

Curso Intensivo Intersemestral  
(Paleo)Bio Indicadores Neotropicales

# Clasificación de sedimentos lacustres, basada en sus componentes

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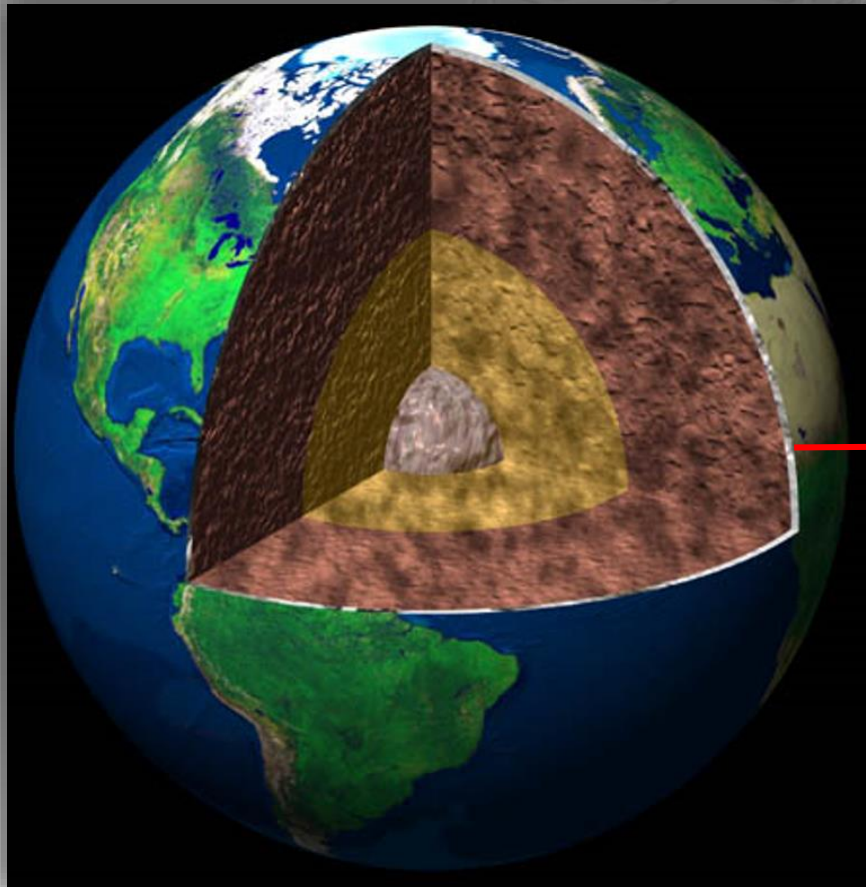
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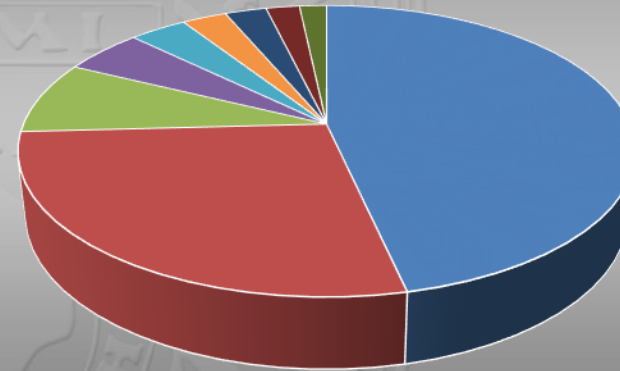


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# Abundancia de elementos en la corteza terrestre



% aproximado por peso



- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| ■ Oxígeno (O)   | ■ Silicio (Si)  |
| ■ Aluminio (Al) | ■ Hierro (Fe)   |
| ■ Calcio (Ca)   | ■ Sodio (Na)    |
| ■ Potasio (K)   | ■ Magnesio (Mg) |
| ■ Otros         |                 |

# Clasificación de los minerales




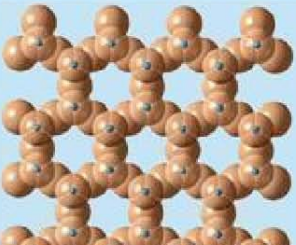
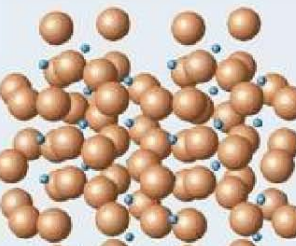
Dada la composición de los elementos de la corteza terrestre, los minerales pueden clasificarse de forma muy general en dos grandes grupos:

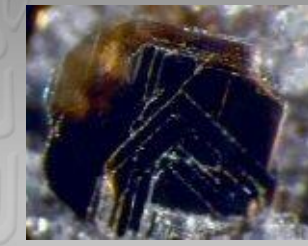
- Silicatos
- No silicatos

| Elemento      | % aproximado por peso |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Oxígeno (O)   | 46.6                  |
| Silicio (Si)  | 27.7                  |
| Aluminio (Al) | 8.1                   |
| Hierro (Fe)   | 5.0                   |
| Calcio (Ca)   | 3.6                   |
| Sodio (Na)    | 2.8                   |
| Potasio (K)   | 2.6                   |
| Magnesio (Mg) | 2.1                   |
| Otros         | 1.7                   |
| Total         | 100                   |



Figura tomada de Tarbuck, Lutgens y Tasa, 2010.

| Mineral                      | Idealized Formula                | Cleavage                        | Silicate Structure  | Contenido de                           |       |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|-------|
|                              |                                  |                                 |   | Fe                                     | Si    |
| Olivine                      | $(Mg, Fe)_2SiO_4$                | None                            | <br>Single tetrahedron                          | Silicatos Ferromagnesianos (oscuros)   | - Si  |
| Pyroxene group (Augite)      | $(Mg, Fe)SiO_3$                  | Two planes at right angles      | <br>Single chains                               |  |       |
| Amphibole group (Hornblende) | $Ca_2(Fe, Mg)_5Si_8O_{20}(OH)_2$ | Two planes at 60° and 120°      | <br>Double chains                               |  |       |
| Micas                        | Biotite                          | $K(Mg, Fe)_3AlSi_3O_{10}(OH)_2$ | <br>Sheets                                      |  |       |
|                              | Muscovite                        | $KAl_2(AlSi_3O_{10})(OH)_2$     |   | One plane                              |       |
| Feldspars                    | Orthoclase                       | $KAlSi_3O_8$                    | <br>Three-dimensional networks (expanded view) | Silicatos No ferromagnesianos (claros) |       |
|                              | Plagioclase                      | $(Ca, Na)AlSi_3O_8$             |   |  |       |
| Quartz                       | $SiO_2$                          | None                            |   |  | ++ Si |



(b) No Silicatos  
Elementos nativos (Au, Ag, Cu)

Óxidos ( $O^{2-}$ ) e Hidróxidos ( $OH^-$ ) ej. hematita ( $Fe_2O_3$ ) y brucita ( $Mg [OH]_2$ )

Haluros cloruros ( $Cl^-$ ), fluoruros ( $F^-$ ), bromuros ( $Br^-$ ), yoduros ( $I^-$ ),  
ej. halita ( $NaCl$ )

Carbonatos ( $CO_3^{2-}$ ) ej calcita  $CaCO_3$

Sulfatos ( $SO_4^{2-}$ ) ej. yeso ( $CaSO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$ ),

Sulfuros y sulfosales (S) ej pirita ( $FeS_2$ ),

Fosfatos ( $PO_4$ ), Arsenatos, Vanadatos y Boratos ej apatito  
( $Ca_5(PO_4)_3 (OH, F, Cl)$ )

Esquema de la clasificación propuesto por Schnurrenberger et al. (2003):

- Identificación de los componentes mayores y menores del sedimento.
- Estructura macroscópica del sedimento: texturas y estructuras sedimentarias



1. Modificador mayor +
2. Color +
3. Estratificación +
4. Nombre principal +
5. Constituyentes menores

e.g. Arcilla feldespática pardo oscuro rojiza, masiva, con detritos carbonáceos y trazas de fragmentos de gasterópodos.

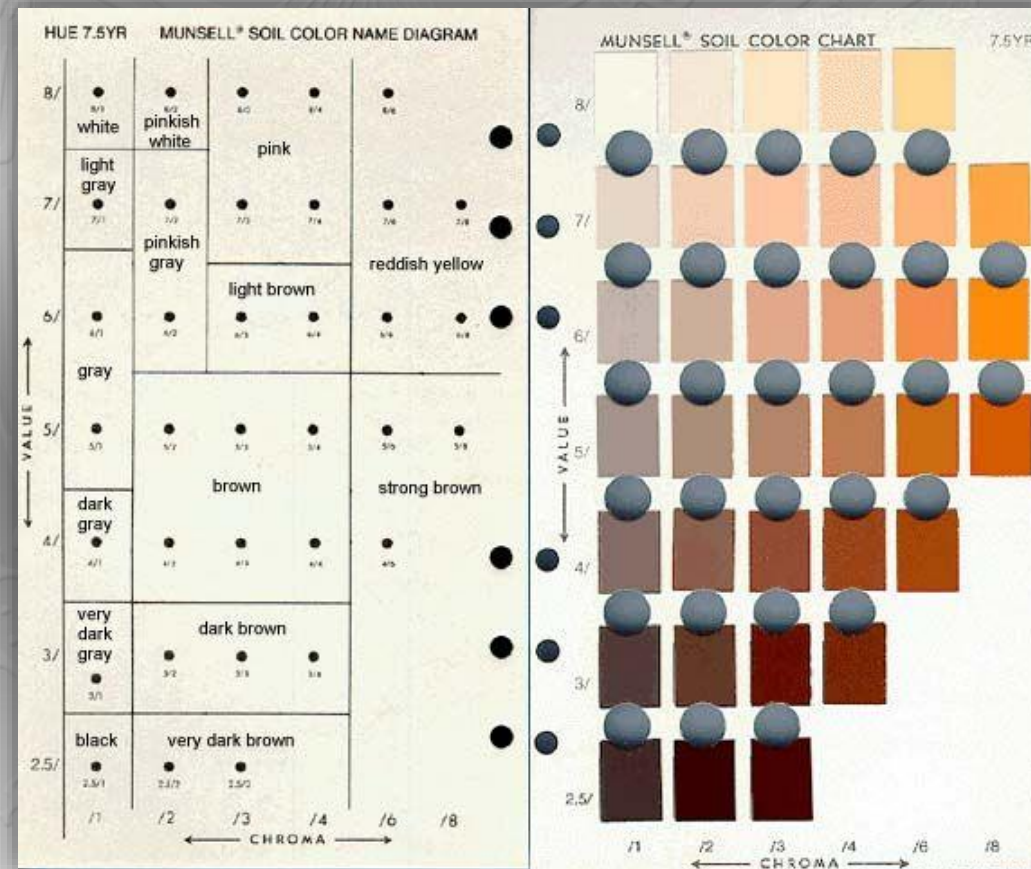
Modificador mayor: por ejemplo tamaño de grano

| Tamaño de partícula | Nombre del sedimento | Nombre de la roca     |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| > 2mm               | Grava                | Conglomerado o brecha |
| 1/16 a 2mm          | Arena                | Arenisca              |
| 1/256 a 1/16 mm     | Limo                 | Limolita              |
| < 1/256 mm          | Arcilla              | Lutita                |



# Color:

Utilizando la escala de Munsell, tan pronto como sea posible al coleccionar y abrir los sedimentos



# Espesor de los estratos

Estratos --→ producidos por cambios en el patrón de sedimentación (color, tamaño, mineralogía o componentes).

