

Nannobiostratigraphy of Jaddala Formation in (K- 152) well, Kirkuk oilfield, Northern Iraq

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Abstract

From the Jaddala Formation in northern Iraq in the (K152) well, there are (12 species) of calcareous nannofossils described (belonging to 8 genera). (6 families) following a detailed analysis of calcareous nannofossils. The Jaddala Formation comprises one biostratigraphic zones that have been discovered, *Coccolithus staurion* Partial Taxon range biozone (CP13c) and its age has been assessed to be in the middle Eocene. Therefore, we proposed a middle Eocene (Lutetian to Bartonian) date for the Jaddala Formation.

Introduction

Henson was the first identified the Jaddala Formation in 1940 (unpublished report) from the type section near Jaddala village in Jabal Sinjar in the Foothill Zone. It includes 342 m of chalky and marly limestones and marls [1]. The underlying formation is unconformably Sinjar limestone Formation, while the above formation is unconformably Serikagni Formation, [1]. The formation is widespread, notably in wells, and reflects the offshore facies in western and central Iraq [2].

The Jaddala Formation's stratigraphic relationships with the Dammam and Avana formations imply a late Early Eocene-Late Eocene date. The formation is predictable outside Iraq in Saudi Arabia (The upper parts of the Hibr Formation), Syria, and Iran (the Middle Pabdeh Formation is comparable to the Jaddala Formation) [2].

The studied section is located in the unstable shelf tectonic unit of Iraq [2]. The (K-152) oil well of the current study is a part of Baba Dome which represents a part of the Kirkuk oil field, which is situated north-northwest of Kirkuk city Fig.1. The thickness of the study section

is about (127 m), and range between (1012-885 m. in depth), Lithologically consist of Limestone alternated with Marly Limestone. Lower contact is Aaliji Formation (unconformable surface) while upper contact is Palani Formation (unconformable surface). Ten samples were investigated to identify the calcareous nannofossils. Using calcareous nannofossils, the geological succession of the Eocene in Iraq has been the subject of several research, including: [3-6]. The goal of this research is to fix the age of the studied section by examining calcareous nannofossils.

