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Appendix III

BIOSTRATIGRAPHY OF WELL 31/2-5 (NORSKE SHELL)

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Enclosures:

1. Microfaunal distribution chart (1040 - 1534.5 m), scale 1 : 2500
2. Palynological distribution chart (1535.5 - 2515.1 m), scale 1: 1000

1. INTRODUCTION

On request of Norske Shell, SIPM (EP/12.1) carried out a biostratigraphic study of the sedimentary section penetrated by well 31/2-5.

The major objective of this well was an evaluation of the Jurassic sequence. For the Tertiary and Cretaceous, the main interest was in establishing the major time-stratigraphic boundaries.

The biostratigraphic results led to the following time-stratigraphic interpretation (not adjusted to wireline log readings):

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| 1040- | - 1127 m | : | Oligocene |
| 1127 | - 1396 m | : | Eocene |
| 1396 | - 1532.5 | : | Paleocene |
| 1533.5 | - 1534.5 m | : | Campanian - Maastrichtian |
| 1535.5 | - 1668.5 m | : | Oxfordian |
| | 1535.5 - 1607.3 m | : | late Late Oxfordian |
| | 1636.2 - 1651.5 m | : | early Late Oxfordian |
| | 1657.3 - 1668.5 m | : | Early Oxfordian |
| 1677.5 | - 1836.6 m | : | Callovian |
| | 1677.5 - 1696.5 m | : | Late Callovian |
| | 1713 - 1792.5 m | : | Middle Callovian |
| | 1796.7 - 1836.6 m | : | Early Callovian |
| 1852.7 | - 1884.6 m | : | Late Bathonian to Early Callovian |
| 1894.5 | - 1955.2 m | : | Middle Bathonian |
| 1967.1 | - 1994.5 m | : | Aalenian to Middle Bathonian |
| 2001.2 | - 2017 m | : | Aalenian to Bajocian |
| 2035.1 | - 2071.4 m | : | Aalenian |
| 2081.7 | - 2189.7 m | : | Toarcian |
| 2201 | - 2467.3 m | : | Pliensbachian |
| 2472.1 m | | : | ?Rhaetian |
| 2479.5 | - 2515,1 m | : | ?Rhaetian and/or older |

2. MICROFAUNA

2.1 General

In order to establish the broad time-stratigraphic frame of the Tertiary-Cretaceous section in well 31/2-5, 29 sidewall cores (1040 - 1534.5 m), 18 ditch cutting samples (1260 - 1528 m) and 3 core chips (1511.75 - 1517.35 m) have been analyzed on microfaunal content. The investigations started at 1040 m, i.e. at the shallowest SWS taken from supposedly Eocene sediments.

As the micropalaeontological studies concentrated on checking of presence/absence of marker types only, the data as presented on the faunal distribution chart (encl. 1) do not give a full account of the assemblages encountered, as only key types and more common species have been recorded.

The quoted depth figures are sample depths, no adjustments to wireline log depths have been attempted. Especially where cutting samples had to be used, discrepancies might be expected.

2.2 Oligocene (highest SWS at 1040 - 1127 m)

The Oligocene age of (part of) this interval is based on the co-occurrence, in SWS 1040 and 1073 m, of

Rotalia canui CUSHMAN
Rotaliatina bulimoides (REUSS)
Sigmoilina sp. A
Turrilina alsatica ANDREAE

in association with

Alabamina tangentialis (CLODIUS)
Cassidulina subglobosa BRADY
Gyroidina girardana (REUSS)
Melonis affine (REUSS)
diatoms
radiolaria
sponge spicules

The base of the Oligocene section cannot be defined accurately on faunal criteria, but a marked log change at 1127 m has been taken to represent the Oligocene/Eocene boundary. A similar log change was observed in well 31/2-3 at 920 m.

Depositional environment: The microfaunal content of the three studied SWS (1040, 1073 and 1107 m) suggests an outer neritic to possibly bathyal environment of deposition.

2.3 Eocene (1127 - 1396 m)

A sidewall core from 1132.5 m yielded a purely arenaceous, non-diagnostic foraminiferal fauna associated with some fish remains. Such poor assemblages are a well-known feature from the upper part of the Eocene in 31/2 block.

