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Abstract

The palaeoenvironmental changes of Upper Jurassic (Middle Tithonian) to Lower Cretaceous (Lower Albian) sediments are here analysed along a North-South transect following the southwestern margin of Gondwana (central Chile, Patagonia, and Antarctica). The focus of this high-resolution multidisciplinary study is paid to climatic perturbations, which are evident in palynofacies and lithofacies records as well as by presence/absence of the cold-water indicative mineral glendonite.

In central Chile two sections corresponding to the Tithonian–Hauterivian Lo Valdés Formation were analysed from the Mendoza-Neuquén backarc basin. An uppermost Tithonian unit was identified which corresponds to a relatively low sea level and deposition in proximal to inner platform environments. This interval is followed by a transgressive interval in the Berriasian, leading to deep shelf to basin depositional settings. The early–Middle Valanginian shows again a relatively low sea level with inner platform to slope deposits, followed by a second transgressive phase in the Upper Valanginian to Hauterivian at the top of the sections, represented by deep shelf to basin deposits. Sedimentary organic matter (OM) in the sections is intensely altered by thermal degradation and mostly consists of terrestrial OM with only very minor amounts of marine OM. Calpionellids are found in the Berriasian interval, indicating warm, oxygen-rich conditions at least for the water column. Corresponding to both intervals of low sea level (uppermost Tithonian, early–Middle Valanginian) microscopic glendonite was identified in the insoluble sample residue. The occurrence of glendonites in these shallow marine shelf environments indicates cold water temperatures and thus provides evidence for significant climatic cooling in the latest Tithonian and early–Middle Valanginian.

In Patagonia (Región de Magallanes y de la Antártica Chilena) drilled core cuttings of two wells were analysed reaching from the Tithonian to Berriasian and Hauterivian to Aptian (Sofía 1 core – Tobífera Formation, lower and middle Zapata Formation, Austral Basin, backarc) and from the Upper Barremian to Lower Aptian (Nevenka 1 core – Springhill/Río Mayer Formation, Austral Basin, backarc). Samples of the Sofía 1 core show highly altered organic matter but information about the depositional setting could still be obtained by using the opaque:translucent ratio of phytoclasts and the shape and size of organic particles. Organic matter is better preserved in the Nevenka 1 core and the AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph relationship was used to identify depositional environments. Both Patagonian sections present a predominance of siliciclastic sedimentation while increased carbonate content was confined to short intervals. Microscopic glendonites were detected in the Upper Barremian and Lower Aptian section and are accompanied by proximal depositional environments, thus pointing to low sea level reflecting glacioeustasy.

In Antarctica, the sampled interval ranges from the Middle Tithonian to the Lower Albian. Analysed sections include the Anchorage-, President Beaches- and Chester Cone Formation of the Byers Group (Byers Peninsula, intra-arc), the Himalia Ridge-, Spartan Glacier- and Pluto Glacier Formation of the Fossil Bluff Group (Alexander Island, forearc), the Nordenskjöld Formation and the Kotick Point Formation of the Gustav Group (James Ross Island, backarc). In the Byers- and Fossil Bluff Groups, a few samples show increased carbonate contents while most are composed of siliciclastic material. In contrast, carbonate content in the Nordenskjöld- and Kotick Point Formation is generally higher reaching up to 44 %. Again, occurrences of microscopic glendonite are majorly observed in intervals of proximal deposition in the Upper Tithonian, lowermost and uppermost Berriasian, lower and Upper

Valanginian, Lower Barremian and throughout the Aptian. Presence of micro-glendonite and majorly concurrent proximal deposition points to intervals of low sea level, which is interpreted as a result of glacioeustasy. Scarce occurrences of micro-glendonite in intervals with distal depositional settings are considered to reflect cool bottom water conditions in times of higher sea level.

Micrometre-sized glendonite pseudomorphs after ikaite are therefore recorded from all studied areas along the North-South transect (central Chile, Patagonia, Antarctica), but their restriction to specific levels of the Tithonian to Aptian sediment succession provides strong evidence for episodic cooling. Until now glendonites of Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous ages have only been known from northern high latitudes. The new data from Chile and Antarctica provide strong evidence for repeated small scale glaciations in the southern hemisphere. These cold episodes in the Upper Tithonian, lowermost Berriasian, Valanginian, lowermost Hauterivian, Lower Barremian, Aptian and Lower Albian punctuated the Early Cretaceous greenhouse climate in both the northern and southern hemispheres and must thus have been global events.

Kurzfassung

Im Rahmen der vorliegenden Arbeit wurden entlang eines Nord-Süd-Transekts, der dem südwestlichen Rand Gondwanas (Zentralchile, Patagonien, Antarktis) folgt, anhand mehrerer Sedimentabfolgen die Paläoumweltveränderungen während des späten Jura (mittleres Tithonium) bis zur frühen Kreide (unteres Albium) analysiert. Der Fokus dieser hochaufgelösten multidisziplinären Studie liegt auf klimatischen Störungen, die in Palynofazies- und Lithofazies-Aufzeichnungen sowie in der An- beziehungsweise Abwesenheit des Kaltwasser-anzeigenden Minerals Glendonit sichtbar werden.

In Zentralchile wurden zwei Profile aus dem Mendoza-Neuquén backarc-basin analysiert, die der Lo Valdés Formation (Tithonium–Hauterivium) entsprechen. Das Intervall aus dem oberen Tithonium zeigt einen relativ niedrigen Meeresspiegel und Ablagerungen der proximalen bis inneren Plattform. Diesem Intervall folgt eine transgressive Phase im Berriasium, welche zu einem Ablagerungsmilieu des tiefen Schelfs führte. Das frühe–mittlere Valanginium ist erneut von einem niedrigen Meeresspiegel und Ablagerungen der inneren Plattform bis zum Kontinentalhang geprägt. Während des späten Valanginiums und des Hauteriviums am Top der untersuchten Profile, folgte eine zweite transgressive Phase, die durch Ablagerungen des tiefen Schelfs und des Beckens gekennzeichnet ist. Die sedimentäre organische Materie (OM) in diesen Profilen ist stark alteriert und besteht überwiegend aus terrestrischer OM, wohingegen marine OM nur geringfügig vertreten ist. Das Auftreten von Calpionellen im Intervall des Berriasiums deutet auf warme, sauerstoffreiche Bedingungen hin, die zumindest in den oberen Wasserschichten vorherrschte. Zeitgleich zu beiden Intervallen mit reduziertem Meeresspiegel (oberstes Tithonium, frühes–mittleres Valanginium) wurde das Auftreten von mikroskopischen Glendoniten in den Probenrückständen festgestellt. Das Auftreten von Glendoniten in den Ablagerungsräumen des flachmarinen Schelfs, deutet auf kalte Wassertemperaturen hin und liefert Belege für signifikante klimatische Abkühlung während des spätesten Tithoniums und des frühen–mittleren Valanginiums.

In Patagonien (Región de Magallanes y de la Antártica Chilena) wurde das Bohrklein zweier Bohrkerns untersucht, die vom Tithonium bis Berriasium und Hauterivium bis Aptium (Bohrung

Sofia 1 – Tobifera Formation, untere und mittlere Zapata Formation, Austral Becken, backarc) beziehungsweise vom oberen Barremium bis unteren Aptium (Bohrung Nevenka 1 – Springhill/Río Mayer Formation, Austral Becken, backarc) reichen. Die Proben aus dem Sofia 1 Bohrkern sind von stark alterierter organischer Materie geprägt. Anhand des Verhältnisses von opaken zu durchsichtigen Phytoklasten und der Verteilung von Form und Größe organischer Partikel konnten dennoch Informationen über das Ablagerungsmilieu gewonnen werden. Die organische Materie des Nevenka 1 Bohrkerns ist besser erhalten, weshalb zusätzlich das Verhältnis von AOM-Phytoklasten-Palynomorphen verwendet wurde, um die Paläo-Umwelt zu identifizieren. Beide Profile aus Patagonien bestehen überwiegend aus siliziklastischen Sedimenten, erhöhter Gehalt an Karbonat ist auf kurze Intervalle beschränkt. Begleitet von proximalen Ablagerungsbedingungen wurde das Auftreten von Mikroglendoniten im oberen Barremium und unteren Aptium beobachtet, was auf einen glazieostatischen Einfluss auf den Meeresspiegel hindeutet.

Aus dem Untersuchungsgebiet in der Antarktis reicht das beprobte Intervall vom mittleren Tithonium bis zum unteren Albium. Die analysierten Profile umfassen die Anchorage-, President Beaches- und Chester Cone Formationen der Byers Gruppe (Byers Peninsula, intra-arc), die Himalia Ridge-, Spartan Glacier- und Pluto Glacier Formationen der Fossil Bluff Gruppe (Alexander Island, forearc) sowie die Nordenskjöld- und Kotick Point Formationen (James Ross Island, backarc). Die Proben der Byers- und Fossil Bluff Gruppen bestehen überwiegend aus siliziklastischem Material wobei vereinzelt erhöhte Gehalte an Karbonat auftreten. Die Proben aus den Nordenskjöld- und Kotick Point Formationen zeigen hingegen durchgehend höhere Gehalte an Karbonat, die Anteile von bis zu 44 % erreichen. Auch hier wurden Vorkommen von Mikroglendoniten hauptsächlich in den Intervallen festgestellt, die von proximalen Ablagerungsmilieus gekennzeichnet sind: oberes Tithonium, unterstes und oberstes Berriasium, unteres und oberes Valanginium, unteres Barremium und durchgehend innerhalb des Aptium. Die Beschränkung von Mikroglendonit-Vorkommen auf Einheiten mit proximalen Ablagerungsbedingungen und folglich niedrigem Meeresspiegel, deutet auf glazieostatischen Einfluss hin. Vereinzelt Auftreten von Mikroglendoniten wurde auch in Intervallen mit distalen Ablagerungsbedingungen beobachtet, wo sie auf kalte Tiefenwässer in Zeiten erhöhten Meeresspiegels hindeuten.

Somit wurde aus allen untersuchten Gebieten entlang des Nord-Süd-Transektivs (Zentralchile, Patagonien, Antarktis) das Auftreten von Mikrometer-großen Glendonit-Pseudomorphen nach Ikait beobachtet. Die Beschränkung auf spezielle Niveaus des Oberjura und der Unterkreide (Tithonium bis Aptium) liefert deutliche Hinweise auf episodische Abkühlperioden. Bislang sind Glendonite von spätjurassisch-frühkretazischem Alter nur aus den nördlichen hohen Breiten bekannt. Die neuen Daten aus Chile und der Antarktis liefern nun starke Belege für wiederholte Vereisungen auf der südlichen Hemisphäre. Diese kalten Episoden im oberen Tithonium, untersten Berriasium, Valanginium, untersten Hauterivium, unteren Barremium, Aptium und unteren Albium unterbrechen das frühkretazische Treibhausklima sowohl in der nördlichen als auch in der südlichen Hemisphäre und müssen daher Ereignisse von globaler Reichweite gewesen sein.

List of Abbreviations

AF	Anchorage Formation
AOM	Amorphous Organic Matter
AOMT	Amorphous Organic Matter (terrestrial)
AOMA	Amorphous Organic Matter (aquatic)
CCF	Chester Cone Formation
C/N	C _{org} /Nitrogen Ratio
CNS	Carbon, Nitrogen, Sulphur
CM	Cajón del Morado
DPM	Devils Point Member
EDX	Energy Dispersive X-Ray Analysis
FBG	Fossil Bluff Group
HRF	Himalia Ridge Formation
KPF	Kotick Point Formation
LMG	LeMay Group
LV	Lo Valdés
LVF	Lo Valdés Formation
LZF	Lower Zapata Formation
MS	Magnetic Susceptibility
MZF	Middle Zapata Formation
NF	Nordenskjöld Formation
OM	Organic Matter
OP/TR	Opaque/translucent ratio
PBF	President Beaches Formation
PGF	Pluto Glacier Formation
RMF	Ramp Microfacies Type
S/RMF	Springhill/Río Mayer Formation
SD	Standard Deviation
SEM	Scanning Electron Microscopy
SGF	Spartan Glacier Formation
SHM	Sealer Hill Member
SMF	Standard Microfacies Type
SOM	Sedimentary Organic Matter
TAI	Thermal Alteration Index
TF	Tobífera Formation
TIC	Total Inorganic Carbon
TOC	Total Organic Carbon

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Climatic oscillations during the Late Mesozoic

Although there is little doubt that the Mesozoic represented an exceedingly long period of extreme warmth, it was also punctuated by climatic oscillations (e.g. Price, 1999; Dromart et al., 2003a, 2003b; Bornemann et al., 2008; Geleotti et al., 2009; Donnadieu et al., 2011; Hu et al., 2012; Bodin et al., 2015). It is a widely debated issue, however, whether these oscillations in global temperatures were sufficient to lead to significant cooling and the formation of polar ice (e.g. Barron, 1983; Kemper, 1987; Crowley & North, 1991; Frakes et al., 1992; Hallam, 1993; Chumakov, 1995; Bennett et al., 1996; Frakes, 1999; Oyarzun et al., 1999; Dromart et al., 2003a, b; Steuber et al., 2005; McArthur et al., 2007). Kemper (1987) and Donnadieu et al. (2011) suggest that within the Mesozoic the periods of climatic oscillations and cold climate lasted from a few thousand to >2 Ma and were separated by intervals of warm steadied climate.

Cretaceous icehouse interludes are indicated by carbon isotope fluctuations (Weissert, 1989; Weissert & Lini, 1991; Barclay et al., 2010; Jarvis et al., 2011; McAnena et al., 2013; Hollis et al., 2014). Although Barral et al. (2017) recognise $p\text{CO}_2$ in the Cretaceous to be decoupled from temperature at the Ma scale, the authors still consider CO_2 as the main driver of temperature. Negative carbon excursions during the Early Valanginian, the mid- Hauterivian–Barremian and the Aptian–Early Albian boundary, are explained by decelerated carbon cycling and to represent cool or icehouse climates (Weissert & Lini, 1991; Bodin et al., 2015). The reasons proposed for decreased atmospheric CO_2 include (1) increased primary productivity and hence increased organic carbon burial (Dromart et al., 2003a; McAnena et al., 2013; Bodin et al., 2015), (2) a general demise of carbonate platforms (Donnadieu et al., 2011), (3) enhanced sequestration of organic carbon in sediments (Dromart et al., 2003a), or (4) storage of organic carbon in coastal areas and/or enhanced preservation within stratified waters in high-latitude basins (Price & Mutterlose, 2004). Donnadieu et al. (2011) showed that the general demise of carbonate platforms which accompanied short-lived cold interludes (“cold snaps”) is capable of creating fast atmospheric CO_2 decrease and a moderate sea level drop caused by ice sheet build-up. Carbonate production decline was temporary and therefore cold phases were relative short-lived events, possibly resulting from ice sheet waxing and waning (Donnadieu et al., 2011). All of the occurrences of decreased CO_2 contents have been associated with potentially ice-rafted clasts (Francis & Frakes, 1993). For example, breccia and claystone with granitic pebbles within the late Jurassic Flamenco Formation in Tierra del Fuego are suggested to be deposits formed by mountain glaciers (Cecioni, 1981).

Eustatic sea level changes are an important criterion indicating glacial periods (e.g. Bjørlykke, 1985; Kemper, 1987; Gale et al., 2002; Dromart et al., 2003a, 2003b; Donnadieu et al., 2011; Husinec et al., 2012). Sea level curves based on sequence stratigraphy imply that during the late Mesozoic sea level repeatedly rose and fell by about 100 m in less than 1 million years (Haq et al., 1987, Haq., 2014). Goldhammer et al. (1987) and Masetti et al. (1991) note that tectonic movements cannot operate on a sufficiently rapid timescale to account for the observed short-termed sea level changes. The synchronous changes of the eustatic sea level curve (e.g. Haq et al., 1987; Haq, 2014) require significant amounts of ice, not just small isolated mountain ice sheets (Rowley & Markwick, 1992) as

was suggested by several authors (e.g. Dromart et al., 2003a; Miller et al., 2005a, 2005b; Steuber et al., 2005; Donnadieu et al., 2011; Hut et al., 2012). Rapid (<1 My) global sea-level fluctuations of up to 50 m have been reported by Immenhauser and Scott (2002) Gréselle and Pittet (2005, 2010), Bover-Arnal et al. (2009, 2014), Rameil et al. (2012) Maurer et al. (2013) and other authors for the Late Valanginian, the late Early Aptian and the latest Aptian-earliest Albian, suggesting glacio-eustasy as the driving mechanism. These sea level changes may have resulted from an Antarctic ice sheet (Stoll & Schrag, 1996, 2000) and may have been controlled by orbital variations (Matthews & Frohlich, 1991). Using Strontium data, Stoll and Schrag (1996) suggest that Berriasian-Valanginian sea level varied by about 50 m over time scales of 200-500 ka.

By the use of general circulation models (GCM), Moore et al. (1992), Valdes et al. (1995) and Sellwood et al. (2000) simulated significant amounts of sea-ice in Antarctica during the late Jurassic (Kimmeridgian–Tithonian) as a result of Milankovitch (eccentricity-forced) orbital perturbations. In their simulations, the sea-ice front extended to 45° north and 50° south. Price and Nunn (2010) also suggest cool polar temperatures during the Cretaceous by simulation with a GCM. In their interpretation, episodes with ice-covered poles correspond to phases with aridity in Europe, which would support the idea of cool or glacial events (Price, 1999). Prentice and Matthews (1991) suggest that high sea surface temperatures enhanced vapour transport to the centre of Antarctica, where temperatures remained low and led to the formation of an ice cap.

Changes in the Mesozoic faunal and floral assemblages in both the marine and terrestrial realms are associated to temperature variations (e.g. Vakhrameyev, 1982; Kemper, 1987; Price, 1999; Zakharov & Rogov, 2003). The potential existence of Boreal and Austral realms during parts of the Mesozoic supports the idea of cold or even sub-freezing high-latitude conditions. These regions are generally low in diversity, but temperature is an important controlling factor of the faunal distribution (Middlemiss, 1984; Rawson, 1973; Stevens, 1973). At the end of the Jurassic, provinciality amongst faunas became most remarkable (Casey & Rawson, 1973). A distinct bipolarity exists in the distribution of Pliensbachian and Tithonian (Early and Late Jurassic) and Aptian–Albian (Early Cretaceous) bivalves (Crame, 1986, 1993) and thus corresponds to episodes from which glacial sediments and glendonites have been reported (Price, 1999 and references therein). A tendency towards bipolar taxa occurs when the Earth's pole–equator temperature profile increases, leading to the expulsion of taxon from equatorial regions (Crame, 1993). Extensive floral evidence (Parrish et al., 1998; Philippe & Thevenard, 1996; Spicer & Parrish, 1986) also implies that permanent ice at high latitudes may have repeatedly existed during the Jurassic and Cretaceous (Price, 1999 and references therein).

Several authors report on significant perturbations of the Early Cretaceous northern hemisphere climate, with repeated cool excursions punctuating otherwise warm conditions (e.g. Galloway et al., 2015; Kemper, 1987; Kessels et al., 2006; Price & Mutterlose, 2004; Price & Nunn, 2010). Early Cretaceous occurrences of glendonites are known from high northern palaeolatitudes, e.g. the Valanginian and Early Hauterivian of eastern Siberia, the Valanginian of Spitsbergen in Svalbard (Kemper, 1987; Price & Nunn, 2010), and the Valanginian of the Sverdrup Basin in the Canadian Arctic (Kemper & Schmitz, 1975, 1981) (Fig. 1). Ice-rafted deposits were documented in lower Cretaceous sediments confirming the presence of polar ice (Frakes & Francis, 1988). For the southern hemisphere, on the other hand, evidence for major cooling events is rare and majorly restricted to Australia. In this southern continent, boulder-sized clasts considered to be glacial dropstones, as well

as glendonite nodules and cryoturbational structures, were found in the Bulldog Shale (Woolnough & David, 1926; Frakes & Francis, 1988; Sheard, 1990; Francis & Frakes, 1993), while isotopic evidence suggests the presence of glacial meltwaters (Price, 1999).

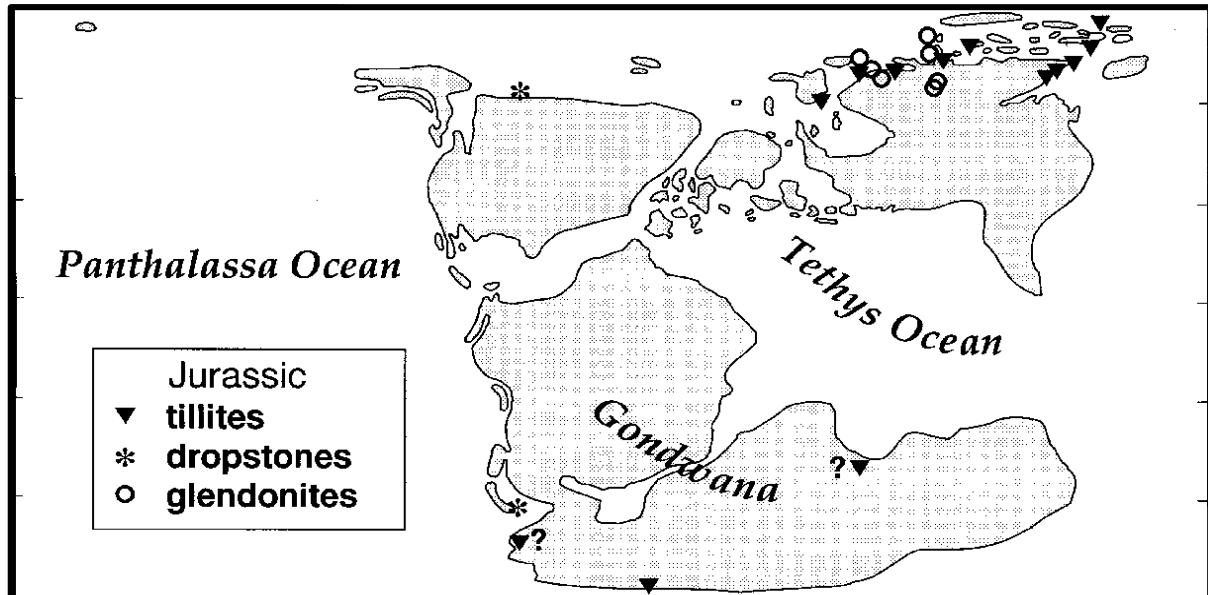


Figure 1: Distribution of potentially glacially derived sediments and glendonites during the Late Jurassic (Price, 1999).

1.2 Ikaite – the Glendonite precursor

Pauly (1963) identified ikaite in 1963 after discovering the mineral in the Ikka Fjord in Greenland. Ikaite is a metastable low-temperature polymorph of calcium carbonate which crystallises at about freezing temperatures but easily decomposes to a loose mush of calcite and water at higher temperatures (De Lurio & Frakes, 1999). Naturally occurring ikaite has been observed only at temperatures between -1.9°C and 7°C ; it is present in both marine and non-marine water that is alkaline and/or rich in orthophosphate (Huggett et al., 2005). Typically, ikaite is formed through precipitation from supersaturated aqueous solutions (Boch et al., 2015). Its widespread occurrence in modern sediments of cold climate shelves and estuaries as well as in deeper ocean basins indicates that its formation is a relatively common process controlled mainly by temperature and alkalinity (Selleck et al., 2007). Ikaite has likewise been found in (cold) shelf sediments (Schultz, 1998) and also occurs at temperate and tropical latitudes, but only in deep (4 km) waters (Stein & Smith, 1986; Markwick & Rowley, 1998). Modern ikaite was found more recently also in Antarctic and Arctic sea ice (Dieckmann et al., 2008; Dieckmann et al., 2010).

Sherman and Smith (1985) suggested that sodium hexametaphosphate and magnesium ions together with other inhibitors would be needed to favour (metastable) ikaite precipitation and block calcite precipitation in seawater at ‘normal’ pressures and low temperatures. In contrast, Hu et al. (2014), argue that phosphate concentrations do not influence the precipitation of ikaite and state that in their

study the controlling factor of ikaite precipitation was pH (due to its strong influence on CO_3^{2-} concentrations). The crystal lattice of the monoclinic ikaite is hydrated with water molecules ($\text{CaCO}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$) (Hu et al., 2014). As pseudomorphs after ikaite are usually composed of calcite, it is suggested that they formed by in situ redistribution of the calcium and carbonate ions of the precursor ikaite crystals (Huggett et al., 2005). The reaction of transformation ($\text{CaCO}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{CaCO}_3 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$) results in a 68.6% volume loss as the structural waters are released from the ikaite crystal (Larsen, 1994). Several authors (e.g. Marland, 1975; and Swainson & Hammond, 2001; Boch et al., 2015; Brooks, 2016; Fairchild et al., 2016; Oehlerich et al., 2013) suggest a rapid conversion of ikaite to calcite when temperature rises above $\sim 4^\circ\text{C}$ at atmospheric pressures. The exact temperature however, depends on water chemistry (Jansen et al., 1987; Larsen, 1994; Pauly, 1963; Stein & Smith, 1986; Suess et al., 1982). Chemical analysis shows that minor amounts of Mg, Fe and Mn are substituted for Ca. Transformation can also lead to extensive replacement of CaCO_3 by ferroan dolomite (ankerite) (Huggett et al., 2005). The transformation of ikaite to stellate glendonite clusters takes place in situ and therefore also within the sediment pile rather than at the sediment–water interface. This is indicated by the random orientation of long axes, coupled with the partial or complete enclosure of fossils or pebbles in larger clusters (Selleck et al., 2007).

The relatively strict temperature limits on its stability make ikaite a suitable indicator of cold water conditions and thus of great palaeoclimatic significance when its former presence can be verified in ancient sediments. Meanwhile, ikaite has received widespread acceptance as the precursor mineral for glendonite and related pseudomorphs (Carr et al., 1989; Suess et al., 1982; Swainson & Hammond, 2001).

1.3 Glendonite

With time, metastable ikaite transforms to one of its pseudomorphs, glendonite. Single crystals are mostly elongate in c-direction, with multiple 'scalenohedral' terminations and imperfect development of the hexagonal prism (plate 1) (Kemper, 1987; Huggett et al., 2005). Glendonite is known from many localities and strata since the Precambrian (Johnston, 1995; James et al., 2005) to Recent. The pseudomorphs have been reported from diverse sedimentary facies ranging from lacustrine through estuarine, tidal flat and shallow to deep marine. However, they are not omnipresent in any of these facies and only occur over limited stratigraphic intervals (Huggett et al., 2005). Glendonite findings were repeatedly reported from marine sediments associated with dropstones, and the mineral is abundantly present in Quaternary sediments from periglacial regions. As a successor of ikaite, glendonite is thus an important climate proxy used to determine cold-water sedimentary facies and glaciomarine settings of the environments in which they occur (e.g. Kemper & Schmitz, 1975, 1981; Kaplan, 1978, 1979; Markwick & Rowley, 1998; De Lurio & Frakes, 1999; Price, 1999; Lippert, 2004; Selleck et al., 2007; Price & Nunn, 2010; Rogov & Zakharov, 2010; Herrle et al., 2015; Vickers et al., 2016; Rogov et al., 2017). Glendonites are important archives for palaeoenvironmental reconstructions (Bradshaw et al., 1995; Brandley & Krause, 1994; Brandt, 1986; Frakes & Francis, 1988; Johnston, 1995; Sheard, 1990; Shi, 2001; Yan, 1996). In particular, it is clear that the presence of ikaite pseudomorphs, such as glendonite, provides a qualitative indication of low water temperature during the period of ikaite growth (Alley & Frakes, 2003; De Lurio & Frakes, 1999; Marland, 1975;

Selleck et al., 2007; Spielhagen & Tripathi, 2009). Rogov et al. (2017) reviewed all known occurrences of Early Cretaceous glendonites in both the northern and southern hemispheres (Fig. 2). Glendonite distribution correlates with episodes of global climatic cooling, the most prominent being cooling events during the Valanginian and Late Aptian (Rogov et al., 2017).

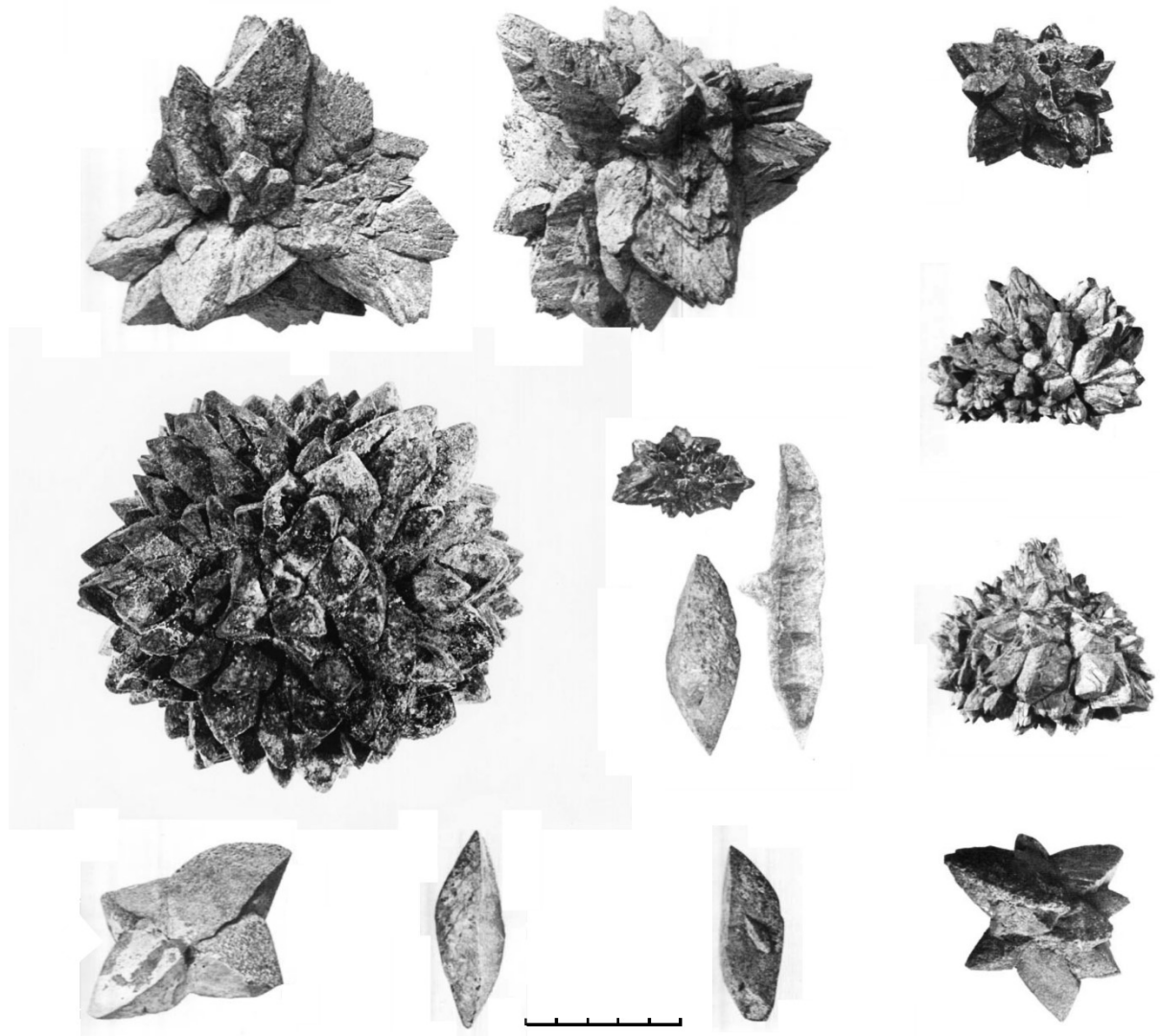


Plate 1: Glendonite aggregates in various forms and sizes, scale bar in cm; compiled and modified from Kemper (1987) and De Lurio and Frakes (1999).

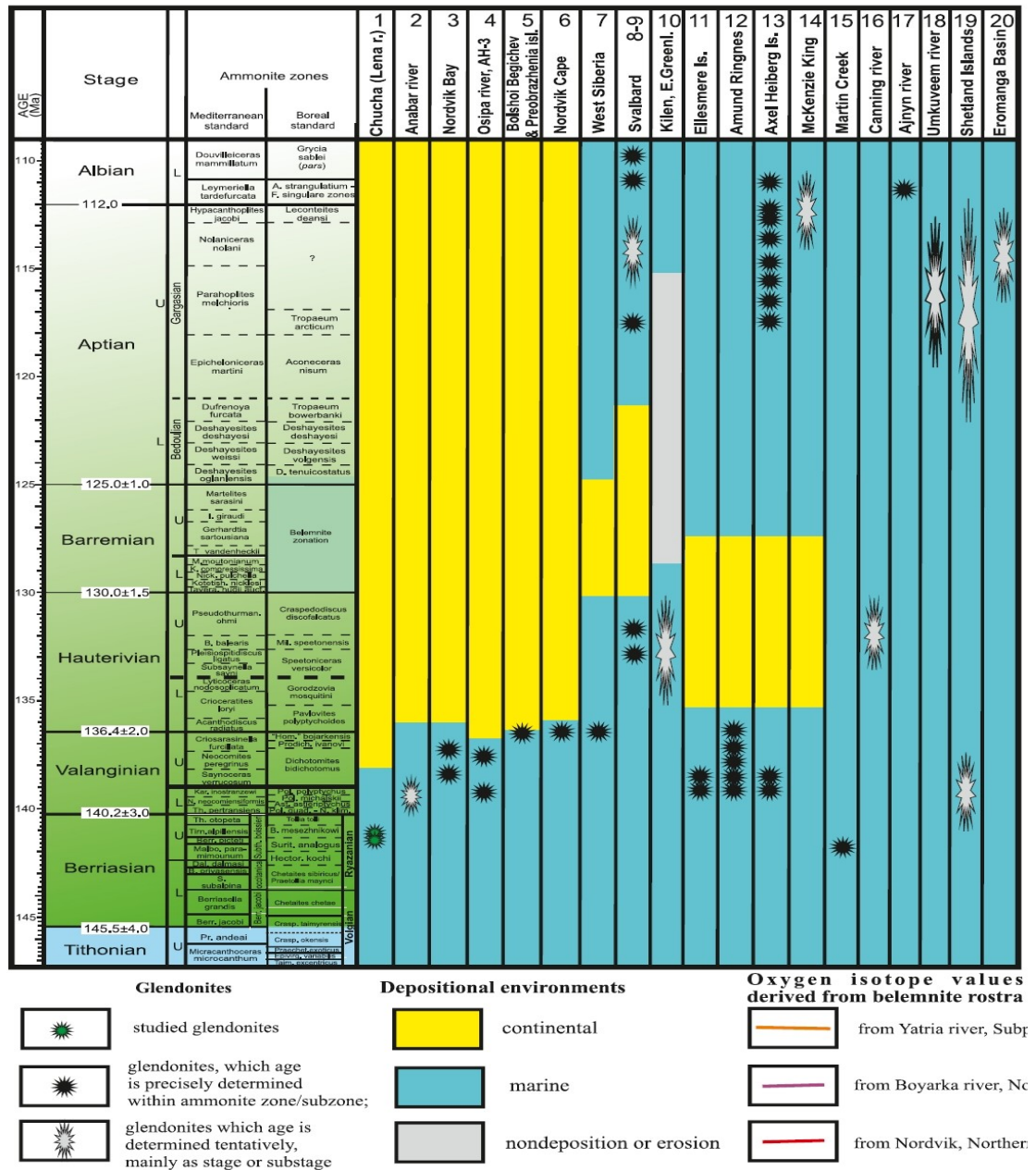


Figure 2: Correlation chart of Early Cretaceous glendonite occurrences across the Northern Hemisphere. Modified after Rogov et al. (2017).

1.4 Calpionellids

Calpionellids represent one of the most important groups of tropical calcareous microplankton in the Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous Tethyan realm and are usually present in abundance in pelagic carbonates (Rehakova & Michalik, 1997). They represent a key role in biostratigraphic correlation of these deposits (Michalik, 1995). While Remane (1964, 1965) was the first to use calpionellids in stratigraphy, Allemann et al. (1971) introduced the standard calpionellid zonation which is still used today. In recent years findings of calpionellids in western Cuba (López-Martinez et al., 2013) and

Mexico (Adatte et al., 1994, 1996; López-Martínez et al., 2015; Zell et al., 2015) extended the area of application westwards to the ancient Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific. Adatte et al. (1994, 1996) assume a sporadic influence of the Tethys on central-east Mexico during the Tithonian and no permanent connection. Stinnesbeck et al. (2014) suggest two corridors that connected central Chile to the Tethyan realm. The equatorial Hispanic corridor linked the eastern Pacific with the western Tethys Ocean. During the Berriasian, new pathways between Antarctica and South America–Africa are suggested by the dominance of cosmopolitans and by the abundance of Indo-Pacific taxa (Salazar, 2012). Stinnesbeck et al. (2014) conclude that the Indo-Austral Seaway was linked to the eastern Tethys during the Early Cretaceous. The second corridor that connected the eastern Tethys with central Chile is the Indo-Austral Seaway (Stinnesbeck et al. 2014). The same path might have brought calpionellids to West Central Argentina (Riccardi 2015) and from there on to central Chile. López-Martínez et al. (2015) suggest a constant arrival of calpionellids to Mexican regions through a permanent connection with the main part of the Tethys. Kietzmann (2017) reports occurrences of calpionellids from the Argentinian Neuquén Basin which show some differences with the Tethys but are more similar to the Tithonian–Berriasian occurrences in Mexico and Cuba. In the study of Kietzmann (2017) no potential migratory pathways are discussed. Calpionellids characterise the Tithonian–Hauterivian interval in the Tethyan realm, with a potential biostratigraphic application from the Upper Tithonian into the Upper Valanginian (e.g. Reháková & Michalík 1997, Andreini et al. 2007, Wimbledon et al. 2013). However, even for the Tethyan realm long-distance bio-chronostratigraphic correlations are still unclear (Andreini et al. 2007).

1.5 Carbonate Microfacies

The study of microfacies serves the purpose of the recognition of overall patterns that reflect the history of carbonate rocks. Occurrence of identical biota and comparable depositional environments results in time-specific microfacies types. Similar properties in individual microfacies types from limestones which are not restricted to specific time intervals are used to define standard microfacies types (SMF types) (Flügel, 2004). SMF types define major depositional and biological controls and indicate major depositional settings (Wilson, 1975).

Inner ramp

In the inner ramp the sea floor is continuously affected by wave agitation (Flügel, 2004). This setting includes the euphotic zone between the upper shoreface and the fair-weather wave base (Fig. 3). The inner ramp zone is characterised by sand shoals or organic barriers and shoreface deposits. Frequently occurring ooids or various skeletal grains, usually foraminifera, calcareous algae, or molluscs and some peloids make up the sands. Frequent limestone types are grainstones and packstones. The inner ramp facies zone comprises open-marine environments with good water circulation. However, it also includes protected environments with restricted water circulation. Therefore sand shoal environments with oolitic and bioclastic grainstones and packstones as well as lagoonal environments behind shoals or islands and peritidal environments are common. Open and protected inner ramps are commonly represented by bioclastic packstones and wackestones. Abundant echinoderm fragments are common

in protected and low-energy inner ramps. Skeletal grains such as bivalve shells, gastropods, bryozoans, and benthic foraminifera may be associated.

Mid-ramp

This microfacies type reflects the zone between fair-weather wave base and the storm wave base where water depths reach some tens of metres (Fig. 3). Thick oolitic and bioclastic sand shoals as well as intraclast and breccia beds may be common (Flügel, 2004). Sedimentary features related to storms are grading in packstone and grainstone beds, hummocky cross-stratification and tempestite units. Usually skeletal grains show signs of transport. Burrowed bioclastic lime mudstones and marls are common in fair-weather phases of mid-ramp settings. Lateral sediment transport in offshore zones may contribute large amounts of fine-grained sediment in this ramp setting. Mudstone, wackestone, packstone and some grainstones are common lithologies in mid-ramp environments. Skeletal grains are often worn and echinoderms are present.

Outer ramp

The outer ramp zone is located below normal storm wave base (Fig. 3) where water depths reach tens of meters to several hundreds of metres. Characteristically the zone comprises low energy allochthonous and autochthonous carbonates as well as hemipelagic sediments. Evidence of direct storm reworking is scarce, but storm-related deposits might occur. Bedded (or laminated) argillaceous lime mudstones and wackestones associated and/or interbedded with marl or shale beds are common. Calcisiltite matrix is abundant and biota comprise foraminifera, sponges, bryozoans, brachiopods, molluscs, and echinoderms. Burrows are common. Restricted bottom conditions may develop in deeper outer ramp settings. In the outer ramp environment skeletal grains are usually well preserved. Mudstones, wackestones, packstones and some tempestite beds (grainstones) occur.

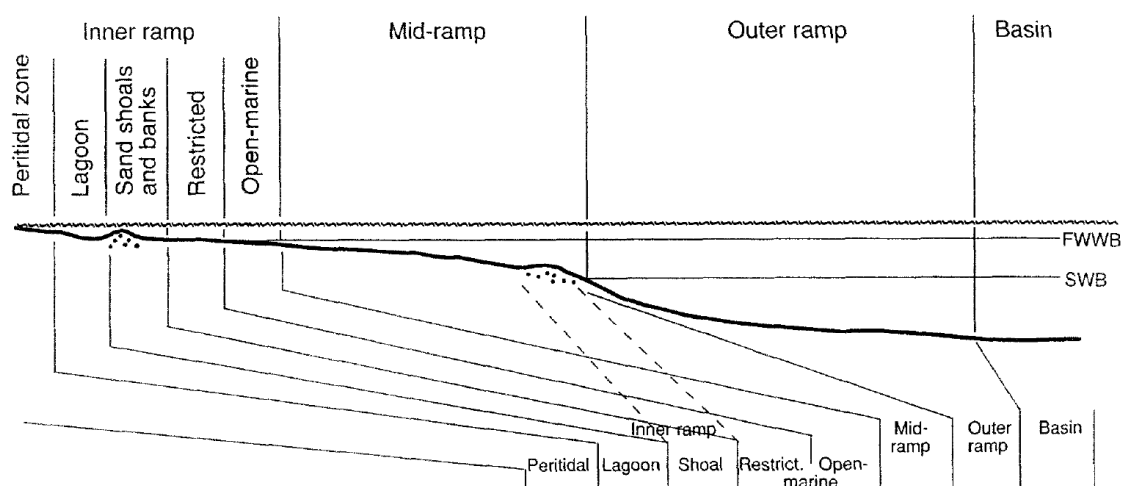


Figure 3: Distribution of microfacies types in different parts of a homoclinal carbonate ramp (generalised) (Flügel, 2004).

1.6 Palynofacies

The term palynofacies was coined by Combaz (1964) to encompass the total complement of acid-resistant organic matter recovered from a sediment or sedimentary rock by palynological processing techniques using HCl and HF. Powell et al. (1990) redefined it as "a distinctive assemblage of palynoclasts whose composition reflects a particular sedimentary environment". Therefore all sedimentary deposits containing organic matter have an associated palynofacies (e.g. consisting of varying amounts of phytoclasts and/or sporomorphs). Ideally, it is an association of organic components that is distinctive of a sedimentary deposit reflecting a particular depositional environment. In practice, however, many palynofacies are biostratigraphical or palaeoenvironmental indistinctive and therefore vary in their interpretative value. Palaeoenvironmental interpretation should hence not be accomplished on palynofacies alone but be considered with reference to other characteristics of a deposit (Tyson, 1995; Traverse, 2007).

Other terms which are commonly used to describe the organic components within a sedimentary rock are "organic matter" (OM) or "sedimentary organic matter" (SOM). Because palynofacies describes the composition of organic matter of sedimentary rocks of distinct depositional environments, the palynofacies analysis represents a suitable approach of characterising certain depositional environments (cf. Tyson 1995). Factors affecting the character of Sedimentary Organic Matter (SOM) on a global scale are time, climate, tectonics and changes in sea level. The kind of sediment and its availability as well as accumulation rate, proximity and composition of the terrestrial vegetation (if present), water chemistry and the biological activity within it are all regionally important. Climate affects the whole range from terrestrial through estuarine to shallow marine environments whereas deeper marine realms are affected only indirectly (Batten et al., 1996).

Sedimentary organic matter derives from various kinds of sources including land plants, associated life forms (e.g. fungi and beetle carapaces), aquatic plants and algae, and a wide variety of resistant bodies, such as the cysts of phytoplankton (Batten & Stead, 2005). Some of these will have been eaten and excreted and therefore also faecal pellets occur in sediments. Most organic material is rapidly degraded by multiple processes (e.g. microbial activity or diagenetic processes), both on its way of transportation and after it has been buried in sediment (Batten et al., 1996). The physical and chemical alterations which occur both before and after deposition, result in the preservation of organic matter in almost all but the most thermally stressed sedimentary rocks (Batten et al., 1996). Thermal alteration of organic matter occurs with increasing depth of burial (catagenesis and metamorphism; e.g. see Bostick, 1979) resulting in a change of colour (e.g. Raynaud & Robert 1976; Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012), but also chemical reactions take place. Higher temperatures lead to cracking of larger molecules, redistribution of hydrogen atoms and the breaking of some carbon-carbon bonds which results in compounds of increasing hydrogen content. At temperatures above 150°C maturation leads to the production of methane before at even higher temperatures this too ceases and graphite carbon is generated as the end product (Tyson, 1995).

1.6.1 Palynomorphs

The term palynomorph was created by Tschudy (1961) and refers to all discrete acid-resistant, organic-walled microfossils that can be found in a palynological preparation. These palynomorphs are all microfossils.

Since the onset of acritarch occurrences 1.4 billion years ago, palynomorphs consisting of chitinous, sporopolleninuous and some other very robust organic compounds occur in sedimentary rocks of all ages and numerous environments (Traverse, 2007). Palynomorphs originate both on land (sporomorphs) and in aquatic environments (fresh water: some algae, some dinoflagellates and a few sporomorphs; salt water: most dinoflagellates, acritarchs, and other algal microscopic remains, foraminiferal test linings and a few sporomorphs). Palynomorphs, particularly sporomorphs and dinoflagellates, tend to be much more abundant than most other fossils. This increased abundance in sediments can be partly explained by the small size of palynomorphs (cf. Jaenicke, 2005). Additionally, sporopollenin, dinosporin (of dinocysts) and chitin which are the basic components of the walls of palynomorphs show substantial resistance against chemical alterations. Due to their small size which is equivalent to silt particles, palynomorphs are sparse or absent in well-sorted, coarse-grained sandstones and fine-grained claystones (Traverse, 2007). Palynomorphs are sensitive to oxidation and high alkalinity but also to high temperatures and pressures and are therefore of limited use when recovered from rocks in which the organic matter has been altered by heat and/or pressure (Traverse, 2007). Only a small fraction of what was produced and is theoretically available for deposition ends up buried in sediment. And even then the majority is at least partly decayed. The degree of reworking of the sediment by currents and storm-wave action and the amount of bioturbation and oxygen levels, all play a major role in the preservation of organic matter. The morphology of grains also has an impact on occurrence and distribution in sediments, since some are more easily transported by wind and water than others (Tyson, 1995; Traverse, 2007). Bacterial decomposition is one of the first reasons for component breakdown, and it is commonly accompanied by fungal attack and physical degradation. Fulvic and humic acids are products of these decomposition processes (Huc, 1980; Tissot & Welte, 1984). In organic matter compositions, the most readily identifiable palynological particles are usually dinoflagellate cysts, acritarchs and other palynomorphs. The amorphous component of many residues may be derived from plant debris, algae and bacteria (Batten et al., 1996). Some amorphous masses may be partly derived from dissolved organic matter that has re-precipitated (Gordon, 1970; Rice et al., 1986; Tyson, 1995). The scarcity of structured marine organic material (marine palynomorphs) in many sediments is caused by the lack of resistant tissues comparable to those of vascular plants – both degradation and maturation destroy morphological characters (Batten et al., 1996).

Sporomorphs

As there is no such thing as an all-encompassing term for those palynomorphs that are spores/pollen of embryophytic plants, Traverse (2007) suggested the term “sporomorphs” which includes various “things with sporopolleninuous exines that occur as fossils” including miospores, megaspores, prepollen and pollen. Sporomorphs are palynomorphs which are produced by terrestrial macrophytes (Tyson 1995). During the life cycle of plants, bryophytes and ferns produce spores, whereas pollen are produced by conifers and angiosperms (Armstrong & Brasier, 2005). These microscopic grains can be transported over long distances by wind or water, ultimately settling on the ground of ponds, lakes, rivers and oceans. Generally, transport of small spores and pollen grains by water is seen as more significant than wind dispersal (Batten et al., 1996). Settling rates of small palynomorphs (including miospores) are comparable to those of fine silt. Spores and pollen grains can be especially abundant in

fine grained facies of both marine and non-marine environments (Cross et al. 1966; Bradshaw & Webb, 1985; Batten et al., 1996).

According to Tyson (1995) the fossil spore/pollen can be described basically as a tough, hollow, variously ornamented and grooved bag, ball, or case, from which the inner wall layers and the protoplasm have been removed through biodegradation by bacteria, by fungi and perhaps also by non-biological lysis. In the fossil record, the bag or ball is generally found variously distorted and squashed flat which means that these fossils are not always spheres as idealistically drawn, but disk-like objects that twist and turn.

Fungi

Most probably the fungi that are present in palynological preparations represent terrestrial organisms that attacked wood and leaf detritus (Batten et al., 1996). Fungi can be relatively numerous in Jurassic and younger deposits (cf. Robinson 1990; Taylor 1990; Elsik 1992). However, documentation on the facies distribution of fungal spores in sediments is scarce (Batten et al., 1996). Apparently their presence correlates, at least in part, with abundances of land plant debris and, therefore, can be linked to swamp, fluvial-lacustrine, lagoonal, delta-top and near-shore marine facies (Muller 1959; Cross et al. 1966; Dickinson et al. 1974; Given et al. 1983; Traverse 1992; Oboh 1992a, b; van Waveren 1993). In palynological samples most fungi are preserved as remains of filaments, (structured organic matter) or sclerotia and spores (classified as palynomorphs). If their occurrence is uncommon, they can be grouped as “fungal remains” (Batten et al., 1996).

Dinoflagellates (Phylum Dinoflagellata)

There are various factors that influence the distribution and productivity of dinoflagellates (sunlight, water temperature, salinity, nutrient levels, currents and circulation). Comparable factors and life cycles are thought to apply also to most acritarchs (Tappan, 1980). As part of their life cycle, some dinoflagellates encyst within a resistant sporopolleninuous organic wall which may be preserved in the palynological record. Dinoflagellate remains are common in Late Triassic to Recent deposits of fresh water and brackish settings, but most frequently of marine environments (Traverse, 2007). The ratio of cysts to miospores is frequently used as an indicator of proximity to shore and indicates transgressive and regressive phases (Davies et al., 1982; Mutterlose & Harding, 1987; Habib & Miller, 1989).

Acritarchs (Group Acritarcha)

The term “acritarch” means “of uncertain origin” making the acritarchs a polyphyletic group of palynomorphs (Tyson 1995). According to Traverse (2007) most, if not all acritarchs belong to the marine phytoplankton but also many brackish-water or freshwater forms exist. The wall of acritarchs contains sporopollenin or a very similar compound, and with 15–80 µm they range well within palynomorph size. Apparently, acritarch abundance seems to be linked to major variations in global sea-level and a greater potential for speciation in stable shelf environments (Tyson, 1995). In Mesozoic to Cenozoic marine strata they mostly show low diversity and are mostly only a minor component of normal marine microplankton assemblages.

Prasinophyte algae (Division Prasinophyta or Chlorophyta)

Modern forms of the prasinophyte algae are usually placed in the Class Prasinophyceae (division Chlorophyta) (Tyson, 1995, Lewis et al., 2004). The affinity of fossil 'leiosphere' prasinophytes is more difficult because, by definition, they principally lack characteristic morphological features. In contrast to the meroplanktonic cyst-forming dinoflagellates, the prasinophytes have holo- planktonic life cycles and therefore show more pelagic distribution patterns. They tend to be most common in finely laminated organic-rich and oxygen depleted deposits (Wall & Dale, 1974; Tappan, 1980). Even if prasinophytes are abundant in organic-rich deposits the palynofacies are usually dominated by AOM (Batten et al., 1996). Their presence in basin margin successions generally indicates marine or brackish-marine conditions but can also point to short-lived marine incursions (Guy-Ohlson & Norling, 1988; Lister & Satten, 1988). Sometimes they have also been reported from deposits of hypersaline and partly anoxic lagoonal environments (Hunt, 1987).

Foraminiferal Inner Tests (= “Foraminifera”)

The "chitinous" linings of benthonic and possibly also some planktonic foraminifers have a lipid or polysaccharide composition, nearly always occur in planispiral forms and indicate marine depositional environments (Ercegovac & Kostić, 2006), although they can also be abundant in estuarine marshes with varying salinities (Farr, 1989). They have been widely used as marine indicators in ancient successions (Lister & Batten, 1988; Courtinat, 1989; Stancliffe, 1989; Courtinat & Méon, 1991; Oboh, et al., 1992), whether occurring in abundance or as isolated specimens (Batten et al., 1996). They can be common in carbonates (Traverse & Ginsburg, 1966), in warm, shallow waters of clastic shelves that are only marginally affected by terrestrial input and in deposits beneath areas of upwelling (Cross et al., 1966; Powell et al., 1990; van Waveren, 1993). They have also been associated with restricted marine settings that were prone to the accumulation of AOM (e.g. Powell et al., 1990; Courtinat & Méon, 1991) and, as redeposited elements, with deep water turbidites (Tyson, 1984).

1.6.2 Phytoclast Group

Both macroscopic and microscopic remains of land plants may be abundant in sediments ranging in grain size from muds to fine sands. Most terrestrial organic matter accumulates within fluvial-lacustrine systems, in estuaries and in near shore marine environments (Tyson, 1995). Once in the sea, it tends to be deposited on the inner shelf where it is often altered by reworking and biological degradation. Particulate organic matter may, however, also be concentrated in turbidites (Habib, 1983; Tyson, 1984).

The majority of dispersed fossilising phytoclasts are derived from the ligno-cellulosic tissues of terrestrial macrophytes (Tyson, 1995). Many phytoclasts are, therefore, modified lignocellulosic matter that has its origins in vascular and mechanical support tissues (xylem) of plants exhibiting secondary growth. It is only slowly degraded by bacteria and fungi. Most of the wood in Mesozoic deposits is gymnospermous (Batten et al., 1996).

Opaque and semi-opaque phytoclasts

Opaque material is formed during desiccation, oxidation and fungal mouldering of woody material which was exposed to atmospheric oxygen of peats and soils (Tyson, 1995). It seems likely that a gradual degradation of phytoclasts takes place during the ways of transportation. Highest values of degradation occur, where the wood is at least periodically exposed to the atmosphere in alternating wet-dry cycles. Coupled with this, there are also the effects of thermal alteration to be taken into account; the higher the maturation level, the lower the chances of encountering any particles that are not black (cf. Batten, 1982).

Cuticles

Cuticles are the outermost cover of epidermal cells of leaves and stems of most higher plants (Batten et al., 1996). Especially when the overlying wax layer is missing or damaged, cutin is more vulnerable to degradation than lignin. Due to their susceptibility to degradation, their abundance in the sediment decreases rapidly away from delta distributaries (Muller, 1959; Gastaldo & Huc, 1992). Therefore cuticles become reduced to small pieces and uncommon in the marine realm (Batten et al., 1996).

Frequency distribution of phytoclasts

Proportion and texture of the remains of higher plant material are good indicators for the characterisation of the depositional environment concerning its distance to the mainland and temporal change of facies (Cassens, 1999). Abundance and preservation state of phytoclasts, for example, point to the relative distance to terrigenous provenance of the fluvial or turbiditic transport systems. In the stratigraphic and lithofacies context changes of the proportions of phytoclasts can also be used to delineate shallowing upward cycles. In the ideal case a shallowing upward cycle is connected to an increase in input of phytoclasts by concurrently decreasing abundances of the relatively autochthonous palynofacies-fraction of marine plankton (Cassens, 1999).

The ratio of oxidised (opaque) to non- or barely oxidised (translucent) phytoclasts gives information about the depositional environment (Tyson, 1995). The proportion of opaque to translucent phytoclasts is both influenced by the length of the route of transport and by the redox-conditions within the uppermost sediment-layers (Tyson, 1995; Bombardiere & Gorin, 1998). Distal depositional environments are characterised by long routes of transport increasing the OP/TR-values (opaque phytoclasts dominate) due to oxidation at the water surface. Typical phytoclast-associations for those scenarios are composed of mainly small and spherical particles. Post-sedimentary oxidation of the phytoclasts is indicated by concurrent sandy, subaeric lithofacies or highly reworked and redeposited sediments (Tyson, 1995). Both the effects of resedimentation and extreme low rates of sedimentation may lead to nearly complete oxidation of the phytoclasts (Bombardiere & Gorin, 1998).

1.6.3 Zooclasts

In palynological preparations organic particles derived from animals are not common and are often only present in trace amounts (Tyson, 1995). Zooclasts may be differentiated from plant cuticles due to their stronger fluorescence (Goodarzi, 1984). Fragments of arthropod exoskeletons occur in Silurian and younger deposits. Organic linings of ostracod (Goodall et al., 1992) and bivalve shells might also be found.

1.6.4 Amorphous Organic Matter

The term amorphous organic matter (AOM) implies the lack of a distinct shape or outline. Most commonly a combination of grazing, bacterial, fungal and other degradation processes leads to the loss of structured outlines (Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996). The physical appearance and chemical composition of all AOM is not invariably the same (Batten et al., 1996) but rather depends on origin, environment of deposition and degree of thermal alteration (Batten, 1983). Paction et al. (2011) suggest that AOM can have different origins in a similar environment, and can be composed of autochthonous and more or less degraded allochthonous particles. Among all constituents of sedimentary organic matter, AOM is very problematic in terms of palaeoenvironmental interpretation. According to Tyson (1995), AOM is the dominant organic component in dysoxic to anoxic depositional environments and its abundance increases with growing nutrient availability and decreasing oxygen in the water.

AOM of terrestrial origin

AOM of terrestrial origin (AOMT) comprises biodegraded remains of land plant tissues (Stach 1982; Teichmüller 1982; cf. Styan & Bustin 1983). What remains of this process are featureless degraded tissues in which (almost) all signs of the original composition have been destroyed. According to Batten (1973, 1983) such organic matter may dominate palynofacies assemblages associated with shallow fresh to brackish water lagoonal and swamp-marsh conditions. Palynomorph and phytoclast composition of the rest of the sample is another indicator towards a possible terrestrial origin of the AOM (Batten, 1981).

AOM of aquatic origin

There is often a continuous gradation from particles suggesting derivation from higher plants to entirely unstructured masses (Tyson, 1995). In transmitted light it is therefore often difficult to distinguish between AOM of structureless terrestrial and marine origin. Organic matter of amorphous shape of aliphatic (algal) structure shows stronger fluorescence than that of mainly aromatic (woody) structure (Bertrand et al., 1986). Most easily, AOM of marine origin (AOMA) is thus determined in fluorescent light, provided that it is thermally immature (biochemical fluorescence) or mature to the state of liquid hydrocarbon generation (thermochemical fluorescence; e.g. Bujak & Davies, 1983). Unfortunately, organic matter loses its ability to fluoresce with stronger degradation (e.g. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996). Some marine palynomorphs may be transformed to AOMA and deposited as faecal pellets (Bradley, 1966; Honjo & Roman, 1978; Turner & Ferrante, 1979; Pilskaln & Honjo, 1987) and these may be preserved in ancient sediments (Porter & Robbins, 1981; Batten, 1983).

1.6.5 Reworked Organic Matter

Reworked palynomorphs are usually less common in palynological samples than particles that are in situ; the two can be distinguished if they differ significantly in colour, and/or preservation state. Gregory and Hart (1992) link reworking to parts of lowstand and highstand systems tracts in sequence stratigraphic interpretations. Recycling might also be implied by the presence and ratio of rounded to angular phytoclasts, varying degrees of degradation of those particles and colour differences in the amorphous debris.

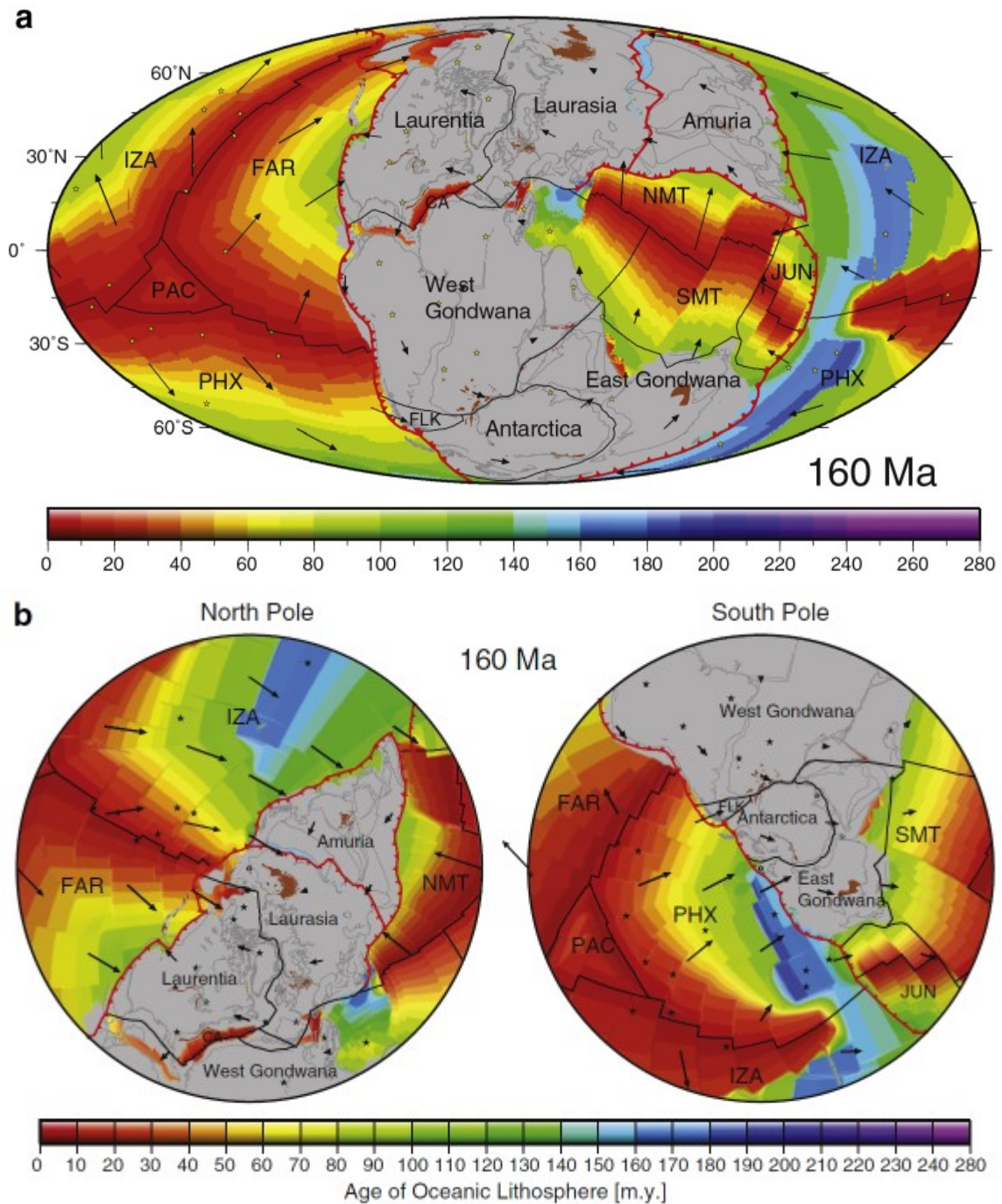
1.6.6 Importance of Anoxia

The lower the energy of a depositional environment, the closer it gets to the state of stagnation. This condition is characterised by very little disturbance and lowered oxygen levels in which the accumulating organic matter is only partially consumed by bacteria or other organisms (Tyson, 1995). In such low-energy settings the bottom-water and possibly also (some of) the overlying water column are dysoxic or anoxic. As several authors (e.g. Calvert & Pedersen, 1992; Jewell, 1992; Bertrand & Lallier-Verges, 1993) showed, anoxia seems to be a key to preservation of sedimentary organic matter. Anoxia is favoured by accompanying marine transgressions, especially in restricted (silled) basins (Rhoads & Morse, 1971; Demaison & Moore, 1980; Marshall & Batten, 1988; Arthur & Sageman, 1994). High productivity increases the probability of anoxia but is not inevitably the determining factor (Tyson & Pearson, 1991). The exceeding demand for oxygen by bacteria and other organisms may occur only in the upper few centimetres of sediments and at the sediment/water interface, but in some cases it may also extend upwards into the water column (Tyson et al., 1979; Waples, 1983).

1.7 Geological Framework and Sections

Spreading of the Central Atlantic took place between 160 and 140 Ma and after its cessation the mid-ocean ridge jumped southward initiating the opening of the proto-Caribbean Basin (Seton et al., 2012). At around 145 Ma spreading formed a triple junction to the east between the mid-ocean ridge of the Central Atlantic and rift axis of the Equatorial/South Atlantic. To the west, the spreading ridge of the proto-Caribbean Basin formed a ridge–ridge–transform triple junction with the spreading ridge of the Andean back-arc basin and the trans-American subduction zone. The Agulhas-Falkland transform extended eastward connecting to the mid-ocean ridge in the Weddell Sea, which was established at 160 Ma. The Weddell Sea ridge joined with mid-ocean ridges along East Africa, including between Africa and Antarctica (Fig. 4).

Figure 4 (Page 22): Global plate reconstructions at 160 Ma (Seton et al., 2012); abbreviations include: ALA = Alaska, CA = Central Atlantic, CAP = Capricorn, CAR = Caribbean, CAT = Catequil, CCO = Cache Creek Ocean, COL = Colorado, CS = Caroline Sea, JUN = Junction, MOO = Mongol–Okhotsk Ocean, NL = North Loyalty Basin, NMT = North Meso-Tethys, NNT = North Neo-Tethys, PAR = Parana, PAT = Patagonia, PS = Philippine Sea, PSC = Proto-South China Sea, SCO = Scotia Sea, SLB = South Loyalty Basin, SMT = South Meso-Tethys, TS = Tasman Sea.



The E–W trending Phoenix lineations form the southern arm of the Pacific triangle (PAC) (Fig. 4a) with magnetic anomalies ranging from ~156–123 Ma (Larson, 1976; Cande et al., 1978; Atwater, 1990). The lineations disappear under the Ontong Java Plateau to the west and abut against a complex set of fan-shaped lineations (Magellan lineations) and NE–SW directed lineations (~147–136 Ma) south of the Mid-Pacific Mountains (Nakanishi & Winterer, 1998) to the east (Fig. 4). The complex Magellan and Mid-Pacific lineations suggest the existence of several microplates (e.g. Trinidad and Magellan) at the Phoenix (PHX)–Pacific (PAC)–Farallon (FAR) triple junction (Atwater, 1990) (Fig. 4b).

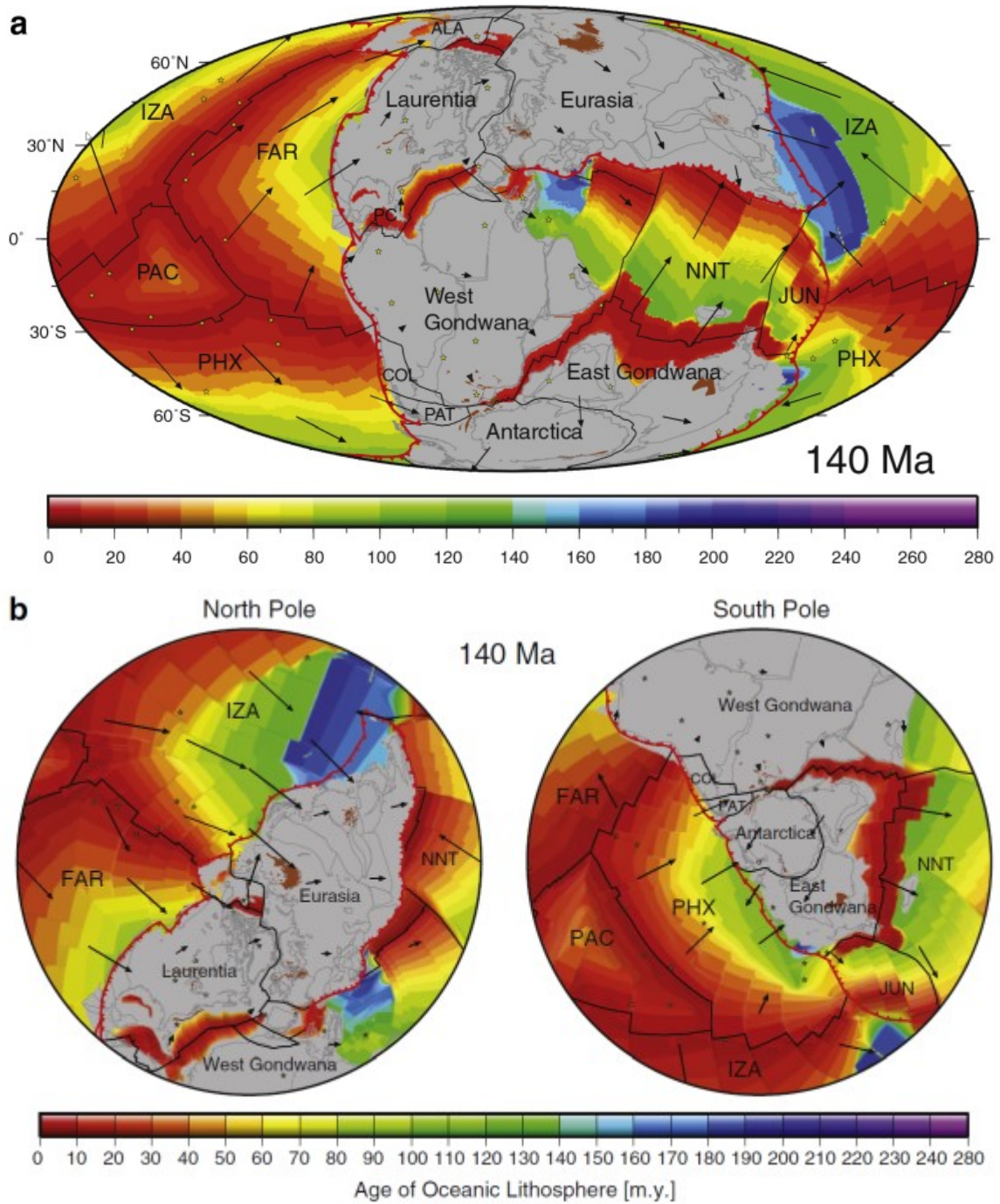


Figure 5: Global plate reconstructions at 140 Ma (Seton et al., 2012); abbreviations as in Fig. 4.

The early–mid Cretaceous (140–120 Ma) marks a significant increase in seafloor spreading rates in Panthalassa corresponding to the mid-Cretaceous seafloor spreading pulse (Seton et al., 2012). Spreading occurred between the Pacific (PAC), Farallon (FAR), Izanagi (IZA) and Phoenix (PHX) plates (Figs. 5a, 5b). The East African and Weddell Sea spreading ridges were active during this time period and connected to the South Atlantic via the Agulhas-Falkland transform (Fig. 6) (Seton et al., 2012).

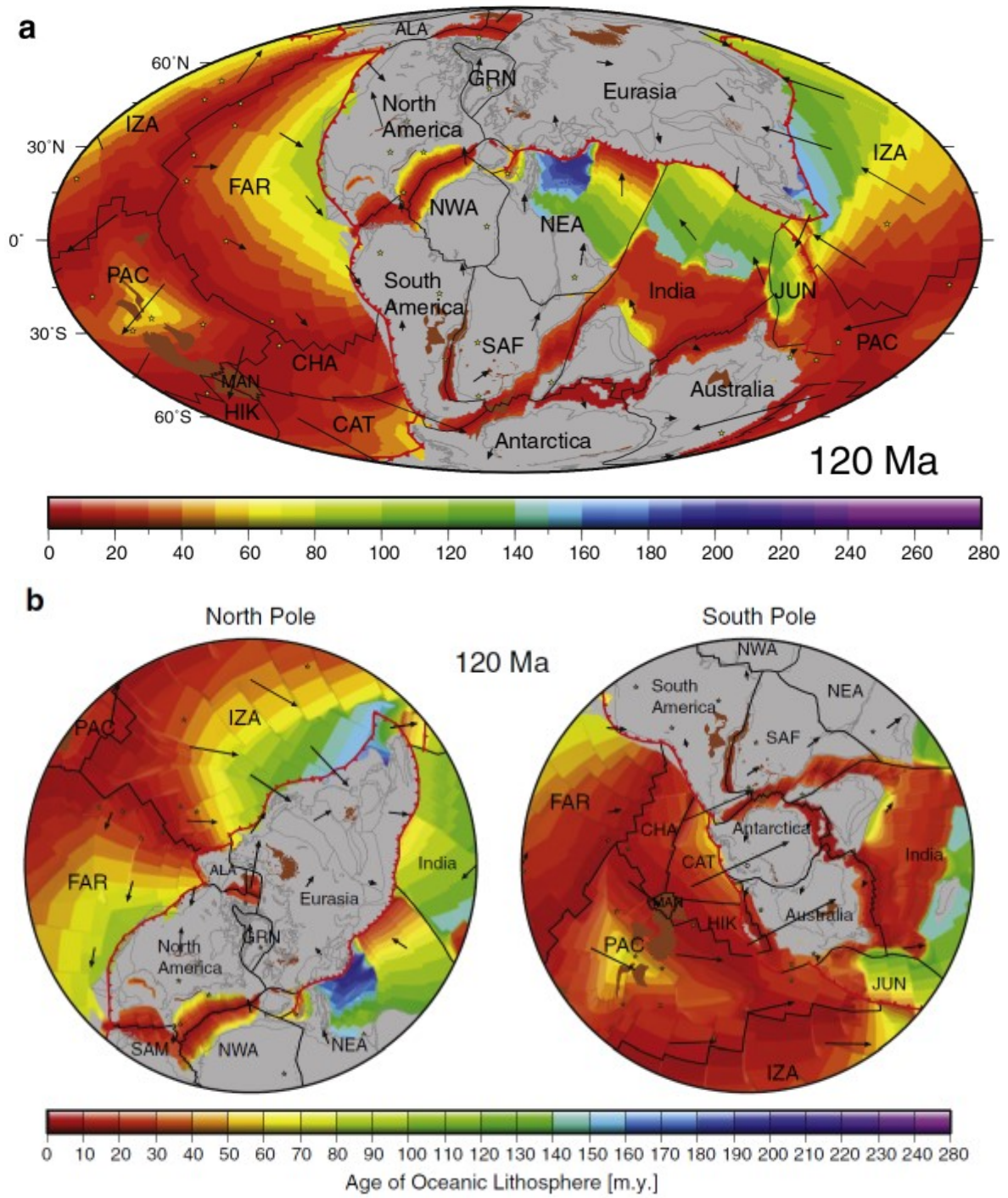


Figure 6: Global plate reconstructions at 120 Ma (Seton et al., 2012); abbreviations as in Fig. 4.

1.7.1 Central Chile

In central Chile, the Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous subduction of the Farallon and Phoenix plates under the continental South American plate (Seton et al., 2012) resulted in the separation of the region in a dynamic volcanic arc with fore-arc, intra-arc and back-arc basins (Mpodozis & Ramos, 1989) (Figs. 7, 8). Two separate depositional areas accumulated marine deposits during the Late Jurassic to Early Cretaceous due to morphological changes caused by the flat-slab subduction zone. In the two segments which are located today between 18°–27°S and 33°–46°S, the Central Depression (the morphological unit that separates the Coastal Cordillera from the Principal or Main Cordillera) is well developed (Charrier et al., 2007; Charrier et al., 2014). A volcanic arc separates the two basins and allows for the identification of three palaeogeographic domains (Fig. 8).

Sedimentary Basin

From west to east, these are the Lo Prado fore-arc Basin and the Mendoza-Neuquén back-arc Basin, separated by the Lo Prado-Pelambres Volcanic arc (Figs. 7, 8) (Charrier et al., 2007). In the region of central Chile (today at 30°S to 39°S) the back-arc basin is considerably wider in E-W direction than to the north, and is known as the Mendoza–Neuquén Basin (Fig. 7). This depocentre represents the southernmost part of the Jurassic–Early Cretaceous back-arc basin that gradually bends south and extends eastwards into Argentina (Fig. 7). It extends, without interruption, along the eastern side of the magmatic arc from southern Peru to southern Chile (Charrier et al., 2007). The studied area (Figs. 7, 8) forms part of the central Chilean subduction system (Charrier et al. 2007) and represents a succession of volcanic rocks and intercalated sediments reaching from the Jurassic to present (Salazar, 2012). As it forms part of the Andean orogeny, the succession was repeatedly compressed and folded since the late Cretaceous. Tectonic orientations follow the regional trend and are directed North-South. In the western part of the Mendoza–Neuquén Basin, in central Chile at the latitude of Santiago, the Upper Jurassic–Lower Cretaceous transgression–regression cycle is conformed by a thick succession of neritic to shallow marine sediments of the San José (Aguirre, 1960), Lo Valdés (González, 1963; Hallam et al., 1986) and Baños del Flaco (Klohn, 1960; González & Vergara, 1962; Covacevich et al., 1976; Arcos, 1987) formations. In the segment of Santiago-Curicó, the Upper Jurassic and Lower Cretaceous sediment succession is differentiated in the Río Colina, Nacientes del Teno, Río Damas, Leñas Espinoza, Baños del Flaco and Lo Valdés formations.

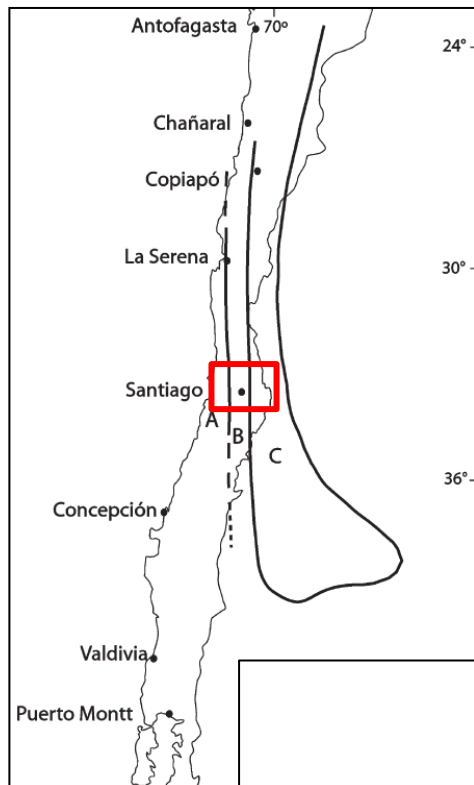


Figure 7: Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous palaeogeographic distribution of the forearc and backarc basins separated from each other by the Pelambres arc in central Chile. Abbreviations: A, Lo Prado Forearc Basin; B, Lo Prado–Pelambres Volcanic Arc; C, Mendoza–Neuquén Basin (Charrier et al., 2007). The study area is marked by the red rectangle.

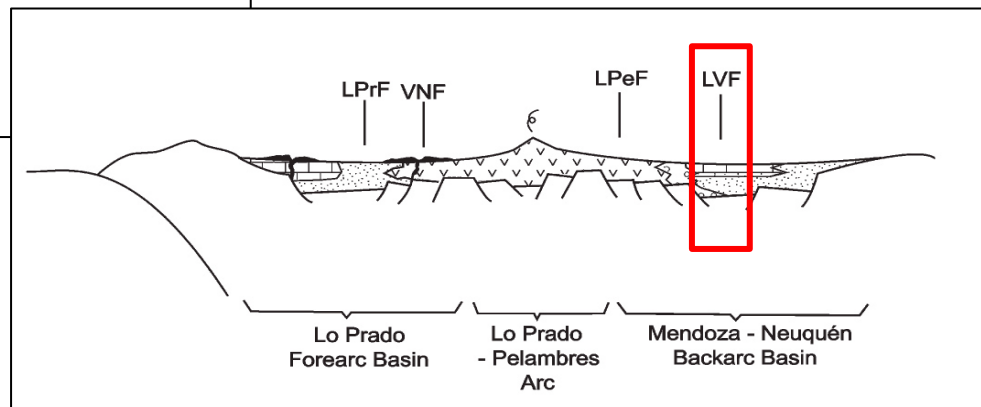


Figure 8: Schematic palaeogeographic cross-section for the first substage (late Early Jurassic–late Early Cretaceous) of the Andean evolution in central Chile between 32°S and 33°S (after Charrier et al., 2007). Abbreviations: LPeF, Los Pelambres Formation; LPrF, Lo Prado Formation; LVF, Lo Valdés Formation; VNF, Veta Negra Formation. The study area is marked by the red rectangle.

Lo Valdés Formation

In the central Chilean study area, two sections of the Lo Valdés Formation (Lo Valdés and Cajón del Morado) were analysed, which were previously described lithostratigraphically by Salazar and Stinnesbeck (2015a), resumed here:

Lithostratigraphy

The Lo Valdés Formation is exposed in the high Andes of central Chile, east and southeast of Santiago, and was deposited as part of the northwestern Neuquén basin, which is majorly defined on the eastern side of the Andes in Argentina (Fig. 8, 9) (Charrier et al., 2007). The Lo Valdés Formation

was originally defined by González (1963) and Biro (1964) divided the unit into three lithostratigraphic members (from bottom to top): (1) “Spilitas”, member, dominated by porphyric andesite (“spilite”) and volcanic breccia, lower-middle and lower part of the Late Tithonian, (2) “Arenáceo”, member, composed mainly of sandstone and minor conglomerate and breccia, middle part of the Late Tithonian, (3) “Calcáreo”, upper member, consisting of limestone, siltstone and calcareous sandstone, latest Tithonian to Hauterivian, or possibly Barremian (Biro, 1964).

Salazar and Stinnesbeck (2015a) emended the formation and proposed a formal separation of the volcanic “Spilitas” member from the overlying sedimentary rocks of the Lo Valdés Formation. The Lo Valdés Formation therefore comprises the former “Arenáceo” and “Calcáreo” members and consists of siliciclastic and carbonaceous sedimentary rocks. The formation was formally divided by Salazar and Stinnesbeck (2015a) into three members (from base to top), the Escalador, Placa Roja and Cantera Members. The formation conformably overlies continental “red-bed” deposits of the Río Damas Formation, assigned to a delta system of the Kimmeridgian. It conformably underlies continental deposits of the Colimapu Formation of Aptian-Albian age (Klohn, 1960; Thiele and Cubillos, 1980).

The thickness of the Lo Valdés Formation reaches 1173 m at Cajón del Morado and 1635 m at the type locality at Lo Valdés (Salazar and Stinnesbeck, 2015a). In both localities the sections consist of andesite, conglomerate, sandstone, siltstone, limestone and volcanoclastic rocks. De Lurio and Frakes (1999), Biro-Bagóczy (1964), Hallam et al. (1986) and Salazar (2012) assigned a Lower-Middle Tithonian to Hauterivian-?Barremian age to the succession. At the type locality, Salazar and Stinnesbeck (2015a) divided the unit into three members, from bottom to top: (1) Spilite Member, 762 m thick, dominated by porphyric andesite and volcanic breccia, and infrequent layers of sandstone, limestone and siltstone. They assigned this member to the lower-middle and lower part of the Upper Tithonian. (2) Sandstone Member, 72 m thick, mainly composed of sandstone and minor conglomerate and breccia. Salazar and Stinnesbeck (2015a) assigned this member to the middle part of the Upper Tithonian. (3) Calcareous member, 622 m thick, consisting of limestone, siltstone and calcareous sandstone; this unit also contains a 20 m thick andesite. The two sections analysed in the present study are located within this upper member, which was assigned to the uppermost Tithonian to Hauterivian-?Barremian. A detailed description of the fossil assemblage of the Lo Valdés Formation was given by Salazar (2012).

Tectonic background and paleogeography

Stratigraphic and geochronological data indicate that during the Late Jurassic to Early Cretaceous (~160-140 Ma), the progressive emersion of the Andean arc and fore-arc domains disconnected the Neuquén back-arc region from the Pacific Ocean (Rossel et al., 2014). Back-arc volcanic intercalations are intermittently present within the Tithonian of the Lo Valdés Formation (Biro-Bagóczy, 1964). During the Tithonian, the northwestern Neuquén basin may not have been well connected with the Tethyan region, as is suggested by the dominance of endemic taxa (Salazar, 2012; Salazar & Stinnesbeck, 2015b). During the Berriasian, new pathways between Antarctica and South America–Africa are suggested by the dominance of Cosmopolitans and abundance of Indo-Pacific taxa (Salazar, 2012). It is suggested that the Indo-Austral Seaway was linked to the eastern Tethys since the Early Cretaceous (Stinnesbeck et al., 2014).

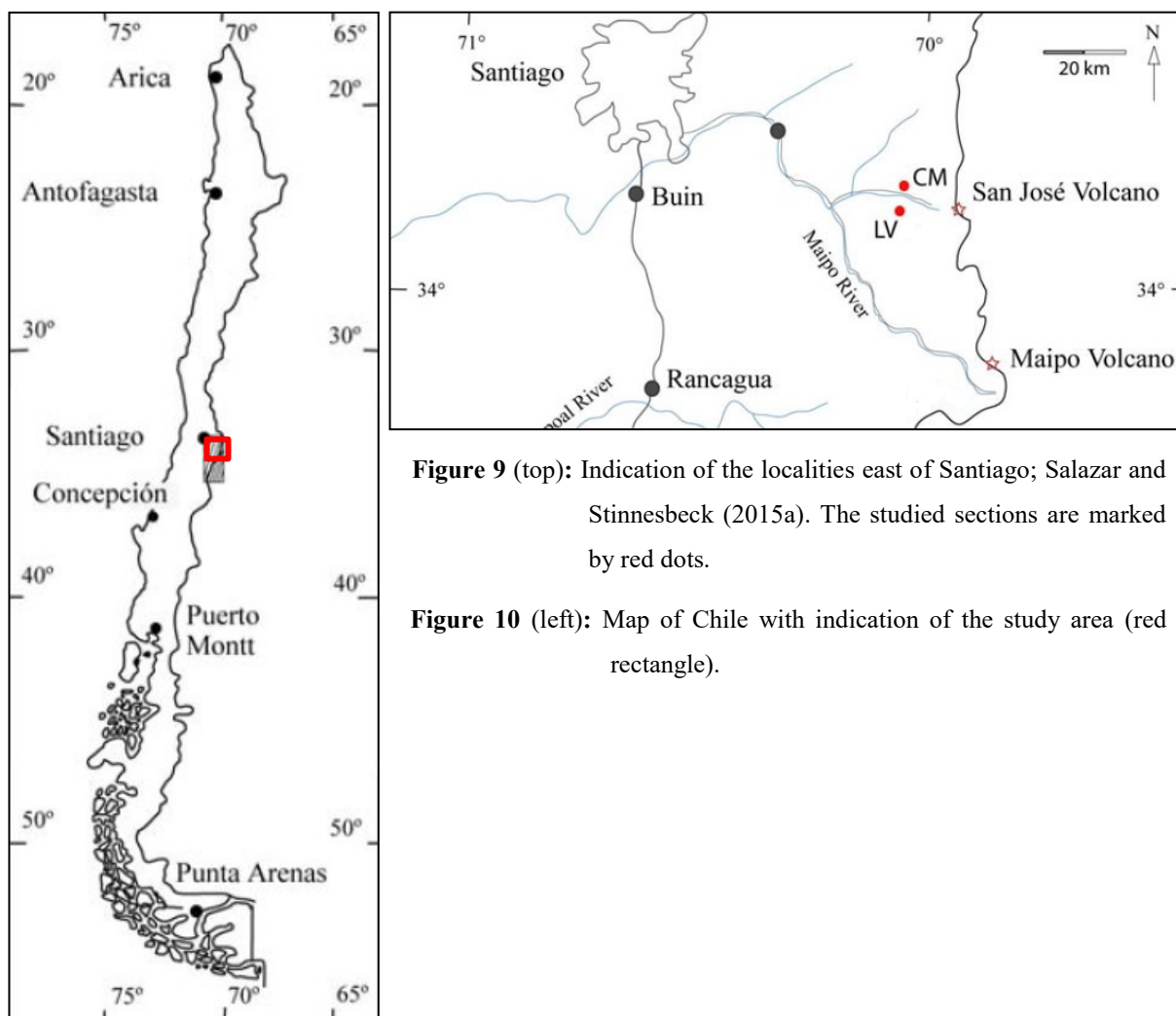


Figure 9 (top): Indication of the localities east of Santiago; Salazar and Stinnesbeck (2015a). The studied sections are marked by red dots.

Figure 10 (left): Map of Chile with indication of the study area (red rectangle).

Cajón del Morado Section

The Lo Valdés Formation is exposed on the eastern hillside of the Cajón del Morado valley, at approximately 6 km north of the Baños Morales village (Figs. 9, 10). At Cajón del Morado (GPS: -33.777500, -70.030556) the Tithonian to Hauterivian interval of the Lo Valdés Formation is 582 m thick (Salazar, 2012).

Escalador Member: The sandstone member is 160 m thick and overlies the Andesite with a sharp and possibly non-conformable contact. The lowermost unit consists of cross-laminated calcareous sandstone with fragments of bivalves and gastropods. Upsection, a combination of alternating sandy limestone and calcareous sandstone is present. These sediments are occasionally laminated, while ooids were identified in other units. Fossils are abundant and comprise bivalves (e.g. inoceramids, oysters and trigoniids), gastropods, ammonoids, scarce algae, bryozoans, sponges and corals (Placocoeniidae) (Salazar, 2012).

Placa Roja Member: The siltstone member is 217 m thick and consists of siltstone, calcareous siltstone and silty limestone (biomicrite, wackestone and packstone) with abundant organic matter and occasional disseminated pyrite. The fossil assemblage consists of ammonoids, oysters and other bivalves, algae, benthic foraminifers, rare fragments of gastropods and echinoderms. The top of the

member is characterised by a 5 m thick horizontally laminated silty limestone (biomicrite, wackestone) with disseminated pyrite, organic matter and abundant fossil remains. The contact between the Siltstone Member and overlying Limestone Member is gradual and characterised by an increase in carbonate content (Salazar, 2012).

Cantera Member: Between 376 m and 582 m, the section is predominantly composed of limestone (calci-mudstone, wackestone) interlayered with silty limestone and calcareous siltstone. The base of the unit is characterised by a rhythmically bedded succession of silty limestone (biomicrite, calci-mudstone). The faunal assemblage consists of ammonoids, common fragments of oysters, other bivalves, rare annelids, echinoderms, bryozoans and pentacrinoids. Disseminated pyrite is common. Faunal abundance decreases in the middle part of the unit (454 m to 483 m) but increases again in the upper part. The lower 20 m, from 513 m to 533 m, are characterised by calcareous siltstone.

Lo Valdés Section

The type locality of the Lo Valdés Formation is situated on the southern side of the Rio Volcán valley, located between Cerro Catedral and Quebrada Lo Valdés (GPS: -33.830556, -70.047778) (Figs. 9, 10). In the type Locality at Lo Valdés the total thickness of the Tithonian–Hauterivian deposits is 539 m (Salazar, 2012).

Escalador Member: The sandstone member is approximately 73 m thick and forms the base of the Lo Valdés Formation. It consists of well-sorted and fine-grained calcareous sandstone with occasional horizontal and cross-lamination. Fossil content includes ammonoids, inoceramids, oysters, trioniids and other bivalves, rare gastropods and corals. The uppermost part of the Sandstone Member is devoid of fossils (Salazar, 2012).

Placa Roja Member: The siltstone member is 193 m thick and consists of siltstone, calcareous siltstone and silty limestone. A unit of rhythmically bedded siltstone and calcareous siltstone forms the base of the Member. Its fossil content is restricted to ammonoids, oysters, inoceramids and other bivalves, rare gastropods, radiolarians, benthic foraminifera as well as calcispheres. The member contains high concentrations of organic matter. Between 193 m and 242 m the calcareous siltstone and silty limestone show horizontal lamination and disseminated pyrite. Up section, the unit consists of rhythmically bedded calcareous siltstone and silty mudstone to wackestone with horizontal lamination. The uppermost unit of the Member is conformed by silty limestone and calcareous siltstone (Salazar, 2012).

Cantera Member: The limestone member is 252 m thick and consists of sandy and silty limestone and calcareous siltstone. The base of the member, from 287 m to 390 m, is a 103 m thick unit of sandy wackestone. Infrequent layers with increased amount of disseminated pyrite occur. Faunal content consists of ammonoids, oysters, inoceramids, other bivalves, foraminifers, gastropods, bryozoans and echinoderms. From 390 m to 446 m, a unit of sandy wackestone is highly fossiliferous. Between 446 m and 539 m, sandy wackestone is intercalated with calcareous siltstone. A fossil-free volcanoclastic breccia with angular clasts of silty limestone overlies the Lo Valdés Formation with a conformable contact (Salazar, 2012).

1.7.2 Patagonia

Sedimentary Basin

The Austral Basin (Rocas Verdes Marginal Basin/Magallanes Basin) (Fig. 11) comprises an approximately 8.000 m thick sedimentary succession which dates from the Late Jurassic to Cenozoic and is almost exclusively composed of siliciclastic rocks (Valera et al., 2012). Towards the south it overlies the Tierra del Fuego igneous and metamorphic basement complex (Hervé et al., 2010). Carbonate sediments are of limited thickness and are restricted to a few locations within the basin (Peroni et al., 2002). The Austral Basin is a back-arc basin of Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous age that is characterised by rifting and sea-floor spreading along the western margin of the Patagonian–Fuegian Andes (Katz, 1963; Dalziel et al., 1974; Dalziel, 1981; Biddle et al., 1986; Calderón et al., 2007a). Today, the Magallanes/Austral Basin is located on- and offshore in the southernmost region of South America in Argentina and Chile (Fig. 11) and lies south of the Aysen triple junction (46°30'S) of the South American, Nazca and Antarctic plates (Ramos, 1989; González et al., 1998). The Río Chico High represents its continuation to the south, separating this basin from the neighbouring offshore Malvinas Basin to the east (Schwarz et al., 2011; Sachse et al., 2016). The Magallanes/Austral Basin covers an area of about 230.000 km², with ~85% of its expanse located in Argentina (Schwarz et al., 2011). To the northeast, it bounds to the Deseado Massif, an old basement high, while its western limit is the Patagonian batholith (Upper Proterozoic–Lower Cambrian) and the deformed belt of the Southern Andes (Biddle et al., 1986; González et al., 1998). The geologic evolution of the basin is closely linked to volcanic activity and subsidence during the breakup of Gondwana, which is evident since the Late Triassic and Early Jurassic (González et al., 1998). The evolution and development of the basin accomplished within three stages (Biddle et al. 1986, Schwarz et al., 2011; Varela et al., 2012).

Rift/Syn-rift stage: This stage is dated to the Middle-Late Jurassic and led to the development of the Rocas Verdes Basin, reflecting the opening of the Weddell Sea. It is characterised by extensional asymmetric hemigraben tectonics and basins filled by lacustrine, volcanoclastic and alluvial sediments of the “Serie Tobífera”. To the west, in the Chilean region of the basin, marine sediments are assigned to the Oxfordian–Kimmeridgian. The rift and thermal subsidence stages of the Austral Basin mainly coincide with the deposition of the Rocas Verdes Marginal Basin, whereas the foreland stage of the Austral Basin is simultaneous with the evolution of the Magallanes Basin (Varela et al., 2012).

Thermal subsidence stage: During the Late Jurassic–Lower Cretaceous (?Tithonian, Berriasian–Barremian) sag/thermal subsidence phase, the basin was located inside a magmatic arc with active subduction, and represented a back-arc setting with relatively constant subsidence. Deposition of the Springhill-Río Mayer/Zapata Formation took place during the sag phase that represents a long-term (>25 Ma) transgressive cycle characterised by low-frequency sea-level fluctuations (Schwarz et al., 2011; Varela et al., 2012).

Foreland stage: Several pulses of deformation occurred during the foreland phase of the basin, dated to late Early Cretaceous (Aptian) to Cenozoic. During this interval, deformation and depocentres migrated south- and eastwards. Several transgressive-regressive megasuccessions are identified for the Cretaceous, which were controlled by both regional tectonics and global eustasy (Schwarz et al., 2011). During the Cretaceous, the Tierra de Fuego region persisted in an offshore setting.

As extension decreased, fine-grained sediments of the Lower Cretaceous marine Zapata Formation accumulated in the Rocas Verdes Basin, with sediment input derived from local basement uplifts (Fildani & Hessler, 2005; Varela et al., 2012). Early Cretaceous subsidence and sedimentation continued for almost 20 Ma to the onset of foreland basin sedimentation at around 100 Ma (Fildani et al., 2003; Fildani & Hessler, 2005; Calderón et al., 2007a; Fosdick et al., 2011). The presence of a well-developed subaerial fold-and-thrust belt is indicated by deep-marine sedimentation of the Punta Barrosa Formation overlying shelf-marine sediments of the Zapata Formation (Wilson, 1991; Fildani et al., 2003; Fildani & Hessler, 2005; Romans et al., 2010, 2011; Fosdick et al., 2011).

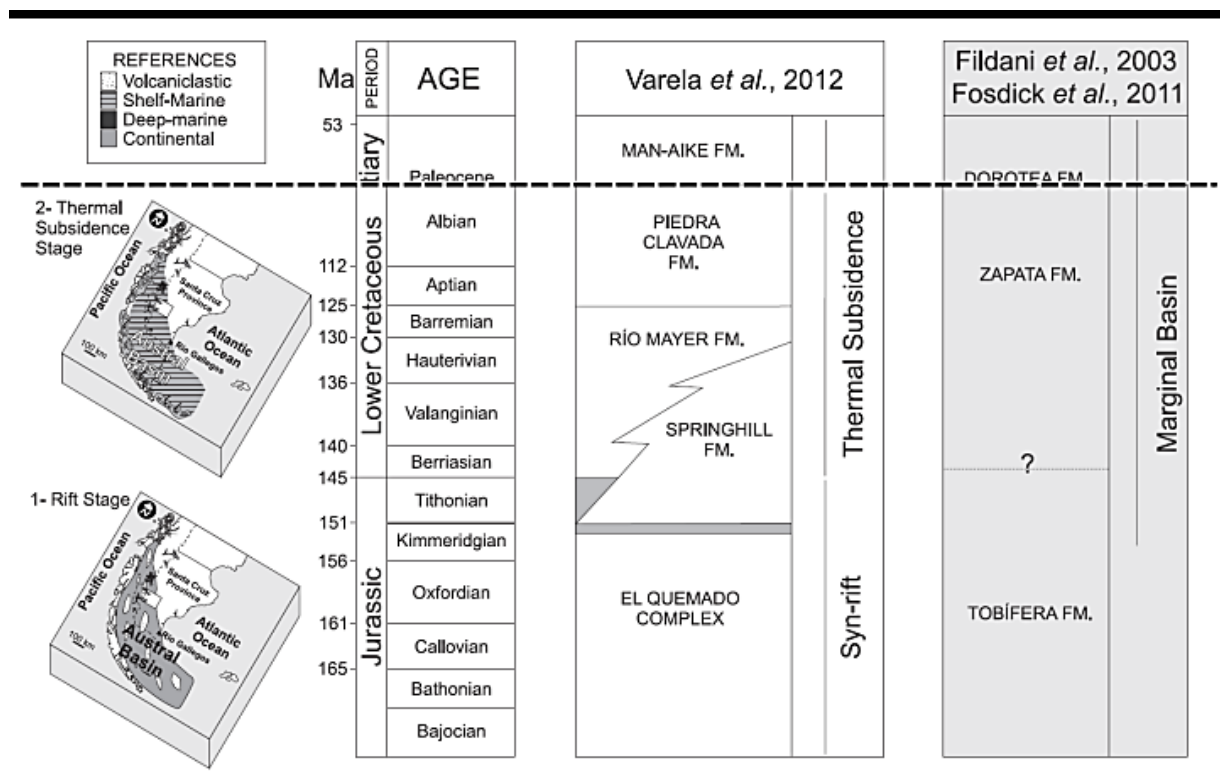


Fig. 11: Stratigraphic summary and geological history of the Austral Basin from the Jurassic to Lower Cretaceous (excluding the foreland stage) compared to the Rocas Verdes Marginal Basin-Magallanes Basin. Middle to Upper Jurassic “Rift/Syn-rift Stage”; Upper Jurassic to Lower Cretaceous “Thermal Subsidence Stage”; modified from Varela et al. (2012).

Springhill/Río Mayer Formation

Lithostratigraphy

The sampled interval of the Springhill/Río Mayer Formation of the Nevenka 1 core (GPS: -52.588539, -69.333403) was deposited mostly during the Late Barremian–Early Aptian. The sampled interval is located in the southern Austral Basin (Magallanes Basin) (Fig. 12), where the Aptian part of the sedimentary succession belongs to the Río Mayer Formation (Archangelsky et al., 2009). The

succession is composed of fluvial, marginal-marine, coastal and shallow-marine siliciclastic rock deposits with a general retrogradational stacking pattern (Kielbowicz et al., 1984; Biddle et al., 1986; Arbe & Fernández Bell Fano, 2002; Schwarz et al., 2011).

Tectonic background and paleogeography

The Austral Basin (Magallanes Basin) was characterised by rifting and sea-floor spreading along the western margin of the Patagonian-Fuegian Andes (Biddle et al., 1986; Calderón et al., 2007a; Fosdick et al., 2011). The Early Cretaceous sediment succession represents a homogenous seismic unit resembling a (Jurassic) graben and half graben infill, while its top reflection line is almost continuous across the entire study area (Sachse et al., 2016). Backstepping continued through the Hauterivian and Barremian, with progressive onlap of siliciclastic marine deposits onto the Río Chico or Dungeness High (Biddle et al., 1986; Galeazzi, 1998). A long-term transgressive cycle was noted by Schwarz et al. (2011) which according to these authors ended in the Barremian.

Tobífera & Zapata Formations

Lithostratigraphy

Sediments of the Sofia 1 core (GPS: -51.540325, -72.595639) were deposited more proximal to the Andean orogen, a position that is now at the foot of the fold-thrust belt (Fildani & Hessler, 2005) (Fig. 12). The lithostratigraphic succession has been referred to as the Late Jurassic Tobífera Formation (Tithonian) and the Early Cretaceous lower to middle Zapata Formation (Berriasian–Aptian/Albian) (cf. Fildani et al., 2003; Fosdick et al., 2011; Varela et al., 2012). The Tobífera Formation mainly consists of volcanoclastic deposits with intercalated continental/sandstone deposits (Rosello et al., 2008; Schwarz et al., 2011).

Tectonic background and paleogeography

The Zapata Formation was deposited in an irregular basin bordered by an Early Cretaceous arc to the west (Fildani et al., 2008). The organic-rich shales of Late Jurassic and Early Cretaceous age formed under anoxic marine conditions within a Neocomian sag on the edge of the Andes margin (Stinnesbeck et al., 2014; EIA, 2015). Interbedded shale and siltstone were mostly deposited in shallow water and in areas of oceanic crust emplacement, also as deeper hemipelagic deposits (Fildani & Hessler, 2005). A highly irregular basin partitioned by horsts is indicated by sand deposition confined to sub-basins closer to the arc (Fildani & Hessler, 2005). Changes in depositional regimes and sediment dispersal of the Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous extensional Rocas Verdes back-arc basin (Tobífera and Zapata formations) are related to the onset of Andean contraction and transition to the Magallanes retroarc foreland basin (Rabinowitz & La Brecque, 1979; Dalziel, 1986; Ramos, 1988; Fildani & Hessler, 2005).

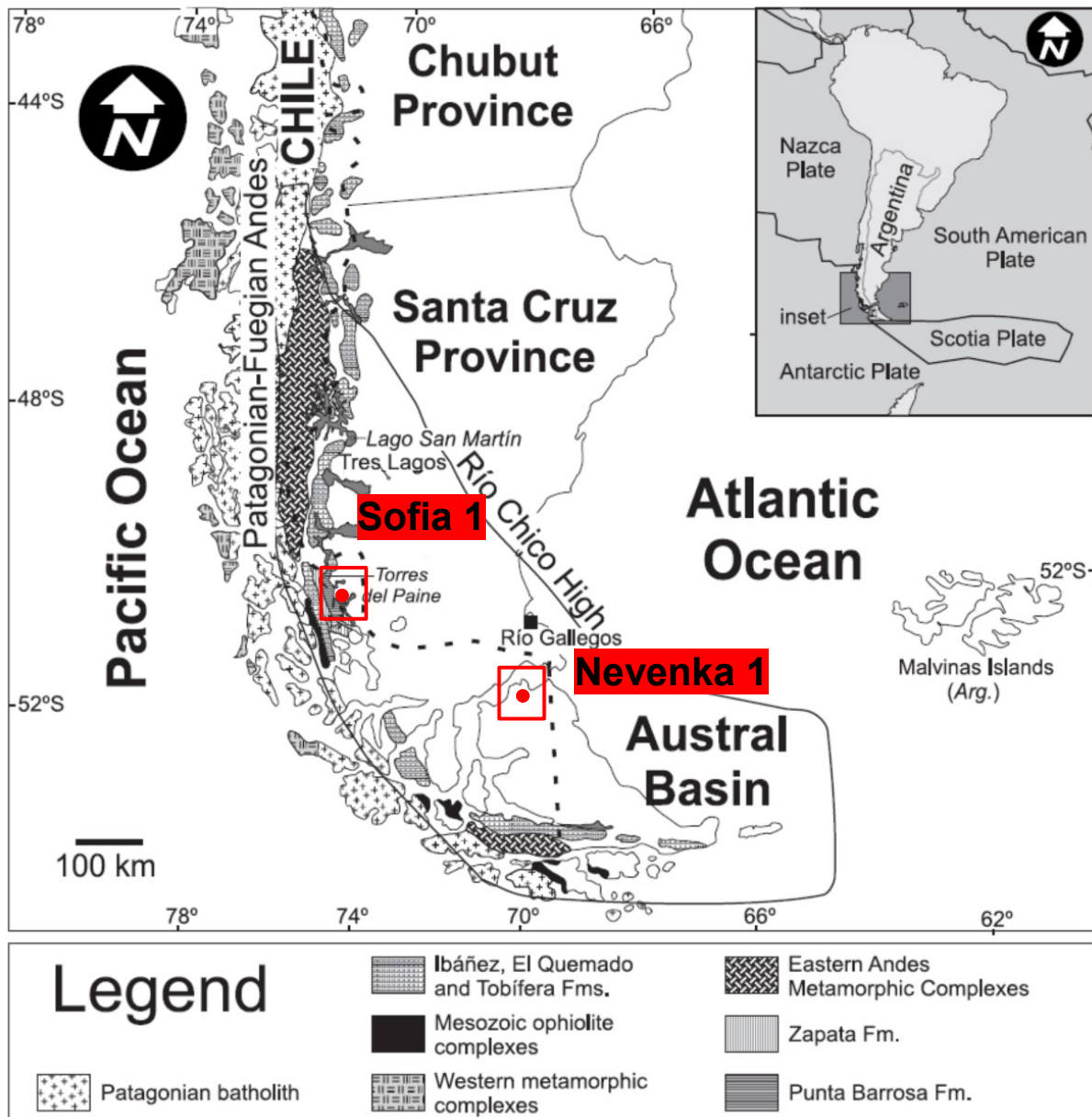


Figure 12: Location of the Magallanes/Austral Basin and indication of the localities of the wells (red rectangles), Varela et al. (2012).

1.7.3 Antarctica

During early Mesozoic–late Cenozoic times the Antarctic Peninsula region was characterised by the easterly subduction of Pacific Ocean lithosphere (Phoenix plate) beneath Gondwana (e.g. Barker et al., 1991; Seton et al., 2012). The magmatic and associated subduction zone (Antarctic Peninsula Volcanic Group) are expressed by a thick extrusive volcanic succession as well as a predominantly calcalkaline batholith. Magmatic activity was basically continuous, with marked intervals during the Early Jurassic, Early Cretaceous, Late Cretaceous and Eocene times (Pankhurst, 1982). The analysed sections of the Antarctic study area (Fig. 13) are mostly combined sections.

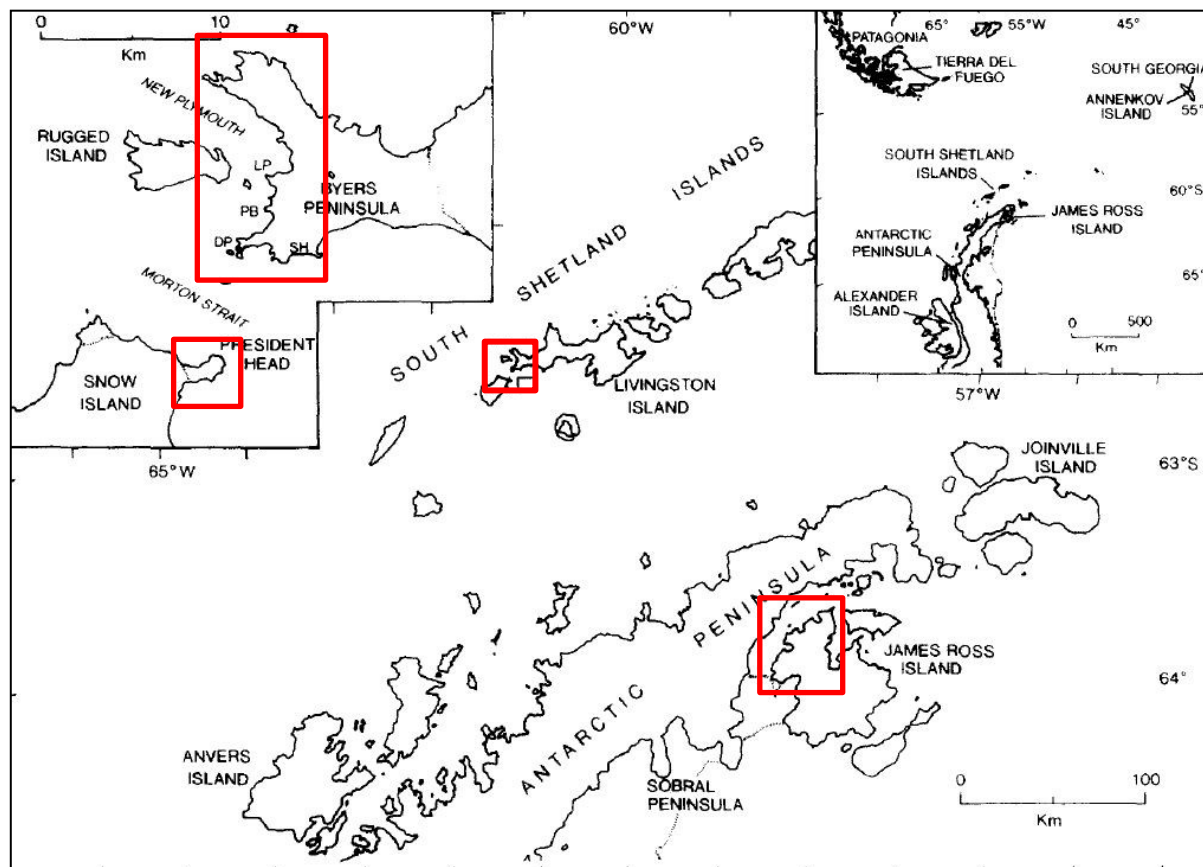


Figure 13: Location map for the Antarctic Peninsula region. Left inset shows the position of the Byers Peninsula. *DP*=Devils Point, *LP*=Laager Point, *PB*=President Beaches, *SH*= Sealer Hill. Right inset is a map of the Antarctic Peninsula, Scotia Arc and southernmost South America; Duane (1994). Study areas marked by red rectangles.

Byers Group – Livingston and Snow Island

Tectonic background and paleogeography

Byers Peninsula is located at the western end of Livingston Island, and forms part of the South Shetland Islands, western Antarctica (Fig. 13). The peninsula likely represents a narrow arc terrain which broke off from the Pacific margin of Gondwana during the Late Jurassic (Crame et al., 1993). The arc was characterised by a subdued relief at its northern end and fine-grained marine sediments which accumulated over a wide area. From approximately the Oxfordian to Aptian, dark-coloured organic-rich mudstones with thin interbedded air-fall tuffs were deposited in a quiet-water euxinic environment throughout the South Atlantic region including the South Shetland Islands (Crame et al., 1993). The authors suggested that the Byers Peninsula sediment succession reflects a marginal fore-arc position. Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous ammonites and palynomorphs as well as Early Cretaceous plant macrofossils have been reported from Byers Peninsula and indicate that the lower, marine part of the group is Kimmeridgian–Valanginian in age (e.g., Crame et al., 1993; Duane, 1996; Hathway & Lomas, 1998).

The Byers Group, exposed in the western South Shetland Islands, is a 2.7 km thick succession of which the lower 1.3 km are marine clastic rocks, representing Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous sedimentation and volcanism on the Pacific flank of the Antarctic Peninsula magmatic arc (Hathway & Lomas, 1998). The base of the Byers Group consists of radiolarian-rich, hemipelagic mudstone of the Kimmeridgian–Tithonian Anchorage Formation, succeeded by terrigenous, slope-apron mudstone and sandstone of the Berriasian President Beaches Formation (Hathway & Lomas, 1998). These deep-marine strata are overlain by the Chester Cone Formation which consists of shallower-marine conglomerate and mudstone of Berriasian–Valanginian age. The type area for the Byers Group is Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island (Fig. 13, 14). The Byers Group is also present on President Head, Snow Island (Fig. 15). Here, the unit consists of sedimentary and igneous rocks with a minimum thickness of 2.7 km, with unexposed base and top.

Sedimentary Basin

On the northern Antarctic Peninsula the Late Jurassic mudstones crop out on both the margins of the Pacific (fore-arc) and the Weddell Sea (back-arc) (Pirrie & Crame, 1995). The Tithonian is characterized by arc uplift and oxygenation in the fore-arc basin (Anchorage Formation), and the contemporaneous development of a restricted basin in the back-arc region (Nordenskjöld Formation). In latest Tithonian–earliest Berriasian times the arc supplied volcanoclastic sediment to the fore-arc basin. During that time the back-arc basin changed from dysaerobic to aerobic conditions (Pirrie & Crame, 1995).

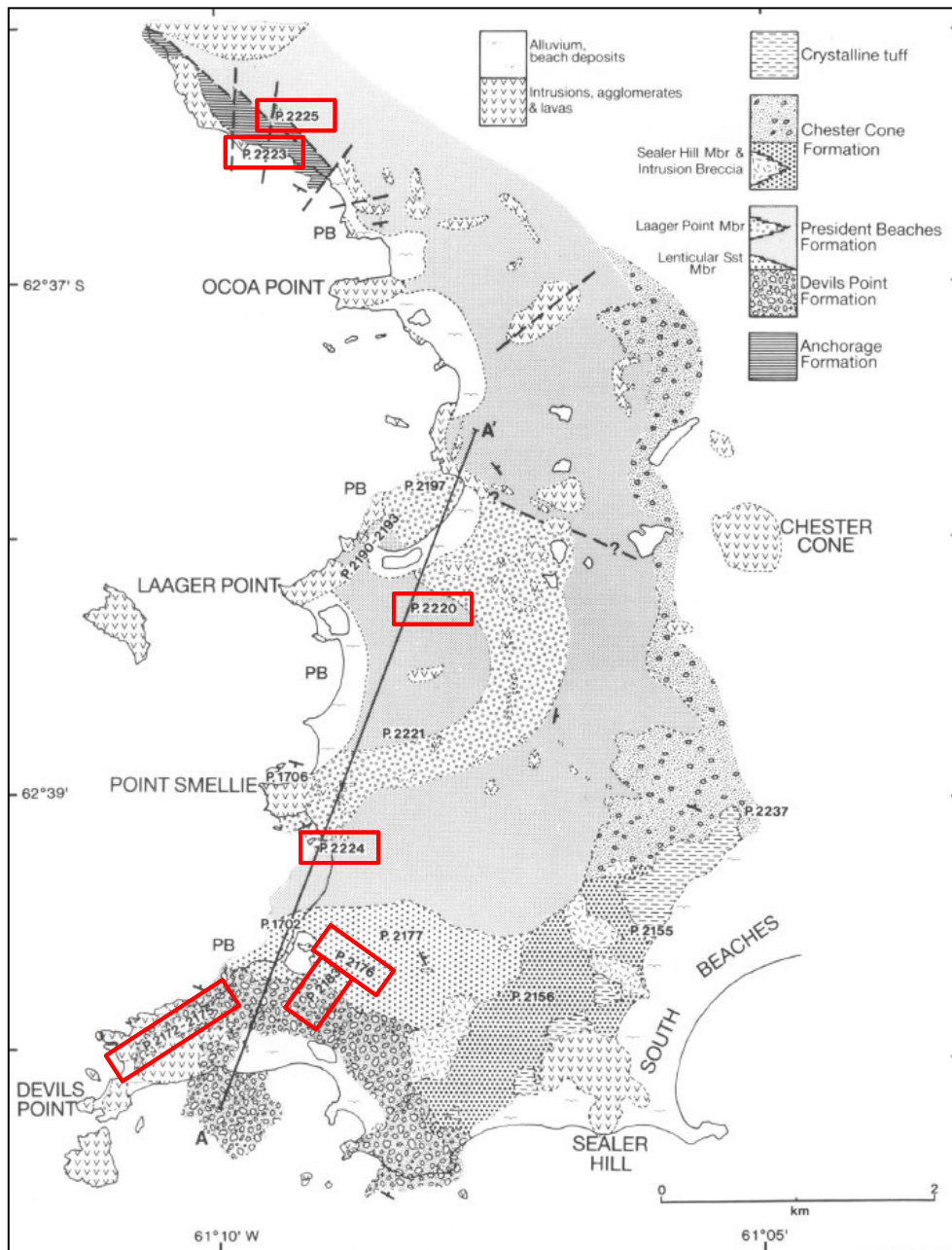


Figure 14: Geological map of western Byers Peninsula. Studied sections are marked by section numbers and red rectangles; Crame et al. (1993).

Anchorage Formation

Lithostratigraphy

The composite type section of the Anchorage Formation (AF) (GPS: -62.611881, -61.141388) (Fig. 14) can be subdivided into three distinct units (Crame et al., 1993). The basal strata, which are not included in the present study, consist of an at least 24 m thick succession of interbedded, dark grey to black unbioturbated, radiolarian-rich mudstone. This basal unit underlies a 30 m thick unit of dark

grey, planar-bedded and unbioturbated radiolarian-rich mudstone, interbedded with layers of normally graded tuff of 1-10 cm thickness, while sandstone is scarce. Upsection, a gradual transition into a mudstone-dominated unit of at least 40 m thickness is identified, in which the radiolarian-rich mudstone is intensely bioturbated. The mudstone is interpreted as a deposit of hemipelagic suspension (Hathway & Lomas, 1998). Sandstone and occasional interbedded tuff layers were interpreted by Pirrie and Crame (1995) as turbidites, even though tuffs may also represent fallout from suspension directly following eruptions. Age control is poor for the AF, but according to Smellie et al. (1980), Crame (1984) and Pirrie and Crame (1995) the molluscan assemblage suggests Kimmeridgian–Tithonian ages. Radiolarians are strongly recrystallized and thus provide no additional biostratigraphical information (Hathway & Lomas, 1998). A Middle Tithonian age is indicated for the sampled interval of the AF based on the revised stratigraphy of the Byers Group by Hathway and Lomas (1998).

Tectonic background and paleogeography

The Anchorage Formation of Livingston Island represents the only known occurrence of Late Jurassic deposits on the Pacific margin of the Antarctic Peninsula (Pirrie & Crame, 1995). According to Smellie et al. (1980) the AF was deposited in a low-energy shelf with anaerobic-dysaerobic bottom conditions and periodic introduction of sand by storms. Pirrie and Crame (1995), on the other hand, favoured a slightly deeper environment below the storm wave base. A transition from anaerobic–dysaerobic to dysaerobic–aerobic conditions was reported by Pirrie and Crame (1995), and is also known from the Nordenskjöld Formation on the Weddell Sea margin of the Antarctic Peninsula (Hathway & Lomas, 1998). The transition from dysaerobic to aerobic conditions was diachronous, in the Anchorage Formation occurring during the late Kimmeridgian–early Tithonian and in the Nordenskjöld Formation during the Late Tithonian or Early Berriasian (Pirrie & Crame, 1995). This diachroneity is linked to the development of the magmatic arc of the Antarctic Peninsula: In the Tithonian arc, uplift resulted in increasing oxygenation of the fore-arc basin, while restricted conditions developed in the back-arc region. The arc supplied volcanoclastic material to the fore-arc basin from the latest Tithonian–earliest Berriasian (Pirrie & Crame, 1995).

President Beaches Formation

Lithostratigraphy

Instead of a type section, a type area was defined about 0.5 to 1.5 km inland from President Beaches on western Byers Peninsula (marked PB in figure 14). Hathway and Lomas (1998) suggest a thickness of at least 600 m for the President Beaches Formation (PBF). Due to poor exposure its precise thickness and internal stratigraphy are difficult to determine. The PBF consists of poorly lithified parallel-laminated mudstone in which radiolarians are rare to absent. Trace fossils are also scarce and pyrite is only present locally. Carbonate concretions of 2–5 cm diameter form laterally persistent horizons. In most sections, sandstone is rare and only occurs as grey-green laminae and forming thin layers of up to 4 cm thickness (Hathway & Lomas, 1998). Thicker bedded (15–100 cm) sandstone is largely confined to lenticular units in which individual sandstone beds are graded and present Bouma

T_{abc} successions. Up to 20 m thick chaotic, structureless sand and granule-rich mudstone containing disrupted sandstone rafts is also common. Fossils consist of dinoflagellate cysts and ammonites. Hathway and Lomas (1998) reported occurrences of '*Spiticeras*' and *Bochianites*. Both forms however, are rather indicative of a Valanginian age (W. Stinnesbeck, pers. commun., 2018). Duane (1996) recognised the *Kalyptea wisemaniae* (latest Early Berriasian) and *Cassiculosphaeridia delicata* (Berriasian) Interval Zones of Helby et al. (1987) and therefore assigned a latest Early Berriasian–Berriasian age to the President Beaches Formation.

Chester Cone Formation

Lithostratigraphy

The lower part of this lithostratigraphic unit consists of conglomerate and sandstone of the Devils Point Member (DPM) whereas the mudstone-dominated Sealer Hill Member (SHM) forms the upper part of the Chester Cone Formation (CCF).

Devils Point Member: The composite type section is 233.5 m thick and was measured NE of Devils Point by Hathway and Lomas (1998) (GPS: -62.664887, -61.159939) (Fig. 14). In this area the Devils Point Member forms a northward-thinning wedge. Pebble conglomerates are abundant in the lower part of the DPM whereas higher portions of the unit are conformed by granule conglomerate, sandstone, and minor mudstone. Except for low-angle planar cross-bedding near Devils Point, most beds are structureless (Crame et al., 1993). The upper part of the member crops out 1.2 km south of Chester Cone; it is 45–50 m thick and conformed by plant-debris-rich coarse-grained sandstone and granule conglomerate (Hathway & Lomas, 1998). The beds are usually amalgamated; in the uppermost levels of the unit, finely laminated mudstone is gradually more abundant. Up to 30 cm thick sandstone beds are sharp-based and normally graded. The conglomerates contain rare transported thick-shelled bivalves which are non-age-diagnostic (Crame et al., 1993). Most palynological samples from mudstone interbedded in the conglomerate are barren (Duane, 1994, 1996), but a latest Berriasian–Early Valanginian age was assigned to the member (Hathway & Lomas, 1998).