Pueden presentarse como:

Masivos: estratos > 1 m

Capas > 1 cm

muy gruesas > 100 cm

gruesas 30-100 cm

medias 10-30 cm

finas 3-10 cm

muy finas 1-3 cm

Láminas < 1 cm

# Tipos de estratificación:

Planar

Ondulada

Curva

Paralela

No-paralela

Discontinua

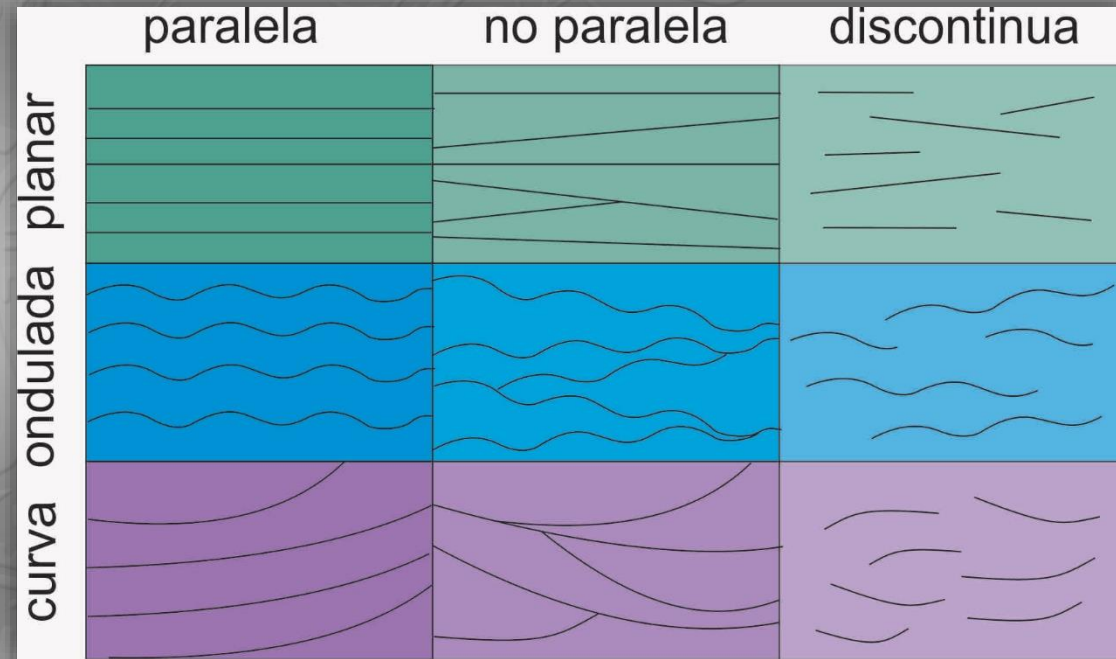
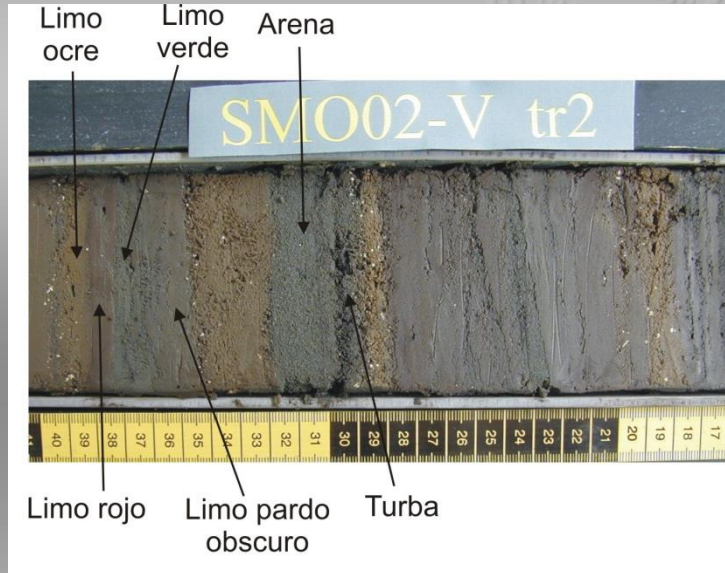


Figura modificada de Tucker 2011

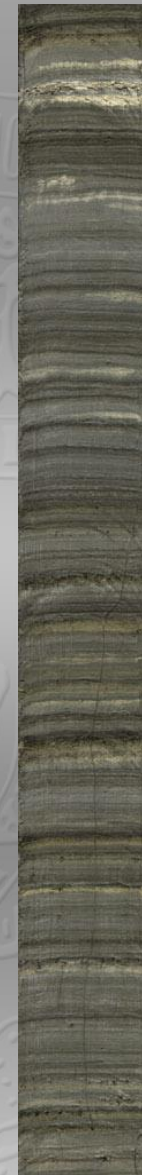
Y las combinaciones entre ellas



# Laminaciones, capas menores a 1 cm de espesor



Santa Ma. del Oro,  
 Nayarit, México



Lago Titicaca,  
 Peru-Bolivia



Lago Bush,  
 Montana EEUU



Lago Hvitavatn,  
 Islandia

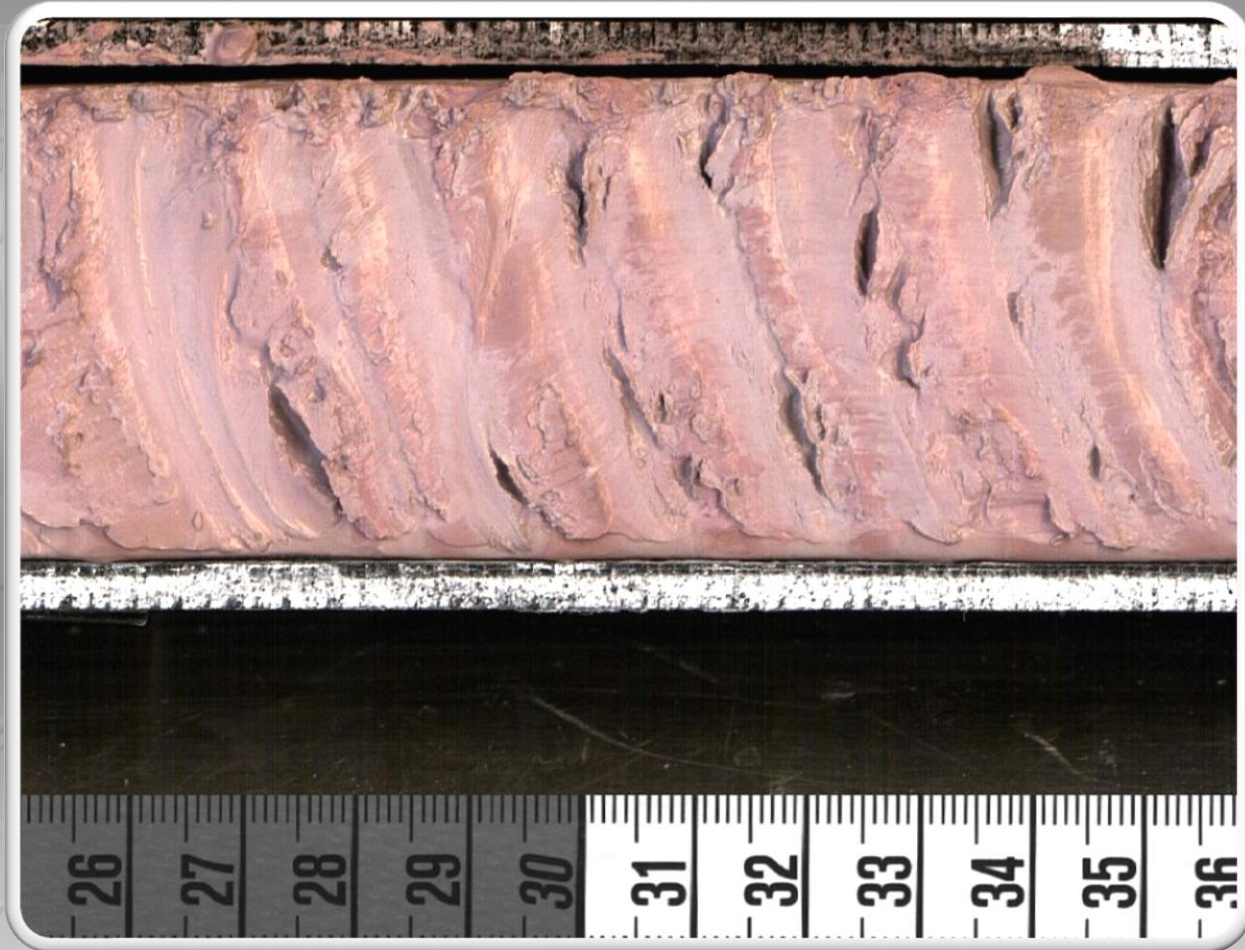


## Conjunto de capas

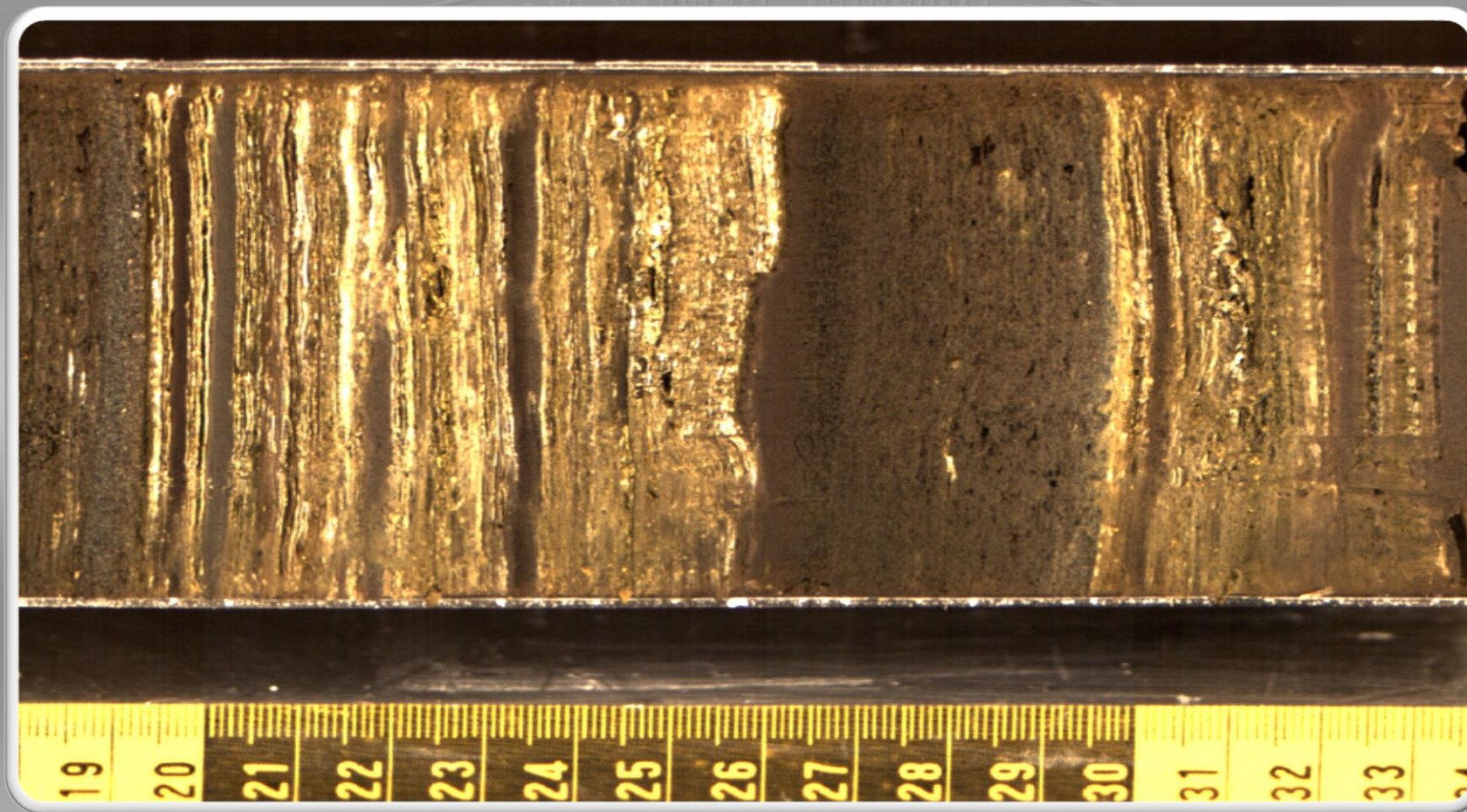
Grupos repetitivos cíclicos o rítmicos:  
varvas y “ritmitas”.