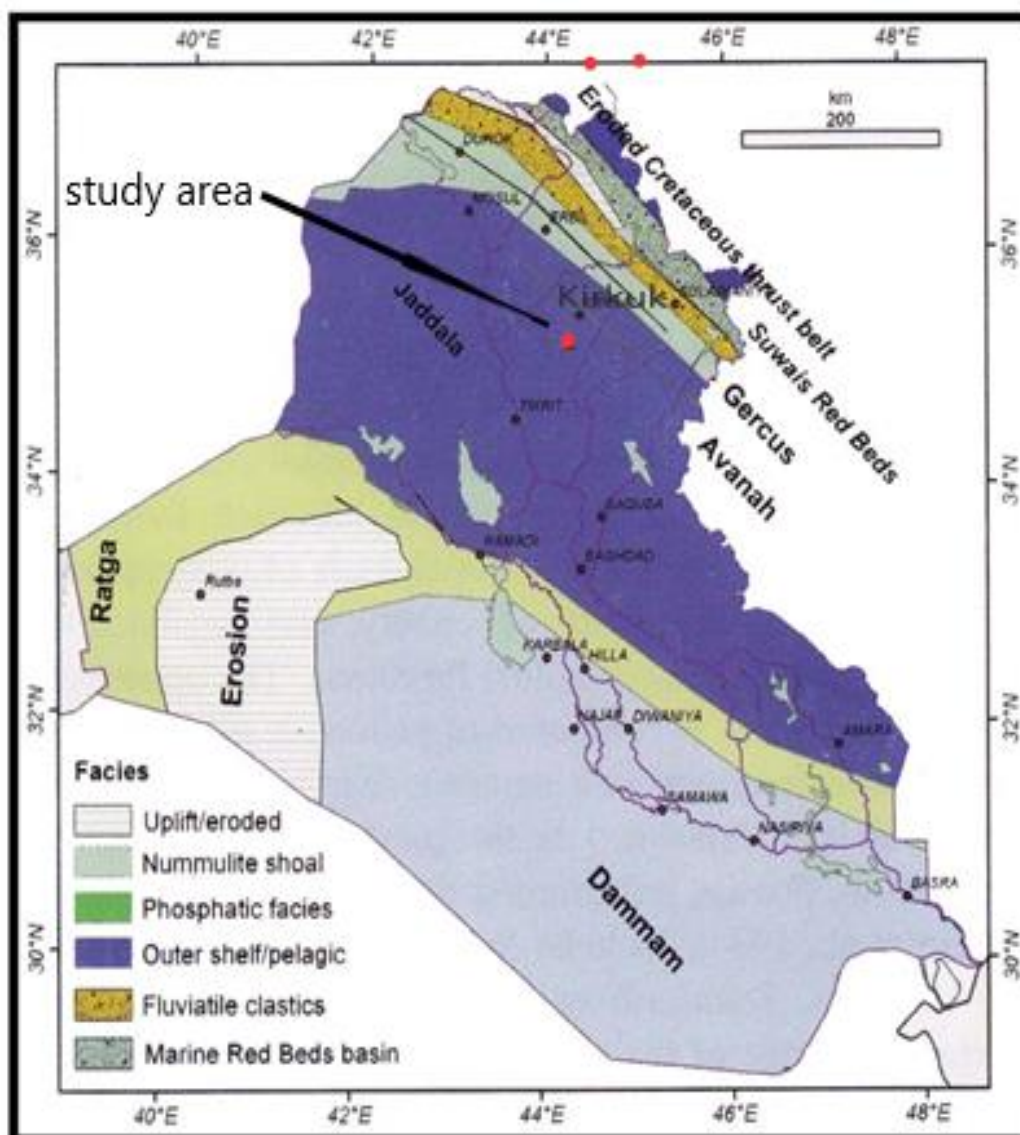


Fig. 1: Paleogeographic map from Middle Eocene display the study area, [2].

Materials and Methods

A thorough search of calcareous nannofossils for Jaddala Formation was conducted. The formation is approximately 127 meters long and is composed of limestone and marly limestone Fig. 2. The calcareous nannofossils that were opted are studied utilizing the methodology for paleontological investigations [7].

Results and Discussion

Identification of the 12 species and description of the major calcareous nannofossils from the Jaddala Formation in the (K-152) oil well are the goals of systematic classification. The

higher taxonomy often uses the [8]and [9] system. The information and photos are kept in the Geology Department, Science College, at Mosul University. Fig.2.

A- Nannopaleontology

1- Heterococcoliths

Family Helicosphaeraceae [10]

Genus *Helicosphaera* [10]

Helicosphaera seminulum [11]

Helicosphaera sp. [11]

Family Coccolithaceae [12]

Genus *Coccolithus* [12]

Coccolithus pelagicus [12]

Genus *Erocsonia* [13]

Erocsonia formosa [14]

Family Noelaerhabdaceae, 1970

Genus *Cyclicargolithus* [15]

Cyclicargolithus abisectus [16]

Cyclicargolithus sp. [16]

Genus *Reticulofenestra* [17]

Reticulofenestra umbilicus [18]

Family Prinsiaceae [17]

Genus *Toweius* [17]

Toweius occultatus [19]

2- Nannoliths

Family Discoasteraceae [20]

Genus *Discoaster* [20]

Discoaster nodifer [21]

Family Sphenolithaceae [22]

Genus *Sphenolithus* [22]

Sphenolithus obtusus [15]

Sphenolithus pseudoradians [23]

Sphenolithus sp. [23]

