

**PETROGRAPHY OF THE  
UPPER ORDOVICIAN  
TRENTON AND BLACK  
RIVER GROUP  
CARBONATE RESERVOIRS,  
APPALACHIAN BASIN**

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# March 29, 2005 Presentation

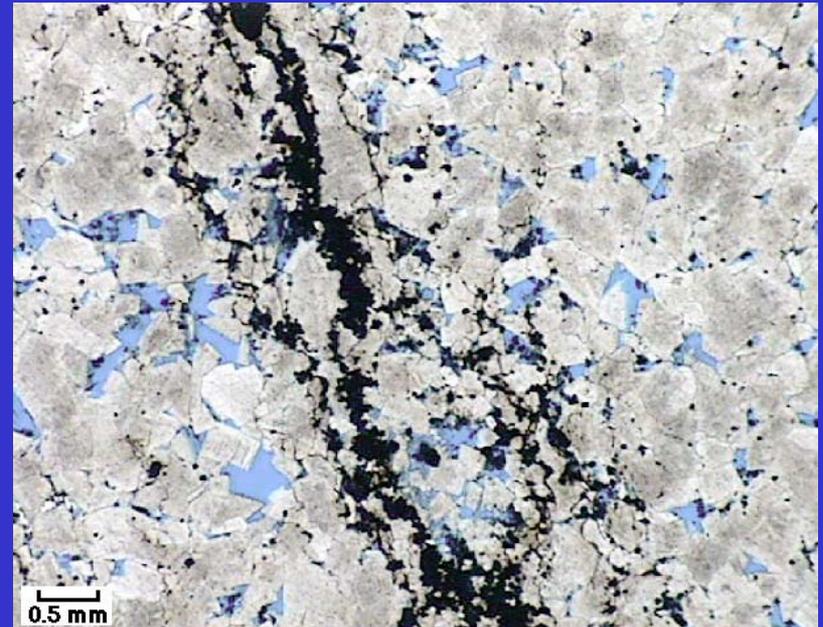
- Brief update of previous presentation (September 2004)
- Regional petrography of Trenton and Black River carbonates:
  - Composition
  - Classification
  - Depositional environments
  - Limestone diagenesis
- Dolomite textures in Trenton and Black River carbonate reservoir rocks:
  - Dolostone textural classification
  - Pore classification in dolostones
  - Dolograinstone and dolopackstone reservoirs
  - Dolowackestone and dolomudstone reservoirs
  - Remaining work

# PETROGRAPHY - PURPOSE

- Enhance field studies and core descriptions:
  - Identification of constituent grains
  - Detailed classification of reservoir rocks
  - Interpretation of depositional environments
- Diagenesis
  - Timing of significant diagenetic events (i.e., cementation or secondary porosity development relative to the emplacement of hydrocarbons)

# PETROGRAPHY - PURPOSE

- Frame of reference for geochemical studies
  - Dolomitization processes:
    - Stable isotopes
    - Fluid inclusions
    - $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$
    - Trace elements
  - Source rock studies

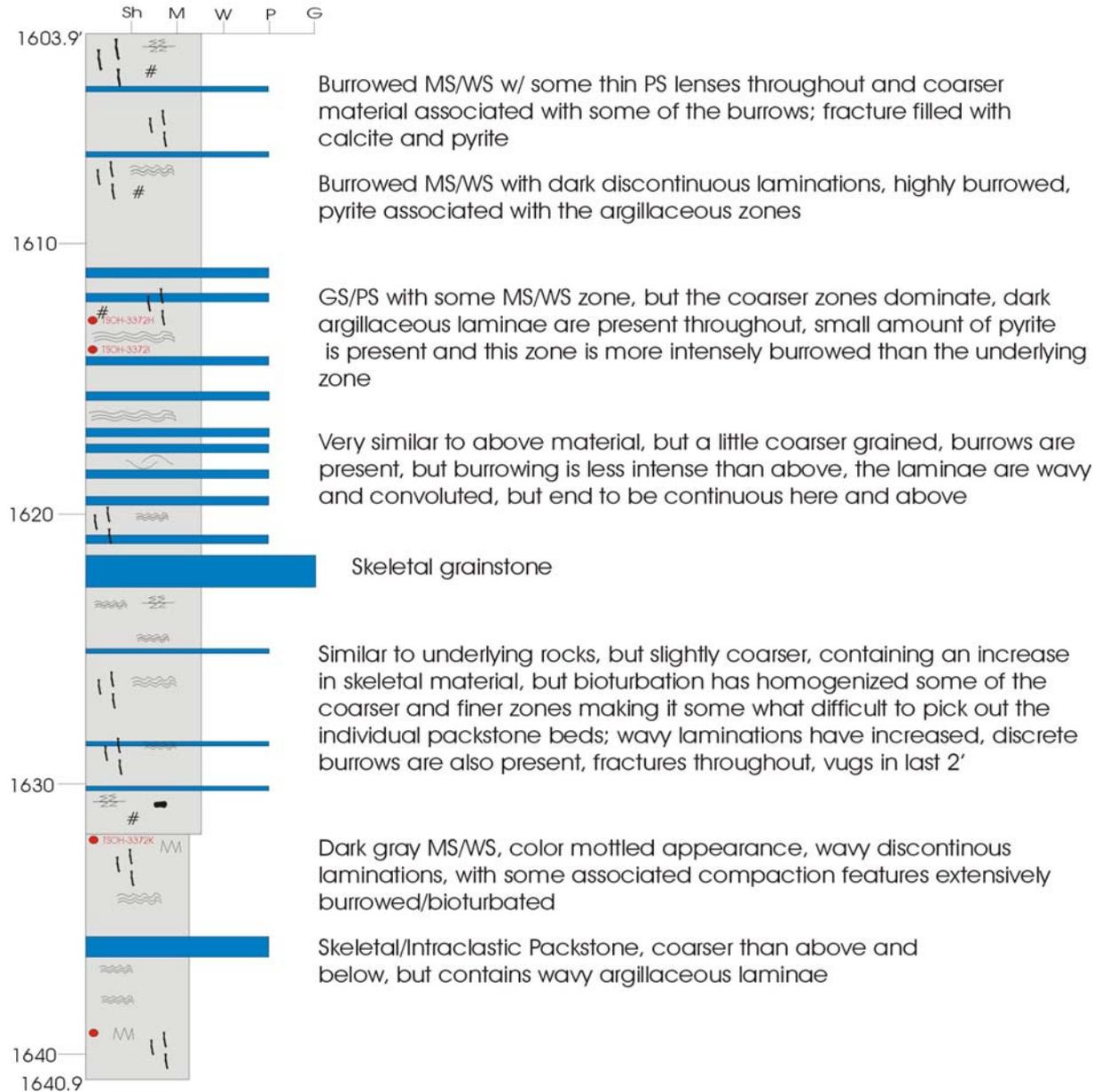


# CORE AND OUTCROP SAMPLING PROGRESS as of MARCH, 2005

- PENNSYLVANIA:
  - Union Furnace outcrop and cores, Blair Co.
  - McKnight #1 well, Mercer Co.
  - Montgomery #4 well, Mercer Co.
- WEST VIRGINIA:
  - Sandhill well, Wood Co.
- KENTUCKY:
  - Cominco American well, Montgomery Co.
  - J. B. Allen #3 well, Clark Co.
- OHIO:
  - Strayer #1 well, Allen Co.
  - Prudential #1 well, Marion Co.
  - #3267 well, Auglaize Co.
  - Henderson well (#3479), Hancock Co.
  - #2459 well, Wood Co.
  - #2858 well, Delaware Co.
  - #2854 well, Delaware Co.
  - #2971 well, Wood Co.
  - #3256 well, Williams Co.
  - #645 well, Logan Co.
  - #862 well, Lucas Co.

Prudential 1A, #3372, Marion County, OH  
 Black River Formation  
 1603.9' to 1640.9'

# Sample Core Description



# Petrographic Analyses- Progress

- **605 thin sections analyzed to date**
- **280 thin sections still in preparation (early May 2005 arrival)**
- **136 core samples examined by SEM and energy dispersive spectroscopy**

# Components

- Carbonate grains
  - Skeletal
    - Mollusks
    - Brachiopods
    - Bryozoans
    - Echinoderms
    - Arthropods
    - Cephalopods
    - Coral
  - Non-skeletal grains
    - Ooids
    - Peloids
    - Intrclasts
- Non-carbonate grains
  - Silicates
    - Quartz
    - Chert
    - Feldspar
  - Sulfides
    - Pyrite
    - Galena
    - Marcasite
    - Other
  - Sulfates
    - Gypsum
    - Anhydrite

# Depositional Environments

Supratidal

*mudstone, wackestones*



Intertidal

*packstones, grainstones*



Subtidal



Middle Ramp

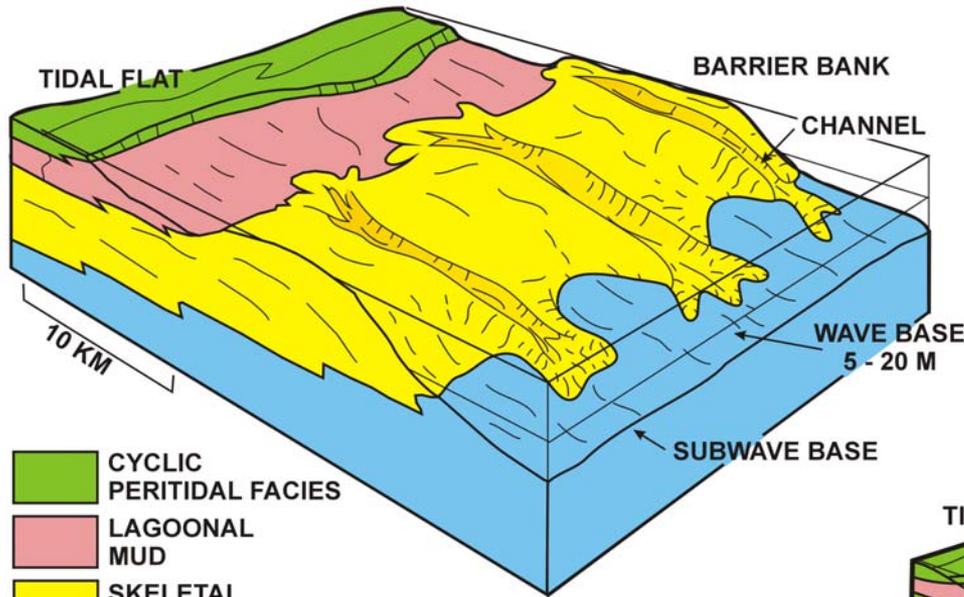
*wackestones, packstones*



Outer Ramp

*shale, mudstones, wackestones*

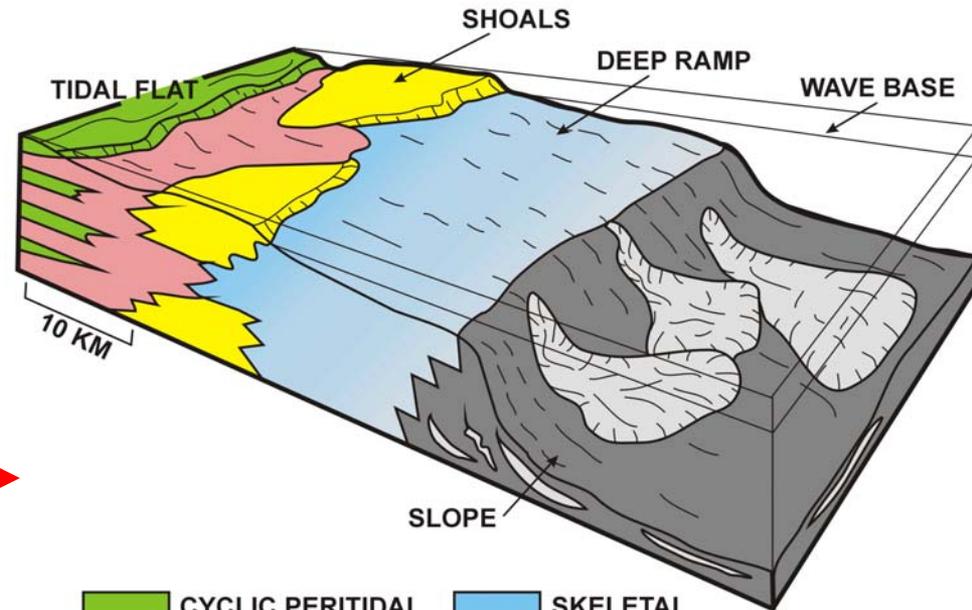
# Overall Depositional Setting



- CYCLIC PERITIDAL FACIES
- LAGOONAL MUD
- SKELETAL SAND/MUD
- SKELETAL WACKESTONE/PACKSTONE

**Homoclinal Ramp**

**Black River**



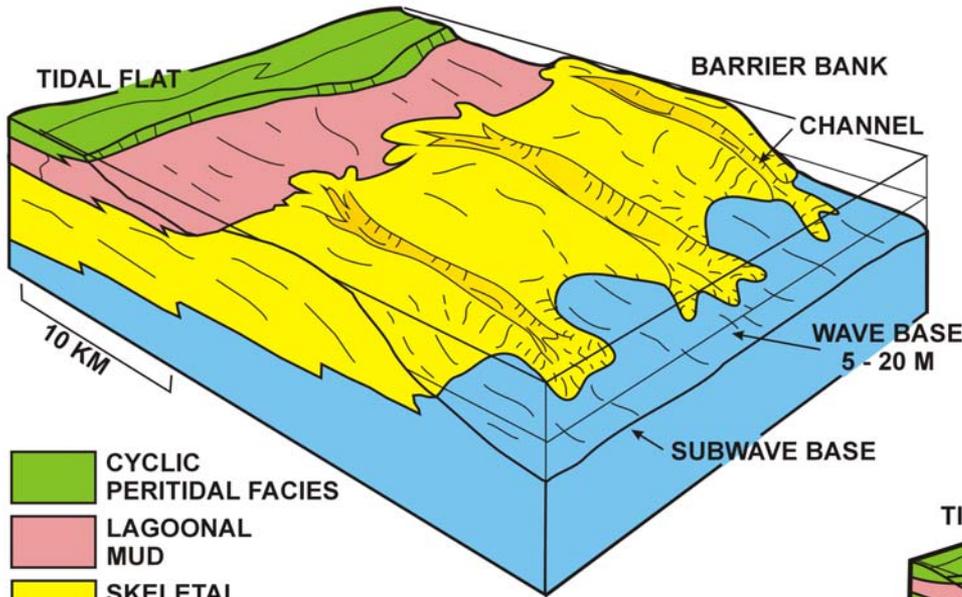
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**Distally steepened ramp**

**Trenton**

**From Read, 1985**

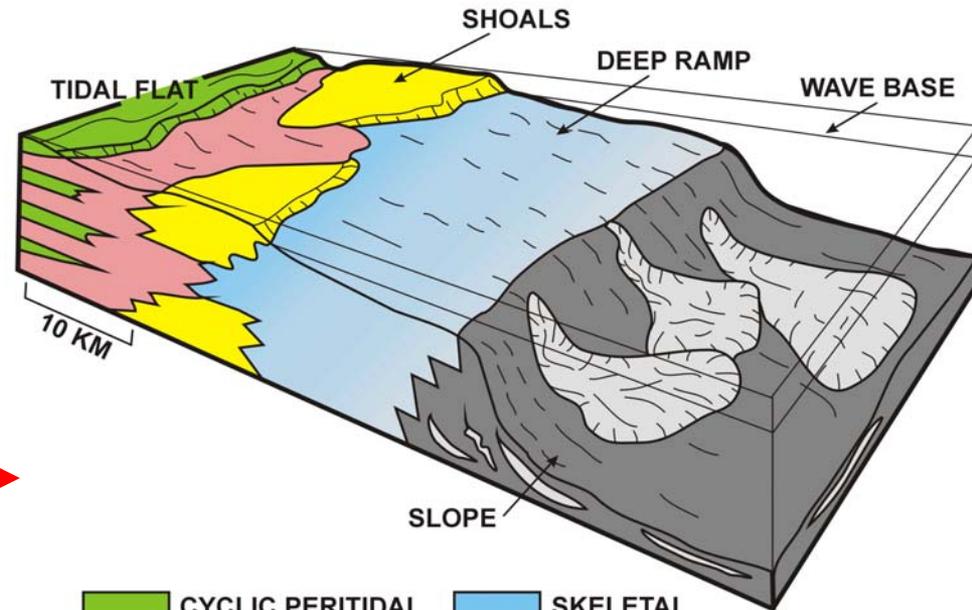
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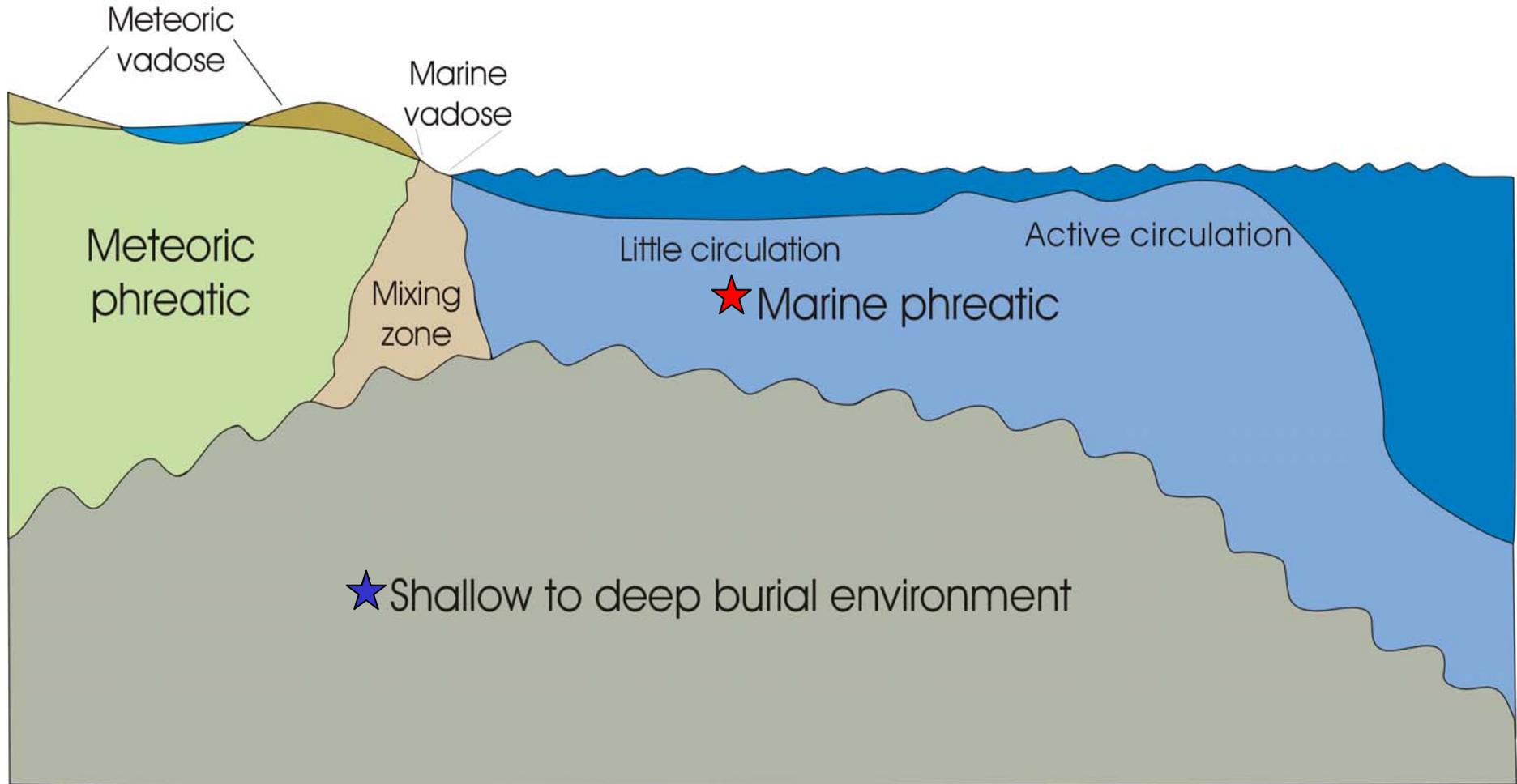
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# Carbonate Diagenetic Environments



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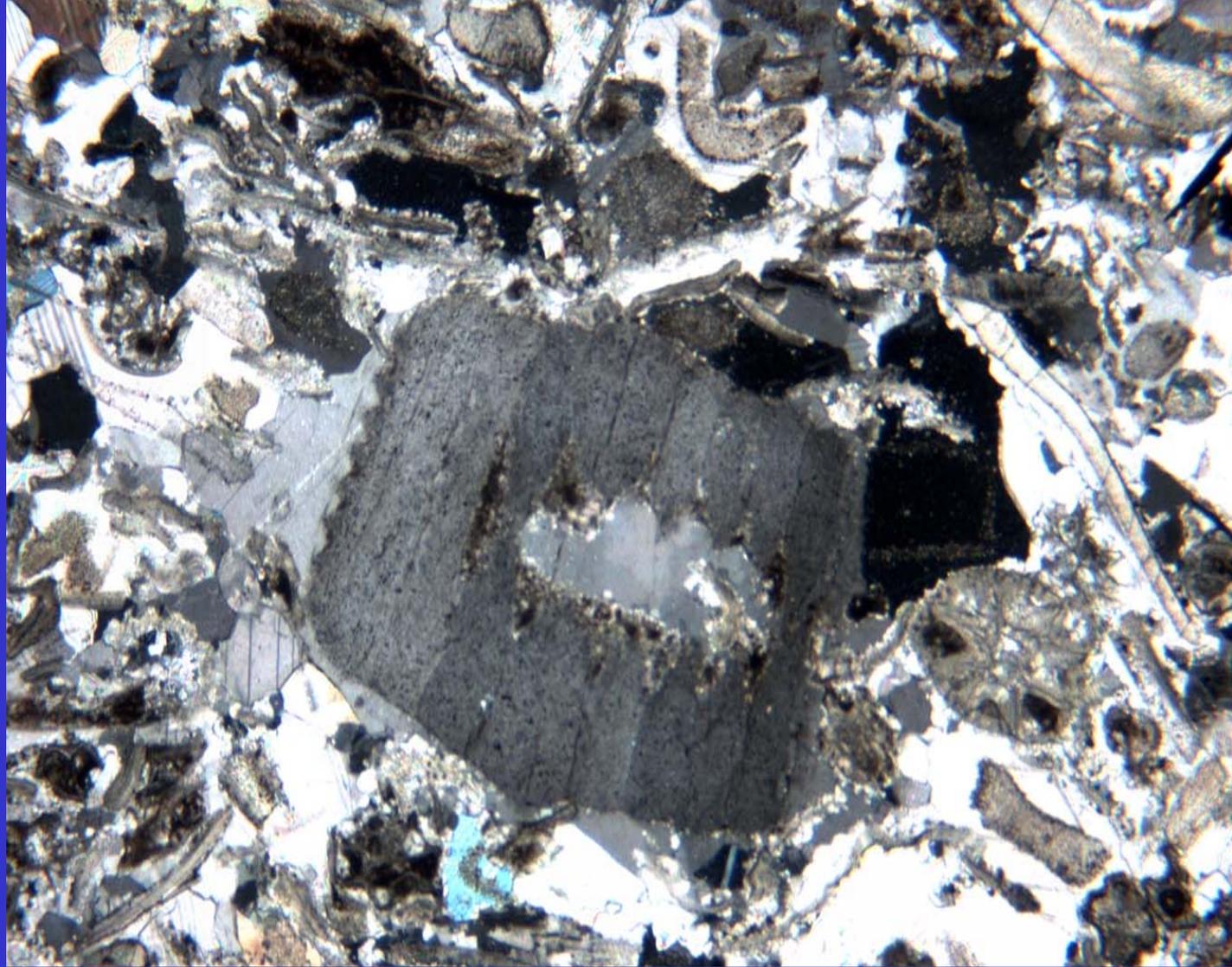
Micritization