Sealer Hill Member: The type section of the Sealer Hill Member is located 1.1 km south of Chester Cone (GPS: -62.662051, -61.140298) (Fig. 14). It is 56 m thick and shows a consistent 30° dip to the northeast (Hathway & Lomas, 1998). The unit is intermittently exposed from the Sealer Hill area NE to the Chester Cone plug (Fig. 14) (Crame et al., 1993). Lithologically similar marine strata on President Head, Snow Island (Fig. 13 left inset, Fig. 15) are also assigned to the SHM. A rapid decrease in the sand-stone/mudstone ratio marks the basal contact of the SHM with the underlying DPM on Byers Peninsula (Hathway & Lomas, 1998). The SHM consists mainly of finely laminated unbioturbated mudstones with intercalated fine grained sandstone. Scarce thicker sandstone beds show sharp, planar bases. Mudstone intraclasts are present within some of the beds of the lower parts. Very rare up to 1 m thick beds of poorly sorted, structureless conglomerate are present. Carbonate concretions up to 1.6 m across are a prominent feature of the member (Hathway & Lomas, 1998). Laterally continuous concretionary horizons and at some levels up to 2.5 cm thick, bedding-parallel fibrous calcite veins are also common (Hathway & Lomas, 1998).

The lower part of the member is characterised by dinoflagellate cysts indicating a latest Berriasian–Early Valanginian age, while those from the upper part suggest a mid-Valanginian age (Duane, 1996).

Duane (1996) correlated the SHM strata on President Head with the lower part of the member on Byers Peninsula. Ammonites in the upper part of the type section are strongly indicative of a Valanginian age (Covacevich, 1976).

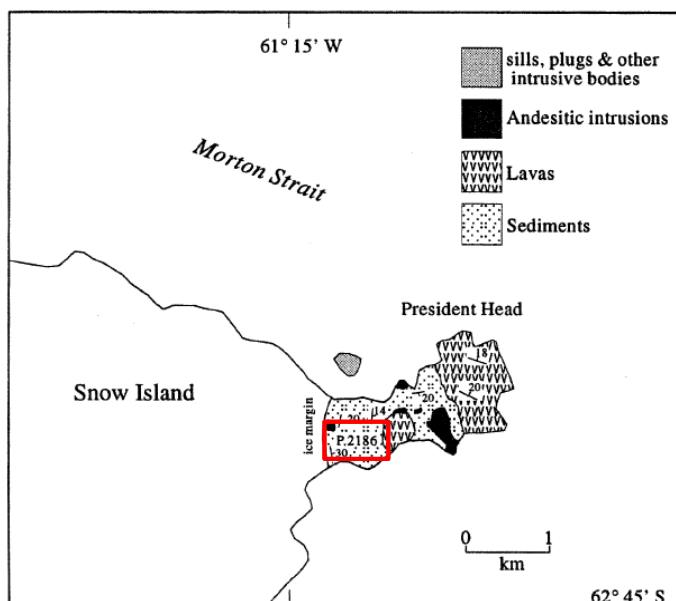


Figure 15: Geological map of President Head, Snow Island showing the location of the studied section P.2186 (red rectangle) (Duane, 1996).
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Fossil Bluff Group – Alexander Island

Tectonic background and paleogeography

A well-exposed, 4000 m thick Upper Jurassic–Lower Cretaceous fore-arc basin succession crops out on the eastern coast of Alexander Island (Fig. 16, upper left inset) (Butterworth et al., 1988). To the east, Alexander Island is separated from the mainland by King George VI Sound (Fig. 16) and to the west by a faulted unconformable contact with the LeMay Group (LMG) (Edwards, 1979; Tranter, 1987; Butterworth et al., 1988; Storey & Nell, 1988). The LMG was deformed prior to deposition of the FBG (Storey & Nell, 1988) resulting in the LeMay Range Fault (Edwards, 1979). The top of the FBG is not exposed. Strata display a low-angle regional dip and become overall younger in southern or southwestern directions. The eastern coast of Alexander Island represents the type area of the Fossil Bluff Group (FBG), with type localities defined from the area between Belemnite Point and Fossil Bluff (Fig. 16, lower left inset) (Butterworth et al., 1988). The authors subdivided the succession into four formations (Ablation Point-, Himalia Ridge-, Spartan Glacier- and Pluto Glacier Formation), and elevated the whole succession to group status (Fossil Bluff Group). The four formations range from the Upper Jurassic (Kimmeridgian) to Lower Cretaceous (Albian) (Crame & Howlett, 1988).

Sedimentary Basin

Marine conglomerate, mudstone and sandstone form a complex, laterally variable succession of submarine fan and deltaic deposits that built out on the fore-arc (Pacific) margin of the Antarctic Peninsula (e.g. Butterworth, 1985; Crame & Howlett, 1988). These deposits accumulated in a fault-bounded basin which developed at least partly on top of the metasedimentary rocks of the extensive LeMay Group (Crame & Howlett, 1988).

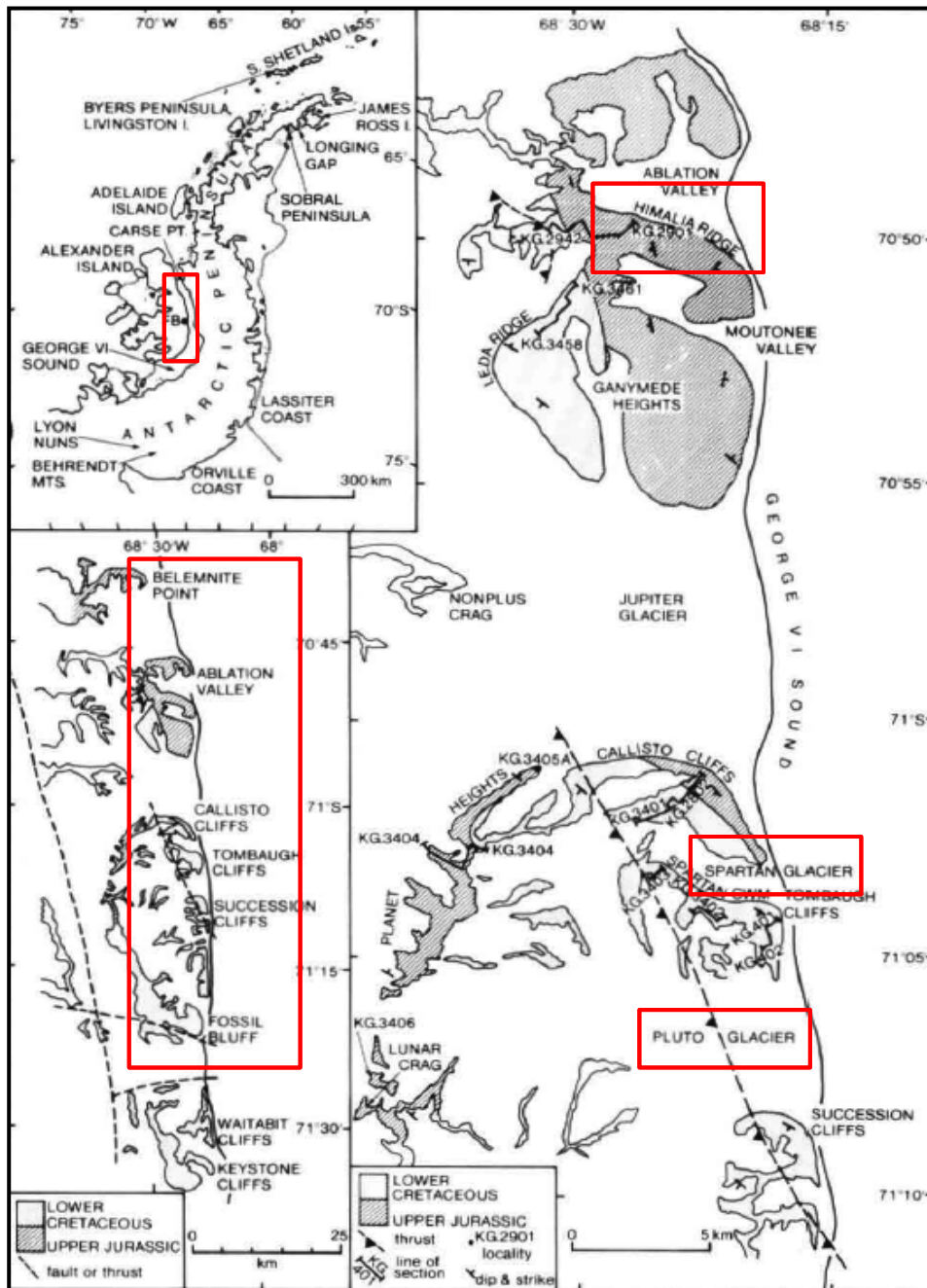


Figure 16: Locality of Alexander Island and sketch map of the Fossil Bluff Group (Crame & Howlett, 1988).

Himalia Ridge Formation

Lithostratigraphy

The Himalia Ridge Formation (HRF) is a submarine fan unit in which inner-fan channel conglomerates are incised into interchannel mudstones and sandstones (Butterworth et al., 1988). The type section reaches a maximum thickness of 2200 m at Himalia Ridge (GPS: -70.833333, -68.450000) (Fig. 16) (Butterworth et al., 1988). There, the type section consists of a lower 1100 m thick mudstone dominated unit of which the lowermost 30 m are characterised by black mudstone and subordinate, channelled mud-flake breccia (Butterworth et al., 1988). This unit underlies 1000 m of dark mudstone with interbedded fine-grained sandstone, and rare coarser-grained volcanoclastic and feldspar-rich channelled sandstone. A conglomeratic unit is represented by a single 100 m thick lenticular channelled complex. The HRF consists of a very variable base that rests unconformably on both the Ablation Point Formation and on the LeMay Group of central Alexander Island (Butterworth et al., 1988). The sandstone-dominated section above the topmost conglomerate complex represents the upper boundary of the formation. The HRF crops out extensively on Ganymede Heights and west of Belemnite Point (Fig. 16). Farther south, the formation occurs at the northern end of Planet Heights, and the basal sections at Tombaugh and Callisto cliffs (Fig. 16).

The lower 1000 m of the HRF contains a diverse and abundant molluscan assemblage (Butterworth et al., 1988). The perisphinctid ammonites (largely species of the genera *Virgatosphinctes* and *Aulacosphinctoides*) of the lower faunal assemblage (basal 400 m) indicate a Tithonian age (Thomson, 1979; Butterworth et al., 1988). The associated belemnites and bivalves confirm this interpretation and suggest an early Tithonian age (Willey, 1973; Crame, 1982, 1983; Crame & Howlett, 1988). The ammonites and accompanying fossils of the fossiliferous interval between 700-1100 m are indicative of a Late Tithonian age (e.g. *Blanfordiceras* aff. *wallichi* Gray and "*Berriasella*" *subprivasensis* Krantz) (Thomson, 1979; Crame & Howlett, 1988). Apart from ammonites assigned to the genera *Haplophylloceras* and *Raimondiceras* in the very topmost 50 m of the unit, the rest of the upper 1000 m of the formation lacks fossils. The ammonites near the top of the HRF are associated with a variety of bivalves. This assemblage is widely considered as Berriasian in age (Thomson, 1979; Taylor et al., 1979; Crame, 1985; Howlett, 1986; Crame & Howlett, 1988).

Spartan Glacier Formation

Lithostratigraphy

The type section of the Spartan Glacier Formation (SGF) is exposed on the mountain ridges south and southwest of Spartan Glacier (GPS: -71.050000, -68.333333) and reaches a thickness of 1000 m (Butterworth et al., 1988). The SGF crops out over a wide area from Ganymede Heights in the north to Fossil Bluff in the south (Fig. 16). This lithostratigraphic unit is conformed by mud- and siltstone with thin interbedded fine-grained sandstone. The sandstone beds are commonly graded and/or parallel- or ripple cross-laminated and form laterally discontinuous units of 2–20 m thickness. Throughout the formation, calcareous concretions are common and groups of sandstone dykes and sills occur at several localities (Taylor, 1982). The base of the Spartan Glacier Formation is marked by the cessation of coarse-grained sedimentation of the underlying HRF. The mudstone-dominated succession of the

SGF underlies the sandstones of the Pluto Glacier Formation (Butterworth et al., 1988).

The formation contains a variety of fossil molluscs and is broadly divided into three faunas. The lowest 580 m of the SGF contain occurrences of the ammonites *Olcostephanus* and *Bochianites*, and are regarded as Valanginian in age (Howlett, 1986; Crame & Howlett, 1988). At the upper end of this interval further belemnopseids are present which are related to *Belemnopsis* indicating a Late Valanginian or Early Hauterivian age (Besairie & Collignon, 1956). The fauna between 580–950 m is dominated by bivalves, and starts around the last occurrence of the belemnopseid belemnites. No diagnostic ammonites are present (only indeterminate phylloceratids), and consequently only a tentative Late Hauterivian–Barremian age is suggested by Crame & Howlett. (1988). The fauna from 950 m upsection contains abundant aconeceratid ammonites (e.g. *Sanmartinoceras* (*Sanmartinoceras*) and *S.* (*Theganoceras*) and bivalves and is regarded as Aptian in age (Butterworth et al., 1988).

Pluto Glacier Formation

Lithostratigraphy

The type section for the Pluto Glacier Formation (PGF) is defined at the southwestern margin of Spartan Glacier (GPS: -71.116667, -68.366667) (Fig. 16) (Butterworth et al., 1988). The outcrops do not comprise a complete section through the formation and the uppermost levels are exposed on the Succession Cliffs of the Pluto Glacier (Fig. 16). The outcrops on the ridges south of Spartan Glacier and on Succession Cliffs indicate a minimum thickness of 350 m. In the lowermost part of the formation medium-grained sandstone beds crop out at a 14 m thick scarp overlying siltstone of the Pluto Glacier Formation. This basal unit has been defined by Butterworth et al. (1988) as the Callisto Cliffs Member of the Spartan Glacier Formation. The unit underlies a 238 m thick unit of alternating sandstone and siltstone. The sandstone units are typically fine to medium grained and are usually intensely bioturbated. Herringbone cross-stratification is present in areas where bioturbation is less intense (Butterworth et al., 1988). Large diagenetic carbonate concretions occur in a 68 m thick interval of medium-thick bedded, planar laminated sandstone at the 160 m level of the section. The upper part of the formation is dominated by thick-bedded, parallel-laminated to convoluted sandstone (Butterworth et al., 1988). This sandstone contains large calcareous concretions, commonly aligned along diffuse bedding planes (Horne & Taylor, 1969) which are interbedded with siltstone and tuff (Taylor et al., 1979). Bioturbation is common.

Aconeceratid ammonites and large lycoceratids are common in the lower half of the section (Butterworth et al., 1988). In the upper half ammonites are rare. The assemblage of bivalves and associated dimitobelid belemnites indicates an Aptian age (Crame & Howlett, 1988). At Succession Cliffs dimitobelids occur together with tetragonitid, desmoceratid and silesitid ammonites as well as inoceramid bivalves, an assemblage which is indicative of an Albian age (Thomson, 1983; Doyle, 1987; Crame & Howlett, 1988).

Nordenskjöld Formation and Gustav Group – James Ross Island

Sedimentary Basin

The Larsen Basin is a major sedimentary basin on the eastern side of the Antarctic Peninsula. It developed during Jurassic times in a back-arc setting connected to a volcanic arc that formed by subduction of oceanic crust beneath Gondwana (Macdonald et al., 1988; Hathway, 2000; Carvalho et al., 2013). Its development may have been influenced by the opening of the Weddell Sea during the Late Jurassic to Late Cretaceous (Storey & Nell, 1988; Storey et al., 1996). Increased rates of convergence during the Early Cretaceous resulted in major uplift of the magmatic arc and subsidence of the back-arc region (Elliot, 1988). The sediment fill of the Larsen Basin was completely derived from the emerging volcanic arc (Carvalho et al., 2013). Del Valle and Fourcade (1992) defined the northern part of the Larsen Basin as the James Ross Sub-basin, an ensialic back-arc basin (Elliot, 1988). Most outcrops of this sub-basin are located to the east of the arc terrane in the James Ross Island area (Fig. 17) (Carvalho et al., 2013). 5–6 km of strata ranging from Tithonian to Eocene have been deposited in the James Ross Basin.

Tectonic background and paleogeography

The Kimmeridgian to Berriasian Nordenskjöld Formation represents the oldest sedimentary unit within the James Ross Island area (Whitham & Doyle, 1989). The outcrops of the formation (which have undergone considerable thermal alteration) are basically restricted to several small outcrops at the eastern coastline of the Antarctic Peninsula (Fig. 17) and large glide blocks enclosed within Lower Cretaceous strata (the Gustav Group) (Ditchfield et al., 1994). The glide blocks have undergone less thermal alteration and yield the only palynological data available for the stratigraphic classification of the Nordenskjöld Formation (Pirrie et al., 1992). Doyle and Whitham (1991) suggest that the Nordenskjöld Formation was deposited in a silled basin (a basin in which a submarine sill restricted water exchanges).

The allochthonous material of the glide blocks was originally derived from the faulted and unstable basin margin during the Early Cretaceous (Ineson 1985). Block A crops out in Sharp Valley, James Ross Island (GPS: -63.866614, -58.066696) where it is enclosed within the Cretaceous strata (Snape, 1992). Based on the preservation of organic matter and the absence of current-formed structures and bioturbation Farquharson (1983) suggested deposition in a calm, anoxic marine environment, below wave-base.

Nordenskjöld Formation

Lithostratigraphy

The Nordenskjöld Formation (Farquharson, 1983) is dominated by hemipelagic and pelagic sediments (Dyle & Witham, 1991; Witham, 1993) that consist of a uniform succession of finely-laminated, carbonaceous radiolarian bearing mudstone interbedded with thin ash-fall tuffs (Ineson, 1985). The formation is subdivided into the Longing, Ameghino and Larsen members (Whitham & Doyle, 1989). In the present study, the sampled section forms part of the Longing member which is derived from the north-west coast of James Ross Island (GPS: -63.849202, -58.036533) (Fig. 17), where breccia beds,

isolated clasts and large glide blocks of the formation occur in the Lower Cretaceous Gustav Group (Ineson, 1985).

Snape (1992) suggested a Tithonian age for Association A of Block A, based on synthesis of the palynostratigraphical data from Australia (Helby et al., 1987), Papua New Guinea (Davey, 1988) and Madagascar (Chen, 1978). A Middle Tithonian age, equivalent to the middle-upper part of the *Dingodinium jurassicum* Zone (Australia; Helby et al., 1987), upper *Nummus similis* and *Broomea simplex-Rhynchodiniopsis serrata* Zones (Papua New Guinea; Davey, 1988) and the upper part of Zone IV (Madagascar; Chen, 1978) was proposed by Snape (1992).

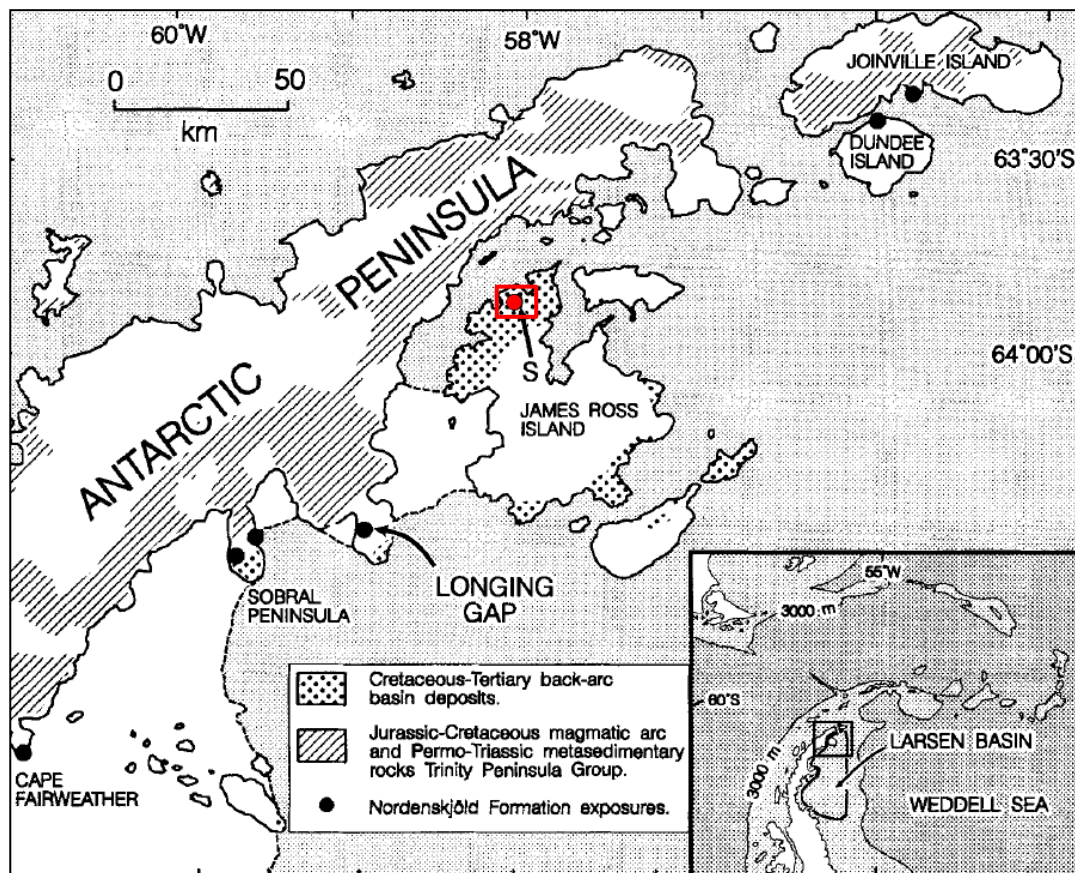


Figure 17: Map of the northern Antarctic Peninsula showing the location of James Ross Island and exposures of the Nordenskiöld Formation (Whitham, 1993). Study area marked by the red rectangle.

Gustav Group – Kotick Point Formation

Lithostratigraphy

Ineson et al. (1986) introduced the Gustav Group for the lowermost Cretaceous strata in the James Ross Island area (Fig. 18) (Keating et al., 1992). The group is divided into four formations – Lagrelius Point, Kotick Point, Whisky Bay and Hidden Lake. The Aptian/Albian Kotick Point Formation

consists of a thick succession of medium to very fine-grained sandstone, silty mudstone as well as coarse grained poorly sorted breccia and conglomerate (Ineson et al., 1986). Ineson (1989) interpreted the Gustav Group as a coarse-grained submarine fan deposit interspersed with finer-grained, deep marine slope sediments.

The palynomorph assemblage from the Kotick Point Formation contains relatively diverse and well-preserved dinoflagellates (Keating et al., 1992). The local first occurrence of *E. turneri* coincides with the base of the *Diconodinium davidii* Zone of Helby et al. (1987) in Australia wherefore Keating et al. (1992) assigned a tentative Late Aptian age to the lowermost part of the sampled interval of the Kotick Point Formation. The assemblage of the middle part of the sampled interval includes *Canninginopsis intermedia*, *Diconodinium davidii*, *D. cerviculum*, *M. australis*, *M. macwhaei*, *M. tetracantha* and *Tanyosphaeridium isocalamus* (Keating et al., 1992). This interval is equivalent to Late Aptian to Early Albian assemblages from Australia (Morgan, 1980; Helby et al., 1987; Keating et al., 1992). Palynomorph assemblages of the upper interval compare well with those described from Early Albian strata in Australia by Morgan (1980) and Helby et al. (1987) (Keating et al., 1992). An important occurrence of *M. tetracantha* in the upper part of the interval was detected by Keating et al. (1992). The last occurrence of *M. tetracantha* in the uppermost interval of the sampled section is indicative of an Early Albian age.

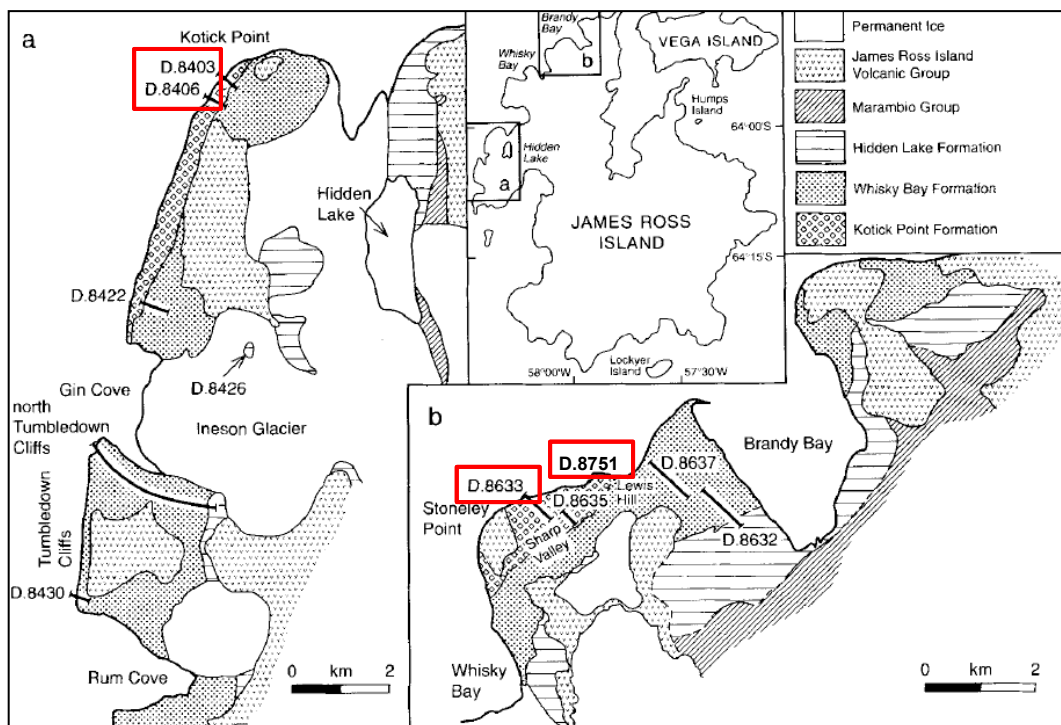


Figure 18: Locality and sketch maps of a) west and b) north-west James Ross Island showing the location of the sections investigated (Keating et al., 1992); GPS coordinates of the sampled sections – D.8406: -64.002661, -58.363670; D.8403: -63.995561, -58.350487; D.8633: -63.858341, -58.101733; D.8751: -63.848775, -58.062067.

2. OBJECTIVES

The aim of this study is the detailed analysis of several alternating warm water/cold water conditions in the southern hemisphere (central- to southern Chile and western Antarctica) during the Late Jurassic and Early Cretaceous. The multidisciplinary approach is based on palynofacies analysis, but also includes TOC/TIC and CNS analysis, stable isotope analysis, the occurrence of micro-glendonite, occurrence of calpionellids and lithofacies. The extension from central Chile to Antarctica is intended to clarify whether these oscillations were regional events controlled by geotectonic processes in the hinterland (orogenesis of the Andes) or whether a supraregional and possibly global pattern can be identified, leading to climatic changes in the entire Southern Hemisphere. From the Northern Hemisphere, climatic cooling (glaciation?) is already known from this time interval, as evidenced by geochemical proxies, glaciogenic sediments and the appearance of glendonite, a carbonate mineral indicative of cold-water. From the Southern Hemisphere, on the other hand, no glendonite or other indicators for climatic cooling or glaciations are known from this time interval. As part of the project, the duration, and distribution of cooling phases in central Chile, southern Chile (Patagonia) and the Antarctic Peninsula are examined in detail. Palaeoenvironmental conditions are analysed and interpreted in a north-south transect over approximately 3,000 km along the south-western edge of Gondwana. On the basis of this high-resolution multidisciplinary and multistratigraphic analysis it will be clarified whether the variations in sea temperature in the Southern Hemisphere are controlled by large-scale factors and if they are of supraregional significance.

3. MATERIAL AND METHODS

The samples analysed from central Chile (Lo Valdés, Baños del Flaco) were provided by Dr. Christian Salazar (Universidad del Desarrollo, Santiago, Chile) and represent spare rock material of his PhD thesis in 2012. It was also possible to use his collection of thin sections from these sections. The material of Patagonia has been provided by the Chilean ENAP (Empresa Nacional del Petróleo) in Punta Arenas which granted access to their drilled cores. The sample material from Antarctica was stored at the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge and has originally been collected by Alistair Crame. Selection of sample material of the Patagonia and Antarctica sections was carried out by Hartmut Jäger and Sven Brysch.

Optical analyses

Optical examinations were carried out with a transmitted light microscope (Leica DMLP & Olympus BX 51) and a fluorescence microscope (Leica Leitz DM RXP). Photographs of palynofacies samples were taken with an Olympus PEN E-PL7 camera attached to the microscopes. Magnification for palynofacies analyses was 400x (40x objective and 10x ocular). For illustrations of organic particles and micro-glendonites 630 x magnification was used.

3.1 Palynofacies

A total of 502 palynofacies samples were analysed for this thesis (250 samples of central Chile, 123 samples of Patagonia and 129 samples of Antarctica). Sample preparation was carried out at the chemical laboratory of the Institute of Earth Sciences, Heidelberg University. A piece of each sample was crushed with a mortar to a mean grain size between 2–5 mm in diameter. Each crushed rock sample was put into a plastic jar and filled with 500 ml of deionised water to remove particles of the dust fraction and contaminations of recent pollen or anthropogenic particles. Subsequently the carbonate minerals were dissolved using concentrated hydrochloride (36% HCl). Following neutralisation with deionised water, the silicate components were removed with hydrofluoric acid (53% HF). After the reaction was completed the acid unit was decanted and neutralised with NaOH dilution. This procedure of neutralisation was repeated until the HF-solution remaining in the plastic jar was neutral. Sample residues were then filtered through filter gauze with a mesh width of 15 µm and washed with deionised water. Because of the use of hydrofluoric acid, fluoric silicates crystallised out of the sample residues. To remove the fluoric silicates the samples were cleaned by boiling with HCl. Subsequently, the samples were neutralised with deionised water and repeatedly filtered through filter gauze. From each of the filter residues a strewn slide (size of 24 x 24 mm) was compounded to allow for examinations with a transmitted light and fluorescence microscope. Sample material was extracted from the aqueous solution with a pipette. To get a representative cross section of all contained components the sample cup was swivelled and the sample was taken out of the centre of the suspension of the particles. The extracted suspension was given onto a cover slip. After drying, the cover slip containing the organic material was glued onto an object plate with the artificial resin “Eukitt”.

Particles contained in the slides were distinguished as shown in table 1. Each group of particles was counted in respect to its abundance (also size ratios were taken into account). Palynofacies preparations were analysed using a 40x magnification objective. The most representative area for analysis was chosen after analysing the sample with 20x magnification providing an overview. With the transmitted light microscope each strewn slide was counted until a minimum of 300–350 particles was reached. In samples with very homogenous compositions, the amount of counted particles was reduced to 250–300. In samples with very low organic matter content, compositions were usually very homogenous and around 100–150 particles were counted. The individual results are shown in the appendix. Quantities of organic matter only reflect the particles’ amount in relation to the sum of all counted particles per strewn slide.

All organic particles were categorised into three groups depending on the preservation state (good/A, fair/B, poor/C). Phytoclasts are subdivided into three groups: the cutinites, the vitrinites and inertinites. They are differentiated due to their different stages of oxidation and degradation. Analysis of the opaque/translucent (OP/TR) ratio of phytoclasts is an approach which is derived from the palynofacies analysis. This approach was used in all sampled sections of the three study areas. The approach which uses the roundness/shape of phytoclasts to gain information about the palaeoenvironment was used in the sections with the poorest organic matter preservation, i.e. the Lo Valdés Formation (central Chile) and the upper Tobífera Formation (Patagonia). Samples were analysed randomly. Sporomorphs are generally found variously distorted and squashed flat which means that these fossils are not always spheres as idealistically drawn, but disk-like objects that twist and turn. In this thesis strongly degraded sporomorphs are classified as “spores indet”. Organic matter

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derived from fungi is grouped as “fungal remains”. The AOM was distinguished in fluorescent and non-fluorescent. Mineral remains were subdivided into the categories “quartz”, “pyrite” and “others”. Mineral remains (mainly quartz and heavy minerals) were counted the same way as the organic matter particles but registered separately. Detailed results of the palynofacies analysis are listed in the appendix (p. 235 ff.).

Study line (x/y)		Total amount of particles		Date		
1						
2						

Origin	Group	Component	Amount A	Amount B	Amount C	Sum
continental (allochthonous)	parts of vascular plants	Phytoclasts	Inertinite			
			Vitrinite			
			Cutinite			
	pollen	Sporomorphs (palynomorph)	nonsaccate			
			monosaccate			
			bisaccate			
			monolete			
			trilete			
	spores	Sporomorphs indet				
marine	AOM	terrestrial, translucent				
		terrestrial, opaque				
		marine/sensu stricto				
	marine Phytoplankton (palynomorph)	Zoomorphs (palynomorph)	Dinocysts			
			Acritarchs			
			Prasinophytes (Tasmanites)			
			Leiospheres			
			foraminiferal test linings			
	Zooclasts		Bivalves, Scolecodonts, Fungi			
	diverge	others	<i>Botryococcus</i>			
Filaments						
mineral residues		Quartz				
	Pyrite					
	others					

Preservation	A = good	B = fair	C = poor
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Table 1: Organic particle differentiation used in this thesis.

For palaeoenvironmental interpretation values obtained were plotted in Tri-Plot triangles (Fig. 19). Tri-plot is a Microsoft Excel based spreadsheet for the preparation of triangular (ternary) diagrams. The values of each sample were placed according to the classification of Tyson (1993) for AOM, phytoclasts and palynomorphs (Fig. 19). The key to the different palynofacies fields is given in table 2. Results of particle counting were used for palaeoenvironmental interpretation. The results of the palynofacies analysis is hence mainly based on the hydrodynamic properties of the individual particle groups, compiled and summarised by Tyson (1993, 1995) and McArthur et al. (2016a, b).

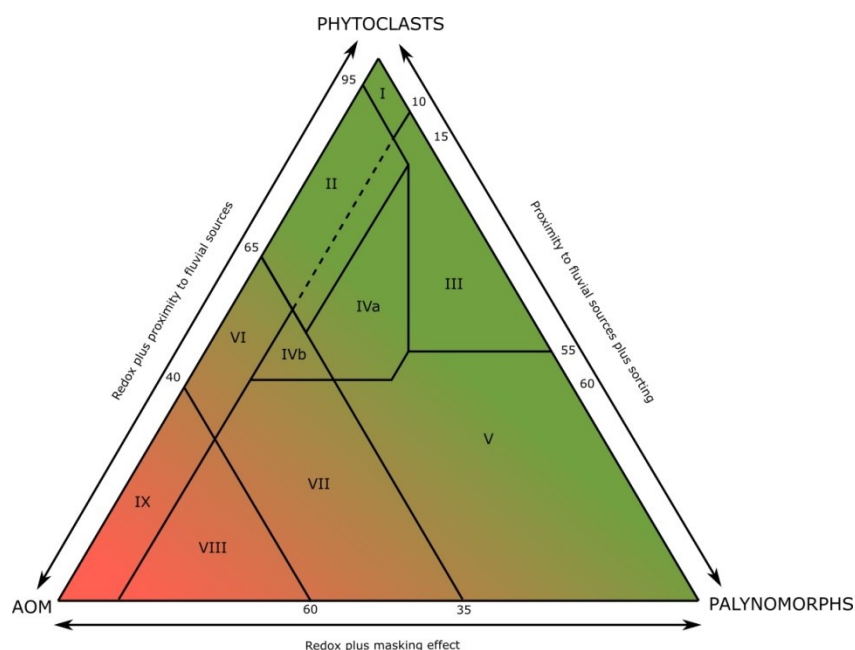


Figure 19: AOM-Phytoclast-palynomorph plot (modified after Tyson, 1993).

Palynofacies field and environment	comments	Microplankton	Kerogen Type
I Highly proximal shelf or basin	High phytoclast supply dilutes all other components	very low	III, gas prone
II Marginal dysoxic-anoxic basin	AOM diluted by high phytoclast input but AOM preservation moderate to good. Amount of marine TOC dependent on basin redox state and dilution.	very low	III, gas prone
III Heterolithic oxic shelf (proximal shelf)	Generally low AOM preservation; absolute phytoclast abundance dependent on actual proximity to fluvio-deltaic sources. Oxidation and reworking common.	common to abundant Dinocysts dominant	III or IV, gas prone
IV Shelf to basin transition	Passage from shelf to basin in time (e.g. increased subsidence/water depth) or space (e.g. basin slope). Absolute phytoclast abundance depends on proximity to source and degree of redeposition. Amount of marine TOC depends on basin redox state. IVa dysoxic-suboxic, IVb suboxic-anoxic.	very low-low	II or III, mainly gas prone
V Mud-dominated oxic shelf (distal shelf)	Low to moderate AOM (usually degraded). Palynomorphs abundant. Light coloured bioturbated, calcareous mudstones are typical.	common to abundant Dinocysts dominant	III > IV, gas prone
VI Proximal suboxic-anoxic shelf	High AOM preservation due to reducing basin conditions. Absolute phytoclast content may be moderate to high due to turbiditic input and/or general proximity to source.	low to common Dinocysts dominant	II, oil prone
VII Distal dysoxic-anoxic shelf	Moderate to good AOM preservation, low to moderate palynomorphs. Dark coloured slightly bioturbated mudstones are typical	moderate to common Dinocysts dominant	II, oil prone
VIII Distal dysoxic-oxic shelf	AOM-dominated assemblages, excellent AOM preservation. Low to moderate palynomorphs (partly due to masking). Typical of organic-rich shales deposited under stratified shelf sea conditions.	low to moderate Dinocysts dominant, % prasinophytes increasing	II >> I, oil prone
IX Distal suboxic-anoxic basin	AOM-dominated assemblages. Low abundance of palynomorphs due to masking. Frequently alginite-rich. Deep basin or stratified shelf sea deposits, especially sediment starved basins.	generally low Prasinophytes often dominant	II > I, highly oil prone

Table 2: Key to the marine palynofacies fields of the phytoclast-AOM-palynomorph plot (Tyson, 1993).

3.2 Microfacies/Thin Section Analysis

The only sections in which carbonate rocks are the major constituent of the sedimentary succession and therefore are suitable for carbonate microfacies analysis are the LV and CM sections of central Chile. The sections of Patagonia and Antarctica mainly consist of clastic rocks. Composition, fabric and texture of carbonate rocks were studied in a total of 137 thin sections (76 CM section, 61 LV

section). For the investigation of the composition and fabrics of the samples, standard thin sections with a thickness of approximately 30 μm were used. These thin sections were usually cut perpendicular to the bedding (where bedding structures were recognisable) – the samples of the LV and CM sections were originally chosen by Christian Salazar for his PhD thesis.

Microfacies analysis was carried out following the models of Folk and Dunham. Photographs were taken with a Leica MZ16 and an attached Leica DFC480 stereomicroscope. Microfacies interpretation was based on the specifications of Flügel (2004). The same microscope was used to study occurrences of Calpionellids and to take pictures of the specimens.

Thin section analysis was performed on samples from the Byers Group, the only section that yielded usable rock material in addition to the Lo Valdés Formation. The thin sections were made in the preparation laboratory of the Institut für Geowissenschaften, Heidelberg University. Samples were analysed using a Leica DMLP & Olympus BX 51 microscopy. Detailed results of the microfacies/thin section analysis are listed in the appendix (p. 235 ff.).

3.3 Scanning Electron Microscopy

20 selected samples of the CM section were prepared for analyses with the scanning electron microscope (SEM) at the GeoZentrum Nordbayern of the FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg. Micro-glendonite clusters were analysed with Energy Dispersive X-Ray Analysis (EDX). The microscope used was a Tescan Vega XMU with an attached Oxford Instruments INCA analyser. A few drops of filter residue of the palynofacies samples were applied to a slide. After drying the slides were coated with gold using a sputter coater. Although filter residues were washed out thoroughly, the specimens were covered with a thin film of Na and F (side effect of the hydrofluoric acid treatment) wherefore information on the elemental composition of the mineral clusters was limited. It was tried to produce samples without the use of hydrofluoric acid but without the acid it was not possible to isolate micro-glendonite clusters out of the surrounding rock. Moving and additional cleaning of individual mineral clusters was not possible, because the clusters were very brittle and disintegrated by contact with any tool. Therefore the results from the element analysis were not used for further interpretation.

3.4 Carbon and oxygen isotope analysis of carbonate samples

Isotope ratios of $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ were measured on mostly bivalve carbonaceous shell material (44 samples CM section, 45 samples LV section) that was gained by drilling with a Merchantek Micromill (NewWave), on bulk rock samples (163 samples CM section, 120 samples LV section) and on isolated organic matter (77 samples CM section) that was taken from palynofacies residues. The MicroMill consists of a computer-controlled micro-drilling system, which is coupled to a microscope. Isotope analyses were performed by the Geozentrum Nordbayern of the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg. Carbonate powders were reacted with 100% phosphoric acid at 70 °C using a Gasbench II connected to a ThermoFisher Delta V Plus mass spectrometer. All values are reported in per mil relative to the V-PDB standard (Vienna-Pee Dee Belemnite). Reproducibility and accuracy was monitored by replicate analysis of laboratory standards calibrated to international standards NBS19 (TS-Limestone), NBS18 (Carbonatite) and LSVEC (Lithium Carbonate). Laboratory standards

were calibrated by assigning $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of +1.95‰ to NBS19 and -46.6‰ to LSVEC and by assigning $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of -2.20‰ to NBS19 and -23.2‰ to NBS18.

For analysis of isolated organic matter some of the material of the palynofacies filter residues was used. Carbon isotope analyses of organic carbon were performed on the same samples with a Flash EA 2000 elemental analyser connected online to a ThermoFinnigan Delta V Plus mass spectrometer. All carbon isotope values are reported in the conventional $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ -notation in permil relative to V- ^{13}C -PDB (Vienna- ^{13}C -PDB). Nitrogen isotope values are reported in ‰ relative to atmospheric air. Accuracy and reproducibility of the analyses were checked by replicate analyses of laboratory standards calibrated to international standards USGS 40 and 41. Detailed results of the carbon and oxygen isotope analyses are listed in the appendix (p. 235 ff.).

3.5 Total organic carbon, total inorganic carbon, carbon/sulphur/nitrogen

Samples from all three study areas (central Chile: 216 samples, Patagonia: 123 samples, Antarctica: 84 samples) were analysed for total organic carbon (TOC), total inorganic carbon (TIC) and carbon/sulphur/nitrogen (CNS) contents. For this approach, the sample material was crushed to rock flour and subsequently weighed. For the analysis of CNS (see below) tungsten oxide was added as flux for the gas chromatograph. The samples of the TOC/TIC analysis were wet incinerated with sulphuric acid. The CaCO_3 abundance was calculated from the TIC content following the workflow of TDI-Brooks International, Inc. (compiled by Bernie B. Bernard, Heather Bernard, and James M. Brooks).

The determination of the carbon, nitrogen and sulphur contents was performed at the Institute of Geography at Heidelberg University with an ELEMENTAR CNS Max Analyser. The elements were analysed through the use of high temperature combustion (HTC), at a furnace temperature exceeding 1000 °C and admixed oxygen. Helium was used as the inert carrier gas. The detection of the combustion gases by quantitative separation of the combustion gases was followed by quantification with a thermal conductivity detector. Detailed results of the total organic carbon, total inorganic carbon and carbon/sulphur/nitrogen analyses are listed in the appendix (p. 235 ff.).

3.6 Thermal Maturity

Assessment of thermal alteration of the samples using clay was performed by Dr. Rüdiger Butz-Braun – tonmineralogische Beratung. X-ray diffractometric analyses of clay minerals after ethylene glycol treatment and thermal treatments at 120° C to 300° C in 20° steps. If present, this treatment leads to reactions in any smectite interlayers. The ethylene-glycol treatment produces a characteristic, X-ray diffractometrically detectable widening of the intermediate layers in smectites. This also applies to smectite layers within the mixed-layered illite/smectite minerals. Due to the thermal treatments, hydroxide complexes are displaced from their intermediate layers. As a result, it can be deduced to which temperatures the rock was previously exposed. Only by renewed weathering or hydrothermal processes OH groups could again reach the intermediate layers. Clay mineralogy for assessment of thermal alteration analyses were only carried out on the central Chilean samples. Due to only minor and mostly insufficient amounts of illite/smectite mixed-layer structures thermal maturation analysis

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based on clay mineralogy was performed on three samples only. Those samples were suitable for the ethylene glycol treatment of the illite/smectite mixed-layers.

In all sections thermal maturation was additionally characterised using the Thermal Alteration Index (TAI) or Spore Coloration Index (SCI). The TAI & SCI are based on a temperature-related gradual change of organic matter colour in translucent white light (Tyson, 1995; Traverse, 2007) (Fig. 20). The TAI/SCI index was also used to infer temperature and maturation stage (Figs. 21, 22).

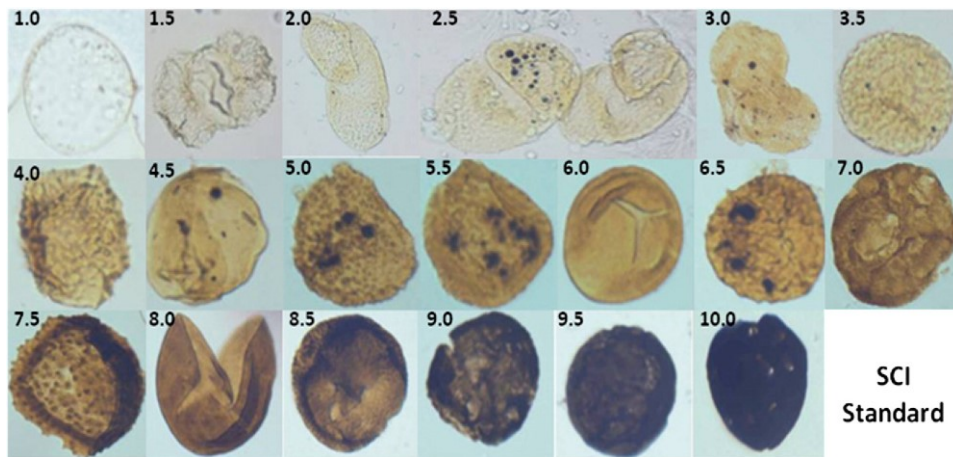


Figure 20: Spore Coloration Index (SCI) – spore colour change as a result of thermal alteration; scale proposed by Fischer et al. (1981).

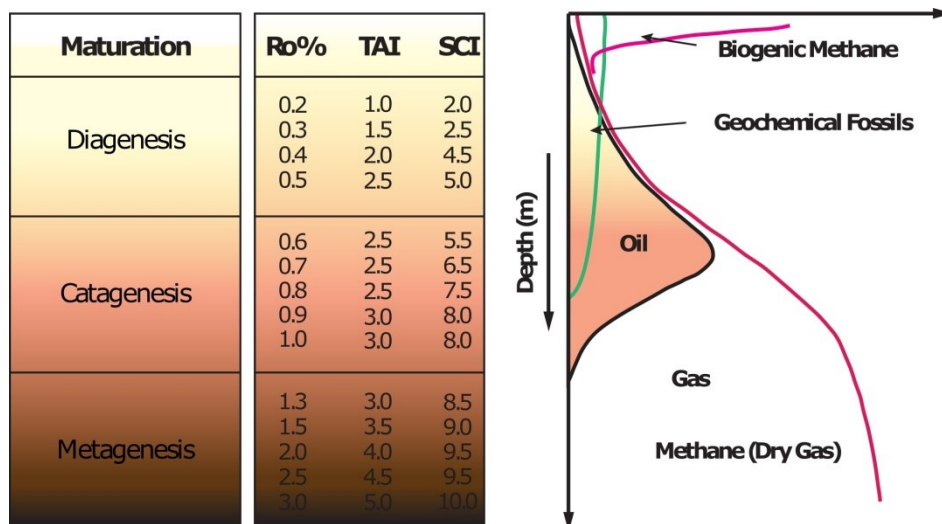


Figure 21: Correlation of palynomorph coloration changes as a function of increasing burial and rise in temperature (maturation). Correlation with vitrinite reflectance (Ro%) and spore coloration index (SCI) parameters (Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012).

Maturation rank		%Volatiles in coal (d.a.f.)	Max. paleo Temp (°C)	Vitrinite reflectance (%)	Geochemical Parameters					Hydrocarbons	
Kerogen	Coal				CPI	Pyrolysis		C wt%	H wt%		H/C wt%
						Tmax (°C)	P.I.				
Diagenesis	Peat	60	50	0.2	5		67	8	1.5	Bacterial gas	
	Lignite			0.3	3	400	70	8	1.4		Immature heavy oil
	Catagenesis	Sub-bituminous C B A	46	80	0.4	2	425	75	8	1.3	
0.5					1.5	0.1	80	7	1.1		
0.6					1.2	0.2	85	6	0.85		
High volatile bituminous C B A		33	120	0.7	1.0	0.3	87	5	0.7	Condensate	
				0.8	1.0	0.4	87	5	0.7		
Medium volatile bitumin.		25	170	1.3	1.0	450	85	6	0.85	Dry gas	
Low volatile bitumin.		13	200	1.5	1.0	475	87	5	0.7		
Metagenesis	Sem-anthrac.	4	250	2.0	1.0	500	90	4	0.5	Dry gas	
	Anthracite			2.5	1.0	550	90	4	0.5		
	Meta-anthrac.	4	250	3.0	1.0	550	94	3	0.38		
				4.0			96	2	0.25		
				5.0							

Figure 22: Correlation of vitrinite reflectance with max palaeotemperature (Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012).

Biostratigraphy of the Nevenka 1 core

Data on the biostratigraphical subdivision of the Patagonian sections is limited. A biostratigraphical study on the Nevenka 1 core samples was therefore performed by Darrin Stead of Wellstrat Services Limited based on the diverse assemblage of dinoflagellate cysts and sporomorphs.

22 ditch cuttings samples over the interval 2104 m (NEV 63) – 2808 m (NEV 2) were analysed. Where possible a 200 specimen count has been made, followed by a scan of the slides to identify any species occurring outside the 200 count. The data has been entered into Stratabugs™ software. As the samples are ditch cuttings from a well section some caving of younger forms was noted.

4. RESULTS

4.1 CENTRAL CHILE

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PALYNOFACIES ANALYSIS

166 samples of the CM section are analysed for their palynofacies composition. The value of the quantitative ratio of groups of particles of the total sedimentary organic matter (SOM) of each sample is given in % (Figs. 23–25). Note that SOM is intensively altered and that fluorescence microscopy is consequently not applicable to distinguish between AOM of algal/bacterial marine origin (AOMA) and AOM derived of strongly degraded terrestrial organic matter (phytoclads, sporomorphs, fungal filaments) (AOMT). AOM is therefore differentiated into two groups, translucent and opaque, without reference to its origin. For simplification, the AOM proportion is added to the content of terrestrial organic matter.

Terrestrial organic matter

Sporomorphs, phytoclads, fungal filaments and terrestrial derived AOM (AOMT) combine to the amount of terrestrial organic matter. In the CM section the amount of terrestrial organic matter dominates the organic matter composition throughout the section with a value ranging from 95.1 % to a maximum of 100 %. In the Tithonian section 38 samples are analysed with the content of terrestrial organic matter averaging at 99.1 % (SD=1.4 %). The Berriasian section that comprises 61 samples contains an averaged amount of 99.5 % of terrestrial organic matter (SD=0.85 %). 41 samples are analysed in the Valanginian section and terrestrial organic matter proportion averages 99.6 %, while standard deviation is 0.61 %. In total, 26 samples of the Hauterivian section are analysed and terrestrial organic matter content averages 99.4 % (SD=0.98 %).

Sporomorphs: Next to foraminiferal test linings, sporomorphs are the only palynomorphs that occur in the CM section. Preservation state of sporomorphs throughout the sample series of the CM section is predominantly poor, with only few specimens fairly preserved. The average sporomorph content in the Tithonian section is 2.5 % (SD=2.6 %). The proportion fluctuates intensely but shows higher abundance in the upper middle and upper part of the interval. The mean proportion of sporomorphs in the Berriasian section is 0.27 % (SD=0.62 %). A peak of 4.4 % is identified in the uppermost sample. A clear trend is not observed. Sporomorphs reach an average content of 2 % in the Valanginian section (SD=1.7 %). An intermittent peak of 8.7 % is identified in the upper middle part of the interval. No clear trend occurs. The Hauterivian section shows an average sporomorph content of 1.7 % (SD=1.3 %). Throughout the stage proportion increases from 0 % to 1.9 % but this increase appears erratic as several intermittent peaks occur.

Phytoclads: Depending on their state of preservation each group of phytoclads (inertinite, vitrinite and cutinite) is assigned to either category “A=good”, “B=fair” or “C=poor”. Poorly preserved phytoclads are here counted as AOMT. Average phytoclast content of the Tithonian samples is 38.5 % (SD=18.1 %). Content increases discontinuously throughout the stage and varies between 4.5

% and 88.4 %. The Berriasian section of CM is characterised by a mean phytoclast content of 69.4 % (SD=19.1 %). No trend is observed in the lower part of the Berriasian. After a nadir of 6.6 % in the upper lower part of the Berriasian section content increases inhomogeneously to a maximum value of 99.8 % in the Middle Berriasian section. Subsequently, a discontinuous decrease is observed to 49.5 % which is reached towards the end of the stage. Phytoclast content in the Valanginian interval of the section shows no unequivocal trend. The amount varies between 32.1 % and 91.1 %. The average content for the Valanginian section is 58.6 % (SD=15.4 %). Phytoclast abundance of the Hauterivian section fluctuates intensely between 38.2 % and 94.8 %. Throughout the stage the content discontinuously decreases from 86.6 % to 56.0 %. A mean proportion of 73.6 % (SD=12.7 %) is identified.

Inertinite: Inertinite content in the Tithonian section varies between 0 % and 88.3 %, with an average amount of 29.4 % (SD=20.2 %). An inhomogeneous increasing trend is observed from 5.1 % to 88.3 %. The abundance of well-preserved (category A) inertinite increases throughout the Tithonian section from 5.1 % to 55.8 % but fluctuates highly between 0 % and 55.8 %. Several intermittent peaks are detected. The average content is 15.0 % (SD=14.5 %). Abundance of fairly (cat. B) preserved inertinite varies intensely between 0 % and 41.2 % and shows a discontinuous increase from 0 % to 32.5 %. The mean content is 14.5 % (SD=9.7 %). Throughout the Berriasian section of CM the abundance of inertinite varies strongly between 4.7 % and 90.3 %. A distinct trend is not observed and the average content of inertinite for the Berriasian section is 58.1 % (SD=20.4 %). Inertinite of category A shows no clear trend and proportion varies between 2.2 % and 82.7 %. The average content is 26.9 % with a SD of 17 %. In the Berriasian part of the CM section content of fairly (cat. B) preserved inertinite varies strongly between 0.66 % and 82.3 %. Highest proportion is reached in the lower upper part of the Berriasian section. A distinct trend is not observed. The average content is 31.3 % (SD=21 %). Samples of the Valanginian section shows an average inertinite abundance of 42 % (SD=16.4 %). A distinct trend is not observed and the content varies significantly between 12.1 % and 85.5 %. Proportion of well-preserved (cat. A) inertinite varies intensely between 5.4 % and 45.2 %. The average proportion is 20.5 % (SD=10.5%). A trend is not observed. Two intermittent peaks (79.2 % and 76.8 %) of fairly preserved inertinite are identified in the upper middle and lower upper part of the Valanginian section. Proportion varies between 1.9 % and 79.2 %. An unequivocal trend is not observed. The mean content is 21.5 % (SD=16.3 %). In the Hauterivian inertinite content varies significantly and decreases from 77.3 % to 32.8 %. The mean content is 60.2 % (SD=14.7 %). The stage is characterised by an initial discontinuous increase of well-preserved inertinite from 51.1 % to 72.2 % within the lower part of the interval. Subsequently the content decreases inhomogeneous throughout the middle and upper part of the Hauterivian section from 72.2 % to 20.9 %. In the Hauterivian well-preserved inertinite reaches a mean abundance of 43 % (SD=14.9 %). The content of fairly preserved (cat. B) inertinite ranges from 2.8 % to 33 % resulting in a mean value of 17.2 % (SD=9.9 %). A trend is not observed.

Vitrinite: Vitrinite content in the Tithonian section is comparatively low and varies between 0 % and 23.3 %. The mean content is 8.5 % (SD=8.6 %). The middle and lower upper part of the Tithonian section shows the highest content. In the Tithonian section well-preserved vitrinite shows a mean content of 0.64 % (SD=0.73 %). Frequency ranges from 0 % to 2.7 %. Several intermittent peaks occur. No distinct trend is observed. The proportion of vitrinite of category B varies between 0 % and 22.6 %. Proportion is highest in the middle and lower upper parts of the Tithonian section. The

mean content is 7.6 % (SD=8.2 %). In the Berriasian section the content of vitrinite varies significantly between 0 % and 45.5 %. Several intermittent peaks are present but a distinct trend is not observed. The mean content for this stage is 11.2 % (SD=12 %). Vitrinite of category A shows a mean frequency of 3.2 % (SD=4.4 %). The content ranges from 0 % to 19.5 %. Several intermittent peaks are identified and no distinct trend is observed. Throughout the Berriasian section the proportion of the fairly well preserved (cat. B) vitrinite varies strongly from 0 % to 35.1 %. A mean content of 8 % (SD=9.7 %) is detected. A clear trend is not observed. The content of vitrinite in the Valanginian section varies between 4.6 % and 36.1 %. The proportion fluctuates significantly and a distinct trend is not observed. The mean content is 16.5 % (SD=8.8 %). The mean content for well-preserved (cat. A) vitrinite is 3.4 % (SD=2.5 %). Frequency varies intensely between 0 % and 11 %. A trend is not observed. In the Valanginian interval of the CM section content of fairly preserved (cat. B) vitrinite ranges from 2.2 % to 30.3 %. A mean content of 13 % (SD=7.8 %) is detected. A distinct trend is not observed. In the Hauterivian interval of the CM section vitrinite content varies between 4.1 % and 35.6 %. A trend is not observed. The mean content is 12.9 % (SD=7.5 %). The frequency of well preserved (cat. A) vitrinite varies between 0.5 % and 14.7 %. No distinct trend is observed. A mean content of 4.6 % (SD=3.9 %) and 3 intermittent peaks are identified. Vitrinite of category B shows a mean content of 8.3 % (SD=5.3 %). Proportion varies between 1.6 % and 20.9 %. A clear trend is not observed.

Cutinite: Throughout the CM section the amount of cutinite is low and no differentiation was carried out according to the state of preservation. In the Tithonian of the CM section cutinite content varies between 0 % and 3.1 %. The mean content is 0.54 % (SD=0.82 %). An unequivocal trend is not observed. Throughout the Berriasian section content of cutinite remains low and ranges from 0% to 0.84 %. The average content is 0.10 % (SD=0.23 %). In the Valanginian section cutinite content remains low ranging between 0 % and 1.13 % and reaching an average of 0.19 % (SD=0.31 %). The samples of the Hauterivian section shows a mean content of 0.51 % (SD=0.77 %). A trend is not observed and proportion varies between 0 % and 3.3 %.

Fungal filaments: The content of fungal filaments varies considerably. On average, the Tithonian contains 1.8 % (SD=7.2 %) of fungal filaments whereas two samples of the lower Upper Tithonian section contain peaks of 19.8 % and 40.4 %, respectively. In the lower part of the Berriasian section one sample peaks at 21.4 %. The averaged value for the Berriasian is 0.58 % (SD=2.8 %). In the Valanginian 9 samples contain peaks of fungal filaments, between 10.5–45.9 %, with an average of 6 % (SD=11.8 %). 3 samples of the Hauterivian show peaks in fungal filament proportion (13.1–49.3 %) with a mean value of 3.8 % (SD=10.6 %).

Terrestrial AOM: Large amounts of the organic matter composition consist of AOMT. In the Tithonian average AOMT proportion is 54.2 % (SD=19.1%) for the translucent fraction and 2.5 % (SD=2.6 %) for the opaque fraction. A highly erratic decreasing trend of AOMT_{total} is identified. The mean content of the Berriasian section is 24.4 % (SD=20.4 %) for translucent material and 5 % (SD=9.2 %) for opaque amorphous matter. The lower to middle part of the Berriasian section is characterised by several positive intermittent peaks. After a nadir of 0 % in the middle part of the Berriasian section AOMT_{total} content increases discontinuously throughout the remainder of the interval reaching to 45.4 %. The samples of the Valanginian section contains a mean content of 31 % (SD=16.3 %) translucent and 1.9 % (SD=2.9 %) opaque AOMT, respectively. The distribution of

AOMT_{total} shows no distinct trend. For the Hauterivian averaged proportion of 19.8 % (SD=9.8 %) (translucent) and 0.55 % (SD=0.79 %) (opaque) are acquired. A clear trend is not observed.

Marine organic matter

Due to the high thermal degradation of the sedimentary organic matter, fluorescence microscopy could not be applied to the Central Chilean sections to distinguish between terrestrial and marine AOM. In the samples analysed here, structured organic matter of marine origin is limited to 3 occurrences of acritarchs and a few more occurrences of foraminiferal test linings. All remaining marine organic matter is amorphous (AOM), without any indications of its former structured appearance and origin; in consequence, all AOM is counted as terrestrial organic matter.

Acritarchs: A total of 3 samples contain acritarchs. In the uppermost part of the Berriasian section 2 acritarch occurrences are identified in one sample. The average content for the stage is therefore 0.01 % (SD=0.09 %). In the lower(most) part of the Valanginian section 2 samples contain acritarchs, resulting in a mean content of 0.01 % (SD=0.06 %). Both the Tithonian and Hauterivian stages are free of acritarchs.

Foraminiferal test linings: In the Tithonian 15 samples contain foraminiferal remains leading to a content of structured marine organic matter (marine palynomorphs) for this stage of 0.5 % (SD=0.95 %). One sample of the lowermost Berriasian section contains foraminifera resulting in an average proportion of 0.005 % (SD=0.03 %). In the Valanginian section 3 samples contain foraminiferal remains. The averaged proportion is 0.04 % (SD=0.16 %). 2 samples of the Hauterivian section contain foraminiferal test linings leading to an average content of 0.03 % (SD=0.1 %).

Opaque/translucent ratio

For the Tithonian interval an OP/TR ratio of 3.5 is detected. The OP/TR ratio of the Berriasian section is 5.2. The OP/TR ratio of the Valanginian interval is 2.6. The OP/TR ratio of the Hauterivian section is 4.7.

4. Results – 4.1 Central Chile

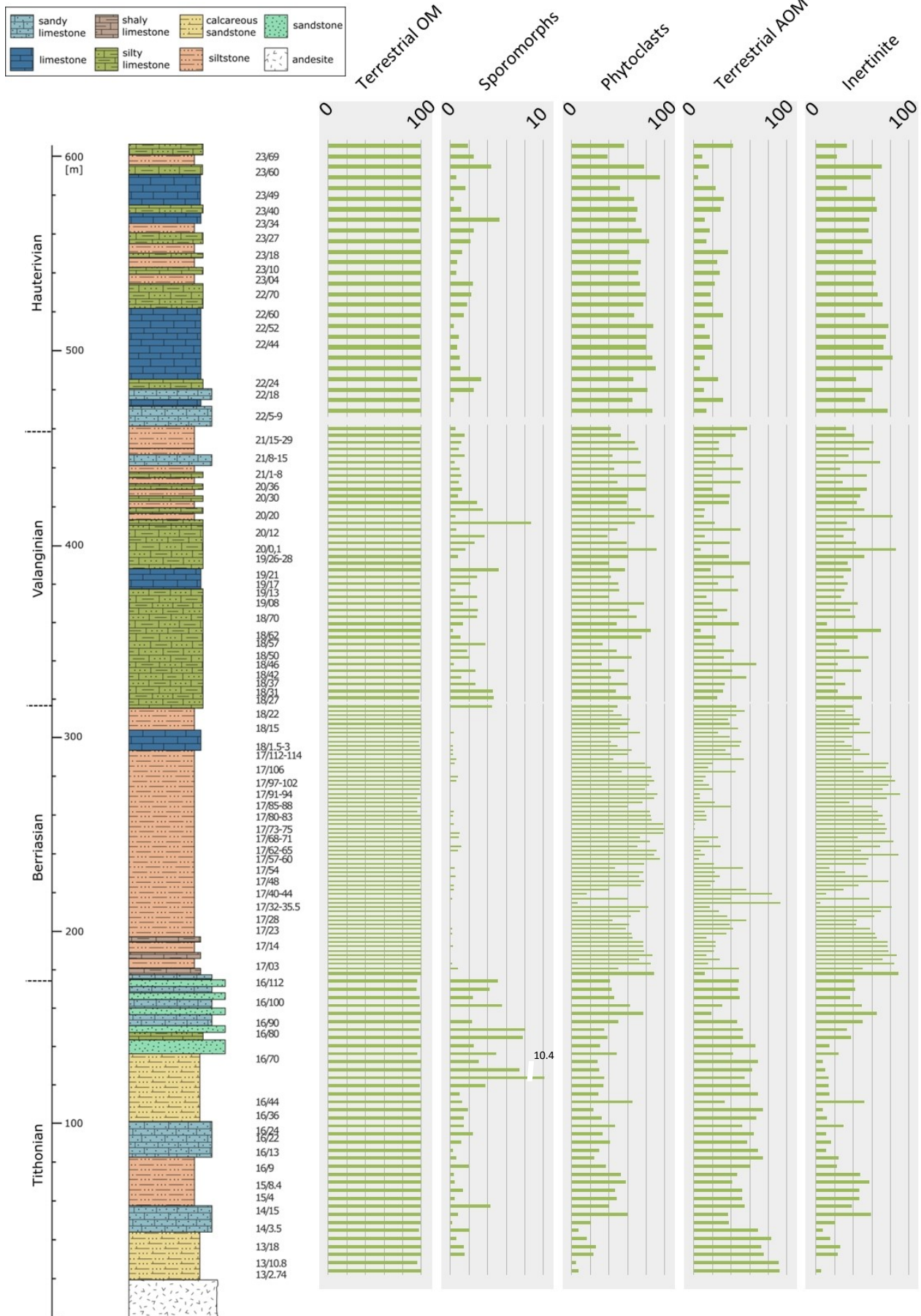


Figure 23: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction; CM section. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used. Statistical outliers are marked accordingly.

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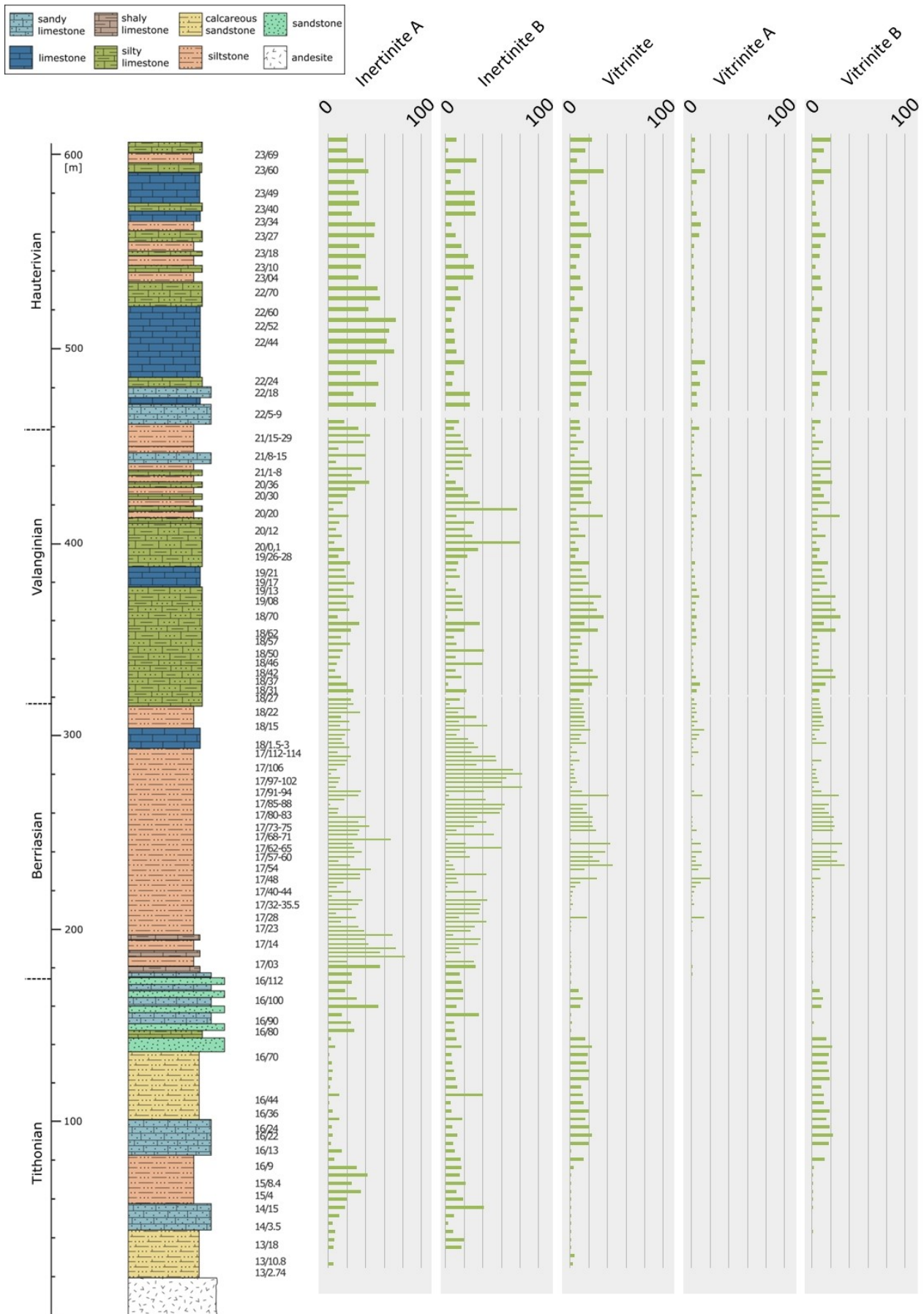


Figure 24: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction continued; CM section. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

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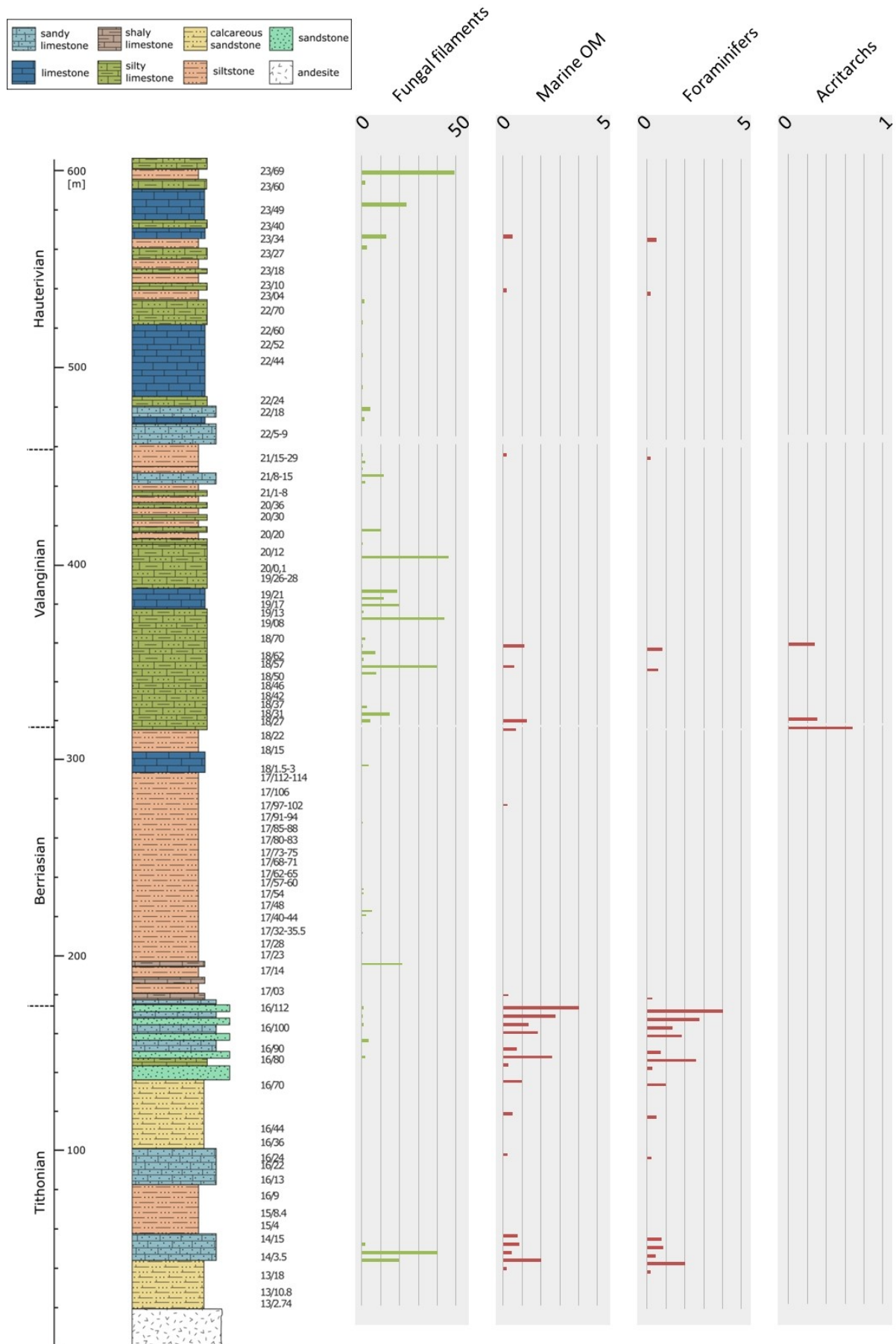


Figure 25: Sedimentary organic matter – fungal filaments and marine fraction; CM section. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

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PALYNOFACIES ANALYSIS

84 samples of the LV section are analysed for palynofacies composition (Tithonian 29, Berriasian 31, Valanginian 12 and Hauterivian 12 samples) (Figs. 26–28). Values given in % always refer to the quantitative ratio of the described particle group within the total SOM of a sample. Procedure for very poorly preserved non-fluorescent organic matter is the same as in the CM section. All AOM derived from strongly degraded matter is added to the group of terrestrial origin (AOMT). AOMT is differentiated in two groups: translucent and opaque.

Terrestrial organic matter

As for the organic matter composition of the CM section, the LV section is characterised by a large amount of strongly degraded terrestrial organic matter. The abundance varies between 94.7–100 %. In the samples of the Tithonian section an average of 98.5 % (SD=1.4 %) of the organic matter composition is of terrestrial origin. Since there are no foraminiferal linings present and AOM is assigned to terrestrial organic matter, the proportion of the latter increases to 100 % (SD=0 %) in the samples of the Berriasian section. The samples of the Valanginian section contain on average 99.9 % (SD=0.1 %) of terrestrial organic matter. In the Hauterivian section the averaged abundance of terrestrial organic matter is 99.8 % (SD= 0.33 %).

Sporomorphs: Similar to the samples of the CM section, most sporomorphs of the LV section are poorly preserved and only a few are fairly well preserved. In the Tithonian section the averaged sporomorph abundance is 2.7 % (SD=2.6 %). A peak of 4.3 % is identified in the lower middle part of the Tithonian section. A clear trend is not observed. Only one sample in the uppermost part of the Berriasian section contains sporomorphs. Percentage of sporomorphs decreases in this stage to a mean of 0.04 % (SD=0.21 %). The sporomorph percentage of the Valanginian is 1.2 % (SD=2.3 %). A peak of 8.3 % is detected in the lower middle part of the Valanginian section. An inhomogeneous increasing trend from 0.27 % to 1.4 % is identified. Sporomorph abundance of the Hauterivian section averages 0.83 % (SD=1.7 %). A peak of 6 % is observed in the lowermost part of the Hauterivian section. A trend in the distribution pattern is not detected.

Phytoclasts: Phytoclasts are here subdivided into three groups (inertinite, vitrinite and cutinite). Depending on the state of preservation each particle of this group is assigned either to “A=good”, “B=fair” or “C=poor” in preservation. The preservation state of poorly preserved phytoclasts overlaps with that of AOMT and therefore is counted as such. The Tithonian samples reach a mean phytoclast content of 27.1 % (SD=20.1 %). After a sharp decrease (77.8 % to 0.39 %) in the lower part of the Tithonian section content increases discontinuously throughout the remainder of the stage to a maximum of 75.3 %. In the Berriasian section phytoclast content decreases inhomogeneous from 94.7 % to 19.7 %. The mean abundance increases to 64.7 % (SD=15.1 %). Mean phytoclast abundance in the Valanginian of the LV section is 51.7 % (SD=13.7 %). The content ranges from 25 % to 73 %. An inhomogeneous increasing trend is observed from 42.2 % to 66.1 %. The phytoclast proportion in the Hauterivian section shows a discontinuous increase from 39.2 % to 84 %. The value ranges from 39.2 % to 94.1 %. The mean content for this interval is 72.3 % (SD=18 %).

Inertinite: In the Tithonian of the LV section inertinite reaches a mean content of 19 % (SD=14.4 %). Value fluctuates highly between 0.4 % and 65.5 %. An indistinct increasing trend is identified. Intermittent peaks occur in the lower (57.4 %) and in the uppermost part of the Tithonian section (65.5 %). Well preserved (cat. A) inertinite shows a mean content of 3 % (SD=6.5 %). Throughout the lower, middle and lower upper part of the Tithonian section content varies on a low level between 0 % and 4.4 %. In the uppermost part of the section content increases significantly to 30 %. Abundance of fairly well preserved (cat. B) inertinite ranges from 0.4 % to 56.2 % (peak in the lower part of the interval). A mean content of 16 % (SD=11.7 %) is identified. An unequivocal trend is not observed. In the lower part of the Berriasian section inertinite frequency increases from 28.9 % to 85.9 %. Subsequently the content decreases towards the end of the stage until a minimum of 17.1 % is reached in the uppermost part of the Berriasian section. The mean content is 56.9 % (SD=16.9 %). Inertinite of category A reaches a mean proportion of 25.1 % (SD=8.4 %). The content fluctuates highly between 9.4 % and 38.8 % and increases throughout the lower and middle part of the Berriasian section. In the Late Berriasian a decreasing trend from 37.9 % to 9.4 % is observed. After a sharp increase from 15.5 % to 60.7 % in the lower part of the Berriasian section, the content of fairly preserved (cat. B) inertinite fluctuates on a high level between 27.9 % and 47.5 % throughout the remainder of the lower and middle part of the Berriasian section. In the upper part of the Berriasian section a decreasing trend from 47.5 % to 7.7 % is observed. The mean proportion for this stage is 31.8 % (SD=11.3 %). The Valanginian lacks a clear trend in inertinite proportion. Abundance varies between 13.9 % and 53.7 %. The content of well-preserved inertinite ranges from 10.1 % to 32.6 %. A trend is not observed. A mean content of 22.8 % (SD=6.8 %) is identified for the group of well-preserved inertinite. Abundance of fairly well preserved (cat. B) inertinite decreases discontinuously throughout the lower and lower middle part of the Valanginian section from 15.8 % to 3.7 %. Subsequently an indistinct increase to 22.1 % is detected. The mean content for this stage is 13.5 % (SD=6.2 %). For the Hauterivian of the LV section a mean inertinite content of 57.4 % (SD=18.5 %) is identified. The proportion fluctuates highly between 16.6 % and 79.4 %. A distinct trend is not observed. After a sharp increase from 9 % to 62.7 % and an immediate decrease to 31.8% in the lower part of the Hauterivian section well-preserved inertinite fluctuate between 23.3 % and 37.7 % for the remainder of the interval. A mean content of 30.3 % (SD=12.6 %) is observed and an unequivocal trend is not identified. Fairly well preserved inertinite ranges from 7.5 % to 46.3 %. The mean abundance is 27.1 % (SD=13.5 %). A discontinuous increasing trend from 7.5 % to 24.4 % is detected.

Vitrinite: In the lowermost part of the Tithonian interval of the LV section proportion of vitrinite decreases sharply from 64.7 % to 0.58 %. Until the middle upper part of the Tithonian section content varies on a low level between 0 % and 3.7 %. In the uppermost part of the Tithonian section the proportion increases significantly and ranges from 9.8 % to 25.1 %. The mean vitrinite proportion for the Tithonian section is 7.2 % (SD=16.1 %). The content of well-preserved (cat. A) vitrinite is continuously low throughout the interval and varies between 0 % and 1.1 %. In the uppermost part of the Tithonian section intermittent peaks of up to 7.5 % are observed. The mean proportion is 0.5 % (SD=1.5 %). The mean content of fairly well preserved vitrinite is significantly higher with 6.7 % (SD=15.7 %) abundance. In the lowermost part of the Tithonian section a sharp decrease from 64.3 % to 0.6 % is identified. A positive peak of 17.6 % is observed in the uppermost part of the Tithonian section. After a sharp decrease from 63.7 % to 1.4 % in the lowermost part of the Berriasian section the content increases inconsistently throughout the remainder of the interval. The mean proportion is

7.7 % (SD=11.1 %). The content of well-preserved vitrinite shows a marked decrease in the lowermost part of the Berriasian section (19.7 % to 0 %). An indistinct trend is not observed. The mean proportion of well-preserved vitrinite is 1.3 % (SD=3.5 %). A distinct decrease in fairly preserved vitrinite is detected in the lowermost part of the Berriasian section. Subsequently the content increases slightly throughout the remainder of the interval. The averaged content is 6.3 % (SD=7.7 %). Vitrinite proportion varies significantly throughout the Valanginian of the LV section between 4.3 % and 32.9 %. The mean proportion is 15.1 % (SD= 8.4 %). An unambiguous trend is not observed. Content of well-preserved vitrinite varies significantly between 0 % and 19.7 %. The mean proportion is (3.8 % (SD=5.8 %). A trend is not observed. Fairly preserved vitrinite of the Valanginian section shows an average content of 11.3 % (SD=5.2 %). The content ranges from 4.3 % to 24.8 %. No distinct trend is observed. Vitrinite proportion of the Hauterivian section varies between 2.9 % and 37.9 %. Intermittent positive peaks are present. The average proportion is 14.4 % (SD=11 %). The distribution pattern shows no clear trend. The content of well-preserved vitrinite decreases discontinuously throughout the lower and middle part of the Hauterivian section from 2.8 % to 0.7 %. A marked increase in well-preserved vitrinite is identified in the upper part of the Hauterivian section where the value rises to 6.7 %. A mean proportion of 2.9 % (SD=2.1 %) is observed. The proportion of fairly preserved vitrinite is significantly higher and varies between 1.9 % and 35.2 %. Intermittent peaks occur and a clear trend is not observed.

Cutinite: The Tithonian samples contain the highest amounts of cutinite. The proportion ranges from 0 % to 5.9 %. A distinct trend is not observed, although the value is higher in the lower part of the Tithonian section. The mean frequency for this stage is 0.89 % (SD=1.3 %). The proportion of cutinite in the Berriasian section varies between 0 % and 2.1 %. A trend is not observed. A mean content of 0.15 % (SD=0.42 %) is detected. In the Valanginian section the mean content of cutinite increases slightly to 0.26 % (SD=0.39 %). A trend in frequency distribution is not observed. In the Hauterivian section the average cutinite content is 0.5 % (SD=1.2 %). Sample content ranges from 0 % to 4 %. A trend is not observed.

Fungal filaments: Overall fluctuation of fungal filament content in the LV section is less intense than in the CM section. The average proportion is continuously low but highest in the Tithonian section where it reaches 2.9 % (SD=12.1 %), although with a single peak of 65.2 % in the middle part of the Tithonian section. Lowest abundance of fungal filaments is identified in the Berriasian with an average content of 0.05 % (SD=0.26 %). The content of the Valanginian section averages at 1.2 % (SD= 3.3 %) and for the Hauterivian section a proportion of 1.6 % (3.5 %) is identified. Individual peaks occur in the Late Valanginian section (11.4 %) and the Early Hauterivian section (11.7 %).

Terrestrial AOM: A large amount of organic matter of the LV section is composed of AOMT, either translucent or opaque. In the Tithonian section, the average translucent AOMT content accounts for 56.2 % (SD=22.5 %) of the total sedimentary organic matter composition. The content fluctuates between 7.7 % and 92.4 %. A trend is not observed. The proportion of opaque AOMT varies between 0 % and 19.3 %. A mean of 9.6 % (SD=4.7 %) is reached. No distinct trend is observed. The mean AOMT_{total} proportion for the Tithonian section is 65.8 % (SD=21 %). In the Berriasian section the AOMT_{translucent} content decreases to a mean of 33.3 % (SD=16.3 %) and AOMT_{opaque} content decreases to a mean of 1.9 % (SD=6.5 %). Throughout the stage the content of translucent AOMT increases

discontinuously from 3.5 % to 79.9 %. For the opaque fraction of AOMT no trend is observed. The mean proportion of AOMT_{total} is 35.2 % (SD= 15 %). An increase in mean AOMT_{total} is identified in the Valanginian section where a value of 45.9 % (SD=16 %) is observed. The proportion varies intensely between 15.1 % and 74.3 %. A trend is not observed. No AOMT_{opaque} is present in samples of the Valanginian section. In the Hauterivian section averaged abundance of AOMT_{translucent} is 24.6 % (SD=16 %). Abundance ranges from 5.6 % to 52.3 %. A clear trend is not observed. For the opaque fraction the mean content is 0.55 % (SD=1.3 %). A peak of 4.4 % is detected in the uppermost Hauterivian section. Apart from that the content varies on a low level between 0 % and 0.69 %. The mean proportion of AOMT_{total} in the Hauterivian section is 25.1 % (SD=15.6 %).

Marine organic matter

Similar to the CM section the sedimentary organic matter of the LV section shows a poor preservation state due to intense thermal alteration and/or oxidation. Aside from foraminiferal test linings all marine organic matter is amorphous (AOM) without any indications of its former structured appearance and origin. Since fluorescence microscopy shows no fluorescing AOM particles, a fluorescing fraction could not be distinguished. Therefore all AOM is counted as AOMT.

Foraminiferal test linings: 11 samples of the Tithonian section contain foraminiferal remains resulting in an average proportion for this stage of 0.29 % (SD=0.48 %). The frequency distribution shows no distinct pattern. No foraminiferal remains occur in the samples of the Berriasian section. The subsequent Valanginian section contains one sample with a single foraminiferal test lining leading to a mean proportion for this stage of 0.03 % (SD=0.1 %). The Hauterivian section contains 2 samples with foraminifers and the average proportion is 0.11 % (SD=0.29 %).

Opaque/translucent ratio

For the Tithonian section an OP/TR ratio of 2.6 is detected. The OP/TR ratio of the Berriasian interval is 7.4. The OP/TR ratio of the Valanginian interval is 2.4. The OP/TR ratio of the Hauterivian section is 4.

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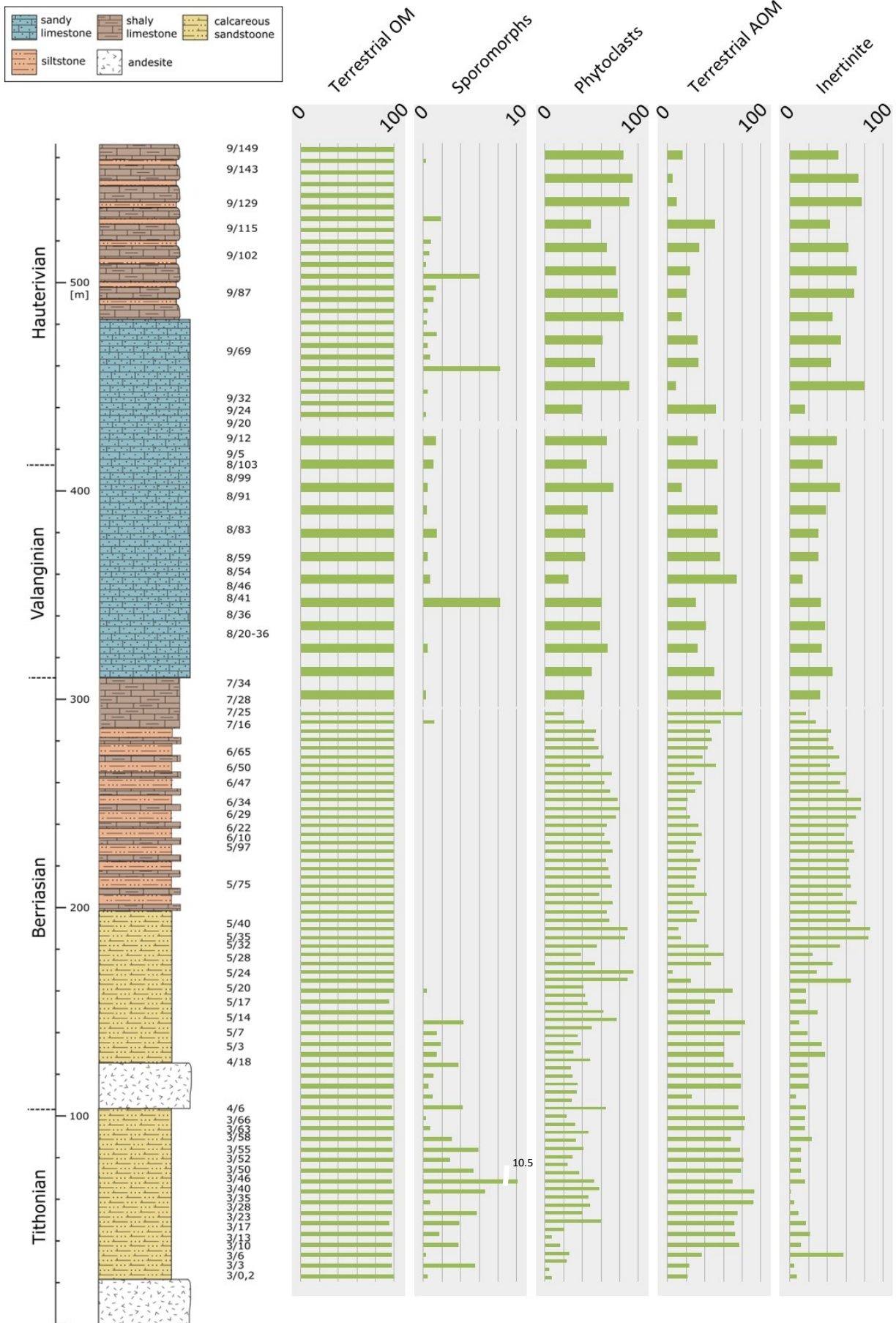


Figure 26: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction; LV section. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used. Statistical outliers are marked accordingly.

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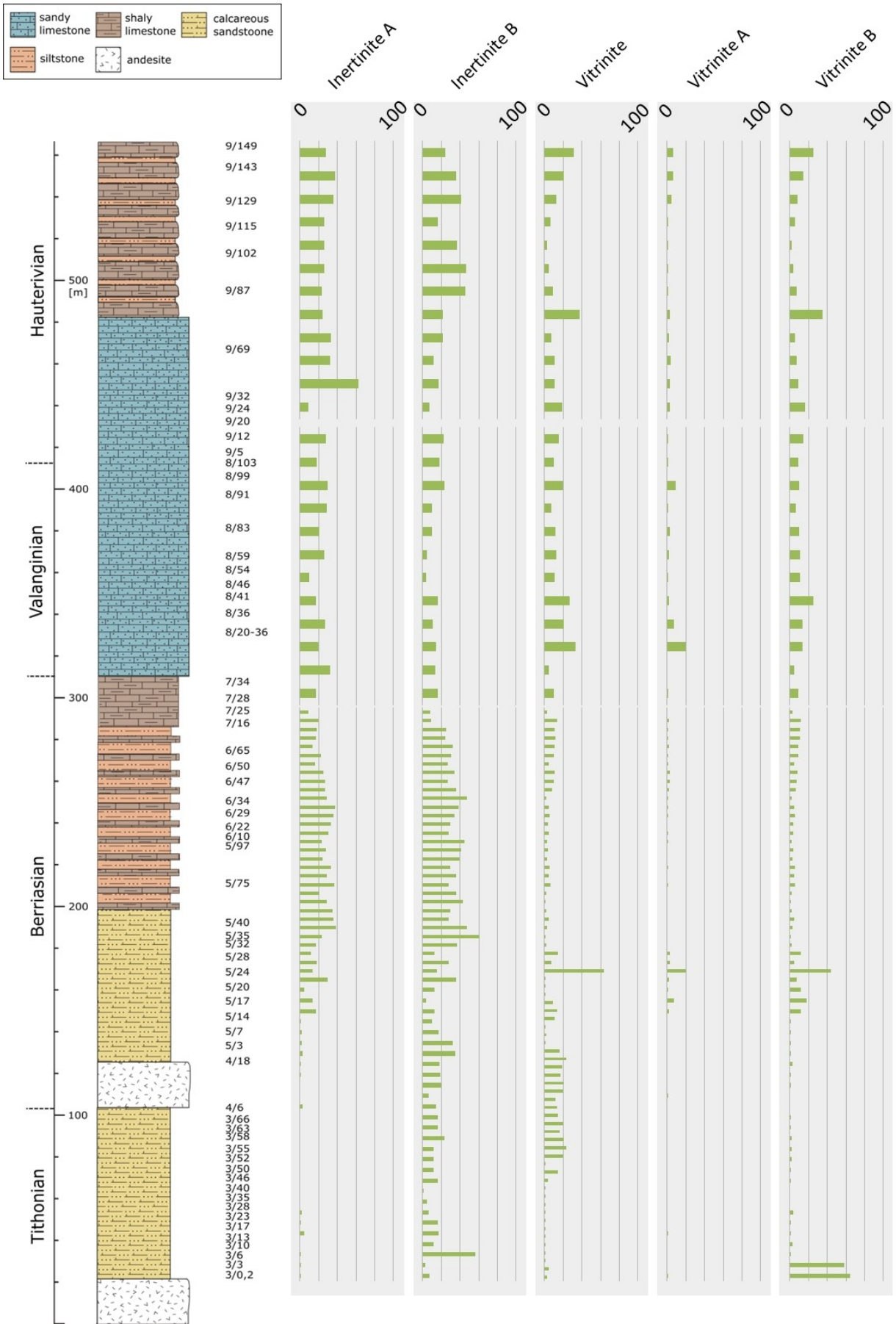


Figure 27: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction continued; LV section. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

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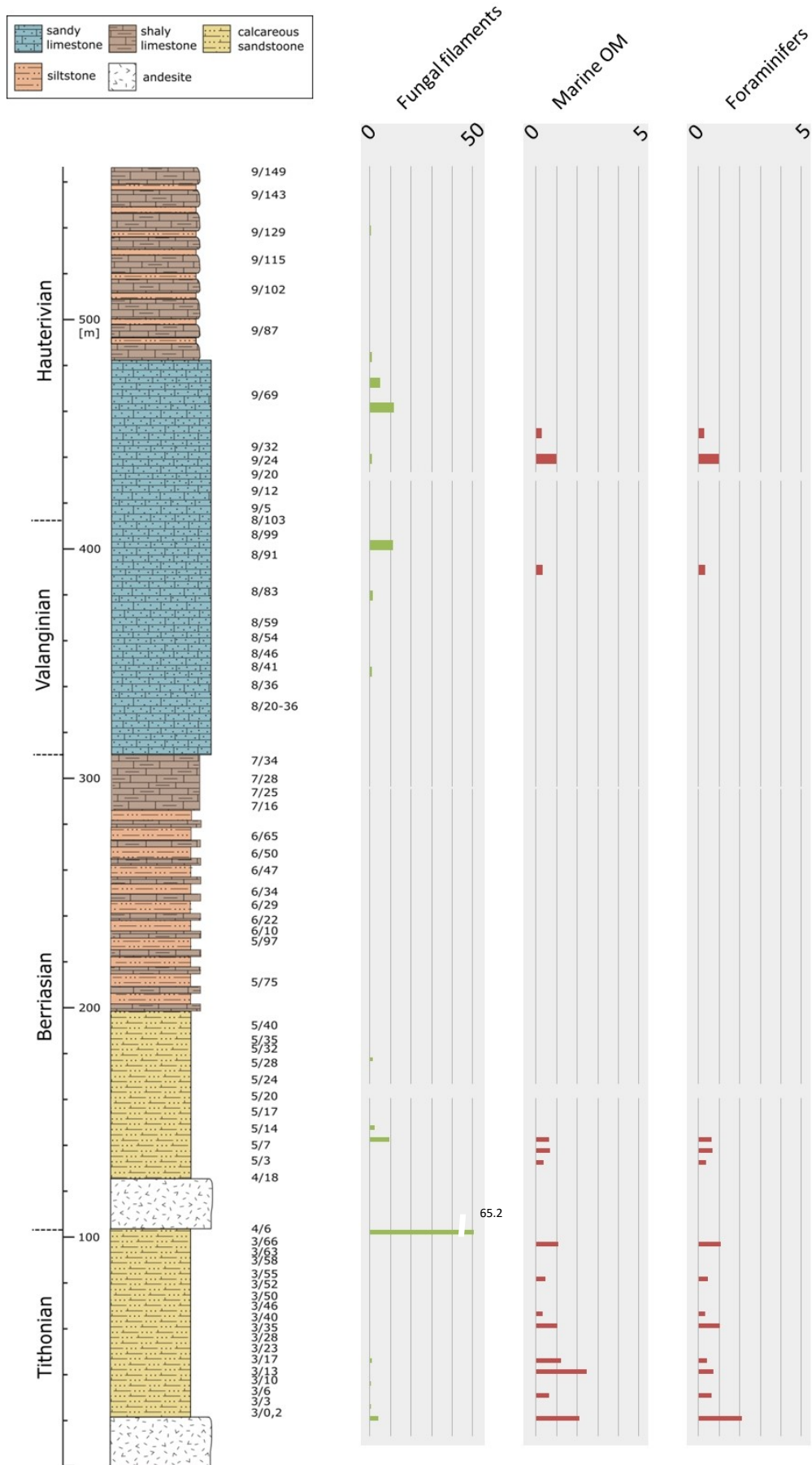


Figure 28: Sedimentary organic matter – fungal filaments and marine fraction; LV section. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used. Statistical outliers are marked

AOM-PHYTOCLAST-PALYNOMORPH PLOT

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Tithonian: Most samples of the Tithonian interval (CM 13/2.74–16/102) (Figs. 29–30) of the CM section plot in palynofacies field I – highly proximal shelf or basin. 10 samples plot in palynofacies field III – heterolithic oxic shelf (“proximal shelf”). Two samples of this interval plot in palynofacies field V – Mud-dominated oxic shelf (“distal shelf”).

Berriasian: Almost all samples of the Berriasian section (CM 17/0.15–18/24) (Figs. 30–32) of CM plot in the palynofacies fields I – highly proximal shelf or basin. One sample plots in palynofacies field III – heterolithic oxic shelf (“proximal shelf”).

Valanginian: Most samples of the Valanginian interval (CM 18/27–21/15-29) (Figs. 32–34) of the CM section plot in the palynofacies field I – highly proximal shelf or basin. 10 samples plot in the palynofacies field III – heterolithic oxic shelf (“proximal shelf”). 2 samples of this interval plot in the palynofacies field V – Mud-dominated oxic shelf (“distal shelf”).

Hauterivian: Most samples of the Hauterivian section (CM 22/12–23/69) (Fig. 34) of the CM section plot in palynofacies field I – highly proximal shelf or basin. 2 samples plot in palynofacies field III – heterolithic oxic shelf (“proximal shelf”) and one sample plots in field V – Mud-dominated oxic shelf (“distal shelf”).

Figure 29: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot of CM 13/2.74–CM 16/11; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).

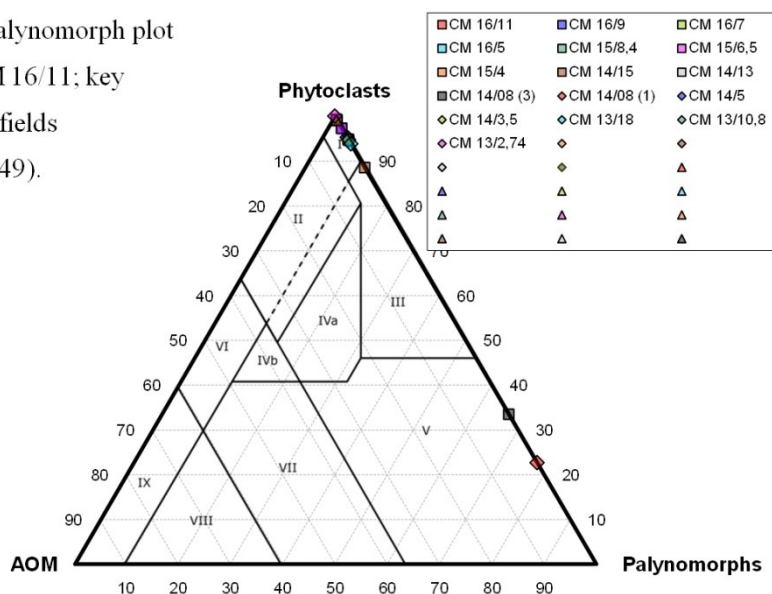


Figure 30: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot of CM 16/13–CM 17/8; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).

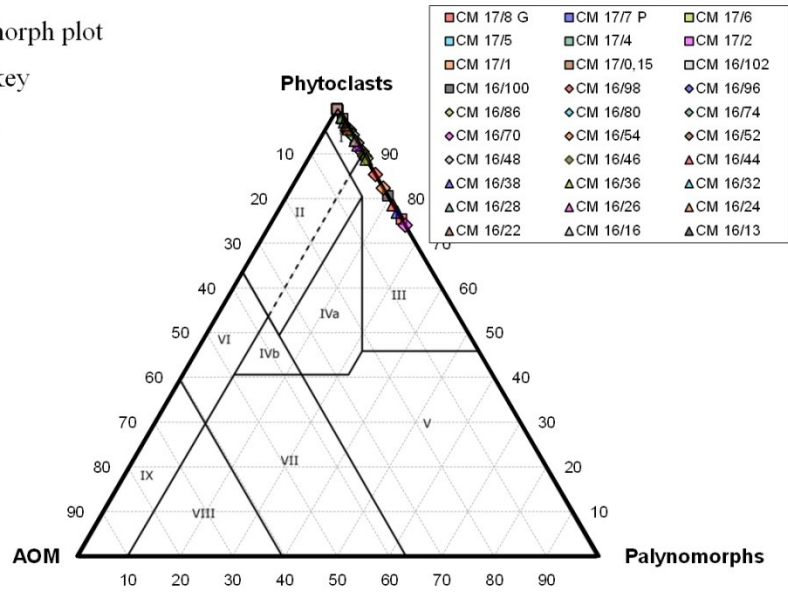


Figure 31: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot of CM 17/14–CM 17/80; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).

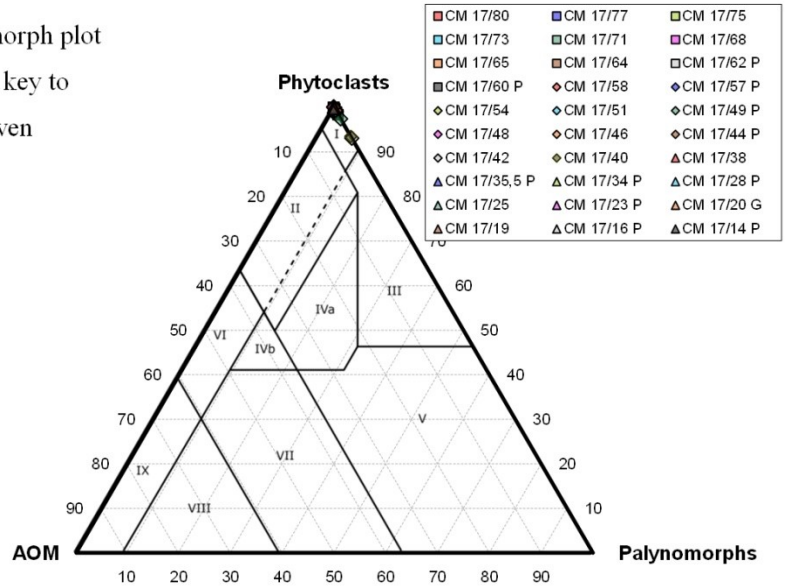


Figure 32: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot of CM 17/81–CM 18/42; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).

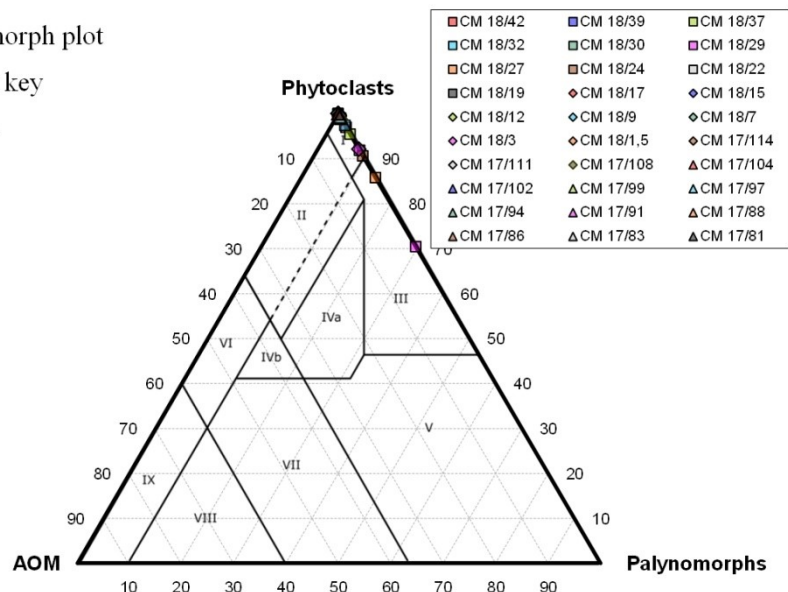


Figure 33: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot of CM 18/45–CM 20/36; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).

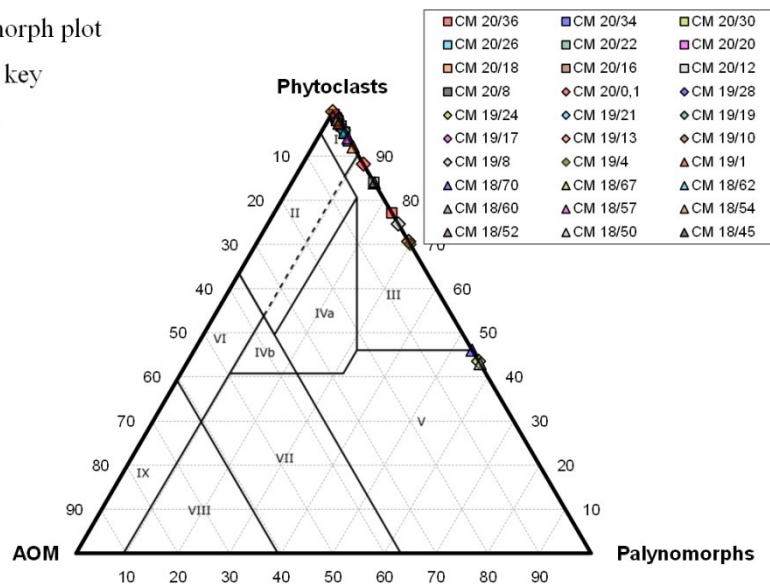
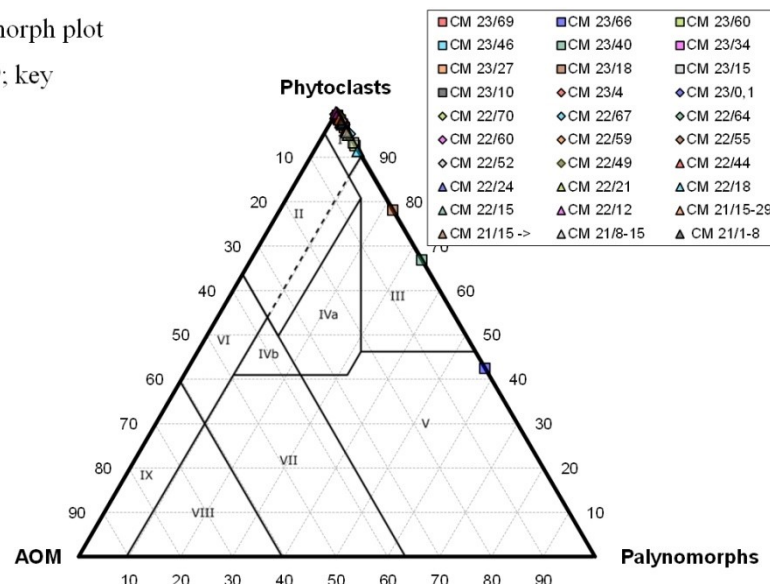


Figure 34: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot of CM 21/1-8–CM 23/69; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).



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Tithonian: 13 samples of the Tithonian interval (LV 3/0.2–3/66) (Figs. 35–36) of the LV section plot in palynofacies field I – highly proximal shelf or basin. 14 samples plot in palynofacies field III – heterolithic oxic shelf (“proximal shelf”). 2 samples plot in palynofacies field V – Mud-dominated oxic shelf (“distal shelf”)

Berriasian: All samples of the Berriasian succession (LV 4/6–7/25) (Figs. 36–37) of the LV section plot in palynofacies field I – highly proximal shelf or basin.

Valanginian: 10 samples of the Valanginian interval (LV 7/28–8/103) (Fig. 37) of the LV section plot in palynofacies field I – highly proximal shelf or basin. 2 samples plot in palynofacies field III – heterolithic oxic shelf (“proximal shelf”).

Hauterivian: Almost all samples of the Hauterivian interval (LV 9/5–9/149) (Fig. 37) of the LV section plot in palynofacies field I – highly proximal shelf or basin. 2 samples plots in palynofacies field III – heterolithic oxic shelf (“proximal shelf”).

Figure 35: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot of LV 3/0.2–LV 3/53; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).

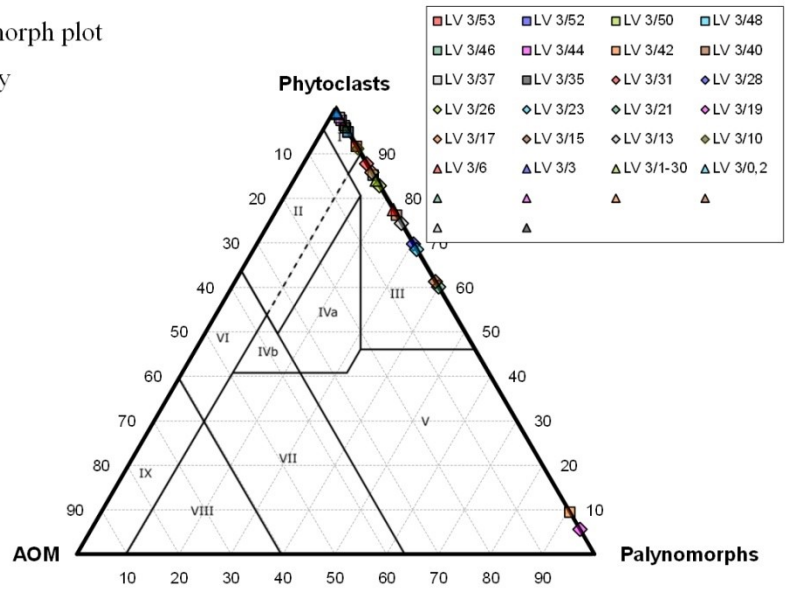


Figure 36: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot of LV 3/55–LV 6/29; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).

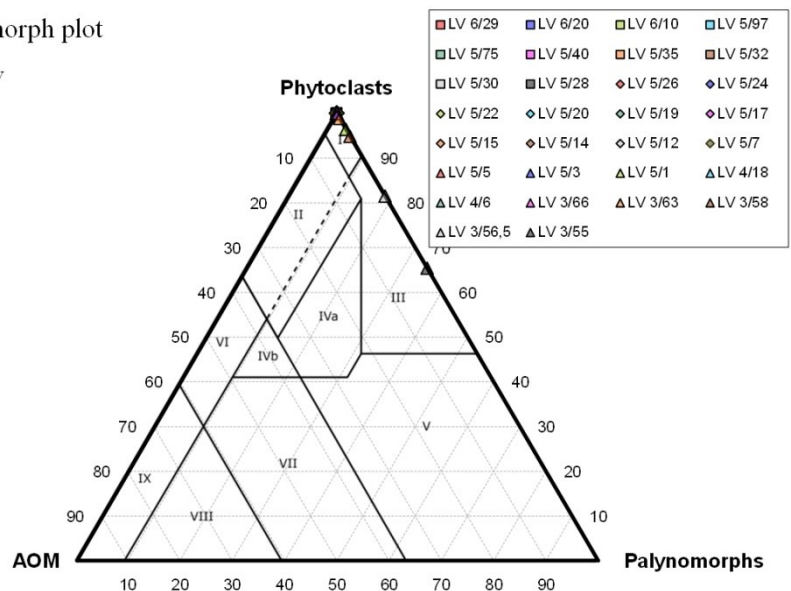
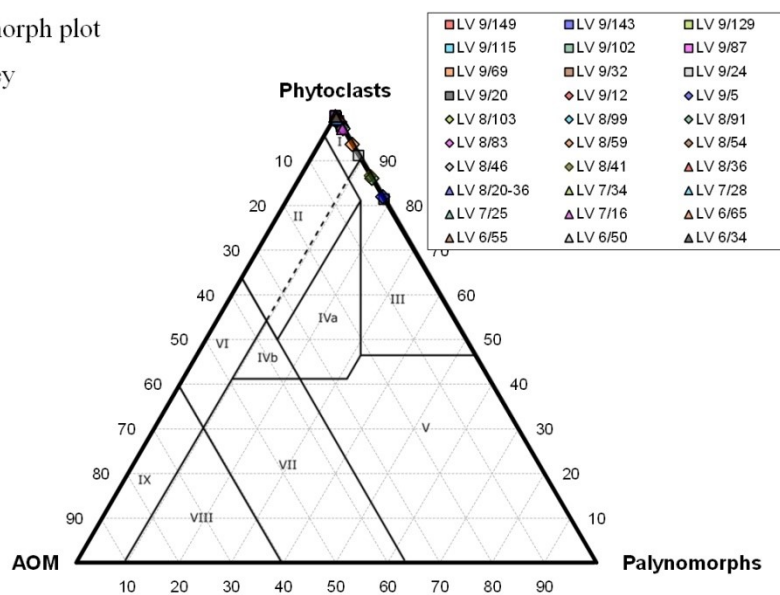


Figure 37: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot

of LV 6/34–LV 9/149; key
to the palynofacies fields
given in table 2 (p. 49).



STABLE ISOTOPE ANALYSIS

$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ isotopes – shell material

For the measurement of stable isotope the ratio on shell material, 44 carbonate samples of the CM section and 45 samples of the LV section were drilled using a MicroMill (cf. material and methods). The amount of samples per stage is directly linked to the abundance and accessibility of fossil remains (i.e. shell material). All samples are analysed concerning their $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ VPDB (Vienna PDB) ratio.

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7 samples Tithonian of the CM section are analysed. $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{shell}}$ value averages -3.16‰ (SD=5.7 ‰). The value varies strongly and throughout the Tithonian section it decreases from -0.31‰ to -14.35‰ . In the 13 samples of the Berriasian section the ratio reaches a mean value of -0.25‰ (SD=1.7 ‰). Lowest $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{shell}}$ value is observed in the Early Berriasian section (nadir of -4.40‰). In the middle to Late Berriasian section the ratio increases discontinuously from 0.26‰ to 1.96‰ . In the latest Berriasian section the value is lower and decreases to 0.06‰ . The 22 Valanginian samples shows a mean ratio of -0.34‰ (SD=1.51 ‰). Except for two stronger negative phases in the Early (-1.20‰ , -5.99‰ , -1.07‰) and Late (-0.86‰ , -1.91‰ , -1.13‰) Valanginian section, the value ranges between -0.44‰ and 1.60‰ . The two samples of the Hauterivian section shows a mean $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{shell}}$ ratio of -0.34‰ (SD=1.94 ‰) and varies between 1.03‰ and -1.71‰ .

The $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{shell}}$ value of the Tithonian section varies strongly between -5.49‰ and -10.20‰ and shows no clear trend (mean value of -8.17‰ , SD=2.0 ‰). Although highly fluctuating, the value for the Berriasian section slightly increases throughout the stage from -8.31‰ to -3.65‰ . The average ratio is -6.79‰ (SD=1.68 ‰). The opposite trend is observed in the $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{shell}}$ ratio of the Valanginian

section. Again, the value is highly fluctuating but shows a decreasing trend. The ratio decreases from -4.16 ‰ in the Early Valanginian section to -7.82 ‰ in the Late Valanginian section (mean -5.68 ‰, SD=1.46 ‰). The value of the Hauterivian samples ranges from -4.16 ‰ to -7.36 ‰ (mean -5.76 ‰, SD=2.26 ‰).

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21 samples from the Tithonian of the Lo Valdés section contain carbonate shell remains that were isotopically analysed. Throughout the stage the ratio of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{shell}}$ fluctuates between 0.42 ‰ and -3.56 ‰ (mean -0.23 ‰, SD=0.83 ‰). One peak is detected in the Late Tithonian section (-3.56 ‰). 18 samples of the Berriasian section are analysed with regard to their $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{shell}}$ ratio (mean -0.58 ‰, SD=1.59 ‰). This value shows three major peaks. A value of -3.72 ‰ was measured near the base of the stage. Immediately thereafter and still in the Early Berriasian section the ratio increases to 1.66 ‰. Upsection, the value decreases continuously until a highly fluctuating phase in the middle to Late Berriasian section which ends with a significant decrease to -4.42 ‰. Towards the end of the Berriasian section an increased ratio of -1.55 ‰ is detected. The 4 samples of the Valanginian shows no unequivocal trend and the ratio varies between 0.07 ‰ and -0.54 ‰ (mean -0.25 ‰, SD=0.29 ‰). The Hauterivian section is restricted to 2 samples which show a ratio between 1.70 ‰ and 1.89 ‰ (mean 1.80 ‰, SD=0.13 ‰).

The $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{shell}}$ value of the Tithonian section varies strongly between -14.10 ‰ and 0.42 ‰ but slightly increases throughout the stage. The peak of 0.42 ‰ is reached in the Late Tithonian section and subsequently the ratio decreases to -11.78 ‰. The average ratio is -10.06 ‰ (SD=3.14 ‰). In the Berriasian section, the ratio varies even stronger but shows a similar trend as is identified for the Tithonian section. The Early Berriasian section starts with a value of -10.83 ‰; the ratio reaches a maximum of 0.42 ‰ in the Late Berriasian section and decreases subsequently to -7.67 ‰. The average ratio for the stage is -6.60 ‰ (SD=2.58 ‰). Samples of the Valanginian section show no clear trend in the $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{shell}}$ ratio. The ratio varies between -6.25 ‰ and -9.10 ‰, with a mean value of -7.50 ‰ (SD=1.37). The ratio of the Hauterivian section is relatively homogenous and varies between -6.26 ‰ and -6.68 ‰ (mean -6.47 ‰, SD=0.30 ‰).

$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ isotope the ratio of isolated organic matter

$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ VPDB values were also measured on isolated sedimentary organic matter extracted from 78 TOC-rich samples of the CM section. 3 samples from the Tithonian part of the section show a decreasing trend from -25.30 ‰ to -27.7 ‰ (mean -26.7 ‰, SD=1.2 ‰). An increasing TOC content in the Berriasian interval of the CM section is evidenced by a series of 50 samples. The $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{iom}}$ ratio varies strongly between -28.2 ‰ and -24.5 ‰ and shows a slight increase throughout the stage. The average value is -26.4 ‰ (SD=0.84 ‰). 14 samples analysed from the Valanginian part of the CM section show a slight and relatively homogenous decrease in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{iom}}$ ratio. In the Early Valanginian section, the least negative ratio is -25.9 ‰ and the most negative ratio occurs in the Late Valanginian section with -29.6 ‰ (mean -27 ‰, SD=1.46 ‰). In the Hauterivian of the CM section 10 samples are analysed. A mean ratio of -26.4 ‰ (SD=0.69 ‰) is observed. A $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{iom}}$ ratio of -27.0 ‰ is identified in the Lower Hauterivian section. The ratio increases towards the Middle Hauterivian section where it

varies strongly between -26.4 ‰ and -25.5 ‰. The ratio decreases in the Late Hauterivian section to -27.8 ‰.

Isotope ratio of $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ – bulk rock

$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ the ratio were also measured on 283 bulk rock samples (163 CM section, 120 LV section) samples of the central Chilean CM and LV sections.

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35 samples analysed of the Tithonian sediment sequence in the CM section present a mean $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{bulk}}$ VPDB value of 0.30 ‰ (SD=0.78 ‰). A marked low of -3.13 ‰ in the Early Tithonian part of the section is subsequently followed by an increase to 0.98 ‰ in the Middle Tithonian and relatively continuous decrease to -0.70 ‰ in the Late Tithonian section. In the Berriasian section 63 samples are analysed (mean $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{bulk}}$ of -0.82 ‰, SD=1.13 ‰). The lower and Middle Berriasian section is characterised by a wide variation of the ratio (between -3.3 ‰ and 0.44 ‰). The ratio is fluctuating less intensely throughout the late middle to Late Berriasian section and an increasing trend is identified for this interval (-1.68 ‰ to -0.07 ‰). A sharp decrease of the $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{bulk}}$ ratio occurs in the uppermost sample of the latest Berriasian section where the value decreases from -0.07 ‰ to -3.28 ‰. 39 samples of the Valanginian section have a $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{bulk}}$ mean value of -0.91 ‰ (SD=1.11 ‰). The value fluctuates significantly between -3.00 ‰ and 2.02 ‰. The Early and early Late Valanginian section is characterised by a lower ratio (between -1.28 ‰ and -3.00 ‰). Throughout the Middle Valanginian section the $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{bulk}}$ value varies on a significantly higher level between -0.85 ‰ and 0.79 ‰. The Valanginian section shows a mean of -0.91 ‰ (SD=1.1 ‰). In the latest Valanginian section an intermittent peak of 2.02 ‰ is detected. From the lower to Middle Hauterivian section the $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{bulk}}$ ratio fluctuates between 1.44 ‰ and 2.18 ‰. In the Middle Hauterivian section a sharp decrease from 1.42 ‰ to -0.32 ‰ is detected. After this nadir the value increases discontinuously towards the latest Hauterivian section to a value of 0.35 ‰.

The $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{bulk}}$ value of the Tithonian in the CM section varies slightly throughout the stage from -8.68 ‰ in the Early to -9.80 ‰ in Late Tithonian section. From this nadir the $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{bulk}}$ ratio increases again towards the end of the Tithonian section reaching -8.30 ‰. The mean ratio for this stage is -9.37 ‰ (SD=0.45 ‰). The value in the Berriasian part of the section shows a similar pattern. In the Early Berriasian section an intermittent nadir (-10.2 ‰) and an intermittent peak (-5.7 ‰) are identified. Upsection the value varies between -9.04 ‰ and -7.05 ‰. Throughout the latest Berriasian section the $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{bulk}}$ ratio increases continuously to -7.23 ‰. The mean value for the Berriasian section is -8.06 ‰ (SD=0.62 ‰). Throughout the Early to Middle Valanginian section the ratio ranges between -7.44 ‰ and -6.43 ‰. After the high of -6.43 ‰ in the Middle Valanginian section the $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{bulk}}$ ratio decreases relatively homogeneously to -8.14 ‰ in the Late Valanginian section. In the latest Valanginian section an intermittent peak of -4.86 ‰ is detected. The mean value for the Valanginian is -7.25 ‰ (SD=0.56 ‰). $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{bulk}}$ results of the Hauterivian section shows no clear trend. In the Early Hauterivian interval an increase from -5.92 ‰ to -4.81 ‰ is detected. Throughout the rest of the stage the ratio varies only slightly and decreases to -6.09 ‰ in the latest Hauterivian section. The mean value for this stage is -5.59 ‰ (SD=0.40 ‰).

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The 28 samples of the Tithonian part of the LV section vary intensely and show no unequivocal trend. Overall the $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{bulk}}$ ratio varies between -2.36 ‰ and 0.67 ‰. Two significant lows are identified. The first one is detected in the Early Tithonian section (-2.36 ‰) and the second in the Late Tithonian section (-1.49 ‰). The average value for this stage is -0.19 ‰ (SD=0.61 ‰). 67 samples are analysed from the Berriasian part of the section resulting in a mean $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{bulk}}$ value of -1.45 ‰ (SD=1.58 ‰). Despite fluctuating widely, the value increases from -6.44 ‰ in the Early to 0.23 ‰ in the Late Berriasian section. Throughout the latest Berriasian section the value decreases discontinuously. 13 samples of the Valanginian section are analysed and show a relatively continuous increase in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{bulk}}$ ratio (mean -0.40 ‰, SD=1.05 ‰). The value decreases slightly to -1.50 ‰ within the Early Valanginian section and increases subsequently to 1.10 ‰ in the upper part of this section. 12 samples of the Hauterivian section are analysed. After a slight increase from 1.35 ‰ to 2.29 ‰ the $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{bulk}}$ ratio decreases significantly to a minimum of -0.12 ‰ in the early Late Hauterivian section. The average value for this stage is 0.95 ‰ (SD=0.88 ‰).

