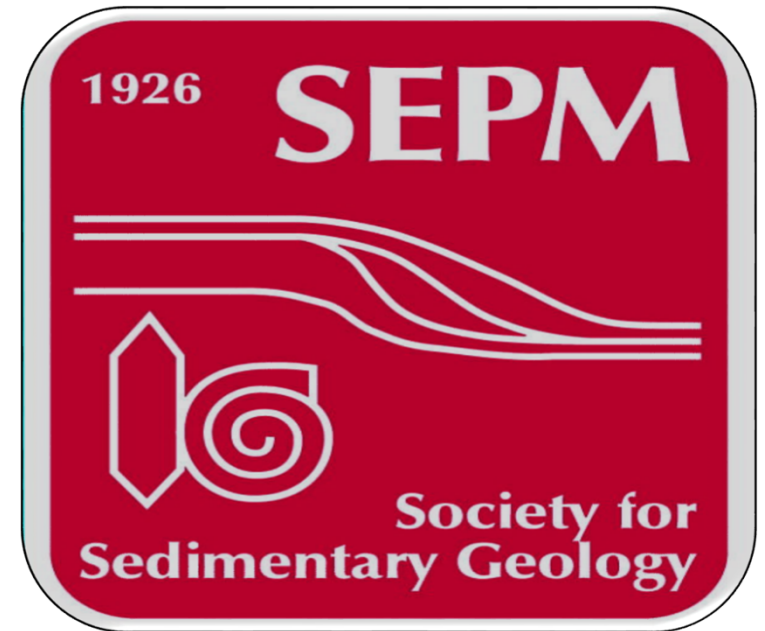


Welcome!  
SEPM Carbonate  
Research Group  
Meeting



# Who We Are

2018 CRG Committee Members:

Marjorie Cantine- MIT

Xiaowei Li-Stanford

Max Tenagila- University of Miami

Andrea Nolting- The University of Texas at Austin

John Reijmer Place Holder



## Carbonate Research Group

7:15 PM Opening Remarks & Announcements

7:30 PM In Memorium

7:45 PM Student Introductions (Poster Presenters & Others)

8:00 PM Poster Viewing and Photo Contest Voting

9:30 PM Student Photo Contest Winner Announced

9:45 PM More Poster Viewing & Networking

### *In Memorium* Dr. Robert Ginsburg

The Father of Comparative  
Sedimentology in Carbonates

Highlights and achievements presented by:

Gregor P. Eberli, Donald F. McNeill,  
and Paul (Mitch) Harris

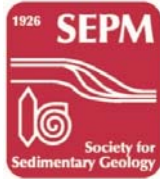




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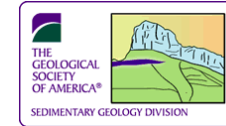
- Sign the Sign-in Sheet
- Renew SEPM Membership
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- Forward ideas/comments to CRG member for:
  - Future meetings
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# Announcements



## **2020 ISGC (International Sedimentary Geology Congress)**

**April 26-29-2020, Flagstaff AZ.**



The Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM) is pleased to announce the first international Congress (ISGC) in conjunction with IAS and SDG (GSA).



# Bucket-list field trips

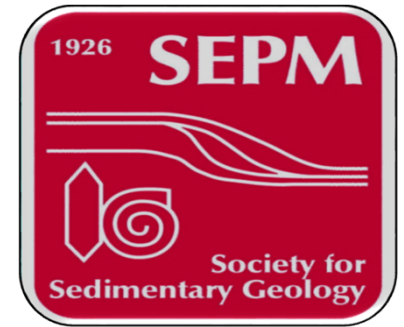
Conference is to foster multidisciplinary and innovative approaches, and offer opportunity for disciplines cross-pollination.

A robust **field trip program** will offer the unique opportunity to visit world-class locations for outcrop discussions, training, and inspiration.

	Field Trip Location	General Theme	Potential Trip Leader(s)
1	Death Valley	Precambrian/Geobiology	Kristin Bergmann
2	Grand Canyon (Colorado River)	Tectonics and sedimentation in the southwestern U.S.	Gary Gianniny
3	Lower Cretaceous-Utah (Chinle, Morrison, Blackhawk-Castlegate)	Fluvial architecture	Mike Blum and Peter DeCelles
4	California coast	Deep water processes and stratigraphy	Zane Jobe
5	Denver to Flagstaff	Pennsylvanian-Permian Ancestral Rocky Mountains	Ryan Leary
6	Kaparowitz Plateau	Kaparowitz Plateau	Cari Johnson
	Ice Age Fossil/Tule Springs State Park,; Valley of Fire and North Fish Lake Valley		
7	Lake Valley	Paleontology	Josh Bonde
8	Death Valley	Sediment supply in Panamint Mountains	Cody Mason/Brian Romans
9	Convergent Margins	Tectonostratigraphy of Western North America	Matthew Malkowski/Glenn Sharman

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# Robert Nathan Ginsburg



1925-2017

A Celebration of life

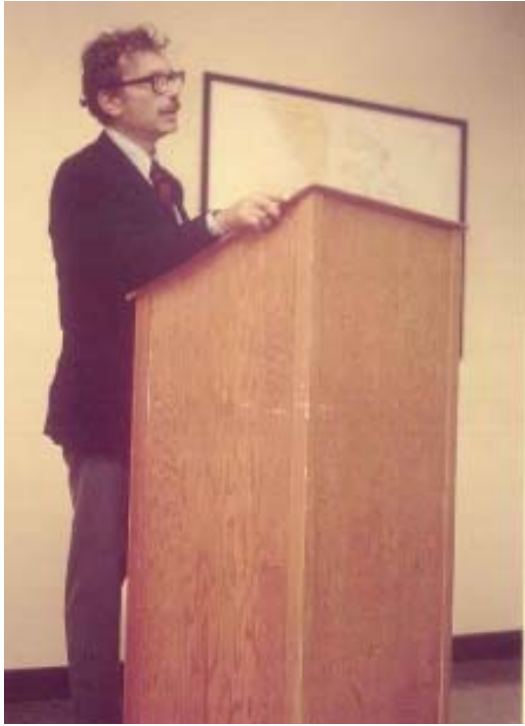
## Accolades

- PhD from the University of Chicago 1953
- Leader of Shell's Research Lab in modern carbonates (researchers included who is who in carbonates)
- Pioneered the concept of Comparative Sedimentology, particularly as applied to carbonate sediments
- Founder of the Comparative Sedimentology Laboratory (The first university-industrial consortium in 1971)
- Influential in SEPM & IAS (President and Honorary Member of SEPM, Started the Research Groups while President)
- Twenhofel Medal, Sorby Medal
- Mentor to many notable carbonate geologists worldwide



1971 - 1985





# Birth and early years of CSL Carbonate Facies Seminars Research Emphasis Interaction with USGS



Robert Ginsburg

Gene Shinn



## Fisher Island Station



## Annual CSL Sponsors Meetings - 1986





## Carbonate Facies Seminars - 1987



# Research Themes

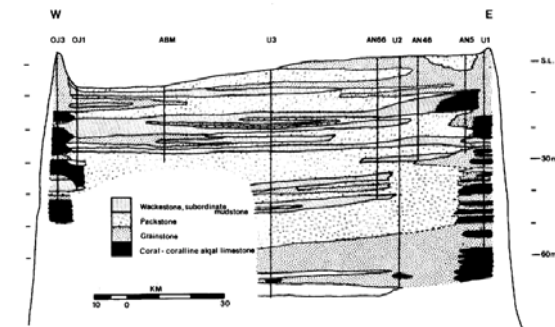
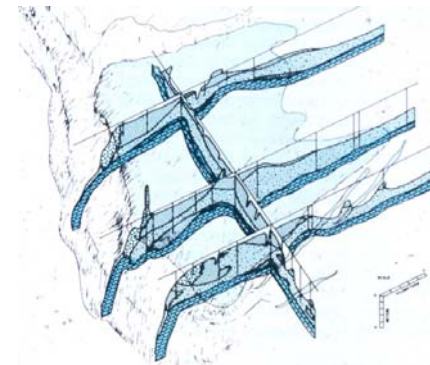
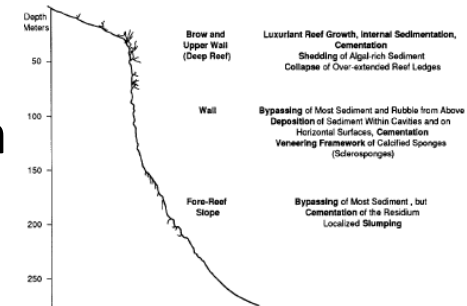
Morphology, diagenesis and evolution of carbonate slopes (Belize and TOTO)

Stratigraphy of modern grainstone shoals

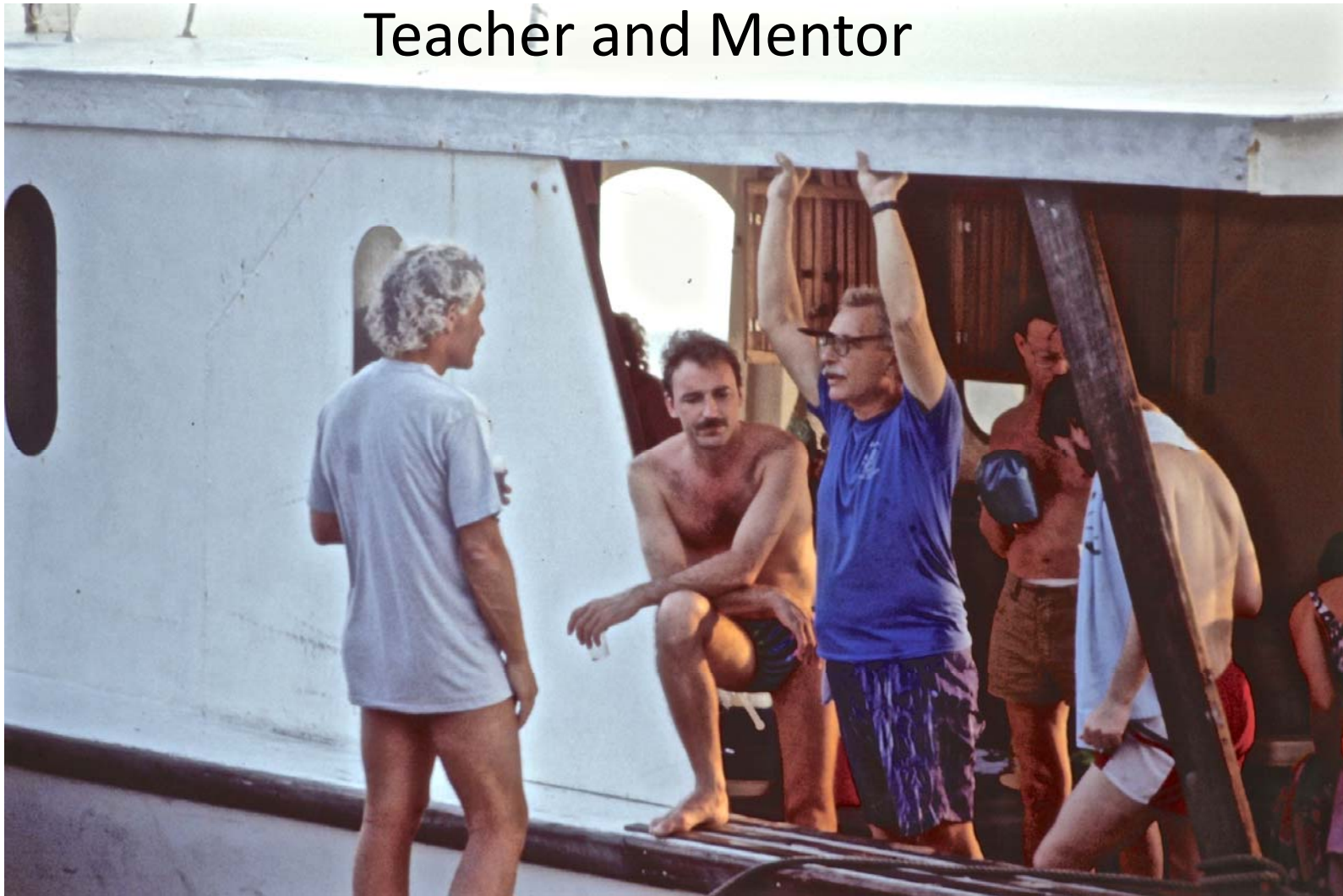
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Stratigraphy and diagenesis of Pleistocene platforms

