

# Paleoentomologie

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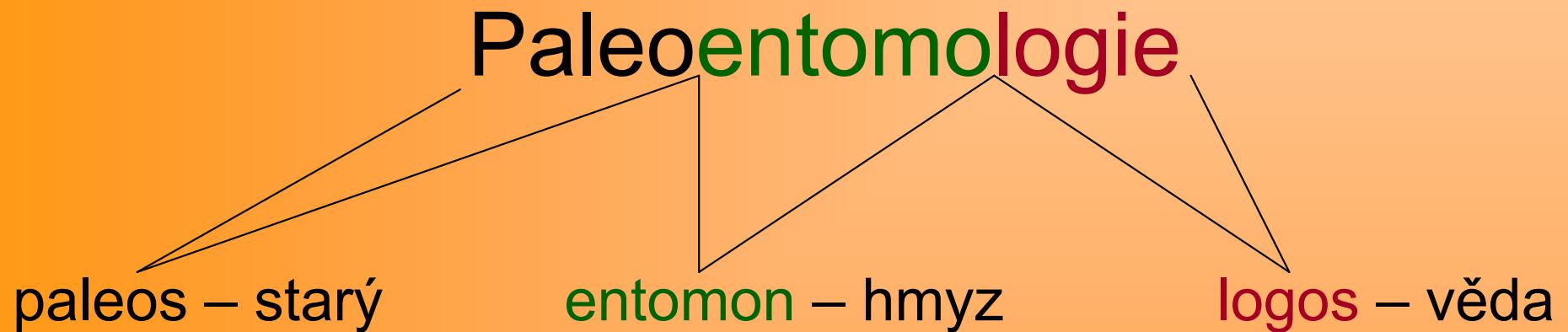


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# Co je to paleoentomologie



Vědní obor zabývající se studiem hmyzu

v geologické minulosti Země

Hraniční obor mezi paleontologií a biologií

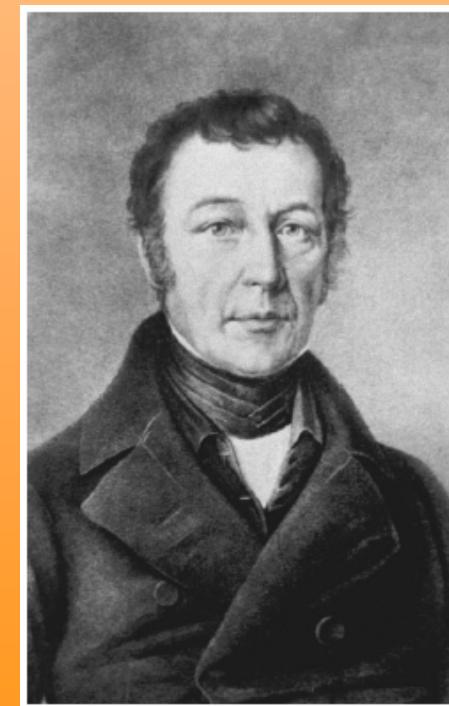
# Historie oboru

- Původně spojena s biologickými studiemi

Marcus Elieser Bloch (1723-1799)