The $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{bulk}}$ value of the Tithonian section starts with a sharp increase from -14.55 ‰ to -10.85 ‰ and fall subsequently to -13.24 ‰. Throughout the rest of the Early to Middle Tithonian sequence a slight but continuous increase is detected. After a nadir in the Middle Tithonian section the $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{bulk}}$ ratio increases discontinuously from -12.69 ‰ to -10.0 ‰. The mean value for this stage is -11.90 ‰ (SD=1.01 ‰). The $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{bulk}}$ ratio of the earliest Berriasian section sharply increases from -14.14 ‰ to -11.05 ‰. Throughout the remainder of the stage the ratio increases discontinuously to -7.97 ‰ in the latest Berriasian section. For the Berriasian section an average $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{bulk}}$ ratio of -9.63 ‰ (SD=1.30 ‰) is observed. The value increases discontinuously throughout the Valanginian section from -8.11 ‰ to -7.20 ‰. An intermittent low of -8.71 ‰ is identified in the Early Valanginian section. An intermittent peak (-5.97 ‰) is detected in the latest Valanginian section. The average value is -7.37 ‰ (SD=0.72). The Lower Hauterivian section shows a homogenous increase from -7.13 ‰ to -5.57 ‰. Throughout the rest of the stage the $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{bulk}}$ value decreases continuously (with a sharp intermittent nadir of -8.51 ‰ in the late Middle Hauterivian section) to -7.20 ‰ in the latest Hauterivian section. The mean ratio is -6.62 ‰ (SD=0.78 ‰).

TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON, TOTAL INORGANIC CARBON, CARBON/SULPHUR/NITROGEN

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140 samples of the CM section are analysed for their CNS (carbon, nitrogen, sulphur) content (Tithonian 20, Berriasian 55, Valanginian 39 and Hauterivian 26 samples) (Fig. 38).

Total organic carbon: In the Tithonian part of the CM section, content of total organic carbon ranges between 0.07–0.82 %, with a mean value of 0.26 % (SD=0.19 %). A peak of 0.82 % is identified in the upper part of the Tithonian section. The Berriasian section shows an increased content of TOC ranging between 0.30–4.4 %. The mean value in the Berriasian section is 1.3 % (SD=0.77 %). Despite a major positive peak in the upper middle part of the sediment sequence of the Berriasian

section a distinct trend is not observed. The TOC content of the Valanginian section ranges between 0.06 % and 0.91 %, with 0.29 % (SD=0.17 %) as the mean value. TOC content of the Hauterivian section varies between 0.07–0.98 %. A major positive peak is detected in the upper middle part of the Hauterivian section. The mean proportion for this stage is 0.37 % (SD=0.21 %). A distinct trend is not observed.

Total inorganic carbon: The total inorganic carbon content of the Tithonian of the CM section varies between 2.8–9 %. A mean proportion of 5.4 % (SD=1.4 %) is identified. A highly discontinuously decreasing trend is observed. The TIC proportion of the Berriasian section varies between 4.4–10.5 %. An inhomogeneous increasing trend is identified from 6.6–8.5 %. The averaged content for this stage is 7.5 % (SD=1.4 %). The TIC content of the Valanginian section fluctuates significantly between 1.4–11.2 %. The mean proportion is 7.4 % (SD=2 %). The TIC content in the Hauterivian of the CM section varies between 6.9 % and 11.6 %. A slight and inhomogeneous decreasing trend is observed. The mean proportion is 9.9 % (SD=1.4 %).

CaCO₃: Tithonian CaCO₃ content varies between 23.1–74.8 %. The mean frequency is 45 % (SD=12 %). The Berriasian section shows an increased CaCO₃ proportion. The value ranges from 36.5–87.5 %. The mean content of this stage is 62.3 % (SD=12 %). The CaCO₃ content of the Valanginian section fluctuates significantly between 11.3–92.9 %. A mean proportion of 61.4 % (SD=16.9 %) is observed. The CaCO₃ proportion of the Hauterivian is the highest of the Central Chilean sections. A mean content of 82.4 % (SD=11.5 %) is observed. The percentage of individual samples varies between 57.2–96.5 %.

Nitrogen: In the samples of the Tithonian nitrogen content is continuously low and varies between 0.007 % and 0.019 %. The mean value is 0.01 % (SD=0.005 %). The nitrogen content of the Berriasian section fluctuates widely and varies between 0.003 % and 0.16 %. Value increases towards the lower upper part of the Berriasian section. A marked low of 0.027 % is identified in the upper middle part of the Berriasian section. Subsequently, the value increases to 0.16 % and decreases highly inconsistently throughout the remainder of the section to 0.004 %. The average nitrogen content of the Berriasian section is 0.058 % (SD=0.042 %). Nitrogen content of the Valanginian samples shows no unequivocal trend. Except for several peaks in the lower (0.02 %) and upper/uppermost (0.014 %, 0.032 %, 0.036 %, 0.011 %) Valanginian section the content varies between 0.003 % and 0.008 %. The mean content of the Valanginian is 0.006 % (SD=0.007 %). Throughout the lower and middle part of the Hauterivian section nitrogen content is continuously low and varies between 0.002 % and 0.005 %. From there on the content varies intensely and with no clear trend between 0.004 % and 0.033 %. The mean content is 0.01 % (SD=0.01 %).

Sulphur: After a peak of 0.1 % in the lower part of the Tithonian section, the sulphur content decreases towards a nadir in the Middle Tithonian section. Subsequently, the sulphur content increases with minor fluctuations to 0.03 % in the uppermost part of the Tithonian section. The mean sulphur content is 0.03 % (SD=0.03 %). The sulphur content of the Berriasian section varies intensely and shows no unequivocal trend. Two major peaks are detected in the lowermost (0.1 %) and upper (0.1 %) part of the Berriasian section. The mean content for this stage is 0.036 % (SD=0.019 %). Throughout the Valanginian sulphur content varies relatively homogenous between 0.01 % and 0.097 %. In the upper and uppermost part of the Valanginian section the content registers a phase of high fluctuation with peaks of 0.5 % and 1.65 %. The average sulphur content is 0.1 % (SD=0.27 %). The

sulphur content of the Hauterivian section varies strongly and shows no distinct trend. The content varies between 0.009 % and 0.57 %. Mean content is 0.056 % (SD=0.013 %).

C_{org}/N: Except for two intermittent peaks in the lowermost (83) and lower upper part (148) of the Tithonian section the C/N ratio of the CM section ranges from 4–35. The mean value is 28. In the Berriasian section the C/N ratio varies between 8 and 83. Several intermittent peaks (121, 136, 110 and 439) are observed. The ratio is highest in the upper part of the Berriasian sediment sequence. The averaged ratio is 42. Throughout the upper part of the Valanginian section the ratio varies intensely but on a high level between 11 and 319. The ratio is highest in the lower middle part of the Valanginian interval. A mean ratio of 73 is observed. The highest mean C/N ratio of the section occurs in the Hauterivian section where an averaged ratio of 81 is observed. The ratio varies between 15 and 224. A distinct trend is not evident.

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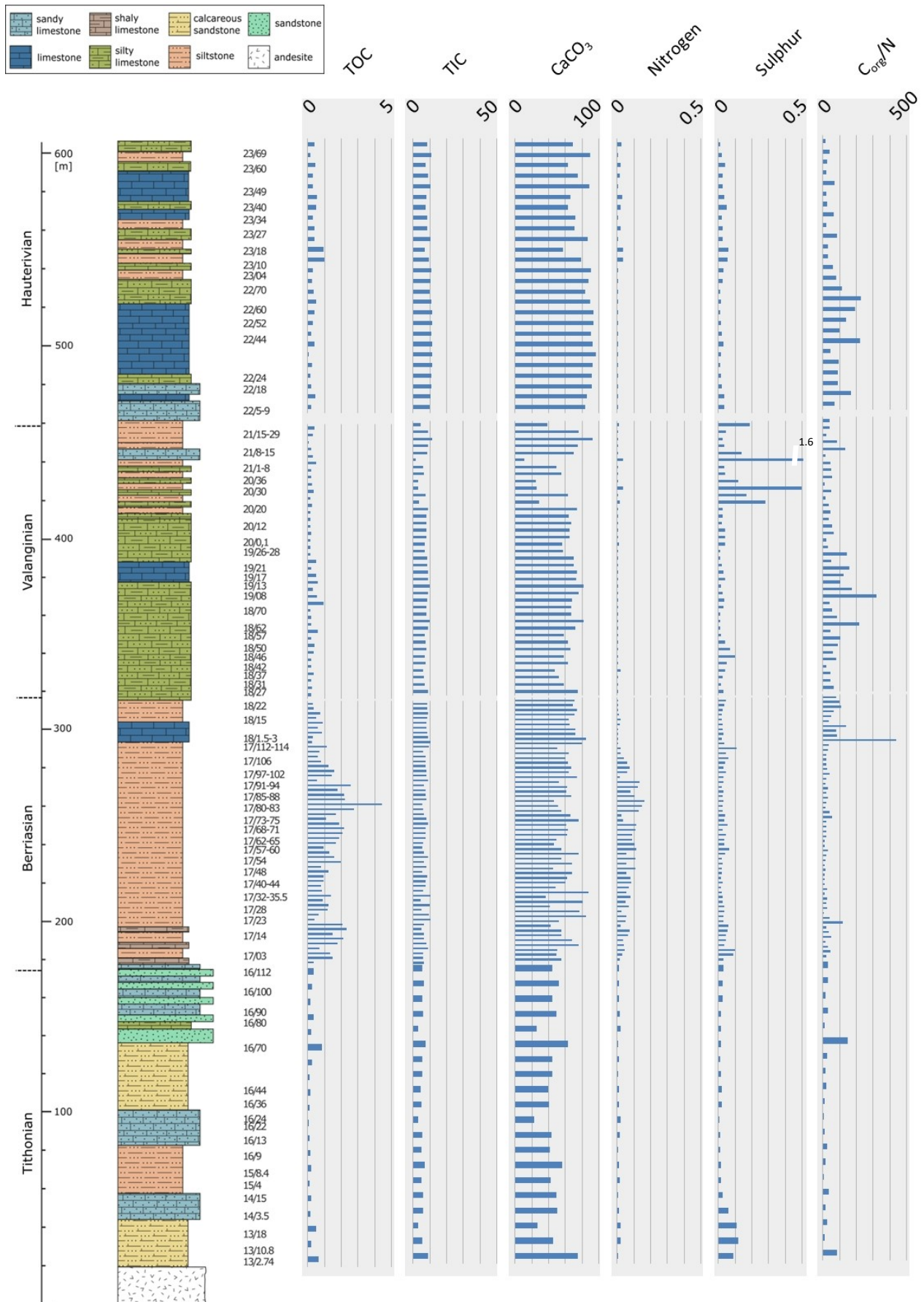


Figure 38: Results of the TOC, TIC and CNS analyses; CM section. Except for $\text{C}_{\text{org}}/\text{N}$, values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

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76 samples of the LV section were analysed for their CNS content (Tithonian 3, Berriasian 66, Valanginian 3 and Hauterivian 4 samples).

Total organic carbon: In the Tithonian of the LV section, content of total organic carbon varies between 0.17–0.25 % (Fig. 39). The mean proportion is 0.22 % (SD=0.04 %). Similar to the CM section the Berriasian section of LV shows a significantly higher content of TOC than the previous Tithonian section. The proportion fluctuates intensely between 0.19–4.7 %. The averaged content of this interval is 1.87 % (SD=0.97 %). A distinct trend is not identified. The TOC content of the Valanginian varies between 0.14–0.25 %. A mean proportion of 0.21 % (SD=0.06 %) is detected. In the Hauterivian section the TOC content ranges from 0.44–1 %. The averaged proportion is 0.65 % (SD=0.24 %).

Total inorganic carbon: The total inorganic carbon content varies in the Tithonian of the LV section between 5.2–6.5 % (Fig. 39). A mean proportion of 5.9 % (SD=0.62 %) is observed. The TIC proportion of the Berriasian section varies between 0–9.9 %. The averaged content for this stage is 5.7 % (SD=2.2 %). A highly discontinuous increasing trend is identified. The TIC content of the Valanginian section varies between 7.2–10 %. The mean proportion is 8.4 % (SD=1.5 %). The TIC content in the Hauterivian of the LV section varies between 7.5 % and 10.6 %. The mean proportion is 8.4 % (SD= 1.4 %).

CaCO₃: In the Tithonian section of LV the content of CaCO₃ varies between 43.7–54 % (Fig. 39). The mean percentage is 49.2 % (SD=5.2 %). In the Berriasian section of LV a mean proportion of 47.2 % (SD=18.5 %) is identified. Throughout the Berriasian section the CaCO₃ content fluctuates intensely but shows an increasing trend from 0–69.4 %. The CaCO₃ content of the Valanginian section shows a mean proportion of 70 % (SD=12.2 %). Individual content varies between 59.9–83.6 %. In the Hauterivian section the CaCO₃ content varies between 62.5 % and 88.1 %. A mean proportion of 70.2 % (SD=12 %) is identified.

Nitrogen: The nitrogen content of the Tithonian in the LV section increases throughout the sampled interval from 0.003 % to 0.006 % (Fig. 39). The mean value is 0.004 % and the standard deviation is 0.002 %. The nitrogen content of the Berriasian section varies significantly between 0.004 % and 0.158 % but shows no unequivocal trend. In the mid-Berriasian section a marked peak of 0.77 % is identified. The mean N content of this stage is 0.08 % (SD=0.09 %). The N value of the Valanginian section shows a significant increase throughout the sampled interval from 0.003 % to 0.023 %. The mean nitrogen content for this stage is 0.01 % (SD=0.01 %). The nitrogen content of the Hauterivian section shows a marked decrease from 0.03 % to 0.01 %. The average N content of this stage is 0.021 % (SD=0.012 %).

Sulphur: The sulphur content in the Tithonian varies only marginally between 0.005 % and 0.01 % (Fig. 39). The mean sulphur content of this stage is 0.007 % (SD=0.003 %). The sulphur content of the Berriasian section shows no clear trend and varies significantly between 0 % and 2.4 % (mean of 0.76 %, SD=1.1 %). A marked peak of 7.97 % occurs in the mid-Berriasian section. A slight decrease of S content is observed in the Valanginian section. The value decreases from 0.03 % to 0.01 %. The mean sulphur content of the Valanginian is 0.02 % (SD=0.01 %). For the S content of the Hauterivian section no clear trend is identified. The value varies between 0.01–0.18 %. The mean sulphur content for this stage is 0.08 % (SD=0.07 %).

C_{org}/N : The C/N ratio of the Tithonian section ranges from 40–75 (Fig. 39). The mean value is 58. In the Berriasian interval the C/N ratio varies intensely between 6 and 110. The averaged ratio is 35. Two major peaks (107 and 110) are identified in the lowermost part of the Berriasian. An unequivocal trend is not detected. In the Valanginian interval the ratio varies between 6 and 90. A mean ratio of 35 is observed. The C/N ratio of the Hauterivian increases from 21 to 56. The averaged ratio is 37.

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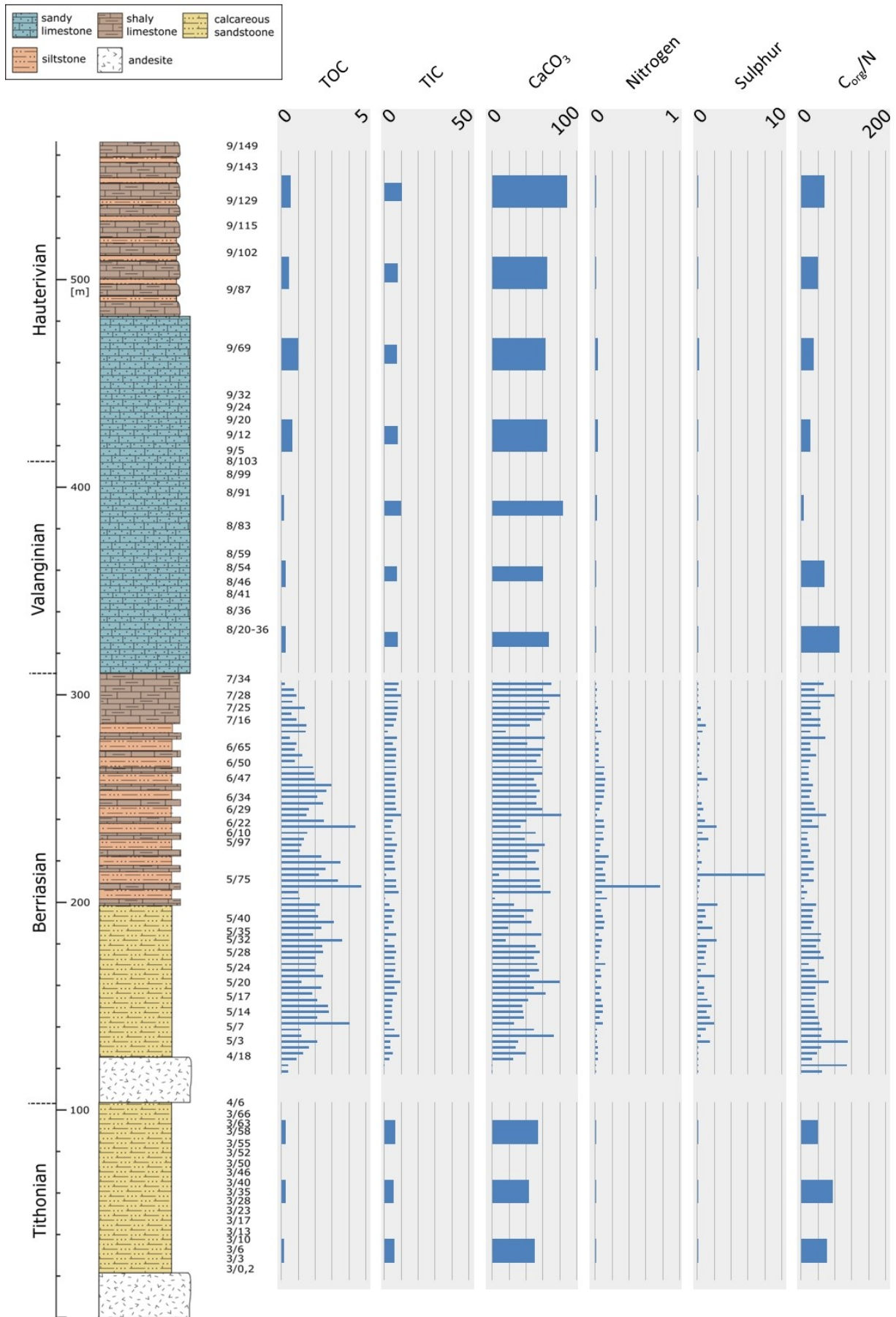


Figure 39: Results of the TOC, TIC and CNS analyses; LV section. Except for C_{org}/N, values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

THERMAL MATURITY

Thermal maturation analysis based on clay mineralogy was only performed on three samples of the CM section due to only minor and mostly insufficient amounts of illite/smectite mixed-layer structures. Sample CM 23/4 was suitable for the use of ethylene glycol treatment of the illite/smectite mixed-layers. The analysis shows that temperatures must have reached 200–220 °C, which therefore indicates that the rocks reached the upper gas window (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012). Thermal maturation is also characterised using the Thermal Alteration Index (TAI) and Spore Coloration Index (SCI). TAI/SCI analysis was performed on 8 samples (CM 14/15, CM 17/65, CM 19/24, CM 23/18, LV 3/55, LV 7/16, LV 8/41, LV 9/5). Samples show a TAI of approximately 4- to 4+ /SCI of 9.5 (Ro% 2–2.5). The suggested maturation stage is metagenesis (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012).

MICROFACIES ANALYSIS

In the CM section microfacies analysis on 76 samples allowed for the identification of 11 different microfacies types (rmf=ramp microfacies types after Flügel (2004)). For the Tithonian part of the section samples indicate mid-ramp/outer ramp (rmf types 4/9) settings to mid-ramp (shoal) (rmf type 8) environments (Fig. 40). 3 samples in the lower and middle part of the Tithonian interval represent inner ramp-open marine (rmf type 14) environments. One sample from the upper part of the Tithonian section is characterised by a microfacies composition which reflects a mid-ramp to basin (rmf type 5) depositional environment. An evolution to deeper depositional environments is identified for the Berriasian section. Most samples of this stage represent mid-ramp (shoal)/outer ramp to basin (rmf types 5, 11, 28) environments (Fig. 42). One sample in the lower part of the Berriasian sediment sequence is characterised by an inner ramp/mid-ramp environment (rmf type 7). Mid-ramp to outer ramp environments (rmf types 3, 8, 9, 28) are also observed in the lower part of the Valanginian. In the mid-Valanginian part of the section shallow water environments are reflected by peritidal to inner ramp rmf types (7, 14, 19, 24) (Fig.44). Upsection and into the uppermost part of the Valanginian, samples vary between inner ramp to outer ramp environments (7, 8, 9, 14). The Hauterivian is characterised by microfacies types that reflect deeper depositional environments. Samples vary between mid-ramp (shoal) to outer ramp environments (rmf types 4, 11, 27) (Fig. 46).

In the LV section the lower to middle part of the sampled interval (61 samples) of the Tithonian is characterised by a mid-ramp/outer ramp depositional environment (rmf types 3, 9) (Fig. 41). In the upper part of the Tithonian section inner ramp/mid-ramp (shoal) environments are observed. An evolution to deeper environments occurs in the Berriasian. The lower to upper part of the Berriasian section is characterised by mid-ramp to basin microfacies types (2, 5, 9, 11) (Fig. 43). In the latest Berriasian a development is detected towards shallow environments. Here, microfacies samples vary between inner ramp to outer ramp settings (rmf types 3, 7, 13). The subsequent lowermost part of the Valanginian section is characterised by depositional environments of the mid-ramp to outer ramp (rmf type 3). Throughout the remainder of the stage mainly inner ramp to mid-ramp (shoal) (rmf types 7, 13, 26, 27, 28) environments are observed (Fig. 45). One interval in the uppermost part of the Valanginian stage reflects more distal environments and a microfacies type of mid-ramp to outer ramp (rmf types 9, 10) is observed. The Hauterivian stage is characterised by a change to more distal environments. Samples of the lower part of the Hauterivian section represent inner ramp to mid-ramp (shoal) (rmf types 14, 26, 27) environments (Fig. 47). Subsequently, in the middle part of the sampled

interval of the Hauterivian, microfacies samples represent outer ramp (rmf type 4) conditions. The three uppermost samples of the Hauterivian section represent mid-ramp to basin environments.

Figures 40 & 41: selected microfacies samples of the Tihonian interval of the CM section (CM 13/2.74) and the LV section (LV 3/40); scale bar is 0.5 mm.

Figures 42 & 43: selected microfacies samples of the Berriasian interval of the CM section (CM 17/35,5) and the LV section (LV 5/86); scale bar is 0.5 mm.

Figures 44 & 45: selected microfacies samples of the Valanginian interval of the CM section (CM 21/8-15) and the LV section (LV 8/59); scale bar is 0.5 mm.

Figures 46 & 47: selected microfacies samples of the Hauterivian interval of the CM section (CM 23/69) and the LV section (LV 9/69); scale bar is 0.5 mm.

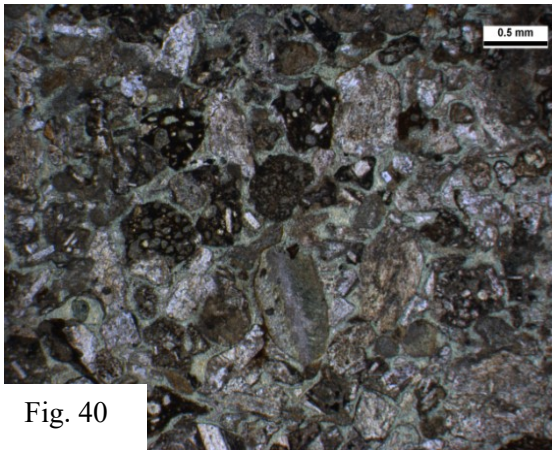


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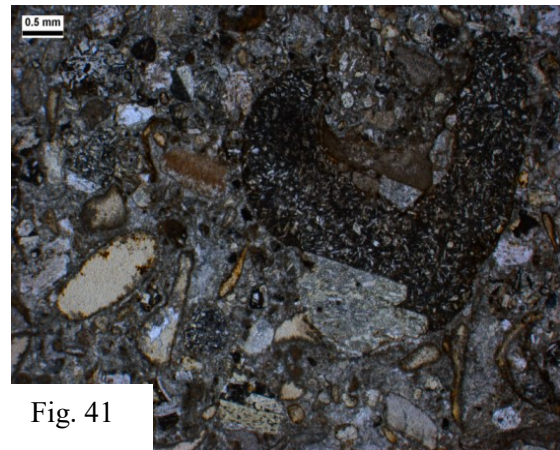


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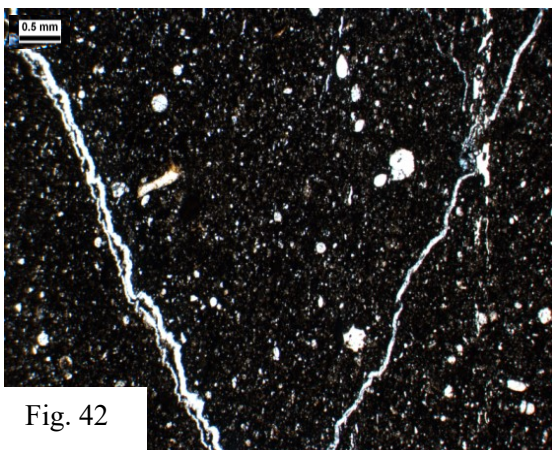


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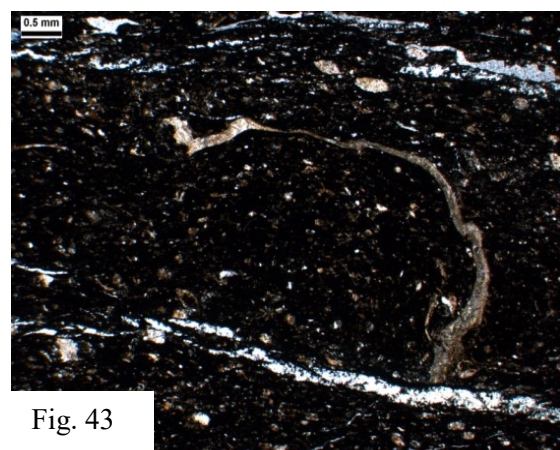
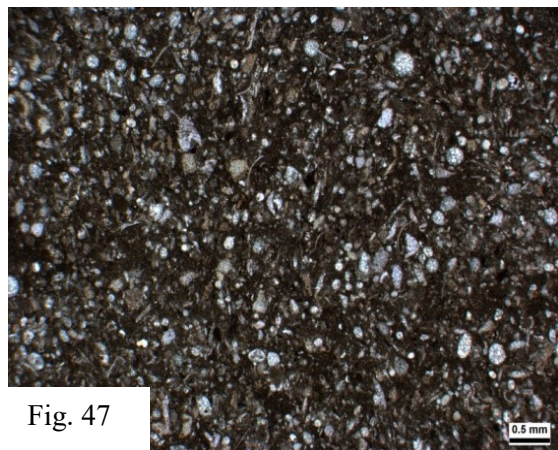
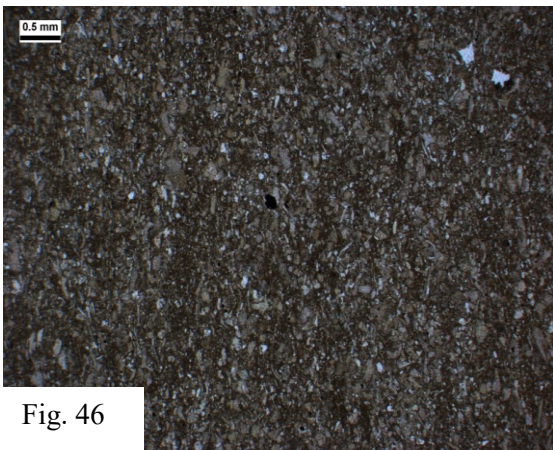
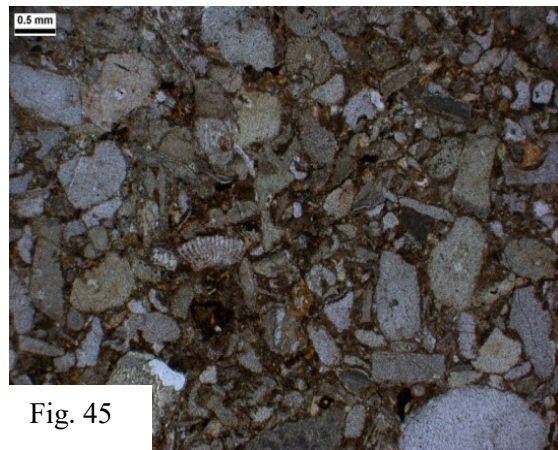
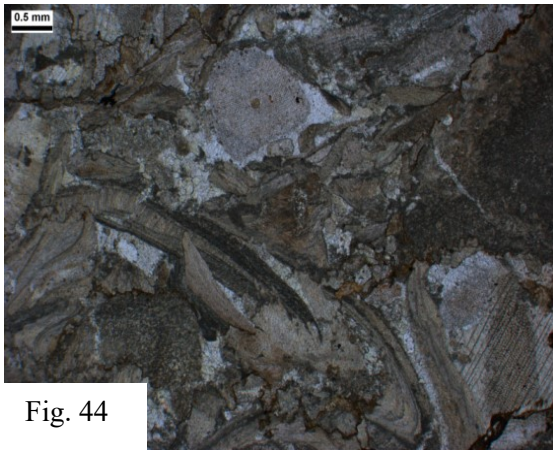


Fig. 43



MICRO-GLENDONITES

All samples analysed for sedimentary organic matter composition were also examined for occurrences of micro-glendonite mineral clusters. Photographs are only taken from the most representative specimens in each sample, i.e. the largest and/or the most distinctly structured mineral clusters. Where micro-glendonites occur, the frequency and size range of specimens are diverse. Therefore samples are recorded only qualitatively.

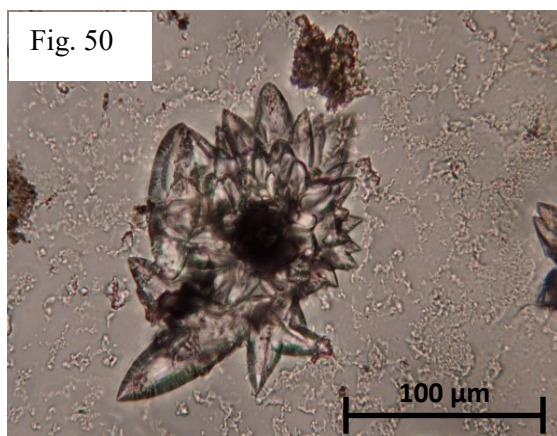
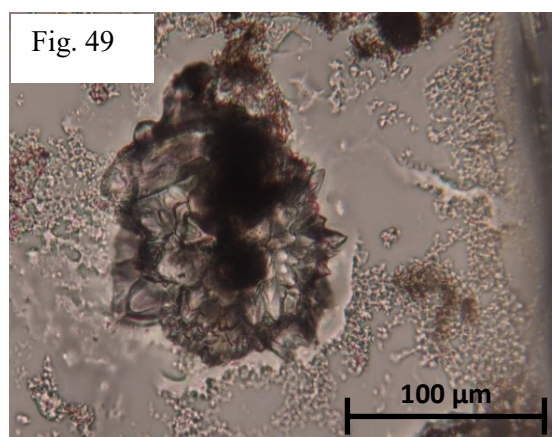
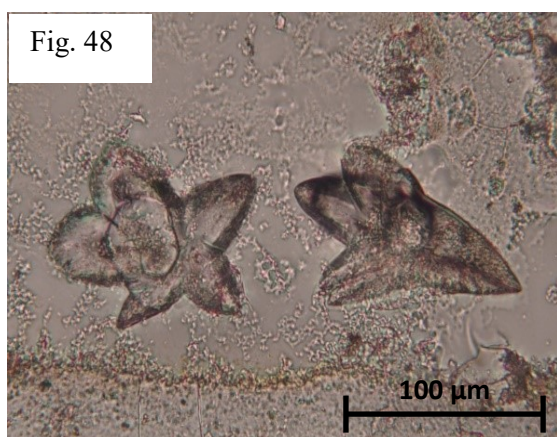
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In the CM section 22 samples contain micro-glendonites (selected specimens shown in figures 48–51). Two samples in the lower part of the sampled interval of the Tithonian stage contain micro-glendonites. A total of 14 specimens are photographed and measured. They present a size range of 24–122 μm . The mean size is 56.5 μm (SD=25.4 μm). In the 7 samples from the middle part of the sampled interval of the Tithonian stage 26 micro-glendonites are recorded. The diameter ranges from 19–91 μm . The mean size is 50.3 μm (SD=17 μm). One sample in the lowermost Berriasian contains micro-glendonites. 4 specimens are recorded and their size ranges from 20–48 μm (mean of 37 μm , SD=12.1 μm). Micro-glendonites are detected in 11 samples of the Valanginian part of the CM section and are especially abundant in the lower and middle part of the interval. 39 specimens are recorded,

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with individual diameters ranging from 22 μm to 162 μm and a mean size of 60.6 μm (SD=29.8 μm). Only one sample from the uppermost Valanginian interval of the CM section contains micro-glendonites. In this sample 4 specimens are photographed. The size of individual specimens ranges between 66–90 μm , resulting in a mean size of 78.5 μm (SD=12.8 μm). One sample in the middle part of the sampled interval of the Hauterivian stage contains micro-glendonites. 4 specimens are recorded. A mean diameter of 86.8 μm (SD=11.2 μm) are measured. Sizes of individual specimens vary between 76–101 μm .

Figures 48–51: Selected micro-glendonite specimens of the Cajón del Morado section – Fig. 48: CM 13/10,8; Fig. 49: CM 14/3,5; Fig. 50: CM 14/3,5; Fig. 51: CM 16/9; scale bars given in the photographs.

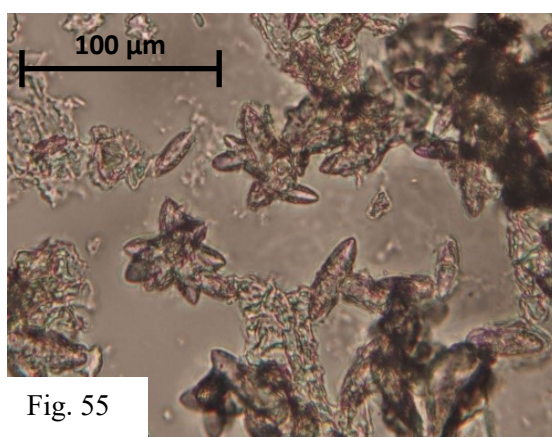
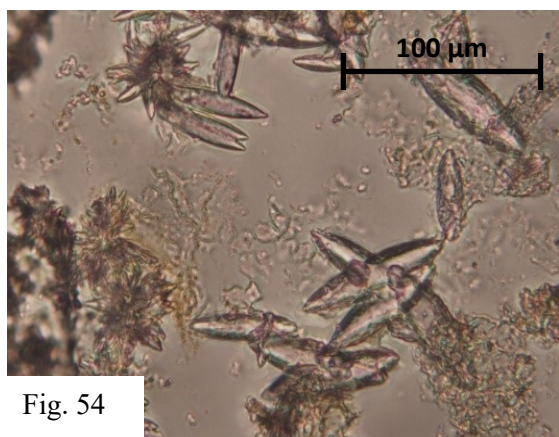
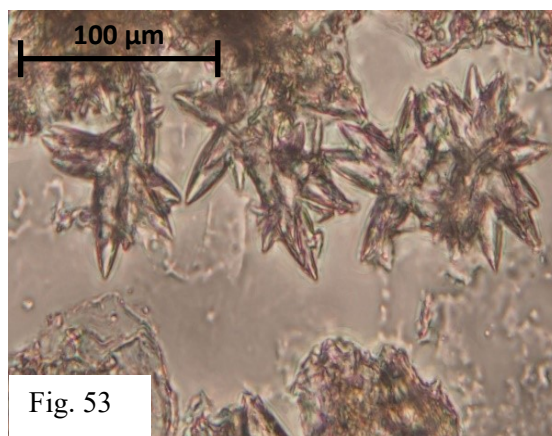
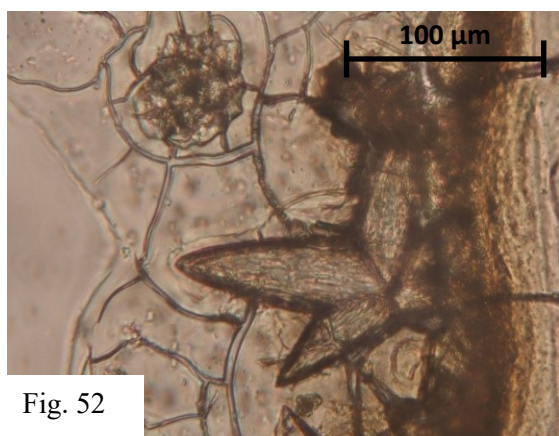


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20 samples of the LV section contain micro-glendonites (selected specimens shown in figures 52–55). In two samples of the lowermost part of the sampled interval of the Tithonian stage micro-glendonites are observed. A total of 15 specimens are recorded in this interval. Diameters range from 18 μm to 76 μm . The mean size of the measured mineral clusters is 48.9 μm (SD=17.2 μm). Another 12 samples which contain micro-glendonites are distributed throughout the remainder of the sampled interval of

the Tithonian. 141 specimens are recorded in this interval. Individual mineral clusters range in size from 13 μm to 172 μm . A mean size of 37.2 μm (SD=25.3 μm) is reached. Two samples of the sampled interval of the lowermost Berriasian contain micro-glendonites. 14 specimens are recorded. A mean size of 41.6 μm (SD=19.8 μm) is measured. Individual diameters range from 14 μm to 73 μm . In the Valanginian of the LV section 4 samples contain micro-glendonites of which 18 are photographed and measured. Individual mineral clusters vary in size between 24 μm to 70 μm . The average diameter is 35.9 μm (SD=13.2 μm). The Hauterivian stage is free of micro-glendonites.

Figures 52–55: Selected micro-glendonite specimens of the Lo Valdés section – Fig. 52: LV 3/6; Fig. 53: LV 3/35; Fig. 54: LV 3/35; Fig. 55: LV 3/44; scale bars given in the photographs.



CALPIONELLIDS

In Chile, preservation of calpionellids is poor. The dark fine grained and organic rich rocks, in which the specimens were found, impede precise classification to species level. Therefore, in the present thesis biostratigraphic assessment of the Jurassic/Cretaceous boundary remains on the definition of the J/K boundary based on ammonite species and lithostratigraphy (cf. Salazar and Stinnesbeck 2015a, b).

Occurrences of calpionellids are here rather considered as indicators of warm tropical climates (e.g. Tethyan influence).

Calpionellids are extremely rare and badly preserved in the two central Chilean sections, but isolated individuals were detected throughout the Berriasian sediment sequence. They are detected in 16 samples of the sampled interval of the Cajón del Morado section and in 15 samples of the sampled interval of the Lo Valdés section.

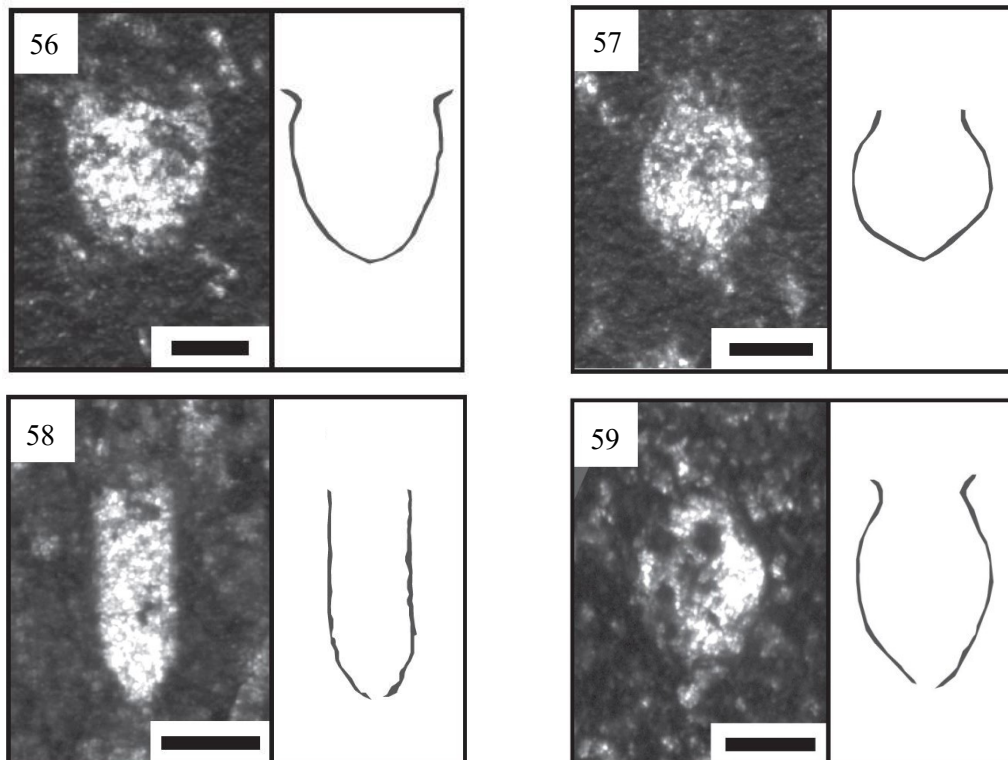
In the Cajón del Morado section this interval is approximately 129 m thick and in the Lo Valdés section, the interval extends over 89 m. Due to the poor preservation state of most calpionellid specimens and their low frequencies, with only a few specimens per sample, taxonomic assignment of individual genera or species remains incomplete and calpionellid assemblages are not assigned. Calpionellids are characteristically absent in sediments assigned to the Tithonian and Hauterivian

CAJÓN DEL MORADO

Early Berriasian

Zone 2 *Substeuoceras koeneni* – Zone 2a *Berriasella Jacobi* (Salazar, 2012)

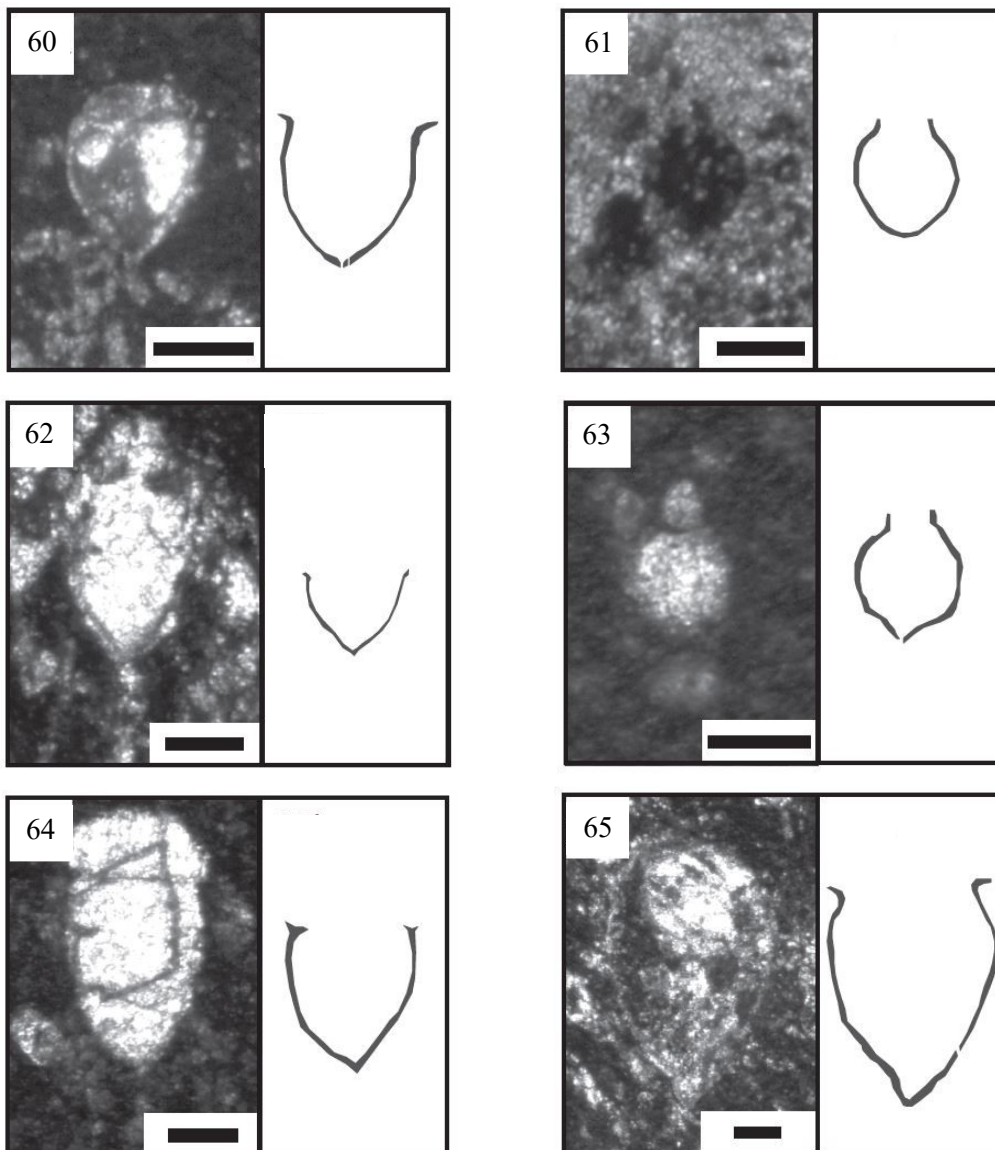
4 samples (CM 17/23–CM 17/54) of the Lower Berriasian sediment sequence contain rare calpionellids. *Tintinnopsella carpathica* (Fig. 56) is present in four samples. Other specimens are tentatively identified as *Calpionella alpine* (Fig. 57), *Crassicollaria colomi* (Fig. 58) and *Chitinoidella boneti* (Fig. 59). Scale bar is 100 µm.



Late Berriasian

Zone 2 *Substeuoceras koeneni* – Zone 2b *Groebericeras riccardi* (Salazar, 2012)

In the sample series of the Upper Berriasian succession calpionellids occur in a total of 12 samples (CM 17/57-CM 18/3). *Tintinnopsella carpathica* (Fig. 60) is present in 7 samples, making it the most common specimen in this interval. *Calpionella alpina* (Fig. 61) is also present in this interval and *Remaniella ferasini* (Fig. 62) as well as *Crassicollaria parvula* (Fig. 63) occur in three samples, while *Remaniella catalanoi* (Fig. 64) and *Remaniella colomi* (Fig. 65) are detected in individual samples. Scale bar is 100 μ m.

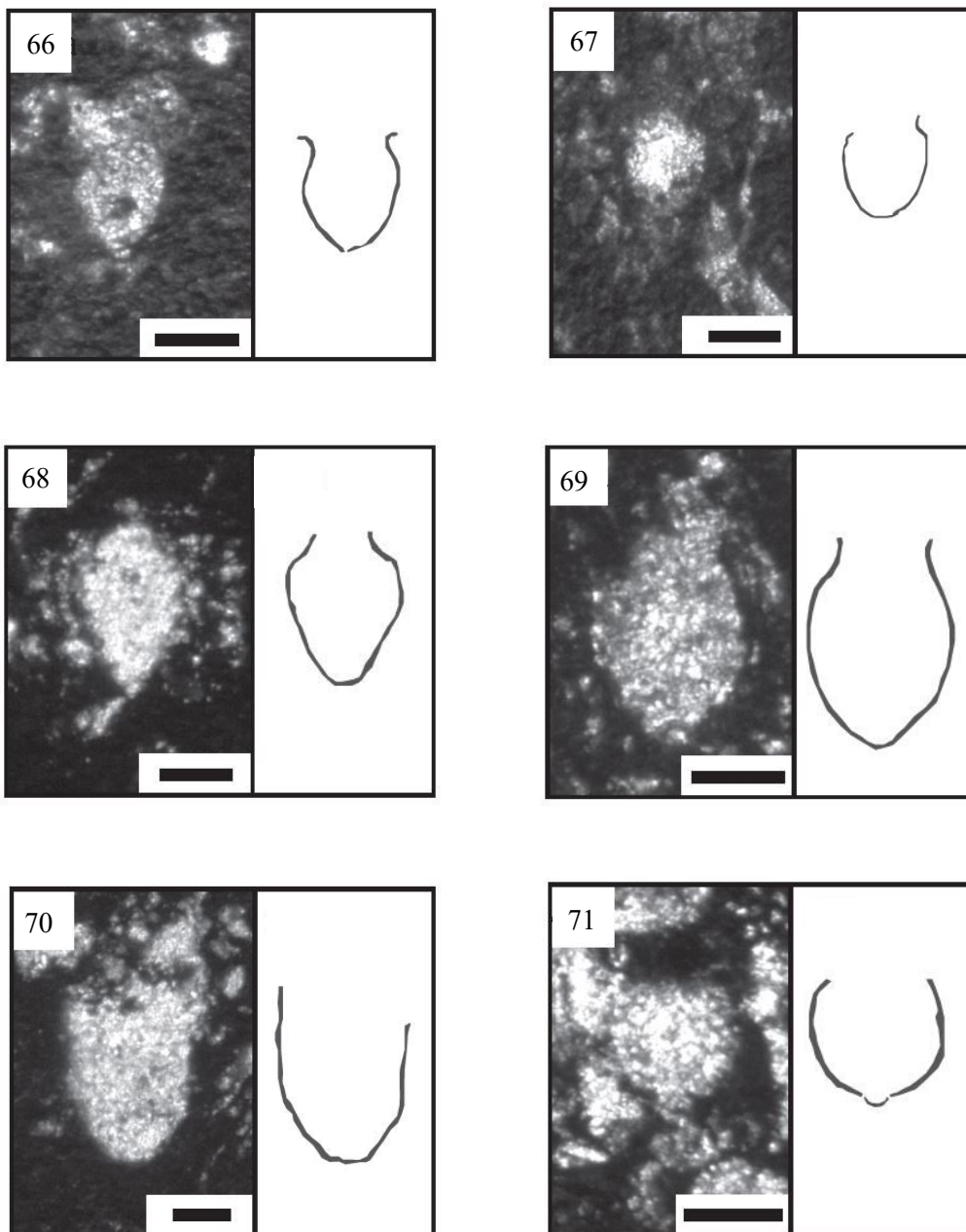


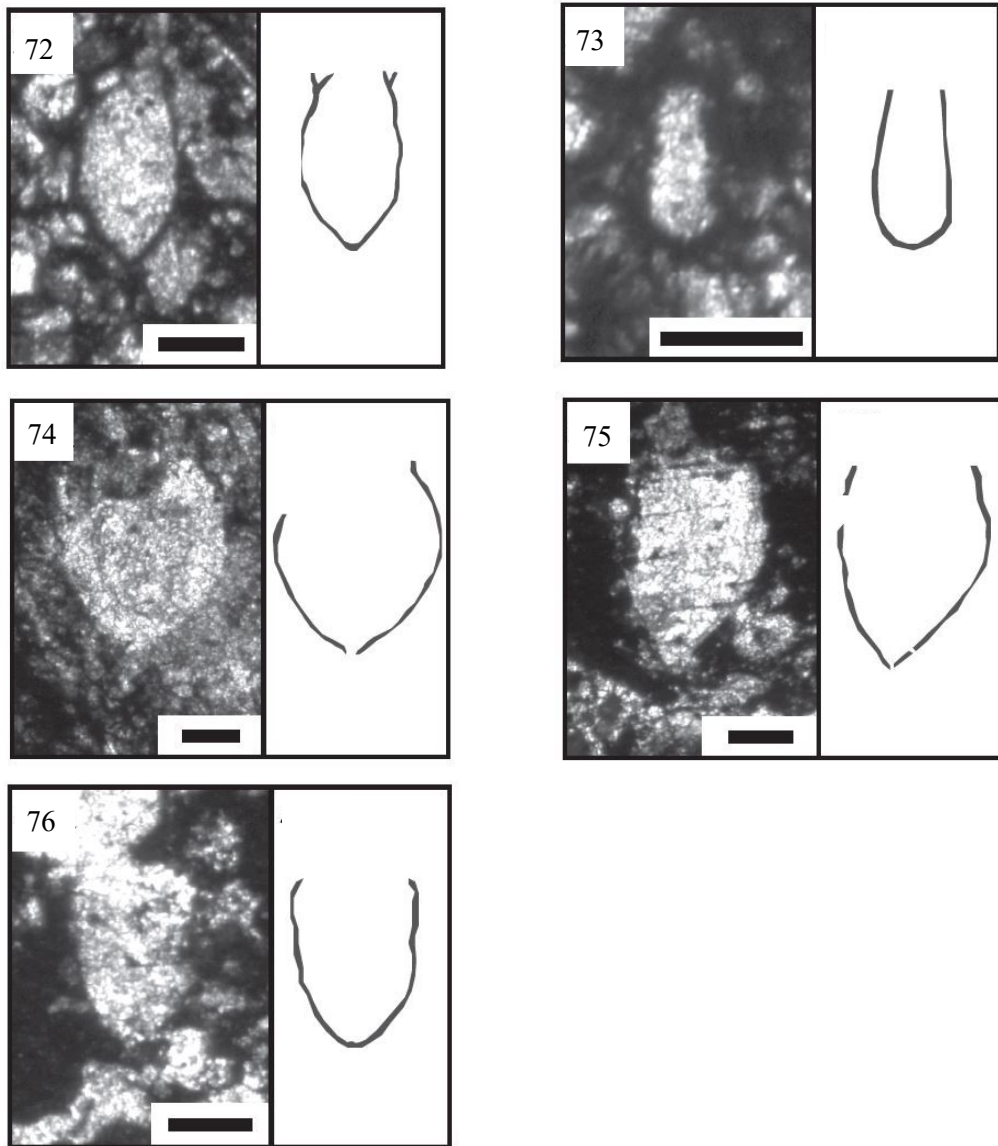
LO VALDÉS

Early Berriasian

Zone 2 *Substeuoceras koeneni* – Zone 2a *Berriasella jacobi* (Salazar, 2012)

Calpionellids are identified in 11 samples that cover the Lower Berriasian sediment sequence of the Lo Valdés section. They are relatively frequent faunal constituents in samples LV 5/24–LV 6/10 and are there assigned to *Tintinnopsella carpathica* (Fig. 66), *Calpionella alpine* (Fig. 67), *Calpionella elliptica* (Fig. 68), *Calpionella* sp. (Fig. 69), *Remaniella cadischinana* (Fig. 70), *Remaniella filipescui* (Fig. 71), *Remaniella ferasini* (Fig. 72), *Calpionellopsis simplex* (Fig. 73), *Borzaiella atava* (Fig. 74), *Remaniella duranddelgai* (Fig. 75) and *Remaniella colomi* (Fig. 76). Scale bar is 100 μm .

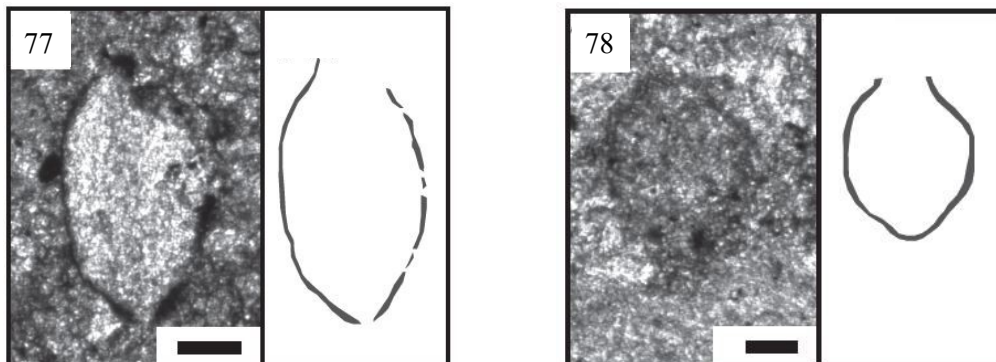


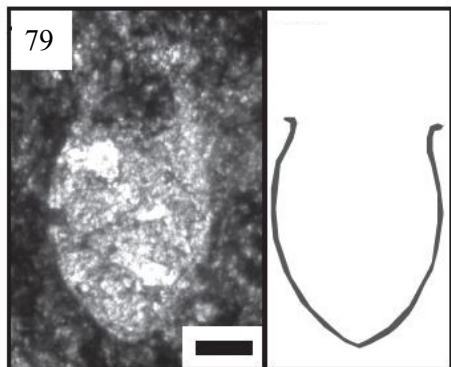


Late Berriasian

Zone 2 *Substeuoceras koeneni* – Zone 2b *Groebericeras rocardi* (Salazar, 2012)

In this Late Berriasian zone, 4 samples (LV 6/35–LV 6/53) contain calpionellids, among them *Tintinnopsella carpathica* (Fig. 77), *Calpionella* sp. (Fig. 78) and *Remaniella filipescui* (Fig. 79). Scale bar is 100 μ m.





4.2 PATAGONIA

Two ENAP wells drilled in Patagonia, namely the Nevenka 1 and Sofia 1, are included in the present study. In this study area analyses include palynofacies, geochemical analysis, thermal maturity (optical), as well as occurrences of micro-glendonites.

Surface samples from the Lago Fagnano area of the Cordillera Darwin were not used here, as organic matter was poorly preserved and local faulting and shearing made continuous sampling impossible.

NEVENKA 1 CORE

Biostratigraphy of the Nevenka 1 core

The biostratigraphical results are based on a study on the Nevenka 1 core samples which was performed by Darrin Stead of Wellstrat Services Limited based on the diverse assemblage of dinoflagellate cysts and sporomorphs. Good assemblages have been recovered from most of the samples. Sporomorphs and dinoflagellate cysts are recovered. The overall numbers of each group varies, probably related to proximity of the shoreline. The assemblages include forms that appear to be derived from up-hole caving, and there is also a suggestion of some reworking. The assemblage interpreted as in situ is based on those forms that occur consistently. Based on this process the section is dated as Late Barremian to Early Aptian.

A summarised review of the results of Wellstrat Services Limited is presented here: The age can be constrained by the occurrence of *Palaeoperidinium cretaceum* in sample Nev 61. Nøhr-Hansen (1993) indicates an inception in the Barremian, likely Late Barremian. Davey (1988) also indicates a Late Barremian inception in Papua New Guinea. The first appearance datum of *Odontochitina operculata* is also recorded in this sample. Most records indicate an inception of the taxon in the Barremian, and increased abundance in the Aptian. Habib and Drugg (1987) suggest a first appearance datum as old as Hauterivian in the western margin of the North Atlantic. Stover et al. (1996) also shows this inception age, while Helby et al (1987) indicate sporadic occurrences in the Late Hauterivian to Barremian *Muderongia australis* Zone of Australia, but becoming persistent in the overlying *Odontochitina operculata* Zone, of Aptian age. Burger (1979, 1996) indicates an inception in the Barremian of

Australia, within the *Muderongia australis* Zone, while Nøhr-Hansen reports the form occurs consistently from the Late Barremian. A questionable specimen of *Systematophora areolata* is recorded. Helby et al. (1987) indicates an extinction of this species in Australia in the Aptian. The assemblage recovered from this sample suggests an age in the ranges Late Barremian to Aptian.

PALYNOFACIES ANALYSIS

63 samples of the Nevenka 1 core cuttings are analysed (NEV 1–63) for palynofacies interpretation (Figs. 80–84). The sequence is here biostratigraphically assigned to the Late Barremian (59 samples) and Aptian (4 samples) stage based on dinoflagellate occurrences:

The palynomorph assemblage identified in the Nevenka 1 core is much more diverse than that detected in the central Chilean sections. The marine fraction contains dinocysts, acritarchs, foraminifers, leiospheres and algae of unknown affiliation (“algae indet.”). The terrestrial fraction of palynomorphs comprises sporomorphs and fungal filaments. The phytoclast group is differentiated in inertinite, vitrinite and cutinite. The fraction of AOM is subdivided into fluorescing matter (AOMA) and non-fluorescing particles (AOMT). Except for AOM, all organic matter types are subdivided according to preservation state, into “A=good”, “B=fair” and “C=poor”. Poorly preserved phytoclasts that shows no signs of the former structure are added to the group of AOMT.

Terrestrial organic matter

For the Upper Barremian part of the Nevenka 1 core the sedimentary organic matter composition is dominated by terrestrial organic matter. Content decreases discontinuously throughout the stage from 95.9 % to 41.7 %. The average percentage is 75.8 % (SD=16.9 %). The Lower Aptian interval of the section shows a mean proportion of terrestrial organic matter of 69.2 % (SD=11.6 %). The contents of individual samples range from 57.6–83 %.

Sporomorphs: In the Late Barremian of the Nevenka 1 core the content of sporomorphs fluctuates highly between 2.6 % and 35.1 % and shows no distinct trend. Several intermittent peaks are identified. A mean value of 11.3 % (SD=7.1 %) is observed. Overall, the abundance of well-preserved sporomorphs (cat. A) shows intermittent peaks and a highly discontinuous distribution with content fluctuating between 0.2–15.8 %. A mean proportion of 5.2 % (SD=3.4 %) is observed. Sporomorphs of category B vary strongly throughout the sampled interval from 0–20.9 % and shows highest fluctuations in the upper lower and middle part of the interval. The averaged proportion is 5.1 % (SD=4.8 %). The mean proportion of poorly preserved sporomorphs reaches 0.99 % (SD=1.9 %) and shows higher proportion in the lower part of the interval where the content fluctuates highly between 0–11.2 %. Throughout the remainder of the interval the content remains low and varies between 0–1 %. Proportion of sporomorphs in the Early Aptian section varies between 7.8 % and 31.8 %. Sporomorph abundance shows a sharp increase in the uppermost part of the interval where proportion increases from 9.8–31.8 %. A mean abundance of 14.8 % (SD=11.4 %) is observed. The content of sporomorphs of category A varies between 4.4–11.8 % (mean 6.7 %, SD=3.5 %). No clear trend in proportion is evident. Fairly preserved sporomorphs show a distinctly increasing trend from 3.3 to 20 % throughout the Lower Aptian interval. The average content of category B

sporomorphs is 7.9 % (SD=8.1 %). Sporomorphs of category C are present in one sample with a percentage of 0.54 % resulting in a mean abundance in the Lower Aptian section of 0.14 % (SD=0.27 %).

Phytoclasts: Throughout the Upper Barremian interval of the Nevenka 1 the average content of phytoclasts fluctuates significantly but shows a distinctly decreasing trend from 76.5 % to 18.7 %. The mean phytoclast content of this interval is 46.1 % (SD=19.2 %). In the Lower Aptian interval content varies between 21.9 % and 45.5 %. The mean proportion is 32 % (SD=11.4 %). A distinct trend is not observed.

Inertinite: The content of inertinite varies strongly between 8–67 % and shows a discontinuously decreasing trend throughout the Late Barremian section. The mean value is 27.6 % (SD=14.3 %). Content of well-preserved (cat. A) inertinite shows a discontinuous but significant decrease throughout the interval from 41.6 to 7.4 % (mean of 21.2 %, SD=10.8 %). Fairly (cat. B) preserved inertinite shows no clear trend. Content decreases sharply in the lowermost part of the Barremian section and subsequently varies intensely within the remainder of the interval. The average proportion is 6.4 % (SD=5.6 %). In the Lower Aptian part of the sequence inertinite distribution shows no clear trend and varies between 4.9–24.8 %. A mean content of 15.7 % (SD=8.3 %) is observed. Inertinite of category A shows an average content of 12.8 % (SD=7.3 %) that varies between 3.8–20.7 %. A distinct trend is not observed. Fairly preserved (cat. B) inertinite in this interval shows a varying content of 1.1–4.1 % and a mean value of 2.9 % (SD=1.5 %). The distribution pattern shows no clear trend.

Vitrinite: Content of vitrinite fluctuates highly throughout the Late Barremian section. The value varies between 4.6–37.3 % (average of 17.6 %, SD=8.2 %) and shows no clear trend except for a short interval of decreasing content in the uppermost part of the Barremian interval. Well-preserved (cat. A) vitrinite shows strongly varying content (1.5–29.4 %) and averages at 11.5 % (SD=6.2 %). In the upper part of the interval a decreasing trend is evident. Vitrinite of category B shows an intensely fluctuating content that varies between 1 % and 13.6 %. The mean proportion in the Late Barremian section is 6.2 % (SD=2.9 %). No unequivocal trend is observed in the vitrinite percentage of the Early Aptian section. The content varies between 7.3–18.8 % (mean of 15.1 %, SD=5.3 %). The proportion of the well-preserved (cat. A) vitrinite specimens ranges between 3.3–10.1 %. A trend is not observed and the average value for the Early Aptian section is 7.5 % with a SD of 3.1 %. Fairly (cat. B) preserved vitrinite shows a content of 4.1–9.0 % (mean of 7.6 %, SD=2.4 %). A trend is not observed.

Cutinite: In the Late Barremian section of the Nevenka 1 proportion of cutinite varies widely between 0 % and 4.1 %. A peak of 4.1 % occurs in the lower part of the interval. The mean content is 0.78 % (SD=0.84 %). A distinct trend is not observed. The Early Aptian section is characterised by cutinite proportion that is distributed between 0.82 % and 1.9 %. The average abundance for this interval is 1.24 % (SD=0.57 %).

Fungal filaments: The content of fungal filaments in the Late Barremian section ranges between 0 % and 3 %. A clear trend is not evident. The averaged proportion is 0.31 % (SD=0.61 %). In the Early Aptian section remains of fungal filaments are absent.

Terrestrial AOM: The content of terrestrial AOMT_{translucent} in the Late Barremian section fluctuates highly and varies between 6.8 % and 51.5 %. A mean value of 18.2 % (SD=8.3 %) is identified. An indistinctly increasing trend is observed. The content of AOMT_{opaque} is continuously low

and varies between 0 % and 0.71 % (mean of 0.07 %, SD=0.17 %). The mean proportion of AOMT_{total} in the Late Barremian section is 36.5 % (SD=16.5 %). In the Early Aptian section an averaged AOMT_{translucent} content of 22.3 % (SD=6.8 %) is observed. The value ranges from 14.6 % to 29.3 %. A distinct trend is not observed. The lowermost sample of the studied interval of the Early Aptian contains AOM_{opaque} and reaches an abundance of 0.51 % (mean of 0.08 %, SD=0.16 %). AOMT_{total} value varies between 29.1 % and 58.6 % (mean 44.7 %, SD=13.7 %).

Marine organic matter

The content of marine organic matter varies strongly throughout the Nevenka 1 core. The Upper Barremian section of the Nevenka 1 core shows two peaks in the lower part of the interval where the proportion reaches 42.3 % and in the upper middle part where 58.1 % is reached. Despite strong variations in the proportion the content significantly increases from 3.4 % to 57.4 %. The mean content of the Upper Barremian is 23.8 % (SD=17 %). In the Lower Aptian section the content of marine organic matter varies between 17 % and 41.9 %. A mean value of 30.7 % (SD=11.5 %) is observed. No clear trend is identified for this interval.

Dinoflagellate cysts: Dinoflagellate cysts of the Upper Barremian section show no distinct trend. In the middle part of the interval abundance fluctuates highly and throughout the formation content varies between 0 % and 8.8 %. A mean value of 1.5 % and a SD of 1.7 % are detected. Well preserved dinocysts of category A show intensely varying abundance (0–4.5 %). A trend is not identified. The mean proportion is 0.68 % (SD=0.85 %). Fairly (cat. B) preserved dinocysts show an averaged content of 0.52 % (SD=0.62 %). The value fluctuates throughout the interval between 0 % and 3 %. A distinct trend is not observed. Poorly (cat. C) preserved dinoflagellate cysts vary widely between 0–1.6 %. A clear trend is not evident. The mean content reaches 0.32 % (SD=0.41 %). In the Early Aptian content of dinocysts averages at 2.5 % (SD=2.4 %). Proportion varies between 0 % and 5.1 %. Variations of 0–1.3 % are observed in the content of the well-preserved (cat. A) dinoflagellates. A trend is not observed and the averaged proportion is 0.90 % (SD=0.78 %). Proportion of fairly (cat. B) preserved dinocysts varies between 0–2.2 %. The averaged content in the Early Aptian section is 0.75 % (SD=1 %). Dinocysts of category C show a frequency between 0 % and 1.5 % (mean of 0.83 %, SD=0.70 %). A distinct trend is not observed.

Acritarchs: Although acritarchs are also subdivided into three groups depending on the preservation state, overall occurrences are so rare that abundances of acritarchs are mentioned here as a whole. Acritarch occurrence in the Late Barremian section varies between 0–3.9 %. This major peak of 3.9 % is detected in the uppermost part of the interval. A trend in frequency is not observed. The mean content of acritarchs in this interval is 0.38 % (SD=0.63 %). During the Early Aptian part of the sections acritarch abundance ranges between 0–0.82 %. An averaged proportion of 0.49 % (SD=0.38 %) is reached. A trend is not observed.

Algae indet.: Structured particles that show bright yellow to white fluorescence but show no unequivocal affiliation to any of the other marine palynomorphs are summarised in the group of algae indet. Algae indet. are not subdivided with regard to their preservation state. The proportion in the Late Barremian section fluctuates widely between 0 % and 5.7 %. A mean content of 1.4 % (SD=1.5 %) is observed. A clear trend in the distribution pattern is not observed. Early Aptian algae indet.

4. Results – Nevenka 1 core

Abundance shows a mean of 1.4 % (SD=2.3 %). The content varies between 0 % and 4.7 %. A trend is not detected.

Foraminiferal test linings: Occurrences of foraminiferal linings are scarce. Throughout the studied interval of the Nevenka 1 core 4 samples from the Late Barremian interval of the section contain foraminiferal remains. Abundances of foraminiferal linings varies between 0.24–0.25 % (mean of 0.02 %, SD=0.06 %). No foraminifers are present in the Early Aptian part of the core.

Leiospheres: Leiospheres are absent in the lowermost and uppermost parts of the Late Barremian section. In the middle part of the Upper Barremian interval, leiosphere frequency varies between 0.23–1.5 %, reaching an average content of 0.17 % (SD=0.37 %). A trend in occurrence is not observed. In the Early Aptian leiospheres are absent.

Marine AOM: A discontinuous but significant increase in content of fluorescing AOM is observed for the Late Barremian (2.0–57.3 %). In the lower part of this interval a marked intermittent peak in AOMA content is detected reaching 38.6 %. The Late Barremian contains an average AOMA content of 20.2 % (SD=16.3 %). In the Lower Aptian, proportion of AOMA varies between 17–39.1 %. An averaged content of 26.3 % (SD=9.7 %) is reached. AOMA content of the Early Aptian shows no distinct trend

Opaque/translucent ratio

For the Upper Barremian interval an OP/TR ratio of 1.6 is detected. The OP/TR ratio of the Lower Aptian section is 1.

4. Results – Nevenka 1 core

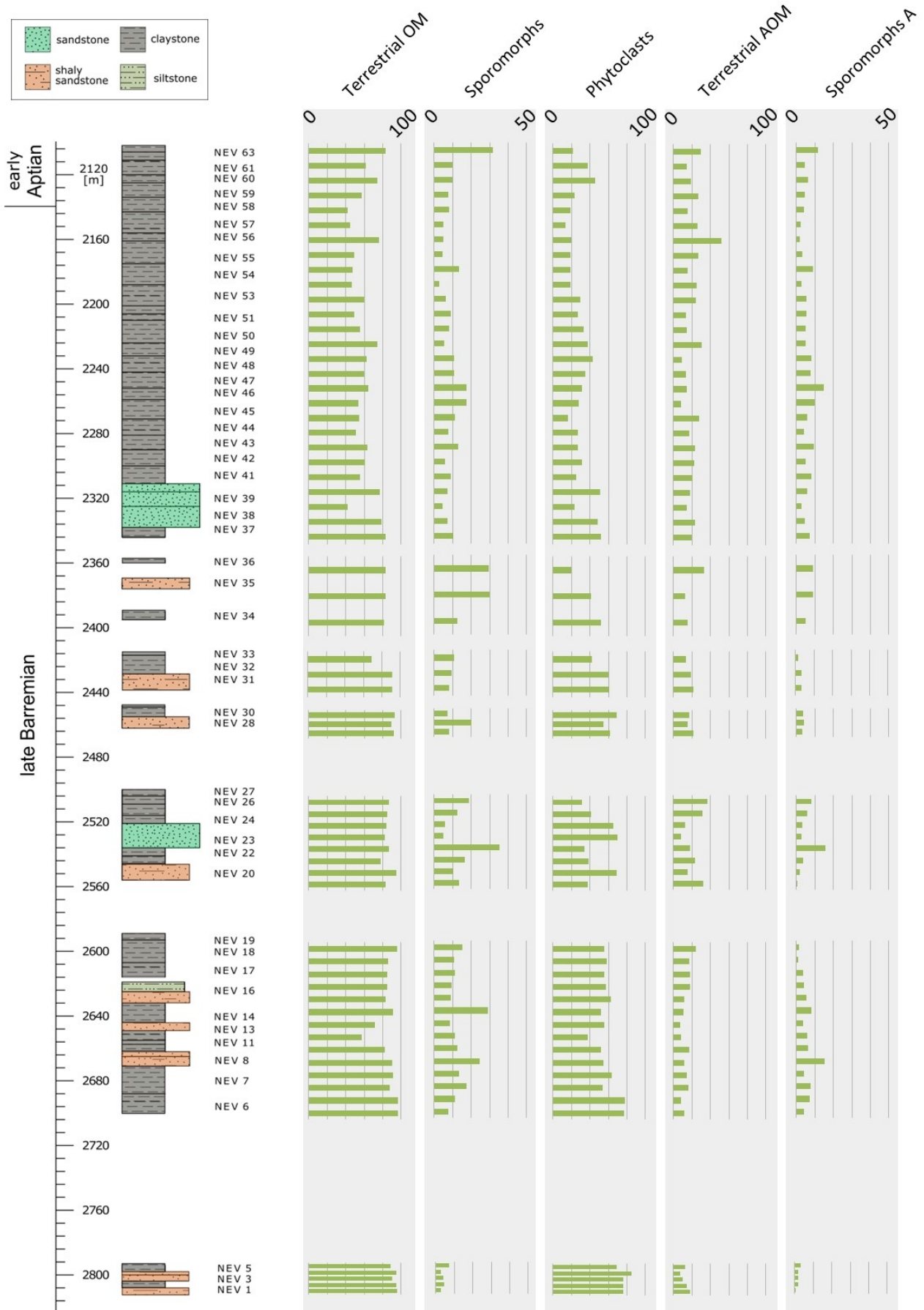


Figure 80: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction continued; Nevenka 1 core. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

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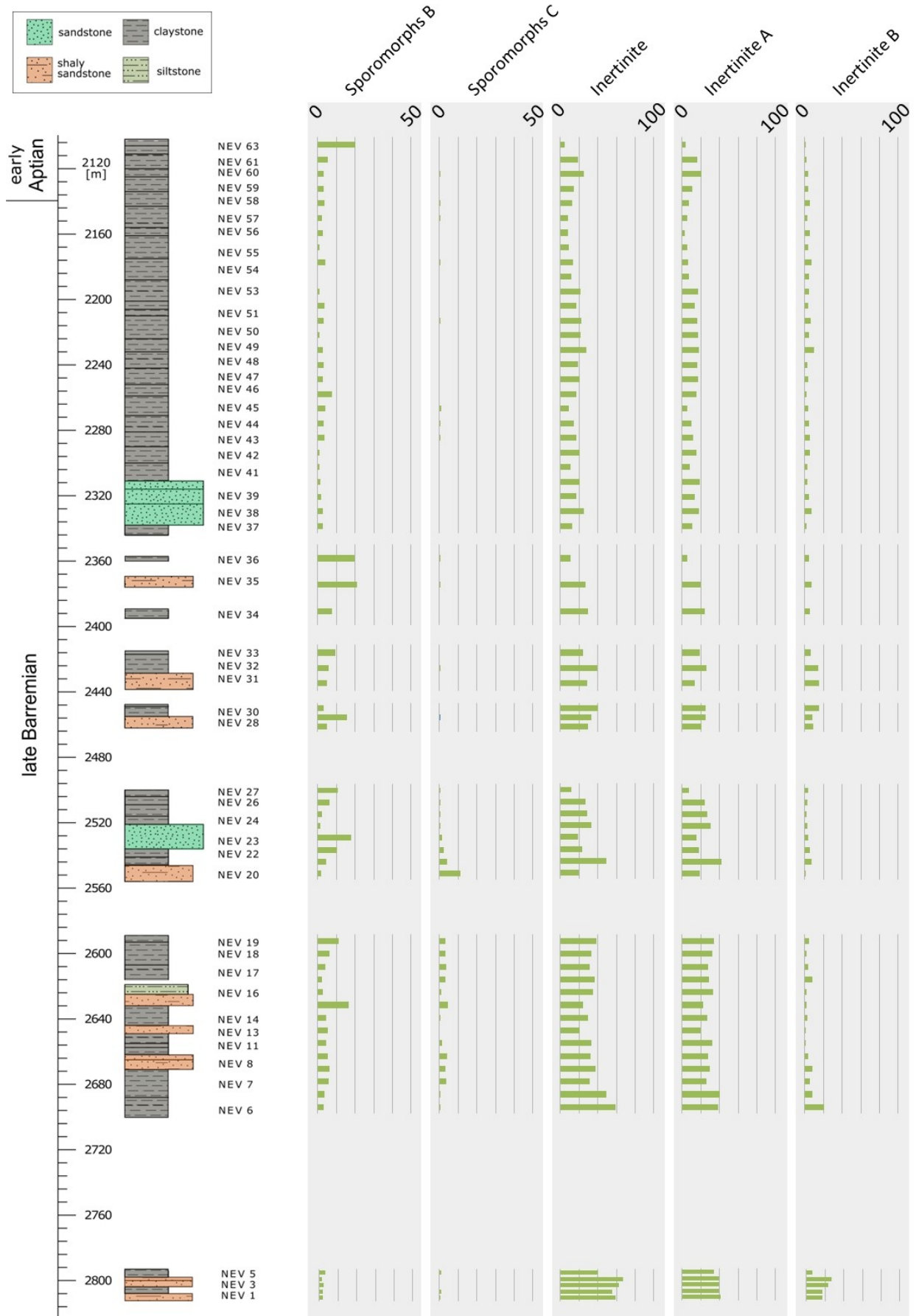


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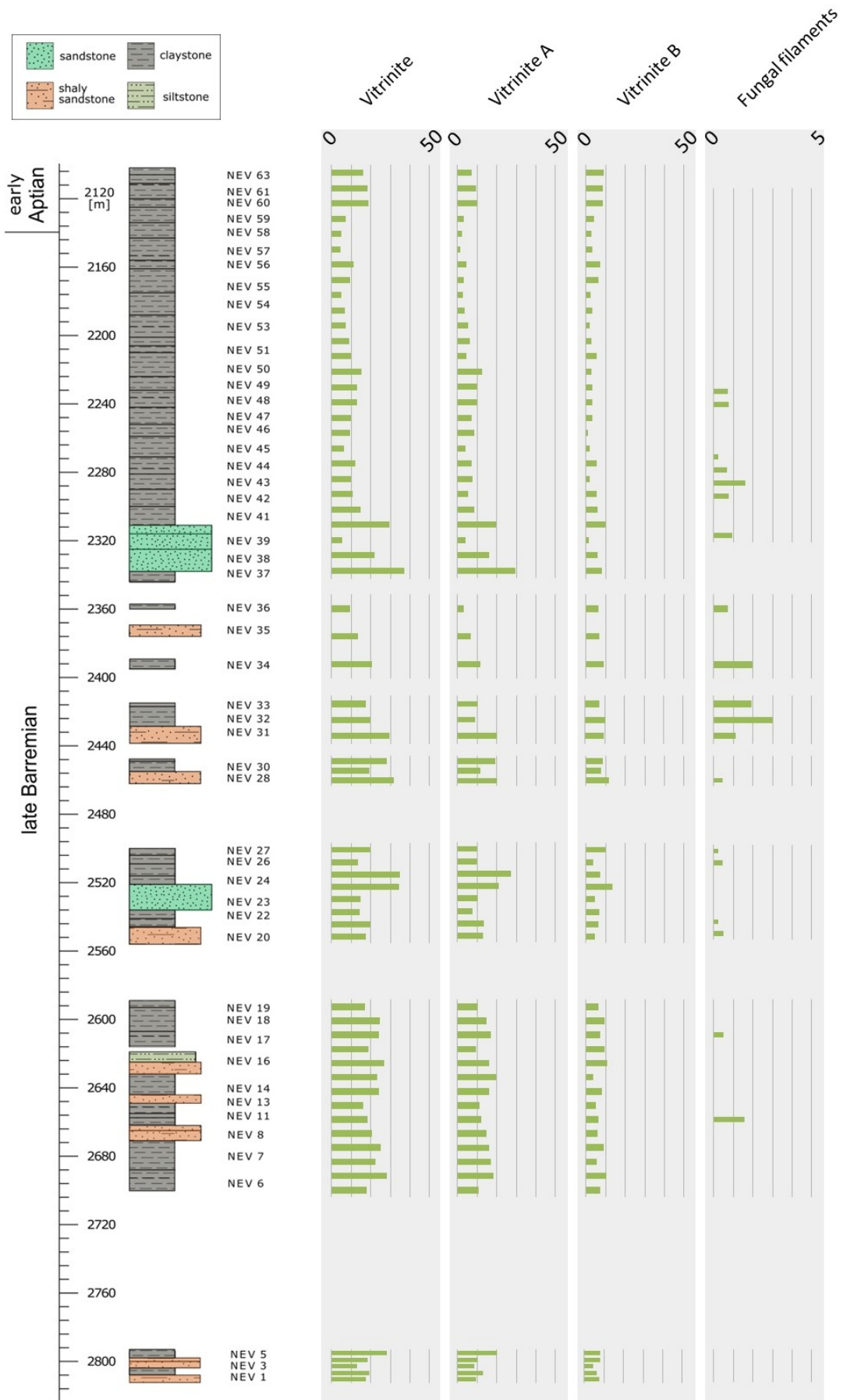


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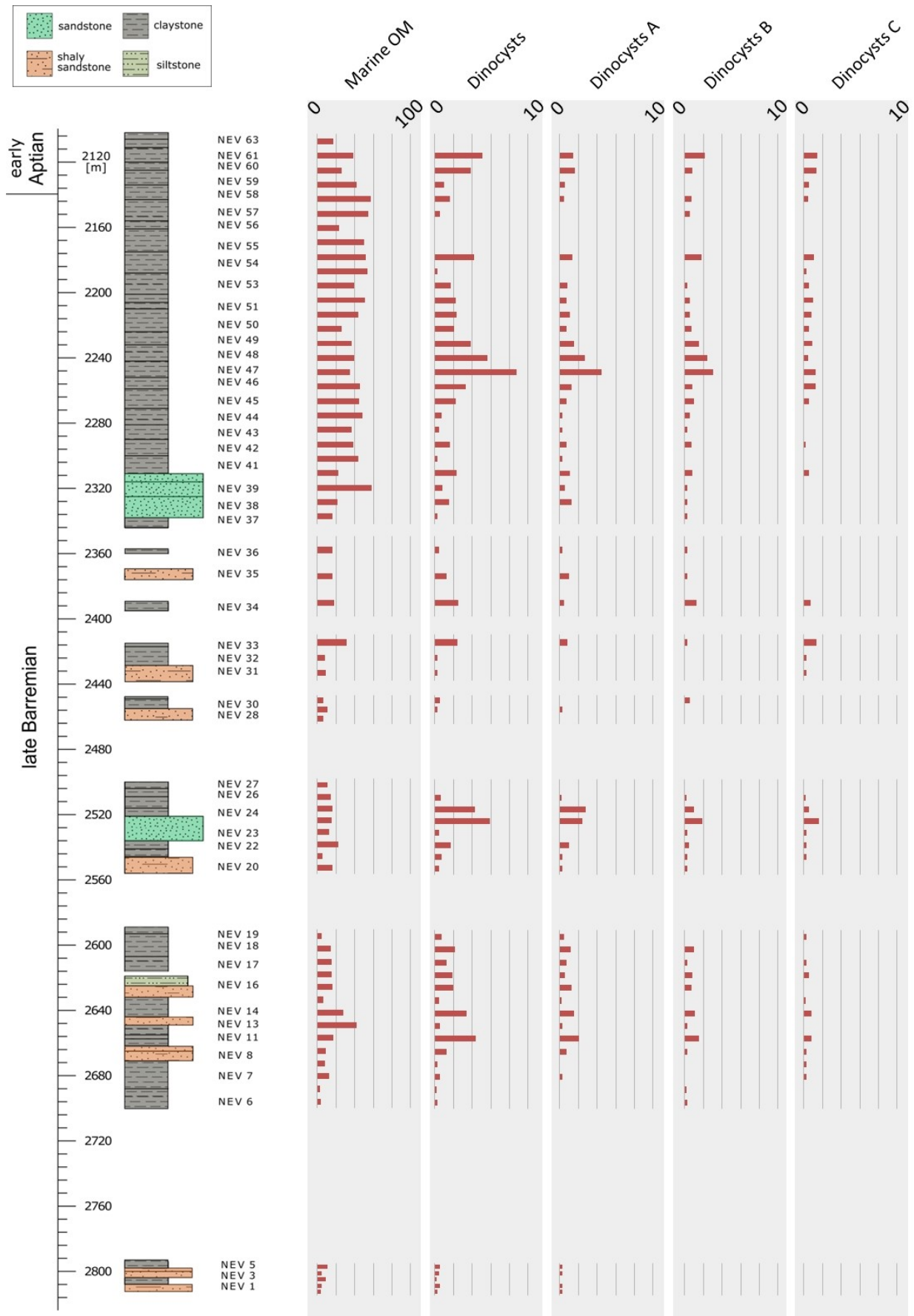


Figure 83: Sedimentary organic matter – marine fraction; Nevenka 1 core. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

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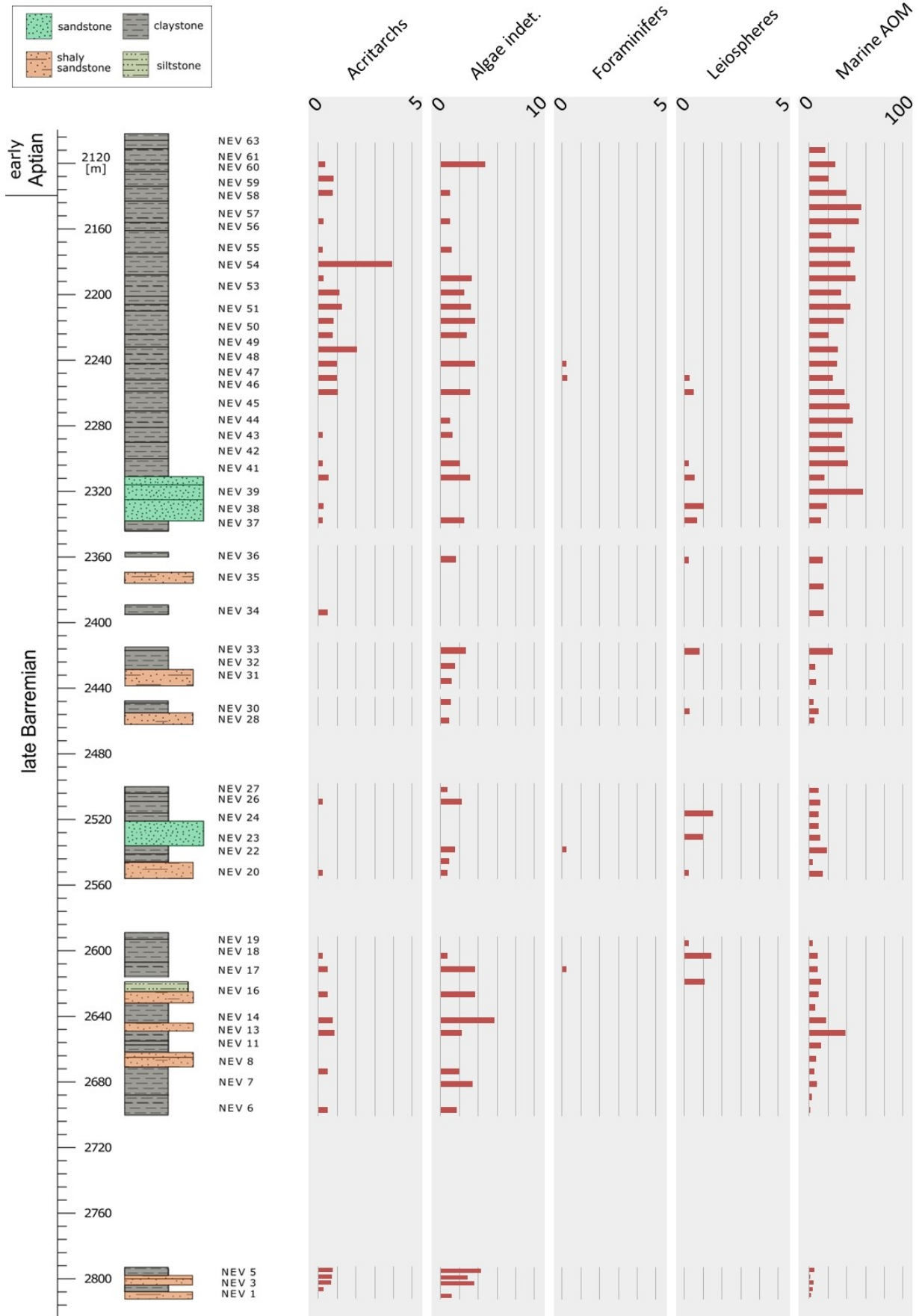


Figure 84: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction; Nevenka 1 core. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

AOM-PHYTOCLAST-PALYNOMORPH PLOT

Barremian–Aptian: In the lower to lower middle part of the Barremian–Aptian interval of the Nevenka 1 core samples plot in palynofacies field I – highly proximal shelf or basin over palynofacies fields II – marginal dysoxic-anoxic basin and III – heterolithic oxic shelf (“proximal shelf”) to shelf to basin transition fields IVa/b (Figs. 85, 86). In the upper middle to upper part of the Barremian–Aptian interval of the Nevenka 1 core samples plot from palynofacies fields IVa/b – shelf to basin transition over field V – mud-dominated oxic shelf (“distal shelf”) to field VII – distal dysoxic-anoxic “shelf” (Figs. 86, 87). In the upper part of the interval samples plot in palynofacies fields VII – distal dysoxic-anoxic “shelf”, VIII – distal dysoxic-anoxic shelf and IX – distal suboxic-anoxic basin back to fields IVa/b –shelf to basin transition and V – mud-dominated oxic shelf (“distal shelf”) (Fig. 87).

Figure 85: AOM-phytocolast-palynomorph plot of NEV 1–NEV 3; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).

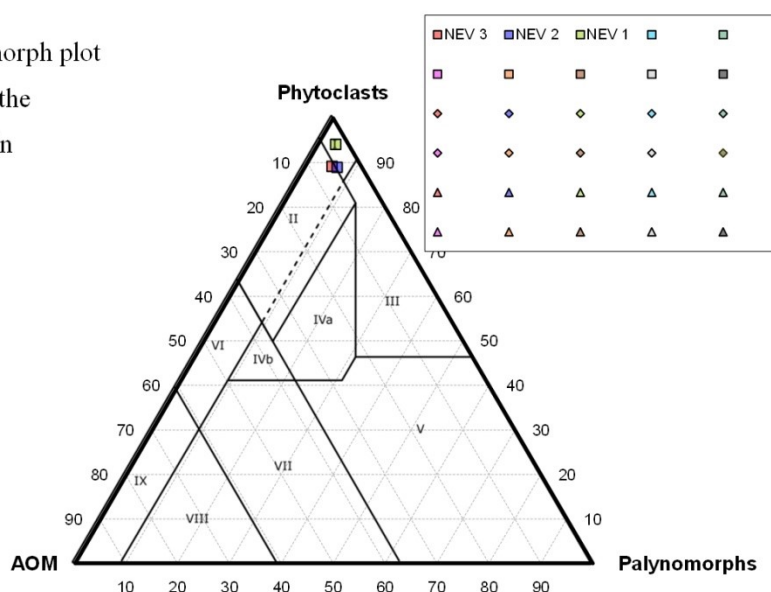


Figure 86: AOM-phytocolast-palynomorph plot of NEV 4–NEV 33; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).

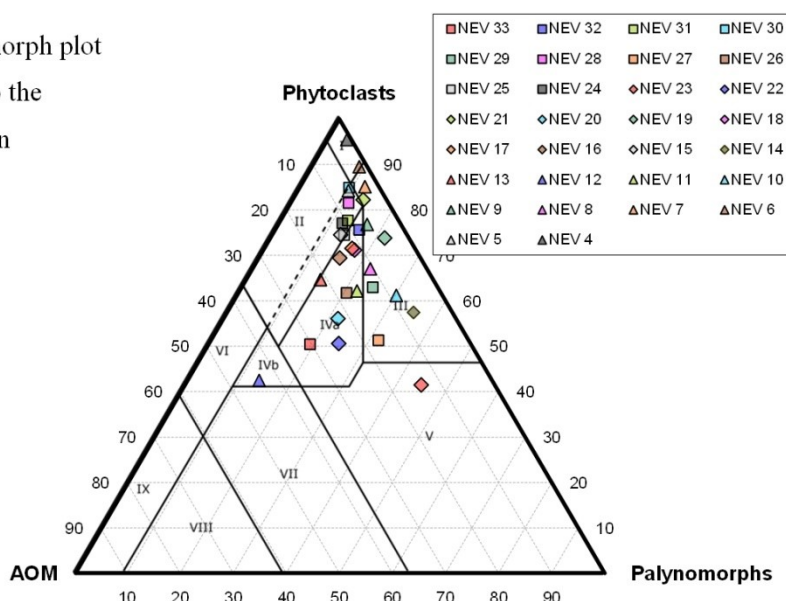
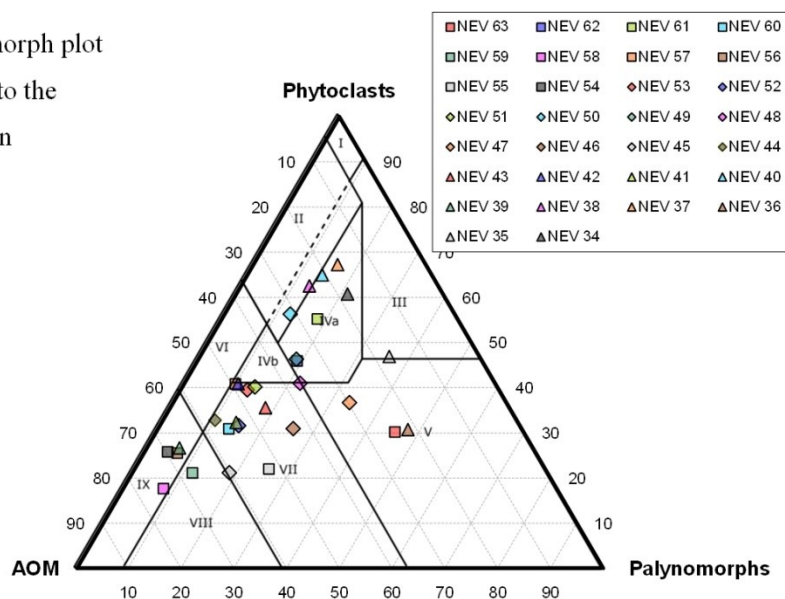


Figure 87: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot

of NEV 34–NEV 63; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).



TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON, TOTAL INORGANIC CARBON, CARBON/SULPHUR/NITROGEN

63 samples of the Nevenka 1 were analysed for their carbon, nitrogen and sulphur content (Fig. 88).

Total organic carbon: TOC in the Late Barremian interval of the Nevenka 1 varies between 0.30 % and 9.2 %. Several intermittent peaks are observed. A mean proportion of 1.8 % (SD=1.8 %) is observed. The Early Aptian interval contains a lower mean proportion of 0.98 % (SD=1.2 %). The content of individual samples varies considerably between 0.25–2.7 %. A sharp increase is detected from 0.26 % to 2.7 % in the uppermost sample of the interval. An unequivocal trend is not observed.

Total inorganic carbon: In the Late Barremian section of the Nevenka 1 core TIC content is highest in the upper part of the interval where several peaks and a maximum of 3.9 % is identified. The overall proportion varies intensely between 0.3–3.9 %. The mean proportion for this interval is 1.1 % (SD=0.6 %). A distinct trend is not observed. The Early Aptian section contains a mean proportion of TIC of 0.92 % (SD=0.35 %). The content varies between 0.7 % and 1.4 %. A distinct trend is not evident.

CaCO₃: In the Late Barremian interval content of CaCO₃ ranges from 2.4–32.5 %. Several positive peaks are detected especially in the upper part of the section. A mean proportion of 9.4 % (SD=5.2 %) is observed. The Early Aptian section of the Nevenka 1 core shows a mean proportion of CaCO₃ of 7.6 % (SD=2.9 %). Individual contents vary between 5.8–12 %.

Nitrogen: In the samples of the Late Barremian section nitrogen content varies between 0.02 % and 0.17 %. The mean proportion is 0.05 % (SD=0.03 %). The content shows a highly discontinuously decreasing trend throughout the lower and middle part of the interval. Subsequently

an inhomogeneous increase is observed in the upper middle and upper part. The nitrogen content of the Early Aptian interval ranges from 0.02 % to 0.06 %. A trend is not observed.

Sulphur: Except for two peaks of 0.8 and 0.59 % in the lower and middle part of the Late Barremian section the sulphur content fluctuates in this section between 0.05 % and 0.36 %. In the upper middle and upper part of the interval the sulphur proportion fluctuates intensely on an increased level between 0.24–1.5 %. Overall a mean proportion of 0.49 % (SD=0.45 %) is detected. The Early Aptian section shows a mean proportion of 0.32 % (SD=0.17 %). Individual contents vary between 0.17–0.56 %. The distribution pattern shows no unequivocal trend.

C_{org}/N: C/N the ratio of the Late Barremian interval ranges from 9–84. In the middle part of the interval a positive peak of 84 is observed. The mean value is 32. In the Early Aptian interval of the Nevenka 1 C/N the ratio varies between 11 and 46. The averaged ratio is 23. An unequivocal trend is not observed.

4. Results – Nevenka 1 core

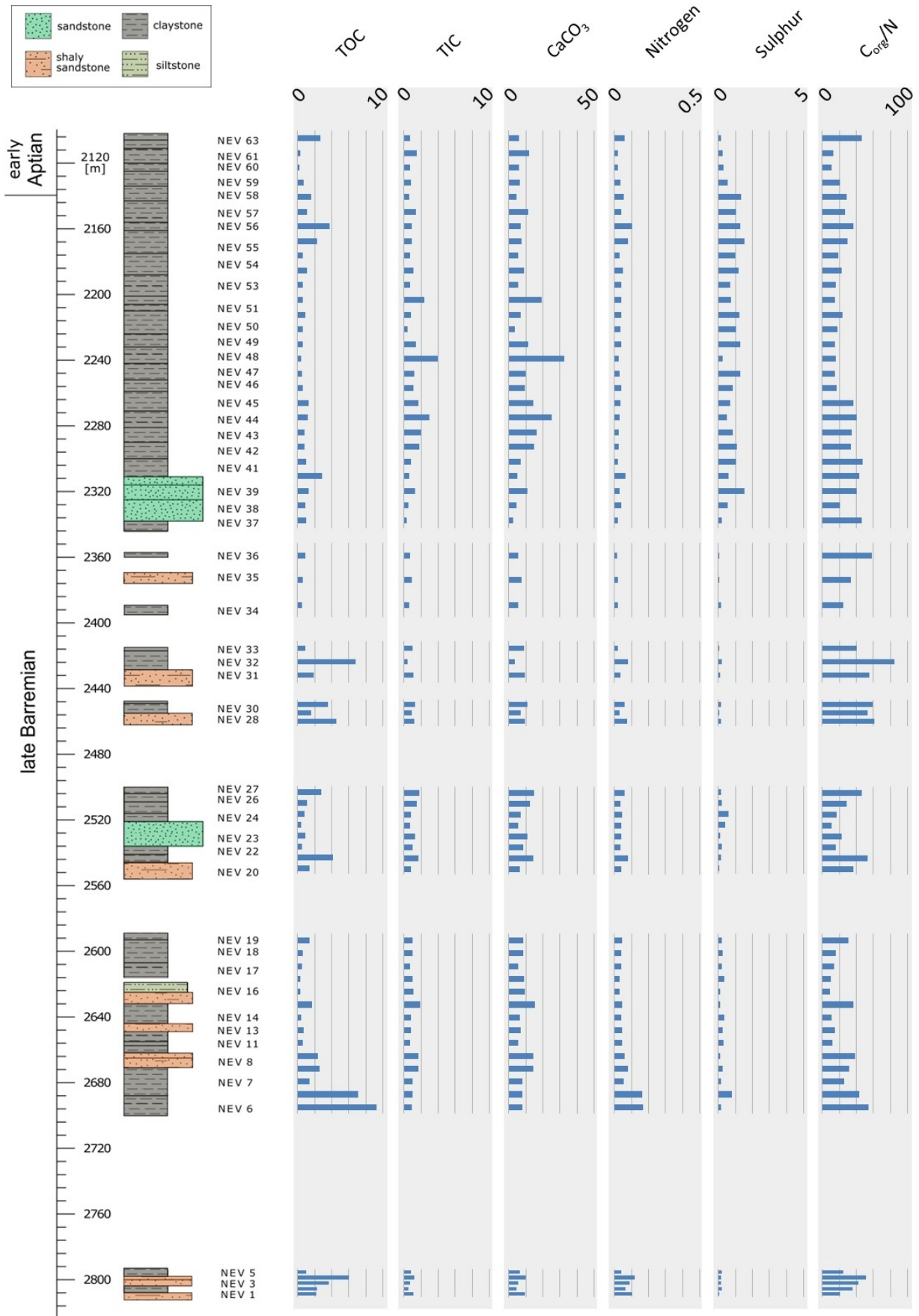


Figure 88: Results of the TOC, TIC and CNS analyses; Nevenka 1 core. Except for C_{org}/N, values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

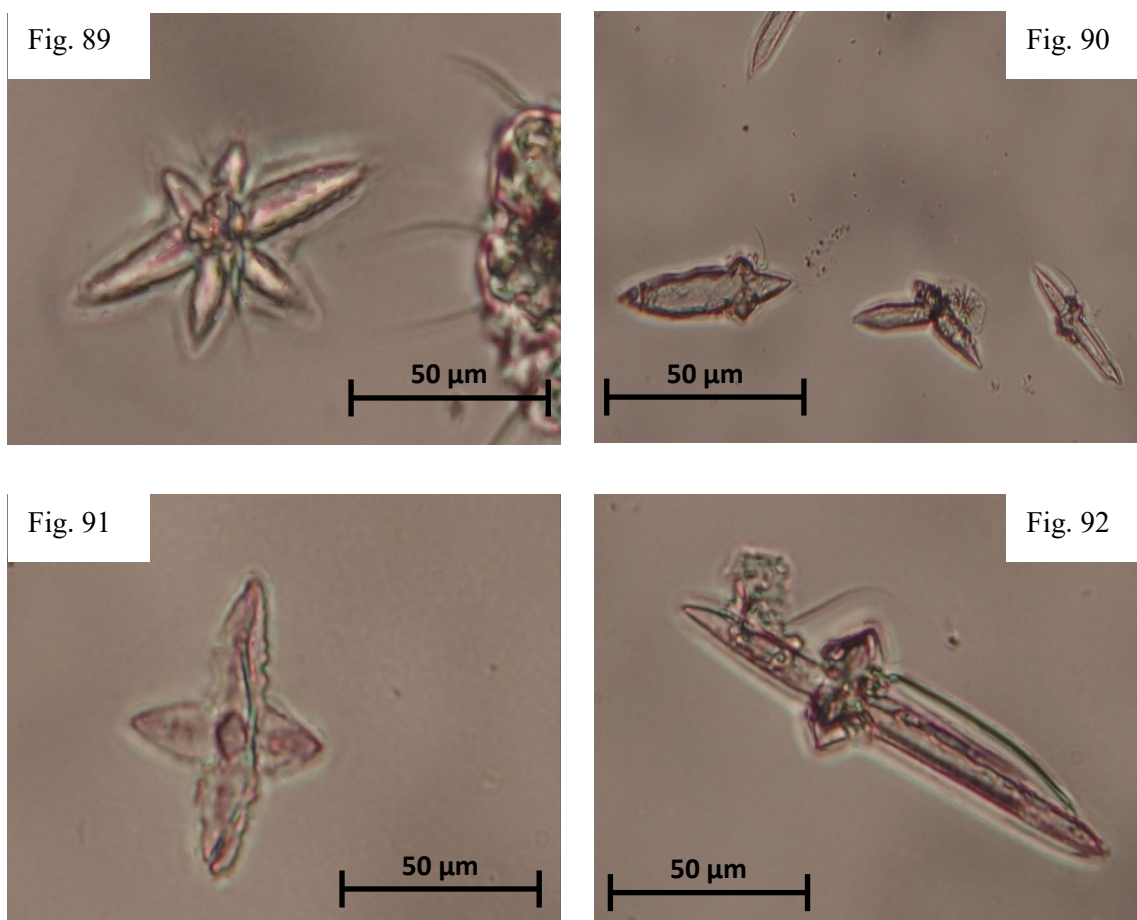
THERMAL MATURITY

In the Nevenka 1 core thermal maturation is determined using the Thermal Alteration Index (TAI) and Spore Coloration Index (SCI). Analysis was performed on 4 samples (NEV 5, NEV 22, NEV 43, NEV 62). Samples show a TAI ranging from approximately 2.5 to 3/SCI of 5.0-8.5 (Ro% 0.5–1.3). The resulting maturation stage is diagenesis to catagenesis (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012).

MICRO-GLENDONITES

11 samples of the section of the Nevenka 1 core contain micro-glendonites. A total of 74 specimens are recorded (selected specimens shown in figures 89–92). The interval comprises the Late Barremian to Early Aptian. The exact position of the stage boundary is not known but is tentatively placed between samples 59 and 60. A total of 75 specimens are recorded. The mean size of the recorded micro-glendonites is 35.4 μm (SD=20.1 μm). Individual specimens range in diameter from 7 μm to 101 μm .

Figures 89–92: Selected micro-glendonite specimens of the Sofia 1 core – Fig. 89: NEV 49; Fig. 90: NEV 49; Fig. 91: NEV 50; Fig. 92: NEV 50; scale bars given in the photographs.



SOFIA 1 CORE

PALYNOFACIES ANALYSIS

60 samples of the Sofia 1 core cuttings have been available for palynofacies analysis (SOF 1–60) (Figs. 93–95). According to ENAP data (geophysical & lithostratigraphical data) 9 samples belong to the Late Tithonian, 13 samples to the Berriasian–Valanginian lower Zapata Formation and 38 samples were taken from the Hauterivian–Aptian middle Zapata Formation (cf. Fildani et al., 2003; Varela et al., 2012).

The palynofacies assemblage detected in the Sophia 1 is little diverse and contains only few groups of structured organic matter. The marine fraction consists exclusively of scarce dinocysts and acritarchs. Foraminifers and leiospheres are not present in the sampled interval. Also, no occurrences of aquatic/marine AOM are observed. The terrestrial fraction of structured organic particles is limited to sporomorphs and phytoclasts. The fraction of AOM is subdivided into translucent AOMT and opaque AOMT. The structured organic particles are subdivided according to its preservation state, into “A=good”, “B=fair” and “C=poor”. Poorly preserved phytoclasts that show no signs of its former structure are added to the group of AOMT.

Terrestrial organic matter

The palynofacies assemblage of samples of the Sofia 1 core is dominated by the occurrence of structured and unstructured terrestrial organic matter. Terrestrial organic matter contents of the Tithonian section average 99.9 % (SD=0.29 %). One sample only in the uppermost part of the interval contains less than 100 % terrestrial material. The same pattern is identified in the assemblage of the Berriasian–Valanginian interval where a negative peak of 98.0 % occurs in the upper part of the succession. A mean proportion of 99.8 % (SD=0.58 %) is detected. Content of terrestrial organic matter in the Hauterivian–Aptian section fluctuates on a high level between 95.7 % and 100 %. A marked low is identified in the lower middle part of the interval. A distinct trend in proportion is not observed. The section contains an average of 98.6 % (1.4 %) of terrestrial organic matter.

Sporomorphs: Distinctly decreasing sporomorph abundance from 2.5 % to 0 % is noted in the Tithonian interval of the Sofia 1 core. The averaged proportion is 0.79 % (SD=0.94 %). No well-preserved (cat. A) sporomorphs occur in the Tithonian section. Content of sporomorphs of category B varies between 0 % and 0.90 %. A clear trend for this organic matter type is not identified. The averaged frequency is 0.24 % (SD=0.33 %). A declining trend from 1.9 % to 0 % is observed for the proportion of poorly (cat. C) preserved sporomorphs in the succession of the Tithonian. The mean frequency is 0.55 % (SD=0.66 %). The Berriasian–Valanginian interval shows fluctuating contents of sporomorphs. Proportion varies from 0 % to 1.0 % but show no clear trend. An averaged content of 0.18 % (SD=0.29 %) is identified. In the Berriasian–Valanginian succession no sporomorphs of category A are present. In the lower and middle part of the interval fairly (cat. B) preserved sporomorphs are also absent. Content increases to 0.34 % in the upper part of the interval. A mean value of 0.07 % (SD=0.14 %) is observed. Poorly (cat. C) preserved sporomorphs show two peaks (1.0 %, 0.33 %) in the lower and middle part of the interval. A mean content of 0.1 % with a SD of 0.28 % is reached. The samples of the Hauterivian–Aptian contain significantly higher proportions of

sporomorphs. Content varies intensely between 0 % and 9.8 %. After a peak in the lower part of the interval of 8.8 % the content decreases irregularly to 0 % in the middle part of the section. Subsequently content rises to 2.9 % at the uppermost part of the sampled interval. Intermittent peaks of 7.9 % and 9.8 % are detected in this increasing phase of sporomorph content. The latter reaches an average of 2.7 % (SD=2.9 %) in the Hauterivian–Aptian section. Well-preserved (cat. A) sporomorphs show low abundance throughout the most of the Hauterivian–Aptian section that varies between 0–0.37 %. In the lower upper part of the section sporomorphs are more frequent with a varying content of 0–1.3 % (average for the whole interval is 0.12 %, SD=0.28 %). Sporomorphs of category B show a highly fluctuating proportion. Content varies between 0–5.2 %. Several peaks are detected in the lower and upper part of the interval. The middle part of the Hauterivian–Aptian succession contains lower amounts of sporomorphs. A clear trend is not observed. An average content of 1.2 % (SD=1.5 %) is identified. Relative abundances of poorly preserved sporomorphs vary intensely between 0–6.3 %. A marked peak (6.3 %) is detected in the upper part of the succession, a distinct trend is not evident. Contents for the Hauterivian–Aptian succession reach an average of 1.4 % (SD=1.5 %).

Phytoclasts: Content of phytoclasts increases slightly and relatively homogeneous throughout the Tithonian interval from 84.7 to 97.9 %. The averaged phytoclast content for this interval is 90.2 % (SD=5.7 %). For the Berriasian–Valanginian section a decreasing trend of phytoclast proportion from 96.3 % to 74.2 % is detected. For this interval, a mean value of 88.5 % (SD=8.0 %) is observed. The Hauterivian–Aptian interval shows an erratically decreasing content of phytoclast proportion from 88.9 % to 58.0 %. A mean proportion of 87 % (SD=10.9 %) is identified.

Inertinite: Despite minor fluctuations content of inertinite increases throughout the Tithonian interval from 80.3 % to 95.3 %. A mean content of 85.9 % (SD=7.7 %) is detected. Well-preserved inertinite shows varying content of 36.4 % to 45.6 %. An erratic decreasing trend is observed. The averaged content in this interval is 40.9 % (SD=2.9 %). Throughout the lower and middle part of the Tithonian succession abundance of fairly preserved inertinite remains relatively homogenous varying between 38.7 % and 36.3 %. Upsection a discontinuous increase to 58.9 % is identified in the upper part of the Tithonian interval. The mean frequency for this interval is 45 % (SD=9.6 %). Overall, inertinite proportion decreases throughout the Berriasian–Valanginian section from 95 % to 73.3 %. A mean content of 86.3 % (SD=9.5 %) is observed. Inertinite of category A shows a peak of 48.2 % in the upper middle part of the interval. An overall trend is not evident and the proportion varies between 21.2 % and 48.2 %. The averaged proportion is 37.4 % (SD=8.3 %). Content of fairly preserved inertinite varies between 34.8 and 68.7 %. A trend is not observed and the mean content is 48.8 % (SD=10.8 %). A discontinuously increasing trend is identified in the lower to middle part of the Hauterivian–Aptian section where inertinite content increases from 85.9–96.7 %. Subsequently the content decreases inhomogeneously towards the end of the succession to a value of 54.3 %. An averaged content of 83.1 % (SD=12.1 %) is noted for the Hauterivian–Aptian section. Well-preserved inertinite shows an inconsistently decreasing trend from 35.0 % to 11.9 % in the lower middle part of the succession. Upsection content increases highly discontinuous throughout the remainder of the interval to 32.9 %. An intermittent peak of 51.7 % is detected in the upper part of the Hauterivian–Aptian interval. The averaged proportion is 28.2 % (SD=7.7 %). Inertinite of category B increases erratically throughout the lower to middle part of the Hauterivian–Aptian section from 50.8 % to 78.6 %. Upsection inertinite proportion decreases to 21.4 % in the uppermost part of the section. An averaged content of 54.1 % (SD=16.1 %) is observed.

Vitrinite: Vitrinite content shows no clear trend throughout the Tithonian interval. Proportion varies between 0.7–10.5 % and reaches an averaged content of 4.2 % (SD=3.2 %). Content of well-preserved vitrinite ranges from 0 % to 4.7 % and fluctuates intensely. A trend is not observed and the averaged proportion for the Springhill Formation is 2.4 % (SD=1.6 %). Fairly preserved vitrinite shows a peak of 5.8 % in the lower part of the interval. Subsequently proportion decreases to 0.3 %. The averaged content of fairly preserved vitrinite in this interval is 1.8 % (SD=1.8%). Content of vitrinite in the Berriasian–Valanginian interval varies between 0% and 10.8 %. A distinct trend in proportion is not observed. For this interval a mean content of 2.2 % and a SD of 3 % are identified. Vitrinite of category A shows a varying proportion of 0 % to 9.3 %. A clear trend is not observed. The averaged content of well-preserved vitrinite in this interval is 1.7 % (SD=2.5 %). Content of fairly preserved vitrinite shows several peaks and no distinct trend. Proportion varies between 0–1.7 %. In the Berriasian–Valanginian section the average abundance for this organic matter type is 0.54 % (SD=0.65 %). Vitrinite content fluctuates intensely throughout the Hauterivian–Aptian interval. A marked low is detected in the middle part of the section. Overall the content varies between 0 % and 11.8 %. A distinct trend is not observed and the averaged vitrinite content of this interval is 3.8 % (SD=2.9 %). Several peaks (3.8–5.0 %) are identified for the proportions of well-preserved vitrinite. A clear trend is not observed. Overall content varies between 0–5 % and the averaged proportion for the Hauterivian–Aptian section is 1.4 % (SD=1.2 %). Despite a marked low in the middle part of the interval no distinct trend is noted for the fairly preserved content of vitrinite. Several intermittent positive and negative peaks are identified. The averaged content of fairly preserved vitrinite in this interval is 2.5 % (SD=2.2 %).

Terrestrial AOM: In the Tithonian interval the content of AOMT_{translucent} is higher in the lower–middle part of the interval. The upper part of the section contains a lower amount of AOMT_{translucent}. Overall the content varies between 1.2 % and 18.5 %. The averaged content for this interval is 8.9 % (SD=5.5 %). Content of AOMT_{opaque} remains low. A single sample in the upper part of the Tithonian interval contains a proportion of 0.59 % of AOMT_{opaque} resulting in an averaged content of 0.07 % (SD=0.2 %). The AOMT_{translucent} content shows an inhomogeneous increasing trend from 3.8 % to 25.5 % in the Berriasian–Valanginian interval. Overall the content varies from 1.0 % to 25.5 %. Averaged content for AOMT_{translucent} in the Berriasian–Valanginian interval is 11.1 % (SD=7.7 %). AOMT_{opaque} shows a peak of 2.0 % in the upper part of the succession. A mean value of 0.21 % (SD=0.58 %) is identified. Content of AOMT_{translucent} shows a significant but discontinuous increase throughout the Hauterivian–Aptian succession. Proportion increases from 10.1 % to 37.1 %. Several intermittent peaks are observed. Proportion varies between 1.1 and 42.3 %. The averaged content of AOMT_{translucent} in the Hauterivian–Aptian section is 8.9 % (SD=9.4 %). Content of AOMT_{opaque} fluctuates intensely from 0 % to 4.3 % and shows several intermittent peaks. Content is highest in the upper lower to lower middle part of the succession. An overall distinct trend is not evident. The averaged content reaches 1.1 % (SD=1.3 %).

Marine organic matter

Throughout the analysed samples of the Sofia 1 core content of preserved marine organic matter is continuously low. One sample in the upper part of the Tithonian section contains marine organic matter with a relative abundance of 0.3 %. The average content for this interval is 0.03 % (SD=0.1 %). The same pattern is observed in the Berriasian–Valanginian section where a single sample in the upper part of the interval reaches a relative abundance of 0.6 % (mean of 0.04 %, SD=0.16 %). Occurrences of marine organic matter-bearing samples are highest in the Hauterivian–Aptian interval. 7 samples contain marine organic matter resulting in a mean content of 0.06 % (SD=0.14 %).

Dinoflagellate cysts: No dinocysts are contained in the samples of the Tithonian succession of the Sofia 1 core. A single sample in the upper part of the Berriasian–Valanginian section contains dinoflagellate cysts with a relative abundance of 0.29 %. The mean content for this interval is 0.02 % and the SD is 0.08 %. The lowermost and upper parts of the Hauterivian–Aptian interval contain dinocysts. Where present, the relative frequency varies between 0.29 % and 0.41 %. The upper lower and middle parts of the interval are free of dinocysts. Mean relative abundance for the Hauterivian–Aptian interval is 0.05 % (SD=0.13 %).

Acritarchs: Acritarchs occur once per sampled interval. In the Tithonian section the uppermost sample contains a relative proportion of 0.29 % of acritarchs resulting in a mean value of 0.03 % (SD=0.10 %) for the interval. In the uppermost part of the Berriasian–Valanginian section one sample with a relative abundance of 0.29 % is detected. This interval has a mean content of 0.02 % (SD=0.08 %). One sample in the upper part of the Hauterivian–Aptian section of the Sofia 1 core contains acritarchs with a relative abundance of 0.33 %. A mean value of 0.01 % (SD=0.05 %) is reached.

Opaque/translucent ratio

For the Tithonian section an OP/TR ratio of 20.3 is detected. The OP/TR ratio of the Berriasian–Valanginian interval is 38.8. The OP/TR ratio of the Hauterivian–Aptian interval is 21.8.

