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<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>In the Late Triassic, a 2-3 km thick platform carbonate succession formed along the passive margin of the Tethys Ocean. Certain parts of the succession were affected by pervasive dolomitization whereas other parts are only partially dolomitized or non-dolomitized. In the Transdanubian Range, Hungary, the Upper Triassic platform carbonates are extensively distributed and numerous data are available for the space and time relations of the dolomitized and non-dolomitized units. This geological setting provides a unique opportunity for the study of palaeogeographical and diagenetic controls of dolomitization of the whole platform complex. This paper present the characteristic features of the dolomite-types of the dolomite-bearing formations and lithofacies-types, with a view to interpret the dolomite-forming processes and to determine the main controlling factors of the dolomite genesis. Petrographic features and stable isotope characteristics of the studied successions suggest the predominance of penecontemporaneous and early diagenetic dolomite genesis. Study of the transitional interval between the pervasively dolomitized and the non-dolomitized sequences revealed the general presence of microcrystalline dolomite in the peritidal microbial deposits and the characteristics of partial dolomitization both in the peritidal and subtidal facies. In the peritidal facies microbially-induced Ca-Mg carbonate precipitation is inferred, which was probably complemented by penecontemporaneous mimetic dolomitization of precursor carbonates due to evaporative pumping or seepage influx. Dolomitization of the subtidal facies took place via reflux of slightly evaporated sea-water. Dolomitization of the previously deposited carbonate mud commenced during subsequent subaerial exposure but the process of early diagenetic dolomitization may have continued during later exposure events. Recurring subaerial exposure is one of the controlling factors, determining the areal extent of the early dolomitization of the platform carbonates. However, the climatic conditions were also crucial. Although the sea-level controlled, unconformity-bound cyclic facies pattern did not change significantly in the internal platform belt during the nearly 20 My long time-range, a drier climate favoured dolomite formation while increasing humidity led to a gradual decreasing intensity of early dolomitization.</p>

**Response to Reviewers:**

Our responses to the notes and suggestions are given below.

Lines 487-491 - Accepting the note of the editor-in-chief we deleted the sentence; this unexplained statement cannot be considered as a general inference of the isotope studies.

Lines 523-527 and 594-596 - If only the pervasively dolomitized formations of the Upper Triassic platform carbonates (Gémhegy Dolomite Fm, Fődolomit Fm) are considered, application of Ginsburg's model is a realistic option and there is no unambiguous constraints for the orbital forcing; although truncation surfaces, which are locally covered by dolocretes, may indicate relatively long-term subaerial exposure. However, we emphasized the gradual transition between the pervasively dolomitized and the practically non-dolomitized segments of the platform succession and the similarities in the characteristics of the cycles. In the case of the non-dolomitized Dachstein Limestone, which formed under sub-humid to humid climate, the subaerial exposure led to meteoric dissolution and cementation. Consolidation of the previously deposited carbonate sediment was followed by erosion, karstification, accumulation of wind-blown dust and pedogenesis; i.e. establishment of continental conditions for a longer time. These features suggest eustatic control, which may justify the extrapolation of the allocyclic model for the entire platform evolution. However, coeval effects of the sea-level changes and the autocyclic processes cannot be excluded. Taking into account the above summarized argumentation we modified the composition of the text (Lines 510-516 in the modified version).

Lines 659-661 - No, we have no direct evidence for an arid climate. However, we do not think that arid climate prevailed in the latest Carnian to mid-Norian. Based on the argument presented below, a semi-arid climate was interpreted instead, which was definitely dryer than the late Norian to Rhaetian climate. An arid climate is interpreted for the Late Permian deposits of the Transdanubian Range that are made up of cyclic alternation of shallow lagoonal dolomite and evaporitic dolomite (sabkha facies). Pseudomorphs of gypsum are common in the Lower Anisian dolomites. As for the Gémhegy Dolomite and the Fődolomit Fm., the presence of dolocrete horizons may suggest semi-arid climate. According to Wright (2007) most present-day calcretes form in areas with warm to hot climates and low, seasonal rainfall. However, the main point is that the traces of karstification and the clayey palaeosoil horizons, which are typical in the Dachstein Limestone, are completely missing in the pervasively dolomitized segments. These are the main arguments for the upward increasing humidity which is accompanied by the decreasing grade of dolomitization.

Lines 685-686 - Yes, due to the compaction, which significantly reduced the porosity and the permeability to levels too low to sustain a viable convection (Machel, 2004). We modified the sentence.

# 1 **Genesis of Upper Triassic peritidal dolomites in the Transdanubian Range, Hungary**

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## 12 **Abstract**

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#### 45 **Introduction**

46 In spite of the remarkable efforts made for understanding the dolomite forming processes  
47 during the more than 200 years history of dolomite research, several crucial problems of  
48 dolomite genesis are not satisfyingly resolved and are subject of intense debate (e.g., Land  
49 1985; McKenzie 1991; Warren 2000; Mazzullo 2000; Machel 2004; Merino and Canals 2011;  
50 Gregg et al. 2015). Considering also the particular importance of the processes of

51 dolomitization in various fields of applied geology, mostly in reservoir characterization, it is no  
52 wonder that it has been one of the hottest topics in geology for a long time. Inferences of  
53 many previous studies suggest that dolomite formation is commonly a multistage process. It is  
54 the result of a series of processes starting syndesimentarily or in the course of very early  
55 diagenesis on or near to the surface, continuing during burial, with further changes likely  
56 taking place on uplift. Overprinting of these processes makes deciphering the evolutionary  
57 stages very difficult. Recognition and verification of early dolomite genesis are particularly  
58 problematic, in many cases almost impossible. However, from our experience, investigation  
59 of transitional successions between dolomitic and non-dolomitic carbonates of otherwise  
60 similar sedimentological aspect, commonly encompassing partially and selectively  
61 dolomitized rock-types, does provide a good chance for recognition of early elements of the  
62 paragenetic succession, and, accordingly, for reconstruction of the earliest stages of the  
63 dolomitization history. This may be of critical importance because the early dolomite phases  
64 can be templates for later, more pervasive dolomitization (Mazzullo 2000; Machel 2004).

65 Platform carbonates were widely developed in the area of the Late Triassic western  
66 Neotethys margin. Thick Upper Triassic platform dolomite and limestone successions are  
67 exposed in the Western Carpathians, Northern Calcareous Alps, Southern Alps, External  
68 Dinarides and Hellenides (e.g., Bosellini and Hardie 1985; Jadoul et al. 1992; Ogorelec and  
69 Rothe 1992; Iannace and Frisia 1994; Haas et al. 1995, 2012; Gianolla et al. 2003; Dimitrievic  
70 and Dimitrievic 1991; Gawlick 2000; Kovács et al. 2011). In the Transdanubian Range, the  
71 earlier (Carnian to mid-Norian) stage of the internal platform evolution is represented by a  
72 thick dolomite succession progressing upward into a similarly thick limestone succession  
73 through a more than 100 m thick transitional interval. Furthermore, the stromatolitic peritidal  
74 beds are commonly partially dolomitized, even in the upper part of the platform carbonate  
75 succession made up predominantly of limestone (late Norian to Rhaetian). Accordingly,

76 inferences from studies of partially dolomitic rock-types, where the traces of the earliest  
77 dolomite-forming processes are not overprinted by the subsequent dolomitization, can serve  
78 as a basis for the interpretation of pervasively dolomitized sequences.

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## 80 **Geological setting and palaeogeography**

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82 The Transdanubian Range is located in the north-western part of Hungary (Fig. 1a). Forming  
83 a large NE-SW trending synform, it is predominantly made up of Middle and Upper Triassic  
84 shallow marine carbonates, developed in 2–3 km thickness (Fig. 1b). The stratigraphic chart  
85 of the Upper Triassic of the Transdanubian Range is presented in Fig. 2.

86 During the early period of the Alpine plate tectonic cycle the Transdanubian Range structural  
87 unit was a segment of the Adriatic margin of the western Tethys; it was situated in the  
88 neighbourhood of the South Alpine and the Austroalpine domains (Haas et al. 1995). In this  
89 region, the opening of the western basin of the Neotethys Ocean commenced in the Middle  
90 Triassic. During the late Anisian to earliest Carnian two carbonate platform systems  
91 developed in the area of the Transdanubian Range: a large one in the north-eastern part, and a  
92 smaller one in the south-western part, separated by a large basin (Haas and Budai 1999). A  
93 cyclic dolomite succession (Budaörs Dolomite) was formed in the inner platform, thick,  
94 massive beds with dasycladalean algal fragments and/or obscure microbial components  
95 alternate with thin laminated microbial boundstone beds. Organogenic syngenic  
96 dolomitization of this succession took place under a semi-arid climate (Hips et al. 2015). In  
97 the large basin between the larger and the smaller carbonate platforms, pelagic cherty  
98 limestone with volcanic tuff interbeds was deposited from the middle Anisian until the earliest  
99 Carnian (Budai et al. 1999). This succession is overlain by dark grey marl with siltstone–  
100 sandstone interlayers (Veszprém Formation) and basinal cherty limestone/dolomite facies

101 (Csákberény Formation). This marked lithological change, the increasing kaolinite content  
102 (Rostási et al. 2011, Haas et al. 2012) and the sporomorph assemblage (Góczán et al. 1991)  
103 indicate a more humid climate. A fall of sea level took place roughly coevally with the  
104 Carnian Pluvial Event (CPE) (Haas and Budai 1999), which resulted in subaerial exposure  
105 and accordingly the demise of the carbonate platforms. A sea-level rise followed the CPE,  
106 which led to re-establishment and then progradation of the carbonate platforms during the late  
107 early Carnian highstand period (Haas and Budai 1999). In the internal part of the large  
108 platform east of this basin (eastern South Bakony, Vértes Hills), cyclic successions of metre-  
109 scale alternating peritidal and shallow subtidal dolomite beds were formed in a thickness of  
110 400–500 m (Gémhegy Dolomite Formation). In the vicinity of the city of Veszprém, in the  
111 central part of the Bakony Mountains, a ~100 m thick dolomite succession intercalates into  
112 the basinal marl sequence representing the prograding highstand tongue of the Carnian  
113 platform (Sédvölgy Member of the Gémhegy Formation).

114 The basins located in the south-western and central part of the Transdanubian Range were  
115 filled by the latest Carnian (Sándorhegy Formation), which resulted in a levelled topography  
116 giving rise to the development of a huge platform extending over the area of the former basins  
117 (Haas and Budai 1999; Haas et al. 2012). In the north-eastern part of the Transdanubian  
118 Range (Buda Hills and Csóvár blocks on the eastern side of the Danube), located close to the  
119 former ocean-ward platform margin, new intraplatform basins formed in the late Carnian  
120 where cherty carbonates of toe-of-slope and basin facies accumulated from the late Carnian  
121 onward; pelagic conditions continued into the early Jurassic (Pálffy et al. 2007). On the  
122 remaining part of the segmented outer-platform belt, microbial–oncoidal, locally reefal  
123 limestones were formed (Remetehegy Member of the Dachstein Formation), predominantly in  
124 a subtidal environment during the latest Carnian to latest Norian (Rhaetian?) interval (Haas  
125 2002, 2012). No dolomite conformable to the bedding is known in this unit; however,

126 irregular dolomite bodies of decimetre to tens of metre size of late diagenetic, probably  
127 hydrothermal origin locally occur (Balog and Haas 1990; Juhász et al. 1995). Behind the  
128 external platform belt, in a predominant part of the Transdanubian Range, an extremely wide  
129 internal platform belt evolved where ca. 2.5 km thick cyclic peritidal – shallow subtidal  
130 platform carbonates were deposited, i.e., the Fődolomit Formation; equivalent of the North  
131 Alpine Hauptdolomit and the South Alpine Dolomia Principale (Bosellini and Hardie 1985;  
132 Iannace and Frisia 1994; Balog et al. 1999) in the latest Carnian to late Norian, and the  
133 Dachstein Limestone Formation in the late Norian to the end of the Rhaetian (Haas 1988;  
134 Balog et al. 1997; Haas et al. 2012). The transition between the Fődolomit Formation and the  
135 overlying Dachstein Limestone Formation is gradual. The transition is represented by the late  
136 Norian Fenyőfő Member of the Dachstein Limestone Formation. It is characterised by an  
137 alternation of completely dolomitized, partially and selectively dolomitized, and  
138 undolomitized segments (Haas 1995a, 1995b).

139 It should be noted, however, that the chronostratigraphic subdivision of the Norian–Rhaetian  
140 interval is still debated and the definition of the Norian/Rhaetian boundary is underway.  
141 Moreover, the subdivision is based on pelagic fossils (primarily on ammonoids, conodonts  
142 and radiolarians) and consequently the possibility for correlation between the  
143 chronostratigraphic key-sections and the platform carbonate successions is rather limited. The  
144 correlation is even more difficult in the cases of the pervasively dolomitized platform  
145 carbonates due to the paucity of biostratigraphically useful fossils. The stratigraphic  
146 assignment and the correlation of the platform carbonates are based mostly on Megalodont  
147 bivalves, foraminifera and dasycladalean algae (Végh-Neubrandt 1982; Oravecz-Scheffer  
148 1987; Budai and Fodor 2008).

149 In connection with the incipient rifting of the later Alpine Tethys basin, an extensional  
150 tectonic regime was established in the western part of the Transdanubian Range during the

151 late Norian (Haas and Budai 1995). This extension resulted in the development of a basin in  
152 the SW part of the Transdanubian Range where thin-bedded, laminated dolomite formed  
153 (Rezi Dolomite). It was followed by the deposition of organic-rich shales (Kössen Formation)  
154 reflecting enhanced humidity in the latest Norian–early Rhaetian (Haas 2002; Berra et al.  
155 2010). In the central and NE part of the Transdanubian Range, the building of the carbonate  
156 platform continued coevally with the extension and during the late Rhaetian the platform  
157 prograded on to the Kössen Basin.

158 By the end of the Triassic the Gémhegy Dolomite and Földolomit Formation reached  
159 the intermediate burial zone (1.0 to 1.5 km depth). The extensional regime was maintained  
160 and differential subsidence continued during the Jurassic into the Early Cretaceous interval,  
161 when the Upper Triassic dolomite formations may have reached the deep burial zone (2.0 to  
162 3.0 km). An important compressional deformation event occurred in the mid-Cretaceous that  
163 resulted in the formation of the large synclinal structure of the Transdanubian Range (Haas  
164 2012). This was followed by uplift and intense erosion during the Turonian to Coniacian  
165 interval leading to denudation of the entire Jurassic–Lower Cretaceous succession and even a  
166 large part of the Triassic sequence on the limbs of the syncline (Haas 1985, 2012).  
167 Consequently, the Upper Triassic platform carbonates were first raised to the surface after  
168 their burial at this time. Similar tectonically-controlled uplift, denudation, and fracturing  
169 occurred in several stages during the Cainozoic. These multiphase tectonic movements led to  
170 disintegration (fracturing, brecciation) of the rigid dolomites and gave rise to intense fluid  
171 circulation and related late diagenetic processes (dedolomitization, precipitation of fracture-  
172 filling cements and locally hydrothermal minerals, powderization), which totally destroyed  
173 the original fabric over large parts of the Transdanubian Range (Esteban et al. 2009; Poros et  
174 al. 2013).

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176 **Sampling and methods**

177 Although Upper Triassic dolomites are widely developed at the surface, there are only a few  
178 places where the stratigraphic position of the exposed segments is relatively well-constrained  
179 and the primary rock properties (bedding, sedimentary–early diagenetic fabrics) are  
180 preserved. Thus, special care was taken during the collection of the 31 representative samples  
181 from the 8 carefully chosen locations (Fig. 1b) for the present study. Results of earlier studies  
182 (Haas 1995a,b; Balog et al. 1999; Haas and Demény 2002) complemented with re-  
183 investigation and re-evaluation of 450 archive thin-sections from the same locations sampled  
184 for this study were also used for the interpretation of the dolomite genesis.

185 The thin-sections were stained with Alizarin red-S and potassium ferricyanide according to  
186 the methods of Dickson (1966) for the determination of the carbonate phases. Dolomite  
187 texture is described pursuant to the classification scheme presented by Machel (2004).