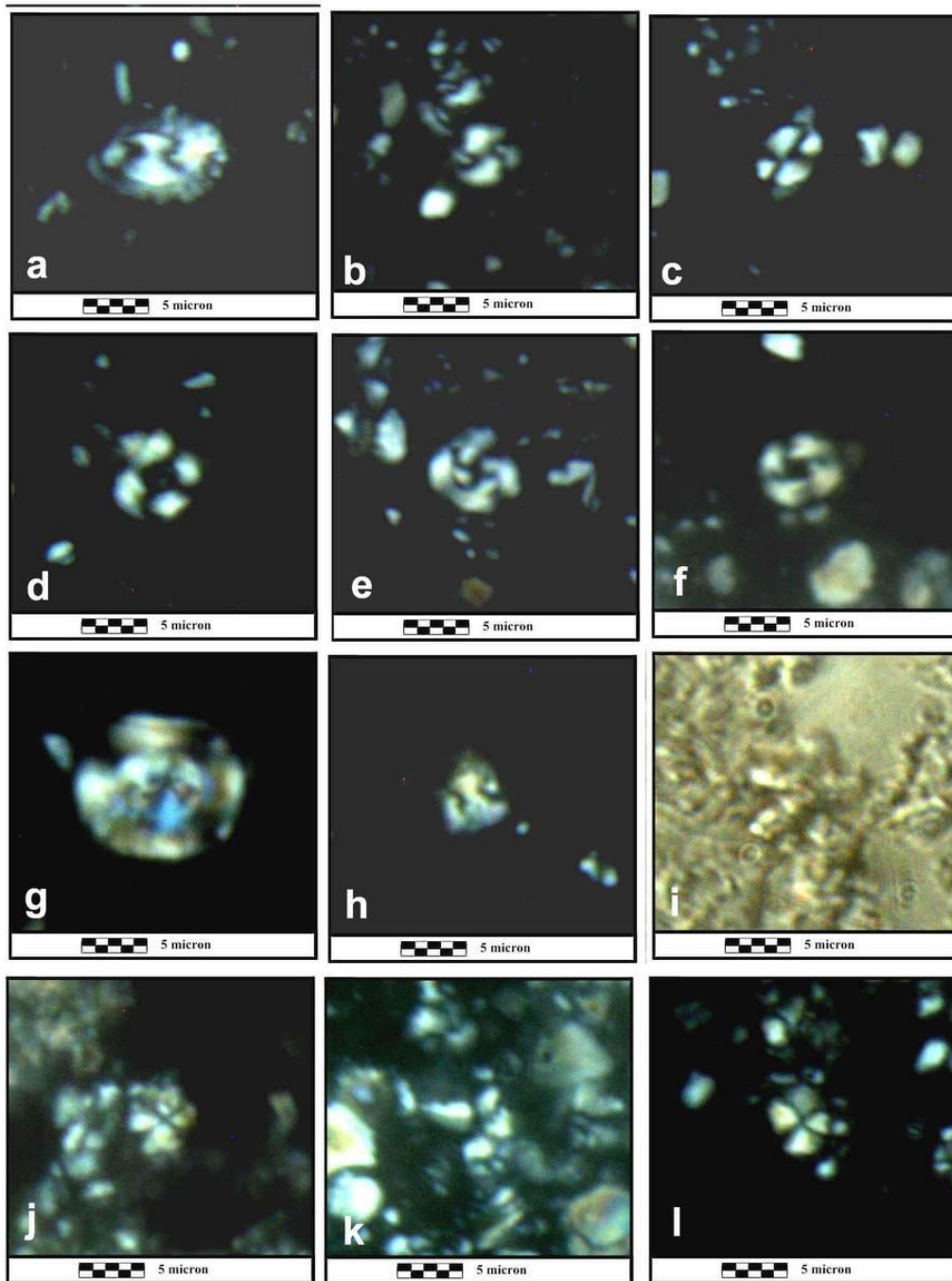


Fig. 2: Each sample from Jaddala Formation in (K- 152) well, Kirkuk oilfield.

(a) *Helicosphaera seminulum* Bramlette and Sullivan (Sample No.5), (b) *Helicosphaera* sp., (Sample No.2), (c) *Coccolithus staurion* Bramlette and Sullivan (Sample No.4), (d) *Erocsonia formosa* (Kamptner, 1963) (Sample No.6), (e) *Cyclicargolithus abisectus* (Muller, 1970) (Sample No.4), (f) *Cyclicargolithus* sp. (Sample No.2), (g) *Reticulofenestra umbilicus* (Levin, 1965) Martini and Ritzkow, (Sample No.3) (h) *Toweius occultatus* (Locker, 1967) (Sample No.8), (i) *Discoaster nodifer* (Bramlette and Riedel, 1954) (Sample No.5), (j) *Sphenolithus obtusus* Bukry (Sample No.6), (k) *Sphenolithus pseudoradians* Bramlette and Wilcoxon (Sample No. 9), (l) *Sphenolithus* sp. (Sample No. 2).

