

# CLASSIFICATION OF SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

English

SEDIMENTS	ROCK
gravel, sand, silt, clay	conglomerates, breccias, sandstones, siltstones, claystones, mudrocks
biochemical and biogenic (sediments: carbonates and dolomites, siliceous, phosphates), organic sediments	limestones and dolomites, cherts, phosphate deposits, coal, oil shale, petroleum
evaporite deposits, sedimentary iron deposits	evaporites, ironstones

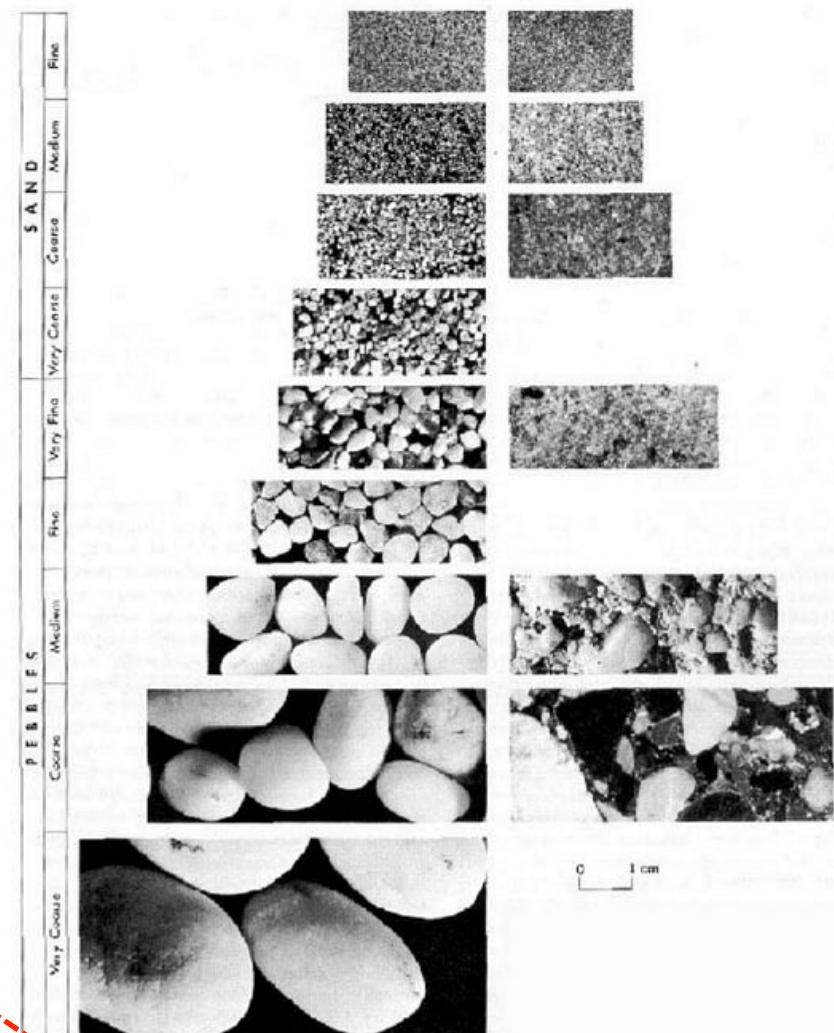
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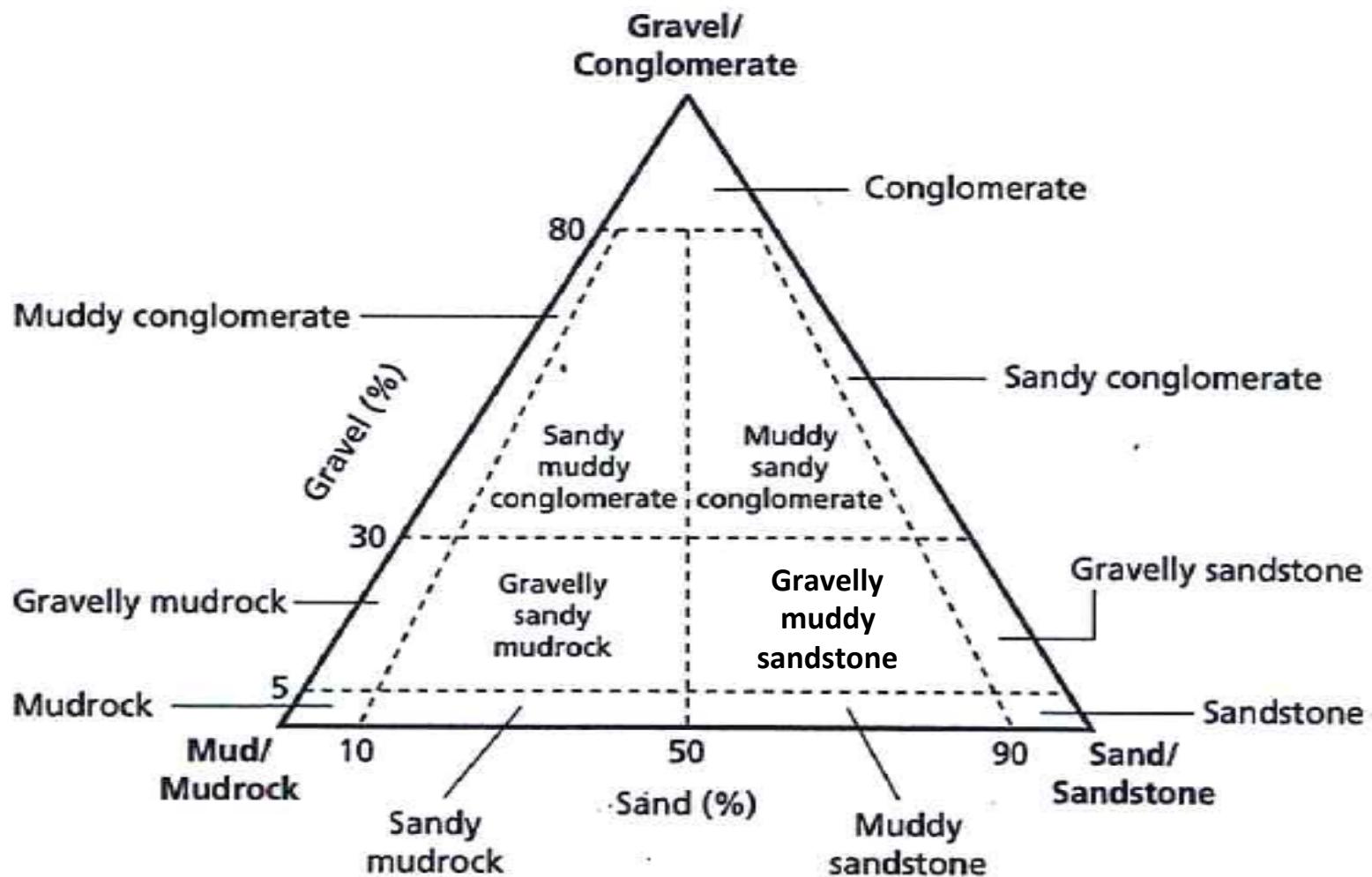
**Table 2.3** Grain-size scale for sediments and sedimentary rocks.  
After Udden and Wentworth, and Blair & McPherson (1999)