Isopachus Rims /  
Syntaxial  
overgrowths

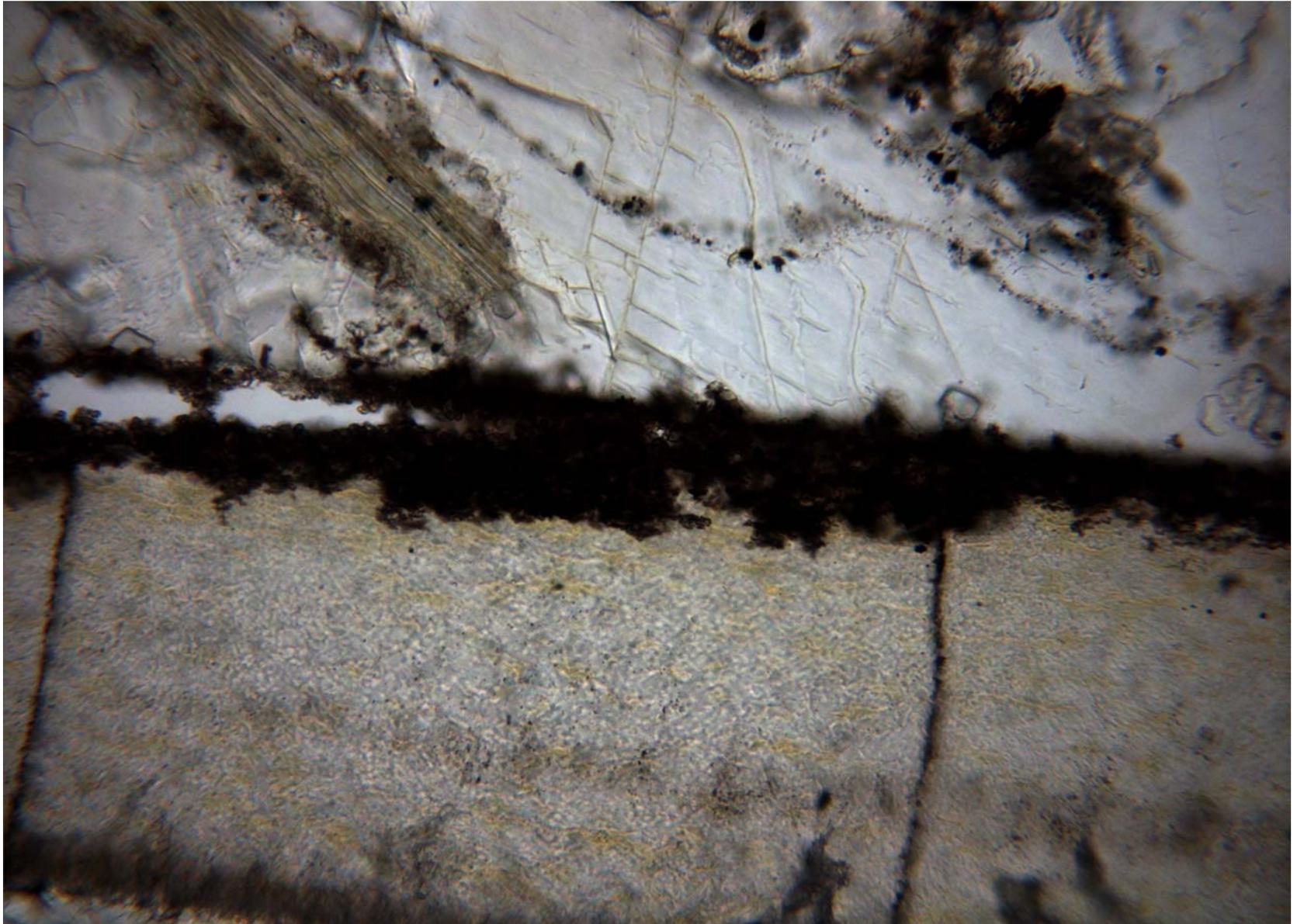


Equant, pore-  
filling cement

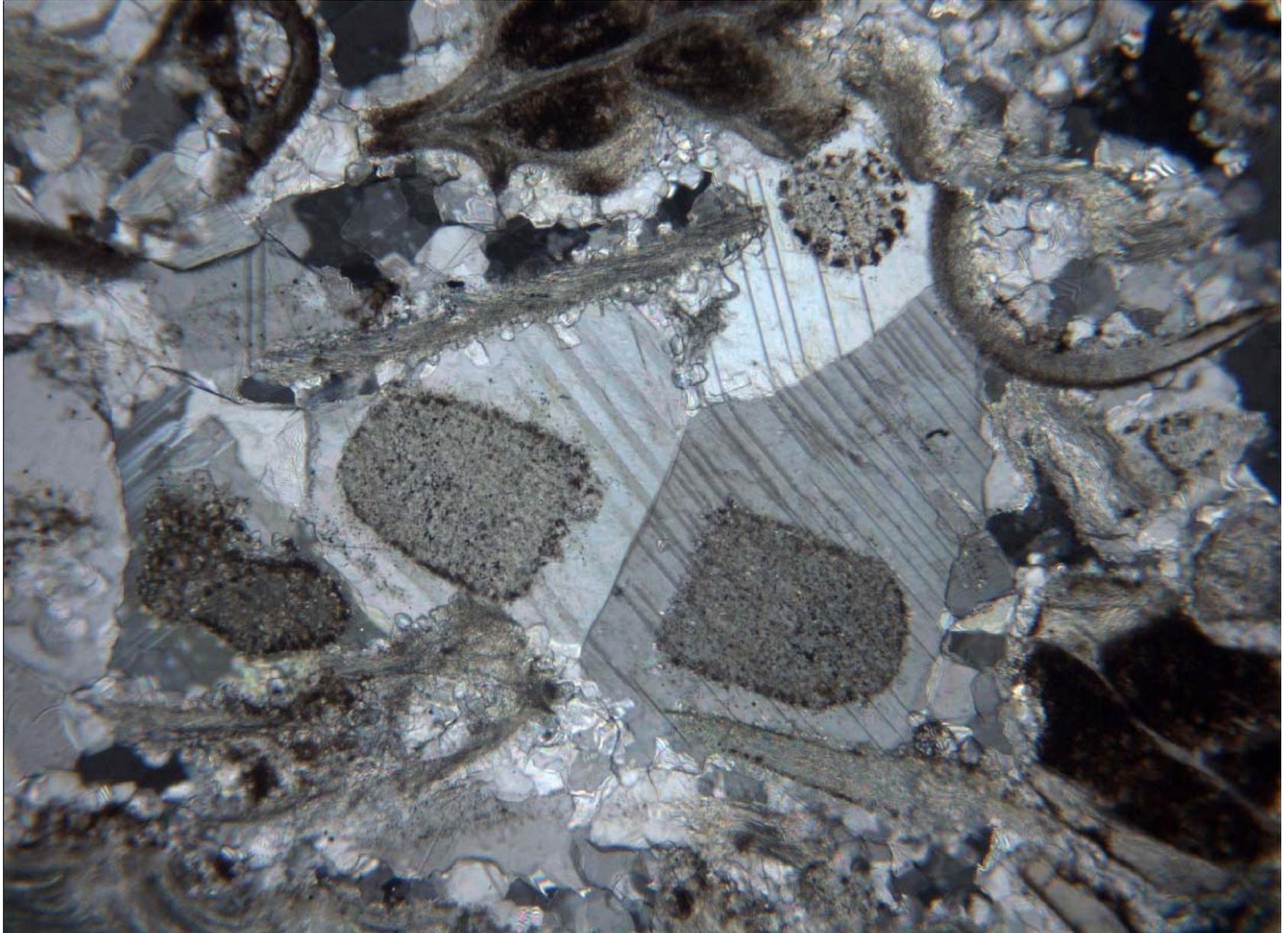


**Sequence of diagenetic events**

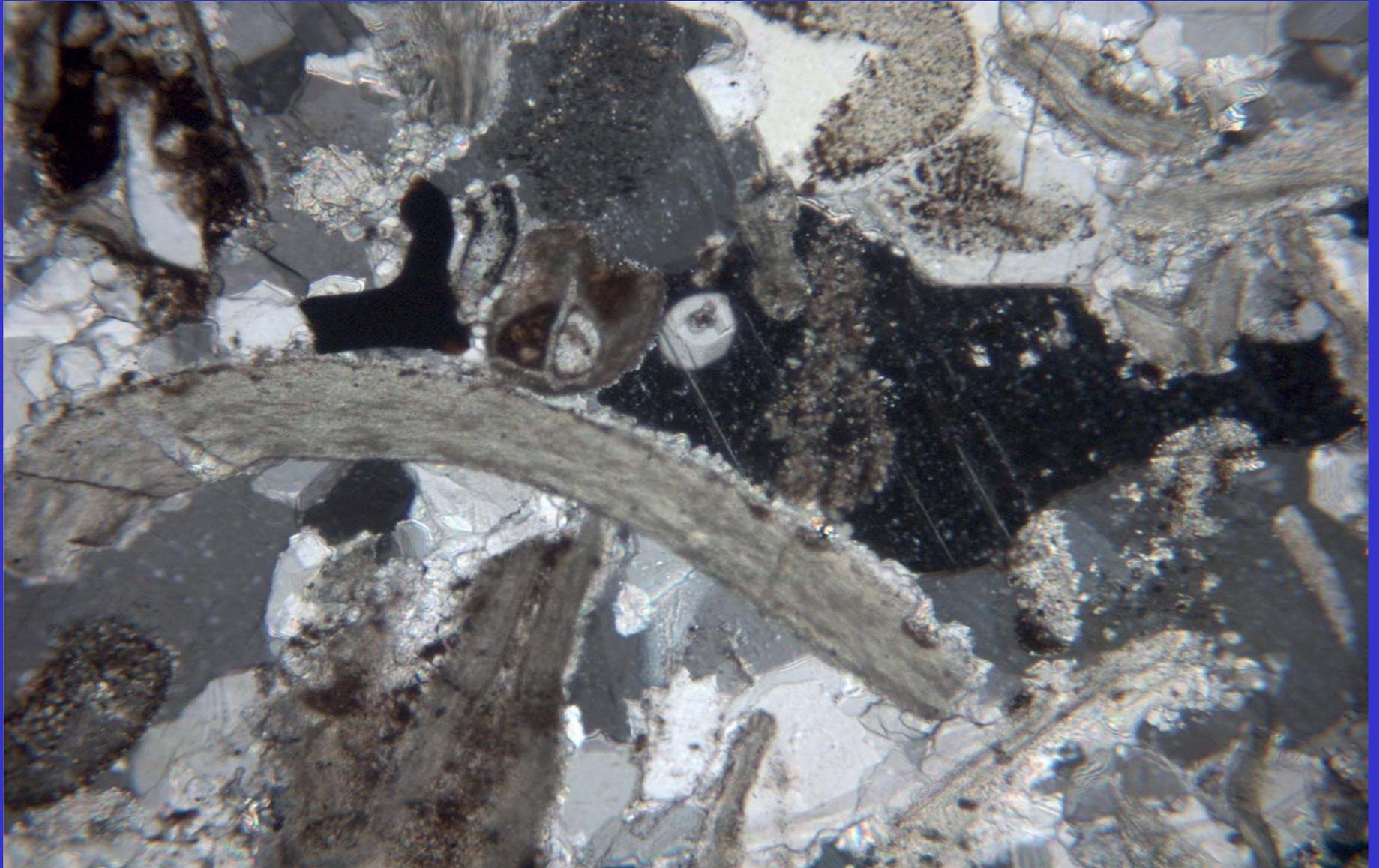
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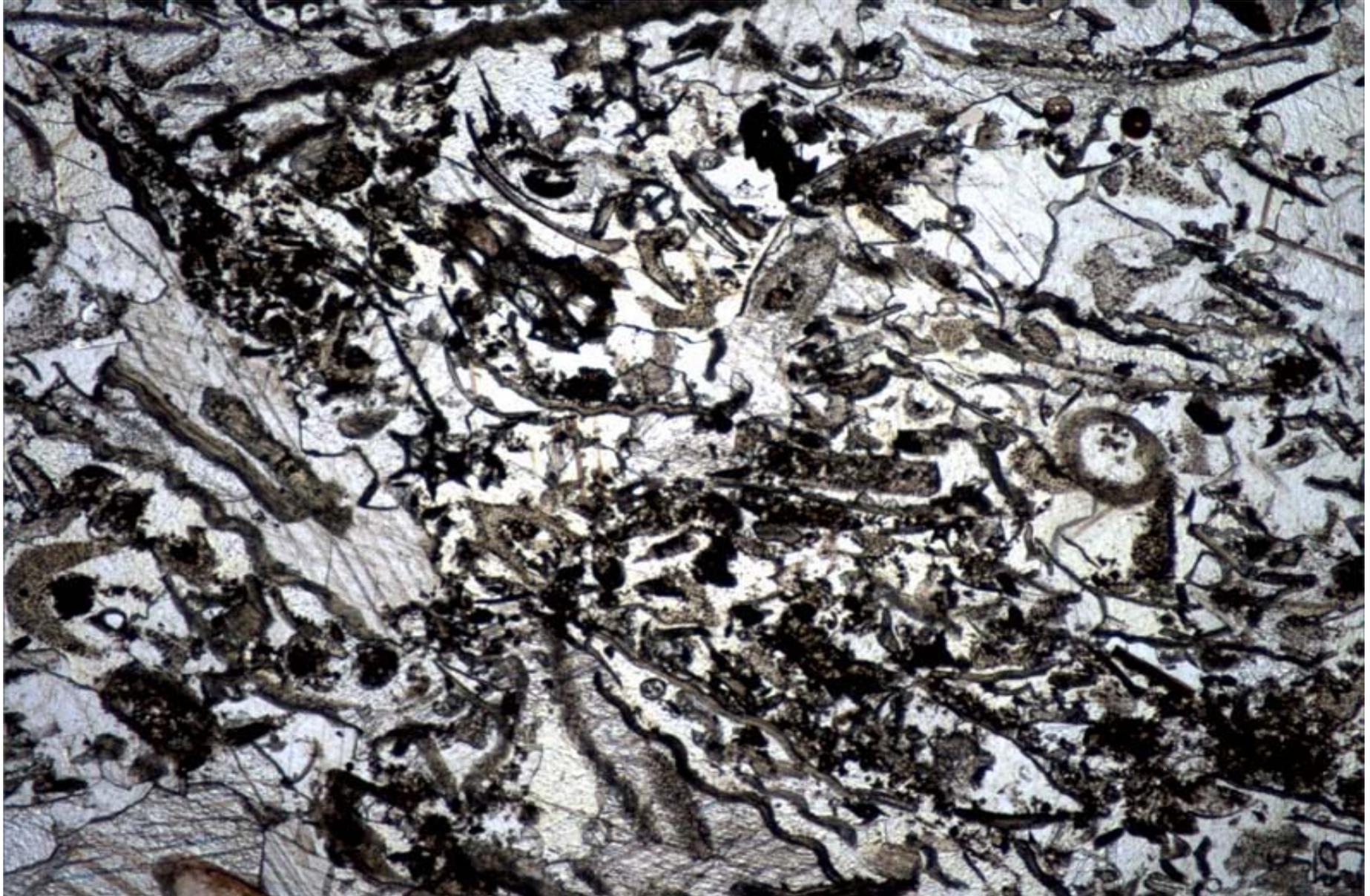
# Syntaxial overgrowths



# Isopachous fringe cement



# Equant, blocky cement

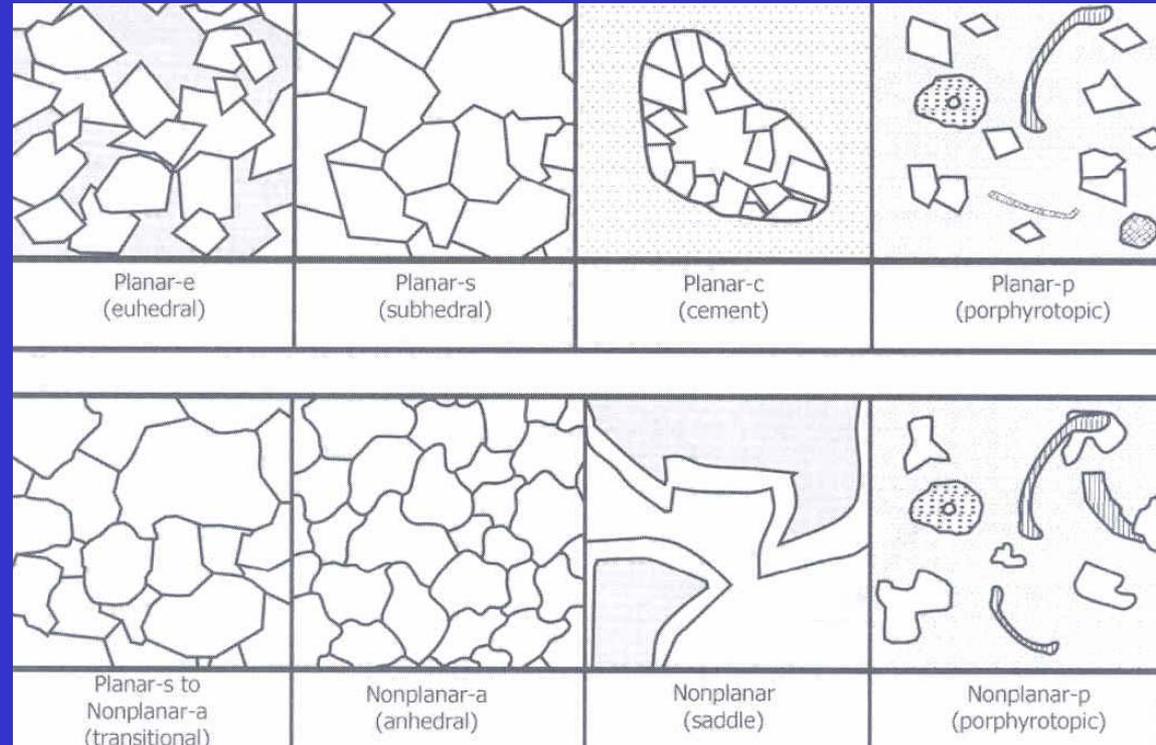


# DOLOMITE TEXTURES IN TRENTON AND BLACK RIVER CARBONATE RESERVOIR ROCKS



# Dolostone Textural Classification

- Sibley and Gregg (1984; 1987; modified by Wright, 2001)
- Simple and mostly descriptive
- Carries some genetic implications, and restricted to microscope scale



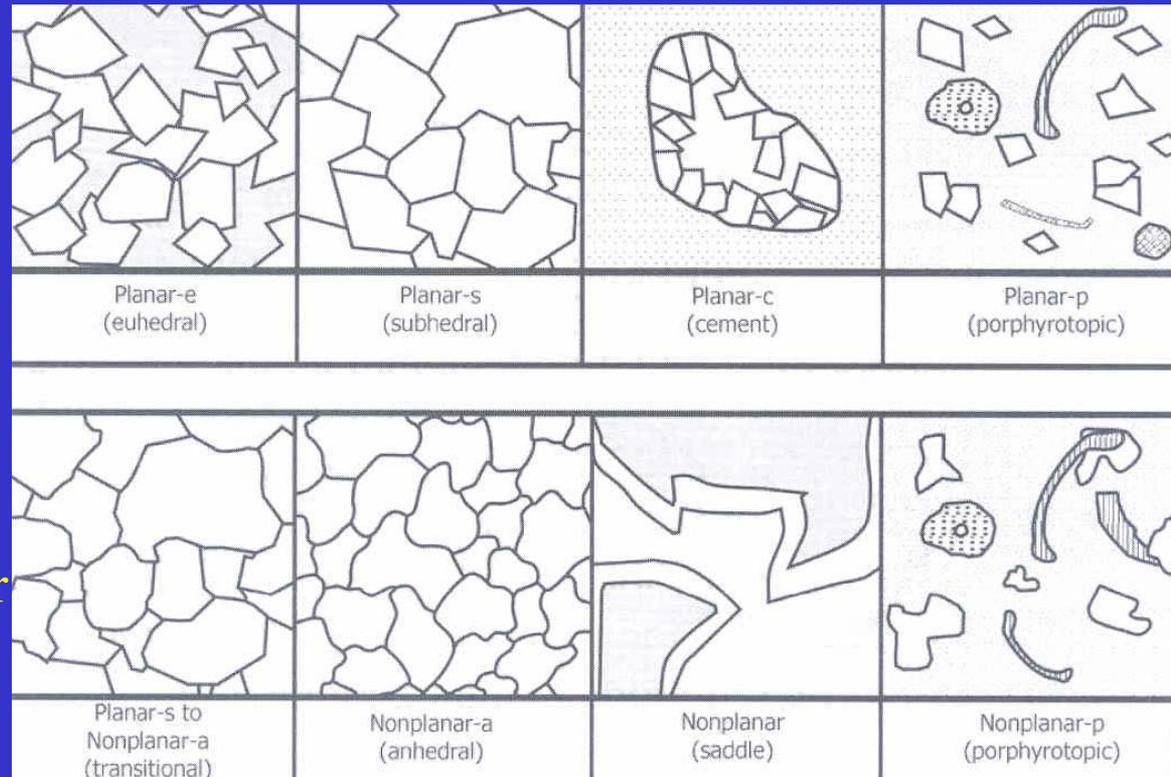
# Dolostone Textural Classification

- Crystal size distributions:

- Unimodal
- Polymodal

- Crystal Shapes:

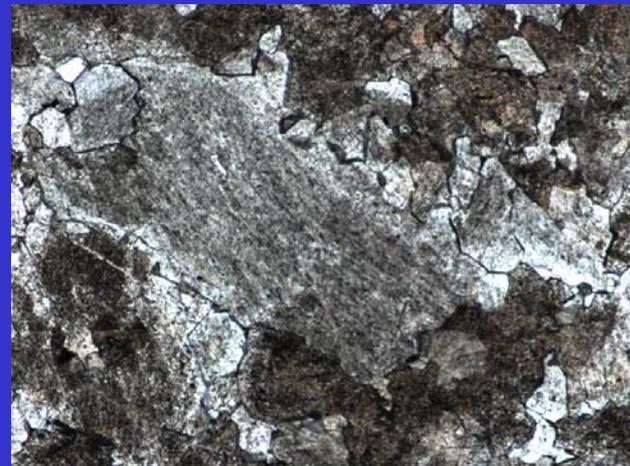
- Planar-e
- Planar-s
- Nonplanar-a
- Planar-c
- Planar-p and nonplanar-p
- Saddle dolomite: nonplanar or nonplanar-c
- Transitional



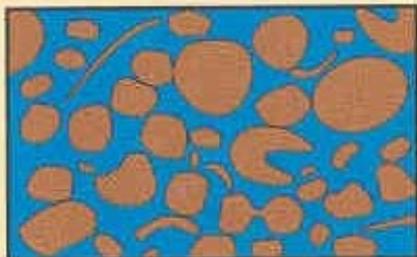
- Recognizable allochems, matrix, and void-filling

# Dolostone Textural Classification

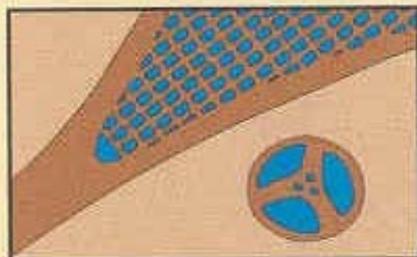
- Particles and cement:
  - Unreplaced
  - Partially replaced:
    - Mimetic
    - Non-mimetic
  - Completely replaced
    - Mimetic
    - Non-mimetic



# Fabric Selective Porosity Types



**Inter-  
particle**



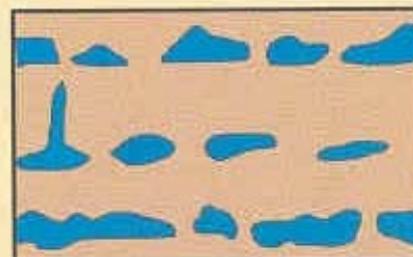
**Intra-  
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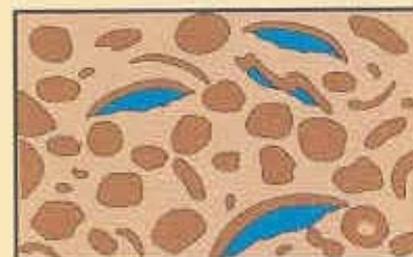
**Inter-  
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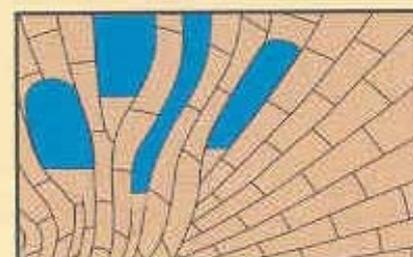
**Moldic**



**Fenestral**



**Shelter**

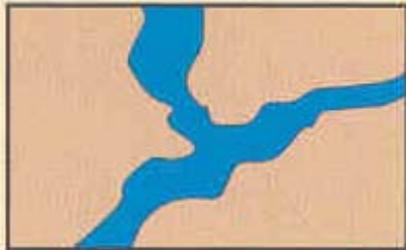


**Growth  
framework**

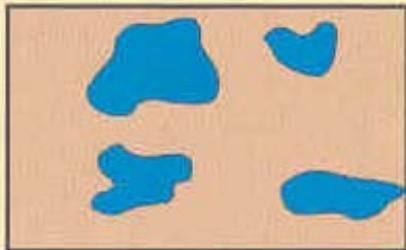
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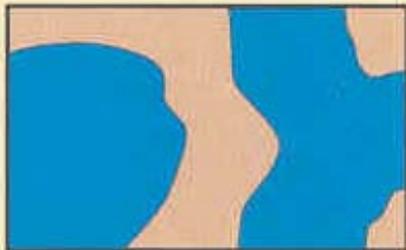
**Fracture**



**Channel**

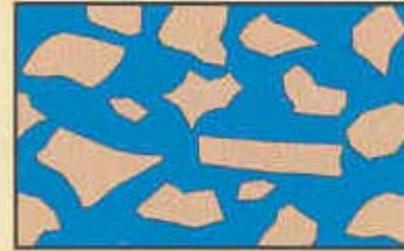


**Vug**



**Cavern**

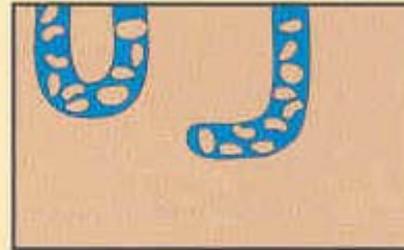
## Fabric Selective or Not



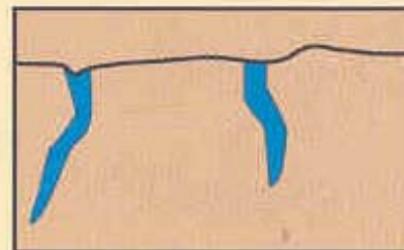
**Breccia**



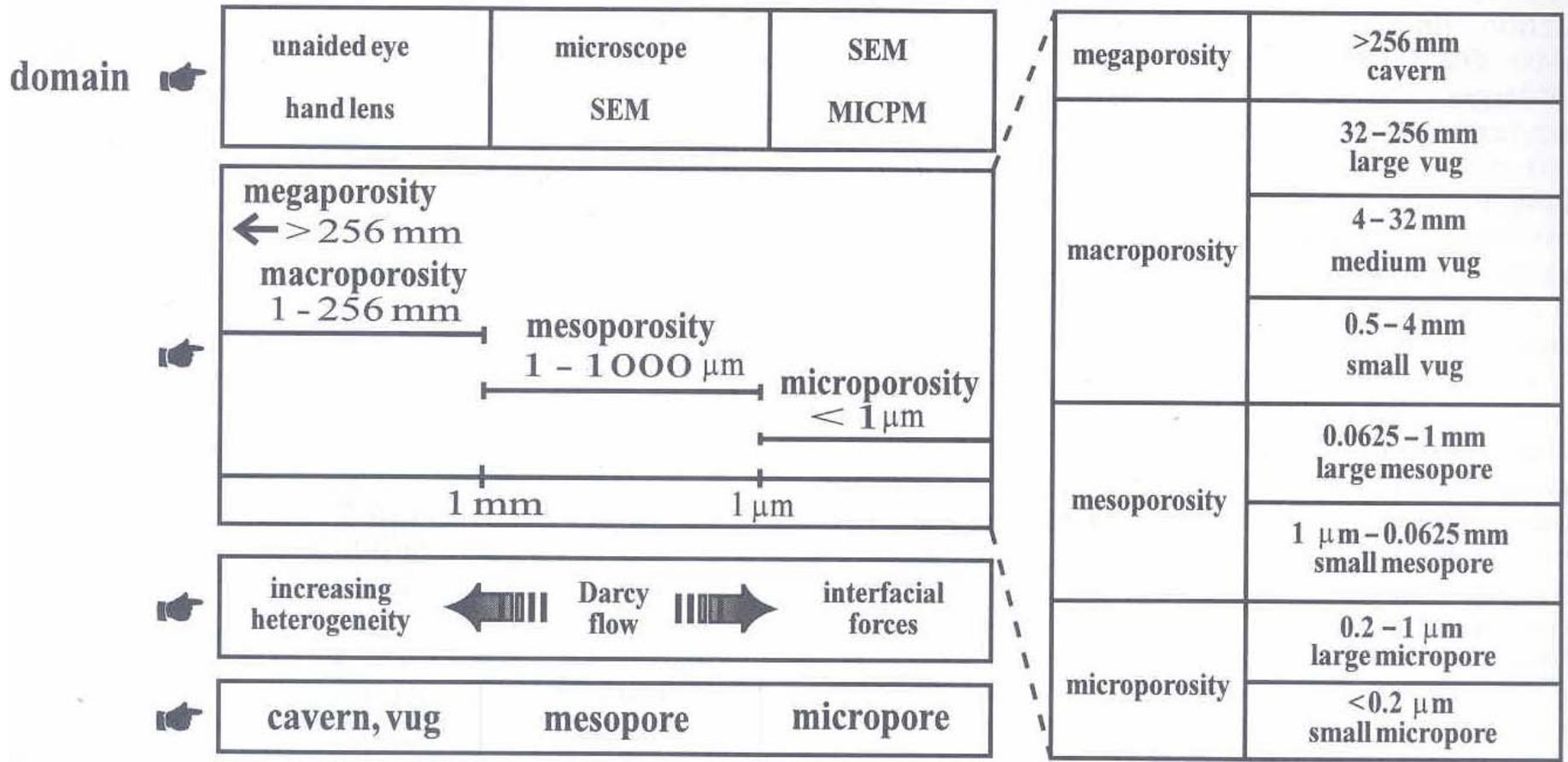
**Boring**



**Burrow**



**Shrinkage**



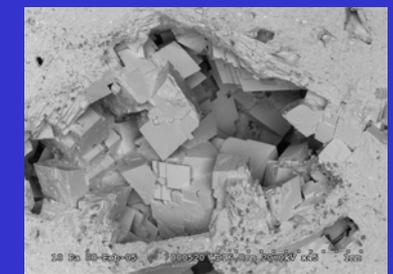
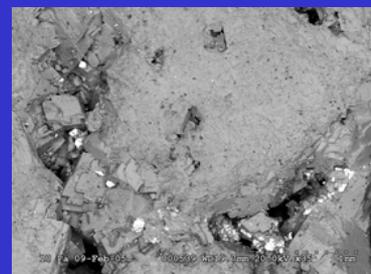
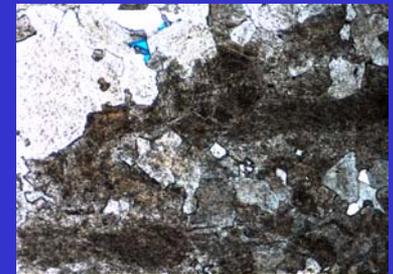
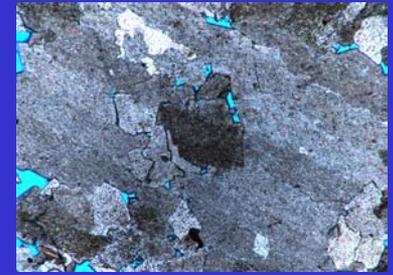
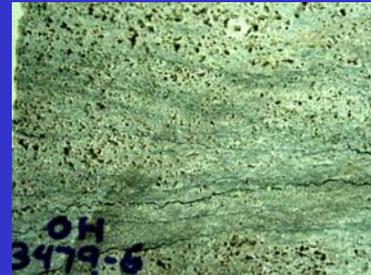
Lou and Machel (1995), AAPG Bulletin v.79, p.1698 – 1720)

# DOLOGRAINSTONES AND DOLOPACKSTONES

- Productive reservoir rocks in northwestern Ohio
- Depositional texture may or may not be recognizable to unaided eye
- Planar-s to nonplanar-a and saddle dolomites

## Porosity

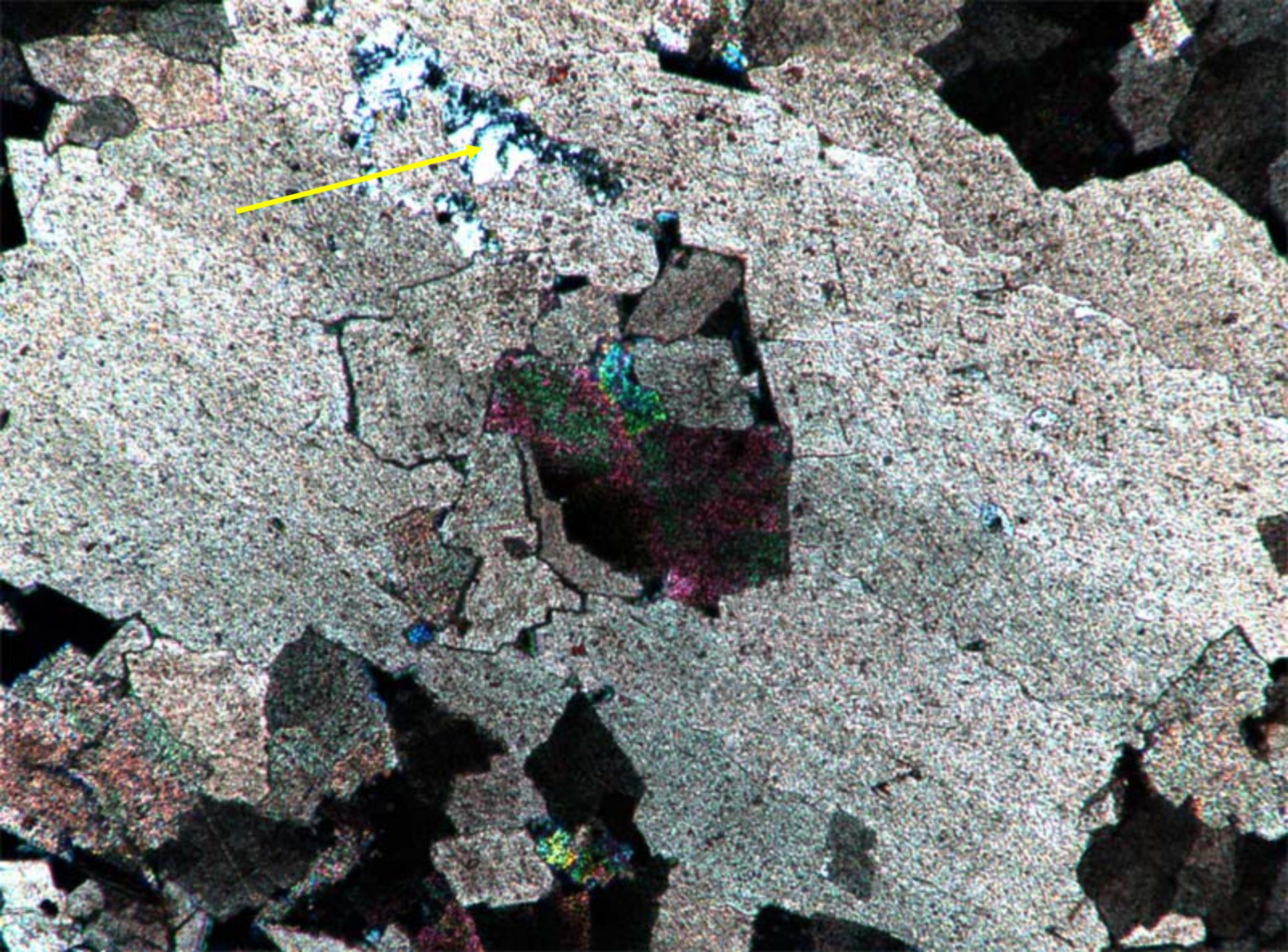
- **Macroporosity:**
  - **Not fabric-selective:**
    - Small to medium vugs
    - Fractures
- **Mesoporosity**
  - **Fabric-selective:**
    - Moldic
    - Intercrystalline
- **Microporosity**

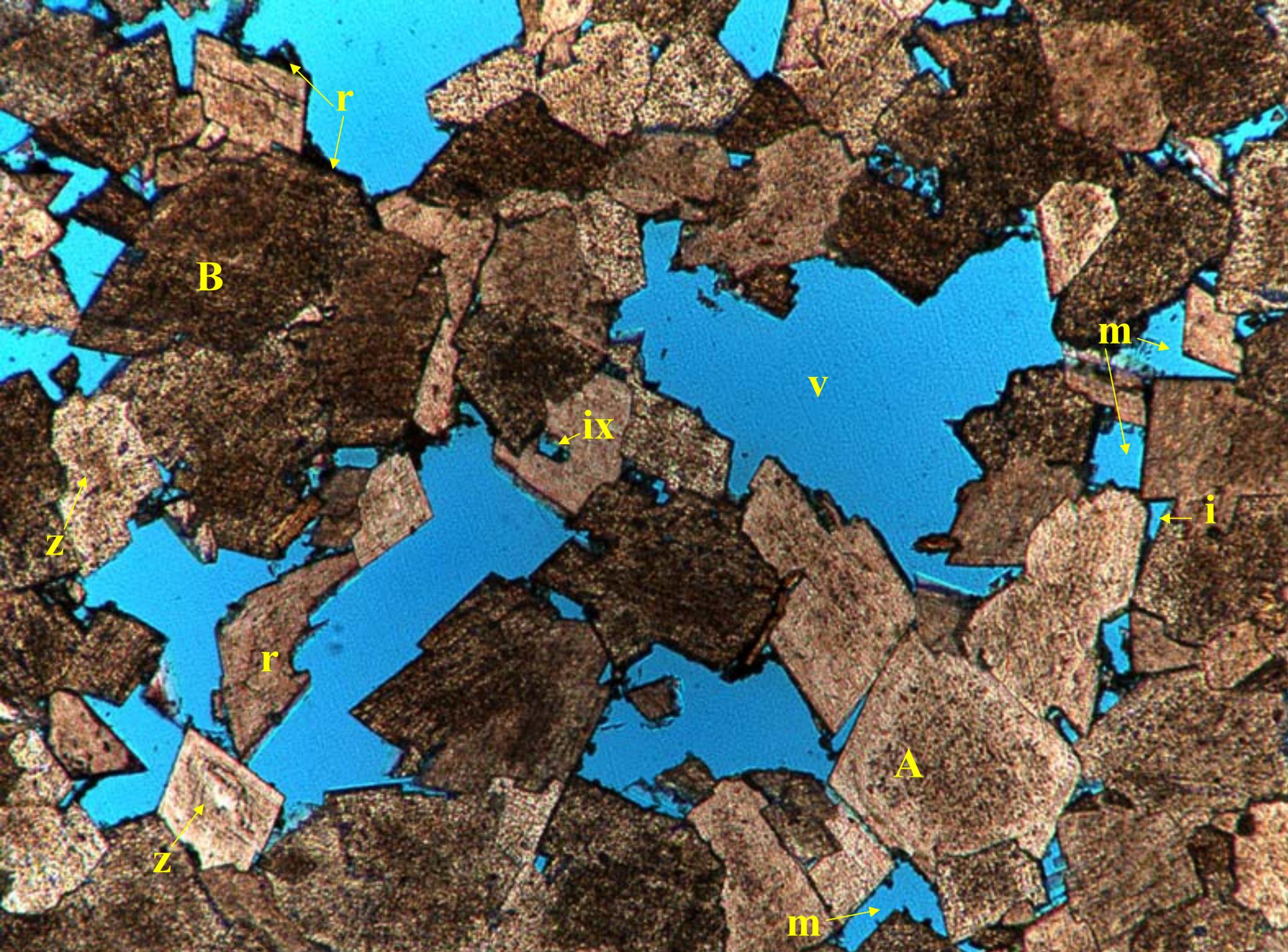


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## Recognizable depositional texture

