

## CD ประกอบคำสอนวิชาจุลฐานดิน

โดย

นายประมวลพงษ์ สินธุเสน

สำนักวิทยาศาสตร์เพื่อการพัฒนาที่ดิน

กรมพัฒนาที่ดิน

กระทรวงเกษตรและสหกรณ์

**CD ประกอบคำสอนวิชาจุลสัณฐานดิน**

**โดย**

**นายประมวลพงษ์ สิ้นธุเสน**

**สำนักวิทยาศาสตร์เพื่อการพัฒนาที่ดิน  
กรมพัฒนาที่ดิน กระทรวงเกษตรและสหกรณ์**

---

# *Division of Soil Mineralogy and Soil Micromorphology*



---

**Soil micromorphology is the systematic study of the arrangement of the soil constituents and associated pore in an undisturbed state of the soil at a particular time (Kubiena, 1938)**

**Historically, micromorphology has focused on the genesis and classification of soil**

---

---

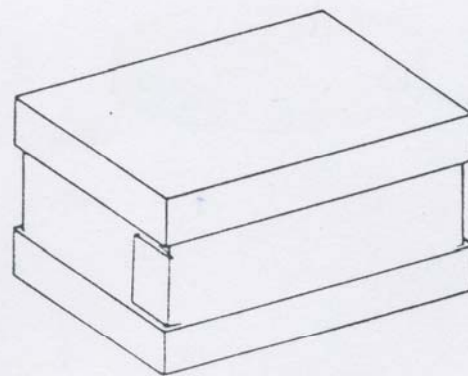
# **Soil Sampling**

## **Equipment**

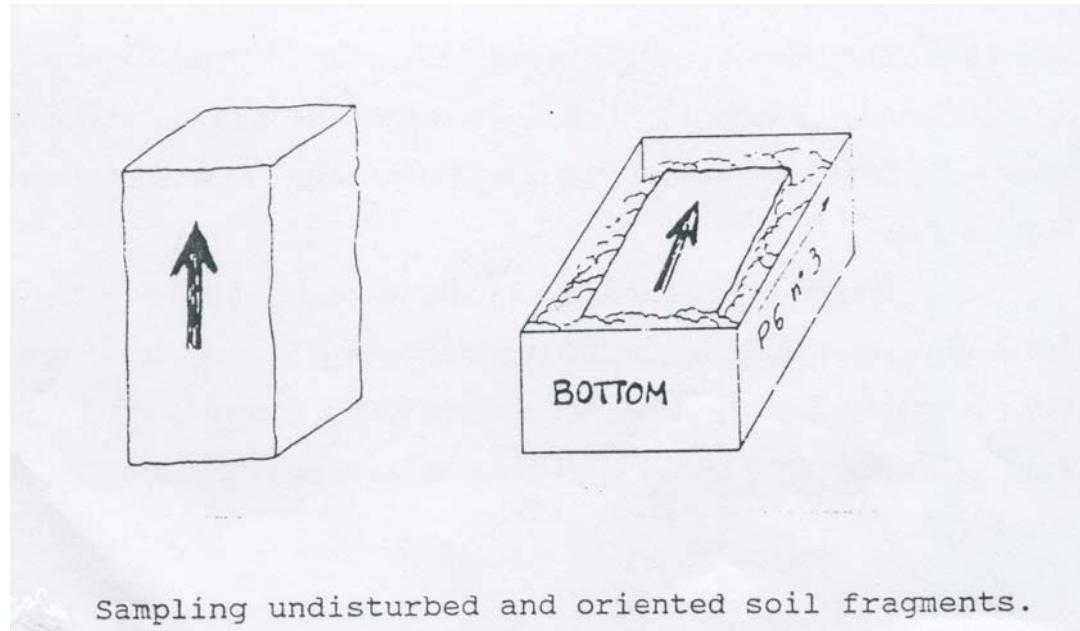
- Kubiena boxes, 10x5x3.5 cm.**
  - Trowel or knife**
  - Paper tape**
  - Marker**
-

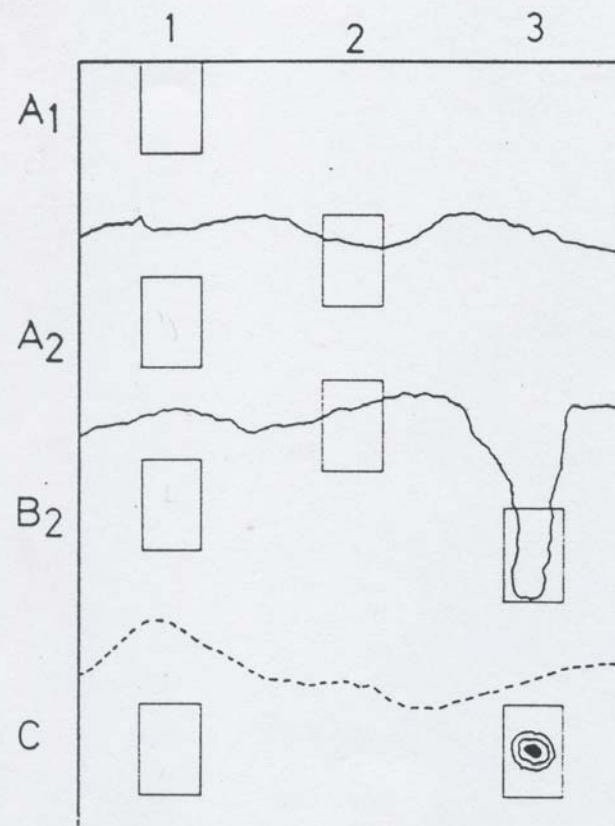
---

KUBIĒNA BOX



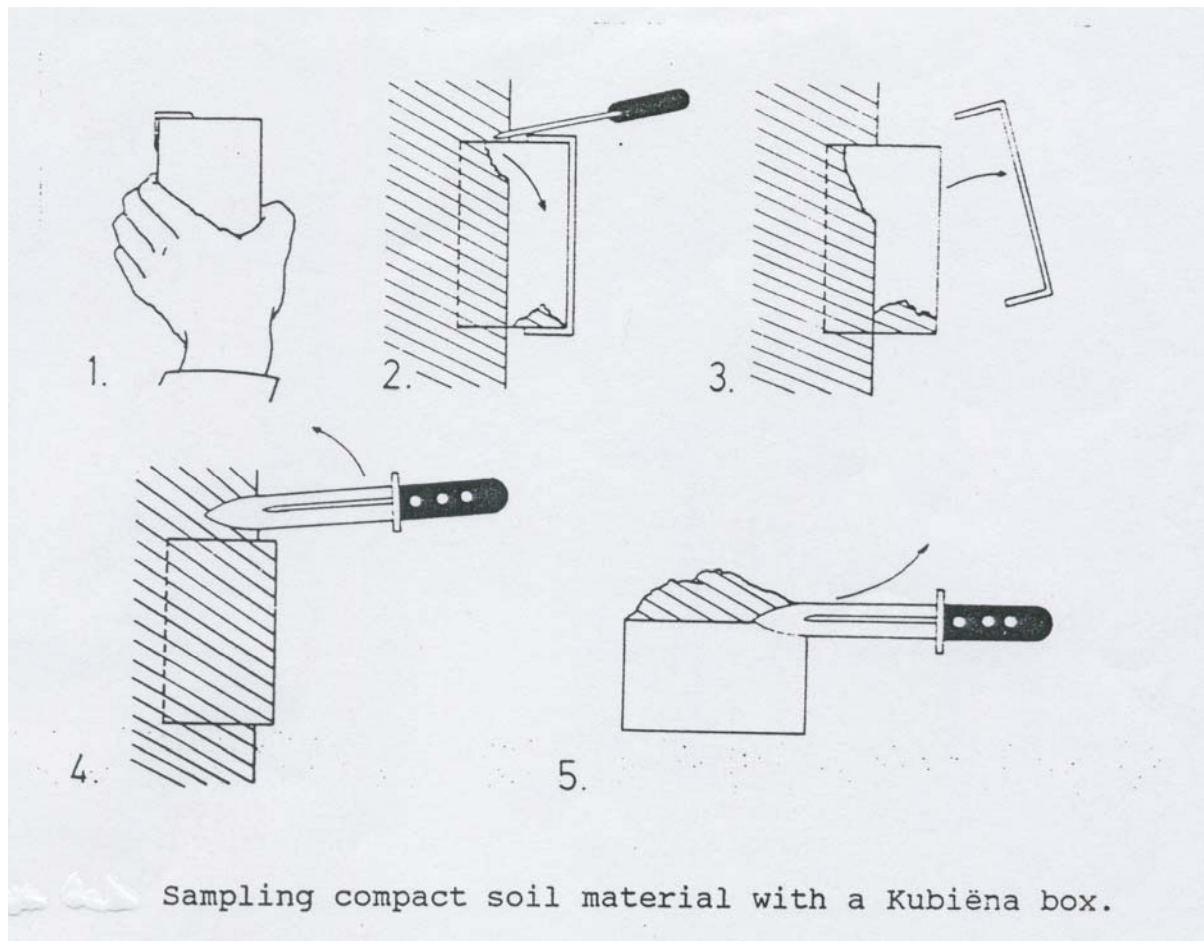
Kubiēna box.





Location of samples for micropedological studies.





---

# ***Preparation of the samples***

- 1. Transferring the specimen to the impregnation mould**
  - 2. Removal of water (drying)**
    - by oven drying**
    - by replacement with pure acetone**
-