Length (mm)		Class	Sediment/ rock name
4096	φ	block	mega-conglomerate
2048	-12		
1024	-11		
512	-10		
256	-9		
128	-8		
64	-7		
32	-6		
16	-5		
8	-4		
4	-3		
2	-2		
1	-1		
0.50	0		
0.25	1		
0.125	2		
0.063	3		
0.031	4		
0.015	5		
0.008	6		
0.004	7		
	8		
		pebble	gravel conglomerate
		granule	
		sand	sand sandstone
		silt	silt siltstone
		clay	clay claystone
		vc	
		c	
		m	
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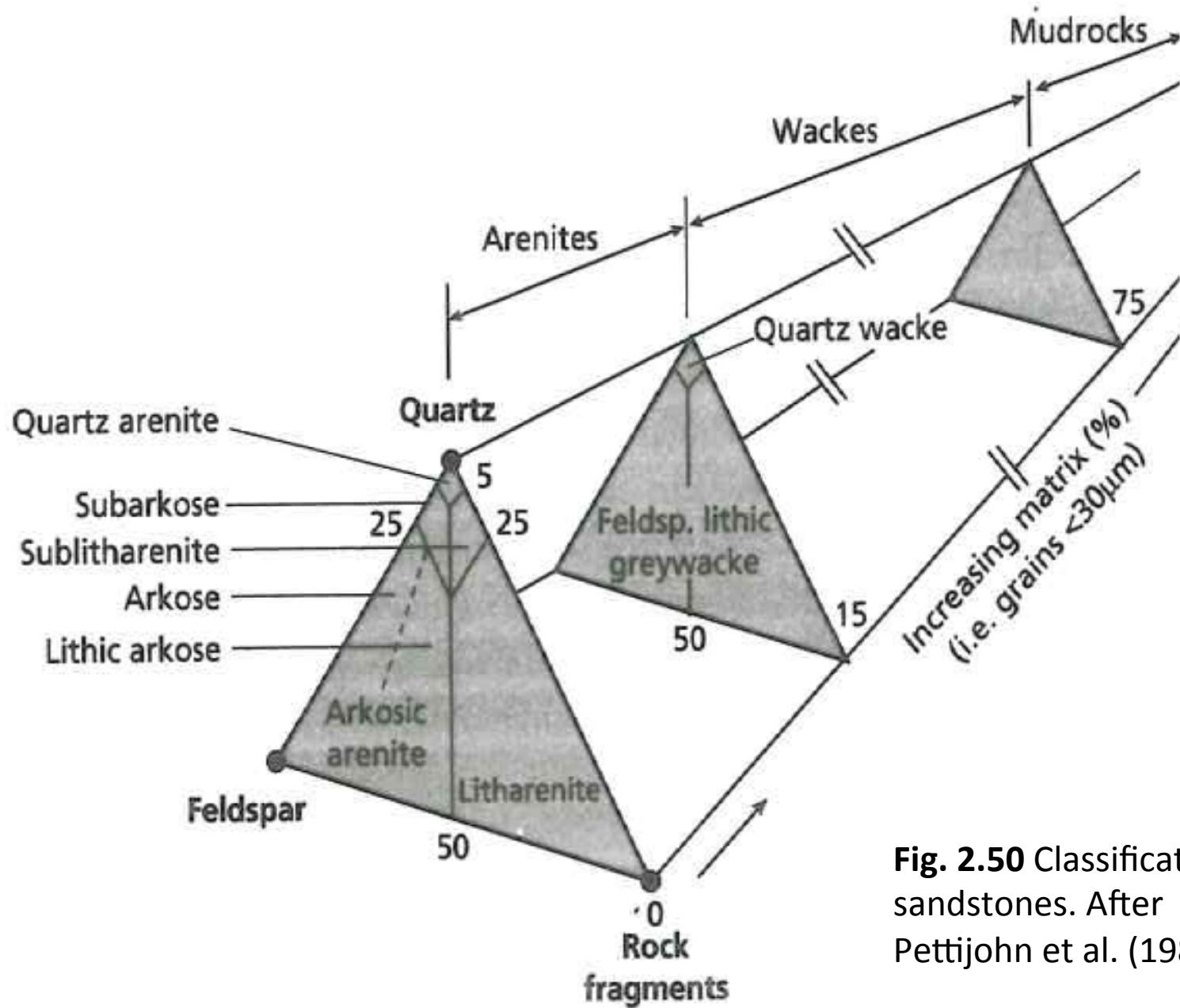
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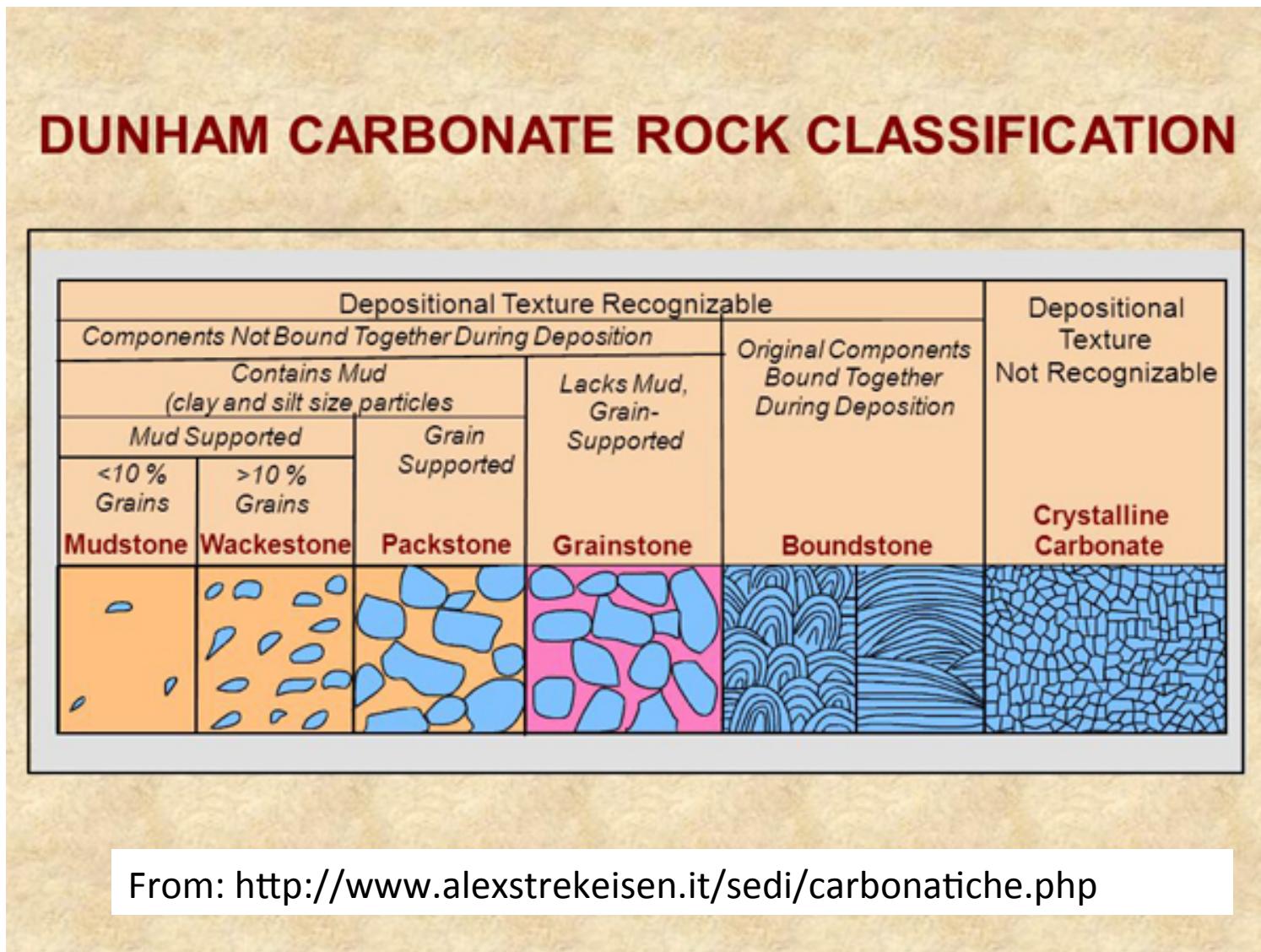