The deeper samples (1160 - 1330 m) contain a relatively rich and well diversified arenaceous assemblage with, amongst others,

Ammodiscus sp
Bathysiphon sp
Cyclammina amplectens GRZYBOWSKI
Cyclammina challinori HAYNES
Cyclammina sp
Dorothia cf eocenica (CUSHMAN)
Dorothia sp
Haplophragmoides sp. A
Trochammina sp

Below 1260 m the foraminiferal associations also contain the following Early Eocene markers:

Ammomarginulina sp. A
Spiroplectammia spectabilis (GRZYBOWSKI)
Textularia plummerae LALICKER
Trochammia diagonis (CARSEY)

in association with

Bathysiphon robustus (GRZYBOWSKI)
Glomospira charoides (JONES & PARKER)
Glomospira gordialis (JONES & PARKER)
Haplophragmoides glabra CUSHMAN & WATERS
pyritized diatoms

In SWS 1329 m and cutting 1340 m some calcareous planktonic and benthonic foraminifera were found, e.g.:

Globigerina linaperta/triloculinoides gr.
Pulvinulinella culter (PARKER & JONES)

Similar mixed arenaceous/calcareous assemblages have been encountered in well 31/2-1 at 1170-1180 m, in well 31/2-2 at 1100 - 1130 m, in well 31/2-3 at 1130 - 1150 m, and in well 31/2-4 at 1190 m.

The samples from the lowermost part of the Eocene section (1340 - 1375.8 m) are characterized by rich occurrences of pyritized diatoms, such as

Coscinodiscus sp. 1 BETTENSTAEDT
Coscinodiscus sp. 2 BETTENSTAEDT
Triceratium sp. 1 BETTENSTAEDT

together with poorly preserved arenaceous foraminifera.

In analogy with previously studied wells from the 31/2 block, the Eocene-Paleocene boundary was taken at the base of the tuffaceous lithologies at 1396 m (wire-line log evidence).

Depositional environment: Deeper marine, probably bathyal-outer neritic.

2.4 Paleocene (1396 - 1532.5 m)

The samples from the higher part (1399.4 - 1411.7 m) are practically devoid of any microfauna, as observed regionally in deposits immediately below the basal Eocene tuffaceous strata.

The next deeper interval (1435.2 - 1532.5 m) yielded rich and diversified arenaceous assemblages, similar to the ones from the Eocene, but with the following Paleocene markers:

Rzehakina epigona lata CUSHMAN & JARVIS
Rzehakina epigona minima CUSHMAN & RENZ
Saccamina rhumbleri (FRANKE)

From SWS 1486 m downwards very coarse-grained Bathysiphon specimens were noticed, as also observed in well 31/2-1 below 1332.1 m, in 31/2-2 below 1284.3 m, in 31/2-3 below 1314 m and in 31/2-4 below 1320 m.

In the interval 1501 - 1532.5 m the enumerated arenaceous types continue to be dominant, but also some scarce calcareous species occur, viz.

Bulimina aff. aculeata D'ORBIGNY
Bulimina aff. denticulata CUSHMAN & PARKER
Gyroidina nitida (REUSS)
Rotalia parvula TEN DAM

These calcareous types are indicative for an Early Paleocene (Danian) age.

Depositional environment: Deeper marine, outer neritic - bathyal.

2.5 Late Cretaceous (1533.5 - 1534.5 m)

Two SWS, 1533.5 and 1534.5 m, yielded a rich, although poorly preserved assemblage of Late Cretaceous (Campanian-Maastrichtian) foraminifera (and calcispheres) viz.

Allomorphina allomorphinoides (REUSS)
Bulimina triangularis CUSHMAN & PARKER
Buliminella carseyae PLUMMER
Buliminella obtusa (D'ORBIGNY)
Buliminella parvula BROTZEN
Gavelinella pertusa (MARSSON)
Gavelinopsis bembix (MARSSON)
Globorotalites multiseptus (BROTZEN)
Heterohelix striata/globulosa (EHRENBERG)
Lagena marginata (WALKER & BOYS)
Marssonella oxycona (REUSS)
Praeglobotruncana citae (BOLLI)
Pseudoguembelina excolata (CUSHMAN)
Rugoglobigerina rugosa (PLUMMER)
Stensioina americana CUSHMAN & DORSEY
Stensioina pommerana BROTZEN
Valvulina bullata BROTZEN

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The presence in SWS 1533.5 m of the Paleocene marker Rotalia parvula TEN DAM can be ascribed to mud contamination.

Depositional environment: Open marine, outer neritic - bathyal.

3. PALYNOMORPHS

3.1 General

A total of 95 sidewall cores and 8 core chips of supposedly Jurassic and older age have been investigated. All samples have been prepared following the standard preparation method, consisting of treatment with HCl and HF, followed by a heavy liquid separation (zinc bromide with S.G. of 2.2). The organic residue was finally sieved through microsieves of 15 micron to concentrate palynomorphs and of 30 micron in order to concentrate dinocysts. Especially in the Jurassic interval, the organic residues received an oxidation by means of cold HNO₃ for a further concentration of palynomorphs.

