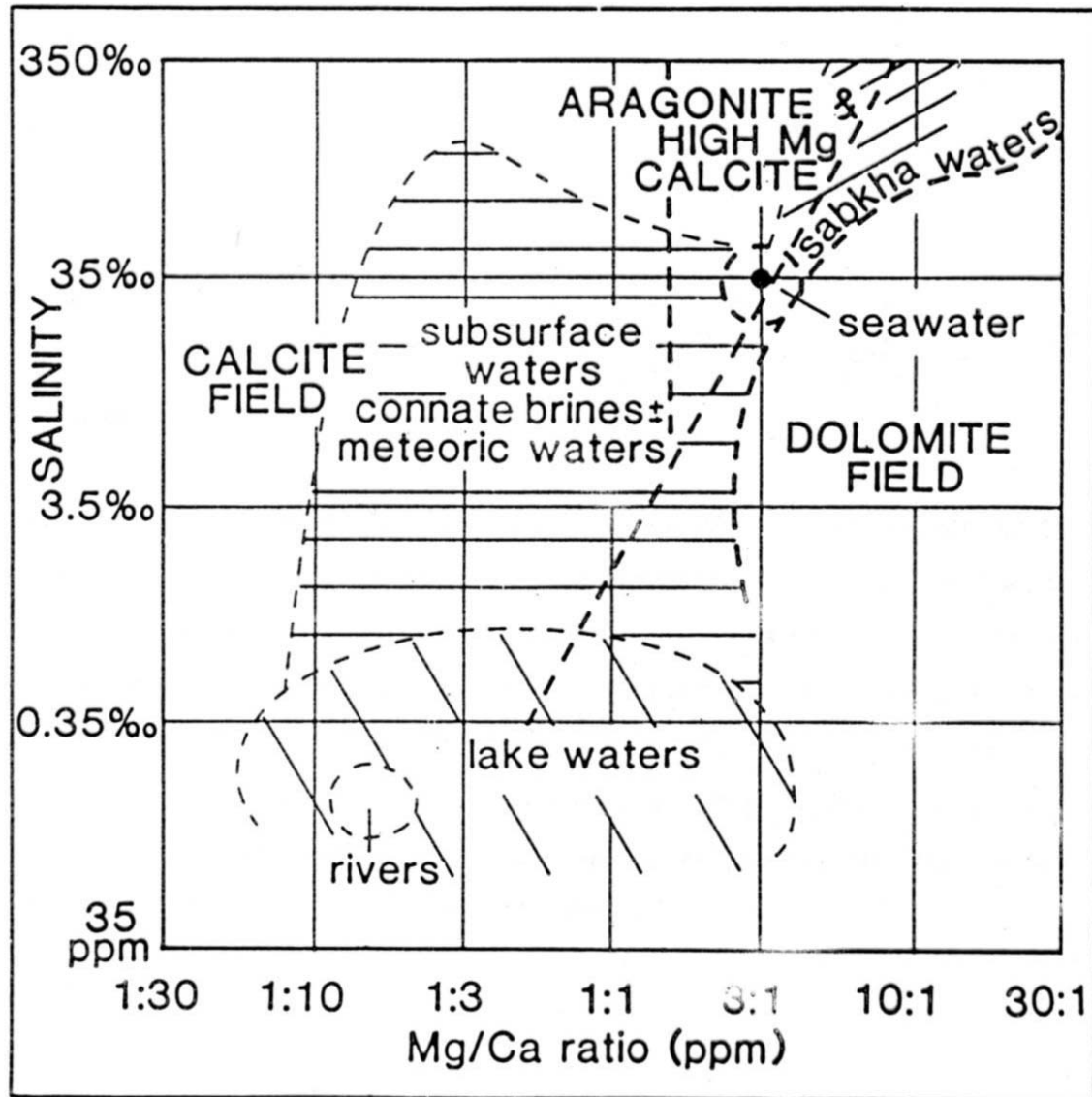


Fig. 8.2 The precipitational fields of calcite, dolomite and aragonite plus high-Mg calcite in terms of salinity and Mg/Ca ratio of natural waters. After Folk & Land (1975).

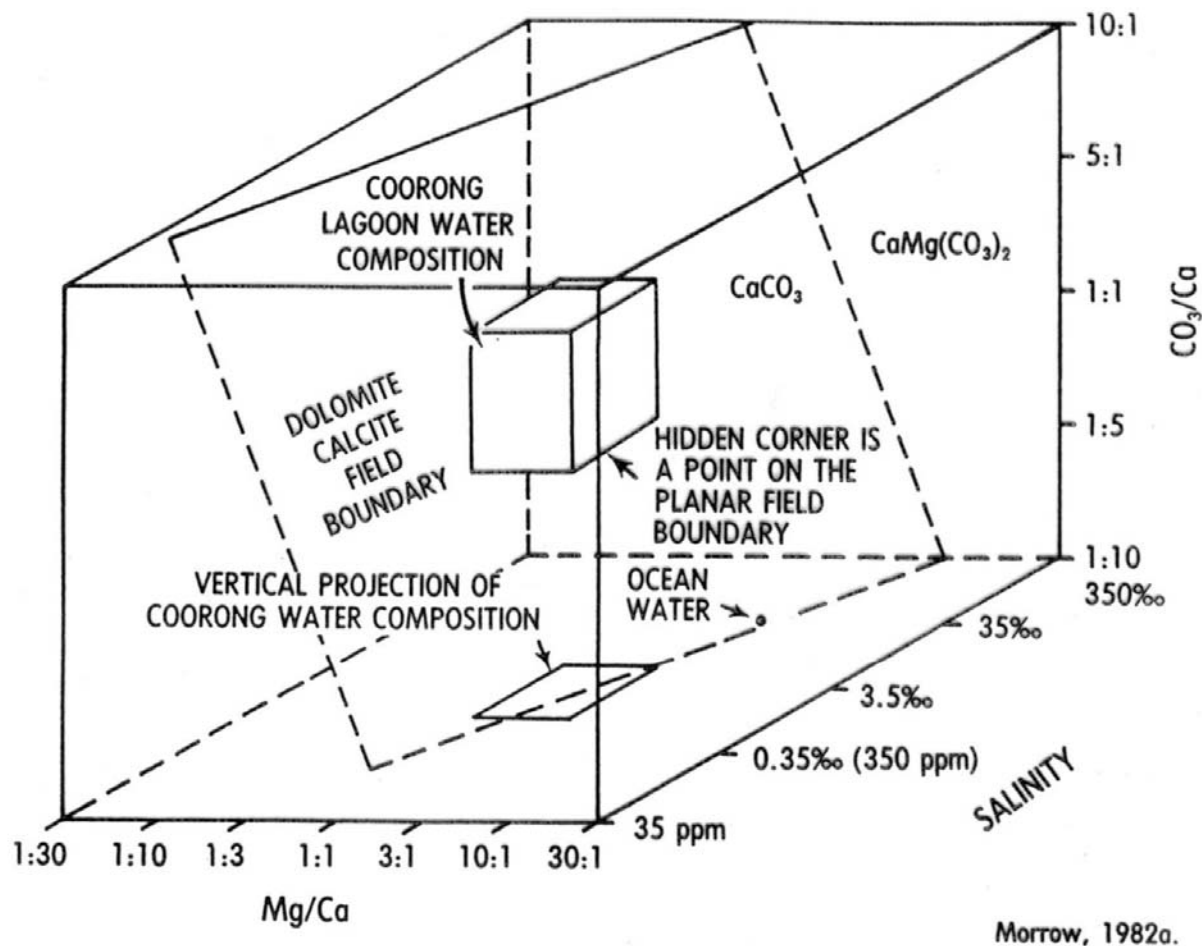
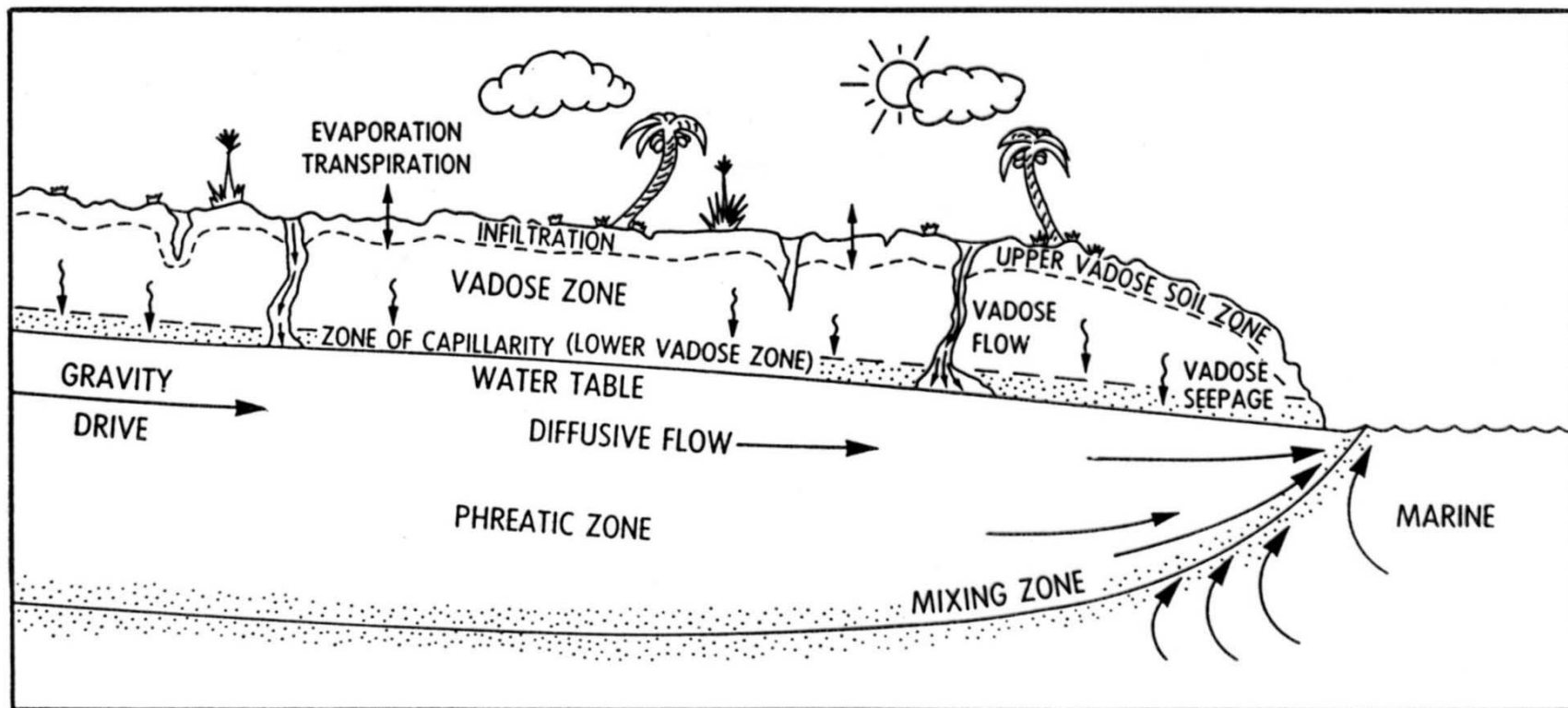
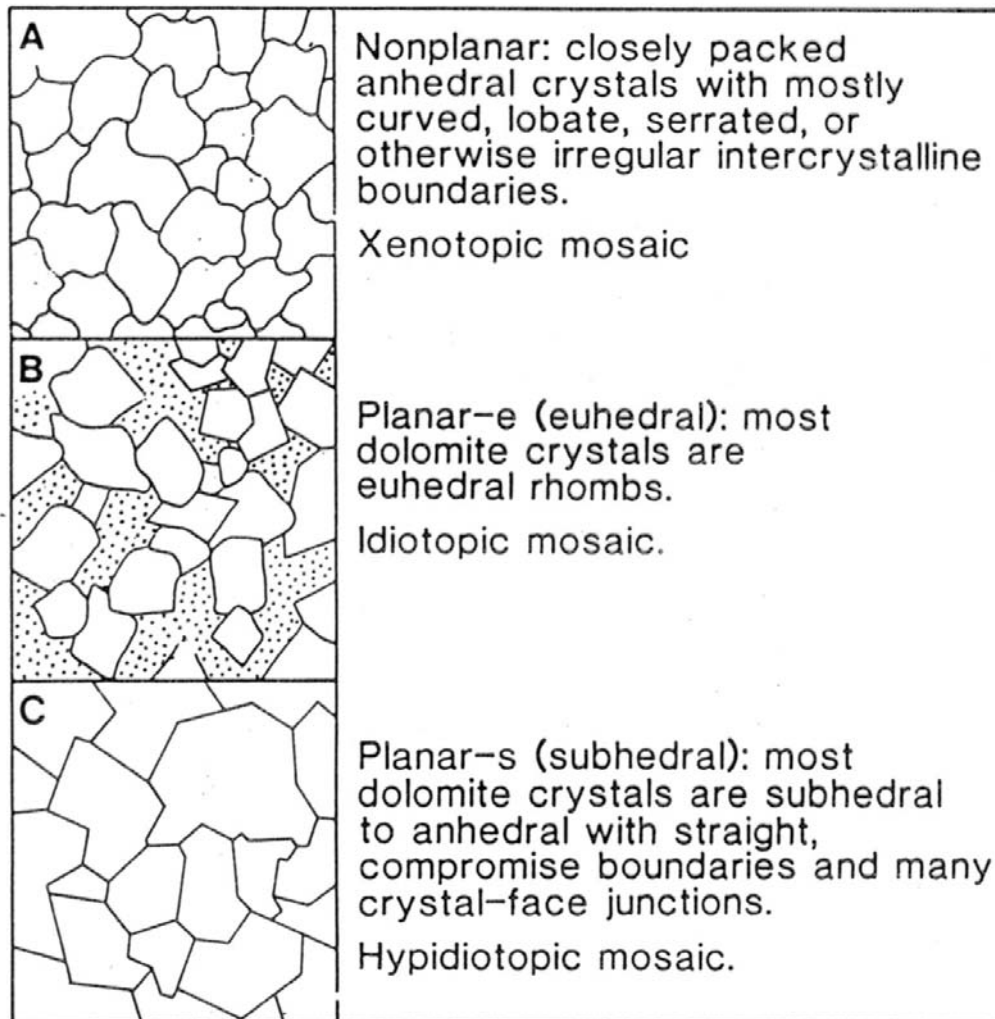


