

# Biostratigraphically Constrained Ages of Mississippian Mixed Carbonate-Siliciclastic Sequences, STACK Play, Andadarko Basin, Oklahoma

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# Objectives & Significance

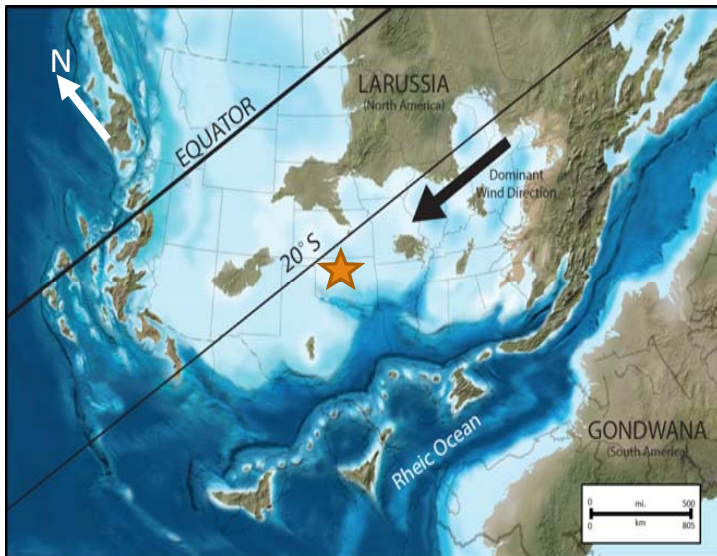
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Constrain the ages of Mississippian mixed carbonate-siliciclastic sequences in the study area through conodont biostratigraphy and sequence stratigraphy

1. Establish a sequence stratigraphic framework based on depositional facies and vertical stacking patterns within the Pan American, Barnes D-2 core
  2. Correlate the sequence stratigraphic framework to four principal conodont biozones and electrofacies from wireline logs
  3. Illustrate the Mississippian stratigraphic architecture in the study area by construction of a wireline log cross section oriented subparallel to paleodip
- Results of this study provide a mechanism for better constraining ages of Mississippian intervals in the study area. This allows for development of more temporally accurate depositional models of the STACK play.

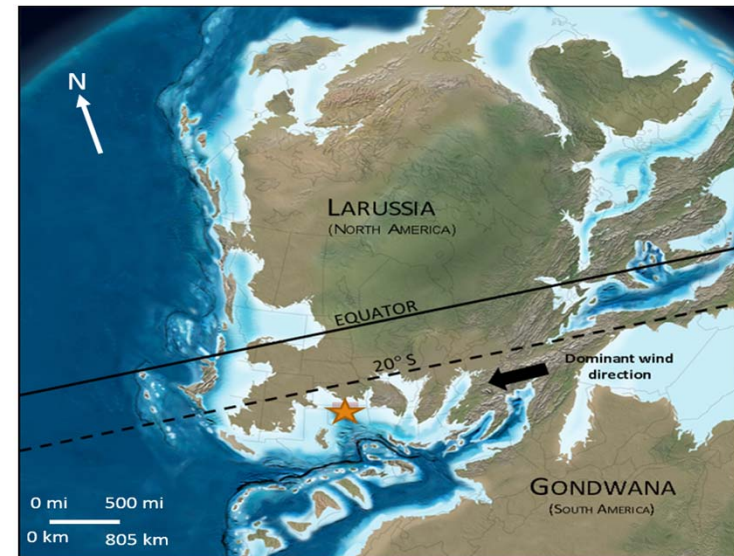
# Geological Background

EARLY MISSISSIPPIAN (345 MYA)



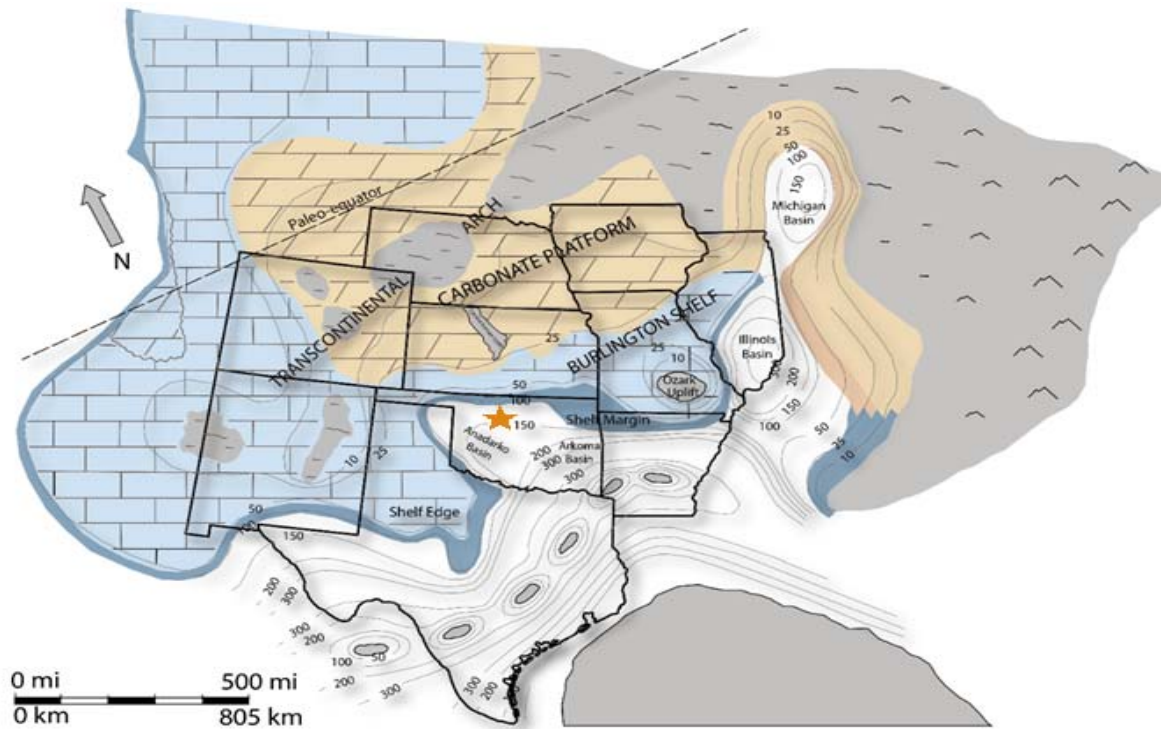
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LATE MISSISSIPPIAN (325 MYA)