---

### **3. Impregnation**

**–Impregnating mixtures : –**

**–plastic resin**

**–styrene monomer**

**–benzoyl peroxide**

**–Vaccum impregnation**

### **4. Sawing the impregnated block**

### **5. Cutting**

---











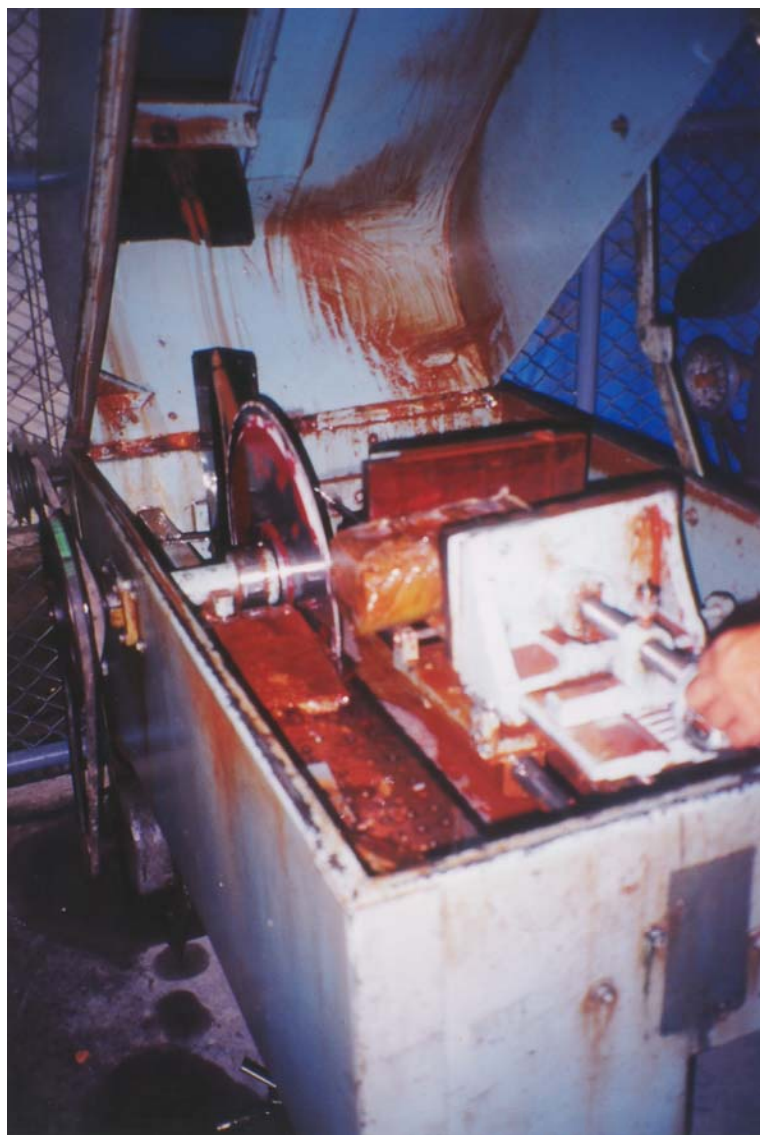














---

**6. Lapping**

**7. Polishing**

**8. Mounting**

**Fixation mixtures**

**–plastic resin**

**–cobalt solution**

**–hardener**

---











---

**9. Cutting off the excess specimen**

**10. Grinding**

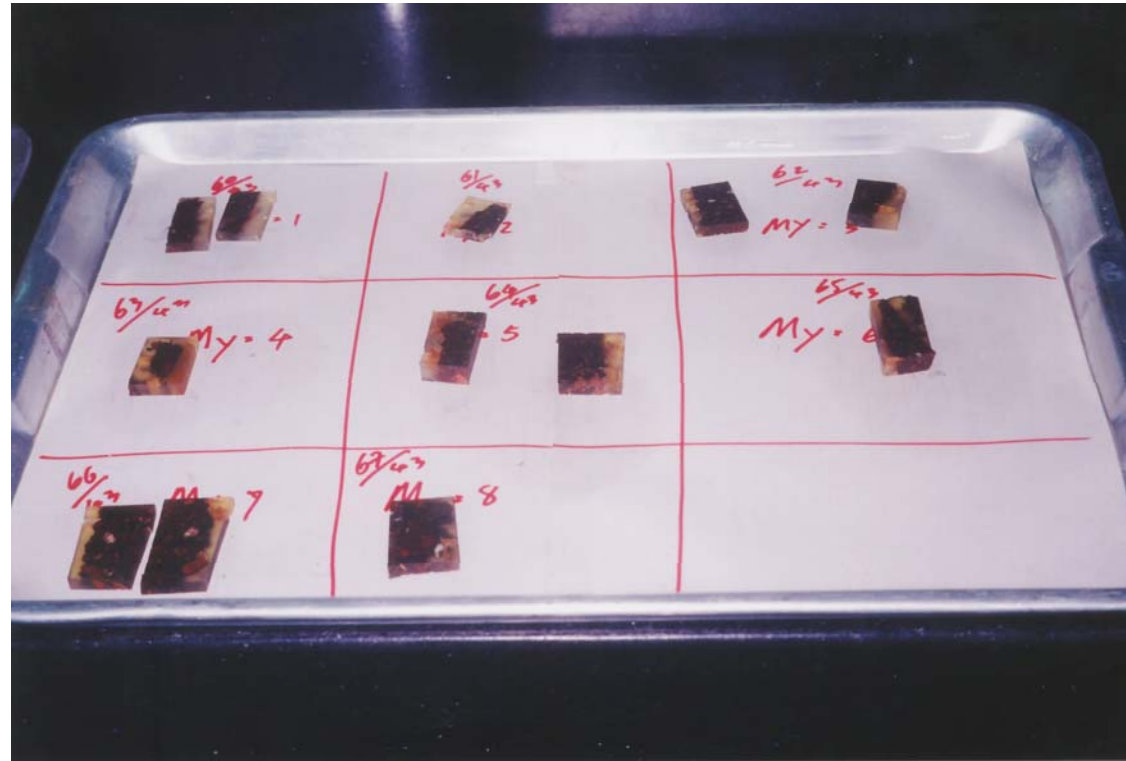
**11. Polishing**

**12. Covering (by fixation mixture)**

**Examination of thin section with the  
petrological microscope.**

---

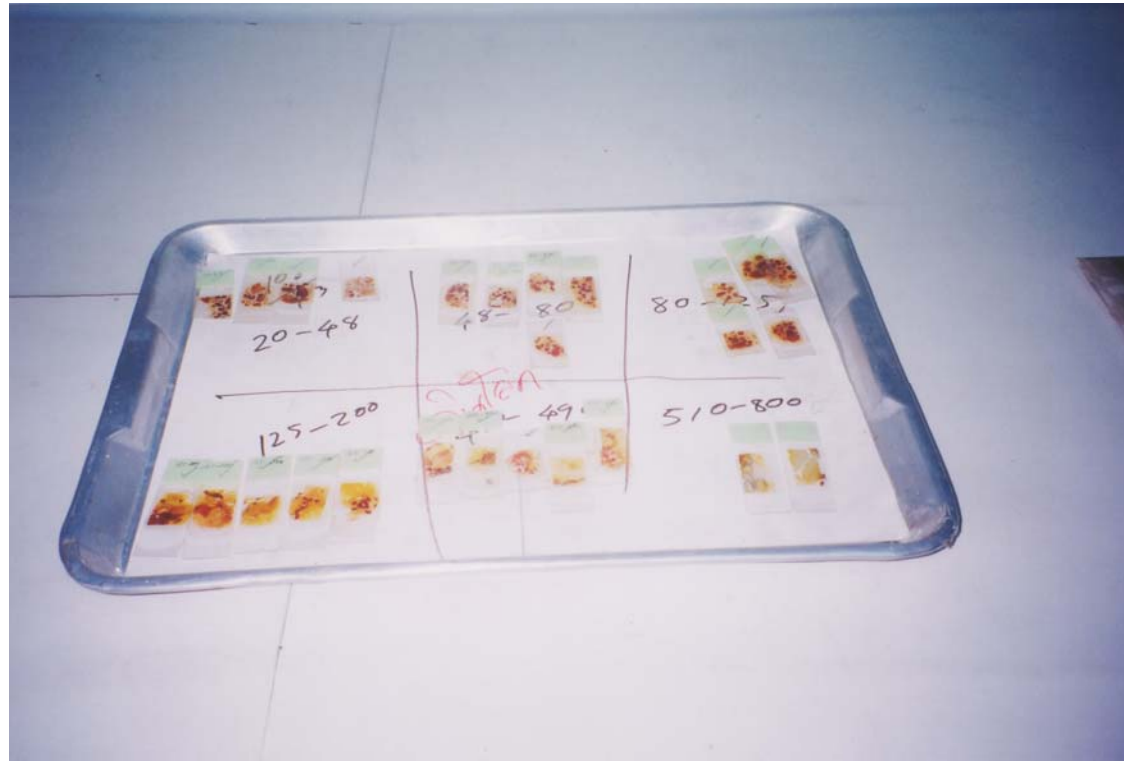




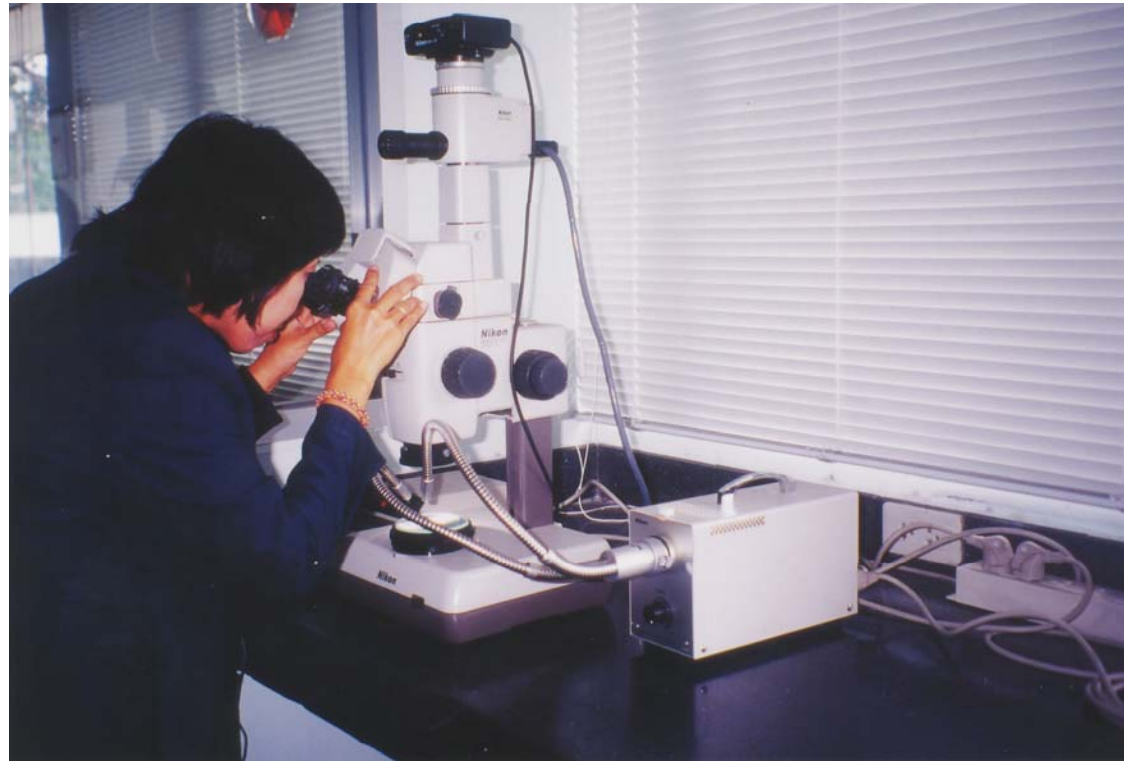












---

# ***General Descriptive Criteria***

## **Size**

<b>Clay</b>	<b><math>&lt; 2 \mu\text{m}</math></b>
<b>Silt</b>	<b><math>2\text{--}50 \mu\text{m}</math></b>
<b>very fine sand</b>	<b><math>50\text{--}100 \mu\text{m}</math></b>
<b>fine sand</b>	<b><math>100\text{--}200 \mu\text{m}</math></b>
<b>medium sand</b>	<b><math>200\text{--}500 \mu\text{m}</math></b>
<b>coarse sand</b>	<b><math>500\text{--}1000 \mu\text{m}</math></b>
<b>very coarse sand</b>	<b><math>1000\text{--}2000 \mu\text{m}</math></b>

---

---

# ***Frequency***

<b>Very dominant</b>	<b>&gt;70 %</b>
<b>Dominant</b>	<b>50–70 %</b>
<b>Common</b>	<b>30–50 %</b>
<b>Frequent</b>	<b>15–30 %</b>
<b>Few</b>	<b>5–15 %</b>
<b>Very few</b>	<b>&lt;5 %</b>

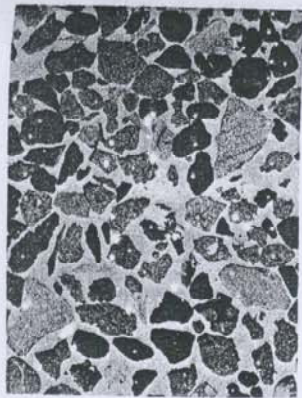
---

---

# ***Sorting***

- **perfectly sorted** (normally only one size fraction is present)
  - **well sorted** (5–10% of fraction other than those stated)
  - **moderately sorted** (10–30% of fraction other than those stated)
  - **poorly sorted** (the sorted component is not the dominant one)
  - **unsorted**
-





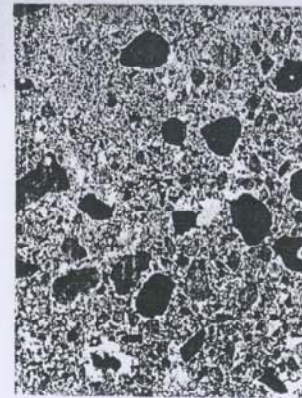
Perfectly sorted  
100%



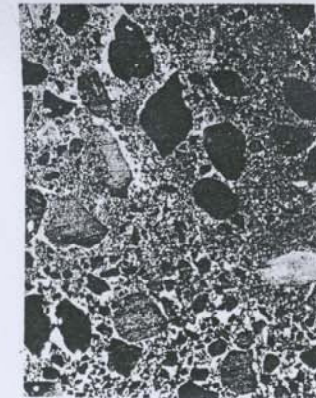
Well sorted  
92%



Moderately sorted  
75%



Poorly sorted  
32%



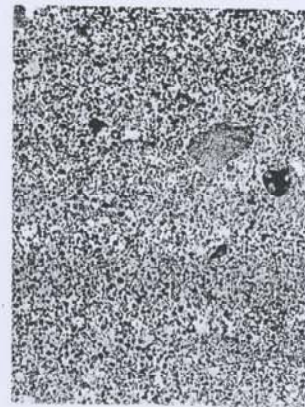
Unsorted

Decreasing proportion of coarse and very coarse sand.

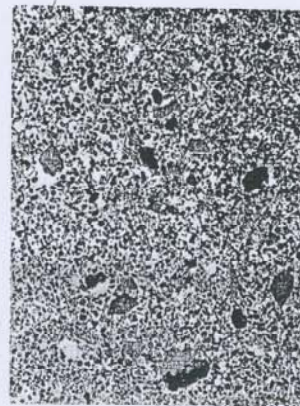
Remainder equal proportions of silt, very fine sand, fine sand and medium sand.



Perfectly sorted  
100%



Well sorted  
92%



Moderately sorted  
75%



Poorly sorted  
32%

Decreasing proportion of fine sand.

Remainder equal proportions of silt, very fine sand, medium sand and, coarse and very coarse sand.

### EXAMPLES of SORTING

Percentages are based on  
total  $>2\mu\text{m}$  fraction.

---

# ***Crystalline forms***

- Euhedral**
  - Subhedral**
  - Anhedral**
-



---

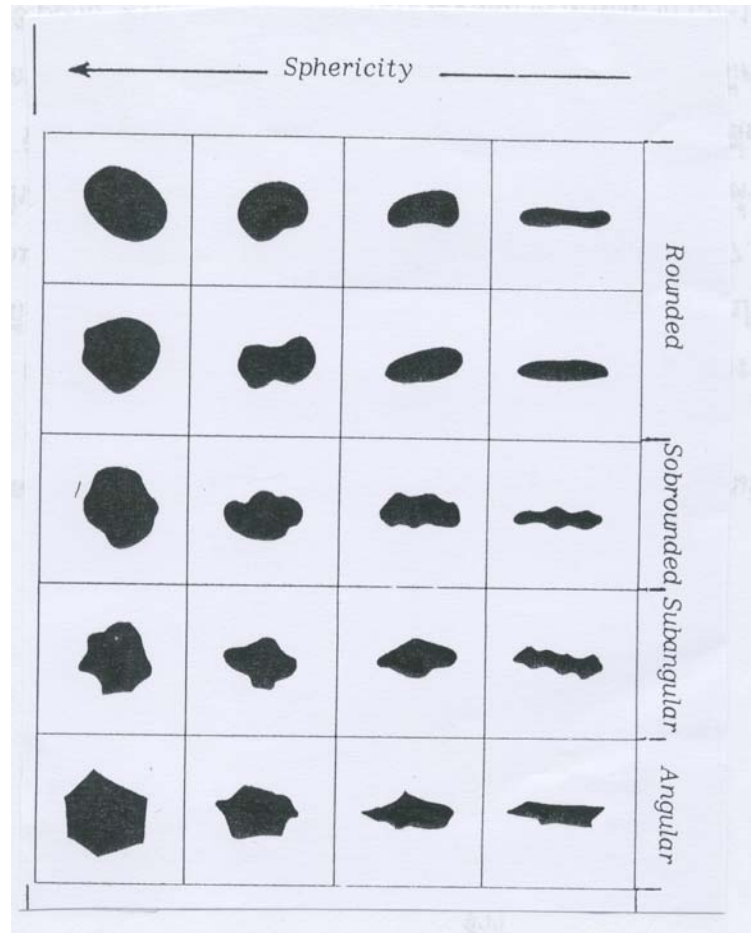
## ***Shape of particles (crystal habit) eg.***

- lenticular**
  - acicular**
  - fibrous**
  - tabular**
  - etc.**
-

---

# ***Roundness***

- Angular**
  - Subangular**
  - Sub–rounded**
  - Rounded**
  - Well–rounded**
-



---

# ***Surface roughness***

- Rough**
  - Undulating**
  - Smooth**
-

---

## ***Boundary sharpness***

- Sharp : knife edge boundaries**
  - Clear : Color transition and/or  
particle size transition  
< 60  $\mu\text{m}$  wide**
  - Diffuse : color transition and/or  
particle size transition  
>60  $\mu\text{m}$  wide**
-

---

# ***The Fabric Analysis of Soil Thin Sections***

## ***A. Microstructure***

### ***a. Aggregation***

**Type of aggregate : peds, fragments,  
clod (> 5 cm.)**

**Grade of pedality : strongly–weakly**

**Size & Accommodation**

---

---

## ***b. Voids***

### **Type of voids**

- Simple packing voids**
- Compound packing voids**
- Complex packing voids**
- Vughs      – Chambers      – Vesicles**
- Planes      – Channels**

