

Supplemental Information

Multiproxy synthesis at the Arlington Archosaur Site: New insights into Cretaceous paralic paleoenvironments and regional stratigraphy, Woodbine Group, Texas, USA.

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SUPPLEMENT 1: Palynology Methodology

Samples were prepared following traditional acid palynological techniques using hydrochloric acid (10% HCl) and hydrofluoric acid (70% HF) maceration to dissolve carbonate and siliceous contents. The organic fraction was separated using centrifugation in a heavy liquid ($\text{ZnBr}_2 \square \text{H}_2\text{O}$). A Schultz solution was applied before sieving the final organic concentrate with a 10 μm mesh for light oxidation of the organic concentrate. A drop of the final sieved palynological residue was pipetted off and mixed in one drop of polyvinyl alcohol with a glass stirring rod. Once the polyvinyl alcohol/residue had dried, one drop of clear casting resin was added to fix the coverslip.

All samples were examined with a Leitz Dialux microscope equipped with Leitz NPL fluotar objectives (10X, 25X, 40X, and 100X) and 10X WF oculars. Species identification was done at 400X, counting at 250X and 100X under white transmitted. A counting technique based on a modification of Styzen (1997) and Lorente (1986) was consistently used to obtain quantitative data for the abundance analysis of individual species. All specimens in 150 fields of view (FOV) at 250x were counted for each slide, and a subsequent screening at 100X of the entire slide (22 x40 mm) was conducted to locate and count species not overrepresented. A total of 12,763 specimens were identified and counted, with an average of 410 palynomorphs count per sample. All palynological data was transferred to Excel files and exported to Tilia (Grimm, 1991) for further analysis of results and display.

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SUPPLEMENT 2: Palynology Sample Data Tables

The following data tables contain the raw specimen counts of sporomorphs, dinoflagellate cysts, and other palynomorphs recovered from sediment samples collected from the Arlington Archosaur Site. Data tables are organized by sample column. Complete data for all specimens can be accessed on bioRxiv at: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.12.04.569281>

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Woodbine Group			Lithostratigraphy		Stratigraphy	Section	Sample
A	B	D	Facies Association				
Nyssapollenites albertensis (Nichols, 1994)			Sporomorphs' Zonation				
Cyclonephelium membraniphorum (Dodsworth and Eldrett, 2019)			Dinoflagellate Cyst Zonation				
late Cenomanian			Age				
AASP 1-5			Center-West Quarry AASP 1 & AASP 2 combined				
AASP 2-4			Thickness (cm)				
AASP 1-4			Miscellaneous spores				
AASP 1-3			Miscellaneous pollen				
AASP 2-3			Bisaccate pollen (conifers)				
AASP 1-2			Triplanosporites sinosus				
AASP 2-2			Appendicisporites erdtmannii				
AASP 2-1			Appendicisporites matesovae				
AASP 1-1			Aquilapollenites sp.				
			Classopollis spp.				
			Cicatricosisporites spp.				
			Psilatrilletes sp.				
			Osmundacidites sp.				
			Anemia poolensis				
			Appendicisporites trichacanthus				
			Appendicisporites unicus				
			Aquilapollenites turbidus				
			Cicatricosisporites venustus				
			Cyathidites australis				
			Cyathidites minor				
			Cyathidites sp.				

8				6	<i>Aquilapollenites psilatus</i>
25				12	<i>Cicatricosisporites brevilaesuratus</i>
1	2				<i>Classopollis obidosensis</i>
5	3	2	1	3	<i>Gleicheniidites senonicus</i>
3					<i>Cupuliferoidaepollenites cf. microscabratus</i>
1			1	1	<i>Pityosporites sp.</i>
1					<i>Psilamonocolpites sp.</i>
1			1		<i>Rugubivesiculites woodbinensis</i>
2			1	1	<i>Tricolpites hians</i>
1	1	1	1	1	<i>Tricolpites sp.</i>
	2	1	1		<i>Monosulcites sp.</i>
	1				<i>Acacia sp.</i>
	1		2	2	<i>Lycopodiumsporites crassimacerius</i>
		2	16		<i>Cicatricosisporites hallei</i>
		3	21	6	<i>Abietinaepollenites sp.</i>
		1	1		<i>Laevigatosporites sp. (Blechnum type)</i>
		1		1	<i>Classopollis classoides</i>
		14	2	6	<i>Deltoidospora spp.</i>
		1			<i>Elaterosporites sp.</i>
		1		1	<i>Ephedripites sp.</i>
		1			<i>Matonisporites cf. equiexinus</i>
		6			<i>Inaperturopollenites sp.</i>
		1			<i>Polypodiaceoisporites sp.</i>
		1		4	<i>Zlivisporis cenomanianus</i>
			1		<i>Afropollis sp. (frag.)</i>
			1		<i>Bacutricolpites constrictus</i>
			1		<i>Calamospora cf. mesozoica</i>
		5	1		<i>Callialasporites cf. dampieri</i>
		2			<i>Callialasporites segmentatus</i>
		1	11	1	<i>Callialasporites sp.</i>
		1	2		<i>Camarozonosporites rudis</i>
			1	1	<i>Camarozonosporites spp.</i>
			3	1	<i>Pilosporites ericius</i>
			1		<i>Dichastopollenites dunveganensis</i>
			1		<i>Ischyosporites crateris</i>