4. Results – Sofia 1 core

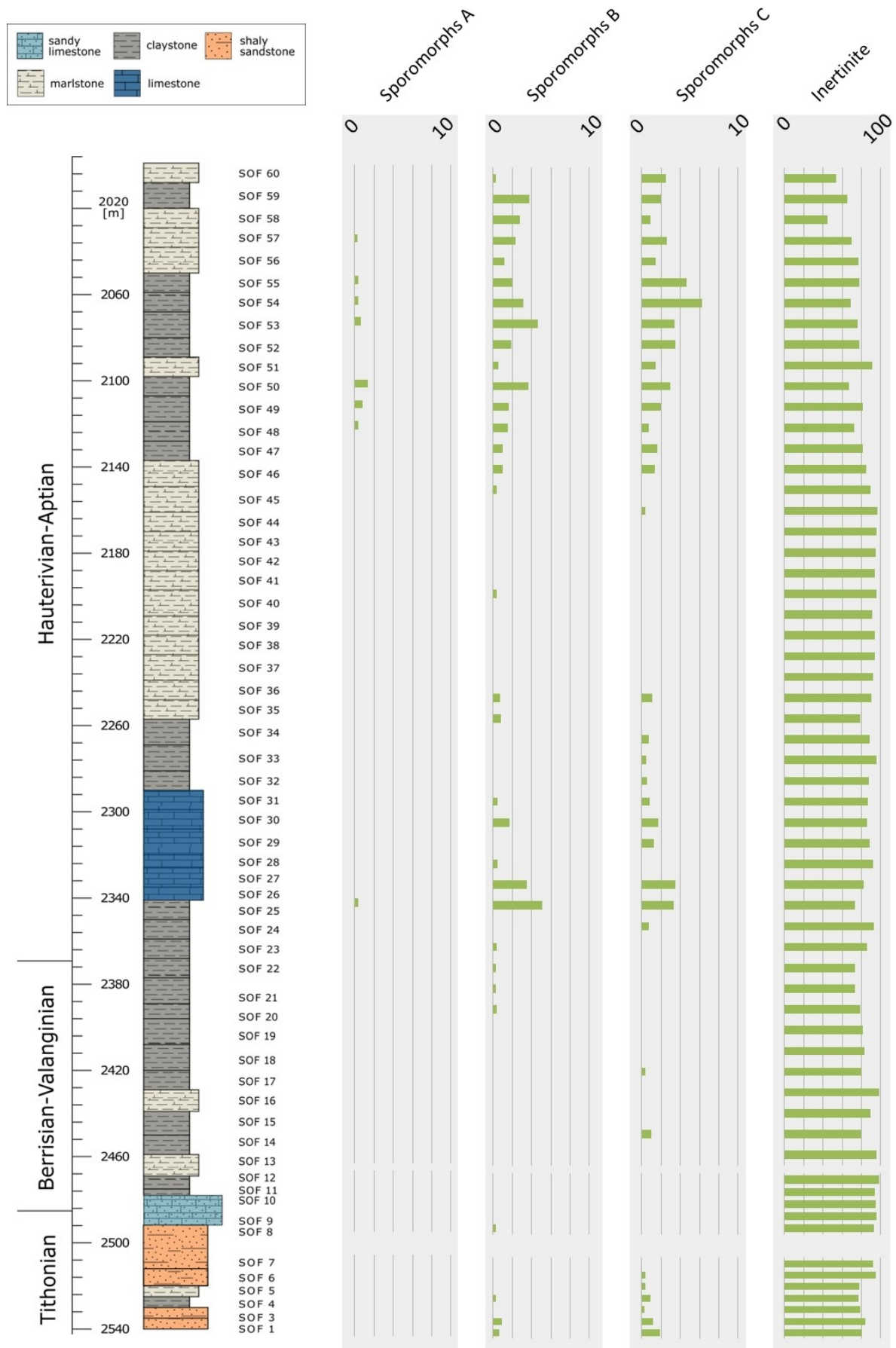


Figure 93: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction; Sofia 1 core. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

4. Results – Sofia 1 core

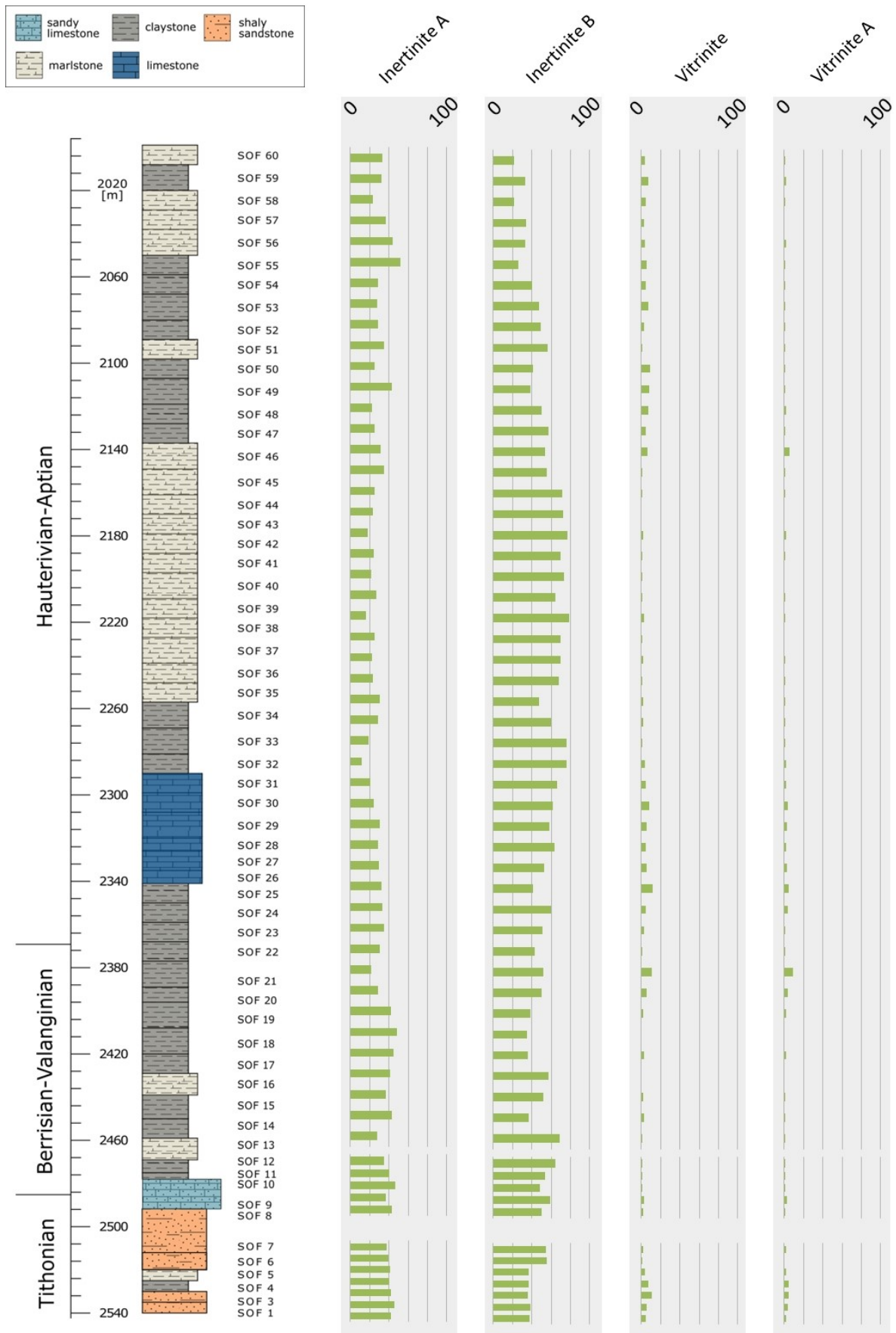


Figure 94: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction continued; Sofia 1 core. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

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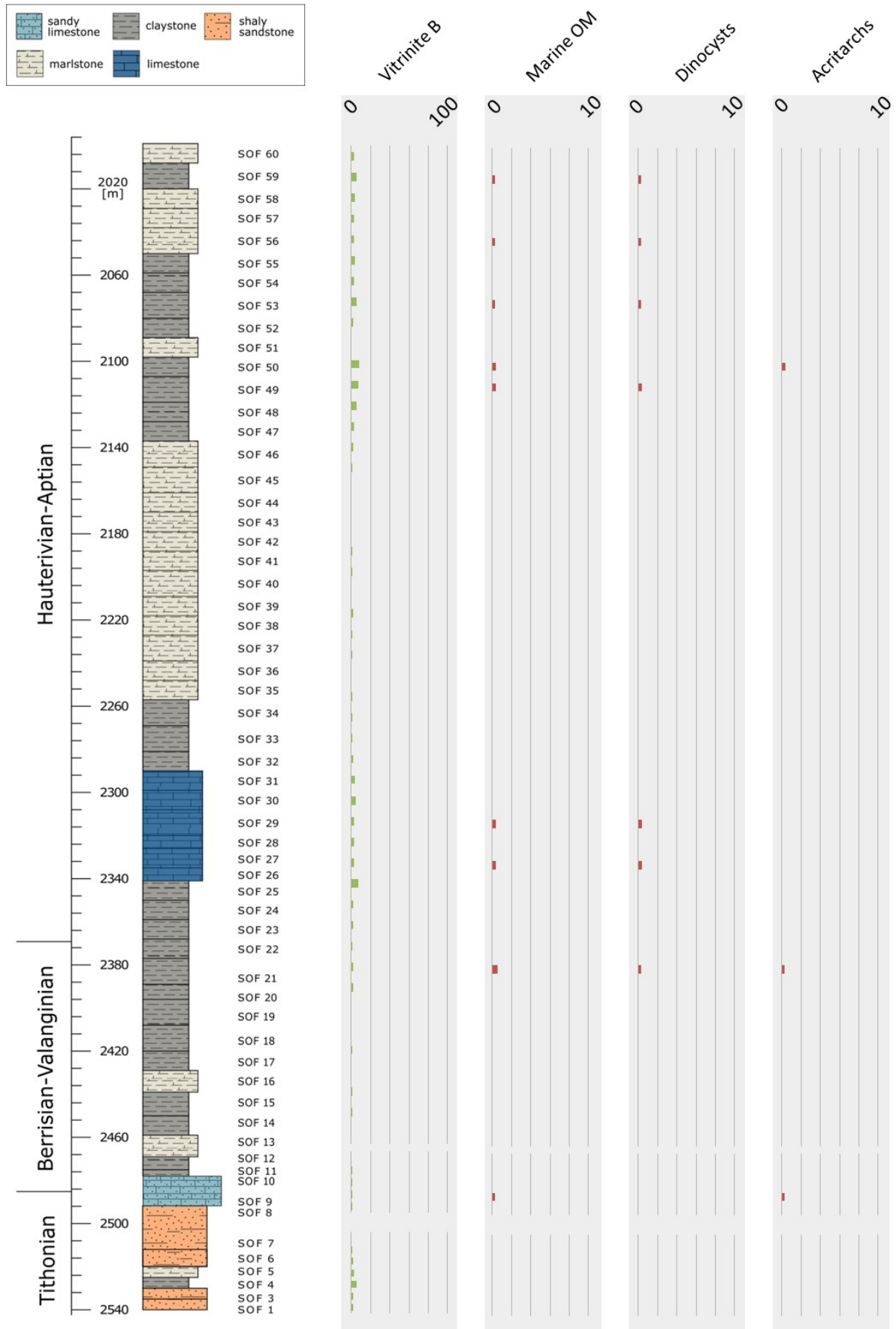


Figure 95: Sedimentary organic matter – Vitrinite B and marine fraction; Sofia 1 core. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

AOM-PHYTOCLAST-PALYNOMORPH PLOT

Tithonian: All samples of the Tithonian interval (SOF 1–9) plot in palynofacies field I – highly proximal shelf or basin (Fig. 96).

Berriasian–Valanginian: The samples of the Berriasian–Valanginian section (SOF 10–22) plot exclusively in palynofacies field I – highly proximal shelf or basin (Fig. 96).

Hauterivian–Aptian: Most samples of the Hauterivian–Aptian interval (SOF 23–60) plot in palynofacies field I – highly proximal shelf or basin. One sample (SOF 54) plots in palynofacies field III – heterolithic oxic shelf (“proximal shelf”) (Figs. 96, 97).

Figure 96: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot of SOF 1–SOF 30; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).

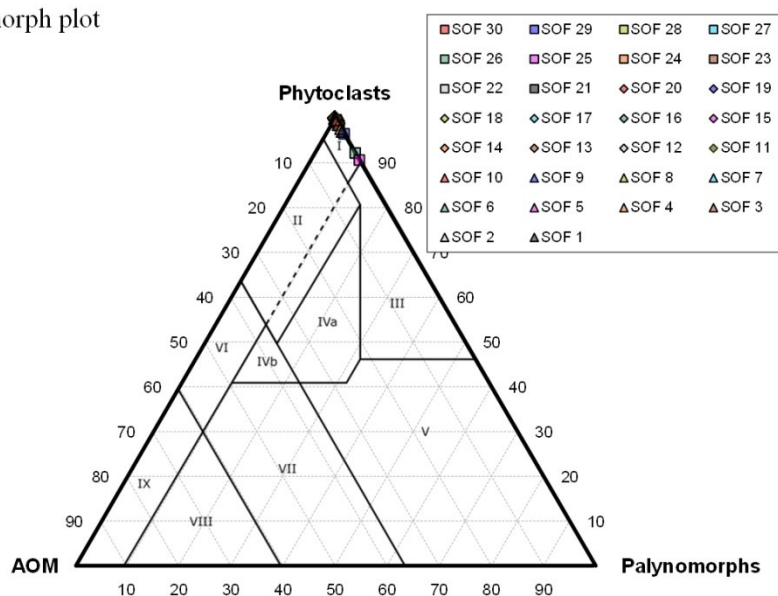
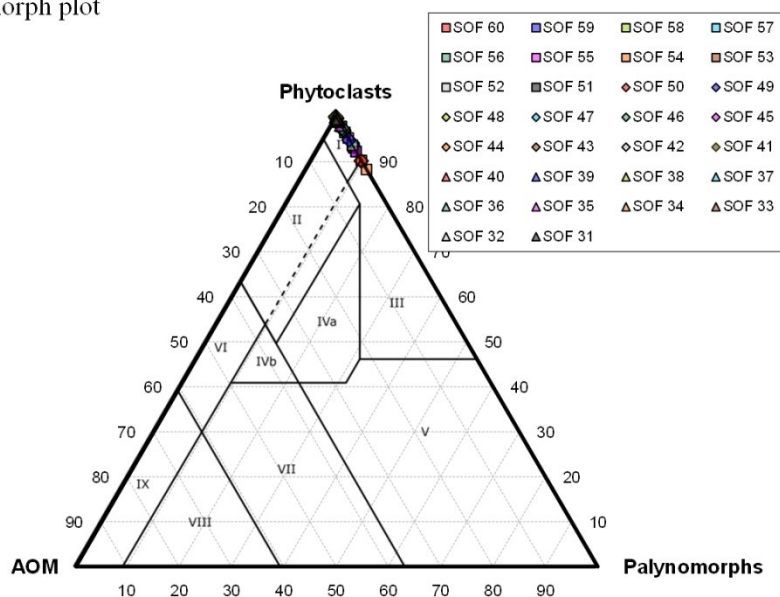


Figure 97: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot of SOF 31–SOF 60; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).



TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON, TOTAL INORGANIC CARBON, CARBON/SULPHUR/NITROGEN

60 samples of the Sofia 1 core were analysed for their carbon, nitrogen and sulphur content (Fig. 98).

Total organic carbon: The Tithonian section of the Sofia 1 shows a TOC content that varies between 0.13 % and 0.37 %. A mean proportion of 0.23 % (SD=0.07 %) is identified. A discontinuously increasing trend is identified. The Berriasian–Valanginian section of the Sofia 1 shows a TOC content that varies between 0.24 % and 1.9 %. After a peak of 1.9 % in the lower part of the section TOC content decreases inhomogeneous throughout the remainder of the interval. A mean proportion of 0.65 % (SD=0.46 %) is identified. The Hauterivian–Aptian section of the Sofia 1 shows a TOC content that varies intensely between 0.13% and 0.65 %. Several intermittent peaks are observed. A mean proportion of 0.27 % (SD=0.12 %) is identified. A distinct trend is not observed.

Total inorganic carbon: TIC content shows a peak in the lower part of the Tithonian interval where a maximum of 2.2 % is observed. Throughout the interval proportion varies significantly between 0.17–2.2 %. The mean proportion for this interval is 0.74 % (SD=0.65 %). A distinct trend is not observed. TIC content is highest in the lower part of the Berriasian–Valanginian interval where a peak of 2.5 % is identified. The proportion varies significantly between 0.16–2.5 %. The mean proportion for this interval is 0.72 % (SD=0.59 %). A distinct trend is not observed. In the Hauterivian–Aptian section TIC content is highest in the middle part of the analysed interval. Two peaks show a maximum of 4.1 % and 2.4 %. Proportion varies intensely between 0.34–4.1 %. The mean proportion for this interval is 1.3 % (SD=0.82 %). A distinct trend is not observed.

CaCO₃: In the lower part of the Tithonian interval the CaCO₃ content shows a peak of 18.5 %. Throughout the section the content varies intensely between 1.4–18.5 %. The mean proportion for this interval is 6.2 % (SD=5.4 %). A distinct trend is not observed. A significant peak of CaCO₃ content (20.5 %) is identified in the lower part of the Berriasian–Valanginian. Throughout the interval proportion varies significantly between 1.3–20.5 %. The mean proportion for this interval is 6 % (SD=4.9 %). A distinct trend is not observed. In the Hauterivian–Aptian section CaCO₃ content is highest in the middle part of the analysed interval. Two peaks are identified showing contents of 34.1 % and 24.2 %. Proportion varies intensely between 2.8–34.1 %. The mean proportion for this interval is 11 % (SD=6.9 %). A distinct trend is not observed.

Nitrogen: In the Tithonian interval nitrogen proportion increases inconsistently from 0.017 % to 0.028 %. The mean proportion is 0.002 % (SD=0.006 %). In the Berriasian–Valanginian section of the Sofia 1 core interval nitrogen proportion varies between 0.021–0.045 %. The mean proportion is 0.033 % (SD=0.008 %). A trend is not observed. In the Hauterivian–Aptian interval nitrogen proportion varies intensely between 0.003 % and 0.032 %. The mean proportion is 0.02 % (SD=0.01 %). A trend is not observed.

Sulphur: A peak of sulphur content is detected in the upper part of the Tithonian interval where a proportion of 2.2 % is reached. Overall, the content varies significantly between 0.33 % and 2.2 %. A mean proportion of 0.86 % (SD=0.57 %) is observed. The distribution pattern shows no unequivocal trend. In the Berriasian–Valanginian section sulphur content varies between 0.62 % and 1.3 %. A mean proportion of 0.87 % (SD=0.23 %) is observed. The distribution pattern shows no clear trend. Highest sulphur content in the Hauterivian–Aptian interval is detected in the lower middle–

middle part of the interval where a proportion of 1.5 % is reached. Content varies significantly between 0.11 % and 1.4 %. A mean proportion of 0.5 % (SD=0.47 %) is observed. The distribution pattern shows no unequivocal trend.

C_{org}/N: In the Tithonian section the C/N ratio is relatively homogenous and ranges from 13–17. A mean value of 15 is observed. An unequivocal trend is not identified. The C/N ratio of the Berriasian–Valanginian interval varies between 8 and 42 and is highest in the lower part of the interval. An average value of 19 is observed. An unequivocal trend is not identified. In the Hauterivian–Aptian section of the Sofia 1 the C/N ratio fluctuates intensely between 5 and 122. Peaks are identified in the middle (76) and uppermost (122) part of the interval. A mean value of 19 is observed. An unequivocal trend is not identified.

4. Results – Sofia 1 core

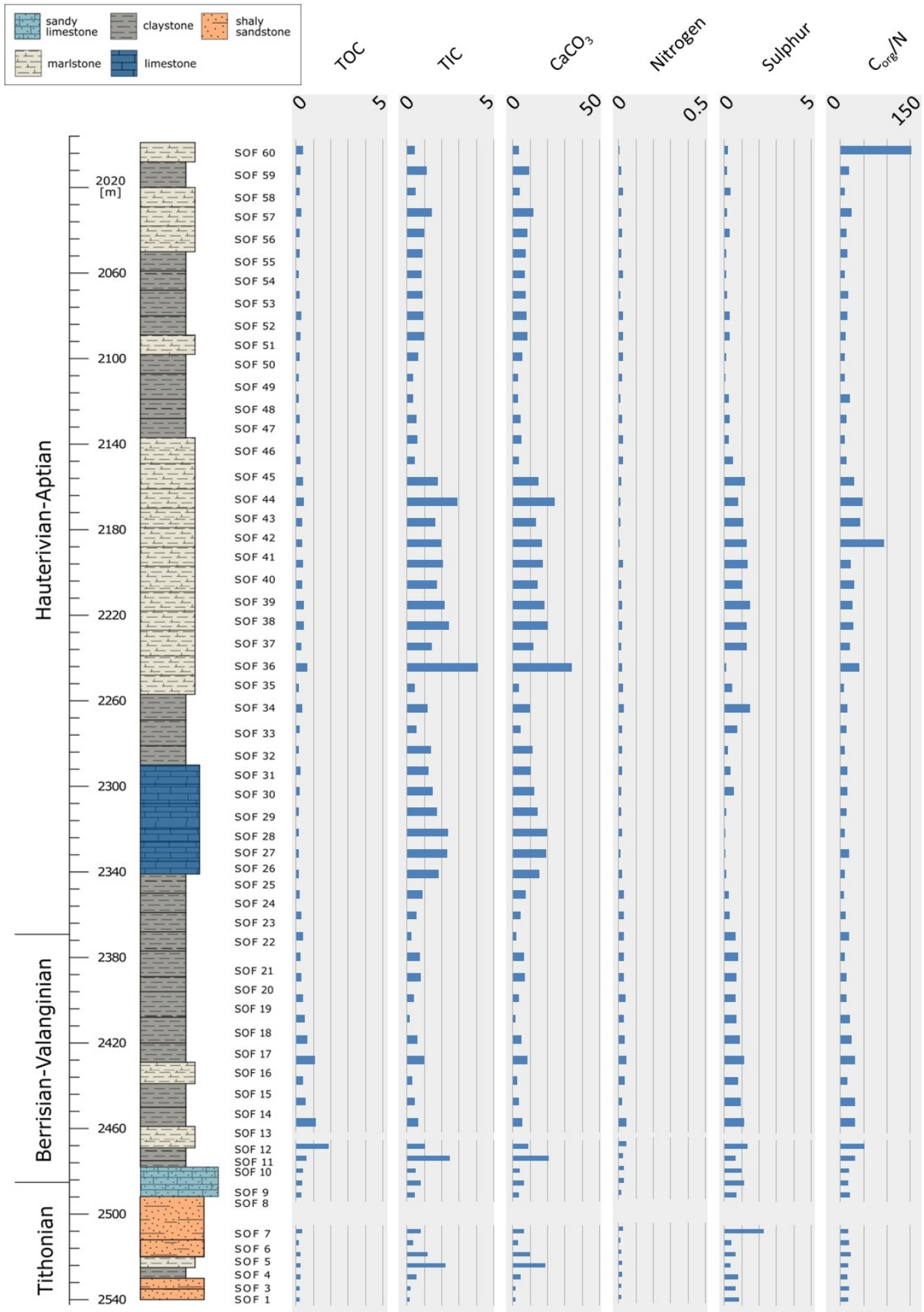


Figure 98: Results of the TOC, TIC and CNS analyses; Sofia 1 core. . Except for C_{org}/N, values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

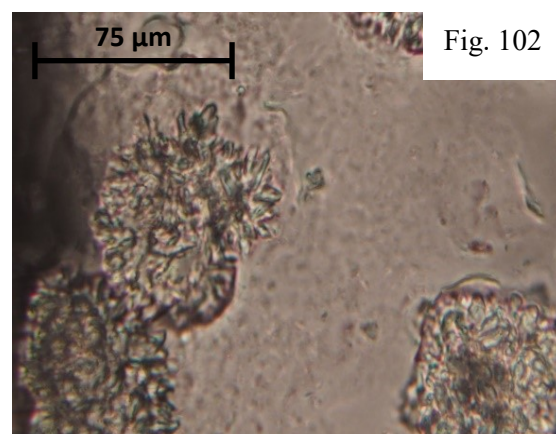
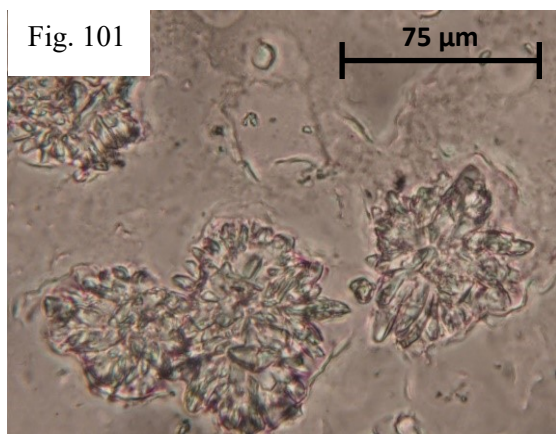
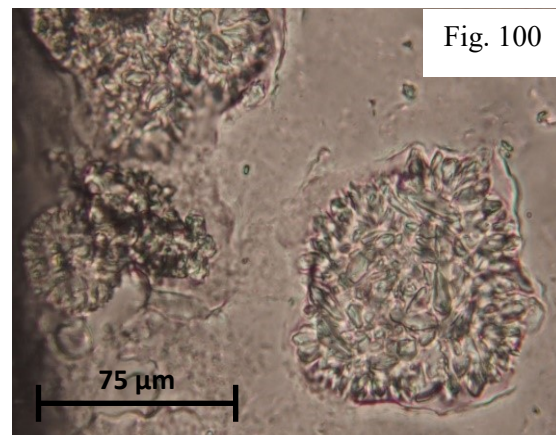
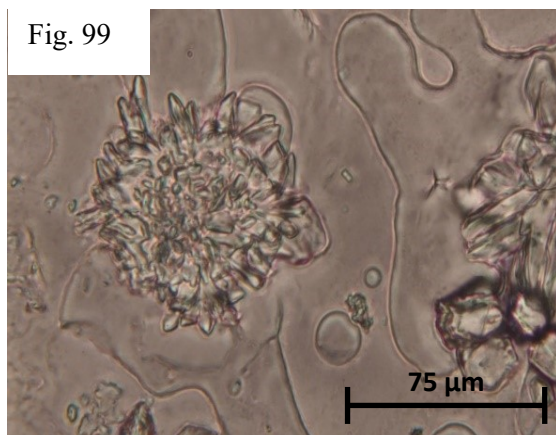
THERMAL MATURITY

Thermal maturation is characterised using the Thermal Alteration Index (TAI) or Spore Coloration Index (SCI). Analysis was performed on 4 samples (SOF 1, SOF 25, SOF 46, SOF 59). Samples show a TAI of approximately 4 to 5-/SCI of 9.5-10.0 (Ro% 2.5–3). The resulting maturation stage is metagenesis (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012).

MICRO-GLENDONITES

17 samples contained micro-glendonites (selected specimens shown in figures 99–102). They are absent in the Tithonian and Berriasian part of the section, but occur relatively continuously throughout the Hauterivian–Aptian part of the interval. A total of 195 specimens are recorded and measured, with individual diameters ranging from 5 μm to 165 μm and a mean size of 60.1 μm (SD=27.2 μm).

Figures 99–102: selected micro-glendonite specimens of the Sofia 1 core – Fig. 99: SOF 33; Fig. 100: SOF 39; Fig. 101: SOF 39; Fig. 102: SOF 39; scale bars given in the photographs.



4.3 ANTARCTICA

A total of 129 samples are analysed from Middle Tithonian to Early Albian sediments of Antarctica. 98 samples belong to sections of Byers Group on Livingston and Snow Islands (Middle Tithonian–Middle Valanginian). 21 samples ranging from the Middle Tithonian to Late Aptian originate from the Fossil Bluff Group on Alexander Island. 10 samples were analysed from James Ross Island, including the Tithonian Nordenskjöld Formation and the Aptian/Albian Gustav Group.

BYERS GROUP

PALYNOFACIES ANALYSIS

Samples were analysed from 13 individual sections of the Byers Group. Results were combined to one composite section ranging from the Middle Tithonian to Middle Valanginian (cf. Pirrie & Crame, 1995; Duane, 1996; Hathway & Lomas, 1998) (Figs. 103–107). The Middle Tithonian interval is represented by sections P.2225 and P.2223 and comprises 21 samples. The Lower Berriasian–Middle Berriasian sediment sequence comprises the sections P.2183, P.2176, P.2222, P.2220 and P.2224. A total of 35 samples are analysed. The subsequent interval represents the Late Berriasian to Early Valanginian and contains a total of 19 samples of sections P.2171, P.2173, P.2172, P.2174 and P.2175. The uppermost 23 samples represent the Early to Middle Valanginian interval and comprise the P.2186 section of Snow Island.

Terrestrial organic matter

Anchorage Formation - Middle Tithonian

The organic matter composition of 19 samples assigned to the Middle Tithonian Anchorage Formation of Livingston Island is dominated by terrestrial organic matter. The content ranges between 69 % and 100 %. The 69 % low is detected in the upper middle part of the sampled section. A distinct trend in frequency distribution is not observed. The mean abundance of terrestrial organic matter is 96.7 % (SD=7.1 %). In two samples of this interval (P.2223.47 and P.2223.25 B) organic matter is absent and palynofacies preparations only consist of mineral detritus.

Sporomorphs: Sporomorph abundance varies between 0–1.8 %. Two intermittent positive peaks are identified and reach 16.5 % in the lowermost part of the interval and 8.8 % in the upper part of the section. A distinct trend is not observed. Sporomorphs reach an average abundance of 1.7 % (SD=4.1 %). The proportion of well-preserved sporomorphs varies between 0–8.9 %. A mean content of 0.98 % (SD=2.6 %) is reached. Two major positive peaks are detected. A distinct trend is not observed. Fairly preserved sporomorphs show a proportion that varies between 0 % and 5.9 %. A peak of 5.9 % is identified in the lowermost part of the interval. A mean content of 0.56 % (SD=1.4 %) is observed. The proportion of poorly preserved sporomorphs remains low and varies between 0–1.6 % (the most frequent occurrences are observed in the lower part of the interval). The mean content is 0.19 % (SD=0.41 %).

Phytoclasts: The proportion of phytoclasts varies significantly between 49.1 % and 92.1 %. The distribution pattern shows no unequivocal trend. The mean proportion of this interval is 73 % (SD=13.7 %).

Inertinite: Content of inertinite varies intensely between 44.3–88.9 %. A distinct trend is not observed. The mean proportion of this interval is 68 % (SD=14.6 %). Well-preserved inertinite shows a highly fluctuating content that ranges from 25.7 % to 59.5 %. A distinct trend is not observed. The mean content is 39.9 % (SD=9.2 %). The Middle Tithonian Anchorage Formation shows a mean content of fairly preserved inertinite of 28.1 % (SD=11.8 %). The abundance varies intensely between 8.9–48.3 %. A clear trend is not detected.

Vitrinite: Content of vitrinite ranges between 0–30 %. One intermittent peak is identified in the lowermost part of the section. A mean proportion of 4.4 % (SD=6.7 %) is observed. The frequency distribution shows no unequivocal trend. The content of well-preserved vitrinite varies between 0–4.3 %. The mean content is 0.49 % (SD=0.97 %). The proportion of well-preserved vitrinite shows no trend. A significant positive peak of 4.3 % is identified in the lowermost part of the interval. The content of fairly preserved vitrinite varies between 0–25.7 %. A major positive peak of 25.7 % is present in the lowermost part of the interval. A mean proportion of 3.9 % (SD=5.9 %) is detected.

Cutinite: Content of cutinite is continuously low and varies between 0–4.4 %. Several intermittent peaks are observed. A trend is not identified. The average proportion is 0.6 % (SD=1.3 %).

Fungal filaments: Only one sample of the lowermost part of the Middle Tithonian Anchorage Formation contains fungal remains, where a content of 2.4 % is reached. The rest of the interval is free of fungal filaments resulting in a mean content of 0.13 % (SD=0.56 %).

Terrestrial AOM: The proportion of AOMT_{translucent} fluctuates intensely between 1 % and 50.5 %. A mean content of 20.35 % (SD=14.7 %) is detected and a trend in distribution pattern is not observed. Proportion of AOMT_{opaque} varies between 0–8.7 %. The mean abundance is 1.43 % (SD=2.1 %). An indistinct trend is not detected. A mean content of 21.8 % (SD=14.7 %) is identified for the abundance of AOMT_{total}. The proportion varies between 1–50.9 %.

President Beaches Formation – Early–Middle Berriasian

The 35 samples of the Early Berriasian President Beaches Formation of Livingston Island are characterised by large amounts of terrestrial organic matter. The proportion varies between 69.8 % and 99.8 %. A strongly discontinuous trend is observed. The mean abundance of terrestrial organic matter in this interval is 88.8 % (SD=7.5 %).

Sporomorphs: Proportion of sporomorphs fluctuates intensely throughout the whole interval. Variations between 0 % and 35.5 % are observed. The mean content is 11.5 % (SD=9.3 %). The distribution pattern shows no clear trend. Well-preserved sporomorphs show a content ranging from 0–28 % resulting in a mean proportion of 4.7 % (SD=6.8 %). A distinct trend is not observed. The content of fairly preserved sporomorphs varies significantly between 0 % and 13.3 %. The frequency distribution shows no distinct trend. A mean content of 5.4 % (SD=4.1 %) is identified. The abundance of poorly preserved sporomorphs varies between 0–5.7 %. An unequivocal trend is not observed. The average proportion is 1.4 % (SD=1.6 %).

Phytoclasts: The proportion of phytoclasts varies between 42.9 % and 90.9 %. Several positive and negative peaks are observed. A mean abundance of 57.6 % (SD=15.5 %) is detected. The frequency distribution shows no clear trend.

Inertinite: Throughout the Early–Middle Berriasian interval the content of inertinite varies significantly between 2.6–87 %. Particularly the middle part of the interval is characterised by highly a fluctuating value. A clear trend is not observed. The mean proportion of this interval is 33.4 % (SD=23.3 %). Well-preserved inertinite reaches a mean proportion of 20.8 % (SD=12.1 %). A distinct trend is not observed. The content in the middle part of the interval fluctuates intensely between 3.5 % and 50.6 %. The overall content of well-preserved inertinite varies between 2.6–50.6 %. Content of fairly preserved inertinite shows an average of 12.6 % (SD=12.7 %). The proportion ranges from 0–45.9 %. A trend is not observed.

Vitrinite: The content of vitrinite in the Early–Middle Berriasian interval of Livingston Island fluctuates highly between 1.84 % and 46.1 %. The mean proportion is 22.8 % (SD=12.8 %). The frequency distribution shows no distinct trend. The content of well-preserved vitrinite ranges from 0–24.5 %. A trend is not observed and the average content of the interval is 8.7 % (SD=6.9 %). The content of fairly preserved vitrinite varies between 1.3 % and 42.3 %. The distribution pattern shows no unequivocal trend. The mean proportion of fairly preserved vitrinite in this section is 14.1 % (SD=8.9 %).

Cutinite: Where present, the proportion of cutinite varies between 0.3–11.2 %. A mean content of 1.4 % (SD=2.7 %) is detected. A clear trend is not observed.

Fungal filaments: The proportion of fungal remains varies between 0–2 %. Overall, the content remains low and an average of 0.31 % (SD=0.57 %) is observed. A distinct trend is not detected.

Terrestrial AOM: In the Early–Middle Berriasian section of Livingston Island AOMT_{translucent} shows a mean content of 19.3 % (SD=9.3 %). The proportion fluctuates between 3 % and 39.6 %. The frequency distribution shows a discontinuously decreasing trend. Occurrences of AOMT_{opaque} are scarce. Where present, samples reach a proportion between 0.31–2.3 %. The average content of this interval is 0.18 % (SD=0.45 %). The proportion of AOMT_{total} varies between 3–39.6 %. The mean abundance of AOMT_{total} is 19.4 % (SD=9.1 %).

Chester Cone Formation (Devils Point Member) – Late Berriasian–Early Valanginian

19 samples were analysed of the Late Berriasian to Early Valanginian Devils Point Member of the Chester Cone Formation of Livingston Island. Terrestrial organic matter shows a discontinuously increasing trend from 87.3 % to 97.1 %. The content varies between 85.7–100 %. The mean proportion for this interval is 94.1 % (SD=4.8 %).

Sporomorphs: Sporomorph abundance is highest in the lowermost part of the interval where the content varies between 15–25.3 %. Upsection, the proportion decreases to 1 % in the upper lower to lower middle part of the section. From there on the proportion varies between 0 % and 7.5 %. An overall discontinuously decreasing trend is observed. Sporomorphs reach an average content of 5.5 % (SD=7.8 %). Abundance of well-preserved sporomorphs varies between 0–19.4 %. Throughout the lower part of the interval the content decreases significantly from 19.4 % to 0.34 %. A mean content

of 3.1 % (SD=6 %) is identified. Fairly preserved sporomorphs show a highest proportion in the lower part of the interval where the percentage varies between 3.8–7.6 %. Subsequently the abundance remains low and varies between 0–1.2 %. A mean content of 1.4 % (SD=2.2 %) is detected. Except for two major peaks of 6.7 % and 5.4 % in the middle part of the interval the proportion of poorly preserved sporomorphs remains low and varies between 0–2 %. A mean content of 1 % (SD=2 %) is observed.

Phytoclasts: The proportion of phytoclasts fluctuates significantly between 16–95.5 %. The frequency distribution shows an inhomogeneous increasing proportion. A mean content of 66.6 % (SD=18.9 %) is identified.

Inertinite: Although significantly varying, the occurrence of inertinite in the lower part of the interval is significantly lower (4–13.9 %) than in the upper part where the content varies between 58–92.8 %. The average proportion for the whole interval is 53.6 % (SD=29.3 %). Well-preserved inertinite shows an average proportion of 31.8 % (SD=19.1 %). The content fluctuates intensely and ranges from 3.7 % to 60.2 %. A highly discontinuous increasing trend is observed. The abundance of fairly preserved inertinite varies significantly between 0.25 % and 49.7 %. The lower part of the section contains lower amounts of fairly preserved inertinite than the upper part of the section. After a peak of 49.7 % is reached in the middle part of the interval the proportion decreases inhomogeneous throughout the remainder of the succession. The average content of fairly preserved inertinite in the Upper Berriasian to Lower Valanginian Devils Point Member of the Chester Cone Formation is 21.9 % (SD=15.9 %).

Vitrinite: In the Late Berriasian to Early Valanginian section of Livingston Island content of vitrinite varies strongly between 0.32 % and 42.9 %. The lower part of this interval shows significantly higher abundance (35.9–42.9 %) than the middle and upper part where the content varies between 0.32–12.2 %. The mean content is 12.1 % (SD=14.4 %). The content of well-preserved vitrinite varies in the lower part of the interval between 24.2–31.8 %. Subsequently a sharp decrease to 0 % is identified. In the remainder of the interval the content varies between 0–5 %. An average proportion of 6.8 % (SD=11 %) is observed. Content of fairly preserved vitrinite fluctuates intensely between 0.32 % and 11.7 %. The highest proportion is identified in the lower part of the interval. A mean content of 5.3 % (SD=3.9 %) is observed.

Cutinite: In the lower part of the interval a sharp increase in abundance to 8.5 % is detected. Subsequently cutinite content varies between 0–0.35 %. Overall an average proportion of 0.93 % (SD=2.3 %) is identified.

Fungal filaments: Distribution of abundance of fungal remains shows two samples of increased value (29.3 % and 15.4 %) in the lower part of the interval. In the middle part of the succession a minor peak of 7.1 % is detected. A mean abundance of 3 % (SD=7.4 %) is observed. A trend in frequency distribution is not identified.

Terrestrial AOM: Throughout the Late Berriasian to Early Valanginian section of Livingston Island the content of AOMT_{translucent} fluctuates intensely between 4.5–39.4 %. The mean content is 18.7 % (SD=8.7 %). The content of AOMT_{opaque} is continuously low and reaches a maximum of 4.4 % in the lower middle part of the section. Apart from that the proportion varies between 0 % and 0–66 %. The average content for this interval is 0.34 % (SD=1 %). A distinct trend is not observed. The

proportion of AOMT_{total} varies between 4.5 % and 53.7 %. The mean abundance is 19.1 % (SD=8.3 %).

Chester Cone Formation (Sealer Hill Member) – Early to Middle Valanginian

23 samples were analysed of the Early to Middle Valanginian Sealer Hill Member of the Chester Cone Formation on Snow Island. The organic matter content is dominated by terrestrial organic matter. The abundance varies between 77.8–92.1 %. The frequency distribution shows no distinct trend. The average proportion is 86.8 % (SD=4.1 %).

Sporomorphs: The occurrence of sporomorphs shows no distinct trend. A significant nadir of 1.2 % is identified in the lowermost part of the succession. The overall abundance of sporomorphs varies between 1.2–32.4 %. The proportion reaches an average content of 21.7 % (SD=6.7 %). Content of well-preserved sporomorphs fluctuates intensely between 0.3 % and 25.7 %. A mean content of 13.4 % (SD=6.3 %) is observed. The proportion of fairly preserved sporomorphs fluctuates intensely and ranges from 0–15 %. The distribution pattern shows no distinct trend. A mean content of 7.8 % (SD=4.3 %) is detected. The abundance of poorly preserved sporomorphs fluctuates intensely between 0–2.3 %. The content increases sharply in the uppermost part of the interval but a distinct trend is not observed. The mean content is 0.53 % (SD=64 %).

Phytoclasts: The content of phytoclasts is continuously high but decreases throughout the interval from 52.8 % to 29.9 %. Two peaks are detected in the lower (69 %) and upper (60.5 %) part of the section. The mean content is 44.3 % (SD=9 %).

Inertinite: Inertinite abundance varies between 2.9–65.5 %. Two positive peaks are identified in the lower (65.5 %) and upper (48 %) part of the succession. An average content of 15.5 % (SD=14.9 %) is observed. The proportion of well-preserved inertinite shows a maximum of 41.7 % in the lower part of the section. Throughout the remainder of the interval the proportion of well-preserved inertinite varies significantly between 3 % and 28.1 %. A mean content of 12.5 % (SD=9.5 %) is observed. Except for two peaks in the lower (23.8 %) and upper (19.9 %) part of the section, content of fairly preserved inertinite remains comparatively low and varies between 0–4.8 %. A mean content of 3 % (SD=6.1 %) is observed.

Vitrinite: The distribution of occurrence of vitrinite shows no distinct trend. The abundance ranges from 3.3–47 % and fluctuates intensely. A mean proportion of 26.9 % (SD=9.8 %) is observed. The content of well-preserved vitrinite varies significantly between 0.6 % and 29.1 %. A mean content of 17 % (SD=7 %) is identified. The distribution of occurrences shows no clear trend. Fairly preserved vitrinite shows an intensely fluctuating proportion (1.5–23.4 %). The mean content is 9.9 % (SD=6.1 %). An unequivocal trend is not observed.

Cutinite: Occurrences of cutinite are comparatively frequent. The proportion is highest in the middle part of the section but the value fluctuates intensely throughout the whole interval between 0–6.6 %. The average proportion for this stage is 1.9 % (SD=12 %). A distinct trend in distribution pattern is not observed.

Fungal filaments: Fungal remains are rare and the proportion varies between 0–1.1 %. A mean content of 0.22 % (SD=0.38 %) is identified. A distinct trend is not observed.

Terrestrial AOM: Throughout the Lower to Middle Valanginian section of the Chester Cone Formation the content of AOM_{translucent} fluctuates between 11.3–29.7 %. Except for the upper part where the content increases continuously the frequency distribution shows no distinct trend. The mean content for this interval is 20.6 % (SD=5.2 %). The content of AOM_{opaque} is continuously low. 2 samples in the lower part of the interval contain opaque AOM (0.60 % and 0.28 %). The average content for this interval is 0.04 % (SD=0.13 %). A distinct trend is not observed. The proportion of AOM_{total} ranges from 11.3 % to 29.7 %. The mean content is 20.6 % (5.2 %).

Marine organic matter

Anchorage Formation – Middle Tithonian

The proportion of marine organic matter in the Middle Tithonian section of Livingston Island is highest in the upper part of the interval. An individual peak of 31 % is identified in the upper middle part of the section. In the remainder of the interval abundance varies between 0 % and 8.3 %. The mean content of marine organic matter is 3.3 % (SD=7.2 %).

Dinoflagellate cysts: Content of dinocysts remains so low that the specimens are not differentiated according to the preservation state. Two samples of the upper middle and uppermost part of the interval contain dinoflagellate cyst remains with a proportion of 0.34 % and 0.30 %. A mean content of 0.03 % (SD=0.08 %) is detected for this section.

Acritarchs: One sample in the lower upper part of the Tithonian interval of Livingston Island contains acritarchs. Here, a content of 2 % is reached resulting in a mean content of 0.11 % (SD=0.46 %).

Algae indet.: Except for one sample in the lower upper part of the interval where undifferentiated algae reach an abundance of 28.6 %, the section is free of occurrences of algae indet. A mean proportion of 1.51 % (SD=6.6 %) is observed.

Marine AOM: The proportion of fluorescing AOM varies between 0–8.3 %. A mean content of 1.7 % (SD=2.5 %) is identified. The upper part of the interval shows a higher proportion of marine AOM but a distinct trend is not observed.

President Beaches Formation – Early–Middle Berriasian

Throughout the Early to Middle Berriasian section of Livingston Island, marine organic matter discontinuously increases from 3.3 % to 17.6 %. Several intermittent positive and negative peaks occur. A mean content of 10.5 % (SD=7.4 %) is detected.

Dinoflagellate cysts: In this interval dinocysts are observed in 8 samples ranging in abundance from 0.33–1.5 %. A mean content of 0.19 % (SD=0.39 %) is identified. A distinct trend in distribution pattern is not observed.

Acritarchs: The occurrence of acritarchs is restricted to 3 samples of the lower part of the interval. A mean content of 0.02 % (SD=0.08 %) is detected. Where present, the content of acritarchs varies between 0.23 % and 0.33 %. A clear trend is not observed.

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Algae indet.: Throughout the lower, middle and lower upper part of the interval the content of undifferentiated algae varies significantly between 0–2.5 %. In the uppermost part of the section two peaks of 6.6 % and 7.1 % are detected. The distribution pattern is erratic. A mean proportion of 1.1 % (SD=1.6 %) is identified.

Foraminiferal test linings: Foraminiferal linings occur in 4 samples of this interval. Here, the abundance varies between 0.28 % and 0.50 % resulting in a mean content for this section of 0.04 % (SD=0.11 %). A pattern is not observed.

Leiospheres: One sample in the uppermost part of the Early to Middle Berriasian section contains leiospheres. A content of 0.60 % is detected. The mean proportion is 0.02 % (SD=0.10 %).

Marine AOM: Fluorescent marine AOM is identified in all samples of this interval. The proportion varies significantly between 0.2 % and 28.7 %. An average content of 9.1 % (SD=7.2 %) is detected. A distinct trend in distribution pattern is not observed.

Chester Cone Formation (Devils Point Member) – Late Berriasian–Early Valanginian

For the Late Berriasian–Early Valanginian section of Livingston Island marine organic matter shows a mean proportion of 5.3 % (SD=4.4 %). The content shows no clear trend and ranges from 0 % to 14.3 %.

Dinoflagellate cysts: Dinocysts are scarce and are only detected in two samples of the lower part of the section. The two samples contain a proportion of 0.95 % and 1 %. A mean content of 0.10 % (SD=0.31 %) is observed.

Acritarchs: Acritarchs occur in two samples of the lower part of the succession. Both samples reach a proportion of 0.27 %. The mean content of the interval is 0.03 % (SD=0.08 %).

Algae indet.: This group of sedimentary organic matter occurs mainly in the lowermost part of the section where the proportion decreases from 2.9 % to 0.54 %. Subsequently in the upper middle part of the interval one sample reaches a proportion of 0.66 %. A mean content of 0.37 % (SD=0.78 %) is observed.

Marine AOM: The proportion of marine AOM varies between 0–14.3 %. A maximum of 14.3 % is detected in the lower part of the succession. The content fluctuates intensely and shows no unequivocal trend. Several intermittent peaks are identified. A mean abundance of 4.8 % (SD=4 %) is observed.

Chester Cone Formation (Sealer Hill Member) – Early to Middle Valanginian

The content of marine organic matter fluctuates intensely between 7.3 % and 22.2 %. A strongly discontinuous increase from 9.4 % to 22.2 % is detected. The mean proportion for the Early to Middle Valanginian section of Snow Island is 12.4 % (SD=3.8 %).

Dinoflagellate cysts: Dinocysts occurrence is relatively frequent. The proportion remains low and varies between 0 % and 1.53 %. A mean content of 0.44 % (SD=0.48 %) is observed. The frequency distribution shows no distinct trend.

Acritarchs: 3 samples of the lower part and one sample in the middle part of the section contain acritarchs. Where present, proportion varies between 0.25–0.32 %. For the whole section an average abundance of 0.05 % (SD=0.11 %) is identified.

Algae indet.: Occurrences of undifferentiated algae are relatively frequent and fluctuate intensely between 0 % and 2.3 %. The average content for the lower to Middle Valanginian sediment sequence of Snow Island is 0.98 % (SD=0.82 %).

Foraminiferal test linings: Foraminiferal remains are restricted to 3 samples in the lower part and one sample in the upper part of the interval. Proportion varies between 0.26 % and 0.32 %. A mean content of 0.05 % (SD=0.11 %) is detected. A trend is not observed.

Leiospheres: Content of leiospheres remains low and where present, the proportion reaches 0.22–0.81 %. A mean abundance of 0.12 % (SD=0.26 %) is identified for this interval. A trend is not observed.

Marine AOM: Content of marine AOM fluctuates intensely between 5.3–21.9 %. A positive peak is identified in the uppermost sample of this interval. A clear trend in distribution pattern is not observed. The mean content for this interval is 10.8 % (SD=4.1 %).

Opaque/translucent ratio

For the Middle Tithonian section an OP/TR ratio of 15.5 is detected. The OP/TR ratio of the lower–Middle Berriasian interval is 1.5. The OP/TR ratio of the Upper Berriasian–Lower Valanginian interval is 4.4. The OP/TR ratio of the lower–Middle Valanginian section is 0.6.

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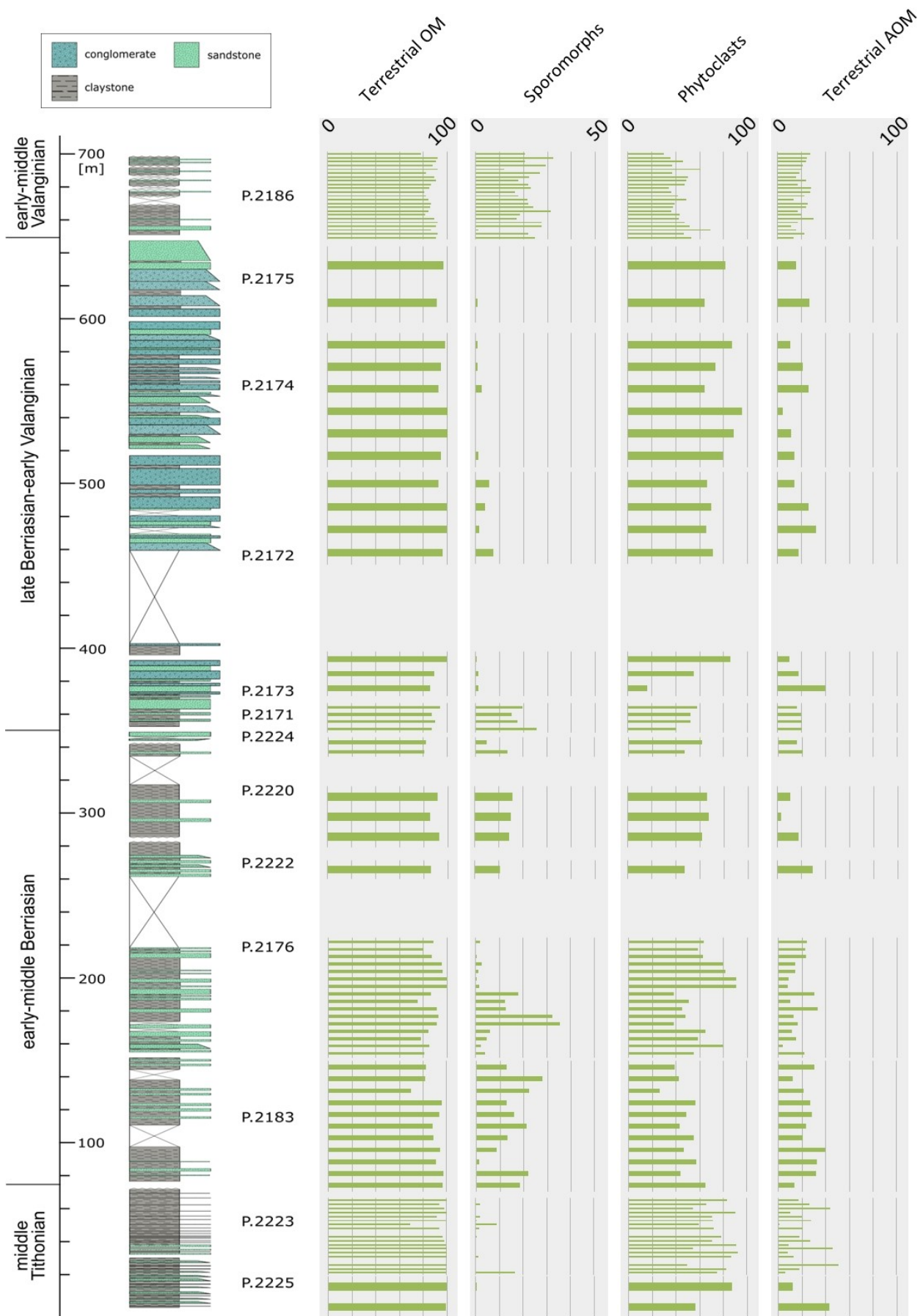


Figure 103: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction; Byers Group. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

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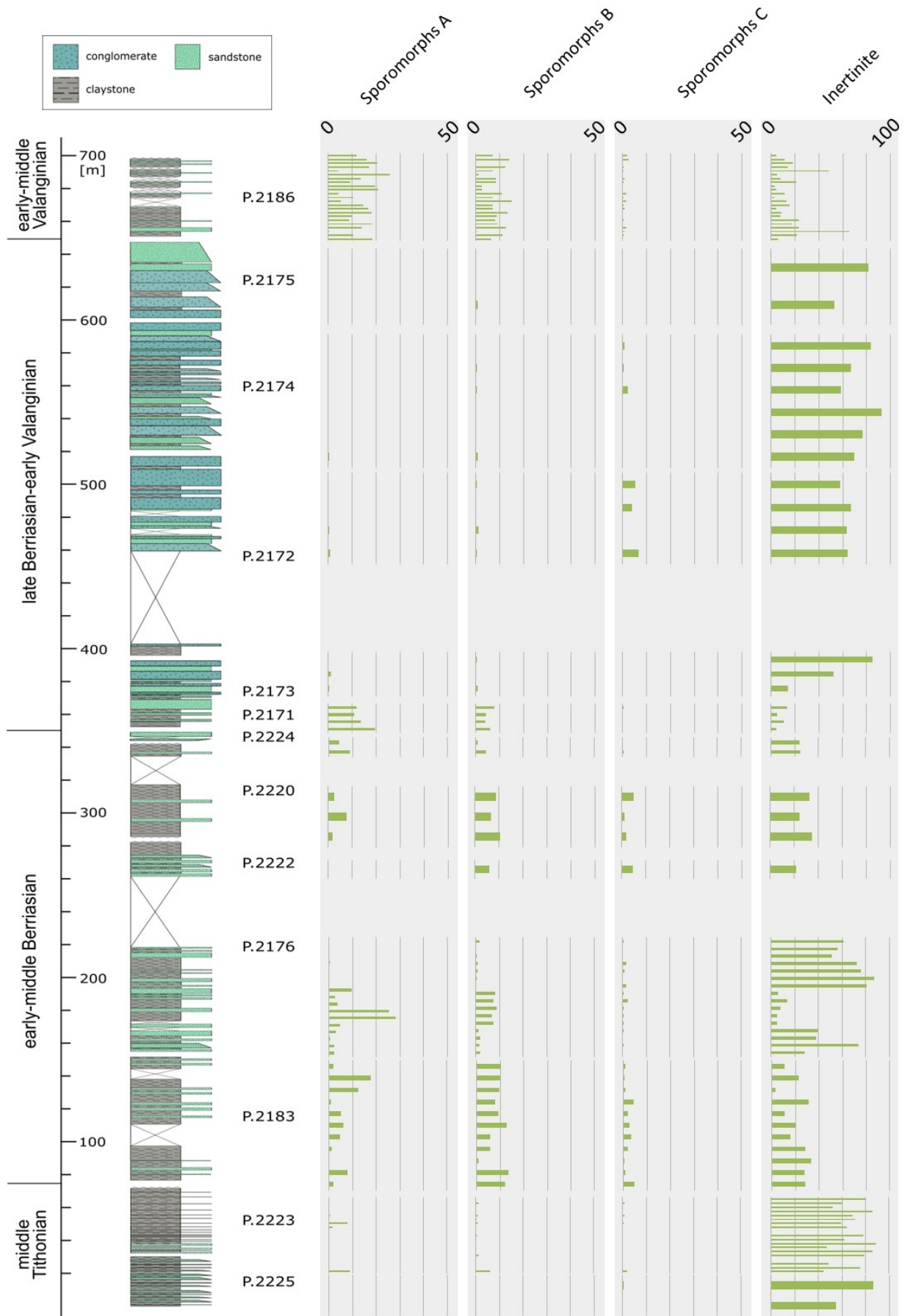


Figure 104: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction continued; Byers Group. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

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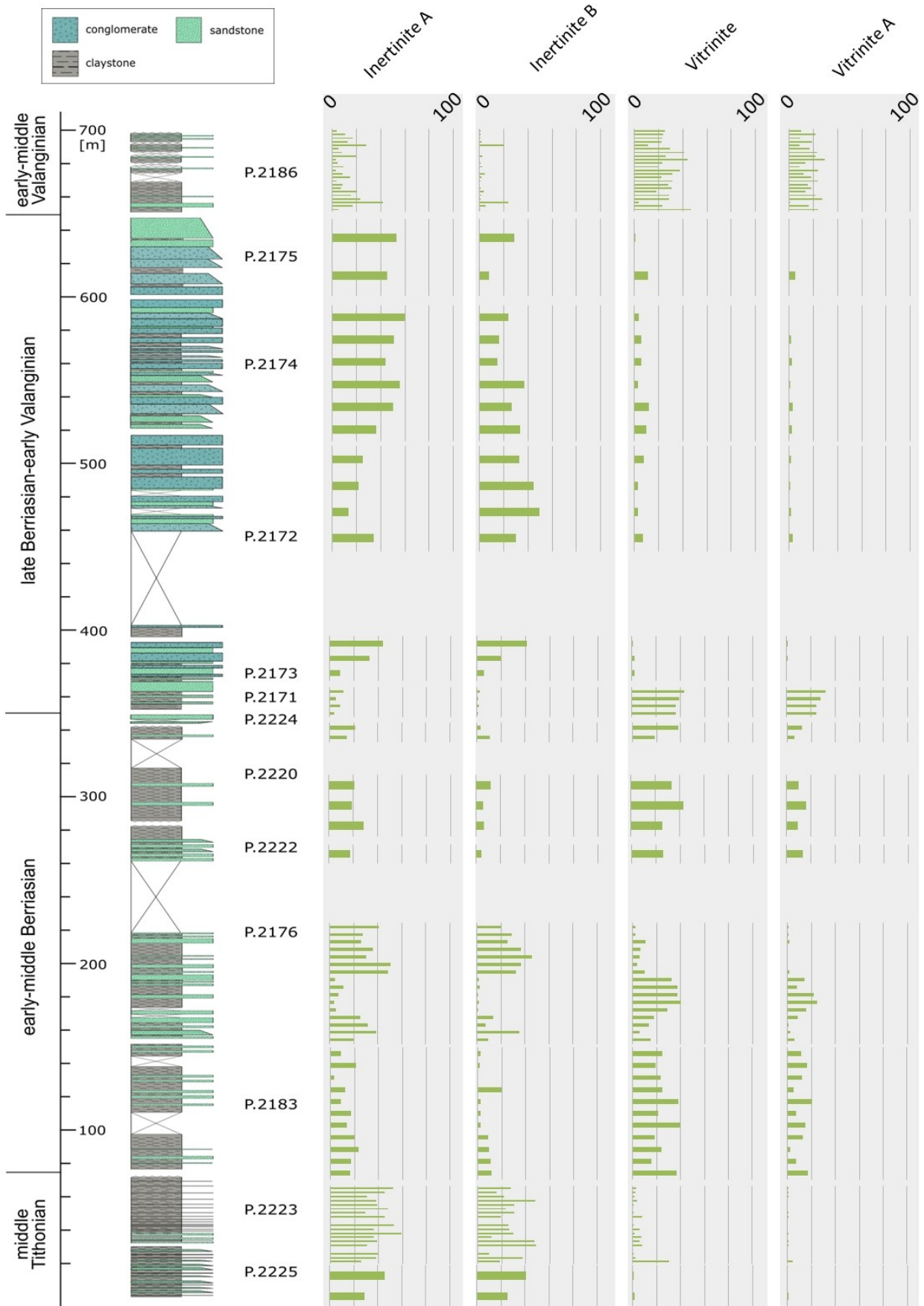


Figure 105: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction continued; Byers Group. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

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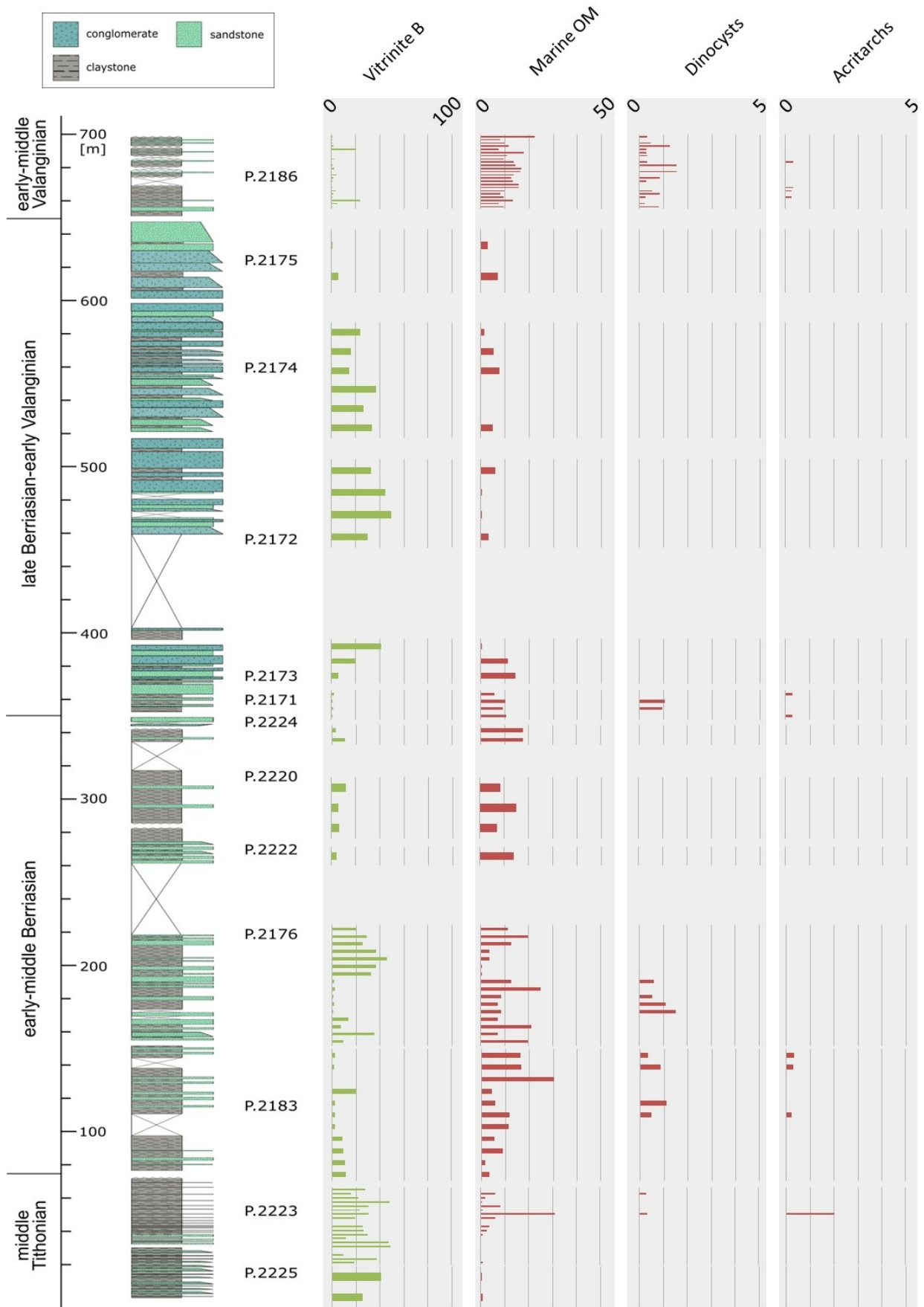


Figure 106: Sedimentary organic matter – Vitrimite B and marine fraction; Byers Group. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

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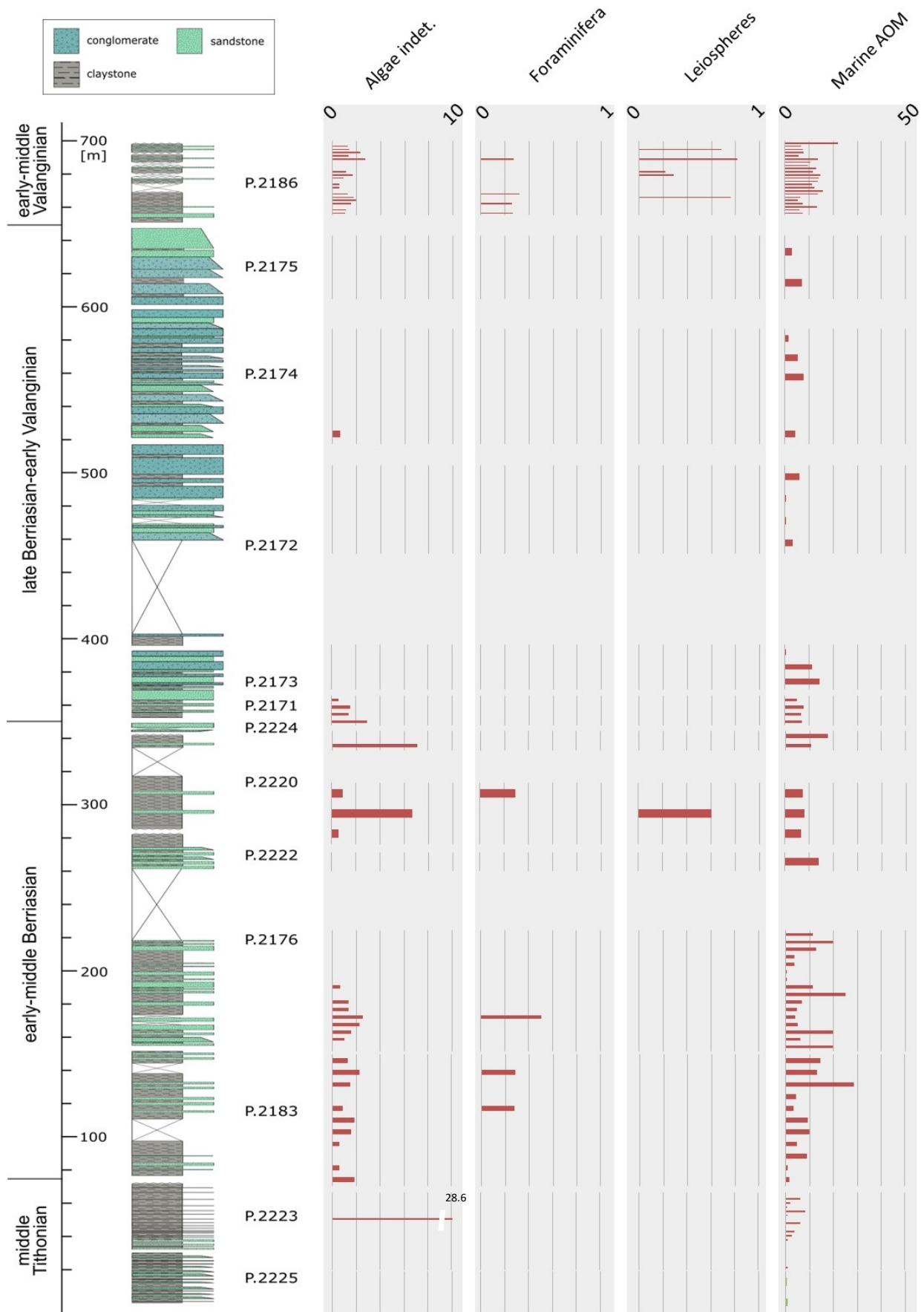


Figure 107: Sedimentary organic matter – marine fraction continued; Byers Group. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used. Statistical outliers are marked accordingly.

AOM-PHYTOCLAST-PALYNOMORPH PLOT

Middle Tithonian: 15 samples of the Middle Tithonian interval (P.2225.3B–P.2223.72) plot in palynofacies field II – marginal dysoxic-anoxic basin. 2 samples plot in palynofacies field III – heterolithic oxic shelf (“proximal shelf”) and 4 samples plot in palynofacies field VI – proximal suboxic-anoxic shelf (Fig. 108).

Early–Middle Berriasian: 14 samples of the Early–Middle Berriasian section (P.2183.1–P.2224.7) plot in palynofacies field II – marginal dysoxic-anoxic basin. Two samples plot in the palynofacies field III – heterolithic oxic shelf (“proximal shelf”). 11 samples plot in palynofacies fields IVa/b – shelf to basin transition. One sample plot in palynofacies field V – mud-dominated oxic shelf (“distal shelf”). 4 samples plot in palynofacies field VI – proximal suboxic-anoxic shelf and 3 samples plot in palynofacies field VII – distal dysoxic-anoxic “shelf” (Figs.109, 110).

Late Berriasian–Early Valanginian: One sample of the Late Berriasian–Early Valanginian section (P.2171.1–P.2175.7) plots in palynofacies field I – highly proximal shelf or basin. 12 samples plot in palynofacies field II – marginal dysoxic-anoxic basin. 5 samples plot in palynofacies fields IVa/b – shelf to basin transition and one sample plots in palynofacies field VII – distal dysoxic-anoxic “shelf” (Fig 111).

Early–Middle Valanginian: 2 samples of the Early–Middle Valanginian section (P.2186.1–P.2186.22) plot in palynofacies field II – marginal dysoxic-anoxic basin. One sample plots in palynofacies field III – heterolithic oxic shelf (“proximal shelf”). 12 samples plot in the palynofacies fields IVa/b – shelf to basin transition. 5 samples plot in the palynofacies field V – mud-dominated oxic shelf (“distal shelf”). 3 samples plot in palynofacies field VII – distal dysoxic-anoxic “shelf” (Fig. 112).

Figure 108: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot of P.2225.3B–P.2223.72; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).

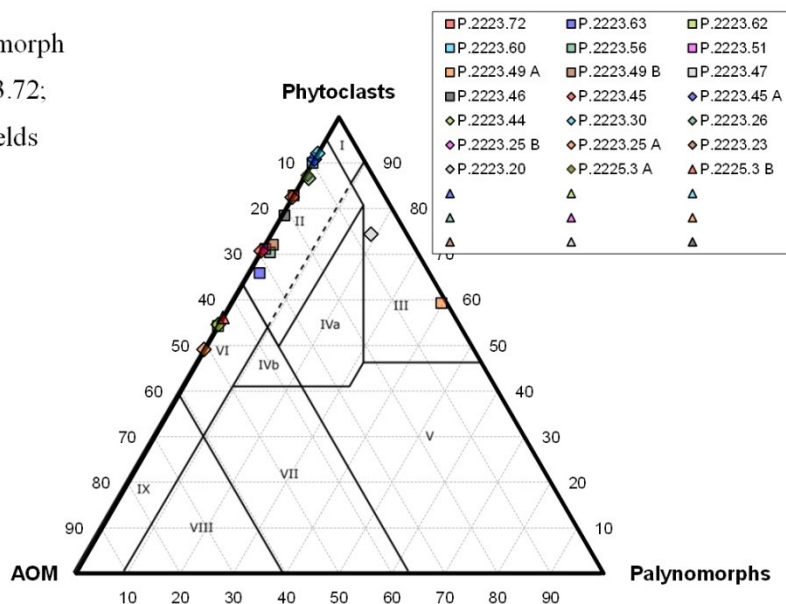


Figure 109: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot of P.2183.1–P.2222.3; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).

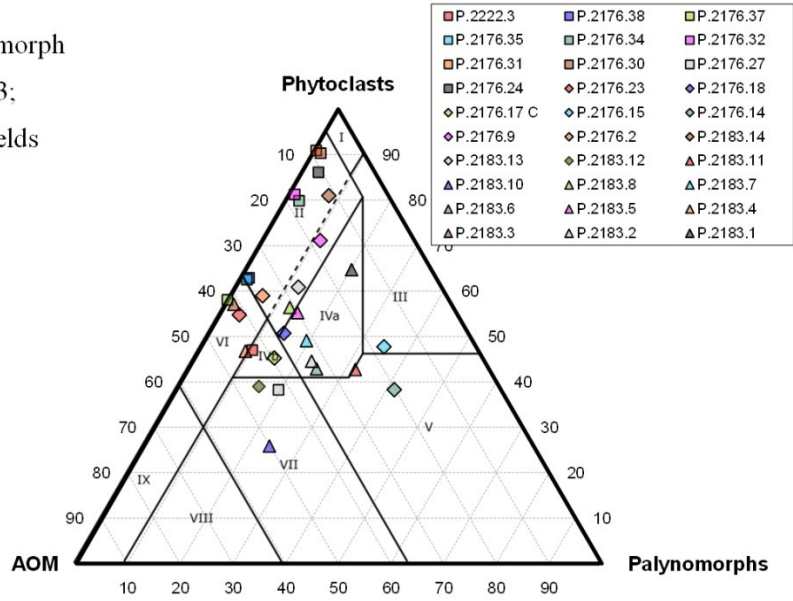


Figure 110: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot of P.2220.4–P.2224.7; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).

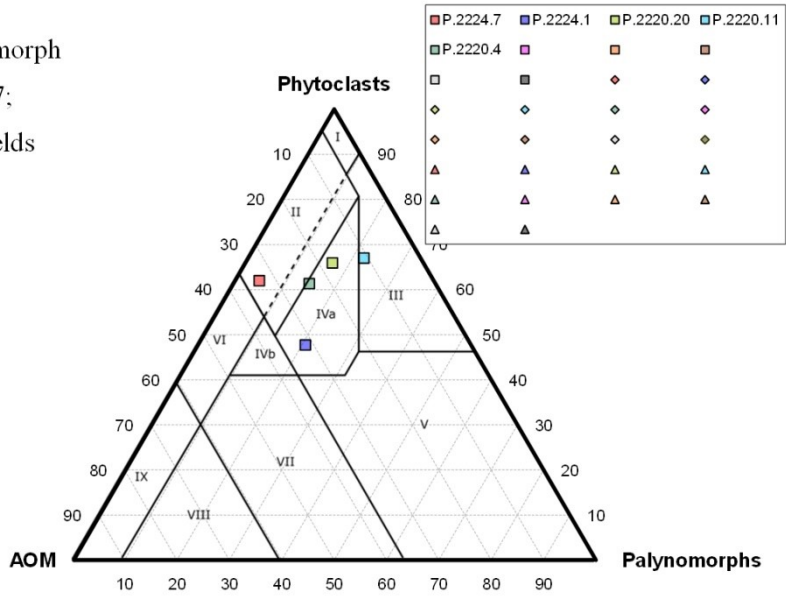


Figure 111: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot of P.2171.1–P.2175.7; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).

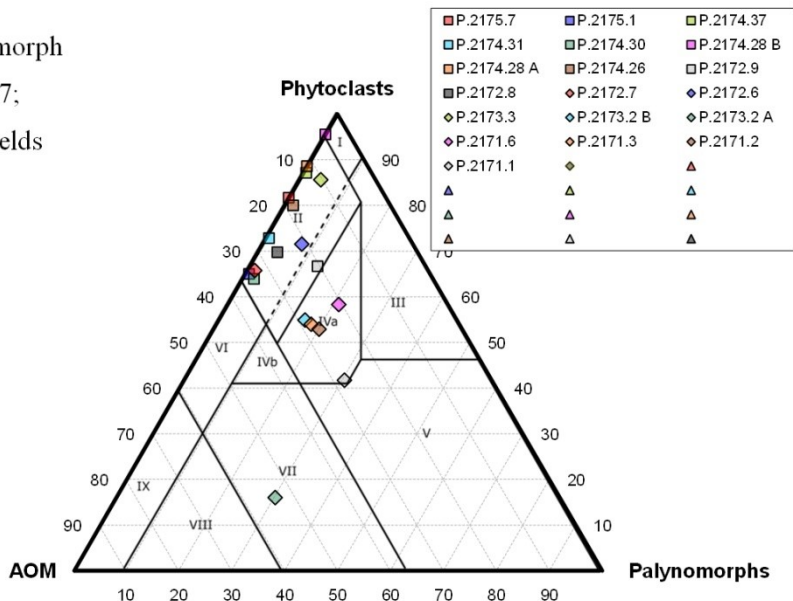
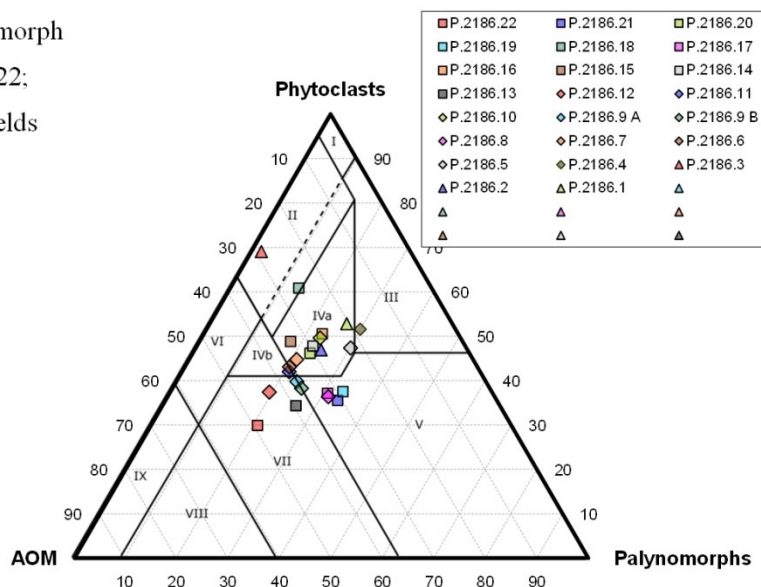


Figure 112: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph

plot of P.2186.1–P.2186.22;
key to the palynofacies fields
given in table 2 (p. 49).



THIN SECTION ANALYSIS

Thin section analysis was performed on 36 samples of the Byers Group. 12 samples were analysed from the Middle Tithonian interval, 11 samples originate from the lower–Middle Berriasian interval and 13 samples belong to the upper-Berriasian–Lower Valanginian sediment succession. Observations and remarks of individual samples are listed in the appendix, grain-size distribution and sedimentary features (if applicable) are described here:

Middle Tithonian: Most samples consist of mudstone. Sandstone interlayers are common. The lower–middle part of the interval is characterised by alternating normally graded sandstones and bioturbated mudstones.

Lower–Middle Berriasian: This interval is characterised by decreasing grain size. The lower part of the interval shows medium to coarse grained sandstones which subsequently are replaced by parallel laminated silt- and mudstones. Upsection, samples are characterised by fine-medium sized sandstones that show current ripple cross lamination. The upper part of the interval is characterised by a return to planar laminated mudstone.

Upper-Berriasian–Lower Valanginian: The lower part of the interval is composed of majorly mudstone to medium sized siltstone. Interlaminated mudstone/sandstone characterise the middle–upper part of the interval. One sample in the upper part of the interval consists of current ripple cross laminated silty mudstone and very fine sandstone.

TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON, TOTAL INORGANIC CARBON, CARBON/SULPHUR/NITROGEN

68 samples from the Byers Group were analysed for their carbon, nitrogen and sulphur content (Fig. 113).

Total organic carbon: The Middle Tithonian interval of the Byers Group shows a relatively low content of TOC. The proportion varies on a low level between 0.08–0.45 %. A major positive peak of 1.92 % is detected in the upper part of the Tithonian section. A mean proportion of 0.32 % (SD=0.42 %) is identified. The Early–Middle Berriasian interval contains a mean proportion of 0.69 % (SD=0.31 %). The content of individual samples fluctuates intensely between 0.10–1.1 %. A distinct trend is not observed. In the Upper Berriasian to Lower Valanginian part of the sediment sequence the proportion is lower and the average content is 0.46 % (SD=0.17 %). Proportion ranges from 0.84–0.30 %. The distribution pattern shows no distinct trend. Another increase in proportion is observed for the Early–Middle Valanginian of the Snow Island. Here content averages at 0.80 % (SD=0.28 %). Throughout the interval the proportion fluctuates intensely between 0.10–1.09 %.

Total inorganic carbon: In the Middle Tithonian interval of the Byers Group TIC content is highest in the lowermost part of the interval where a maximum of 7.6 % is detected. Subsequently, the proportion decreases sharply to 0–63 %. Except for a minor positive peak of 3.3 % in the upper middle part of the interval the content varies on a low level between 0.29–1.2 %. The mean proportion for this interval is 1.4 % (SD=2 %). A distinct trend is not observed. The Early–Middle Berriasian section of the Byers Group contains a low amount of TIC ranging between 0.07 % and 5 %. A highly discontinuously increasing trend is observed throughout the middle and upper part of the interval. A mean content of 0.83 % (SD=1.3 %) is detected. The TIC content decreases sharply from 4.1 % to 0.39 % in the lowermost part of the Upper Berriasian to Lower Valanginian sediment sequence. Subsequently the content varies on a low level between 0.01–0.19 %. The mean proportion is 0.46 % (SD=1.2 %). In the Early–Middle Valanginian section on Snow Island TIC proportion is the lowest of all intervals studied of the Byers Group reaching a mean proportion of 0.32 % (SD=0.84 %). Except for two peaks of 1.3 % and 3.7 % in the lowermost part and one peak of 0.74 % in the upper part of the interval the content varies on a low level between 0–0.11 %. A trend is not observed.

CaCO₃: In the Middle Tithonian interval the content of CaCO₃ ranges from 2.4–63 %. 3 positive peaks are observed (35.7 % and 63 % in the lowermost part of the interval, 27.7 % in the upper middle part). The mean proportion is 11.3 % (SD=16.3 %). For the Early–Middle Berriasian of the Byers Group, the mean proportion of CaCO₃ is 6.9 % (SD=10.9 %). Individual content varies between 0.58–41.5 %. Several intermittent peaks are observed. The CaCO₃ proportion of the Upper Berriasian to Lower Valanginian interval of the sections varies between 0.06–33.7 %. The mean proportion is 3.9 % (SD=9.9 %). CaCO₃ is lowest in the Early–Middle Valanginian of Snow Island, only reaching 2.6 % (SD=7 %). The proportion varies between 0.01–30.9 %. Overall, CaCO₃ proportion decreases highly discontinuously throughout the Byers Group.

Nitrogen: In the Middle Tithonian samples nitrogen content varies between 0.006 % and 0.02 %. The mean proportion is 0.02 % (SD=0.015 %). The content shows a highly discontinuously increasing trend. The nitrogen content of the Early–Middle Berriasian interval fluctuates significantly and varies between 0.036 % and 0.13 %. Although highly inhomogeneous, the value shows a

decreasing trend throughout the interval. The average nitrogen content of the Early–Middle Berriasian is 0.08 % (SD=0.03 %). Especially in the upper lower, middle and lower upper parts of the Late Berriasian to Early Valanginian sequence nitrogen content shows an increasing trend. The mean proportion for this interval is 0.11 % (SD=0.07 %). The nitrogen content for the Early–Middle Valanginian of the Byers Group varies intensely between 0.01 % and 0.1 %. The mean content of the interval is 0.07 % (SD=0.03 %). A distinct trend is not observed.

Sulphur: The sulphur content of the Middle Tithonian of the Byers Group fluctuates significantly between 0.04–2.2 %. Several intermittent peaks are observed. An unequivocal trend is not detected. The mean proportion is 0.59 % (SD=0.71 %). The Early–Middle Berriasian interval shows a significantly decreased mean proportion of 0.09 % (SD=0.18 %). Individual content varies strongly between 0.004–0.61 %. The distribution pattern is characterised by several intermittent peaks. A clear trend is not observed. Throughout the lower and middle part of the Upper Berriasian to Lower Valanginian interval of the succession the abundance varies on a low level between 0.01–0.07 %. In the upper middle to upper part of the interval the content ranges on an increased level between 0.38–1.5 %. The average proportion of this interval is 0.32 % (SD=0.50 %). The sulphur content of the Early–Middle Valanginian interval varies between 0–0.38 %. A mean proportion of 0.04 % (SD=0.09 %) is detected for this interval.

C_{org}/N: The C/N ratio of the Middle Tithonian interval ranges from 6–27. In the lowermost part of the interval a major positive peak of 247 is detected. The mean value is 25. In the Early–Middle Berriasian section the C/N ratio varies intensely between 1 and 20. The averaged ratio is 9. An unequivocal trend is not observed. Throughout the Late Berriasian to Early Valanginian interval the ratio varies intensely between 1 and 13 and shows a highly discontinuously decreasing trend. A mean ratio of 6 is detected. The C/N ratio of the Early–Middle Valanginian section varies comparatively homogeneous between 8 and 13. The averaged ratio is 11.

4. Results – Byers Group

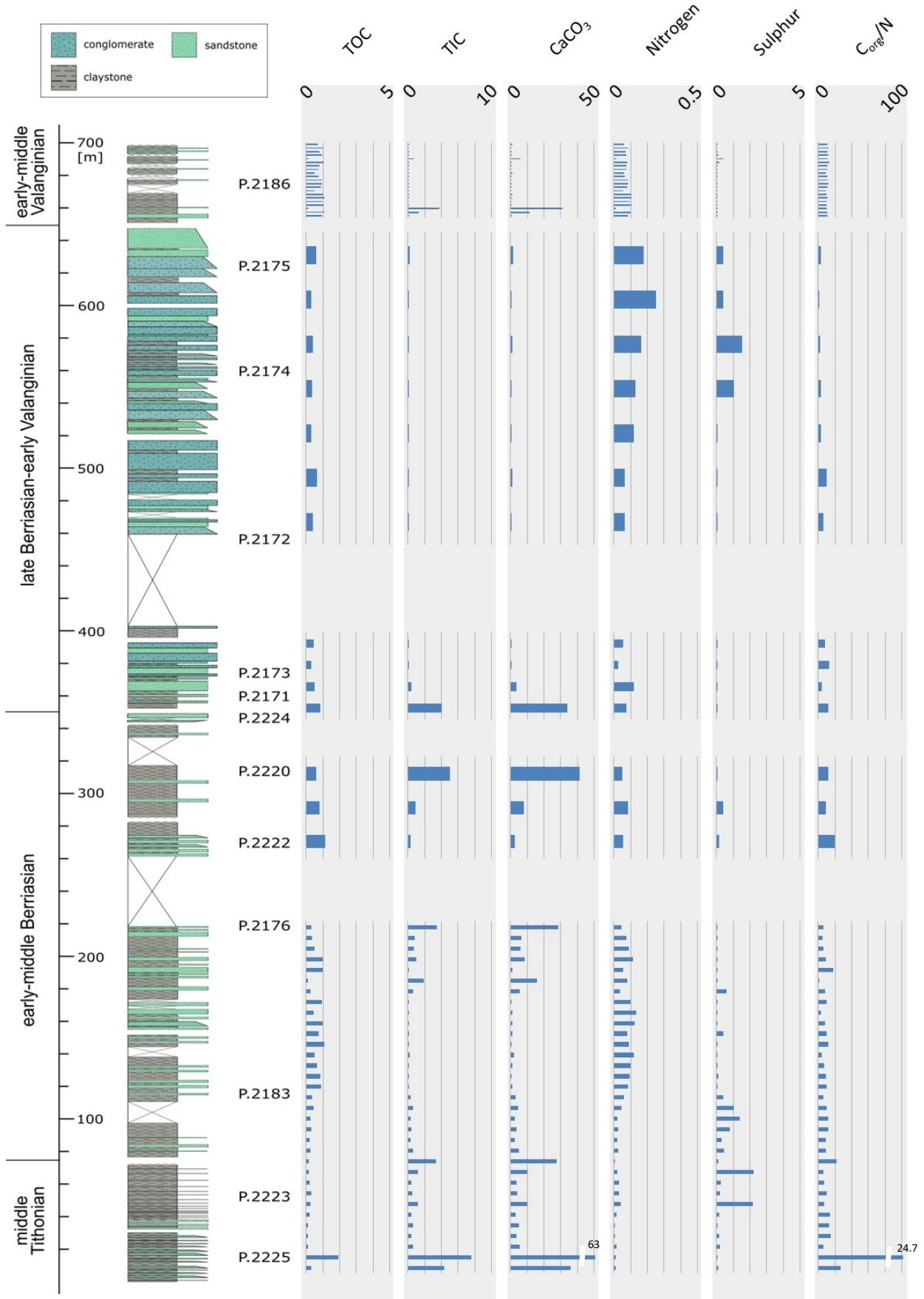


Figure 113: Results of the TOC, TIC and CNS analyses; Byers Group. Except for C_{org}/N, values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used. Statistical outliers are marked accordingly.

THERMAL MATURITY

Determination of the thermal maturity is performed using the Thermal Alteration Index (TAI) and Spore Coloration Index (SCI) (Tyson, 1995; Traverse, 2007; Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012).

Middle Tithonian: in this interval TAI analysis was performed on 2 samples (P.2223.30, P.2223.49 A). Sample P.2223.20 shows a TAI of approximately 3+ to 4-/SCI of 9-9.5 (Ro% 1.5–2.5). Sample P.2223.49 A shows a significantly higher TAI of 5-/SCI of 10 (Ro% >3). According to the results both samples represent the maturation stage of metagenesis (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012).

Earliest Berriasian: in this interval TAI/SCI analysis was performed on 2 samples (P.2183.2, P.2183.11). Sample P.2183.2 shows a TAI of approximately 2+ to 3-/SCI of 7.5-8.5 (Ro% 0.8–1.3). Sample P.2183.11 shows a similar TAI of 2+ to 3-/SCI of 6.5-8.5 (Ro% 0.6–1.1). Hence, both samples represent the maturation stage of catagenesis to early metagenesis (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012).

Early to Middle Berriasian: in this interval TAI/SCI analysis was performed on 3 samples (P.2176.15, P.2176.27, P.2220.11). In the samples P.2176.15 and P.2176.27 TAI ranges approximately between 2- and 2+/-SCI of 5-8 (Ro% 0.5–0.9). Hence, both samples represent the maturation stage of catagenesis (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012). Sample P.2220.11 shows a higher TAI of approximately 3 to 3+/-SCI of 8.5-9 (Ro% 1.3–1.7) and can be assigned to the stage of metagenesis.

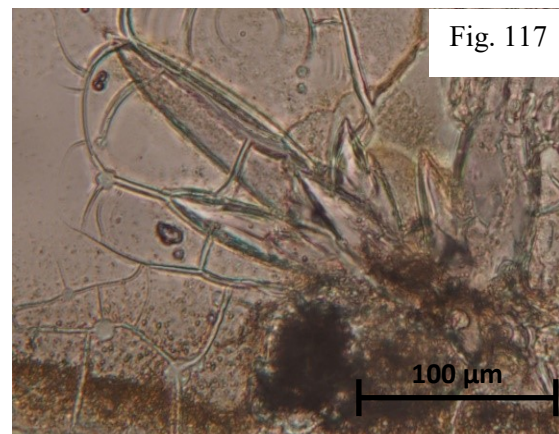
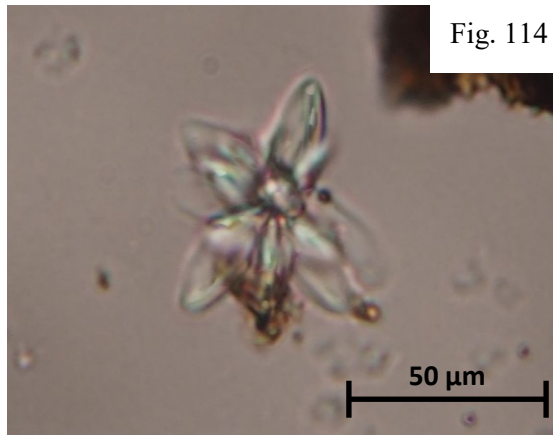
Late Berriasian to Early Valanginian: TAI/SCI analysis was performed on 2 samples (P.2171.6, P.2174.30). Sample P.2171.6 shows a TAI of approximately 2 and 3-/SCI of 5-8.5 (Ro% 0.5–1.1). Hence the sample represents the maturation stage of diagenesis to catagenesis (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012). Sample P.2174.30 shows a higher TAI of approximately 3+ to 4-/SCI of 9-9.5 (Ro% 1.7–2.0) and hence can be assigned to the stage of metagenesis.

Early to Middle Valanginian: in this interval TAI/SCI analysis was performed on 3 samples (P.2186.2, P.2186.11, P.2186.21). A TAI of approximately 2+ and 3-/SCI of 6.5-8.5 (Ro% 0.7–1.1) is observed. Maturation stage is thus catagenesis (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012).

MICRO-GLENDONITES

32 samples of the Byers Group of Livingston Island and Snow Island contain micro-glendonites. A total of 135 specimens are recorded and measured (selected specimens shown in figures 114–117). 9 samples of the Middle Tithonian interval contain micro-glendonites. In the 33 recorded specimens, diameter ranges from 31 μm to 139 μm . The mean size of the measured mineral clusters is 80 μm (SD=32 μm). Another 9 samples which originate from the Early to Middle Berriasian interval contain micro-glendonites. 37 specimens are recorded. Individual mineral clusters ranges from 30 μm to 216 μm diameter. A mean size of 64.8 μm (SD=45.2 μm) is reached. In the Late Berriasian to Early Valanginian of Livingston Island 7 micro-glendonite-bearing samples are detected. 39 mineral clusters are recorded and measured. Individual diameters ranges from 26 μm to 238 μm , with a mean size of 65.2 μm (SD=41 μm). In the Early to Middle Valanginian interval 7 samples contain micro-glendonites, of which 26 specimens are recorded and measured. Individual mineral clusters vary in size between 30 μm to 140 μm . The average diameter is 64.8 μm (SD=25.5 μm).

Figures 114–117: Selected micro-glendonite specimens of the Byers Group – Fig. 114: P.2171.6; Fig. 115: P.2173.2; Fig. 116: P.2186.21; Fig. 117: P.2173.2.



FOSSIL BLUFF GROUP

PALYNOFACIES ANALYSIS

The 21 samples from Alexander Island represent a stratigraphic range from the Middle Tithonian to Middle-Late Aptian (Butterworth et al., 1988). 9 samples originate from the Himalia Ridge Formation that ranges from the Middle Tithonian to Late Valanginian (Butterworth et al., 1988). 6 samples from the Spartan Glacier Formation represent the Valanginian to the ?Barremian. 6 samples were analysed from the Middle to Late Aptian Pluto Glacier Formation.

The palynofacies assemblage of the Alexander Island section shows relatively low diversity (Figs. 118–122). Marine environments are only reflected by acritarchs, undifferentiated algae and marine AOM. Dinocysts, foraminifera and leiospheres are absent. The terrestrial fraction of the sedimentary organic matter is restricted to phytoclasts, sporomorphs and terrestrial AOM. Fungal filaments are absent. AOM comprises structureless fluorescing particles (AOMA) and non-fluorescing amorphous matter (AOMT). Phytoclasts are subdivided according to preservation into 3 categories, “A=good”,

“B=fair” and “C=poor”. Sporomorphs and structured marine organic matter are too low in numbers to allow for further subdivision. Poorly preserved phytoclasts that show no signs of its former structure are added to the group of AOMT. One sample (KG.2802.332) of the Upper Tithonian interval contains only mineral detritus.

Terrestrial organic matter

Himalia Ridge Formation – Middle–Late Tithonian to Berriasian

Throughout the Middle–Late Tithonian to Berriasian of Alexander Island, terrestrial organic matter shows a continuously high content that varies between 96.8–100 %. The mean content is 98.9 % (SD=1.1 %).

Sporomorphs: Sporomorphs are low in number ranging between 0–2 %. The mean content is 0.80 % (SD=0.79 %). A distinct trend is not observed.

Phytoclasts: The content of phytoclasts varies from 31.4 % to 96 %. The mean abundance is 70.1 % (SD=24.8 %). A distinct trend is not observed.

Inertinite: The content of inertinite varies between 26.8–90.1 %. The average is 56 % (SD=22.8 %). A distinct distribution pattern is not observed. Abundance of well-preserved inertinite fluctuates significantly between 11 % and 54.2 %. A distinct trend in distribution pattern is not observed. The mean content is 28.1 % (SD=14.8 %). The proportion of fairly preserved inertinite fluctuates significantly between 10.4–59.6 %. A clear trend is not observed. The mean proportion is 27.8 % (SD=17.7 %).

Vitrinite: The average proportion of vitrinite in the Middle–Upper Tithonian to Berriasian sediment sequence of Alexander Island is 14.1 % (SD=11.8 %). Samples show a proportion that varies between 3.2 % and 36.8 %. A distinct trend is not observed. The content of well-preserved vitrinite fluctuates between 1.1–8.6 %. A trend is not observed and the average abundance is 2.7 % (SD=2.4 %). The proportion of fairly preserved vitrinite is significantly higher and varies between 1.8–28.2 %. The average content is 11.4 % (SD=9.9 %).

Cutinite: Occurrences of cutinite are not observed in the sampled interval.

Terrestrial AOM: AOMT_{translucent} average is 27.8 % (SD=23.3 %). Proportion fluctuates intensely between 4 % and 65.2 %. A distinct trend is not observed. Two samples of uppermost part of the interval contain AOMT_{opaque} of 0.46–0.79 %. The mean content is 0.16 % (SD=0.30 %). AOMT_{total} abundance varies between 0–65.2 %. The mean proportion is 24.9 % (SD=23.8 %).

Spartan Glacier Formation – Valanginian–?Barremian

The proportion of terrestrial organic matter is continuously high in the Valanginian to ?Barremian interval of Alexander Island. The content varies between 93.6–100 % and reaches a mean abundance of 98.6 % (SD=2.5 %).

Sporomorphs: Occurrences of sporomorphs are rare. The proportion varies between 0–2.4 %. The mean abundance is 0.64 % (SD=0.91 %). A distinct trend is not observed.

Phytoclasts: Proportion of phytoclasts varies significantly between 40.2–95 %. The mean abundance for this interval is 70.1 % (SD=24.8 %). A distinct trend in the distribution pattern is not observed.

Inertinite: The content of inertinite varies between 26.3–74.3 %. The mean proportion is 50.9 % (SD=17.5 %). A distinct trend is not observed. Well-preserved inertinite shows a discontinuous increase throughout the interval. The proportion increases from 17.8 % to 31.8 %. The highest content is observed in the middle part of the interval where an abundance of 43.6 % is identified. The mean proportion is 30.4 % (SD=10 %). The content of fairly preserved inertinite shows a sharp decrease in the lowermost part of the section from 56.4 % to 4.8 %. A mean content of 20.6 % (SD=18.4 %) is detected.

Vitrinite: The content of vitrinite shows a slight and inhomogeneous decreasing trend from 20.8 % to 16.1 %. The overall proportion varies between 9.3–20.8 %. The mean abundance is 15.9 % (SD=3.9 %). Content of well-preserved vitrinite increases inhomogeneous but distinctly throughout the interval from 0–4.7 %. A mean proportion of 2.1 % (SD=1.5 %) is observed. The proportion of fairly preserved vitrinite is significantly higher than of well-preserved specimens. A discontinuous decrease from 20.8–11.3 % is detected. The mean abundance is 13.7 % (SD=4.6 %).

Cutinite: One sample in the middle part of the interval contains cutinite. A proportion of 0.77 % is observed resulting in a mean abundance for the interval of 0.13 % (SD=0.32 %).

Terrestrial AOM: Since no AOM_{opaque} is present in the interval, AOM_{total} content equal those of AOM_{translucent}. The proportion of AOM fluctuates significantly between 5–51.3 %. The mean abundance for the Valanginian–?Barremian interval of Alexander Island is 31 % (SD=18.9 %). The distribution of occurrences shows no distinct trend.

Middle–Late Aptian – Pluto Glacier Formation

Terrestrial organic matter content is high, ranging between 90.4–100 %. The distribution pattern shows no distinct trend. The mean proportion is 94.2 % (SD=3.3 %).

Sporomorphs: Content of sporomorphs is highest in the upper lower to middle part of the interval. Here the proportion varies between 1.9–5.4 %. In the remainder of the interval content varies between 0–0.7 %. A mean proportion of 2.2 % (SD=2.3 %) is identified.

Phytoclasts: In the Middle–Late Aptian section of Alexander Island phytoclasts show a discontinuously increasing content from 32.2 % to 74.6 %. The content varies between 27.3–74.6 %. A mean proportion of 42.5 % (SD=17.9 %) is reached.

Inertinite: Proportion of inertinite varies between 10.7–40.4 %. The mean abundance is 25.7 % (SD=10.8 %). A distinct trend is not observed. Well-preserved inertinite shows a proportion that varies between 8.5–33.3 %. The mean proportion is 19.1 % (SD=9.3 %). The frequency distribution shows no unequivocal trend. Content of fairly preserved inertinite is significantly lower and varies between 2.2–14 %. In this interval a mean proportion of 6.5 % (SD=4.1 %) is detected.

Vitrinite: The proportion of vitrinite increases discontinuously throughout the Middle-Late Aptian section of Alexander Island. The proportion increases from 11.2 % to 34.2 %. A mean proportion of 16.9 % (SD=9.5 %) is identified. The content of well-preserved vitrinite decreases continuously throughout the lower and middle part of the interval from 5.1–1.9 %. In the subsequent upper part of the interval a significant increase to 8.2 % is detected. The mean proportion is 3.8 %

(SD=2.5 %). The proportion of fairly preserved vitrinite is distinctly higher. An inhomogeneous increase from 6.2 % to 26 % is detected. The mean proportion is 13.1 (SD=7.8 %).

Cutinite: Occurrences of cutinite are not observed in the interval.

Terrestrial AOM: The proportion of AOMT_{translucent} varies on a relatively high level between 40.7 % and 64.9 % throughout the lower and middle part of the interval until a sharp decrease in the upper part when abundance decreases to 19 %. A mean proportion of 49.4 % (SD=17.3 %) is identified. One sample in the middle part of the interval contains AOMT_{opaque}. A content of 0.78 % is observed resulting in a mean abundance for this interval of 0.135 (SD=0.32 %). AOMT_{total} proportion varies between 19.1–64.9 %. The mean content is 49.5 % (SD=17.3 %).

Marine organic matter

Himalia Ridge Formation – Middle–Late Tithonian to Berriasian

The content of marine organic matter is continuously low and varies between 0–3.2 %. A mean content of 1.1 % (SD=1.1 %) is observed. Frequency distribution shows no clear trend.

Marine AOM: Proportion of fluorescent AOM shows a fluctuating value that ranges from 0 % to 3.2 %. A mean abundance of 1.1 % (SD=1.1 %) is identified. A distinct trend is not observed.

Spartan Glacier Formation – Valanginian–?Barremian

The proportion of marine organic matter increases significantly from 0 % to 6.4 % in the lowermost part of the section. Subsequently the content decreases continuously to 0 % in the upper part of the interval. The mean abundance is 1.4 % (SD=2.5 %).

Algae indet.: One sample in the lower part of the interval contains occurrences of undifferentiated algae. A proportion of 2.4 % is reached in this sample leading to a mean abundance for the interval of 0.40 % (SD=0.99 %).

Marine AOM: Proportion of fluorescent AOM shows an increase in the lower part of the interval where the proportion increases from 0–4 %. Subsequently the content decreases throughout the remainder of the interval to 0 %. A mean content of 1 % (SD=1.6 %) is detected.

Pluto Glacier Formation – Aptian

Proportion of marine organic matter is significantly higher than in the previous intervals and varies between 0–9.6 %. A mean abundance of 5.8 % (SD=3.3 %) is observed. A distinct trend is not identified.

Acritarchs: One sample in the uppermost part of the interval contains occurrences of acritarchs. A proportion of 0.58 % is reached in this sample leading to a mean abundance for the Middle-Late Aptian interval of 0.10 % (SD=0.24 %).

Algae indet.: The proportion of undifferentiated algae varies between 0–4.5 %. A mean abundance of 1.9 % (SD=1.7 %) is observed. The distribution pattern shows no distinct trend.

4. Results – Fossil Bluff Group

Marine AOM: Content of fluorescent AOM varies significantly between 0–6.3 %. The mean proportion is 3.8 % (SD=2.3 %). A distinct trend is not observed.

Opaque/translucent ratio

For the middle–Upper Tithonian section an OP/TR ratio of 3.4 is detected. The OP/TR ratio of the Berriasian–Valanginian interval is 5.6. The OP/TR ratio of the Valanginian–Barremian section is 3.2. The OP/TR ratio of the Aptian interval is 1.8.

4. Results – Fossil Bluff Group

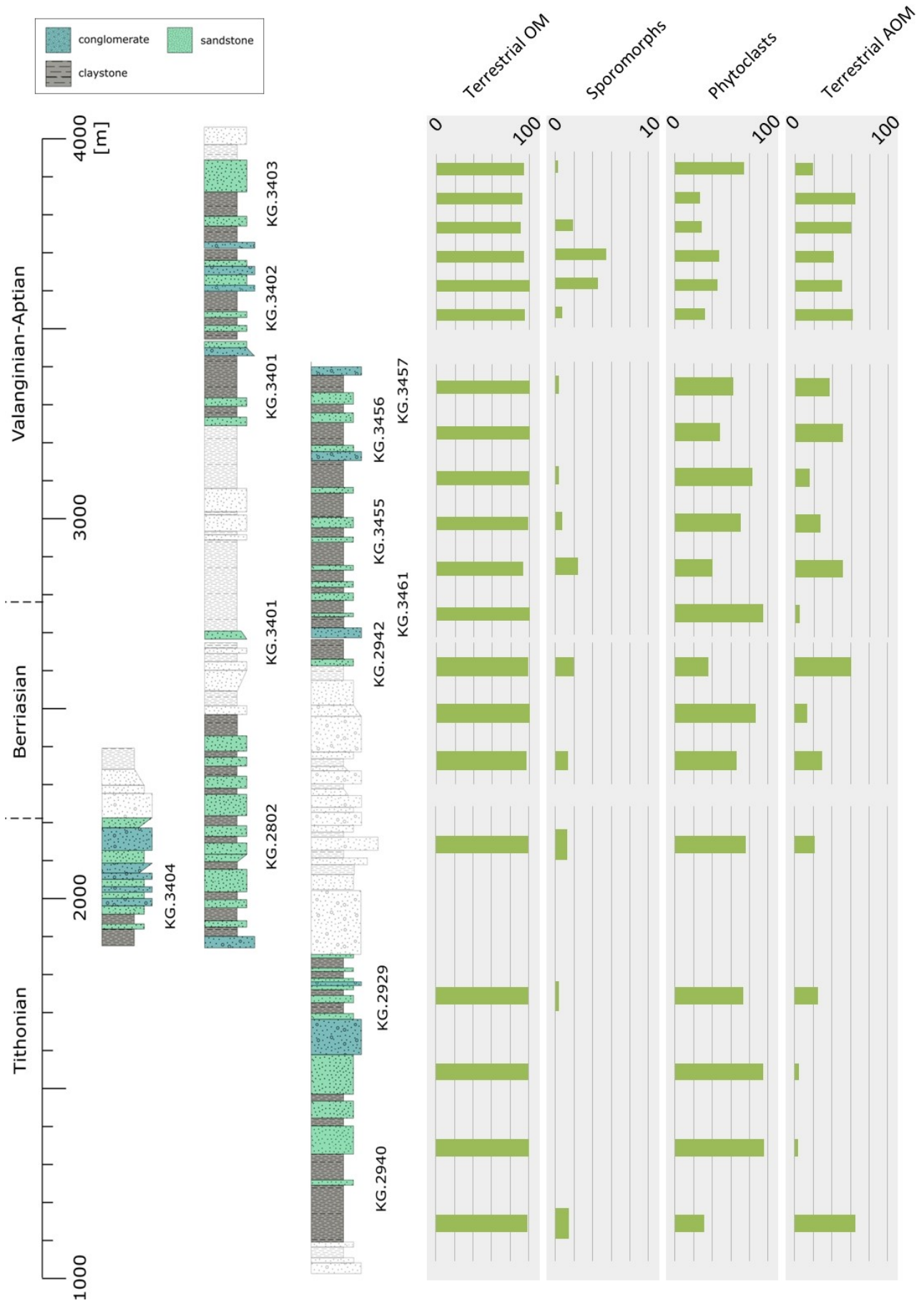


Figure 118: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction; Fossil Bluff Group. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

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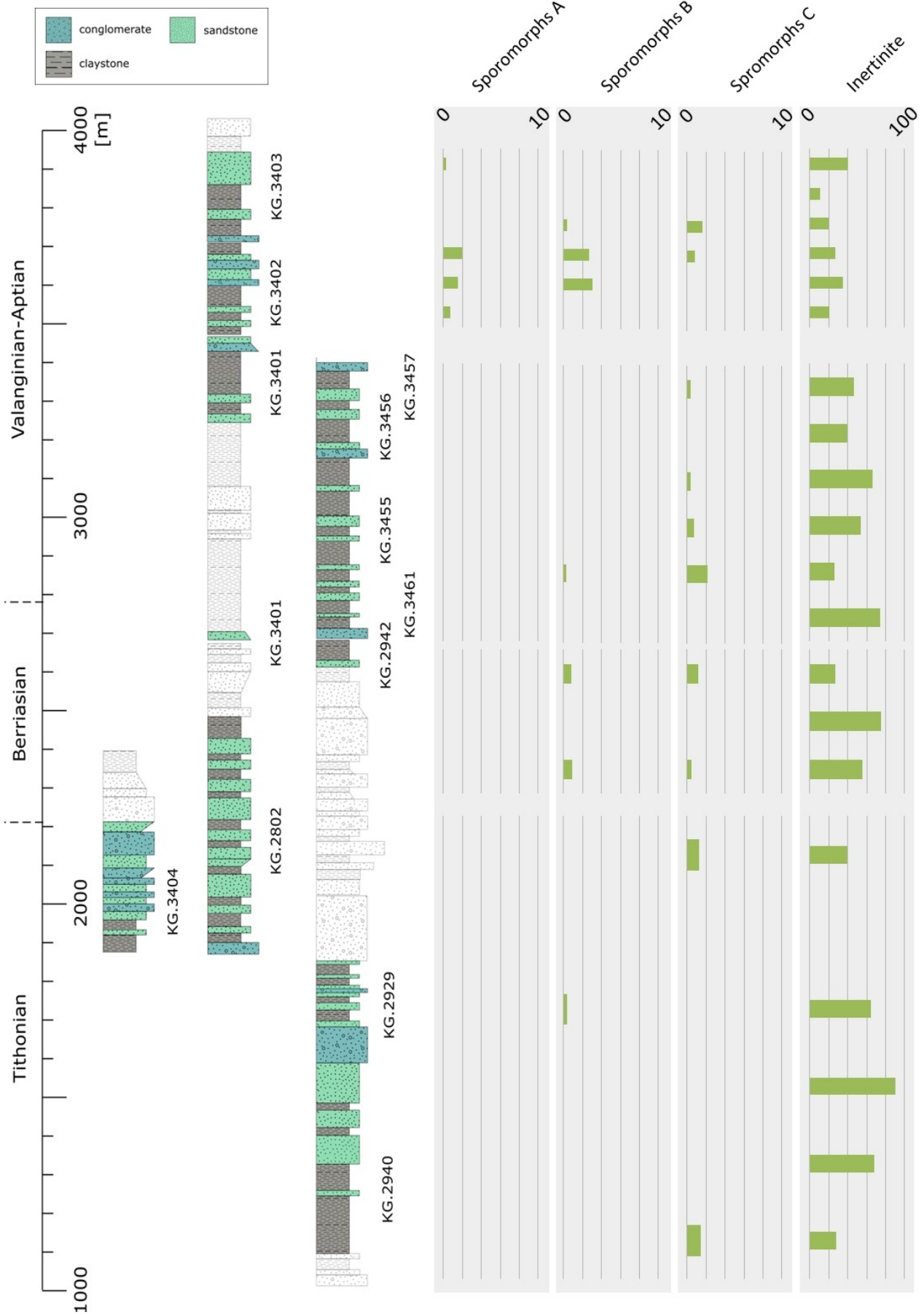


Figure 119: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction continued; Fossil Bluff Group. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

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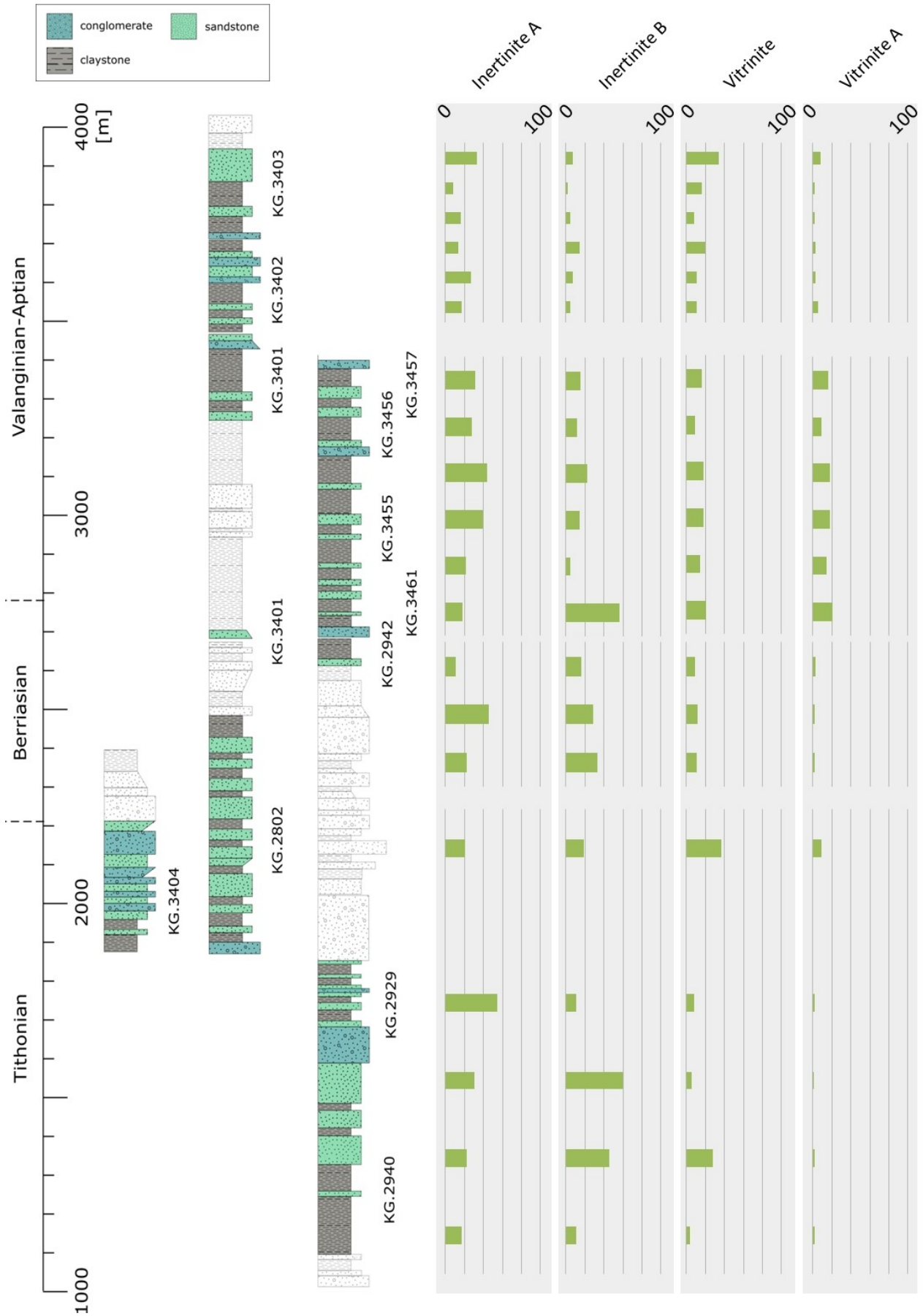


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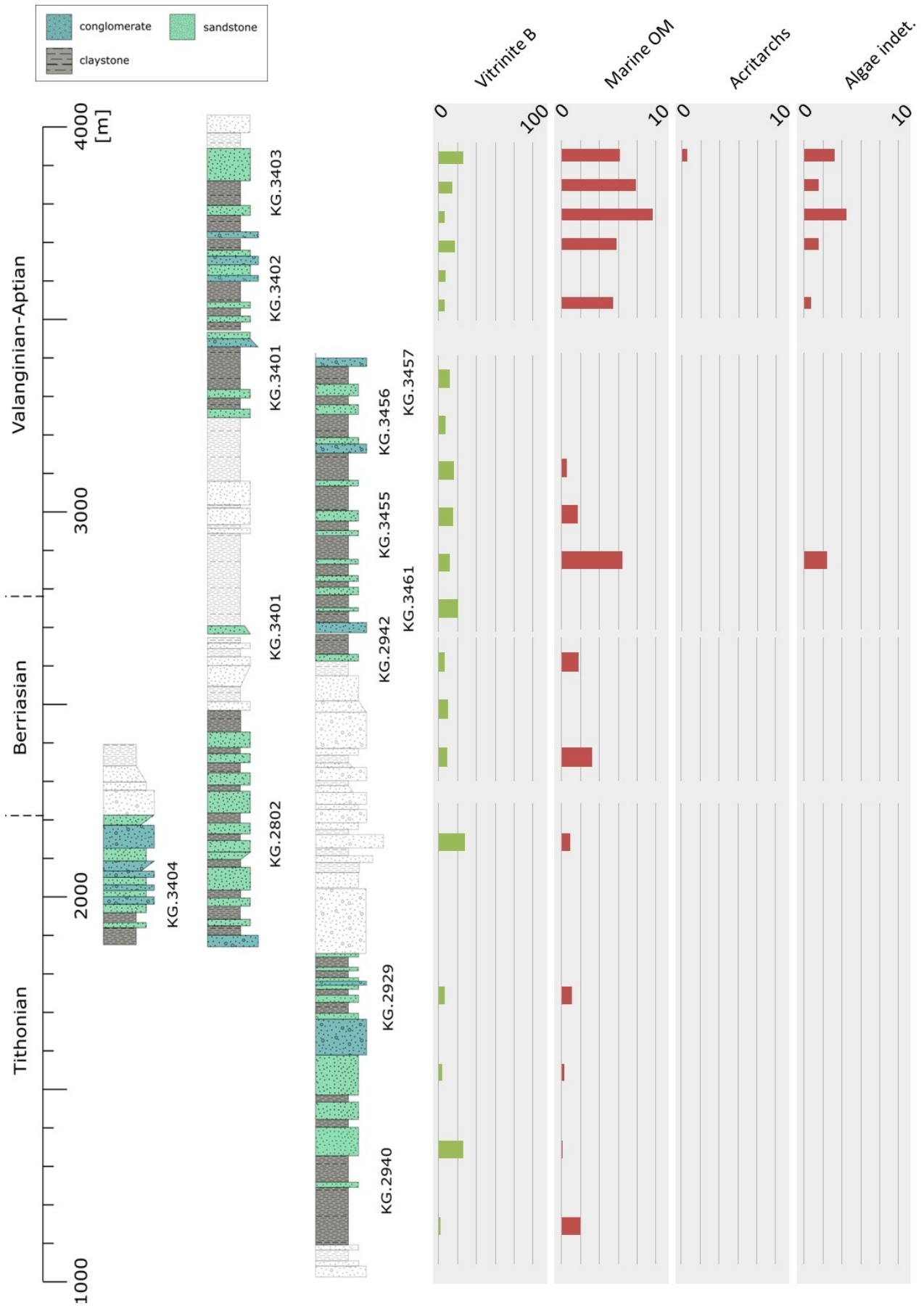


Figure 121: Sedimentary organic matter – Vitrinite B and marine fraction; Fossil Bluff Group. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

4. Results – Fossil Bluff Group

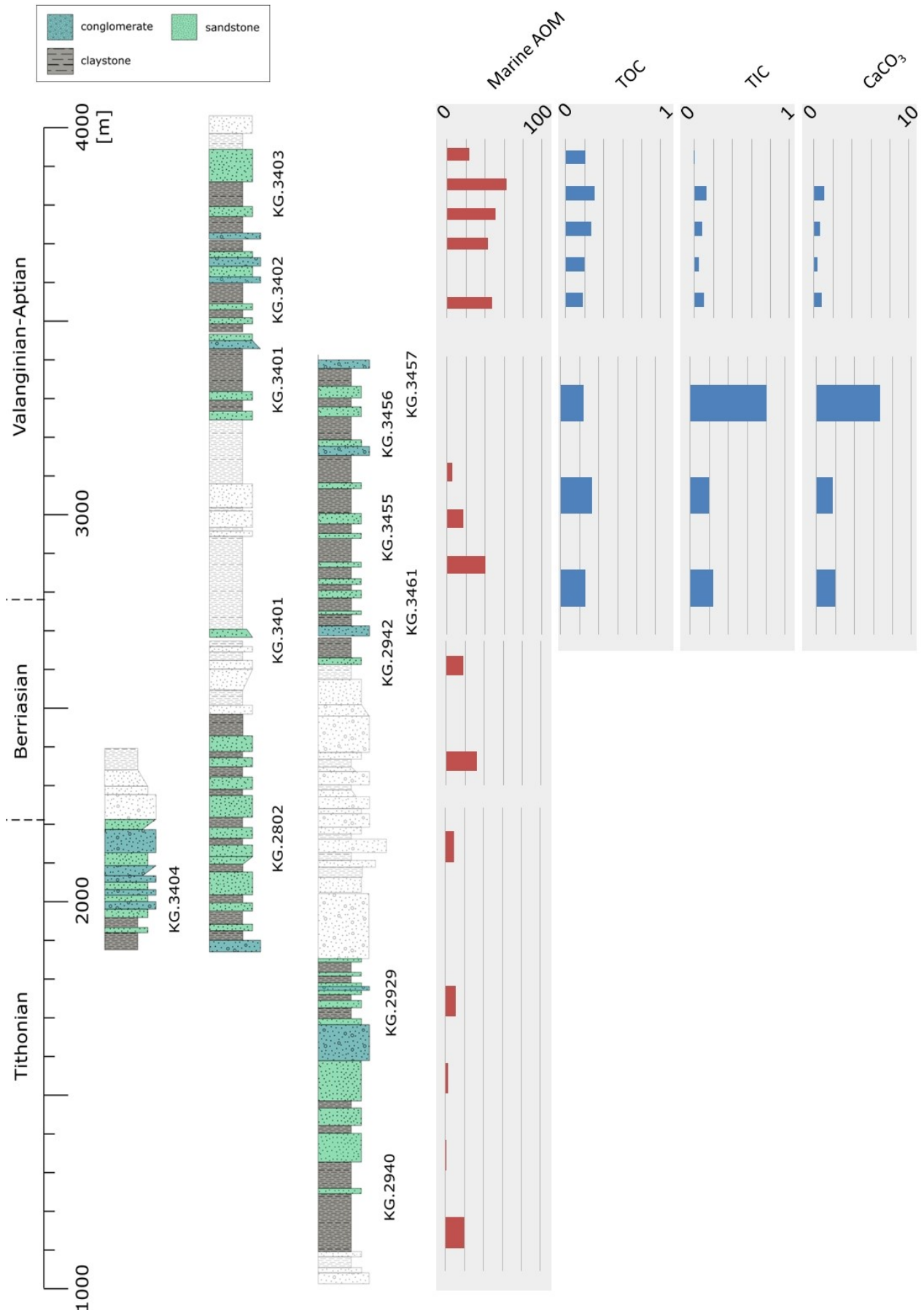


Figure 122: Sedimentary organic matter – marine AOM and results of the TOC and TIC analyses Fossil Bluff Group. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot

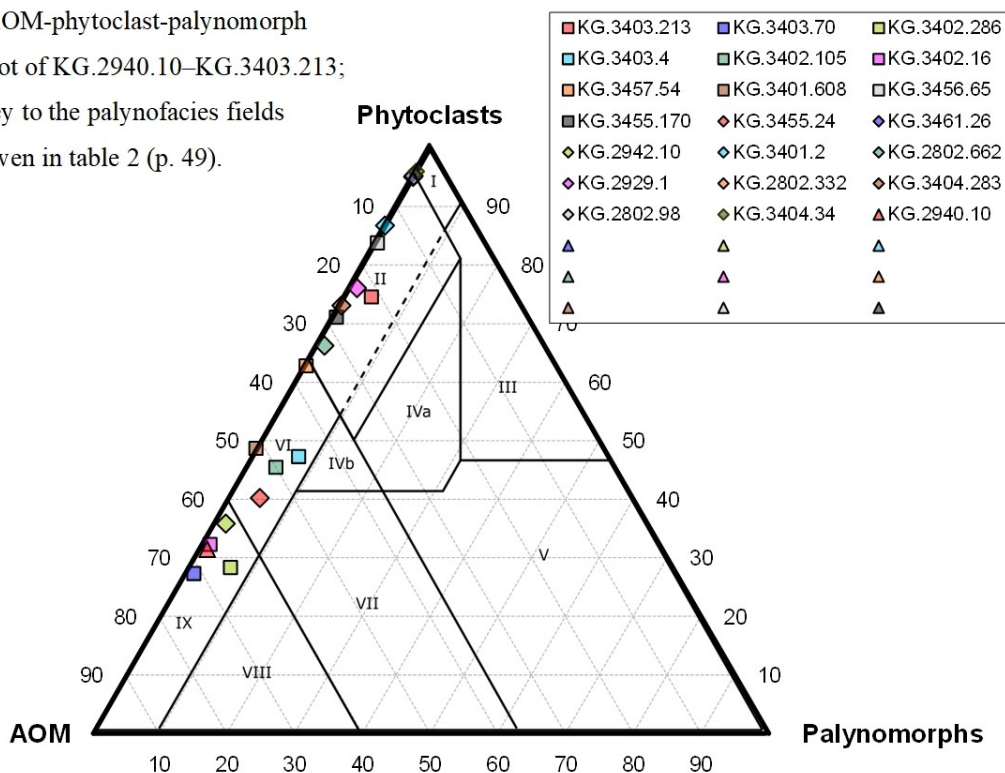
Tithonian: Two samples of the Tithonian interval (KG.2940.10–KG.2929.1) of the Fossil Bluff Group plot in palynofacies field I – highly proximal shelf or basin. Another 2 samples plot in palynofacies field II – marginal dysoxic-anoxic basin (Fig. 123). The lowermost sample plots in palynofacies field IX – distal suboxic-anoxic basin.

Berriasian–Early Valanginian: Two samples of the Berriasian–Early Valanginian section (KG.2802.662–KG.2942.10) plot in palynofacies field II – marginal dysoxic-anoxic basin (Fig. 123). One sample plots in palynofacies field IX– distal suboxic-anoxic basin.

Valanginian–Barremian: One sample of the Valanginian–Barremian interval (KG.3461.26–KG.3457.54) plots in in palynofacies field I – highly proximal shelf or basin. Two samples plot in palynofacies field II – marginal dysoxic-anoxic basin. 3 samples plot in palynofacies field VI – proximal suboxic-anoxic shelf (Fig. 123).

Aptian: One sample of the Aptian section (KG.3402.16–KG.3403.213) of the Fossil Bluff Group plots in palynofacies field II – marginal dysoxic-anoxic basin. Two samples plot in palynofacies field VI – proximal suboxic-anoxic shelf. 3 samples plot in palynofacies field IX – distal suboxic-anoxic basin (Fig. 123).

Figure 123: AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot of KG.2940.10–KG.3403.213; key to the palynofacies fields given in table 2 (p. 49).



TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON, TOTAL INORGANIC CARBON, CARBON/SULPHUR/NITROGEN

3 samples of the Spartan Glacier Formation and 5 samples of the Pluto Glacier Formation of Alexander Island are analysed for their carbon, nitrogen and sulphur content (Figs. 122, 124).

Total organic carbon: The TOC content of the Valanginian–Barremian section of Alexander Island varies between 0.24–0.33 %. The mean proportion is 0.28 % (SD=0.04 %). The Aptian samples contain a mean TOC proportion of 0.23 % (SD=0.05 %). The content varies between 0.20–0.31 %. An unequivocal trend is not observed.

Total inorganic carbon: In the Valanginian–Barremian section the proportion of TIC varies between 0.20–0.80 %. The mean abundance is 0.42 % (SD=0.34 %). In the Aptian interval of Alexander Island TIC proportion varies between 0–0.13 %. The mean content is 0.07 % (SD=0.05 %).

CaCO₃: In the Valanginian–Barremian of Alexander Island CaCO₃ proportion ranges from 1.7 % to 6.7 %. The averaged abundance for this interval is 3.5 % (SD=2.8 %). The Aptian interval shows a proportion that varies between 0–1.1 %. The mean content is 0.58 % (SD=0.42 %).

Nitrogen: The samples of the Valanginian–Barremian section of the Spartan Glacier Formation of the Fossil Bluff Group contains a nitrogen content that varies between 0.028 % and 0.033 %. The average proportion is 0.03 % (SD=0.004 %). The nitrogen content of the Aptian Pluto Glacier Formation varies between 0.013 % and 0.036 %. Although highly discontinuous, the value shows a decreasing trend. The average nitrogen content of the Aptian interval of the section is 0.02 % (SD=0.01 %).

Sulphur: The sulphur content of the Valanginian–Barremian section fluctuates between 0.06–0.40 %. The mean proportion is 0.22 % (SD=0.17 %). The Aptian interval shows a mean proportion of 0.10 % (SD=0.10 %). Individual contents vary significantly between 0.008–0.25 %. A distinct distribution pattern is not observed.

C_{org}/N: The C/N ratio of the Valanginian–Barremian interval ranges from 8–13. The averaged value is 10. In the Aptian section of the Fossil Bluff Group the C/N ratio varies between 5 and 16. The averaged ratio is 11. A comparatively continuous increase in C/N ratio is observed.

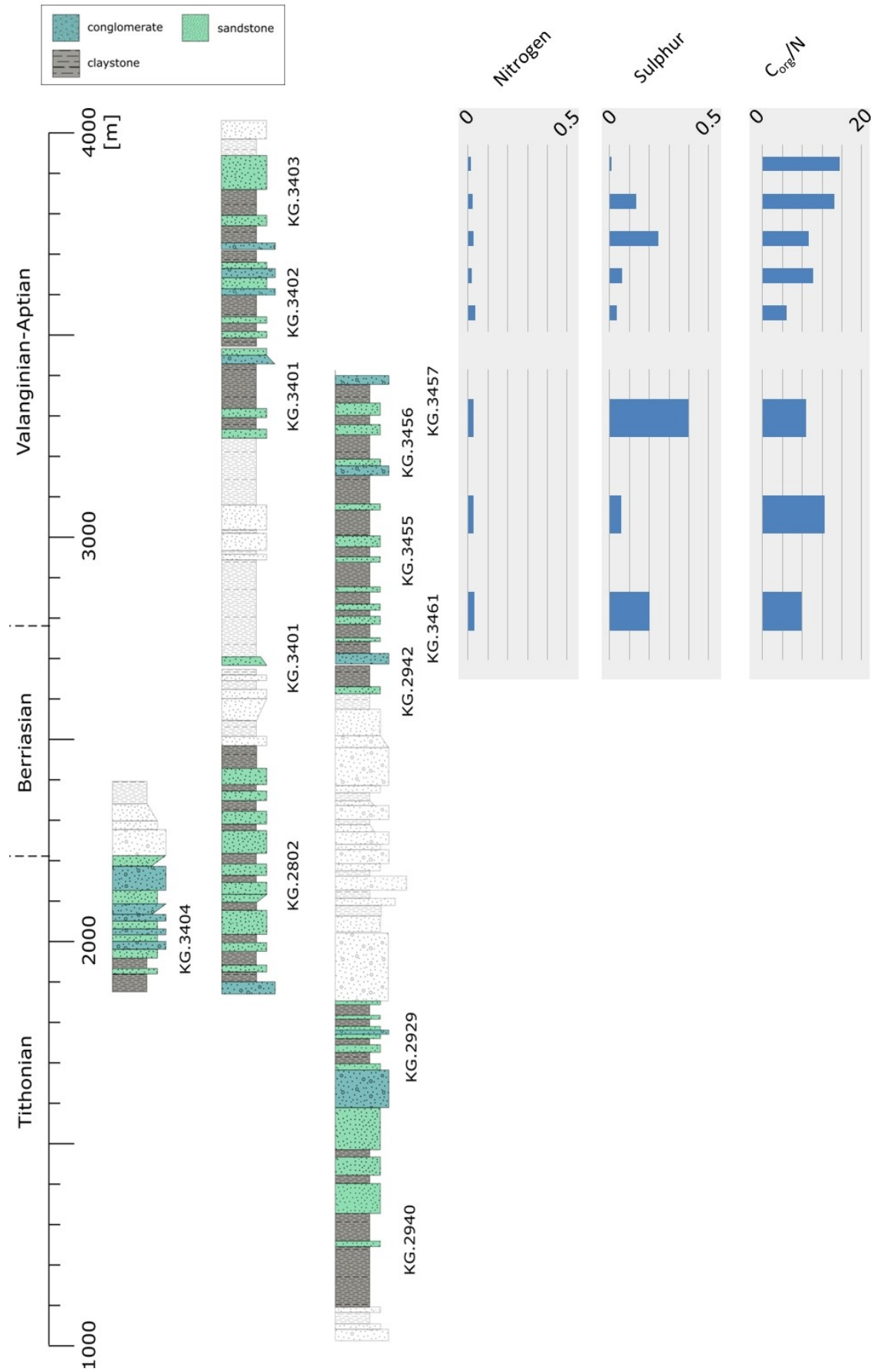


Figure 124: Results of the TOC, TIC and CNS analyses continued Fossil Bluff Group. Except for C_{org}/N, values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

THERMAL MATURITY

Middle Tithonian to Berriasian: in this interval TAI/SCI analysis is performed on 3 samples (KG.2940.10, KG.2929.1, KG.2802.662) Samples show a TAI of approximately 4- to 4+/SCI of 9.5 (Ro% 2.0–2.7). The samples represent the maturation stage of metagenesis (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012).

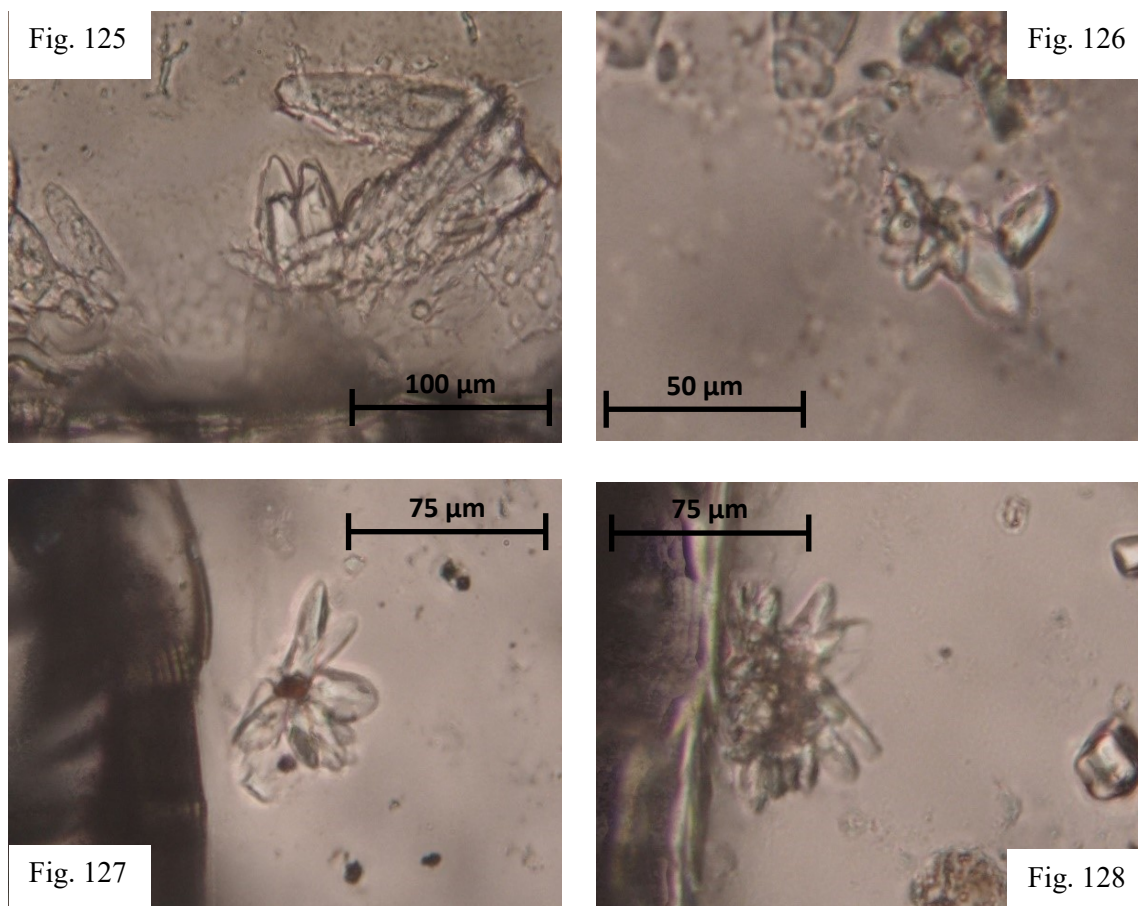
Valanginian to Barremian: in this interval TAI/SCI analysis is performed on 3 samples (KG.2942.10, KG.3455.24, KG.3457.54) Samples show a TAI of approximately 4- to 4+/SCI of 9.5 (Ro% 2.0–2.7). The samples represent the maturation stage of metagenesis (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012).

Aptian: in this interval TAI/SCI analysis is performed on 2 samples (KG.3403.4, KG.3402.286) Samples show a TAI of approximately 3+ to 4/SCI of 9-9.5 (Ro% 1.5–2.3). The samples represent the maturation stage of catagenesis to metagenesis (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012).

MICRO-GLENDONITES

In the section of Alexander Island occurrence of micro-glendonites is observed in 12 samples. A Total of 39 specimens is recorded and measured (selected specimens shown in figures 125–128). In the Tithonian of the Himalia Ridge Formation 4 samples contain micro-glendonites. 12 specimens are recorded and measured. The mean size of the specimens is 60.1 μm (SD=30.8 μm). Individual mineral clusters vary in size between 23–117 μm . One sample of the Late Berriasian–Early Valanginian of the Himalia Ridge Formation contains micro-glendonites. 4 specimens are recorded. The mean diameter of these mineral clusters is 64.3 μm (SD=25.9 μm). Specimens range in size from 49 μm to 103 μm . In the subsequent Valanginian to ?Barremian Spartan Glacier Formation 5 samples contain micro-glendonites. A total of 13 specimens are recorded and measured. A mean size of 84.6 μm (SD=34.2 μm) is detected. The diameter of individual crystals varies between 38 μm and 145 μm . The Early–Middle Aptian Pluto Glacier Formation contains 2 micro-glendonite bearing samples. A total of 8 specimens are recorded. The mean diameter is 32.1 μm (SD=28.5 μm). The mineral clusters vary in size between 12–89 μm .

Figures 125–128 (Page 152): Selected micro-glendonite specimens of the Fossil Bluss Group – Fig. 125: KG.2802.332; Fig. 126: KG.2940.10; Fig. 127: KG.3404.283; Fig. 128: KG.3404.283; scale bars given in the photograph.



NORDENSKJÖLD FORMATION AND KOTICK POINT FORMATION

PALYNOFACIES ANALYSES

10 samples of the section on James Ross Island are analysed. 4 samples belong to the Tithonian Nordenskjöld Formation. Another 6 samples represent the Late Aptian–Early Albian section of the Kotick Point Formation.

The palynomorph assemblage of the sections on James Ross Island shows a comparatively high diversity (Figs. 129–134). All representatives of the marine fraction that are used for analyses in this thesis (dinocysts, acritarchs, undifferentiated algae, foraminifera and leiospheres) occur in this interval. Of the terrestrial fraction of sedimentary organic matter phytoclasts, sporomorphs, fungal filaments and terrestrial AOM are present. The fraction of AOM is subdivided into structureless fluorescing particles (AOMA) and non-fluorescing amorphous matter (AOMT). Sporomorphs and phytoclasts are subdivided into the three preservation-dependent categories “A=good”, “B=fair” and “C=poor”. Numbers of structured marine organic matter are so low that a further subdivision is not realised. Poorly preserved phytoclasts that show no signs of its former structure are added to the group of AOMT.

Terrestrial organic matter

Nordenskjöld Formation – Tithonian

Terrestrial organic matter of the middle Tithonian interval varies between 57.5–85.5 %. A clear trend is not observed. The average content for this interval is 66.4 % (SD=13 %).

Sporomorphs: In the middle Tithonian interval sporomorphs reach a mean proportion of 13.9 % (SD=1.7 %). The content varies between 12.6–16.4 %. The distribution pattern shows no clear trend. Well-preserved sporomorphs have a mean content of 8.6 % (SD=1.6 %). Samples show a varying content that ranges from 7.2 % to 10.8 %. A trend is not observed. Fairly preserved sporomorphs reach a mean proportion of 4.1 % (SD=0.6 %). An inconsistent slight increase from 3.6 % to 4.1 % is detected. The frequency distribution of poorly preserved sporomorphs shows a discontinuously decreasing trend from 1.5 % to 0 %. A peak of 2.5 % is observed. The mean proportion is 1.2 % (SD=1.1 %).

Phytoclasts: The content of phytoclasts ranges from 39 % to 62.9 %. A distinct distribution pattern is not observed. The mean proportion is 48.8 % (SD=10.4 %).

Inertinite: The Tithonian samples show an average inertinite content of 28 % (SD=7.3 %). Abundance ranges from 21–38.2 %. A clear trend is not observed. The proportion of well-preserved inertinite varies between 16.8 % and 34.1 %. The frequency distribution shows no distinct trend. A mean content of 24.8 % (SD=7.1 %) is identified. Fairly preserved inertinite shows a significantly lower proportion that varies between 1.7–4.2 %. A continuous increasing trend is detected. The mean proportion is 3.2 % (SD=1.2 %).

Vitrinite: In the Tithonian interval of James Ross Island vitrinite shows a mean proportion of 19.5 % (SD=4 %). An unequivocal pattern of distribution is not observed. The samples shows a proportion that varies between 15.8–24.2 %. The proportion of well-preserved vitrinite varies between 6.4–13.2 %. The mean content is 8.8 % (SD=3 %). Content of fairly preserved vitrinite increases discontinuously from 8.1 % to 10.3 %. A mean proportion of 10.7 % (SD=2.3 %) is observed.

Cutinite: Content of cutinite remains low and varies between 0.54–2.3 %. The mean proportion is 1.3 % (SD=0.72 %). A distinct trend is not observed.

Fungal filaments: One sample in the lowermost part of the interval contains fungal remains. Here a proportion of 1.1 % is identified resulting in a mean abundance for the interval of 0.27 % (SD=0.53 %).

Terrestrial AOM: Content of AOMT_{translucent} varies between 0.83–6.2 %. The proportion is higher in the upper part of the interval. A mean content of 3.3 % (SD=2.8 %) is observed. A distinct trend is not identified. One sample in the uppermost part of the Tithonian interval contains AOMT_{opaque}. A proportion of 0.65 % is observed. The mean content is 0.16 % (SD=0.32 %). Abundance of AOMT_{total} varies between 0.83 % and 6.2 %. The mean content is 3.5 % (SD=2.9 %).

Kotick Point Formation – Late Aptian–Early Albian

The organic matter composition of the Late Aptian–Early Albian of James Ross Island contains an average of 73.4 % (SD=16 %) of terrestrial organic matter. The proportion varies between 58.3–93.5 %. An unequivocal trend is not observed.

Sporomorphs: In the Upper Aptian–Lower Albian sediment sequence of James Ross Island sporomorphs reach an average abundance of 10.7 % (SD=5.6 %). The content varies significantly between 4.8–19 %. An unequivocal trend in distribution is not observed. Well-preserved sporomorphs have a mean content of 6.7 % (SD=4.4 %). Samples show a proportion that varies between 2.8 % and 12.6 %. A trend is not observed. Fairly preserved sporomorphs reach an average abundance of 3.3 % (SD=1.8 %). The content varies between 1.5 and 6.3 %. The proportion of poorly preserved sporomorphs ranges from 0–1.3 %. The frequency distribution shows no distinct trend. The mean proportion is 0.6 % (SD=0.5 %).

Phytoclasts: Phytoclasts reach a mean proportion of 55.2 % (SD=9.7 %). The content varies between 45.3–69.8 %. A distinct distribution pattern is not observed.

Inertinite: Abundance of inertinite ranges from 7.7 % to 32.6 %. After a sharp decrease in the lower part of the section (21.7–7.7 %) a distinct increase in the lower middle to upper part of the interval is observed. The mean proportion is 16.9 % (SD=9.3 %). The content of well-preserved inertinite ranges from 6.7 % to 25.6 %. In the lower part of the interval a sharp decrease from 21.5 % to 6.7 % is identified. Subsequently the proportion increases continuously throughout the remainder of the interval. A mean proportion of 14.7 % (SD=7.7 %) is detected. The distribution pattern of fairly preserved inertinite shows an inhomogeneous increase from 0.3 % to 7 %. A mean proportion of 2.2 % (SD=2.5 %) is observed.

Vitrinite: The content of vitrinite shows a continuously decreasing trend throughout the Late Aptian–Early Albian section of James Ross Island. The proportion decreases from 46.7 % to 29.2 %. The mean proportion is 36.3 % (SD=5.8 %). For the well-preserved vitrinite an erratic decrease from 26.6 % to 9.3 % is detected. A positive peak of 24.6 % is identified in the upper part of the interval. The average proportion is 20.9 % (SD=6 %). Fairly preserved vitrinite shows a decreasing trend throughout the lower and middle part of the interval (20.1–9.6 %). In the upper part of the section a sharp increase to 19.9 % is observed. The mean proportion is 15.5 % (SD=4.1 %).

Cutinite: The proportion of cutinite remains comparatively low and varies between 0–6.2 %. A mean proportion of 1.9 % (SD=2.3 %) is observed. A distinct trend is not identified.

Fungal filaments: One sample in the middle part of the interval contains fungal remains. The proportion amounts to 1 % leading to a mean of 0.17 (SD=0.43 %) in the interval.

Terrestrial AOM: Occurrence of AOM is restricted to translucent amorphous masses. The proportion varies between 1.4–15.9 %. A mean content of 7.4 % (SD=6.4 %) is observed. The distribution pattern shows no distinct trend. The content of $AOMT_{total}$ is similar to this of $AOMT_{translucent}$.

Marine organic matter

Nordenskjöld Formation – Tithonian

In the Tithonian section of James Ross Island the marine organic matter proportion varies between 14–40.9 %. A trend is not observed. The average proportion is 32.7 % (SD=12.7 %).

Dinoflagellate cysts: Dinocysts reach a mean proportion of 2.2 % (SD=0.08 %). The content varies only slightly between 2.15–2.35 %. A distribution pattern is not observed. The highest mean content is observed in the group of well-preserved dinocysts (1.13 % to 1.05 % of fairly preserved dinocysts, and 0.07 % of poorly preserved specimens).

Acritarchs: In the Tithonian interval of James Ross Island the proportion of Acritarchs is relatively high and varies between 2.4–31 %. A mean proportion of 19.5 % (SD=12.1 %) is observed. A distinct trend is not detected.

Algae indet.: Undifferentiated algae reach a mean proportion of 1.5 % (SD=2.1 %). The pattern of distribution shows no clear trend. Proportion varies between 0–4.5 %.

Foraminiferal test linings: The proportion of foraminiferal linings remains low and varies between 0–0.28 % leading to a mean content of 0.12 % (SD=0.14 %). Only the lower 2 samples contain foraminiferal remains.

Leiospheres: The proportion of leiospheres averages at 2.4 % (SD=2.8 %). Content varies between 0–5.1 %. Occurrence of leiospheres is restricted to the lower 2 samples.

Marine AOM: The proportion of fluorescing AOM shows a discontinuously increasing trend from 6.4 % to 7.7 %. The mean content is 6.9 % (SD=1.2 %).

Kotick Point Formation – Late Aptian–Early Albian

The content of marine derived organic matter of the Upper Aptian–Lower Albian sediment sequence of James Ross Island varies between 6 % and 41.3 %. The mean proportion is 26.3 % (SD=16.1 %). A distinct trend in the pattern of distribution is not observed.

Dinoflagellate cysts: Dinoflagellate remains reach a mean proportion of 1 % (SD=0.88 %). A discontinuously increasing trend is identified (with a peak of 2.2 % in the lower part of the interval). Highest proportion is observed in the group of fairly preserved dinocysts, where a mean of 0.51 % is detected. Well-preserved dinocysts have a mean proportion of 0.33 % and poorly preserved specimens of 0.17 %.

Acritarchs: The proportion of acritarchs remains low and varies between 0–0.83 %. A mean content of 0.56 % (SD=0.30 %) is observed. The distribution pattern shows no clear trend.

Algae indet.: Where present content of undifferentiated algae varies between 1.6–4.9 %. A mean abundance of 1.7 % (SD=2.2 %) is identified. An unequivocal trend is not observed.

Foraminiferal test linings: The proportion of foraminiferal linings varies between 0–0.90 %. A mean abundance of 0.42 % (SD=0.33 %) is observed. A distinct trend is not detected.

4. Results – Nordenskjöld Formation and Kotick Point Formation

Leiospheres: Proportion of Leiospheres is fluctuating intensely. The content varies between 0–38.6 %. The mean abundance is 17.7 % (SD=19.4 %). No distinct trend is observed.

Marine AOM: Marine derived AOM reaches a mean proportion of 4.9 % (SD=3.9 %). The content varies significantly between 0.3 % and 11.3 %. The frequency distribution shows no distinct trend.

Opaque/translucent ratio

The OP/TR ratio of the Berriasian–Valanginian interval is 5. For the Middle Tithonian section an OP/TR ratio of 0.5 is detected.

4. Results – Nordenskjöld Formation and Kotick Point Formation

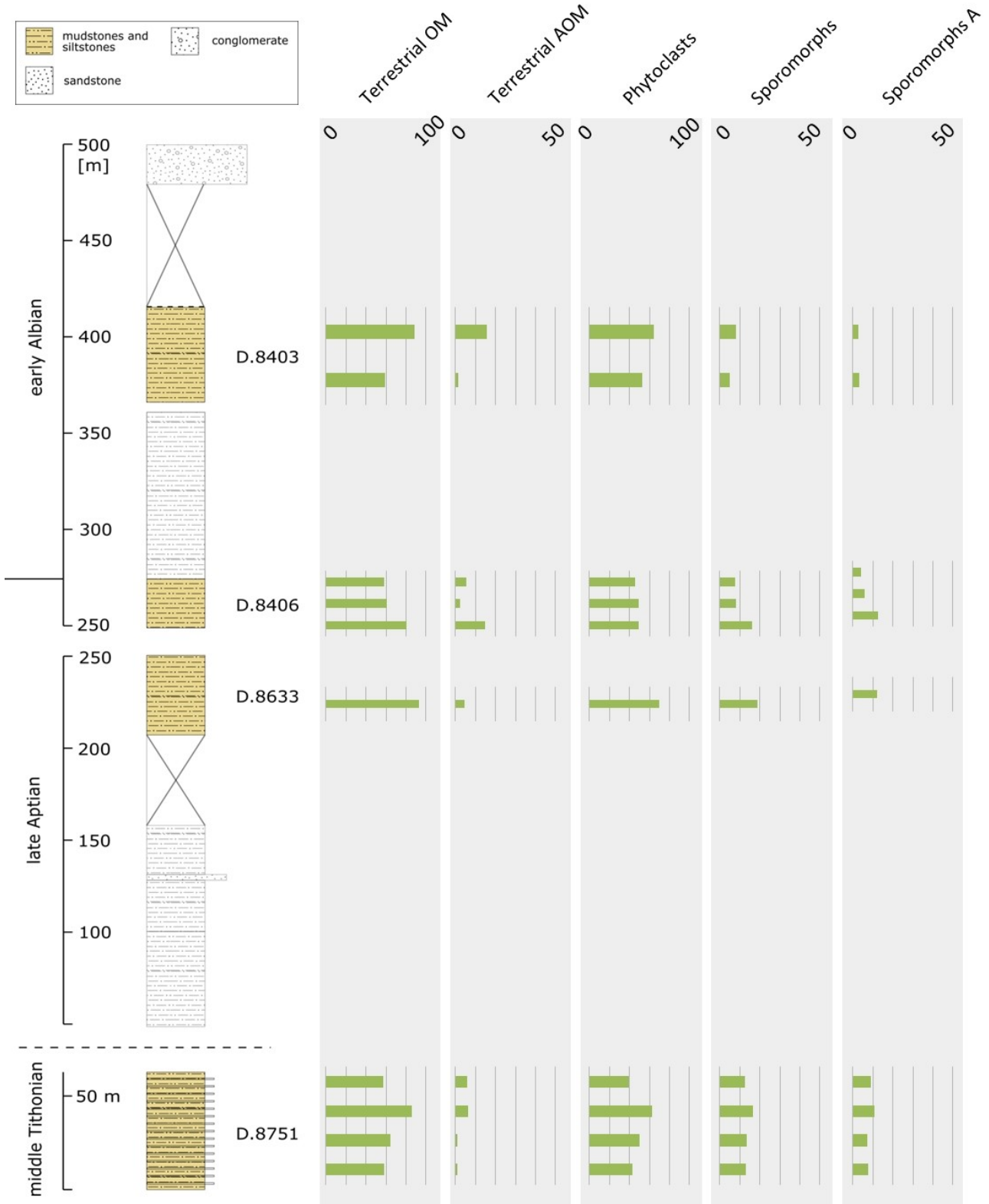


Figure 129: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction; Nordenskjöld and Kotick Point Formations. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

4. Results – Nordenskjöld Formation and Kotick Point Formation

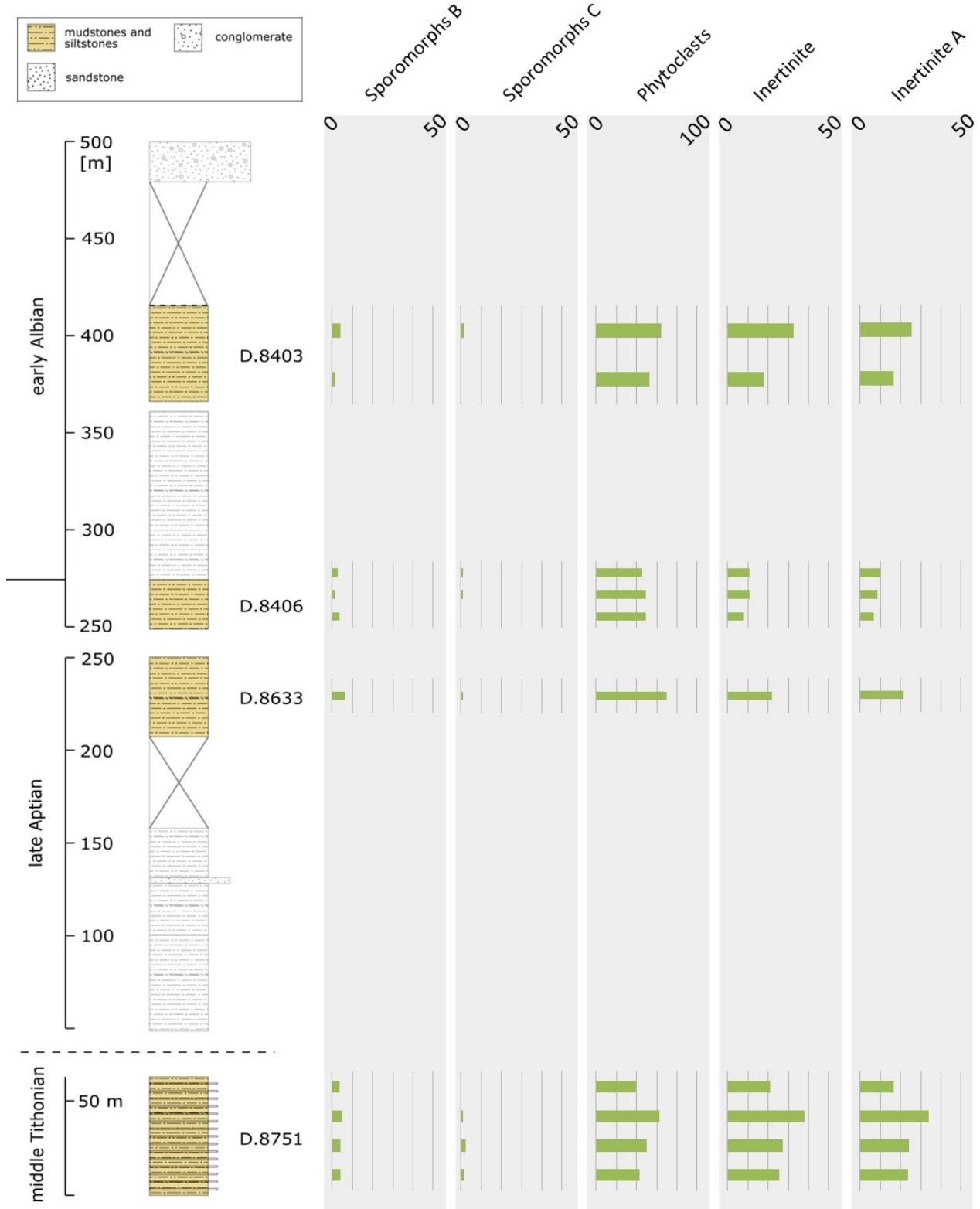


Figure 130: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction continued; Nordenskjöld and Kotick Point Formations. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

4. Results – Nordenskjöld Formation and Kotick Point Formation

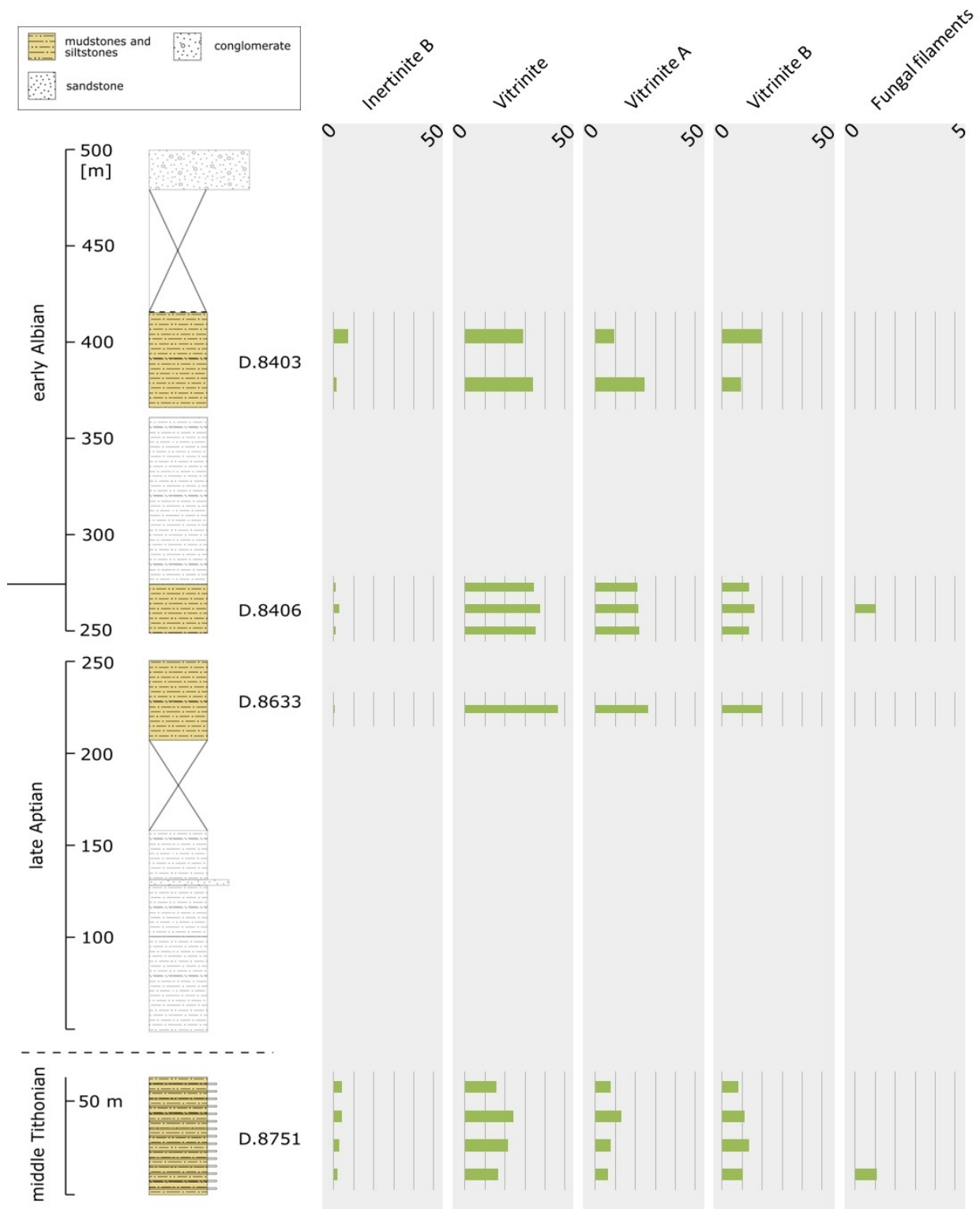


Figure 131: Sedimentary organic matter – terrestrial fraction continued; Nordenskjöld and Kotick Point Formations. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

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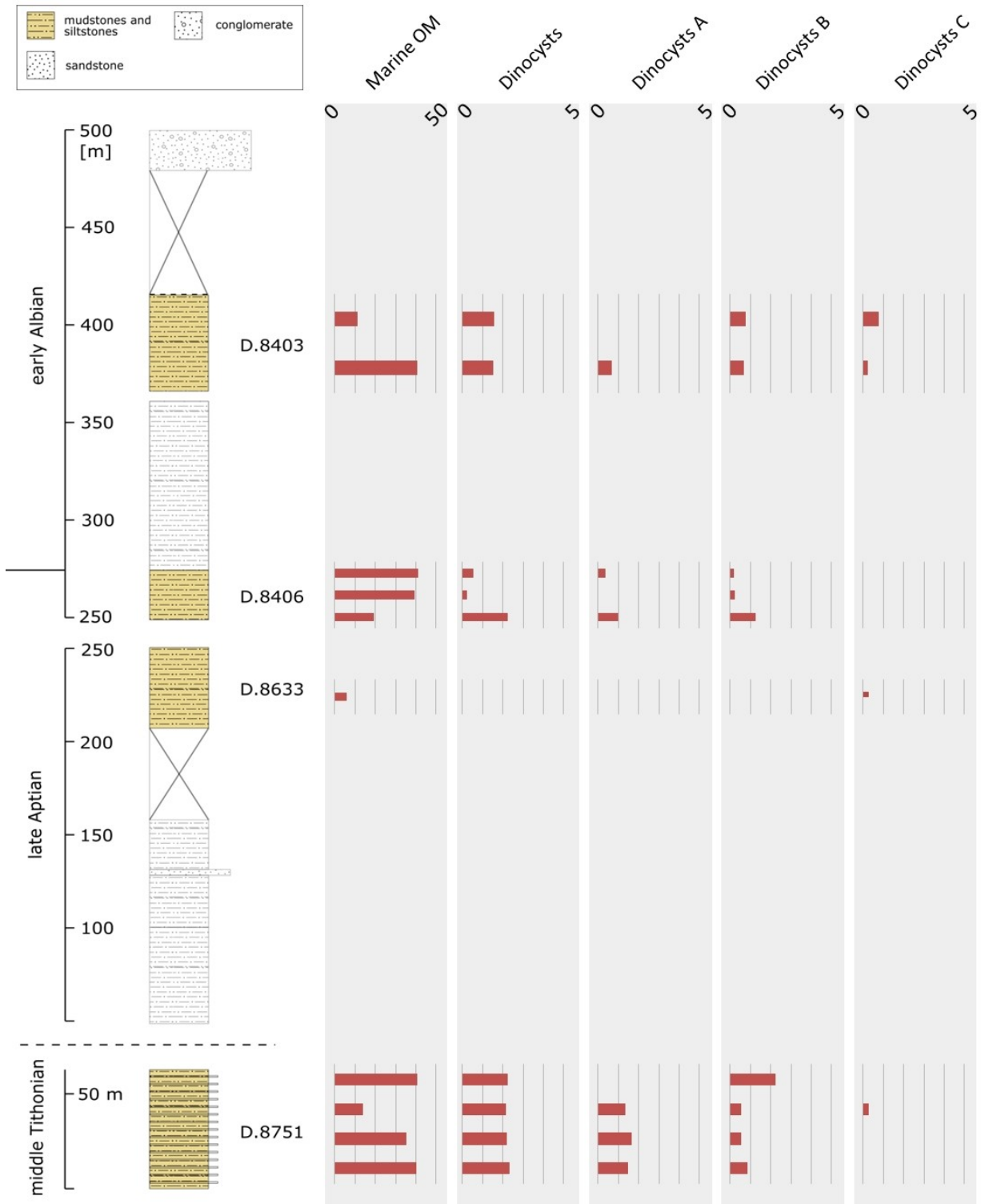


Figure 132: Sedimentary organic matter – marine fraction; Nordenskjöld and Kotick Point Formations. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

4. Results – Nordenskjöld Formation and Kotick Point Formation

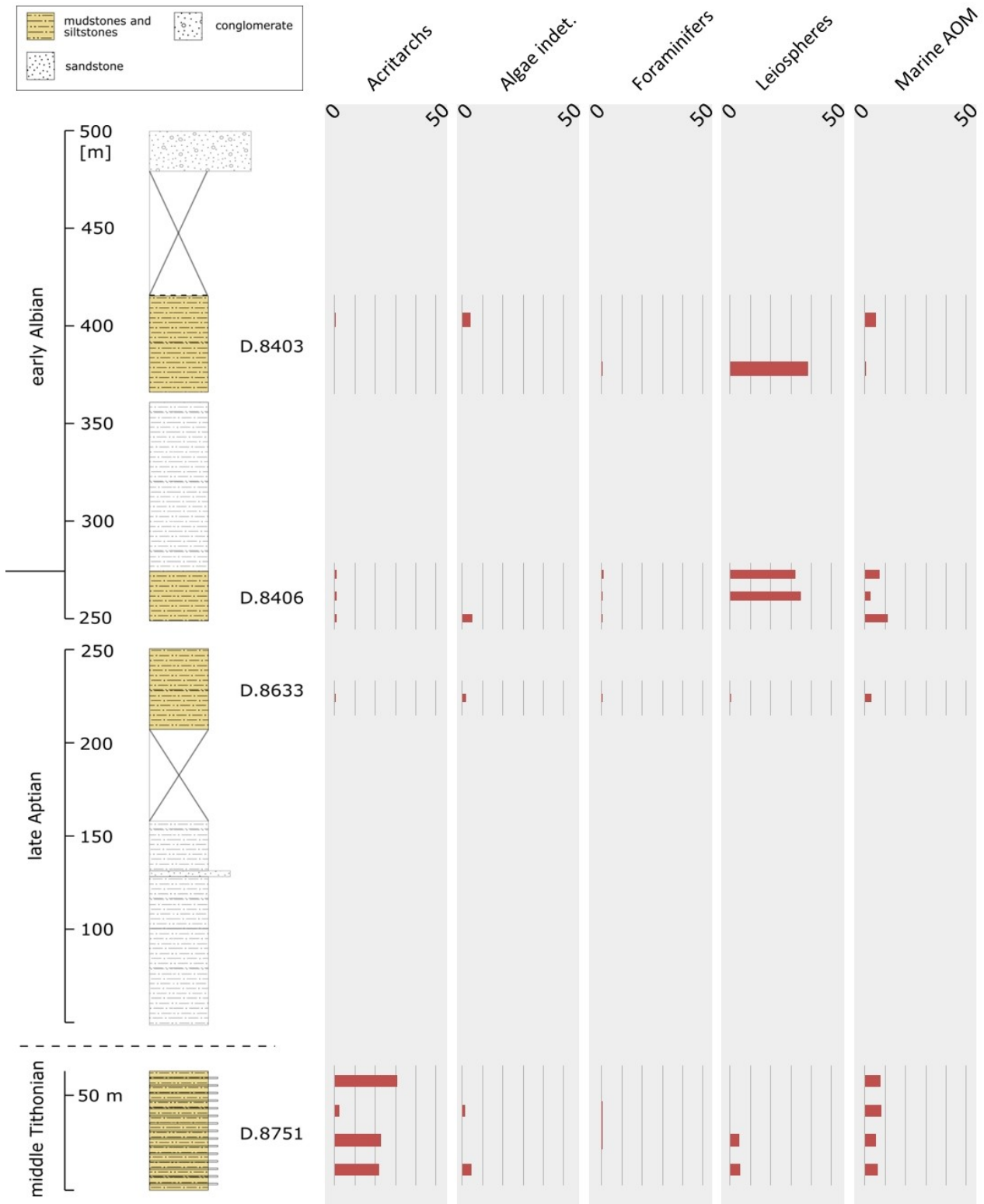


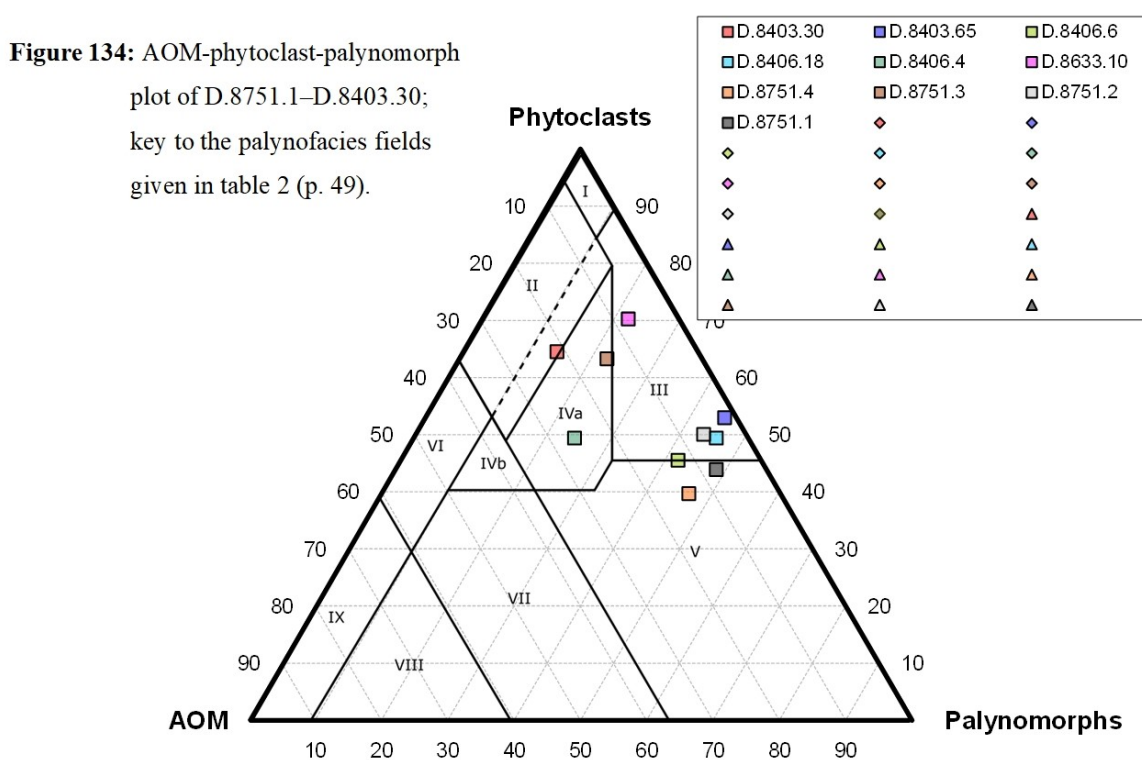
Figure 133: Sedimentary organic matter – marine fraction continued; Nordenskjöld and Kotick Point Formations. Values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot

Middle Tithonian: One sample each of the Middle Tithonian interval (D.8751.1–D.8751.4) of the Nordenskjöld Formation plots in palynofacies field III – heterolithic oxic shelf (“proximal shelf”) and in palynofacies field IVa – shelf to basin transition. Two samples plot in palynofacies field V – proximal suboxic-anoxic shelf (Fig. 134).

Late Aptian: Three Samples of the Late Aptian section (D.8633.10–D.8406.6) of the Kotick Point Formation plot in palynofacies field III – heterolithic oxic shelf (“proximal shelf”). One sample plots in palynofacies field IVa & IVb – shelf to basin transition (Fig. 134).

Early Albian: One sample of the Early Albian section (D.8403.65 & D.8403.30) of the Kotick Point Formation plots in palynofacies field II – Marginal dysoxic-anoxic basin. Another sample plots in palynofacies field III – heterolithic oxic shelf (“proximal shelf”) (Fig. 134).



TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON, TOTAL INORGANIC CARBON, CARBON/SULPHUR/NITROGEN

In the Tithonian Nordenskjöld Formation of James Ross Island 3 samples were analysed (Fig. 135). Of the Late Aptian–Early Albian succession 5 samples were selected for carbon, nitrogen and sulphur analyses (Fig. 135).

Total organic carbon: In the Tithonian part of the section proportion of TOC ranges from 0.39–0.66 %. An average proportion of 0.51 % (SD=0.14 %) is identified. The Late Aptian–Early Albian shows a mean abundance of TOC of 0.60 % (SD=0.16 %). Throughout the interval the proportion varies between 0.35–0.76 %.

Total inorganic carbon: The content of TIC varies in the Tithonian interval between 5.4–5.6 %. The mean abundance is 5.5 % (SD=0.13 %). The Late Aptian–Early Albian section of James Ross Island shows a mean abundance of TIC of 5.6 % (SD=3.3 %). Samples show a content that varies on a relatively high level between 5.4–8.1 % throughout the lower, middle and lower upper part of the section. The uppermost sample shows a sharp decrease in TIC content from 8.1 % to 0.08 %.

CaCO₃: In the Tithonian interval of James Ross Island the CaCO₃ proportion varies between 44.8–46.9 %. The interval reaches an averaged abundance of 45.8 % (SD=1.1 %). In the Late Aptian–Early Albian interval the content varies between 0.69–67.6 %. The mean proportion reaches 46.5 % (SD=27.1 %).

Nitrogen: The samples of the Nordenskjöld Formation on James Ross Island contain a nitrogen content that varies between 0.015 % and 0.020 %. A mean proportion of 0.018 % (SD=0.002 %) is identified. The nitrogen content of the Upper Aptian to Lower Albian Kotick Point Formation varies between 0.012 % and 0.052 %. The distribution pattern shows no clear trend. The average nitrogen content of this interval is 0.03 % (SD=0.015 %).

Sulphur: The sulphur content of the Tithonian Nordenskjöld Formation varies between 0.008–0.086 %. The mean proportion is 0.04 % (SD=0.04 %). The Late Aptian–Early Albian section shows a mean proportion of 0.21 % (SD=0.28 %). Individual content varies between 0.02–0.71 %. A distinct distribution pattern is not observed.

C_{org}/N: The C/N ratio of the Tithonian interval varies between 22 and 43. The averaged value is 30. In the Late Aptian to Early Albian section of the Kotick Point Formation the C/N ratio ranges from 12 to 64. An averaged ratio of 29 is detected. A trend is not observed.

S/C_{org}: In the Tithonian interval the ratio of sulphur/C_{org} varies between 0.01 and 0.22. The mean ratio is 0.10. The S/C ratio of the Late Aptian–Early Albian section shows the highest ratio in the middle part of the interval. The ratios of individual samples range from 0.03–1.2. An average ratio of 0.37 is observed.

4. Results – Nordenskiöld Formation and Kotick Point Formation

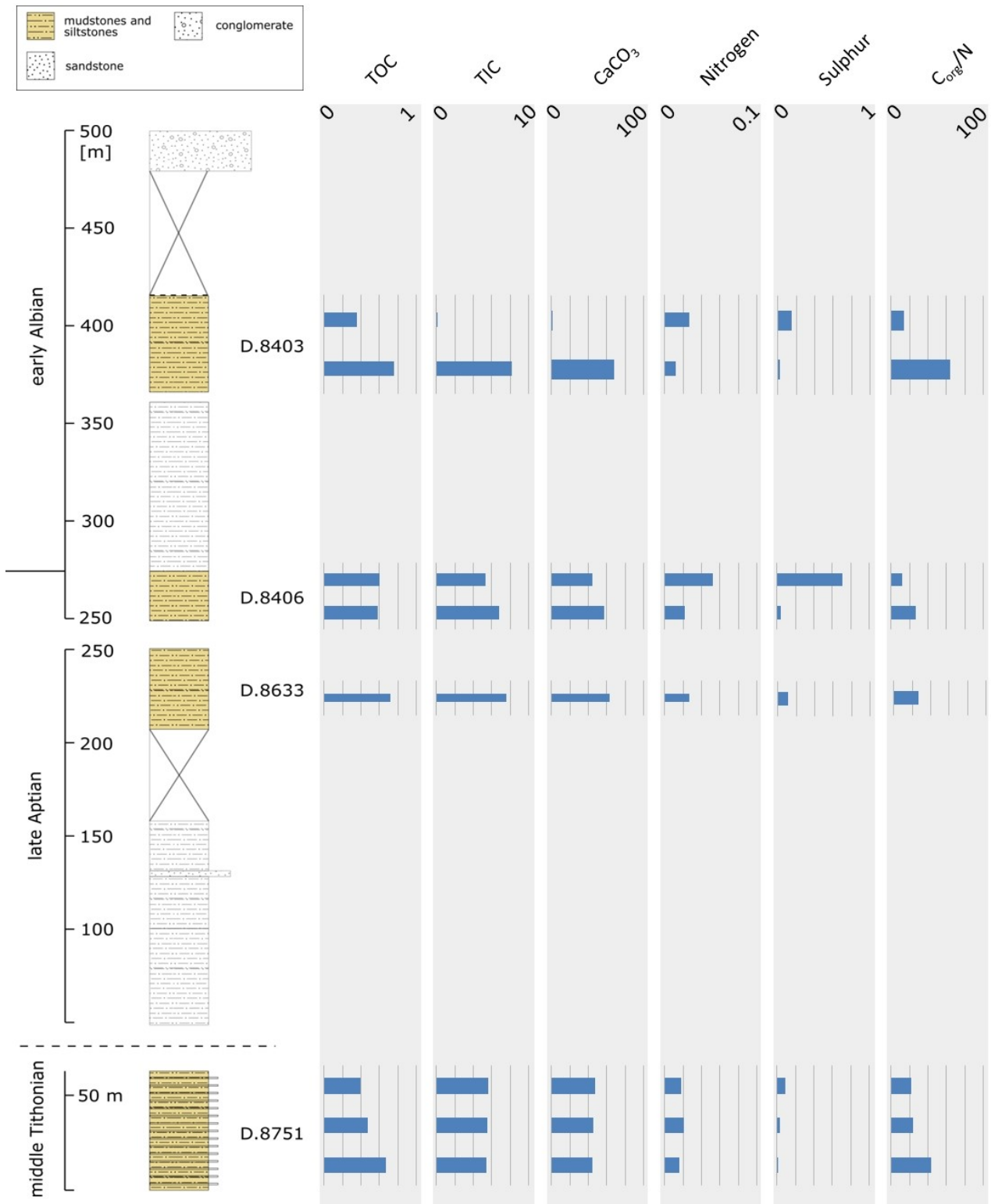


Figure 135: Results of the TOC, TIC and CNS analyses; Byers Group. Except for C_{org}/N, values given in %, to increase visualisation, different scales are used.

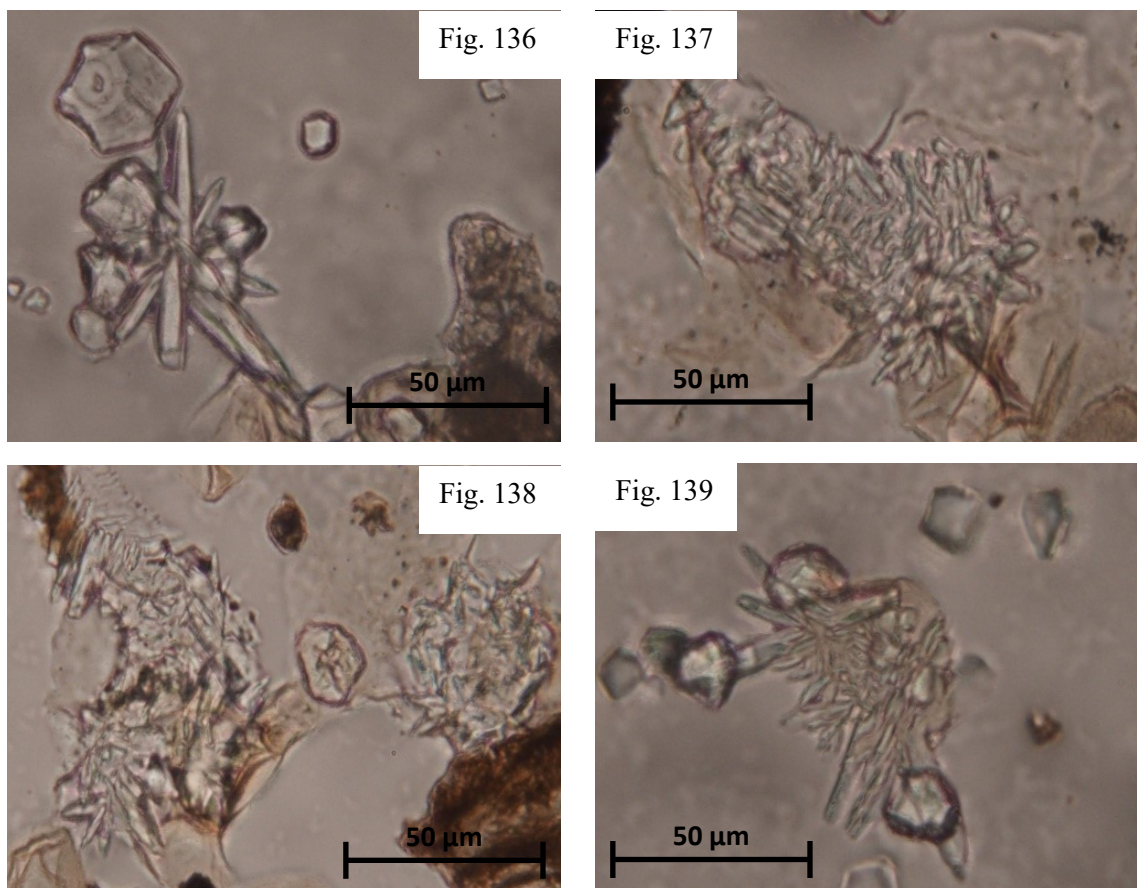
THERMAL MATURITY

Tithonian: in this interval TAI/SCI analysis was performed on 2 samples (D.8751.1, D.8751.3). Results show a TAI of approximately 2- to 3-/SCI of 2.5-8 (Ro% 0.5–1.1). The samples represent the maturation stage of diagenesis to catagenesis (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012).

Late Aptian to Early Albian: in this interval TAI/SCI analysis was performed on 2 samples (D.8633.10, D.8406.18). Samples show a TAI of approximately 2- to 3-/SCI of 2.5-8 (Ro% 0.5–1.1). Hence the samples represent the maturation stage of diagenesis to catagenesis (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012).

MICRO-GLENDONITES

In the sections of James Ross Island one sample contains micro-glendonites. The sample originates from the Early Albian interval. Here 6 specimens are recorded (selected specimens shown in figures 136–139). A mean diameter of 66.2 μm (SD=19 μm) is observed. The specimens range in size from 41 μm to 88 μm .



Figures 136–139: selected micro-glendonite specimens of the Nordenskjöld and Kotick Point Formations – Fig. 136: D.8403.65; Fig. 137: D.8403.65; Fig. 138: D.8403.65; Fig. 139: D.8403.65; scale bars given in the photograph

5. DISCUSSION

A North-South transect of sections from central to southern Chile and into Antarctica is here studied for the Tithonian to Albian palaeoenvironmental and climatic history. The approach is multidisciplinary and based on microfloral assemblages, palynofacies analysis, TOC-, TIC-, carbon/nitrogen/sulphur-analysis, the occurrence of micro-glendonite and carbonate microfacies.

The following chapter will discuss the results obtained by the application of the above methodologies and evaluates the results of these different approaches regarding their palaeoenvironmental and palaeoclimatic significance.

5.1 Palaeoenvironment

The palaeoenvironmental interpretation is mainly based on the composition and preservation of the palynofacies assemblage, composition and abundance of mineral detritus in the palynofacies samples, and results of geochemical (C/N/S) and microfacies analyses.

TITHONIAN

ANTARCTICA

Most samples of the Tithonian interval of the Antarctic sections originate from the Anchorage Formation (Byers Group), Himalia Ridge Formation (Fossil Bluff Group) and Nordenskjöld Formation and are of Middle Tithonian age. Only three samples of the upper Himalia Ridge Formation belong to the Upper Tithonian. Therefore, the Middle Tithonian results are discussed detached from those of the Upper Tithonian succession of the Lo Valdés Formation in central Chile and the Tobifera Formation in Patagonia.

Byers Group – Anchorage Formation

Terrestrial organic matter dominates the sedimentary organic matter composition of the Middle Tithonian sediments with a proportion of 69–100 %. Content of inertinite varies on a high level, resulting in a high (15.5) but strongly varying opaque:translucent (OP/TR) ratio (1.5–175), indicating varying lengths of transport (Tyson, 1993). The carbon:nitrogen (C/N) ratio varies intensely and also suggests a mixture of organic matter (degraded terrestrial – leaves and wood – particles, degraded marine – macrophytes and marine plankton-derived – particles (Tyson, 1995)). Abundance of terrestrial AOM is high, reflecting intense alteration of terrestrial organic matter. Four samples show occurrences of well-preserved sporomorphs. Coexistence of various stages of alteration in both the terrestrial and marine fraction of organic matter (fluorescent AOM and marine palynomorphs) indicate a mixture of material with i) longer ways of transport (inertinite and AOM) and ii) a more autochthonous origin (well-preserved sporomorphs and marine palynomorphs). The amount of siliciclastic detritus in the palynofacies preparations varies but is ubiquitous. In some samples siliciclastic detritus vastly exceeds the amount of organic particles reflecting the low TOC content with a mean of 0.32 wt %. This is generally attributed to dilution effects due to high influx of

siliciclastic material in a near-shore depositional environment (cf. Tyson, 1995). Usually, high proportion of inertinite in association with coarse-grained sediment reflects high energy proximal oxygenated organic-poor facies (e.g., Fisher, 1980; Denison & Fowler, 1980; Parry et al., 1981; Batten, 1982; Whitaker, 1984; Boulter & Riddick, 1986; Bustin, 1988). However, most of the mudstone of the Anchorage Formation was interpreted by Pirrie and Crame (1995) as a hemipelagic deposit. Hemipelagic material is often associated with turbidity currents (Nichols, 2009). After the mixing of the density current water with that of the ocean, the provenance and hence the general composition of the hemipelagic deposit will be the same as that of the turbidite (Nichols, 2009). Low density turbidity currents were reported for the Anchorage Formation by Pirrie and Crame (1995). Turbidite material is also indicated by thin section analysis of samples of the Middle Tithonian interval which show that radiolarian-rich mudstone (facies 3 of Pirrie & Crame, 1995) is interbedded with thin layers of un- to normally graded sandstone (facies 2 of Pirrie & Crame, 1995) and tuff (facies 1 of Pirrie & Crame, 1995). Infrequent occurrences of bioturbated levels are detected in the radiolarian-rich mudstone indicating oxygenated or at least dysaerobic conditions. Sandstone interbeds are rare and reflect oxidised shallow water facies that was transported into the basin by turbidity currents (cf. Pirrie & Crame, 1995). Analysis of the organic matter composition confirms this assumption: the composition of the organic matter assemblages with dominance of terrestrial organic matter in the distal continental margin environment is the result of activity of turbidites (next to the thermal degradation). The reworked organic matter of the sampled intervals most likely originated from a proximal marine environment. These sediments were transported to the area of deposition by the low-density turbidity currents. Although continuously rare, occurrences of particulate marine organic matter such as dinocysts and acritarchs in the upper part of the interval either indicate an increasingly distal marine environment (Tyson, 1993), or reduced dilution by turbidity currents, or both. The occasional high content of disseminated pyrite indicates activity of sulphate-reducing bacteria in depositional settings such as salt-marsh peats (Howarth, 1979) or marginal marine oxygen-depleted basins in which the inflow of oxygenated bottom water is obstructed by a barrier, e.g. a sill (Killops & Killops, 2005). Anoxic conditions in the Anchorage Formation are reported for the early Kimmeridgian with subsequent development to dysaerobic-aerobic conditions in the Early Tithonian (Pirrie & Crame, 1995). Results therefore suggest that at least in part, euxinic bottom water conditions still occurred within the Middle Tithonian of the Anchorage Formation.

Farquharson (1983) and Hathway (2000) suggested that the Antarctic Peninsula formed a discontinuous archipelago during the Late Jurassic, with increasing emergence during the Berriasian due to arc uplift. Previous work suggested that deposition of the Middle Tithonian succession of the Anchorage Formation took place within an extended anoxic, shallow marine basin (Crame et al., 1993). An uplifted landmass (Crame et al., 1993) to the north (Botany Bay Group; Millar et al., 1990) acted as the source for the terrestrial organic matter of the palynofacies samples. Duane (1996) suggested that a high geothermal gradient was responsible for the dominance of phytoclasts (as a result of selective preservation, cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007). This is also observed in the thermal alteration index (TAI) of the analysed samples which varies between 3+ and >5 (Ro% 1.9–3; c. 170–220°C; metagenesis–overmaturity). Miller and McDonald (2004) argued that the high geothermal gradient resulted either from rifting during basin formation or from a late-stage arc migration event. A depositional environment that varies between dominantly marginal marine to occasionally more fully marine conditions for the whole Late Jurassic–Early–Cretaceous Byers Group

was recognised by Duane (1994) based on the high terrestrial:marine palynomorph ratio. Occurrences of dinoflagellate cysts and the acritarch species *Nummus similis* (Cookson and Eisenack) Burger and *Corrolina* Maljawkina pollen (Backhouse, 1988; Mayagilo, 1992) further implies that the palaeoceanographic setting varied from dominantly marginal marine to occasionally more fully marine conditions (Duane, 1994).

It is here suggested that the organic matter composition represents a mixture of proximal (sandstone turbidites) and distal marine (radiolarian-rich mudstone) environments, with the diversity of components being altered by high thermal gradients (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Duane, 1996; Traverse, 2007). Results point to a Middle Tithonian depositional environment that is characterised by continental margin settings (continental slope to continental rise) (Figs. 140, 145). Occasional influences of distal suboxic-anoxic shelf environments are observed.

Nordenskjöld Formation – Longing Member

In the analysed sediments of the Middle Tithonian Nordenskjöld Formation the majority (66.4 %) of the organic matter composition is of terrestrial origin. The TAI of approximately 2- to 3- (Ro% 0.5–1.1; c. 50–100 °C; diagenesis–catagenesis) indicates that the organic matter composition is not significantly influenced by selective preservation of phytoclast material (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007). The C/N ratio represents an organic matter composition characterised by terrestrial organic detritus after degradative processing or terrigenous humic acids (Tyson, 1995). The C/N ratio is also in the modal range of marine macrophytes (Tyson, 1995). Since the nitrogen content is continuously low, the C/N ratio might also indicate marine plankton-derived organic matter like N-starved plankton (Tyson, 1995). The organic matter composition throughout the Middle Tithonian interval is composed of up to 31 % of acritarchs which confirms plankton-derived C/N ratios. In Mesozoic sediments abundance of acritarchs in shallow water marginal marine facies is often only dominant when dinocysts are inhibited by brackish and/or hypersaline conditions (Wall, 1965; Downie et al., 1971; Davey, 1971; Riley, 1970, 1974; Burger, 1980; Schrank, 1984; Tyson, 1993). Since acritarchs are the most salinity-tolerant kind of marine phytoplankton (Tyson, 1995) the high amount of acritarchs points to a proximal environment with saline influences (cf. Hancock & Fisher, 1981; Tyson, 1993). The presence of foraminiferal remains within the lower part of the Middle Tithonian interval suggests normal marine conditions (Muller 1959; Hoffmeister 1960; Tschudy 1969; Martinez-Hernandez et al. 1980; Courtinat 1989; Tyson, 1993). Usually, the abundance of foraminiferal linings decreases with increasing water depth (Melia 1984; Tyson, 1993), pointing to proximal open marine environments. In the lowermost samples of the Middle Tithonian interval, the increased occurrence of leiospheres points to a more distal marine depositional environment (Tyson, 1993). Contents of both terrestrial and marine AOM are low in the lower part of the Middle Tithonian Nordenskjöld Formation, with increasing abundance in the upper part of the section. Abundance of fluorescent AOMA exceeds the non-fluorescent AOMT. Increased proportion of AOMA is often correlated with areas of oxygen-depleted bottom waters in distal environments or marginal marine settings with restricted basins (Davey & Rogers 1975, Tissot & Pelet, 1981, Summerhayes 1983; Tyson 1993; Killups & Killups, 2005). The continuously low TOC and sulphur contents, however, rather point to an oxygenated water body (cf. Tyson, 1995). Nevertheless, frequent occurrences of disseminated pyrite in combination with low sedimentation rates (Hathway, 2000) indicate oxygen-reduced euxinic

bottom water within the Middle Tithonian interval of the Nordenskjöld Formation. Hathway (2000) reported that the main cause for anoxia in the area is likely to have been rift-topography and/or transgression-related stagnation. Transition from dysaerobic to aerobic conditions occurred in the Late Tithonian–Early Berriasian transition (Pirrie & Crame, 1995). The organic matter composition, with reduced abundance of phytoclasts and increased occurrence of marine palynomorphs, corresponds well to the hydrodynamic properties of a more distal marine environment (cf. McArthur et al., 2016a, b). However, increased abundance of well-preserved sporomorphs suggests a proximal environment with short ways of transport (Tyson, 1995). The OP/TR ratio is low and distinctly homogenous reflecting incomplete sorting and short ways of transport (Tyson, 1993; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). Based on the AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph plot the samples represent a depositional environment of the shelf to basin transition with occasional influence from a heterolithic oxic shelf. Whitham (1993) and Hathway (2000) suggested that the Nordenskjöld Formation represents a hemipelagic setting with reduced deposition rates. Abundance of siliciclastic detritus in the palynofacies preparations of the Nordenskjöld Formation is reduced which in combination with the low TOC content suggests low influx and reduced sedimentation rates. In this interpretation, deposition of the Nordenskjöld Formation took place in a quiet-water anoxic barred basin with restricted circulation and intermittent ash-falls (Doyle & Whitham, 1991; Whitham, 1993). Farquharson (1983) describes the sediments of the Nordenskjöld Formation as a succession of alternating radiolarian-rich laminated mudstone and ash-fall tuff. The macrofossil assemblage is dominated by pelagic and pseudoplanktonic species (Doyle & Whitham, 1991).

It is suggested that deposition of the Tithonian sediment succession of the Nordenskjöld Formation took place in an epicontinental sea with restricted basins and occasional oxygen reduced conditions.

Fossil Bluff Group – Himalia Ridge Formation

The palynofacies assemblage of the Middle Tithonian Himalia Ridge Formation is devoid of any particulate marine organic matter. The fluorescent portion of the total AOM most likely represents degraded marine plankton-derived organic matter (cf. Tyson, 1995). The organic matter composition with dominance of non-fluorescing material is suggested to be either the result of selective preservation of the more resistant phytoclast material (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007), or results from oxidation processes during transport, or both (cf. Tyson, 1995; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). The OP/TR ratio varies significantly between 1.1 and 17.5, reflecting varying lengths of transport of the terrestrial organic matter. A higher mean OP/TR ratio is observed in the Middle Tithonian interval pointing to increased lengths of transport in this interval. The organic matter composition can be divided into two groups, based on the difference in alteration intensity: i) terrestrial organic matter which experienced oxidation during transport – the TAI is approximately 4- to 4+ (Ro% 2.0–2.7; catagenesis–metagenesis) and thus equivalent to c. 175–210 °C, while the presence of fluorescent AOM suggests the existence of a less degraded and much less abundant group of organic matter – ii) marine AOM which was only altered to a level where the constituents lost their structure but not their fluorescence (AOM loses its fluorescence above 150–160 °C; Tyson, 1995). Miller and Macdonald (2004) reported thermal alteration of the organic matter in the Himalia Ridge Formation of up to 100–140 °C. It is likely that the fluorescent marine AOM represents the autochthonous portion of the sedimentary organic matter and that the much larger proportion of

terrestrial organic matter results from both the degree of thermal alteration processes and reworking caused by influx of turbidity currents (cf. Streef & Bless, 1980; Tyson, 1993, 1995; Traverse, 2007). It is therefore suggested that the depositional environment of the unstable continental slope (cf. Butterworth, 1985) was characterised by input of material with a more near-shore palynofacies composition. Two samples in the lowermost and middle part of the interval show increased amounts of disseminated pyrite. Content of dispersed pyrite is indicative of sulphate-reducing bacteria in depositional settings such as marginal marine oxygen-depleted basins in which the inflow of oxygenated bottom water is reduced (Killops & Killops, 2005). However, TOC is low throughout the sampled interval (reflected also by very low proportions of organic matter in the palynofacies preparations); the high abundance of phytoclasts and siliciclastic detritus simultaneously indicate a depositional environment with high influx of terrestrial material (cf. Tyson, 1995). A lowered OP/TR ratio and increased abundance of mineral detritus in the Upper Tithonian section suggests a more proximal depositional environment for this part of the interval.

The Himalia Ridge Formation is a highly variable stratigraphic unit with a wide range of facies and lateral variation. Previously suggested depositional settings for the Fossil Bluff Group range from inter-deltaic and shallow shelf environments (Horne, 1969), via tidal flat, sub-littoral and deeper water environments (based on lithofacies) (Elliott, 1975), to a complex environment roughly corresponding to inter-deltaic facies (Horne, 1969; Taylor et al., 1979). Butterworth et al. (1985) found evidence for low-density turbidity currents; these turbidites were deposited within submarine fans on an unstable slope below wave base. Distribution and preservation of organic matter in turbidite systems are mostly controlled by currents, local vegetation, oxygenation and especially density sorting during transport (Caratini, 1994; Tyson, 1995; Jäger & McLean, 2008; McArthur et al. 2016). The analysed samples originate from interbedded facies and are at least partly derived from turbidites (cf. Macdonald et al., 1993), which is also reflected in the organic matter composition.

For the Middle Tithonian interval a continental margin (continental slope to continental rise) setting with input of reworked organic matter by turbidites and at times suboxic conditions is suggested by the organic matter composition and the AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph plot. The Upper Tithonian interval is characterised by more proximal continental margin settings.

CENTRAL CHILE

Lo Valdés Formation

Large intervals of the Tithonian sediment succession of the central Chilean Cajón del Morado and Lo Valdés sections show inertinite-dominated organic matter compositions. Opaque phytoclast material is mainly derived from the oxidation of translucent wood material during prolonged transport or post-depositional alteration (Tyson 1993). Tyson (1993) states that shoreface environments are often characterised by a phytoclast-dominated organic matter composition. The ecological conditions reflected here point to a near shore depositional environment for the phytoclast-dominated deposits of the Tithonian section of the Lo Valdés Formation. The scarcity of marine palynomorphs (limited occurrence of foraminifers) in the palynofacies samples, and the absence of fluorescing AOM in both the CM and the LV sections, is most likely caused by increased thermal alteration: analyses of the illite/smectite mixed-layers and the TAI both indicate that the organic matter was altered, in the Lo

Valdés Formation, to the point of metagenesis ($> 200\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012). This resulted in a selective preservation of degradation-resistant particles, i.e. phytoclasts (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007) and indicates that marine facies indicators which existed in the palynofacies assemblage prior to thermal degradation were lost during oxidation or became part of the non-fluorescing AOM (cf. Traverse, 2007). It is this intense alteration that impedes a detailed and comprehensive interpretation of the palaeoenvironment in the central Chilean sections (CM and LV) based on the organic matter assemblage. In such cases, the OP/TR ratio of phytoclasts and the shape of inertinite particles (rounded or blade-shaped) provide better evidence for the evaluation of the depositional environment (Tyson, 1995). Several indications were observed for a proximal high-energy depositional environment throughout the Upper Tithonian sediment succession: i) low OP/TR ratios (CM: 3.5, LV: 2.6) of phytoclasts, ii) high abundance of equant (round) inertinite which additionally show no distinct decrease in size, iii) frequent occurrence of cross- or horizontal lamination (Salazar, 2012), iv) occurrences of authigenic glauconite and ooids in microfacies samples (indicating shallow shelf and high energy environments; Chafetz & Reid, 2000; Nichols, 2009), v) coarse sandy lithofacies and low TOC content (0.26 wt % (CM), 0.22 wt % (LV)) suggest deposition in a near-shore oxidising environment, vi) increased abundance of sporomorphs – sporomorphs are characterised by intermediate buoyancy between phytoclasts and marine palynomorphs (McArthur et al., 2016a, b) and vii) microfacies analysis that shows an inner ramp-open marine environment for the middle part of the Upper Tithonian succession. A mid-ramp depositional environment is indicated for the Early and Late Tithonian. The infrequent occurrence and at times increased abundance of fungal remains in the Tithonian palynofacies samples of the Lo Valdés Formation points to intervals with increased fungal activity similar to those found in swamp environments (Cohen et al., 1989; Tyson, 1995). However, the co-occurrences of well-preserved vitrinite indicate varying periods of oxidation and fungal mouldering of the phytoclasts. Reworking processes of the fungal remains are therefore suggested to have occurred in a near shore environment rather than a swamp setting (cf. Tyson, 1995). The brown colour of the fungal filaments (as a result of thermal alteration) rule out fungal growth in Recent times (Tyson, 1995). Reworking is also indicated by the high proportion of non-fluorescing AOM in the Tithonian deposits, which may have been caused by processes of bacterial activity (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007). A terrestrial origin of the vast majority of organic matter of the Tithonian sediments and therefore a proximal depositional environment (cf. Tyson, 1995) is also indicated by the results of the geochemical analysis. Sediments are characterised by varying C/N ratios that show that most of the organic matter is derived from terrigenous humic acids, leaves and herbaceous plants, and only to a minor extent from marine macrophytes (Tyson, 1995). The C/N ratio of some samples of the middle part of the Tithonian sediment succession also indicates marine plankton-derived organic matter (Tyson, 1995). The results of the geochemical analyses correspond well to the optical observations and also indicate a proximal depositional environment. However, as C-N bonds are much weaker than C-C bonds (Tyson, 1995 and references therein), a preferential loss of nitrogen is expected by alteration processes such as diagenesis (Tyson, 1995). Because of the intense thermal maturation of the central Chilean sections, an alteration of the C/N ratio is likely and the results are here interpreted only as an additional indicator of terrestrial-dominated organic matter and, in conclusion, a proximal marine depositional environment. Salazar (2012) found evidence for deposition in shallow sandy seas and shoreface facies - horizontal lamination, cross lamination and few ooids – distributed across a storm-dominated shelf (cf. Nichols 2009).

The Tithonian sediment succession of the Lo Valdés Formation is thus characterised by a proximal high-energy depositional environment, namely reflecting inner ramp-open marine to mid-ramp settings.

PATAGONIA

Upper Tobifera Formation

The Sofia 1 core is the only Patagonian section studied here that contains deposits of Tithonian age (upper Tobífera Formation). Due to the lack of biostratigraphical data, it is not possible to determine to which part of the Tithonian interval the sampled section of the Sofia 1 core corresponds. A Late Tithonian age is here used for the interpretation of the results.

In this core, the palynofacies assemblage is dominated by structured and unstructured terrestrial organic matter. However, due to the high thermal alteration of approximately TAI 4 to 5- (Ro% 2.5–3.5; c. 200–230°C) it is likely that the high abundance of terrestrial organic matter and especially inertinite is also the result of post-depositional oxidation of the organic matter. Since it is likely that the high thermal alteration resulted in the selective preservation of degradation-resistant phytoclasts and a loss of marine palynomorphs (lowered resistance to degradation processes, cf. Tyson (1995); Batten et al. (1996); Traverse (2007)), the validity of the terrestrial dominated palynofacies assemblage is limited. Therefore special focus is given to the OP/TR ratio and the shape of inertinite particles. Most terrestrial organic matter is deposited near the mouths of rivers and remains trapped in the inner part of the shelf (Hedges & Parker 1976, Tyson 1995). The high OP/TR ratio of 20.3 is either the result of a near-shore highly oxidised depositional environment or oxidation and fractionation of phytoclasts during prolonged ways of transport (Tyson, 1993; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). Roundness and size of the inertinite particles vary indicating incomplete sorting. Therefore a near shore environment is indicated by the morphologies of inertinite particles (cf. Tyson, 1995). The high content of phytoclasts (mean value of 90 %) correlates with coarse silt to very fine sand facies (Reyre 1973; Tyson, 1993) indicating a shelf marine depositional environment for the interval. The high amount of siliciclastic mineral detritus in the palynofacies preparations, together with the low TOC content of the Tithonian deposits, indicate a well-oxygenated near shore environment (siliciclastic dilution, cf. Tyson, 1995). Occurrences of terrestrial palynomorphs are restricted to scarce occurrences of sporomorphs. Well-preserved specimens are absent and throughout the section content of miospores decreases significantly. The absence of well-preserved sporomorphs results from increased degradation by thermal alteration or prolonged transport, or both (cf. Tyson, 1995). A post-depositional alteration of the sporomorphs is indicated by the high thermal alteration. The absence of light saccate pollen grains indicates a sporomorph composition representative of a near shore environment (Tyson, 1995; MacArthur et al., 2016 a, b). In the AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot all Tithonian samples indicate a highly proximal shelf environment but samples are affected by the thermal degradation. A more distal fully marine environment in the upper part of the sampled interval is indicated by the decrease in miospore abundance throughout the interval, the occurrence of acritarchs in the uppermost sample and the decreasing amounts of siliciclastic mineral detritus in the palynofacies preparations. In the Tithonian sediments the C/N ratio is reduced and homogenous and ranges from 13–17. Although the ratio is in the range of terrestrial organic matter such as degraded detritus and terrigenous humic acids or marine macrophyte material, the low ratio points to a more

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fully marine organic matter composition (Tyson, 1995). However, nitrogen was lost by alteration processes and original amounts cannot be assessed, wherefore results likely represent a mixture of terrestrial and proximal marine organic matter.

A conclusive determination of the depositional environment of the Tithonian upper Tobifera Formation of the Sofia 1 core is difficult to establish because of the poor preservation state of organic matter and the tectonically active arc setting (extensional tectonics creating asymmetric hemigrabens) (Schwarz et al., 2011). The sampled material of the Sofia 1 core exclusively consists of cuttings. Therefore no sedimentary structures are available for a conclusive interpretation of the depositional environment. The organic-rich shales of Late Jurassic and Early Cretaceous ages are assigned to anoxic marine environments (Stinnesbeck et al., 2014; EIA, 2015). A TOC-rich anoxic environment is not reflected in the results of the present study which is attributed to the fact that the analysed samples are shale and siltstone which were mostly deposited in shallow water (Fildani & Hessler, 2005). Changes in depositional regimes and sediment dispersal of the Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous extensional Rocas Verdes backarc basin (Tobífera and Zapata formations) are related to the onset of Andean contraction and transition to the Magallanes retroarc foreland basin (Rabinowitz & La Brecque, 1979; Dalziel, 1986; Ramos, 1988; Fildani & Hessler, 2005). Based on the results a shallow water shelf marine environment is suggested for most of the Tithonian interval of the upper Tobifera Formation with a potentially increasingly distal setting towards the Berriasian.

Summary

The depositional settings of the Middle Tithonian interval in Antarctica (Anchorage Formation, Nordenskjöld Formation and Himalia Ridge Formation) show more distal marine affinities. The Late Tithonian shows a change towards majorly proximal depositional settings of the Himalia Ridge Formation, Tobífera Formation and Lo Valdés Formation (Figs. 140, 145).

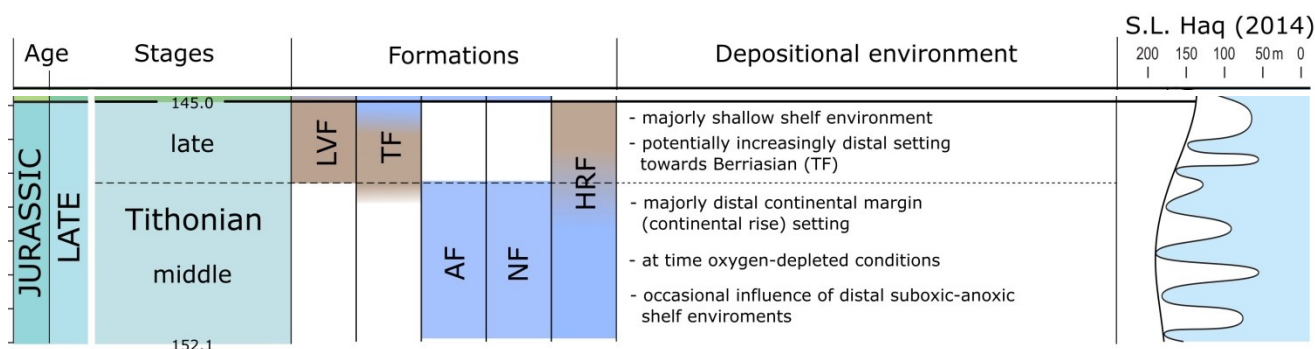


Figure 140: Depositional settings during the Tithonian interval; Formations: LVF=Lo Valdés, TF=Tobífera, AF=Anchorage, NF=Nordenskjöld, HRF=Himalia Ridge; S.L.=sea level; brown=proximal environment, blue=distal environment; global sea level curve from Haq (2014).

BERRIASIAN

CENTRAL CHILE

Lo Valdés Formation

The organic matter composition in Berriasian deposits of the central Chilean Lo Valdés Formation resembles that of the underlying Tithonian sediments. Terrestrial organic matter dominates the palynofacies assemblage. In the CM section, the lowermost and uppermost Berriasian palynofacies samples contain marine facies indicators (foraminifers and acritarchs) which are absent in the LV section. The organic matter composition of the LV section is thus completely composed of terrestrial organic matter (AOMT, phytoclasts, sporomorphs and rare fungal remains). The presence of ammonites (Salazar & Stinnesbeck, 2015b), frequent occurrences of echinoderms in the microfacies samples and increased carbonate content indicate marine depositional environments. The low abundance of sporomorphs and their poor preservation state indicate an increased distance to the sediment provenance and suggest a stable stratified water mass (Tyson, 1995). The increased (CM: 5.2, LV: 7.4) OP/TR ratio is characteristic for a more distal depositional environment with prolonged fractionation during transport (Tyson, 1993; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). Samples show high TOC values and disseminated pyrite indicating a more distal environment with oxygen-depleted (euxinic) bottom water, enhanced bioproductivity and low sedimentation rates (Didyk et al. 1978; Tourtelot 1979; Tyson, 1995; Killops & Killops, 2005). Oxygen-depleted bottom water in distal environments, or marginal marine settings with barred basins, are often correlated with an increased content of AOM (Davey & Rogers 1975, Tissot & Pelet 1981; Summerhayes 1983; Tyson 1993; Killops & Killops, 2005). This is reflected in the central Chilean Berriasian sediment succession by increased proportions of AOM. The TAI of approximately 4- to 4+ (Ro% 2–2.5; c. 175–200 °C) suggests maturation to metagenesis (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012). The intense alteration of the organic matter results in a relative accumulation of degradation-resistant particles (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007) which explains the dominance of terrestrial organic matter in a supposedly distal shelf marine environment. The less resistant marine palynomorphs were removed from the total sedimentary organic matter by oxidation, bacterial activity and thermal alteration (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007) and became part of the AOM, which is also reflected in the few occurrences of low C/N ratios. Some samples of the Berriasian deposits yield exceedingly low C/N ratios indicating that a significant amount of the amorphous organic matter is marine plankton-derived (Tyson, 1995). In the majority of the samples C/N ratios are high suggesting terrestrial-derived organic matter like terrigenous humic acids and remains of leaves and herbaceous plants, but the latter may also be derived from marine macrophytes (cf. Tyson, 1995). The absence of foraminifers in the Berriasian deposits might indicate a more distal environment – foraminifers are larger and heavier than marine algae and are thus reported to be transported less easily into deep-marine systems (Tyson, 1993, McArthur et al., 2016a, b). For the Berriasian section of the Lo Valdés Formation the microfacies analysis indicates a more distal marine environment (mid-ramp (shoal)/outer ramp to basin, cf. Flügel (2004)) with common horizontal lamination which was also observed by Salazar (2012). The results of the AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph plot were not adduced for the interpretation of the palaeoenvironment due to the poor preservation state of organic matter.

For the Berriasian interval of the central Chilean section results suggest a more distal shelf

environment (mid-ramp to outer ramp) with high organic matter preservation and temporal oxygen-reduced conditions. This observation is in agreement with Salazar (2012) who described this interval as offshore transition facies in a low oxygen and low energy environment.

PATAGONIA

Lower part of the lower Zapata Formation

The original data provided by ENAP for the Sofía 1 core do not allow for a subdivision of the section into a Berriasian and Valanginian interval. Even though, based on differences in the organic matter composition and the results of the geochemical analysis, a tentative subdivision is possible into a lower (potentially Berriasian) and an upper part (potentially Valanginian). The lower part of the lower Zapata Formation is discussed below, whereas the upper part is discussed in the Valanginian paragraph.

The palynofacies assemblage in the lower part of the lower Zapata Formation is dominated by terrestrial organic matter, especially by phytoclasts. The OP/TR ratio is exceedingly high (101.8), indicating either a highly oxidised near-shore depositional environment, or intense oxidation and fractionation of phytoclasts during prolonged transport (Tyson, 1993; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). Another reason for the high abundance of phytoclasts, especially inertinite, is a high degree of selective preservation: abundance of phytoclasts is often encountered in sections with intense thermal degradation, in which the highly resistant (refractory) nature of lignin leads to the enhanced preservation of wood debris (Tyson, 1993). Analysis of thermal alteration shows TAI/SCI values equivalent to Ro% 2.5–3 (c. 200–220 °C, cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012) which points to increased selective preservation of phytoclasts. Abundance of sporomorphs is low and specimens are poorly preserved, which further indicates increased distance to the sediment provenance (Tyson, 1993; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). Marine organic matter is absent in the deposits of the lower part of the Lower Zapata Formation. It is suggested that high thermal stress led to a degradation-induced structure loss of the marine organic matter fraction and hence to a conversion into AOMA (cf. Tyson, 1995). Since the organic matter was thermally altered by more than 200 °C, fluorescence of marine AOM is no longer expected (cf. Tyson, 1995), making it impossible to differentiate between marine AOMA and terrestrial AOMT. Proportion of siliciclastic detritus varies strongly. Especially in the lower part of the interval, content is significantly reduced in contrast to the underlying Tithonian sediment succession. The reduced amount of siliciclastic mineral detritus in the palynofacies preparations – in combination with increased TOC content – indicates a more distal depositional setting with reduced influence of siliciclastic dilution (Tyson, 1995). In the AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot, the sediments of the lower part of the lower Zapata Formation reflect a proximal basin environment. However, alteration of the composition is expected due to the poor preservation of the organic matter composition. The C/N ratio varies significantly between 12–42, thus indicating organic matter derived from degraded detritus and terrigenous humic acids or marine macrophyte material and benthic macroalgal detritus (Tyson, 1995). In contrast to the underlying Tithonian section, nitrogen content is increased. Higher nitrogen content is often connected to marine plankton-derived organic matter (cf. Tyson, 1995) but influx of inorganic N caused by volatilisation through volcanism also influences the N content (Holloway et al., 2002).

A conclusive determination of the depositional environment of the lower part of the lower Zapata

Formation is difficult because of the poor preservation state of the organic matter and the tectonically active arc. The onset of Andean contraction and transition to the Magallanes retroarc foreland basin (Tobífera and Zapata formations) during the Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous (Rabinowitz & La Brecque, 1979; Dalziel, 1986; Ramos, 1988; Fildani & Hessler, 2005) impede comprehensive assessment of the depositional environment. However, changes in organic matter composition and differences in the results of the geochemical and optical approaches suggest a potentially distal shelf to proximal basin environment for the lower (?Berriasian) part of the lower Zapata Formation.

ANTARCTICA

Fossil Bluff Group – Himalia Ridge Formation

The organic matter composition shows little fluctuation, except for variations in the abundance of well- and fairly preserved phytoclasts. The TAI analysis shows values of approximately 4- to 4+ (Ro% 2.0-2.7; c. 170-220 °C), whereas vitrinite reflectance (Ro) data of Miller & Macdonald (2004) range from 2.3 % to 3.7 % (>250 °C). Variations in the results of the thermal alteration analysis of individual samples may result from turbidity currents that caused a mixture of organic matter with different degradation states. The high values of alteration suggest selective preservation of phytoclast material resulting in a general absence of marine palynomorphs (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007). The OP/TR ratio is erratic indicating mixed lengths of transport (Tyson, 1993, 1995; McArthur et al., 2016a, b), which also reflects a mixture of particle transport by low density turbidity currents (Macdonald et al., 1993). High proportion of siliciclastic detritus in the palynofacies samples, reflects influx of near-shore material (siliciclastic dilution, cf. Tyson, 1995) and further points to activity of turbidity currents. The low abundance of sporomorphs and their poor preservation reflect increased distance to the sediment provenance and alteration processes during transport (Tyson, 1995; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). Together with the occurrence of turbidites a continental margin (continental rise) environment is indicated. The AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph plot shows a highly proximal basin composition with a tendency to a marginal dysoxic-anoxic basin setting, but values are affected by the high thermal alteration and selective preservation.

According to Butterworth et al. (1988) and Butterworth (1991) the deposits of the Himalia Ridge Formation represent a submarine fan complex, in which arenites/rudites represent tectonic pulses resulting from arc uplift. Gradual basin shallowing was reported by the authors. Bioturbation is frequent indicating oxygenated bottom water conditions (Crame & Howlett, 1988). The combination of low TOC content and low abundance of pyrite in the palynofacies samples suggests an oxygenated water body (Tyson, 1995). Siliciclastic detritus is ubiquitous in the samples used for palynofacies; this is also reflected by the low numbers of organic particles in the palynofacies samples (dilution effects due to high influx of siliciclastic material). Rather than reflecting a proximal depositional environment, it is here suggested that the high abundance of siliciclastic detritus results from turbidites.

The depositional environment of the Berriasian HRF is characterised by low-density turbidites in a submarine fan setting, as already suggested by Butterworth (1985, 1988). Deposition on the continental rise is suggested for the Berriasian Himalia Ridge Formation.

Byers Group – President Beaches Formation

The organic matter composition of the deposits of the PBF is dominated by terrestrial organic matter. The OP/TR ratio varies intensely indicating varying lengths of transport and different intensities of oxidation and degradation for the phytoclast group (Tyson, 1993; 1995; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). All marine palynomorphs are present but abundance is low (between 0.02–1.1 %). The abundance of fluorescent AOMA is high (up to 29 %), reflecting the presence of marine palynomorphs after degradation-induced structure loss (cf. Tyson, 1995) and points to bacterial degradation (cf. Williams 1984; Glikson & Taylor 1986; Tyson, 1995), whereas at times largely increased abundance of fungal filaments points to fungal mouldering of organic matter that contributed to the increased proportion of terrestrial AOM (cf. Tyson, 1995). Since the C/N ratio is also continuously very low, indicating a larger amount of marine plankton-derived organic matter (e.g., marine humic acids, zooplankton faecal pellets) (Tyson, 1995), the scarcity of marine palynomorphs may be the result of selective preservation which favoured the conservation of degradation-resistant phytoclast material (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007). The intensity of thermal degradation varies significantly throughout the Berriasian interval between Ro% 0.8–1.7 (85–165 °C); it is hence suggested to reflect the variety in preservation state and composition in the organic matter assemblage. The preservation state of sporomorphs varies significantly and indicates various lengths of transport that supposedly originated from turbidity currents (cf. McArthur et al., 2016a, b). The sedimentary organic matter composition represents a mixture of proximal terrestrial-dominated material and *in situ* marine organic matter, both in various stages of preservation. Thin section analysis shows that the lower part of the Berriasian interval is characterised by medium-to-coarse grained sandstone which is superseded by parallel laminated mudstone which in turn gives way to rippled cross-bedded fine-to-medium grained sandstone. This alternation in grain size and sedimentary structures points to varying distance to the shoreline (Boggs, 2014) but is also common in the Bouma sequences of low- and medium density turbidity currents (Nichols, 2009). Lomas (1999) reported that the sandstone was probably deposited by low-density turbidity currents. Rather than being caused by sustained discharges, Lomas (1999) suggested that most of the turbidites were deposited from discrete surge-type events. Widespread slope instability is indicated by locally slump and slope collapse zones and thick mud debrites (Duane, 1997). The AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph plot indicates highly proximal basin to marginal dysoxic-anoxic basin conditions. The abundance of disseminated pyrite varies strongly, but slightly increased TOC contents (0.1–1.1 wt %) suggest an oxygen-restricted environment. In contrast to the euxinic bottom waters in the Berriasian sections of central Chile, occurrences of benthic foraminifers and individual samples with general absence of pyrite indicate that anoxic conditions were not permanent. However, occurrences of benthic foraminifera might also result from input of turbidity currents. The mudstones of the PBF are finely laminated, with a restricted benthic macrofauna and little bioturbation, indicating inhospitable seafloor environments (Duane, 1996; Lomas, 1999). Lomas (1999) concluded that oxygen depletion was not the primary limiting factor on the benthic biomass; rather, key stress factors may have been a soft substrate, rapid sedimentation and turbid bottom waters. The abundance of terrestrial plant debris in the mostly fine-grained slope-apron deposits indicates both, a well-vegetated source area and a substantial fluvial input to the basin (Lomas, 1999). According to Duane (1996), the spore and pollen assemblages reflect diverse land vegetation and a humid temperate climate.

According to Lomas (1999), the PBF represents a rapidly deposited mud-rich deep-water slope apron derived from an arc terrain to the south-east. This interpretation is largely consistent with the results of the present study in which it is suggested that organic matter influx was influenced by turbidity currents. The early–Middle Berriasian section represents continental slope environments in the lowermost part of the interval (earliest Berriasian) to proximal continental rise settings with at times oxygen-depleted bottom water conditions.

Byers Group – Chester Cone Formation (Devils Point Member)

In the lower part of the Late Berriasian interval of the Chester Cone Formation, proportions of marine organic matter are increased indicating a fully marine environment (Tyson, 1995; Traverse, 2007). Reduced abundance of mineral detritus in the palynofacies samples in the lower part further points to a distal marine environment (Tyson, 1995). Thin section analysis shows majorly mudstone sedimentation for the lower part of the DPM reflecting a depositional environment with low water energy (Boggs, 2014). Grain size increases towards the Berriasian–Valanginian transition indicating higher water energy. The organic matter composition of the middle–upper part of the Berriasian interval of the CCF is dominated by an organic matter composition indicative of a proximal shallow marine depositional environment. This interpretation is in agreement with previous studies (Duane, 1996; Hathway & Lomas, 1998; Lomas, 1999). High content of siliciclastic detritus in the palynofacies samples indicates preferred input of near-shore material (siliciclastic dilution, cf. Tyson, 1995). The poor preservation state of the organic matter likely results from a high geothermal gradient as was suggested by Duane (1996). TAI/SCI analysis of the deposits of the Late Berriasian Chester Cone Formation shows that the results are in the range of Ro% 0.5–1.1 (c. 50–100 °C; catagenesis; cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012). Hence, it is considered unlikely that the organic matter composition was significantly altered by selective resorption linked to thermal alteration (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007). In the AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph plot this interval shows characteristics of the heterolithic oxic shelf, the shelf to basin transition and mud-dominated distal shelf.

A stressed sea floor is implied by the general lack of bioturbation and scarcity of benthos (Duane, 1996). The author suggests that shallow-water conditions and/or high levels of volcanoclastic input may be the forcing mechanisms of this stress. In the Late Berriasian sediments abundance of disseminated pyrite varies widely throughout the sampled section and several samples show significantly increased amounts. However, the low TOC content (0.3–0.8 wt %) is indicative of an oxygenated water mass and absence of anoxia. The OP/TR ratio which varies intensely between 0.1–257 indicates various lengths of transport and oxidation of the phytoclast material (Tyson, 1993, 1995; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). An oxygenated water body is also indicated by the high abundance of inertinite. However, C/N ratios are continuously low indicating dominantly marine plankton-derived organic matter. This does not correspond to the results of the optical analysis with a terrestrial-dominated organic matter composition. It is therefore suggested that the significantly increased nitrogen content is the result of higher contents of inorganic nitrogen. This might be caused by weathering of nitrogen-bearing bedrock or volatilisation through volcanism (Holloway et al., 2002). Duane (1996) reports high levels of volcanoclastic input in the Devils Point Member of the CCF. The reduced C/N ratios of especially the middle–upper part of the interval are therefore suggested to be the result of relative enrichment through influx of inorganic N, rather than representing nearly exclusively

marine plankton-derived organic matter (cf. Tyson, 1995).

According to Lomas (1999), deposition in the area was characterised by a discontinuous transition from pelagic/hemipelagic sedimentation of the Anchorage Formation through deep slope apron of the President Beaches Formation to shallow marine systems of the Chester Cone Formation. The DPM mainly consists of sediment-gravity-flow-deposited conglomerate and sandstone with remobilised shoreface/beach gravels (Pirrie, 1991; Pirrie & Crame, 1995; Duane, 1996; Hathway & Lomas, 1998). It is unclear whether the conglomerates represent the submarine portion of a fan delta or if they fill part of a large submarine channel (Pirrie & Crame, 1995; Duane, 1996; Hathway & Lomas, 1998). Undulating stratification in the thicker-bedded sandstones indicates storm-produced deposition above storm wave-base (cf. Dott & Bourgeois, 1982).

A more distal fully marine environment is indicated for the lower part of the Late Berriasian CCF part whereas a proximal shelf marine depositional setting is suggested for the middle-upper part based on the results of the present study.

Summary

The majority of the Berriasian sections of central Chile (Lo Valdés Formation), Patagonia (Lower Zapata Formation) and Antarctica (President Beaches Formation and Himalia Ridge Formation) were deposited in a distal fully marine environment (Figs. 141, 145). Only the lowermost Berriasian of the Lo Valdés Formation and the middle-upper part of the Late Berriasian Chester Cone Formation is characterised by a proximal shallow marine environment (Figs. 141, 145).

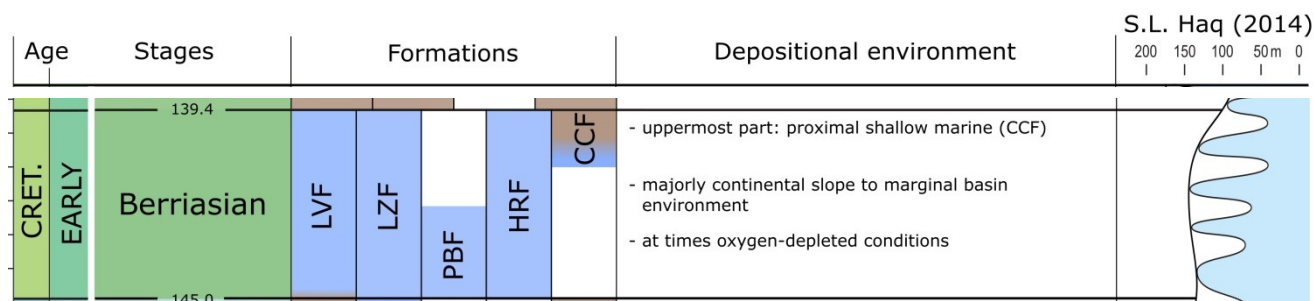


Figure 141: Depositional settings during the Berriasian interval; Formations: LVF=Lo Valdés, LZF=Lower Zapata, PBF=President Beaches, HRF=Himalia Ridge, CCF=Chester Cone; description same as figure 140.

VALANGINIAN

CENTRAL CHILE

Lo Valdés Formation

Sporomorph abundance increases significantly in the Valanginian sediments of the Lo Valdés Formation. The intermediate buoyancy of sporomorphs (McArthur et al., 2016a, b) indicates a more proximal depositional environment (Tyson, 1993). A decreased (CM: 2.6, LV: 2.4) OP/TR ratio of

phytoclads indicates short ways of transport with reduced intensity of oxidation and degradation. An elevated content of translucent phytoclads is typical in proximal depositional environments since reduced lengths of transport result in a less intense oxidation and fractionation (Tyson, 1993; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). High amounts of siliciclastic mineral detritus in the palynofacies samples and a low TOC content (mean of 0.21–0.29 wt %) indicate well-oxygenated near-shore high-energy environments (siliciclastic dilution, cf. Tyson, 1995). Microfacies samples with frequent skeletal grains, echinoderms and burrows provide evidence for inner ramp to mid-ramp (shoal) environments and therefore further indicate a proximal depositional setting (cf. Flügel, 2004). In the earliest and latest Valanginian interval, a more distal environment is reflected in the microfacies composition (mid-ramp to outer ramp).

Increasing carbonate content, occurrence of abundant ammonites (Salazar, 2012) and the presence of rare marine palynomorphs are indicators for a marine environment. Foraminifers are rare indicating a proximal marine environment (Tyson, 1995). The high TAI/SCI value (Ro% 2–2.5; c. 175–200 °C) indicates possible post-depositional oxidation and selective preservation of phytoclast material (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007). Occurrences of fungal filaments are exceedingly abundant and non-fluorescent AOMT is simultaneously high, suggesting that intense fungal mouldering of phytoclads contributed to the degradation of organic matter (cf. Tyson, 1995). The C/N ratio of the Valanginian samples is increased but a few samples also show low values. This indicates an organic matter composition derived from leaves and herbaceous plants, terrigenous humic acids, and marine macrophytes, but also minor amounts of marine plankton (Tyson, 1995). The results of the AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph plot integrate well with the previously discussed results but are affected by the poor preservation state of the organic matter.

For the Valanginian interval of the Lo Valdés Formation a proximal depositional environment is proposed (Figs. 142, 145). Occasional influence of more distal shelf settings in the earliest and latest Valanginian are observed.

PATAGONIA

Upper part of the lower Zapata Formation

The palynofacies assemblage detected in the upper part of the lower Zapata Formation is dominated by terrestrial organic matter, especially by phytoclads. The OP/TR ratio is high (33), but significantly reduced when compared to the lower (potentially Berriasian) part of the section. This either indicates a highly oxidised near-shore depositional environment, or intense oxidation and fractionation of phytoclads during prolonged transport (Tyson, 1993; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). The abundance of highly oxidised phytoclads may also have resulted from selective preservation (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007) due to high TAI/SCI values equivalent to Ro% 2.5–3 (c. 200–220 °C). Compared to the lower part of the interval, the abundance of sporomorphs is increased and specimens are significantly better preserved which indicates reduced lengths of transport and proximity to the source area (Tyson, 1993; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). Occurrences of marine organic matter are restricted to individual occurrences of dinocysts and acritarchs in the uppermost lower Zapata Formation. It is suggested that thermal alteration resulted in a degradation-induced structure loss of the marine organic matter fraction and hence to a conversion into AOMA (cf. Tyson, 1995). Due to the high level of thermal alteration of more than 200 °C, fluorescence of marine AOM is no

longer existent (cf. Tyson, 1995). The increased amount of siliciclastic mineral detritus in the palynofacies preparations of the lower and middle part of the studied interval and the reduced TOC content in the upper interval of the lower Zapata Formation indicates a more proximal depositional setting with increased influence of siliciclastic dilution and increased proximity to the sediment provenance (cf. Tyson, 1995). The results of the AOM-phytoclast-palynomorph plot are affected by the poor preservation state of the organic matter composition. In the upper part of the lower Zapata Formation the C/N ratio is low and varies between 8–19, indicating organic matter derived from terrigenous humic acids, marine macrophyte material and benthic macroalgal detritus or degraded plankton and marine humic acids (Tyson, 1995). It is suggested that the reduced C/N ratios which indicate a more marine organic matter composition, either represent the marine organic matter fraction which became part of the non-fluorescent AOM, or they are caused by the increased nitrogen content which in turn may be influenced by weathering of nitrogen-bearing bedrock or volatilisation through volcanism (cf. Holloway et al., 2002).

The Berriasian–Valanginian lower Zapata Formation of the Sofia 1 core was deposited proximate to the Andean orogen, and is now located close to the fold-thrust belt (Fildani & Hessler, 2005). The proximity to the volcanic arc resulted in increased thermal stress which caused the poor preservation state of the organic matter. Here, the sampled interval of the lower Zapata Formation is roughly divided into a lower and an upper part. Differentiation is based on differences in the organic matter composition and the results of the geochemical and optical analysis, and not by means of stratigraphical approaches (due to lack of data).

Determination of the depositional environment is difficult in the upper part of the lower Zapata Formation because of the poor preservation of the organic matter. During the Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous changes in the depositional setting are influenced by the onset of Andean contraction and transition to the Magallanes retroarc foreland basin (Tobífera and Zapata formations) (Rabinowitz & La Brecque, 1979; Dalziel, 1986; Ramos, 1988; Fildani & Hessler, 2005). Based on the changes in organic matter composition and differences in the results of the geochemical and optical approaches, a more proximal shelf environment is suggested for the upper part of the lower detritus and the occurrence of marine palynomorphs indicate a more distal shelf marine environment in the uppermost part of the lower Zapata Formation (Figs. 142, 145).

ANTARCTICA

Fossil Bluff Group – Spartan Glacier Formation

Precise age control on the sample series of the Spartan Glacier Formation is not given. A tentatively Valanginian, Late Valanginian–Early Hauterivian and Late Hauterivian–Barremian subdivision of the sample series is used, based on the lithostratigraphic results of Butterworth et al. (1988). The interval is discussed as a whole due to the limited sample amount. The palynofacies assemblage is dominated by terrestrial organic matter. Particulate marine organic matter is mostly absent and limited to a single sample that contains undifferentiated algae (Valanginian). Abundance of marine AOM is highest in the middle part of the interval (Late Valanginian–Early Hauterivian). In contrast to the underlying Berriasian HRF, the OP/TR ratio is continuously low (3.2) in the Valanginian–Barremian deposits of the SGF. This reduction reflects reduced levels of fractionation and therefore points to a more proximal marine environment (Tyson, 1993; McArthur, 2016a, b). The dominance of phytoclast

material is suggested to be linked to effects of selective preservation, as TAI/SCI analysis is equivalent to Ro% 2.0–2.7 (c. 175–220 °C) and resulted in conversion of marine organic matter to fluorescent AOM (cf. Tyson, 1995). The co-occurrence of particles that show thermal alteration above 175 °C and fluorescent AOM (AOM loses its fluorescence above 150–160 °C; Tyson, 1995) indicates differences in the length of transport and a mixture of organic matter with allochthonous and autochthonous origin due to reworking. The C/N ratio is continuously low, indicating a mixture of organic matter derived from degraded terrestrial material, terrigenous humic acids, marine macrophytes, but also from degraded plankton and marine humic acids (Tyson, 1995). The AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph plot indicates “highly proximal shelf or basin” to “marginal dysoxic-anoxic basin” environments, but values are affected by thermal alteration. Doubleday and Storey (1998) reported that the sediments of the SGF were deposited within mud lobes on the outer shelf.

The Spartan Glacier Formation is composed of grey mudstone and siltstone with only a few intercalated swarms of sandstone dykes (Butterworth et al., 1988). Upsection, sediments gradually become coarser and suggest a shallower environment (Macdonald et al., 1993). The significant increase in grain size points to a general shallowing-upward trend (Crame & Howlett, 1988). Disseminated pyrite is frequent in all analysed samples of the SGF but abundance is not increased. An oxygenated near-shore environment is indicated by continuously low TOC contents and high abundances of siliciclastic mineral detritus in the palynofacies samples (cf. Tyson, 1995; Duane, 1996). Butterworth et al. (1988) reported frequent bioturbation, further indicating an oxygenated water body. The Valanginian section of the Spartan Glacier Formation was deposited in an outer shelf setting (Figs. 142, 145). Siliciclastic detritus is reduced in the Late Valanginian–Early Hauterivian interval (Figs. 142, 143, 145). Together with the increased abundance of marine AOM, a more distal marine depositional environment is suggested for this interval. Increased abundance of siliciclastic detritus and absence of any marine facies indicators in the palynofacies assemblage indicate a more proximal depositional setting for the Late Hauterivian–Barremian interval (Figs. 143, 144, 145).

Byers Group – Chester Cone Formation (Sealer Hill Member)

In contrast to the DPM, the SHM yields a much more diverse palynofacies assemblage: although generally low in numbers, dinocysts, acritarchs, algae indet., foraminifers, leiospheres and marine AOM are present. Although the analysed section is still dominated by terrestrial organic matter, low TAI/SCI values (equivalent to Ro% 0.7–1.1; c. 75–100 °C) indicate that the organic matter shows the original (unaltered) composition (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007). Increased content of well-preserved sporomorphs and a low OP/TR ratio (0.6) indicate short distances of transport (Tyson, 1993; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). Compared to the underlying DPM, the amount of marine AOM is increased, but so is the amount of terrestrial AOM. The average abundance of fungal filaments is lower in the SHM (to the DPM) but fungal remains occur more frequent in the palynofacies samples indicating that the organic matter was exposed to fungal mouldering and bacterial activity (cf. Demaison & Moore, 1980; Tyson, 1995). With an average of 11 the C/N ratio represents a mixture of components that derived from origins like leaves and herbaceous plants, terrigenous humic acids, marine macrophytes, but also from marine plankton (Tyson, 1995). In contrast to the deposits of the DPM the absolute nitrogen content is reduced, indicating reduced influx from weathering processes, volcanic volatilisation and/or a more marine organic matter composition

(cf. Tyson, 1995; Holloway et al., 2002; Montross et al., 2013). TOC content of the CCF is the highest of the Byers Group. Except for significant peaks in two samples, pyrite content is continuously low providing no evidence of euxinic bottom water conditions (cf. Tyson, 1995). The AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph plot indicates a proximal shelf setting for the majority of the samples, with occasional shifts to marginal basin environments and shelf to basin transition settings.

Compared to the DPM, the SHM is characterised by a slightly more proximal environment indicated by current ripple cross laminated silty mudstone and fine sandstone which is restricted to the lowermost part of the SHM. Reduced abundance of siliciclastic detritus reflects transition to lower water energy for the remainder of the interval. The succession is dominated by mudstone deposits in which sandstone beds are interpreted by Duane (1996) as storm-generated sediment incursions into a low-energy marine shelf environment above storm wave base. The upper member (SHM) of the Chester cone Formation consists of finely laminated mudstone of Early–Middle Valanginian age (Hathway & Lomas, 1998). Deposition was penecontemporaneous with the emergence and expansion of the arc. Tectonic uplift was accompanied by a discontinuous transition from pelagic/hemipelagic sedimentation of the Anchorage Formation to shallow marine systems of the Chester Cone Formation (Lomas, 1999).

Results suggest a proximal fully marine depositional environment for the Early-Middle Valanginian Chester Cone Formation (Figs. 142, 145). Occasional influences of lower energy marginal basin settings are also indicated.

Summary

The Valanginian sections in Central Chile (Lo Valdés Formation), Patagonia (Lower Zapata Formation) and Antarctica (Chester Cone Formation and Spartan Glacier Formation) show majorly proximal depositional settings that range from well-oxygenated near shore environments to outer/distal continental shelf settings.

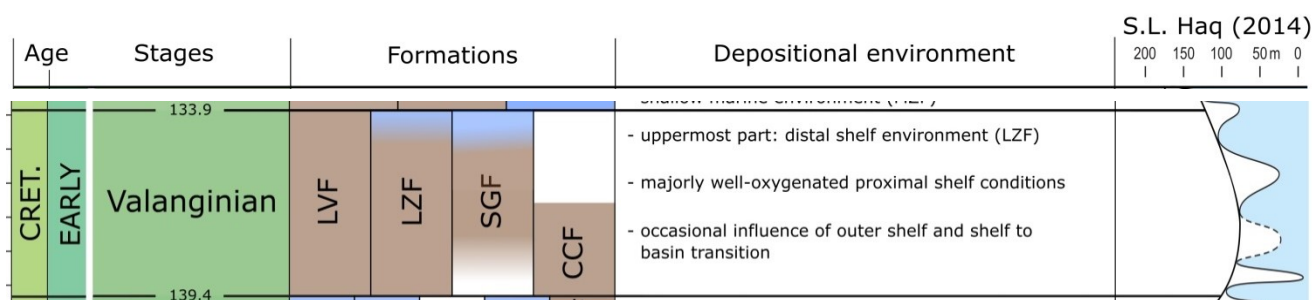


Figure 142: Depositional settings during the Valanginian interval; Formations: LVF=Lo Valdés, LZF=Lower Zapata, SGF=Spartan Glacier, CCF=Chester Cone; description same as figure 140.

HAUTERIVIAN

CENTRAL CHILE

Lo Valdés Formation

The organic matter composition is dominated by terrestrial organic matter. Marine facies indicators are absent. Similar to the Tithonian, Berriasian and Valanginian stages of the central Chilean sections, the absence of marine palynomorphs results from selective preservation of phytoclasts caused by intense thermal alteration (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007). Analysis of the TAI/SCI shows values equivalent to Ro% 2–2.5 (c. 175–200 °C). Thermal stress resulted in degradation-induced structure loss of marine palynomorphs with subsequent incorporation in fluorescent AOMA (cf. Tyson, 1995). However, the increased level of thermal degradation of the sediments resulted in loss of fluorescence of the marine AOM fraction (Tyson 1995). Compared to the deposits of the underlying Valanginian section, samples of the Hauterivian deposits are characterised by a higher OP/TR ratio indicating increased fractionation and oxidation during transport (Tyson, 1993; McArthur et al., 2016a, b); they hence point to a more distal shelf marine environment. Occurrences of fungal filaments are frequent and abundance of non-fluorescent AOM is simultaneously high, indicating that fungal mouldering of phytoclasts contributed to the degradation of the organic matter (cf. Tyson, 1995). According to Jones (1988) and Tyson (1995) fungi may also play a significant role in marine biodegradation, including the degradation of marine organic matter. The C/N ratio shows a mean value of 37 but varies significantly (15–224) throughout the sampled interval. The ratio is increased in the deposits of the lower–middle part of the Hauterivian interval, indicating a terrestrial derived organic matter composition (i.e. detritus of wood, leaves and herbaceous plants) (Tyson, 1995). The middle–upper part of the Hauterivian section is characterised by lower C/N ratios, indicating organic matter derived from terrigenous humic acids and marine macrophytes. Some samples also indicate shares of marine plankton-derived organic matter (zooplankton faecal pellets and/or marine humic acids) (Tyson, 1995). The abundance distribution of siliciclastic detritus in the palynofacies samples shows a similar pattern. In the lower–middle part of the Hauterivian interval the abundance vastly exceeds that of the middle–upper part. This indicates an increased distance to the sediment provenance and lower influence of terrestrial settings for the upper part of the Hauterivian interval (cf. Tyson, 1995). Disseminated pyrite is frequent throughout the deposits of the Hauterivian section of the Lo Valdés Formation but TOC content is only slightly increased. A euxinic environment is therefore considered unlikely (cf. Tyson, 1995). Although the sediments show increased contents of skeletal grains and carbonate debris, microfacies characteristics (including grain size) are in an intermediate range between those of the Berriasian and the Valanginian: Microfacies analysis indicates a development from inner ramp to mid-ramp environments in the lower part of the Hauterivian section to outer ramp/basin settings in the upper part (cf. Flügel, 2004). Due to the intense thermal degradation and hence selective preservation of the phytoclast material, the results of the AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph plot are prone to alteration and thus considered unreliable.

Results suggest a proximal depositional environment for the lower part of the Hauterivian interval. In the middle–upper interval of the Hauterivian section a more distal marine environment is indicated (Figs. 143, 145).

PATAGONIA

Middle Zapata Formation

Based on data provided by ENAP, the upper interval of the sampled section of the Sofia 1 core is assigned to the Hauterivian–Aptian, or middle Zapata Formation. Results show a tripartite subdivision of the Hauterivian–Aptian interval and allow a tentative division in a lower (potentially Hauterivian), middle (potentially Barremian) and upper (potentially Aptian) interval. A detailed subdivision based on stratigraphic data is not possible, wherefore the whole interval is discussed in this paragraph.

The organic matter composition of the deposits of the Hauterivian–Aptian interval of the Sofia 1 core is dominated by terrestrial organic matter. Well-preserved particles are restricted to dinocysts, sporomorphs and phytoclasts. Abundance of sporomorphs is significantly increased in the lower and upper part of the interval, indicating proximity to the sediment provenance (Tyson, 1993; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). Sporomorphs are rare to absent in the middle part, indicating a more distal marine depositional environment (Tyson, 1993, 1995; McArthur et al., 2016 a, b). A tripartite subdivision of the interval is also reflected in the OP/TR ratio. In the lower and upper part of the interval the ratio is significantly reduced compared to the middle part. This indicates less fractionation and oxidation of the organic matter in the lower and upper part of the interval and hence a more proximal depositional environment (Tyson, 1993; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). Samples of the lower and upper part of the interval also show a significantly increased proportion of siliciclastic detritus. This indicates high influx of siliciclastic material in proximity to the sediment provenance (cf. Tyson, 1995). Occurrences of dinocysts and acritarchs are restricted to the lower and upper part of the sampled interval and indicate fully marine environments (Tyson, 1993, 1995; McArthur et al., 2016 a, b). In this core the proximity to the volcanic arc (Fildani & Hessler, 2005) resulted in increased thermal stress. The co-occurrence of fluorescent particles and TAI of 4 to 5- (equivalent to Ro% 2.5–3; c. 200–220 °C) indicates a mixed allochthonous and autochthonous organic matter composition, but might also result from caving during the process of core-drilling. A tripartite subdivision becomes also apparent in the results of the geochemical analysis. The reduced TOC contents (in combination with increased siliciclastic detritus) indicate a well-oxygenated near shore environment for the lower and upper parts of the interval (siliciclastic dilution, cf. Tyson, 1995). TOC content is higher and siliciclastic detritus is reduced in the deposits of the middle part of the interval which indicates a more stable water body in a distal marine environment (Tyson, 1995). Combined with increased TOC contents, high abundance of pyrite and reduced siliciclastic detritus, an oxygen depleted low-energy euxinic water body is indicated for the middle part of the interval (cf. Tyson, 1995). The C/N ratio is reduced in the lower and upper part of the section, pointing to marine-derived organic matter (Tyson, 1995). The middle part of the interval is characterised by higher C/N ratios that indicate a mixed terrestrial-marine organic matter composition. This observation contradicts the previously discussed subdivision of proximal environments for the lower and upper part of the interval and a more distal marine setting for the middle part. Volatilisation through volcanism and/or weathering of nitrogen-bearing bedrock could have influenced the nitrogen content (cf. Holloway et al., 2002) but no significant change in N-content throughout the interval is observed. It is suggested that the intense thermal alteration resulted in loss of Nitrogen and hence to a lower C/N ratio. The results of the AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph plot indicate a continuously proximal shelf or basin environment. However, because of the poor

preservation state of the organic matter, the results are of limited reliability.

Fildani and Hessler (2005) suggested that the Zapata Formation was deposited in a shallow-water marine environment which was tectonically influenced by the Andean orogeny. A highly irregular basin partitioned by horsts is indicated by sand deposition confined to sub-basins closer to the arc (Fildani & Hessler, 2005). A conclusive determination of the depositional environment of the Hauterivian–Aptian interval of the Zapata Formation is difficult because of the poor preservation state of the organic matter, the tectonically active arc and consequent highly irregular morphology of the area (cf. Fildani & Hessler, 2005).

Based on the results proximal depositional environments are suggested for the lower (?Hauterivian) and upper (?Aptian) part of the sampled interval (Figs. 143, 144, 145). The middle (?Barremian) part of the interval is characterised by a distal oxygen-depleted low-energy setting (Figs. 144, 145).

ANTARCTICA

Spartan Glacier Formation

The depositional environment of the SGF is discussed as a whole in the Valanginian paragraph due to the limited sample amount. The interpretation of the Hauterivian interval is thus only briefly summarised here. For the Early Hauterivian section a more distal marine depositional environment is suggested. For the Late Hauterivian interval a more proximal depositional setting is indicated (Figs. 143, 145).

Summary

For the Hauterivian interval, shifts in proximity of the depositional settings are observed in all three sections (Figs. 143, 145). However, a uniformly trend in palaeoenvironmental development for the Hauterivian interval cannot be inferred from the present data.

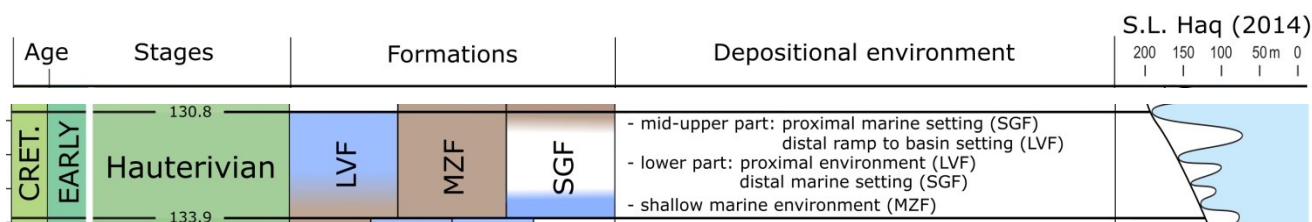


Figure 143: Depositional settings during the Hauterivian interval; Formations: LVF=Lo Valdés, MZF=Middle Zapata, SGF=Spartan Glacier; description same as figure 140.

BARREMIAN–APTIAN

PATAGONIA

Springhill/Río Mayer Formation

The palynofacies assemblages identified in the Nevenka 1 core are dominated by terrestrial organic matter. The OP/TR ratio varies significantly but is continuously low (mean of 1.5) indicating a near shore depositional environment with short ways of transport and limited degrees of oxidation and fractionation (Tyson, 1993, 1995; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). The great variety of particle sizes that was observed in the phytoclast remains further reflects insufficient lengths of transport and incomplete sorting, an observation that is typical in proximal assemblages (Tyson 1995). Terrestrial organic matter is usually deposited near the mouths of rivers and remains trapped in the inner part of the shelf (Hedges & Parker, 1976; Wollast, 1983; Tyson, 1995). The TAI/SCI ratio of the Barremian–Aptian interval of the Nevenka 1 core is equivalent to Ro% values of 0.5–1.3 (c. 50–115 °C), providing no indication for increased selective preservation of phytoclasts (Tyson, 1993). Throughout the lower part of the interval contents of phytoclasts decrease significantly and this matter was replaced by AOMT and AOMA. Commonly, the relative and absolute abundance of AOM is strongly correlated with distal areas of oxygen-reduced bottom water conditions (Davey & Rogers, 1975; Tissot & Pelet, 1981; Summerhayes, 1983; Tyson, 1993). Throughout the section abundance of both fluorescent AOMA and non-fluorescent AOMT fluctuate on a high level and show an increasing trend and hence, a more distal depositional setting. Intervals with increased TOC content are restricted to the lower, middle and lower upper part of the interval and show concurrently decreased abundance of siliciclastic detritus and sporomorphs. The TOC-rich intervals represent confined phases of distal marine settings in which the depositional environment is characterised by lower energy and oxygen-deficiency (cf. Tyson, 1995). Abundances of dinocysts and acritarchs fluctuate intensely but show higher values in the upper part of the interval further indicating progressive tendency towards fully marine settings (Tyson, 1993, 1995; McArthur et al., 2016 a, b). Occurrences of leiospheres (referred to division Prasinophyta of the green algae (Tappan, 1980; Guy-Ohlson, 1996; Traverse, 2007)) are only present in the middle part of the interval where they reflect more distal marine depositional environments (Tyson, 1993). Results of the AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph plot point to depositional settings that reflect alternating distances to the sediment provenance from marginal basin to shelf to basin transition (lower to upper part of the Upper Barremian). The same pattern is observed in the Lower Aptian interval where the plot shows a transition from distal suboxic-anoxic basin settings back to the shelf to basin transition and the mud-dominated oxic shelf. Concurrent increase in abundance of sporomorphs and phytoclasts reflect a transition to proximal depositional settings (Tyson, 1993, 1995).

