

Convegno dal 25 giugno 2013  
I macroforaminiferi del Paleogene:  
classificazione, biostratigrafia e paleoecologia

ISPRASAPIENZA  
DIPARTIMENTO DI SCIENZE DELLA TERRA  
DIPARTIMENTO DI GEOLOGIA

## Agglutinanti e porcellanacei

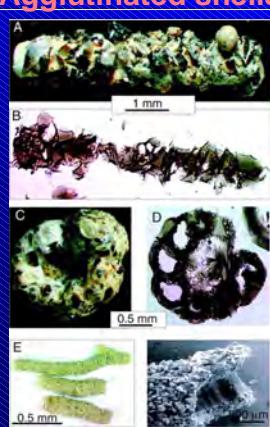
Johannes Pignatti  
Università di Roma "La Sapienza"  
Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra  
johannes.pignatti@uniroma1.it

### A matter of shell



1. In LF, there is a finite number of shell forms, chamber arrangements and chamber compartments (endo- and exoskeleton, supplementary skeleton, chamberlets): several shell architectures are iterative
2. Shell architecture depends largely on shell texture and composition
3. Although phylogenetically unrelated, porcelaneous and agglutinated shells share an important feature: their test is opaque (imperforate); this ecologically relevant property is achieved in fundamentally different modes

### Agglutinated shells



**A** 1 mm  
**B**  
**C** 0.5 mm  
**D** 0.5 mm  
**E** 0.5 mm



different organic and calcareous cements  
different grain selectivity

Davis & Clague (2003; *Geology* 31: 103-106)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

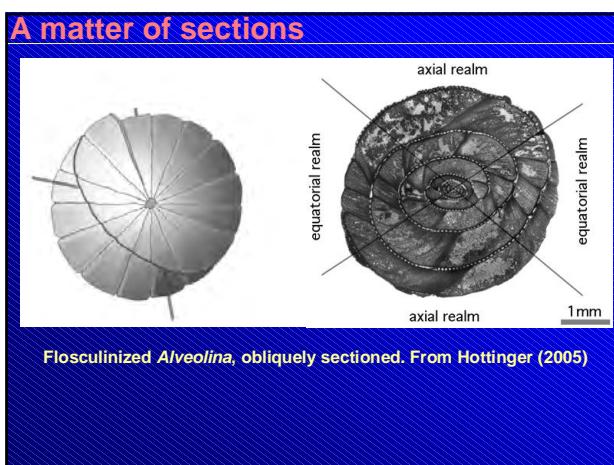
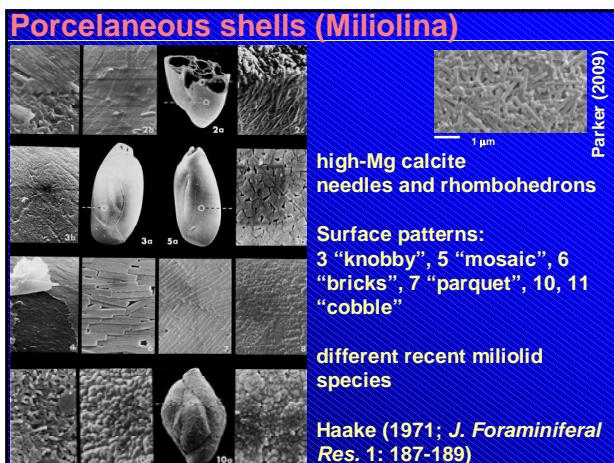
---

---

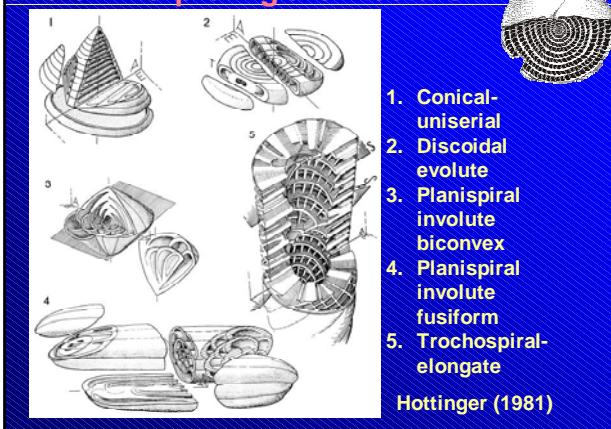
---

---

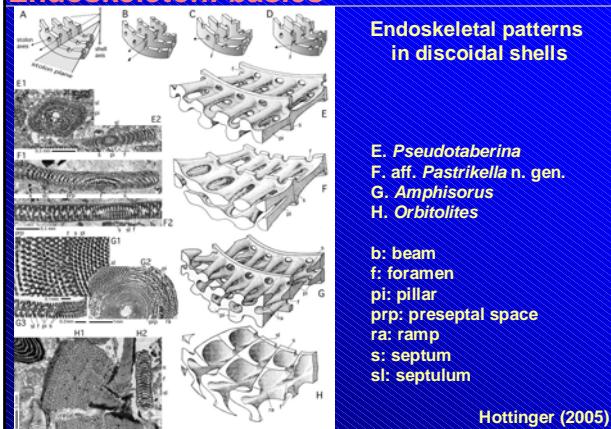
---



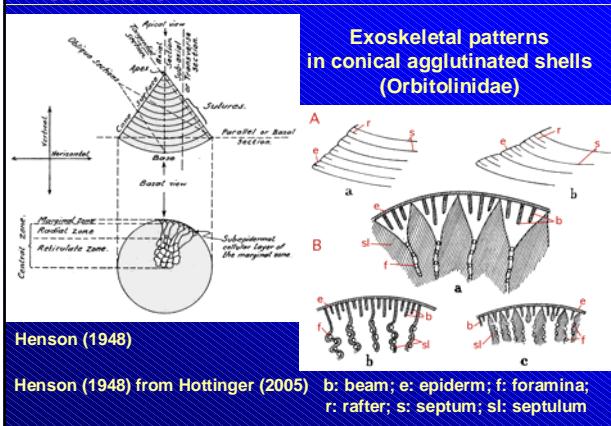
## and of interpreting architecture

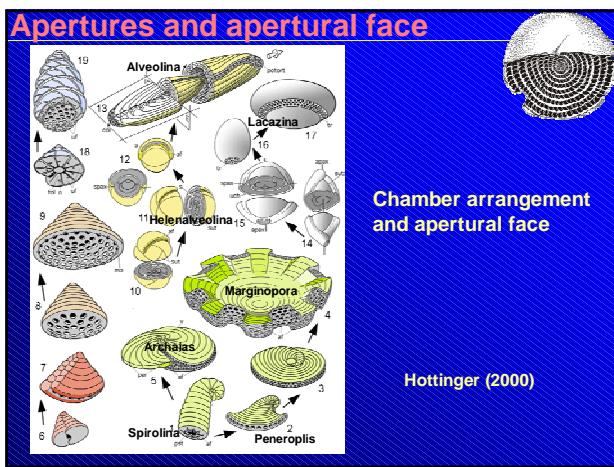
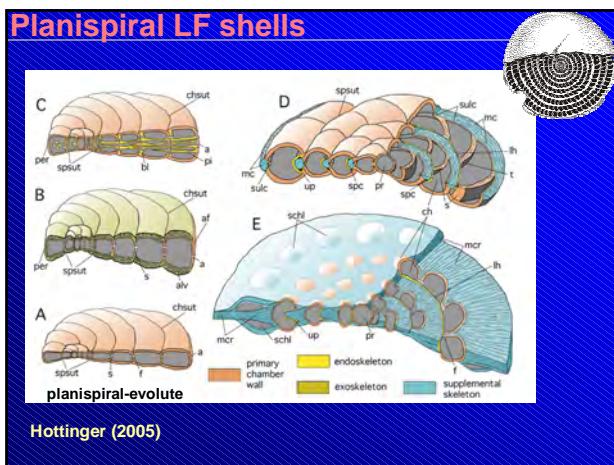
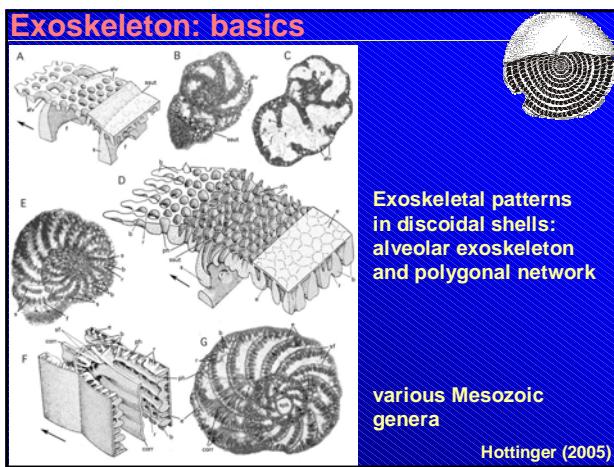