188 Cathodoluminescence (CL) study was performed on polished thin-sections using a MAAS-  
189 Nuclide ELM-3 cold-cathode luminoscope at the Department of Physical and Applied  
190 Geology, Eötvös Loránd University.

191 Stable isotope measurements ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ,  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ) were performed on micro-drilled calcite and  
192 dolomite powder samples at the Institute for Geological and Geochemical Research,  
193 Hungarian Academy of Sciences according to the methods of McCrea (1950) and Spötl and  
194 Vennemann (2003) on a Finnigan delta plus XP mass spectrometer using international and  
195 laboratory standards. Mean values of the measurements are reported relative to Vienna Pee  
196 Dee Belemnite standard (V-PDB, ‰). Reproducibility was better than  $\pm 0.1\%$ .

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198 **Lithological and petrographic characteristics**

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200 Lithofacies types

201 The studied lithostratigraphic units typically exhibit metre-scale cyclicity. The 1–5 m thick  
202 cycles are mostly bounded by nearly flat or slightly uneven bedding planes. Characteristic  
203 lithofacies types of Lofer-cycles were recognized: red to green argillaceous, commonly  
204 intraclastic mudstone – Lithofacies A (Lf A); stromatolite (fenestral laminated microbialite) –  
205 Lithofacies B (Lf B); and carbonates of various microfacies types with marine biota –  
206 Lithofacies C (Lf C).

207 Although the basic lithofacies types (Lf A, Lf B, and Lf C) are similar across the studied  
208 units, the composition of elementary cycles can be distinct due to differences in the presence  
209 or absence of certain lithofacies and their thickness ratio within the elementary cycle (Haas  
210 2004). In the Gémhegy and Fődolomit Formations the cycles typically comprise B and C  
211 lithofacies types. Thin (few cm) red, argillaceous laminated, rarely pisolitic dolocrete (Lf A)  
212 occurs above the disconformity (d) (Balog et al. 1997). The ideal cycle pattern is d-B-C-B-d,  
213 although truncated cycles are common (Haas 2004). In the lower part of the Fenyőfő Member,  
214 the construction of the cycles is similar to that in the Fődolomit Formation. In the upper part  
215 of the Fenyőfő Member the reddish or greenish argillaceous lithoclastic Lf A commonly  
216 appears above the disconformity and the cycle pattern d-A-B-C-B-d becomes prevalent in the  
217 lower part of the Dachstein Limestone s.s. (Haas 2004).

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#### 219 Petrographic features

220 The most important petrographic characteristics of the studied units are summarized below  
221 and in Table 1.

222 *Pervasive dolomitization* characterizes all studied successions of the Gémhegy Dolomite and  
223 the Fődolomit Formations and the lower parts of the cycles in the Fenyőfő Member of the  
224 Dachstein Formation. Pervasive dolomitization of the Lf B beds is always *fabric preserving*,  
225 thus fenestral laminated, clotted micritic stromatolite fabrics are readily recognizable. In the

226 Lf C beds the degree of fabric preservation varies between good fabric preservation and  
227 complete fabric obliteration. In the samples with preserved fabric, bioclastic wackestone and  
228 bioclastic grainstone textures, with bioclasts (usually ghosts of bioclasts), peloids and  
229 intraclasts are recognizable. The *fabric obliterating* dolomites are usually very finely to finely  
230 crystalline, exhibiting a predominantly planar-s texture. The crystals usually have cloudy  
231 cores and limpid rims showing mottled and very dull CL, respectively.

232 *Partial dolomitization* of the Dachstein Formation is either fabric selective or not. If *fabric*  
233 *selective*, the planar-p dolomite crystals occur in the micritic components (Lf B) or in the  
234 finely crystalline matrix (Lf C). If *not fabric selective*, the planar-p dolomite crystals occur in  
235 irregular patches. In the partially dolomitized beds the dolomite content usually shows an  
236 upward decreasing trend.

237 *Very fine–medium crystalline planar-s dolomite* fills the fenestral pores in the Lf B beds and  
238 the intergranular pores in the Lf C beds, as well as lining the walls of larger vuggy pores and  
239 fractures in both the Lf B and Lf C beds. These planar-s dolomites always have a cloudy  
240 appearance and mottled CL.

241 *Medium–coarsely crystalline limpid dolomite cement* (planar-c) commonly overgrows the  
242 planar-s void-filling dolomite and lines fractures; it shows concentric zonation under CL. This  
243 dolomite cement-type occurs in both the Lf B and Lf C lithofacies and in both the pervasively  
244 and the partially dolomitized sections, except in the Dachstein Limestone s.s.

245 *Blocky calcite cement* is the final pore-occluding phase in the Fenyőfő Member and in the  
246 Dachstein Limestone s.s. It also occurs in the Fődolomit Formation locally (Csákánykő  
247 section, Vértes Hills). This coarsely crystalline calcite is usually non-luminescent, locally  
248 with a few bright orange zones. *Dedolomite* i.e. calcite showing textural features of dolomite,  
249 scarcely occurs in the Fenyőfő Member.

250 **Gémhegy Dolomite Formation**

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252 *Disznó Hill Quarry, Vértes Hills*

253 The Gémhegy Dolomite was studied in a small, abandoned quarry at Disznó Hill, in the SW  
254 part of the Vértes Hills (see Fig. 1b; 2). The exposed, ca. 15 m thick succession is made up of  
255 an alternation of 0.5 to 1.5 m thick beds of light brownish grey, finely crystalline dolomite (Lf  
256 C) and 0.2 to 0.3 m thick yellowish grey, laminated dolomite beds (Lf B). A typical complete  
257 cycle was selected for the detailed investigation (Fig. 3a). Above an uneven cycle boundary  
258 surface, Lf B occurs in the basal part of the cycle which grades upward into Lf C showing  
259 pedogenic alteration in its topmost part.

260 The sedimentary texture of Lf B is perfectly preserved, comprising slightly undulating  
261 laminae of clotted micrite with fenestral pores (Fig. 3b–c). The fenestral pores are usually  
262 filled by finely to medium crystalline dolomite. Similar dolomite crystals line the larger (mm-  
263 sized) vugs, and coarsely crystalline (200–800 µm) dolomite cement (planar-c) occurs in the  
264 centre of the pores (Fig. 3d–e). A similar cement fills the fracture network.

265 The transition between the stromatolite layer (Lf B) and the overlying massive bed (Lf C) is  
266 gradual. Cm-sized stromatolite-derived clasts occur in the lowermost few cm of the massive  
267 bed. The Lf C consists of replacive, fabric-destructive, finely to medium crystalline (50–80  
268 µm), non-planar and planar-s dolomite with cloudy cores and limpid rims. The limpid rims  
269 show the same CL pattern as seen in the case of the cements of the fabric-preserving dolomite  
270 (see Fig. 3e). Planar-c cements occur in open pores (Fig. 3f–g).

271 The uppermost part of this bed has a relatively well-preserved, although pedogenically  
272 altered, bioclastic wackestone texture (Fig. 3h). The biomolds are filled by finely to medium  
273 crystalline dolomite similar to the cement types found in the Lf B beds. The mm-sized  
274 irregular dissolution and/or root-derived pores are commonly lined by finely laminated

275 micrite. The rest of the pore-space is fringed by finely crystalline, cloudy, planar-s dolomite  
276 filling voids; coarsely crystalline (200–400 µm), dolomite cement (planar- c) occurs in the  
277 inner parts of the pores.

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### 279 *Benedek Hill, Veszprém, Bakony Mountains*

280 The steep wall of Benedek Hill towards Séd Valley is the type locality of the Sédvölgy  
281 Dolomite Member (see Fig 1b; 2). The exposed, approximately 20 m thick Lf C sequence  
282 comprises two parts (Fig. 4a). The lower part is predominantly thick-bedded with a few  
283 thinner intercalations, whereas the upper part is mainly thin-bedded with thick-bedded  
284 intervals. An uneven erosional surface separates the two segments.

285 The thick-bedded, light grey-yellowish grey, finely crystalline dolomite locally shows a  
286 mottled fabric. The dolomite is fabric-destructive; the finely to medium sized (50–100 µm)  
287 planar-s crystals have cloudy cores and limpid rims (Fig. 4b). The cloudy cores show mottled  
288 CL, whereas the limpid rims have very dull red luminescence. The small pores are filled by  
289 somewhat coarser (110–150 µm), clear, planar dolomite cement. Open pores are also  
290 common. In some beds relics of peloidal, bioclastic sedimentary texture are visible (Fig. 4c).  
291 The matrix is finely crystalline (30–80 µm). The biomolds and vugs are filled by finely to  
292 medium crystalline inclusion-poor dolomite. Partly open, mm-sized pores are lined by  
293 coarsely crystalline (300–500 µm), planar-c dolomite (Fig. 4d).

294 The upper part of the section comprises an alternation of 0.2–1.0 m thick beds with sets of 2–  
295 5 cm thick layers of fabric-destructive dolomite. In the very finely to finely crystalline (10–30  
296 µm) planar-s matrix ghosts of dasycladalean algae and fragments of molluscs are marked by  
297 inclusion-rich crystals (Fig. 4e). The moulds are occluded by medium crystalline (50–200  
298 µm) planar-c dolomite. Micritic grains (peloids) also occur rarely (Fig. 4f).

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300 **Fődolomit Formation**

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302 *Aranyosvölgy Quarry, Bakony Mountains*

303 The abandoned quarry (Fig. 1b; 2) exposes a 20 m thick segment of the lower part of the  
304 Fődolomit Formation (Fig. 5a).

305 The cycles are usually bounded by an uneven erosional surface with red clay coating. In the  
306 case of the lower investigated cycle, it is overlain by a 20 cm thick layer of pale reddish-grey  
307 colour exhibiting well-preserved pedogenically altered mudstone – wackestone with peloids  
308 and bioclasts (Fig. 5b–c). The fracture network and the irregular pores are filled by very finely  
309 to finely crystalline dolomite. The larger vuggy pores are usually only partly filled by coarsely  
310 crystalline planar-c dolomite. The basal layer is overlain by a 1 m thick bed (Lf C) showing a  
311 relatively well-preserved wackestone texture with 0.1 to 3 mm sized grains (peloids, lumps,  
312 micritic intraclasts), and their ghosts in the lower part of the bed. The distinct grains gradually  
313 disappear upward and a very finely crystalline texture becomes prevalent with bedding-  
314 parallel elongated pores which are occluded by fine to medium crystalline (50–150  $\mu\text{m}$ )  
315 planar-c dolomite. Medium crystalline, cloudy, planar-c cement occurs as the final cement  
316 phase in larger (0.5–2 mm-sized) vugs as a clear overgrowth on the cloudy cements (Fig. 5d–  
317 e).

318 In the case of the upper studied cycle (see Fig. 5), a stromatolite (Lf B) occurs directly above  
319 the cycle bounding unconformity. The basal part of this bed exhibits a clotted micritic fabric  
320 (Fig. 5f). The 200 to 400  $\mu\text{m}$ -sized fenestral pores are filled by very finely crystalline  
321 dolomite. The larger pores (fenestrae, moulds and vugs) are filled by medium crystalline (150  
322 – 250  $\mu\text{m}$ ) planar-c dolomite (Fig. 5g). Intraclast-bearing and peloidal grainstone laminae are  
323 also present (Fig. 5h).

324 The typical laminated Lf B grades upward into a non-laminated fabric (Lf C). Micritized  
325 grains, 2 to 5 mm-sized micrite nodules and ghosts of skeletal fragments are common (Fig.  
326 5i). The smaller irregular intergranular pores are occluded by very finely crystalline dolomite,  
327 the larger ones by finely crystalline planar-c dolomite. The mm-sized vugs are filled by  
328 medium to coarsely crystalline planar-c dolomite.

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### 330 *Horogvölgy exposure, Vértes Hills*

331 A road-cut exposes a ca. 10 m thick segment of the middle part of the Fődolomit Formation  
332 (see Fig. 1b, 2). The metre-scale cycles are made up of a cyclic alternation of Lf B and Lf C.

333 The Lf B is characterized by a clotted micritic fabric with faint microlamination (Fig 6a).

334 There are well-defined, thin, undulating micritic crusts containing 50–150  $\mu\text{m}$ -sized spherical  
335 objects with micritic contours (microproblematicum *Thaumatoporella?*) (Fig. 6b). In some  
336 fenestral pores typical *Thaumatoporella* were encountered. The fenestral pores are occluded  
337 by finely crystalline, planar-s dolomite. The larger pores are lined by medium crystalline  
338 planar-c dolomite (Fig. 6c–d).

339 The Lf C exhibits bioclastic grainstone texture. The micrite components and micritic  
340 envelopes around the biomolds are preserved. The matrix is usually replaced by very finely  
341 crystalline cloudy dolomite and the small intergranular pores are occluded by finely  
342 crystalline (20–60  $\mu\text{m}$ ) planar-s dolomite. The large moulds are filled by medium crystalline  
343 (50–250  $\mu\text{m}$ ) planar-c dolomite. The fractures are lined by medium crystalline planar-c  
344 dolomite and filled by coarsely crystalline (500–1000  $\mu\text{m}$ ) blocky calcite, which is the final  
345 cement phase also in some moulds (Fig. 6e–f).

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### 347 *Csákánykő Quarry, Vértes Hills*

348 The abandoned quarry exposes a 5 m thick peculiar interval of the uppermost part of the  
349 Földolomit Formation (see Fig 1, 2). The succession is dominated by thick stromatolite beds  
350 (Lf B) (Fig. 7a).

351 The Lf B beds consist of undulating laminae of mm- to cm-thick yellow and light grey finely  
352 crystalline dolomite with many mm-sized pores predominantly in the yellow laminae (Fig.  
353 7b). Alternation of thin laminae of dense micrite and clotted peloidal micrite is visible under  
354 the microscope (Fig. 7c). Millimetre-sized stromatolite intraclasts (rip-up breccia) occur at  
355 some horizons. Domical structures (Fig. 7d), remnants of microbial structures (moulds of  
356 filaments and globular objects filled by very finely crystalline dolomite) also appear. The  
357 fenestral pores are filled by very finely to finely crystalline dolomite and/or coarsely  
358 crystalline blocky calcite. Similar dolomite cement appears in the fracture network and as a  
359 lining in the larger vug pores (Fig. 7e). The centres of these pores are either occluded by  
360 coarse blocky calcite or are open.

361 The thin Lf C bed intercalated into the thick stromatolite interval consists of light brownish  
362 grey, massive, very finely crystalline dolomite. It contains scattered peloids and micritic  
363 intraclasts as relic elements in the microsparite matrix (Fig. 7f). The 1 m thick Lf C bed, lying  
364 directly above the stromatolitic interval exhibits a well-preserved sedimentary fabric abundant  
365 in peloids, and micritic intraclasts (Fig. 7g). Scattered ghosts of bivalves and gastropods can  
366 also be encountered. The matrix consists of very fine to finely crystalline planar-s dolomite.  
367 The biomolds are filled by finely crystalline planar-c dolomite.

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## 369 **Dachstein Limestone Formation, Fenyőfő Member**

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### 371 *Epöl Quarry, Gerecse Mountains*

372 The Epöl quarry located within the village (see Fig. 1b) exposes a ca. 45 m-thick section of  
373 the upper part of the Fenyőfő Member (Fig. 2). Detailed investigation of the section was  
374 carried out by Haas and Demény (2002). Their results were complemented by the study of  
375 newly collected samples.

376 The succession is made up of disconformity-bounded metre-scale cycles (Fig. 8a). A 10–20  
377 cm-thick greenish laminated, intraclastic horizon (laminar and breccia dolocrete) (Lf A),  
378 and/or a 10–50 cm-thick laminated layer (Lf B) occur at the base of the cycles. The Lf A beds  
379 consist of dolomicrite-microsparite and exhibit mm-scale definite to vague lamination (Fig.  
380 8b). Cm-sized dolomicrite clasts are common at certain horizons (Fig. 8c). The Lf B beds  
381 show wavy lamination, locally with cm-sized domical structures. The matrix is clotted micrite  
382 with patchy brownish staining. Fenestral laminated structures and sheet-cracks with geopetal  
383 filling are common (Fig. 8d; e). The fenestral pores are rarely fringed by small euhedral  
384 dolomite crystals and are generally filled by blocky calcite. At the bottom of the larger  
385 fenestral pores and sheet cracks, dolomite silt internal sediment occurs below the blocky  
386 calcite cement.