Varvas  
glaciales,  
Swiftcurrent  
Lake

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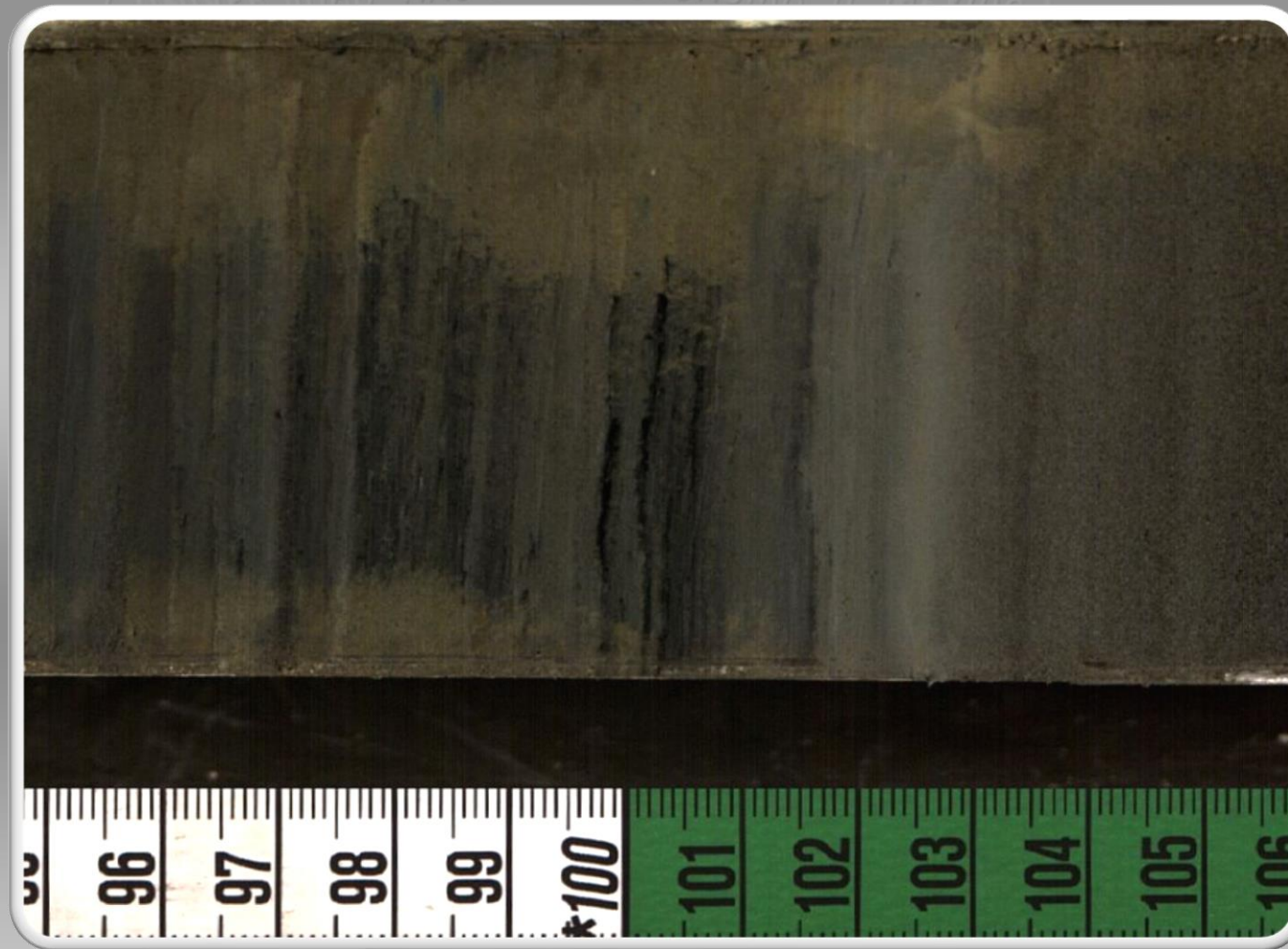


Sedimentos laminados del lago Santa Ma. del Oro, Nay.



Limos  
sulfídicos  
laminados,  
Wallowa  
Lake, Oregon

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# Contactos entre capas

Naturaleza de la transición entre las capas:

Rectos o curvos

Abruptos o difusos

Gradacionales (normales o inversos)

**Los contactos rectos  
y abruptos a menudo  
evidencian etapas de  
erosión o no-depósito**



# Contactos entre capas

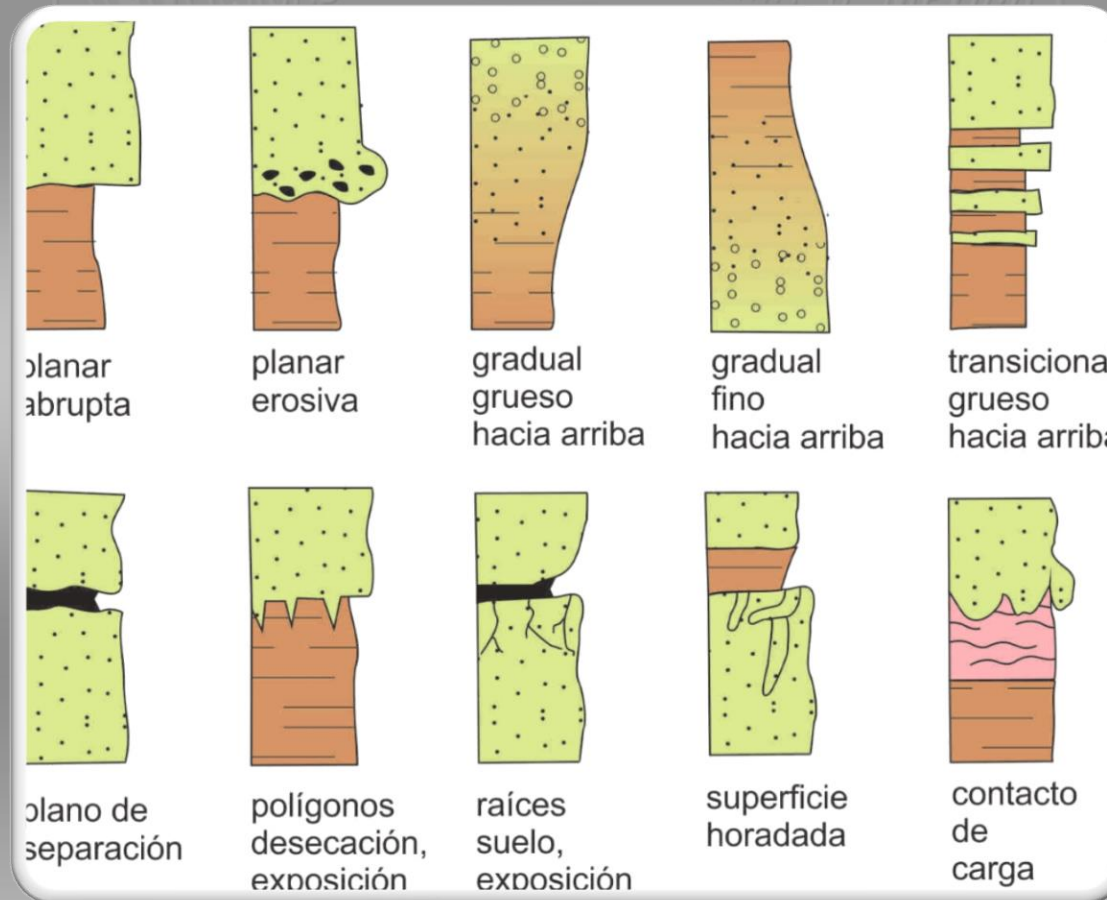
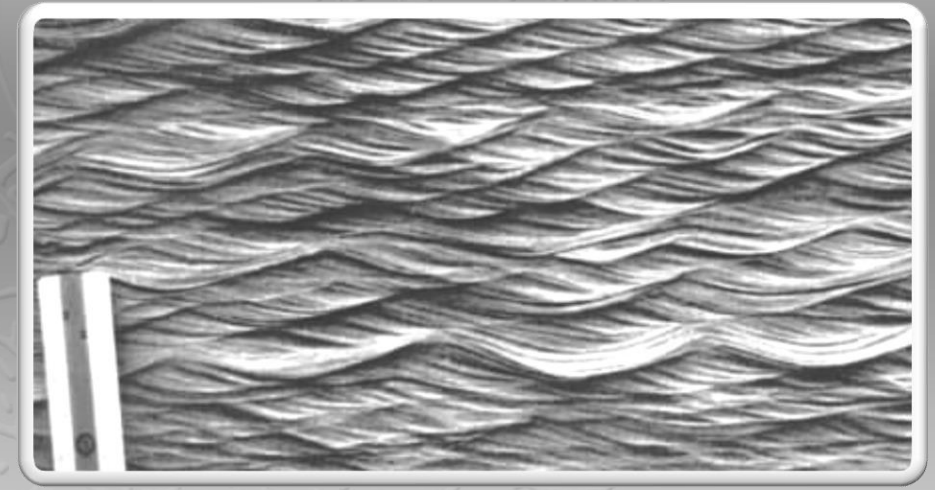
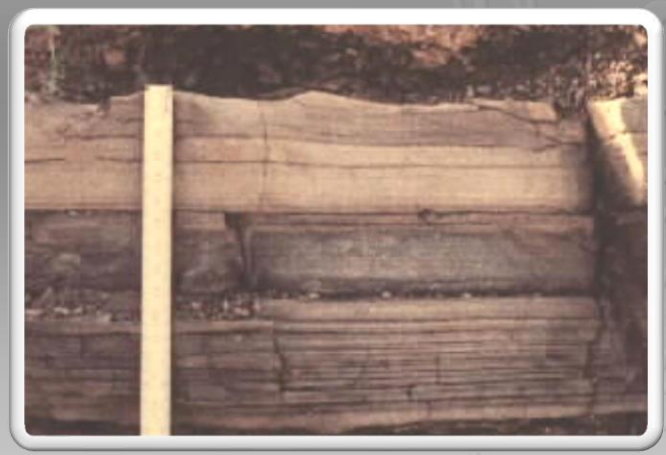


Figura tomada de Tucker (2011)

# Estructuras sedimentarias

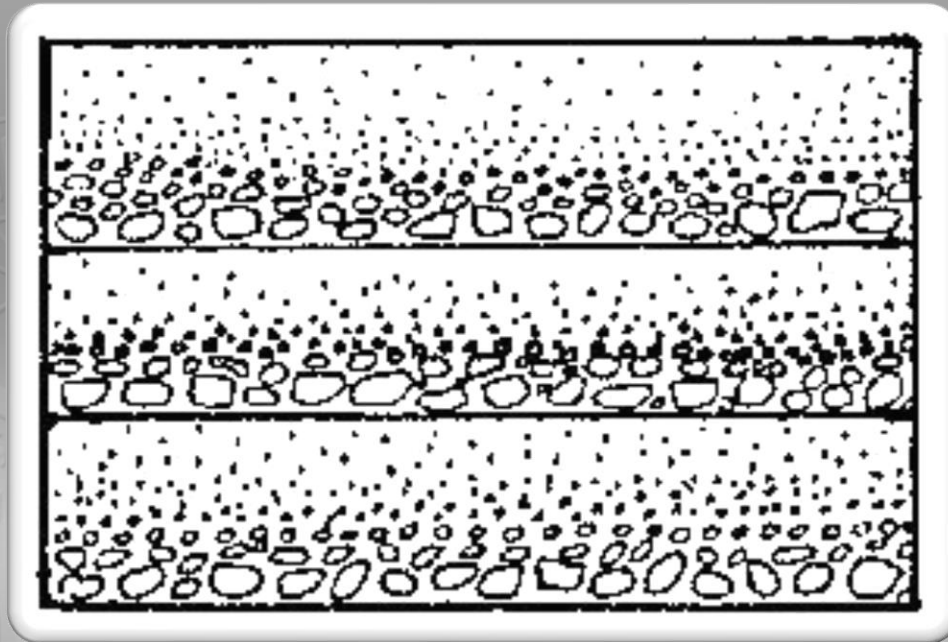
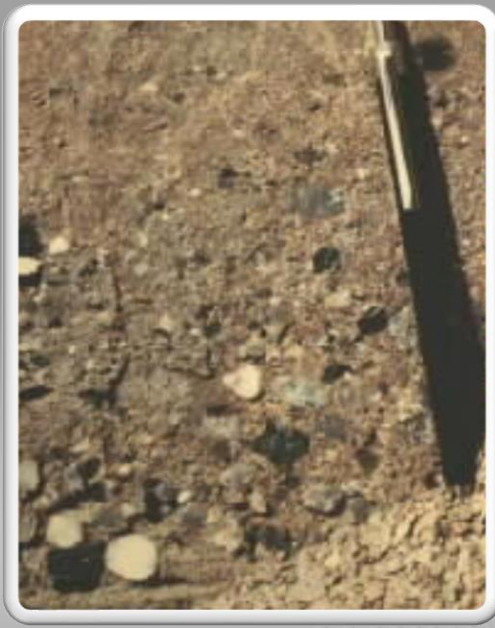
Aquellos rasgos formados durante la acumulación (primarias) o después del depósito de los sedimentos (secundarias).