## Endoskeleton: basics

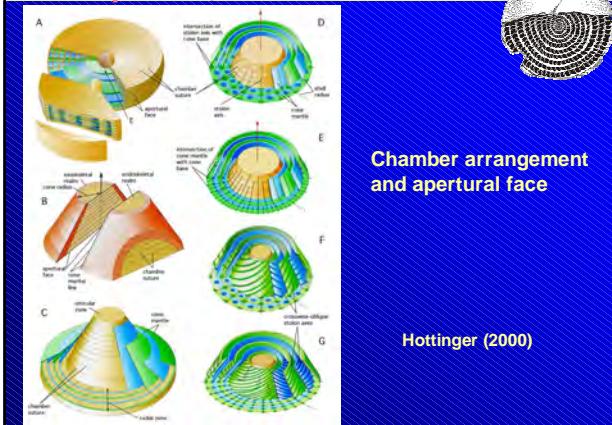


## Exoskeleton: basics

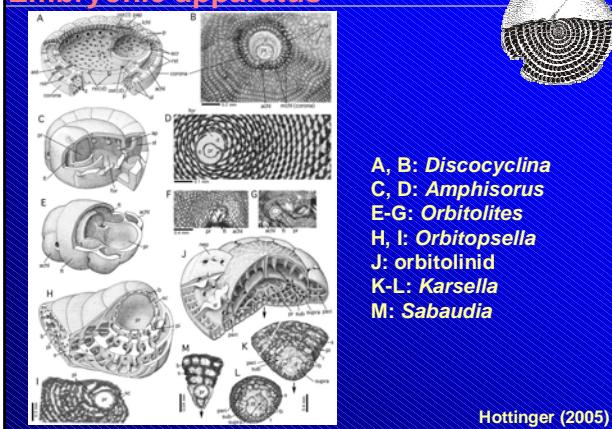




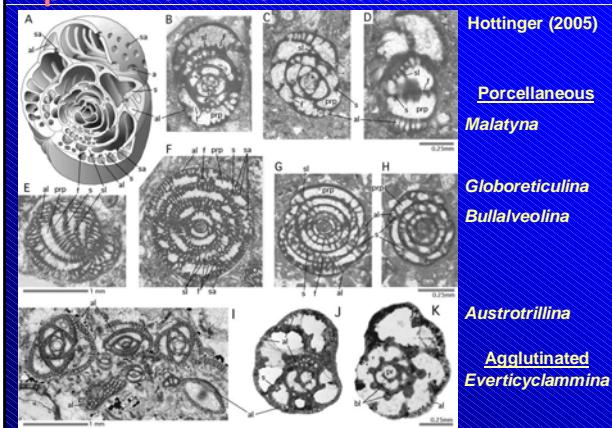
## Stolon planes, foramenal axes



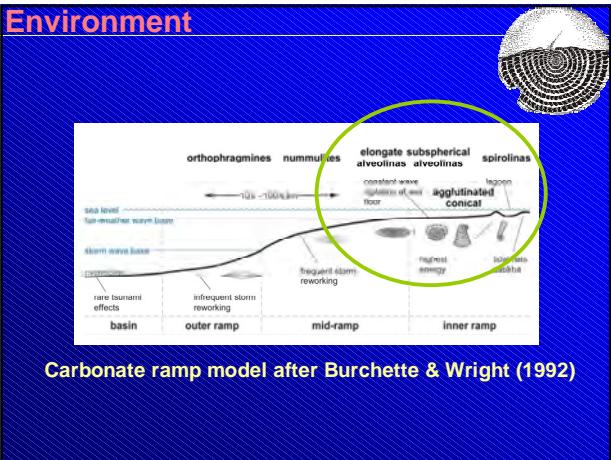
## Embryonic apparatus



## Imperforate shells: alveoles



## Environment



---

---

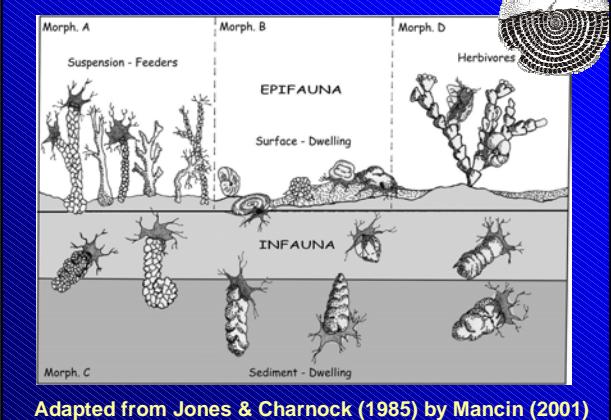
---

---

---

---

## Agglutinated morphotypes



---

---

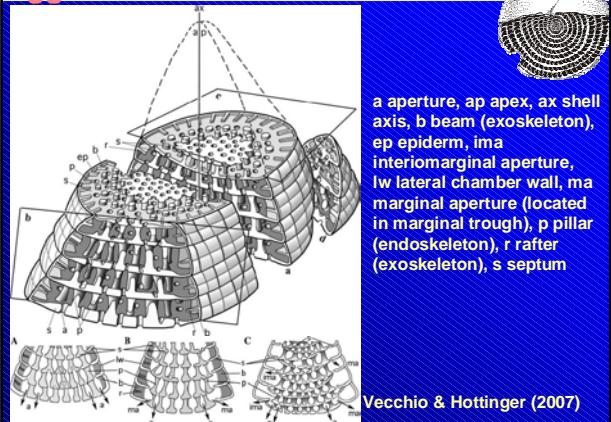
---

---

---

---

## Agglutinated conicals



---

---

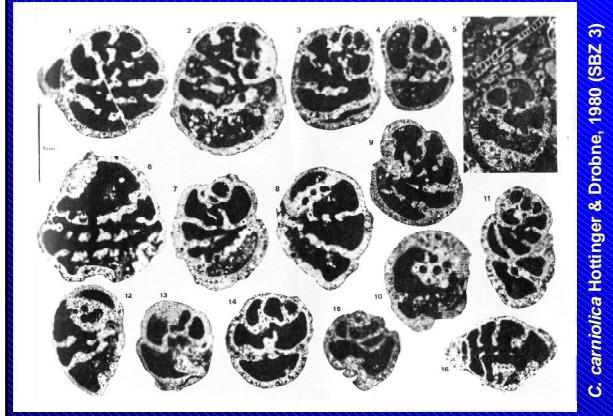
---

---

---

---

## Cribrobulimina



---

---

---

---

---

---

## Coskinon



---

---

---

---

---

---

## Coskinolina



---

---

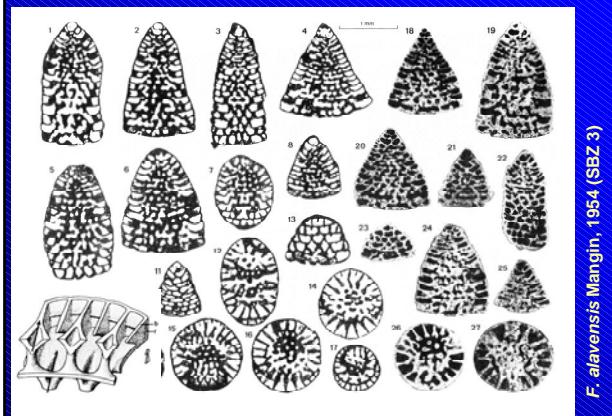
---

---

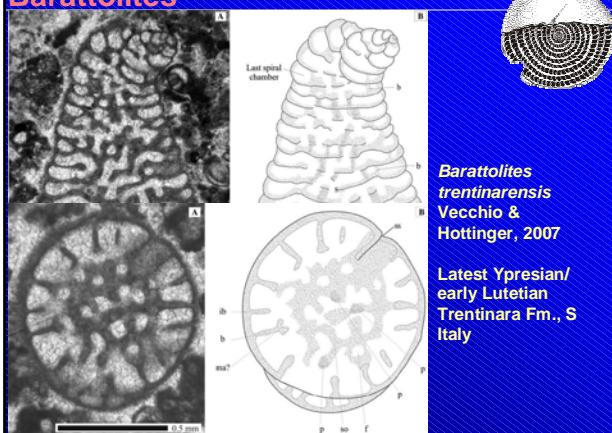
---

---

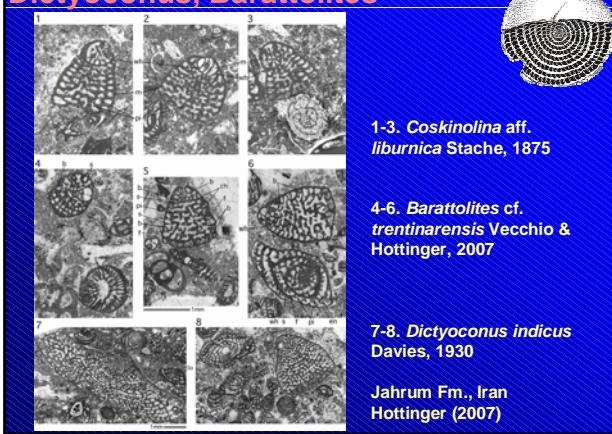
## Fallotella



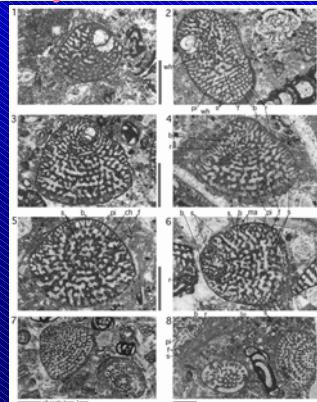
## Barattolites



## Dictyoconus, Barattolites



## Dictyoconus, Coskinolina



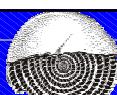
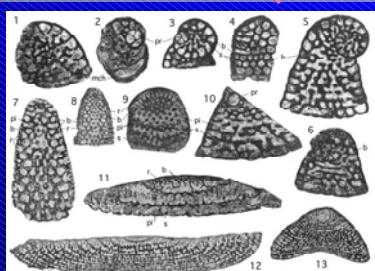
1-3. *Coskinolina aff. liburnica* Stache, 1875

4-6. *Barattolites cf. trentinarensis* Vecchio & Hottinger, 2007

7-8. *Dictyoconus indicus* Davies, 1930

Jahrum Fm., Iran  
Hottinger (2007)

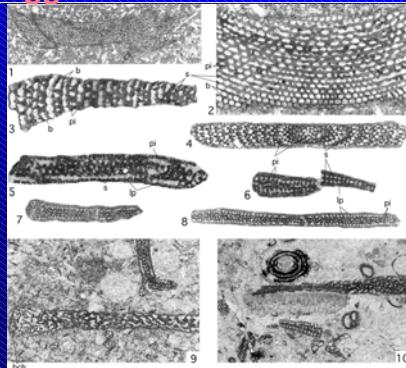
## other conical taxa (N Somalia)



Pignatti (unpublished)

1, 2 – *Coskinolina* sp. Cuisian. 3-5 – *Daviesiconus* cf. *balsillei* (Davies). Cuisian. 6 – *Daviesiconus* sp. Lower-Middle Lutetian. 7, 8 – *Dictyoconus turriculus* Hottinger & Drobne. SBZ 4. 9 – *Dictyoconus* cf. *aegyptiensis* (Chapman). Lutetian. 10 – *Dictyoconus* sp. Lower-Middle Eocene. 11-13 – Unnamed, low-conical dictyoconid, microspheric (11, 12) and macrospheric (13), possibly related to *Cushmania*. SBZ 4.

