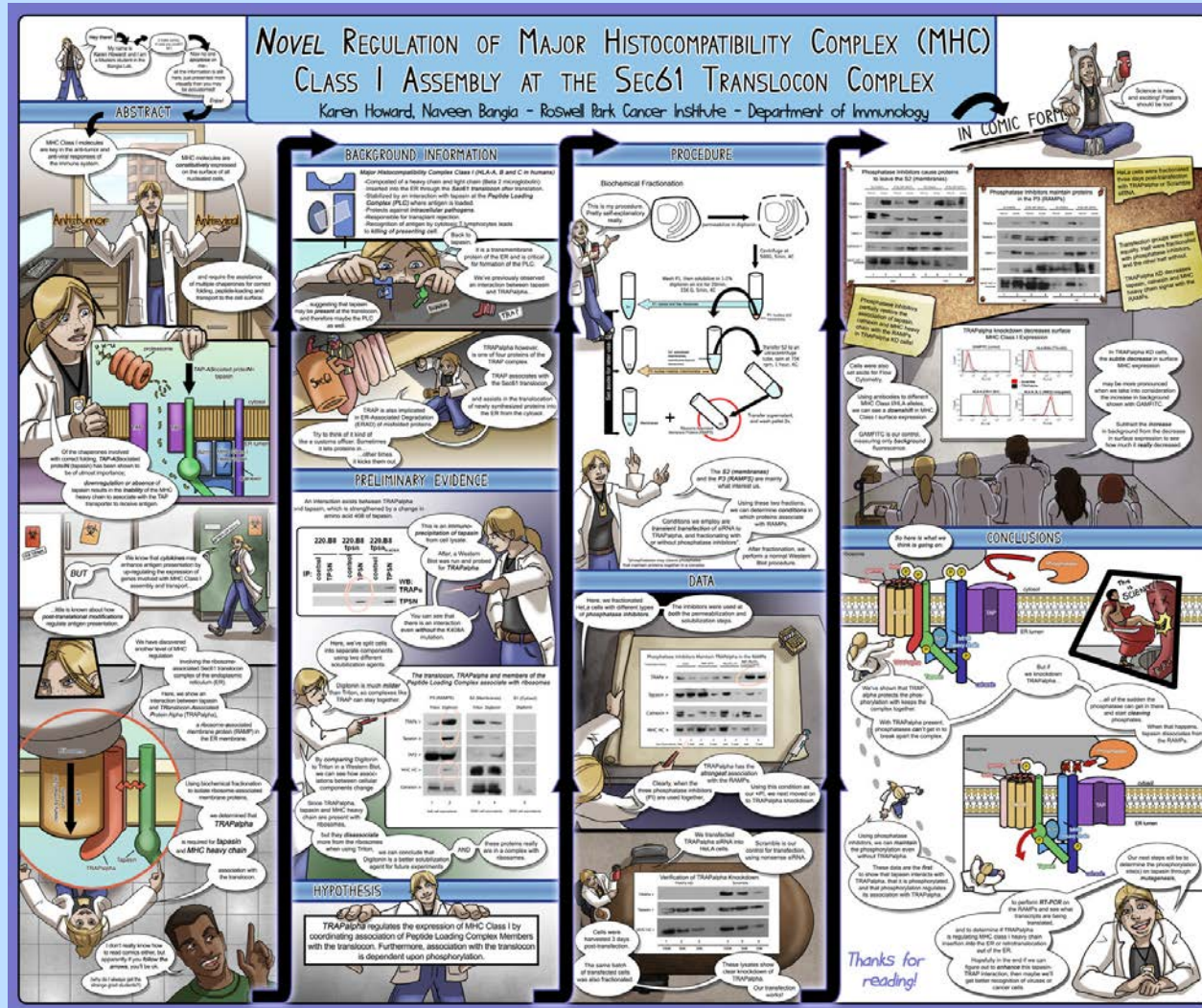


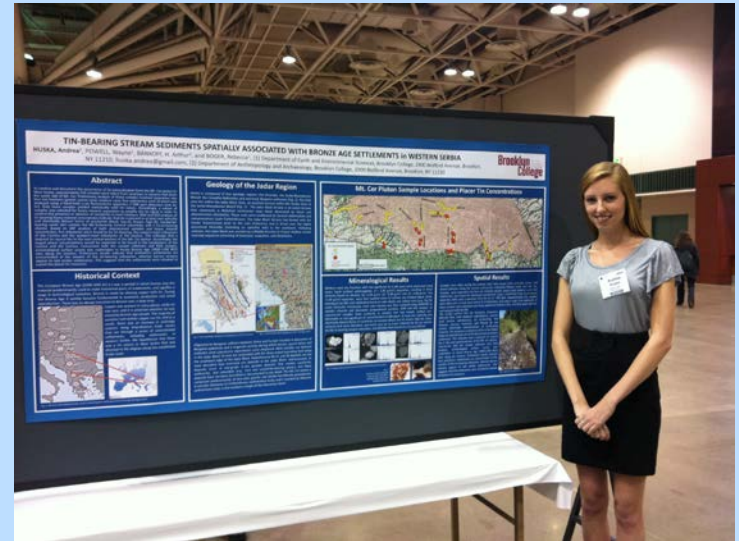
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| Overarching Project Goals/Outcomes: | <p>Understanding how to create a scientific poster: Writing the components of the Science Day Poster.</p> <p>Students have been analyzing and finalizing their data for the past few weeks. This lesson plan is designed to promote collaboration and scientific writing. The class is broken up into groups, each with a “mission” to complete a designated section of the poster. Their writing is put into a poster template to serve as a rough draft. This will give them an overall understanding of the project from start to finish, in addition to them understanding the different components of a poster.