

CHAPTER SEVEN

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Evaporites have been the focus of renewed attention through the last century concerning its origin and bio-saline roles effects on mineral solubility. The last decades witnesses more interest initiated particularly by sedimentologists (e.g. Shearman, 1963; Haride and Eugster, 1971; Schreiber *et al*, 1976) and still actively going by many authors with expanding the field of applications (e.g. Geisler-Cussey, 1997; Orti, 1997; Schreiber and Nury, 1997; Alderman, 2000 and Wali, 2004), whom recognizing that evaporites can not only be treated as chemical deposits and/or precipitates, but can also be interpreted as sediments with facies assemblages characterizing a certain environment of deposition.

The combined work of sedimentologists and biologists on the modern salt setting emphasizes and indicates relationship between the evaporative media and its organic content (e.g. Orti Cabo *et al* 1984; Cornee, 1988, 1984; Gerds and Krumbein, 1987; Evans and Kirkland, 1988; Javor, 1989 and others). These achievements had led petroleum geologist to re-scope and propose evaporites as a source rock for hydrocarbons (e.g. Friedman, 1980; Evans and Kirkland, 1988; Kerkland and Evans, 1981; Eugster, 1985; Warren, 1986 and Benali *et al* 1995).

The evaporite contribution to some of the world's major oil reserves (e.g. Hunt, 1967; Palacas, 1984 and others) based on the unusual composition and habitat of the organic content of many evaporite deposits (e.g. Connan *et al* 1988, 1986; ten Haven *et al* 1988, 1985; Sinnighe Damste *et al* 1988, 1986; Mello *et al* 1988; Benali and Schriber 1995) leading to intensive continual efforts to improve and to strengthen the belief that evaporites are capable to act as a source rock. However, different cases allover the worlds were proved that the evaporites are the

source rock, none of the published source rock data in Gulf of Suez and Mediterranean Sea emphasize or refer that evaporites could be the source rock in Egypt, hence both basins enclosed high thick evaporite sections during their development.

The present study aims to execute comparative study including recent site as sabkhas to prove their capabilities offering the required conditions as to prevent their biomasses from being oxidized with tentative available cores of older evaporite sections in order to tie-up their products with the recent one and to prove that the evaporite could act as source rock in Egyptian producing areas and horizons.

The stratigraphy and geologic structure (faults, folds and unconformities) of the Gulf of Suez and Northern Sinai were reviewed with especial emphasis to detailed core description of the cored intervals from the study areas (Ras Shukeir Coastal Sabkha, Ras Gemsa, Ras Dib, South East Zeit, Shagar and Gubal Island fields with North Sinai and Esh Mallah Fields).

The Miocene stratigraphy in Gulf of Suez region gained its importance and was studied by many workers due to exploration and exploitation for oil, where the Gulf of Suez is considered as the most important oil province in Egypt. As a result of the increasing exploration activities within the Gulf of Suez, the Stratigraphic subdivision of Miocene rock was of prime interest for the oil companies in order to elucidate suitable and well defined mappable time-rock units where the majority of oil production from the Miocene sediments. Generally, the Miocene section in Gulf of Suez region represented by a lower clastic Group (Gharandal Group) and an upper evaporite Group (Ras Malaab Group). The Gharandal Group is characterized by the dominance of sandstone, shale, marl and limestone. The Ras Malaab Group consists mainly of anhydrite and salt with numerous intercalations of shale and marls. The Miocene section is overlain

unconformably by a very thick Pliocene and Pleistocene succession of gravel and sand with intercalation of marl and shale (Hassan and El Bashlouty, 1970).

The Miocene sequence of north Sinai (Mediterranean Sea region) is known only from subsurface coring (Said, 1990). Concerning the Miocene rocks in north Sinai, detailed palaeobathymetric, nannoplankton biostratigraphy and facies analyses of exploratory boreholes indicated that the beginning of Messinian (Upper Miocene), Said, 1990. It's evident that the Miocene succession in the Gulf basin is characterized by a remarkable lateral change in thickness and facies as a result of the Miocene block faulting (Sadek, 1958; Garfunkel and Bartov, 1977).

The geologic structure of the Western side of Gulf of Suez and north Sinai, (Mediterranean Sea), were studied by many workers. The brief and simplified reviews indicate that: 1- The rocks of the Gulf of Suez are characterized by rapid central changes in thickness and facies in response to Miocene block faulting (Sadek, 1959, Garfunkel and Bartov, 1977). 2- Almost all the linear structures in the Gulf of Suez are strike-slip faults of different trends. These major fractures system are identified as three left lateral trending N35W, N60E-SSW and N8SE. 3- The Gulf of Suez seems to have been subjected to three phases of tectonism associated with five cycles of deformation (Bayoumi, 1983). Also Meshref, 1990, suggested a rifting model for Gulf of Suez showing sense of major faulting that extend and bounded the Gulf of Suez on both sides (Fig.22). He also mentioned that the Gulf of Suez rift comprises a northwest trending intracratonic basin that separated from Red Sea by the Aqaba transform fault. There is a great similarity between this model and the dogleg model proposed by Harding, 1984. The detailed structure of area is mentioned in Chapter Two.

Field observations of recent site of evaporite deposits (Ras Shukeir sabkha) were crucial for characterizing formation and preservation of organic matter contents. The observations show that Ras Shukeir sabkha is divided into three zones of different elevation: an outer higher zone is covered with tepee structure, an intermediate central zone contain gypsum and mud mounds, which contains algal remains and organic odour as well as the mud mound of algal origin surrounding seasonal pans suggesting and indicating the high organic activity and productivity of such evaporitic environment (saline-hypersaline pans). The permanent hypersaline pans occupy the lowest zone. Gypsum is the only sulphate mineral occurring with clastic sediments in-between crystals but halite is precipitating insitu along the upper most surface of the sabkha. The water supply into the sabkha is almost entirely from the sea by seepage-reflux through the coastal sediments and never by flooding. The hypersaline pans are permanent due to continuous and constant re-charge of seawater by seepages and strong evaporation rates would lead to evaporite accumulation and/or precipitation from concentrated and saturated brines. The pans are different in size and have distinctive associations, the eastern pan is shallower but the western is deep with an evaporitic sequence of carbonate, algal mat at the margins and gypsum and halite at the crust. The solar ponds are in western part of the sabkha, which are shallow and produce annual layering of salt. The presence of gypsum mound with algal relics and mat and mud mound with algal mats and organic odour as well as mud mound of algal origin are forming and supporting a rich organic life and activity with high productivity such as green algae, halophytes and the red tomato soup color. Their presence represents indicators of prolific biological activity and productivity. Knowing that evaporitic environments can be organic matter productive and so hydrocarbon potentialities upon reaching optimum maturation. The sampling and all applied technique were carried on brines and rocks were described in detailed in Chapter Four and the pathway as well as laboratory procedure are shown in Table-1 and Fig. 35.

Mineralogical identification and characterization of evaporite core samples were based on polarizing microscope, XRD and SEM (with EDAX attachment units) to determine structure phases and composition. Also illustrating the textural and fabric relationships as well as the required details for understanding the process(es) as well as the type(s) of how organic matter involvement(s) formulating the basic measure for hydrocarbon generation. Petrographic investigation of the evaporite boreholes rocks, were based on more than 100 thin sections and fresh rock fragments covering the existing lithofacies.

The study revealed that the anhydrite, gypsum, halite, polyhalite, sylvite and wavellite are the main sulphate minerals with minor amounts of clays and calcite, dolomite, torona and pyrite as well as hematite, illmenite and siderite.

The bio-mineralized microbial mats, algal mats and algal remains and biocapsule as well as dense, black-opaque organic matter, which recording different modes of occurrences within the evaporite sediments, support the high organic contents of these sediments.

Gypsum, also occurred as lenticels, mostly composite reflecting the influence of organic material under specific salinity and temperature conditions of rich evaporite depositional regime during the deposition. Presences of halite or step-shaped irregular and square shaped voids reflect the higher salinity and hypersaline condition of the depositional regime. The intense deformation of evaporite as well as disintegration and brecciation reflect the influence of compaction stress and strain of evaporite rock as a result of high tectonic effect of the areas.

Diagenetic changes associated with pressure growth. Is the intense deformation, which includes both fragmentation and brecciation effect. Other diagenetic effects include the formations of composite lenticular gypsum and stellate texture of gypsum/anhydrite nodules and

mineralogical changes as well as dissolutions. The formation of composite lenticular gypsum crystals represents the continual growing with compaction as the main factor to merge the single lenticular crystals into one composite crystal. The stellate textures reflect the influence of exhumation that occurred during or after uplifting of depositional area due the tectonism. Mineralogical changes include mineral changes, mineral replacive and displacive and neomorphism, which appear in formation of sparitic size of carbonate and dolomitization. Dissolutions appear as unfilled voids, irregular step shaped and square shaped molds which due to dissolution the pre-existing halite or transformation of minerals phases leading to the porosity enhancements of evaporite sediments.

Fluid inclusions investigations support the petrographic study, while the microthermometric data were used to deduce the brines condition of salt bearing deposits and investigating the relationships between the hydrocarbons and evaporite rocks. The studies revealed that the inclusions include solid and fluid inclusions. The solid inclusions include calcite, anhydrite and organic matter. Calcite and anhydrite inclusions were identified by their morphology and birefringence. Organic matters are rounded, dark in color and appear as unicellular bacteria or organic residues, where they fluoresced by using ultraviolet light. Two-phase (Liquid-solid) inclusions were recorded where the solid was organic matter or carbonate. The presences of organic matter inclusion as a primary inclusion support the high organic content of evaporite sediment to be yielding hydrocarbons at optimum maturity. The primary fluid inclusions are relatively large 20-90 μm in diameter and occurred as single-phase (liquid), two-phase (liquid-solid) and three-phase (liquid-solid-algae). The compositions of these primary fluid inclusions are hydrocarbon droplet, brines and organic material or algae, which are considered to be organic remains and or unicellular cyanobacteria, where they fluoresced by using ultraviolet light attached to microscope. Also, many single-phase liquid inclusions appear to have two immiscible liquids, where with freezing one liquid phase, was increased in size

between -145°C to -150°C . The increasing in size of these inclusions indicates the existence of hydrocarbons droplets as primary fluid inclusions. The Petrographic evidences of the primary fluid inclusions are supported by microthermometric results where final melting temperatures of ice in these primary inclusions show zonations. Large number of single-phase (liquid) primary fluid inclusions in the studied samples especially Gypsum indicates precipitation from relatively low-temperature solutions (40°C - 50°C). Salinity variations in fluid inclusions from single growth bands, as indicated by final melting temperature of ice, are relatively small which indicates that the individual growth bands developed under relatively uniform conditions. Thermometric results indicate that there are three possibilities for the origin of the parent waters: 1-recycled Seawater. 2- mixed marine-nonmarine waters. 3- fresh water with calcium sulfate derived from the pre-existing marine deposits. Because of the salinity is too high for fresh water, the parent waters of the most samples of the old evaporite are probably either mixed marine-nonmarine or recycled Seawater. The structural setting of Gulf support the thermometric results which indicate that these evaporite deposits formed from mixed marine-nonmarine, where the faulted block were flooded by Seawater or water from land which supported by shallow, subaqueous, subsiding marginal rift basin (lagoon or salina) environment setting.

Geochemical characteristics of hypersaline pans and ponds based up on brine samples, which covered profile of different vertical depths for Ras Shukeir sabkha pools, were analyzed to identify their physical, chemical composition and their water source(s). The samples were analyzed for their major Cations and Anions, TDS, pH, salinity and physical properties (specific gravity with density). The Salinity values are high and vary with depth. pH values indicate slightly acidic to slightly alkaline as the salinity increased. TDS values are high and categorize the water pools as hypersaline. The specific gravity, Density and Salinity were suggesting introducing the layering within the water body even if it very shallow as it were confirmed by hydrochemical composition. The water types are belonging to a sandstone types with a

composition of Mg-Na- (Ca)-Cl-SO₄ and path (i), which represent the manner of evolution of the reached composition. The structural configuration of the area (fault) facilitates recharging the sabkha pools by seawater.

The above considerations would strongly suggest that the Ras Shukeir sabkha is hypersaline environment as all hypersaline environments. These environments are very productive with its exposed surface, on the margin and water brine body as a whole (Evan and Kirkland, 1981). These organic matters that were generated in this hypersaline environment have several possible fates it may be preserved or may partly or completely destroy. The detailed analyses of water/brines of Ras Shukeir sabkha approved that the destruction of the generated organic matter within the water column are insufficient due to the following:

1. The oxygenated destroyer water column is very thin and the destructive capacity is very low due to the density of hypersaline pans where the solubility of oxygen decreases.
2. The viscous behavior of the highly mineralized water brines of these hypersaline pans permits their stratification and layering within the water body even if it was very shallow, which permit the flourishing the organic on the top, lighter, less saline, surface.
3. The existence of these stratification and layering prevents contact of more oxygenated destructive water with underlying sediments rich in decayed organic, which led to their preservation.
4. The alkalinity nature of brines proved the reducing environment for preservation of the originated organic matter.

For all these reasons, we can conclude that the hypersaline environment at Ras Shukeir has the capability of preserving at least a part of organic matter generated by the biological

activity in their brines and then the further evaporitic source beds would exist. Organic geochemistry study aims to investigate the relationships between organic material accumulation, preservations and evaporite.

Since the main target of this study is to answer whether or not the thermal and source rock evaluation of evaporite deposits through studying recent and restricted evaporative environments (coastal sabkha and old evaporite of Miocene age) from the Gulf of Suez and Mediterranean Sea regions. The source rock and thermal maturity evaluation based on different techniques performed on the whole rock samples, insoluble organic matter (kerogen) and soluble organic matter (bitumen) for both evaporite sediments of recent coastal sabkha and evaporite cores of Miocene age found in Gulf of Suez and Mediterranean Sea.

The results data showed the following:

1-Ras Shukeir sabkha has moderately high total organic carbon (TOC) content, which suggesting marginal organic richness with poor to excellent potential for hydrocarbon generation. The kerogen content of the organic matter is belong to type I and II, which believed to be derived from algal and planktonic biomass together with microbial that accumulated under saline to hypersaline and moderately to highly reducing condition. Thermal maturity of the organic matter is of low grade to yield hydrocarbon.

2- Ras Gemsa area has moderately TOC contents, which indicating fair to excellent organic richness with generally low potential for hydrocarbon generation; however, some intervals show good to excellent potential for hydrocarbon generation were detected in different wells. The organic matter is characterized by kerogen contents belong to type I and II with significant amount of type II/III and III. The kerogen type I and II are oil prone and derived mainly from algal and planktonic biomass together with bacterial residues accumulated under saline to hypersaline and moderately to moderately high reducing condition and Kerogen type II/III

derived mainly from oxidation during the deposition but the type III derived mainly from land derived materials or terrestrial origin. The thermal maturity is generally low grade for hydrocarbon generation.

3- Southeast Zeit area have generally low TOC contents, however, some intervals have high TOC contents indicating good organic richness. The hydrocarbon potentialities are low yields for hydrocarbon generations. . This low generation may be attributed to the poor preservation or oxidation of organics after deposition by subaerial exposure due to the tectonic up lift that characterized the Gulf region). The characteristic kerogen of evaporite sediments from this area is type II and/or II/III with presence of type III. The organic matters are marine source with significant amount of terrestrial source and thermally immature for hydrocarbon generations.

4- Ras Dib area generally is lean to fair organic richness; however, some intervals show good to excellent organic richness with excellent generation of hydrocarbon potential. The organic matter characterized by kerogen contents belonging to types II and I with presence of type II/III and III. The source of these organic matters is mainly marine source with significant contribution from terrestrial source that deposited under saline to hypersaline and moderately to moderately high reducing (anoxic) conditions and mostly immature with high potential for oil and/or gas.

5-Shagar area is lean to fair organic richness with lean hydrocarbon potential for hydrocarbon generations. The high sedimentation rate of evaporite over other sediments dilutes the organic matter, which cause lowering the TOC values of the evaporite sediments. The kerogen contents are belonging to types II and/or II/III of oil or gas prone nature, indicating the organic matter of marine source mixed with terrigenous derived organic debris, while the type II/III indicates the oxidation during the depositions. The thermal maturation is generally low grade.

6- Gubal Island area is generally lean to fair organic richness and low yields for hydrocarbon generations, which belived to dilution of organic matter content by the high rate of sedimentations and/or poor preservation as tectonic influence. The organic matter is characterized by kerogen content belong to type I, II and/or II/III. These types of kerogen

indicate the marine algal and planktonic biomass together with microbial or bacterial source accumulated under saline to hypersaline and moderately high reducing conditions (anoxic), while the presences of type II/III indicate the oxidation during the deposition. The thermal maturation is low grade for this area.

7- Esh El-Malaha area is characterized by low to moderate TOC contents. The TOC contents, which suggesting lean to fair organic richness. The hydrocarbon generation is low. The kerogen contents are belonging to type II and/or II/III, i.e. marine origin derived from bacterial and algal source and oxidized during the deposition. The organic matter in all studied samples generally immature for hydrocarbon generations.

8- North Sinai area, Mediterranean Sea, is characterized by its low total organic carbon contents (TOC), which suggesting lean to marginal source rock. The potentialities are low yields than the potential of the samples from the Gulf of Suez, which suggesting poor potentialities for hydrocarbon generations. The organic matter is characterized by kerogen belong to kerogen types II and/or II-III. The II of kerogen are derived manly from marine source (algal and planktonic population together with microbial residues mixed with terrigenous source, while the type II-III of kerogen is belived to be due to the oxidation during the deposition. The maturity is low mature state for oil generation.

The reached and recorded data base of the previous chapters would definitely urge the candidate as to consider these data as courageous enough to confirm the basic fact that evaporative environments are capable for both generating enough bio-masses and to prevent their oxidation as it was approved by Knoret *et al* , 2001 Pollastro,1999 in Gkaba and Fahud salt basin, Oman. Consequently, the possibility would support the first part of the postulated question whether or not evaporites can be a source for hydrocarbons. Now, at the particularly studied case i.e. Gulf of Suez region, the study of a recent sabkha site had proved its efficiency as to preserve organic population from being deteriorated and/or oxidized. The structural framework of the

Gulf of Suez area was devoted for thorough discussions about “How and Where a trap is suitable to hosting hydrocarbons?”, but the critics concerning from where such hydrocarbons were generated did not have so much attention although some researches were focused on other sources. Moreover, the structural setting and its complicated framework did offer the required pattern for isolated to semi-isolated basins of different magnitudes i.e. sabkha sites. The present work proves that such environment would be capable enough to produce and to preserve the organic matters, hence it worse to ask ourselves “why not evaporites would act as a source of hydrocarbons in the Gulf of Suez area?” The answer is now more sticking to positivism, but farther data (analytical and core samples) would definitely support the reached one, hence the required cost to cover these matters is huge. “The first step is a start for a thousand miles” although the sentence was among literature as application, long time ago, but it is as evaporites still expanding its flexibility to cover more fields.

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Notice the green coloration due to algae.
- 32 : Photomicrograph showing the mud mound which cover the marginal of the
hypersaline pans at the intermediate zone
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- 37 : Calibration curve of the method of determination of calcium ion concentration
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- 48 : GC diagrams for the extracts of subsurface evaporite core samples from Ras Gemsa area
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- 57 : GC diagrams for the extracts of subsurface evaporite core samples from Ras Dib area
- 58 : GC diagrams for the extracts of subsurface evaporite core samples from Ras Dib area
- 59 : Geochemical log of Gs-89-08 Well, Ras Dib area.
- 60 : Geochemical log of Gs-89-09 Well, Ras Dib area.
- 61 : Modified Van Krevelen Diagram for analyzed samples from Shagar area
- 62 : Infrared modified diagram for the investigated evaporite core samples Shagar, Gubal and Esh Malaha area.
- 63 : GC diagrams for the extracts of subsurface evaporite core samples from Shagar area

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- 64 : GC diagrams for the extracts of subsurface evaporite core samples from Esh Malaha area.
- 65 : Geochemical log of Gs-90-15A Well, Shagar area.
- 66 : Geochemical log of Gs-90-16 Well, Shagar area.
- 67 : Modified Van Krevelen Diagram for analyzed samples from Gubal Island area
- 68 : GC diagrams for the extracts of subsurface evaporite core samples from Gubal Island area.
- 69 : Geochemical log of Gs-89-17 Well, Gubal Island area.
- 70 : Geochemical log of Gs-89-18 Well, Gubal Island area.
- 71 : Modified Van Krevelen Diagram for analyzed samples from Esh Malaha area
- 72 : Modified Van Krevelen Diagram for analyzed samples from North Sinai area

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WELL	DEPTH	S NO.	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS							
			TOC	RE Pyrolysis	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM	F. I	XRD
GS-89-02	39.3	1	TOC	RE			T.S			
	43.1	2								
	43.4	3	TOC	RE						XRD
	48.6	4	TOC	RE			T.S			
	49	5	TOC	RE						
	73	6								
	75.7	7	TOC	RE			T.S			XRD
	101.6	8								
	106.3	9	TOC	RE						XRD
	89.6	10	TOC	RE			T.S			
	88.3	11	TOC	RE						
	131.1	12								
	133.4	12	TOC	RE			T.S	SEM		XRD
	149.4	13	TOC	RE						
	161.7	14					T.S	SEM		
	168.9	15								
	171.7	16								XRD
	179.5	17								
	182.3	18	TOC	RE						
	210.1	19	TOC	RE						
	219.8	20								
	221.6	21	TOC	RE			T.S			XRD
	210.8	22	TOC	RE						
	281.4	23								XRD
	283.4	24								
	356.3	25	TOC	RE			T.S	SEM		
	368.7	26								
	370.2	27	TOC	RE						XRD
386.5	28					T.S	SEM			
GS-89-03	62.3	30								
	61.2	31								
	89.7	32	TOC	RE			T.S			
	102.5	33	TOC	RE			T.S			XRD
	131.3	33"								
	147.3	34								
	151.7	35								
	157.9	36	TOC	RE			T.S			XRD
	196.7	37								
	203.1	38	TOC	RE						
	218..80	39					T.S	SEM		
	219.8	40	TOC	RE						
	234.6	41	TOC	RE						XRD

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WELL	DEPTH	S NO.	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS							
			TOC	RE Pyrolysis	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM	F. I	XRD
GS-89-03	245.6	42								
	247	43								
	249.5	44								
	270	45	TOC				T.S			XRD
	272.5	46								
	275.4	47								
	277.2	48	TOC	RE			T.S	SEM		XRD
	295.1	50	TOC							
	333.5	51	TOC							
	335.3	52								
	338.7	53	TOC	RE			T.S			
	344.6	54								XRD
	405.45	55	TOC	RE						
	405.2	56	TOC	RE	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM		XRD
GS-89-04	95.6	57	TOC	RE			T.S	SEM		XRD
	107.6	58								
	117.9	59	TOC				T.S			
	121.3	60	TOC				T.S	SEM		
	132.8	61								
	135.7	62	TOC				T.S			XRD
	220	63								
	244.6	64	TOC				T.S	SEM		
	246.3	65	TOC	RE			T.S	SEM		XRD
	247.8	66								
	268.5	67	TOC	RE			T.S			
	259.3	68	TOC							
	284.2	69	TOC				T.S			XRD
	280.9	70		RE		IR				
305.7	71	TOC	RE							
316	72	TOC	RE		IR	T.S				
GS-89-05	81.5	77	TOC	RE			T.S	SEM		XRD
	83.9	78								
	108.6	79								
	109.8	80	TOC	RE			T.S	SEM		
	116.1	81								
	118.2	82	TOC	RE		IR				
	139.1	83								
	140.3	84	TOC				T.S			XRD
154.7	85									

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WELL	DEPTH	S NO.	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS							
			TOC	RE Pyrolysis	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM	F. I	XRD
	155.3	86	TOC	RE			T.S			
	209.7	87								
	208	88	TOC	RE			T.S	SEM		
	208	88	TOC	RE			T.S	SEM		
	221.6	89								
	223.7	90								
	234.7	91	TOC	RE	Gc		T.S			XRD
	235.7	92								
	234.1	93								
	240.6	94								
	249.6	95	TOC	RE			T.S			XRD
	247	96								
	269.5	97	TOC	RE						
	272.2	98								
GS-89-06	46	99	TOC				T.S	SEM	F.I	
	48.1	100								
	79.2	101								XRD
	81.4	102								
	99.2	103	TOC	RE		IR	T.S			
	111.3	105	TOC	RE						XRD
	111.8	106								
	116.9	107					T.S			
	117.6	108	TOC	RE						
	158	109					T.S			
	160	110	TOC	RE						XRD
	201	111								
	203.2	112	TOC	RE			T.S	SEM		
	211	113								XRD
	211.8	114	TOC	RE	Gc		T.S			
	238.2	115								
	250.8	116	TOC	RE						

SOUTH ZEIT AREA

WELL	DEPTH	S NO.	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS							
			TOC	RE Pyrolysis	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM	F. I	XRD
GS-89-07	50.7	117					T.S	SEM	F.I	
	53	118								
	56.1	119	TOC							XRD
	58.2	120								

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WELL	DEPTH	S NO.	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS							
			TOC	RE Pyrolysis	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM	F.I	XRD
	73.8	121	TOC				T.S			
	75.8	122								
	84.5	125					T.S	SEM		
	87.2	126	TOC	RE						XRD
	98	127	TOC							
	95.9	128								
	101.5	129	TOC				T.S	SEM		
	103.8	130		RE		IR				
	131	132	TOC							
	158.6	133	TOC				T.S			XRD
	174.4	134	TOC							

RAS DIB AREA

WELL	DEPTH	S NO.	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS							
			TOC	RE Pyrolysis	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM	F.I	XRD
GS-89-08	76.4	136	TOC				T.S		F.I	XRD
	78.8	137								
	81.5	138	TOC				T.S			
	88.7	139					T.S			
	89.3	140	TOC	RE		IR				
	95.3	141								XRD
	96.1	142	TOC				T.S	SEM		
	100.7	143					T.S			
	102.8	144	TOC							XRD
	120.1	145	TOC	RE	Gc	IR				
	123	146	TOC				T.S	SEM		XRD
	154.8	147								
	162.7	148	TOC							
	177.6	149					T.S			
	220.2	152					T.S			
	219	153								
	225	154	TOC							
	227.1	155					T.S			XRD
	237.2	156	TOC							
	238.6	157	TOC	RE						XRD
	162.7	148	TOC							
	177.6	149					T.S			
	220.2	152					T.S			
	219	153								
	225	154	TOC							
	227.1	155					T.S			XRD

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WELL	DEPTH	S NO.	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS							
			TOC	RE Pyrolysis	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM	F.I	XRD
GS-89-08	237.2	156	TOC							
	238.6	157	TOC	RE						XRD
	162.7	148	TOC							
	177.6	149					T.S			
	220.2	152					T.S			
	219	153								
	225	154	TOC							
	227.1	155					T.S			XRD
	237.2	156	TOC							
	238.6	157	TOC	RE						XRD
GS-89-09	40.1	160	TOC	RE						
	41.2	161								XRD
	48.2	162					T.S			
	47.1	163	TOC							
	52.5	165								
	52.4	169	TOC		Gc	IR	T.S			
	60.7	166								
	59.1	167								XRD
	68.5	168	TOC	RE			T.S	SEM	F.I	
	67.9	169	TOC	RE			T.S		F.I	
	72.2	171		RE						XRD
	73.6	172	TOC				T.S	SEM		
	95.3	173								
	96.6	174	TOC	RE						
	103.4	175								XRD
	112	177	TOC				T.S		F.I	
	113.6	178								
	119.1	179	TOC							
	120.2	180	TOC							XRD
	127.7	181					T.S	SEM		
	129.1	182	TOC	RE		IR				
GS-89-10	40.5	183					T.S			XRD
	40.8	184	TOC	RE						
	114.6	185					T.S			
	116.6	186	TOC							XRD
GS-89-11	24.1	187	TOC	RE		IR	T.S	SEM		
	25.8	188								XRD
	32.8	191								
	56.6	192	TOC				T.S			
	60.2	193								

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WELL	DEPTH	S NO.	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS							
			TOC	RE Pyrolysis	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM	F.I	XRD
	68.3	194	TOC							XRD
	70.6	195	TOC	RE						
	71.2	196	TOC				T.S		F.I	
	82.2	197	TOC							
	99.6	198					T.S			
	97.6	199	TOC	RE		IR				XRD
	134	200	TOC				T.S			
	136.4	201	TOC				T.S			
GS-89-12	65.5	202								XRD
	68.2	203	TOC	RE						
	72.5	204					T.S		F.I	
	74.6	205	TOC	RE						XRD
	88.9	206	TOC							
	126.6	208	TOC							
	215.8	210	TOC							
GS-89-13	52.8	213	TOC	RE		IR	T.S		F.I	XRD
	53.2	213	TOC				T.S			
	102	214								
	100.8	215	TOC				T.S			XRD
GS-89-14	49	216	TOC				T.S			XRD
	48.5	217								
	67.8	218	TOC							
	69.1	219								
	76.8	220								
	84.8	24	TOC	RE	Gc					
	102	223	TOC							
	96.5	224					T.S			XRD
	131.1	225	TOC							
	153.2	226	TOC							
	151.1	227					T.S			XRD
	78/178.1	228	TOC	RE						
	177	229					T.S			
	188.1	230	TOC	RE						
	191	231					T.S			XRD

GUBAL ISLAND

WELL	DEPTH	S NO.	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS							
			TOC	RE Pyrolysis	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM	F.I	XRD
GS-89-17	6.3	232					T.S	SEM	F.I	XRD
	8.3	233	TOC							
	25.9	234	TOC							

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(Cont.) Table -1: Executed analysis for chosen samples with respect to adopted techniques.

WELL	DEPTH	S NO.	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS							
			TOC	RE Pyrolysis	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM	F. I	XRD
	35	235	TOC	RE						
	54.6	236					T.S			XRD
	58	237	TOC	RE		IR				
	70	238	TOC				T.S			
	278.6	239								
	313.7	240	TOC	RE			T.S	SEM		XRD
GS-89-18	179.8	241	TOC				T.S			XRD
	205.5	242								
	207.3	242	TOC				T.S			
	249.7	245	TOC	RE	Gc					XRD
	263.7	246					T.S			
	274.7	247								
	282	248	TOC							
	310.7	249					T.S			
	336.9	250	TOC							XRD

SHAGAR AREA

WELL	DEPTH	S NO.	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS							
			TOC	RE Pyrolysis	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM	F. I	XRD
GS-90-15A	150.7	251	TOC	RE			T.S	SEM	F.I	XRD
	185.6	252	TOC							
	214.6	253					T.S			
	223.7	254	TOC				T.S			XRD
	255.4	256								
	256.2	257	TOC				T.S	SEM		XRD
GS-90-16	175.2	259	TOC	RE			T.S			XRD
	199.2	260	TOC							
	256.1	261	TOC				T.S	SEM		
	288.5	262	TOC				T.S			XRD

NORTH SINAI

WELL	DEPTH	S NO.	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS							
			TOC	RE Pyrolysis	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM	F. I	XRD
88-15	431.0	434.0	TOC				T.S			
88-26	447.5	450.4	TOC	RE			T.S		F.I	
88-34	496.0	498.7	TOC				T.S			
88-34	506.0	508.9	TOC				T.S		F.I	
88-38	379.5	387.5					T.S			
88-44	585.0		TOC				T.S			
89-42	571-574						T.S			

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			TOC	RE Pyrolysis	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM	F. I	XRD
88-44	578.0		TOC	RE			T.S			
88-44	580.0	583.2	TOC							
88-44	585.0		TOC							
88-44	592.0		TOC							
88-44	592.0	595.0	TOC				T.S			

Esh El Malaha

WELL	DEPTH	S NO.	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS							
			TOC	RE Pyrolysis	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM	F. I	XRD
DH7	663.0	664.0	TOC	RE			T.S			
DH7	664.0	665.0	TOC				T.S			
DH3R	686.0	687.0	TOC				T.S		F.I	
DH3R	689.0	690.0	TOC	RE			T.S			
DH3R	705.0	706.0	TOC				T.S		F.I	
DH3R	724.0	725.7	TOC	RE			T.S			
DH3R	730.0		TOC							
DH3R	738.0	739.9	TOC	RE			T.S		F.I	
DH3R	739.0	741.0	TOC				T.S			
DH3R	741.0	742.0	TOC				T.S			

RAS SHUKEIR AREA

WELL	DEPTH	S NO.	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS							
			TOC	RE Pyrolysis	Gc	IR	T.S	SEM	F. I	XRD
RS#3			TOC	RE						
RS#4										
RS#5			TOC	RE						
RS#6										

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Table- 2: ICP operating conditions.