## Agglutinated discoidal

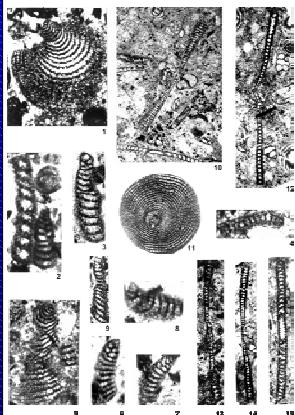


Several Paleocene genera, mostly monotypic (*Vania*, *Thomasella*); co-occur with porcelaneous discoidal forms ('*Taberina*' *daviesi* in the Arabian province)

b: beam (exoskeleton), bch: brood chamber, lp: lateral passage, pi: pillar (endoskeleton), s: septum.

– "*Taberina*" *daviesi* Henson, oblique, subequatorial section, SBZ 4. 2 – Detail of fig. 1. Note subepidermal, adal exoskeleton (beams) and endoskeleton with pillars following an oblique-overcrossing pattern with ramps similar to *Orbitolites*. 5-8 – *Thomasella* (= *Vania* Auctt.) *labyrinthica* (Grimsdale), SBZ 4-5. All from N Somalia (unpublished).

## Agglutinated discoidal



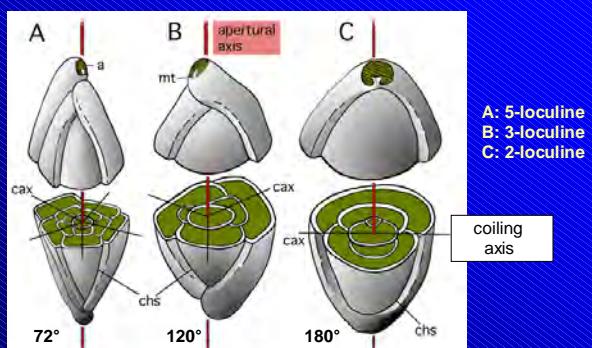
1-9: *Postbroeckinella flabelliformis* Sirel, 2013

SBZ 3, Turkey

10-15: *Vania anatolica* Sirel & Gündüz

SBZ 3, Turkey

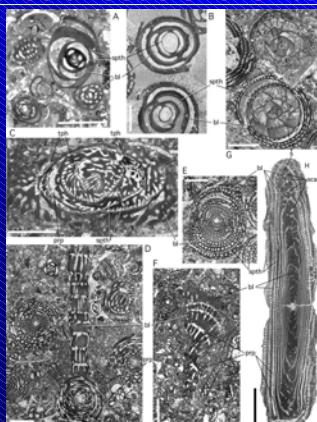
## Porcelaneous shells: milioline coiling



Milioline coiling: two chambers per whorl

Hottinger (2005)

## Porcelaneous shells: basal layer



A. Large miliolid, *Fabularia roselli* Caus, *Dendritina* sp.

B. *Idalina antiqua*

C. *Fabularia verseyi* Cole

D-F. *Pseudochubbina globularis* (Smout), *P. cassabi* De Castro

G. *Alveolina daniensis* Drobne

H. *Alveolina tenuis* Hottinger

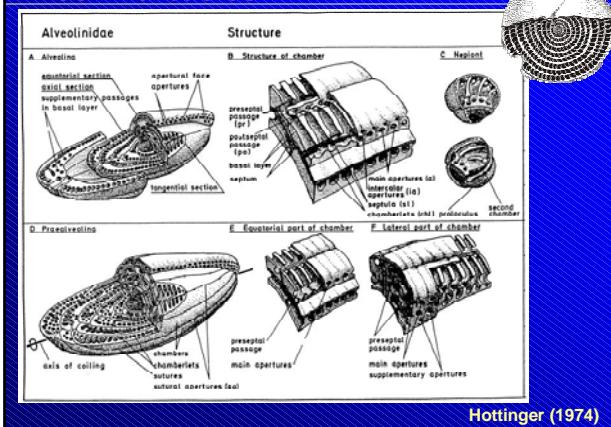
bl: basal layer  
prp: preseptal space  
sca: supplementary canals  
sph: spirotheca  
tph: trematophore

Hottinger (2005)