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# Geological Background

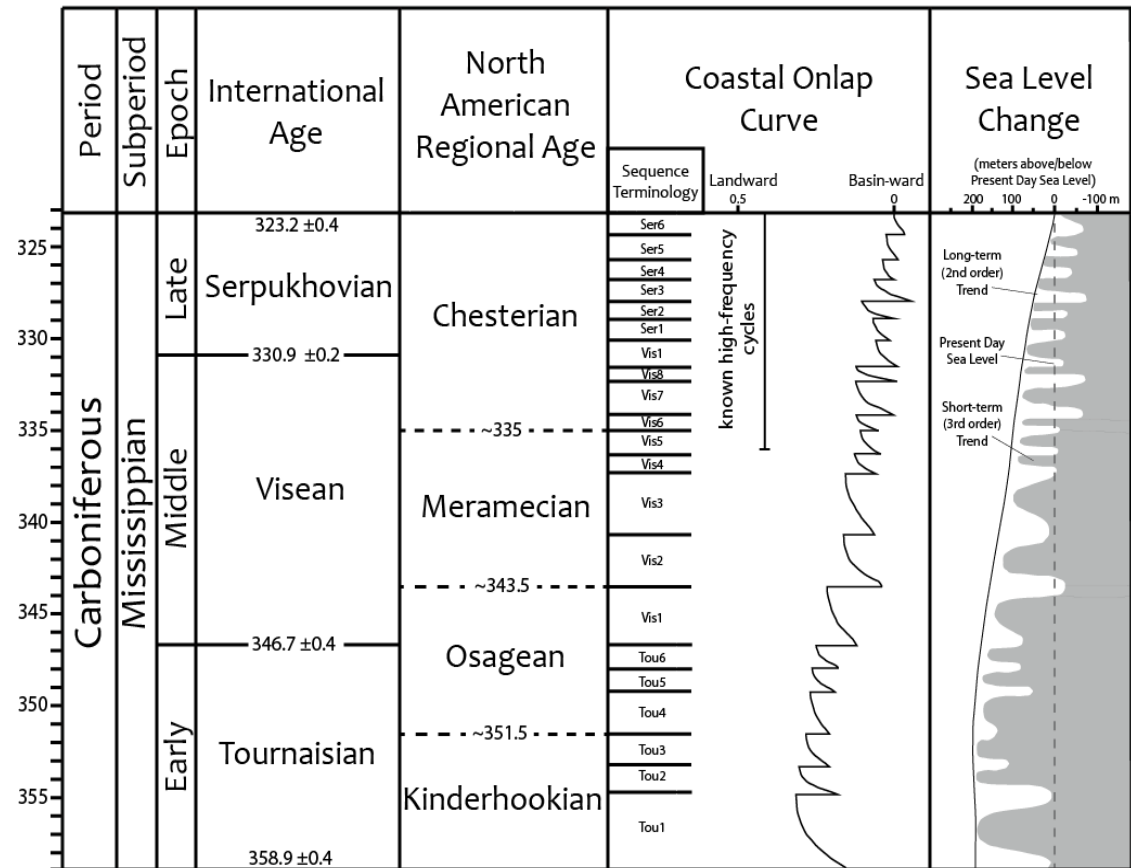


Paleogeographic time-slice map during middle Osagean. Modified from Gutschick and Sandberg, 1983; and LeBlanc, 2014

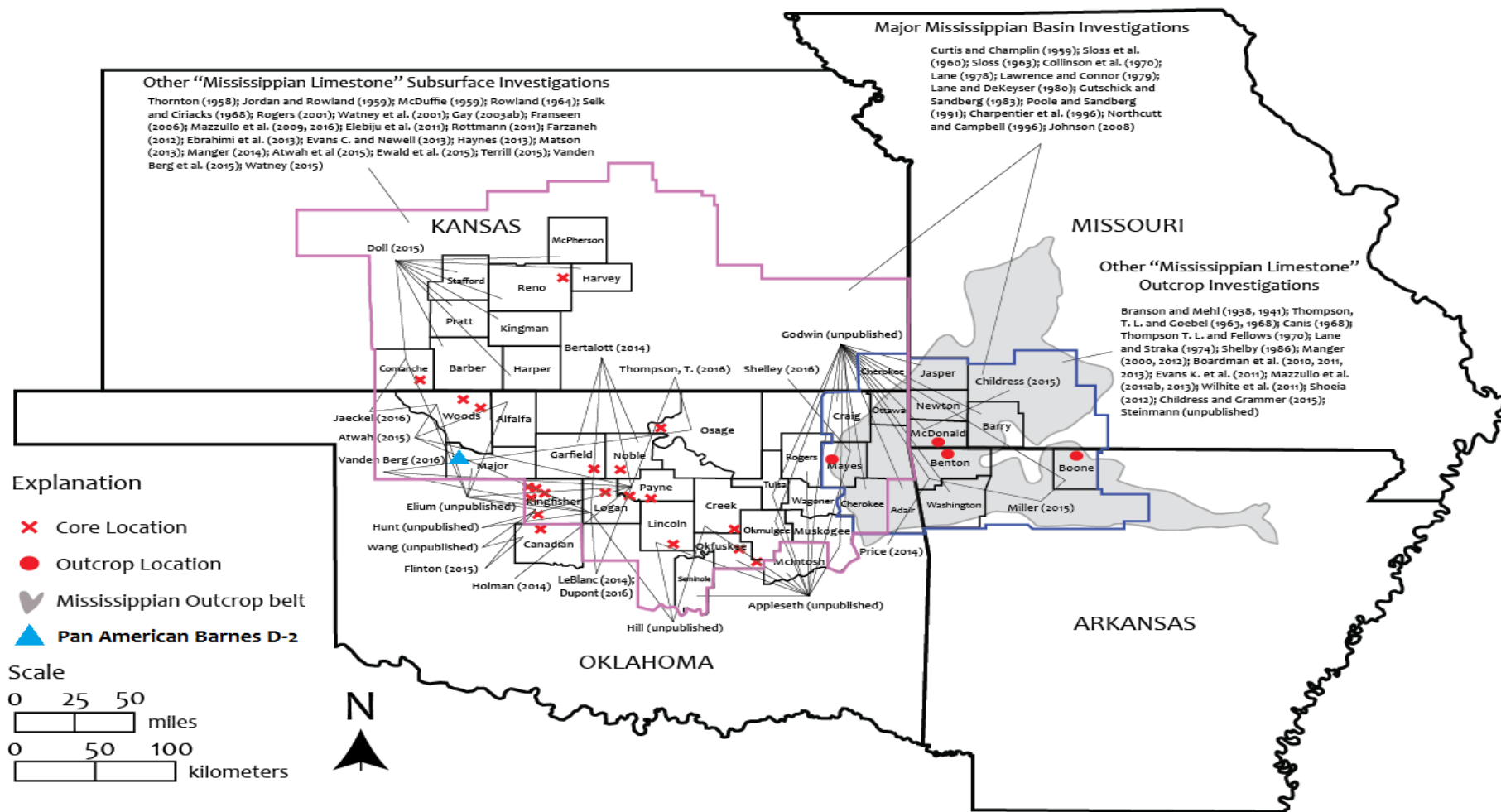
# Mississippian Sea Level

- Transitional from Devonian greenhouse to Gondwana icehouse
- Overall decline throughout Mississippian
- Known high-frequency cycles during mid to late Mississippian

