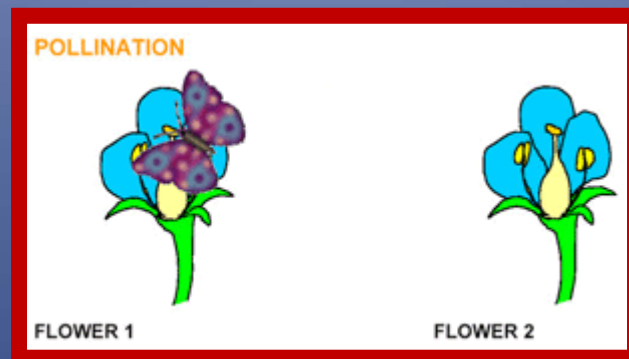


Cronostratigrafia e ricostruzioni paleoclimatiche nel Quaternario italiano: il contributo della palinologia

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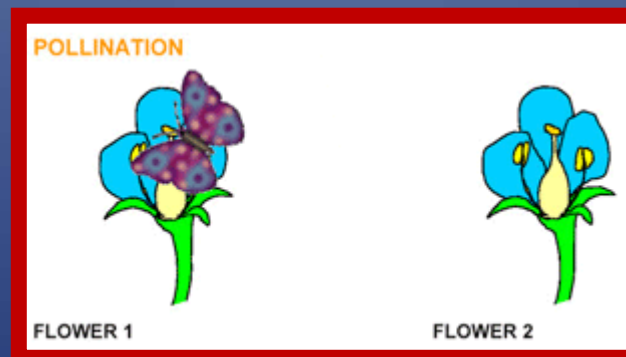


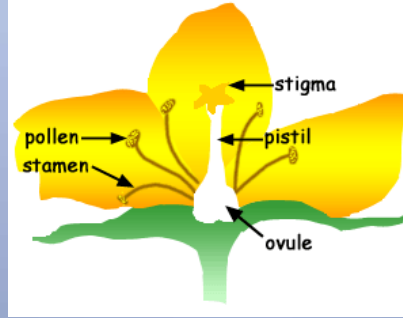
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CONTRIBUTO DELLA PALINOLOGIA:

1. ricostruzioni ambientali e climatiche e

2. definizione di un quadro cronostratigrafico del Quaternario





Analisi pollinica

Attualmente è uno dei più importanti metodi per la ricostruzione

➤ flora

➤ vegetazione

➤ Clima

➤ Paleo-ambienti

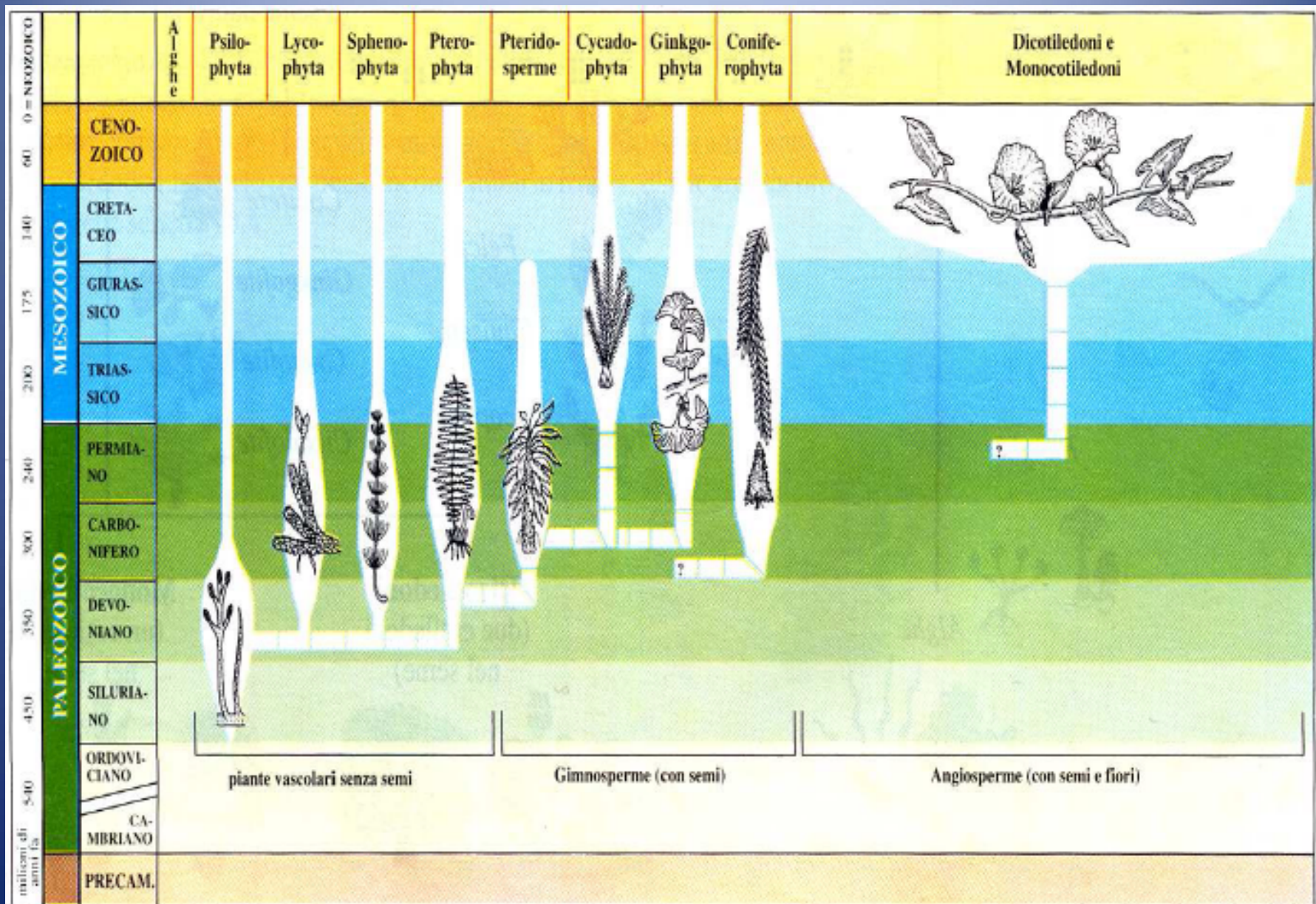
Introduzione alla metodologia

Sfondo da Hesse et al., 2009



POLLINE:

gametofito maschile, i.e., la struttura che produce e contiene i gametofiti nelle angiosperme e gimnosperme.



Essa è uno strumento utile in quanto:

1) i granuli pollinici sono prodotti in numero enorme;

<i>Species</i>	<i>Pollen production per flower (or male cone)</i>	<i>Pollen production per inflorescence</i>
<i>Vallisneria spiralis</i>	70	140
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i> *	6,000	2,860,000
<i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>	11,000	–
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	12,000	174,000
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	18,000	–
<i>Betula verrucosa</i> *	20,000	5,453,000
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	25,000	1,606,000
<i>Carpinus betula</i>	28,000	–
<i>Quercus robur</i>	41,000	555,000
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	44,000	200,000
<i>Secale cereale</i> *	57,000	4,241,000
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i> *	158,000	5,770,000
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	180,000	765,000
<i>Picea excelsa</i>	590,000	–
<i>Pinus nigra</i> *	1,480,000	–
<i>Populus canadensis</i> *	–	5,800,000
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i> *	–	4,445,000

* Super-producers

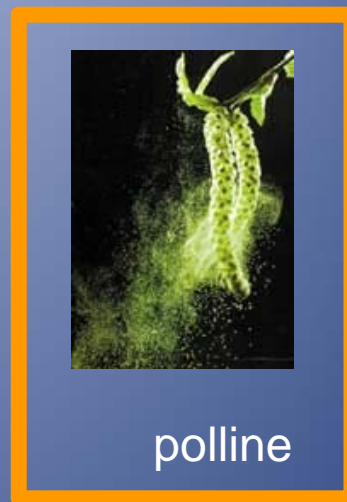
2) i granuli pollinici sono molto più diffusi dei fossili di maggiori dimensioni (es. foglie, semi, frutti, ecc.) e sono perciò meno dipendenti dalle piante madri corrispondenti;



... semi, frutti



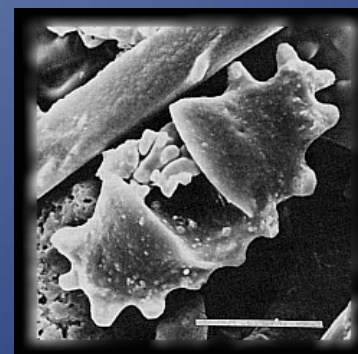
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polline



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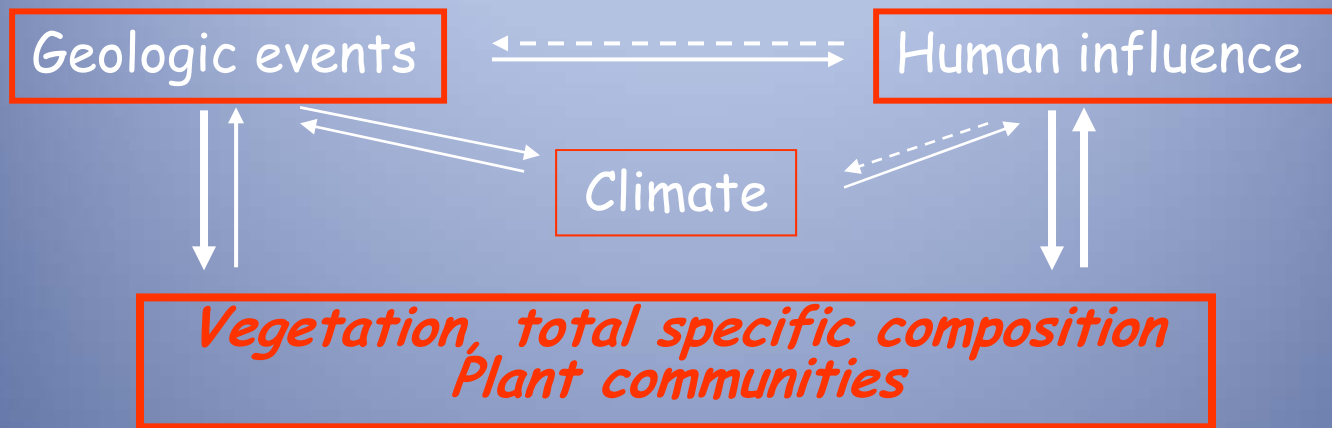


fitoliti

Oggi, l'analisi pollinica è di gran lunga il più importante metodo per la ricostruzione della flora, della vegetazione e degli ambienti del passato.

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- 3) i granuli pollinici sono estremamente resistenti e possono essere trovati in depositi nei quali altri tipi di fossile sono stati diageneticamente distrutti;
- 4) i granuli pollinici possono essere recuperati in grande quantità;



Pollination ecology

- Flowering
- Pollen production
- Pollen dispersal: pollen rain
- Pollen interception

Sedimentology

- Accumulation/destruction of deposits

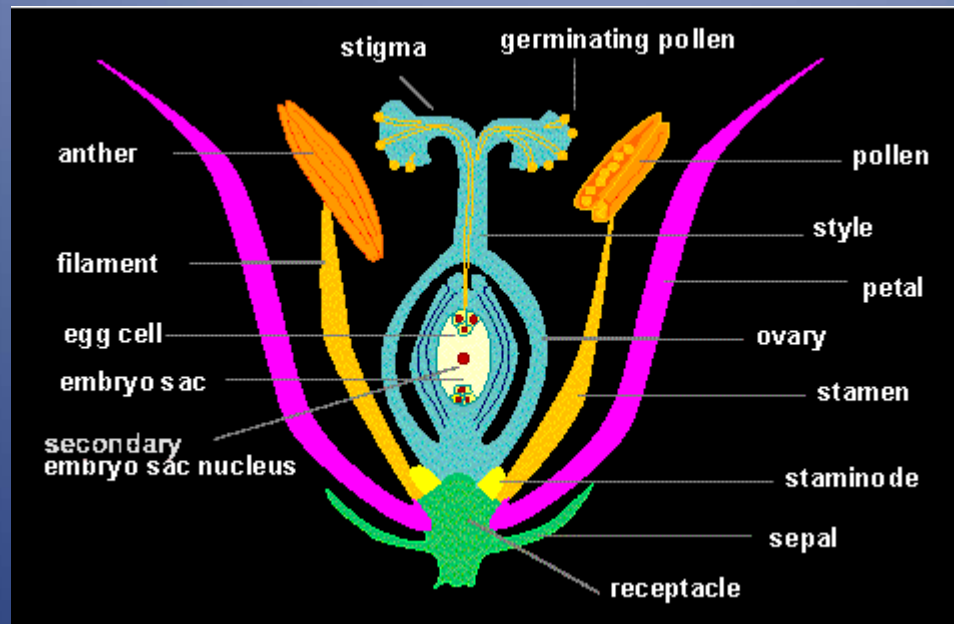
Sampling theory

- Pollen preservation and destruction
- Pollen content of deposit
- Pollen content of sample
- Pollen content of preparation
- Pollen count, spectrum, diagram

THE FLOWCHART SHOWS THE PRINCIPLE OF POLLEN ANALYSIS

Impollinazione:

Trasporto del polline dall'antera
allo stigma



Impollinazione

Le piante presentano diversi meccanismi attraverso i quali il polline liberato dalle antere può giungere allo stigma adatto.

Il trasferimento del polline viene effettuato tramite diversi agenti: il vento, l'acqua e gli animali.



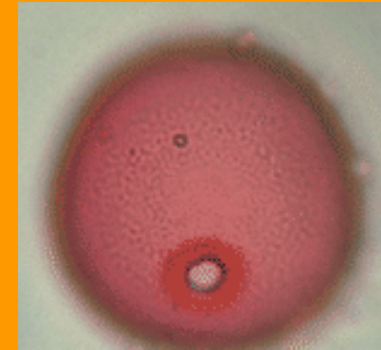
Impollinazione

Impollinazione anemofila

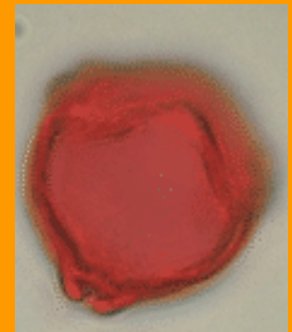
Polline:

➤ piccole dimensioni, liscio,

➤ privo di elementi sculturali prominenti

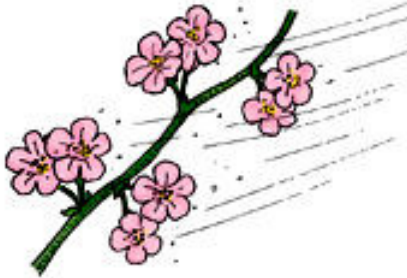


Poaceae



Betula

Le piante producono grandi quantità di polline che è liberato come « pioggia pollinica »



Impollinazione

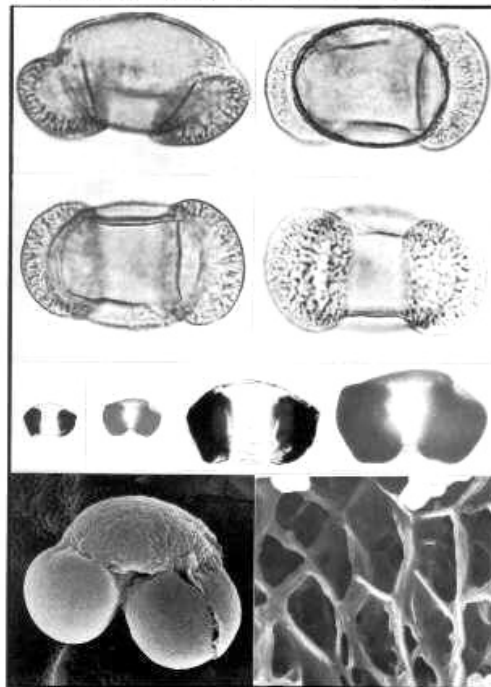
Impollinazione anemofila

Dimensioni dei granuli comprese tra 10-25 μm nelle Angiosperme

Granuli troppo piccoli non riuscirebbero, travolti dalla corrente d'aria, a contattare efficacemente lo stigma e così granuli troppo grossi si depositerebbero al suolo con notevole rapidità.