(GBB, LBB, smaller platforms, Belize)



## Teacher and Mentor



Mitch Harris

Gregor Eberli

Robert Ginsburg



## End of an Era CSL Moves to RSMAS



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### **UM sells property on Fisher Island**

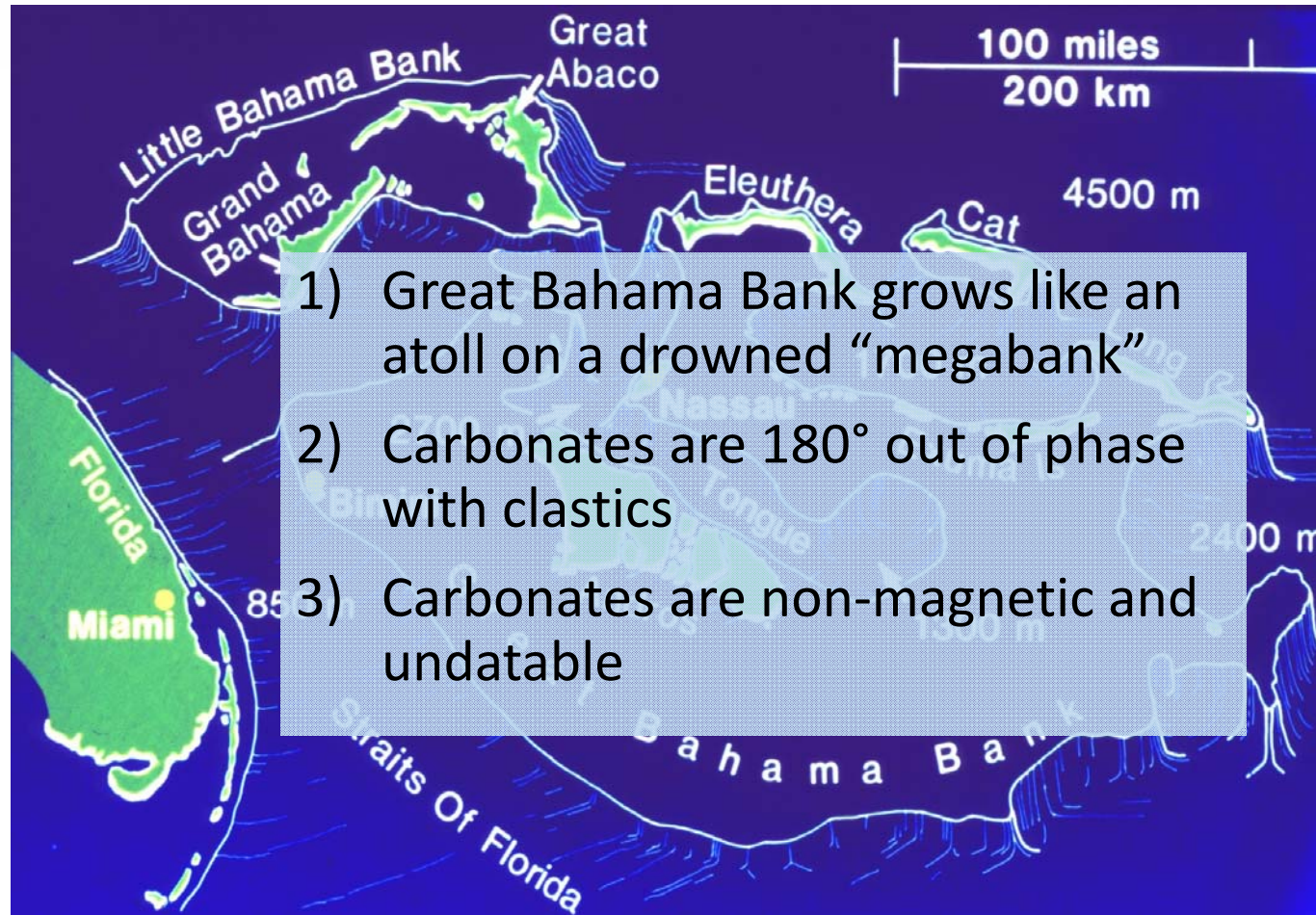
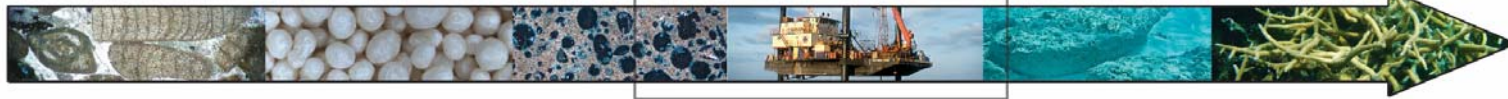
Island Developers Ltd., an affiliate of Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., has purchased a 15.2-acre parcel at 1 Inlet Blvd. on Fisher Island, legally known as Terminal Island, for a reported \$10 million.

The parcel includes two former residences built by the Vanderbilt estate and sold to the federal government, which used the property as a quarantine station until it was deeded to the University of Miami, the current seller.

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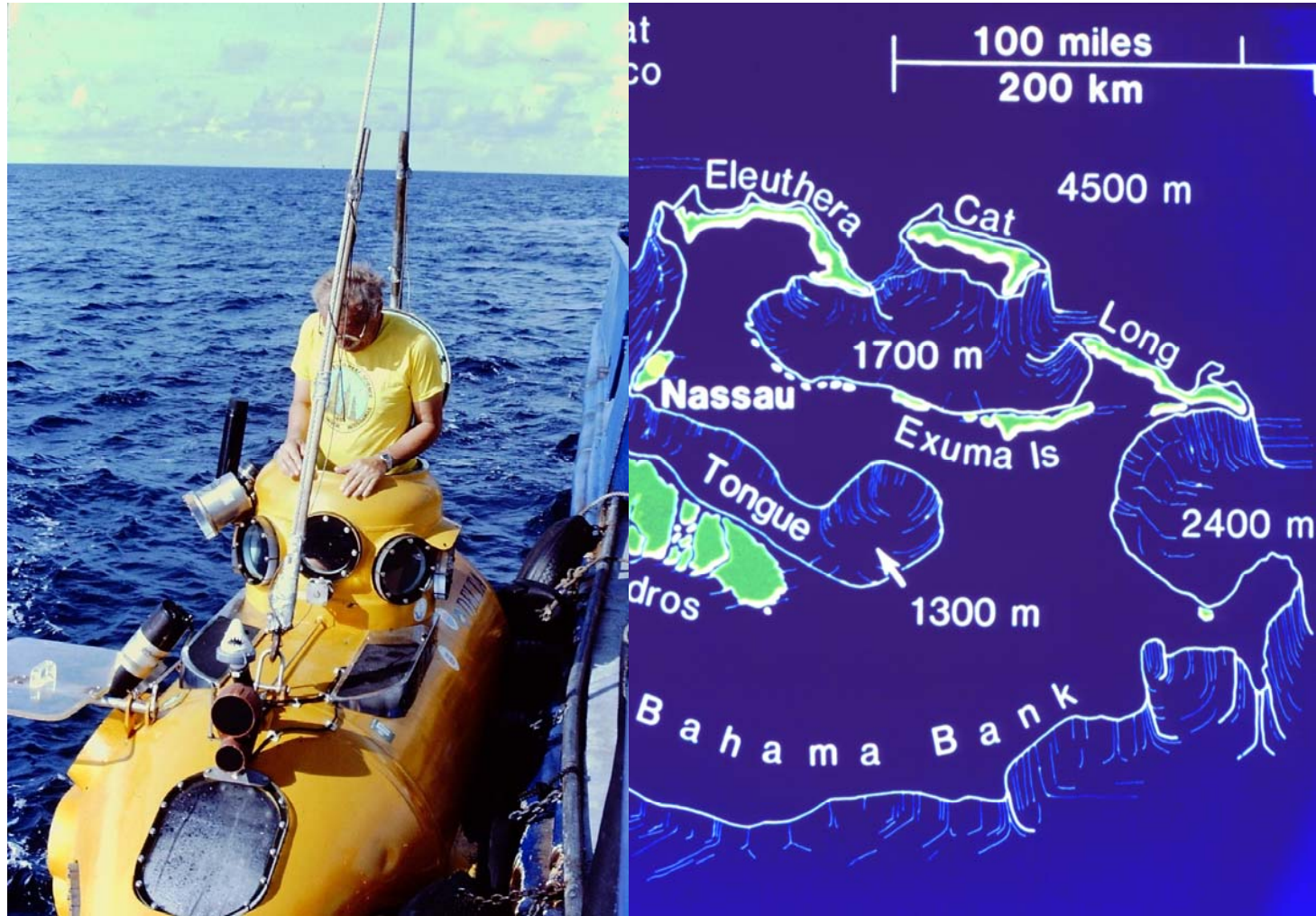