## Porcelaneous shells: epiphytes

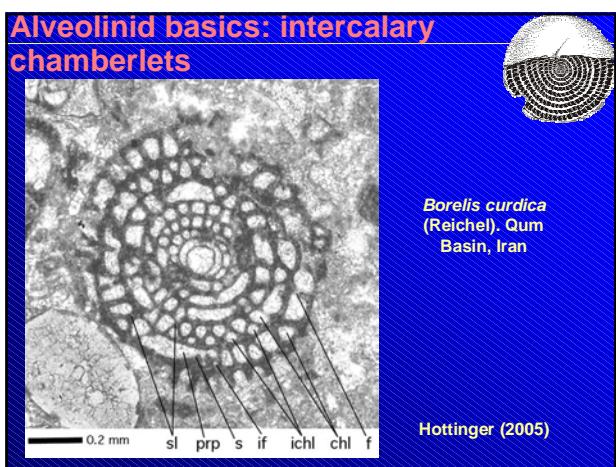
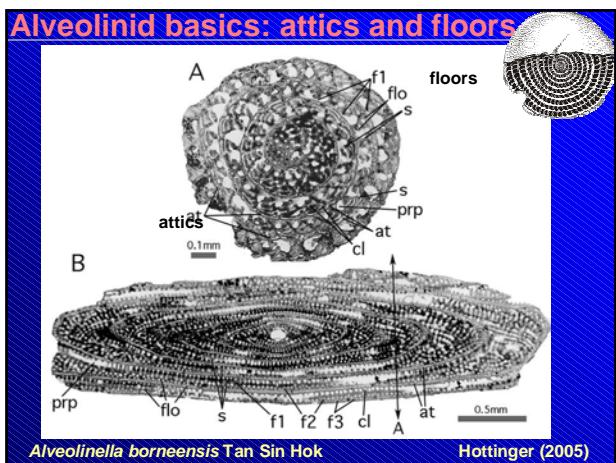
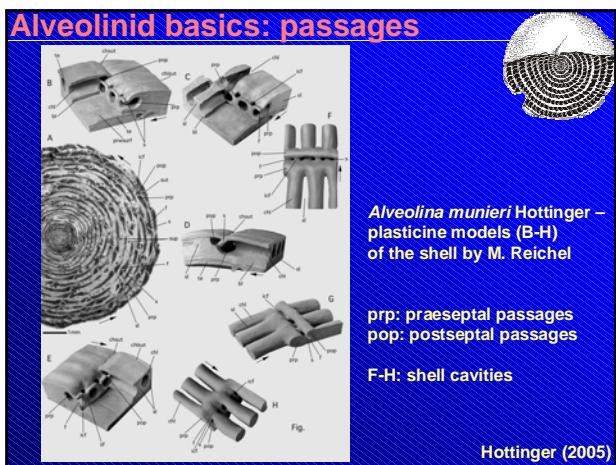


## Alveolinid basics



## Alveolinid basics

1. porcelaneous [a symplesiomorphy]
2. multichambered [a symplesiomorphy]
3. broad, low apertural face (at least in early stages)
4. apertures slit-like or multiple, devoid of teeth
5. one or more rows of apertures
6. early coiling streptospiral (at least in microspheric or monomorphic forms) [probably, a symplesiomorphy]
7. later coiling planispiral, involute producing spherical to fusiform tests
8. chambers subdivided by longitudinal septula into chamberlets
9. chamberlets connected by a low open space below the apertural face (praeseptal spaces/passage) and postseptal spaces/passage
10. chamberlets may be multiplied by one or more layers parallel to chamber floor
11. basal layer may be thickened (flosculinization)
12. basal layer may possess supplementary cavities (irregular, anastomosing canals)
13. septula alternating (e.g., in *Alveolina*) or continuous

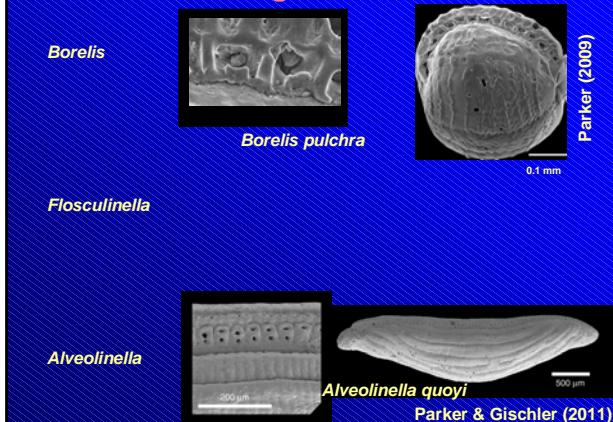


## Main alveolinid genera

Genus	Dimorphism B	Apertural face	Tangential section	Axial section	Equatorial section	Abbreviations
Alveolinella	○	○	○	○	○	
Flosculinella	○	○	○	○	○	
Dolivolinella	○	○	○	○	○	
Borelis	○	○	○	○	○	
Alveolina	○	○	○	○	○	
Subalveolina	○	○	○	○	○	
Muttiprima	○	○	○	○	○	
Cisalveolina	?	○	○	○	○	
Prosalveolina	○	○	○	○	○	
Ovalveolina	○	○	○	○	○	

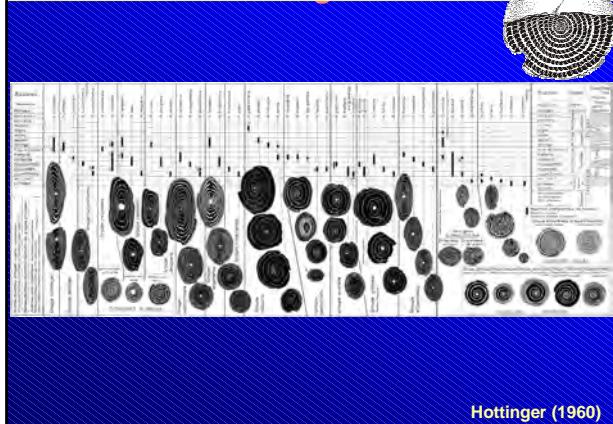
Hottinger (1974)

## Recent alveolinid genera



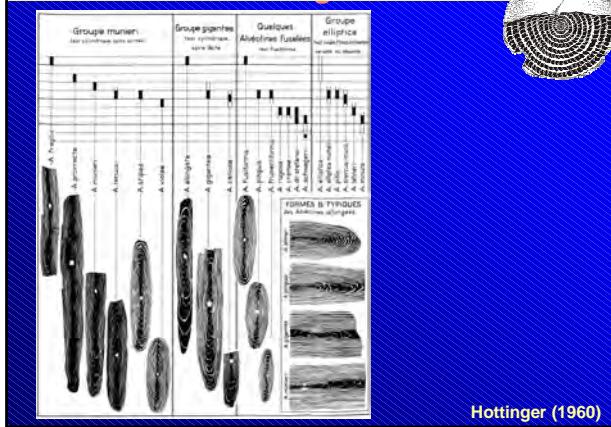
Parker & Gischler (2011)

## Alveolina: Main lineages 1

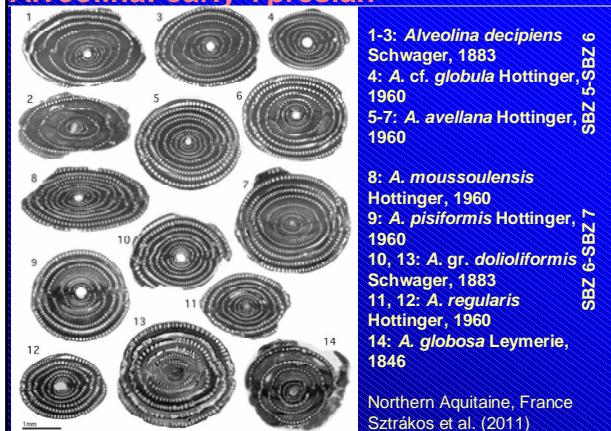


Hottinger (1960)

