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1 Introduction

In this report the results of palynological analyses on cored intervals from wells Gouda-01 (GOU-01), Hazerswoude-01 (HZW-01), Oisterwijk-01 (OIW-01), Delft-02 (DEL-02), Berkel-02 (BRK-02), K15-01 and P15-07. Wells K15-01 and P15-07 are from the Broad Fourteens Basin, all others are from the West Netherlands Basin, see Figure 1 and 2.

The palynological analyses are carried out as part of the DeVli project, which aims to stratigraphically constrain the Upper Jurassic and Lower Cretaceous deposits of the Broad Fourteens and West Netherlands basins. The project deliverables will consist of thickness maps and cross sections, which will be achieved by seismic mapping of six horizons which will be integrated with stratigraphic analyses of most wells occurring in the study area. The DeVli project is a joint collaboration of TNO Geological Survey of the Netherlands and EBN. The project is fully sponsored by EBN. The results of DeVli will serve as input for the GEODE project ([GEODE Atlas](#)).

Note that the original plan for palynological analyses within the DeVli project was to study the cored sections and side-wall cores of the Delft Sandstone and Rodenrijs Claystone members of the newly drilled geothermal wells DEL-GT-01 and DEL-GT-02. Initially, it was not possible to gain access to this material so an alternative plan was conceived with samples from small cored intervals of old wells, the results of which are reported in this document.

The core samples were collected in May 2024 by Roel Verreussel (TNO). The samples were subsequently processed by Nico Janssen (TNO) and analysed and interpreted by Roel Verreussel.

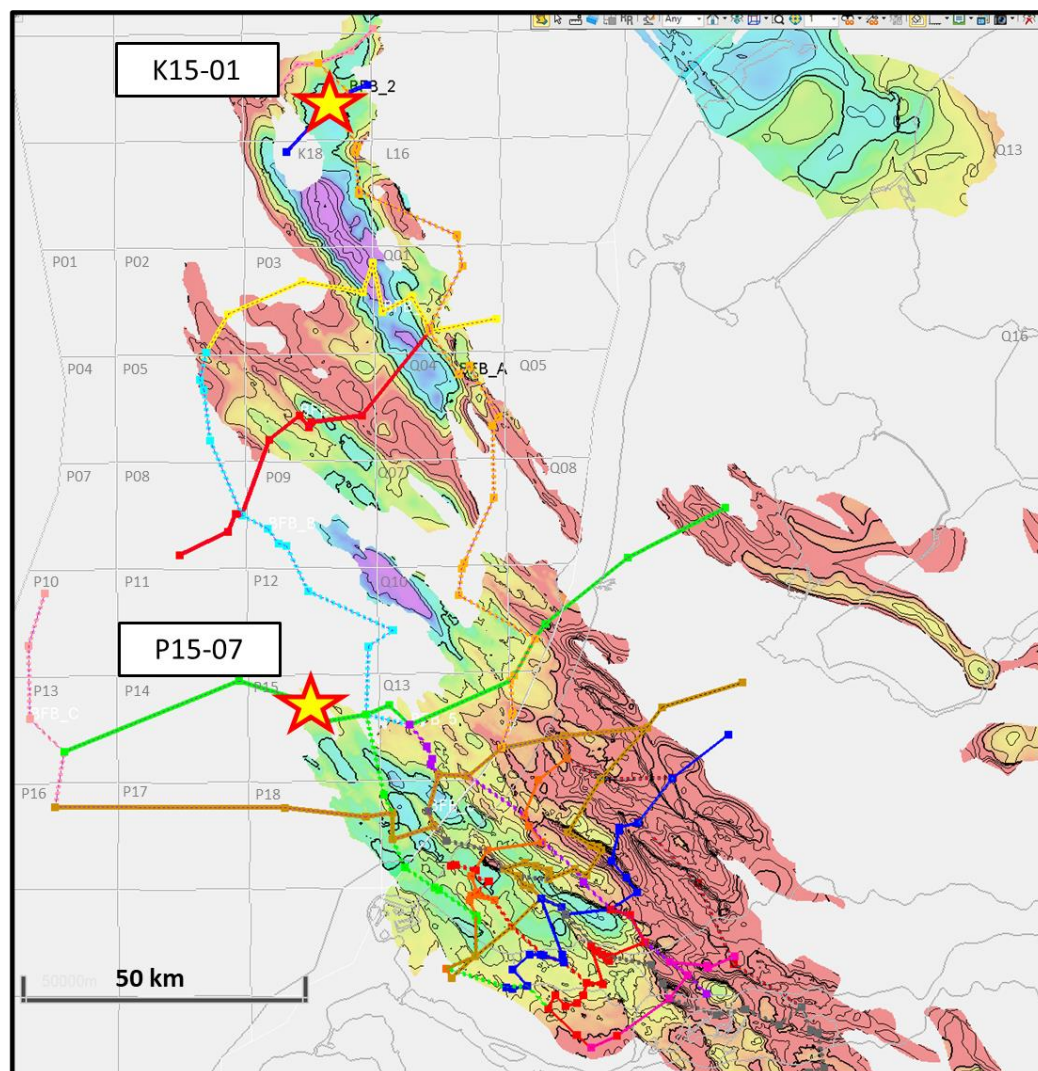


Figure 1 Location map of the studied wells from the offshore Broad Fourteens Basin. The underlying map represents the time-depth of the base of the Schieland Group (purple and blue = deep; orange and yellow = shallow).

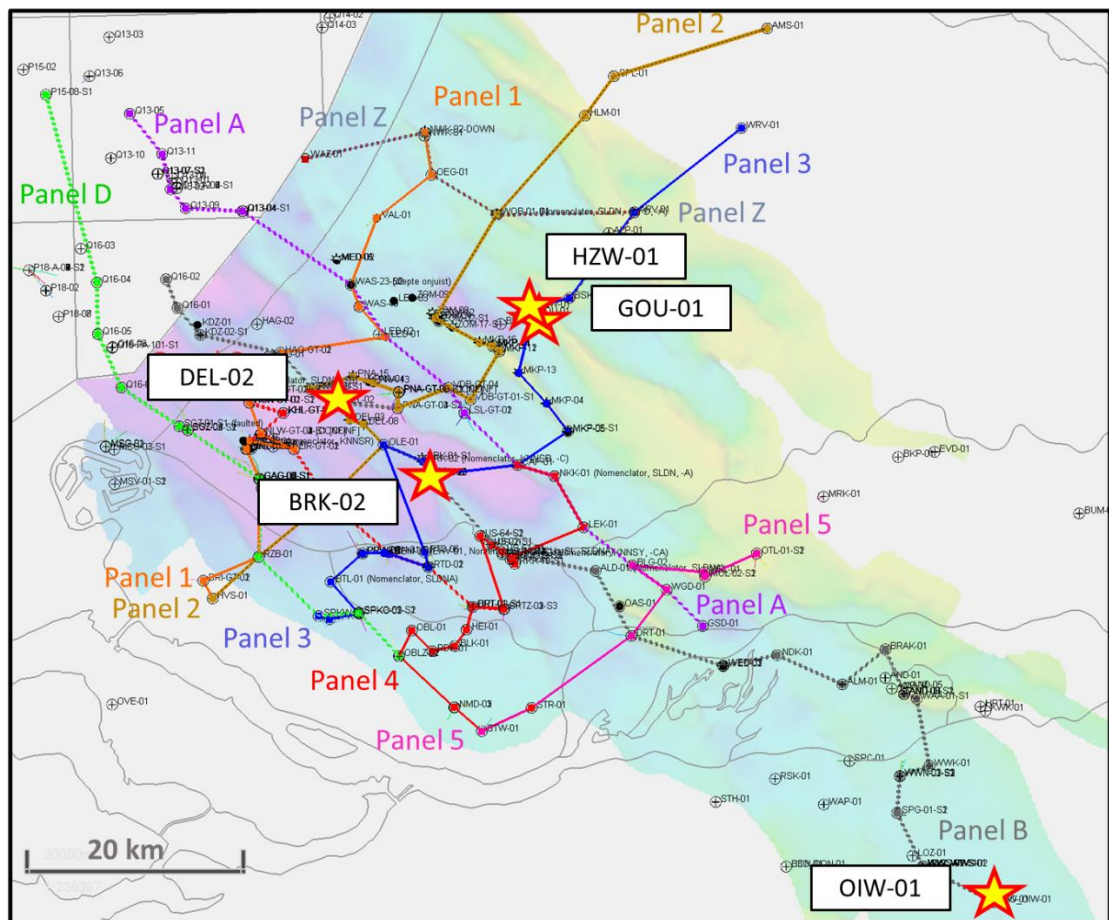


Figure 2 Location map of the studied wells from the onshore West Netherlands Basin. The underlying map represents the time-depth of the base of the Schieland Group (purple and blue = deep; orange and yellow = shallow).

2 Material and Methods

2.1 Abbreviations used

TNO's standard abbreviations as used in palynology reports are listed in Table 1.

Table 1 List of abbreviations

CO	Core sample
SC	Side-wall core sample
CU	Cuttings sample
m	Meter
ft	Feet
MD	Measured Depth
LOD	Last Occurrence Datum
FOD	First Occurrence Datum
ND	Not Diagnostic

2.2 Samples

A total of 48 samples was collected at TNO's core shed in Zeist. The main targets were the Nieuwerkerk and Breeveertien formations. An overview of the amount of samples per well and the targeted units is provided in Table 2.

Table 2 Overview of samples per well and target intervals

well	Samples	Type	Target
GOU-01	7	CORE	Nieuwerkerk?
HZW-01	10	CORE	Nieuwerkerk?
BRK-02	5	CORE	Delft Sandstone & Alblasserdam
DEL-02	2	CORE	Rodenrijs
OIW-01	11	CORE	"Old" Alblasserdam
K15-01	8	CORE	Delfland-Vlieland transition
P15-07	5	CORE	Nieuwerkerk or Breeveertien?
total	48		

2.3 Sample preparation and counting procedure

The samples were processed by Nico Janssen (TNO), using the standard sample processing procedures. This involves crushing and treatment with HCl to digest the carbonate. After that, the mineral bonds of the silicates are destroyed by applying HF, which releases the acid-resistant organic matter. The organic residue is then concentrated by sieving over a 7 micron mesh. The organic residue is put on a glass slide, fixed by a mounting medium such as glycerine jelly and covered by a thin glass cover slip. The palynological slides are studied using a transmitted light microscope with magnifications varying between 100 and 1000 microns. The dinoflagellate cysts and pollen and spores are identified on species level and counted up to 100 specimens (if possible). The occurrences of the different species are displayed on palynological distribution charts. These charts are the basic modules for the age and palaeoenvironmental interpretation (Appendix 2).

2.4 Lithostratigraphy

DeVli in the DeVli project stands for Delfland-Vlieland. These names represent lithostratigraphic units, viz. the Delfland Subgroup of the Schieland Group and the Vlieland Subgroup of the Rijnland Group. The Delfland Subgroup is the oldest of the two and mainly consists of non-marine deposits. The Vlieland Subgroup is the youngest and consists mostly of marine deposits. The two subgroups occur in both the West Netherlands as the Broad Fourteens Basin, but on formation and member level, significant differences exist, see Figure 3 and 4.

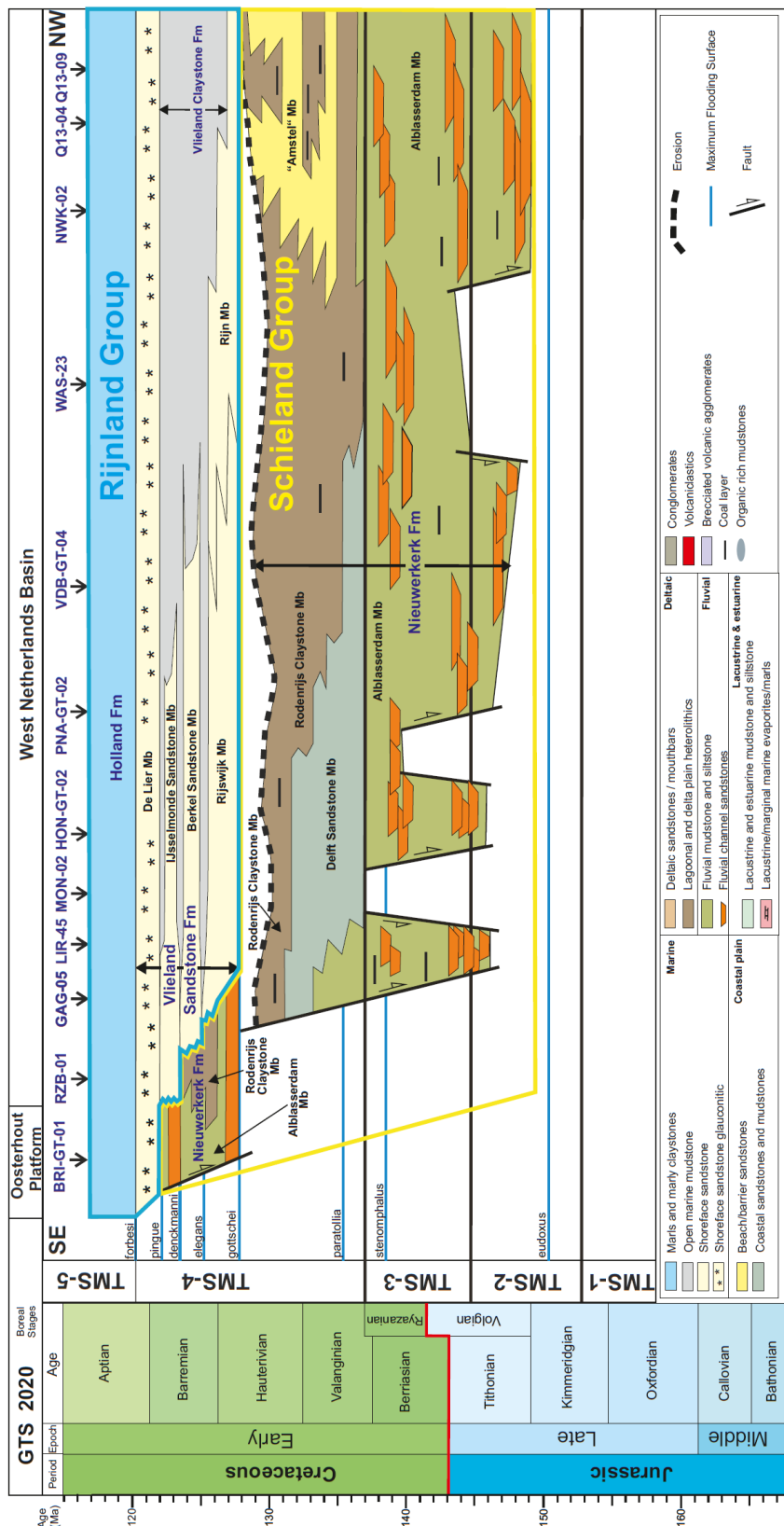


Figure 3
Lithostratigraphy of
the Upper Jurassic-
Lower Cretaceous
from the West
Netherlands Basin
(Verreussel et al., in
press).