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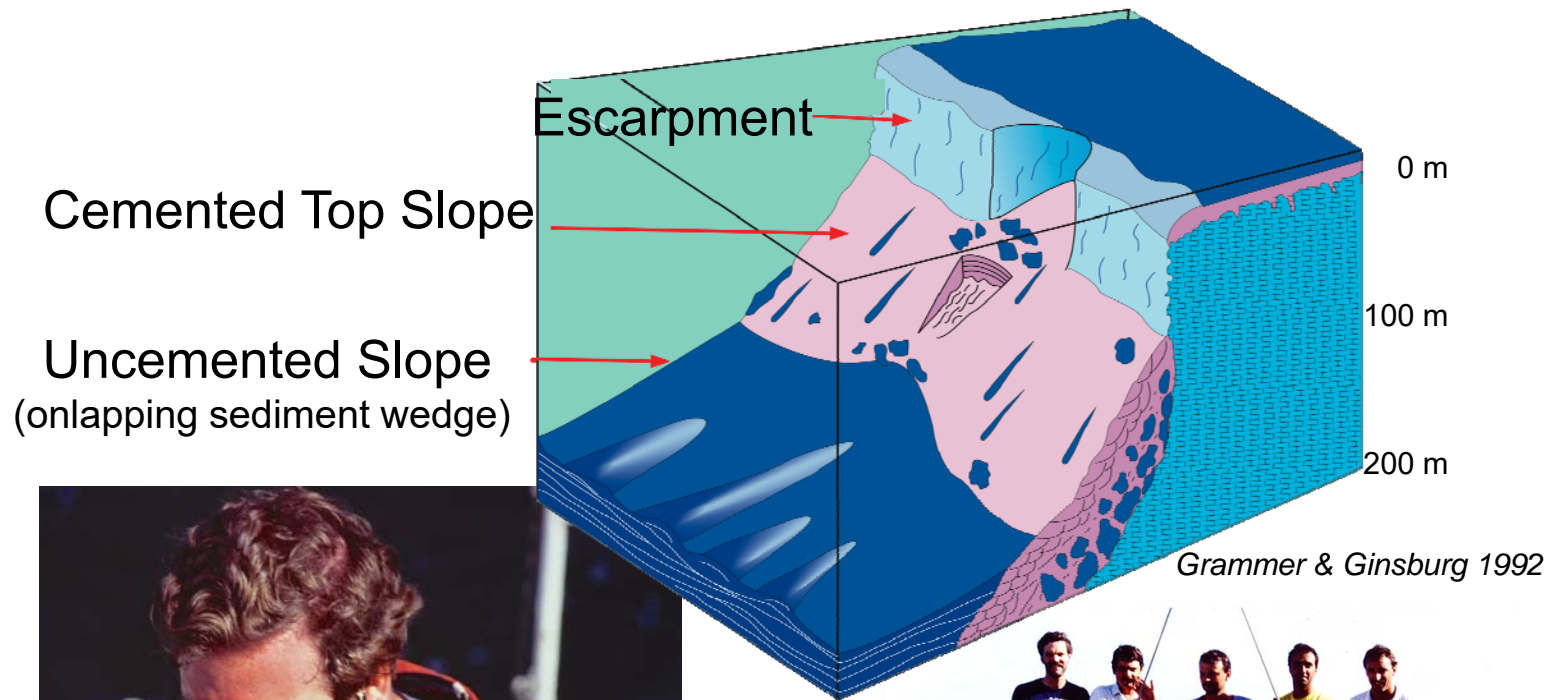
- 1) Great Bahama Bank grows like an atoll on a drowned “megabank”
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- 3) Carbonates are non-magnetic and undatable

# Anatomy of the Steep Slopes





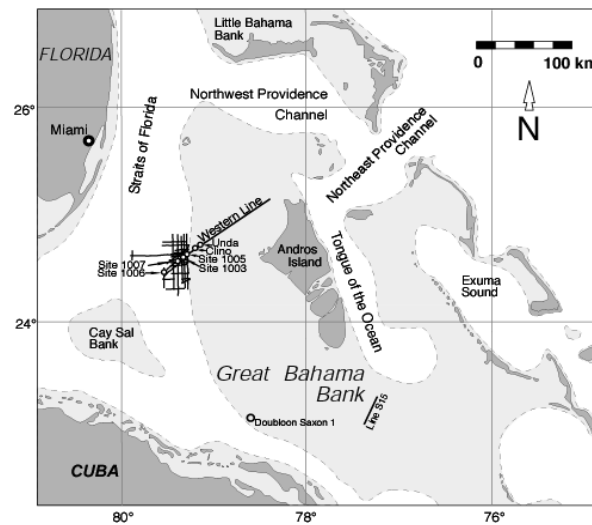
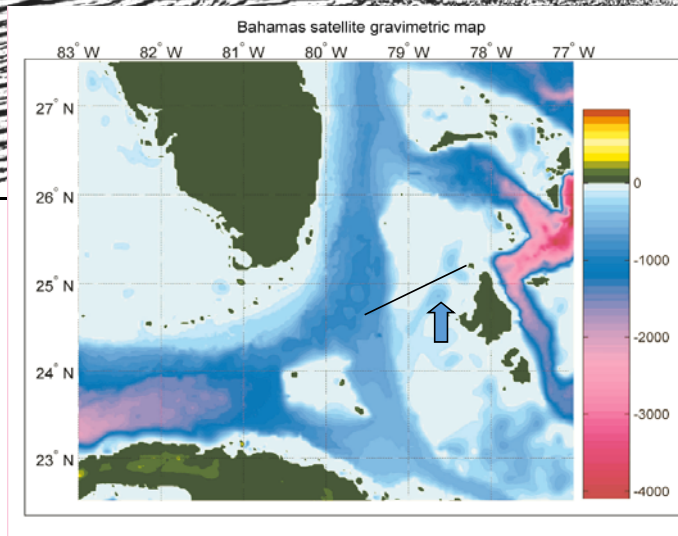
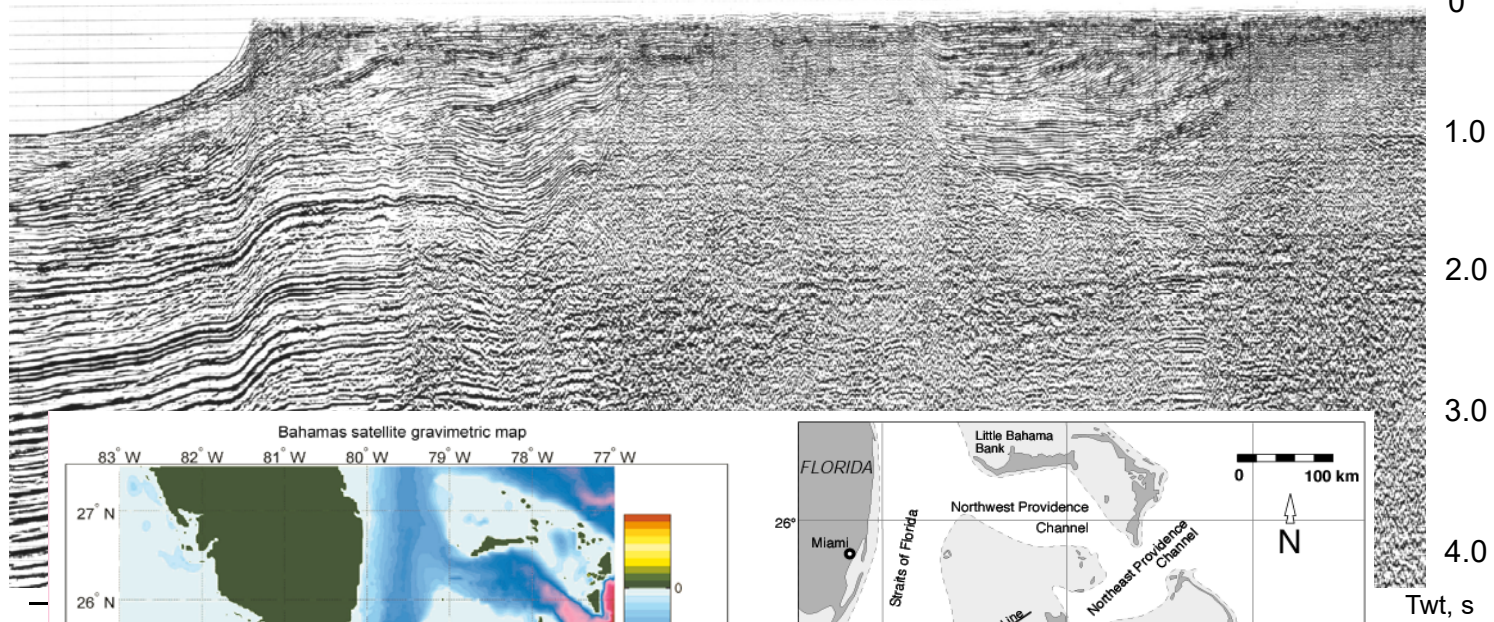
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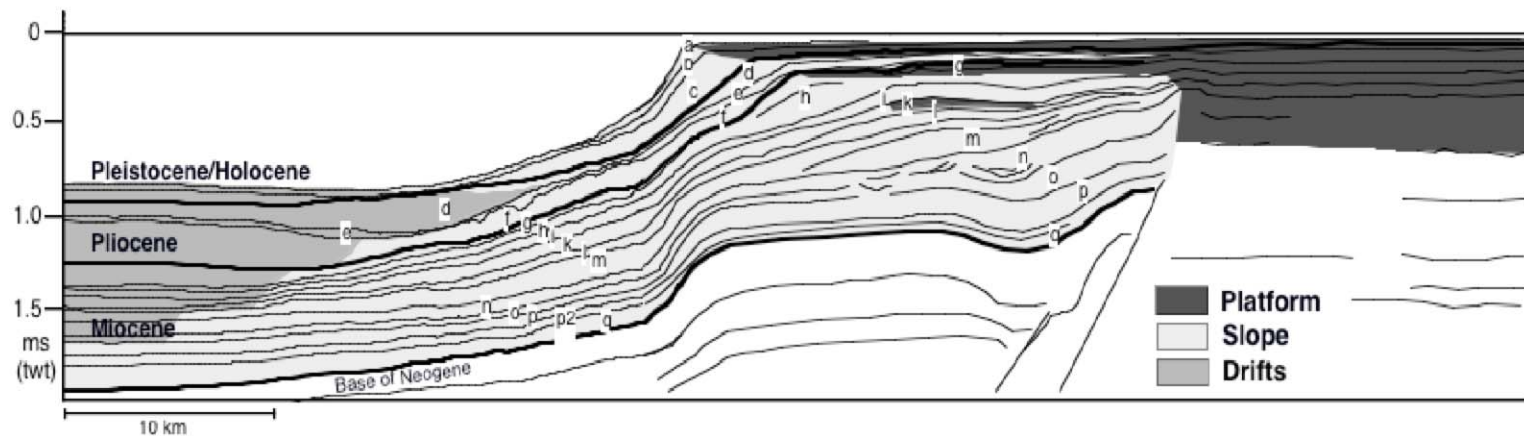
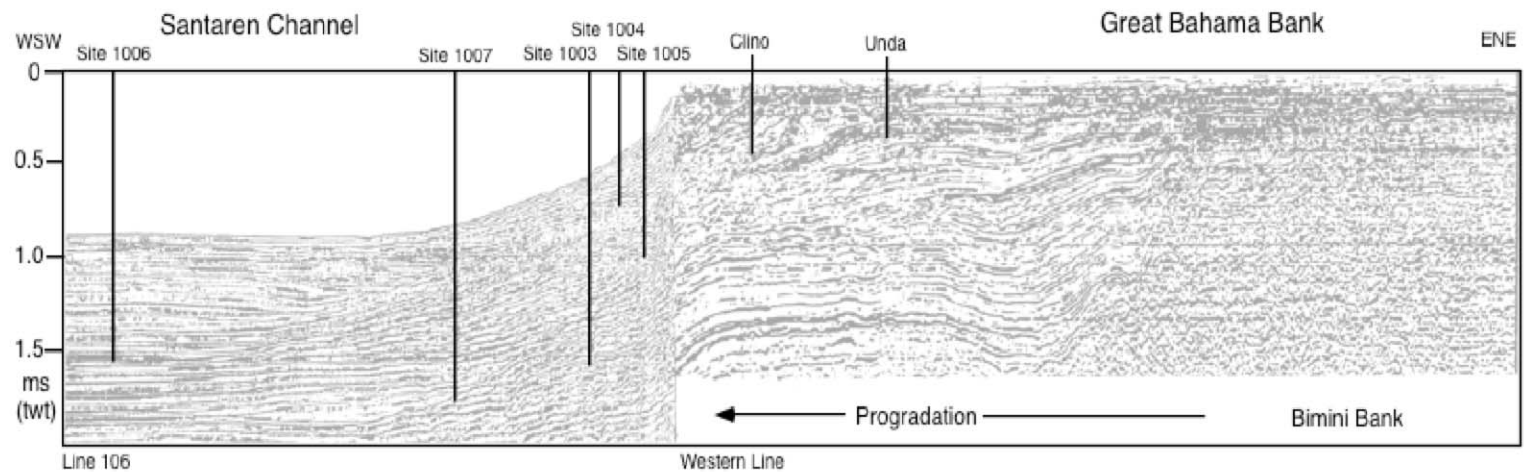
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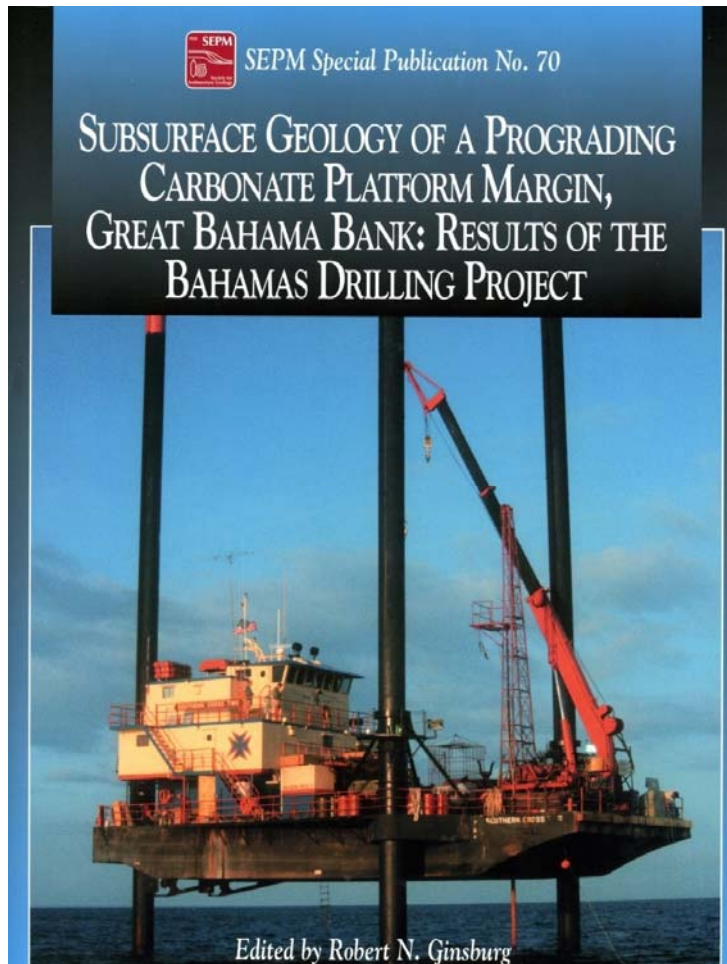
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## Bahamas Transect: 7 Drill Sites across Margin of Great Bahama Bank