Sporomorphs

				1					<i>Camarozonosporites wrennii</i>	
				1					<i>Inaperturotetradites scabratus</i>	
				1					<i>Ginkgocycadophytus? sp.</i>	
				1	2				<i>Psilamonocolpites? sp. (finely perforate)</i>	
				2					<i>Rugubivesiculites rugosus</i>	
				4					<i>Trilobosporites sp.</i>	
				1					<i>Pseudowalchia sp.</i>	
				1					<i>Abietineaepollenites microreticulatus</i>	
				1					<i>Classopollis cf. maljawkineae</i>	
				1					<i>Latipollis sp.</i>	
				5					<i>Perfotricolpites sp.</i>	
				1					<i>Podocarpidites cf. biformis</i>	
				1	12				<i>Podocarpidites sp.</i>	
				8					<i>Laevigatosporites sp.</i>	
				1					<i>Classopollis cf. senegalensis</i>	
				1	12				<i>Deltoidospora hallii</i>	
				1	1				<i>Stellatopollis largissimus</i>	
				1					<i>Taurocusporites sp.</i>	
					1				<i>Perinopollenites elatoides</i>	
					1				<i>Lycopodiumsporites sp.</i>	
					2				<i>Foraminisporis cf. paucispinosus</i>	
					1				<i>Foraminisporis sp.</i>	
					1				<i>Ghoshispora sp.</i>	
					1				<i>Cicatricosisporites crassiterminatus</i>	
					1				<i>Verrutrites verus</i>	
14	22	15	30	24	17				Species diversity	
91	213	127	158	115	251				Specimens abundance	

Stratigraphy		Section Sample	Dinoflagellate Cysts										Acritarchs			
Woodbine Group			Lithostratigraphy													
A	B	D	Facies Association													
		Sporomorphs' Zonation														
Nyssapollenites albertensis			Dinoflagellate Cyst Zonation													
Cyclonephelium membraniphorum			Age													
late Cenomanian			AASP 1 & AASP 2 Dinoflagellates Combin													
AASP 1-5	AASP 2-4	AASP 1-4	AASP 1-3	AASP 2-3	AASP 1-2	AASP 2-2	AASP 2-1	AASP 1-1	Thickness (cm)							
134	116	18	45	41	15	8	0.5	0					Miscellaneous dinoflagellates			
16	5	32	15	7		2	1						Apteodinium? Sp.			
				1									Ascodinium cf. acrophorum			
													Cyclonephelium compactum - Cyclonephelium membraniphorum			
	1					5	22						Scriniodinium campanula			
													Eurydinium glomeratum			
						1							Florentinia sp.			
						2	7	4					Florentinia khaldunii			
				1									Isabelidinium? globosum			
							2						Litosphaeridium sp.			
					1								Odontochitina sp.			
						1							Oligosphaeridium complex			
				7		1	2	1					Oligosphaeridium pulcherrimum			
				2		11							Ovoidinium cf. implanum			
						1							Ovoidinium? sp.			
				1									Palaeotetradinium silicorum			
							2						Phelodinium cf. kozlowskii			
						1							Prolixosphaeridium cf. parvispinum			
						1							Spiniferites sp.			
				6	3	12	5	2					Diversity (Total species)			
				19	5	35	28	5					Abundance (Total specimens)			
							35						Leiosphaeridia sp.			
				6									Filisphaeridium fimbriatum			
													Fromea sp.			
				1		1							Diversity (Total species)			
				6		1	35						Abundance (Total specimens)			

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AASP 1-2 Palynology Chart Supplemental Material

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Stratigraphy		Section	Sample	Fresh water algae					Fungi
Woodbine Group		Lithostratigraphy							
A	B	D	Facies Association						
Nyssapollenites albertensis		Sporomorphs' Zonation							
Cyclonephelium membraniphorum		Dinoflagellate Cyst Zonation							
late Cenomanian		Age							
		AASP 1 & AASP 2 Other palynomorphs Combined							
		Sample cm from base							
		AASP 1-5		134	2	Schizophacus laevigatus			
		AASP 2-4		116		Schizophacus majusculus			
		AASP 1-4		18	28	Schizosporis reticulatus			
		AASP 1-3		45	5	Zygnemataceae spp.			
		AASP 2-3		41	1	Algae filaments			
		AASP 1-2		15	3	Botryococcus spp.			
		AASP 2-2		8		Pediastrum spp.			
		AASP 2-1		0.5	25	Species diversity			
		AASP 1-1		16	1	Specimens abundance			
						Pluricellaesporites psilatus			
						Fungal remains -hyphae-			
						Fungal fruit bodies			