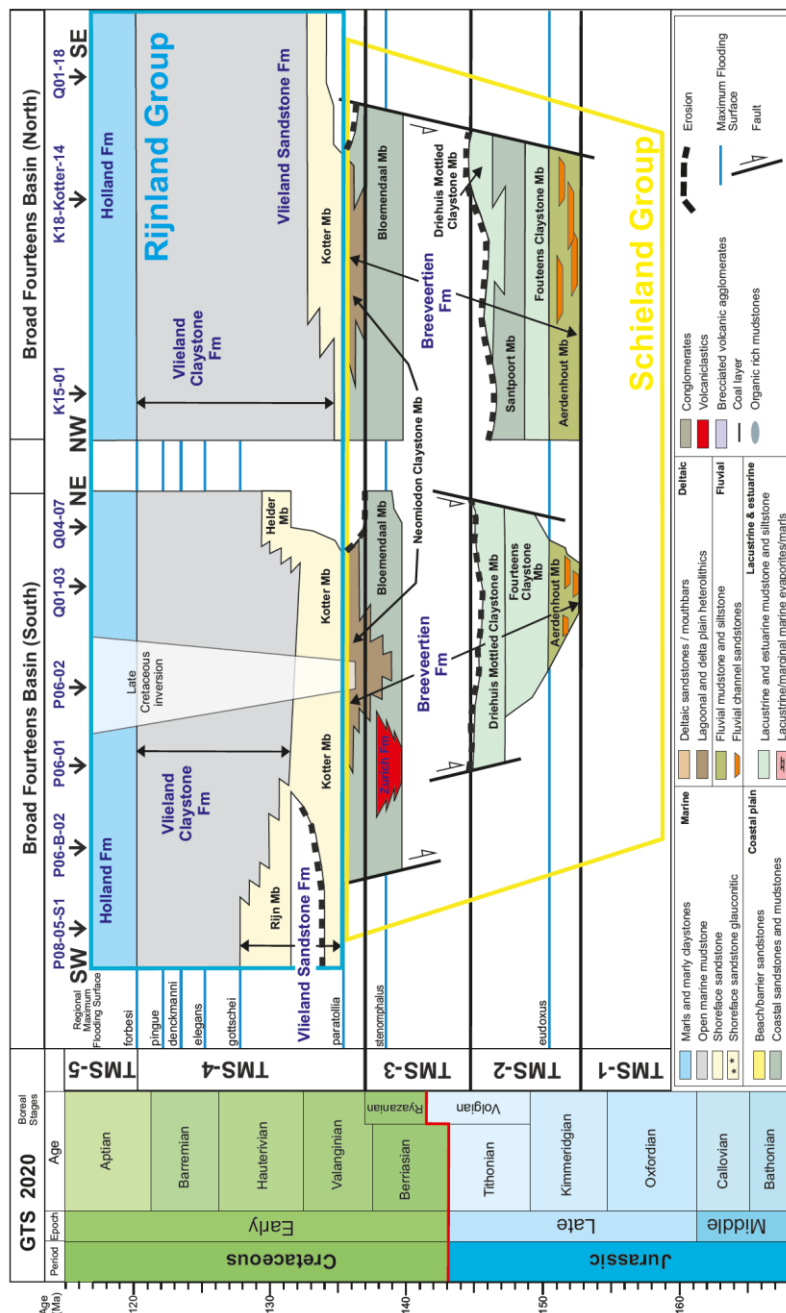


Figure 4 Lithostratigraphy of the Upper Jurassic-Lower Cretaceous from the Broad Fourteens Basin (Verreussel et al., in press).

2.5 Methodology age assessment

Note that many palynological studies on the Nieuwerkerk Formation were published in reports (Munsterman 2012; 2015; 2017; 2018; 2019a; 2019b), but most of these were based on cuttings samples, which limits the accuracy of the age datings since only last occurrences (LOD's) of palynomorphs can be used.

For the age assessments, recent publications on the Valanginian to Barremian interval from Stan Duxbury proved to be most useful (Duxbury, 2018; 2019; 2023).

2.6 Methodology paleoenvironmental interpretation

Palynologists study acid-resistant organic matter from sedimentary rocks. Organic matter is classified into palynomorphs (organic microfossils within a certain size range) and palynodebris (all other organic material such as plant-tissue, wood fragments, amorphous organic matter etc.). The combination of palynomorphs and palynodebris is called palynofacies or organofacies. Within the palynomorph category, two groups are considered the most important: the dinoflagellate cysts, or dinocysts, and the pollen and spores, or sporomorphs. Because palynology straddles both the marine and the terrestrial realm, it is ideally suited for the study of shallow- to non-marine sedimentary rocks. Palynomorphs and palynodebris are always subject to transport, the palynology-based depositional environment is therefore broader than the depositional setting such as derived from *in-situ* sedimentological, geochemical or paleontological features and parameters. The link between depositional setting and palynology-based depositional environment is display in Figure 3. A summary of the most relevant environmental interpretations based on palynology are listed below:

Open marine

Dominance of dinoflagellate cysts indicates open marine environments, in particular when the dinoflagellate cyst assemblages are highly diverse (many species).

Restricted marine

Dinoflagellate cyst associations of the type High Dominance – Low Diversity indicate a restricted marine environment, such as a lagoon, embayment or estuary.

Non-marine

Absence or near-absence of dinoflagellate cysts generally indicates non-marine or marginal marine environments.

Transgression

An increase in the ratio between dinoflagellate cysts and pollen and spores indicates a sea level rise.

Regression

A decrease in the ratio between dinoflagellate cysts and pollen and spores indicates a sea level fall.

Low energy conditions

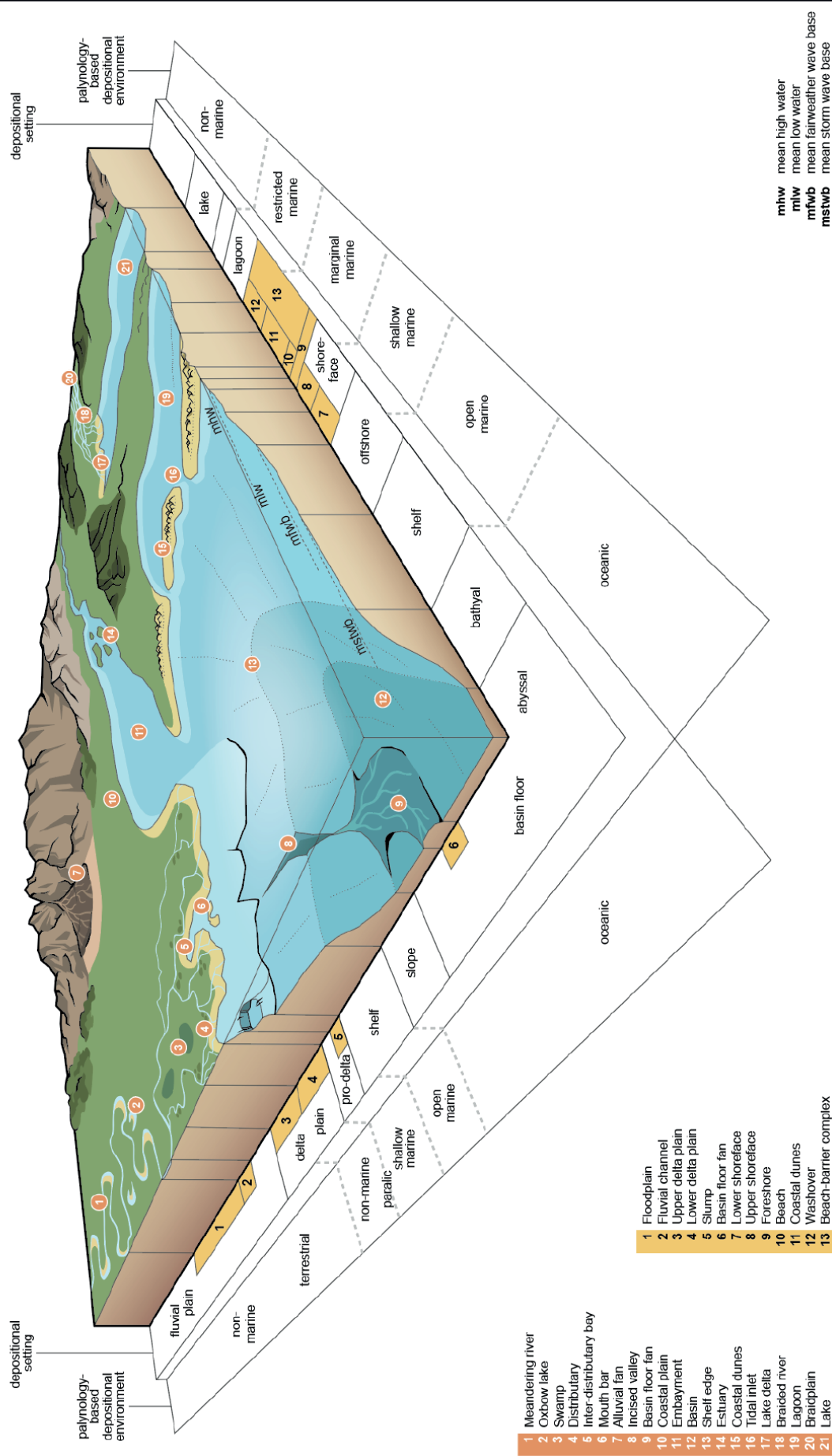
Excellent physical preservation of palynomorphs and other organic matter particles may indicate low energy conditions such as for instance a lagoon or a lake.

High energy conditions

Poor physical preservation of palynomorphs may indicate high energy conditions such as for instance a river channel, basin floor fan or a beach.

Figure 5 (next page) Depositional environments inferred from palynological analyses compared to depositional settings inferred from sedimentology.

Sedimentary Facies



3 Background information

For each of the studied wells, relevant background information is provided in bitmap format. The bitmaps are derived from a powerpoint file that was presented in the second progress meeting of the DeVli project. The information provided includes a clipped section of the composite well-log, previous age datings, sample quality, sample depths and personal observations and interpretations regarding the lithostratigraphy.