## Bahamas Transect

**Bahamas Drilling Project, 1990**

**Ocean Drilling Program Leg 166, 1996**



## Bahamas Drilling Project – 1990





Coral Reefs  
Stromatolites  
Hardgrounds  
History  
Conservation



# Longstanding interest in modern & fossil reefs

## ASSOCIATION ROUND TABLE

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to those of later time, can be accounted for in part by gradual changes in the compositions of the atmosphere and oceans and in part by the depth of erosion.

Methods of study used in younger rock groups are all useful in the Precambrian, but extreme metamorphism over wide areas, more abundant igneous intrusive masses, and a dearth of fossils useful in correlation make the interpretation of the record less certain.

Methods of classification and naming recommended by the American Commission on Stratigraphic Nomenclature are now being adopted by Precambrian geologists, some of whom have assisted in their formulation. This should lead to clearer understanding and better communication.

GINSBURG, R. N., and SHINN, EUGENE A., Shell Development Company (A division of Shell Oil Company), Exploration and Production Research Division, Houston, Texas

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE REEF-BUILDING COMMUNITY IN FLORIDA AND THE BAHAMAS

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Can these "principles" be applied to ancient reefs?

GOLD, DAVID P., Loyola College, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

### SOME MINERALS FROM THE OKA ALKALINE COMPLEX, OKA, QUEBEC

The carbonate rocks of the Oka complex contain abnormally high amounts of Zn, Ni, Cr, La, Nd, Sr, Ba, P, Mn, Ti, Na, K, F, S, and Cr, and give rise to an impressive array of unusual and rare minerals. Sixty-five minerals have been so far identified from the alkaline rocks and carbonatite at Oka.

As in most alkaline complexes the paucity of silica is reflected in the low silica type of minerals they contain by the presence of oxide minerals of iron, titanium, phosphorus, and niobium, and undersaturated silicate rocks. Substitution of elements in some of the minerals is inferred from their chemical composition, and probably accounts for their anomalous optical properties. The constituent minerals of the silicate rocks are commonly characterized by high alkali, alumina, manga-

nese, and low silica content, within some cases unusually high substitution of alumina for silicon. In the oxide minerals niobium commonly substitutes for titanium.

GOODWIN, A. M., Ontario Department of Mines, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

### RELATIONSHIP OF MINERALIZATION TO STRATIGRAPHY IN THE PRECAMBRIAN VOLCANIC-SEDIMENTARY COMPLEX, MICHIGIPICOTEN AREA, ONTARIO

The Michigipicoten group of older volcanic and sedimentary rocks comprises flows and pyroclastic rocks of andesite-rhyolite association together with conformable beds of clastic sediments and banded iron formation. Later intrusive rocks consist of dacite, granite, and diabase.

The typical volcanic cycle progressed from (1) widespread and prolonged extrusion of andesite-basalt flows, through (2) violent ejection of rhyolite-dacite pyroclastics, to (3) extensive hot-spring and fumarolic activity. Banded iron formations are considered to represent chemical products of this last stage. Development of the Michigipicoten group is viewed as a continuous process which, once initiated, proceeded through explosive, erosional, chemical, and intrusive phases to produce a complex family group of which the members, although each possesses unique characteristics, are related by common volcanic heritage.

Iron, gold, and base metal deposits occur within, or marginal to, the principal acid volcanic zones. In general, mineralized centers coincide with what may be reasonably interpreted as centers of maximum explosive volcanic discharge. In this manner, siderite-pyrite members of banded iron formation overlie coarse acid pyroclastic zones; gold and base metal deposits occur within, or marginal to, nearly porphyry intrusive stocks. Acid extrusive rocks, porphyry intrusions, and mineral deposits are considered to have a common, sub-volcanic derivation and to owe their present stratigraphic association to common generative volcanic processes.

GRAHAM, A. R., BUCHAN, R., and LEE, C. R., Falconbridge Nickel Mines Limited, Thornhill, Ontario, Canada

### MILLERITE AT STRATCONA MINE, SUBURBY DISTRICT

Millerite occurs in relative abundance with chalcophyllite, pentlandite, violarite, pyrrhotite, and sparse pyrite in discontinuous stringers and disseminations along fractures and joints in leucocratic and amphibolitic footwall gneiss near the north contact more than 3,000 feet below the present surface. Some roughly equidimensional masses up to 8-10 centimeters in size show euhedral crystal faces and excellent cleavages barred by polysynthetic twinning. Gangue minerals include sodic and potassic feldspar, quartz, amphibole, epidote, garnet, and biotite. Partial chemical analysis on hand-picked cleavage fragments of millerite gave 62.9% Ni, 0.04% Cu, 0.33% Co, and 1.44% Fe. The x-ray powder diffraction pattern gave  $a_0 = 9.622 \pm 0.006$  Å and  $c = 5.150 \pm 0.004$  Å. Primary origin by crystallization from a hot sulphur-rich iron-poor fluid is proposed from the environmental evidence available.

GRIFFITHS, J. C., The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania

### AN ALGORITHMIC PROGRAM FOR THE ANALYSIS OF DETRITAL RESERVOIR ROCKS

The objectives of this program are essentially fourfold: (1) the data gathering process leads to a quantita-

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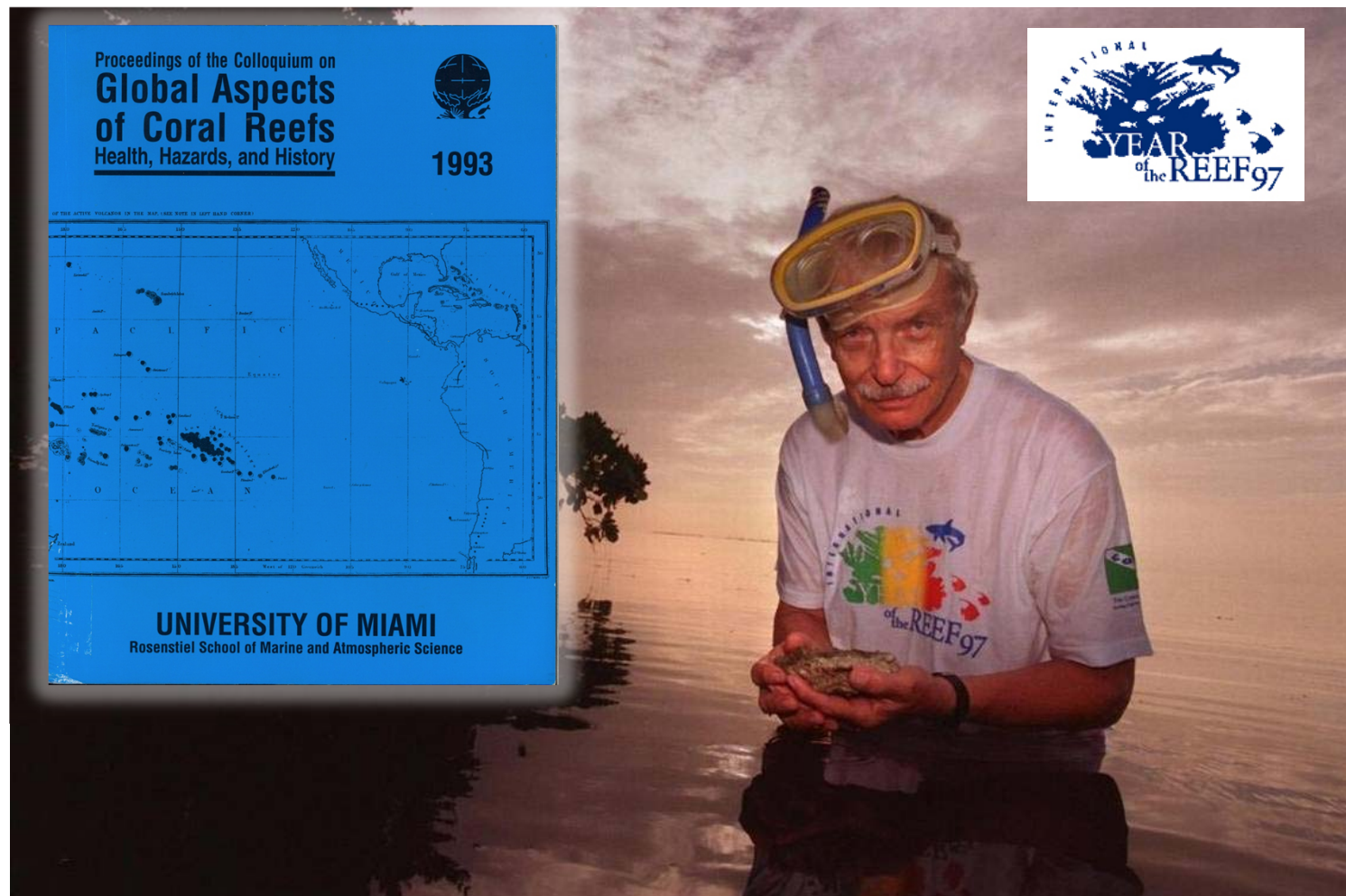
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## 1997 Proclaimed International Year of the Reef – International Coral Reef Initiative

225 organizations in 50 countries participated





## Bob's love of history contributed to the start of GSA Rock Stars

1995 - present

# Rock Stars

### INTRODUCTION

Bernard of Chartres, an 11th-12th century philosopher and teacher, said that we are like dwarfs on the shoulders of giants, so that we can see more than they and for a greater distance, not by any virtue of our own but because we are carried high and raised aloft by their stature.

