

# CLASSIFICAZIONE ROCCE CARBONATICHE

§ *Folk (1959, 1962)*

§ *Dunham (1962)*

# Classificazione di Folk

**1 – allochimici (granuli)** →

1. Peloidi

2. Ooidi

3. Bioclasti

4. Intraclasti

**2 – matrice (micrite)**

**3 – cemento (sparite)**

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**1. Calcari sparitici allochemici**

**2. Calcari micritici allochemici**

**3. Calcari microcristallini**

**4. Biolititi**

# Grain and Crystal Size Scales (Folk, 1962)

Scholle, 2002

	Transported Constituents	Authigenic Constituents	
<b>64 mm</b>	Very coarse calcirudite	Extremely coarsely crystalline	<b>4 mm</b>
	Coarse calcirudite		
	Medium calcirudite		
<b>4 mm</b>	Fine calcirudite	Very coarsely crystalline	<b>1 mm</b>
<b>0.5 mm</b>	Coarse calcarenite	Coarsely crystalline	<b>0.25 mm</b>
	Medium calcarenite		
<b>0.25 mm</b>	Fine calcarenite	Medium crystalline	<b>0.062 mm</b>
<b>0.125 mm</b>	Very fine calcarenite		
<b>0.062 mm</b>	Coarse calcilutite	Finely crystalline	<b>0.016 mm</b>
<b>0.031 mm</b>	Medium calcilutite		
<b>0.016 mm</b>	Fine calcilutite		
<b>0.008 mm</b>	Very fine calcilutite	Very finely crystalline	<b>0.004 mm</b>
		Aphanocrystalline	

ALLOCHEM COMPOSITION

ALLOCHEMICAL  
ROCKS

I  
SPARRY CALCITE  
CEMENT

II  
MICROCRYSTALLINE  
CALCITE MATRIX

INTRACLASTS  
(i)



INTRASPARITE (Ii)



INTRAMICRITE (IIi)

OOLITES  
(o)



OOSPARITE (Io)



OOMICRITE (IIo)

FOSSILS  
(b)



BIOSPARITE (Ib)

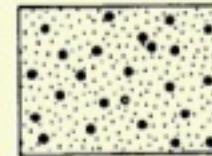


BIOMICRITE (IIb)

PELLETS  
(p)



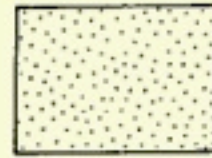
PELSPARITE (Ip)



PELMICRITE (IIp)

ORTHO-CHEMICAL  
ROCKS

III  
MICROCRYSTALLINE CALCITE  
LACKING ALLOCHEMS



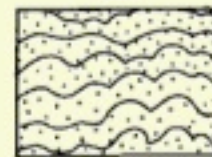
MICRITE (IIIa)



DISMICRITE (IIIaX)

AUTOCHTHONOUS  
REEF ROCKS

IV



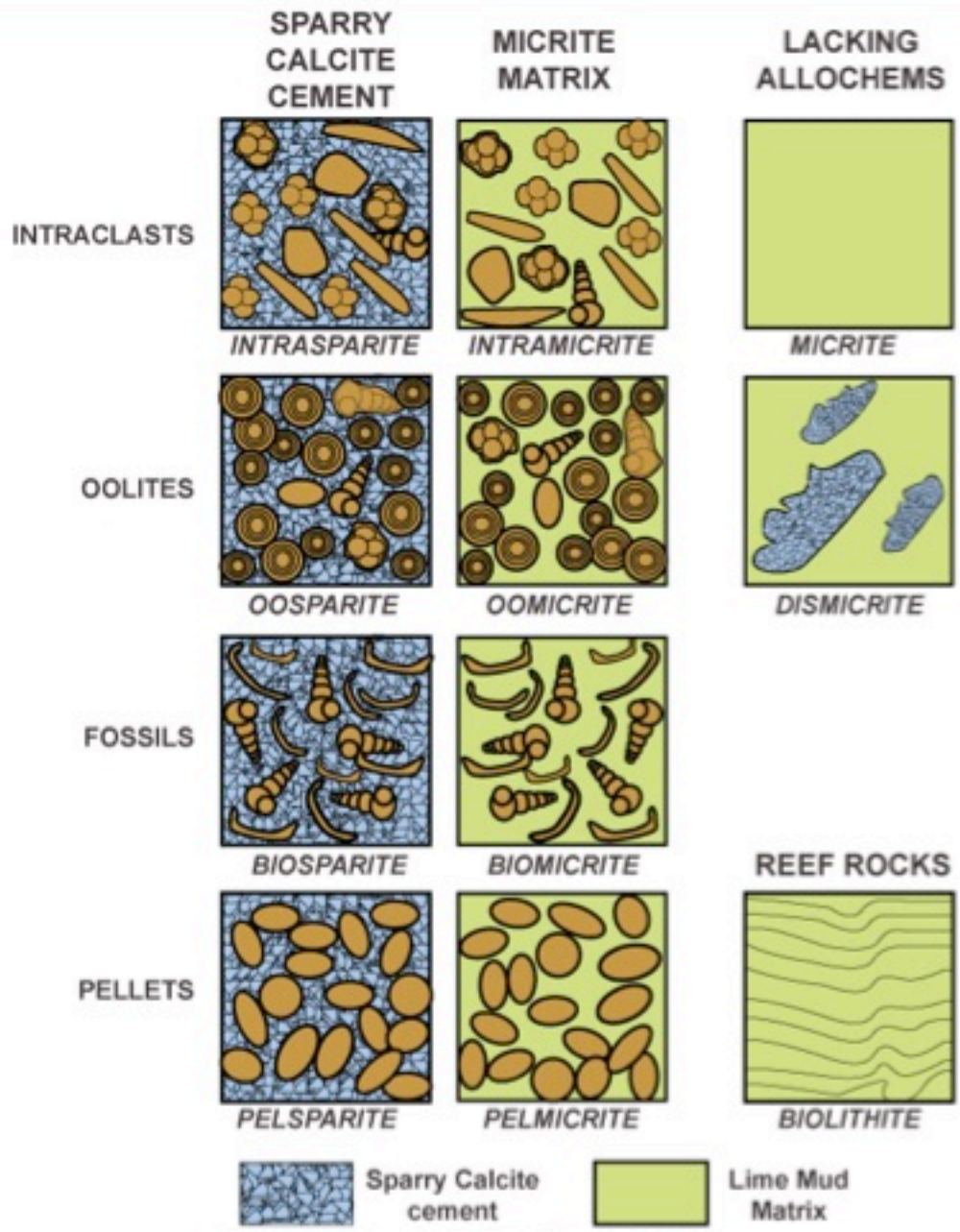
BIOLITHITE (IV)