**Fig. 2.1** Scheme for classifying sand-gravel-mud mixtures and the terms for sedimentary rock (after Udden-Wentworth and Blair & McPherson, 1999).



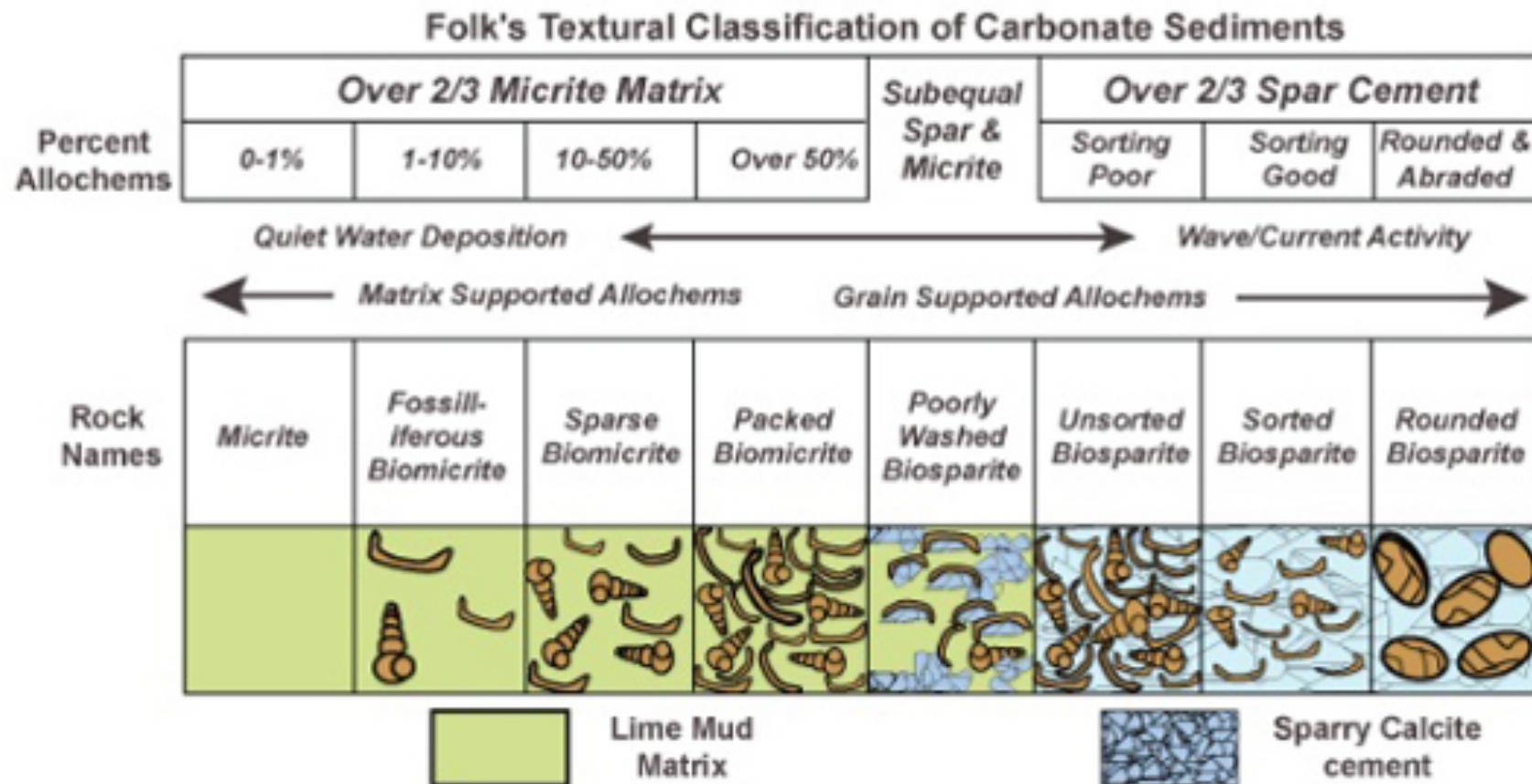
**Fig. 2.50** Classification of sandstones. After Pettijohn et al. (1987).

Classification of carbonate rocks based on depositional texture (Dunham, 1962).

