

Jahrestagung und Exkursion in Pavlov, Tschechien

20.-22. Mai 2004

Paläoböden in Südmähren

Stratigraphical age	Soil and locality
Late Würmian	H ₁ and H ₂ weak humic soils (Sülysáp/Hungary)
Middle Würmian interstadial(s)	Stillfried B (Stillfried/Austria) PK I (Dolní Věstonice/CR) MF ₁ (Mende and Basahárc/Hungary), Bohunice soil? (CR)
Early Würmian interstadials	Stillfried A upper part. Paudorf Soil (PA II, GÖ I. upper part) 'Wurmöhrenlöß' Wels/Austria; MF ₂ upper part (Mende and Basahárc/Hungary) PK II and PK III upper part (Dolní Věstonice/CR)
Last interglacial	Stillfried A (lower part) Paudorf Soil (PA II, GÖ I. lower part) 1st fBt (para-brown earth, Wels) MF ₂ lower part (Basahárc, Páks, Mende/Hungary) PK III lower part (Dolní Věstonice/CR)
Penultimate interglacial	Lower Paudorf Soil (PA I) BD pedocomplex (Basahárc. Mende. Páks/Hungary)
Older interglacials	Göttweig Soil (GÖ II. type locality at Göttweig/Austria) BA paleosol. Hungary MB pedocomplex. Hungary

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20.6.04: Anreise, Geschäftssitzung des AKPP, kurze Einführung (Hotel Iris)

21.6.04: Thaya-Tal bei Znojmo, Brno (Roter Hügel u.a.), Paläoböden vom Holozän bis ins Ältestpleistozän und Pliozän:

- Valtrovice, Alluvialebene der Thaja
- Znojmo (Znaim), aufgelassene Ziegeleigrube
- Znojmo, Alte Holzfabrik
- Brno (Brünn), Červený kopec (Roter Hügel)

Gemeinsames Abendessen Weinstube Aurelius, Pavlov

22.6.04: Alte Ziegelei Dolní Věstonice (Unter-Wisternitz), Standardprofil
Zyklen A und B
Museum Dolní Věstonice
Rückfahrt

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Mineralogy and geochemistry of loesses in southern Moravia

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Abstract. Attention is paid to mineralogy and geochemistry of loesses at selected localities in southern Moravia (Czech Republic). Evaluation of samples taken from stratigraphically fixed horizons allowed to compare loess covers of different ages, to draw some conclusions concerning source areas of loess, wind direction and character of weathering. Results in the studies and evaluation of "hardening degrees" some conclusions about the degree on palaeoclimatic conditions during loess sedimentation, in particular with regard to rainfall glaciations of North European lowland.

Abstract. Práce se zabývá mineralogií a geochemií spůsů na vybraných lokalitách jižní Moravy (Česká republika). Vyhodnocení vzorků, odebraných ze stratigraficky pevně stanovených horizontů, umožnilo porovnat loessové pokrývky různých věků a odvodit závěry o zdrojích loessů, směru větrání a charakteru zvětrávání. Studium a hodnocení "stuhlostních stupňů" některých loessů umožňuje určit podmínky palaeoklimatické situace během sedimentace loessů, zejména ve vztahu k záležením severoevropské nížiny.

Key words: Quaternary, loess, mineral composition, chemical composition, geochemical profiles, eolian sedimentation, palaeoclimate, Quaternary of Moravia basin

Introduction

The paper presents the results of mineralogical and geochemical study of loesses in the extraglacial area of southern Moravia and is linked to the geochemical study of loesses carried out in 1995–1996 (Adamovič and Haviček 1997). The area studied is situated in the southern foreland of North European inland glaciations, which penetrated through the Moravian Gate to the main European watershed.

The study area involves the territory of southern Moravia with the cities of Znojmo, Brno and Břeclav and is characterized by stratigraphically and palaeogeographically significant aeolian sediments, frequently overlying river terraces. In the loess series, numerous palaeosols, representing significant stratigraphic markers and palaeoclimatic indicators are developed. While most papers treated stratigraphical problems, little attention was paid to the geochemistry of aeolian sediments. Now, the geochemical investigation has brought some data which not only complement the data hitherto acquired (transport direction of aeolian sediments, distance of source areas, etc.) but provide new data on the palaeoclimate of the Pleistocene period and data permitting comparison of loess accumulations in Moravia with those in other areas.

Methodology

The samples for geochemical study were taken from the localities of Brno-Červený kopec (CK), Bořetice (BOR), Sedlec u Mikulova (SM), Pavlov (PA V), Dolní Věstonice (DV), Znojmo (ZNO) and Sedlešovice (SED). Geological

situation and stratigraphy were taken from papers by Haviček et al. (1994), Haviček and Týrčák (1996) and Adamová et al. (1997). The stratigraphic position of loess samples is based on their relation to dated soil complexes (PK in the text below, Ložek 1973, Šmolíková in Němeček et al. 1990). As for magnetostratigraphy, most loess sequences were dated to the Brunhes Epoch. The Brunhes-Matuyama boundary (0.78 Ma) was established in strata underlying soil complex PK X (Brno-Červený kopec). Spot samples (300–700 g) were taken for the study of chemical composition. All analyses were carried out in the laboratories of the Czech Geological Survey in Prague. These included complete silicate analyses, determination of

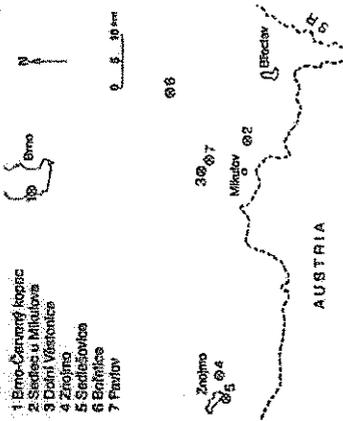


Fig. 1. A sketch of selected loess occurrences in southern Moravia, subjected to mineralogical and geochemical study.

- 1 Brno-Červený kopec
- 2 Sedlec u Mikulova
- 3 Dolní Věstonice
- 4 Znojmo
- 5 Sedlešovice
- 6 Bořetice
- 7 Pavlov

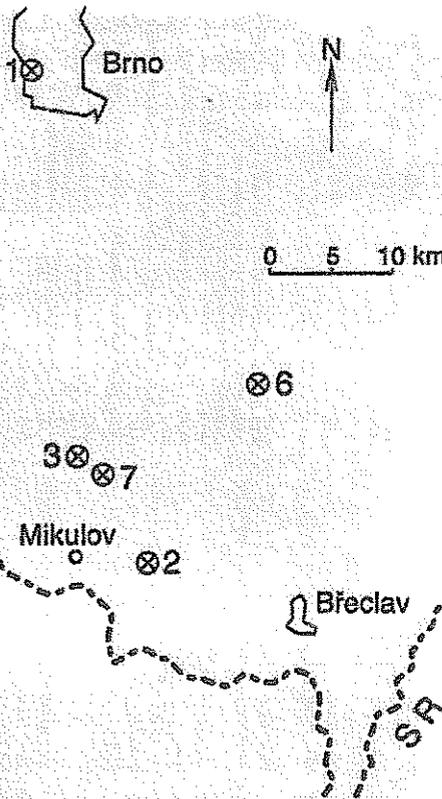


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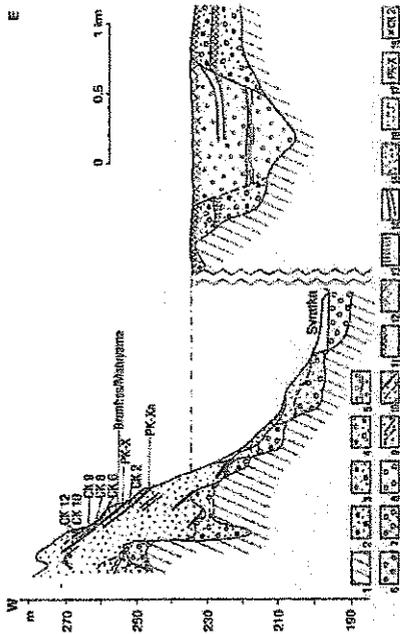


Fig. 2. Meafinal scheme showing the Quaternary deposits at Brno-Carvený kopce (left hill) in relation to the "Younger gravel sheet" (after Zeman 1979, 1982). 1 - pre-Quaternary rocks; 2 - fluvial terrace with the base at 70 m; 3 - older sand and gravel sheet; 4 - younger sand and gravel sheet (Tuhý terrace); 5 - fluvial sand and gravel deposited after the Brno-Morava river course; 6 - fluvial sand and gravel (Middle Pleistocene, Mikulov); 7 - dated Middle terrace (Middle Pleistocene, Řeč); 8 - fluvial gravel and sand (Upper Pleistocene); 9 - loess fans and paleosols developed before the Jaramilla Event; 10 - loess and fossil soils, providing the Jaramilla Event; 11 - terrace; 12 - well-developed forest; 13 - semi-terrestrial paleosol; 14 - well-developed semi-terrestrial forest soils; 15 - cultural sediments; 16 - coprolites; 17 - pedocomplexes; 18 - micromorphological and chemical analyses

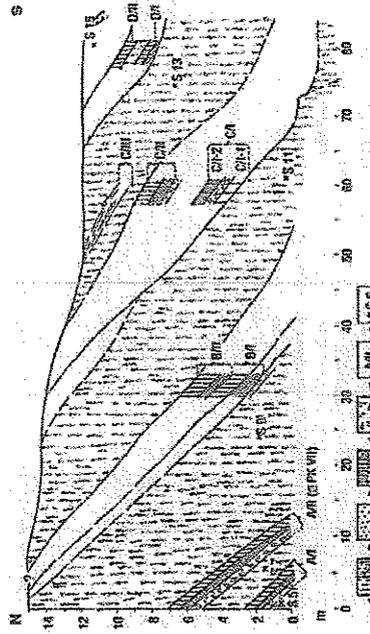


Fig. 3a. Sedice near Mikulov. Loess sequence in a north-south-trending cut in a vineyard NE of Sedice. 1 - loess, in places redeposited; 2 - youngest loess; 3 - fossil soil horizons A and B; 4 - carbonate horizons; 5 - pedocomplexes in sections A and B; 6 - micromorphological and chemical analyses

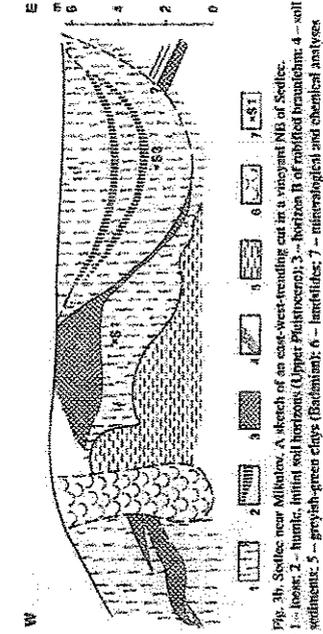


Fig. 3b. Sedice near Mikulov. A sketch of an east-west-trending cut in a vineyard NB of Sedice. 1 - loess; 2 - humic, initial soil horizons (Upper Pleistocene); 3 - horizon B of reworked braunshum; 4 - soil sediments; 5 - greyish-green clays (Bachant); 6 - lamellae; 7 - micromorphological and chemical analyses

sample 3 (CK 8) ochreous brown to beige loess sample taken close below PK IX
 sample 4 (CK 9) ochreous brown loess with abundant quartz detritus and abundant microfossils fauna sample taken 2 m above PK IX
 sample 5 (CK 10) light ochreous brown strongly calcareous loess
 sample taken from the bed directly underlying PK VIII
 sample 6 (CK 12) ochreous brown mic loess sample taken above PK VIII
Locality Sedice near Mikulov (SM - see Fig. 3a, b)
 sample 7 (S 1) ochreous brown, probably secondarily decalcified loess
 sample taken below PK VII
 sample 8 (S 3) ochreous brown decalcified loess Upper Pleistocene
 sample 9 (S 5) ochreous brown loess with big nodules sample taken below PK VII - Middle Pleistocene
 sample 10 (S 7) light brown loess with nodules sample taken below PK VII
 sample 11 (S 9) light brown, strongly micaceous loess sample taken above PK VII
 sample 12 (S 11) light brown, probably secondarily decalcified loess
Middle Pleistocene
 sample 13 (S 13) light brown decalcified loess Middle Pleistocene
 sample 14 (S 15) light brown to brown-ochreous loess with small nodules
Localities Dráň Věstonice (DV - see Fig. 4a, b - loam pit, section "Calendar of Ages")
 sample 15 (V 1) light brown, decalcified loess (carbonate content 0.86% only - mainly dolomite)
 sample taken from parbrownearth in PK III
 sample 16 (V 3) light brown, weakly calcified to decalcified loess (1% dolomite)
 sample taken below the cultural layer of Pavlovian - below PK I
 sample 17 (V 5) light brown to beige loess sample taken above the cultural layer of Pavlovian - above PK I
 sample 18 (V 6) whitish beige calcareous loess sample taken above PK I
 sample 19 (V 7) light brown loess sample taken below PK III
 sample 20 (V 8) light brown to beige loess with whitish spots sample taken below PK III (Middle Pleistocene)
 sample 21 (V 9) light brown to beige loess sample taken below the Chermozem paleosol displaced by solifluction
 sample 22 (V 10) light brown to beige loess, in places with calcareous coatings