3.1 Well GOU-01

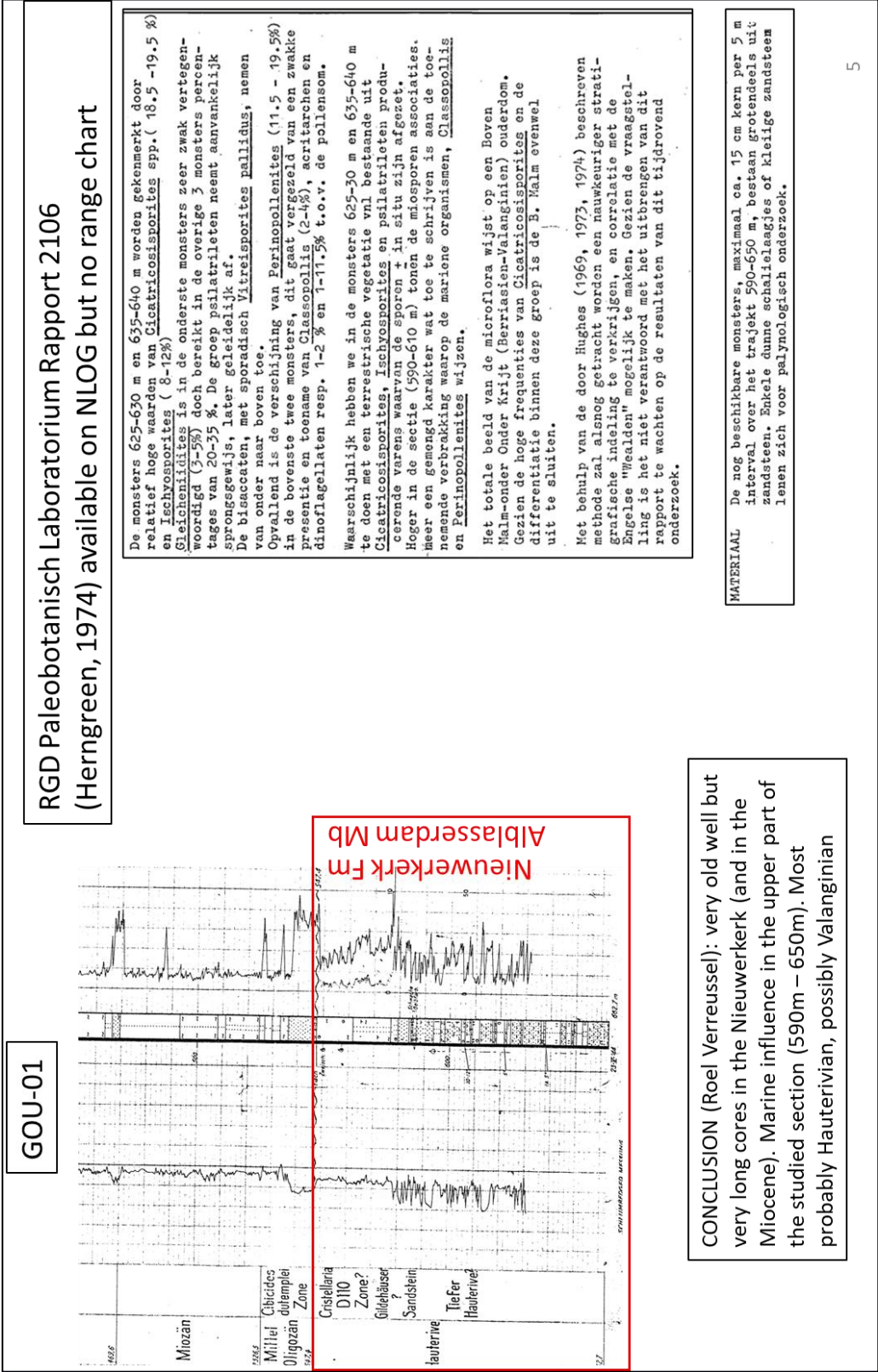
GOU-01 is a very old well, it was drilled in 1944 and appears to have been cored for a large part, based on the composite well log. In the core shed in Zeist, only loose core samples were available. The interval has been assigned to the Nieuwerkerk Formation, according to NLOG (<https://www.nlog.nl>).

An old report (1974) by palynologist Waldemar Herngreen from the former RGD indicates predominant terrestrial palynomorphs but also 'weak marine influence'.

A total of 7 core samples was collected over the interval 586m – 658m.

Samples Alternative plan

GOU-01	586 CORE
GOU-01	595 CORE
GOU-01	608,5 CORE
GOU-01	617 CORE
GOU-01	636,5 CORE
GOU-01	651 CORE
GOU-01	658 CORE



3.2 Well HZW-01

HZW-01 is also an old well, dating back to 1948. The entire interval has been assigned to the Alblasserdam Member of the Nieuwerkerk Formation, according to NLOG (<https://www.nlog.nl>).

Biostratigraphic information available on NLOG (an old RGD report from 1974 and a palynological distribution chart from NAM) indicates predominant terrestrial palynomorphs but also some spot samples with dinoflagellate cysts.

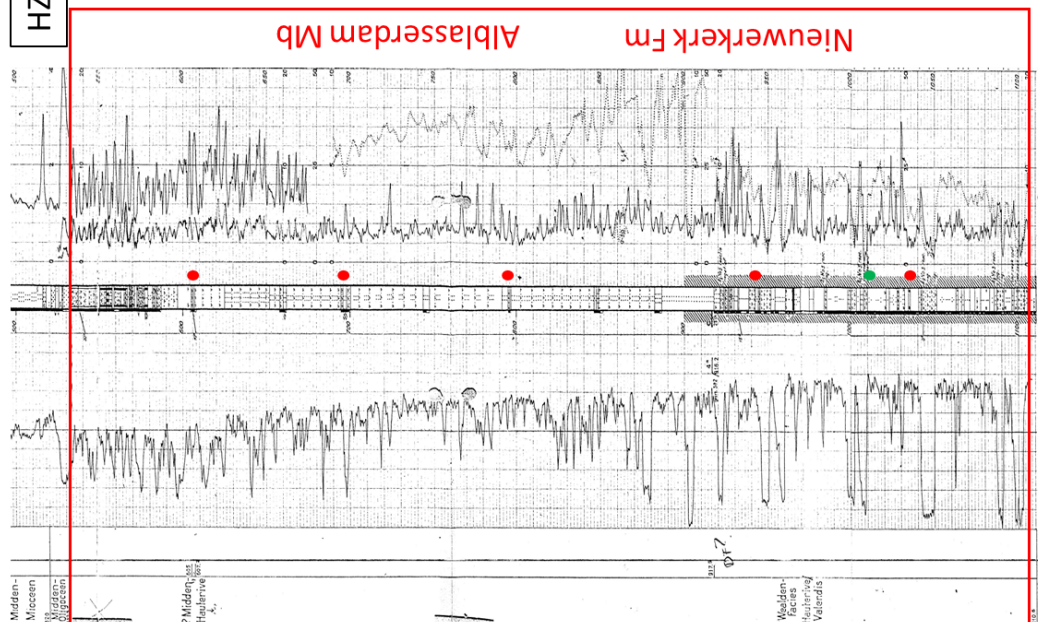
Eleven core samples were collected over the interval 583m – 1060.5m.

Samples Alternative plan		
HZW-01	583	CORE
HZW-01	605,5	CORE
HZW-01	695	CORE
HZW-01	796	CORE
HZW-01	882,5	CORE
HZW-01	985	CORE
HZW-01	1011	CORE
HZW-01	1033	CORE
HZW-01	1054,5	CORE
HZW-01	1060,5	CORE

RGD Paleobotanisch Laboratorium Rapport 2110
(Herngreen, 1974) available on NLOG

florabeeld.

CONCLUSION (Roel Verreussel): very old well but very long cores in the Nieuwerkerk. Weak marine influence in many samples. Probably Hauterivian age entire section (O. complex, M. simplex, P. neocomical), possibly Valanginian in the lower part but NOT Berriasian



DEPTH IN METRES BELOW DECK FLOOR	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SPERMOPHYTES		MICROPLANKTON		POLYLOGICAL INVERTEBRALS
		NO.	%	NO.	%	
1000	1	0	0	0	0	
950	2	0	0	0	0	
900	3	0	0	0	0	
850	4	0	0	0	0	
800	5	0	0	0	0	
750	6	0	0	0	0	
700	7	0	0	0	0	
650	8	0	0	0	0	
600	9	0	0	0	0	
550	10	0	0	0	0	
500	11	0	0	0	0	
450	12	0	0	0	0	
400	13	0	0	0	0	
350	14	0	0	0	0	
300	15	0	0	0	0	
250	16	0	0	0	0	
200	17	0	0	0	0	
150	18	0	0	0	0	
100	19	0	0	0	0	
50	20	0	0	0	0	
0	21	0	0	0	0	

Palyno range chart (NAM, M. Gaillard, 1987) from NLOG. The report is not on NLOG

3.3 Well BRK-02

Also well BRK-02 is old, it was spudded in 1953. According to the lithostratigraphic interpretation provided by NLOG, only a quite thin Rodenrijs Claystone Member (interval 1737m – 1826mAH) is present above a very thick Alblasterdam Member (interval 1826m – 2649mAH). An alternative - and more logical interpretation - would be to assign a larger interval (1737m – 2016mAH) to the Rodenrijs Claystone Member and assume that the underlying sandy interval (2016m – 2160mAH) belongs to the Delft Sandstone Member.

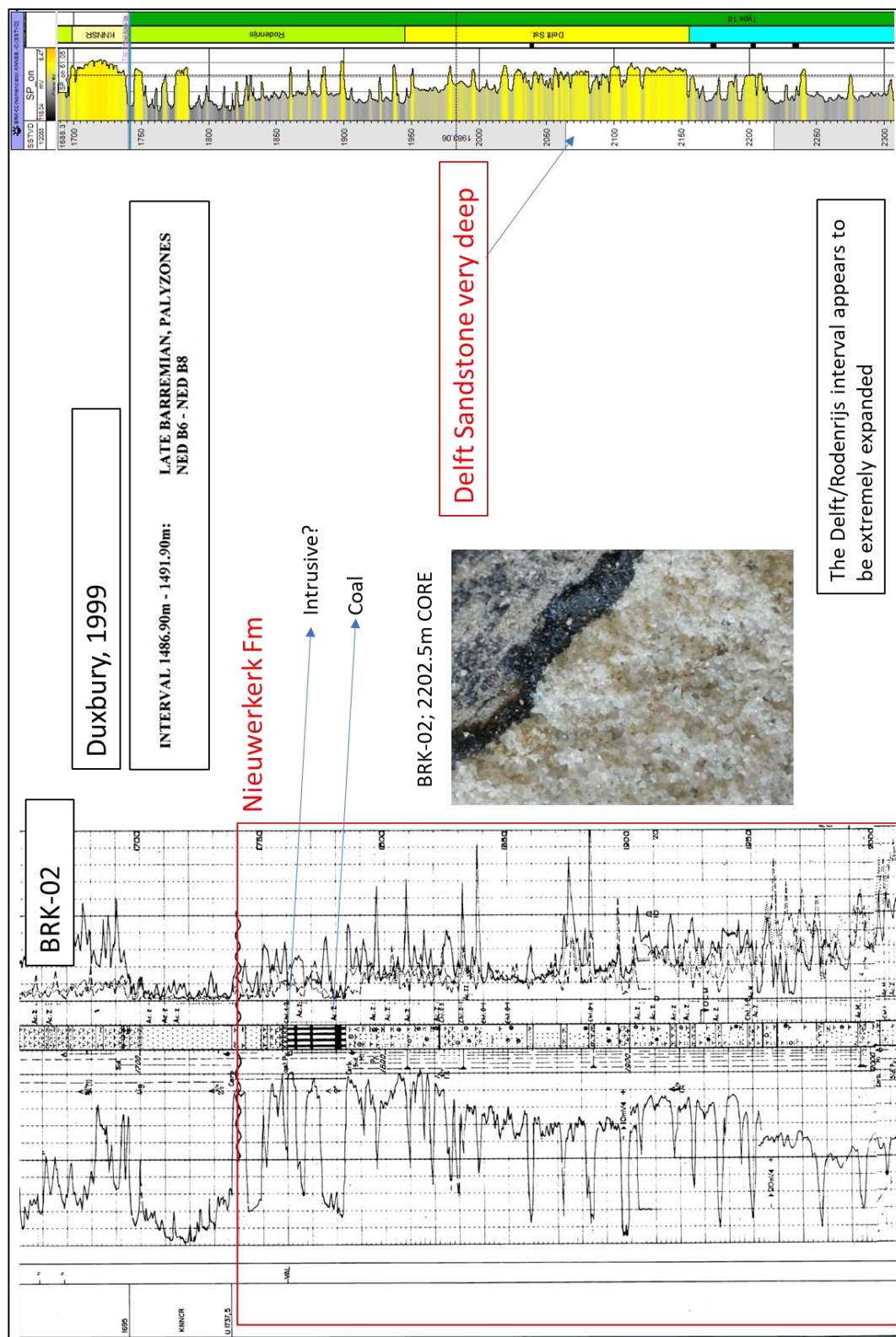
An old RGD report from 1974 on NLOG provides quite detailed palynological data. The report did not record any dinoflagellate cysts in the interval 2039m – 2237m, but acritarchs were recorded in three samples (2202.5m, 2204m, 2233m), indicating weak marine influence at those levels.

Note the presence of volcanics (1760m) and coal (1780m).

Five samples were collected for palynological analyses.