Ten samples proved to be entirely barren of palynomorphs. A further 19 samples did not contain any dinocysts.

Palynomorph distributions have been recorded on a distribution chart (encl. 2). For the Middle and Upper Jurassic, only dinocysts have been plotted, as general experience has shown such microfossils to be of better stratigraphic use than sporomorphs, provided marine strata are investigated. It should be realized, however, that the overall sandy development of the Middle to Upper Jurassic influenced dinocyst recoveries unfavourably. In the Bajocian to uppermost Triassic interval the diversity of dinocyst species decreased markedly, in agreement with the known evolutionary development of the dinoflagellates. Therefore, selected sporomorph types have been used for a subdivision of this interval, starting from the top occurrence of the dinocyst species Nannoceratopsis gracilis, at 2001.2 m. The age determinations below 2200 m have been based on sporomorph studies, which were carried out by R.A. Couper (EP/12.1).

Throughout the studied section, the sporomorph colour is estimated as "upper light" corresponding to a FCC of less than about 69.

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3.2 Oxfordian (1535.5 - 1668.5 m)

Seventeen samples have been examined, of which five proved to be barren of dinocysts.

The whole interval could be dated as Oxfordian, based on the occurrence of the following species:

- Adnatosphaeridium aemulum (range: Late Callovian to Oxfordian)
- Chytroeisphaeridia chytroeides (Callovian to Oxfordian, common in Oxfordian)
- Endoscrinium galeritum (Callovian to Oxfordian)
- Occisucysta areolata (Early Oxfordian)
- Prolixosphaeridium capitatum (Callovian to Oxfordian)
- Scriniodinium crystallinum (rare in Callovian, common in Oxfordian)
- Stephanelytron redcliffense (Late Callovian to Oxfordian)
- Nov. gen. G nov. sp. 1 (= E 1338/Callovian to Oxfordian)

The interval can be subdivided into three parts, i.e.

- a. Late Oxfordian, upper part (1535.5 - 1607.3 m).
Eight samples were investigated, 5 of them proved to be barren of dinocysts. In this section, the marker types which are common in the lower part of the Upper Oxfordian are absent or very rare, except for the frequent presence of the Late Oxfordian Lithodinia sp. 3 (= type E 1778)
- b. Late Oxfordian, lower part (1636.2 - 1651.5 m).
Five samples contained fairly rich dinocyst assemblages. The age is determined by the regular presence of:

Escharisphaeridia "infrarugulata" (manuscript name / = E 1836)
Gonyaulacysta jurassica subsp. longicornis

Furthermore, Early Oxfordian types are absent.

c. Early Oxfordian (1657.3 - 1668.5 m)

Four samples show the typical co-occurrence of

Occisucysta areolata
Wanaea fimbriata

in combination with other Oxfordian markers. The Late Oxfordian species Lithodinia sp. 3 (= E 1778) proved to be absent.

Note: The tentative threefold subdivision of the Oxfordian is even more apparent in well 31/2-4. In the wells 31/2-1, -2 and -3 only an Early and a Late Oxfordian could be recognized, no further subdivision of the Late Oxfordian being possible, probably due to the general paucity of dinocysts in these intervals.

3.3 Callovian (1677.5 - 1836.6 m)

Out of a total of 33 investigated samples, 22 proved to contain dinocysts.

The age was concluded from the presence of the following types:

Atopodinium prostatum (common in Callovian, top in Oxfordian)

Compositosphaeridium costatum (Late Callovian to Oxfordian)

Energlynia acollaris (Middle to Late Callovian)

Gonyaulacysta jurassica (base in Early Callovian)

Heslertonia teichophera (Callovian to Early Oxfordian)

Hystrihogonyaulax pectinigera (Middle Bathonian to Middle Callovian)

Lithodinia jurassica (Middle to Late Callovian)

Lithodinia sp. 1 (= L. "suturocomplexa" ms. name/= E 1474/
Late Bathonian to Middle Callovian)

Mendicodinium woodhamensis (common in Callovian, top in
earliest Oxfordian)

Pareodinia prolongata (Middle Bathonian to Callovian)

Sentusidinium rioultii (base in Early Callovian)

Wanaea digitata (Late Callovian to Early Oxfordian)

Nov. gen.G n. sp.1 (= E 1338/Callovian to Oxfordian)

Tentatively, the Callovian interval has been subdivided into three units, viz.

a. Late Callovian (1677.5 - 1696.5 m).