Fig. 6.1. Block diagram showing the effect of variation in the three parameters, the  $\text{Mg}/\text{Ca}$  solution ratio, the salinity, and the  $\text{CO}_3/\text{Ca}$  ratio. The plane represents the kinetic boundary between dolomite and calcite or aragonite and it includes the hidden corner of the Coorong Lagoon waters as a point on the plane. The basal plane is after Folk and Land (1975). Note that the vertical projection of Coorong Lagoon waters falls largely on the calcite-aragonite side of the stability boundary on the basal plane. A decrease in salinity, an increase in the  $\text{Mg}/\text{Ca}$  ratio or an increase in the  $\text{CO}_3/\text{Ca}$  ratio favours the precipitation of dolomite. Reprinted with permission of the Geological Association of Canada.

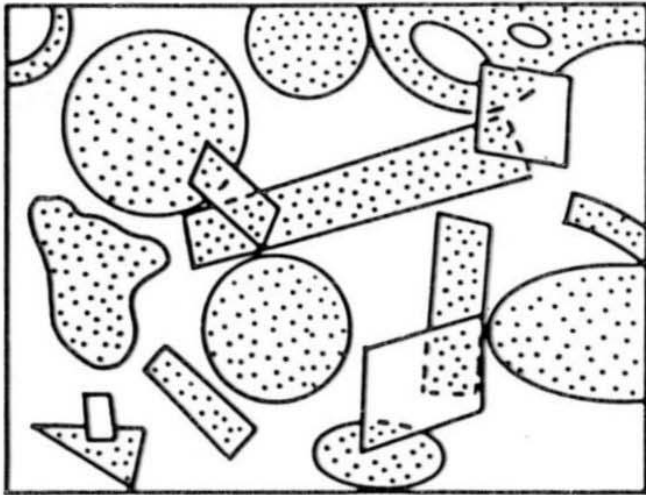
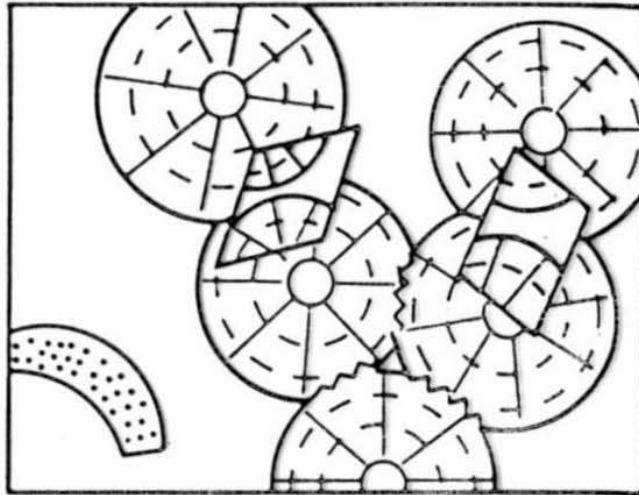
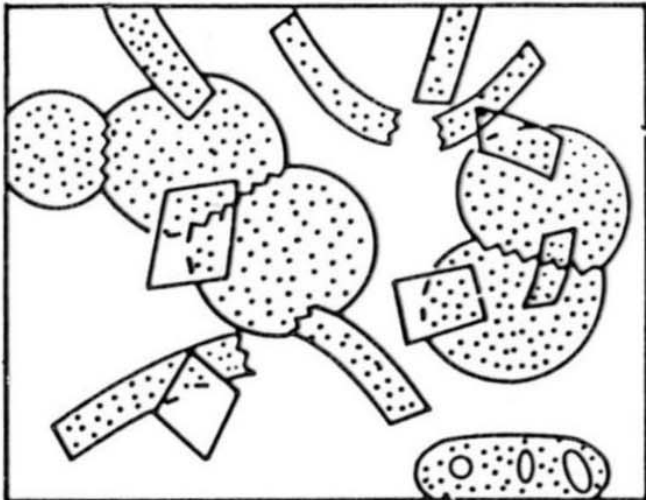


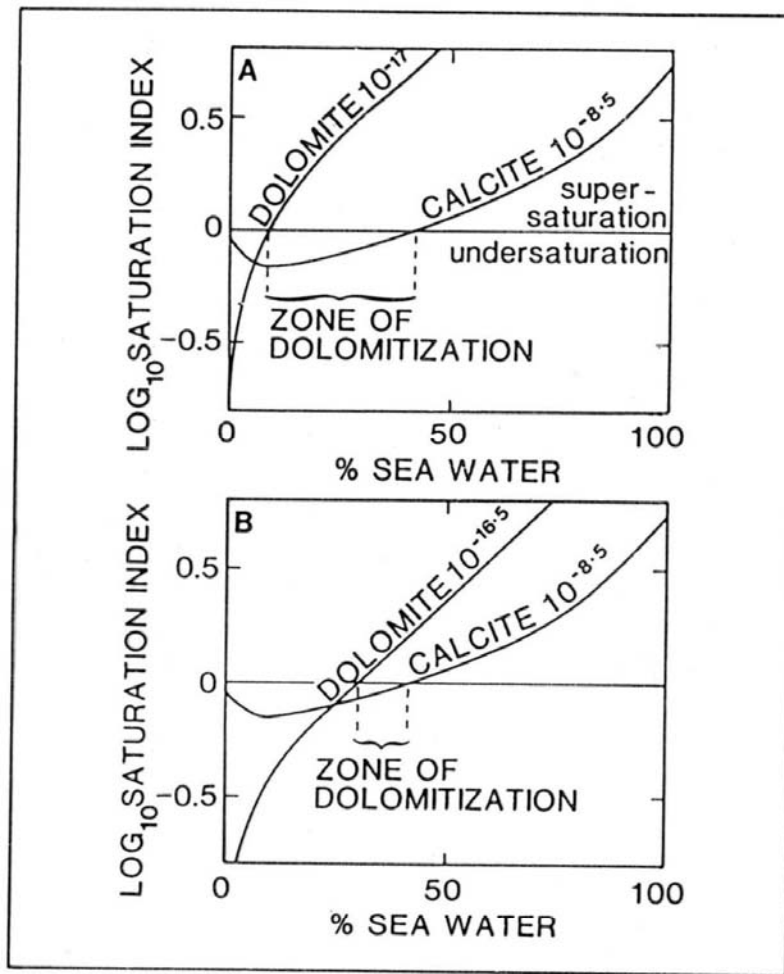


*Fig. 6.8. Conceptual model of the major diagenetic environments, and hydrologic conditions present in the meteoric realm.*

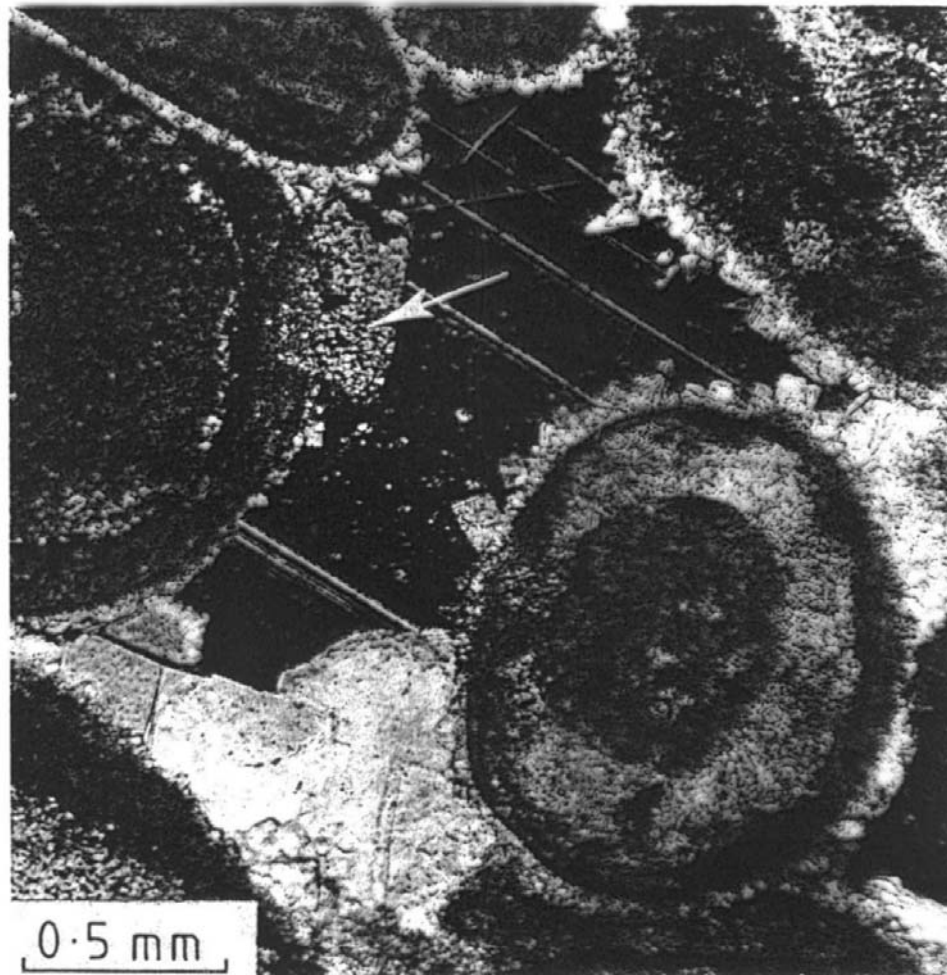


**Fig. 8.6** *Three common dolomite textures. (A) Non-planar crystals in a xenotopic mosaic. (B) Planar-e crystals (e for euhedral) in an idiotopic mosaic. (C) Planar-s crystals (s for subhedral) in a hypidiotopic mosaic. After Sibley & Gregg (1987).*

**A****B****C****D**



**Fig. 8.3** *Mixing-zone dolomitization. Solubility curves for dolomite and calcite in meteoric water with increasing content of seawater. Dolomitization is considered to take place in waters supersaturated with respect to dolomite but undersaturated with respect to calcite. (A) For dolomite with solubility product  $K = 10^{-17}$ , as used by Badiozamani (1973). (B) For disordered dolomite with  $K = 10^{-16.5}$ , as used by Hardie (1987). Note that in (B) the zone of dolomitization is much reduced. After Hardie (1987).*