Gimnosperme: in media 30-60 μm ma talvolta anche $> 100 \mu\text{m}$

Pinus halepensis Miller (Pinaceae)



a 10 μm b 10 μm c 10 μm

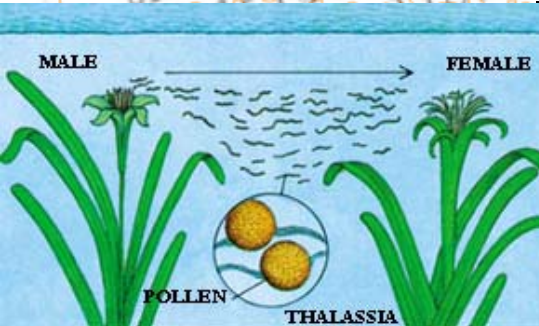
Impollinazione

Impollinazione idrofila

Polline:

➤ Esina sottile

➤ Spesso
numerosa
apertura



Effettuata da poche
piante acquatiche :
Zostera,
Ceratophyllum,
Zannichellia

Impollinazione

Impollinazione zoofila

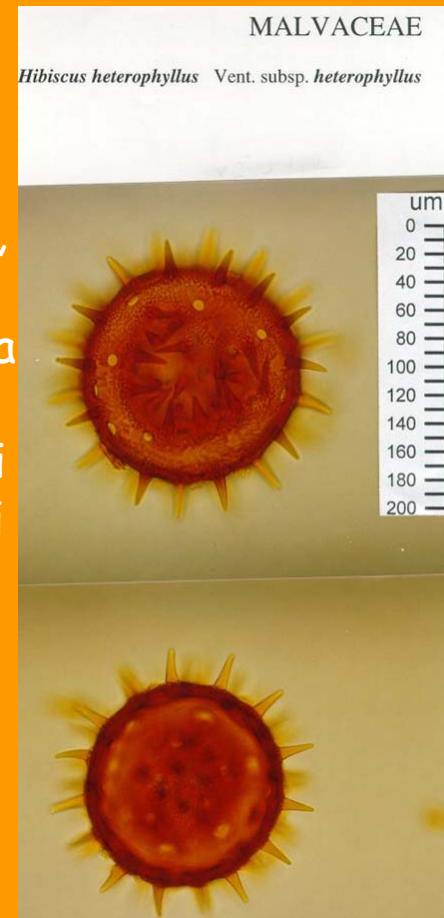
Polline:

➤ processi superficiali (verruche, spine, ecc.): una superficie scabra favorisce l'adesione ai peli ed al corpo degli insetti

➤ Dimensioni abbastanza cospicue (30-60 μm)



Impollinazione mirata, poco il polline prodotto

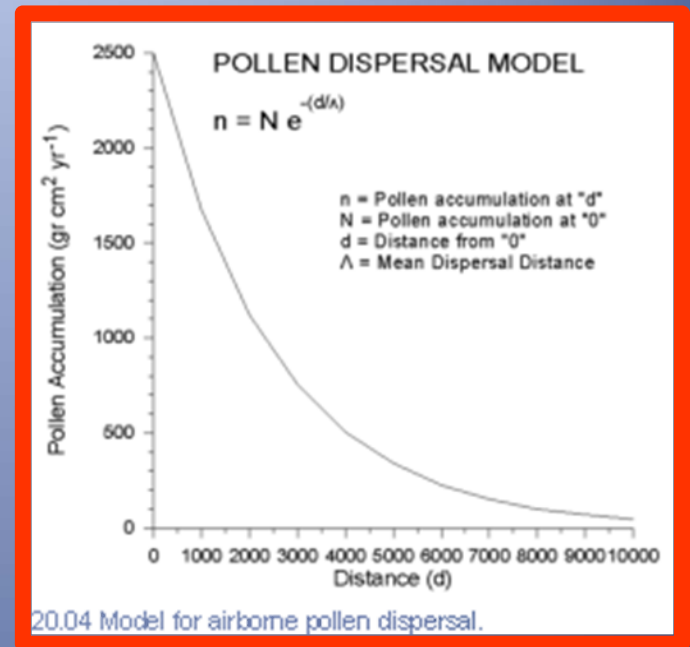


Impollinazione

Impollinazione fortuita



❖ Curva leptocurtica.



Origine del polline fossile

- ❖ Prima di cominciare ad interpretare l'associazione pollinica fossile in termini di vegetazione circostante, si deve considerare **dove si sono originati e quanto hanno viaggiato i granuli pollinici.**

Modello di Tauber (1965)

La pioggia pollinica consiste di diverse componenti principali:

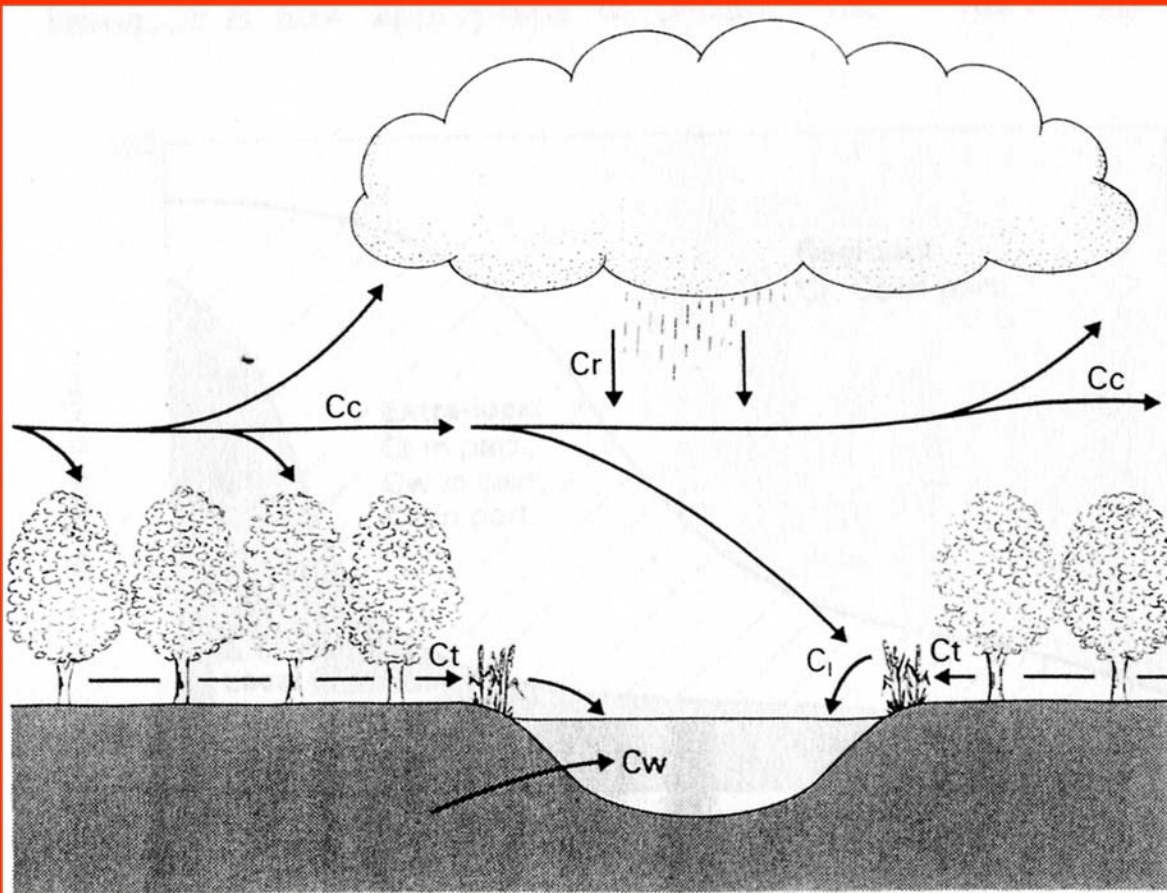
CT. Componente dello "spazio del tronco".

CC. Componente della copertura.

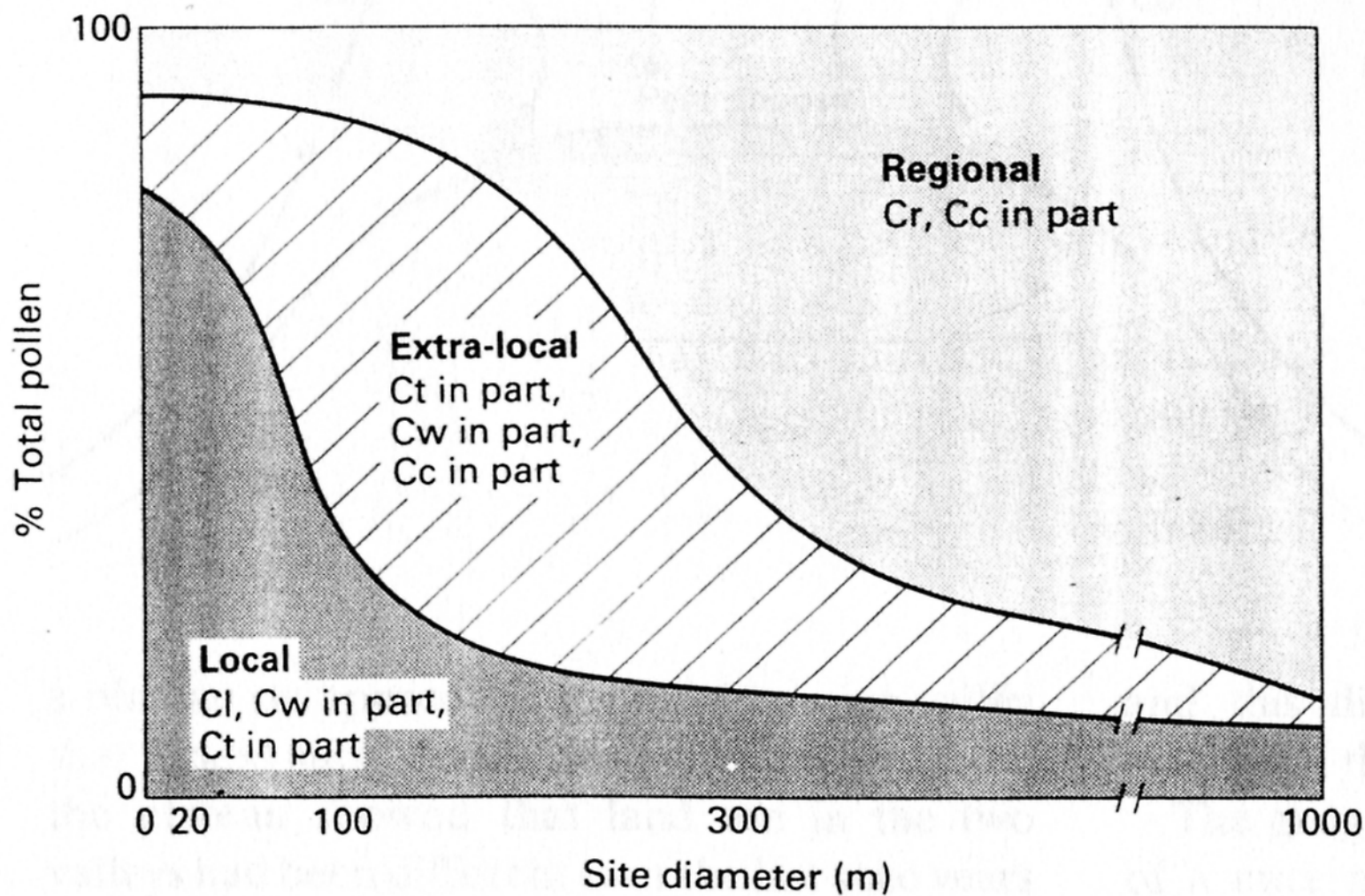
Cr. Componente "pioggia".