</p> <p>The class will begin with a powerpoint explaining the components of a poster with some examples. The students will be broken up and each team will be given a mission to complete. They will write their answers on large paper and briefly present it to the class.</p> |
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Creating a Scientific Poster



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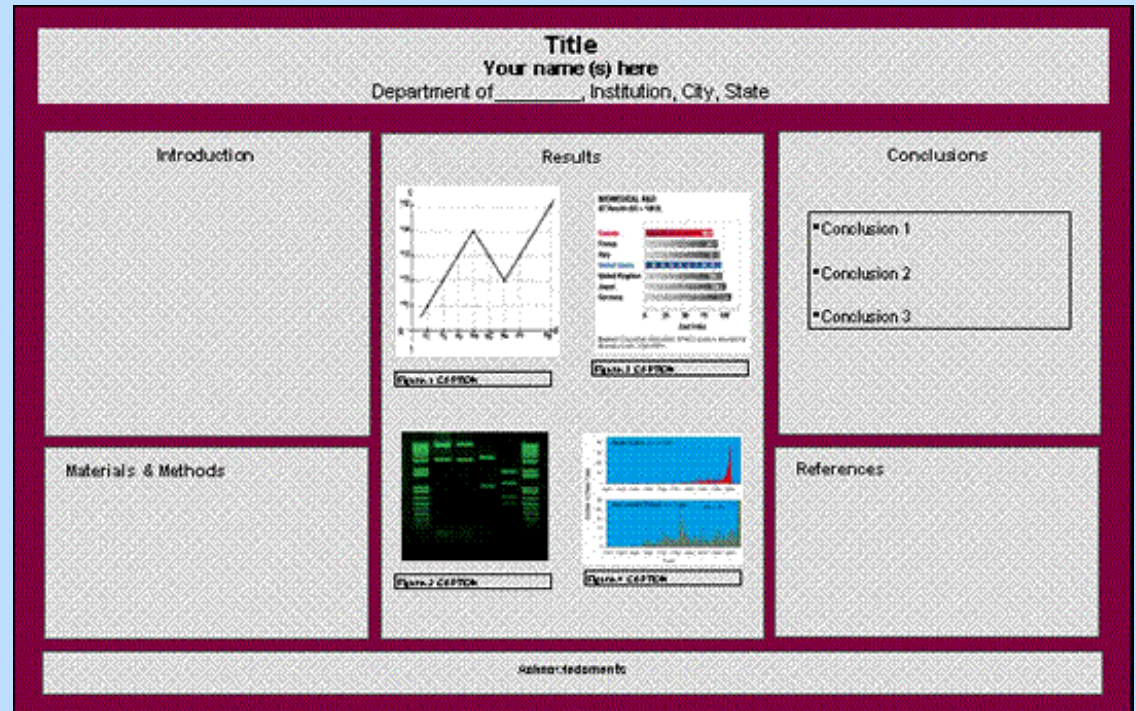


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Why our poster should look **AWESOME**

- Should promote your work and engage people that are otherwise not familiar
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- Posters that do not attract attention and do not yield productive discussions obviously do not adequately promote you or your work.