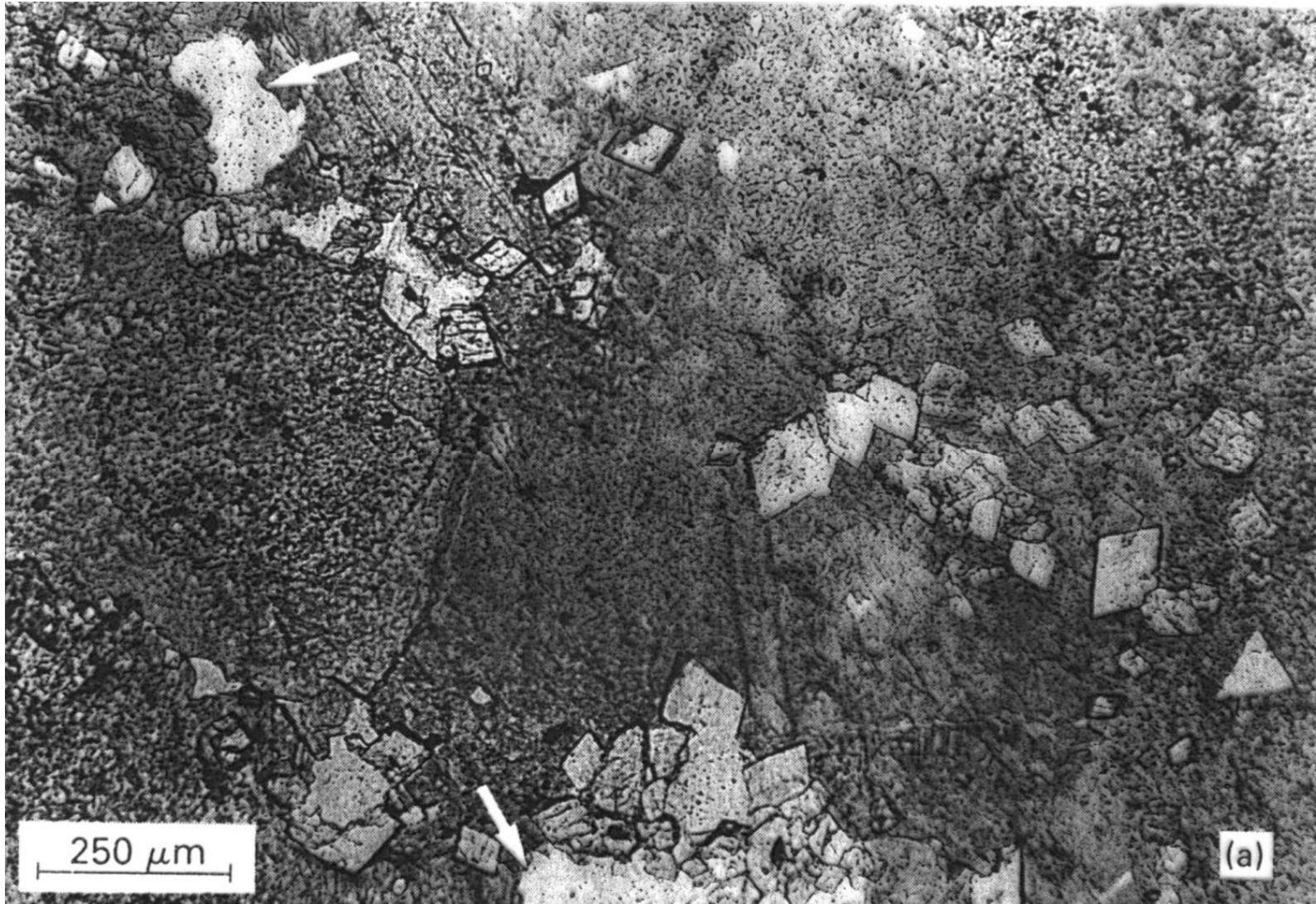


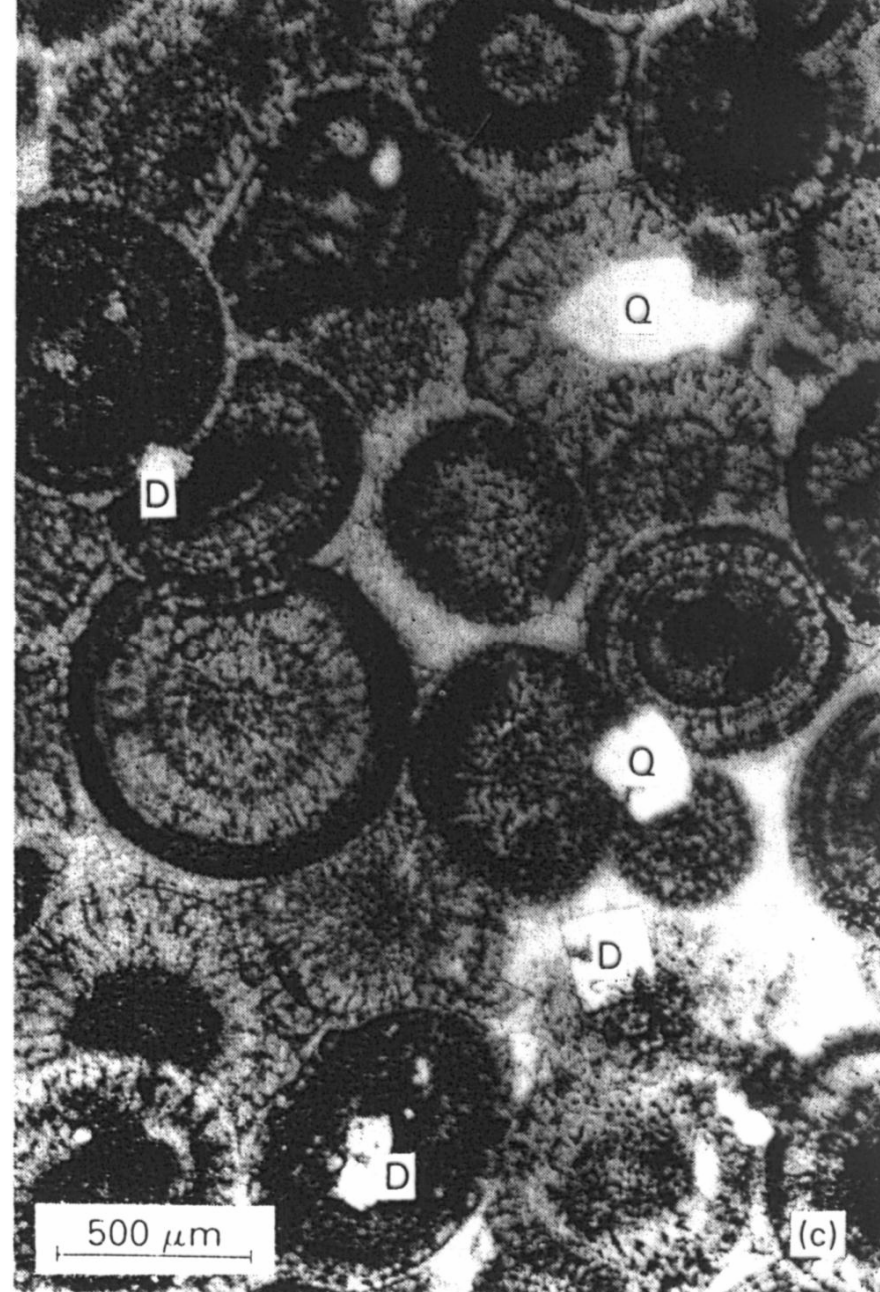
**Fig. 4.54** Calcite cement at grain contacts and irregularly around grains. This geometry indicates precipitation in the near-surface, meteoric vadose environment. Later precipitation of large poikilotopic calcite (black, in extinction) took place during burial. Isolated dolomite rhombs (arrowed) were precipitated after the meteoric and before the burial cements. Crossed polars. Lower Carboniferous oolitic grainstone. Glamorgan, Wales.



**Fig. 8.13** *Pre-compaction dolomite rhomb. Notice that the edge of the ooid is displaced within the rhomb. Gully Oolite, Lower Carboniferous, south Wales.*