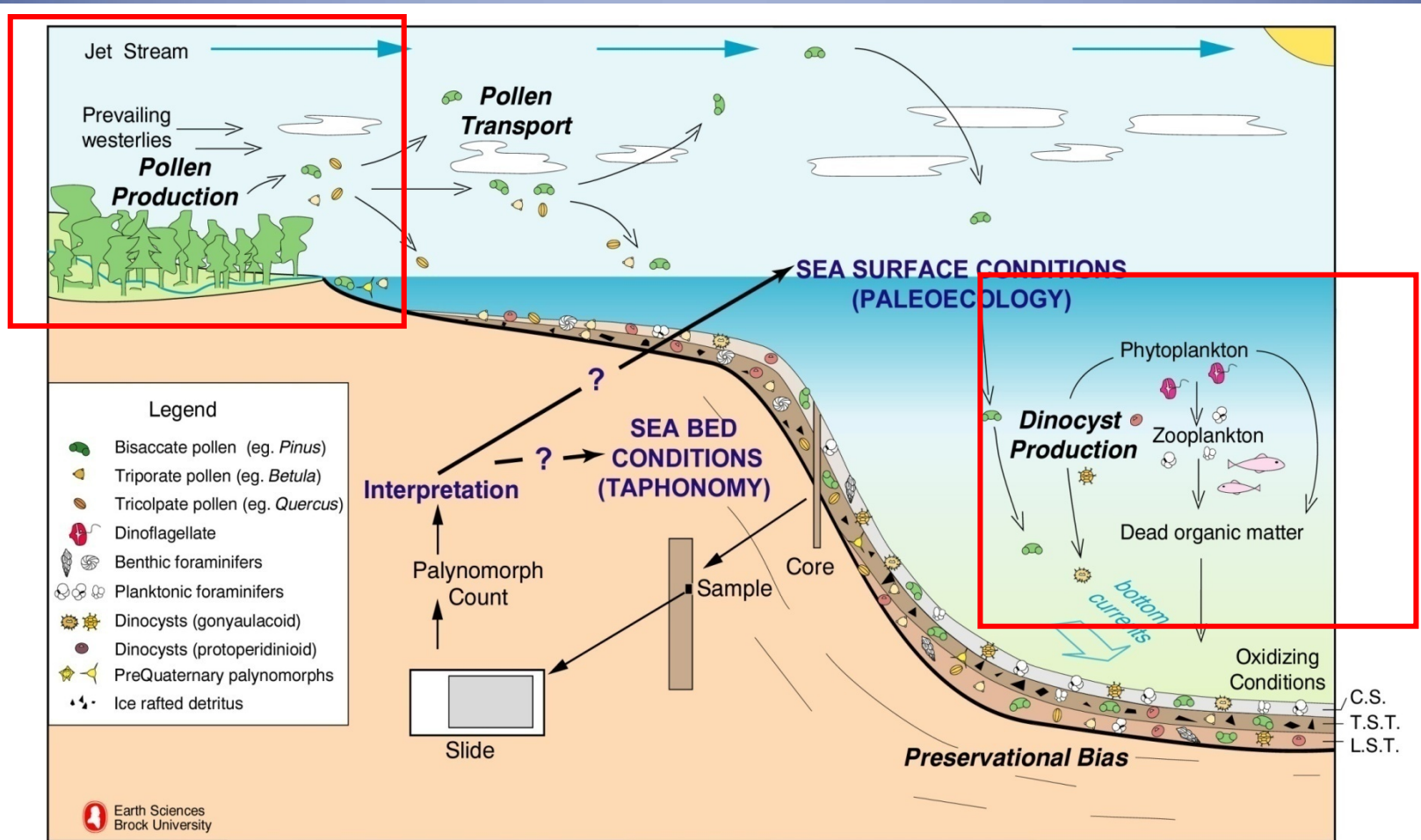
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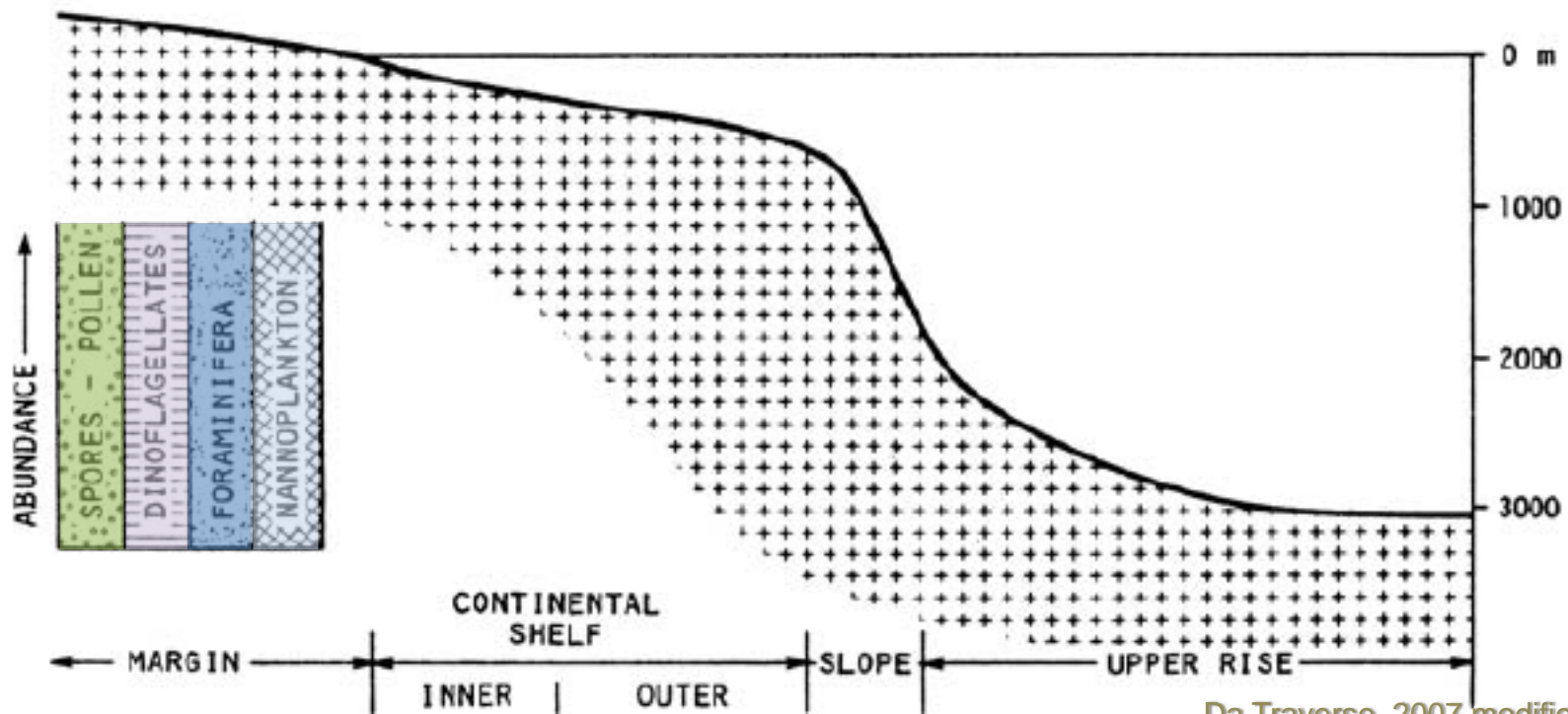
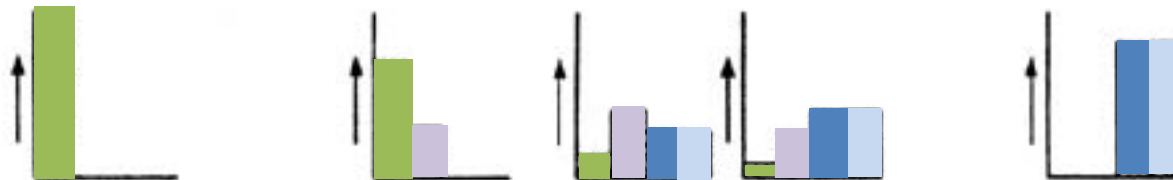
Cw. Componente secondaria.



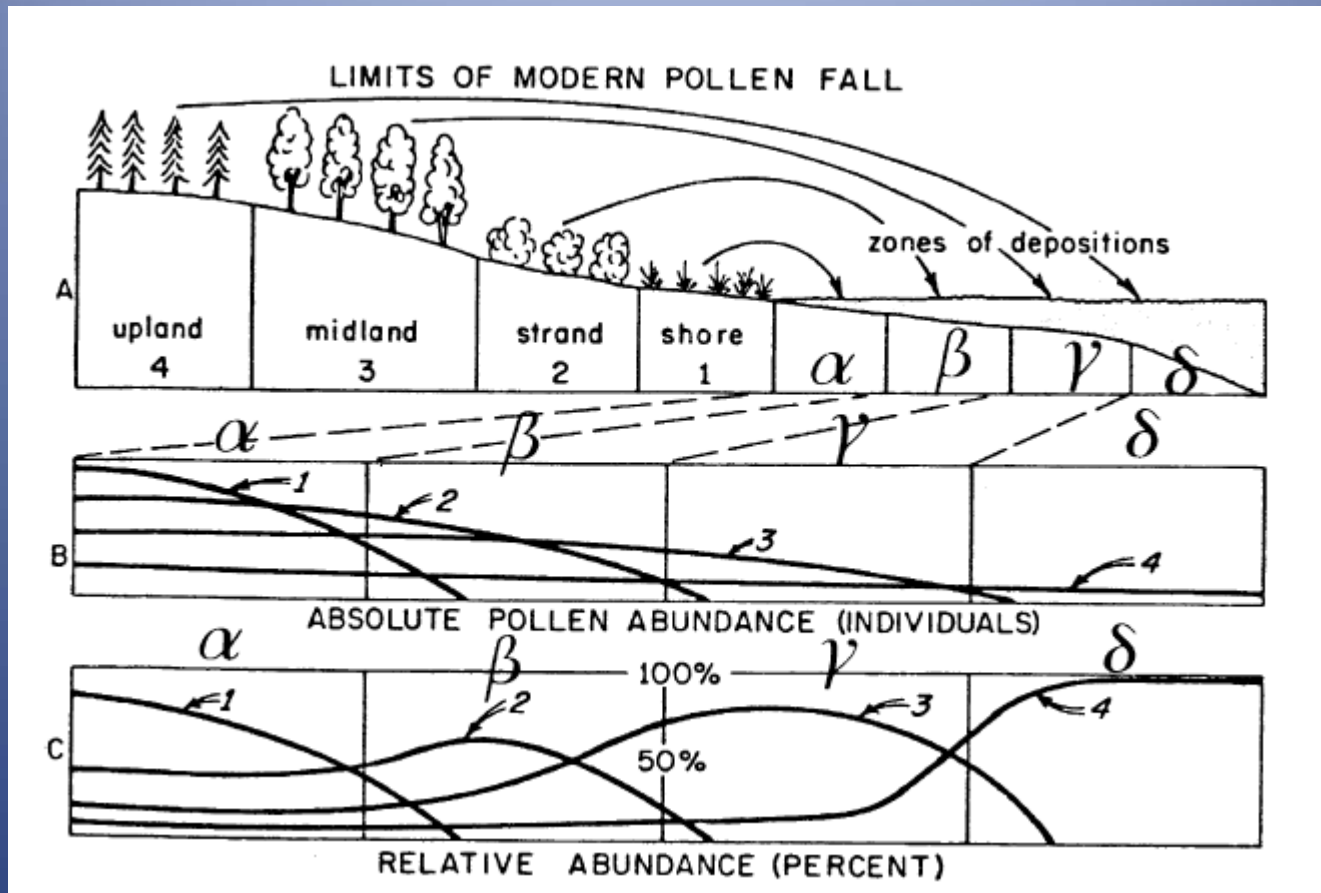
Modello di Tauber per un sito circondato da una foresta







Da Traverse, 2007 modificato



Neves effect

Da Traverse, 2007 modificato

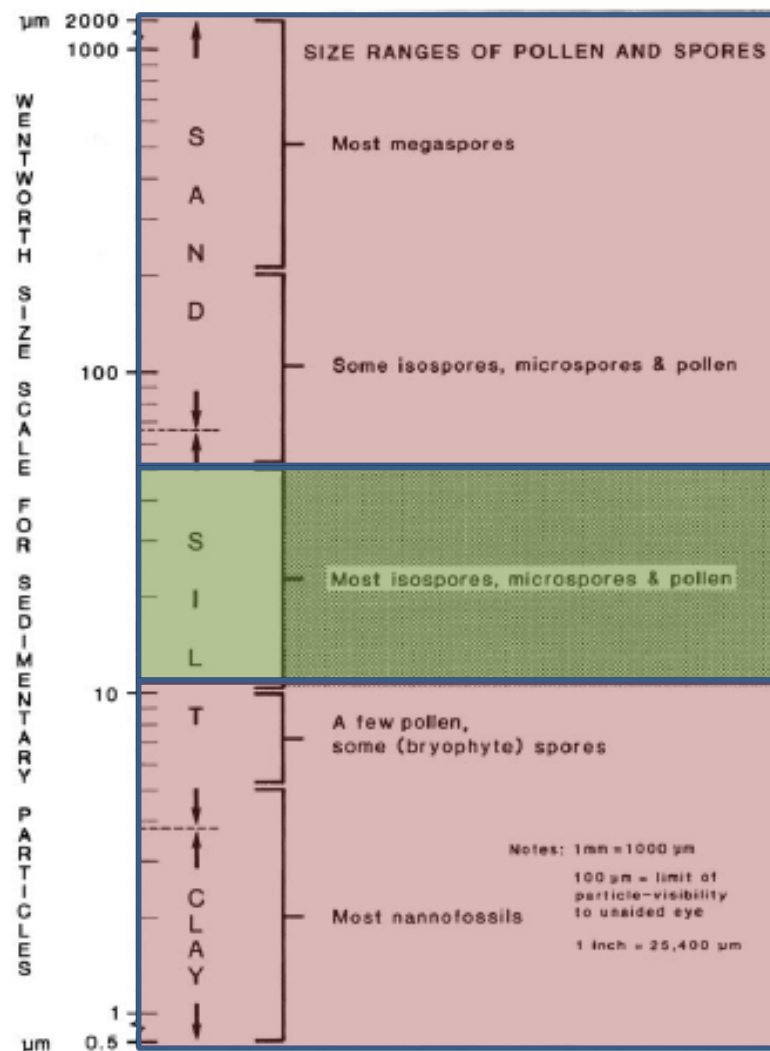


Figure 17.2 Size ranges of pollen and spores in comparison to clastic particles, per the Wentworth scale, plotted logarithmically. Most spores and pollen are silt-sized, although a few are fine sand-sized, and megaspores are practically all sand-sized. As the specific gravity of sporopollenin (about 1.4) is less than that of mineral clastic particles (about 2.5), and because palynomorphs are not solid, they will tend to sort in sedimentation in a mineral class of somewhat smaller particles than themselves (see Stanley, 1969).

Depositi lacustri e fluvio- lacustri

Piacenziano- Valdarno Superiore
(Italia centrale)



Pleistocene inferiore -
Santarcangelo (Italia meridionale)



Stirone (Italia settentrionale)



Valdarno Superiore (Italia centrale)



Gelasiano



Calabriano



Pleistocene medio – Valdarno superiore (Italia centrale)

Suoli



- Ph > 6 non favorisce la conservazione del polline
- Polline soggetto a degradazione: fenomeni di sotto- o sovrarappresentazione



Packrat midden - Capitol Reef National Park



Neotoma cinerea, Chaco Canyon, New Mexico

Oggi →

Deserto con arbusti,
cactus, rari ginepri

Cambiamenti della vegetazione nel Grand Canyon

20KA (glaciale) →

Bosco di ginepri, *Artemisia
tridentata*, abeti,
Pseudotsuga, pini.



Coproliti

Feci fossilizzate di organismi antichi.

Sono una forma di traccia fossile che può essere utilizzata per ottenere informazioni sulla dieta del loro produttore e subordinatamente sulle condizioni ambientali circostanti.