**Regularity of wall : rough & smooth**

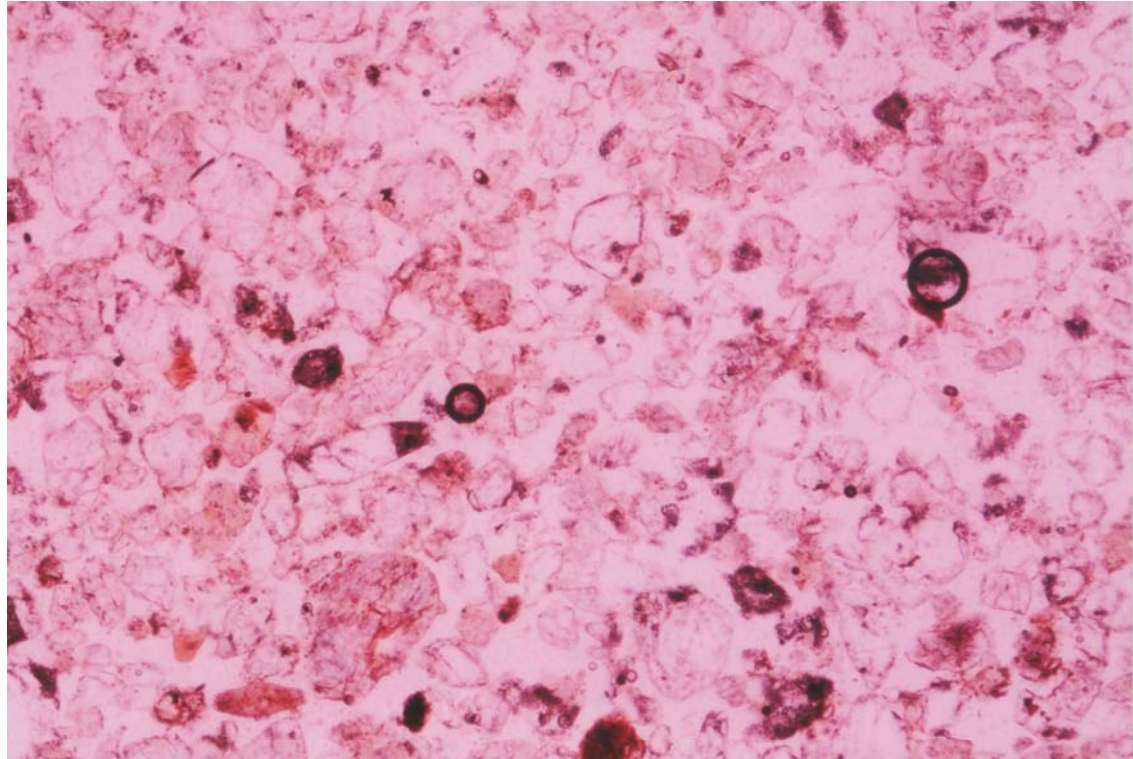
**Size of voids**

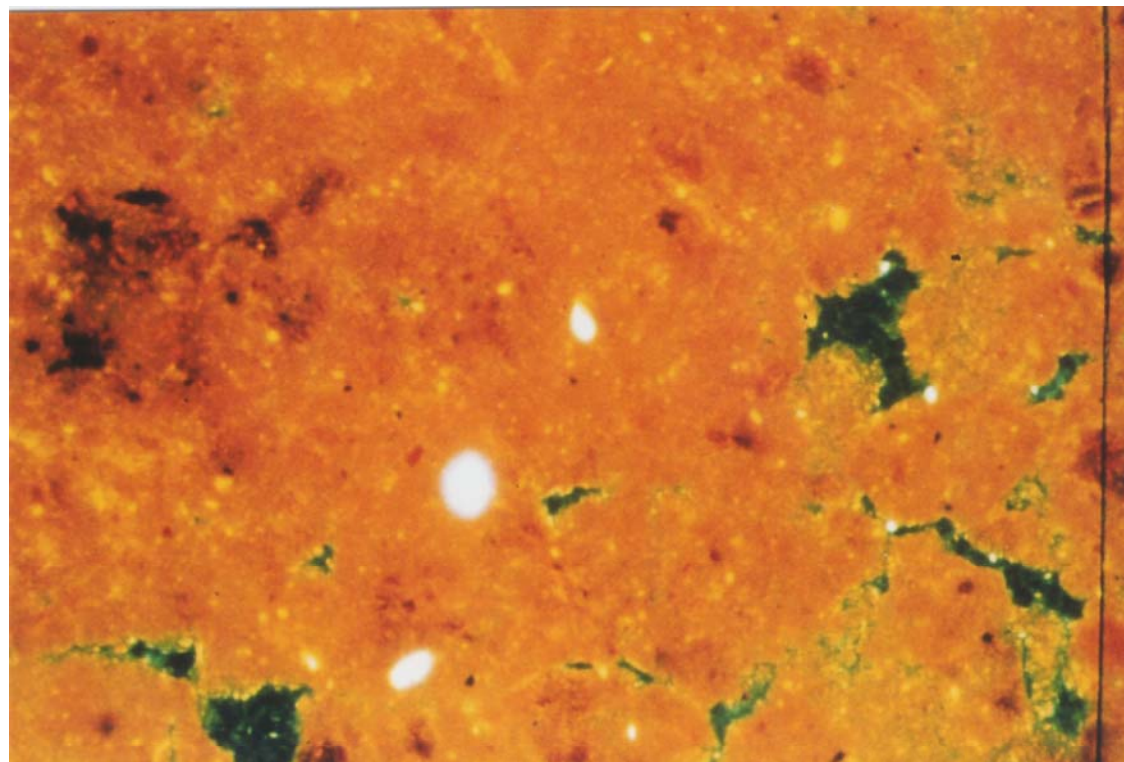
---

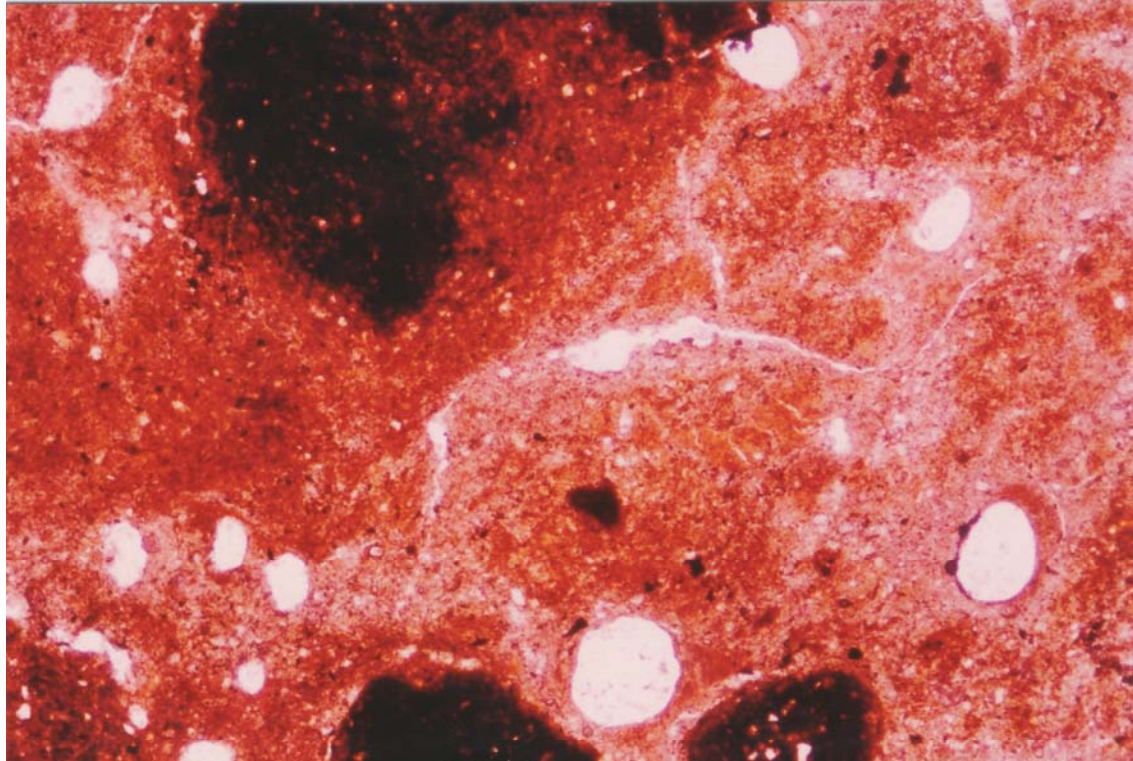


### ***c. Type of microstructure***

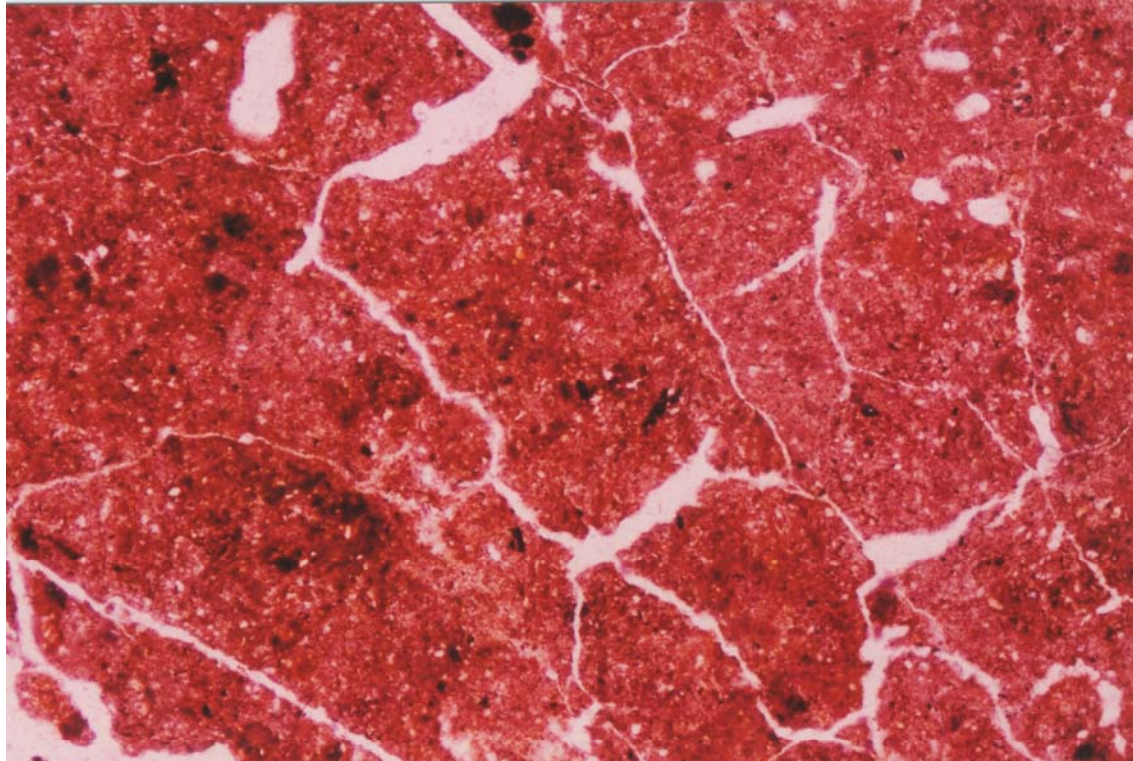
- Single grain ( monic RDP)**
- Bridged grain ( gefuric RDP)**
- Pellicular grain ( chitonic RDP)**
- Intergrain microaggregate ( enaulic)**
- Vughy –Spongy –Channel –Chamber –**
- Vesicular –Crumb –Granular –Angular blocky**
- Platy –Subangular blocky –Fissure**
- Crack –Prismatic –Massive –Complex**