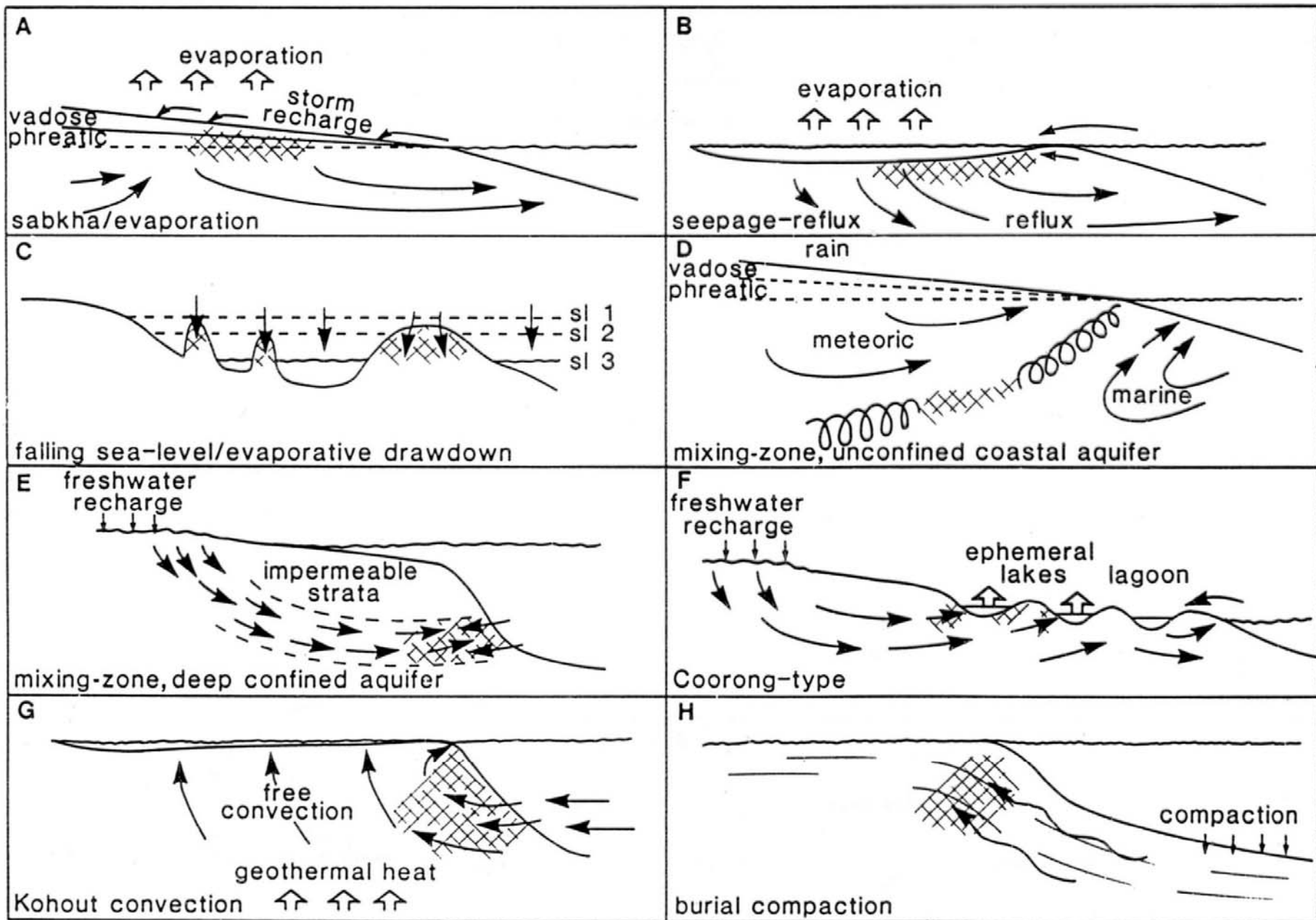




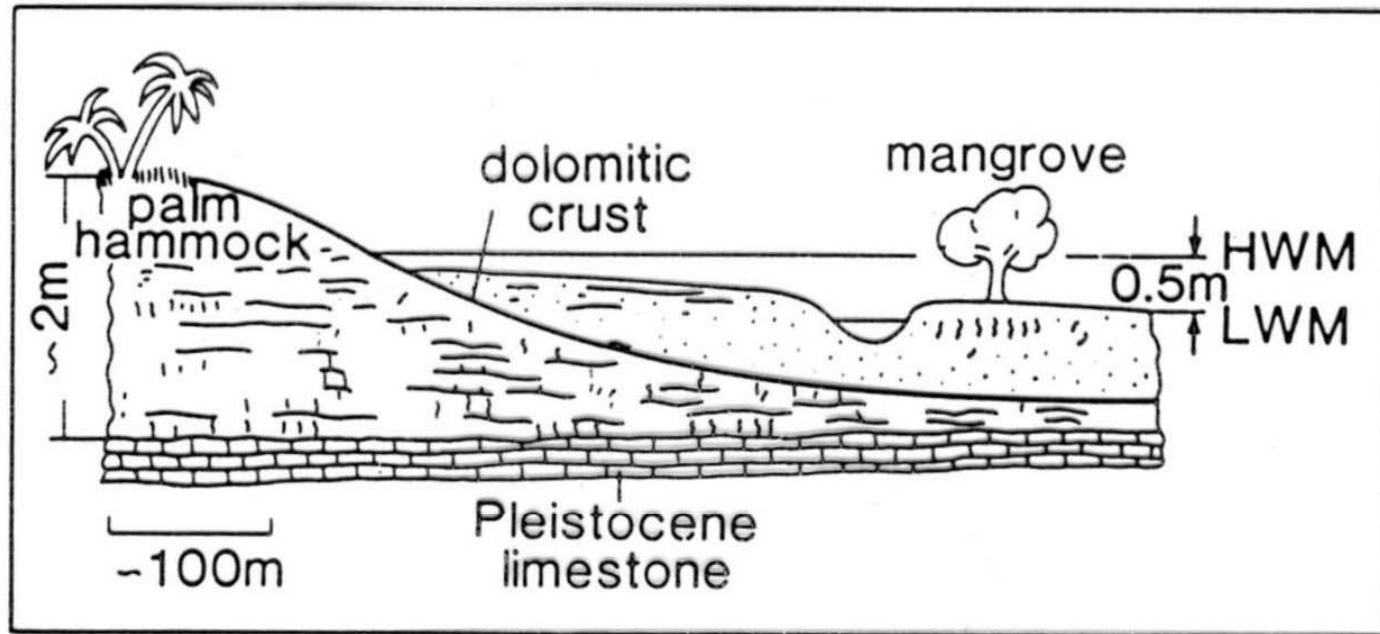
## dolomitization models

dolomite paradox: marine water oversaturated with dolomite, but its direct precipitation is inhibited by series of kinetic factors, therefore direct precipitation of A and HMC is more favourable in nature

- **from pore fluids**, Bahamas, Florida, Arab. Gulf, 1-4 mm rhombs, surface crusts; increase of Mg/Ca in pre fluids due to precipitation of A and gypsum-anhydrite, evaporation
- Lake Victoria, **direct precipitation from lake waters**, high Mg/Ca ratio due to weathering of basalts
- **Coorong**, s. Australia, direct precipitation of d., mixing of meteoric Mg rich waters with marine waters in shallow nearshore lakes, penecontemporaneous dolomite
- **lagoons**, periodically hypersaline, evaporation
- **intertidal-supratidal**, evaporitic dolomitization, preservation of sed.structures (teepee, birdseyes)
- **shallow subtidal and reef**, infiltration and percolation of lagoonal waters with high Mg/Ca ratio (due to evaporation) back to barrier/reef
- **zone of mixing of meteoric and marine waters**, ratio 2:1 → decrease of calcite saturation, but dolomite saturation; lower salinity, Mg/Ca ratio constant
- **burial**, migration of Mg rich fluids (generated by compaction of pelagic muds) to limestones; sources of Mg: clay minerals, pore fluids, organic matter, also HMC to LMC recrystallization
- subrecent dolomitization in atolls and carb. platforms (1200-1400 m depth), cold marine waters percolating the limestones → low temperature, low calcite saturation, but saturated with dolomite; water circulation due to tidal pumping and marine currents → high geothermal gradient .... **Kohoutova konvekce**
- in **anoxic** environments, bacterial reduction of sulphates - kinetic inhibitor of dolomitization, source of Mg partly in organic matter



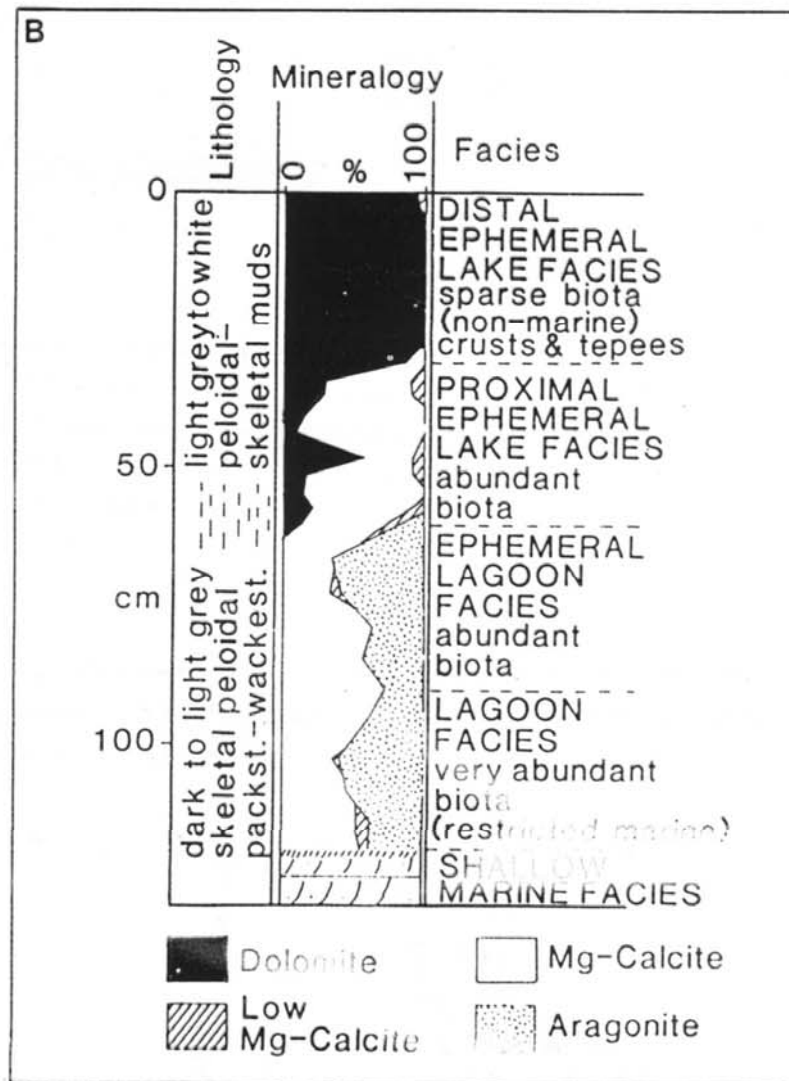
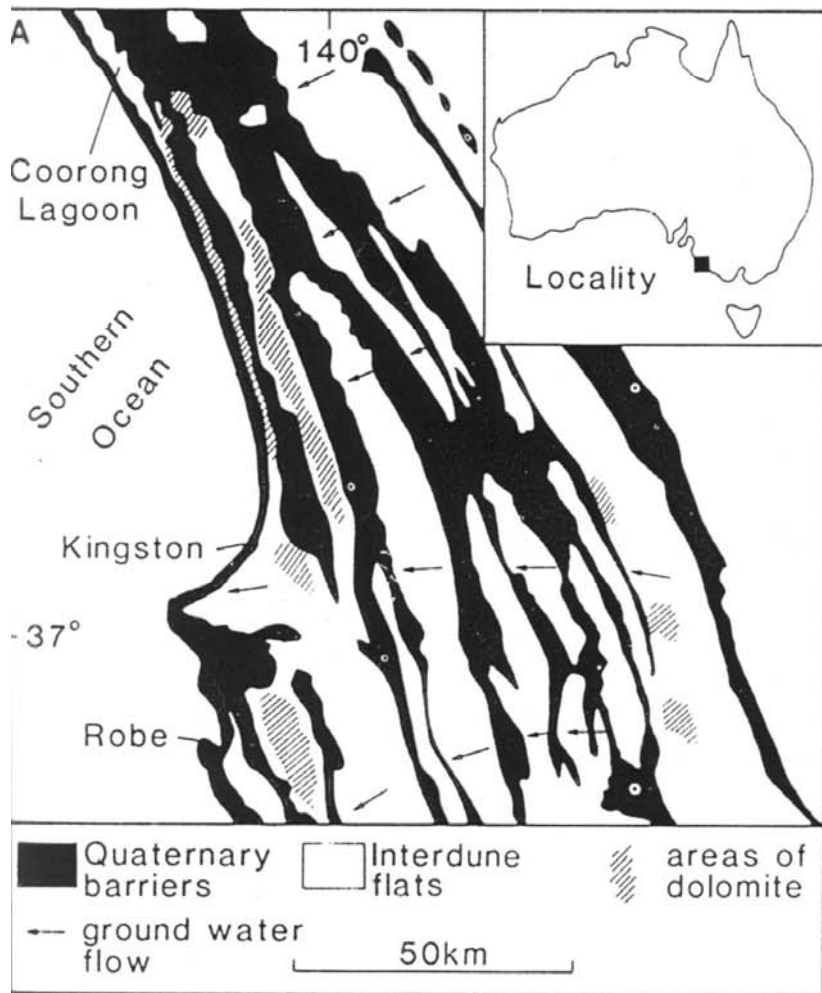
**Fig. 8.1** Models of dolomitization, illustrating the variety of mechanisms for moving dolomitizing fluids through the sediments. In part after Land (1985). Also see Fig. 8.31 for seawater dolomitization models.



**Fig. 8.21** Schematic cross-section of a palm hammock on the tidal flats of Andros Island, Bahamas, showing dolomitic crust, now forming in the upper intertidal/low supratidal zone, with earlier crust occurring beneath the low intertidal—shallow subtidal sediments. After Shinn et al. (1965).



Fig. 8.22 Dolomites of the Coorong region, South Australia. (A) The coastal plain of Quaternary barriers and interdune flats where ephemeral lakes occur and dolomite is being precipitated. (B) Stratigraphic log of a core from an ephemeral Coorong lake. After Von der Borch (1976) and Von der Borch & Lock (1979).





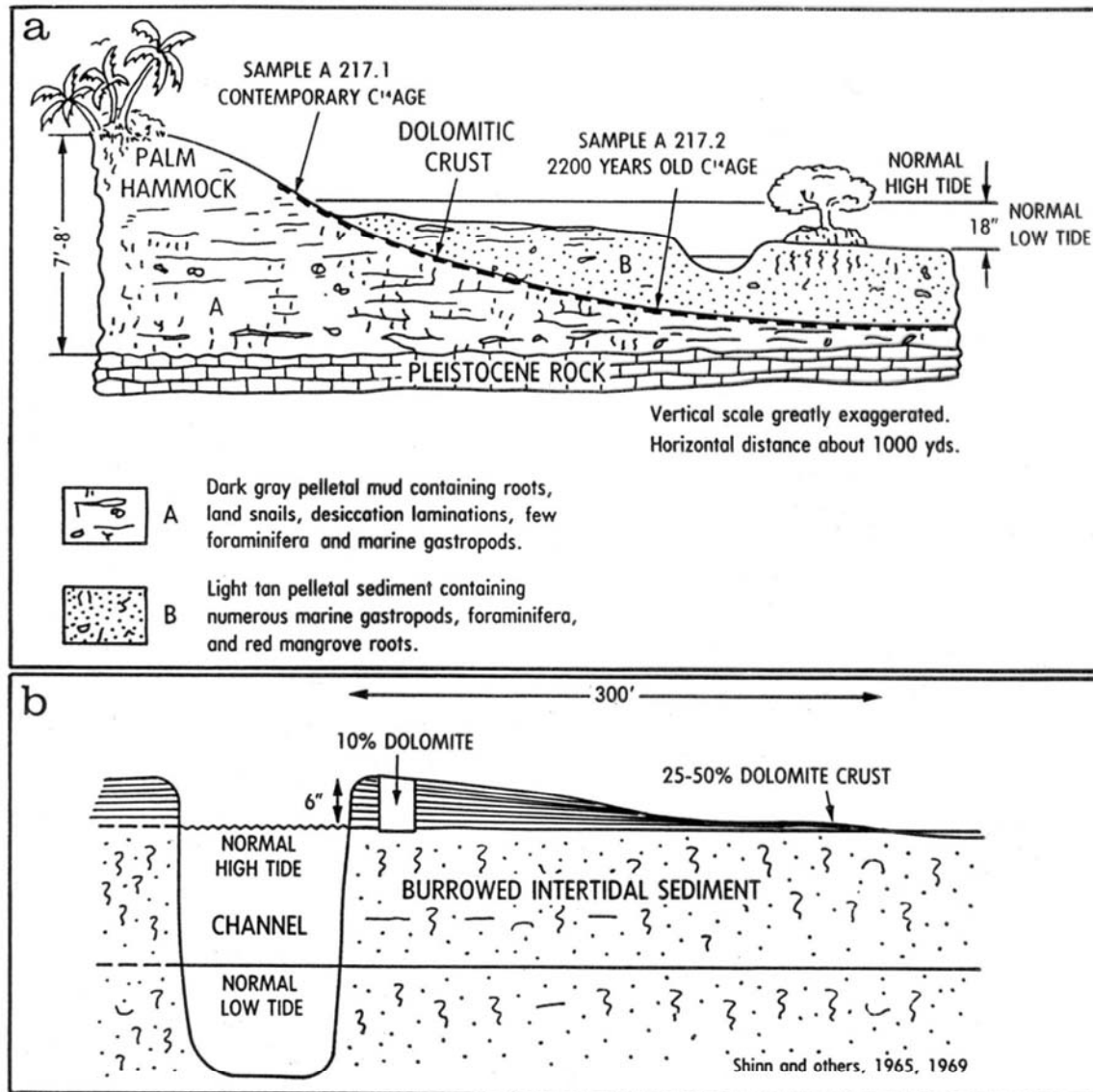


Fig. 5.7. a. Stratigraphic cross section across the flank of a palm hammock on Andros Island, the Bahamas. Note variation in age along the dolomitic crust. b. Schematic cross section across a tidal channel natural levee on the Andros Island tidal flats. Note that dolomite % is greater in the thin flanks of the levee than in the thicker channel margin part of the levee due to a dilution effect caused by the greater rate of sedimentation along the channel margins. Used with permission of SEPM.

