







Mesozoic palaeogeography and tectono-stratigraphic features of the northern Amerini Mts. (Central Apennines, Italy): new constraints on their Jurassic and Cretaceous evolution

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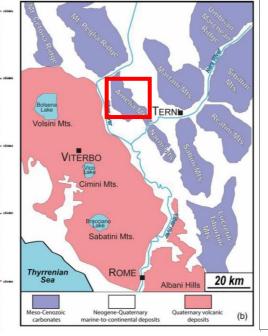
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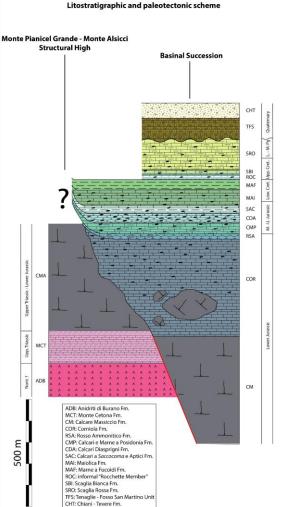
GEOGRAPHICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SETTING Geological map of the northern part of the Amerini Mts

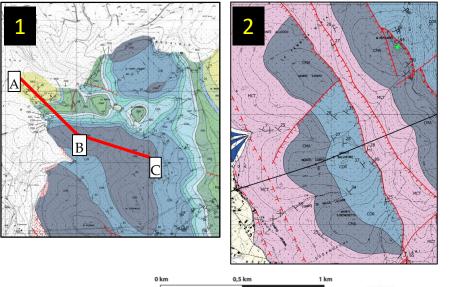


- (Central Apennines) at 1:10,000 scale
- Umbria-Marche-Sabina sedimentary succession
- Strong relationships between stratigraphy and inherited, rift-related depositional architecture.

3 key points







Point 1

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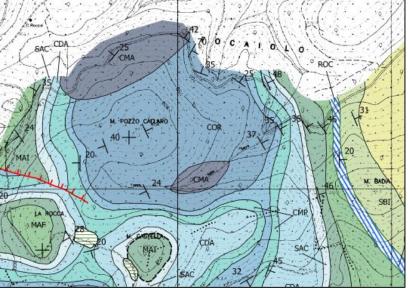
Evidence of Jurassic-Early Cretaceous Pelagic Carbonate Platform (PCP)/basin systems

- Onlap of Jurassic Cretaceous basinal successions on Jurassic horst blocks (PCPs) through submarine palaeoescarpments.
- 2. Silicification of the Calcare Massiccio, normally chert-free peritidal limestones, due to the uncorformable contact with cherty pelagic deposits.
- 3. Occurrence of Calcare Massiccio-made olistoliths in basin-margin successions.
- 4. Condensed crinoid and brachiopod-rich facies (Corniola-type) unconformably resting on Calcare Massiccio olistolith in the form of epiescarpment/epi-olistolith deposits.





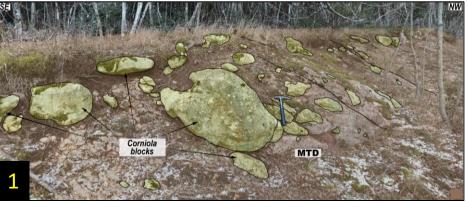


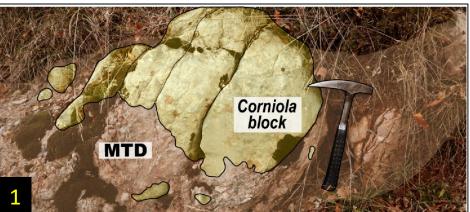


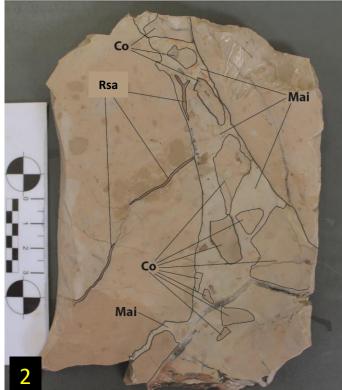
Point 2 Evidence of Toarcian post-rift normal faulting

