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SOURCE ROCK EVALUATION OF THE WELL
33/6-1 (NORWAY OFFSHORE)

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INTRODUCTION

At the request of Norsk Agip S/A (see letter ref 79/4/215/GRA/rio dated May 9, 1979) a source rock study has been made on the well 33/6-1. This report covers source rock analyses carried out on 41 cuttings, 26 sidewall cores and 1 bottom core at depths ranging from 1000 m to 3898 m.

The analytical methods followed and the significance of the data used for the source rock evaluation of the sediments are reviewed in the report "Petroleum Geochemistry Note No. 1 - Source Rocks".

EXPERIMENTAL

The results of the geochemical analyses are reported in the annexed data sheets 76 /Geoch/79 and 77 /Geoch/79 and graphically shown in the Annex 1. The results of the kerogen analyses and degree of organic maturity determinations are reported in the annexed data sheet 23 /MOR/79 and graphically shown in the Annex 2.

The formation temperatures are listed in Table 1, together with geothermal gradients.

DISCUSSION

Geochemical analyses

The samples of the Tertiary formations contain small amounts of organic carbon (average value 0.42%) and no hydrocarbons*. By high temperature pyrolysis of the kerogen they produce small amounts of hydrocarbons (270 ppm). The hydrogen content of the kerogen is fair/low (HK/OC** = 6.4%).

The sample of the Cretaceous formations contain fair/low amounts of organic carbon (0.58%) but generally are devoid of hydrocarbons; only a few of them (cuttings of 2450 m, sidewall cores of 3257 m and 3525 m) contain significant amount of hydrocarbons (i.e. more than 50 ppm). By pyrolysis of the kerogen they produce small amounts of hydrocarbons (310 ppm). The hydrogen content of the kerogen is low (HK/OC = 5.4%).

The samples of the Upper and Middle Jurassic formations (Kimmeridge Clay, Heater and Brent formations) are very rich both in organic carbon (3.05%) and in hydrocarbons (440 ppm). By pyrolysis of the kerogen they produce very large amounts of hydrocarbons (4200 ppm). The hydrogen content of the kerogen is high (HK/OC = 13.7%). The ratio hydrocarbons present in the sample/organic carbon (HC/OC) is high (14.6%), as it happens in mature and good source rocks. Also the ratio hydrocarbons present in the sample/hydrocarbons produced by pyrolysis of the kerogen (HC/HK), which gives a measurement of the petroleum potential already achieved***, is high (10.6%). It is

* The hydrocarbons shown by the thermovaporization of these samples are produced by partial pyrolysis of the organic matter.

** HK/OC = hydrocarbons produced by high temperature pyrolysis of the kerogen/organic carbon.

*** When the hydrocarbons present in the sample are indigenous, of course!

to be pointed out that the cuttings of the Brent formation are polluted by cavings coming from the Kimmeridge Clay and Heather formations *.

The samples of the Dunlin formation (Lower Jurassic) are rich both in organic carbon (1.82%) and in hydrocarbons (180 ppm). By pyrolysis of the kerogen they produce very large amounts of hydrocarbons (2400 ppm). The hydrogen content of the kerogen is high (HK/OC = 13.1%). Both the ratio HK/OC and the ratio HC/HK are high (10.1% and 7.7%, respectively). Cavings coming from Kimmeridge Clay and Heather formations are present also in the cuttings of this formation, but their influence is much smaller than in the Brent formation. **

The samples of the Statfjord and Cormorant formations (Lower Jurassic and Upper Triassic) contain very small amounts of organic carbon (0.15%) and no hydrocarbons. By pyrolysis of the kerogen they produce very small amounts of hydrocarbons (140 ppm). Palynological determinations show that also these samples are polluted by cavings coming from Kimmeridge Clay and Heather formation, but their influence on geochemical data is negligible.