Sparry Calcite



Microcrystalline Calcite



C.G.St.C. Kendall, 2005 (after Folk 1959)

# FOLK, 1959 classification

# ALLOCHEMICAL ROCKS

Spar Cement    Micrite Matrix

ALLOCHEM TYPE

INTRA-CLASTS



**Intrasparite**



**Intramicrite**

OIDS

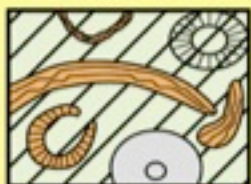


**Oosparite**



**Oomicrite**

FOSSILS



**Biosparite**

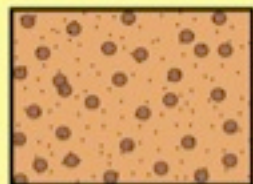


**Biomicrite**

PELLETS



**Pelsparite**



**Pelmicrite**

# ORTHO-CHEMICAL ROCKS

Micritic Matrix  
Lacking Allochems

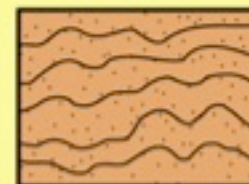


**Micrite**










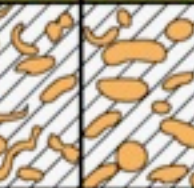
**Dismicrite**

# AUTOCHTHONOUS REEF ROCKS



**Biolithite**

# Textural Spectrum of Carbonate Rocks (Folk, 1962)

	> 2/3 LIME MUD MATRIX				SUBEQUAL SPAR and LIME MUD	> 2/3 LIME SPAR CEMENT		
	0-1%	1-10%	10-50%	> 50%		SORTING POOR	SORTING GOOD	ROUNDED and ABRADED
Percent allochems								
Textural name	MICRITE and DIS-MICRITE	FOSSILIFEROUS MICRITE	SPARSE BIO-MICRITE	PACKED BIO-MICRITE	POORLY-WASHED BIO-SPARITE	UN-SORTED BIO-SPARITE	SORTED BIO-SPARITE	ROUNDED BIO-SPARITE
Typical fabric								
Terri-genous analogs	Claystone		Sandy claystone	Clayey or immature sandstone		Sub-mature sandstone	Mature sandstone	Super-mature sandstone

# ***Classificazione di Dunham***

***Classificazione basata sulla tessitura  
della roccia o del sedimento***

- 1 – calcari matrice-sostenuti***
- 2 – calcari grano-sostenuti***
- 3 – calcari biocostruiti***
- 4 – Calcari cristallini***



# Classificazione CARBONATI

Original components not bound together at deposition

Contains mud  
(particles of clay and fine silt size)

Lacks Mud

Mud-supported

Grain-supported

Less than  
10% Grains

More than  
10% Grains

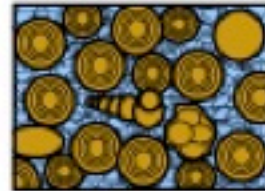
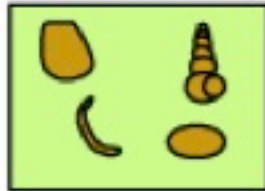
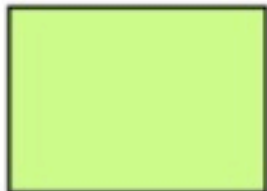
Mudstone

Wackestone

Packstone

Grainstone

Boundstone



Original components bound together at deposition. Intergrown skeletal material, lamination contrary to gravity, or cavities floored by sediment, roofed over by organic material but too large to be interstices