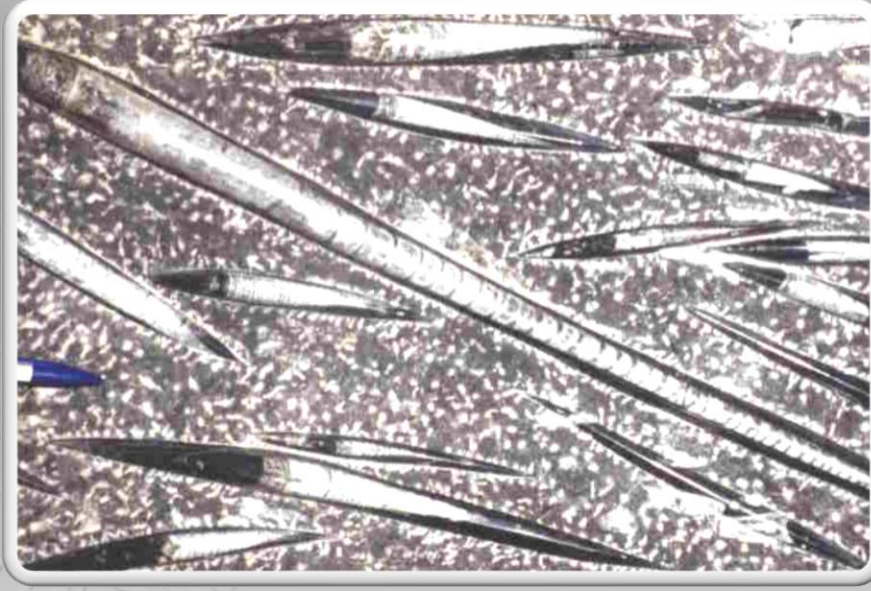
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## Gradación



## Imbricación





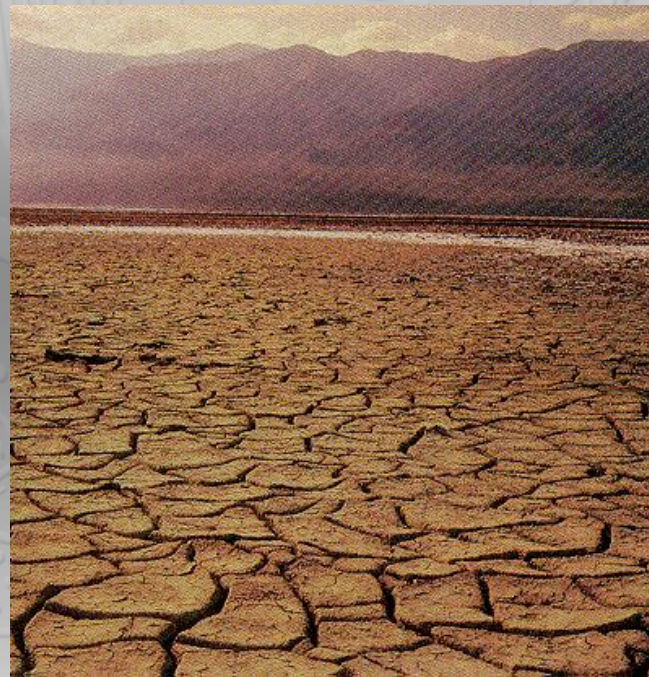
Huellas  
de lluvia



Burbujas



Grietas de desecación



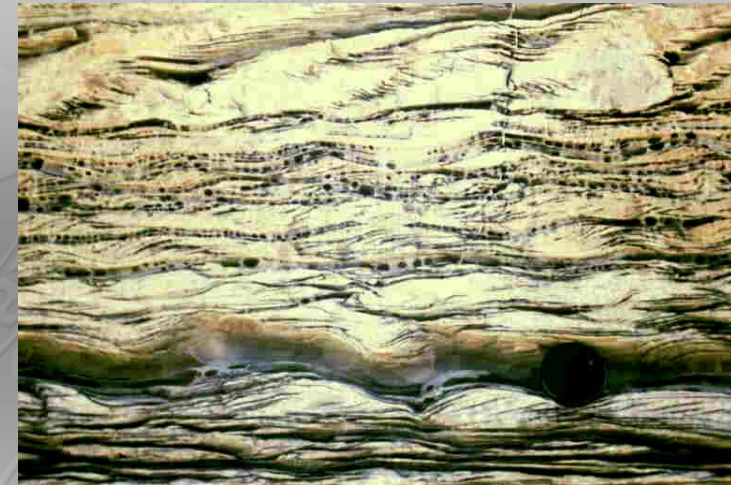


## Estructuras de carga





## Estratificación convoluta





## Slumping (derrumbe)



## Almohadilla



## Huellas de disolución



estilolitas



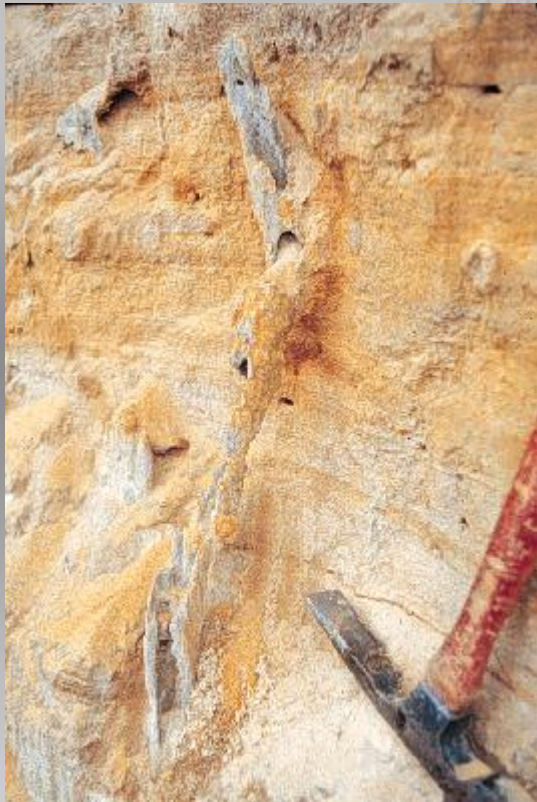
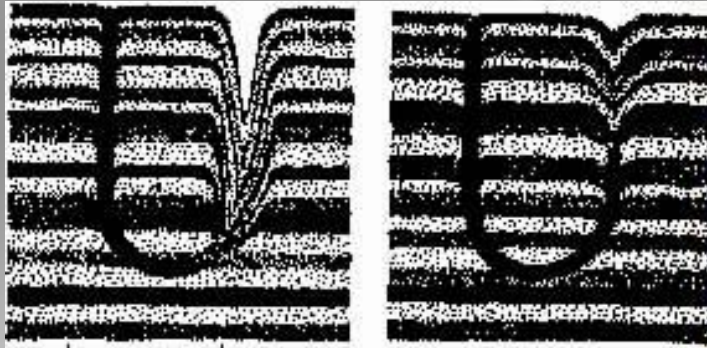
cristales de sal



cristales de hielo



# Bioturbación





## Componentes:

- 1) Sedimento clástico
- 2) Sedimento químico
- 3) Sedimento biogénico

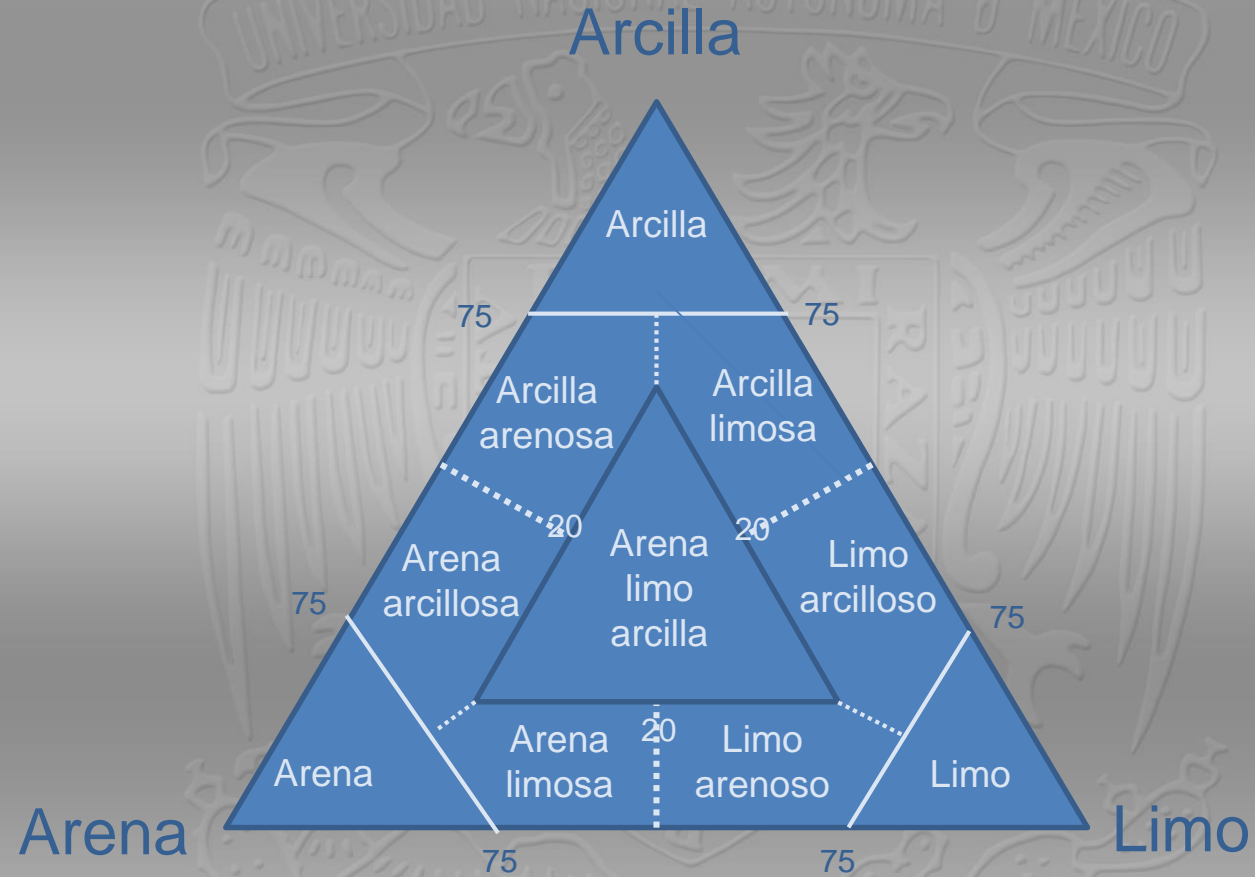
1. Compuesto de granos de minerales, fragmentos de rocas, vidrios volcánicos, de origen alóctono. Depositado por procesos físicos aéreos o superficiales.
2. Compuesto de materiales inorgánicos autóctonos, formados dentro del cuerpo de agua por procesos químicos inorgánicos o biológicos: precipitación por solución o recristalización (calcita, halita, pirita, yeso, etc.)
3. Abarcan una amplia variedad de mineralogías, pero son esencialmente restos fósiles de organismos (diatomeas, ostrácodos, foras, radiolarios, moluscos, materia orgánica amorfa, etc.)



| Clase de sedimento | Subclase   | Serie    | Nombre principal  | Modificador mayor   |
|--------------------|------------|----------|---|---|
| Clástico           |            |          | Arena<br>Arena arcillosa<br>Arena limosa<br>Limo<br>Limo arenoso<br>Limos arcilloso<br>Arcilla<br>Arcilla limosa<br>Arcilla arenosa<br>Arena-limo-arcilla | Tamaño de grano,<br>Redondez,<br>Clasificación,<br>Fábrica. |
| Químico            | Evaporitas |          | Yeso  | Mineralogía,<br>Tamaño<br>Fábrica                           |
|                    | Carbonatos |          | Caliza<br>Dolomía<br>Lodo calcáreo  | Mineralogía,<br>Tamaño,<br>Fábrica<br>% carbonato           |
| Biogénico          | Carbonáceo | Carbón   | Antracita<br>Bitumen<br>Lignito<br>Turba  | Taxón de planta, y grado de fragmentación.                  |
|                    |            | Sapropel | Sapropel  |   |
|                    | Fosilífero |          | Ooze<br>Coquina   | Clase de organismos   |



# Clásticos



La composición de los granos clásticos puede ser descrita por la mineralogía utilizando modificadores tales como cuarzo, feldespato, micas, zeolitas, fragmentos líticos, vidrios, fragmentos calcáreos, yesíferos o sapropélicos (para clastos detríticos de carbonato de Ca, yeso y materia orgánica, respectivamente).

Un gran número de propiedades sedimentológicas o mineralógicas pueden ser observadas en ejemplares particulares (alteración de feldespatos). En esos casos, el observador deberá aplicar su propio criterio.

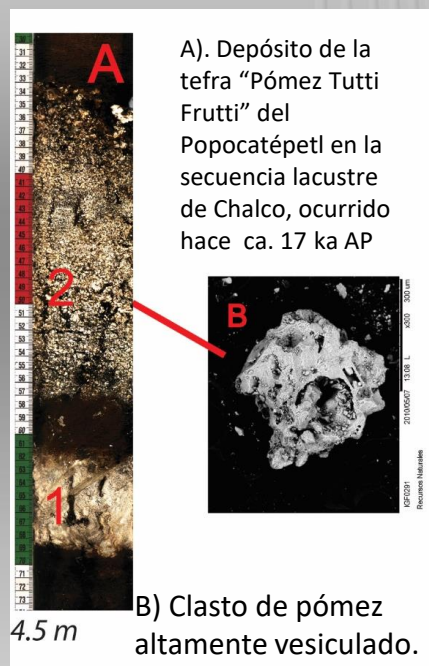
# Sedimentos dominados por componentes clásticos, ejemplos

- Conglomerado matriz-soportado, en capas medias, compuesto de grava angular cuarzo feldespática
- Arena limosa cuarcítica masiva, subredondeada, con feldespatos y ocasionales granos de anfíboles.
- Arcilla limosa diatomeácea blanca a moteada (máculas blancas), masiva en capas de hasta 5 cm espesor.



# Sedimentos volcaniclásticos

- En ambientes volcánicos activos, pueden preservarse intercalados con los sedimentos lacustres productos de caída de actividad explosiva (tefras), o materiales retrabajados (volcaniclastos en general).



## Químicos.

Esta categoría contienen la más amplia variedad de tipos de sedimentos, ya que es amplio el rango de precipitados químicos.

Se utiliza el término de “lodo” (mud), como el principal nombre que describe precipitados microcristalinos.