Breaking Down the Sections

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|--------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
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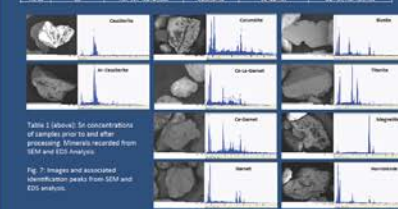


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| MA.5 | 11 | not yet reprocessed | | Cer-Garnet | Biotite, Hornblende |
| MA.6 | 10 | not yet reprocessed | | Cer-Garnet, Columbite | Garnet, Biotite, Hornblende |
| MA.8 | 21 | 24398 | Al-Cassiterite, Cassiterite | Cer-Garnet, Columbite | Garnet, Biotite, Hornblende, Thorite |
| MA.9 | 7 | 100 | | Cer-Garnet | Biotite, Garnet, Hornblende |
| MA.11 | 100 | 100 | Cassiterite | Cer-Garnet | |
| MA.12 | 11 | not yet reprocessed | Cassiterite | Cer-Garnet | Garnet, Hornblende |

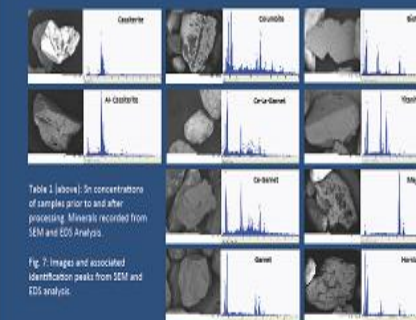


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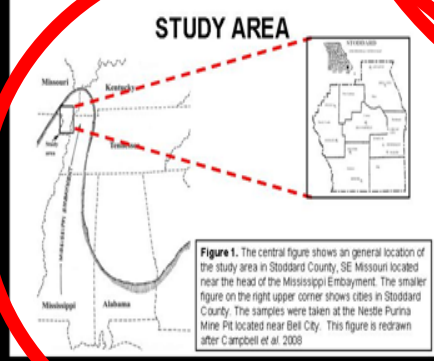


PALYNOFORMS OF THE CLAYTON FORMATION, SE MISSOURI, AS INDICATORS OF TIME & DEPOSITION THROUGH THE K/Pg MASS EXTINCTION EVENT

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Sedimentary deposits in the southeast region of Missouri's boot-heel near the town of Bloomfield, reveal a biostratigraphic record across the K/Pg boundary. The K/Pg transition sequence is represented by the late Maastrichtian Owl Creek Formation and the Paleocene Clayton and Porters Creek Formations. The Clayton Formation is characterized by a basal fossiliferous coquinite that contains the late Maastrichtian index ammonites *Discoscaphites iris* and *Eubucania carinatus*, as well as rip-up clasts containing tektite-like spherules which may be direct evidence of a bolide impact. We use dinoflagellate occurrences in these units to determine the timing of the coquinite layer and specifically whether or not it is the result of an impact-generated tsunami associated with the Cretaceous-Cretaceous impact. Fourteen sediment samples were collected from the study site at 25 cm intervals from the upper Owl Creek Fm to the base of the Porters Creek Fm. Preliminary palynological results indicate the presence within the Clayton basal coquinite of two dinoflagellates considered to be indicators of the uppermost part of the upper Maastrichtian (*Polynodinium grillator* and *Disphaerogena carposphaeropsis*) and two middle late Maastrichtian forms: *Deflandrea galeata* and *Thalassiphora pelagica*. All of these taxa are found within the uppermost Owl Creek and the lowermost section of the coquinite of the lower Clayton. The middle horizons of the coquinite preserve sparse dinoflagellate occurrences representing only stratigraphically and temporally wide-ranging taxa. The uppermost coquinite has a higher dinoflagellate recovery, similar to the basal section, and contains the uppermost Maastrichtian index forms *Polynodinium grillator* and *Deflandrea galeata*. So far no Danian dinoflagellates have been recovered from the coquinite. The dinoflagellate data support the ammonite record in indicating a latest Maastrichtian age for the basal Clayton coquinite, and suggest that the spherule-bearing rip-ups may represent deposition from an impact-induced tsunami.