Depositi carbonatici

Analisi palinologiche in
depositi carbonatici
terrestri come
**speleotemi e
calcareous tufa**



McGarry & Caseldine, 2004

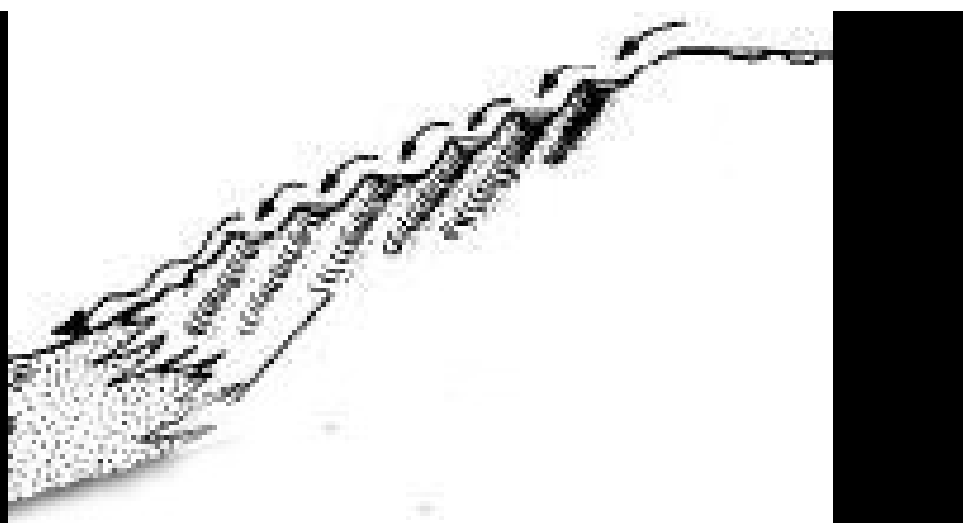
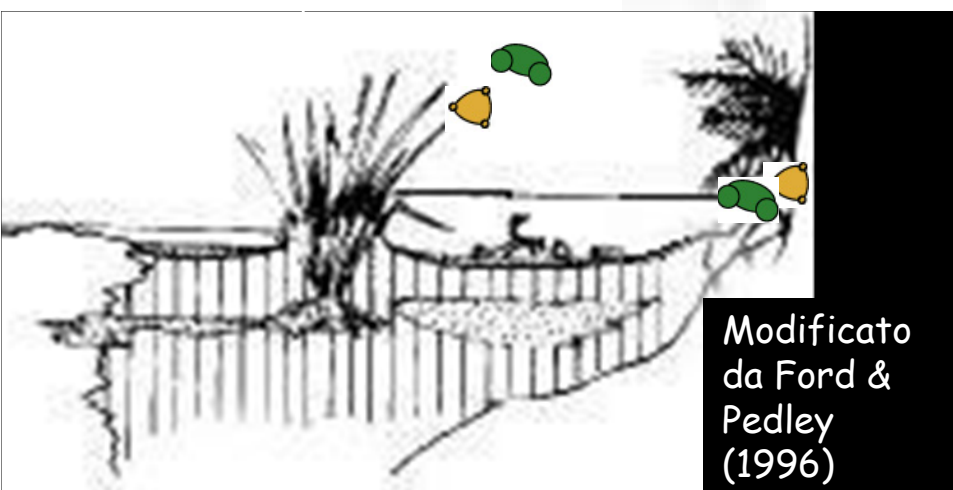
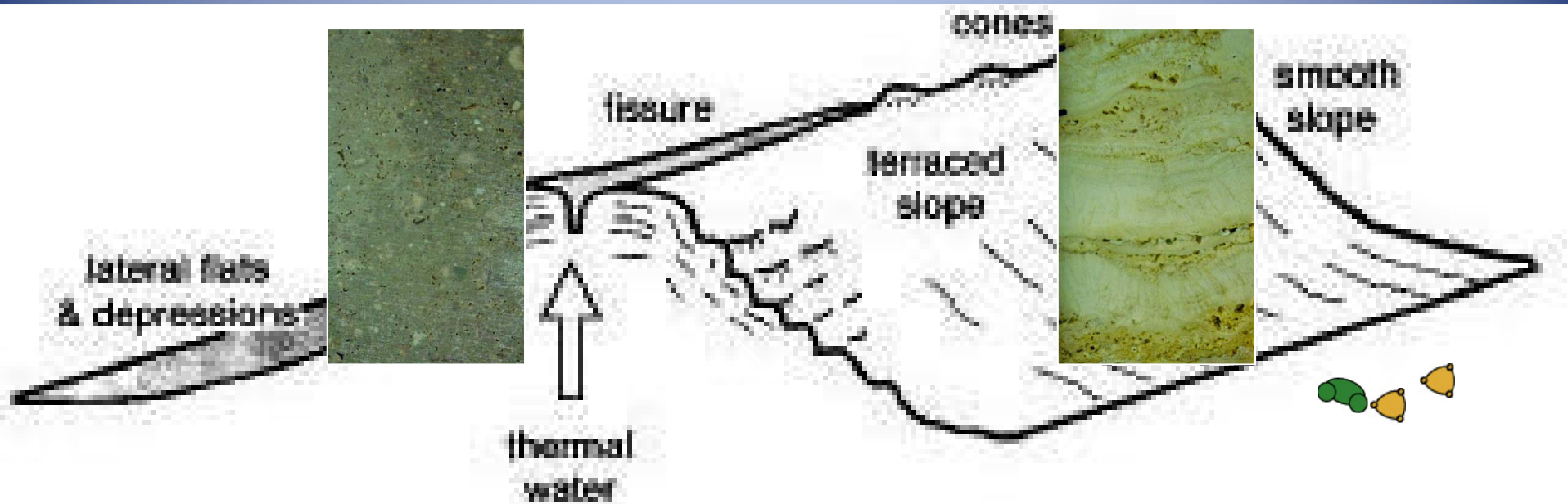


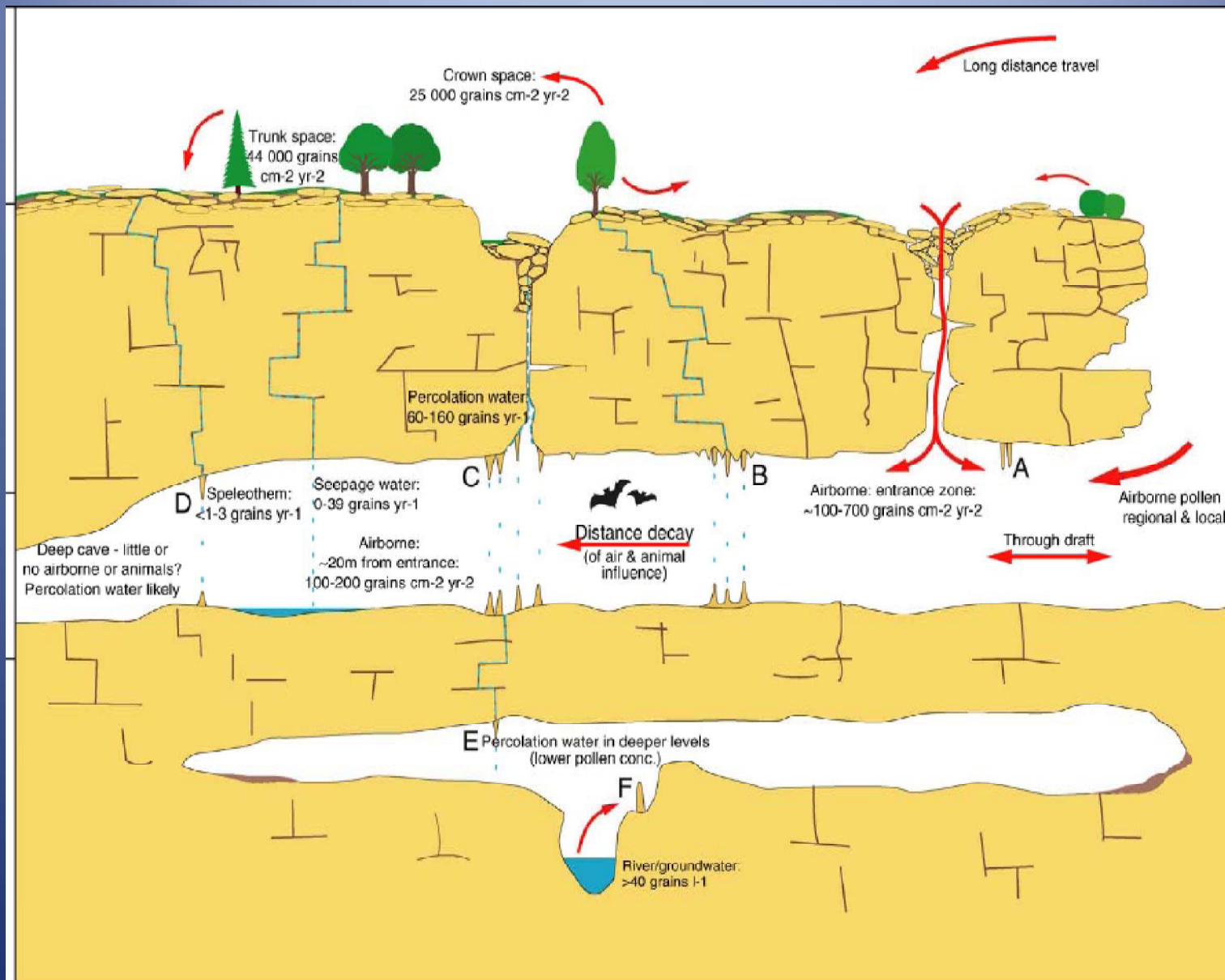
Taylor *et al.*, 1994
Burjachs & Julià, 1994
Vermoere *et al.*, 1999

Prime analisi nei travertini
(Bertini *et al.*, 2008; Ricci,
2010) hanno dimostrato che:

- polline è ben conservato
- polline è presente in basse
concentrazioni e solo in
alcune facies







Campionamento e descrizione delle facies



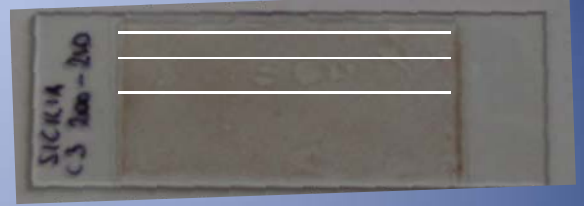
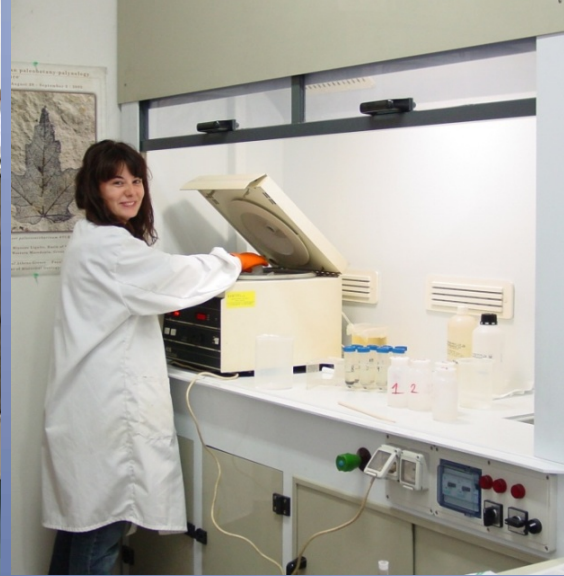
Da Ricci, 2010

Tecniche di Laboratorio



Morfologia pollinica e analisi microscopica





Site:

Microscope:

Taxa

Tot.

10 →

Quercus

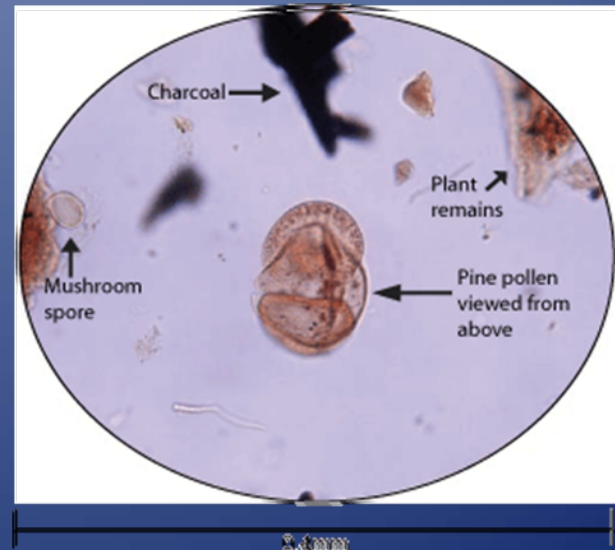
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Pinus

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Poaceae

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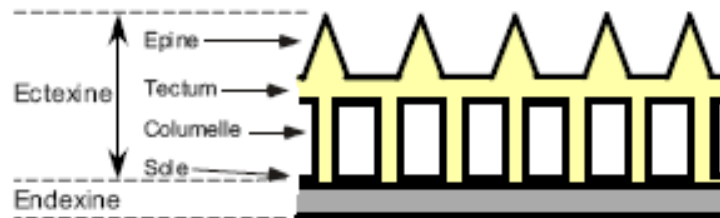


Fig. 1. Exemple de structure.

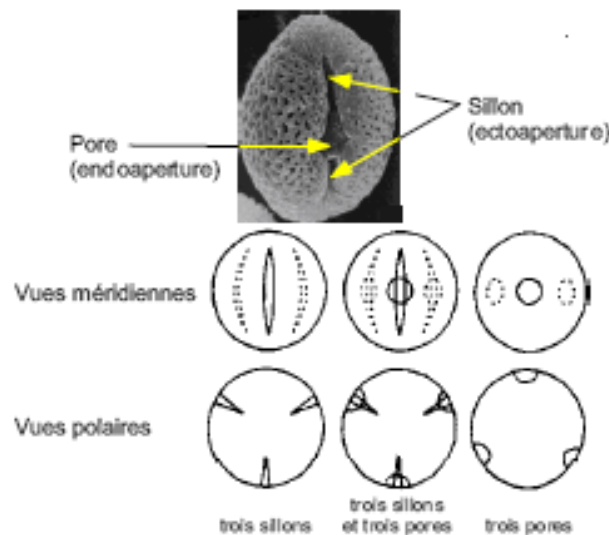


Fig. 3. Exemples d'apertures.

Exemples de grains de pollen à trois apertures (trois sillons, trois pores, trois sillons et trois pores) en vue méridienne (aperture vue de face) et en vue polaire. La photographie en microscopie électronique à balayage représente un pollen de *Pteleocarpa malacoensis*, Pteleocarpaceae (grossissement 300) qui possède trois sillons et trois pores (pollen trifolpore).

PL 3. Éléments de morphologie des pollens d'Angiospermes.

Morfologia pollinica

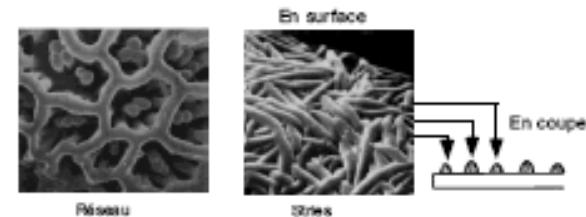


Fig. 2. Exemples d'ornementation.

La photographie en microscopie électronique à balayage concerne *Stachouse pulvinaris*, Stachouseaceae, à gauche, et *Senecio elata*, Astéracée, à droite, au grossissement 1 000.