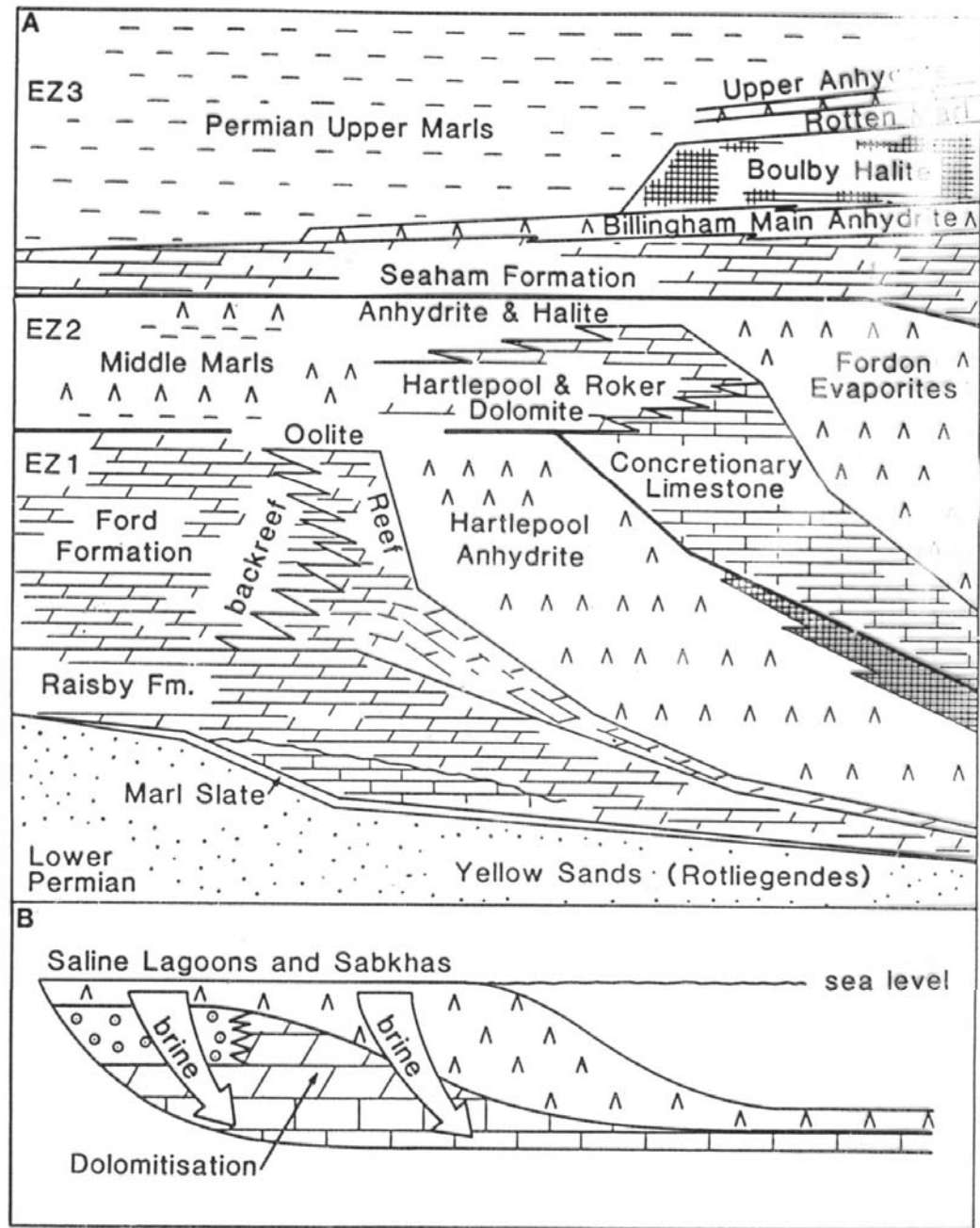
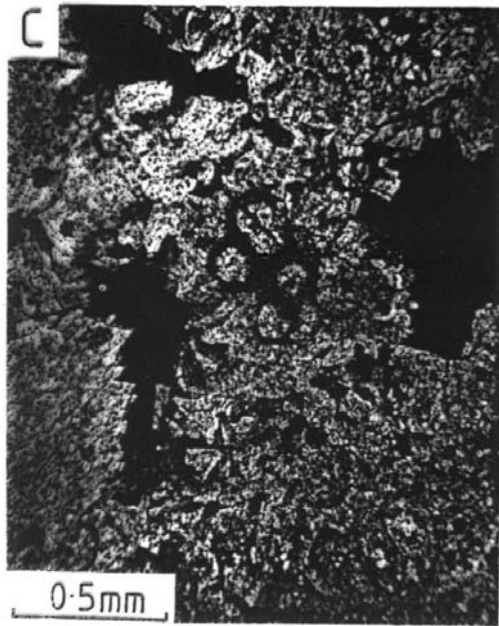


Fig. 8.23 Dolomites of the Upper Permian (Zechstein) of northeast England. (A) Stratigraphy—lithology showing three carbonate—evaporite cycles. The lower part of the Raisby Formation is still limestone; the Concretionary Limestone is mostly a nodolomite. (B) Seepage—reflux model for Zechstein dolomitization. After Smith (1981) and Clark (1980). (C) Coarse dolomite, bryozoan in centre and vuggy porosity. Crossed spindles.