The average geothermal gradient is normal (2.6°C/100 m, uncorrected value). By taking into account that temperatures measured during log recording are lower than the true ones, this value is in quite good accordance with the average geothermal gradient (2.97°C/100 m) in North Sea basin calculated by Harper (M.L. Harper, Approximate Geothermal Gradients in the North Sea Basin, Nature, 1971, vol. 230, pp. 235 - 236).

* As a matter of fact it results from the caliper log that the volume of caved borehole is about 0.8 m³ in the Kimmeridge Clay formation and about 1.1 m³ in the Heather formation, whereas the total volume of the cuttings of the Brent formation is about 1.6 m³. The comparison between the geochemical data of the cuttings and those of the sidewall cores allows to evaluate the influence of caving.

** As a matter of fact the total volume of the cuttings of this formation is about 4.1 m³. From the difference between the geochemical data of the cuttings and those of the sidewall cores it can be estimated that caving improves geochemical data by 10-30%.

Type of kerogen

In the whole studied section the composition of the organic content is rather uniform: continental organic matter constitutes the chief part of the kerogen (about 3/4) whereas phytoplankton and amorphous organic matter are less abundant.

In the Tertiary formations the amorphous organic matter (AOM) ranges from 5 to 25% (average value 12%), marine phytoplankton (MP^{II}h) from 5 to 30% (a.v. 16%), continental herbaceous fragments (CHF^{III}) from 15 to 45% (a.v. 33%) and continental woody fragments and fusinite debris (CWF^{III}) from 25 to 50% (a.v. 39%).

In the Cretaceous formations the quality of the organic matter is slightly worse: amorphous organic matter is very scarce (a.v. 5%), marine phytoplankton ranges from 5 to 25% (a.v. 19%), continental herbaceous fragments from 15 to 40% (a.v. 26%), continental woody fragments from 40 to 70% (a.v. 50%).

In the Upper and Middle Jurassic formations the type of the kerogen, on the whole, is very similar to that contained in the Tertiary formations.

In the Dunlin, Statfjord and Cormorant formations the kerogen is very poor in quality: as a matter of fact amorphous organic matter and marine phytoplankton are less than 10% of the total organic matter, whereas continental woody fragments constitutes more than 60% of it.

Both kerogen analyses and the ratio HK/OC show that the organic matter of the Tertiary and Cretaceous sediments is fair/poor in quality and that of Statfjord and Cormorant formations is poor in quality. But for the other formations there is a discrepancy: visual kerogen analyses indicate that the kerogen quality is fair in the Kimmeridge Clay and Heather formations and poor in the Brent and Dunlin formation, whereas the ratio HK/OC indicates a good quality for the whole interval. As the hydrogen content is a direct measurement of the kerogen quality, we can conclude that in these formations the organic matter is good in quality. Likely the discrepancy is due either to the fact that the correlation between the biological structure of the kerogen and its chemical composition could be not always simple and direct or to the fact that the sample used for kerogen analysis could be polluted by overlying sediments.

Degree of organic maturity

The maturity facies has been determined on the basis both of the Thermal Alteration Index (TAI) and of mean vitrinite reflectance (R_m). Unfortunately in most samples vitrinite is absent: only 8 samples out of 34 contain vitrinite and generally the number of vitrinite particles present in these samples is lower than 25, the minimum acceptable to yield reliable results.

The interval from 1000 m to 2000 m (Tertiary and Upper Cretaceous) is immature: TAI ranges from 1 to 1.5, vitrinite is absent. The organic matter is generally scarce and the TAI value has been determined on a few disaccate pollens.

The interval from 2000 m to 2300 m (Upper Cretaceous) is transitional: TAI is 1.5 - 2 and vitrinite is absent.

The interval from 2300 m to the bottom (Upper and Lower Cretaceous, Jurassic and Upper Triassic) is mature: TAI increase from 2 at 2300 m to 2.5 at 3898 m while R_m increases gradually from 0.52% to 0.71%.