AASP 3-4			Palynology Chart		Supplemental Material	
Stratigraphy			Section		Sample	
Lithostratigraphy						
Facies Association						
Sporomorphs' Zonation						
Dinoflagellate Cyst Zonation						
Age						
Center Quarry_Combined 3 & 4						
Depth (cm)						
Woodbine Group						
D						
B						
A						
Nyssapollenites albertensis (Nichols, 1994)						
Cyclonephelium membraniphorum (Dodsworth and Eldrett, 2019)						
late Cenomanian						
AAS 4-6	150	220	Miscellaneous spores			
AAS 3-12	138	76	Miscellaneous pollen			
AAS 4-5	131	120	Biretisporites potoniaei			
AAS 3-11	127	36	Distaltriangulisporites sp.			
AAS 3-10	115	182	Cyathidites spp.			
AAS 4-4	110	43	Appendicisporites matesovae			
AAS 3-9	100	110	Aquilapollenites psilatus			
AAS 3-8	85	123	Bisaccate pollen (conifers)			
AAS 3-7	75	126	Cicatricosisporites venustus			
AAS 4-3	55	215	Cyathidites australis			
AAS 3-6	51	110	Verrutrites verus			
AAS 3-5	43	100	Deltoidospora hallii			
AAS 3-4	38	120	Podocarpidites sp.			
AAS 3-3	31	83	Inaperturopollenites hiatus			
AAS 4-2	15	108	Cycadopites sp.			
AAS 3-2	19	108	Concavissimisporites sp.			
AAS 3-1	3	30	Cyathidites minor			
AAS 4-1	0	78	Foraminisporis sp.			
		24	Ischyosporites crateris			
			Proxapertites spp.			
			Rugubivesiculites rugosus			
			Appendicisporites spp.			
			Zlivisporis cenomanianus			
			Pseudowalchia spp.			
			Appendicisporites erdtmannii			
			Aquilapollenites cf. psilatus			
			Abietinaepollenites sp.			
			Cicatricosisporites spp. (dorogensis?)			
			Contignisporites sp.			

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AASP 3-4		Palynology Chart		Supplemental Material							
Palynologist M. A. Lorente		ARLINGTON ARCHOSAUR SITE		Sampled by Ch. Noto							
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Section		Dinoflagellate Cysts									
Center Quarry_Combined 3 & 4											
Depth (cm)		Facies Association									
AAS 4-6	150	D	2	Miscellaneous dinoflagellates							
AAS 3-12	138	D	12	Florentinia cf. khaldunii							
AAS 4-5	131	D		Oligosphaeridium pulcherrimum							
AAS 3-11	127	B	22	6	2	4	1	2	2	3	Cyclonephelium compactum-Cyclonephelium membraniphorum
AAS 3-10	115	B	10	4							Ascodinium cf. acrophorum
AAS 4-4	110	B	3		1						Prolixosphaeridium parvispinum / Kiokansium williamsii
AAS 3-9	100	B	75	1							Cyclonephelium sp.
AAS 3-8	85	B	4	1	4			1	1		Oligosphaeridium complex
AAS 3-7	75	B	15	3	4						Oligosphaeridium poculum
AAS 4-3	55	B	7	3	7			4	1		Wallodinium luna
AAS 3-6	51	B	25	20	20	2			2		Odontochitina sp.
AAS 3-5	43	B	20	16	12						Pseudoceratium sp.
AAS 3-4	38	B	12	10	2	6					Isabelidinium? cf. globosa
AAS 3-3	31	A	8	12	2	2				1	Circulodinium sp.
AAS 4-2	15	A				1	10				Ovoidinium implanum
AAS 3-2	19	A	12	8	2	2				1	Epelidosphaeridia spinosa
AAS 3-1	3	A	4	4							Palaeoperidinium sp.
AAS 4-1	0	A	6	7	20	5	10	1	1	3	Chichaouadinium cf. vestitum
											Subtilisphaera deformans
											Kiokansium unituberculatum
											Florentinia? torulosa
											Dinoflagellates Diversity
											Dinoflagellates Abundance

Center Quarry_Combined 3 & 4		Acritarchs	
AAS 4-6	150	D	
AAS 3-12	138	D	
AAS 4-5	131	D	
AAS 3-11	127	B	
AAS 3-10	115	B	
AAS 4-4	110	B	
AAS 3-9	100	B	
AAS 3-8	85	B	
AAS 3-7	75	B	
AAS 4-3	55	B	
AAS 3-6	51	B	
AAS 3-5	43	B	
AAS 3-4	38	B	
AAS 3-3	31	A	
AAS 4-2	15	A	
AAS 3-2	19	A	
AAS 3-1	3	A	
AAS 4-1	0	A	
		Fromea amphora	
		Leiosphaeridia sp.	
		Acanthomorph acritarchs	
		Filisphaeridium cf. fimbriatum	
		Acritarch Diversity	
		Acritarch Abundance	

