

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

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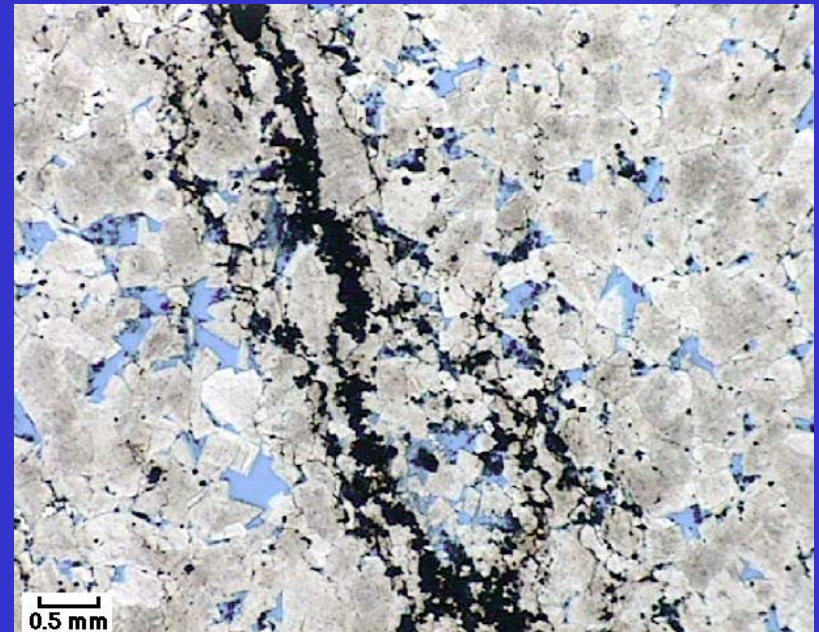
- Brief update of previous presentation (September 2004)
- Regional petrography of Trenton and Black River carbonates:
 - Composition
 - Classification
 - Depositional environments
 - Limestone diagenesis
- Dolomite textures in Trenton and Black River carbonate reservoir rocks:
 - Dolostone textural 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



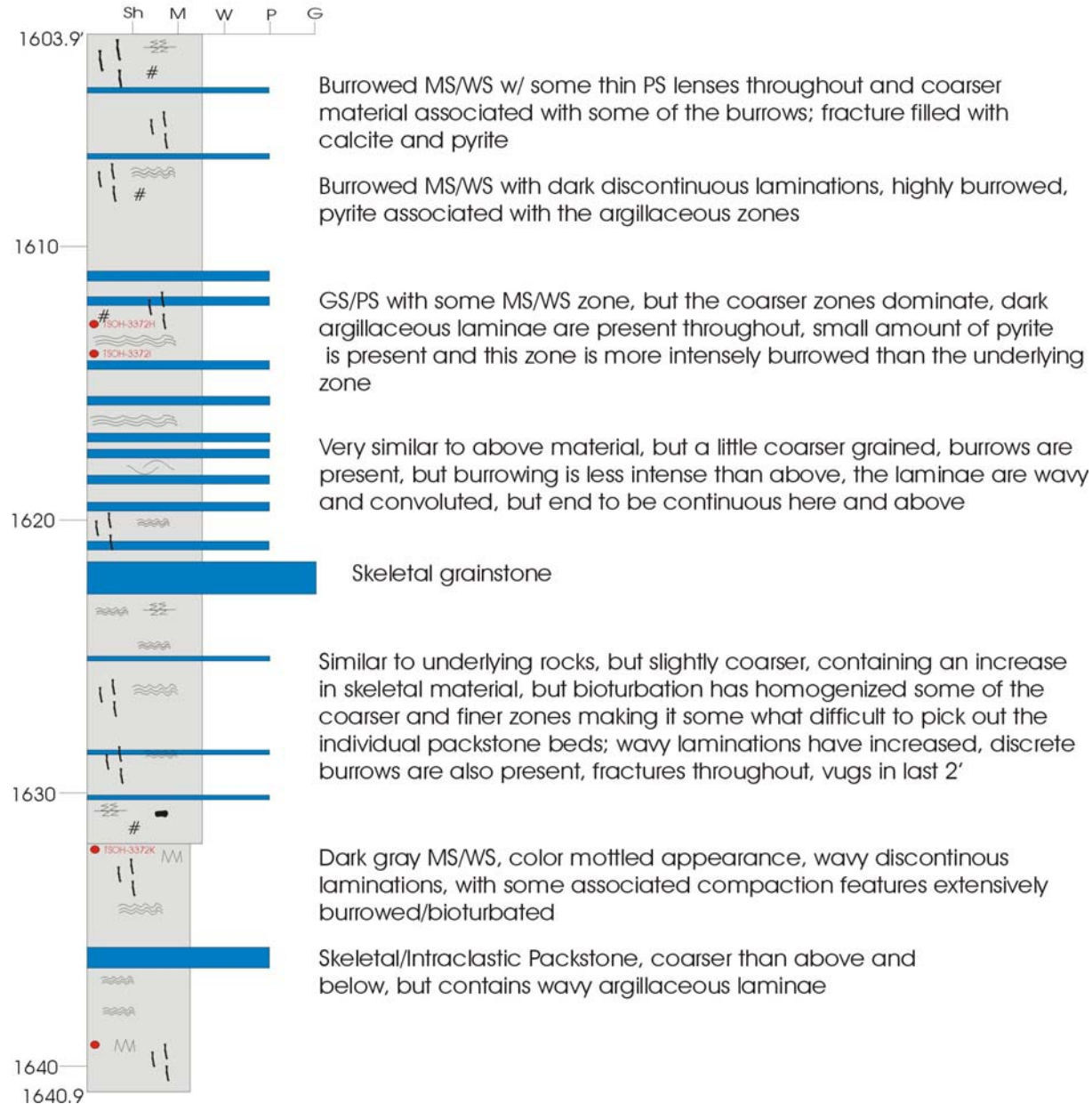
CORE AND OUTCROP SAMPLING

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



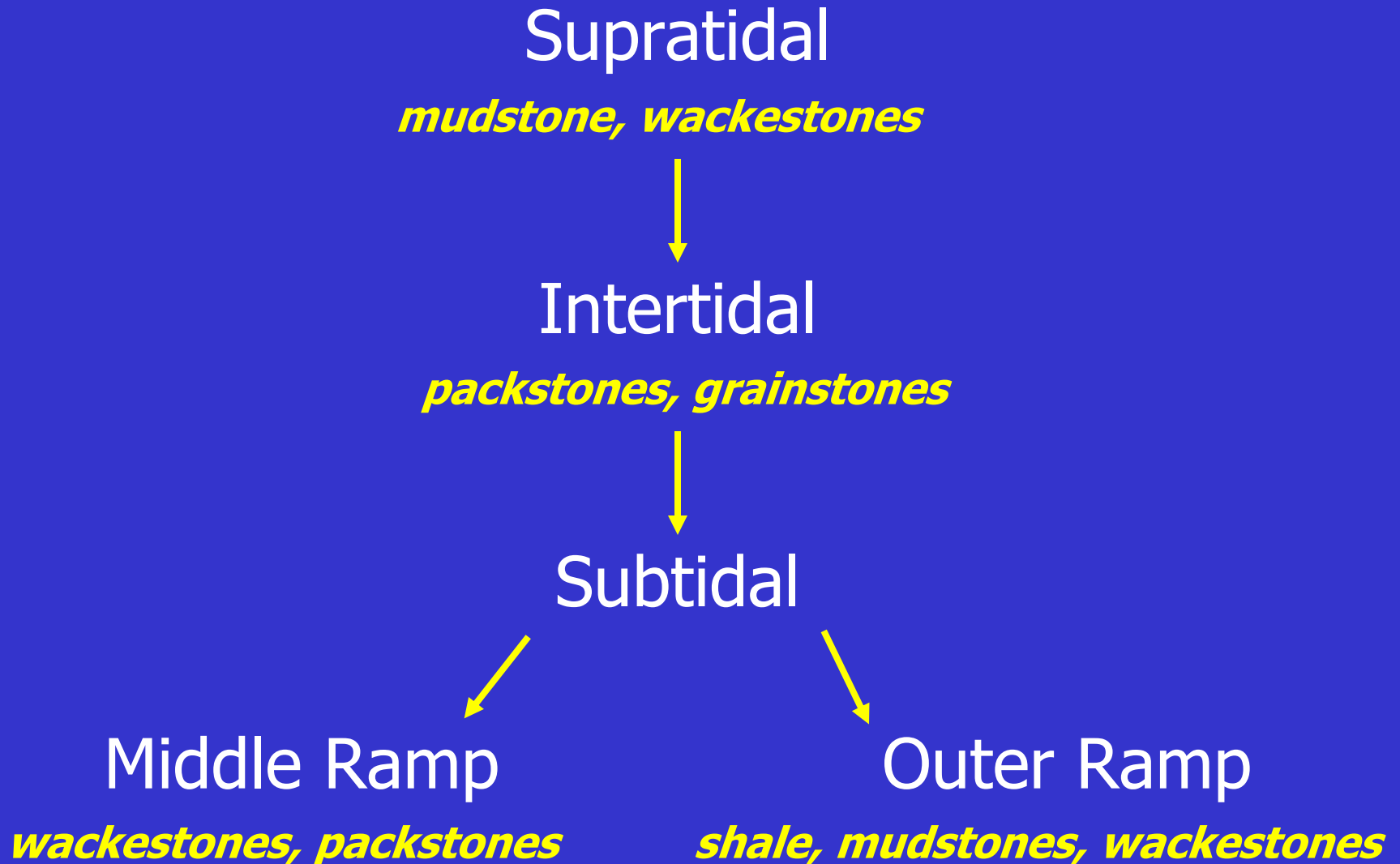
Petrographic Analyses- Progress

- 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

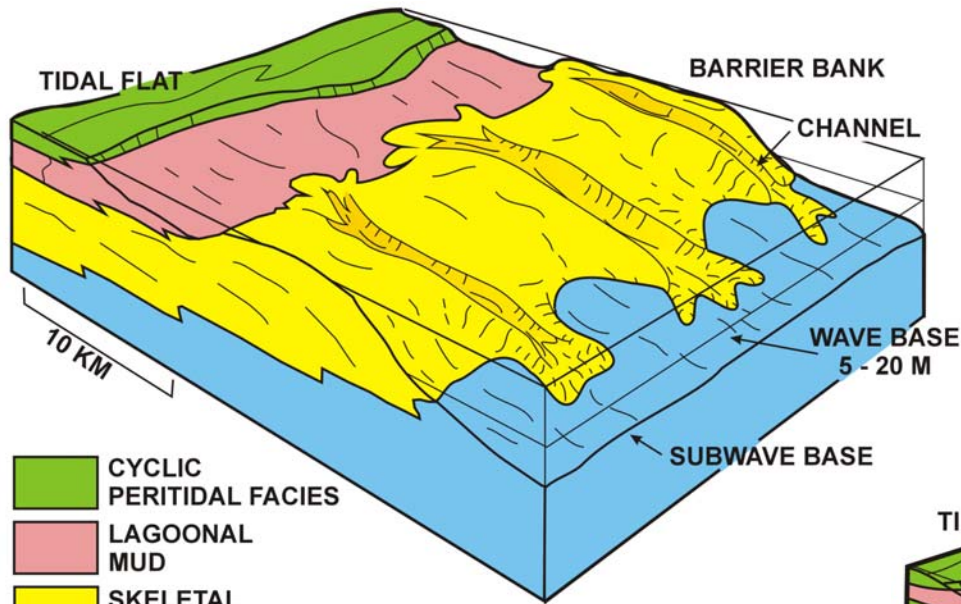
Components

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

Depositional Environments



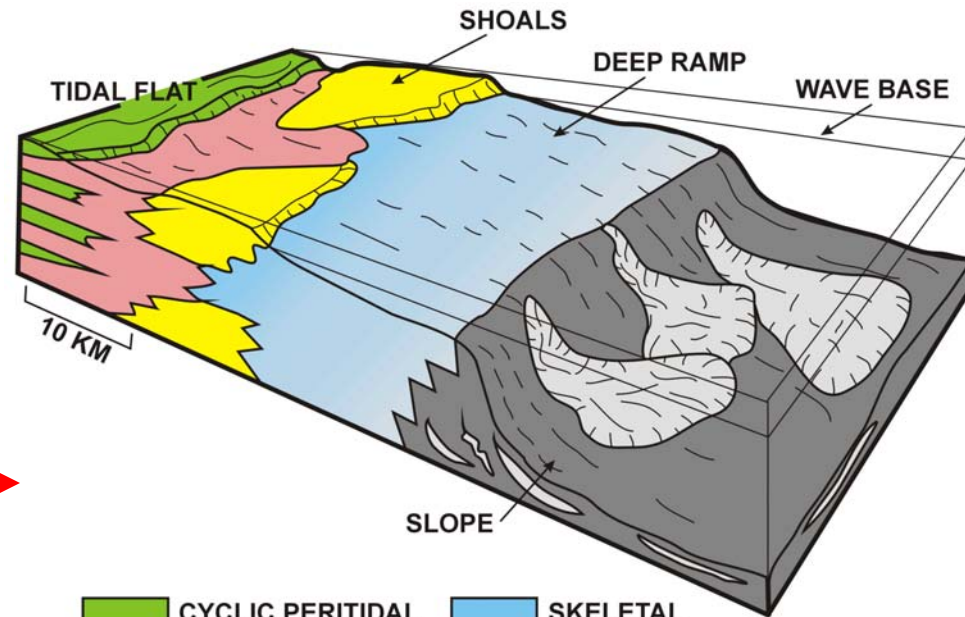
Overall Depositional Setting



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

Homoclinal Ramp

Black River



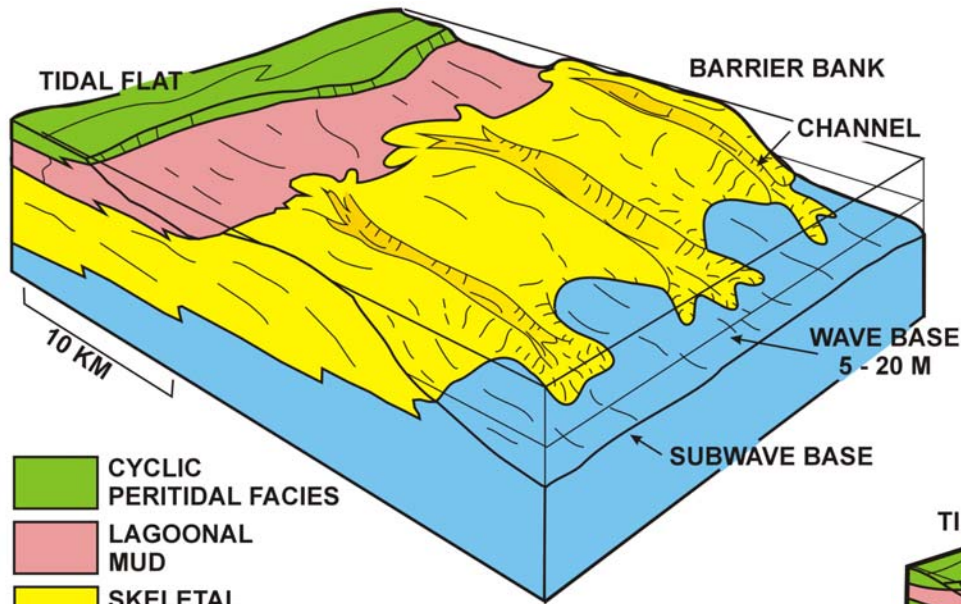
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- SLOPE LIMESTONE/SHALE, BRECCIA, GRADED SAND AND MUD, SLUMPS
- DEEP BASIN MUDDS

Distally steepened ramp

Trenton

From Read, 1985

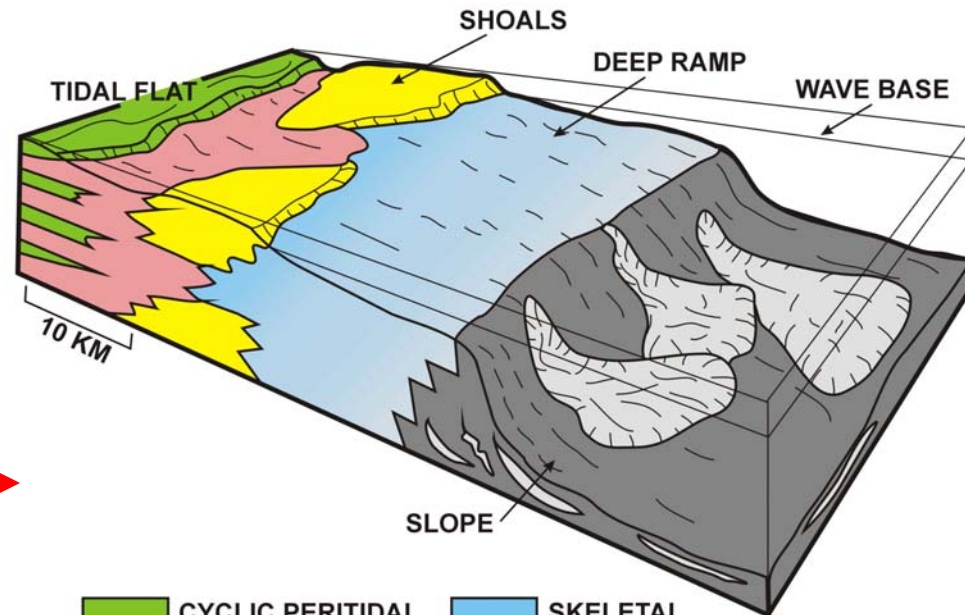
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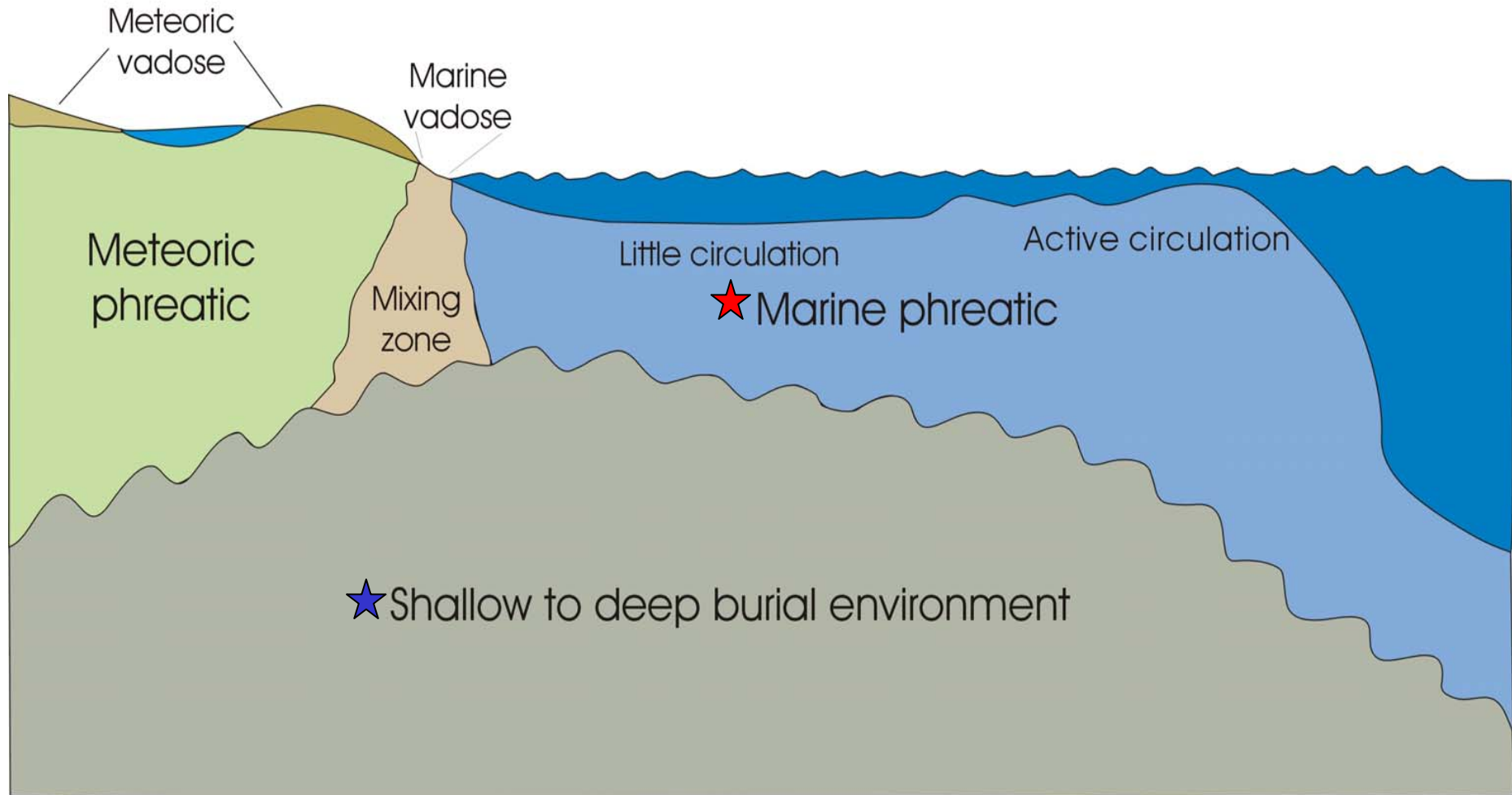
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Carbonate Diagenetic Environments



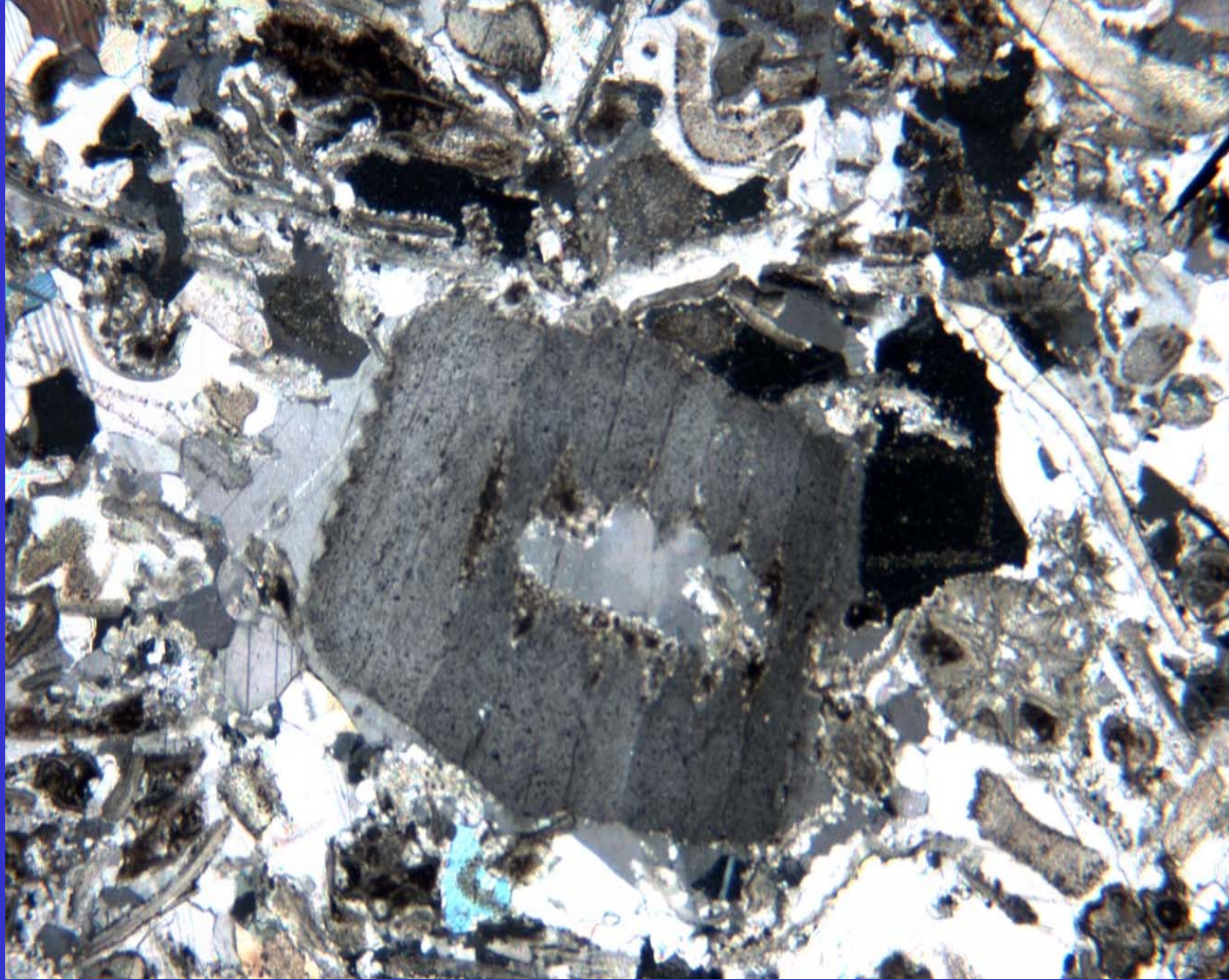
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Isopachus Rims /
Syntaxial
overgrowths

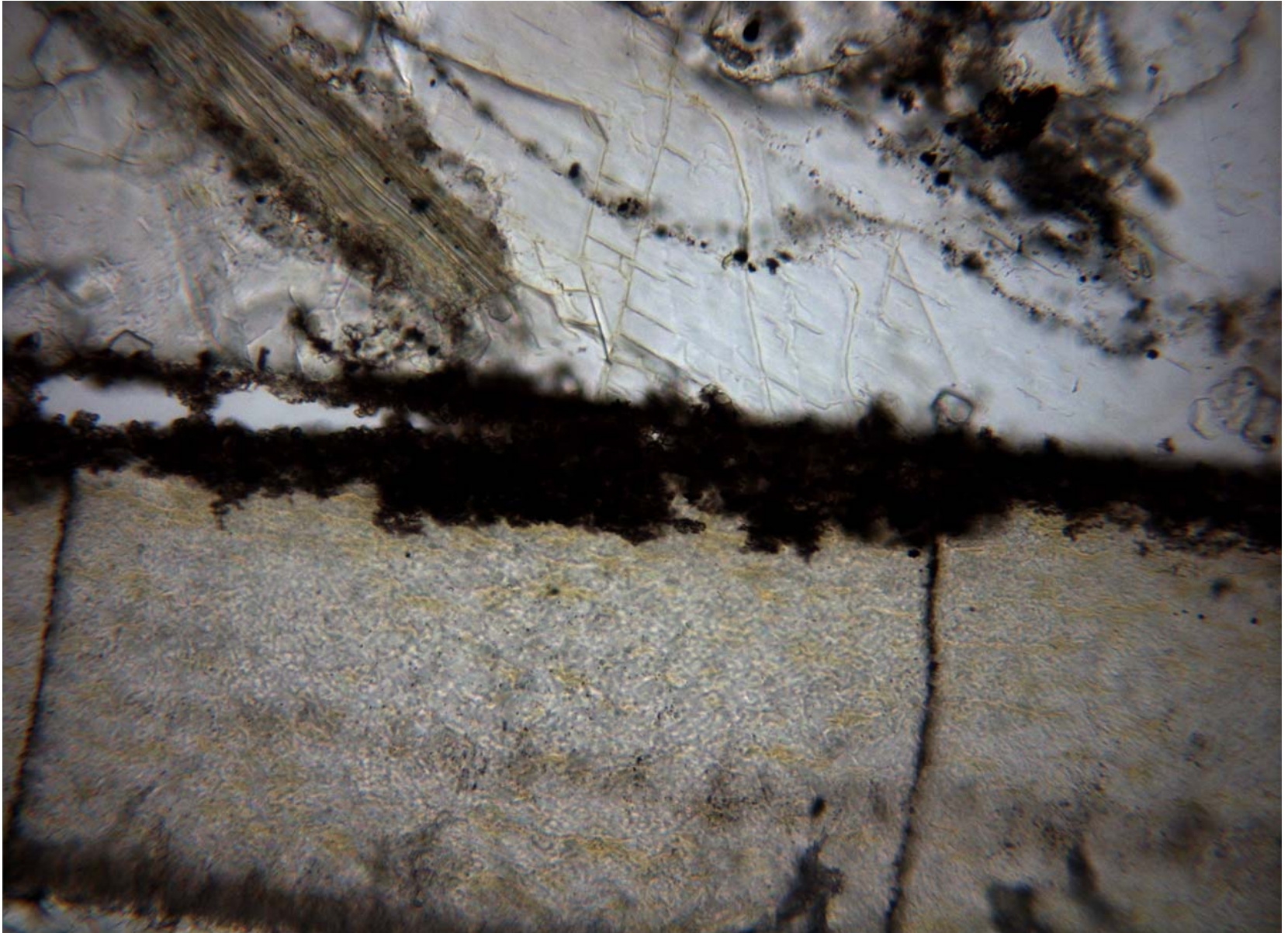


Equant, pore-
filling cement

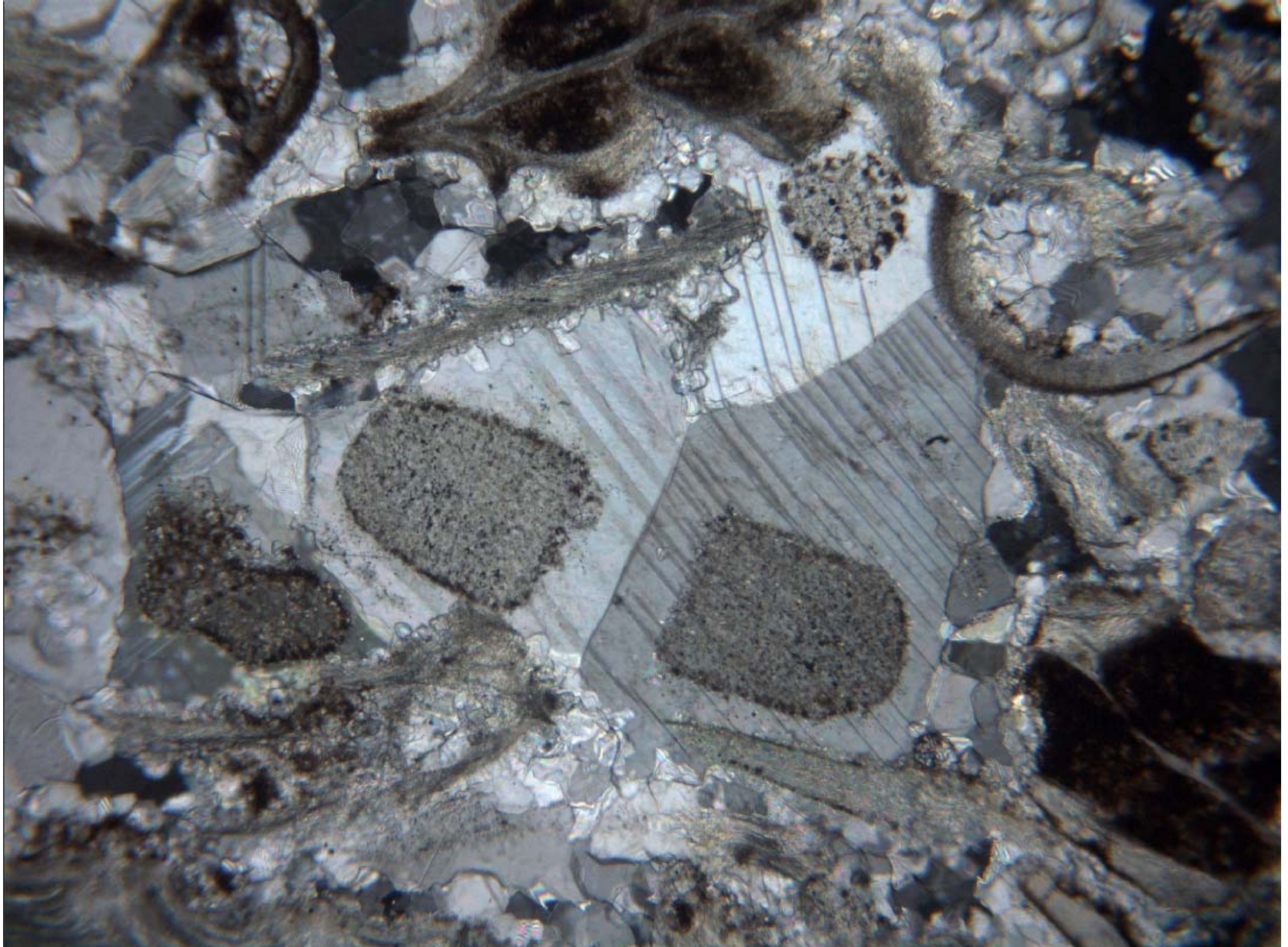


Sequence of diagenetic events

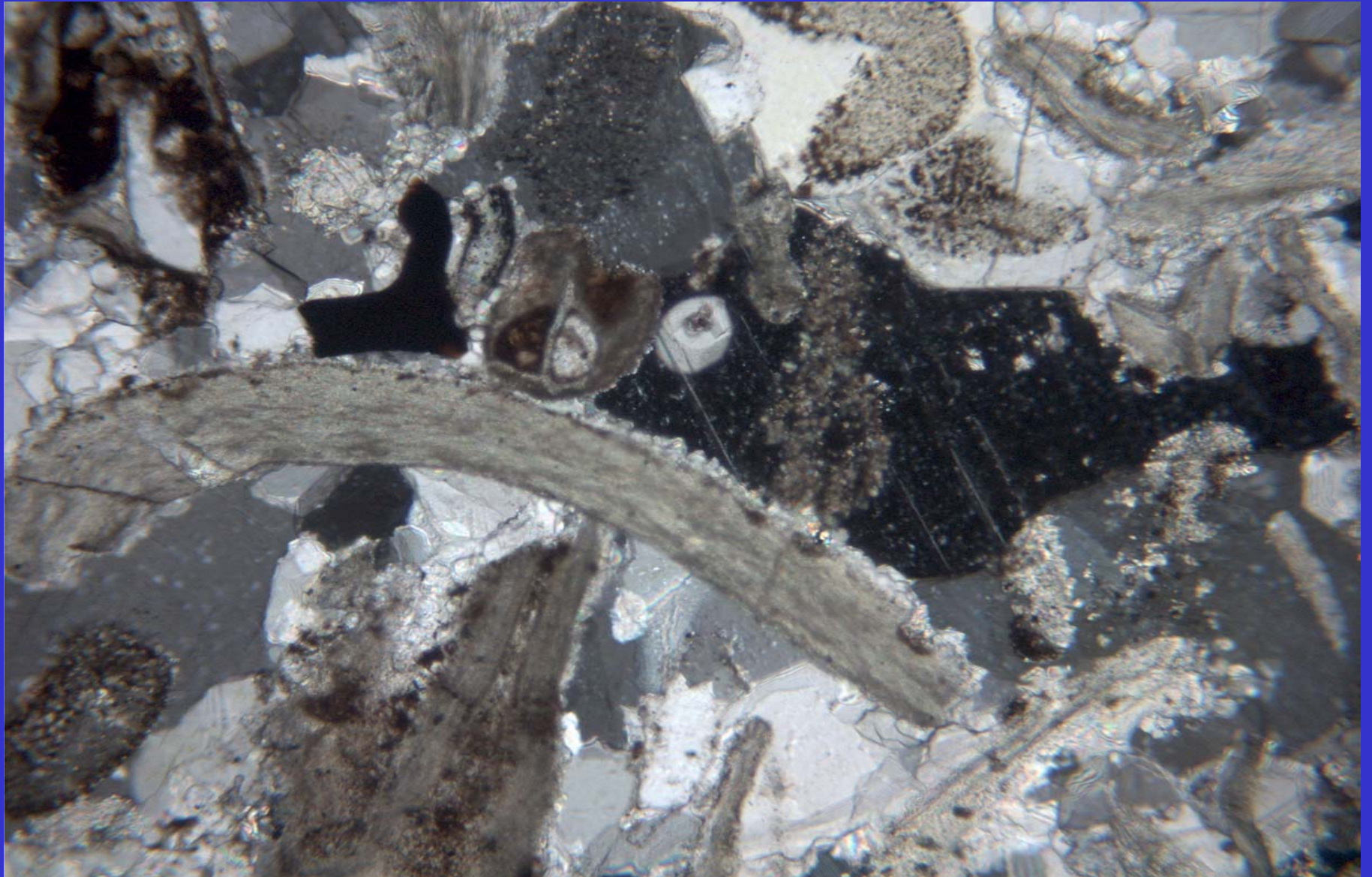
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Syntaxial overgrowths



