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FOREWORD

The Canadian Society for Coal Science and Organic Petrology has produced this atlas to celebrate twenty-five years of collaboration between coal geoscientists from the federal and provincial governments, universities and the coal and petroleum exploration industries in Canada.

The Society (CSCOP) evolved from the Canadian Coal Petrographers Group, which held its first meeting at CANMET's Bells Corners Research Laboratories in February, 1971. Originally formed to facilitate discussion between coal petrographers working in government and industry in the heyday of coal petrography and carbonization research, the Society has grown and embraced many new and applied aspects of coal petrography. As the coal and petroleum exploration industries developed and flourished in Canada, the fundamental concepts and methods used in coal petrography have been applied to coal carbonization, gasification and liquefaction; co-processing of coals and heavy oils; coalbed methane exploration; environmental petrography and geochemistry; bitumen and heavy oils; petroleum source rocks; and maturation studies. During the course of this evolution, a significant number of CSCOP members have been honoured nationally and internationally for their work.

We dedicate this Atlas to the founding members of our society¹, to past and present members, and to those who have worked and those who are still working in the fields of pure and applied coal and organic petrology. We hope it will be enjoyed and appreciated by new and former students of petrography everywhere.

Judith Potter
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1 See appendix for a brief history of the Society and members list

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INTRODUCTION

The *Atlas of Canadian Coal Macerals and Dispersed Organic Matter* is a collection of photomicrographs of macerals found in coals and petroleum source rocks of potential and demonstrated importance in Canada. A reference list and a series of geographic and stratigraphic index maps accompanies each section of the Atlas to familiarize the user with the sources of the samples.

CANADIAN COALS

Coal accounts for 80% of Canada's fossil fuel energy resources. Deposits occur in almost every province in Canada: from Nova Scotia to British Columbia, and from the Canada-U.S.A. border to the Arctic Islands of northern Canada (Figure 1).

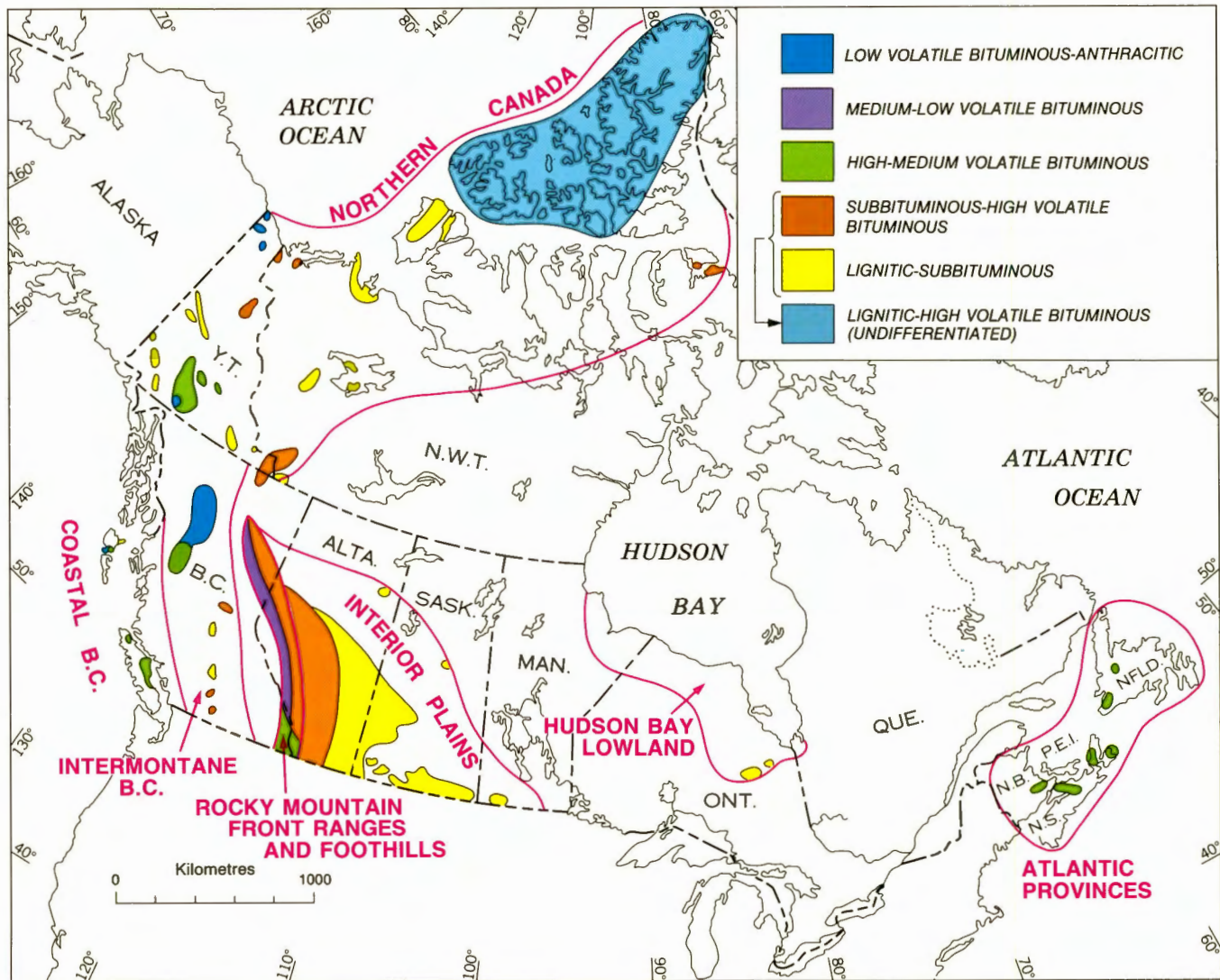


Figure 1. Distribution of coal in Canada

Canadian coals vary in rank, from lignites to anthracites, and in age from Late Devonian to Eocene. While a significant proportion of Canada's coal resources remains largely undeveloped, coal has been mined in eastern Canada since the 1700s, and in the west since the late 1800s. Currently, the most important coal-producing regions are British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia. Coal production in Canada peaked in 1996, making Canada the world's eleventh largest coal producer (Coal Association of Canada, 1996). Currently, 19% of Canada's current domestic energy needs are met by coal,

mostly for thermal-steam power generation. This is expected to rise to 23% by 2015 because of a decline in the use of nuclear power (Hughes, 1997). Metallurgical coke production is another important aspect of the coal industry in Canada and, while numerous deposits have been proven to contain coal suitable for liquefaction and gasification, there are significant coal resources at depth with demonstrated coalbed methane potential (Dawson, 1995). Approximately 34% of Canada's total coal production is exported as thermal and coking coal. A comprehensive account of Canada's coal resources, their geographic and geologic distribution and their quality and usage, is provided from a regional perspective by Smith (1989).

This atlas is intended to augment our current knowledge of Canada's coal deposits with details of the microscopic composition of the coals in relation to their rank. We have chosen to do this using a series of plates containing reflected light photomicrographs of coal macerals and mineral constituents as well as carbonization products from Canadian coals and coal blends. The Atlas seeks to represent the typical composition of Canadian coals in terms of macerals and minerals, as well as to document some of the less commonly occurring constituents, so that it can be viewed as a compendium of Canadian coal constituents. It has been designed as a practical handbook for coal petrographers and students of petrography. Since coal petrography has a substantive foundation that dates back to the 1950s, it is not our intention to revisit basic petrographic techniques and concepts in this publication. For a general background to basic principles and methods used in coal petrography, refer to Stach *et al.* (1992) and Bustin *et al.* (1983) and the various publications of the International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology (see references, this section).

COAL MACERALS

The first part of the Atlas is devoted to coal macerals and minerals and is divided into the following sections, according to coal rank: lignites and subbituminous coals, high volatile bituminous coals, medium volatile bituminous coals, low volatile bituminous coals, semianthracites and anthracites. A section on carbonization residues from some Canadian coking coals is also included. Since it is important that the coals and their constituents be viewed within the context of a geologic framework in order to appreciate the variability and complexity of Canada's coal deposits, the caption of each plate contains the location of samples by coalfield and region and detailed stratigraphic references; i.e., age, seam and coal-bearing formation. In order to facilitate cross-referencing of this information, each section contains a collection of index maps and figures illustrating the geographic and stratigraphic points of reference for each coal sample. These figures are reproduced and modified, with the author's permission, from Smith (1989).

The coal rank classification used in this volume is that of ASTM Method D388-92, (ASTM, 1992; see Table 1). In most cases samples were analyzed chemically but in all cases ASTM classes have been related to reflectance measurements according to the thresholds suggested by Teichmüller and Teichmüller (1982). The reflectance data are expressed as maximum ($R_{o,m}$) or random reflectance ($R_{o,r}$), in oil, of the vitrinite (or huminite in low rank coals) according to internationally standardized procedures outlined by the International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology (ICCP). Coal maceral terminology also follows definitions set by the International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology. The maceral classification used for the lignites and subbituminous coals in this volume is that of the ICCP for lignites and brown coals (ICCP, 1971). For the high, medium and low volatile bituminous coals and anthracites, the ICCP classification of inertinite and liptinite macerals (ICCP, 1963, 1975) is used in conjunction with the most up-to-date classification of vitrinite and inertinite macerals (ICCP, 1995, 1997). The maceral nomenclature used for the low

and high rank coals is summarized in Table 2; and to facilitate correlation between the new and old classifications, a comparison of the previously used vitrinite terminology and the new classification is shown in Table 3.

MATURATION AND RANK		MICROSCOPIC MATURITY PARAMETERS						ZONES OF HC GENERATION		
STAGES OF MATURATION	COAL RANK	VITRINITE REFLECTANCE ¹ (%R _v)	THERMAL ALTERATION INDEX (TAI)		CONODONT ALTERATION INDEX (CAI)	FLUORESCENCE			SOLID BITUMIN REFLECTANCE (%R _s)	
			TAI ²	TAI ³		COLOUR OF ALGINITE ⁴	COLOUR OF SPORINITE ⁵			
DIAGENESIS	PEAT	0.2		1.5					BIOGENIC METHANE, HEAVY OIL AND EARLY CONDENSATE	
	LIGNITE	0.3	1 YELLOW		1 YELLOW	GREENISH YELLOW	BLUE-GREEN			
CATAGENESIS	SUB-BITUMIN. C	0.4		2.3					OIL, WET GAS AND CONDENSATE OIL WINDOW	
	SUB-BITUMIN. B	0.5		2.5		GOLDEN YELLOW	GREEN	0.2		
	SUB-BITUMIN. A	0.6	2 ORANGE				YELLOW			
	HIGH VOLATILE BITUMINOUS C	0.7		2.8						
	HIGH VOLATILE BITUMINOUS B	0.8		3.0		2 LIGHT BROWN	DULL YELLOW	ORANGE		0.5
	HIGH VOLATILE BITUMINOUS A	0.9		3.5			ORANGE	BROWN		1.0
	MEDIUM VOLATILE BITUMINOUS	1.0	3 BROWN				RED			1.5
METAGENESIS	SEMI-ANTHRACITE	2.0		3.7					START OF MAJOR THERMOGENIC GAS GENERATION	
	ANTHRACITE	2.5	4 BLACK					1.75		
	ANTHRACITE	3.0		4.0		4 DARK BROWN	non-fluorescent	2.0		
META-MORPHOSIS	META-ANTHRACITE	5.0	5 BLACK		5 BLACK			2.5	WET GAS DRY GAS	
									DRY GAS	

¹from Teichmüller and Teichmüller (1982)
²from Staplin (1969)

³from Jones and Edison (1978)
⁴from Mukhopadhyay and Rullkötter (1986)

Table 1. Coal rank classes (ASTM, 1992) and equivalent petrographic maturity parameters, modified from Mukhopadhyay (1993)

LIGNITES AND SUBBITUMINOUS COALS			BITUMINOUS COALS AND ANTHRACITES		
Maceral Group	Maceral Subgroup	Maceral	Maceral	Maceral Subgroup	Maceral Group
HUMINITE ¹	humotelinite	textinite	telinite	telovitrinite	VITRINITE ²
		ulminite	collotelinite		
	humodetrinite	attrinite	vitrodetrinite	detrovitrinite	
		densinite	collodetrinite		
	humocollinite	corpohuminite	corpogelinite	gelovitrinite	
		gelinite	gelinite		
LIPTINITE		sporinite	sporinite		LIPTINITE
		cutinite	cutinite		
		resinite	resinite		
		alginite	alginite		
		liptodetrinite	liptodetrinite		
		suberinite			
		chlorophyllinite			
		exsudatinite			
		bituminite			
		fluorinite			
INERTINITE ³		micrinite	micrinite		INERTINITE ³
		macrinite	macrinite		
		semimacrinite	semimacrinite		
		fusinite	fusinite		
		semifusinite	semifusinite		
		secretinite	secretinite		
		funginite	funginite		
		inertodetrinite	inertodetrinite		

¹huminite and liptinite classifications, after ICCP (1971)

²vitrite classification, after ICCP (1994)

³inertinite classification, after ICCP (1963, 1971, 1975, 1997)

Table 2. Classification of coal macerals

VITRINITE GROUP (ICCP, 1982)		VITRINITE GROUP (ICCP, 1994)	
Maceral	Submaceral	Maceral	Maceral subgroup
Telinite	Telinite 1	Telinite	Telovitrinite
	Telinite 2		
Collinite	Telocollinite	Collotelinite	Detrovitrinite
	Desmocollinite	Collodetrinite	
		Vitrodetrinite	
	Corpocollinite	Corpogelinite	Gelovitrinite
	Gelocollinite	Gelinite	
Vitrodetrinite ¹			

¹Vitrodetrinite is incorporated in the detrovitrinite subgroup (ICCP, 1994)

Table 3. A comparison of current and revised vitrinite classifications; after ICCP (1975, 1994)

DISPERSED ORGANIC MATTER AND BITUMEN

The second part of the Atlas is dedicated to dispersed organic matter (DOM) in petroleum source rocks from producing and prospective basins in Canada. Organic-rich carbonate and siliciclastic sedimentary rocks are an important part of the economic geology of Canada in that they provide the organic source material for the oil and gas and tar sand deposits in Canadian sedimentary basins (Figure 2). Examples of organic matter from potential hydrocarbon source rocks in most of the Canadian basins (Snowdon and Fowler, 1997) and oil shale deposits (Macauley *et al.*, 1985) are represented herein; they range in age from Early Cambrian to Early Tertiary and have been the source of significant, exploitable oil and gas accumulations found in almost all of the Canadian provinces and territories. The characteristic optical properties of the insoluble kerogen, DOM or macerals in organic-rich sediments, determined with the reflected light microscope, provide fundamental information about the type of petroleum the dispersed organic matter could potentially generate (Teichmüller and Ottenjann, 1977; Sentfle *et al.*, 1996), the stage of thermal diagenesis of the host sedimentary strata in relation to oil and gas generation (Tissot and Welte, 1984; Teichmüller, 1986), the organic facies, and the paleodepositional setting (Huc, 1990). Similarly, optical analysis of oily bitumens, solid bitumens and oil inclusions trapped within diagenetic minerals provides information relating to thermal maturity, and direct evidence for petroleum generation.

This section of the Atlas consists of a collection of reflected, white and fluorescent light photomicrographic plates of macerals and associated mineral components in organic-rich sedimentary rocks together with a few examples of bitumens from oil and gas reservoir rocks. The terminology used for classifying DOM is based on the coal maceral concept of the ICCP; the maceral group terms vitrinite, liptinite and inertinite are still used in the practical sense, but they fall within the broader genetic subdivisions of DOM: herbaceous, amorphous and alginite. Two additional categories, organic fossils and bitumens, are

incorporated into the DOM classification to accommodate additional organic components commonly found in organic-rich carbonate and siliciclastic rocks (Table 4). The maceral variety category lists only the terms and examples used in the Atlas; it can be expanded to accommodate components not found in Canadian source rocks, as desired.

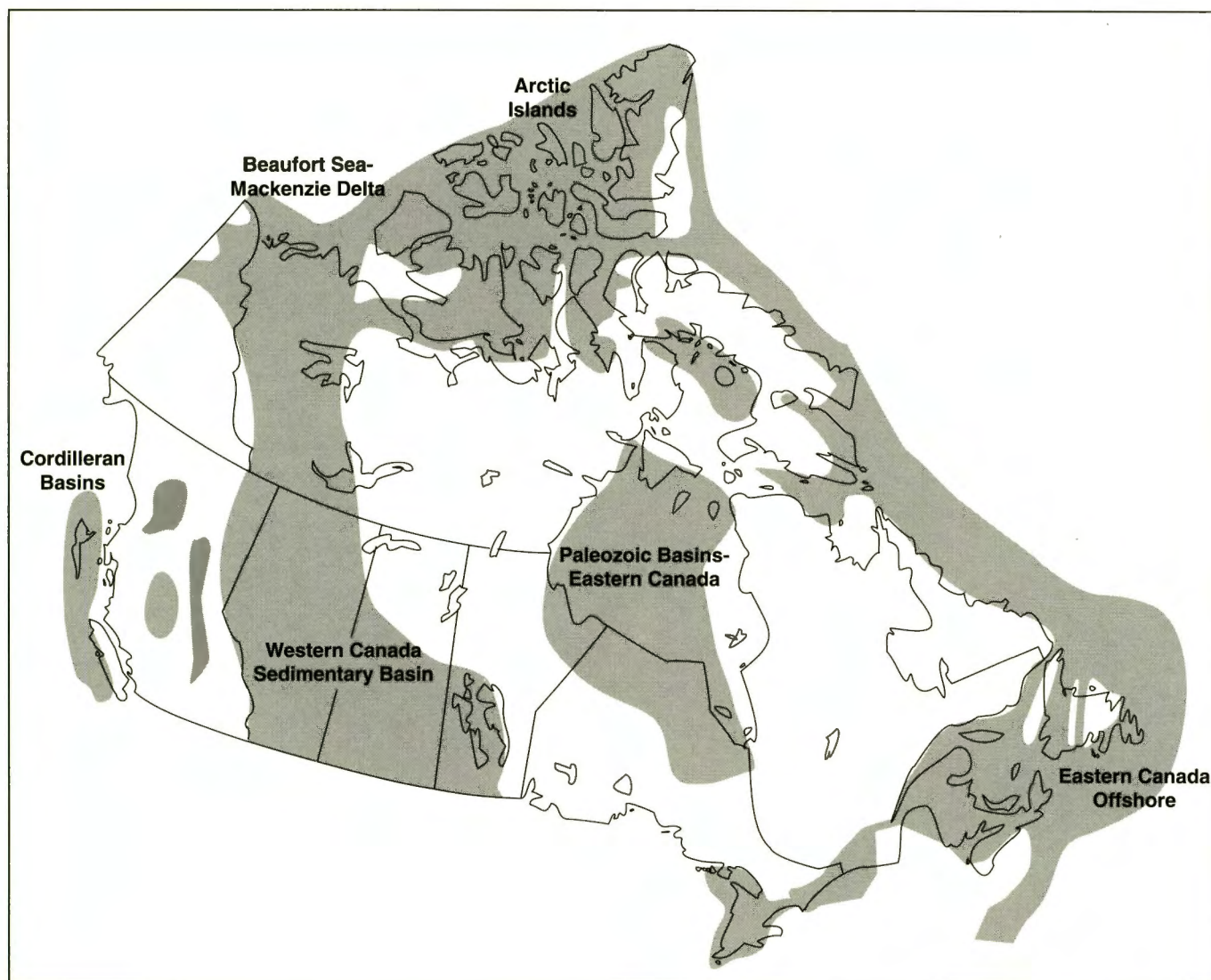


Figure 2. Distribution of major sedimentary basins, Canadian mainland and Arctic Archipelago

The photomicrographs shown in the Coal Maceral and Dispersed Organic Matter sections are of polished coal and whole rock samples and were photographed using white and fluorescent, incident/reflected light and oil and water immersion objectives. The magnification scales shown on each plate are consistent for all the individual photomicrographs, unless indicated otherwise in the caption, whereupon an alternative scale bar is shown directly on the photomicrograph.

Each section of the Atlas contains a set of key references. Reprints can be obtained by contacting individual members of the Society or the CSCOP Publications Editor, via the CSCOP Home page: www.cscop.org, or from the Geological Survey of Canada (Calgary) bookstore.

DOM (CSCOP Atlas)	MACERAL GROUP (after ICCP)	MACERAL	MACERAL VARIETY	
Herbaceous	Huminite/Vitrinite ¹	see Table 2	phyllovitrinite	
	Inertinite	see Table 2		
	Liptinite		sporinite	
			cutinite	
			resinite	
			suberinite	
			fluorinite	
chlorophyllinite				
Amorphous	Liptinite	amorphinite ²	hebamorphinite ²	
			fluoramorphinite ²	
			matrix bituminite ³	
Alginite	Liptinite	alginite ⁴	<i>Botryococcus</i>	
			<i>Pila-Rheinshia</i>	
			<i>Tasmanites</i>	
			<i>Leiosphaeridia</i>	
			filamentous	
			<i>Gloeocapsomorpha</i>	
			dinoflagellates	
Organic fossils	Zooclast ⁵		acritarchs	
			scolecodont	
			graptolite	
			chitinozoan	
			foraminifera	
Bitumen	Bitumen ⁶		conchostracan	
			exsudatinite	
			primary bitumen	
			migrabitumen	
			pyrobitumen	

¹see Table 1 for vitrinite maceral classification
²after Sentfle et al. (1987); synonyms: bituminite, amorphous organic matter
³after Creaney (1980)

⁴after Stasiuk (1994)
⁵after Alpern (1980)
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Table 4. "Maceral" classification for primary dispersed organic matter (DOM) and bitumens-

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SECTION I COAL MACERALS

LIGNITES AND SUBBITUMINOUS COALS



Figure 3a. Lignite and subbituminous coal deposits

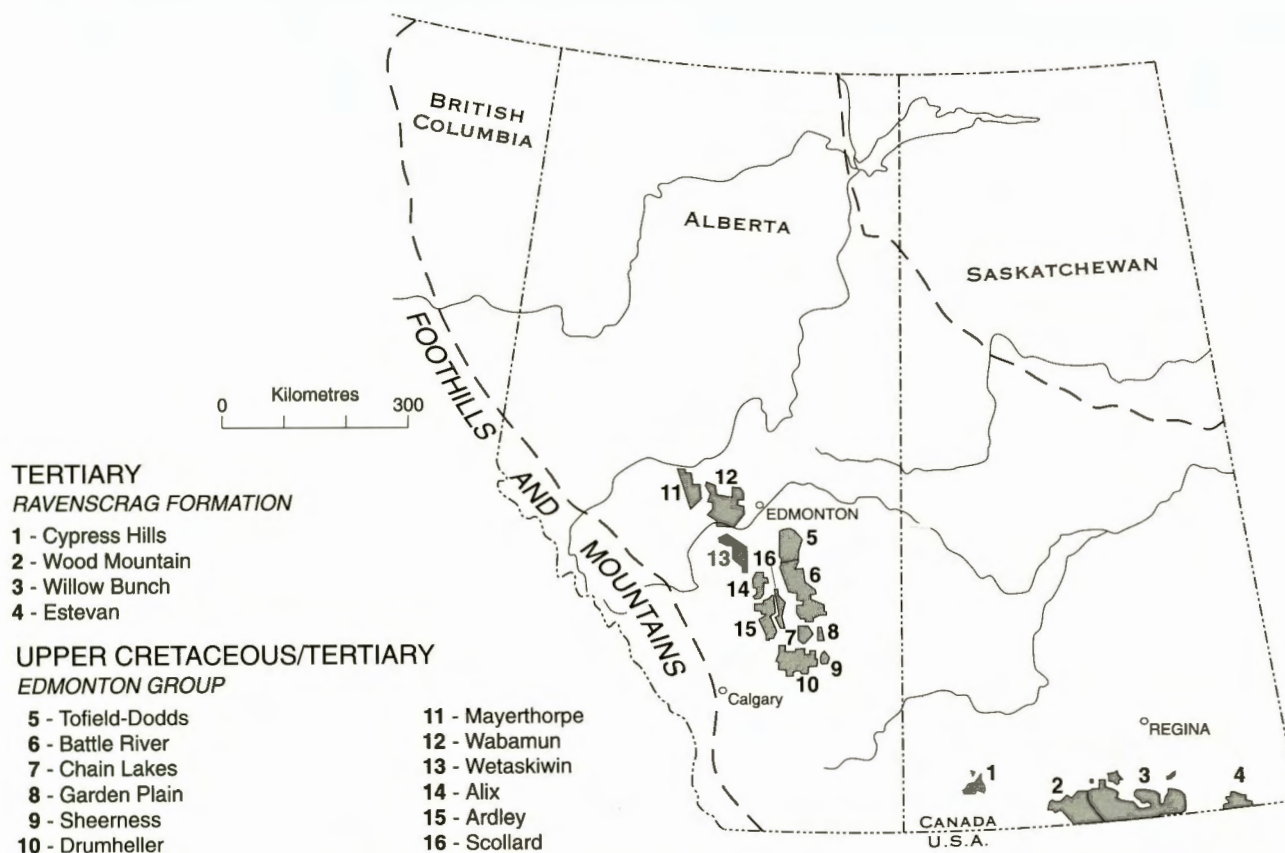


Figure 3b. Low rank coalfields of Western Canada

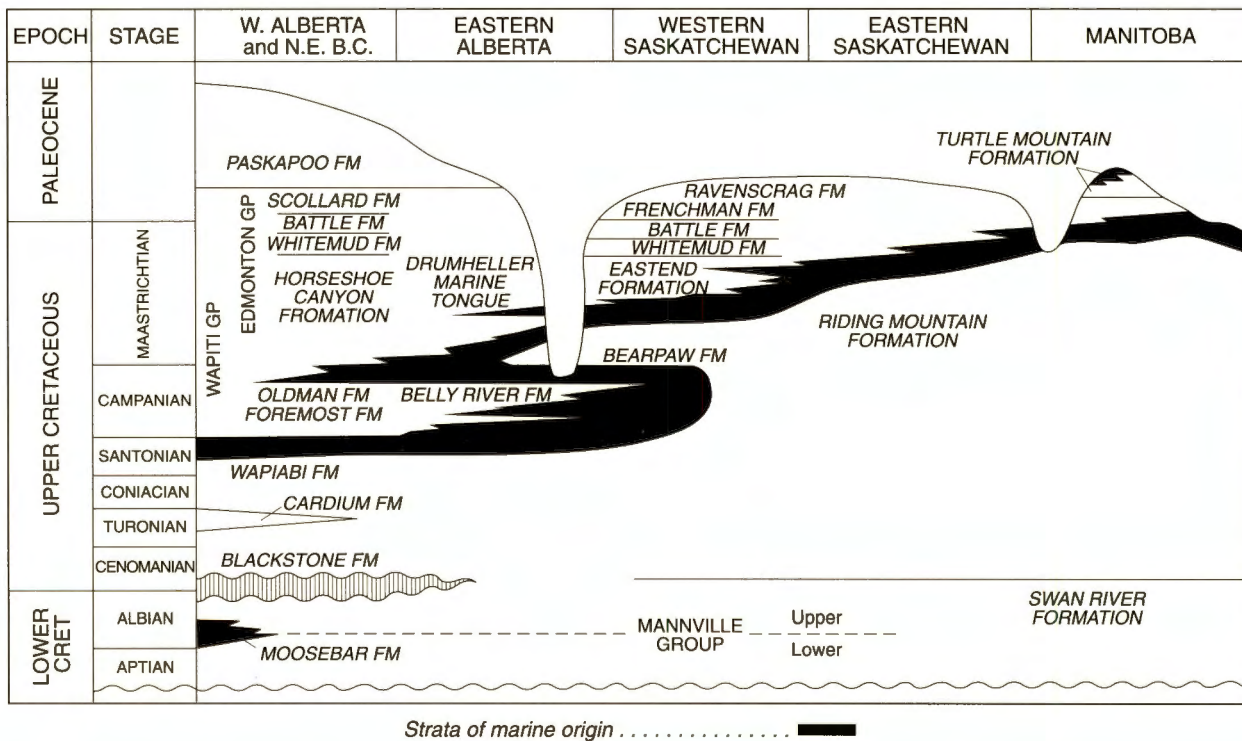
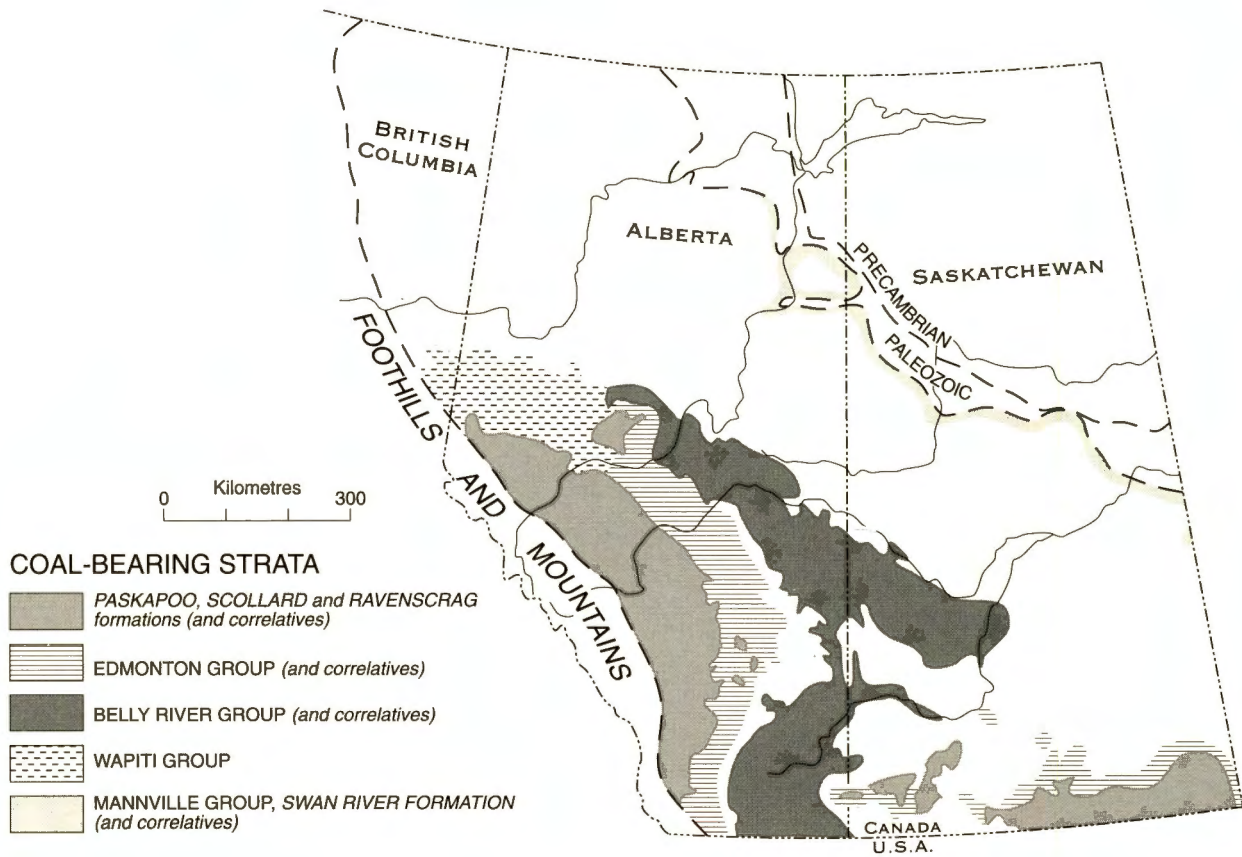