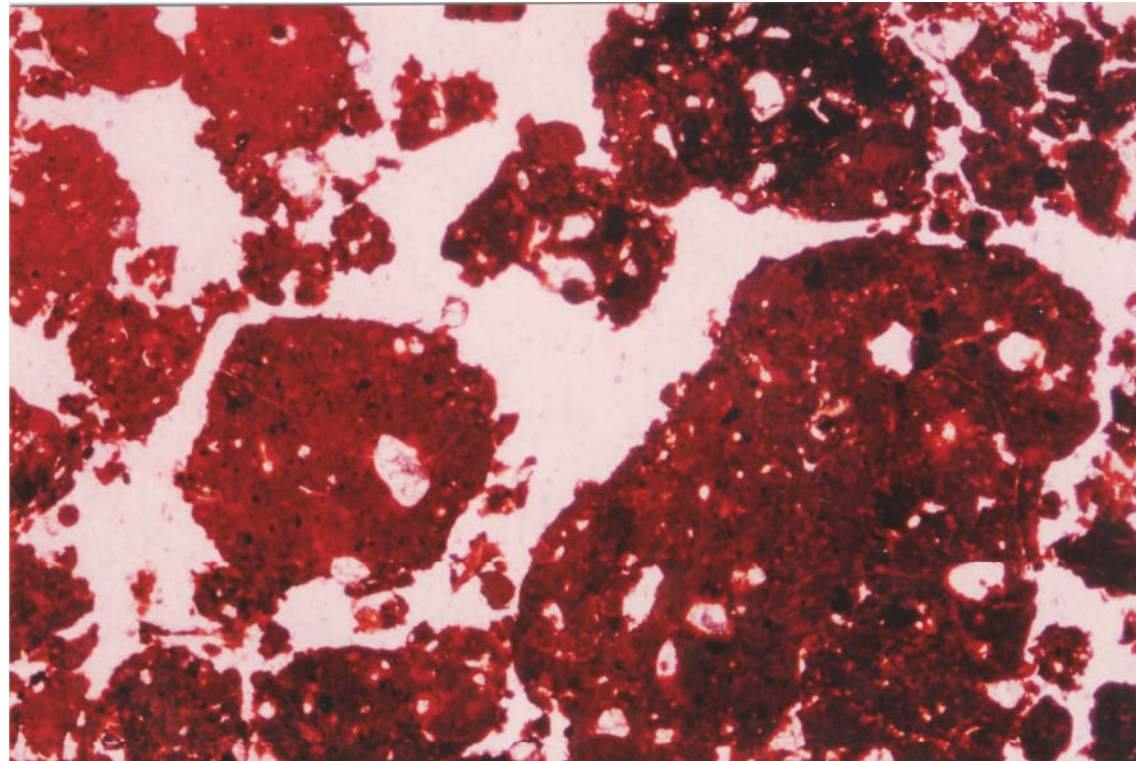


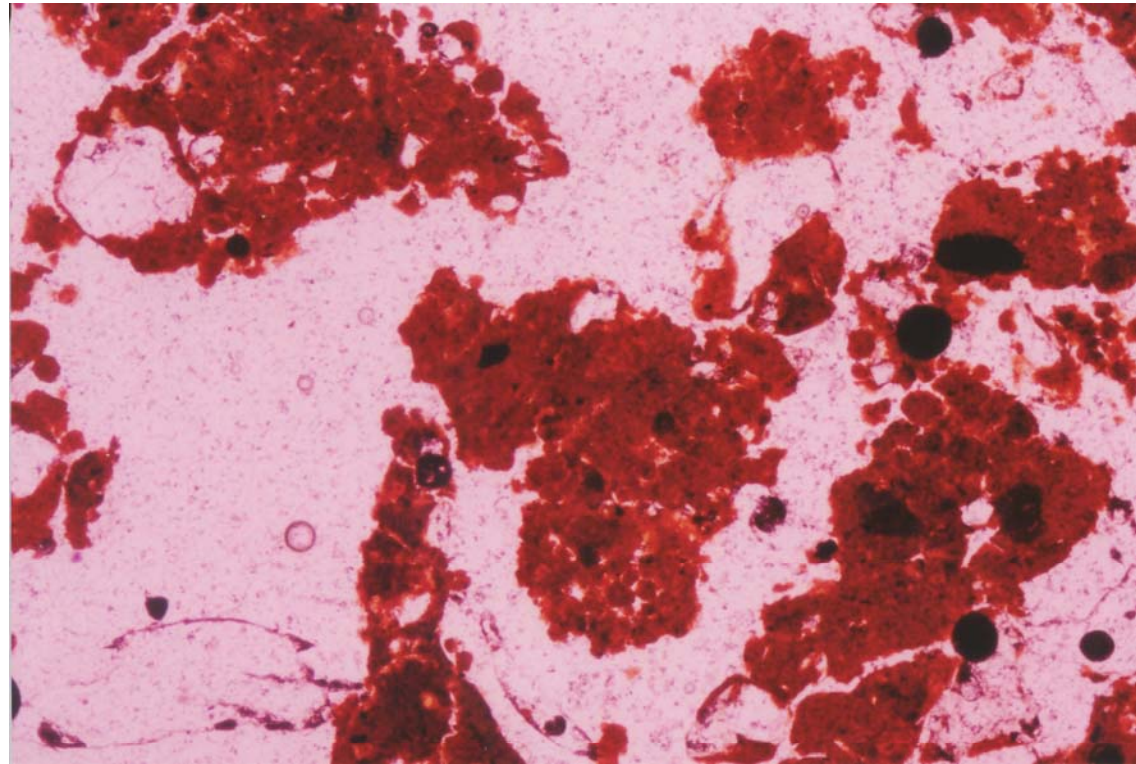




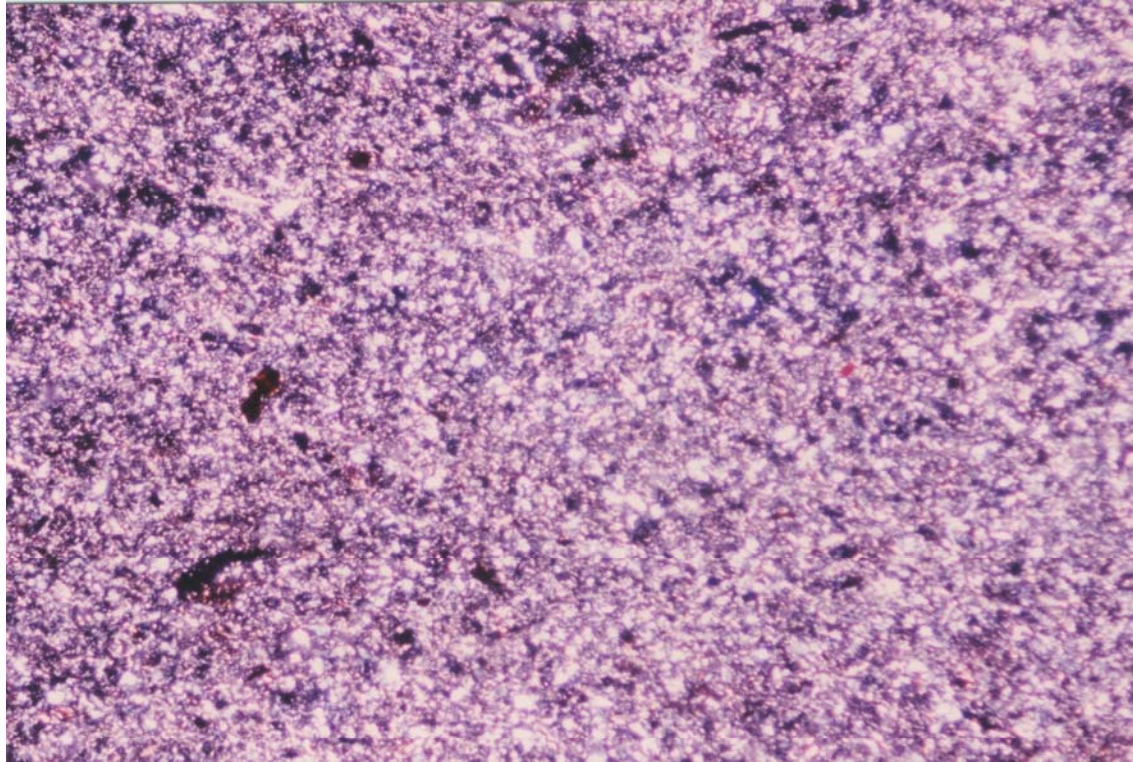












---

## ***B. Basic Components***

**The coarse mineral material**

**c/f limit 10 $\mu$ m**

***a. The important of description :***

- origin (and nature) of parent material**
  - reserve of nutritive elements**
  - actual and former pedogenetic process**
-

---

## ***b.Nature***

- single mineral grains**
  - compound mineral grains & rock fragment**
  - inorganic residues of organic origin**
  - phytolith, diatom, shell, bone**
  - artefacts**
-