Isopachous fringe cement



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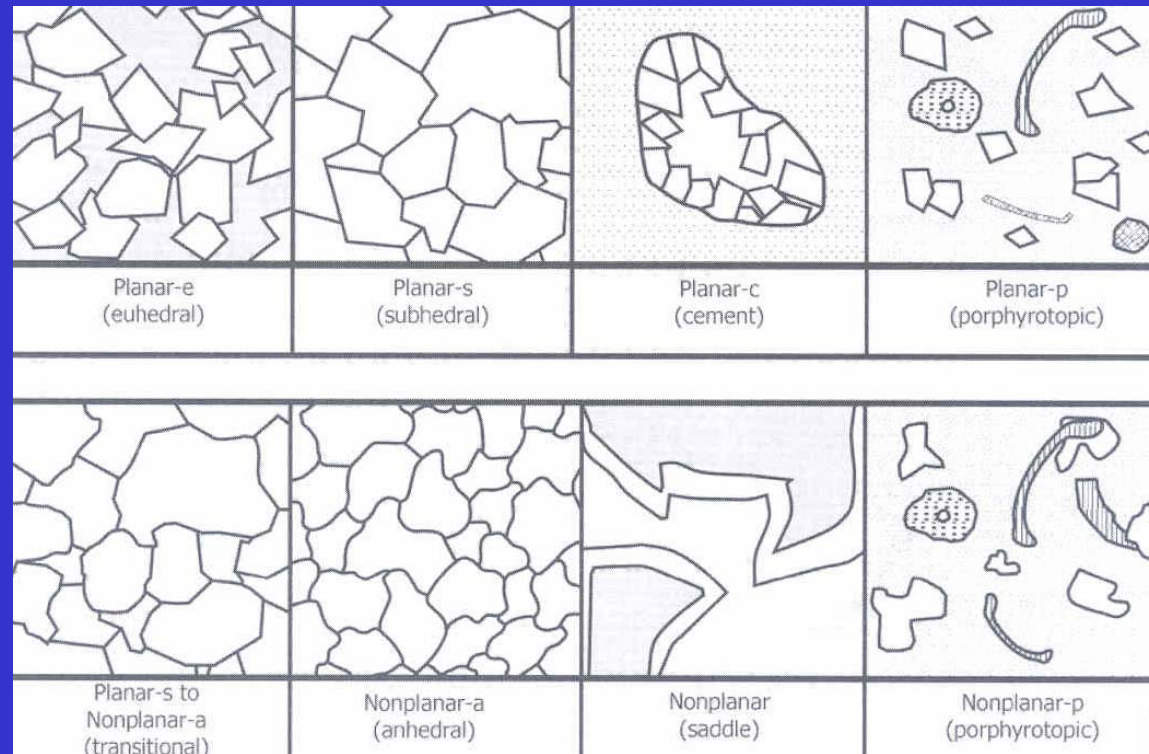


DOLOMITE TEXTURES IN TRENTON AND BLACK RIVER CARBONATE RESERVOIR ROCKS



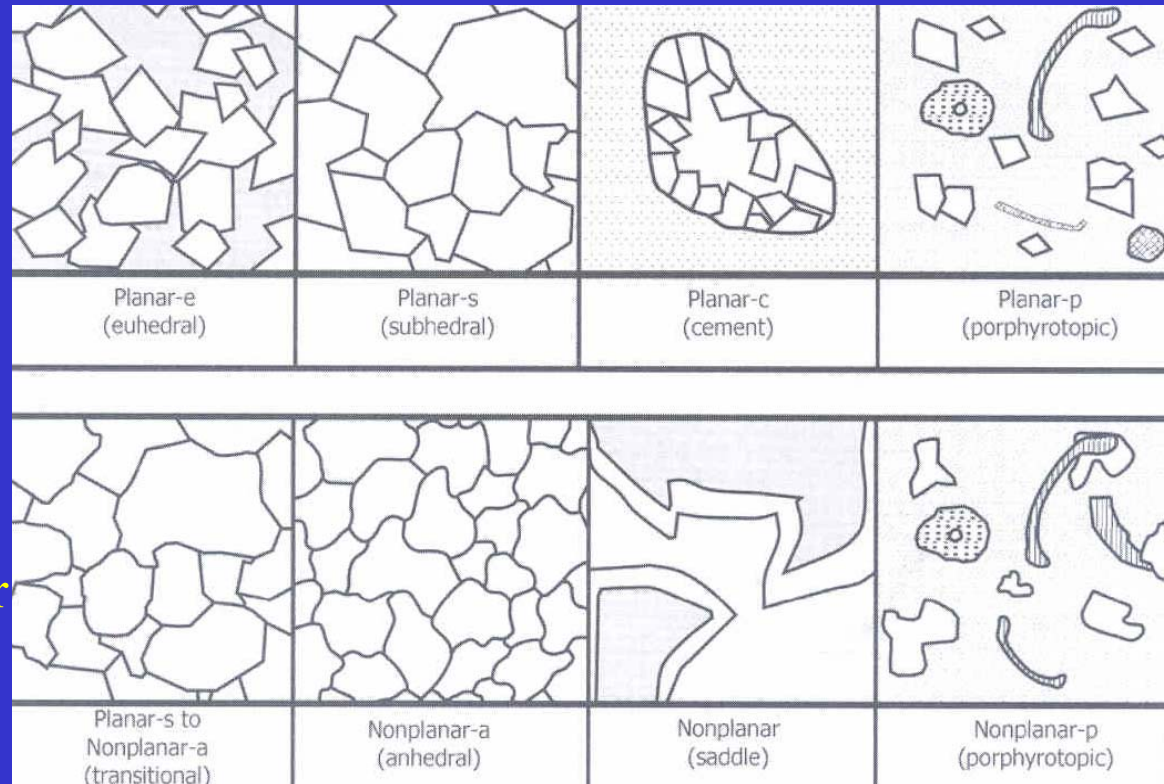
Dolostone Textural Classification

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



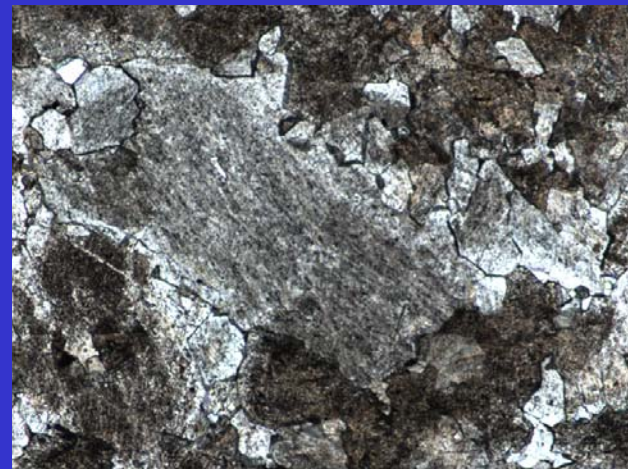
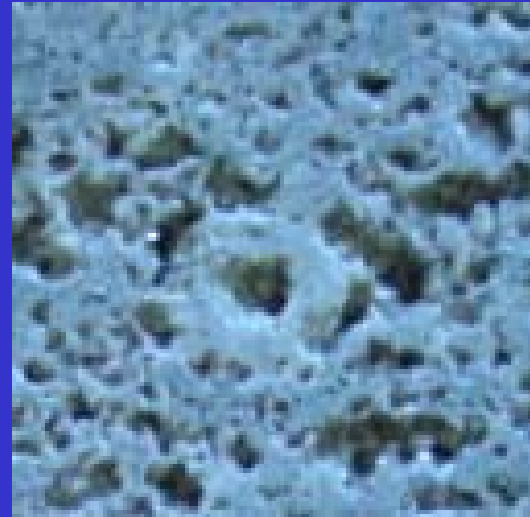
Dolostone Textural Classification

- 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

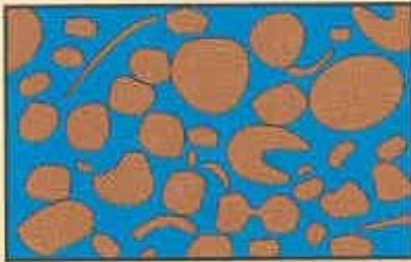


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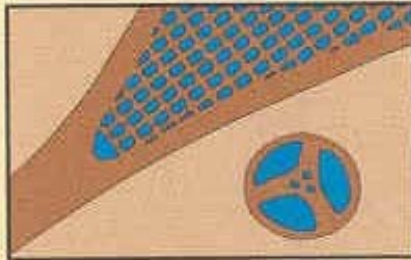
- Particles and cement:
 - Unreplaced
 - Partially replaced:
 - Mimetic
 - Non-mimetic
 - Completely replaced
 - Mimetic
 - Non-mimetic



Fabric Selective Porosity Types



Inter-
particle



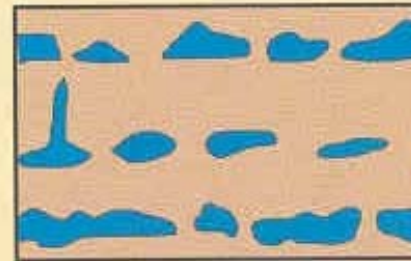
Intra-
particle



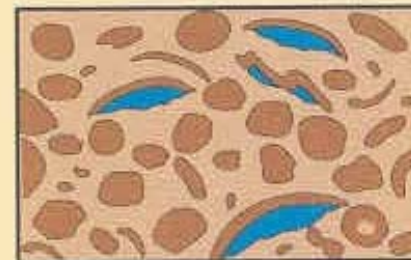
Inter-
crystal



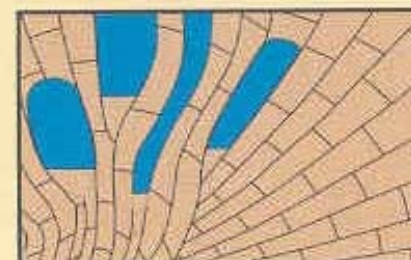
Moldic



Fenestral



Shelter



Growth
framework

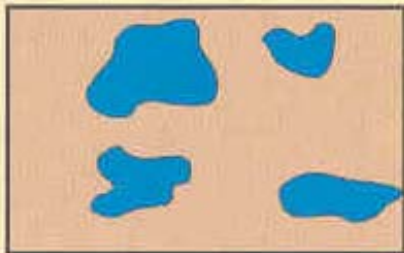
Not Fabric Selective



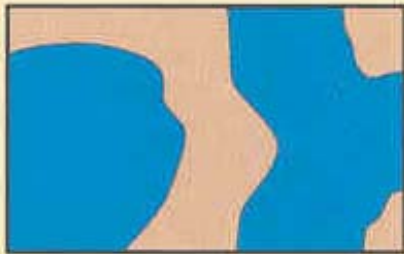
Fracture



Channel



Vug



Cavern

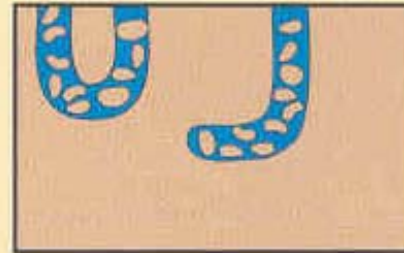
Fabric Selective or Not



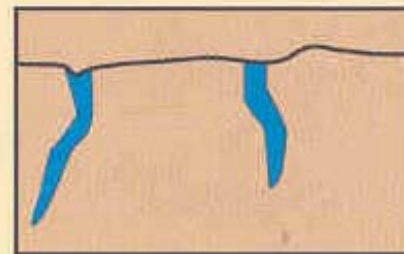
Breccia



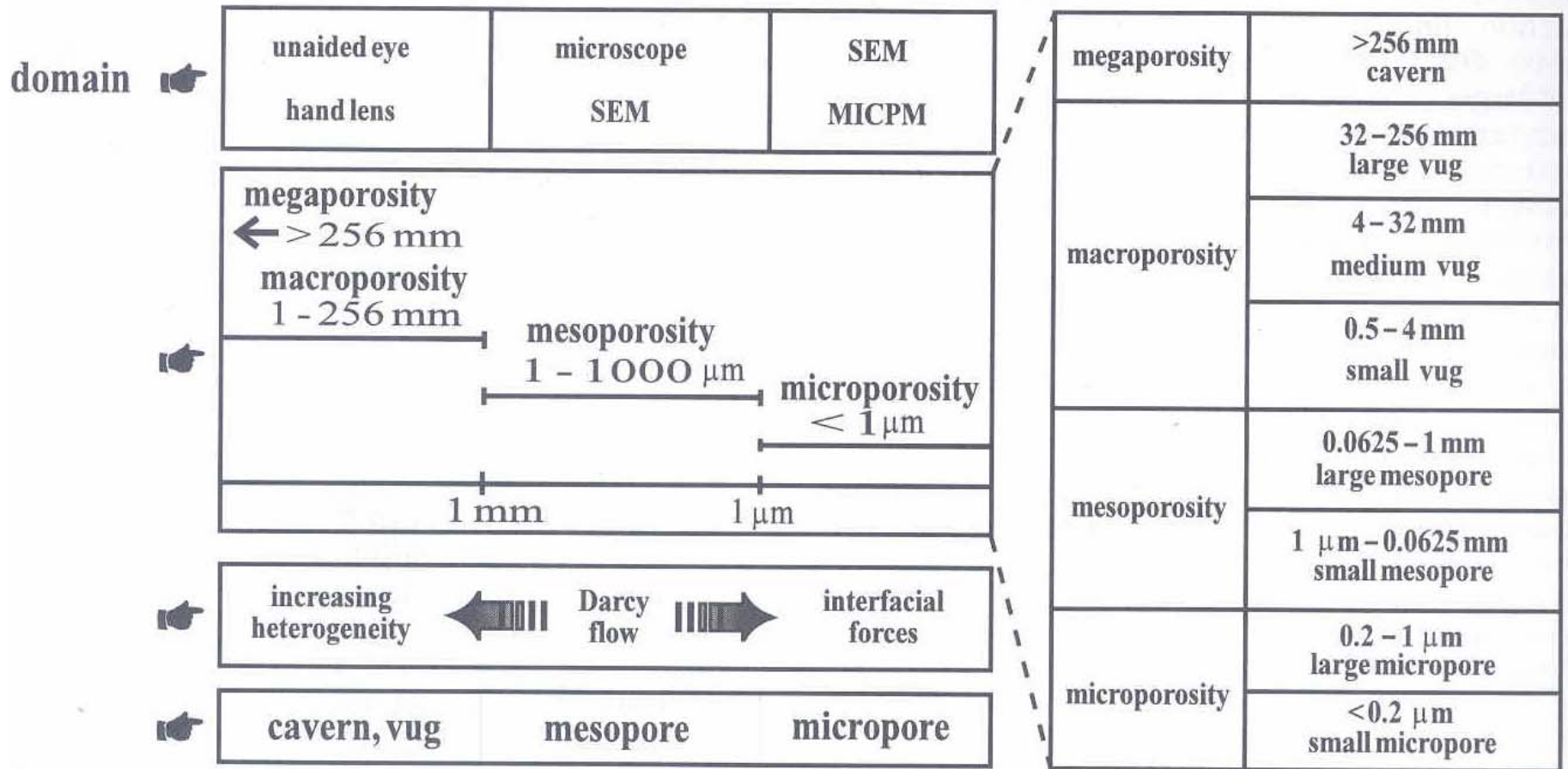
Boring



Burrow



Shrinkage



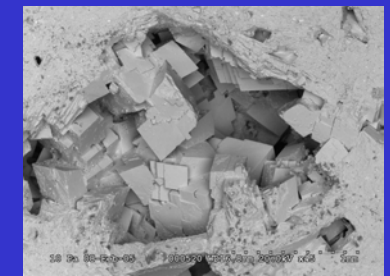
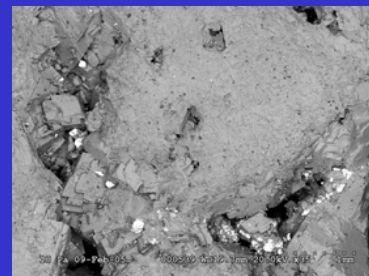
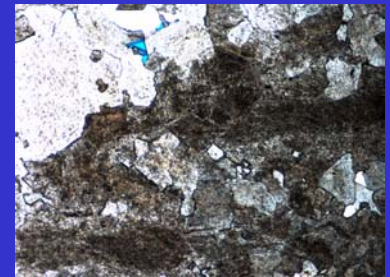
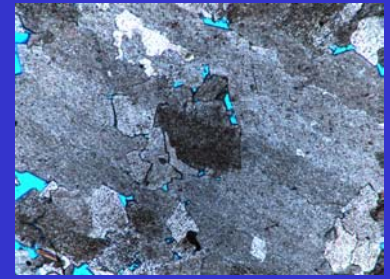
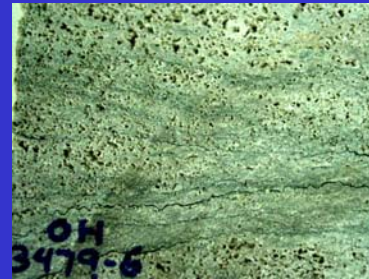
Lou and Machel (1995), AAPG Bulletin v.79,
p.1698 – 1720)

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



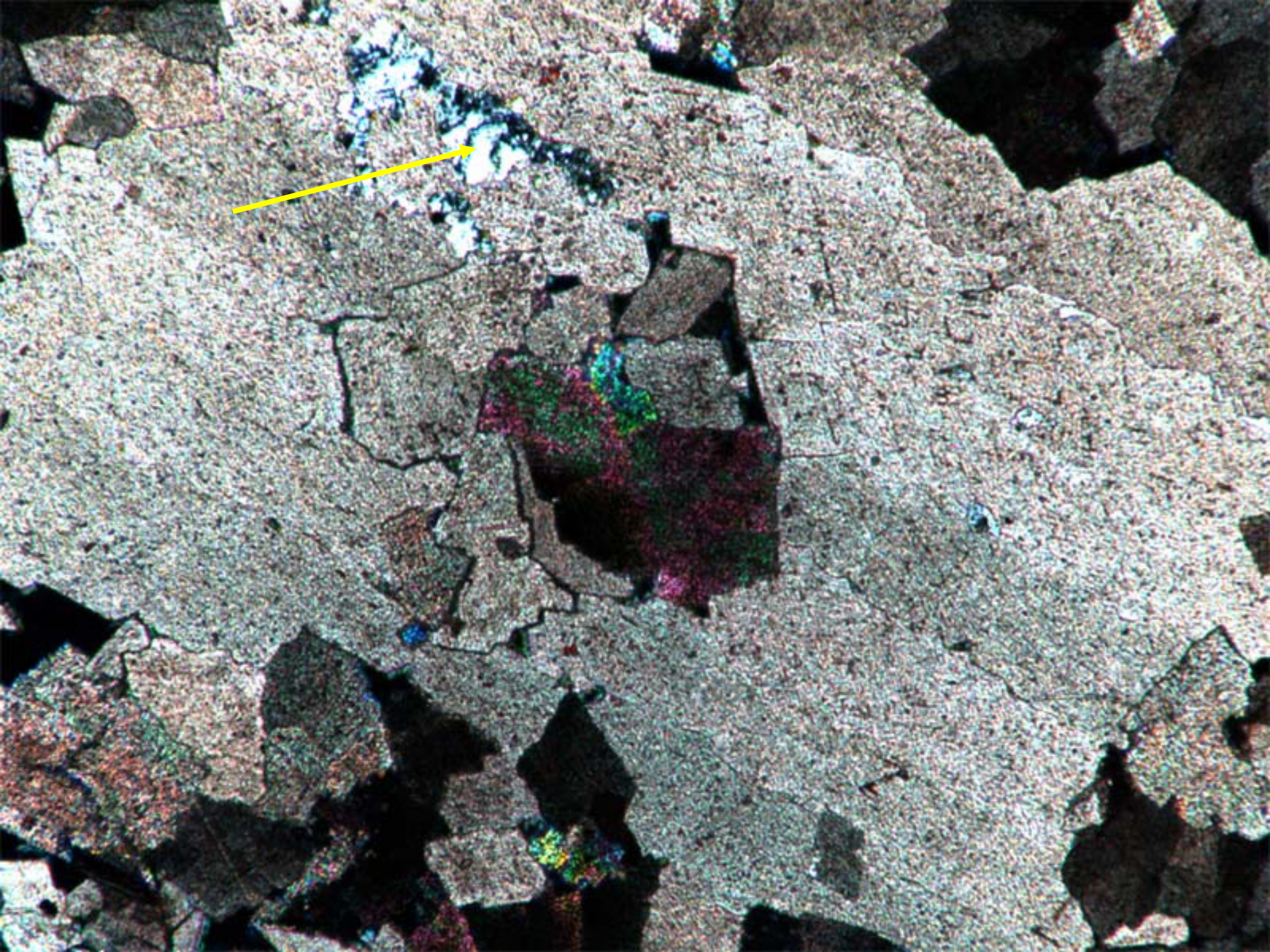


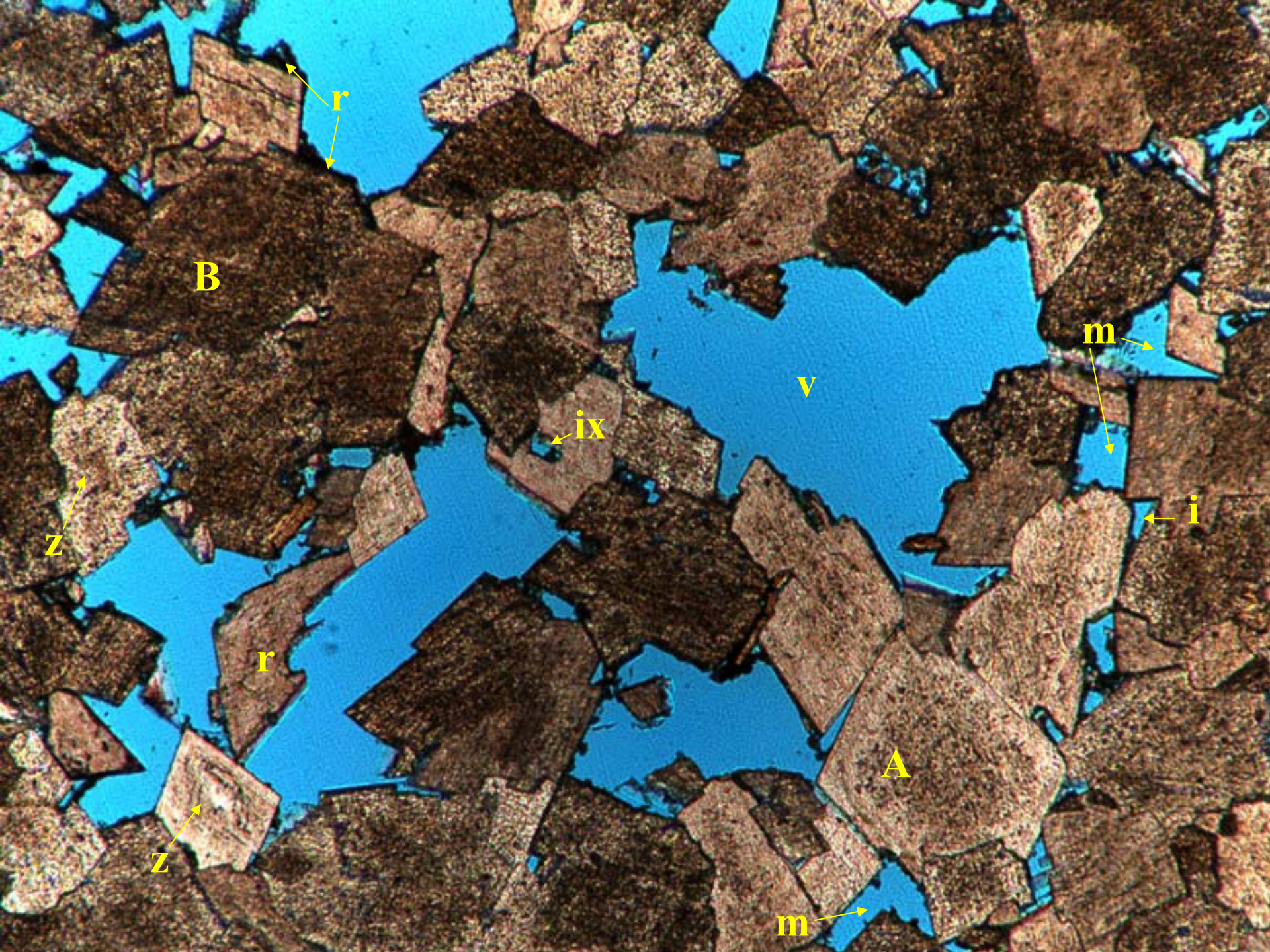
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Recognizable depositional texture

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

OH
3479-6







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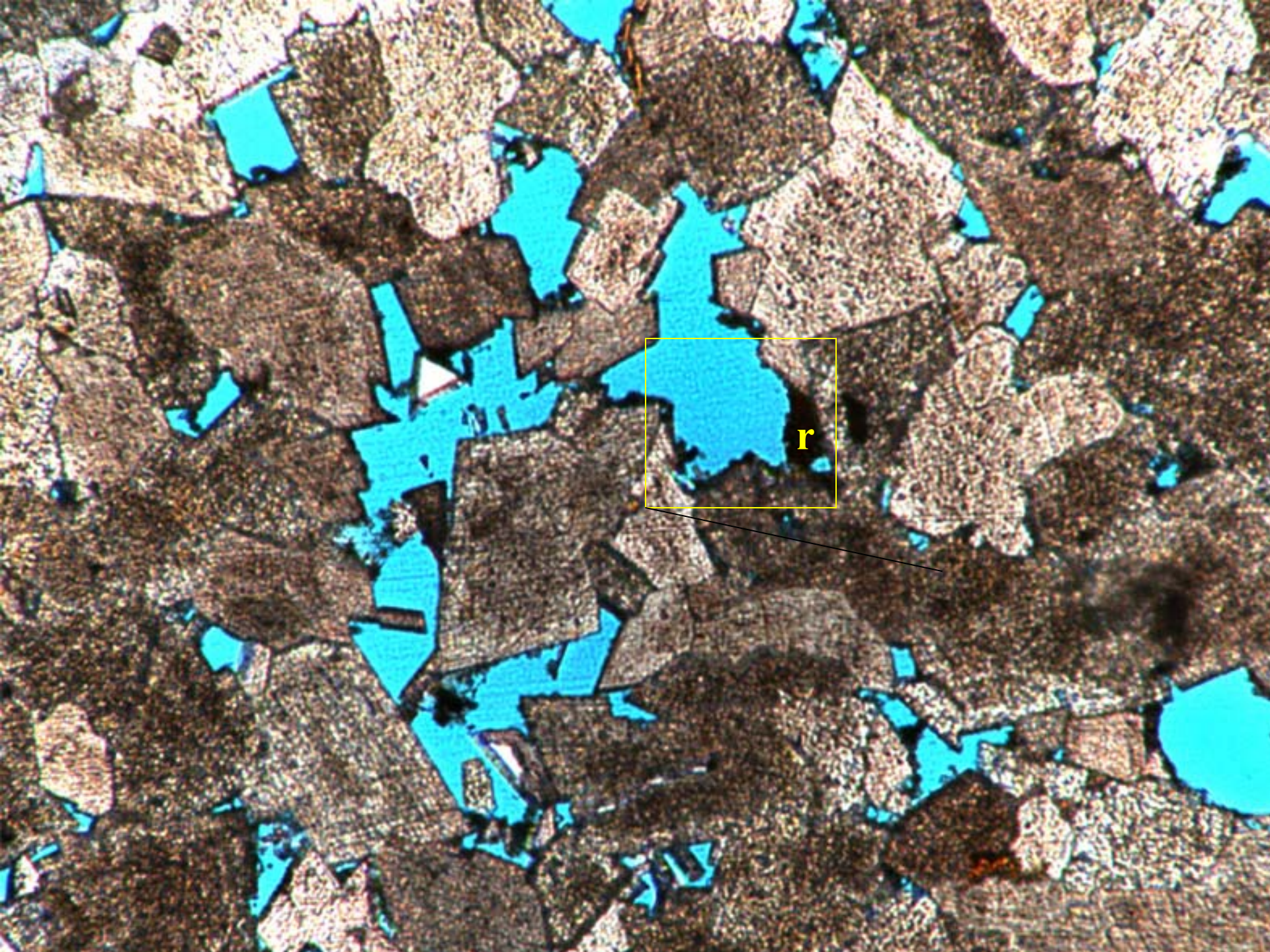
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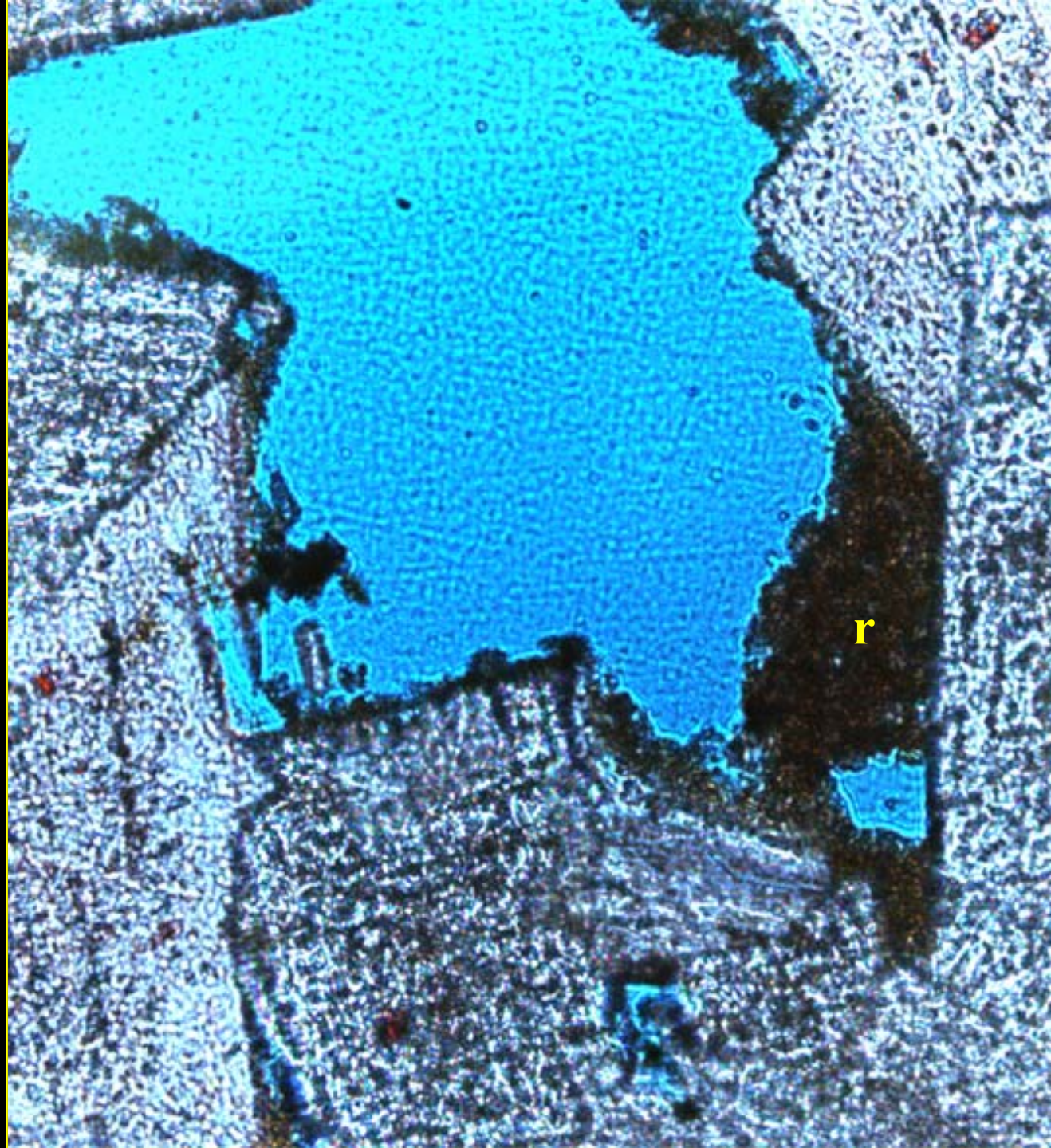
Nonplanar-c dolomite