(OSU Mississippian Consortium, 2017)



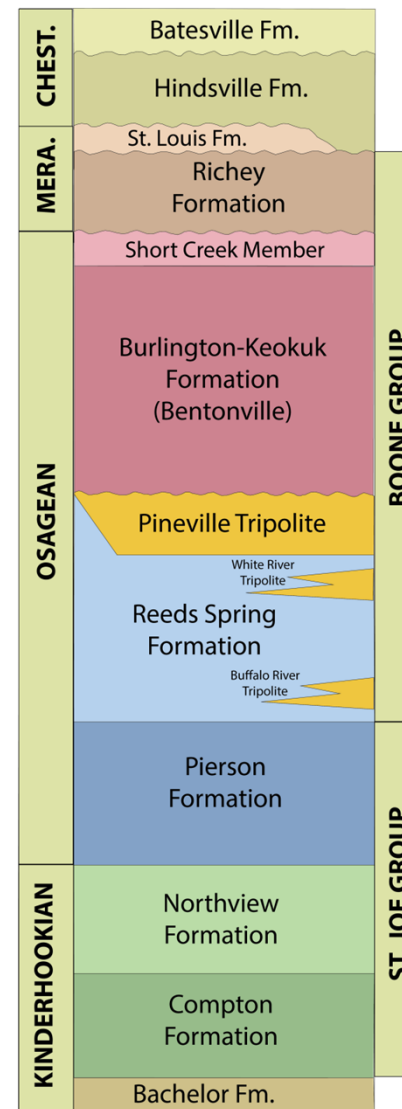
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# Regional Stratigraphy

- Outcrop research by Mazzullo et al. (2013) developed modifications to Mississippian section nomenclature to standardize group, formation, and member names within the region
- Biostratigraphic research identified various conodont zones within outcrop belt
  - Thompson and Fellows (1970)
  - Boardman et al. (2013)
  - Godwin (2018)



Stratigraphic column of the Mississippian system. From Mazzullo et al., 2013



# Data

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- Core

- Pan American Barnes unit D-2
- Section 23, T. 22N., R.16W in Major County, OK
- 1,188 linear feet of core with raster images provided by OPIC

- Biostratigraphic Data

- Godwin (2018) identified four principal conodont biozones in Meramecian and Chesterian strata in NE Oklahoma
- Recognized the four principal biozones in the Pan American Barnes D-2 core

- Thin Sections

- 25 thin section photomicrographs supplied by OPIC
- 11 thin sections prepared from reclamation plugs supplied by OPIC

- Wireline Logs

- 30 wells including digital gamma-ray and resistivity curves
- Well and digital log data imported from IHS Energy

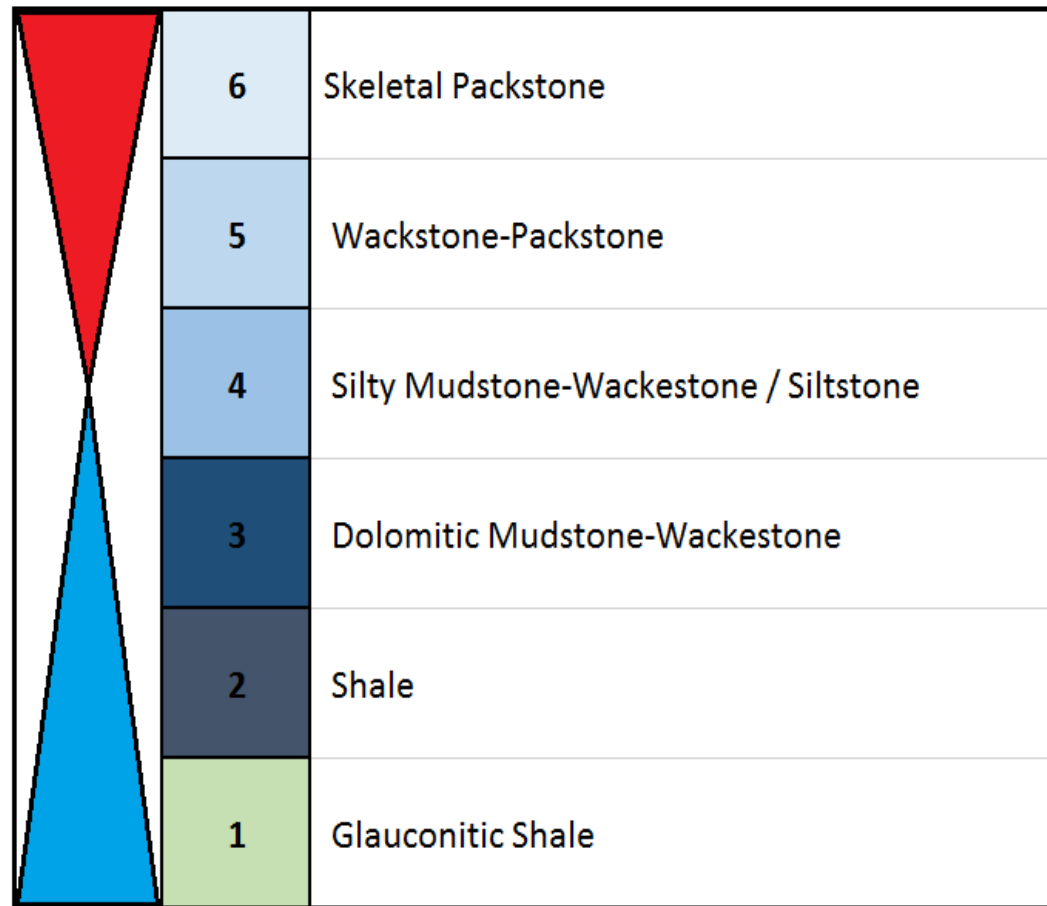
# Methods

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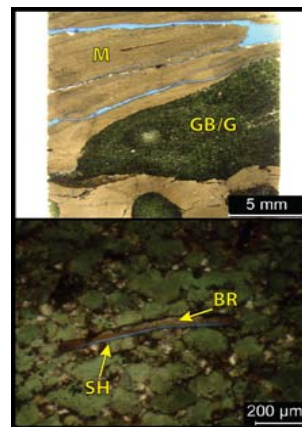
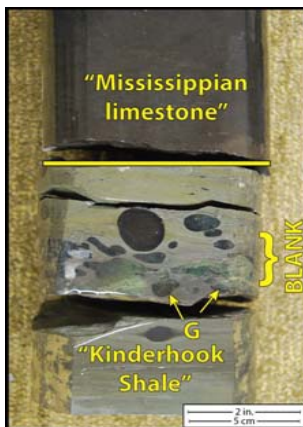
# Idealized Facies Stacking Pattern