Torch	High flow
Axillary gas flow	0.5 L/min
Rf power	1200 W
Flush pump rate	200 rpm
Analysis pump rate	100 rpm
Nebulizer pressure	30 psi
No. of repeats	4
Wavelength	315.887 nm

Table-3: SEMI-QUANTITATIVE OF XRD DATA FOR ANALYZED EVAPORITE CORE SAMPLES FROM THE STUDIED AREAS

Area	SNO.	Sulphate Minerals										Carbonate Minerals						Others				Cly	Qu
		Gyp	Anh	Hal	Plyh	Sylv	Kes	Then	Bloe	Sulph	Wavl	Ca	Dol	Ank	Sed	Tro	Car	Py	Hem	Ilm	Mag		
RAS GESAREA AREA	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.2	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	-	-	81	-	
	9	-	93	3.4	-	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2	-	-	-	12.5	-	-	-	-	
	12	-	12.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1	56.6	-	-	-	-	12.5	-	-	-	2.8	-
	16	8.8	91.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	21	-	69.4	-	-	-	16.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4	11.6	-	-	-
	23	-	78.6	8.5	-	1.6	-	4.3	-	-	-	-	2.1	-	-	-	1.1	8.2	-	-	-	-	-
	27	2.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55.5	-	4.9	-	1.5	-	-	-	6.9	-
	32	-	25.3	-	2.6	-	-	6.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	36	-	82.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.9	17.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	41	-	77.3	11.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	45	-	64.5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	-	6.5	-	-	-	-	-
	48	-	-	76.5	10.5	-	5.1	-	-	-	-	7.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	54	-	88	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1	-	-	-	-	-
	56	-	-	89.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.4	-	-	-	-	-	7.9	-	-	-	-	-
	69	-	77.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.6	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	-	-	-	-	-
	77	-	81.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.4	-	-	-	-	-
	84	-	81.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.8	-	-	-	-	4.3
	91	6.0	61.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.3	-	-	7.5	12.5	-
95	-	93.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.4	-	-	-	-	-	
101	-	92.9	1.6	-	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	-	-	-	-	-	
104	1.6	80.1	13.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1	-	-	-	-	-	
105	-	88.4	-	3.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.9	-	-	-	-	-	
110	-	88.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
113	-	47.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9	-	-	45.2	-	-	-	-	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	

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SOUTH EAST ZEIT	119	50.5	1.4	1.4	-	17.7	-	-	-	-	1.2	-	-	-	-	1.2	-	2.5	-	-	-	-	16.2
	126	21.2	-	-	3.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.2	-	-	-	-	-	4.6	-	-	62.6	-
	133	-	61.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.4	-	-	-	-	-	5.1	3.5	-	-	22.3	-
RAS DIB AREA	141	12.5	11.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36.8	12.5	-	-	-	-	3.9	-	-	-	-	11.8
	146	-	53.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.4	3.3	-	-	-	5.5	3.2	-	-	-	22.3	4.0
	157	-	5.7	61.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.6	-	-	-	-	-	6.0	-	-	-	-	13.1
	162	-	78.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9	12.0	-	-	-	-	3.9	-	-	-	-	2.4
	167	-	75.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	-	-	-	11.8	-	1.8	-	-	-	8.8	-
	172	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70.6	-	-	-	-	-	8.2	4.2	-	-	13.4	-
	177	-	78.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	181	11.5	18.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.5	50.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	183	-	6.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	186	-	92.5	-	-	2.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.6	-	-	-	-	-
	188	12.4	4.9	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.5	-	-	-	-	-	2.4	-	-	-	-	-
	194	51.5	1.4	1.4	-	17.7	-	-	-	-	1.2	-	-	-	-	1.2	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	16.2
	199	8.8	91.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	202	-	69.4	-	-	-	-	16.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4	11.6	-	-
	205	-	78.6	8.5	-	1.6	-	4.3	-	-	-	-	2.1	-	-	-	1.1	8.2	-	-	-	-	-
	209	2.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55.5	-	4.9	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	6.9
	213	-	25.3	-	2.6	-	-	6.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	215	11.5	18.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.5	50.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
216	-	25.3	-	2.6	-	-	6.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
224	-	82.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.9	17.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
227	-	77.3	11.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
231	-	64.5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	-	6.5	-	-	-	-	-	

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SHAGAR AREA	251	-	61.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.4	-	-	-	-	-	5.1	3.5	-	-	22.3	-	
	254	12.5	11.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36.8	12.5	-	-	-	-	3.9	-	-	-	-	11.	
	257	-	53.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.4	3.3	-	-	-	5.5	3.2	-	-	-	22.3	4.0	
	259	-	5.7	61.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.6	-	-	-	-	-	6.0	-	-	-	-	13.	
	262	-	78.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9	12.0	-	-	-	-	3.9	-	-	-	-	2.4	
GUBAL ISLAND	232	-	75.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	-	-	-	11.8	-	1.8	-	-	-	8.8	-	
	236	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70.6	-	-	-	-	-	8.2	4.2	-	-	13.4	-	
	240	-	93.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.4	-	-	-	-	-	
	241	-	92.9	1.6	-	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	-	-	-	-	-	
	245	1.6	80.1	13.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1	-	-	-	-	-	
	250	-	88.4	-	3.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.9	-	-	-	-	-	

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Evaporite from different areas of study**

SNO.	Area	Final melting temperature of ice (T ^o C) (TM)	Final melting temperature (T ^o C) (Te)	Salinity	Remarks			
99	Ras Gamsa	-3.4 -3.5 -3.1 -3.5 -3.5 -3.0 -3.2 -3.4 -3.5 -3.1	-27.8 -35.0 -37.4 -31.1 -29.0 -27.3	3.4 to 7.9	Data from a single crystal with primary fluid inclusions, single-phase (liquid), variable in size, trapping in growth zone			
112		-3.1 -3.4 -3.1 -3.4 -3.5 -2.9 -3.7 -3.2 -3.0 -3.1 -2.9 -2.7 -2.6 -2.9 -3.1 -3.6 -3.1 -3.5 -2.8 -3.4 -3.3 -3.0 -3.4	-30.1 -34.1 -30.1 -34.1 -40.1 -39.8 -31.1 -35.7 -40.1 -39. -40.0 -39.9 -31.0 -35.6 -10.2 -39.8 -32.1 -35.7	1.4 to 7.7 2.6 to 9.3				
116		Southeast Zeit	-3.1 -3.5 -3.4 -3.1 -3.1 -3.4 -3.1 -3.1 -2.9 -2.8 -3.1 -3.5 -3.1 -3.5 -3.1 -3.5 -3.4 -3.1 -3.2 -3.3 -3.2 -3.3 -3.0 -3.4 -3.1 -3.5 -3.4 -3.1 -2.9	-27.7 -25.1 -27.7 -25.1 -27.7 -25.1 -37.5 -31.2 -37.5 -31.2 -29.2 -27.4 -29.2 -27.4 -27.3 -29.1 -27.3 -29.2 -27.4 -29.2 -27.4		3.0 to 8.9 3.4 to 7.8	Data collected from single crystal (gypsum) with primary single-phase (liquid) inclusions, variable in size, arrange in growth zone	
		Ras DIB	139	-3.3 -2.9 -3.1 -3.5 -3.6 -3.3 -3.1 -3.5 -3.6 -3.3 -2.9 -3.1 -3.5 -3.6		-28.8 -19.3 -29.3 -20.4 -21.3 -28.8 -19.3 -29.3 -20.4 -21.3	2.3 to 9.5	Data collected from single crystal (gypsum) with primary single-phase (liquid) inclusions, variable in size, arranged in parallel zone
			168					Doesn't free, primary, single-phase (liquid) inclusions, air bubble increase in size with freezing between -145C ^o to -150C ^o indicate that its hydrocarbons.
	169		-4.2 -4.0 -4.2 -4.0 -4.1 -4.2 -4.0 -4.3 -4.2 -4.2 -4.0	-32.2 -32.2 -35.1 -35.2 -32.3 -35.2 -32.1 -35.0	3.4 to 8.9	Data collected from single crystal (gypsum) with primary single-phase (liquid) inclusions which were very tiny and scattered all over crystals, variable in size, arrange in growth zone		
196	-1.9 -1.8 +1.9 -1.8 -1.7 -1.9 -1.9 -1.8 -1.7 -1.9 +1.9 -1.8 -1.6 -1.5 -2.1 -2.2 +2.0 -2.3 -2.4 -2.1 -2.1 -2.0		-43.3 -44.9 -43.9 -43.7 -44.1 -43.3 -44.9 -43.9 -43.7 -44.1	2.3 to 7.7	Data collected from single crystal (gypsum) with primary single-phase (liquid) inclusions, variable in size, arrange in growth zone			
251	Shagar	-16.6 -15.6 -16.6 -15.6 -14.7 -14.2 -14.7 -14.2 -14.7 -14.2 -14.7 -14.2 -14.6 -14.4 -14.5 -14.3 -14.5 -11.6 -11.4 -11.6 -11.4 -11.6 -11.4 -11.6 -11.4 -10.8 -9.3 -10.8 -9.3 -8.7 -8.5 -8.8 -8.6 -8.6 -8.7 -8.5 -8.4 -8.7	-29.5 -26.6 -29.5 -26.6 -25.7 -24.9 -26.6 -25.7 -24.9 -24.2 -23.6 -23.5 -23.5 -23.0 -23.4 -23.3 -23.2	1.9 to 16.2	Data collected from single crystal (gypsum) with primary single-phase (liquid) inclusions, variable in size, arrange in growth zone			

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SNO.	Area	Final melting temperature of ice (T _M) (T°C)					Final melting temperature (T _e) (T°C)			Salinity	Remarks	
253	Shagar	-16.0	-15.3	-14.1			-30.1	-29.3	-25.6	3.4 to 10.7	Data collected from single crystal (gypsum) with primary single-phase (liquid) inclusions, variable in size, arrange in growth zone	
		-11.7	-10.5	-9.1			-23.6	-23.4				
		-8.4										
232	Gubal Island	-2.8	-2.0	-2.2			-22.5	-22.8	-29.5	0.0 to 10.4	Data collected from single crystal (gypsum) with primary single-phase (liquid) inclusions, variable in size, arrange in growth zone	
		-2.1	-3.3	-3.3	-3.7	-3.3	-29.1	-26.2				
		-3.7	-3.6	-3.5			-26.4	-29.1	-26.2			
		-3.7	-2.8	-2.0	-2.2	-2.8	-26.4	-29.1	-26.2			
		-2.0	-2.2	-3.7	-2.8	-2.0	-26.4	-29.1	-26.2			
		-2.2	-2.8	-2.0	-2.2		-26.4					
560	Esh El-Malaha	-2.3	-2.2	-2.5			-31.5	-30.1	-31.6	034 to 9.6	Data collected from a single crystal with primary single phase (liquid) inclusions which are arranged in zones parallel to each other and usually associated with solid inclusions trapping in direction to the growth of host crystal	
		-2.1	-2.7	-2.3	-2.2	-2.5	-30.8	-31.2	-31.5	-30.1		
		-2.1	-2.7	-2.3	-2.2	-2.5	-31.6	-31.5	-30.1	-31.6		
		-2.1	-2.7	-2.3	-2.2	-2.5	-30.8	-31.2				
		-2.1	-2.7				-30.8					
560		-32.8	-33.0	-35.1			-50.5	-54.6	-60.5	3.4 to 11.6	Data collected from single crystal (Halite) associated with gypsum All fluid inclusions are single phase, arranged in growth zone and varying in size. At 50.5.0 C° to 56.6C° and during melting inclusion become dark indicating formation a minerals	
		-35.6	-33.8				-53.7	-51.6				
686		-32.8	-34.8	-34.3			-48.3	-47.0	-46.4	3.5 to 9.3	Data collected from single crystal (Halite) associated with gypsum. All fluid inclusions are single phase, arranged in growth zone and varying in size. At 61.0C° and during melting inclusion become dark indicating formation a minerals	
		-30.2					-44.1	-45.5				

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SNO.	Area	Final melting temperature of ice (T°C) (TM)				Final melting temperature (T°C) (Te)			Salinity	Remarks
741	Esh El-Malaha	-9.6 -6.4 -3.7 -1.4 -3.7 -1.4	-6.4 -4.3 -2.2 -1.3 -2.2 -1.3	-4.3 -1.5 -1.2 -1.5 -1.2	9.6	-32.6 -32.1 -44.3	-37.8 -32.0	-32.4 -37.8		Data collected from single crystal (gypsum) with primary single-phase (liquid) inclusions are in parallel zones. Brownish phase is formed at -82.6°C. Sometimes inclusions have two phase (liquid-solid) and three phase (liquid-solid-algal)
450	North Sinai	-23.5 -20.8 -24.0 -13.1 -24.0 -13.1	-20.8 -25.0 -19.8 -14.4 -19.8 -14.4	-25.0 -19.1 -8.5 -19.1 -8.5	-23.5 -6.6 -6.6	-43.1 -43.4	-43.2 -43.5	-42.9		Data collected from a single crystal with primary single phase (liquid) inclusions, which are arranged in zones of growth
738-39		-32.5 -31.0 -30.3 -31.0 -30.3	-31.5 -30.8 -32.5 -30.8	-31.4 -31.5	-31.4	-50.0 -49.5 -54.7	-45.3 -54.6			Data collected from a single crystal with primary, two phase (liquid-solid). Some filamentous algae and organic material observed in fluid inclusions. Darkness increase with warming freezing inclusions up to -65.5°C and transparency increase at -34.1°C

Table -5: Chemistry of different waters and stable phases calculated from the thermochemical-model of Spencer *et al* (1990)

Water Type	Temperature (T°C)	SPECIES CONCENTRATION (MOLALITY)						Phase in Equilibrium
		Na ⁺	K ⁺	Ca ⁺⁺	Mg ⁺⁺	Cl ⁻	S04 ⁻	
Normal seawater	-1.9	0.485	0.0106	0.0094*	0.0551	0.5660	0.0292	Ice
Evaporite seawater (at gypsum saturation)	-7- -8	1.783	0.0390	0.0342	0.2026	2.0812	0.1071	Ice Mirabilite
Recycled seawater (seawater with dissolved gypsum)	-2- -3	0.485	0.0106	0.0315	0.0551	0.5660	0.0767	Ice

*0.00025 equivalent of Ca⁺⁺ used in the precipitation of calcite.

Table –6: The Physical Properties And Hydrochemical Composition Of The Analyzed Collected Water Brine Samples At Different Depths From Hypersaline Pans And Solar Ponds Of Ras Shukeir Sabkha

Site	S.NO	Depth (m)	pH	Ec Mohs/ Cm	Rs Ohm-m	d Gm/ml	Sp.g	TDS	S	K ⁺ ppm Meq %	Na ⁺ ppm Meq %	Ca ⁺⁺ ppm Meq %	Mg ⁺⁺ ppm Meq %	Fe ⁺⁺ ppm Meq %	Pb ⁺⁺ ppm Meq %	Li ⁺⁺ ppm Meq %	Sr ⁺⁺ ppm Meq %	Cr ⁺⁺ ppm Meq %	Cu ⁺⁺ ppm Meq %	Zn ⁺⁺ ppm Meq %	Cl ppm Meq %	CO ₃ ²⁻ ppm Meq %	HCO ₃ ⁻ ppm Meq %	SO ₄ ²⁻ ppm Meq %
Eastern hypersaline pan	1	0.0	6.5	0.0995	0.1005	1.0694	1.07518	124460	12000	4350 111.3 10.17	22794.2 995.4 53.27	4192 209.2 9.80	11440 17.2 26.74	0.01 0.0 0	0.02 0.0 0	0.08 0.0 0.00	13.4 0.3 0.03	0.002 0.0 0	0.003 0.0 0	0 0.0 0	75430.3 2127.8 88.6	Nil NIL NIL	163.8 2.7 0.2	9585.3 199.6 11.3
	2	0.25	6.0	0.092	0.1086	1.0505	1.05617	95190	90000	5360 137.1 5.48	61759.6 2696.9 63.11	3048 152.1 3.11	27667 12.5 28.27	0.01 0.0 0	0.02 0.0 0	0.10 0.0 0.00	25.7 0.6 0.03	0.002 0.0 0	0.003 0.0 0	0 0.0 0	198781.8 5607.4 97.1	Nil NIL NIL	119.7 2.0 0.1	5880.9 122.4 2.9
	3	0.50	6.0	0.084	0.1190	1.0392	1.4479	88050	88050	1579 40.4 5.24	20453.3 893.2 67.83	2362 117.9 7.83	5752 9.7 19.07	0.01 0.0 0	0.02 0.0 0	0.09 0.0 0.00	9.4 0.2 0.03	0.002 0.0 0	0.003 0.0 0	0 0.0 0	53363.6 1505.3 87.8	Nil NIL NIL	176.4 2.9 0.3	7250.7 151.0 11.9
	4	0.60	5.0	0.089	0.1020	1.0717	1.0775	122130	119000	1553 39.7 4.49	25151.7 1098.3 72.79	2325 116.0 6.73	5518 9.5 15.97	0.01 0.0 0	0.02 0.0 0	0.08 0.0 0.00	7.2 0.2 0.02	0.002 0.0 0	0.003 0.0 0	0 0.0 0	57690.9 1627.4 87.8	Nil NIL NIL	163.8 2.7 0.2	7817.1 162.8 11.9
Western hypersaline pan	5	0.0	5.5	0.098	0.1123	1.0457	1.0513	92060	87000	2005 51.3 6.31	19559.5 854.1 61.55	2931 146.3 9.22	7272 12.0 22.88	0.01 0.0 0	0.02 0.0 0	0.08 0.0 0.00	9.66 0.2 0.03	0.002 0.0 0	0.003 0.0 0	0 0.0 0	55793.9 1573.9 87.9	Nil NIL NIL	176.4 2.9 0.3	7533.9 156.9 11.9
	6	0.50	6.0	0.085	0.111	1.05817	1.0639	5269	1541	1030 26.3 48.05	605.6 26.4 28.25	204 10.2 9.52	1.9 0.2 0.09	12 0.6 0.56	6.2 0.1 0.29	0 0.0 0.00	0 0.0 0.00	23.8 1.4 1.11	120 6.9 5.60	140 4.3 6.53	933.9 26.3 29.88	305.4 10.18 9.77	621.1 10.18 19.87	1265.3 26.34 40.48
	7	0.75	6.5	0.099	0.1010	1.0639	1.0741	124450	120000	1815 46.4 6.01	19512.6 852.1 64.61	2381 118.8 7.88	6481 9.8 21.46	0.01 0.0 0	0.02 0.0 0	0.08 0.0 0.00	9.80 0.2 0.03	0.002 0.0 0	0.003 0.0 0	0 0.0 0	54145.5 1527.4 87.3	Nil NIL NIL	176.4 2.9 0.3	7682.1 159.9 12.4
	8	0.85	6.0	0.098	0.1015	1.07317	1.0789	122920	118000	2528 64.7 5.69	30592.6 1335.9 68.90	2796 139.5 6.30	8473 11.5 19.08	0.01 0.0 0	0.02 0.0 0	0.08 0.0 0.00	11.85 0.3 0.03	0.002 0.0 0	0.003 0.0 0	0 0.0 0	74497.0 2101.5 87.8	Nil NIL NIL	214.2 3.5 0.3	10163.2 211.6 12.0
	9	1.5	6.5	0.0995	0.1123	1.0732	1.0789	5291	1538	1028 26.3 47.39	604.5 26.4 27.86	204 10.2 9.40	1.4 0.1 0.06	12 0.6 0.55	15.6 0.2 0.72	0 0.0 0.00	0 0.0 0.00	23.8 1.4 1.10	200 11.5 9.22	80 2.4 3.69	932.1 26.3 29.86	305.4 10.2 9.78	621.1 10.2 19.90	1262.8 26.3 40.46
	10	2.25	6.5	0.092	0.111	1.0733	1.0794	5513	1548	1035 26.5 43.22	608.6 26.6 25.41	200 10.0 8.35	3.2 0.3 0.13	10 0.5 0.42	16 0.2 0.67	0 0.0 0.00	0 0.0 0.00	17.2 1.0 0.72	385 22.2 16.08	120 3.7 5.01	938.4 26.5 30.10	299.4 10.0 9.60	609.0 10.0 19.53	1271.4 26.5 40.77
	11	3.0	6.5	0.084	0.1010	1.07335	1.0798	5427	1556	1040 26.6 45.99	611.5 26.7 27.04	208 10.4 9.20	7.8 0.6 0.34	4 0.2 0.18	3.2 0.0 0.14	0 0.0 0.00	0 0.0 0.00	27 1.6 1.19	300 17.3 13.27	60 1.8 2.65	943.0 26.6 29.79	311.4 10.4 9.84	633.3 10.4 20.01	1277.5 26.6 40.36
	12	3.75	7.5	0.089	0.1015	1.07334	1.0871	5515	1576	1040 26.6 44.04	611.5 26.7 25.90	204 10.2 8.64	7.8 0.6 0.33	10 0.5 0.42	3.6 0.0 0.15	0 0.0 0.00	0 0.1 0.17	4 1.4 1.03	24.4 23.8 17.45	44 1.3 1.86	943.0 26.6 29.96	305.4 10.2 9.71	621.1 10.2 19.74	1277.5 26.6 40.59
	13	4.50	8.1	0.098	0.1123	1.0741	1.0878	5335	1571	1050 26.9 49.29	617.4 27.0 28.98	212 10.6 9.95	8 0.7 0.38	12 0.6 0.56	2.8 0.0 0.13	0 0.0 0.00	12 0.3 0.56	24 1.4 1.13	24 6.5 5.26	112 2.4 3.76	80 26.9 29.71	317.4 10.6 9.90	645.5 10.6 20.14	1289.8 26.9 40.25
	14	5.25	7.7	0.085	0.111	1.0742	1.0876	5297	1563	1045 26.7 49.68	614.5 26.8 29.21	212 10.6 10.08	7 0.6 0.33	12 0.6 0.57	1.8 0.0 0.09	0 0.0 0.00	8 0.2 0.38	13 0.8 0.62	100 5.8 4.75	90 2.8 4.28	947.5 26.7 29.66	317.4 10.6 9.94	645.5 10.6 20.21	1283.7 26.7 40.19

EC: Conductivity

Rs: Resistivity d: density

SP.G. : Specific gravity

TDS: Total Dissolved Solid

S: Salinity *Concentration in ppb

(Cont.) Table –6: The Physical Properties And Hydrochemical Composition Of The Analyzed Collected Water Brine Samples At Different Depths From Hypersaline Pans And Solar Ponds Of Ras Shukeir Sabkha

Site	S.No	Depth (m)	PH	Ec Mohs/Cm	Rs0 Ohm-m	d Gm/ml	Sp.g	TDS	S	K ⁺ ppm Meq %	Na ⁺ ppm Meq %	Ca ²⁺ ppm Meq %	Mg ²⁺ ppm Meq %	Fe ²⁺ ppm Meq %	Pb ²⁺ ppm Meq %	Li ²⁺ ppm Meq %	Sr ²⁺ ppm Meq %	Cr ²⁺ ppm Meq %	Cu ²⁺ ppm Meq %	Zn ²⁺ ppm Meq %	Cl ppm Meq %	CO ₃ ²⁻ ppm Meq %	HCO ₃ ⁻ ppm Meq %	SO ₄ ²⁻ ppm Meq %
Western hypersaline pan	15	6	8.6	0.099	0.1123	1.0741	1.0897	5379	1541	1030 26.3 46.07	605.6 26.4 27.09	208 10.4 9.30	8 0.7 0.36	12 0.6 0.54	1.2 0.0 0.05	0 0.0 0.00	8 0.2 0.36	11 0.6 0.49	252 14.5 11.27	100 3.1 4.47	933.9 26.3 29.71	311.4 10.4 9.91	633.3 10.4 20.14	1265.3 26.3 40.24
	16	6.50	6.7	0.0995	0.111	1.07432	1.08974	5566	1526	1020 26.1 41.43	599.8 26.2 24.36	204 10.2 8.29	8 0.7 0.32	10 0.5 0.41	3.2 0.0 0.13	0 0.0 0.00	8 0.2 0.32	8 0.5 0.36	480 27.7 19.50	120 3.7 4.87	924.8 26.1 29.79	305.4 10.2 9.84	621.1 10.2 20.01	1253.0 26.1 40.36
	17	7	7.8	0.092	0.1010	1.07417	1.09541	5585	1571	1050 26.9 43.44	617.4 27.0 25.54	204 10.2 8.44	5 0.4 0.21	30 1.6 1.24	4.2 0.0 0.17	0 0.0 0.00	8 0.2 0.33	8.4 0.5 0.35	400 23.1 16.55	90 2.8 3.72	952.0 26.9 30.05	305.4 10.2 9.64	621.1 10.2 19.60	1289.8 26.9 40.71
	18	7.5	7.9	0.092	0.1123	1.07432	1.09641	5346	1586	1060 27.1 48.75	623.3 27.2 28.67	200 10.0 9.20	3.2 0.3 0.15	40 2.1 1.84	7.8 0.1 0.36	0 0.0 0.00	0 0.0 0.00	0 1.2 0.92	20 9.2 7.36	160 1.8 2.76	961.1 27.1 30.30	299.4 10.0 9.44	609.0 10.0 19.20	1302.1 27.1 41.06
Smaller Saline ponds	19	0	6.5	0.088	0.1136	1.0493	1.0549	88610	81000	1785 45.7 5.93	19707.1 860.6 65.46	2312 115.4 7.68	6293 9.5 20.90	0.15 0 0	0.02 0 0	0.083 0.012 0.00	8.53 0.19 0.03	0.002 0.003 0	0 0 0	53703.0 1514.9 88.0	NIL NIL NIL	157.5 2.6 0.3	7156.4 149.0 11.7	
Hypersaline pan	20	0	6.5	0.092	0.1086	1.0591	1.0648	95130	90000	2046 52.3 7.01	17748.8 775.1 60.85	2581 128.8 8.85	6783 10.6 23.25	0.15 0 0	0 0 0	0.083 0.012 0.00	9.74 0.22 0.03	0.002 0 0	0.003 0 0	0 0 0	57654.5 1626.4 87.9	NIL NIL NIL	210.6 3.5 0.3	7744.67 161.2 11.8
	21	0.15	6.0	0.084	0.119	1.0443	1.0499	84970	79000	1950 49.9 5.86	21498.9 938.8 64.57	2822 140.8 8.48	7014 11.6 21.07	0 0 0	0 0 0	0.083 0.012 0.00	10.06 0.23 0.03	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	51497.0 1452.7 86.9	NIL NIL NIL	144.9 2.4 0.2	7621.1 158.7 12.9
Hypersaline pan	22	0	6.0	0.091	0.1098	1.0594	1.0594	85010	77500	1842 47.1 5.74	20807.4 908.6 64.80	2668 133.1 8.31	6780 11.0 21.12	0 0 0	0 0 0	0.08212 0.012 0.00	10.52 0.24 0.03	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	51521.2 1453.3 86.8	NIL NIL NIL	144.9 2.4 0.2	7718.32 160.7 13.0
	23	0.15	6.5	0.088	0.1136	1.0542	1.05416	85950	78000	1945 49.7 6.84	16745.4 731.2 58.90	2808 140.1 9.88	6920 11.5 24.34	0 0 0	0 0 0	0.08258 0.012 0.00	9.92 0.23 0.03	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	52090.9 1469.4 87.4	NIL NIL NIL	163.8 2.7 0.3	7374 153.5 12.4

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SP.G. : Specific gravity

TDS: Total Dissolved Solid

S: Salinity

*Concentration in ppb

Table -7: Chemical composition of different cations(Na + K, Ca, Mg) and anions (Cl, SO₄, HCO₃ + CO₃) fields of brine classification scheme proposed by Haride and Eugster,1970

Brine Type (cation)	No.of field	Brine type(anion)	No.of field
Na	1	Cl	1
Na-(Ca)	2	Cl-(SO ₄)	2
Na-(Ca)-Mg	3	Cl-(SO ₄)-(CO ₃)	3
Na-(Mg)	4	Cl-(CO ₃)	4
Na-Ca	5	Cl-SO ₄	5
Na-Ca-(Mg)	6	Cl-SO ₄ -(CO ₃)	6
Na-Mg-(Ca)	7	Cl-CO ₃ -(SO ₄)	7
Na-(Ca)-Mg	8	Cl-CO ₃	8
Na-Ca-Mg	9	Cl-SO ₄ -CO ₃	9
Ca-(Na)	10	SO ₄ -Cl	10
Ca-(Mg)-(Na)	11	SO ₄ -(CO ₃)-(Cl)	11
Ca-Mg-(Na)	12	SO ₄ -CO ₃ -(Cl)	12
Mg-(Ca)-(Na)	13	CO ₃ -(SO ₄)-(Cl)	13
Mg-(Na)	14	CO ₃ -(Cl)	14
Ca	15	SO ₄	15
Ca-(Mg)	16	SO ₄ -(CO ₃)	16
Ca-Mg	17	SO ₄ -CO ₃	17
Mg-(Ca)	18	CO ₃ -(SO ₄)	18
Mg	19	CO ₃	19

Table -8: :The brine samples from the study area and their corresponding field numbers and chemical composition.

Sn.O	Brine Type(cation)	No.of field	Brine type(anion)	No.of field
1	Na-(Ca)-Mg	3	Cl-(SO ₄)	2
2	Na-(Ca)-Mg	8	Cl-(SO ₄)	2
3	Na-(Mg)	4	Cl-(SO ₄)	2
4	Mg-Na-(Ca)	7	Cl-(SO ₄)	2
5	Mg-Na-(Ca)	7	Cl-(SO ₄)	2
6	Mg-Na-(Ca)	7	Cl-(SO ₄)	2
7	Mg-Na-(Ca)	7	Cl-(SO ₄)	2
8	Mg-Na-(Ca)	7	Cl-(SO ₄)	2
9	Mg-Na-(Ca)	7	Cl-(SO ₄)	2
10	Mg-Na-(Ca)	7	Cl-(SO ₄)	2
11	Mg-Na-(Ca)	7	Cl	1
12	Mg-Na-(Ca)	7	Cl-(SO ₄)	2
13	Mg-Na-(Ca)	7	Cl-(SO ₄)	2

Table-9 : The Major saline minerals of different brine types after Haride and Eugester,1970

<i>Brine Type</i>	<i>Saline minerals</i>	
Ca-Mg-Na-(k)-Cl	Antarcticite	CaCl ₂ .6H ₂ O
	Bischofite	MgCl ₂ .6H ₂ O
	Carnalite	KCl.MgCl ₂ .6H ₂ O
	Halite	NaCl
	Sylvite	KCl
	Tachyhydrite	CaCl ₂ .2MgCl.12H ₂ O
Na-(Ca)-SO ₄ -Cl	Gypsum	CaSO ₄ .2H ₂ O
	Glauberite	CaSO ₄ .NaSO ₄
	Halite	NaCl
	Mirabilite	NaSO ₄ .10H ₂ O
	Thenardite	NaSO ₄
Mg-Na-(Ca)-SO ₄ -Cl	Bischofite	MgCl ₂ .6H ₂ O
	Bloedite	Na ₂ SO ₄ .MaSO ₄ .4H ₂ O
	Epsomite	MgSO ₄ .7H ₂ O
	Glauberite	CaSO ₄ .NaSO ₄
	Gypsum	CaSO ₄ .2H ₂ O
	Halite	NaCl
	Hexahydrite	MgSO ₄ .6H ₂ O
	Kieserite	MgSO ₄ .H ₂ O
	Mirabilite	NaSO ₄ .10H ₂ O
	Thenardite	NaSO ₄
Na-CO ₃ -Cl	Halite	NaCl
	Nahcolite	NaHCO ₃
	Natron	Na ₂ CO ₃ .10H ₂ O
	Thermonatrite	Na ₂ CO ₃ .H ₂ O
	trona	NaHCO ₃ .NaCO ₃ .2H ₂ O
Na-CO ₃ SO ₄ -Cl	Brukeite	Na ₂ CO ₃ .2Na ₂ SO ₄
	Halite	NaCl
	Mirabilite	NaSO ₄ .10H ₂ O
	Nahcolite	NaHCO ₃
	Natron	Na ₂ CO ₃ .10H ₂ O
	Thenardite	NaSO ₄

Table-10 : The TOC content and Rocky Eval pyrolysis results of analysed samples

Well Name	SAMPLE ID	depth(m)	TOC wt%	S1 mg/g	S2 mg/g	S3 mg/g	Tmax degC	S2/S3 QI	S2/TOC HI	S3/TOC OI	S1/(S1+S2) PI	K(S1+S3) PC
Gs-89-06	114	211.8	0.56	5.78	10.34	0.14	424	73.9	1846	25	0.36	1.34
Gs-89-06	116	250.8	2.64	1.29	1.37	0.02	401	68.5	52	1	0.48	0.22
South East Zeit Area:												
Gs-89-07	119	56.1	0.17									
Gs-89-07	121	73.8	0.11									
Gs-89-07	126	87.2	2.19	0.01	0.00	0.07	284	0	0	3	1.00	0.0
Gs-89-07	127	98	0.11									0.0
Gs-89-07	130	101.5	3.01	0.43	0.69	0.11	371	6.3	23	4	0.38	0.1
Gs-89-07	132	131	0.10									
Gs-89-07	133	158.6	0.11									
Gs-89-07	134	174.4	0.08									
Ras Dib Area												
Gs-89-08	136	76.4	0.12									
Gs-89-08	138	81.5	0.07									
Gs-89-08	140	89.3	1.00	0.79	3.79	0.26	395	14.6	379	26	0.17	0.4
Gs-89-08	142	96.1	0.15									
Gs-89-08	144	102.8	0.06									
Gs-89-08	145	120.1	2.44	0.77	13.66	0.41	420	33.3	560	17	0.05	1.2
Gs-89-08	146	123	0.33	0.35	1.55	0.13	336	11.9	470	39	0.18	0.2
Gs-89-08	148	162.7	0.17									
Gs-89-08	150	179.5	0.09									
Gs-89-08	151	204.6	0.16									
Gs-89-08	154	225	0.09									
Gs-89-08	156	237.2	0.08									
Gs-89-08	157	238.6	0.55	0.24	1.54	0.43	350	3.6	280	78	0.13	0.1
Gs-89-09	160	40.1	0.29	0.21	1.09	0.06	304	18.2	376	21	0.16	0.1
Gs-89-09	163	47.1	0.11									
Gs-89-09	168	52.4	0.80	0.73	4.47	0.05	409	89.4	559	6	0.14	0.4
Gs-89-09	169	67.9	2.40	3.32	12.48	0.62	400	20.1	520	26	0.21	1.3
Gs-89-09	170	73.6	0.59	0.51	2.77	0.06	414	46.2	469	10	0.16	0.3
Gs-89-09	174	96.6	0.26	0.14	0.72	0.34	380	2.1	277	131	0.16	0.1
Gs-89-09	177	112	0.15									
Gs-89-09	179	119.1	0.05									
Gs-89-09	180	120.2	0.06									
Gs-89-09	182	129.1	0.95	0.04	0.08	0.05	252	1.6	8	5	0.33	0.0
												0.0
Gs-89-10	184	40.8	0.69	0.06	0.06	0.00	427		9	3	0.50	0.0
Gs-89-10	186	116.6	0.17									
Gs-89-11	187	24.1	1.19	0.05	0.17	0.00	325		14	5	0.23	0.0
Gs-89-11	192	56.6	0.14									
Gs-89-11	194	68.3	0.11									
Gs-89-11	195	70.6	0.21	0.27	0.95	0.00	274		452	75	0.22	0.1
Gs-89-11	196	71.2	0.10									
Gs-89-11	197	82.2	0.08									
Gs-89-11	199	97.6	2.41	0.17	0.45	0.00	274		19	7	0.27	0.1
Gs-89-11	200	134	0.05									
Gs-89-11	201	136.4	0.07									
Gs-89-12	203	68.2	2.38	0.18	0.50	0.00	248		21	0	0.26	0.1

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Well Name	SAMPLE ID	TOC	S1	S2	S3	Tmax	S2/S3	S2/TOC	S3/TOC	S1/(S1+S2)	K(S1+S2)	
	ID	depth(m)	wt%	mg/g	mg/g	degC	QI	HI	OI	PI	PC	
Gs-89-12	205	74.6	0.30	0.05	0.12	0.05	218	2.4	40	17	0.29	0.0
Gs-89-12	206	88.9	0.12									
Gs-89-12	208	126.6	0.23									
Gs-89-12	210	215.8	0.10									
Gs-89-13	213	52.8	1.62	0.20	0.10	0.17	274	0.6	6	10	0.67	0.02
Gs-89-13	213	53.2	0.11									
Gs-89-13	215	100.8	0.08									
Gs-89-14	216	49	0.12									
Gs-89-14	218	67.8	0.09									
Gs-89-14	24	84.8	1.76	0.34	7.18	1.05	421	6.8	408	60	0.05	0.62
Gs-89-14	223	102	0.08									
Gs-89-14	225	131.1	0.06									
Gs-89-14	226	153.2	0.11									
Gs-89-14	228	78/178.1	0.37	0.08	0.18	0.00	264		49	0	0.31	0.02
Gs-89-14	230	188.1	0.20	0.04	0.11	0.00	218		55	0	0.27	0.01
Shagar Area												
Gs-90-15A	251	150.7	0.39	0.09	0.13	0.00	213		33	5	0.41	0.02
Gs-90-15A	252	185.6	0.13									
Gs-90-15A	254	223.7	0.17									
Gs-90-15A	255	237.2	0.39	0.11	0.05	0.00	213		13	4	0.69	0.01
Gs-90-15A	257	256.2	0.23									
Gs-90-16	259	175.2	0.25	0.17	0.39	0.00	220		156	60	0.30	0.05
Gs-90-16	260	199.2	0.12									
Gs-90-16	261	256.1	0.07									
Gubal Island Area												
Gs-89-17	233	8.3	0.04									
Gs-89-17	234	25.9	0.09									
Gs-89-17	235	35	0.54	0.41	0.99	0.21	428	4.7	183	39	0.29	0.12
Gs-89-17	237	58	0.95	0.14	0.16	0.14	326	1.1	17	15	0.47	0.02
Gs-89-17	238	70	0.18									
Gs-89-17	240	313.7	0.64	0.13	0.15	0.05	219	3	23	8	0.46	0.02
Gs-89-18	241	179.8	0.19									
Gs-89-18	242	207.3	0.12									
Gs-89-18	244	220	0.02									
Gs-89-18	245	249.7	0.14	0.30	0.89	0.01	275	89	636	7	0.25	0.10
Gs-89-18	248	282	0.14									
Gs-89-18	250	336.9	0.06									
Ras El Esh Area												
DH7	663.0	664.0	0.31	0.42	0.60	0.70	292	0.9	194	226	0.41	0.08
DH7	664.0	665.0	0.26									
DH3R	686.0	687.0	0.12									
DH3R	689.0	690.0	0.21	0.01	0.00	0.35	219	0	75	167	1.00	0.00

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Well Name	SAMPLE ID	TOC	S1	S2	S3	Tmax	S2/S3	S2/TOC	S3/TOC	S1/(S1+S2)	K(S1+S2)	
	ID	depth(m)	wt%	mg/g	mg/g	mg/g	degC	QI	HI	OI	PI	PC
DH3R	705.0	706.0	0.06									
DH3R	724.0	725.7	0.82	0.02	0.00	0.31	252	0	15	38	1.00	0.00
DH3R	730.0		0.24									
DH3R	738.0	739.9	0.39	0.02	0.00	0.22	219	0	23	56	1.00	0.00
DH3R	739.0	741.0	0.20									
DH3R	741.0	742.0	0.07									
N. Sinai Area												
88-15	429.0	431.0	0.13									
88-15	431.0	434.0	0.11									
88-26	447.5	450.4	0.13	0.08	0.18	0.06	429	3	138	46	0.31	0.02
88-34	496.0	498.7	0.13									
88-34	506.0	508.9	0.11									
88-44	578.0		0.26	0.09	0.18	0.52	322	0.3	69	200	0.33	0.02
88-44	580.0	583.2	0.08									
88-44	585.0		0.14									
88-44	592.0		0.06									
88-44	592.0	595.0	0.09									
Ras Shukeir Area												
C#1	L1		2.25	7.63	11.60	0.67	432	17.3	516	30	0.40	1.60
	L2		0.34	0.60	0.94	1.63	439	1	276	170	0.39	0.13
C#3	L3		0.16									
	L4		0.34	0.31	0.45	0.53	348	0.8	132	156	0.41	0.06
C#4	L5		2.3	7.5	10.6	0.65	435	16.3	416	150	0.41	1.50
	L6		0.08									
C#5	L7		0.34	0.31	0.45	0.53	348	0.8	140	160	0.41	0.06
C#6	L8		2.35	7.66	12.30	0.67	439	18.4	514	30	0.39	1.66
	L9		0.81	1.53	3.54	0.50	412	7.1	190	12	0.40	0.42
Trench	L10		2.44	1.38	13.66	0.41	420	33.3	540	30	0.05	1.25
	L11		1.5	3.32	4.47	0.05	409	89.4	559	40	0.39	0.65

Table-11: Infrared spectroscopic data For Kerogen from subsurface evaporite samples of the study areas.