Samples Alternative plan

BRK-02	2040,4 CORE
BRK-02	2206 CORE
BRK-02	2236 CORE
BRK-02	2237 CORE
BRK-02	2502 CORE

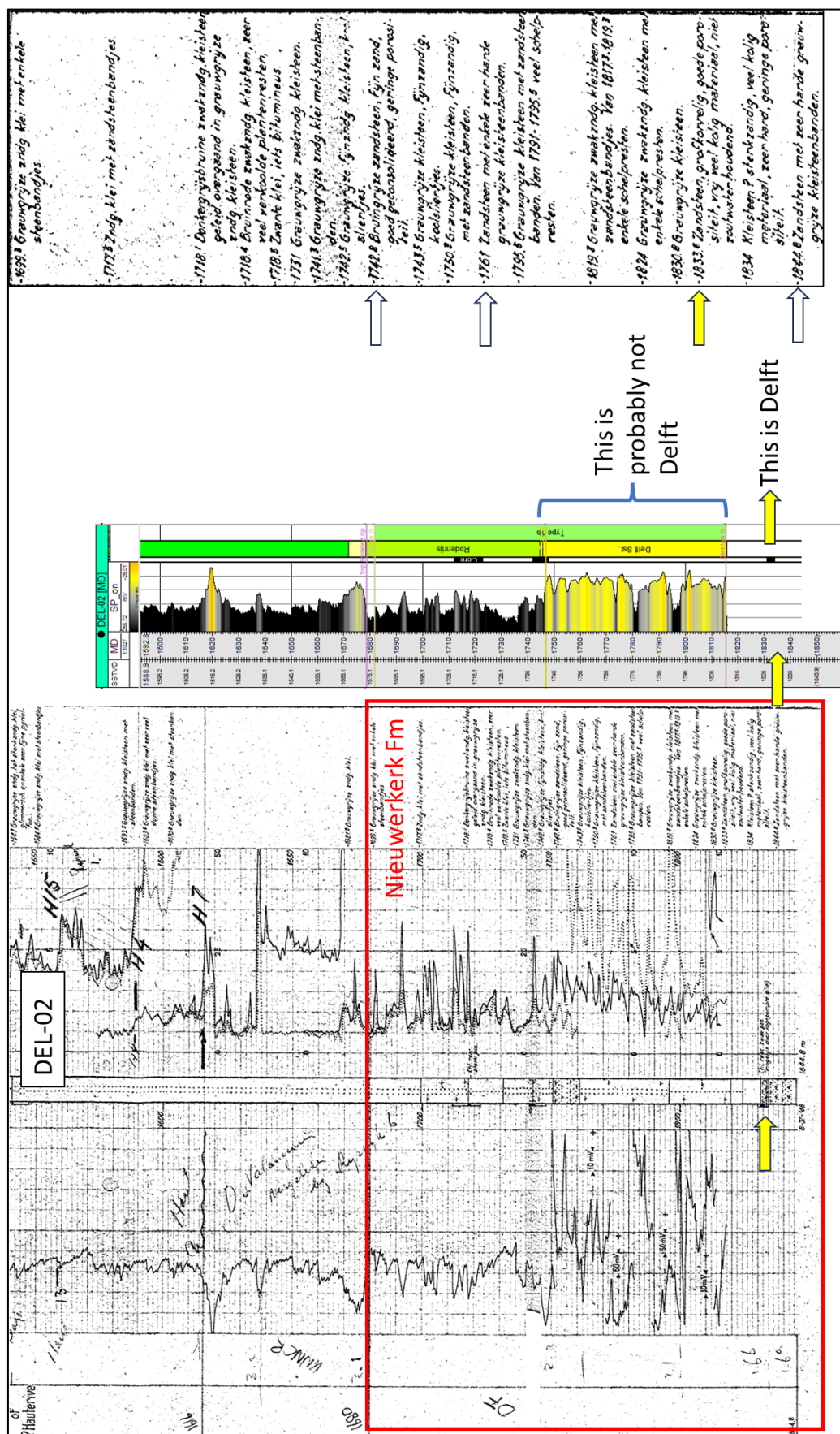


3.4 Well DEL-02

Well DEL-02 was spudded in 1948 and only an SP log is available. According to the lithostratigraphic interpretation provided by NLOG, only Rodenrijs Claystone Member is present below the Rijswijk Member. An alternative interpretation would be to assign the sandy interval (1745m – 1844.8mAH) to the Delft Sandstone Member, but that interpretation is rejected because according to the lithological descriptions, the first coarse-grained sandstones occur at 1833mAH (see next page).

Only two core samples could be collected for palynological analyses.

Samples Alternative plan		
DEL-02	1718	CORE
DEL-02	1830,75	CORE



3.5 Well OIW-01

Well OIW-01 dates back to 1959. According to the lithostratigraphic interpretation provided by NLOG, only Rodenrijs Claystone Member is present below the Rijswijk Member. An alternative – and more logical – interpretation would be to assign the sandy interval (1745m – 1844.8mAH) to the Delft Sandstone Member.

An RGD report from 1978 provides quantitative palynological information. Based on these data, it is suggested that

- the Werkendam Fm can be dated as Callovian, based on the LOD *Durotrigia filapicata* [INTERVAL]
- the Brabant Fm. is Early Oxfordian, based on LOD *Neoraistrickia gristhorpensis* [Level? Interval].
- the Alblasterdam Mb of the Nieuwerkerk Fm (interval 1492m -1687m) is difficult to date, the interval is non-marine without any dinocysts. Most likely, the succession pre-dates the *Densiplicatum* climate shift in the Middle Oxfordian (implying an Early to Middle Oxfordian age) based on the abundance of *Perinopollenites* (compared to the low abundance of *Classopollis*) and on the common occurrence of *Tuberositriletes*. An alternative age interpretation would be Late Kimmeridgian (TNO Zone 2A) and pre-dating the *Scitulus* climate shift.

A total of 11 core samples was collected for palynological analyses.

Samples Alternative plan

OIW-01	1329 CORE
OIW-01	1388 CORE
OIW-01	1598 CORE
OIW-01	1602 CORE
OIW-01	1602,5 CORE
OIW-01	1604 CORE
OIW-01	1875,5 CORE
OIW-01	1876,5 CORE
OIW-01	2193 CORE
OIW-01	2194 CORE
OIW-01	2275 CORE



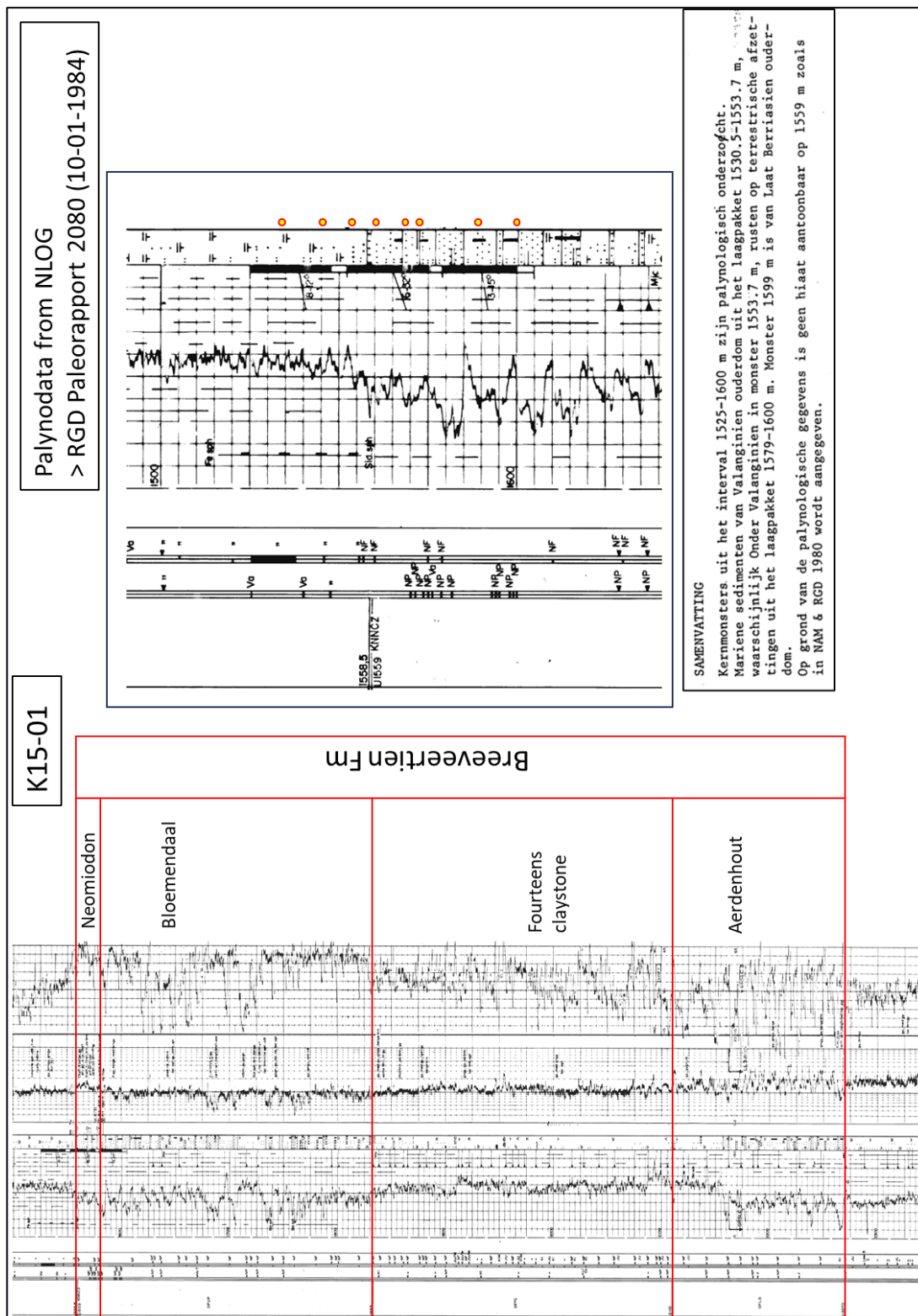
3.6 Well K15-01

Well K15-01 was spudded in 1971. According to NLOG, a 2 meter thick interval 1557m – 1559m is assigned to the Kotter Member of the Vlieland Sandstone Formation. The interval 1559m – 2270m has been assigned to the Breeveertien Formation (see next page).

An RGD report from 1984 indicates Valangian and Berriasian ages to the cored interval 1538m – 1600m.

Eight samples were collected for palynological analyses.

Samples Alternative plan	
K15-01	1538,5 CORE
K15-01	1546,5 CORE
K15-01	1554,7 CORE
K15-01	1561,5 CORE
K15-01	1569,5 CORE
K15-01	1573,5 CORE
K15-01	1589 CORE
K15-01	1600 CORE

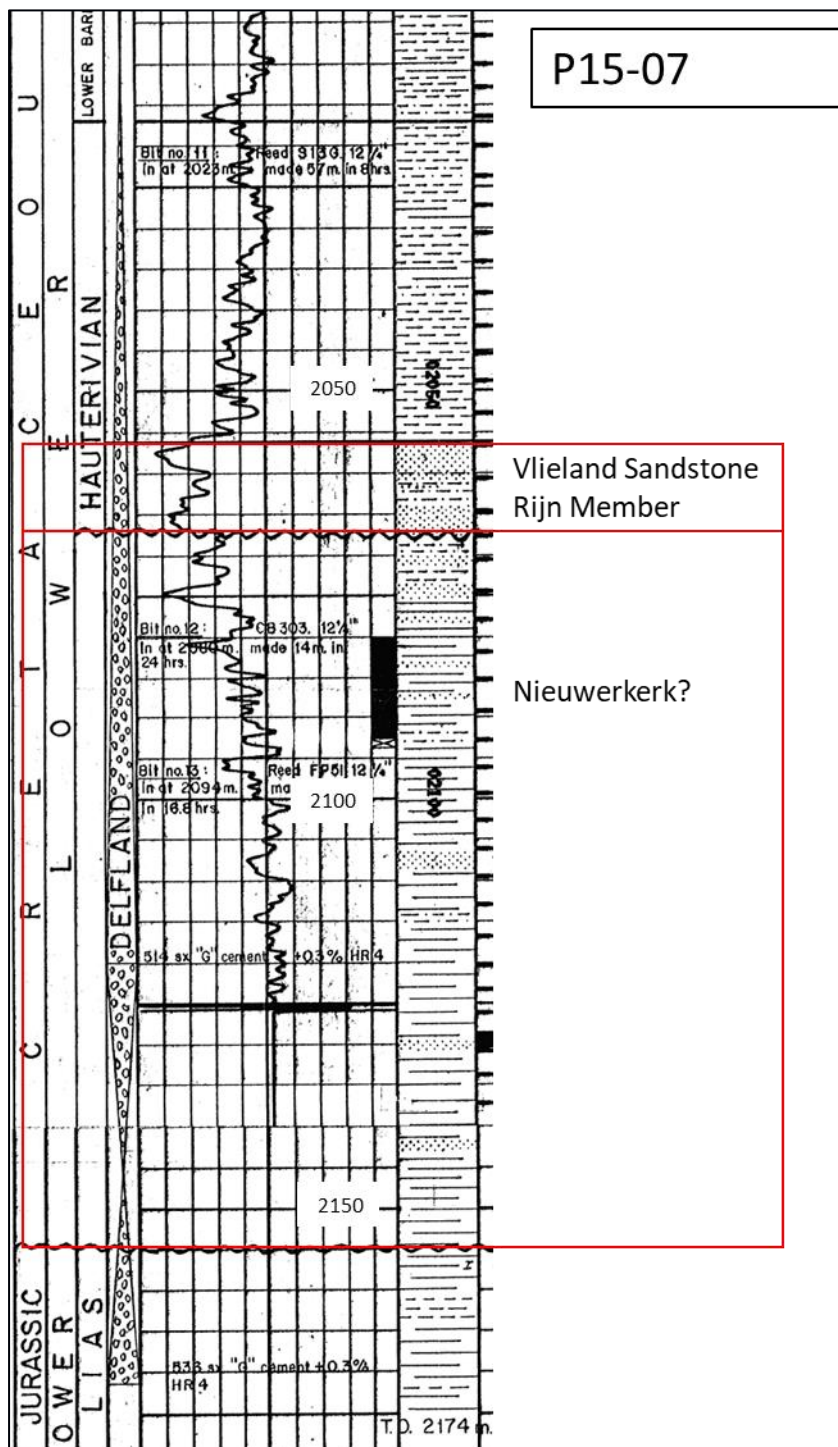


3.7 Well P15-07

Well P15-07 was drilled in 1983 and is situated in the Rijn oilfield. According to NLOG, the Rijn Member of the Vlieland Sandstone Formation occurs at 2067m – 2075m and is separated from the thin, underlying Alblasserdam Member of the Nieuwerkerk Formation by a fault. The cored section has been assigned to the Lower Werkendam Member on NLOG.

Five samples were selected for palynological analyses.

Samples Alternative plan	
P15-07	2080,1 CORE
P15-07	2082,7 CORE
P15-07	2086,3 CORE
P15-07	2089,9 CORE
P15-07	2092,75 CORE



4 Results

The palynological recovery of the studied samples varied substantially. The samples from well P15-07 for example, were completely barren. All other wells yielded palynomorphs that allowed age and paleoenvironmental assessments. The results are discussed per well. For each well an age assessment is provided and an interpretation in terms of paleoenvironment. The age breakdown is presented from the top of the studied sections downwards.

Nine photo-plates with micro-photographs of palynomorphs and organofacies are added in Appendix 1.

Palynological distribution chart showing the results of the palynological analyses are added in Appendix 2.