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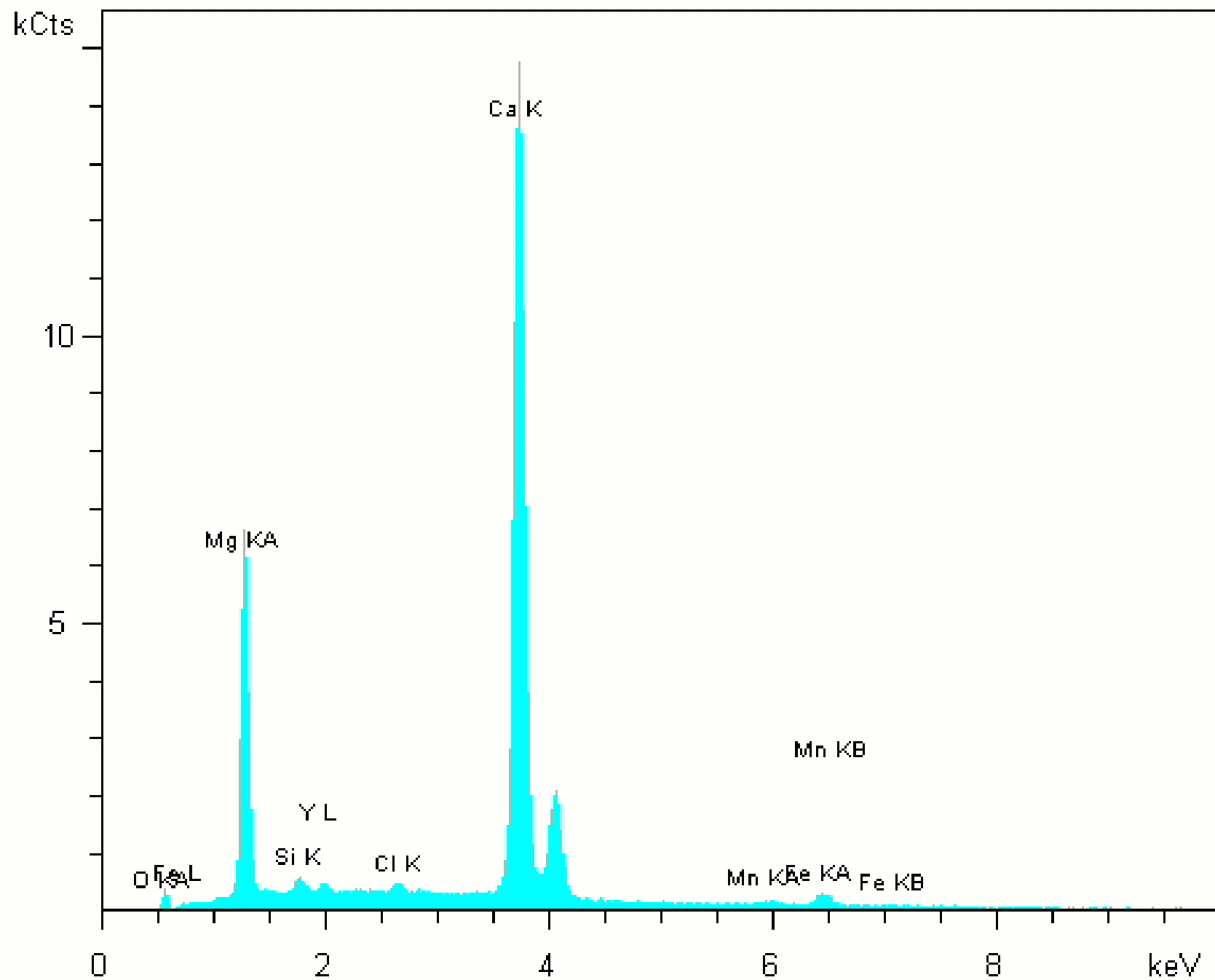




pyrite

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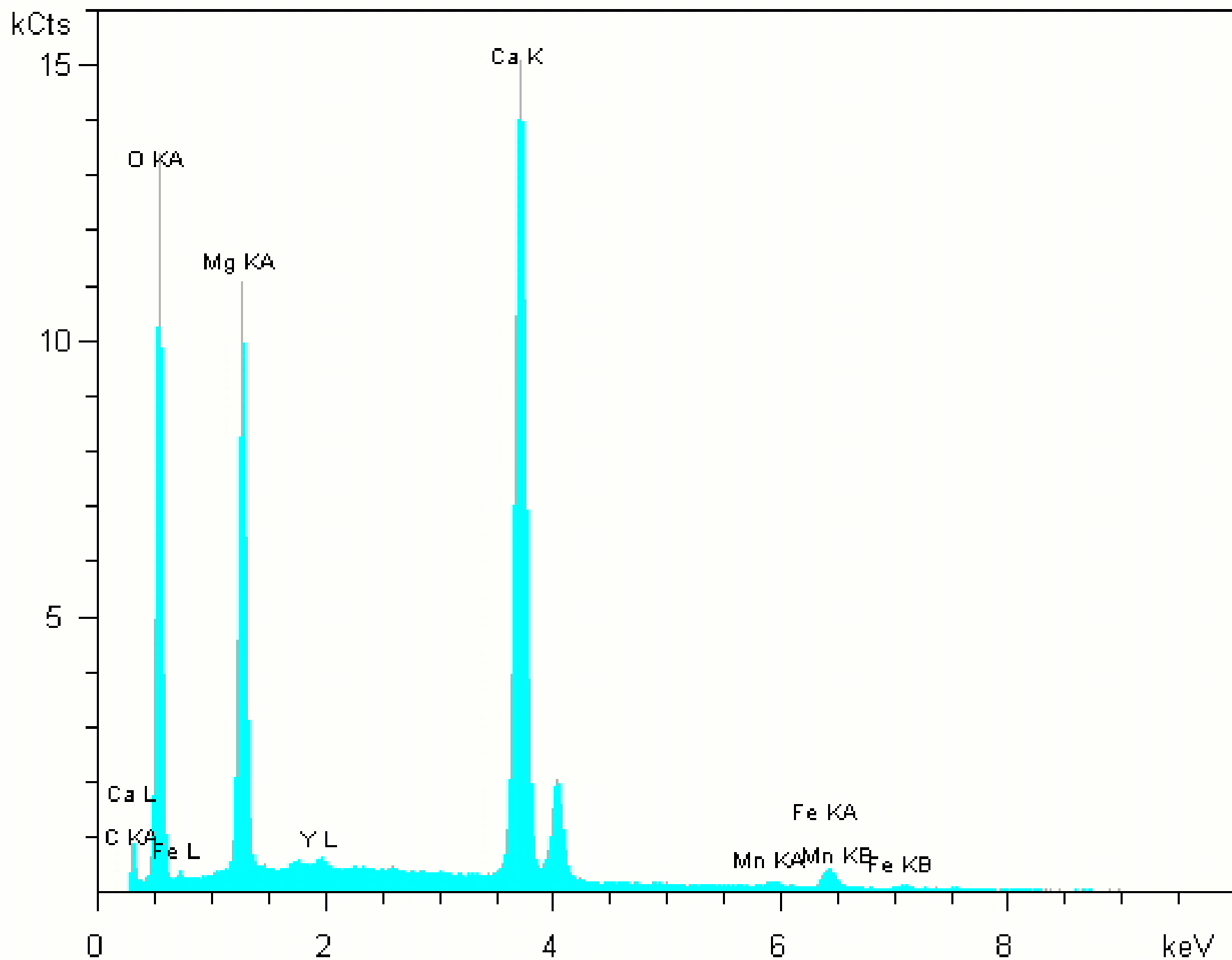
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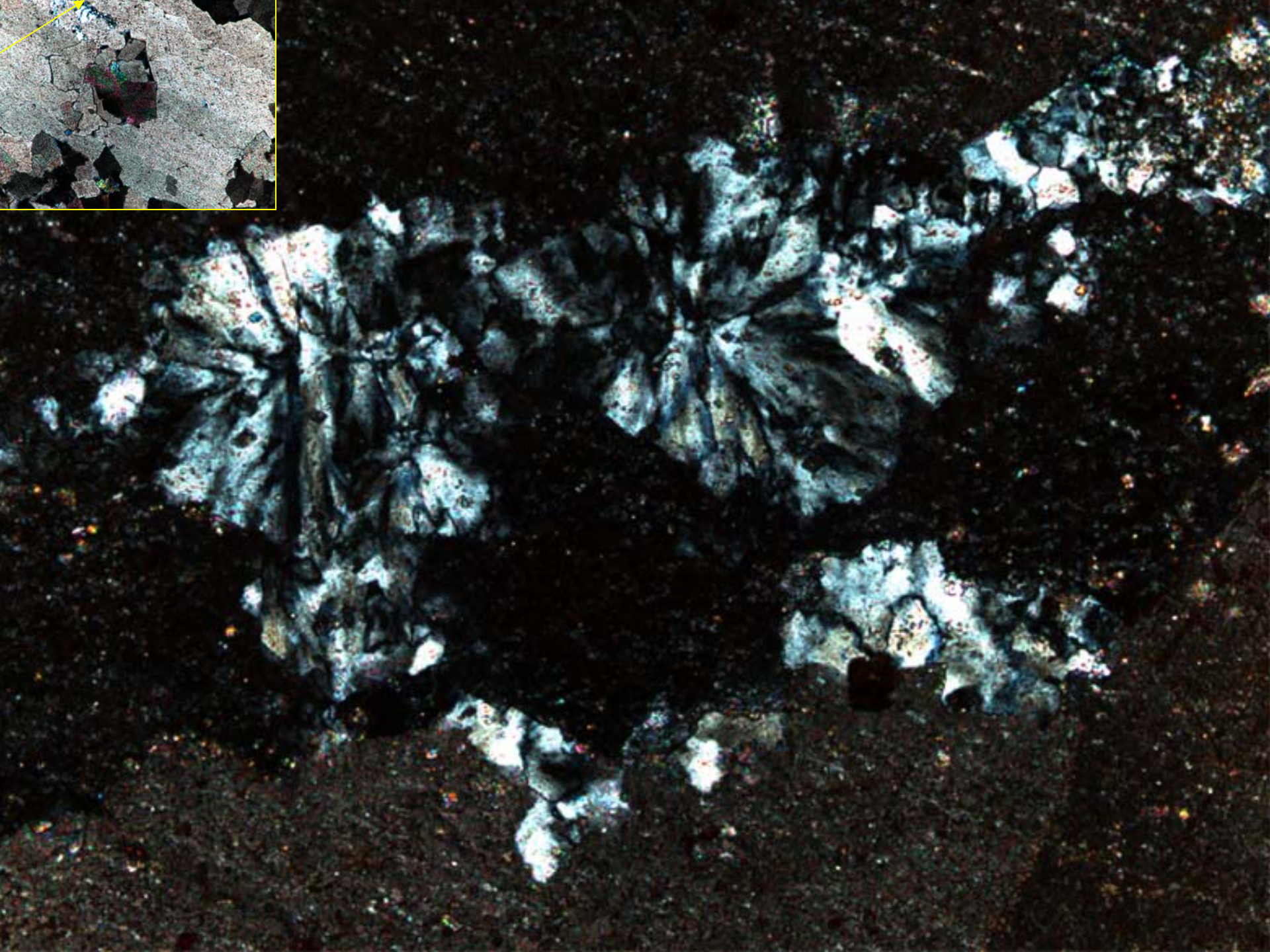
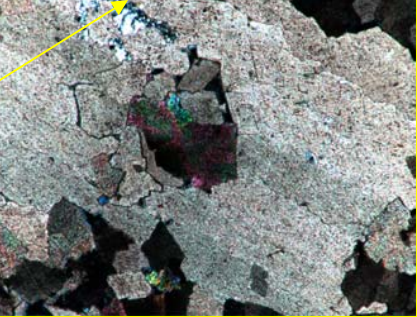


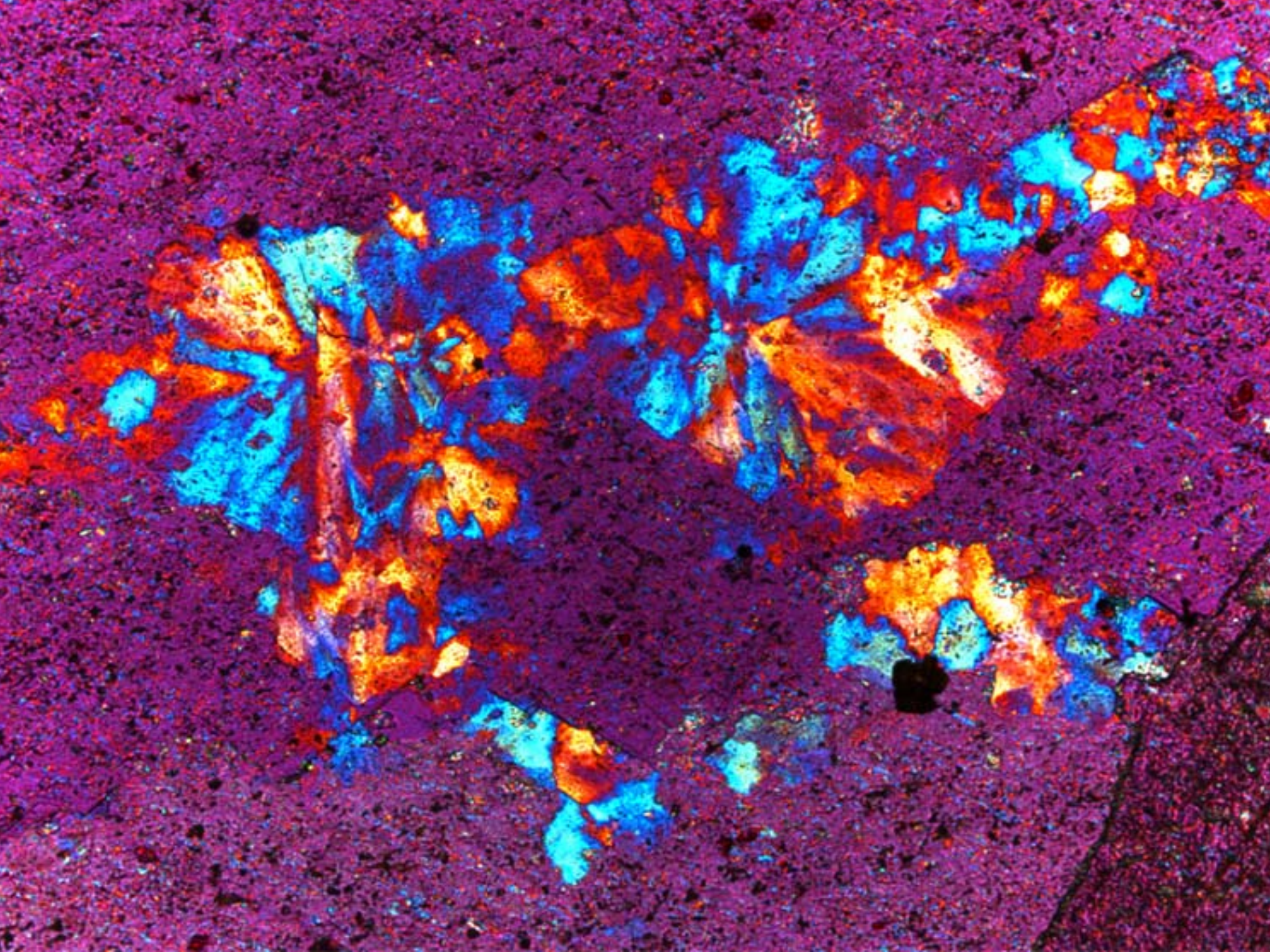


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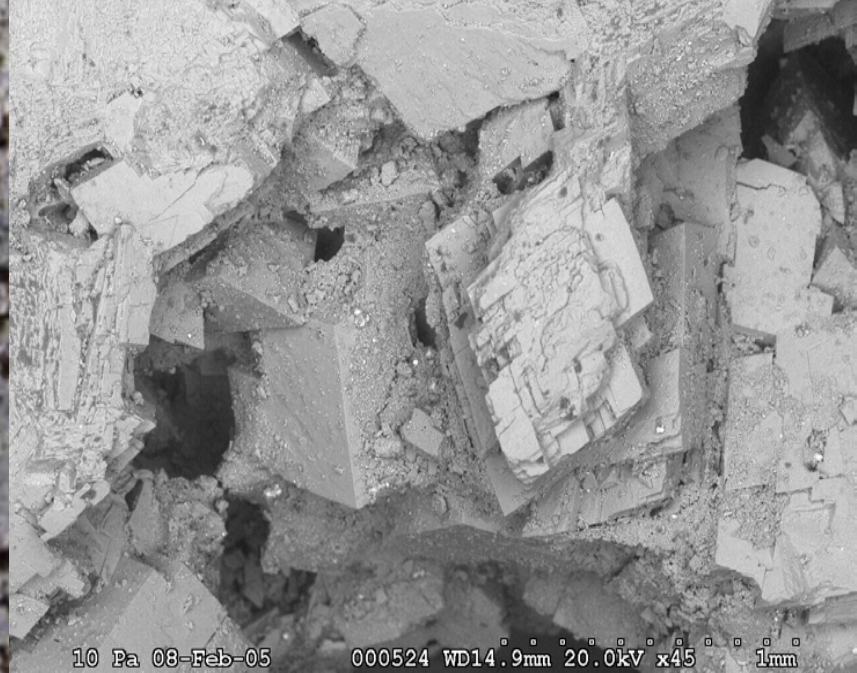
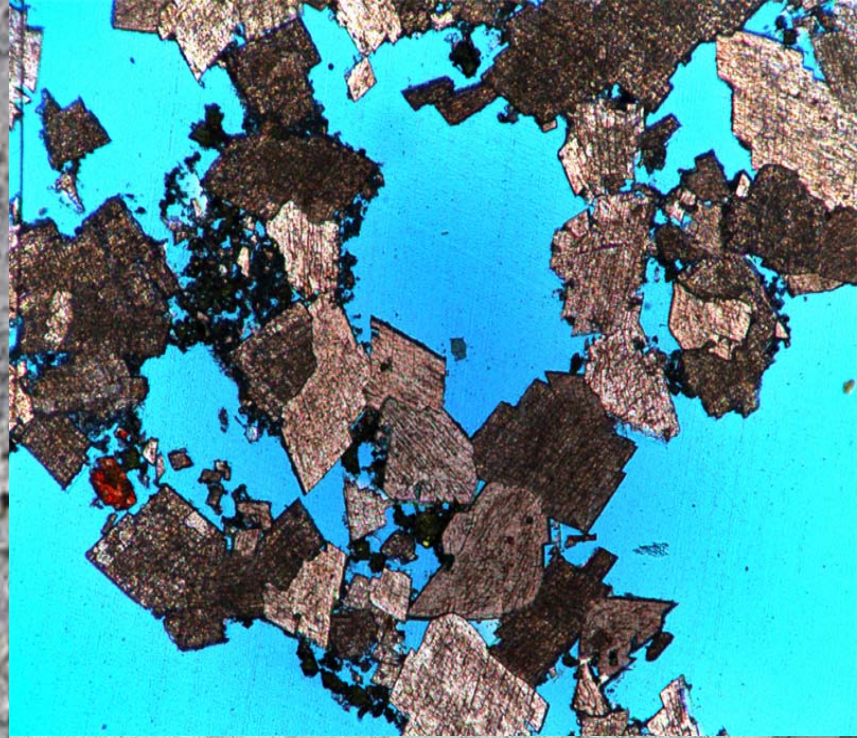
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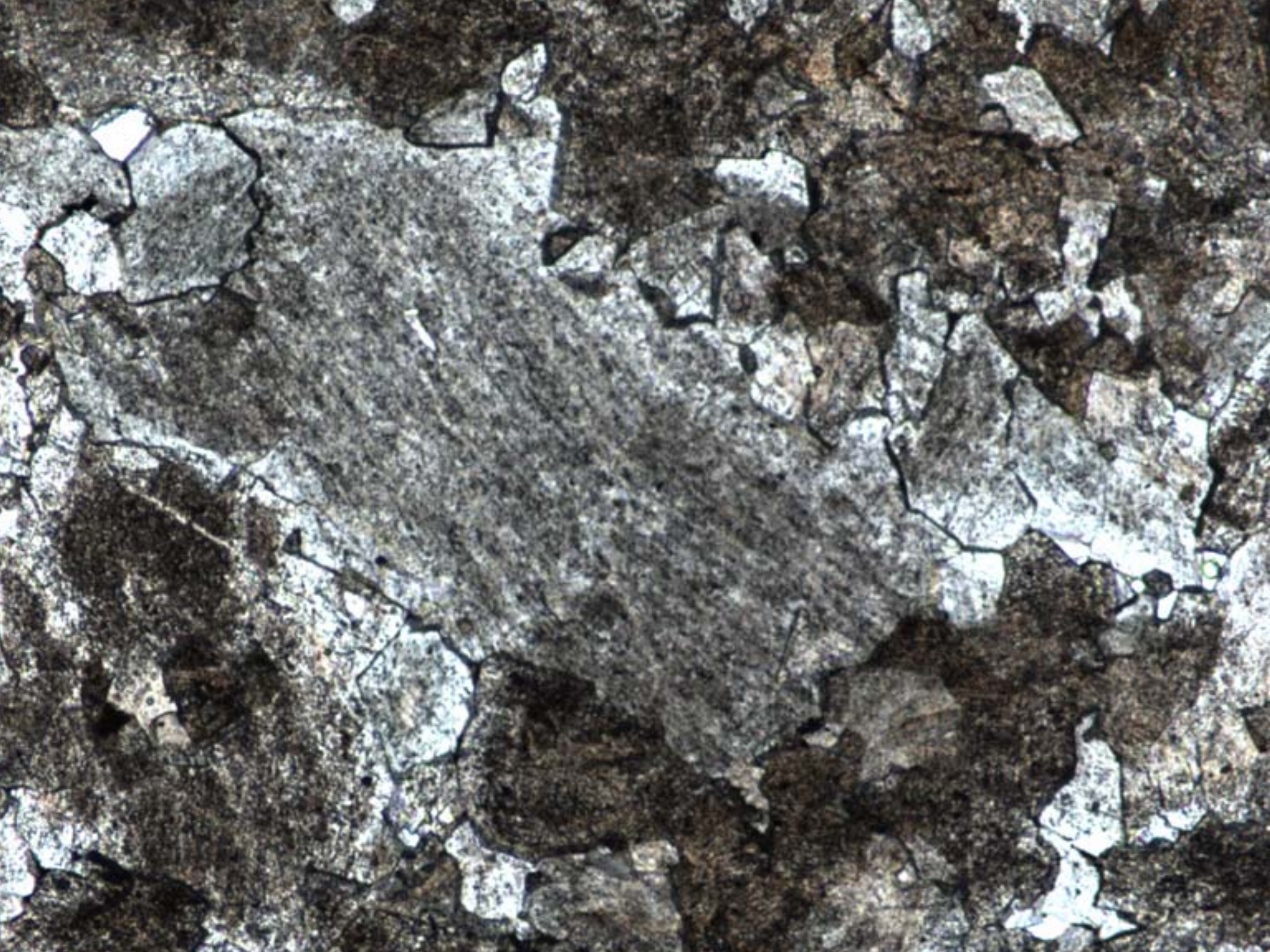


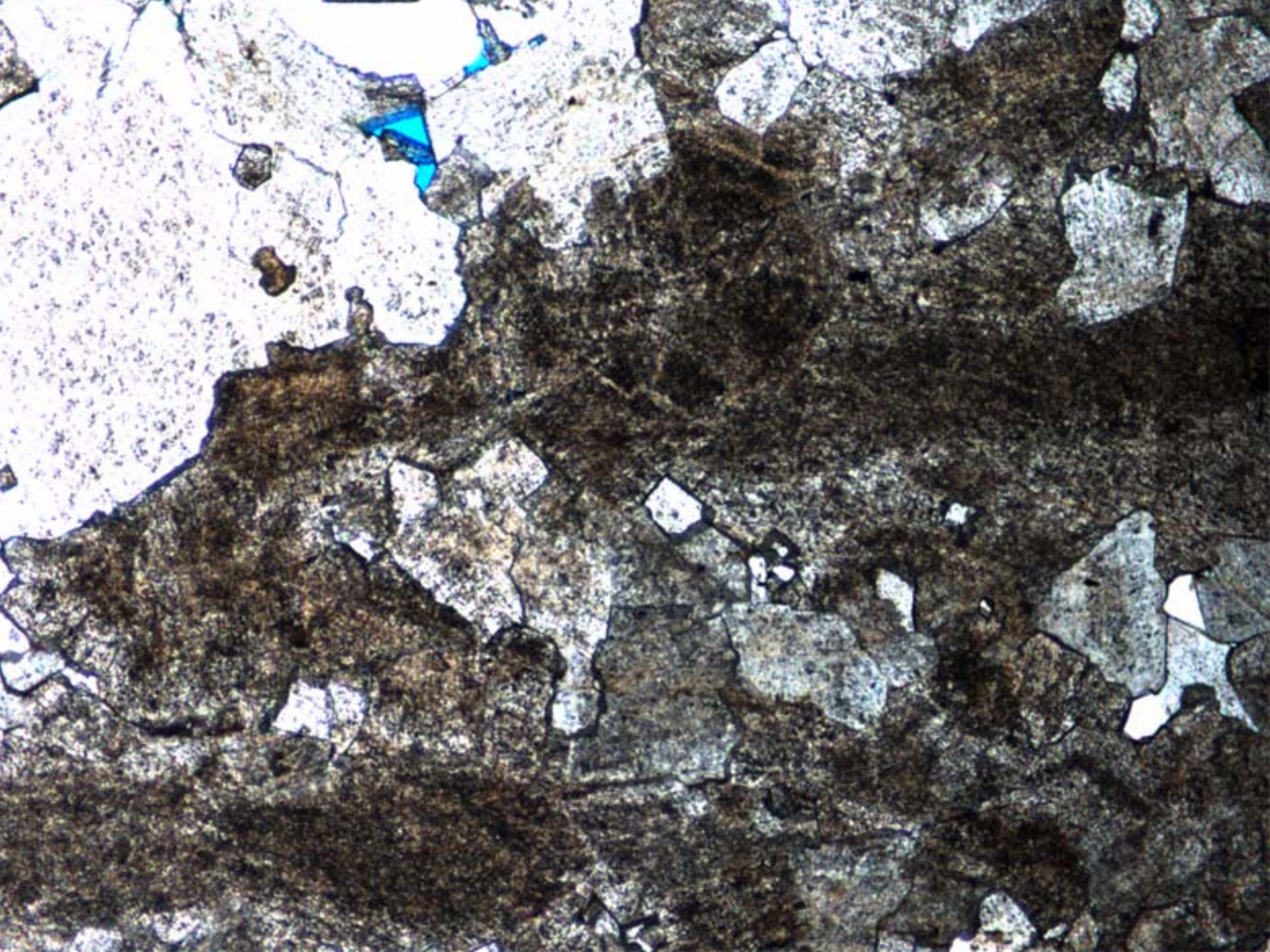
Depositional
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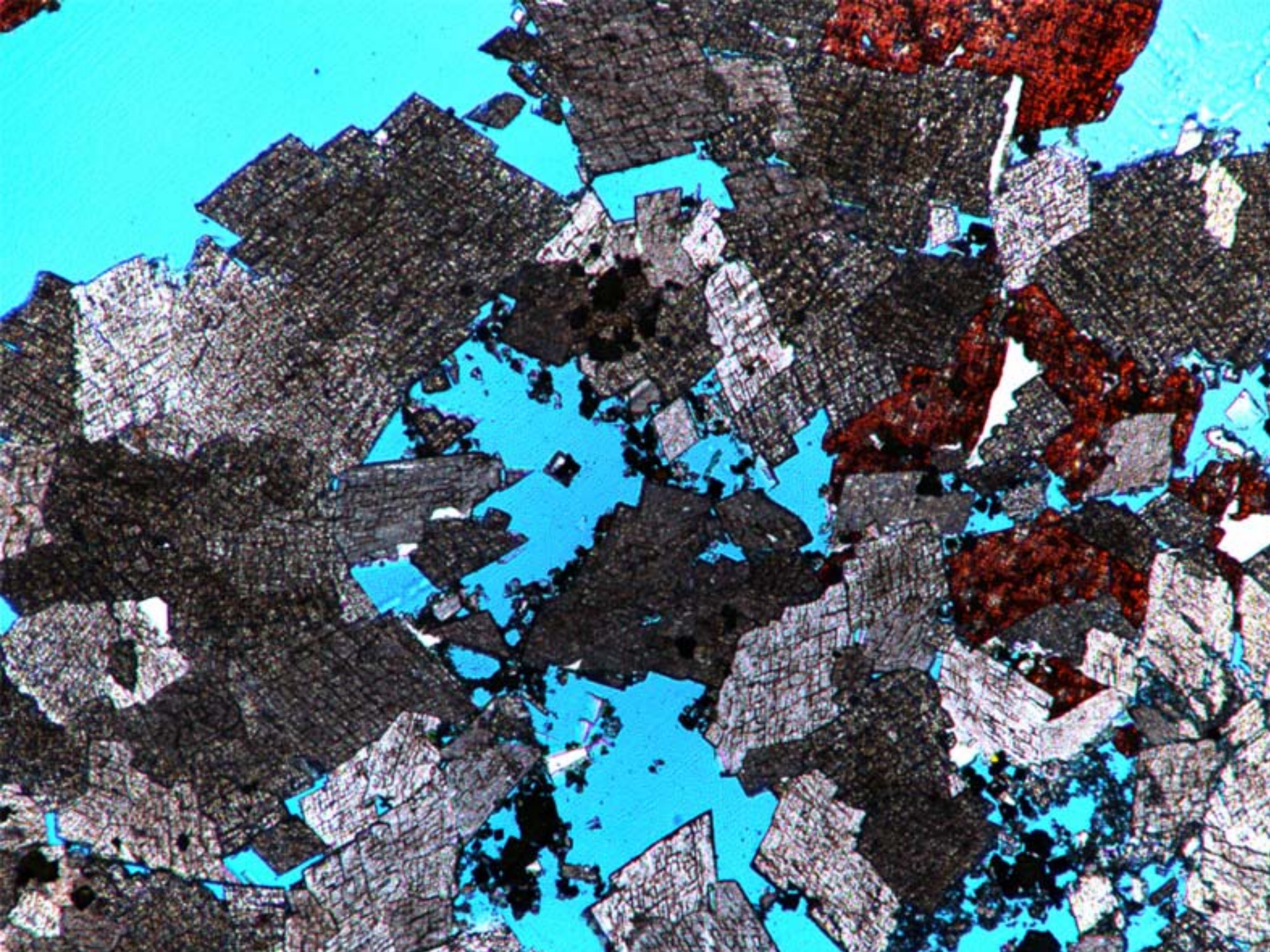