Area	Well No.	SNO.	Depth (m)	TOC%	IR-analysis for Kerogen					
					A	C	R ₀ %	HP	W	M
RAS GEMSA	Gs-89-03	56	405.2	1.35	0.56	0.47	0.39	7.69	1638	2923.6
	Gs-89-04	70	280.9	2.18	0.71	0.65	0.28	15.48	1634.9	2923.1
	Gs-89-04	72	316	5.95	0.93	0.86	0.3	55.3	1633.4	2924.2
	Gs-89-05	82	118.2	0.78	0.75	0.50	0.36	5.85	1641.3	2925.5
	Gs-89-05	91	234.7	2.63	0.62	0.51	0.38	16.3	1633.9	2923.1
	Gs-89-06	103	99.2	0.80	0.73	0.52	0.37	5.84	1641.3	2925.4
Ras Dib	Gs-89-08	140	89.3	1.0	0.65	0.53	0.36	6.43	1630.8	2922.6
	Gs-89-08	145	120.1	2.44	0.67	0.68	0.29	18.54	1633.6	2923.3
	Gs-89-09	169	67.9	2.4	0.88	0.82	0.45	21.12	1634	2923.3
	Gs-89-10	184	40.8	0.69	0.75	0.53	0.4	5.17	1628.6	2924.5
	Gs-89-11	187	24.1	1.19	0.75	0.52	0.4	5.17	1638.6	2924.5
	Gs-89-11	199	97.6	2.41	0.75	0.61	0.3	18.07	1639.7	2923.3
Gubal Island	Gs-89-17	237	58	0.95	0.77	0.59	0.27	7.22	1634.6	2923.3
	Gs-89-18	240	313.7	0.64	0.72	0.55	0.28	4.1	1630.2	2923.4
Shagar	Gs-90-15A	255	237.2	0.11	0.70	0.65	0.28	0.77	1633	2924.1
	Gs-90-16	259	175.2	0.65	0.52	0.29	0.29	1.12	1633	2922.5
Esh El - Malaha	DH7	-	663-4	0.31	0.75	0.53	0.27	2.4	1633.1	2922.3
	DH3R	-	725.7	0.82	0.74	0.61	0.27	6.1	1633.1	2924.1

TOC%: Total organic carbon%
A: A-Factor
C: C-Factor
M: maximum wave number (cm⁻¹)

R₀%: Vitrinite Reflectance
HP: A-Factor x TOC% x 10
W: minimum wave number (cm⁻¹)

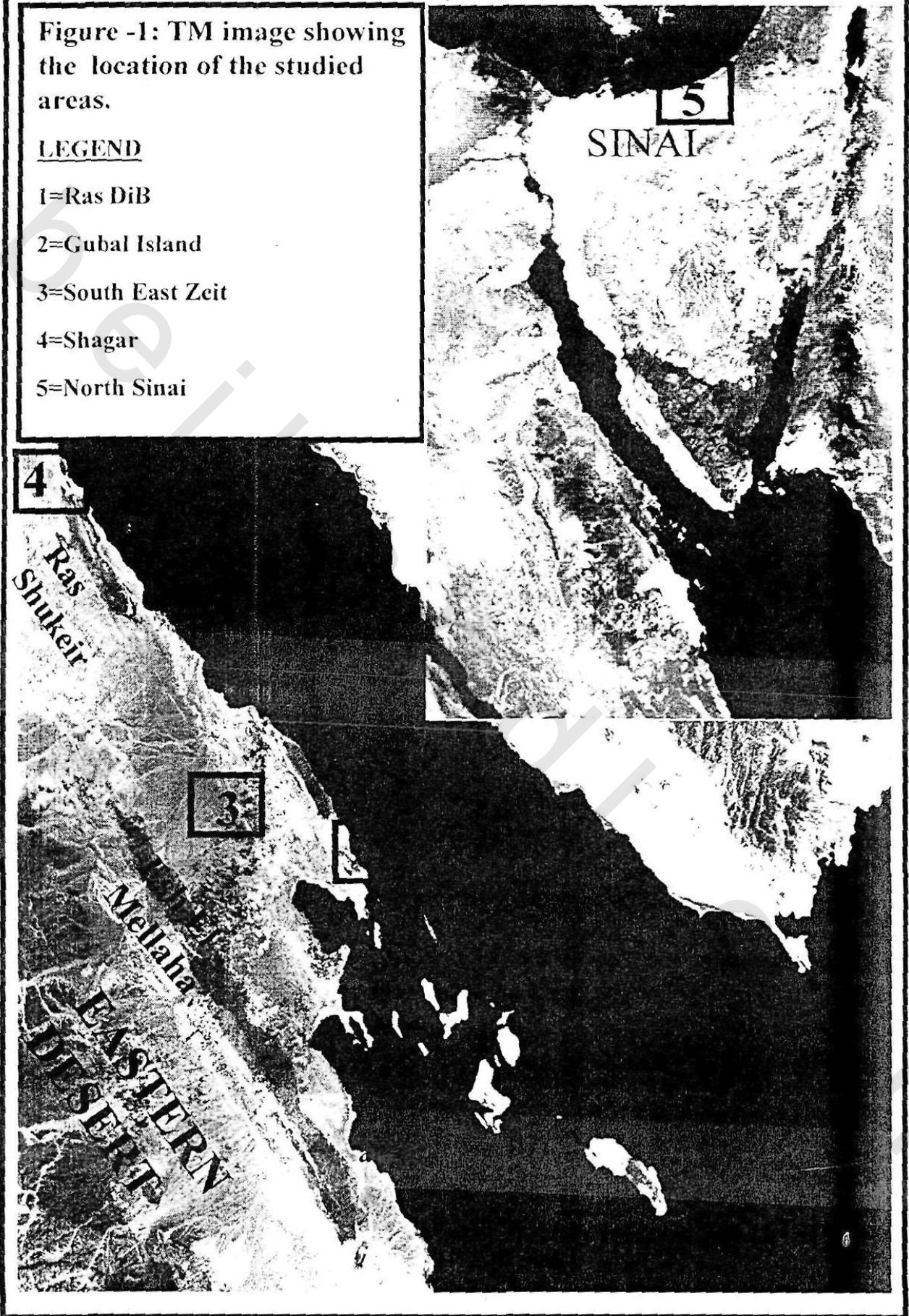
**Table-12 : Gas Chromatograph Data For The Analyzed Extracts Of
Evaporite Core Samples From The Study Areas**

Area	Well NO.	SNO.	Depth (m)	Bitumen Analysis		
				Pr/Ph	Pr/n-C17	Ph/n-C18
Ras Gamsa	Gs-89-03	56	405.2	0.89	0.63	0.77
	Gs-89-05	91	234.7	0.69	0.62	0.83
	Gs-89-06	114	211.8	0.45	0.28	0.41
Ras Dib	Gs-89-08	145	120.1	0.49	0.71	1.93
	Gs-89-09	168	52.4	0.50	0.71	1.17
	Gs-89-10	169	67.9	0.56	0.93	1.51
	Gs-89-14	24	84.8	0.56	0.61	1.5
Gubal Island	Gs-89-17	245	249.7	0.35	0.65	1.41
	Gs-89-18	258	175.2	0.38	0.71	1.5
Shagar	Gs-90-15A	255	237.2	0.5	0.71	1.17
Esh El-Malaha	Dh7	-	663-994	0.13	1.25	5.49

Figure -1: TM image showing the location of the studied areas.

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- 1=Ras DiB
- 2=Gubal Island
- 3=South East Zeit
- 4=Shagar
- 5=North Sinai



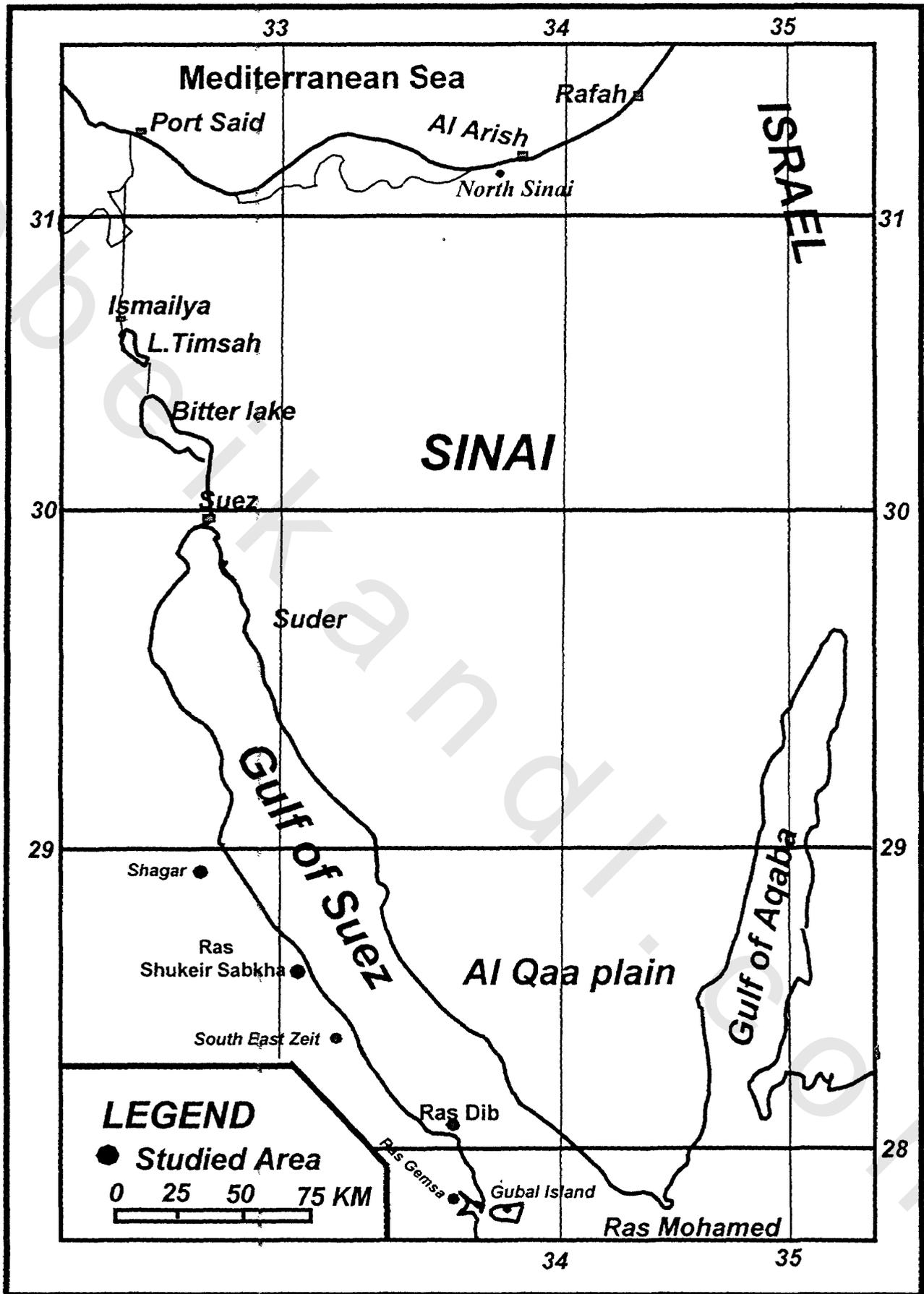


Figure -2 : The Location map of the studied areas according to their geographic location

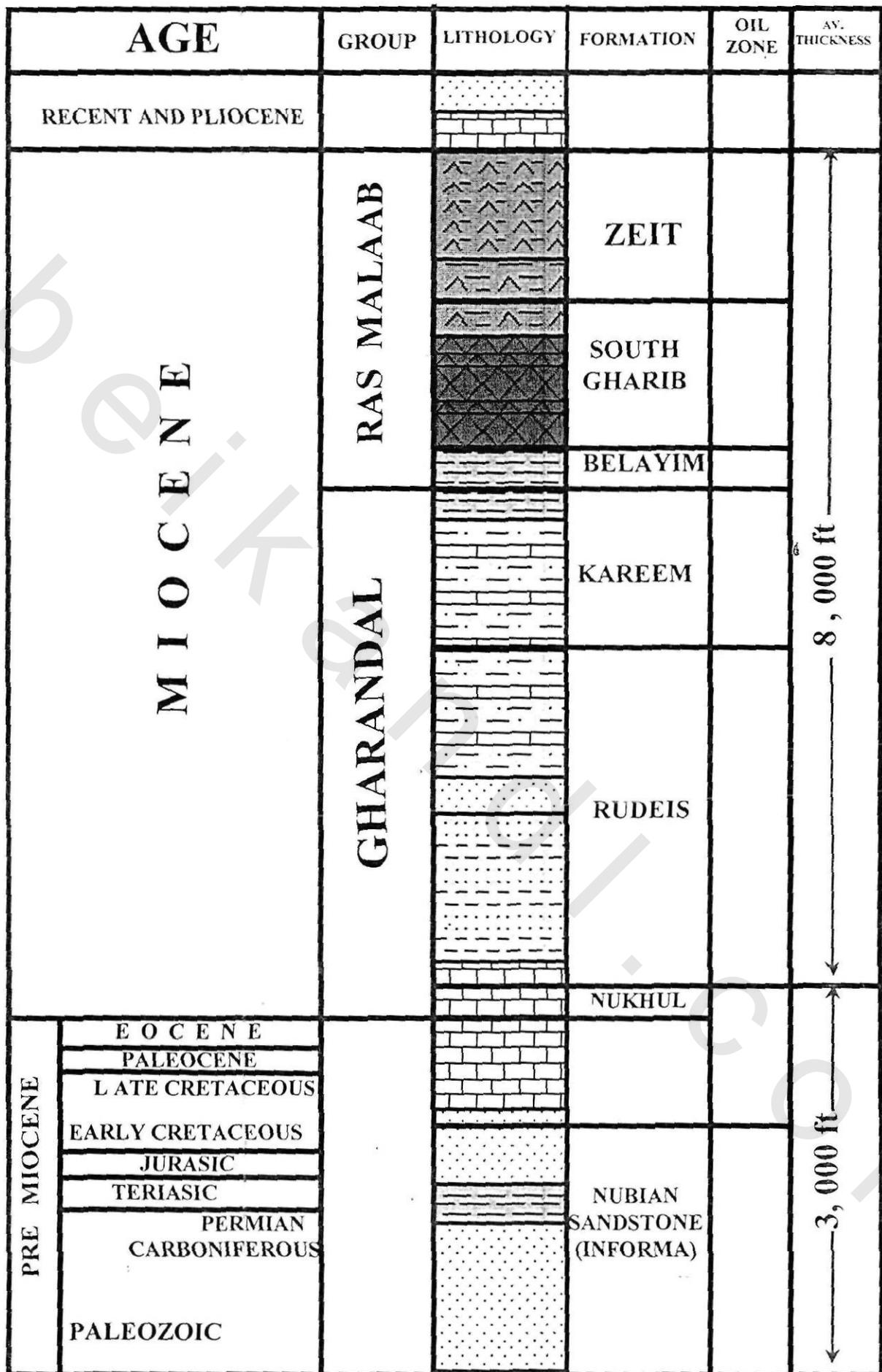


Figure-3 : Generalized stratigraphic section of sediments in the Gulf of Suez after Abdine, 1979.

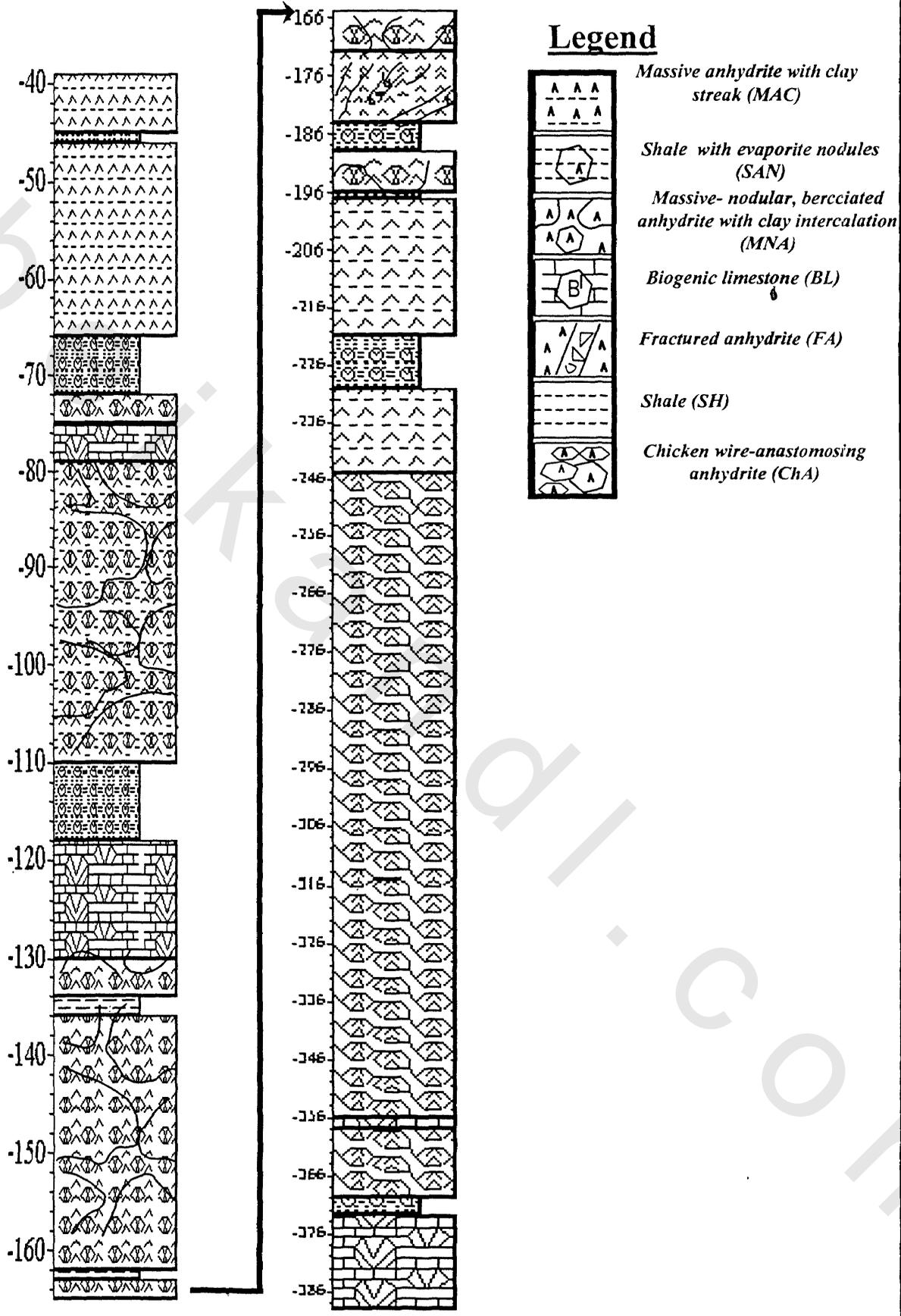


Figure -4: The stratigraphic sequence and associated facies of Ras Gems area (Gs-89-02 well)

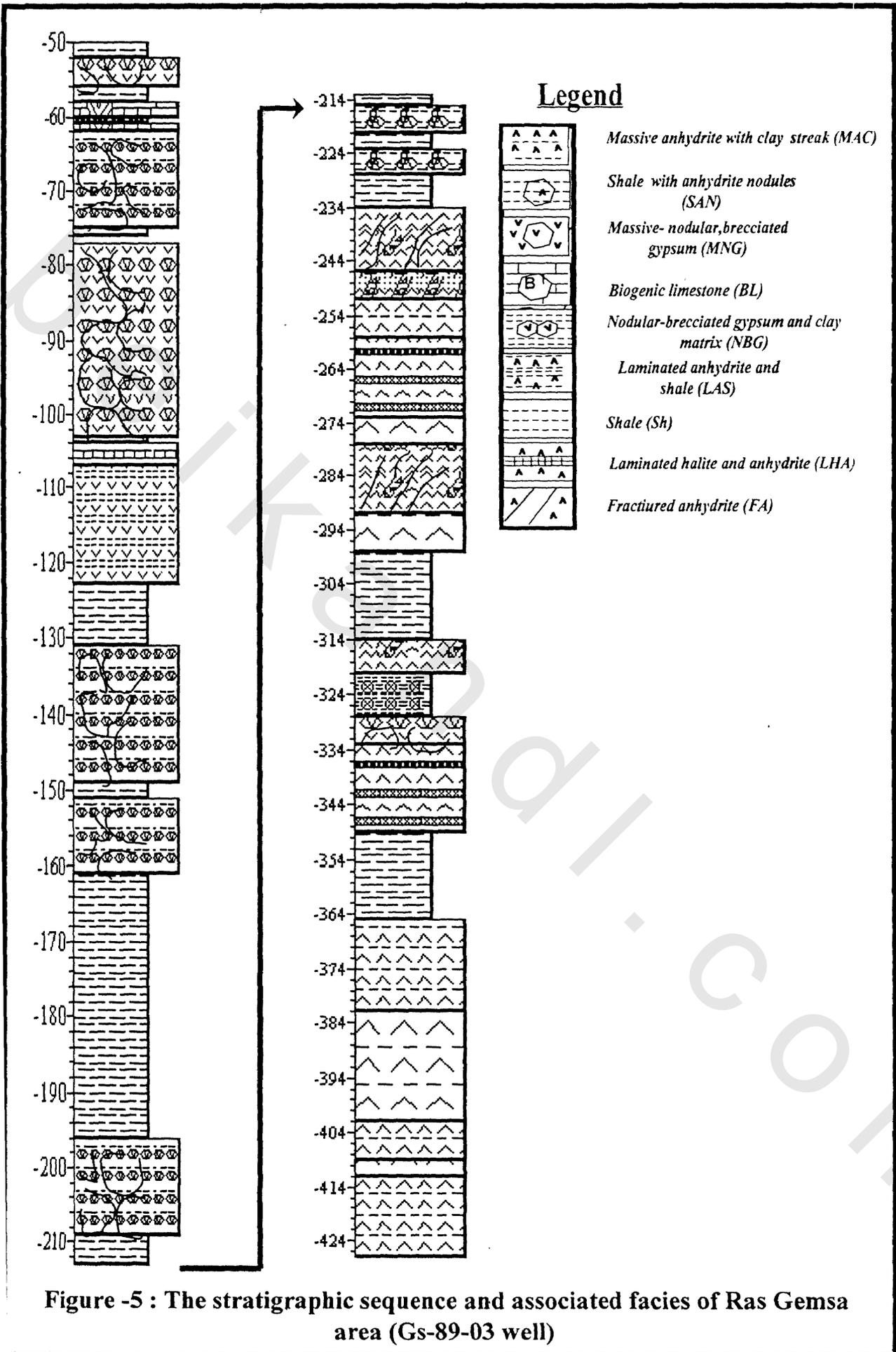
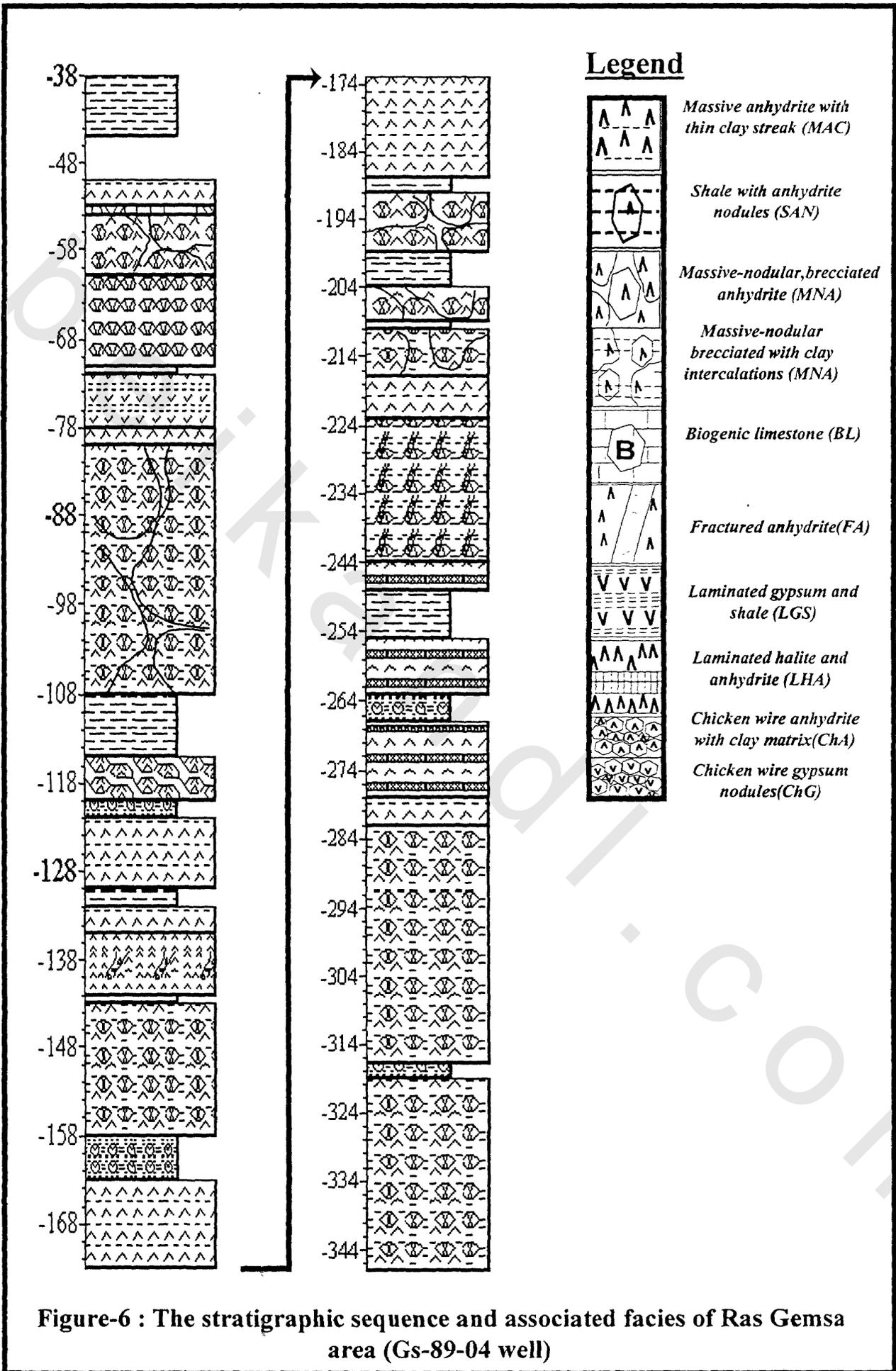


Figure -5 : The stratigraphic sequence and associated facies of Ras Gemsa area (Gs-89-03 well)



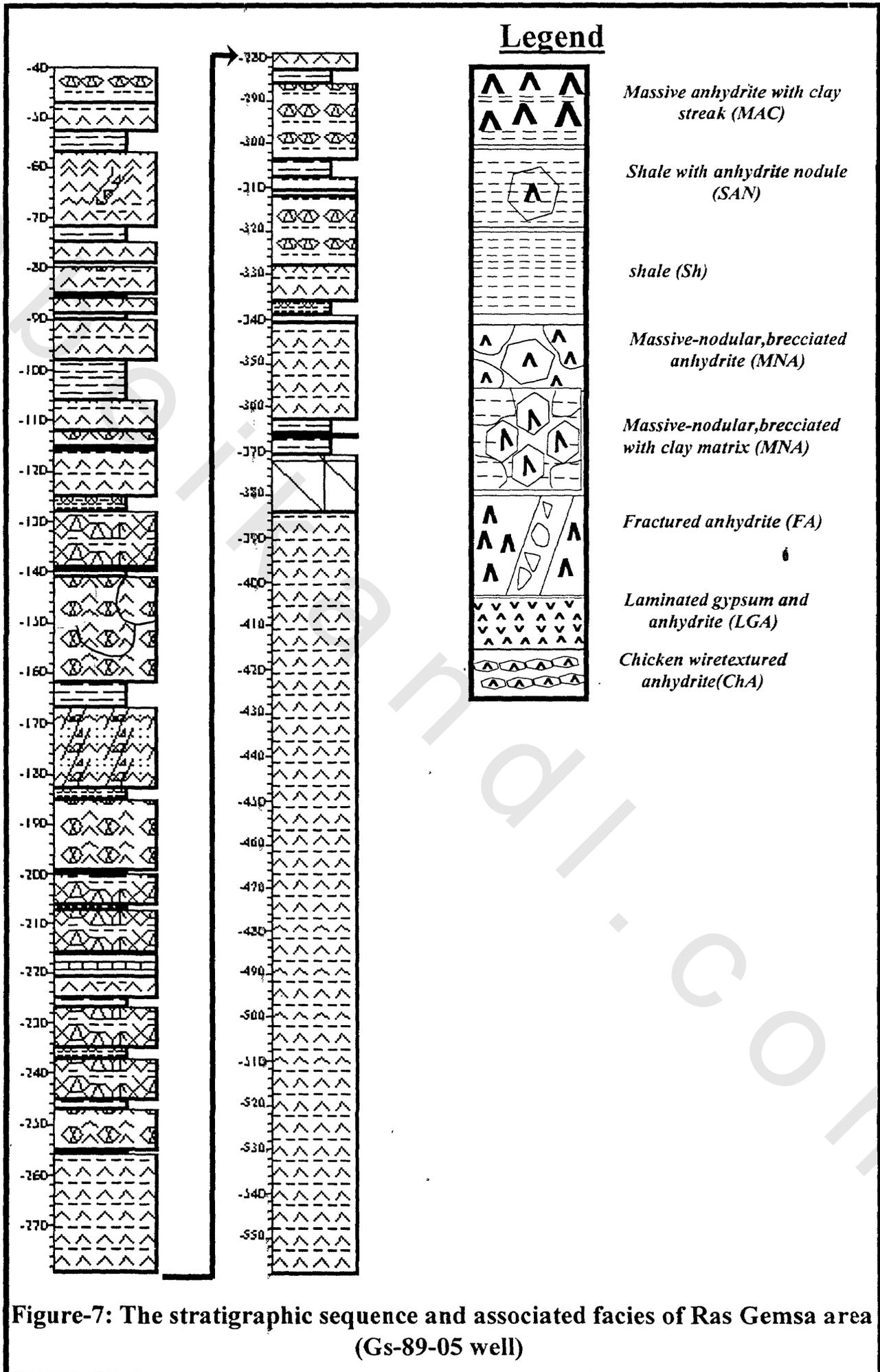


Figure-7: The stratigraphic sequence and associated facies of Ras Gemsa area (Gs-89-05 well)