# Classificazione CARBONATI

## DEPOSITIONAL TEXTURE RECOGNIZABLE

Original Components Not Bound Together During Deposition

Contains mud

Mud-supported

< 10% grains

**Mud-stone**

> 10% grains

**Wacke-stone**

Grain-supported

**Packstone**

Lacks mud and is grain-supported

**Grain-stone**

Original Components Bound Together During Deposition

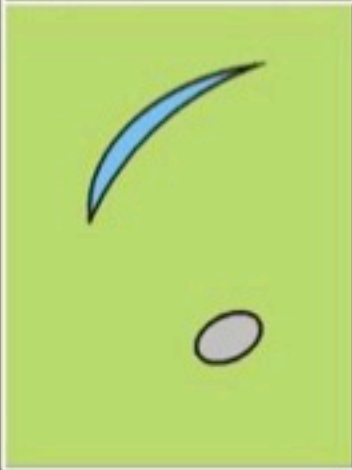
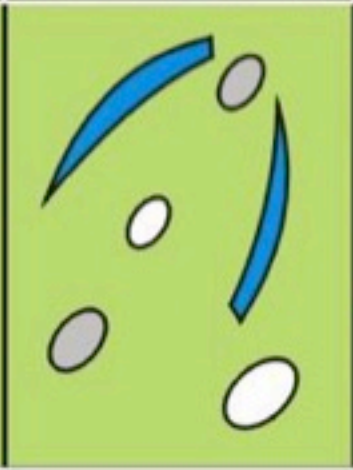
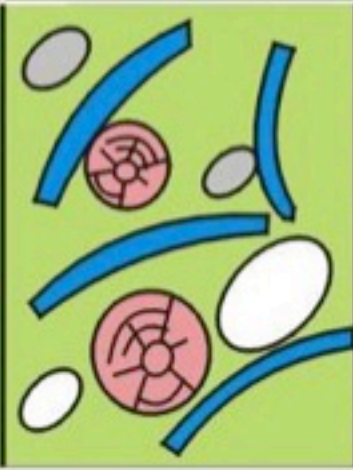
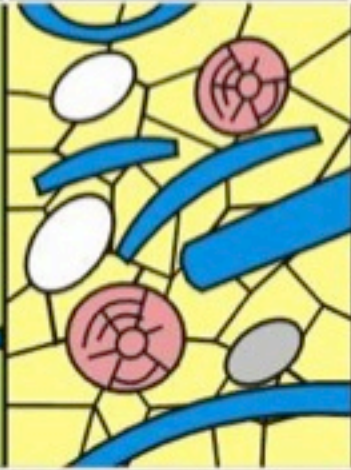

**Boundstone**

DEPOSITIONAL TEXTURE NOT RECOGNIZABLE

**Crystalline carbonate**

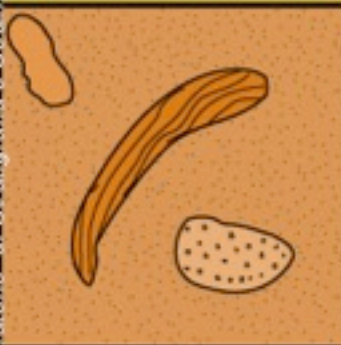

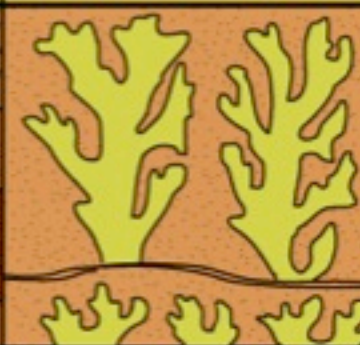
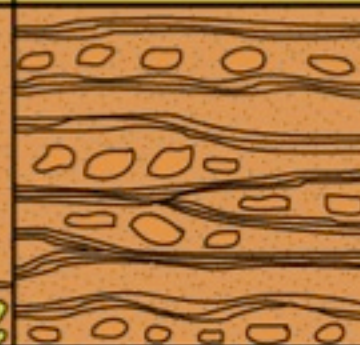
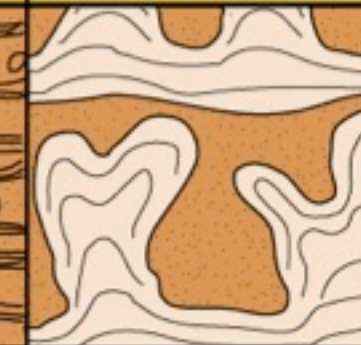
(Subdivisions based on texture or diagenesis)

# Classificazione CARBONATI

Contains mud (clay & fine silt grade carbonate)		Grain-supported	Grain-supported with no mud	Original components were bound together
Mud-supported	Mud-supported			
<10% grains	>10% grains			
Mudstone	Wackestone	Packstone	Grainstone	Boundstone
				

Dunham, 1962

# Classificazione CARBONATI

Original Components Not Organically Bound During Deposition		Original Components Organically Bound During Deposition		
> 10% grains >2 mm		Organisms acted as baffles	Organisms encrusted and bound	Organisms built a rigid framework
Matrix-supported	Supported by components larger than 2 mm			
<b>Floatstone</b>	<b>Rudstone</b>	<b>Bafflestone</b>	<b>Bindstone</b>	<b>Framestone</b>
				

Embry & Klovan, 1971



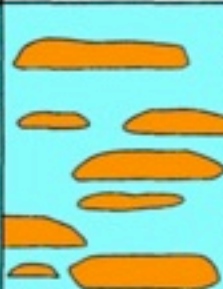
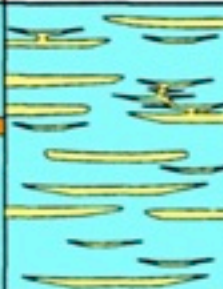



# Classificazione CARBONATI

Depositional texture recognizable										Depositional texture not recognizable
Original components not bound together during deposition					Original components organically bound during deposition					
Contains mud (clay and fine silt-size carbonate)		Grain-supported	Lacks mud and is grain-supported	> 10% grains > 2mm		Boundstone	By organisms which act as baffles	By organisms which encrust and bind	By organisms which build a rigid framework	
Mud-supported	Less than 10% grains			More than 10% grains	Matrix-supported					Supported by > 2mm component
Mudstone	Wackestone	Packstone	Grainstone	Floatstone	Rudstone	Boundstone	Bafflestone	Bindstone	Framestone	Crystalline