Figure 3c. Coal-bearing formations of Interior Plains region

PLATE 1

LIGNITES AND SUBBITUMINOUS COALS HUMINITE: HUMOTELINITE MACERALS

All photomicrographs were taken using white incident light and oil immersion objectives,
except photo **n** which is a blue light image

aspect: L.T.S. = longitudinal tangential section; T.S. = transverse section

magnification: same for all photos; see scale bar in photo **p**

coal rank: %R_{0r} = mean random reflectance, in oil, of eu-ulminite B

- a. L.T.S. of **textinite** (T) and **texto-ulminite** (Tu) from angiosperm wood, showing ray cells, relatively ungelified cell walls with open cell lumens; Paleocene lignite (0.31%R_{0r}), Hart Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- b. L.T.S. of **textinite** (T) grading to **texto-ulminite** (Tu) exhibiting a higher degree of cell wall gelification than in photo a, from conifer wood with ray cells; Paleocene lignite (0.36%R_{0r}), Estevan Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Estevan Coalfield, southeastern Saskatchewan
- c. L.T.S. of **eu-ulminite A** (UA) and **B** (UB) with minor **texto-ulminite B** (Tu), Eocene lignite-subbituminous coal (0.38-0.40%R_{0r}), Hat Creek Formation, Hat Creek Coalfield, British Columbia
- d. T.S. of **textinite** (T) and **texto-ulminite** (Tu) with semifusinite (Sf); Paleocene lignite (0.36%R_{0r}), Estevan Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Estevan Coalfield, southeastern Saskatchewan
- e. T.S. of **texto-ulminite B** (Tu) with open cell lumina and extensively gelified cell walls; Eocene lignite-subbituminous coal (0.38-0.42%R_{0r}), Hat Creek Formation, Hat Creek Coalfield, British Columbia
- f. L.T.S. of **eu-ulminite B** derived from gelified and compacted, possibly mesophyll tissue; Paleocene lignite, (0.32%R_{0r}), Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories
- g. **eu-ulminite** derived from a variety of angiosperm leaf tissues including mesophyll (U-m) and palisade layer (U-p) with a thin, weakly reflective, external layer of cutinite (Cu); Paleocene lignite (0.31%R_{0r}), Hart Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- h. L.T.S. of **eu-ulminite B** (UB) with relatively highly reflecting corpohuminite (Co) embedded in it; Paleocene lignite (0.28%R_{0r}), Willow Bunch Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- i. **eu-ulminite B** (UB) with well-preserved ray cells and elongate corpohuminite (Co) bodies; Paleocene lignite (0.28%R_{0r}), Willow Bunch Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- j. L.T.S. of **eu-ulminite B** (UB) infilled by **eu-ulminite A** (UA) and inclusions of round corpohuminites (Co); Paleocene lignite (0.31%R_{0r}), Hart Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- k. T.S. of **eu-ulminite B** (UB) from tracheid cells with **texto-ulminite A** (UA) from dark sclereid cells; Paleocene lignite (0.28%R_{0r}), Willow Bunch Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- l. L.T.S. of **eu-ulminites A** and **B** (UA, UB) in light and dark bands dominated by the more highly-reflective ulminite B; Paleocene lignite (0.28%R_{0r}), Willow Bunch Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- m. T.S. of **eu-ulminite B** (UB) derived from tracheid (sclerenchyma) cells and **eu-ulminite A** (UA) from dark sclereids embedded in it, Paleocene lignite (0.28%R_{0r}), Willow Bunch Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- n. non-fluorescing **eu-ulminite B** (UB) with dark **eu-ulminite A** from sclereids (UA) showing relatively strong yellow fluorescence; Paleocene lignite (0.32%R_{0r}) from Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories; blue light excitation
- o. as **n**, white light image
- p. concentric layers of **eu-ulminite A** (UA) and **B** (UB); Paleocene lignite (0.28%R_{0r}), Willow Bunch Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan

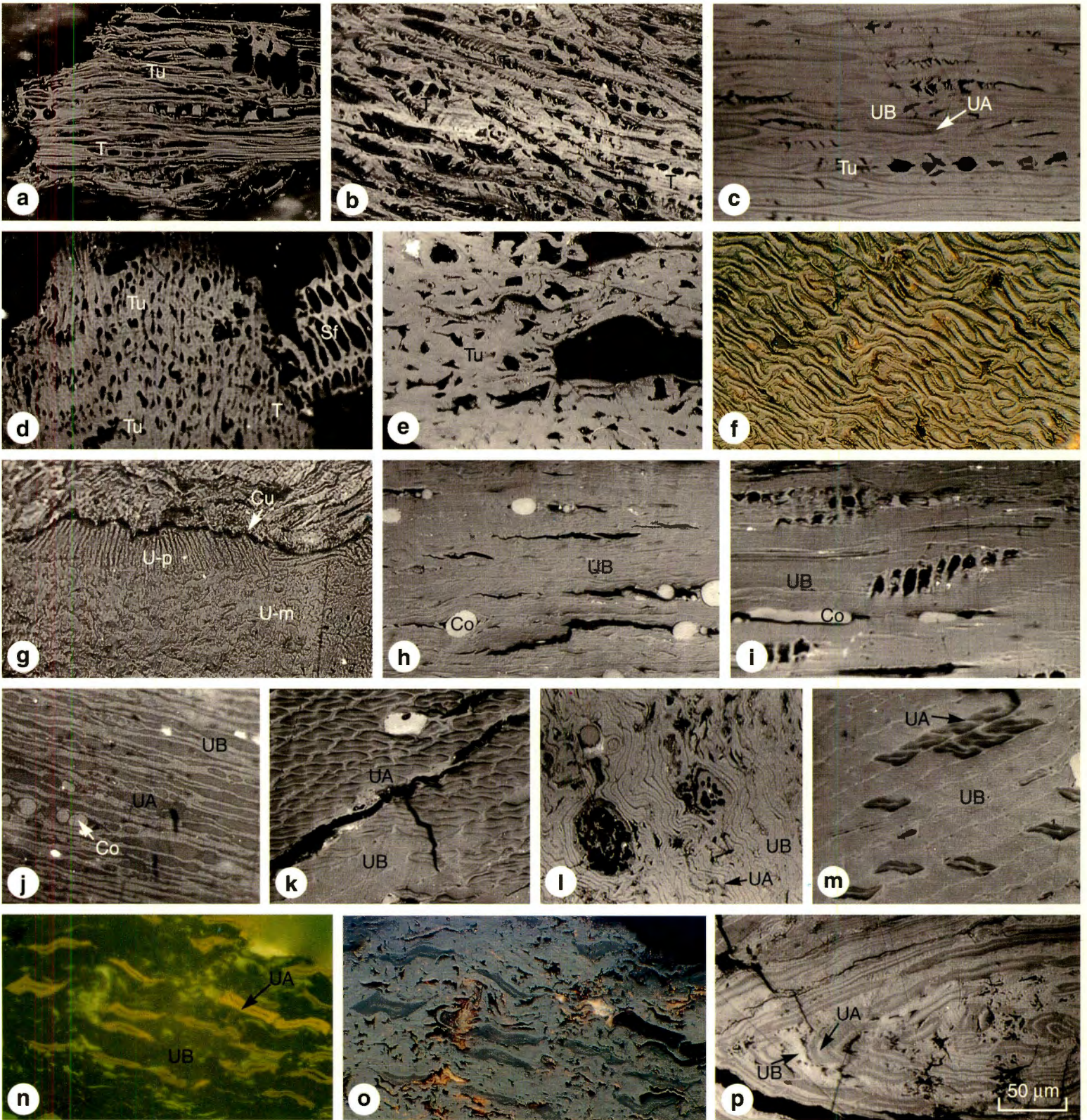


PLATE 2

LIGNITES AND SUBBITUMINOUS COALS HUMINITE: HUMODETRINITE MACERALS (a-f) and HUMOCOLLINITE MACERALS (g-p)

All photomicrographs were taken using white incident light and oil immersion objectives,
except for photo **d**, which is a blue light image

magnification: same for all photos; see scale bar in photo **q**

coal rank: %R_{0r} = mean random reflectance, in oil, of eu-ulminite B

- a. **densinite** (D) - an aggregation of moderately well-gelified huminite detritus with small amounts of other macerals; Paleocene lignite (0.32%R_{0r}), Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories
- b. **densinite** groundmass (D) with abundant fragmental inertodetrinite (Id) embedded in it; Paleocene lignite (0.31%R_{0r}), Hart Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- c. **densinite** groundmass (D) hosting dark liptinites (L) (var: resinite) and some inertinite fragments; Eocene lignite-subbituminous coal (0.42%R_{0r}), Hat Creek Formation, Hat Creek Coalfield, British Columbia
- d. same field (**densinite**) as photo **a** but in fluorescence mode, showing low intensity fluorescence; blue light excitation; Paleocene lignite (0.31%R_{0r}), Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories
- e. **densinite** (D) with a high proportion of inertodetrinite (Id) and **humocollinite** (Hc) and liptinite (L) (var: sporinite); in Eocene lignite-subbituminous coal (0.42%R_{0r}), Hat Creek Formation, Hat Creek Coalfield, British Columbia
- f. **attrinite** (A), a loosely packed groundmass of relatively ungelified huminite detritus with some highly reflecting inertodetrinite dispersed throughout; in Paleocene lignite (0.36%R_{0r}), Estevan Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Estevan Coalfield, southeastern Saskatchewan
- g. **porigelinite** (Gp), a porous variety of gelinite, infilling vessels in angiosperm wood has significantly higher reflectance than the surrounding ulminite (U); Paleocene lignite (0.31%R_{0r}), Hart Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- h. **levigelinite** (Gl), a highly gelified and massive form of gelinite, showing significantly higher reflectance and relief than the associated huminite, and very susceptible to desiccation, as shown here by the extensive fracture network; Eocene lignite-subbituminous coal (0.42% R_{0r}), Hat Creek Formation, Hat Creek Coalfield, British Columbia
- i. bands of **gelinite macerals (var: levigelinite)** (Gl) interbedded with **densinite** (D); Eocene lignite-subbituminous coal (0.42%R_{0r}), Hat Creek Formation, Hat Creek Coalfield, British Columbia
- j,m. spindle-shaped **corpohuminites (var: phlobaphenites)** (Co) infilling vessels in angiosperm wood showing significantly higher reflectance and relief than the associated huminite, which is typical of gelinite macerals; Eocene lignite-subbituminous coal (0.42%R_{0r}), Hat Creek Formation, Hat Creek, British Columbia
- k. **corpohuminite (var: phlobaphenite)** (Co) infilling cork tissue in conifer wood rimmed by thin, weakly reflecting suberinite (Su); Eocene lignite-subbituminous coal (0.42%R_{0r}), Hat Creek Formation, Hat Creek, British Columbia
- l. **corpohuminites** (Co) embedded in ulminite (U); Paleocene lignite (0.34%R_{0r}), Souris Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Estevan Coalfield, southeastern Saskatchewan
- n,o. **corpohuminites (var: phlobaphenite)** (Co) in humotelinite; Paleocene lignite (0.27%R_{0r}) from the Ferris Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Cypress Coalfield, southwestern Saskatchewan (**n**) and the Paleocene Hart Seam, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan (**o**)
- p. **corpohuminite (var: phlobaphenite)** (Co) in rootlet (T.S.); Paleocene lignite (0.32%R_{0r}), Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories
- q. highly reflective **corpohuminite (var: phlobaphenite)** (Co) infilling suberinite in cork/bark tissue; Paleocene lignite (0.32%R_{0r}), Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories

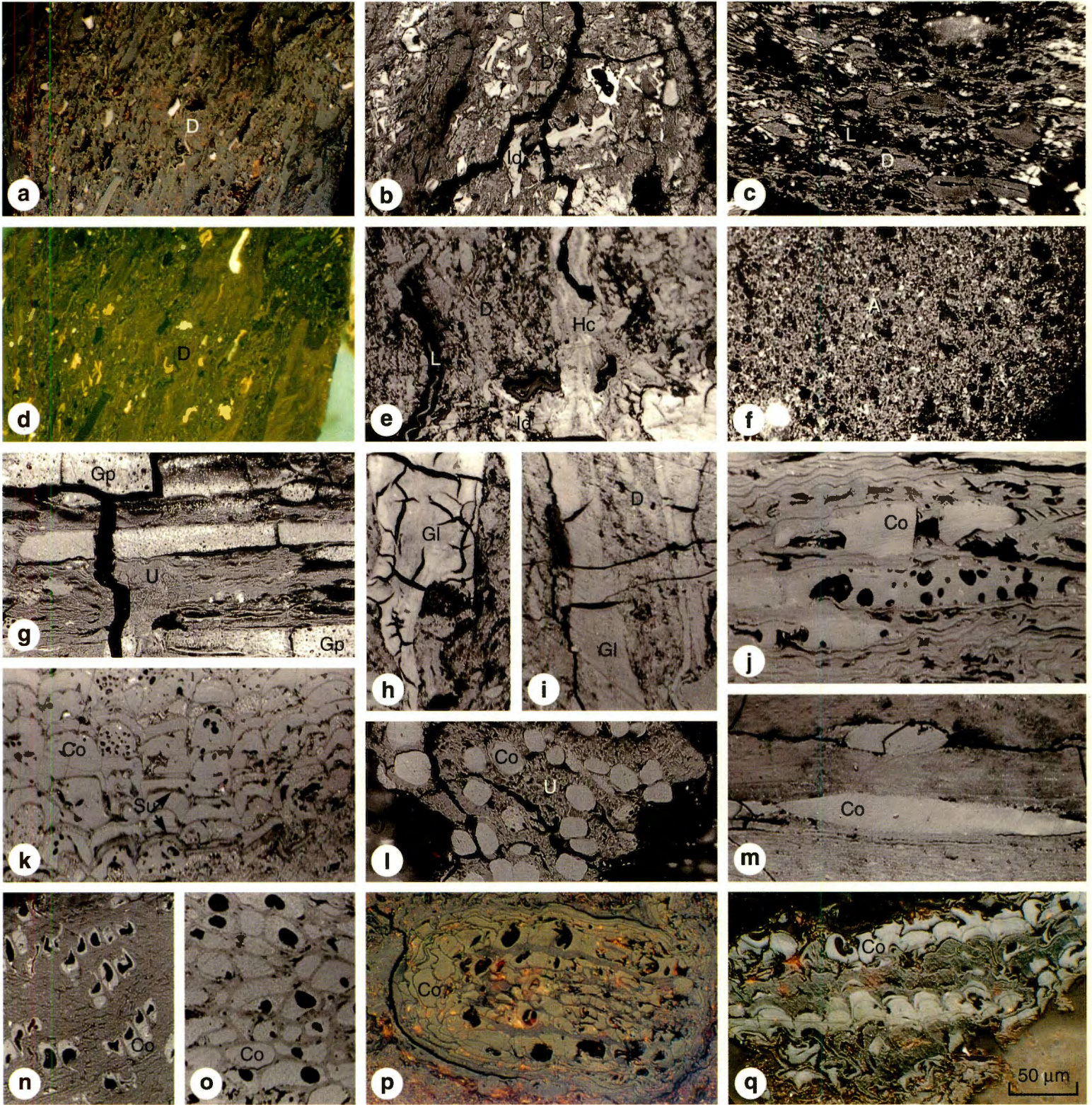


PLATE 3

LIGNITES AND SUBBITUMINOUS COALS LIPTINITE MACERALS

Photomicrographs **a, b, d, e, f, g, i, n, p, s, u, v, x** and **y** were taken using white incident light and oil immersion objectives;
c, h, j, k, l, m, o, q, r, t, w and **z** were taken using blue incident light and oil immersion objectives
aspect: T.S. = transverse section; **magnification:** same for all photos; see scale bar in photo **z**
coal rank: %R_{0r} = mean random reflectance, in oil, of eu-ulminite B

- a. cork tissue composed of **suberinite** (Su) infilled with corpohuminite (var: phlobaphenite) (Co); Paleocene lignite (0.32%R_{0r}) from Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories
- b. dark, weakly reflecting **suberinite** (Su) derived from cork tissue with typical "lacy" habit, infilled by phlobaphenite; Paleocene lignite (0.33%R_{0r}) from Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories
- c. as **b**, highly fluorescent **suberinite** (Su) and weakly fluorescing corpohuminite (var:phlobaphenite) (Co) viewed in fluorescent light
- d. T.S. of **suberinite** (Su) filled with corpohuminite (var:phlobaphenite) (Co); Eocene lignite (0.38%R_{0r}) from Hat Creek deposit, British Columbia
- e. densely packed **cutinite** (Cu) derived from thin ?leaf cuticles (var. tenuicutinite); Paleocene lignite (0.31%R_{0r}), Hart Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- f. thick, weakly reflecting **cutinite?** (Cu) (var: crassicutinite) in ulminite (U), Paleocene lignite (0.27%R_{0r}) from the Ferris Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Cypress Coalfield, southwestern Saskatchewan
- g. thin **cutinite** (Cu) with eu-ulminite (U) and densinite (D) and phlobaphenite (Co); Paleocene lignite (0.32%R_{0r}) from the Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories
- h. same field as **g**, fluorescent light; note the intense fluorescence of cutinite
- i,j. thick **cutinite** (Cu) viewed in white (**i**) and fluorescent (**j**) light; Paleocene lignite (0.32%R_{0r}), Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories
- k. thick **cutinite** (Cu) viewed in fluorescent light; Upper Cretaceous subbituminous coal (0.42%R_{0r}), Battle River Seam, Horseshoe Canyon Formation, Battle River Coalfield, southeastern Alberta
- l. weakly fluorescing, oval **resinite** (R) bodies included in huminite (fluorescent light); Upper Cretaceous subbituminous coal (0.42%R_{0r}), Battle River Seam, Horseshoe Canyon Formation, Battle River Coalfield, southeastern Alberta
- m. highly fluorescing **resinite** (R); Upper Cretaceous subbituminous coal (0.42%R_{0r}), Battle River Seam, Horseshoe Canyon Formation, Battle River Coalfield, southeastern Alberta
- n. huminite (H) impregnated with **resinite** (R) showing negative surface relief; Paleocene lignite (0.31%R_{0r}), Hart Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- o. as **n**, fluorescent light; note the weak fluorescence of the resinite
- p. dark, weakly reflecting, **resinites** (R) in densinite groundmass (D) showing positive surface relief; Paleocene lignite (0.36%R_{0r}), Estevan Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Estevan Coalfield, southeastern Saskatchewan
- q. strongly fluorescing **?fluorinite/resinite** (F); Upper Cretaceous subbituminous coal (0.42%R_{0r}), Battle River Seam, Horseshoe Canyon Formation, Battle River Coalfield, southeastern Alberta
- r. unidentified **liptinite** (Lp) possibly angiosperm drupe, fluorescence illumination; Paleocene lignite (0.32%R_{0r}), Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories
- s. same field as **r**, white light
- t. **alginite** (A) from fresh water, coccoid algae (*Botryococcus*-type) in fluorescent light, showing high intensity but lighter yellow colours than sporinite (Sp) in **z**; Upper Cretaceous subbituminous coal (0.42%R_{0r}), Battle River Seam, Horseshoe Canyon Formation, Battle River Coalfield, southeastern Alberta
- u. as **t**, white light
- v. **sporinite** (Sp) - thin-walled microspores (tenuisporinite) and liptodetrinite (Ld) embedded in densinite; Paleocene lignite (0.32%R_{0r}), Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories
- w. as **v**, fluorescence illumination
- x. **sporinite** (Sp) - microspores densely packed into a sporangium; Paleocene lignite (0.28%R_{0r}), Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- y. **sporinite** (Sp) - microspores in densinite; Eocene lignite (0.38%R_{0r}), Hat Creek deposit, British Columbia
- z. strongly fluorescing **sporinite** (microspores) (Sp); Upper Cretaceous subbituminous coal (0.42%R_{0r}), Battle River Seam, Horseshoe Canyon Formation, Battle River Coalfield, southeastern Alberta

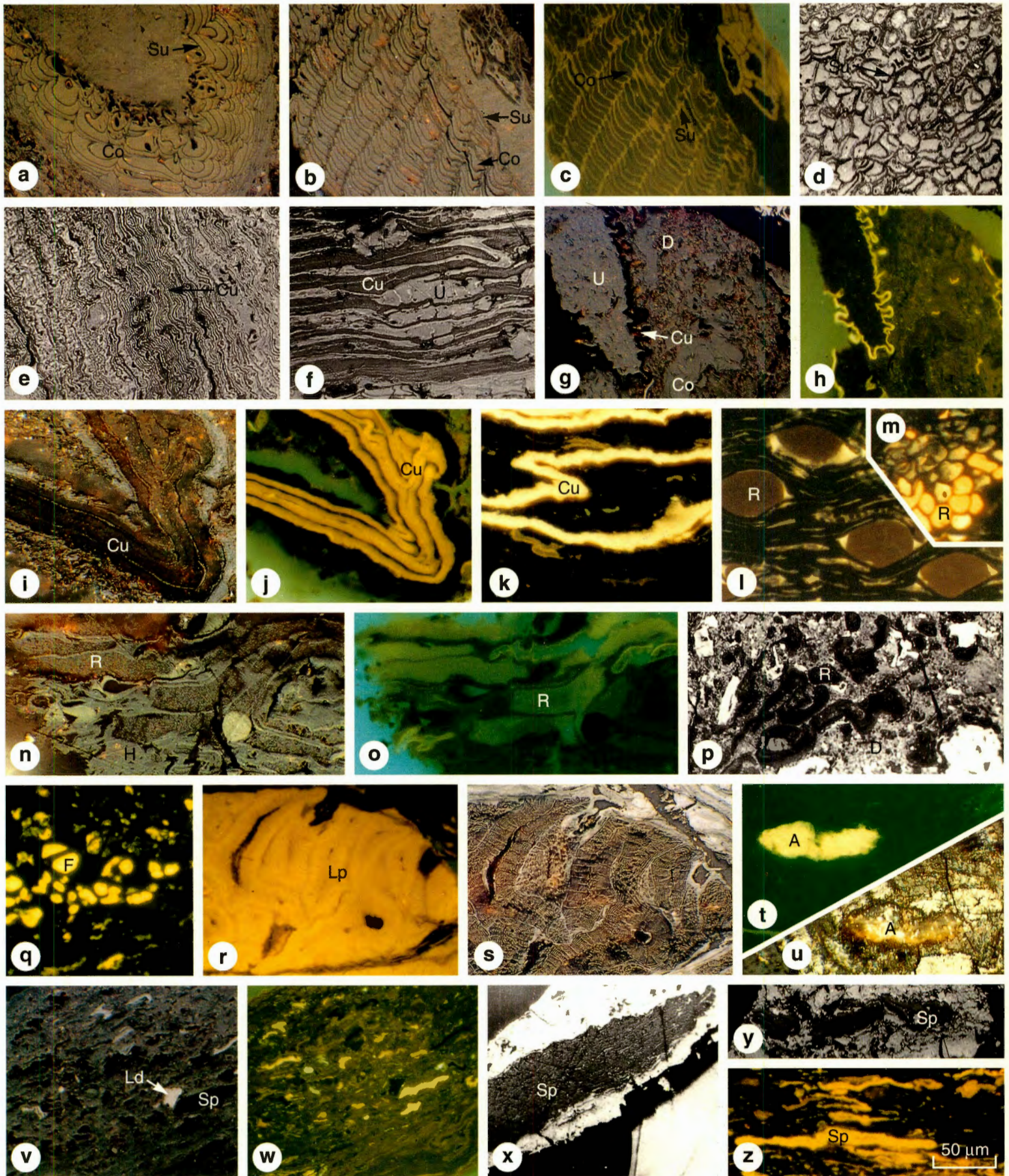


PLATE 4

LIGNITES AND SUBBITUMINOUS COALS INERTINITE MACERALS AND MINERAL MATTER

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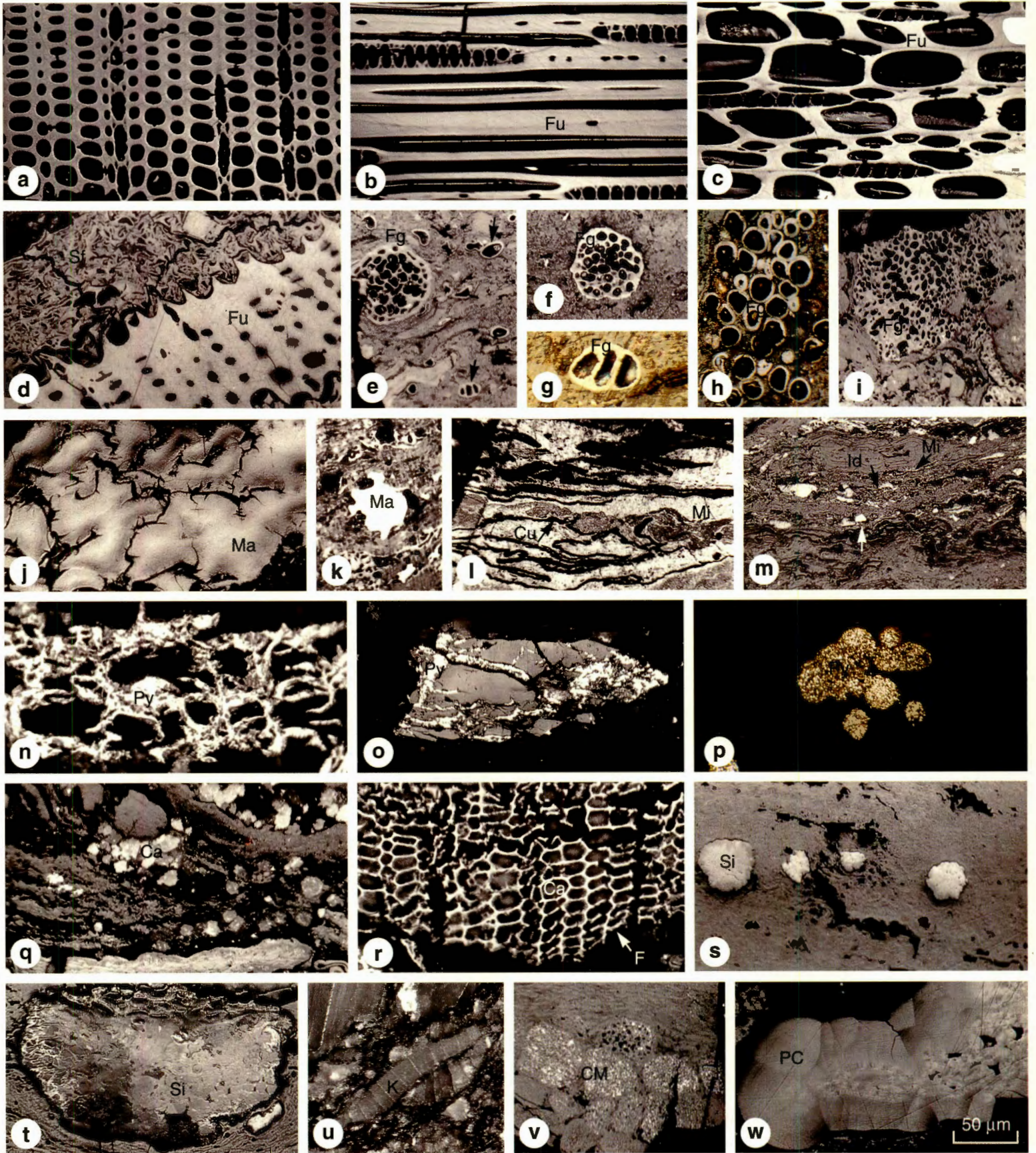
coal rank: %R_{0r} = mean random reflectance, in oil, of eu-ulminite B

INERTINITE MACERALS

- a. T.S. of **fusinite** derived from tracheids and rays of wood; Paleocene lignite (0.36%R_{0r}), Willow Bunch Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- b,c. L.T.S. of **fusinite** (Fu) from wood tracheids and rays; Paleocene lignite (0.36%R_{0r}), Willow Bunch Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- d. **semifusinite** (Sf) with **fusinite** (Fu); Paleocene lignite (0.31%R_{0r}), Hart Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- e. **funginities** (Fg, arrows) from fungal sclerotia and spores; Eocene lignite-subbituminous coal (0.38%R_{0r}), Hat Creek Formation, Hat Creek Coalfield, British Columbia
- f. **funginite** (Fg) from fungal sclerotia; Paleocene lignite (0.36%R_{0r}), Estevan Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Estevan Coalfield, southeastern Saskatchewan
- g. **funginite** (Fg) from fungal spores; Paleocene lignite (0.36%R_{0r}), Estevan Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Estevan Coalfield, southeastern Saskatchewan
- h. **funginoids** (Fg); Paleocene lignite (0.32%R_{0r}), Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories
- i. **funginite** (Fg); Eocene lignite-subbituminous coal (0.38%R_{0r}), Hat Creek Formation, Hat Creek Coalfield, British Columbia
- j. **macrinite** (Ma), derived by oxidation of gelinite (levigelite), has inherited the characteristic shrinkage/desiccation cracks commonly observed in the huminitic precursor; Paleocene lignite (0.32%R_{0r}), Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories
- k. highly reflective, **macrinite** (Ma) in densinite groundmass; Paleocene lignite (0.31%R_{0r}), Hart Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- l. high concentrations of granular **micrinite** (Mi), associated with dark liptinites (var: cutinite, Cu) from Eocene lignite-subbituminous coal (0.38%R_{0r}), Hat Creek, British Columbia
- m. **inertodetrinite** (Id) particles less than 5 µm (arrows) and sub-micron sized **micrinite** (Mi), dispersed throughout the densinite groundmass which includes suberinite, cutinite and sporinite; Paleocene lignite (0.32%R_{0r}), Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories

MINERAL MATTER

- n,o. epigenetic **pyrite** (Py) infilling fractures in ulminite; Paleocene lignite (0.36%R_{0r}), Hart Seam, Ravenscrag Formation, Willow Bunch Coalfield, south-central Saskatchewan
- p. **pyrite** (Py) framboids in ulminite; lignite (0.32-40%R_{0r}), Paleocene Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories; (ulminite is underexposed and therefore appears significantly darker than in microscope view)
- q. Epigenetic **carbonate minerals** (Ca) embedded in huminite; Paleocene lignite-subbituminous coal (0.38-0.40%R_{0r}), Hat Creek Formation, Hat Creek Coalfield, British Columbia
- r. **Carbonate-filled cavities** (Ca) in **fusinite** (F); Eocene lignite-subbituminous coal (0.38-0.40%R_{0r}), Hat Creek Formation, Hat Creek Coalfield, British Columbia
- s. **Siderite** (Si) embedded in huminite; Eocene lignite-subbituminous coal (0.38-0.42%R_{0r}), Hat Creek Formation, Hat Creek Coalfield, British Columbia
- t. **Siderite** (Si) concretion; Upper Cretaceous subbituminous coal (0.42%R_{0r}), Horseshoe Canyon Formation, Sheerness Coalfield, southeastern Alberta
- u. vermicular **kaolinite** (K); Upper Cretaceous subbituminous coal (0.42%R_{0r}), Horseshoe Canyon Formation, Sheerness Coalfield, southeastern Alberta
- v. **clay minerals** (CM) associated with phlobaphenite and corpohuminites; Eocene lignite-subbituminous coal (0.38-0.42%R_{0r}) from Hat Creek Formation, Hat Creek Coalfield, British Columbia
- w. **pyrolytic carbon** (PC); Paleocene lignite (0.32%R_{0r}), Summit Creek Formation, Brackett Basin, Northwest Territories



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HIGH VOLATILE BITUMINOUS COALS