Distingue dos clases principales:

- Evaporitas
- Carbonatos



- Evaporitas

Los depósitos evaporíticos pueden formarse a gran escala, al evaporarse el agua de los océanos, o a escala más pequeña, en cuencas epicontinentales.



halita



yeso



- Evaporitas

Fosforita o roca fosfatada. Se forma a partir de acumulaciones de hueso o excremento de vertebrados o a partir de conchas de invertebrados.



Son importantes porque:

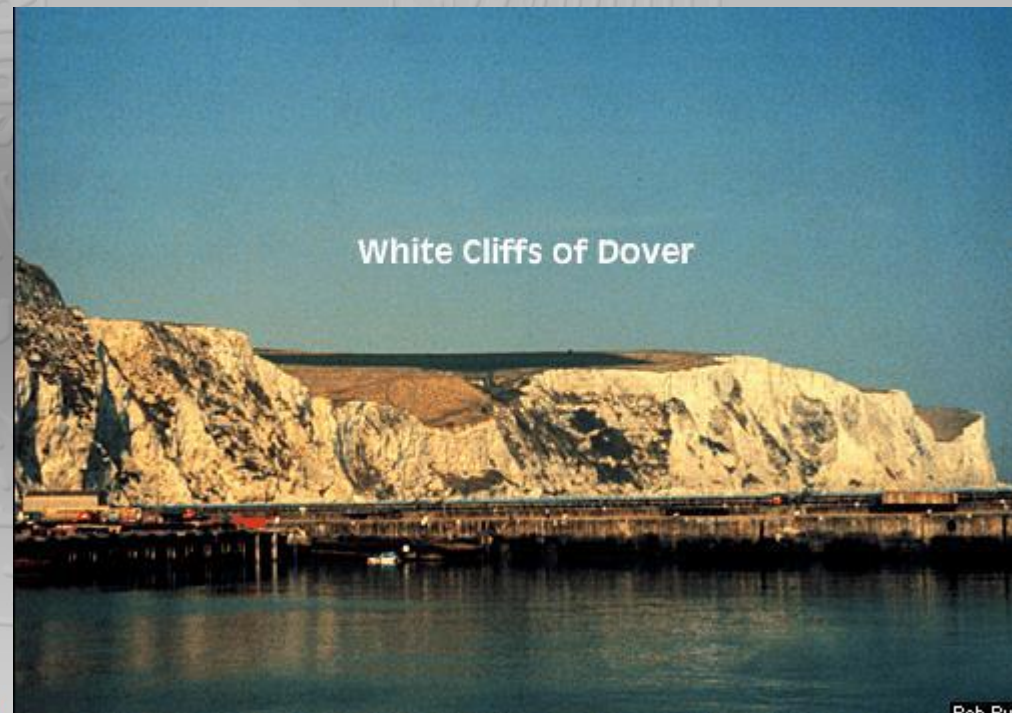
- P es el 10° elemento más abundante en la corteza.
- Elemento esencial de valor nutritivo
- Usado como fertilizante



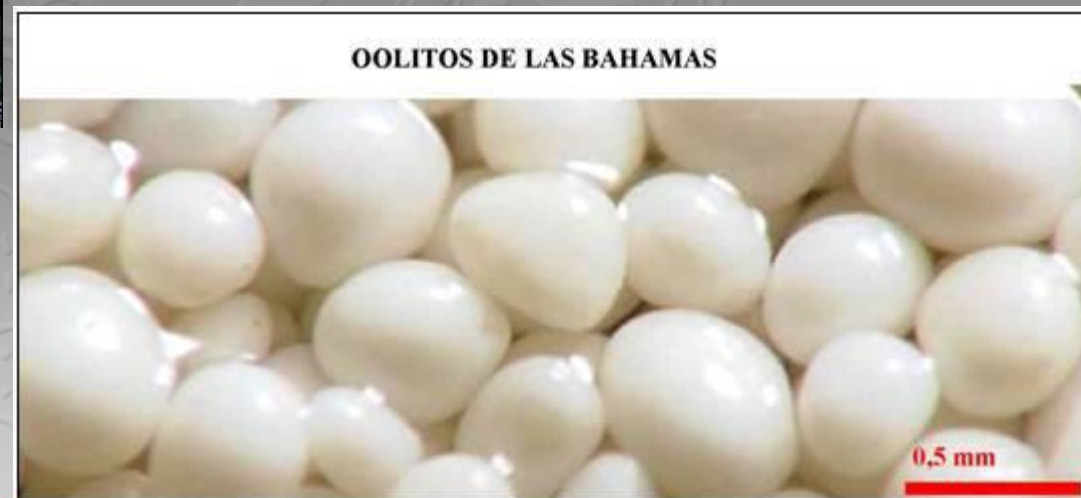
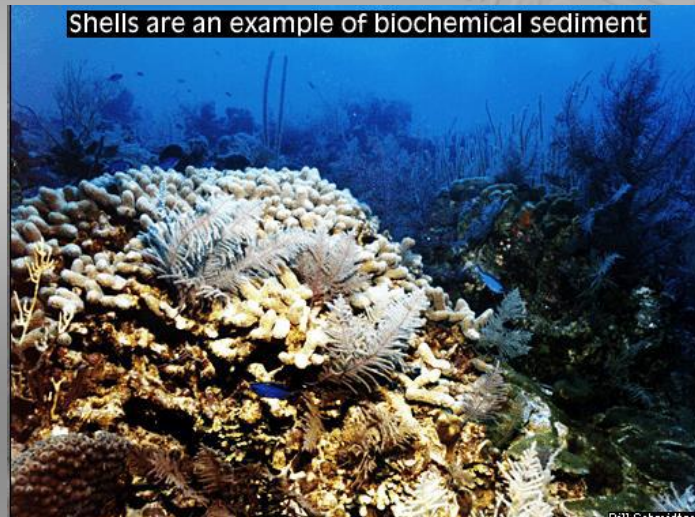


- Carbonatos

La creta (chalk) está hecha de restos calcáreos de organismos microscópicos

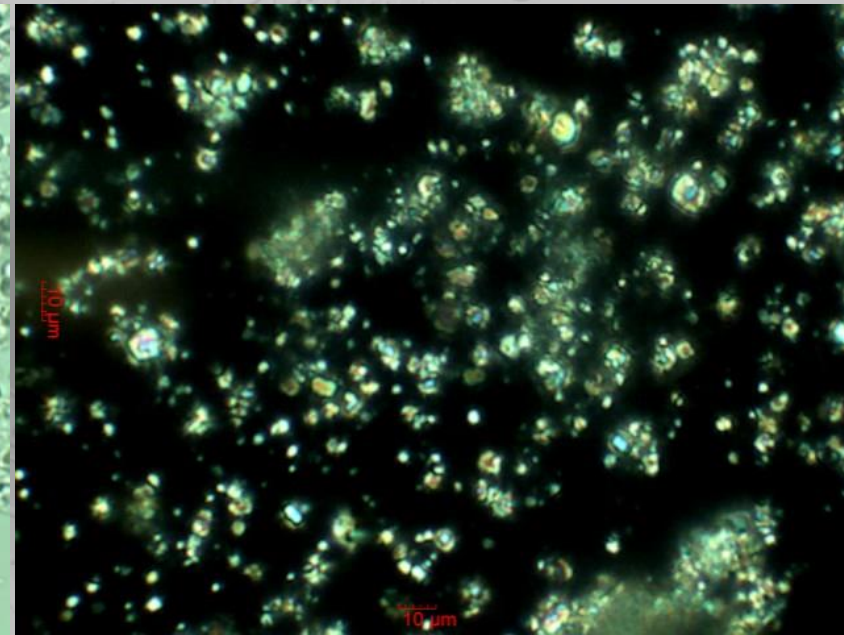
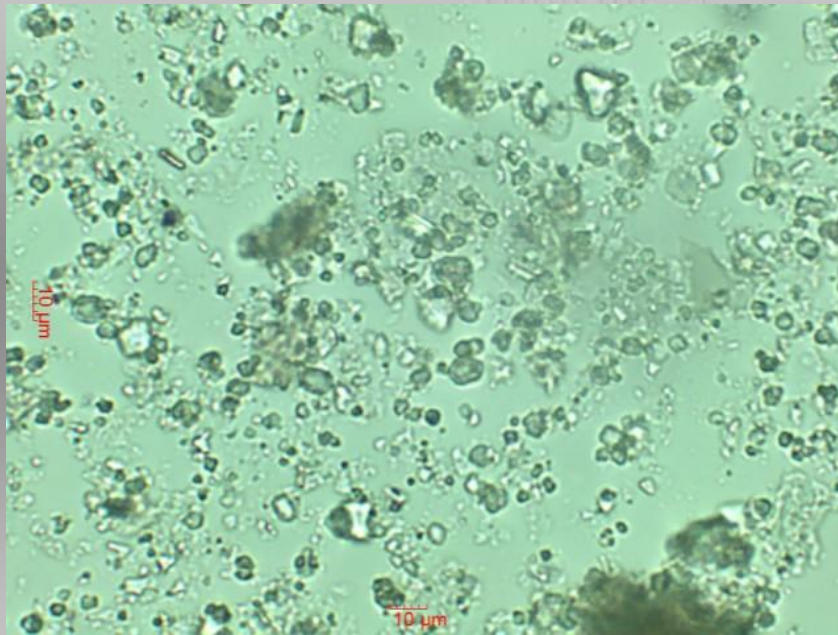


## Precipitación inorgánica





## Cristales de siderita ( $\text{FeCO}_3$ )





## Pedernal.

Es cuarzo criptocristalino y se presenta en una amplia variedad de formas y colores. Puede ser fácilmente distinguido de otros componentes por su dureza, ausencia de clivaje y ausencia de reacción al HCl.





# Sedimentos dominados por componentes químicos, ejemplos

- Caliza gris claro laminada (con capas de 0.75-1.0 cm), con ostrácodos con raros Charastemas. Contactos nítidos.
- Calcita micrítica (o lodo calcáreo micrítico) pardo claro, masiva, húmeda, con frecuentes arcillas feldespáticas y frústulas de diatomeas.

Biogénicos.

Puede estar compuesta de bien preservados a altamente degradados restos de organismos.

Distingue dos clases principales:

- Carbonáceos
- Fosilíferos, u oozes o lumaquelas



## Partícula de carbón

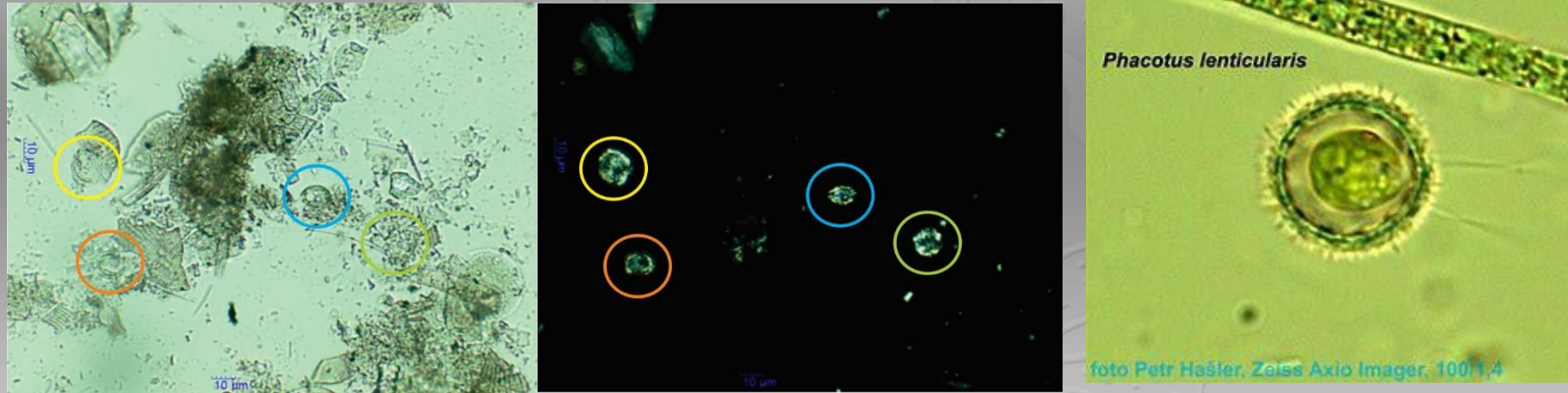


# Sedimentos dominados por componentes biogénicos, ejemplos

1. Ooze diatomeáceo sapropélico negro (10YR 3/2), masivo, con límites distintivos hacia capas supra y sobreyacentes.
2. Ooze diatomeáceo.
3. Ooze de *Phacotus*
4. Lumaquela de ostrácodos