---

***c. Size and Sorting***

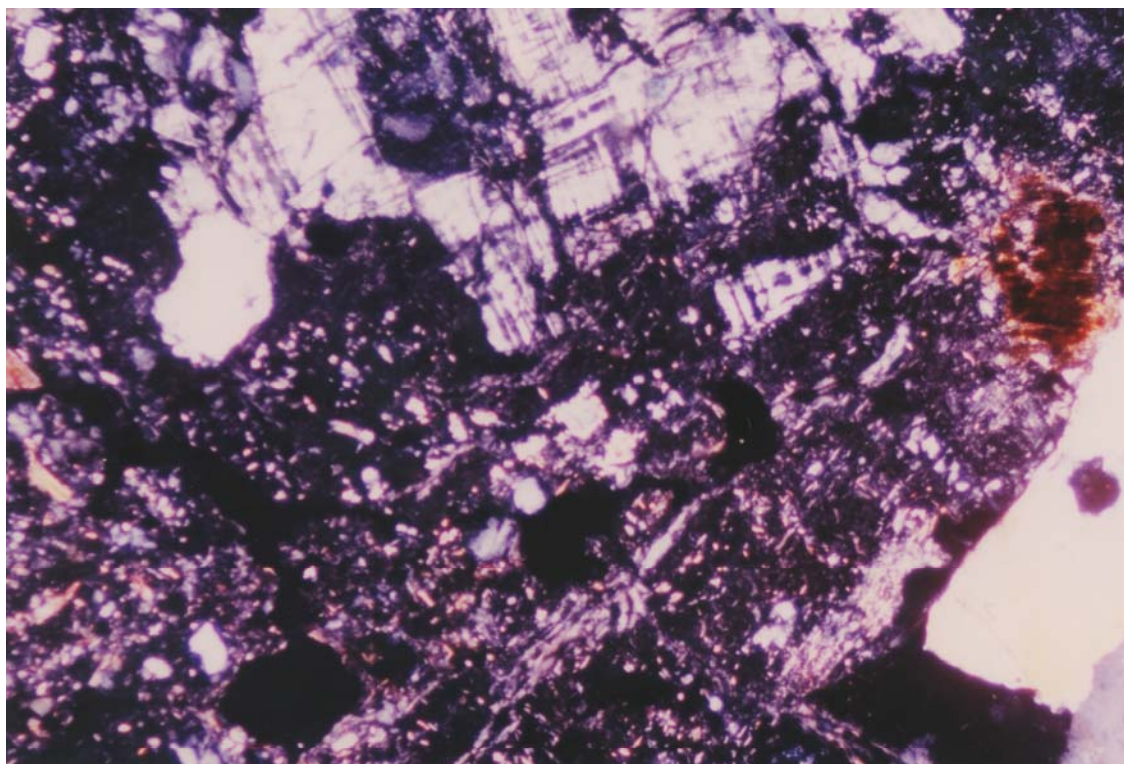
***d. Shape***

***e. Internal characteristic eg.***

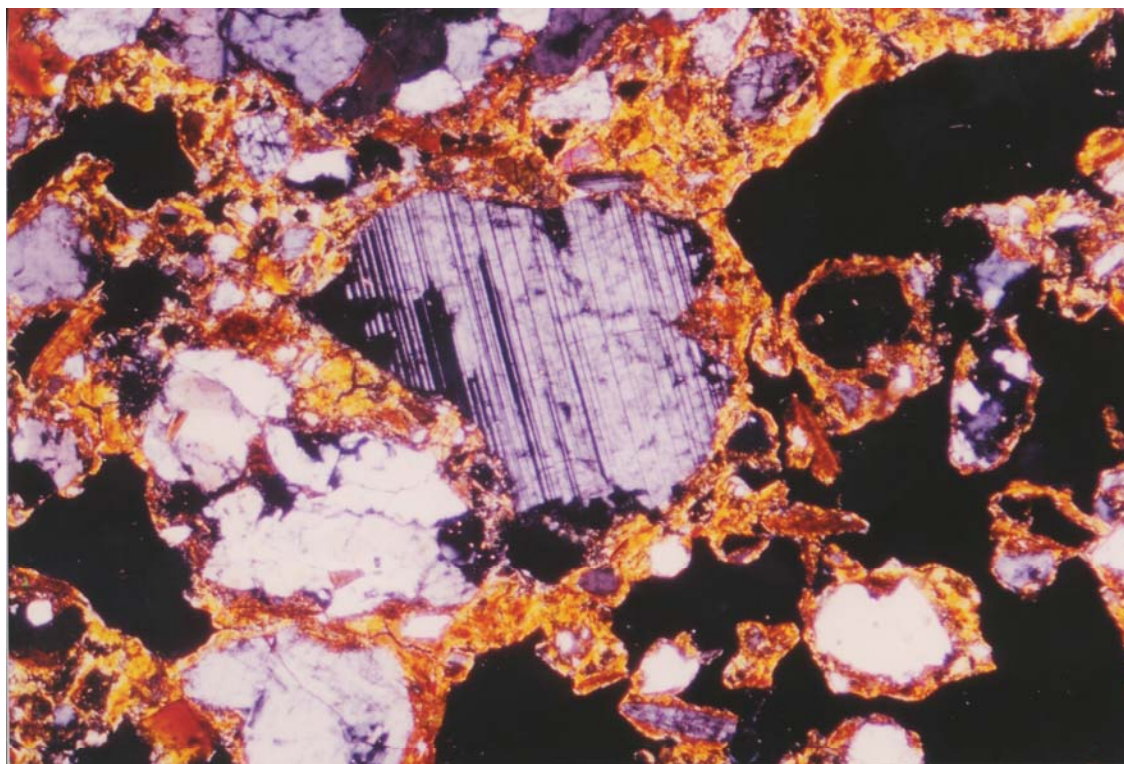
***Inclusion, twin.***

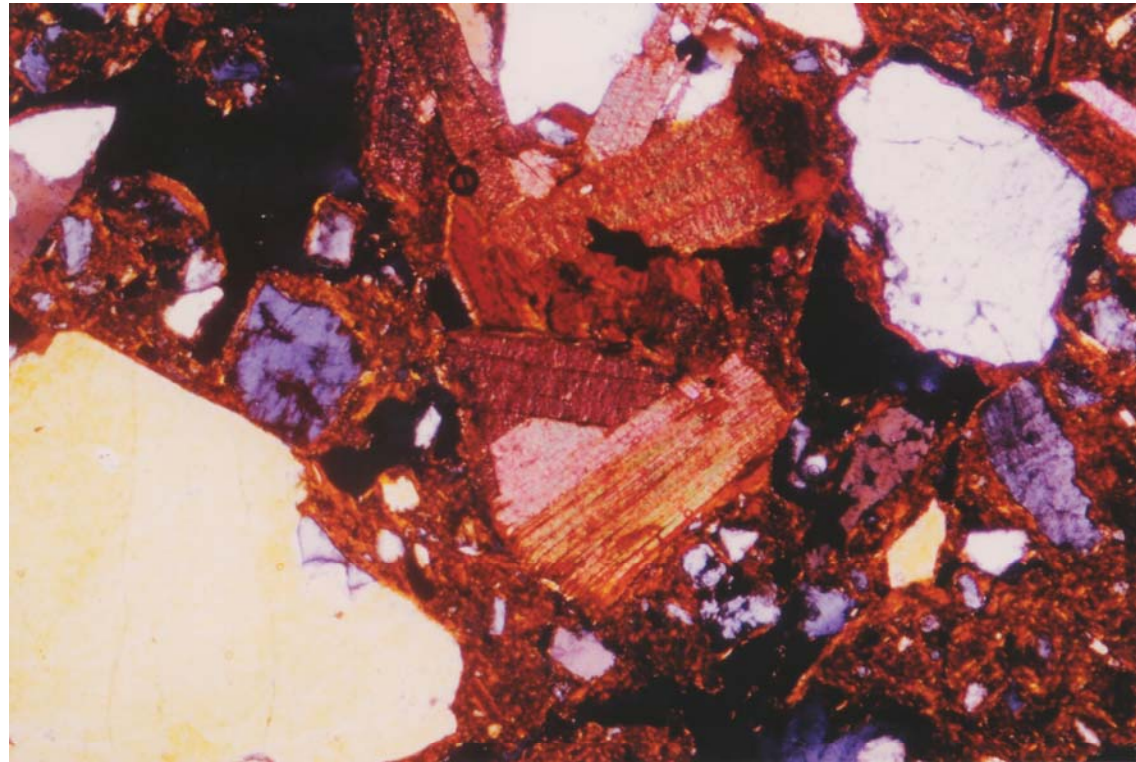
***f. Alteration and Weathering***

---

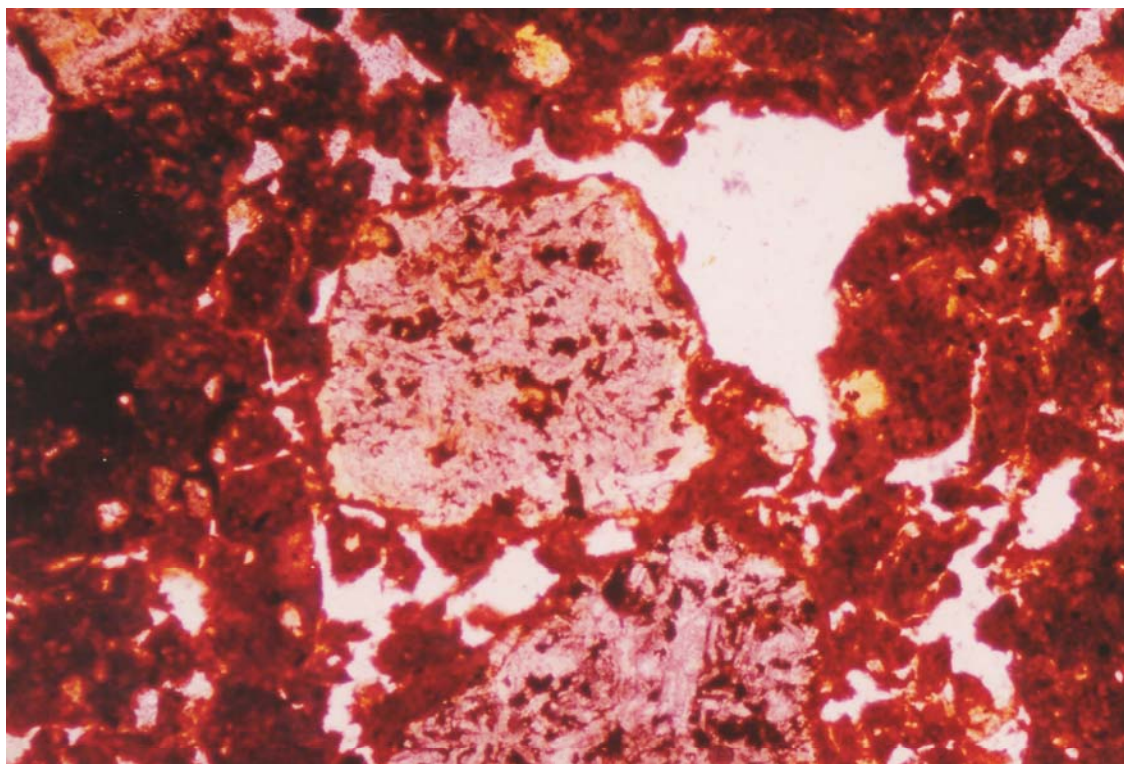


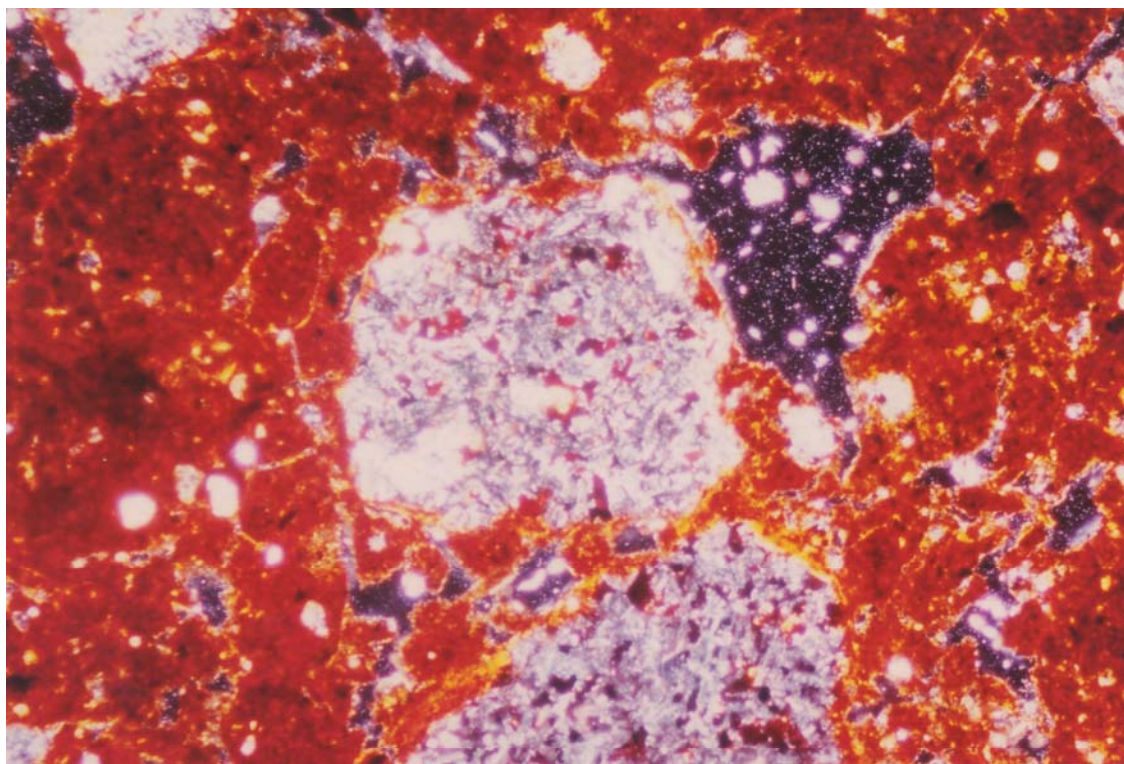


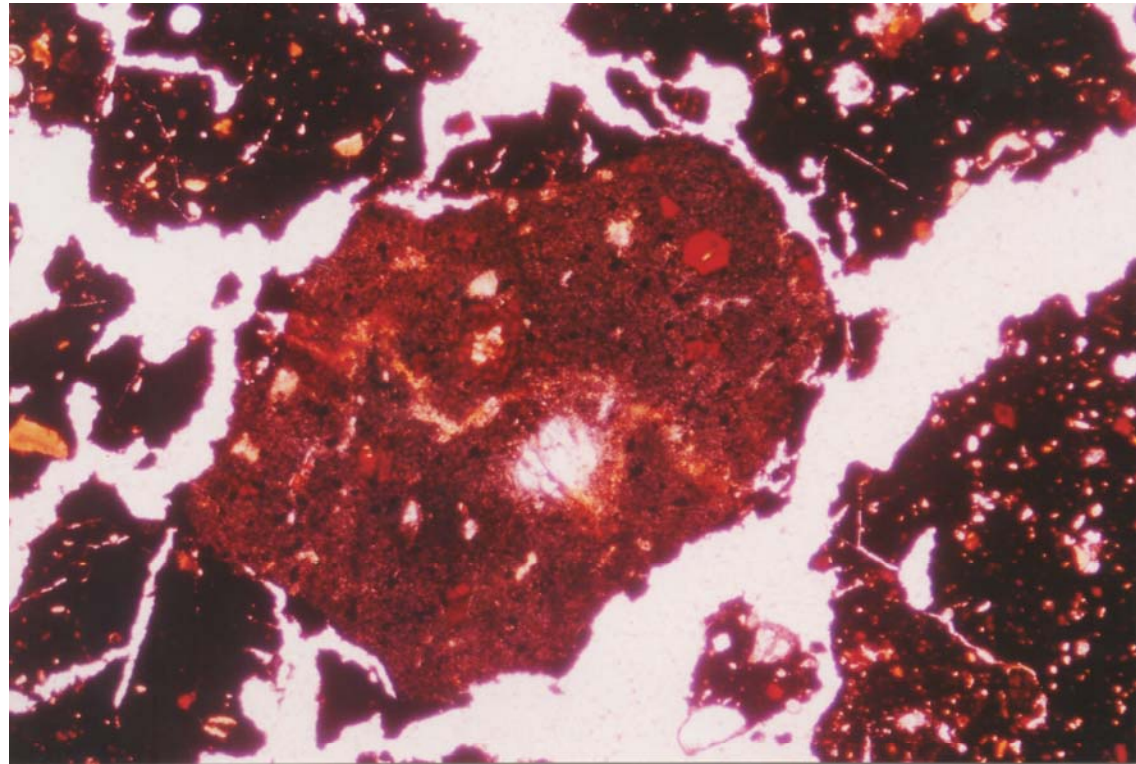




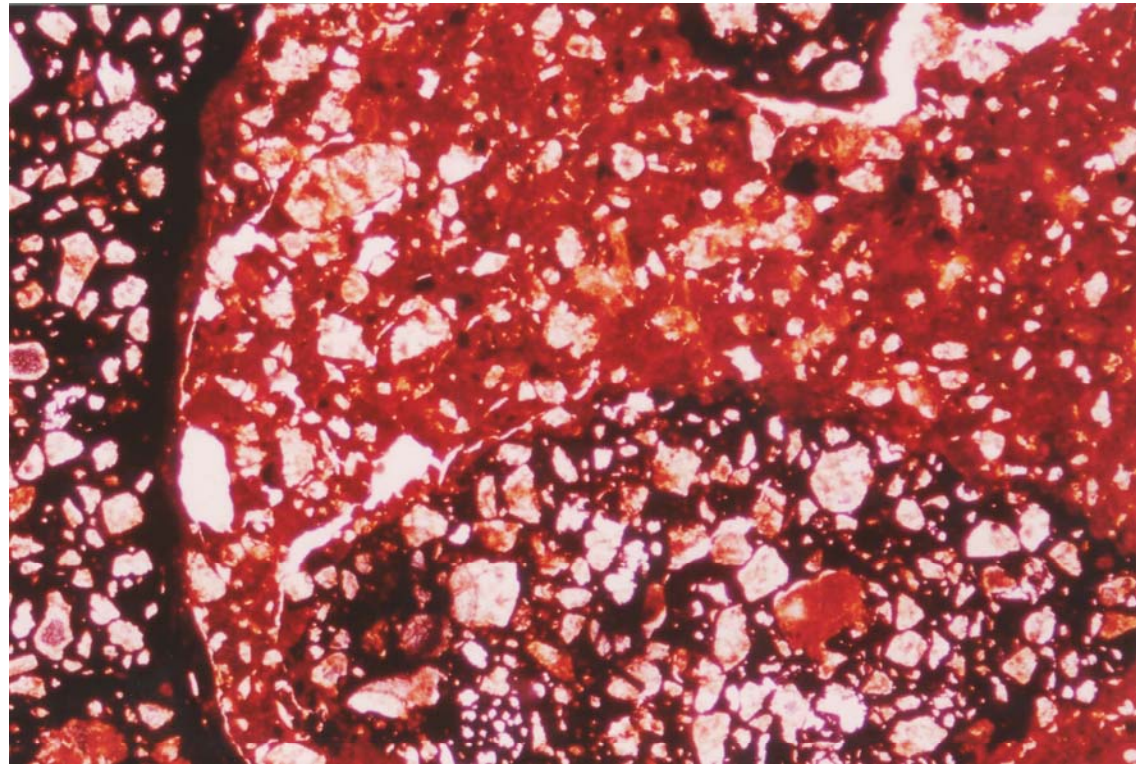


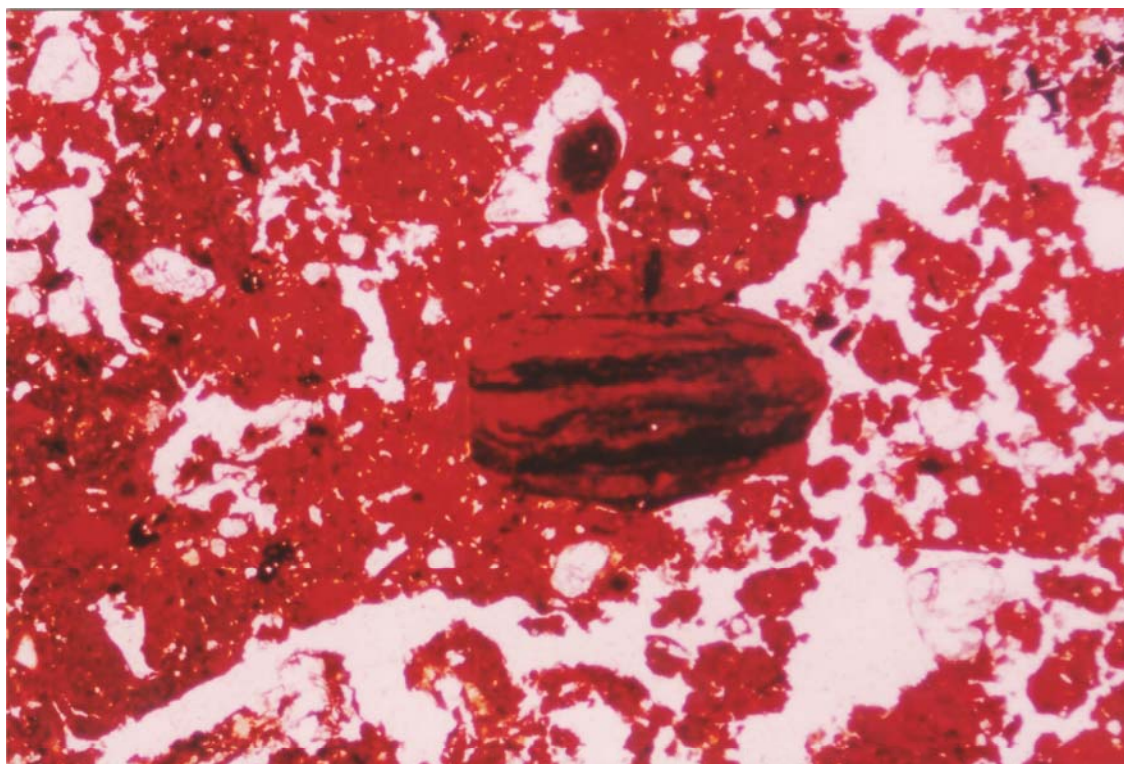


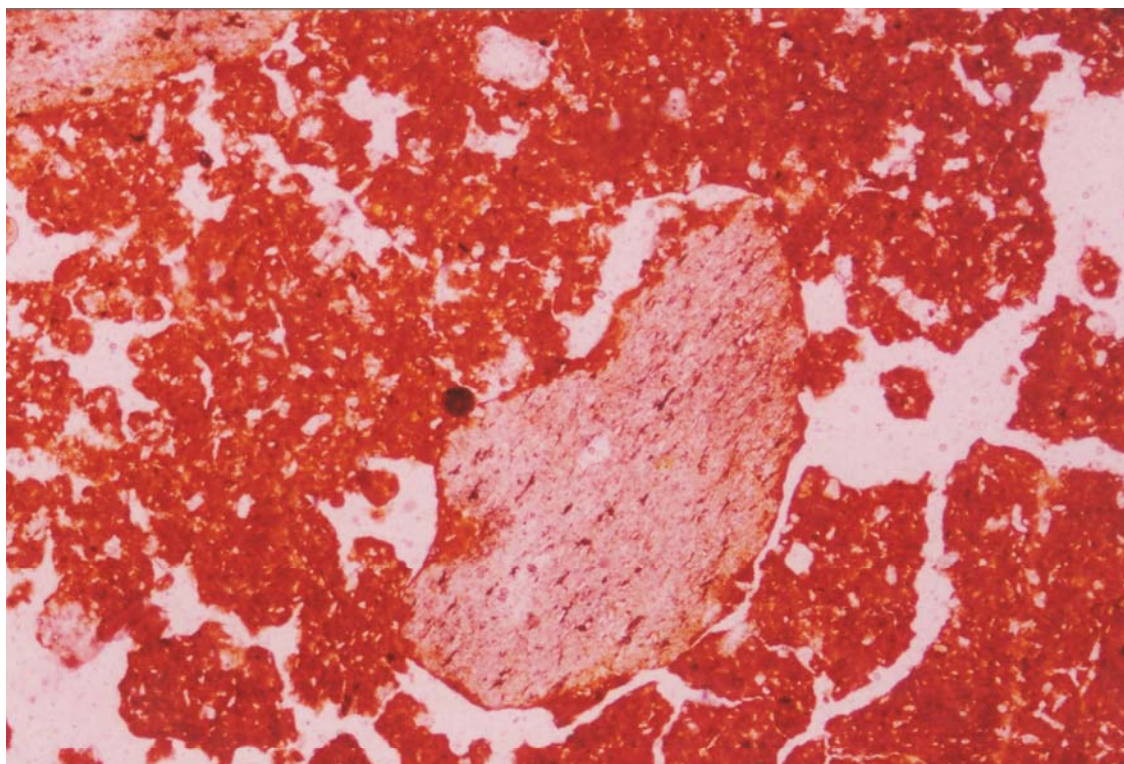




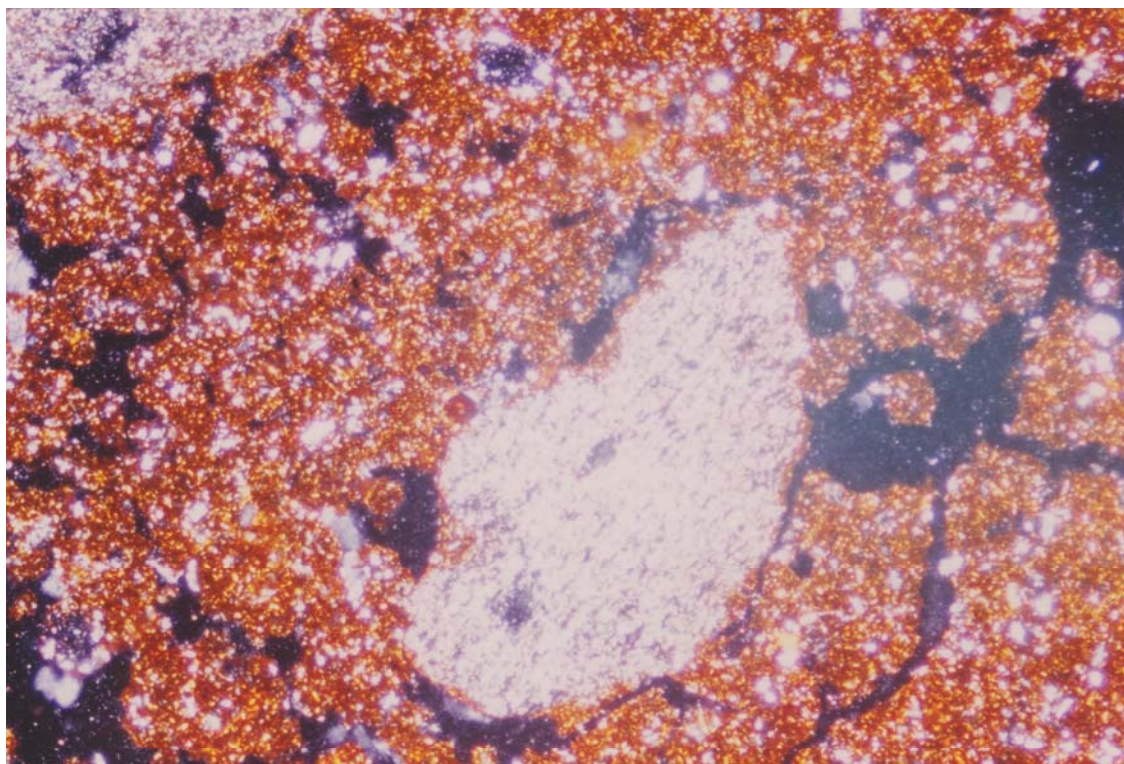














---

# ***The fine mineral material***

## ***a. Nature***

**Colour**

**Limpidity**

- limpid      –speckled**
- dotted      –cloudy and opaque**

**Interference colour**

## ***b. Size and shape***

---

---

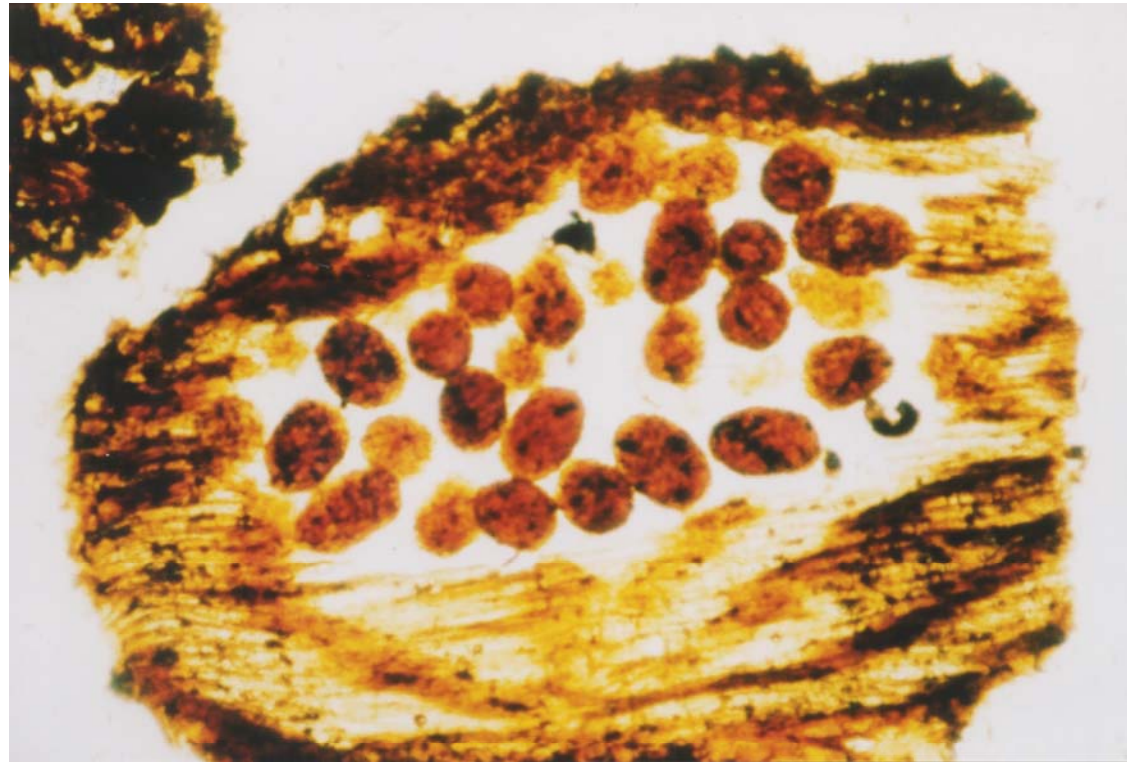
# **The organic constituents**

**Plant residues**

**Organic fine material**

**Organic pigment**

---



## ***C. Groundmass***

**(is a general term for the coarse and/or fine material which forms the base material of thin section.**

### ***a. Description***

**–the limit between coarse and fine material  
and its ratio.**

**–the c/f related distribution**

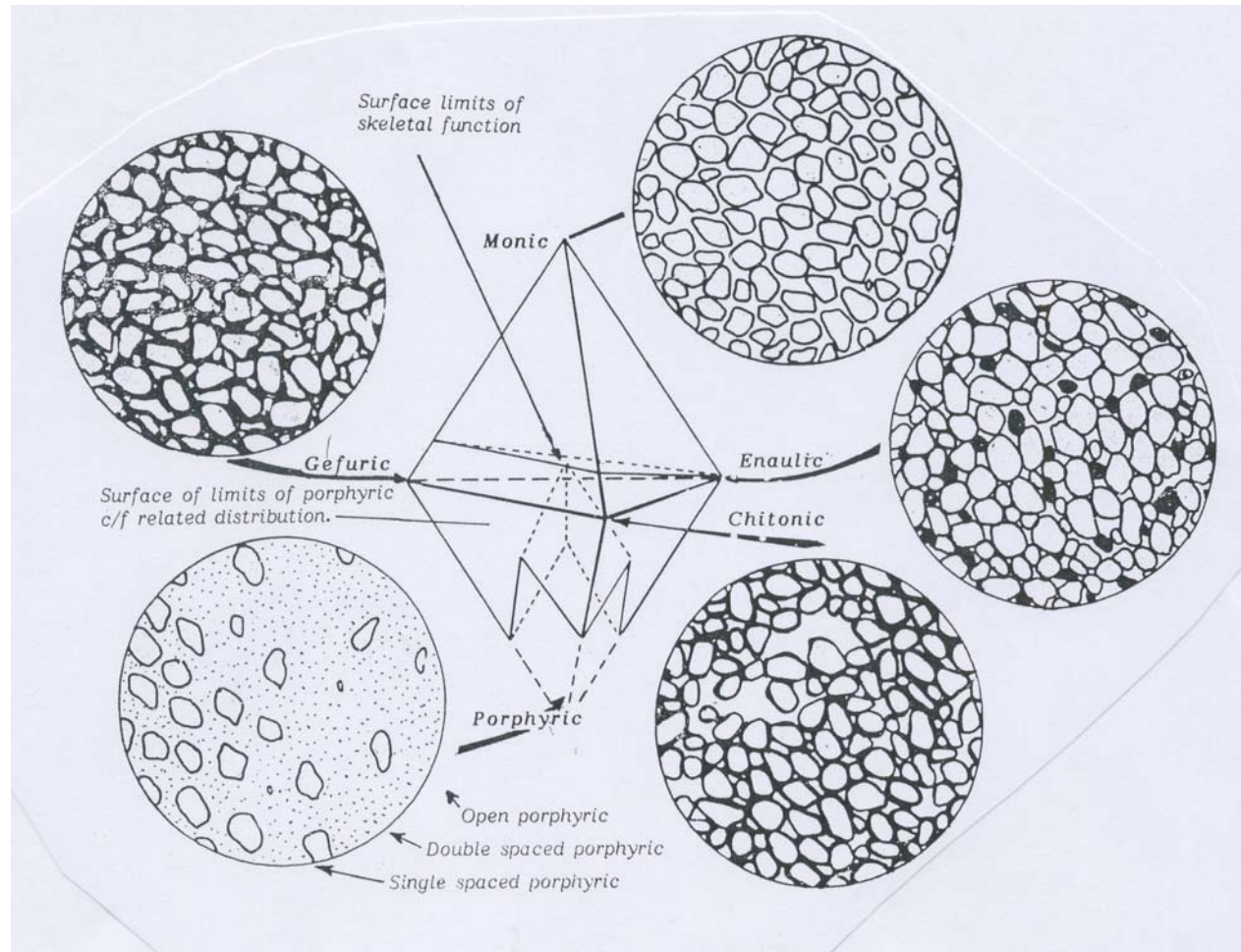
**–Monic**

**–Gefuric**

**–Chitonic**

**–Enaulic**

**–Porphyric**



---

***b. The fabric of the micromass***

***(b-fabric)***

**i undifferentiated b-fabric**

**ii crystallitic b-fabric**

**iii speckled b-fabric**

---

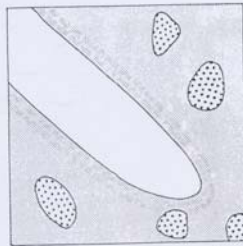
---

#### **iv striated b-fabric**

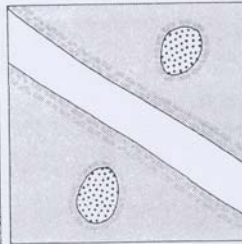