METHODOLOGY & EQUIPMENT

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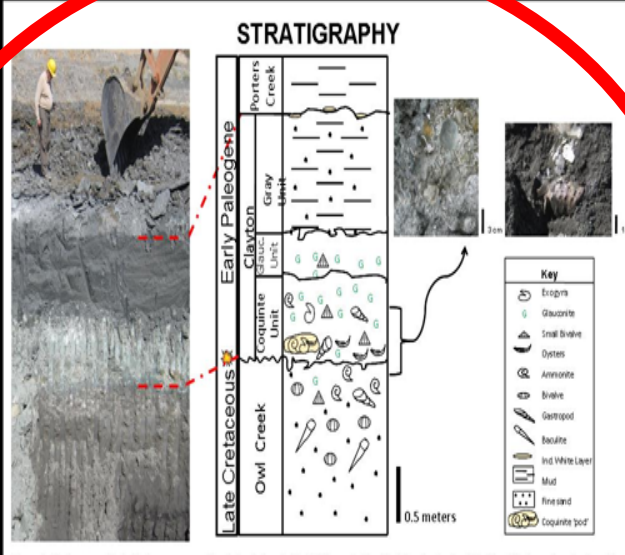


Figure 2. The image on the left is the exposure of the study site located in SE Missouri in Stoddard County. On the right side of the image is a stratigraphic column of the sedimentary sequence with relation to age. The boundary between the Owl Creek and Clayton Formation is marked by an orange symbol which is there to indicate the end of the K-Pg asteroid impact event. The stratigraphic column is accompanied by a key, fossils are not drawn to scale. The Clayton Formation in southeastern Missouri is a micaceous quartz rich fossiliferous fine silty sand which lays unconformably below the Clayton Formation. The Clayton Formation can generally be described as an overall green glauconitic muddy sand with what appears to be a fossiliferous lag composed of Cretaceous fossils within the basal 75-100 centimeters. This fossiliferous component is cemented with calcite in places making the coquinite appear pebble-like and discontinuous in this section. Above the Clayton is the Porters Creek Formation which is an unfossiliferous sandy yellow clay. The image in the right is a photo of the characteristic lithology of the basal Clayton (coquinite), to image to the right of this is a photo of the late Maastrichtian index ammonite, *Discoscaphites iris*, which has been extracted from the Owl Creek and the coquinite of the Clayton.

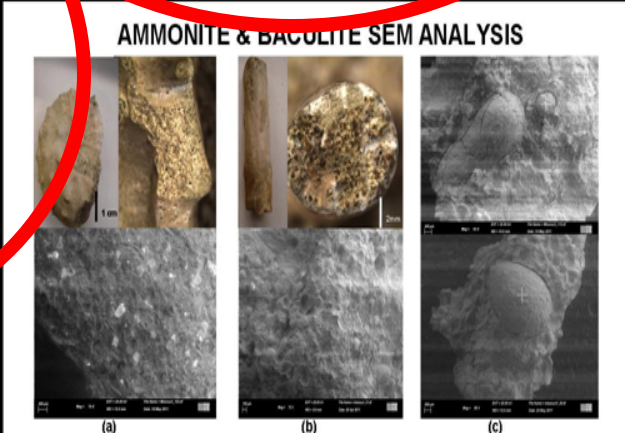
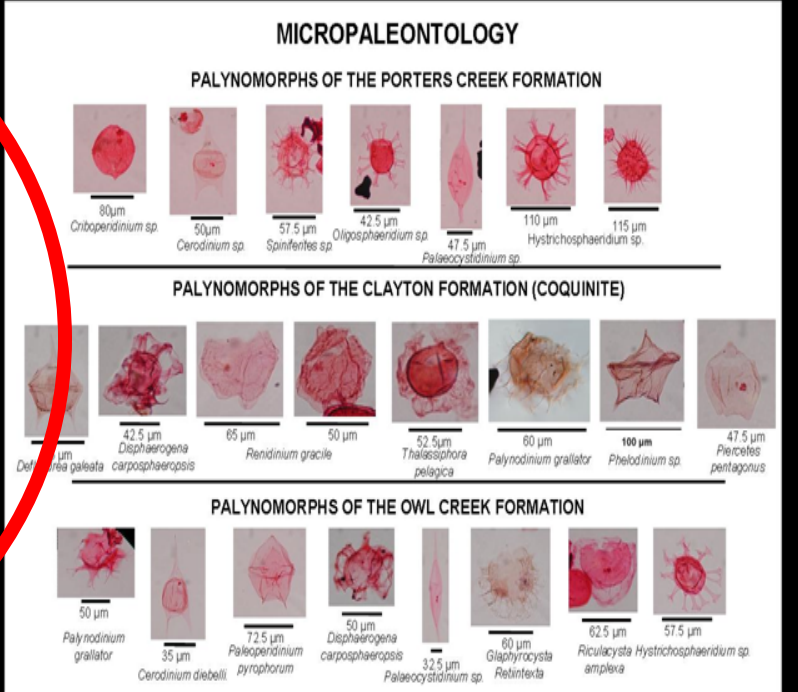