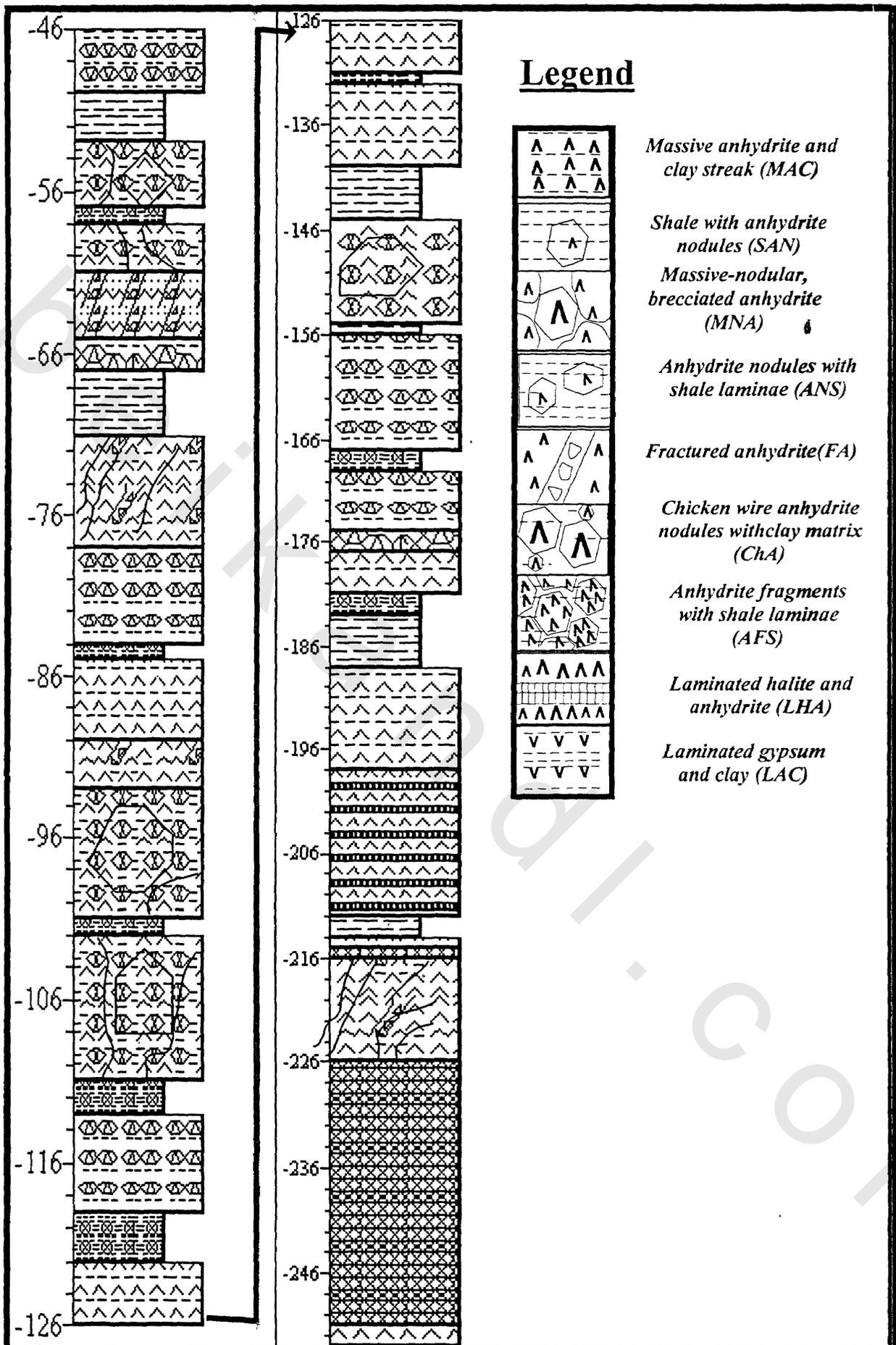
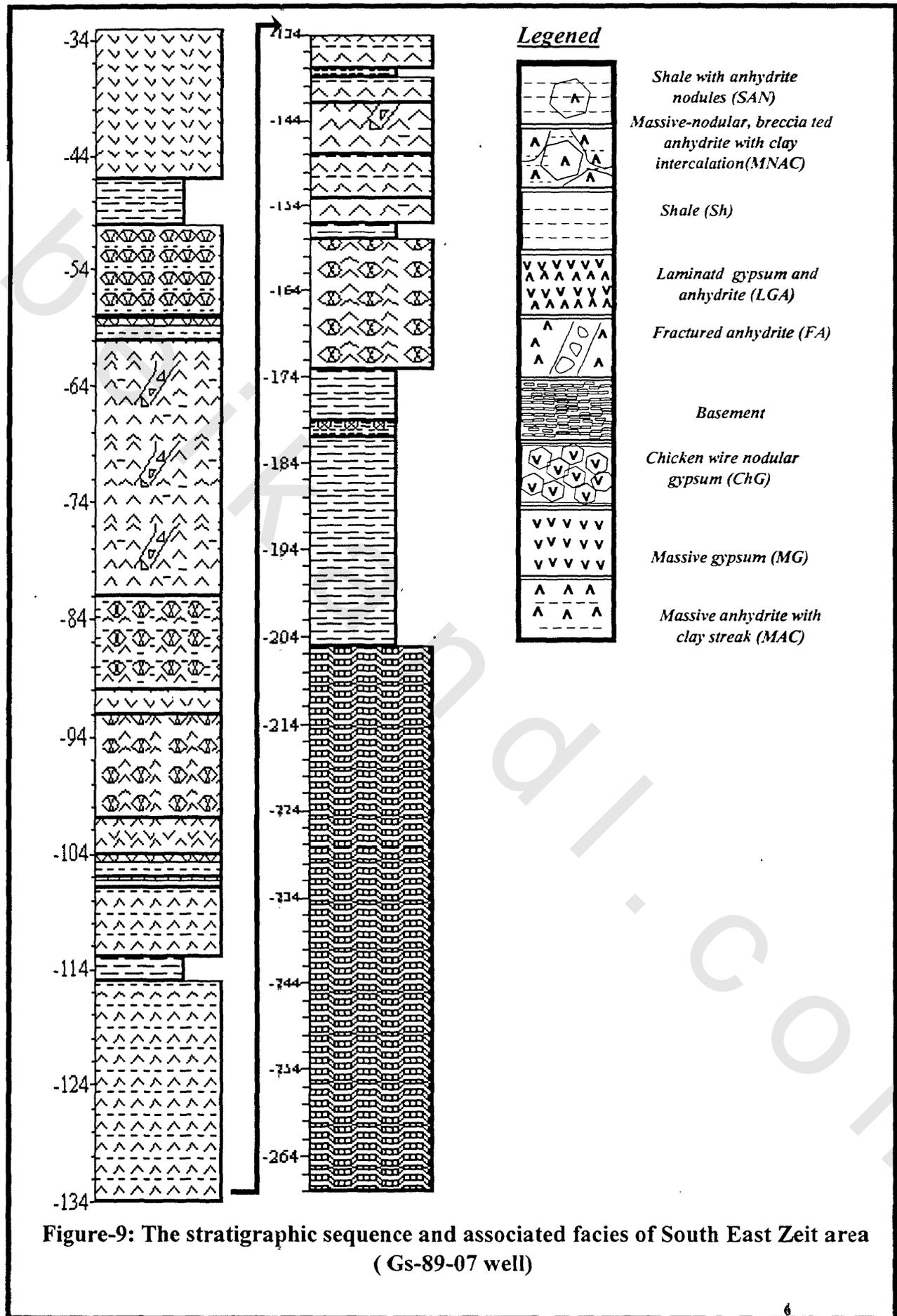


Figure-8 : The stratigraphic sequence and associated facies of Ras Gemsa area (Gs-89-06well)



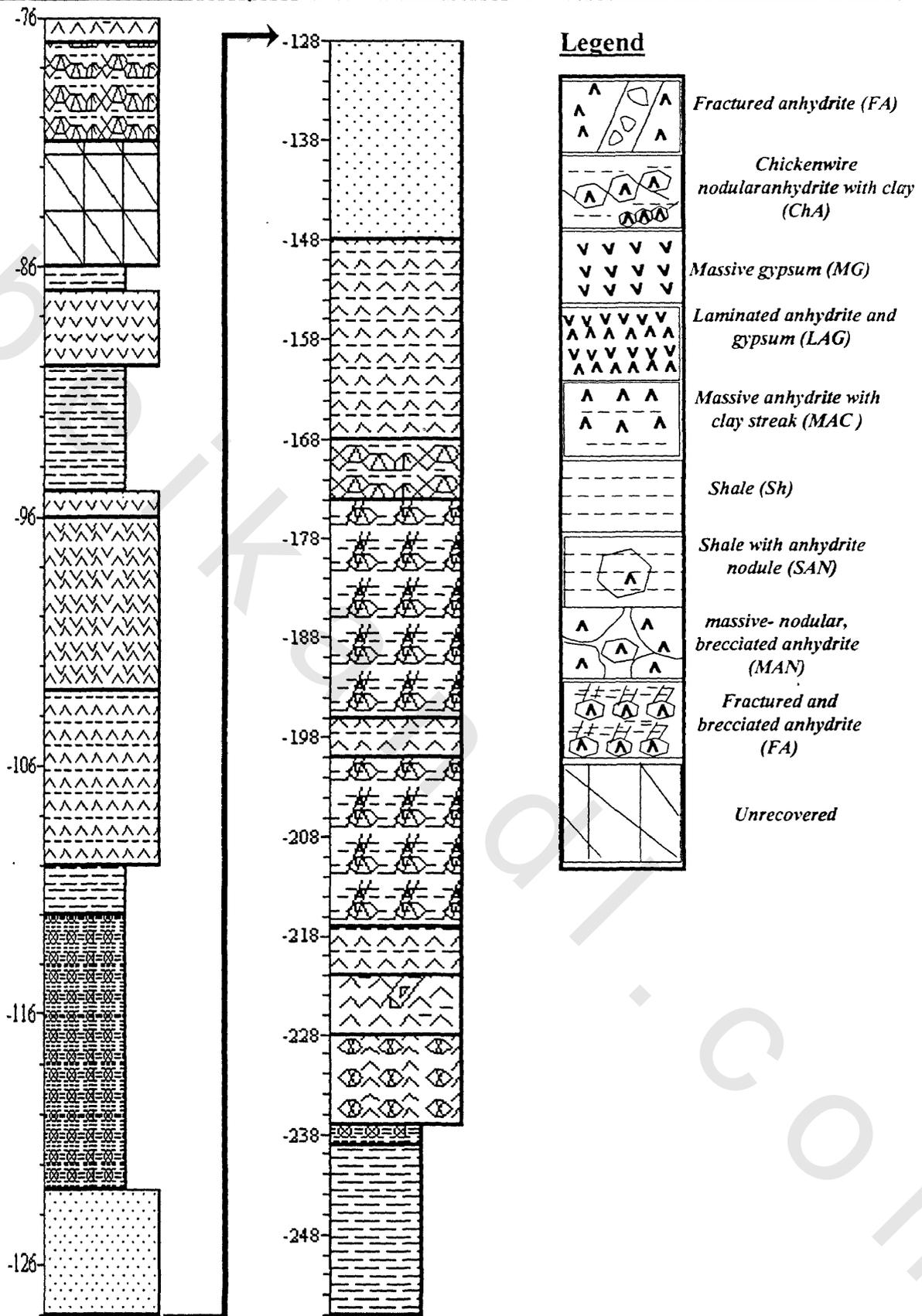


Figure-10 : The stratigraphic sequence and associated facies of Ras Dib area (Gs-89-08 well)

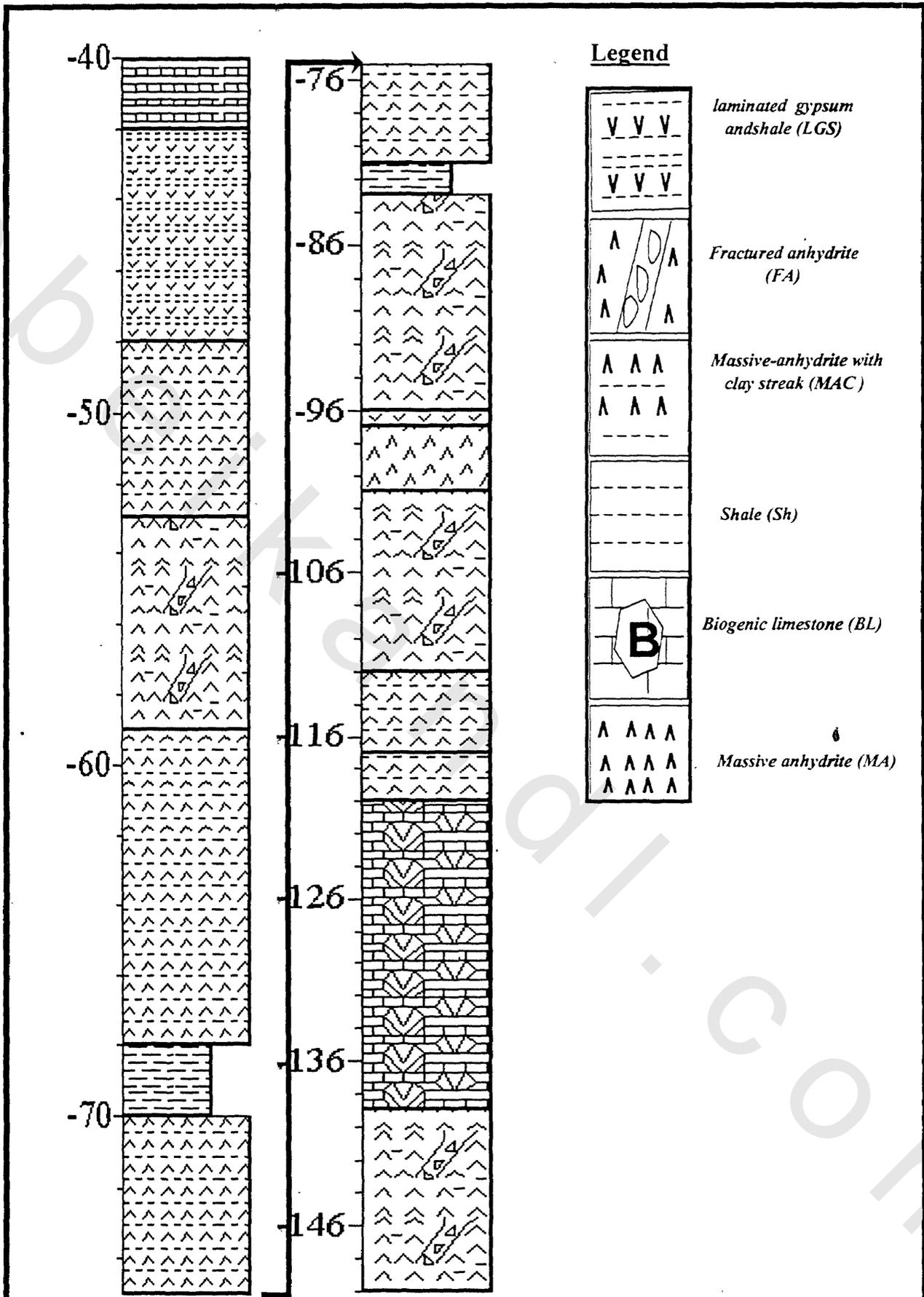


Figure-11: The stratigraphic sequence and associated facies of Ras Dib (Gs-89-09 well)

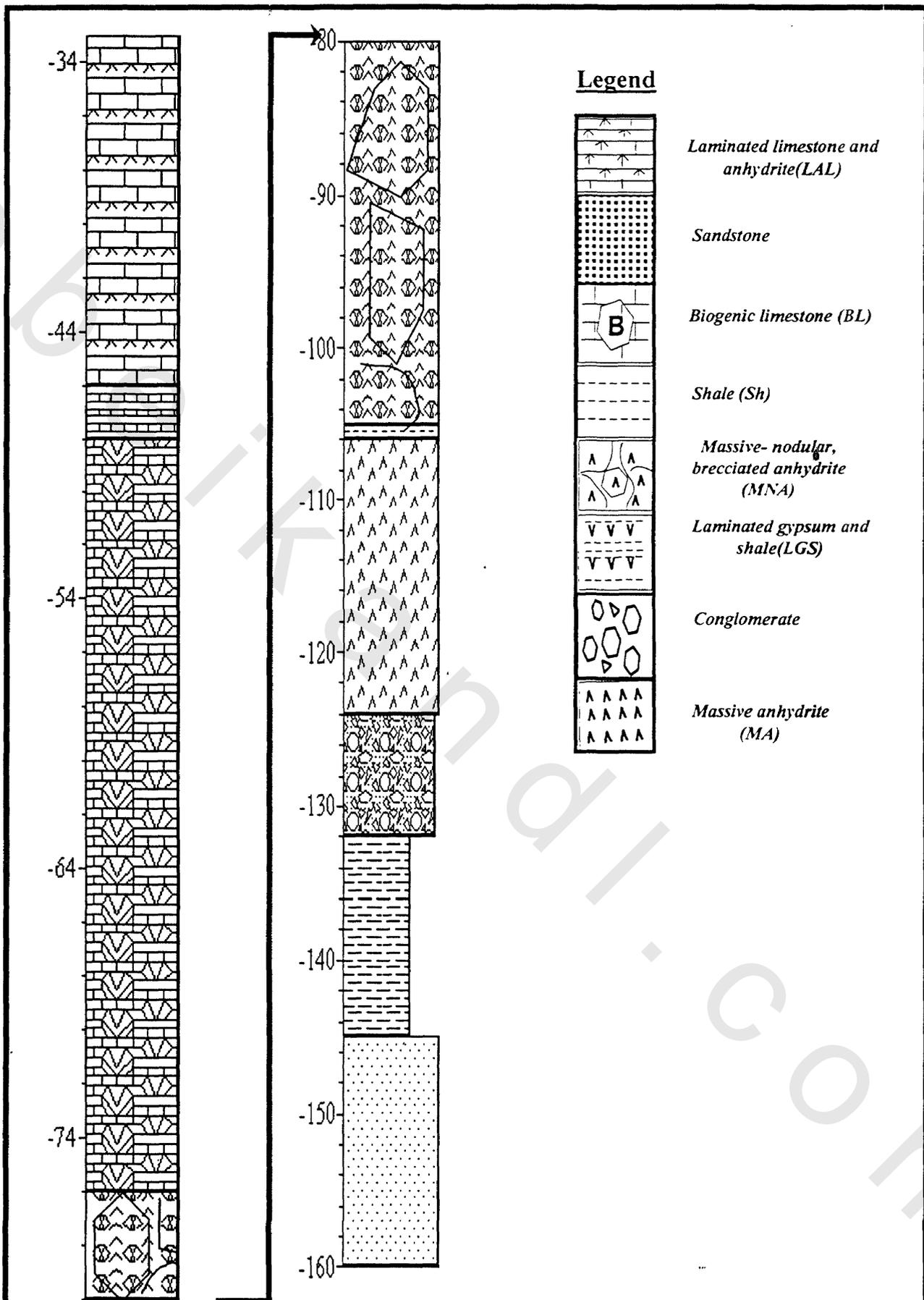


Figure-12: The stratigraphic sequence and associated facies of Ras Dib area Gs-89-10 well

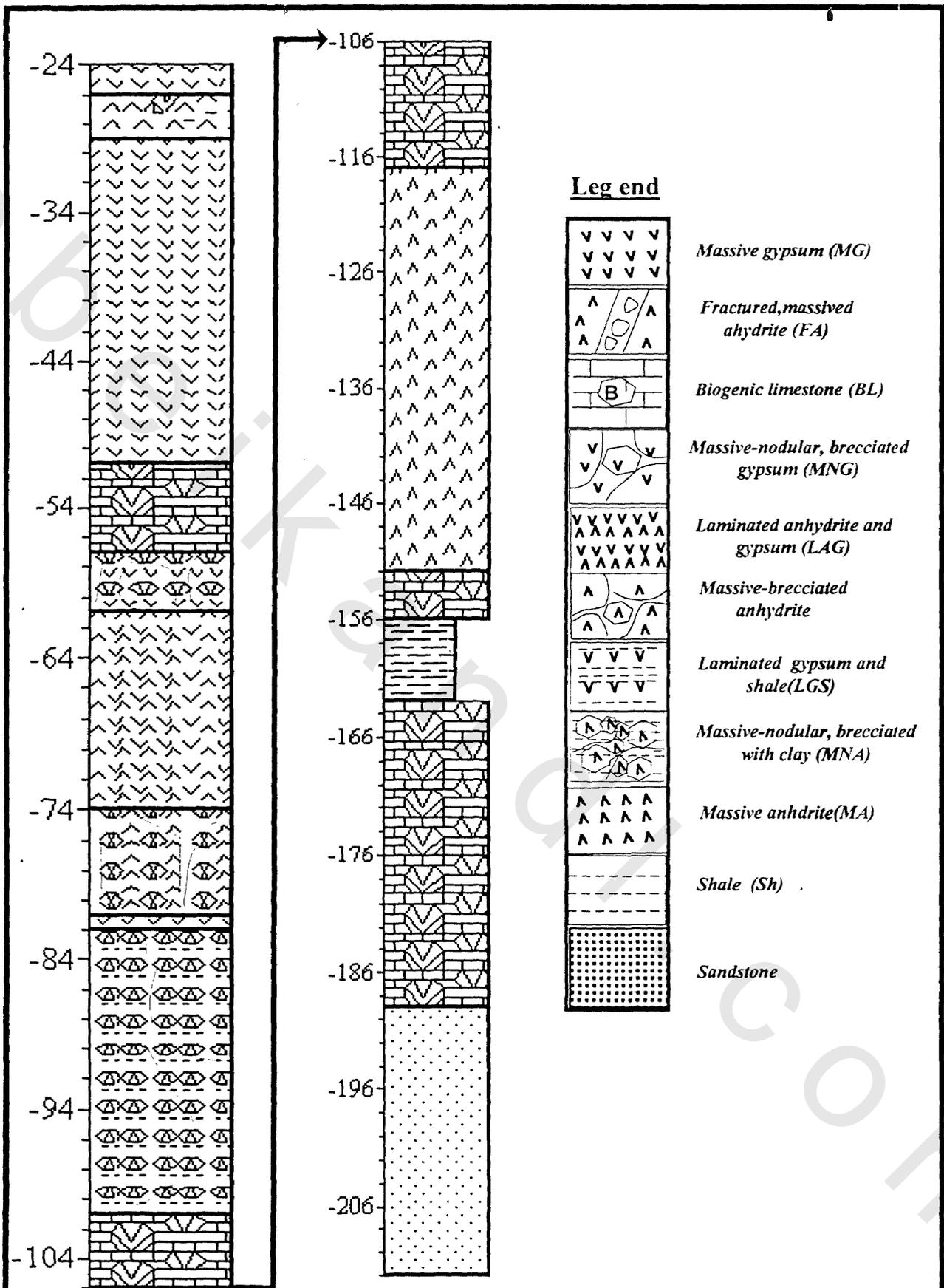


Figure-13 : The stratigraphic sequence and associated facies of Ras Dib area (Gs-89-11 well)

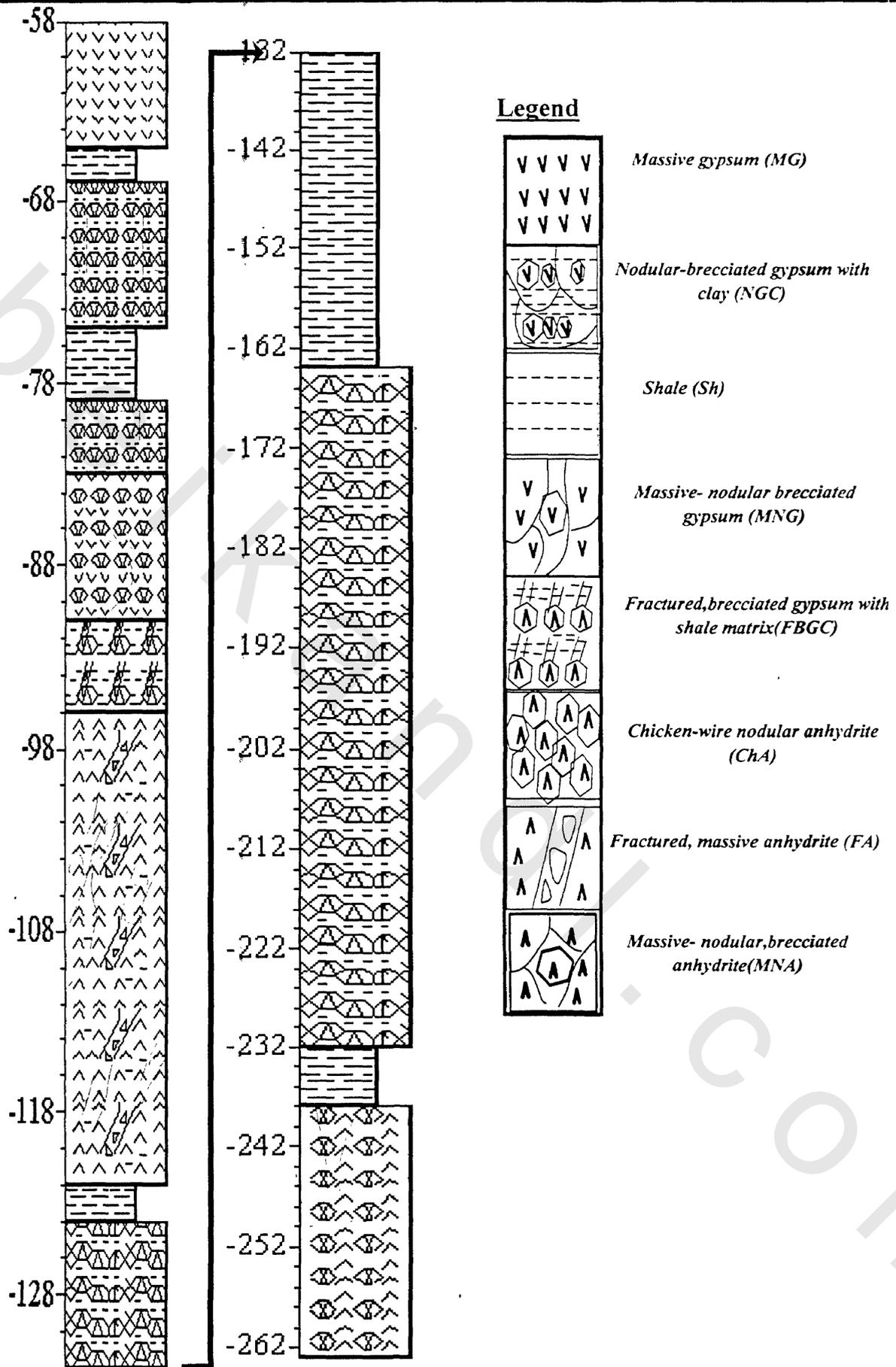


Figure-14 : The stratigraphic sequence and associated facies of Ras Dib area (Gs-89-12 well)

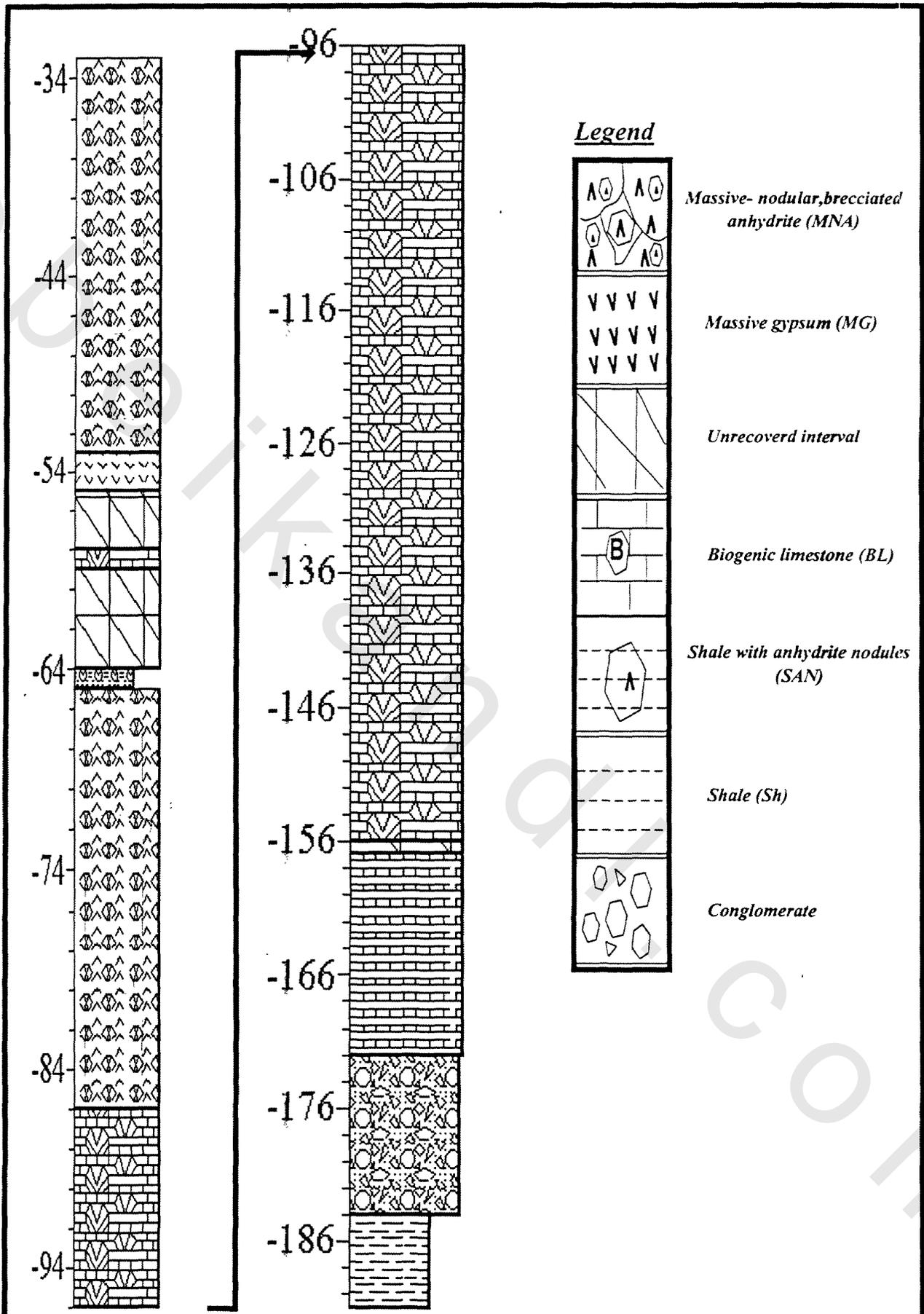


Figure-15 : The stratigraphic sequence and associated facies of Ras Dib area (Gs-89-13 well)