Section	Center Quarry_Combined 3 & 4															Other Palynomorphs
	Depth (cm)															
	Facies Association															
	Fungal remains -hyphae-															
	Fungal fruit bodies															
	Algae filaments															
	Algae remains (drop like)															
	Schizophacus laevigatus/ Ovoidites parvus															
	Schizophacus majusculus															
	Schizosporis reticulatus (large)															
	Schizosporis reticulatus															
	Botryococcus spp.															
	Pediastrum spp.															
	Terrestrial/Fresh water Diversity															
	Terrestrial/Fresh water Abundance															
AAS 4-6	155	D													4	45
AAS 3-12	138	D													4	49
AAS 4-5	131	D													6	62
AAS 3-11	127	B													7	5
AAS 3-10	115	B													19	74
AAS 4-4	110	B													3	94
AAS 3-9	100	B													4	92
AAS 3-8	85	B													2	21
AAS 3-7	75	B													1	3
AAS 4-3	55	B													0	0
AAS 3-6	51	B													2	22
AAS 3-5	43	B													2	2
AAS 3-4	38	B													4	7
AAS 3-3	31	A													2	15
AAS 4-2	15	A													1	2
AAS 3-2	19	A													4	4
AAS 3-1	3	A													3	26
AAS 4-1	0	A														

AASP 5		Palynology Chart		Supplemental Material	
		Palynologist: Maria Antonietta Lorente		ARLINGTON ARCHOSAUR SITE	
				Sampled by: Christopher Noto	
Stratigraphy	Lithostratigraphy	Section	Sample	Facies	Sporomorphs
	A Facies Association				
	Nyssapollenites albertensis (Nichols, 1994)				
	Cyclonephelium membraniphorum (Dodsworth and Eldrett, 2019)				
	late Cenomanian				
		AASP 5-1	Center Quarry		
		20	Estimated Depth (cm)		
		A	Lithofacies		
		107	Miscellaneous spores		
		18	Miscellaneous pollen		
		60	Cyathidites spp.		
		4	Appendicisporites matesovae		
		45	Bisaccate pollen (conifers)		
		9	Cicatricosisporites venustus		
		54	Cyathidites australis - Cyathidites major		
		6	Appendicisporites erdtmannii / Plicatella fu		
		24	Triplanosporites sinuosis		
		4	Abietinaepollenites sp.		
		7	Rugubivesiculites cf. rugosus		
		36	Taxodiaceapollenites sp.		
		3	Concavisporites rugulatus - Gleicheiidites s		
		1	Dichastopollenites dunveganensis		
		3	Stellatopollis largissimus		
		1	Tricolpites hians		
		1	Classopollis sp.		
		6	Sabalpollenites scabrus / Eucommiidites sp		
		1	Perforomonocolpes sp.		
		1	Pristinuspollenites microsaccus		
		20	Diversity		
		391	Sporomorphs Abundance		
		AASP	Center Quarry	Section	Algae
		20	Estimated Depth (cm)	Sample	
		A	Lithofacies	Facies	
		2	Schizophacus cf. majusculus		
		3	Pediastrum sp.		
		3	Zygnemataceae		
		3	Diversity		
		8	Abundance		