According to the Connan's time-temperature relation (J. Connan, Time-temperature relation in oil genesis, AAPG Bull., v. 58, No. 1, December 1974, pp. 2516-2521), shown in Fig. 1, the top of the mature zone should be at a depth of 2800-2900 m; the slight discrepancy between this theoretical value and that obtained experimentally (2300 m) is due to the inaccuracy in temperature data and in time-temperature relation.

CONCLUSIONS

The Tertiary and Cretaceous formations up to 2300 m are not source rock of hydrocarbons because they are immature. At higher depths (i.e. temperatures) they should be poor source rocks.

The Cretaceous formations below 2300 m are poor source rocks, although they are mature: as a matter of fact they contain fair/low amounts of organic matter and generally no hydrocarbons, and the quality of the kerogen is fair/poor.

The Kimmeridge Clay, Heather and Brent formations, which are mature and contain very high amounts both of hydrocarbons and of organic matter rich in hydrogen, are very good source rocks.

The Dunlin formation, which is mature and contain high amounts both of hydrocarbons and of organic matter rich in hydrogen, is a good source rock.

The Statfjord and Cormorant formations, poor in organic matter and in hydrocarbons, are no source rocks although they are mature.

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TABLE 1

FORMATION TEMPERATURES OF THE WELL 33/6-1

Depth m	Temperature °C	Average Geothermal Gradient °C/100 m
715	33*	
1974	38*	
3545	96	2.7
3901	103	2.6

*BAT value corrected
for circulation*

* Data not reliable

N.B.: the temperatures have been measured by Schlumberger operators during log recording. The average geothermal gradients have been calculated by assuming that the temperature at the sea bottom (331 m below Rotary Table) is 10°C.