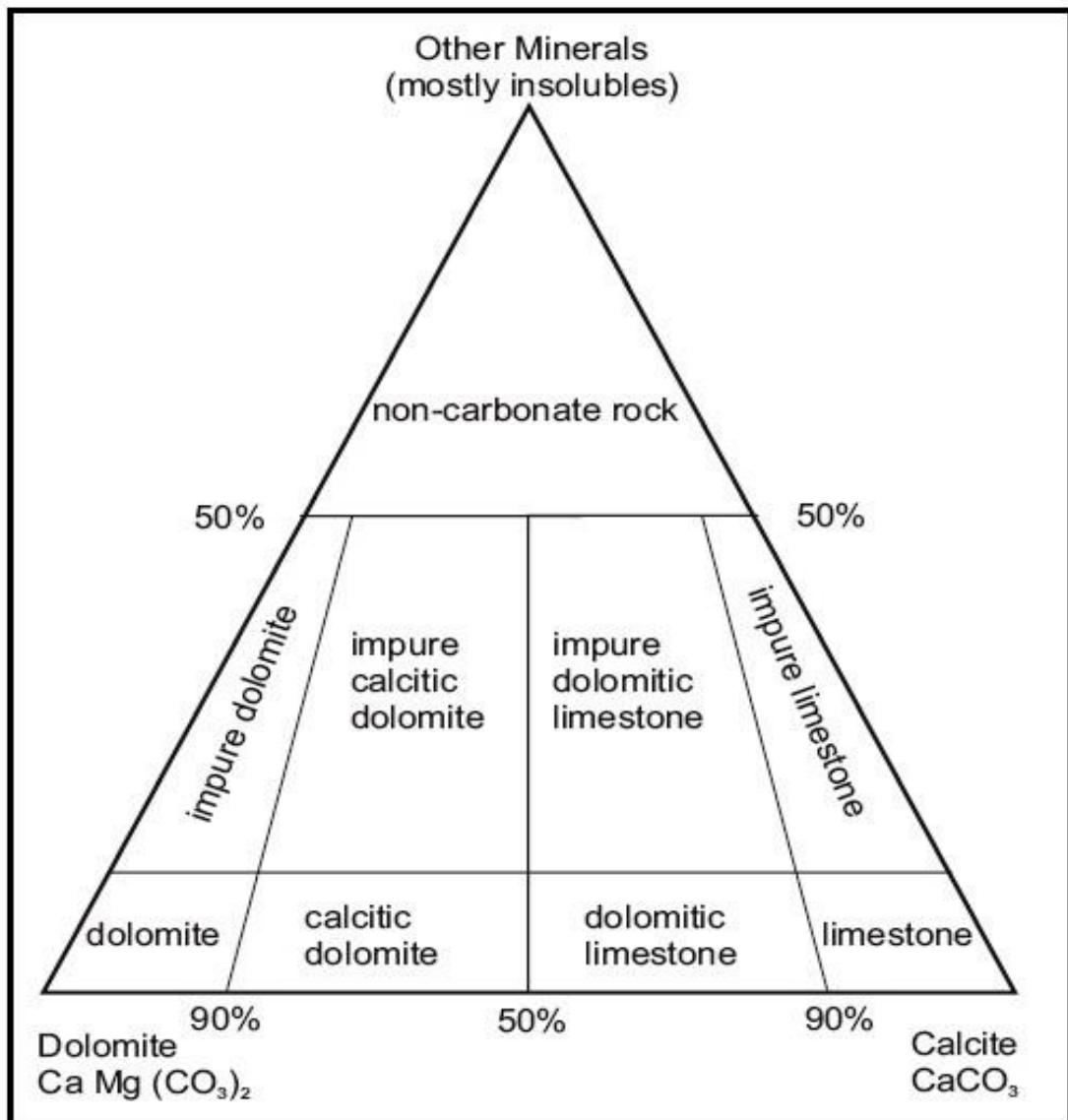


Classification of carbonate rocks based on composition (Folk, 1962).

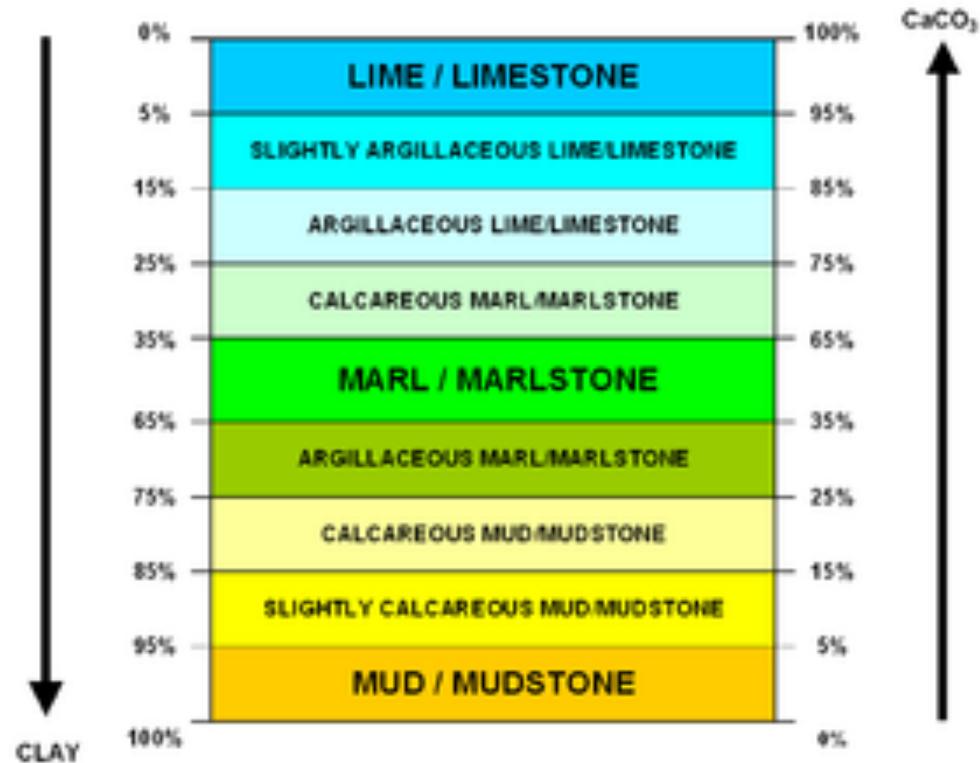