Figure 3. Sediment preserved within the two ammonites recovered from the coquinite deposit of the research site are dissimilar. SEM/EDS analyses have been done for the matrix of each fossil to identify mineralogical content. The sediment within the baculite (a) contains material which is comparable to the mineralogy of the coquinite, the spherule is composed of contains 80% quartz and 20% glauconite. Whereas, the matrix of the baculite (b) is similar to that of the tektite-containing rip-ups (c), also found in the coquinite. Within the baculite, the 'tektite-like' spherules are Fe-rich and reside within a calcium rich matrix, as are the Fe-spherules found within the rip-ups. However, the rip-ups contain larger tektites which are green to dark brown in color. They are slightly different in composition. Palynological analysis of sediment preserved within the phragmites of a baculite and spherule discovered at the site will also be analyzed. Dinoflagellates preserved within the ammonites will provide some enlightenment as to whether survival for sometime after the K-Pg extinction.



INTERPRETATIONS

Preliminary palynological results indicate the presence of two dinoflagellate species within the basal Clayton (coquinite) that are considered to be indicators of the uppermost part of the upper Maastrichtian: *Polynodinium grillator*-Gocht (1970), and *Disphaerogena carposphaeropsis*-Wetzel (1993), and two middle late Maastrichtian forms: *Deflandrea galeata*-Lejune-Carpentier, 1942 (Lertin & Williams 1973) and *Thalassiphora pelagica*-Eisenack, 1954 (Eisenack & Gocht, 1960). All of these taxa are found within the uppermost Owl Creek and the lowermost section of the coquinite of the lower Clayton. The middle section of the coquinite preserve sparse dinoflagellate occurrences that represent only stratigraphically and temporally wide-ranging taxa. The uppermost coquinite has a higher dinoflagellate recovery, similar to the basal section, and contains the uppermost Maastrichtian index forms, *Polynodinium grillator* and *Deflandrea galeata*. So far no Danian dinoflagellates have been recovered from the coquinite. The dinoflagellate data support the ammonite record in indicating a latest Maastrichtian age for the basal Clayton coquinite, and suggest that the spherule-bearing rip-ups may represent deposition from an impact-induced tsunami as opposed to revealing a mixed assemblage of K-Pg dinoflagellate species that would be more supportive of transgressive lag deposit.

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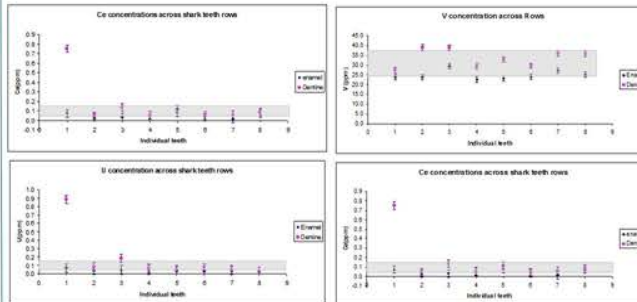


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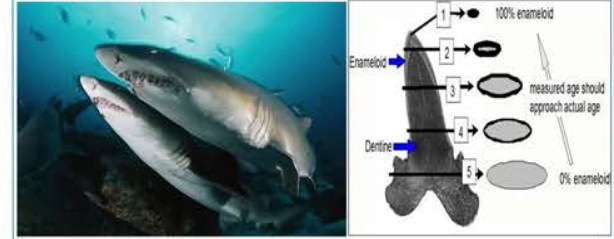
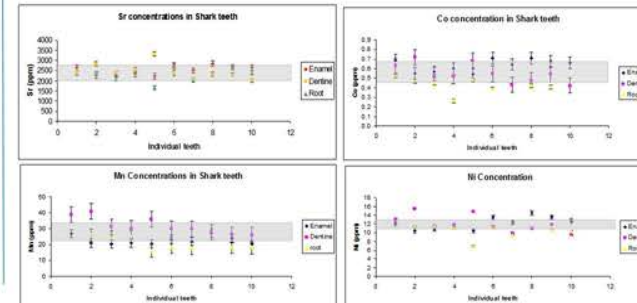


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Methodology

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 - Any special devices used?
 - How did you analyze your data?