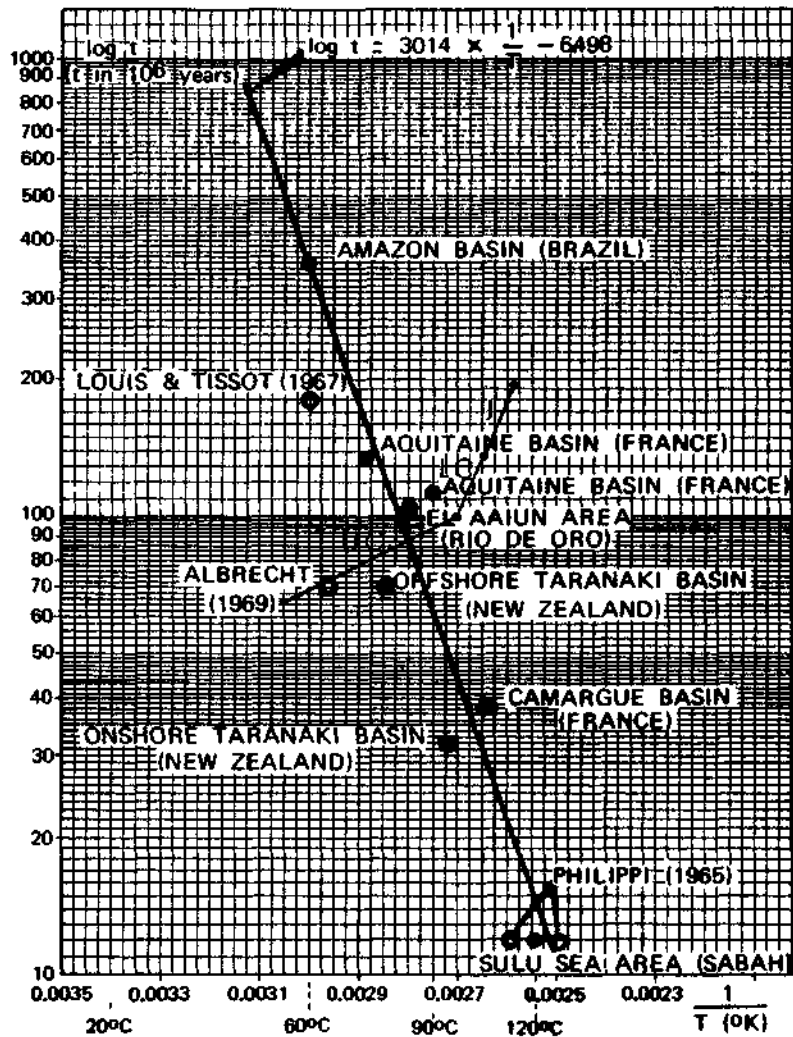


Fig. 1: Time-temperature relation according to Connan for the well 33/6-1 (UC = Upper Cretaceous, LC = Lower Cretaceous, J = Jurassic).

N.B.: Temperature values have been calculated from the average geothermal gradient of North Sea Basin calculated by Harper (2.97°C/100 m). Ages are approximated. The straight line shows the threshold of intense oil generation.

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Sample Sidewall cores of the well 33/6-1 (Norway Offshore)

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ANALYTICAL DATA

Data sheet No. 76/Geoch

Depth	TherMOVaporization ppm						Organic Carbon %	Hydroc. produced by pyrolysis ppm	N/C				Terrigenous Minerals %						Clay minerals %																					
	Natural sample			Mashed sample									Quartz	Albite	Orthocl.	Calcite	Dolomite	Clay	Montmor.	Illite	Chlorite	Kaolinite	Mix. layers																	
	Gas	Cond.	Oil	Gas	Cond.	Oil																																		
3883	46	-	-	-	-	-	0.10	67	6.7																															
3895	40	2	-	-	-	-	0.16	129	8.0																															

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ANALYTICAL DATA

Data sheet No. 77/Geoch

Cuttings	Thermovaporization ppm						Organic Carbon %	Hydroc. produced by pyrolysis ppm	NK GC			Terrigenous Minerals %					Clay minerals %					
	Natural sample			Washed sample								Quartz	Albite	Orthocl.	Calcite	Dolomite	Clay	Montmor.	Illite	Chlorite	Kaolinite	Mix. layers
	Gas	Cond.	Oil	Gas	Cond.	Oil																
2800	58	10	-				0.69	416	6.0													
2805*	62	2	-				0.42	221	5.3													
2850	33	1	-				0.63	312	4.9													
2905*	34	4	-				0.48	225	4.7													
3005*	34	1	-				1.20	746	6.2													
3556	69	10	9				0.96	1939	20.2													
3505*	50	287	132	18	36	1	4.05	5061	12.5													
3592*	50	185	29	26	1		3.19	2228	7.0													
3604*	50	303	8				2.79	2419	8.7													
3622*	50	735	41	48	1	-	4.85	6617	13.6													
3628*	50	331	15				4.19	5192	12.4													
3634*	50	568	29	13	24	-	3.26	4865	14.9													
3640*	50	636	62				3.01	4811	16.0													
3646*	50	395	14	26	3	-	2.63	3733	14.2													
3652*	50	22	4				2.87	3918	13.6													

* These samples have been dried on the rig by heating. The others have been dried in the laboratory at room temperature.

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	Materia Organica Riflettometria	SLIDE	21244-65; 21322-23; 26-27; 21270-73	NORWAY	SECTION