Figure 4a. High volatile bituminous coal deposits

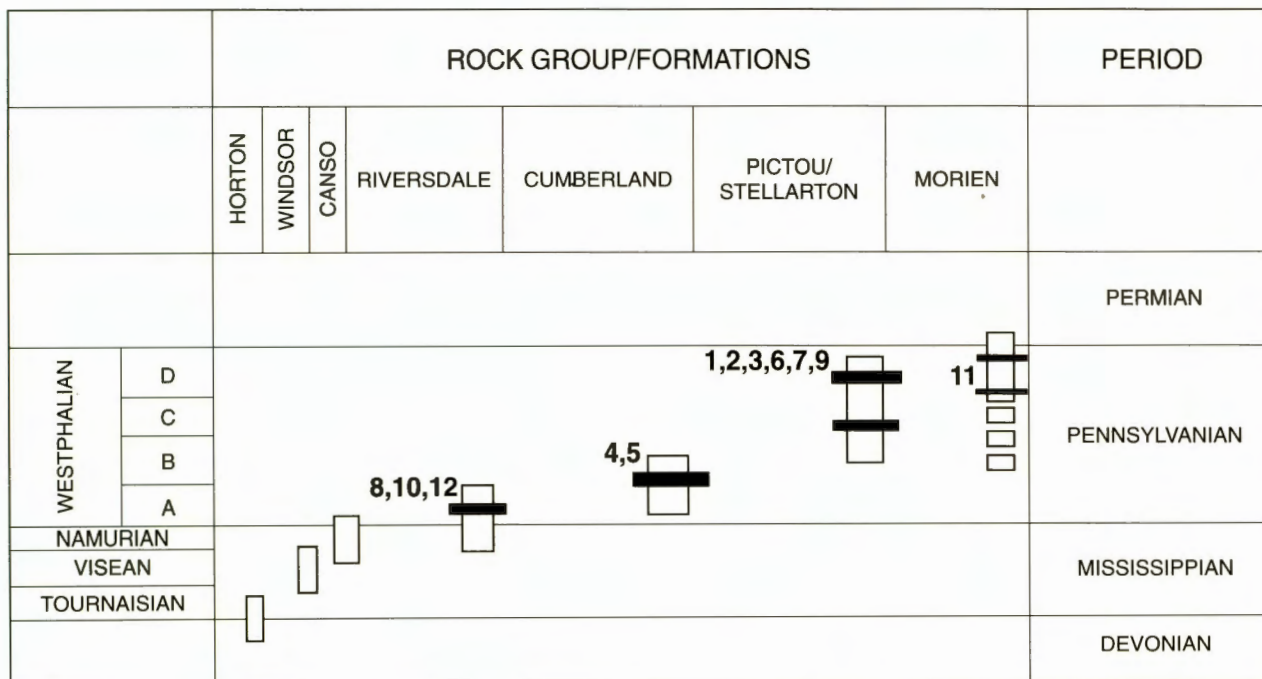
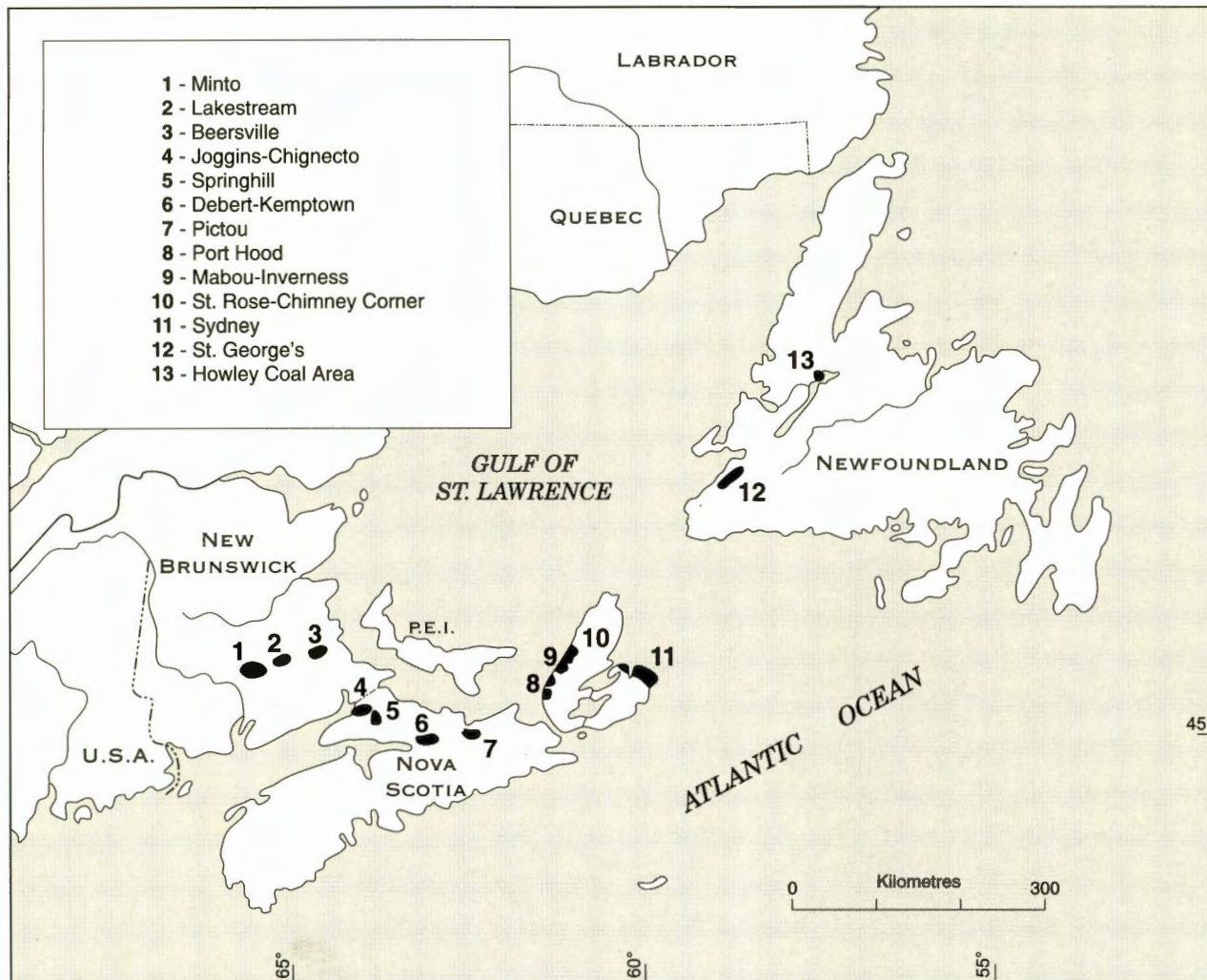
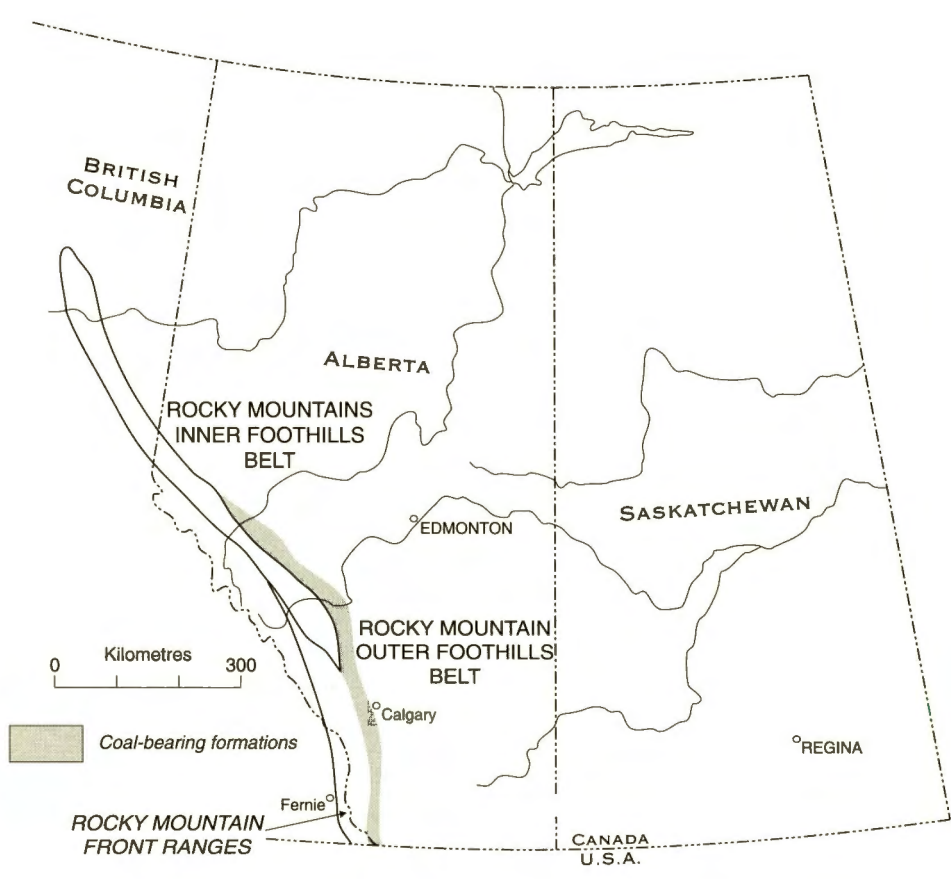


Figure 4b. Coalfields and coal-bearing formations, Atlantic provinces



ROCKY MOUNTAINS AND FOOTHILLS SOUTH	
TERTIARY	PORCUPINE HILLS FORMATION
	WILLOW CREEK FORMATION
UPPER CRETACEOUS	BATTLE FORMATION
	ST. MARY RIVER FORMATION
	BLOOD RESERVE FM
	BEARPAW FORMATION
	BELLY RIVER FORMATION
	WAPIABI FORMATION
	CARDIUM FORMATION
	BLACKSTONE FORMATION
	CROWSNEST FORMATION
	MA BUTTE FORMATION
LOWER CRETACEOUS	BEAVER MINES FM
	Home Sandstone Calcareous Mbr
	GLADSTONE FORMATION
	CADOMIN FORMATION
	Pocaterra Creek Mbr
	ELK FORMATION
	MIST MOUNTAIN FORMATION
JURASSIC	MORISSEY GROUP
	MOOSE MOUNTAIN FM
	Weary Ridge Member
FERNIE GROUP	

ROCKY MOUNTAINS AND FOOTHILLS NORTH (North-central Alberta)	
TERTIARY	SAUNDERS GROUP
	Obed Coal Zone PASKAPOO FORMATION Coal Valley Coal Zone
UPPER CRETACEOUS	ALBERTA GROUP
	COALSPUR FORMATION
	Entrance Conglomerate
	BRAZEAU FORMATION
	WAPIABI FORMATION
LOWER CRETACEOUS	ALBERTA GROUP
	CARDIUM FORMATION
	BLACKSTONE FORMATION
	LUSCAR GROUP
	GATES FM
	Mountain Park Member
	Grande Cache Member
	Torrens Member
	MOOSEBAR FORMATION
	GLADSTONE FORMATION
CADOMIN FORMATION	
JURASSIC	NIKANASSIN FORMATION
	FERNIE GROUP

Figure 4c. Coal-bearing formations of the Rocky Mountains and Foothills

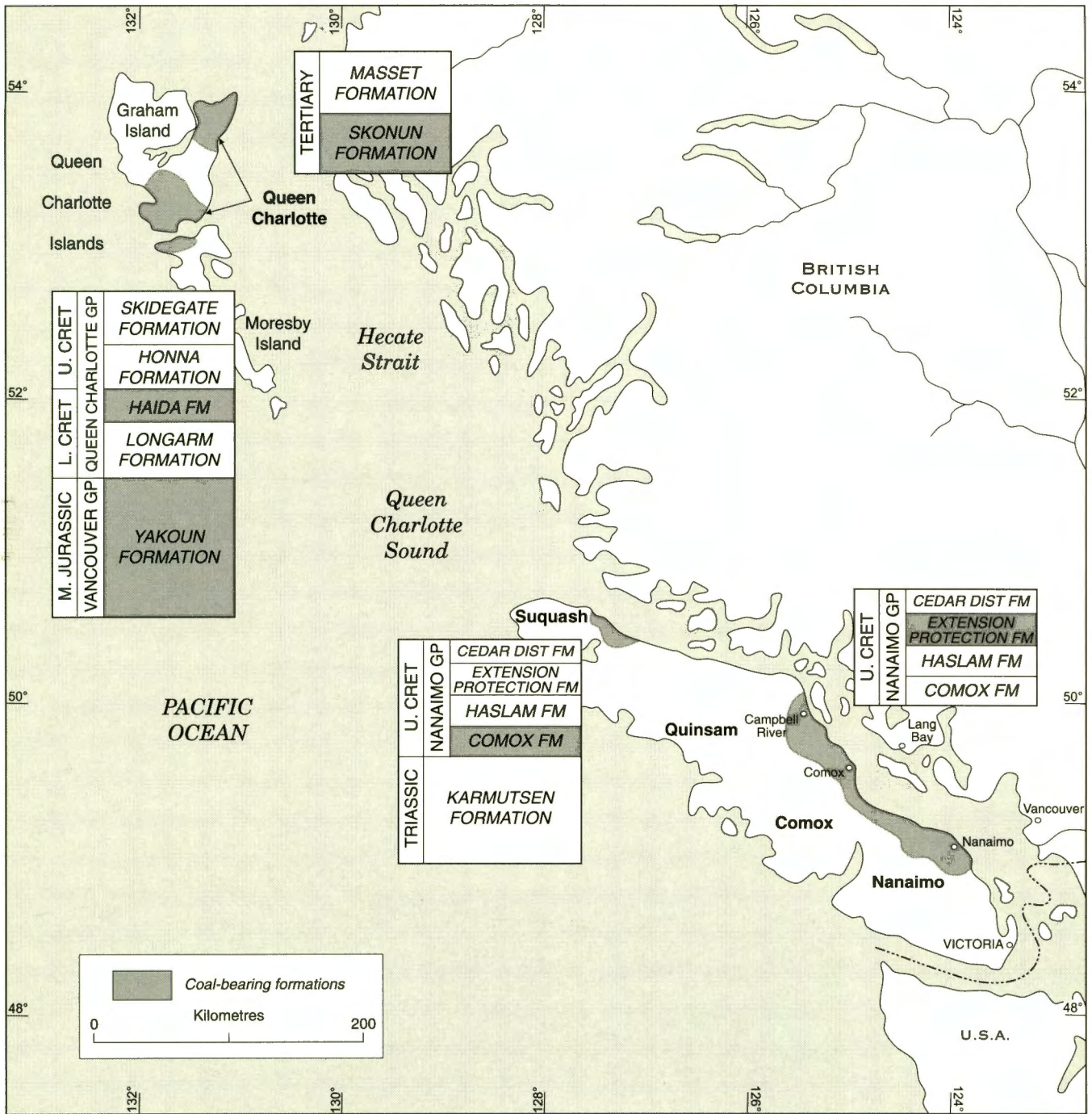
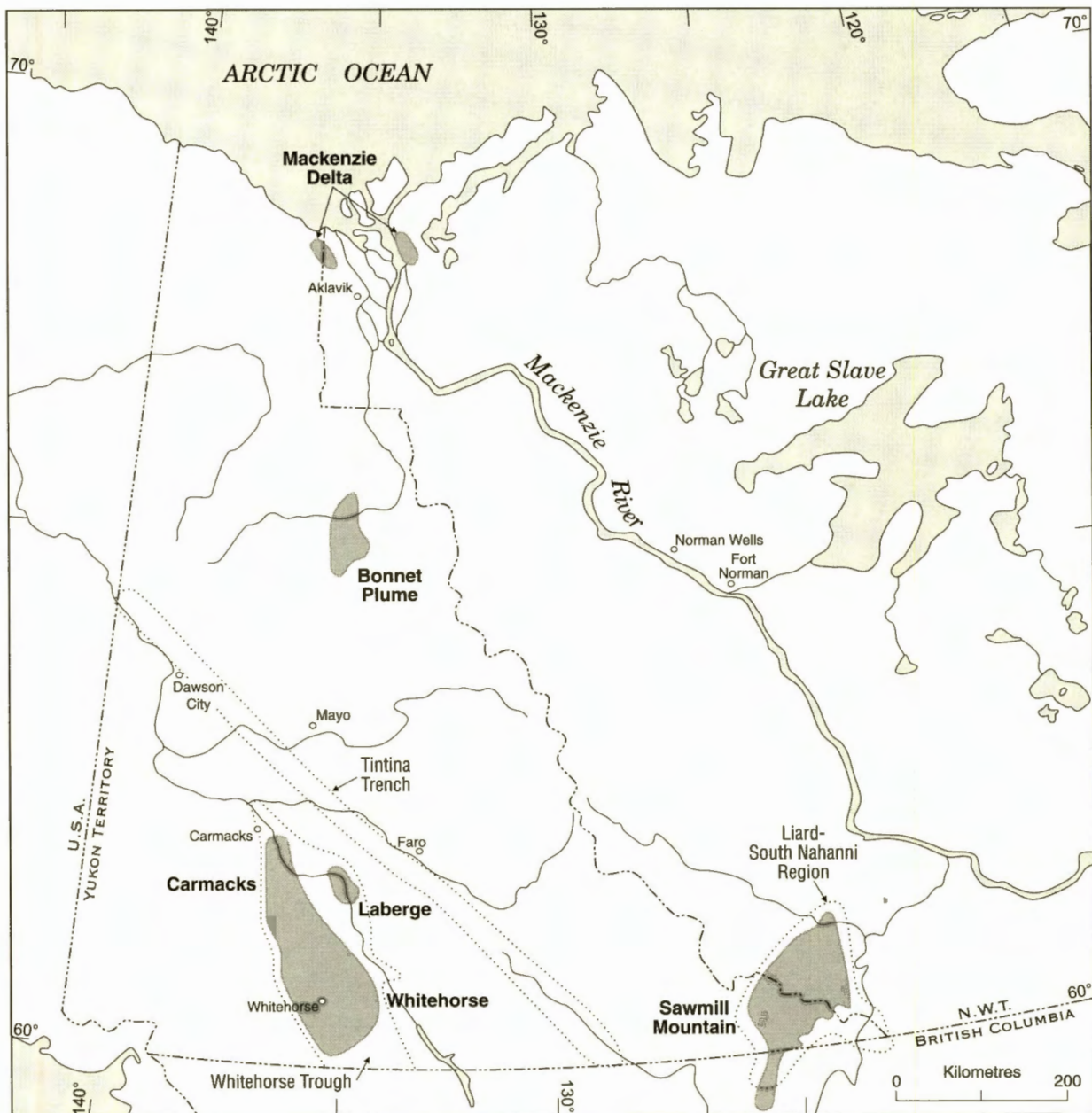


Figure 4d. Coalfields and coal-bearing formations, coastal British Columbia



	Whitehorse Trough	Liard-South Nahanni	Bonnet Plume	Mackenzie Delta
TERTIARY			BONNET PLUME FM	REINDEER FM
CRETACEOUS	TANTALUS FM			
JURASSIC	LABERGE GP			
TRIASSIC				
PERMIAN-PENNSYLVANIAN				
MISSISSIPPIAN		MATTSON FM		

Coal-bearing formations

Figure 4e. Coalfields/basins and coal-bearing formations of the Yukon and Northwest territories

PLATE 5

HIGH VOLATILE BITUMINOUS COALS VITRINITE MACERALS

All photomicrographs were taken using white incident light and oil immersion objectives

magnification: same for all photos; see scale bar in photo 1

coal rank: $\%R_{O,r}$ = mean random reflectance, in oil; $\%R_{O,m}$ = mean maximum reflectance, in oil

- a. highly-gelified **collotelinite** (Ct) and **collodetrinite** (Cd) with minor **corpogelinite** (Cg) inclusions, pyrite (Py) and micrinite (Mi); $0.60\%R_{O,m}$; Forty Brine Seam, Westphalian A, Joggins Formation, Cumberland Basin (Joggins coalfield), Nova Scotia
- b. **collotelinite** (Ct) with **gelinite**¹ inclusions (G); $0.82\%R_{O,r}$; Foord Seam, Westphalian C, Stellarton Formation (Albion Member), Stellarton Basin (Pictou coalfield), Nova Scotia
- c. **collodetrinite** (Cd) and **corpogelinite** (Cg) with pyrite (Py), micrinite (Mi) and liptinite (Lp); $0.60\%R_{O,m}$; Forty Brine Seam, Westphalian A, Joggins Formation, Cumberland Basin (Joggins coalfield), Nova Scotia
- d. **vitrodetrinite** (Vd) with clay minerals (Mm), pyrite (Py) and inertodetrinite (Id); $0.86\%R_{O,r}$; McGregor Seam, Westphalian C, Stellarton Formation (Albion Member), Stellarton Basin (Pictou coalfield), Nova Scotia
- e. **collodetrinite** (Cd) and **corpogelinite** (Cg) with liptinite (Lp) and inertodetrinite (Id); $0.97\%R_{O,r}$; Acadia Seam, Westphalian B-C, Stellarton Formation (Westville Member), Stellarton Basin (Pictou coalfield), Nova Scotia
- f. **corpogelinite** (Cg) and **gelinite**¹ (G); $0.88\%R_{O,r}$; No.7 Seam, Westphalian B, Springhill Mines Formation, Cumberland Basin (Springhill coalfield), Nova Scotia
- g. highly gelified **collotelinite** (Ct), **collodetrinite** (Cd) and minor **gelinite** (G), sporinite (Sp); $0.92\%R_{O,r}$; Harbour Seam, Westphalian D, Sydney Mines Formation, Sydney Basin (Sydney coalfield), Nova Scotia
- h. highly gelified **collotelinite** (Ct) with minor **gelinite**¹ (G); $0.92\%R_{O,r}$; Harbour Seam, Westphalian D, Sydney Mines Formation, Sydney Basin (Sydney coalfield), Nova Scotia
- i. **collotelinite** (Ct) showing alteration to **pseudovitrinite** (Psv); $0.91\%R_{O,r}$; Foord Seam, Westphalian C, Stellarton Formation (Albion Member), Stellarton Basin, Nova Scotia
- j. **telinite** (T) with resinite (R) filling cell lumens; $0.70\%R_{O,m}$; Main (Cairnes) Seam, Mid-Late Jurassic, Tanglefoot Formation, Laberge Group, Braeburn coal district, Yukon Territory
- k. **collotelinite** (Ct) with some **pseudovitrinite** (Psv) characteristics; $0.70\%R_{O,m}$; Main (Cairnes) Seam, Mid-Late Jurassic, Tanglefoot Formation, Laberge Group, Braeburn coal district, Yukon Territory
- l. **collotelinite** (Ct) with possible alteration to **pseudovitrinite** (Psv); $0.70\%R_{O,m}$; Main (Cairnes) Seam, Mid-Late Jurassic, Tanglefoot Formation, Laberge Group, Braeburn coal district, Yukon Territory
- m. **collodetrinite** (Cd) with sporinite (Sp) and funginite (Fg) and lenses of **collotelinite** (Ct) with pseudovitrinite characteristics (Psv); $1.03\%R_{O,m}$; Coal zone 2g, Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous, Tantalus Formation, Carmacks coal district, Yukon Territory
- n. **collodetrinite** (Cd) with inertodetrinite (Id), semifusinite (Sf), fusinite (Fu) and sporinite (Sp); $0.76\%R_{O,m}$; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, inner Foothills Belt, northeastern British Columbia
- o. **vitrite** (V) with suppressed R_O (0.67%), in vitrinertite band including lenses of micrinite (Mi); $0.74\%R_{O,r}$; Lower Carboniferous, Mattson Formation, Clausen Creek (Liard Basin), District of Mackenzie, Northwest Territories

¹ after Mukhopadhyay and Hatcher, 1993

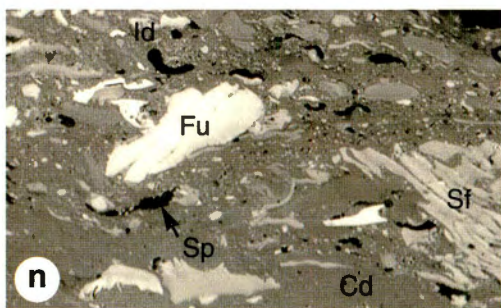
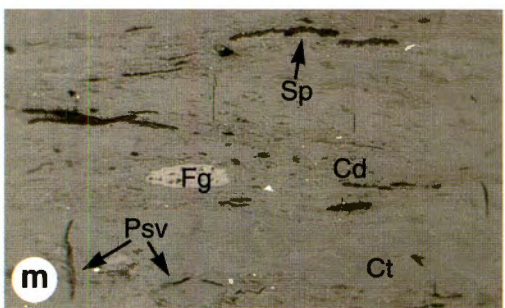
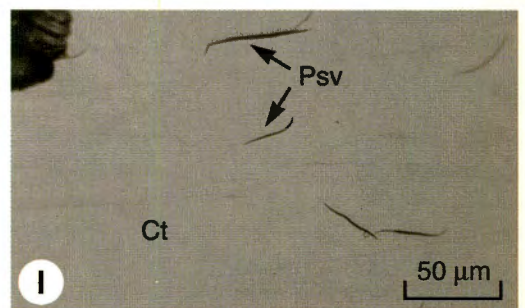
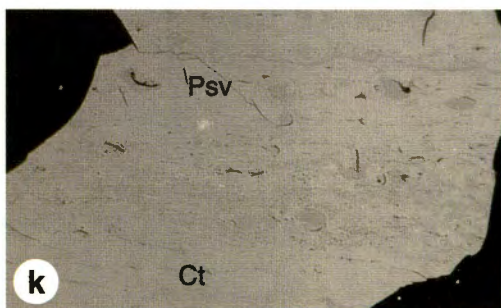
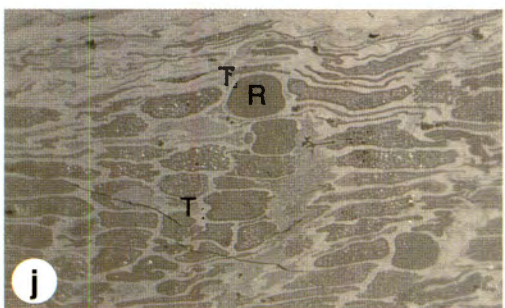
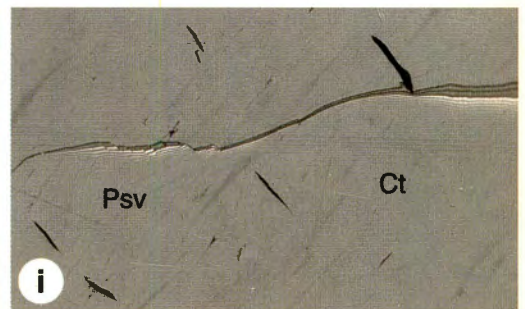
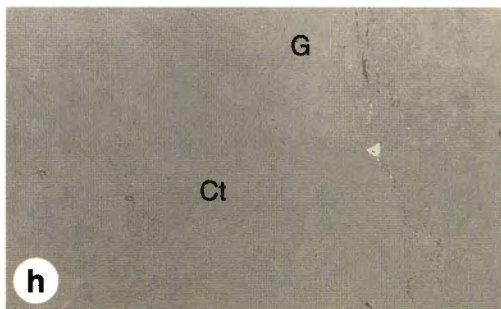
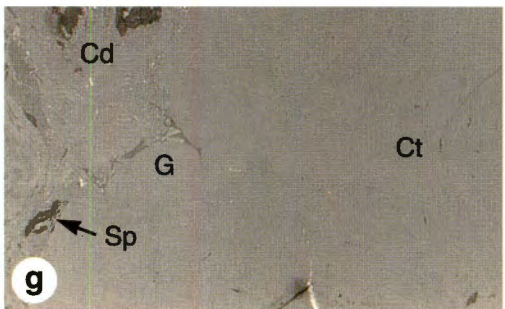
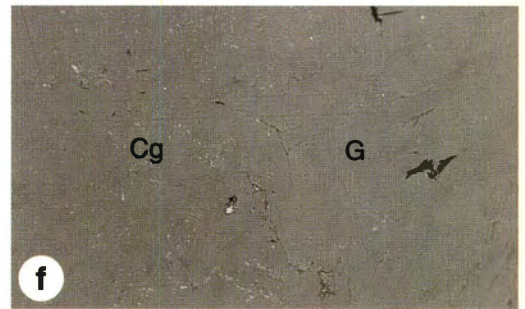
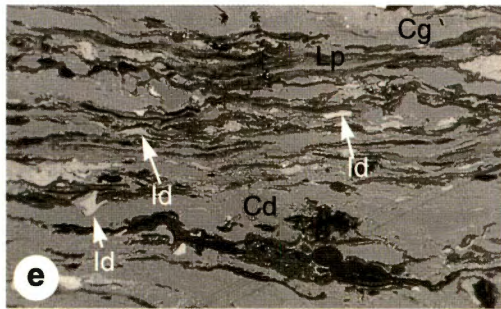
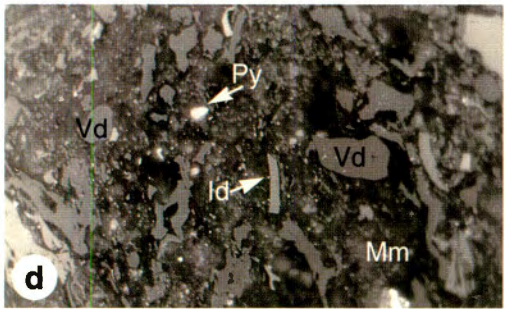
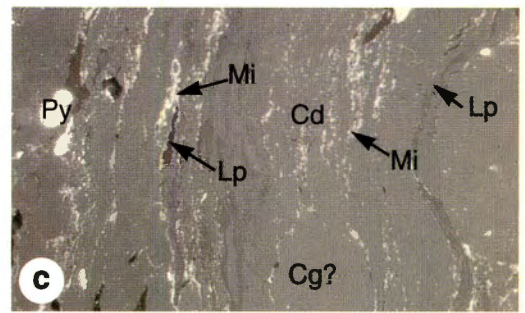
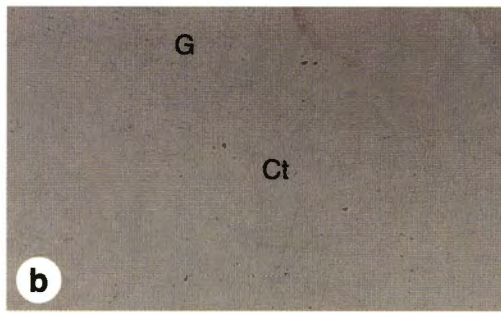
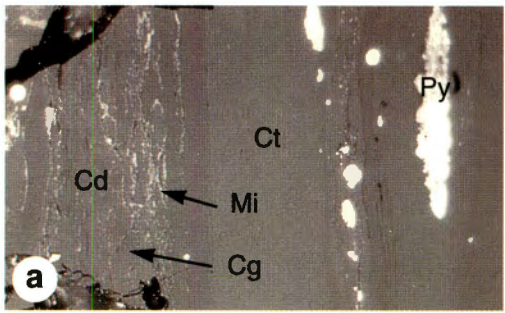


PLATE 6

HIGH VOLATILE BITUMINOUS COALS VITRINITE AND LIPTINITE MACERALS

All photomicrographs were taken using white incident light under partly crossed polars and oil immersion objectives; **magnification:** same for all photos; see scale bar in photo **p**
coal rank: %R_{0r} = mean random reflectance, in oil; %R_{0m} = mean maximum reflectance, in oil

Eastern Canada

- a. **collotelinite** (Ct) with **cutinite** (Cu) and **corpogelinite** (Cg) enclosing **sporinite** (Sp); 0.60%R_{0m}; Forty Brine Seam, Westphalian A, Joggins Formation, Cumberland Basin (Joggins coalfield), Nova Scotia
- b. **collodetrinite** (Cd) and **resinite** (R) (colloresinite?) with **cutinite** (Cu) in upper and mid field; and **sporinite** (Sp) in lower field; 0.92%R_{0r}; Harbour Seam, Westphalian D, Sydney Mines Formation, Sydney Basin, Nova Scotia
- c. **collodetrinite** (Cd) and **collotelinite** (Ct) with **suberinite** (Su) and **sporinite** (Sp); 0.82%R_{0r}; Foord Seam, Westphalian C, Stellarton Formation (Albion Member), Stellarton Basin, Nova Scotia
- d. **sporinite** (Sp) from megaspores with **vitrodetrinite** (Vd), mineral matter including pyrite (Py) and a band of **collotelinite** (Ct); 0.87%R_{0r}; New Seam, Westphalian C, Stellarton Formation (Albion Member), Stellarton Basin, Nova Scotia