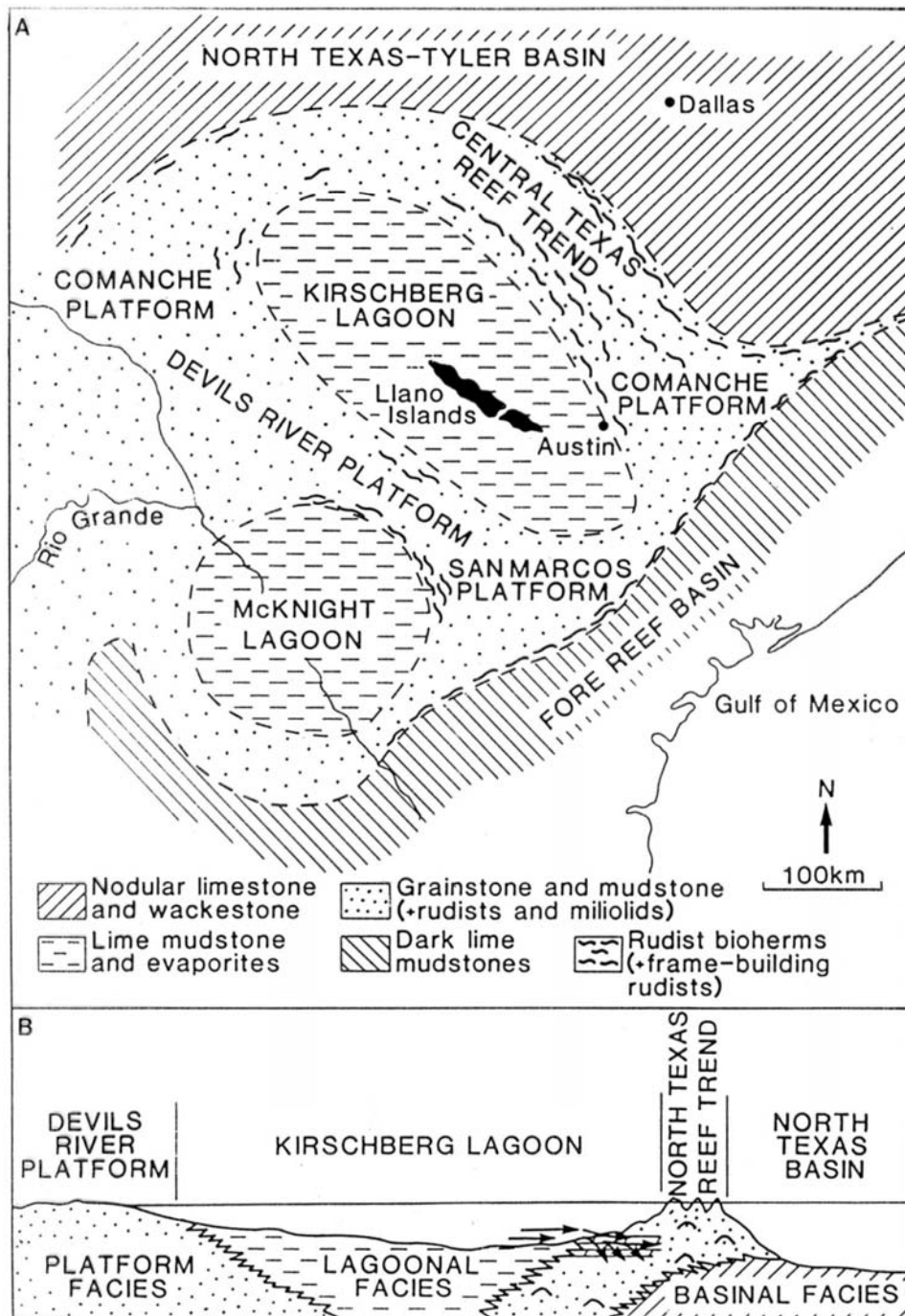
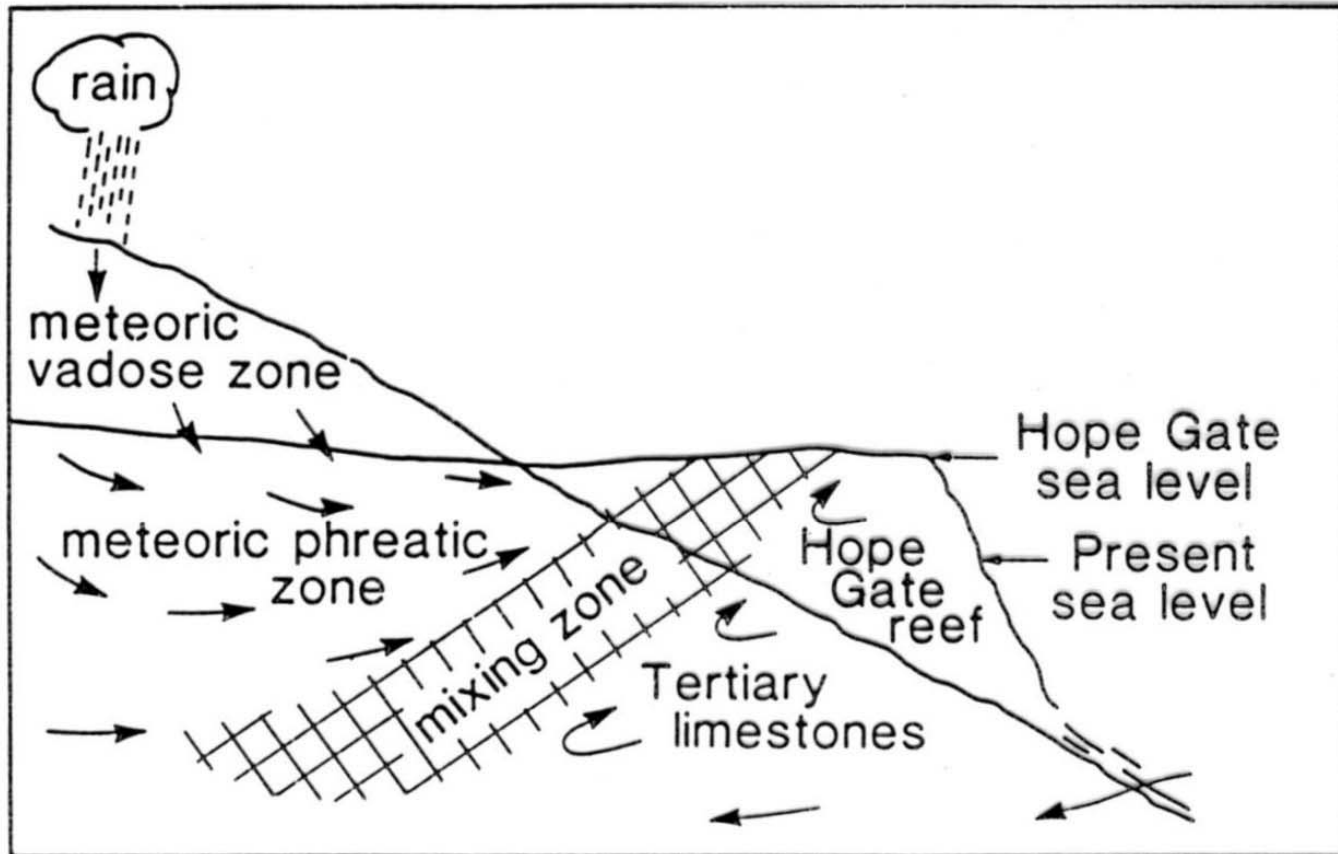
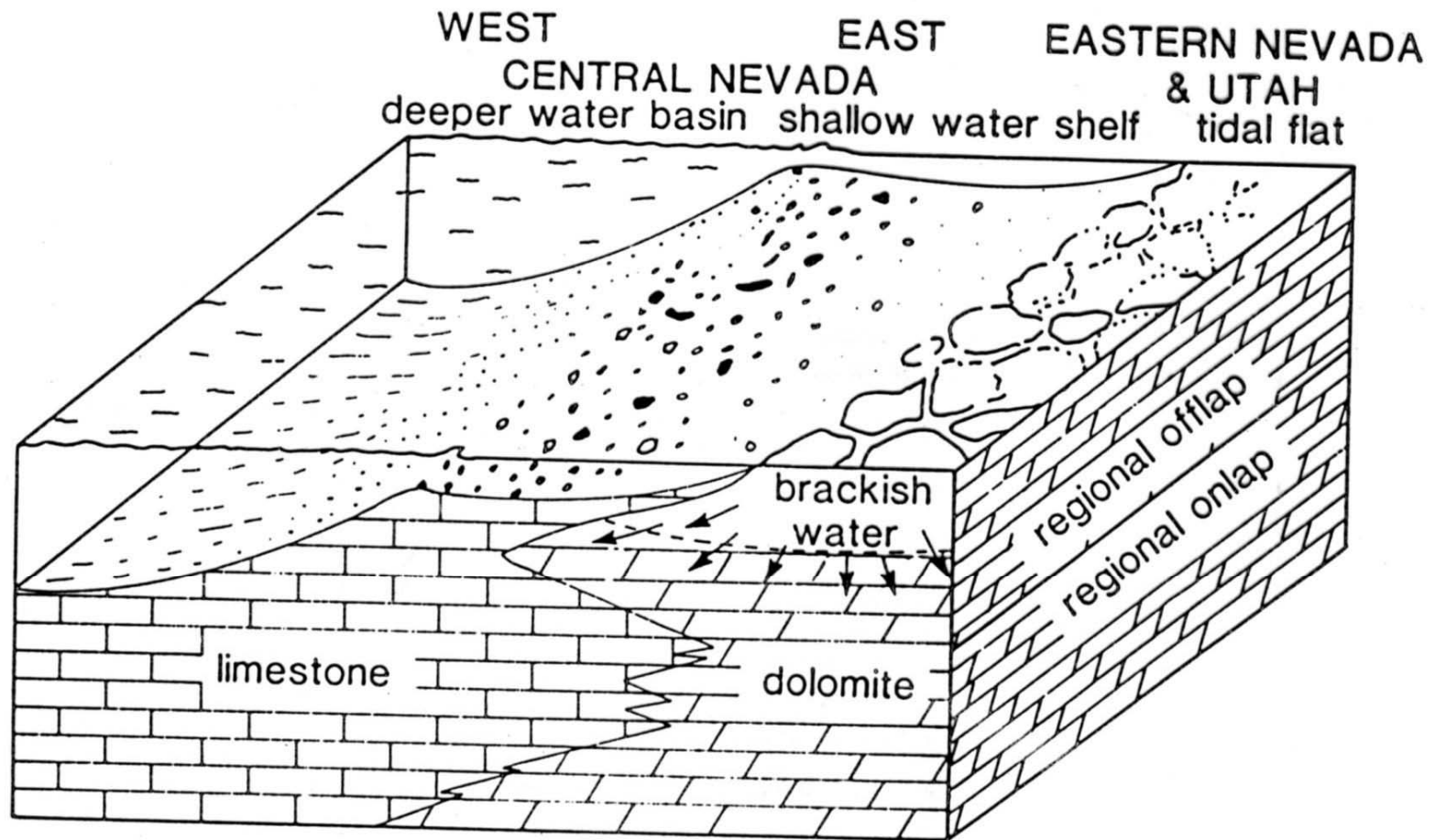


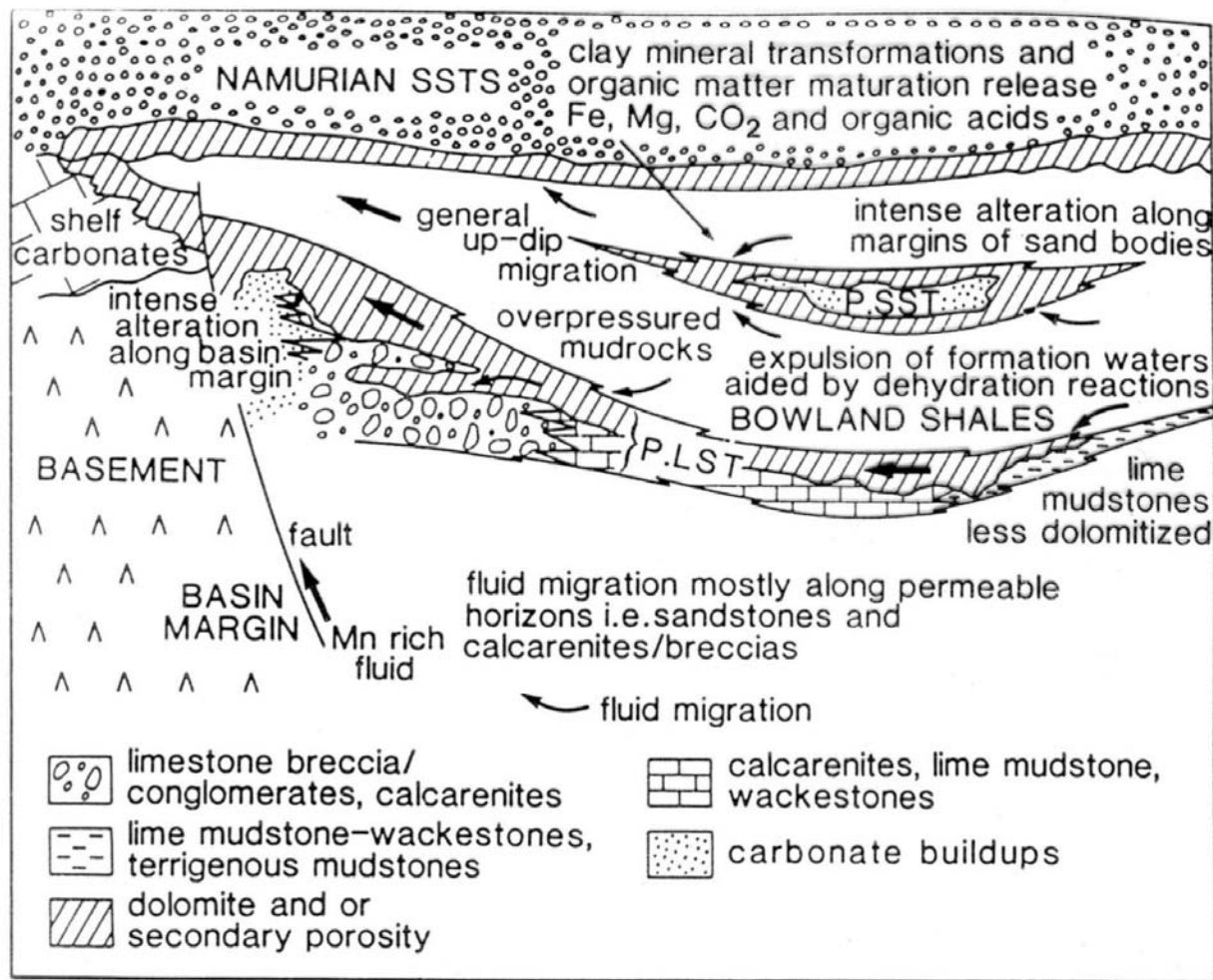
Fig. 8.24 Dolomites of the Lower Cretaceous (Edwards Formation) of Texas. (A) Palaeogeographic map showing shelf-margin reef trends and two onshelf lagoons. (B) Schematic north-south cross-section and seepage-reflux model for dolomitization of the shelf-margin grainstones. After Fisher & Rodda (1969).