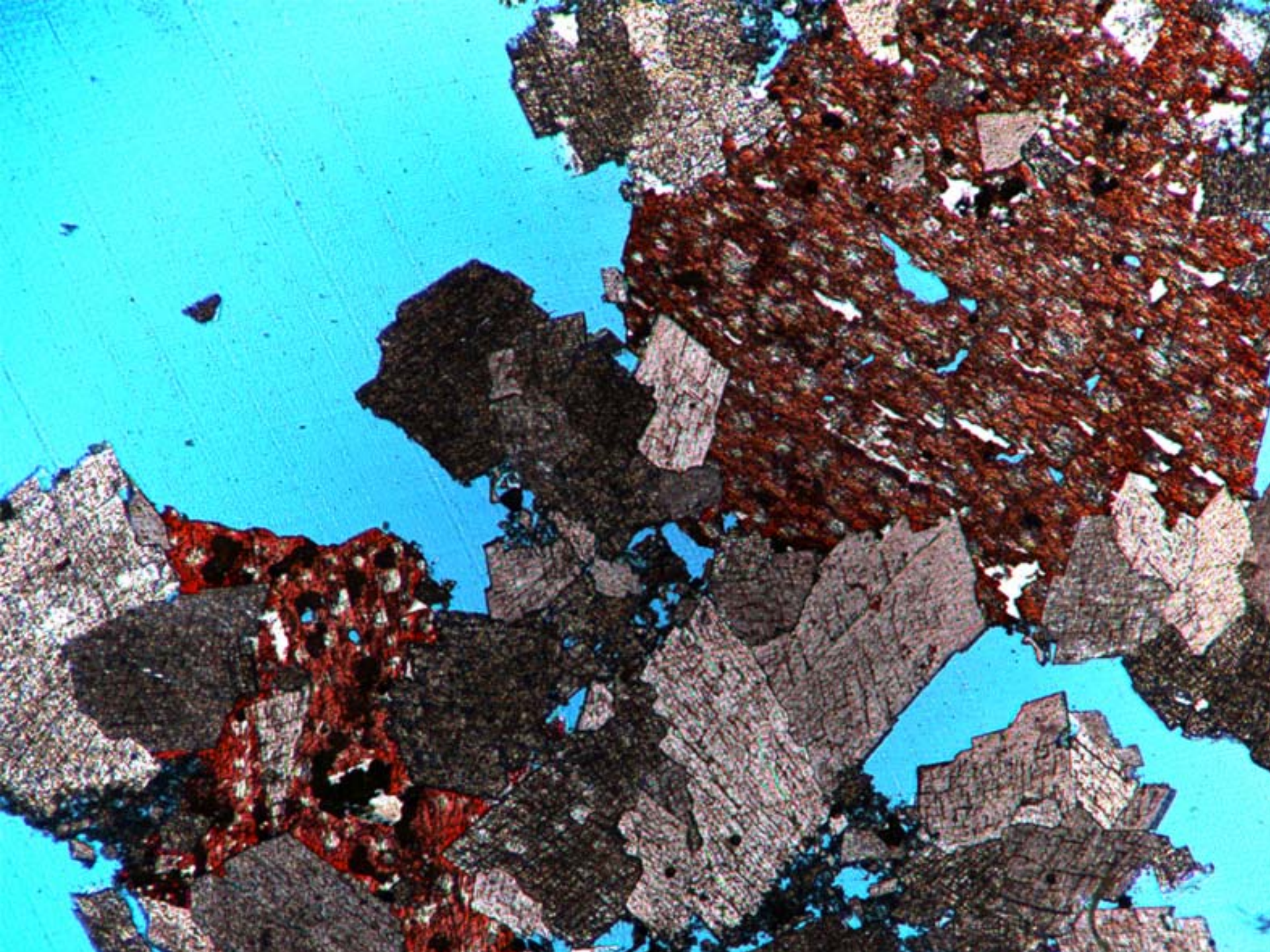
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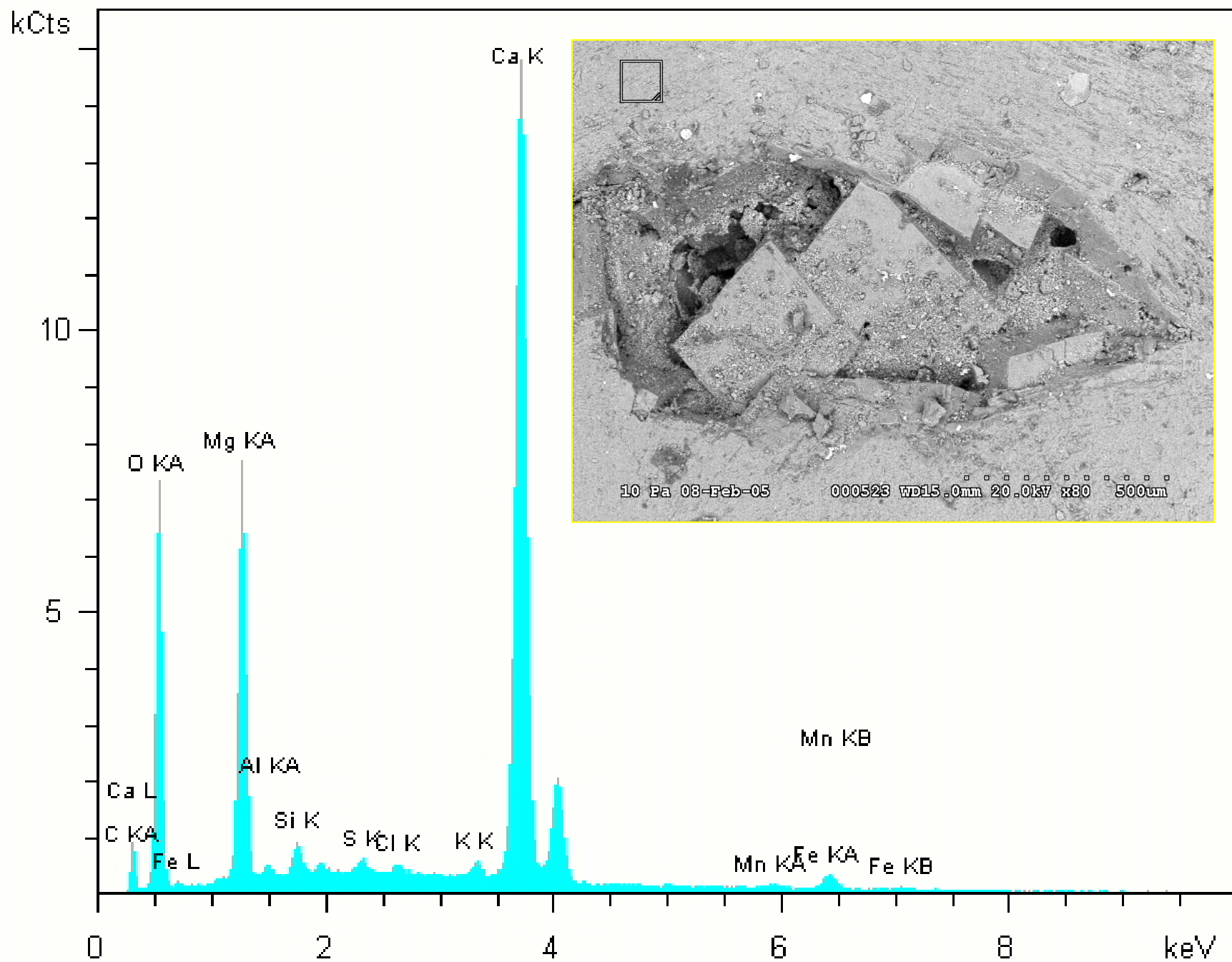


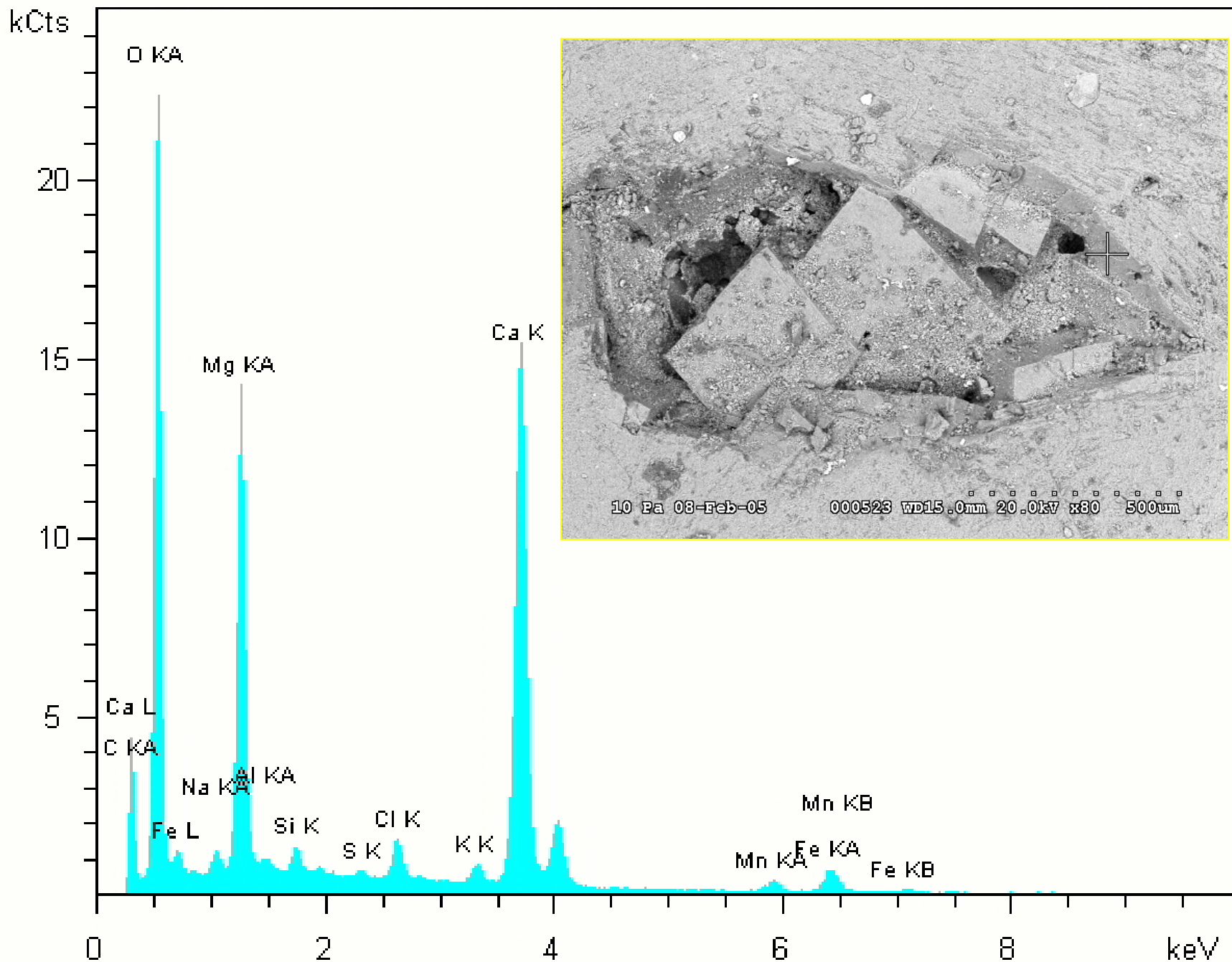


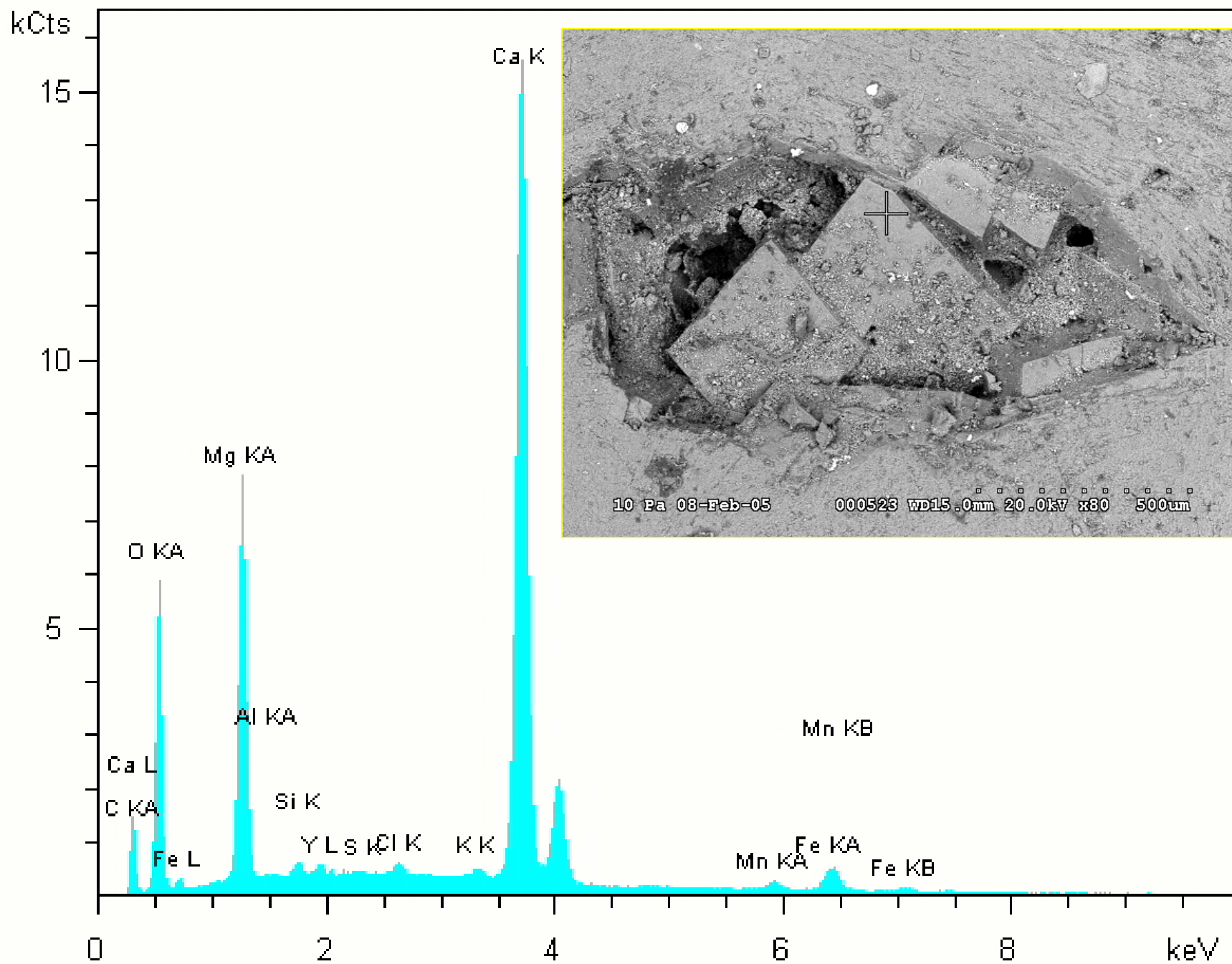
Nonplanar saddle
dolomite partially
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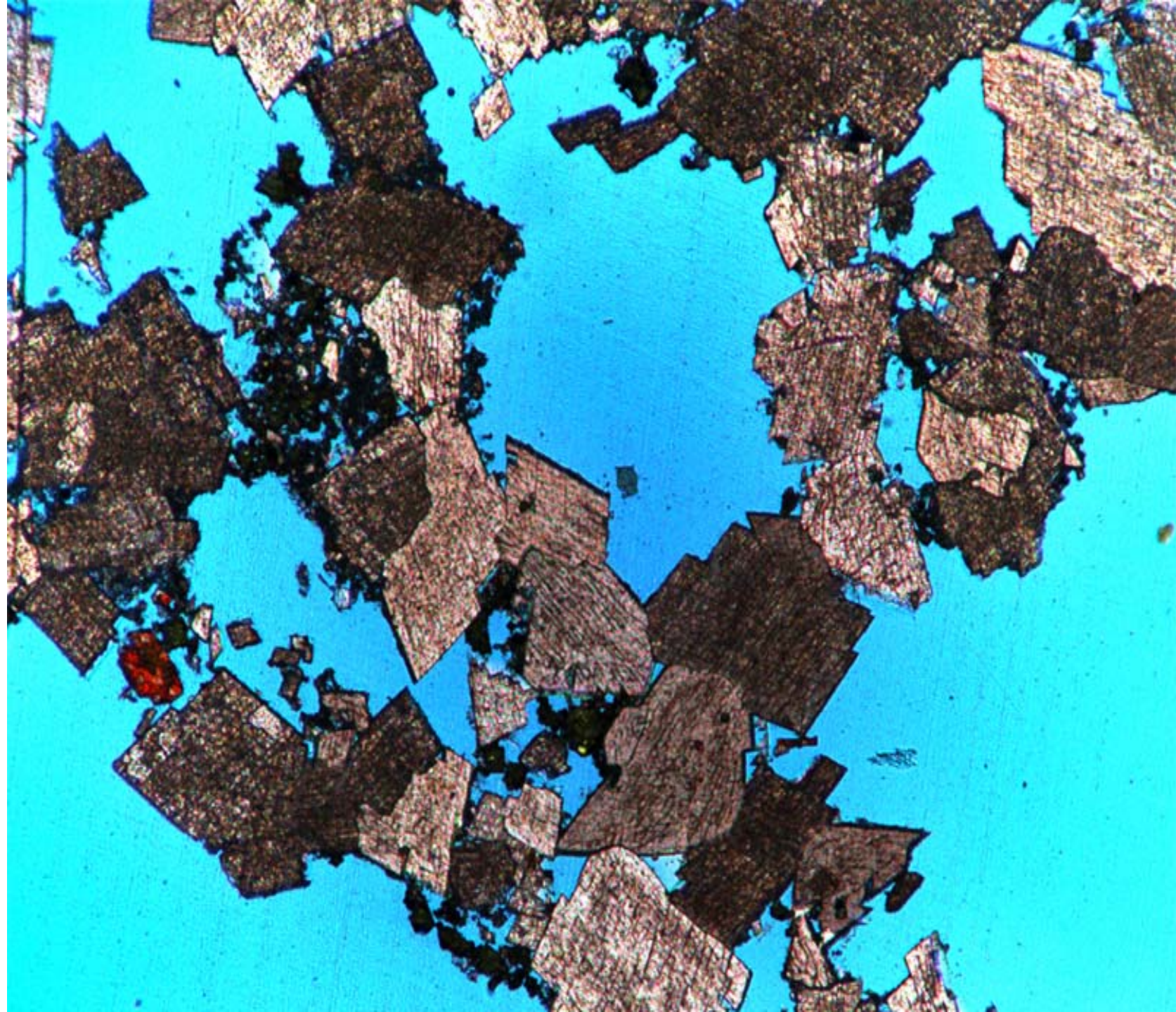
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Nonplanar
saddle
dolomite





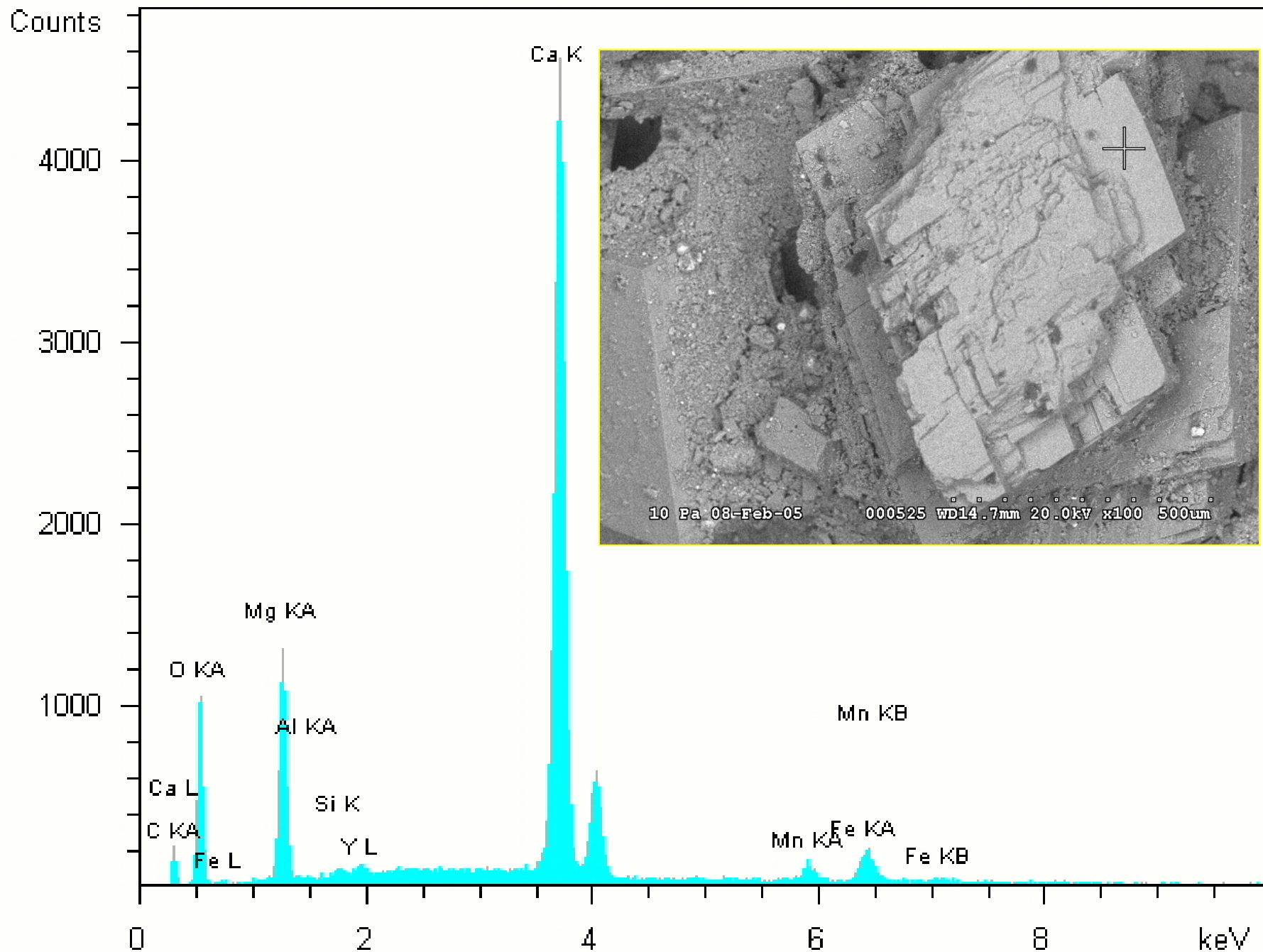


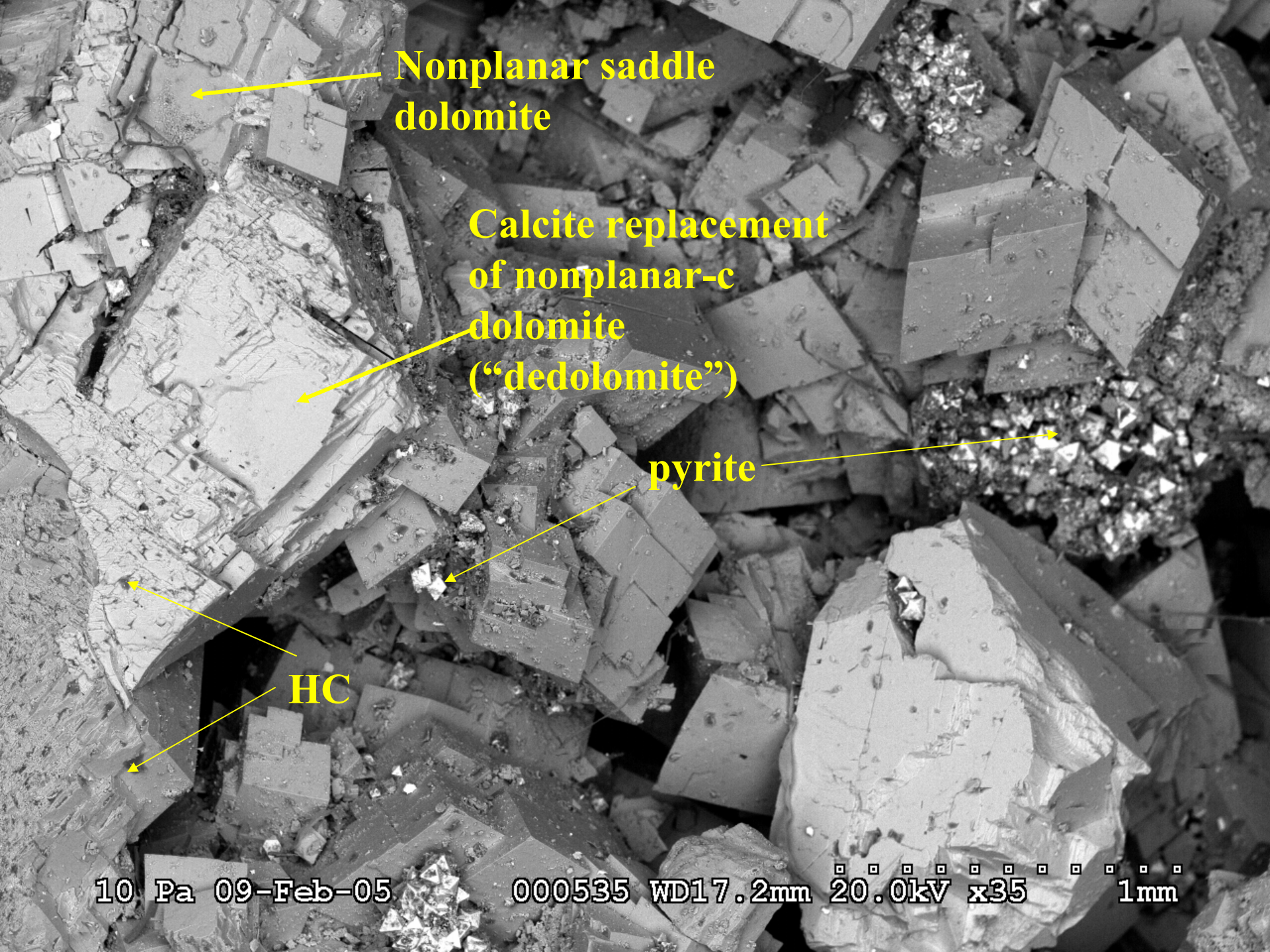




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**Nonplanar saddle
dolomite**