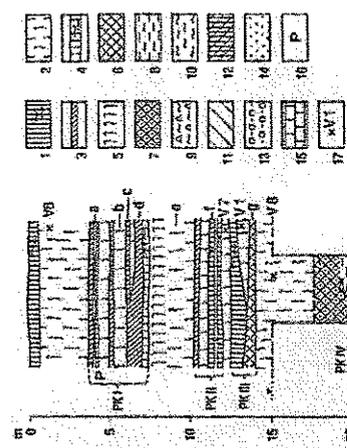


Fig. 4a. Dřáň Věstonice, abandoned brickyard, main wall with "Calendar of Ages". 1 - A-horizon of humic soil; 2 - loess; 3 - initial fossil soils; 4 - Chernozem; 5 - solifluction loess; 6 - B-horizon of parbrownearth; 7 - ph-horizon of soil; 8 - soil sediments; 9 - slope (colluvial) sediments; 10 - clay-dominated slope sediments; 11 - soil sediment with laminae fragments; 12 - brown soil horizon/AB; 13 - fluvial sand and gravel (40 m terrace of the Dyje River); 14 - fluvial sand; 15 - pre-Quaternary basement; 16 - Palaeolithic artifacts; 17 - micromorphological and chemical analyses

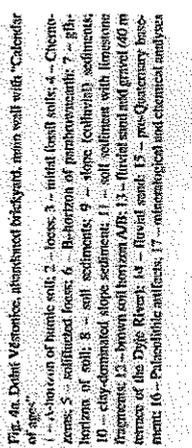


Fig. 4b. Dřáň Věstonice, abandoned brickyard, opposite wall (see Fig. 4a).

sample taken above the Chernozem of PK II, strongly affected by solifluction
Locality Znojmo (ZNO - see Fig. 5)
 sample 24 (ZN 1) ochreous brown, strongly calcareous loess
 sample taken below PK IV (Middle Pleistocene)

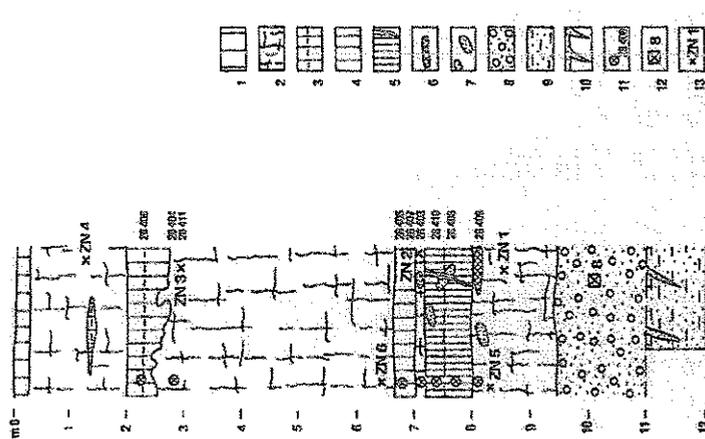


Fig. 5. Znojmo, abandoned brickyard near the crossroads of Znojmo-Březno and Vranov nad Dyjí. 1 - Chernozem of Hólcovec; 2 - loess; 3 - initial soils; 4 - palaeosol; 5 - palaeosol with infiltrations; 6 - Chernozem; 7 - mole-chambers; 8 - younger sand and gravel; 9 - sandy clays; 10 - infiltrations; 11 - samples for micromorphological study; 12 - analyses of their sections; 13 - analyses of laboratory of soil mineralogy and chemical analyses.

- sample 25 (Z.N. 2) ochreous brown, strongly calcareous loess with white coating
- sample taken above PK IV
- sample 26 (Z.N. 3) ochreous brown, disintegrated, strongly calcareous loess
- sample taken below the youngest loess
- sample 27 (Z.N. 4) light brown loess
- sample taken below the youngest loess (PK I)
- sample 28 (Z.N. 5) ochreous brown, disintegrated sandy loess
- sample taken below PK IV (Middle Pleistocene)
- sample 29 (Z.N. 6) brown calcareous loess
- sample taken above two A-horizons, over PK IV

Locality Sedletkovice (SED - see Fig. 6)

- sample 30 (SE 2) ochreous brown loess
 - Upper Pleistocene
 - sample 31 (SE 1) ochreous brown, weakly calcareous loess
 - Middle Pleistocene
- Locality Borčovice (BOR - see Fig. 7)
- sample 32 (B. 2) light yellow ochreous loess
 - sample taken below the oldest palaeosol PK VII
 - sample 33 (B. 3) light brown to beige loess (finer in comparison with sample 32)
 - sample taken above PK IV (Middle Pleistocene)
 - sample 34 (B. 4) light brown loess
 - Upper Pleistocene

Locality Pavlov (PAV - see Fig. 8)

- sample 35 (P. 1) yellowish brown, strongly calcareous sandy loess
- sample taken below the palaeosol, Upper Pleistocene
- sample 36 (P. 2) greyish brown loess
- sample taken above the palaeosol, Upper Pleistocene

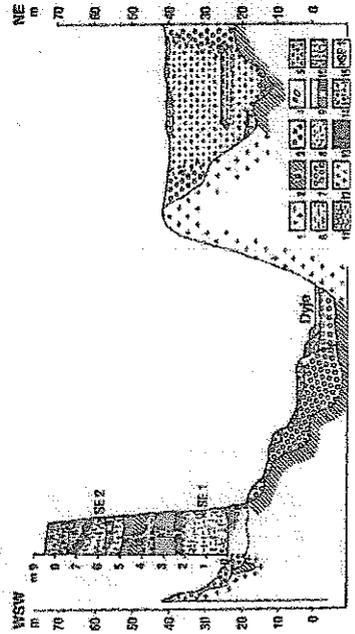


Fig. 6. Sedletkovice, loess cut behind garages (after Šnefňková and Zeman 1982). 1 - graveliferous; 2 - clays (Mingone); 3 - younger sand and gravel sheet (Lower Pleistocene); 4 - blocks of rocks; 5 - coarse-grained fluvial sand and gravel; 6 - fluvio-lacustrine clay and silt; 7 - heavy sandy gravel; 8 - colluvial sediments; 9 - self-sediment and subfossiliferous; 10 - loess; 11 - sands and gravels mixed with anthropogenic material; 12 - loess; 13 - forest; 14 - carbonate horizons; 15 - mineralogical and chemical analyses.

Mineral composition of loesses

Generally higher contents of carbonates, attaining the values of 16 to 40%, were found in loesses from the surroundings of the cities of Znojmo and Pavlov (Table 1). The presence of dolomite in the carbonate admixture is characteristic for the loess from Znojmo, for some samples from DV (samples 19 and 21) and BOR (in particular sample 32 loess < PK VII). Dolomite is practically absent from the carbonate component of Pavlov loesses. Minimum contents of dolomites were established in loesses of SM and SED. Higher amount of plagioclases was found in loesses from DV (samples 16, 17, 19 and 22), SM (samples 12 and 13) and ZNO (samples 27 and 29). K-feldspar is almost absent from loesses from PAV and ZNO or present only in traces. Kaolinite in small amount was established in loesses from DV (samples 18 and 19) and, in small to medium amounts, in loesses from PAV. Smectite generally appears in small or trace amounts only. The relatively highest content of smectite has been found in loesses from SM (samples 7, 8, 9, 12), SED (except sample 31) and PAV (samples 35 and 36). The lowest contents were found in loesses from CK (except sample 6), DV (except samples 18 and 19) and ZNO (except samples 24 and 25). The contents of mica minerals are generally small, exceptionally medium (this concerns mostly young, Upper Pleistocene loesses - samples 16, 22, 27 and 34). Fyisch sediments or even Karpathian rocks can be considered the source rocks of illite.

The presence of haematite was established in loesses from CK, DV, BOR and in older loesses from SM. Besides haematite, goethite is also present (Přechten et al. 1999, Wen et al. 1997). Anatase was found only in loesses from ZNO, PAV and DV (samples 19, 20, 21, 22). Amphibole is present in loesses from PAV, ZNO, DV and CK (except sample 1). The mineral composition of heavy fraction was determined in two samples from DV (samples 20 and 21) and four samples from ZNO (samples 26-29). Loesses from the two

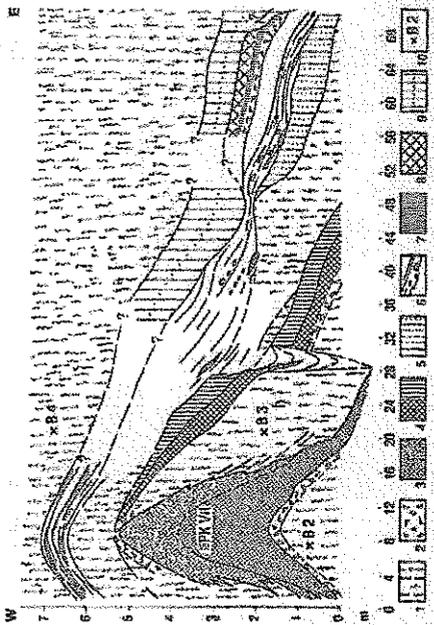


Fig. 7. Borčovice, reclamation cut on a field. 1 - loess; 2 - carbonate rocks; 3 - soil horizon of heavy brownish; 4 - soil horizons affected by infiltrations; 5 - clays and fragments of molasses reduplicated by soilification; 6 - humic soil sediments; 7 - reddish-brown soil horizons; 8 - humic soil horizon; 9 - mineralogical and chemical analyses.

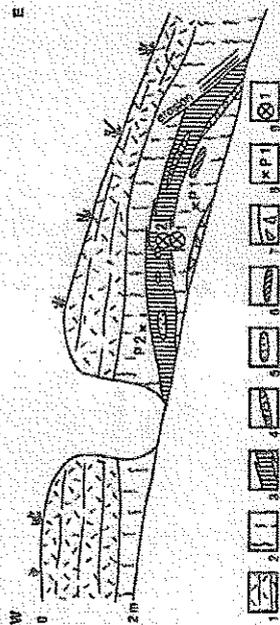


Fig. 8. Pavlov, road cut, direction to Klobouky. 1 - colluvio-tilt sediments and loess with debris of Jurassic carbonate rocks; 2 - loess; 3 - Chernozems; 4 - talus; 5 - mole-chambers filled with loess; 6 - mole-chambers filled with Chernozem; 7 - colluvial stony-loamy sediments; 8 - mineralogical and chemical analyses; 9 - micromorphological determination of palaeosols.

localities differ in particular in higher proportion of magnetite and titanite in the Znojmo samples. The Znojmo loesses (samples 26-29) contain chlorite and, with the exception of sample 26, no K-feldspar was found. No K-feldspar is present in the loesses from DV, nevertheless, chlorite is present in very low amounts or only in traces (Tab. 2).

Geochemical characteristics of loesses

Besides mineralogical studies, the attention was also given to the bulk chemical compositions of the loesses studied. The results of chemical analyses are given in

Table 1. Mineral composition of loesses.