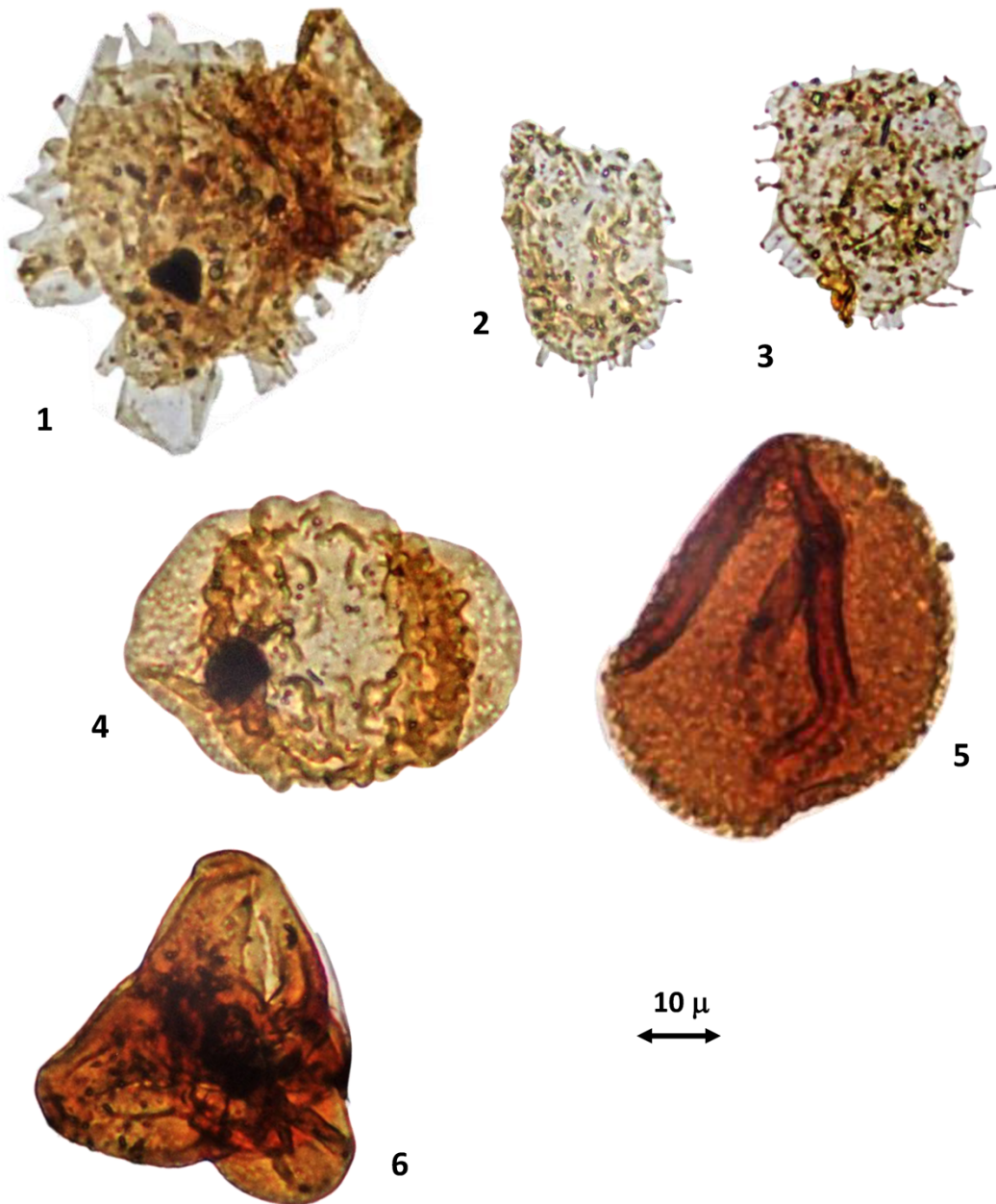
AASP 5		Palynology Chart		Supplemental Material	
Stratigraphy		Section	Sample	Dinoflagellate Cysts	Acritarchs
Woodbine Group	Lithostratigraphy	AASP 5-1	20 A	Center Quarry	
	A			Estimated Depth (cm)	
<i>Nyssapollenites albertensis</i> (Nichols, 1994)	Sporomorphs' Zonation			Lithofacies	
<i>Cyclonephelium membraniphorum</i> (Dodsworth and Eldrett, 2019)	Dinoflagellate Cyst Zonation			Miscellaneous dinoflagellates	
late Cenomanian	Age			Oligosphaeridium pulcherrimum	
				Cyclonephelium compactum-Cyclonephelium membraniphorum	
				Prolixosphaeridium parvispinum	
				Ovoidinium implanum	
				Epelidosphaeridia cf. spinosa	
				Diversity	
				Abundance	
				Leiosphaeridia sp.	
				Acanthomorph acritarchs	
				Diversity	
				Abundance	

Woodbine Group		Lithostratigraphy		Stratigraphy		AASP 6 - 7		Palynology Chart		Supplemental Material	
	A	B	Facies Association			Section	Sample	Palynologist	M A Lorente	ARLINGTON ARCHOSAUR SITE	Sampled by Christopher Noto
Nyssapollenites albertensis (Nichols, 1994)		Sporomorphs' Zonation									
Cyclonephelium membraniphorum (Dodsworth and Eldrett, 2019)		Dinoflagellate Cyst Zonation									
late Cenomanian		Age									
		Center Quarry		Estimated Depth (cm)						Sporomorphs	
	AASP 7-2		40	226	16	152	16	20	66	20	Miscellaneous spores
	AASP 6-1		15	140	34	44	8	20	42	24	Miscellaneous pollen
	AASP 7-1		10	112	14	76	6	6	32	44	Cyathidites spp.
											Appendicisporites matesovae
											Aquilapollenites psilatus
											Bisaccate pollen (conifers)
											Cicatricosisporites venustus
											Cyathidites australis
											Cycadopites sp. / Ginkgocycadophytus sp.
											Appendicisporites erdtmannii
											Triplanosporites sinuosis
											Cicatricosisporites spp. (dorogensis?)
											Rugubivesiculites cf. rugosus
											Taxodiaceapollenites sp.
											Gleicheiidites senonicus
											"Perfomonocolpites" sp.
											Dichastopollenites dunveganensis
											Stellatopollis largissimus
											Triplanosporites sp.
											Ephedripites sp.
											Camarozonosporites sp.
											Tricolpites hians
											Ischyosporites crateris
											Abietinaepollenites sp.
											Classopollis sp.
											Perfotricolpites spp.
											Pristinuspollenites microsaccus
											Zlivisporis cenomanianus / Hymenozonites
											Rugubivesiculites rugosus
											Camarozonosporites rudis
											Sporomorph Diversity
											Sporomorphs Abundance