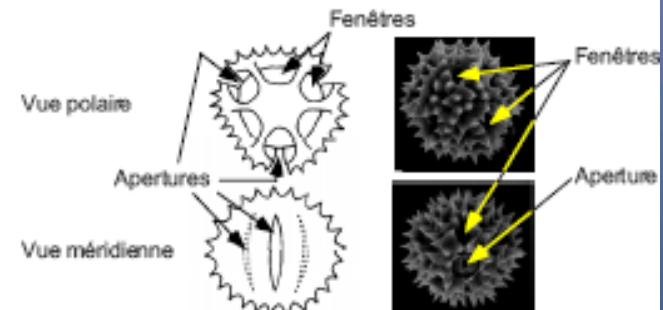


Fig. 4. Exemple de pollen à apertures complexes.

Schémas et photographies au microscope électronique à balayage (grossissement 300) du pollen de la Trépane barbue (*Tolpis barbata* type, Astéracée) en vue polaire et en vue méridienne. Ce pollen possède, en plus de trois apertures symétriques (à 120°), plusieurs fenêtres. Les possibilités de sortie du tube pollinique sont ici optimisées quelle que soit la position du grain de pollen sur le stigmate.

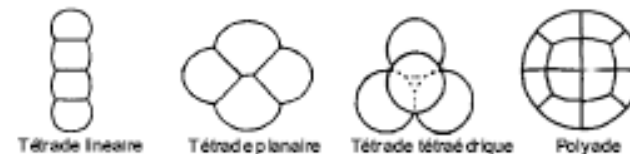
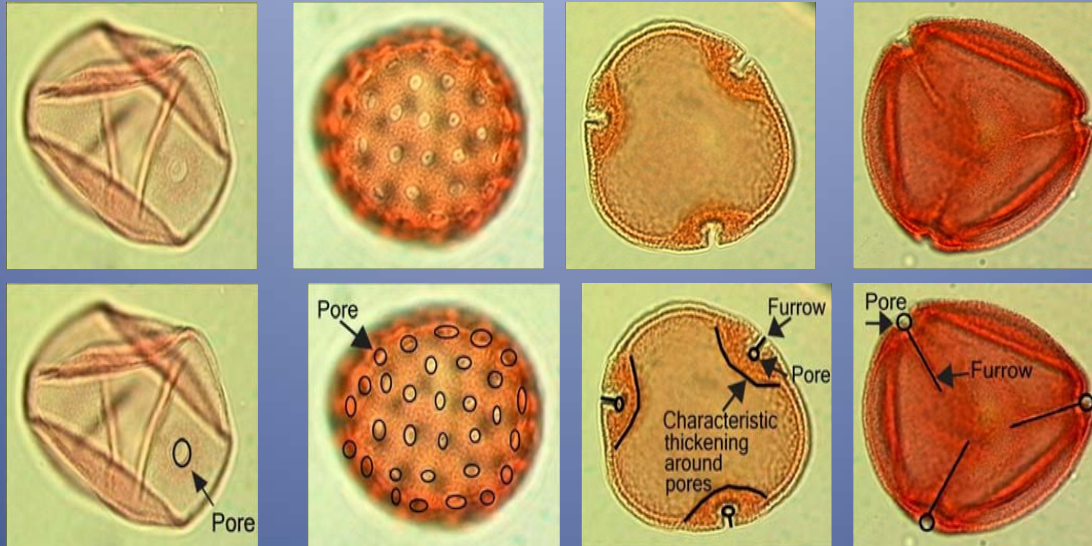
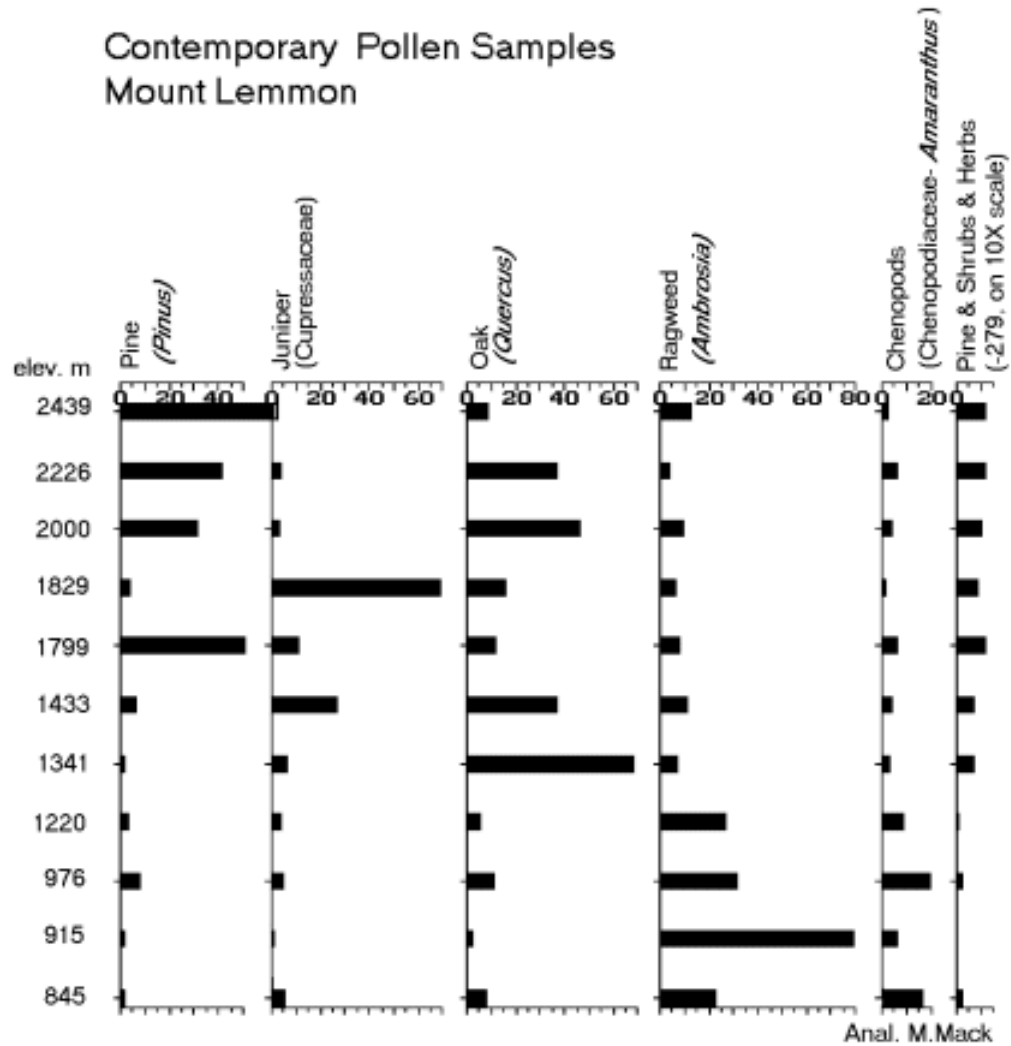


Fig. 5. Exemples de formes de pollen composés.

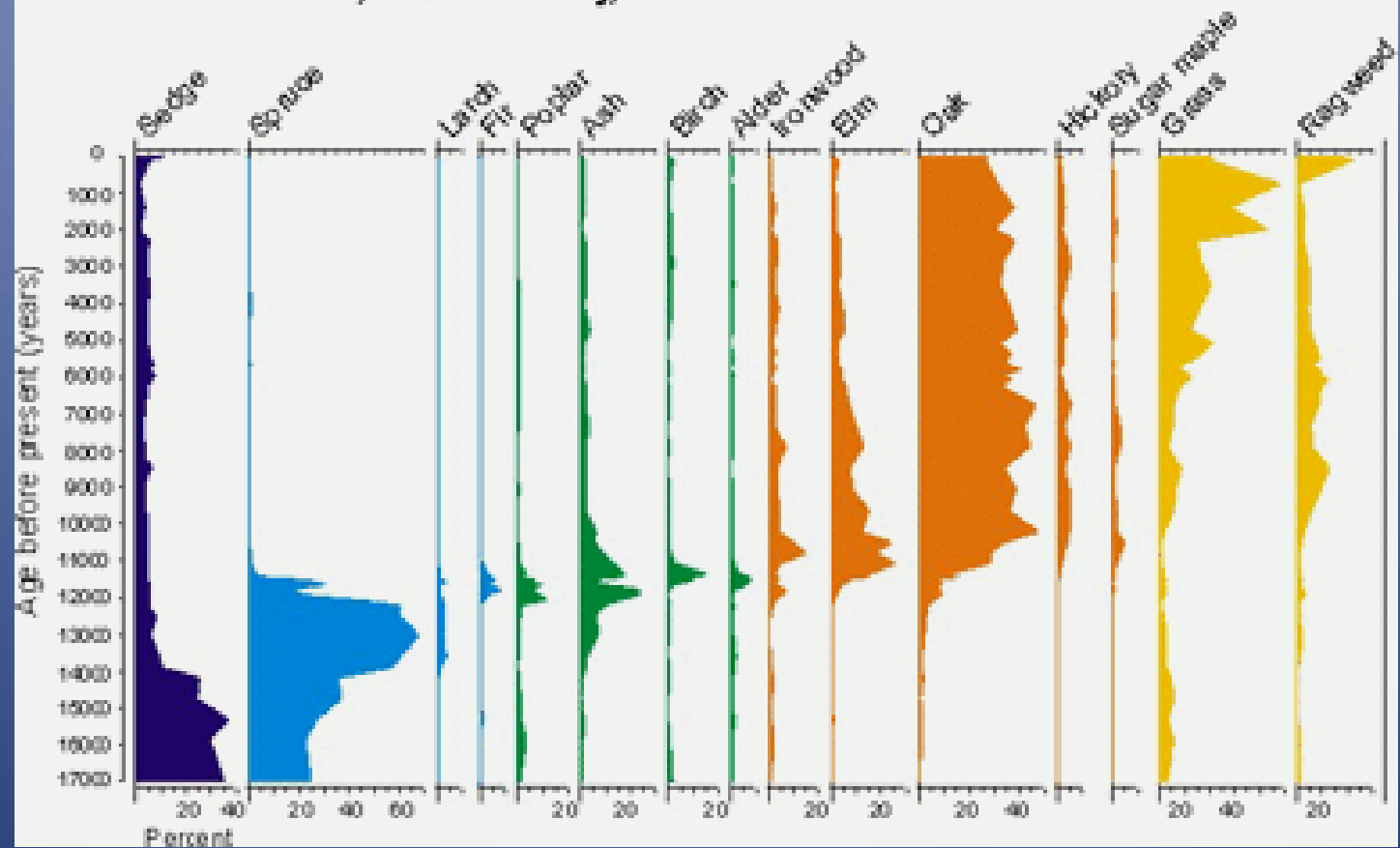


<http://www.seillevally.com/IdentifyingPollen.htm>

Contemporary Pollen Samples Mount Lemmon



Nelson Lake, Kane County Illinois



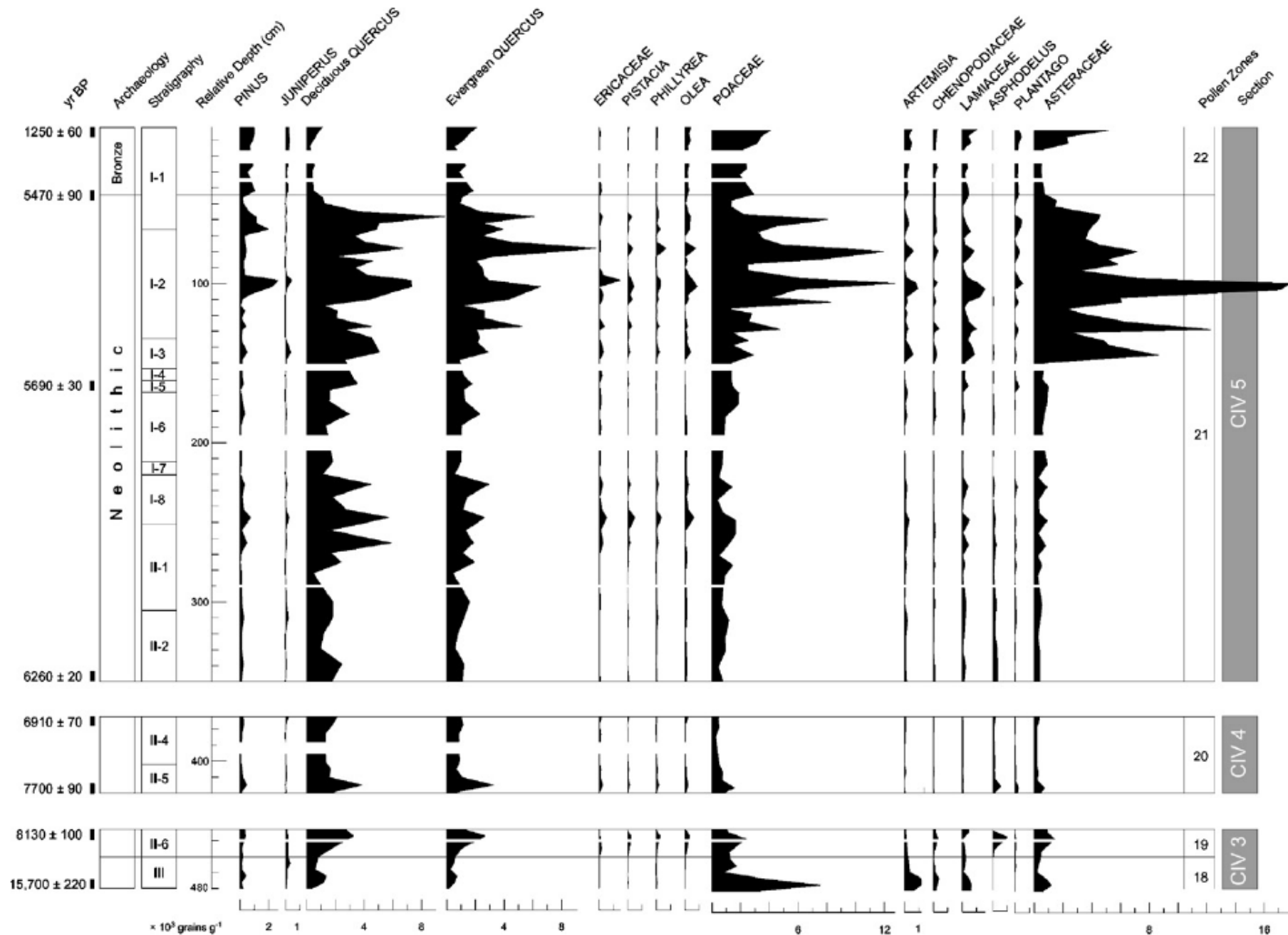
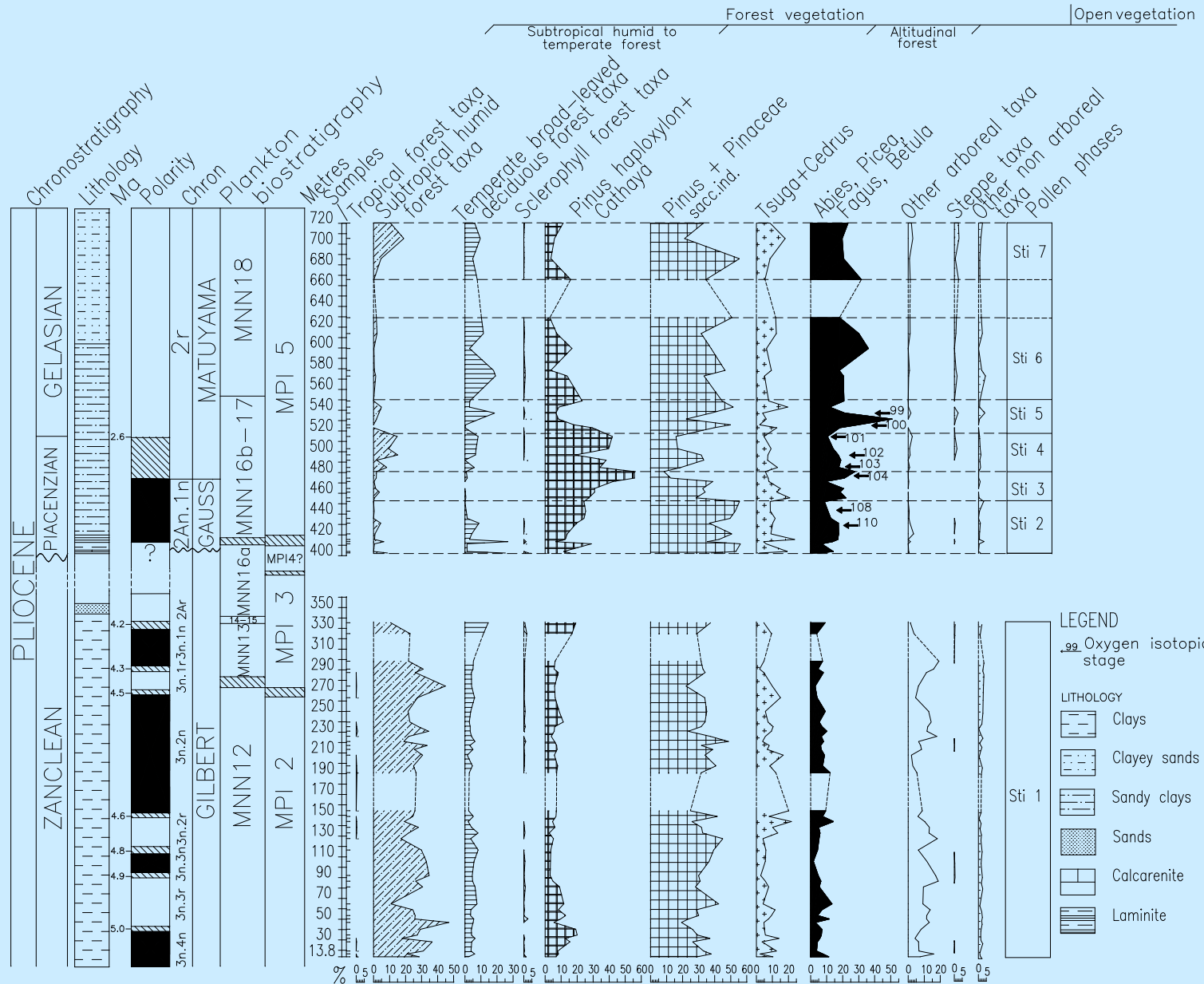