TIN SOURCES ASSOCIATED WITH BRONZE AGE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN WEST SERBIA

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Abstract

The discovery of Bronze Age archaeological sites in West Serbia has led to a search of local tin-bearing minerals and their bedrock sources. A rare metal, tin is essential for making the alloy bronze (about 90% copper and 10% tin). To test the hypothesis that at least some of the tin used by Serbian Bronze Age settlements was mined locally from placer deposits, sand and gravel samples were collected every 50 meters from sand bar, bank and stream bottom deposits of the Milina and Ravnjica tributaries flowing south of Mt. Cer. In the field, samples were washed, separated into sand and gravel fractions, dried, and analyzed for metal contents using a hand-held X-ray fluorescence apparatus with an approximate detection limit of 50-150ppm for Sn. Only two of 130 samples yielded Sn levels above detection limits. However, subsequent heavy mineral separates produced by a float/sink process using sodium-polytungstate increased the Sn signal in reprocessed samples. For example, one sample that yielded a statistically invalid concentration of 21ppm in the total sand fraction, yielded a tin concentration of 24,398 ppm in the heavy mineral concentrate. SEM and EDS analysis of Sn-bearing heavy mineral concentrates indicate that tin is present in at least two optically and chemically distinct forms of cassiterite (black, low-Al; brown, high-Al), and that cassiterite-bearing sands also contain the Nb-Ta-bearing mineral columbite. Having documented the presence of tin ore in the region, sampling and analysis will expand in 2011 with field implementation of heavy mineral concentration by heavy liquids.

Historical Context

The European Bronze Age (2200-1050 B.C.E.) was a period in which bronze was the material predominantly used to make functional parts of implements, and signifies a stage in technological evolution. Bronze is made by alloying copper with tin. During the Bronze Age it quickly became fundamental in economic production and social reproduction. There was an abrupt transition to Bronze over a large area.

Copper was present in many places, while tin was rare, and it is uncertain whether tin was mined by Bronze Age people. The majority of societies had neither copper nor tin, and as a result, there was an increase in exchange systems along long-distance trade routes that ran through a series of concentrated settlements, including settlements in western Serbia. We hypothesize that there was a tin source in West Serbia that was directed to the Aegean along this established trade route.



Fig. 1: Ancient international trade route connecting the north and south of Europe through Serbia

Geology of the Jadar Region

Serbia is composed of four geologic regions: the Dinarides, the Serbo-Macedonian Massif, the Carpatho-Balkanides and overlying Neogene sediments (Fig. 1). The field area lies within the Jadar Block Zone, an accreted terrane within the Vardar Zone of the Serbo-Macedonian Massif (Fig. 2). The Jadar Block Terrane is an exotic terrane that represents a detached continental slope block dominated by flysch and olistrostromal siliciclastics. These units were unaffected by Variscan deformation and metamorphism (Late Carboniferous). The Jadar Block Terrane had docked with the Vardar Superterrane prior to the Late Cretaceous and is thrust over the highly tectonized Dinarides (including an ophiolite belt) to the southwest. Following collision, the Jadar Block was overlain by a Middle Permian to Triassic shallow marine overstep sequence consisting of limestone, evaporites, and siliciclastics.



Fig. 2: Basic geologic divisions of Dimitrijevic (1997) of Serbia.

Fig. 3: West Serbia and highlighted Jadar drainage basin.

Oligocene to Neogene collision between Africa and Europe resulted in deposition of Neogene sediments and a magmatic activity during which dacites, quartz latites and andesites (and subvolcanic equivalents) were emplaced. Most metallic ore deposits in the Jadar Block Terrane are associated with the deep-seated bounding fault along the southwest edge of the Jadar Block. Hydrothermal Pb-Zn and Sb deposits are the most abundant type economic ore deposits in the Jadar Block. Sub-economic Sn deposits occur as low-grade in-situ greisen deposits that contain cassiterite, wolframite, and columbite (e.g., Cer) and cassiterite-bearing placers; but these deposits have not been described or documented in any detail.