- The six facies identified in the Pan Am. Barnes D-2 core
- Representative of facies deposited during one complete rise and fall of sea level
- Blue triangle represents the transgressive phase and the red triangle represents the regressive phase



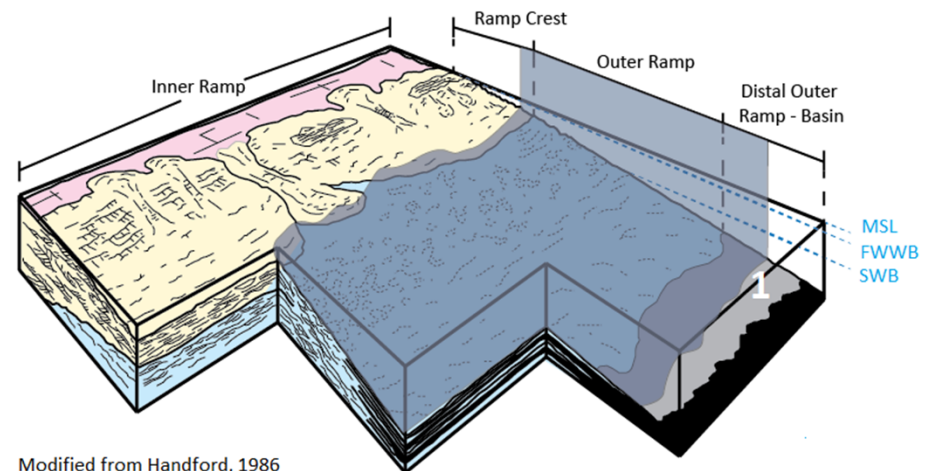
# Facies Associations

## FACIES 1: Glauconitic Shale / Sandstone



- Glauconite grains (G)
- Brachiopod (BR) with shelter porosity (SH)

Example from Pan American Droke Unit 1, Kingfisher County, OK (Flinton, 2016)



Modified from Handford, 1986

- Deposited during initial transgression
- Deep water setting, below SWB

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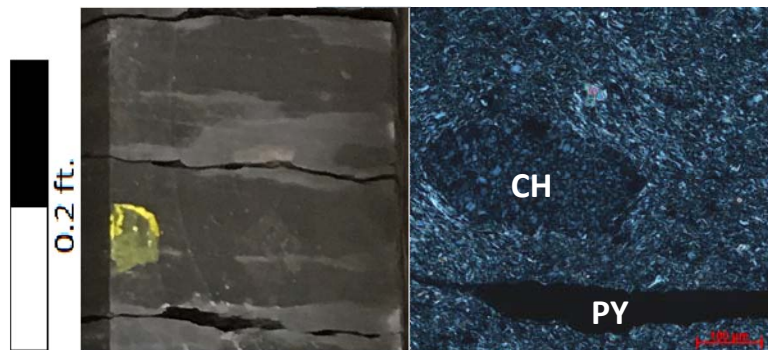
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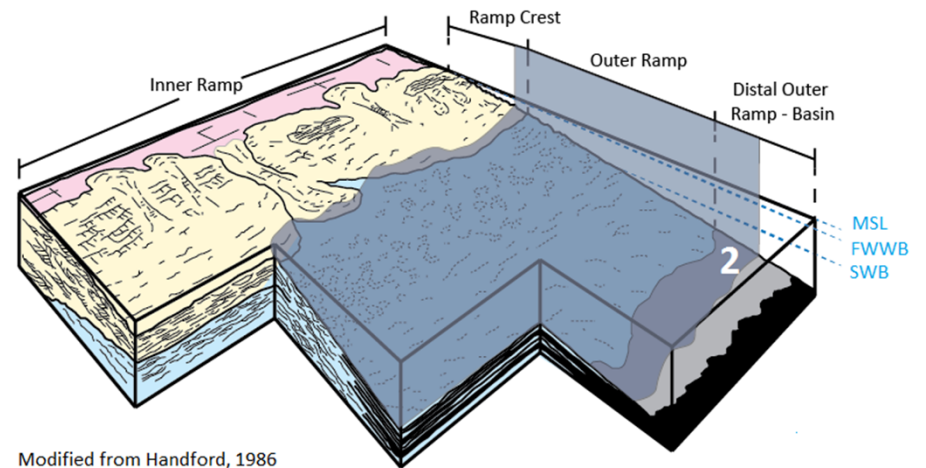
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# Facies Associations