**Fig. 8.25** *Mixing-zone model for dolomitization of the Hope Gate Formation of Jamaica. After Land (1973a).*

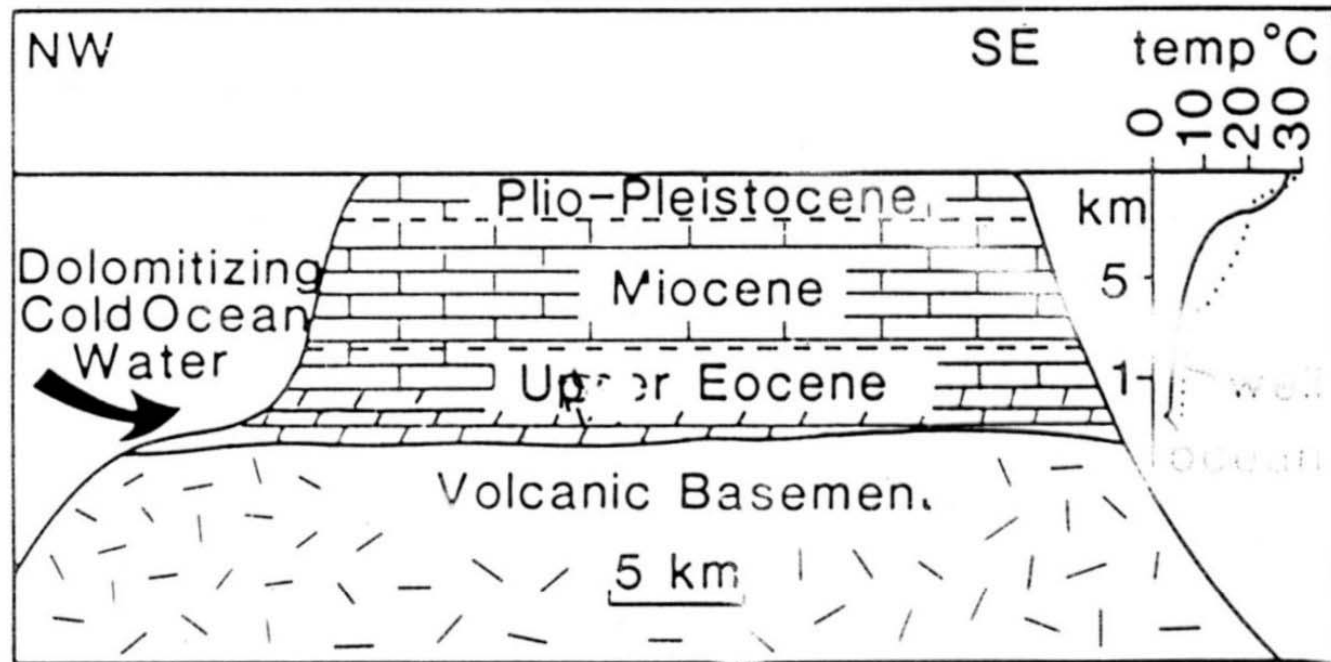
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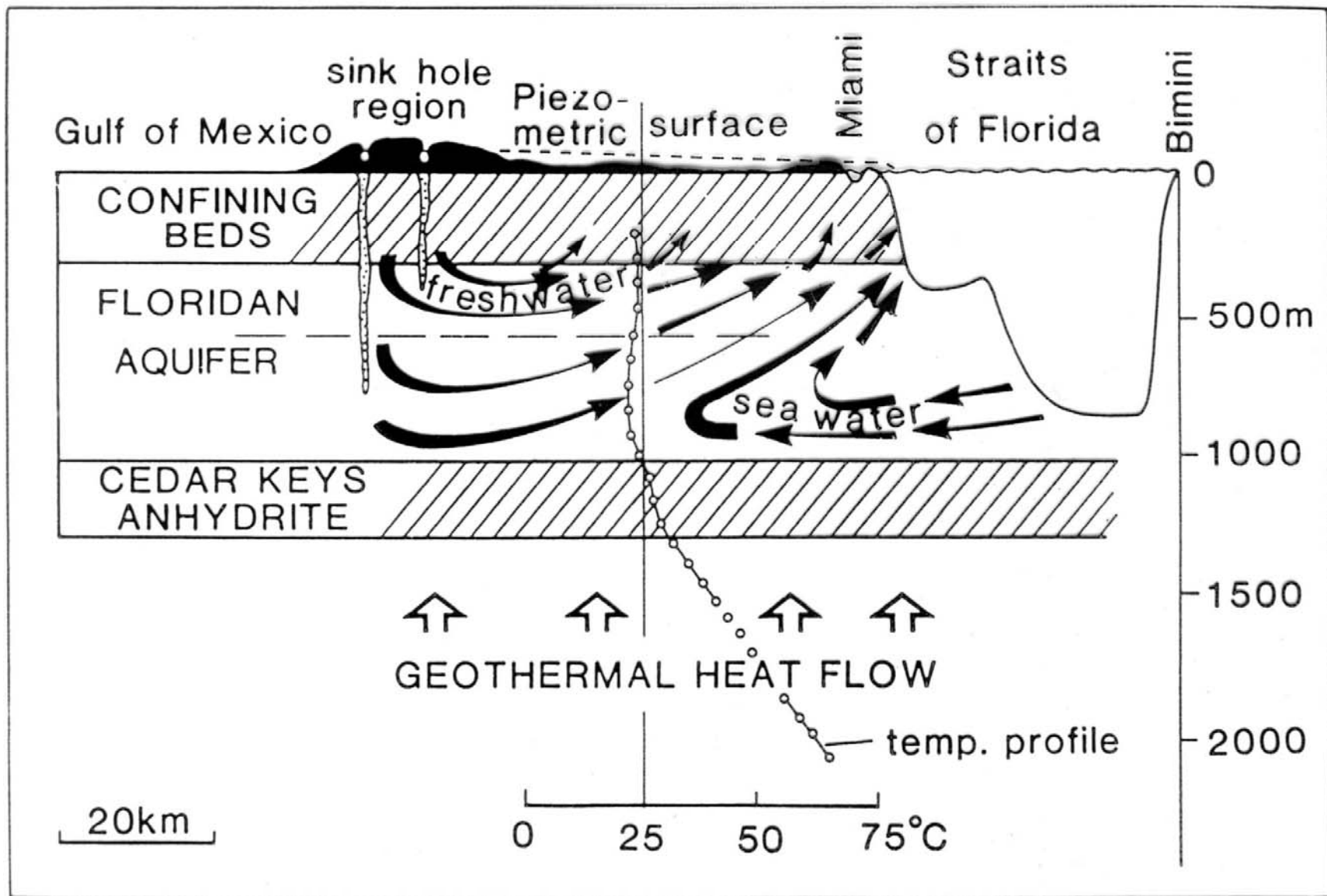


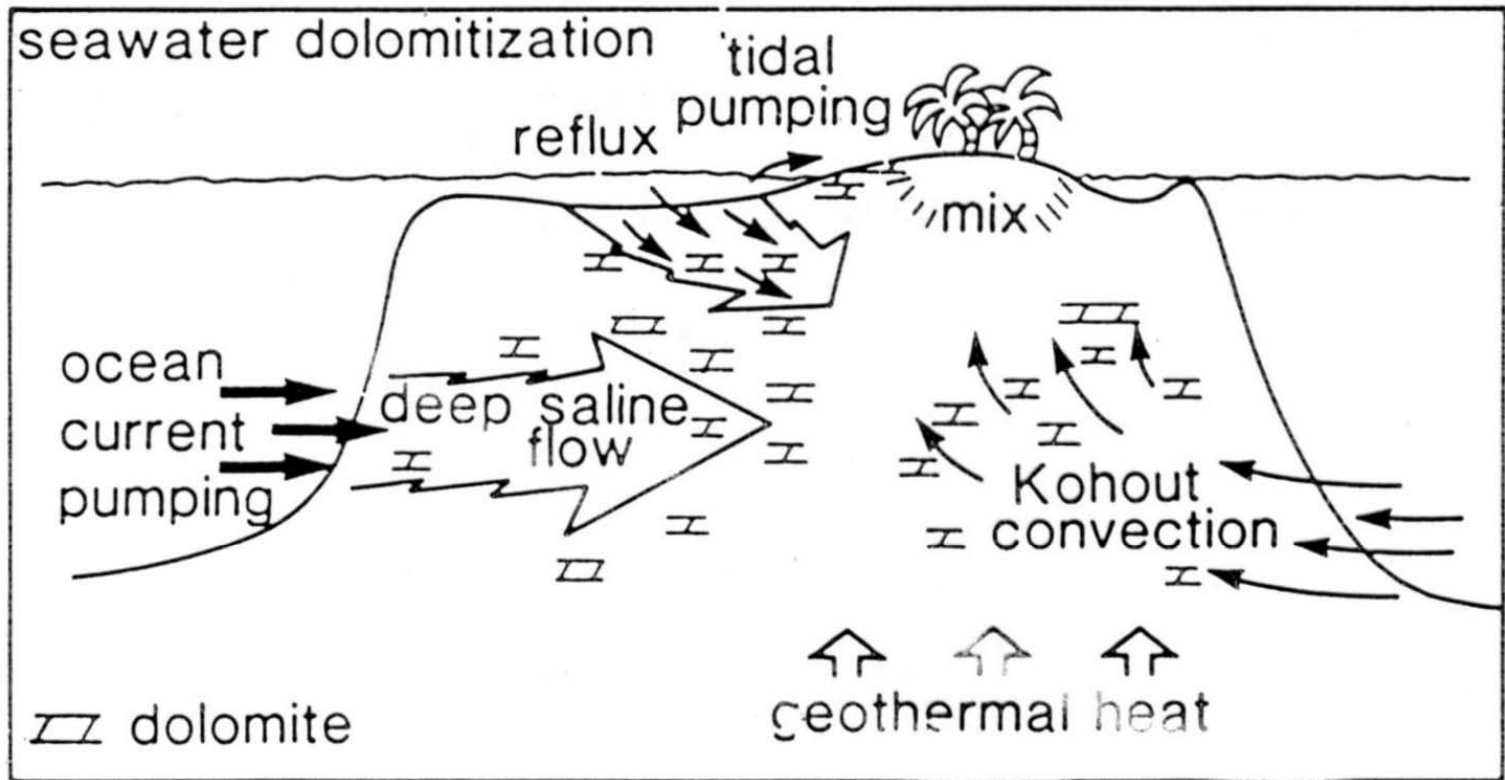
**Fig. 8.27** Burial dolomitization model through mudrock dewatering for Lower Carboniferous sediments, the Pendleside Limestone (P.LST) and Pendleside Sandstone (P.SST), of the Bowland Basin, northwest England. After Gawthorpe (1987).



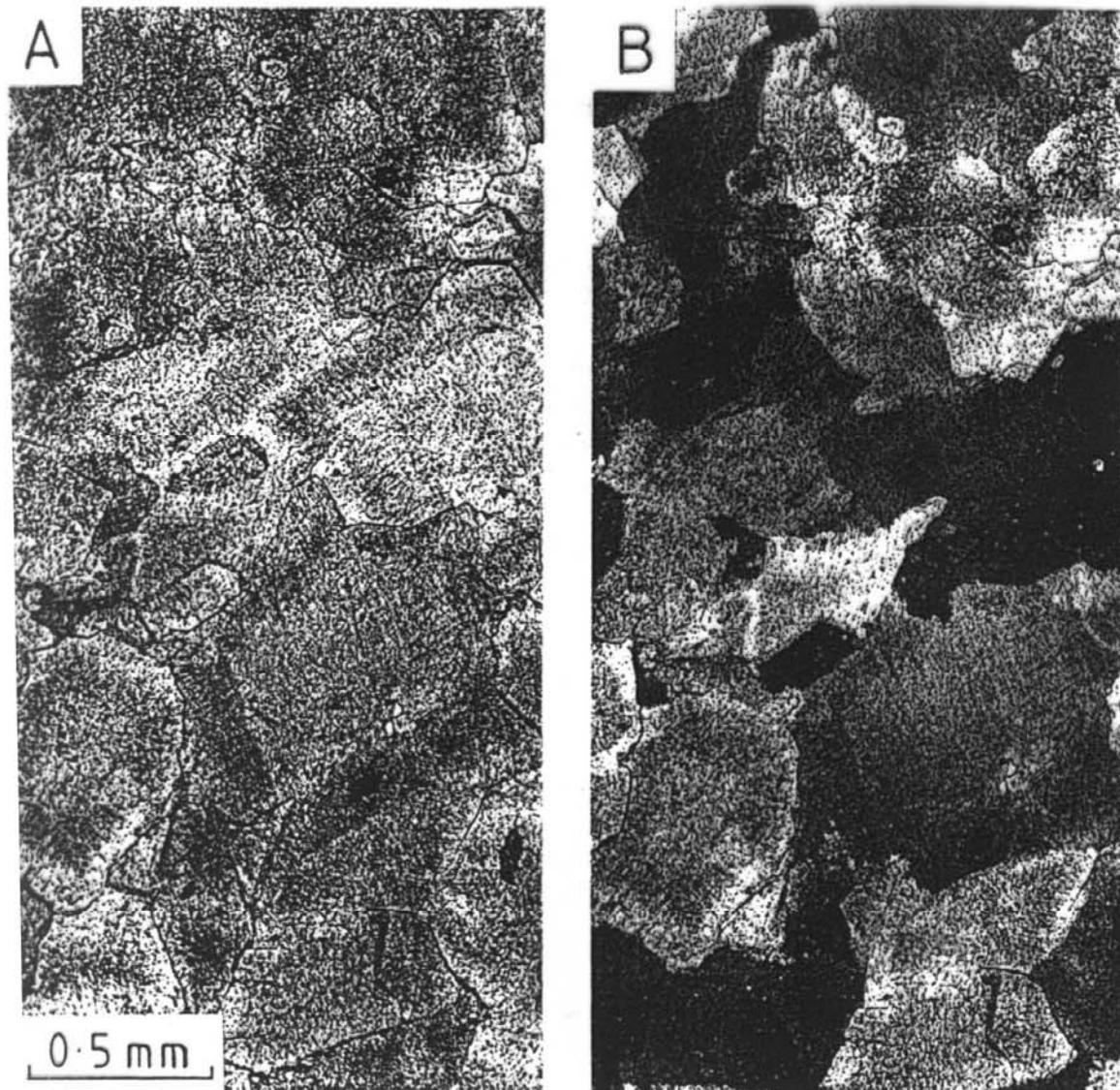


**Fig. 8.28** Model for dolomitization of Eocene limestones of Enewetak Atoll by cold ocean water. The temperature profile of water within the atoll from a deep well is closely parallel to that of the adjacent open ocean, suggesting that ocean water freely circulates through the atoll. There is an increase in temperature near the bottom of the well suggesting that circulating water is removing geothermal heat from Enewetak's volcanic basement. After Saller (1984).





**Fig. 4.67** Models for sea-water dolomitization of limestones, all basically different ways of pumping sea water through a carbonate platform. After Tucker & Wright (1990).