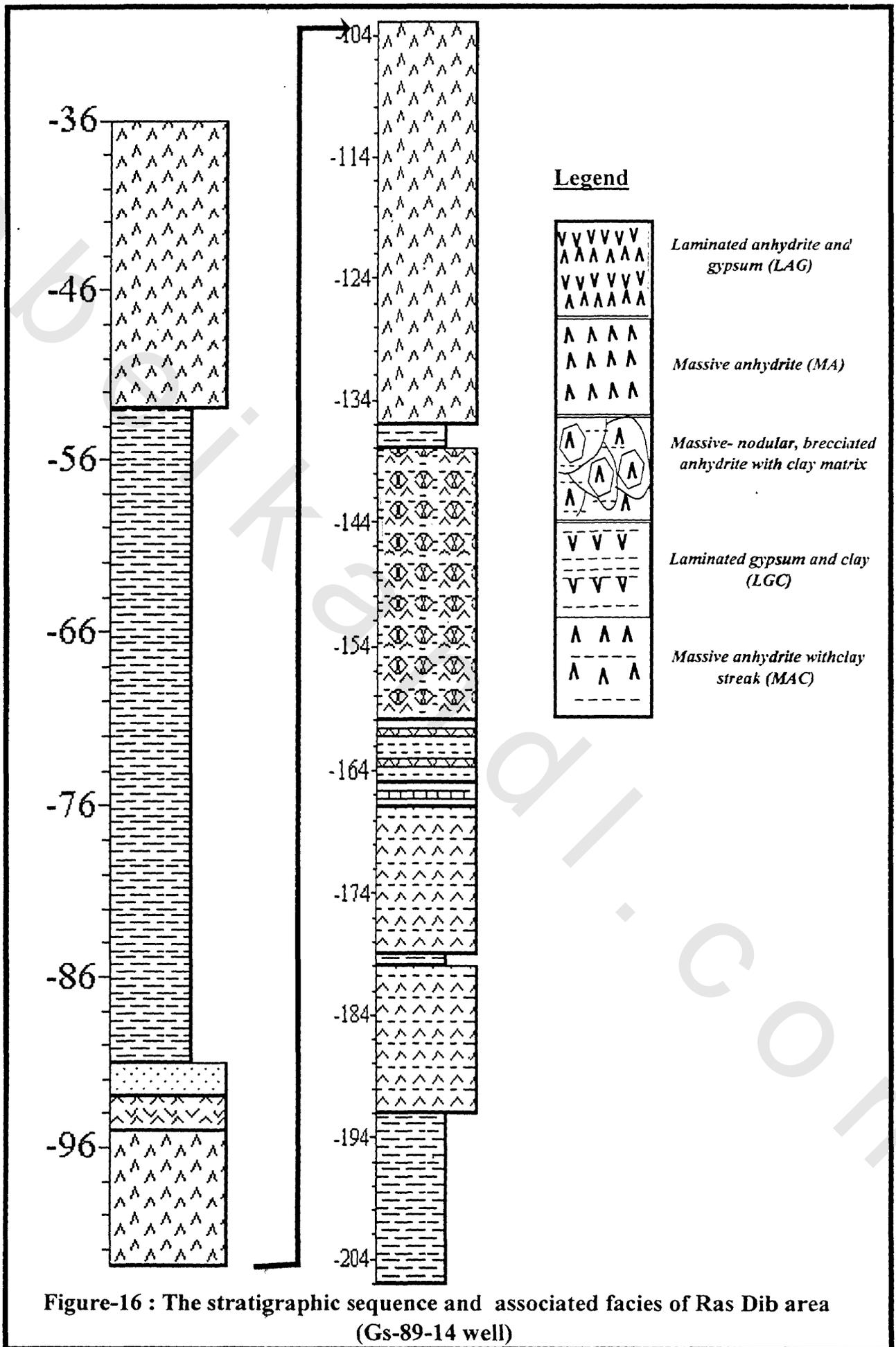
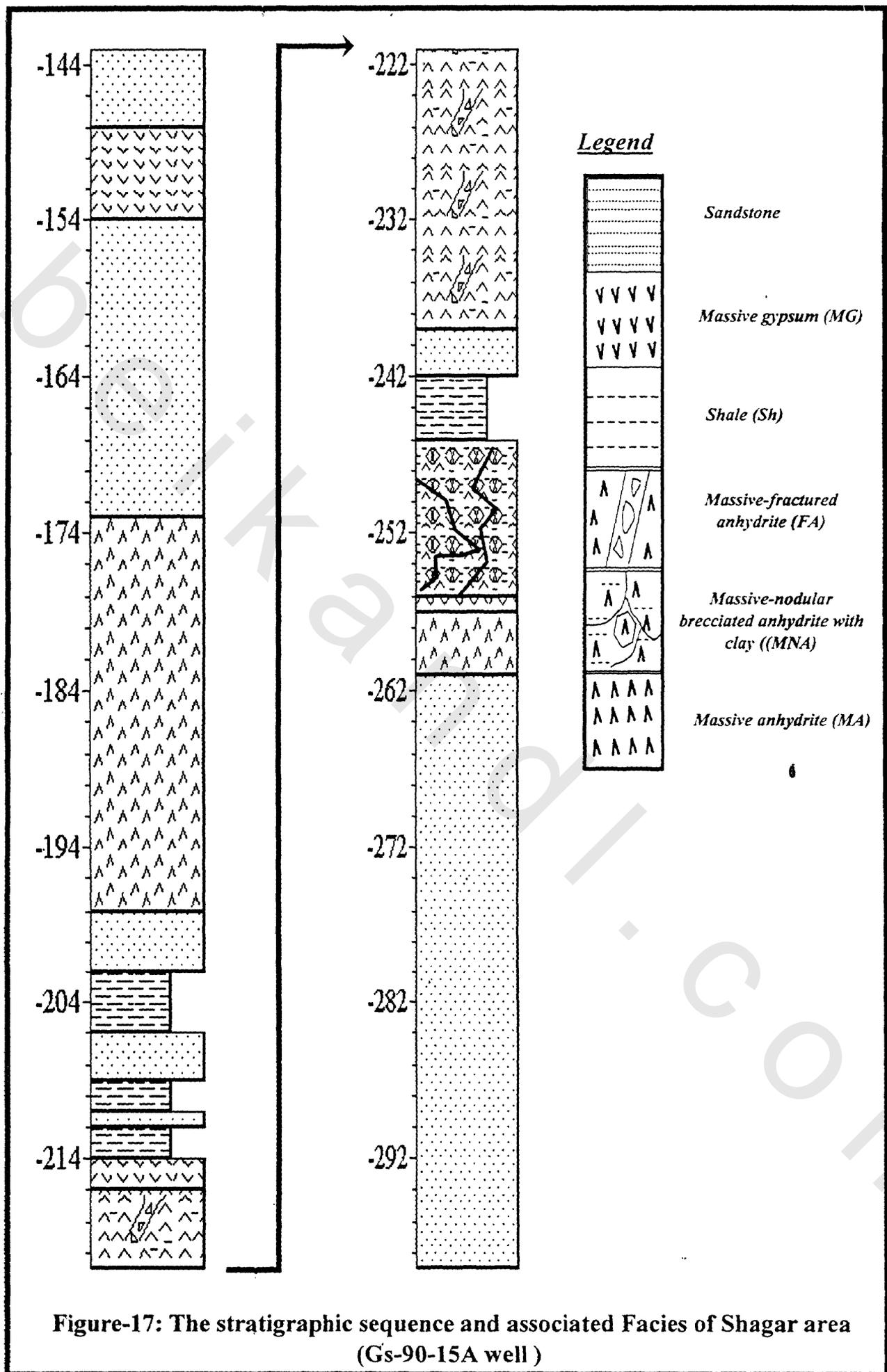


Figure-16 : The stratigraphic sequence and associated facies of Ras Dib area (Gs-89-14 well)



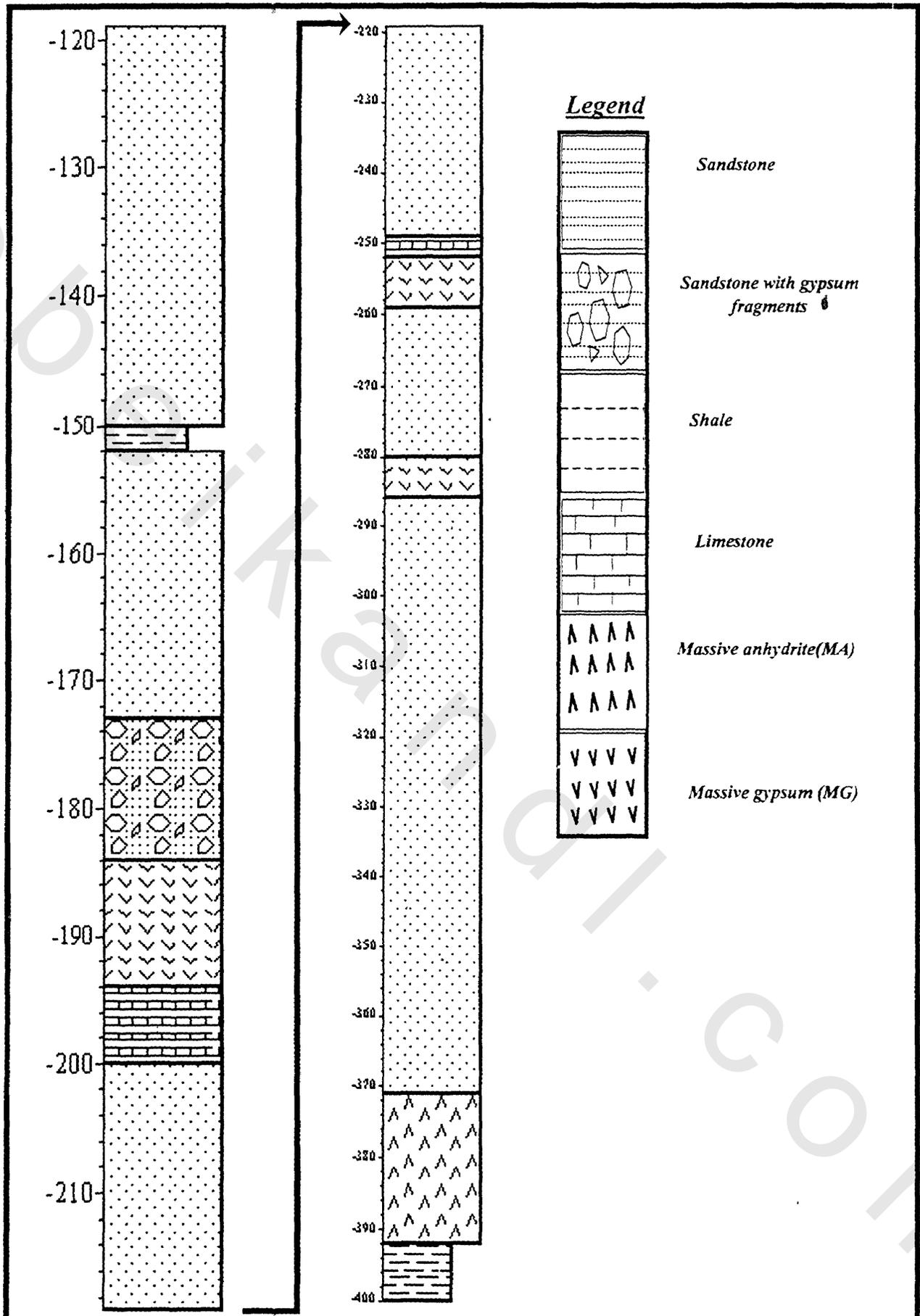


Figure-18: The stratigraphic sequence and associated Facies of Shagar area (Gs-90-16 well)

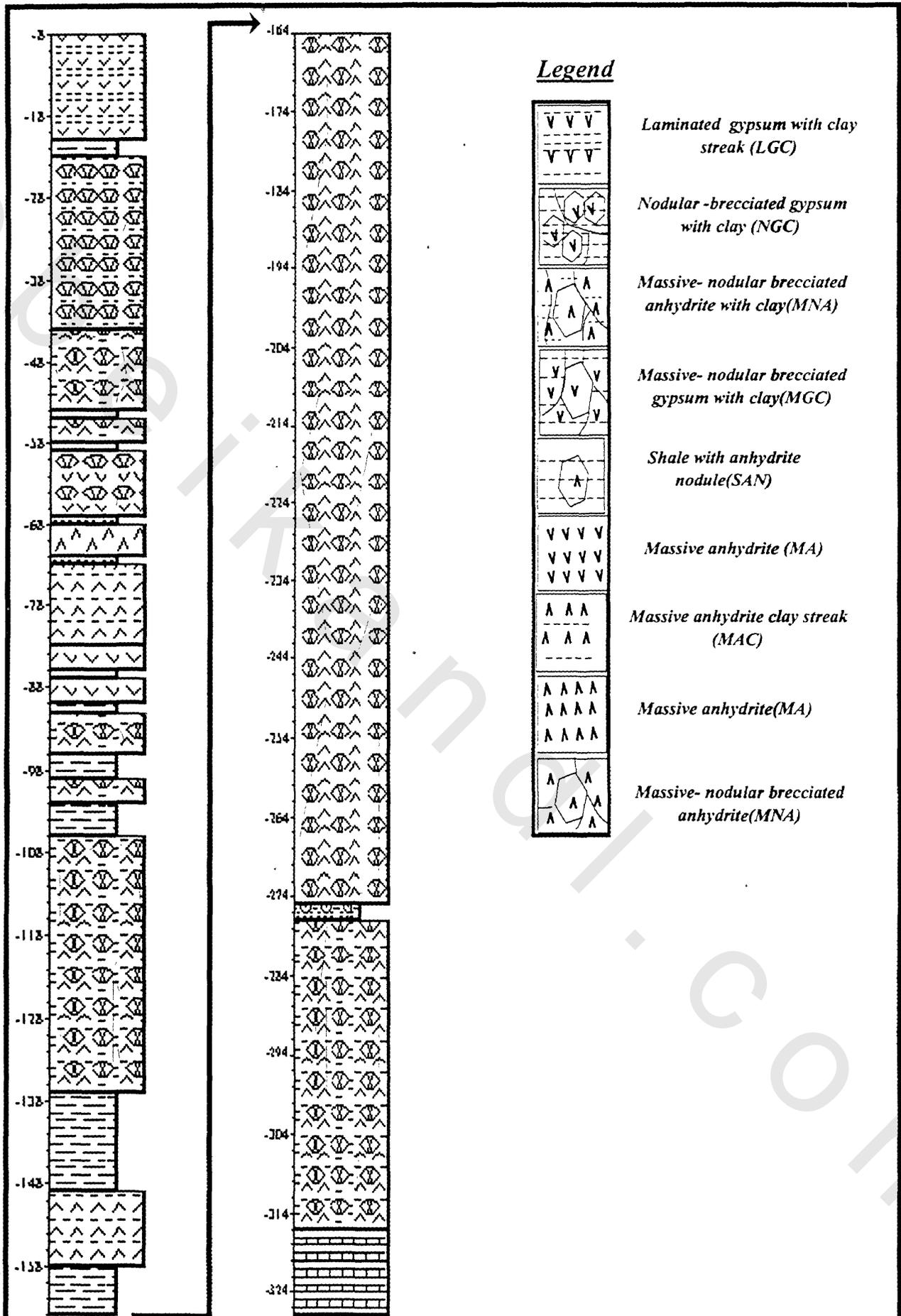


Figure -19: The stratigraphic sequence and associated facies of Gubal Island (Gs-89-17 well)

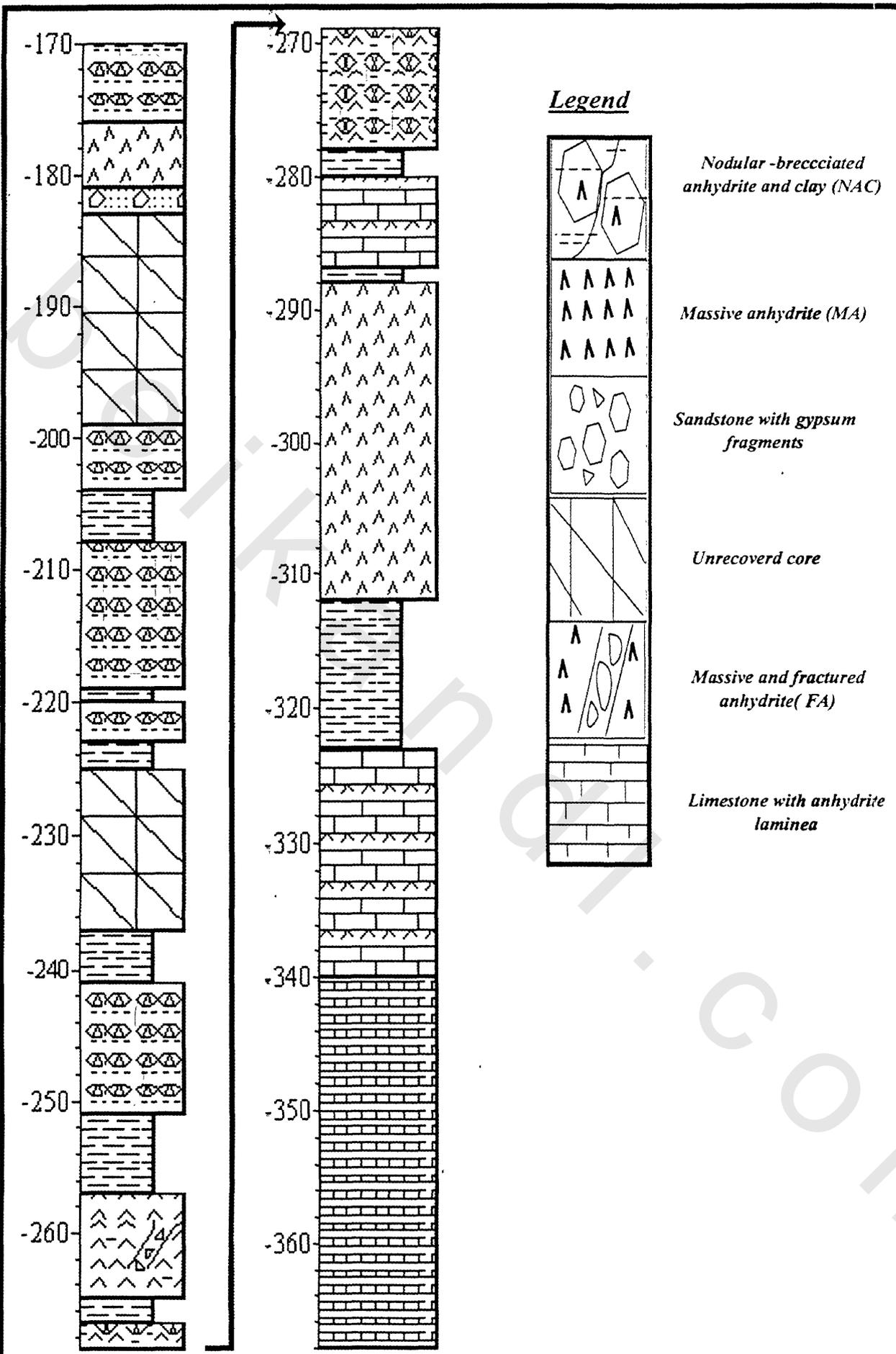


Figure-20: The stratigraphic sequence and associated facies of Gubal Island (Gs-89-18 well)

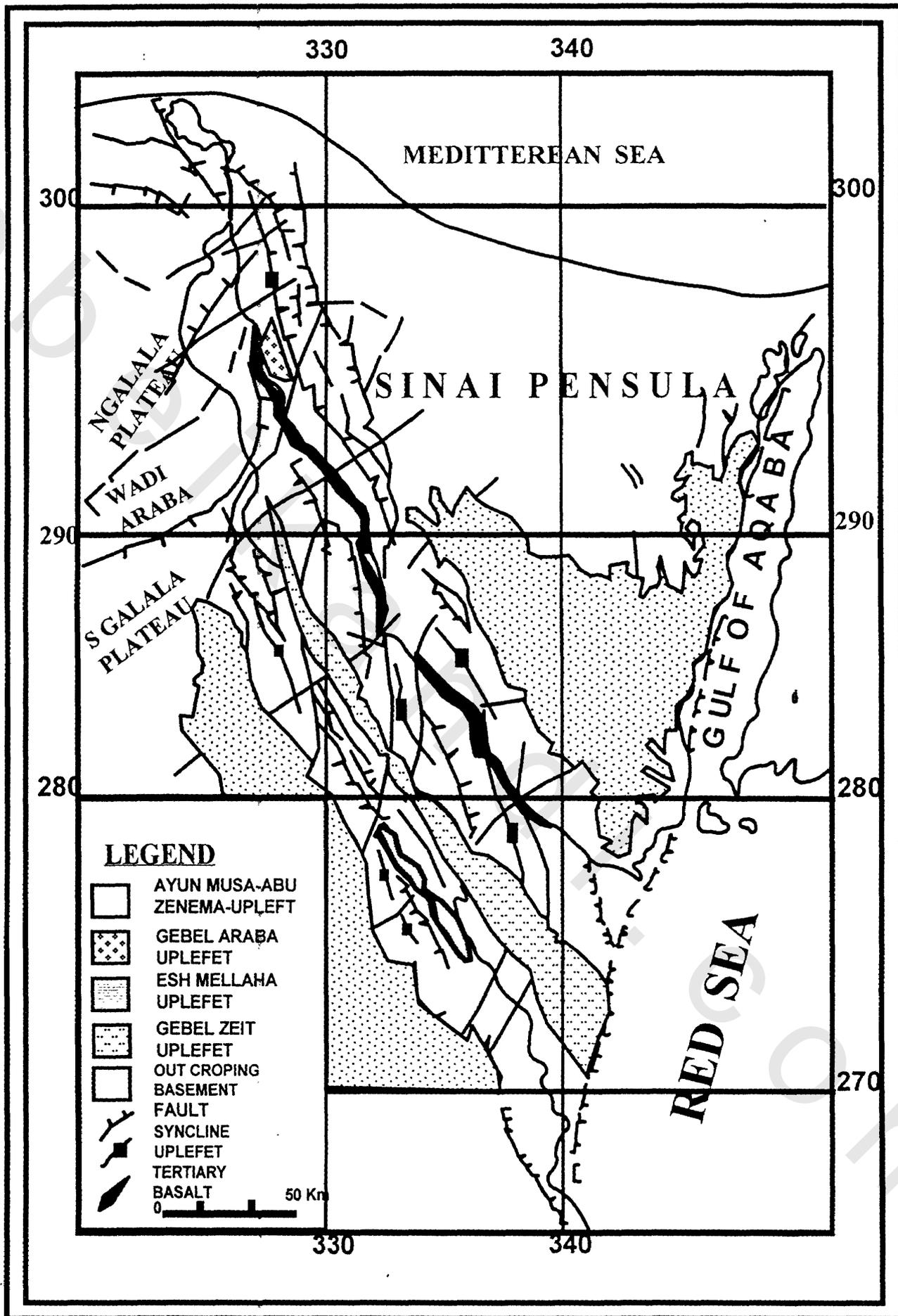
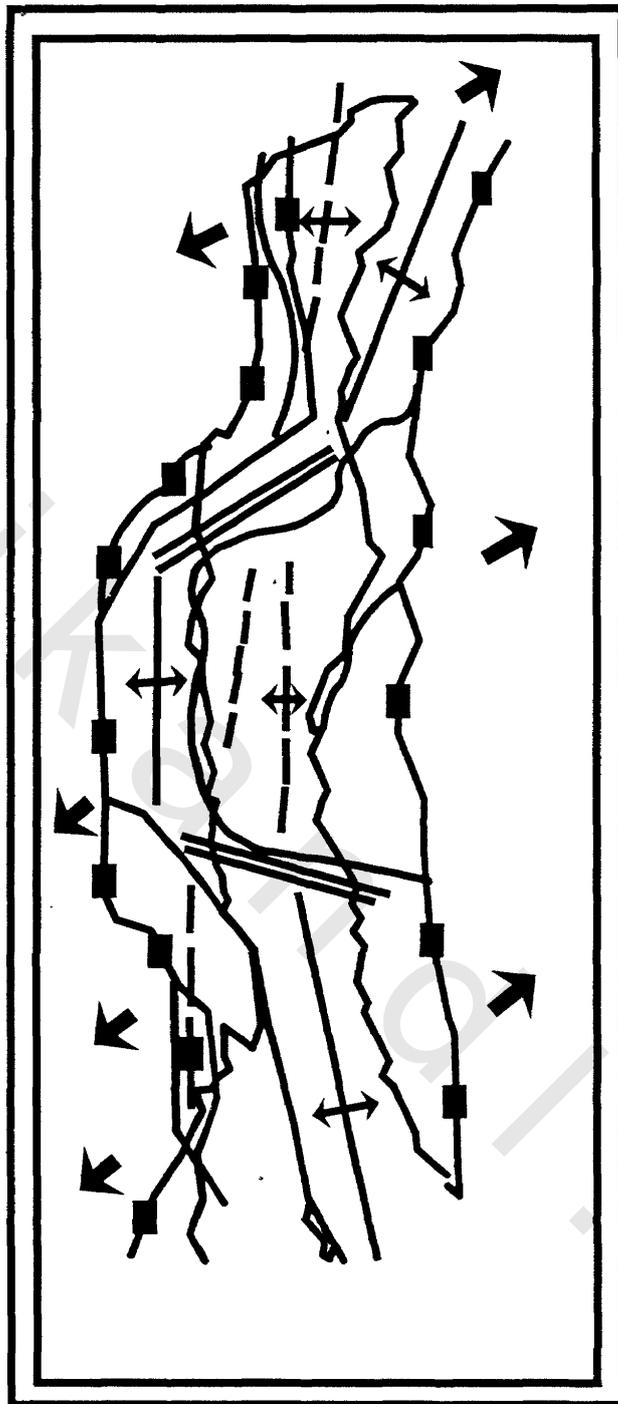


Figure -21: The Overall structure Configuration Of The Gulf Of Suez (After Bayoumi, 1983).



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 REGIONAL EXTENSION

 ACCOMODATION ZONE

 INITIAL RIFT AXIX
(Oligocene-Early Miocene)

 AXIS OF LATER RIFT
(Middle Miocene- Recent)

Figure-22 : Gulf of Suez Rift Tectonics (After Mesharf, 1990)

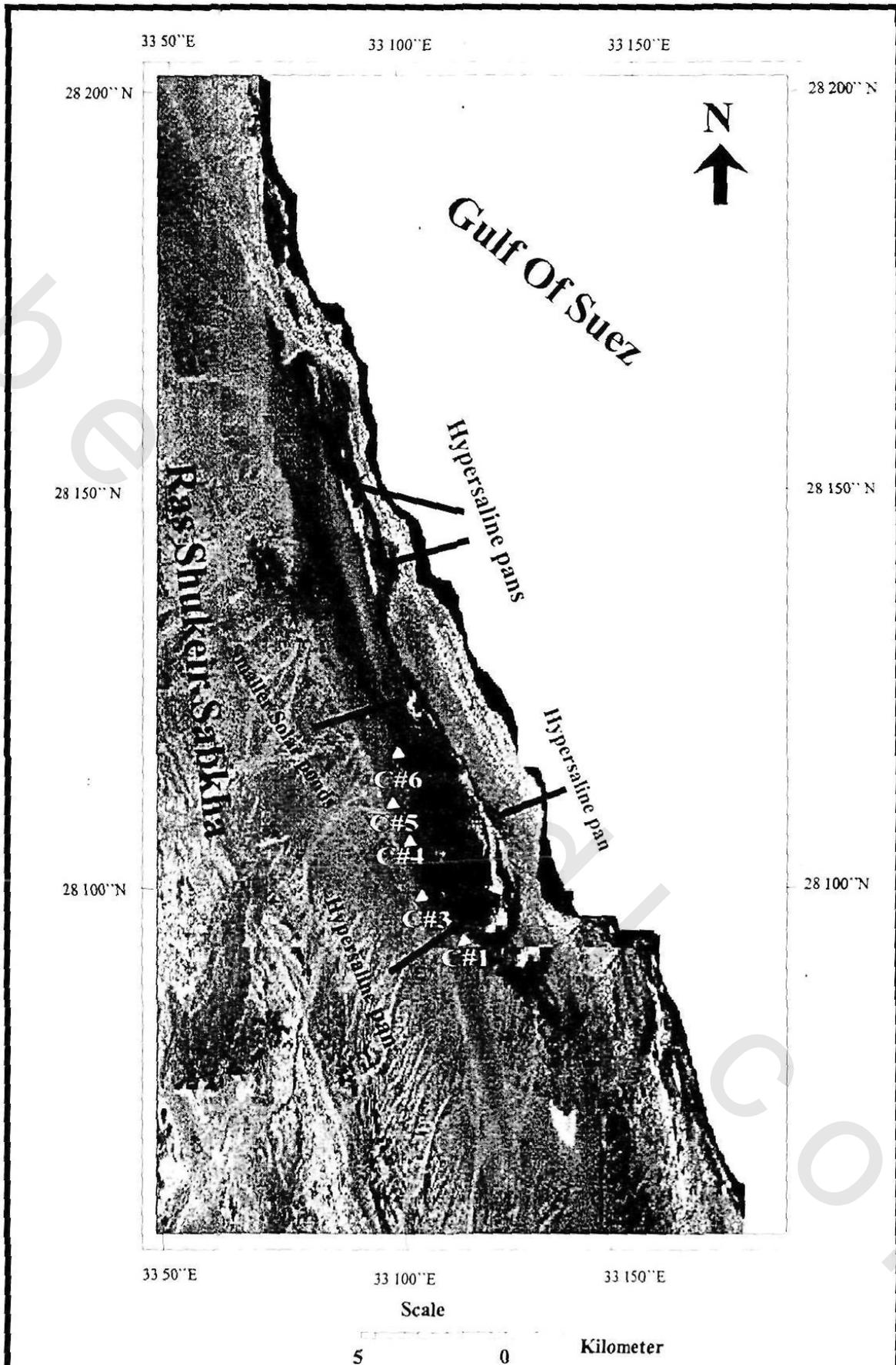


Figure-23 : Mosaic of processed TM satellite image of Ras Shukeir area, applying bands 3,4,7.

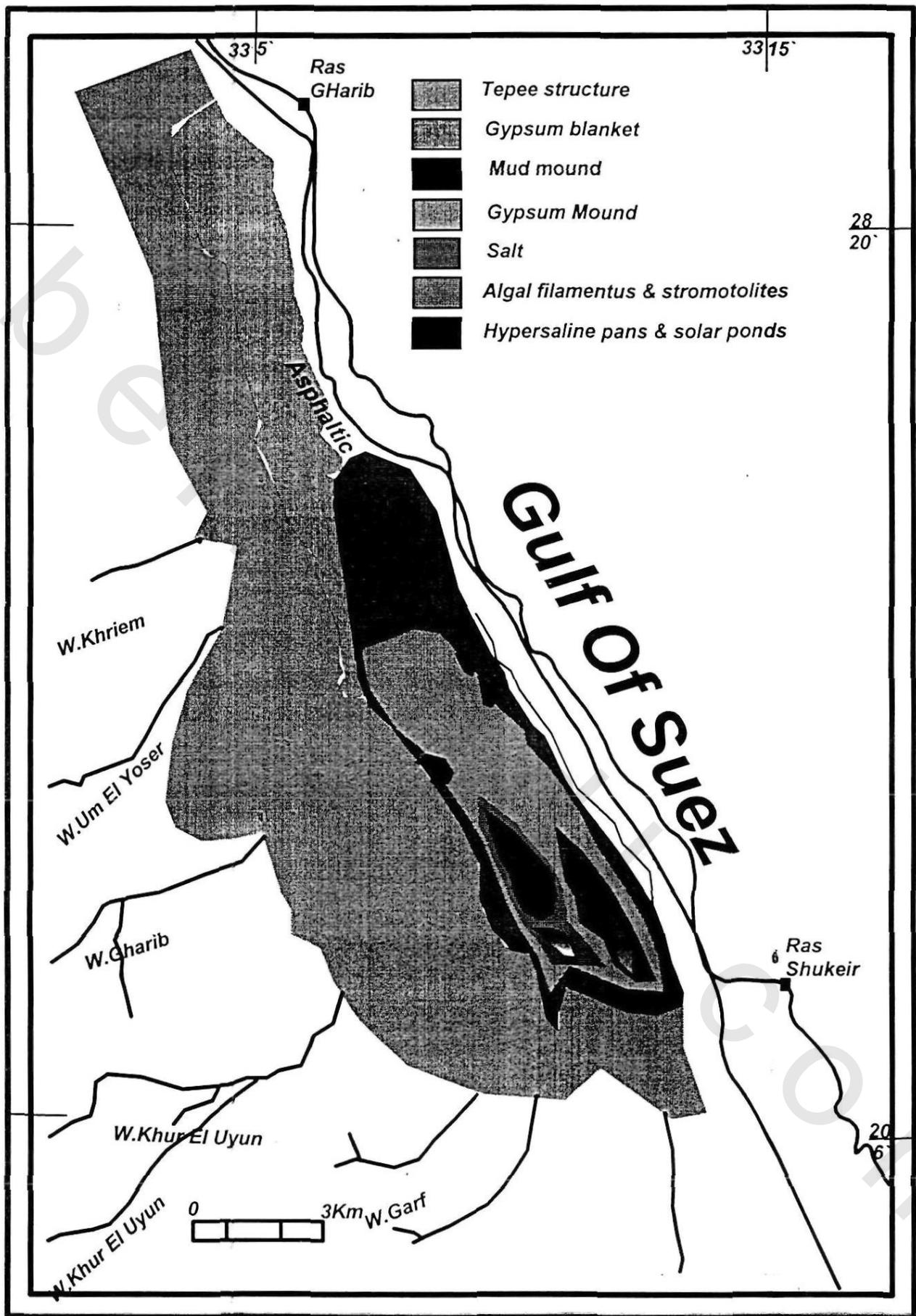


Figure-24B : Sketch showing encountered facies in Ras Shukeir recent sabkha and hypersaline pans

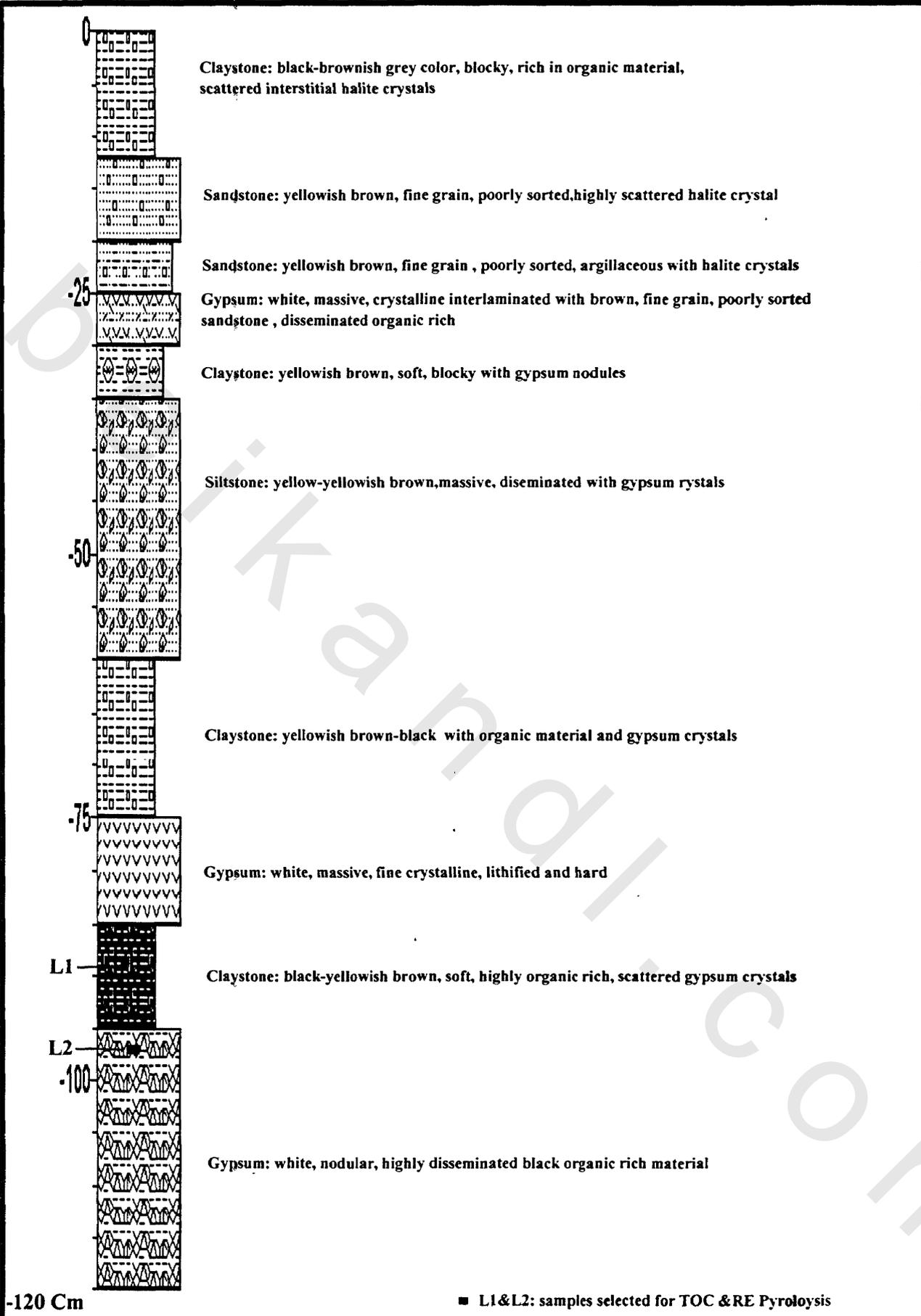


Figure-25A: Stratigraphic sequence and associated facies for C#1, Ras Shukeir sabkha