387 The basal cycle members (Lf A and B) are overlain by a 1–4 m-thick finely crystalline,  
388 usually partially dolomitized limestone bed with blocky calcite spar-filled moulds of  
389 megalodonts (Lf C). Generally the lowermost and the uppermost 10–30 cm thick parts of the  
390 Lf C beds were affected by intense dolomitization. The basal part of the investigated beds (see  
391 Fig. 8a) is almost completely dolomitized, only the echinoderm fragments remained calcite  
392 (Fig. 8f). The dolomite is fabric-destructive; in the finely crystalline planar-s dolomite matrix  
393 only a few peloids and micritic intraclasts were encountered. The degree of dolomitization  
394 gradually decreases upward. In the upper part of the bed, scattered euhedral (planar-p)  
395 dolomite crystals occur in the otherwise undolomitized micrite matrix (Fig. 8g–h). The  
396 smaller biomolds (after foraminifera) are filled either by dolomite or calcite, the larger

397 biomolds by coarsely crystalline planar-c dolomite with calcitized (dedolomite) zones (Fig.  
398 8i) and/or blocky calcite.

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#### 400 *Core sections from Ugod and Porva, Bakony Mountains*

401 In the area of the Northern Bakony Mountains the cyclic Fenyőfő Member can be subdivided  
402 into three parts. The lower and the upper parts are made up of alternating cycles of limestone,  
403 partially dolomitic limestone and dolomite beds. In the upper part the dolomite and dolomitic  
404 limestone rock-types are dominant, but the ratio of the limestone intervals increases upward.  
405 The middle part is almost exclusively dolomite. Previous investigation of the Fenyőfő  
406 Member was performed by Haas (1995a) and Balog et al. (1999) on core samples from the  
407 boreholes Ugod Ut-8 and Porva Po-89 (see Fig. 1b; 2). The cyclic lithofacies changes and the  
408 variations in the dolomite content are displayed on Figs. 9 and 10. The most important  
409 features of these successions are summarized below based on previous studies (Haas 1995a;  
410 Balog et al. 1999) and new results of the current study.

411 Appearance of 0.3–0.5 m-thick red or green dolomitic marl or lithoclastic limestone layers (Lf  
412 A) is the most prominent feature of the lower part of the Fenyőfő Member. The stromatolite  
413 beds (Lf B) showing fenestral laminated fabric are predominantly made up of dolomite. The  
414 matrix is clotted microcrystalline dolomite. The fenestral pores are usually lined by a very  
415 thin cement layer consisting of planar-c limpid dolomite rhombs (10–80  $\mu\text{m}$ ). The internal  
416 part of these pores is occluded by coarsely crystalline blocky calcite (Fig. 11a–b).  
417 Amalgamated fenestrae, cm-sized sheet-cracks, are common. Dolomite and calcite silt and  
418 micrite occur at the base of these large pores; the remaining pore space is partially filled by  
419 finely to coarsely crystalline planar-c dolomite, dedolomite and/or coarsely crystalline blocky  
420 calcite cement.

421 The Lf C beds are either completely or partially dolomitized or undolomitized. In some cases  
422 scattered euhedral dolomite rhombs (planar-p) appear mostly in micritic fabric elements  
423 (peloids, micritic envelopes of bioclasts) (Fig. 11c). In other cases mouldic pores are filled by  
424 finely crystalline planar-c dolomite. Fabric-destructive replacive dolomite also commonly  
425 occurs. In these cases the grade of dolomitization varies in a wide range from 40–50% to  
426 nearly 100% dolomite content (Haas 1995a). In the partially dolomitized textures the finely  
427 crystalline planar-s dolomite appears in irregular patches (Fig. 11d). In many cases only a part  
428 of the Lf C beds (usually their lower part) was affected by dolomitization.

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#### 430 **Dachstein Limestone Formation (s.s.)**

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432 In the key core section Porva Po-89, above the Fenyőfő Member, in the lower part of the  
433 Dachstein Limestone (Norian), the dolomite content of the usually stromatolitic Lf B is  
434 between 5 to 80 % (Haas 1995a), but Lf C is usually dolomite-free or contains only small  
435 amounts of tiny planar-p dolomite rhombs, preferentially in the micritic fabric elements  
436 (micritized bioclasts, peloids) of packstone/grainstone. In the upper part of the Dachstein  
437 Limestone (Rhaetian) the dolomite content of Lf B is usually < 10% (Haas 1995a). The  
438 present study focuses on the lowermost part of the Dachstein Limestone (s.s.) investigated in  
439 the core Po-89 (Fig.10). In the non-dolomitized Lf C small dolomite intraclasts were  
440 encountered rarely (Fig. 12a). In the typically stromatolitic Lf B beds the clotted micrite  
441 fabric is usually dolomitic (partially or completely), whereas the fenestral pores are occluded  
442 by blocky calcite cement. However, in some cases dolomite fringing cement (planar-c)  
443 appears on pore walls (Fig. 12 b). The larger pores, which may have formed by merging of  
444 fenestral pores, are usually partially filled by dolomite or calcite silt- and mud internal

445 sediment, and coarsely crystalline blocky calcite occludes the remnant pore space (Fig. 12c–  
446 d).

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#### 448 **Stable carbon and oxygen isotopes**

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450 The results of the stable isotope analyses are presented in Table 2 and Fig. 13. Separate  
451 measurement of the matrix and the cement was performed where possible. However, in the  
452 case of the samples showing good-medium fabric preservation separate sampling of the  
453 matrix and the cement in small pores (framework pores in Lf B and intergranular pores in Lf  
454 C) was not possible. The samples taken from the internal platform facies of the Gémhegy  
455 Dolomite in the Vértes Hills exhibiting various fabric types from well-preserved to fabric  
456 destructive yielded  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values between +1.2 and +1.9‰ and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values between +2.9 and  
457 +3.8‰. The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of 2 measured cement samples range from –0.4 to –3.9‰. Values of  
458  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  +0.5 to +0.6‰, and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  +3.1 to 3.2‰ were measured on samples of obliterated and  
459 poorly preserved fabric from the slope and platform facies of the same formation (Gémhegy  
460 Dolomite, Sédvölgy Member) sampled in Veszprém. One dolomite cement sample yielded  
461  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  –0.7‰ and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  +2.4‰ values.

462 The samples representing the lower (late Carnian) part of the Fődolomit Formation in  
463 Veszprém showing good and poor fabric-preservation yielded  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values between +1.1 and  
464 +2.4‰ and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values +2.9 to + 3.2‰, whereas  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  –0.0 to –0.8‰; and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  +2.9 to 3.0‰  
465 were measured on cement.

466 The sample group taken from the uppermost (early late Norian) part of the Fődolomit  
467 Formation (Vértes Hills) showing good to medium fabric preservation provided the most  
468 positive  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values (+1.6 to +3.1‰) and least positive  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values (+1.7 to +2.7‰).

469 The dolomite samples of the basal transitional member of the Dachstein Limestone (Fenyőfő  
470 Member) exhibiting well-preserved fabric yielded  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values between  $-1.0$  and  $+1.2\text{‰}$  and  
471  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values between  $+1.2$  and  $+3.6\text{‰}$

472 Inferences of the isotope studies are as follows:

473 1. There is no significant relationship between the degree of fabric-preservation  
474 and the isotope values. Differences in the sedimentary fabric are not reflected in the  
475 isotope values, either.

476 2. The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of both the Gémhegy and the Fődolomit Formations are  
477 scattered within a narrow range in the positive domain from  $0.5$  to  $3.1\text{‰}$ . The upper  
478 part of the Fődolomit Formation is presented by slightly more positive values than  
479 those of the Gémhegy Dolomite and the lower part of the Fődolomit Formation.

480 3. The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values for the Fenyőfő Member are compatible with the transitional  
481 features of this unit between the Fődolomit and the Dachstein Formations (Fig. 14).

482 4. The  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values range from  $+1.2$  to  $+3.8\text{‰}$  within the range of the Carnian to  
483 Norian sea-water (Korte et al. 2005). This range may reflect changes in the C isotope  
484 composition of the sea-water (chemostratigraphic signal).

485 5. The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of cements are always depleted compared to the matrix values;  
486 the difference is  $1$  to  $5 \text{‰}$ . The  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values do not differ significantly from those of the  
487 matrix.

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## 489 **Interpretation of depositional environments and processes of dolomite genesis**

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### 491 *Cyclic deposition and dolomite formation*

492 The studied dolomite-bearing successions were formed in the protected internal parts of large  
493 carbonate platforms characterized by cyclic deposition. No synsedimentary/early diagenetic

494 dolomite is known in the coeval predominantly subtidal external platform carbonate  
495 successions (Remetehegy Member of the Dachstein Limestone) suggesting that the  
496 depositional environment and the conformable synsedimentary/early diagenetic processes are  
497 the main controlling factors on the dolomitization of the inner platform carbonates (Fig. 14).  
498 Metre-scale, subaerial unconformity bounded cycles (Lofer cycles) consisting of alternating  
499 peritidal and shallow subtidal facies make up the internal platform successions (Haas 1988;  
500 2004; Balog et al. 1999; Haas and Budai 1999). Numerous authors have attributed the cyclic  
501 nature of the Upper Triassic carbonate formations to orbitally-forced sea-level oscillations  
502 (e.g., Sander 1936; Fischer 1964; 1991; Haas 1982, 1991, 1994, 2004; Schwarzacher and  
503 Haas 1986; Balog et al. 1997; Cozzi et al. 2003). Others have argued against orbital forcing  
504 and suggested an autocyclic peritidal depositional model taking also into account the role of  
505 the tectonic activity (e.g., Satterly and Brandner 1995; Satterly 1996; Enos and Samankassou  
506 1998). According to Strasser (1991) both autocyclic and allocyclic cycles display a  
507 shallowing-upward trend up to supratidal facies, but definite erosion and intertidal, supratidal  
508 or terrestrial overprinting on subtidal facies indicate sea-level fall and autocyclicality,  
509 accordingly.

510 In the case of the Dachstein Limestone the recurring subaerial exposures led to consolidation  
511 of the previously deposited sediment via meteoric diagenesis, which was followed by karstic  
512 erosion and development of clayey palaeosoils under terrestrial conditions. These features  
513 suggest orbitally-driven allocyclic control (Haas 2004). The gradual transition between the  
514 Földolomit and Dachstein Limestone may justify the extrapolation the allocyclic model for the  
515 entire Late Triassic platform evolution. However, common controlling effects of the sea-level  
516 changes and the autocyclic processes cannot be excluded. According to previous studies, the  
517 elementary cycles reflect ca. 20 ka precessional periodicity (Schwarzacher and Haas 1986).  
518 As a result of the lack of extensive continental ice sheets during the studied time interval

519 (Frakes et al. 1992), the sea-level fluctuations probably had only several metres amplitude  
520 (Balog et al. 1997).

521 The cyclic depositional process can be interpreted according to the following scenario: sea-  
522 level fall (several metres) resulted in subaerial exposure of large parts of the previously  
523 inundated platform. After a short exposure period, the rising sea-level led to development of  
524 peritidal conditions with stromatolite formation (Lf B) on the extensive tidal-flat, followed by  
525 the establishment of shallow subtidal environments (Lf C). However, in many cases only  
526 subtidal deposits were preserved, usually with some basal lag deposits (reworked clasts  
527 derived from the underlying bed). Deceleration and cessation of sea-level rise resulted in  
528 upward shallowing and re-appearance of peritidal environments usually covered by microbial  
529 mats (Lf B). The next sea-level fall resulted in subaerial exposure and related denudation and  
530 truncation of the previously deposited cycle.

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532 According to previous studies (Haas 1995b; Balog et al. 1999) dolomite in Lf B samples  
533 yielded  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values near +1‰ in the lower part of the Dachstein Limestone s.s. (Norian),  
534 whereas calcite in the practically undolomitized Lf B in the upper part of the Dachstein  
535 Limestone (Rhaetian) yielded values of -1.0 to -2.1 ‰.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of calcite in the  
536 undolomitized Lf C range from -0.4‰ to -2.7 in the lower and upper parts of the Dachstein  
537 Limestone (see Fig. 14). These values are consistent with the published values of Triassic  
538 marine calcite cements (Veizer 1983; Lohman and Walker 1989; Hoffman et al. 1991) and  
539 values measured on the marine cements of the Dachstein Limestone in the Transdanubian  
540 Range (Balog et al. 1999). Thus the dolomite values of ca. 1‰ of Lf B show a 2 to 3‰  
541 positive shift, in accordance with the inferences of studies on coexisting calcite and dolomite  
542 in modern environments (e.g., Aharon et al. 1977; McKenzie 1981; Mullins et al. 1985) and  
543 theoretical calculations (Land 1986). This suggests that refluxing marine water was most

544 likely the dolomitizing agent. Furthermore, the spatial association between the microbial  
545 fabrics and the occurrence of microcrystalline dolomite in the fabric selectively dolomitized  
546 sections suggests microbially-induced precipitation of Ca-Mg carbonates, metastable  
547 precursor phases to dolomite (see Vasconcelos and McKenzie 1997; Wright 2000; Sanchez-  
548 Roman et al. 2008; Bontognali et al. 2010; Spadafora et al. 2010). However, there is no direct  
549 evidence for microbially-induced dolomitization in this study.

550 In the Fenyőfő Member, Lf B has a high dolomite content or is pervasively dolomitized,  
551 whereas Lf C is commonly dolomitized to various degrees. In the Lf B beds the clotted  
552 micrite is predominantly dolomite and fringing dolomite cement lines the fenestral pores,  
553 which are filled mostly by blocky calcite cement, less commonly by coarsely crystalline  
554 dolomite. Dolomitization of Lf C is commonly partial, fabric-selective in the case of low-  
555 grade dolomitization, and patchy or pervasive fabric-destructive in the cases of high-grade  
556 dolomitization. In other cases only a part (usually the lower segment) of the Lf C-bed is  
557 dolomitized, its upper part is undolomitized. In the Epöl section in the limestone interval of an  
558 Lf C bed,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  is  $-1.1\text{‰}$ , similar to the typical Dachstein Limestone, whereas the dolomite  
559 interval yielded  $+0.3\text{‰}$ . These textural observations and isotope data suggest that in the Lf B,  
560 the dolomitization of the microbial fabric was followed by the formation of dolomite cement  
561 in the fenestral pores, which probably coincided with the onset of replacive dolomitization of  
562 the underlying, still unlithified subtidal carbonate sediment (Lf C).

563 The Fenyőfő Member differs from the Fődolomit Formation mostly in the grade of  
564 dolomitization, the latter being pervasively dolomitized. Lack of Lf A in the Fődolomit  
565 Formation marks another difference. In Lf B of the Fődolomit Formation the small fenestral  
566 pores are completely filled by finely crystalline dolomite formed either coeval with the very  
567 early dolomitization of the microbial mat or in the course of early reflux dolomitization. Lf C  
568 was affected by fabric-preserving or fabric-destructive replacive reflux dolomitization. These

569 early dolomite-forming processes were commonly followed by dissolution creating vuggy  
570 pores both in the Lf B and Lf C layers during the next exposure episode and precipitation of  
571 finely to medium-crystalline fringing cement in the pores subsequently. In the uppermost part  
572 of the Fődolomit Formation  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of both lithofacies types scatter in a narrow range  
573 from +1.1 to +2.5‰. Similar values in a range from +0.5 to + 2.5‰ characterise the lower  
574 part of the Fődolomit Formation and the Gémhegy Dolomite as well (see: Fig. 13). These  
575 values suggest marine, probably slightly evaporated sea-water as the dolomitizing agent. Very  
576 similar  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values (+0.6 to +3‰) were measured on the very finely crystalline earliest  
577 mimetic dolomite generation of the Dolomia Principale in the Southern Alps, and based on  
578 these data near-surface low-temperature dolomitization was interpreted (Frisia 1994).  
579 According to Meister et al. (2013) abundance of dolomitic stromatolitic and mat-like  
580 lamination in the Dolomia Principale suggest a microbial influence, although they noted that  
581 there is no direct evidence for the microbially-mediated dolomite formation.