# Folk Classification



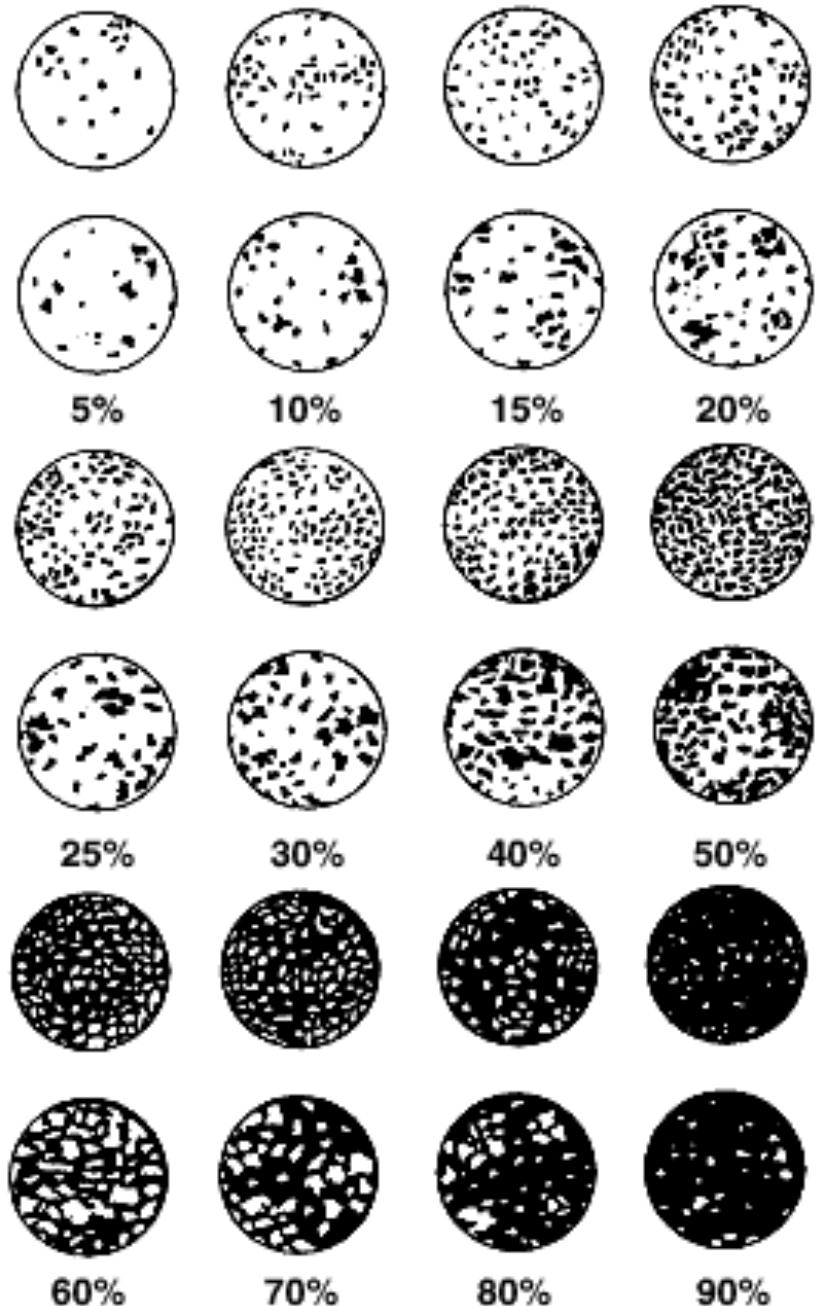
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**Mineralogical  
classification of  
carbonate rocks.** After  
Carr et al. (1994).