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

pyrite

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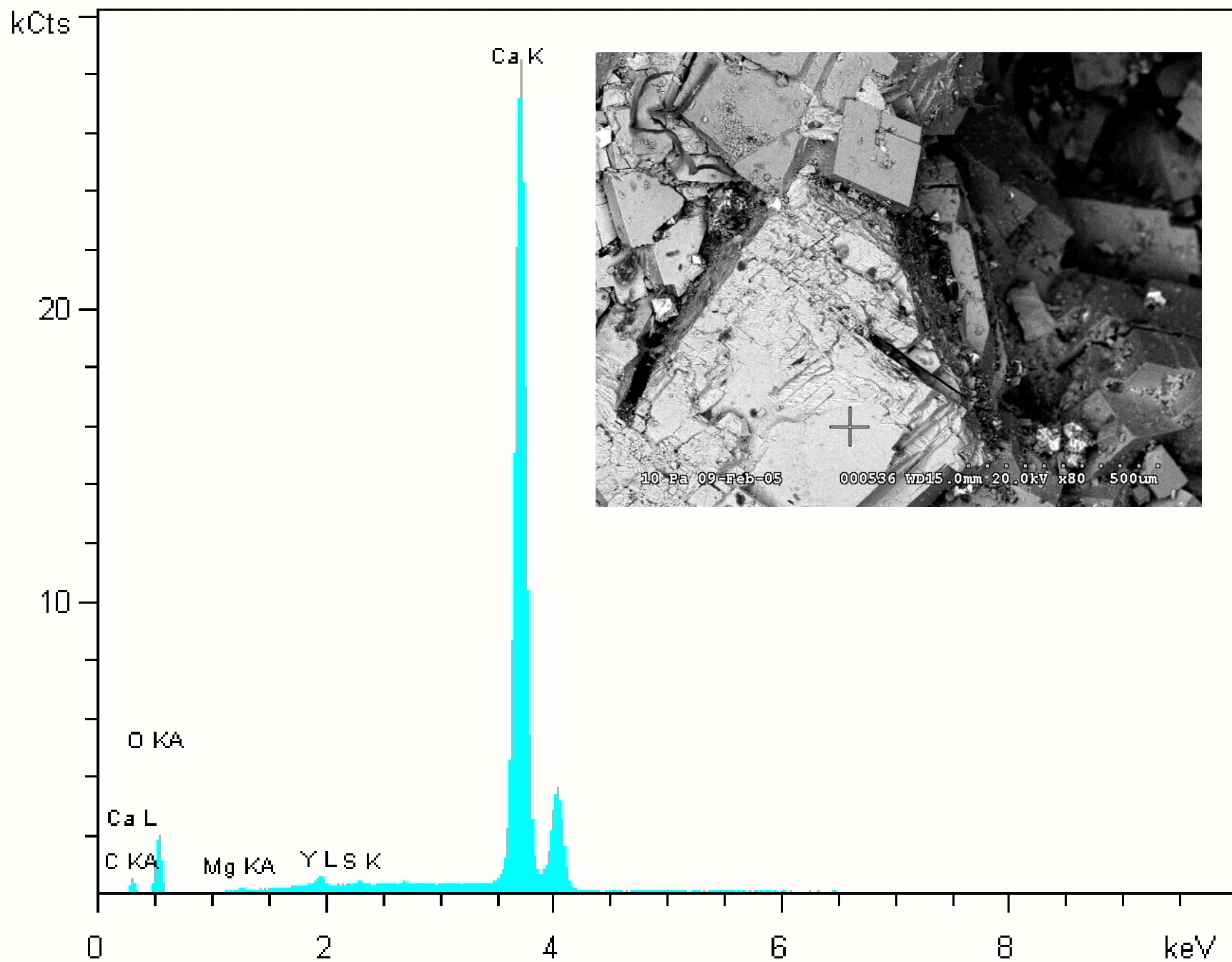
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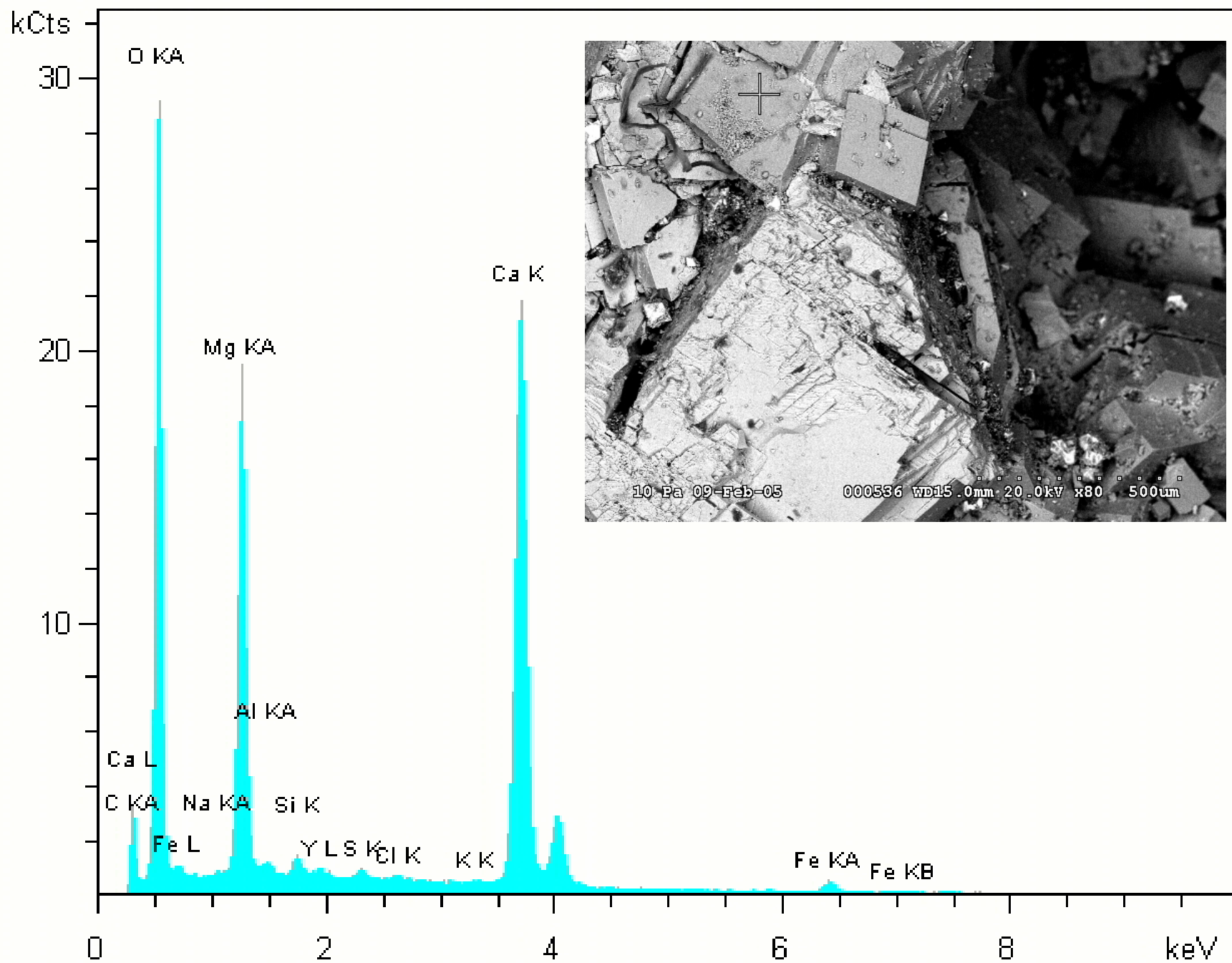
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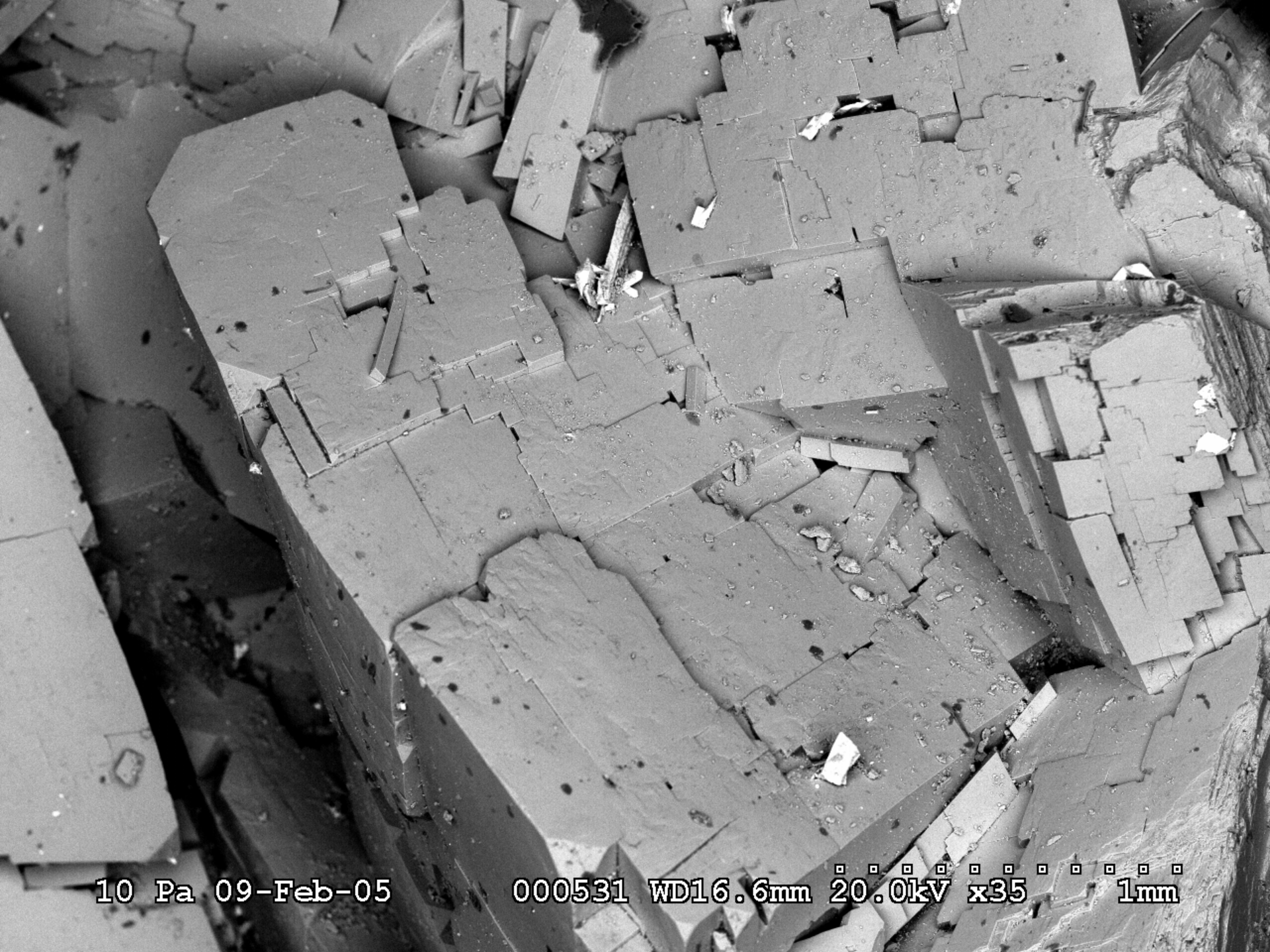
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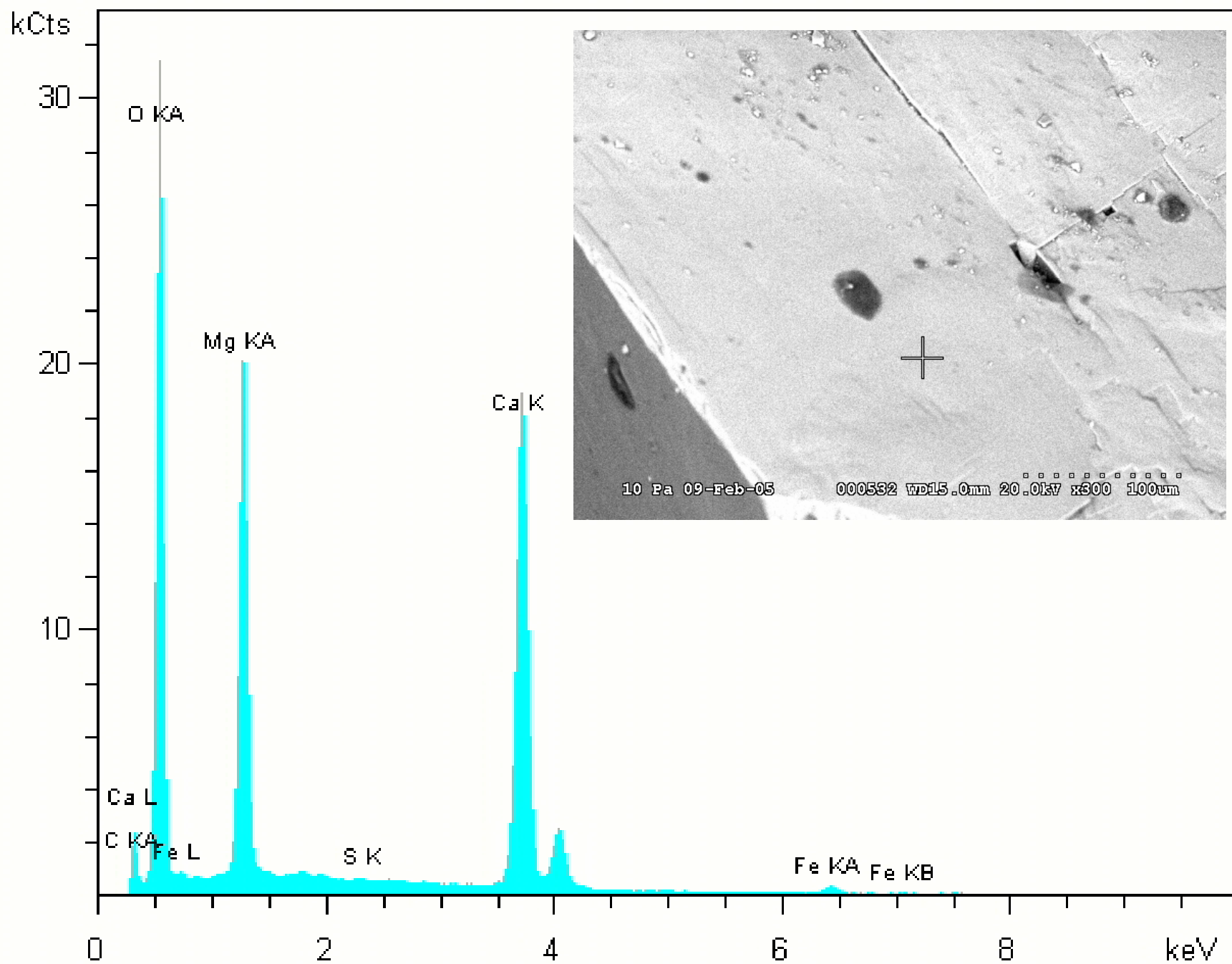


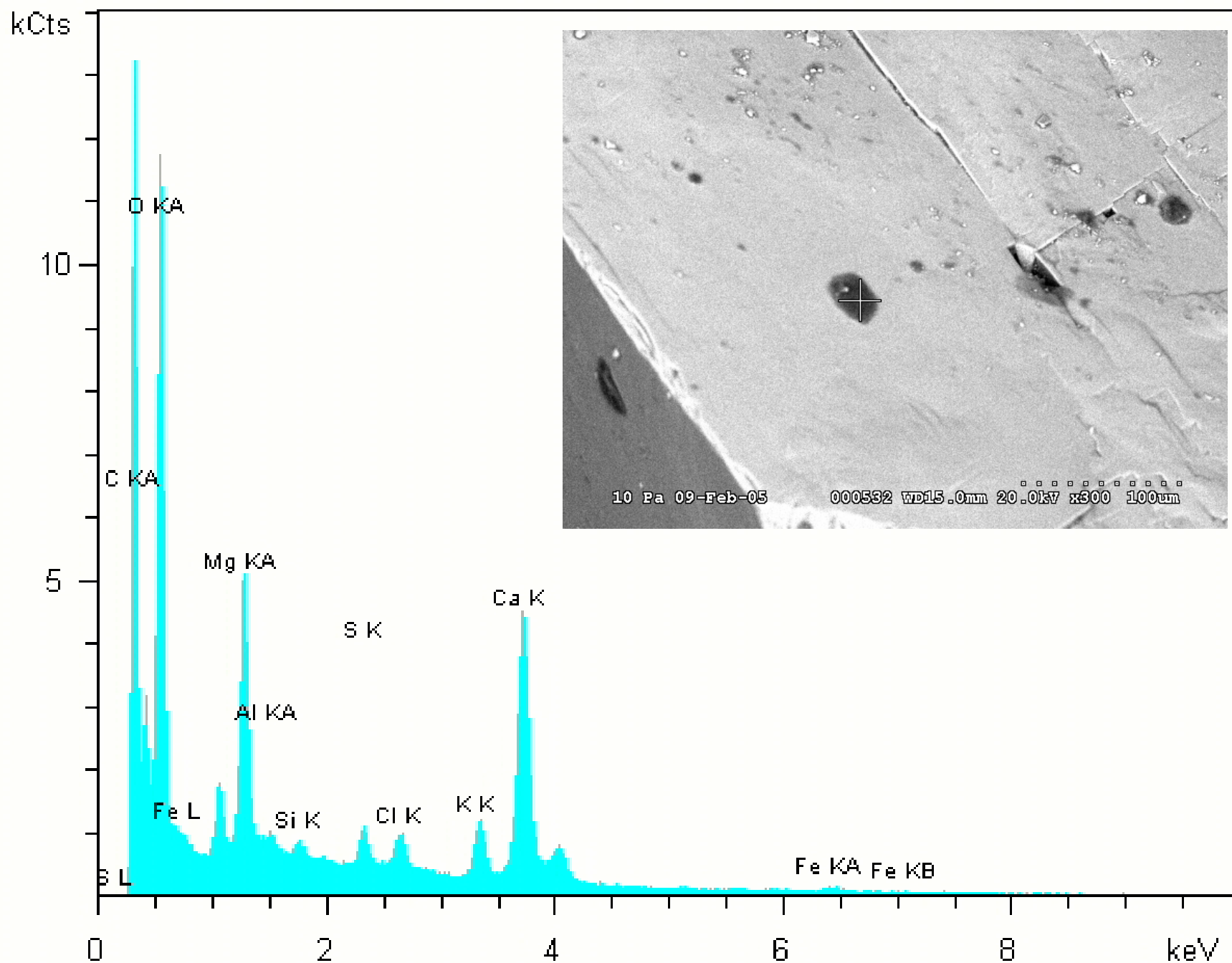


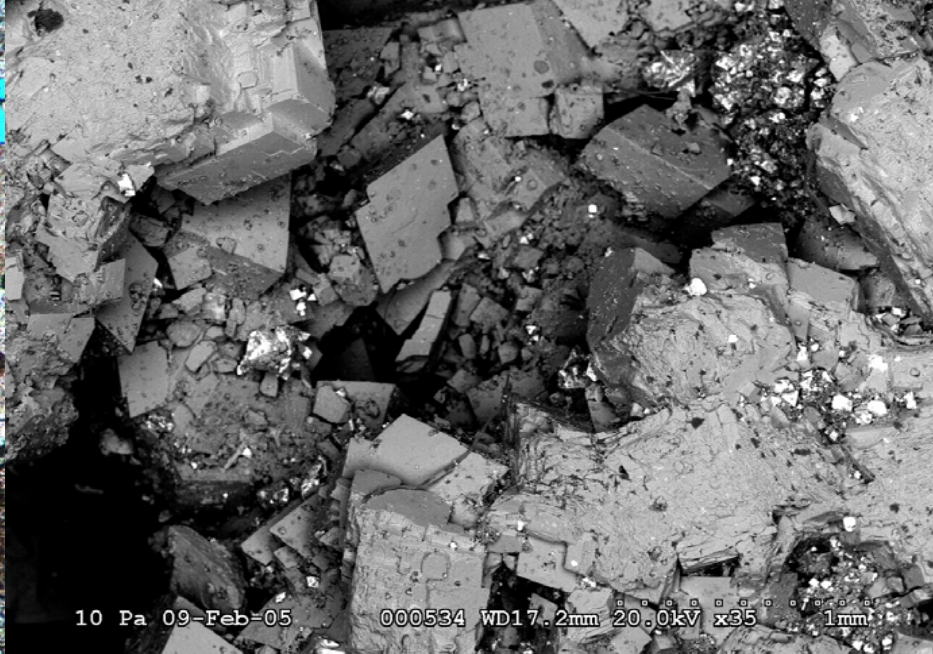
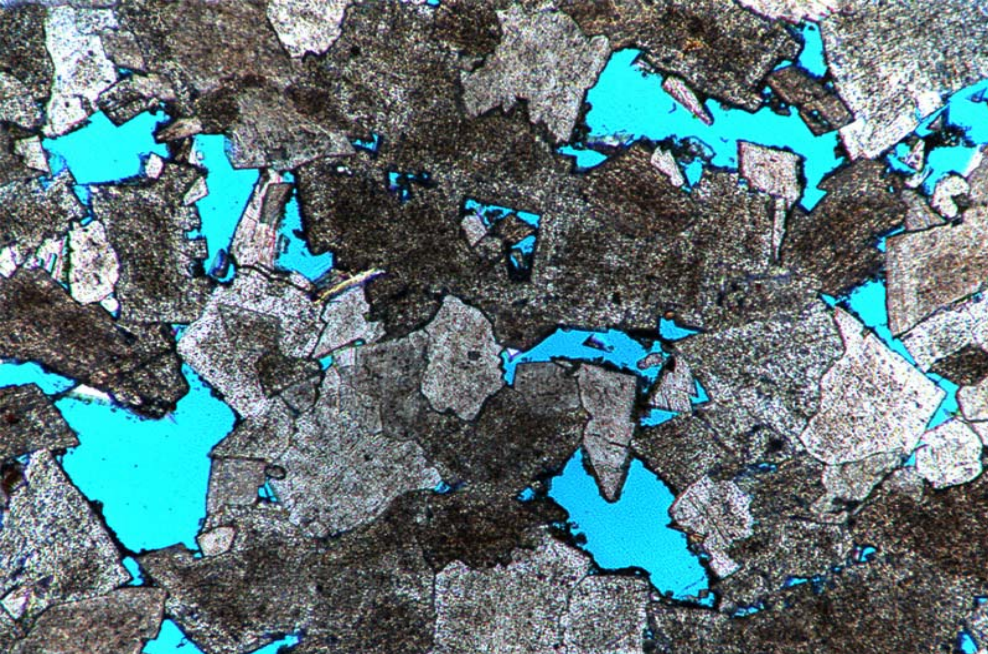


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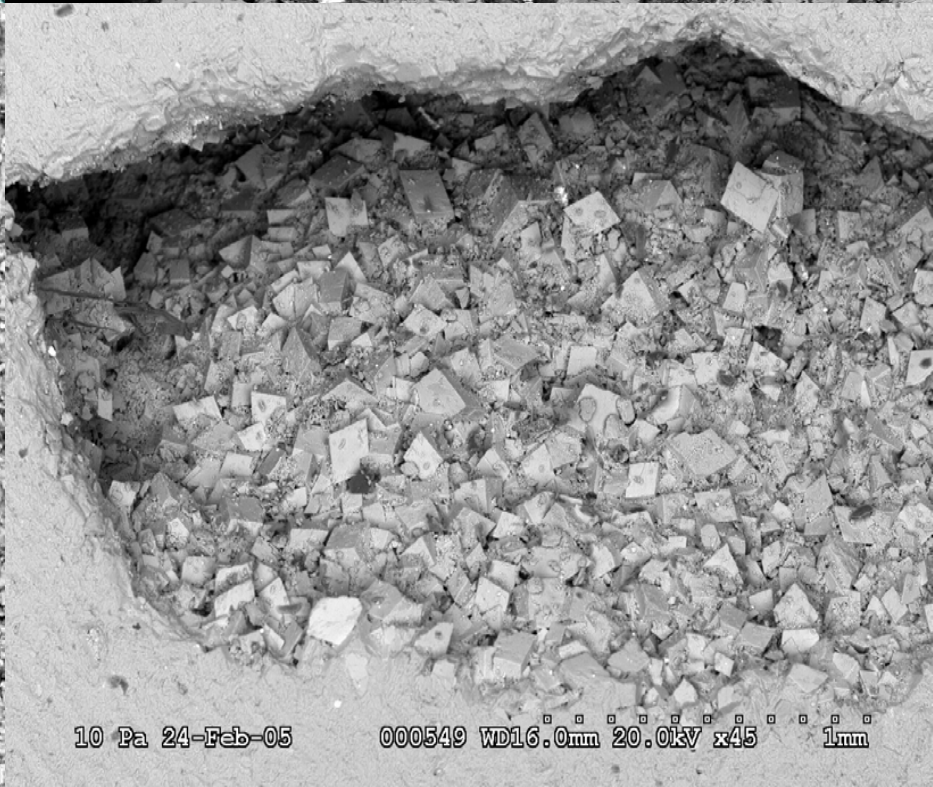
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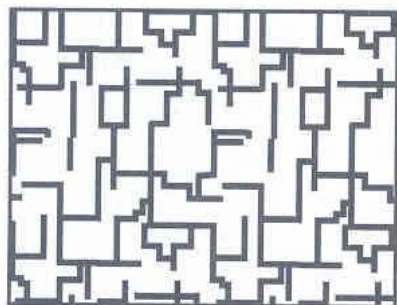
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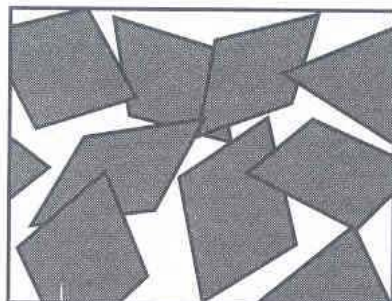


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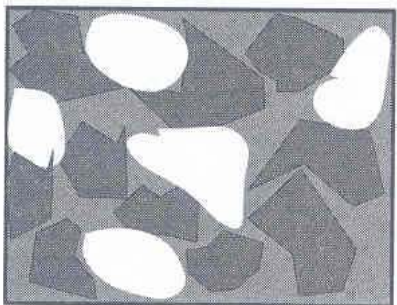
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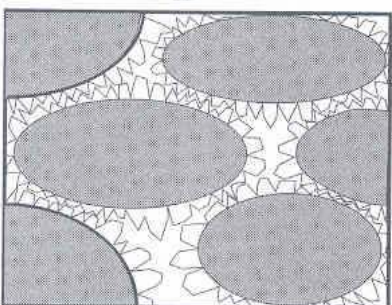
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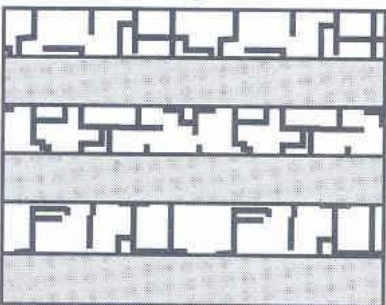
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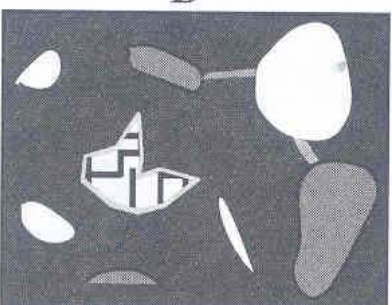
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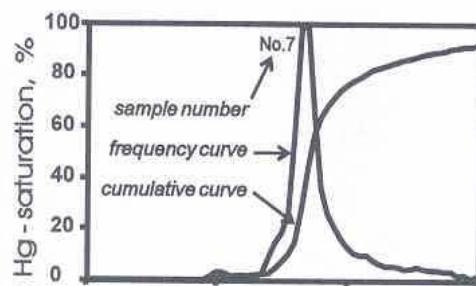
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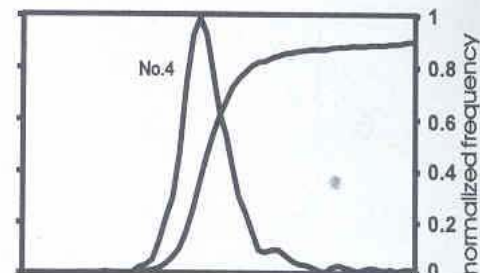
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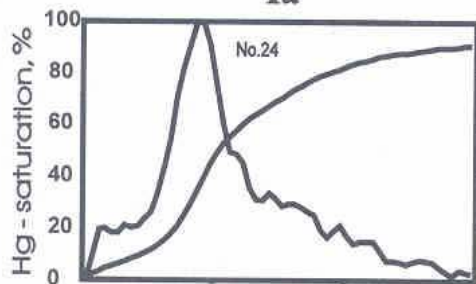
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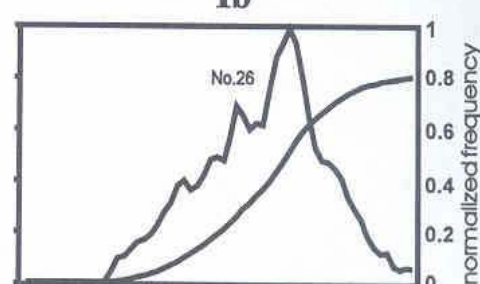
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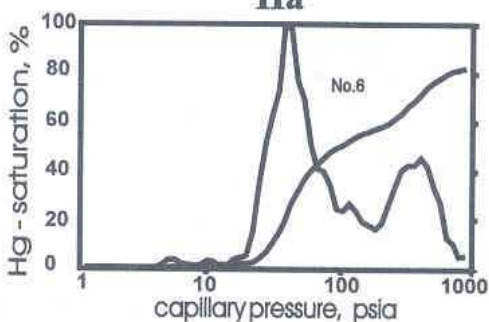
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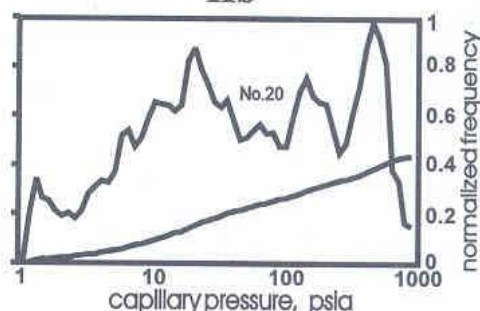
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IIb



III capillary curve types IV



intracrust
with cements



pervasively
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dolomite rhomb



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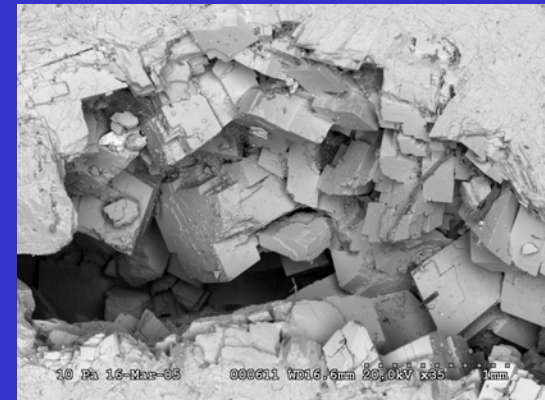
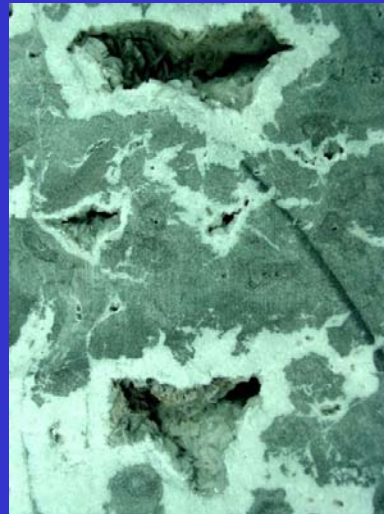
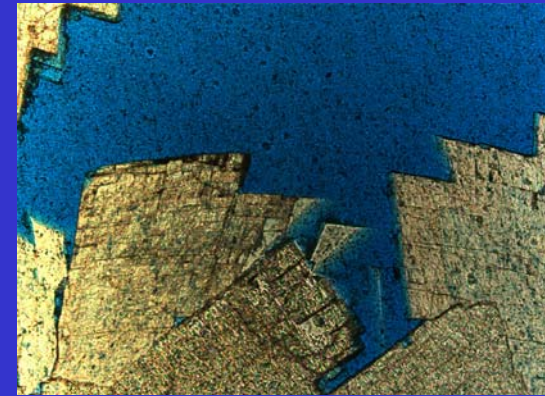
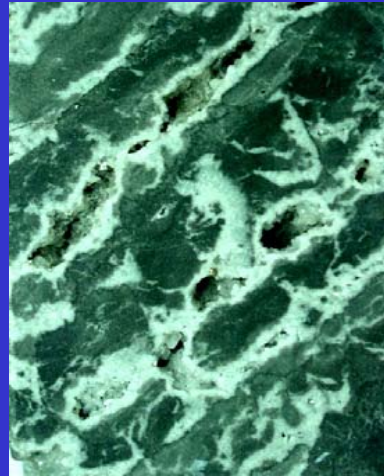


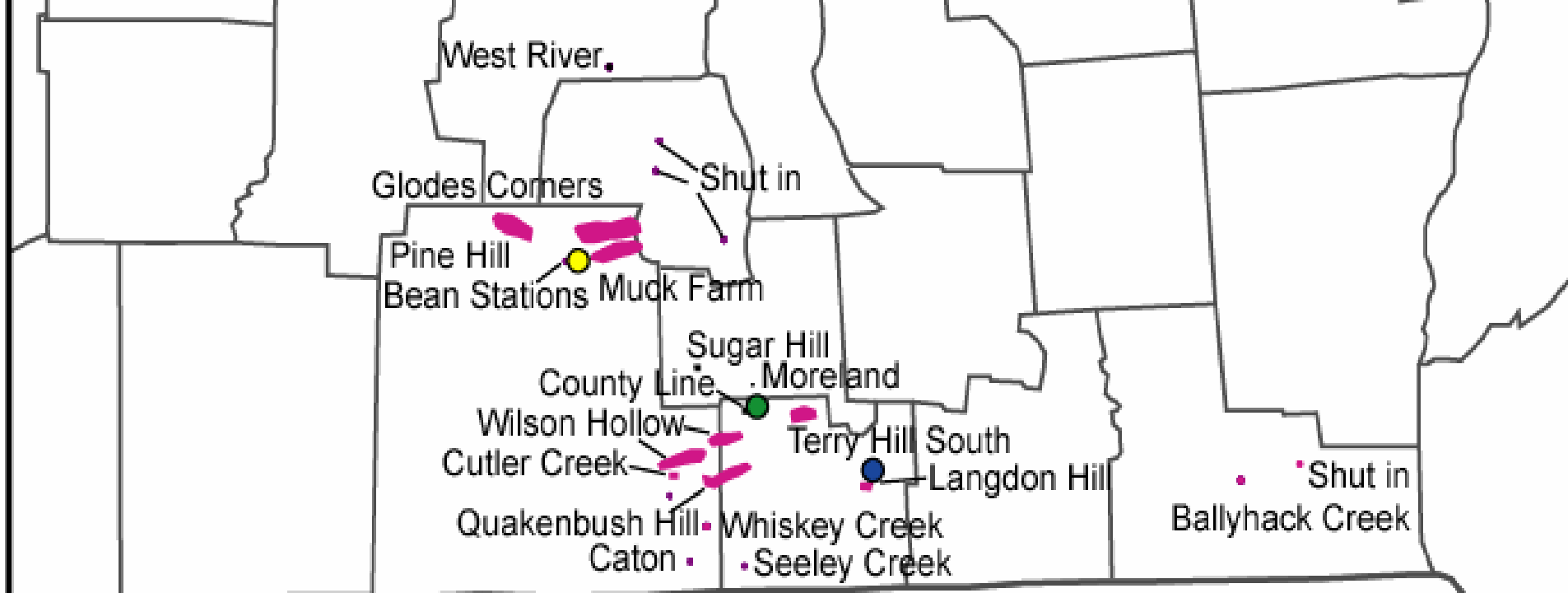
DOLOWACKESTONES AND DOLOMUDSTONES

- 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



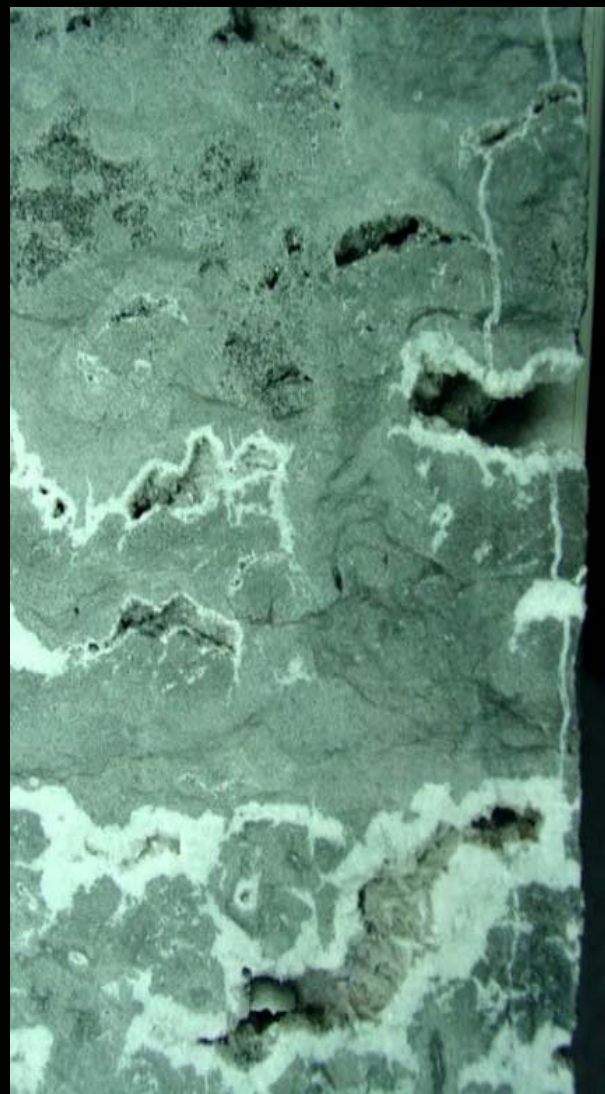


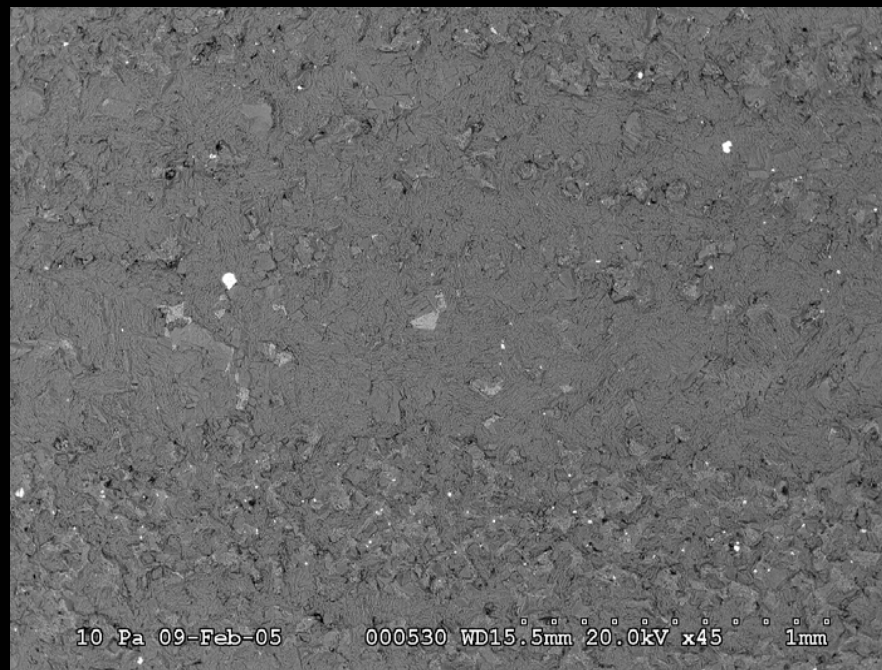
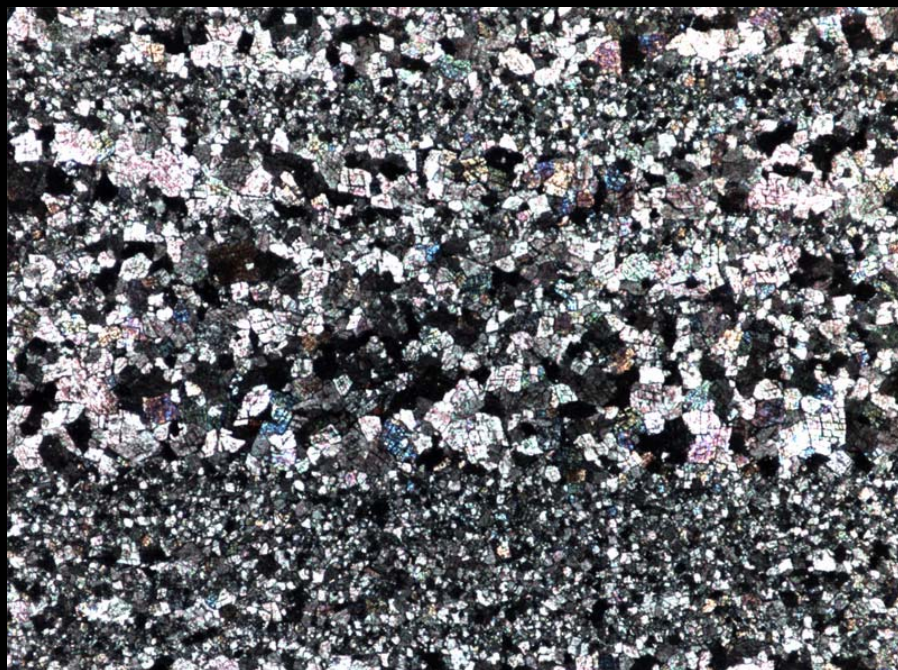
■ Trenton Black River Hydrothermal Dolomite Fields

● Gray #1 Core

● Whiteman #1 Core

● Matejka #1 Core





DOLOMITIZED, BIOTURBATED MUDSTONE AND WACKESTONE

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OH3372/1860 ft.