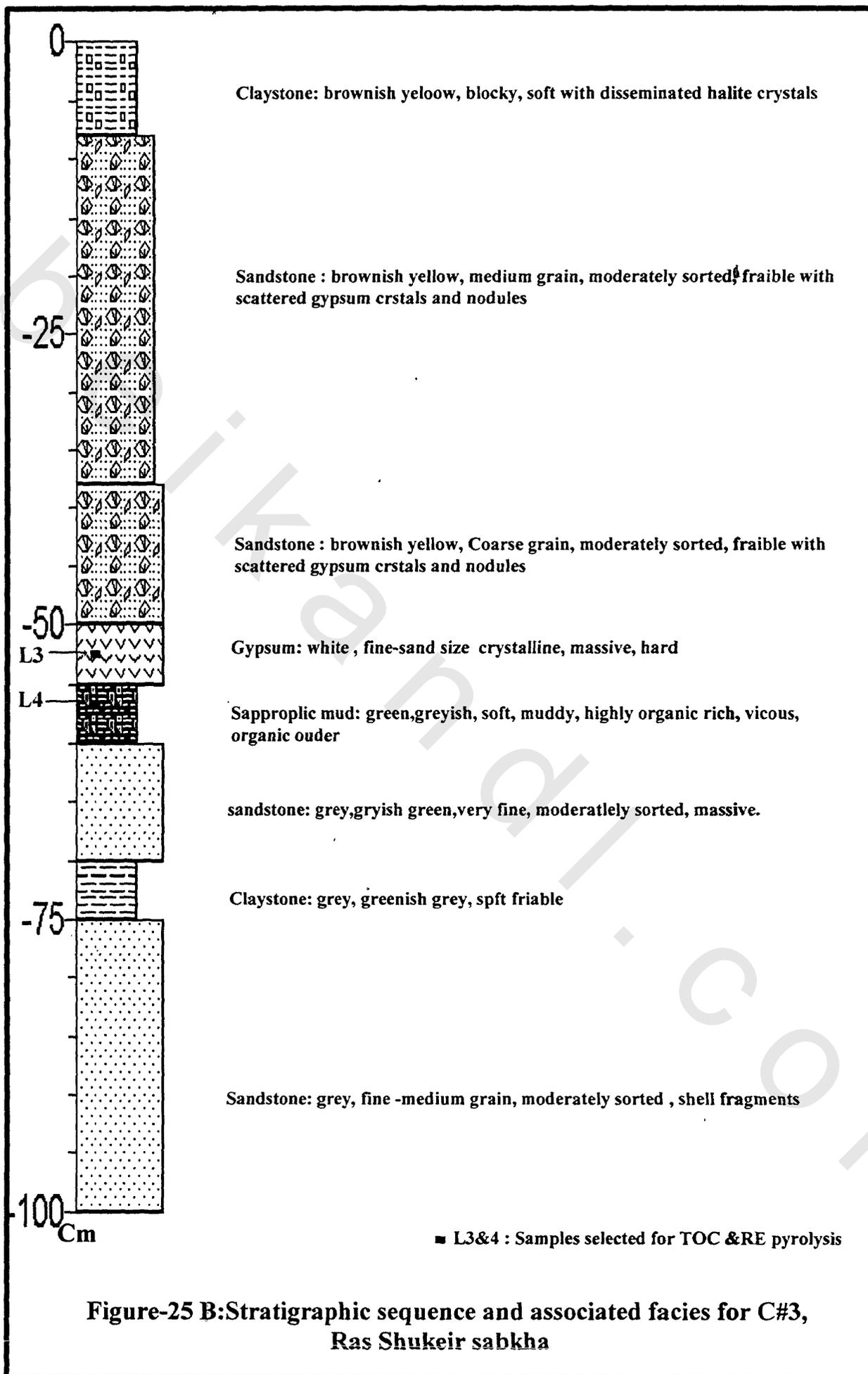
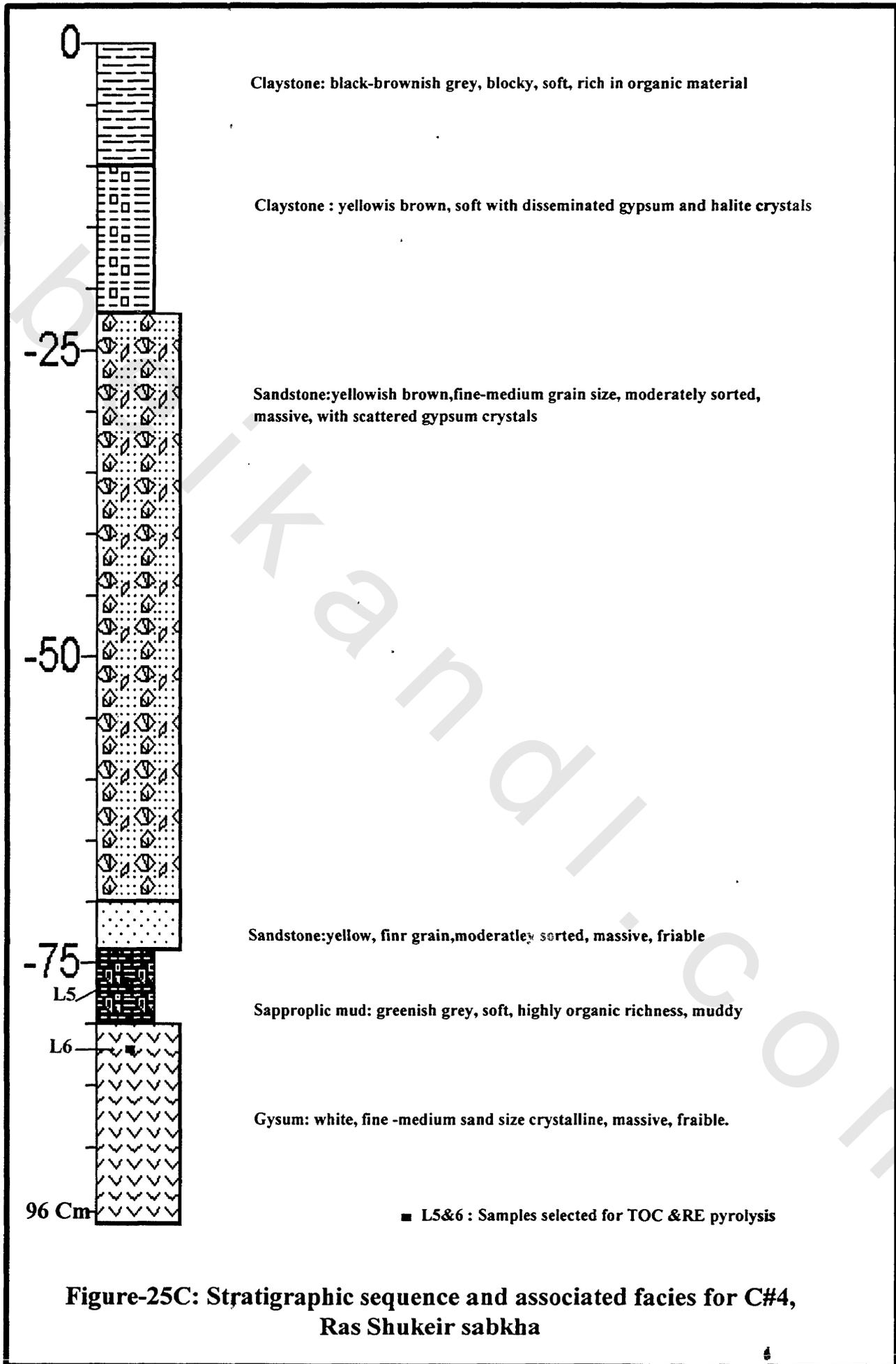


Figure-25 B:Stratigraphic sequence and associated facies for C#3, Ras Shukeir sabkha



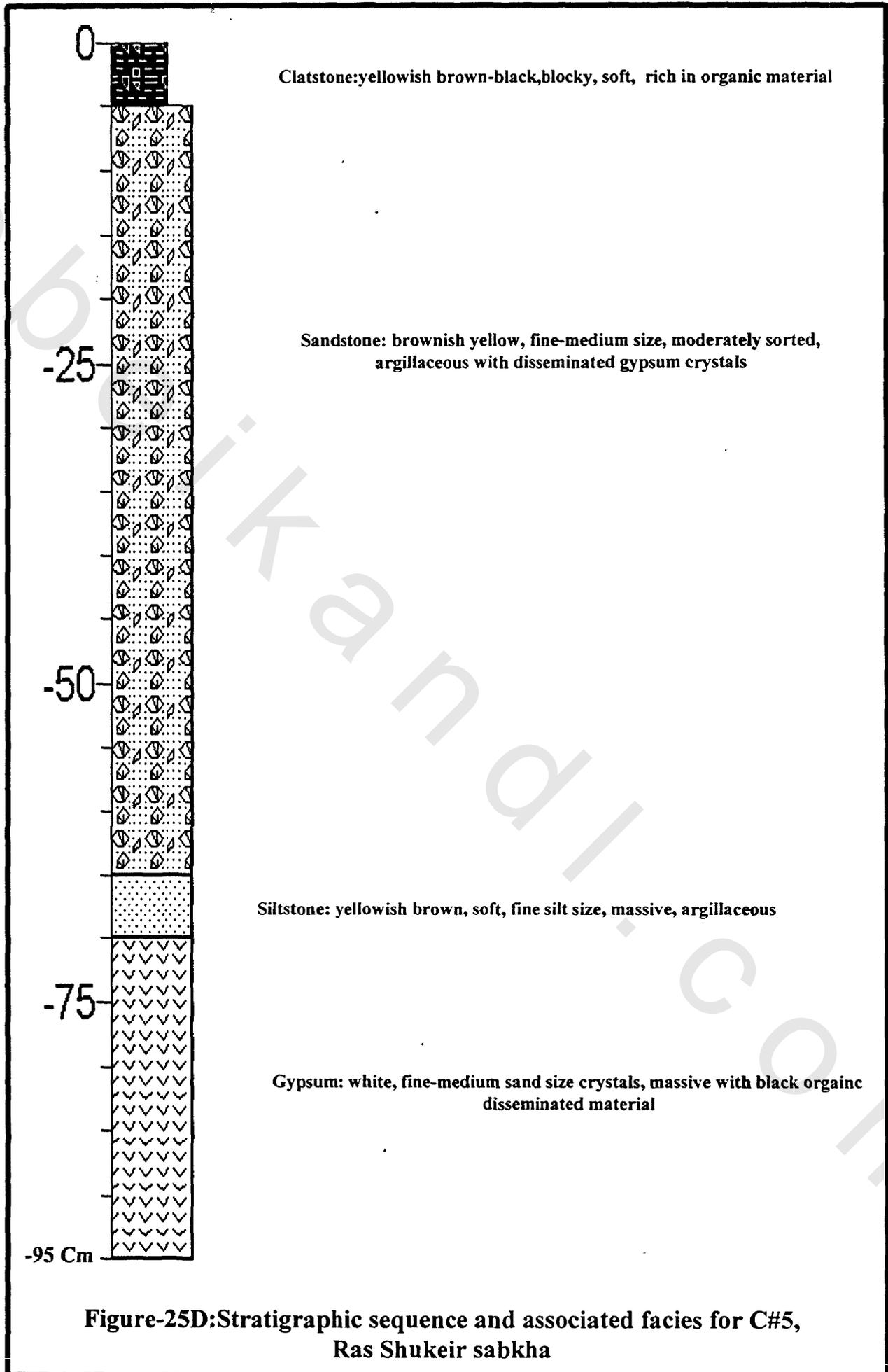


Figure-25D: Stratigraphic sequence and associated facies for C#5, Ras Shukeir sabkha

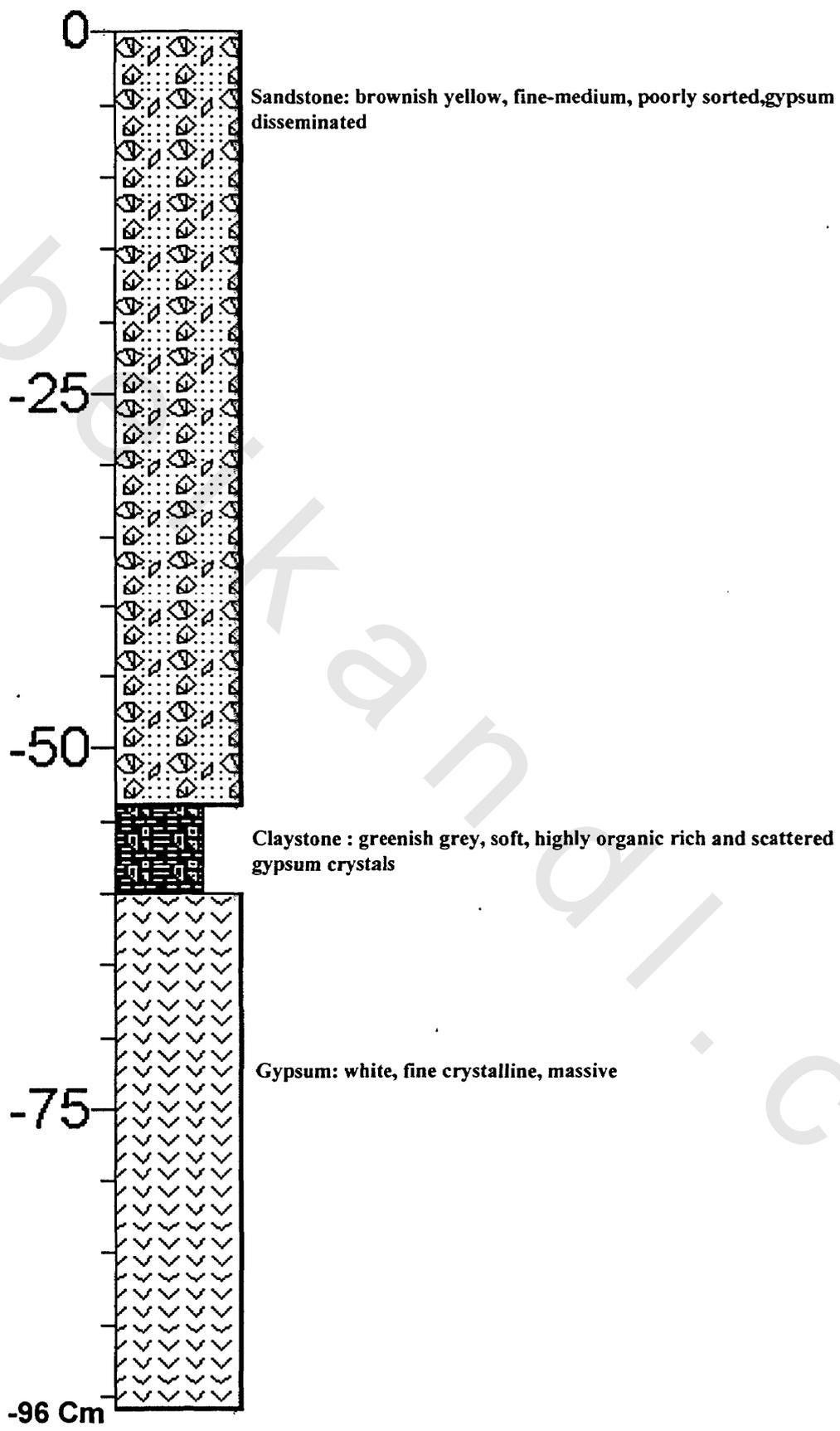
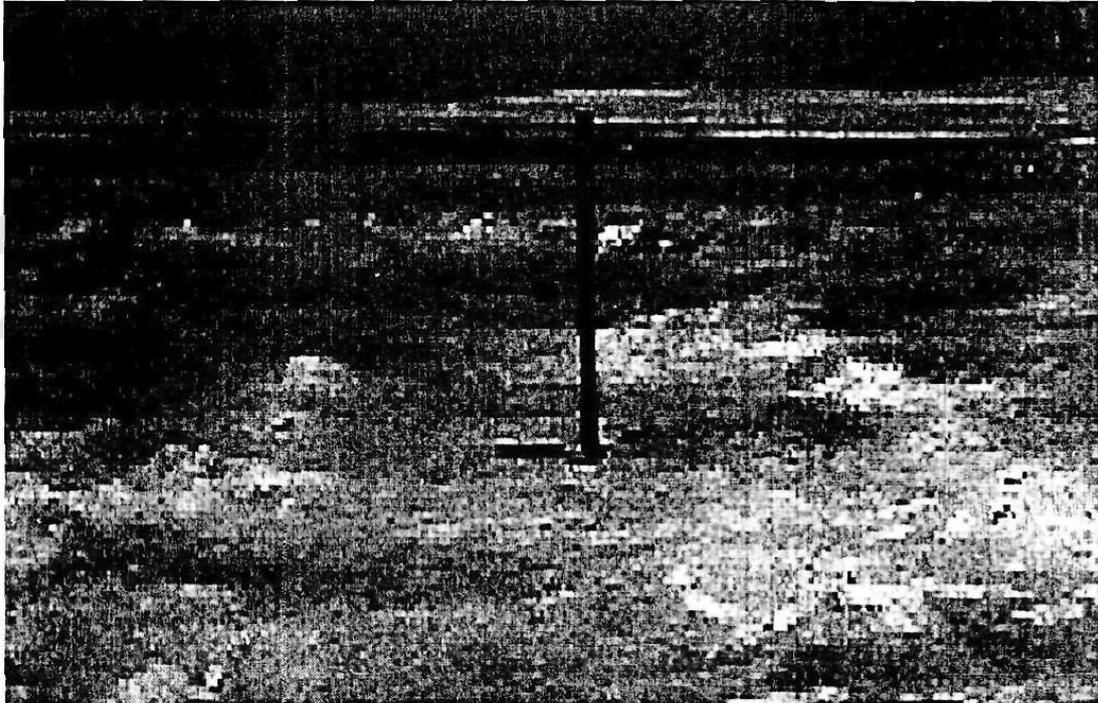


Figure-25E Stratigraphic sequence and associated facies for C#6, Ras Shukeir sabkha



**Figure -24A : Photomicrograph showing Eastern hypersaline pan.
Notice different elevation due to saturation caused by slope**



**Figure -26: Photomicrograph shows the Tepee structure
completely cover the outer margin Zone of the sabkha (zone-I)**

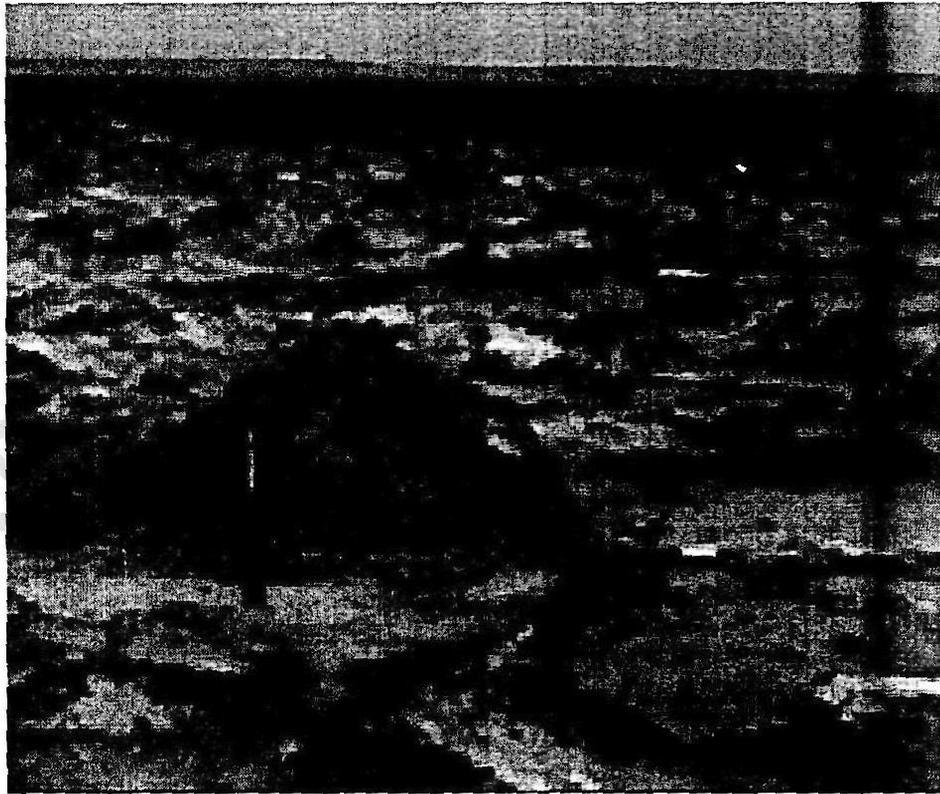


Figure-27 : Photomicrograph showing Tepee structure front rough crusting with hard veneer of crystalline salt. Topography located at the outer zone with hard veneer



Figure-28: Photomicrograph showing Halophyta surrounded the small seasonal saline hypersaline ponds in intermediate zone



Figure -29 : Photomicrograph showing gypsum mounds that cover most of the intermediate central zone at Ras Shukeir sabkha



Figure-30 : Photomicrograph showing the disc or circular shape of gypsum mounds with open crest due to pressure and gas escape.

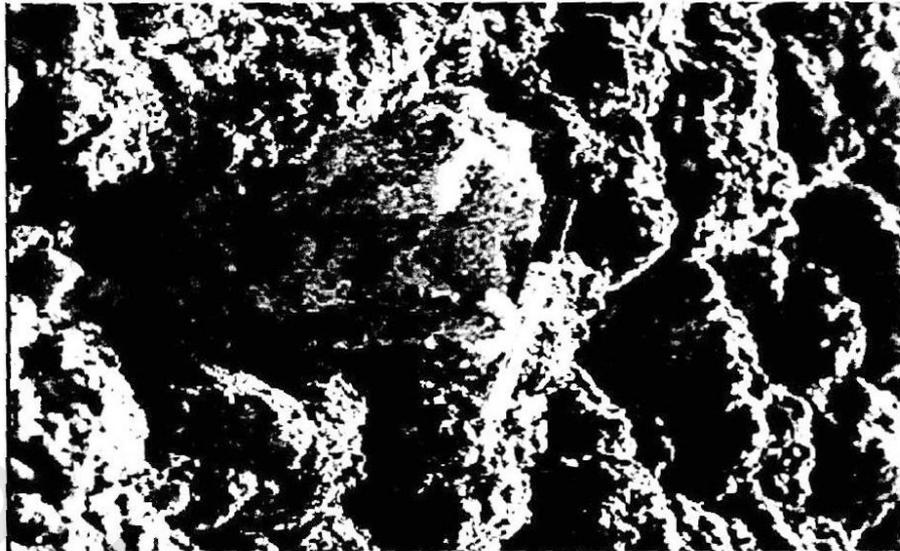


Figure-31: Photomicrograph showing radiating growth of gypsum starting from center . Notice the green coloration due to algae.



Figure-32: Photomicrograph showing the mud mound which cover the marginal of the hypersaline pans at the intermediate zone



Figure-33: Photomicrograph showing the solar pans field with tomato soap color brine due to flourishing of green algae

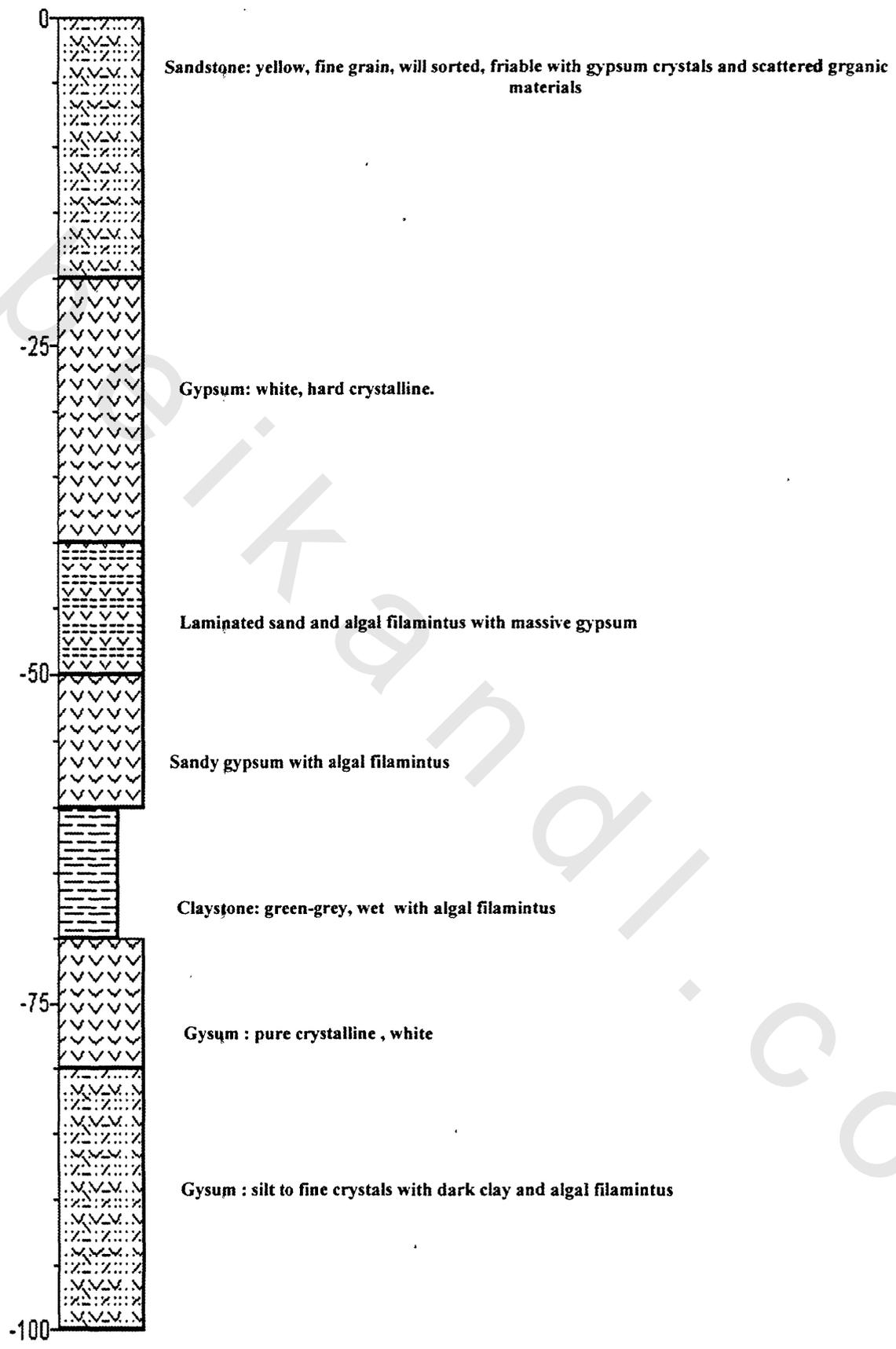
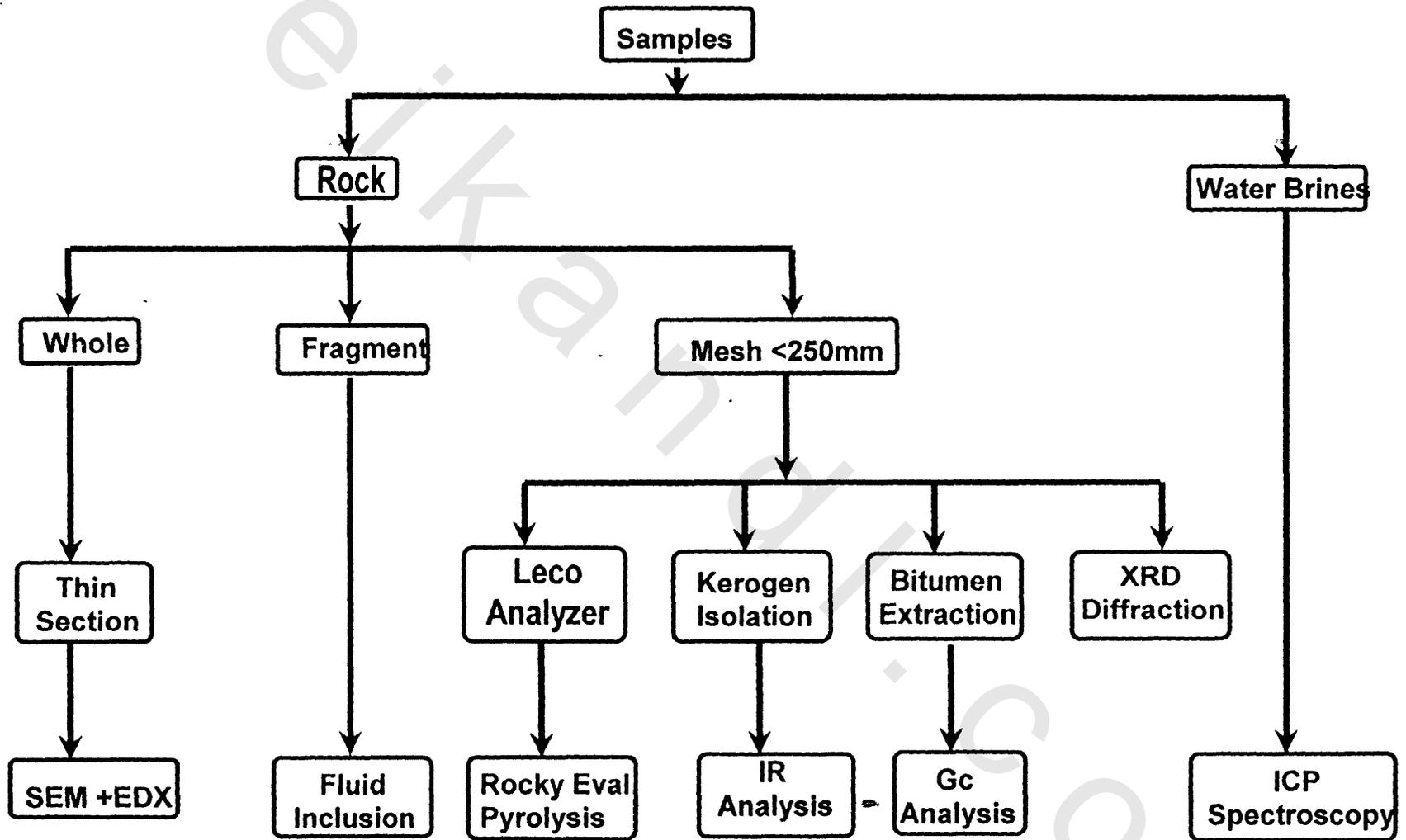


Figure-34: Stratigraphic sequence and associated facies for Trench, Ras Shukeir sabkha

Figure - 35: Flow Chart Represent The Applied Technique Of The Present Work



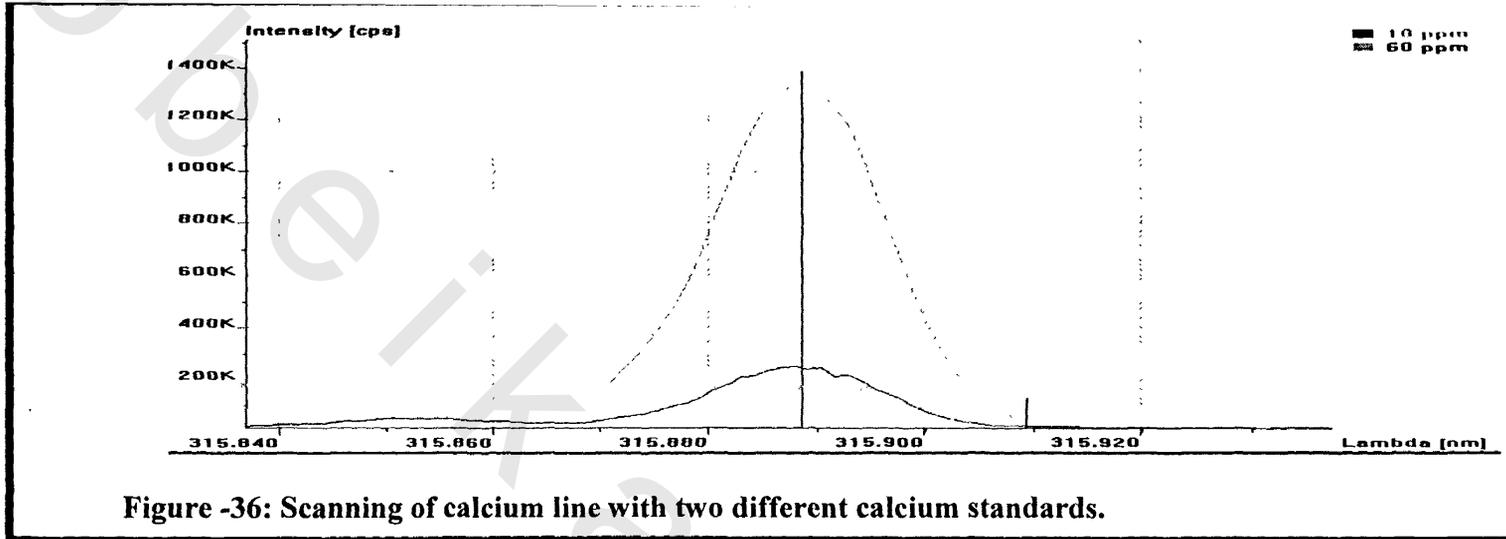


Figure -36: Scanning of calcium line with two different calcium standards.