Dunham, 1962; Embry & Klovan, 1971

cementstone

# Classificazione CARBONATI

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Depositional fabric dominated by bio- and lithoclastic reefal material. More than 10% of the fragments are greater than 1 cm in size.		Facies dominated by a growth fabric of <i>in situ</i> and <i>in growth position</i> skeletons of calcifying organisms.					
Matrix supported.	Supported by the greater than 1 cm component.	Growth fabric dominated by platy to tabular colonies where calcification in the horizontal plane dominates over that of the vertical plane (width to height ratio of dominant organisms: 30:1 - 5:1). These growth forms constitute more than 60% of the total CSV.	Growth fabric dominated by sheet-like & lamellar colonies where calcification in the horizontal plane greatly dominates over that of the vertical plane (width to height ratio: >30:1). These growth forms constitute more than 60% of the total CSV.	Growth fabric dominated by domal & irregular massive colonies which have the same calcification potential in all free directions. These growth forms constitute more than 60% of the total CSV.	Growth fabric dominated by organisms which have a dominant vertical component of growth and relatively restricted lateral growth (for example all types of branching colonies and rod and tubular solitary forms). These growth forms constitute more than 60% of the total CSV.		No one growth form dominates in terms of CSV.
					PILLARSTONE		
Floatstone	Rudstone	Platestone	Sheetstone	Domestone	Sparse	Dense	Mixstone
							

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Fig. 11. Modified descriptive classification for styles of scleractinian growth fabric. CSV = coral skeletal volume.

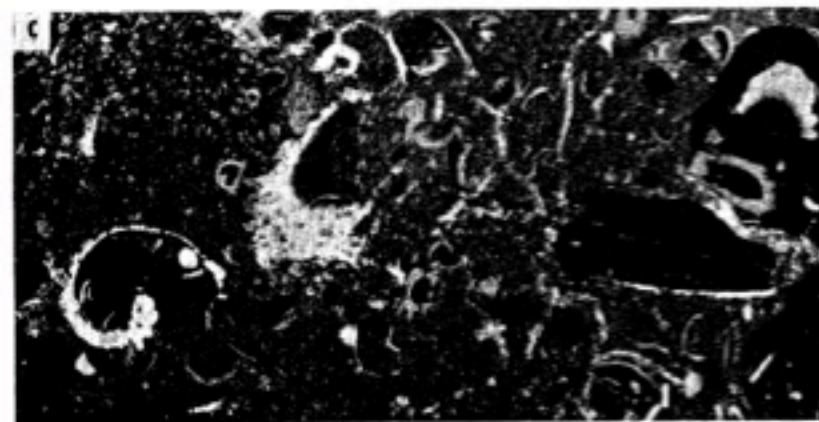
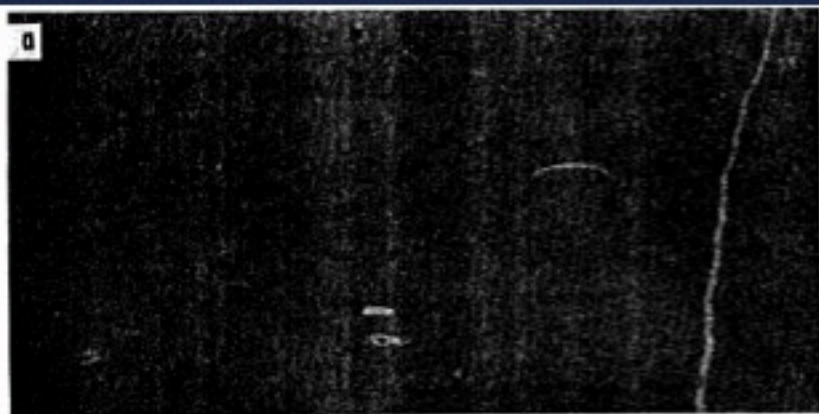
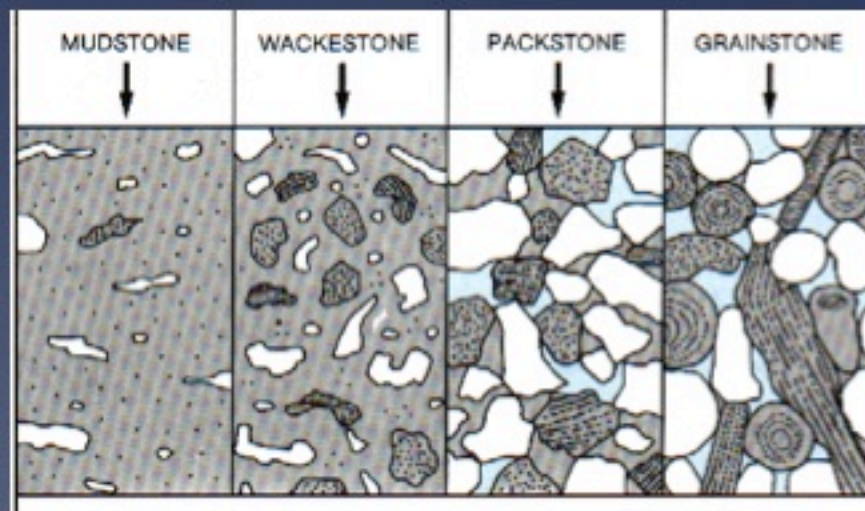


PLATE V.—Mudstone and wackestone.