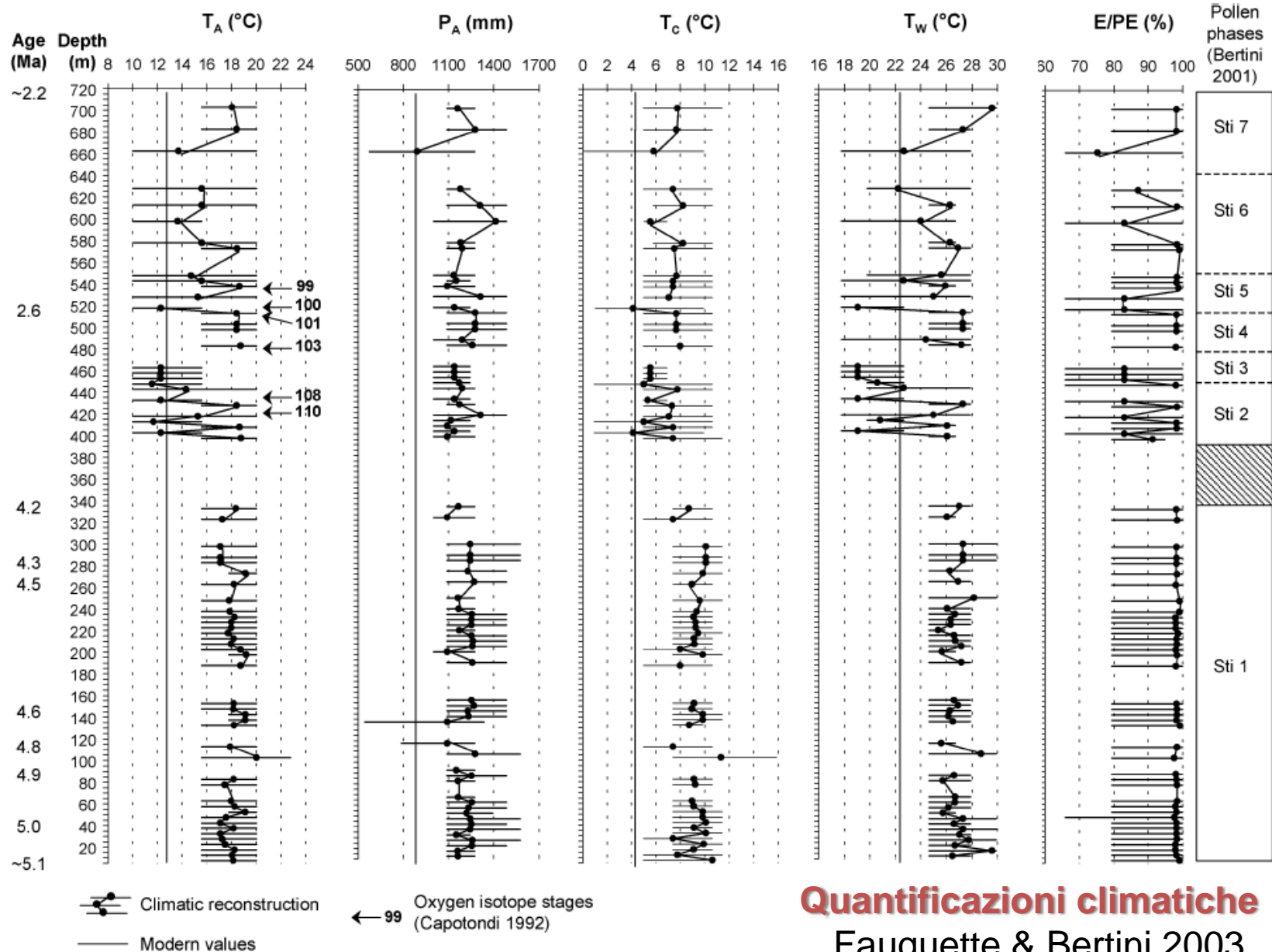
Fig. 4. Concentration pollen diagram of selected taxa for CIV Sections 3–5.

Fig. 4. Diagramme avec la concentration pollinique de quelques taxons sélectionnés de CIV, Sections 3–5.

Pollen groupings		
GROUP	FLORAL ELEMENTS	MODERN CLIMATIC AND ECOLOGIC SIGNIFICANCE
Tropical forest taxa	<i>Nolina, Sindora, Prosopis, Croton, ...</i>	Megathermic taxa living under moist or dry conditions.
Subtropical humid forest taxa	<i>Taxodium/Glyptostrobus</i> type (main component), <i>Nyssa, Myrica, Arecaceae, Clethraceae, Cyrillaceae, Engelhardia, Sciadopitys, Sequoia, Sapotaceae, Distylium, ...</i>	Mega-mesothermic trees living under a climatic regime with a small range of temperature and abundant and well distributed rainfall throughout the year. (Humid subtropical climate).
Temperate broad-leaved deciduous forest taxa	<i>Quercus, Carya, Carpinus, Ulmus, Zelkova, Tilia, Acer, Pterocarya, Juglans, Fraxinus, Buxus, Liquidambar, Parrotia, Castanea, Celtis, ...</i>	Mesothermic trees living under a climatic regime with adequate precipitation in all months. They withstanding a strong annual temperature cycle with a cold winter season and a warm summer season. (Warmer continental and humid subtropical climates).
Sclerophyll forest taxa	<i>Quercus ilex</i> type, <i>Phillyrea, Olea, Pistacia, Cistus, ...</i>	Xerophilous hard-leaved trees and shrubs, which are typical of regions with a wet winter and dry summer. (Mediterranean climate).
<i>Cathaya</i> + <i>Pinus haploxylon</i> type	Single components	<i>Cathaya</i> is a mesothermic gymnosperm now restricted in the humid, warm-temperate to subtropical areas of the China. Because its elevational range (between 1,200-1,800 m) it occurs in an ecotonal type between the sclerophyllous and deciduous broad-leaved fo
<i>Pinus</i> + Pinaceae saccatae indeterminate	Single components	The genus <i>Pinus</i> includes numerous species with different ecologic and climatic requirements, since the latter cannot be used given the difficulty of pollen grains determination below the genus level.
<i>Tsuga</i> + <i>Cedrus</i>	Single components	Mesothermic and meso-microthermic gymnosperms (mid-altitude elements) which demand humidity.
<i>Abies</i> and <i>Picea</i> + <i>Fagus</i> and <i>Betula</i>	Single components	Microthermic needleleaf, coniferous trees (<i>Abies</i> and <i>Picea</i>) They are the dominant plants of the boreal forest, corresponding to subarctic and cold continental climates characterized by cold summer and long winter with \pm yearlong humid conditions. The br
Other Arboreal taxa	<i>Alnus, Salix, Platanus, Populus</i> plus indeterminate and indeterminate pollen grains.	Taxa not climatically significant, often indicative of local edaphic conditions
Steppe taxa	<i>Artemisia</i> (main component) + <i>Ephedra</i>	Grasses associated with a semi-arid continental climatic regime. In the steppes of the middle-latitude winters are cold and dry and summers warm to hot.
Other non arboreal taxa	Asteraceae (excluded <i>Artemisia</i>), Poaceae, Chenopodiaceae, Caryophyllaceae, Brassicaceae, Apiaceae, Cannabaceae, Knautia, Cistaceae, Convolvulaceae, Ericaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Ranunculaceae, Fabaceae, ...	Coast-line vegetation which indicates dry climatic conditions. Cosmopolitan taxa.

Stirone





Quantificazioni climatiche

Fauquette & Bertini 2003

Fig. 4. Climatic evolution at Stirone during the Pliocene (between ~5.1 and ~2.2 Ma) reconstructed from pollen data. Five climatic parameters have been estimated: mean annual temperature (T_A), mean annual precipitation (P_A), mean temperature of the coldest month (T_C), mean temperature of the warmest month (T_W) and the ratio actual evapotranspiration/potential evapotranspiration (E/PE) which reflects the available moisture. The oxygen isotopic stages are shown.

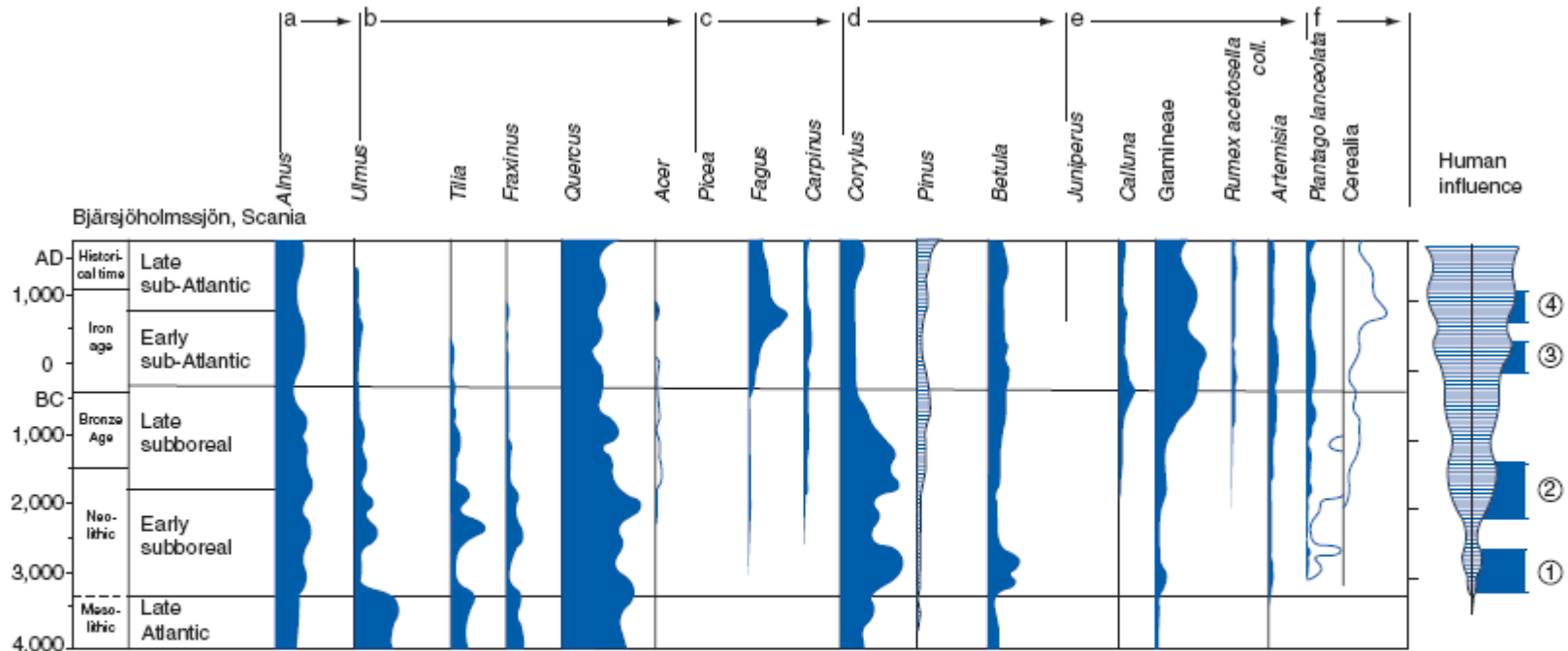


Figure 2 Generalized human-impact diagram for the province of Skåne, southern Sweden, based on the pollen record from Bjärsjöholmssjön. Major indicator pollen for a, alder carr; b, broad-leaved forest; c, late migrating trees; d, light-demanding trees; pine (*Pinus*) assumed by the author to be long-distance pollen; e, general human-impact indicators; f, pastures (*Plantago lanceolata* = narrowleaf plantain) and arable fields (*Cerealia* = cereals). Phases of human impact increase (expansion) 1 to 4 were later correlated to the following archeological periods: 1. early Neolithic, 2. middle Neolithic, 3. late Bronze Age, 4. late Iron Age. From Berglund BE (1969) Vegetation and human influence in south Scandinavia during Prehistoric time. In: Berglund BE (ed.) *Impact of Man on the Scandinavian Landscape During the Last Post-Glacial*, pp. 9–28. (Oikos Suppl.).