Western Canada

- e. **collodetrinite** (Cd) with **cutinite** (Cu); 0.70%R_{0m}; Main (Cairnes) Seam, Mid-Late Jurassic, Tanglefoot Formation, Laberge Group, Braeburn coal district, Yukon
- f. **corpogelinite** (Cg) (phlobaphinite cell filling) with **suberinite** (Su); 0.70% R_{0m}; Main (Cairnes) Seam, Mid-Late Jurassic, Tanglefoot Formation, Laberge Group, Braeburn coal district, Yukon Territory
- g. thick **cutinite** (Cu); 0.77%R_{0r}; Upper Devonian, Beverley Inlet Formation, western Melville Island, Canadian Arctic
- h. as **g**, fluorescent light
- i. thick **cutinite** (Cu) associated with **collodetrinite** (Cd) and **liptodetrinite** (Ld); 0.63%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Gorman Creek Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- j. thin **cutinite** (Cu) with characteristic serrated margins associated with **collotelinite** (Ct); 0.71%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- k. **sporinite** (Sp) in **collodetrinite** (Cd) with minor inertodetrinite (Id); needle coal, 0.61%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Mount Minnes, northeastern British Columbia
- l. high concentrations of **sporinite** (Sp) in **collodetrinite** groundmass; 0.63%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Gorman Creek Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- m. **sporinite** (Sp) in **collodetrinite** (Cd) with inertodetrinite (Id) and semifusinite (Sf); 0.70%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Gething Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- n. **sporinite** (Sp) from megaspore in collodetrinite (Cd) with high concentrations of inertinite (I); 0.68%R_{0m}; Lower Carboniferous Mattson Formation, Jackfish Gap, District of Mackenzie, Northwest Territories
- o. **resinite** (R) in **collotelinite** (Ct) matrix; 0.90%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- p. **alginite** (A) with **sporinite** (Sp) and micrinite (Mi); 0.88%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia

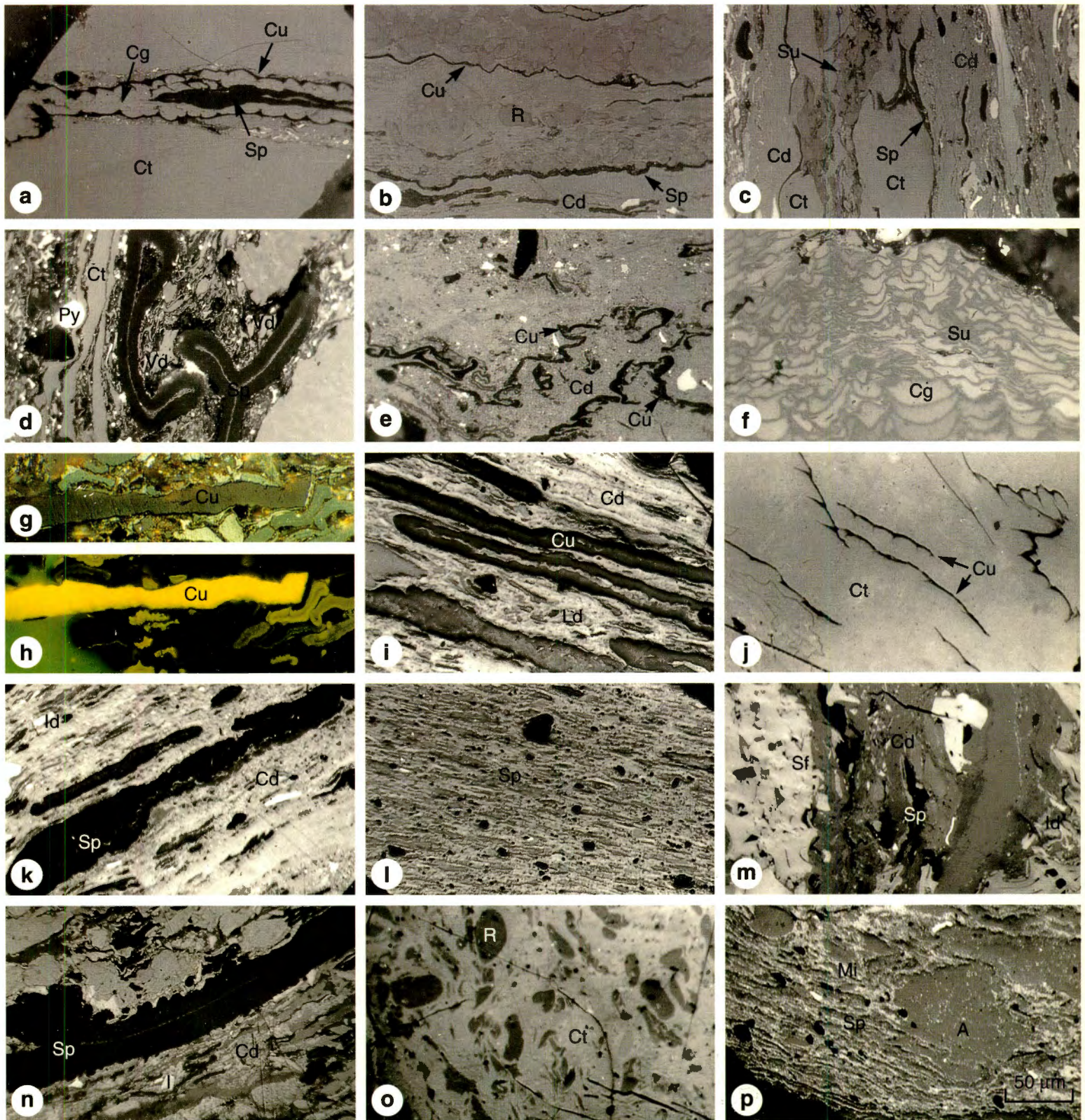


PLATE 7

HIGH VOLATILE BITUMINOUS COALS LIPTINITE MACERALS

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coal rank: %R_{0r} = mean random reflectance, in oil; %R_{0m} = mean maximum reflectance, in oil

Eastern Canada

- a. **sporinite** (Sp): sporangium filled with miospores; 0.82%R_{0r}; Foord Seam, Westphalian C, Stellarton Formation (Albion Member), Stellarton Basin, Nova Scotia
- b. **sporinite** (Sp), upper field: megaspore; 0.82%R_{0r}; Foord Seam, Westphalian C, Stellarton Formation, Albion Member, Stellarton Basin, Nova Scotia; lower field: miospores; 0.82%R_{0r}; Foord Seam, Westphalian C, Stellarton Formation (Albion Member), Stellarton Basin, Nova Scotia
- c. massive **sporinite** (Sp) with alginite (A) inclusion; 0.93%R_{0r}; Harbour Seam (dull band), Westphalian D, Sydney Mines Formation, Sydney Basin, Nova Scotia
- d. **fluorinite** (F) with **sporinite** (Sp); 0.71%R_{0r}; Backpit Seam, Westphalian D, Sydney Mines Formation, Sydney Basin, Nova Scotia
- e. **cutinite** (Cu) with **resinite** (R), **sporinite** (Sp) and fluorescent vitrinite (fv); 0.82%R_{0r}; Foord Seam, Westphalian C, Stellarton Formation (Albion Member), Stellarton Basin, Nova Scotia
- f. **alginite** (A); 0.71%R_{0r}; Bouthillier Seam, Westphalian D, Sydney Mines Formation, Sydney Basin, Nova Scotia
- g. fluorescent vitrinite (fv) (vitrinite impregnated with bitumen) with **cutinite** (Cu) and void filled with oil (O); 0.80%R_{0m}; Main Seam, Westphalian A, Port Hood Formation (Colindale Member), Port Hood coalfield, Nova Scotia
- h. mineral bituminous groundmass (mbg) (bitumen impregnated mineral matter) with oil droplet (O), **sporinite** (Sp) and **cutinite** (Cu); 0.69%R_{0r}; Bouthillier Seam, Westphalian D, Sydney Mines Formation, Sydney Basin, Nova Scotia
- i. **exsudatinitite** (Ex) and oil droplets (O); 0.71%R_{0r}; Backpit Seam, Westphalian D, Sydney Mines Formation, Sydney Basin, Nova Scotia

Western Canada

- j. **sporinite** (Sp) upper field: megaspore and miospores; Upper Devonian, Beverley Inlet Formation, western Melville Island, Canadian Arctic; 0.77%R_{0r}; lower field: sporangium packed with miospores; Middle Devonian, Hecla Bay Formation, western Melville Island, Canadian Arctic
- k. **sporinite** (Sp): megaspore (centre) and miospores (right); 0.76%R_{0r}; Mid-Upper Devonian, Weatherall Formation, Melville Island, Canadian Arctic
- l. **resinite** (R), **liptodetrinite** (Ld) and **sporinite** (Sp); 0.79%R_{0r}; Middle Devonian, Hecla Bay Formation, western Melville Island, Canadian Arctic
- m. **sporinite** (Sp) derived from thick- and thin-walled miospores with some oil droplets (o); 0.77%R_{0r}; upper Devonian Beverley Inlet Formation, Melville Island, Canadian Arctic
- n. **alginite** (A) (*Pila* or *Botryococcus* sp.); 0.77%R_{0r}; Upper Devonian Beverley Inlet Formation, Melville Island, Canadian Arctic
- o. **exsudatinitite** (Ex) with **liptodetrinite** (Ld) and **sporinite?** (Sp) (transverse section); 0.79%R_{0r}; Middle Devonian, Hecla Bay Formation, western Melville Island, Canadian Arctic

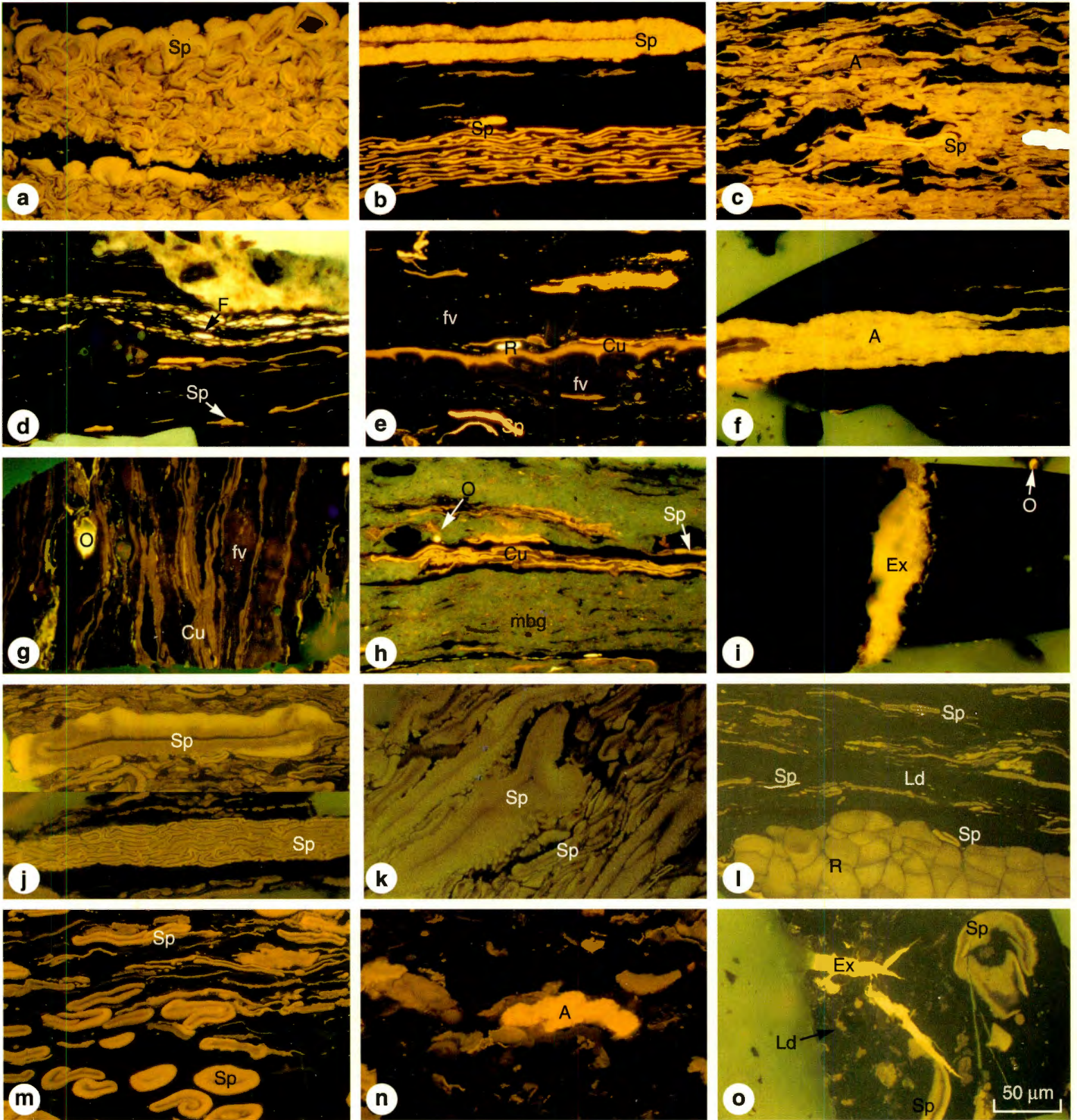


PLATE 8

HIGH VOLATILE BITUMINOUS COALS INERTINITE MACERALS

All photomicrographs were taken using white incident light and oil immersion objectives

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Eastern Canada

- a. **fusinite** with well preserved plant cell structure; 0.73%R_{0r}; Backpit Seam, Westphalian D, Sydney Mines Formation, Sydney Basin, Nova Scotia
- b. **fusinite** (Fu) and **semifusinite** (Sf) with **inertodetrinite** (Id) with collodetrinite (Cd), quartz (Q) and liptinite (Lp); 0.82%R_{0r}; Foord Seam, Westphalian C, Stellarton Formation (Albion Member), Stellarton Basin (Pictou coalfield), Nova Scotia
- c. **semifusinite** (Sf) with collotelinite (Ct) and framboidal pyrite (Py); 0.60%R_{0m}; Forty Brine Seam, Westphalian A, Joggins Formation, Cumberland Basin (Joggins coalfield), Nova Scotia
- d. **semifusinite** (Sf) and **inertodetrinite** (Id) with collotelinite (Ct), collodetrinite (Cd) and framboidal pyrite (Py); 0.71%R_{0r}; No. 1 Seam, Westphalian A-B, Springhill Mines, Cumberland Basin (Springhill coalfield), Nova Scotia
- e. **fusinite** (Fu), **semifusinite** (Sf), **macrinite** (Ma) and **inertodetrinite** (Id) with collodetrinite (Cd); 0.97%R_{0r}; Acadia Seam, Westphalian B-C, Stellarton Formation (Westville Member), Stellarton Basin (Pictou coalfield), Nova Scotia
- f. thick-walled **funginite** (Fg) with **semifusinite** (Sf); 0.60%R_{0m}; Forty Brine Seam, Westphalian A, Joggins Formation, Cumberland Basin (Joggins coalfield), Nova Scotia
- g. **inertodetrinite** (Id) and **macrinite** (Ma); 1.06%R_{0r}; Scott Seam, Westphalian B, Stellarton Formation (Westville Member), Stellarton Basin, Nova Scotia
- h. **secretinite?** (Se) with **inertodetrinite** (Id), liptinite (Lp) and collodetrinite (Cd); note compression effect around inertinite maceral; 0.60%R_{0r}; St. Rose No. 5 Seam, Westphalian A, Port Hood Formation, St. Rose-Chimney Corner Coalfield, Nova Scotia
- i. **micrinite** (Mi) with collodetrinite (Cd), liptinite (Lp) and pyrite (Py); 0.91%R_{0m}; Harbour Seam, Westphalian D, Sydney Mines Formation, Sydney Basin, Nova Scotia

Western Canada

- j. **macrinite** (Ma) and **semifusinite** (Sf) with liptinite (Lp) and collodetrinite (Cd); 0.90%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous, Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- k. **fusinite** (Fu) with "bogen" structure; 0.70%R_{0m}; Main (Cairnes) Seam, Mid-Late Jurassic, Tanglefoot Formation, Laberge Group, Braeburn coal district, Yukon Territory
- l. **semifusinite** (Sf) with collotelinite (Ct) in centre; 0.70%R_{0m}; Main (Cairnes) Seam, Mid-Late Jurassic, Tanglefoot Formation, Laberge Group, Braeburn coal district, Yukon Territory
- m. **semifusinite** (Sf) and **fusinite** (Fu) and **inertodetrinite** (Id); 0.92%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous, Gething Formation, Mount Gorman, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- n. **inertodetrinite** (Id) (detrital inertinite with variable reflectance) and vitrodetrinite? (Vd) with collodetrinite (Cd); 0.70%R_{0m}; Main (Cairnes) Seam, Mid-Late Jurassic, Tanglefoot Formation, Laberge Group, Braeburn coal district, Yukon Territory
- o. **resino-inertinites** (Ir) or **funginite?** mass with collotelinite (Ct); 1.03%R_{0m}; Coal zone 2g, Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous, Tantalus Formation, Carmacks coal district, Yukon Territory

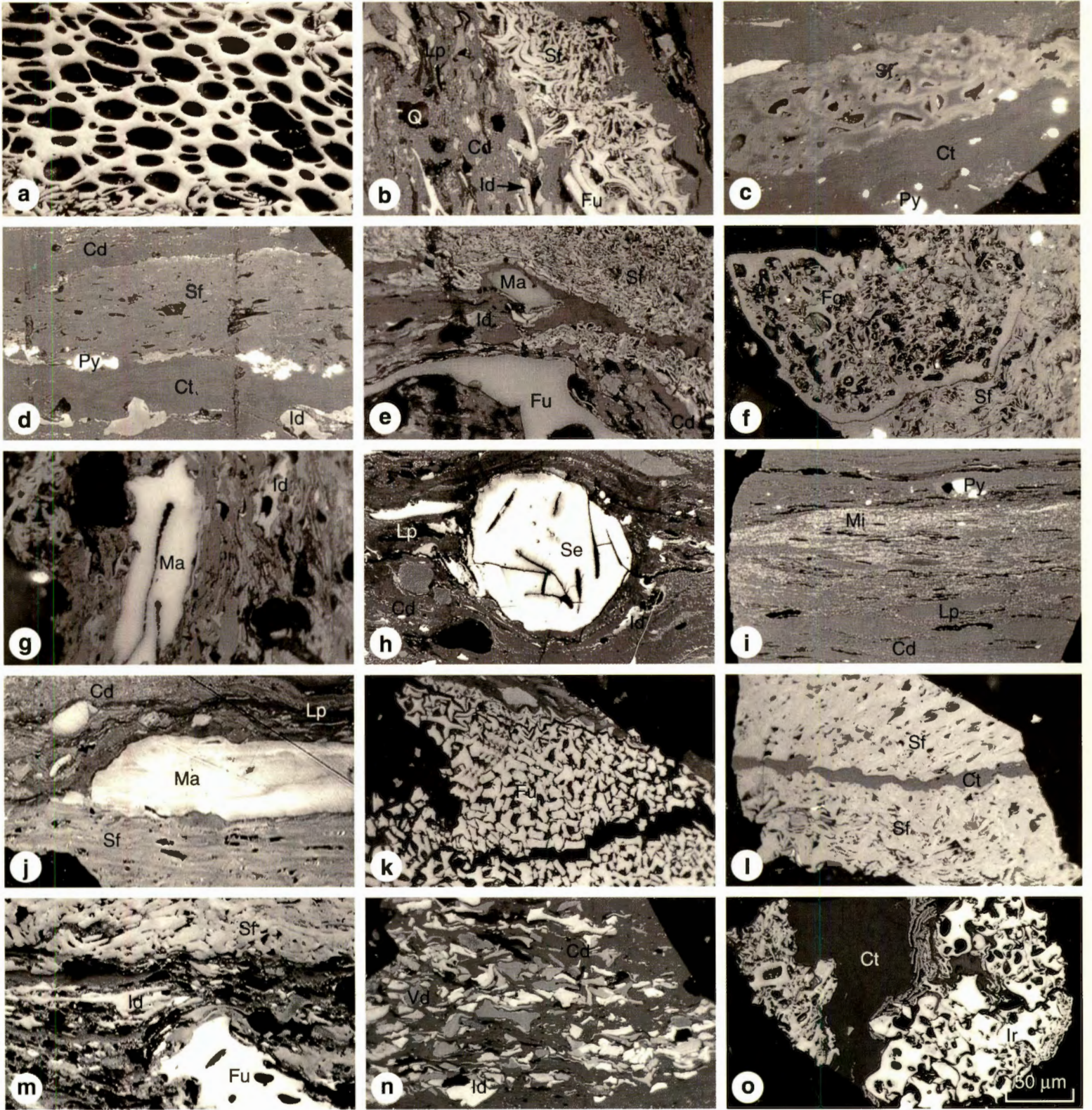


PLATE 9

HIGH VOLATILE BITUMINOUS COALS INERTINITES and MINERAL MATTER

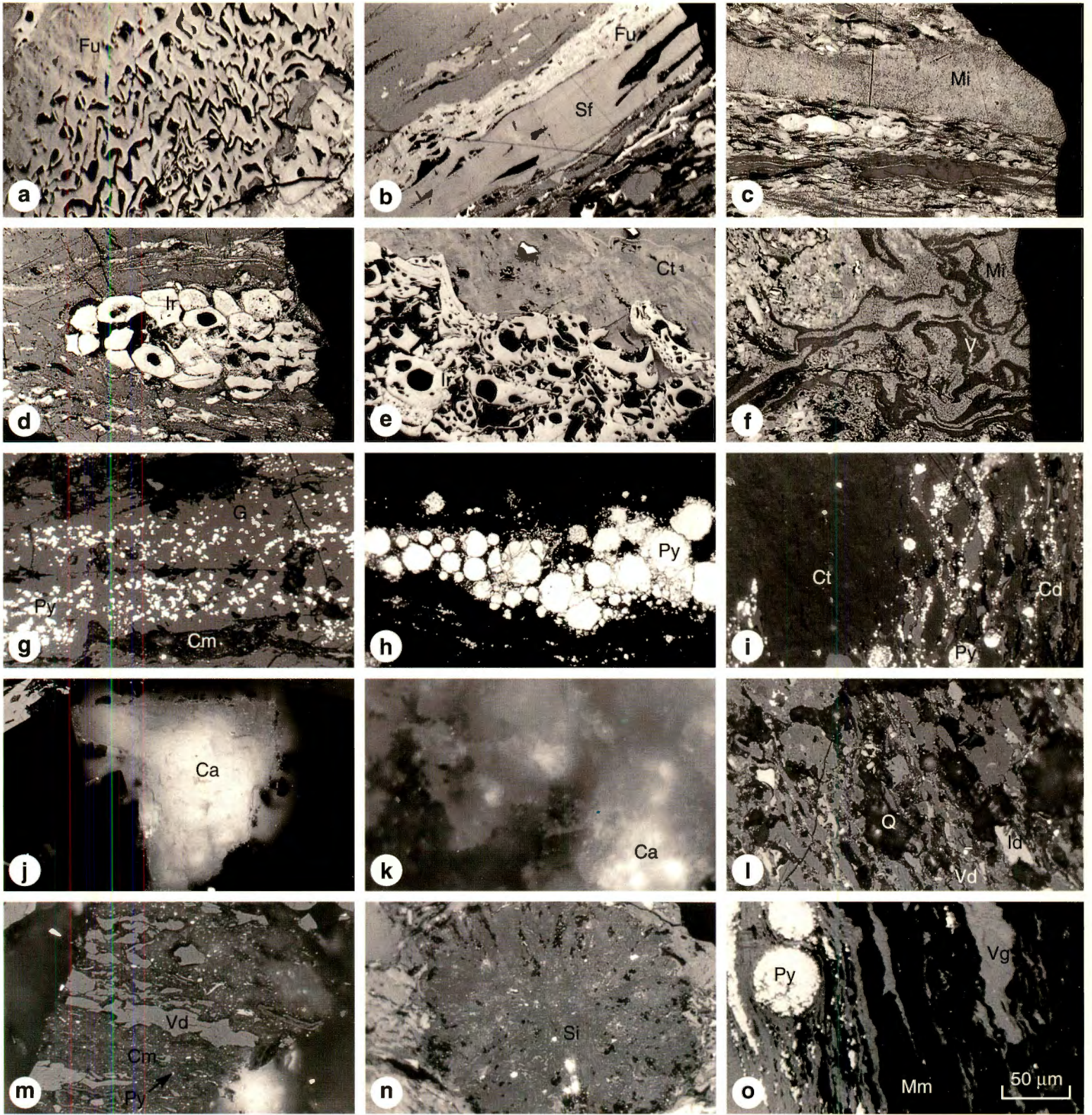
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coal rank: %R_{0r} = mean random reflectance, in oil; %R_{0m} = mean maximum reflectance, in oil

- a. **fusinite** (Fu) showing high relief and "bogen" structure; 0.86%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- b. **fusinite** (Fu) and **semifusinite** (Sf) bands; Pictou Group coal; Pictou Coalfield, Nova Scotia
- c. **micrinite** (Mi) grains in high concentrations in sapropelic coal; 0.68%R_{0m}; Lower Carboniferous Mattson Formation, Jackfish Gap, District of Mackenzie, Northwest Territories
- d. **resino-inertinites** (Ir); 0.74%R_{0m}; Lower Carboniferous Mattson Formation, Jackfish Gap, District of Mackenzie, Northwest Territories
- e. cluster of **resino-inertinites?** (Ir) with collotelinite (Ct); 1.03%R_{0m}; Coal zone 2g, Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous, Tantalus Formation, Carmacks coal district, Yukon Territory
- f. **micrinite** (Mi) interspersed with vitrinite (V) exhibiting suppressed R₀; 0.58%R_{0m}; Lower Carboniferous Mattson Formation, Jackfish Gap, District of Mackenzie, Northwest Territories
- g. highly reflective, fine-grained **pyrite** (Py) and **clay minerals** (Cm) with gelinite (G)*; 1.00%R_{0r}; Phalen Seam, Westphalian D Sydney Mines Formation, Sydney Basin, Nova Scotia
- h. large **pyrite** framboids (Py); 0.76%R_{0m}; Hub Seam, Westphalian D, Sydney Mines Formation, Sydney Basin, Nova Scotia
- i. fine grained, framboidal **pyrite** (Py) with collotelinite (Ct)* and collodetrinite (Cd)*; 0.76%R_{0m}; Minto-Chipman Seam, Westphalian B-C, Minto Formation, Marysville Basin, New Brunswick
- j. **calcite** (Ca); 0.76%R_{0r}; Hub Seam, Westphalian D, Sydney Mines Formation, Sydney Basin, Nova Scotia
- k. **carbonate** (Ca); 0.87%R_{0r}; New Seam, Westphalian C, Stellarton Formation (Albion Member), Stellarton Basin, Nova Scotia
- l. **quartz** (Q) with vitrodetrinite (Vd) and inertodetrinite (Id); 0.76%R_{0m}; Minto-Chipman Seam, Westphalian B-C, Minto Formation, Marysville Basin, New Brunswick
- m. **clay minerals** (Cm) and fine grained **pyrite** (Py) with vitrodetrinite (Vd); 0.77%R_{0m}; Debert No. 1 Seam, Westphalian C, Delany Formation, Debert-Kemptown coalfield, Nova Scotia
- n. **siderite** (Si); 0.70%R_{0m}; Main (Cairnes) Seam, Mid-Late Jurassic, Tanglefoot Formation, Laberge Group, Braeburn coal district, Yukon Territory
- o. **pyrite** (Py) and gelovitrinite (Vg) in shale matrix ?(Mm); 0.80%R_{0m}; BH 81-16, 23.84 m, Lower Cretaceous, Bickford Formation, Peace River coalfield, Rocky Creek area, British Columbia

*The reflectance of the vitrinites in these photos is deliberately suppressed in order to show the pyrite more distinctly; the dark colour of the vitrinite therefore does not reflect the % reflectance expected.