## **Mudstone-wackestone**

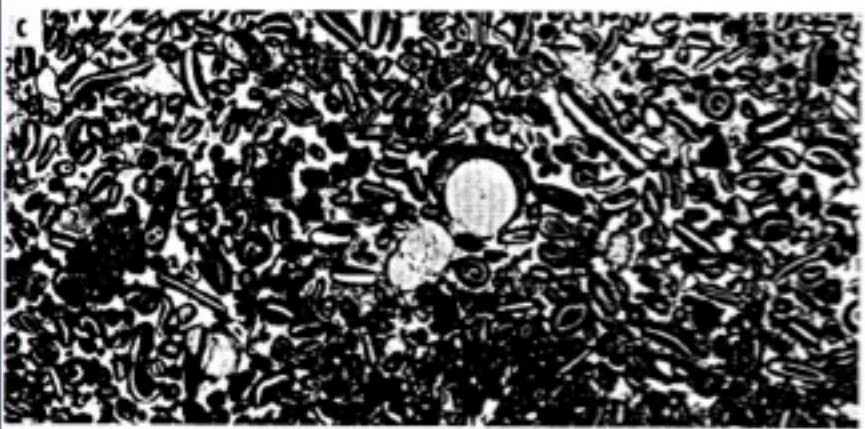
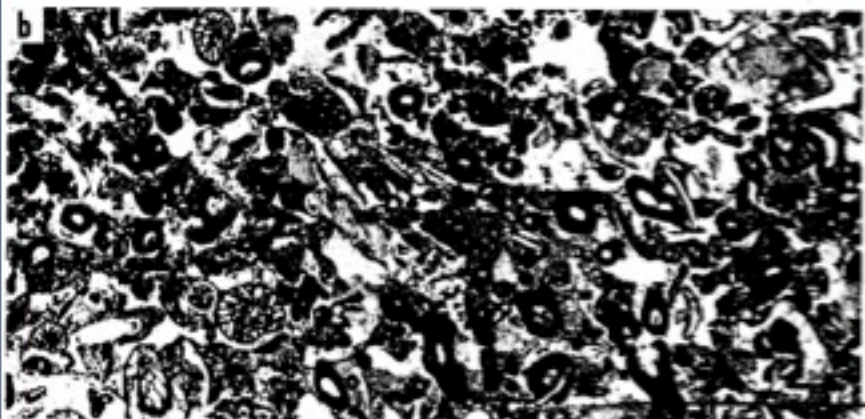
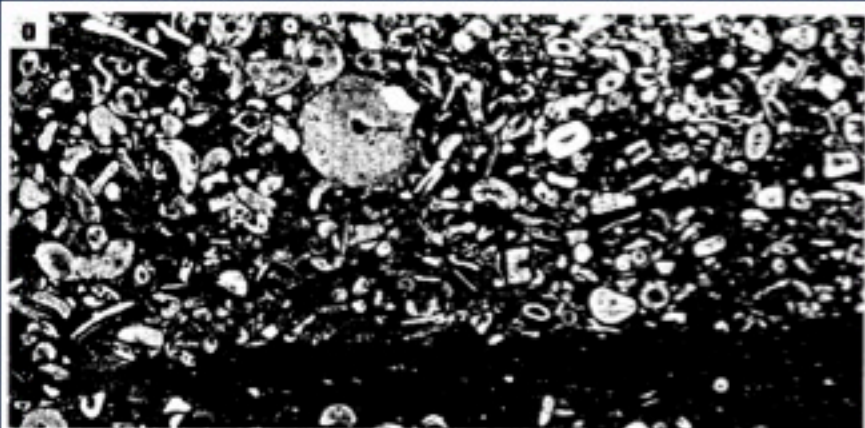
**Tessitura fango sostenuta**