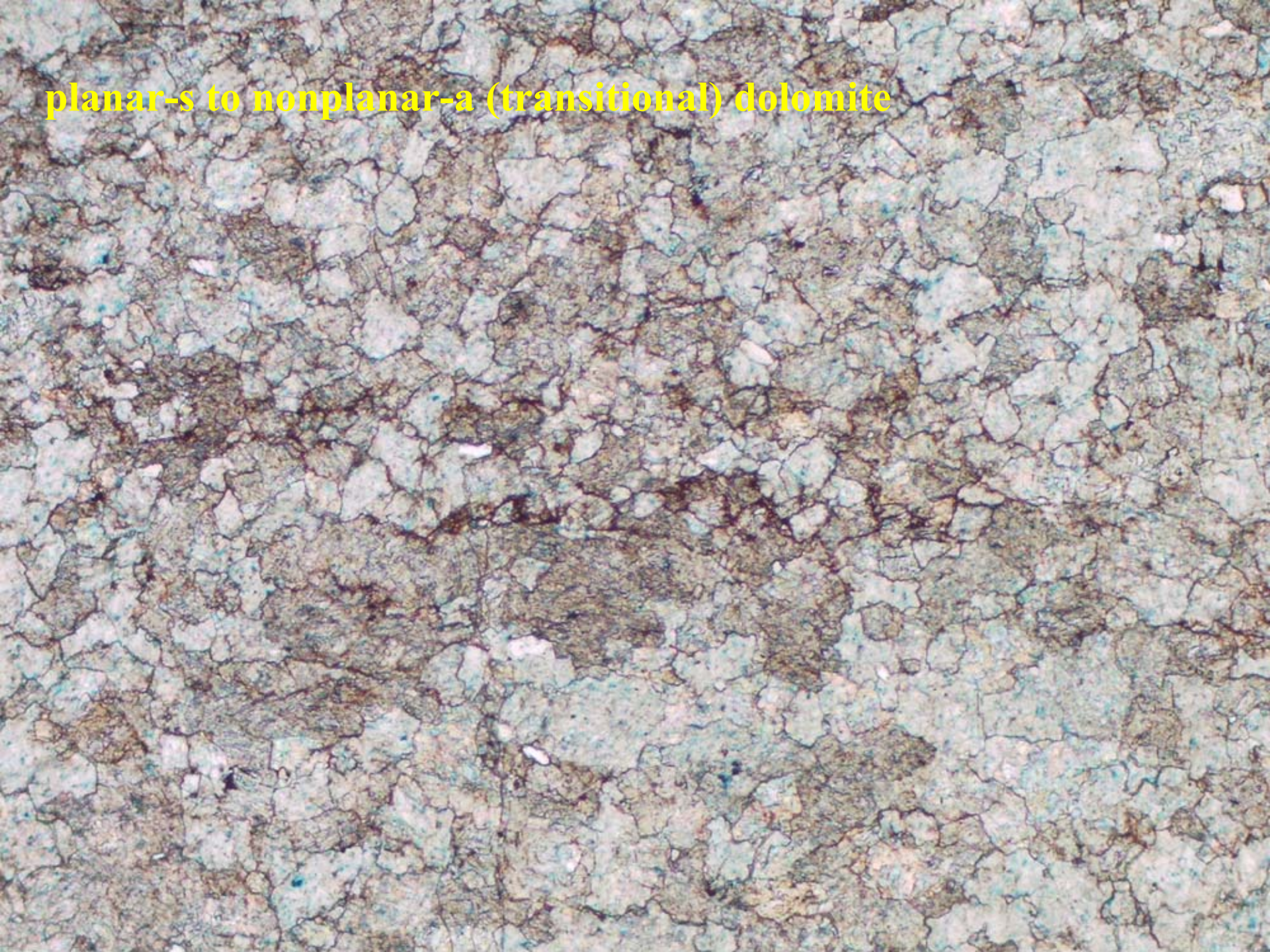
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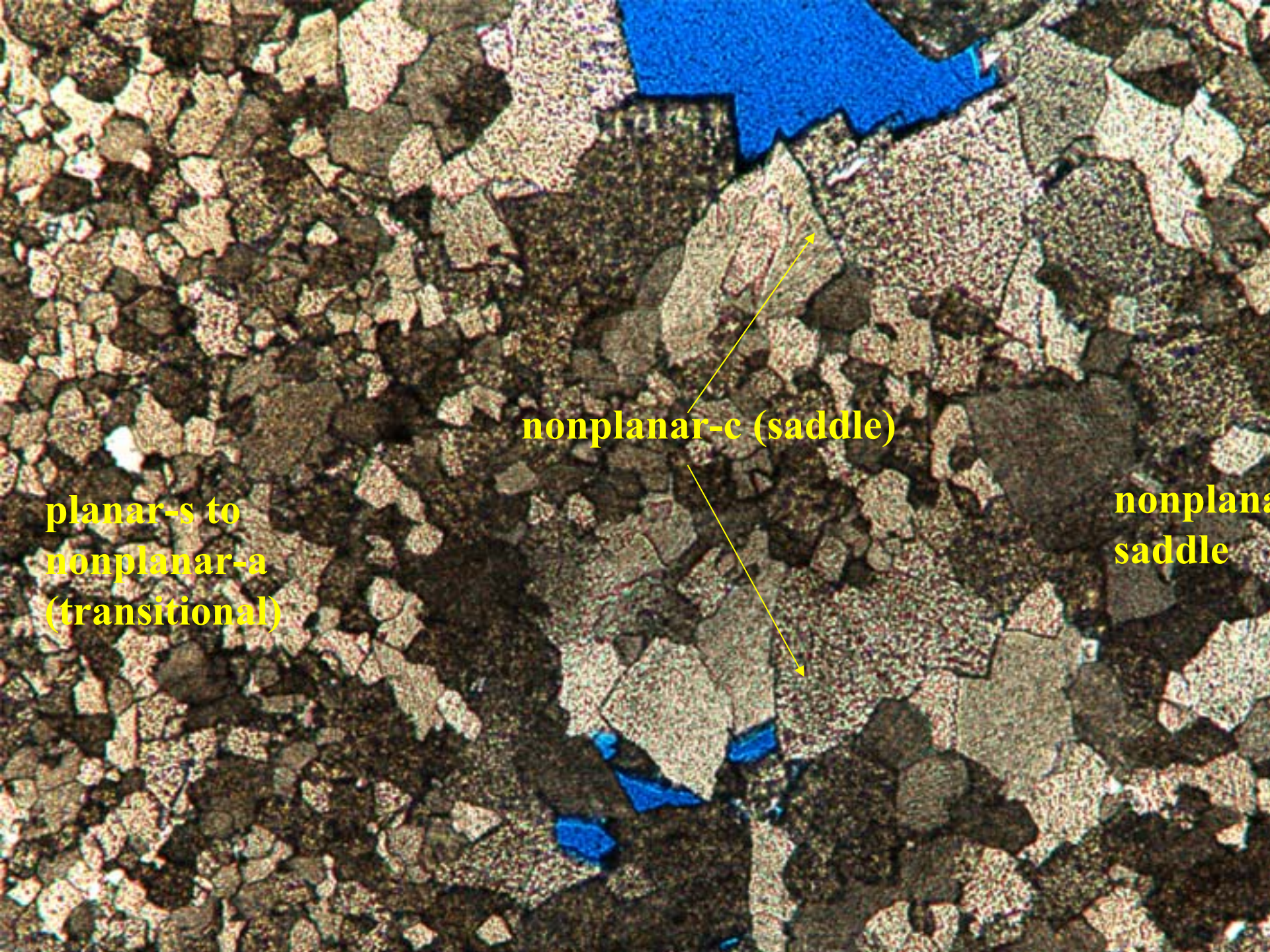
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**Bioturbated
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Gray #1 well, Steuben
Co., NY**



planar-s to nonplanar-a (transitional) dolomite

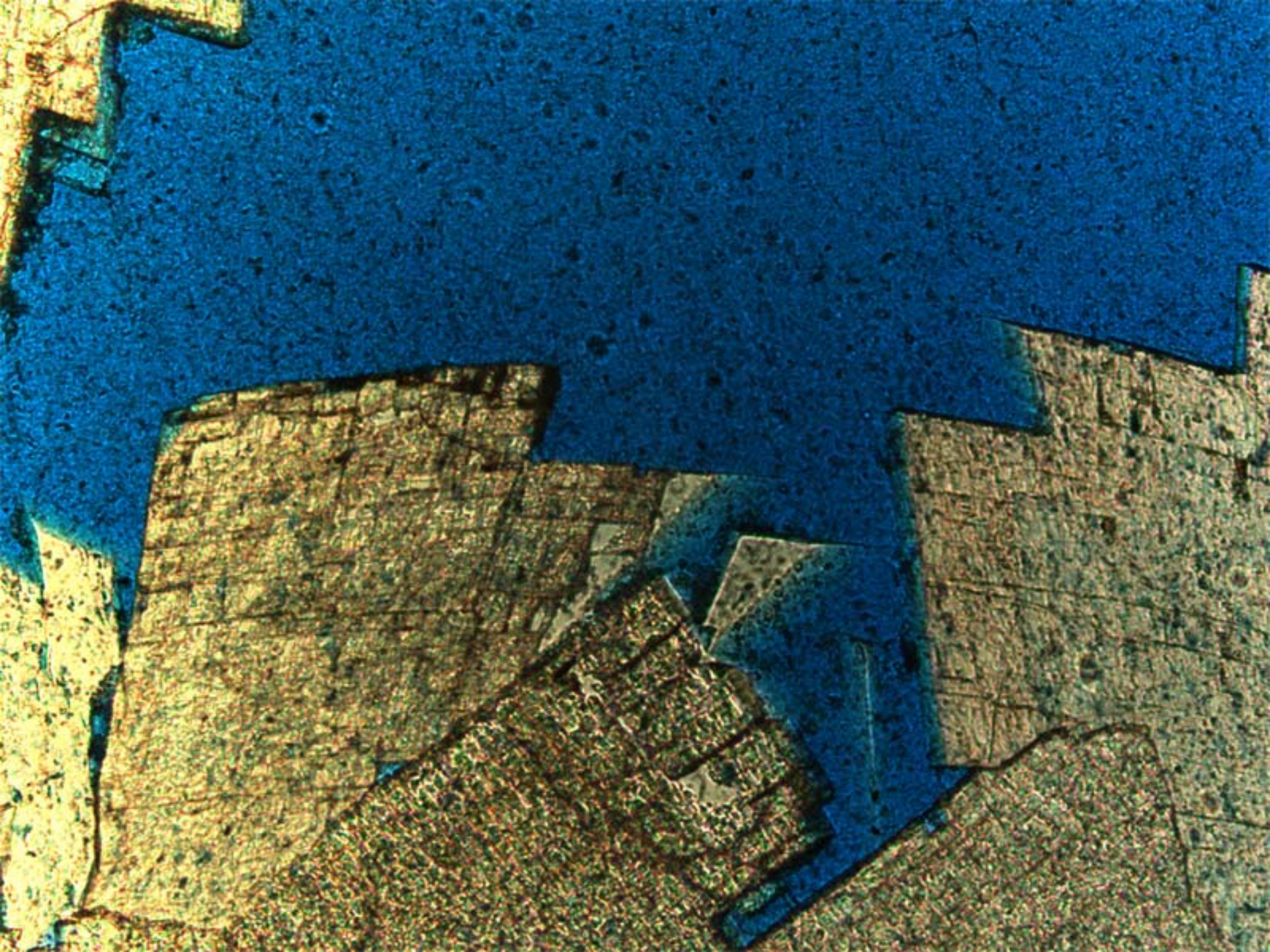


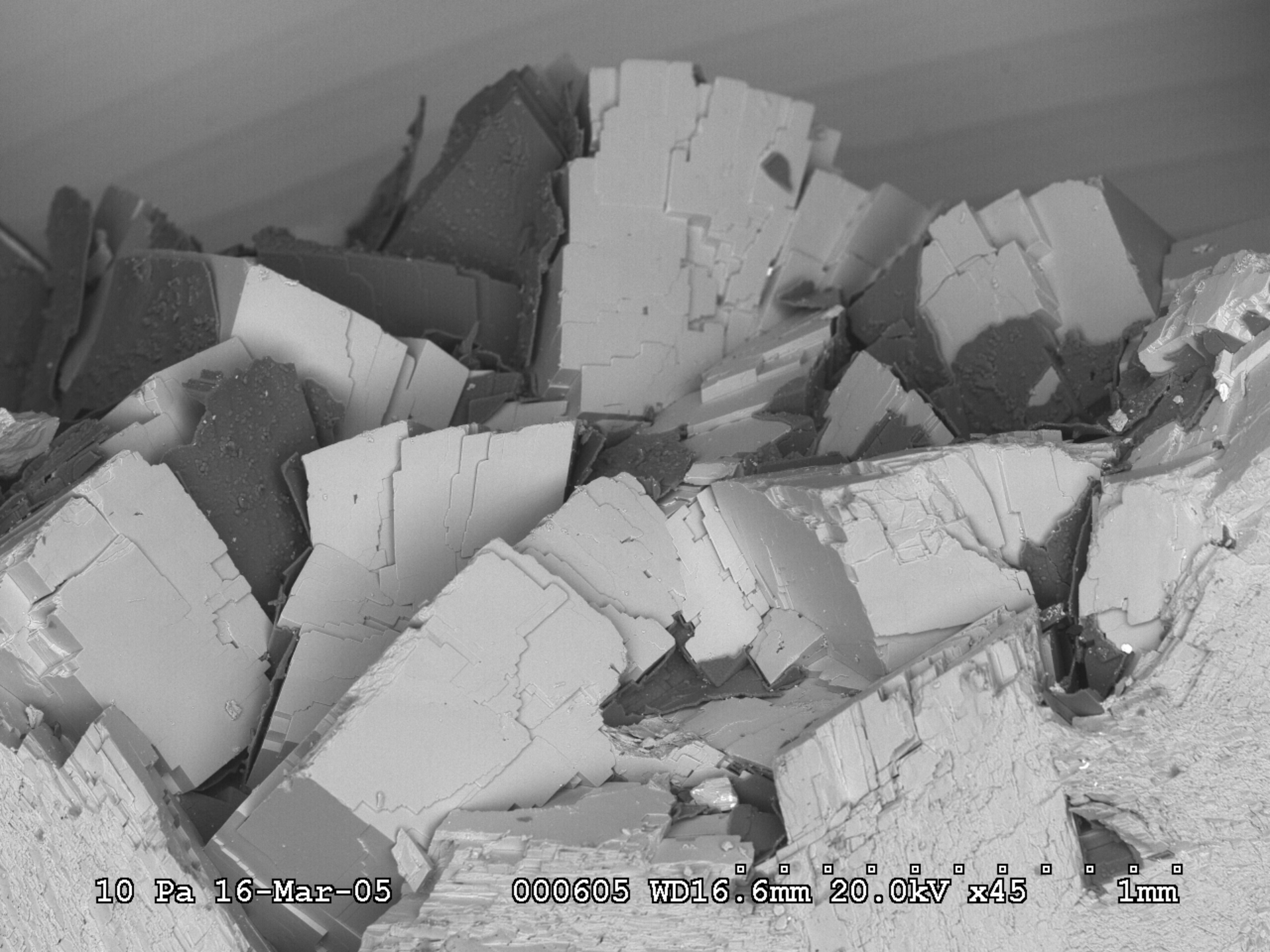


**planar-s to
nonplanar-a
(transitional)**

nonplanar-c (saddle)

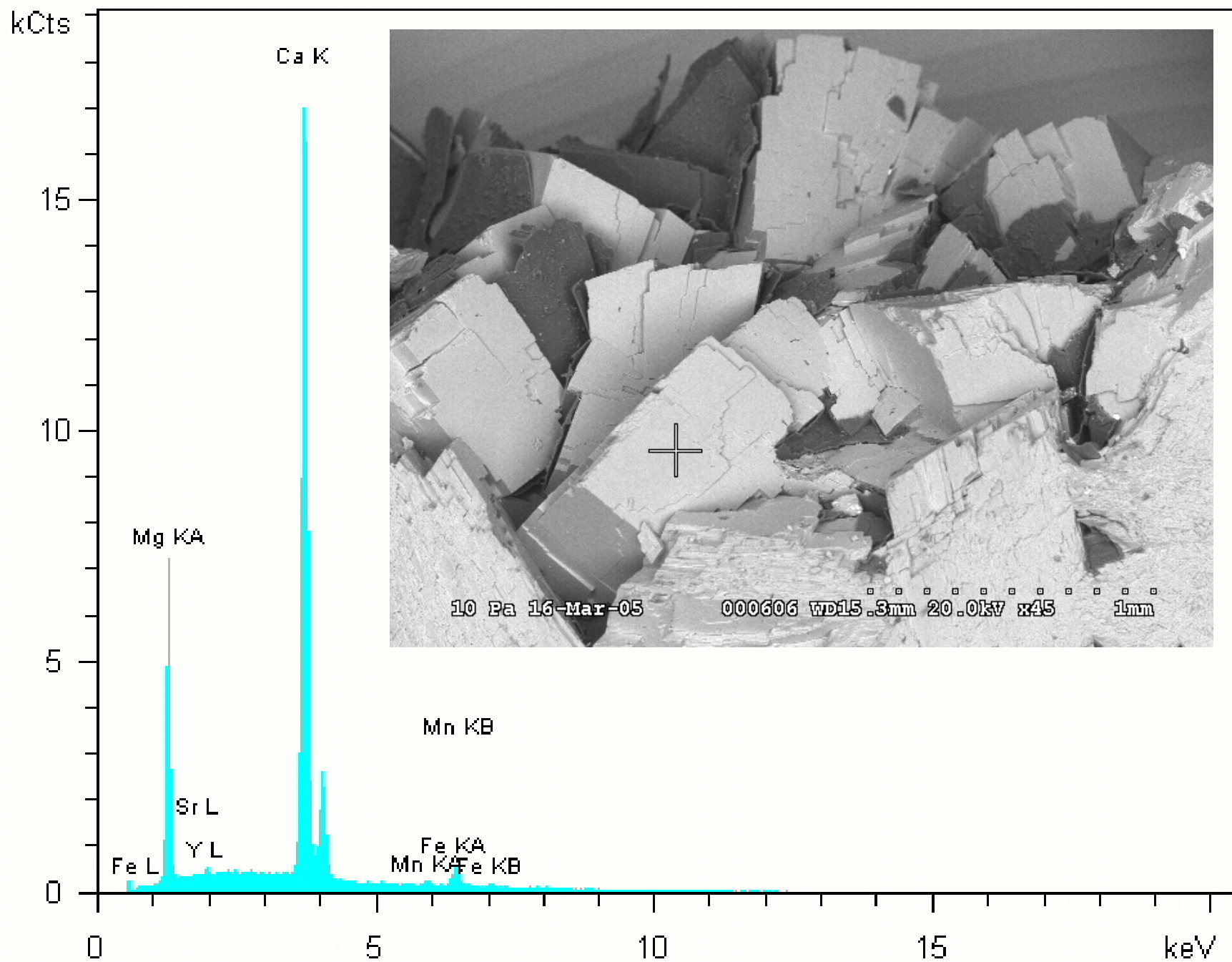
**nonplanar
saddle**

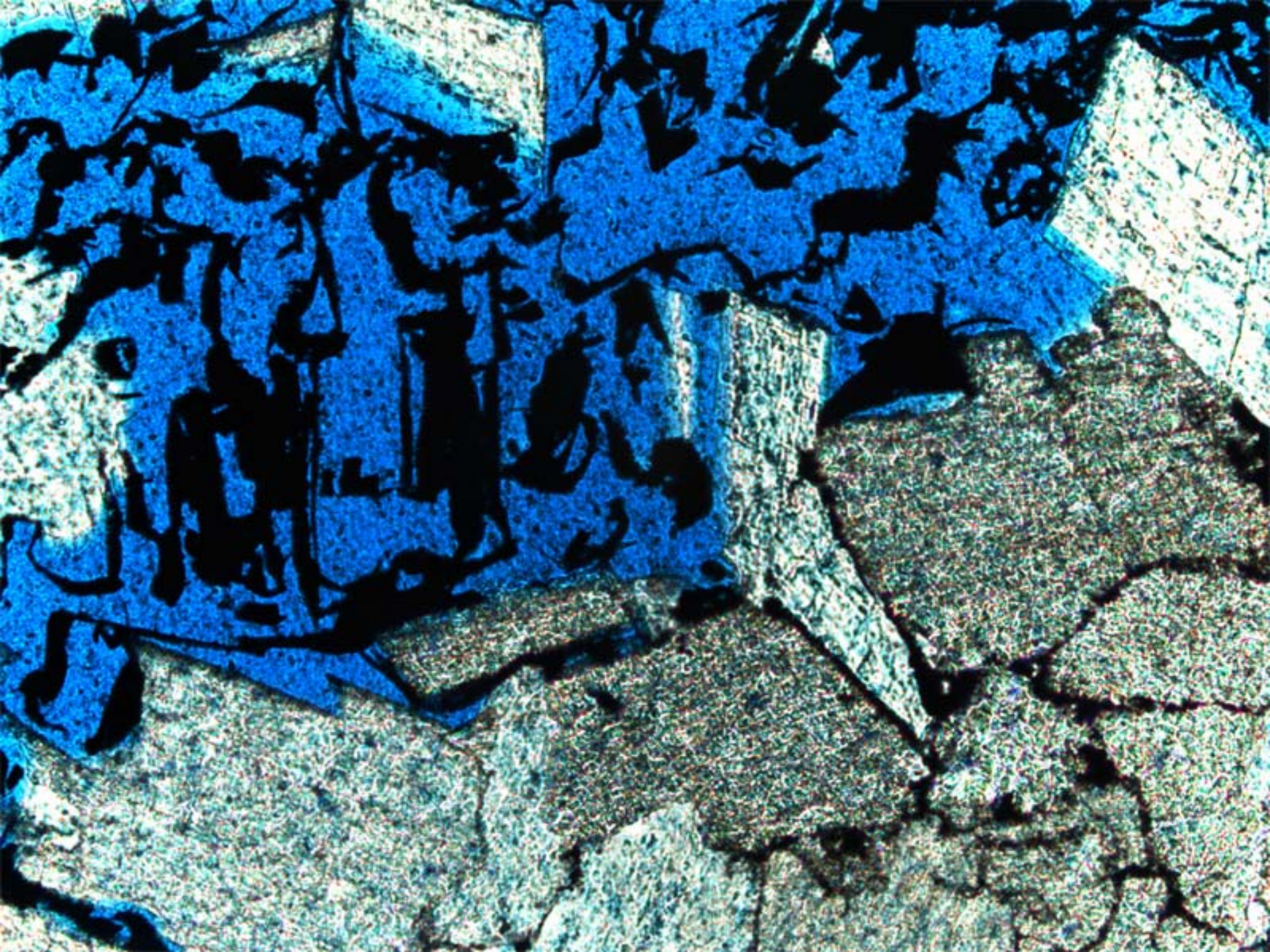


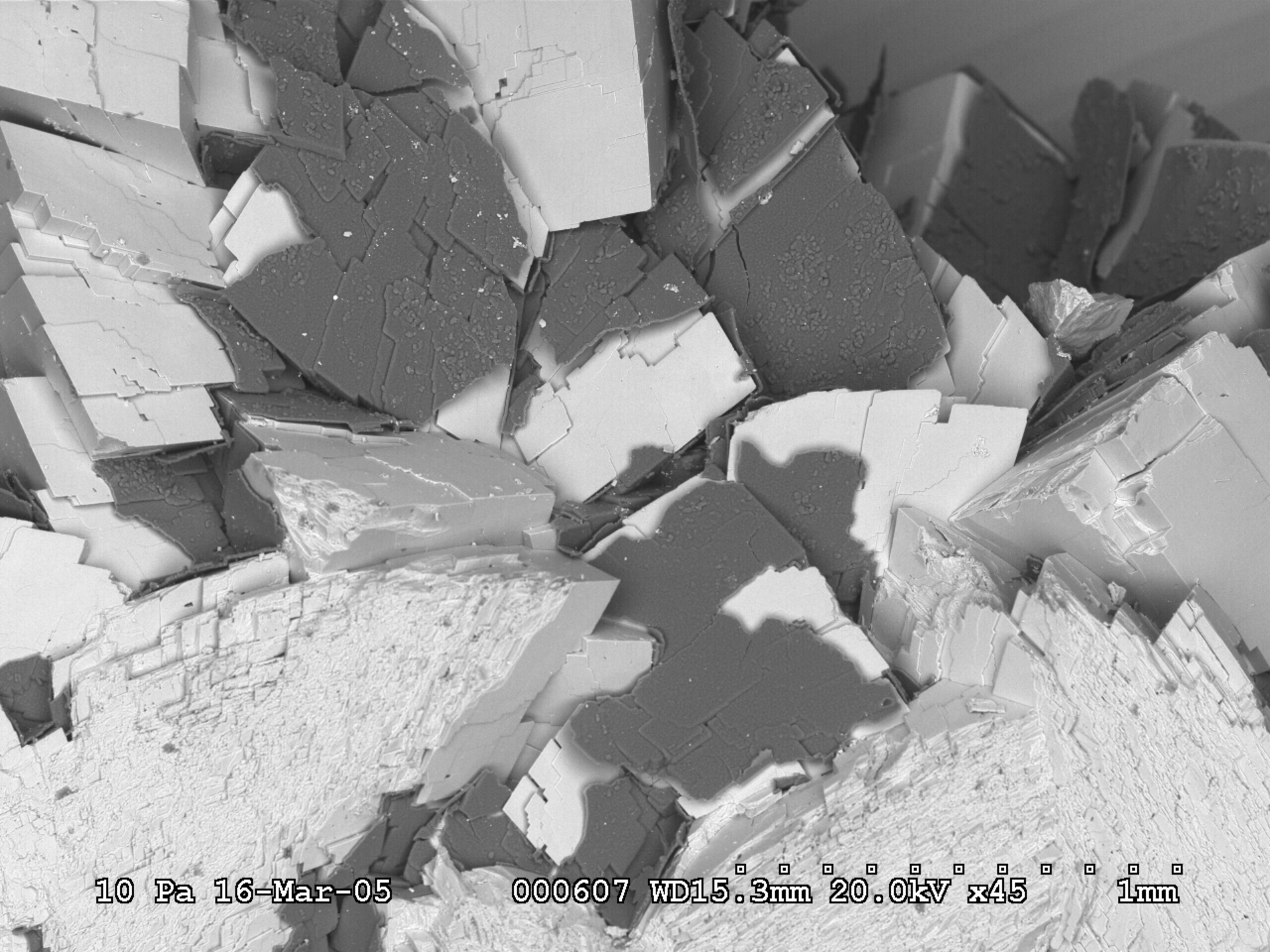


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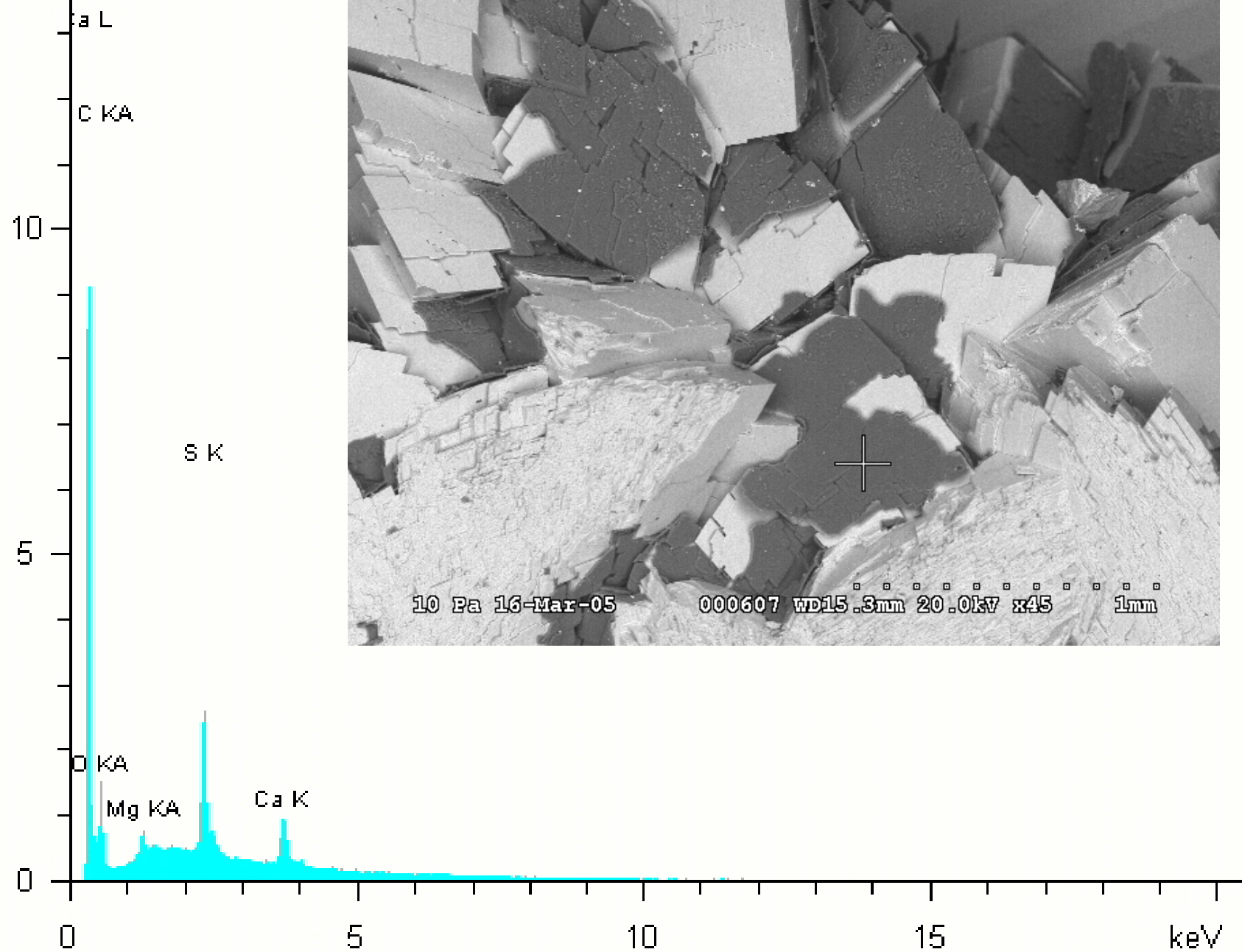