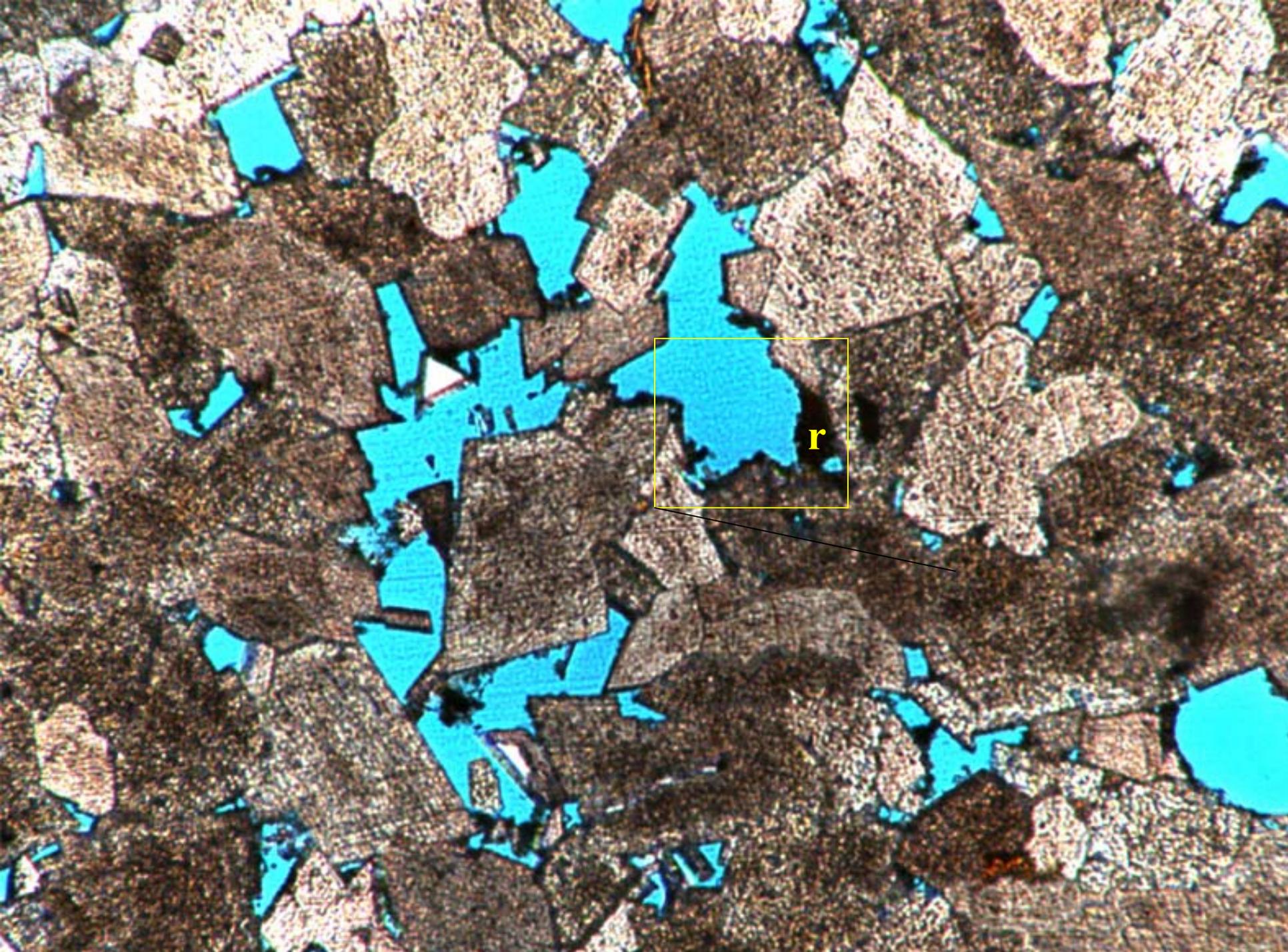
- Coarse-grained crinoid-bryozoan grainstone
- Cross bedded
- Subtidal parasequences (grainstone-capped: high-energy shoaling)



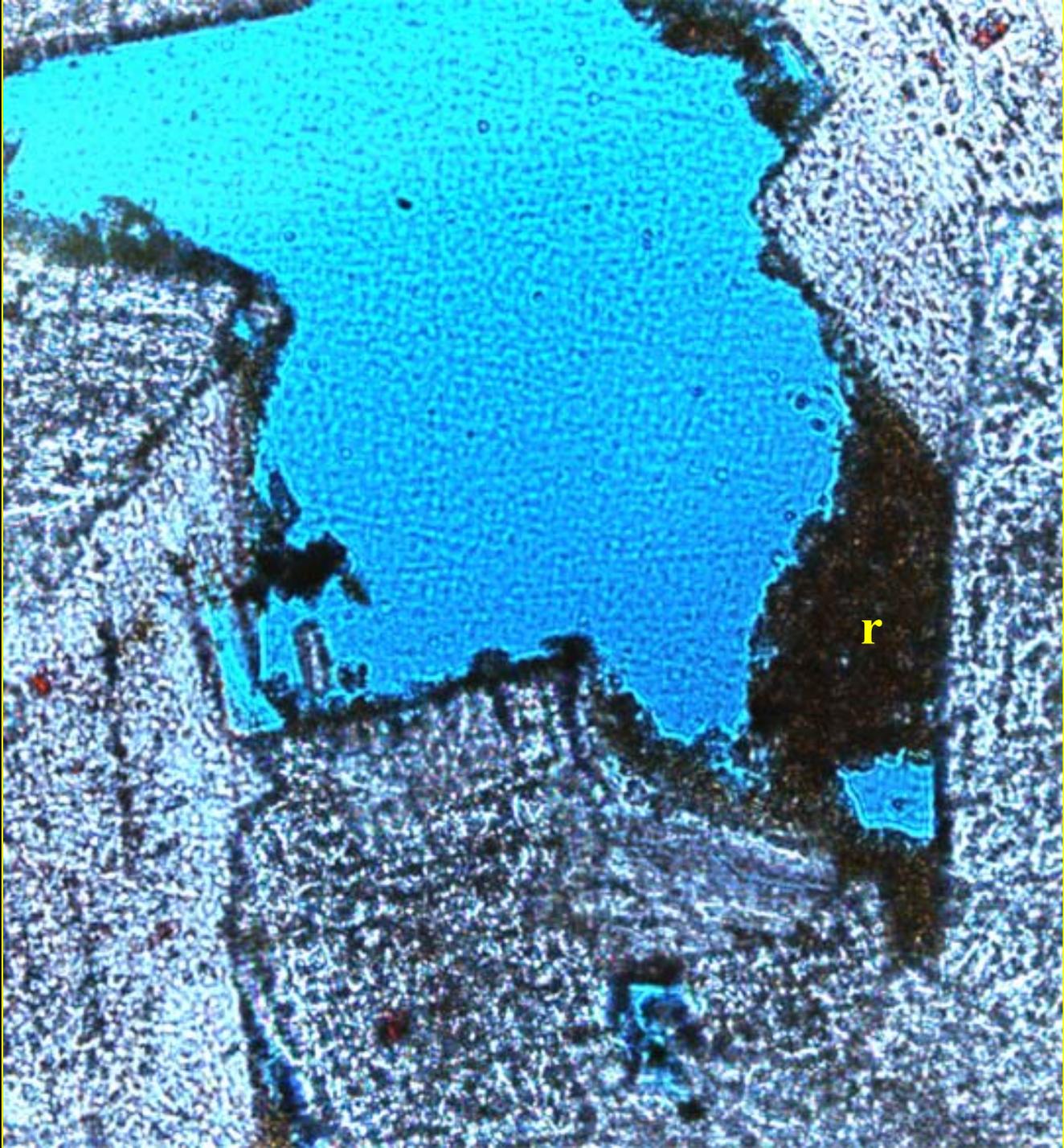




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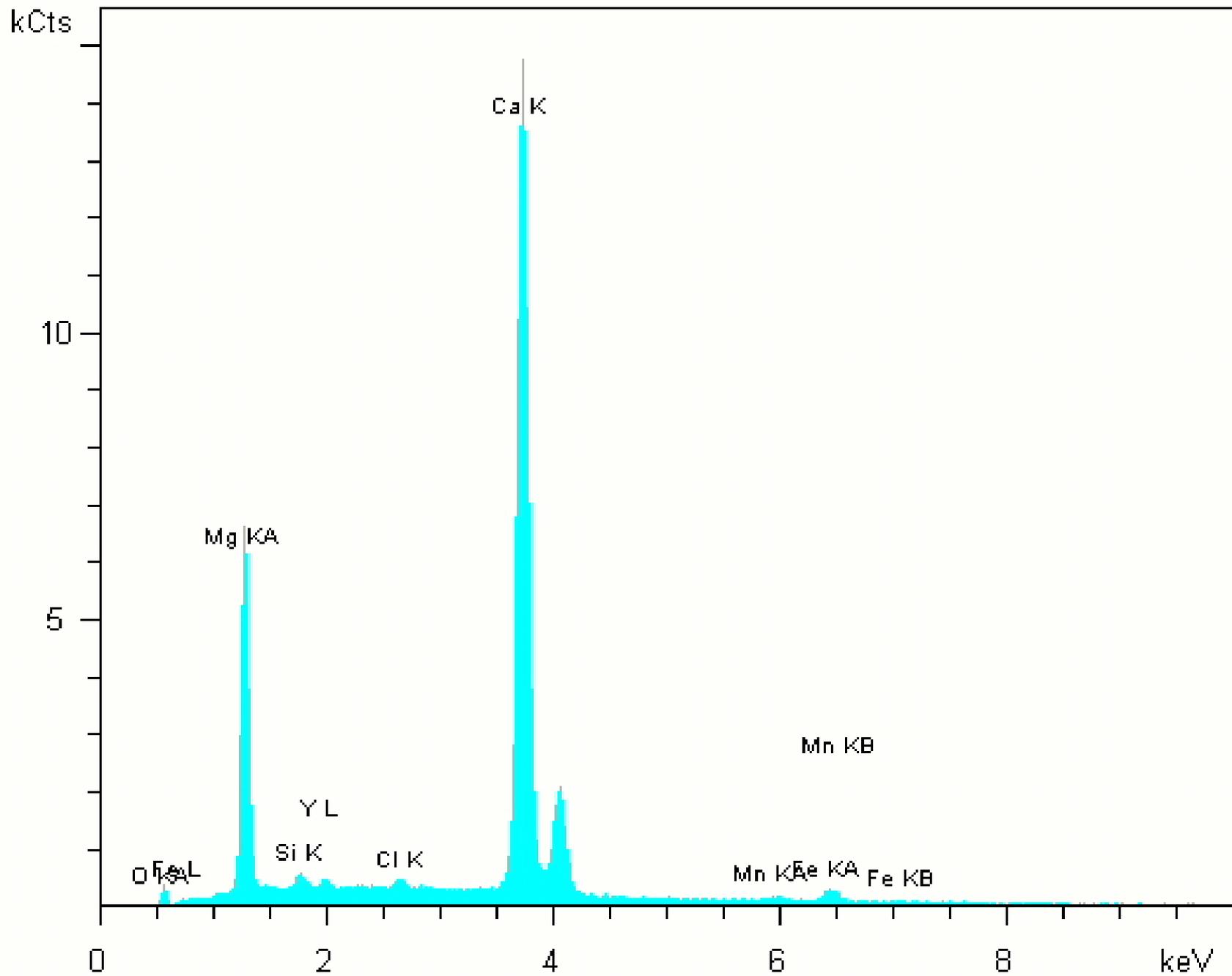


pyrite

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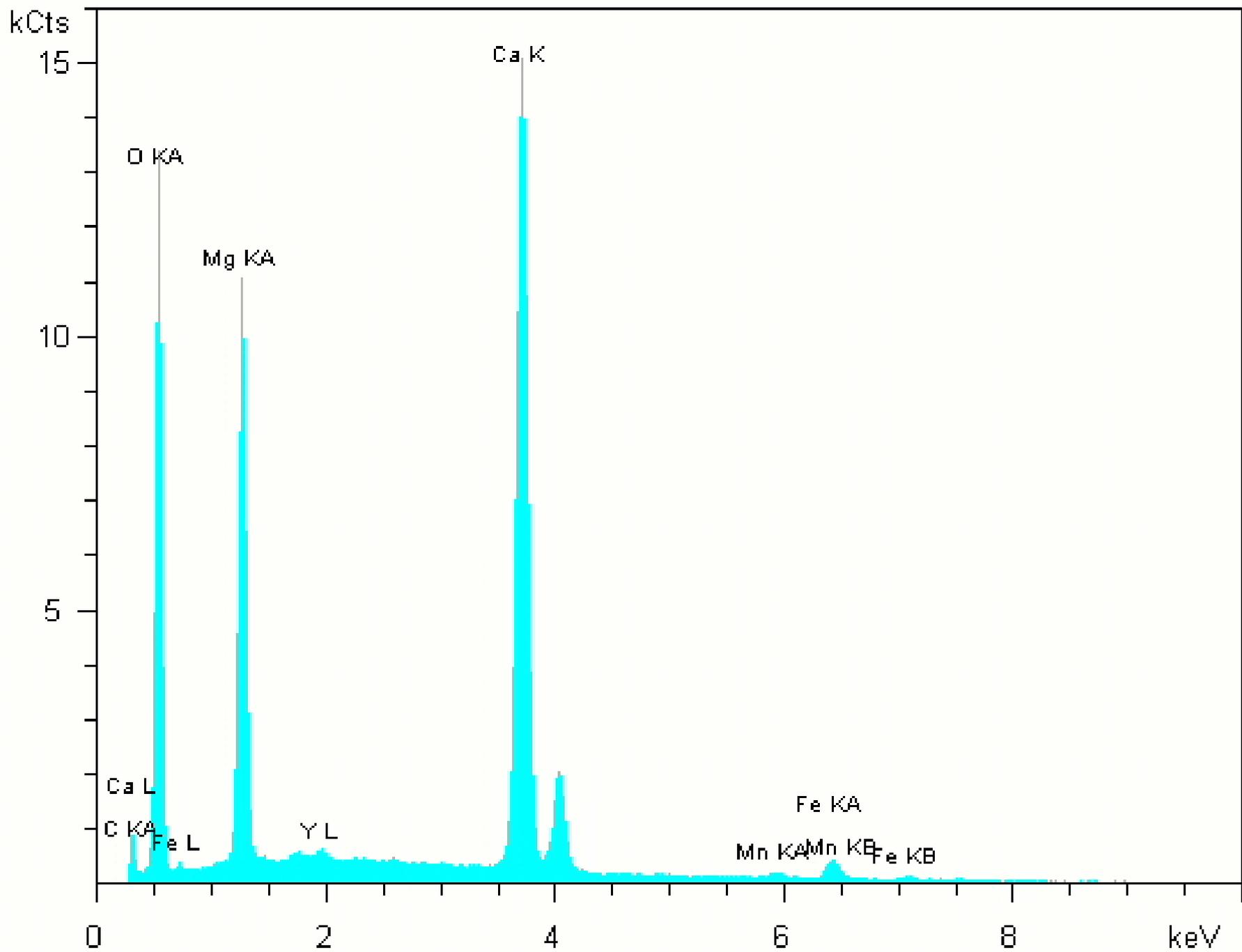
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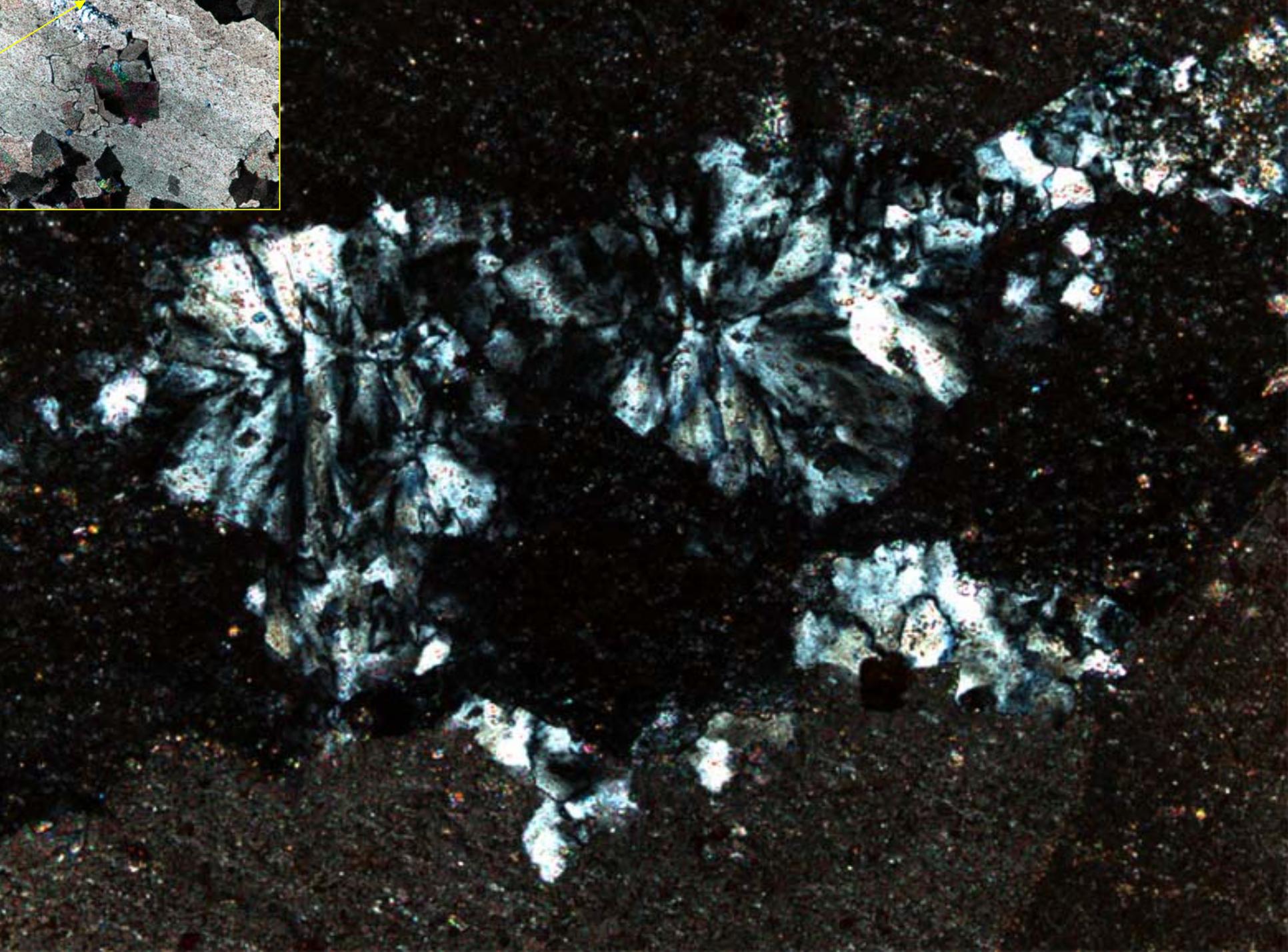
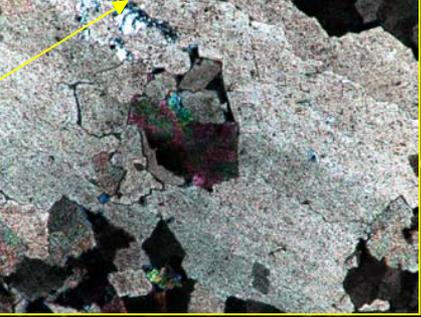


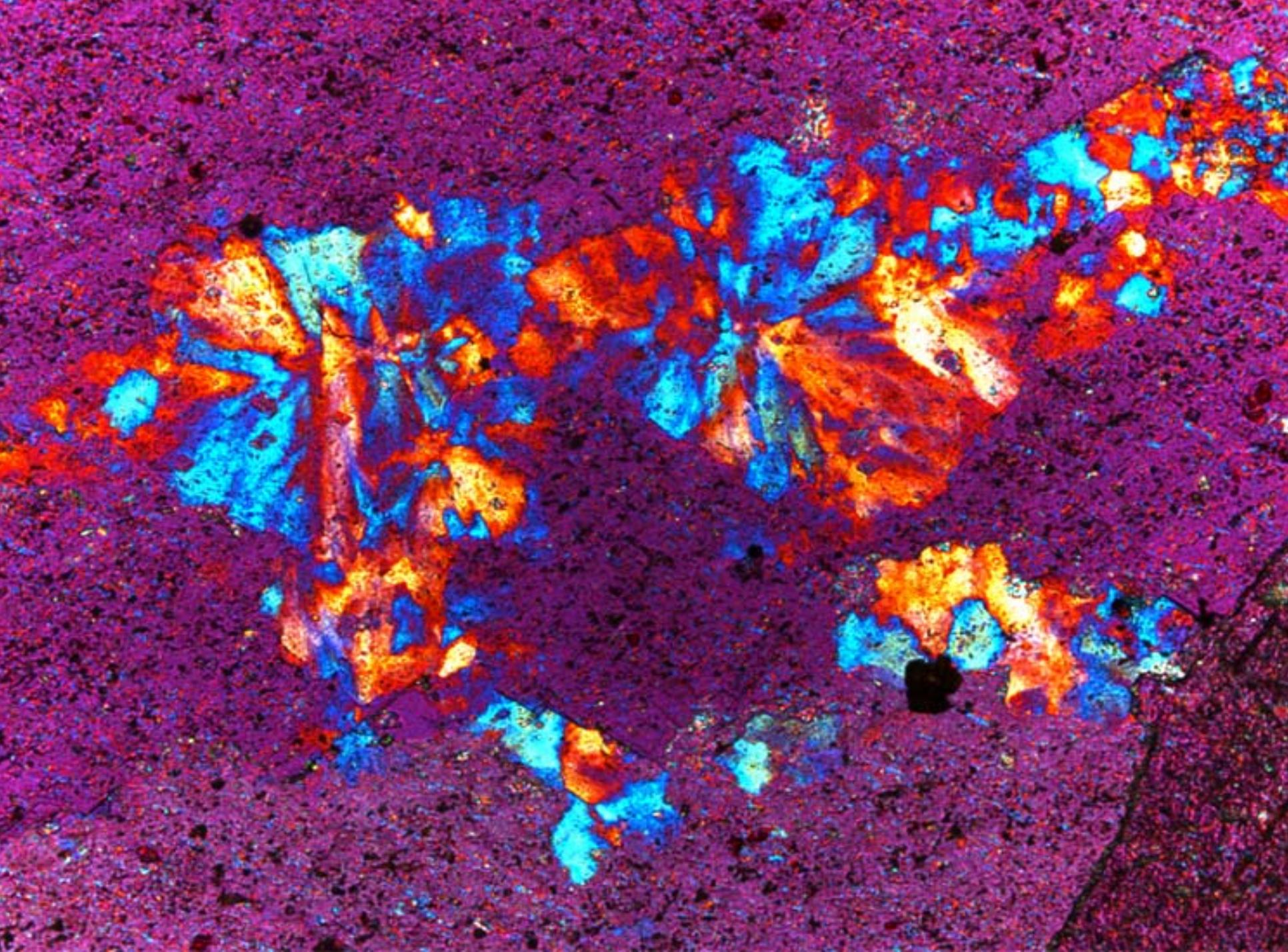


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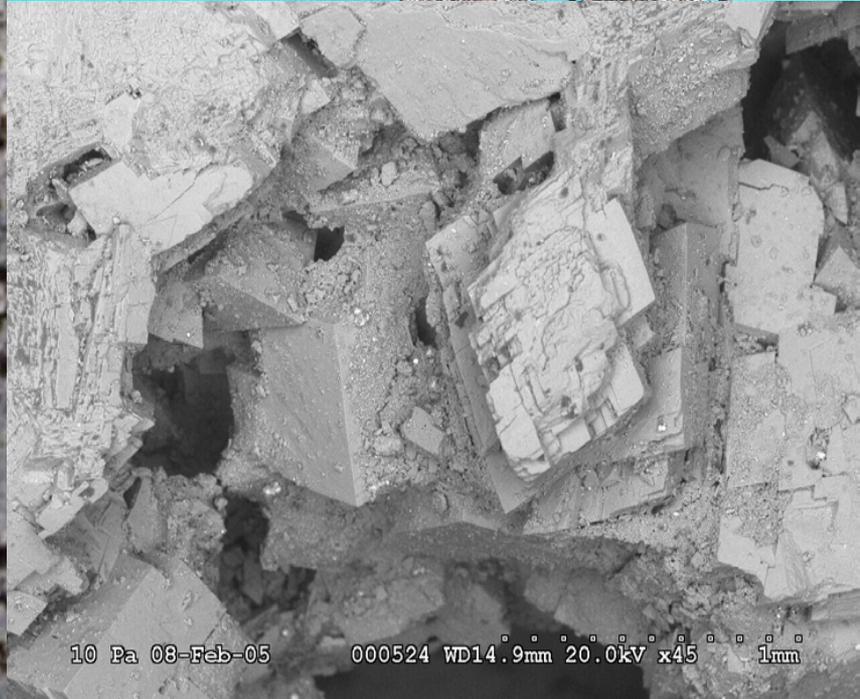
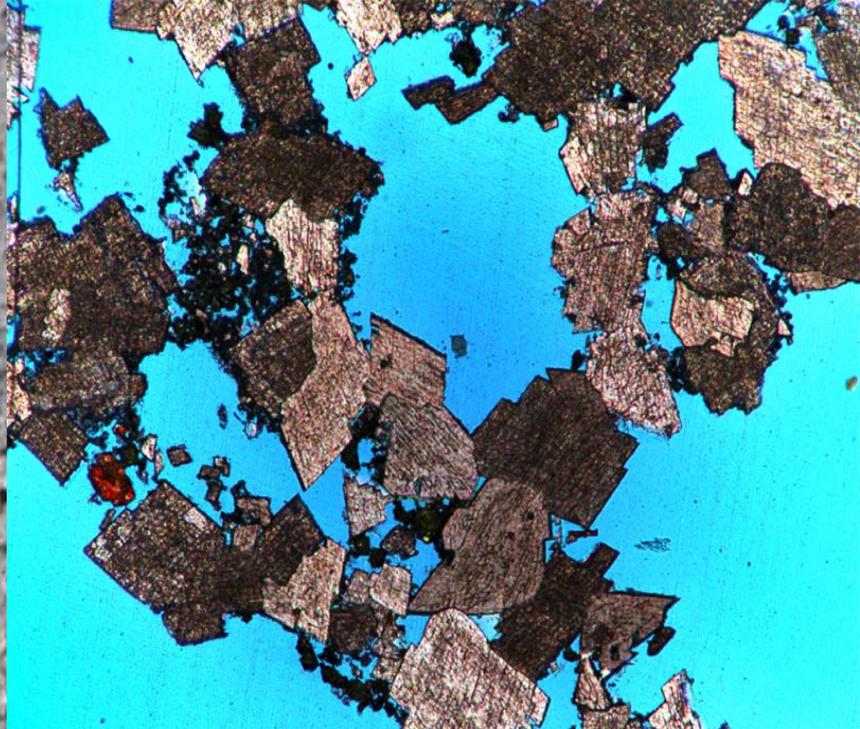
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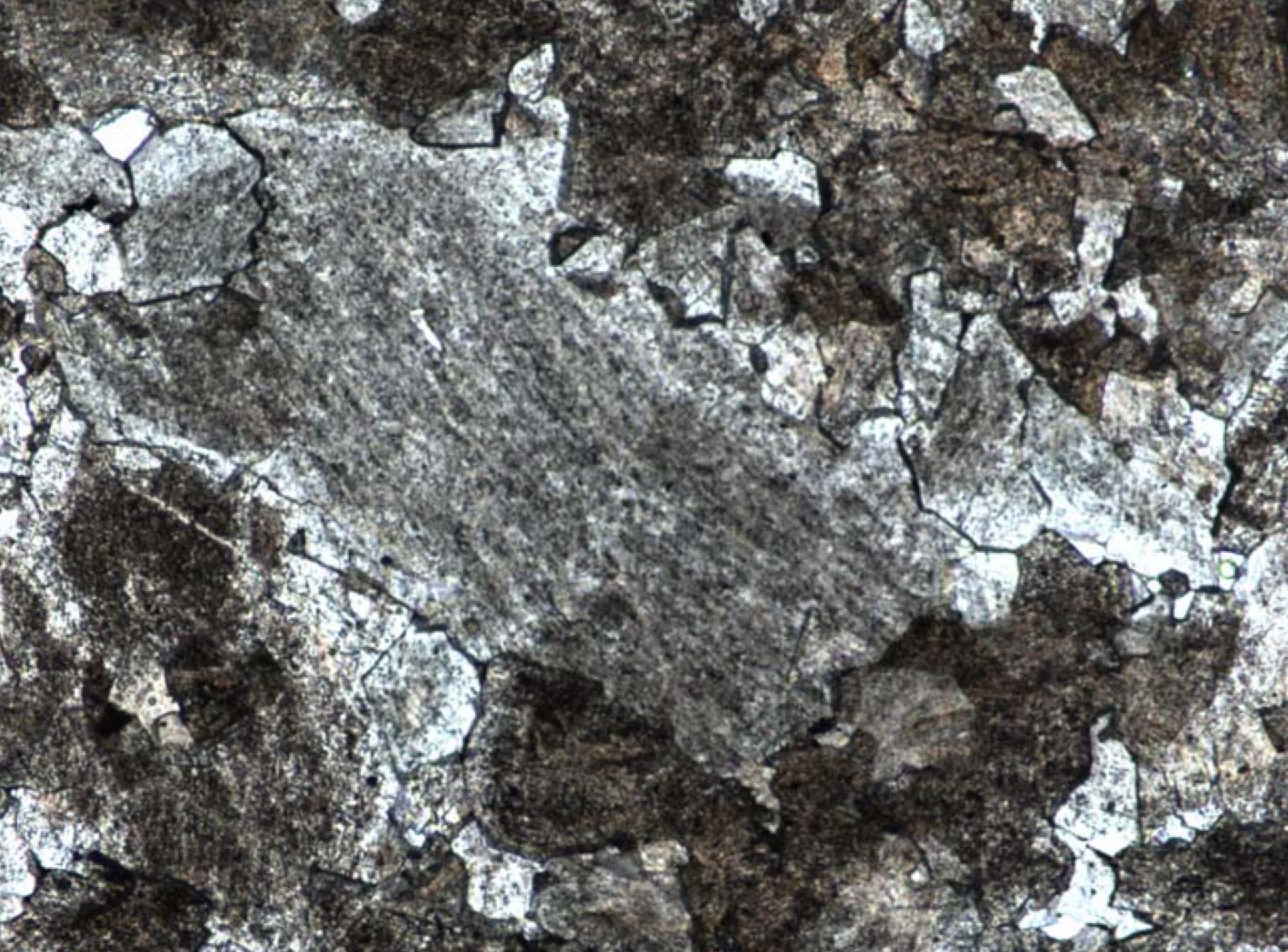