B- Nannobiostratigraphy

Coccolithus staurion partial Taxon Range biozone (CP13c)

This a *Coccolithus staurion* partial Taxon range biozone definite by the last existence of *Toweius occultatus* and the first appear of *Discoaster nodifer*. Its depths range from 960 to 940 meters. This biozone shares similarities with the higher altitudes of *Nannotetrina fulgens* biozone that [18] examined and to the middle Eocene (Lutetian) biozone *Coccolithus staurion* biozone, which was examined by [24]. Additionally, this biozone matches with *Nannotetrina* spp. biozone that which investigated by [25]. Fig.3 and Fig.4.

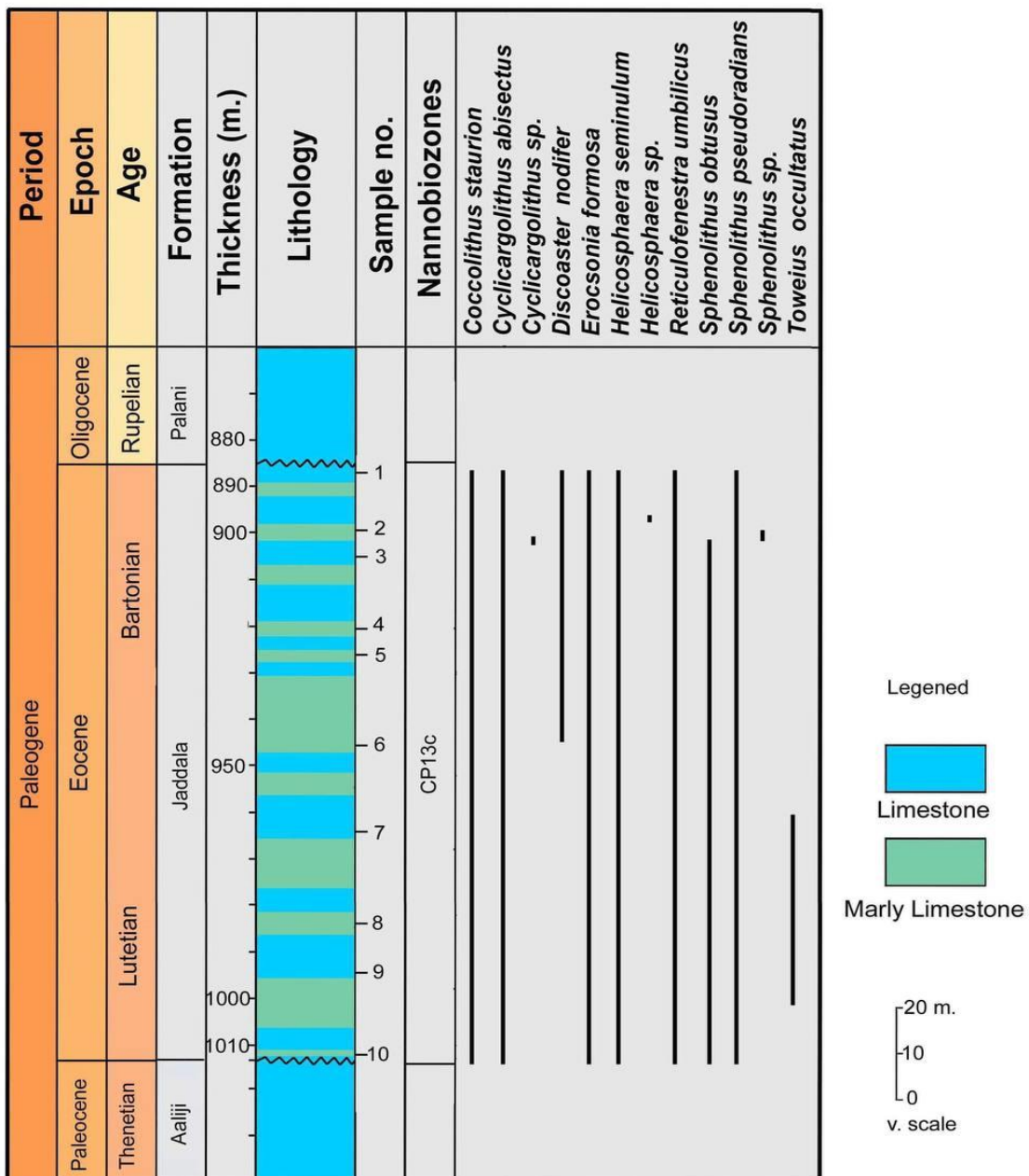


Fig. 3: Calcareous nannofossils distribution throughout study section.

Age (Ma)	Epoch/Age	Polarity Chron	Martini, 1971	Okada and Bukry, 1980	Agnini et al., 2014	studied section			
35	L Priabonian	C13			Heliosphaera compacta	NOT STUDIED			
36		C15	Isthmolithus recurvus	Isthmolithus recurvus	Discoaster saipanensis				
36		C16 -20	Chiasmolithus oamaruensis		Chirocentrum isabellae/ Chirocentrum reticulatum				
37	38.0	NP18		Chiasmolithus oamaruensis	Isthmolithus recurvus				
38		C17	Discoaster saipanensis		Chirocentrum arthae				
39	Bartonian	C18	Discoaster saipanensis	Discoaster saipanensis	Chiasmolithus grandis				
40					Dietyococoides bisectus/ Sphenolithus obtusus				
41					Chirocentrum reticulatum				
42	41.0	NP16	Discoaster tani nodifer	Discoaster bifax	Reticulofenestra umbilicus		Coccolithus staurion		
43		C19							
44	Lutetian	C20	Nannoetmina filigens	Coccolithus staurion	Nannoetmina spp.				
45				CP13c	Chiasmolithus gigas			Sphenolithus cucullatus/ Chiasmolithus gigas	