- |                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>–porostriated</b>        | <b>–granostriated</b>     |
| <b>–monostriated</b>        | <b>–parallel striated</b> |
| <b>–reticulate striated</b> | <b>–cross striated</b>    |
| <b>–random striated</b>     | <b>–circular striated</b> |
| <b>–concentric striated</b> | <b>–crescent striated</b> |
-

- 
- v    strial b–fabric (plasma exhibiting as  
a whole a preferred parallel orientation**
    - unistrial (one preferred direction)**
    - bistrial (two preferred direction)**
-

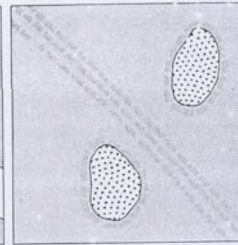




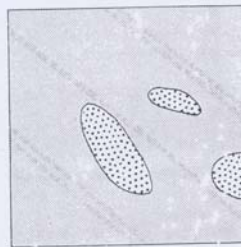
a. Porostriated around a channel.



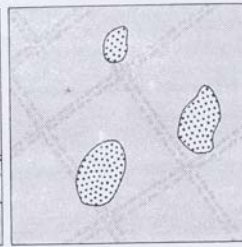
b. Porostriated around a plane (slickensides) and granostriated.



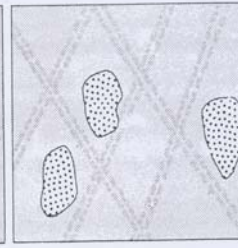
c. Granostriated and monostriated.



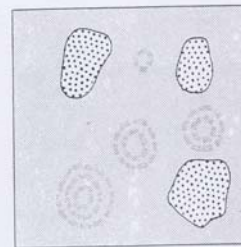
d. Parallel striated.



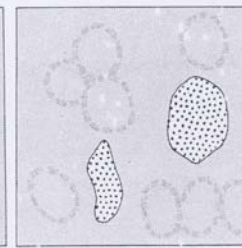
e. Reticulate striated.



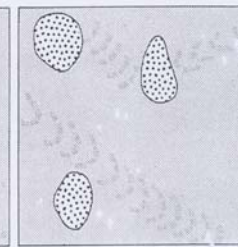
f. Cross striated.



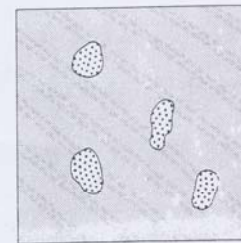
g. Concentric striated.



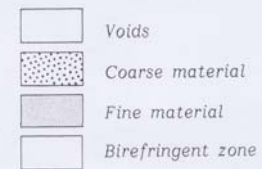
h. Circular striated.



i. Crescent striated.



j. Unistrial.



---

## ***D. Pedofeatures***

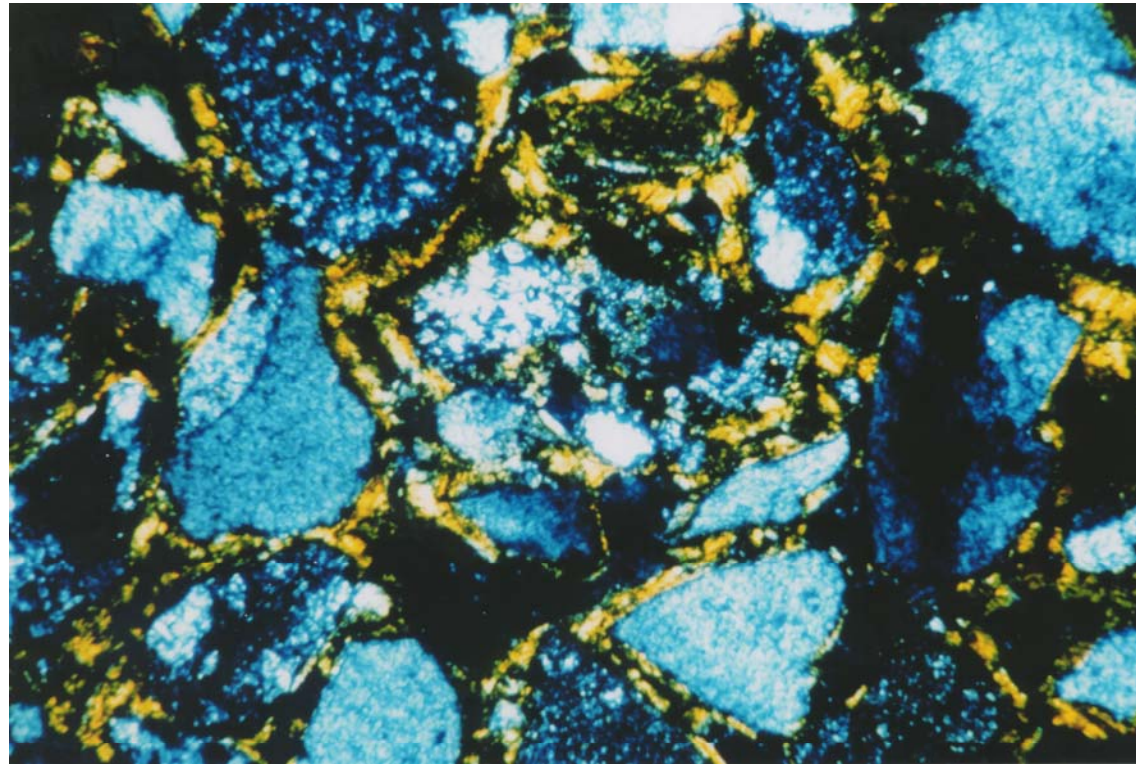
### ***a. kind of pedofeatures***

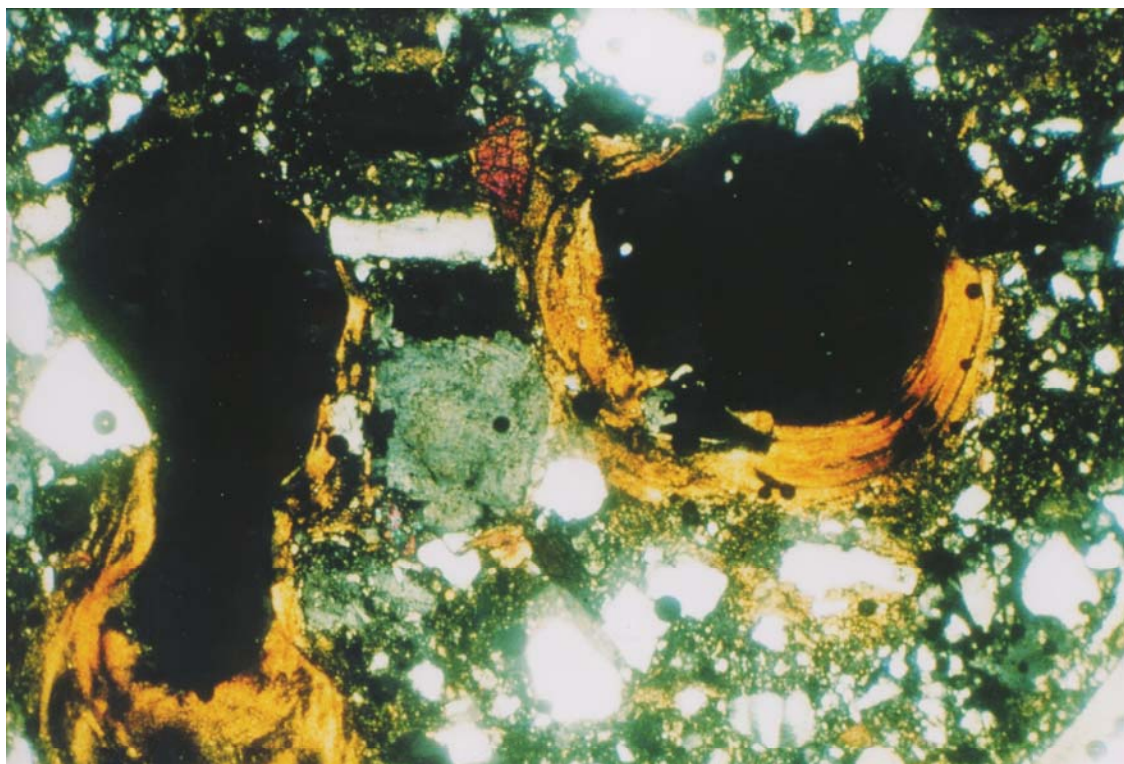
- i Textural pedofeatures**
  - ii Crystalline pedofeatures**
  - iii Amorphous or Cryptocrystalline  
pedofeatures**
  - iv Depletion pedofeatures**
  - v Fabric pedofeatures**
  - vi Excrement pedofeatures**
-