Sample No.	Locality	Code	Quartz %	Plagioclase	Feldspar	Mica	Smectite	Chlorite	Kaolinite	Carbonates	Calcite	Polonium	Hornblende	Amphibole	Andalusite
1	Břeno-Cerv. kopce	CK 2	55-50	-10						5.1					
2	Břeno-Cerv. kopce	CK 6	45-48	11-12					10						
3	Břeno-Cerv. kopce	CK 8	39-41	-10					19.1						
4	Břeno-Cerv. kopce	CK 9	48-50	12-14					13.2						
5	Břeno-Cerv. kopce	CK 10	-10						25.0						
6	Břeno-Cerv. kopce	CK 12	47-45	12-15					9.3						
7	Sedlice u Mikulova	S 1	45-47	10-11					0.2						
8	Sedlice u Mikulova	S 2	57-55	12-14					0.2						
9	Sedlice u Mikulova	S 3	51-53	10-11											
10	Sedlice u Mikulova	S 7	42-44	10-11					15.1						
11	Sedlice u Mikulova	S 9	-35	-10					24.5						
12	Sedlice u Mikulova	S 11	46-50	13-15					0.4						
13	Sedlice u Mikulova	S 13	40-42	12-13					10.9						
14	Sedlice u Mikulova	S 15	41-43	12-13					11.1						
15	Dolní Věstonice	V 1	-60	12-14					0.0						
16	Dolní Věstonice	V 3	50	15-17					1						
17	Dolní Věstonice	V 5	50-52	15-17					8.9						
18	Dolní Věstonice	V 7	42-44	12-13					18.1						
19	Dolní Věstonice	V 8	44-47	11-13					8.8						
20	Dolní Věstonice	V 9	50-53	12-14					14.8						
21	Dolní Věstonice	V 10	45-47	11-13					15.5						
22	Dolní Věstonice	V 11	45-47	13-15					10.9						
23	Znojenský biskupský dvůr	ZN 1	28-30	8-9					32.8						
24	Znojenský biskupský dvůr	ZN 2	24-27	10-11					26.1						
25	Znojenský biskupský dvůr	ZN 3	30-33	12-13					20.5						
26	Znojenský biskupský dvůr	ZN 4	31-33	12-13					11.1						
27	Znojenský biskupský dvůr	ZN 5	24-26	10-12					18.2						
28	Znojenský biskupský dvůr	ZN 6	30-33	12-13					16.2						
29	Znojenský biskupský dvůr	ZN 7	25-28	7-8					9.5						
30	Sedlčany	SE 2	35-36	12-13					15.2						
31	Sedlčany	SE 1	50-52	12-14					1.4						
32	Břetice	B 2	43-47	9-10					13						
33	Břetice	B 3	48-50	12-13					10.2						
34	Břetice	B 4	48-50	11-12					13.2						
35	Pavlov	P 1	25-28	7-8					40.3						
36	Probyš	P 2	36-38	10-11					16.3						

Table 3 and their diagrammatic interpretation in Figs 9-13. As indicated by the contents of CaO, MgO, Al₂O₃ and the proportions CaO/Al₂O₃ vs. MgO/Al₂O₃ (Fig. 9), loesses from ZNO, BOR and partly from DV have a relatively high content of dolomite in their carbonate admixture. Loesses from CK and SM show lower dolomite contents, the carbonates in loesses from PAV are represented only by calcite. A distinctive difference in the contents and composition of carbonate admixture can be observed even in the Upper Pleistocene loesses. The loesses from SM (sample 8) and DV (sample 15) are probably secondarily decalcified; in con-

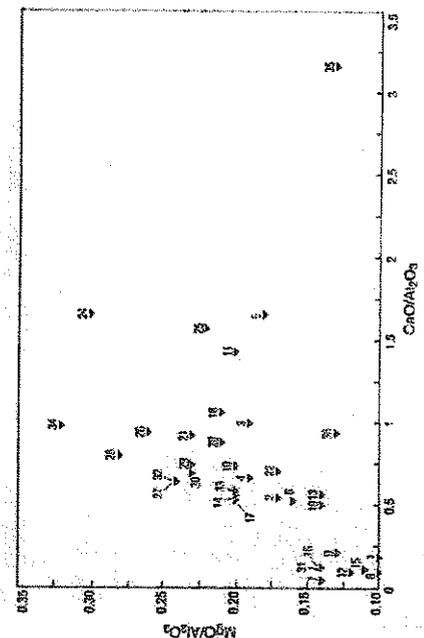


Fig. 9. CaO/Al₂O₃ vs. MgO/Al₂O₃ diagram.

Table 2. Mineral composition of the heavy fraction of selected loesses.

Sample No.	Locality	Code	Magnetite	Hornblende	Mica	Chlorite	Zeilite	Code	Zeolite	Chlorite	Mica	Hornblende	Amphibole	Magnetite	Amphibole	Illite	Amphibole
20	Dolní Věstonice	V 8						V 8									
21	Dolní Věstonice	V 9						V 9									
26	Znojenský biskupský dvůr	ZN 3						ZN 3									
27	Znojenský biskupský dvůr	ZN 4						ZN 4									
28	Znojenský biskupský dvůr	ZN 5						ZN 5									
29	Znojenský biskupský dvůr	ZN 6						ZN 6									

tr - traces; (+) - very low content; + - low content; ++ - medium content; +++ (and more) - high content

traces from BOR (sample 34) and DV (sample 19) are strongly calcareous with considerable dolomite content. The Middle Pleistocene loesses taken from the horizon below PK III in DV (sample 20), from the over- and underlying strata of PK IV in ZNO (samples 24, 25, 28, and 29) and loesses from the same localities sampled above and below PK I are more calcareous with considerable dolomite content.

According to the SiO₂ and alkali content - SiO₂ vs. K₂O + Na₂O/Al₂O₃ diagram (Fig. 10) - the most similar are Upper Pleistocene loesses from DV (sample 15) and SM (sample 8). The Upper Pleistocene loess from BOR (sample 34) has a higher alkali content as well but the SiO₂ content is lower. Except for sample 19 the loesses from DV have generally a higher content of alkalis. A relatively higher SiO₂ content was proved in the oldest loesses from CK and SM.

Loesses from ZNO differ markedly from those with a higher Mg content and lower proportion of free SiO₂ (quartz) - see the sum Fe₂O₃ + MgO vs. SiO₂/Al₂O₃ diagram (Fig. 11). Loess from SED (sample 30) belongs to these loesses as well.

The loess exposed in the lateral section of SM (sample 7) differs considerably from the oldest loess of the main section (sample 9). All loesses exposed in the main exposure except for the redeposited loess (sample 14) are characterized by lower Fe and Mg contents and by higher amount of quartz. Similar are the DV loesses with lower

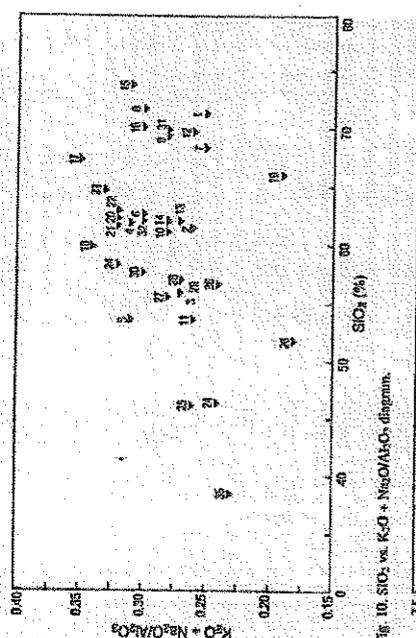


Fig. 10. SiO₂ vs. K₂O + Na₂O/Al₂O₃ diagram.

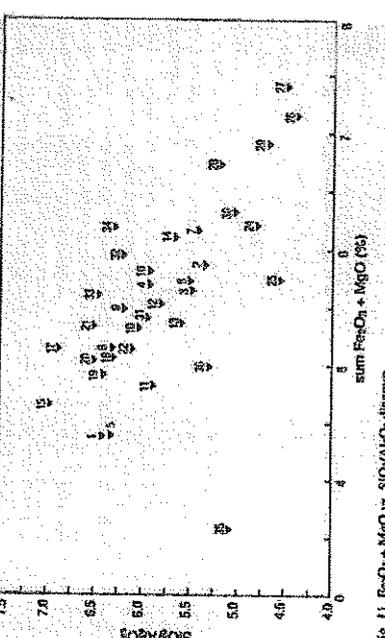


Fig. 11. Fe₂O₃ + MgO vs. SiO₂/Al₂O₃ diagram.

Fe and Mg contents and a higher proportion of quartz (except for loess samples taken below the cultural layer of Pavlovian). Loesses from CK can be subdivided into two groups - the oldest loess (sample 1 below PK X) and the loess below PK VIII (sample 5) contain the lowest amounts of Fe and Mg and a higher amount of quartz;

other loesses exposed at this locality have higher and similar Fe and Mg contents. A relatively high basicity of the source material of the studied loesses corresponds with loesses from ZNO and SED (sample 30). The most acid character of the source material was observed in loesses from DV and CK (samples 1 and 5).

Al₂O₃/Na₂O vs. K₂O/Na₂O ratios (Fig. 12) indicate chemical and mineralogical "maturity" of the sediment (Pettijohn 1957). The far lowest maturity values were observed in loesses from DV. A higher maturity degree was established in older loesses from CK and SM. Both localities, as well as BOR, indicate a distinctive decline of maturity towards the overlying strata and younger loesses. Older loesses of the main section in SM (samples 9 and 10) generally correspond to the position between PK IX and PK VIII in loesses from CK. The Znojmo loesses were, with the exception of one sample, taken below PK IV (sample 24) chemically and mineralogically less mature than loesses from the localities of CK, SM, BOR and SED. Similarly of some Upper Pleistocene loesses (samples 8, 13 and 34) is clearly shown in Fig. 12.

Low TiO₂/Al₂O₃ ratios and especially Zr/Al₂O₃ ratios - see TiO₂/Al₂O₃ vs. Zr/Al₂O₃ diagram (Fig. 13) - differentiate loesses from ZNO and PAV from the other samples. Generally more basic character of ZNO loesses may be influenced by the presence of basic and ultrabasic rocks in the source area (basalts, schists and gneisses, basic and ultrabasic rocks from the surroundings of Znojmo and Moravský Krumlov are also present in the source material). The Botetice loesses indicate higher values of the Zr/Al₂O₃ ratio. No substantial difference in the values of this ratio can be found between the youngest loess from CK (sample 6 - over PK VIII) and the oldest loess from BOR (sample 32 - below PK VII). Higher values are evidenced in some loesses from CK (samples 1, 4 and 5) and in the oldest loess in the main section at Sedice (sample 9). A different situation was observed in the Upper Pleistocene loesses. The highest values of this ratio were established in loesses in SM (sample 7 - lateral section, and sample 9 - main section) showed mutual differences between the two loesses. The loess from the lateral section has a considerably more basic source than that of the main section.

The most distinctive predominance of Fe and Al over alkalis (Fig. 14) - values of the (Al₂O₃+Fe₂O₃)/Tf(Na₂O+K₂O) ratio - the so-called weathering index, was found in the loesses from the PAV locality (5.83 and 5.56 for

No.	Locality	Code	Depth (m)	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃	FeO	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	Li ₂ O	Nb ₂ O ₅	P ₂ O ₅	CO ₂	CP	TP	TP	Y
1	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 2	4.1	62.7	0.11	17.38	0.84	0.31	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
2	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 6	4.3	61.7	0.11	17.38	0.84	0.31	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
3	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 8	4.3	63.99	0.64	10.23	0.74	0.35	0.17	0.079	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
4	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 9	4.05	61.95	0.71	10.45	0.70	0.38	0.17	0.079	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
5	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 10	2.8	63.62	0.51	8.49	0.291	0.33	0.07	0.045	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
6	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 11	2.2	62.62	0.68	11.54	0.98	0.39	0.19	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
7	Šumava, kopce	SM 7	4.4	68.45	0.74	12.62	0.43	0.39	0.19	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
8	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 12	4.2	61.88	0.76	11.39	0.76	0.38	0.17	0.079	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
9	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 13	0.9	69.60	0.72	11.25	0.401	0.38	0.17	0.079	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
10	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 14	0.56	70.16	0.56	10.16	0.38	0.28	0.17	0.079	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
11	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 15	0.51	63.64	0.51	9.14	0.304	0.28	0.17	0.079	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
12	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 16	0.8	69.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
13	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 17	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
14	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 18	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
15	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 19	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
16	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 20	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
17	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 21	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
18	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 22	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
19	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 23	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
20	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 24	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
21	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 25	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
22	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 26	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
23	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 27	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
24	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 28	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
25	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 29	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
26	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 30	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
27	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 31	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
28	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 32	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
29	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 33	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
30	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 34	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
31	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 35	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
32	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 36	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
33	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 37	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
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35	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 39	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
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38	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 42	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
39	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 43	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
40	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 44	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
41	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 45	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
42	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 46	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
43	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 47	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
44	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 48	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
45	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 49	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
46	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 50	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
47	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 51	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
48	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 52	0.85	68.83	0.83	12.04	0.43	0.40	0.11	0.091	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
49	Brač-Cary, kopce	CK 53	0.85																		

