



Figure 72. Post Oak Conglomerate. Originally open-framework texture of angular, lower Paleozoic blocks (*LP*) cemented by drusy sparite (*D*). Absence of fines mainly reflects solution weathering of Permian limestone land surface. View 6 × 4 cm.

Subsequent cementation of the carbonates has been by drusy sparite (forming dogtooth-spar crystals as much as 5 mm across in cavities between pebbles). This sparite records phreatic precipitation of carbonate (fig. 72); cathode-luminescence studies (Donovan and Al-Shaieb, in preparation) show a variable redox condition with respect to iron content in this cement. Minor late-stage cements are euhedral pyrite and barite. The latter mineral is also found in other Post Oak facies (Al-Shaieb, Hanson, and others, 1980).

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