Scheme of the transitional lithotypes from mud (or mudstone) to lime (or limestone), illustrating the definition of marl (marlstone) as a mix of calcium carbonate and clay (from: wikipedia).



**“Percentage estimation  
comparison charts”**

# CLASSIFICAZIONE ROCCE SEDIMENTARIE

Italiano

SEDIMENTI	ROCCIA
ghiaie, sabbie, silt, argille	conglomerati, brecce, arenarie, peliti
biochimici e biogenici (sedimenti: carbonatici, silicei, fosfati), particelle organiche	calcari, selci, rocce fosfatiche, carbone, gas naturale, petrolio
sedimenti evaporitici, sedimenti con ossidi di ferro	evaporiti, formazioni ferrifere

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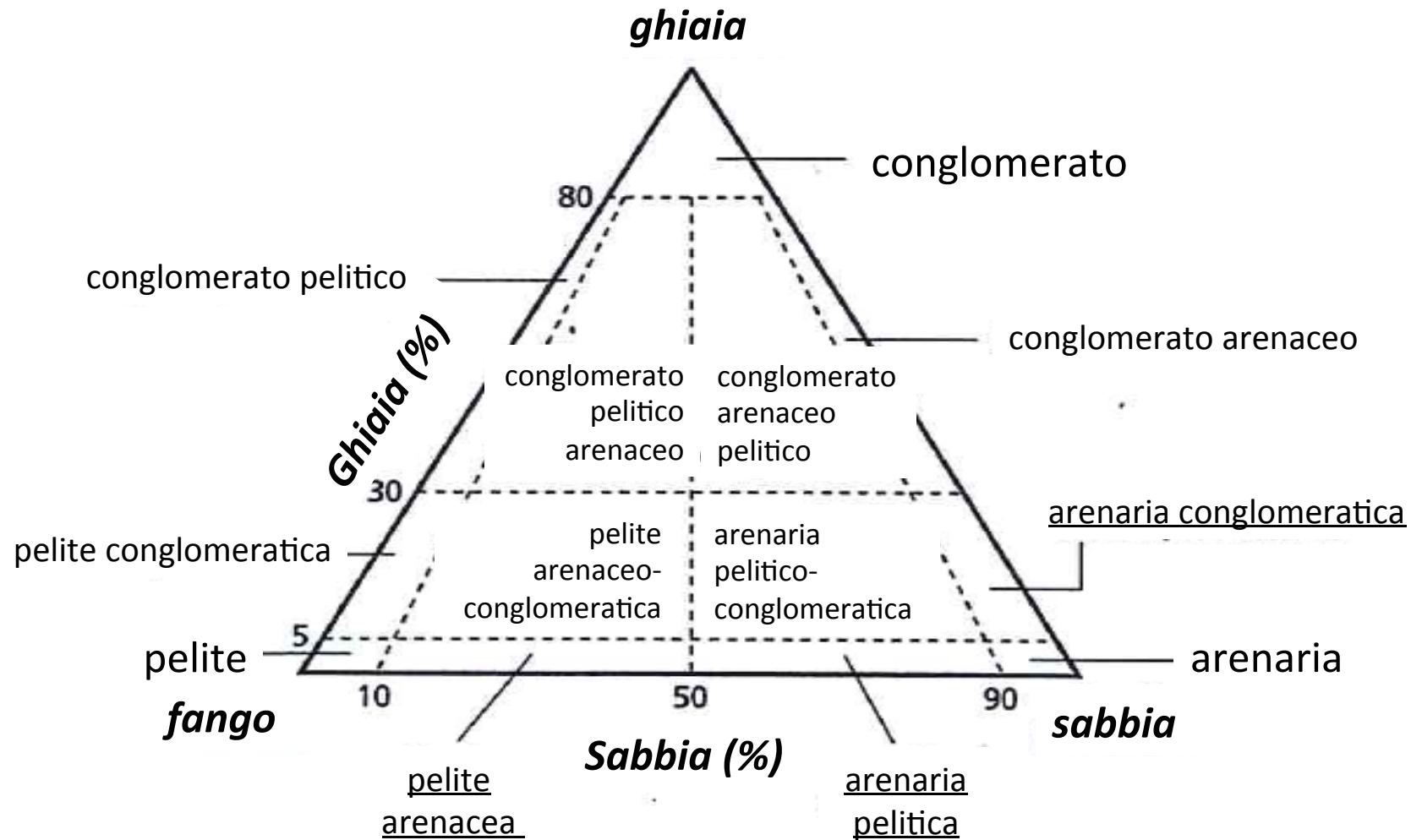
TABELLA 4.5 – Classificazione granulometrica di sedimenti (S) e rocce sedimentarie (R) secondo Udden - Wentworth (la scala  $\phi$  indica i limiti tra le classi granulometriche ed è espressa in unità corrispondenti a  $- \log_2 \text{mm}$ ).