AGE	FORM.	SAMPLE	DEPTH	KEROGEN %				TAI	VITRINITE - Ro %	FACIES	REMARKS	
				AOM	HPh	GHF	CWF					
NEOGENE	MM	ds	1000	/	/	/	/	/	VA		Organic matter absent	
	LM	ds	1100	15	10	25	50	1	VA	IMMATURE	TAI measured on 3 disaccate pollens	
PALEOGENE	OLIGOCENE	ds	1200	25	30	15	30	1 - 1,5	VA	IMMATURE	TAI measured on disaccate pollens	
		ds	1300	15	30	15	40	1 - 1,5	VA	IMMATURE	TAI measured on 2 disaccate pollens - Organic matter very scarce	
		ds	1400	5	5	40	50	/	VA		Organic matter very scarce No pollens	
		ds	1510	5	10	40	45	1,5	VA	IMMATURE	Organic matter very scarce TAI measured on one pollen	
		ds	1600	15	10	35	40	1,5	VA	IMMATURE	Organic matter very scarce TAI measured on 2 disaccate pollens	
		ds	1700	10	20	45	25	1,5	VA	IMMATURE	Organic matter very scarce TAI measured on 6 pollens	
		Pal.	SELE FORMATION	ds	1800	5	15	45	35	1,5	VA	IMMATURE
UPPER CRETACEOUS	MAASTRICHTIAN	ds	1900	5	/	40	55	/	VA		Organic matter very scarce No pollens	
		ds	2000	5	25	15	55	1,5 - 2	VA	TRANSITIONAL		
		swc	2110	5	20	20	55	1,5 - 2	VA	TRANSITIONAL		
		swc	2221	5	20	15	60	1,5 - 2	VA	TRANSITIONAL		
	CAMPANIAN	S H E T L A N D G R O U P	ds	2300	5	20	30	45	2	0,52	MATURE	Ro measured on 15 points
			ds	2400	5	20	30	45	2	VA	MATURE	
			ds	2475	5	25	25	45	2	VA	MATURE	
			ds	2505	5	25	20	50	2	0,53	MATURE	Ro measured on 15 points
			ds	2605	5	20	25	50	2	0,55	MATURE	Ro measured on 20 points

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AGE		FORM.	SAMPLE	DEPTH	KEROGEN %				TAI	VITRINITE	FACIES	REMARKS
					AOM	MPh	CHF	CWF				
									\bar{R}_o %			
UPPER CRETACEOUS	SANTONIAN CON.	SHETLAND GROUP	swc	2730	5	15	30	50	2	VA	MATURE	
			ds	2805	5	15	20	60	2	VA	MATURE	
			ds	2905	5	15	10	70	2	0,55	MATURE	\bar{R}_o measured on 16 points
			swc	3005	5	15	15	65	2	VA	MATURE	
			ds	3100	5	15	20	60	2	0,56	MATURE	\bar{R}_o measured on 15 points
LOWER CRETACEOUS	ALBIAN	CROMER KNOLL GROUP	swc	3300	10	20	20	50	2	VA	MATURE	
			swc	3403	5	25	20	50	2	VA	MATURE	
			swc	3468	5	20	35	40	2	VA	MATURE	
UPPER JURASSIC	L.OXF? - KIMMERIDGE.-? VOLG.	KIMMERIDGE CLAY FORMATION	swc	3542	15	5	30	50	2	VA	MATURE	
			ds	3545	20	10	20	50	2	VA	MATURE	
			ds	3553	10	5	20	65	2	VA	MATURE	
			ds	3557	10	5	30	55	2	VA	MATURE	
			ds	3562	40	5	10	45	2	VA	MATURE	
MIDD. JUR.	HEATHER FORMATION BRENT FORMATION		ds	3586	10	10	40	40	2	VA	MATURE	
			c-	3607 - 16	10	/	50	40	2	VA	MATURE	
			swc	3674	5	5	30	60	2	0,58 ✓	MATURE	\bar{R}_o measured on 18 points
LOWER JURASSIC	DUNLIN FORMATION		swc	3730	5	/	30	65	2	0,50 ✓	MATURE	\bar{R}_o measured on 15 points