582 According to the above presented observations and inferences, the mechanism of early  
583 dolomite formation in the internal part of large carbonate platforms did not change  
584 significantly during the late Triassic. Thus, the dolomitization mechanism for the Upper  
585 Triassic cyclic peritidal carbonates is interpreted as follows: During the high-frequency sea-  
586 level oscillations, cessation of sea-level rise resulted in progradation of the tidal flats and  
587 formation of microbial/organogenic dolomite within the intertidal/supratidal microbial mat.  
588 The subsequent sea-level fall led to subaerial exposure of a predominant part of the internal  
589 platform and reflux of the slightly evaporated sea-water caused the dolomitization of the  
590 semi-consolidated, high-permeability sediment, which was deposited during the previous  
591 rising and highstand sea-level period.

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593 ***Climatic control on dolomitization***

594 The early dolomitization mechanism of the peritidal carbonates is interpreted to be the same  
595 throughout the late Triassic in the Transdanubian Range; however, a remarkable decrease can  
596 be recognised in the grade of dolomitization upward in the sequence from the pervasively  
597 dolomitized Gémhegy and Fődolomit Formations through the partially dolomitized Fenyőfő  
598 Member to the practically undolomitized Dachstein Limestone Formation s.s.(Fig. 14) This  
599 trend can be attributed to a long-term climatic change, i.e., increasing humidity during the  
600 early late Norian to Rhaetian (Iannace and Frisia 1994; Balog et al. 1997, 1999; Berra et al.  
601 2010; Haas et al. 2004; 2012, Berra 2015).

602 In the Late Triassic the studied region was located in the tropical climatic belt, moving from  
603 18° N to 25° N from the early Carnian to the late Norian (Marcoux et al. 1993; Berra 2015).  
604 The predominantly zonal climate (Kent and Olsen 2000) was modified by the global-scale  
605 mega-monsoon that generated a seasonal climate along the coasts progressing continent-ward  
606 to semiarid – arid climate (Kutzbach and Gallimore 1989; Preto et al. 2010). This long-term  
607 climatic setting was interrupted by a humid episode in the late early Carnian (Carnian Pluvial  
608 Event – CPE) (Simms and Ruffel 1989; Preto et al. 2010; Roghi et al. 2010; Dal Corso et al.  
609 2015).

610 A significant sea-level fall was demonstrated in the Southern Alps, coeval with or directly  
611 after the CPE in the Southern Alps (Berra, 2015; Gattolin et al. 2015). A similar process may  
612 have taken place in the Transdanubian Range, which led to the demise of the late Anisian –  
613 early Carnian platforms (Budaörs Dolomite). The sea-level fall was followed by the onset of  
614 the platform construction of the Gémhegy Dolomite during the next sea-level rise (Fig. 14).  
615 As a result of the problems of the stratigraphic correlation between the basin and platform  
616 facies, the exact relation of the Gémhegy Dolomite with the CPE is uncertain, but most  
617 probably it is younger than the humid interval.

618 The predominantly dry (semi-arid) climate continued after the CPE. A long-term trend of  
619 increasing humidity was recognized in the area of the Transdanubian Range from the late  
620 Norian, which shifted into a definite humid episode by the Rhaetian (Haas et al. 2012) (see  
621 Fig. 14). The latter abrupt change is well-documented in the Kössen Basin where the  
622 deposition of basinal dolomite (Rezi Dolomite) was followed by the deposition of organic-  
623 rich shales (Kössen Formation). Synchronously, a similar facies change occurred in the Riva  
624 di Solto Basin in the Southern Alps (Berra and Cirilli 1997). The end of the Dolomia  
625 Principale/Hauptdolomit deposition is attributed to this climatic change and a related  
626 significant sea-level fall (Berra et al. 2010). In the Southern Alps, as a result of the sea-level  
627 fall an erosional unconformity occurs on the top of the platforms that is covered by terrestrial  
628 deposits formed prior to the deposition of the Rhaetian shallow-marine limestones.  
629 Consequently, the latest Norian in the Southern Alps has no marine record but it is recorded in  
630 the succession of the Transdanubian Range (Balog et al 1997).

631 The semi-arid climate prevailing from the Late Carnian to the Late Norian may have been  
632 optimal for microbial/organogenic dolomite formation and the circulation of slightly  
633 evaporated (mesohaline) sea-water could maintain the Mg supply (Jones and Xiao 2005) and  
634 thus could have resulted in pervasive dolomitization. Increasing humidity in the early Late  
635 Norian decreased the intensity of evaporation and thus decreased the effectiveness of  
636 circulation, which is reflected in the partial dolomitization of Lf C-beds as opposed to earlier  
637 pervasive dolomitization under more arid climatic conditions. The appearance of thin  
638 argillaceous palaeosoil layers (Lf A – palaeosoil horizon or commonly reworked palaeosoil  
639 components at the base of the cycles) in connection with the more humid climate may have  
640 served as local aquitard horizons and may explain the more pronounced dolomitization of the  
641 lower part of some layers. Later on, the progressing humidity led to restriction of the early  
642 dolomite formation to the stromatolitic intervals of the typical Dachstein Limestone.

643 Summing up, it can be concluded that the recurring subaerial exposure is a particularly  
644 important controlling factor on the synsedimentary and early dolomite formation, but it is not  
645 sufficient in itself. Since the sea-level controlled unconformity-bounded cyclic facies pattern  
646 did not change significantly during the studied time range, the upward decreasing grade of  
647 dolomitization seems to be related to the change in the climate conditions: the drier climate  
648 favoured dolomite formation while later the increasing humidity led to gradually decreasing  
649 intensity of the early dolomitization processes. The increasing humidity was also manifested  
650 by enhanced meteoric dissolution and by the appearance of clayey palaeosoil horizons in the  
651 latest Triassic.

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### 653 *Burial diagenetic and telogenic processes*

654 Development of the Dachstein platform came to an end by drowning at the Triassic/Jurassic  
655 boundary in the NE part, and at the end of the Hettangian in the SW part of the Transdanubian  
656 Range. By this time, as a result of continuous thermal subsidence of the Tethys margin the  
657 Carnian platform carbonates reached about 1.5–2 km burial depth (Haas and Budai 1995).  
658 However, the measured  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values (+0.5 to +2.5 ‰) do not indicate burial replacive  
659 dolomitization or wholesale dolomite recrystallization at an elevated burial temperature  
660 neither in the pervasively, nor in the partially dolomitized units. Consequently, the essentially  
661 climatically controlled and thereby stratigraphically determined dolomitization pattern was  
662 preserved in the course of burial although the progressively rising temperature during burial  
663 led to local recrystallization.

664 Incipient rifting of the later Alpine Tethys commenced in the SW part of the Transdanubian  
665 Range in the Late Norian (Haas and Budai 1995). These tectonic processes led to fracturing  
666 and created conduits for fluids resulting in local dissolution. It was followed by precipitation  
667 of coarsely crystalline dolomite cement in the central parts of some larger pores and in

668 fractures. Relatively negative  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of these dolomite cements (Fig.13) indicate  
669 somewhat elevated temperature (higher than those interpreted for the early dolomite).  
670 However, the lack of saddle dolomite in the studied samples suggests that the precipitation  
671 temperatures were lower than 60 to 80°C (Spötl and Pitman 1998). Thus the cement  
672 precipitation may have taken place in shallow to intermediate burial settings.

673 The differential subsidence continued during the Jurassic into the Early Cretaceous interval,  
674 when the studied formations reached the deep burial zone (2.5 to 3.0 km). At this depth the  
675 compaction significantly reduced the porosity and permeability of the carbonates which  
676 hampered the viable circulation of the dolomitizing fluids (see Machel 2004).

677 A significant compressional deformation event occurred in the mid-Cretaceous that resulted in  
678 the formation of the large synclinal structure of the Transdanubian Range (Haas 2012). This  
679 was followed by uplift and intense erosion during the Turonian to Coniacian interval that  
680 resulted in the denudation of the entire Jurassic–Lower Cretaceous succession and even a  
681 large part of the Triassic sequence on the limbs of the syncline. Therefore, after burial the  
682 Upper Triassic platform carbonates were first raised to a near-surface position at this time.  
683 Similar tectonically-controlled uplift, denudation, and fracturing occurred in several stages  
684 during the Cainozoic. As a result of to these processes the thick platform carbonate complex  
685 was affected by karstification resulting in local dedolomitization and precipitation of calcite in  
686 fractures and cavities.

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## 688 **Conclusions**

689 1. Synsedimentary and early diagenetic processes led to the formation of dolomite in the  
690 wide internal zone of the Late Triassic carbonate platforms of the Transdanubian  
691 Range, where high-frequency sea-level oscillations resulted in the deposition of  
692 unconformity bounded metre-scale peritidal – lagoonal cycles. No early dolomites have

693 been found in the coeval deposits of the permanently subtidal external platform belt.  
694 Thus, the recurring subaerial exposure appears to be an important controlling factor on  
695 the early dolomite formation.

696 2. Fabric-selective dolomitization of the laminated microbial deposits of the partially  
697 dolomitized Fenyőfő Member and Dachstein Formation s.s. suggests microbially-  
698 induced precipitation of Ca-Mg carbonates, metastable precursor phases to dolomite. It  
699 was probably complemented by penecontemporaneous mimetic replacement of  
700 precursor carbonates via evaporative pumping or seepage influx closely related to the  
701 arid climatic conditions during the late Carnian to late Norian.

702 3. Dolomitization of the subtidal facies took place via reflux of slightly evaporated sea-  
703 water during the subaerial episode succeeding their deposition; however, the conditions  
704 for early diagenetic dolomitization may have been re-established during later exposure  
705 events, which in turn may have resulted in the completion of the dolomitization of the  
706 subtidal facies.

707 4. Since the sea-level controlled unconformity-bounded cyclic facies pattern did not  
708 change significantly during the entire studied time range, the upward decreasing  
709 dolomite content of the partially dolomitic Fenyőfő Member and the practically non-  
710 dolomitized Dachstein Limestone s.s. suggest that the increasing humidity may have  
711 led to gradually decreasing intensity and finally almost complete cessation of the early  
712 dolomitization processes by the latest Triassic (latest Norian to Rhaetian).

713 5. The extensional tectonic regime from the latest Norian to the Middle Jurassic created  
714 fracture porosity when the Upper Triassic platform carbonates reached the intermediate  
715 to deep burial zone. Fracturing gave rise to dissolution which was followed by  
716 precipitation of dolomite cement in fractures and voids.

717 6. The results of this study demonstrate the importance of investigating the transition  
718 between dolomitized and non-dolomitized intervals of cyclic platform carbonates.  
719 These inferences are applicable for the evaluation of platform dolomite genesis under  
720 similar palaeogeographic conditions elsewhere in the stratigraphic record.

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#### 945 **Figure captions**

946 **Fig. 1 a** Position of the studied area in the Transdanubian Range (TR). Abbreviations: A:  
947 Austria, SK: Slovakia, U: Ukraine, RO: Romania, SRB: Serbia, CR: Croatia, SLO: Slovenia.

948 **b** Extension of the Triassic formations in the Transdanubian Range and position of the studied  
949 sections. 1 Disznó Hill Quarry; 2 Benedek Hill, Veszprém; 3 Aranyosvölgy Quarry,  
950 Veszprém; 4 Horogvölgy exposure; 5 Csákánykő Quarry; 6 Epöl Quarry; 7 Core Ugod Ut-8;  
951 8 Core Porva Po-89; Csb Csóvár blocks

952 **Fig. 2** Stratigraphic scheme for the Upper Triassic of the Transdanubian Range (after Haas  
953 and Budai 1999, modified) showing the stratigraphic setting of the studied sections. 1 Disznó  
954 Hill Quarry; 2 Benedek Hill, Veszprém; 3 Aranyosvölgy Quarry, Veszprém; 4 Horogvölgy

955 exposure; 5 Csákánykő Quarry; 6 Epöl Quarry; 7 Core Ugod Ut-8; 8 Core Porva Po-89.  
956 Abbreviations: Fm – Formation; Mb – Member; MF – Mátyáshegy Fm; RD – Rezi Dolomite;  
957 RH – Remetehegy Mb; SD – Sédvölgy Dolomite; SH – Sándorhegy Fm

958 **Fig. 3** Petrographic features of the Gémhegy Dolomite in the Disznó Hill Quarry. **a**  
959 Alternation of Lf C and Lf B beds in the lower part of the studied interval. The label with  
960 letters marks the positions of photos b–e. **b** Lf B stromatolite bed (D-98). **c** Fenestral  
961 laminated clotted micrite fabric of Lf B (D-98). **d** and **e** The micritic grains and matrix show  
962 bright red luminescence in this fabric preserving replacive dolomite. The small pores are  
963 filled with finely crystalline, cloudy dolomite, showing mottled CL (d1). A larger pore  
964 (centre) is lined with a similar, medium crystalline, planar-s dolomite (d1) and is overgrown  
965 by a dull zoned dolomite phase (d2). A bright red phase (blue arrows) marks the boundary  
966 between the dull and a somewhat brighter red zoned dolomite phase (d3) crosscutting earlier  
967 cements and penetrating into the replacive dolomite. Note the selective dissolution of some of  
968 the younger zones in d3 (open porosity is black) (D-98). **f** and **g** The core of this planar  
969 dolomite cement crystal is mottled (d1), overgrown by a dull, limpid zone (d2). Blue arrow  
970 marks a very thin bright zone, suggesting dissolution, preceding the precipitation of d3 (D-  
971 101). **h** Pedogenically altered bioclastic wackestone. The probably root-related elongated  
972 pores are lined by finely laminated micrite and occluded by finely to medium crystalline  
973 planar-c dolomite (D-101).

974 **Fig. 4** Petrographic features of the Gémhegy Dolomite at Benedek Hill. **a** Massive dolomite  
975 in the lower part and thin to medium-bedded dolomite in the upper part of the section at the  
976 western side of Benedek Hill. **b** Fabric destructive finely to medium sized planar-s dolomite  
977 with cloudy cores and limpid rims (D-125). **c** Relic peloidal texture with a gastropod mould  
978 (D-126). **d** Pores of this fabric destructive, replacive dolomite are partly occluded by medium  
979 crystalline, planar dolomite. The cloudy cores with mottled CL (d1) are followed by a dull

980 zoned dolomite phase (d2). The final cement phase is a bright red zoned dolomite (d3). P:  
981 open pore (D-126). **f** Ghosts of dasycladalean algae and mollusc fragments (D-27A). **g** Ghosts  
982 of unidentifiable grains and micrite peloids (D-27B).

983 **Fig. 5** Petrographic features of the Földolomit Formation in the Aranyosvölgy Quarry. **a**  
984 Lithologic log of the exposed section. Positions of the displayed photos are marked beside the  
985 log. **b** and **c** mudstone–wackestone texture with peloids and bioclasts. The shrinkage cracks  
986 and vugs are filled by very finely to finely crystalline dolomite (D-29B). **d** and **e** Intergranular  
987 pores are filled by finely crystalline dolomite with mottled CL (d1). A larger pore (centre) is  
988 lined with medium crystalline, cloudy, planar-s cement with a similar mottled appearance  
989 (d1), which is overgrown by a dull zoned dolomite cement (d2). The final cement phase is a  
990 somewhat brighter, zoned dolomite (d3) (D-29A). **f** Laminated texture. Laminae of clotted  
991 micritic fabric alternate with fenestral pore-rich laminae (D-127). **g** Intraclastic, peloidal  
992 lamina; the larger pores are filled by medium crystalline planar-c dolomite (D-127). **h**  
993 Intraclasts and fragments of clotted micrite; the pore network is filled by medium-coarsely  
994 crystalline dolomite (D-127). **i** Peloidal grainstone; the intergranular pores are occluded by  
995 very finely crystalline dolomite (D-128).