**Sedimenti o rocce  
matrice-sostenuti**



**Da Dunham, 1962**

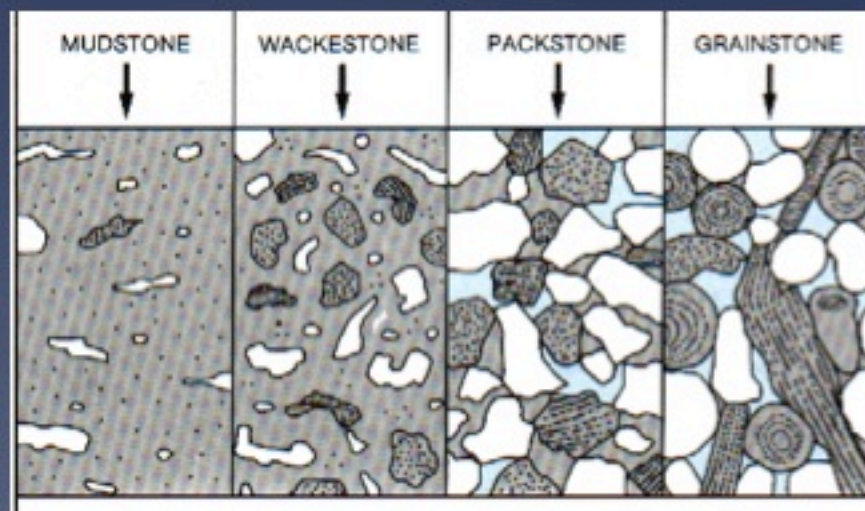




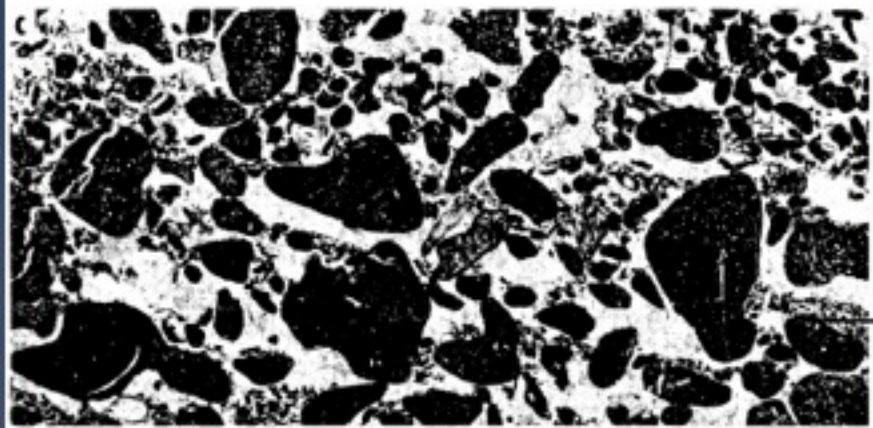
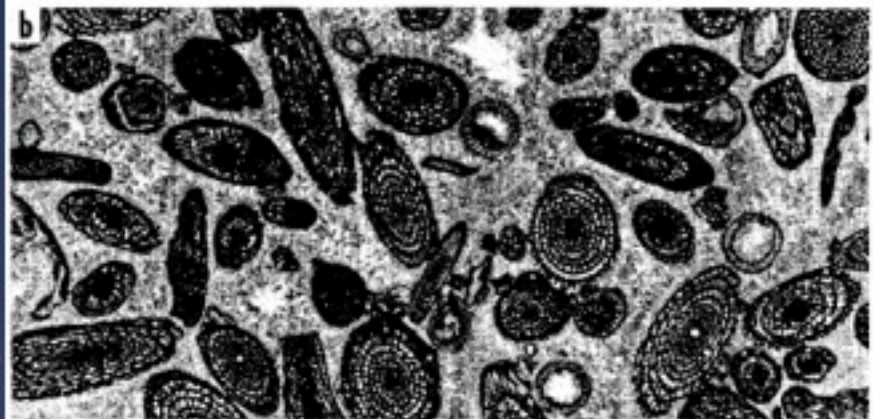
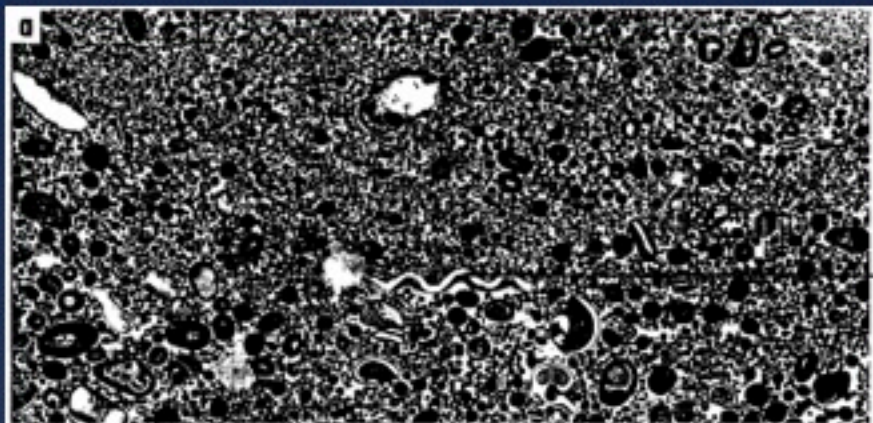
## Packstone