## FACIES 2: Shale



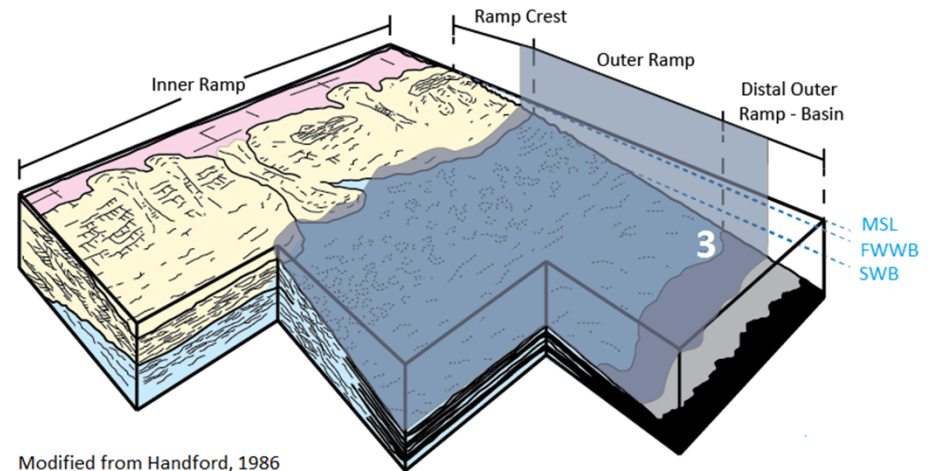
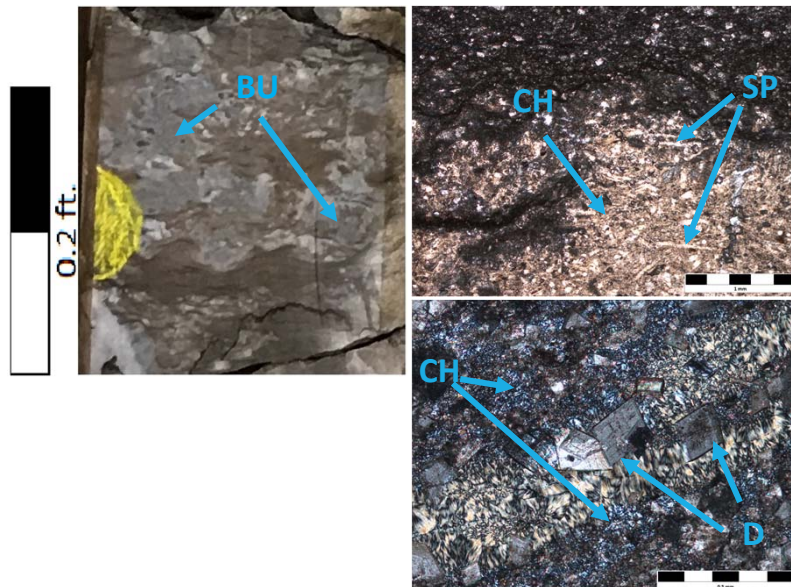
- Illite (surrounding chert filled void/burrow)
- Pyrite (PY)
- Chert (CH) filled voids/burrows



- Continued transgression
- Distal outer ramp – basin, below SWB
- Restricted, low energy setting

# Facies Associations

## FACIES 3: Dolomitic Mudstone-Wackestone



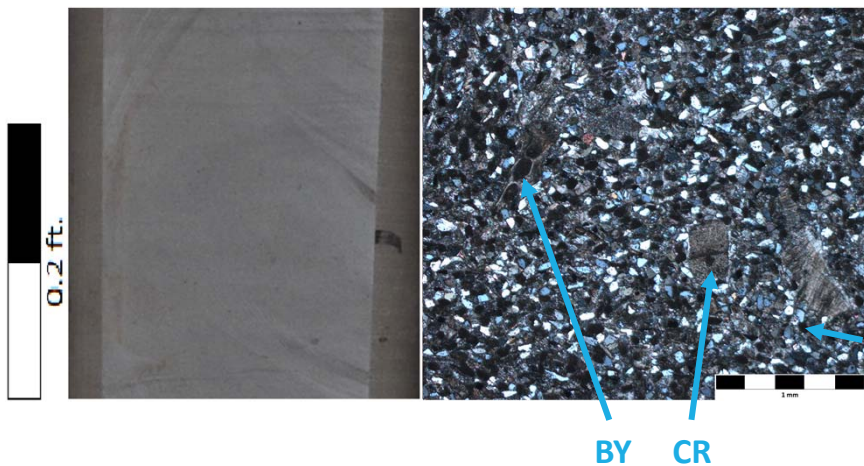
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- Bioturbation
- Chert filling burrows (BU)
- Sponge spicules (SP), dolomite (D)
- Outer ramp, below SWB

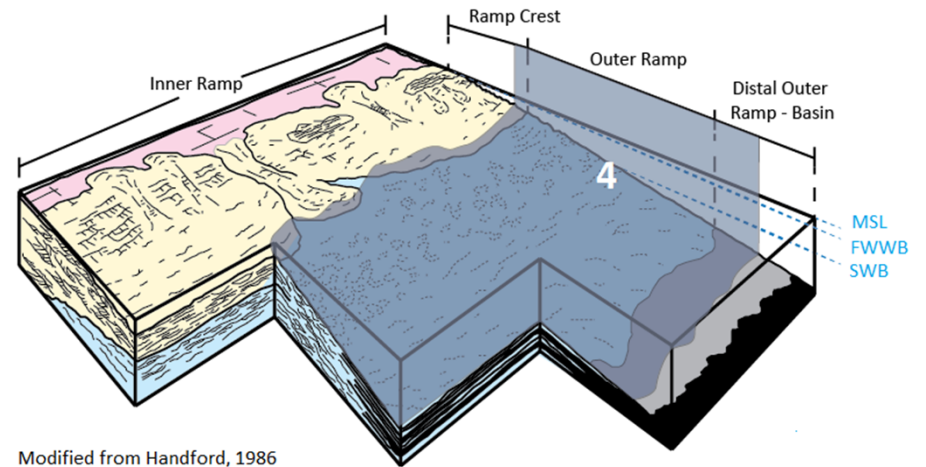


# Facies Association

## FACIES 4: Calcareous Siltstone / Silty Wackestone



- Crinoids (CR), bryozoan (BY), peloids (P)
- Calcite cement
- Suspension lamination
- Periodic traction-current laminae