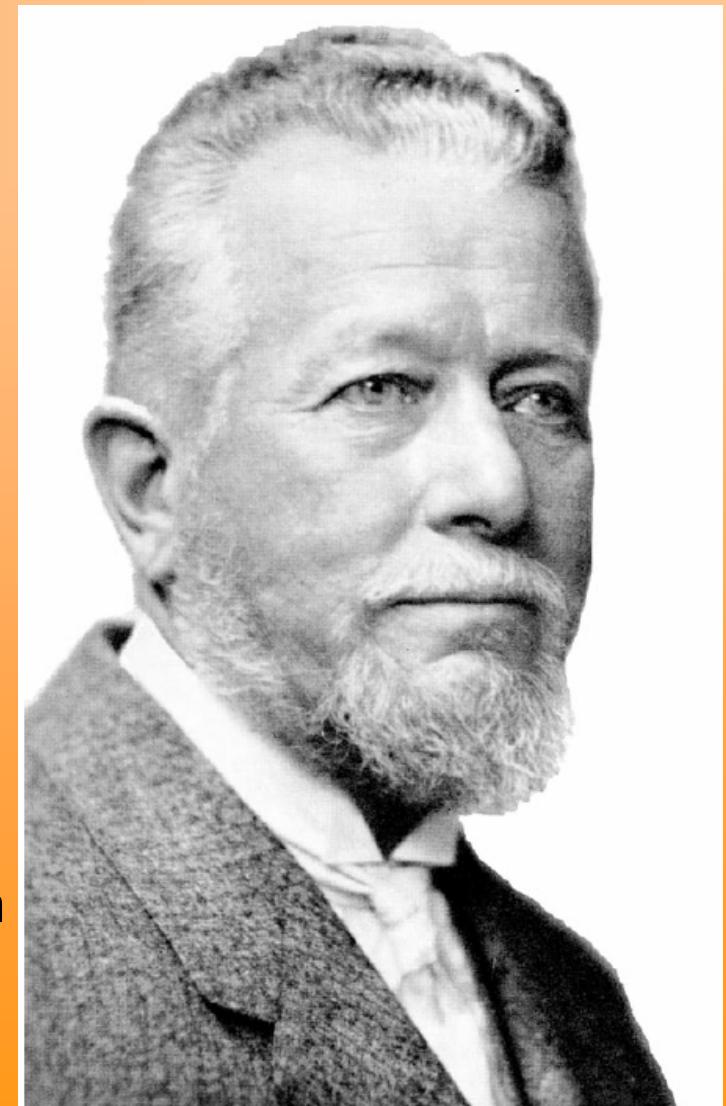
Ernst Friederich Germar (1786-1859)



- Charles Brongniart (1859-1899), entomologist in Paris



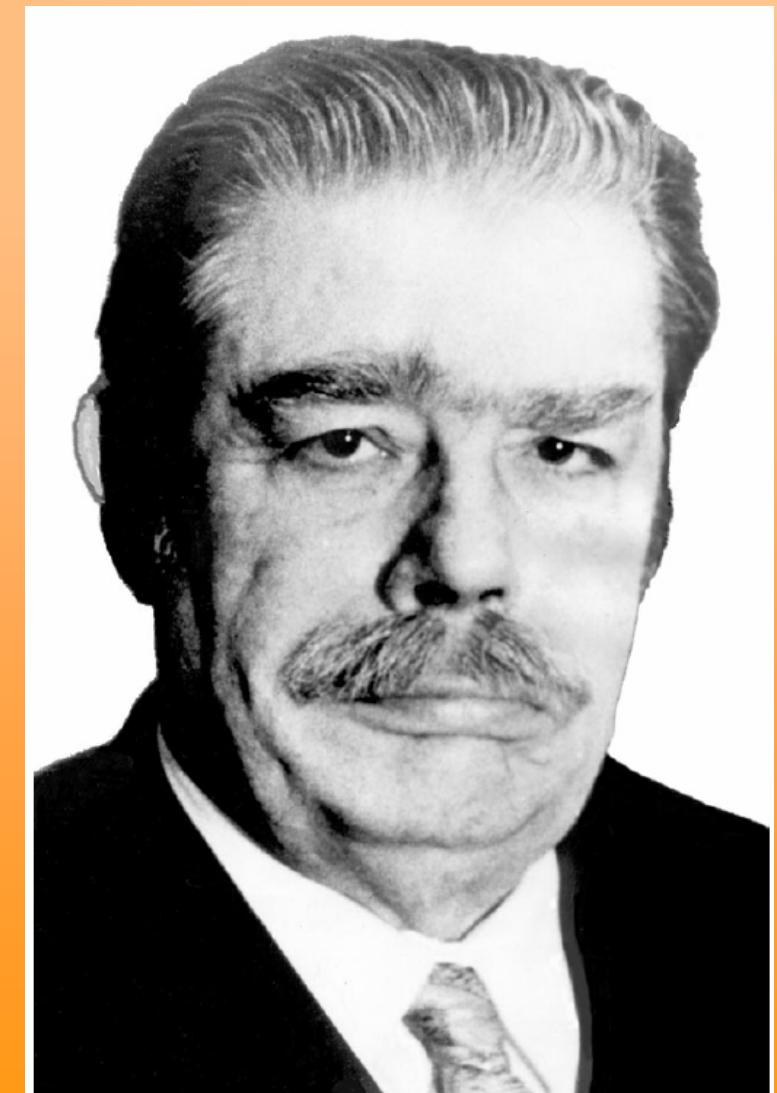
- Anton Handlirsch (1865-1935), professor in Wien