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Figure 5a. Medium volatile bituminous coal deposits

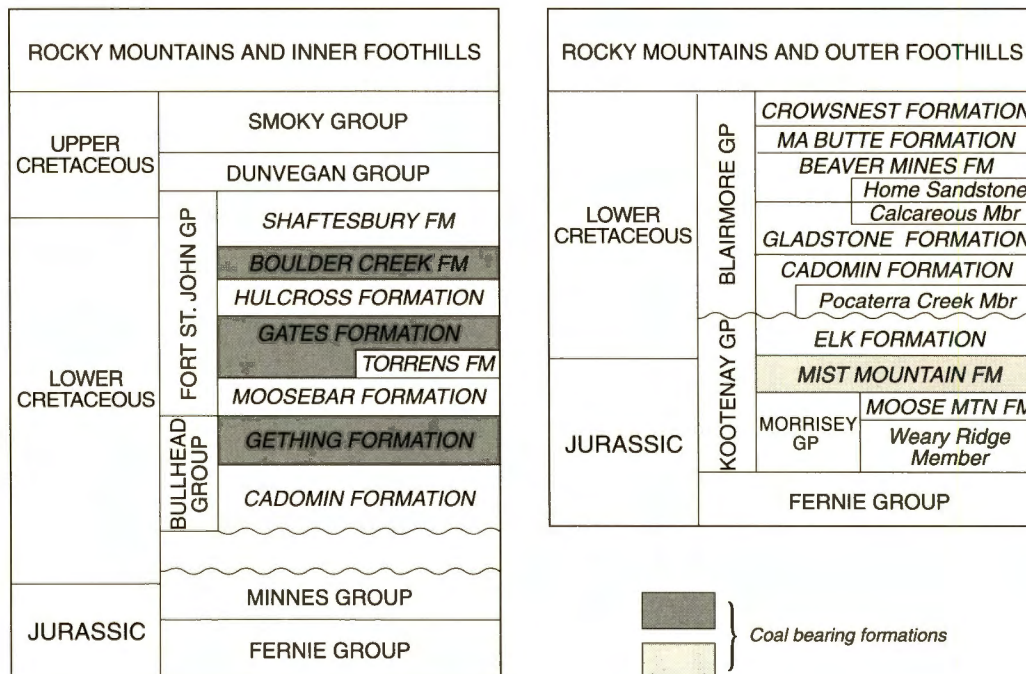
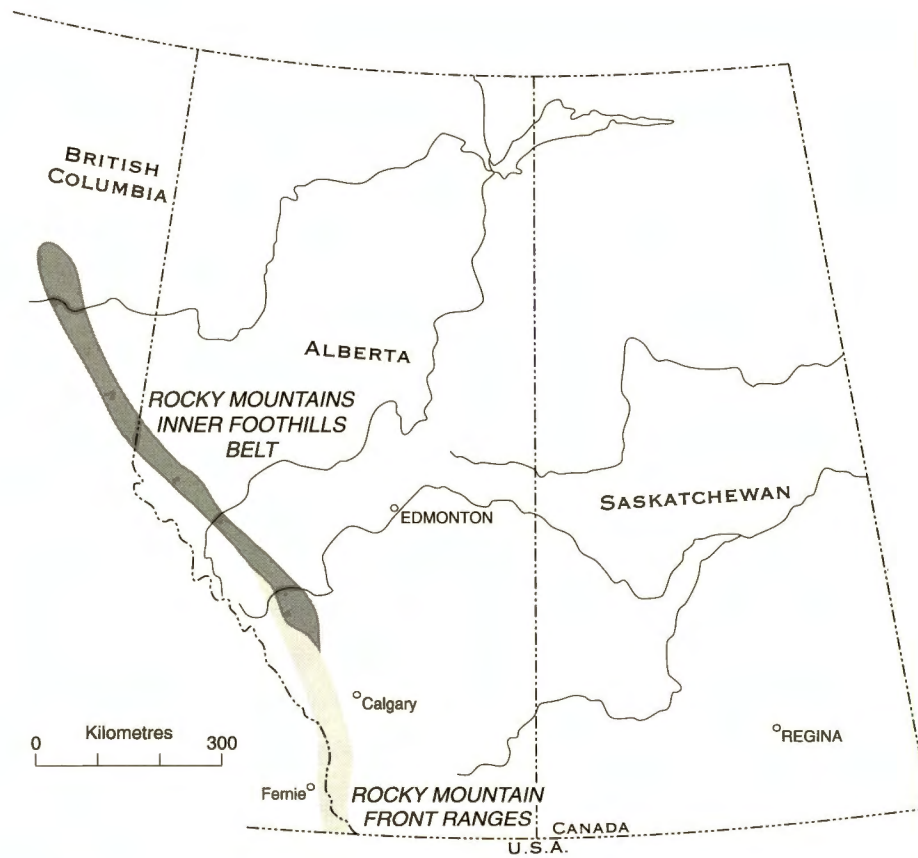


Figure 5b. Coalfields and coal-bearing formations of the Rocky Mountains and Foothills

PLATE 10

MEDIUM VOLATILE BITUMINOUS COALS VITRINITE MACERALS

All photomicrographs were taken using white incident light and oil immersion objectives

magnification: same for all photos; see scale bar in photo 1

coal rank: %R_{o,m} = mean maximum reflectance, in oil

- a. **collotelinite** (Ct) with well-preserved cell structure and resinite (R) inclusions; 1.16%R_{o,m}; Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Smoky River Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Foothills, Alberta
- b. **collotelinite** (Ct) showing some cell structure, associated with collodetrinite (Cd) and fusinite (Fu); 1.16%R_{o,m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation (Minnes Group), Peace River Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Foothills, northeastern British Columbia
- c. homogeneous **collotelinite** (Ct) showing faint structure and fusinite (Fu); 1.15%R_{o,m}; No. 2 coal zone, Jurassic–Lower Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Front Ranges, southeastern British Columbia
- d. **pseudovitrinite** ? (Psv) showing characteristic slits, internal fractures and slightly elevated reflectance; 1.20%R_{o,m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation (Minnes Group), Peace River Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Foothills, northeastern British Columbia
- e. **pseudovitrinite** (Psv) showing characteristic stepped grain boundaries and higher reflectance than collotelinite; 1.2%R_{o,m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation (Minnes Group), Peace River Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Foothills, northeastern British Columbia
- f. **collotelinite** (Ct) showing cell structure with fine granular micrinite (Mi) inclusions; 1.22%R_{o,m}; Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Smoky River Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Foothills, Alberta
- g. **collodetrinite** (Cd) with macrinite (Ma) and inertodetrinite (Id) inclusions; 1.16%R_{o,m}; No. 1 coal zone, Jurassic–Lower Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Front Ranges, southeastern British Columbia
- h. **collodetrinite** (Cd) with inertodetrinite (Id) and sporinite (Sp); 1.30%R_{o,m}; Mammoth Seam; Jurassic–Lower Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation; Crowsnest Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Front Ranges, southeastern British Columbia
- i. **collodetrinite** (Cd) groundmass with inertodetrinite (Id) and inclusions of mineral matter (black areas); 1.30%R_{o,m}; Balmer Seam, Jurassic–Lower Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Front Ranges, southeastern British Columbia
- j. **collodetrinite** (Cd) groundmass with inertodetrinite (Id), sporinite (Sp) and lens of semifusinite (Sf); 1.16%R_{o,m}; Jewel Seam, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Cadomin-Luscar Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Foothills, Alberta
- k. **collodetrinite** (Cd) with inertodetrinite (Id), semifusinite (Sf) and sporinite (Sp); 1.20%R_{o,m}; No. 2 coal zone, Jurassic–Lower Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Foothills, southeastern British Columbia
- l. **collodetrinite** (Cd) forms the groundmass for inertodetrinite (Id) and sporinite (Sp); 1.20%R_{o,m}; No. 2 coal zone, Jurassic–Lower Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Front Ranges, southeastern British Columbia

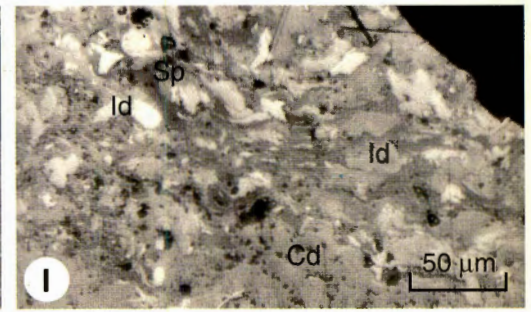
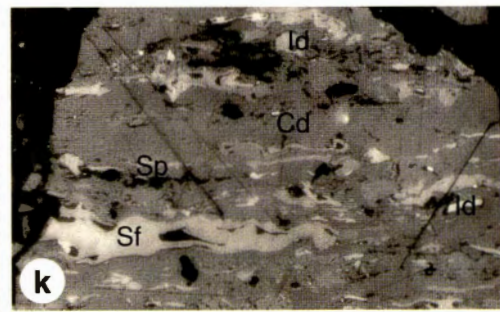
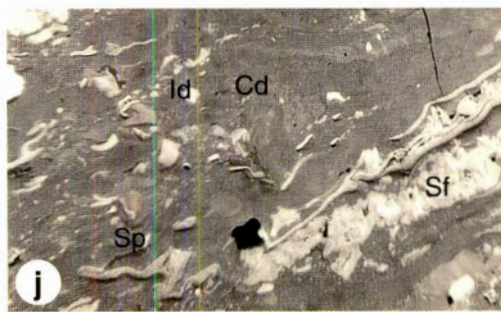
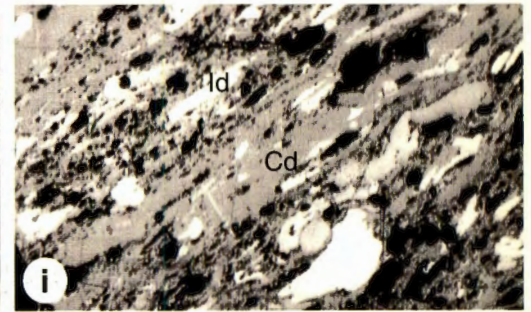
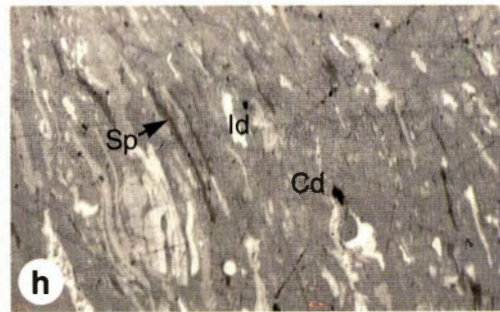
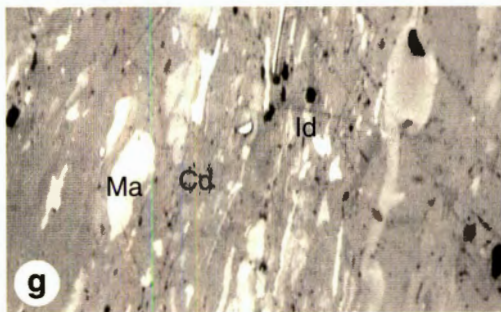
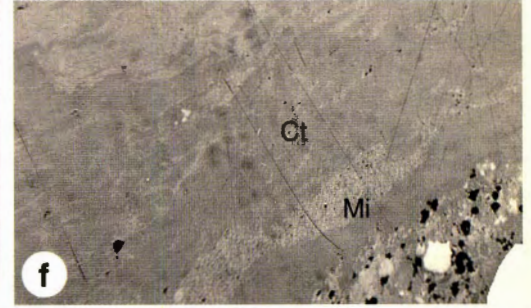
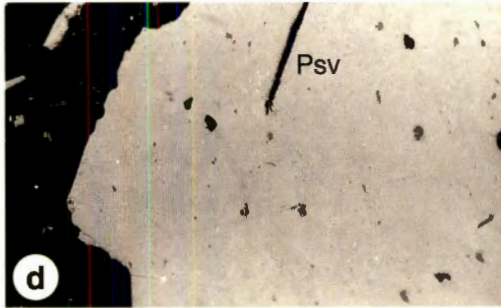
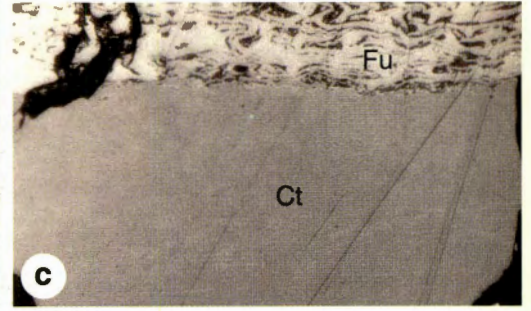
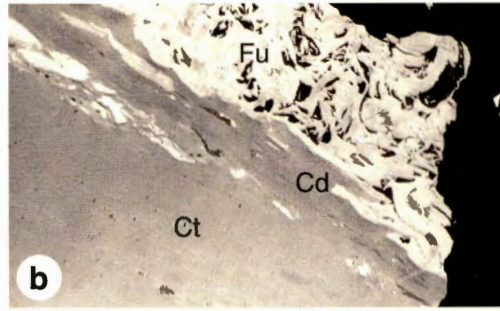
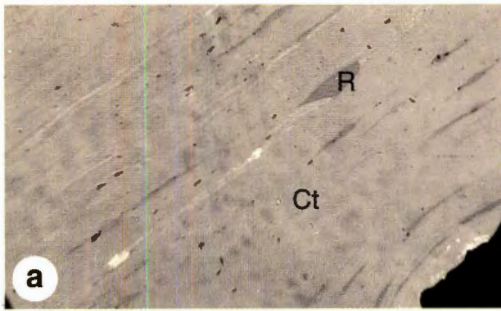


PLATE 11

MEDIUM VOLATILE BITUMINOUS COALS LIPTINITE MACERALS AND MINERAL MATTER

All photomicrographs except **b** and **h** were taken using white incident light and oil immersion objectives

magnification: same for all photos; see scale bar in photo **o**

coal rank: %R_{0m} = mean maximum reflectance, in oil

- a. **cutinite** (Cu) associated with corpogelinite (Cg) and collotelinite (Ct); 1.16%R_{0m}; Jewel Seam, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Cadomin-Luscar Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Foothills, Alberta
- b. weakly fluorescing **cutinite** (Cu), **resinite** (R), **sporinite** (Sp) and **liptodetrinite** (Ld) in non-fluorescing collodetrinite; 1.12%R_{0m}; unnamed seam in BP 81-13 well, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Cadomin-Luscar Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Foothills, Alberta; (incident blue light; oil immersion)
- c. **cutinite** (Cu) associated with collodetrinite (Cd) and inertodetrinite (Id); 1.16%R_{0m}; Jewel Seam, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Cadomin-Luscar Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Foothills, Alberta
- d. **sporinite** (Sp), collodetrinite (Cd) inertodetrinite (Id) and semifusinite (Sf); 1.12%R_{0m}; unnamed seam in BP well 81-13, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Cadomin-Luscar Coalfield, Rocky Mountain Foothills, Alberta
- e. **sporinite** (Sp), **cutinite** (Cu) and inertodetrinite (Id) in collodetrinite (Cd) groundmass; 1.3%R_{0m}; Mammoth Seam, Jurassic-Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, East Kootenay coal district, southeastern British Columbia
- f. **resinite** (R) in telinite (T) grading to collotelinite (Ct); 1.16%R_{0m}; Jewel Seam, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Cadomin-Luscar Coalfield, Alberta
- g. **resinite** (R) in telinite (T) grading to collotelinite (Ct); 1.18%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- h. fluorescing **liptodetrinite** (Ld) and **sporinite** (Sp) in vitrinite (V) groundmass; 1.12%R_{0m}; unnamed seam, BP well 81-13, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Cadomin-Luscar Coalfield, Alberta (incident blue light; oil immersion)
- i. **sporinite** (Sp) and framboids of **pyrite** (Py) in collodetrinite (Cd); 1.18%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- j. **calcite** (Ca) in inertinite-rich coal (In); 1.2%R_{0m}; No. 3 coal zone, Jurassic-Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, southwestern Alberta
- k. **calcite** (Ca) infilling open cell structure in fusinite (Fu); 1.2%R_{0m}; No. 3 coal zone, Jurassic-Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, southwestern Alberta
- l. **kaolinite** (K) in carbargillite interval; 1.2%R_{0m}; No. 3 coal zone, Jurassic-Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, southwestern Alberta
- m. **mineral matter** and micrinite (Mi) concretions in collodetrinite (Cd); 1.18%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- n. **mineral matter** (Mm) with collotelinite (Ct) and funginite (Fg); 1.18%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- o. **mineral matter** (Mm) in large concentrations in carbargillite interval, with collotelinite (Ct) lenses; 1.2%R_{0m}; No. 3 coal zone, Jurassic-Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, southwestern Alberta

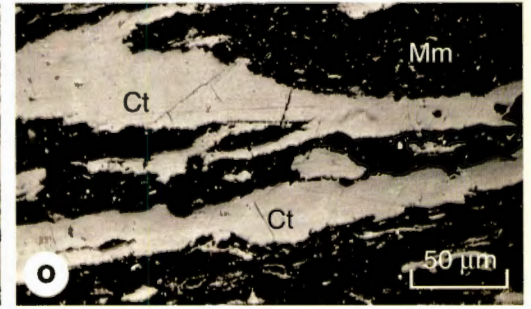
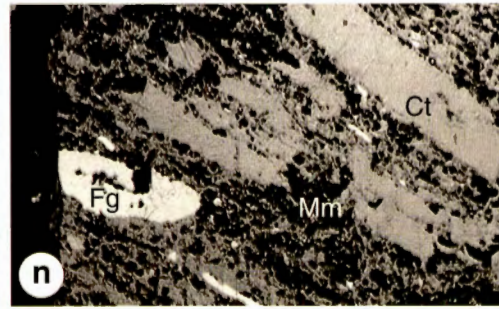
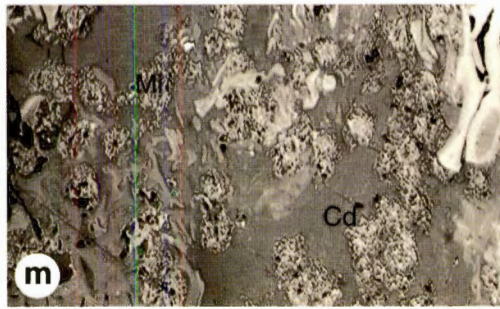
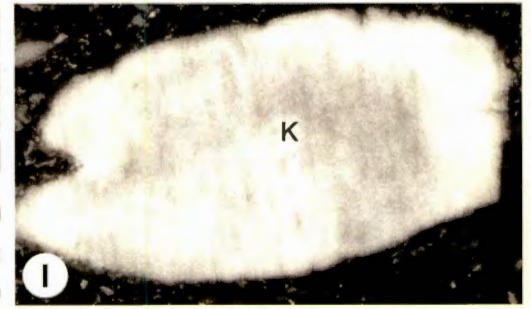
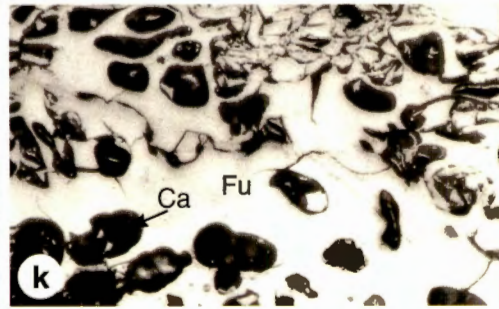
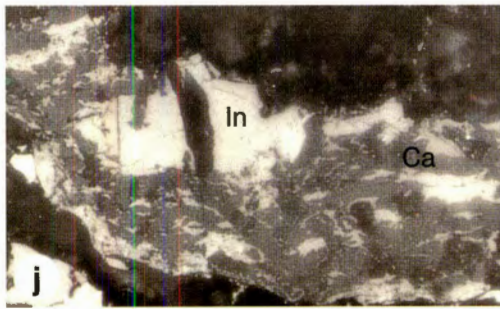
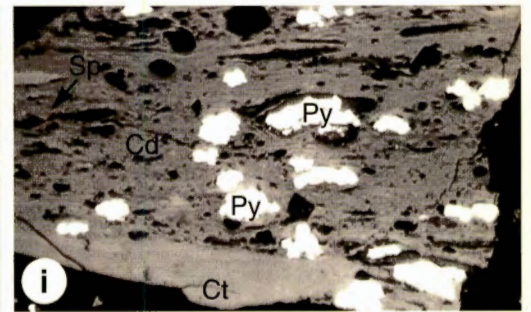
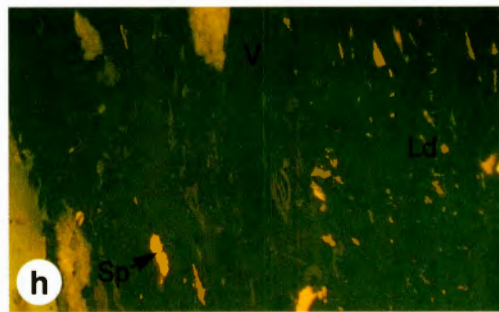
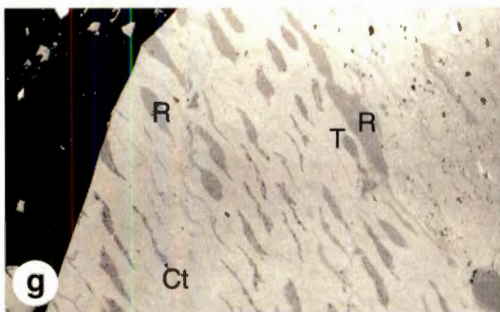
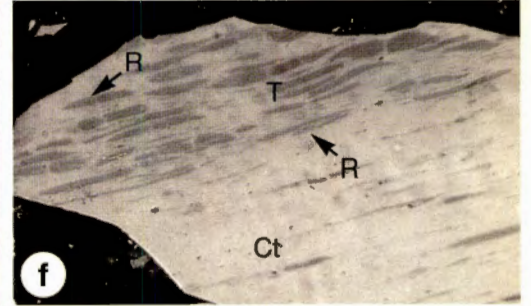
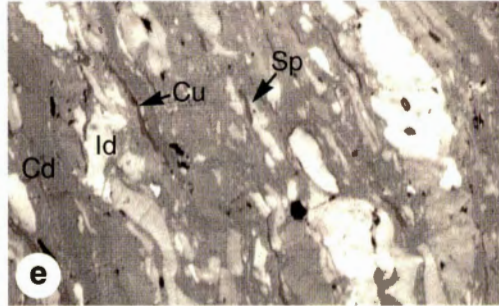
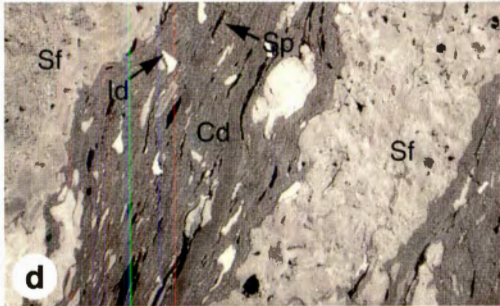
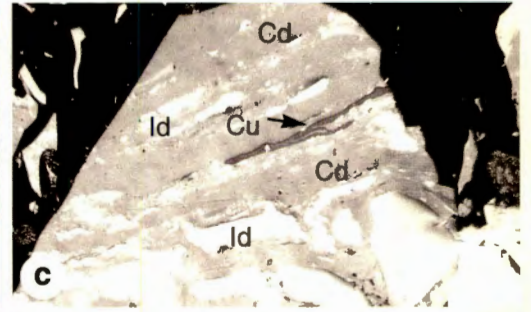
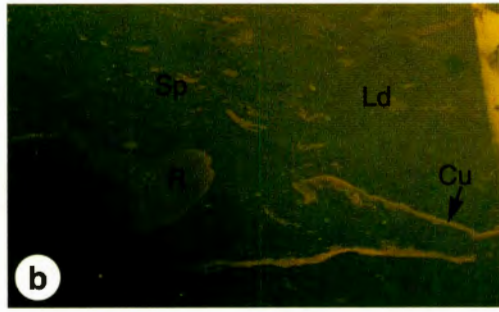
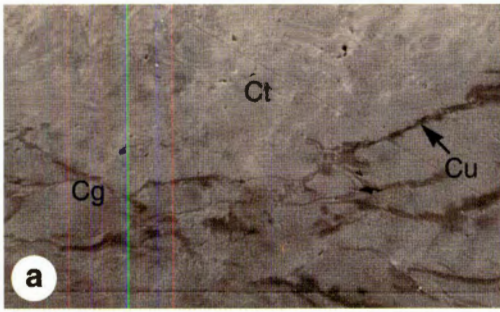


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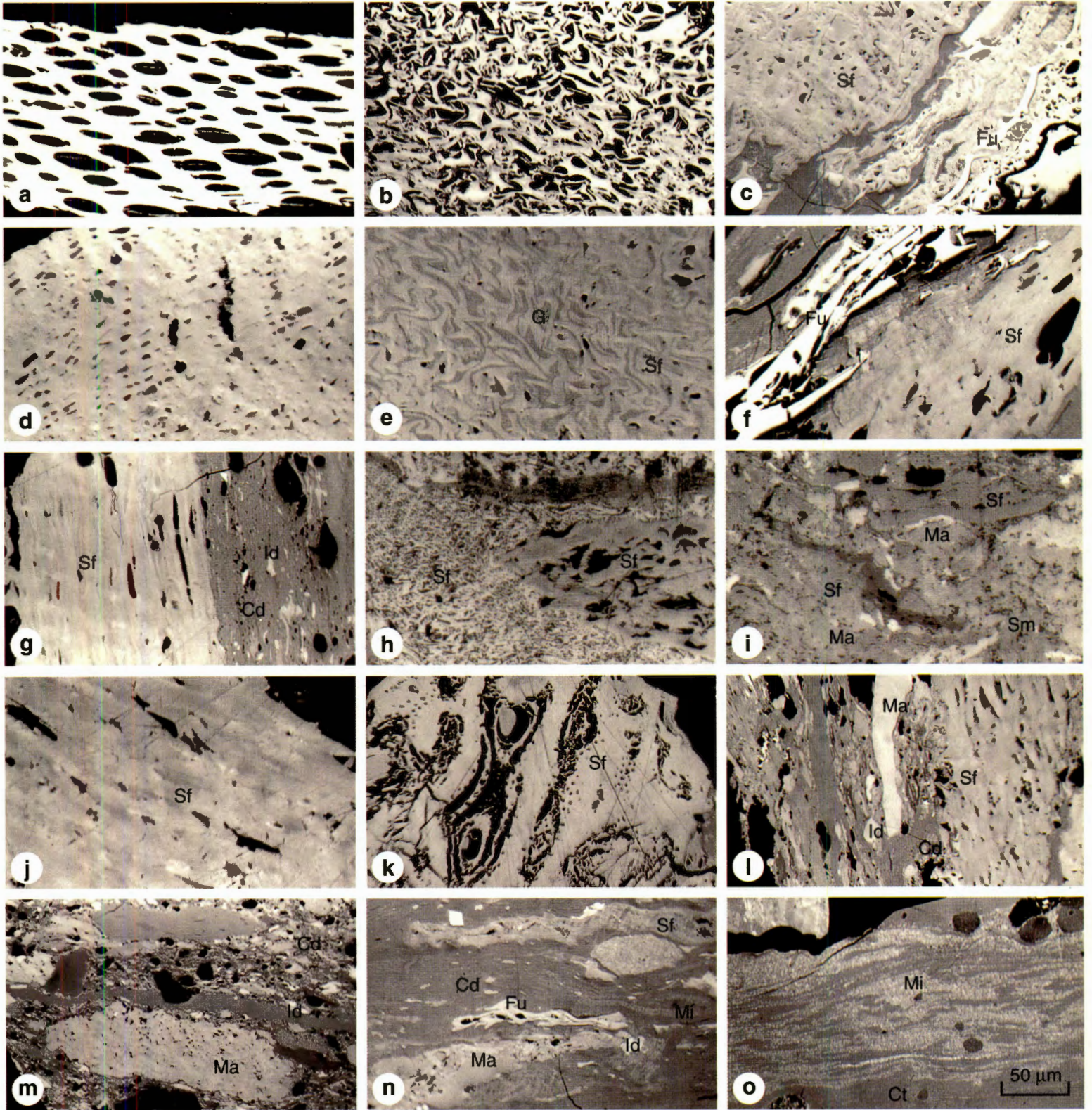
MEDIUM VOLATILE BITUMINOUS COALS INERTINITE MACERALS

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- a. **fusinite** with characteristic high reflectance and open cell luminae; 1.2%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- b. **fusinite** with bogen structure; 1.15%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- c. **semifusinite** (Sf) with **fusinite** (Fu); note the high relief of the fusinite; 1.16%R_{0m}; Jewel Seam, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Smoky River Coalfield, Alberta
- d. **semifusinite** with open cell structure; note the significantly lower reflectance compared to fusinite (in photo a); 1.2%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- e. **semifusinite** (Sf) with gelinite (G) infilling; 1.16%R_{0m}; No. 4 Seam, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Smoky River Coalfield, Alberta
- f. **semifusinite** (Sf) and **fusinite** (Fu); note the differences in relief and reflectivity; 1.22%R_{0m}; Seam No. 4, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Smoky River Coalfield, Alberta
- g. **semifusinite** (Sf) and collodetrinite (Cd) with **inertodetrinite** (Id); 1.2%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- h. **semifusinite** (Sf) from different sources showing differences in reflectance and morphology; 1.2%R_{0m}; No. 4 coal zone, Jurassic–Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, southwestern Alberta
- i. **semifusinite** (Sf) transitional to **macrinite** (Ma) (?semimacrinite/gelovitrinite (Sm)); 1.2%R_{0m}; No. 3 coal zone, Jurassic–Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, southwestern Alberta
- j. anisotropic **semifusinite** (Sf) viewed under partly crossed polars to show undulose extinction; 1.35%R_{0m}; No. 10 coal zone, Jurassic–Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, East Kootenay coal district; southeastern British Columbia
- k. **semifusinite** (Sf); 1.22%R_{0m}; Seam 4, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Smoky River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- l. **inertodetrinite** (Id) and **macrinite** (Ma) in collodetrinite (Cd) and semifusinite (Sf); 1.22%R_{0m}; Seam 4, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Smoky River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- m. **macrinite** (Ma) with **inertodetrinite** (Id) and collodetrinite (Cd); 1.20%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Gething Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- n. various inertinites in collodetrinite (Cd): **fusinite** (Fu), **semifusinite** (Sf), **macrinite** (Ma), **micrinite?** (Mi) and **inertodetrinite** (Id); 1.16%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia
- o. **micrinite** (Mi) lenses in collotelinite (Ct); 1.20%R_{0m}; Lower Cretaceous Bickford Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia



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LOW VOLATILE BITUMINOUS COAL