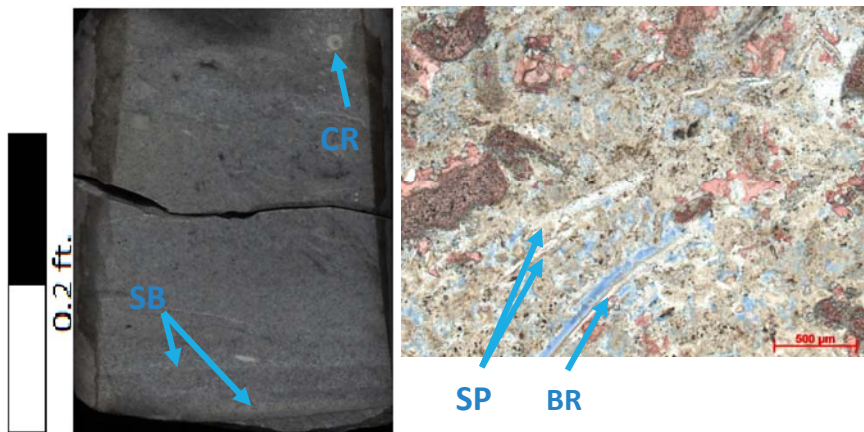


- Periodic storm influence
- Outer ramp, at or below SWB

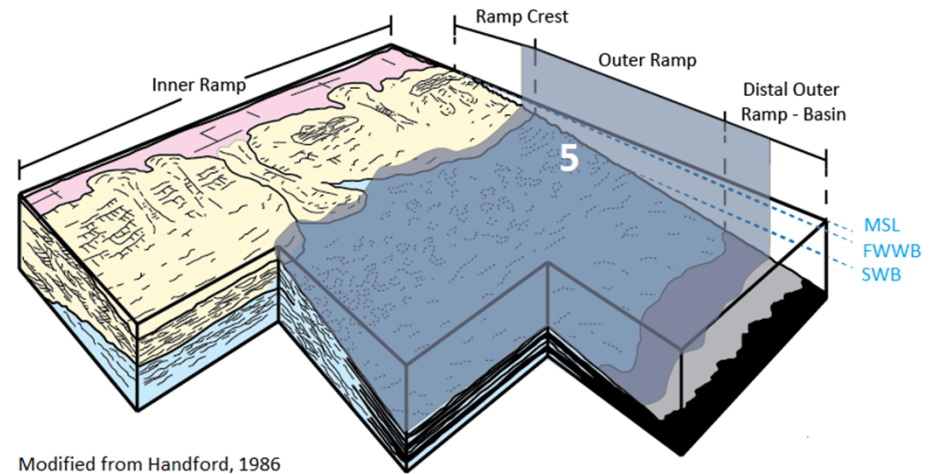


# Facies Association

## FACIES 5: Wackestone-Packstone



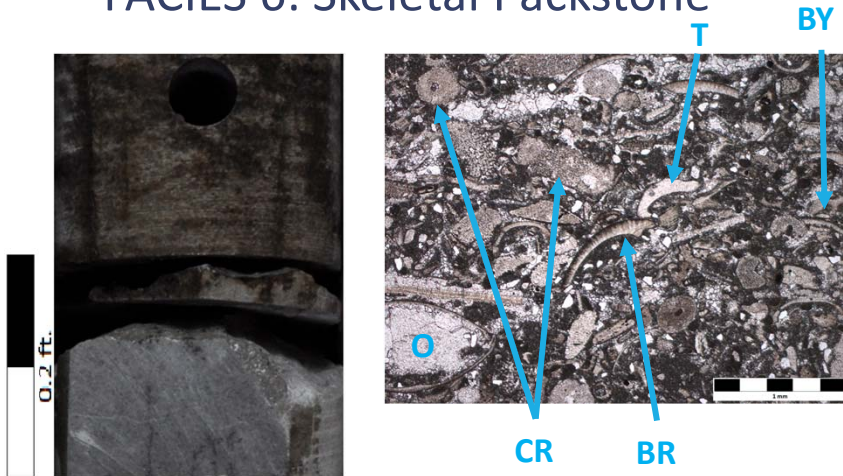
- Crinoids (CR), brachiopods (BR), sponge spicules (SP)
- Partially silicified (siliceous banding (SB))



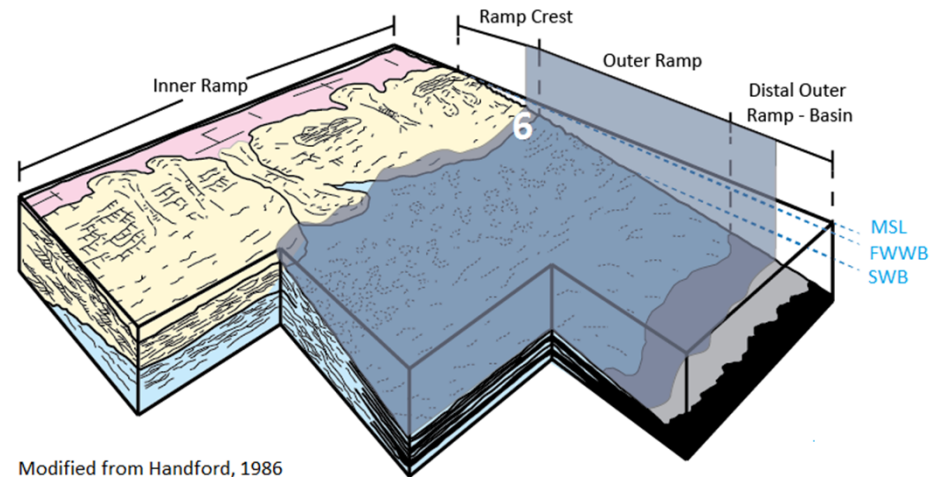
- Middle to outer ramp
- Between FWWB and SWB

# Facies Association

## FACIES 6: Skeletal Packstone



- Crinoids (CR), ostracodes (O), bryozoan (BY), trilobite (T) fragments
- Vuggy porosity in areas
- Oil staining



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- Proximal outer ramp to distal ramp crest
- Below or near FWWB