The base of this interval is defined as directly above the top occurrence of Lithodinia sp.1 (= L. "suturocomplexa" ms. name/= E 1474).

Within this unit, the following species demonstrate their base occurrences:

Adnatosphaeridium aemulum

Compositosphaeridium costatum

Stephanelytron redcliffense

Wanaea digitata

Nov. gen.F n. sp.4 (= E 1728)

Furthermore, Lithodinia jurassica is present, a species with a known top occurrence in the Late Callovian.

b. Middle Callovian (1713 - 1792.5 m).

In addition to the markers, typifying the Callovian in general, this interval is marked by the presence of Lithodinia sp.1 (= L. "suturocomplexa" ms. name/= E 1474) and absence of the enumerated Late Callovian types.

c. Early Callovian (1796.7 - 1836.6 m).

Within this interval the following types have their base occurrences, viz.

Gonyaulacysta jurassica

Sentusidinium rioultii

Moreover, a number of new, and as yet unpublished species are common to abundant in the lower part of this interval, e.g.

Hystrichosphaeridium sp. (= M 20558)

cf. Lunatadinium sp. 1 (= E 1495)

The base of the interval is taken directly above the top occurrence of Emmetrocyta n. sp.1 (= E 1825)

3.4 Late Bathonian to Early Callovian (1852.7 - 1884.6 m)

Four sidewall samples contained relatively rich palynomorph assemblages. The main characteristic of the section is the top occurrence of Emmetrocyta n. sp.1 (= E 1825). Some other species have a usually conspicuous occurrence in this zone, viz.

Diacanthum filapicatum (Middle Bathonian to Early Callovian)

Lithodinia sp. 6 (= E 1712)

Lithodinia sp.10 (= E 1826/so far found only in wells 31/2-3 and -4)

Lithodinia sp. (= E 1792)

3.5 Middle Bathonian (1894.5 - 1955.2 m)

This interval is recognizable by the relatively regular occurrence of ?Chlamyphorella "rectilinea" ms. name (= E 1834/Middle Bathonian to Oxfordian, acme in Callovian)

Ctenidodinium sp.1 (= E 1828/in the UK sector of the North Sea known from only Middle Bathonian strata)

Hystrichogonyaulax regalis (also found as singular occurrence in SWS 1659.5 m, interpreted as reworked)

Hystrichogonyaulax sp.6 (= E 1832/in the UK sector of the North Sea found only in Middle Bathonian strata)

Pareodinia evittii (main occurrence in Middle Bathonian)

3.6 Barren (1967.1 - 1994.5 m)

The three sidewall cores from this interval proved to be barren of dinocysts.

3.7 Aalenian to Bajocian (2001.2 - 2017 m)

Two sidewall samples are characterized by Nannoceratopsis gracilis (top occurrence in Bajocian), whereas Mancodinium semitabulatum is absent. This latter type, found in the next deeper samples, is known to have a range from Late Pliensbachian to Aalenian. As it usually occurs only rarely, its absence does not justify a post-Aalenian age-determination.

3.8 Aalenian (2035.1 - 2071.4 m)

The three investigated samples are indicative for an Aalenian age based on the presence of

Mancodinium semitabulatum (Late Pliensbachian to Aalenian)

Nannoceratopsis gracilis (Late Pliensbachian to Bajocian)

and on the absence of Toarcian palynomorphs.

3.9 Toarcian (2081.7 - 2189.7 m)

Twelve sidewall samples were investigated and contained rich palynomorph assemblages. A Toarcian age was concluded on the abundant presence of the dinocyst species

Luehndea spinosa (main occurrence in Toarcian)

Nannoceratopsis gracilis (incl. N. senex)

and of the sporomorph species

Cerebropollenites macroverrucosus

Chasmatosporites magnolioides

Klukisporites variegatus (base in uppermost Pliensbachian)

Spheripollenites scabratus (base in Toarcian)

3.10 Pliensbachian (2201 - 2467.3 m)

Sixteen samples were examined of which 13 contain palynomorphs.

The top of the interval is taken directly below the basal occurrence of Spheripollenites scabratus in SWS 2189.7 m.

The age is confirmed by the common co-occurrence of the sporomorph species

Chasmatosporites thiergarti (actual top in lowermost Toarcian)

Densoisporites pseudolaesuratus (base in Pliensbachian)

Gleicheniidites senonicus (base in Pliensbachian)

Indusiisporites cf. velatus (Rhaetian to Late Pliensbachian)

Osmundacidites spinosus

These occurrences exclude a Sinemurian age and definite Sinemurian palynomorph markers proved to be absent in this well.