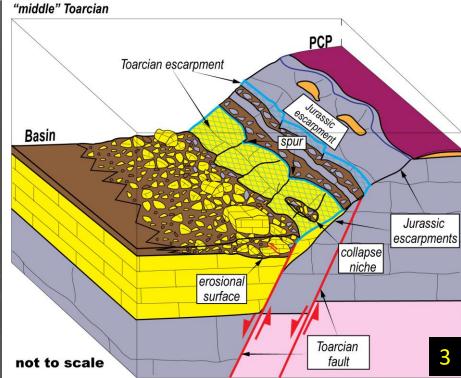


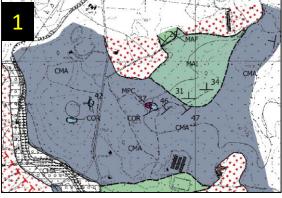
- Mass Transport Deposits (MTDs) in the Toarcian marls of Rosso Ammonico, represented by debris flow/breccias deposits bearing plastically-deformed clasts (from sand to boulder in size) of Plienbachian Corniola-type facies.
- 2. Neptunian dykes filled with Rosso Ammonitico facies cutting Pliensbachian Corniola deposits, and cutted themself by (younger) Maiolcia-made neptunian dykes. Figure legend: Co= Corniola; Rsa= Rosso Ammonitico; Mai= Maiolica.
- 3. Schematic, middle Toarcian, palaoetectonic reconstruction of the study area. Highlighted is the reactivation of Hettanfian palaeofaults, and the formation of a new, Toarcian, palaeoescarpment along which Pliensbachian pelagites were exposed and which sourced the Corniola-made blocks of MTDs. Figure legend: pink= Monte Cetona fm.; light blue= Calcare Massiccio; yellow= Corniola; brown= Rosso Ammonitico; orange and purple= Bugarone Group.

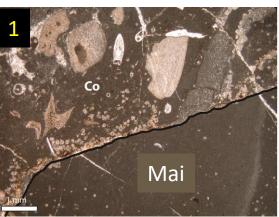






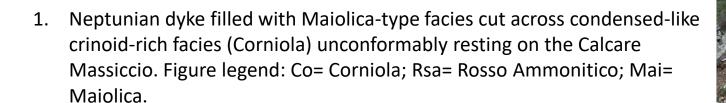






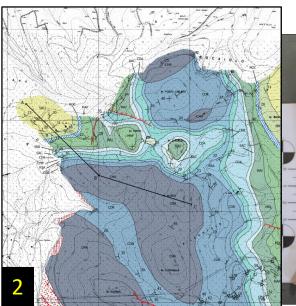


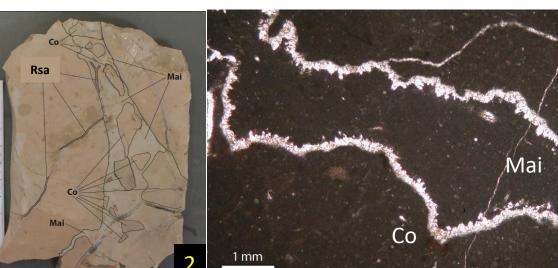
Evidence of late Early Cretaceous synsedimentary tectonics

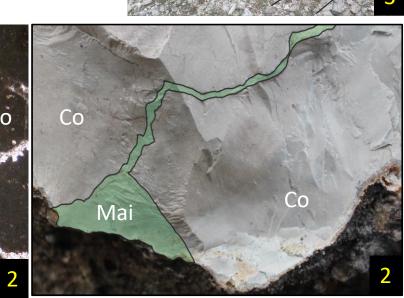


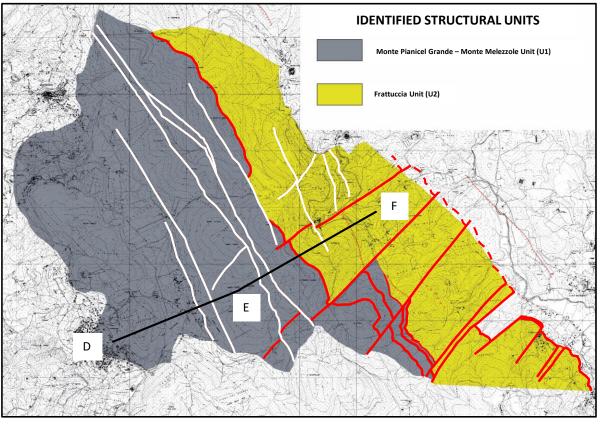
- 2. Maiolica-made neptunian dykes cross-cutting the basinal Corniola formation-rank unit.
- 3. Slump fold at the top of Maiolica.











Structural features



- 1. Field view of the Frattuccia thrust, which juxtaposes the Calcare Massiccio (CM hangingwall) on a overturned pelagic succession at the footwall, made of Maiolica (Ma) and Marne a Fucoidi (Maf) lithostratigraphic units.
- Structural cutting relationship between (older, red in map) compressive and (younger, white in map) extensional faults.
- 3. Field view of a Plio-Quaternary normal fault, related to the formation of the Paglia-Tiber Graben (west of the study area).