4.1 Gouda-01 (GOU-01)

A palynological distribution chart showing the results of the palynological analyses is added in Appendix 2.

Age assessment

Interval 586.0m – 658.0m late Early to Late Hauterivian

Based on the common occurrence of *Hystrichosphaeridium arborispinum*. The LOD *Cymososphaeridium validum* suggests an Early Hauterivian age, but the (common) occurrence of *Subtilisphaera* indicates a slightly younger Late Hauterivian age.

Paleoenvironmental interpretation

The uppermost sample 586.0mCORE is rich in amorphous organic matter and contains fair amounts of the brackish water algae *Botryococcus*, indicating restricted marine conditions such as a back-barrier lagoon or an estuary. The remaining interval 595m – 658m is interpreted to have been deposited in a nearshore, coastal setting. The samples are very rich in pollen and spores but dinoflagellate cysts do occur, albeit in low numbers.

4.2 Hazerswoude-01 (HZW-01)

A palynological distribution chart showing the results of the palynological analyses is added in Appendix 2.

Age assessment

Sample 583.0m

Age dating not possible

Very poor sample.

Interval 605.0m – 796.0m

late Early to Late Hauterivian

Based on the presence of *Palaecysta complicata*, *Subtilisphaera terrula*, *Nexosispinum vetusculum* and *Muderongia simplex*.

Interval 882.5m – 1060.5m

Hauterivian and/or Valanginian

Dinocysts are absent in this interval. The pollen and spore assemblage reflects the relatively wet Wealden facies, which would comply with a Valanginian or Hauterivian age.

Paleoenvironmental interpretation

Interval 605.0m – 796.0m

Nearshore, coastal

The upper part of the studied section 605.0m – 796.0m contains dinoflagellate cysts, indicative of marine influence. Particularly sample 796.0m is very rich in dinoflagellate cysts that may reflect a maximum flooding surface. Overall, pollen and spores dominate the assemblages, suggesting a nearshore to coastal depositional setting.

Interval 882.5m – 1060.5m

Fluvial and coal forming swamps

The absence of dinoflagellate cysts and abundance of pollen and spores indicate non-marine environments. The pioneer indicator *Gleichenites* is abundant in this interval, pointing to dynamic, riparian environments. In combination with the presence of coals, a fluvial setting is inferred, interrupted occasionally by coal forming swamps.

4.3 Berkel-02 (BRK-02)

A palynological distribution chart showing the results of the palynological analyses is added in Appendix 2.

Age assessment

Interval 2040.5m – 2237.0m Hauterivian and/or Valanginian

Due to the absence of dinoflagellate cysts, a precise age dating is not possible. The pollen and spore assemblages are diverse and contain common *Cicatricosisporites*, *Pilosporites* and *Gleicheniidites* but *Classopoliis* is rare. These assemblages rule out a Ryazanian or older age and point to the Valanginian and/or Hauterivian age.

Sample 2502.0m Age dating not possible

Barren sample.

Paleoenvironmental interpretation

Interval 2040.5m – 2237.0m Non-marine to coastal

The absence of dinoflagellate cysts indicates a non-marine depositional setting for the studied samples.

Note however, that the presence of acritarchs, as recorded in the RGD report, points to weak marine influence in the interval 2205m – 2233m.

4.4 Delft-02 (DEL-02)

A palynological distribution chart showing the results of the palynological analyses is added in Appendix 2.

Age assessment

Sample 1718.0m

Hauterivian or Valanginian

Only one species of dinoflagellate cysts is present: *Hystriosphæridium arborispinum*. The pollen and spore assemblage is quite diverse and contains common *Cicatricosisporites*. The assemblage points to a Valanginian or Hauterivian age.

Sample 1830.75m

Age dating not possible

Barren sample.

Paleoenvironmental interpretation

Sample 1718.0m

Marginal marine

The rare presence of dinoflagellate cysts indicates a marginal marine depositional environment.

4.5 Oisterwijk-01 (OIW-01)

A palynological distribution chart showing the results of the palynological analyses is added in Appendix 2. A summary of the results is listed in table xxx.

Age assessment

Interval 1329m – 1388m Age dating not possible

Barren sample.

Sample 1598m Probably Kimmeridgian

Only pollen and spores are present. The FOD *Cingulatisporites* sp. A Abbink 1998 and *Leptolepidites psarosus* indicate a Kimmeridgian age, or younger. The relatively low abundance of *Classopollis* indicates an age older than Tithonian – the base of the Tithonian is marked by an increase in *Classopollis*, known as the *scitulus* Climate shift.

1602m – 1604m Age dating not possible

Barren interval.

Interval 1875.5m – 1876.5m Middle to Late Callovian

The interval yielded rich dinoflagellate cyst assemblages. Many dinoflagellate cysts are recorded with a LOD in the Early or Middle Oxfordian: *Rigaudella aemula*, *Gonyaulacysta jurassica adecta* var. *adecta* (LOD Middle Oxfordian), *Gonyaulacysta centriconnata*, *Gonyaulacysta jurassica adecta* var. *longicornis* (LOD Early Oxfordian) and *Ctenidodinium continuum* (LOD earliest Oxfordian). The LOD *Durotrigia filapicata* in sample 1576.5mCORE indicates a Callovian age or older. The FOD *Gonyaulacysta centriconnata* (Middle Callovian) limits the age of the interval to the Middle to Late Callovian.

2193m – 2275m Late Bajocian

The FOD *Korystocysta gochtii* indicates a Late Bajocian or younger age. The total range of *Acanthaulax crispa* (late Early to Late Bajocian) confines the age to the Late Bajocian. Additional support is provided by the FOD *Hystrichogonyaulax regalis* (early Late Bajocian).

Paleoenvironmental interpretation

Interval 1329m – 1388m

Palaeoenvironmental interpretation not possible

Barren interval.

Sample 1598m

Non-marine to marginal marine

Dinoflagellate cysts are absent, suggesting a non-marine palaeoenvironment. The presence of prasinophyte algae and transparent sheets points to minor marine influence. Among the pollen and spore assemblages, the spore type *Densoisporites* is abundant. This type has been linked to tidally influenced habitats (Abbink, 1998). Therefore, a non-marine to marginal marine environment with possible tidal influence is suggested.

1602m – 1602.5m

Palaeoenvironmental interpretation not possible

Barren interval.

Interval 1875.5m – 2275m

Open marine

Rich and diverse palynological assemblages dominated by dinoflagellate cysts, indicate open marine palaeoenvironments.

4.6 K15-01

A palynological distribution chart showing the results of the palynological analyses is added in Appendix 2.

Age assessment

Interval 1538.5m – 1554.7m Early Valanginian

Many marker species are present that have a LOD in the Early Valanginian: *Cymososphaeridium arcuatum*, *Palaecysta palmula*, *Vexillocysta spinosa*. The FOD *Cymososphaeridium arcuatum* is base Valanginian, so an Early Valanginian age can be assigned to this interval with a high degree of confidence.

Interval 1561.6m – 1600m Probably Ryazanian

Dinocysts and age diagnostic sporomorphs are absent. Nevertheless, the common presence of *Cicatricosisporites* and rare abundance of *Classopollis* probably indicates a Ryazanian age.

Paleoenvironmental interpretation

Interval 1538.5m – 1554.7m Open marine

Rich and diverse dinoflagellate cyst assemblages indicate an open marine palaeoenvironment for this interval.

Interval 1561.6m – 1600m Non-marine to marginal marine

Dinoflagellate cysts are absent, indicating non-marine environments. The presence of amorphous organic matter and delicate cuticulae fragments point to weak (low-energy) marine influence.

4.7 P15-07

All samples from well K15-01 were barren. Therefore, no palynological distribution chart and age and palaeoenvironmental interpretations were made.

5 Implications on regional stratigraphy

Some of the results that were achieved during this study have an impact on the regional stratigraphy of the West Netherlands Basin.

The Nieuwerkerk Fm in the Hazerswoude - Gouda area

The late Hauterivian ages of the cored Alblasserdam intervals 580m – 658m from well GOU-01 and 605m – 796m from well HZW-01 correlate with equivalent ages of the Rodenrijs Claystone member in wells PNA-GT-02, VDB-GT-04 and MKP-16 which are situated 5 to 15 km SW of GOU-01 and HZW-01 (Figure 7 & Figure 7). The observed palaeoenvironments, nearshore marine to back-barrier lagoonal reflect the same depositional setting, albeit slightly more proximal, as the upper Rodenrijs Claystone Member in the West Netherlands Basin. Apparently, marine influence during that time spread as far as Gouda and Hazerswoude. It also shows that the Late Cretaceous erosion left most of the Nieuwerkerk Formation intact. Note that because of the correlation with the Rodenrijs, the presence of Delft Sandstone would be expected below the intervals. However, massive sandstones are lacking in well HZW-01. Maybe the Hazerswoude-Gouda area was too far away from the source area of the Delft sandstones.

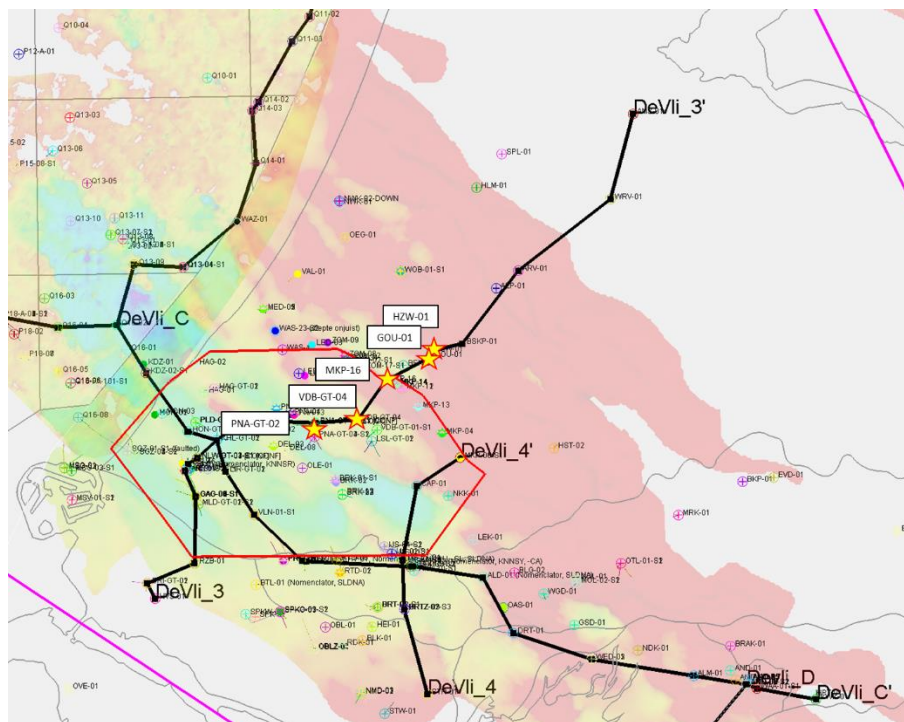


Figure 6 Location map of the wells discussed in the text.

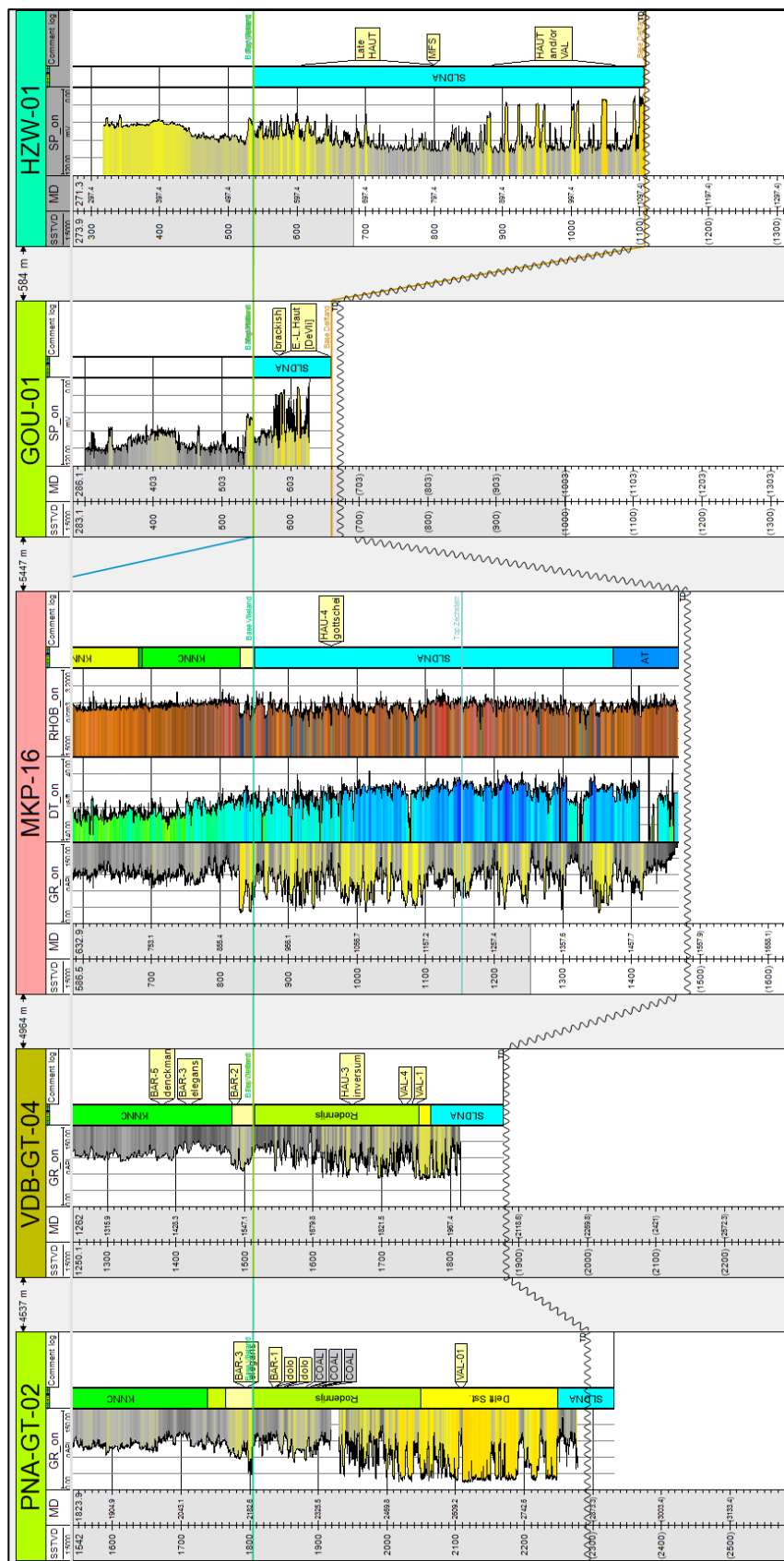


Figure 7 Correlation panel from PNA-GT-02 to HZW-01

The Nieuwerkerk Fm in the Berkel area

The Valanginian and/or Hauterivian age that was assigned to the interval 2040m – 2237m of well BRK-02 implies that the Nieuwerkerk section above this interval is Valanginian or younger. In other words, the age of the Delft Sandstone at 2020m – 2155m in well BRK-02 is Valanginian or Hauterivian, which confirms our working model that the base Delft Sandstone is the base TMS-4. Also interesting are the acritarchs occurrences at and near the base of the Delft Sandstone (interval 2202m – 2233m, see RGD report 2110). These occurrences point to (weak) marine influence near the base of the Delft Sandstone Member.