996 **Fig. 6** Petrographic features of the Földolomit Formation in the Horogvölgy exposure. **a**  
997 Typical undulating laminated clotted micritic fabric of Lf B (D-103). **b** Spherical objects  
998 (microproblematica) with micritic contours (yellow arrow) in clotted micrite (D-103). **c**  
999 Replacive dolomite with clotted micritic fabric and planar dolomite cement. Box indicates the  
1000 location of the pore filling shown in d. **d** The pores are lined by a thin dolomite crust of very  
1001 dull CL (d1) succeeded by a non-luminescent zone (d2), which is followed by a limpid, planar  
1002 dolomite phase showing bright zonation (d3). P: open pore (D-103). **e** and **f** Fabric preserving  
1003 replacive dolomite of bioclastic grainstone texture. Pores are lined by finely to medium  
1004 crystalline planar dolomite cement. The medium crystalline dolomite cements exhibit a

1005 peculiar zonation: a thick dull zone (d1) is followed by several thin zones of bright, dull and  
1006 non-luminescent zones with gradual or sharp transitions (d2). The remaining pore space is  
1007 occluded by non-luminescent–bright orange, irregularly zoned calcite (c) (D-102).

1008 **Fig. 7** Petrographic features of the Fődolomit Formation in the Csákánykő Quarry. **a** The  
1009 exposed section of the upper part of the Fődolomit Formation is made up predominantly of Lf  
1010 B stromatolite beds (D-90, 91, 93, 95) with thin non-laminated Lf C interbeds (D-90, 94). **b**  
1011 Stromatolite showing undulating laminated, and locally domical structure with fenestral pores  
1012 (D-91). **c** Alternation of laminae of dense micrite, clotted micrite and finely crystalline sparite  
1013 formed via merging of small fenestrae. Stained thin-section. (D-91). **d** Millimetre-sized  
1014 domical structure in stromatolite. Stained thin-section. (D-90) **e** Replacive dolomite with  
1015 stromatolite texture. The larger pores are lined by zoned planar-c dolomite followed by a thick  
1016 zone of non-luminescent, drusy calcite. In the centre of the pore the calcite shows bright  
1017 orange zonation (D-93b) **f** Very finely crystalline dolomite with peloids and micritic  
1018 intraclasts at the basal part of an Lf C bed (D-92) **g** Well-preserved sedimentary fabric  
1019 abundant in peloids, and micritic intraclasts (D-96)

1020 **Fig. 8** Petrographic features of the Fenyőfő Member in the Epöl Quarry. Stained thin-sections.  
1021 **a** Lithologic log of the exposed section. Positions of the displayed photos are marked beside  
1022 the log. **b** Dolomicrite-microsparite showing mm-scale lamination – laminar dolocrete (Lf A)  
1023 **c** Cm-sized dolomicrite clasts in a dolocrete layer. **d** Clotted micrite fabric; filament structure  
1024 of microbial mat is preserved locally **e** Dense clotted micrite of brownish colour, fenestral  
1025 laminated structures and sheet-cracks with very finely crystalline dolomite internal sediment  
1026 on the bottom of the pore while its upper part is occluded by blocky calcite. **f** Echinoderm  
1027 fragment in finely crystalline dolomite matrix. **g** Scattered euhedral (planar-p) dolomite  
1028 crystals in undolomitized micrite matrix. **h** Partially dolomitized calcimicrite; the vuggy pores

1029 are lined by finely crystalline dolomite and filled with blocky calcite. **i** Megalodont mould  
1030 filled by coarsely crystalline planar-c dolomite with dedolomite zones and blocky calcite  
1031 **Fig. 9** Cyclic alternation of the lithofacies types, and rock composition of the Fenyőfő  
1032 Member in the core Ugod-8 (Ut-8), and interpretation of the depositional environments.  
1033 Position of one of the photos displayed in Fig. 12 is marked beside the log.  
1034 **Fig. 10** Cyclic alternation of the lithofacies types, and rock composition of the Fenyőfő  
1035 Member and the lower part of the Dachstein Limestone ss. in the core Porva-89 (Po-89) and  
1036 interpretation of the depositional environments. Positions of photos displayed in Fig. 11 and  
1037 Fig. 12 are marked beside the log.  
1038 **Fig. 11** Petrographic features of the Fenyőfő Member in the core Ut-8 and Po-89. **a** and **b**  
1039 Clotted micrite with fenestral pores which are lined by limpid dolomite rhombs and occluded  
1040 by blocky calcite; Stained thin-sections. **a** Po-89 465 m; **b** Po-89 468 m. **c** Scattered tiny  
1041 dolomite rhombs (planar-p) appear mostly in peloids, and micritized parts of bioclasts. Po-89  
1042 467 m. **d** Irregular patches of finely crystalline planar-s dolomite in recrystallized limestone.  
1043 Stained thin-section. Ut-8 23 m.  
1044 **Fig. 12** Petrographic features of the lower part of the Dachstein Limestone s.s. in the core Po-  
1045 89. Stained thin-sections. **a** Dolomite intraclasts in non-dolomitized peloidal, bioclastic  
1046 wackestone (Lf C); 408 m. **b** clotted dolomicrite fabric with fenestral pores fringed by limpid  
1047 dolomite rhombs and filled by blocky calcite; 412 m. **c** Geopetal pore-filling; dolomite and  
1048 calcite silt and mud internal sediment occur at the basal part of the pore and blocky calcite  
1049 occludes the remnant pore space; 411 m. **d** Geopetal pore-filling; ostracods occur in the  
1050 internal sediment; 405 m.  
1051 **Fig. 13** Carbon – oxygen isotopic compositions of Upper Triassic platform carbonate units in  
1052 the Transdanubian Range. The measured values of the present study are marked by symbols  
1053 referring to the sampled lithostratigraphic units and the texture preservation of the samples.

1054 The outlined fields show the ranges of those values reported in previous papers.  
1055 Abbreviations: DS: Dachstein Limestone Formation; upper part, Rhaetian (Haas 1995b); FD  
1056 B: Fődolomit Formation, Norian – tidal-flat dolomite (Balog et al. 1999); FD C: Fődolomit  
1057 Formation, Norian – subtidal dolomite (Balog et al. 1999); FF: Fenyőfő Member of the  
1058 Dachstein Formation, Upper Norian – peritidal dolomite (Haas and Demény 2002); \*Upper  
1059 Triassic marine calcite (Korte et al. 2005)

1060 **Fig. 14** Palaeogeographic models showing the changes of the environmental conditions which  
1061 controlled the early dolomitization in the Transdanubian Range from the late Carnian to the  
1062 end of Triassic.

1063 **Table 1** Summary table of the petrographic features

1064 Abbreviations: Lf B: B lithofacies-type; Lf C: Lithofacies-type; fs: fabric selective; nfs: non-  
1065 fabric selective; VF-F-M: very finely - finely - medium crystalline; M-C: medium - coarsely  
1066 crystalline; BC: blocky calcite; DD: dedolomite; cm: clotted micrite; F-F p-s: very fine to fine  
1067 crystalline, planar-s; bk-gh: bioclast ghosts

1068 **Table 2** Results of the stable isotope analyses

1069 Abbreviations: cm – clotted micrite; VF – very finely crystalline; F - finely crystalline; M –  
1070 medium crystalline; C - coarsely crystalline; GFP – good fabric preservation; MFP – medium  
1071 fabric preservation; PFP – poor fabric preservation; FD – fabric destructive; CEM – cement;  
1072 GH – Gémhegy Dolomite; DS – Dachstein Formation

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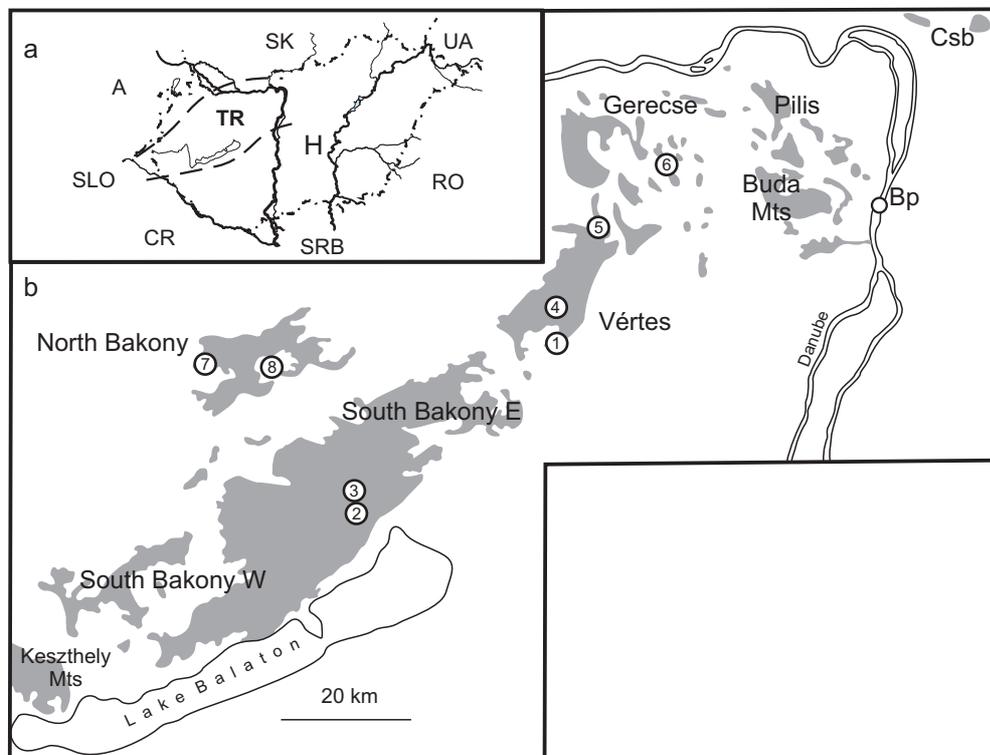


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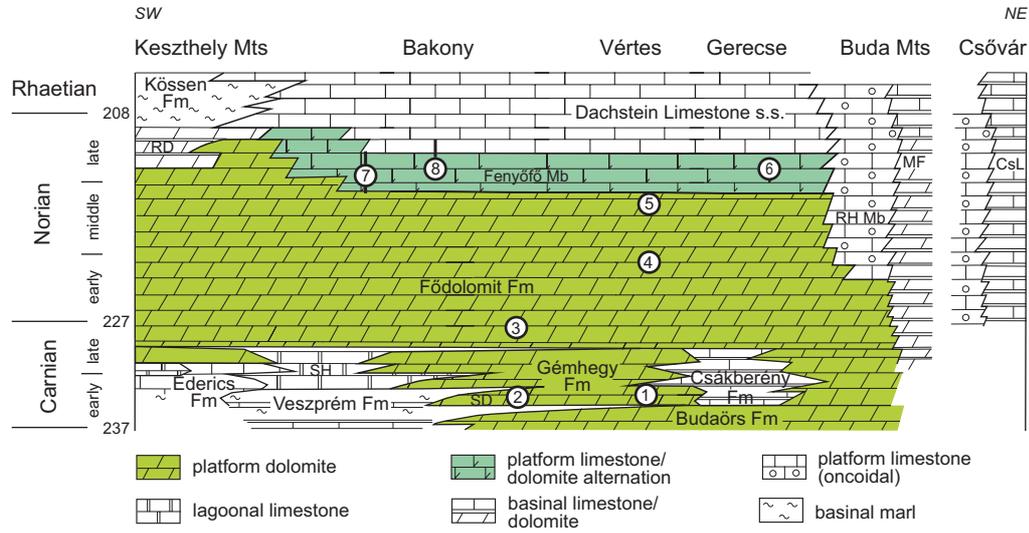


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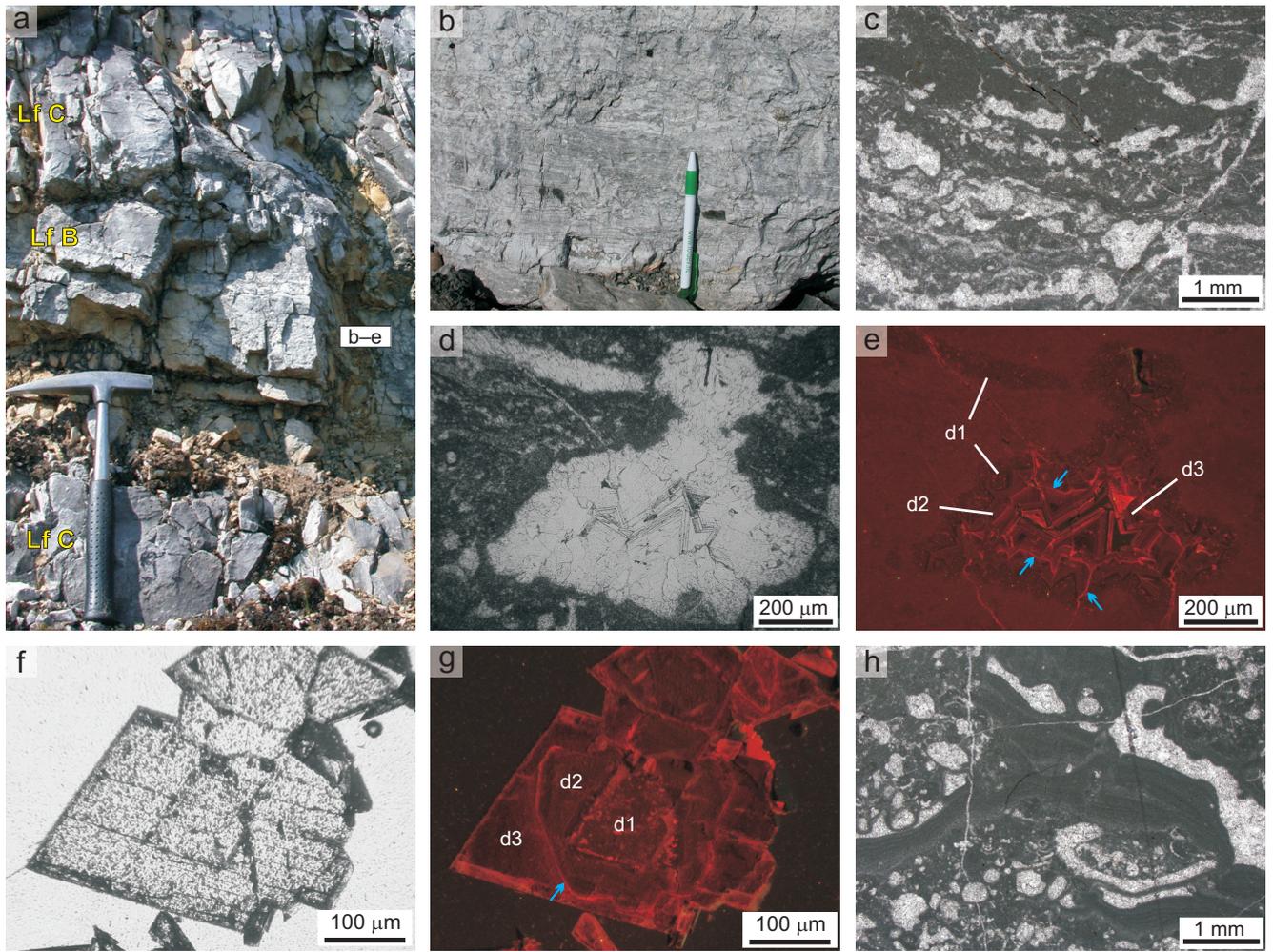