Andrey Vassilievich Martynov (1879-1938), professor in Leningrad and Moscow

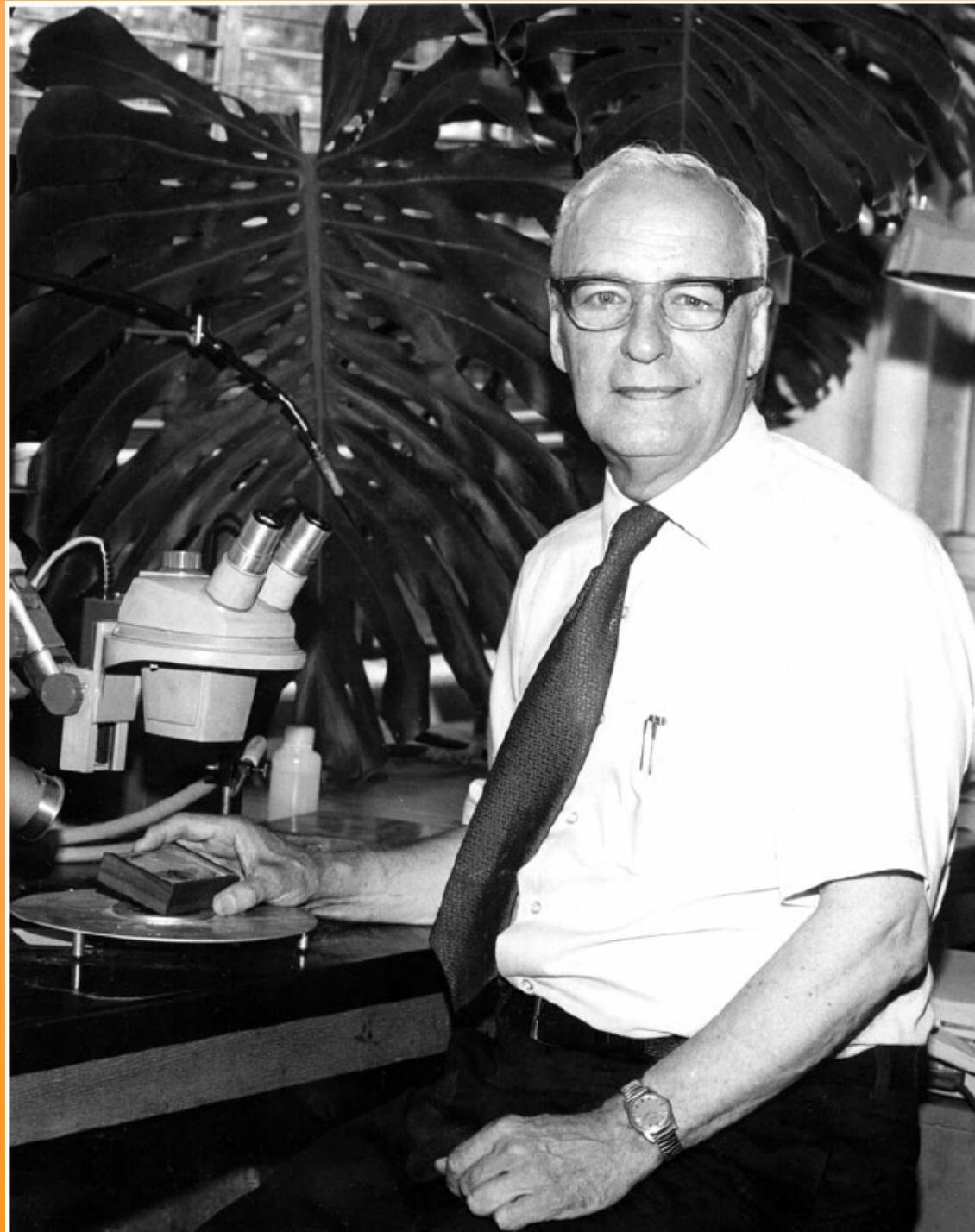