R	S	Classi granulometriche	Millimetri	Micron	Scala $\phi$
Ruditi	Ghiacciai	Blocchi	4096 256	—	-12 -8
		Ciottoli	64	—	-6
		Ciottoletti	4.00 3.36 2.83 2.38	—	-2 -1.75 -1.50 -1.25
		Granuli	2.00 1.68 1.41 2.19	2000 —	-1 -0.75 -0.50 -0.25
		Sabbia molto grossa	1.00 0.84 0.71 0.59	1000 —	0 0.25 0.50 0.75
		Sabbia grossa	0.50 0.42 0.35 0.30	500 420 350 300	1 1.25 1.50 1.75
		Sabbia media	0.25 0.210 0.177 0.149	250 210 177 149	2 2.25 2.50 2.75
		Sabbia fine	0.125 0.105 0.088 0.074	125 105 88 74	3 3.25 3.50 3.75
		Sabbia molto fine	0.0625 0.053 0.044 0.037	62.5 53 44 37	4 4.25 4.50 4.75
		Silt grosso	0.031	31	5
Lutiti	Fango	Silt medio	0.0156	15.6	6
		Silt fine	0.0078	7.8	7
		Silt molto fine	0.0039 0.0020 0.00098 0.00049 0.00024	3.9 2 0.98 0.49 0.24	8 9 10 11 12
		Argilla			