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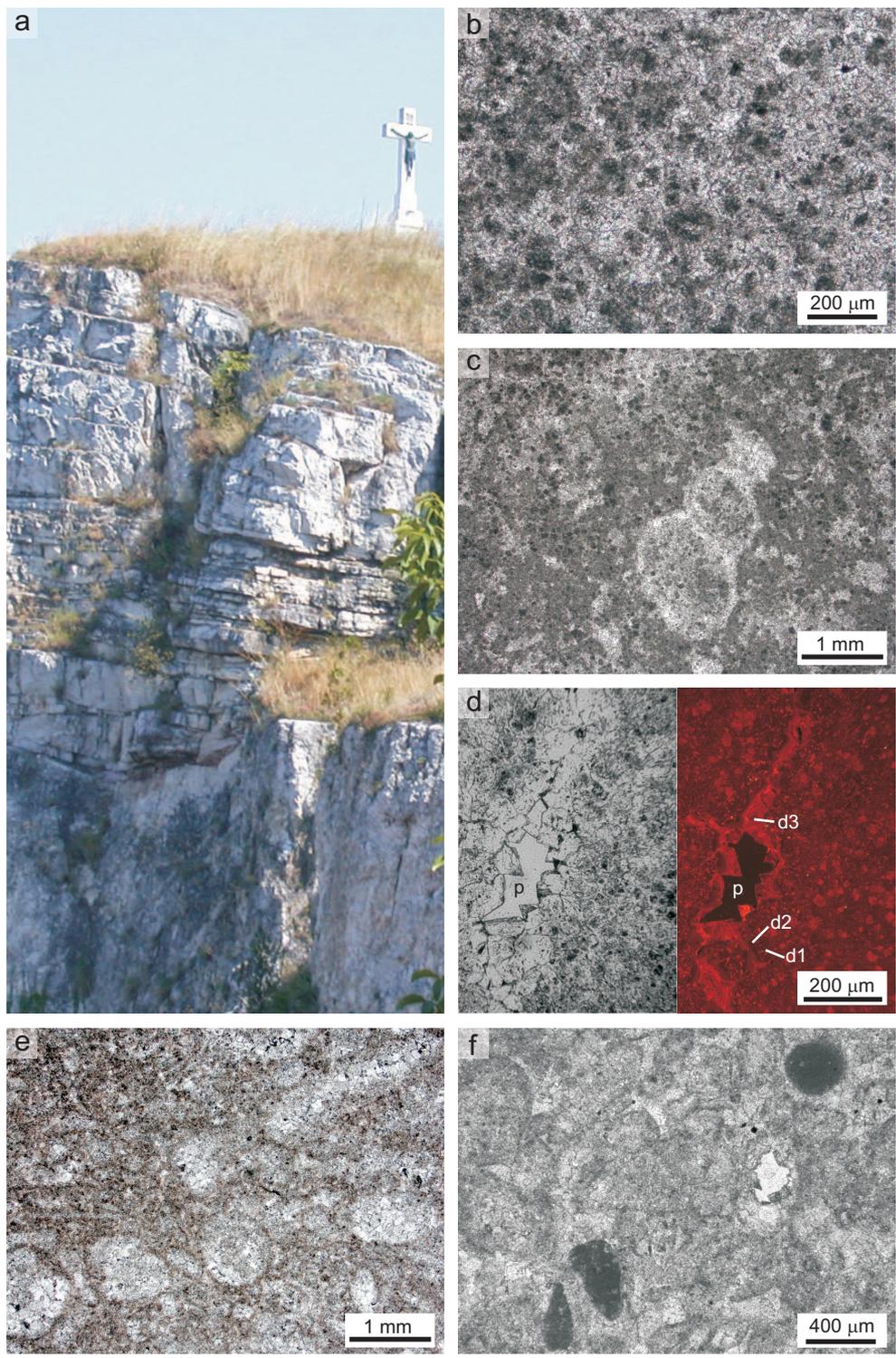


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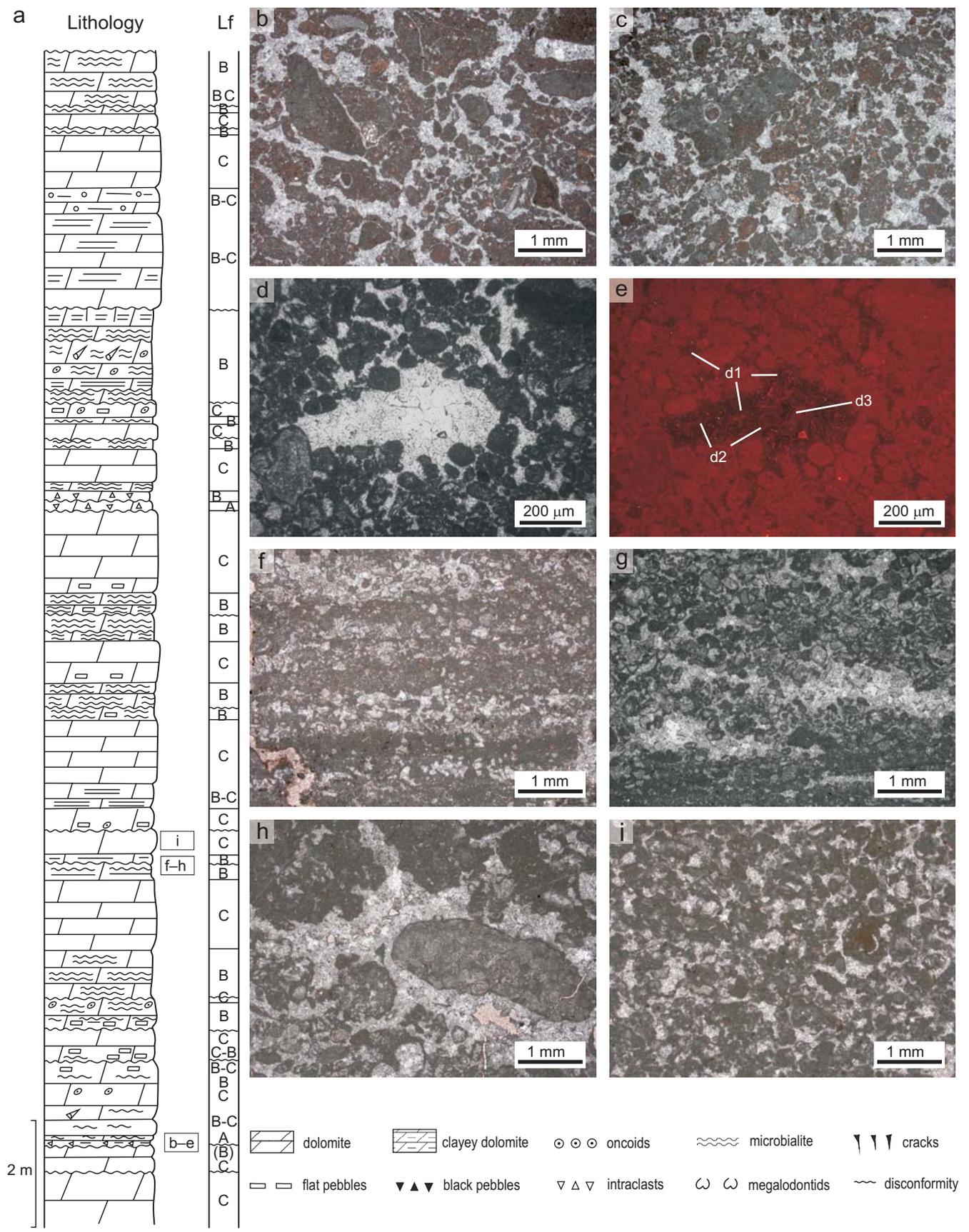


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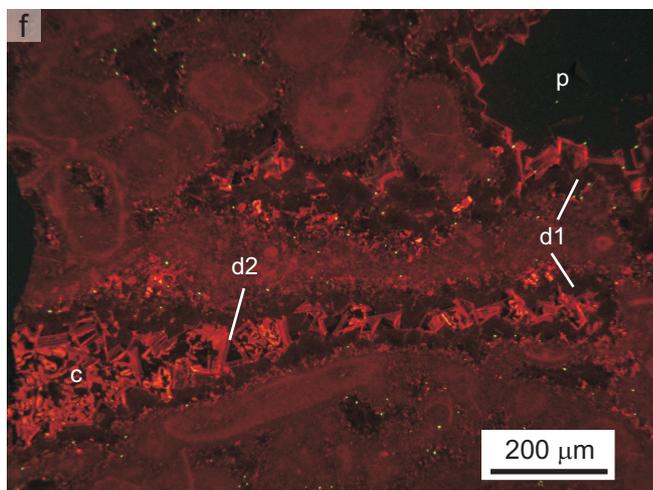
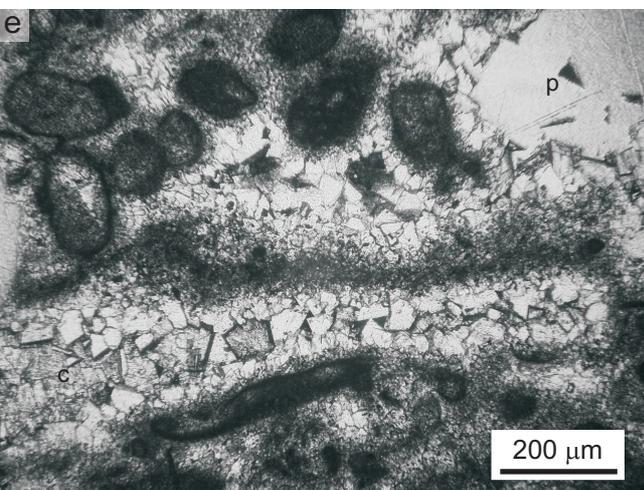
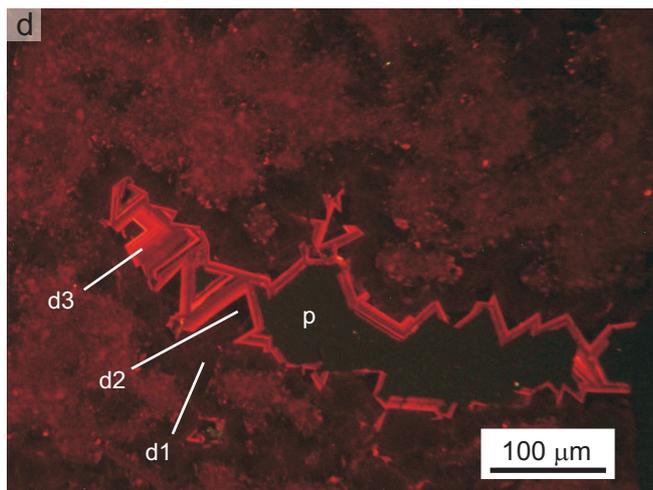
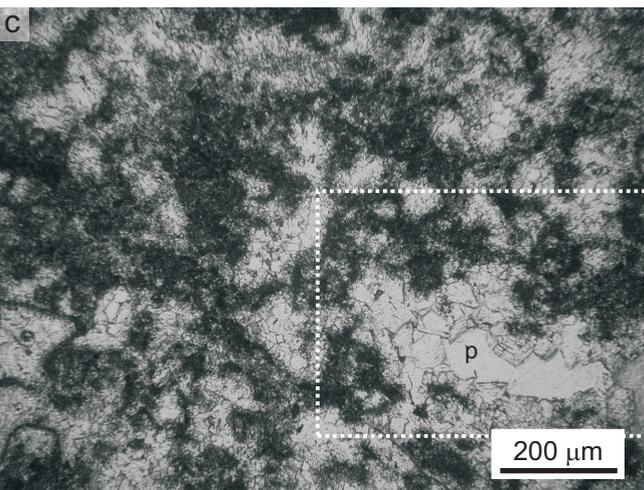
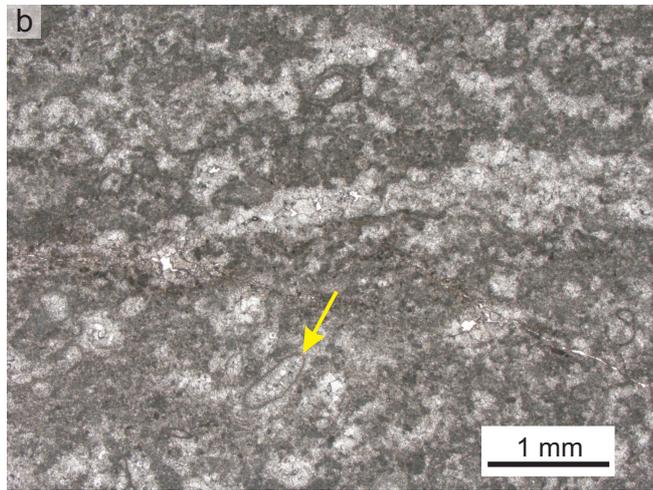
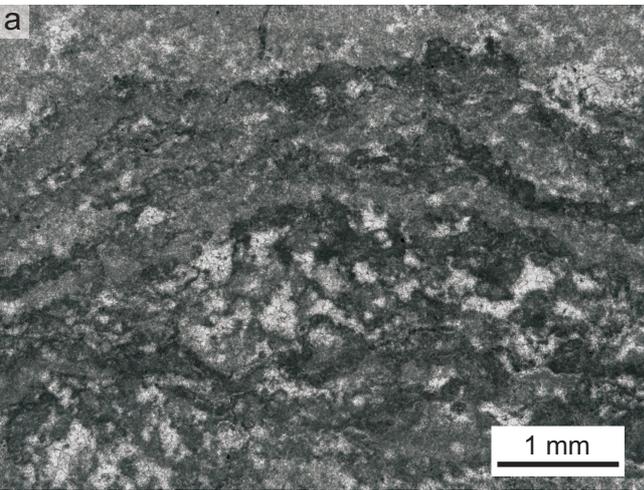


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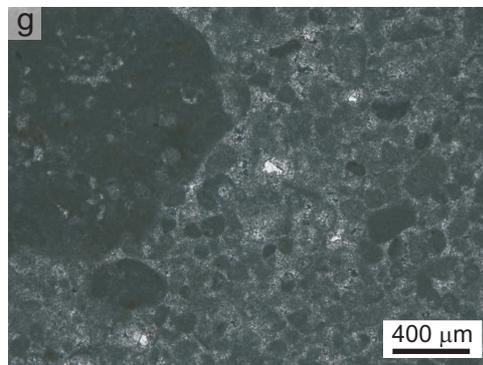
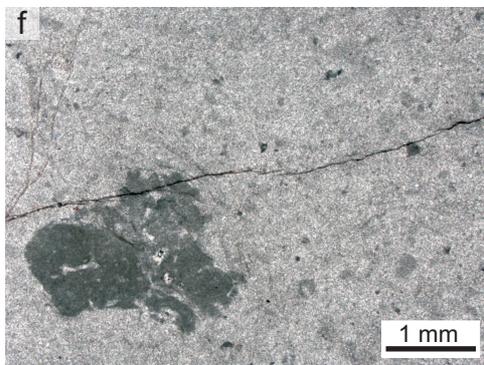
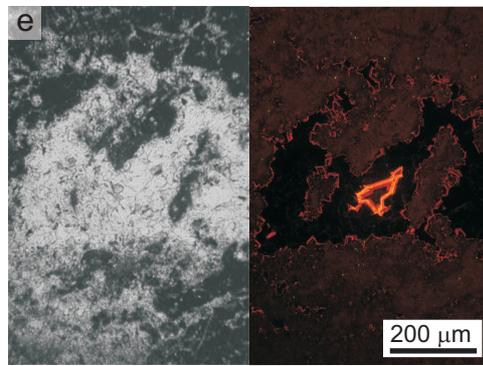
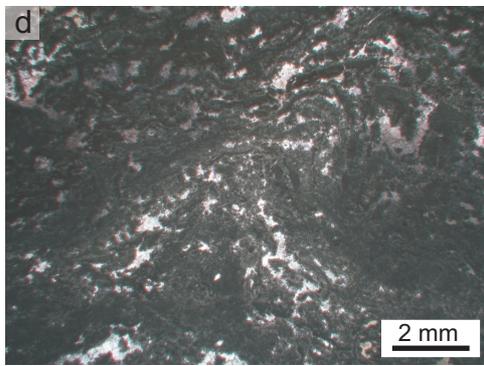
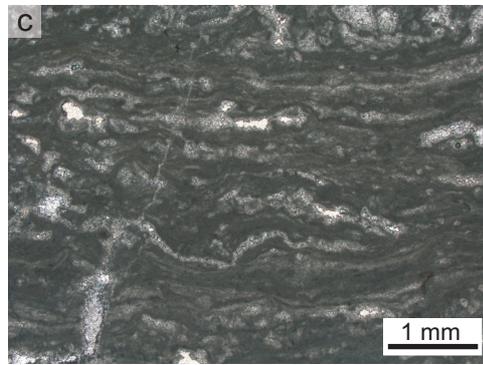
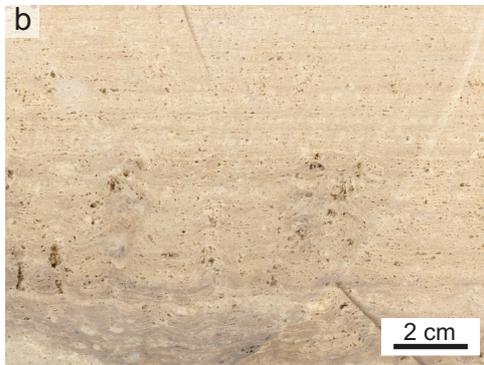
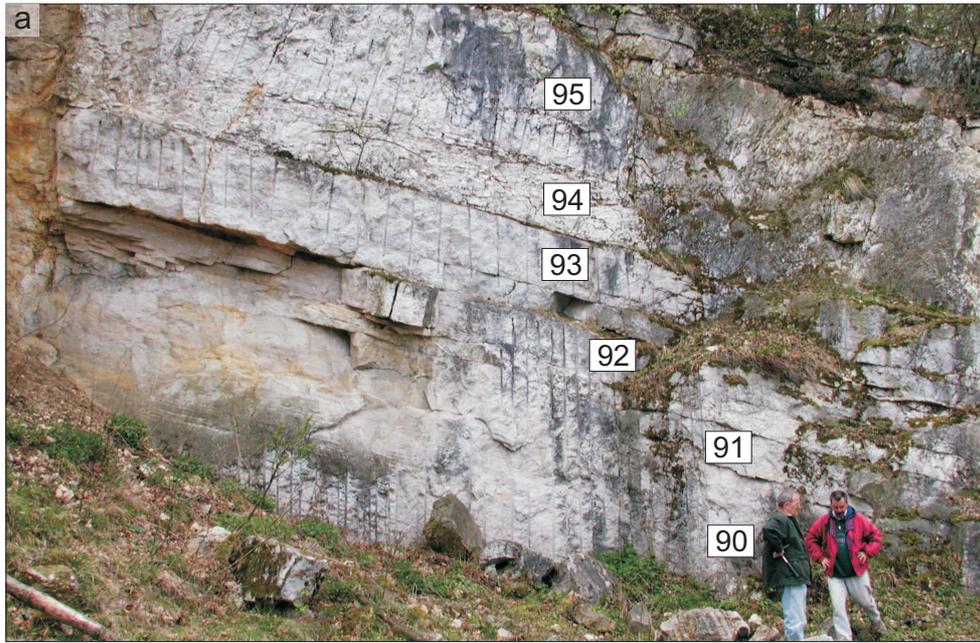