Boris Borisovich Rohdendorf  
(1904-1977), professor in Moscow

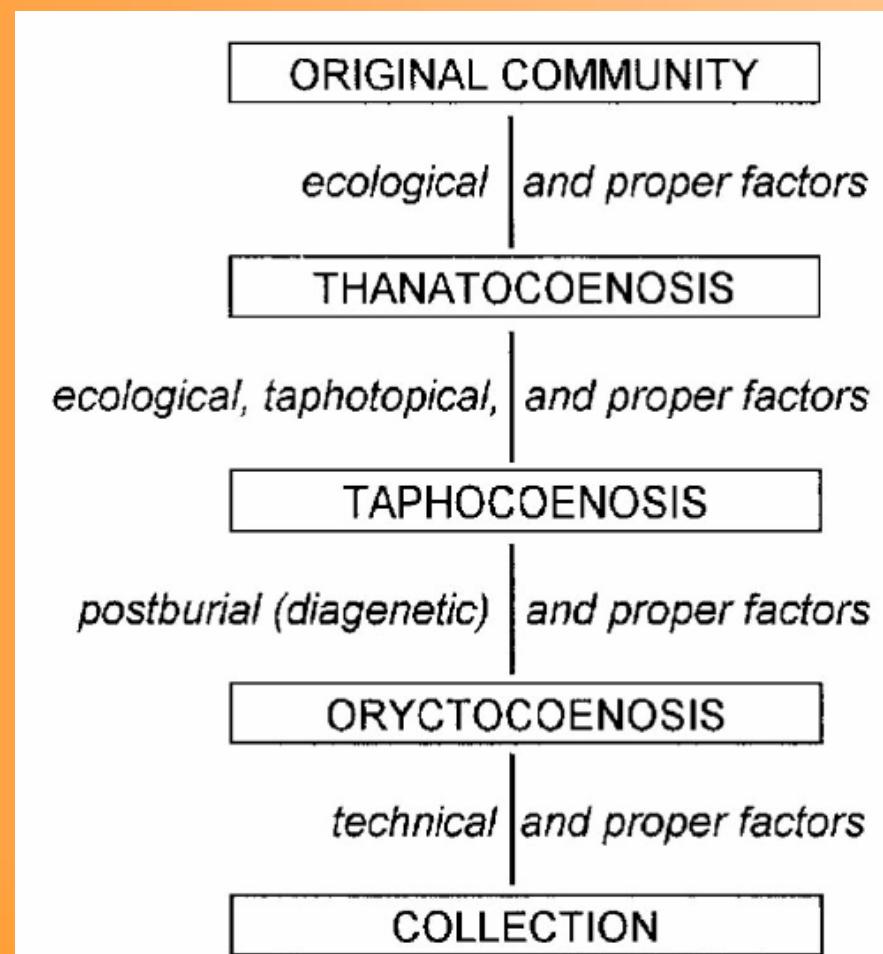