The Nieuwerkerk Fm in the Delft area

The Valanginian – Hauterivian age in combination with a marine palaeoenvironment is in line with the lithostratigraphic interpretation (Rodenrijs Claystone Member).

The Nieuwerkerk, Brabant and Werkendam formations in the Oisterwijk area

The probable Kimmeridgian age of sample 1598mCORE in the Alblasterdam Member of well OIW-01 supports the working model that “old” Alblasterdam is present East of the Rijen Fault in that area (well SPG-01-S2 and WWK-01 have confirmed marine TMS-2 in the Alblasterdam). The Late Bajocian age for the Upper Werkendam confirms the previously establish age for that member, as does the Middle to Late Callovian age for the Upper Brabant Marl Member.

The base of the Vlieland Subgroup and the Breeveertien Fm in the K15 block

The base of the Vlieland Subgroup in well K15-01 could be dated earliest Valanginian with a high of confidence. The top of the Breeveertien could be dated although weak marine influence was noted. The earliest Valanginian age confirms the working model that the base of TMS-4 is an important regional event.

6 Conclusions

Based on the palynological results, the following conclusions were reached:

- The top of the Nieuwerkerk Fm in the northeasterly wells GOU-01 and HZW-01 is interpreted as regular Rodenrijs Claystone intervals with (minor) marine influence.
- There are no massive sandstone layers that could be attributed to the Delft Sandstone Member in wells GOU-01 and HZW-01. Possibly, the area is too far away from the actual source of the Delft Sandstone.
- The combined Delft Sandstone and Rodenrijs Claystone interval in well BRK-02 is very thick (400 meters).
- The base of the Delft Sandstone Member in BRK-02 displays weak marine influence.
- The presence of “old” Alblasserdam on the eastern side of the of the Rijen Fault is confirmed. Marine and/or non-marine sediments with a Kimmeridgian to Volgian age (TMS-2) are present in wells OIW-01, SPC-01 and WWK-01.
- A Late Bajocian age for the Upper Werkendam Mb is confirmed.
- A Middle to Late Callovian age for the Upper Brabant Marl Member is confirmed.

Table 3 (next page)

Summary of results. SLDN = Nieuwerkerk Fm; SLDNA = Alblasserdam Mb; SLDND = Delft Sandstone Mb; SLDNR = Rodenrijs Claystone Mb; SLDB = Breeveertien Fm; SLDBN = Neomiodon Mb; SLDBB = Bloemendaal Mb; KNNC = Vlieland Claystone Fm; ATBRU = Upper Brabant Marl Mb; ATWDU Upper Werkendam Mb; ATWDL = Lower Werkendam Mb

Well	MD (m)	sample type	Lithostrat NLOG	Preferred lithostrat	Age assessment
			1-12-2024	this report	
GOU-01	586	CORE	SLDN	SLDNR	late Early to Late Hauterivian
GOU-01	595	CORE			
GOU-01	608,5	CORE			
GOU-01	617	CORE			
GOU-01	636,5	CORE			
GOU-01	651	CORE			
GOU-01	658	CORE			
HZW-01	583	CORE	SLDNA	SLDNR	not possible
HZW-01	605,5	CORE			late Early to Late Hauterivian
HZW-01	695	CORE			Hauterivian and/or Valanginian
HZW-01	796	CORE			
HZW-01	882,5	CORE			
HZW-01	985	CORE			
HZW-01	1011	CORE			
HZW-01	1033	CORE			
HZW-01	1054,5	CORE			
HZW-01	1060,5	CORE			
BRK-02	2040,4	CORE	SLDNA	SLDND	Hauterivian and/or Valanginian
BRK-02	2206	CORE		SLDNA	
BRK-02	2236	CORE			
BRK-02	2237	CORE			
BRK-02	2502	CORE		not possible	
DEL-02	1718	CORE	SLDNR	SLDNR	Hauterivian or Valanginian
DEL-02	1830,75	CORE			not possible
OIW-01	1329	CORE	SLDNA	SLDNA	not possible
OIW-01	1388	CORE			probably Kimmeridgian
OIW-01	1598	CORE			
OIW-01	1602	CORE			
OIW-01	1602,5	CORE			
OIW-01	1604	CORE			
OIW-01	1875,5	CORE	ATBRU	ATBRU	Middle to Late Callovian
OIW-01	1876,5	CORE			
OIW-01	2193	CORE	ATWDU	ATWDU	Late Bjocian
OIW-01	2194	CORE			
OIW-01	2275	CORE			
K15-01	1538,5	CORE	KNNC	KNNC	Early Valanginian
K15-01	1546,5	CORE			
K15-01	1554,7	CORE			
K15-01	1561,5	CORE	SLDBN	SLDBB	Ryazanian
K15-01	1569,5	CORE			
K15-01	1573,5	CORE			
K15-01	1589	CORE	SLDBB		
K15-01	1600	CORE			
P15-07	2080,1	CORE	ATWDL	ATWDL	not possible
P15-07	2082,7	CORE			
P15-07	2086,3	CORE			
P15-07	2089,9	CORE			
P15-07	2092,75	CORE			

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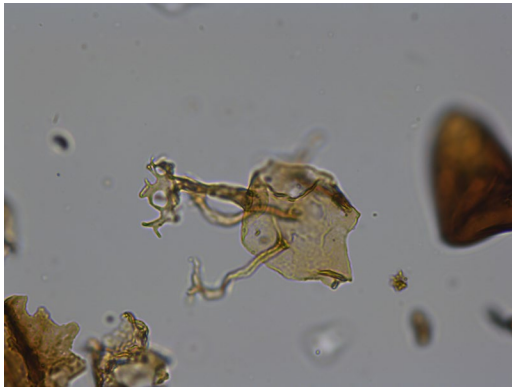
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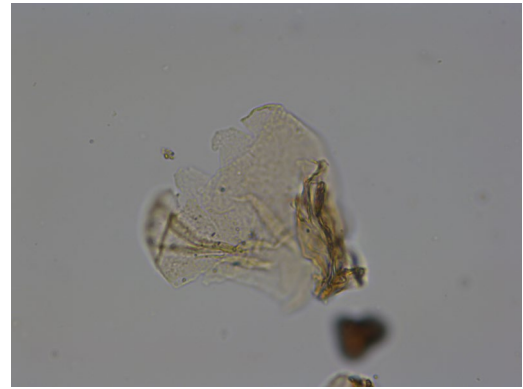
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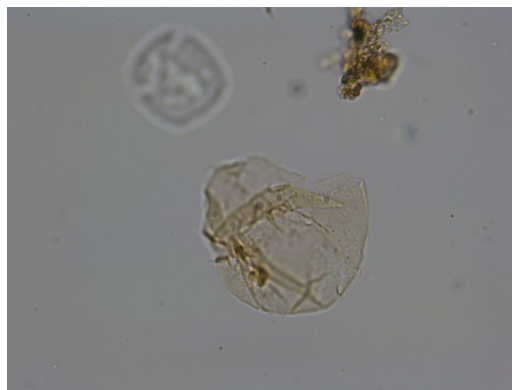
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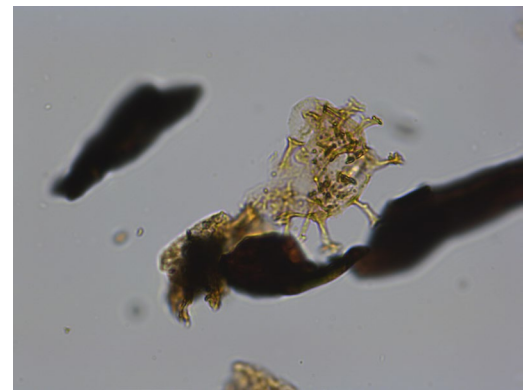
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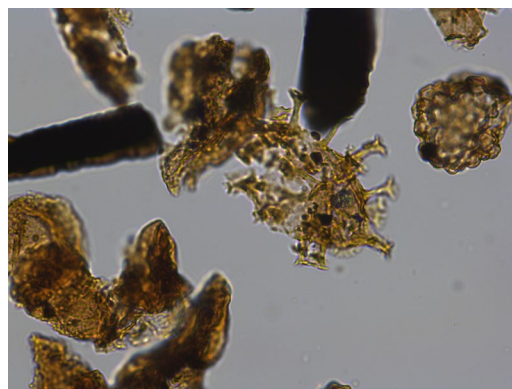
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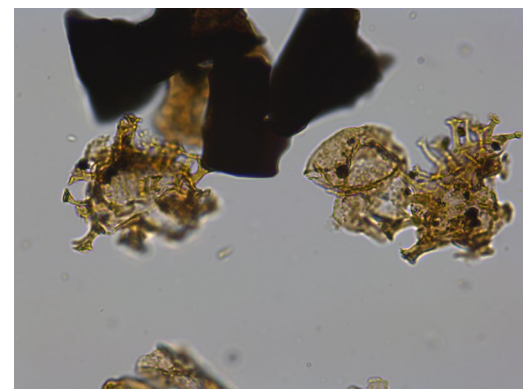
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Hystrichosphaeridium arborispinum prolatum
GOU-01; 658.0mCORE
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Hystrichosphaeridium arborispinum prolatum
GOU-01; 658.0mCORE
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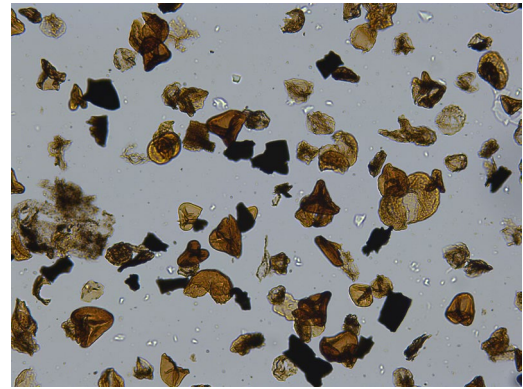


Hystrichosphaeridium arborispinum prolatum
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Plate 2



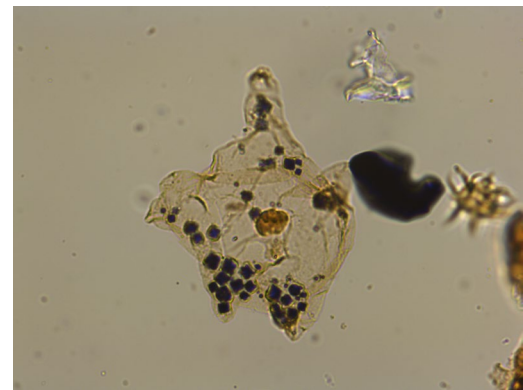
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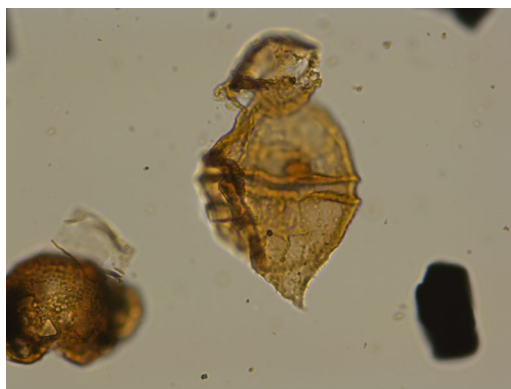
Overview palynological assemblage
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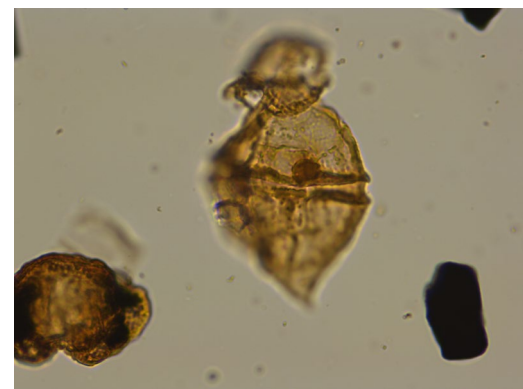
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Vesperopsis sp. A
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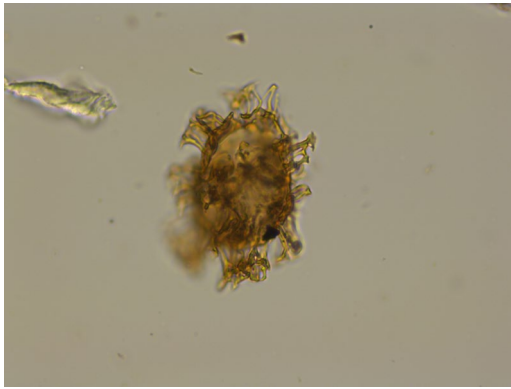