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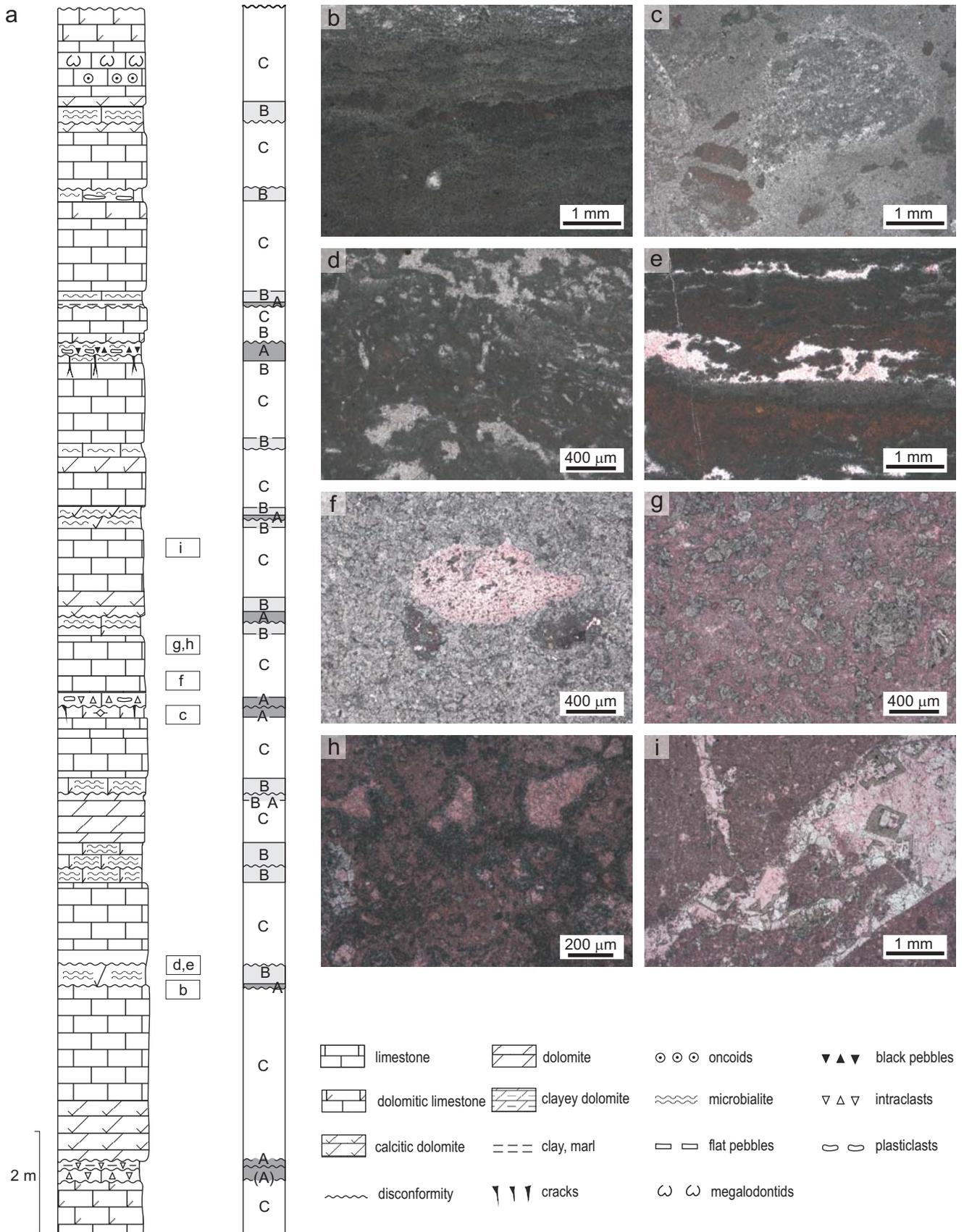


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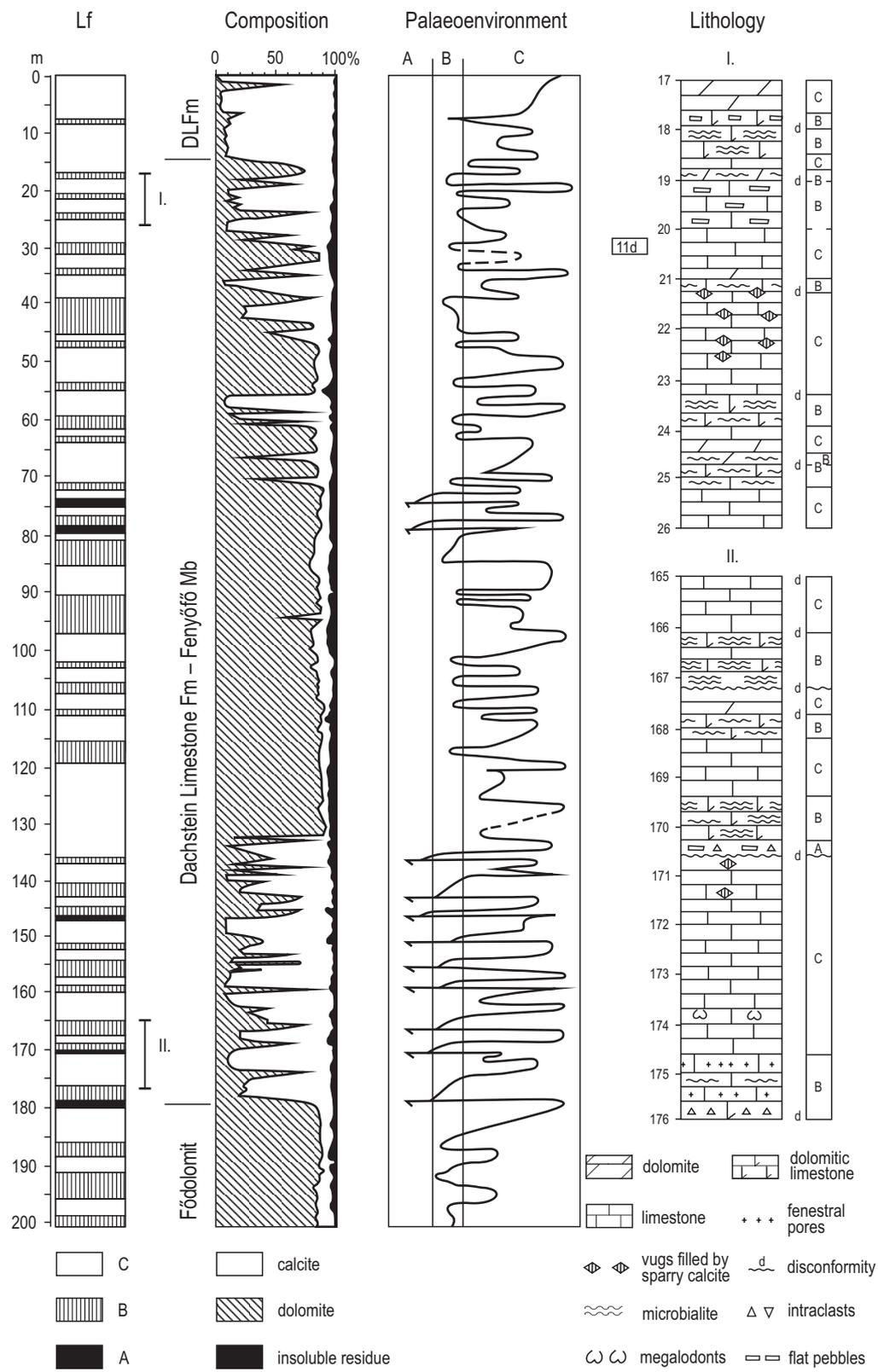




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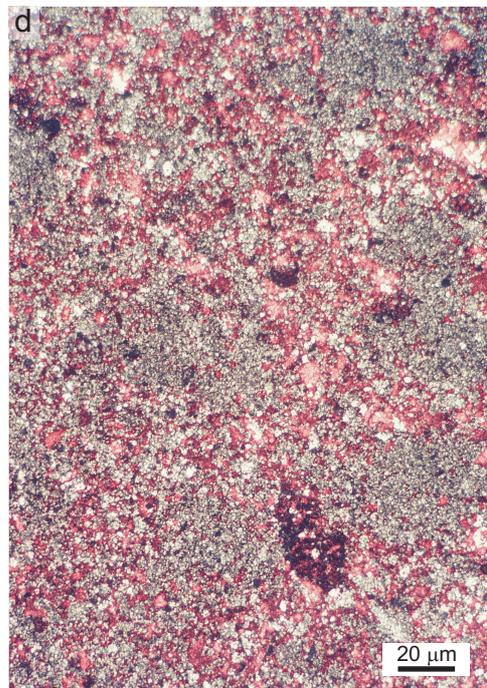
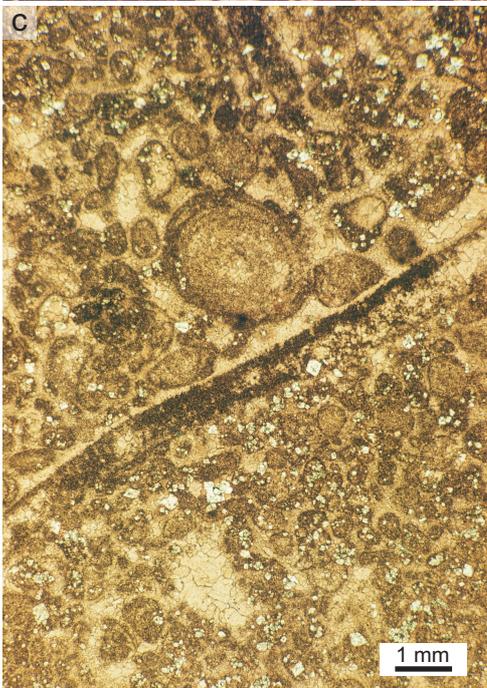
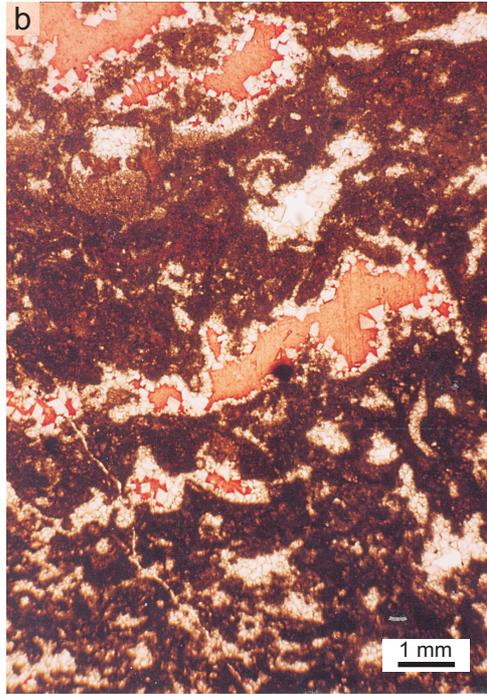
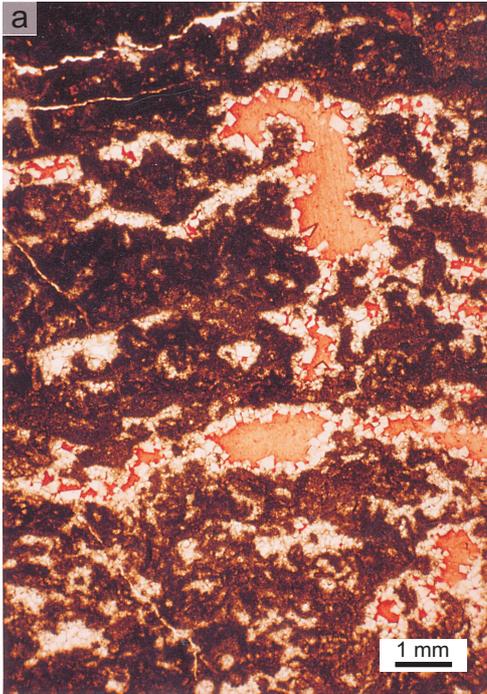