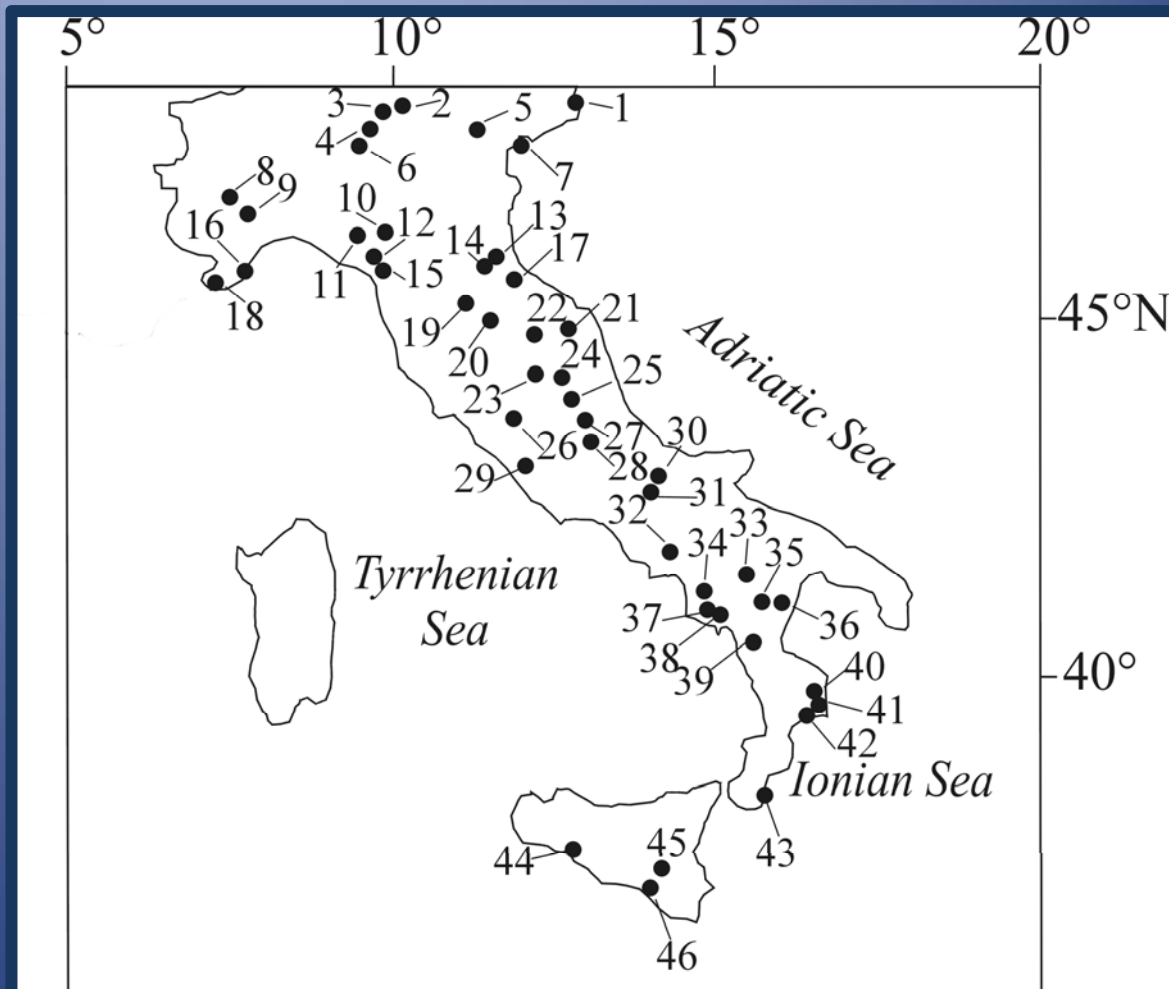
Figure 4 The principal anthropogenic indicators in pollen diagrams and their occurrence in various farming contexts for northwestern Europe (north of the Alps). The frequency of occurrence is shown for the plants themselves, and without reference to variation in pollen production and dispersal. From Behre K-E (1981) The interpretation of anthropogenic indicators in pollen diagrams. *Pollen et Spores* 23: 225–245.

Siti italiani plio-pleistocenici marini e continentali

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			Pleistocene	Upper	0.126	
				"Ionian"	0.781	
				Calabrian	1.806	🔑
				Gelasian	2.588	🔑
		Neogene	Pliocene	Piacenzian	3.600	🔑
				Zanclean	5.332	🔑
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Pliocene to Pleistocene palynoflora and vegetation in Italy: State of the art

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ABSTRACT

Fifty-four Italian pollen sites, spanning the last 5.3 Ma, have been the object of an updated synthesis. The chronostratigraphic framework of floral and vegetational events illustrates the development of cooler climates since the Pliocene. Floral and vegetational response to glacial/interglacial cycles, as well as major taxa replacements have been analysed with special attention to latitudinal and altitudinal gradients and to physiographic reorganizations. The pollen flora shows marked changes both at the beginning of the Pleistocene as well as at the time of the Mid-Pleistocene climate transition, when a major decrease in temperature, during both glacial and interglacial phases, occurred. Alternations of *Artemisia* steppe and thermophilous forest mark the overall glacial–interglacial vegetation changes. However, in northern Italy, the latter are rather expressed by an alternating spread of altitudinal coniferous forest (mainly *Picea*), without significant expansion of steppe vegetation, and thermophilous forest. More complex vegetational cycles than those pointed out by earlier syntheses are also testified by the detection of an alpine vegetation spreading during glacial phases and a wooded steppe in the earlier phases of interglacials, in some southern marine sections. Such diversified patterns could be associated with obliquity related warm/humid–cold/dry “interglacial”–“glacial” cycles superimposed by precession related warm/dry–cold/humid cycles. However, the role of depositional processes as well as taphonomic biases should not be ignored in the reconstruction of vegetation dynamics.

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Proposal for Pliocene and Pleistocene land–sea correlation in the Italian area

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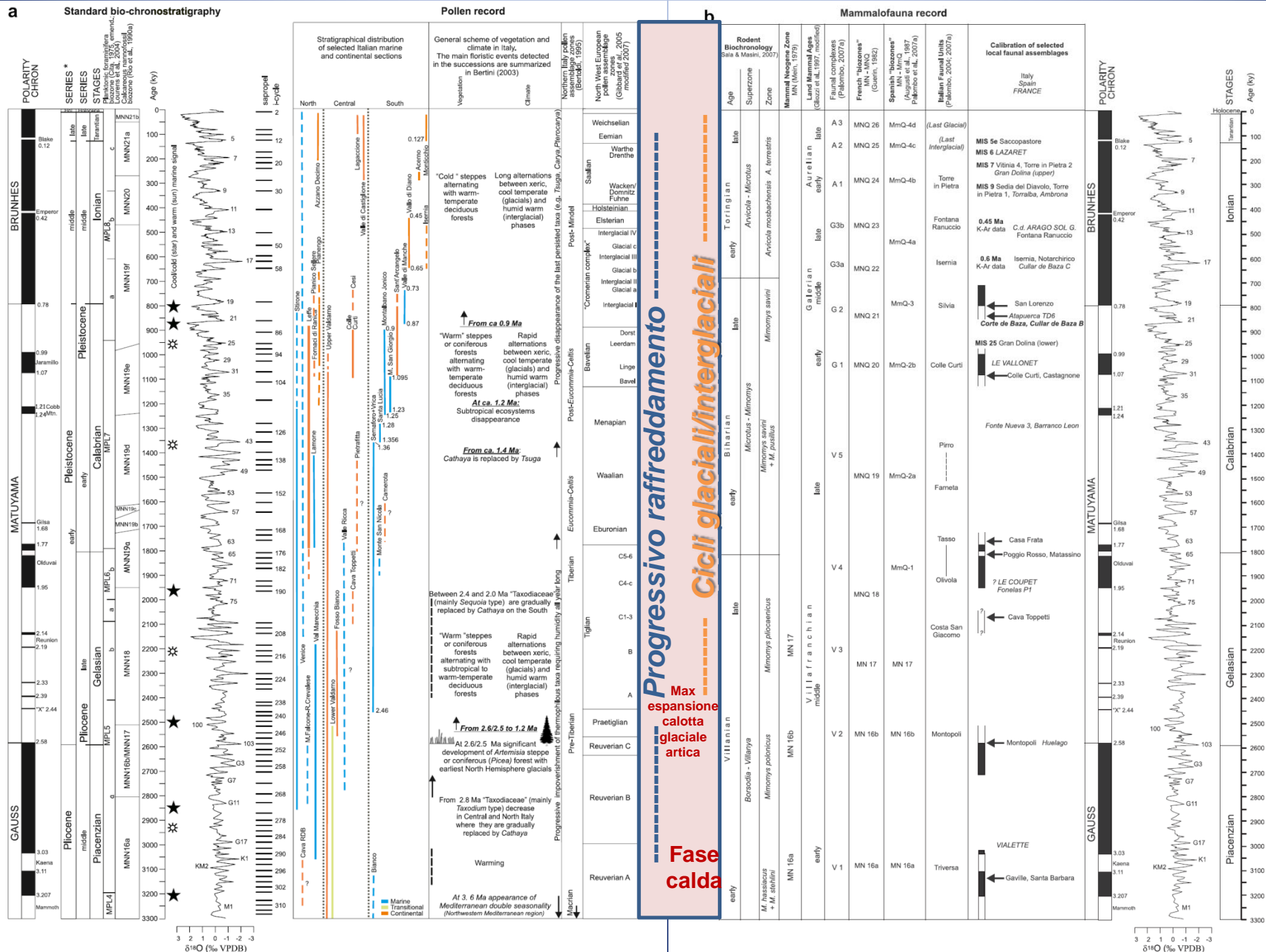
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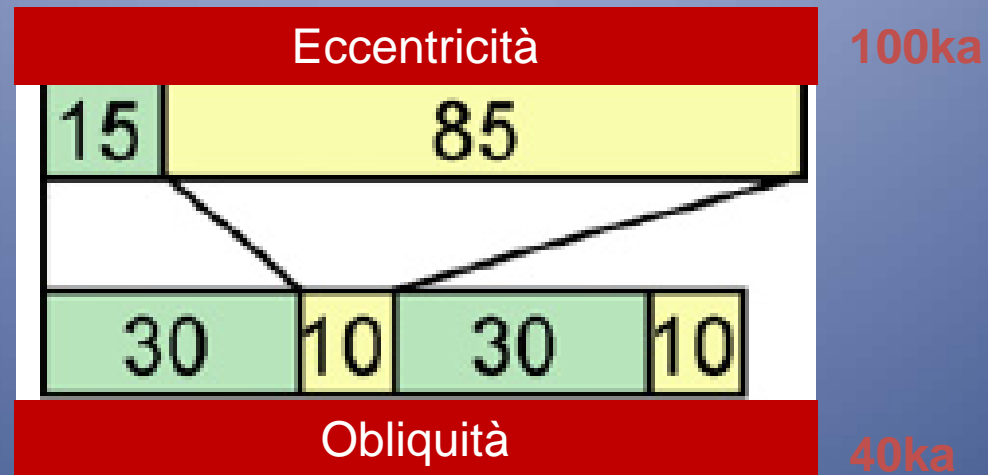
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ABSTRACT

The present study attempts a correlation between calcareous plankton (foraminifera and nannofossils) and terrestrial (pollen and mammal fauna) bioevents in Italy and Mediterranean Sea, through the last 3.3 million years, within a standard chronostratigraphical time scale. The approach was basically interdisciplinary and considered biochronological, biostratigraphical, chronostratigraphical, climatostratigraphical, and tephrochronological data. Despite different timing and mode characterised evolution of marine and continental organisms in relation to their ecology and relationships with environment, the main biota changes seem related with severe climate changes. The short interval of the known global scale Pliocene warmth (~3.0 Ma) has been documented by the last significant expansion of the warm

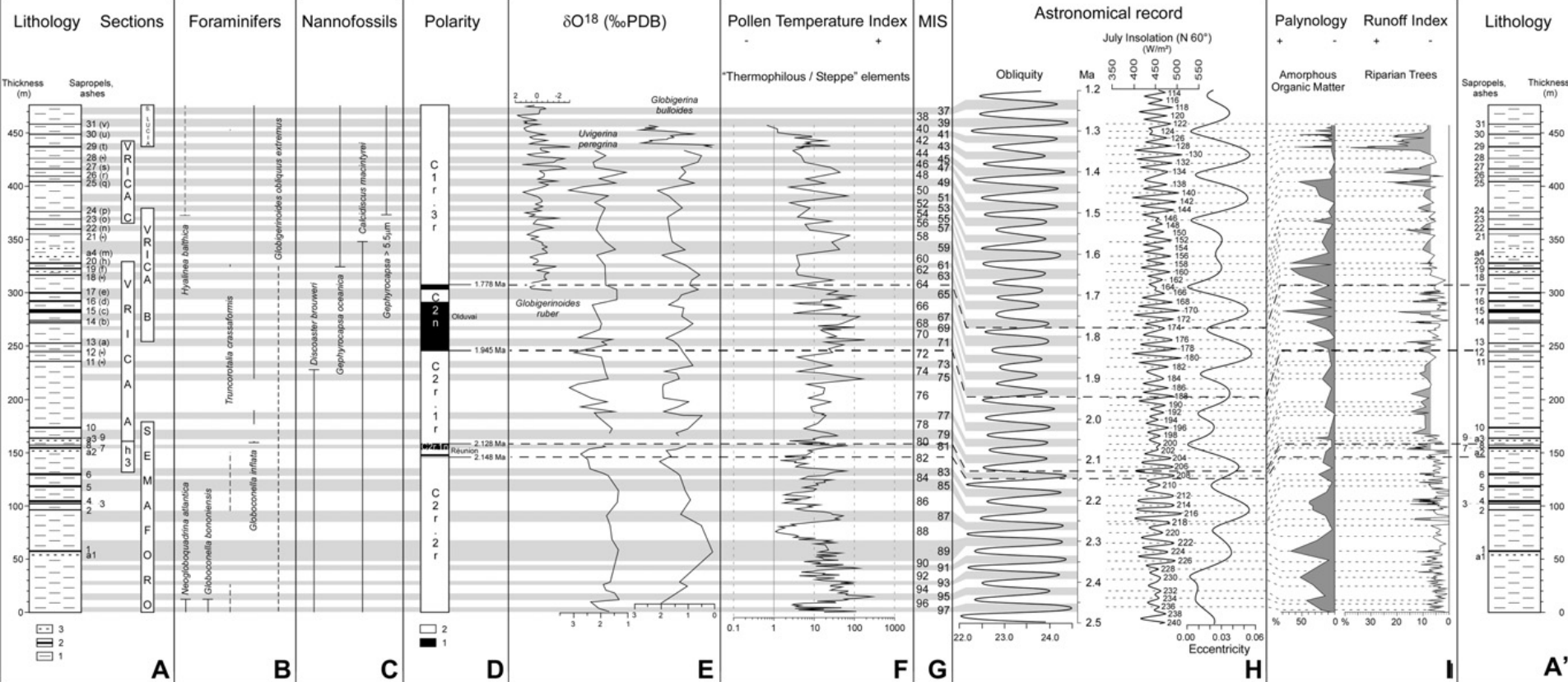




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Vrica B (Crotone) - Pleistocene