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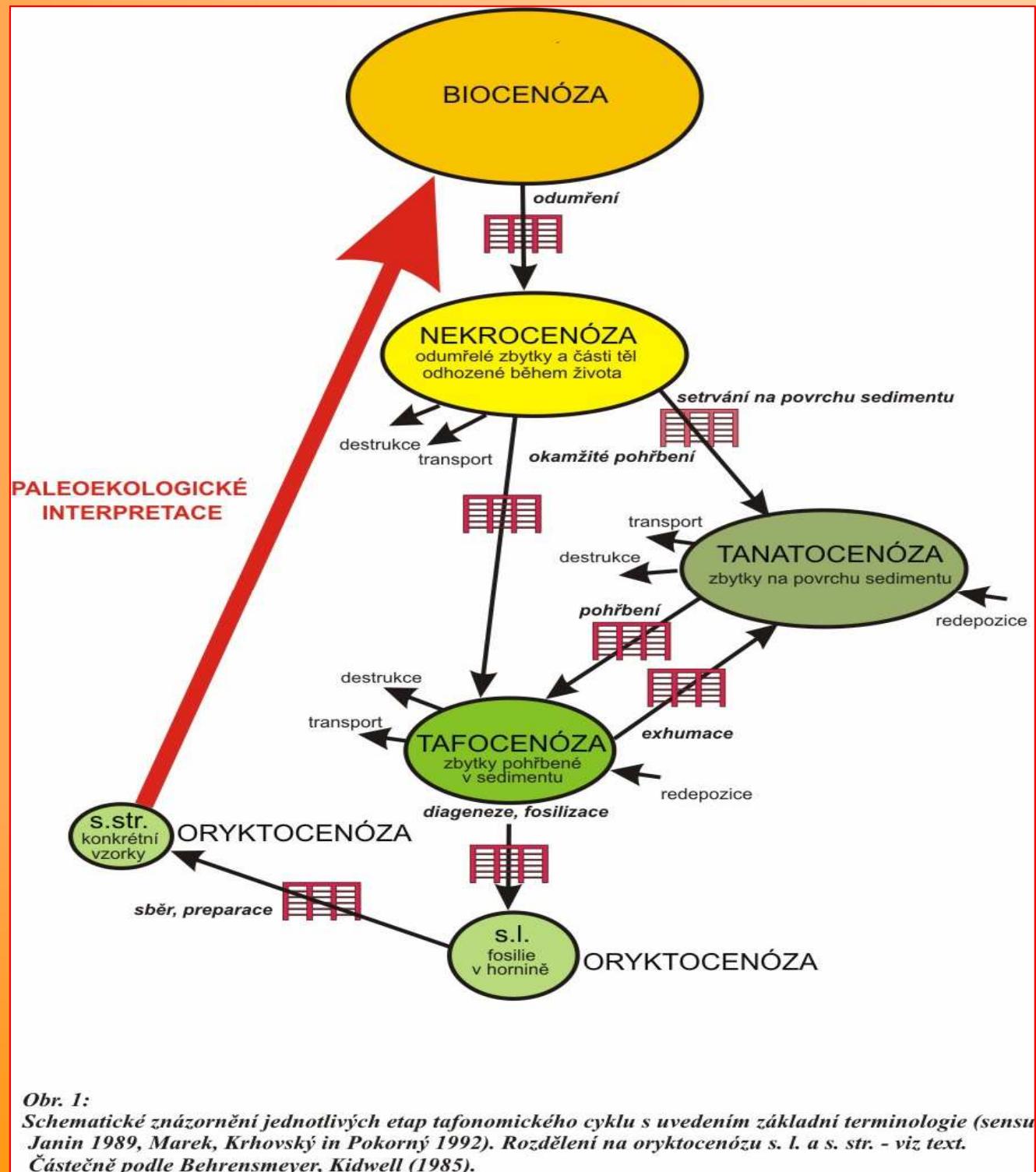
Frank Morton Carpenter  
(1902-1994)