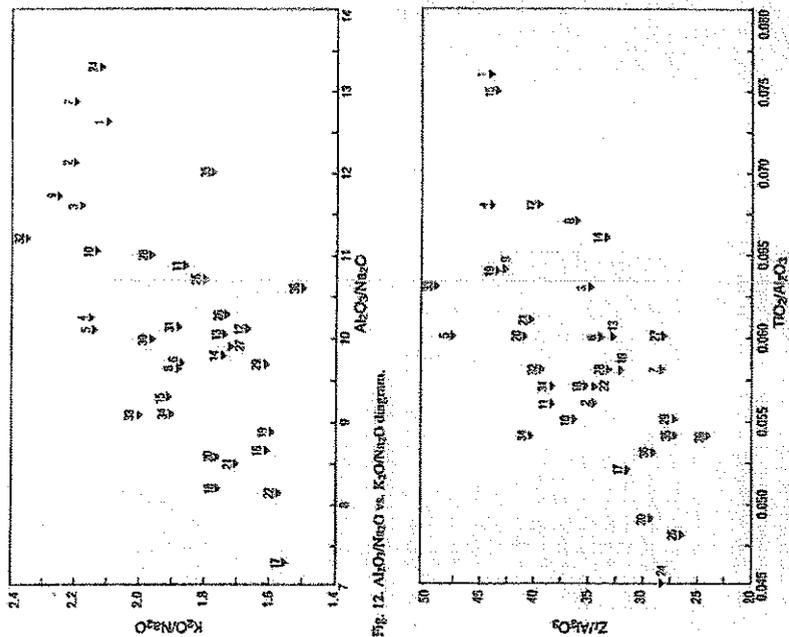


Fig. 12. Al_2O_3/Na_2O vs. K_2O/Na_2O diagram.

sample 34) have a more prominent negative Eu anomaly. An expressive Eu anomaly corresponds to a more acid character of the source material.

As stated above, the most basic source material is represented by loesses from PAV and ZNO (Fig. 15). Sample 28 taken below PK IV represents an exception, much like samples 20 and 21 from DV. They belong to loesses with the most acid source material. Loesses of Upper Pleistocene age from the localities of DV (samples 15 and 19), SM (sample 8) and BOR (sample 34) are characterized by relatively more acid material as well. Loesses of the main section in SM manifest an increase in basicity towards the overlying strata (sample 9 to sample 14). In the exposure at Červey kopce, the basicity of material increases towards the overlying strata as well (loesses below PK X, above PK X and above PK IX - samples 1-3). This is followed by a change in loesses sampled 2 m above PK IX and below PK VIII (sample 4 and sample 5 - more acid material) and finally by a more expressive shift towards higher basicity of source material observed above PK VIII (sample 6).

The FeO/Fe_2O_3 ratio reflects redox conditions at the time of the origin of loesses and palaeosols (Lukachev 1961). Wen et al. (1985, 1997) applied an inverse approach - they called the Fe_2O_3/FeO ratio the "oxidizing degree" where a higher value corresponds to a warmer climate and a lower value to a colder one (high temperature causes decomposition of organic material and formation of Fe_2O_3). Values of this ratio in the loesses studied (Tab. 4) indicate that a relatively warmer fluctuation corresponded to the period of loess formation in CK, with the exception of loess sampled above PK VIII. This loess cover is similar to that of BOR, sampled below PK VII (sample 32) and to that of SM (sample 10), sampled also below PK VII. Values of the Fe_2O_3/FeO ratio range between 8.3 and 11.5 here. In Sedlec, the oldest loesses could have formed during a relatively warmer period (samples 7 and 9), much like loess sampled between B/H and C1 (sample 12) with Fe_2O_3/FeO values of 20-36. A relatively cooler temperature fluctua-

tion corresponds to the period of loess formation in ZNO, PAV and DV, i.e. to loesses sampled below and above PK IV and below and above PK III and below and above PK I. Fe_2O_3/FeO values in these loesses mostly range from 2.5 to 5, reaching a maximum of 5.9. An exception is the Upper Pleistocene loess in DV (sample 15) sampled inside PK III with the value of 17.6. Similarly, a high Fe_2O_3/FeO value (19.9) was found in the Upper Pleistocene loess from SM (sample 8).

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Mineral composition of the loesses studied corresponds with their chemical composition, particularly in their principal components.

Loesses from the localities of Znojmo, Bolestice and partly Dolní Věstonice contain a relatively higher proportion of dolomite in their carbonate component. The appearance of dolomite in the investigated loesses may be related to its presence in pre-Quaternary sediments of the Karpatian and of the Záhřebovice-Hustopeče Formation of the Záhřebovice Unit.

Loesses from Znojmo differ distinctly from other loesses in higher contents of Fe and Mg and a lower proportion of quartz. Loesses from Dolní Věstonice contain less Fe and Mg and have a higher quartz content.

The definitely lowest degree of mineralogical and chemical maturity was found in loesses from Dolní Věstonice. Higher maturity was established for the Middle Pleistocene loesses from Červey kopce and Sedlec. Loess sections at both these localities, much like at Bolestice, clearly show an upwinds decreasing degree of maturity.

Generally the lowest degree of weathering (weathering index) was found in loesses from Dolní Věstonice and younger loesses from Červey kopce and Bolestice. The highest values of weathering index were established in loesses from the localities of Pavlov and Znojmo, in the oldest loesses from Červey kopce (samples 1 and 2) and Sedlec near Mikulov (sample 7).

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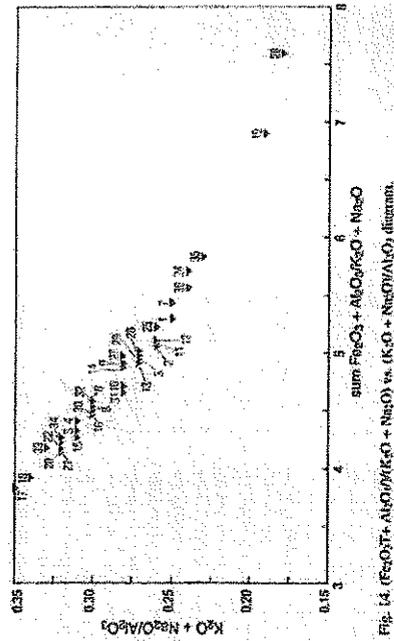


Fig. 14. $(Fe_2O_3 + Al_2O_3)/(FeO + Na_2O)$ vs. $(K_2O + Na_2O)/Al_2O_3$ diagram.

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Loesses sampled at Dolní Věstonice, Sedlecovice, Bolestice (sample 33) and Upper Pleistocene loesses (Dolní

Věstonice - samples 15 and 19, Sedlec - sample 8, Bolestice - sample 34) show a prominent negative Eu anomaly. Loesses from Znojmo and Pavlov indicate the highest basicity of source material. Exceptional in this respect is sample 28 (taken below PK IV), belonging among loesses with a more acid character of source material, such as those from Bolestice and Sedlecovice. A relatively more acid material was also found in the Upper Pleistocene loesses from Dolní Věstonice (samples 15 and 19). Sedlec (sample 8) and Bolestice (sample 34). The character of mineral in loesses near Znojmo may be influenced by occurrence of metabasites in the area of Znojmo, Vranov, Moravský Krumlov and Ivančice (implying a direction from the W. NW. NE). This concerns particularly serpentine bodies, amphibolites and eclogites.

A relatively warmer climatic fluctuation corresponds to the period of loess formation at the locality of Brno-Červey kopce, with the exception of the loess cover sampled above PK VIII (sample 6). This sample was similar

Table 4. Values of ratios of selected elements in the loesses studied.

Sample	SiO ₂ /Al ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃ /FeO	CaO/Na ₂ O	Enrich ^a
1	6.42	3.1	7.32	0.99
2	5.34	3.1	7.32	0.58
3	5.48	21.0	7.57	0.70
4	5.93	17.4	7.22	0.51
5	6.32	40.4	6.87	0.56
6	5.52	9.0	7.05	0.69
7	5.43	20.0	7.81	0.57
8	6.51	16.9	7.65	0.55
9	6.19	22.5	7.60	0.55
10	6.05	4.5	8.13	0.61
11	5.87	3.5	7.50	0.56
12	5.82	36.6	7.92	0.62
13	5.59	16.5	7.89	0.57
14	5.66	5.5	7.70	0.64
15	6.86	17.6	9.84	0.54
16	5.92	5.9	7.77	0.54
17	6.89	5.0	8.27	0.57
18	6.32	2.7	6.05	0.59
19	6.38	2.4	6.50	0.48
20	6.63	3.0	4.93	0.57
21	6.46	2.9	5.09	0.51
22	6.10	2.8	6.45	0.50
24	4.78	4.4	8.45	0.53
25	4.53	4.8	9.0	0.57
26	4.43	2.9	7.06	0.56
27	4.54	2.5	5.00	0.56
28	5.19	2.7	5.66	0.54
29	4.65	3.1	6.81	0.57
30	5.05	6.0	8.04	0.47
31	3.94	16.3	8.98	0.53
32	6.23	11.5	6.24	0.57
33	6.43	8.5	13.94	0.50
34	6.26	8.0	14.28	0.54
35	5.07	4.2	6.06	0.53
36	5.28	3.2	6.08	0.56

N = chondrite-normalized

to loesses from Botetice (sample 32) and Sedlec near Mikulov (sample 10). The oldest loesses from Sedlec near Mikulov (samples 7 and 9) and those sampled between B/II and C/II (sample 12) were deposited under relatively warm climatic conditions. A relatively colder oscillation corresponds to the period of loess formation at the localities of Znojmo, Pavlov and Dolní Věstonice with the exception of loess sampled within PK III (sample 15).

Discussion and conclusions

The most basic material was found in loesses from Znojmo. The composition of these loesses may be influenced by the presence of metabasites in the area of Znojmo, Vranov, Moravský Krumlov and Ivančice (implying a direction from the W, NW and SW). The Middle Pleistocene loesses from Botetice (loess overlying PK VII) and Sedletovice, loesses sampled below PK III (Dolní Věstonice - sample 20 and Znojmo - sample 28) and - to some extent - the Upper Pleistocene loesses from the localities of Dolní Věstonice (samples 15 and 19), Sedlec near Mikulov (sample 8) and Botetice (sample 34) belong to loesses with a more acid character of source material. At the Brno-Cervey kepec locality, the increase in

actively warmer climate, as also indicated by molluscan fauna with Helicopsis strata ("warm" loess facies, cf. Ložek 1973), when loess was deposited during a transitional period between the Interglacial and Glacial Stage. Higher values of the oxidizing degree (17.6) were encountered also in the sample taken from a thin loess horizon separating two palaeosols of the Last Interglacial. Here, an analogy was found with the finds of thermophilic fauna in comparable horizons described from several European localities (Obermaier 1935, Werner 1949, Peřilák 1954), which even led to a discussion on the interglacial origin of loesses (cf. Ložek 1973). However, this horizon originated in a relatively short period of loess sedimentation between two periods of soil-forming processes in a non-glaciated area.

The values of Fe₂O₃/FeO decrease again below the palaeosol complex of the Last Interglacial, ranging between 2.7-4.8. No samples were acquired from the interval between PK V and PK VI. Nevertheless, from PK VII downwards the oxidizing degree values substantially increase towards the Brno-Cervey boundary, most probably indicating the warming of climate. As a result, values of 8.3-11 were established between soil complexes PK VII and PK VIII (Brno-Cervey kepec, Sedlec near Mikulov and Botetice localities) and reached 22.5 below PK VIII (sample 9, Sedlec near Mikulov). The highest value so far detected comes from below PK VIII: 40.4 (sample 5, Brno-Cervey kepec). Rather warm conditions during loess sedimentation are indicated by oxidizing degree values separated by the oldest soil complexes PK IX - PK X, from 17.4 below PK IX to 33.1 below PK X. The lowermost horizon, highly probably, belongs to the Manyama Glaciation.