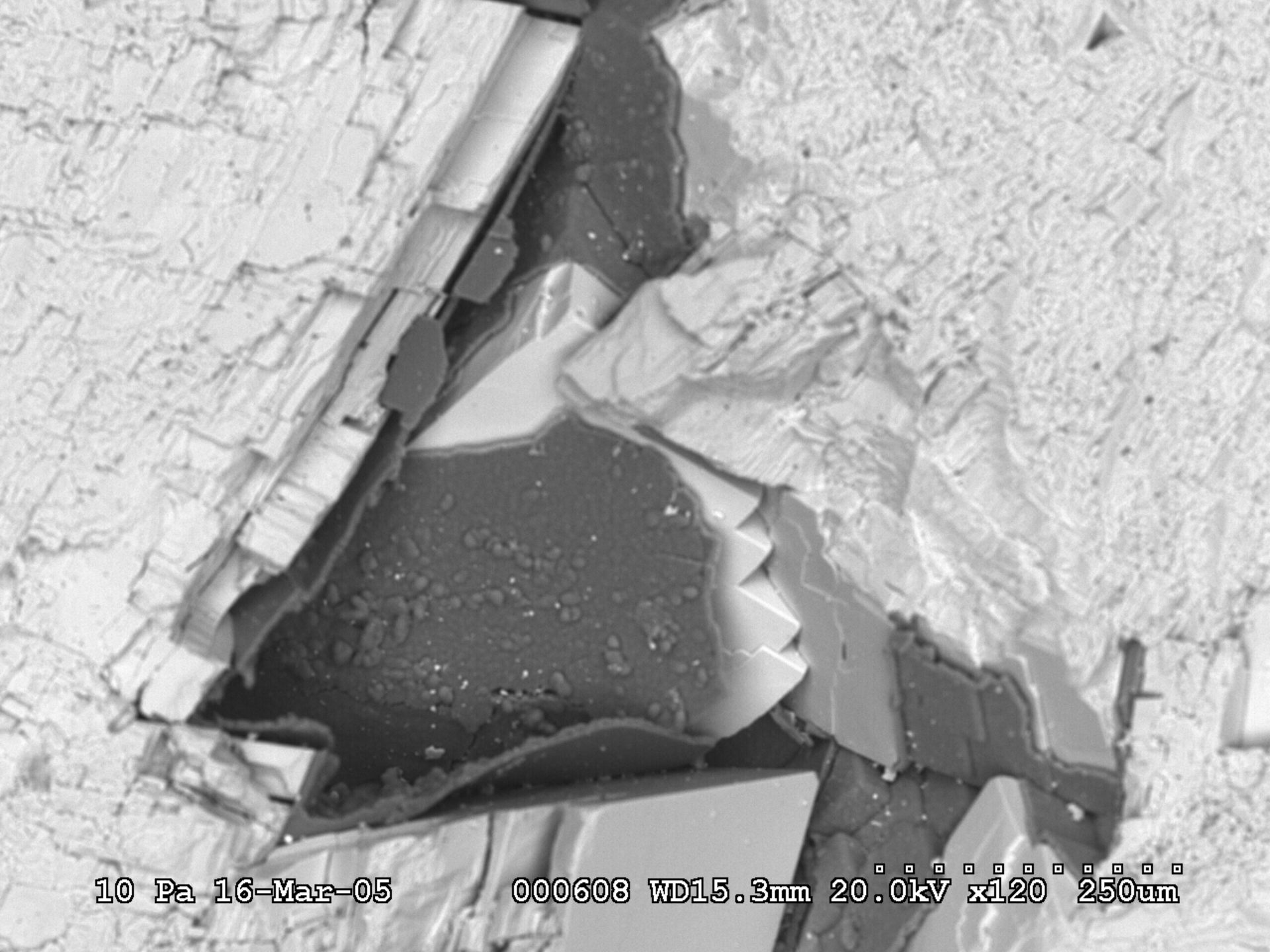


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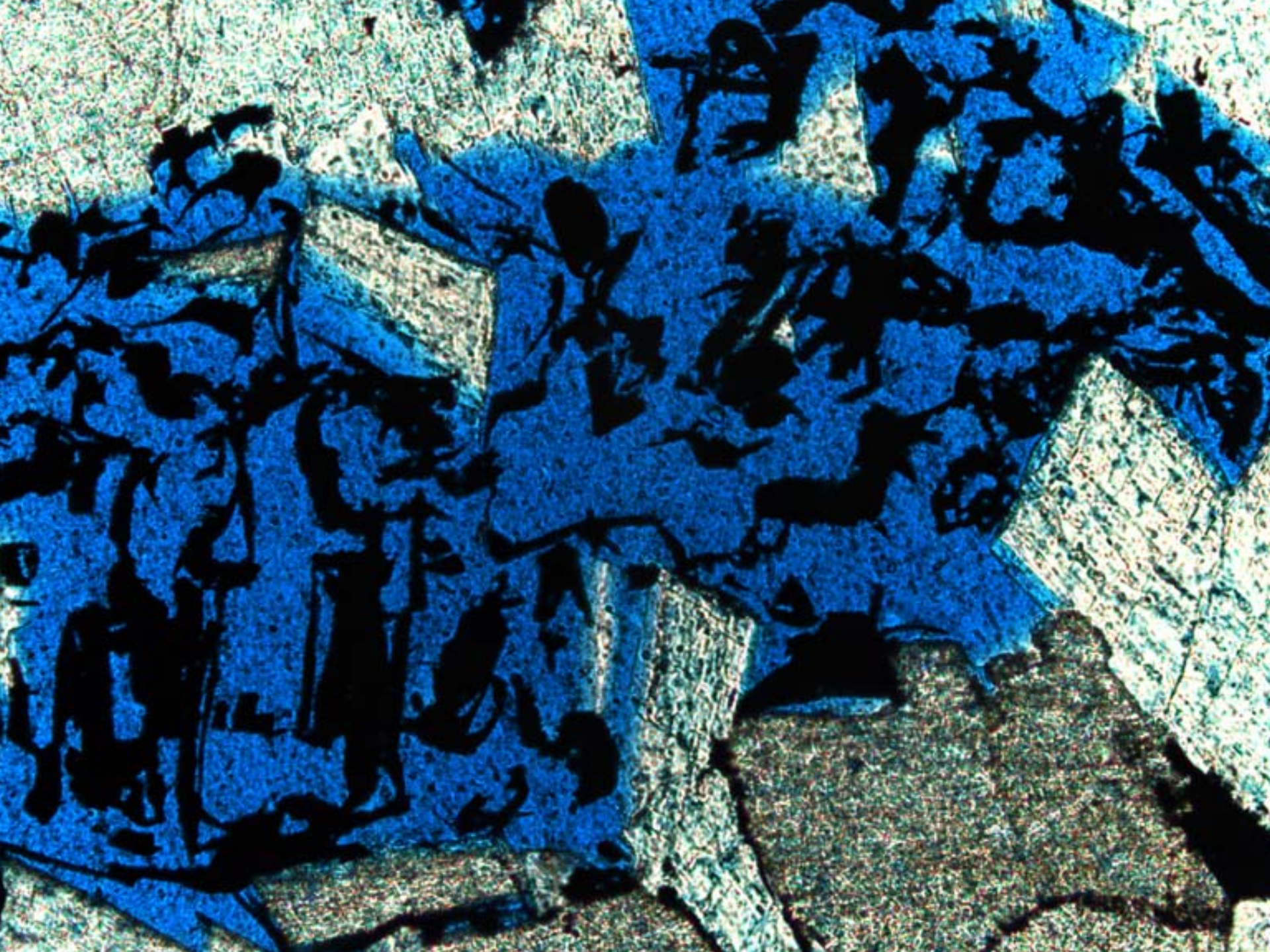
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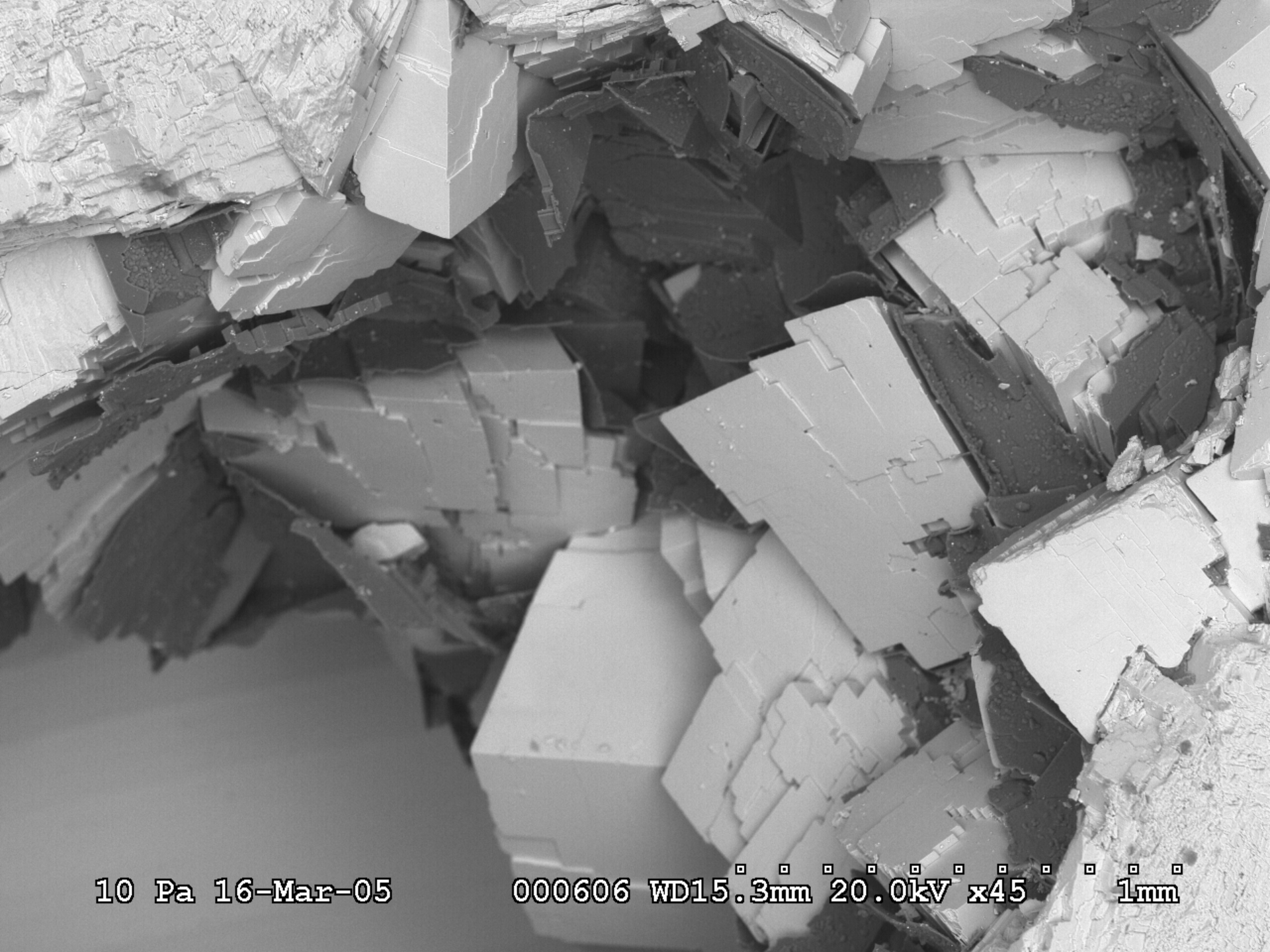




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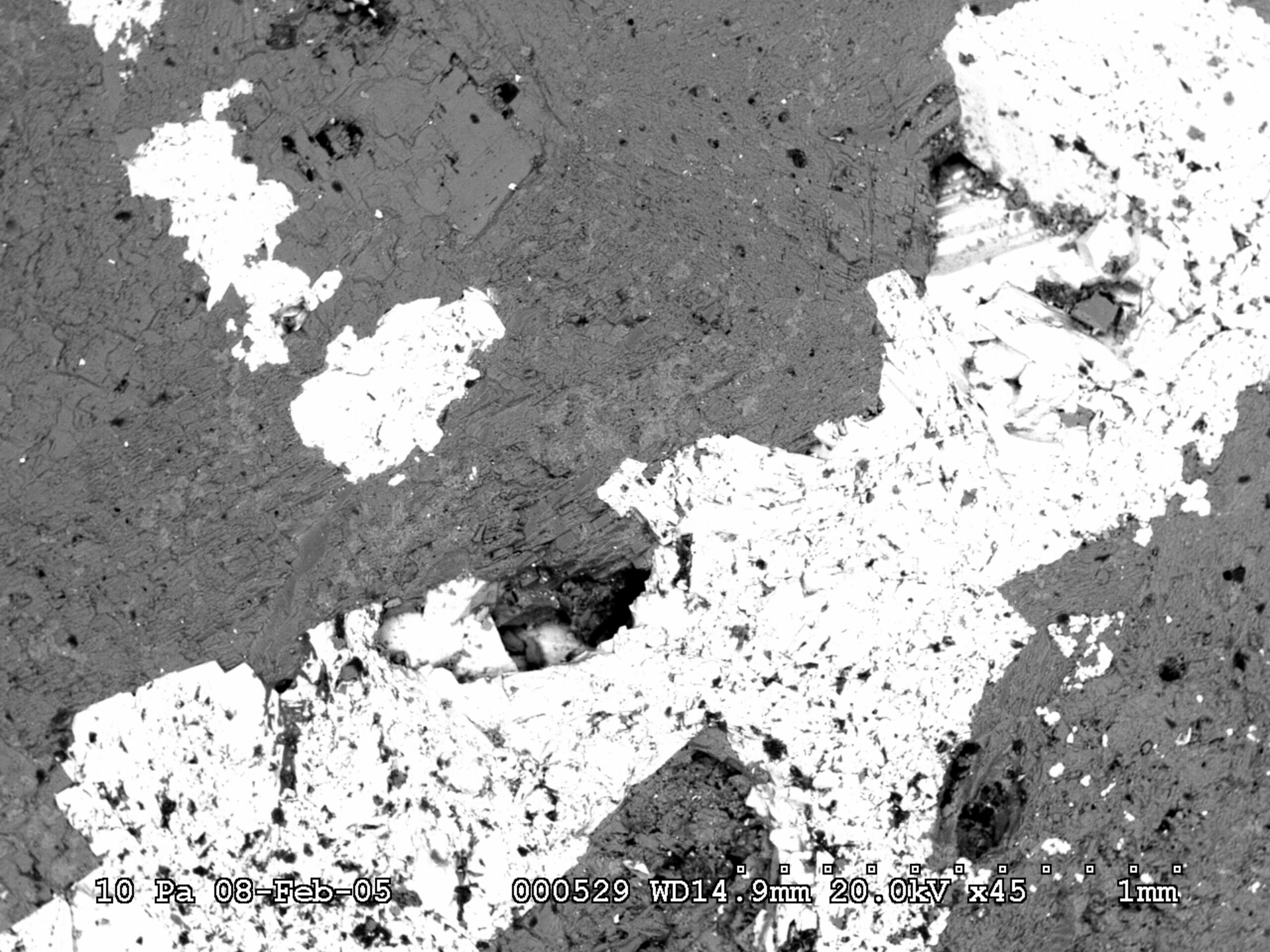
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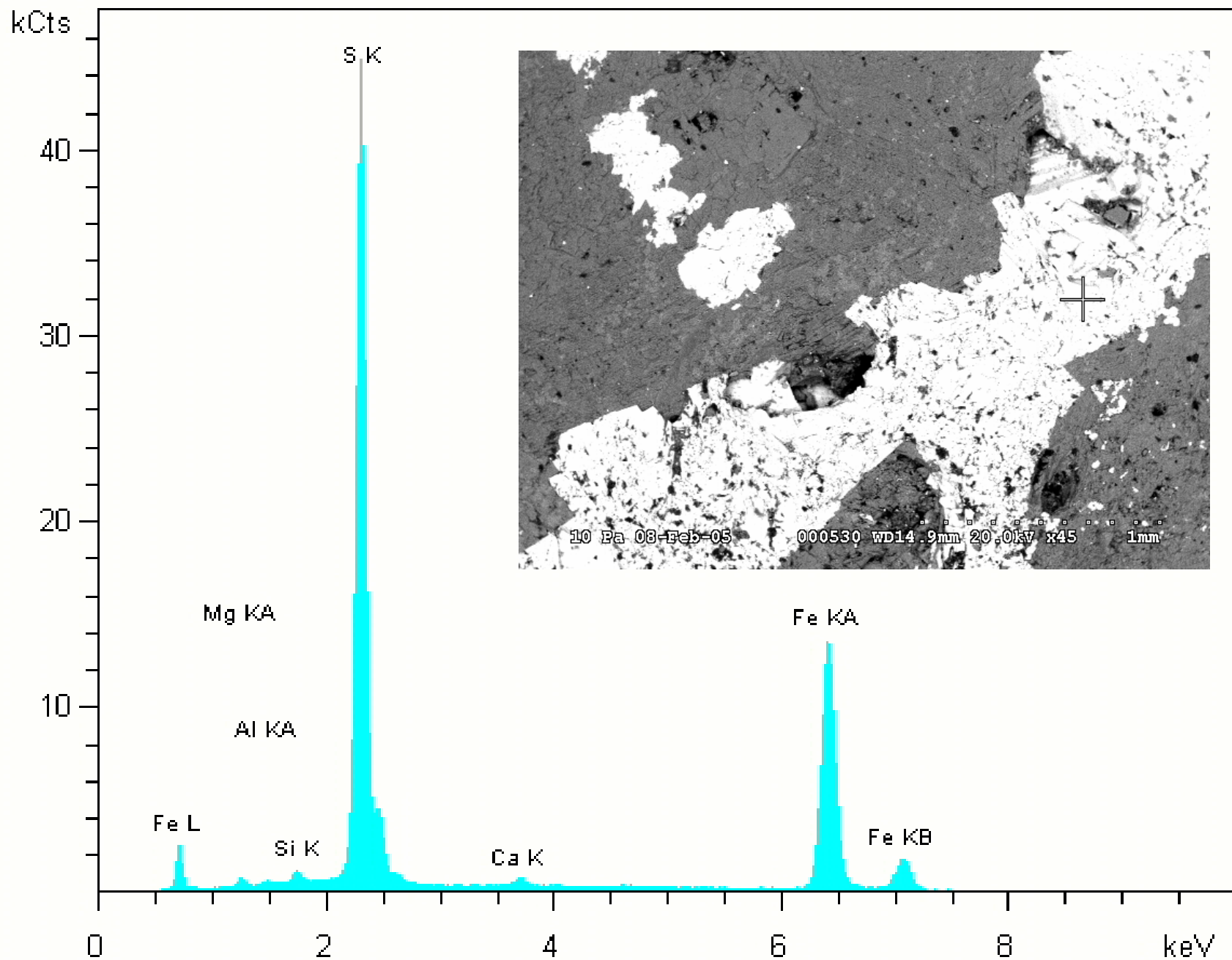
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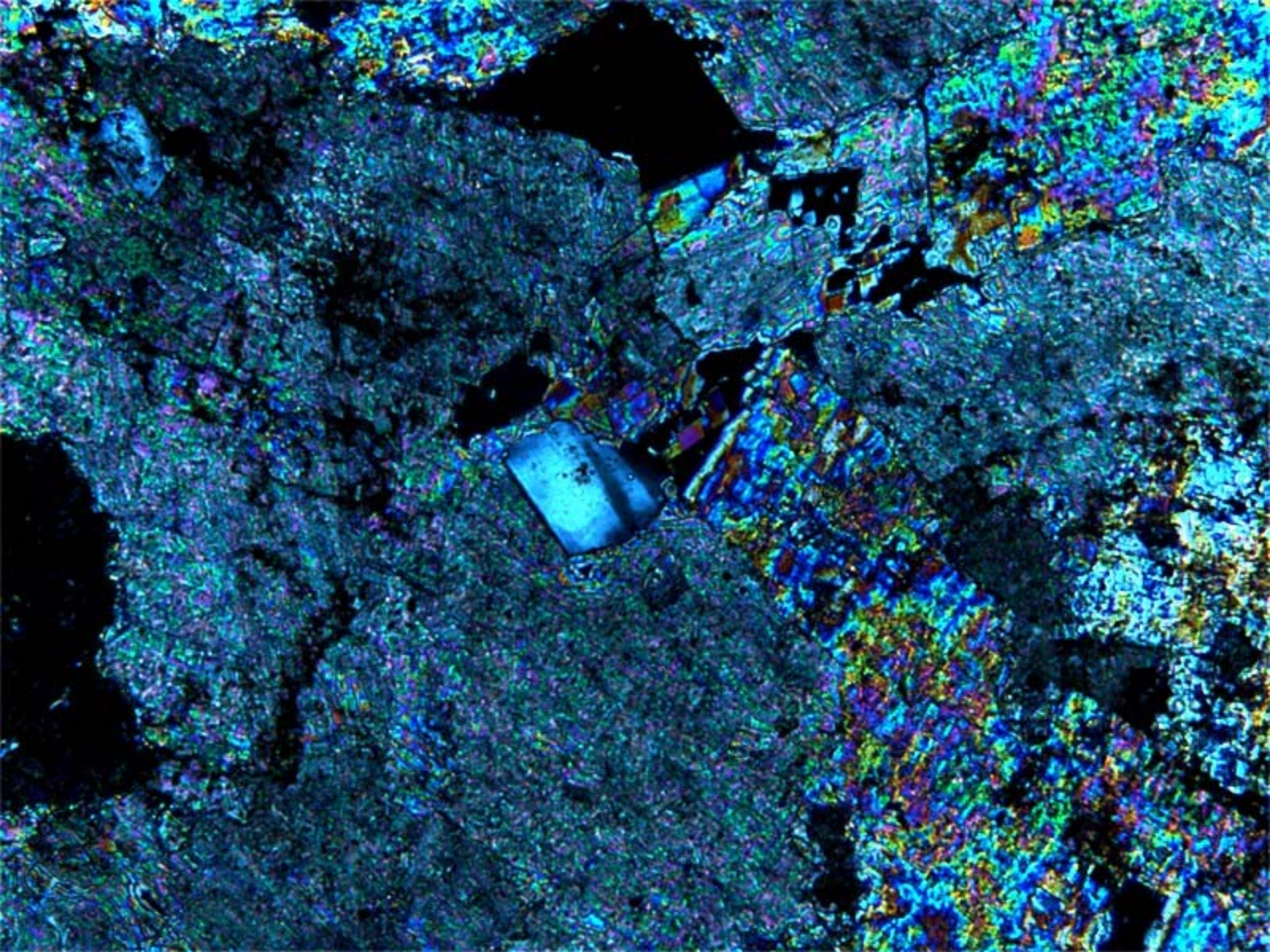
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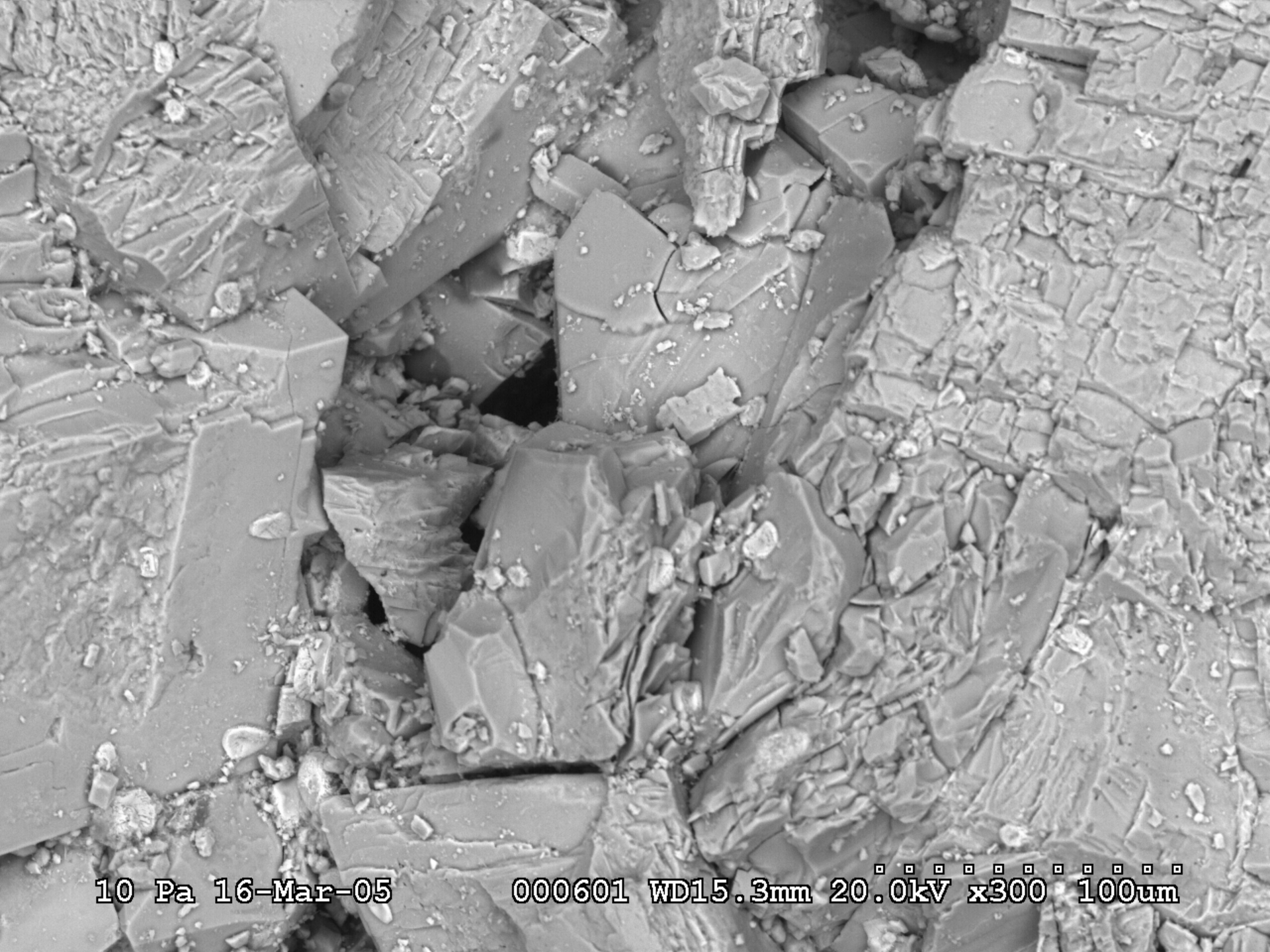