AASP 6 - 7		Palynology Chart (2)		Supplemental Material		Sampled by Christopher Noto	
Stratigraphy		Section	Sample	Dinoflagellate Cysts		Acritarch	
Woodbine Group	Lithostratigraphy						
	A B Facies Association						
Nyssapollenites albertensis (Nichols, 1994)	Sporomorphs' Zonation						
Cyclonephelium membraniphorum (Dodsworth and Eldrett, 2019)	Dinoflagellate Cyst Zonation						
late Cenomanian	Age						
	Center Quarry						
	Estimated Depth (cm)						
				Miscellaneous Dinoflagellates			
				Florentinia cf. khaldunii			
				Oligosphaeridium pulcherrimum			
				Cauveridinium membraniphorum (Ccm ple			
				Kiokansium williamsii			
				Epelidosphaeridia cf. spinosa			
				DIVERSITY			
				ABUNDANCE			
				Leiosphaeridia sp.			
				DIVERSITY			
				ABUNDANCE			
	Center Quarry						
	Estimated Depth (cm)						
				Fungal remains -hyphae-			
				Algae filaments / remains			
				Schizophacus laevigatus/ Ovoidites parvus			
				Schizophacus cf. majusculus			
				Schizosporis reticulatus (megaspore)			
				Pediastrum			
				Zygnemataceae			
				DIVERSITY			
				ABUNDANCE			

SUPPLEMENT 3: Palynology Specimen Plate

PLATE



1. *Cyclonephelium compactum* (Deflandre and Cookson, 1955) Fensome et al., 2019 – *C. membraniphorum* Cookson and Eisenack, 1962. Ccm morphological plexus, ventral view. Sample AASP 5-1. Focus stacked image*.
2. *Kiokansium williamsii* Singh, 1983. Sample AASP 3-11. Focus stacked image*.
3. *Kiokansium unituberculatum* (Cookson and Eisenack, 1962) Duxbury, 1983. Sample AASP 3-10. Focus stacked image*.
4. *Rugubivesiculites rugosus* Pierce, 1961. Sample AASP 3-10. Focus stacked image*.
5. *Pilosisorites ericius* Delcourt, 1955. Sample AASP 4-3. Focus stacked image*.
6. *Cupuliferoidaepollenites microscabratus* Kovalch and Ditcher, 1985. AASP AAS 3-10 (tetrad). Focus stacked image*.

*The image has been digitally processed, combining multiple images at different focal distances (stacking).

Supplement 4: Palynology Interpretation

1. Palynomorphs as sedimentary particles at the AAS

The palynomorph assemblage of any sedimentary succession commonly has three main components: in situ palynomorphs, redeposited contemporaneous palynomorphs, and reworked palynomorphs from older sediments. Paleoenvironmental interpretation based on palynological results is made by examining the different palynomorph group tendencies in abundance and diversity throughout the section rather than relying on isolated samples.

Assuming normal depositional conditions and no significant reworking of older sediments, to determine which components of the assemblage are in situ, hence represent a "true" environmental signal, and which elements are transported representing the signal from the greater drainage basin, the AAS section must be analyzed from a "source to sink" point of view (Figure 8 in paper's main text). The source and transfer areas are all areas topographically above base level, where there is a balance between deposition and erosion (Catuneanu, 2006). The base-level surface is typically either the water table (continental-terrestrial) or the ocean surface (marine).

Palynomorphs behave like sediment particles when transported by water and wind, with the caveat that organic matter has a lower density (OM: 1.1-1.25-1.4 g/cm³, Muller 1959) than minerals (Qz: 2.65 g/cm³, Mindata, n. d.) The fluvial systems and wind currents typically transport the palynological elements produced upstream (source and transfer zones) into the sink area. Pollen produced in the basinal (sink) areas, e.g., lakes, inter-distributary bays, lagoons, and seas, are considered in situ. Moving from

down-dip depositional paleoenvironments into more up-dip positions may imply either removal and redeposition by "high" energy events, e.g., storms, storm surges, flooding of lowland areas by tsunami, or true or apparent marine transgression.

A model for interpreting the palynological associations found in different depositional paleoenvironments of the AAS site is shown in Figure 7 (main text). The diagram illustrates how palynomorphs were dispersed across the topographic profile, from source to sink, i.e., hinterland to the shallow marine shelf or open marine basin. The model in Figure 7 (main text) shows the images of palynomorphs found at the AAS site.