All of us have our geological heroes, those giants on whose shoulders we stand. To encourage recognition of these

luminaries and to provide inspiration for students and young professionals, the GSA History of Geology Division presents *Rock Stars*, brief profiles of our geological giants. Here is the first one. If you have any comments on this or subsequent profiles, please contact Robert N. Ginsburg, University of Miami, RSMAS/MGG, 4600 Rickenbacker Causeway, Miami, FL 33149-1098, E-mail: rginsburg@rsmas.miami.edu.

—Robert N. Ginsburg, Chair, History of Geology Division

## Formative Years of the Scientific Career of T. Wayland Vaughan

Robert N. Ginsburg

Soon after I came to Florida some decades ago to study recent carbonate sediments and reefs, I found references to publications by T. Wayland Vaughan. At first I thought they could not be of much value to me because they were already decades old and Vaughan's name was not linked with any major concepts in the geology of carbonates. Fortunately, I did take two of his major papers with me on my first field trip to study reefs and sediments on Loggerhead Key in the Dry Tortugas off Key West. That island was the site of the Carnegie Institution's Marine Biological Laboratory, where Vaughan and other pioneers studied reefs during the first 40 years of this century. I had my first look at beach rock, coral reefs, and associated sediments; I snorkeled over the reefs that Vaughan studied; and I

tory of southern Florida, and that he posed most of the significant questions about the origin of ooids and lime mud in the Bahamas and the effects of Pleistocene lowstands of sea level on the margins of the banks.

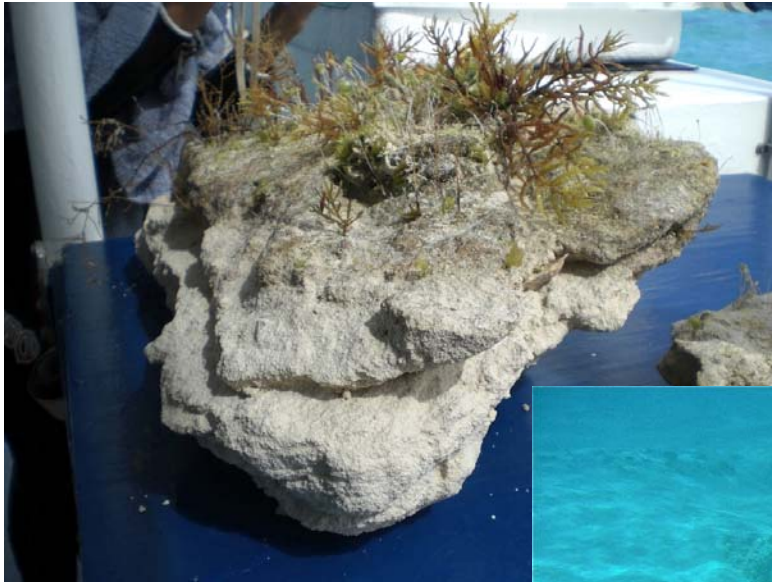
The more I read of Vaughan's works, the more I was impressed with his accomplishments not just in Florida, but in the West Indies and Panama, as well as in the Pacific. In addition to his scientific accomplishments, he served with distinction as one of the early directors of Scripps Institution of Oceanography in California. He was a key player on two National Research Council committees that had seminal effects in oceanography and paleoecology. My appreciation for Vaughan's contributions, especially those in Florida and the Bahamas, led



Field geologist T. Wayland Vaughan at 26, in Texas.

junior college level with that of high school and elementary—not exactly the launching pad for a scientific career. But there his curiosity and opportunism led him to study all sorts of plants and animals in the surroundings, and thus began his scientific career at the border between geology and biology. There also were the turning points in his future, those seemingly insignificant circumstances that so often lead in one direction or the other. An interest in plants, inspired probably by the earlier discovery of fossil leaves, led to a summer course in botany at Harvard, where, as a result, he became a graduate student in 1892. The nearby outcrops of Eocene marine sediments near Mt. Lebanon are rich in corals and mollusks. Vaughan's collection of them provided the material for his doctoral dissertation, which in turn led to study of living reefs, carbonate sediments, and Cenozoic geology of the Caribbean.

Harvard in the 1890s must have been an exciting experience. It retained the aura of the Louis Agassiz years as the country's premier institution of natural history; it had a faculty that included N. S. Shaler, William Morris Davis, and Alpheus Hyatt at the nearby Boston Society of Natural History—all leaders in the study of sedimentary deposits; and it had the excitement of graduate-student participation in cruises led by Alexander Agassiz to explore the reefs of Florida and the Bahamas. One of these assistants was Vaughan's fellow student, Alfred G. Mayor, a biologist, who subsequently convinced the Carnegie Foundation to establish, in 1904, the first laboratory for tropical marine biology at the Dry Tortugas, reef-ringed islands off Key West, Florida. Given Vaughan's interest in corals, it is not surprising that he soon became a regular researcher at the Carnegie Laboratory on idyllic Logger-



One of the last field projects  
on hardgrounds & marine  
cementation, circa 2009-2010  
with Paul Enos

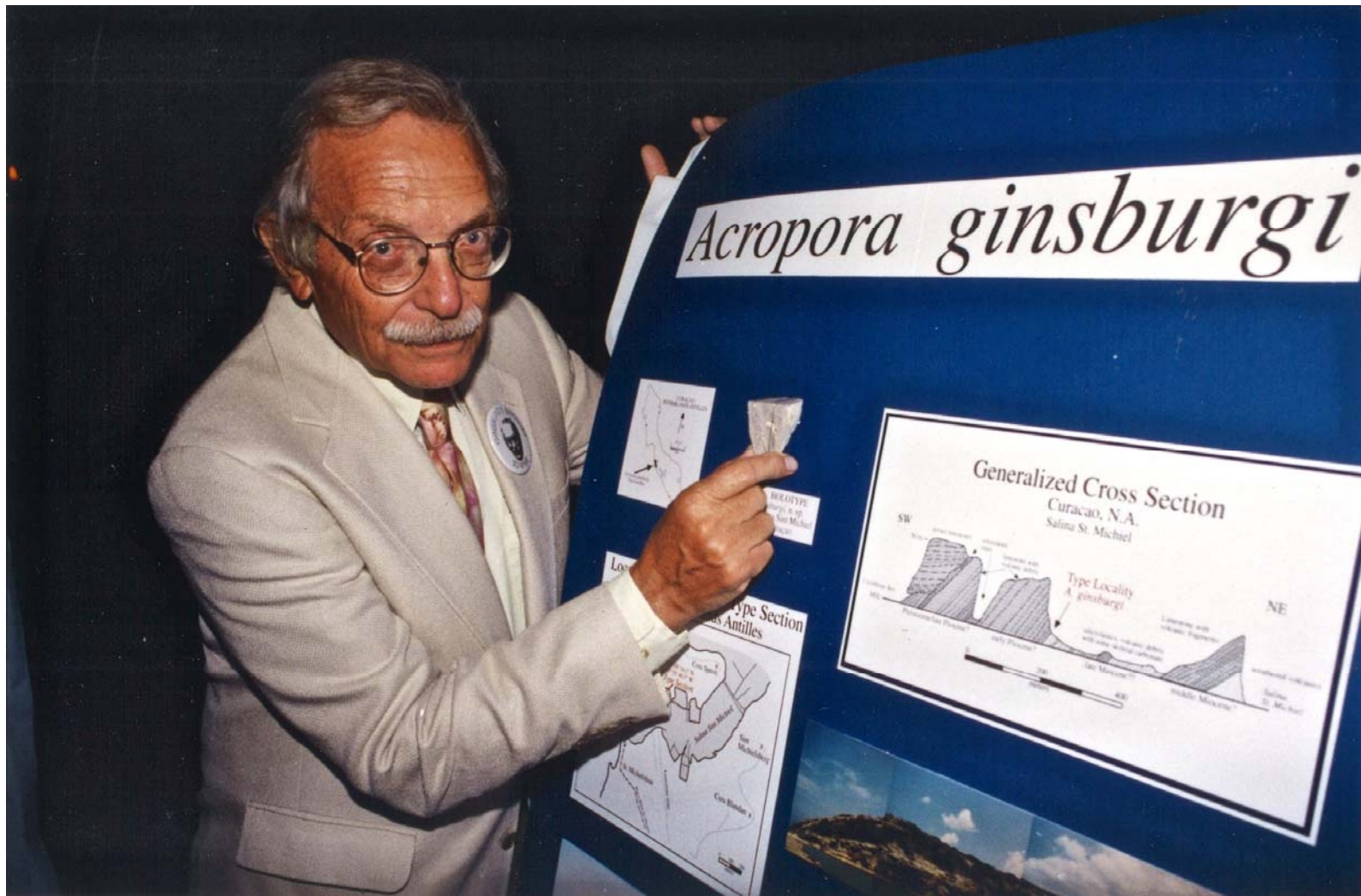
## Marine hardgrounds & stromatolites in the geologic record

Longstanding interest in stromatolites,  
both modern & ancient – Total Project





Robert Ginsburg with *Acropora (Isopora) ginsburgi* coral - 1995



Always asking questions of industry, academia, conservationists...  
So What?



Robert Ginsburg - Pleistocene reef at Ambergris Cay, Belize







***Application of XRF, Biostratigraphy, & Carbon Isotope  
Excursions to Establish a Sequence Stratigraphic  
Framework and Depositional Facies Model for the Burnt  
Bluff Group, Michigan Basin, USA.***