---

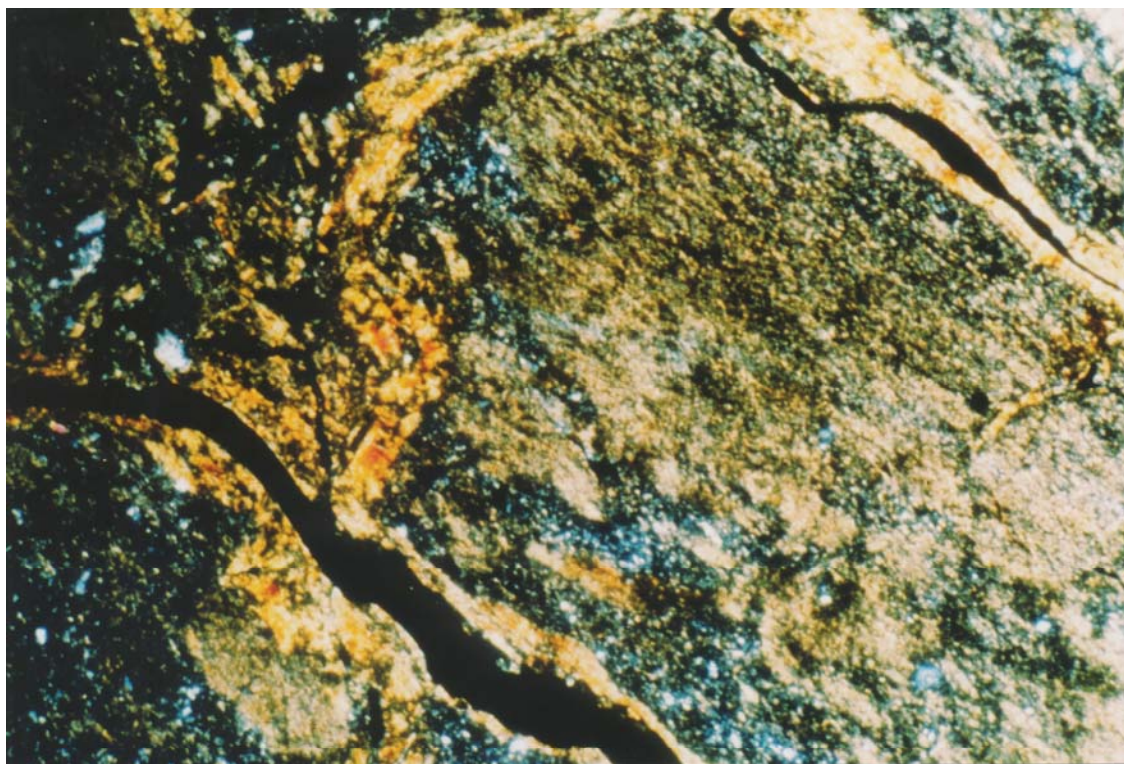
## ***b. Classification***

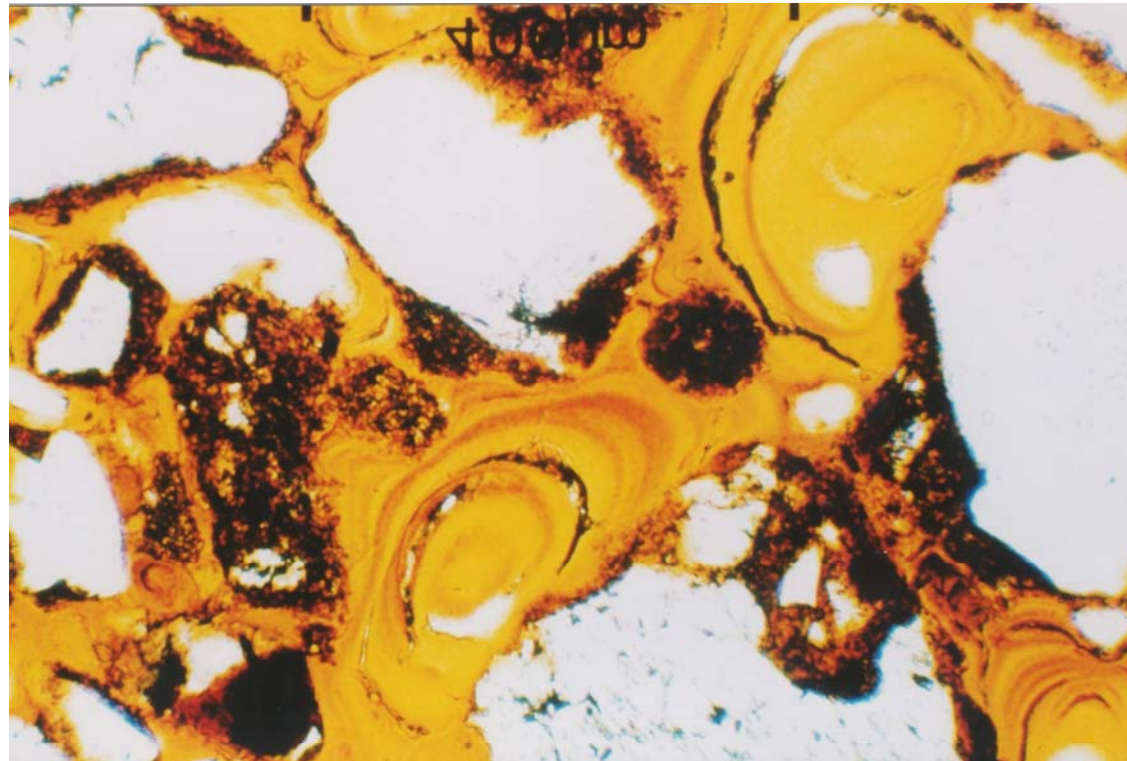
- Related to voids, aggregates and \ grains :**
    - coating**
    - hypo-coating**
    - quasi-coating**
    - infilling**
-