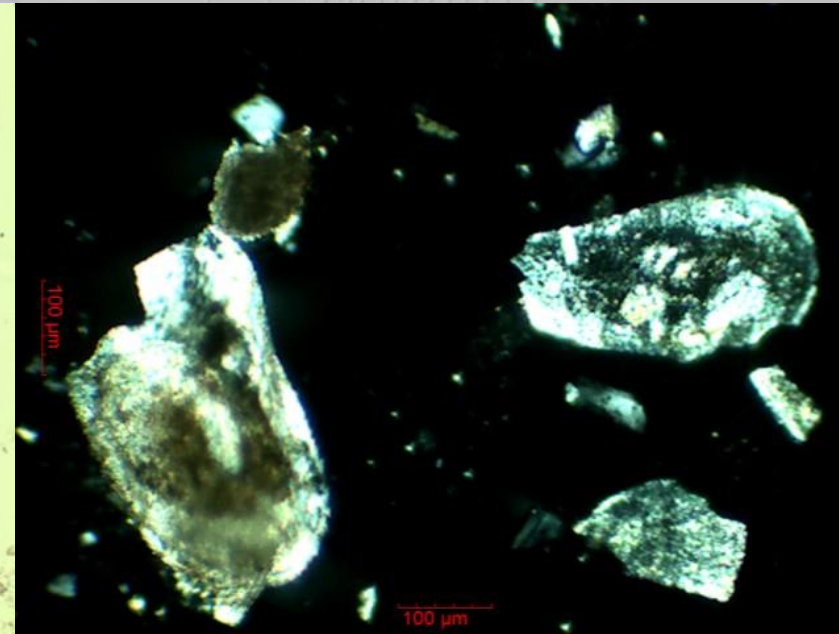
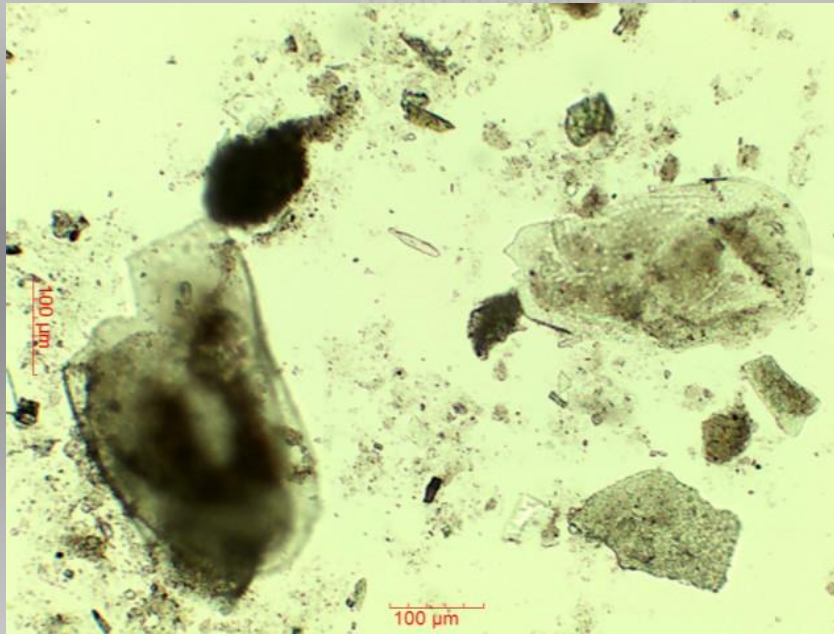


## Ooze diatomeáceo



## Ooze de *Phacotus*

## Lumaquela de ostrácodos





# Descripción microscópica del sedimento (elaboración de *frotis*)

Formato para la descripción inicial de los componentes sedimentarios en *frotis*.


FORMA DESCRIPCION *SMEAR SLIDE*

Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_ Lugar: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Observador: \_\_\_\_\_ Núcleo: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tramo: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Muestra: \_\_\_\_\_

Litología: \_\_\_\_\_

Componentes clásticos %  
 Fracción arcillosa < 4µm  
 Fracción mineral visible:  
 Cuarzo  
 K-feldespatos  
 Plagioclasas  
 Frag. rocas  
 Volcanoclastos  
 Azeositos  
 Carbonatos  
 Otros

Tamaño de grano (fracción clástica)  
 Arena %  
 Limo %  
 Arcilla %



Componentes autigénicos %  
 Calcita  
 Aragonita  
 Otros carbonatos  
 Yeso  
 Sulfatos  
 Fe/Mn

Componentes biogénicos %  
 Ostrácodos  
 Diatomeas  
 Invertebrados  
 Otros

Materia orgánica  
 Granos de polen  
 Terrestres  
 Acuáticos  
 Carbón

Otros componentes

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# Recursos educativos

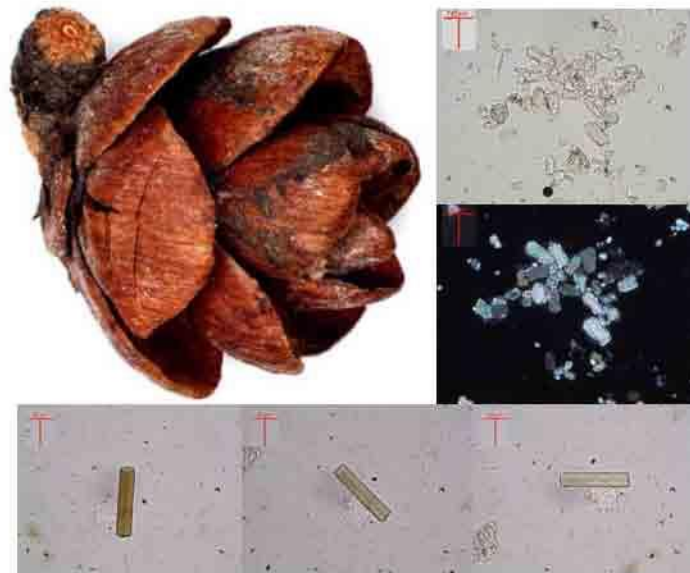
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The screenshot displays the LacCore website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar for the University of Minnesota with a search bar and links for 'myU' and 'One Stop'. Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads 'College of Science & Engineering > Dept. of Earth Sciences > Limnological Research Center > LacCore'. The main header features the 'LACCORE' logo and a navigation menu with options: Overview, Collection, Sample Requests, and Policies. A sidebar on the left lists various resources such as 'LacCore Home', 'Facilities Overview', 'Contact', 'Personnel', 'Education', and 'Related Facilities'. The central content area is titled 'LacCore: National Lacustrine Core Facility' and includes a descriptive paragraph about the facility's role in providing infrastructure for scientists. Below the text is a photograph of researchers working with core samples. On the right side, there is a Facebook social media widget showing the LacCore page's profile, a 'Me gusta esta página' button, and a recent post by Lisa Park Boush.



TMI

TOOL FOR MICROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION



[tmi.laccore.umn.edu](http://tmi.laccore.umn.edu) LACCORE

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and a University of Minnesota Interdisciplinary Informatics Seed Grant

## Tool for Microscopic Identification

TMI is designed to help both the novice and expert identify lacustrine and marine sedimentary components using microscopy. The tool emphasizes visual reference materials supported by written expert guidance on identification and interpretation.

Our original focus was solely on smear slides of minerals and mineraloids as viewed in the polarizing light (petrographic) microscope, but the tool has expanded to include biological components that may be encountered while analyzing smear slides, as well as macroscopic components typically viewed under a dissecting microscope, and some SEM images.

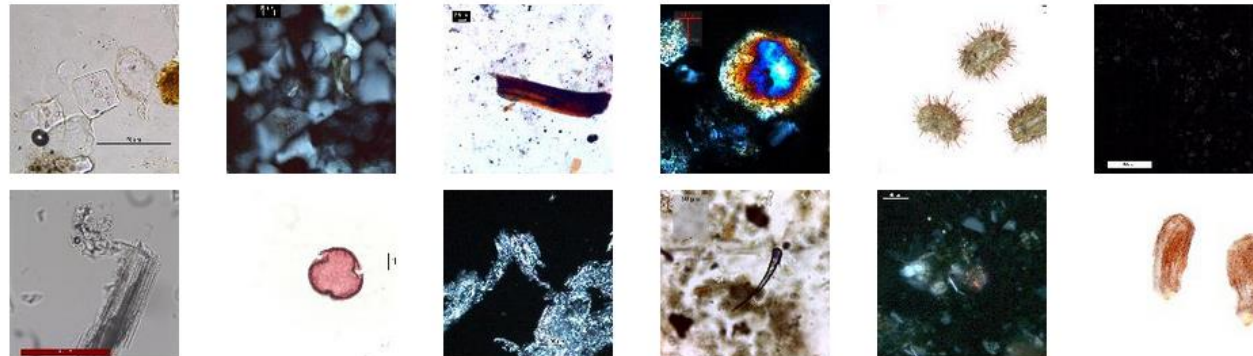
Smear slides are a simple and powerful tool for the characterization of unconsolidated sediment. Used as a part of visual core description, they provide a tremendous amount of information about past depositional environments, geochemistry and mineralogy, and flora and fauna.

The launch of TMI 2.0 in April 2013 improves usability and introduces the first tutorials. TMI is an evolving resource and would benefit from your feedback and contributions. Please email amyro\_at\_umn.edu.

### TMI Flyer 2011 GSA Poster

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### Random Components





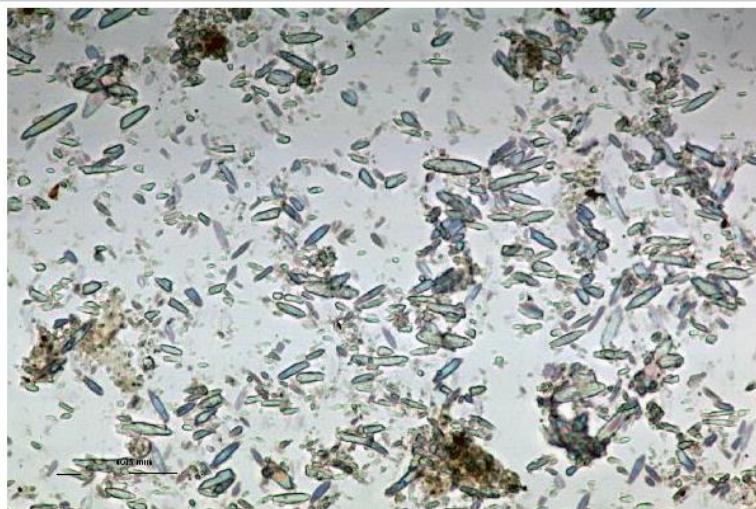


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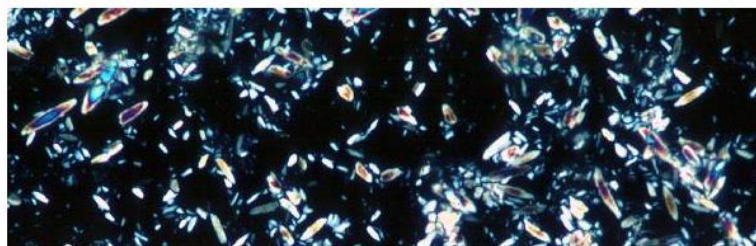
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| 107 | Mineral             | Albite               | Clear to pale yellow. Nonpleochroic. Low birefringence. Euhedral laths possible in volcanic settings, generally subrounded/subangular in shape. High relief. Can be distinguished from quartz by its 90 degree cleavage. Polysynthetic (albitic, simple) twinning is diagnostic. Sodium endmember of plagioclase solid solution series.<br><br>See also feldspar.<br><br>"Elongate prisms in multiple domains" -Smoot  | polysynthetic-twinning   | feldspar<br>silicate<br>plagioclase  |
| 21  | Mineral             | Amphibole            | Transparent colorless to green, brown, red, yellow, depending on mineralogy within the amphibole group. Strongly pleochroic. Moderate birefringence may be masked by color. Anhedra to euhedral prismatic grains. High relief. Hornblende-series minerals the most common detrital amphiboles.   | Pleochroic<br>Subhedral<br>Prismatic                             | ferromagnesian<br>high-relief<br>green<br>silicate<br>transparent<br>green |
| 62  | Mineral             | Apatite              | Usually transparent colorless. Nonpleochroic. Weak birefringence (white-gray). Prismatic, six-sided crystals may be euhedral or subhedral. Moderate relief. May occur as either detrital grains (derived from felsic igneous rocks) or authigenic/diagenetic crystals in phosphate-rich environments.  | Prismatic<br>Moderate-relief<br>Colorless<br>Transparent         | low-birefringence<br>anisotropic<br>euhedral<br>phosphate<br>heavy-mineral |
| 37  | Mineral             | Aragonite            | Transparent colorless. Nonpleochroic. Extreme birefringence. Distinguished by small (~10 um) acicular (needle-like) or rice-like grain morphology. Moderate relief, varying by direction. Twinning may be common.<br><br>Organisms such as pteropods, most mollusks, and some corals produce biogenic aragonite.   | Rice-shape<br>Acicular<br>Elongate<br>High-birefringence         | Carbonate<br>salt<br>transparent<br>colorless                              |
| 180 | Contaminant         | Backer rod           |  |  | contaminant  |
| 175 | Lithofacies         | Banded carbonate mud |  |  |  |
| 22  | Mineral             | Biotite              | Occurs as flakes larger than surrounding material, green to brown transparent, may be pleochroic. Low to moderate relief. Cleavage planes frequently visible as platy layers. Classic bird's eye extinction (mottled, pebbly texture) not always present in smear slide. Very low apparent birefringence (pseudo-isotropy) because flakes settle with {001} in the plane of the slide. However, by tilting the slide very slightly (e.g., by slipping another slide under the slide) one can evaluate the true birefringence (thanks to Frank Brown, U. Utah, for the tip). Biotite has strong birefringence; chlorite, which may form as an alteration product or a metamorphic mineral, can look similar to biotite in plane light but has weak birefringence. | Flaky<br>Pseudo-isotropic<br>Pleochroic<br>bird's-eye-extinction | brown<br>green<br>layers<br>ragged<br>silicate<br>mica<br>transparent      |