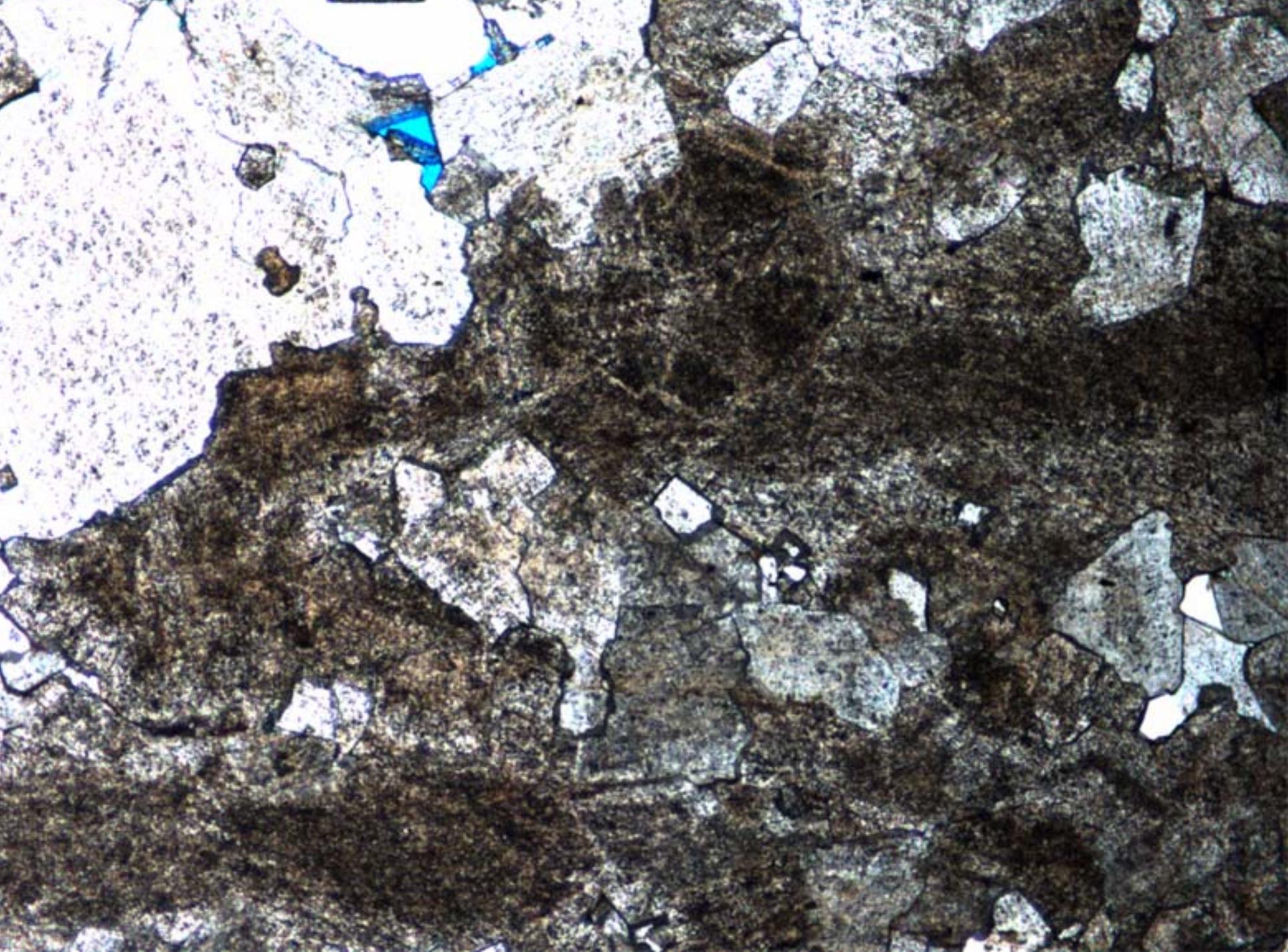


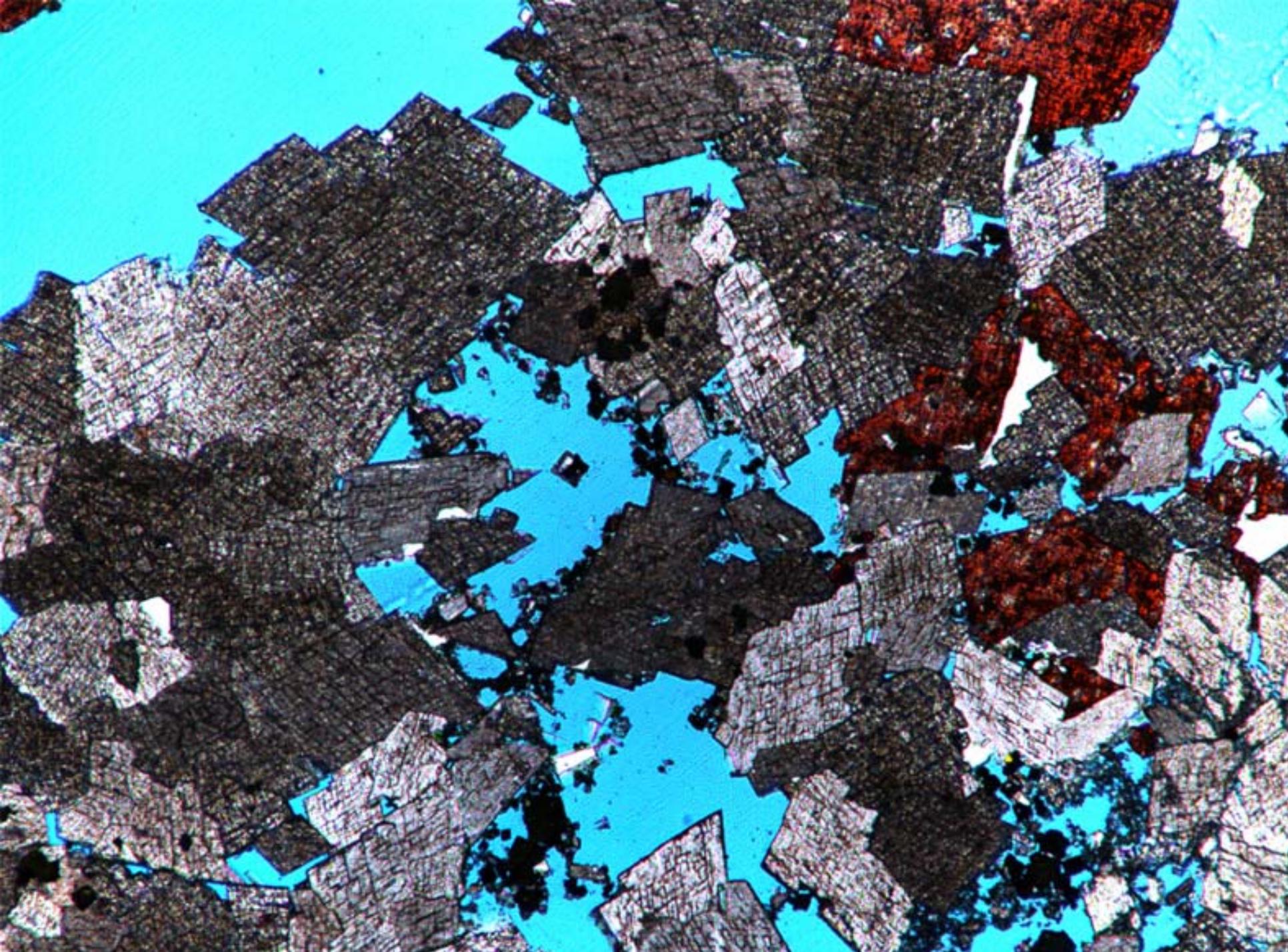


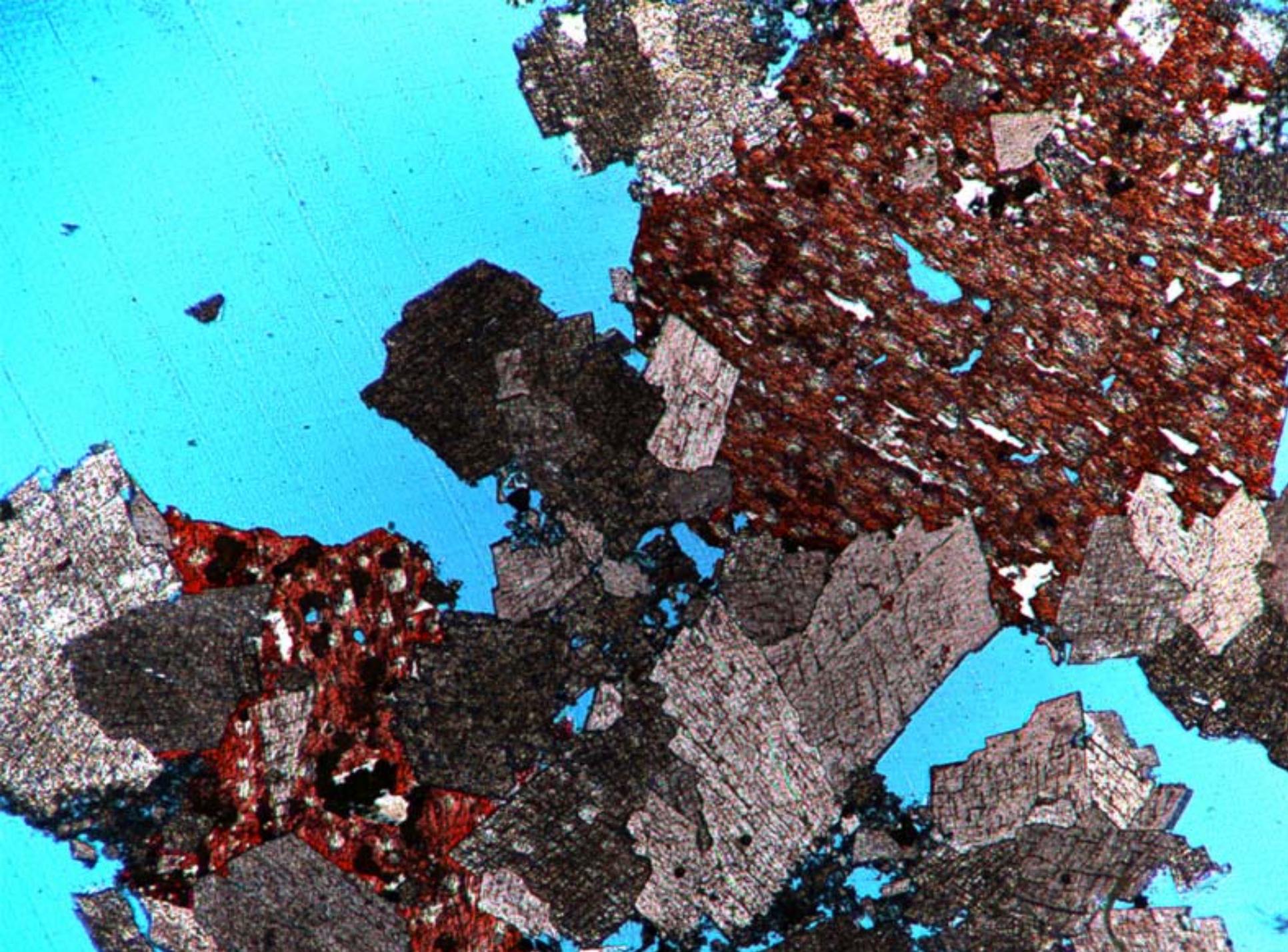
Depositional  
texture  
unrecognizable







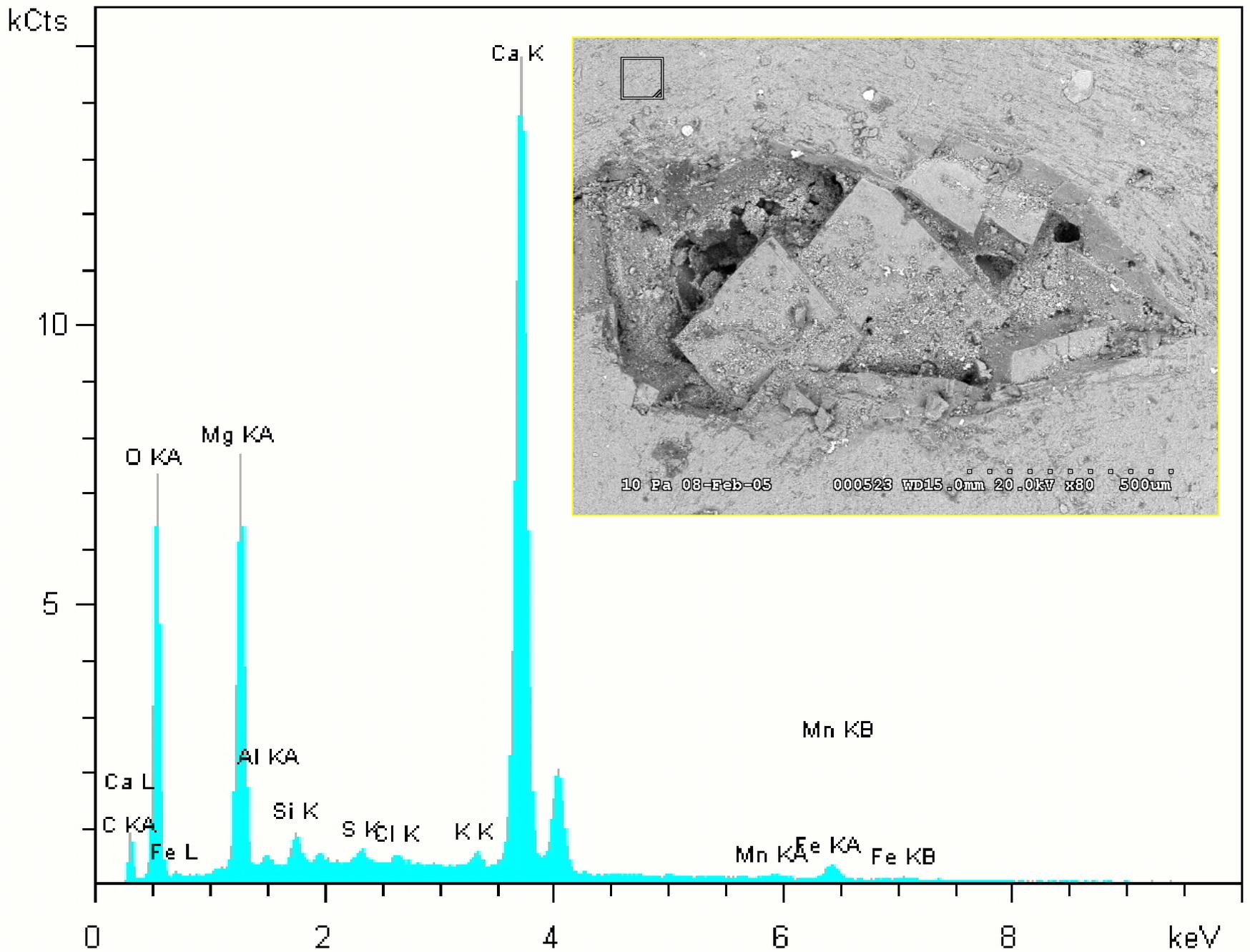


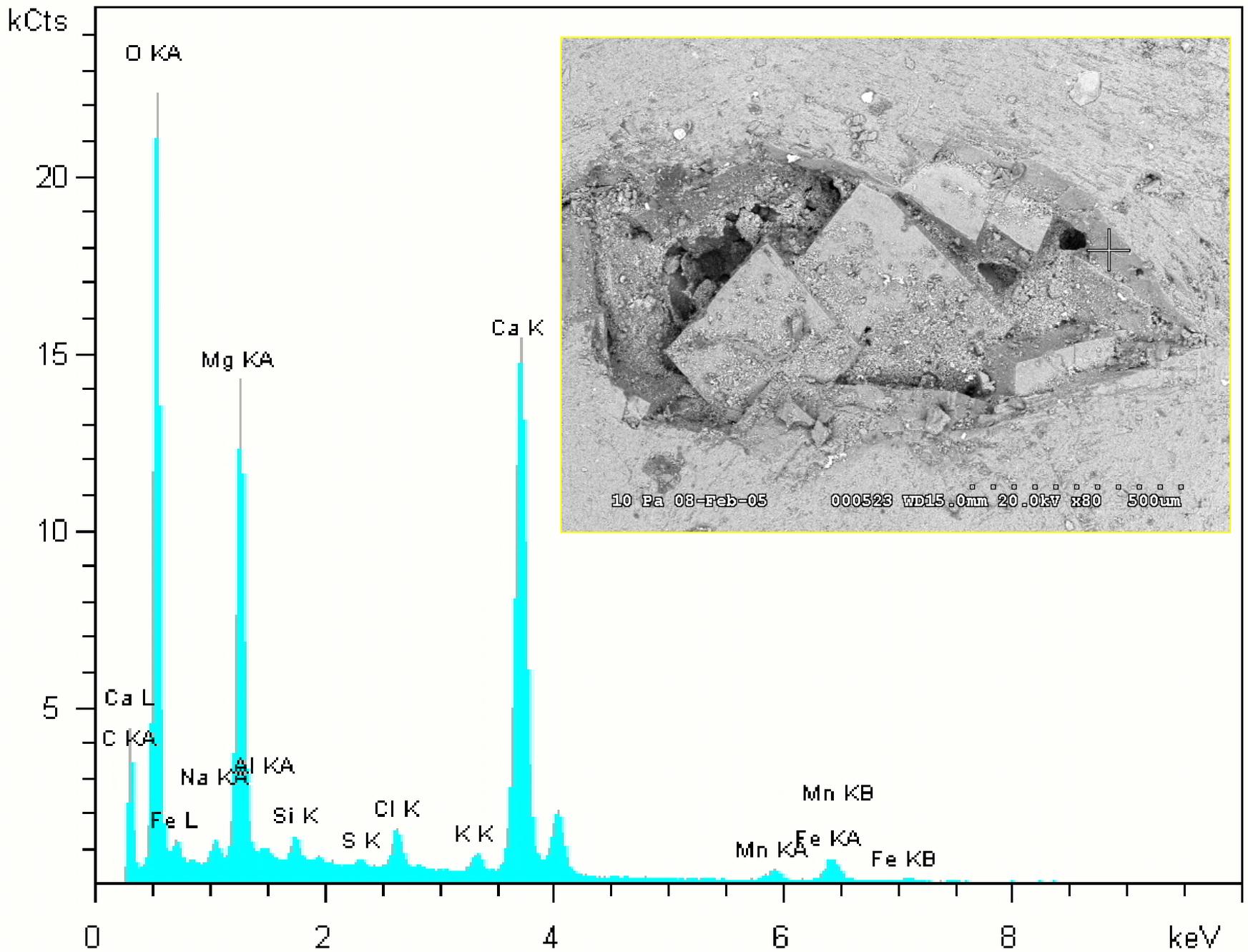


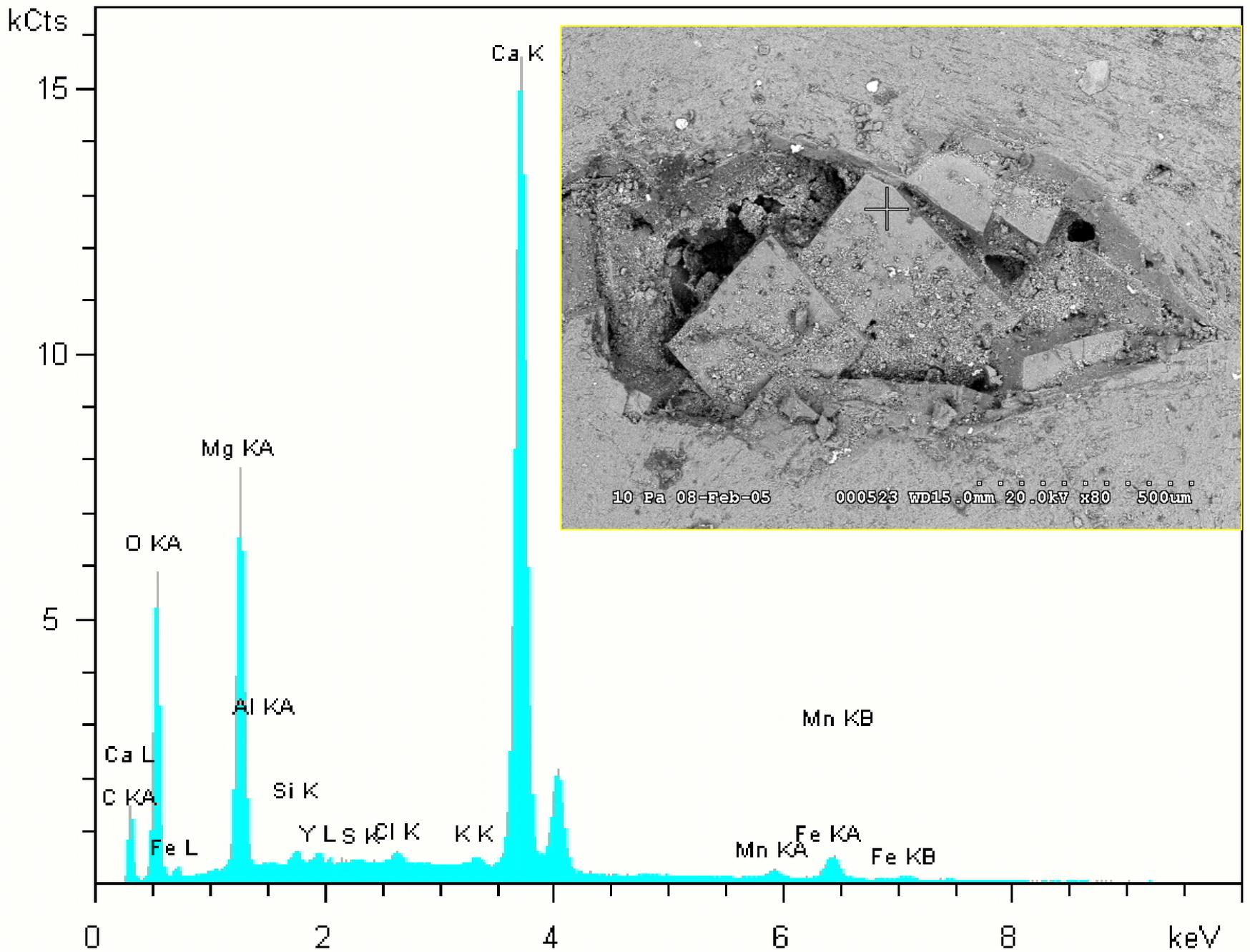
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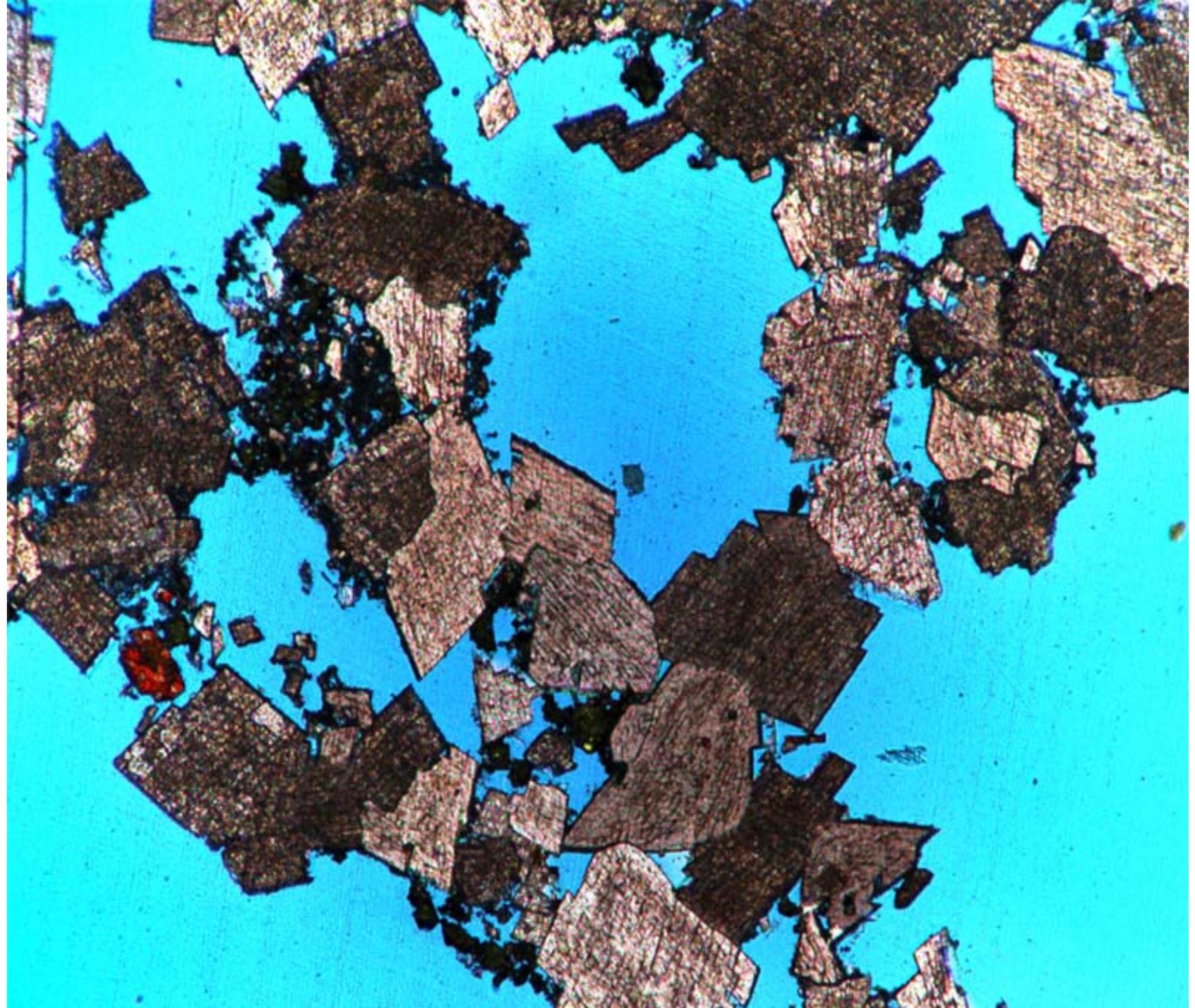
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Nonplanar  
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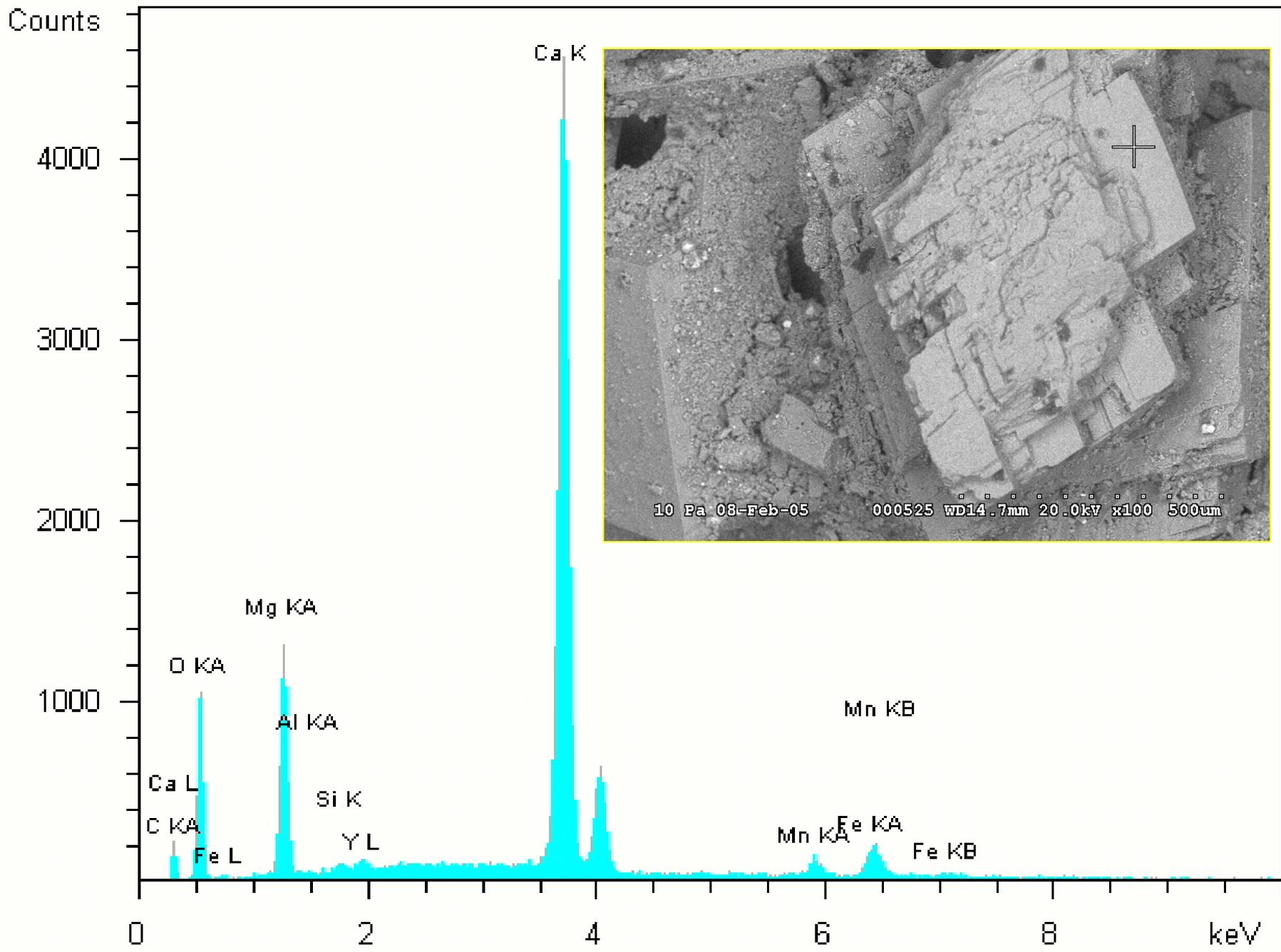


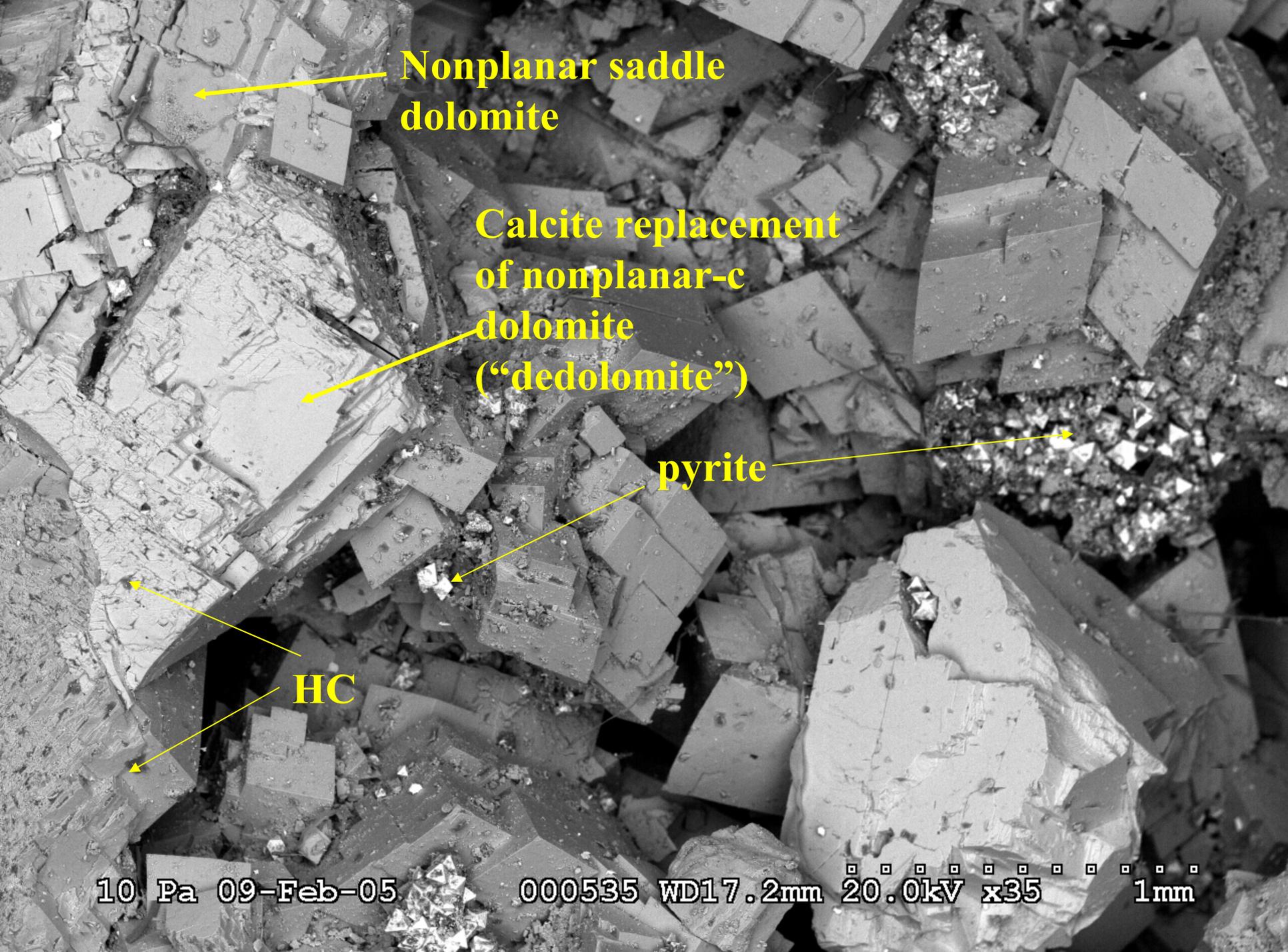




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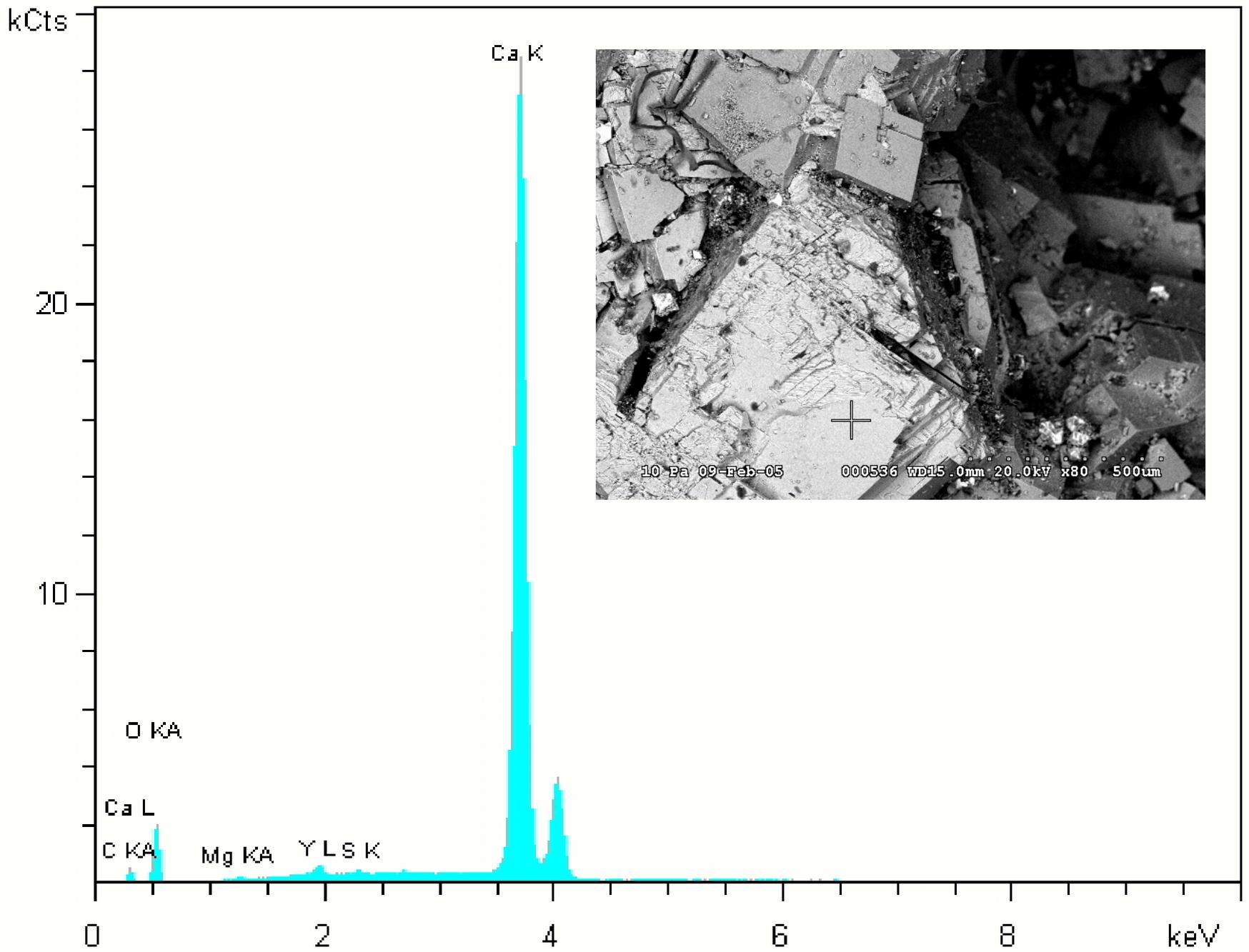