**Fig. 4.64** Baroque dolomite; coarse crystals with undulose extinction. **A**, Plane-polarized light. **B**, Crossed polars. Lower Carboniferous dolomitized oolite (no relics of structure left). Glamorgan, Wales.

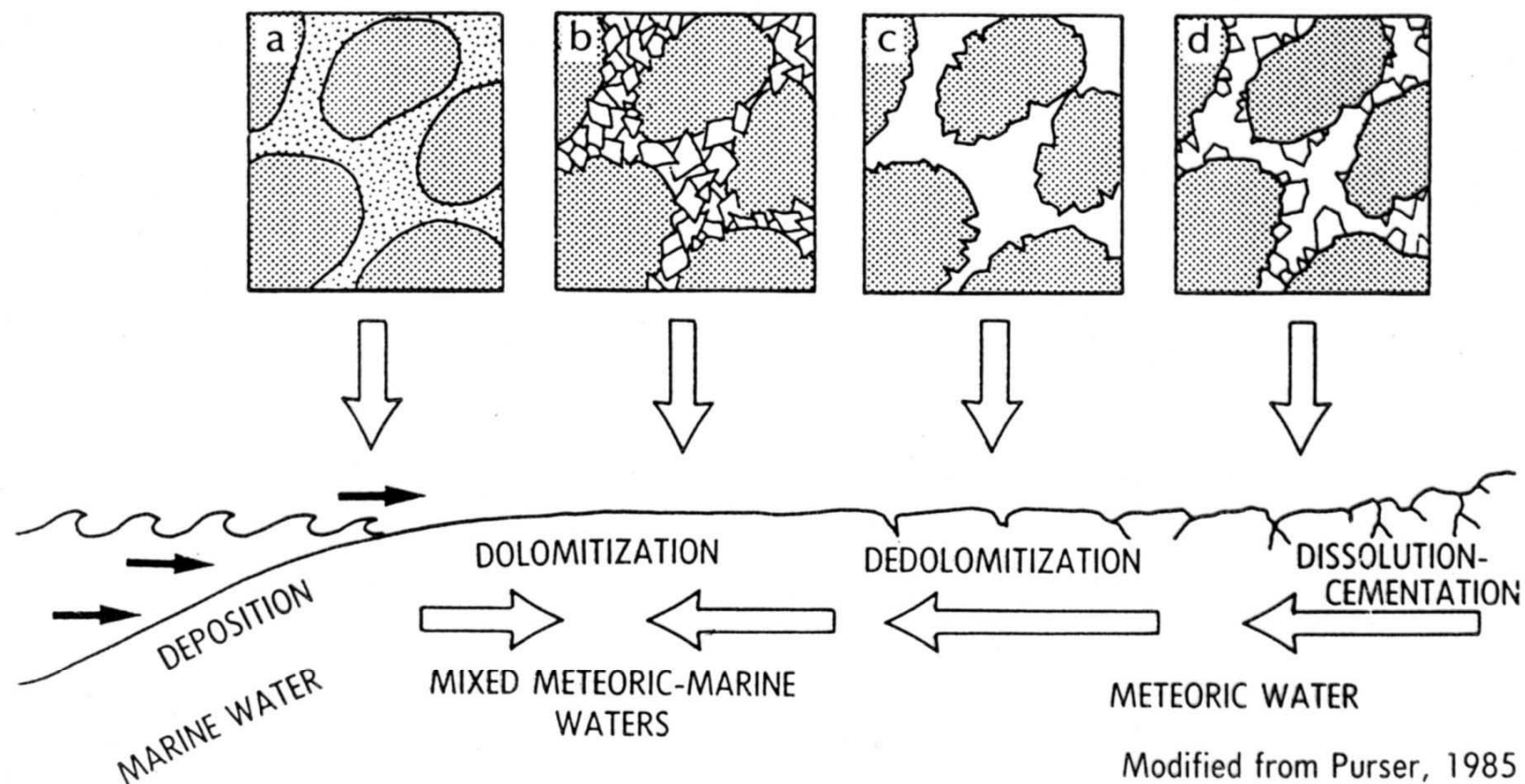


Fig.2.14. Geologic setting for the dolomitization-dedolomitization of Jurassic ooid packstones from the Paris Basin. Final porosity consists of cement-reduced, dolomite crystal-moldic porosity. Reprinted from *Carbonate Petroleum Reservoirs*, with permission. Copyright, Springer-Verlag, New York.

porosity

calcite → dolomite, reduction of volume, increase of porosity up to 13%

### ***dedolomitization***

dolomite → calcite; contact with meteoric water; surface dissolution of gypsum-anhydrite; burial

identification: pseudomorphs of calcite after dolomite; neomorphic mosaic

### ***silicification of carbonates***

early and late; recryst. of bioclasts, node formation, nodular horizons; SiO<sub>2</sub> cement

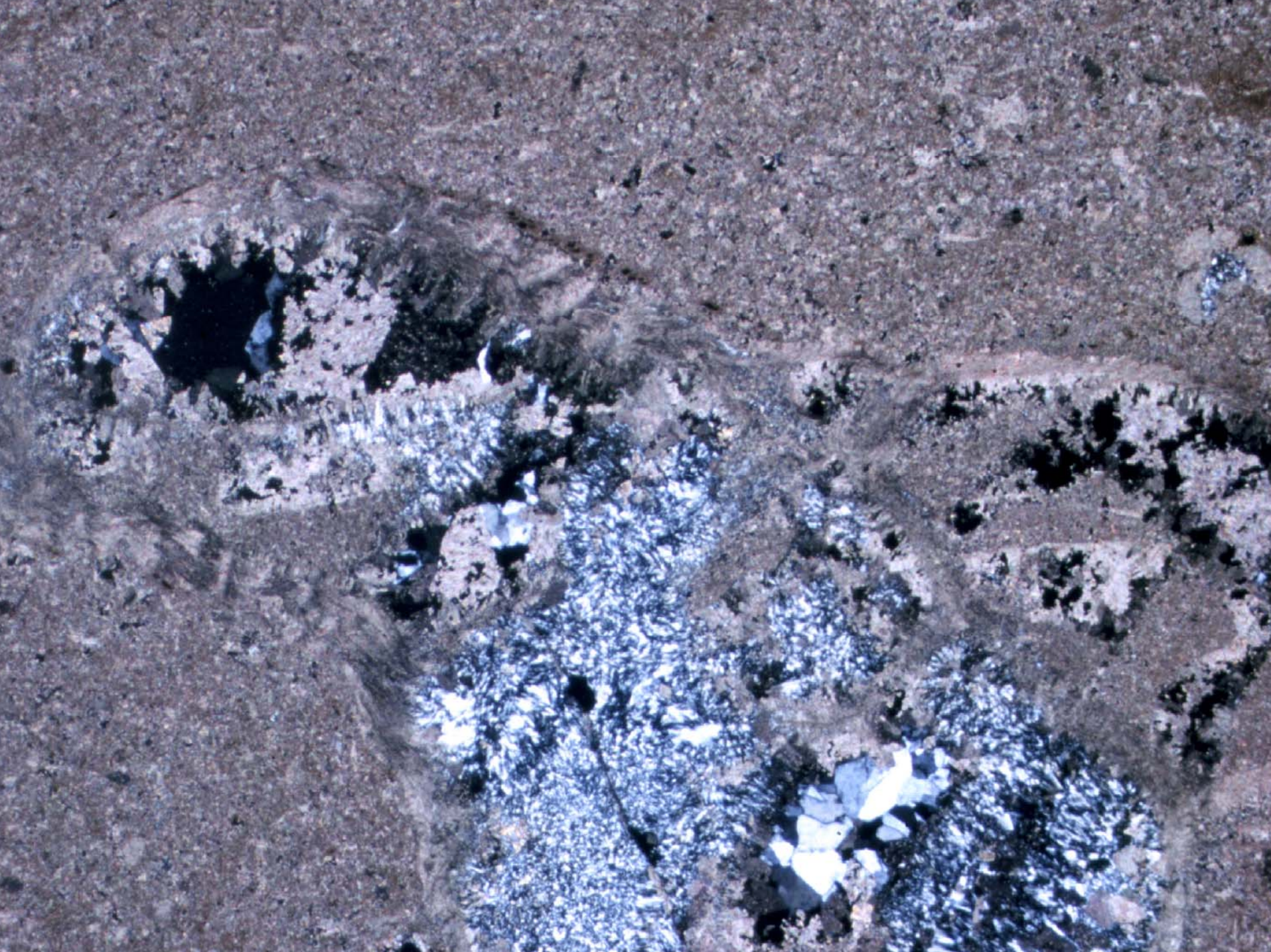
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source: sponge needles, diatomites, radiolarians, volcanic SiO<sub>2</sub>

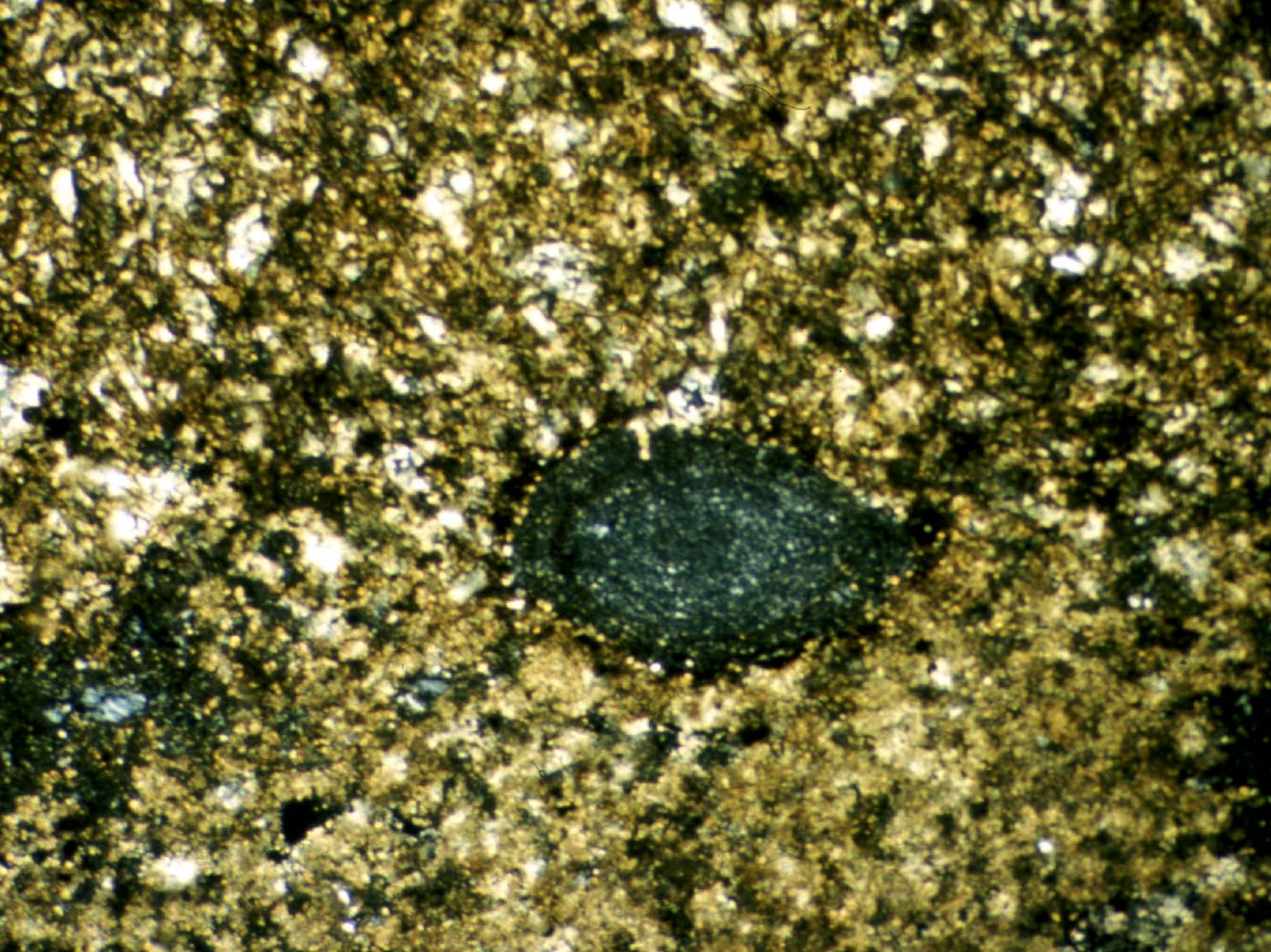












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