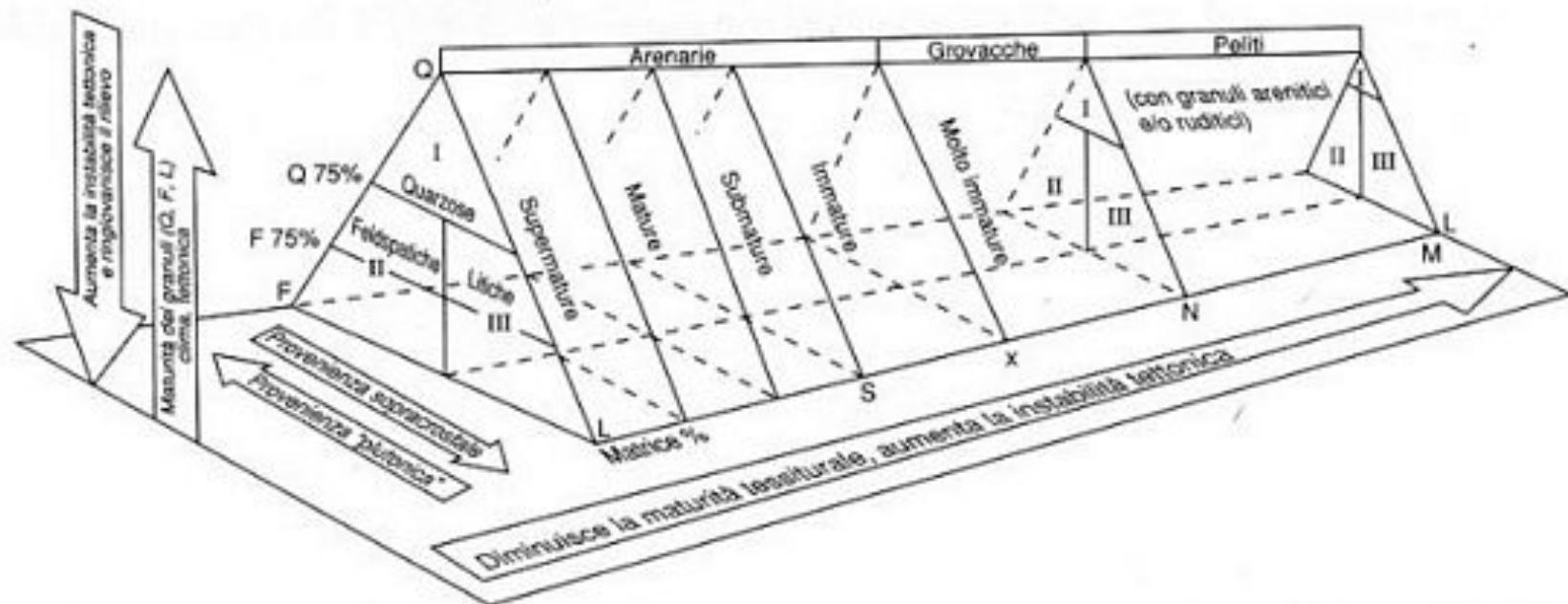
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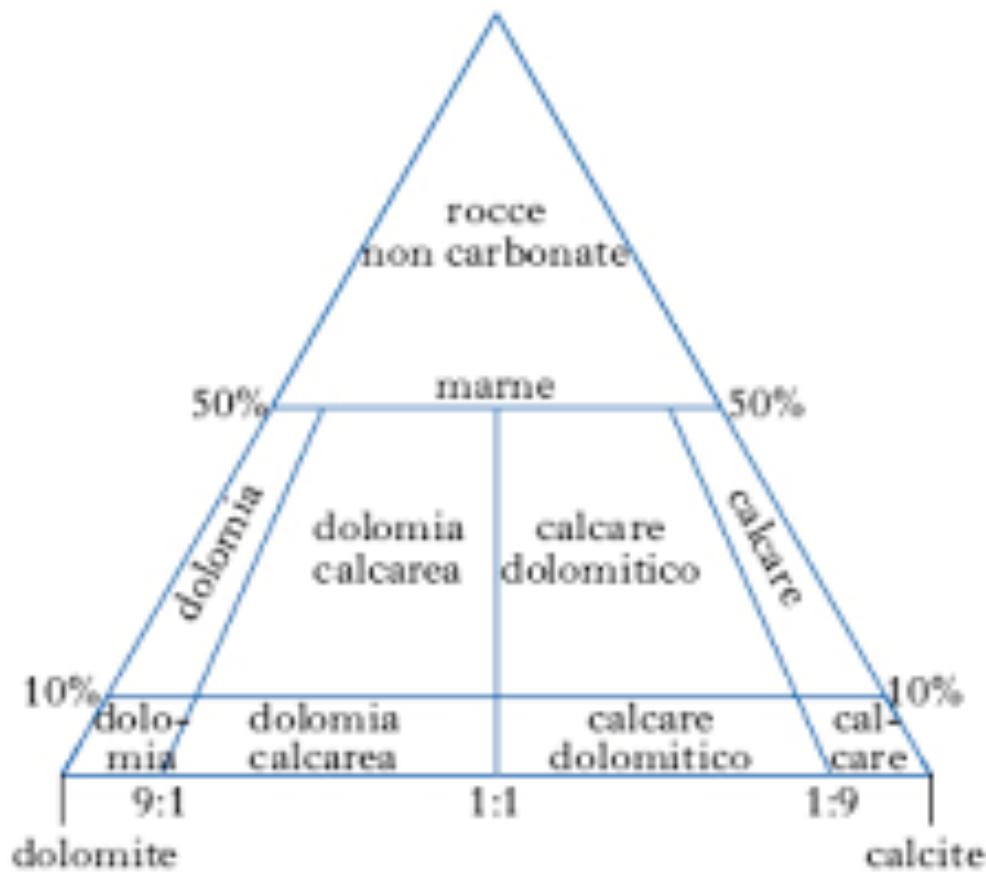
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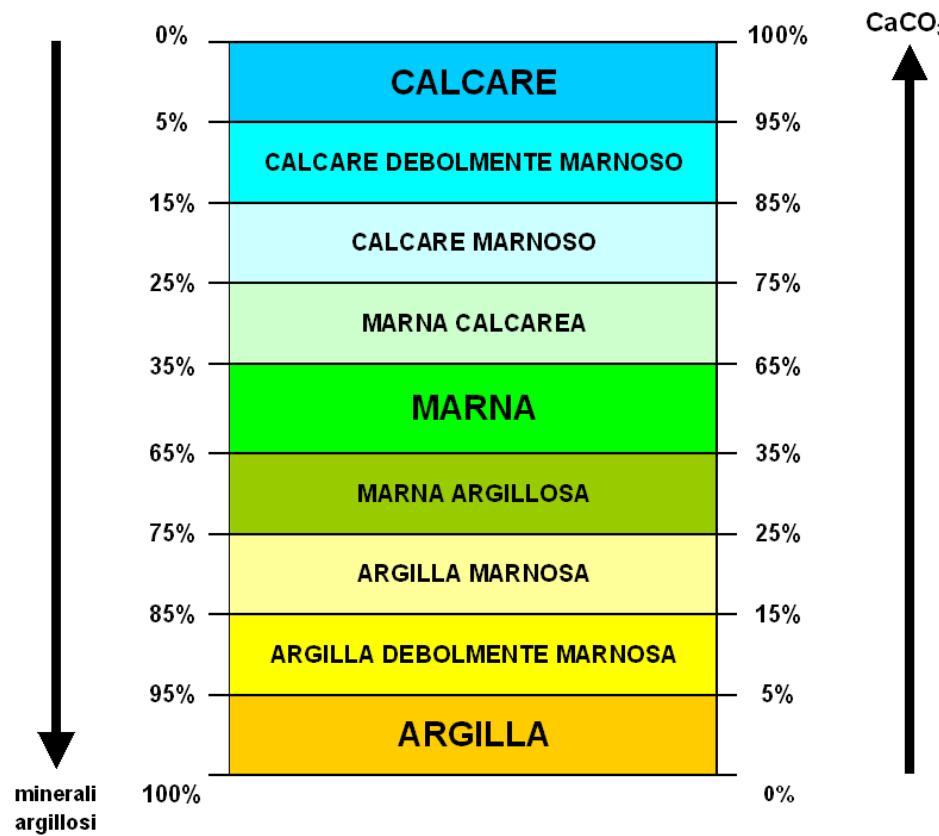
**Fig. 2.1** Schema classificativo per rocce sedimentarie detritiche  
(da Tuker, 2001- "Sedimentary petrology" ).



Classificazione delle areniti in funzione della maturità mineralogica e tessiturale, ispirata a Chen (da D'Argenio e Pescatore, 1970).



**Classificazione  
mineralogica delle rocce  
carbonatiche.**  
Da: Carr et al. (1994).



Termini di passaggio tra calcare (100% di carbonato di calcio) e argilla (100% di minerali argilosì). Le marne in senso stretto si trovano nel campo tra 35% e 65% (da: wikipedia).