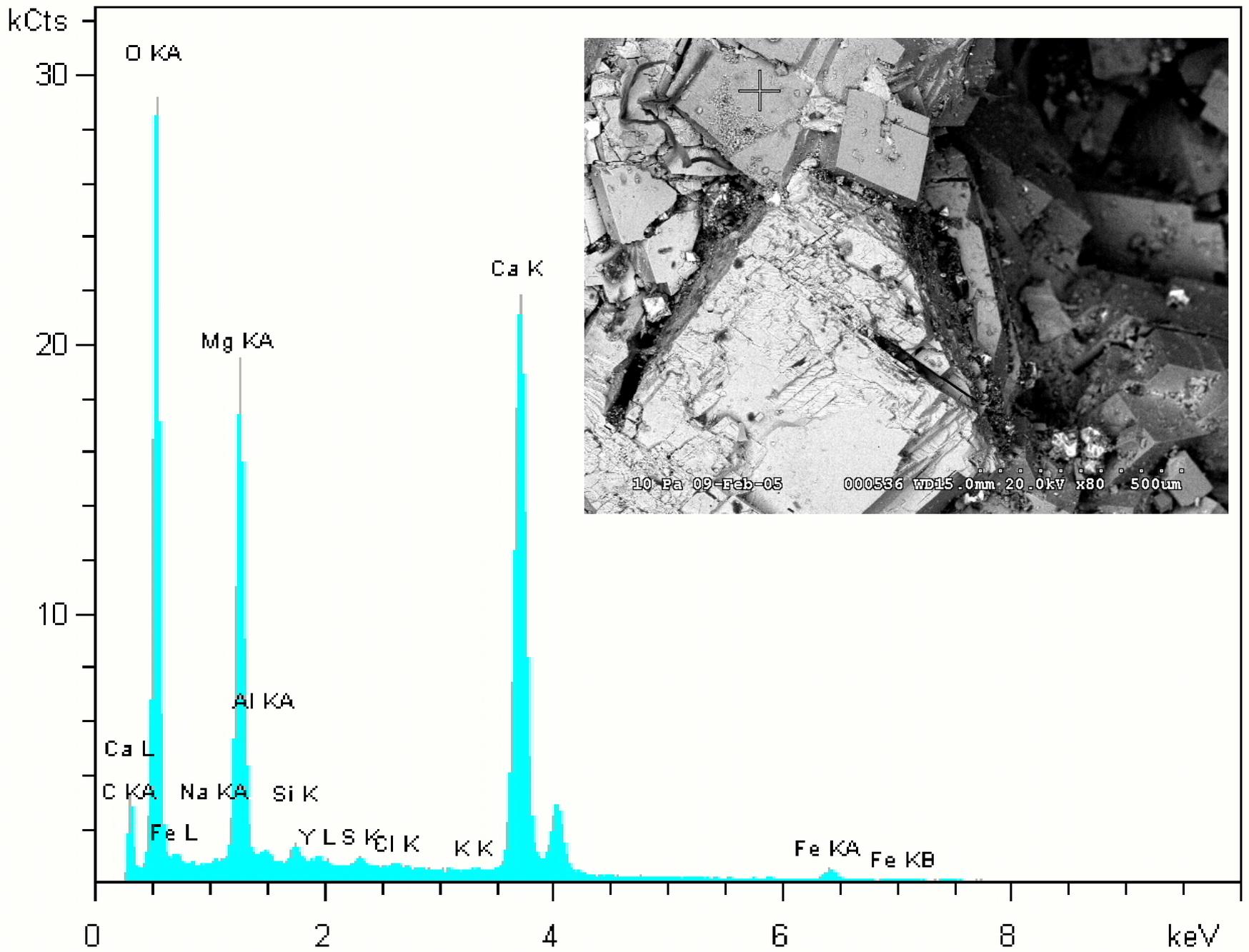
**Nonplanar saddle dolomite**

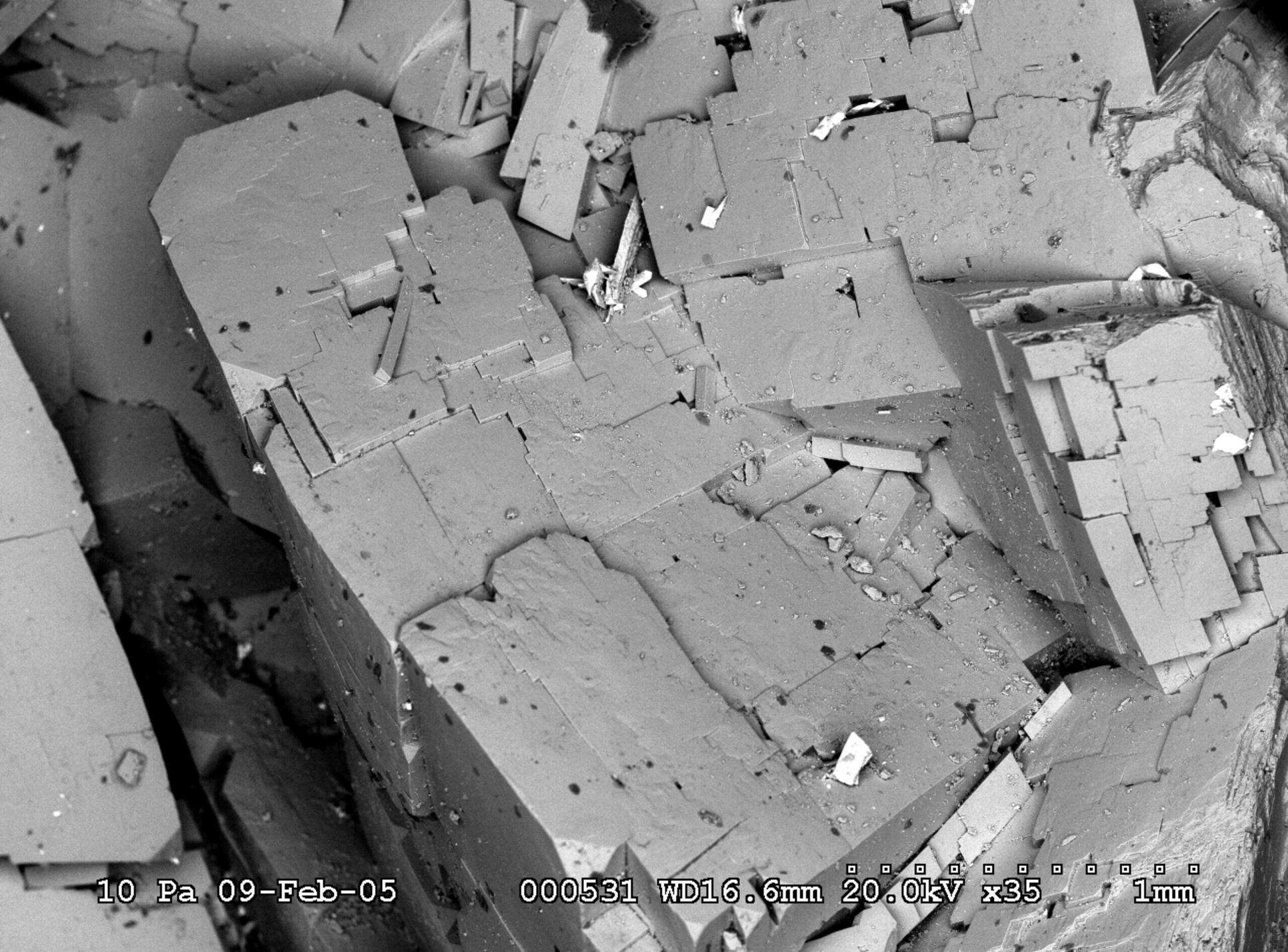
**Calcite replacement of nonplanar-c dolomite ("dedolomite")**

**pyrite**

**HC**

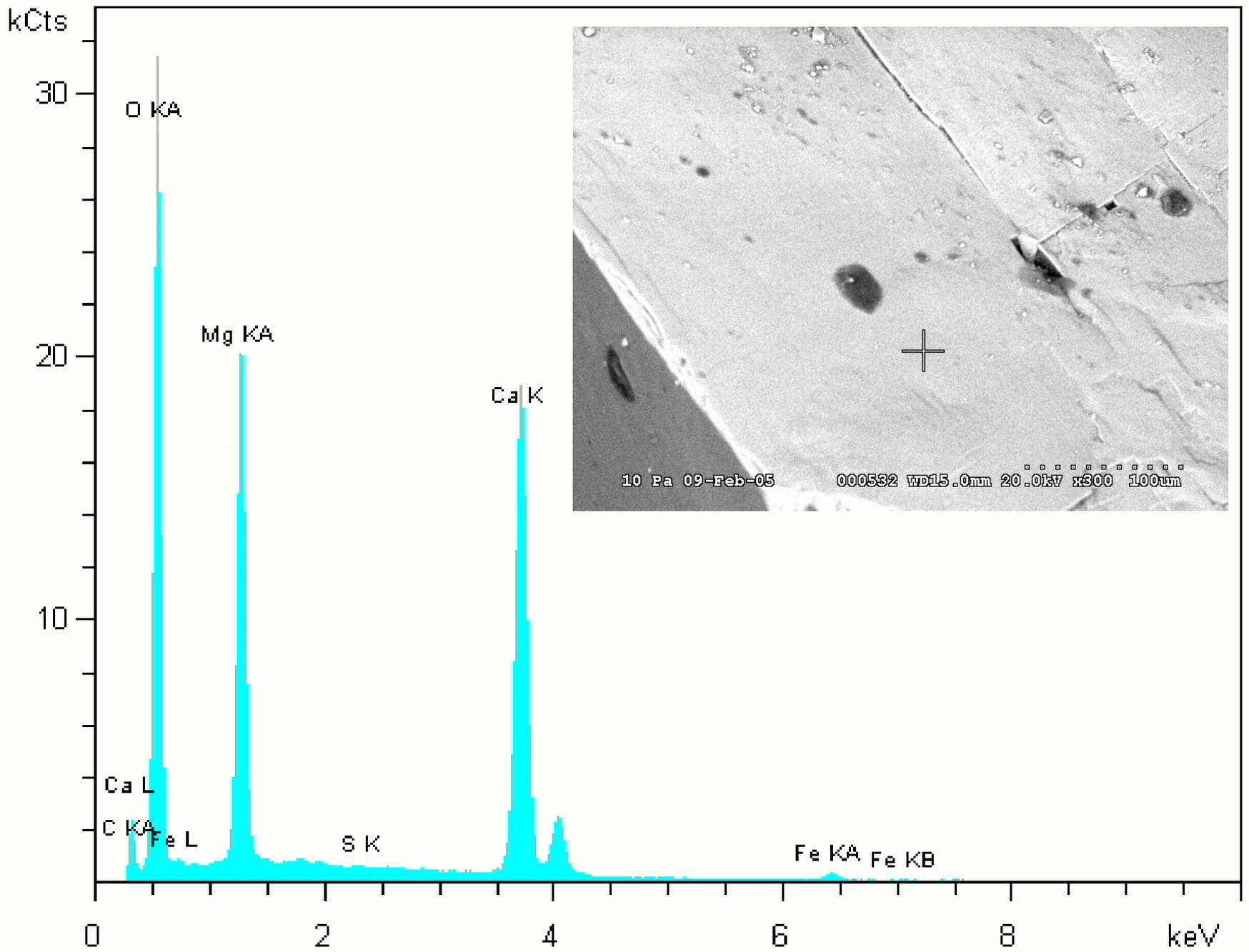


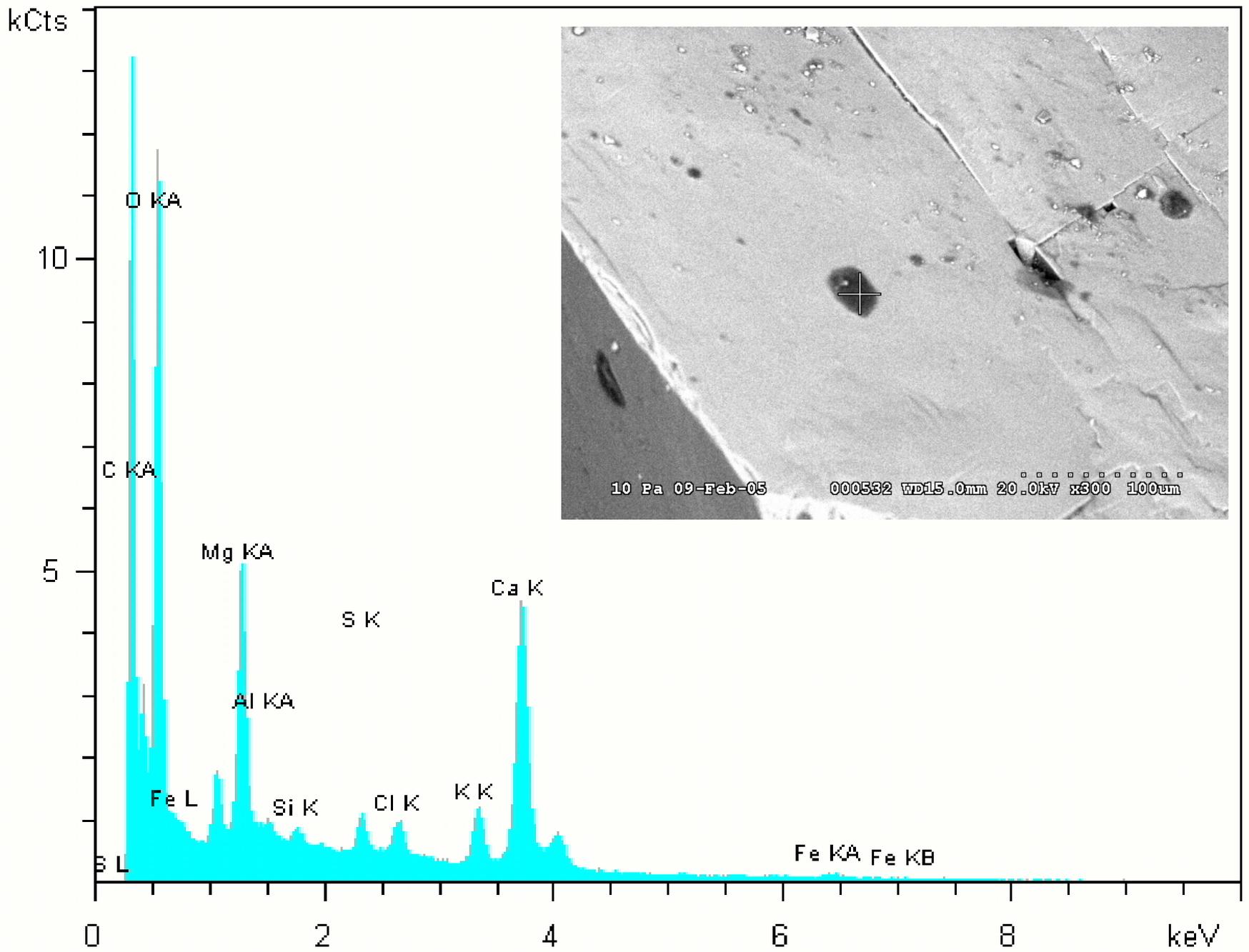


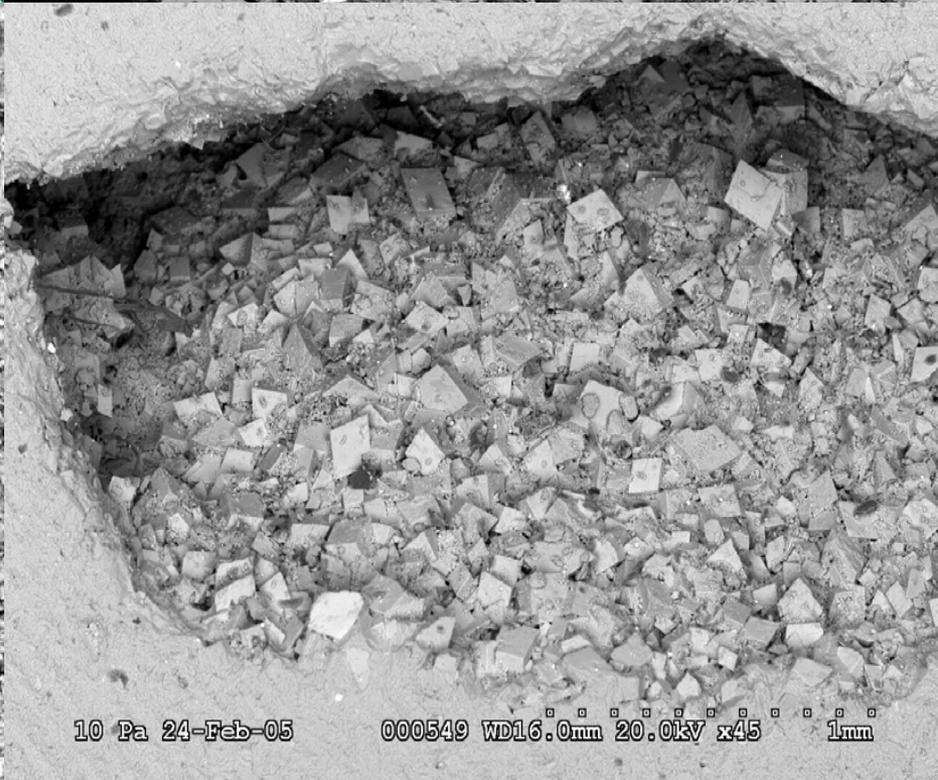
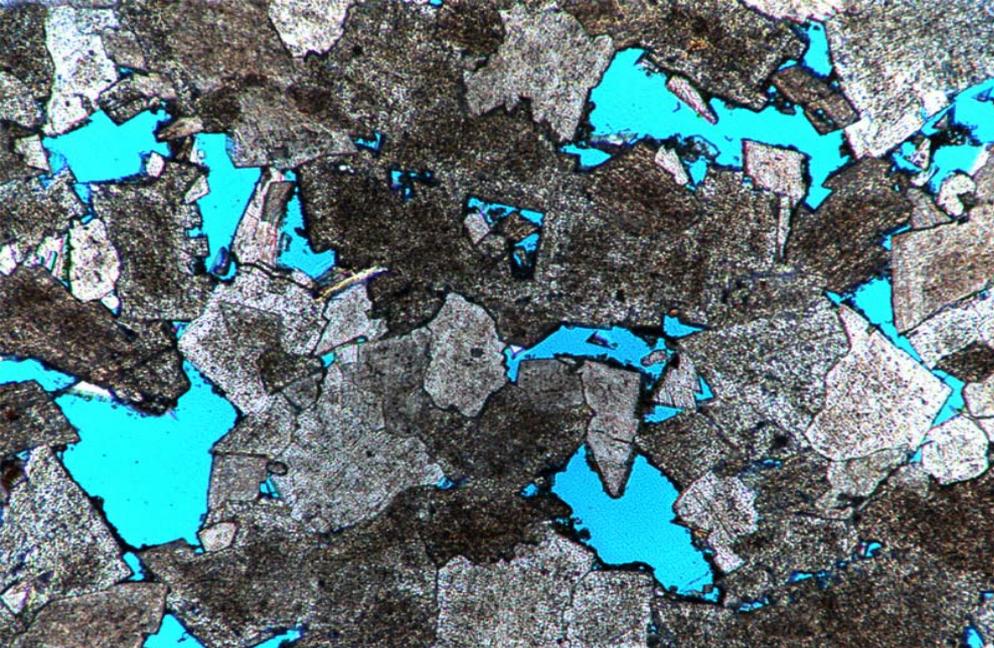


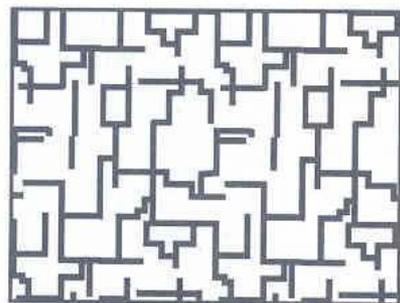
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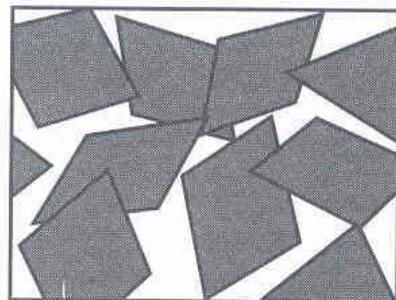




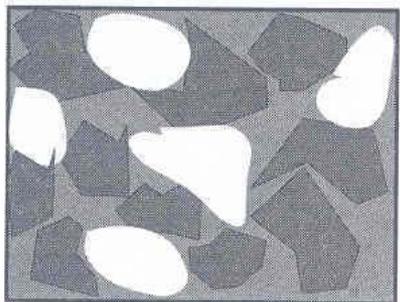




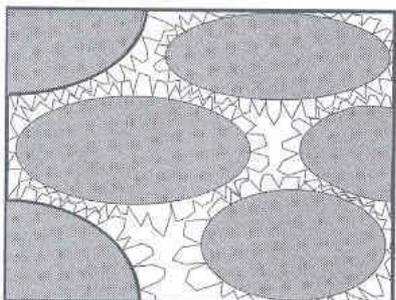
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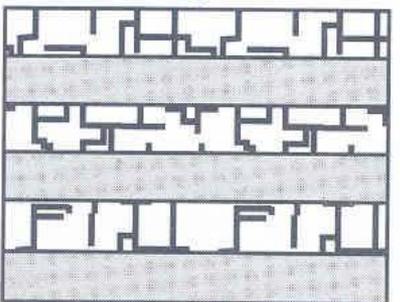
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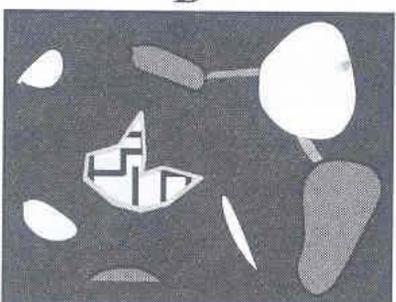
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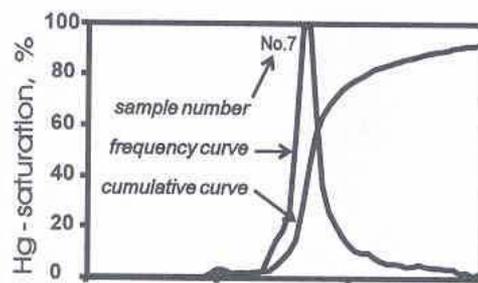
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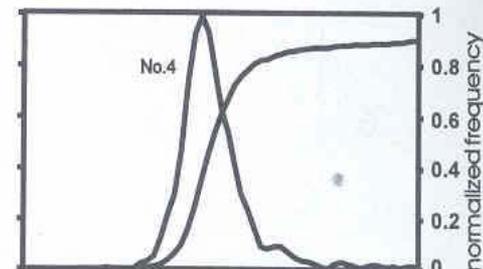
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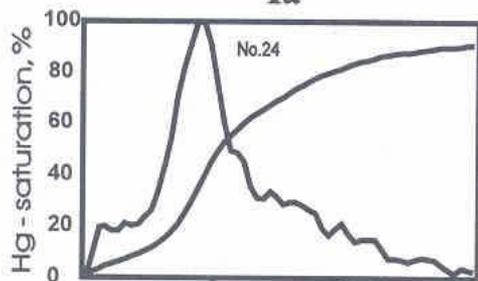
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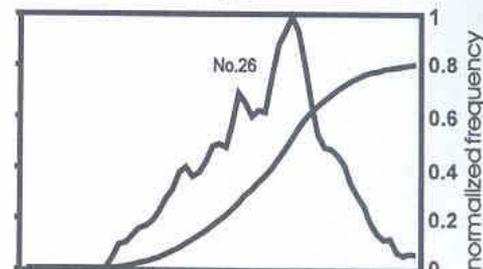
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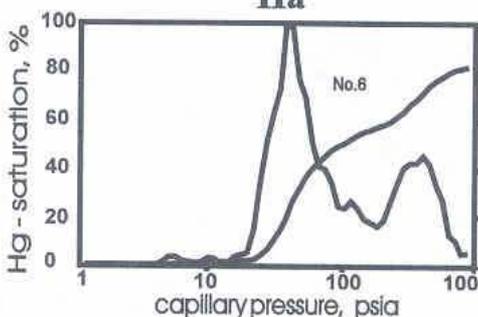
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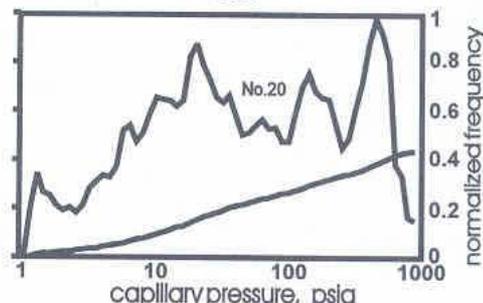
IIa



IIb



III capillary curve types IV



IV



pervasively  
solution-  
enlarged  
porosity



dolomite rhomb



void space



tight  
matrix



tight  
block of  
mosaic  
dolomites



micro-  
porosity



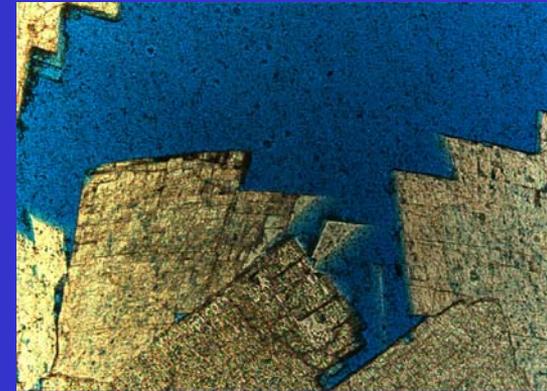
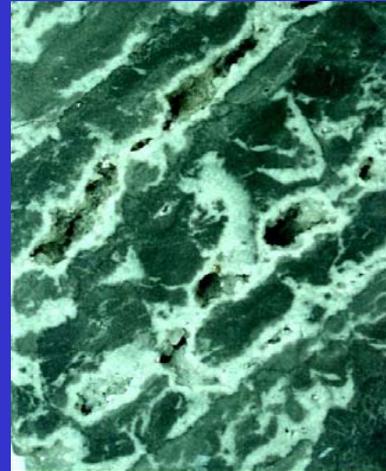
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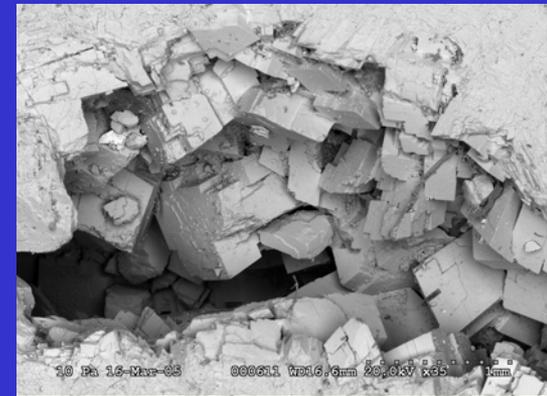
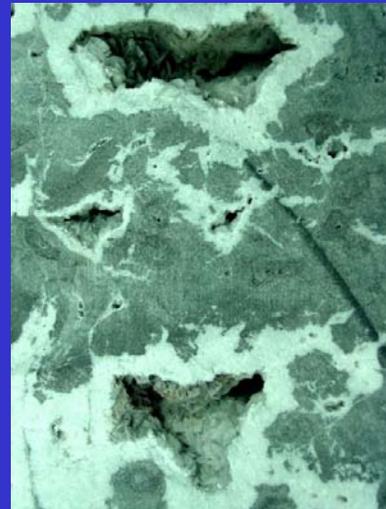
# DOLOWACKESTONES AND DOLOMUDSTONES

- Most productive reservoir rocks in the basin
- Recognizable depositional texture
- Planar-s to nonplanar-a and saddle dolomites



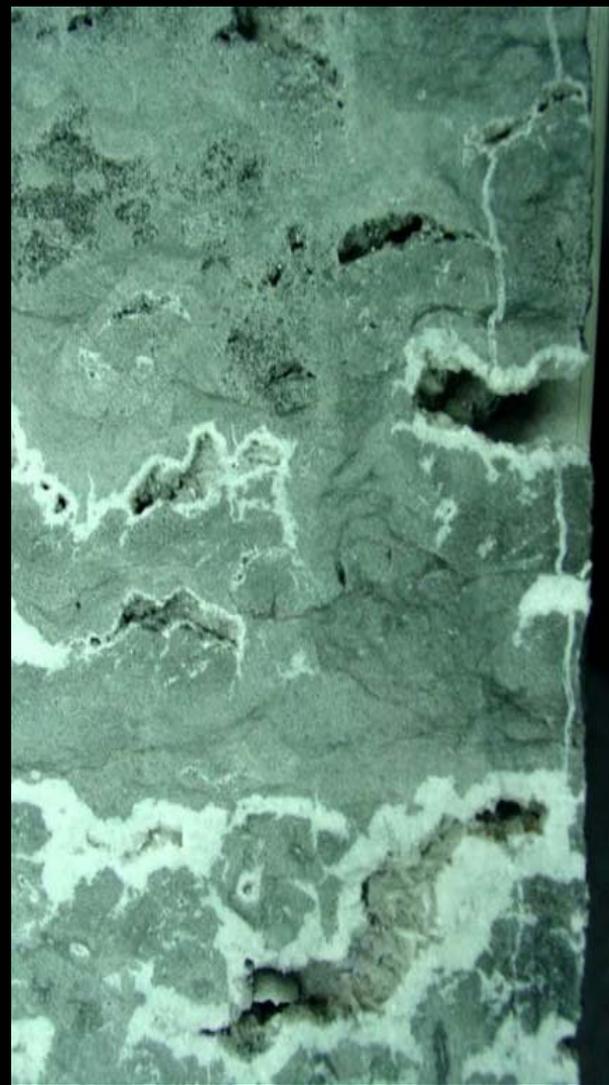
## Porosity

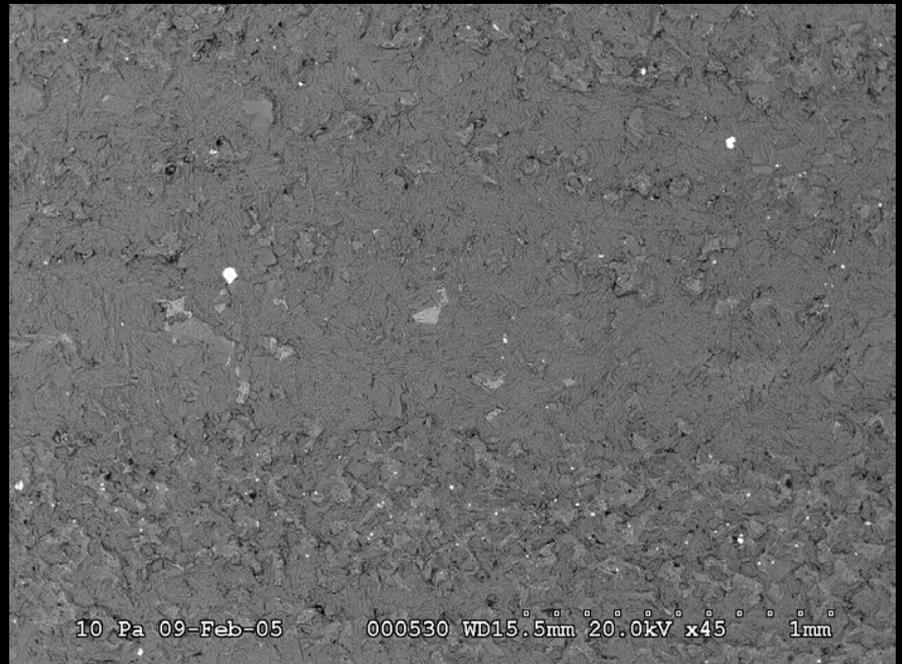
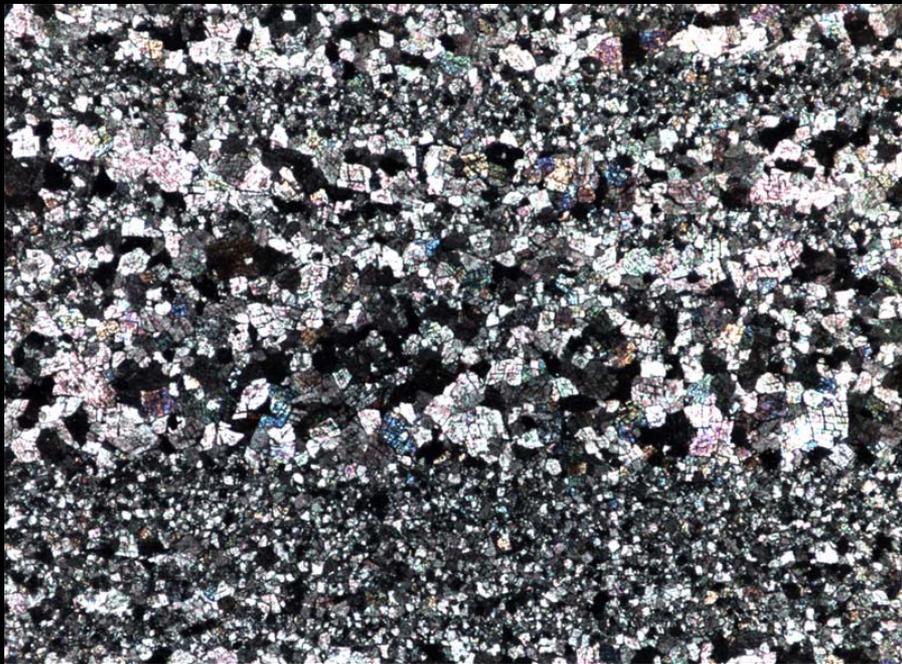
- Macroporosity:
  - Not fabric-selective:
    - Voids associated with zebra and breccia fabrics
    - Small to large vugs
    - Fractures
- Mesoporosity:
  - Fabric-selective:
    - Intercrystalline
    - Moldic
- Microporosity





- Trenton Black River Hydrothermal Dolomite Fields
- Gray #1 Core
- Whiteman #1 Core
- Matejka #1 Core





# DOLOMITIZED, BIOTURBATED MUDSTONE AND WACKESTONE



OH3372/1837.6 ft.