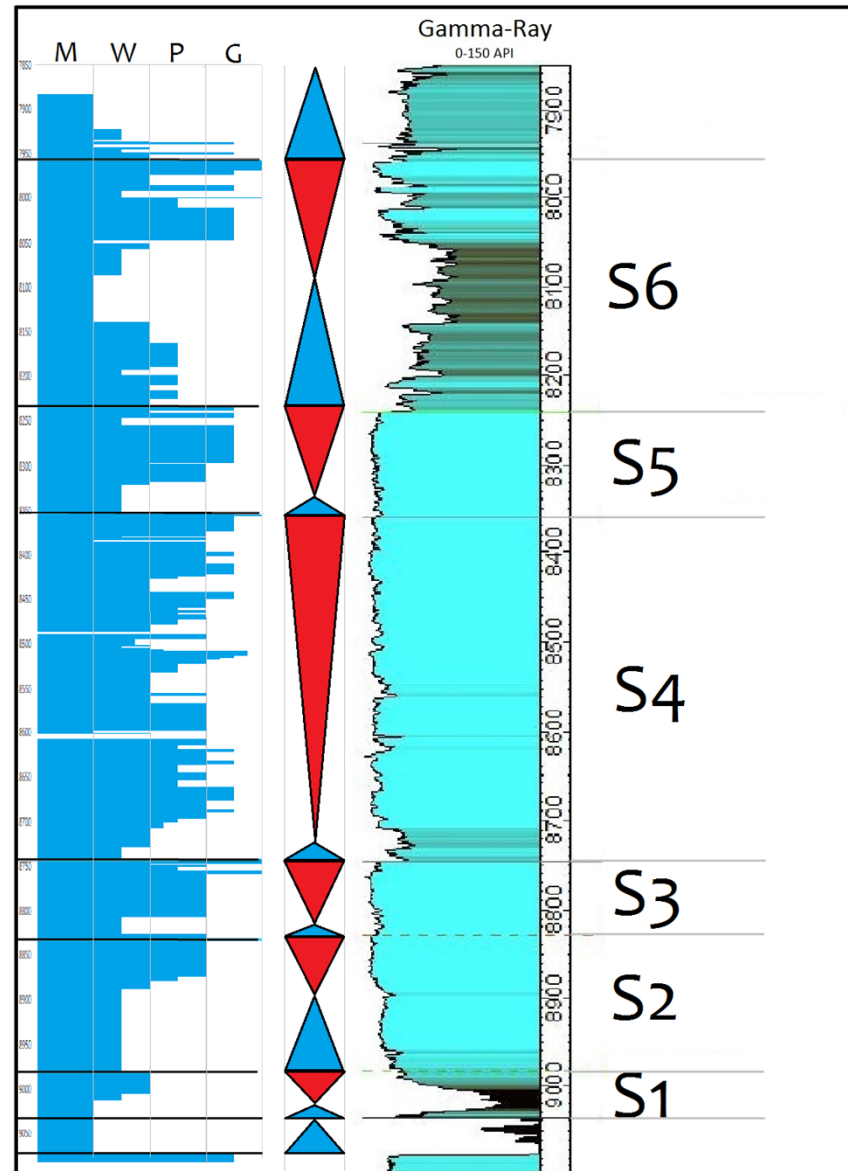
# Sequence Stratigraphic Hierarchy

- Overall shallowing upward “2<sup>nd</sup> Order” super sequence
- Six composite sequences “3<sup>rd</sup> Order”
- Noticeable higher frequency “4<sup>th</sup> Order” cycles starting in S4 composite sequence

Figure to the right depicts a generalized facies log based off Dunham classification (left) correlated with the Barnes D-2 gamma-ray log to the right.

Blue triangle = sea level rise  
Red triangle = sea level fall

(After Flinton (2016), Jaeckel (2016), and LeBlanc (2014))



# Biostratigraphic Constraints

- Conodont Recovery from Pan-Am Barnes D-2 core
- Godwin's (2018) principal conodont biozones identified in Barnes core

## 4 Distinct conodont biozones

Sample No.	Depth (ft.)	Older Forms	G. Texanus	G. pseudosemiglaber	L. homopunctatus	Tophognathus	Transition form	Cavagnathus	Hicristula	Hd. Spiculus	G. bilineatus	Godwin Biozones
45	7921.7-7922							X	X			<b>4</b> Biozone 4 Chesterian
100								X				
139								X				
170								X				
196								X			X	
209			X					X				
212			X					X		X		
275	8207.6-8208.2							X			X	<b>3</b> Biozone 3 Upper St. Louis Fm.
306	8236-8236.5							X				
308								X	X			
313	8241.6-8242							X				
316								X				
341								X				
351	8271.8							X				
366								X				
370								X				
378								X				
395								X				
417								X				
437								X				
446								X				
472	8345.1-8345.6				X			X				<b>2</b> Biozone 2 Lower St. Louis Fm.
497	8424-8424.4							X				
515							X					
575								X				
592	8528.3-8528.8							X				
600			X									
610			X					X				
623								X				
632									X			
637			X					X				
640			X									
648			X					X				
659			X		X			X				
672												
678								X				<b>1</b> Biozone 1 Ritchey Fm.
684	8689.1-8689.9		X					X				
687	8698.1-8698.7							X				
707	8741.3		X	X		X						
711			X	X	X	X						
716												
719			X			X						
725			X			X						
728			X			X						
736			X	X		X						
742			X			X						
746			X			X						
751			X			X						
755			X			X						
760	8858.5-8859.5					X						
832	9035?	X										

# Notable Conodont Taxa

## *Taphrognathus*

- Once absent, no older than Upper St. Louis
- If present, Lower St. Louis or older (Biozone 1 , 2)

(C. Godwin, personal communication, August 4, 2018)

Outcrop →



← Core

SEM photo (left) and macrophoto (right) of *Taphrognathus* recovered from the Mississippian outcrop belt in northeastern Oklahoma and the Pan American Barnes D-2 core, respectively.

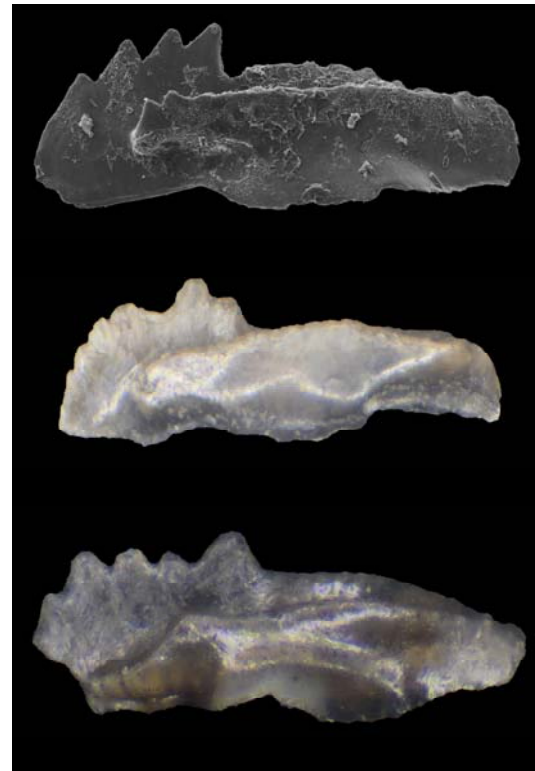
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## *Cavusgnathus*

- First appears at base of St. Louis Formation
- If present, no older than St. Louis (upper Meramecian)

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Outcrop →



← Core

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SEM photo (top) and macrophotos (middle and bottom) of *Cavusgnathus* recovered from the Mississippian outcrop belt in northeastern Oklahoma and the Pan American Barnes D-2 core, respectively.

