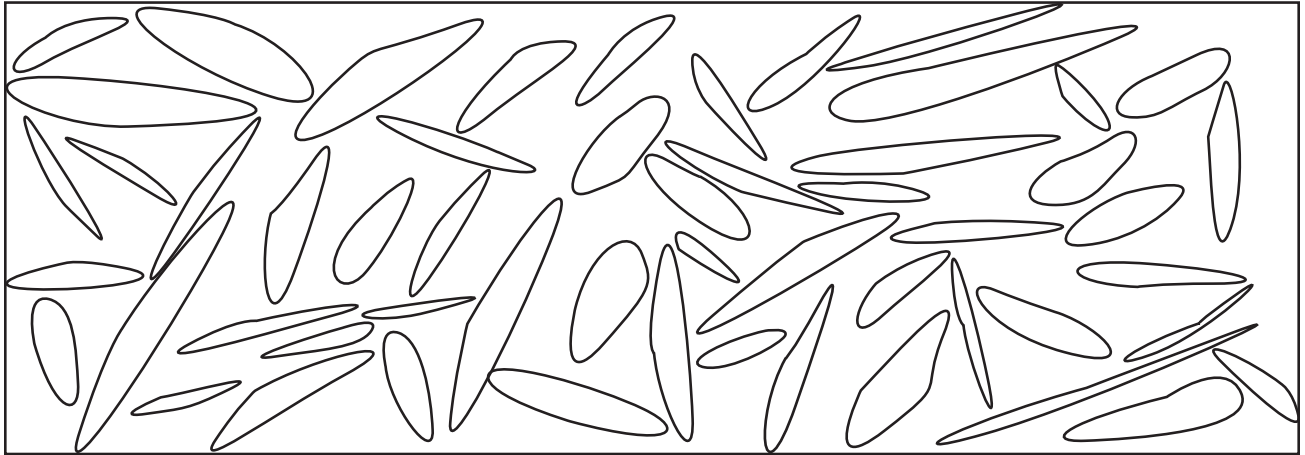
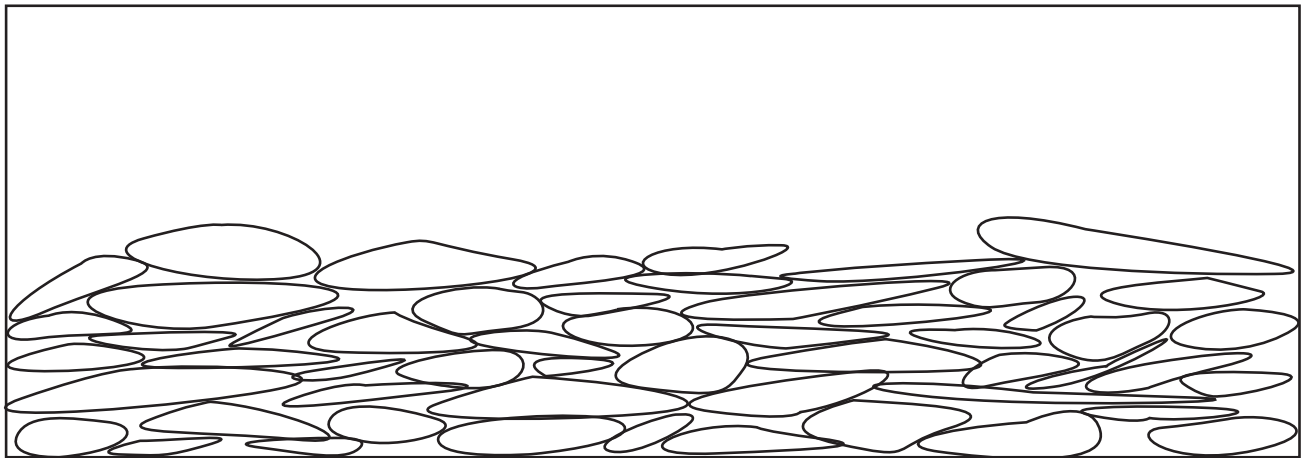


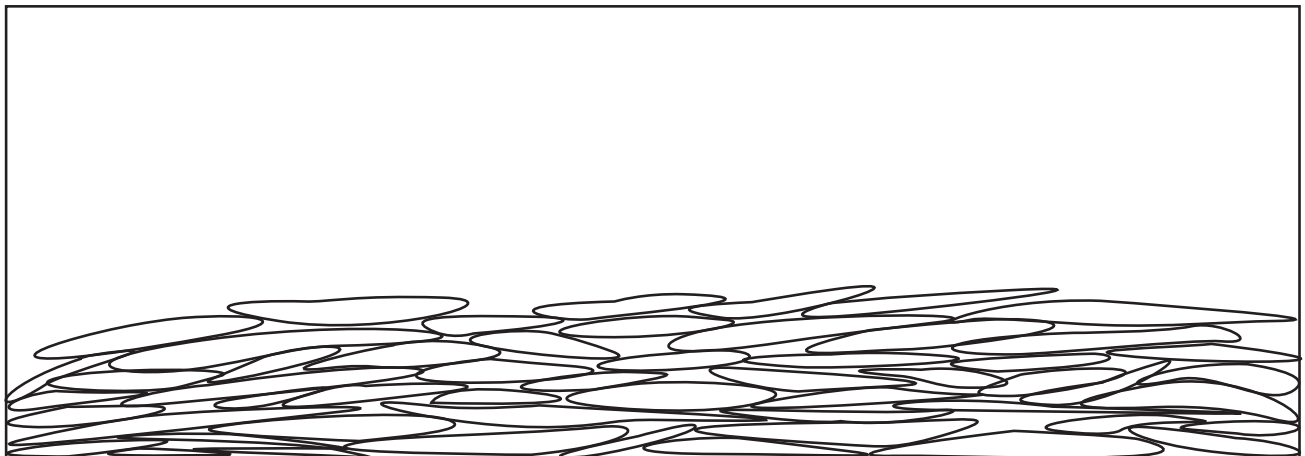
SHALE FORMATION



Clay- and silt-sized particles suspended in water



Clay- and silt-sized particles align as water is squeezed out during compaction



Clay- and silt-sized particles after burial and compaction.