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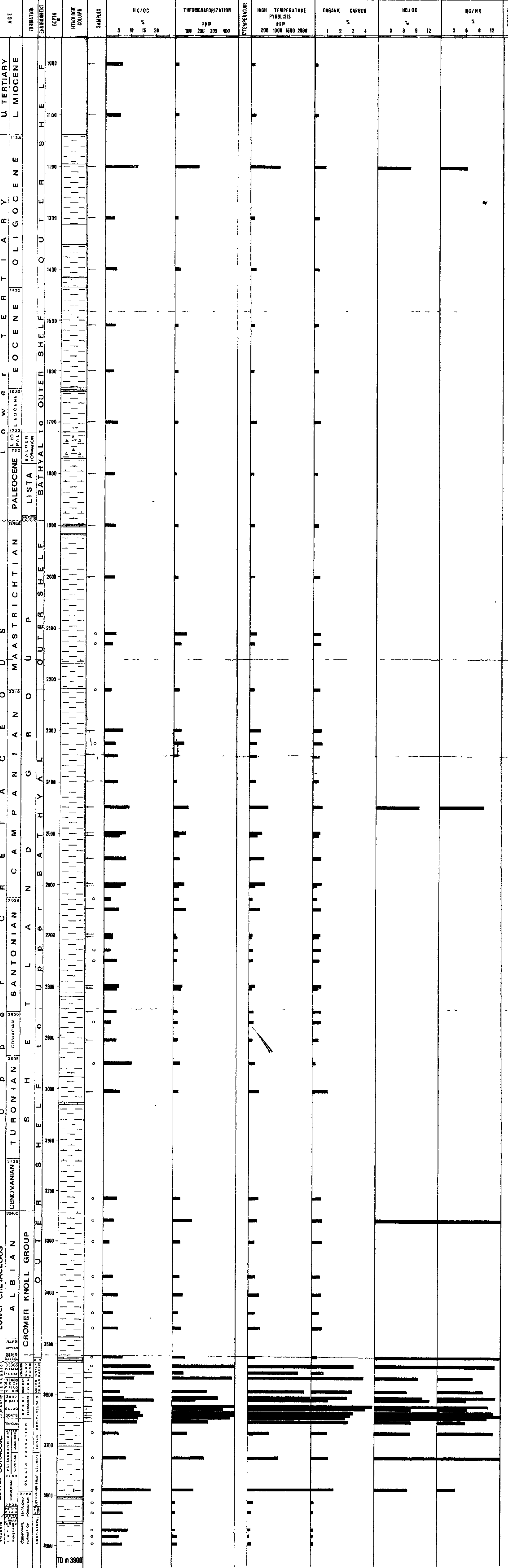
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**GEOCHEMICAL ANALYSES
OF THE WELL
33/6-1 (NORWAY OFFSHORE)**

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TERRESTRIAL ROCKS
Sediments: Shale, Sandstone, Limestone, etc.
Carbonate rocks: Limestone, Dolomite, etc.
Igneous and metamorphic rocks: Intrusive rocks, Metasediments, etc.
Sedimentary and diagenetic structures: Mass bedding, Mud cracks, etc.
Formation fluids: Fresh water, Brackish water, etc.
Special symbols for Petrographic Log: Rock fragments, Foliations, etc.
Cements: Cement in general, Siliceous cement, etc.
Other rocks: Gypsum or anhydrite, Salt in general, etc.
Particles and fossils: Angular structures, Rounded structures, etc.
Sedimentary and diagenetic structures: Mass bedding, Mud cracks, etc.
Poreosity types: Cherty porosity, Intergranular porosity, etc.
Shows: Gas track, Gas, etc.



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TERRIGENOUS ROCKS 	CARBONATE ROCKS 	IGNEOUS AND METAMORPHIC ROCKS 	SEDIMENTARY AND DIAGENETIC STRUCTURES 	FORMATION FLUIDS 	SPECIAL SYMBOLS FOR KERGEN LEE
CEMENTATIONS 		OTHER ROCKS 	SEDIMENTARY AND DIAGENETIC STRUCTURES 	FORMATION FLUIDS 	SPECIAL SYMBOLS FOR KERGEN LEE