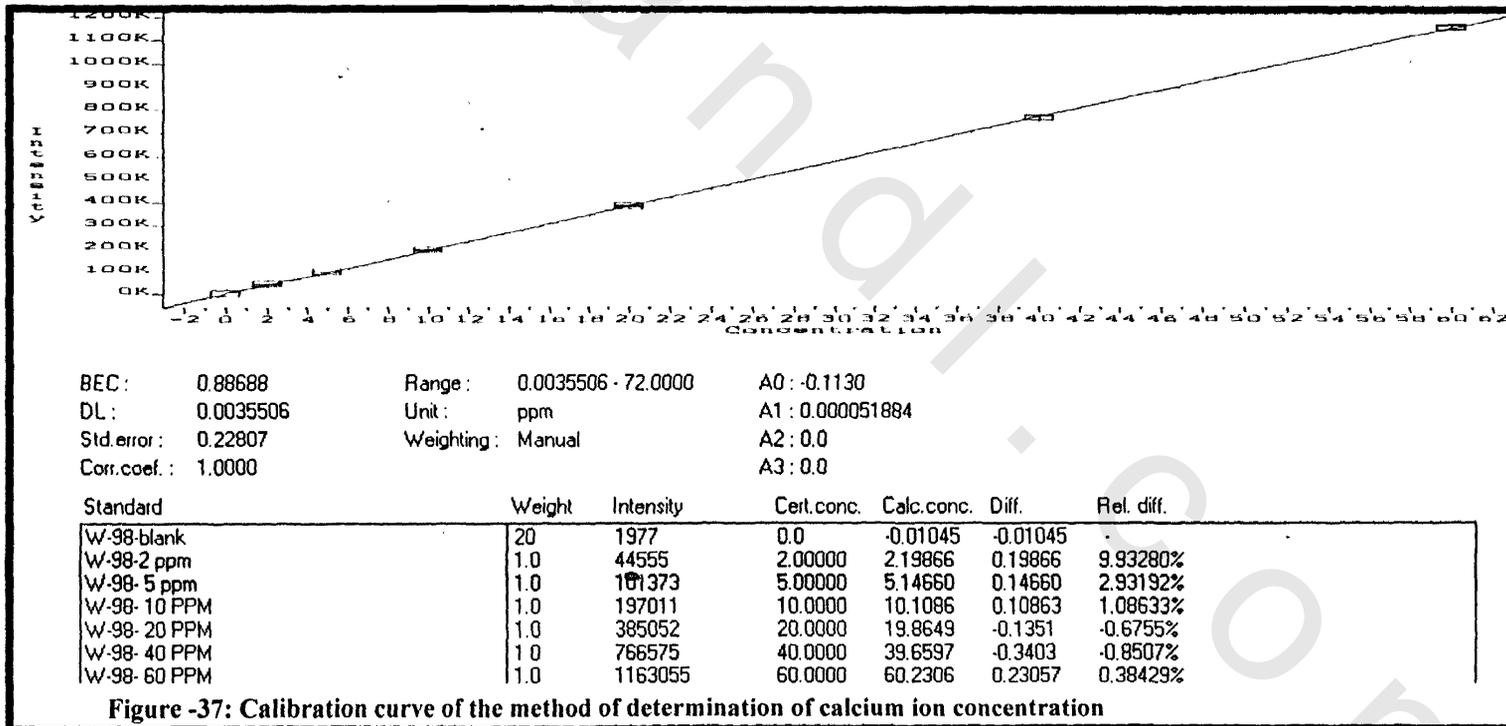


Figure -37: Calibration curve of the method of determination of calcium ion concentration

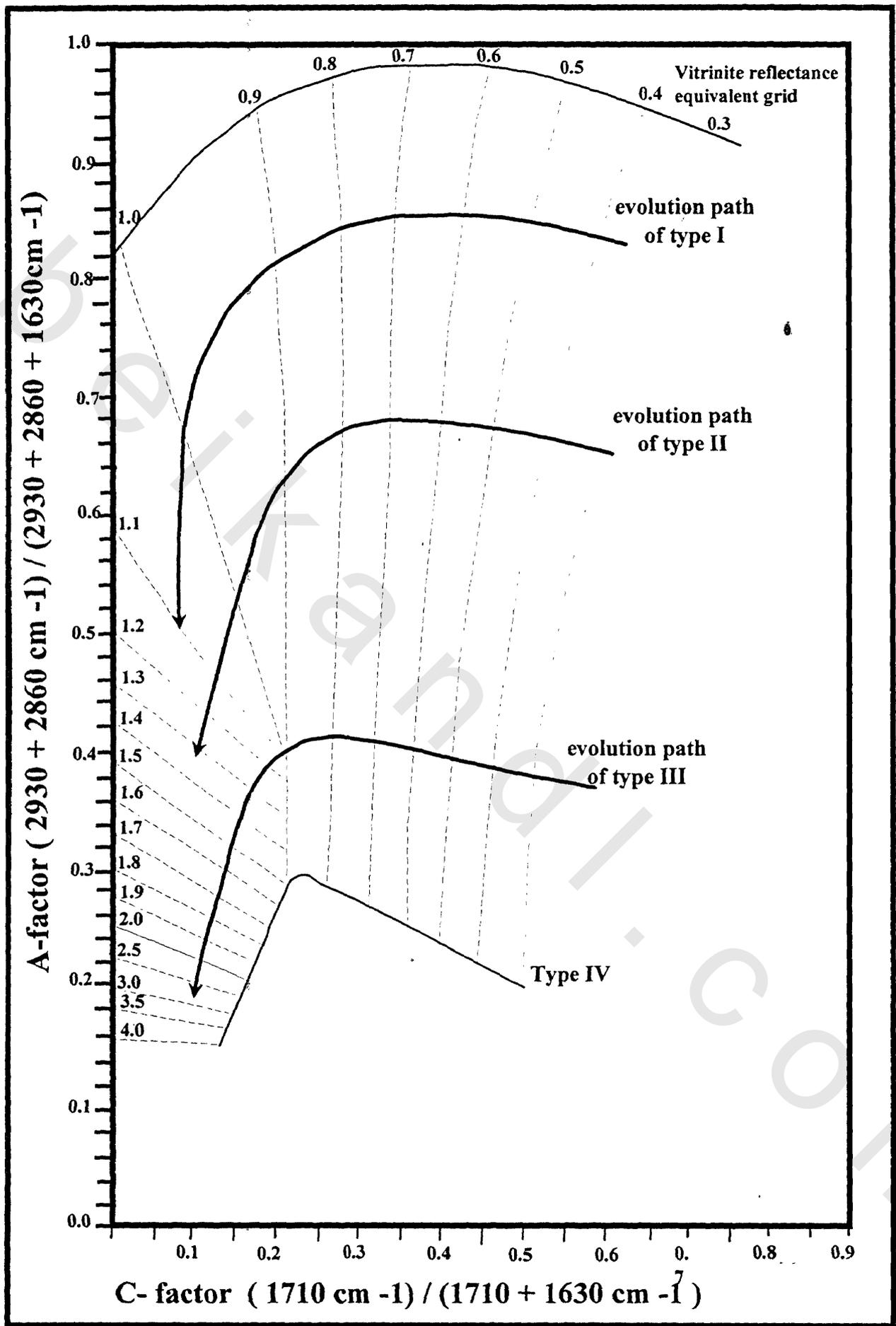


Figure-38 : Infrared modified diagram

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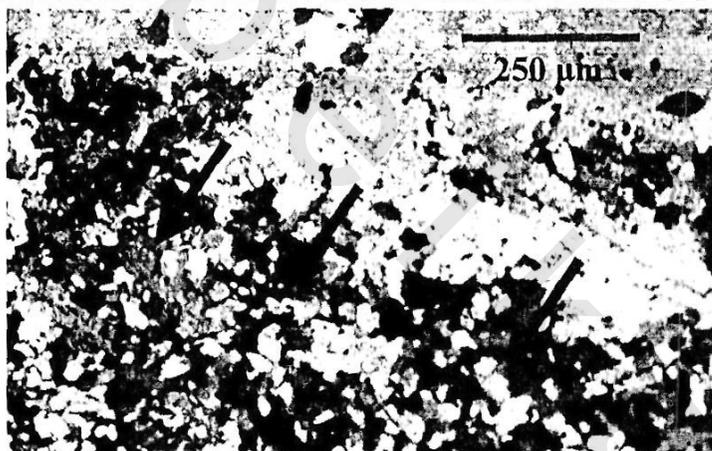


Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing a part of large, irregular xenotopic gypsum that brecciated and disintegrated into microcrystalline secondary gypsum. Nicols Crossed (N.C.).



Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing a disintegrated part of felty prismatic granular gypsum into microcrystalline secondary gypsum and anhydrite (arrows), (N.C.).



Figure-B: Photomicrograph showing disintegrated and transformed prismatic granular gypsum into microcrystalline secondary gypsum aggregates (arrows), (N.C.).



Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing a thin part of intercrystalline clays enriched in black, opaque organic matter (arrows), (N.C.).

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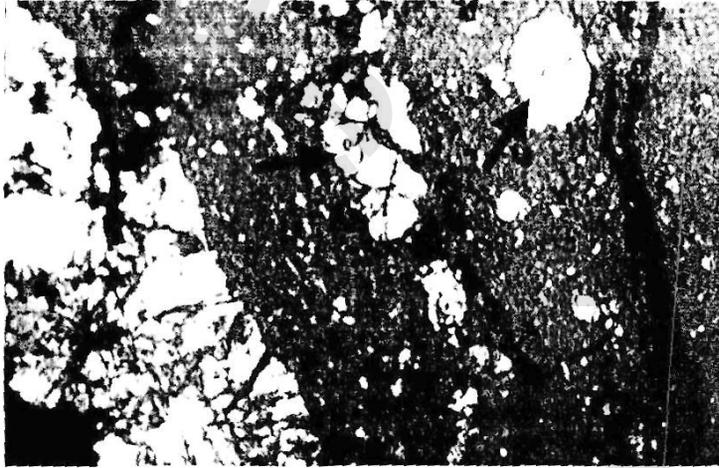


Figure-A: Photomicrograph displaying a part thin clay streaks enriched in black,opaque organic matter and enclosed nodular pattern of composite gypsum (arrows), (N.C.).

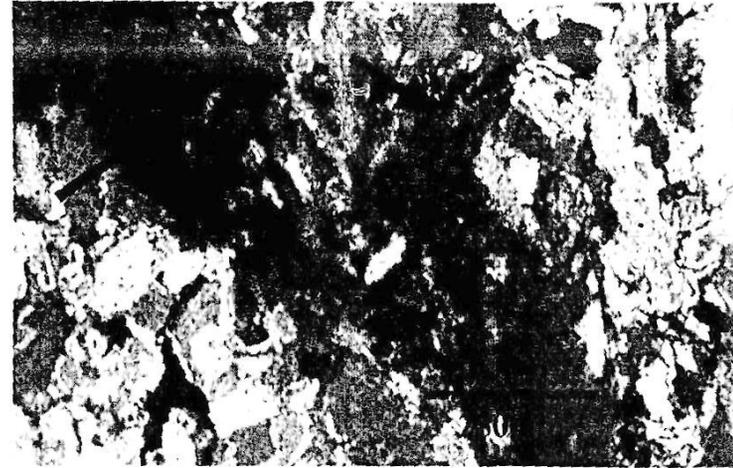


Figure-C: Photomicrograph displaying a part of thin intercrystalline clay streaks enriched in black,opaque organic matter (arrows), (N.C.).



Figure-B: Photomicrograph displaying a part of thin intercrystalline clay streaks enriched in black,opaque organic matter (arrows), (N.C.).

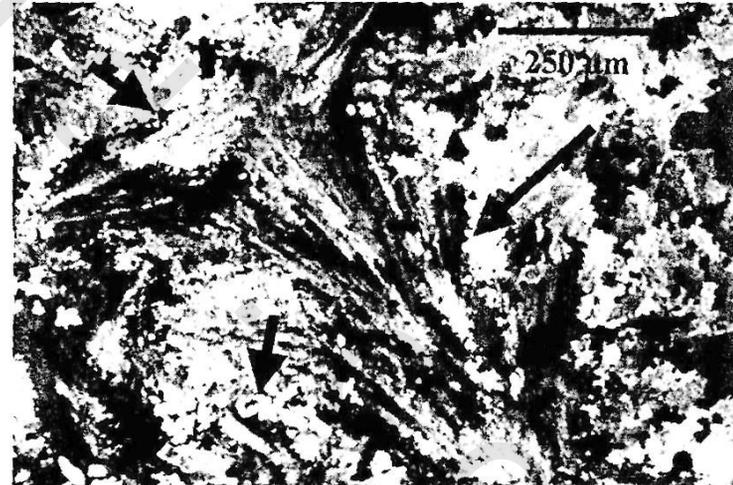


Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing large swallow-tail gypsum refilled small fractured in anhydrite (arrows), (N.C.).

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Figure-A: SEM photomicrograph displaying dissolution voids refilled by deformed secondary prismatic gypsum due to pressure growth, which partly transformed into fine nodular gypsum/anhydrite (white arrows) as well as the halite (yellow arrow)



Figure-B: SEM photomicrograph showing micro-dissolution voids refilled by deformed and etched (small voids) secondary prismatic gypsum due to pressure growth, which partly transformed into fine nodular gypsum/anhydrite



Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing felty, epigenetic anhydrite of stellate texture that brecciated (arrows) into microcrystalline anhydrite aggregates, (N. C).



Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing pseudomorph gypsum now anhydrite forming nodule corroded at periphery embedded in carbonate host sediments, (N. C).

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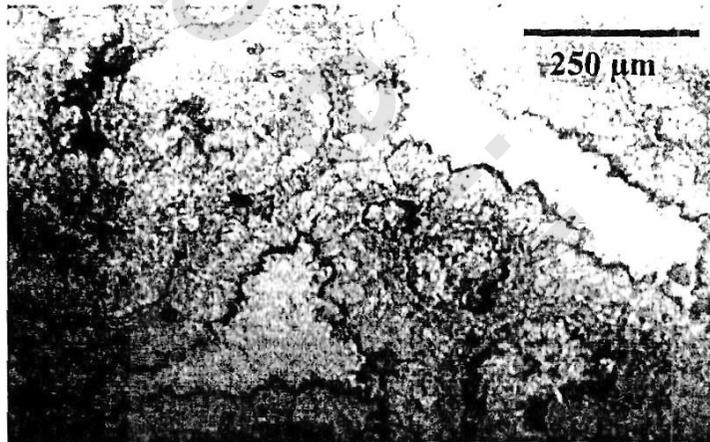


Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing pseudomorph bioclast of different types replaced and embedded in carbonate sediments, (N. C).



Figure-C : SEM photomicrograph displaying the detailed structure of the stromatolites (algae) completely replaced by anhydrite



Figure-B: Photomicrograph showing pseudomorph bioclast of different types replaced by fibrous gypsum and embedded in carbonate sediments, (N. C).

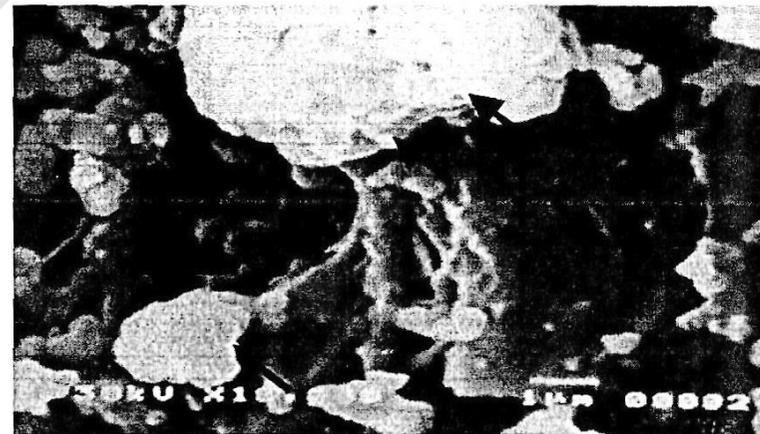


Figure-D : SEM photomicrograph displaying microbial matt (arrows) and algal matt embedded in Biogenic limestone.

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Figure-A : SEM photomicrograph displaying rupturing (arrows) of biocapsule with cavoli structure due to biogas escaping in the Biogenic limestone facies.



Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing a part of anhydrite nodule composed of step stair (white arrows) anhydrite crystals in crystalline carbonate that partly corroded it (yellow arrows) , (N. C).

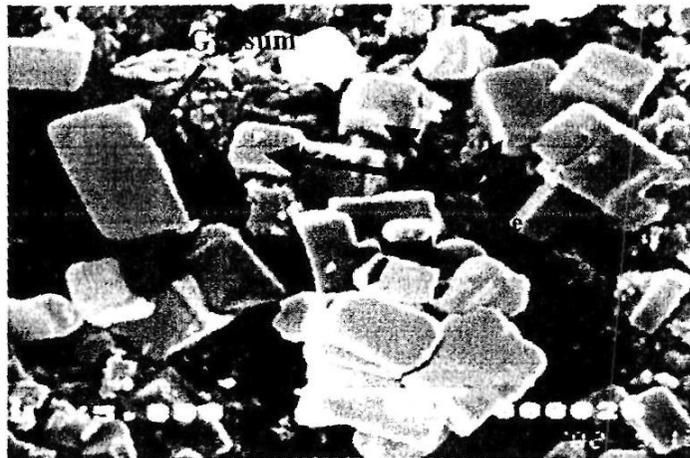


Figure-B : SEM photomicrograph displaying halite crystals replacing anhydrite as well as prismatic gypsum (arrows)

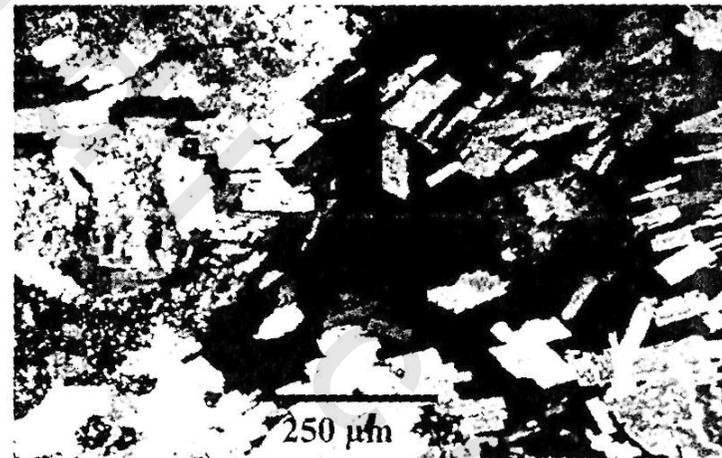


Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing a part of anhydrite nodule composed of anhydrite streaks with sweeping color and floating textured due to compression stress, (N. C).

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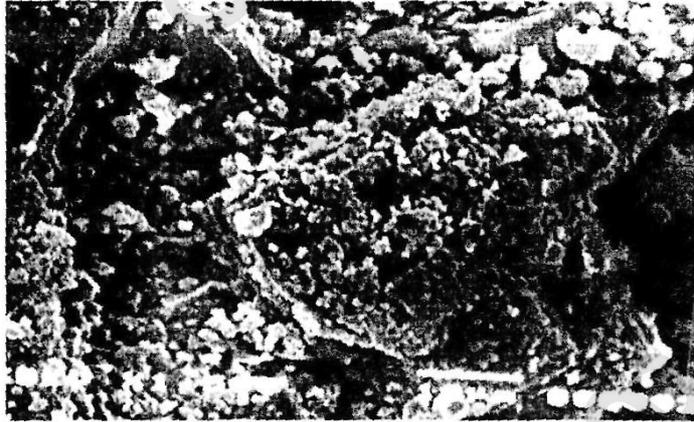


Figure-A: SEM photo showing anhydrite nodules displaying packed textured composed of very fine grained

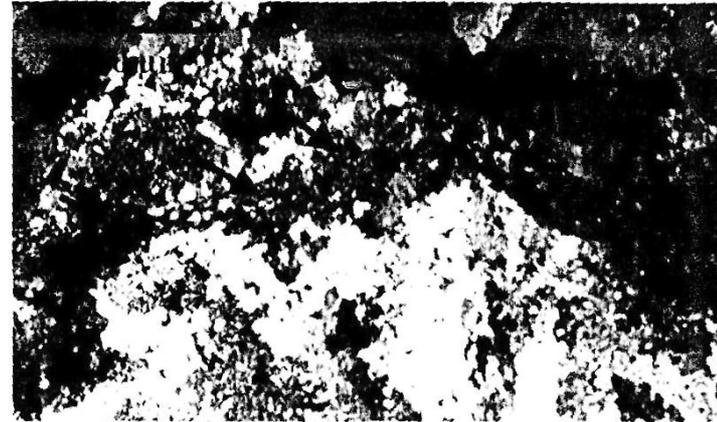


Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing a part of anhydrite nodule composed of amebioid gypsum pseudomorph with clays rich in organic that outline their shape (arrows), (N. C).

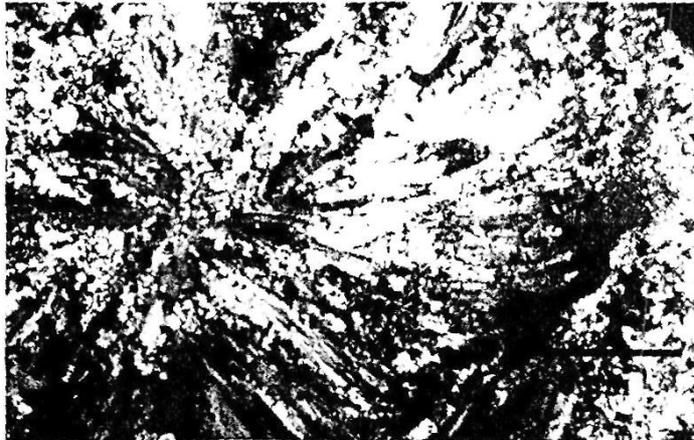


Figure-B : Photomicrograph showing anhydrite nodules mainly composed of felty epigenetic anhydrite with radial arrangement forming the stellate structure embedded in microcrystalline anhydrite lathes, (N. C).



Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing the clay host evaporite enriched in dense, black and opaque organic material, (N. C).

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Figure-A: SEM photo showing a creeping structure displayed by anhydrite crystal (arrows) due to intense deformation resulted in compression stress



Figure-C: SEM photomicrograph displaying the algal filamentous glue together forming algal matt and framboidal pyrite embedded in evaporite



Figure-B: SEM photo showing a micro fracturing displayed by anhydrite crystal (arrows) due to intense deformation resulted in compression stress



Figure-D: SEM photo showing the spheroid-shape of microbial matt and the pyrite rhombs embedded and replaced the anhydrite

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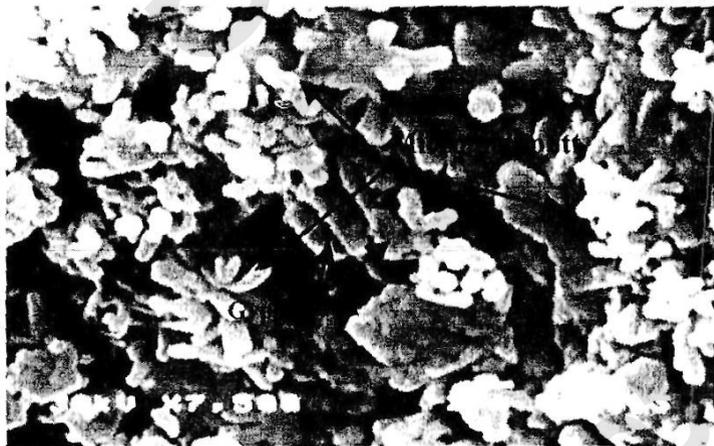


Figure-A: SEM photo micrograph displaying the rod shaped of the microbial matt enriched anhydrite in association with prismatic secondary gypsum that replace anhydrite

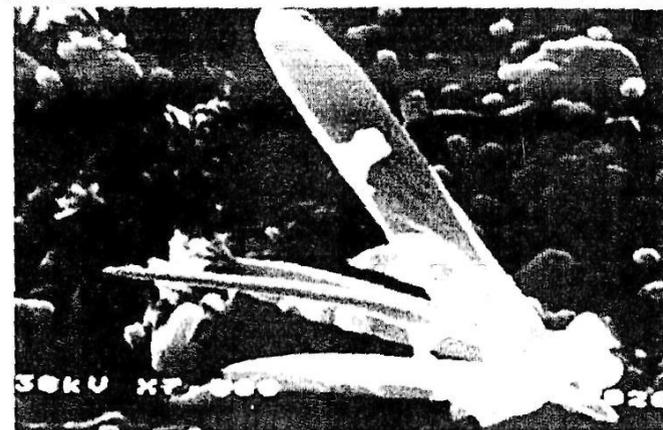


Figure-C: SEM photomicrograph showing lenticular gypsum in association with microbial matt embedded in anhydrite

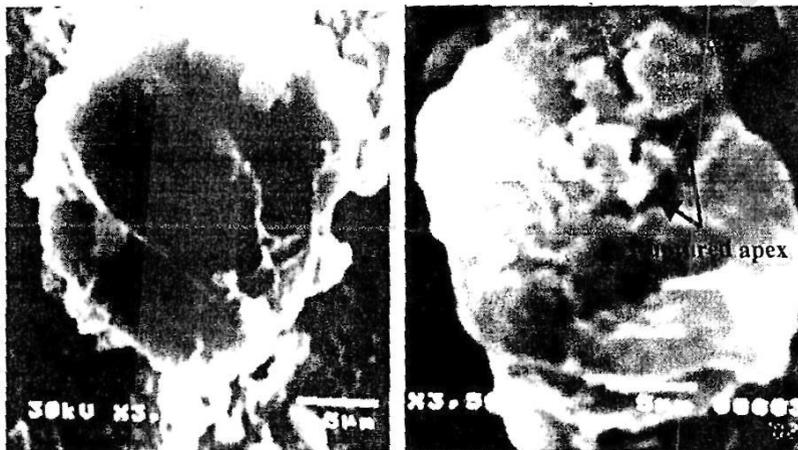


Figure-B: SEM photo micrograph displaying the bio mineralized bio-capsule embedded in anhydrite sediments

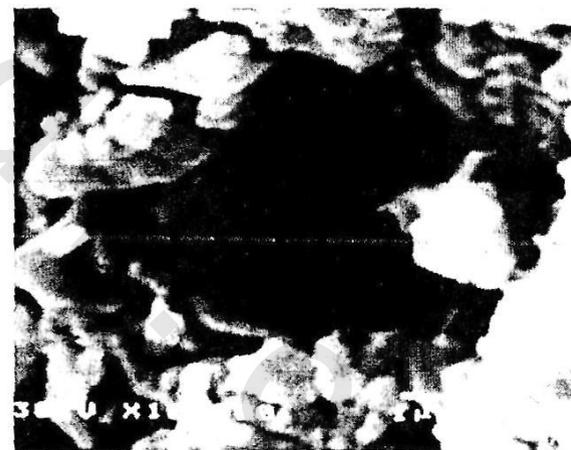


Figure-D: SEM photomicrograph showing irregular steep shaped voids, which believed to be due to the dissolutions of pre-existing halite that replaced former anhydrite.

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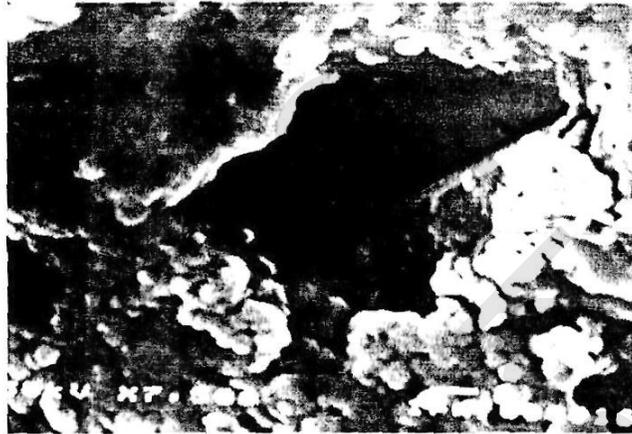


Figure-A: SEM photo showing square steep shaped voids, which believed to be due to the dissolutions of pre-existing halite that replaced former anhydrite.



Figure-B: SEM photo showing a part of halite hopper replacing and displacing anhydrite NB the microbial matt upper left.



Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing a part of anhydrite nodule composed of swallow-tail gypsum pseudomorph in association with microcrystalline anhydrite laminae and dark, opaque and dense organic rich material occupying the intercrystalline spaces, (N. C).

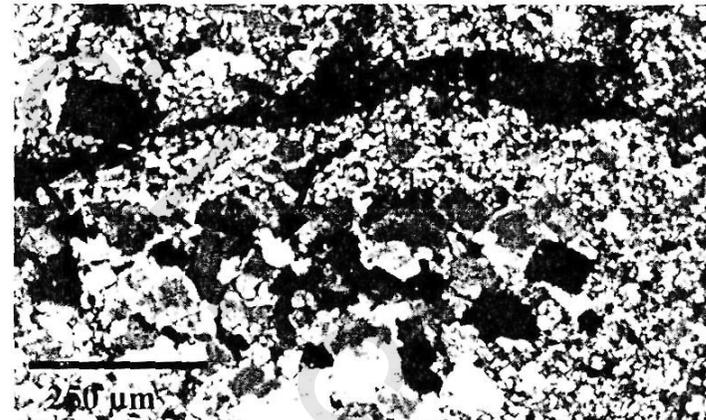


Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing a part of anhydrite nodule composed of xenotopic anhydrite granular engulfed gypsum relics (arrows) in association with microcrystalline anhydrite laminae and dark, opaque and dense organic rich material occupying the interlamination, (N. C).

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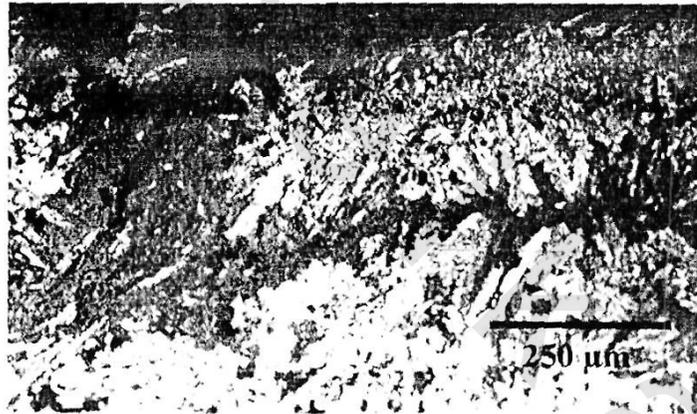


Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing elongated and coalesced anhydrite nodules composed of felty epigenetic anhydrite crystals engulfed gypsum and clay streaks enriched in dense, opaque organic material, (N. C).



Figure-B: Photomicrograph showing a part of anhydrite nodule composed of fibrous anhydrite crystals engulfed gypsum and bioclast completely replaced by carbonates (arrows), (N. C)..

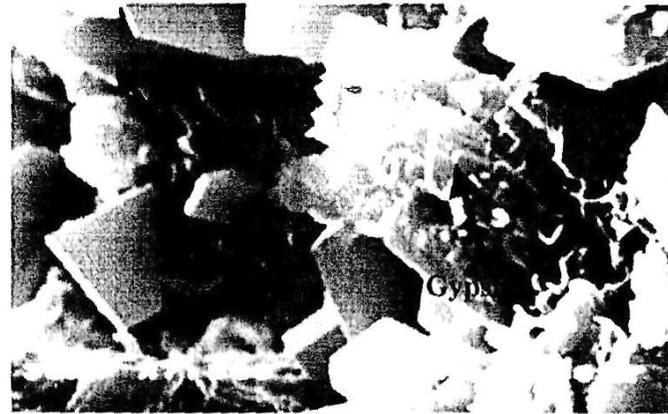


Figure-C: SEM photo showing the dissolution of enclosed gypsum crystal along the old cleavage and lenticular gypsum filled voids (arrows)



Figure-D: SEM photo showing the dissolution and disintegration into fine grained anhydrite (arrows) of enclosed gypsum crystal along the old cleavage

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Figure-A: Close-up view displaying the brecciation and disintegration of selenite at the periphery

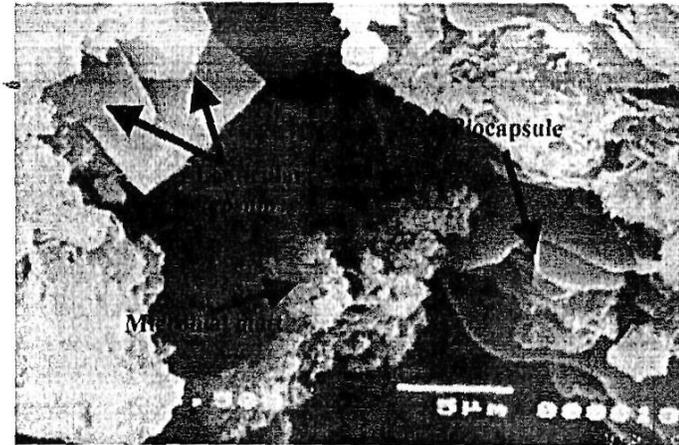


Figure-C: SEM photomicrograph showing the microbial matt and biocapsule in association with lenticular gypsum embedded in anhydrite.

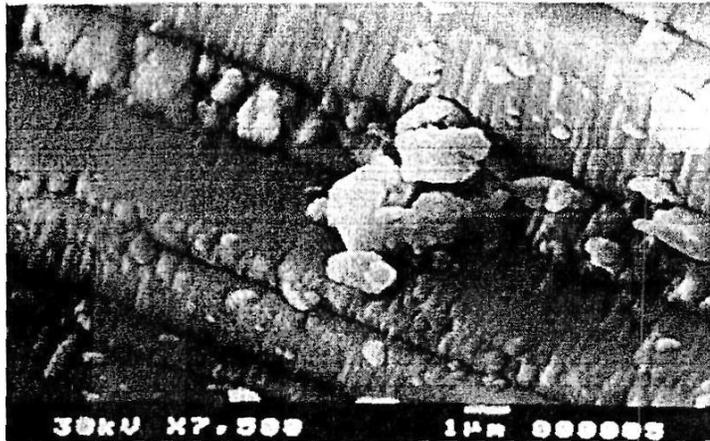


Figure-B: Close-up view displaying the brecciation and disintegration of selenite along the cleavage

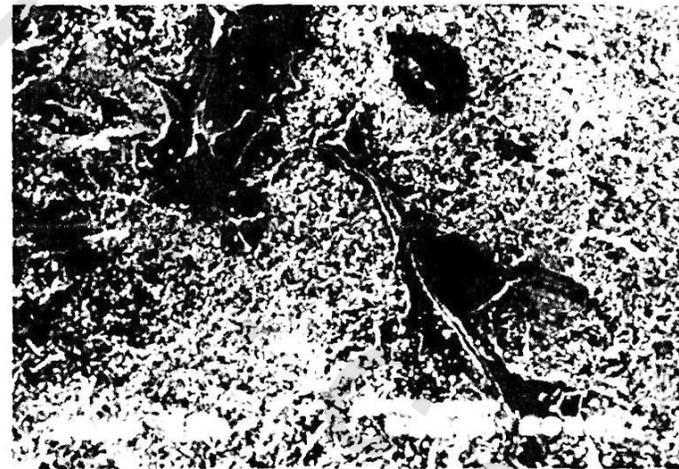


Figure-D : SEM photo showing the algal remain embedded in anhydrite.

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Figure-A: SEM photomicrograph showing algal matt entrapped by fine grained anhydrite



Figure-B: SEM photomicrograph showing creeping structure of the idiotopic prismatic gypsum transformed into fine anhydrite and biocapsule retaining some original textured of the organisms.