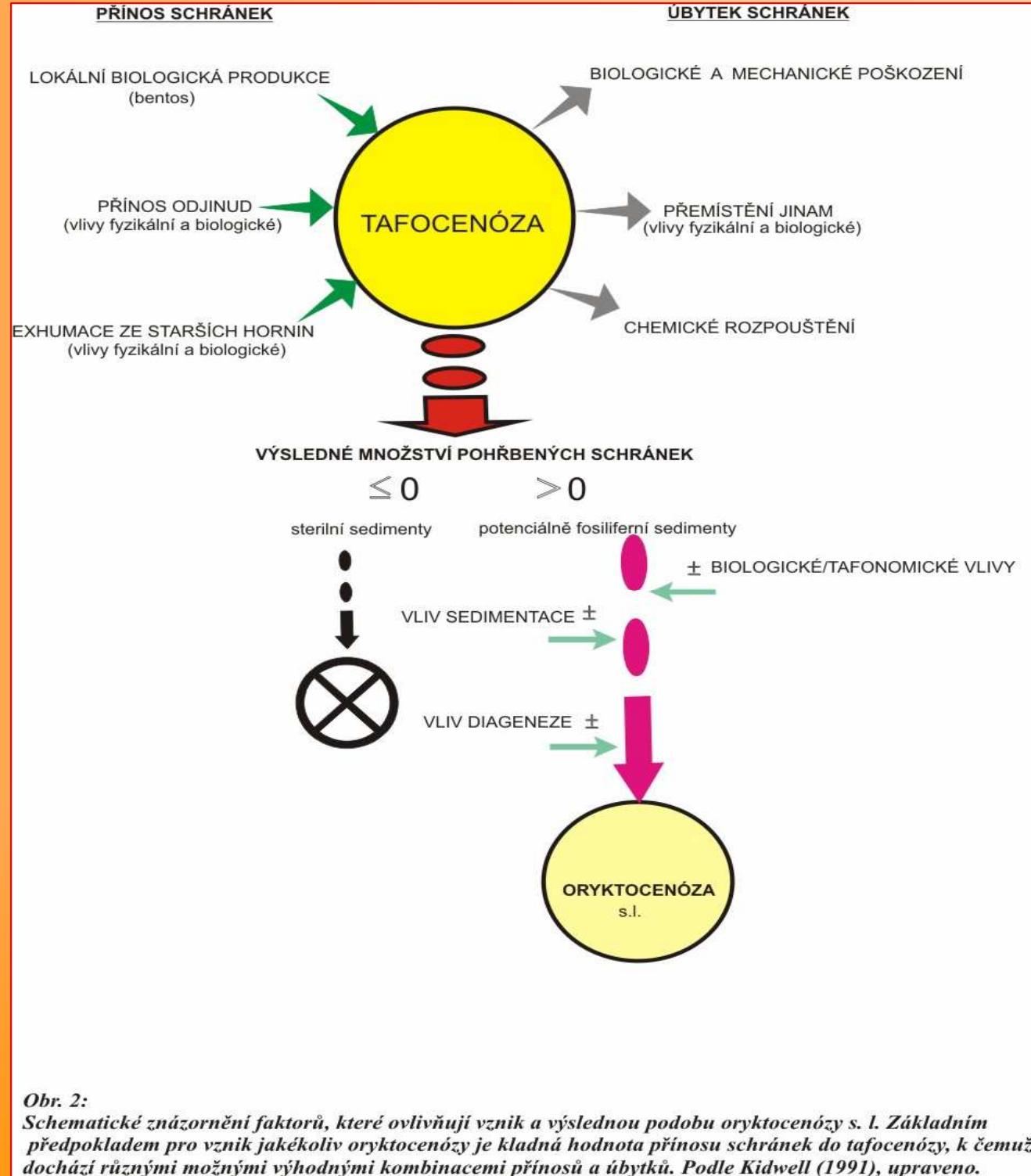
# Tafonomie



## Tafonomický cyklus



## Faktory ovlivňující podobu oryktocenózy



- 1. ***community or biocoenosis*** (all organisms inhabiting certain habitat)
- 2. ***thanatocoenosis, or death assemblage*** (all corpses in the habitat; the organisms predated upon or which drifted away have been removed while others may be transported in from the outside)
- 3. ***taphocoenosis, or burial assemblage*** (all organic remains entombed in unconsolidated sediments; the corpses consumed by scavengers, decayed, mechanically removed or destroyed have been excluded)
- 4. ***oryctocoenosis, or fossil assemblage*** (all fossils preserved inside the rock after its lithification; those crushed by pressure or crystallisation, chemically dissolved, etc., have been lost)
- 5. ***collection*** (all fossils in hands; the specimens overlooked or badly damaged during collecting have been abolished).