Results of the geochemical research so far achieved are in agreement with climatic oscillations palaeontologically dated in the Upper Pleistocene. Palaeoclimatically, loesses showing low oxidizing degree values are related to inland glaciations of the European lowland. Higher values were found in loesses deposited in glacial stages preceding these glaciations and the highest values are referred to the time span close to the Brno-Cervey boundary or to the immediately preceding period. According to Obermaier (1948) loesses deposited in the periglacial zone of a glacier belong to the so-called "cold loesses". "Warm loesses" were brought from desert areas during relatively warm but not interglacial periods. We presume that loess formation in southern Moravia was influenced rather by the aridity of the region than by classical glacial conditions, although their sedimentary environment has to be further studied.

The present study has demonstrated the agreement of geochemical data with some palaeontologically evidenced climatic oscillations in the Upper Pleistocene, and pointed out the differences between glaciated and non-glaciated areas in the Middle and Lower Pleistocene. In the future, attention should be paid to the study of palaeoclimatic conditions in the period preceding inland glaciations of

the North European lowland, particularly within the palaeomagnetic Manyama Epoch. The conformity of results of geochemical study with palaeontological data and inland ice advances opens the possibility of using geochemical methods for the study of palaeoclimatic conditions even where other methods usually fail.

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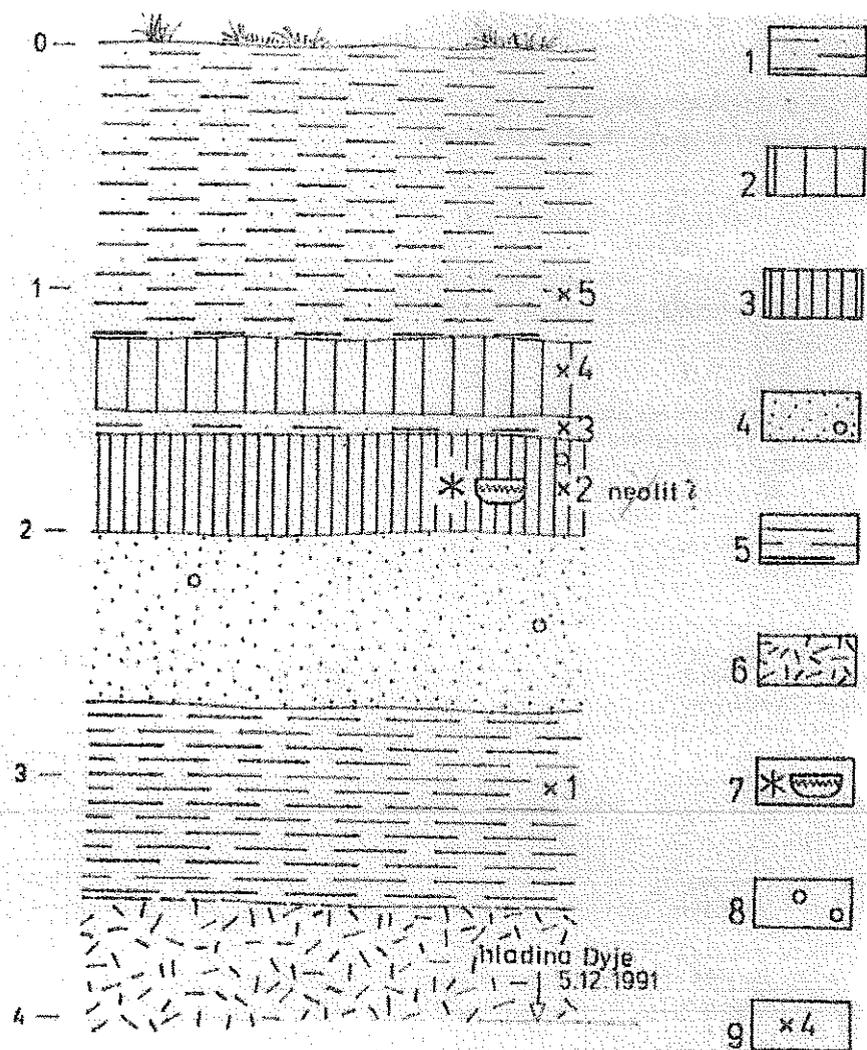


Fig. 1. Section of the alluvial plain of the Dyje river near Valtovice, district Znojmo.

- 1 - flood loam with pebbles,
- 2 - buried (subfossil) soil (= entisol after Soil Taxonomy USDA 1975 = fluvizem after FAO1968,1969)
- 3 - buried (fossil) soil (=A-Horizon of entisol after Soil Taxonomy USDA 1975 or = fluvizem after FAO 1968,1969),
- 4 - fluvatile sand with gravel in the Dyje alluvial plain,
- 5 - flood clay,
- 6 - colluvium,
- 7 - fragments of the pottery (Neolith?)
- 8 - gravel
- 9 - samples of the buried soils for the micromorphological determination (Prof. Dr. Libuše Smolřková, DrSc.)

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Vývoj jihomoravských niv Evolution of south Moravian flood plains

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Abstract. A series of alluvial deposits of south Moravian rivers and creeks including fossil soils have for the first time been evaluated in a complex way. Both the number of the preserved buried soils and their systematic pertinence are variable which speaks for a highly dynamic development of flood plains. In the flood plains of the Svatka and Jihlava rivers four subfossil soils have been preserved, in those of the Dyje and Boršický potok creek three, in the flood plains of the Morava, Svatka and Svitava rivers two and at other profiles just one buried soil have been preserved. Genetically they correspond to semiterrestrial soils grouped into intricate complexes, namely to gley soils, and alluvial soils (silicates - paternias, vegas; carbonate-smonitzas). In the flood plain of the piedmont river Radějovka smonitzas occur only in the form of soil sediment. The described sediments and subfossil soils are mostly of Middle and Upper Holocene age. A formation of Lower Holocene age has rarely been recorded (Boršický potok Creek).

Zusammenfassung

In einer Reihe von Auenablagerungen der süd-mährischen Flüsse und Bäche treten zahlreiche subfossile Böden auf, deren Untersuchung in der Vergangenheit einigermassen vernachlässigt wurde. Es handelt sich besonders um die Auen der Flüsse Dyje, Jihlava, Svatka, Svitava, Morava, Nivnička und der Bäche Boršický potok, Svodice und Radějovka (über die Entwicklung der Au von Jihlava ausführlicher in Havlíček - Smolíková 1992). In einigen Fällen standen 2 - 3 unterschiedlich voneinander entfernte Profile zur Verfügung (z. B. Dyje - Valhrovice I. und II., Křídlovka und Pohansko bei Nejděk).

Die Zahl der erhaltenen subfossilen Böden und ihre systematische Zuständigkeit sind sogar im Bereich einer und derselben Au variabel; eine Tatsache die die hohe Entwicklungsdynamik der Auen bezeugt. Uneinheitlichkeit der einzelnen subfossilen Böden angesichts der Menge und Natur der häufigen Abwechslung der verschiedenen Typen, beispielsweise in der Au von Svatka: Gleye und verschiedenartig entwickelte Smonitzas (verbraunte Auenböden), von Dyje: Gleye und Paternias, von Morava: Gleye und Vegas, usw. Ihre Buntheit ist ein Abbild folgender Tatsachen: 1) Wiederholter Denudation und besonders der nachfolgenden Ablagerung, die sich einerseits durch Akkumulation frischer oft voneinander unterschiedlicher Substrate durchsetzte, andererseits durch Bedeckung, Erhaltung der bereits existierenden Böden, bzw. ihrer Relikte, 2) Stufenweiser Auenbildung, wo der Bodencharakter von ihrem Längs- und Querschnitt abhängt, 3) der Natur der Vegetation, die empfindlich gegen den Verlauf der genannten Veränderungen reagierte und 4) der Zeitspannen die der Bodenbildung zur Verfügung standen.

Die meisten subfossilen Böden wurden in der Au von Svatka ermittelt (insgesamt vier, analogisch zur Au von Jihlava), drei treten in der Au von Dyje und Boršický potok und der Au von Morava auf, zwei kommen am Zusammenfluß von Svatka und Svitava vor und schließlich in anderen Profilen blieb nur einer erhalten. In den Auen von Radějovka und Nivnička handelt es sich um keine autochtonen Böden, sondern um bloße Bodenablagerungen. Alle angeführte Böden entsprechen den semiterrestrischen Böden, und zwar den Gleyböden, die in den unteren Abschnitten der Profile (die Auen von Dyje, Morava, Svatka, Svitava und des Baches Boršický potok) auftreten, oder den Auenböden (vergl. Kubiena 1953; Mückenhausen 1970). Unter diesen sind sowohl die Silikat- als auch die Karbonatauenböden vertreten. Unter den Silikatauenböden dominieren hier die Paternias (z. B. in der Au von Dyje, wo sie sich zweimal wiederholen); die Vegas (z. B. in der Au von Nivnička). Unter den Karbonatauenböden treten hier die Smonitzas

(verbraunte Auenböden) auf; in der Au von Svatka sind beispielsweise vier in dieser direkten Superposition erhaltenen Böden vorhanden, wobei ihre Reifenstufe in absteigender Richtung heranwächst. In der Au von Boršický potok tritt der verbraunte Auenboden zwischen zwei Gleyböden auf, in der von Radějovka in Form von zwei begrabenen Sedimenten.

In der FAO-Auffassung (1968, 1969) entsprechen die Paternias und die Smonitzas den Auenböden (der Rang der Kolluvialböden), Soil Taxonomy USDA (1975) und den Böden vom Rang der Entisole; die Vegas im Sinn der FAO (1968, 1969) entsprechen dann den verbraunten Auenböden (cambic fluvisols).

Es ist klar, daß während in einigen Reihen von Auenablagerungen der süd-mährischen Flüsse mit ein subfossiler semiterrestrischer Boden (Gleyboden, Paternia oder Vega) oder begrabene Bodenablagerungen erhalten blieben, in den anderen ist das Auftreten von diesen Böden erheblich häufiger. In drei von diesen Fällen (die Au von Morava, der Zusammenfluß von Svatka und Svitava und der Bach Boršický potok) tritt in den Auenablagerungen ein Paar begrabener Gleyböden auf (in der Au von Boršický potok noch durch eine Smonitza getrennt), in der Au von Dyje ist der Gleyboden noch von zwei Gleypaternias überlagert. In der Au von Svatka bei Němčice sind anstatt eines Paares von basalen Gleyböden noch zwei Smonitza-horizonte erhalten; sie sind durch zwei weitere Böden von derselben systematischen Zugehörigkeit, jedoch mit niedrigeren Reifenstufe überlagert.

Im Untersuchungsgebiet sind die meisten subfossilen semiterrestrischen Böden in Komplexen, oder Auenabfolgen-Katenen gruppiert, die durch einen gesetzmäßigen Bau gekennzeichnet sind, d. h. durch ein Paar von Gley- , bzw. anderen stärker ausgebildeten semiterrestrischen Böden an der Basis und durch ein Paar von schwächer ausgebildeten Auenböden in ihrem Hangenden. Außerdem kommen hier noch weitere subhydrische Böden vor, die bereits allerdings voll vom Verlauf der Ausbildung der einzelnen Auen abhängen.

Das Studium der beschriebenen Profile zeigt die Kompliziertheit der Untersuchung von holozänen Auenablagerungen, besonders ihrer Korrelation und der Gesetzmäßigkeit der Entwicklung subfossiler Auenböden (Taf. 1). Sie sind von einer Reihe von Faktoren beeinflusst, wie z. B. von der Auenmorphologie, von der Treibkraft der Flüsse im Verlauf ihrer Bildung, vom Grundwasserspiegel, von der Wirkung der Vegetation und des Menschen und damit verbundener Abwechslung unterschiedlich langer Erosions- und Akkumulationsperioden. Deswegen sind hier wahrscheinlich nur überwiegend Auenablagerungen von Ende des Mittel- und Oberholozäns erhalten. Ganz ausnahmsweise wurden malakofunistisch unterholozäne lehmige Auenablagerungen bei Hluk (Boršický potok) bewiesen.