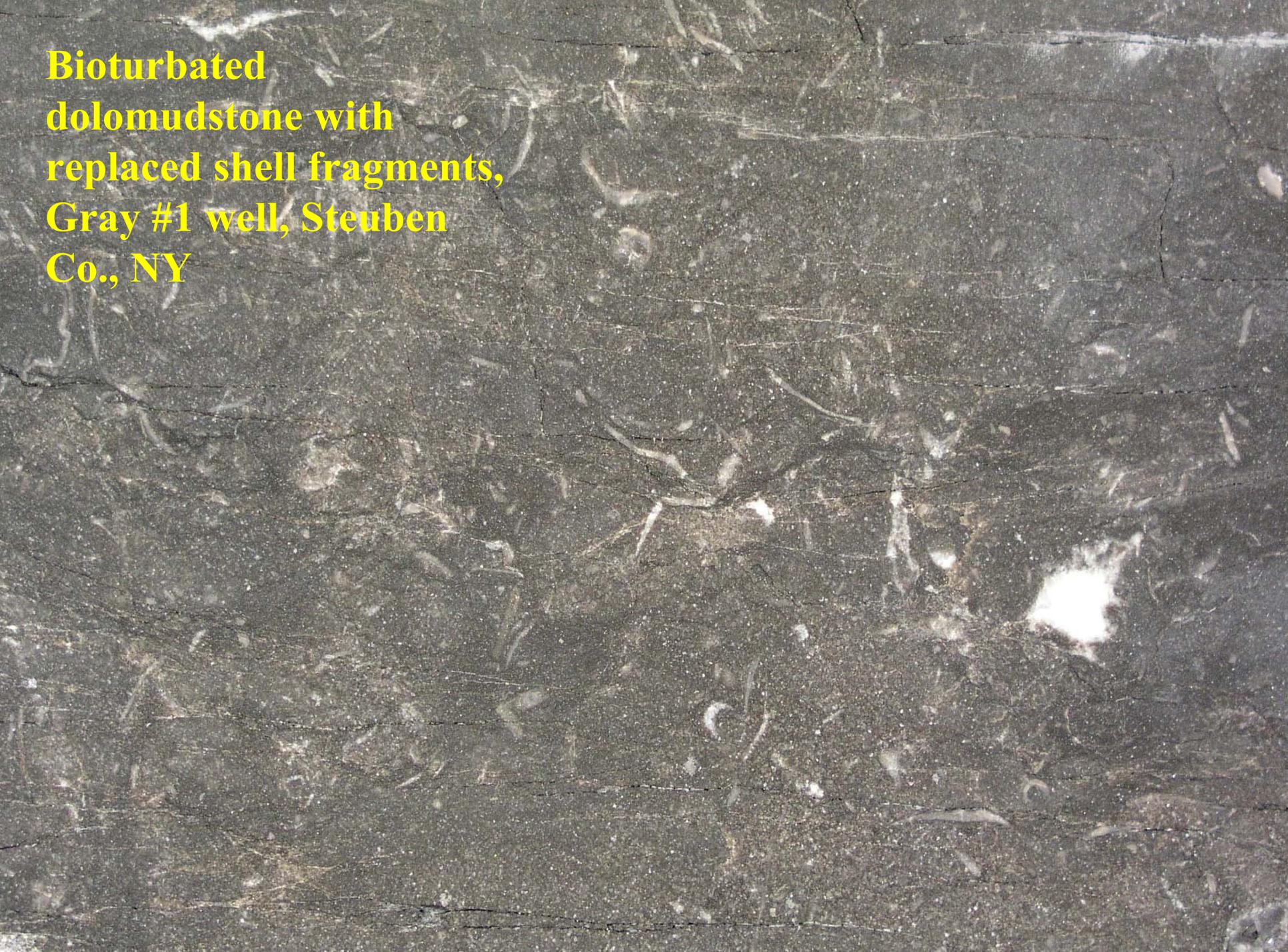
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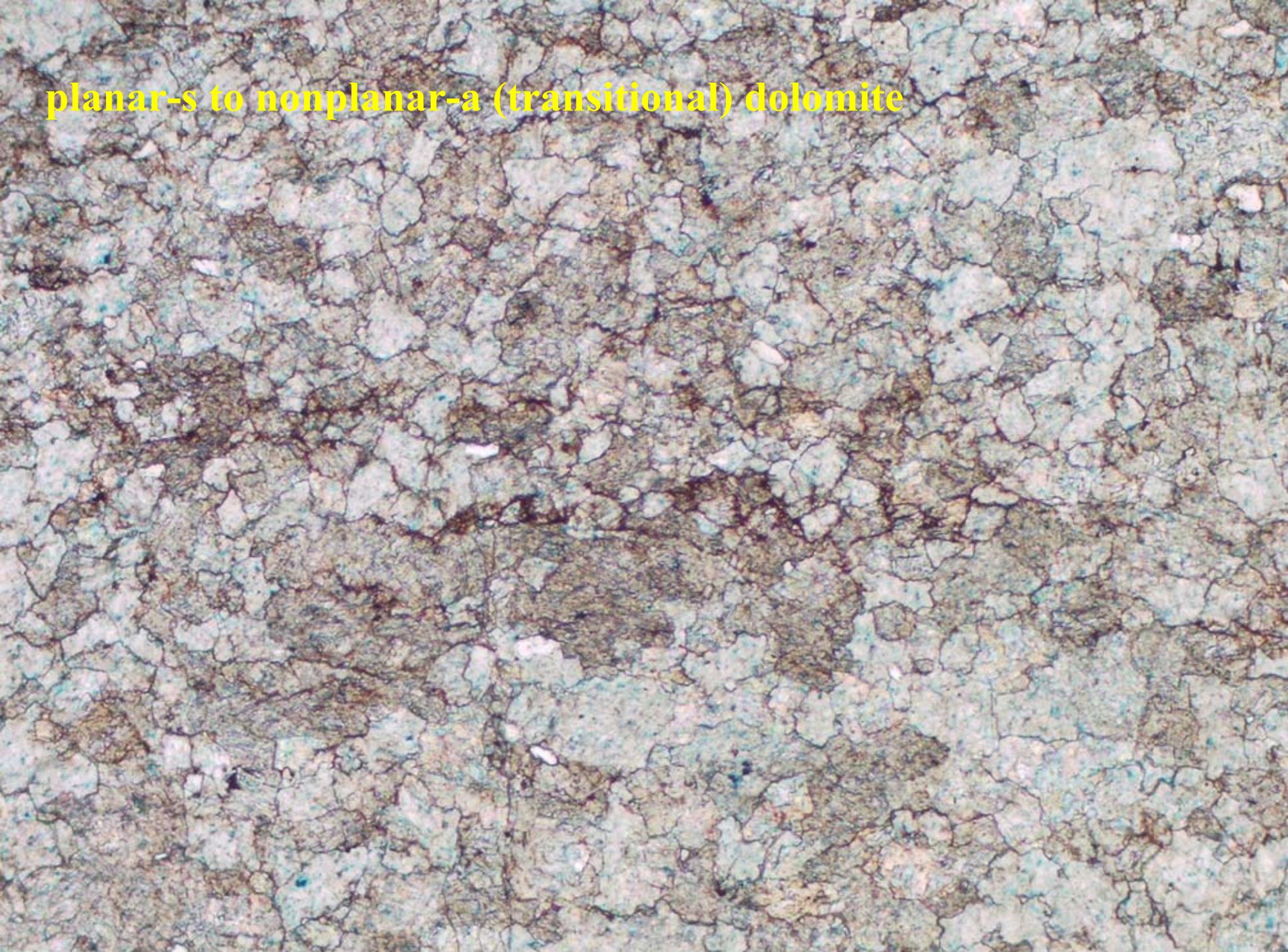
**DOLOMITIZED,  
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MUDSTONE AND  
WACKESTONE**

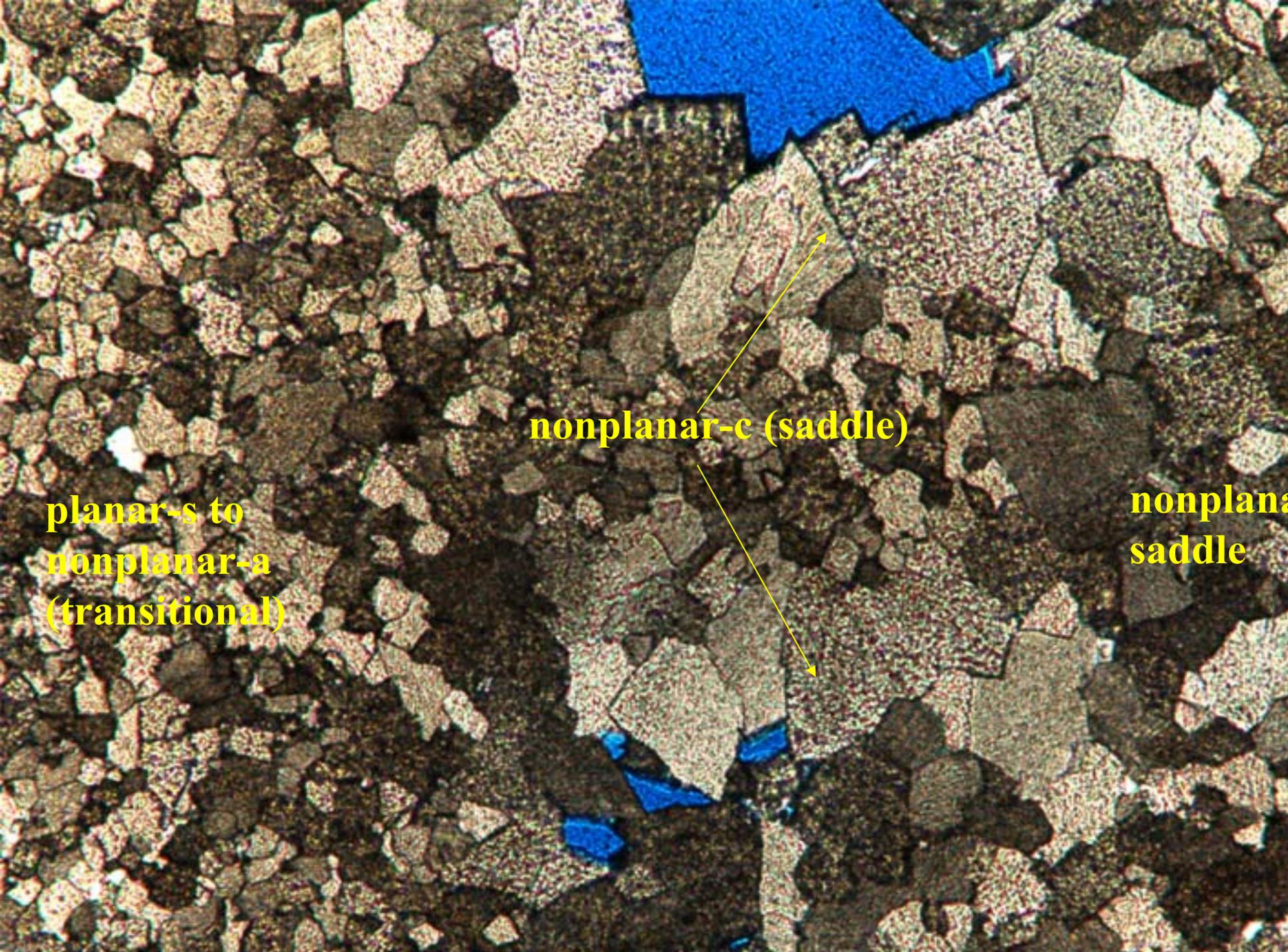
**OH3372/1840 ft.**

**Bioturbated  
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replaced shell fragments,  
Gray #1 well, Steuben  
Co., NY**



**planar-s to nonplanar-a (transitional) dolomite**

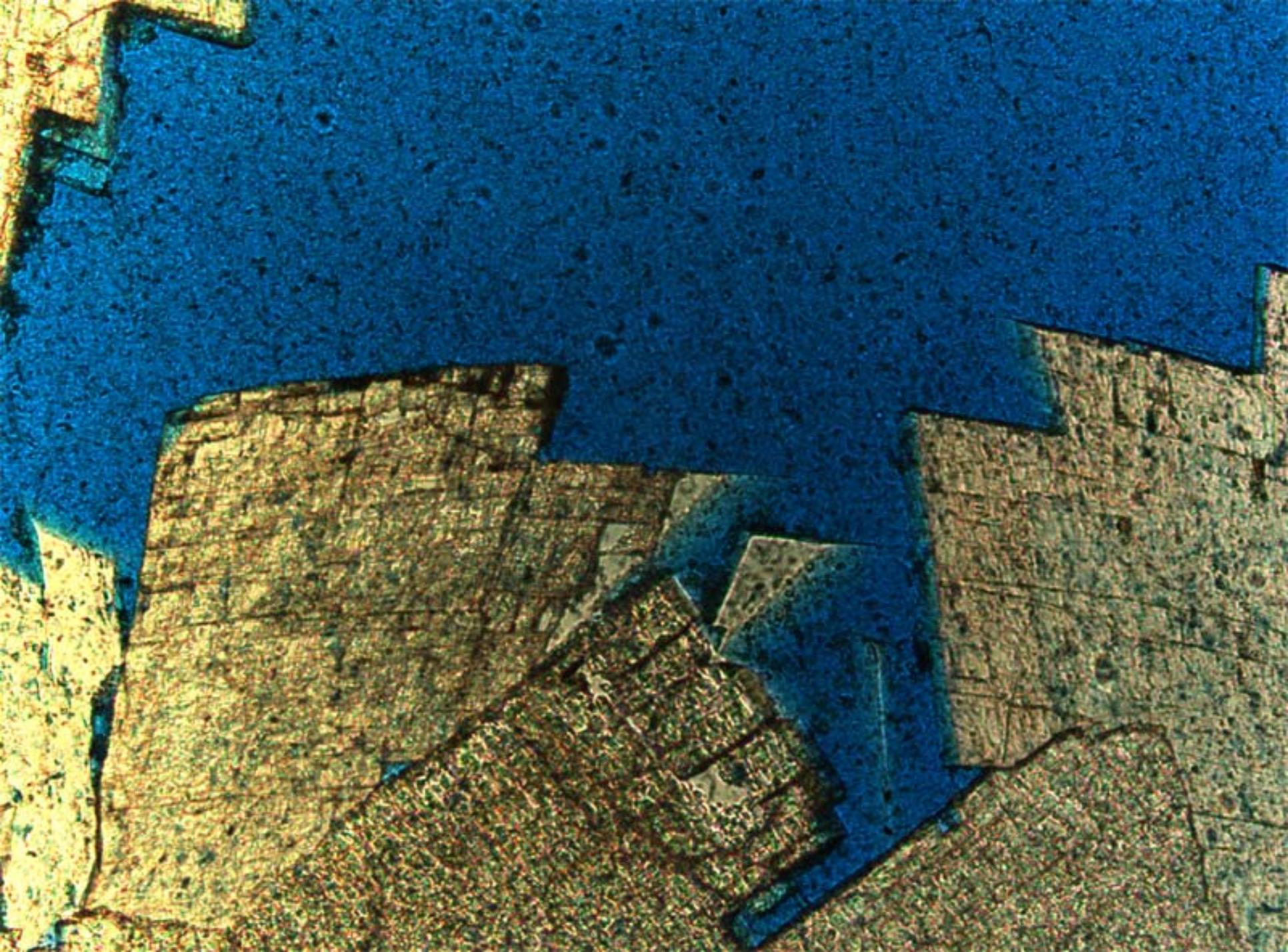


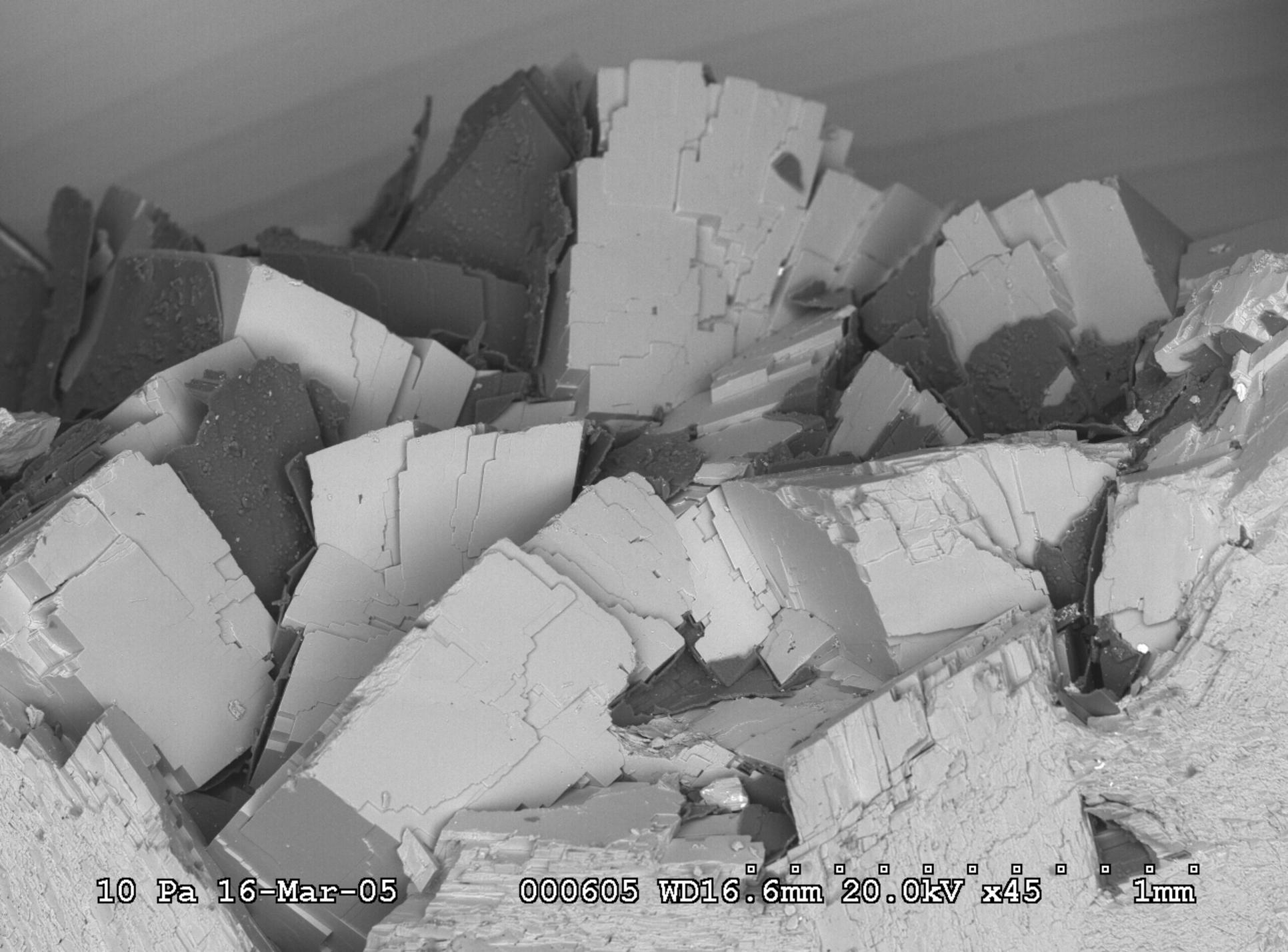


**nonplanar-c (saddle)**

**planar-s to  
nonplanar-a  
(transitional)**

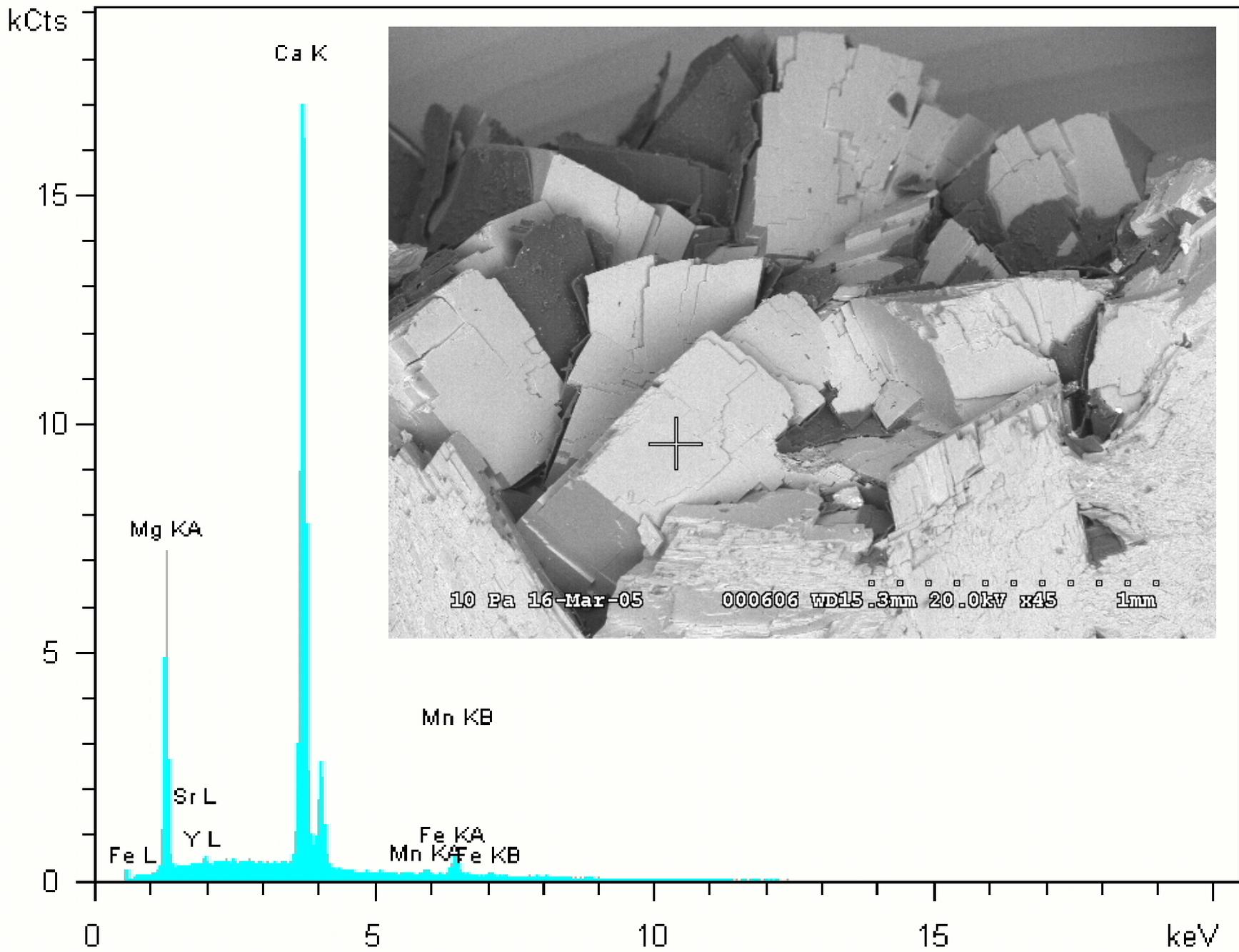
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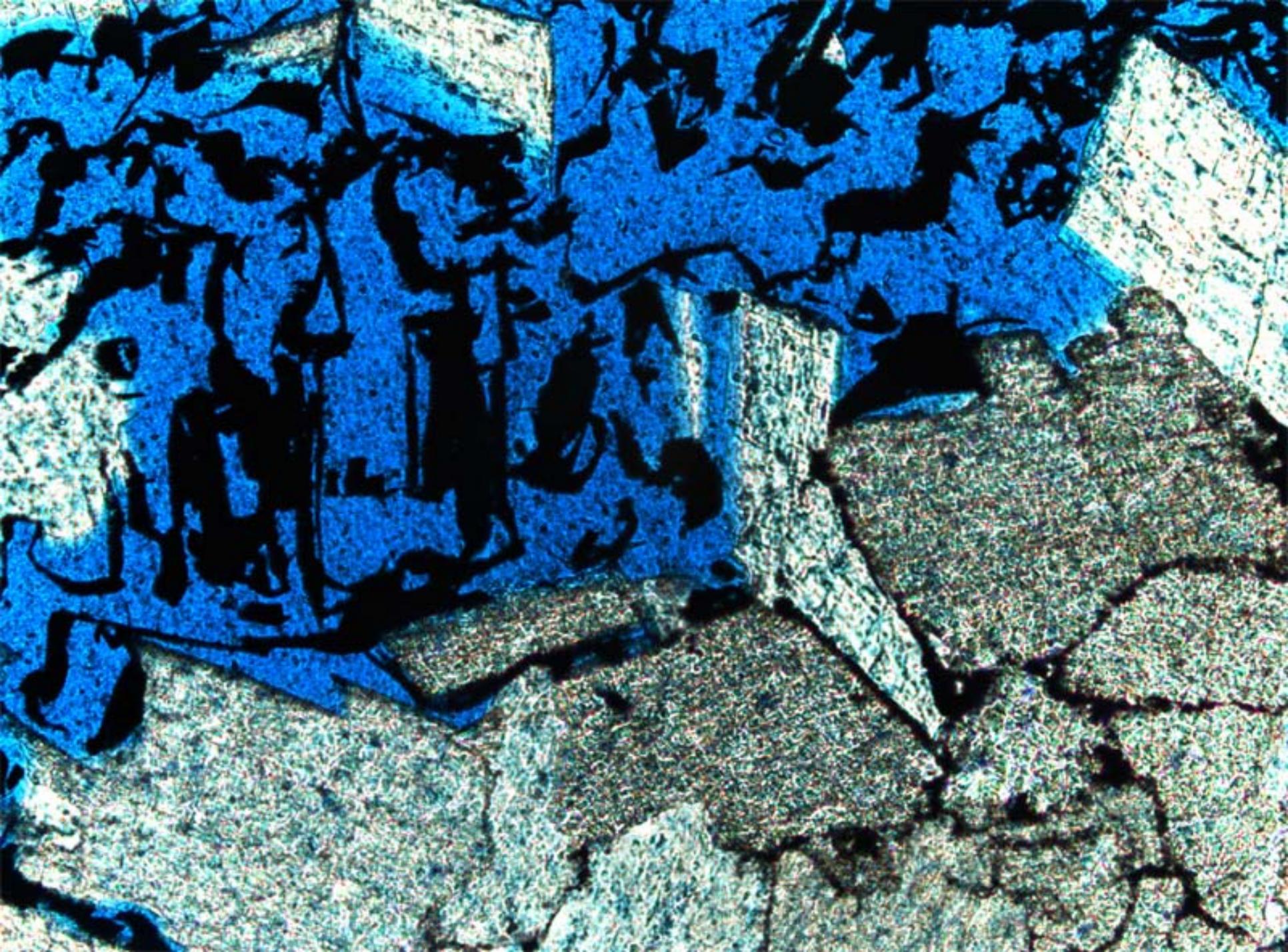