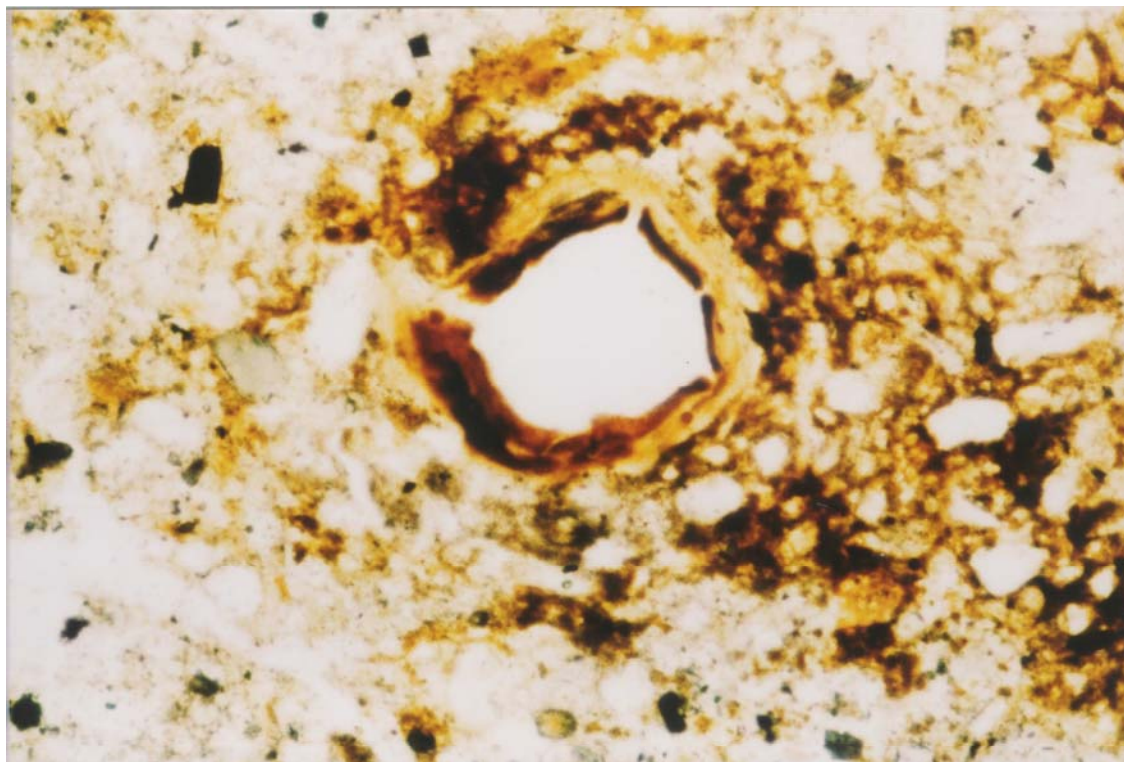


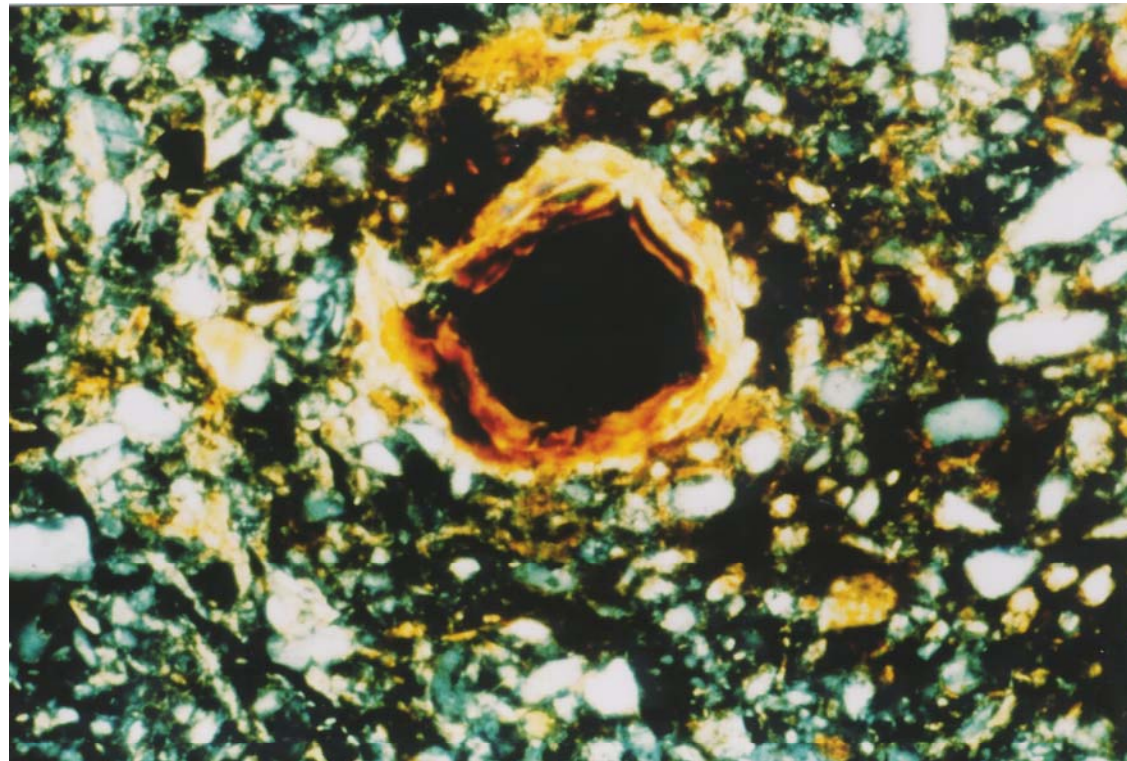






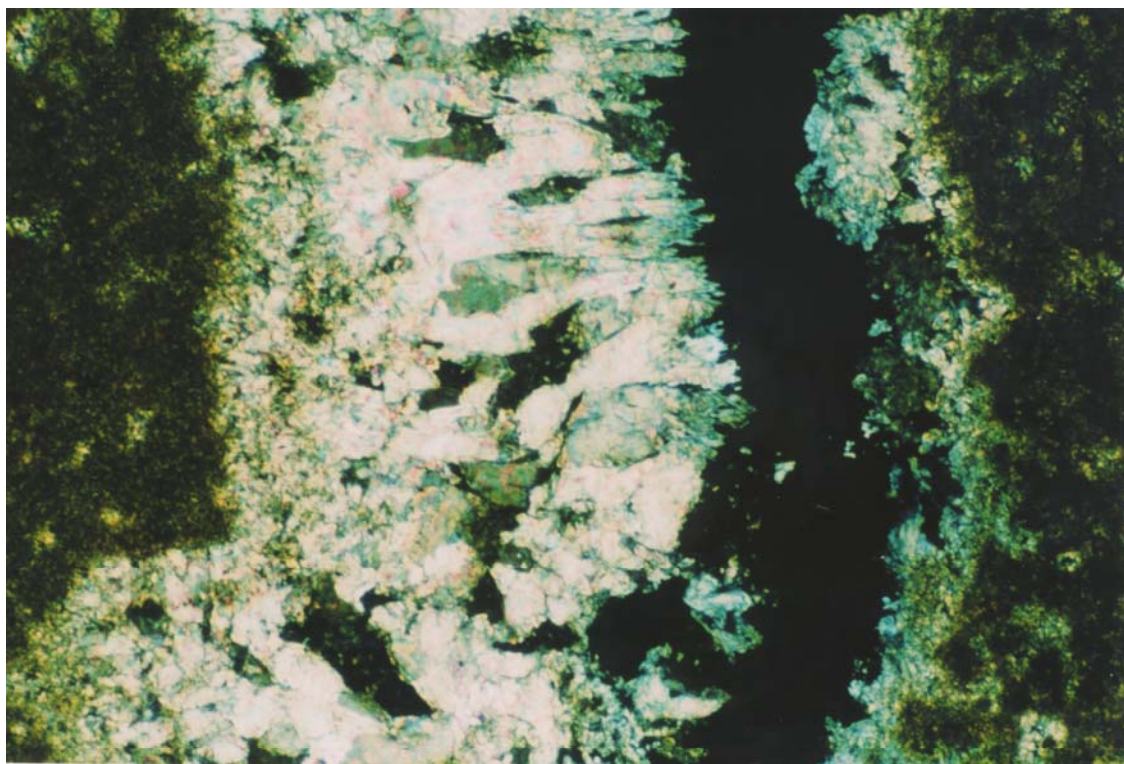


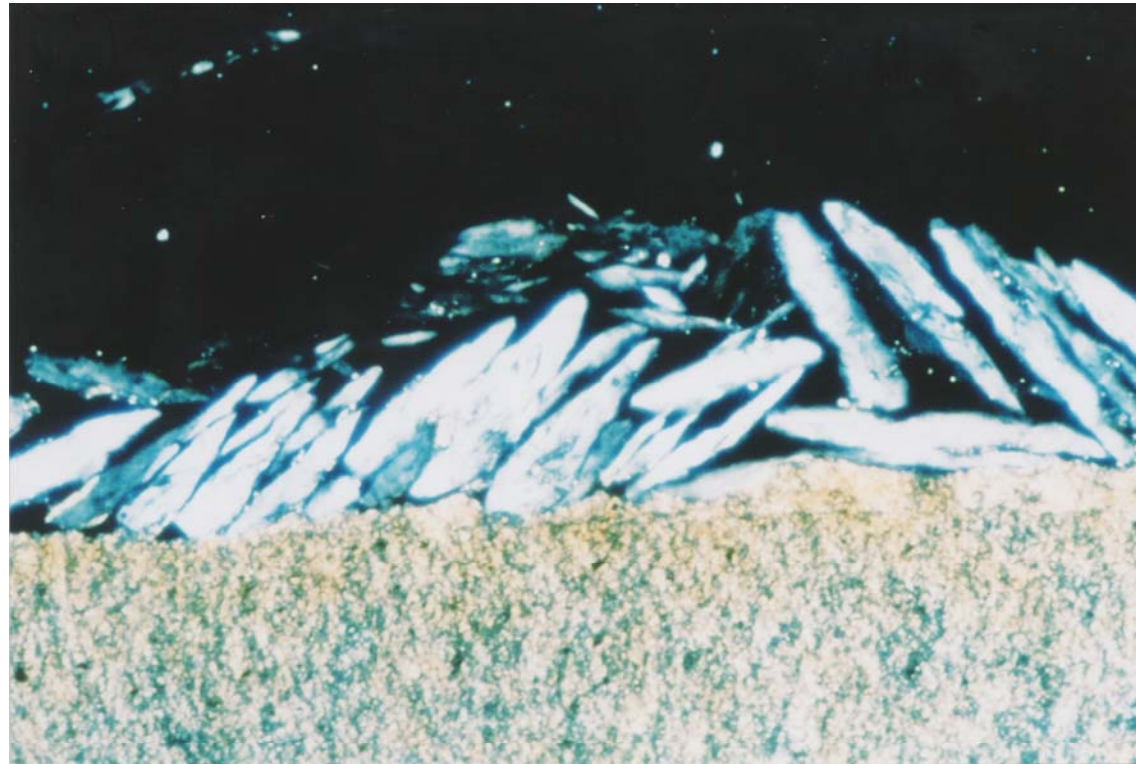


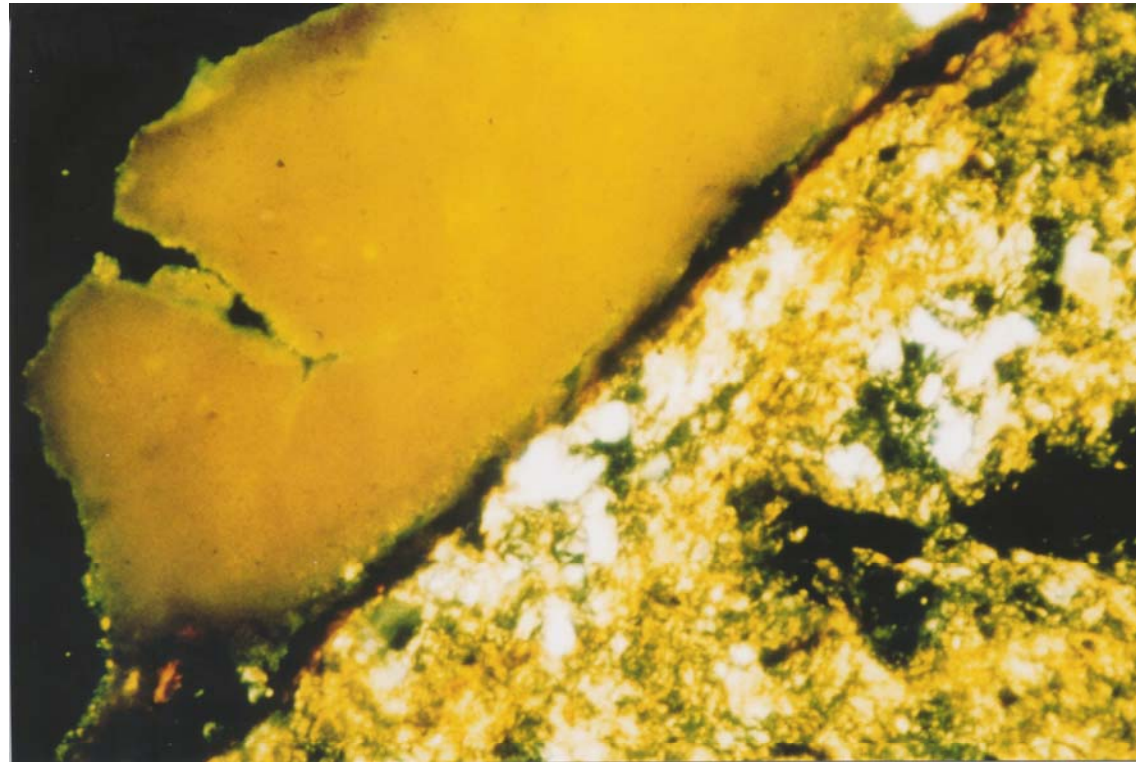














---

**–Unrelated to voids, aggregates and grains :**

**–crystals and crystal intergrowth**

**–nodules**

**–typic nodules**

**–concentric nodule**

**–nucleic nodules**

**–geodic nodules**

**–septaric nodules**

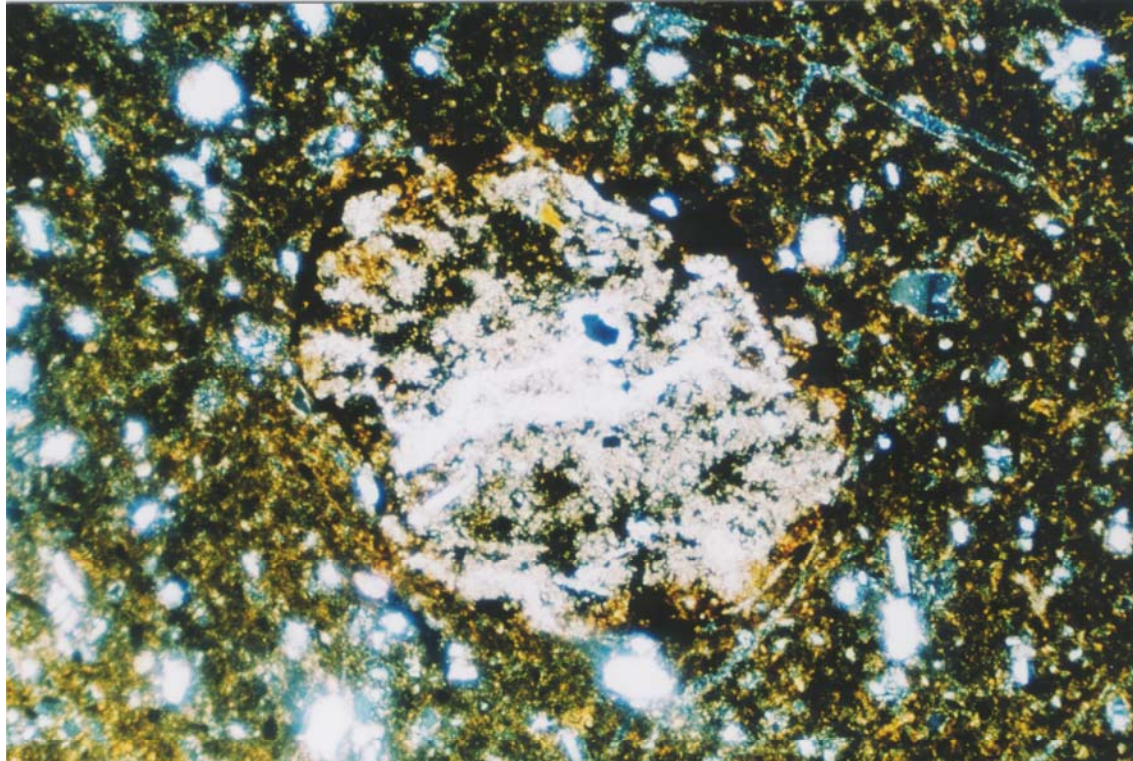
**–halo nodules**

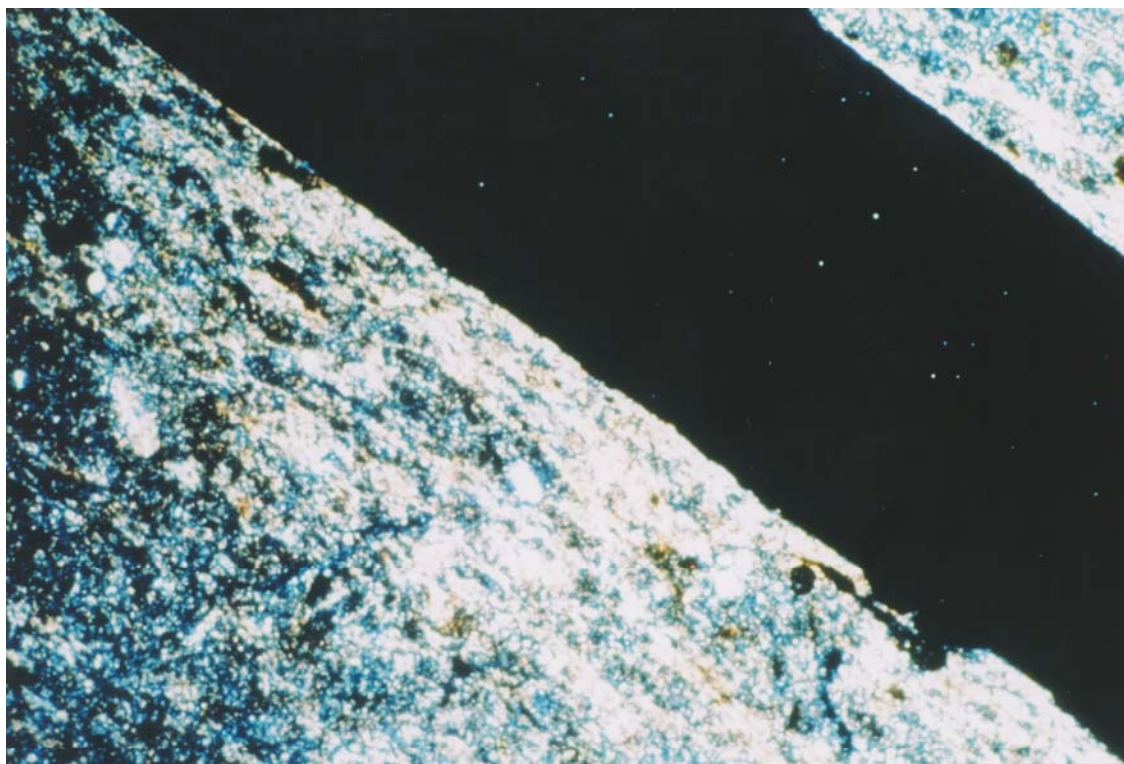
**–pseudomorphous nodules**

**–intercalations**

**–Fragmented and deformed pedofeatures**

---





- 
- |                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>Entisols</b>    | <b>–Coating Could not be observed, usually shows single grain structure, RDP is Monic</b>  |
| <b>Inceptisols</b> | <b>–(Cambic) soil material is fragile and friable</b><br><b>–The structure is usually well developed</b><br><b>–Argillans do not occur</b> |
| <b>Vertisols</b>   | <b>–Fabric pedofeatures (slickensides)</b>   |
-

---

**Spodosols**     –pellicular grain structure

–RDP Chitonic and Enaulic

**Alfisols**     –textural pedofeatures (clay coatings)  
and the sesquioxide coatings might  
be observed in aquic moisture regime  
or present as soft nodules with  
diffuse boundaries

---

---

**Ultisols –textural pedofeatures (clay coatings)**

**–parent material are almost completely weathered**

**–Accumulation of Fe is an important process in many Ultisols. Various types of ferruginous features, mottles and nodules are recognized in Ultisols.**

**Oxisols –weatherable minerals should be practically absent from the sand and silt fraction**

**~~–presence of a microped structure~~**

---



## เอกสารอ้างอิง

ประมวลพงษ์ สีนธุเสน บงกช สีสวรรณ และอิเดโนริ วาดะ 2538 การเกิดโครงสร้างชนิดรพูน  
ของดินทรายในภาคตะวันออกเฉียงเหนือของประเทศไทย เอกสารประกอบการประชุมเชิง  
ปฏิบัติการงานวิชาการ กรมพัฒนาที่ดินครั้งที่ 3 กรมพัฒนาที่ดิน กระทรวงเกษตรและ  
สหกรณ์

มรกต ทัพพะกุล ณ อยุธยา 2537 คู่มือประกอบการทำงานและการสอนตามหลักสูตรจุลปฐพีวิทยา  
กองวิเคราะห์ดิน กรมพัฒนาที่ดิน 178 น.

Brewer, R. 1964 Fabric and Mineral Analysis of Soils. John Wiley & Sons, New York.

Bullock, P. and M.L. Thomson. 1985. Micromorphology of Alfisols. P 17-47. Soil  
micromorphology and soil classification. Spec. Pub. 15. Soil Science Society of  
America, Madison, WI.

Bullock, P.,N, Fedoroff, A. Jongerious, G. Stoops, T. Tursina and U. Babel. 1985. Handbook for  
Soil Thin Section Description. Wain Research Publication. England. 152 p.

De Coninck, F., and J.A. Mc Keaque. 1985 Micromorphology of Spodosols. P 121-144. In L.A.  
Douglas and M.L. Thomson (ed.) Soil micromorphology and soil classification. Spec.  
Pub. 15. Soil Science Society of America, Madison, WI.

Delvigne, E.J. 1998. Atlas of Micromorphology of Mineral Alteration and Weathering. The  
Canadian Mineralogist. Special Publication 3. Mineralogical Association of Canada.  
494 p.

Fedoroff, N. and H. Eswaran. 1985. The micromorphology of Ultisols. P. 145-164. In L.A.  
Douglas and M.L. Thompson (ed.) Soil micromorphology and soil classification. Spec.  
Pub. 15. Soil Science Society of America, Madison, WI.

FitzPatrick, E.A. 1984. Micromorphology of Soils. Chapman and Hall, New York.

Frei, E. 1950 Genesis of various forms of soil structure. Trans. 4<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Soil Science. Amsterdam1, 46-48.

Gracanin, M. 1950. To the problem of evaluating soil structure. Trans. 4<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Soil Science. Amsterdam1, 72-77.

Nikiforoff, C.C. 1941. Morphological classification of soil structure. Soil Sci., 52, 193-212.

Sleeman, J.R. 1963. Crack, peds, and their surfaces in some soils of the Riverine Plain, N.S.W. Aust. J. Soil Res. 1, 91-102.

Soil Survey Staff. 1998. Keys to Soil Taxonomy. U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 326 p.

Stoops G. and A. Jongerius. 1975. Proposal for a micromorphological classification in soil material. I.A. classification in soil material. I.A. classification of the related distributions of coarse and fine particles. Geoderma 13, 189-200.

-----