Vývoj svrchnopleistocenních eolických sedimentů ve Znojmě - Dřevařských závodech

The development of the Upper Pleistocene eolian sediments in Znojmo - lumber works

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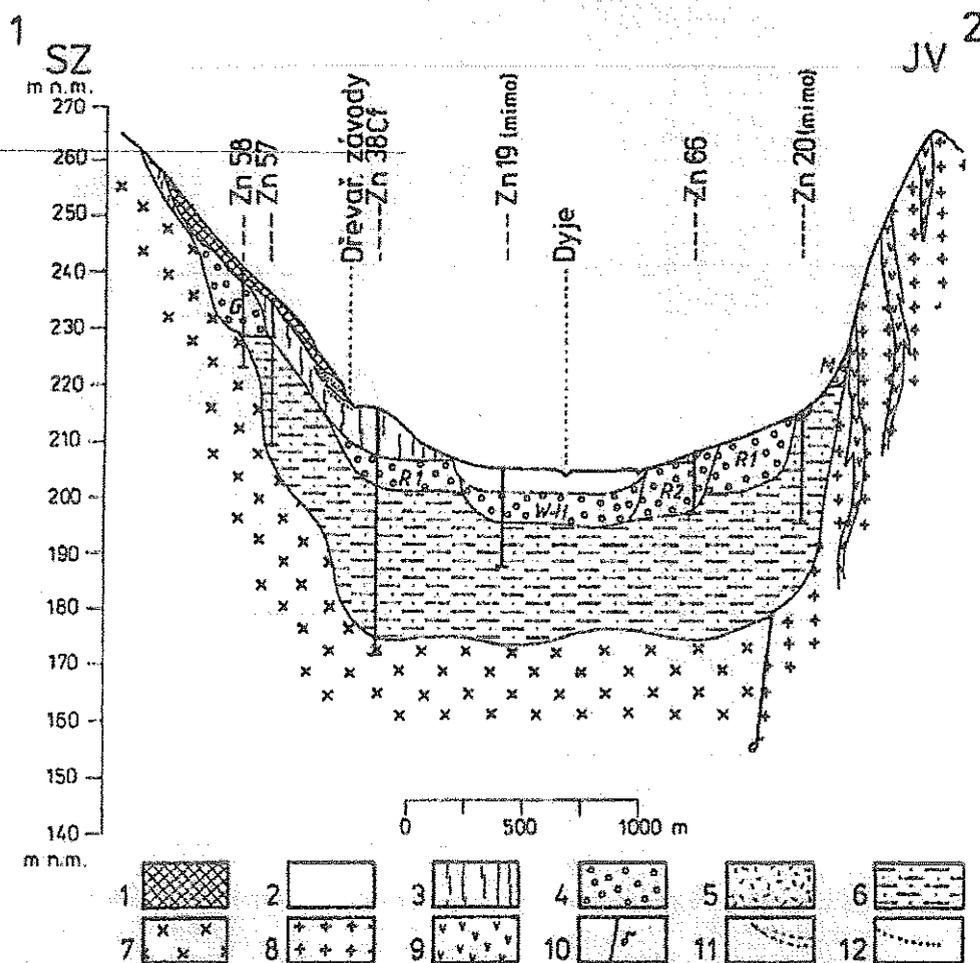
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Abstract. The section in Znojmo - lumber works displays one of the most important Upper Pleistocene eolian series in the area of the surficial contact between the Bohemian Massif and the Carpathian Foredeep. The described eolian sequence including fossil soil horizons overlies the so-called main terrace of the Dyje River, Middle Pleistocene in age.

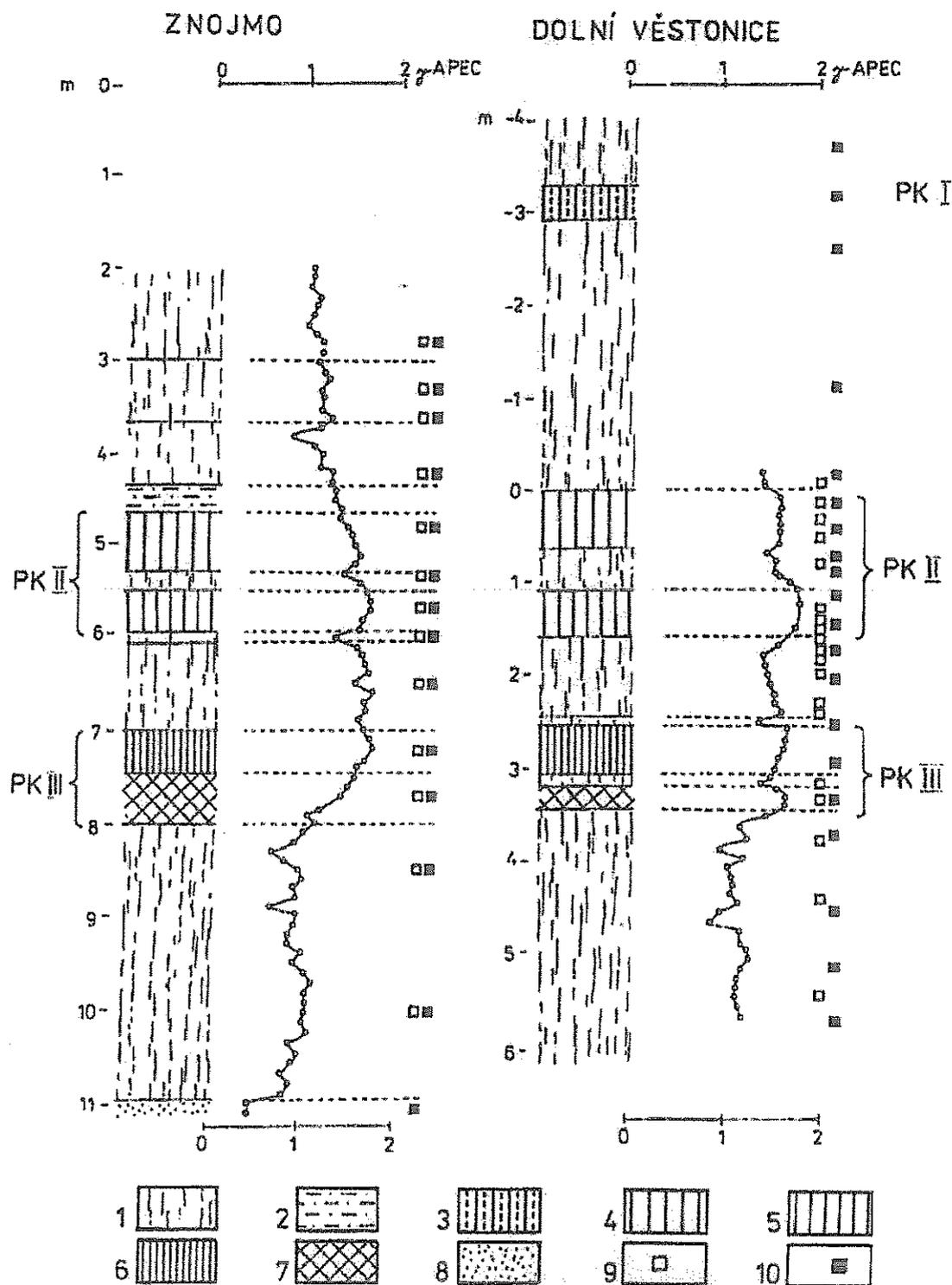
From the palaeopedological point of view the studied section confirms the established succession of soil development in the PK III - PK I interval, i.e. Stülfried A and B. The basal soil, a fully mature luvisol, is followed by three chernozems, a pararendzina and a pseudogley of the initial developmental stage. The section differs from other sections of analogous age in the so-called dry loess regions only by markedly weaker hydromorphous signs. These were imprinted to the above mentioned soils during the subsequent polygenetic processes and caused by the fact that, from the pedozoological point of view, the activity of the Enchytraeidae participated or even dominated in the fossil soil formation, besides the activity of earthworms (Lumbricidae).

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Obr. 2. Geologický řez 1 - 2

1 - antropogenní uloženiny, 2 - písčito-jílovité fluvialní hlíny (= povodňové hlíny), 3 - spraše, místy s polohami písků a fosilních půd, 4 - fluvialní písčité štěrky (wärm-günz), 5 - deluvialní písčité sedimenty (pleistocén až holocén), 6 - jíly, písky, štěrky (ottmang-egggenburg), 7 - biotitické granodiority, 8 - zbfidličnaté biotitické granodiority s xenofly, 9 - biotit-amfibolické křemenné diority, 10 - zlom, 11 - fosilní půdy, 12 - polohy písků.



Obr. 4. Křivka znázorňující měření magnetické susceptibilitě na lokalitách Dolní Věstonice a Znojmo (podle A. Wintel).

1 - spraše, 2 - deluviální a hrubší sedimenty, 3 - PK I s uhlíky, 4 - svrchní černozem PK II, 5 - spodní černozem PK II, 6 - horizont A PK III, 7 - horizont B PK III, 8 - navátý písek, 9 - místa měření magnetické susceptibilitě, 10 - vzorky na termoluminiscenci.

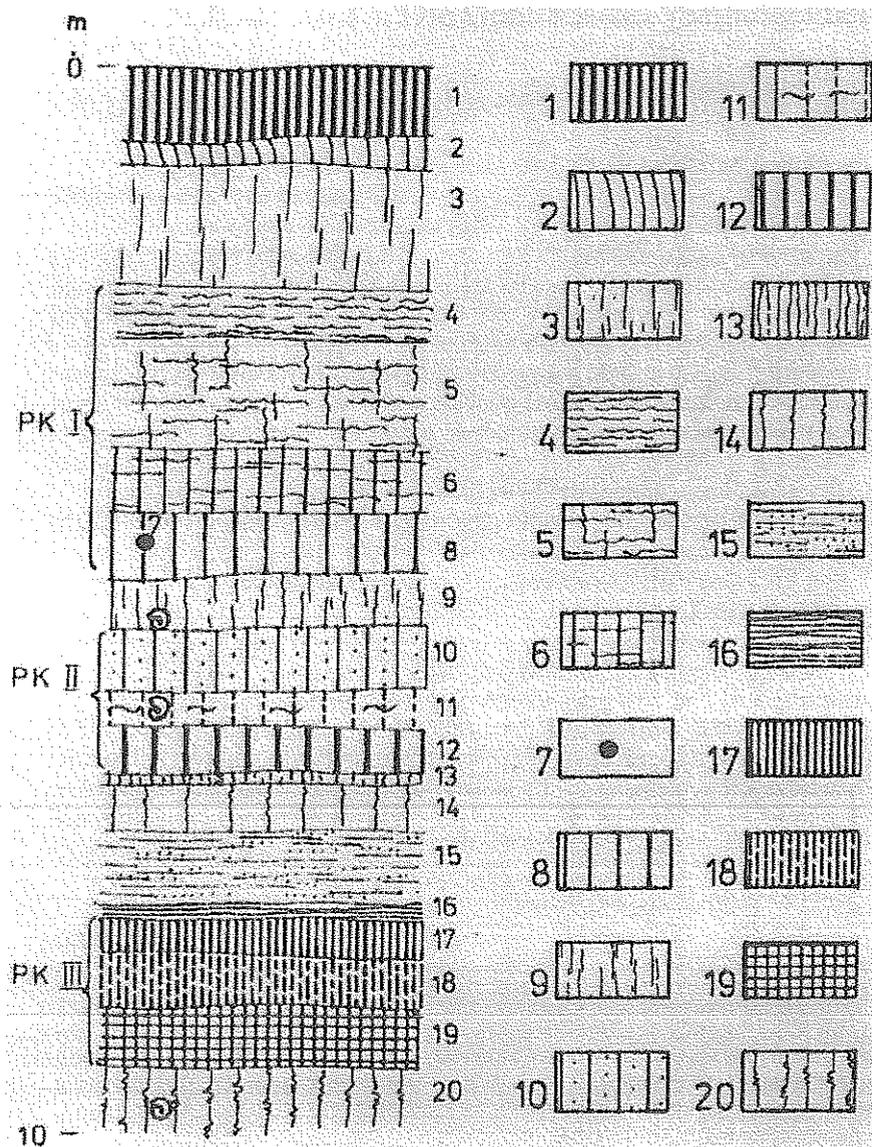


Fig.3 Znojmo - old Wood factory

- 1 - A horizon of humic soil,
- 2 - Ca horizon
- 3 - loess,
- 4 - Pseudogley PK I
- 5 - loess
- 6 - PK I
- 7 - bioturbation
- 8 - Ca horizon of PK I
- 9 - loess
- 10 - upper soil PK II (A horizon)
- 11 - B/C horizon of PK II
- 12 - lower soil PK II (A horizon)
- 13 - Ca horizon of lower fossil soil PK II
- 14 - loess
- 15 - sandiger loess soil
- 16 - Marker
- 17 - PK III, A- horizon
- 18 - PK III (A horizon)
- 19 - PK III (B horizon)
- 20 - Ca horizon and loess

DIE GEOLOGISCHE VERGANGENHEIT DER POLLAUER BERGE

Am geologischen Aufbau des untersuchten Gebiets sind Sedimente mesozoische Formationen, des Tertiär und des Quartär beteiligt.