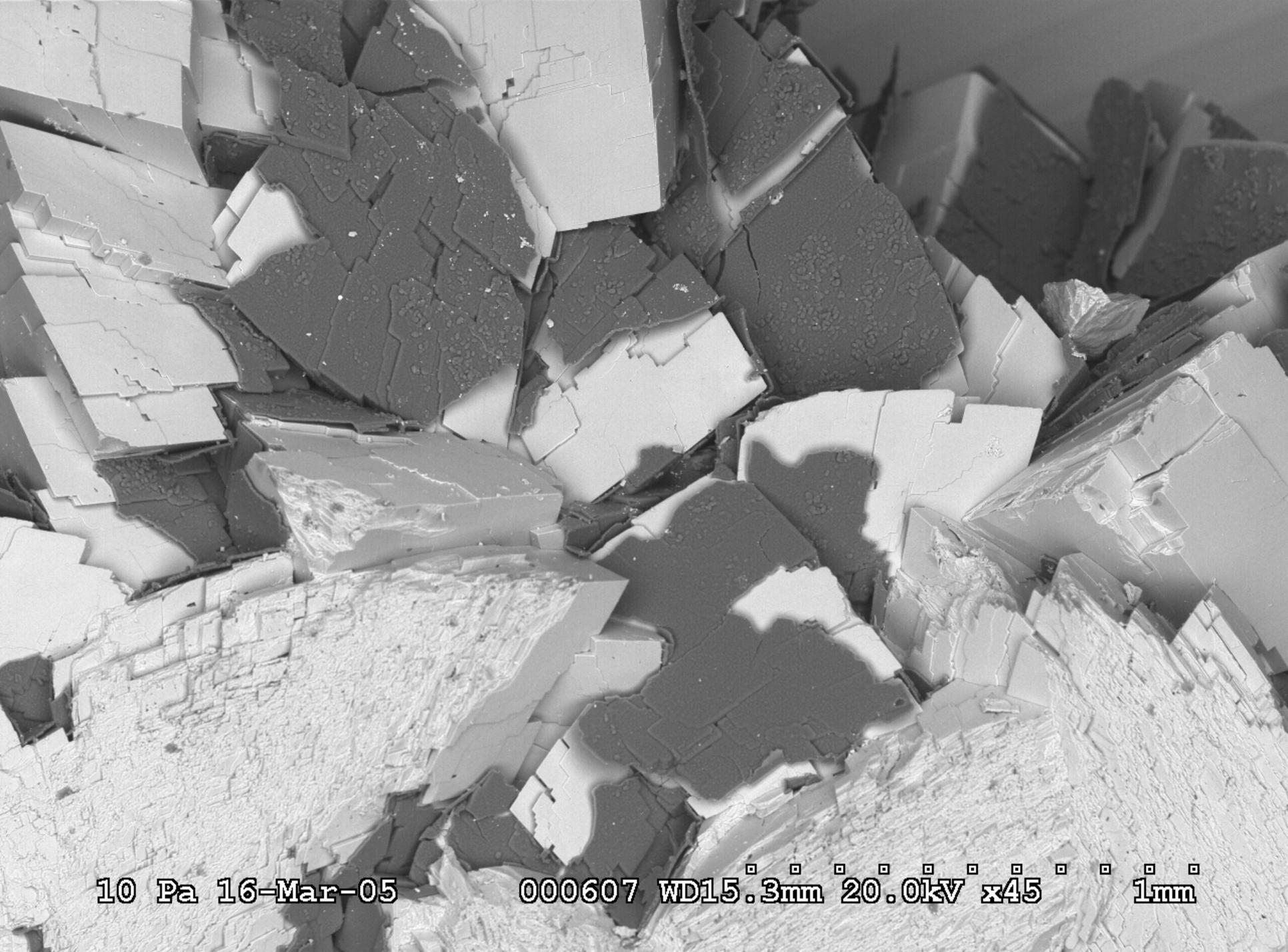


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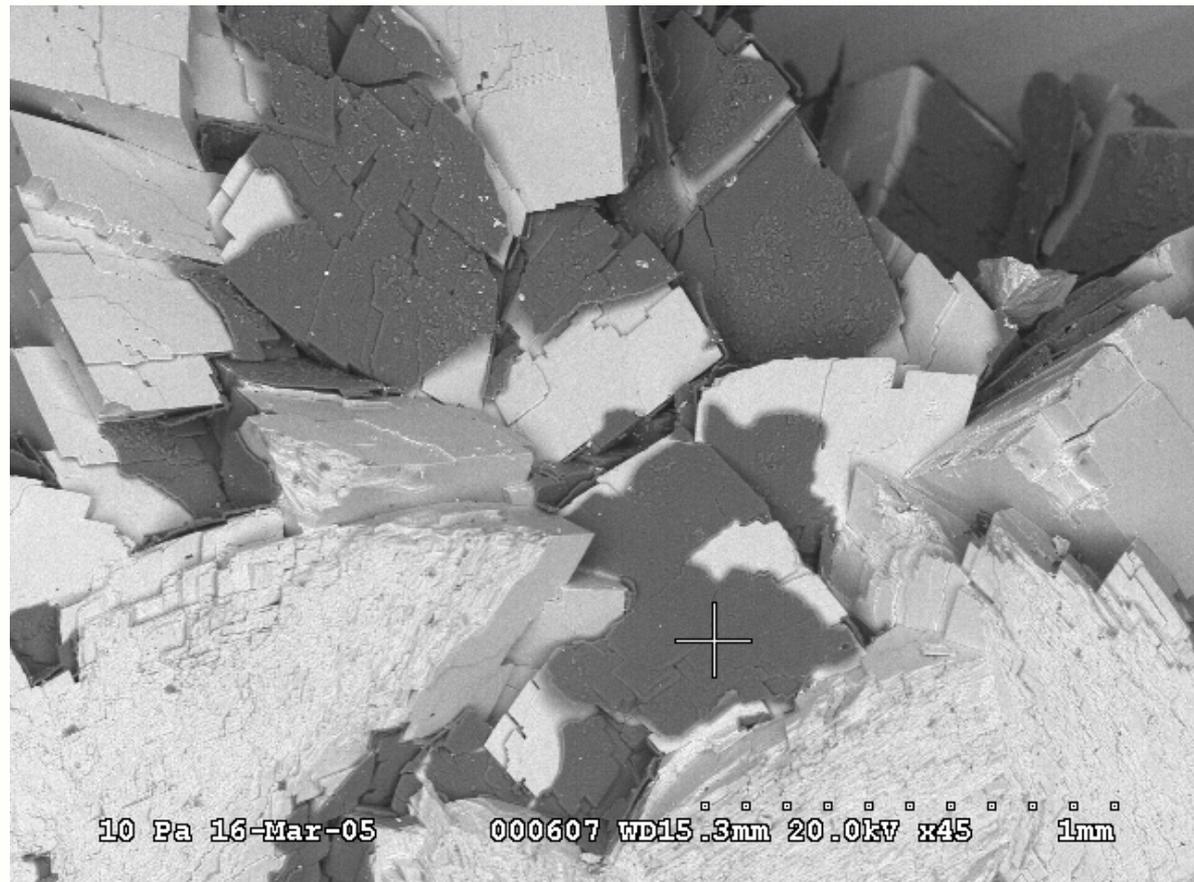


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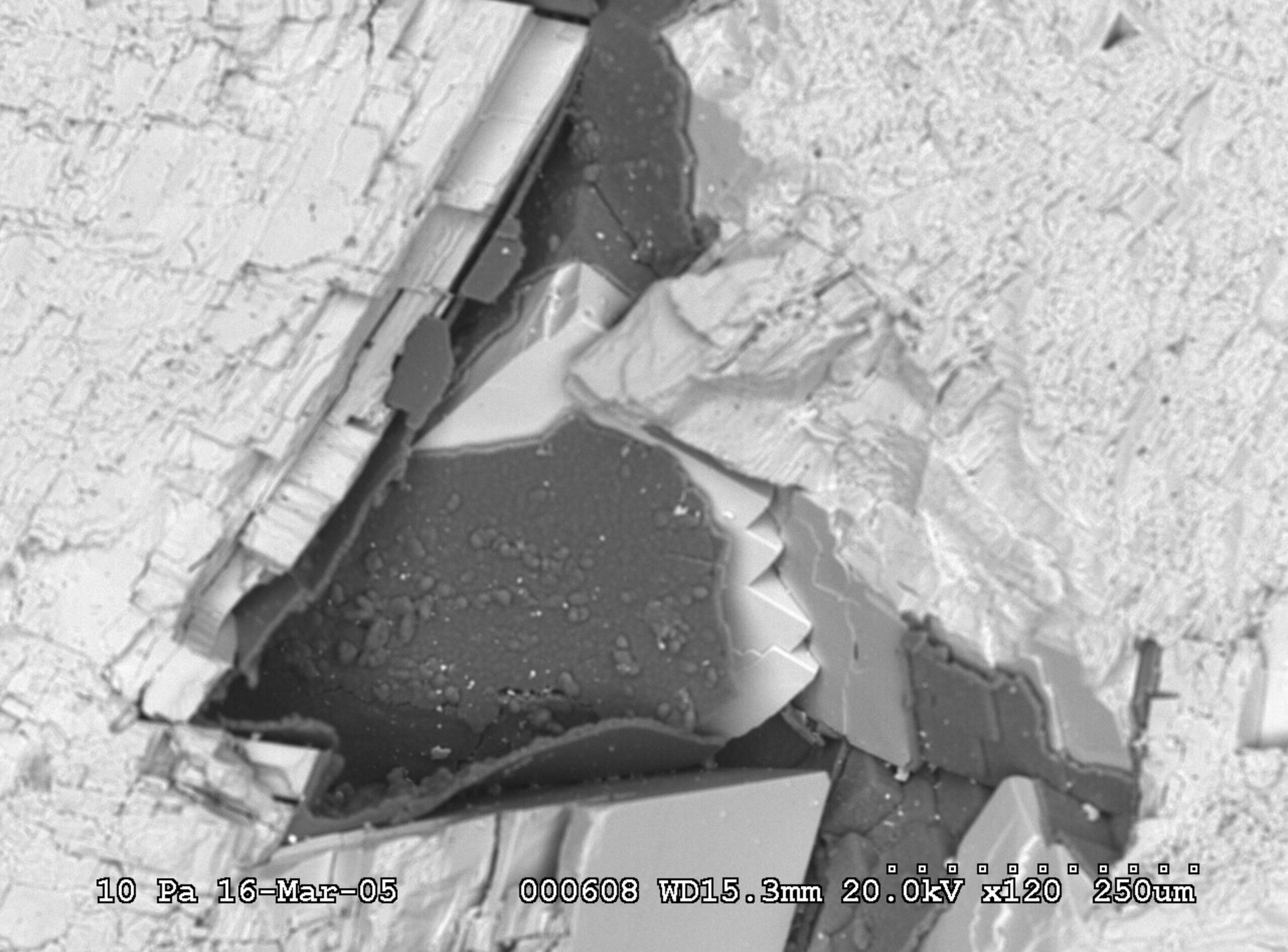
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kCts

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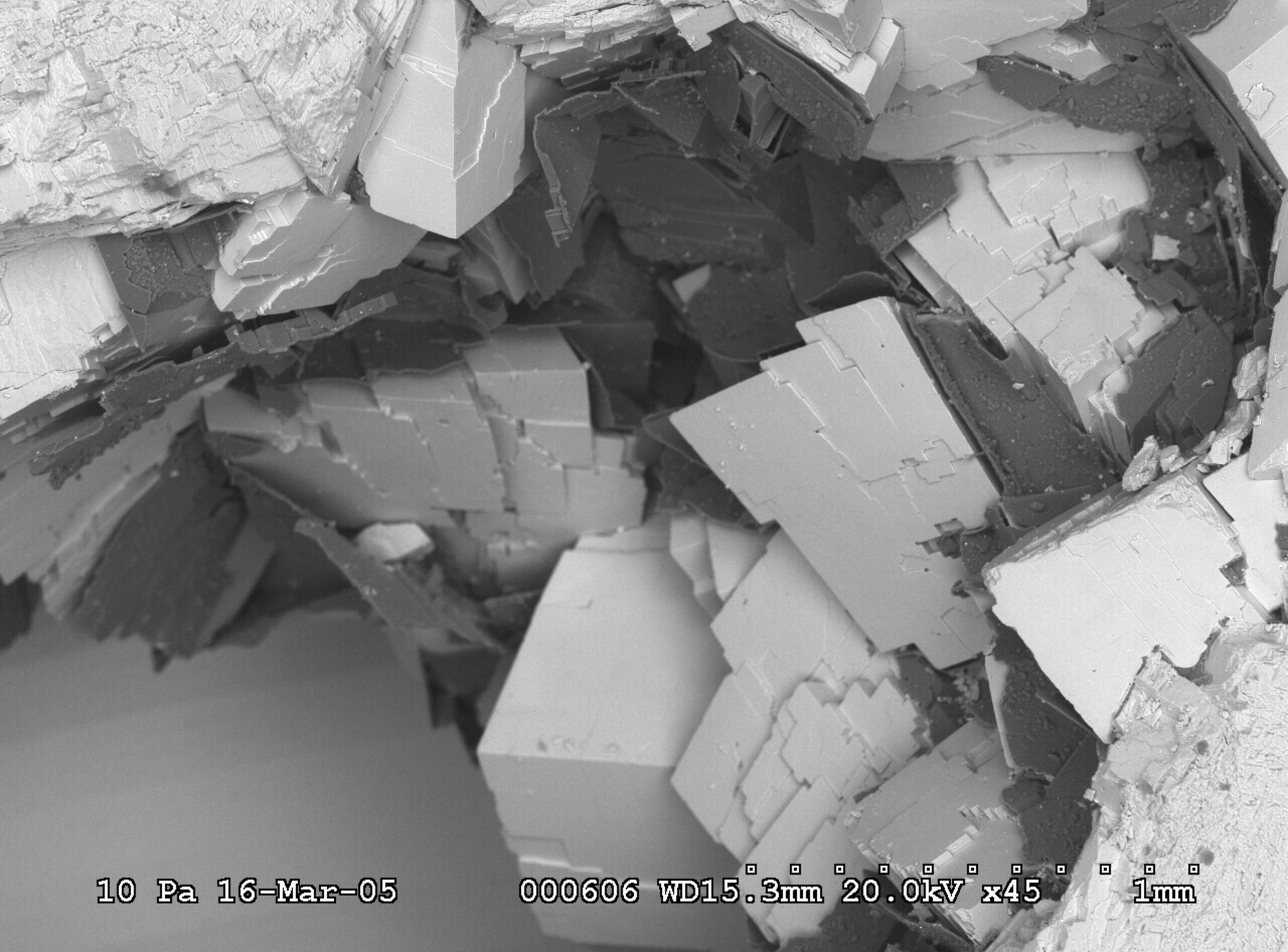
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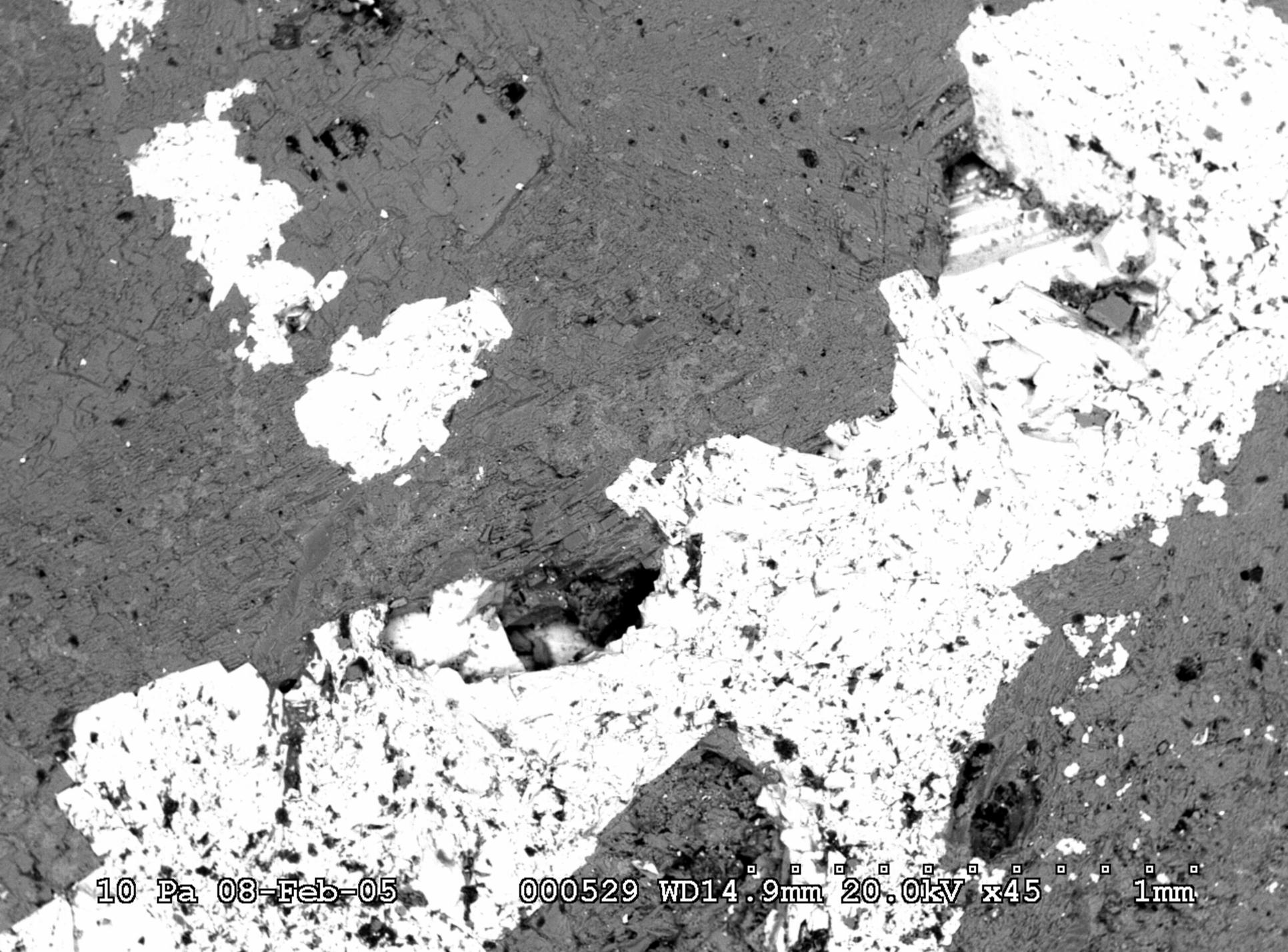
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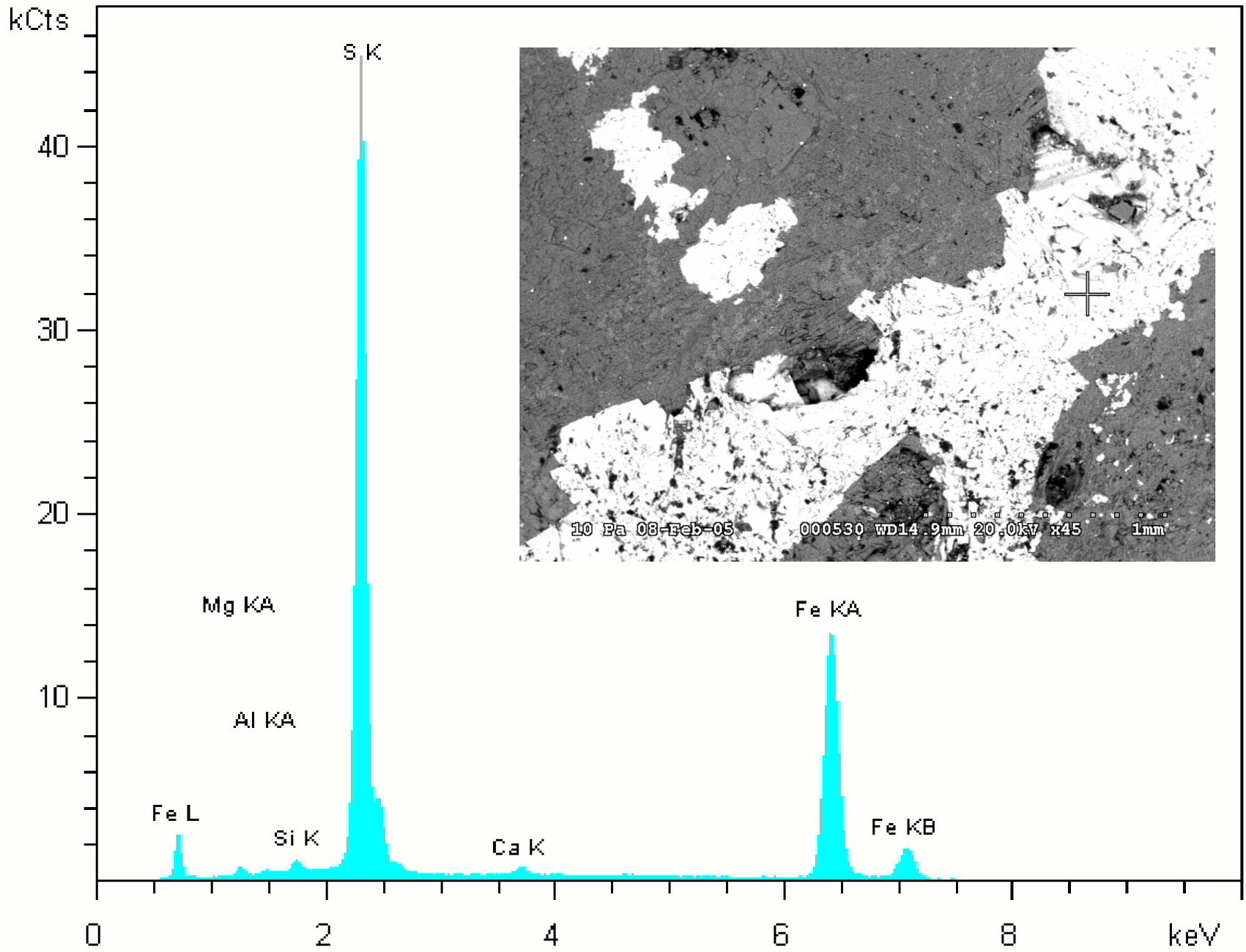
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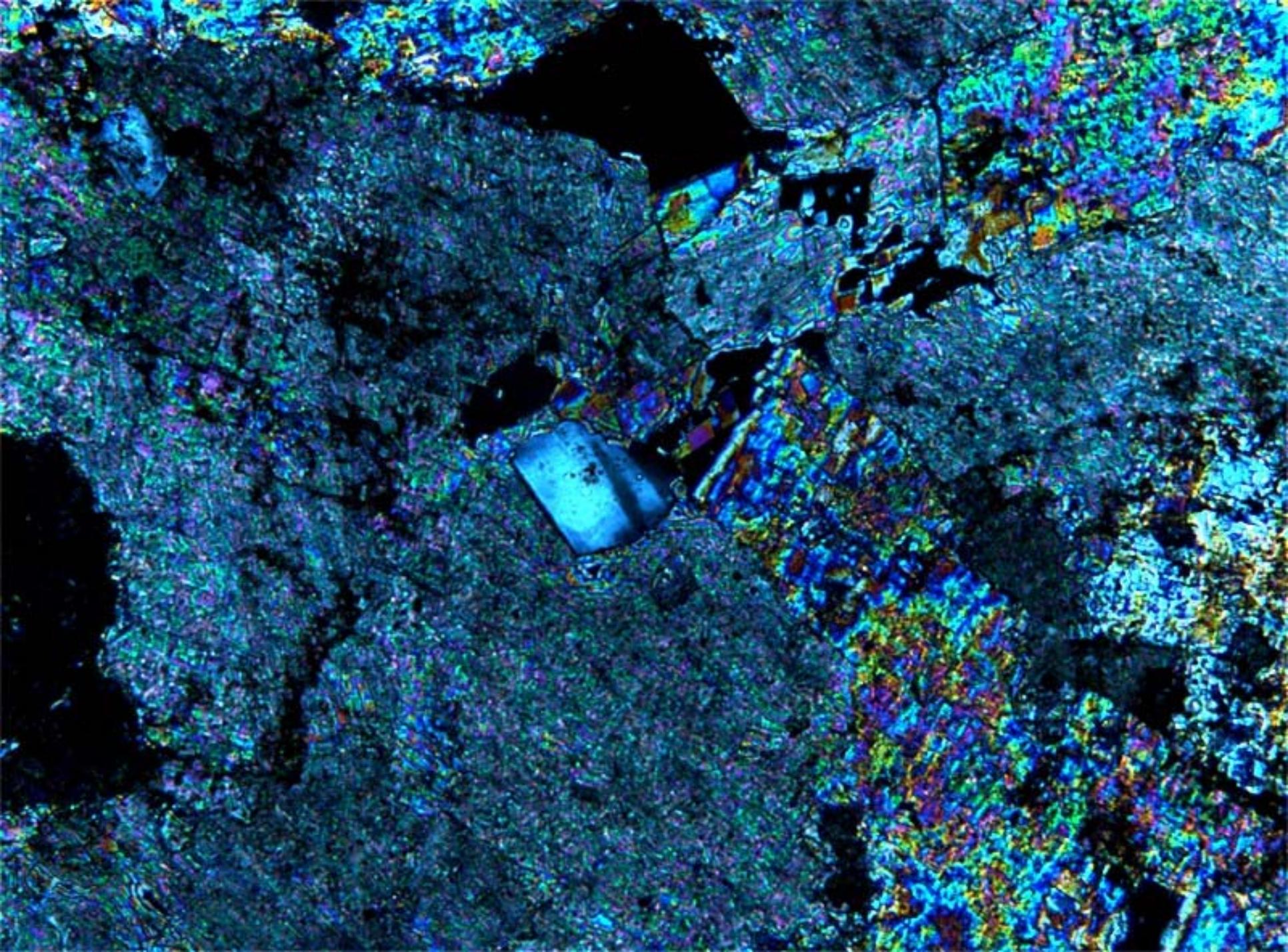
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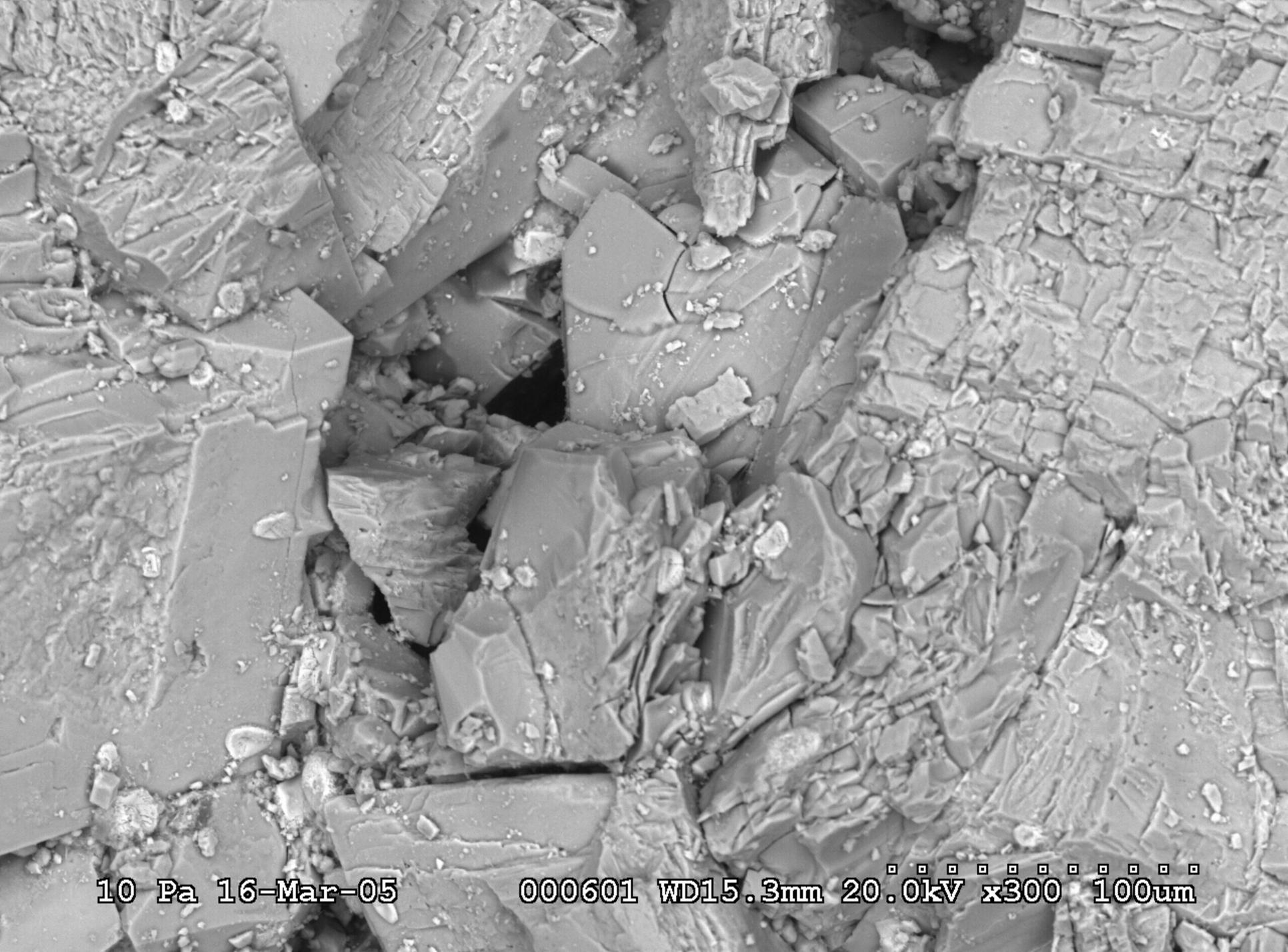