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| Id                      | 37   |
| Identification Type     | <b>Mineral</b>   |
| Name                    | Aragonite  |
| Distinguishing Features | Rice-shape<br>Acicular<br>Elongate<br>High-birefringence   |
| Description             | Transparent colorless. Nonpleochroic. Extreme birefringence. Distinguished by small (~10 um) acicular (needle-like) or rice-like grain morphology. Moderate relief, varying by direction. Twinning may be common.<br><br>Organisms such as pteropods, most mollusks, and some corals produce biogenic aragonite. |
| Tags                    | Carbonate<br>salt<br>transparent<br>colorless  |
| External Resources      | <b>Aragonite on MinDat</b>   |
| Imposters               |  |
| Images                  |  |



Unique Identification: Aragonite  
 Site name: Black Sea (43 00.29 N, 36 00.68 E)  
 Light type: Plane-Polarized Light  
 Magnification: not specified  
 Submitted by: Guy Rothwell  
 Notes: High power view of tritiform aragonite grains, resembling grains of rice or wheat, tritiform  
 Image Tags: none

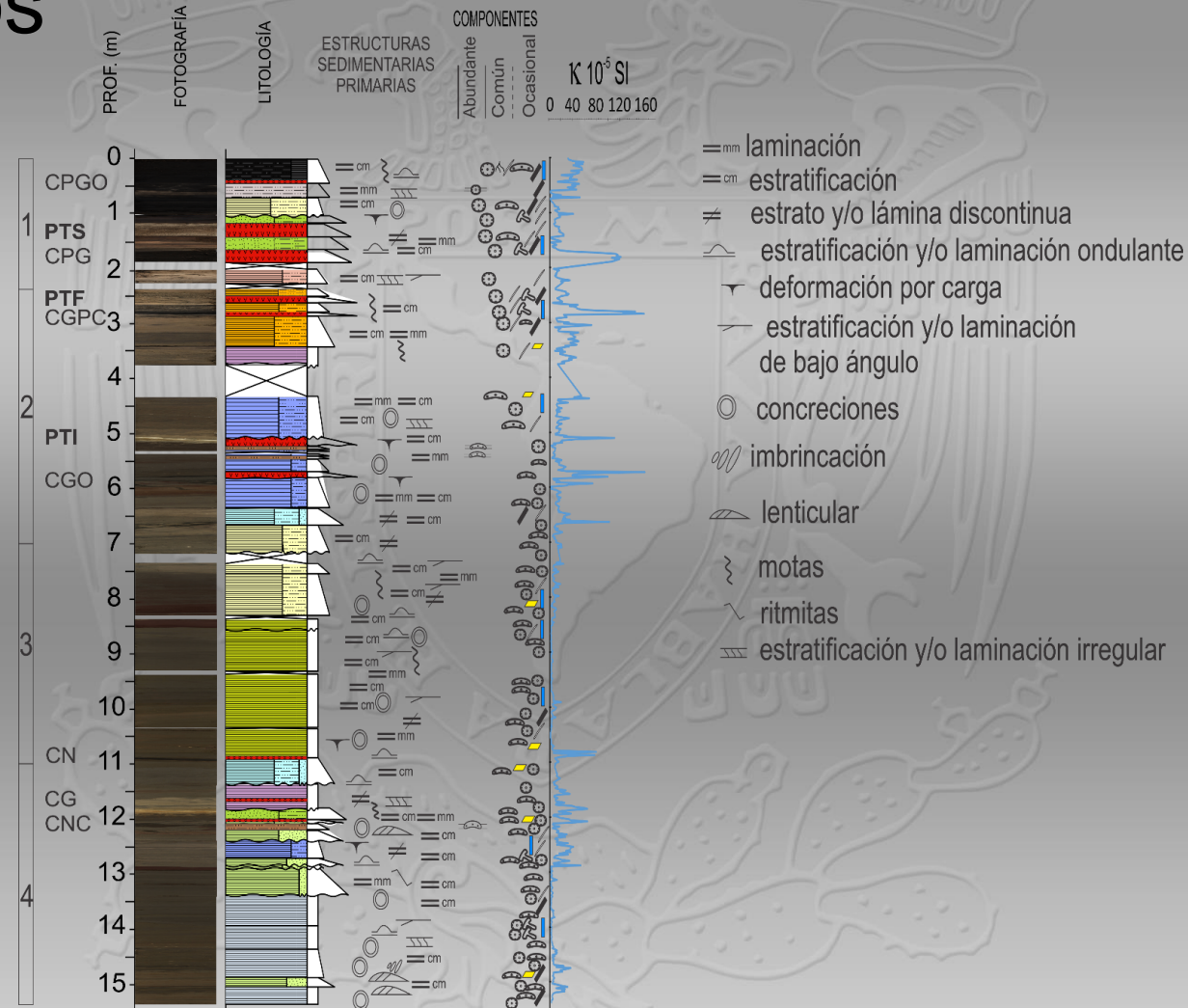


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 Site name: Black Sea (43 00.29 N, 36 00.68 E)  
 Light type: Cross-Polarized Light  
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 Submitted by: Guy Rothwell  
 Notes: tritiform  
 Image Tags: none

Figura tomada de Tucker 2011



# Elaboración de columnas estratigráficas, ejemplos



Cruz Fitz G. 2018 (tesis en preparación)

# Sedlog, un software de libre distribución para la elaboración de columnas estratigráficas

<http://sedlog.rhul.ac.uk/download.html>

| Prof   | acumul      | Núcleo | THICKNESS ( | BASE BOUN | LITHOLOGY | LITHOLOGY 1 | LITHOLOGY2 | LITHOLOGY2 | GRAIN SIZE | PHI VALUES | NOTES COLUM  | BIOTURBATI | INTENSITY |
|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|------------|-----------|
| 46.95  | M56         | 45     | Sharp       | Shale     | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Clayey silt dark gray  |            |           |
| 46.5   | M56         | 55     | Sharp       | Siltstone | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Sandy (fine) silt and sandy clay dark grayish brown , cm thick banded (3-8 cm)                                 |            |           |
| 45.95  | M55         | 30     | Sharp       | Shale     | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Clayey silt grayish brown, black, pale brown olive, dark yellowish brown. Mostly massive with occasional bands |            |           |
| 45.65  | M55         | 68     | Erosion     | Sandstone | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Sandy (fine) silt brown, very dark brown, decimetric bands (10-20 cm thick)                                    |            |           |
| 44.97  | M54-M55     | 30.6   | Sharp       | Siltstone | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Clayey silt from very dark gray to very dusky red, black at the base   |            |           |
| 44.664 | M54         | 1.4    | Sharp       | Sandstone | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Felsic medium- coarse (0.6 cm thick) to very fine (0.8 ac thick) ash pale gray, inverse graded                 |            |           |
| 44.65  | M54         | 21.3   | Sharp       | Sandstone | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Sandy (fine) silt dark grayish brown , massive   |            |           |
| 44.437 | M54         | 1.7    | Sharp       | Sandstone | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Felsic very fine-fine ash pale gray 17 mm thick, inverse graded  |            |           |
| 44.42  | M54         | 5      | Sharp       | Sandstone | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Ash and silt   |            |           |
| 44.37  | M52-M53-M54 | 160    | Sharp       | Shale     | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Clayey silt grayish brown, black, pale brown olive, dark yellowish brown. Mostly faintly banded                |            |           |
| 42.77  | M50-M51-M52 | 172    | Sharp       | Shale     | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Clayey silt grayish brown, black, pale brown olive, dark yellowish brown. Mostly massive with occasional bands |            |           |
| 41.05  | M50         | 13     | Sharp       | Siltstone | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Sandy silt very dark brown to dark, sand content variable , massive  |            |           |
| 40.92  | M50         | 34     | Sharp       | Shale     | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Clayey silt grayish brown, black, pale brown olive, dark yellowish brown. Mostly massive with occasional bands |            |           |
| 40.58  | M49-M50     | 27     | Sharp       | Siltstone | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Sandy silt very dark brown to dark, sand content variable , massive  |            |           |
| 40.31  | M48-M49     | 111    | Sharp       | Shale     | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Dusky red clay, gradational changes to silty clay dark brown red, very dark grayish brown. Massive             |            |           |
| 39.2   | M46-M47-M48 | 201    | Sharp       | Shale     | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Clayey silt grayish brown, black, pale brown olive, dark yellowish brown. Mostly massive with occasional bands |            |           |
| 37.19  | M46         | 32     | Sharp       | Siltstone | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Sandy silt very dark brown to dark, sand content variable , massive  |            |           |
| 36.87  | M46         | 5      | Sharp       | Sandstone | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Black ash  |            |           |
| 36.82  | M45-M46     | 143    | Sharp       | Siltstone | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Sandy silt very dark brown to dark, sand content variable , massive  |            |           |
| 35.39  | M45         | 8      | Sharp       | Sandstone | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Dark brown fine sand   |            |           |
| 35.31  | M45         | 14     | Sharp       | Shale     | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Clayey silt reddish brown to dark gray and brown grayish   |            |           |
| 35.17  | M45         | 15     | Sharp       | Sandstone | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Dark brown silt with fine sand   |            |           |
| 35.02  | M44-M45     | 25     | Sharp       | Shale     | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Clayey silt reddish brown to dark gray and brown grayish   |            |           |
| 34.77  | M44         | 3      | Sharp       | Sandstone | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Medium black ash 2-3 cm thick  |            |           |
| 34.74  | M44         | 47     | Sharp       | Shale     | 100       | <none>      |            |            |            |            | Clayey silt reddish brown to dark gray and brown grayish   |            |           |



# De la descripción de componentes al establecimiento de facies sedimentarias



## Facies—A Working Definition

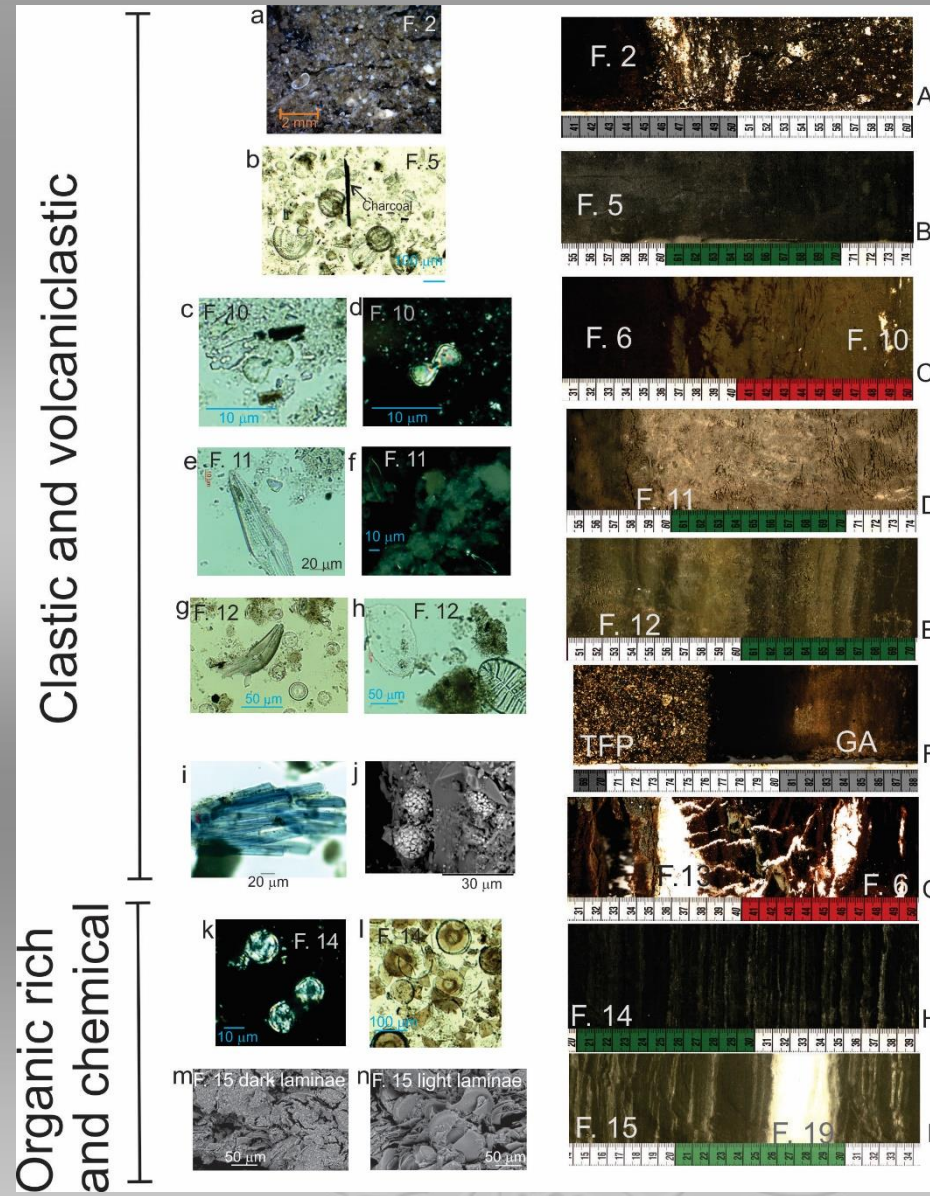
The most useful modern working definition of the term “facies” was given by Middleton (1978), who noted that:

“the more common (modern) usage is exemplified by de Raaf et al. (1965) who subdivided a group of three formations into a cyclical repetition of a number of facies distinguished by “lithological, structural and organic aspects detectable in the field”. The facies may be given informal designations (“Facies A” etc.) or brief descriptive designations (“laminated siltstone facies”) and it is understood that they are units that will ultimately be given an environmental interpretation; but the facies definition is itself quite objective and based on the total field aspect of the rocks themselves... . The key to the interpretation of facies is to combine observations made on their spatial relations and internal characteristics (lithology and sedimentary structures) with comparative information from other well-studied stratigraphic units, and particularly from studies of modern sedimentary environments”.