Die mesozoische Klenititzer Schichtfolge (Oxford-Tithon), die Ernstbrunner Kalke (Tithon-Hauteriv) und die oberkretazischen Klement- und Palava-Schichten (die ehemaligen Mucronatenschichten) wurden in dem warmen Meer am Rand der Tethys, zwischen dem euroasischen und dem afrikanischen Festland abgelagert.

Der Steinitzer Ablagerungsraum, in dem der paläogene Flysch und die flyschartigen Ablagerungen entstanden, befand sich ursprünglich von seiner heutigen Position weiter östwärts. Während der Orogenese an der Paläogen/Neogen-Grenze (Save-Orogenese) wurden die Ablagerungen der Steinitzer Sedimentationsbeckens verfaultet. In ihrem Vorland und teilweise auch über ihnen ist die miozäne Karpatische Senke entstanden, die schon seit dem Unter miozän vom Meer überschwemmt wurde.

Im Unter miozän vor dem heutigen Westabhang der Pollauer Berge breiteten sich die miozänen Meere der regionalen Stufen Eggenburg, Ounang und Karpat aus. Diese Meere waren ein Bestandteil der alpenkarpatischen Senke, die sich vom Alpenvorland nach Mähren und vor der Front der karpatischen Denken weiter nach Polen ausstreckte.

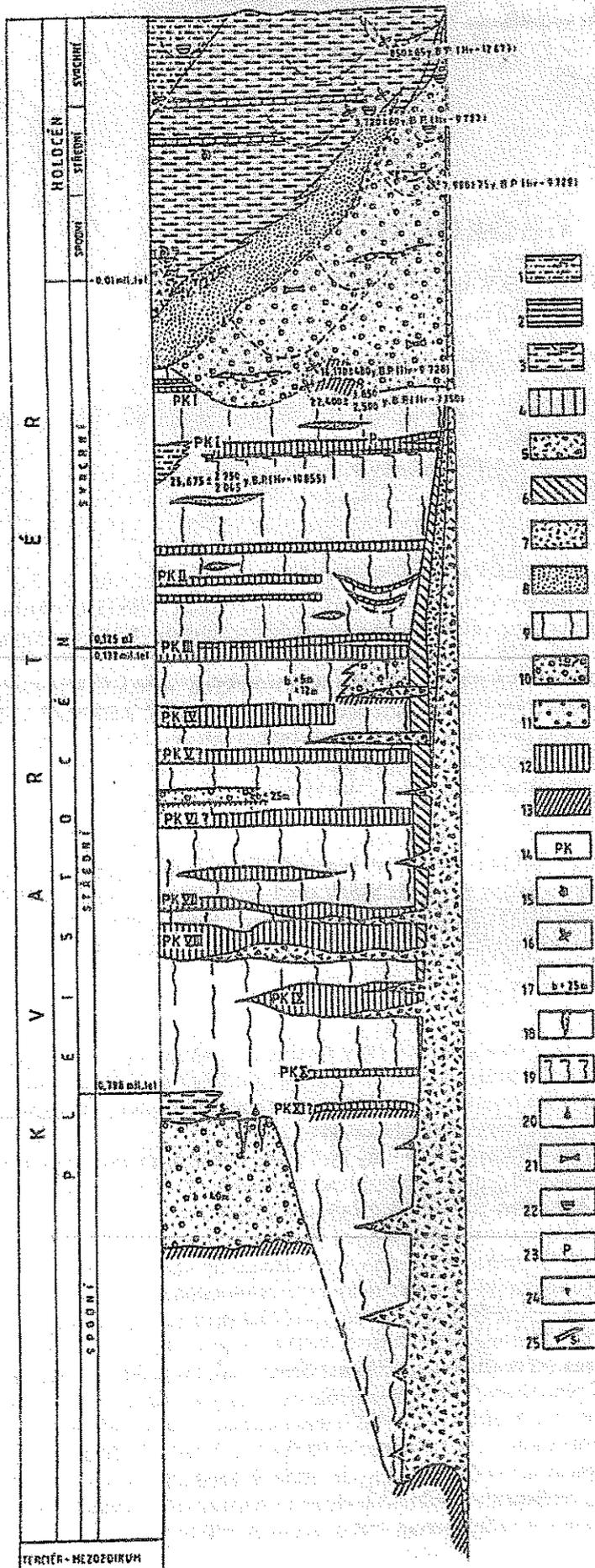
Unter baden wurde von den pollauer Bergen transponiert. Am Ende des Unter baden kam es zu einer dauernden Regression des meeres in der karpatischen Senke.

Im Quartär weisen die Pollauer Berge und ihre Umgebung eine sehr interessante Entwicklung auf. Es wurden hier fluviatile Sedimente, Hangablagerungen und besonders äolische Sedimente nachgewiesen, in Form von Lössen, äolischen Sanden und auch fossilen Böden (PK I-IX), die im Laufe des Pleistozäns entstanden. Außer seiner komplizierten geologischen Entwicklung ist dieses Gebiet auch wichtig für archäologische Studien (Siedlungen aus dem Aurignacien, der Pavlovien-Periode der Mammutjäger, dem Mesolithikum, Neolithikum bis zur Gegenwart). Während des Quartärs entstanden hier einzigartige Ökosysteme der heutigen Biosphärische Reservation Pollauer Berge.

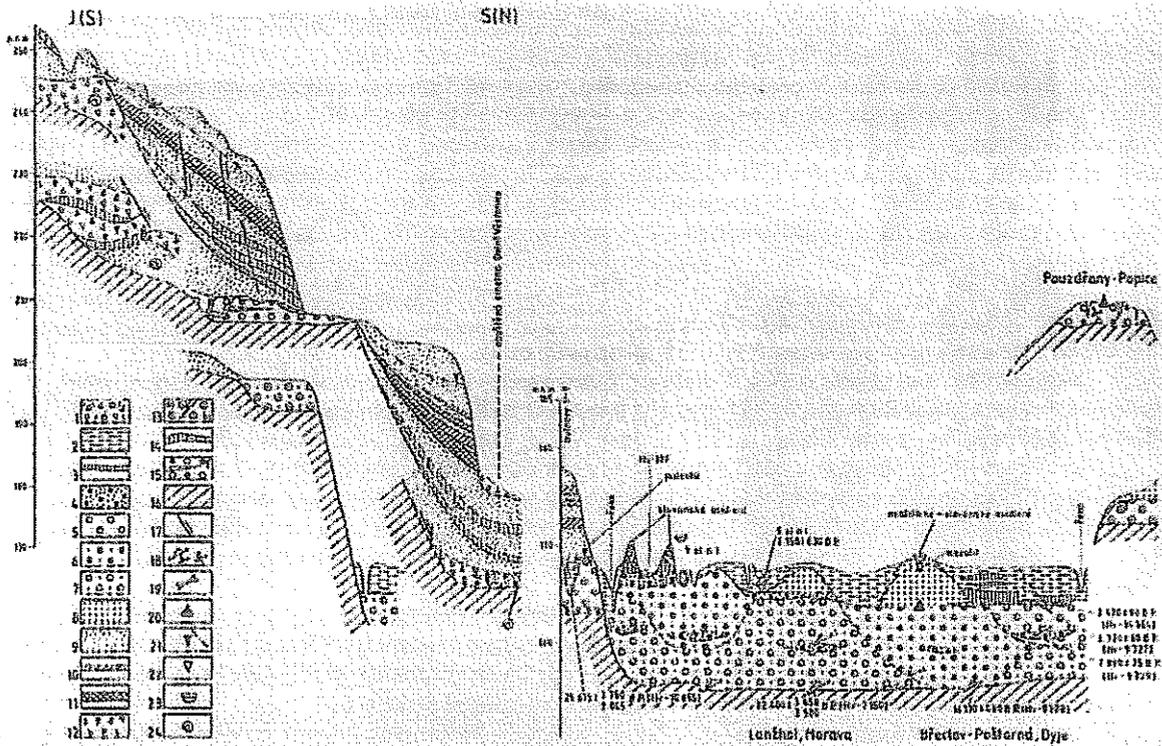
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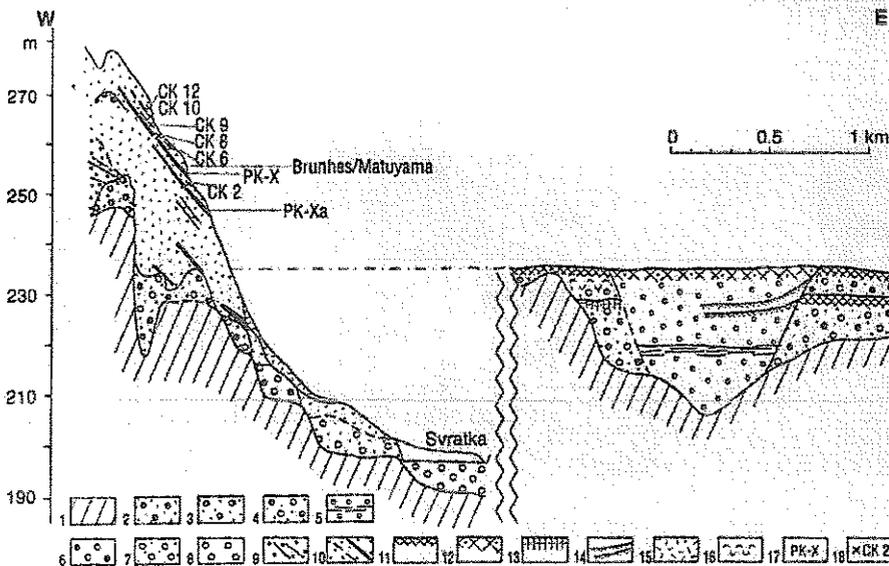
Obr. 1. Stratigrafické schéma kvartéru v širším okolí Pavlovských vrchů:
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Obr. 2. Schematicky zobrazená stavba hlavních typů kvartérních sedimentů a pahýbenných (fosilních) půd v oblasti Pavlovských vrchů a v širším okolí.

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← Fig. 2. Idealized scheme showing the Quaternary deposits at Brno-Červený kopeček (Red Hill) in relation to the "Younger gravel sheet" (after Zeman 1979, 1992).

- 1 – pre-Quaternary rocks; 2 – fluvial terrace with the base at 70 m; 3 – older sand and gravel sheet; 4 – younger sand and gravel sheet (Tufany terrace); 5 – fluvial sand and gravel deposited after the Brunhes/Matuyama reversal; 6 – fluvial sand and gravel (Middle Pleistocene, Mindel?); 7 – doubled Modrice terrace (Middle Pleistocene, Riss); 8 – fluvial gravel and sand (Upper Pleistocene); 9 – loess loam and paleosols developed before the Jaramillo Event; 10 – loess and fossil soils postdating the Jaramillo Event; 11 – ferreto; 12 – well-developed ferreto; 13 – semiterrestrial paleosol; 14 – well-developed semiterrestrial fossil soils; 15 – colluvial sediments; 16 – cryoturbation; 17 – pedocomplexes (PC); 18 – mineralogical and chemical analyses