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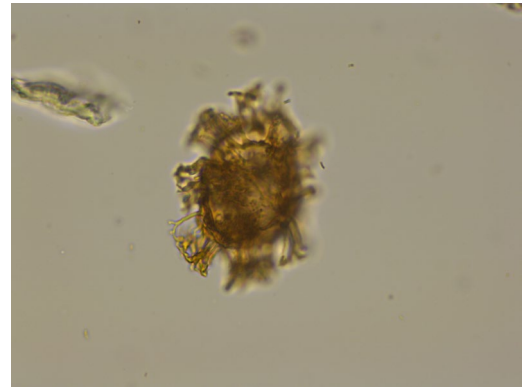


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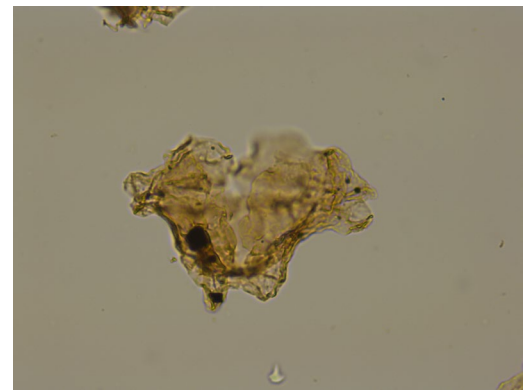
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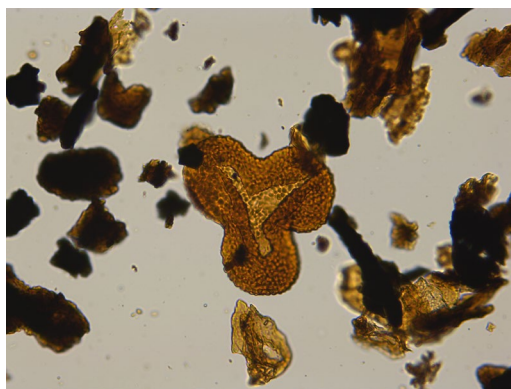
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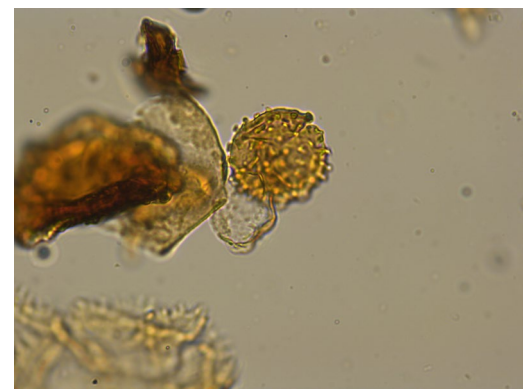
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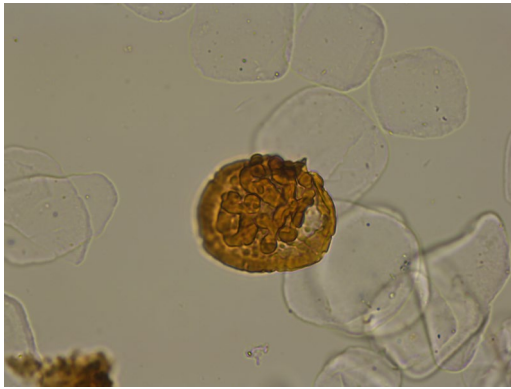


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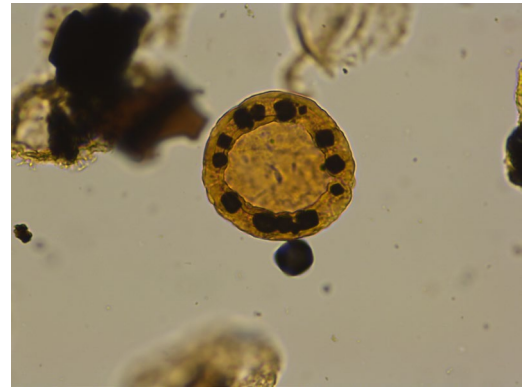


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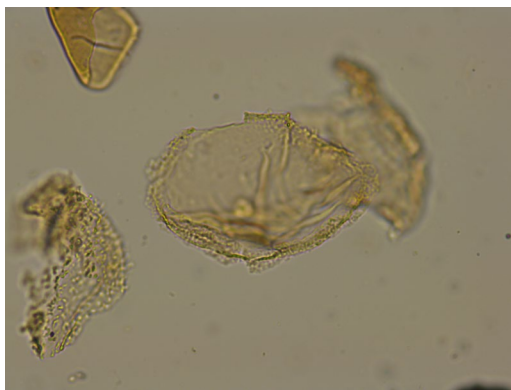
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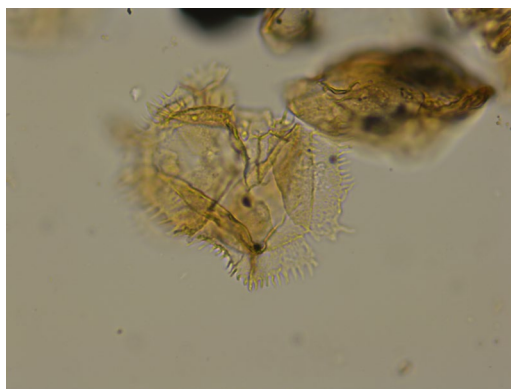
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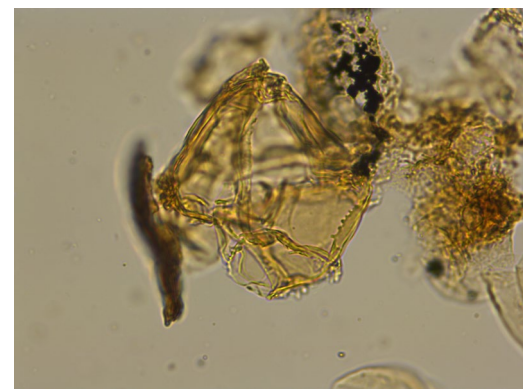
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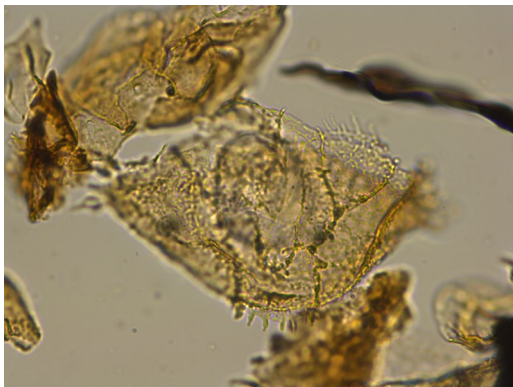


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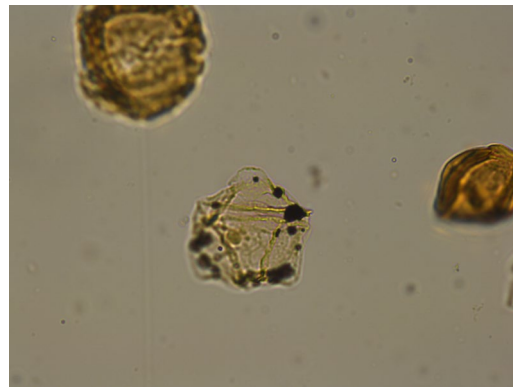


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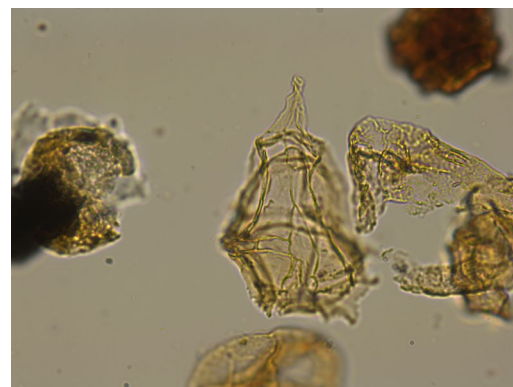
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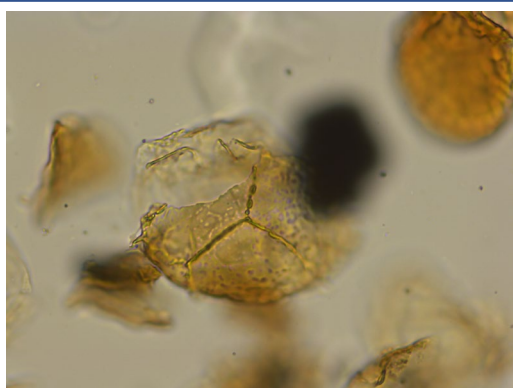
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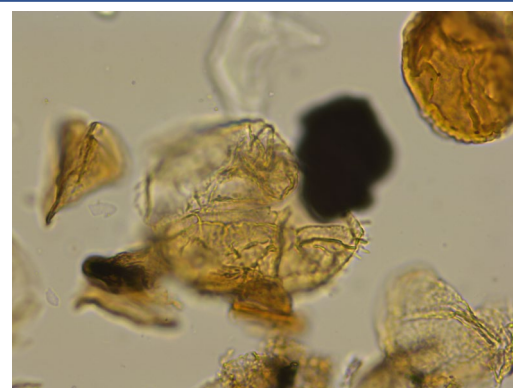
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Gonyaulacysta adecta var. *longicornis*
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Durotrigia filapicata
OIW-01; 1876.5mCORE
40x; Upper Focus

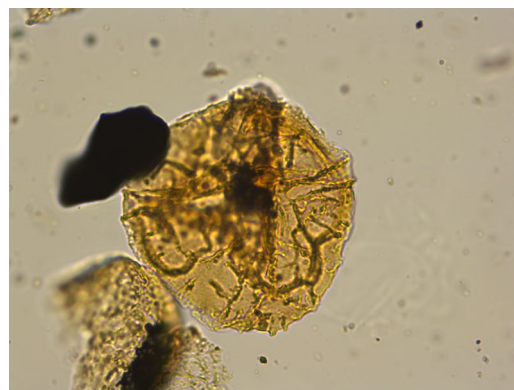


Durotrigia filapicata
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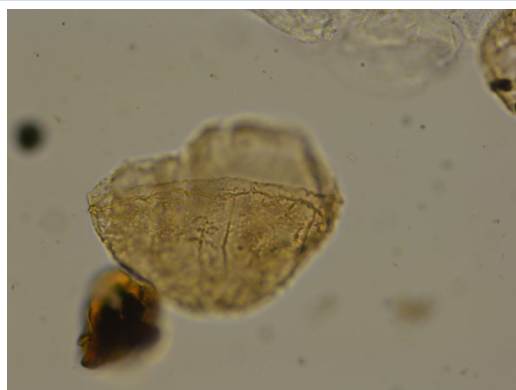
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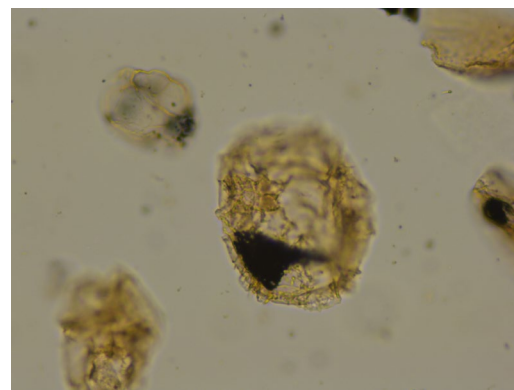
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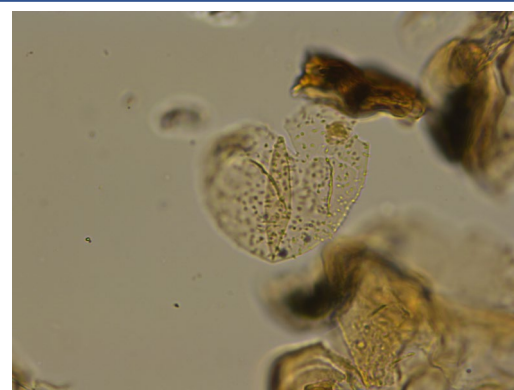
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Dissiliodinium sp.
OIW-01; 2275mCORE
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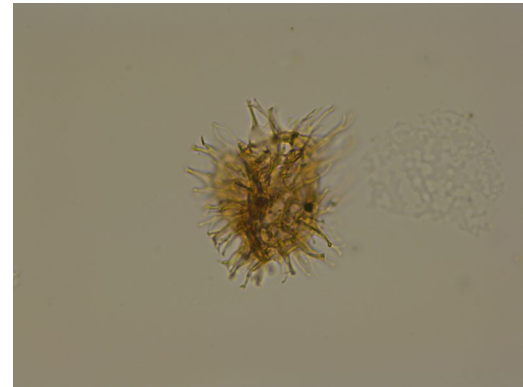
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K15-01; 1538.5mCORE
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Cribroperidinium sepimentum
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Exequisphaera phragma
K15-01; 1538.5mCORE
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Vexillocysta spinosa
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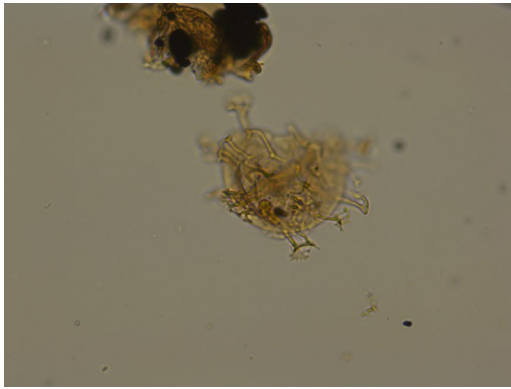