*Tessitura grano sostenuta*

*Sedimenti o rocce con  
matrice e cemento*



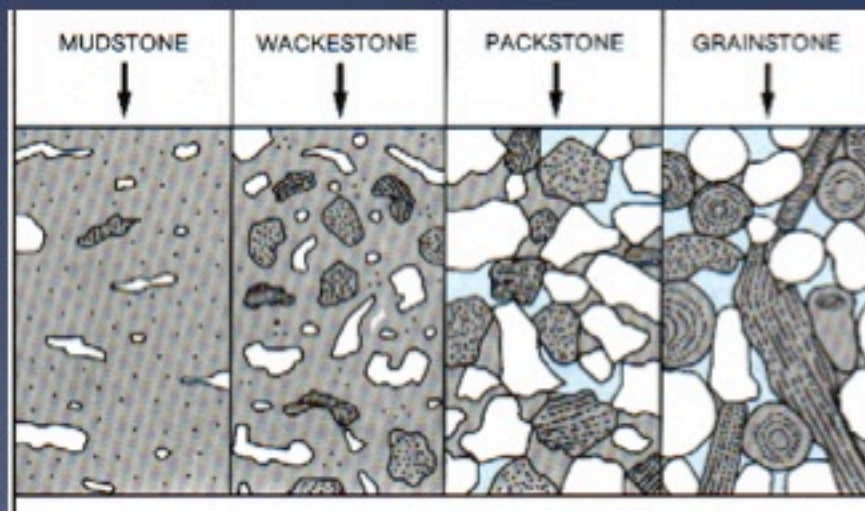
*Da Dunham, 1962*



# Grainstone

*Tessitura grano sostenuta*

*Sedimenti o rocce  
con cemento*



*Da Dunham, 1962*

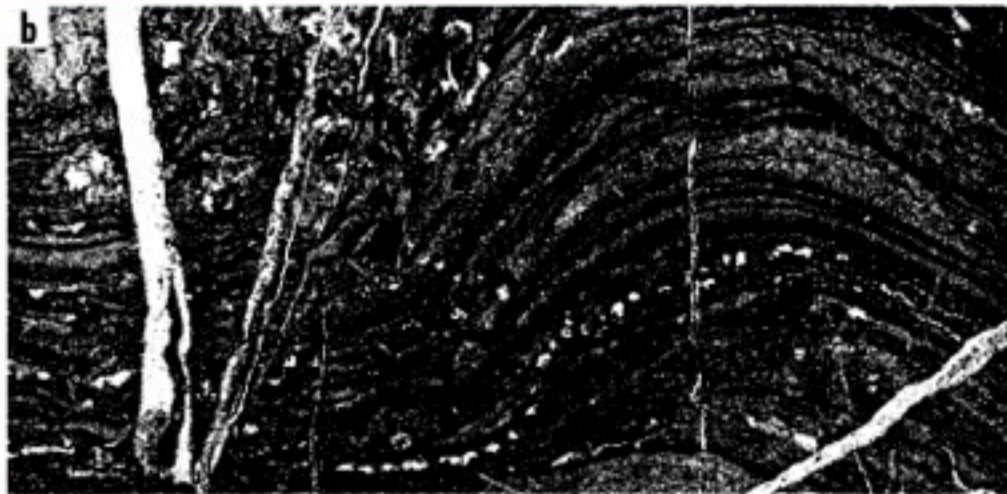



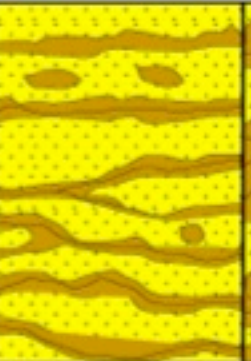



PLATE IV.—Binding in boundstone.

## **Boundstone**

*Componenti  
legati insieme al  
momento della  
loro deposizione*

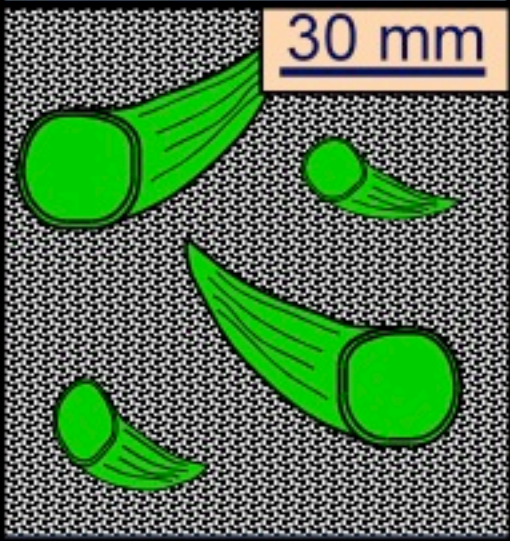
*Da Dunham, 1962*

<b>Allochthonous</b>		<b>Autochthonous</b>		
Original components not bound organically at deposition		Original components bound organically at deposition		
>10% grains >2mm				
Matrix supported	Supported by >2mm component			
Floatstone	Rudstone	Bafflestone	Bindstone	Framestone
				

Textural classification of reef limestones after Embry & Klovan (1971) and James (1984)