Methodology

Samples were taken during the summer 2010 field season from sand bars, banks, and stream bottoms along the Milina and Ravnjica tributaries of the Jadar flowing south from Mt. Cer. Samples included both sand and gravel, and were washed, panned and sieved in situ. The fine and coarse sand sediments were then tested for elemental constituents using a hand-held X-ray fluorescence apparatus (XRF) with a detection limit for tin of 50-150ppm. Over 130 samples were taken and processed in this manner. Tin was non-detectable in most of the samples. Only three samples yielded statistically significant Sn concentrations, however, many samples yielded low concentrations (10-30ppm) that were below the detection limit of the XRF (Fig. 3).



Fig. 4: Map showing locations and relative tin concentrations of samples

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Fig. 6: (a) Heavy mineral separates prior to color separation. (b) Black, red, and yellow mineral separates.



Results

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| Sample | Initial Sn concentration (ppm) | Sn Concentration in heavy mineral separate (ppm) | Sn-bearing minerals | One necessary Mineral | Other minerals |
|--------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
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| MA.2 | 28 | not yet reprocessed | Cassiterite | Ce-La-garnet | Bastnaesite |
| MA.3 | 12 | not yet reprocessed | | Ce-La-garnet, Columbite | |
| MA.4 | 1 | not yet reprocessed | | Ce-La-garnet, Columbite | |
| MA.5 | 11 | not yet reprocessed | | Ce-garnet | Bastnaesite, Monazite |
| MA.6 | 10 | not yet reprocessed | | Ce-garnet, Columbite | Garnet, Bastnaesite, Monazite |
| MA.8 | 21 | 24398 | Al-Cassiterite, Cassiterite | Ce-garnet, Columbite | Garnet, Bastnaesite, Monazite, Thorianite |
| MA.9 | 7 | 100 | | Ce-garnet | Bastnaesite, Garnet, Monazite |
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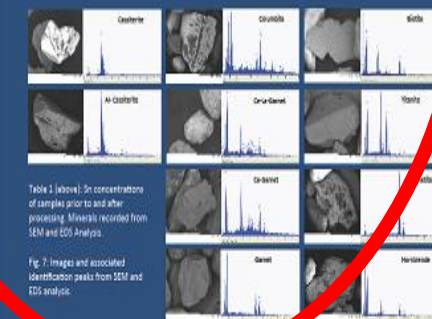


Table 1 (above): Sn concentrations of samples prior to and after processing. Minerals recorded from SEM and EDS analysis.

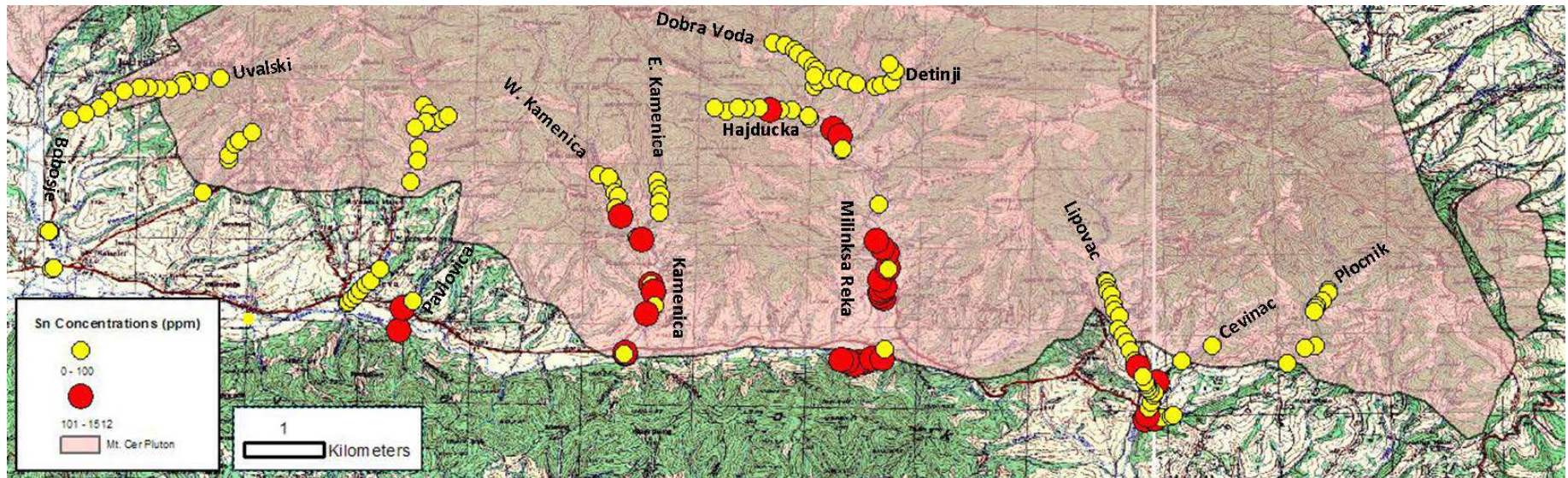
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Future Work