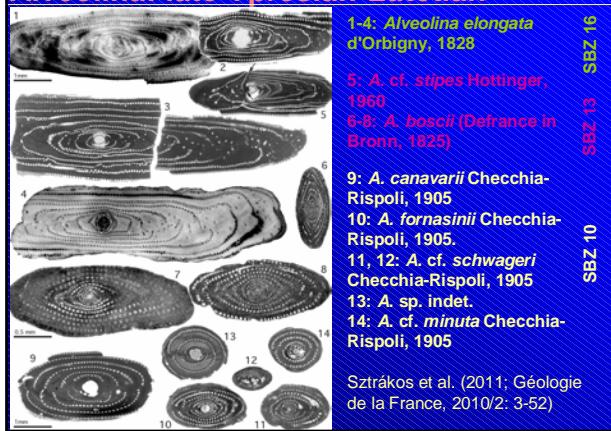
## Alveolina: Main lineages 2



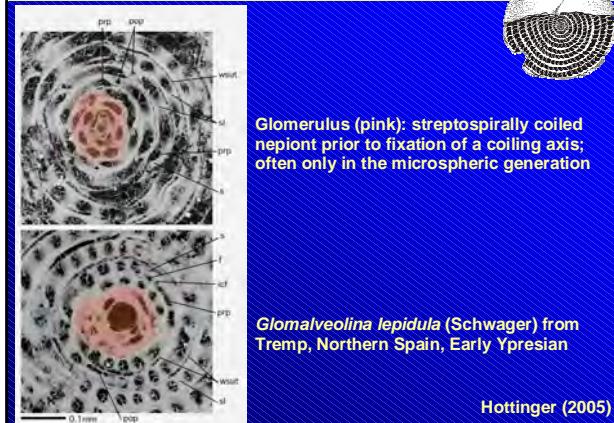
## Alveolina: early Ypresian



## Alveolina: late Ypresian-Lutetian

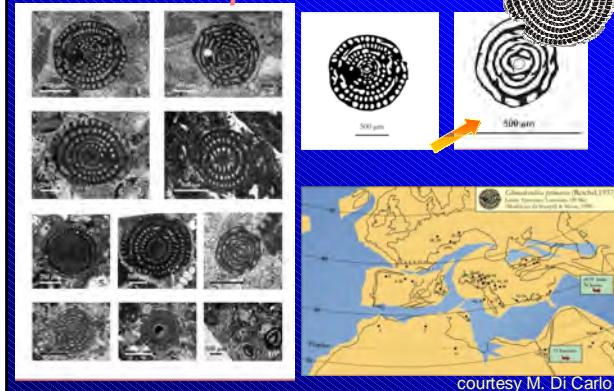


### Alveolinidae: *Glo malveolina*

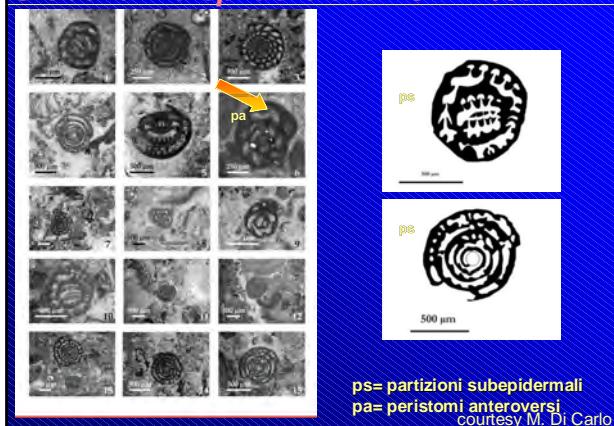


### Alveolinidae: *G. primaeva*

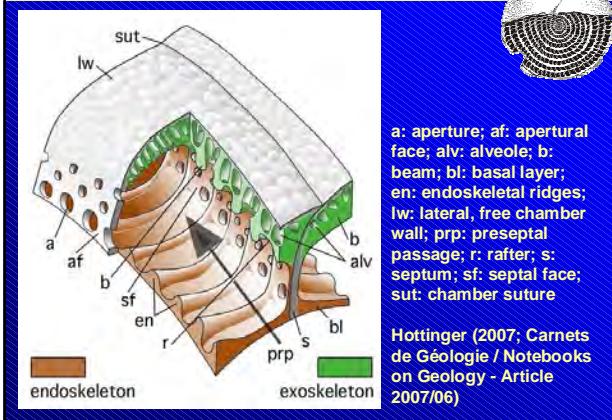
#### *Glo malveolina primaeva* - SBZ3



### *Globoflarina sphaeroidea* - SBZ 2/3a



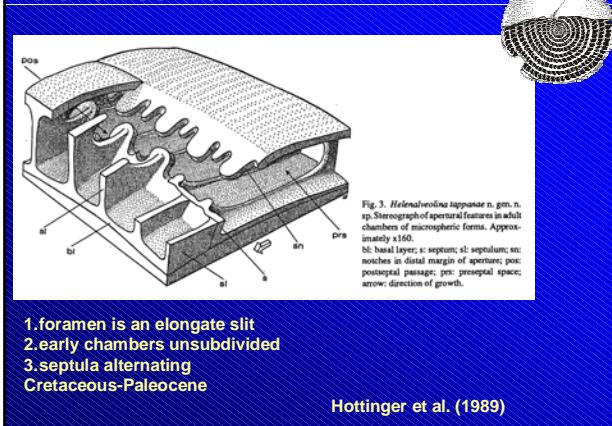
## Globoreticulina

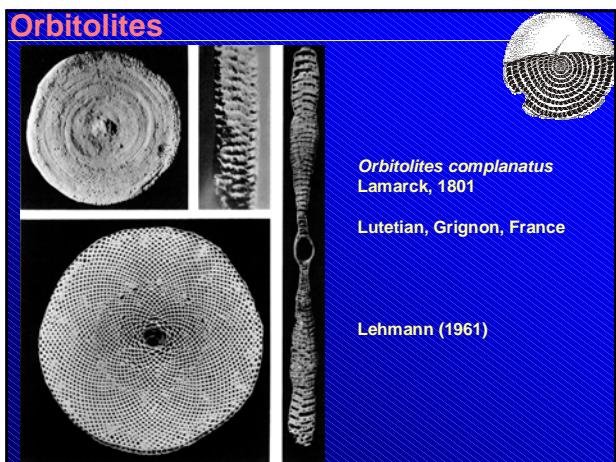
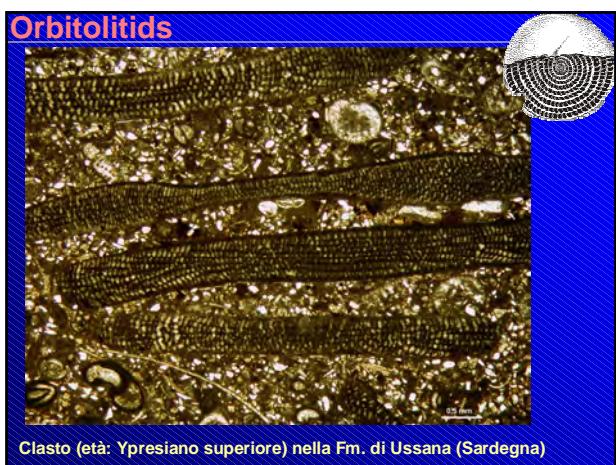
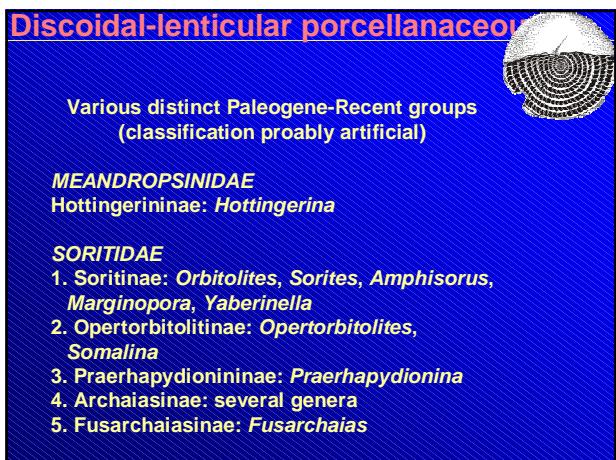