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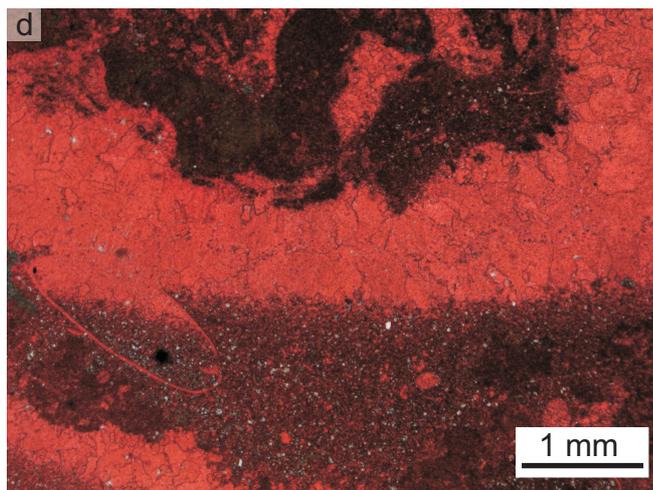
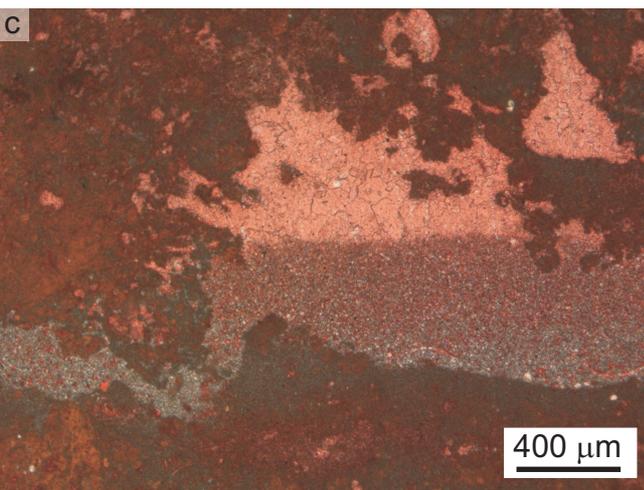
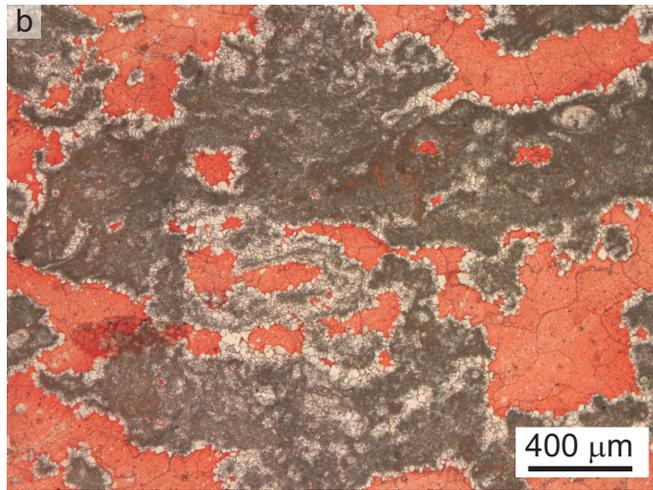
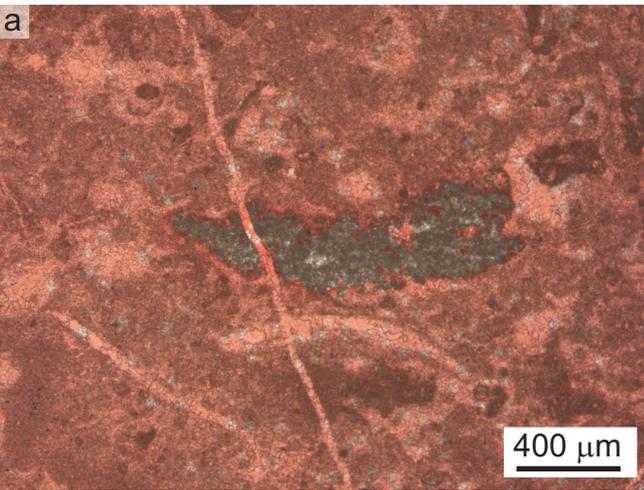
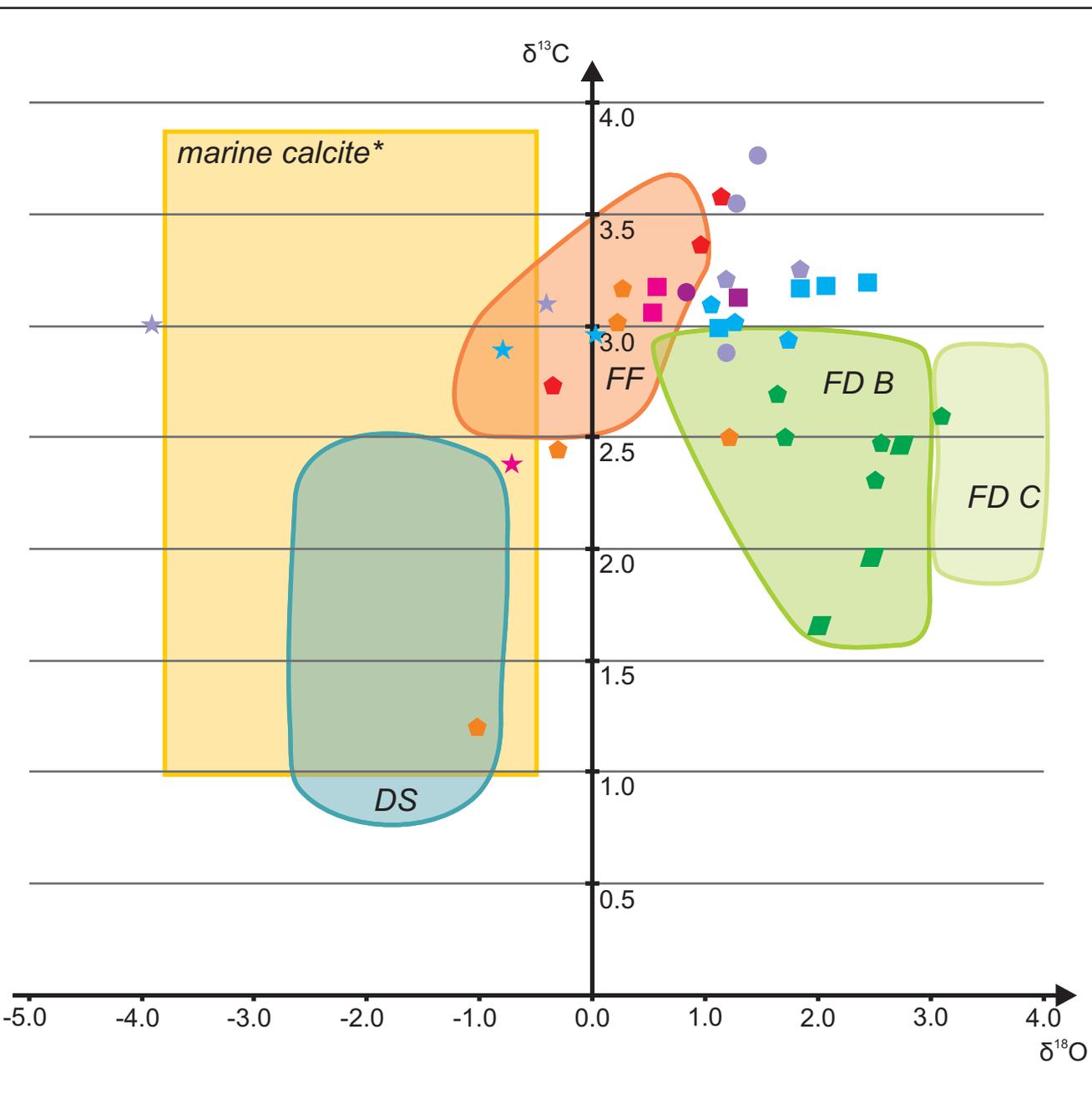


Figure 13



- ◊ good fabric preservation
- ◻ medium fabric preservation
- ◻ poor fabric preservation
- fabric destructive
- ☆ cement

- Fenyőfő Member, Bakony
- Fenyőfő Member, Gerecse
- Fődolomit, Veszprém
- Fődolomit, Vértes
- Gémhegy Dolomite, Veszprém
- Gémhegy Dolomite, Vértes
- Sédvölgy Dolomite Member, Veszprém

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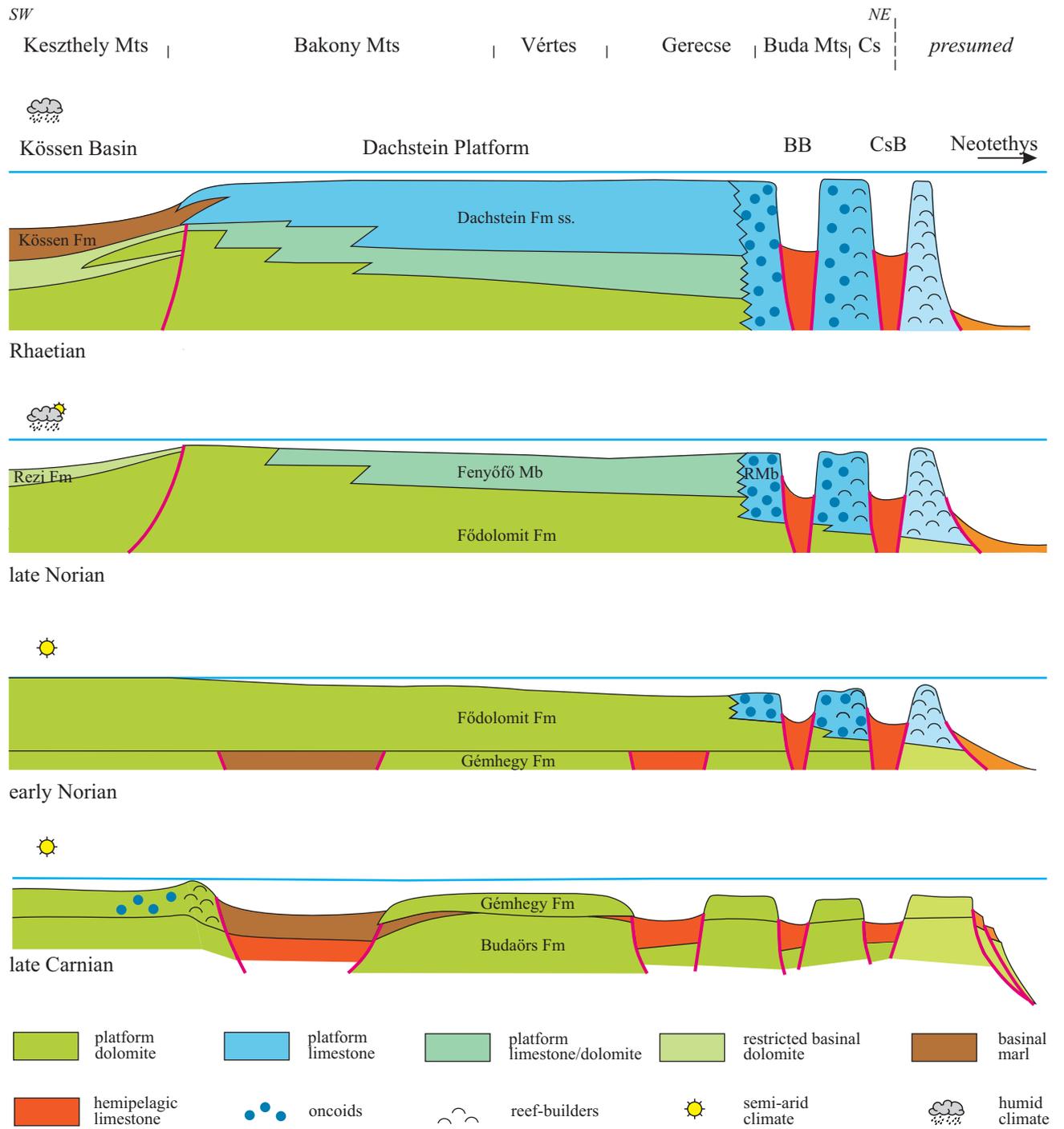


Table 1

Formation	Location	Litho-facies	Fabric preservation		Grade		Matrix	Grains	Dolomite void-filling		Calcite cement	
			Fabric preserving	Fabric destructive	Partial	Pervasive			VF-F-M	M-C	BC	DD
Gémhegy Dolomite	Disznó Hill, Vértes	Lf B	x			x	cm		x	x		
		Lf C		x		x	VF-F p-s	bk-gh		x		
Gémhegy Dolomite - Sédvölgy Dolomite Mb	Benedek Hill, Bakony	Lf C		x		x	VF-F p-s	bk-gh	x	x		
Fődolomit	Aranyosvölgy, Bakony	Lf B	x			x	cm	bk-gh	x	x		
		Lf C	x	x		x		bk-gh, peloid, intraclast	x	x		
	Horogvölgy, Vértes	Lf B	x			x	cm		x	x		
		Lf C	x			x	VF-F p-s	bk-gh	x	x	x	
	Csákánykő, Vértes	Lf B	x			x	cm		x			x
		Lf C	x	x		x	VF-F p-s	bk-gh, peloid, intraclast	x			
Dachstein Limestone Fm - Fenyőfő Mb	Epöl, Gerecse	Lf B	x		fs	x	cm	bk-gh, peloid, intraclast	x			x
		Lf C	x		fs	x	VF-F p-s	peloid, intraclast		x		x
	Ugod and Porva, Bakony	Lf B	x		fs		cm		x	x		x
		Lf C	x	x	fs+nfs	x		peloid, bioclast				
Dachstein Limestone Fm s.s.	Porva, Bakony	Lf B	x		fs		cm		x			x
		Lf C	x		fs			bk-gh, peloid, intraclast				

Table 2

Sample	Lithofacies type	Matrix	Cement	Fabric preservation	Formation	Locality	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$
27a	C	F-M	-	PFP	GH, Sédvölgy Dolomite Member	Veszprém	0.6	3.2
126/1	C	F-M	-	PFP	GH, Sédvölgy Dolomite Member	Veszprém	0.5	3.1
126/2	C	-	C	CEM	GH, Sédvölgy Dolomite Member	Veszprém	-0.7	2.4
97	C	F-M	-	FD	Gémhegy Dolomite	Vértes	1.3	3.6
98/2	B	cm	VF-F	GFP	Gémhegy Dolomite	Vértes	1.9	3.2
100/1	C	cm	VF-F	GFP	Gémhegy Dolomite	Vértes	1.2	3.2
99	C?	F-M	-	FD	Gémhegy Dolomite	Vértes	1.5	3.8
101/2	C	F-M	-	FD	Gémhegy Dolomite	Vértes	1.2	2.9
100/3	C	-	C	CEM	Gémhegy Dolomite	Vértes	-3.9	3
101/1	C	-	M-C	CEM	Gémhegy Dolomite	Vértes	-0.4	3.1
27b/1	C	cm, VF	-	PFD	Gémhegy Dolomite	Veszprém	1.3	3.1
27b/2	C	cm, VF	-	FD	Gémhegy Dolomite	Veszprém	0.8	3.2
90	B	cm	VF-F	GFP	Fődolomit	Vértes	2.5	2.3
91a	B	cm	VF-F	GFP	Fődolomit	Vértes	1.7	2.5
93a	B	cm	VF-F	GFP	Fődolomit	Vértes	2.5	2.5
95	B	cm	VF-F	GFP	Fődolomit	Vértes	1.6	2.7
96	C	cm	VF-F	GFP	Fődolomit	Vértes	3.1	2.6
92	C	F	-	MFP	Fődolomit	Vértes	2.7	2.5
102/2	C	cm, VF	F	MFP	Fődolomit	Vértes	2	1.7
103/1	B	cm, VF	VF-F	MFP	Fődolomit	Vértes	2.5	2
29a/1	B-A	cm	VF-F	GFP	Fődolomit	Veszprém	1.3	3
127	B	cm	VF-F	GFP	Fődolomit	Veszprém	1.1	3.1
128/2	C	cm	VF-F	GFP	Fődolomit	Veszprém	1.7	2.9
28	C	cm, VF	-	PFP	Fődolomit	Veszprém	2.1	3.2
28	C	cm, VF	-	PFP	Fődolomit	Veszprém	1.8	3.2
28/1	C	cm, VF	-	PFP	Fődolomit	Veszprém	1.1	3
28	C	cm, VF	-	PFP	Fődolomit	Veszprém	2.4	3.2
29a/2	B-A	-	C	CEM	Fődolomit	Veszprém	0	3
28/2	C	-	M-C	CEM	Fődolomit	Veszprém	-0.8	2.9
165a	B	cm	VF-F	GFP	DS, Fenyőfő Member	Gerecse	1.2	3.6
165b	B	cm	VF-F	GFP	DS, Fenyőfő Member	Gerecse	1	3.4
167	B	cm	VF-F	GFP	DS, Fenyőfő Member	Gerecse	-0.3	2.7
164	B	cm	VF-F	GFP	DS, Fenyőfő Member	Bakony	1.2	2.5
168a/2	B-A	cm	VF-F	GFP	DS, Fenyőfő Member	Bakony	-0.3	2.4
168b	B	cm	VF-F	GFP	DS, Fenyőfő Member	Bakony	-1	1.2
169a/3	B	cm	VF-F	GFP	DS, Fenyőfő Member	Bakony	0.3	3.2
169b/2	B	cm, VF	VF-F	GFP	DS, Fenyőfő Member	Bakony	0.2	3