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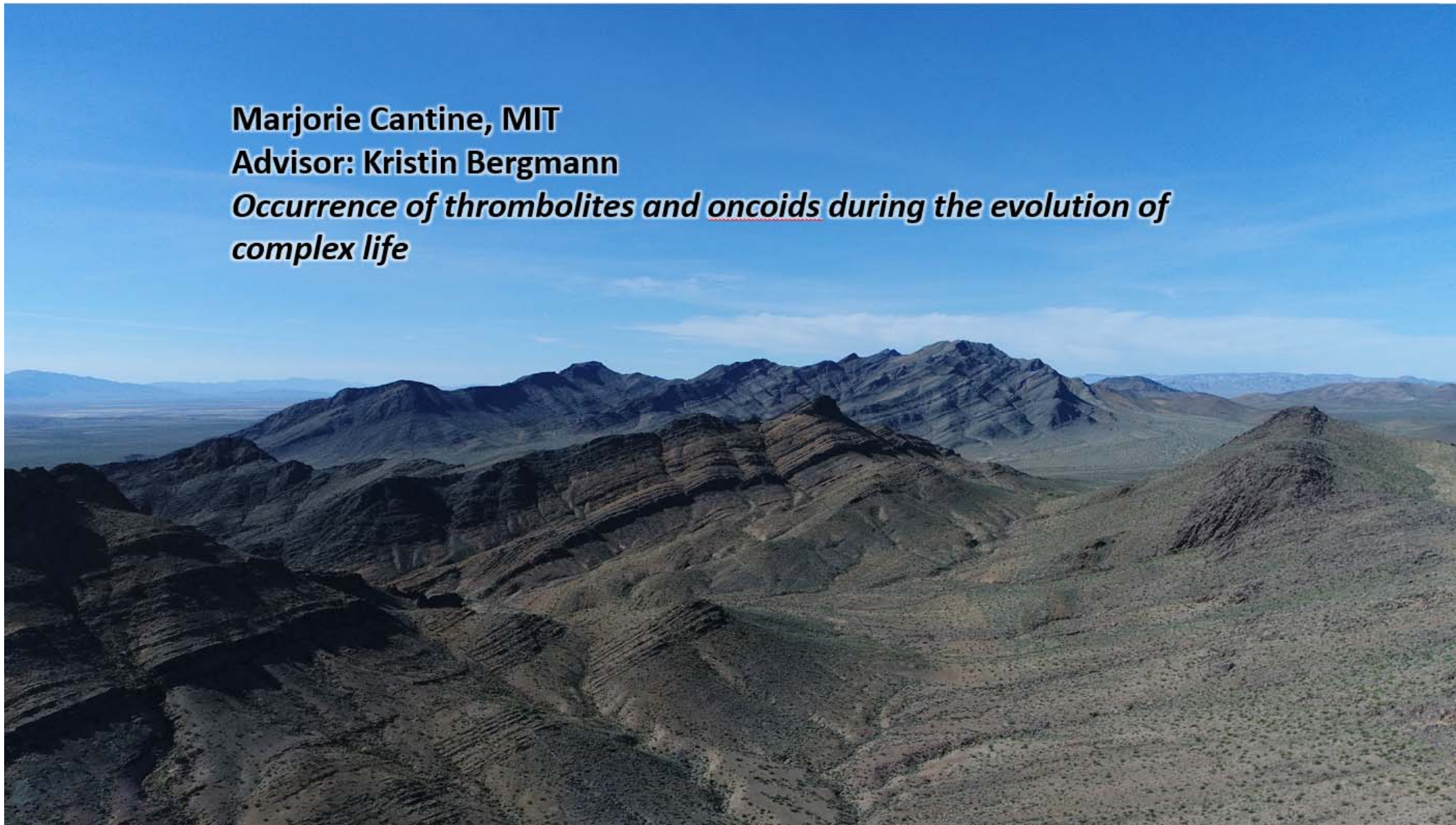
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***Occurrence of thrombolites and oncoids during the evolution of complex life***





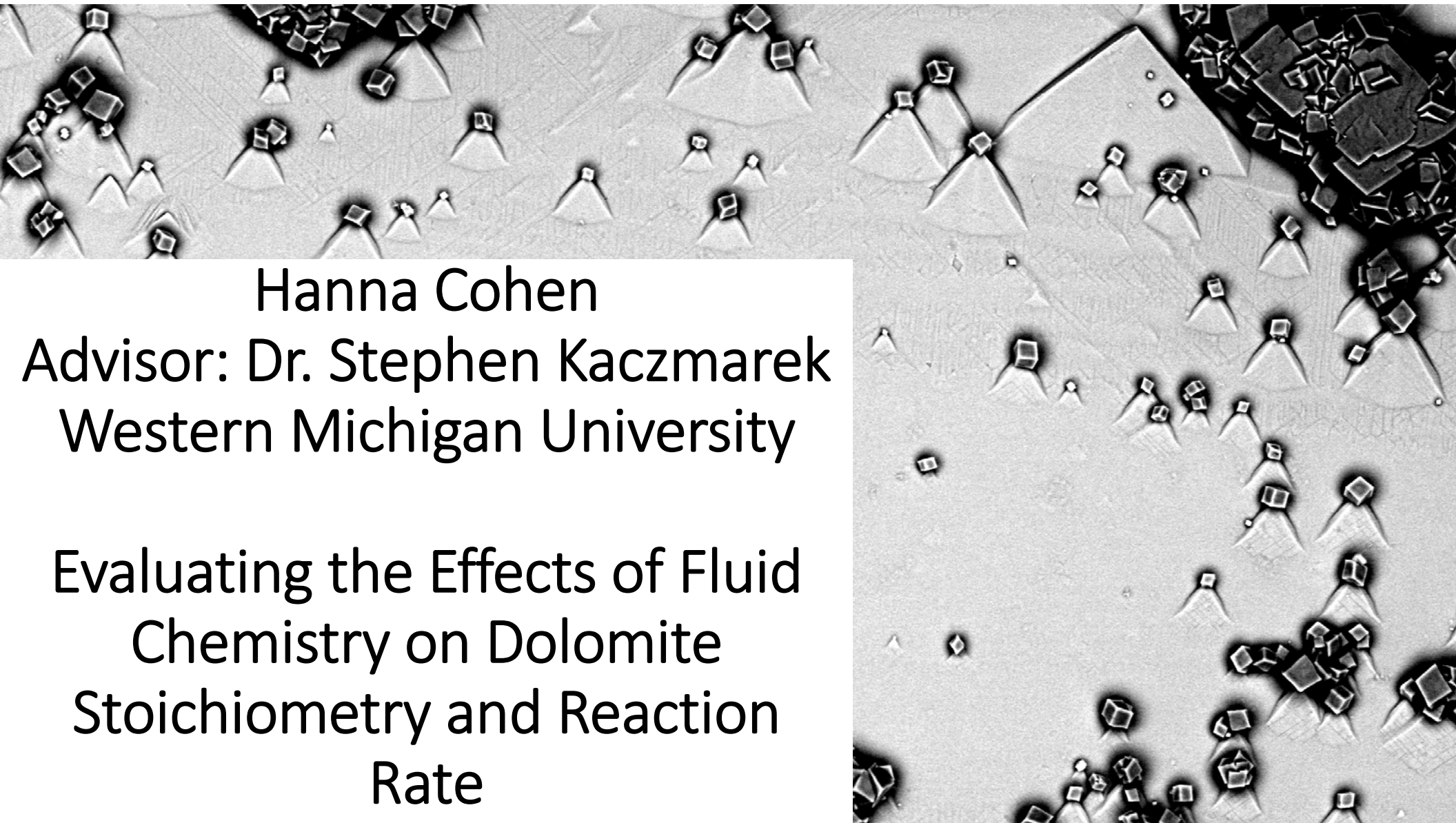
# **WOLFCAMPIAN CARBONATE PLATFORM SEQUENCE STRATIGRAPHY IN THE SOUTHWESTERN DELAWARE BASIN: WYLIE MOUNTAINS, VAN HORN, TEXAS**

Taylor Canada<sup>1,2</sup>, Charles Kerans<sup>1,2</sup>, and Chris Zahm<sup>2</sup>

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2- Bureau of Economic Geology





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Advisor: Dr. Stephen Kaczmarek  
Western Michigan University

Evaluating the Effects of Fluid  
Chemistry on Dolomite  
Stoichiometry and Reaction  
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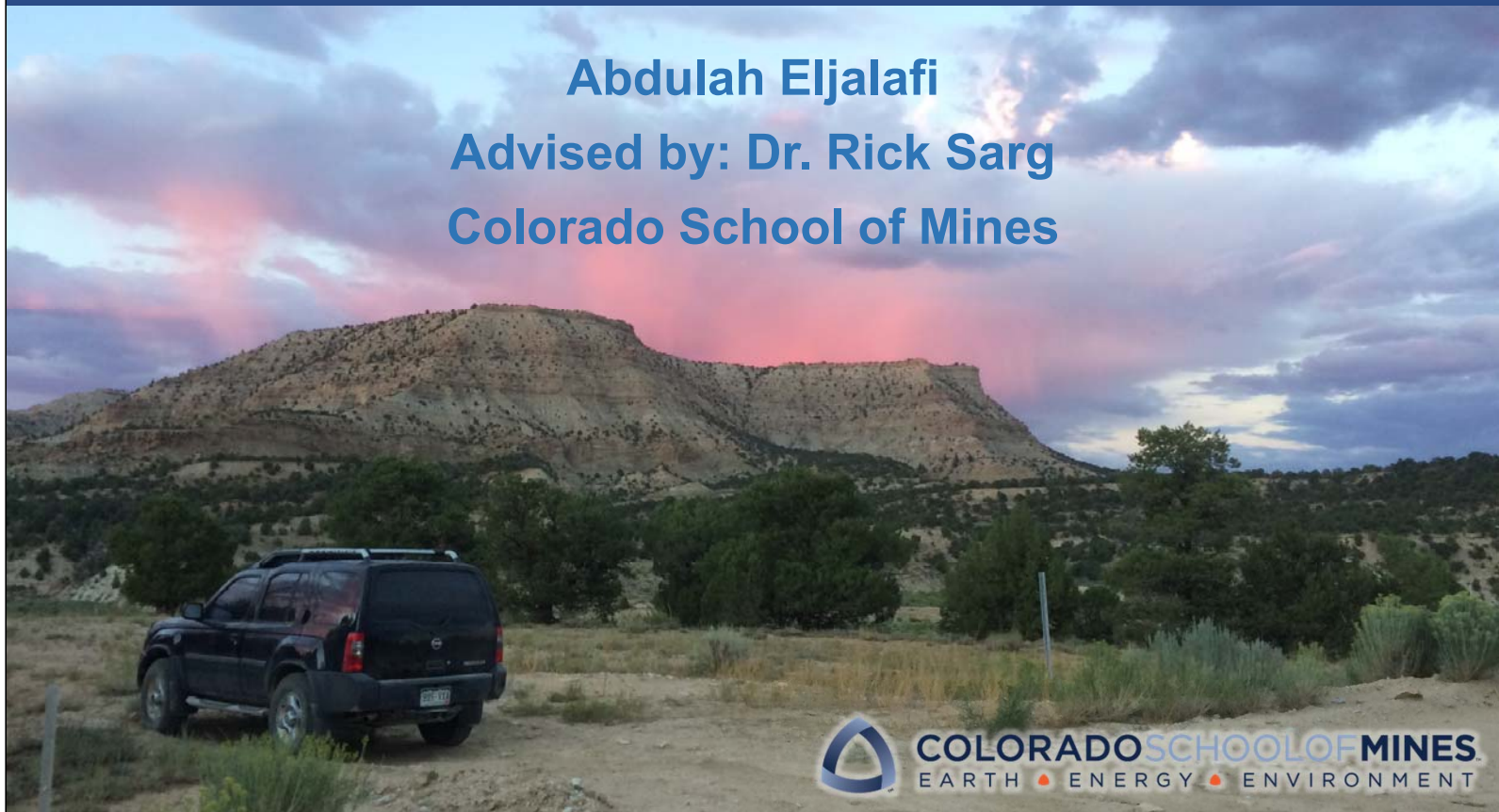