The sampled interval of the Springhill/Río Mayer was deposited during Late Barremian–Early Aptian times and is composed of fluvial, marginal-marine, coastal and shallow-marine siliciclastic deposits (Kielbowicz et al., 1984; Biddle et al., 1986; Arbe and Fernández Bell Fano, 2002; Schwarz et al., 2011). The vast majority of the sampled interval of the Nevenka 1 core belongs to the Upper Barremian Springhill Formation based on the dinocyst assemblage. In the uppermost interval of the studied section of the Nevenka 1 core the dinocyst assemblage shows an Early Aptian age and is assigned to the Río Mayer Formation (cf. Archangelsky et al., 2009).

Schwarz et al. (2011) suggest deposition as incised valley fills for the most part of the Springhill Formation. The dominance of thermally unaltered terrestrial organic matter in the analysed section also suggests deposition on the shelf. Throughout the sampled section a fluctuating depositional environment is suggested with an increasingly proximal shelf marine setting. In the lowermost Aptian, a temporary shift towards more distal marine settings is superseded by proximal depositional environment (Figs. 144, 145).

ANTARCTICA

Spartan Glacier Formation

The depositional environment of the SGF is discussed as a whole in the Valanginian paragraph due to the limited sample amount. For the Barremian interval a more proximal depositional setting is indicated (Figs. 144, 145).

Summary

Based on the results a majorly distal marine depositional setting is suggested for the Middle–Upper Barremian interval. Both analysed sections from Patagonia indicate distal shelf marine settings with intervals of more proximal settings in the Springhill/Río Mayer Formation. Results further point to oxygen-depleted low-energy settings for the lower–middle part of the Barremian interval. The results from Antarctica (SGF) suggest a proximal depositional environment for the Lower Barremian, although age control is poor.

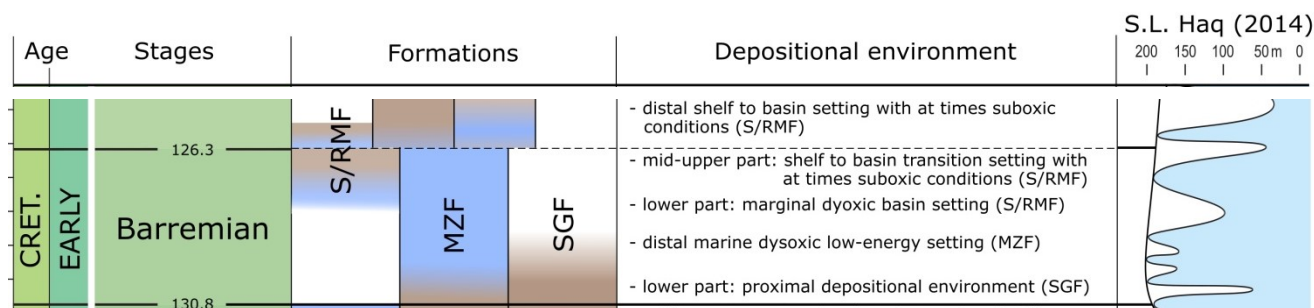


Figure 144: Depositional settings during the Barremian-Aptian interval; Formations: S/RMF=Springhill/Río Mayer, MZF=Middle Zapata, SGF=Spartan Glacier; description same as figure 140.

APTIAN–ALBIAN

ANTARCTICA

Fossil Bluff Group – Pluto Glacier Formation (Aptian)

Except for the occurrences of acritarchs in the uppermost part of the interval, and undifferentiated algae throughout the section, structured marine organic matter is absent. Compared to the sediments of the other lithostratigraphic units of the Fossil Bluff Group content of fluorescent AOM is significantly

increased. Nonetheless, terrestrial organic matter dominates the palynofacies assemblage. The OP/TR ratio of the deposits is very low (1.8) reflecting decreased fractionation and oxidation and short ways of transport (Tyson, 1993, 1995; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). Well- to fairly preserved sporomorphs are abundant in the PGF indicating short distances to the source area (Tyson, 1993, 1995; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). Fungal remains are absent which indicates that the high amount of terrestrial AOM is not the result of intense fungal mouldering (cf. Tyson, 1995). Although an increase in abundance of fluorescing AOM is an indicator for distal depositional environment (Tyson, 1993), this interpretation is unlikely in the present context because of the low amount of fluorescing AOMA compared to terrestrial AOMT (3.8% to 49.4 %). Non-fluorescing AOM has been reported as also being produced by the activity of benthic filamentous cyanobacteria in shallow waters (Williams, 1984; Glikson & Taylor, 1986; Tyson, 1993, McArthur et al., 2016a, b). Levels of thermal alteration of the sediments reached TAI/SCI values equivalent to Ro% 1.5–2.3 (c. 140–185 °C). These high degrees of thermal degradation and coexisting fluorescent marine organic matter indicate a mixture of organic matter with both allochthonous and autochthonous origins. The low C/N ratio (mean of 11) indicates an organic matter composition which originates from a mixture of degraded material like terrestrial humic acids, marine macrophytes and marine plankton-derived organic matter (Tyson, 1995). Abundance of both disseminated pyrite and TOC is low whereas content of siliciclastic detritus is continuously high, indicating an oxygenated depositional environment (e.g. Ineson, 1989; Tyson, 1995). The majority of the Pluto Glacier Formation (PGF) consists of alternating units of thick-bedded sandstone and siltstone. The siltstone units are interbedded with sandstone of various grain-sizes (Butterworth et al., 1988). The sandstone units are usually intensely bioturbated and some intervals present herringbone cross-stratification. The sandstone units are considered as shallow marine deposits representing basin shallowing (Doubleday & Storey, 1998) into the tidal zone (cf. Nichols, 2009). The palynofacies assemblage also indicates a depositional setting in proximity to the shoreline. The results of the AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph plot indicate a depositional environment that alternates between proximal and distal shelf settings. Results are characterised by settings of highly proximal shelf or basin, marginal dysoxic-anoxic basin to shelf to basin transition.

For the Aptian interval of the Pluto Glacier Formation results indicate a shallow shelf marine depositional environment. Confined intervals of more distal shelf environments are indicated by the results of the AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph plot and the C/N ratio (Fig. 145).

Gustav Group – Kotick Point Formation (Aptian, Albian)

Although dominated by terrestrial organic matter, marine palynomorphs and fluorescent AOM are abundant. In the middle part of the interval leiosphere abundance is increased. With a relative abundance of 32–39 % leiospheres are the dominant type of palynomorphs and hence indicate restricted oxygen-depleted shallow water (cf. Bernier & Courtinat, 1979; Hunt, 1987). Pyrite content is low while TOC values are slightly increased giving no indication of a euxinic environment. Siliciclastic detritus is significantly reduced and at times absent. This points to either increased distance to the sediment provenance or a proximal low energy environment. The C/N ratio (mean of 29) of the deposits of the Kotick Point Formation is increased compared to values detected in the Aptian Pluto Glacier Formation. Organic matter composition is derived from degraded leaves and herbaceous plants, terrigenous humic acids, marine macrophytes and degraded plankton and marine humic acids

(Tyson, 1995). A very low OP/TR ratio of 0.5 indicates short ways of transport and limited degrees of fractionation and oxidation (Tyson, 1993, 1995; McArthur et al., 2016a, b). A TAI/SCI equivalent to Ro% 0.5–1.1 (c. 50–100 °C) indicates that the organic matter composition is not significantly altered by selective preservation of phytoclast material (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007). Abundance of well-preserved sporomorphs is high, further indicating short ways of transport. Except for the peaks in leiosphere abundance marine palynomorphs are rare though diverse indicating a fully marine environment (cf. Tyson, 1995). The organic matter composition thus represents a mixture of allochthonous terrestrial and an *in situ* assemblage of marine palynomorphs. This could be the result of activity of low-density turbidity currents which were reported by Ineson (1989). Abundance of AOM is low indicating less intense alteration by bacterial activity and typically proximal depositional settings (cf. Tyson, 1995; Batten et al., 1996; Traverse, 2007). All samples of the Aptian/Albian sediments of the Kotick Point Formation indicate a proximal shelf environment when plotted in the AOM-Phytoclast-Palynomorph plot.

The Kotick Point Formation is largely composed of interbedded sandstone and mudstone. These lithologies include muddy mass flow deposits and allochthonous glide blocks of the Gustav Group (Ineson, 1989). The strata are interpreted as gravelly submarine fan deposits; and mud- and sandstone-dominated slope apron deposits characterised by low-density turbidity currents (Farquharson et al. 1984; Ineson 1989; Pirrie et al. 1991). Ineson (1987) suggested a low-energy environment in an aerobic to dysaerobic marine setting based on the ichnofauna present. Sampling of the silt- to fine sand sized material which was part of turbidites may have led to the indication of a higher-energy environment that differs from the low-energy dysaerobic environment suggested by Ineson (1987). However, dominance of leiospheres in the middle–upper part of the interval and low abundance of siliciclastic mineral detritus suggests low-energy oxygen-reduced conditions (cf. Bernier & Courtinat, 1979; Hunt, 1987). It is therefore suggested that the analysed samples of the Kotick Point Formation represent deposition by turbidites and therefore reflect continental margin settings ranging from continental slope to continental rise with at times oxygen-depleted conditions (Fig. 145).

Summary

In the present study the majority of the Aptian interval is characterised by a shallow shelf depositional setting (Middle Zapata Formation and Pluto Glacier Formation). Confined intervals of more distal marine environments (distal shelf to marginal basin) are observed in the Early Aptian of the Springhill Formation and occasionally throughout the Pluto Glacier Formation. For the Springhill/Río Mayer Formation a subsequent transition to more proximal settings is observed. Continuously more distal marine settings are observed in the Late Aptian to Early Albian Kotick Point Formation which is characterised by continental slope to continental rise settings.

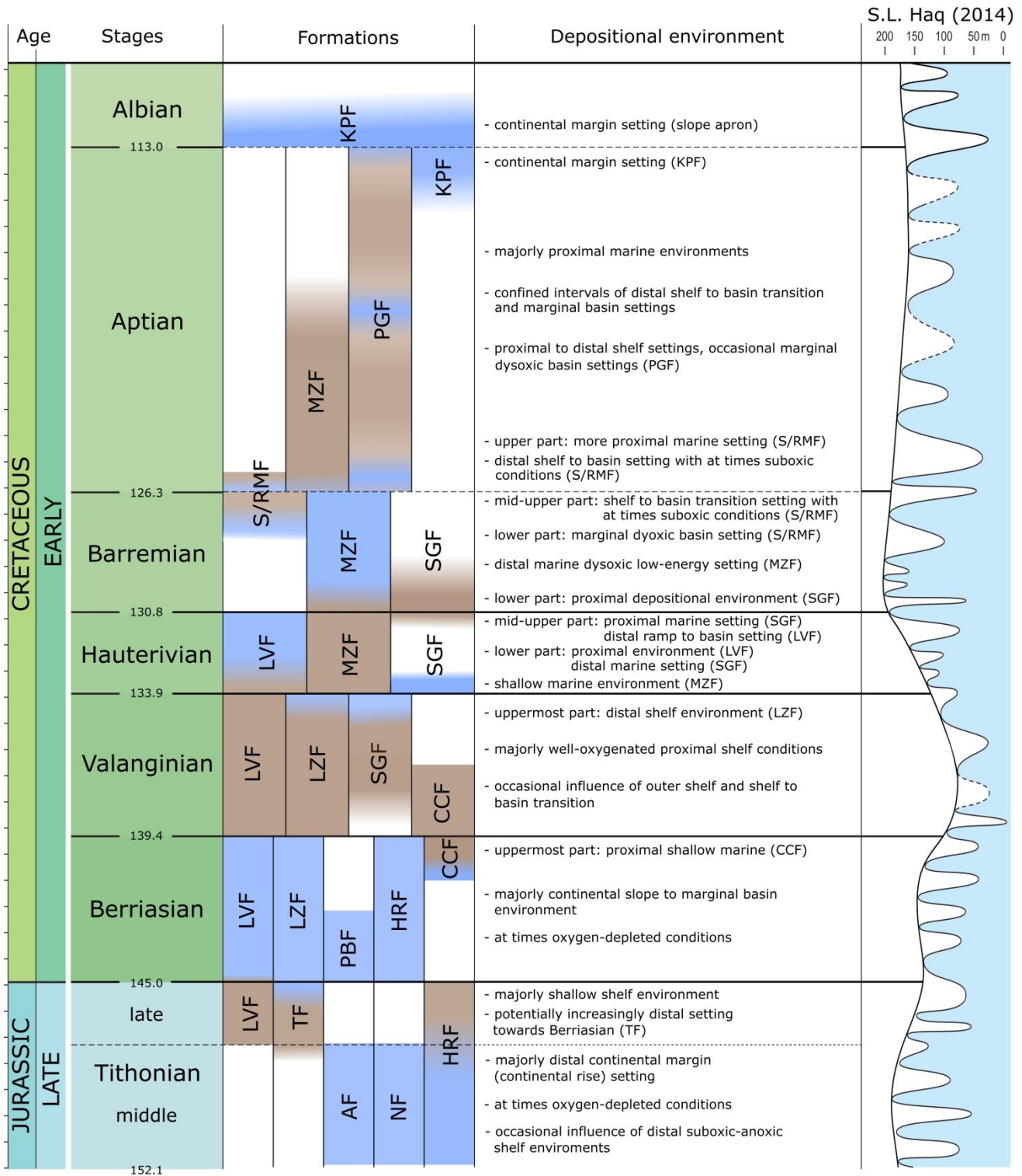


Figure 145: Development of depositional settings in the present study, including the Aptian-Albian interval; Formations: LVF= Lo Valdés, TF=Tobífera, AF=Anchorage, NF=Nordenskjöld, HRF=Himalia Ridge, LZF=Lower Zapata, PBF=President Beaches, CCF=Chester Cone, SGF=Spartan Glacier, PGF=Pluto Glacier, S/RMF=Springhill/Río Mayer, MZF=Middle Zapata, KPF=Kotick Point; description same as figure 140.

5.2 Sea level fluctuations and Palaeoclimate

Over the last 30 years, the understanding of the Latest Jurassic and Early Cretaceous paleoclimate has changed from that of an equable, warm-temperate greenhouse world (e.g., Frakes, 1979; Hallam, 1981, 1985) to a more varied climatic history including icehouse periods (e.g., Kemper, 1987; Weissert & Lini, 1991; Price et al., 2000; Steuber et al., 2005; McArthur et al., 2007; Grabowski et al., 2013; Tennant et al., 2016). The earliest Cretaceous climate might be characterised as a warm greenhouse world with interludes of short cooling ('cold snaps') (Kessels et al., 2006).

In the present study palaeoclimatic interpretation is mainly based on sea level interpreted from the depositional environment as well as the presence of micro-glendonites as a direct indicator of cold water, as well as the presence, or absence, of calpionellids of subtropical Tethyan origin.

TITHONIAN

Most samples of the Anchorage, Nordenskjöld and Himalia Ridge Formations in Antarctica were here informally assigned to the Middle Tithonian and represent hemipelagic and distal basin environments (cf. Butterworth et al., 1985; Pirrie & Crame, 1995; Hathway, 2000). The scarcity of marine facies indicators in the palynofacies assemblages of the Anchorage and Himalia Ridge Formations was most likely caused by the high thermal alteration of the organic matter of up to 220 °C (cf. Suárez-Ruiz et al., 2012). Only in the Nordenskjöld Formation the organic matter composition shows higher proportions of marine organic matter. In this section, thermal alteration was limited to approximately 100 °C which supported the preservation of the less degradation-resistant marine palynomorphs (Tyson, 1993). It is therefore suggested that this section shows the most representative and primary organic matter composition for the Middle Tithonian interval of the Antarctica sections. Reduced siliciclastic input in most of the samples reflects a position with increased distance to the sediment provenance. When compared to the long term sea level curve of Haq (2014) the distal depositional environments indicate increased sea level for the Middle Tithonian sections (Figs. 146, 152). The general absence of micro-glendonites in the Middle Tithonian Nordenskjöld and Himalia Ridge Formations suggests increased sea level which coincided with warm water conditions. Concurrent occurrences of micro-glendonites in the Middle Tithonian Anchorage Formation indicate influence of cool bottom water in the hemipelagic environment of the intra-arc basin (continental slope and rise) (cf. Selleck et al., 2007). Occurrences of well-developed and large micro-glendonite specimens are restricted to the lower-middle part of the section. It is possible that these occurrences represent short-termed cooling which was not recorded in the sample series of the Nordenskjöld- and Himalia Ridge Formation.

The sampled material of the Sofia 1 core exclusively consists of cuttings and thus no sedimentary structures are available for a conclusive interpretation of the depositional environment. A tentative middle–Late Tithonian age is suggested for the analysed section based on similarities to the results of the sections of middle–Late Tithonian age from the Antarctica study area. Stinnesbeck et al. (2014) and the U.S. Energy Information Administration EIA, (2015) assigned the organic C-rich shales of Late Jurassic and Early Cretaceous ages to anoxic marine environments. Such an oxygen-depleted environment is not reflected in the results of the present study. This is attributed to the fact that the succession of silicic pyroclastic rocks (mostly tuffaceous deposits) which are interbedded by black

shales and shale and siltstone deposits described by Fildani and Hessler (2005) as shallow water deposits. A proximal depositional environment is thus indicated for the upper Tobífera Formation of Patagonia. It cannot be decided, however, whether the potentially lower sea level represents the Late Tithonian regressive cycle reported by Oliveros et al. (2012), or a Late Tithonian cooling phase, or both. This is because of the uncertainties in precise stratigraphic affiliation and the absence of micro-glendonites. The absence of micro-glendonites in the deposits Tithonian upper Tobífera Formation might result from decreased carbonate content and hence reduced alkalinity, the major prerequisite for ikaite formation (cf. De Lurio & Frakes, 1999; Selleck et al., 2007; Hu et al., 2014). In addition it is not known to what extent the onset of Andean contraction and transition to the Magallanes retroarc foreland basin (Rabinowitz & La Brecque, (1979); Dalziel, (1986); Ramos, (1988); Fildani & Hessler, (2005)) influenced the depositional environment and hence sea level.

A proximal depositional environment is identified for the Late Tithonian interval of the central Chilean Lo Valdés Formation. This setting may be linked to the regressive cycle in the Andes mentioned by Oliveros et al. (2012). The authors suggested the presence of a Late Jurassic marine regression and suggested that this event was synchronous over a large portion of the Andean margin, based on correlation of the Lagunillas and Tordillo-Río Damas Formations in Chile. The proximal depositional environment may therefore reflect a lowered sea level. For the Late Tithonian interval of the Himalia Ridge Formation, a proximal continental margin environment and hence lowered sea-level is suggested. Cluster-shaped micro-glendonites are observed throughout the Upper Tithonian interval of both the Lo Valdés Formation and the Himalia Ridge Formation. In the Lo Valdés Formation, specimens of the Late Tithonian are small but micro-glendonite size increases in the latest Tithonian. The abundance and size increase of these minerals in the latest Tithonian points to a connection of lowered sea level and cold climate (cf. Selleck et al., 2007). $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ analyses presented here from central Chile contradict this interpretation. With a mean of -3.16 ‰ for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and -8.17 ‰ for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, values are significantly reduced and would indicate warm climatic conditions (Mutterlose et al., 2009; Stanley, 2010) or influence of fresh water (Ravelo & Hillaire-Marcel, 2007). However, due to the scarcity of shell material, diagenetic screening of the analysed samples of the highly thermally altered Lo Valdés Formation was not feasible. Therefore the results of the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ analyses are considered unreliable for the palaeoenvironmental interpretation.

Haq et al. (1987) and Haq (2014) reported on a long-term sea-level decrease towards the J/K boundary, with a short-term sea level low of approximately 70 m above present at the end of the Nannofossil Zone NJ18 (~145 Ma, Late Tithonian, Gradstein et al., 2012). Grabowski et al. (2013) suggested regressive sea level intervals for the Upper Tithonian/lowermost Berriasian pelagic carbonates in the Central Western Carpathians. Regression and associated relative sea level fall was also detected by Hesselbo (2008) for the Late Tithonian of the onshore British Jurassic. Tennant et al. (2016) linked the patterns of extinctions of shallow marine low latitude shelf assemblages of Hallam (1986) and Alroy (2010), to a significant eustatic sea level fall in the latest Jurassic. During the Tithonian there is an increase in glacial tillites and dropstones on the margins of the Boreal and southern Austral seas (Moore et al., 1992), of which so far no accompanying occurrences of glendonites are reported (Price, 1999). In the present study, occurrences of micro-glendonites were observed in the deposits of the Middle Tithonian Anchorage Formation and in the Upper Tithonian succession of the Lo Valdés Formation and the Himalia Ridge Formation. For the first time glacial tillites and dropstones reported by Moore et al., (1992) from the Southern Hemisphere coincide with

glendonites for the Upper Tithonian interval, clearly indicating a phase of cool climate. The occurrence of micro-glendonites in combination with the reported lowered sea level in the present study and from higher latitudes (e.g. Haq, 1987; Hallam, 1986; Alroy, 2010; Oliveros et al., 2012; Grabowski et al., 2013) are suggested to reflect a temporal cooling during the Late Tithonian in central Chile, Patagonia and Antarctica. It is suggested that this cooling event was not only of local importance, but a global phenomenon during the Tithonian–Berriasian transition.

Summary

Distal depositional settings and the absence of micro-glendonites in the Middle Tithonian interval indicate higher sea level and warm water. Occurrences of micro-glendonites in the Anchorage Formation point to short-termed intervals of cool bottom water. Agglomerated occurrences of micro-glendonites in the Late Tithonian and concurrent lowered sea level (as compared with the Middle Tithonian) indicate cold sea water and a glacioeustatic influence on sea level (Figs. 146, 152). Climatic cooling is suggested for the Late Tithonian as already proposed by previous studies for the wider region (e.g. Moore et al., 1992; Oliveros et al., 2012; Grabowski et al., 2013)

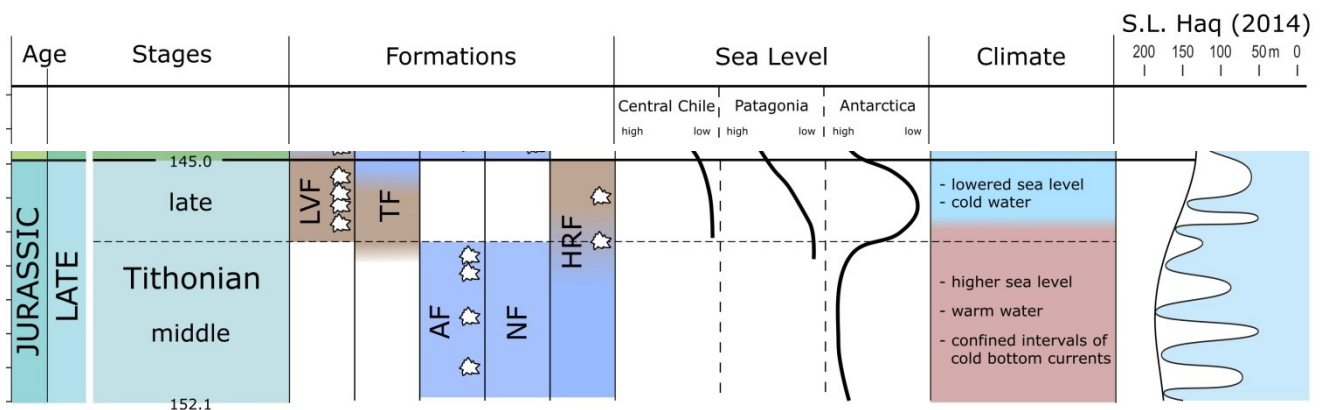


Figure 146: Sea level/palaeoclimatic interpretation of the Tithonian interval; Formations: LVF=Lo Valdés, TF=Tobífera, AF=Anchorage, NF=Nordenskjöld, HRF=Himalia Ridge; brown=proximal environment, blue=distal environment, light blue=cold climate; red=warm climate; S.L.=sea level; global sea level curves from Haq (2014), ☁ = micro-glendonite occurrence.

		Mendoza-Neuquén Basin <i>Salazar, 2012</i>	Magallanes Basin <i>Thomson, 1982</i>	Antarctic Peninsula <i>Thomson, 1982</i>	
CRETACEOUS EARLY	Albian		<i>Sciponoceras, Calliscaphites, Paraleptoceras, various desmoceratids incl. Parasilesites</i>	<i>Phyllopachyceras, Ptychoceras, Silesites, Eotetragonites, Aconeceras</i>	
	Aptian		<i>Aloloceras, Silesites, Pseudosaynella, Sanmartinoceras</i>	<i>Eulytoceras, Emericeras (?), Toxoceratoides, Sanmartinoceras</i>	
				<i>'Helicancyllus', Acrioceras, Peltoceras, Aconeceras, Feruglioceras, Colchidites, Sanmartinoceras</i>	<i>Eulytoceras, Arioceras (?), Crioceratites, Aconeceras</i>
	Barremian		<i>Hatchericeras</i>		
	Hauterivian	<i>Crioceratites</i>		<i>Favrella, Proteconeceras</i>	<i>Favrella (?)</i>
	Valanginian	<i>Thurmanniceras, Argentiniceras</i>			<i>Bochianites, Uhligites, Neocomites</i>
Berriasian	<i>Substeueroceras</i>	<i>Groebericeras</i>	<i>Jabronella, Neocosmoceras, Delphinella</i>	<i>Bochianites, Substreblites, Himalayites, Spiticeras neocomitids</i>	
		<i>Berriasella</i>		<i>Haplophyloceras, Bochianites, Spiticeras</i>	
JURASSIC LATE	Tithonian	<i>Micracanthoceras, Corongoceras</i>	<i>Berriasella, Corongoceras</i> <i>Virgatosphinctes, Aulacosphinctoides, Aspidoceras</i>	<i>Blanfordiceras, 'Berriasella', Corongoceras, Kosmatia</i> <i>Pterolytoceras, haploceratids, Uhligites, Virgatosphinctes</i> <i>Aulacosphinctoides</i>	

Figure 147: Simplified ammonite stratigraphy of the Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous interval of the Mendoza-Neuquén Basin (Salazar, 2012), the Magallanes Basin (Thomson, 1983) and the Antarctic Peninsula (Thomson, 1983).

BERRIASIAN

For the lower–Middle Berriasian President Beaches Formation the results of the present study indicate a proximal continental margin (continental slope) setting (the dinoflagellate cyst assemblage is indicative of the *Kalyptea wisemaniae* Interval Zone of Early Berriasian age; Crame et al., 1993). Scarce occurrences of small micro-glendonites in the lowermost Berriasian (lower Zone 2 *Substeueroceras koeneni*, i.e. Zone 2a – *Berriasella jacobii* of Salazar, 2012; Fig. 147) of the Lo Valdés Formation correspond well to the frequent findings of larger micro-glendonites in the Lower Berriasian of the President Beaches Formation. Proximal depositional environments in combination with occurrences of micro-glendonites suggest cool climate connected to low sea level during the earliest Berriasian in central Chile and the early–Middle Berriasian in Antarctica.

Contemporaneous occurrences of oxygen-depleted euxinic facies and calpionellids in a distal marine environment are observed in the lower–middle and Upper Berriasian samples of the Lo Valdés Formation. This presence of calpionellids throughout the Berriasian sediments of the central Chilean sections is suggested to reflect warm water conditions, at least for the upper water column (cf. Bolli et al. 2007). The proximal settings and micro-glendonite occurrences of the lowermost Berriasian are followed by a sea level rise from the Lower Berriasian onwards which is indicated by distal microfacies and a low-energy TOC-rich euxinic environment inferred from the palynofacies analysis. In the Lo Valdés Formation, the transition from inner- to mid-ramp (shoreface to offshore transition, cf. Salazar, 2012) environment is marked by an abrupt change from fine-grained calcareous sandstone to calcareous siltstone. The offshore transition facies of the Berriasian Lo Valdés Formation is characterised by common horizontal laminated siltstone, calcareous siltstone and silty limestone. Conglomerate and sandstone are typically absent and increased carbonate content, abundant organic matter and disseminated pyrite are observed. For the Berriasian interval of the Lo Valdés Formation, Salazar (2012) reported a faunal assemblage consisting of ammonoids, calcispheres, echinoderms,

foraminifers, radiolarians, inoceramids and other bivalves. In the Patagonian lower Zapata Formation data presented here indicate a potentially distal shelf environment for the Berriasian interval and hence support the concept of a higher sea level for most of this time interval.

Occurrences of micro-glendonites in the latest Berriasian–Early Valanginian of the Chester Cone Formation in Antarctica suggest decreasing water temperatures coinciding well with the proximal depositional environment in this time interval. The presence of micro-glendonites in the latest Berriasian is suggested to represent the onset of cooling in Antarctica. In central Chile calpionellids also occur in the Late Berriasian. Since no indications for sediment reworking are observed, calpionellid occurrences suggest: i) that during this time cold water in the Southern Hemisphere was restricted to Antarctica, or ii) that there was no pathway for cold Antarctic water to reach central Chile, or iii) that a layered water body resulted in the co-occurrence of cold bottom water and warm surface water. The Upper Berriasian interval of the Himalia Ridge Formation consists of one sample only. The absence of micro-glendonites in this sample is therefore not suggested to reflect warmer climate in Antarctica.

Grabowski et al. (2013) observed that abrupt magnetic susceptibility (MS) variations correlate well with relative sea-level changes. The authors report on MS highs that occur in the lowermost and Upper Berriasian and indicate regressive intervals. A transgressive interval (MS low) occurs in the lower to Middle Berriasian (Grabowski et al., 2013). Haq (2014) proposed a long-term sea level rise during the Berriasian but for the short-term curve, he proposed a distinct sea level drop for the Early Berriasian nannofossil zone CC1 (145–144 Ma). Langrock et al. (2003) found quartz grains with diameters of 60–200 μm that were patchily distributed in the earliest Berriasian of the Barents Sea that could not have been transported along with the common claystone facies. Therefore, the authors proposed ice rafting as a possible mechanism for the input of these large sand grains. A cool lower(most) Berriasian is indicated by the faunal provincialism across the Jurassic–Cretaceous boundary which might have been caused by a significant temperature gradient (Price & Mutterlose, 2004).

For the early and Middle Berriasian of the lower latitudes (Poland) oxygen-depleted waters with enhanced palaeoproductivity are supposedly linked to progressively warmer conditions (the “*Nannoconus* world” of Tremolada et al., 2006) (Grabowski et al., 2013). The organic-rich shale deposits of the Berriasian in central Chile suggest high primary productivity and organic matter burial (cf. Dera et al., 2011) during warm conditions. In the Western Tethys Grabowski et al. (2013) report increased productivity and oxygen deficiency for the early and Middle Berriasian, which corresponds to low MS values and calpionellid-bearing limestone sedimentation. Occurrences of calpionellids in the Lo Valdés Formation and the more distal depositional environments in central Chile, Patagonia and Antarctica, suggest increased sea level and warm climate for the early–Middle Berriasian interval. An increased sea level during that time period fits well to the suggestion of a long-term sea level rise for the Berriasian by Haq (2014).

Haq (2014) suggests a regressive long-term sea level from the Late Berriasian onward and Grabowski et al. (2013) reported regressive sea level intervals (MS highs) for the Upper Berriasian of the Western Carpathians. Rogov et al. (2017) further suggest glacioeustatic cooling accompanied by a long-term sea-level fall in the Late Berriasian to Hauterivian based on glendonite findings from the Late Berriasian of north eastern Siberia. The authors suggest the initiation of this high-latitude cooling in the Late Berriasian. Episodes of cool climate were also suggested for the earliest Cretaceous Boreal realm by Price et al. (2000) and Mutterlose et al. (2003). Evidence for polar ice in the Early

Cretaceous comes also from occurrences of glacial diamictite, dated palynologically as Berriasian-to-Valanginian, in the Cadna-owie Formation of South Australia (Alley & Frakes, 2003). For this interval cooling is also indicated by a decrease in CO₂ (Royer, 2006). In the present study proximal depositional environments and occurrences of micro-glendonites suggest regressive intervals for the lowermost and Upper Berriasian that are linked to cold climates in the higher latitudes (Figs. 148, 152)

Summary

A warmer climate with associated increased sea level throughout the lower–Middle Berriasian is indicated by the presence of calpionellids, the absence of micro-glendonites and the more distal depositional environments in the studied sections (Fig. 141). Intermittent phases of lower sea level in the lowermost and upper(most) Berriasian and associated short-termed cooling periods are indicated by the occurrences of micro-glendonites in the central Chilean Lo Valdés Formation and the Chester Cone Formation in Antarctica. Occurrences of micro-glendonites in the Middle Berriasian of the President Beaches Formation are restricted to a few specimens and might reflect local short-termed cooling restricted to Antarctica. The increased sea-level in the Berriasian and a warmer lower–Middle Berriasian climate occurring in wide regional extension is indicated by the temperature increase throughout the Berriasian.

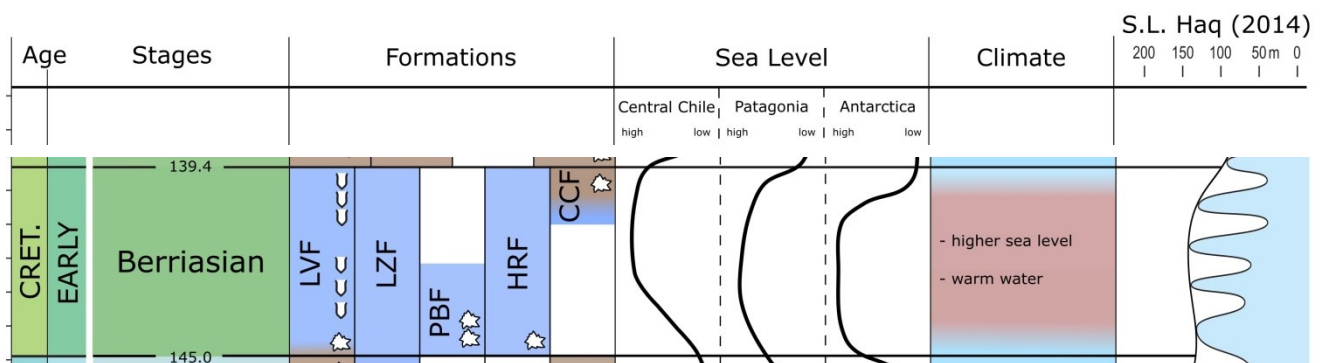


Figure 148: Sea level/palaeoclimatic interpretation of the Berriasian interval; Formations: LVF=Lo Valdés, LZF=Lower Zapata, PBF=President Beaches, HRF=Himalia Ridge, CCF=Chester Cone; description same as figure 146, U = calpionellid occurrence.

VALANGINIAN

A return to proximal depositional environments and consequently lower sea-level is detected in the Valanginian interval of all sections analysed here from central Chile, Patagonia and Antarctica (Figs. 149, 152). For the Spartan Glacier Formation in Antarctica, a general shallowing trend was previously reported by Crame & Howlett (1988) and Macdonald et al. (1993), while Lomas (1999) suggested shallow marine environments for the Chester Cone Formation. A regressive interval in the Valanginian is indicated for the lower Zapata Formation by proximal depositional environments, following the distal depositional setting of the underlying Berriasian. For the Valanginian interval of

the Lo Valdés Formation inner ramp to mid-ramp (shoal) microfacies suggest a return to proximal depositional settings (cf. Flügel, 2004) after the mid–outer ramp to basin setting of the underlying Berriasian. A lower sea level for the Valanginian period was already reported by other authors (Southern Andes: Haq et al., 1987; Tethys: Chatalov et al., 2015). These observations of proximal depositional environments correlate well with the frequent clustered occurrence of micro-glendonites in lower–Middle Valanginian samples. These are abundant in the central Chilean Lo Valdés Formation (medium–large specimens) as well as the Chester Cone (medium–large specimens) and Spartan Glacier (large specimens) formations of Antarctica. The absence of micro-glendonites in the lower Zapata Formation of Patagonia may again result from low alkalinity observed in the geochemical analysis.

Regressive sequences were reported for the Early Valanginian Andean and Austral Basins of southern South America (Riccardi, 1988). Other authors (e.g., Immenhauser & Scott, 2002; Gréselle & Pittet, 2005, 2010; Bover-Arnal et al., 2009, 2014; Rameil et al., 2012; Maurer et al., 2013) suggest glacioeustasy as the cause for extensive and rapid global sea level fluctuation during certain intervals of the Early Cretaceous, i.a. the Late Valanginian. ‘Disaster deposits’ (sensu Groves et al. (2003): microbialites, oolites and calcimudstones which formed during pronounced phases of bio-calcification crisis) from the Berriasian–Lower Valanginian in the Tethys Ocean were reported by Chatalov et al. (2015) as a result of local but dramatic sea level fall and cooling. The formation of these disaster deposits in the Valanginian of the Tethyan realm was caused by rapid sea level fall, atmospheric CO₂ drawdown and the decrease of carbonate production leading to seawater carbonate supersaturation (Chatalov et al., 2015). The reasons proposed for decreased atmospheric CO₂ include i) increased primary productivity and hence increased organic carbon burial (Dromart et al., 2003a; McAnena et al., 2013; Bodin et al., 2015), ii) enhanced sequestration of organic carbon (Dromart et al., 2003a), or iii) storage of organic carbon in coastal areas and/or enhanced preservation within stratified waters in high-latitude basins (Price & Mutterlose, 2004). A temperature decrease through the *S. verrucosum* Zone immediately precedes intense faunal changes in the *N. peregrinus* Zone, which supports the view that climate controlled, at least in part, the migration of Boreal ammonoid faunas in the Valanginian of Western Europe (Kemper, 1987; Rawson, 1994; Reboulet & Atrops, 1995; Reboulet, 1996). An abundance peak of Boreal nannofossils (Melinte & Mutterlose, 2001) occurs during this time of relative cold in which Boreal ammonites occur commonly in SE France (Besse et al., 1986; Thieuloy et al., 1990; Bulot et al., 1993, Reboulet & Atrops, 1995; Reboulet, 1996). Faunal migration between the Tethys and the eastern Pacific was also reported by Salazar (2012). This cooling resulted in the presence of Boreal ammonites (*Argentiniceras fasciculatum*) in the Lower Valanginian of central Chile (Salazar, 2012) and indicates migration processes of ammonite faunas. McArthur et al. (2007) used Mg/Ca ratios and faunal migration to deduce climatic perturbations during the Valanginian. The lowest temperatures were reported from the Late Valanginian–Early Hauterivian *P. michalskii*–*H. bojarkensis* zones. From an analysis of calcareous nannoplankton, Kessels et al. (2006) reported a distinctive southward migration of the endemic cold water species *C. salebrosum* into low latitudes from the Valanginian to Early Hauterivian which was interpreted as an indicator of climatic cooling within the Northern Hemisphere (McArthur et al., 2007).

Valanginian glendonites are widely distributed across the present-day Arctic (Kemper & Schmitz, 1981; Kemper, 1987; Kaplan, 1978; Zlobina et al., 2014) and were also briefly described from West Siberia (Rogov & Zakharov, 2010). In Antarctica, glendonite occurrences have so far been reported

from the Late Berriasian–Middle Valanginian (Varela & Cisternas, 2015). Price and Nunn (2010) used oxygen isotope data from well-preserved Valanginian glendonites to infer the oxygen isotope composition of ambient seawater. Integrated with the oxygen isotope compositions of coexisting belemnites, palaeotemperatures were calculated to 4–7 °C, which is in agreement with temporary glacial polar conditions during the Cretaceous greenhouse (Price & Nunn, 2010). Based on a belemnite clumped-isotope study, Price and Passey (2013) provide further evidence for a cooler Late Valanginian with existence of polar ice. Hardenbol et al. (1998) report on a sea level fall and recovery of 90 m within the Early Valanginian which was one of the largest third-order excursions of sea level in the Mesozoic Era. This rapid sea level change was of a duration so short that it could have been caused only by the waxing and waning of polar ice (cf. McArthur et al., 2007).

Summary

Cooling episodes are suggested for most of the Valanginian based on the presence of micro-glendonites throughout the sections of central Chile and Antarctica (especially early and Middle Valanginian – central Chile: *Thurmaniceras thurmanni*/*Argentiniceras fasciculatum* zone, cf. Salazar, 2012, fig. 147; Antarctica: *Bochianites*, *Uhligites* and *Neocomites* ammonite assemblage, Covacevich, 1976; Crame et al., 1993, fig. 147) and associated lower sea level in central Chile, Patagonia and Antarctica. A brief cooling episode is also suggested for the Late Valanginian (Zone 4, of Salazar, 2012) by infrequent occurrences of micro-glendonites (Figs. 149, 152).

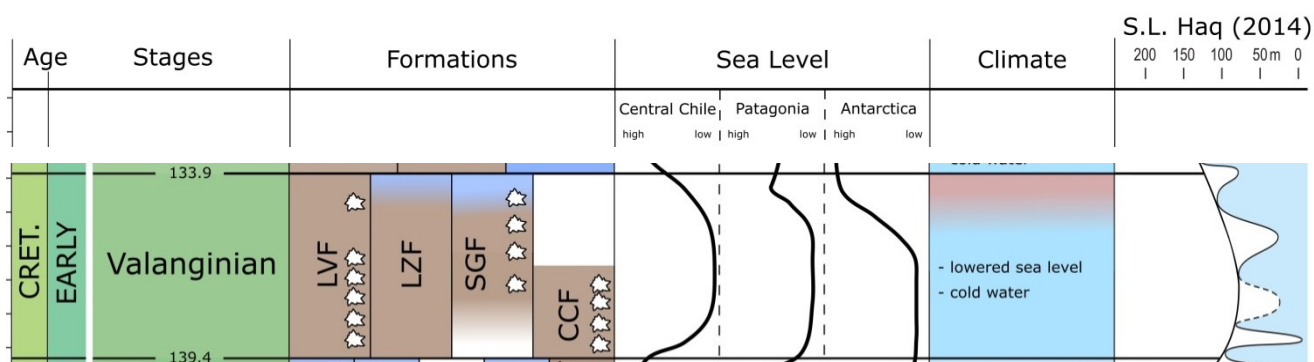


Figure 149: sea level/palaeoclimatic interpretation of the Valanginian interval; Formations: LVF=Lo Valdés, LZF=Lower Zapata, SGF=Spartan Glacier, CCF=Chester Cone; description same as figure 146.

HAUTERIVIAN

Throughout the different study areas of the present thesis, palaeoenvironmental development and sea level change for the Hauterivian interval are inconsistent. Results indicate more distal depositional environments for the Hauterivian interval of the central Chilean samples compared to the underlying Valanginian and hence suggest a higher sea level. This observation is in agreement with Haq (2014) who proposes on-going transgression for the Hauterivian. Results indicate a higher sea level from the

Early–Middle Hauterivian onwards (central Chile), mainly based on the distal depositional environment indicated by microfacies and by palynofacies compositions. Absence of micro-glendonites combined with the higher sea level suggests a warm climate. The occurrence of large micro-glendonites in one sample of the lower-middle part of the Hauterivian in the analysed interval of the CM section points to local short-term cooling which is coherent with an Early Hauterivian cooling phase (McArthur et al., 2007). In Patagonia samples show increased carbonate content. However, micro-glendonite is absent which is here interpreted as indication for warm climate although analyses show proximal depositional settings for the Hauterivian interval. The tectonically active arc and hence highly irregular morphology of the area (cf. Fildani & Hessler, 2005) might have masked a potential sea level change. The samples of the Spartan Glacier Formation of Antarctica are restricted to the lower and Upper Hauterivian sediment succession. Results suggest higher sea level in the Early Hauterivian and lower sea level in the Late Hauterivian. Micro-glendonite occurrences lack continuously pointing to warmer water. However, absence of micro-glendonite might also be connected to lowered alkalinity. From the results of the present study the Hauterivian interval is not characterised by a uniformly development of sea level and palaeoclimate.

Bodin et al. (2015) state that one of the episodes of cool climate that punctuated the Early Cretaceous greenhouse occurred during the Late Valanginian–earliest Hauterivian. Several authors propose that coolest temperatures of the Early Cretaceous were reached in the Early Hauterivian, i.e. in the *P. michalskii*–*H. bojarkensis* zones (Podlaha et al., 1998; Veizer et al., 2000; Huber et al., 2002; Price & Mutterlose, 2004; Kessels et al., 2006; Keller, 2008). Bodin et al. (2015) suggested that the cool episode was triggered by enhanced organic-carbon burial on a global scale, as reflected by coeval short-term positive $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ excursions in belemnite rostra, micrite, and organic carbon. Kessels et al. (2006) observed a similar distinctive trend for the Valanginian to Hauterivian interval which points to a general decrease of water temperature in this time interval. This decrease of temperature is supported by the southward migration of the high latitudinal cold water nannofossil *Crucibiscutum salebrosum* to lower latitudes. Based on measurements of $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}}$, computed from Mg/Ca and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{c}}$, McArthur et al. (2007) proposed the formation of substantial amounts of polar ice after a period of global cooling through the Late Valanginian and Early Hauterivian.

The cool phase of the Early Hauterivian was followed by warming throughout the Middle and Late Hauterivian: increasing Mg/Ca ratios indicate a substantial warming which led to the retreat of the previously established ice (McArthur et al., 2007). Temperature increase and associated less positive values of $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}}$ are indicated through the Middle-to-Upper Hauterivian. Reduced polar ice volumes are indicated by significant warming for the Hauterivian (based on $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{c}}$ and Mg/Ca) (McArthur et al., 2007). Continental volcanism in the Paraná-Etendeka region (Paraná traps in the Paraná Basin in central-eastern South America and the Etendeka traps in northwest Namibia and southwest Angola) is suggested as the key driver for this temperature increase, although the eruptive volumes were probably small ($0.21 \text{ km}^3 \text{ y}^{-1}$; Stewart et al., 1996) (McArthur et al., 2007). Nevertheless, volcanic activity may have supported the melting of polar ice through the release of carbon dioxide reported by previous studies (e.g. Podlaha et al., 1998; Veizer et al., 2000; Huber et al., 2002; Kessels et al., 2006; Keller, 2008). A warm Hauterivian in the middle latitudes is suggested by Mutterlose et al. (2014). The authors proposed sea surface temperatures in a range of 24–27 °C for the Lower Saxony Basin (~39° N) throughout the Hauterivian based on Tex_{86} derived temperatures.

Summary

Results suggest an Early Hauterivian cooling phase indicated by few occurrences of micro-glendonites and proximal depositional environment in the Lo Valdés Formation. This cooling phase is followed by increased sea level and warm climate in the Middle–Upper Hauterivian in which micro-glendonites are generally absent (Figs. 150, 152). In Patagonia, the influence of the tectonically active arc and the irregular morphology of the area (cf. Fildani & Hessler, 2005) make it difficult to assess the extent of sea level and climatic change. The sample series of the Spartan Glacier Formation covers only a limited interval of the Hauterivian. The sample series of central Chile provides the most comprehensive data set and points to a warm climate during the middle-Late Hauterivian. Previous studies support this interpretation.

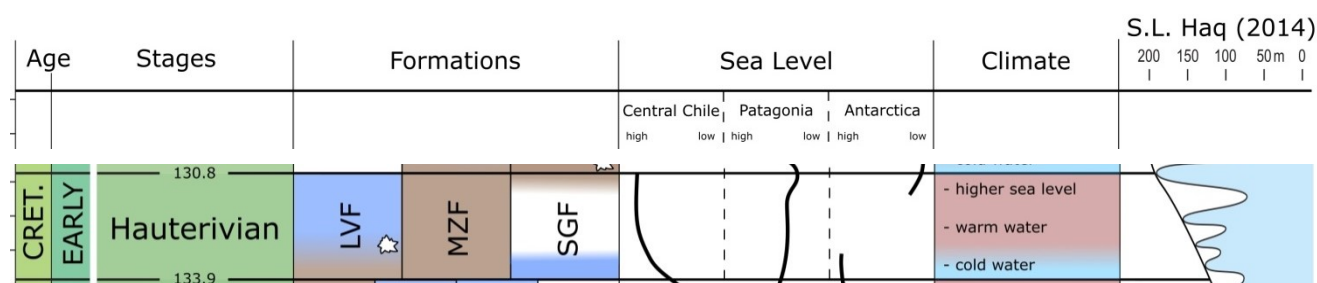


Figure 150: Sea level/palaeoclimatic interpretation of the Hauterivian interval; Formations: LVF=Lo Valdés, MZF=Middle Zapata, SGF=Spartan Glacier; description same as figure 146.

BARREMIAN–APTIAN

Results suggest a distal low energy depositional environment for the middle (?Barremian) part of the middle Zapata Formation. Frequent occurrences of medium to large sized micro-glendonites in the distal depositional environment indicate cold bottom water conditions during the Barremian time interval, although this stratigraphic assignment is not well defined in Patagonia. The palaeoenvironmental development of the Upper Barremian–Lower Aptian (Barremian *Muderongia australis* Zone of Australia, and overlying *Odontochitina operculata* Zone of Aptian age) interval of the Springhill/Río Mayer Formation is characterised by increasingly distal shelf marine environments. The uppermost part of the Lower Aptian shows a return to more proximal marine conditions. Confined intervals of reduced sea level also occur in the upper part of the Upper Barremian which is indicated by increased proportions of siliciclastic mineral detritus and contemporaneous agglomerations of small micro-glendonites. Co-occurrence of (medium sized) micro-glendonites (cold water) and increased siliciclastic detritus (proximal depositional environment) is also evident in the samples of the Barremian interval of the Spartan Glacier Formation of Antarctica.

Distinctive provincialism of belemnites during the Barremian–Aptian interval was interpreted by Price and Mutterlose (2004) to be a result of palaeobiogeographical isolation. The authors suggested that

substantial temperature gradients and hence low polar temperatures may in part explain the observed provincialism. High temperature seasonality was recorded in stable isotope analyses of Barremian–Aptian rudist bivalves which supposedly resulted from the existence of polar ice sheets (Steuber et al., 2005). According to Steuber et al. (2005) the presence of seasonal temperature extremes at 17–25 °N during the Late Barremian–Middle-Albian requires the presence of polar ice. The authors suggest the existence of ice sheets with one third the extent of today. When adjusted to ice-free conditions the $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}}$ indicates sea surface temperatures lower than today for the period from 100–130 Ma (Steuber et al., 2005). The oxygen isotope signature of belemnite guards from the Boreal Barremian at a palaeolatitude of northeastern England and northwestern Germany shows three different phases of climatic evolution (Malkoč & Mutterlose, 2010). An earliest Barremian cool phase (*Praeoxyteuthis pugio* belemnite Zone) is followed by a distinctive warming event in the late Early Barremian (*Aulacoteuthis* spp. belemnite Zone). Steuber et al. (2005) also observed negative (=warm) values for the Early Barremian of northern Germany based on the high-resolution $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ record gained from belemnite guards throughout a complete succession of Barremian–Early Aptian mudstone. The Late Barremian (*Oxyteuthis brunsvicensis*, *O. germanica*, and *O. depressa* belemnite Zones) is characterised by another cooling interval (Malkoč & Mutterlose, 2010). Stable isotope analysis of shark teeth showed positive $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values and suggest a cooling in the Late Barremian–Early Aptian (Pucéat et al., 2003). This palaeotemperature interpretation based on oxygen data is supported by the Mg/Ca trends (Malkoč and Mutterlose, 2010), but also by micro-glendonite occurrences in the Lower Barremian. Cool temperatures are indicated by belemnopseid belemnites *B. alexandri*, *B. gladiatoris*, *B. cf. madagascariensis*; Crame & Howlett, 1988) in Antarctica and the upper(most) Barremian–Lower Aptian in Patagonian and Antarctica, as indicated by bivalve *A. andina-radiatostriata* gp. (Crame & Howlett, 1988).

Summary

Micro-glendonite occurrences in the Lower Barremian middle Zapata Formation of Patagonia and in coeval Lower Barremian section of Antarctica reflect a cooling episode that was restricted to high latitudes (Figs. 151, 152). An Early Barremian cooling phase correlates well with the reduced short-term sea level curve of Haq (2014). A subsequent Late Barremian–Early Aptian cooling has been observed in the Springhill/Río Mayer Formation of Patagonia, but also in Tethyan sections (Mutterlose et al., 2009). In consequence, this latter cooling phase is considered to reflect a global trend.

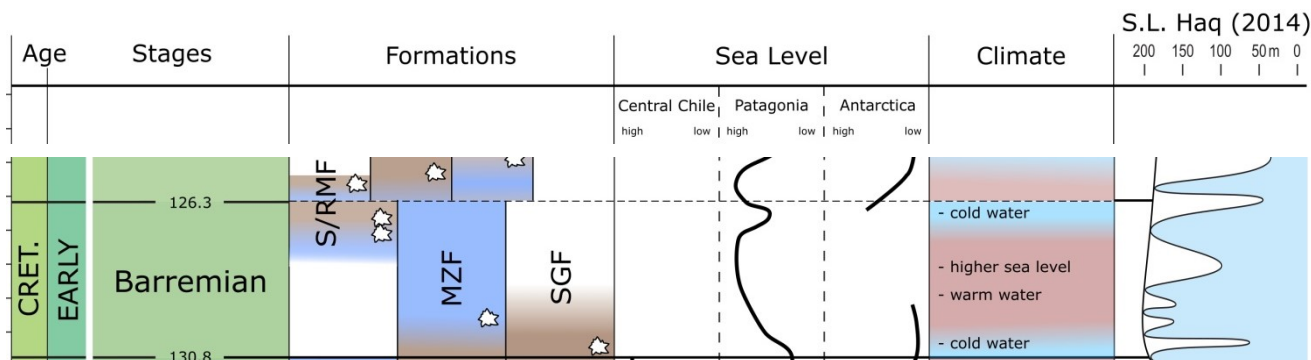


Figure 151: sea level/palaeoclimatic interpretation of the Barremian-Aptian interval; Formations: LVF=Lo Valdés, LZF=Lower Zapata, PBF=President Beaches, HRF=Himalia Ridge, CCF=Chester Cone; description same as figure 146.

APTIAN–ALBIAN

For the Aptian interval of the middle Zapata Formation a proximal shallow marine depositional setting is indicated. For the majority of the Pluto Glacier Formation results also suggest a shallow shelf marine depositional environment. Confined intervals of more distal environments (marginal dysoxic-anoxic shelf) are identified. In the Aptian–Albian interval of the Kotick Point Formation, the analysed samples originate from turbidite material indicating more distal marine settings. The organic-matter composition reflects a higher energy depositional environment than that reported by Ineson (1987). Samples of the Kotick Point Formation represent deposition by turbidites on the continental margin and reflect mixed terrestrial-marine conditions ranging from shallow near-shore to slope apron environments (cf. Farquharson et al. 1984; Ineson 1989; Pirrie et al. 1991). Micro-glendonite occurrences are here identified in: i) the Lower Aptian of the Springhill/Río Mayer Formation with intensely clustered and relatively large clusters; ii) the Aptian middle Zapata Formation with frequent occurrences and agglomerations in the middle–upper part where also the largest specimens are observed; iii) the lower (infrequent occurrences and small specimens) and Middle Aptian Pluto Glacier Formation (scarce occurrences and large specimens) and iv) the Lower Albian Kotick Point Formation (high numbers, medium sized and intensely clustered specimens). In the Aptian interval micro-glendonite occurrences coincide with increased content of siliciclastic mineral detritus and proximal depositional environments. This points to concurrent intervals of reduced sea level and cold water and hence a glacioeustatic control on the sea level. In the Early Albian interval samples are restricted to the Kotick Point Formation where micro-glendonite occurrences are observed in distal environments. Increased sea level and occurrences of micro-glendonites point to cold bottom water conditions.

For the Aptian–Albian interval glendonite occurrences have previously been reported from numerous locations in the northern hemisphere: in the Arctic region of Canada (Upper Aptian–Lower Albian of Sverdrup Basin, see Kemper, 1987; Upper Aptian–Lower Albian of Christopher Formation, Schröder-

Adams et al., 2014), in Spitsbergen (lowermost Upper Aptian, Rogov & Zakharov, (2010); Upper Aptian–Lower Albian, Maher et al., (2004) and Vickers et al., (2016)) and the Early Albian of Kamchatka, eastern NE Russia (Alabushev, 1995). Aptian glendonites are also known from the southern hemisphere, including the Late Aptian Bulldog Shale in the Eromanga Basin, Australia (Sheard, 1991; de Lurio & Frakes, 1999) and the Aptian of the South Shetland Islands (Varela & Cisternas, 2015). Peaks in glendonite distribution correlate well with episodes of global climatic cooling, with one of the most prominent temperature lows occurring in the Late Aptian – a cooling which also corresponds to long-term sea level fall supposedly caused by glacioeustatic control (Rogov et al., 2017). Extensive and rapid global sea level fluctuations were observed during certain intervals of the Aptian–Albian (e.g., Immenhauser & Scott, 2002; Gréselle & Pittet, 2005, 2010; Bover-Arnal et al., 2009, 2014; Rameil et al., 2012; Maurer et al., 2013). These studies suggest polar glaciation and therefore glacioeustasy as the cause for the sea level fluctuations. Husinec et al. (2012) proposed a significant glacioeustatic component of sea level fall during cool episodes of the Aptian greenhouse: The authors corrected the Phanerozoic temperature curve of Royer et al. (2004) (based on oxygen isotopes) for pH, changes in Ca^{2+} , CO_2 and CaCO_3 saturation and showed significant cooling in the Aptian. Husinec et al. (2012) concluded that the Adriatic platform was characterised by attributes of transitional icehouse. Significant sea level falls in the Aptian have also been documented in Oman and Spain (Greselle & Pittet, 2005; Bover-Arnal et al., 2009).

Wang et al. (2013) suggested that the Aptian was most likely punctuated by several brief cool periods based on evidence from both paleobotany and paleosols. The cool periods correspond well with documented intervals of low CO_2 (Royer, 2006). For example, the marine palaeotemperature record of Steuber et al. (2005) is consistent with a cool interval during the Early Aptian (Royer, 2006). The low CO_2 levels in the Aptian–Albian interval and their decrease after OAE1a coincide with oxygen isotope data (Veizer et al., 2000; Weissert & Erba, 2004) that indicate a cool late Early Cretaceous. The cooling was likely caused by increased organic-carbon burial on a global scale. McAnena et al. (2013) suggest that the emerging Southern Ocean, Atlantic Ocean and Tethys Ocean basins served as global carbon sinks during the Late Aptian, resulting in increased pCO_2 drawdown and associated global cooling.

The Aptian–Albian transition contained intervals of global cooling, leading to disruption of the warm and equable climate conditions of the latest Early Cretaceous period (Kemper, 1987; Weissert & Lini, 1991; Mutterlose et al., 2008, 2009; Jenkyns et al., 2012). Further evidence for Late Aptian–Early Albian climate perturbation includes indications for cold climates like decline in pCO_2 (Hong and Lee, 2012), occurrences of erratic lithologies and diamictites (Price, 1999) and a major biotic crisis that affected carbonate producers on a global scale (Leckie et al., 2002; Herrle & Mutterlose, 2003; Föllmi et al., 2006). No substantial temperature variation between South America and Antarctica existed in the Early Albian, a time in which the shelf seas of Gondwana were cool and a distinct marine Austral realm was present (Pirrie et al., 2004). However, the exact timing of these climatic perturbations is still poorly constrained (McAnena et al., 2013).

Summary

Although a precise stratigraphic subdivision is not possible, the shallow environments and associated lower sea level combined with the occurrences of micro-glendonites reflect phases of climatic cooling

and episodes of glacioeustatic control on the sea level during the Aptian–Albian interval in the studied sections (Fig. 152). In the present study, the Aptian–Albian interval was only accessible in the Patagonian and Antarctica sections. However, in the Chilean Central Andes (Pabellón and Arqueros Formations of the Chañarcillo basin north of Santiago) Masse et al. (2015) suggested that oceanographic conditions of the Chilean Pacific margin during the Aptian–Albian were characterised by a cool greenhouse regime.

5. Discussion – 5.2 Sea level fluctuations and Palaeoclimate

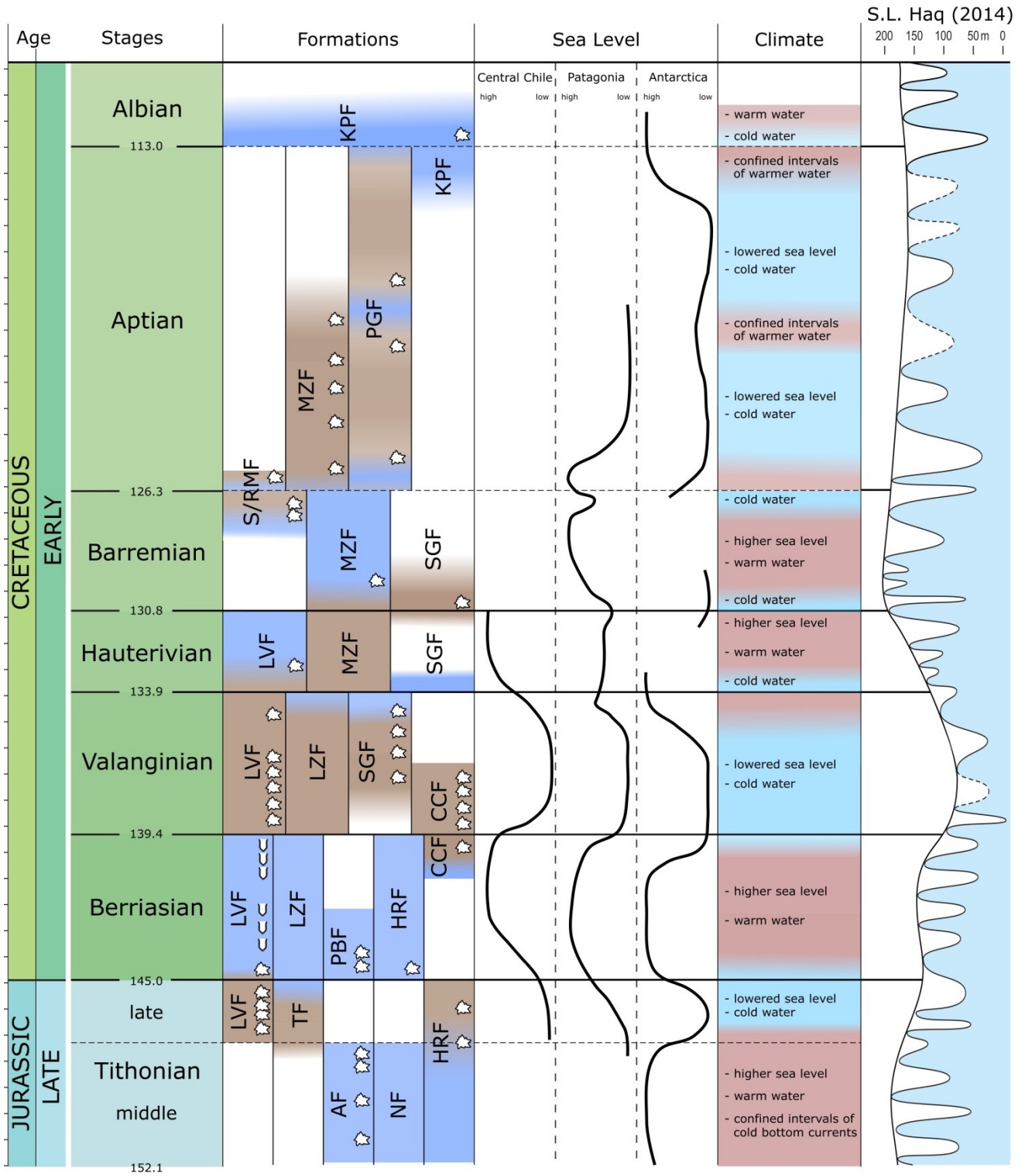


Figure 152: Sea level/palaeoclimatic interpretation of the present study; Formations: LVF= Lo Valdés, TF=Tobifera, AF=Anchorage, NF=Nordenskjöld, HRF=Himalia Ridge, LZF=Lower Zapata, PBF=President Beaches, CCF=Chester Cone, SGF=Spartan Glacier, PGF=Pluto Glacier, S/RMF=Springhill/Río Mayer, MZF=Middle Zapata, KPF=Kotick Point; description same as figures 146 and 148.

6. CONCLUSIONS

Tithonian

In the present study, the Middle Tithonian interval is restricted to the Antarctica study area. Presence of turbidites and the results of the palynofacies and geochemical analyses of the Anchorage-, Himalia Ridge- and Nordenskjöld Formation show a majorly distal continental margin (continental slope to continental rise) setting with at times oxygen-depleted conditions and input of reworked organic matter. Occasional influences of distal suboxic-anoxic shelf environments are observed. Indications for climatic cooling are absent in the Himalia Ridge- and Nordenskjöld Formation suggesting a connection of distal depositional environment and increased sea level. Occurrence of microscopic glendonite in the time equivalent Anchorage Formation indicates influence of cool bottom water in the intra-arc during times of warm climate and high sea level.

The Upper Tithonian interval is present in all three study areas (central Chile, Patagonia and Antarctica). The interval shows a shift towards more proximal depositional settings. The Upper Tithonian sediment succession of the central Chilean Lo Valdés Formation is characterised by a proximal high-energy depositional environment. For the upper Tobifera Formation (Patagonia) and the Himalia Ridge Formation (Antarctica) proximal continental margin depositional settings are observed. Agglomerated occurrences of micro-glendonites in the deposits of the Upper Tithonian and concurrent lowered sea level point to glacioeustatic control of the sea level. Integrated with the results of previous studies, a climatic cooling of the Southern Hemisphere during the Late Tithonian is suggested.

Berriasian

The central Chilean sections show a shift towards more distal shelf environments during the Berriasian. This interval is characterised by high organic matter preservation and temporal oxygen-reduced conditions. The results of the present study don't allow for a precise stratigraphic subdivision of the sedimentary succession of the lower Zapata Formation. Correct assessment of the environmental changes (depositional setting and climate) for the lower part (?Berriasian) of the lower Zapata Formation is impeded by the poor preservation state of the organic matter and the onset of Andean contraction and transition to the Magallanes retroarc foreland basin during the Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous. Nevertheless, results suggest a potentially distal shelf to proximal basin environment for this interval. In the Antarctic study area results also point to a more distal marine depositional setting and a higher sea level during the Berriasian. The depositional environment of the Berriasian Himalia Ridge Formation is characterised by low-density turbidites in a submarine fan setting. In this interval the formation shows a shift towards settings of the continental rise to abyssal plain. The early–Middle Berriasian President Beaches Formation represents a distal continental margin (slope to rise) environment with at times oxygen-depleted bottom water conditions. A more distal fully marine environment is also observed for the lower part of the Late Berriasian Chester Cone Formation whereas a proximal shelf marine depositional setting is suggested for the middle-upper part.

The majority of the Berriasian sections of central Chile (Lo Valdés Formation), Patagonia (Lower Zapata Formation) and Antarctica (President Beaches Formation and Himalia Ridge Formation) therefore show an increased sea level with deposition in distal fully marine environments. Only the

uppermost Berriasian Devils Point Member of the Chester Cone Formation is characterised by a proximal shallow marine environment. In the studied sections a warmer climate with associated increased sea level throughout the lower–Middle Berriasian is indicated by the presence of calpionellids (central Chile), the absence of micro-glendonites and the more distal depositional environments. Intermittent phases of lower sea level in the earliest and latest Berriasian and associated short-termed cooling periods are indicated by the occurrences of micro-glendonites in the central Chilean Lo Valdés Formation and the Chester Cone Formation in Antarctica. Occurrences of micro-glendonites in the Middle Berriasian of the President Beaches Formation reflect local short-termed cooling restricted to Antarctica.

Valanginian

For the Valanginian interval of the Lo Valdés Formation a proximal depositional environment with occasional shifts to more distal shelf settings during the earliest and latest Valanginian are observed. Microscopic glendonites are present throughout the Valanginian and are most frequent in the lower–middle part of the section. Poor preservation of the organic matter and the onset of Andean contraction and transition to the Magallanes retroarc foreland basin mask the changes of the depositional environment in the upper part of the Patagonian lower Zapata Formation. Nevertheless, changes in organic matter composition and differences in the results of the geochemical and optical approaches point to a more proximal shelf environment for the upper part of the lower Zapata Formation (?Valanginian). Results indicate a more distal shelf marine environment in the uppermost part of the lower Zapata Formation. Throughout the Valanginian interval of the Spartan Glacier Formation a significant increase in grain size points to a general shallowing-upward trend. An oxygenated near-shore environment is indicated by continuously low TOC contents and high abundances of siliciclastic mineral detritus in the palynofacies samples. Previous studies reported frequent bioturbation which further indicates an oxygenated water body. The Valanginian section of the Spartan Glacier Formation was deposited in an outer continental shelf setting. The Sealer Hill Member of the Chester Cone Formation consists of finely laminated mudstone of Early–Middle Valanginian age and is characterised by a more proximal but a lower-energy setting compared to the underlying Devils Point Member. Results suggest a proximal fully marine depositional environment for the Early-Middle Valanginian Chester Cone Formation with occasional influences of lower energy marginal basin settings.

The Valanginian sections in central Chile (Lo Valdés Formation), Patagonia (Lower Zapata Formation) and Antarctica (Chester Cone Formation and Spartan Glacier Formation) show proximal depositional settings that range from well-oxygenated near shore environments to outer continental shelf settings. Presence of micro-glendonites throughout the sections of central Chile and Antarctica and associated lower sea level in central Chile, Patagonia and Antarctica give strong evidence for episodes of climatic cooling during most of the Valanginian (especially Early and Middle Valanginian). A brief cooling episode is also suggested for the Late Valanginian by infrequent occurrences of micro-glendonites.

Hauterivian

The central Chilean sediment succession is characterised by a proximal depositional environment during the earliest Hauterivian and shows a shift to more distal marine settings within the Early Hauterivian and throughout the remainder of the stage. A brief interval of cold bottom water coinciding with the increased sea level is indicated by micro-glendonite occurrence in the Middle Hauterivian. In contrast to the Lo Valdés Formation, the middle Zapata Formation is characterised by a continuously proximal depositional environment for the presumable Hauterivian interval. For the Patagonian Zapata Formation previous studies suggest a shallow-water marine environment which was tectonically influenced by the Andean orogeny resulting in a highly irregular morphology of the area. Occurrences of micro-glendonites are not observed which might reflect influence of tectonic processes on the sea level rather than climatic cooling and glacioeustasy. The sample series of the Spartan Glacier Formation is restricted to the Lower and Upper Hauterivian sediment succession. A more distal marine depositional environment is suggested for the Early Hauterivian. The sedimentary succession of the Late Hauterivian Spartan Glacier Formation records the return to proximal depositional environments.

A cooling phase during the earliest Hauterivian is indicated by occurrences of micro-glendonite in the central Chilean sections. This cooling phase is followed by increased sea level and warm climate in the Middle–Upper Hauterivian with no occurrences of micro-glendonite. Reliable correlation of the Hauterivian intervals of central Chile, Patagonia and Antarctica is obstructed by the poor age control.

Barremian–Aptian

The sampled interval of the Springhill/Río Mayer Formation is composed of fluvial, marginal-marine, coastal and shallow-marine siliciclastic deposits which were deposited as incised valley fills. The sampled section shows a depositional environment which is characterised by increased distance to the sediment provenance and hence higher sea level in the early Late Barremian and the earliest Aptian. During the latest Barremian and especially the upper interval of the Early Aptian shifts to proximal depositional settings are observed. This high-frequency sea level change is influenced by the Andean orogeny in combination with glacioeustatic effects which is shown by micro-glendonite occurrences. In the middle Zapata Formation of Patagonia a distal low energy depositional environment and concurrent and frequent occurrences of medium to large micro-glendonites are observed. This suggests a scenario of cold bottom water conditions in an environment with increased sea level. In the Lower Barremian interval of the Spartan Glacier Formation of Antarctica, increased siliciclastic detritus and concurrent occurrence of micro-glendonite point to cold water and a lowered sea level caused by glacioeustatic effects.

Micro-glendonite occurrences in the Lower Barremian middle Zapata Formation of Patagonia and in the time equivalent Lower Barremian section of Antarctica reflect a cooling episode that was restricted to higher latitudes. A subsequent Late Barremian–Early Aptian cooling has been observed in the Springhill/Río Mayer Formation and the Spartan Glacier Formation, but also in Tethyan sections. In consequence, this cooling is considered to reflect a global trend.

Aptian–Albian

The majority of the Aptian interval is characterised by a shallow shelf depositional setting (Middle Zapata Formation and Pluto Glacier Formation). Confined intervals of shifts towards more distal marine environments (distal shelf to marginal basin) are observed in the Early Aptian of the Springhill Formation and occasionally within the Pluto Glacier Formation. Continuously more distal marine settings are observed in the Late Aptian to Early Albian Kotick Point Formation. The analysed samples represent deposition by turbidites and therefore reflect continental margin settings ranging from continental slope to continental rise with at times oxygen-depleted conditions.

The shallow environments and associated lower sea level combined with the occurrences of micro-glendonites reflect phases of climatic cooling and episodes of glacioeustatic control on the sea level during the Aptian interval in the studied sections. The Aptian–Albian Kotick Point Formation is characterised by distal marine settings and scarce occurrence of micro-glendonite. Previous studies of the Chilean Central Andes observed oceanographic conditions of the Chilean Pacific margin during the Aptian–Albian were characterised by a cool greenhouse regime.

Micrometre-sized glendonite crystals are here recorded from all three study areas (central Chile, Patagonia and Antarctica). The findings of micro-glendonites in the present study extend the stratigraphic range of those pseudomorphs after ikaite in the Southern Hemisphere to the Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous. Until now glendonites from this age have only been known from the northern high latitudes. Their occurrences in specific levels of the Tithonian to Aptian succession which are majorly concurrent with proximal depositional settings provide strong evidence for episodes of glacioeustatic control of the sea level. The new data from Chile and Antarctica point to repeated small scale glaciations in the Southern Hemisphere. These cold episodes in the Upper Tithonian, lowermost Berriasian, Valanginian, lowermost Hauterivian, Lower Barremian, Aptian and Lower Albian punctuated the Late Jurassic and Early Cretaceous greenhouse climate in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres and must thus have been global events.

7. OUTLOOK

The discovery of micrometre-sized glendonites in palynofacies samples might prove a useful tool for investigations of palaeoclimate. Future studies could focus on well-known phases of climatic cooling and try to prove the existence of micro-glendonites in the same time intervals and depositional settings. Focus should also be given on how size and shape of micro-glendonite crystals depends on the ocean chemistry and water temperature. Selection of sections with well-preserved organic matter compositions would further increase in-depth knowledge of palaeoenvironmental changes.

Future studies could also focus on stratigraphic correlation of the different cooling episodes in the study areas of the present study. Especially for the study area in Patagonia a more reliable (bio-) stratigraphic classification would be of great use.

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Appendix

Palynofacies Analysis

I–LXVII

Microfacies Analysis

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Stable Isotope Analysis

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XCVIII–CIII

Glendonite

CIV–CXV

Palynofacies Analysis

I–LXVII

Cajón del Morado

Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Leiospheres %	marine AOM %	terrestrial AOM % translucent	terrestrial AOM % opaque	AOMT % total	Sporomorphs
Hauterivian	CM 23/69	588	0,00	0,00	41,75	19,77	41,75	10
	CM 23/66	575	0,00	0,00	9,27	9,77	9,27	16
	CM 23/60	570	0,00	0,00	14,91	0,9	15,83	19
	CM 23/46	555	0,00	0,00	4,29	0,3	4,60	2
	CM 23/40	552	0,00	0,00	22,54	0,6	23,14	8
	CM 23/34	548	0,00	0,00	31,57	0,6	32,16	2
	CM 23/27	540	0,00	0,00	27,68	0,6	28,27	6
	CM 23/18	528	0,00	0,00	10,86	1,0	11,87	21
	CM 23/15	526	0,00	0,00	16,70	0,7	17,38	11
	CM 23/10	524	0,00	0,00	13,67	0,0	13,67	8
	CM 23/4	520	0,00	0,00	36,73	0,0	36,73	6
	CM 23/0,1	518	0,00	0,00	24,87	0,2	25,04	4
	CM 22/70	511	0,00	0,00	26,90	0,8	27,71	4
	CM 22/67	508	0,00	0,00	22,36	0,0	22,36	6
	CM 22/64	505	0,00	0,00	17,72	0,0	17,72	7
	CM 22/60	501	0,00	0,00	18,30	2,5	20,76	8
	CM 22/59	500	0,00	0,00	31,79	0,0	31,79	4
	CM 22/55	496	0,00	0,00	11,71	0,0	11,71	1
	CM 22/52	493	0,00	0,00	17,20	0,0	17,20	3
	CM 22/49	490	0,00	0,00	19,31	0,0	19,31	2
	CM 22/44	485	0,00	0,00	11,85	0,0	11,85	2
	CM 22/24	464	0,00	0,00	4,65	2,0	6,64	5
	CM 22/21	462	0,00	0,00	25,83	0,4	26,20	9
CM 22/18	459	0,00	0,00	10,91	0,0	10,91	7	
CM 22/15	456	0,00	0,00	30,13	1,0	31,13	1	
CM 22/12	453	0,00	0,00	10,47	2,9	13,36	0	
Valanginian	CM 21/15-29	439	0,00	0,02	57,10	30,97	57,10	2
	CM 21/15 ->	433	0,00	0,14	42,69	16,31	44,97	8
	CM 21/8-15	430	0,00	0,00	26,81	0,3	27,11	4
	CM 21/1-8	425	0,00	0,00	23,66	3,3	27,01	4
	CM 20/36	416	0,00	0,00	42,39	0,0	42,39	6
	CM 20/34	414	0,00	0,00	22,87	0,7	23,60	2
	CM 20/30	410	0,00	0,00	53,04	0,0	53,04	3
	CM 20/26	405	0,00	0,00	16,92	2,6	19,55	3
	CM 20/22	399	0,00	0,00	49,22	0,6	49,84	3
	CM 20/20	397	0,00	0,00	19,09	0,3	19,42	4
	CM 20/18	393	0,00	0,00	36,55	1,6	38,15	2
	CM 20/16	390	0,00	0,00	36,93	0,9	37,78	10
	CM 20/12	385	0,00	0,00	9,82	1,8	11,58	10
	CM 20/8	383	0,00	0,00	9,95	0,8	10,71	2
	CM 20/0,1	375	0,00	0,00	21,29	1,5	22,77	35
	CM 19/28	369	0,00	0,00	49,35	0,7	50,00	2
	CM 19/24	367	0,00	0,00	10,00	1,6	11,63	18
	CM 19/21	364	0,00	0,00	37,06	1,4	38,46	11
	CM 19/19	361	0,00	0,00	7,37	0,0	7,37	6
	CM 19/17	359	0,00	0,00	37,64	0,0	37,64	3
	CM 19/13	356	0,00	0,00	60,07	0,0	60,07	0
	CM 19/10	352	0,00	0,00	12,03	5,8	17,87	15
	CM 19/8	349	0,00	0,00	40,57	2,6	43,20	12
	CM 19/4	346	0,00	0,00	20,17	5,9	26,11	10
	CM 19/1	345	0,00	0,00	47,09	0,5	47,62	2
	CM 18/70	340	0,00	0,00	12,47	0,7	13,14	13
	CM 18/67	336	0,00	0,00	16,62	3,6	20,22	5
	CM 18/62	333	0,00	0,00	33,42	2,0	35,41	12
	CM 18/60	331	0,00	0,00	24,01	1,1	25,07	11
	CM 18/57	328	0,00	0,00	48,76	0,0	48,76	5
	CM 18/54	324	0,00	0,00	6,10	1,5	7,62	1
	CM 18/52	322	0,00	0,00	19,13	3,8	22,95	4
	CM 18/50	320	0,00	0,00	20,71	0,6	21,30	19
	CM 18/45	315	0,00	0,00	42,14	0,6	42,73	6
CM 18/42	312	0,00	0,00	31,10	1,2	32,27	7	
CM 18/39	309	0,00	0,00	67,22	0,0	67,22	1	
CM 18/37	307	0,00	0,00	28,11	12,7	40,83	9	
CM 18/32	302	0,00	0,00	56,66	0,0	56,66	4	
CM 18/30	300	0,00	0,00	32,44	0,9	33,33	9	
CM 18/29	299	0,00	0,00	29,22	1,9	31,10	17	
CM 18/27	297	0,93	0,00	12,04	12,7	24,69	15	
Berrisian	CM 18/24	294	0,00	0,00	32,08	24,37	45,39	13
	CM 18/22	292	0,00	0,03	53,51	20,36	54,52	0
	CM 18/19	289	0,00	0,00	45,99	0,0	45,99	0
	CM 18/17	287	0,00	0,00	35,61	1,1	36,74	0
	CM 18/15	285	0,00	0,00	38,72	0,0	38,72	0
	CM 18/12	282	0,00	0,00	47,83	0,0	47,83	0
	CM 18/9	279	0,00	0,00	21,26	5,0	26,25	1
	CM 18/7	277	0,00	0,00	26,48	11,8	38,33	0
	CM 18/3	275	0,00	0,00	13,54	37,8	51,38	0
	CM 18/1,5	274	0,00	0,00	48,00	1,5	49,50	1
CM 17/114	272	0,00	0,00	31,27	2,8	34,08	1	

Cajón del Morado

Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Sporomorphs %		Cutinite %		inertinite A %		Inertinite B %		Inertinite total %		Vitrinite A %		Vitrinite B %	
Hauterivian	CM 23/69	588	1,9	1,66	0,19	0,51	20,9	43,04	12,0	17,19	32,8	60,22	3,4	4,62	19,5	8,25
	CM 23/66	575	2,5	1,27	0,00	0,77	19,6	14,87	2,8	9,87	22,4	14,71	3,4	3,93	12,4	5,25
	CM 23/60	570	4,4		0,00		37,8		33,0		70,9		2,5		4,6	
	CM 23/46	555	0,6		0,00		42,6		16,6		59,2		14,7		20,9	
	CM 23/40	552	1,6		0,40		28,0		5,0		33,0		5,2		12,9	
	CM 23/34	548	0,4		0,00		32,4		31,0		63,3		1,4		2,7	
	CM 23/27	540	1,2		0,00		33,3		31,6		64,9		1,8		3,9	
	CM 23/18	528	5,3		1,77		25,3		32,1		57,3		5,3		4,8	
	CM 23/15	526	2,5		0,68		49,9		6,5		56,4		10,2		7,9	
	CM 23/10	524	2,1		1,61		49,1		11,0		60,1		8,0		13,9	
	CM 23/4	520	1,3		0,00		33,5		17,0		50,5		2,3		9,1	
	CM 23/0,1	518	0,7		0,00		40,6		23,8		64,4		1,7		7,9	
	CM 22/70	511	0,6		0,00		34,7		30,1		64,8		2,8		3,9	
	CM 22/67	508	2,4		0,81		32,1		29,3		61,4		2,0		8,9	
	CM 22/64	505	2,2		0,32		52,5		13,9		66,5		2,5		10,8	
	CM 22/60	501	1,8		0,22		55,4		16,5		71,9		3,1		1,6	
	CM 22/59	500	1,4		0,00		43,2		9,6		52,9		3,2		10,7	
	CM 22/55	496	0,3		0,00		72,2		6,0		78,3		1,0		8,4	
	CM 22/52	493	0,9		0,58		65,6		9,3		74,9		0,9		3,8	
	CM 22/49	490	0,7		0,00		62,8		10,0		72,8		1,7		5,5	
	CM 22/44	485	0,9		0,00		70,6		11,4		82,0		0,5		4,7	
	CM 22/24	464	1,1		1,33		51,5		20,1		71,7		14,6		2,9	
CM 22/21	462	3,3		0,37		33,9		8,9		42,8		6,3		16,6		
CM 22/18	459	2,5		3,27		53,5		7,3		60,7		9,5		8,0		
CM 22/15	456	0,3		0,99		26,8		25,8		52,6		5,6		6,0		
CM 22/12	453	0,0		0,72		51,1		26,2		77,3		6,5		2,2		
Valanginian	CM 21/15-29	439	0,6	2,03	0,29	0,19	17,1	20,49	14,8	21,46	31,9	41,95	1,2	3,44	9,0	13,03
	CM 21/15 ->	433	1,5	1,68	0,76	0,31	32,3	10,47	9,1	16,32	41,4	16,38	8,0	2,50	2,5	7,80
	CM 21/8-15	430	1,2		0,30		45,2		16,6		61,7		2,4		3,6	
	CM 21/1-8	425	0,9		0,00		37,9		19,0		56,9	2,55	2,5		11,8	
	CM 20/36	416	1,5		0,50		11,0		24,2		35,2		1,0		7,5	
	CM 20/34	414	0,5		0,73		40,4		28,2		68,6		2,4		2,2	
	CM 20/30	410	1,0		0,00		8,0		17,6		25,6		0,6		19,8	
	CM 20/26	405	1,1		1,13		36,1		18,8		54,9		3,8		19,5	
	CM 20/22	399	0,9		0,00		25,1		3,8		28,8		11,0		9,4	
	CM 20/20	397	1,3		0,65		44,0		11,0		55,0		2,3		21,4	
	CM 20/18	393	0,8		0,00		28,5		18,9		47,4		4,4		9,2	
	CM 20/16	390	2,8		0,00		20,5		23,9		44,3		1,7		12,8	
	CM 20/12	385	3,5		0,00		15,1		36,5		51,6		3,9		18,6	
	CM 20/8	383	0,5		0,00		5,4		76,8		82,1		0,3		6,1	
	CM 20/0,1	375	8,7		0,00		21,5		11,6		33,2		5,2		29,5	
	CM 19/28	369	0,7		0,00		12,1		30,4		42,5		1,6		5,2	
	CM 19/24	367	3,7		0,20		8,4		21,0		29,4		3,1		5,7	
	CM 19/21	364	2,6		0,00		14,2		28,4		42,7		1,6		14,5	
	CM 19/19	361	1,6		0,26		6,3		79,2		85,5		1,1		4,2	
	CM 19/17	359	0,8		0,00		17,1		34,8		52,0		0,8		8,4	
	CM 19/13	356	0,0		0,00		10,7		23,5		34,2		0,0		5,7	
	CM 19/10	352	5,2		0,00		23,7		13,7		37,5		3,4		16,8	
	CM 19/8	349	2,9		0,48		17,4		11,9		29,4		1,9		10,7	
	CM 19/4	346	2,1		0,00		18,9		14,9		33,8		3,6		13,2	
	CM 19/1	345	0,5		0,00		27,8		2,9		30,7		4,0		16,1	
	CM 18/70	340	2,9		0,00		15,8		10,7		26,5		5,3		8,0	
	CM 18/67	336	1,4		0,28		27,1		17,7		44,9		8,0		24,9	
	CM 18/62	333	3,0		0,00		19,2		17,7		36,9		4,5		20,2	
	CM 18/60	331	2,9		0,00		22,4		19,3		41,7		3,7		24,8	
	CM 18/57	328	1,4		0,00		10,2		1,9		12,1		5,8		30,3	
	CM 18/54	324	0,3		0,00		33,2		36,6		69,8		2,4		12,8	
	CM 18/52	322	1,1		0,55		24,6		20,2		44,8		4,6		24,9	
CM 18/50	320	3,7		0,39		13,6		8,7		22,3		5,3		5,5		
CM 18/45	315	1,8		0,00		23,7		11,9		35,6		4,2		8,3		
CM 18/42	312	2,0		0,00		15,1		41,6		56,7		0,6		7,6		
CM 18/39	309	0,3		0,00		12,6		10,6		23,2		1,7		7,3		
CM 18/37	307	2,7		0,00		8,9		39,1		47,9		1,8		6,5		
CM 18/32	302	1,1		0,00		7,6		10,5		18,1		1,7		22,4		
CM 18/30	300	2,7		0,00		13,7		17,3		31,0		4,5		25,0		
CM 18/29	299	4,6		1,07		20,9		2,4		23,3		9,4		13,9		
CM 18/27	297	4,6		0,31		26,9		22,2		49,1		5,9		8,3		
Berrisian	CM 18/24	294	4,4	0,27	0,00	0,10	24,2	26,85	15,0	31,27	39,2	58,11	2,7	3,17	7,5	7,98
	CM 18/22	292	0,0	0,62	0,00	0,23	26,8	16,98	4,3	20,98	31,1	20,35	5,7	4,41	8,4	9,67
	CM 18/19	289	0,0		0,00		20,4		20,4		40,7		4,0		8,6	
	CM 18/17	287	0,0		0,00		34,1		13,3		47,3		5,7		9,5	
	CM 18/15	285	0,0		0,00		13,9		32,9		46,8		3,1		11,4	
	CM 18/12	282	0,0		0,00		22,0		14,0		36,0		5,9		10,2	
	CM 18/9	279	0,3		0,00		13,0		45,2		58,1		2,7		12,6	
	CM 18/7	277	0,0		0,00		23,7		15,7		39,4		13,2		8,0	
	CM 18/3	275	0,0		0,83		18,2		11,9		30,1		8,6		3,0	
	CM 18/1,5	274	0,3		0,25		14,5		24,3		38,8		5,8		4,3	
CM 17/114	272	0,3		0,00		17,2		30,7		47,9		1,4		15,5		

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Vitrinite % total	Phytoclasts %	Filaments %	marine OM %	terrestrial OM %	Palynomorphs %	OP/TR					
Hauterivian	CM 23/69	588	23,0	12,87	56,0	73,60	0,0	3,83	0,0	0,03	99,6	99,42	1,90	4,68
	CM 23/66	575	15,8	7,45	38,2	12,71	49,3	10,63	0,0	0,10	99,2	0,98	51,78	
	CM 23/60	570	7,1		78,0		1,8		0,0		100,0		6,19	
	CM 23/46	555	35,6		94,8		0,0		0,0		100,0		0,61	
	CM 23/40	552	18,1		51,5		23,7		0,0		100,0		25,35	
	CM 23/34	548	4,1		67,5		0,0		0,0		100,0		0,39	
	CM 23/27	540	5,7		70,6		0,0		0,0		100,0		1,17	
	CM 23/18	528	10,1		69,2		13,1		0,5		99,5		18,94	
	CM 23/15	526	18,1		75,2		2,9		0,0		98,0		5,42	
	CM 23/10	524	22,0		83,6		0,0		0,0		99,5		2,14	
	CM 23/4	520	11,5		62,0		0,0		0,0		100,0		1,27	
	CM 23/0,1	518	9,7		74,1		0,0		0,0		99,8		0,69	
	CM 22/70	511	6,6		71,5		0,0		0,2		99,8		0,81	
	CM 22/67	508	11,0		73,2		1,2		0,0		99,2		3,66	
	CM 22/64	505	13,3		80,1		0,0		0,0		100,0		2,22	
	CM 22/60	501	4,7		76,8		0,2		0,0		99,6		2,01	
	CM 22/59	500	13,9		66,8		0,0		0,0		100,0		1,43	
	CM 22/55	496	9,4		87,6		0,0		0,0		99,7		0,33	
	CM 22/52	493	4,7		80,2		0,6		0,0		98,8		1,46	
	CM 22/49	490	7,2		80,0		0,0		0,0		100,0		0,69	
	CM 22/44	485	5,2		87,2		0,0		0,0		100,0		0,95	
	CM 22/24	464	17,5		90,5		0,7		0,0		98,9		1,77	
	CM 22/21	462	22,9		66,1		0,0		0,0		95,6		3,32	
	CM 22/18	459	17,5		81,5		4,7		0,0		99,6		7,27	
CM 22/15	456	11,6		65,2		1,3		0,0		98,0		1,66		
CM 22/12	453	8,7		86,6		0,0		0,0		100,0		0,00		
Valanginian	CM 21/15-29	439	10,1	16,47	42,3	58,61	0,0	6,03	0,0	0,08	100,0	99,56	0,58	2,55
	CM 21/15 ->	433	10,4	8,75	52,6	15,38	0,4	11,83	0,2	0,27	99,4	0,61	2,09	
	CM 21/8-15	430	6,0		68,1		1,8		0,0		98,2		3,01	
	CM 21/1-8	425	14,3		71,2		0,7		0,0		99,8		1,56	
	CM 20/36	416	8,5		44,1		11,5		0,0		99,5		12,97	
	CM 20/34	414	4,6		74,0		1,9		0,0		100,0		2,43	
	CM 20/30	410	20,4		46,0		0,0		0,0		100,0		0,96	
	CM 20/26	405	23,3		79,3		0,0		0,0		100,0		1,13	
	CM 20/22	399	20,4		49,2		0,0		0,0		100,0		0,94	
	CM 20/20	397	23,6		79,3		0,0		0,0		100,0		1,29	
	CM 20/18	393	13,7		61,0		0,0		0,0		100,0		0,80	
	CM 20/16	390	14,5		58,8		0,0		0,0		99,4		2,84	
	CM 20/12	385	22,5		74,0		10,5		0,0		99,6		14,04	
	CM 20/8	383	6,4		88,5		0,0		0,0		99,7		0,51	
	CM 20/0,1	375	34,7		67,8		0,5		0,0		99,8		9,16	
	CM 19/28	369	6,9		49,3		0,0		0,0		100,0		0,65	
	CM 19/24	367	8,8		38,4		45,9		0,0		99,6		49,59	
	CM 19/21	364	16,1		58,7		0,0		0,0		99,8		2,56	
	CM 19/19	361	5,3		91,1		0,0		0,0		100,0		1,58	
	CM 19/17	359	9,3		61,2		0,0		0,0		99,7		0,84	
	CM 19/13	356	5,7		39,9		0,0		0,0		100,0		0,00	
	CM 19/10	352	20,3		57,7		18,9		0,0		99,7		24,05	
	CM 19/8	349	12,6		42,5		11,5		0,0		100,0		14,32	
	CM 19/4	346	16,8		50,5		19,5		0,0		98,3		21,66	
	CM 19/1	345	20,1		50,8		0,8		0,0		99,7		1,32	
	CM 18/70	340	13,4		39,9		43,9		0,0		99,8		46,77	
	CM 18/67	336	33,0		78,1		0,0		0,0		99,7		1,39	
	CM 18/62	333	24,7		61,6		0,0		0,0		100,0		2,99	
	CM 18/60	331	28,5		70,2		1,8		0,0		100,0		4,75	
	CM 18/57	328	36,1		48,2		0,6		1,1		98,9		3,03	
	CM 18/54	324	15,2		85,1		7,0		0,0		100,0		7,32	
	CM 18/52	322	29,5		74,9		0,8		0,0		99,7		1,91	
	CM 18/50	320	10,8		33,5		39,6		0,6		98,2		43,98	
	CM 18/45	315	12,5		48,1		7,4		0,0		100,0		9,20	
	CM 18/42	312	8,1		64,8		0,0		0,0		99,1		2,03	
	CM 18/39	309	8,9		32,1		0,0		0,0		99,7		0,33	
	CM 18/37	307	8,3		56,2		0,0		0,0		99,7		2,66	
	CM 18/32	302	24,1		42,2		0,0		0,0		100,0		1,13	
	CM 18/30	300	29,5		60,4		2,7		0,0		99,1		5,36	
	CM 18/29	299	23,3		47,7		15,0		0,0		98,4		19,57	
CM 18/27	297	14,2		63,6		4,6		1,2		97,5		10,49		
Berriasian	CM 18/24	294	10,2	11,16	49,5	69,37	0,0	0,58	0,7	0,02	99,3	99,54	5,12	5,21
	CM 18/22	292	14,0	11,99	45,2	19,08	0,0	2,84	0,0	0,10	99,7	0,85	0,00	
	CM 18/19	289	12,7		53,4		0,0		0,0		99,4		0,00	
	CM 18/17	287	15,2		62,5		0,0		0,0		99,2		0,00	
	CM 18/15	285	14,5		61,3		0,0		0,0		100,0		0,00	
	CM 18/12	282	16,1		52,2		0,0		0,0		100,0		0,00	
	CM 18/9	279	15,3		73,4		0,0		0,0		100,0		0,33	
	CM 18/7	277	21,3		60,6		0,0		0,0		99,0		0,00	
	CM 18/3	275	11,6		42,5		3,6		0,0		97,5		3,59	
	CM 18/1,5	274	10,0		49,0		0,0		0,0		98,8		0,25	
	CM 17/114	272	16,9		64,8		0,0		0,0		99,2		0,28	

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Leiospheres %	marine AOM %	terrestrial AOM % translucent	terrestrial AOM % opaque	AOMT % total	Sporomorphs			
Berriasian	CM 17/111	269	0,00	0,00	38,72	0,8	39,55	1			
	CM 17/108	266	0,00	0,00	52,07	2,1	54,14	2			
	CM 17/104	262	0,00	0,00	13,63	7,2	20,79	2			
	CM 17/102	260	0,00	0,00	9,54	5,5	15,03	0			
	CM 17/99	258	0,00	0,00	37,17	8,0	45,19	0			
	CM 17/97	256	0,00	0,00	0,00	13,0	13,02	3			
	CM 17/94	253	0,23	0,00	0,00	9,7	9,71	3			
	CM 17/91	250	0,00	0,00	0,00	16,3	16,33	0			
	CM 17/88	247	0,00	0,00	0,00	20,1	20,08	0			
	CM 17/86	245	0,00	0,00	0,00	6,8	6,77	0			
	CM 17/83	242	0,00	0,00	0,00	6,4	6,44	0			
	CM 17/81	240	0,00	0,00	22,46	0,0	22,46	0			
	CM 17/80	238	0,00	0,00	37,85	1,4	39,24	0			
	CM 17/77	235	0,00	0,00	0,74	10,7	11,44	1			
	CM 17/75	232	0,00	0,00	0,71	13,1	13,81	1			
	CM 17/73	230	0,00	0,00	1,13	12,5	13,61	0			
	CM 17/71	228	0,00	0,00	0,99	0,0	0,99	2			
	CM 17/68	226	0,00	0,00	0,19	0,0	0,19	0			
	CM 17/65	223	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,0	0,00	4			
	CM 17/64	222	0,00	0,00	26,07	0,0	26,07	3			
	CM 17/62 P	220	0,00	0,00	16,23	0,0	16,23	0			
	CM 17/60 P	218	0,00	0,00	27,11	1,2	28,31	2			
	CM 17/58	216	0,00	0,00	7,53	0,0	7,53	2			
	CM 17/57 P	215	0,00	0,00	11,57	0,2	11,79	0			
	CM 17/54	212	0,00	0,00	5,13	0,2	5,34	0			
	CM 17/51	208	0,00	0,00	21,34	0,0	21,34	0			
	CM 17/49 P	206	0,00	0,00	52,50	0,0	52,50	1			
	CM 17/48	206	0,00	0,00	22,52	0,2	22,77	0			
	CM 17/46	204	0,00	0,00	26,83	0,5	27,37	2			
	CM 17/44 P	202	0,00	0,00	18,62	3,7	22,30	0			
	CM 17/42	199	0,00	0,00	17,13	1,2	18,33	1			
	CM 17/40	195	0,00	0,00	56,17	0,6	56,74	2			
	CM 17/38	195	0,00	0,00	82,91	0,9	83,76	0			
	CM 17/35,5 P	195,5	0,00	0,00	38,65	1,4	40,03	1			
CM 17/34 P	194	0,00	0,00	93,02	0,3	93,36	0				
CM 17/28 P	188	0,00	0,00	14,01	3,3	17,34	0				
CM 17/25	185	0,00	0,00	23,60	3,2	26,84	0				
CM 17/23 P	183	0,00	0,00	30,65	5,5	36,13	0				
CM 17/20 G	180	0,00	0,00	0,92	55,2	56,09	0				
CM 17/19	179	0,00	0,00	37,18	1,5	38,64	0				
CM 17/16 P	176	0,00	0,00	40,88	0,8	41,67	1				
CM 17/14 P	174	0,00	0,00	32,60	2,6	35,23	1				
CM 17/8 G	168	0,00	0,00	12,66	0,4	13,07	0				
CM 17/7 P	167	0,00	0,00	20,49	2,5	22,97	0				
CM 17/6	166	0,00	0,00	21,77	1,3	23,04	1				
CM 17/5	165	0,00	0,00	21,29	0,5	21,83	0				
CM 17/4	164	0,00	0,00	12,53	0,8	13,35	0				
CM 17/2	162	0,00	0,00	25,29	2,3	27,61	0				
CM 17/1	161	0,00	0,00	13,02	1,9	14,88	1				
CM 17/0,15	160,5	0,00	0,00	46,67	1,9	48,61	3				
Tithonian	CM 16/102	150	0,00	0,00	11,54	54,17	0,0	2,14	11,54	56,31	14
	CM 16/100	148	0,00	0,00	44,89	19,13	3,3	2,69	48,18	17,81	0
	CM 16/98	146	0,00	0,00	42,25		5,1		47,35		20
	CM 16/96	144	0,00	0,00	46,10		2,9		49,00		11
	CM 16/86	134	0,00	0,00	25,15		4,9		30,06		18
	CM 16/80	128	0,00	0,00	15,92		3,2		19,11		0
	CM 16/74	122	0,00	0,00	45,02		1,9		46,92		10
	CM 16/70	118	0,00	0,00	48,71		4,0		52,72		28
	CM 16/54	102	0,00	0,00	52,17		0,9		53,04		27
	CM 16/52	100	0,00	0,00	65,61		1,0		66,56		8
	CM 16/48	98	0,00	0,00	40,05		2,2		42,26		20
	CM 16/46	96	0,00	0,00	68,35		0,7		69,02		9
	CM 16/44	94	0,00	0,00	61,80		0,6		62,42		24
	CM 16/38	86	0,00	0,00	54,50		0,0		54,50		38
	CM 16/36	84	0,00	0,00	56,06		4,5		60,57		16
	CM 16/32	80	0,00	0,00	69,28		0,0		69,28		3
	CM 16/28	78	0,00	0,00	30,98		2,5		33,44		4
	CM 16/26	76	0,00	0,00	74,54		0,0		74,54		4
	CM 16/24	74	0,00	0,00	66,75		0,0		66,75		6
	CM 16/22	70	0,00	0,00	50,12		1,5		51,57		6
	CM 16/16	66	0,00	0,00	64,56		0,0		64,56		8
	CM 16/13	63	0,00	0,00	57,48		0,0		57,48		4
	CM 16/11	61	0,00	0,00	69,16		0,0		69,16		1
	CM 16/9	57	0,00	0,00	73,53		1,0		74,51		2
CM 16/7	58	0,00	0,00	61,19		0,0		61,19		7	
CM 16/5	56	0,00	0,00	46,47		0,3		46,79		1	

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Sporomorphs %		Cutinite %	Inertinite A %		Inertinite B %		Inertinite total %		Vitrinite A %		Vitrinite B %	
Berriasian	CM 17/111	269	0,3		0,00	22,8	14,98	34,8	14,45	57,7	29,42	2,2	0,64	0,0	7,63
	CM 17/108	266	0,6		0,00	10,4	14,54	27,5	9,65	37,9	20,19	6,8	0,73	0,0	8,20
	CM 17/104	262	0,5		0,00	24,0		54,0		78,1		0,5		0,0	
	CM 17/102	260	0,0		0,00	20,5		54,9		75,4		0,0		9,5	
	CM 17/99	258	0,0		0,00	17,6		33,2		50,8		2,4		0,5	
	CM 17/97	256	0,8		0,00	8,9		72,4		81,3		0,0		4,4	
	CM 17/94	253	0,7		0,00	2,9		82,4		85,3		0,0		3,4	
	CM 17/91	250	0,0		0,00	12,3		65,3		77,7		0,0		5,2	
	CM 17/88	247	0,0		0,00	11,0		60,5		71,5		0,0		7,2	
	CM 17/86	245	0,0		0,00	8,1		82,3		90,3		0,0		2,3	
	CM 17/83	242	0,0		0,00	35,3		41,1		76,4		2,8		9,5	
	CM 17/81	240	0,0		0,00	32,2		3,3		35,5		12,0		29,0	
	CM 17/80	238	0,0		0,00	17,4		43,1		60,4		0,0		0,0	
	CM 17/77	235	0,4		0,00	2,2		63,8		66,1		0,0		18,1	
	CM 17/75	232	0,2		0,00	10,7		61,0		71,7		0,0		13,6	
	CM 17/73	230	0,0		0,00	9,5		58,0		67,6		0,0		18,1	
	CM 17/71	228	0,4		0,40	40,0		34,0		74,0		0,4		23,5	
	CM 17/68	226	0,0		0,56	32,1		43,8		75,9		0,6		22,8	
	CM 17/65	223	1,0		0,00	44,1		30,1		74,2		0,3		24,3	
	CM 17/64	222	0,9		0,00	33,1		12,0		45,1		5,2		22,7	
	CM 17/62 P	220	0,0		0,29	31,3		52,2		83,5		0,0		0,0	
	CM 17/60 P	218	1,2		0,60	66,9		1,8		68,7		0,6		0,6	
	CM 17/58	216	0,8		0,84	26,4		21,8		48,1		10,0		32,6	
	CM 17/57 P	215	0,0		0,00	27,9		60,3		88,2		0,0		0,0	
	CM 17/54	212	0,0		0,65	35,4		21,4		56,8		10,6		26,6	
	CM 17/51	208	0,0		0,00	27,7		25,7		53,4		4,2		20,4	
	CM 17/49 P	206	0,4		0,42	11,3		3,3		14,6		4,2		27,1	
	CM 17/48	206	0,0		0,00	23,5		8,2		31,7		10,4		35,1	
	CM 17/46	204	0,5		0,81	45,8		9,8		55,6		7,6		8,1	
	CM 17/44 P	202	0,0		0,00	34,0		43,7		77,7		0,0		0,0	
	CM 17/42	199	0,4		0,00	33,9		12,0		45,8		19,5		9,2	
	CM 17/40	195	0,4		0,00	15,9		13,5		29,4		10,2		0,8	
	CM 17/38	195	0,0		0,00	8,8		1,7		10,5		4,3		1,5	
	CM 17/35,5 P	195,5	0,2		0,00	24,2		32,8		57,1		2,6		0,2	
	CM 17/34 P	194	0,0		0,00	4,0		0,66		4,7		0,3		1,7	
	CM 17/28 P	188	0,0		0,00	37,0		44,4		81,4		0,8		0,1	
	CM 17/25	185	0,0		0,00	32,6		37,6		70,2		2,4		0,6	
	CM 17/23 P	183	0,0		0,00	25,5		37,1		62,6		0,0		1,3	
	CM 17/20 G	180	0,0		0,00	8,0		35,9		43,9		0,0		0,0	
	CM 17/19	179	0,0		0,32	29,2		14,0		43,2		13,8		4,1	
	CM 17/16 P	176	0,2		0,00	13,7		44,2		57,9		0,2		0,2	
	CM 17/14 P	174	0,2		0,00	32,2		31,5		63,7		0,0		0,9	
CM 17/8 G	168	0,0		0,21	38,2		26,8		64,9		0,2		0,2		
CM 17/7 P	167	0,0		0,00	68,9		8,1		77,0		0,0		0,0		
CM 17/6	166	0,3		0,00	39,2		37,5		76,7		0,0		0,0		
CM 17/5	165	0,0		0,00	43,1		35,0		78,2		0,0		0,0		
CM 17/4	164	0,0		0,00	72,5		14,2		86,6		0,0		0,0		
CM 17/2	162	0,0		0,00	55,2		16,2		71,5		0,0		0,9		
CM 17/1	161	0,1		0,00	82,7		1,00		83,7		0,0		1,3		
CM 17/0,15	160,5	0,8		0,00	19,4		30,3		49,7		0,0		0,6		
Tithonian	CM 16/102	150	0,0	2,49	0,00	55,8	14,98	32,5	14,45	88,3	29,42	0,0	0,64	0,0	7,63
	CM 16/100	148	5,1	2,58	0,36	25,2	14,54	15,7	9,65	40,9	20,19	0,0	0,73	0,0	8,20
	CM 16/98	146	4,2		0,00	25,5		16,8		42,3		0,6		0,2	
	CM 16/96	144	2,4		0,00	18,3		18,7		37,0		1,3		7,8	
	CM 16/86	134	5,5		0,00	30,4		18,7		49,1		1,8		11,7	
	CM 16/80	128	0,0		0,64	54,1		11,5		65,6		1,3		9,6	
	CM 16/74	122	2,4		0,00	14,2		35,5		49,8		0,0		0,0	
	CM 16/70	118	8,0		0,00	23,8		9,5		33,2		0,0		1,7	
	CM 16/54	102	7,8		0,87	27,5		10,1		37,7		0,0		0,0	
	CM 16/52	100	2,5		0,00	2,9		11,5		14,3		1,0		15,6	
	CM 16/48	98	4,9		0,98	7,4		16,7		24,1		2,2		21,1	
	CM 16/46	96	3,0		1,35	0,7		6,7		7,4		1,0		18,2	
	CM 16/44	94	7,5		1,86	3,4		6,8		10,2		0,9		16,1	
	CM 16/38	86	10,4		0,54	4,6		9,0		13,6		2,7		18,3	
	CM 16/36	84	3,8		0,48	3,3		10,5		13,8		1,0		19,2	
	CM 16/32	80	1,0		3,07	1,7		12,6		14,3		1,0		10,2	
	CM 16/28	78	1,2		0,00	11,7		40,2		51,8		0,6		12,9	
	CM 16/26	76	1,9		2,31	1,4		5,6		6,9		1,4		13,0	
	CM 16/24	74	1,4		0,95	4,8		6,7		11,4		0,7		18,8	
	CM 16/22	70	1,5		0,48	11,9		18,2		30,0		1,0		15,3	
	CM 16/16	66	2,4		1,20	3,3		7,5		10,8		1,8		19,2	
	CM 16/13	63	1,2		1,76	4,1		12,3		16,4		0,6		22,6	
	CM 16/11	61	0,3		0,00	2,9		7,8		10,7		1,4		17,9	
CM 16/9	57	0,7		0,00	14,1		10,1		24,2		0,0		0,0		
CM 16/7	58	2,0		0,00	6,5		15,9		22,4		0,6		13,9		
CM 16/5	56	0,3		2,56	30,1		17,0		47,1		1,0		2,2		

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Vitrinite % total	Phytoclasts %	Filaments %	marine OM %	terrestrial OM %	Palynomorphs %	OP/TR				
Berriasian	CM 17/111	269	2,2	59,9	0,0	0,0	99,7	0,28					
	CM 17/108	266	6,8	44,7	0,0	0,0	99,4	0,59					
	CM 17/104	262	0,5	78,5	0,0	0,0	99,8	0,46					
	CM 17/102	260	9,5	85,0	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00					
	CM 17/99	258	2,9	53,7	0,0	0,0	98,9	0,00					
	CM 17/97	256	4,4	85,7	0,0	0,0	99,5	0,78					
	CM 17/94	253	3,4	88,7	0,0	0,2	99,1	0,90					
	CM 17/91	250	5,2	82,8	0,0	0,0	99,1	0,00					
	CM 17/88	247	7,2	78,6	0,0	0,0	98,7	0,00					
	CM 17/86	245	2,3	92,6	0,0	0,0	99,4	0,00					
	CM 17/83	242	12,3	88,7	0,6	0,0	95,7	0,61					
	CM 17/81	240	40,9	76,4	0,0	0,0	98,9	0,00					
	CM 17/80	238	0,0	60,4	0,0	0,0	99,7	0,00					
	CM 17/77	235	18,1	84,1	0,0	0,0	95,9	0,37					
	CM 17/75	232	13,6	85,2	0,0	0,0	99,3	0,24					
	CM 17/73	230	18,1	85,7	0,0	0,0	99,3	0,00					
	CM 17/71	228	23,9	98,2	0,0	0,0	99,6	0,40					
	CM 17/68	226	23,3	99,8	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00					
	CM 17/65	223	24,6	98,7	0,0	0,0	99,7	1,01					
	CM 17/64	222	27,9	73,0	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,92					
	CM 17/62 P	220	0,0	83,8	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00					
	CM 17/60 P	218	1,2	70,5	0,0	0,0	100,0	1,20					
	CM 17/58	216	42,7	91,6	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,84					
	CM 17/57 P	215	0,0	88,2	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00					
	CM 17/54	212	37,2	94,7	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00					
	CM 17/51	208	24,5	77,9	0,8	0,0	100,0	0,79					
	CM 17/49 P	206	31,3	46,3	0,8	0,0	100,0	1,25					
	CM 17/48	206	45,5	77,2	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00					
	CM 17/46	204	15,7	72,1	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,54					
	CM 17/44 P	202	0,0	77,7	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00					
	CM 17/42	199	28,7	74,5	5,2	0,0	98,4	5,58					
	CM 17/40	195	11,0	40,4	2,5	0,0	100,0	2,85					
	CM 17/38	195	5,8	16,2	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00					
	CM 17/35,5 P	195,5	2,8	59,8	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,15					
	CM 17/34 P	194	2,0	6,6	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00					
	CM 17/28 P	188	1,0	82,4	0,3	0,0	100,0	0,28					
	CM 17/25	185	2,9	73,2	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00					
	CM 17/23 P	183	1,3	63,9	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00					
	CM 17/20 G	180	0,0	43,9	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00					
	CM 17/19	179	17,9	61,4	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00					
CM 17/16 P	176	0,3	58,2	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,16						
CM 17/14 P	174	0,9	64,6	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,22						
CM 17/8 G	168	0,4	65,6	21,4	0,0	100,0	21,37						
CM 17/7 P	167	0,0	77,0	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00						
CM 17/6	166	0,0	76,7	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,25						
CM 17/5	165	0,0	78,2	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00						
CM 17/4	164	0,0	86,6	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00						
CM 17/2	162	0,9	72,4	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00						
CM 17/1	161	1,3	85,0	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,14						
CM 17/0,15	160,5	0,6	50,3	0,0	0,3	99,7	1,11						
Tithonian	CM 16/102	150	0,2	8,52	38,49	0,0	1,83	0,0	0,51	100,0	99,12	0,00	3,45
	CM 16/100	148	0,4	8,57	41,6	18,12	0,7	7,20	4,0	0,95	95,6	1,43	9,85
	CM 16/98	146	0,8		43,1		0,4		2,8		95,1		7,43
	CM 16/96	144	9,1		46,1		1,1		1,3		98,7		4,90
	CM 16/86	134	13,5		62,6		0,0		1,8		98,2		7,36
	CM 16/80	128	10,8		77,1		3,8		0,0		100,0		3,82
	CM 16/74	122	0,2		50,0		0,0		0,7		99,3		3,08
	CM 16/70	118	1,7		35,0		1,7		2,6		97,4		12,32
	CM 16/54	102	0,3		38,8		0,0		0,3		99,7		8,12
	CM 16/52	100	16,6		30,9		0,0		0,0		100,0		2,55
	CM 16/48	98	23,3		48,4		0,0		1,0		95,6		5,90
	CM 16/46	96	19,2		27,9		0,0		0,0		100,0		3,03
	CM 16/44	94	17,1		29,2		0,0		0,0		99,1		7,45
	CM 16/38	86	21,0		35,1		0,0		0,0		100,0		10,35
	CM 16/36	84	20,2		34,4		0,0		0,5		98,8		4,28
	CM 16/32	80	11,3		28,7		0,0		0,0		99,0		1,02
	CM 16/28	78	13,5		65,3		0,0		0,0		100,0		1,23
	CM 16/26	76	14,4		23,6		0,0		0,0		100,0		1,85
	CM 16/24	74	19,5		31,8		0,0		0,0		100,0		1,43
	CM 16/22	70	16,2		46,7		0,0		0,2		99,8		1,69
	CM 16/16	66	21,0		33,0		0,0		0,0		100,0		2,40
	CM 16/13	63	23,2		41,3		0,0		0,0		100,0		1,17
	CM 16/11	61	19,3		30,0		0,0		0,0		99,4		0,29
	CM 16/9	57	0,3		24,5		0,0		0,0		99,7		0,65
	CM 16/7	58	14,4		36,8		0,0		0,0		100,0		1,98
	CM 16/5	56	3,2		52,9		0,0		0,0		100,0		0,32

Cajón del Morado			terrestrial																								AOM				
			parts of vascular plants												Pollen						Spores										
			phytoclasts																		Sporomorphs										
			Inertinite				Vitrinite				Cutinite				nonsaccate	monosaccate			bisaccate	monolete			trilete			indet			terrestrial, translucent		
Age	Preservation		A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum		A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum				
	Sample	Depth (m)																													
Tithonian	CM 15/8,4	46,4	195	70	0	265	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	182	
	CM 15/6,5	44	95	83	0	178	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	183	
	CM 15/4	42	166	55	0	221	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	224		
	CM 14/15	35	78	75	0	153	0	2	0	2	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	3	17	193	
	CM 14/13	30	64	147	0	211	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	109	
	CM 14/08 (3)	27	52	43	0	95	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	113	
	CM 14/08 (1)	27	15	9	0	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	7	224	
	CM 14/5	25	36	39	0	75	1	5	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	411	
	CM 14/3,5	25	22	67	0	89	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	250	
	CM 13/18	20	15	46	0	61	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	200	
	CM 13/10,8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
	CM 13/2,74	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37

AOM		marine												Diverse						Cajón del Morado			
		marine phytoplankton				Zoomorphs				Zooclasts				others		mineral residues							
terrestrial opaque	marine/sensu stricto	Dinocysts	Acritarchs	Prasinophytes	Leiospheres	foraminiferal test linings				Bivalves, Scolecodonts, Fungi				Botryococcus	Filaments	Quartz	Pyrite	others	Glendonites	Totals	Dinocysts %	Acritarchs %	Foraminifera %
						A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum										
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	86	462	0,00	0,00	0,00	
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	121	9	0	381	0,00	0,00	0,00	
20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	86	473	0,00	0,00	0,00	
24	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	50	396	0,00	0,00	0,76	
21	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	4	19	357	0,00	0,00	0,84		
62	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	186	0	6	16	460	0,00	0,00	0,43		
13	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	5	13	344	0,00	0,00	2,03		
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	11	504	0,00	0,00	0,20		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	x	345	0,00	0,00	0,00		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	266	0,00	0,00	0,00		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0,00	0,00	0,00		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0,00	0,00	0,00		

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Leiospheres %	marine AOM %	terrestrial AOM % translucent	terrestrial AOM % opaque	AOMT % total	Sporomorphs
Tithonian	CM 15/8,4	46,4	0,00	0,00	39,39	2,2	41,56	2
	CM 15/6,5	44	0,00	0,00	48,03	3,7	51,71	5
	CM 15/4	42	0,00	0,00	47,36	4,2	51,59	2
	CM 14/15	35	0,00	0,00	48,74	6,1	54,80	17
	CM 14/13	30	0,00	0,00	30,53	5,9	36,41	3
	CM 14/08 (3)	27	0,00	0,00	24,57	13,5	38,04	1
	CM 14/08 (1)	27	0,00	0,00	65,12	3,8	68,90	7
	CM 14/5	25	0,00	0,00	81,55	1,6	83,13	3
	CM 14/3,5	25	0,00	0,00	72,46	0,0	72,46	5
	CM 13/18	20	0,00	0,00	75,19	0,0	75,19	4
	CM 13/10,8	10	0,00	0,00	90,91	0,0	90,91	0
	CM 13/2,74	0	0,00	0,00	92,50	0,0	92,50	0

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Sporomorphs %	Cutinite %	Inertinite A %	Inertinite B %	Inertinite total %	Vitrinite A %	Vitrinite B %
Tithonian	CM 15/8,4	46,4	0,4	0,22	42,2	15,2	57,4	0,0	0,4
	CM 15/6,5	44	1,3	0,00	24,9	21,8	46,7	0,0	0,3
	CM 15/4	42	0,4	0,00	35,1	11,6	46,7	0,0	1,3
	CM 14/15	35	4,3	1,01	19,7	18,9	38,6	0,0	0,5
	CM 14/13	30	0,8	0,00	17,9	41,2	59,1	0,0	1,1
	CM 14/08 (3)	27	0,2	0,00	11,3	9,3	20,7	0,0	0,0
	CM 14/08 (1)	27	2,0	0,00	4,4	2,6	7,0	0,0	0,0
	CM 14/5	25	0,6	0,00	7,1	7,7	14,9	0,2	1,0
	CM 14/3,5	25	1,4	0,00	6,4	19,4	25,8	0,0	0,0
	CM 13/18	20	1,5	0,00	5,6	17,3	22,9	0,0	0,0
	CM 13/10,8	10	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	CM 13/2,74	0	0,0	0,00	5,0	0,0	5,0	0,0	0,0

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Vitrinite % total	Phytoclasts %	Filaments %	marine OM %	terrestrial OM %	Palynomorphs %	OP/TR
Tithonian	CM 15/8,4	46,4	0,4	58,0	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,43	
	CM 15/6,5	44	0,3	47,0	0,0	0,0	100,0	1,31	
	CM 15/4	42	1,3	48,0	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,42	
	CM 14/15	35	0,5	40,2	0,0	0,8	99,2	5,05	
	CM 14/13	30	1,1	60,2	1,7	0,8	99,2	3,36	
	CM 14/08 (3)	27	0,2	20,9	40,4	0,4	99,6	41,09	
	CM 14/08 (1)	27	0,3	7,3	19,8	2,0	98,0	23,84	
	CM 14/5	25	1,2	16,1	0,0	0,2	99,8	0,79	
	CM 14/3,5	25	0,3	26,1	0,0	0,0	100,0	1,45	
	CM 13/18	20	0,4	23,3	0,0	0,0	100,0	1,50	
	CM 13/10,8	10	4,5	4,5	0,0	0,0	95,5	0,00	
	CM 13/2,74	0	2,5	7,5	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00	