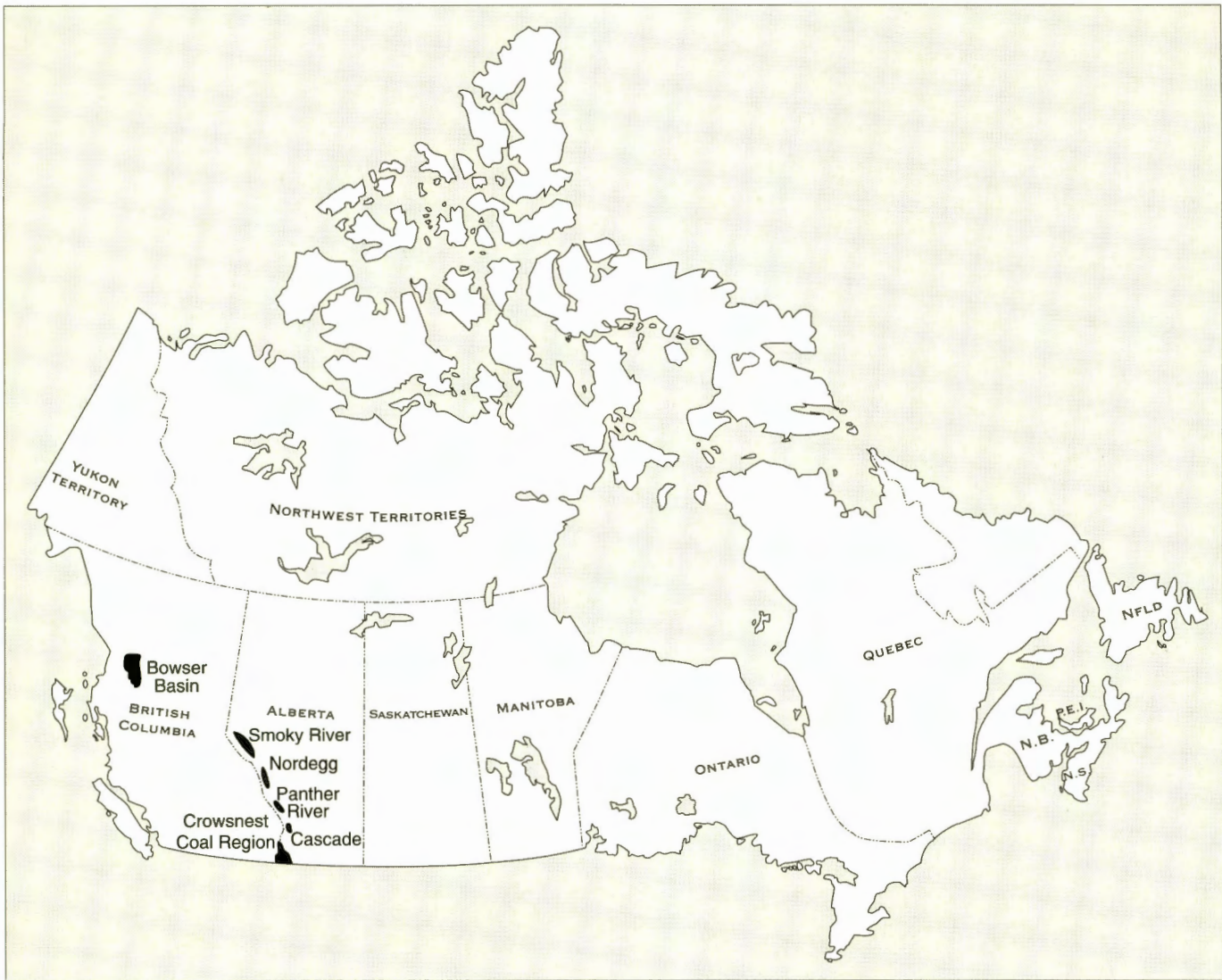


Figure 6a. Low volatile bituminous coal deposits

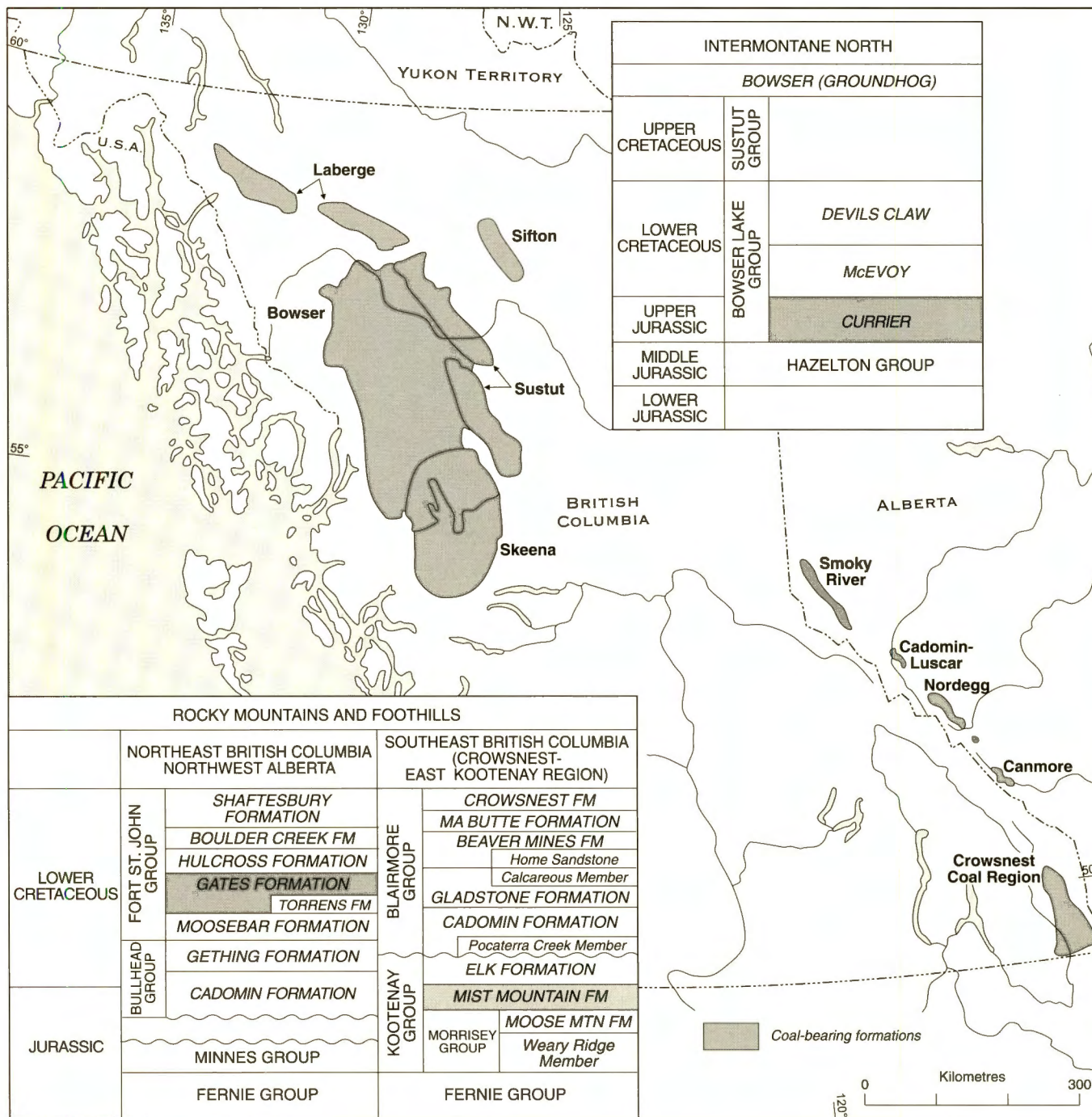


Figure 6b. Coalfields and coal-bearing formations of western Canada

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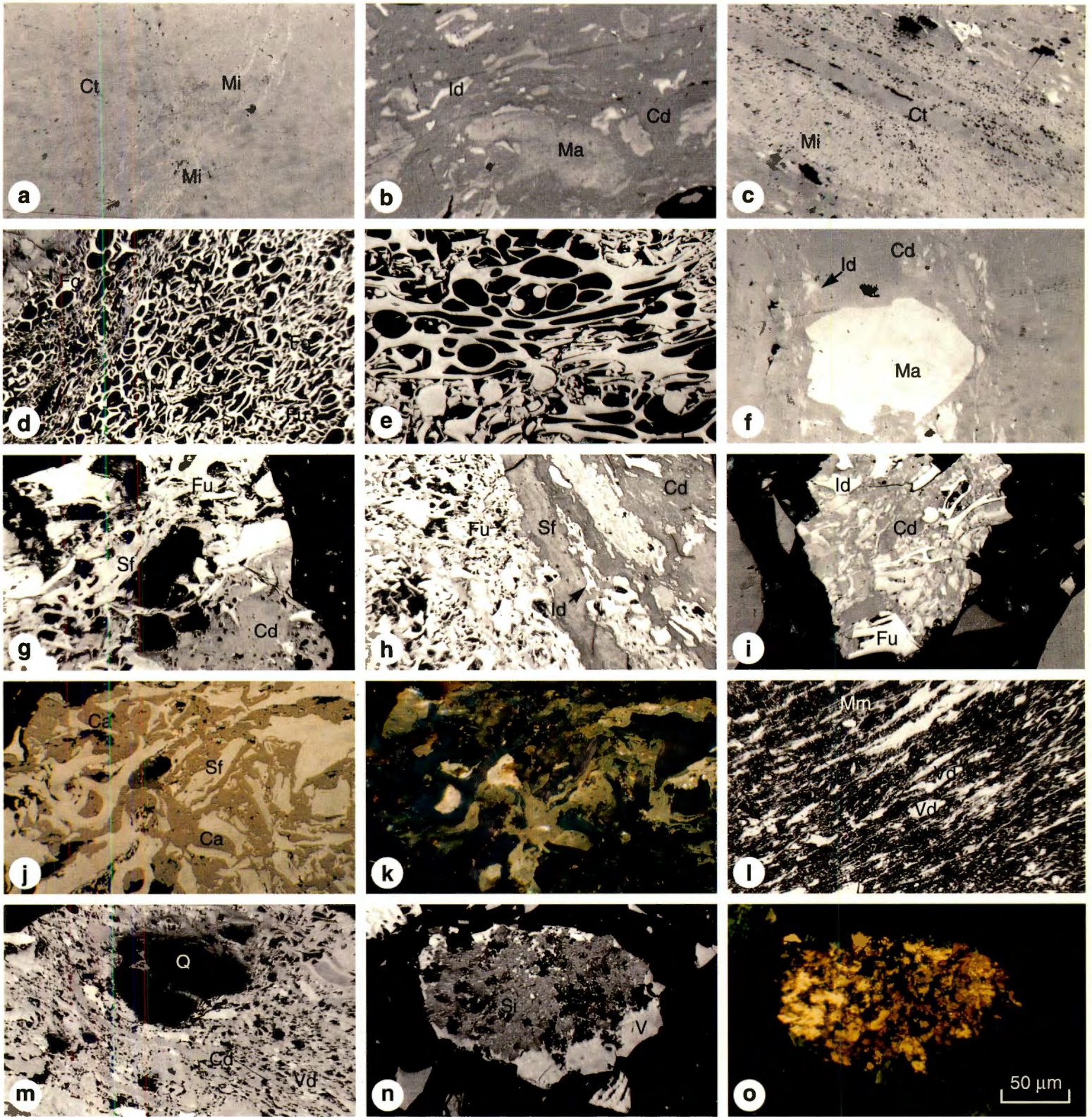
LOW VOLATILE BITUMINOUS COALS ALL MACERALS

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- a. **collotelinite** (Ct) (?pseudovitrinite) with **micrinite** (Mi) lenses; 1.43%R_{0m}; No.10 Seam, Jurassic–Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, East Kootenay coal district, southeastern British Columbia
- b. **collodetrinite** (Cd) groundmass with inclusions of **inertodetrinite** (Id) and **macrinite** (Ma); 1.52%R_{0m}; Jurassic–Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, East Kootenay coal district, southeastern British Columbia
- c. high density **micrinite** (Mi) bands intercalated with thin **collotelinite** (Ct) bands; 1.62%R_{0m}; No. 4 Seam, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Smoky River Coalfield, Alberta
- d. **fusinite** (Fu) containing dispersed **funginite** (Fg); 1.62%R_{0m}; No. 4 Seam, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Smoky River Coalfield, Alberta
- e. **fusinite** with open cell lumina; 1.62%R_{0m}; No. 4 Seam, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Smoky River Coalfield, Alberta
- f. **macrinite** (Ma) and **inertodetrinite** (Id) embedded in **collodetrinite** (Cd); 1.62%R_{0m}; No. 4 seam, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Smoky River Coalfield, Alberta
- g. **semifusinite** (Sf) with **fusinite** (Fu) and **collodetrinite** (Cd), 1.43%R_{0m}; No.10 Seam, Jurassic–Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, East Kootenay coal district, British Columbia
- h. **fusinite** (Fu) with **semifusinite** (Sf), **collodetrinite** (Cd) and **inertodetrinite** (Id); 1.43%R_{0m}; No.10 Seam, Jurassic–Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, East Kootenay coal district, southeastern British Columbia
- i. **fusinite** (Fu) with large **inertodetrinite** (Id) fragments embedded in **collodetrinite** (Cd); 1.43%R_{0m}; No.10 seam, Jurassic–Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, East Kootenay coal district, southeastern British Columbia
- j. **semifusinite** (Sf) impregnated by **carbonate** (Ca) (white light); 1.43%R_{0m}; No.10 Seam, Jurassic–Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Crowsnest Coalfield, East Kootenay coal district, southeastern British Columbia
- k. same field as j, crossed polars
- l. **mineral matter** (clay minerals) (Mm) with lenses and grains of **vitrodetrinite** (Vd) embedded in it; 1.62%R_{0m}; No. 4 Seam, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Smoky River Coalfield, Alberta
- m. **quartz** grains (Q) in **collodetrinite** (Cd) and **vitrodetrinite** (Vd); 1.62%R_{0m}; No. 4 Seam, Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Smoky River Coalfield, Alberta
- n. **carbonate** mineral (?siderite), (Si) associated with **vitrinite** (V)(?**collotelinite**); 1.43%R_{0m}; No.10 Seam, Jurassic–Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Sparwood, British Columbia
- o. Same field as n, crossed polars



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SEMIANTHRACITES AND ANTHRACITES



Figure 7a. Anthracite and semianthracite deposits

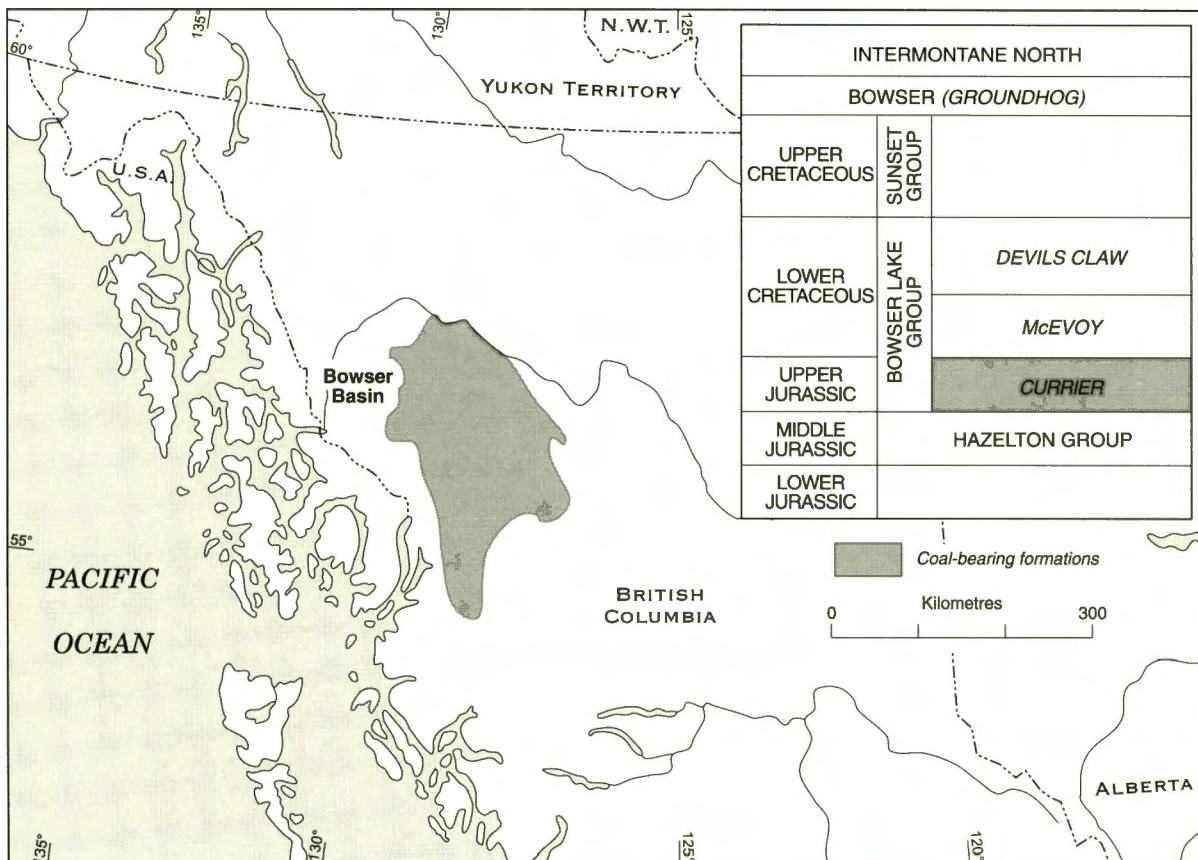
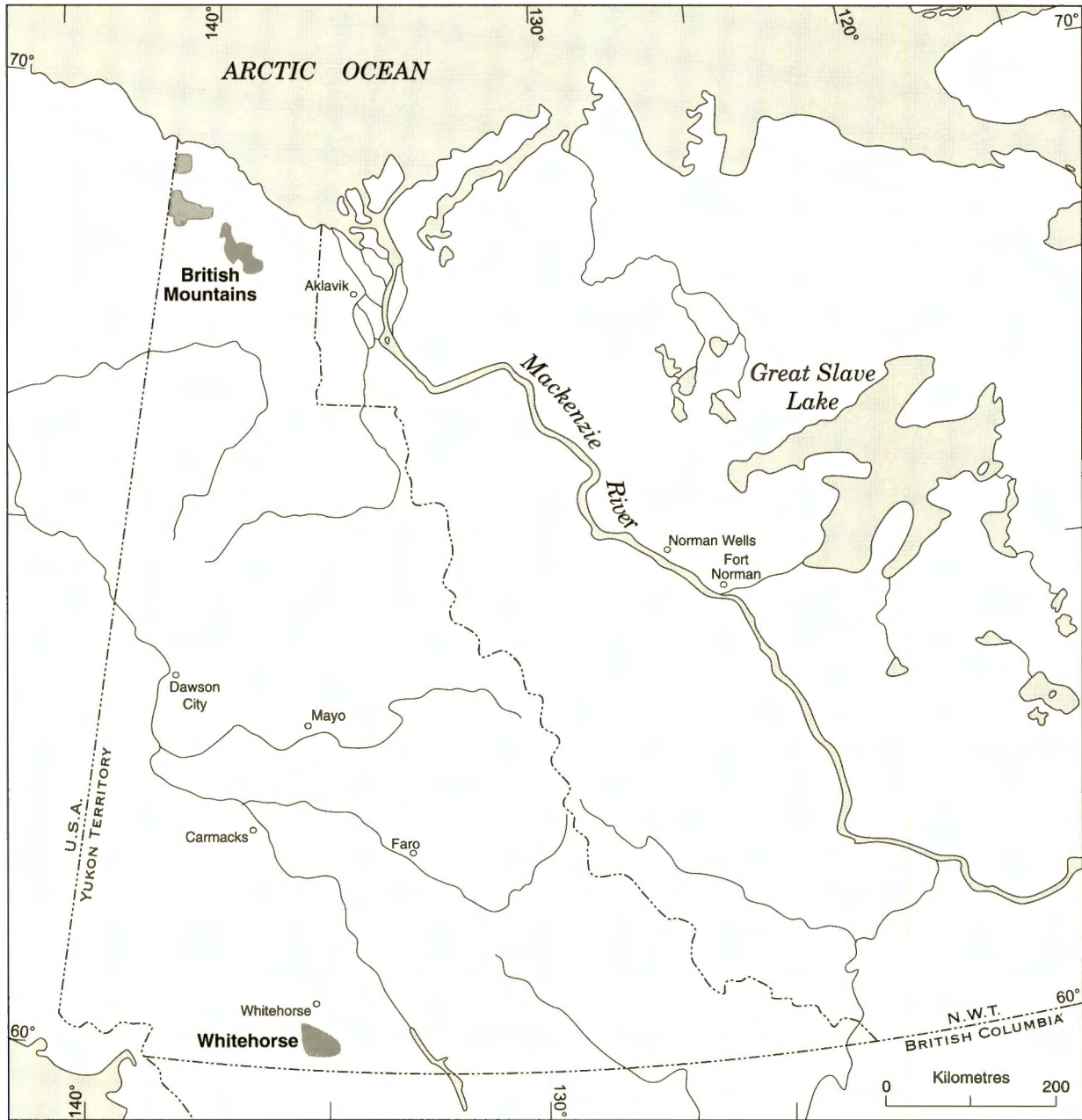


Figure 7b. Coal-bearing formations of interior British Columbia



BRITISH MOUNTAINS - HOIDAHL DOME	
JURASSIC- LOWER CRETACEOUS	KINGAK FORMATION
LOWER CARBONIFEROUS	KAYAK FORMATION
	KEKIKTUK FORMATION
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Figure 7c. Coal-bearing formations of northern Yukon Territory

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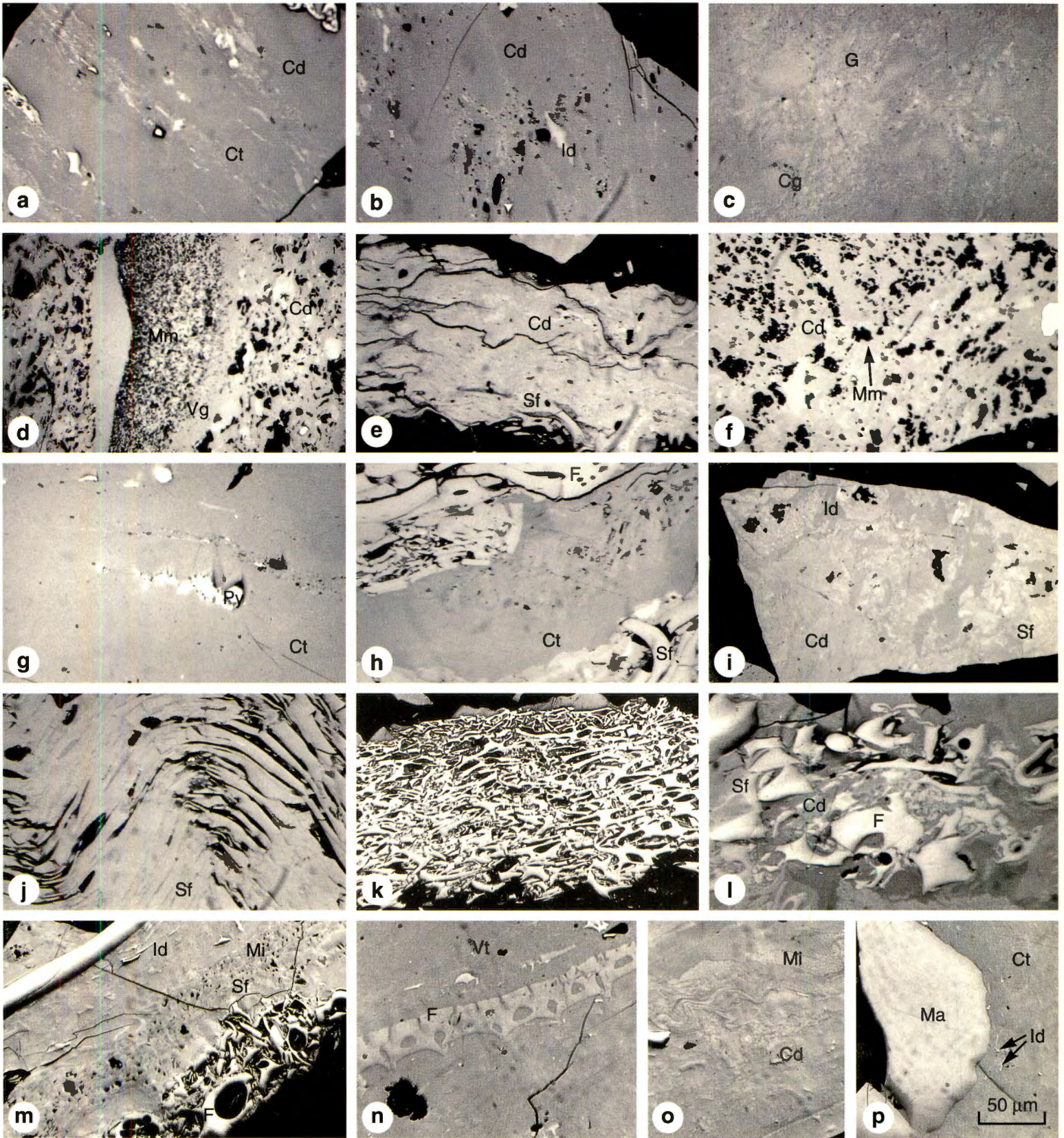
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- a. laminae of **collotelinite** (Ct) and **collodetrinite** (Cd); semianthracite (2.94%R_{0m}), Lower Carboniferous Kayak Formation, Hoidahl Dome region, Yukon Territory
- b. **collodetrinite** (Cd) and **inertodetrinite** (Id); semianthracite (2.0%R_{0m}), Jurassic–Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Cascade Coalfield, Alberta
- c. **corpogelinite** (Cg) and **gelinite** (G) mottled with **inertodetrinite**; semianthracite (2.0%R_{0m}), Jurassic–Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Cascade Coalfield, Alberta
- d. **mineral matter** (Mm) impregnated with **gelovitrinite** (Vg) and **collodetrinite** (Cd); semianthracite (2.0%R_{0m}), Jurassic–Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Cascade Coalfield, Alberta
- e. **collodetrinite** (Cd) with inclusions of **semifusinite** (Sf); semianthracite (2.83%R_{0m}), Lower Cretaceous Carrier Formation, Groundhog Coalfield, British Columbia
- f. **collodetrinite** (Cd) with inclusions of **mineral matter** (Mm); semianthracite (2.83%R_{0m}), Lower Cretaceous Carrier Formation, Groundhog Coalfield, British Columbia
- g. **pyrite** (Py) framboids in **collotelinite** (Ct); anthracite (3.04%R_{0m}), Lower Cretaceous Carrier Formation, Groundhog Coalfield, British Columbia
- h. **collotelinite** (Ct) with **fusinite** (F) and **semifusinite** (Sf); anthracite (3.04%R_{0m}), Lower Cretaceous Carrier Formation, Groundhog Coalfield, British Columbia
- i. **collodetrinite** (Cd) with inclusions of **inertodetrinite** (Id) and **?semifusinite** (Sf); anthracite (3.04%R_{0m}), Lower Cretaceous Carrier Formation, Groundhog Coalfield, British Columbia
- j. tectonic folds in **semifusinite** (Sf); anthracite (3.89%R_{0m}), Lower Cretaceous Carrier Formation, Groundhog Coalfield, British Columbia
- k. **fusinite**, showing positive relief; semianthracite (2.99%R_{0m}), Lower Carboniferous Kayak Formation, Hoidahl Dome region, Yukon Territory
- l. **fusinite** (F), showing positive relief, and **semifusinite** (Sf) in **collodetrinite** (Cd); semianthracite (2.88%R_{0m}), Lower Carboniferous Kayak Formation, Hoidahl Dome region, Yukon Territory
- m. **semifusinite** (Sf) and **fusinite** (F) with traces of **micrinite** (Mi) and **inertodetrinite** (Id); semianthracite (3.00%R_{0m}), Lower Carboniferous Kayak Formation, Hoidahl Dome region, Yukon Territory
- n. **fusinite** (F) showing high relief, in **telovitrinite** (Vt); semianthracite (2.99%R_{0m}), Lower Carboniferous Kayak Formation, Hoidahl Dome region, Yukon Territory
- o. **micrinite** (Mi) lenses and inclusions in **collodetrinite** (Cd); semianthracite (3.00%R_{0m}), Lower Carboniferous Kayak Formation, Hoidahl Dome region, Yukon Territory
- p. **macrinite** (Ma) and **inertodetrinite** (arrows) associated with **collotelinite** (Ct); semi-anthracite (2.94%R_{0m}), Lower Carboniferous Kayak Formation, Hoidahl Dome region, Yukon Territory



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PLATE 15

CARBONIZATION RESIDUES

All photomicrographs were taken using white incident light under partly crossed polars and oil immersion objectives

magnification: scale in photo **b** applies to all except photos **a**, **k** and **m**; scale for these is in photo **a**

coke quality information: CBI = Composition Balance Index; CSI = Coke Strength Index StI = Coke Stability Index;
FSI = Free Swelling Index

coke textures: based on classification of Grint and Marsh (1981)

a to e are cokes from medium volatile bituminous coal ($VR_{0,m}$: 1.27%), Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Peace River Coalfield, northeastern British Columbia; CBI:1.26, CSI: 5.07, StI: 55.1, FSI: 7.5

- a. binder phase coke typical of this coal showing mainly fine- to medium-grained mosaic textures, fine pores; note the presence of inertinite (I)
- b. binder coke showing abundant inertinite chars (I); pores are predominantly $< 5 \mu\text{m}$ or $> 30 \mu\text{m}$
- c. large pores in coke showing coherent wall structure
- d. good bonding between vitrinite coke and inertinite (I)
- e. coke area with relatively low pore density because of high inertinite (I) content

f to j are cokes from a blend of low volatile bituminous coals (mean $VR_{0,m}$: 1.55%), Lower Cretaceous Gates Formation, Smoky River Coalfield, northwestern Alberta; CBI: 4.02, CSI: 6.82, StI: 49.3, FSI:5

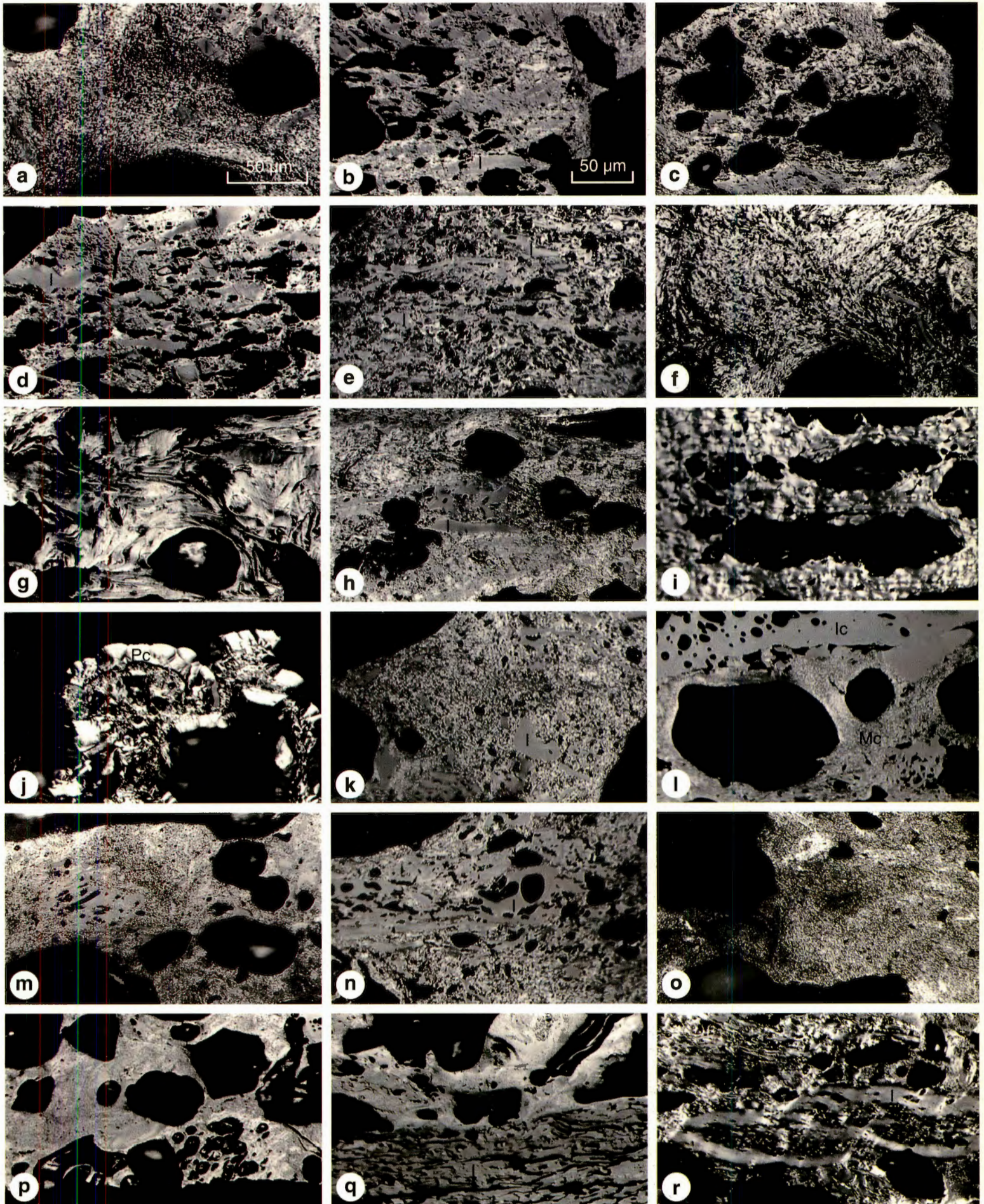
- f. coke from vitrite showing medium flow (lenticular) and medium grained mosaic textures
- g. coarse flow (ribbon) textures associated with the walls of large pores in vitrite; this is the main coke texture derived from coal of this rank
- h. good bonding between inertinites (I) and medium grained textures
- i. semifusinite containing large pores
- j. pyrolytic carbon (Pc) coating the surface of pores and coarse grained mosaic coke from vitrite

k to n are cokes from a blend of two medium volatile bituminous coals (mean $VR_{0,m}$: 1.16%), Jurassic-Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Elk Valley Coalfield, British Columbia; CBI: 1.76, CSI: 4.32, StI: 50.3, FSI:6.5

- k. coke with fine grained mosaic texture and isotropic inertinites (I) showing low porosity and good bonding; scale as shown in **a**
- l. pores $> 100 \mu\text{m}$ in coke with fine grained mosaic (Mc) coated with isotropic, vesicular coke (Ic)
- m. coke with fine grained mosaic texture and heterogeneous coalescing pores; scale as shown in **a**
- n. isotropic inertinites (I) in coke with fine grained mosaics

o to r are cokes from high volatile bituminous A coal ($VR_{0,m}$: 0.98%), Jurassic-Cretaceous Mist Mountain Formation, Elk Valley Coalfield, British Columbia; CBI: 0.50, CSI: 3.51, StI: 40.7

- o. coke from vitrinite with very fine grained mosaic texture (main texture in this coke)
- p. large irregular pores $> 50 \mu\text{m}$ and small pores $< 20 \mu\text{m}$ with narrow pore walls
- q. large pores concentrated along boundaries between vitrinite coke and inertite (I) band
- r. fine grained mosaic coke containing some slightly anisotropic inertinites (I)



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SECTION II DISPERSED ORGANIC MATTER AND BITUMENS

PLATE 16

DISPERSED ORGANIC MATTER HERBACEOUS MACERALS: VITRINITE–INERTINITE–LIPTINITE

Photomicrographs **a** to **h**, **j** to **m** and **p** were taken using white incident light and oil immersion objectives, photos **i**, **n**, **o** and **q** to **v** were taken using fluorescent incident light and oil immersion objectives
magnification: same for all photos; see scale bar in photo **v**

- a. large **vitrite** particle (V) in coaly shale; Carboniferous Stoddart Group, Alberta
- b. **vitrite** (V) in pyrite-rich marl; Triassic Schei Point Group, Canadian Arctic
- c. **vitrite** band (V) in shale; Triassic Schei Point Group, Canadian Arctic
- d. **huminite** (H) in Upper Cretaceous Colorado Group shale, Williston Basin, Saskatchewan
- e. low-reflecting **huminite** maceral (H) in crater facies of a kimberlite intrusion; probably Eocene age, Northwest Territories
- f. **fusinite** (F) in shaly carbonate, Upper Carboniferous Golata Formation, Yukon Territory
- g. **fusinite** (F) and inertodetrinite (I) in marlstone; Lower Carboniferous Emma Fiord Formation, Devon Island, Canadian Arctic
- h,i. **fusinite** (F) and **inertodetrinite** (I) macerals within marlstone. Porosity associated with the fusinites is infilled with yellow-fluorescing **exsudatinite** (E). Photo **h** is white light image and photo **i**, fluorescent light; Lower Carboniferous Emma Fiord Formation, Devon Island, Canadian Arctic
- j. **inertinite** derived from a terrestrial spore; Upper Devonian Dawson Bay Formation equivalent, Alberta Basin
- k. **faunal inertinite** (arrow) within a bitumen-rich, carbonate and phosphate matrix; Upper Jurassic Nordegg Formation, Alberta
- l. **inertinite** (I) derived from a filamentous alga or a fungal body (funginite?), viewed perpendicular to bedding; Upper Jurassic Nordegg Formation, Alberta
- m. **inertinite** (I) derived from a filamentous alga or a fungal body (funginite?) viewed parallel to bedding; Upper Jurassic Nordegg Formation, Alberta
- n. Middle Devonian **sporinite** viewed perpendicular to bedding; Elk Point Group, Alberta
- o. Middle Devonian **sporinite** (S) in parallel-to-bedding view showing trilete mark; Elk Point Group, Alberta
- p,q. Lower Carboniferous **sporinite** (S) shown perpendicular to bedding; **p** is white light image and **q**, fluorescent light. Note exine and endine layers in the sporinite; Lower Carboniferous Emma Fiord Formation, Devon Island, Canadian Arctic
- r. Lower Carboniferous **sporinite** (S) shown parallel to bedding, showing trilete mark and associated with coccoidal *Pila* alginite (A); Emma Fiord Formation, Devon Island, Canadian Arctic
- s. several varieties of **sporinite**, probably derived from spores; Lower Carboniferous Emma Fiord Formation, Devon Island, Canadian Arctic
- t. echinate sculpture on a thick-walled **sporinite**; Lower Carboniferous Emma Fiord Formation, Devon Island, Canadian Arctic
- u. gemmate sculpture on **sporinite**; Upper Carboniferous Mattson Formation, Yukon Territory
- v. **sporinite** - sporangium viewed perpendicular to bedding; Upper Carboniferous Mattson Formation, Yukon Territory