The heavy liquid separate methodology has proven successful in confirming truly non-detectable samples, and showing previously non-detectable and sub-detectable samples to have evidence of Sn-bearing minerals. Associated ore minerals include columbite, Ce-garnet, and Ce-La-garnet. The data proves that there is tin draining from Mt. Cer into the Milina and Ravnjica tributaries of the Jadar, that could have possibly been a source of tin transported to the Aegean. Further sampling and expansion of the study area will be done in the summer 2011 field season. Heavy liquid mineral separation will be done on-site. Detailed SEM and EDS analysis to document mineral assemblages and compositions, and their variations, allow us to infer aspects of the bedrock geology of study area and the characteristics of the tin deposits in the region.

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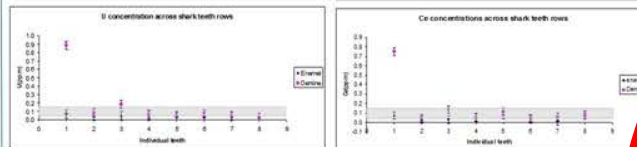
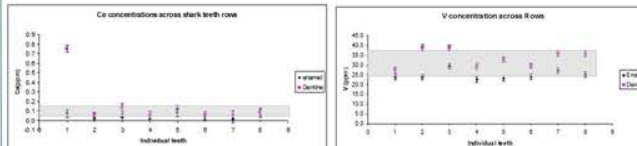


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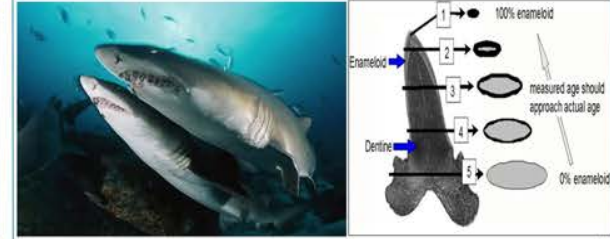
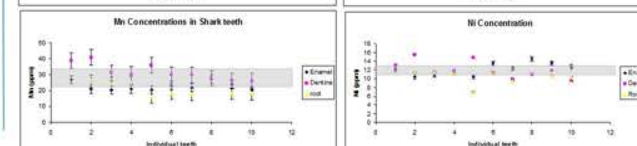
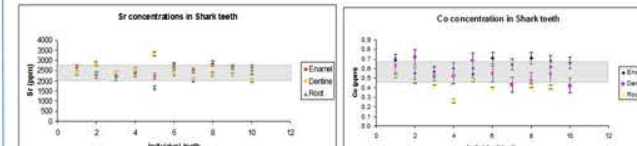


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Therapeutic Response to Sertraline

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Abstract

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DO NOW

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Results Team Mission:

You are in charge of looking at the data and writing a 5-7 sentence summary of correlations that you found in your research. Was the hypothesis right? Are there any patterns that you notice and if so, can these patterns be explained? Think about the implications of our results. This paragraph is important so do *not* rush through it.

TIME TO COMPLETE: 20min

***if you finish early, or are having trouble with writing, sketch out some figures that you think will best represent the results of the study and explain them.**

Conclusions Team Mission:

This section should be a paragraph (about 5-7 sentences) summary of your answer to your research question. There should be a discussion of the hypothesis, results and implications of the research. What could be done better next time? How can we work toward environmental justice for this problem?

TIME TO COMPLETE: 30min

Figures Team Mission:

What will our results look like? Be sure you are able to *explain* your ideas clearly to the rest of the class

- Map? Table, Chart? Which one(s) and *why*
- Sketch out some ideas of the figures you envision for the poster
 - Be as thorough as possible using the data given to you
- All figures must be labeled and have captions

TIME TO COMPLETE: 30min

***Hint: you may want to use Microsoft Excel to make graphing easier**