46				CP13a	Discoaster strictus			Nannoetmina alata	
47	47.8	C21	Discoaster subloboensis	Rhabdosphaera inflata	Nannoetmina cristata				
48				CP12b	Discoaster subloboensis/ Discoaster loebensis			Discoaster barbadiensis	
49	E Ypresian	C22	Discoaster loebensis	Discoaster loebensis	Reticulofenestra dicycloa	NOT STUDIED			
50				NP13					
51				C23	NP12			Tribracliatulus orthostylus	Tribracliatulus orthostylus
52	CP10								
53	NP11	CP9b	Discoaster binodosus	Discoaster binodosus	Tribracliatulus orthostylus				
54				CP9a	Tribracliatulus contrarius				
55	56.0	C24	NP10	Tribrachiatulus contrarius	Toweius emiliensis				
				CP8b	Camptysphaera eodella	Fasciculithus tuzimaniensis			

Fig.4: Calcareous nannofossil biozones compared chart for study section.

Conclusions

One biostratigraphic zone is proposed from Jaddala Formation in (K-152) oil well that is: Coccolithus staurion Partial Taxon range biozone (CP13c); It suggested the middle Eocene (Lutetian to Bartonian) as the age of formation

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الطباقية الحياتية لمتحجرات النانو الكلسية لتكوين جدالة في البئر (K-152)، حقل كركوك النفطي، شمالي العراق

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الخلاصة:

دراسة متحجرات النانو الجيرية لمقطع من تكوين جدالة في البئر النفطي (K-152) من شمالي العراق، إذ شخص 12 نوعا تعود الى 8 اجناس والتي تكون عانديتها الى 6 عوائل من متحجرات النانو الجيرية. وحدد نطاق حياتي واحد ضمن تنابعات التكوين وهو النطاق *Coccolithus staurion* Partial Taxon range (CP13c) الذي منه حدد عمر الايوسين الاوسط (اللوتيشيان-بارتونيان) لتكوين جدالة.

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