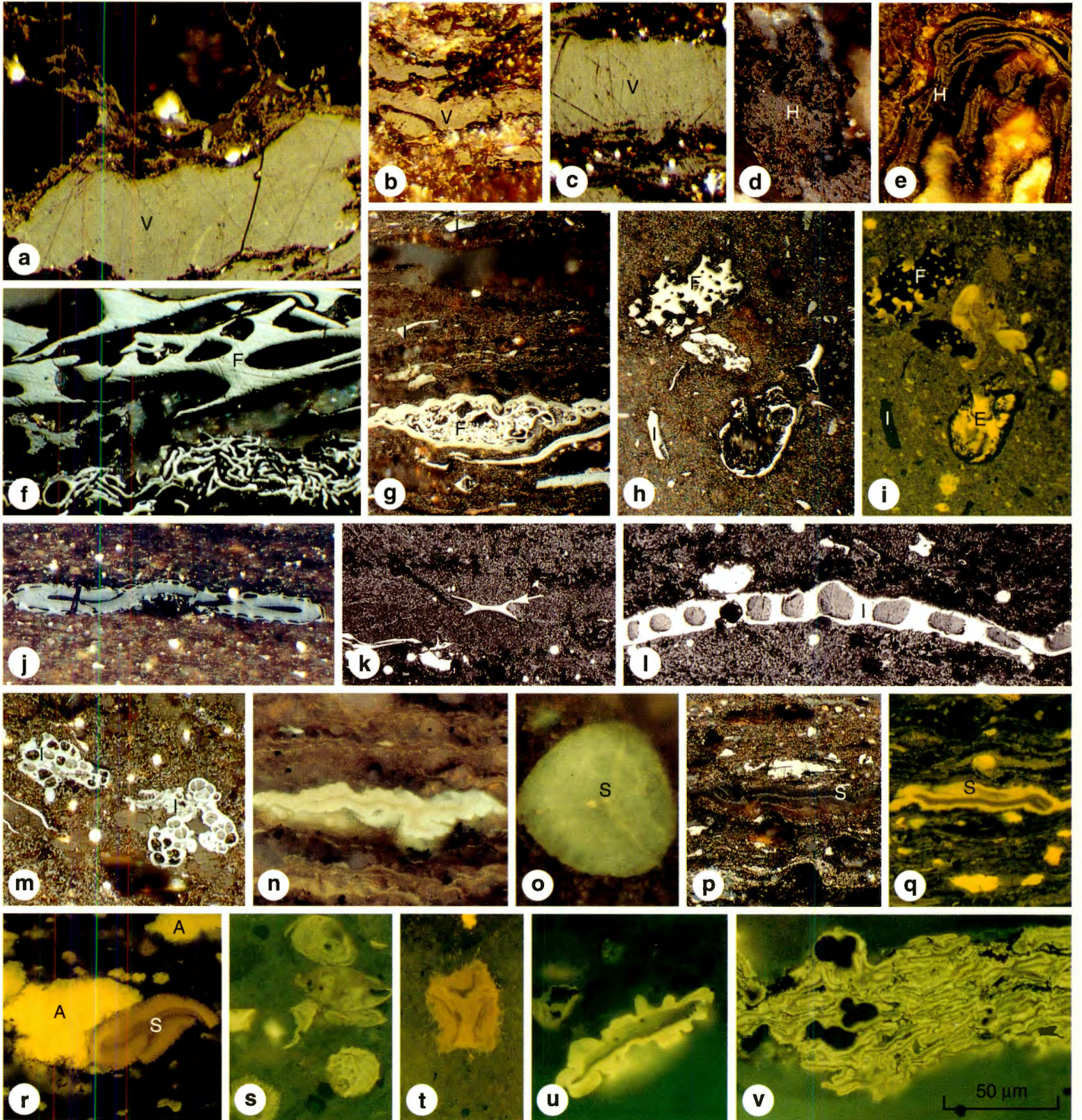


PLATE 17

DISPERSED ORGANIC MATTER HERBACEOUS MACERALS: VITRINITE–INERTINITE–LIPTINITE

All photomicrographs were taken using fluorescent incident light, except photos **c** to **e**, **h** and **t** which were taken using white incident light
magnification: same for all photos; see scale bar in photo **v**

- a. orange-fluorescing **sporinite** displaying zonation of the fluorescence intensity about the trilete mark; Upper Carboniferous, Mattson Formation, Yukon Territory
- b. **sporinite** emitting variable fluorescence colours and a significant 'softening' or morphological distortion in response to thermal maturation and burial; Upper Devonian Duvernay Formation, Alberta Basin, Alberta; thermal maturity approximately 0.70% R_o (vitrinite equivalent)
- c. **sporinite** from marginally mature, marine source rock, with minute inclusions of bitumen; Upper Devonian Duvernay Formation, Alberta Basin
- d. **sporinite** from mature source rock showing micrinitized margin; Upper Devonian Duvernay Formation, Alberta Basin
- e. **sporinite** from overmature source rock with inclusions of devolatilized bitumen (arrow); Upper Devonian Duvernay Formation, Alberta Basin
- f,g. red-fluorescing **sporinite** viewed (**f**) perpendicular and (**g**) parallel to bedding; Upper Jurassic Vanguard Formation, Saskatchewan
- h,i. Mesozoic **sporinite** showing trilete mark; **h** is white light image and **i**, fluorescent light; Upper Cretaceous Colorado Group, Saskatchewan
- j,k. **sporinite** derived from pollen grains; Upper Cretaceous Colorado Group, Saskatchewan
- l. **sporinite** derived from pollen found in crater facies of kimberlite intrusion; probably Eocene age, Northwest Territories
- m. degraded **sporinite** derived from a pollen grain; Upper Triassic Schei Point Group, Canadian Arctic
- n. thick-walled, orange-fluorescing **cutinite**; Lower Carboniferous Mattson Formation, Yukon Territory
- o. thin-walled cuticular maceral (**cutinite?**); Upper Cretaceous Belly River Formation, Saskatchewan
- p. thick-walled, yellow-fluorescing **cutinite** (Cu) from within crater facies of a kimberlite intrusion; probably Eocene age, Northwest Territories
- q. **cutinite** (Cu) associated with **collodetrinite** (Cd) and fluorescing matrix bituminite; viewed perpendicular to bedding; Upper Devonian Beaverhill Lake Group, Alberta
- r. citron-fluorescing **resinite** within vitrinite-rich (V) shale; Lower Cretaceous Mannville Group, Saskatchewan
- s,t. sub-rounded particle of **resinite** with an alteration rim (probably due to oxidation) clearly visible in fluorescent light (**s**); Upper Cretaceous Colorado Group, Saskatchewan
- u. yellow-fluorescing **resinite** (possibly fluorinite; arrows) within "**phyllovitrinite**" (V); Upper Devonian Beaverhill Lake Group, Alberta
- v. red-fluorescing chlorophyllinite (arrow) within dark "**phyllovitrinite**" (V) embedded in a fluorescing matrix bituminite; Upper Devonian Beaverhill Lake Group, Alberta (note the red colour fades very rapidly during exposure to uv light)

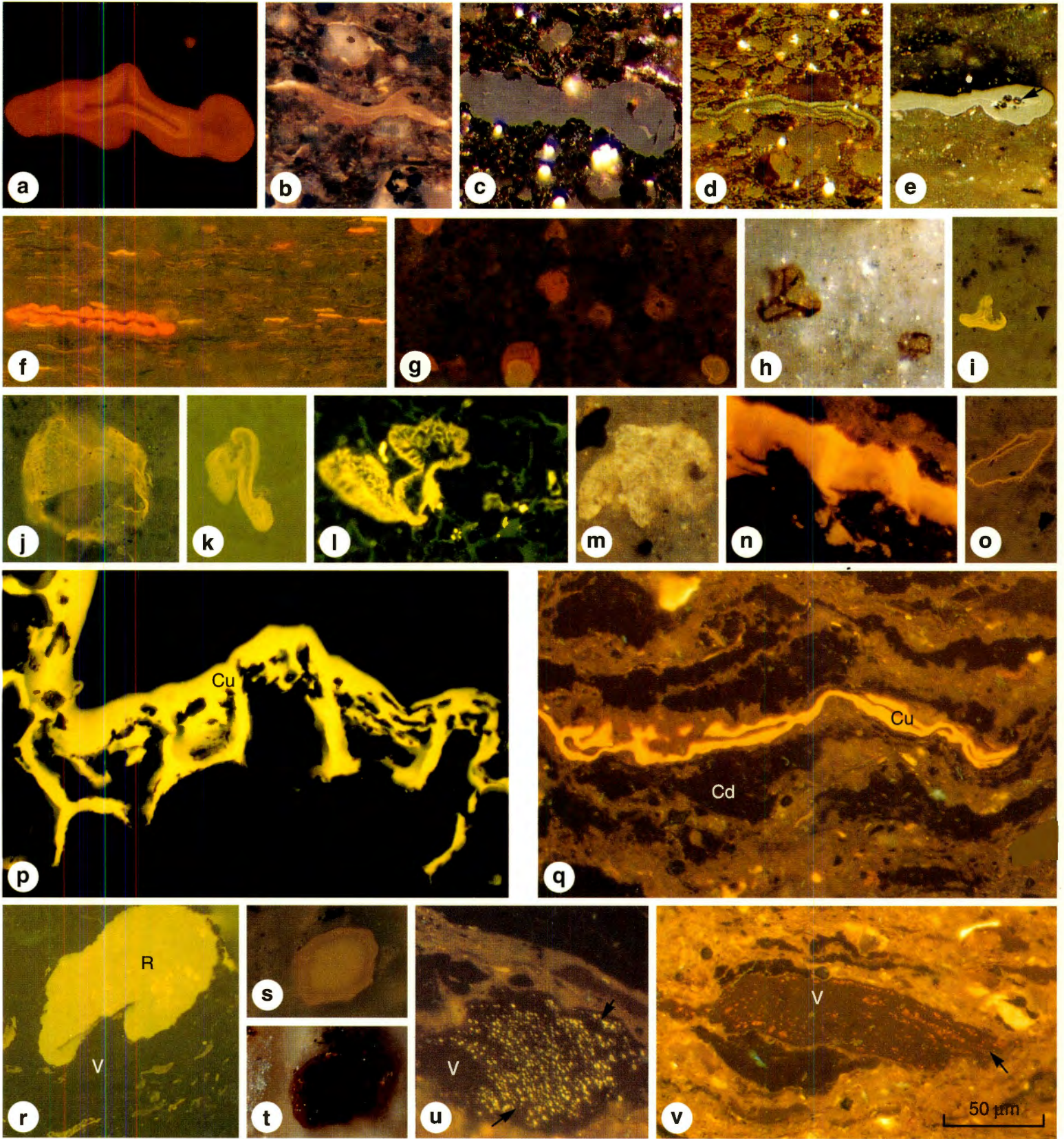


PLATE 18

DISPERSED ORGANIC MATTER AMORPHOUS MACERALS: HEBAMORPHINITE AND FLUORAMORPHINITE

Photomicrographs **a** to **f** were taken using white incident light, photos **g** to **p** were taken using fluorescent incident light
magnification: scale in photo **p** applies to all except photo **h**

- a. finely dispersed, grey, granular **hebamorphinite** (arrow) within pyrite-rich, marl matrix; commonly referred to as "**matrix bituminite**"; Upper Cretaceous Colorado Group, Saskatchewan
- b. somewhat concentrated, granular **hebamorphinite** (arrows) within pyrite-rich, marl matrix, under partly crossed polars; Upper Cretaceous Colorado Group, Saskatchewan
- c,d,e. continuous network of **hebamorphinite** (H) within pyrite and *Tasmanites* alginite (A)-rich shale matrix; viewed perpendicular to bedding; lenses of granular, grey material in **c** and **d** are micrinite derived from bacterial remains; Upper Devonian–Upper Mississippian Bakken Formation, Williston Basin, Saskatchewan
- f,g. sieve-like network of **fluoramorphinite**-matrix bituminite (F); also present is phosphatic nodule (P) with inclusions of migr-bitumen (B); **f** is shown in white light and **g** in fluorescent light; Upper Devonian Exshaw Formation, Alberta
- h. non-fluorescing **hebamorphinite** (H) layer interbedded with diffuse **fluoramorphinite** (F), viewed perpendicular to bedding; unicellular **alginite** (A) also present; Middle Devonian Keg River Formation, Alberta
- i. degraded and diffuse **fluoramorphinite** (F) within intercrystalline regions of bioturbated, carbonate matrix; viewed parallel to bedding; Middle Devonian Keg River Formation, Alberta
- j. non-fluorescing **hebamorphinite** (H) within a very fine grained, carbonate matrix in perpendicular-to-bedding view; unicellular alginite (A) also present; Middle Devonian Keg River Formation, Alberta
- k. reddish brown to red-fluorescing, diffuse to concentrated **fluoramorphinite** (F) associated with red-fluorescing, unicellular **alginite** (A); Upper Devonian Duvernay Formation, Alberta
- l. concentrated **fluoramorphinite** (lamalginite) within fine grained, platformal **algal mat**, carbonate source rock; Middle Devonian Winnipegosis Formation, Williston Basin, Saskatchewan
- m. highly concentrated **fluoramorphinite** (F) with numerous inclusions of yellow-fluorescing, unicellular **alginite** (A) in a fine grained, platformal, stromatolitic carbonate source rock; Upper Ordovician Yeoman Formation, Saskatchewan
- n. filamentous **alginite** (A) showing cellular structure (arrows) associated with yellow-fluorescing **fluoramorphinite** (F) alternating with weak brown- to non-fluorescing **hebamorphinite** (H) within anhydritic, fine grained, carbonate source rock; Middle Devonian Keg River Formation, Alberta
- o,p. concentrated **fluoramorphinite** (F) transitional to low-reflecting (<0.15% R_{0r}) primary **bitumen** (B), within a stromatolitic, platformal, carbonate source rock containing filamentous **alginite** (A); **o** is shown perpendicular to bedding and **p** is shown parallel to bedding through a stromatolitic pustule; Middle Devonian Winnipegosis Formation, Manitoba

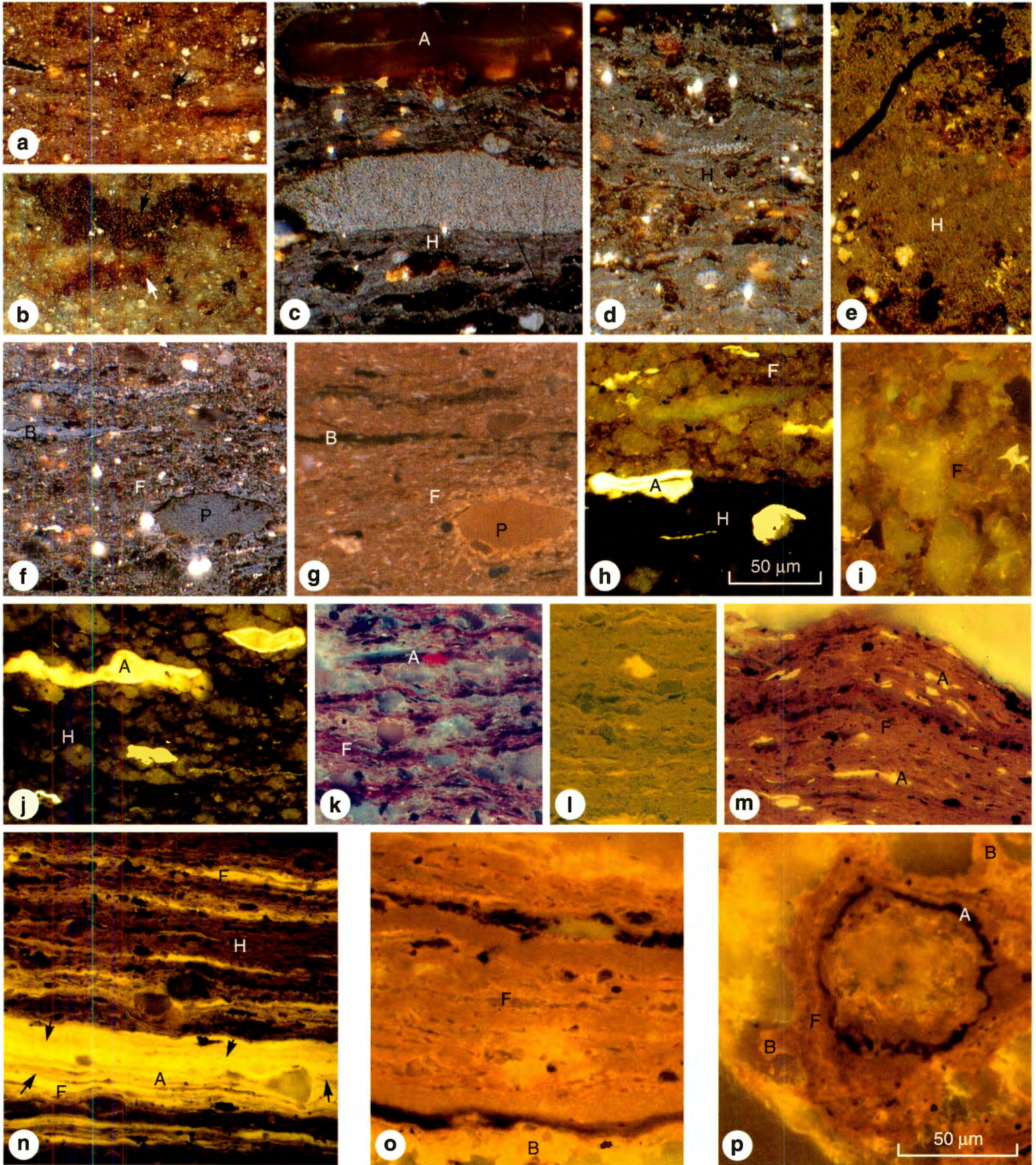


PLATE 19

DISPERSED ORGANIC MATTER ALGINITE: COCCOIDAL AND UNICELLULAR

All photomicrographs were taken using fluorescent incident light, except photo **e** which was taken using white incident light
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CAMBRO-ORDOVICIAN

- a,b,c. coccoidal **alginite** (A) probably derived from *Gloeocapsomorpha prisca* or *G. heibeica*; **a** and **b** are shown perpendicular to bedding, **c** is parallel to bedding; Upper Cambrian Deadwood Formation, Saskatchewan
- d. coccoidal **alginite** showing "budding" of coccoidal cells; Upper Cambrian Deadwood Formation, Saskatchewan
- e. highly mature coccoidal **alginite** (A) (dry gas generation zone); Middle Cambrian Pika Formation, Alberta
- f,g. unicellular *Symplassisphaeridium*-like (**f**) and *Leiosphaeridia*-like (**g**) **alginites**, Upper Cambrian Deadwood Formation, Saskatchewan
- h. *Tasmanites*-like **alginite** (A), Upper Cambrian Earlie Formation, Saskatchewan
- i. small agglomerations of coccoidal *G. prisca* **alginite** (G) parallel to bedding view; Middle-Upper Ordovician Winnipeg Formation, Saskatchewan
- j,k. coccoidal *G. prisca* **alginite** (G) viewed perpendicular to bedding; cell structure is mainly obscure in **k**; coccoidal cellular structure is more clearly defined in **j**; Upper Ordovician Yeoman Formation, Williston Basin, Saskatchewan
- l. tightly packed, small agglomerations of *G. prisca* **alginite** (G) with obscure coccoidal cell structure; Upper Ordovician Yeoman Formation, Williston Basin, Saskatchewan
- m,n. colonies of *G. prisca* **alginite** (G) with subtle coccoidal cell structure; Upper Ordovician Yeoman Formation, Williston Basin, Saskatchewan
- o. coccoidal *G. prisca* **alginite** (G) with algal mat-texture; Middle Devonian Ashern Formation, Alberta Basin; Alberta

DEVONIAN-CARBONIFEROUS

- p. coccoidal *Botryococcus*-like **alginite** (A) (also referred to as *Pila* in Paleozoic rocks) associated with microsporinite (S); Middle Devonian Winnipegosis Formation, Alberta
- q,r,s. coccoidal *Pila-Botryococcus* **alginite** (A) with barely recognizable remnant cell structure visible in **q** and **s**; the subtle cell structure in **r** has been enhanced by prolonged exposure to ultraviolet light; viewed perpendicular to bedding; Carboniferous Emma Fiord Formation, Grinnel Peninsula, Devon Island, Canadian Arctic

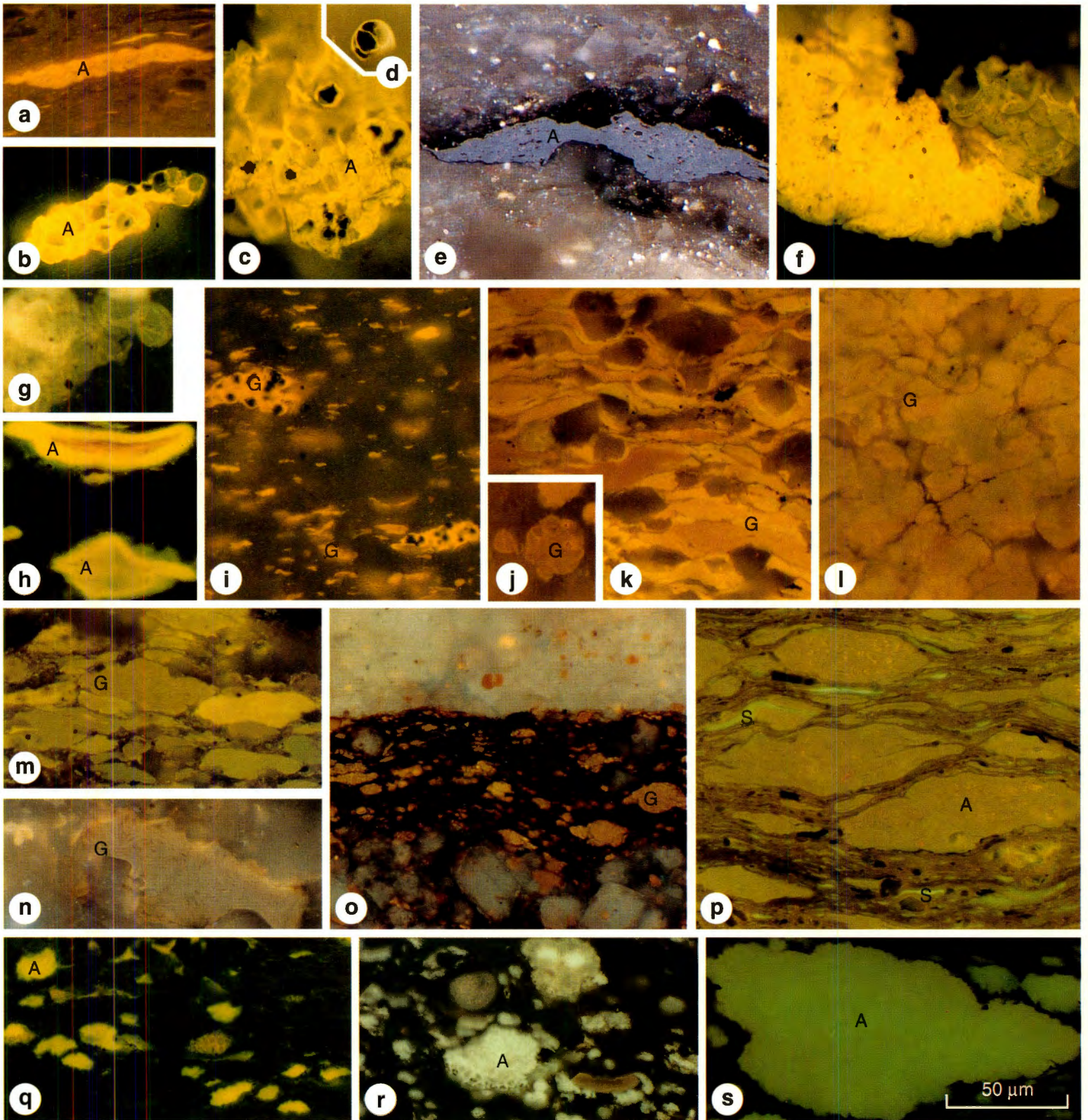


PLATE 20

DISPERSED ORGANIC MATTER ALGINITE: UNICELLULAR, FILAMENTOUS AND COCCOIDAL

All photomicrographs were taken using fluorescent incident light and oil immersion objectives, except photos **f**, **j** and **l** which were taken using white incident light
magnification: scale in photo **k** applies to all except photo **a**

DEVONIAN-CRETACEOUS

- a. concentration of unicellular, Prasinophyte **alginites** (arrows) associated with carbonate microfossils (cricoconarid) and weak-fluorescing amorphinite (A); viewed perpendicular to bedding; Middle Devonian Winnipegosis Formation, Saskatchewan
- b. relatively thin-walled *Leiosphaeridia* **alginite** viewed perpendicular to bedding; Upper Devonian-Mississippian Bakken Formation, Williston Basin, Saskatchewan
- c. thick-walled unicellular *Tasmanites* **alginite** viewed perpendicular to bedding; the margins of this alginite commonly display punctation; Middle Devonian Kettle Point Formation, Michigan Basin, southern Ontario
- d. thin-walled *Leiosphaeridia* **alginite** (A), shown parallel to bedding; Upper Devonian Wabamun Formation, Alberta
- e. thick-walled unicellular *Tasmanites* **alginite** (A) viewed parallel to bedding; the margins of this alginite display punctation; southwestern Ontario
- f. *Tasmanites* **alginite** (A) showing clear punctation and pore canals, viewed in white light; Upper Cretaceous Second White Speckled Shale, Saskatchewan
- g. thin-walled *Leiosphaeridia* **alginite** (A) showing an 'artificial trilete mark' viewed parallel to bedding; Upper Devonian-Mississippian Bakken Formation, Williston Basin, Saskatchewan
- h. massive filamentous **alginite** (A) cell structure in stromatolitic habit, viewed perpendicular to bedding; Lower Devonian Disappointment Bay Formation, Truro Island, Canadian Arctic
- i. fluorescing, filamentous **alginite** (A) with quadrate cellular structure in stromatolitic habit; Middle Devonian Prairie Formation, Alberta
- j. *Nostoc*-like, non-fluorescing, filamentous **alginite** (A) viewed in white light; Middle Devonian Winnipegosis Formation, Saskatchewan
- k. *Botryococcus* **alginite** (A) clearly illustrating cup structure of the precursory colonial algae; Mesozoic Sverdrup Basin, Canadian Arctic
- l,m. *Botryococcus* **alginite** (A) with serrated margins viewed parallel to bedding, in white (**l**) and fluorescent light (**j**); Lower Tertiary, Indonesia

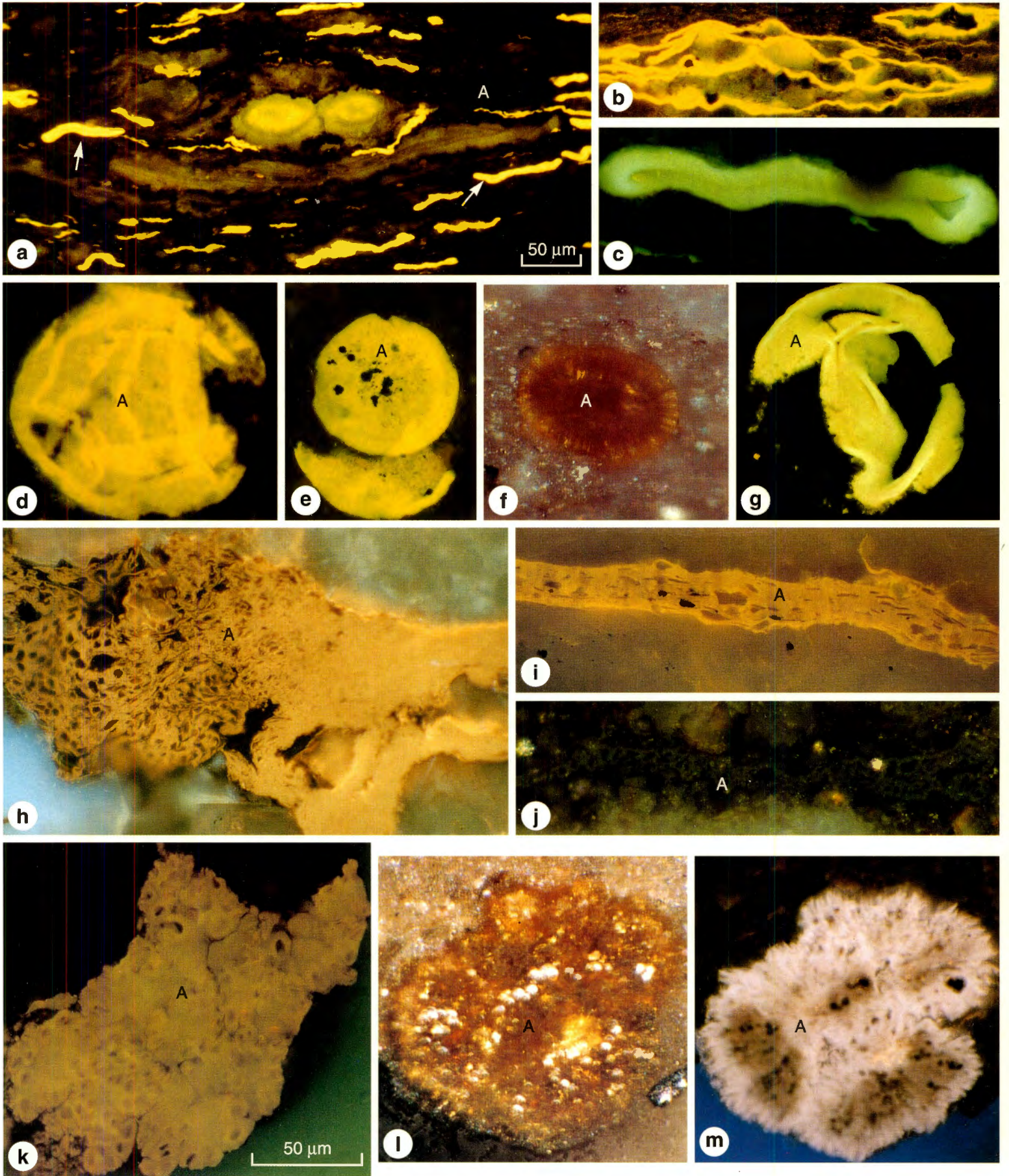


PLATE 21

DISPERSED ORGANIC MATTER MISCELLANEOUS ALGINITES, ACRITARCHS AND ALGAL MAT MICROTEXTURES

All photomicrographs were taken using fluorescent incident light

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Acritarchs

- m. acanthomorphic **acritarch** with morphology similar to *Orthosphaeridium* cf.; Middle Devonian Marcellus Formation, southwestern Ontario
- c. spiny, acanthomorphic **acritarch** (A) associated with *Tasmanites* alginite (T); Middle Silurian Aromosa Member of Guelph Formation, southwestern Ontario
- d,e. *Multiplicisphaeridium* cf. acanthomorphic **acritarchs**; Upper Devonian Duvernay Formation, Alberta
- f,h,i. *Michystridium* cf. acanthomorphic **acritarchs**, Upper Devonian Duvernay Formation, Alberta
- g,l. *Veryachium* cf. **acritarch**; **g** is from Middle Devonian Marcellus Formation, southwestern Ontario; **l** is from Upper Devonian Duvernay Formation, Alberta
- j,k. *Hystricosphaeridium* cf. **acritarch**; Upper Devonian Duvernay Formation, Alberta
- m,n. spiny, (?) acanthomorphic, marine **acritarchs**; Middle Devonian Pine Point Formation, Northwest Territories
- o. **dinoflagellate**; Upper Jurassic Kimmeridge shale, North Sea
- p,q,r,s. **dinoflagellates** illustrating 'artifacts' produced by grinding and polishing of whole rock sample, Upper Cretaceous Colorado Group, Saskatchewan