3.11 ?Rhaetian (SWS 2472.1 m)

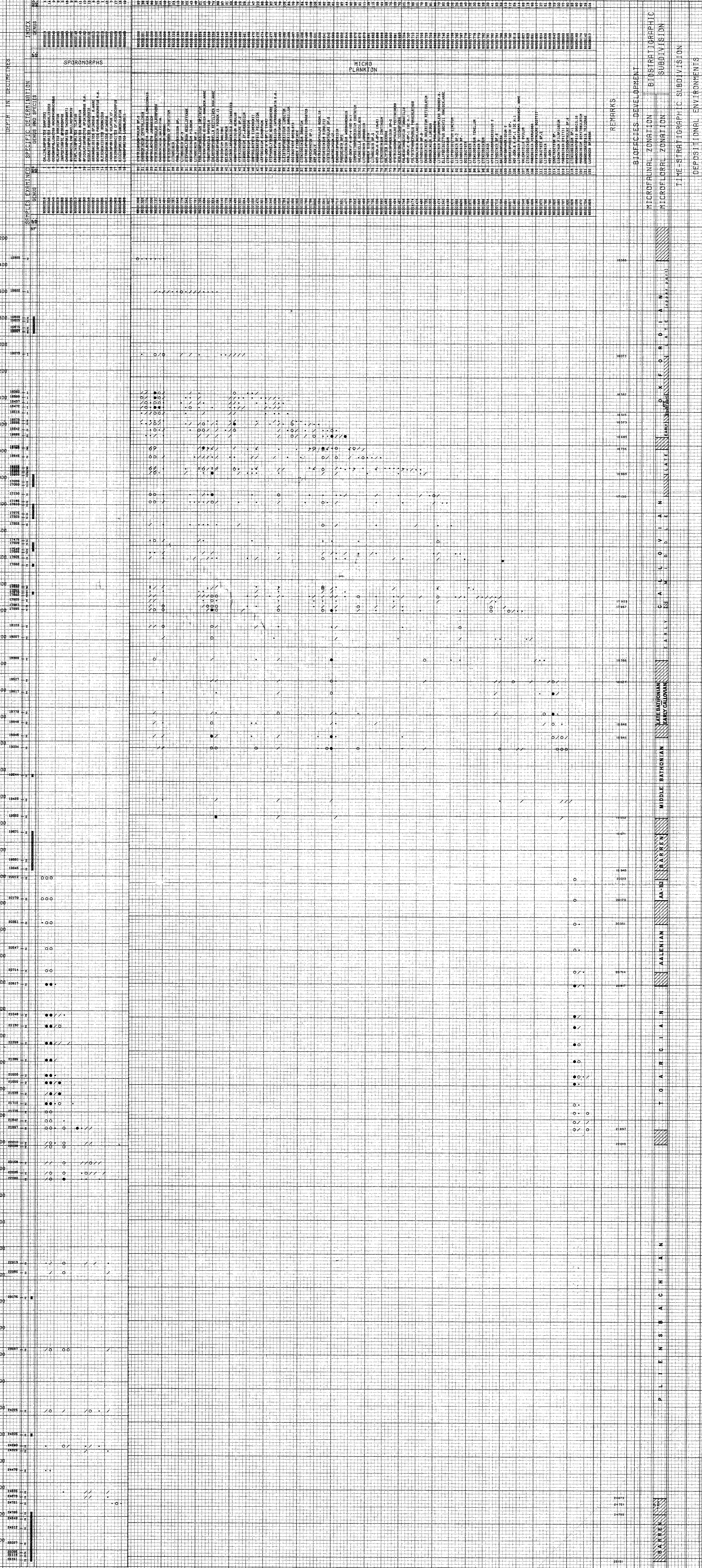
This sidewall core yielded a rather poor sporomorph flora, consisting of numerous specimens of:

Riccisporites tuberculatus (Rhaetian to Early Hettangian)
and single specimens of
Limbosporites lundbladii (Rhaetian)
Striomonosaccites sp (= E 426/Rhaetian)

3.12 Barren (2479.5 - 2515.1 m)

None of the seven sidewall samples from this interval yielded any palynomorphs.

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STANDARD LEGEND

- SPERMOPHYTES
- MICRO PLANKTON
- BIOSTRATIGRAPHIC
- DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENTS

SAMPLES EXAMINED:

- 1 CORE SAMPLE
- 2 SPERMOPHYTES
- 3 MICRO PLANKTON
- 4 BIOSTRATIGRAPHIC
- 5 DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENTS

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