Wrevittia cretaceae
K15-01; 1538.5mCORE
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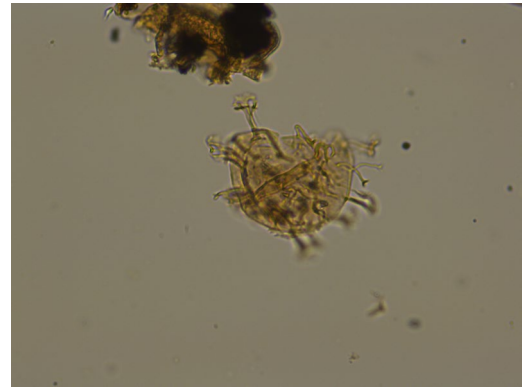


Wrevittia cretaceae
K15-01; 1538.5mCORE
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Plate 8



Palaecysta complicata
K15-01; 1538.5mCORE
40x; Upper Focus. Note the comparatively small size



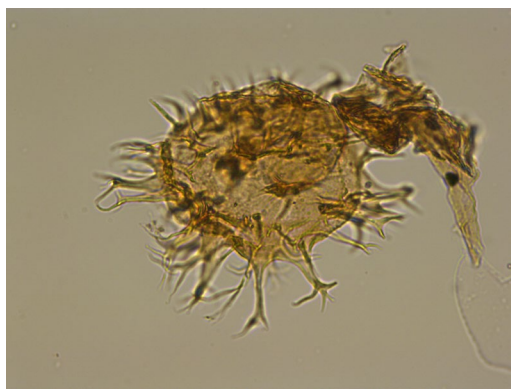
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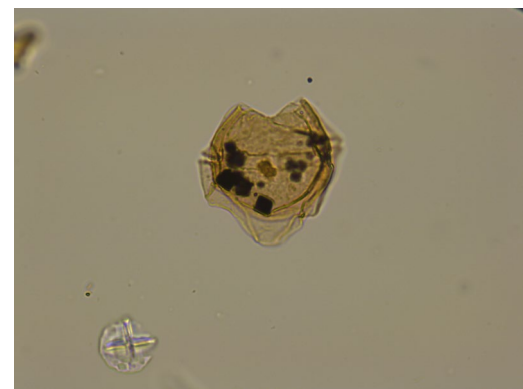
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Palaecysta palmula
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Sirmiodiniopsis frisia
K15-01; 1546.5mCORE
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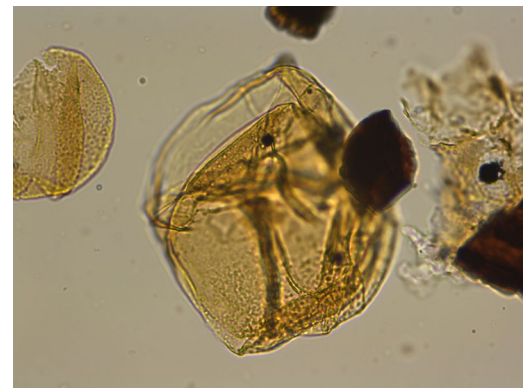
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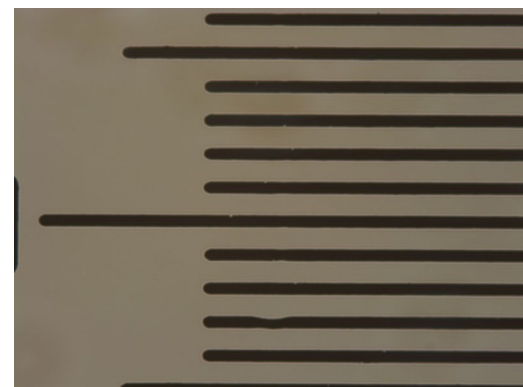
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Scriniodinium hauerivianum
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Cymosphaeridium arcuatum
K15-01; 1546.5mCORE
40x



Micrometer scale
40x objective
Each bar is 10 μ (micron)

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APPENDIX 2

Palynological distribution charts

Well Name : Berkel-02

Interval : 1800m - 2600m

Scale : 1:3000

Chart date: 08 July 2024

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Well Name : Delft-02

Interval : 1600m - 1900m

Scale : 1:1500

Chart date: 08 July 2024

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Delft-02

Depth		Dinoflagellate Cysts		Sporomorphs Pre-Quaternary	
Self Potential (mV)		Samples (metres)		Samples (metres)	
0		Sample depth is BASE of depth range		Sample depth is BASE of depth range	
300		Sample depth is BASE of depth range		Sample depth is BASE of depth range	
1600m		Barren		Barren	
1625m		DC		DC	
1650m		SP		SP	
1675m		SP		SP	
1700m		SP		SP	
1725m		SP		SP	
1750m		SP		SP	
1775m		SP		SP	
1800m		SP		SP	
1825m		SP		SP	
1850m		SP		SP	
1875m		SP		SP	
1900m		SP		SP	

Well Name : Gouda-01

Interval : 500m - 700m

Scale : 1:1000

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Samples (metres)

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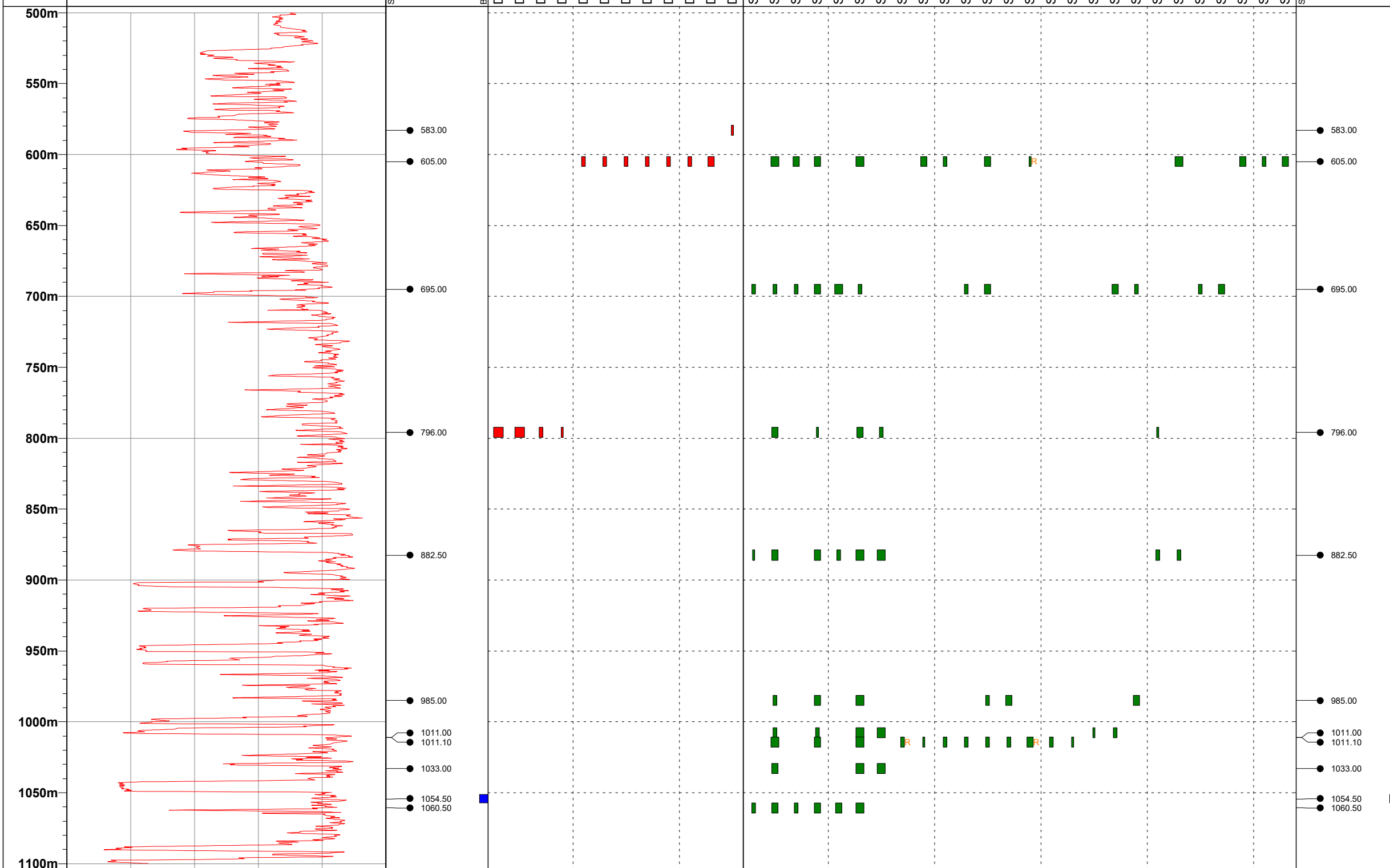
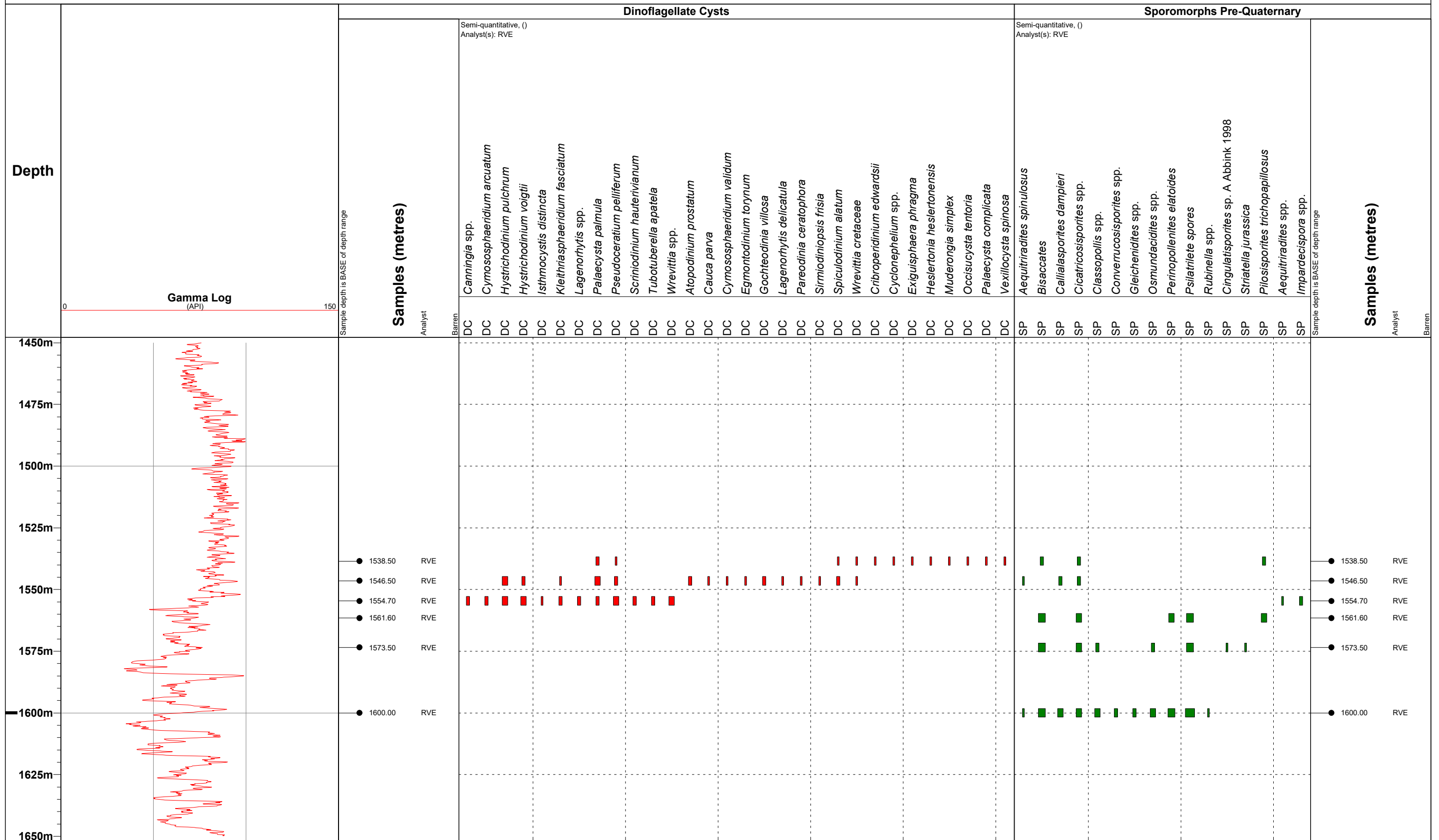


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Well Name : Oisterwijk-01

Lat/Long : 0° 0' 0.00"N 0° 0' 0.00"E

Interval : 1200m - 2300m

Scale : 1:3000

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