Purely terrestrial paleoenvironments include upland areas (mountains and hills, hinterland), river channels, floodplains (including levees, crevasse splays, oxbow lakes, ponds, and small lakes), and the lower gradient areas along coastal plain or delta plain lowlands. Transitional systems are generally found within the low-gradient coastal plain, including flood basins, the lower delta plain, coastal marshes, beaches, dunes, tidal, lagoons, bays and interdistributary bays. These paleoenvironments all may record marine influence. Tides and waves can play a considerable role during deposition in bays, tidal marshes, barrier islands, tidal channels, tidal inlets, etc.

In terrestrial environments, the assemblage is assumed to contain in situ sporomorphs and other freshwater palynomorphs. Deposits would also likely contain some grains transported by wind and water from uplands. Groot (1966) suggests that the regional vegetation of the area drained by a river system has a greater impact on the pollen spectra than the local plant communities. Very few samples in the AAS sections represent exclusively terrestrial paleoenvironments since most assemblages bear marine palynomorphs.

In tidal flats and other coastal tidally influenced environments such as brackish water marshes, lagoons, estuaries, river mouths, deltas, the lower delta plain, etc., the assemblage would be dominated by transported "contemporaneous" terrestrial sporomorphs from uplands, and in lower proportions a local "at the foot of the tree" assemblage represented by a few species with highly abundant specimens. Hardy and Wrenn (2009), in a study on palynomorph associations in the modern tropical Mahakam delta, found that tidally-influenced sub-environments maintain consistent levels of pollen, embryophyte spores, and fungal spores. The AAS site (Figures 1 to 4, main text) includes some levels that might be tidally influenced, such as Facies Association (FA) A, the lower part of Facies Association (FA) B and Facies Association (FA) D, based on the presence of *Classopollis* sp. (extinct Cheirolepidiaceae family, inhabitant of arid coastal salt marshes) and/or Taxodiaceae pollen and the presence of a few euryhaline dinoflagellate cyst types. From an abundance-of-specimens point of view, these assemblages are dominated by terrestrial palynomorphs.

Signals observed in the palynomorph assemblage are from at least three parts of the source and transit areas of the source-to-sink system. They are evident in the assemblage as follows:

- Pollen in Facies Association (FA) A and B indicate sedimentation in transitional terrestrial to marine environments, with vegetation signals from the alluvial and coastal plain, with wetlands and swamp forest vegetation, with indications of brackish to tidal influence, especially in the upper part of Facies Association (FA) A and the middle and lower part of Facies Association (FA) B. The presence of a

moderately rich dinoflagellate cysts assemblage indicate that the sink area was most probably proximal shallow marine.

- Pollen in Facies Association (FA) D is consistent with deposition in tidally influenced areas based on the presence of *Classopollis* spp. (Cheirolepidiaceae family). In Facies Association (FA) D, the presence of pollen from Cycadophyta, a plant associated with beetle pollination with very limited pollen dispersion, may indicate sedimentation in or near widespread tropical lowland swamp areas.

In nearshore paleoenvironments, the assemblage may have a transported, variable, abundant terrestrial sporomorph assemblage mixed with dinoflagellate cyst species that indicate salinity variations, including reduced salinities. Hardy and Wrenn (2009) found that in marine nearshore and shelf environments, the amount of marine palynomorphs (zooplankton and phytoplankton) increases gradually towards offshore, while conversely, the percentage of sporomorphs decreases. On the other hand, relatively big ornate spores may be present, as well as saccate pollen grains transported from the uplands. The abundance of megaspores is an indicator of proximity to active terrestrial sources, being abundant in fluvial, marsh, lagoonal, and proximal marine environments, with abundance decreasing with the distance to the parent plant (e.g., Winslow, 1962; Speelman & Hills, 1980; Streel & Bless, 1980). The AAS sections show the presence of spores from floating freshwater ferns and angiosperm pollen in assemblages dominated by pteridophytes and conifers mixed with a dinoflagellate cyst assemblage moderately rich in species. The dinoflagellate cysts are the only elements considered in situ, representing paleoenvironments in the sink area, while the rest of the assemblage

represents the signal from upland vegetation. These assemblages are common in Facies Association (FA) A and the lower part of Facies Association (FA) B.

In the outer neritic and open marine environments, the number of dinoflagellate cysts and other phytoplankton should increase in diversity and abundance and include smaller size transported sporomorphs and saccate pollen related to sorting during transport. Stanley (1965) suggests a noticeable increase in pollen and spores as one moves from a few to over 100 kilometers away from the shoreline into open water. Williams and Sarjeant (1967) note that dinoflagellate cysts rely on specific marine conditions such as temperature, turbidity, and light, as well as the circulation of marine currents. Furthermore, marine currents mix dinoflagellate cysts and acritarchs that are "in situ" with continental-derived biotic assemblages. In the AAS section, a few rich dinoflagellate cyst assemblages are mixed with bisaccate spores and smaller angiosperm grains, suggesting the presence of shallow marine paleoenvironments in some parts of the section, such as in the upper part of Facies Association (FA) B.