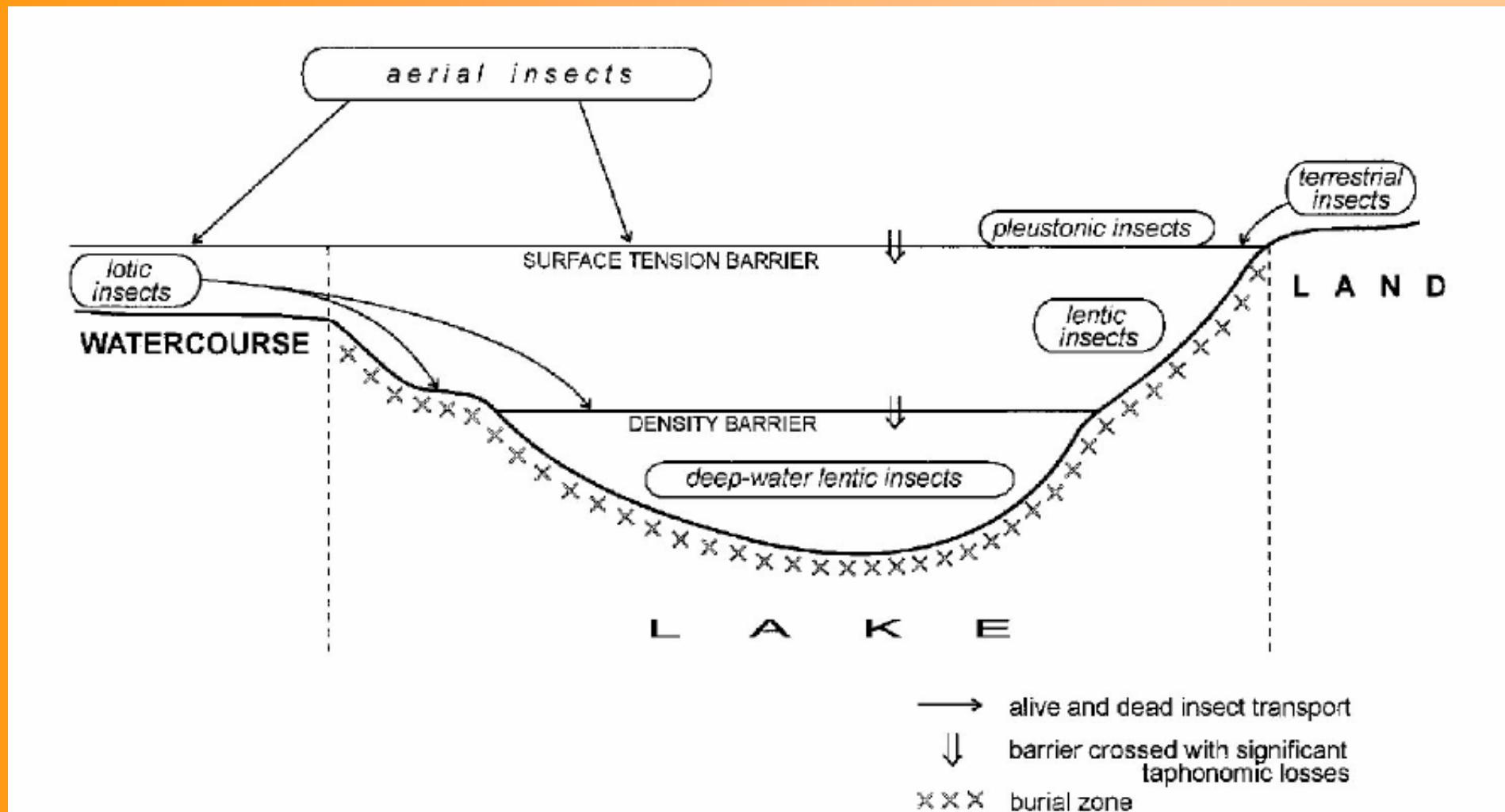
# Environments

- 1. ***biotope (habitat)***
- 2. ***thanatotope*** (death environment)
- 3. ***taphotope*** (burial environment)
- 4. ***oryctotope*** (fossilisation environment)
- 5. ***depository***

# Factors

- 1. ***autotaphonomical, intrinsic*** (characteristics of organisms which may be important at any stage of the taphonomical process)
- and ***allotaphonomical***
- 2. ***ecological or pre-burial*** (environmental factors operating within bio- and thanatotopes including both biotic and abiotic agents)
- 3. ***taphotopical or burial*** (related to burial environments)
- 4. ***post-burial*** (depending on diagenetic, metamorphic, and hypergenetic rock alteration)
- 5. ***technical*** (depending on methods of collecting, conservation and studying of fossils).
- Each class may be further subdivided into taphonomically ***positive*** (*i. e.* favouring to preservation) and ***negative*** factors.