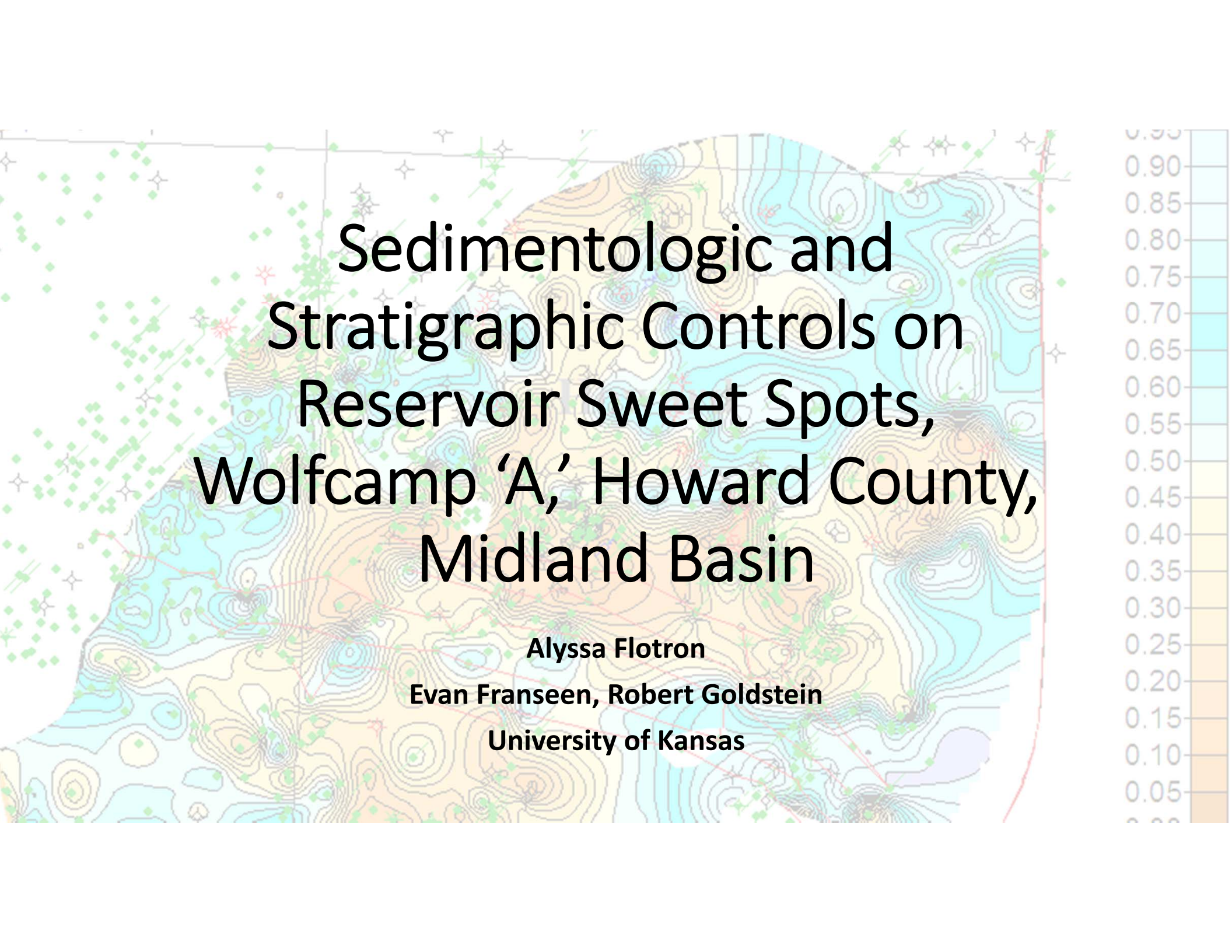
# Lacustrine Microbialite Architectural and Chemostratigraphic Trends: Green River Formation, Eastern Uinta Basin, Colorado and Utah

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# Sedimentologic and Stratigraphic Controls on Reservoir Sweet Spots, Wolfcamp 'A,' Howard County, Midland Basin

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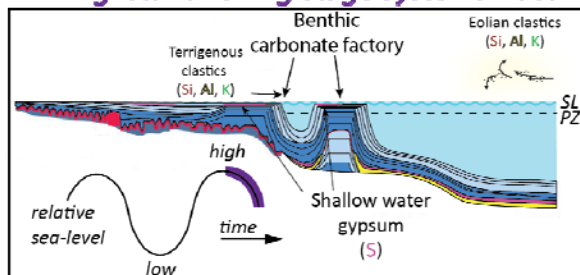
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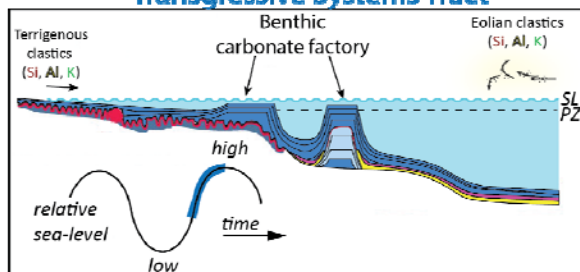
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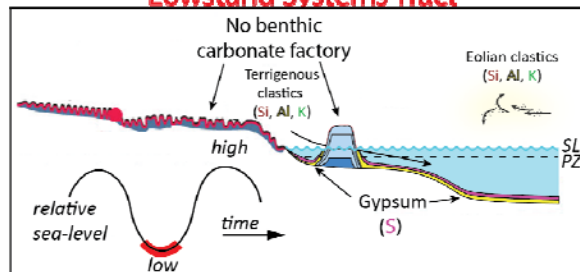
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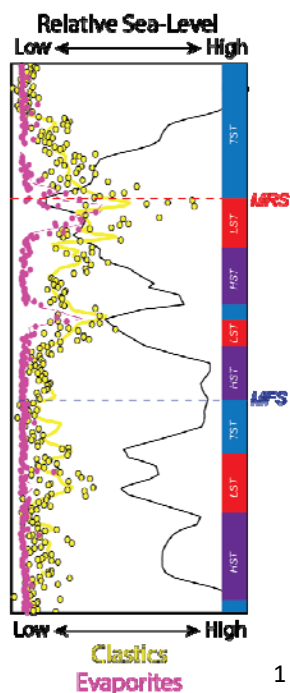
### Transgressive Systems Tract



### Lowstand Systems Tract



Carbonates Evaporites Clastics  
Modified from Kendall et al. 2014



## Application of Handheld ED-XRF for High Resolution Chemostratigraphy in Texturally Homogeneous Carbonate Mudstones: Salina A-1 Carbonate (Silurian), Michigan Basin

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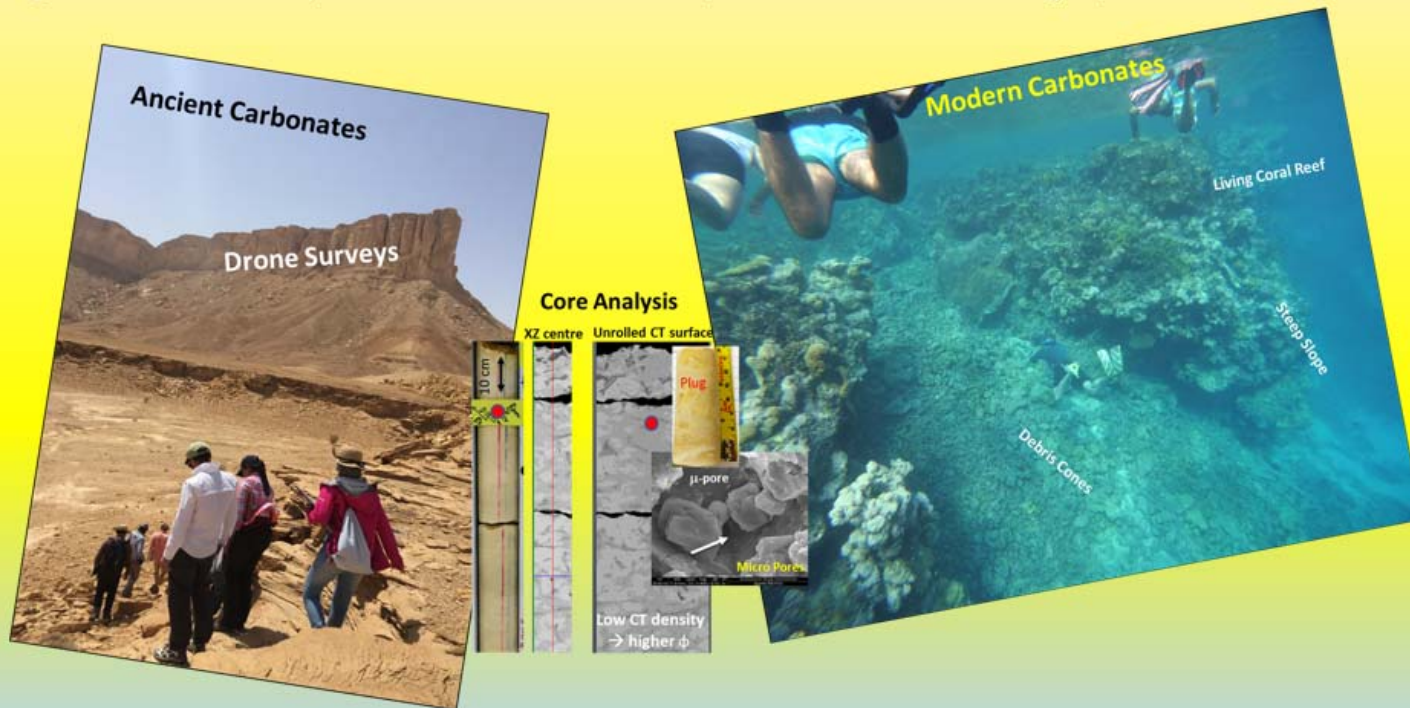
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**Optimizing ultimate recovery from Jurassic and Cretaceous Arabian hydrocarbon reservoirs:  
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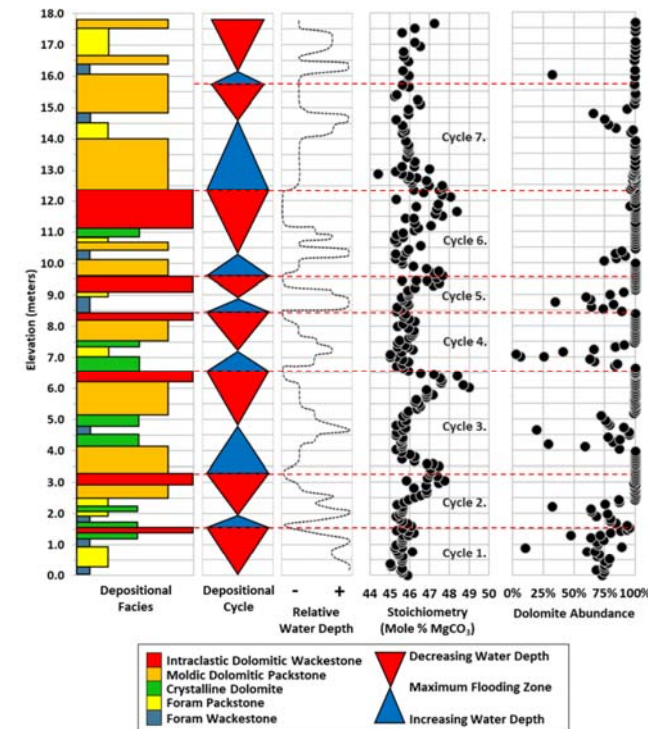
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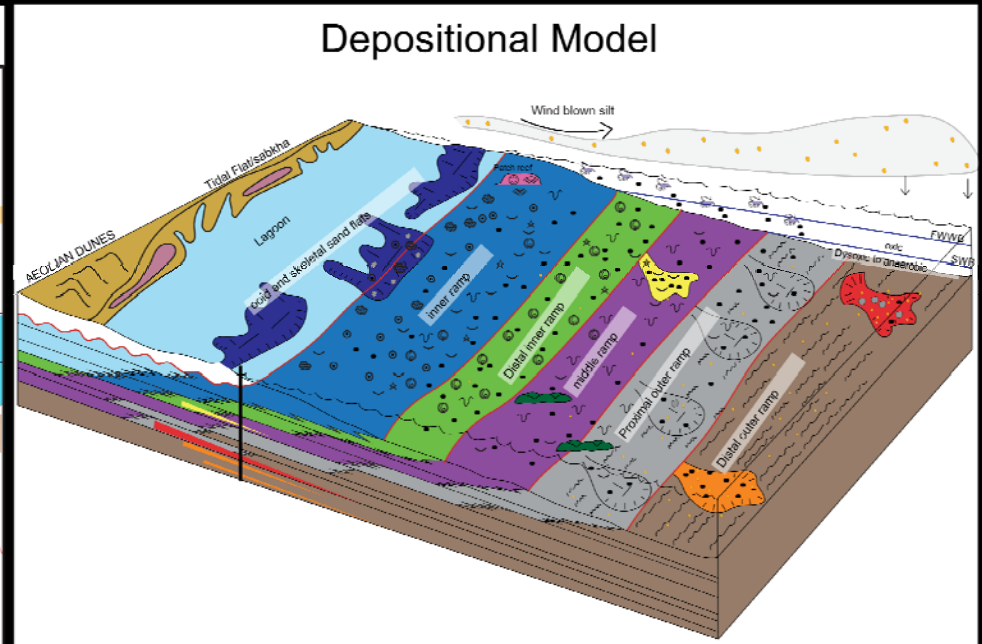
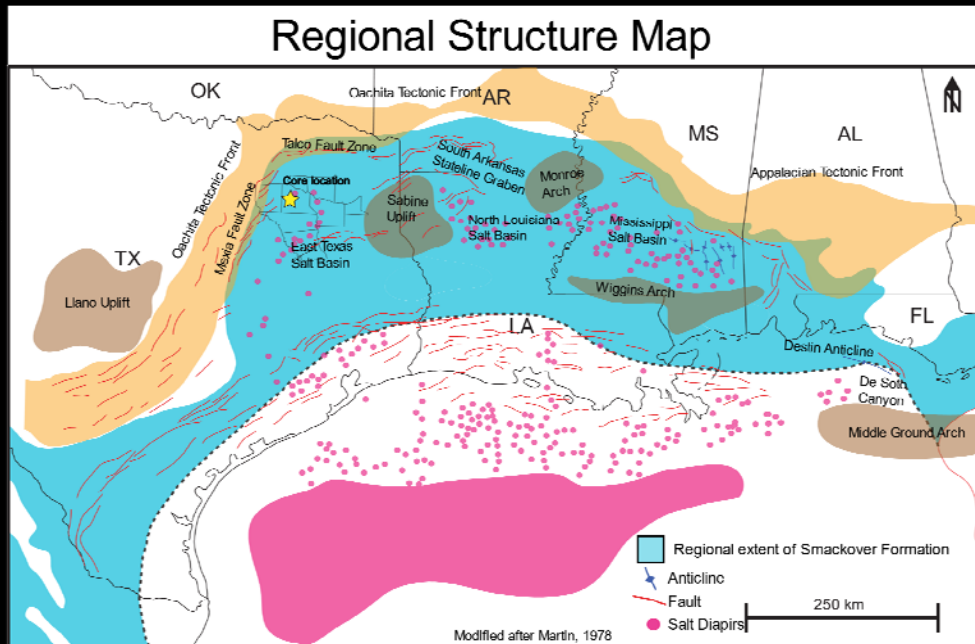
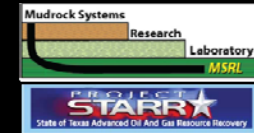