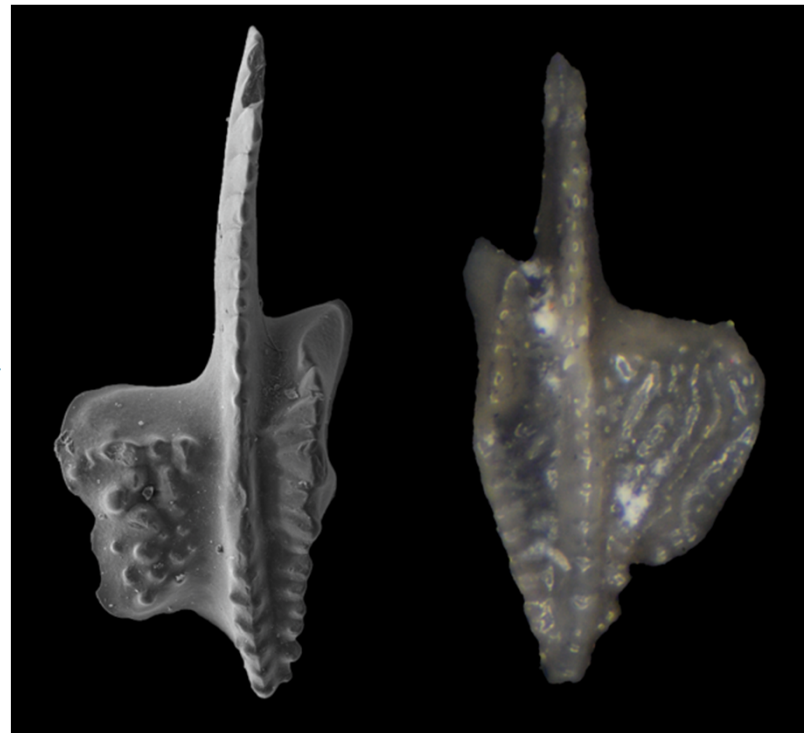
# Notable Conodont Taxa

## *G. bilineatus*

- Definitely Chesterian (Biozone 4)

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Outcrop



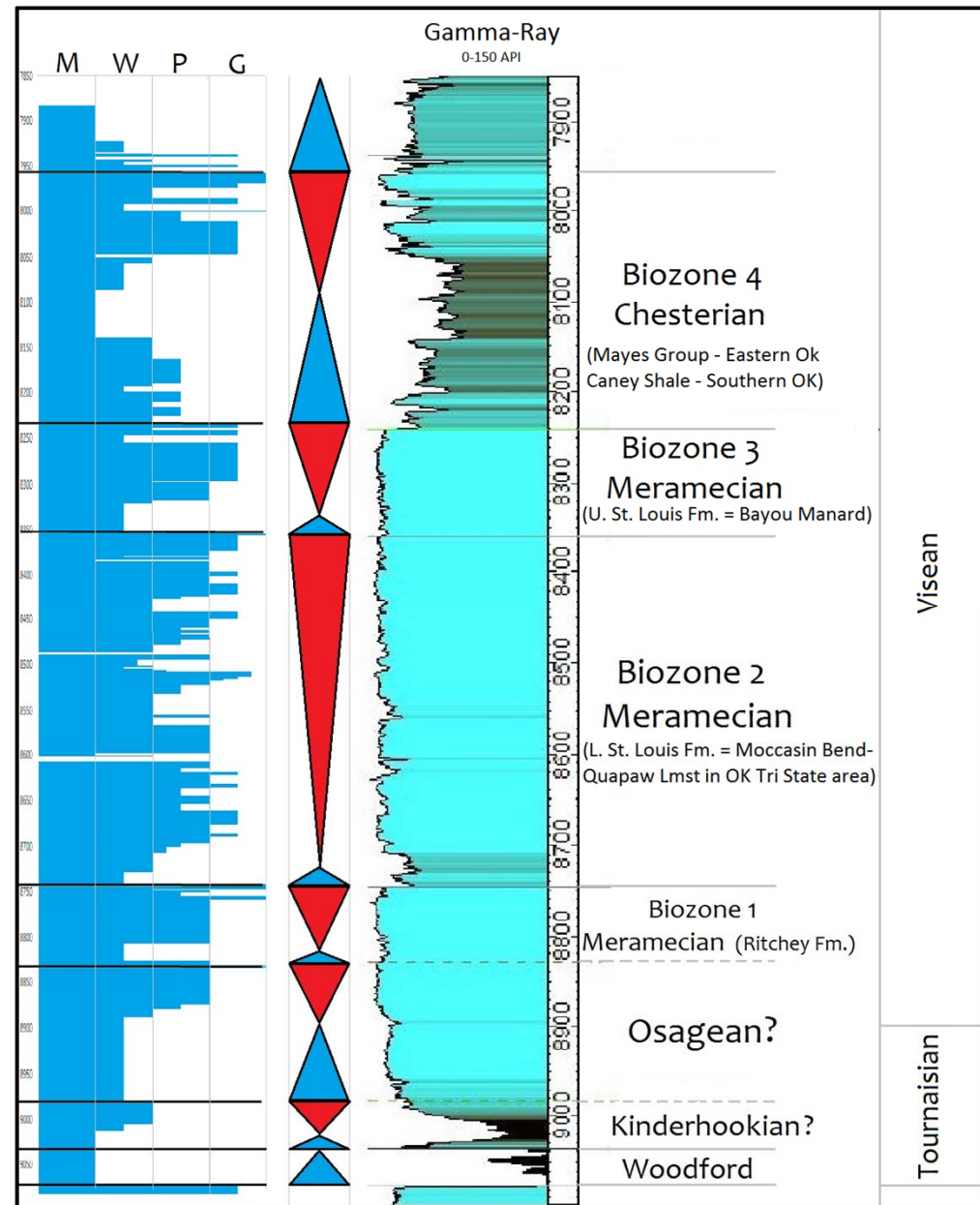
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SEM photo (left) and macrophoto (right) of *Gnathodus bilineatus* recovered from the Mississippian outcrop belt in northeastern Oklahoma and the Pan American Barnes D-2 core, respectively.



## Biostratigraphically Constrained Ages in Barnes D-2 well

- Contact between biozones 3 & 4 correlates with top of “Miss Lime” or “Meramec-Osage”
- Biozone 2 (informally “Meramec-Osage”) is Meramecian
- Biozone 1 (Ritchey Formation) is still Meramecian
- No usable conodont data below dashed line at 8830 ft. If Osagean rocks are present, it would be within approximately 200 ft above the Woodford
- Formation names and their regional outcrop equivalency names shown in figure









# Conclusions

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1. Conodonts in the Barnes D-2 core are the same as those identified from the outcrop.
2. 4 Principal conodont biozones
  - 1) Biozone 1 = Meramecian
  - 2) Biozone 2 = Meramecian
  - 3) Biozone 3 = Meramecian
  - 4) Biozone 4 = Chesterian
3. The Meramecian-Osagean boundary has not been resolved by conodonts
4. Based on the correlation from the Barnes D-2 well in Major County, Sec. 23, T. 22N., R.16W to the Effie B. York well in NW Kingfisher County, Sec. 13, T. 18N., R.9W, the “Miss Lime” section below the “Chester Shale” is mostly Meramecian.

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