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	marine AOM %	terrestrial AOM %	terrestrial AOM %	AOMT %	Sporomorphs	Sporomorphs %	Cutinite %
				translucent	opaque	total			
Hauterivian	LV 9/149	539	0,00 0,00	11,56 24,59	4,44 0,55	16,00 25,14	0	0,00 0,83	0,22 0,50
	LV 9/143	533	0,00 0,00	5,62 15,98	0,00 1,25	5,62 15,64	1	0,23 1,73	0,00 1,15
	LV 9/129	519	0,00	9,78	0,00	9,78	0	0,00	0,54
	LV 9/115	505	0,00	50,81	0,00	50,81	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 9/102	492	0,00	33,61	0,42	34,03	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 9/87	477	0,00	23,17	0,69	23,85	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 9/69	459	0,00	20,00	0,24	20,24	8	1,88	0,00
	LV 9/32	422	0,00	14,55	0,30	14,85	0	0,00	0,91
	LV 9/24	414	0,00	32,39	0,00	32,39	3	0,85	0,00
	LV 9/20	410	0,00	33,12	0,00	33,12	1	0,65	0,00
	LV 9/12	402	0,00	8,20	0,53	8,73	1	0,26	0,26
	LV 9/5	395	0,00	52,26	0,00	52,26	24	6,03	4,02
	Valanginian	LV 8/103	388	0,00 0,00	32,51 45,86	0,00 0,00	32,51 45,86	5	1,37 1,24
LV 8/99		384	0,00 0,00	54,04 16,04	0,00 0,00	54,04 16,04	4	1,11 2,26	0,00 0,39
LV 8/91		376	0,00	15,12	0,00	15,12	2	0,47	0,00
LV 8/83		368	0,00	53,47	0,00	53,47	1	0,33	0,00
LV 8/59		344	0,00	54,05	0,00	54,05	5	1,45	0,58
LV 8/54		339	0,00	56,19	0,00	56,19	2	0,50	0,00
LV 8/46		331	0,00	74,26	0,00	74,26	3	0,74	0,00
LV 8/41		326	0,00	30,16	0,00	30,16	26	8,25	0,95
LV 8/36		321	0,00	40,89	0,00	40,89	0	0,00	0,78
LV 8/20-36		310	0,00	32,46	0,00	32,46	1	0,44	0,00
LV 7/34		285	0,00	49,73	0,00	49,73	0	0,00	0,00
LV 7/28		279	0,00	57,49	0,00	57,49	1	0,27	0,00
Berriasian		LV 7/25	276	0,00 0,00	79,91 33,32	0,43 1,91	80,34 35,23	0	0,00 0,04
	LV 7/16	267	0,00 0,00	57,02 16,28	0,00 6,45	57,02 15,00	4	1,17 0,21	0,58 0,42
	LV 6/65	258	0,00	45,58	0,00	45,58	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 6/55	248	0,00	47,44	0,00	47,44	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 6/50	243	0,00	42,96	0,00	42,96	0	0,00	0,18
	LV 6/34	227	0,00	37,67	0,00	37,67	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 6/29	222	0,00	52,08	0,00	52,08	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 6/20	213	0,00	27,86	0,56	28,41	0	0,00	0,84
	LV 6/10	203	0,00	36,36	0,00	36,36	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/97	197	0,00	29,89	0,00	29,89	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/75	169	0,00	21,69	0,00	21,69	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/40	134	0,00	19,31	0,00	19,31	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/35	129	0,00	24,07	0,00	24,07	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/32	126	0,00	33,42	0,00	33,42	0	0,00	0,25
	LV 5/30	124	0,00	36,77	0,00	36,77	0	0,00	0,23
	LV 5/28	122	0,00	30,05	0,00	30,05	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/26	120	0,00	27,53	0,00	27,53	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/24	118	0,00	34,52	0,00	34,52	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/22	116	0,00	31,74	0,00	31,74	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/20	114	0,00	30,54	0,00	30,54	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/19	113	0,00	28,79	0,00	28,79	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/17	111	0,00	41,87	0,00	41,87	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/15	109	0,00	27,33	0,00	27,33	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/14	108	0,00	33,25	0,47	33,73	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/12	106	0,00	30,79	0,54	31,34	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/7	101	0,00	8,59	2,86	11,46	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/5	99	0,00	1,56	12,84	14,40	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 5/3	97	0,00	10,13	34,18	44,30	0	0,00	0,00
LV 5/1	95	0,00	57,79	1,92	59,71	0	0,00	0,00	
LV 4/18	91	0,00	42,96	3,52	46,48	0	0,00	0,50	
LV 4/6	79	0,00	3,52	1,76	5,28	0	0,00	2,11	
Tithonian	LV 3/66	56	0,00 0,00	8,05 56,23	16,67 9,62	24,71 65,85	0	0,00 2,68	0,00 0,89
	LV 3/63	53	0,00 0,00	67,53 22,54	2,27 4,65	69,81 21,05	1	0,32 2,59	0,97 1,29
	LV 3/58	48	0,00	45,60	5,21	50,81	0	0,00	0,00
	LV 3/56,5	46,5	0,00	35,40	10,25	45,65	0	0,00	0,62
	LV 3/55	45	0,00	74,67	9,00	83,67	13	4,33	0,00
	LV 3/53	43	0,00	69,89	7,89	77,78	4	1,43	0,36
	LV 3/52	42,6	0,00	45,19	15,93	61,11	5	1,85	0,00
	LV 3/50	42,3	0,00	41,45	19,27	60,73	4	1,45	0,00
	LV 3/48	42	0,00	60,75	9,81	70,56	8	3,74	2,80
	LV 3/46	41,5	0,00	64,73	13,82	78,55	3	1,09	0,00
	LV 3/44	41	0,00	67,79	10,65	78,44	2	0,52	0,00
	LV 3/42	40,5	0,00	23,79	2,07	25,86	3	1,03	0,00
	LV 3/40	40	0,00	62,19	14,13	76,33	12	4,24	0,00

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Inertinite A %	Inertinite B %	Inertinite total %	Vitrinite A %	Vitrinite B %	Vitrinite total %	Phytoclasts %							
Hauterivian	LV 9/149	539	27,78	30,31	24,44	27,07	52,22	57,38	6,67	2,86	24,89	11,52	31,56	14,37	84,00	72,25
	LV 9/143	533	37,70	12,60	35,60	13,47	73,30	18,45	6,56	2,14	14,29	9,74	20,84	10,95	94,15	18,03
	LV 9/129	519	35,87		40,76		76,63		4,89		7,88		12,77		89,95	
	LV 9/115	505	26,22		16,47		42,69		0,70		5,80		6,50		49,19	
	LV 9/102	492	26,10		36,95		63,05		1,04		1,88		2,92		65,97	
	LV 9/87	477	25,69		46,33		72,02		0,46		3,67		4,13		76,15	
	LV 9/69	459	23,29		45,88		69,18		1,41		7,29		8,71		77,88	
	LV 9/32	422	24,24		21,21		45,45		2,73		35,15		37,88		84,24	
	LV 9/24	414	33,24		21,31		54,55		1,42		5,68		7,10		61,65	
	LV 9/20	410	31,82		11,69		43,51		3,25		7,14		10,39		53,90	
	LV 9/12	402	62,70		16,67		79,37		2,38		8,73		11,11		90,74	
	LV 9/5	395	9,05		7,54		16,58		2,76		15,83		18,59		39,20	
Valanginian	LV 8/103	388	27,60	22,84	22,13	13,48	49,73	36,31	0,82	3,84	14,75	11,30	15,57	15,14	66,12	51,72
	LV 8/99	384	17,83	6,76	17,55	6,20	35,38	10,39	0,56	5,76	8,91	5,17	9,47	8,36	44,85	13,70
	LV 8/91	376	30,00		23,72		53,72		9,07		10,23		19,30		73,02	
	LV 8/83	368	29,04		9,57		38,61		1,32		5,94		7,26		45,87	
	LV 8/59	344	20,81		9,54		30,35		2,60		9,54		12,14		43,06	
	LV 8/54	339	25,99		4,46		30,45		1,73		11,14		12,87		43,32	
	LV 8/46	331	10,15		3,71		13,86		0,74		10,40		11,14		25,00	
	LV 8/41	326	16,83		16,19		33,02		1,90		24,76		26,67		60,63	
	LV 8/36	321	26,56		11,20		37,76		7,29		13,28		20,57		59,11	
	LV 8/20-36	310	19,74		14,47		34,21		19,74		13,16		32,89		67,11	
	LV 7/34	285	32,62		13,37		45,99		0,00		4,28		4,28		50,27	
	LV 7/28	279	16,89		15,80		32,70		0,27		9,26		9,54		42,23	
Berriasian	LV 7/25	276	9,40	25,13	7,69	31,75	17,09	56,88	0,00	1,32	2,56	6,33	2,56	7,66	19,66	64,69
	LV 7/16	267	19,30	8,37	8,77	11,32	28,07	16,86	1,46	3,53	11,70	7,70	13,16	11,09	41,81	15,14
	LV 6/65	258	18,37		25,40		43,76		0,23		10,43		10,66		54,42	
	LV 6/55	248	17,09		23,93		41,03		1,07		10,47		11,54		52,56	
	LV 6/50	243	13,89		32,36		46,25		1,46		9,14		10,60		57,04	
	LV 6/34	227	22,29		30,37		52,66		0,59		9,07		9,66		62,33	
	LV 6/29	222	16,41		26,56		42,97		0,78		4,17		4,95		47,92	
	LV 6/20	213	25,35		34,26		59,61		2,79		8,36		11,14		71,59	
	LV 6/10	203	26,79		27,03		53,83		2,39		7,42		9,81		63,64	
	LV 5/97	197	26,90		35,40		62,30		1,61		6,21		7,82		70,11	
	LV 5/75	169	28,63		47,51		76,14		0,43		1,74		2,17		78,31	
	LV 5/40	134	37,91		38,27		76,17		0,36		4,15		4,51		80,69	
	LV 5/35	129	35,98		34,35		70,33		0,23		5,37		5,61		75,93	
	LV 5/32	126	33,17		29,93		63,09		0,00		3,24		3,24		66,58	
	LV 5/30	124	30,44		27,87		58,31		0,70		3,98		4,68		63,23	
	LV 5/28	122	23,08		44,47		67,55		0,48		1,92		2,40		69,95	
	LV 5/26	120	27,53		41,19		68,72		0,00		3,74		3,74		72,47	
	LV 5/24	118	24,11		39,01		63,12		0,00		2,36		2,36		65,48	
	LV 5/22	116	33,26		29,35		62,61		0,65		5,00		5,65		68,26	
	LV 5/20	114	29,03		35,70		64,73		0,00		4,73		4,73		69,46	
	LV 5/19	113	37,01		27,92		64,94		0,65		5,63		6,28		71,21	
	LV 5/17	111	20,33		35,77		56,10		0,00		2,03		2,03		58,13	
	LV 5/15	109	29,11		42,89		72,00		0,00		0,67		0,67		72,67	
	LV 5/14	108	34,91		29,72		64,62		0,00		1,65		1,65		66,27	
	LV 5/12	106	36,24		27,79		64,03		0,00		4,63		4,63		68,66	
	LV 5/7	101	38,80		47,14		85,94		0,00		2,60		2,60		88,54	
	LV 5/5	99	23,54		60,70		84,24		0,00		1,36		1,36		85,60	
	LV 5/3	97	17,30		36,71		54,01		0,00		1,69		1,69		55,70	
LV 5/1	95	11,99		12,47		24,46		2,64		11,75		14,39		38,85		
LV 4/18	91	17,59		28,14		45,73		2,76		4,52		7,29		53,52		
LV 4/6	79	13,38		15,49		28,87		19,72		44,01		63,73		94,72		
Tithonian	LV 3/66	56	29,89	2,99	35,63	16,01	65,52	19,00	2,30	0,50	7,47	6,69	9,77	7,19	75,29	27,08
	LV 3/63	53	4,55	6,50	12,34	11,67	16,88	14,43	0,65	1,47	11,36	15,73	12,01	16,06	29,87	20,10
	LV 3/58	48	13,68		3,26		16,94		7,49		17,59		25,08		42,02	
	LV 3/56,5	46,5	17,08		12,42		29,50		2,17		12,11		14,29		44,41	
	LV 3/55	45	0,67		9,67		10,33		0,00		1,00		1,00		11,33	
	LV 3/53	43	2,15		16,85		19,00		0,00		0,72		0,72		20,07	
	LV 3/52	42,6	1,48		32,22		33,70		0,00		0,37		0,37		34,07	
	LV 3/50	42,3	2,55		34,91		37,45		0,00		0,36		0,36		37,82	
	LV 3/48	42	0,93		18,22		19,16		0,00		2,34		2,34		24,30	
	LV 3/46	41,5	1,09		18,91		20,00		0,00		0,36		0,36		20,36	
	LV 3/44	41	0,00		20,00		20,00		0,00		0,26		0,26		20,26	
	LV 3/42	40,5	0,00		6,55		6,55		0,34		0,00		0,34		6,90	
LV 3/40	40	2,47		14,49		16,96		0,00		0,00		0,00		16,96		

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Filaments %	marine OM %	terrestrial OM %	Palynomorphs %	OP/TR
Hauterivian	LV 9/149	539	0,00 1,56	0,00 0,11	100,00 99,84	0,00	3,99
	LV 9/143	533	0,00 3,50	0,00 0,29	100,00 0,33	0,23	
	LV 9/129	519	0,27	0,00	100,00	0,27	
	LV 9/115	505	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 9/102	492	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 9/87	477	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 9/69	459	0,00	0,00	100,00	1,88	
	LV 9/32	422	0,91	0,00	100,00	0,91	
	LV 9/24	414	5,11	0,00	100,00	5,97	
	LV 9/20	410	11,69	0,00	99,35	12,34	
	LV 9/12	402	0,00	0,26	99,74	0,53	
	LV 9/5	395	0,75	1,01	98,99	7,79	
	Valanginian	LV 8/103	388	0,00 1,15	0,00 0,03	100,00 99,97	1,37
LV 8/99		384	0,00 3,26	0,00 0,10	100,00 0,10	1,11	
LV 8/91		376	11,40	0,00	100,00	11,86	
LV 8/83		368	0,00	0,33	99,67	0,66	
LV 8/59		344	1,45	0,00	100,00	2,89	
LV 8/54		339	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,50	
LV 8/46		331	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,74	
LV 8/41		326	0,95	0,00	100,00	9,21	
LV 8/36		321	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
LV 8/20-36		310	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,44	
LV 7/34		285	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
LV 7/28		279	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,27	
Berriasian		LV 7/25	276	0,00 0,05	0,00 0,00	100,00 100,00	0,00
	LV 7/16	267	0,00 0,26	0,00 0,00	100,00 0,00	1,17	
	LV 6/65	258	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 6/55	248	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 6/50	243	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 6/34	227	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 6/29	222	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 6/20	213	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 6/10	203	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/97	197	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/75	169	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/40	134	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/35	129	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/32	126	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/30	124	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/28	122	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/26	120	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/24	118	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/22	116	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/20	114	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/19	113	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/17	111	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/15	109	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/14	108	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/12	106	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
	LV 5/7	101	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	
LV 5/5	99	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00		
LV 5/3	97	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00		
LV 5/1	95	1,44	0,00	100,00	1,44		
LV 4/18	91	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00		
LV 4/6	79	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00		
Tithonian	LV 3/66	56	0,00 2,85	0,00 0,38	100,00 98,56	0,00	2,64
	LV 3/63	53	0,00 12,13	0,00 0,65	100,00 1,42	0,32	
	LV 3/58	48	2,28	0,00	95,11	2,28	
	LV 3/56,5	46,5	9,32	0,62	99,38	9,94	
	LV 3/55	45	0,00	0,67	99,33	5,00	
	LV 3/53	43	0,00	0,36	99,28	1,79	
	LV 3/52	42,6	0,00	0,00	97,04	1,85	
	LV 3/50	42,3	0,00	0,00	100,00	1,45	
	LV 3/48	42	0,00	0,00	98,60	3,74	
	LV 3/46	41,5	0,00	0,00	100,00	1,09	
	LV 3/44	41	0,00	0,00	99,22	0,52	
	LV 3/42	40,5	65,17	0,00	98,97	66,21	
	LV 3/40	37	0,00	1,06	97,88	5,30	

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		parts of vascular plants												Pollen				Spores																									
		phytoclasts												Sporomorphs																													
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Age	Preservation		A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum		A	B	C	sum		A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum											
	Sample	Depth (m)																																									
Tithonian	LV 3/37	37	0	51	0	51	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	241	26	
	LV 3/35	35	0	43	0	43	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	203	22							
	LV 3/31	31	0	53	0	53	0	4	0	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	7	122	35							
	LV 3/28	28	0	20	0	20	0	3	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	10	113	18							
	LV 3/26	26	0	21	0	21	0	3	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	126	17								
	LV 3/23	23	0	37	0	37	0	2	0	2	0	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	4	9	13	232	18									
	LV 3/21	21	0	31	0	31	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	5	16	115	18								
	LV 3/19	19	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	16	16	217	21										
	LV 3/17	17	0	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	256	0											
	LV 3/15	15	5	16	0	21	0	9	0	9	0	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	5	7	12	172	11									
	LV 3/13	13	3	46	0	49	0	3	0	3	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	8	10	175	28									
	LV 3/10	10	8	30	0	38	2	1	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	105	25									
	LV 3/6	6	0	19	0	19	0	5	0	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	113	9								
	LV 3/3	3	4	194	0	198	0	2	0	2	0	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	105	23								
	LV 3/1-30	1	3	9	0	12	0	167	0	167	0	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	2	1	7	4	12	22	44									
LV 3/0,2	0,2	1	15	0	16	1	142	0	143	0	8	5	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	24	24									

ADM		marine												diverse					Lo Valdés							
		fine phytoplank				Zoomorphs				Zooclasts				mineral residues												
marine/sensu stricto	Dinocysts	Acrifarchs	Prasinophytes	Leiospheres	foraminiferal test linings				Bivalves, Scolecodonts, Fungi				Filaments	Quartz	Pyrite	others	Glendonites	Totals	Dinocysts	%	Acrifarchs	%	Foraminifera	%	Leiospheres	%
	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum																		
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0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	2	8	0	0	8	0	0	9	1	284	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,70	0,00	1,76	0,00		
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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	marine AOM %	terrestrial AOM % translucent	terrestrial AOM % opaque	AOMT % total	Sporomorphs	Sporomorphs %	Cutinite %
Tithonian	LV 3/37	37	0,00	75,31	8,13	83,44	1	0,31	0,00
	LV 3/35	35	0,00	74,36	8,06	82,42	2	0,73	0,00
	LV 3/31	31	0,00	53,04	15,22	68,26	7	3,04	0,87
	LV 3/28	28	0,00	67,26	10,71	77,98	10	5,95	1,19
	LV 3/26	26	0,00	72,00	9,71	81,71	5	2,86	0,57
	LV 3/23	23	0,00	73,42	5,70	79,11	17	5,38	1,58
	LV 3/21	21	0,00	60,53	9,47	70,00	20	10,53	0,00
	LV 3/19	19	0,00	84,77	8,20	92,97	17	6,64	0,00
	LV 3/17	17	0,00	92,42	0,00	92,42	2	0,72	0,72
	LV 3/15	15	0,00	70,49	4,51	75,00	14	5,74	2,87
	LV 3/13	13	0,00	61,62	9,86	71,48	11	3,87	1,06
	LV 3/10	10	0,00	58,33	13,89	72,22	3	1,67	1,11
	LV 3/6	6	0,00	71,07	5,66	76,73	6	3,77	1,26
	LV 3/3	3	0,00	30,43	6,67	37,10	1	0,29	1,45
	LV 3/1-30	1	0,00	7,69	15,38	23,08	16	5,59	2,45
LV 3/0,2	0,2	0,00	10,86	10,86	21,72	1	0,45	5,88	

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Inertinite A %	Inertinite B %	Inertinite % total	Vitrinite A %	Vitrinite B %	Vitrinite % total	Phytoclasts %
Tithonian	LV 3/37	37	0,00	15,94	15,94	0,00	0,31	0,31	16,25
	LV 3/35	35	0,00	15,75	15,75	0,00	1,10	1,10	16,85
	LV 3/31	31	0,00	23,04	23,04	0,00	1,74	1,74	25,65
	LV 3/28	28	0,00	11,90	11,90	0,00	1,79	1,79	14,88
	LV 3/26	26	0,00	12,00	12,00	0,00	1,71	1,71	14,29
	LV 3/23	23	0,00	11,71	11,71	0,00	0,63	0,63	13,92
	LV 3/21	21	0,00	16,32	16,32	0,00	1,05	1,05	17,37
	LV 3/19	19	0,00	0,39	0,39	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,39
	LV 3/17	17	0,00	4,33	4,33	0,00	0,00	0,00	5,05
	LV 3/15	15	2,05	6,56	8,61	0,00	3,69	3,69	15,16
	LV 3/13	13	1,06	16,20	17,25	0,00	1,06	1,06	19,37
	LV 3/10	10	4,44	16,67	21,11	1,11	0,56	1,67	23,89
	LV 3/6	6	0,00	11,95	11,95	0,00	3,14	3,14	16,35
	LV 3/3	3	1,16	56,23	57,39	0,00	0,58	0,58	59,42
	LV 3/1-30	1	1,05	3,15	4,20	0,00	58,39	58,39	65,03
LV 3/0,2	0,2	0,45	6,79	7,24	0,45	64,25	64,71	77,83	

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Filaments %	marine OM %	terrestrial OM %	Palynomorphs %
Tithonian	LV 3/37	37	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,31
	LV 3/35	35	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,73
	LV 3/31	31	0,00	0,43	97,39	3,48
	LV 3/28	28	0,00	0,00	98,81	5,95
	LV 3/26	26	0,00	0,00	99,43	2,86
	LV 3/23	23	0,00	0,32	98,42	5,70
	LV 3/21	21	0,00	1,05	97,89	11,58
	LV 3/19	19	0,00	0,00	100,00	6,64
	LV 3/17	17	0,00	0,00	98,56	0,72
	LV 3/15	15	0,82	1,23	97,13	7,79
	LV 3/13	13	0,00	2,46	94,72	6,34
	LV 3/10	10	0,56	0,00	98,33	2,22
	LV 3/6	6	0,00	0,63	97,48	4,40
	LV 3/3	3	0,29	0,00	97,39	0,58
	LV 3/1-30	1	4,20	2,10	97,90	11,89
LV 3/0,2	0,2	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,45	

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Dino A %	Dino B %	Dino C %	Dinocysts %	Algae indet %	Acritarchs %	Foraminifera %							
early Aptian	NEV 63	2102,5-2106	0,00	0,90	0,00	0,75	0,00	0,83	0,00	2,48	0,00	1,43	0,00	0,49	0,00	0,00
	NEV 62	2098-2102,5	1,45	0,78	2,18	1,03	1,45	0,70	5,09	2,37	4,73	2,25	0,36	0,38	0,00	0,00
	NEV 61	2107-2111,5	1,63		0,82		1,36		3,81		0,00		0,82		0,00	0,00
	NEV 60	2120,5-2125	0,51		0,00		0,51		1,01		1,01		0,76		0,00	0,00
late Barremian	NEV 59	2129,5-2134	0,46	0,68	0,69	0,52	0,46	0,32	1,61	1,53	0,00	1,43	0,00	0,38	0,00	0,02
	NEV 58	2138,5-2143	0,00	0,85	0,51	0,62	0,00	0,41	0,51	1,72	1,03	1,47	0,26	0,63	0,00	0,06
	NEV 57	2147,5-2152	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 56	2156,5-2161	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		1,13		0,23		0,00	0,00
	NEV 55	2170-2174,5	1,31		1,83		1,04		4,18		0,00		3,92		0,00	0,00
	NEV 54	2179-2183,5	0,00		0,00		0,25		0,25		3,31		0,25		0,00	0,00
	NEV 53	2188-2192,5	0,84		0,28		0,56		1,68		2,51		1,12		0,00	0,00
	NEV 52	2197-2201,5	0,75		0,50		1,00		2,26		3,26		1,25		0,00	0,00
	NEV 51	2206-2210,5	1,06		0,53		0,79		2,37		3,69		0,79		0,00	0,00
	NEV 50	2219,5-2224	0,76		0,76		0,51		2,03		2,78		0,76		0,00	0,00
	NEV 49	2228,5-2232	1,48		1,48		0,89		3,86		0,00		2,08		0,00	0,00
	NEV 48	2237,5-2242	2,68		2,43		0,49		5,60		3,65		0,97		0,24	0,00
	NEV 47	2251-2252	4,51		3,01		1,25		8,77		0,00		1,00		0,25	0,00
	NEV 46	2258-2259	1,29		0,77		1,29		3,35		3,09		1,03		0,00	0,00
	NEV 45	2270-2271	0,75		1,00		0,50		2,26		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 44	2280-2281	0,25		0,50		0,00		0,75		1,00		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 43	2290	0,25		0,25		0,00		0,50		1,25		0,25		0,00	0,00
	NEV 42	2300	0,69		0,69		0,23		1,60		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 41	2311	0,23		0,00		0,00		0,23		2,09		0,23		0,00	0,00
	NEV 40	2316	1,04		0,78		0,52		2,33		3,11		0,52		0,00	0,00
	NEV 39	2325	0,52		0,26		0,00		0,79		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 38	2338	1,28		0,26		0,00		1,53		0,00		0,26		0,00	0,00
	NEV 37	2344	0,00		0,23		0,00		0,23		2,55		0,23		0,00	0,00
	NEV 36	2360	0,23		0,23		0,00		0,47		1,64		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 35	2376	1,02		0,26		0,00		1,28		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 34	2395	0,50		1,24		0,74		2,48		0,00		0,50		0,00	0,00
	NEV 33	2417	0,82		0,27		1,36		2,45		2,72		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 32	2428	0,00		0,00		0,25		0,25		1,50		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 31	2437-2438	0,00		0,00		0,28		0,28		1,14		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 30	2448-2449	0,00		0,54		0,00		0,54		1,08		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 29	2454-2455	0,27		0,00		0,00		0,27		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 28	2461-2462	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,93		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 27	2504	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,70		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 26	2509-2509,5	0,22		0,22		0,22		0,67		2,22		0,22		0,00	0,00
	NEV 25	2516-2516,5	2,79		1,02		0,51		4,31		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 24	2521-2521,5	2,40		1,87		1,60		5,87		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 23	2536	0,00		0,25		0,25		0,50		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 22	2541	0,99		0,50		0,25		1,73		1,49		0,00		0,25	0,00
	NEV 21	2546	0,23		0,23		0,23		0,70		0,94		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 20	2556	0,24		0,24		0,00		0,48		0,72		0,24		0,00	0,00
	NEV 19	2593	0,50		0,00		0,25		0,75		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 18	2607	1,20		0,96		0,00		2,16		0,72		0,24		0,00	0,00
	NEV 17	2616	0,74		0,25		0,25		1,23		3,69		0,49		0,25	0,00
	NEV 16	2625	0,53		0,79		0,53		1,85		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 15	2632	1,23		0,74		0,00		1,98		3,70		0,49		0,00	0,00
	NEV 14	2644	0,23		0,00		0,23		0,45		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00
	NEV 13	2649	1,56		1,04		0,78		3,39		5,73		0,78		0,00	0,00
NEV 12	2655	0,28		0,28		0,00		0,56		2,25		0,84		0,00	0,00	
NEV 11	2659	2,08		1,56		0,78		4,43		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00	
NEV 10	2662	0,74		0,25		0,25		1,23		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00	
NEV 9	2665	0,00		0,00		0,24		0,24		1,94		0,48		0,00	0,00	
NEV 8	2671	0,28		0,00		0,28		0,56		3,36		0,00		0,00	0,00	
NEV 7	2688	0,00		0,21		0,00		0,21		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00	
NEV 6	2699	0,00		0,24		0,00		0,24		1,69		0,48		0,00	0,00	
NEV 5	2798	0,25		0,25		0,00		0,50		4,27		0,75		0,00	0,00	
NEV 4	2800	0,24		0,24		0,00		0,47		2,83		0,71		0,00	0,00	
NEV 3	2804	0,00		0,22		0,00		0,22		3,57		0,67		0,00	0,00	
NEV 2	2808	0,25		0,25		0,00		0,51		0,00		0,25		0,00	0,00	
NEV 1	2812	0,24		0,00		0,00		0,24		1,18		0,00		0,00	0,00	

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Leiospheres %		marine AOM %		terrestrial AOM % translucent		terrestrial AOM % total		terrestrial AOM % opaque		Sporo A %	
early Aptian	NEV 63	2102,5-2106	0,00	0,00	17,0	26,3	29,3	22,3	29,30	22,4	0,00	0,13	11,8	6,7
	NEV 62	2098-2102,5	0,00	0,00	28,0	9,7	14,6	6,8	14,57	6,9	0,00	0,25	4,4	3,5
	NEV 61	2107-2111,5	0,00		20,9		18,8		18,84		0,00		6,3	
	NEV 60	2120,5-2125	0,00		39,1		26,5		26,99		0,51		4,6	
late Barremian	NEV 59	2129,5-2134	0,00	0,17	55,8	20,2	15,0	18,2	15,42	18,3	0,46	0,07	4,1	5,2
	NEV 58	2138,5-2143	0,00	0,37	53,3	16,3	26,2	8,3	26,17	8,3	0,00	0,17	2,3	3,4
	NEV 57	2147,5-2152	0,00		23,8		51,5		51,72		0,24		1,9	
	NEV 56	2156,5-2161	0,00		48,7		26,6		26,65		0,00		3,4	
	NEV 55	2170-2174,5	0,00		43,6		15,7		15,69		0,00		8,9	
	NEV 54	2179-2183,5	0,00		49,5		24,8		24,77		0,00		2,8	
	NEV 53	2188-2192,5	0,00		34,0		24,4		24,38		0,00		5,3	
	NEV 52	2197-2201,5	0,00		43,9		13,0		13,24		0,25		5,3	
	NEV 51	2206-2210,5	0,00		37,1		14,4		14,39		0,00		4,7	
	NEV 50	2219,5-2224	0,00		20,6		30,3		30,33		0,00		4,8	
	NEV 49	2228,5-2232	0,00		30,9		9,1		9,45		0,30		8,0	
	NEV 48	2237,5-2242	0,00		29,1		13,4		13,43		0,00		7,8	
	NEV 47	2251-2252	0,25		24,7		14,6		14,60		0,00		14,8	
	NEV 46	2258-2259	0,52		37,4		8,2		8,23		0,00		10,1	
	NEV 45	2270-2271	0,00		42,8		28,1		28,12		0,00		6,0	
	NEV 44	2280-2281	0,00		46,8		17,1		17,14		0,00		4,0	
	NEV 43	2290	0,00		34,6		23,2		23,21		0,00		9,2	
	NEV 42	2300	0,00		37,3		22,8		22,84		0,00		4,81	
	NEV 41	2311	0,23		41,4		20,3		20,30		0,00		7,89	
	NEV 40	2316	0,52		16,1		18,0		18,05		0,00		5,96	
	NEV 39	2325	0,00		57,3		14,2		14,18		0,00		2,88	
	NEV 38	2338	1,02		18,5		23,3		23,31		0,00		4,34	
	NEV 37	2344	0,69		12,4		19,5		19,51		0,00		7,41	
	NEV 36	2360	0,23		14,0		33,4		33,42		0,00		9,11	
	NEV 35	2376	0,00		14,8		12,2		12,20		0,00		8,93	
	NEV 34	2395	0,00		15,0		15,2		15,24		0,00		4,95	
	NEV 33	2417	0,82		25,2		13,5		13,50		0,00		1,36	
	NEV 32	2428	0,00		6,6		18,9		18,94		0,00		3,01	
	NEV 31	2437-2438	0,00		7,2		21,2		21,20		0,00		3,13	
	NEV 30	2448-2449	0,00		4,6		17,3		17,30		0,00		3,78	
	NEV 29	2454-2455	0,27		10,2		14,9		14,91		0,00		4,04	
	NEV 28	2461-2462	0,00		5,6		21,9		21,91		0,00		3,01	
	NEV 27	2504	0,00		10,3		36,6		36,57		0,00		7,89	
	NEV 26	2509-2509,5	0,00		11,7		31,3		31,34		0,00		5,76	
	NEV 25	2516-2516,5	1,52		10,1		12,7		12,98		0,25		3,30	
	NEV 24	2521-2521,5	0,00		9,6		7,5		8,00		0,53		2,93	
	NEV 23	2536	0,99		11,3		17,7		18,15		0,50		15,84	
	NEV 22	2541	0,00		18,7		23,2		23,16		0,00		3,71	
	NEV 21	2546	0,00		3,6		15,1		15,14		0,00		1,87	
	NEV 20	2556	0,24		14,8		32,2		32,20		0,00		0,24	
NEV 19	2593	0,25		3,4		24,5		24,47		0,00		1,24		
NEV 18	2607	1,44		9,4		17,3		17,29		0,00		0,96		
NEV 17	2616	0,00		9,2		17,2		17,66		0,49		3,45		
NEV 16	2625	1,06		12,2		17,7		17,70		0,00		3,97		
NEV 15	2632	0,00		10,3		11,9		11,88		0,00		5,43		
NEV 14	2644	0,00		6,0		11,2		11,17		0,00		7,92		
NEV 13	2649	0,00		17,6		7,4		7,37		0,00		3,65		
NEV 12	2655	0,00		38,6		8,0		8,01		0,00		5,90		
NEV 11	2659	0,00		12,9		16,8		16,78		0,00		6,51		
NEV 10	2662	0,00		7,5		11,5		11,54		0,00		15,06		
NEV 9	2665	0,00		5,2		14,4		14,42		0,00		3,87		
NEV 8	2671	0,00		8,6		16,4		16,37		0,00		7,84		
NEV 7	2688	0,00		2,4		8,2		8,19		0,00		7,19		
NEV 6	2699	0,00		1,3		11,8		11,79		0,00		3,87		
NEV 5	2798	0,00		5,0		12,6		12,81		0,25		3,27		
NEV 4	2800	0,00		0,7		6,8		6,80		0,00		1,65		
NEV 3	2804	0,00		4,7		10,2		10,21		0,00		2,01		
NEV 2	2808	0,00		4,0		13,7		13,98		0,25		2,03		
NEV 1	2812	0,00		2,0		16,8		17,53		0,71		0,71		

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Sporo B		Sporo C		Sporomorphs				Cutinites		Inertinite A		Inertinite B	
			%		%		total				%		%		%	
early Aptian	NEV 63	2102,5-2106	20,0	7,94	0,0	0,14	116	52,5	31,8	14,81	0,82	1,24	3,8	12,8	1,1	2,9
	NEV 62	2098-2102,5	5,5	8,12	0,0	0,27	27	42,5	9,8	11,35	0,73	0,57	16,4	7,3	2,2	1,5
	NEV 61	2107-2111,5	3,0		0,5		36		9,8		1,91		20,7		4,1	
	NEV 60	2120,5-2125	3,3		0,0		31		7,8		1,52		10,4		4,1	
late Barremian	NEV 59	2129,5-2134	3,5	5,09	0,5	0,99	35	45,4	8,1	11,27	1,15	0,78	7,4	21,2	5,3	6,4
	NEV 58	2138,5-2143	2,3	4,77	0,3	1,87	19	29,1	4,9	7,05	0,77	0,84	5,7	10,8	2,3	5,6
	NEV 57	2147,5-2152	2,9		0,0		20		4,8		0,00		2,9		5,5	
	NEV 56	2156,5-2161	1,1		0,0		20		4,5		0,23		5,4		3,4	
	NEV 55	2170-2174,5	3,9		0,5		51		13,3		0,52		6,5		6,8	
	NEV 54	2179-2183,5	0,0		0,0		11		2,8		0,51		7,4		4,3	
	NEV 53	2188-2192,5	1,1		0,0		23		6,4		1,40		16,8		4,5	
	NEV 52	2197-2201,5	3,8		0,0		36		9,0		1,00		13,5		3,5	
	NEV 51	2206-2210,5	3,2		0,3		31		8,2		0,79		15,8		6,6	
	NEV 50	2219,5-2224	0,8		0,0		22		5,6		0,76		17,5		4,3	
	NEV 49	2228,5-2232	2,7		0,0		36		10,7		1,78		17,8		10,1	
	NEV 48	2237,5-2242	3,2		0,0		45		10,9		2,68		16,1		3,2	
	NEV 47	2251-2252	2,5		0,0		69		17,3		1,00		17,3		3,3	
	NEV 46	2258-2259	7,5		0,0		68		17,5		1,29		15,2		2,1	
	NEV 45	2270-2271	4,0		1,0		44		11,0		0,75		5,0		3,8	
	NEV 44	2280-2281	3,0		0,5		30		7,5		0,00		9,8		4,8	
	NEV 43	2290	3,5		0,2		52		13,0		0,25		11,7		5,2	
	NEV 42	2300	0,92		0,00		25		5,7		0,00		14,9		5,7	
	NEV 41	2311	0,93		0,00		38		8,8		0,00		7,9		2,6	
	NEV 40	2316	1,30		0,00		28		7,3		0,52		18,7		2,3	
	NEV 39	2325	1,83		0,00		18		4,7		0,26		13,1		4,2	
	NEV 38	2338	2,81		0,00		28		7,1		0,77		18,1		7,4	
	NEV 37	2344	2,78		0,00		44		10,2		2,08		11,1		1,9	
	NEV 36	2360	19,86		0,47		126		29,4		0,23		5,6		4,9	
	NEV 35	2376	20,92		0,26		118		30,1		0,51		19,6		7,7	
	NEV 34	2395	7,67		0,00		51		12,6		1,73		24,5		5,2	
	NEV 33	2417	9,54		0,00		40		10,9		0,27		18,5		6,0	
	NEV 32	2428	6,02		0,25		37		9,3		1,00		25,8		14,0	
	NEV 31	2437-2438	5,11		0,00		29		8,2		2,27		13,6		15,3	
	NEV 30	2448-2449	3,24		0,00		26		7,0		0,81		25,1		14,9	
	NEV 29	2454-2455	15,63		0,54		75		20,2		1,62		24,8		8,4	
	NEV 28	2461-2462	4,86		0,00		34		7,9		0,23		20,6		9,3	
	NEV 27	2504	10,90		0,23		82		19,0		0,23		7,4		3,9	
	NEV 26	2509-2509,5	6,21		0,44		56		12,4		0,44		23,9		3,1	
	NEV 25	2516-2516,5	2,28		0,25		23		5,8		1,78		27,2		1,5	
	NEV 24	2521-2521,5	1,60		0,27		18		4,8		2,13		30,7		2,7	
	NEV 23	2536	18,07		1,24		142		35,1		0,00		15,3		3,7	
	NEV 22	2541	10,40		2,48		67		16,6		0,00		18,3		5,4	
	NEV 21	2546	4,45		3,98		44		10,3		0,47		41,7		7,3	
	NEV 20	2556	1,91		11,22		56		13,4		0,00		18,9		1,0	
	NEV 19	2593	11,19		2,99		62		15,4		0,00		34,1		4,7	
	NEV 18	2607	6,25		3,37		44		10,6		0,00		32,0		1,4	
NEV 17	2616	4,19		3,45		45		11,1		0,00		28,1		3,4		
NEV 16	2625	2,38		3,17		36		9,5		1,59		29,1		7,9		
NEV 15	2632	2,72		0,74		36		8,9		0,25		32,8		2,2		
NEV 14	2644	16,74		4,30		128		29,0		4,07		22,6		1,6		
NEV 13	2649	4,43		0,26		32		8,3		2,08		26,8		2,6		
NEV 12	2655	5,34		0,00		40		11,2		0,28		19,9		1,1		
NEV 11	2659	4,69		1,30		48		12,5		0,26		32,3		0,8		
NEV 10	2662	5,43		4,20		100		24,7		1,98		27,9		4,0		
NEV 9	2665	6,30		3,39		56		13,6		0,73		29,5		8,0		
NEV 8	2671	5,88		3,64		62		17,4		0,00		25,8		5,6		
NEV 7	2688	3,59		0,21		52		11,0		0,42		40,6		8,5		
NEV 6	2699	3,15		0,48		31		7,5		0,00		38,7		20,3		
NEV 5	2798	3,27		0,75		29		7,3		0,75		33,9		6,0		
NEV 4	2800	1,18		0,00		12		2,8		0,00		39,9		27,1		
NEV 3	2804	2,23		0,00		19		4,2		0,45		39,5		23,2		
NEV 2	2808	1,78		0,76		18		4,6		1,02		39,1		16,8		
NEV 1	2812	1,65		0,24		11		2,6		0,00		41,6		17,4		

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Inertinite % total	Vitrinite A %	Vitrinite B %	Vitrinite % total	Phytoclasts %	Filaments %	marine OM %
early Aptian	NEV 63	2102,5-2106	4,9 15,7	7,1 7,5	9,0 7,6	16,2 15,12	21,9 32,0	0,0 0,00	17,0 31
	NEV 62	2098-2102,5	18,5 8,3	9,5 3,1	8,7 2,4	18,2 5,31	37,5 11,4	0,0 0,00	38,2 11
	NEV 61	2107-2111,5	24,8	10,1	8,7	18,8	45,5	0,0	25,6
	NEV 60	2120,5-2125	14,4	3,3	4,1	7,3	23,3	0,0	41,9
late Barremian	NEV 59	2129,5-2134	12,7 27,6	2,3 11,5	2,5 6,2	4,8 17,64	18,7 46,1	0,0 0,31	57,4 24
	NEV 58	2138,5-2143	8,0 14,3	1,5 6,2	3,1 2,9	4,6 8,19	13,4 19,2	0,0 0,61	55,1 17
	NEV 57	2147,5-2152	8,4	4,3	7,0	11,3	19,7	0,0	23,8
	NEV 56	2156,5-2161	8,8	3,4	6,1	9,5	18,5	0,0	50,1
	NEV 55	2170-2174,5	13,3	2,9	2,1	5,0	18,8	0,0	51,7
	NEV 54	2179-2183,5	11,7	3,6	3,1	6,6	18,8	0,0	53,4
	NEV 53	2188-2192,5	21,2	5,3	1,7	7,0	29,6	0,0	39,3
	NEV 52	2197-2201,5	17,0	6,5	2,9	9,0	27,1	0,0	50,7
	NEV 51	2206-2210,5	22,4	4,5	5,5	10,0	33,2	0,0	43,9
	NEV 50	2219,5-2224	21,8	12,7	2,8	15,4	38,0	0,0	26,1
	NEV 49	2228,5-2232	27,9	10,1	3,0	13,1	42,7	0,0	36,8
	NEV 48	2237,5-2242	19,2	10,0	3,2	13,1	35,0	0,73	39,6
	NEV 47	2251-2252	20,6	7,0	3,0	10,0	31,6	0,75	35,0
	NEV 46	2258-2259	17,3	8,5	1,0	9,5	28,1	0,00	45,4
	NEV 45	2270-2271	8,8	4,3	2,0	6,3	15,8	0,0	45,1
	NEV 44	2280-2281	14,5	7,0	5,3	12,3	26,8	0,0	48,5
	NEV 43	2290	17,0	7,7	2,0	9,7	26,9	0,2	36,6
	NEV 42	2300	20,6	5,3	5,5	10,8	31,4	0,7	38,9
	NEV 41	2311	10,4	8,6	6,0	14,6	25,1	1,6	44,2
	NEV 40	2316	21,0	19,7	9,8	29,5	51,0	0,8	22,6
	NEV 39	2325	17,3	3,9	1,6	5,5	23,0	0,0	58,1
	NEV 38	2338	25,5	16,1	5,9	21,9	48,2	0,0	21,3
	NEV 37	2344	13,0	29,4	7,9	37,3	52,3	0,9	16,1
	NEV 36	2360	10,5	3,0	6,3	9,3	20,1	0,7	16,3
	NEV 35	2376	27,3	6,9	6,6	13,5	41,3	0,0	16,1
	NEV 34	2395	29,7	11,6	8,9	20,5	52,0	2,0	17,9
	NEV 33	2417	24,5	10,4	7,1	17,4	42,2	1,9	31,2
	NEV 32	2428	39,8	9,0	10,5	19,5	60,4	3,0	8,4
	NEV 31	2437-2438	29,0	20,2	9,4	29,5	60,8	1,1	8,6
	NEV 30	2448-2449	40,0	19,5	8,6	28,1	68,9	0,0	6,2
	NEV 29	2454-2455	33,2	11,9	7,5	19,4	54,2	0,0	10,7
	NEV 28	2461-2462	29,9	20,1	11,6	31,7	61,8	0,5	6,6
	NEV 27	2504	11,4	9,7	10,0	19,7	31,3	0,2	11,0
	NEV 26	2509-2509,5	27,1	10,0	3,5	13,5	41,0	0,4	14,8
	NEV 25	2516-2516,5	28,7	27,4	7,4	34,8	65,2	0,0	16,0
	NEV 24	2521-2521,5	33,3	21,1	13,6	34,7	70,1	0,0	15,5
	NEV 23	2536	19,1	10,4	4,5	14,9	33,9	0,0	12,8
	NEV 22	2541	23,8	7,4	6,9	14,4	38,1	0,0	22,1
	NEV 21	2546	48,9	13,6	6,1	19,7	69,1	0,2	5,2
	NEV 20	2556	19,8	13,1	4,5	17,7	37,5	0,5	16,5
	NEV 19	2593	38,8	10,4	6,5	16,9	55,7	0,0	4,4
	NEV 18	2607	33,4	14,9	9,6	24,8	58,2	0,0	14,0
NEV 17	2616	31,5	17,0	7,4	24,4	55,9	0,5	14,9	
NEV 16	2625	37,0	9,5	9,3	18,8	57,4	0,0	15,1	
NEV 15	2632	35,1	16,0	10,9	26,9	62,2	0,0	16,5	
NEV 14	2644	24,2	19,9	3,4	23,3	51,6	0,0	6,5	
NEV 13	2649	29,4	16,1	8,1	24,2	55,7	0,0	27,5	
NEV 12	2655	21,1	11,2	5,1	16,3	37,6	0,0	42,3	
NEV 11	2659	33,1	12,2	6,3	18,5	51,8	1,6	17,3	
NEV 10	2662	31,9	14,8	5,9	20,7	54,6	0,0	8,7	
NEV 9	2665	37,5	16,2	9,0	25,2	63,4	0,0	7,9	
NEV 8	2671	31,4	16,8	5,6	22,4	53,8	0,0	12,5	
NEV 7	2688	49,0	18,2	10,1	28,3	77,8	0,0	2,6	
NEV 6	2699	59,1	10,9	7,0	17,9	77,0	0,0	3,7	
NEV 5	2798	39,9	20,4	8,0	28,4	69,1	0,0	10,6	
NEV 4	2800	67,0	10,4	8,0	18,4	85,4	0,0	4,8	
NEV 3	2804	62,7	8,5	4,7	13,2	76,3	0,0	9,2	
NEV 2	2808	55,8	12,9	6,3	19,3	76,1	0,0	4,8	
NEV 1	2812	59,1	9,6	7,8	17,4	76,5	0,0	3,4	

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early Aptian	NEV 63	2102,5-2106	83,0	69	31,8	1,04
	NEV 62	2098-2102,5	61,8	12	20,0	
	NEV 61	2107-2111,5	74,2		14,4	
	NEV 60	2120,5-2125	57,6		10,6	
late Barremian	NEV 59	2129,5-2134	41,7	76	9,7	1,57
	NEV 58	2138,5-2143	44,4	17	6,7	
	NEV 57	2147,5-2152	76,0		4,8	
	NEV 56	2156,5-2161	49,7		5,9	
	NEV 55	2170-2174,5	47,8		21,4	
	NEV 54	2179-2183,5	46,4		6,6	
	NEV 53	2188-2192,5	60,4		11,7	
	NEV 52	2197-2201,5	49,1		15,8	
	NEV 51	2206-2210,5	55,8		15,0	
	NEV 50	2219,5-2224	73,9		11,1	
	NEV 49	2228,5-2232	62,6		16,6	
	NEV 48	2237,5-2242	60,1		22,1	
	NEV 47	2251-2252	64,2		28,3	
	NEV 46	2258-2259	53,8		25,5	
	NEV 45	2270-2271	54,9		13,3	
	NEV 44	2280-2281	51,5		9,3	
	NEV 43	2290	63,4		15,2	
	NEV 42	2300	60,6		8,0	
	NEV 41	2311	55,8		13,2	
	NEV 40	2316	77,1		14,5	
	NEV 39	2325	41,9		5,5	
	NEV 38	2338	78,7		9,9	
	NEV 37	2344	82,9		14,8	
	NEV 36	2360	83,7		32,5	
	NEV 35	2376	83,6		31,4	
	NEV 34	2395	81,8		17,6	
	NEV 33	2417	68,5		18,8	
	NEV 32	2428	91,6		14,0	
	NEV 31	2437-2438	91,4		10,8	
	NEV 30	2448-2449	93,2		8,6	
	NEV 29	2454-2455	89,3		20,8	
	NEV 28	2461-2462	92,1		9,3	
	NEV 27	2504	87,2		20,0	
	NEV 26	2509-2509,5	85,2		16,0	
	NEV 25	2516-2516,5	83,8		11,7	
	NEV 24	2521-2521,5	82,4		10,7	
	NEV 23	2536	86,7		36,6	
	NEV 22	2541	77,9		20,0	
	NEV 21	2546	94,8		12,2	
	NEV 20	2556	83,5		15,5	
	NEV 19	2593	95,6		16,4	
	NEV 18	2607	86,0		15,1	
NEV 17	2616	84,7		17,2		
NEV 16	2625	84,6		12,4		
NEV 15	2632	83,0		15,1		
NEV 14	2644	91,7		29,4		
NEV 13	2649	71,4		18,2		
NEV 12	2655	56,9		14,9		
NEV 11	2659	82,7		18,5		
NEV 10	2662	90,8		25,9		
NEV 9	2665	91,4		16,2		
NEV 8	2671	87,5		21,3		
NEV 7	2688	97,0		11,2		
NEV 6	2699	96,3		9,9		
NEV 5	2798	88,9		12,8		
NEV 4	2800	95,0		6,8		
NEV 3	2804	90,8		8,7		
NEV 2	2808	94,4		5,3		
NEV 1	2812	95,9		4,0		

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Dino A %	Dino B %	Dino C %	Dinocysts total %		Acritarchs %	Foraminifera %	Leiospheres %	marine AOM %							
middle Zapata - Hauterivian to Aptian	SOF 60	1999-2002	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,05	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,05	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0		
	SOF 59	2008-2011	0,00	0,0	0,29	0,13	0,00	0,0	0,29	0,13	0,00	0,05	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0
	SOF 58	2020-2023	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 57	2029-2032	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 56	2038-2041	0,00	0,00	0,29	0,00	0,00	0,29	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 55	2050-2053	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 54	2059-2062	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 53	2068-2071	0,00	0,00	0,31	0,00	0,00	0,31	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 52	2080-2083	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 51	2089-2092	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 50	2098-2101	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,33	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 49	2107-2110	0,00	0,00	0,40	0,00	0,00	0,40	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 48	2119-2122	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 47	2128-2131	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 46	2137-2142	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 45	2149-2152	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 44	2161-2164	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 43	2170-2173	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 42	2179-2182	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 41	2188-2191	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 40	2197-2200	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 39	2209-2212	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 38	2218-2221	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 37	2227-2230	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 36	2239-2242	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 35	2248-2251	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 34	2257-2260	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 33	2269-2272	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 32	2281-2284	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 31	2290-2292	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 30	2299-2302	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 29	2308-2311	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
SOF 28	2320-2323	0,00	0,00	0,41	0,00	0,00	0,41	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
SOF 27	2326-2329	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
SOF 26	2335-2338	0,00	0,00	0,39	0,00	0,00	0,39	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
SOF 25	2341-2344	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
SOF 24	2350-2353	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
SOF 23	2359-2362	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
lower Zapata - Berriasian to Valanginian	SOF 22	2368-2371	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,02	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,02	0,00	0,02	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0
	SOF 21	2377-2380	0,00	0,0	0,29	0,08	0,00	0,0	0,29	0,08	0,00	0,08	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0
	SOF 20	2389-2390	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 19	2396-2399	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 18	2408-2411	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 17	2420-2421	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 16	2429-2430	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 15	2439-2440	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 14	2450-2451	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 13	2459-2460	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
SOF 12	2469-2470	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
SOF 11	2475-2476	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
SOF 10	2478-2479	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
Tithonian	SOF 9	2482,5-2483,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,00	0,29	0,03	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0
	SOF 8	2486,0-2486,5	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,10	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0
	SOF 7	2488-2489	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 6	2512-2513	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 5	2520-2521	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 4	2525-2526	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 3	2530-2531	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	SOF 2	2535-2536	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
SOF 1	2539-2540	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	terrestrial AOM % translucent	terrestrial AOM % opaque	AOMT % total	Sporo A %	Sporo B %	Sporo C %	Sporomorphs total
middle Zapata - Hauterivian to Aptian	SOF 60	1999-2002	37,1 8,89	1,92 1,14	39,0	0,00 0,12	0,32 1,18	2,56 1,37	9 7,82
	SOF 59	2008-2011	20,7 9,40	0,00 1,28	20,7	0,00 0,28	3,75 1,45	2,02 1,52	20 8,74
	SOF 58	2020-2023	42,3	3,37	45,7	0,00	2,76	0,92	12
	SOF 57	2029-2032	20,3	1,16	21,5	0,29	2,33	2,62	18
	SOF 56	2038-2041	15,4	1,16	16,5	0,00	1,16	1,45	9
	SOF 55	2050-2053	10,0	0,00	10,0	0,39	1,93	4,63	18
	SOF 54	2059-2062	16,7	0,00	16,7	0,35	3,14	6,27	28
	SOF 53	2068-2071	8,0	0,00	8,0	0,62	4,63	3,40	28
	SOF 52	2080-2083	14,1	0,00	14,1	0,00	1,92	3,51	17
	SOF 51	2089-2092	6,4	0,00	6,4	0,00	0,58	1,45	7
	SOF 50	2098-2101	15,2	0,33	15,6	1,32	3,64	2,98	24
	SOF 49	2107-2110	5,6	0,40	6,0	0,80	1,61	2,01	11
	SOF 48	2119-2122	16,0	0,00	16,0	0,37	1,49	0,74	7
	SOF 47	2128-2131	11,7	0,00	11,7	0,00	0,95	1,58	8
	SOF 46	2137-2142	5,3	0,67	6,0	0,00	1,00	1,33	7
	SOF 45	2149-2152	8,6	0,34	8,9	0,00	0,34	0,00	1
	SOF 44	2161-2164	2,6	0,00	2,6	0,00	0,00	0,37	1
	SOF 43	2170-2173	1,9	2,22	4,1	0,00	0,00	0,00	0
	SOF 42	2179-2182	3,2	0,00	3,2	0,00	0,00	0,00	0
	SOF 41	2188-2191	1,6	3,49	5,0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0
	SOF 40	2197-2200	1,9	1,51	3,4	0,00	0,38	0,00	1
	SOF 39	2209-2212	3,6	3,62	7,2	0,00	0,00	0,00	0
	SOF 38	2218-2221	1,2	2,02	3,2	0,00	0,00	0,00	0
	SOF 37	2227-2230	1,2	4,25	5,4	0,00	0,00	0,00	0
	SOF 36	2239-2242	2,4	3,53	5,9	0,00	0,00	0,00	0
	SOF 35	2248-2251	2,4	3,13	5,6	0,00	0,69	1,04	5
	SOF 34	2257-2260	15,5	2,39	17,9	0,00	0,80	0,00	2
	SOF 33	2269-2272	7,6	1,15	8,8	0,00	0,00	0,76	2
	SOF 32	2281-2284	2,1	1,28	3,4	0,00	0,00	0,43	1
	SOF 31	2290-2292	7,7	0,52	8,2	0,00	0,00	0,52	1
SOF 30	2299-2302	2,9	1,65	4,5	0,00	0,41	0,82	3	
SOF 29	2308-2311	1,3	0,00	1,3	0,00	1,71	1,71	8	
SOF 28	2320-2323	2,8	0,81	3,7	0,00	0,00	1,22	3	
SOF 27	2326-2329	1,9	0,97	2,9	0,00	0,48	0,00	1	
SOF 26	2335-2338	4,3	0,78	5,1	0,00	3,50	3,50	18	
SOF 25	2341-2344	5,1	0,74	5,9	0,37	5,15	3,31	24	
SOF 24	2350-2353	1,1	0,00	1,1	0,00	0,75	0,75	2	
SOF 23	2359-2362	10,1	0,00	10,1	0,00	0,34	0,00	1	
lower Zapata - Berriasian to Valanginian	SOF 22	2368-2371	25,47 11,09	0,00 0,21	25,5	0,00 0,00	0,31 0,07	0,00 0,10	1 0,54
	SOF 21	2377-2380	15,41 7,68	0,00 0,58	15,4	0,00 0,00	0,29 0,14	0,00 0,28	1 0,88
	SOF 20	2389-2390	13,61	2,04	15,6	0,00	0,34	0,00	1
	SOF 19	2396-2399	16,01	0,65	16,7	0,00	0,00	0,00	0
	SOF 18	2408-2411	17,06	0,00	17,1	0,00	0,00	0,00	0
	SOF 17	2420-2421	16,61	0,00	16,6	0,00	0,00	0,33	1
	SOF 16	2429-2430	1,26	0,00	1,3	0,00	0,00	0,00	0
	SOF 15	2439-2440	9,18	0,00	9,2	0,00	0,00	0,00	0
	SOF 14	2450-2451	16,67	0,00	16,7	0,00	0,00	1,00	3
	SOF 13	2459-2460	3,52	0,00	3,5	0,00	0,00	0,00	0
	SOF 12	2469-2470	0,99	0,00	1,0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0
SOF 11	2475-2476	4,70	0,00	4,7	0,00	0,00	0,00	0	
SOF 10	2478-2479	3,75	0,00	3,8	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,0	
Tithonian	SOF 9	2482,5-2483,0	1,17 8,92	0,59 0,07	1,8	0,00 0,00	0,00 0,24	0,00 0,55	0,0 2,56
	SOF 8	2486,0-2486,5	5,07 5,47	0,00 0,20	5,1	0,00 0,00	0,30 0,33	0,00 0,66	1,0 3,05
	SOF 7	2488-2489	6,13	0,00	6,1	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,0
	SOF 6	2512-2513	4,17	0,00	4,2	0,00	0,00	0,35	1,0
	SOF 5	2520-2521	18,49	0,00	18,5	0,00	0,00	0,34	1,0
	SOF 4	2525-2526	13,94	0,00	13,9	0,00	0,30	0,91	4,0
	SOF 3	2530-2531	10,50	0,00	10,5	0,00	0,00	0,28	1,0
	SOF 2	2535-2536	8,11	0,00	8,1	0,00	0,90	1,20	7,0
SOF 1	2539-2540	12,74	0,00	12,7	0,00	0,64	1,91	8,0	

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Sporomorphs % total	Inertinite A %	Inertinite B %	Inertinite % total	Vitrinite A %	Vitrinite B %	Vitrinite % total
middle Zapata - Hauterivian to Aptian	SOF 60	1999-2002	2,9 2,67	32,9 28,2	21,4 54,91	54,3 83,12	0,3 1,37	3,2 2,45	3,5 3,82
	SOF 59	2008-2011	5,8 2,94	32,0 7,7	33,4 16,08	65,4 12,07	1,4 1,23	5,8 2,24	7,2 2,89
	SOF 58	2020-2023	3,7	23,6	21,2	44,8	0,9	3,7	4,6
	SOF 57	2029-2032	5,2	36,3	33,7	70,1	0,0	2,6	2,6
	SOF 56	2038-2041	2,6	43,5	33,3	76,8	1,4	2,3	3,8
	SOF 55	2050-2053	6,9	51,7	26,3	78,0	1,2	3,9	5,0
	SOF 54	2059-2062	9,8	28,6	40,4	69,0	1,4	3,1	4,5
	SOF 53	2068-2071	8,6	28,1	47,8	75,9	1,2	5,9	7,1
	SOF 52	2080-2083	5,4	28,4	49,5	78,0	0,3	2,2	2,6
	SOF 51	2089-2092	2,0	34,6	56,7	91,3	0,3	0,0	0,3
	SOF 50	2098-2101	7,9	25,5	41,4	66,9	1,0	8,3	9,3
	SOF 49	2107-2110	4,4	43,0	38,2	81,1	1,2	6,8	8,0
	SOF 48	2119-2122	2,6	22,7	50,2	72,9	1,9	5,6	7,4
	SOF 47	2128-2131	2,5	24,7	57,0	81,6	0,9	3,2	4,1
	SOF 46	2137-2142	2,3	31,3	53,7	85,0	5,0	1,7	6,7
	SOF 45	2149-2152	0,3	34,6	55,1	89,7	0,7	0,3	1,0
	SOF 44	2161-2164	0,4	25,3	71,4	96,7	0,4	0,0	0,4
	SOF 43	2170-2173	0,0	23,7	72,2	95,9	0,0	0,0	0,0
	SOF 42	2179-2182	0,0	18,2	77,1	95,3	1,6	0,0	1,6
	SOF 41	2188-2191	0,0	24,0	69,8	93,8	0,8	0,4	1,2
	SOF 40	2197-2200	0,4	21,9	73,6	95,5	0,0	0,8	0,8
	SOF 39	2209-2212	0,0	27,0	64,1	91,1	1,0	0,0	1,0
	SOF 38	2218-2221	0,0	15,7	78,6	94,4	0,4	2,0	2,4
	SOF 37	2227-2230	0,0	24,7	69,5	94,2	0,0	0,4	0,4
	SOF 36	2239-2242	0,0	22,4	69,4	91,8	0,4	1,2	1,6
	SOF 35	2248-2251	1,7	22,9	67,7	90,6	1,4	0,0	1,4
	SOF 34	2257-2260	0,8	30,7	47,8	78,5	1,2	0,8	2,0
	SOF 33	2269-2272	0,8	29,0	59,9	88,9	1,1	0,4	1,5
	SOF 32	2281-2284	0,4	19,2	76,1	95,3	0,4	0,4	0,9
	SOF 31	2290-2292	0,5	11,9	75,8	87,6	2,1	1,5	3,6
SOF 30	2299-2302	1,2	20,6	66,3	86,8	1,6	3,3	4,9	
SOF 29	2308-2311	3,4	23,9	61,5	85,5	3,8	4,7	8,5	
SOF 28	2320-2323	1,2	30,9	58,1	89,0	2,8	2,8	5,7	
SOF 27	2326-2329	0,5	28,5	63,8	92,3	1,4	2,9	4,3	
SOF 26	2335-2338	7,0	29,6	52,5	82,1	2,7	2,7	5,4	
SOF 25	2341-2344	8,8	32,4	41,2	73,5	4,8	7,0	11,8	
SOF 24	2350-2353	0,7	33,3	59,9	93,3	3,4	1,5	4,9	
SOF 23	2359-2362	0,3	35,0	50,8	85,9	1,3	1,7	3,0	
lower Zapata - Berrisian to Valanginian	SOF 22	2368-2371	0,3 0,18	30,5 37,4	42,8 48,84	73,3 86,26	0,6 1,68	0,3 0,54	0,9 2,22
	SOF 21	2377-2380	0,3 0,29	21,2 8,3	51,7 10,83	73,0 9,47	9,3 2,50	1,5 0,65	10,8 2,96
	SOF 20	2389-2390	0,3	28,6	50,0	78,6	3,7	1,7	5,4
	SOF 19	2396-2399	0,0	42,5	38,9	81,4	2,0	0,0	2,0
	SOF 18	2408-2411	0,0	48,2	34,8	82,9	0,0	0,0	0,0
	SOF 17	2420-2421	0,3	44,5	35,5	80,1	1,7	1,3	3,0
	SOF 16	2429-2430	0,0	41,3	57,4	98,7	0,0	0,0	0,0
	SOF 15	2439-2440	0,0	37,0	52,2	89,2	1,3	0,3	1,6
	SOF 14	2450-2451	1,0	43,3	36,7	80,0	1,0	1,3	2,3
	SOF 13	2459-2460	0,0	27,5	68,7	96,1	0,4	0,0	0,4
	SOF 12	2469-2470	0,0	34,5	64,1	98,7	0,3	0,0	0,3
Tithonian	SOF 11	2475-2476	0,0	40,4	53,9	94,4	0,6	0,3	0,9
	SOF 10	2478-2479	0,0	46,9	48,1	95,0	0,9	0,3	1,3
	SOF 9	2482,5-2483,0	0,0 0,79	36,4 40,9	58,9 44,97	95,3 85,92	2,3 2,44	0,3 1,80	2,6 4,24
	SOF 8	2486,0-2486,5	0,3 0,94	43,0 2,9	49,9 9,58	92,8 7,73	1,2 1,56	0,6 1,80	1,8 3,16
	SOF 7	2488-2489	0,0	37,3	54,6	91,9	1,7	0,0	1,7
	SOF 6	2512-2513	0,3	39,2	55,6	94,8	0,0	0,7	0,7
	SOF 5	2520-2521	0,3	41,4	36,3	77,7	1,7	1,7	3,4
	SOF 4	2525-2526	1,2	40,6	36,7	77,3	4,5	3,0	7,6
	SOF 3	2530-2531	0,3	42,5	36,2	78,7	4,7	5,8	10,5
SOF 2	2535-2536	2,1	45,6	38,7	84,4	3,6	1,8	5,4	
SOF 1	2539-2540	2,5	42,4	37,9	80,3	2,2	2,2	4,5	

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Age	Sample	Depth (m)	Phytoclasts %	Filaments %	marine OM %	terrestrial OM %	Palynomorphs %	OP/TR
middle Zapata - Hauterivian to Aptian	SOF 60	1999-2002	57,8 86,94	0,0 0,00	0,0 0,06	97,8 98,60	2,9	21,79
	SOF 59	2008-2011	72,6 10,88	0,0 0,00	0,3 0,14	99,1 1,39	6,1	
	SOF 58	2020-2023	49,4	0,0	0,0	96,6	3,7	
	SOF 57	2029-2032	72,7	0,0	0,0	98,8	5,2	
	SOF 56	2038-2041	80,6	0,0	0,3	98,6	2,9	
	SOF 55	2050-2053	83,0	0,0	0,0	100,0	6,9	
	SOF 54	2059-2062	73,5	0,0	0,0	100,0	9,8	
	SOF 53	2068-2071	83,0	0,0	0,3	99,7	9,0	
	SOF 52	2080-2083	80,5	0,0	0,0	100,0	5,4	
	SOF 51	2089-2092	91,6	0,0	0,0	100,0	2,0	
	SOF 50	2098-2101	76,2	0,0	0,3	99,3	8,3	
	SOF 49	2107-2110	89,2	0,0	0,4	99,2	4,8	
	SOF 48	2119-2122	80,3	0,0	0,0	100,0	2,6	
	SOF 47	2128-2131	85,8	0,0	0,0	100,0	2,5	
	SOF 46	2137-2142	91,7	0,0	0,0	99,3	2,3	
	SOF 45	2149-2152	90,8	0,0	0,0	99,7	0,3	
	SOF 44	2161-2164	97,1	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,4	
	SOF 43	2170-2173	95,9	0,0	0,0	97,8	0,0	
	SOF 42	2179-2182	96,8	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,0	
	SOF 41	2188-2191	95,0	0,0	0,0	96,5	0,0	
	SOF 40	2197-2200	96,2	0,0	0,0	98,5	0,4	
	SOF 39	2209-2212	92,1	0,0	0,0	95,7	0,0	
	SOF 38	2218-2221	96,8	0,0	0,0	98,0	0,0	
	SOF 37	2227-2230	94,6	0,0	0,0	95,8	0,0	
	SOF 36	2239-2242	93,3	0,0	0,0	96,5	0,0	
	SOF 35	2248-2251	92,0	0,0	0,0	96,2	1,7	
	SOF 34	2257-2260	80,5	0,0	0,0	96,8	0,8	
	SOF 33	2269-2272	90,5	0,0	0,0	98,9	0,8	
	SOF 32	2281-2284	96,2	0,0	0,0	98,7	0,4	
	SOF 31	2290-2292	91,2	0,0	0,0	99,5	0,5	
SOF 30	2299-2302	91,8	0,0	0,0	95,9	1,2		
SOF 29	2308-2311	94,0	0,0	0,0	98,7	3,4		
SOF 28	2320-2323	94,7	0,0	0,4	98,8	1,6		
SOF 27	2326-2329	96,6	0,0	0,0	99,0	0,5		
SOF 26	2335-2338	87,5	0,0	0,4	98,8	7,4		
SOF 25	2341-2344	85,3	0,0	0,0	99,3	8,8		
SOF 24	2350-2353	98,1	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,7		
SOF 23	2359-2362	88,9	0,0	0,0	99,3	0,3		
lower Zapata - Berrisian to Valanginian	SOF 22	2368-2371	74,2 88,48	0,0 0,00	0,0 0,04	100,0 99,75	0,3	38,83
	SOF 21	2377-2380	83,7 7,97	0,0 0,00	0,6 0,16	99,4 0,58	0,9	
	SOF 20	2389-2390	84,0	0,0	0,0	98,0	0,3	
	SOF 19	2396-2399	83,3	0,0	0,0	99,3	0,0	
	SOF 18	2408-2411	82,9	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,0	
	SOF 17	2420-2421	83,1	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,3	
	SOF 16	2429-2430	98,7	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,0	
	SOF 15	2439-2440	90,8	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,0	
	SOF 14	2450-2451	82,3	0,0	0,0	100,0	1,0	
	SOF 13	2459-2460	96,5	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,0	
	SOF 12	2469-2470	99,0	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,0	
	SOF 11	2475-2476	95,3	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,0	
SOF 10	2478-2479	96,3	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,0		
Tithonian	SOF 9	2482,5-2483,0	97,9 90,16	0,0 0,00	0,3 0,03	99,1 99,90	0,3	20,26
	SOF 8	2486,0-2486,5	94,6 5,71	0,0 0,00	0,0 0,10	100,0 0,29	0,3	
	SOF 7	2488-2489	93,6	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,0	
	SOF 6	2512-2513	95,5	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,3	
	SOF 5	2520-2521	81,2	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,3	
	SOF 4	2525-2526	84,8	0,0	0,0	100,0	1,2	
	SOF 3	2530-2531	89,2	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,3	
	SOF 2	2535-2536	89,8	0,0	0,0	100,0	2,1	
SOF 1	2539-2540	84,7	0,0	0,0	100,0	2,5		

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Age	Sample	Formation	Dino A %	Dino B %	Dino C %	Dinocysts %			Acritarchs %	Algae indet %	Foraminifera %					
						total										
lower Valanginian - middle Valanginian	P.2186.22	CCF - SHM	0,00	0,21	0,32	0,21	0,00	0,02	0,32	0,44	0,00	0,05	0,00	0,98	0,00	0,05
	P.2186.21	CCF - SHM	0,00	0,31	0,00	0,28	0,00	0,08	0,00	0,48	0,00	0,11	1,29	0,82	0,00	0,11
	P.2186.20	CCF - SHM	0,45		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,45		0,00		1,36		0,00	
	P.2186.19	CCF - SHM	0,76		0,51	0,00	0,00		1,27		0,00		2,28		0,00	
	P.2186.18	CCF - SHM	0,00		0,27	0,00	0,00		0,27		0,00		1,36		0,00	
	P.2186.17	CCF - SHM	0,27		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,27		0,00		2,71		0,27	
	P.2186.16	CCF - SHM	0,00		0,32	0,00	0,00		0,32		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2186.15	CCF - SHM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2186.14	CCF - SHM	0,00		0,32	0,00	0,00		0,32		0,32		0,00		0,00	
	P.2186.13	CCF - SHM	1,09		0,44	0,00	0,00		1,53		0,00		1,09		0,00	
	P.2186.12	CCF - SHM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		1,70		0,00	
	P.2186.11	CCF - SHM	0,61		0,91	0,00	0,00		1,52		0,00		0,91		0,00	
	P.2186.10	CCF - SHM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2186.9 A	CCF - SHM	0,00		0,84	0,00	0,00		0,84		0,00		0,56		0,00	
	P.2186.9 B	CCF - SHM	0,00		0,29	0,00	0,00		0,29		0,00		0,57		0,00	
	P.2186.8	CCF - SHM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2186.7	CCF - SHM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,32		1,28		0,32	
	P.2186.6	CCF - SHM	0,51		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,51		0,25		1,78		0,00	
	P.2186.5	CCF - SHM	0,56		0,00	0,28	0,00		0,84		0,00		1,96		0,00	
	P.2186.4	CCF - SHM	0,26		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,26		0,26		1,53		0,26	
P.2186.3	CCF - SHM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		
P.2186.2	CCF - SHM	0,23		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,23		0,00		1,14		0,00		
P.2186.1	CCF - SHM	0,00		0,52	0,26	0,00		0,79		0,00		1,05		0,26		
late Berriasian - early Valanginian	P.2175.7	CCF - DPM	0,00	0,05	0,00	0,03	0,00	0,03	0,00	0,10	0,00	0,03	0,00	0,37	0,00	0,00
	P.2175.1	CCF - DPM	0,00	0,17	0,00	0,08	0,00	0,12	0,00	0,31	0,00	0,08	0,00	0,78	0,00	0,00
	P.2174.37	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2174.31	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2174.30	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2174.28 B	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2174.28 A	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2174.26	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,66		0,00	
	P.2172.9	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2172.8	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2172.7	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2172.6	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2173.3	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2173.2 B	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2173.2 A	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2171.6	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,27		0,54		0,00	
	P.2171.3	CCF - DPM	0,26		0,26	0,52	0,00		1,03		0,00		1,55		0,00	
P.2171.2	CCF - DPM	0,71		0,24	0,00	0,00		0,95		0,00		1,42		0,00		
P.2171.1	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,27		2,93		0,00		
early Berriasian - middle Berriasian	P.2224.7	PBF	0,00	0,08	0,00	0,08	0,00	0,03	0,00	0,20	0,00	0,03	0,00	1,15	0,00	0,04
	P.2224.1	PBF	0,00	0,19	0,00	0,17	0,00	0,12	0,00	0,40	0,00	0,08	7,06	1,67	0,00	0,12
	P.2220.20	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,88		0,29	
	P.2220.11	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		6,61		0,00	
	P.2220.4	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,59		0,00	
	P.2222.3	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2176.38	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2176.37	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2176.35	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2176.34	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2176.32	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2176.31	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2176.30	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2176.27	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,62	0,00		0,62		0,00		0,62		0,00	
	P.2176.18	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	P.2176.17 C	PBF	0,27		0,27	0,00	0,00		0,54		0,00		1,36		0,00	
	P.2176.15	PBF	0,54		0,54	0,00	0,00		1,09		0,00		1,36		0,00	
	P.2176.14	PBF	0,76		0,50	0,25	0,00		1,51		0,00		2,52		0,50	
	P.2176.9	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		2,28		0,00	
	P.2176.2	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		1,53		0,00	
	P.2176.24	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,99		0,00	
	P.2176.23	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
P.2183.12	PBF	0,00		0,33	0,00	0,00		0,33		0,33		1,31		0,00		
P.2183.11	PBF	0,56		0,28	0,00	0,00		0,84		0,28		2,23		0,28		
P.2183.10	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		1,47		0,00		
P.2183.8	PBF	0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		
P.2183.7	PBF	0,28		0,56	0,28	0,00		1,11		0		0,83		0,28		

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Age	Sample	Formation	Leiospheres %	marine AOM %	terrestrial AOM %	terrestrial AOM %	AOMT %	Sporo A %
					translucent	opaque	total	
lower Valanginian - middle Valanginian	P.2186.22	CCF - SHM	0,00 0,12	21,9 10,8	27,3 20,6	0,00 0,04	27,33 20,6	11,9 13,4
	P.2186.21	CCF - SHM	0,00 0,26	6,7 4,1	24,2 5,2	0,00 0,13	24,16 5,2	16,2 6,3
	P.2186.20	CCF - SHM	0,68	7,3	23,6	0,00	23,64	20,5
	P.2186.19	CCF - SHM	0,00	7,8	20,8	0,00	20,76	17,0
	P.2186.18	CCF - SHM	0,00	5,7	19,9	0,00	19,89	4,4
	P.2186.17	CCF - SHM	0,81	13,6	18,4	0,00	18,43	25,7
	P.2186.16	CCF - SHM	0,00	10,6	15,7	0,00	15,71	13,5
	P.2186.15	CCF - SHM	0,00	9,3	23,9	0,00	23,90	9,1
	P.2186.14	CCF - SHM	0,00	12,9	16,5	0,00	16,50	19,4
	P.2186.13	CCF - SHM	0,22	11,6	27,7	0,00	27,73	20,7
	P.2186.12	CCF - SHM	0,28	14,7	27,5	0,00	27,48	4,2
	P.2186.11	CCF - SHM	0,00	14,0	22,6	0,00	22,56	10,4
	P.2186.10	CCF - SHM	0,00	13,5	13,2	0,00	13,19	5,3
	P.2186.9 A	CCF - SHM	0,00	11,2	24,9	0,00	24,93	14,6
	P.2186.9 B	CCF - SHM	0,00	12,3	23,8	0,00	23,78	16,6
	P.2186.8	CCF - SHM	0,00	15,7	16,5	0,00	16,52	18,0
	P.2186.7	CCF - SHM	0,00	13,7	19,5	0,00	19,49	9,9
	P.2186.6	CCF - SHM	0,76	6,3	29,7	0,00	29,70	8,6
	P.2186.5	CCF - SHM	0,00	5,3	16,8	0,28	17,09	18,5
	P.2186.4	CCF - SHM	0,00	7,2	11,3	0,00	11,25	13,8
P.2186.3	CCF - SHM	0,00	13,4	14,9	0,60	15,48	0,3	
P.2186.2	CCF - SHM	0,00	5,9	22,3	0,00	22,27	10,5	
P.2186.1	CCF - SHM	0,00	7,3	13,1	0,00	13,12	18,4	
late Berriasian - early Valanginian	P.2175.7	CCF - DPM	0,00 0,00	2,9 4,79	15,4 18,72	0,00 0,34	15,42 19,05	0,00 3,07
	P.2175.1	CCF - DPM	0,00 0,00	7,1 3,98	26,5 8,68	0,00 1,01	26,50 8,33	0,00 5,99
	P.2174.37	CCF - DPM	0,00	1,6	10,7	0,00	10,72	0,00
	P.2174.31	CCF - DPM	0,00	5,3	21,2	0,00	21,20	0,00
	P.2174.30	CCF - DPM	0,00	7,8	26,0	0,00	26,02	0,00
	P.2174.28 B	CCF - DPM	0,00	0,0	4,5	0,00	4,45	0,00
	P.2174.28 A	CCF - DPM	0,00	0,0	11,1	0,38	11,45	0,00
	P.2174.26	CCF - DPM	0,00	4,2	13,4	0,66	14,03	0,33
	P.2172.9	CCF - DPM	0,00	6,1	14,1	0,00	14,06	0,00
	P.2172.8	CCF - DPM	0,00	0,3	25,5	0,59	26,10	0,00
	P.2172.7	CCF - DPM	0,00	0,5	32,2	0,00	32,25	0,30
	P.2172.6	CCF - DPM	0,00	3,1	17,7	0,00	17,72	0,56
	P.2173.3	CCF - DPM	0,00	0,4	5,5	4,43	9,92	0,00
	P.2173.2 B	CCF - DPM	0,00	11,0	17,3	0,35	17,66	1,05
	P.2173.2 A	CCF - DPM	0,00	14,3	39,4	0,00	39,41	0,34
	P.2171.6	CCF - DPM	0,00	4,8	15,7	0,00	15,73	11,86
	P.2171.3	CCF - DPM	0,00	7,7	19,4	0,00	19,44	10,85
P.2171.2	CCF - DPM	0,00	6,8	19,9	0,00	19,94	13,71	
P.2171.1	CCF - DPM	0,00	7,1	20,0	0,00	19,99	19,41	
early Berriasian - middle Berriasian	P.2224.7	PBF	0,00 0,02	17,6 9,57	14,5 19,30	1,2 0,19	15,71 19,49	4,2 4,93
	P.2224.1	PBF	0,00 0,10	10,6 7,16	20,5 9,27	0,0 0,46	20,46 9,18	8,8 6,93
	P.2220.20	PBF	0,00	7,2	10,1	0,0	10,10	2,4
	P.2220.11	PBF	0,60	7,8	3,0	0,0	3,00	7,5
	P.2220.4	PBF	0,00	6,5	17,5	0,0	17,55	1,8
	P.2222.3	PBF	0,00	13,9	28,9	0,0	28,93	0,0
	P.2176.38	PBF	0,00	11,4	23,5	0,55	24,04	0,00
	P.2176.37	PBF	0,00	19,7	22,3	0,00	22,26	0,00
	P.2176.35	PBF	0,00	12,8	22,8	0,36	23,13	0,00
	P.2176.34	PBF	0,00	3,5	13,9	0,00	13,89	0,38
	P.2176.32	PBF	0,00	3,6	14,0	0,00	14,03	0,00
	P.2176.31	PBF	0,00	0,5	7,8	0,40	8,20	0,00
	P.2176.30	PBF	0,00	0,2	8,0	0,00	7,97	0,00
	P.2176.27	PBF	0,00	11,3	30,5	0,00	30,54	9,54
	P.2176.18	PBF	0,00	25,0	9,6	0,33	9,97	2,61
	P.2176.17 C	PBF	0,00	6,6	32,8	0,00	32,84	3,53
	P.2176.15	PBF	0,00	4,7	12,7	0,00	12,71	25,34
	P.2176.14	PBF	0,00	3,8	16,4	0,00	16,38	27,96
	P.2176.9	PBF	0,00	4,9	9,1	2,28	11,35	4,56
	P.2176.2	PBF	0,00	19,7	14,6	0,31	14,89	2,75
	P.2176.24	PBF	0,00	6,2	3,7	0,00	3,75	0,33
	P.2176.23	PBF	0,00	19,5	21,8	0,00	21,84	2,16
	P.2183.12	PBF	0,00	14,4	30,7	0,00	30,72	1,96
	P.2183.11	PBF	0,00	13,1	12,0	0,00	12,01	17,60
P.2183.10	PBF	0,00	28,7	21,4	0,00	21,41	12,32	
P.2183.8	PBF	0,00	4,2	26,1	0,77	26,82	0,77	
P.2183.7	PBF	0,00	3,3	28,1	0,00	28,06	5,00	

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Age	Sample	Formation	Sporo B	%	Sporo C	%	Sporomorphs total	Sporomorphs % total	Cutinite % total	Inertinite A %	Inertinite B %				
lower Valanginian - middle Valanginian	P.2186.22	CCF - SHM	7,1	7,8	1,6	0,53	64	20,6	21,7	0,00	1,9	3,5	12,5	1,0	3,0
	P.2186.21	CCF - SHM	13,9	4,3	2,31	0,64	126	32,4	6,71	0,51	1,96	10,8	9,5	0,3	6,13
	P.2186.20	CCF - SHM	0,00		0,00		90	20,5		5,00		17,0		0,9	
	P.2186.19	CCF - SHM	12,2		0,3		116	29,4		0,76		12,7		1,3	
	P.2186.18	CCF - SHM	7,1		0,27		43	11,7		1,09		28,1		19,9	
	P.2186.17	CCF - SHM	1,1		0,00		99	26,8		3,52		4,6		0,0	
	P.2186.16	CCF - SHM	8,3		0,64		70	22,4		0,96		8,0		0,0	
	P.2186.15	CCF - SHM	8,2		0,55		65	17,9		1,37		19,2		1,9	
	P.2186.14	CCF - SHM	2,6		0,00		68	22,0		0,97		2,9		0,0	
	P.2186.13	CCF - SHM	2,4		0,0		106	23,1		6,55		3,9		0,4	
	P.2186.12	CCF - SHM	10,8		1,4		58	16,4		5,38		9,1		2,3	
	P.2186.11	CCF - SHM	7,0		0,30		58	17,7		0,61		3,0		0,0	
	P.2186.10	CCF - SHM	15,0		1,32		82	21,6		4,49		8,4		4,5	
	P.2186.9 A	CCF - SHM	7,0		0,28		78	21,8		1,40		14,6		1,1	
	P.2186.9 B	CCF - SHM	6,9		0,57		84	24,1		2,29		3,7		0,6	
	P.2186.8	CCF - SHM	13,3		0,00		108	31,3		0,00		8,4		0,0	
	P.2186.7	CCF - SHM	8,6		0,00		58	18,5		4,47		7,3		0,6	
	P.2186.6	CCF - SHM	8,1		0,25		67	17,0		1,27		20,1		3,3	
	P.2186.5	CCF - SHM	9,0		0,00		98	27,5		1,68		15,7		1,7	
	P.2186.4	CCF - SHM	12,5		1,28		108	27,6		0,00		22,8		0,3	
P.2186.3	CCF - SHM	0,30		0,60		4	1,2		0,30		41,7		23,8		
P.2186.2	CCF - SHM	11,1		0,5		97	22,0		1,59		17,0		4,8		
P.2186.1	CCF - SHM	6,3		0,00		94	24,7		0,00		5,2		0,5		
late Berriasian - early Valanginian	P.2175.7	CCF - DPM	0,00	1,39	0,00	1,00	0	0,00	5,46	0,00	0,93	52,8	31,75	28,5	21,85
	P.2175.1	CCF - DPM	0,84	2,23	0,00	2,02	1	0,84	7,83	0,00	2,30	45,4	19,06	7,6	15,91
	P.2174.37	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,58		1	0,58		0,00		60,2		23,4	
	P.2174.31	CCF - DPM	0,35		0,35		2	0,71		0,00		50,9		16,3	
	P.2174.30	CCF - DPM	0,33		1,99		7	2,32		0,00		43,7		14,9	
	P.2174.28 B	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00		0	0,00		0,00		55,8		37,0	
	P.2174.28 A	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00		0	0,00		0,00		50,0		26,3	
	P.2174.26	CCF - DPM	0,66		0,00		3	0,99		0,00		36,4		33,4	
	P.2172.9	CCF - DPM	0,28		5,40		20	5,68		0,28		25,3		32,7	
	P.2172.8	CCF - DPM	0,00		3,81		13	3,81		0,00		21,7		44,9	
	P.2172.7	CCF - DPM	1,21		0,00		5	1,52		0,00		13,3		49,7	
	P.2172.6	CCF - DPM	0,28		6,67		27	7,50		0,00		34,2		30,0	
	P.2173.3	CCF - DPM	0,37		0,00		1	0,37		0,00		43,9		41,0	
	P.2173.2 B	CCF - DPM	0,00		0,00		3	1,05		0,35		32,9		19,6	
	P.2173.2 A	CCF - DPM	0,68		0,00		3	1,02		0,00		8,5		5,4	
	P.2171.6	CCF - DPM	7,55		0,27		73	19,68		1,89		11,1		2,2	
	P.2171.3	CCF - DPM	4,13		0,00		58	14,99		8,53		4,7		0,5	
	P.2171.2	CCF - DPM	3,78		0,00		74	17,49		5,91		8,7		1,7	
	P.2171.1	CCF - DPM	5,85		0,00		95	25,27		0,80		3,7		0,3	
early Berriasian - middle Berriasian	P.2224.7	PBF	0,6	5,46	0,0	1,24	16	4,7	11,62	0,3	1,45	21,1	20,80	3,0	12,30
	P.2224.1	PBF	4,2	4,26	0,3	1,46	47	13,3	9,54	4,0	2,72	14,4	12,46	10,5	12,97
	P.2220.20	PBF	8,5		4,7		53	15,6		0,0		20,6		12,1	
	P.2220.11	PBF	6,6		0,9		50	15,0		0,0		18,6		5,7	
	P.2220.4	PBF	10,6		1,8		48	14,1		0,6		28,4		6,5	
	P.2222.3	PBF	5,9		4,4		35	10,3		0,0		17,3		4,1	
	P.2176.38	PBF	1,39		0,28		6	1,66		0,00		41,0		19,9	
	P.2176.37	PBF	0,00		0,00		0	0,00		0,00		27,3		28,9	
	P.2176.35	PBF	0,36		0,00		1	0,36		0,00		26,3		25,3	
	P.2176.34	PBF	0,75		1,51		7	2,64		0,75		35,8		36,6	
	P.2176.32	PBF	0,56		0,56		4	1,12		0,00		30,0		45,9	
	P.2176.31	PBF	0,40		0,00		1	0,40		0,40		50,6		36,4	
	P.2176.30	PBF	0,00		1,55		4	1,55		0,00		48,4		32,2	
	P.2176.27	PBF	8,00		0,31		58	17,85		0,31		4,0		1,5	
	P.2176.18	PBF	7,52		2,29		38	12,42		0,33		11,1		2,0	
	P.2176.17 C	PBF	8,70		0,27		46	12,50		0,54		7,1		0,54	
	P.2176.15	PBF	6,54		0,54		119	32,43		2,72		3,5		1,4	
	P.2176.14	PBF	7,30		0,25		141	35,52		4,28		4,8		0,25	
	P.2176.9	PBF	0,98		0,33		18	5,86		8,47		25,4		13,7	
	P.2176.2	PBF	1,83		0,00		15	4,59		6,73		31,5		6,7	
	P.2176.24	PBF	1,32		0,33		6	1,98		0,00		38,9		35,0	
	P.2176.23	PBF	1,72		0,00		9	3,88		11,21		19,4		9,1	
	P.2183.12	PBF	10,13		0,65		39	12,7		3,59		8,2		2,3	
P.2183.11	PBF	10,06		0,28		100	27,9		0,00		21,5		1,4		
P.2183.10	PBF	9,38		0,59		76	22,3		0,00		2,6		0,0		
P.2183.8	PBF	7,66		4,21		33	12,6		0,00		11,9		19,5		
P.2183.7	PBF	9,17		1,67		57	15,8		0,00		8,6		1,9		

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Age	Sample	Formation	Inertinite % total	Vitrinite A %	Vitrinite B %	Vitrinite % total	Phytoclasts %	Filaments %	marine OM %
lower Valanginian - middle Valanginian	P.2186.22	CCF - SHM	4,5 15,5	10,0 17,0	15,4 9,9	25,4 26,9	29,9 44,3	0,0 0,22	22,2 12,4
	P.2186.21	CCF - SHM	11,1 14,9	21,3 7,0	2,6 6,1	23,9 9,8	35,5 9,0	0,0 0,38	8,0 3,8
	P.2186.20	CCF - SHM	18,0	9,1	14,1	23,2	46,1	0,0	9,8
	P.2186.19	CCF - SHM	13,9	19,0	3,5	22,5	37,2	0,5	11,4
	P.2186.18	CCF - SHM	48,0	8,2	3,3	11,4	60,5	0,0	7,4
	P.2186.17	CCF - SHM	4,6	16,5	12,5	29,0	37,1	0,0	17,6
	P.2186.16	CCF - SHM	8,0	23,1	18,3	41,3	50,3	0,3	10,9
	P.2186.15	CCF - SHM	21,2	21,4	4,7	26,1	48,6	0,0	9,3
	P.2186.14	CCF - SHM	2,9	29,1	14,6	43,7	47,6	0,0	13,6
	P.2186.13	CCF - SHM	4,4	13,5	9,6	23,1	34,1	0,0	14,4
	P.2186.12	CCF - SHM	11,3	8,2	11,6	19,8	36,5	0,6	16,7
	P.2186.11	CCF - SHM	3,0	23,5	14,3	37,8	41,5	0,6	16,5
	P.2186.10	CCF - SHM	12,9	11,9	19,3	31,1	48,5	1,1	13,5
	P.2186.9 A	CCF - SHM	15,7	17,9	4,2	22,1	39,2	0,0	12,6
	P.2186.9 B	CCF - SHM	4,3	23,8	7,4	31,2	37,8	0,0	13,2
	P.2186.8	CCF - SHM	8,4	15,7	12,2	27,8	36,2	0,0	15,7
	P.2186.7	CCF - SHM	8,0	18,2	12,8	31,0	43,5	0,0	15,7
	P.2186.6	CCF - SHM	23,4	12,9	5,1	18,0	42,6	0,0	9,6
	P.2186.5	CCF - SHM	17,4	21,3	7,0	28,3	47,3	0,0	8,1
	P.2186.4	CCF - SHM	23,0	26,9	1,5	28,4	51,4	0,0	9,5
P.2186.3	CCF - SHM	65,5	0,6	2,7	3,3	69,0	0,9	13,4	
P.2186.2	CCF - SHM	21,8	15,9	7,3	23,2	46,6	1,1	7,3	
P.2186.1	CCF - SHM	5,8	23,6	23,4	47,0	52,8	0,0	9,4	
late Berrisian - early Valanginian	P.2175.7	CCF - DPM	81,3 53,60	0,0 6,80	0,32 5,25	0,32 12,0	81,6 66,58	0,0 3,02	2,9 5,29
	P.2175.1	CCF - DPM	52,9 29,29	5,0 10,96	5,9 3,93	10,92 14,4	63,9 18,90	0,0 7,40	7,1 4,36
	P.2174.37	CCF - DPM	83,6	0,0	3,5	3,51	87,1	0,0	1,6
	P.2174.31	CCF - DPM	67,1	1,4	4,2	5,65	72,8	0,0	5,3
	P.2174.30	CCF - DPM	58,6	2,0	3,3	5,30	63,9	0,0	7,8
	P.2174.28 B	CCF - DPM	92,8	0,3	2,4	2,74	95,5	0,0	0,0
	P.2174.28 A	CCF - DPM	76,3	3,1	9,2	12,21	88,5	0,0	0,0
	P.2174.26	CCF - DPM	69,9	2,0	7,6	9,60	79,5	0,0	4,8
	P.2172.9	CCF - DPM	58,0	1,4	6,3	7,67	65,9	7,1	6,1
	P.2172.8	CCF - DPM	66,6	0,3	2,6	2,93	69,5	0,0	0,3
	P.2172.7	CCF - DPM	63,0	1,2	1,5	2,73	65,8	0,0	0,5
	P.2172.6	CCF - DPM	64,2	2,8	4,2	6,94	71,1	0,0	3,1
	P.2173.3	CCF - DPM	84,9	0,4	0,4	0,74	85,6	3,7	0,4
	P.2173.2 B	CCF - DPM	52,4	0,7	1,4	2,10	54,9	15,4	14,0
	P.2173.2 A	CCF - DPM	13,9	0,0	2,0	2,04	16,0	29,3	11,3
	P.2171.6	CCF - DPM	13,2	31,8	11,1	42,86	58,0	0,5	5,6
	P.2171.3	CCF - DPM	5,2	28,2	10,6	38,76	52,5	0,0	10,3
P.2171.2	CCF - DPM	10,4	24,3	11,6	35,93	52,2	0,0	9,1	
P.2171.1	CCF - DPM	4,0	24,2	11,7	35,90	40,7	1,3	10,3	
early Berrisian - middle Berrisian	P.2224.7	PBF	24,0 33,10	11,9 8,99	25,8 13,25	37,7 22,2	62,0 56,78	0,0 0,33	17,6 11,00
	P.2224.1	PBF	24,9 23,93	5,4 7,04	12,7 7,68	18,1 12,5	46,9 15,35	0,0 0,58	17,7 7,25
	P.2220.20	PBF	32,6	9,4	23,8	33,2	65,9	0,0	8,4
	P.2220.11	PBF	24,3	16,2	26,4	42,6	67,0	0,0	15,0
	P.2220.4	PBF	34,9	8,8	17,0	25,8	61,3	0,0	7,1
	P.2222.3	PBF	21,4	12,9	12,6	25,5	46,9	0,0	13,9
	P.2176.38	PBF	60,9	0,55	1,4	1,94	62,9	0,00	11,4
	P.2176.37	PBF	56,2	0,52	1,3	1,84	58,0	0,00	19,7
	P.2176.35	PBF	51,6	1,78	8,9	10,68	62,3	1,07	12,8
	P.2176.34	PBF	72,5	0,00	6,0	6,04	79,2	0,00	3,5
	P.2176.32	PBF	75,9	0,00	5,3	5,32	81,2	0,00	3,6
	P.2176.31	PBF	87,0	0,00	3,6	3,56	90,9	0,00	0,5
	P.2176.30	PBF	80,6	1,55	8,1	9,69	90,3	0,00	0,2
	P.2176.27	PBF	5,5	14,15	17,8	32,00	37,8	0,31	12,5
	P.2176.18	PBF	13,1	7,84	29,4	37,25	50,7	1,96	25,0
	P.2176.17 C	PBF	7,6	22,01	14,9	36,96	45,1	0,82	8,5
	P.2176.15	PBF	4,9	24,52	15,5	40,05	47,7	0,00	7,2
	P.2176.14	PBF	5,0	15,37	13,4	28,72	38,0	1,26	8,3
	P.2176.9	PBF	39,1	8,14	9,1	17,26	64,8	1,95	7,2
	P.2176.2	PBF	38,2	0,92	12,5	13,46	58,4	0,00	21,2
	P.2176.24	PBF	73,9	1,98	3,6	5,61	79,5	0,00	7,1
	P.2176.23	PBF	28,4	5,60	9,5	15,09	54,7	0,00	19,5
	P.2183.12	PBF	10,5	11,4	13,1	24,5	38,6	0,7	16,3
P.2183.11	PBF	22,9	16,2	3,1	19,3	42,2	0,0	16,8	
P.2183.10	PBF	2,6	12,0	11,1	23,2	25,8	0,3	30,2	
P.2183.8	PBF	31,4	5,0	19,9	24,9	56,3	0,0	4,2	
P.2183.7	PBF	10,6	20,8	17,5	38,3	48,9	1,4	5,6	

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Age	Sample	Formation	terrestrial C%	Palynomorphs %	OP/TR
lower Valanginian - middle Valanginian	P.2186.22	CCF - SHM	77,8 86,8	20,90 23,5	1,5
	P.2186.21	CCF - SHM	92,0 4,1	33,68 7,0	
	P.2186.20	CCF - SHM	90,2	22,95	
	P.2186.19	CCF - SHM	87,8	33,42	
	P.2186.18	CCF - SHM	92,1	13,35	
	P.2186.17	CCF - SHM	82,4	30,89	
	P.2186.16	CCF - SHM	88,8	23,08	
	P.2186.15	CCF - SHM	90,4	17,86	
	P.2186.14	CCF - SHM	86,1	22,65	
	P.2186.13	CCF - SHM	84,9	25,98	
	P.2186.12	CCF - SHM	81,0	18,98	
	P.2186.11	CCF - SHM	82,3	20,73	
	P.2186.10	CCF - SHM	84,4	22,69	
	P.2186.9 A	CCF - SHM	86,0	23,25	
	P.2186.9 B	CCF - SHM	85,7	24,93	
	P.2186.8	CCF - SHM	84,1	31,30	
	P.2186.7	CCF - SHM	81,5	20,45	
	P.2186.6	CCF - SHM	89,3	20,30	
	P.2186.5	CCF - SHM	91,6	30,25	
	P.2186.4	CCF - SHM	90,3	29,92	
P.2186.3	CCF - SHM	86,0	2,08		
P.2186.2	CCF - SHM	92,0	24,55		
P.2186.1	CCF - SHM	90,6	26,77		
late Berriasian - early Valanginian	P.2175.7	CCF - DPM	97,1 94,11	0,00 8,99	29,8
	P.2175.1	CCF - DPM	91,2 4,83	0,84 10,40	
	P.2174.37	CCF - DPM	98,4	0,58	
	P.2174.31	CCF - DPM	94,7	0,71	
	P.2174.30	CCF - DPM	92,2	2,32	
	P.2174.28 B	CCF - DPM	100,0	0,00	
	P.2174.28 A	CCF - DPM	100,0	0,00	
	P.2174.26	CCF - DPM	94,5	1,66	
	P.2172.9	CCF - DPM	92,8	12,78	
	P.2172.8	CCF - DPM	99,4	3,81	
	P.2172.7	CCF - DPM	99,5	1,52	
	P.2172.6	CCF - DPM	96,3	7,50	
	P.2173.3	CCF - DPM	99,6	4,06	
	P.2173.2 B	CCF - DPM	89,0	16,43	
	P.2173.2 A	CCF - DPM	85,7	30,27	
	P.2171.6	CCF - DPM	93,9	21,02	
	P.2171.3	CCF - DPM	86,9	17,57	
	P.2171.2	CCF - DPM	89,7	19,86	
P.2171.1	CCF - DPM	87,3	29,79		
early Berriasian - middle Berriasian	P.2224.7	PBF	82,4 88,23	4,74 13,38	4,9
	P.2224.1	PBF	80,6 7,30	20,34 10,75	
	P.2220.20	PBF	91,6	16,76	
	P.2220.11	PBF	85,0	22,22	
	P.2220.4	PBF	92,9	14,66	
	P.2222.3	PBF	86,1	10,26	
	P.2176.38	PBF	88,6	1,66	
	P.2176.37	PBF	80,3	0,00	
	P.2176.35	PBF	86,8	1,42	
	P.2176.34	PBF	95,8	2,64	
	P.2176.32	PBF	96,4	1,12	
	P.2176.31	PBF	99,5	0,40	
	P.2176.30	PBF	99,8	1,55	
	P.2176.27	PBF	86,5	19,38	
	P.2176.18	PBF	75,0	14,38	
	P.2176.17 C	PBF	91,3	15,22	
	P.2176.15	PBF	92,8	34,88	
	P.2176.14	PBF	91,2	41,31	
	P.2176.9	PBF	84,0	10,10	
	P.2176.2	PBF	77,9	6,12	
	P.2176.24	PBF	85,3	2,97	
	P.2176.23	PBF	80,5	3,88	
	P.2183.12	PBF	82,7	15,36	
P.2183.11	PBF	82,1	31,56		
P.2183.10	PBF	69,8	24,05		
P.2183.8	PBF	95,8	12,64		
P.2183.7	PBF	94,2	19,44		

Byers Group			terrestrial																																
			parts of vascular plants												Pollen									Spores											
			phytoclads																																
			Inertinite				Vitrinite				Cutinite				nonsaccate			monosaccate			bisaccate			monolete			trilete								
Age	Preservation		A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum					
	Sample	Formation																																	
early Berriasian - middle Berriasian	P.2183.6	PBF	76	10	0	86	32	60	0	92	0	3	8	11	0	0	0	0	11	11	1	23	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	14	10	1	25	
	P.2183.5	PBF	45	6	0	51	49	79	0	128	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	2	3	0	5	
	P.2183.4	PBF	72	30	0	102	47	21	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	1	9		
	P.2183.3	PBF	85	34	0	119	8	79	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2183.2	PBF	61	38	0	99	25	32	0	57	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	11	10	8	1	19
	P.2183.1	PBF	55	38	0	93	57	64	0	121	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	9	1	2	2	5	
middle Tithonian	P.2223.72	AF	73	39	0	112	1	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	P.2223.63	AF	150	53	0	203	2	5	0	7	0	2	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2223.62	AF	97	69	0	166	2	3	0	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2223.60	AF	72	91	0	163	0	7	0	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2223.56	AF	109	85	0	194	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2223.51	AF	93	45	0	138	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2223.49 A	AF	85	90	0	175	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2223.49 B	AF	149	62	0	211	2	24	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2223.47	AF																																	
	P.2223.46	AF	113	54	0	167	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2223.45	AF	102	73	0	175	0	16	0	16	0	1	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2223.45 A	AF	99	49	0	148	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2223.44	AF	64	20	0	84	0	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2223.30	AF	108	131	0	239	2	14	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2223.26	AF	88	140	0	228	1	22	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2223.25 B	AF																																	
	P.2223.25 A	AF	85	19	0	104	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2223.23	AF	95	94	0	189	0	6	0	6	0	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2223.20	AF	95	69	0	164	16	95	0	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2225.3 A	AF	115	103	0	218	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	P.2225.3 B	AF	81	71	0	152	1	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

terrestrial				AOM			marine												diverse					Totals								
Spores							marine phytoplankton						Zoomorphs			Zooclasts			mineral residues													
Indet				terrestrial, translucent	terrestrial opaque	marine/sensu stricto	Dinocysts			Acritarchs			Algae indet	Leiospheres	foraminiferal test linings	Bivalves, Scolecodonts, Fungi			Filaments	Quartz	Pyrite	others	Glendonites									
A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum													
1	30	9	40	103,0	0	41,0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	91	25		441			
4	12	10	26	66,0	0	32,0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	9	0	326		
0	8	5	13	144,0	0	17,0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	157	1	0	364		
0	3	1	4	117,0	0	32,0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	61	3	0	361		
8	32	2	42	114,0	0	3,0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	0	3	10	0	0	362		
4	28	12	44	45,0	0	5,0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	4	3	x	331	
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0	4	2	6	82,3	5	19,7	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	233	36	2		334	
0	0	0	0	130,0	9	6,0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	203	96	53	x	317	
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1	2	2	5	54,8	0	23,2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	87	3		280	
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23	2	1	26	3,0	0	0,0	1	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	6	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	202	21	40		297
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Age	Sample	Formation	Dino A %	Dino B %	Dino C %	Dinocysts total %	Acritarchs %	Algae indet %	Foraminifera %							
early Berriasian - middle Berriasian	P.2183.6	PBF	0,23	0,23	0,00	0,45	0,23	1,81	0,00							
	P.2183.5	PBF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	1,53	0,00							
	P.2183.4	PBF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,55	0,00							
	P.2183.3	PBF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00							
	P.2183.2	PBF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,55	0,00							
	P.2183.1	PBF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	1,81	0,00							
middle Tithonian	P.2223.72	AF	0,00	0,02	0,00	0,00	0,02	0,00	0,03	0,00	0,11	0,00	1,51	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.63	AF	0,00	0,08	0,00	0,00	0,30	0,07	0,30	0,10	0,00	0,46	0,00	6,57	0,00	0,00
	P.2223.62	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.60	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.56	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.51	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.49 A	AF	0,34	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,34	2,02	28,62	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.49 B	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.47	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.46	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.45	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.45 A	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.44	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.30	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.26	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.25 B	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.25 A	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.23	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2223.20	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
	P.2225.3 A	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	
P.2225.3 B	AF	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00		

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Age	Sample	Formation	Leiospheres %	marine AOM %	terrestrial AOM % translucent	terrestrial AOM % opaque	AOMT % total	Sporo A %
early Berriasian - middle Berriasian	P.2183.6	PBF	0,00	9,30	23,36	0,00	23,36	6,12
	P.2183.5	PBF	0,00	9,82	20,25	0,00	20,25	4,60
	P.2183.4	PBF	0,00	4,67	39,56	0,00	39,56	1,10
	P.2183.3	PBF	0,00	8,86	32,41	0,00	32,41	0,00
	P.2183.2	PBF	0,00	0,83	31,49	0,00	31,49	7,73
	P.2183.1	PBF	0,00	1,51	13,60	0,00	13,60	1,81
middle Tithonian	P.2223.72	AF	0,00 0,00	0,00 1,66	14,29 20,35	2,86 1,43	17,14 21,78	0,00 0,98
	P.2223.63	AF	0,00 0,00	5,89 2,50	24,65 14,68	1,50 2,08	26,15 14,67	0,00 2,62
	P.2223.62	AF	0,00	1,89	41,01	2,84	43,85	0,00
	P.2223.60	AF	0,00	0,24	7,13	2,63	9,76	0,00
	P.2223.56	AF	0,00	8,29	19,57	0,00	19,57	0,36
	P.2223.51	AF	0,00	0,80	25,49	2,06	27,55	0,00
	P.2223.49 A	AF	0,00	0,00	1,01	0,00	1,01	7,74
	P.2223.49 B	AF	0,00	6,08	20,36	0,00	20,36	1,52
	P.2223.47	AF						
	P.2223.46	AF	0,00	3,52	16,58	0,93	17,51	0,00
	P.2223.45	AF	0,00	2,44	24,41	2,47	26,89	0,00
	P.2223.45 A	AF	0,00	0,84	8,41	0,00	8,41	0,00
	P.2223.44	AF	0,00	0,00	43,82	1,69	45,51	0,00
	P.2223.30	AF	0,00	0,00	7,94	0,00	7,94	0,00
	P.2223.26	AF	0,00	0,00	12,41	0,00	12,41	0,00
	P.2223.25 B	AF						
	P.2223.25 A	AF	0,00	0,00	50,47	0,47	50,93	0,00
	P.2223.23	AF	0,00	0,00	17,53	0,00	17,53	0,00
	P.2223.20	AF	0,00	0,81	5,95	0,00	5,95	8,92
	P.2225.3 A	AF	0,00	0,05	3,53	8,73	12,26	0,00
P.2225.3 B	AF	0,00	0,71	42,09	1,08	43,17	0,00	

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Age	Sample	Formation	Sporo B %	Sporo C %	Sporomorphs total	Sporomorphs % total	Cutinite % total	Inertinite A %	Inertinite B %							
early Berriasian - middle Berriasian	P.2183.6	PBF	12,70		2,49	94	21,3	2,49	17,2	2,3						
	P.2183.5	PBF	5,52		3,07	43	13,2	0,31	13,8	1,8						
	P.2183.4	PBF	5,49		1,92	31	8,5	0,00	19,8	8,2						
	P.2183.3	PBF	0,83		0,28	4	1,1	0,00	23,5	9,4						
	P.2183.2	PBF	13,26		0,83	79	21,8	0,83	16,9	10,5						
	P.2183.1	PBF	12,08		4,53	61	18,4	0,00	16,6	11,5						
middle Tithonian	P.2223.72	AF	0,00	0,56	0,00	0,19	0	0,0	1,7	0,0	0,6	52,1	39,9	27,9	28,1	
	P.2223.63	AF	1,20	1,36	0,60	0,41	6	1,8	4,10	3,0	1,33	44,9	9,18	15,9	11,77	
	P.2223.62	AF	0,00		0,00		0	0,0		0,3		30,6		21,8		
	P.2223.60	AF	0,00		0,00		0	0,0		0,5		37,9		47,9		
	P.2223.56	AF	0,71		0,71		5	1,8		0,0		38,9		30,4		
	P.2223.51	AF	0,52		0,00		1	0,5		0,0		47,9		23,2		
	P.2223.49 A	AF	0,67		0,34		26	8,8		0,0		28,6		30,3		
	P.2223.49 B	AF	0,00		0,00		5	1,5		0,0		45,3		18,8		
	P.2223.47	AF														
	P.2223.46	AF	0,47		0,00		1	0,5		0,0		52,8		25,2		
	P.2223.45	AF	0,00		0,00		0	0,0		3,2		36,0		25,8		
	P.2223.45 A	AF	0,00		0,00		0	0,0		0,0		59,5		29,4		
	P.2223.44	AF	0,00		0,00		0	0,0		0,0		36,0		11,2		
	P.2223.30	AF	0,00		0,00		0	0,0		0,0		39,0		47,3		
	P.2223.26	AF	1,03		0,00		3	1,0		0,0		30,3		48,3		
	P.2223.25 B	AF														
	P.2223.25 A	AF	0,00		0,00		0	0,0		0,0		39,7		8,9		
	P.2223.23	AF	0,00		0,00		0	0,0		4,4		37,8		37,5		
	P.2223.20	AF	5,95		1,62		61	16,5		0,0		25,7		18,6		
	P.2225.3 A	AF	0,00		0,40		1	0,4		0,0		45,6		40,9		
P.2225.3 B	AF	0,00		0,00		0	0,0		0,0		29,1		25,5			

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Age	Sample	Formation	Inertinite % total	Vitrinite A %	Vitrinite B %	Vitrinite % total	Phytoclasts %	Filaments %	marine OM %
early Berrisian - middle Berrisian	P.2183.6	PBF	19,5	7,3	13,6	20,9	42,9	0,7	11,8
	P.2183.5	PBF	15,6	15,0	24,2	39,3	55,2	0,0	11,3
	P.2183.4	PBF	28,0	12,9	5,8	18,7	46,7	0,0	5,2
	P.2183.3	PBF	33,0	2,2	21,9	24,1	57,1	0,6	8,9
	P.2183.2	PBF	27,3	6,9	8,8	15,7	43,9	0,0	1,4
	P.2183.1	PBF	28,1	17,2	19,3	36,6	64,7	0,0	3,3
middle Tithonian	P.2223.72	AF	80,0 68,0	0,71 0,5	2,1 3,9	2,9 4,4	82,9 73,0	0,0 0,1	0,0 3,3
	P.2223.63	AF	60,8 14,59	0,6 0,97	1,5 5,88	2,1 6,7	65,9 13,69	0,0 0,56	6,2 7,15
	P.2223.62	AF	52,4	0,6	0,9	1,6	54,3	0,0	1,9
	P.2223.60	AF	85,8	0,0	3,7	3,7	90,0	0,0	0,2
	P.2223.56	AF	69,3	0,0	1,1	1,1	70,4	0,0	8,3
	P.2223.51	AF	71,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	71,1	0,0	0,8
	P.2223.49 A	AF	58,9	0,3	0,0	0,3	59,3	0,0	31,0
	P.2223.49 B	AF	64,1	0,6	7,3	7,9	72,0	0,0	6,1
	P.2223.47	AF							
	P.2223.46	AF	78,0	0,0	0,5	0,47	78,5	0,0	3,5
	P.2223.45	AF	61,8	0,0	5,7	5,7	70,7	0,0	2,4
	P.2223.45 A	AF	88,9	0,6	1,2	1,8	90,7	0,0	0,8
	P.2223.44	AF	47,2	0,0	7,3	7,3	54,5	0,0	0,0
	P.2223.30	AF	86,3	0,72	5,1	5,8	92,1	0,0	0,0
	P.2223.26	AF	78,6	0,3	7,6	7,9	86,6	0,0	0,0
	P.2223.25 B	AF							
	P.2223.25 A	AF	48,6	0,0	0,5	0,5	49,1	0,0	0,0
	P.2223.23	AF	75,3	0,0	2,4	2,4	82,1	0,0	0,0
	P.2223.20	AF	44,3	4,3	25,7	30,0	74,3	2,4	0,8
	P.2225.3 A	AF	86,5	0,0	0,8	0,8	87,3	0,0	0,0
P.2225.3 B	AF	54,7	0,4	1,1	1,4	56,1	0,0	0,7	

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Age	Sample	Formation	terrestrial C%	Palynomorphs %	OP/TR		
early Berriasian - middle Berriasian	P.2183.6	PBF	88,2	24,49			
	P.2183.5	PBF	88,7	14,72			
	P.2183.4	PBF	94,8	9,07			
	P.2183.3	PBF	91,1	1,66			
	P.2183.2	PBF	97,2	22,38			
	P.2183.1	PBF	96,7	20,24			
middle Tithonian	P.2223.72	AF	100,0	96,7	0,00	3,2	50,20
	P.2223.63	AF	93,8	7,14	2,10	9,32	
	P.2223.62	AF	98,1		0,00		
	P.2223.60	AF	99,8		0,00		
	P.2223.56	AF	91,7		1,79		
	P.2223.51	AF	99,2		0,52		
	P.2223.49 A	AF	69,0		39,73		
	P.2223.49 B	AF	93,9		1,52		
	P.2223.47	AF			0,00		
	P.2223.46	AF	96,5		0,47		
	P.2223.45	AF	97,6		0,00		
	P.2223.45 A	AF	99,2		0,00		
	P.2223.44	AF	100,0		0,00		
	P.2223.30	AF	100,0		0,00		
	P.2223.26	AF	100,0		1,03		
	P.2223.25 B	AF			0,00		
	P.2223.25 A	AF	100,0		0,00		
	P.2223.23	AF	99,6		0,00		
	P.2223.20	AF	99,2		18,92		
	P.2225.3 A	AF	100,0		0,40		
P.2225.3 B	AF	99,3		0,00			

D = Nordenskjöld & Kotick Point Formation			KG = Fossil Bluff Group			terrestrial																									
						parts of vascular plants												Pollen						Spores							
						phytoclasts																									
						Inertinite				Vitrinite				Cutinite				nonsaccate			monosaccate			bisaccate			monolete				
Age	Preservation		A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum					
	Sample	Formation																													
early Albian	D.8403.30	Kotick Point Fm	99	27	0	126	36	77	0	113	1	3	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	0	10	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5
	D.8403.65	Kotick Point Fm	76	7	0	83	113	44	0	157	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	5	0	0	5
	D.8406.6	Kotick Point Fm	54	5	0	59	117	75	0	192	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
late Aptian	D.8406.18	Kotick Point Fm	40	12	0	52	103	78	0	181	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	7
	D.8406.4	Kotick Point Fm	27	4	0	31	89	55	0	144	7	14	4	25	3	0	0	3	17	4	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	11	1	0	12
	D.8633.10	Kotick Point Fm	79	1	0	80	98	74	0	172	2	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	11	1	0	0	1	11	7	0	18
middle Tithonian	D.8751.4	Nordenskjöld Fm	52	13	0	65	24	25	0	49	4	3	0	7	2	0	0	2	4	3	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	13	2	0	15
	D.8751.3	Nordenskjöld Fm	127	15	0	142	49	41	0	90	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	15	1	0	16
	D.8751.2	Nordenskjöld Fm	88	10	0	98	28	49	0	77	1	4	0	5	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	11	2	0	13
	D.8751.1	Nordenskjöld Fm	112	8	0	120	30	48	0	78	2	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	9	2	0	0	11	1	0	0	1	18	10	0	28
upper Aptian	KG.3403.213	Pluto Glacier Fm	114	24	0	138	28	89	0	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
middle Aptian	KG.3403.70	Pluto Glacier Fm	27	7	0	34	6	47	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
lower Aptian	KG.3402.286	Pluto Glacier Fm	49	13	0	62	5	21	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KG.3403.4	Pluto Glacier Fm	34	36	0	70	7	45	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	KG.3402.105	Pluto Glacier Fm	18	5	0	23	2	5	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KG.3402.16	Pluto Glacier Fm	46	12	0	58	14	17	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valanginian ?-Barremian	KG.3457.54	Spartan Glacier Fm	87	41	0	128	13	31	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KG.3401.608	Spartan Glacier Fm	42	17	0	59	3	11	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KG.3456.65	Spartan Glacier Fm	113	57	0	170	4	41	0	45	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KG.3455.170	Spartan Glacier Fm	116	41	0	157	7	45	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KG.3455.24	Spartan Glacier Fm	80	18	0	98	8	44	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valanginian ?	KG.3461.26	Spartan Glacier Fm	18	57	0	75	0	21	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
late Berr.-early Val.	KG.2942.10	Himalia Ridge Fm	28	40	0	68	6	17	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berriasian	KG.3401.2	Himalia Ridge Fm	101	63	0	164	5	21	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KG.3404.283	Himalia Ridge Fm	135	26	0	161	5	16	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
upper Tithonian	KG.3404.34	Himalia Ridge Fm	56	115	0	171	5	64	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KG.2802.662	Himalia Ridge Fm	50	73	0	123	4	20	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KG.2929.1	Himalia Ridge Fm	34	30	0	64	14	46	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KG.2802.332	Himalia Ridge Fm			0				0																						
middle Tithonian	KG.2802.98	Himalia Ridge Fm	83	162	0	245	3	11	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KG.2940.10	Himalia Ridge Fm	49	30	0	79	4	5	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

terrestrial Spores				AOM			marine												diverse				Totals											
trilete		indet		terrestrial, translucent	terrestrial opaque	marine/sensu stricto	marine phytoplankton						Zoomorphs			Zooclasts			mineral residues															
A	B	C	sum	A	B	C	sum	Dinocysts			Acritarchs			Algae indet	Leiospheres	foraminiferal test linings			Bivalves, Scolecodonts, Fungi			Filaments		Quartz	Pyrite	others	Glendonites							
5	3	0	8	0	4	5	9	61,5	0	20,5	0	3	3	6	0	2	0	2	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	52	12	2	387		
4	3	0	7	2	3	0	5	6,58	0	1,42	3	3	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	177	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	9	23	x	459
7	0	0	7	6	15	5	26	30	0	39	2	1	0	3	2	1	1	4	0	178	3	2	0	5	2	0	0	2	0	6	5	0	554	
9	0	0	9	7	4	4	15	10	0	13	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	168	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	3	7	0	480	
18	6	0	24	2	4	0	6	60,2	0	45,8	4	5	0	9	1	2	0	3	20	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	19	0	405		
12	7	2	21	10	8	1	19	17	0	11	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	6	1	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	11	1	368	
8	4	0	12	1	2	0	3	16,2	2	23,8	0	7	0	7	70	26	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	35	37	7	310	
15	3	0	18	5	14	3	22	23	0	30	5	2	1	8	7	2	0	9	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	107	21	2	372		
2	2	2	6	5	9	7	21	3	0	20	6	2	0	8	82	1	0	83	0	16	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	185	30	2	361	
7	0	0	7	0	7	7	14	5	0	30	7	4	0	11	90	12	0	102	21	24	0	1	0	1	5	0	0	5	5	190	29	4	468	
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0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	183	0	5,42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	167	39	5	280		

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Bluff Group**

Age	Sample	Formation	Dino A	%	Dino B	%	Dino C	%	Dinocysts	%	Acritarchs	%	Algae indet	%
									total					
early Albian	D.8403.30	Kotick Point Fm	0,00	0,33	0,78	0,51	0,78	0,17	1,55	1,01	0,52	0,56	3,88	1,74
	D.8403.65	Kotick Point Fm	0,65	0,42	0,65	0,46	0,22	0,31	1,53	0,88	0,00	0,30	0,00	2,19
late Aptian	D.8406.6	Kotick Point Fm	0,36	0,34	0,18	0,41	0,00	0,00	0,54	0,74	0,72	0,71	0,00	1,64
	D.8406.18	Kotick Point Fm	0,00	0,47	0,21	0,56	0,00	0,00	0,21	1,01	0,83	0,12	0,00	2,33
	D.8406.4	Kotick Point Fm	0,99		1,23		0,00		2,22		0,74		4,94	
	D.8633.10	Kotick Point Fm	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,54		1,63	
middle Tithonian	D.8751.4	Nordenskjöld Fm	0,00	1,13	2,26	1,05	0,00	0,07	2,26	2,24	30,97	19,54	0,00	1,46
	D.8751.3	Nordenskjöld Fm	1,34	0,76	0,54	0,82	0,27	0,13	2,15	0,08	2,42	12,12	1,34	2,12
	D.8751.2	Nordenskjöld Fm	1,66		0,55		0,00		2,22		22,99		0,00	
	D.8751.1	Nordenskjöld Fm	1,50		0,85		0,00		2,35		21,79		4,49	
upper Aptian	KG.3403.213	Pluto Glacier Fm	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,58	0,10	3,22	1,93
middle Aptian	KG.3403.70	Pluto Glacier Fm	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,24		1,57	1,66
lower Aptian	KG.3402.286	Pluto Glacier Fm	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		4,50	
	KG.3403.4	Pluto Glacier Fm	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		1,55	
	KG.3402.105	Pluto Glacier Fm	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,00	
	KG.3402.16	Pluto Glacier Fm	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	0,00	0,00		0,72	
Valanginian ?-Barremian	KG.3457.54	Spartan Glacier Fm	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,40
	KG.3401.608	Spartan Glacier Fm	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,99
	KG.3456.65	Spartan Glacier Fm	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	KG.3455.170	Spartan Glacier Fm	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
Valanginian ?	KG.3455.24	Spartan Glacier Fm	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		2,41	
	KG.3461.26	Spartan Glacier Fm	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
late Berr.-early Val.	KG.2942.10	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,0
Berriasian	KG.3401.2	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,0
	KG.3404.283	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
upper Tithonian	KG.3404.34	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	KG.2802.662	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,0
	KG.2929.1	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00		0,00	
	KG.2802.332	Himalia Ridge Fm												
middle Tithonian	KG.2802.98	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	KG.2940.10	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00

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Age	Sample	Formation	Foraminifera %	Leiospheres %	marine AOM %	terrestrial AOM % translucent	terrestrial AOM % opaque
early Albian	D.8403.30	Kotick Point Fm	0,00 0,42	0,00 17,66	5,30 4,94	15,9 7,39	0,00 0,00
	D.8403.65	Kotick Point Fm	0,22 0,33	38,56 19,35	0,31 3,88	1,4 6,38	0,00 0,00
late Aptian	D.8406.6	Kotick Point Fm	0,90 0,58	32,13 16,85	7,04 6,01	5,4 6,75	0,00 0,00
	D.8406.18	Kotick Point Fm	0,63 0,27	35,00 19,34	2,71 4,05	2,1 5,60	0,00 0,00
	D.8406.4	Kotick Point Fm	0,25	0,00	11,30	14,9	0,00
	D.8633.10	Kotick Point Fm	0,54	0,27	2,99	4,6	0,00
middle Tithonian	D.8751.4	Nordenskjöld Fm	0,00 0,12	0,00 2,39	7,69 6,93	5,2 3,32	0,65 0,16
	D.8751.3	Nordenskjöld Fm	0,00 0,14	0,00 2,77	8,06 1,16	6,2 2,77	0,00 0,32
	D.8751.2	Nordenskjöld Fm	0,28	4,43	5,54	0,83	0,00
	D.8751.1	Nordenskjöld Fm	0,21	5,13	6,41	1,1	0,00
upper Aptian	KG.3403.213	Pluto Glacier Fm	0,00 0,00	0,00 0,00	2,34 3,79	19,0 49,39	0,00 0,13
middle Aptian	KG.3403.70	Pluto Glacier Fm	0,00 0,00	0,00 0,00	6,27 2,26	64,9 17,34	0,00 0,32
lower Aptian	KG.3402.286	Pluto Glacier Fm	0,00	0,00	5,14	60,1	0,00
	KG.3403.4	Pluto Glacier Fm	0,00	0,00	4,26	40,7	0,78
	KG.3402.105	Pluto Glacier Fm	0,00	0,00	0,00	50,0	0,00
	KG.3402.16	Pluto Glacier Fm	0,00	0,00	4,71	61,6	0,00
Valanginian ?-Barremian	KG.3457.54	Spartan Glacier Fm	0,00 0,0	0,00 0,0	0,00 1,0	36,9 31,0	0,00 0,0
	KG.3401.608	Spartan Glacier Fm	0,00 0,0	0,00 0,0	0,00 1,6	51,3 18,9	0,00 0,0
	KG.3456.65	Spartan Glacier Fm	0,00	0,00	0,56	15,4	0,00
	KG.3455.170	Spartan Glacier Fm	0,00	0,00	1,68	26,6	0,00
	KG.3455.24	Spartan Glacier Fm	0,00	0,00	4,02	50,9	0,00
Valanginian ?	KG.3461.26	Spartan Glacier Fm	0,00	0,00	0,00	5,0	0,00
late Berr.-early Val.	KG.2942.10	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00 0,0	0,00 0,0	1,77 0,9	59,6 32,6	0,79 0,4
Berriasian	KG.3401.2	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00 0,0	0,00 0,0	0,00 0,9	12,8 24,2	0,46 0,4
	KG.3404.283	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00	0,00	1,06	25,4	0,00
upper Tithonian	KG.3404.34	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00 0,00	0,00 0,00	0,04 1,39	4,0 18,33	0,00 0,00
	KG.2802.662	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00 0,0	0,00 0,0	3,24 1,7	29,2 13,0	0,00 0,0
	KG.2929.1	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00	0,00	0,87	21,8	0,00
	KG.2802.332	Himalia Ridge Fm					
middle Tithonian	KG.2802.98	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00 0,00	0,00 0,00	0,26 1,10	4,5 34,86	0,00 0,00
	KG.2940.10	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00 0,00	0,00 0,00	1,93 1,18	65,2 42,92	0,00 0,00