## Globoreticulina

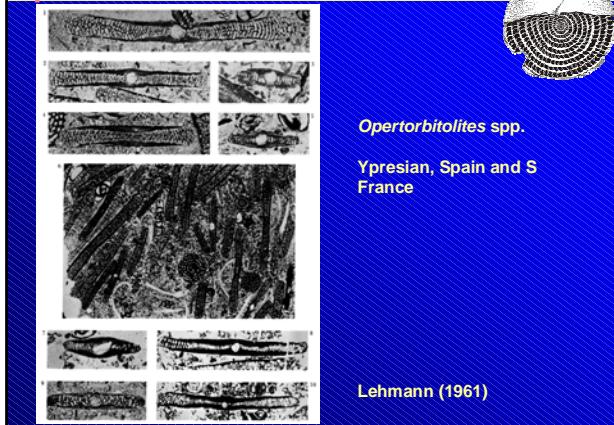


## Helenalveolina





## Opertorbitolites



---

---

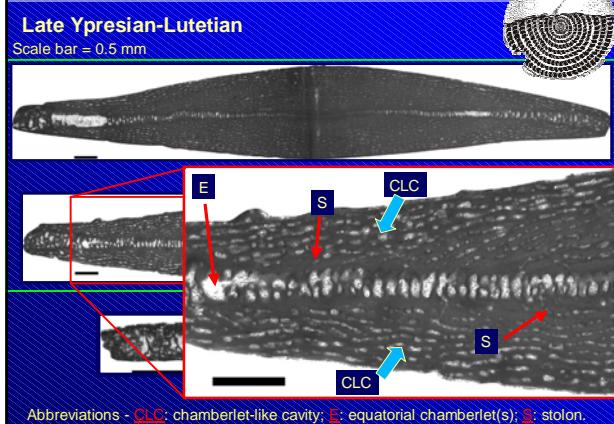
---

---

---

---

## Somalina



---

---

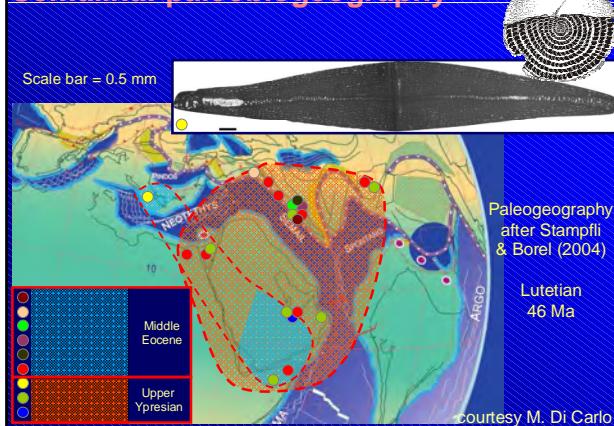
---

---

---

---

## Somalina: paleobiogeography



---

---

---

---

---

---

## Fabulariids

1. porcelaneous [a symplesiomorphy]
2. early growth stages milioine [a symplesiomorphy]
3. fixed apertural axis [a symplesiomorphy]
4. trematophorate (in adult stages)
5. thickened basal layer
6. basal layer forming one or more layers of tubular chamber compartments (chamberlets)
7. Coniacian-Oligocene

---



---



---



---



---



---

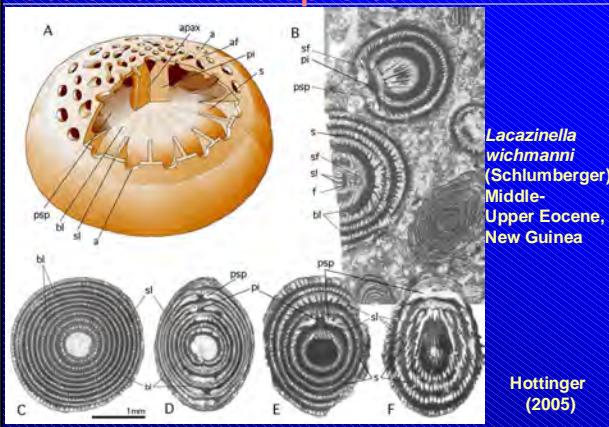


---



---

## Fabulariids: trematophores




---



---



---



---



---



---

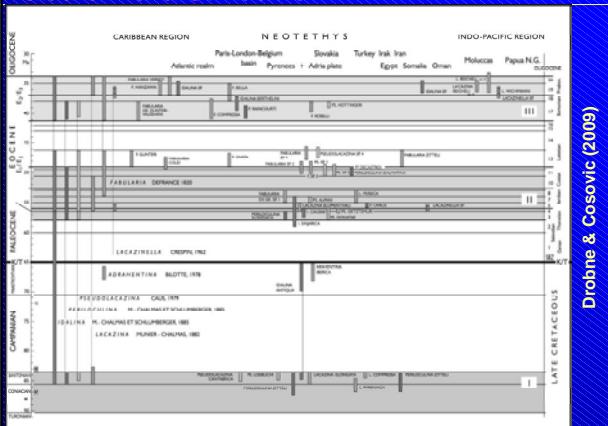


---



---

## Fabulariid distribution




---



---



---



---



---



---

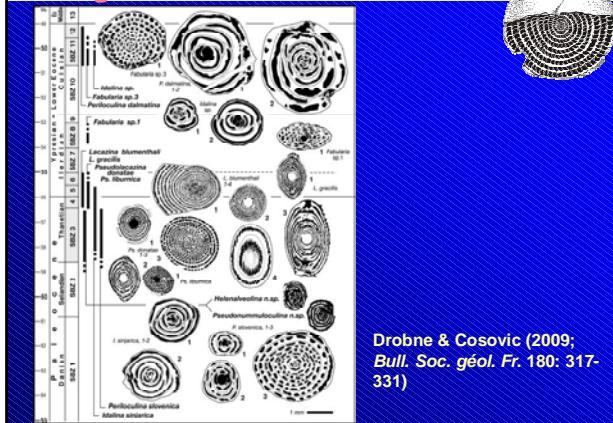


---

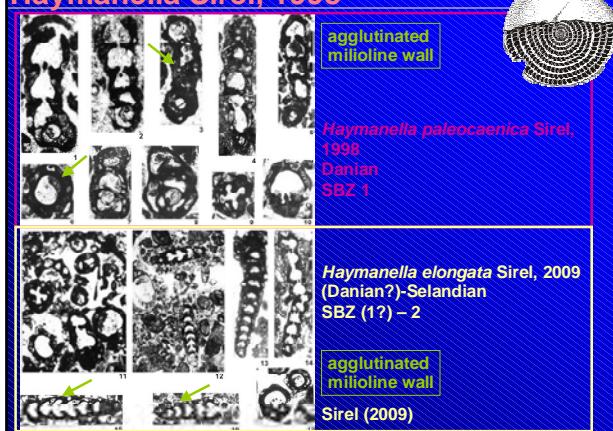


---

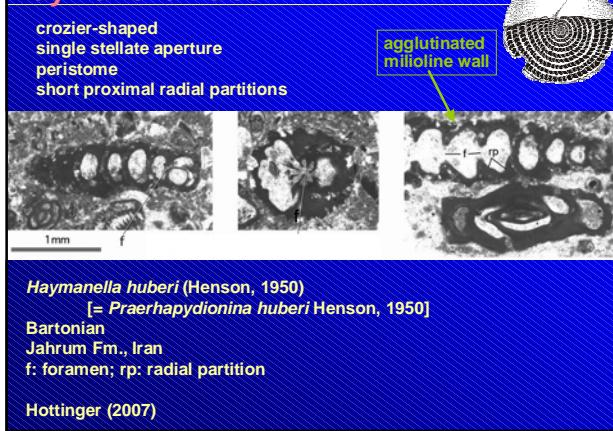
## Paleogene fabulariids

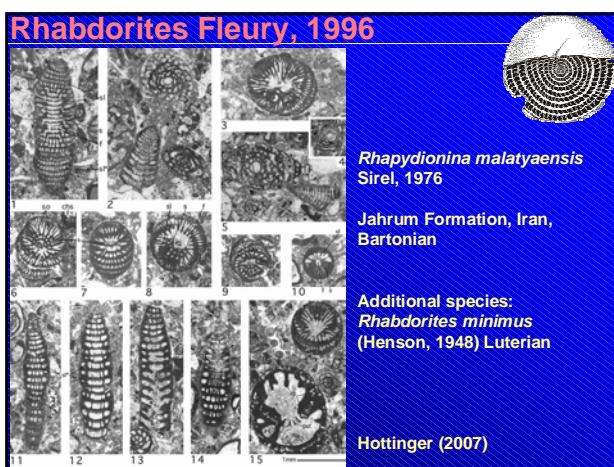
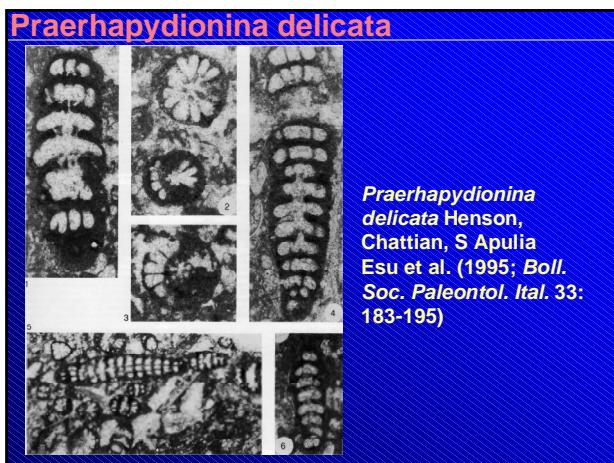
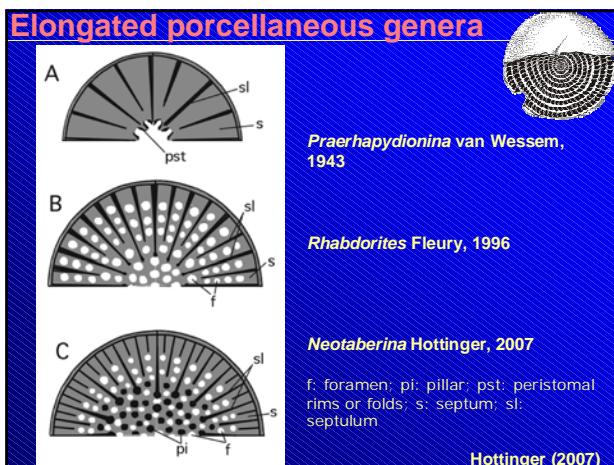