Algal mat-stromatolitic microtextures

- t. algal head or pustule produced by growth of *Gloeocapsomorpha prisca* **alginite**, Upper Ordovician Yeoman Formation, Saskatchewan
- u. alternating horizontal and vertical algal growth perhaps representing day time-night time gliding; *Gloeocapsomorpha prisca* **alginite**; Upper Ordovician Yeoman Formation, Saskatchewan
- v. domal stromatolitic microtextures developed by growth of filamentous **alginite** and *Gloeocapsomorpha prisca* **alginite**; also note associated hardground and carbonate particles trapped in mat; Upper Ordovician Yeoman Formation, Saskatchewan
- w. planar, laminated, algal mat produced by *Gloeocapsomorpha prisca* **alginite**; note fluorescing halo in the alginite surrounding a radioactive, detrital mineral (M) which shows a significant "blue-shift" in the fluorescence properties; Upper Ordovician Yeoman Formation, Saskatchewan

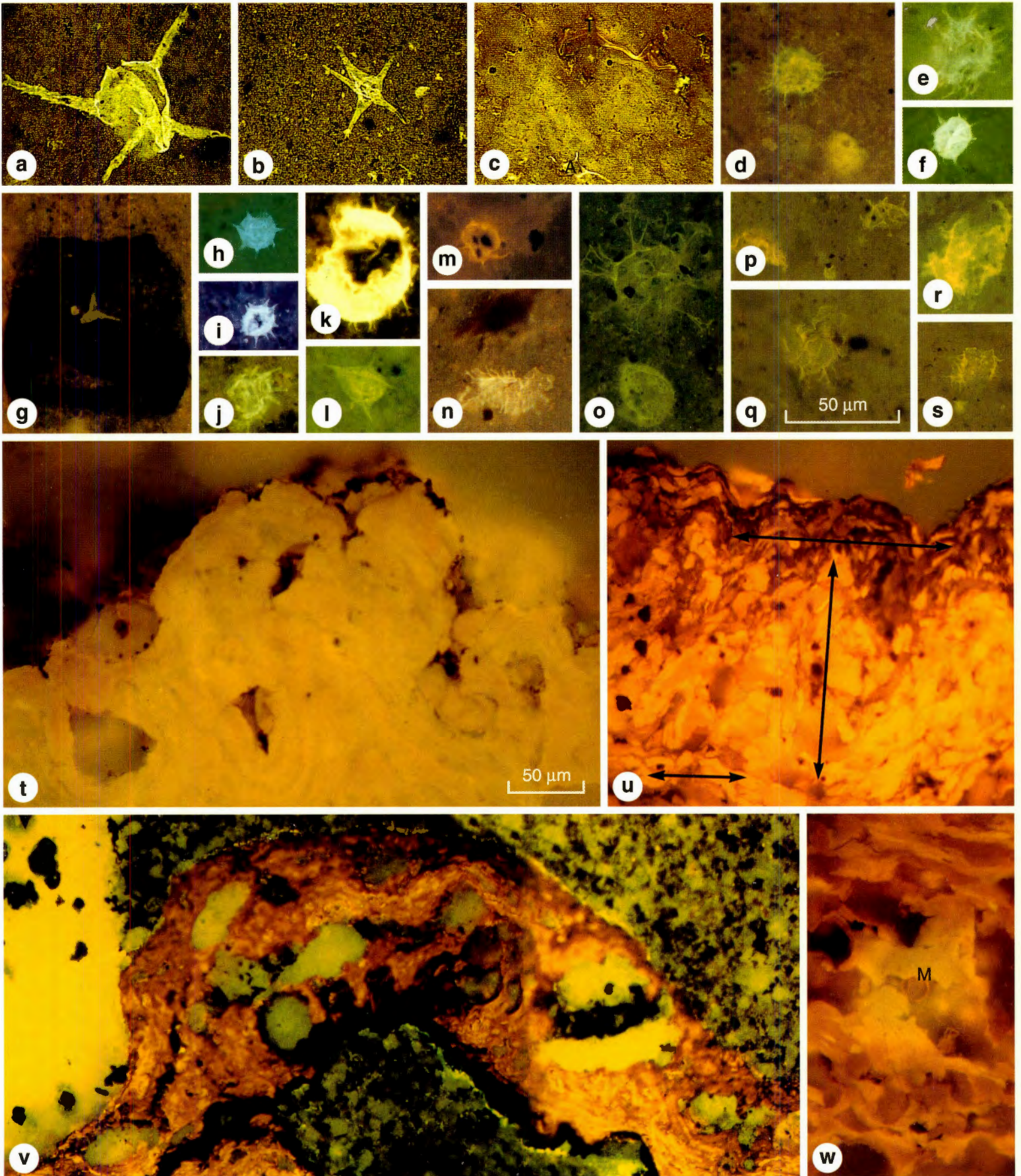


PLATE 22

DISPERSED ORGANIC MATTER ALGAL MAT MICROTEXTURES

All photomicrographs were taken using fluorescent incident light,
except photo **c** which was taken using white incident light

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- a. pinnacle stromatolite microtextures formed by growth of filamentous **alginite** and *Gloeocapsomorpha prisca* **alginite**; also note associated hardground and carbonate particles trapped in mat; Upper Ordovician Yeoman Formation, Saskatchewan
- b. brecciated algal mats consisting of **fluoramorphinite** (F) and filamentous **alginite** (A); crinkle-style lamination (K) and unicellular **sphaeromorphs** (S) are evident in the mats; Upper Ordovician Yeoman Formation, Saskatchewan
- c,d. algal mat-derived **fluoramorphinite** (F) within platformal, immature, carbonate hydrocarbon source rocks; note the thin lamina of high-reflecting, non-fluorescing filamentous **alginite** (A) with well-preserved cell structure; viewed perpendicular to bedding; **c** is plane polarized white light image; **d** is fluorescent light image; Middle Devonian Winnipegosis Formation, Manitoba
- e. **fluoramorphinite** (F) formed from algal-bacterial (?) mats within platformal, anhydritic carbonate source rocks; Middle Devonian Dawson Bay Formation, Saskatchewan
- f. **fluoramorphinite** (F) formed from algal-bacterial (?) mats associated with stromatoporoids in anhydritic carbonate source rock; upper Middle Devonian Beaverhill Lake Group, Alberta
- g. algal mat-derived **fluoramorphinite** (F) within platformal, immature carbonate source rocks; note the thin lamina of non-fluorescing filamentous **alginite** (A); compare with (c) and (d); bitumen (B) is also present; viewed parallel to bedding; Middle Devonian Winnipegosis Formation, Manitoba
- h. filamentous **alginite** (A) with cell structure (arrow) preserved within algal mat-derived **fluoramorphinite** (F); carbonate source rock in Lower Devonian Disappointment Bay Formation, Truro Island, Canadian Arctic
- i. filamentous **alginite** (A) cell structure (arrow) well-preserved and "exploded" by growth of primary anhydrite in dolomitic anhydrite, lagoonal source rock; Middle Devonian Prairie Formation, Alberta

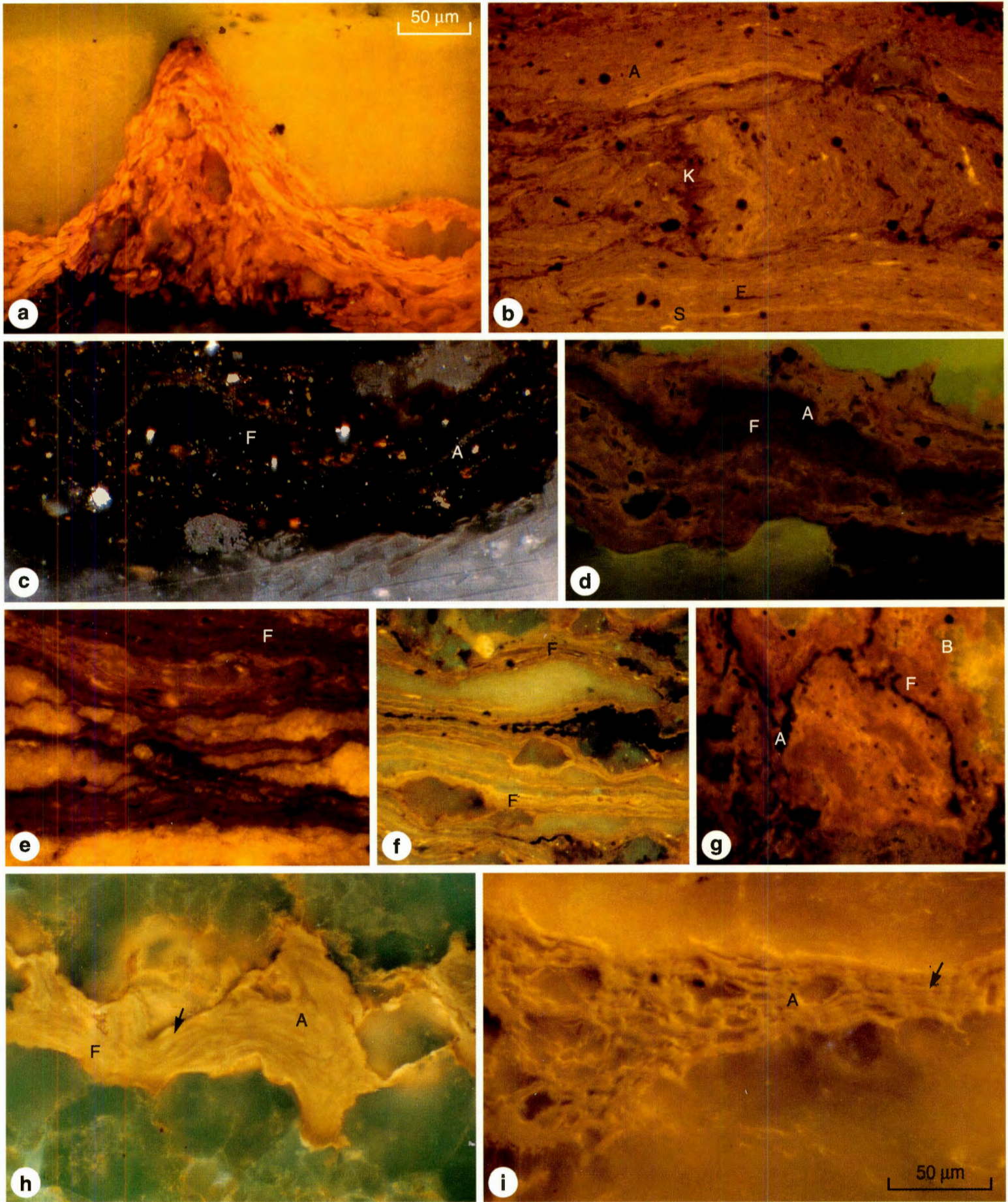


PLATE 23

DISPERSED ORGANIC MATTER ORGANIC FOSSILS

All photomicrographs were taken using incident white light,
except photos **l** to **p** and **s** which were taken using incident fluorescent light
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- a. **graptolite**; Ordovician to Silurian Cape Phillips Formation, Baillie Hamilton Island, Canadian Arctic
- b. Ordovician **graptolite** showing the fusellar structure of the periderm; Ordovician Upper Thumb Mountain Formation, Little Cornwallis Island, Canadian Arctic
- c. **graptolite** showing the fusellar structure of the periderm; Lower Ordovician to Lower Devonian Road River Group, Yukon Territory
- d,e. open, spiny **chitinozoan** (**d**) and flattened **chitinozoan** (**e**) viewed perpendicular to bedding; Upper Ordovician Collingwood member, Whitby Formation, southwestern Ontario
- f. **chitinozoan**; Devonian Upper Gaspé Limestone, Indian Cove Formation, Appalachians, Gaspé, Quebec
- g. Upper Ordovician **chitinozoan** viewed parallel to bedding; Ordovician Collingwood member, Whitby Formation, Ontario
- h. **scolecodont** illustrating the dentary; Silurian Anticosti Group, Gun River Formation, Anticosti Island, Quebec
- i. **scolecodont** illustrating porate, surficial texture; Ramparts Formation, Northwest Territories
- j. **scolecodont**; Upper Devonian Wabamun Formation, Home Beaver Lodge, Alberta
- k. **foraminifera** with chitinous chamber lining preserved; Jurassic, Switzerland
- l,m,n. fungal remains (**funginite**) showing sac-like (arrow) (**l**), filamentous (**m**) and, tubular and spherical morphology (**n**); **l** and **n** from Lower Devonian Disappointment Bay Formation, Truro Island, Canadian Arctic; **m** from the Middle Devonian Winnipegosis Formation, Alberta
- o. **fish bone** viewed under fluorescent light; Second White Specks, Colorado Group, Saskatchewan
- p. **chitinous** portion of conchostracan fossil (shrimp-like) showing porate surface texture; Middle Devonian (Dawson Bay Formation equivalent), Alberta
- q. **bone** (chitinous ?) with fine pores visible in left portion of photo; Upper Devonian–Mississippian Bakken Formation, Saskatchewan
- r, s. **fish remains** (chitinous?) viewed under plane polarized white (**r**) and fluorescent light (**s**); photo rotated through 180°; Upper Cretaceous Second White Speckled shale, Colorado Group, Saskatchewan

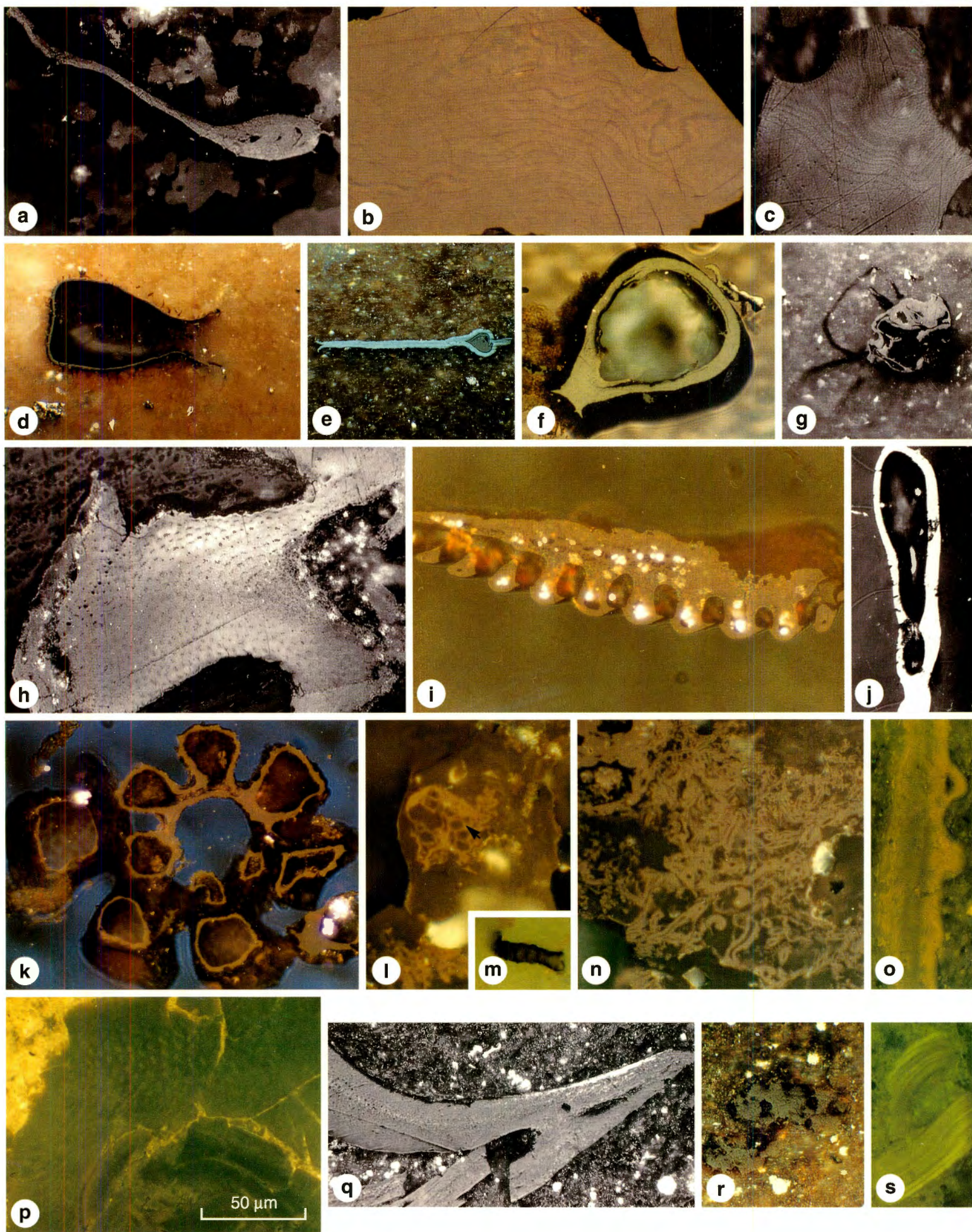
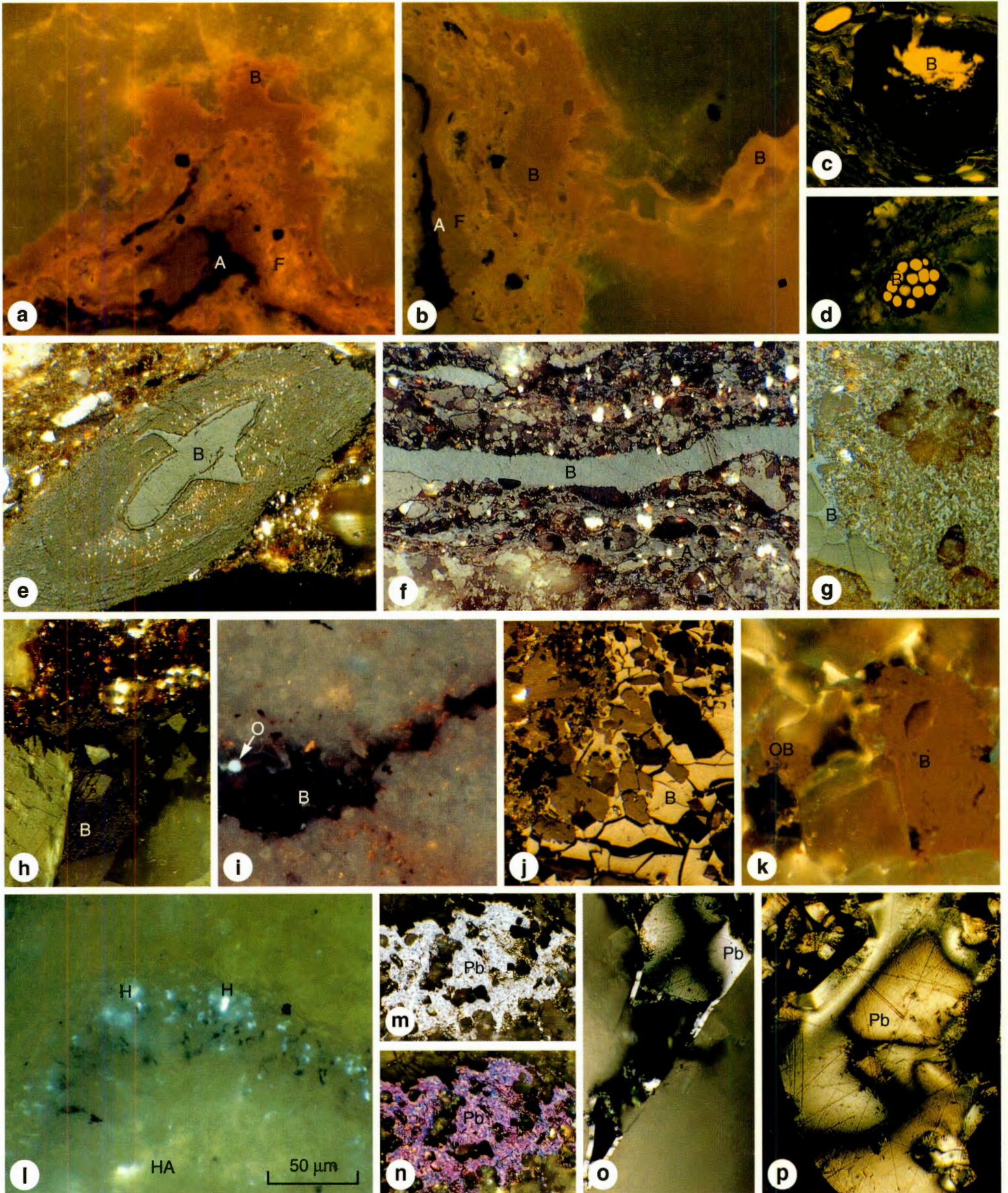


PLATE 24

DISPERSED ORGANIC MATTER BITUMENS

Photomicrographs **a** to **d**, **i**, **k** and **l** were taken using fluorescent incident light, photos **e** to **h**, **j** and **m** to **p** were taken using white incident light
magnification: same for all photos; see scale bar in photo **l**

- s. fluorescing **primary bitumen** (B) and **oily bitumen** within primary pores and microfractures of platformal carbonate source rock; the bitumen was generated directly from associated thermally immature (0.50% $R_{O,r}$, vitrinite equivalent), sulphur-rich fluoramorphinite (F) and filamentous alginite (A) stromatolites; viewed perpendicular to bedding plane; Middle Devonian Winnipegosis Formation, Manitoba
- c,d. fluorescing, **primary bitumen** (B) (**exsudatinite**) infilling cell lumens and primary cell structure of inertinites in thermally immature oil shale (0.40% $R_{O,r}$, vitrinite equivalent); Lower Carboniferous Emma Fiord Formation, Devon Island, Canadian Arctic
- e. dark grey-reflecting, non-fluorescing **primary bitumen** (B) infilling the interior and microfractures within phosphatic particle; Lower Jurassic Nordegg Formation, Alberta
- f. non-fluorescing, **primary bitumen** (B) in 'bedding plane separation' habit associated with diffuse to concentrated amorphinite (A) in fine grained carbonate basinal source rock; Upper Devonian Duvernay Formation, Alberta
- g. grey-reflecting, non-fluorescing **primary bitumen** (B) associated with coccoliths; Lower Jurassic Nordegg Formation, Alberta Basin, Alberta
- h. low-reflecting, granular, non-fluorescing **primary bitumen** (B) (0.12% $R_{O,r}$) within intercrystalline porosity of carbonate kukersite source rock; Upper Ordovician Yeoman Formation, Williston Basin, Saskatchewan
- i. low intensity, brown, fluorescing, oily **migrabitumen** (B) within microfracture; **oil globules** (O) exude from the microfracture during prolonged exposure to ultraviolet light; Upper Devonian Duvernay Formation, Alberta
- j. isotropic **bitumen** (B) with inclusions of calcite from thermally overmature (1.4% $R_{O,r}$ vitrinite equivalent), carbonate source rock; Upper Devonian Duvernay Formation, Alberta
- k. fluorescing **migrabitumen** (B) (0.12% $R_{O,r}$), **oily bitumen** (OB) and hydrocarbon fluid inclusions within recrystallized and hydrothermally altered carbonate source rock interval; Lower Devonian Disappointment Bay Formation, Truro Island, Canadian Arctic
- l. blue-fluorescing, **hydrocarbon fluid inclusions** (H) trapped at the margins and yellow-fluorescing, **hydrocarbon fluid inclusion** (HA) in the core of a rounded, carbonate allochem; Upper Devonian Birdbear Formation, Saskatchewan
- m,n. anisotropic **pyrobitumen** (Pb) showing fine grained, mosaic texture (3.30% $VR_{O,m}$; 1.98% $R_{O,min}$) within reefal gas reservoir; **m** is viewed in plane polarized light; and **n** is viewed under cross-polars with a lambda plate insert; this type of pyrobitumen was derived from a non-graphitizing source (e.g. asphaltic bitumen); Upper Devonian Leduc Formation, Alberta
- o,p. anisotropic **pyrobitumen** (pyrobitumen) (Pb) (6.5% $R_{O,m}$; 0.55% $R_{O,min}$), shown under cross-polars, from a reefal carbonate gas reservoir; **o** shows a mesophase sphere in the **pyrobitumen** with a "Brewsters cross"; the **pyrobitumen** (Pb) in **p** displays a coarse-flow mosaic to domain coke texture; this type of pyrobitumen was derived by thermal cracking of crude oil to gas; Upper Devonian Leduc Formation, Alberta



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APPENDIX

A History of the Society
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A HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY

The Canadian Society for Coal Science and Organic Petrology, formerly known as The Canadian Coal Petrographers Group (CCPG), began with a group of petrographers working independently in research groups within the Geological Survey of Canada, the Canada Centre for Mineral and Energy Technology (CANMET) and various steel companies, who had common interests in the growing role of coal petrography and coal carbonization. The first meeting of the Canadian Coal Petrographers Group was held at CANMET's Fuels Research Centre in Bells Corners, Ottawa, on June 25th, 1974. It was attended by thirteen delegates, including Jack Botham (CANMET), Alex Cameron (Geological Survey of Canada), Roger Donaldson (GSC), Allan Hampson (DOFASCO), Jon Jorgensen (CANMET), Doug Montgomery (CANMET), Bishu Nandi (CANMET), Paul Readyhough (STELCO) and Bob Zavitz (DOFASCO). Bob Zavitz was the chairman and Bishu Nandi was the secretary for this, and many subsequent meetings of the CCPG. The impetus for the meeting was to facilitate an exchange of information with regard to the role of bituminous coal macerals in carbonization. The application of coke strength predictions and the characteristics of Western Canadian coals became important aspects of subsequent meetings, as did fundamental problems with maceral identification. During this period, the CCPG began to meet on a regular basis and other distinguished petrographers, such as Peter Hacquebard and Terry Birmingham, joined the group.

During the early 1970s, most of the petrographic research in Canada was being carried out in laboratories of the Geological Survey of Canada (Institute of Sedimentary and Petroleum Geology, Calgary, Alberta) or the Canada Centre for Mineral and Energy Technology (CANMET, Bells Corners, Ottawa). At that time, the applications of coal petrography were already extending far beyond the realms of the bituminous coals and carbonization and into use of reflectance to identify regional coalification and metamorphic trends and environments of coal deposition. With the growing popularity and increased diversity of applications of coal petrography that developed during the 1980s, a new generation of "imported" and "home-grown" petrographers was spawned with interests in the petrography of coals of all ranks including peats, lignites, subbituminous coals and anthracites, sparking a major evaluation of Canada's coal resources. In 1975, a coal petrology laboratory was established by Peter Hacquebard at the Atlantic Geoscience Centre in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and during the late 1970s and early 1980s, a number of coal petrology laboratories sprang up within the provincial geological surveys in British Columbia, Alberta, Quebec and Nova Scotia and at the universities of Regina, British Columbia and Western Ontario. Petrographers from Britain, Australia, Germany, Iran, India and the U.S.A. came to Canada and joined the ranks of the Canadian Coal Petrographers Group, contributing to the development of world-class coal and organic petrology research facilities. Membership in the CCPG swelled during this time, as did the variety of applications of coal petrography, which included studies in coal gasification, hydrogenation, pyrolysis, coal-oil and bitumen coprocessing, dispersed organic matter in sedimentary rocks, maturation trends in oil and gas prospecting, mineral matter and environmental aspects of coal petrography and geochemistry. The first and last parts of section I of the Atlas, (Coal Macerals and Carbonization Residues) reflects the unique nature and diverse uses of Canadian coals.

In 1990, the membership had reached a peak of about 65, and included associates from the U.S.A., Australia and New Zealand. At this time, the name was changed to "The Canadian Society for Coal Science and Organic Petrology" (CSCOP) to reflect the growing membership and diversity of interests, especially in the area of dispersed organic matter and the role of petrography in hydrocarbon source-rock evaluation, organic facies, hydrocarbon exploration and thermal maturity of sedimentary basins. This is reflected in the second part of the Atlas, which is devoted to organic matter in Canadian hydrocarbon source rocks.

The Society is a member of the Geoscience Council of Canada and many of our members have distinguished themselves internationally for their work on coal and the many other facets of coal and organic petrography. A technical and business meeting is held annually on a rotational basis across Canada. These meetings are commonly held in conjunction with those of other societies, particularly the Geological and Mineralogical Associations of Canada, to promote dialogue between the geologists, engineers and geochemists. A joint meeting between CSCOP and The Society for Organic Petrology (TSOP) was held in Calgary in 1990, (proceedings published in *Organic Geochemistry*, 1992, V.18, No. 3; J. Potter, D.L. Marchioni and F. Goodarzi (eds.)) and another will be held in Halifax in July 1998. In 1984, the Society co-sponsored the Annual Meeting of the International Committee for Coal Petrology (ICCP) in Calgary and has since hosted a number of successful symposia with internationally published proceedings. The first of these, the Hacquebard Symposium: Recent Advances in Coal and Organic Petrology and Geochemistry, was held in Calgary in 1990, (*International Journal Coal Geology*, V. 18, 1991; R.M. Bustin, A.R. Cameron and W.D. Kalkreuth (eds.)) in celebration of the distinguished career of Dr. P. A. Hacquebard, a pioneer in Canadian coal petrology. In May 1991, The Cameron Symposium: Advances in Organic Petrology and Geochemistry, (*International Journal Coal Geology*, 1993, V. 24, No. 1-4; R.M. Bustin and F. Goodarzi (eds.)) was held in Wolfville, Nova Scotia in recognition of the major contribution to coal geoscience in Canada by Dr. Alex Cameron, a founding member of the Canadian Coal Petrographers Group. In 1993, the Society sponsored a symposium on "Organic Petrology related to Fossil Fuels and Environmental Impact" in Edmonton (*Energy Sources*, 1995, V. 17, No. 1; F. Goodarzi (ed.)). To recognize and foster excellence in coal and organic petrology in Canada, the Society has established two merit awards in the names of these honoured members: the Hacquebard Award is presented to a member of the Society who has distinguished him- or herself internationally in coal science, and the Cameron Award is given to a student member who has demonstrated superior research capabilities in the field of organic petrology.

It is encouraging to note that the Society currently has a greater student membership than ever before in its history, despite the recent national and global decline in support for coal research. In contrast to the 1980s, much of the coal and organic petrology and applied petrology in Canada is being carried out by members in the private sector. By producing this volume, CSCOP has documented a legacy of research into the petrology of Canadian coal and organic matter as a celebration of the last 25 years of excellence in coal research in Canada. We hope it will serve as a foundation for future students of our natural energy resources and environment.

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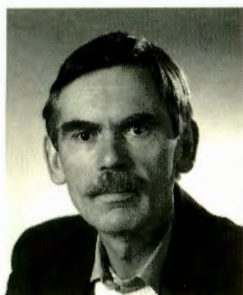
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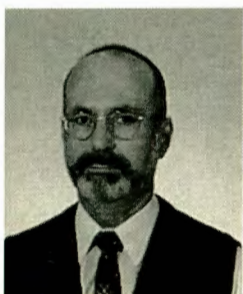
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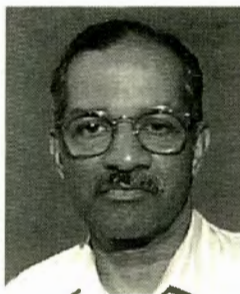
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