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Age	Sample	Formation	AOMT % total		Sporo A %	Sporo B %	Sporo C %	Sporomorphs total			Sporomorphs % total		Cutinite % total		
early Albian	D.8403.30	Kotick Point Fm	15,89	7,39	2,84	6,74	4,13	3,30	1,29	0,64	32	8,3	10,68	2,58	1,90
	D.8403.65	Kotick Point Fm	1,43	6,38	3,27	4,41	1,53	1,81	0,00	0,53	22	4,8	5,62	0,44	2,28
late Aptian	D.8406.6	Kotick Point Fm	5,42	6,75	3,97	8,59	2,71	3,53	0,90	0,64	42	7,6	12,76	0,00	2,09
	D.8406.18	Kotick Point Fm	2,08	5,60	5,83	4,33	1,46	2,03	0,83	0,43	39	8,1	5,77	0,83	2,78
	D.8406.4	Kotick Point Fm	14,87		12,59		3,70		0,00		66	16,3		6,17	
	D.8633.10	Kotick Point Fm	4,62		11,96		6,25		0,82		70	19,0		1,36	
middle Tithonian	D.8751.4	Nordenskjöld Fm	5,86	3,48	9,03	8,62	3,55	4,08	0,00	1,20	39	12,6	13,90	2,26	1,31
	D.8751.3	Nordenskjöld Fm	6,18	2,93	10,75	1,64	4,84	0,55	0,81	1,06	61	16,4	1,72	0,54	0,72
	D.8751.2	Nordenskjöld Fm	0,83		7,20		3,88		2,49		49	13,6		1,39	
	D.8751.1	Nordenskjöld Fm	1,07		7,48		4,06		1,50		61	13,0		1,07	
upper Aptian	KG.3403.213	Pluto Glacier Fm	19,01	49,52	0,29	0,75	0,00	1,01	0,00	0,40	1	0,3	2,15	0,00	0,00
middle Aptian	KG.3403.70	Pluto Glacier Fm	64,89	17,27	0,00	0,82	0,00	1,45	0,00	0,67	0	0,0	2,31	0,00	0,00
lower Aptian	KG.3402.286	Pluto Glacier Fm	60,13		0,00		0,32		1,61		6	1,9		0,00	
	KG.3403.4	Pluto Glacier Fm	41,47		1,94		2,71		0,78		14	5,4		0,00	
	KG.3402.105	Pluto Glacier Fm	50,00		1,52		3,03		0,00		3	4,5		0,00	
	KG.3402.16	Pluto Glacier Fm	61,59		0,72		0,00		0,00		2	0,7		0,00	
Valanginian ?-Barremian	KG.3457.54	Spartan Glacier Fm	36,86	31,0	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,0	0,36	0,6	1	0,4	0,64	0,00	0,00
	KG.3401.608	Spartan Glacier Fm	51,33	18,9	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,1	0,00	0,8	0	0,0	0,91	0,00	0,00
	KG.3456.65	Spartan Glacier Fm	15,39		0,00		0,00		0,39		1	0,4		0,00	
	KG.3455.170	Spartan Glacier Fm	26,55		0,00		0,00		0,68		2	0,7		0,00	
	KG.3455.24	Spartan Glacier Fm	50,94		0,00		0,27		2,14		9	2,4		0,00	
Valanginian ?	KG.3461.26	Spartan Glacier Fm	4,95		0,00		0,00		0,00		0	0,0		0,00	
late Berr.-early Val.	KG.2942.10	Himalia Ridge Fm	60,44	33,0	0,00	0,0	0,79	0,4	1,18	0,4	5	2,0	0,8	0,00	0,0
Berriasian	KG.3401.2	Himalia Ridge Fm	13,24	24,5	0,00	0,0	0,00	0,4	0,00	0,7	0	0,0	1,0	0,00	0,0
	KG.3404.283	Himalia Ridge Fm	25,45		0,00		0,40		0,00		1	0,4		0,00	
upper Tithonian	KG.3404.34	Himalia Ridge Fm	3,96	13,74	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,30	0,00	0,56	0	0,0	0,86	0,00	0,00
	KG.2802.662	Himalia Ridge Fm	29,19	14,0	0,00	0,0	0,90	0,5	0,45	0,6	3	1,4	0,7	0,00	0,0
	KG.2929.1	Himalia Ridge Fm	21,83		0,00		0,00		1,23		2	1,2		0,00	
	KG.2802.332	Himalia Ridge Fm	0,00												
middle Tithonian	KG.2802.98	Himalia Ridge Fm	4,52	34,86	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,71	0	0,0	0,71	0,00	0,00
	KG.2940.10	Himalia Ridge Fm	65,21	42,92	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	1,43	1,01	4	1,4	1,01	0,00	0,00

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Age	Sample	Formation	Inertinite A %	Inertinite B %	Inertinite total %	Vitrinite A %	Vitrinite B %	Vitrinite total %						
early Albian	D.8403.30	Kotick Point Fm	25,6	14,73	7,0	2,19	32,6	16,92	9,3	20,85	19,9	15,49	29,2	36,34
	D.8403.65	Kotick Point Fm	16,6	7,71	1,5	2,46	18,1	9,29	24,6	6,04	9,6	4,09	34,2	5,81
late Aptian	D.8406.6	Kotick Point Fm	9,7	11,55	0,9	1,17	10,6	12,72	21,1	22,80	13,5	15,87	34,7	38,67
	D.8406.18	Kotick Point Fm	8,3	6,73	2,5	0,95	10,8	6,19	21,5	2,58	16,3	3,10	37,7	5,53
	D.8406.4	Kotick Point Fm	6,7		1,0		7,7		22,0		13,6		35,6	
	D.8633.10	Kotick Point Fm	21,5		0,3		21,7		26,6		20,1		46,7	
middle Tithonian	D.8751.4	Nordenskjöld Fm	16,8	24,81	4,2	3,18	21,0	27,98	7,7	8,77	8,1	10,73	15,8	19,50
	D.8751.3	Nordenskjöld Fm	34,1	7,13	4,0	1,17	38,2	7,29	13,2	3,00	11,0	2,27	24,2	3,96
	D.8751.2	Nordenskjöld Fm	24,4		2,8		27,1		7,8		13,6		21,3	
	D.8751.1	Nordenskjöld Fm	23,9		1,7		25,6		6,4		10,3		16,7	
upper Aptian	KG.3403.213	Pluto Glacier Fm	33,3	19,11	7,0	6,54	40,4	25,66	8,2	3,75	26,0	13,11	34,2	16,86
middle Aptian	KG.3403.70	Pluto Glacier Fm	8,5	9,32	2,2	4,14	10,7	10,79	1,9	2,49	14,7	7,84	16,6	9,54
lower Aptian	KG.3402.286	Pluto Glacier Fm	15,8		4,2		19,9		1,6		6,8		8,4	
	KG.3403.4	Pluto Glacier Fm	13,2		14,0		27,1		2,7		17,4		20,2	
	KG.3402.105	Pluto Glacier Fm	27,3		7,6		34,8		3,0		7,6		10,6	
	KG.3402.16	Pluto Glacier Fm	16,7		4,3		21,0		5,1		6,2		11,2	
Valanginian ?-Barremian	KG.3457.54	Spartan Glacier Fm	31,8	30,4	15,0	20,6	46,7	51,0	4,7	2,1	11,3	13,7	16,1	15,9
	KG.3401.608	Spartan Glacier Fm	28,0	10,1	11,3	18,4	39,3	17,6	2,0	1,5	7,3	4,6	9,3	3,9
	KG.3456.65	Spartan Glacier Fm	44,0		22,2		66,1		1,6		16,0		17,5	
	KG.3455.170	Spartan Glacier Fm	39,5		13,9		53,4		2,4		15,3		17,7	
	KG.3455.24	Spartan Glacier Fm	21,4		4,8		26,3		2,1		11,8		13,9	
Valanginian ?	KG.3461.26	Spartan Glacier Fm	17,8		56,4		74,3		0,0		20,8		20,8	
late Berr.-early Val.	KG.2942.10	Himalia Ridge Fm	11,0	37,1	15,7	18,3	26,8	55,4	2,4	2,2	6,7	7,6	9,1	9,8
Berriasian	KG.3401.2	Himalia Ridge Fm	46,1	23,0	28,8	9,4	74,9	25,3	2,3	0,2	9,6	1,8	11,9	1,8
	KG.3404.283	Himalia Ridge Fm	54,2		10,4		64,7		2,0		6,4		8,4	
upper Tithonian	KG.3404.34	Himalia Ridge Fm	22,4	21,93	46,0	32,43	68,4	54,36	2,0	4,13	25,6	20,94	27,6	25,07
	KG.2802.662	Himalia Ridge Fm	22,5	0,9	32,9	13,8	55,4	14,6	1,8	3,9	9,0	10,4	10,8	13,2
	KG.2929.1	Himalia Ridge Fm	20,9		18,4		39,3		8,6		28,2		36,8	
	KG.2802.332	Himalia Ridge Fm												
middle Tithonian	KG.2802.98	Himalia Ridge Fm	30,5	24,01	59,6	35,14	90,1	59,14	1,1	1,27	4,0	2,91	5,1	4,18
	KG.2940.10	Himalia Ridge Fm	17,5	9,20	10,7	34,54	28,2	43,74	1,4	0,23	1,8	1,60	3,2	1,37

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Age	Sample	Formation	Phytoclasts %	Filaments %	marine OM %	terrestrial OM %	Palynomorphs %	OP/TR
early Albian	D.8403.30	Kotick Point Fm	64,3 55,16	0,0 0,17	11,2 26,33	88,5 73,40	14,21	0,5
	D.8403.65	Kotick Point Fm	52,7 9,69	0,0 0,43	40,6 16,05	58,9 16,01	45,10	
late Aptian	D.8406.6	Kotick Point Fm	45,3 53,48	0,0 0,26	41,3 26,53	58,3 73,24	41,88	0,3
	D.8406.18	Kotick Point Fm	49,4 11,08	1,0 0,52	39,4 16,90	60,6 16,79	45,83	
	D.8406.4	Kotick Point Fm	49,4	0,0	19,5	80,5	24,44	
	D.8633.10	Kotick Point Fm	69,8	0,0	6,0	93,5	22,01	
middle Tithonian	D.8751.4	Nordenskjöld Fm	39,0 48,79	0,0 0,27	40,9 32,68	57,5 66,44	45,81	1,4
	D.8751.3	Nordenskjöld Fm	62,9 10,41	0,0 0,53	14,0 12,71	85,5 13,04	22,31	
	D.8751.2	Nordenskjöld Fm	49,9	0,0	35,5	64,3	43,49	
	D.8751.1	Nordenskjöld Fm	43,4	1,1	40,4	58,5	48,08	
upper Aptian	KG.3403.213	Pluto Glacier Fm	74,6 42,52	0,0 0,00	6,1 5,81	93,9 94,19	4,09	1,8
middle Aptian	KG.3403.70	Pluto Glacier Fm	27,3 17,88	0,0 0,00	7,8 3,25	92,2 3,25	1,57	
lower Aptian	KG.3402.286	Pluto Glacier Fm	28,3	0,0	9,6	90,4	6,43	
	KG.3403.4	Pluto Glacier Fm	47,3	0,0	5,8	94,2	6,98	
	KG.3402.105	Pluto Glacier Fm	45,5	0,0	0,0	100,0	4,55	
	KG.3402.16	Pluto Glacier Fm	32,2	0,0	5,4	94,6	1,45	
Valanginian ?-Barremian	KG.3457.54	Spartan Glacier Fm	62,8 66,9	0,0 0,0	0,0 1,4	100,0 98,6	0,36	3,2
	KG.3401.608	Spartan Glacier Fm	48,7 20,7	0,0 0,0	0,0 2,5	100,0 2,5	0,00	
	KG.3456.65	Spartan Glacier Fm	83,7	0,0	0,6	99,4	0,39	
	KG.3455.170	Spartan Glacier Fm	71,1	0,0	1,7	98,3	0,68	
	KG.3455.24	Spartan Glacier Fm	40,2	0,0	6,4	93,6	4,83	
Valanginian ?	KG.3461.26	Spartan Glacier Fm	95,0	0,0	0,0	100,0	0,00	
late Berr.-early Val.	KG.2942.10	Himalia Ridge Fm	35,8 65,2	0,0 0,0	1,8 0,9	98,2 99,1	1,97	5,6
Berriasian	KG.3401.2	Himalia Ridge Fm	86,8 26,4	0,0 0,0	0,0 0,9	100,0 0,9	0,00	
	KG.3404.283	Himalia Ridge Fm	73,1	0,0	1,1	98,9	0,40	
upper Tithonian	KG.3404.34	Himalia Ridge Fm	96,0 79,43	0,0 0,00	0,0 1,39	100,0 98,61	0,00	2,9
	KG.2802.662	Himalia Ridge Fm	66,2 15,2	0,0 0,0	3,2 1,7	96,8 1,7	1,35	
	KG.2929.1	Himalia Ridge Fm	76,1	0,0	0,9	99,1	1,23	
	KG.2802.332	Himalia Ridge Fm						
middle Tithonian	KG.2802.98	Himalia Ridge Fm	95,2 63,32	0,0 0,00	0,3 1,10	99,7 98,90	0,00	13,1
	KG.2940.10	Himalia Ridge Fm	31,4 45,11	0,0 0,00	1,9 1,18	98,1 1,18	1,43	

Microfacies Analysis

LXVIII–LXXVII

Microfacies Analysis CM section

Sample	remarks/content	remarks	rmf-type	Stage
CM 13/2,74	peloids	moderately sorted subrounded Bioclastic Packstone packed Biomicrite	9 Mid-ramp to Outer ramp	1
CM 13/18	peloids	moderately sorted subangular Bioclastic Grainstone poorly washed Biosparite	14 inner ramp - open marine	2
CM 14/3	peloids burrows	poorly sorted rounded packstone packed Biomicrite	8 Mid-ramp	3
CM 14/15	peloids shells burrows	poorly sorted subangular packstone packed Biomicrite	8 Mid-ramp	4
CM 15/4	peloids burrows	well sorted/very well sorted subrounded, packstone packed biomicrite poorly washed biosparite	8 Mid-ramp	5
CM 16/7	peloids shells burrows	moderately sorted subangular/subrounded Packstone packed biomicrite	4/9 Mid-ramp to outer ramp	6
CM 16/16	peloids shells	poorly sorted subrounded Grainstone poorly washed biosparite	14 inner ramp - open marine	7
CM 16/24	peloids skeletal grains	poorly sorted rounded Grainstone unsorted biosparite	14 inner ramp - open marine	8
CM 16/36	peloids skeletal grains	poorly sorted subrounded Packstone poorly washed biosparite	4/9 Mid ramp to outer ramp	9
CM 16/44	peloids skeletal grains	poorly sorted subrounded Packstone poorly washed biosparite	4/9 Mid ramp to outer ramp	10
CM 16/70	peloids oids, cortoids burrows skeletal grains	moderately sorted rounded Grainstone rounded biosparite	8 Mid-ramp	11
CM 16/80	extremely fine grained	well sorted agular mud-wackestone/calcsiltite micrite	5 Mid ramp, outer ramp, basin	12
CM 16/100	peloids, shells cortoids, burrows clasts up to 1 mm size	poorly sorted rounded Grainstone unsorted biosparite	8 Mid-ramp	13
CM 16/112	peloids, shells burrows clasts up to 0.5 mm size	poorly sorted subangular Packstone/Grainstone poorly washed biosparite	8 Mid-ramp	14
CM 17/23	some rounded bioclasts some unfilled veins	poorly sorted rounded mud-wackestone micrite	5 Mid ramp, outer ramp, basin	15

Tithonian

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Sample	remarks/content	remarks	rmf-type	Stage
CM 17/28	few bioclasts unfilled veins	poorly sorted rounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	5 Mid ramp, outer ramp, basin	16
CM 17/32	abundant bioclasts unfilled veins well preserved shells	moderately sorted rounded wackestone fossiliferous micrite	5 Mid ramp, outer ramp, basin	17
CM 17/35,5	few bioclasts plenty filled and unfilled veins	poorly sorted rounded mudstone/calcsiltite micrite/fossiliferous micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin	18
CM 17/40	few bioclasts some filled and unfilled veins	poorly sorted subrounded mudstone/calcsiltite micrite/fossiliferous micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin	19
CM 17/44	well preserved cinoids and foraminifers some unfilled veins	poorly sorted angular wackestone fossiliferous micrite	7 Inner ramp - restricted/open marine; Mid-ramp	20
CM 17/48	plenty rounded bioclasts some unfilled veins	moderately sorted subangular mud-wackestone micrite/fossiliferous micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin (9 Lagoon?)	21
CM 17/54	plenty rounded bioclasts some filled and unfilled veins	poorly sorted subangular wackestone/calcsiltite micrite/fossiliferous micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin	22
CM 17/57	plenty rounded bioclasts some filled and unfilled veins	moderately sorted subrounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	5 Mid ramp, outer ramp, basin	23
CM 17/62	plenty rounded bioclasts some filled and unfilled veins	poorly sorted subrounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin (9 Lagoon?)	24
CM 17/65	few rounded bioclasts filled veins	moderately sorted angular mudstone micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin (9 Lagoon?)	25
CM 17/71	abundant bioclasts unrounded larger bioclasts unfilled veins	poorly sorted subangular mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin 5 Mid ramp, outer ramp, basin	26
CM 17/73	some large bioclasts laminated	poorly sorted angular mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin 5 Mid ramp, outer ramp, basin	27
CM 17/75	few rounded bioclasts abundant unfilled veins laminated	poorly sorted angular mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin	28
CM 17/80	abundant small bioclasts abundant unfilled veins	moderately sorted subrounded mudstone micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin	29
CM 17/83	abundant small bioclasts few larger shell fragments	moderately sorted subangular mudstone micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin	30
CM 17/85	some larger shell fragments larger unfilled veins	moderately sorted subangular mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	5 Mid ramp, outer ramp, basin	31

Berriasian

Sample	remarks/content	remarks	rmf-type	
CM 17/88	abundant small bioclasts plenty filled and unfilled veins	moderately sorted subrounded mudstone micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin	32
CM 17/94	abundant small rounded bioclasts few larger shell fragments	well sorted angular mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	5 Mid ramp, outer ramp, basin	33
CM 17/97	few larger shell fragments filled veins bioclasts	moderately sorted subangular mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	5 Mid ramp, outer ramp, basin	34
CM 17/102	abundan bioclasts filled veins laminated	well sorted angular mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	5 Mid ramp, outer ramp, basin	35
CM 17/114	few larger shell fragments few filled and unfilled veins	well sorted angular mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin	36
CM 18/1,5	shell fragments in various sizes some unfilled veins	moderately sorted subangular floatstone sparse biomicrite	3 Mid ramp, outer ramp	37
CM 18/3	abundant shell fragments in various sizes micritic matrix (burrows?)	moderately sorted subrounded rudstone packed biomicrite	28 Mid-ramp shoal 3 Mid ramp, outer ramp	38
CM 18/15	recrystallised shells, rounded bioclasts plenty unfilled v eins micritic matrix	poorly sorted subrounded mudstone/calcsiltite fossiliferous micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin 5 Mid ramp, outer ramp, basin	39
CM 18/19	recrystallised shells, rounded bioclasts unfilled veins micritic matrix	well sorted subrounded mudstone/calcsiltite fossiliferous micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin 5 Mid ramp, outer ramp, basin	40
CM 18/22	recrystallised shells, rounded bioclasts unfilled veins micritic matrix	moderately sorted rounded mudstone/calcsiltite fossiliferous micrite	1 Outer ramp, basin 5 Mid ramp, outer ramp, basin	41
CM 18/27	some large recrystallised shells some filled veins dark lithoclasts burrows	poorly sorted rounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	3 Mid-ramp to outer ramp 8 Mid-ramp	42
CM 18/37	some large recrystallised shells some filled veins dark lithoclasts burrows	poorly sorted rounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	3 Mid-ramp to outer ramp 8 Mid-ramp	43
CM 18/46	some large recrystallised shells some filled veins	well sorted subrounded wackestone sparce biomicrite	9 Mid-ramp to outer ramp	44
CM 18/57	large shell fragment plenty small shell fragments fine grained matrix, burrows dark lithoclasts	poorly sorted rounded rudstone packed biomicrite	28 Mid-ramp shoal 3 Mid-ramp to outer ramp	45
CM 18/67	abundant shell fragments some filled veins dark lithoclasts echinoderms	poorly sorted subangular wackestone fossiliferous micrite	3 Mid-ramp to outer ramp 8 Mid-ramp	46
CM 19/1	plenty recrystallised shells abundant rounded bioclasts some unfilled veins	well sorted subrounded packstone packed biomicrite	9 Mid-ramp to outer ramp 14 inner ramp - open marine	47

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Valanginian

Sample	remarks/content	remarks	rmf-type	Stage
CM 19/8	abundant large shell fragments shells partly recrystallised dark lithoclasts, fine grained matrix dark filled veins	well sorted subrounded packstone packed biomicrite	9 Mid-ramp to outer ramp 14 inner ramp - open marine	Valanginian
CM 19/10	abundant large shell fragments shells partly recrystallised some unfilled veins	poorly sorted subangular wackestone sparse biomicrite	9 Mid-ramp to outer ramp 14 inner ramp - open marine	
CM 19/17	fes bioclasts dark filled veins	poorly sorted subangular mudstone micrite	19 Peritidal/Lagoon 24 Peritidal zone	
CM 19/26	abundant peloids plenty recrystallised shells dark bioclasts dark filled veins	poorly sorted subangular wackestone sparse biomicrite	9 Mid-ramp to outer ramp 14 inner ramp - open marine 7 Inner ramp - restricted/open marine; Mid-ramp	
CM 19/28	plenty shell fragmenty and bioclasts plenty well preserved shell fragments dark filled veins echinoderms	poorly sorted subangular packstone packed biomicrite	3 Mid-ramp to outer ramp 7 Inner ramp - restricted/open marine; Mid-ramp	
CM 20/0,1	abundant large shell fragments, majorly dark bioclasts, echinoderms fine grained matrix dark filled veins	poorly sorted subrounded wackestone packed biomicrite	9 Mid-ramp to outer ramp 7 Inner ramp - restricted/open marine; Mid-ramp	
CM 20/8	abundant shell fragments filled veins echinoderms	moderately sorted rounded wackestone biomicrite	8 Mid-ramp 7 Inner ramp - restricted/open marine; Mid-ramp 21 Peritidal/Lagoon	
CM 20/12	some well preserved shell fragments filled veins echinoderms	poorly sorted subrounded wackestone sparse biomicrite	7 Inner ramp - restricted/open marine; Mid-ramp 9 Mid-ramp to outer ramp	
CM 20/20	abundant well preserved bioclasts in vari few unfilled veins	poorly sorted angular wackestone sparse biomicrite	9 Mid-ramp to outer ramp	
CM 20/30	abundant well preserved bioclasts in various shapes and sizes some filled and unfilled veins laminated	poorly sorted subangular mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	9 Mid-ramp to outer ramp 14 inner ramp - open marine	
CM 20/36	abundant well preserved bioclasts in various shapes and sizes filled and unfilled veins echinoderms	poorly sorted subrounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	9 Mid-ramp to outer ramp 7 Inner ramp - restricted/open marine; Mid-ramp	
CM 21/1-8	abundant well preserved bioclasts unfilled and filled veins (sparitic) micritic matrix	poorly sorted subrounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	9 Mid-ramp to outer ramp	
CM 21/8-15	abundant well preserved bioclasts few grain aggregates echinoderms sparitic filled pores	poorly sorted subangular packstone unsorted biosparite	7 Inner ramp - restricted/open marine; Mid-ramp	
CM 22/5-9	abundant and well preserved calcareous algae and echinoderms some unfilled veins sparitic filled pores	poorly sorted subrounded grainstone unsorted biosparite	26/27 Inner ramp shoal/ Mid ramp shoal	
CM 22/18	abundant and well preserved echinoderm some grain aggregates sparitic filled pores	poorly sorted subrounded grainstone unsorted biosparite	26/27 Inner ramp shoal/ Mid ramp shoal	
CM 22/24	abundant and well preserved calcareous algae and echinoderms wenige grain aggregates sparitic filled pores	moderately sorted subrounded grainstone unsorted biosparite	26 Inner ramp shoal/ Mid ramp shoal	

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CM 22/44	abundant and well preserved calcareous algae and echinoderms sparitic filled pores	moderately sorted subrounded grainstone unsorted biosparite	26 Inner ramp shoal/ Mid ramp shoal	64
CM 22/52	abundant and well preserved calcareous algae and echinoderms micritic matrix	well sorted subrounded packstone packed biomicrite	20 Inner ramp - Lagoon 26 Inner ramp shoal/ Mid ramp shoal	65
CM 22/60	abundant and well preserved echinoderms, skeletal grains micritic/sparitic matrix	moderately sorted subrounded packstone/grainstone poorly washed biosparite	20 Inner ramp - Lagoon 26 Inner ramp shoal/ Mid ramp shoal	66
CM 22/70	abundant and well preserved echinoderms abundant bioclasts some filled veins micritic/sparitic matrix	moderately sorted subrounded packstone/grainstone packed biomicrite	20 Inner ramp - Lagoon 26 Inner ramp shoal/ Mid ramp shoal	67
CM 23/4	some peloids filled and unfilled veins micritic matrix laminated	moderately sorted subangular mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	19 Peritidal Zone/Inner ramp lagoon	68
CM 23/10	few small bioclasts filled veins micritic matrix	moderately sorted rounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	19 Peritidal Zone/Inner ramp lagoon	69
CM 23/18	few small bioclasts filled and unfilled veins micritic matrix	moderately sorted subrounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	19 Peritidal Zone/Inner ramp lagoon	70
CM 23/27	few bioclasts, few skeletal grains filled and unfilled veins micritic matrix	well sorted rounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	19 Peritidal Zone/Inner ramp lagoon	71
CM 23/34	abundant bioclasts unfilled veins micritic matrix	well sorted rounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	19 Peritidal Zone/Inner ramp lagoon	72
CM 23/40	abundant echinoderms, skeletal grains abundant bio-/lithoclasts filled veins micritic/sparitic matrix	poorly sorted subrounded packstone packed biomicrite	27 Inner ramp shoal/ Mid ramp shoal	73
CM 23/49	abundant echinoderms, skeletal grains, calcareous algae abundant bio-/lithoclasts micritic/sparitic matrix	poorly sorted subangular packstone poorly washed biosparite	20 Inner ramp - Lagoon 26/27 Inner ramp shoal/ Mid ramp shoal	74
CM 23/60	some bioclasts, abundant skeletal grains calcite filled veins micritic matrix	moderately sorted subrounded mudstone fossiliferous micrite	19 Peritidal Zone/Inner ramp lagoon	75
CM 23/69	fine grained matrix filled veins	well sorted subrounded mudstone micrite	19 Peritidal Zone/Inner ramp lagoon	76

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Microfacies Analysis LV section

Sample	remarks/content	remarks	rmf-type	Stage
LV 3/1-30	some bioclasts skeletal grains	poorly sorted subangular wackestone fossiliferous micrite	24 peritidal zone	Tithonian
LV 3/3	abundant bioclasts burrows (?)	moderately sorted subrounded packstone sparse biomicrite	26 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal	
LV 3/10	skeletal grains bioclasts	moderately sorted rounded packstone poorly washed biosparite	26 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal	
LV 3/15	bioclasts laminated few skeletal grains	poorly sorted subangular mudstone micrite	22 peritidal	
LV 3/28	shells, bioclasts skeletal grains coated grains (?)	poorly sorted rounded packstone packed Biomicrite	26 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal	
LV 3/40	coated grains bioclasts skeletal grains peloids	moderately sorted rounded packstone packed biomicrite	26 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal	
LV 3/53	coated grains bioclasts skeletal grains peloids	poorly sorted subrounded grainstone unsorted biosparite	26 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal	
LV 3/63	encrusted grains skeletal grains	poorly sorted subangular/subrounded packstone poorly washed biosparite	14 inner ramp open marine	
LV 3/66-73	Andesit			Berriasian
LV 4/6	Andesit			
LV 5/3	rounded bioclasts laminated	poorly sorted subangular mudstone micrite	5 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin	
LV 5/20	echinoderms few skeletal grains	poorly sorted subrounded mudstone micrite	2 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin	
LV 5/24	some skeletal grains few echinoderms	poorly sorted subrounded mudstone micrite	2 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin	
LV 5/30	abundant bioclasts some skeletal grains	poorly sorted rounded wackestone sparse biomicrite	9 mid-ramp, outer ramp	
LV 5/35	abundant echinoderms abundant bioklasten	moderately sorted rounded mud-wackestone	5 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin	

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LV 5/47	abundant bioclasts echinoderms +/- laminated	poorly sorted subrounded mudstone fossiliferous micrite	5 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin	16
LV 5/58	few bioclasts evtl echinoderms laminated	moderately sorted rounded mudstone fossiliferous micrite	22 peritidal 5 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin 19 peritidal - inner ramp lagoon	17
LV 5/65	few bioclasts calcite filled veins	moderately rounded mudstone micrite	22 peritidal 5 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin 19 peritidal - inner ramp lagoon	18
LV 5/69	abundant bioclasts skeletal grains	poorly sorted subrounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	5 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin	19
LV 5/74	abundant skeletal grains few echinoderms	poorly sorted subangular mudstone fossiliferous micrite	5 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin	20
LV 5/82	abundant skeletal grains	poorly sorted subangular mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	5 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin	21
LV 5/86	abundant bioclasts laminated few skeletal grains	moderately sorted subrounded mudstone fossiliferous micrite	19 peritidal - inner ramp lagoon 3 mid-ramp, outer ramp (no burrows!)	22
LV 5/94	few skeletal grains laminated micritic intraclasts	poorly sorted subrounded mudstone fossiliferous micrite	19 peritidal - inner ramp lagoon 2 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin	23
LV 5/99	some skeletal grains +/- laminated calcite filled veins	poorly sorted subrounded mudstone fossiliferous micrite	19 peritidal - inner ramp lagoon	24
LV 6/1	abundant skeletal grains abundant bioclasts micritic intraclasts	poorly sorted subangular packstone packed biomicrite	9 mid-ramp, outer ramp	25
LV 6/10	few bioclasts few skeletal grains foraminifers	well sorted rounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	5 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin 9 mid-ramp, outer ramp	26
LV 6/14	few bioclasts micritic intraclasts laminated burrows (?)	well sorted rounded mudstone micrite	22 peritidal 19 peritidal - inner ramp lagoon	27
LV 6/20	abundant skeletal grains burrows some echinoderms	poorly sorted subrounded packstone packed biomicrite	3 mid-ramp, outer ramp	28
LV 6/29	abundant echinoderms few skeletal grains foraminifers	moderately sorted rounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	5 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin	29
LV 6/35	abundant peloids/bioclasts few skeletal grains	moderately sorted rounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	4 outer ramp	30
LV 6/41	abundant skeletal grains micritic intraclasts abundant echinoderms	poorly sorted subangular wackestone sparse biomicrite	9 mid-ramp, outer ramp	31

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Sample	remarks/content	remarks	rmf-type	Stage
LV 6/47	very few skeletal grains micritic intraclasts very few forams burrows (?)	well sorted rounded mudstone micrite	2 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin	Berriasian
LV 6/53	abundant peloids skeletal grains micritic intraclasts	moderately sorted rounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	4 outer ramp	
LV 6/58	burrows very few skeletal grains few peloids	moderately sorted subangular mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	2 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin 5 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin	
LV 7/2	abundant foraminifers abundant skeletal grains very few echinoderms few burrows	poorly sorted subangular packstone sparse biomicrite	3 mid-ramp, outer ramp 13 inner ramp - restricted, open marine	
LV 7/11	abundant skeletal grains some echinoderms very few micritic intraclasts borings (?)	poorly sorted subangular packstone packed biomicrite	7 inner ramp - restricted, open marine, mid-ramp 13 inner ramp - restricted, open marine	
LV 7/20	few foraminifera, some echinoderms abundant skeletal grains some micritic intraclasts burrows (?)	poorly sorted subangular wackestone-packstone sparse-packed biomicrite	3 mid-ramp, outer ramp 7 inner ramp - restricted, open marine, mid-ramp	
LV 7/25	abundant peloids abundant echinoderms some micritic intraclasts, burrows few skeletal grains	moderately sorted subrounded wackestone sparse biomicrite	3 mid-ramp, outer ramp 4 outer ramp	
LV 7/29	abundant echinoderms some skeletal grains some micritic intraclasts abundant peloids	moderately sorted subrounded wackestone sparse biomicrite	4 outer ramp 9 mid-ramp, outer ramp	Valanginian
LV 7/34	abundant echinoderms abundant skeletal grains abundant peloids/skeletal grain debris some micritic intraclasts, burrows (?)	poorly sorted angular wackestone-packstone sparse-packed biomicrite	8 mid-ramp 9 mid-ramp, outer ramp	
LV 8/2	abundant echinoderms abundant skeletal grains some peloids some micritic intraclasts, foraminifera (?)	poorly sorted subangular wackestone-packstone sparse-packed biomicrite	9 mid-ramp, outer ramp 7 inner ramp - restricted, open marine, mid-ramp	
LV 8/20	barely any matrix abundant echinoderms/debris	poorly sorted subangular grainstone unsorted biosparite	27 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal 10 mid-ramp, outer ramp	
LV 8/36	abundant echinoderms abundant micritic intraclasts some large skeletal grains (with borings) some peloids	poorly sorted subangular floatstone packed biomicrite	28 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal 15 Inner ramp - open marine 9 mid-ramp, outer ramp	
LV 8/43	abundant carbonate debris few echinoderms abundant burrows	well sorted subrounded grainstone sorted biosparite	8 mid-ramp 9 mid-ramp, outer ramp	
LV 8/50	abundant echinoderms abundant carbonate debris some micritic intraclasts	well sorted angular packstone-grainstone packed biomicrite	7 inner ramp - restricted, open marine, mid-ramp 9 mid-ramp, outer ramp 14 inner ramp - open marine	
LV 8/59	dominated by echinoderms/debris abundant carbonate debris some micritic intraclasts	poorly sorted subangular grainstone unsorted biosparite	27 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal 10 mid-ramp, outer ramp	
LV 8/87	abundant echinoderms abundant carbonate debris some micritic intraclasts some skeletal grains	moderately sorted rounded packstone-grainstone poorly washed biosparite	9 mid-ramp, outer ramp 27 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal	

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LV 8/91	abundant echinoderms/debris abundant carbonate debris/peloids some skeletal grains some micritic intraclasts	moderately sorted rounded packstone-grainstone poorly washed biosparite	27 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal 9 mid-ramp, outer ramp	Valanginian
LV 8/95	abundant echinoderms/debris abundant carbonate debris abundant skeletal grains some lithoclasts	poorly sorted subangular packstone packed biomicrite	26 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal 10 mid-ramp, outer ramp	
LV 8/103	abundant skeletal grains abundant echinoderms/debris few lithoclasts abundant carbonate debris, stromatoporida (?)	poorly sorted subrounded packstone-grainstone (?) unsorted biosparite	9 mid-ramp, outer ramp 10 mid-ramp, outer ramp	
LV 9/5	abundant skeletal grains abundant echinoderms/debris abundant carbonate debris few lithoclasts, stromatoporida (?)	moderately sorted subrounded grainstone unsorted biosparite	26 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal 27 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal 14 inner ramp - open marine (no ooids!)	
LV 9/16	abundant skeletal grains (same kind) abundant echinoderms/debris abundant carbonate debris few micritic intraclasts/multigrain-clasts	moderately sorted rounded grainstone unsorted biosparite	26 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal 27 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal 14 inner ramp - open marine (no ooids!)	Hauterivian
LV 9/24	abundant skeletal grains abundant echinoderms/debris abundant carbonate debris few micritic intraclasts/multigrain-clasts	well sorted rounded grainstone sorted biosparite	26 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal 27 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal 14 inner ramp - open marine (no ooids!)	
LV 9/32	abundant skeletal grains abundant echinoderms/debris abundant carbonate debris few micritic intraclasts, stromatoporida (?)	moderately sorted subrounded grainstone unsorted biosparite	26 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal 27 Inner ramp - mid-ramp shoal 14 inner ramp - open marine (no ooids!)	
LV 9/69	abundant peloids some foraminifera some skeletal grains few echinoderms	moderately sorted rounded wackestone packed biomicrite	4 outer ramp	
LV 9/79	abundant peloids/carbonate debris some foraminifera (?) some skeletal grains (very well preserved - few echinoderms	moderately sorted subrounded wackestone sparse biomicrite	4 outer ramp	
LV 9/87	abundant peloids/carbonate debris some skeletal grains some echinoderms foraminifera (?)	well sorted rounded mud-wackestone sparse biomicrite	4 outer ramp	
LV 9/102	abundant peloids/carbonate debris some skeletal grains (foraminifera ?) some echinoderms some micritic intraclasts	well sorted rounded mud-wackestone sparse biomicrite	4 outer ramp	
LV 9/129	abundant peloids/carbonate debris some skeletal grains some echinoderms few micritic intraclasts, some burrows	well sorted rounded mud-wackestone fossiliferous micrite	2 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin 4 outer ramp	
LV 9/143	abundant foraminifera abundant skeletal grains some micritic intraclasts	moderately sorted subangular wackestone sparse biomicrite	5 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin	
LV 9/149	laminated very few echinoderms very few skeletal grains few carbonate debris	well sorted rounded mudstone fossiliferous micrite	5 mid-ramp, outer ramp, basin	

Stable Isotope Analysis

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C & O Isotope Analysis shell material	Identifier 1	Identifier 2	d13C Mean V-PDB	d18O Mean V-PDB	Age
	CM 15-18	Heidelberg	-0,31	-8,64	Tithonian
	CM 16-22	Heidelberg	0,52	-10,20	
	CM 16-44	Heidelberg	-0,33	-5,49	
	CM 16-52	Heidelberg	-0,12	-10,01	
	CM 16-54	Heidelberg	0,11	-10,08	
	CM 16-100	Heidelberg	-7,64	-6,47	
	CM 16-102	Heidelberg	-14,35	-6,33	
	CM 17-2	Heidelberg	-0,63	-8,31	Berriasian
	CM 17-46	Heidelberg	-4,40	-7,84	
	CM 17-6	Heidelberg	-2,66	-8,22	
	CM 17-73	Heidelberg	-1,30	-7,99	
	CM 17-99	Heidelberg	0,26	-6,44	
	CM 17-102	Heidelberg	0,62	-6,03	
	CM 17-108	Heidelberg	0,45	-7,41	
	CM 17-111	Heidelberg	0,30	-7,44	
	CM 18-1.5	Heidelberg	0,62	-7,90	
	CM 18-3	Heidelberg	1,96	-2,98	
	CM 18-17	Heidelberg	1,43	-6,93	
	CM 18-19	Heidelberg	-0,01	-7,12	
	CM 18-24	Heidelberg	0,06	-3,65	
	CM 18-32	Heidelberg	0,25	-4,16	
	CM 18-37	Heidelberg	-1,20	-4,53	
	CM 18-42	Heidelberg	-5,99	-2,68	
	CM 18-50	Heidelberg	-1,07	-6,07	
	CM 18-52	Heidelberg	-0,12	-5,27	
	CM 18-54	Heidelberg	-0,25	-5,59	
	CM 18-57	Heidelberg	0,22	-5,57	
	CM 18-60	Heidelberg	0,16	-4,93	
	CM 18-62	Heidelberg	1,60	-7,07	
	CM 18-67	Heidelberg	0,46	-6,17	
	CM 18-70	Heidelberg	-0,10	-6,35	
	CM 19-1	Heidelberg	0,64	-2,83	
	CM 19-19	Heidelberg	-0,44	-6,36	
	CM 19-21	Heidelberg	1,08	-7,43	
	CM 19-24	Heidelberg	1,07	-7,44	
	CM 19-28	Heidelberg	-0,31	-5,23	
	CM 19-4	Heidelberg	0,31	-5,28	
	CM 20-0.1	Heidelberg	-0,86	-5,00	
	CM 20-12	Heidelberg	-1,91	-4,45	
	CM 20-22	Heidelberg	-1,13	-6,71	
	CM 20-26	Heidelberg	0,40	-8,07	
	CM 20-34	Heidelberg	-0,21	-7,82	
	CM 23-40	Heidelberg	1,03	-4,16	Hauterivian
	CM 23-66	Heidelberg	-1,71	-7,36	

C & O Isotope Analysis shell material	Identifier 1	Identifier 2	d13C Mean V-PDB	d18O Mean V-PDB	Age
	LV 3-6	Heidelberg	-0,28	-11,78	
	LV 3-6-c	Heidelberg	0,18	-11,74	
	LV 3-10	Heidelberg	-0,02	-14,10	
	LV 3-13	Heidelberg	-0,05	-10,14	
	LV 3-13-b	Heidelberg	0,40	-12,52	
	LV 3-15	Heidelberg	0,17	-12,73	
	LV 3-28	Heidelberg	-0,09	-12,81	
	LV 3-29	Heidelberg	0,42	-11,32	
	LV 3-40	Heidelberg	0,14	-10,51	
	LV 3-40-b	Heidelberg	-0,31	-12,23	
	LV 3-42	Heidelberg	0,00	-10,47	Tithonian
	LV 3-43	Heidelberg	-0,85	-6,39	
	LV 3-44	Heidelberg	0,41	-10,59	
	LV 3-44-b	Heidelberg	0,13	-11,68	
	LV 3-46	Heidelberg	-0,29	-9,75	
	LV 3-48	Heidelberg	0,18	-9,37	
	LV 3-48-b	Heidelberg	-0,33	0,42	
	LV 3-49	Heidelberg	-0,65	-8,07	
	LV 3-50	Heidelberg	-0,29	-7,17	
	LV 3-51	Heidelberg	-3,56	-7,29	
	LV 3-51-b	Heidelberg	-0,12	-10,93	
	LV 5-7	Heidelberg	-3,72	-10,83	
	LV 5-82	Heidelberg	1,28	-5,85	
	LV 5-89	Heidelberg	1,66	-8,95	
	LV 5-98	Heidelberg	0,70	-3,93	
	LV 6-1	Heidelberg	0,86	-8,33	
	LV 6-2	Heidelberg	0,26	-4,47	
	LV 6-16	Heidelberg	-0,27	-8,16	
	LV 6-20	Heidelberg	-0,42	-7,05	Berriasian
	LV 6-21	Heidelberg	-0,53	-7,95	
	LV 6-33	Heidelberg	0,13	-8,22	
	LV 6-41	Heidelberg	-1,50	-7,27	
	LV 6-53	Heidelberg	0,49	-3,39	
	LV 7-11	Heidelberg	-1,25	-7,62	
	LV 7-11-b	Heidelberg	-0,33	0,42	
	LV 7-12	Heidelberg	-4,42	-7,38	
	LV 7-26	Heidelberg	0,07	-8,18	
	LV 7-4	Heidelberg	-1,71	-4,67	
	LV 7-6	Heidelberg	-0,10	-7,59	
	LV 7-8	Heidelberg	-1,55	-7,67	Valanginian
	LV 8-2	Heidelberg	-0,44	-6,49	
	LV 8-3	Heidelberg	-0,54	-6,25	
	LV 8-36	Heidelberg	-0,10	-9,10	
	LV 9-16	Heidelberg	1,70	-6,68	Hauterivian
	LV 9-9	Heidelberg	1,89	-6,26	

Standards		C & O Isotope Analysis shell material		
10/17/15	Sol 2	Heidelberg	0,12	-5,81
10/16/15	Sol 2	Heidelberg	0,23	-5,80
10/16/15	Sol 2	Heidelberg	0,11	-5,92
10/17/15	Sol 2	Heidelberg	0,19	-5,70
10/15/15	Sol 2	Heidelberg	0,17	-5,76
10/14/15	Sol 2	Heidelberg	0,12	-5,71
10/14/15	Sol 2	Heidelberg	0,17	-5,73
10/14/15	Sol 2	Heidelberg	0,15	-5,86
10/14/15	Sol 2	Heidelberg	0,05	-5,86
10/14/15	Sol 2	Heidelberg	0,16	-5,72
10/13/15	Sol 2	Heidelberg	0,17	-5,80
10/13/15	Sol 2	Heidelberg	0,15	-5,89
10/13/15	Sol 2	Heidelberg	0,11	-5,77
10/14/15	Sol 2	Heidelberg	0,07	-5,74
10/17/15	Sol 2	Heidelberg	-0,02	-5,67
		mean	0,13	-5,78
		1 std.dev.	0,06	0,07
		spec	0,13	-5,78
10/16/15	Erl 5	Heidelberg	-49,10	-16,66
10/16/15	Erl 5	Heidelberg	-49,07	-16,79
10/17/15	Erl 5	Heidelberg	-49,28	-16,55
10/14/15	Erl 5	Heidelberg	-49,15	-16,61
10/14/15	Erl 5	Heidelberg	-49,22	-16,71
10/15/15	Erl 5	Heidelberg	-49,25	-16,69
10/13/15	Erl 5	Heidelberg	-49,19	-16,66
10/13/15	Erl 5	Heidelberg	-49,21	-16,75
10/13/15	Erl 5	Heidelberg	-49,14	-16,64
10/14/15	Erl 5	Heidelberg	-49,27	-16,63
10/17/15	Erl 5	Heidelberg	-49,20	-16,66
		mean	-49,19	-16,67
		1 std.dev.	0,07	0,06
		spec	-49,2	-16,67

C Isotope Analysis isolated organic matter	Identifier 1	Identifier 2	d13C permil V-PDB	Age
	CM 14-5	Brysch	-25,30	Tithonian
	CM 15-6.5	Brysch	-27,09	
	CM 15-8.4	Brysch	-27,68	
	CM 17-8	Brysch	-26,81	Berriasian
	CM 17-14	Brysch	-27,80	
	CM 17-16	Brysch	-25,37	
	CM 17-19	Brysch	-26,75	
	CM 17-20	Brysch	-27,12	
	CM 17-23	Brysch	-28,20	
	CM 17-24	Brysch	-25,00	
	CM 17-25	Brysch	-26,66	
	CM 17-28	Brysch	-25,75	
	CM 17-34	Brysch	-26,32	
	CM 17-35.5	Brysch	-27,57	
	CM 17-38	Brysch	-26,21	
	CM 17-44	Brysch	-27,19	
	CM 17-46	Brysch	-27,15	
	CM 17-48	Brysch	-27,74	
	CM 17-49	Brysch	-25,79	
	CM 17-51	Brysch	-26,76	
	CM 17-54	Brysch	-25,81	
	CM 17-57	Brysch	-27,14	
	CM 17-58	Brysch	-26,52	
	CM 17-60	Brysch	-26,63	
	CM 17-62	Brysch	-27,12	
	CM 17-64	Brysch	-26,30	
	CM 17-65	Brysch	-27,02	
	CM 17-68	Brysch	-27,61	
	CM 17-71	Brysch	-27,38	
	CM 17-73	Brysch	-26,57	
	CM 17-75	Brysch	-27,34	
	CM 17-77	Brysch	-24,99	
	CM 17-80	Brysch	-26,80	
	CM 17-81	Brysch	-25,44	
	CM 17-83	Brysch	-25,10	
	CM 17-86	Brysch	-25,27	
	CM 17-88	Brysch	-25,07	
	CM 17-91	Brysch	-26,15	
	CM 17-94	Brysch	-25,75	
	CM 17-97	Brysch	-25,82	
	CM 17-99	Brysch	-26,90	
	CM 17-102	Brysch	-26,28	
	CM 17-104	Brysch	-25,74	
	CM 17-108	Brysch	-26,29	
	CM 17-111	Brysch	-25,92	
	CM 17-114	Brysch	-24,54	
	CM 18-1.5	Brysch	-25,87	
	CM 18-09	Brysch	-25,34	
	CM 18-12	Brysch	-26,09	
	CM 18-15	Brysch	-25,79	
	CM 18-17	Brysch	-26,55	
	CM 18-19	Brysch	-25,78	
	CM 18-22	Brysch	-26,51	
	CM 18-24	Brysch	-25,86	

C Isotope Analysis isolated organic matter	Identifier 1	Identifier 2	d13C permil V-PDB	Age
	CM 18-30	Brysch	-26,98	Valanginian
	CM 18-62	Brysch	-26,10	
	CM 18-67	Brysch	-25,37	
	CM 18-9	Brysch	-25,34	
	CM 19-1	Brysch	-25,49	
	CM 19-4	Brysch	-24,22	
	CM 20-8	Brysch	-27,26	
	CM 20-16	Brysch	-27,85	
	CM 20-20	Brysch	-26,55	
	CM 20-30	Brysch	-27,96	
	CM 20-34	Brysch	-27,76	
	CM 21-1-8	Brysch	-28,55	
	CM 21-15	Brysch	-29,62	
	CM 21-15-29	Brysch	-28,07	
	CM 22-12	Brysch	-27,03	Hauterivian
	CM 22-70	Brysch	-26,20	
	CM 23-0.1	Brysch	-25,59	
	CM 23-4	Brysch	-26,38	
	CM 23-10	Brysch	-25,83	
	CM 23-18	Brysch	-26,30	
	CM 23-27	Brysch	-25,54	
	CM 23-34	Brysch	-26,63	
	CM 23-60	Brysch	-26,66	
	CM 23-69	Brysch	-27,82	

Standards	C Isotope Analysis isolated organic matter		
	urea	Brysch	-28,25
	urea	Brysch	-27,99
	urea	Brysch	-27,96
	urea	Brysch	-28,13
	urea	Brysch	-27,95
	urea	Brysch	-28,14
	urea	Brysch	-28,16
	urea	Brysch	-28,15
	urea	Brysch	-28,22
	urea	Brysch	-28,11
	urea	Brysch	-28,10
	urea	Brysch	-28,19
	urea	Brysch	-28,06
	urea	Brysch	-28,11
	urea	Brysch	-28,03
	urea	Brysch	-28,07
	urea	Brysch	-28,04
	urea	Brysch	-28,08
	urea	Brysch	-28,07
		avg	-28,09
		1 std.dev.	0,08
		spec	-28,10

C & O Isotope Analysis bulk rock CM section	Identifier 1	Identifier 2	d13C Mean V-PDB	d18O Mean V-PDB	Age
	CM 13-10.8	Brysch	1,26	-9,89	
	CM 13-18	Brysch	1,30	-8,68	
	CM 14-08	Brysch	0,02	-9,80	
	CM 14-08-3	Brysch	-0,17	-9,75	
	CM 14-13	Brysch	0,42	-9,72	
	CM 15-4	Brysch	-3,13	-9,31	
	CM 15-8.4	Brysch	-0,81	-10,06	
	CM 16-5	Brysch	0,48	-9,97	
	CM 16-7	Brysch	0,28	-9,74	
	CM 16-9	Brysch	0,65	-9,44	
	CM 16-11	Brysch	0,93	-9,07	
	CM 16-13	Brysch	0,48	-9,44	
	CM 16-16	Brysch	0,77	-9,40	
	CM 16-22	Brysch	0,98	-9,51	
	CM 16-24	Brysch	0,88	-9,20	
	CM 16-26	Brysch	0,81	-9,58	
	CM 16-28	Brysch	0,58	-9,82	
	CM 16-30	Brysch	0,67	-9,75	Tithonian
	CM 16-32	Brysch	0,41	-9,34	
	CM 16-36	Brysch	0,86	-9,76	
	CM 16-38	Brysch	0,78	-9,07	
	CM 16-44	Brysch	0,75	-9,11	
	CM 16-46	Brysch	0,50	-9,58	
	CM 16-48	Brysch	0,41	-9,28	
	CM 16-52	Brysch	0,41	-9,57	
	CM 16-54	Brysch	0,56	-9,53	
	CM 16-70	Brysch	0,52	-9,35	
	CM 16-74	Brysch	0,50	-9,32	
	CM 16-80	Brysch	0,01	-9,80	
	CM 16-86	Brysch	0,08	-9,23	
	CM 16-90	Brysch	0,18	-8,96	
	CM 16-96	Brysch	-0,13	-8,81	
	CM 16-98	Brysch	-0,32	-8,40	
	CM 16-100	Brysch	-0,57	-8,30	
	CM 16-102	Brysch	-0,70	-8,40	
	CM 17-0.15	Brysch	-2,09	-8,25	
	CM 17-1	Brysch	-2,73	-8,55	
	CM 17-2	Brysch	-1,48	-8,32	
	CM 17-4	Brysch	-1,39	-7,98	
	CM 17-5	Brysch	-0,97	-8,09	
	CM 17-7	Brysch	-1,44	-8,04	
	CM 17-8	Brysch	-1,96	-10,23	
	CM 17-14	Brysch	-1,46	-8,00	
	CM 17-15	Brysch	-1,79	-8,14	
	CM 17-16	Brysch	0,44	-5,64	
	CM 17-19	Brysch	-2,54	-8,20	
	CM 17-20	Brysch	-0,79	-8,30	
	CM 17-23	Brysch	-1,61	-8,60	
	CM 17-24	Brysch	-1,53	-8,30	
	CM 17-25	Brysch	-1,32	-8,38	
	CM 17-28	Brysch	-2,77	-8,85	Berriasian
	CM 17-30	Brysch	-2,95	-8,41	
	CM 17-34	Brysch	-1,20	-8,49	
	CM 17-35.5	Brysch	-2,06	-8,42	
	CM 17-38	Brysch	-0,80	-8,60	
	CM 17-40	Brysch	-2,80	-8,53	
	CM 17-42	Brysch	-1,14	-7,78	
	CM 17-44	Brysch	-1,34	-7,58	
	CM 17-46	Brysch	-1,82	-8,10	
	CM 17-48	Brysch	-3,32	-8,41	
	CM 17-49	Brysch	-0,89	-9,01	
	CM 17-51	Brysch	-3,06	-8,15	
	CM 17-54	Brysch	-0,54	-8,30	
	CM 17-57	Brysch	-1,44	-7,87	
	CM 17-58	Brysch	-0,51	-8,40	

C & O Isotope Analysis bulk rock CM section	Identifier 1	Identifier 2	d13C Mean V-PDB	d18O Mean V-PDB	Age
	CM 17-60	Brysch	-0,30	-7,98	
	CM 17-62	Brysch	-1,68	-7,86	
	CM 17-64	Brysch	-0,89	-8,19	
	CM 17-65	Brysch	-0,55	-9,04	
	CM 17-68	Brysch	-0,82	-8,02	
	CM 17-71	Brysch	-0,61	-7,84	
	CM 17-73	Brysch	-0,55	-8,38	
	CM 17-75	Brysch	-0,17	-8,16	
	CM 17-77	Brysch	0,43	-8,37	
	CM 17-80	Brysch	-0,09	-8,15	
	CM 17-81	Brysch	0,23	-8,47	
	CM 17-83	Brysch	0,39	-8,43	
	CM 17-86	Brysch	0,29	-8,57	
	CM 17-88	Brysch	-0,03	-8,12	
	CM 17-91	Brysch	0,36	-7,92	
	CM 17-94	Brysch	0,26	-8,53	
	CM 17-97	Brysch	0,18	-8,03	
	CM 17-99	Brysch	0,27	-7,05	Berriasian
	CM 17-102	Brysch	0,29	-7,86	
	CM 17-104	Brysch	0,42	-8,14	
	CM 17-106	Brysch	0,46	-7,78	
	CM 17-108	Brysch	0,34	-7,51	
	CM 17-111	Brysch	0,49	-7,50	
	CM 17-114	Brysch	0,10	-7,35	
	CM 18-1.5	Brysch	0,42	-7,37	
	CM 18-3	Brysch	0,52	-7,66	
	CM 18-7	Brysch	0,36	-7,06	
	CM 18-9	Brysch	0,20	-7,18	
	CM 18-12	Brysch	0,33	-7,27	
	CM 18-15	Brysch	0,20	-7,50	
	CM 18-17	Brysch	0,36	-7,38	
	CM 18-19	Brysch	-0,07	-7,27	
	CM 18-22	Brysch	-3,28	-7,23	
	CM 18-24	Brysch	-1,50	-7,20	
	CM 18-27	Brysch	-2,35	-7,15	
	CM 18-29	Brysch	-1,28	-7,05	
	CM 18-30	Brysch	-1,56	-7,03	
	CM 18-31	Brysch	-1,78	-6,97	
	CM 18-32	Brysch	-1,67	-7,15	
	CM 18-37	Brysch	-2,30	-7,18	
	CM 18-39	Brysch	-2,79	-6,94	
	CM 18-42	Brysch	-1,94	-6,96	
	CM 18-45	Brysch	-0,85	-7,21	
	CM 18-50	Brysch	-0,67	-7,00	
	CM 18-52	Brysch	0,06	-6,92	
	CM 18-54	Brysch	-0,08	-6,98	
	CM 18-60	Brysch	0,19	-7,02	
	CM 18-62	Brysch	0,40	-7,14	
	CM 18-67	Brysch	0,79	-7,44	
	CM 18-70	Brysch	0,08	-7,00	Valanginian
	CM 19-1	Brysch	-0,03	-6,43	
	CM 19-4	Brysch	-0,35	-6,96	
	CM 19-8	Brysch	0,23	-6,91	
	CM 19-10	Brysch	0,30	-6,98	
	CM 19-13	Brysch	0,28	-6,94	
	CM 19-17	Brysch	-0,20	-7,40	
	CM 19-19	Brysch	-0,37	-7,16	
	CM 19-21	Brysch	-0,22	-7,40	
	CM 19-24	Brysch	-0,50	-7,64	
	CM 19-28	Brysch	-0,31	-7,62	
	CM 20-0.1	Brysch	-1,15	-7,88	
	CM 20-8	Brysch	-2,01	-8,06	
	CM 20-12	Brysch	-1,43	-7,76	
	CM 20-16	Brysch	-3,00	-8,00	
	CM 20-18	Brysch	-2,57	-8,04	

C & O Isotope Analysis bulk rock CM section	Identifier 1	Identifier 2	d13C Mean V-PDB	d18O Mean V-PDB	Age
	CM 20-22	Brysch	-1,74	-7,71	Valanginian
	CM 20-26	Brysch	-1,79	-7,95	
	CM 20-30	Brysch	-2,16	-8,14	
	CM 20-34	Brysch	-0,93	-7,55	
	CM 21-1-8	Brysch	-0,98	-7,54	
	CM 21-8-15	Brysch	2,02	-4,86	
	CM 21-15-29	Brysch	-1,51	-7,48	
	CM 22-12	Brysch	1,44	-5,92	Hauterivian
	CM 22-15	Brysch	1,52	-5,71	
	CM 22-18	Brysch	1,71	-5,48	
	CM 22-21	Brysch	1,96	-5,06	
	CM 22-24	Brysch	2,07	-5,10	
	CM 22-44	Brysch	2,18	-4,81	
	CM 22-49	Brysch	1,91	-4,84	
	CM 22-52	Brysch	1,58	-5,24	
	CM 22-55	Brysch	2,16	-5,03	
	CM 22-59	Brysch	2,12	-4,94	
	CM 22-60	Brysch	1,57	-5,73	
	CM 22-64	Brysch	1,66	-5,77	
	CM 22-67	Brysch	1,42	-5,91	
	CM 22-70	Brysch	-0,32	-5,81	
	CM 23-0.1	Brysch	0,22	-5,71	
	CM 23-4	Brysch	-0,05	-6,01	
	CM 23-10	Brysch	0,15	-6,07	
	CM 23-15	Brysch	0,59	-5,81	
	CM 23-18	Brysch	0,07	-5,73	
	CM 23-27	Brysch	0,40	-5,80	
	CM 23-34	Brysch	0,80	-5,83	
	CM 23-40	Brysch	0,69	-5,38	
	CM 23-46	Brysch	0,79	-5,77	
	CM 23-60	Brysch	0,09	-5,74	
	CM 23-66	Brysch	0,34	-5,93	
	CM 23-69	Brysch	0,35	-6,09	

Standards	C & O Isotope Analysis bulk rock CM section		
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,07	-16,73
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,27	-16,72
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,20	-16,60
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,24	-16,64
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,22	-16,70
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,18	-16,69
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,20	-16,63
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,04	-16,68
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,29	-16,70
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,20	-16,67
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,28	-16,61
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,09	-16,70
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,20	-16,71
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,28	-16,59
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,18	-16,72
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,20	-16,68
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,23	-16,61
Erl 5	Brysch	-49,25	-16,68
	mean	-49,20	-16,67
	1 std.dev.	0,07	0,04
	spec	-49,20	-16,67
Sol 2	Brysch	0,16	-5,69
Sol 2	Brysch	0,15	-5,72
Sol 2	Brysch	0,11	-5,81
Sol 2	Brysch	0,11	-5,84
Sol 2	Brysch	0,14	-5,75
Sol 2	Brysch	0,18	-5,79
Sol 2	Brysch	0,16	-5,81
Sol 2	Brysch	0,10	-5,77
Sol 2	Brysch	0,15	-5,76
Sol 2	Brysch	0,15	-5,78
Sol 2	Brysch	0,21	-5,70
Sol 2	Brysch	0,15	-5,80
Sol 2	Brysch	0,12	-5,74
Sol 2	Brysch	0,08	-5,88
Sol 2	Brysch	0,11	-5,79
Sol 2	Brysch	0,18	-5,72
Sol 2	Brysch	0,16	-5,74
Sol 2	Brysch	0,16	-5,72
Sol 2	Brysch	0,09	-5,86
Sol 2	Brysch	0,19	-5,75
Sol 2	Brysch	0,11	-5,72
Sol 2	Brysch	0,11	-5,83
Sol 2	Brysch	0,08	-5,82
Sol 2	Brysch	0,17	-5,79
Sol 2	Brysch	0,05	-5,87
	mean	0,13	-5,78
	1 std.dev.	0,04	0,05
	spec	0,13	-5,78

C & O Isotope Analysis bulk rock LV section	Identif 1	Identif 2	d13C Mean V-PDB	d18O Mean V-PDB	Age
	LV 3-0.2	Brysch	0,34	-13,24	
	LV 3-1-30	Brysch	0,29	-10,85	
	LV 3-3	Brysch	-0,13	-11,39	
	LV 3-6	Brysch	-0,09	-12,65	
	LV 3-10	Brysch	-2,36	-14,55	
	LV 3-15	Brysch	0,35	-13,11	
	LV 3-17	Brysch	-0,06	-12,54	
	LV 3-19	Brysch	-0,03	-12,62	
	LV 3-21	Brysch	0,67	-12,16	
	LV 3-23	Brysch	-0,59	-12,40	
	LV 3-26	Brysch	-0,54	-11,74	
	LV 3-28	Brysch	-0,12	-11,92	
	LV 3-31	Brysch	-0,54	-12,39	
	LV 3-33	Brysch	-0,36	-12,69	
	LV 3-35	Brysch	-0,15	-12,62	Tithonian
	LV 3-37	Brysch	-0,01	-12,54	
	LV 3-40	Brysch	0,24	-12,13	
	LV 3-42	Brysch	0,09	-11,69	
	LV 3-44	Brysch	-0,16	-11,15	
	LV 3-46	Brysch	0,06	-11,04	
	LV 3-48	Brysch	-0,23	-11,19	
	LV 3-50	Brysch	0,07	-10,65	
	LV 3-52	Brysch	-0,73	-10,73	
	LV 3-53	Brysch	-0,42	-10,86	
	LV 3-55	Brysch	-0,21	-12,63	
	LV 3-56.5	Brysch	-1,49	-10,09	
	LV 3-58	Brysch	0,51	-10,50	
	LV 3-63	Brysch	0,40	-11,16	
	LV 4-6	Brysch	-6,44	-13,98	
	LV 5-1	Brysch	-4,40	-14,14	
	LV 5-3	Brysch	-3,44	-11,26	
	LV 5-5	Brysch	-3,76	-12,59	
	LV 5-7	Brysch	-3,19	-11,05	
	LV 5-12	Brysch	-2,96	-10,77	
	LV 5-14	Brysch	-3,72	-9,45	
	LV 5-15	Brysch	-3,47	-10,99	
	LV 5-17	Brysch	-4,16	-10,72	
	LV 5-19	Brysch	-2,73	-10,78	
	LV 5-20	Brysch	-2,88	-10,83	
	LV 5-22	Brysch	-3,18	-10,70	
	LV 5-24	Brysch	-2,42	-10,57	
	LV 5-26	Brysch	-1,75	-10,73	
	LV 5-28	Brysch	-6,45	-10,33	
	LV 5-29	Brysch	-0,10	-9,66	
	LV 5-30	Brysch	-2,35	-9,62	Berriasian
	LV 5-32	Brysch	-1,72	-10,39	
	LV 5-35	Brysch	-1,61	-10,17	
	LV 5-37	Brysch	-2,01	-9,60	
	LV 5-39	Brysch	-1,80	-9,54	
	LV 5-40	Brysch	-2,48	-9,70	
	LV 5-41	Brysch	-1,99	-10,24	
	LV 5-43	Brysch	-4,37	-9,62	
	LV 5-44	Brysch	-1,36	-10,94	
	LV 5-45	Brysch	-1,54	-9,95	
	LV 5-47	Brysch	-1,45	-10,01	
	LV 5-50	Brysch	-1,43	-9,67	
	LV 5-51	Brysch	-1,62	-9,56	
	LV 5-55	Brysch	-1,88	-9,60	
	LV 5-58	Brysch	-0,34	-9,64	
	LV 5-60	Brysch	-0,60	-9,67	
	LV 5-62	Brysch	1,84	-11,25	

C & O Isotope Analysis bulk rock LV section	Identifier 1	Identifier 2	d13C Mean V-PDB	d18O Mean V-PDB	Age
	LV 5-63	Brysch	-1,44	-10,27	
	LV 5-64	Brysch	-0,94	-9,38	
	LV 5-67	Brysch	-0,53	-10,11	
	LV 5-68	Brysch	-0,49	-8,72	
	LV 5-69	Brysch	-0,53	-9,36	
	LV 5-71	Brysch	-0,73	-9,29	
	LV 5-73	Brysch	-0,87	-9,49	
	LV 5-74	Brysch	-0,53	-9,25	
	LV 5-75	Brysch	-0,48	-9,45	
	LV 5-76	Brysch	-0,03	-9,24	
	LV 5-77	Brysch	-1,22	-8,67	
	LV 5-80	Brysch	-0,66	-8,70	
	LV 5-84	Brysch	-0,26	-9,35	
	LV 5-86	Brysch	-0,30	-9,06	
	LV 5-88	Brysch	0,10	-9,14	
	LV 5-89	Brysch	0,00	-9,71	
	LV 5-90	Brysch	-0,03	-9,01	Berriasian
	LV 5-92	Brysch	0,01	-8,96	
	LV 5-94	Brysch	0,14	-8,93	
	LV 5-97	Brysch	0,34	-8,42	
	LV 6-4	Brysch	-0,52	-8,50	
	LV 6-10	Brysch	-0,04	-8,34	
	LV 6-15	Brysch	-0,85	-8,13	
	LV 6-20	Brysch	-0,84	-7,59	
	LV 6-25	Brysch	-0,27	-8,23	
	LV 6-29	Brysch	-0,10	-8,14	
	LV 6-34	Brysch	-0,42	-7,91	
	LV 6-45	Brysch	-0,21	-8,79	
	LV 6-50	Brysch	0,23	-8,14	
	LV 6-55	Brysch	-0,06	-7,89	
	LV 6-65	Brysch	-0,10	-7,83	
	LV 7-3	Brysch	-2,06	-7,67	
	LV 7-16	Brysch	-0,79	-7,92	
	LV 7-25	Brysch	-1,18	-7,97	
	LV 7-28	Brysch	-1,19	-8,11	
	LV 7-34	Brysch	-1,28	-8,12	
	LV 8-20-36	Brysch	-1,30	-7,67	
	LV 8-36	Brysch	-1,50	-8,71	
	LV 8-41	Brysch	-1,47	-7,14	
	LV 8-46	Brysch	-1,11	-7,46	
	LV 8-54	Brysch	-0,85	-6,94	Valanginian
	LV 8-59	Brysch	-0,76	-6,50	
	LV 8-83	Brysch	1,10	-7,12	
	LV 8-87	Brysch	0,94	-7,36	
	LV 8-91	Brysch	0,74	-7,50	
	LV 8-99	Brysch	0,51	-5,92	
	LV 8-103	Brysch	0,93	-7,20	
	LV 9-5	Brysch	1,65	-7,13	
	LV 9-12	Brysch	1,70	-6,98	
	LV 9-20	Brysch	1,85	-6,54	
	LV 9-24	Brysch	2,12	-5,86	
	LV 9-32	Brysch	2,29	-5,57	
	LV 9-69	Brysch	0,24	-6,03	Hauterivian
	LV 9-71	Brysch	0,34	-6,12	
	LV 9-87	Brysch	0,29	-8,51	
	LV 9-102	Brysch	-0,12	-6,38	
	LV 9-115	Brysch	0,37	-6,57	
	LV 9-129	Brysch	0,42	-6,49	
	LV 9-143	Brysch	0,29	-7,20	

Standards	C & O Isotope Analysis bulk rock LV section		
Sol 2	Brysch	0,21	-5,72
Sol 2	Brysch	0,15	-5,73
Sol 2	Brysch	0,08	-5,84
Sol 2	Brysch	0,06	-5,90
Sol 2	Brysch	0,19	-5,71
Sol 2	Brysch	0,12	-5,85
Sol 2	Brysch	0,12	-5,76
Sol 2	Brysch	0,10	-5,80
Sol 2	Brysch	0,12	-5,68
Sol 2	Brysch	0,13	-5,83
Sol 2	Brysch	0,10	-5,83
Sol 2	Brysch	0,19	-5,75
Sol 2	Brysch	0,08	-5,83
Sol 2	Brysch	0,18	-5,71
Sol 2	Brysch	0,10	-5,78
Sol 2	Brysch	0,10	-5,80
Sol 2	Brysch	0,11	-5,79
Sol 2	Brysch	0,19	-5,80
Sol 2	Brysch	0,13	-5,71
Sol 2	Brysch	0,12	-5,80
Sol 2	Brysch	0,16	-5,76
Sol 2	Brysch	0,08	-5,84
Sol 2	Brysch	0,18	-5,77
Sol 2	Brysch	0,12	-5,70
	avg	0,13	-5,78
	1 std.dev.	0,04	0,06
	spec	0,13	-5,78
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,26	-16,75
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,23	-16,68
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,15	-16,69
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,23	-16,71
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,20	-16,61
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,22	-16,71
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,19	-16,64
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,24	-16,69
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,17	-16,62
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,08	-16,61
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,23	-16,67
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,25	-16,69
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,24	-16,69
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,13	-16,68
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,24	-16,72
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,18	-16,66
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,23	-16,63
Erl-5	Brysch	-49,09	-16,59
	avg	-49,20	-16,67
	1 std.dev.	0,05	0,04
	spec	-49,2	-16,67

TOC/TIC, Carbon/Nitrogen/Sulphur
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TOC/TIC CM section	Nr.	Sample	N [%]	C _{total} [%]	S [%]	C _{org} [%]	TIC [%]	CaCO ₃ [%]	Corg/N							
Berriasian	49	CM 17/75	0,112	9,47	0,055	2,16	7,31	60,92	19							
	48	CM 17/73	0,110	9,60	0,023	2,07	7,53	62,73	19							
	47	CM 17/71	0,09	9,37	0,044	1,88	7,49	62,38	22							
	46	CM 17/65	0,087	7,63	0,036	1,67	5,96	49,67	19							
	45	CM 17/64	0,105	6,45	0,036	0,93	5,52	46,02	9							
	44	CM 17/58	0,111	7,93	0,062	1,27	6,67	55,55	11							
	43	CM 17/57	0,055	10,67	0,039	1,57	9,10	75,81	28							
	42	CM 17/54	0,107	8,55	0,018	1,99	6,56	54,67	19							
	41	CM 17/51	0,056	8,90	0,024	0,78	8,12	67,64	14							
	40	CM 17/49	0,107	6,61	0,020	1,24	5,38	44,80	12							
	39	CM 17/46	0,057	9,12	0,021	0,92	8,20	68,31	16							
	38	CM 17/44	0,079	8,36	0,017	0,92	7,45	62,04	12							
	37	CM 17/42	0,082	7,94	0,024	0,77	7,16	59,68	9							
	36	CM 17/40	0,068	6,65	0,013	0,84	5,81	48,42	12							
	35	CM 17/38	0,053	11,88	0,022	1,38	10,51	87,51	26							
	34	CM 17/35.5	0,079	5,24	0,024	0,87	4,38	36,46	11							
	33	CM 17/34	0,052	10,93	0,025	1,24	9,69	80,73	24							
	32	CM 17/25	0,067	6,19	0,035	1,19	5,00	41,64	18							
	31	CM 17/23	0,025	9,83	0,033	0,63	9,20	76,62	25							
	30	CM 17/19	0,054	10,54	0,028	0,41	10,13	84,39	8							
	29	CM 17/16	0,049	8,25	0,030	2,04	6,20	51,68	42							
28	CM 17/8	0,019	7,36	0,061	2,31	5,05	42,03	121								
27	CM 17/7	0,072	8,07	0,056	1,50	6,57	54,71	21								
26	CM17/6	0,063	8,76	0,045	2,10	6,66	55,46	33								
25	CM 17/5	0,037	9,91	0,047	1,78	8,13	67,76	48								
24	CM 17/4	0,042	9,80	0,033	0,70	9,10	75,84	17								
23	CM 17/2	0,043	7,40	0,100	1,34	6,07	50,52	31								
22	CM 17/1	0,032	7,32	0,089	1,45	5,87	48,86	45								
21	CM 17/0.15	0,015	6,98	0,029	0,33	6,65	55,43	22								
Tithonian	20	CM 16/102	0,011	0,011	5,68	5,65	0,029	0,033	0,34	0,26	5,34	5,40	44,47	44,95	30	28,25
	19	CM 16/100	0,009	0,005	6,55	1,55	0,027	0,033	0,26	0,19	6,29	1,44	52,43	11,97	30	32,73
	18	CM 16/96	0,010		5,53		0,027		0,16		5,37		44,73		16	
	17	CM 16/86	0,013		6,23		0,016		0,37		5,86		48,81		28	
	16	CM 16/80	0,019		3,25		0,014		0,18		3,07		25,59		10	
	15	CM 16/74	0,006		8,36		0,017		0,82		7,54		62,85		148	
	14	CM 16/70	0,010		5,63		0,011		0,26		5,37		44,72		27	
	13	CM 16/48	0,007		5,45		0,013		0,11		5,34		44,47		15	
	12	CM 16/44	0,008		4,88		0,019		0,17		4,71		39,20		20	
	11	CM 16/32	0,009		4,94		0,022		0,11		4,83		40,25		11	
	10	CM 16/28	0,019		2,84		0,007		0,07		2,77		23,06		4	
	9	CM 16/26	0,014		5,34		0,011		0,12		5,22		43,51		8	
	8	CM 16/25	0,007		5,16		0,013		0,17		4,99		41,59		23	
	7	CM 16/22	0,011		6,87		0,017		0,19		6,68		55,68		18	
	6	CM 16/13	0,014		5,13		0,017		0,10		5,03		41,92		7	
	5	CM 16/9	0,006		6,07		0,027		0,19		5,87		48,93		35	
	4	CM 16/5	0,010		6,17		0,059		0,14		6,02		50,19		14	
3	CM 15/8.4	0,019		3,64		0,109		0,50		3,15		26,20		26		
2	CM 15/4	0,019		5,69		0,116		0,22		5,48		45,61		12		
1	CM 14/13	0,008		9,62		0,088		0,64		8,97		74,76		83		

TOC/TIC LV section	Nr.	Sample	N [%]		C _{total} [%]		S [%]		C _{org} [%]		TIC [%]		CaCO ₃ [%]		Corg/N	
Hauterivian	76	LV9/143	0,010	0,021	11,12	9,08	0,01	0,08	0,53	0,65	10,6	8,43	88,1	70,20	56	36,59
	75	LV9/102	0,011	0,012	8,27	1,36	0,05	0,07	0,44	0,24	7,8	1,44	65,2	12,02	39	14,94
	74	LV9/87	0,033		8,50		0,18		1,00		7,5		62,5		30	
	73	LV9/71	0,030		8,43		0,09		0,64		7,8		64,9		21	
Valanginian	72	LV8/87	0,023	0,01	10,17	8,62	0,01	0,02	0,14	0,21	10,0	8,41	83,6	70,04	6	50,16
	71	LV8/46	0,004	0,01	7,43	1,41	0,01	0,01	0,24	0,06	7,2	1,47	59,9	12,22	54	42,23
	70	LV7/28	0,003		8,25		0,03		0,25		8,0		66,6		90	
Berriaisian	69	LV7/16	0,004	0,08	8,52	7,53	0,03	0,76	0,19	1,87	8,3	5,66	69,4	47,16	53	35,18
	68	LV7/3	0,024	0,09	7,95	2,27	0,06	1,10	0,75	0,97	7,2	2,22	59,9	18,49	31	19,38
	67	LV6/65	0,011		10,57		0,07		0,89		9,7		80,7		79	
	66	LV6/55	0,014		8,66		0,12		0,66		8,0		66,6		46	
	65	LV6/50	0,030		9,48		0,42		1,37		8,1		67,5		45	
	64	LV6/45	0,024		8,00		0,03		0,57		7,4		61,9		24	
	63	LV6/34	0,020		7,90		0,42		0,91		7,0		58,2		45	
	62	LV6/29	0,032		6,78		0,94		1,46		5,3		44,3		46	
	61	LV6/25	0,067		3,35		0,55		1,41		1,9		16,2		21	
	60	LV6/20	0,008		7,88		0,06		0,48		7,4		61,7		57	
	59	LV6/15	0,041		5,81		0,29		0,88		4,9		41,0		22	
	58	LV6/10	0,039		7,97		0,18		0,81		7,2		59,6		21	
	57	LV6/4	0,036		8,11		0,23		1,25		6,9		57,1		35	
	56	LV5/94	0,038		7,07		0,07		0,78		6,3		52,4		21	
	55	LV5/92	0,105		8,92		0,24		1,89		7,0		58,6		18	
	54	LV5/90	0,102		9,00		0,48		1,92		7,1		59,0		19	
	53	LV5/88	0,116		7,90		1,15		1,96		5,9		49,4		17	
	52	LV5/86	0,108		9,17		0,21		2,95		6,2		51,8		27	
	51	LV5/84	0,110		9,40		0,10		2,65		6,7		56,2		24	
	50	LV5/83	0,103		8,35		0,15		2,10		6,2		52,0		21	
	49	LV5/80	0,082		8,78		0,51		2,47		6,3		52,6		30	
	48	LV5/77	0,047		8,74		0,65		1,60		7,1		59,4		34	
	47	LV5/76	0,025		11,31		0,29		1,46		9,9		82,1		59	
	46	LV5/75	0,099		7,31		0,86		2,50		4,8		40,0		25	
	45	LV5/74	0,108		8,45		2,32		4,39		4,1		33,8		41	
	44	LV5/73	0,091		7,71		0,61		1,53		6,2		51,5		17	
	43	LV5/71	0,103		5,97		1,30		1,34		4,6		38,6		13	
	42	LV5/69	0,063		8,66		0,25		1,17		7,5		62,3		19	
	41	LV5/68	0,051		7,67		0,34		1,11		6,6		54,6		21	
	40	LV5/67	0,158		7,34		0,14		2,35		5,0		41,5		15	
	39	LV5/64	0,119		9,61		0,48		3,51		6,1		50,8		29	
	38	LV5/63	0,091		9,16		0,24		2,60		6,6		54,7		29	
	37	LV5/62	0,122		3,15		7,97		2,20		1,0		8,0		18	
	36	LV5/60	0,114		10,12		0,25		3,35		6,8		56,4		29	
	35	LV5/58	0,771		11,59		0,25		4,70		6,9		57,5		6	
	34	LV5/55	0,075		9,30		0,10		0,99		8,3		69,2		13	
	33	LV5/54	0,135		1,47		0,06		1,10		0,4		3,1		8	
	32	LV5/51	0,064		5,41		2,41		2,29		3,1		26,1		36	
	31	LV5/50	0,070		7,79		0,91		2,00		5,8		48,3		28	
	30	LV5/47	0,087		6,71		0,97		2,18		4,5		37,8		25	
	29	LV5/45	0,106		8,70		0,61		3,10		5,6		46,6		29	
	28	LV5/44	0,100		4,65		1,75		2,37		2,3		19,0		24	
	27	LV5/43	0,040		8,87		0,29		1,89		7,0		58,1		48	
	26	LV5/41	0,080		5,45		2,31		3,58		1,9		15,6		45	
	25	LV5/40	0,066		8,52		1,08		2,40		6,1		50,9		36	
	24	LV5/39	0,053		9,17		0,99		2,45		6,7		56,0		46	
	23	LV5/37	0,038		7,94		0,82		2,00		5,9		49,5		52	
22	LV5/35	0,120		8,45		1,00		2,05		6,4		53,4		17		
21	LV5/32	0,063		8,62		0,39		1,99		6,6		55,2		32		
20	LV5/30	0,068		7,76		2,04		2,45		5,3		44,2		36		
19	LV5/28	0,018		10,73		0,17		1,17		9,6		79,6		66		
18	LV5/26	0,072		8,32		0,78		2,37		6,0		49,6		33		
17	LV5/24	0,052		9,36		0,79		1,83		7,5		62,7		36		
16	LV5/22	0,071		7,20		1,20		2,11		5,1		42,4		30		
15	LV5/20	0,089		7,02		1,69		2,74		4,3		35,6		31		
14	LV5/19	0,085		7,16		1,10		2,82		4,3		36,1		33		
13	LV5/17	0,053		6,55		1,45		2,12		4,4		36,9		40		
12	LV5/15	0,093		7,06		1,98		4,03		3,0		25,3		43		
11	LV5/14	0,023		7,02		0,96		1,13		5,9		49,0		50		
10	LV5/12	0,025		9,86		0,41		1,16		8,7		72,5		47		
9	LV5/7	0,019		5,79		1,50		2,10		3,7		30,7		110		
8	LV5/5	0,034		4,90		0,03		1,62		3,3		27,3		48		
7	LV5/3	0,034		6,05		0,04		1,30		4,8		39,6		38		
6	LV5/1	0,034		3,89		0,02		0,91		3,0		24,8		26		
5	LV4/18	0,004		0,40		0,00		0,41		0,0		-0,1		107		
4	LV4/6	0,008		0,39		0,00		0,39		0,0		0,0		50		
Tithonian	3	LV3/63	0,006	0,004	6,73	6,12	0,005	0,007	0,25	0,22	6,5	5,90	54,0	49,15	40	58,48
	2	LV3/40	0,003	0,002	5,49	0,62	0,005	0,003	0,25	0,04	5,2	0,62	43,7	5,19	75	17,23
	1	LV3/15	0,003		6,15		0,010		0,17		6,0		49,8		60	

TOC/TIC Nevenka 1	Nr.	Sample	N [%]	C _{total} [%]	S [%]	C _{org} [%]	TIC [%]	CaCO ₃ [%]	Corg/N
Early Aptian	63	Nev 63	0,058 0,03	3,41 1,89	0,168 0,32	2,70 0,98	0,7 0,92	5,8 7,64	46 22,73
	62	Nev 62	0,020 0,02	1,70 1,05	0,231 0,17	0,26 1,17	1,4 0,35	12,0 2,93	13 16,19
	61	Nev 61	0,022	0,98	0,322	0,25	0,7	6,1	11
	60	Nev 60	0,034	1,49	0,564	0,70	0,8	6,6	20
Late Barremian	59	Nev 59	0,054 0,05	2,12 2,88	1,312 0,49	1,56 1,76	0,6 1,12	4,7 9,36	29 31,51
	58	Nev 58	0,042 0,03	2,46 1,90	1,027 0,45	1,12 1,84	1,3 0,62	11,2 5,16	27 16,04
	57	Nev 57	0,104	4,64	1,298	3,79	0,9	7,1	36
	56	Nev 56	0,077	3,16	1,533	2,25	0,9	7,6	29
	55	Nev 55	0,032	1,26	1,004	0,59	0,7	5,6	19
	54	Nev 54	0,050	2,20	1,189	1,13	1,1	8,9	22
	53	Nev 53	0,041	1,29	0,708	0,64	0,7	5,5	15
	52	Nev 52	0,041	2,92	0,733	0,61	2,3	19,3	15
	51	Nev 51	0,039	1,74	1,225	0,92	0,8	6,8	23
	50	Nev 50	0,033	1,02	1,048	0,59	0,4	3,6	18
	49	Nev 49	0,042	1,95	1,304	0,61	1,3	11,1	15
	48	Nev 48	0,027	4,33	0,235	0,44	3,9	32,5	16
	47	Nev 47	0,032	1,65	1,268	0,48	1,2	9,8	15
	46	Nev 46	0,039	1,73	0,851	0,64	1,1	9,1	16
	45	Nev 45	0,037	3,04	0,668	1,33	1,7	14,3	36
	44	Nev 44	0,029	4,14	0,517	1,15	3,0	24,9	40
	43	Nev 43	0,024	2,79	0,853	0,84	2,0	16,3	34
	42	Nev 42	0,023	2,56	1,100	0,76	1,8	15,0	33
	41	Nev 41	0,021	1,79	1,029	0,97	0,8	6,8	47
	40	Nev 40	0,066	3,43	0,594	2,84	0,6	4,9	43
	39	Nev 39	0,031	2,56	1,524	1,25	1,3	11,0	41
	38	Nev 38	0,042	1,41	0,539	0,88	0,5	4,4	21
	37	Nev 37	0,021	1,26	0,213	0,97	0,3	2,4	46
	36	Nev 36	0,016	1,59	0,059	0,94	0,7	5,5	58
	35	Nev 35	0,018	1,47	0,048	0,61	0,9	7,2	33
	34	Nev 34	0,021	1,16	0,156	0,52	0,6	5,3	24
	33	Nev 33	0,021	1,89	0,071	0,86	1,0	8,6	41
	32	Nev 32	0,081	7,26	0,189	6,83	0,4	3,6	84
	31	Nev 31	0,033	2,96	0,100	1,84	1,1	9,4	55
	30	Nev 30	0,060	4,81	0,134	3,52	1,3	10,8	59
29	Nev 29	0,030	2,43	0,048	1,58	0,9	7,1	53	
28	Nev 28	0,073	5,62	0,130	4,48	1,1	9,5	61	
27	Nev 27	0,060	4,53	0,170	2,74	1,8	14,9	46	
26	Nev 26	0,036	2,52	0,220	1,04	1,5	12,3	29	
25	Nev 25	0,045	1,58	0,586	0,75	0,8	6,9	17	
24	Nev 24	0,039	1,09	0,378	0,43	0,7	5,5	11	
23	Nev 23	0,041	2,20	0,121	0,90	1,3	10,8	22	
22	Nev 22	0,035	1,57	0,181	0,54	1,0	8,5	16	
21	Nev 21	0,078	5,89	0,160	4,18	1,7	14,2	54	
20	Nev 20	0,038	2,11	0,078	1,36	0,8	6,3	36	
19	Nev 19	0,045	2,41	0,201	1,38	1,0	8,6	31	
18	Nev 18	0,042	1,65	0,269	0,64	1,0	8,4	15	
17	Nev 17	0,038	1,21	0,183	0,53	0,7	5,7	14	
16	Nev 16	0,028	1,33	0,332	0,29	1,0	8,7	10	
15	Nev 15	0,032	1,42	0,113	0,30	1,1	9,3	9	
14	Nev 14	0,046	3,55	0,093	1,70	1,9	15,5	37	
13	Nev 13	0,041	1,20	0,356	0,44	0,8	6,3	11	
12	Nev 12	0,045	1,48	0,250	0,67	0,8	6,8	15	
11	Nev 11	0,045	1,22	0,322	0,55	0,7	5,6	12	
10	Nev 10	0,061	4,05	0,112	2,33	1,7	14,3	38	
9	Nev 9	0,079	4,27	0,248	2,54	1,7	14,4	32	
8	Nev 8	0,052	2,33	0,131	1,36	1,0	8,1	26	
7	Nev 7	0,162	8,05	0,802	7,09	1,0	8,1	44	
6	Nev 6	0,169	10,17	0,147	9,24	0,9	7,7	55	
5	Nev 5	0,042	1,83	0,213	1,03	0,8	6,7	25	
4	Nev 4	0,119	7,19	0,138	6,03	1,2	9,7	51	
3	Nev 3	0,087	4,34	0,147	3,68	0,7	5,5	42	
2	Nev 2	0,064	2,80	0,216	2,29	0,5	4,3	36	
1	Nev 1	0,102	3,26	0,055	2,12	1,1	9,4	21	

TOC/TIC Sofia 1	Nr.	Sample	N [%]		C _{total} [%]		S [%]		C _{org} [%]	TIC [%]			CaCO ₃ [%]		Corg/N	
Hauterivian to Aptian	60	SOF 60	0,003	0,02	0,86	1,58	0,18	0,50	0,42	0,27	0,45	1,32	3,71	10,97	121,84	18,55
	59	SOF 59	0,017	0,01	1,39	0,90	0,17	0,47	0,24	0,12	1,15	0,82	9,60	6,86	14,22	21,42
	58	SOF 58	0,026		0,66		0,33		0,18		0,48		3,98		7,06	
	57	SOF 57	0,015		1,73		0,14		0,30		1,42		11,85		19,66	
	56	SOF 56	0,019		1,18		0,30		0,20		0,98		8,19		10,55	
	55	SOF 55	0,017		1,10		0,09		0,20		0,90		7,50		11,23	
	54	SOF 54	0,023		1,02		0,12		0,17		0,84		7,04		7,47	
	53	SOF 53	0,013		1,06		0,17		0,18		0,88		7,32		14,01	
	52	SOF 52	0,024		1,24		0,31		0,28		0,96		7,96		11,62	
	51	SOF 51	0,026		1,21		0,31		0,23		0,99		8,22		8,71	
	50	SOF 50	0,023		0,84		0,11		0,18		0,66		5,48		7,69	
	49	SOF 49	0,020		0,49		0,07		0,14		0,35		2,88		6,98	
	48	SOF 48	0,010		0,51		0,23		0,17		0,34		2,80		16,84	
	47	SOF 47	0,019		0,73		0,30		0,20		0,52		4,35		10,93	
	46	SOF 46	0,024		0,75		0,25		0,18		0,57		4,79		7,47	
	45	SOF 45	0,026		0,69		0,49		0,26		0,43		3,62		9,84	
	44	SOF 44	0,017		2,18		1,18		0,40		1,78		14,81		24,26	
	43	SOF 43	0,012		3,37		0,78		0,47		2,90		24,16		39,00	
	42	SOF 42	0,011		1,97		1,07		0,36		1,61		13,41		33,73	
	41	SOF 41	0,005		2,34		1,30		0,35		1,98		16,52		75,68	
	40	SOF 40	0,023		2,48		1,32		0,41		2,07		17,23		18,35	
	39	SOF 39	0,014		2,07		1,03		0,34		1,73		14,42		23,24	
	38	SOF 38	0,022		2,63		1,46		0,46		2,17		18,06		21,21	
	37	SOF 37	0,021		2,86		1,26		0,45		2,42		20,12		21,66	
	36	SOF 36	0,018		1,72		1,30		0,27		1,45		12,07		15,67	
	35	SOF 35	0,020		4,74		0,09		0,65		4,09		34,10		31,91	
	34	SOF 34	0,025		0,57		0,47		0,13		0,44		3,63		5,33	
	33	SOF 33	0,031		1,55		1,47		0,36		1,19		9,91		11,58	
	32	SOF 32	0,022		0,76		0,73		0,21		0,55		4,56		9,80	
	31	SOF 31	0,022		1,53		0,20		0,15		1,38		11,46		6,90	
	30	SOF 30	0,020		1,47		0,34		0,24		1,22		10,19		11,86	
	29	SOF 29	0,017		1,69		0,53		0,22		1,47		12,26		12,38	
	28	SOF 28	0,016		1,91		0,11		0,17		1,74		14,46		11,09	
27	SOF 27	0,020		2,49		0,05		0,14		2,35		19,59		7,10		
26	SOF 26	0,011		2,49		0,07		0,16		2,33		19,37		14,49		
25	SOF 25	0,022		2,01		0,09		0,17		1,84		15,33		7,55		
24	SOF 24	0,031		1,07		0,24		0,20		0,87		7,27		6,48		
23	SOF 23	0,032		0,86		0,31		0,30		0,56		4,66		9,31		
Valanginian	22	SOF 22	0,028	0,033	0,67	1,09	0,65	0,84	0,41	0,55	0,26	0,54	2,15	4,48	14,48	16,46
	21	SOF 21	0,031	0,007	1,00	0,47	0,78	0,19	0,24	0,30	0,76	0,27	6,34	2,21	7,58	6,84
	20	SOF 20	0,028		1,10		0,69		0,30		0,81		6,72		10,41	
	19	SOF 19	0,038		0,81		0,64		0,39		0,42		3,50		10,08	
	18	SOF 18	0,030		0,64		0,68		0,48		0,16		1,32		15,95	
	17	SOF 17	0,033		1,21		0,90		0,62		0,59		4,87		18,72	
	16	SOF 16	0,043		2,06		1,16		1,07		0,99		8,25		24,64	
	15	SOF 15	0,035		0,72		0,79		0,40		0,32		2,68		11,60	
	14	SOF 14	0,021		0,97		0,94		0,53		0,44		3,65		25,76	
	13	SOF 13	0,044		1,75		1,14		1,11		0,64		5,36		25,34	
Berriasian	12	SOF 12	0,045	0,017	2,93	0,78	1,34	1,10	1,87	0,25	1,06	0,53	8,83	4,44	41,64	15,20
	11	SOF 11	0,024	0,008	3,08	0,32	0,62	1,00	0,61	0,11	2,46	0,23	20,52	1,90	25,47	1,62
	10	SOF 10	0,029		0,90		1,01		0,41		0,49		4,10		14,17	
Tithonian	9	SOF 9	0,028	0,018	1,15	1,00	1,11	0,85	0,37	0,25	0,78	0,74	6,52	6,17	13,06	14,54
	8	SOF 8	0,017	0,006	0,72	0,66	0,69	0,57	0,28	0,07	0,44	0,64	3,68	5,37	16,84	1,78
	7	SOF 7	0,025		1,13		2,24		0,34		0,79		6,60		13,61	
	6	SOF 6	0,009		0,49		0,38		0,13		0,36		3,03		15,14	
	5	SOF 5	0,014		1,43		0,66		0,24		1,19		9,88		17,80	
	4	SOF 4	0,018		2,47		0,33		0,25		2,22		18,53		13,57	
	3	SOF 3	0,020		0,78		0,79		0,26		0,53		4,38		12,56	
	2	SOF 2	0,014		0,39		0,67		0,21		0,18		1,49		14,80	
	1	SOF 1	0,017		0,39		0,83		0,22		0,17		1,40		13,51	

Thin Section Analysis

XCVIII–CIII

Thin sections Byers Group

Age	Nr.	Sample	Observations/Remarks	Sediment type
late Berrisian-early Valanginian	1.	P.2171.1	main component very fine dark shale coarse bands layers of quartz grains mono- and polycrystalline, boundaries sutured but also straight Quartz grains mostly well rounded with varying sphericity, sorting very poor Feldspars of different size and shape (mostly low sphericity and angular to subrounded) veins filled with plagiokase and clay in layers few other rock fragments small-scale sedimentary structures (layers), fining/coarsening trends	Shale Argillaceous rock SILTY MUDSTONE
	2.	P.2171.3	main component very fine dark shale coarse bands layers of quartz grains mono- and polycrystalline, boundaries sutured but also straight quartz grains in bands are angular to subrounded) in coarse bands Layers have fine grained (clay) matrix few other rock fragments small-scale sedimentary structures (layers), fining/coarsening trends	Shale Argillaceous rock SILTSTONE
	3.	P.2172.8	dark fine grained material (dark shale) several bands of coarser minerals are present, minerals are small quartz, matrix dark clay, well sorted quartz grains in bands are angular to subangular few shell fragments few other rock fragments lamination and fining/coarsening trends	Shale Argillaceous rock MUDSTONE and thin SANDSTONE laminae
	4.	P.2172.9	four layers of dark fine grained shales (or claystone) (2x) and 2 layers of coarser material (still small particles - siltstone) layered conatcts partly sharp, partly progressive few shell fragments in rock types coarser layers contain fine grained shale matrix and coarser fragments of shales and slates, also quartz and other rock fragments, sorting moderate to poor fine grained shale layers with small-sclae sedimentary structures no sedimentary structures in coarser silty layers	shale-siltstone alternating sequence MUDSTONE
	5.	P.2173.2	two phases: fine (clay) - coarse (rock fragment mix) - fine (clay) coarse grained layer with various rock fragments and fine grained matrix/cement, sorting poor pyrite clasts fine grained layers contain small opaque particles layered conatcts partly sharp, partly progressive small-scale sedimentary structures in fine grained layers, fining/coarsening trends	shale-fine conglomerate alternation MEDIUM TO VERY FINE SANDSTONE
	6.	P.2173.3	brown claystone/shale pores filled with dark material (organic matter? oil stained?) fine grained layers contain small opaque particles dark stains in layers otherwise no sedimentary structures CHONDRITES	claystone/shale Argillaceous rock MEDIUM SILTSTONE
	7.	P.2174.26	alteration of dark brown fine grained shale/clay and coarse (feinsand) sized conglomerate (clay matrix) few shell fragments in shale layers shale layers with small-sized sedimentary structures shale layers with signs of bioturbation coarser grained layers with various rock fragments, i.e. quartz, feldspar, shales/slates, opake minerals, all with varying sphericity, poorly sorted layered conatcts partly sharp, partly progressive	shale-fine conglomerate alternation INTERLAMINATED MUDSTONE/SANDSTONE
	8.	P.2174.28	one layer each of fine grained clay sized brown material and fine sand sized brighter conglomerate very few shell fragments in the clay layer shale layers with small-sized sedimentary structures (few grain size changes) shale layers with few signs of bioturbation coarser grained layers with various rock fragments, i.e. quartz, feldspar, shales/slates, opake minerals, others, all with varying sphericity, sorting very poor layered conatcts partly sharp, partly progressive	shale-fine conglomerate alternation INTERLAMINATED MUDSTONE/SANDSTONE
	9.	P.2174.31	high frequency layers of fine grained shale material several bands of coarser silt sized material, various rock fragments, various sphericities bioturbation in clay layers high frequency fining and coarsenig trends, planar bedding in the clay layers several thin bands of very dark material are present. Parallel to the bedding, probably organic origin few shell fragments/skeletal grains in the fine grained material silty areas with fine grained (clay) matrix, pore space partly with opake (organic?) material	claystone/shale Argillaceous rock alteration INTERLAMINATED MUDSTONE/SANDSTONE

Age	Nr.	Sample	Observations/Remarks	Sediment type
late Berrisian-early Valanginian	10.	P.2174.37	fine sand layer, various rock fragments, fine grained matrix, plenty opaque minerals (pyrite?) silt-sized layer, with few coarse bands, few shell fragments/skeletal grains black fine organic bands/intercalations in the fine sand sized layers, fine sand layers with rock fragments of various sphericity, well sorted silty layer with high frequency fining and coarsening trends, planar bedding	silt-fine conglomerate alternation INTERBEDDED MUDSTONE/SANDSTONE
	11.	P.2175.1	One half micro breccia, shale matrix, low sphericity, angular to subangular, few ell rounded, very poorly sorted, various rock fragments one half silt/fine sand sized material, with clay intercalations relatively sharp contact between the two rock types small scale sedimentary structures in silty material i.e. cross bedding and variations in grain size coarse grained material feldspar, quartz, shale/slates, various other rock fragments, few volcanic rock fragments	alteration silt/fine sand to micro breccia SILTY MUDSTONE THIN VERY FINE SANDSTONE LAYERS CURRENT RIPPLE CROSS LAMINATED
	12.	P.2175.7	silt/fine sand layer dark brown clay/shale layer with darker inclusions/intercalations multi directional --> probably bioturbation in fine layer small band of coarser material (silt sized) coarsening upward trend from clay layer over silty to fine sand at the top Silt/fine sand part with small scale sedimentary structures - planar bedding with intercalations of clay sized material some opaque bands in silt/fine sand layer acting as matrix --> organic origin?, other matrix mostly clay silt/fine sand layer with opaque rock fragments (pyrite?) plenty of quartz in silt/fine sand layer, moderately sorted, subangular and low sphericity	fine sand/silt and clay INTERLAMINATED MUDSTONE/SANDSTONE
early-middle Berrisian	13.	P.2220.11	brown very fine material - clay bright intercalations filled with small quartz grains and calcite cement small scale sedimentary structures - planar bedding in clay some layers filled with very fine dark brown to black material (organic matter?), pore space/voids filled with opaque material (organic matter) few grain size trends, bright layers with poorly sorted sphericity varies single calcite grains interbedded in clay (shells/skeletal grains?)	claystone MUDSTONE CONCRETION
	14.	P.2222.3	brown very fine grained claystone plenty of rock fragments interbedded in claystone layers - calcite, quartz, clay slates several grain size trends sedimentary structures - planar bedding some layers filled with very fine dark brown to black material (organic matter?), pore space/voids filled with opaque material (organic matter)	claystone MUDSTONE PLANAR LAMINATED/CONCRETIONARY
	15.	P.2176.34	continuous transition from dark brown fine sand/silt sized to clay sized material - fining trend mostly dark brown clay matrix sedimentary structures - planar bedding moderate to well sorted, sphericities vary few bright intercalations in silty part of the sample	claystone to very fine conglomerate (silt) MUDSTONE VERY FINE SANDSTONE LAMINAE
	16.	P.2176.31 A	mostly fine sand sized conglomerate, matrix fine grained (dark brown clay), quartz cements in bright parts of the sample one thin layer with finer material (clay) planar bedding sorting moderate to well, varying sphericity (high and low) fine sand layers with few dark brown to black bands and pore/fracture filling with black (organic) material coarser material with opaque rock fragments (pyrite?) and some feldspars keine wesentlichen Unterschiede zu P.2176.30 B	fine sand conglomerate FINE TO MEDIUM SANDSTONE
	17.	P.2176.31 B	mostly fine sand sized conglomerate, matrix fine grained (dark brown clay), quartz cements in bright parts of the sample lower part of the sample with silt sized dark brown material transitioning in an coarsening upward trend towards bright fine sand material planar bedding, one small lens of coarse (fine sand) bright material sorting moderate to well, varying sphericity (high and low) fine sand layers with plenty dark brown to black bands and pore/fracture filling with black (organic) material coarser material with opaque rock fragments (pyrite?) and some feldspars only minor differences to samples P.2176.30 B and P.2176.31 A	fine sand conglomerate FINE TO MEDIUM SANDSTONE
18.	P.2176.30 A	one big coarsening/fining upward trend, dark clay to bright fine sand sized material matrix in coarser material clay sized coarser part with various rock fragments, well to very well sorted rock fragments quartz, opaque minerals (pyrite?), others, all with low sphericity, mostly subangular small scale sedimentary structures, filling direction, lamination, fining/coarsening trend coarse part of the sample with two dark brown/black bands - organic matter, probably oil? Also in clay part but in finer layers	claystone to fine conglomerate VERY FINE TO MEDIUM SANDSTONE	

Age	Nr.	Sample	Observations/Remarks	Sediment type
early-middle Berrisian	19.	P.2176.30 B	mostly fine sand sized conglomerate, matrix fine grained (clay), some quartz cements few layers with finer material (silt sized and clay) planar, wavy bedding sorting moderate to well, varying sphericity (high and low) fine sand layers with few dark brown/black bands and pore/fracture filling with black (organic) material coarser material with opaque rock fragments (pyrite?) and some feldspars	fine sand conglomerate VERY FINE TO MEDIUM SANDSTONE
	20.	P.2176.27	very fine (clay) dark brown material band of bright fine material - cemented fracture? Durchgehende Auslöschung bei gekreuztem Polarisator small scale sedimentary structures, cross bedding, lamination, fining/coarsening trends laminations in clay dark brown/black - oil filled ?	claystone MUDSTONE
	21.	P.2176.17c	dark brown clay planar bedding (sedimentary structures), several fining and coarsening trends very few shell fragments one thinning bright band some thin intercalations oil stained ? coarser intercalations (silt sized grains) with very small black/opaque minerals	claystone SILTY CLAYSTONE
	22.	P.2176.14	dark brown clay few intercalations with silt sized grains signs for bioturbation in the coarser part (maybe only round shale fragments) small scale sedimentary structures --> grain size variations/trends	claystone MUDSTONE
	23.	P.2176.9	fine to medium sand sized conglomerate quartz, feldspar, shale or slate fragments and various other rock fragments (some volcanic rock fragments), few opaque rock fragments clay matrix moderately sorted, mostly low sphericity, angular to subrounded	fine conglomerate/sandstone MEDIUM SANDSTONE
	24.	P.2176.2	fine to medium sand sized conglomerate quartz, feldspar, shale or slate fragments and various other rock fragments (few volcanic rock fragments) clay matrix moderately sorted, mostly high sphericity, subangular to subrounded	fine conglomerate/sandstone MEDIUM TO FINE SANDSTONE
	25.	P.2176.23	fine to medium sand sized conglomerate quartz, feldspar, shale or slate fragments and various other rock fragments (some volcanic rock fragments), few opaque rock fragments clay matrix moderately sorted, mostly low sphericity, angular to subrounded fractures quartz filled, calcite cements	fine conglomerate/sandstone COARSE SANDSTONE
middle Tithonian	26.	P.2223.72	brown clay to siltstone many intraclasts, various rock fragments made of bioclasts and clay no bedding planes, few small scale grain size variations fractures filled with opaque material several borings/bioturbation few patches of fine sand sized material	clay to siltstone MUDSTONE
	27.	P.2223.63	brown clay to siltstone with several intercalations of clay and micro breccia claystone has so many intraclasts aligned with the bedding that it appears as a siltstone intraclasts are translucent and rounded - bioclasts one large fracture is filled with quartz some small fractures within the siltstone are opaque (pyrite/organic matter filled); also fine dark bands within and parallel to the bedding breccia layers are poorly sorted and with various sphericities, dark grey clay matrix, clasts mainly quartz	clay to siltstone MUDSTONE/SANDSTONE INTERLAMINATED
	28.	P.2223.60 A	succession of siltstone with claystone bands/intercalations and coarser material on top and bottom (conglomerate) siltstones with plenty of bioclasts mostly rounded and elongated aligned with the bedding a total of four dark grey interbeds some coarse intercalation within the silt layer, silt layer often with thin dark brown to black bands conglomerate with various unsorted rock fragments, clay matrix, quartz cements no large quartz grains in conglomerate	clay to siltstone MUDSTONE/SANDSTONE INTERLAMINATED
	29.	P.2223.60 B	brown silt to grey fine sand silt layer with few intraclasts but plenty dark/black bands as in P.2223.60 A sharp contact to the sandstone layer, two claystone intercalations within the fine sandstone sandstone layer well sorted and well rounded, various rock fragments (also pyrite), clay matrix siltstone layer with few sand interlayers/intercalations	silt to fine sandstone MUDSTONE/SANDSTONE INTERLAMINATED

Age	Nr.	Sample	Observations/Remarks	Sediment type
middle Tithonian	30.	P.2223.56	bipartite sample - silt-conglomerate alternating sequence and fine sandstone siltstone layers dark brown, with plenty of intraclasts - rounded clay and quartz, also skeletal grains/shell fragments - bioclasts are poorly sorted sandstone with multi coloured clay matrix (light brown and grey) sandstone grains with low sphericity, subangular to rounded in coarse grained layers opaque minerals are present (pyrite?)	alternating sequence of silt to sand MEDIUM SANDSTONE/MUDSTONE
	31.	P.2223.51	brown siltstone with plenty of white round clasts (skeletal grains/intraclasts - bioclasts are poorly sorted) fractures filled with quartz and pyrite grey/brown patches without intraclasts --> borings weakly developed small scale sedimentary structures planar bedding noticeable due intraclasts in layers	siltstone MUDSTONE BIOTURBATED
	32.	P.2223.47	tripartite sample - micro conglomerate, micro breccia with fining trend to claystone between the clay and conglomerate a clay layer is interbedded with large phenocrysts (Epidot?) which sunk into the clay conglomerate and braccia with pyrite crystals light brown clay layer with few dark brown patches fine dispersed grey clay intraclasts throughout the sample coarse - fine - fine with intraclasts - coarse	micro conglomerate and micro breccia divided by claystone MEDIUM SANDSTONE TO SILTSTONE NORMALLY GRADED ?ASH
	33.	P.2223.46	tripartite sequence - micro breccia fining to silt sized, clay sized layer with intrusion (?) phenocryst/interbed interspersed and bordered with pyrite crystals, filled with clay matrix, large crystals and other rock fragments breccia with clay matrix, and sharp contact to the fine clay/silt part clay/silt part with opaque filled fractures (pyrite/organic matter?) clay/silt part with opaque with dark brown bands (borings?) phenocryst/interbed with sharp contact to all surrounding rocks	claystone to silt to fine conglomerate MUDSTONE/SANDSTONE INTERLAMINATED
	34.	P.2223.45 A	brown clay/siltstone plenty of intraclasts - most are skeletal grains/shell fragments (different size and shape) but also clay, few quartz and pyrite voids/pores filled with dark grey clay in various forms and sizes small fractures filled with opaque material (pyrite/organic matter?) few grain size changes but no distinct trends some darker brown clay bands with fewer/no intraclasts - borings?	clay to siltstone MUDSTONE/SANDSTONE NORMALLY GRADED SANDSTONE
	35.	P.2223.45 B	brown clay/silt to micro conglomerate - continuous grain size trend clay layers with bioturbation/borings micro conglomerate moderate to well sorted, rock fragments i.a. quartz, angular to subrounded, mostly low sphericity, no calcitic intraclasts/skeletal grains calcitic grains/skeletal grains within clay/silt layer common, also rock fragments of clay and quartz present between silty layer and microconglomerate one layer of clay one fine conglomerate band within the clay layer	clay/silt to micro conglomerate MUDSTONE/SANDSTONE NORMALLY GRADED SANDSTONE
	36.	P.2223.44	sample tripartite one large transition from clay to silt to fine conglomerate/micro breccia dark brown clay with plenty of intraclasts of different shapes and sizes, also skeletal grains/shell fragments, pore filling also with grey clay, borings/bioturbation clay part with dark brown patches - probably borings, plenty of dark grey skeletal grains silty transitional zone with various intraclasts/rock fragments - also opaque minerals (pyrite?) and skeletal grains, non-uniform grain size distribution conglomerate/breccia sorting moderate to poor, various rock fragments - i.a. quartz and shale slates, mostly low sphericity and angular, matrix clay fractures filled with opaque material (pyrite?) and few with quartz	claystone to silt to fine conglomerate BIOTURBATED MUDSTONE THIN SANDSTONE LAMINAE
	37.	P.2223.25 A	light grey clay/siltstone with various intraclasts without any clear orientation dark brown to black flakey intercalations/void fills made of organic matter (?) plenty of dark grey patches no clear sedimentary sequences	clay to siltstone SILTSTONE/CLAYSTONE ALTERED ASH ?
38.	P.2223.25 B	light grey to light brown bipartite sample, claystone, micro breccia claystone with few intraclasts and few grain size trends; few sedimentary structures - dark brown filled bedding planes micro breccia band/intercalation, poorly sorted, mostly high sphericity, brown clay matrix, various intraclasts also plenty of volcanic origin in contrast to P.2223.25 A no flakey brown void fills and no patches micro breccia is thinning --> intrusion? Contact to one side sharp, transitional on the other side despite the colour and grain size relatively different to P.2223.25 A	claystone to microbreccia SILTSTONE/CLAYSTONE ALTERED ASH ?	

Age	Nr.	Sample	Observations/Remarks	Sediment type
middle Tithonian	40.	P.2223.23	<p>sample tripartite - dark brown fine silt/clay, fine conglomerate and fine breccia silt/clay with plenty of intraclasts/rock fragments, few shell fragments/skeletal grains, no clear grainsize trend, few brighter bands/intercalations conglomerate with bright clay matrix, various rock fragments, moderately to well sorted, mostly well rounded, varying sphericity breccia with dark brown clay matrix, light brown flakey clay minerals, various rock fragments, poorly sorted, subangular to subrounded, varying sphericity few pores/voids/fractures filled with dark brown to black matter (organic?)</p>	<p>claystone to silt to fine conglomerate MUDSTONE/SANDSTONE NORMALLY GRADED SANDSTONE</p>
	41.	P.2225.3	<p>twopartite sample - clay/silt stone with smooth transition to breccia with calcite and quartz fragments and a clay matrix breccia-free brown claystone with lamination/planar bedding and plenty of aligned intraclasts (shell fragments/skeletal grains), grey clay interlayer intermediate zone of grey/brown claystone with no intraclasts and no lamination but slight coarsening grainsize trend towards the breccia breccia layer with large calcite & quartz clasts, silty matrix with very small opaque (pyrite?) minerals; poorly sorted structures suppose that the breccia is up fractures filled with calcite and quartz</p>	<p>claystone to breccia MUDSTONE NORMALLY GRADED</p>

Glendonite

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Glendonites

Section	Sample	diametre μm	Mean diameter	Age
Cajón del Morado	CM 22/60	80	86,8	Hauterivian
		76	11,2	
		90		
		101		
	CM 21/8-15	89	78,5	Valanginian
		90	12,8	
		69		
		66		
	CM 19/21	65	62,1	Valanginian
		86	18,8	
		87		
		55		
		40		
		43		
	CM 19/19	133	69,0	Valanginian
		71	45,8	
		38		
		34		
	CM 19/13	72	88,5	Valanginian
		105	23,3	
	CM 18/70	55	40,6	Valanginian
		45	12,0	
		39		
		42		
		22		
	CM 18/67	26	48,2	Valanginian
		40	29,2	
48				
29				
98				
CM 18/62	69	70,0	Valanginian	
	80	7,0		
	64			
	67			
CM 18/57	86	81,5	Valanginian	
	77	6,4		
	77			
	77			
	77			
CM 18/50	67	45,2	Valanginian	
	77	22,2		
	24			
	33			
	44			
	26			
CM 18/42	63	52,3	Valanginian	
	60	15,9		
	34			
CM 18/37	162	162,0	Valanginian	
CM 17/2	38	37,0	Berriasian	
	20	12,1		
	42			
	48			
CM 16/48	19	44,9	Tithonian	
	64	15,5		
	64			
	49			
	38			
	53			
	35			
	37			
CM 16/38	54	52,5	Tithonian	
	51	2,1		
CM 16/32	36	35,3	Tithonian	
	29	6,0		
	41			

Section	Sample	diametre μm	Mean diameter	Age
Cajón del Morado	CM 16/22	54	54,0	Tithonian
	CM 16/13	91	91,0	
	CM 16/11	37	58,4	
		77	17,5	
		39		
		45		
		65		
		70		
		76		
	CM 16/9	59	45,8	
		51	12,7	
		44		
		29		
	CM 14/3,5	28	58,8	
		24	28,3	
		44		
		59		
		47		
69				
48				
77				
70				
122				
CM 13/10,8	26	50,8		
	48	18,5		
	68			
	61			

Lo Valdés	LV 8/91	32	35,9	Valanginian
		40	13,2	
		38		
	LV 8/83	40		
		48		
		32		
	LV 8/41	37		
		70		
		27		
		27		
		24		
		30		
	LV 8/20-36	24		
		26		
		26		
		64		
		35		
	LV 5/3	26	41,6	
		26	19,8	
		14		
26				
33				
18				
25				
LV 4/6	52			
	51			
	72			
	53			
	73			
	57			
	57			
LV 3/66	72	37,2		
	44	25,3		
	28			
	172			
	90			
	120			
	102			

Section	Sample	diametre μm	Mean diameter	Age
Lo Valdés	LV 3/66	101		Tithonian
		63		
		110		
		66		
		50		
		112		
	LV 3/58	75	59,8	
		74	17,2	
		48		
		42		
	LV 3/56,5	29	51,3	
		25	43,4	
		35		
		116		
		26		
		30		
		39		
		113		
		68		
		31		
		32		
		26		
		LV 3/55	37	
	35		8,5	
	23			
	20			
	15			
	33			
	34			
	49			
	27			
	33			
	32			
	28			
	29			
	LV 3/52	19	19,5	
		15	3,4	
		23		
		21		
		50		
25				
24				
26				
23				
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21				
45				
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23				
19				

Section	Sample	diametre μm	Mean diameter	Age
Lo Valdés	LV 3/52	21		Tithonian
		22		
		25		
		26		
	LV 3/50	13		
		16		
		18		
		23		
		36		
		21		
		24		
		54		
		48		
		37		
		75		
		67		
	26			
	LV 3/48	27		
		15		
		26		
		37		
		26		
		26		
	33			
	LV 3/44	28		
		26		
		18		
		31		
		28		
		34		
	29			
	LV 3/40	20		
		26		
16				
19				
24				
LV 3/35	34			
	27			
	24			
	16			
	30			
	29			
	25			
	36			
	33			
	32			
	28			
	33			
	24			
	50			
	34			
	31			
	31			
37				
84				
47				
LV 3/26	29			
LV 3/21	31			
	38			
	20			
	50			
	79			
	18			
	23			
	18			
	17			
26				

Section	Sample	diametre μm	Mean diameter	Age
Lo Valdés	LV 3/6	30		Tithonian
		54		
		39		
		41		
		18		
		48		
		76		
		45		
	38			
	LV 3/3	65		
		35		
		40		
		76		
		65		
64				

Kotick Point	D.8403.65	49	66,2 19,0	early Albian
		85		
		62		
		72		
		41		
		88		

Pluto Glacier	KG.3403.70	89	32,1 28,5	middle Aptian
		43		
		57		
Pluto Glacier	KG.3402.16	13		early Aptian
		16		
		13		
		14		
		12		

Spartan Glacier	K.G3457.54	68	84,6 34,2	Valanginian - ?Barremian	
		74			
		132			
		141			
		83			
	Spartan Glacier	KG.3455.24	38		Valanginian?
			44		
			85		
			68		
			81		
Spartan Glacier	KG.3461.26	77		Valanginian?	
		64			
		145			
		85			
		68			
		81			

Himalia Ridge	KG.3401.2	103	52,3 21,7	late Berrias - early valangin	
		49			
		52			
		53			
		32			
	Himalia Ridge	KG.3404.283	39		Berriasian
			43		
			47		
			32		
	Himalia Ridge	KG.2802.332	107	97,8 17,1	late Tithonian
			117		
			81		
86					
81					
86					

Chester Cone - Sealer Hill	P.2186.22	50	64,8 25,5	early - middle Valanginian
		40		
		70		
	P.2186.21	30		
		64		
		35		
	P.2186.14	38		
		67		
		61		
		61		

Section	Sample	diametre μm	Mean diameter	Age
Chester Cone - Sealer Hill	P.2186.14	42		early - middle Valanginian
	P.2186.14	55		
	P.2186.11	71		
		47		
		65		
	P.2186.8	54		
		53		
		89		
	P.2186.5	63		
		69		
		140		
		43		
P.2186.1	91			
	116			
	81			
	85			

Chester Cone - Devils Point	P.2175.1	66	65,2	late Berriasian - early Valanginian
		62	40,9	
	P.2174.26	87		
		39		
		42		
		90		
	P.2172.6	111		
		59		
	P.2172.7	36		
		39		
		43		
		76		
		33		
		46		
	P.2173.2A	56		
47				
238				
49				
26				
86				
76				
151				
135				
P.2173.2B	34			
	59			
	72			
	28			
	55			
	95			
	70			
	49			
100				
P.2171.6	50			
	26			
	26			
	21			
	69			
President Beaches	P.2224.1	79	64,8	early - middle Berriasian
		72	45,2	
		126		
		216		
		183		
	P.2220.20	37		
		38		
	P.2176.18	140		
		161		
	P.2176.15	41		
30				

Section	Sample	diametre μm	Mean diameter	Age
President Beaches	P.2176.15	32		early - middle Berriaisan
		47		
		42		
		73		
		61		
	P.2183.13	38		
		46		
	P.2183.10	39		
		32		
		62		
	P.2183.8	42		
		55		
		25		
	P.2183.7	55		
38				
60				
P.2183.1	39			
	99			
	44			
	96			
	42			
	41			
	43			
	41			
47				
35				
Anchorage	P2223_62	131	80,0	
		62	32,0	
		87		
		85		
	P2223_60	48		
		83		
	P2223_51	82		
		61		
		62		
		89		
	P2223_46	101		
		68		
		50		
		67		
123				
P2223_45A	76			
	57			
P2223_26	54			
	139			
	49			
P2223_25A	118			
	84			
	65			
	78			
	172			
P2223_23	108			
	101			
	113			
P2225_3A	47			
	31			
	58			
	52			
40				
Nevenka 1	NEV 60	65	68,0	
		58	15,8	
		101		
		66		
		47		
		54		

Nevenka 1	NEV 60	65	68,0
		58	15,8
		101	
		66	
		47	
		54	

Section	Sample	diametre μm	Mean diameter	Age
Nevenka 1	NEV 60	69		early Aptian
		80		
		72		
	NEV 54	34	38,1	Late Barremian
		12	15,8	
	NEV 53	48		
		36		
		35		
		64		
		23		
	NEV 51	60		
		30		
		39		
		10		
		11		
		10		
	NEV 50	11		
		30		
		39		
		51		
		62		
		47		
	NEV 49	58		
		29		
		73		
		24		
		27		
NEV 46	33			
	37			
	32			
	24			
	35			
	39			
	54			
	32			
	34			
	45			
	55			
	50			
NEV 34	27			
	14			
	26			
	21			
NEV 16	47			
	33			
	45			
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NEV 12	36			
	31			
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NEV 11	18			
	16			
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NEV 11	27			
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Section	Sample	diametre μm	Mean diameter	Age
Nevenka 1	NEV 11	28		Late Barremian
		25		

Sofia 1	SOF 60	44	60,1	Hauterivian - Aptian
		54	27,2	
		87		
		64		
		72		
		101		
		29		
		15		
		58		
		54		
		160		
		82		
		SOF 57	50	
	36			
	44			
	43			
	76			
	SOF 56	55		
		46		
		56		
		65		
		45		
		42		
		41		
	104			
	SOF 54	78		
		79		
		89		
		153		
		63		
	SOF 53	92		
		76		
		112		
		80		
		165		
		55		
	48			
	SOF 52	95		
		56		
		80		
		58		
		38		
		45		
	54			
	SOF 51	89		
		46		
		50		
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64				
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54				
44				
51				
73				
74				
34				
49				
80				
SOF 49	59			
	77			
	31			

Section	Sample	diametre μm	Mean diameter	Age
Sofia 1		44		Hauterivian - Aptian
		49		
		47		
		49		
		48		
		34		
		35		
	SOF 47	139		
		45		
		64		
		90		
		52		
		86		
		113		
		109		
		62		
		66		
		39		
		70		
		SOF 45	70	
	50			
	50			
	59			
	162			
	62			
	136			
	104			
	139			
	SOF 43	100		
		42		
		103		
		38		
	SOF 42	62		
		47		
		42		
		26		
		85		
		63		
		106		
		53		
		101		
		70		
		81		
		49		
		46		
		22		
		24		
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44				
78				
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37				
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Section	Sample	diametre μm	Mean diameter	Age
Sofia 1	SOF 42	29		Hauterivian - Aptian
		54		
		5		
	SOF 41	57		
		36		
		46		
		64		
		71		
		50		
		48		
		30		
		72		
		63		
		37		
		66		
		53		
		41		
	43			
	39			
	39			
	45			
	30			
	SOF 39	103		
		64		
		36		
		37		
		51		
		56		
		39		
	53			
	79			
	SOF 37	65		
		48		
		51		
		54		
		55		
		53		
		55		
		45		
		41		
		90		
		54		
		36		
		76		
	65			
	69			
	SOF 36	77		
88				
82				
74				
82				
67				
60				
SOF 33	80			
	65			
	81			
	79			
	56			
	42			
	32			
	30			
	64			
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