## Haymanella Sirel, 1998

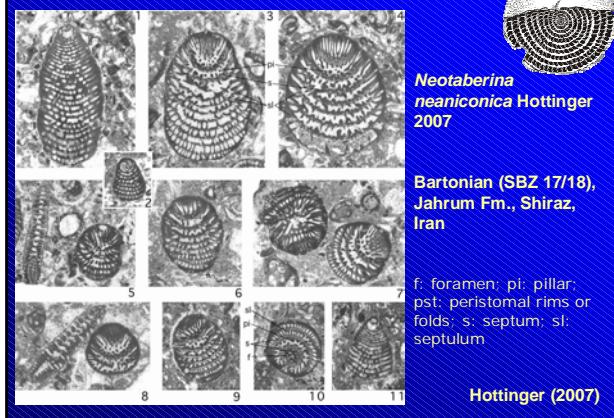


## Haymanella huberi

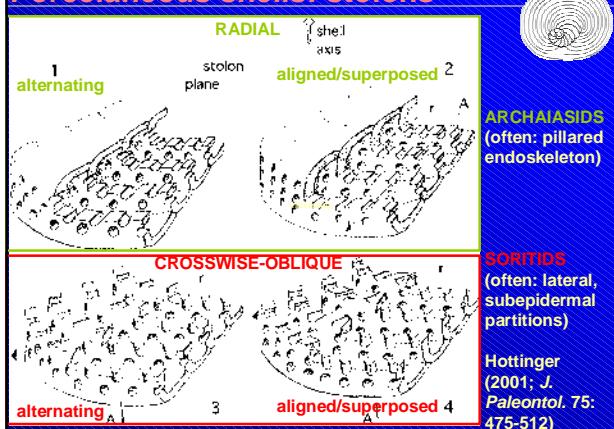




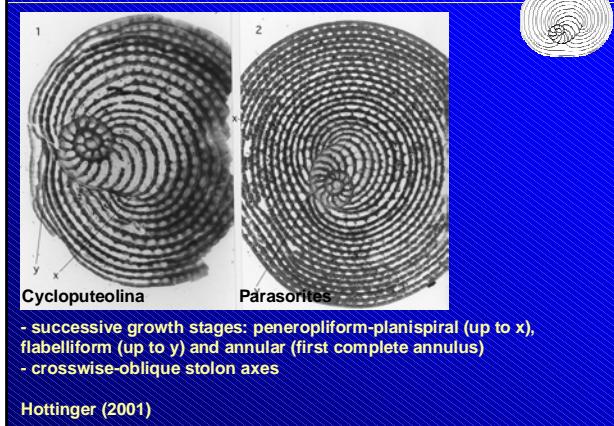
## Neotaberina Hottinger, 2007

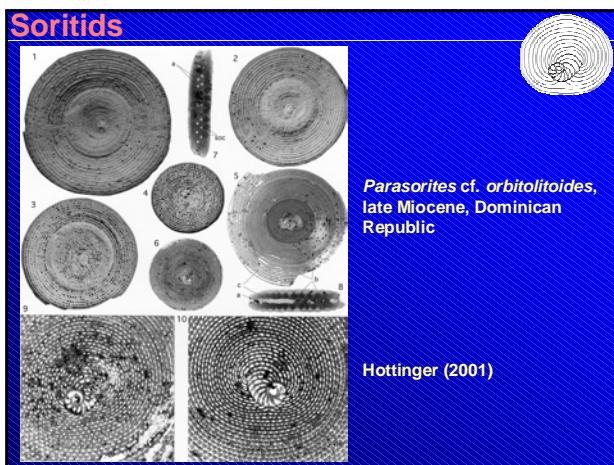


## Porcelaneous shells: stolons



## Soritids






---

---

---

---

---

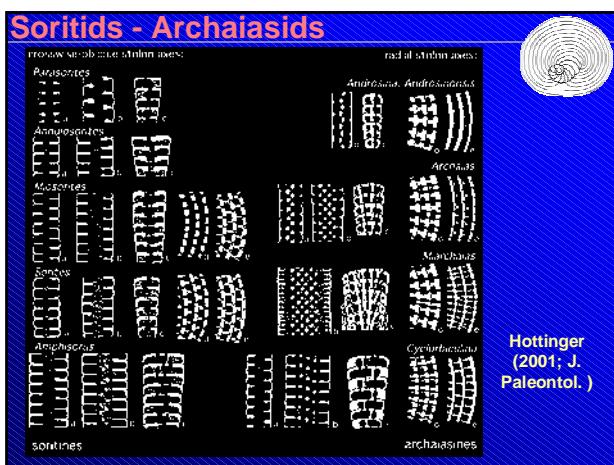
---

---

---

---

---




---

---

---

---

---

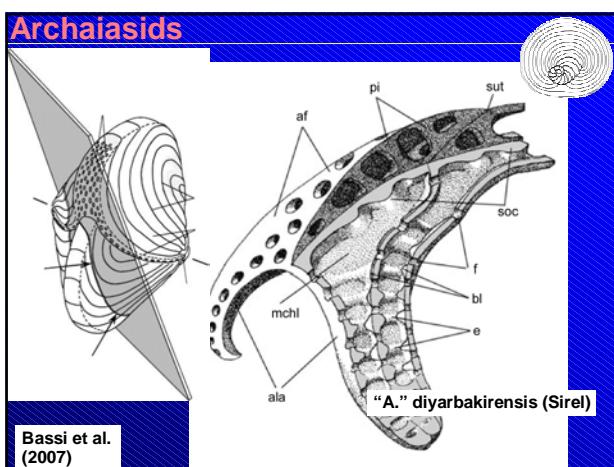
---

---

---

---

---




---

---

---

---

---

---

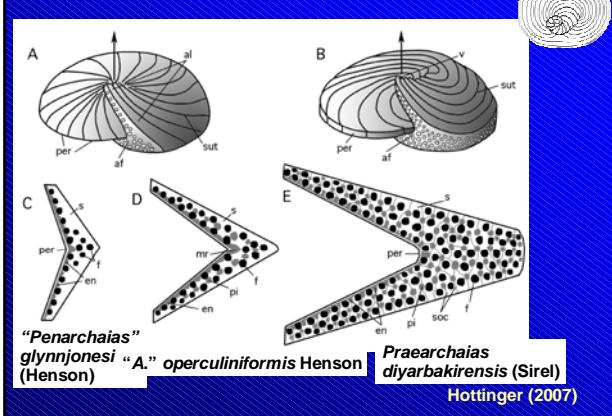
---

---

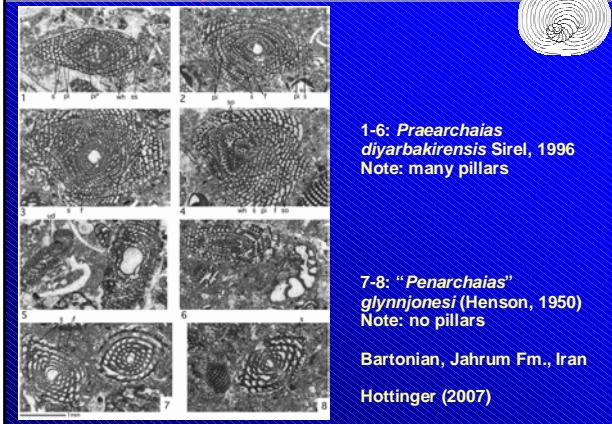
---

---

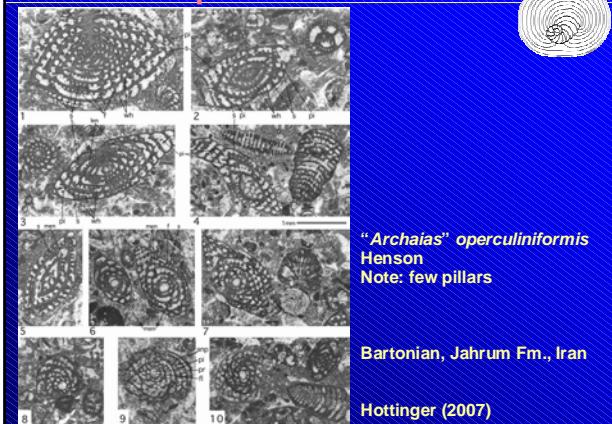
## Archaiasids



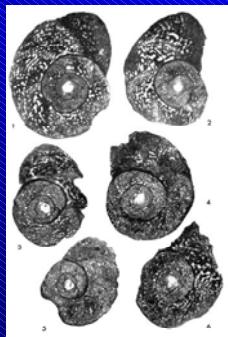
## Praearchaias, Penarchias



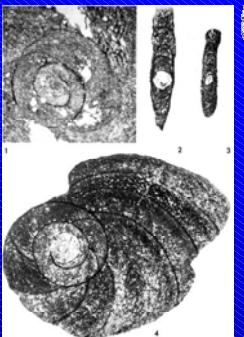
## "Archaias" operculiniformis



## Yaberinella Vaughan, 1928



*Yaberinella trelawniensis*  
Vaughan, 1929  
Jamaica, Eocene



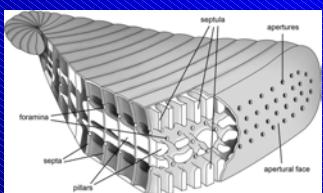
*Yaberinella jamaicensis*  
Vaughan, 1928



Hottinger (1969)

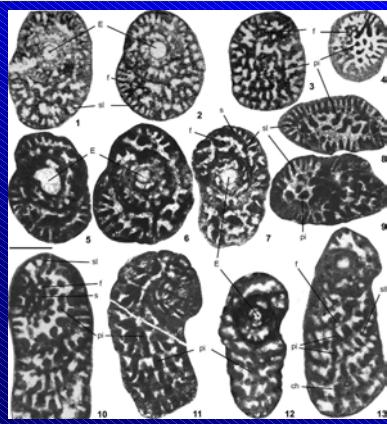
## Praerhapydionininae

- first growth stages planispiral-involute, later uniserial,
- adult growth stages planispiral-discoid to flabelliform, flaring in the microspheric form
- chambers low, with subcircular to subelliptical outline in transverse
- sections of megalospheric specimens
- adult chambers subdivided by
  - (peripheral) regularly disposed, radial partitions or septula, continuous from one chamber to the other
  - (median) pillars
- apertures multiple



Vicedo et al. (2013)

## Taberina

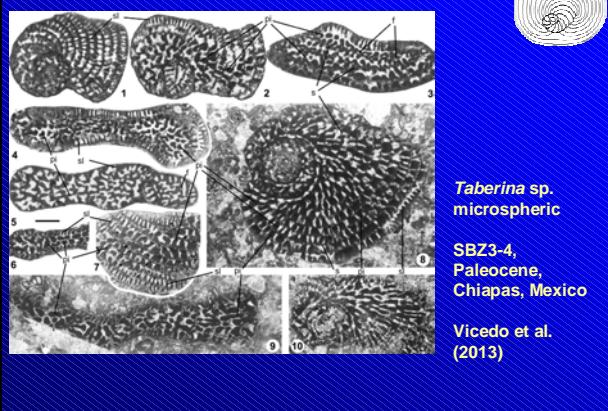


1-4: *Taberina cubana*  
Keijzer, 1945  
megalospheric  
Cuba, ?Paleocene

5-13: *Taberina* sp.  
megalospheric  
SBZ3-4, Paleocene,  
Chiapas, Mexico

Vicedo et al. (2013)

## Taberina



---

---

---

---