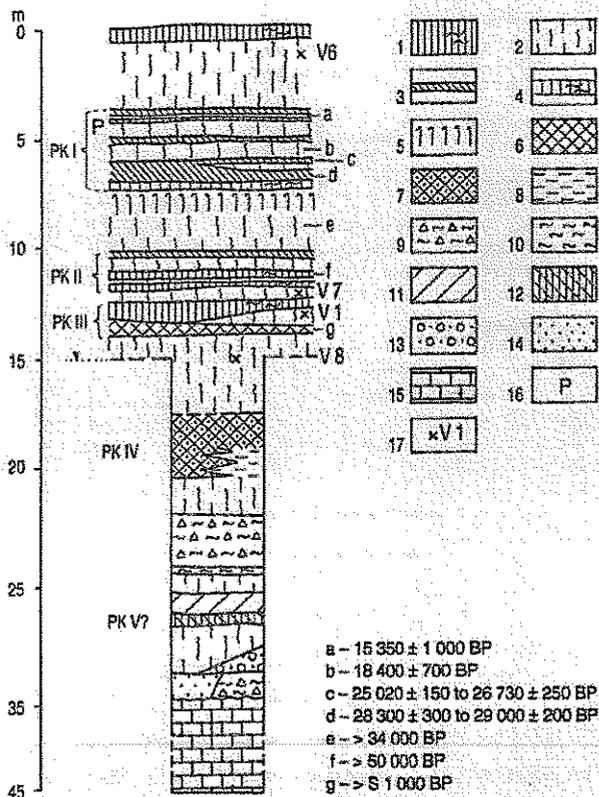
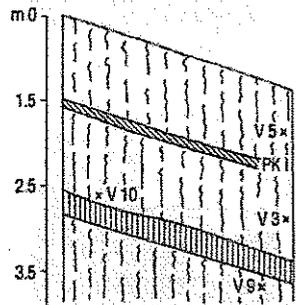
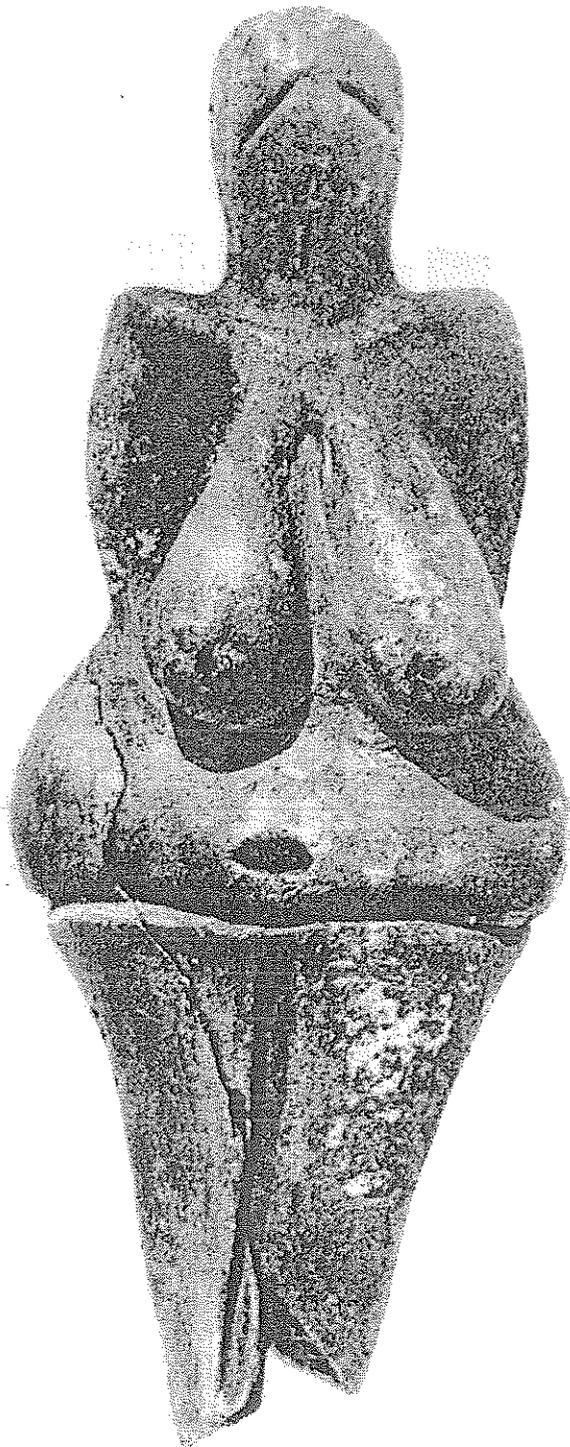


Fig. 4a. Dolní Věstonice, abandoned brickyard, main wall with "Calendar of ages".

1 - A-horizon of humic soil; 2 - loess; 3 - initial fossil soils; 4 - Chernozems; 5 - soliflucted loess; 6 - B₁-horizon of parabraunearth; 7 - gB₁-horizon of soil; 8 - soil sediments; 9 - slope (colluvial) sediments; 10 - clay-dominated slope sediment; 11 - soil sediment with limestone fragments; 12 - brown soil horizon A/B; 13 - fluvial sand and gravel (40 m terrace of the Dyje River); 14 - fluvial sand; 15 - pre-Quaternary basement; 16 - Palaeolithic artifacts; 17 - mineralogical and chemical analyses



→ Fig. 4b. Dolní Věstonice, abandoned brickyard, opposite wall (see Fig. 4a).



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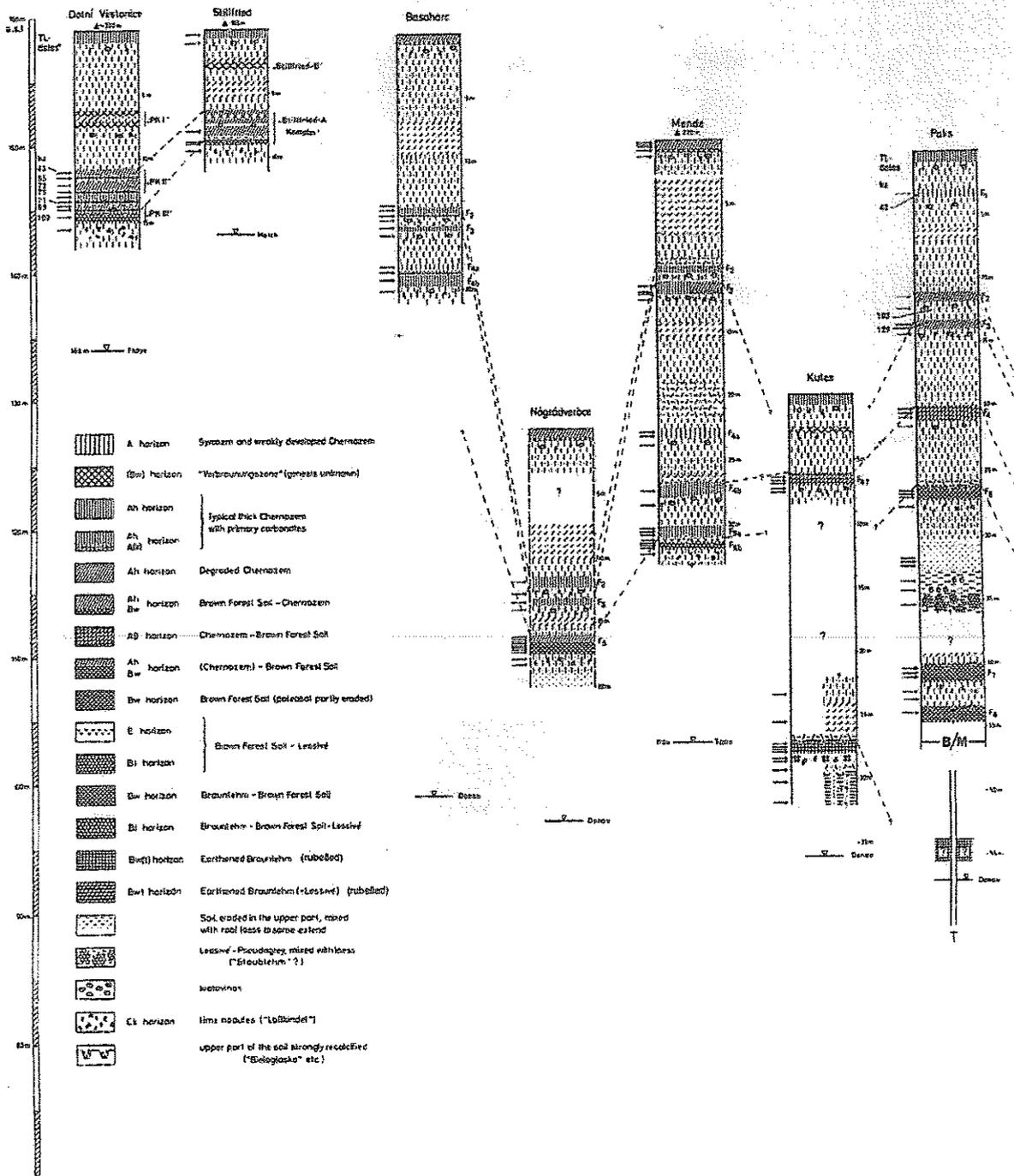
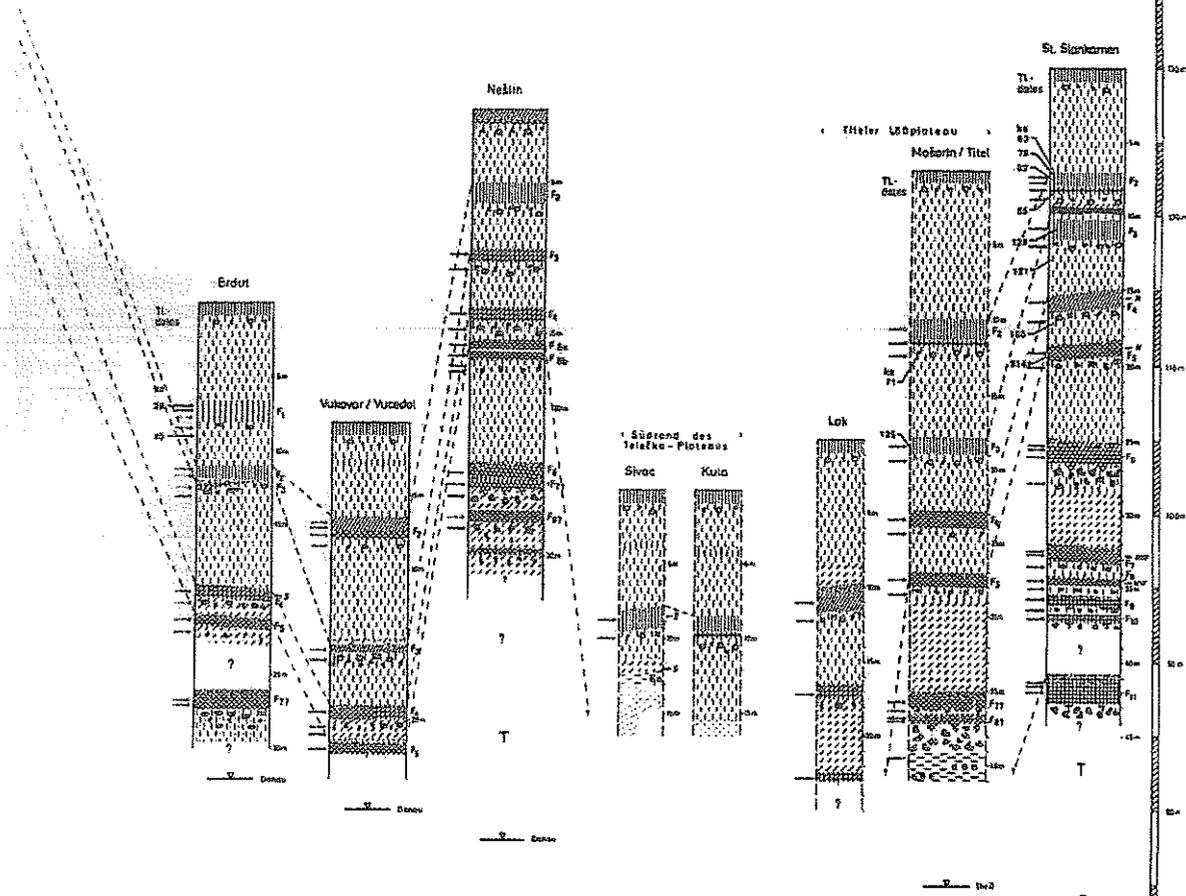
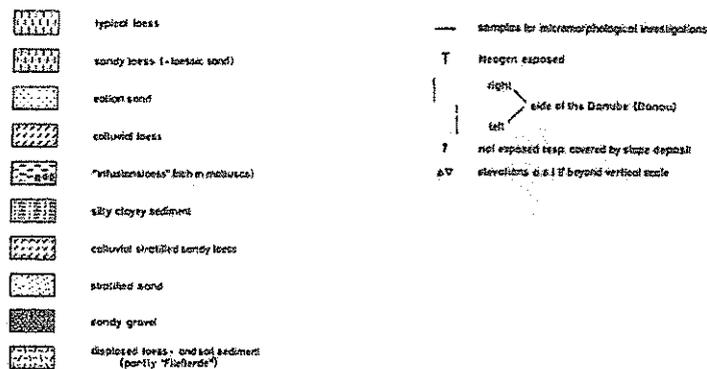


Fig. 2. Loess exposures in southeast Central Europe between Vienna and Beograd.



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