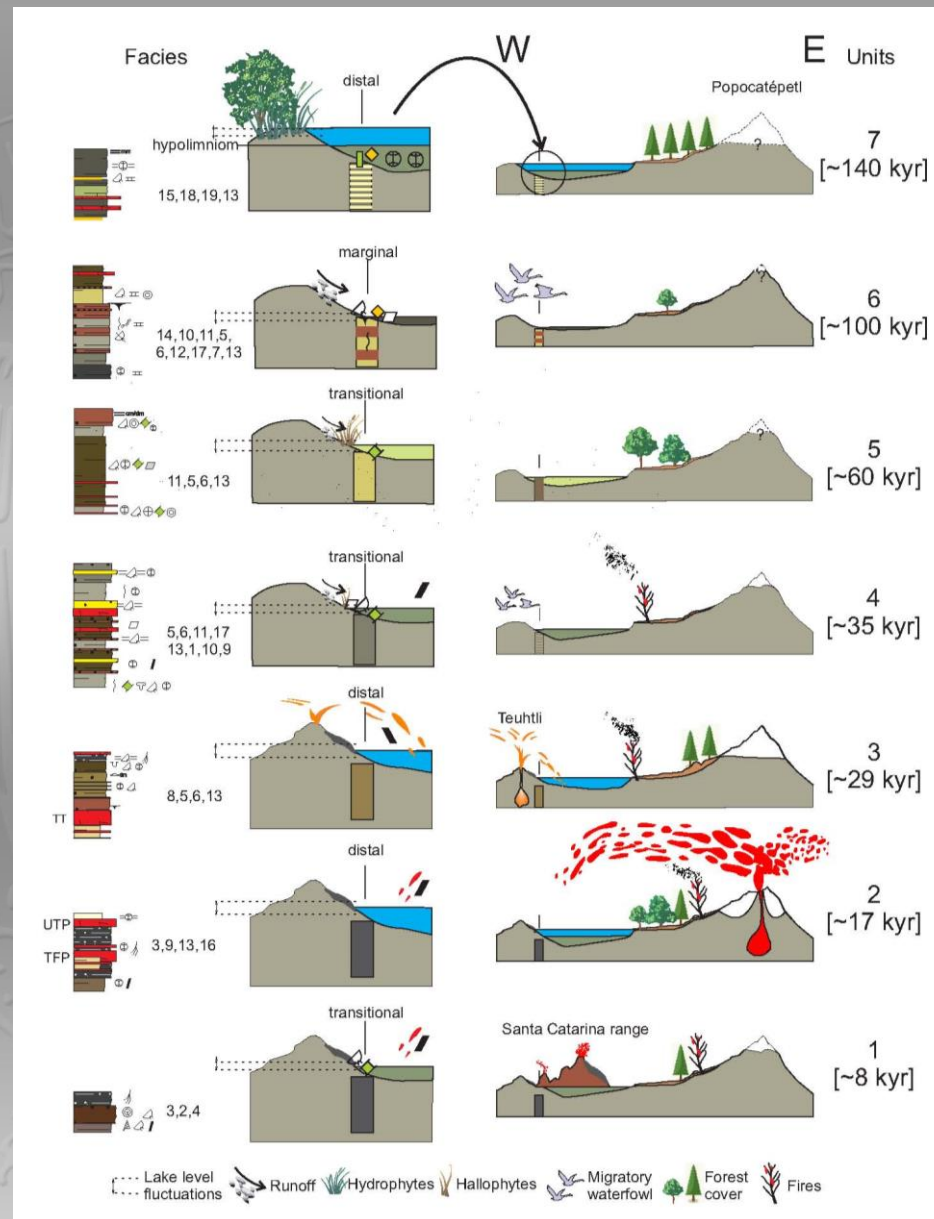
The term facies can be used in both a descriptive and an interpretive sense. The definition above defines only the descriptive facies. However, it may be useful, as a quick means of communication, to tell a friend that you worked on a “fluvial facies”. It is understood that you have made an interpretation of the rocks you worked on, and that the term “fluvial facies” encompasses a constellation of features including (in the fluvial example) sharp-based fining-upward successions with lags at their bases, thin siltstones with root traces, abundant trough and planar tabular cross bedding, and the absence of marine indicators. It is normally obvious from the context whether the term facies is being used in a descriptive or an interpretive sense.

Walker (2006).



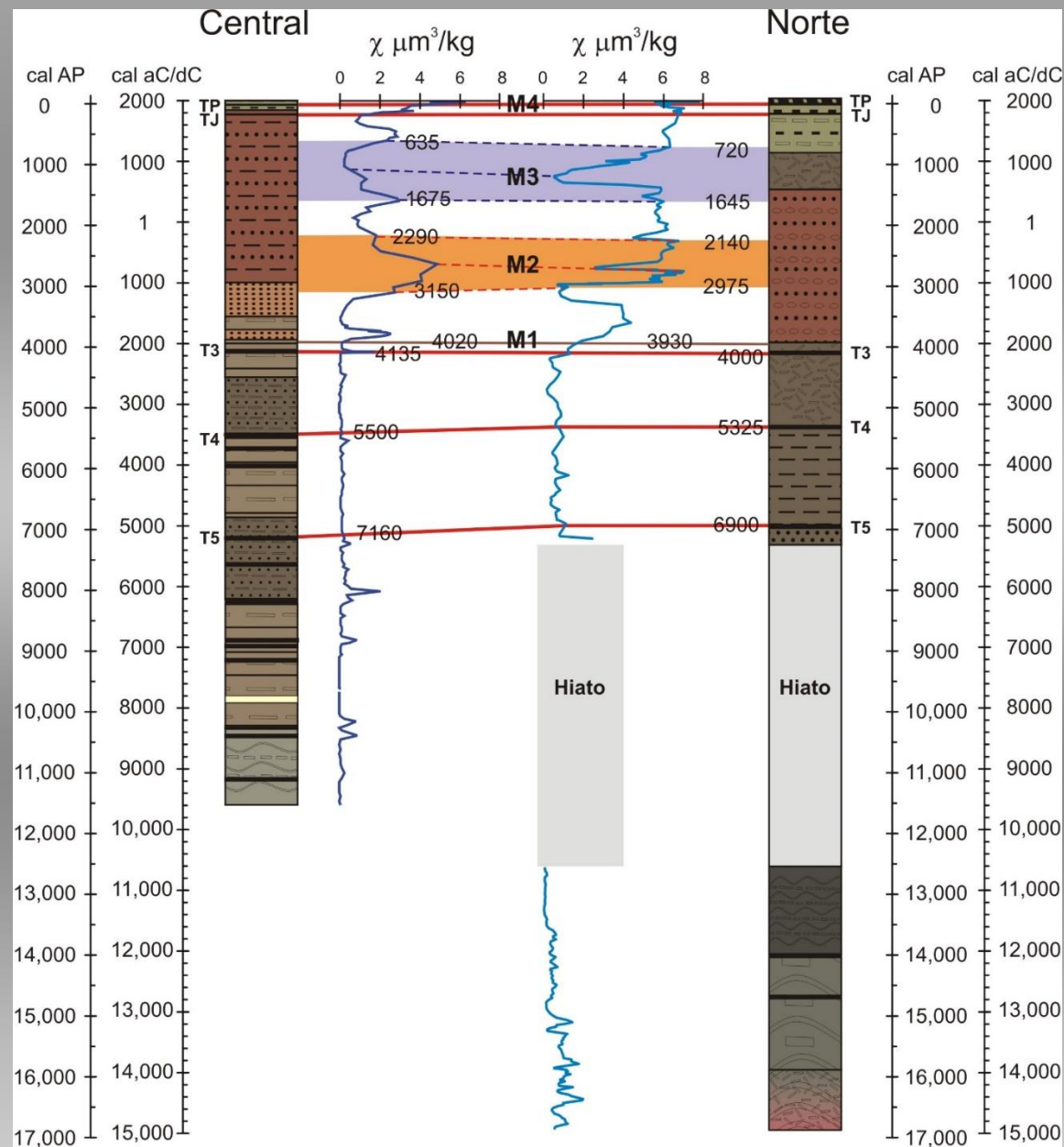


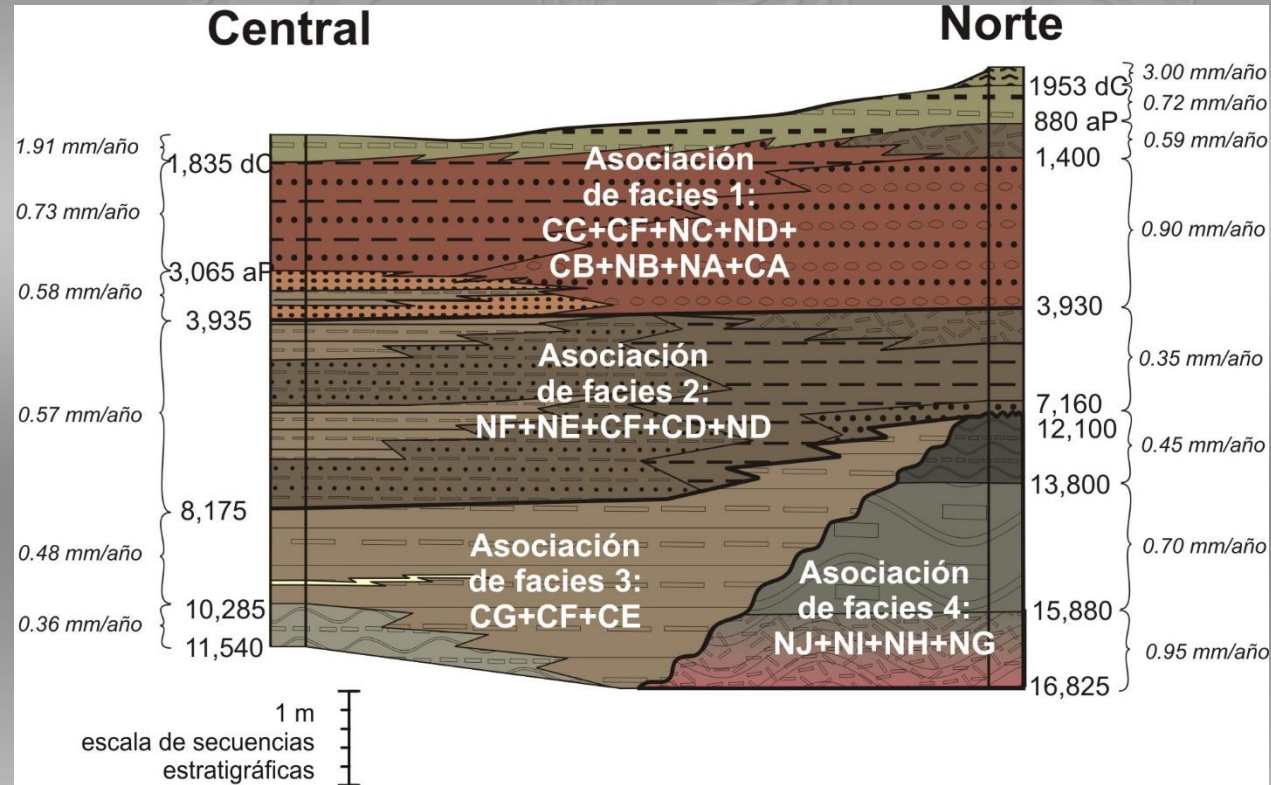
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