---

---

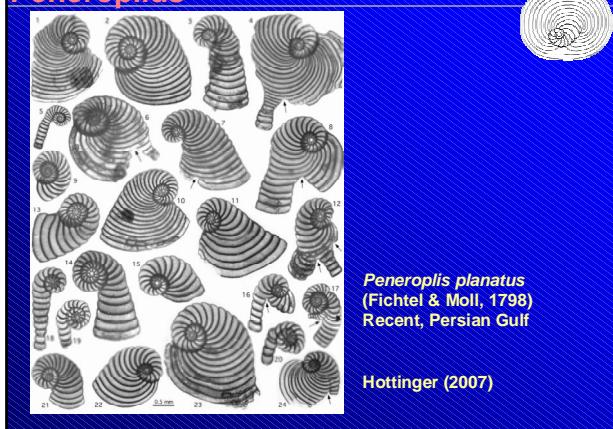
---

---

---

---

## Peneroplids



---

---

---

---

---

---

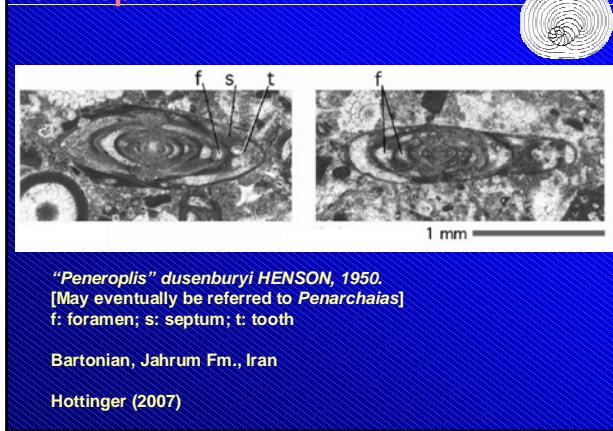
---

---

---

---

## Peneroplidae



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Rhypdioninidae

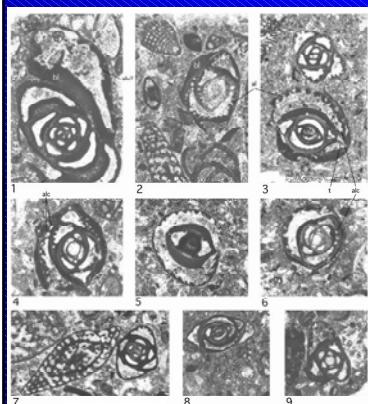
Rhypdioninidae Keijzer, 1945

Possess either

- 1) a "central thickening" pierced by tubular passages (i.e., perforations, not true chamberlets)
- or
- 2) chambers subdivided by septula and floors into numerous chamberlets (Hamaoui & Fourcade, 1973; De Castro, 1990; Fleury & Fourcade, 1990)



## Austrotrillinidae



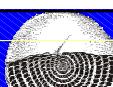
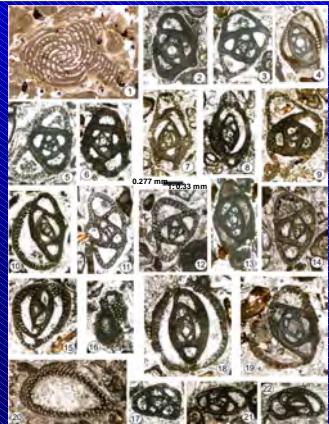
"True" milioids,  
possessing an alveolar  
exoskeleton:  
*Austrotrillina* Parr, 1942  
[Middle Eocene-Early Miocene]

*Austrotrillina eocaenica*  
Hottinger, 2007

Bartonian, Iran

Hottinger (2007)

## Austrotrillinidae



1: *Archaias kirkukensis* Henson

2-17: *Austrotrillina brunni* Marie

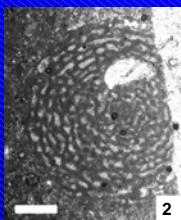
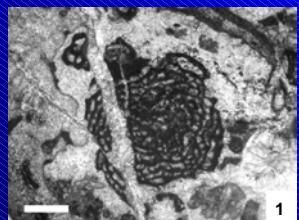
early Rupelian,  
Turkey

Sirel et al. (2013;  
*Geol. Croatica* 66: 83-109)

## Keramospheridae

An artificial grouping; includes several undescribed species from the Danian (SBZ1) to early Thanetian (See 3) of Europe and Asia

*Keramosphaerinopsis* gr. *iranicus* (Rahaghi, 1983)



SBZ 2, Costa Arrenti (Avezzano) SBZ 3, Gargano (M. Saraceno)

Scale bar = 0.5 mm

Pignatti et al. (2006)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## undescribed taxa

Subaxial sections of an undescribed ?miliolid or ?nubeculariid with alveolate wall from SBZ 6-?7 of western Cephalonia (Accordi et al., 1999; Pignatti et al. 2006)



Scale bar = 0.5 mm

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



---

---

---

---

---

---

---