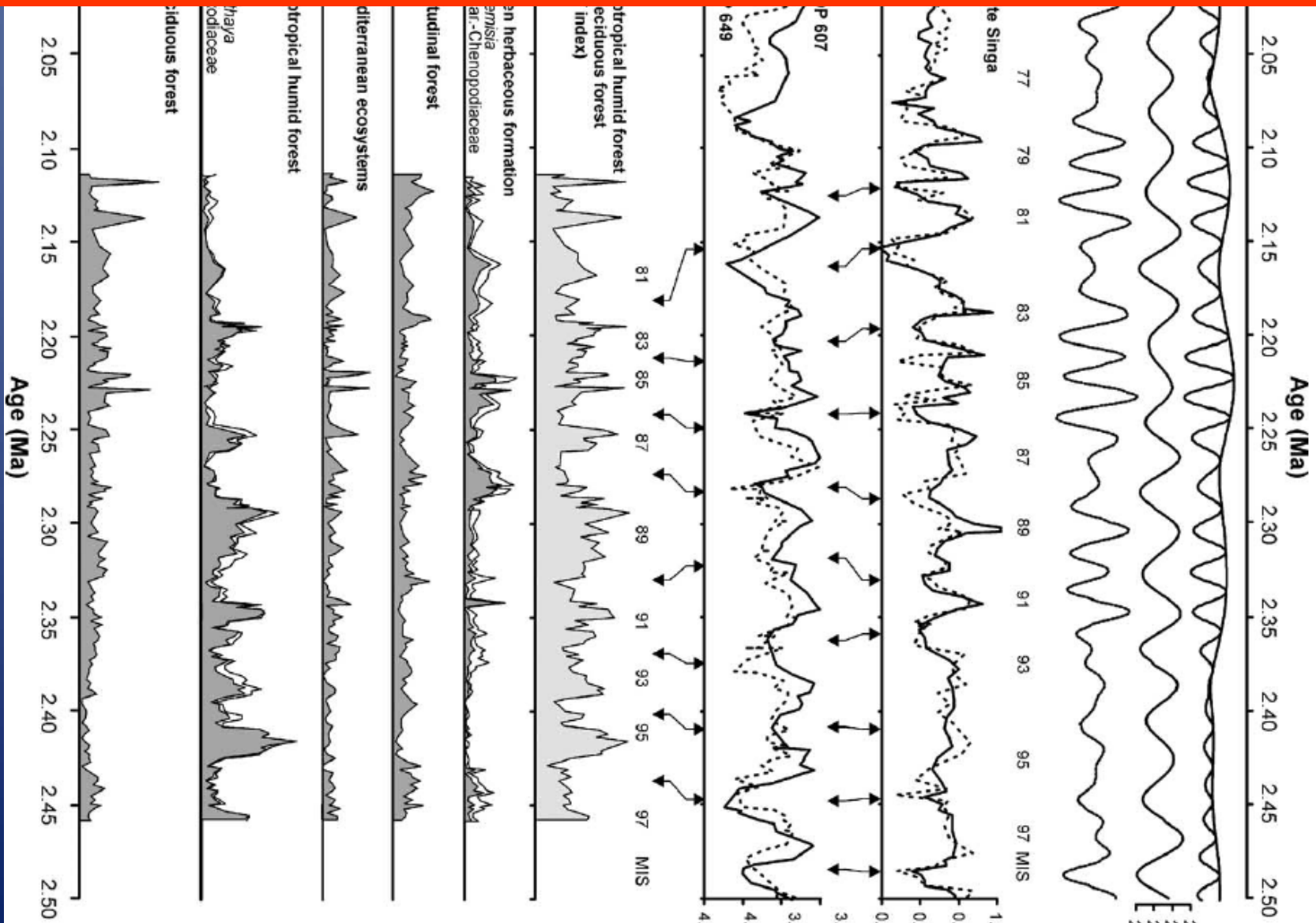


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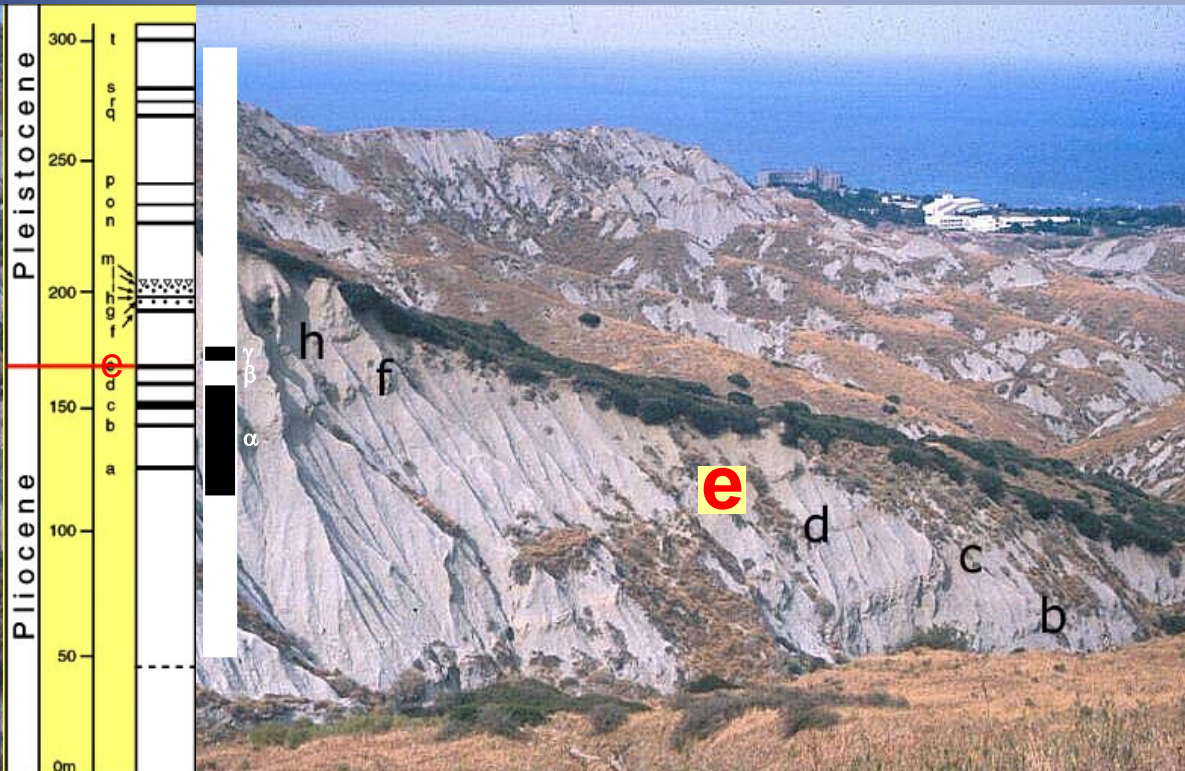
From stratigraphy to high-resolution cyclostratigraphy of the Crotoné series. (A) Lithology and successive studied sections reported in Fig. 1. Sapropels are numbered from 1 to 31 (with indication of their name in previous papers), main ashes are indicated (a1–a4). (1) Clays; (2) sapropel; and (3) ash. (A0) Repeated lithology and sapropel numbering only. (B) Summary of the biostratigraphy based on the main foraminifer markers (using the results from: Spaak, 1983; Hilgen, 1990, 1991; Combourieu-Nebout and Vergnaud Grazzini, 1991; Pasini and Colalongo, 1997; Joannin et al., 2007). (C) Summary of the biostratigraphy based on the main nannofossil markers (using the results from: Rio et al., 1997; Lourens et al., 1998). (D) Magnetostratigraphy (using the results from: Tauxe et al., 1983; Zijdeveld et al., 1991; and Gautier, this paper). The polarity results from hole h3 are shown in Fig. 5. (1) Normal; and (2) reverse. (E) Oxygen isotope records: on *Globigerinoides ruber* (Lourens et al., 1996), *Uvigerina peregrina* and *Globigerina bulloides* from the Semaforo and Vrica sections (Combourieu-Nebout and Vergnaud Grazzini, 1991), *Globigerina bulloides* from the Santa Lucia section (Joannin et al., 2007). (F) The Pollen Temperature Index expressed by the pollen ratio 'thermophilous/steppe' elements. The data are from Combourieu-Nebout (1987) for the Semaforo and Vrica sections, from Joannin et al. (2007) for the Santa Lucia section, and new data from N. Combourieu-Nebout. The curves are plotted on a semi-logarithmic scale. (G) Relationships with Marine Isotope Stages (MIS) as discussed by Combourieu-Nebout and Vergnaud Grazzini (1991), Lourens et al. (1996) and Joannin et al. (2007) (oxygen isotope records), by Klotz et al. (2006), completed in this study (see: Pollen Temperature Index in F). Interglacials are underlined by grey bands, glacials by white bands. (H) Astronomical parameters for the time-interval 2.5–1.2 Ma (LA04 solution: Laskar et al., 2004): obliquity, July insolation at 60N (maxima are numbered), eccentricity. Relationships between MIS and glacials–interglacials identified in the Crotoné series using obliquity. (I) Palynology Runoff Index: amount of amorphous organic matter within palynological residue (Combourieu-Nebout, 1990) and frequency of riparian trees (*Platanus*, *Parrotia persica*, *Liquidambar*, *Pterocarya*, *Carya*, *Fraxinus*, *Salix*, *Populus*, *Alnus*, *Ulmus*, and *Zelkova*) in pollen records (Combourieu-Nebout, 1990, 1995; Joannin et al., 2007). The maxima considered are shaded (>7%). These proxies and the sapropels of the series are correlated to July insolation within the chronological framework previously defined using the MIS and obliquity correlation. This index corresponds to the Mediterranean Precession Related Sapropels Code (Hilgen, 1991; Lourens et al., 1998).

INTERGLACIALI: : T medie annue > di almeno 2.8 °C , T invernali > 2.2 °C e P > di 500 mm, rispetto all'attuale
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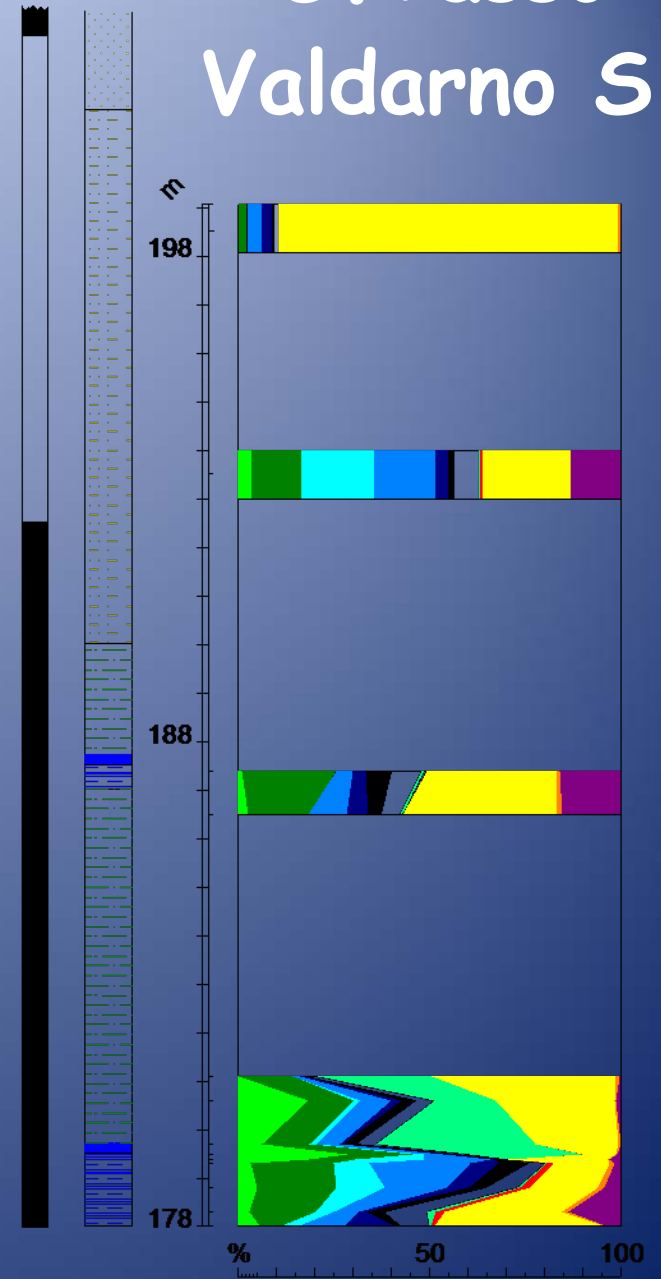
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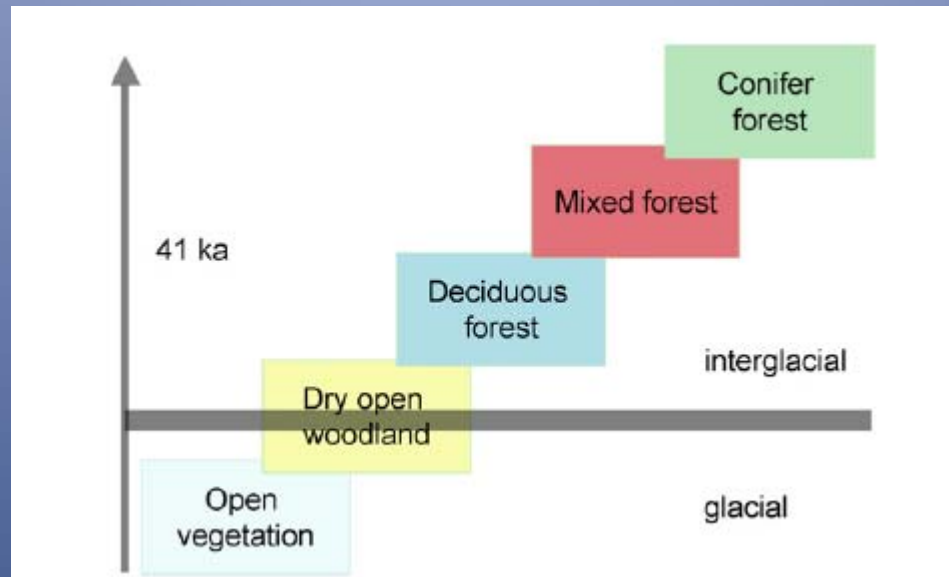


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