Late-stage quartz  
filling vug

5 Pa 16-Mar-05

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Si K

20

10

O KA

Mg KA

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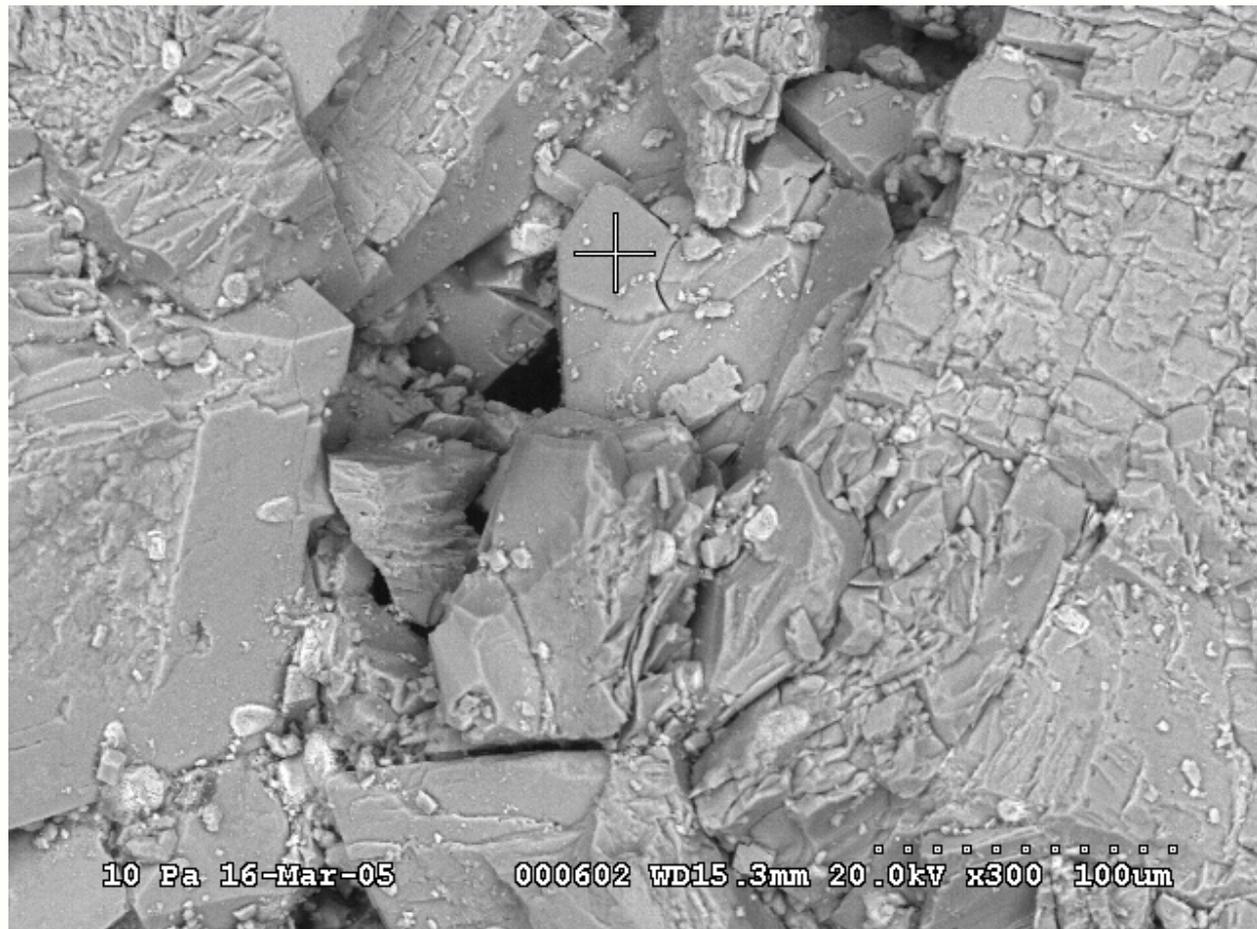
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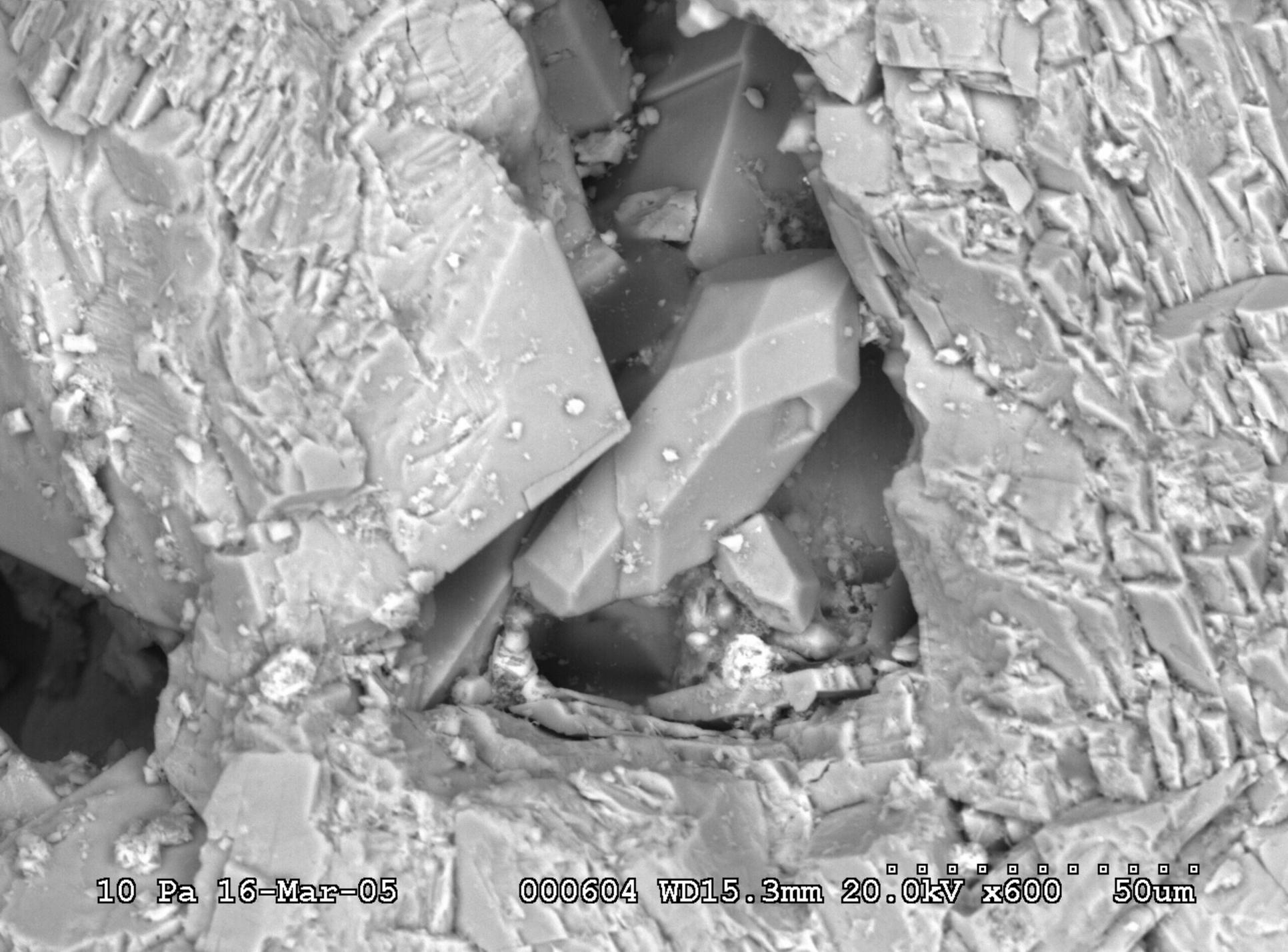
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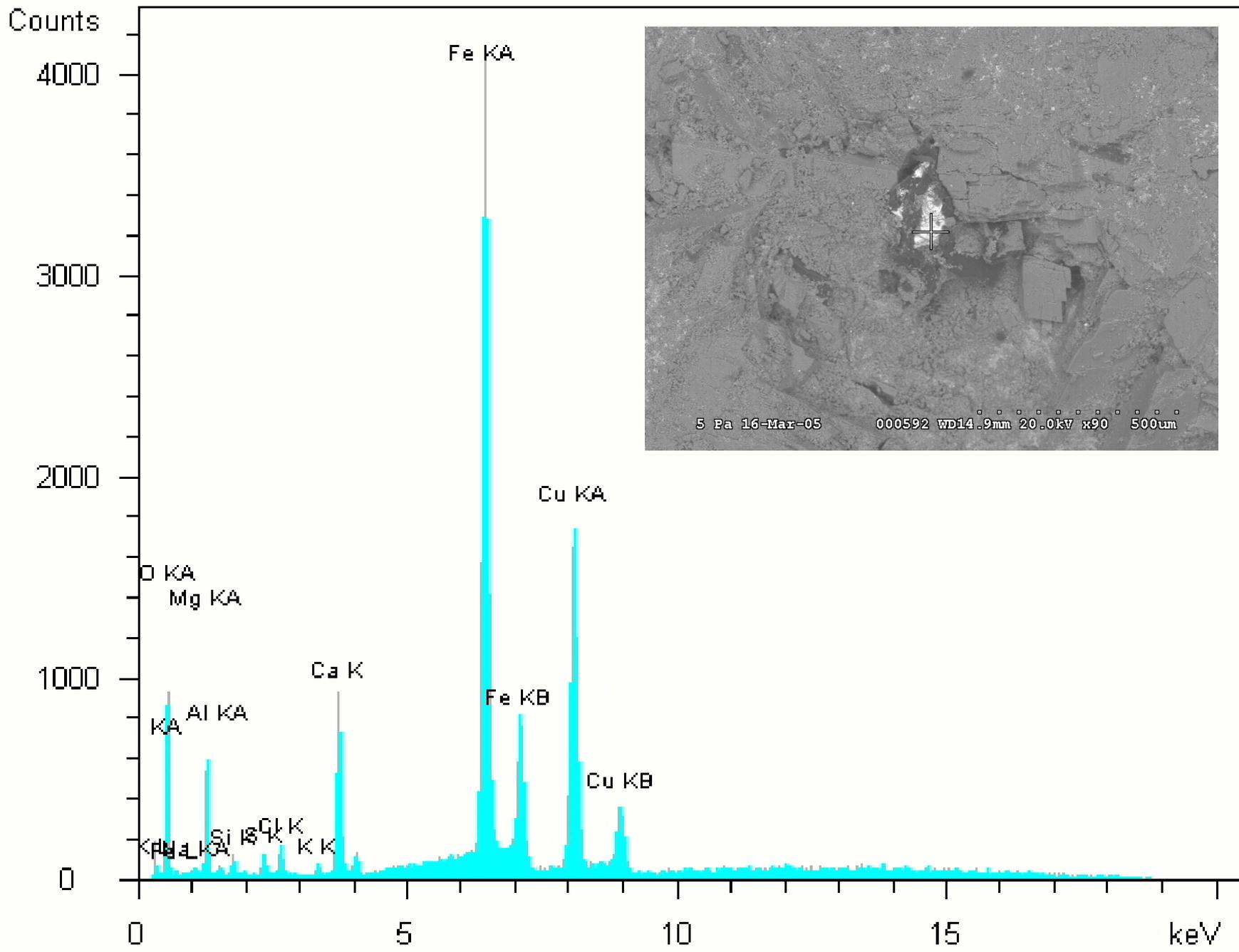
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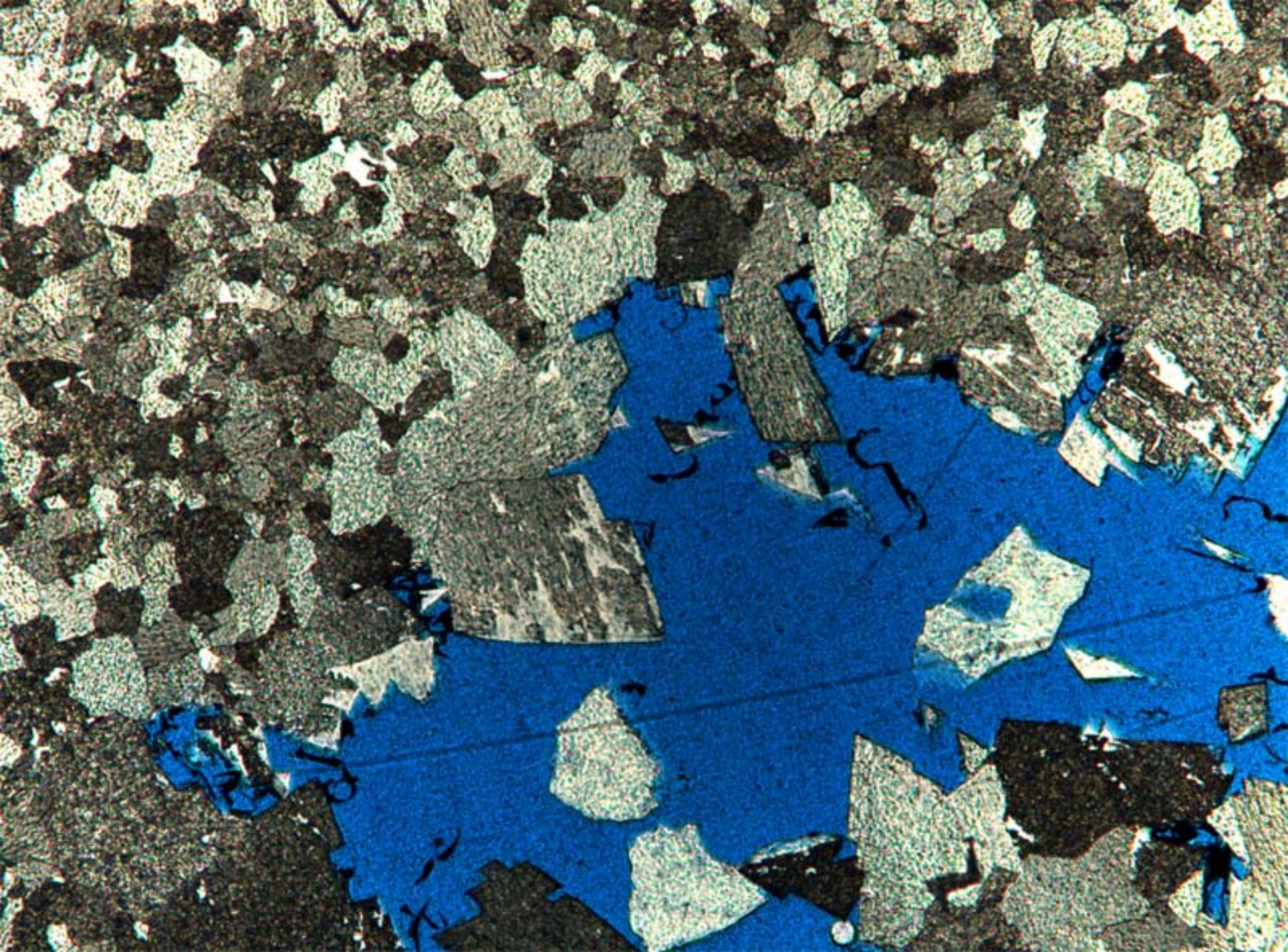
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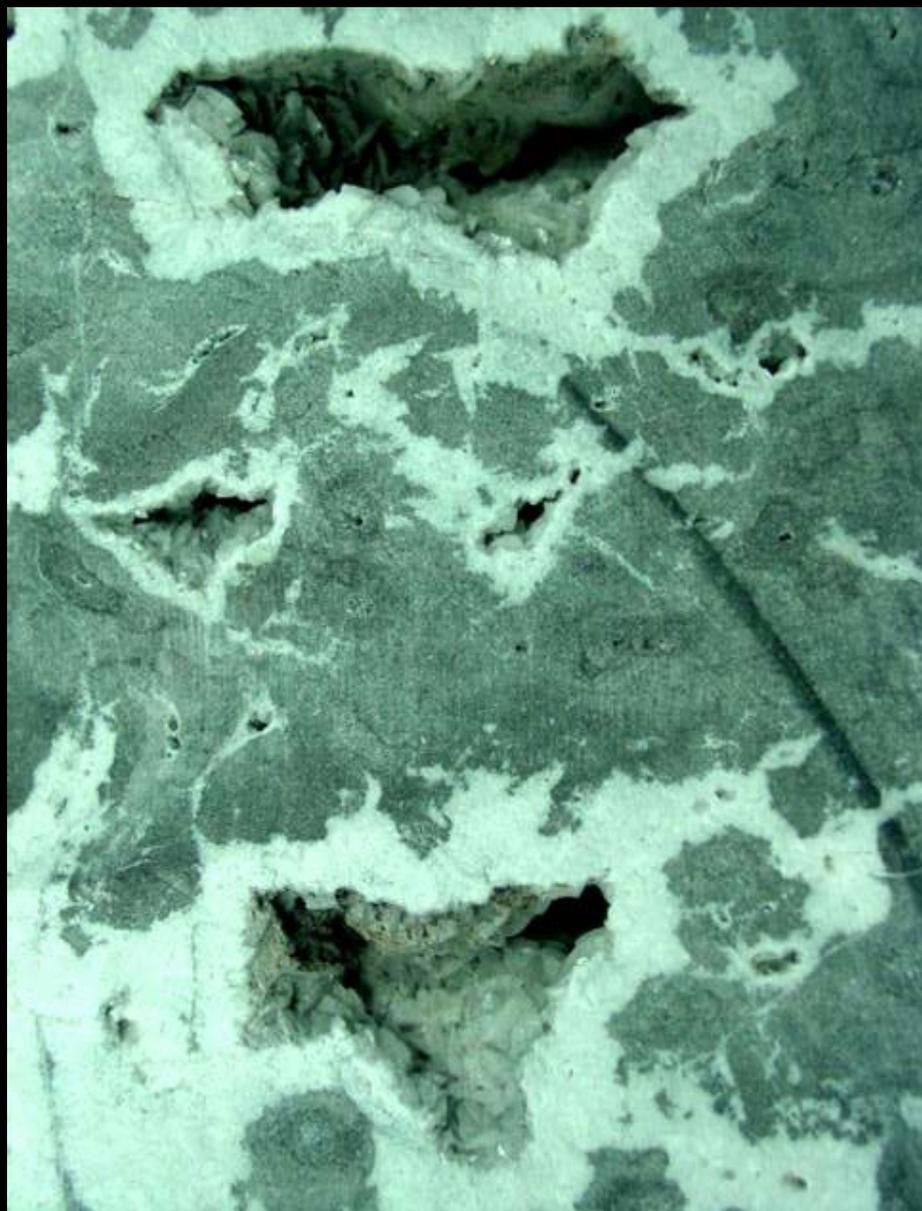
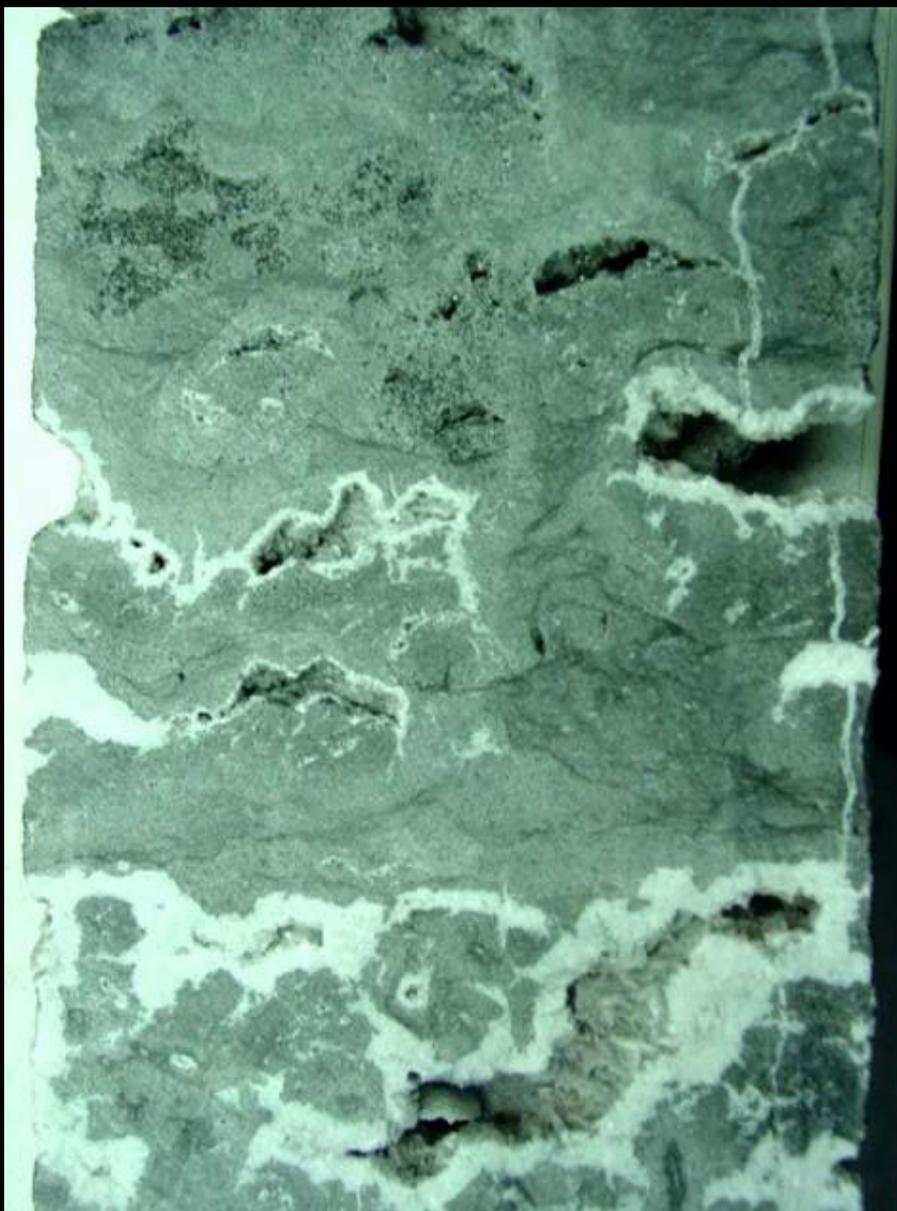


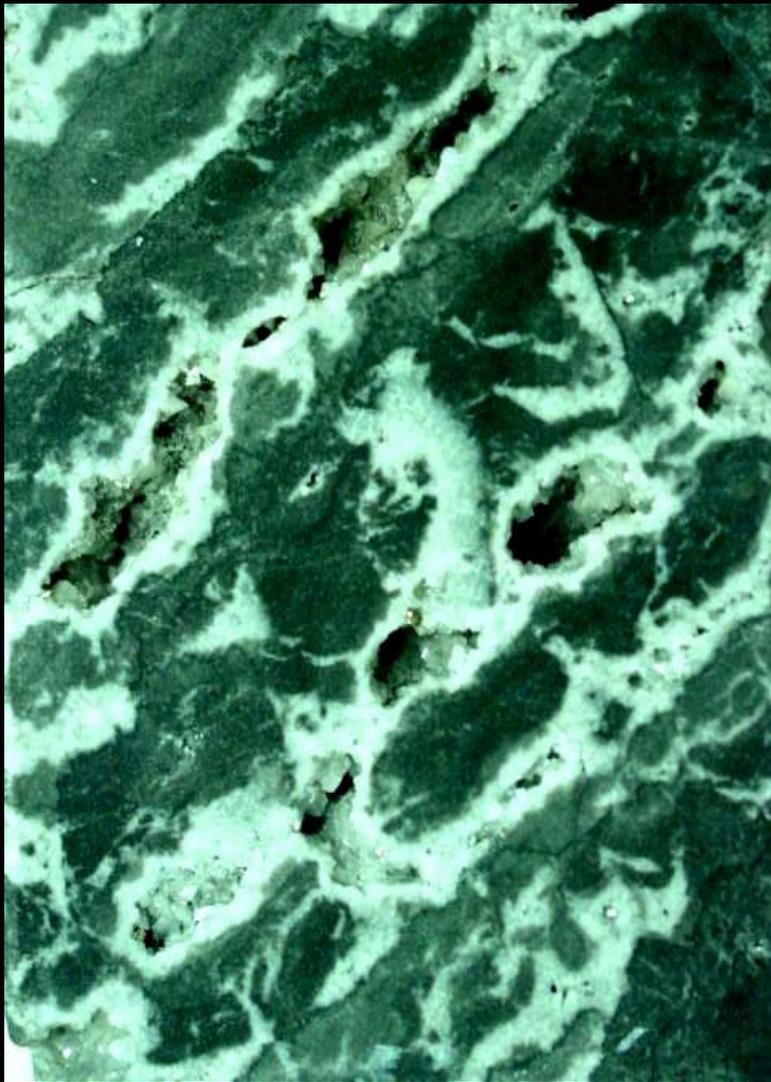




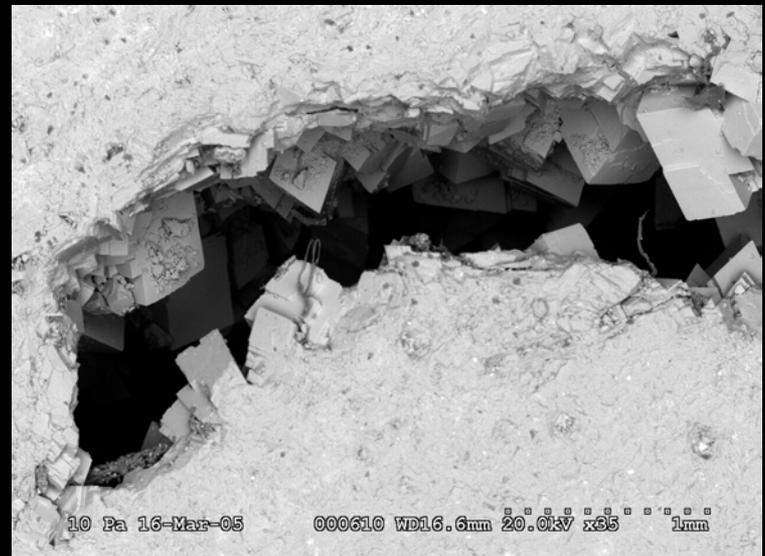








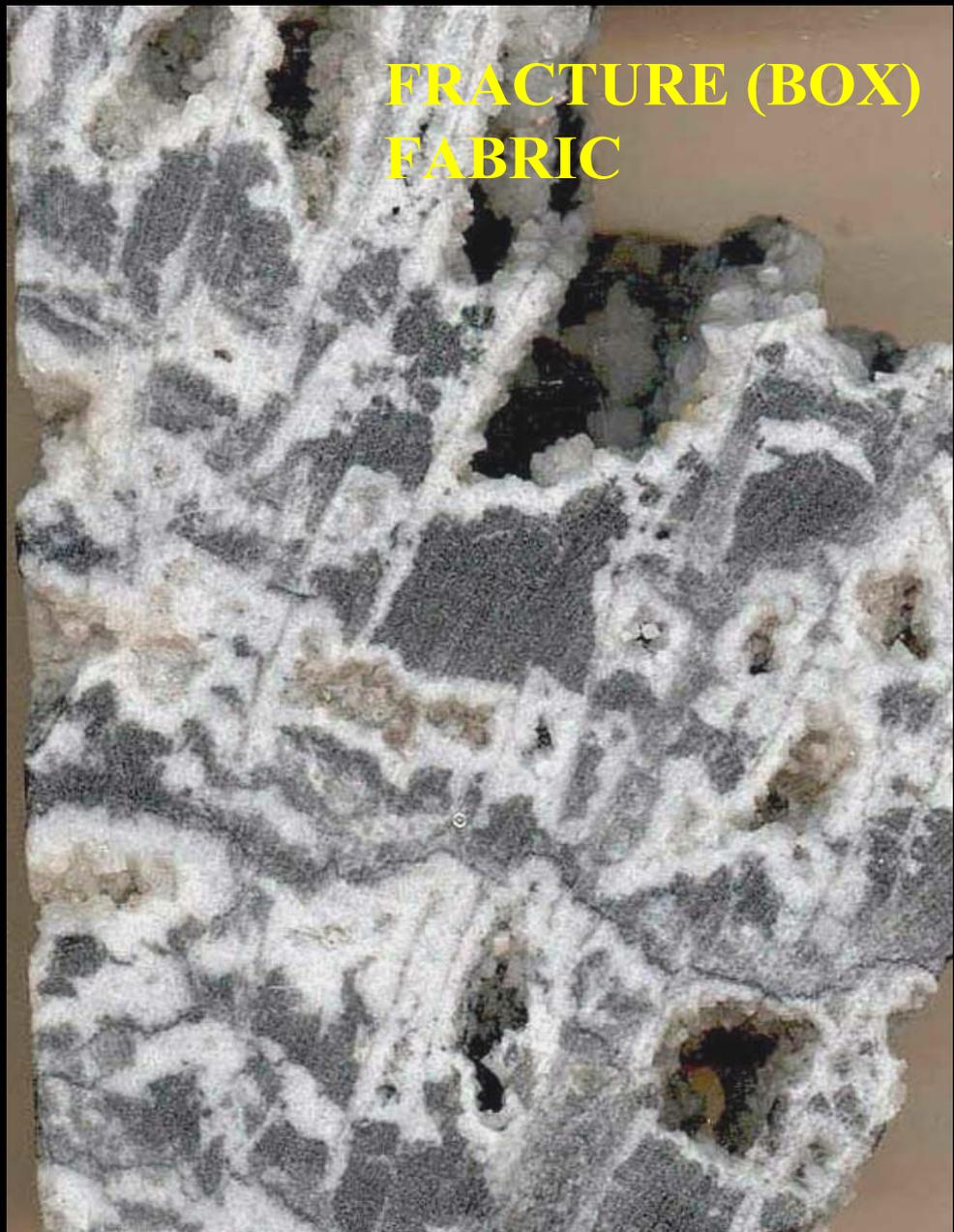
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**FRACTURE (BOX)  
FABRIC**

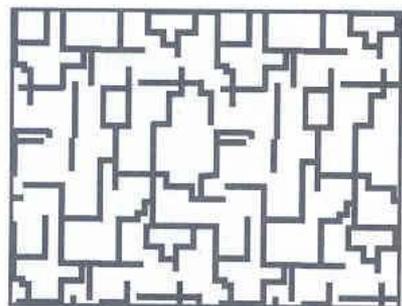




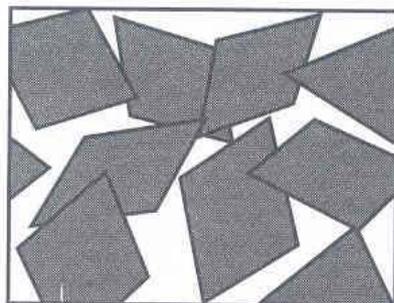
GRAY WELL SAMPLE

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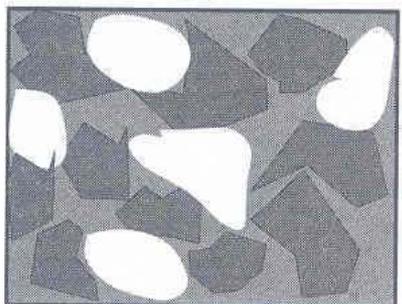
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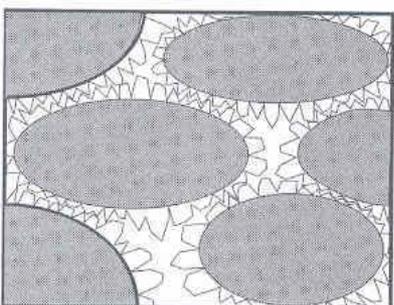
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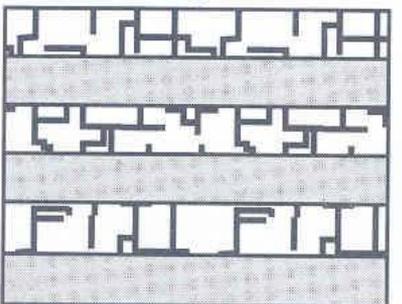
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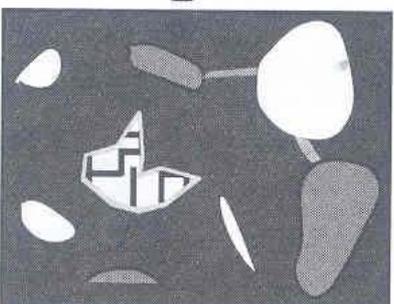
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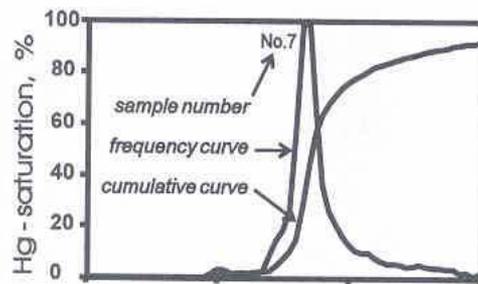
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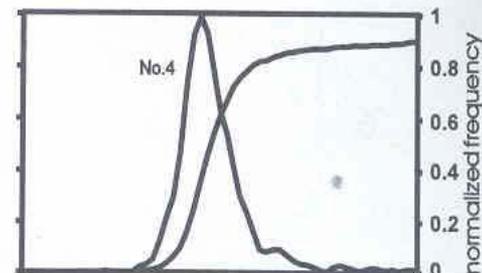
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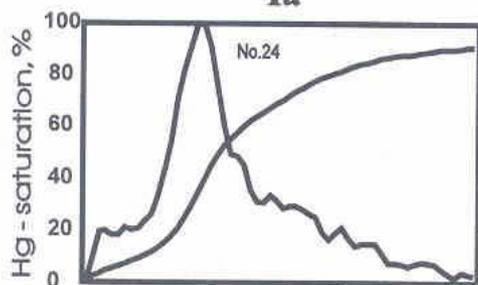
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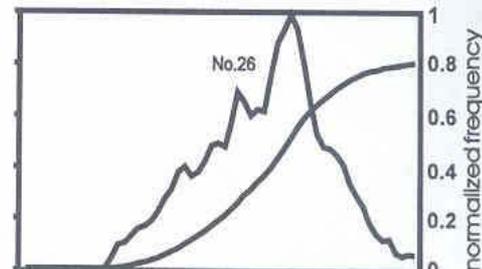
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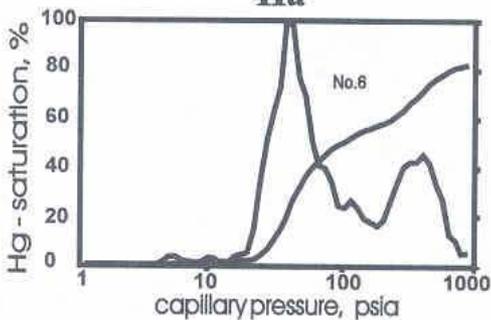
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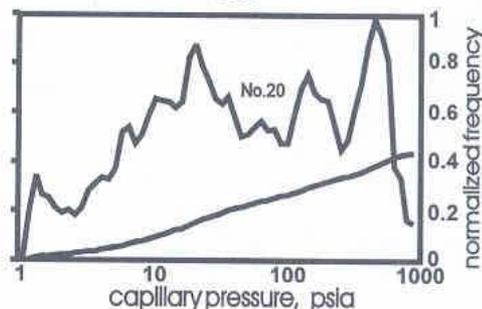
IIa



IIb



III capillary curve types IV



pervasive  
solution-  
enlarged  
porosity



dolomite rhomb



void space



tight  
matrix



tight  
block of  
mosaic  
dolomites



micro-  
porosity

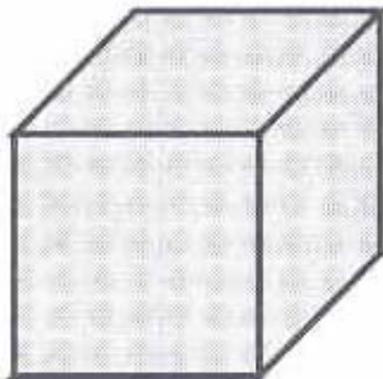


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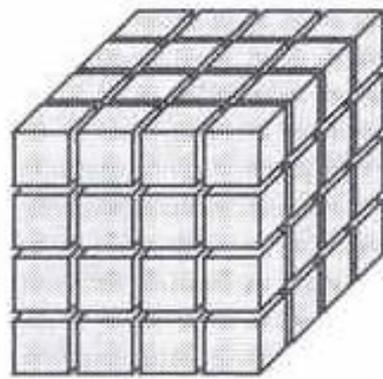


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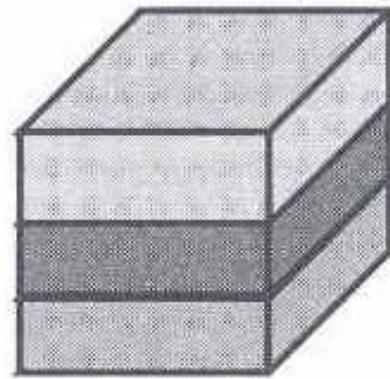
**I**



**II**



**III**



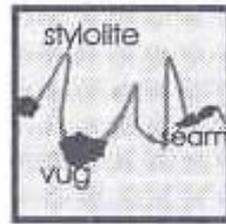
**IIa**

fractures



**IIb**

vugs & channels



**IIc**

compaction  
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