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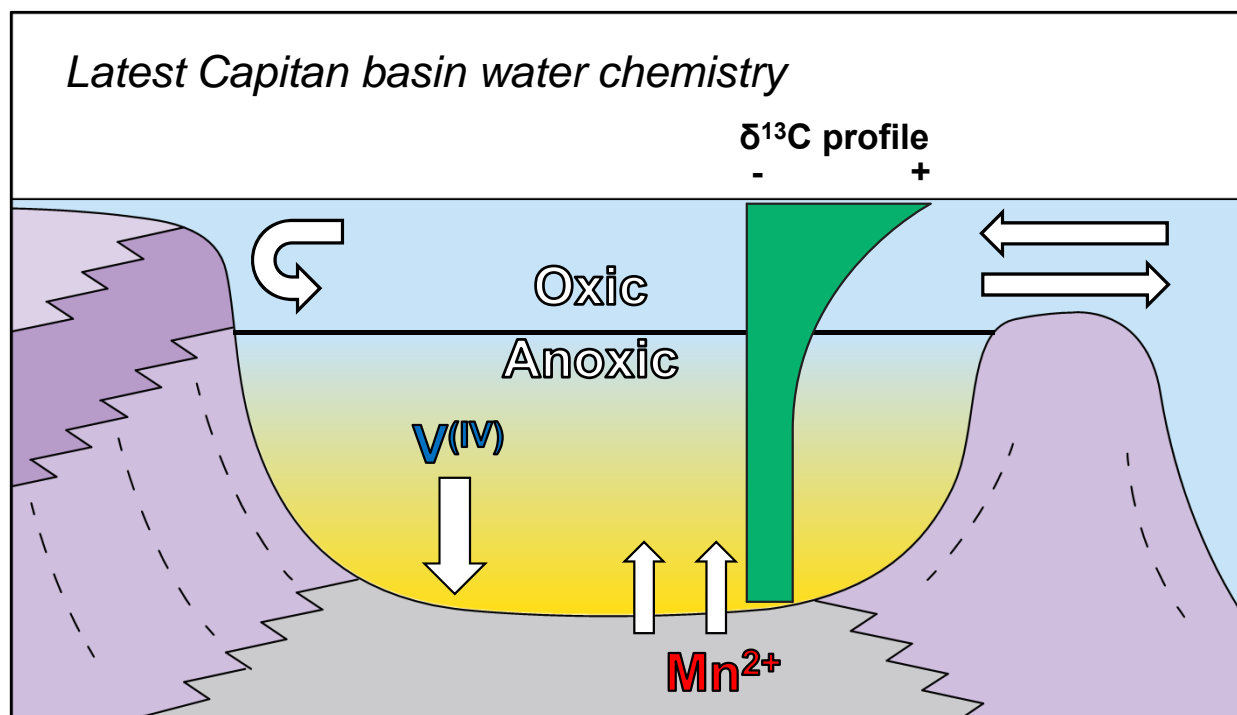
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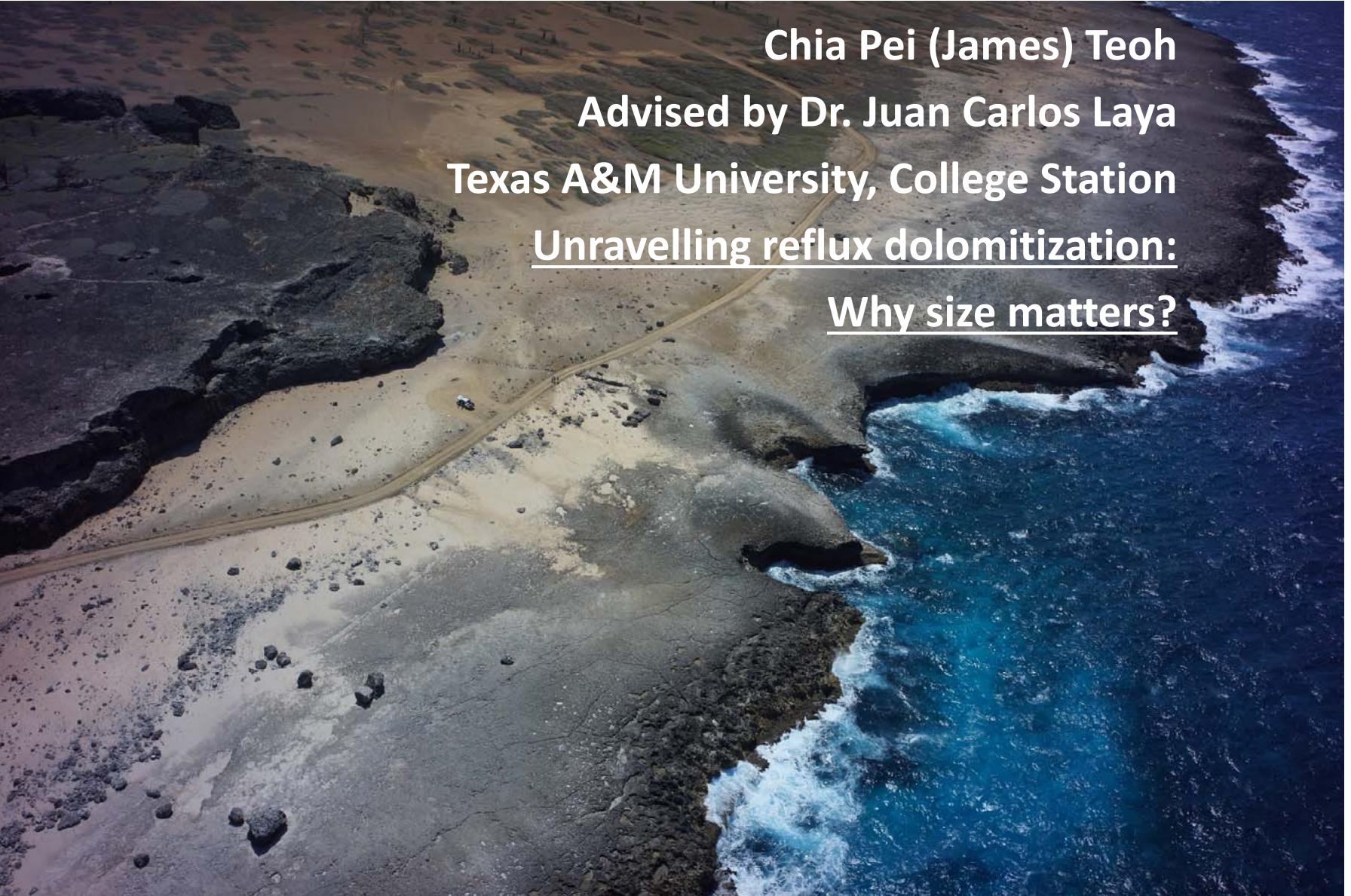
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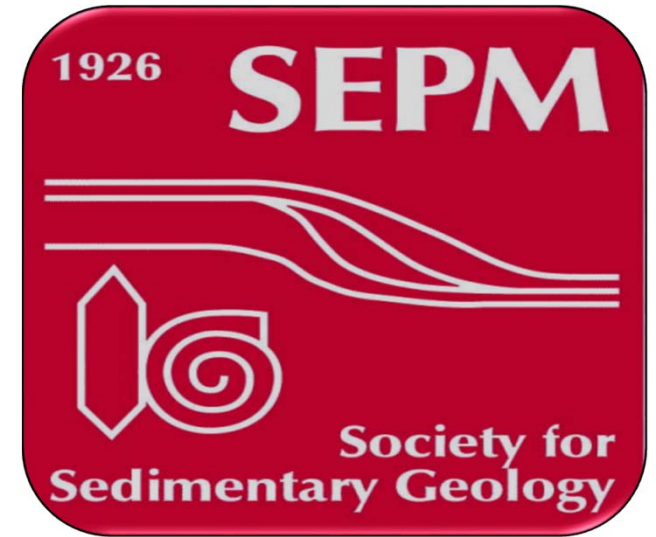
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