

rizon separates the Semriach Formation from the St. Radegund Crystalline. In the area of St. Kathrein the Hochschlag Formation underlies the Semriach Formation.

Overlying unit(s): Schönberg Formation and Schöckel Formation (tectonic contact).

Lateral unit(s): Not known because of tectonic boundaries.

Geographic distribution: Styria, highland in the surroundings of Graz; ÖK50-BMN, map sheets 134 Passail, 135 Birkfeld, 164 Graz, 165 Weiz.

Remarks: -

Complementary references: -

Schönberg-Formation / Schönberg Formation

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Validity: Valid; re-nomination of "Arzberg Schichten" (see FLÜGEL, 2000: p. 39), formalized by FLÜGEL (2000: p. 39).

Type area: ÖK50-UTM, map sheet 4223 Weiz (ÖK50-BMN, map sheet 134 Passail).

Type section: No type section defined, but FLÜGEL (2000) selected a type region at Schönberg, northeast of Arzberg; ÖK50-BMN, map sheet 164 Graz (N 47°15'53" / E 15°31'58").

Reference section(s): -

Remarks: Characteristic of the formation is the synsedimentary lead-zinc-silver-barite-mineralization.

Derivation of name: After "Schönberg", a municipality and hill northeast of Arzberg, approx. 35 km north of Graz.

Synonyms: Partly: Grenzphyllit (CLAR, 1874); untere Schiefer (HERITSCH, 1917c); Graphitphyllitserie (SEEWANN, 1929); Tonschiefer-Fazies (FLÜGEL & MAURIN, 1952); Karbon von Waldstein (FLÜGEL, 1953a); Striatoporen-Kalk (H. FLÜGEL, 1975); dunkle, pigmentreiche Gesteine ("Schwarzschiefer") (WEBER, 1977); höhere karbonat- und kohlenstoffreiche Serie (WEBER, 1977); tiefere, grüngesteinbebone Serie (WEBER, 1977); Arzberg Schichten (EBNER & WEBER, 1978); erzführende Serie (WEBER, 1990).

Lithology: Predominantly black shales and darkgrey to black limestones with high amounts of clay.

Fossils: Very rare and badly preserved tabulate corals (mostly thamnoporids).

Origin, facies: Organic carbon-rich sediments of a euxinic basin.

Chronostratigraphic age: Presumably Lochkovian-Emsian/Eifelian.

Biostratigraphy: -

Thickness: Probably more than 300 m.

Lithostratigraphically higher rank unit: Peggau Group (FLÜGEL, 2000).

Lithostratigraphic subdivision: FLÜGEL (2000) distinguished four facies types which were considered as members:

Kreuzwirt Member: Particularly dark coloured limestones and dolomites that may be intercalated with black shales; thickness up to 200 m.

Rabenstein Member: Dark grey crinoidal limestones; 30 to 50 m in thickness.

Rauchenberg Member: Carbonatic black shales; probably more than 300 m in thickness.

Wezbauer Member: Black argillaceous shales with intercalated beds of limestones and quartzites; probably between 100 and 200 m in thickness.

Pfaffenkogel Member: White biolaminated dolomites with birdseye-structures, thick bedded dolomites; up to 200 m in thickness.

Underlying unit(s): Presumably Semriach Formation and Taschen Formation.

Overlying unit(s): Schöckel Formation (tectonic contact).

Lateral unit(s): -

Geographic distribution: Styria, highland in the surroundings of Graz; ÖK50-BMN, map sheets 133 Leoben, 134 Passail, 135 Birkfeld, 163 Voitsberg, 164 Graz, 165 Weiz.

Remarks: -

Complementary references: RANTITSCH et al. (1998), EBNER et al. (2000).

Hochschlag-Formation / Hochschlag Formation

BERNHARD HUBMANN

Validity: Valid; first description by E. FLÜGEL (1957: "Hochschlagserie" and "Hochschlagkalke"); formalized by FLÜGEL (2000: p. 43; Hochschlag-Formation).

Type area: ÖK50-UTM, map sheet 4223 Weiz (ÖK50-BMN, map sheet 134 Passail).

Type section: No type section defined, but FLÜGEL (2000) selected a type region at Hochschlag, northeast of St. Erhard (Breitenau); ÖK50-UTM, map sheet 4223 Weiz (ÖK50-BMN, map sheet 134 Passail) (N 47°24'11" / E 15°30'17").

Reference section(s): -

Derivation of name: After Hochschlag (1,580 m), a mountain northeast of the Breitenau valley, approx. 55 km north of Graz.

Synonyms: Partly: Kalkschieferstufe i. A. (WAAGEN, 1937); Kalkzug der Brandlücke (NEUBAUER, 1982).

Lithology: Predominantly platy to slaty limestones with intercalations of black argillaceous shales, calcareous phyllites, whitish dolomites and metavolcanites.

Fossils: Rare rugose and tabulate corals.

Origin, facies: Shallow marine offshore environment.

Chronostratigraphic age: Presumably Emsian–Eifelian or Givetian.

Biostratigraphy: -

Thickness: More than 200 m.

Lithostratigraphically higher rank unit: Peggau Group (FLÜGEL, 2000).

Lithostratigraphic subdivision: -

Underlying unit(s): ?Wezbauer Member of the Schönberg Formation.

Overlying unit(s): Dornerkogel Formation (tectonic contact).

Lateral unit(s): -

Geographic distribution: Styria, highland in the surroundings of Graz; ÖK50-BMN, map sheets 134 Passail, 165 Weiz.

Remarks: -

Complementary references: -

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