## Floatstone (large grains)

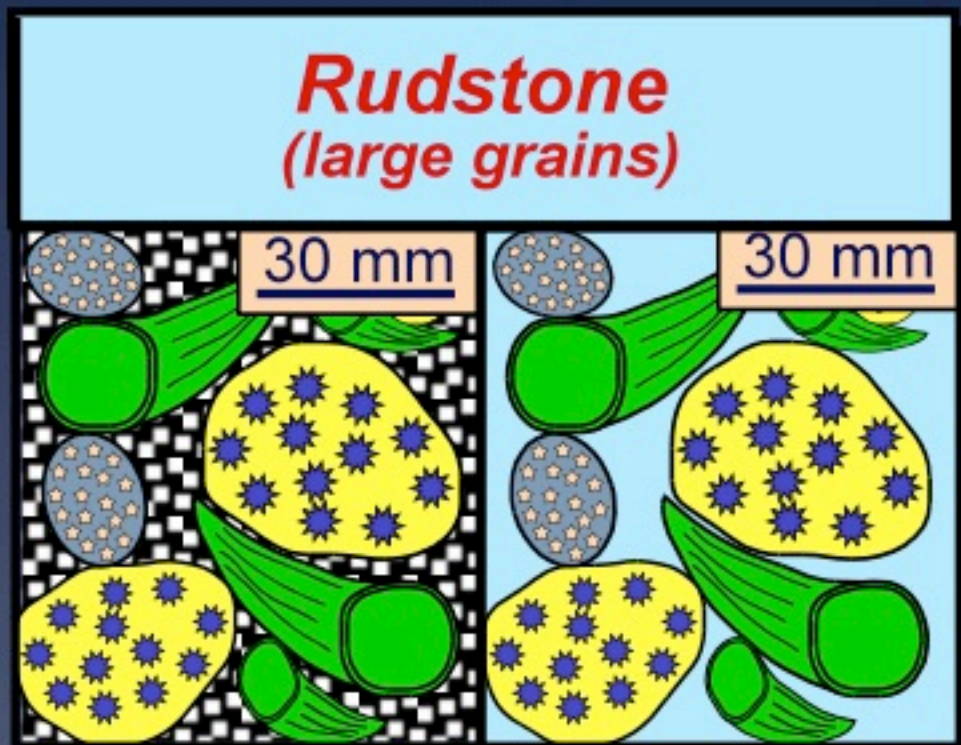
30 mm



2.5 cm

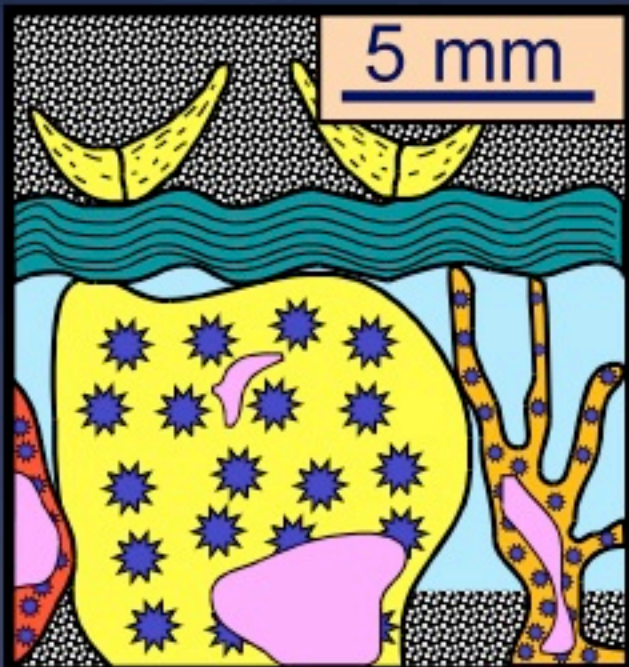


2.5 cm



# Rudstone (large grains)

# Boundstone



# Framestone

# Framestone



1m

# Bindstone



100 mm

# Bafflestone



100 mm

# Framestone



1m





# Framestone



1m

# Framestone



1m



Florida Keys – Morsilli, 2002

Shark Bay, Australia

**Bindstone**

100 mm



# Bindstone

100 mm

Shark Bay, Australia



# Bindstone

100 mm



Gargano, Stromatoliti (Barremiano) – Morsilli, 2003

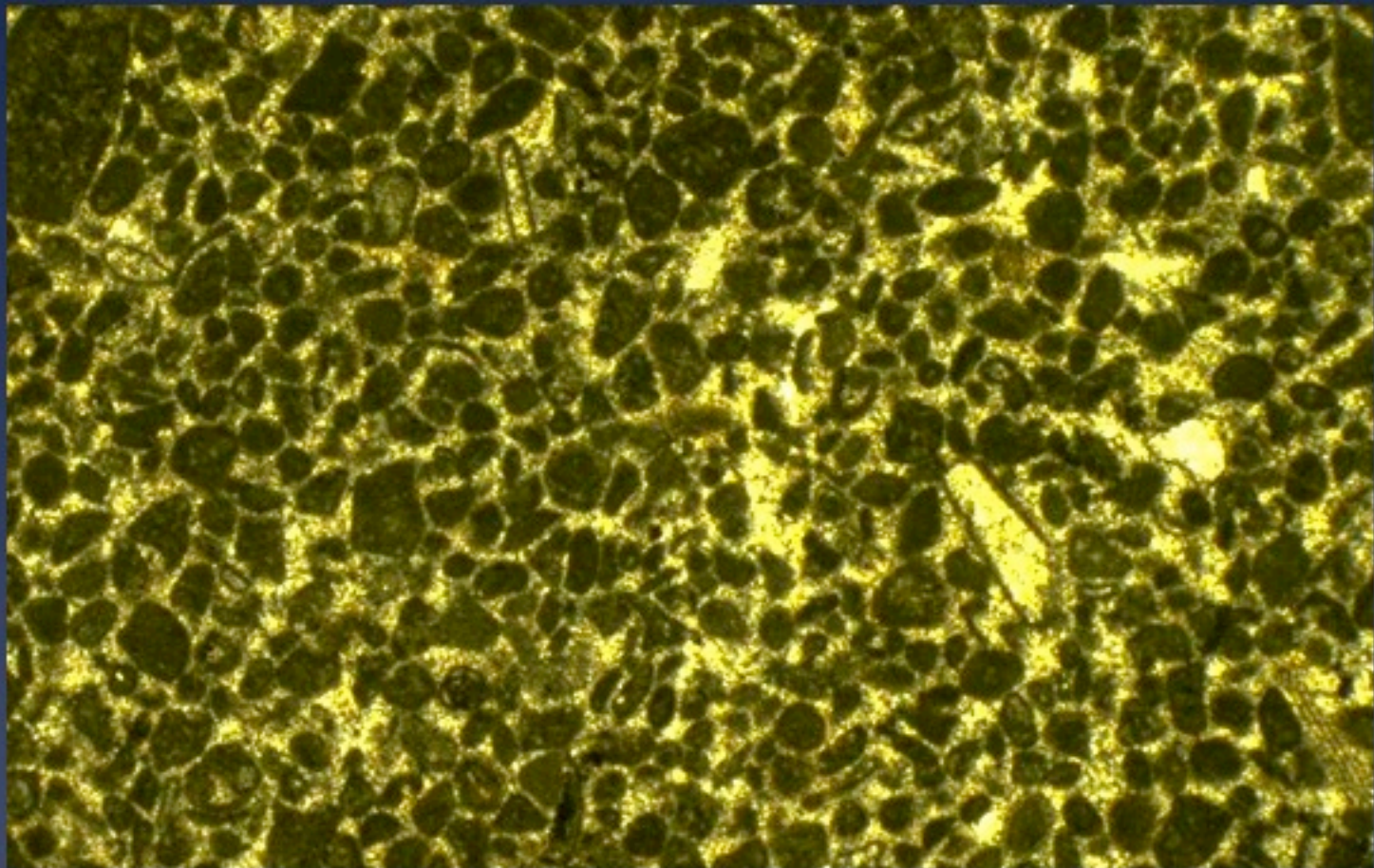
# Bafflestone



100 mm







**Giurassico - Portogallo**

10 mm





**ostracodi**

**Giurassico - Francia**