**Late-stage quartz
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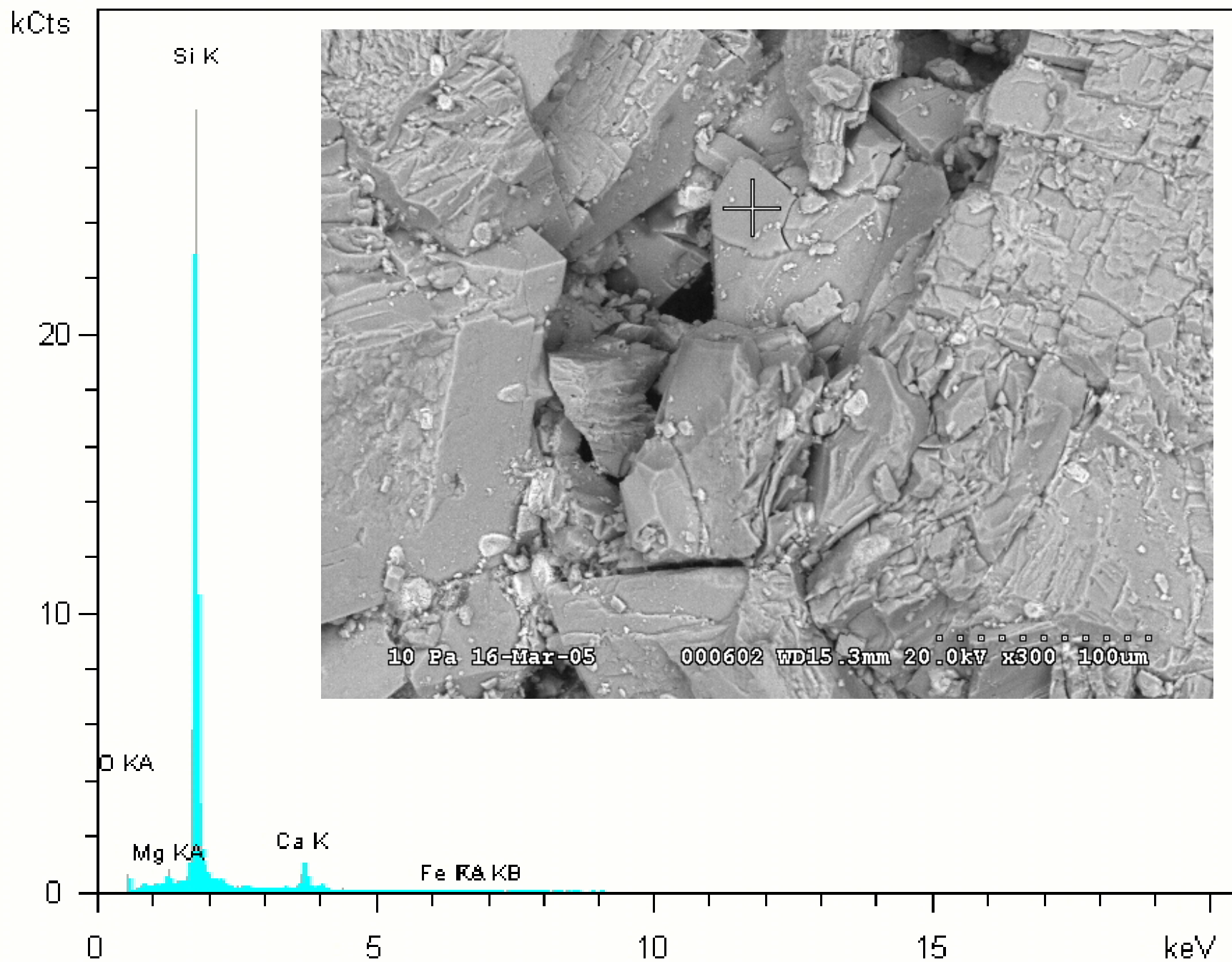
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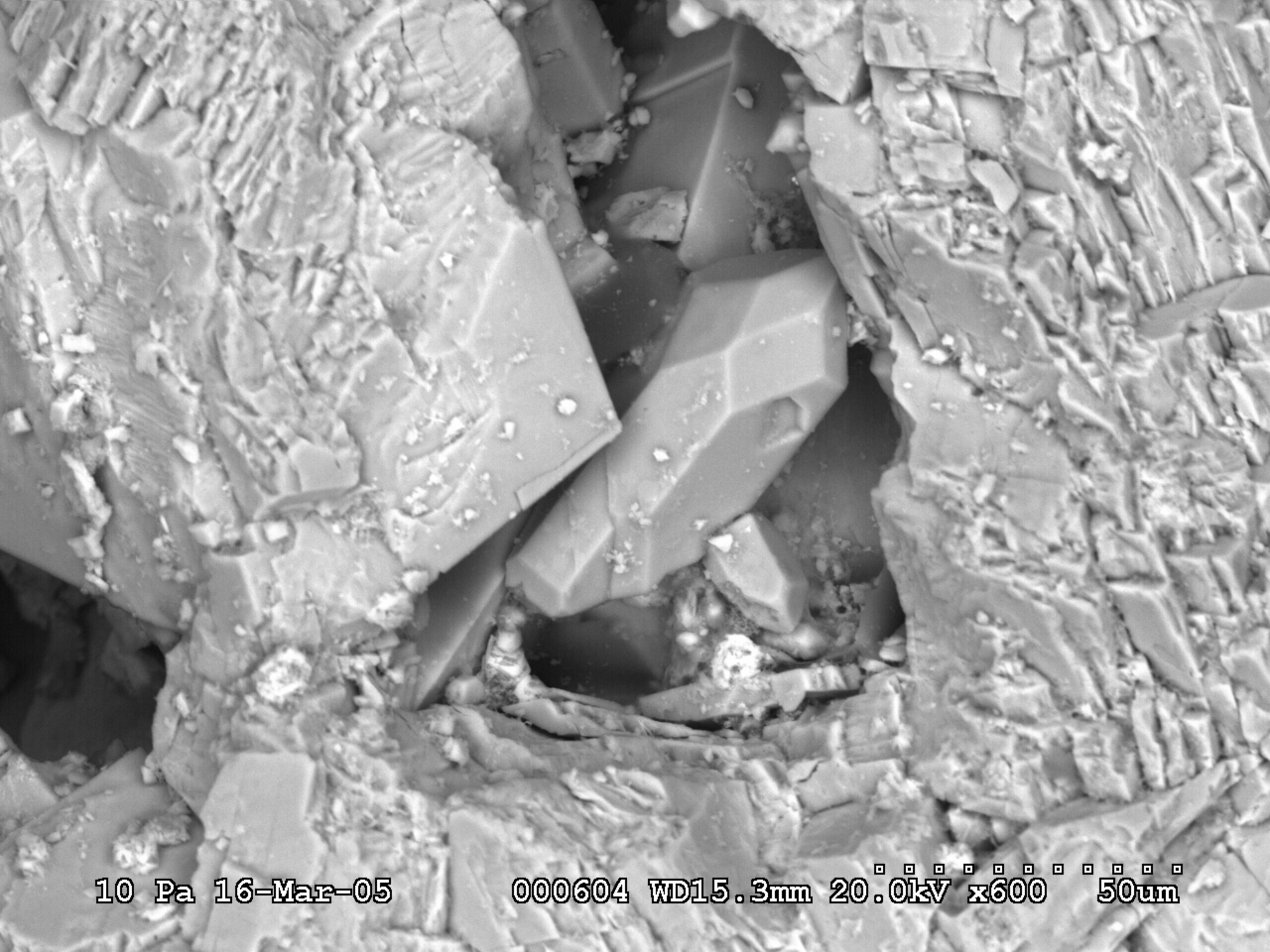
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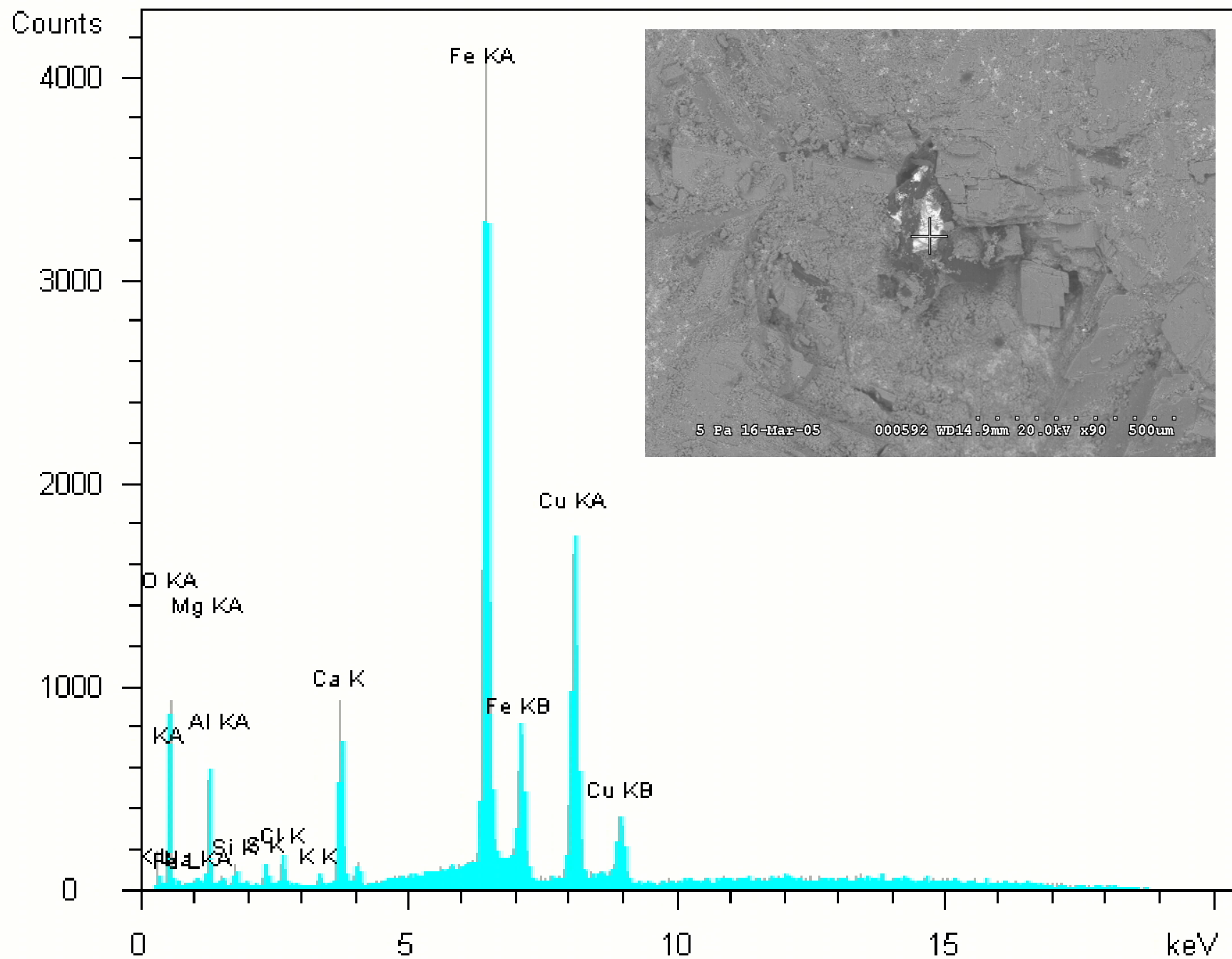
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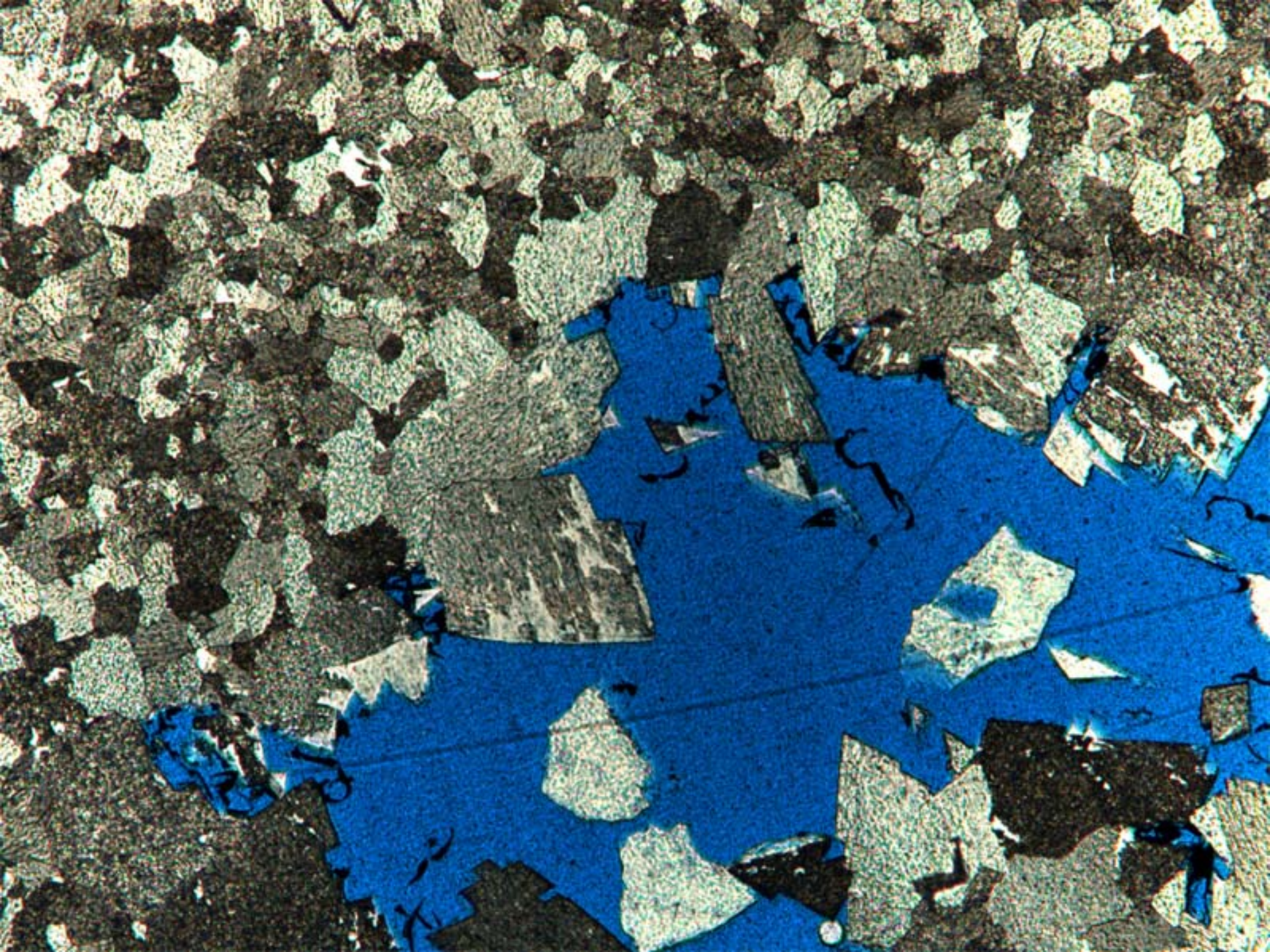
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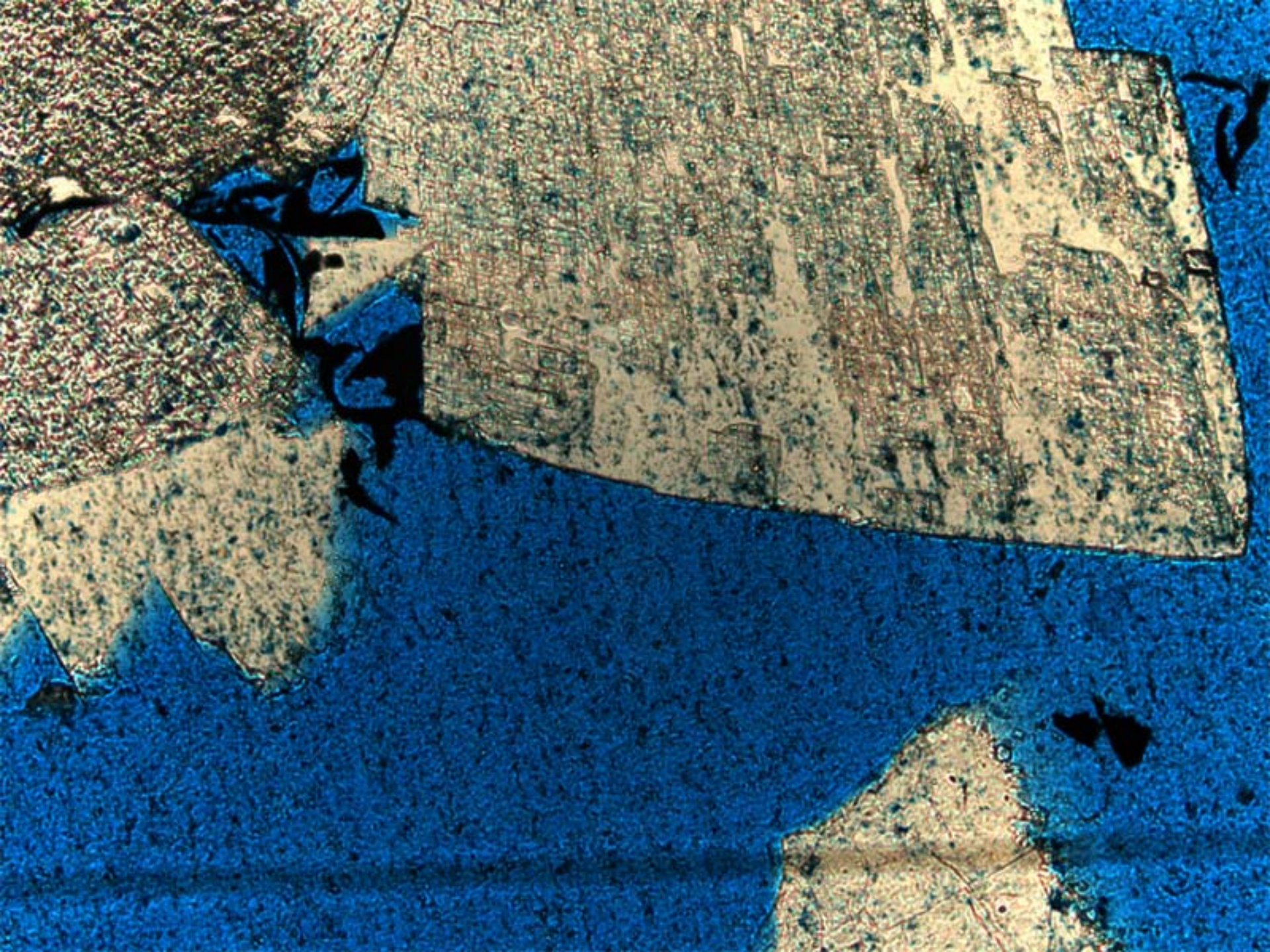


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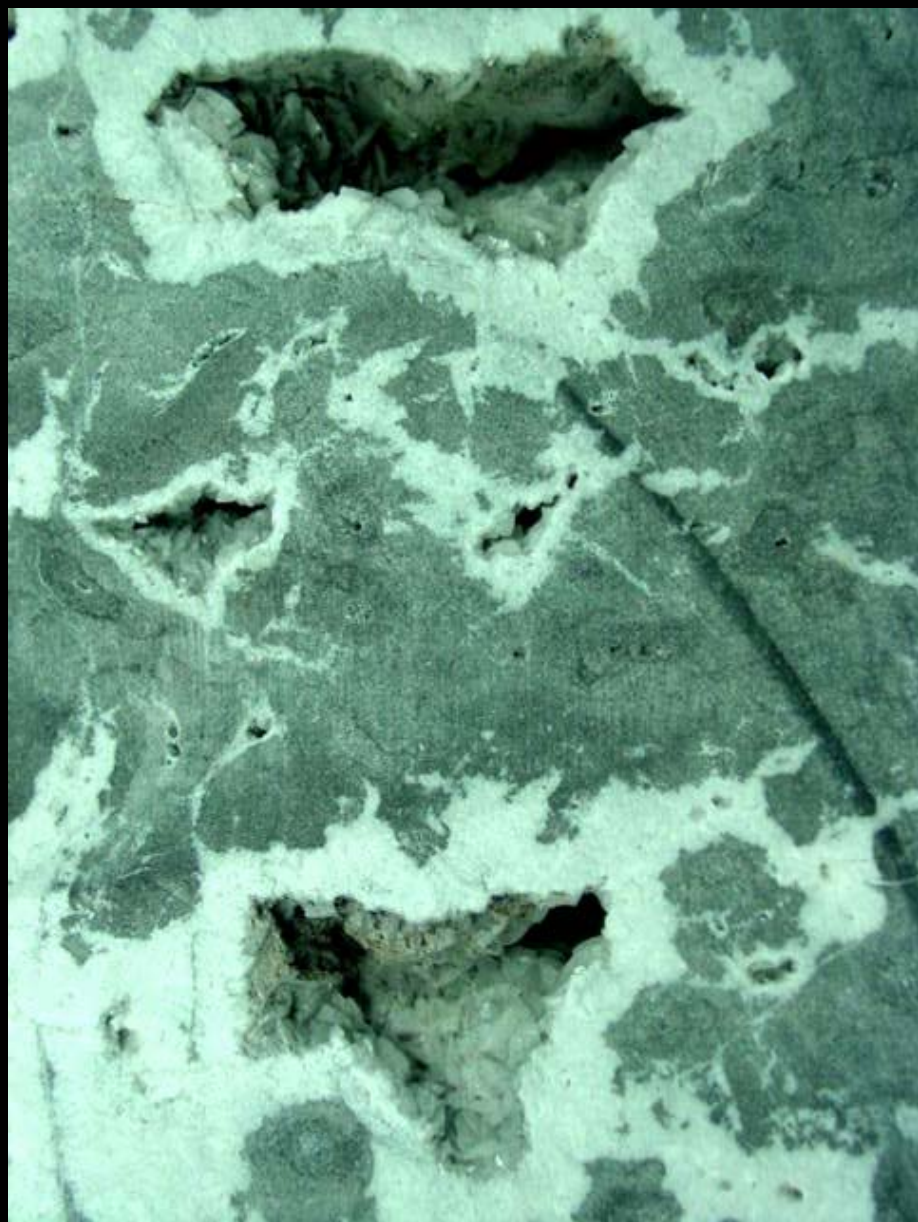
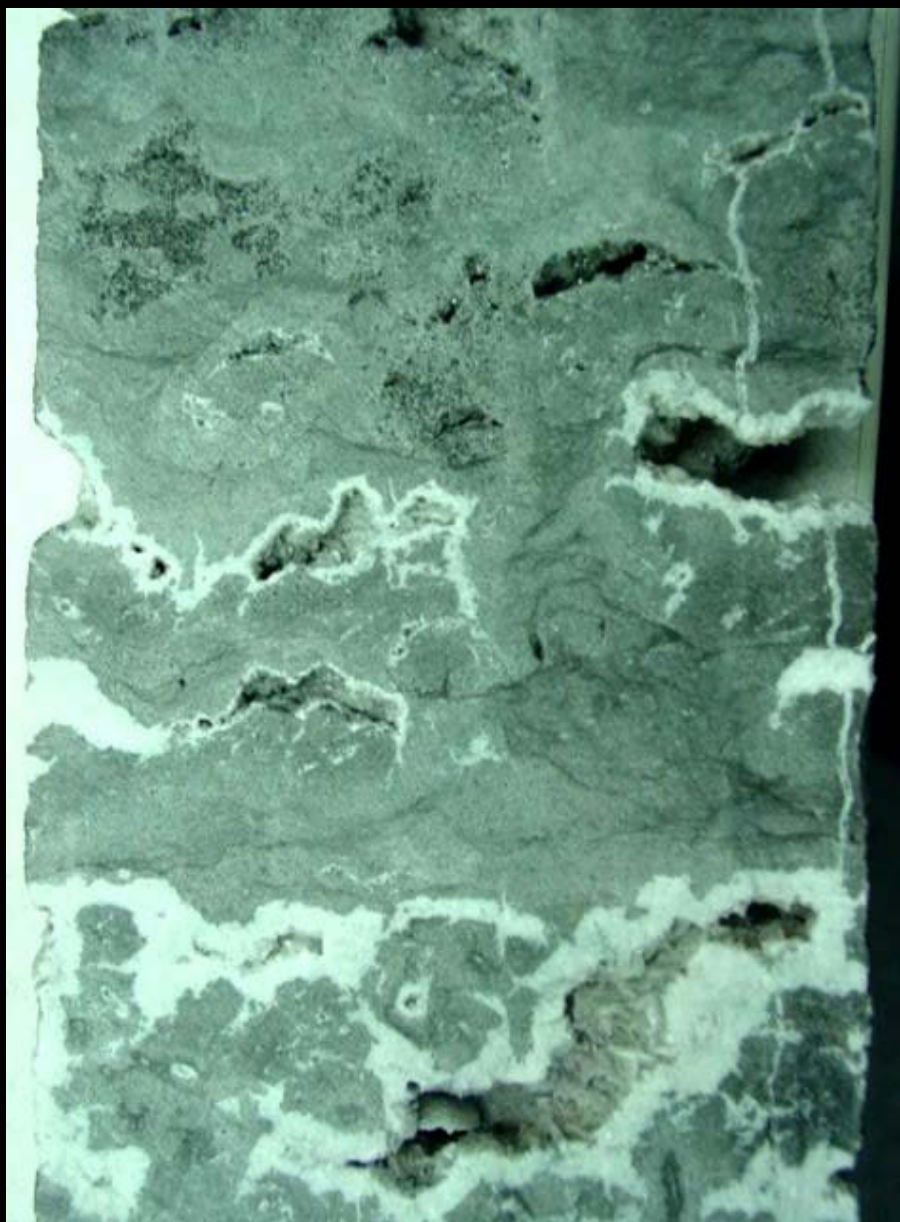


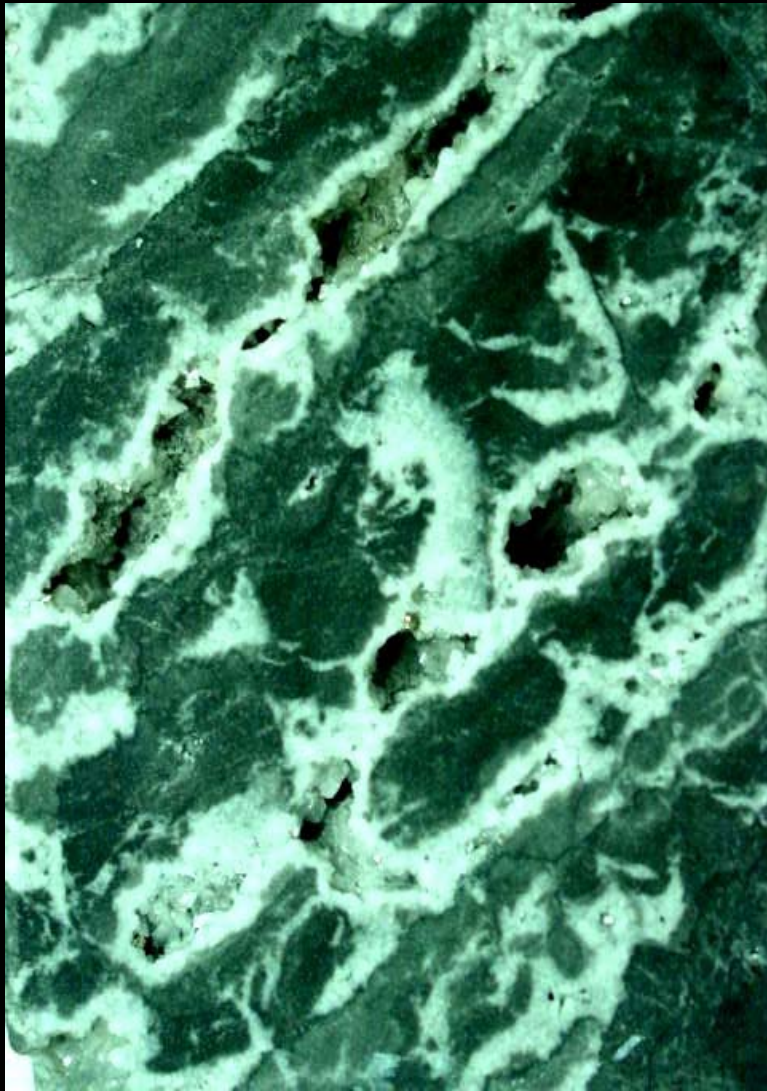




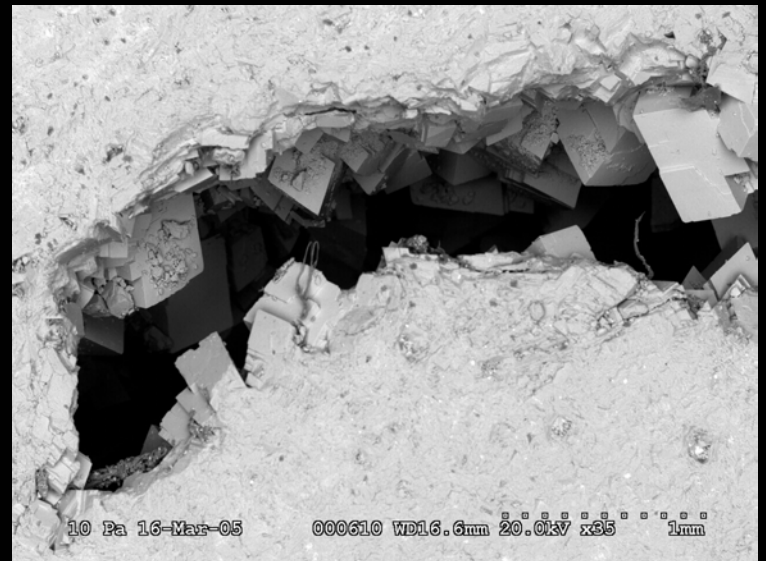








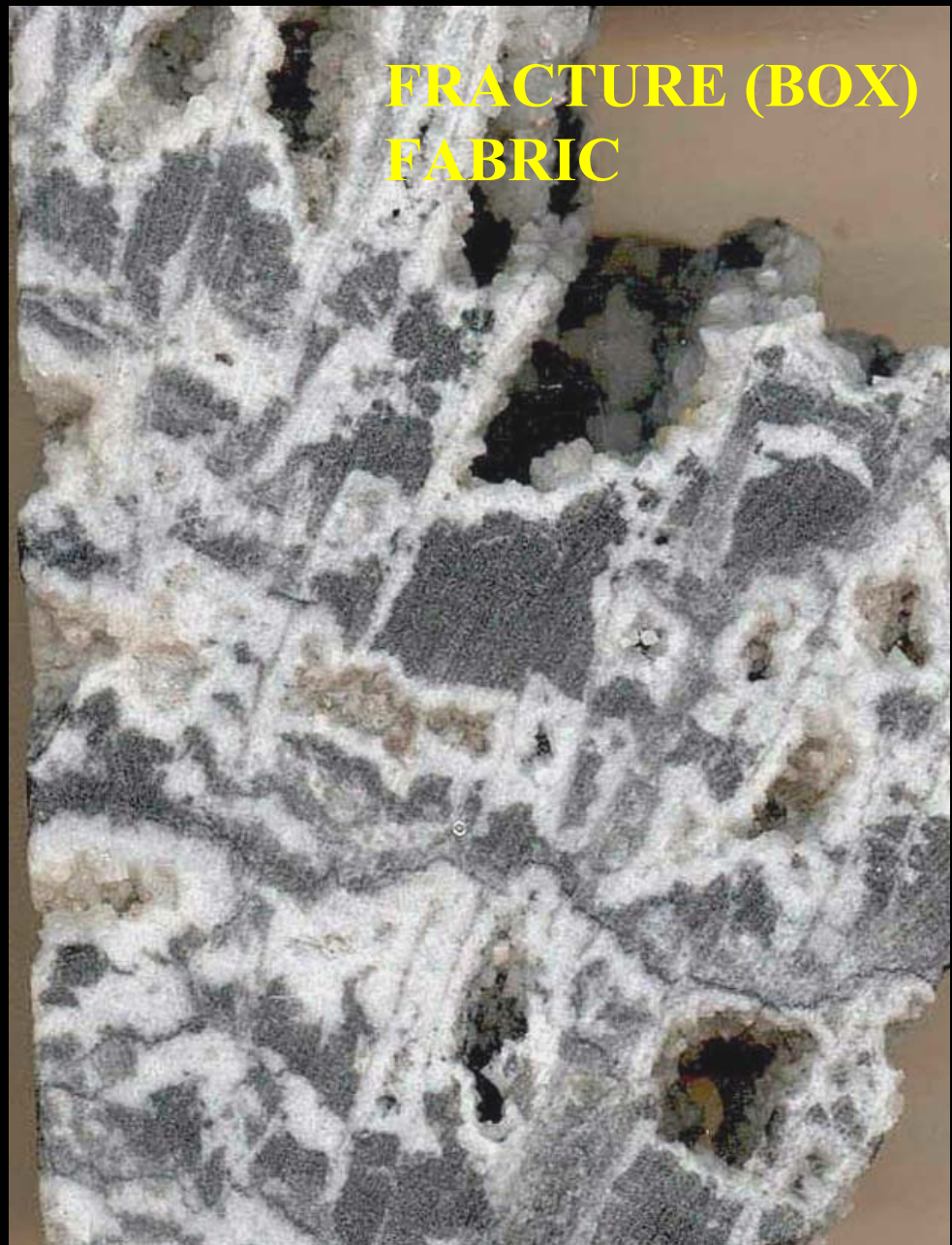
ZEBRA FABRIC



BRECCIA FABRIC



**FRACTURE (BOX)
FABRIC**

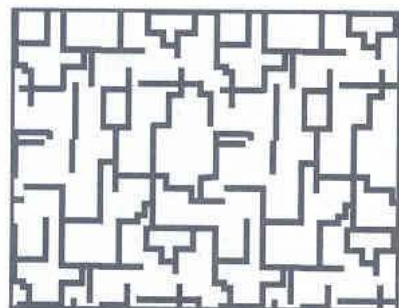


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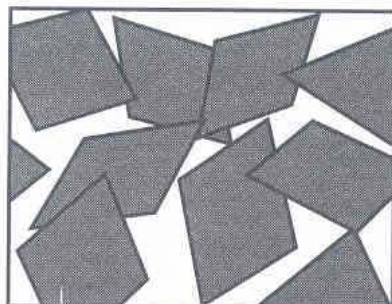
GRAY WELL SAMPLE

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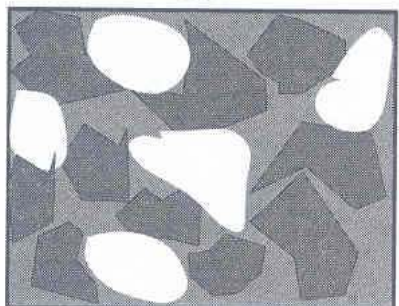
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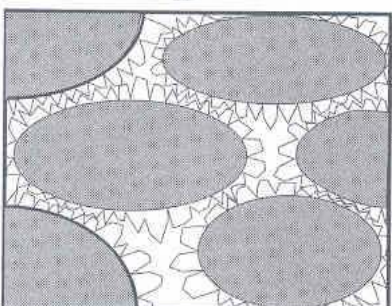
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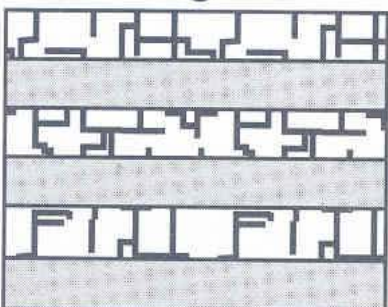
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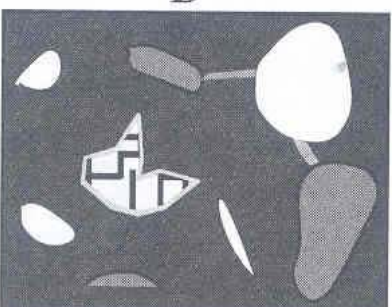
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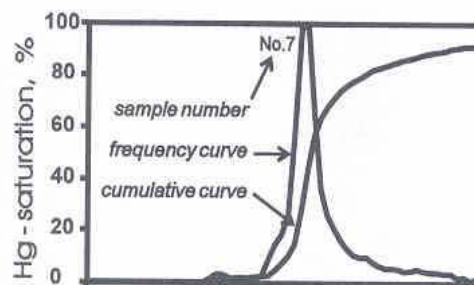
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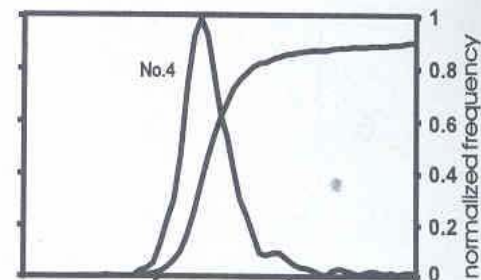
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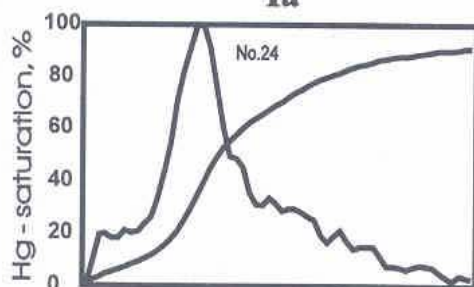
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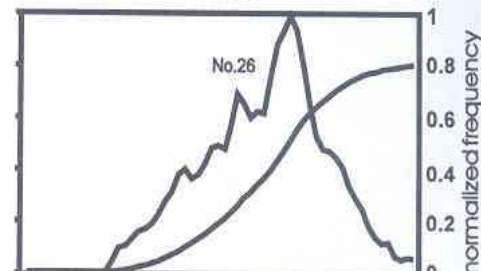
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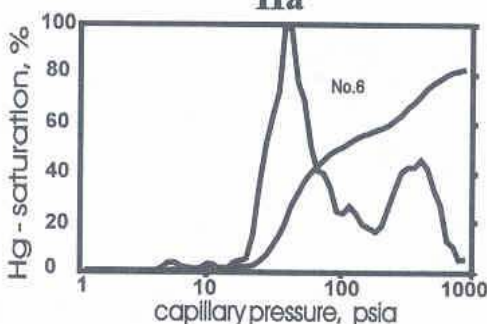
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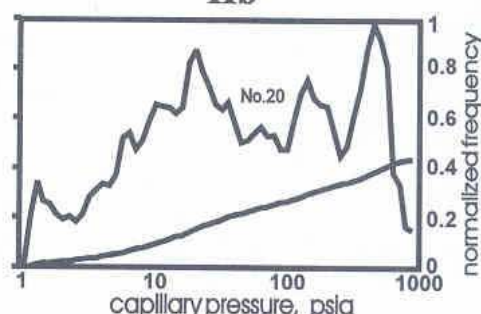
IIa



IIb



III capillary curve types IV



normalized frequency



pervasive
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dolomite rhomb
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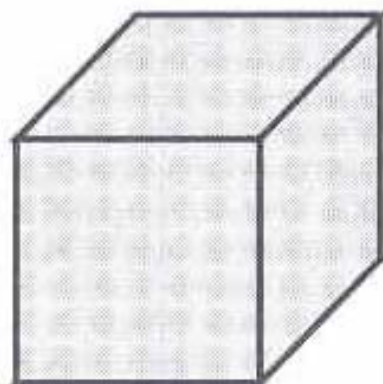


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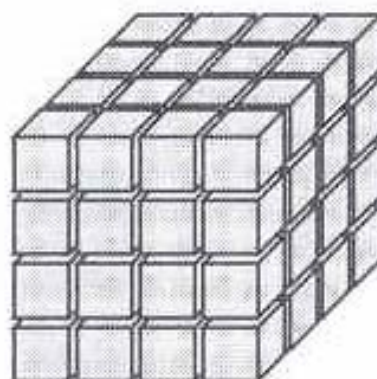


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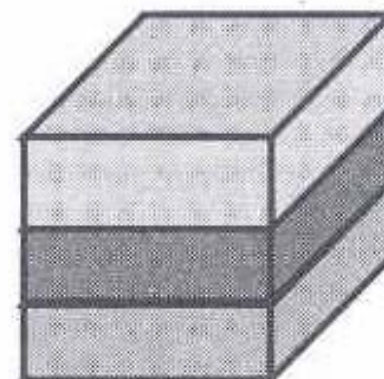
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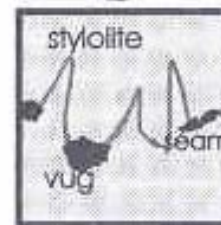
IIa

fractures



IIb

vugs & channels



IIc

compaction
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