Towards the distal deltaic, shelf, and offshore environments, the assemblages should be dominated by dinoflagellate cysts, saccate pollen, and very small sporomorphs transported by different marine currents. Assemblages suggestive of this outer neritic and open marine environment were not observed in the AAS section.

2. Paleoecological implications of dinoflagellate cysts

According to Harris and Tocher (2003), in the assemblages from the Western Interior Sea, it is possible, using cluster analysis, to differentiate three paleoecological groups of dinoflagellate cysts based on their tolerance of salinity variations:

- Euryhaline, tolerating or perhaps preferring lowered salinities. Some species in this group are, among others, *Cyclonephelium brevispinatum* (now *Tenua hystrix*), *Cyclonephelium*(now *Aptea*?) *vannophorum*, and *Oligosphaeridium pulcherrimum*.
- Stenohaline, preferring normal marine salinities. Species that cluster together per Harris and Tocher (2003) are, among others, *Oligosphaeridium totum* and *Spiniferites ramosus reticulatus*.
- Offshore, only tolerant of stenohaline conditions. Species in these clusters include *Cyclonephelium membraniphorum*, among others.
- Most of the species found in the AAS support euryhaline conditions, with tolerance to lowered salinity conditions (Table 1).

Paleoecology Salinity	Euryhaline	Stenohaline	Offshore
<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Kiokasium williamsii</i> (Gonyaulacaceae).		
<i>Abundant, but not restricted</i>	<i>Florentinia</i> spp. (Gonyaulacaceae— Cribroperidinioideae).		<i>Cyclonephelium membraniphorum</i> (Gonyaulacaceae— Areoligeraceae).
	<i>Cyclonephelium</i> (now <i>Aptea</i> ?) <i>vannophorum</i> (Gonyaulacaceae— Areoligeraceae).		
	<i>Oligosphaeridium pulcherrimum</i> (Gonyaulacaceae— Leptodinioideae).		
	<i>Oligosphaeridium</i> spp. (Gonyaulacaceae— Leptodinioideae).		

Table 1. Paleoecological implications of dinoflagellate cysts. Salinity tolerance of dinoflagellate cysts found at the Arlington Archosaur Site, based on Harris and Tocher (2003).

3. Refinement of Woodbine Gr Age based on dinoflagellate cysts

At the AAS, there is an apparent top occurrence of *Cyclonephelium compactum* – membraniphorum (Ccm Plexus). The Ccm Plexus has a continuous presence through the AAS section with a major abundance pick >11% (Figure 1) at the base of FA-A, with several smaller picks ($\geq 6\%$) at the base and top of FA-B. We interpret this to indicate the onset of a Boreal water incursion consistent with the PCE.

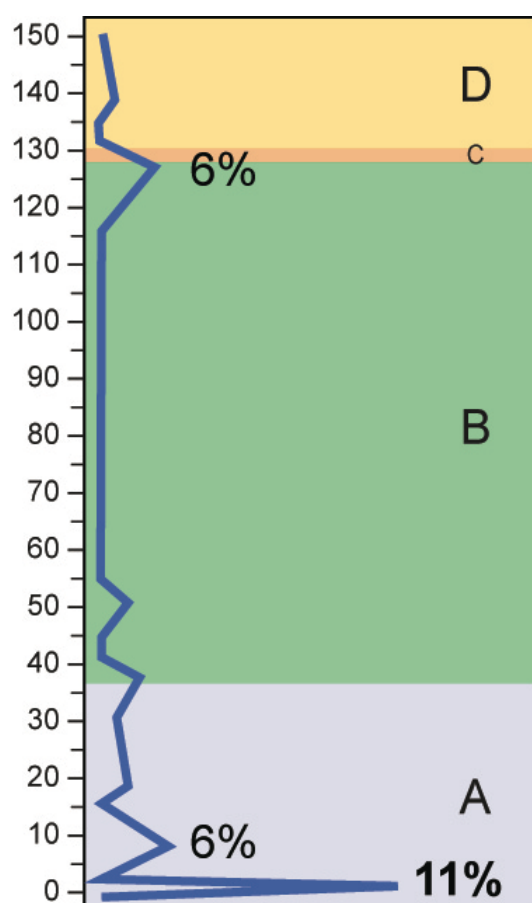


Figure 1 Abundance of the Ccm plexus along the AAS section, with raw counts (line) and percent of sample (numbers at peaks). Facies associations follow those described in Figures 3 and 4 of main text. Note no samples were collected from FA-C.

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