# Direct burial



# Autotaphonomical factors

- The **chitinous exoskeleton**
- **development with ecdysis**
- **capacity of flight**
- **small body size**
- Mass migrations
- **Circadian activity**
- The **polarised light reflected by water surfaces**
- **swarming behaviour**
- The **swimming ability**
- The **mode of oviposition** and of adult emergence
- The **disarticulation pattern**

- A merocoenosis composed of moulting casts of aquatic immatures of the heptageniid mayfly *Ephemeropsis melanurus* Cockerell (dark, wide in the uppermost left and lowermost right corners; note their shrivelled condition indicating drying-out), coptoclavid beetle *Coptoclava longipoda* Ping (dark, slender, numerous), and hemeroscopid dragonfly *Hemeroscopus baissicus* Pritykina (pale, wide) in the Early Cretaceous of Baissa in Siberia (PIN 3064/6642, photo by D.E. Shcherbakov); slab 92 mm high as shown.



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# **Ecological factors**

- **weather**
- **environmental dynamics**

# Mortality factors

- place of death (*thanatotope*)
- Mortality rate
- natural traps.
- Weather conditions
- Volcanic eruptions
- The biotic factors of mortality
- parasites and pathogens may

# **Post-morten ecological factors**

- **surface tension**
- **Wind**
- **Water density**
- **Water current**
- **Weathering**
- **Rapid mineralisation**
- **shore vegetation**
- **The benthic scavenger activity**
- **Microbial activity**

# Taphotopical factors

- The **sedimentation rate**
- **Thermal conditions**
- The **mechanical composition** of sediments
- **Infaunal benthos activity**
- The **subaerial taphotopes**

# Postburial factors

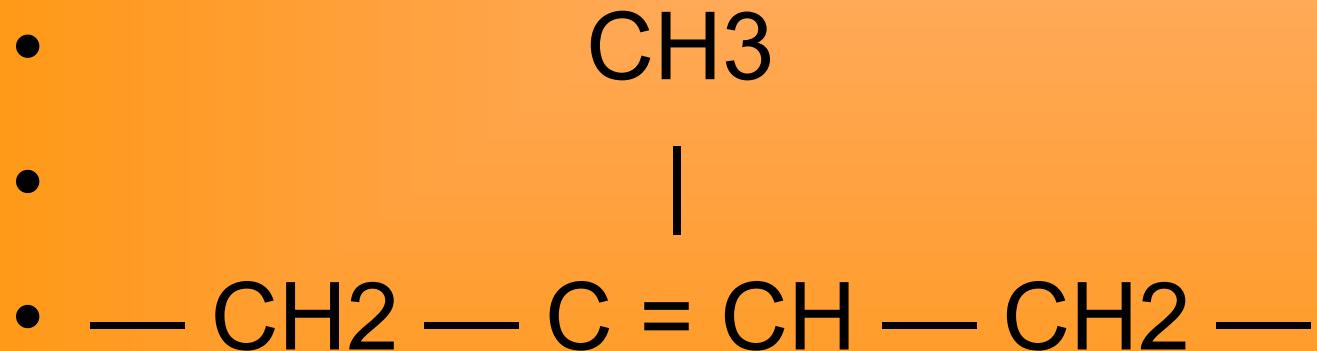
- *diagenesis*

# **Technical factors**

- **The availability of fossiliferous rocks for sampling**
- **Techniques of collecting and studying fossils**

# INDIRECT BURIAL IN FOSSIL CONTAINERS.

- FOSSIL RESINS
- Chemically the resins are composed by a complex mixture of diverse terpenoids, *i.e.* mono-, di-, tri- and polymers of the isoprene unit



Products of the taphonomical process: insect fossils and ichnofossils in different palaeoenvironments and modes of their preservation

- Marine deposits
- Non-marine subaqueous palaeoenvironments
- Lacustrine deposits
- Swamp, marsh and other wetland deposits
- Fluvial deposits
- Spring deposits
- Subaerial palaeoenvironments