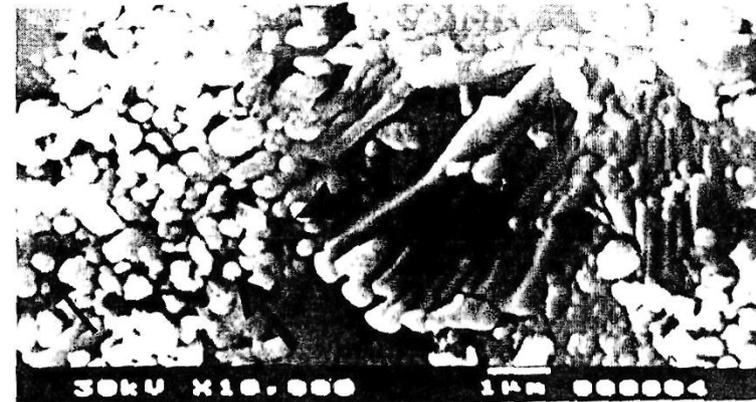


Figure-C: SEM photomicrograph showing fibrous, straight and aligned gypsum of domal structure brecciated into fine anhydrite and mineralized fine spheroid-shaped microbial matt(arrow) embedded in anhydrite

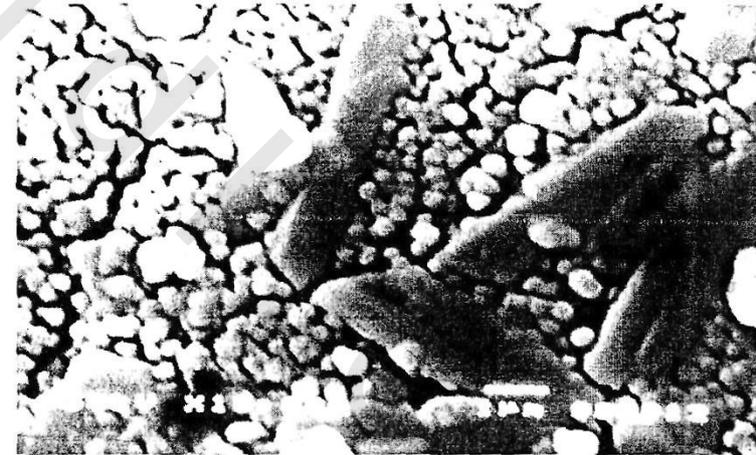


Figure-D : SEM photomicrograph displaying prismatic secondary gypsum replacing fine grained anhydrite nodules

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Figure-A: SEM photo displaying irregular dissolution vugs of anhydrite refilled by idiotopic prismatic secondary gypsum and fine secondary anhydrite



Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing a part of stressed, deformed idiotopic prismatic gypsum nodules and squeezed clays due to effect of deformation stress, (N.C.).

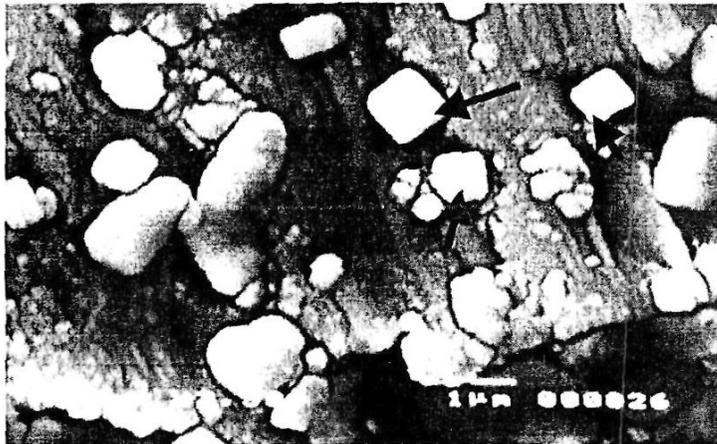


Figure-B: SEM photo showing halite crystals (arrows) replacing and displacing the anhydrite after gypsum indicating the pre-existing the hypersaline conditions

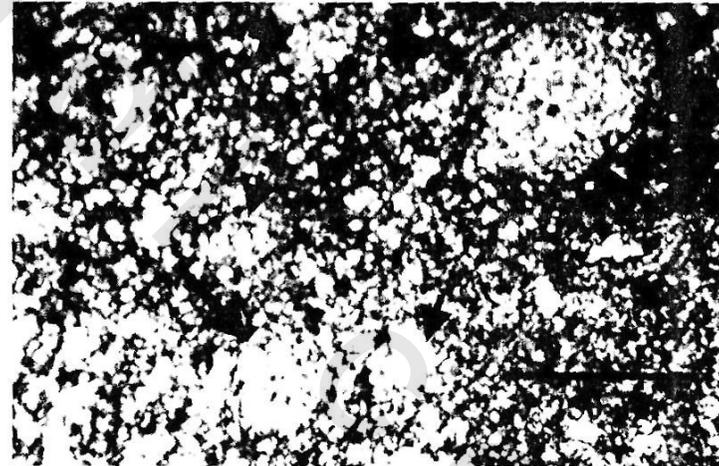


Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing rounded, scattered small gypsum nodules floating in clay which is rich in opaque, black and dense organic material, (N.C.).

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Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing swallow-tail gypsum crystal brecciated and disintegrated into fine granular aggregates secondary gypsum, (N.C.).



Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing gypsum nodules composed of fibrous, radially oriented gypsum forming stellate textured with dark black clay with organic rich material, (N.C.).



Figure-B: Photomicrograph showing nodular laminated gypsum with black, clays rich in organic matter, (N.C.).

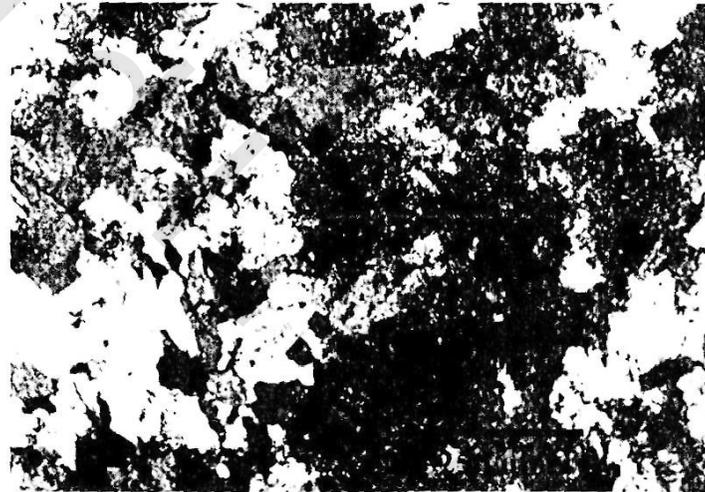


Figure-D: Photomicrograph displaying xenotopic granular gypsum engulfed dense and opaque organic rich material (arrows), (N.C.).

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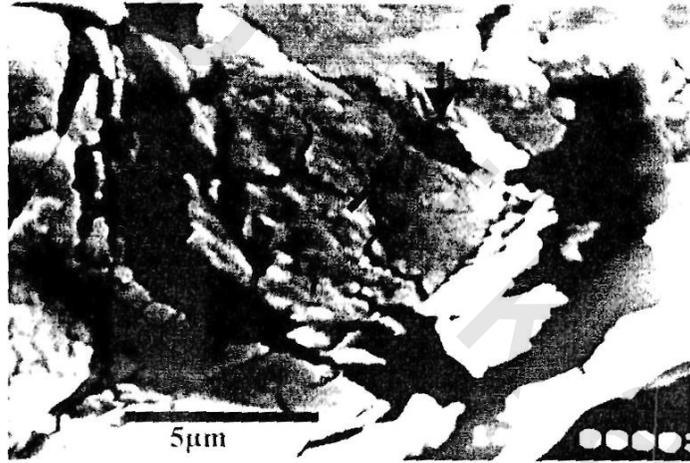


Figure-A: SEM photomicrograph showing cavoli-texture of biocapsule with rupturing the apex (arrows) due to biogas escaping in gypsum

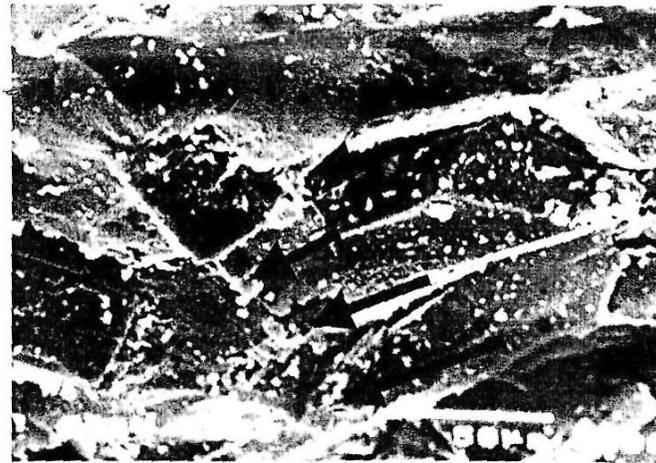


Figure-C: SEM photomicrograph displaying microfolding deformation featured of prismatic gypsum due to deformation stress.

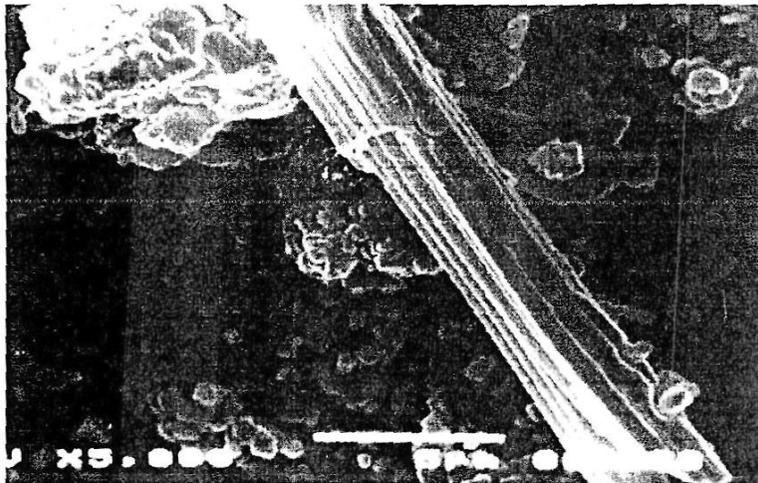


Figure-B: SEM photomicrograph showing mineralized algal remains (algal matt) in association with microbial matt embedded in gypsum

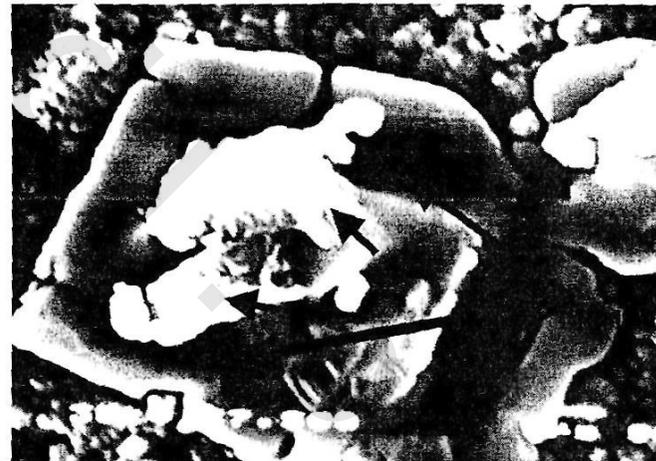


Figure-D: SEM photomicrograph showing a large idiopathic prismatic gypsum crystal fill vugs and etched by dissolution followed by recrystallization secondary generation (arrows)

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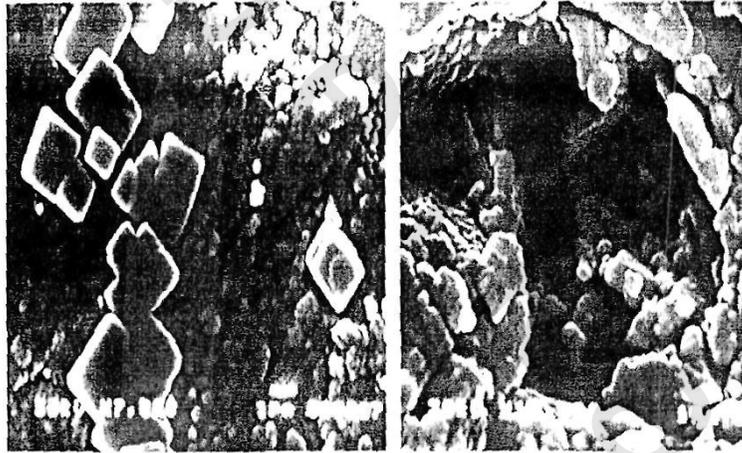


Figure-A: SEM photomicrograph displaying halite raft replace fine grained gypsum nodules and irregular step shaped voids resulted from dissolution of pre-existing halite

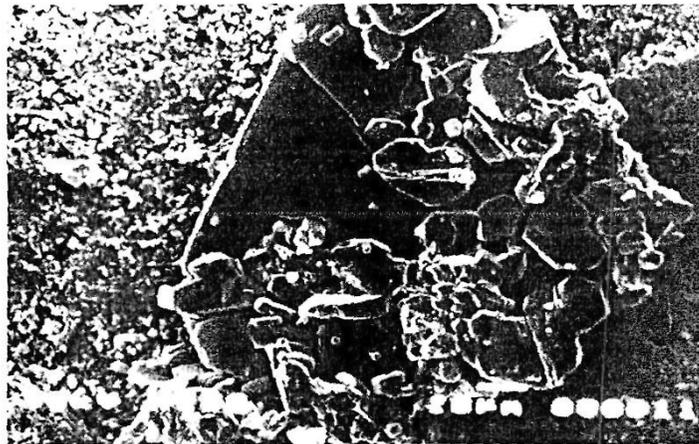


Figure-B: SEM photomicrograph displaying calcite xenomorphic textured completely replace the pre-existing evaporite nodules



Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing randomly oriented, straight anhydrite crystals of massive textured engulfed some gypsum relics and dense, opaque organic rich material (arrows), (N.C.).



Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing a part of contorted and convoluted pattern displayed by massive, felty epigenetic anhydrite enclosed clay rich in organic matter (arrows), (N.C.).



Figure-A: Photomicrograph unfilled fractured in a massive textured of felty anhydrite (arrows), (N.C.).



Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing a part of deformed, wavy laminated felty anhydrite and thin laminae made of black, opaque and dense organic rich lamina, (N.C.).

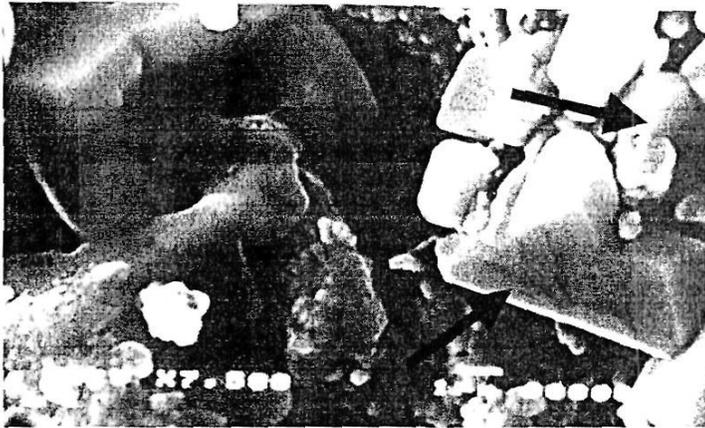


Figure-B: SEM photomicrograph showing a large idiotopic prismatic gypsum and deformed halite due to pressure growth (arrows).

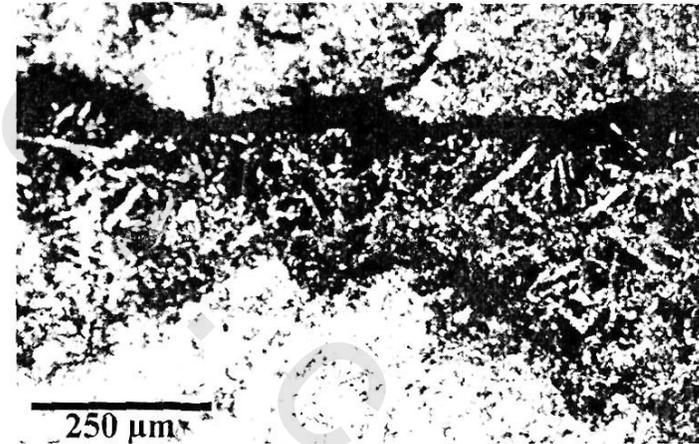


Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing microcrystalline anhydrite interlaminated with black, opaque and dense organic rich lamina engulfed fibrous gypsum crystals, (N.C.).

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Figure-A: Closed up view displaying the enclosed gypsum by dense lamina that brecciated into fine sub-euhedral anhydrite

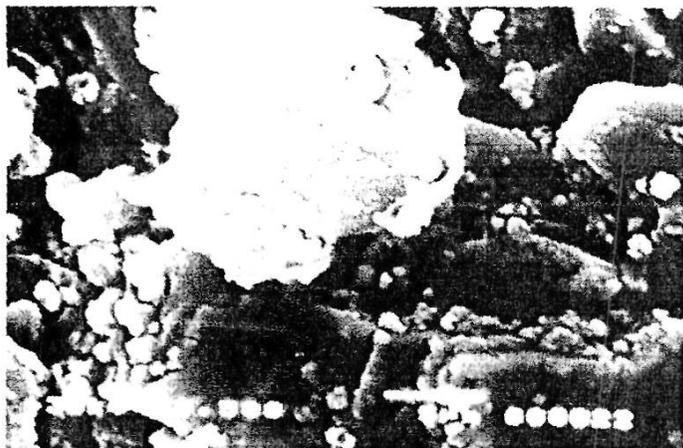


Figure-B: Closed up view displaying the enclosed biocapsule that enclosed by evaporite sediments.

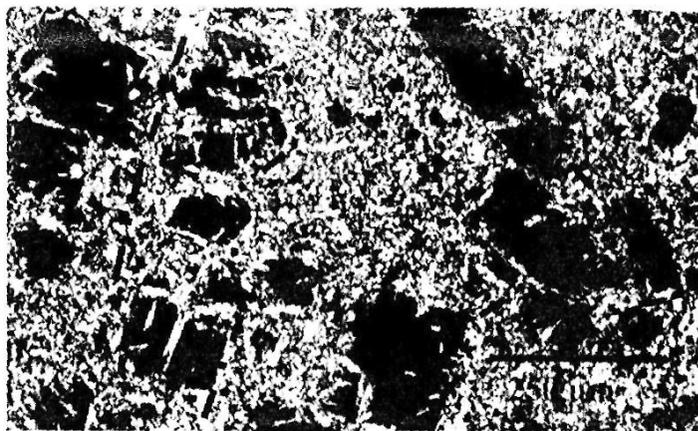


Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing irregular lamination of felty epigenetic anhydrite engulfed gypsum relics and halite, (N.C.).

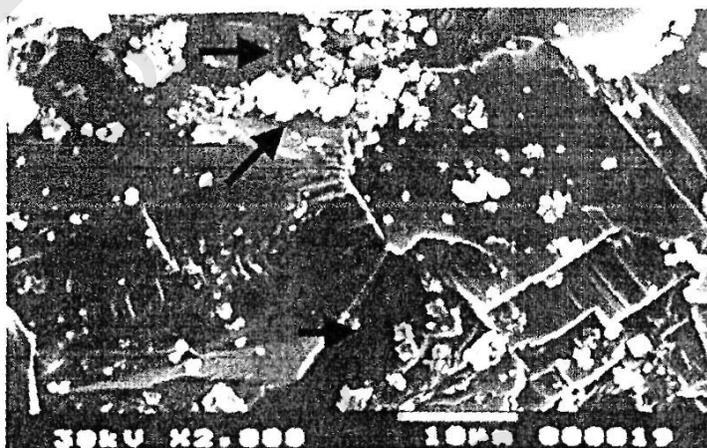


Figure-D: Close-up view displaying the enclosed gypsum relics and crystals that brecciated and disintegrated into euhedral anhydrite (arrows)

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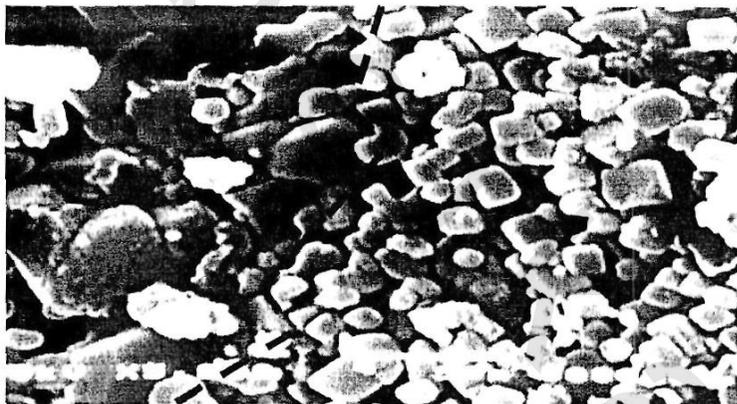


Figure-A: SEM photomicrograph showing a part of prismatic anhydrite laminae and halite cumulate laminae

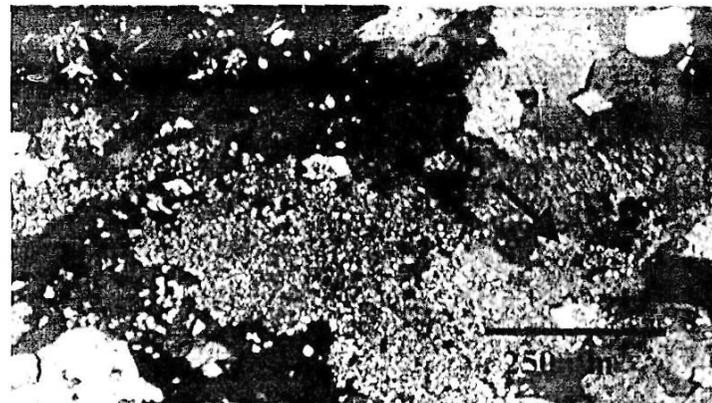


Figure-C: Photomicrograph large, interlocked, xenotopic granular gypsum crystals of silty texture enclosing lime mud carbonates, which partly corroded gypsum (arrows), (N.C.).

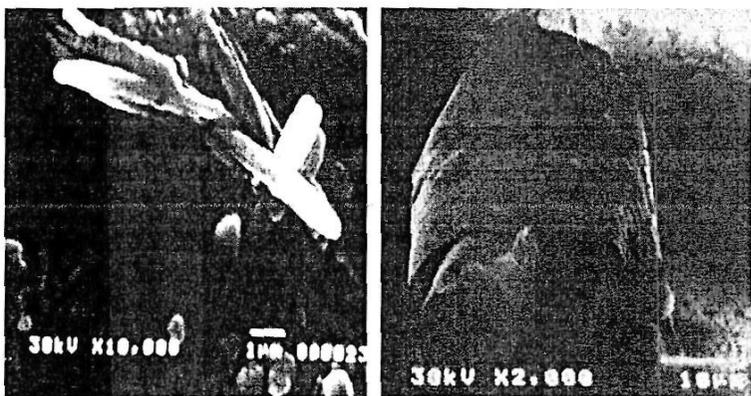


Figure-D: Close-up views displays lenticular gypsum (left) and biocapsule (right) embedded in anhydrite sediments

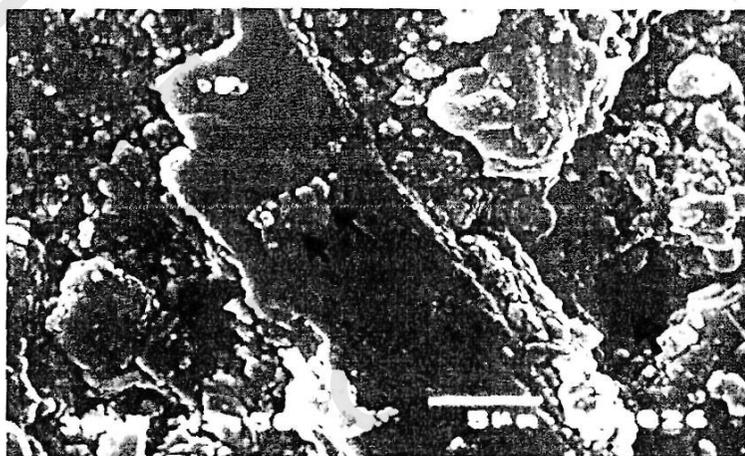


Figure-D: SEM photomicrograph showing coalesced nodules in association with idiotopic gypsum which disintegrated into sub-euhedral secondary gypsum (arrows). NB. Step shaped voids, which probably due to dissolution of pre-existing halite.

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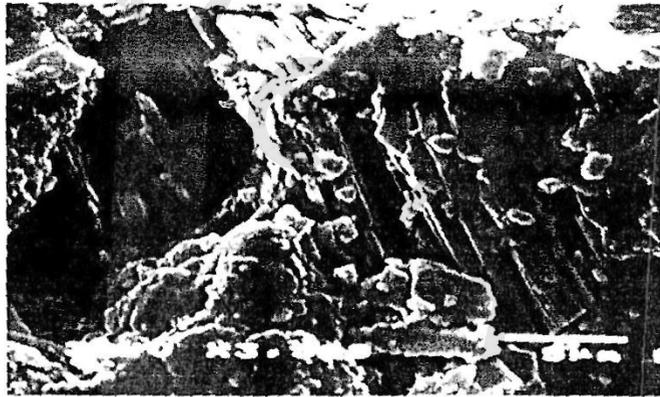


Figure-A: Close-up view showing a selenite (gypsum) crystal disintegrated into secondary gypsum along the cleavage and dissolution voids (Left)

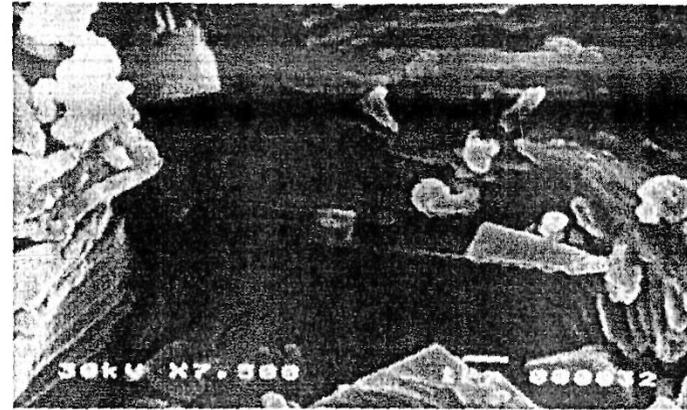


Figure-C: SEM photomicrograph showing the ductile behavior of gypsum that displaying folding textured due to compaction deformation process and dissolution along the old cleavage



Figure-B: Photomicrograph displaying different size and shape of solid and liquid inclusions in xenotopic gypsum, (N.C.).

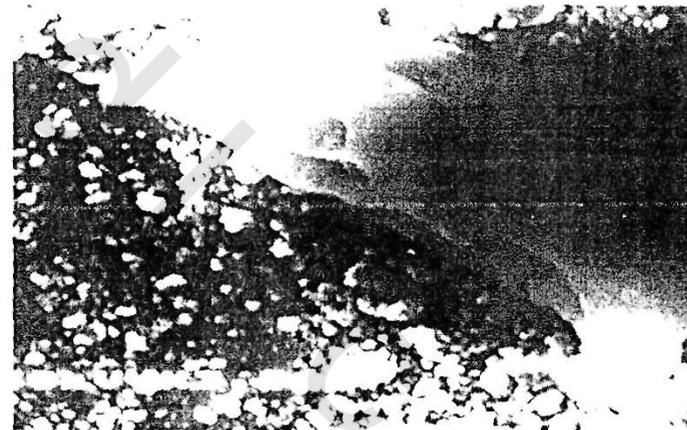


Figure-D: Close-up view showing bio-mineralized organic ghost of the algal filamentous and leafs embedded in gypsum

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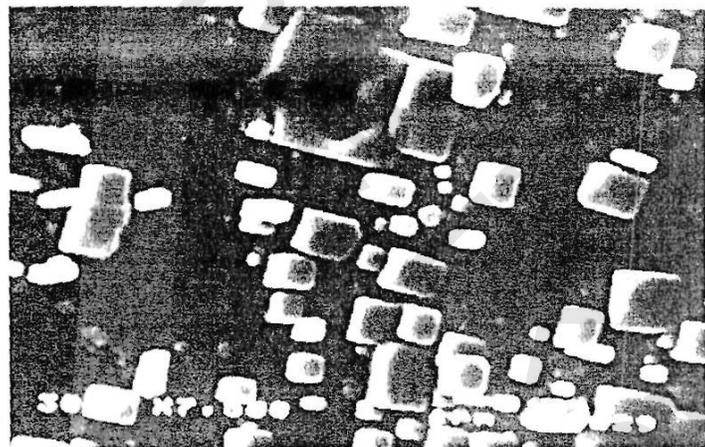


Figure-A: Close-up photomicrograph displaying halite crystals displaying different size, which replacing the gypsum. NB. The rode-shape of the microbial matt embedded in gypsum

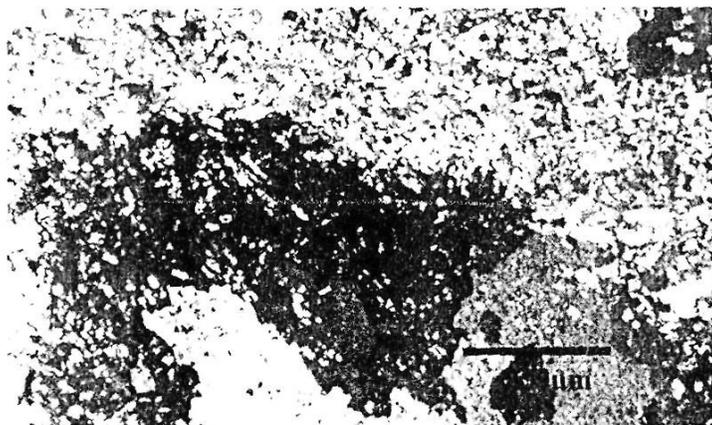


Figure-B: Thin section photomicrograph showing felted epigenetic anhydrite rehydrated into interlocked xenotopic secondary gypsum, which contain relics of anhydrite indicating their epigenetic origin, (N.C).

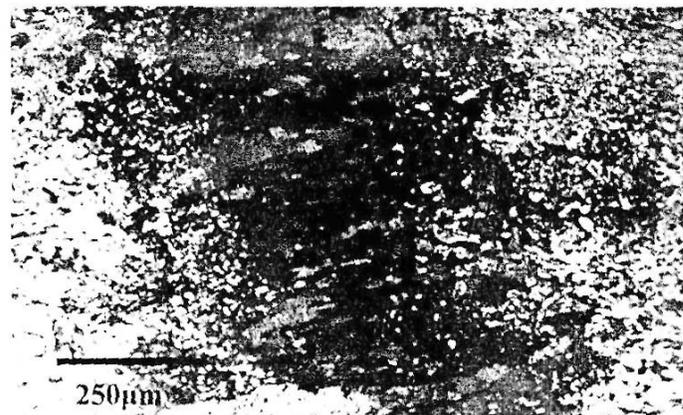


Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing a part of fracture in anhydrite, which filled by fibrous, straight secondary gypsum that vertically oriented up on the wall of the fracture, (N.C).

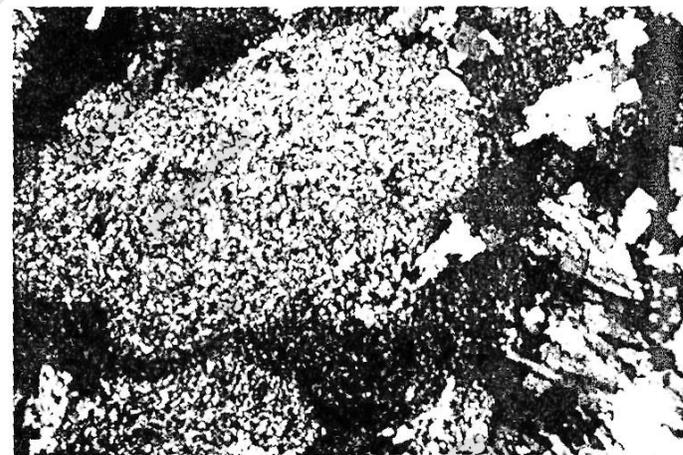


Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing a part of closely packed anhydrite nodules that floating in clay matrix rich in organic material, (N.C).

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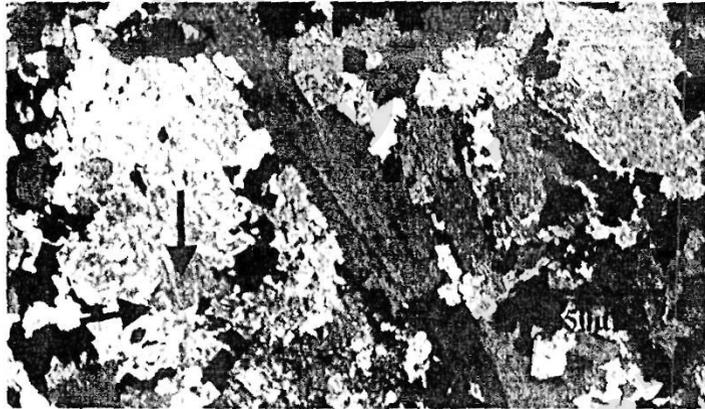


Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing a part of anhydrite nodule composed of xenotopic anhydrite granules that enclosed a gypsum relics (arrows), (N.C.).



Figure-C: Close-up view showing the brecciation and rehydration of anhydrite into fine sub-cubedral secondary gypsum as indicated by minor cracking due to the difference in ionic radii.



Figure-B: Photomicrograph show anhydrite brecciated and rehydrated into microcrystalline gypsum and carbonate crystalline carbonates engulfed opaque organic material, (N.C.).

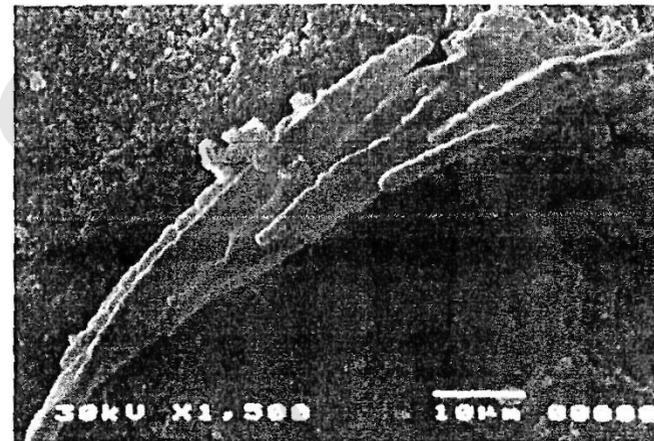


Figure-D: Close-up view showing bio-mineralized algal remains embedded in anhydrite

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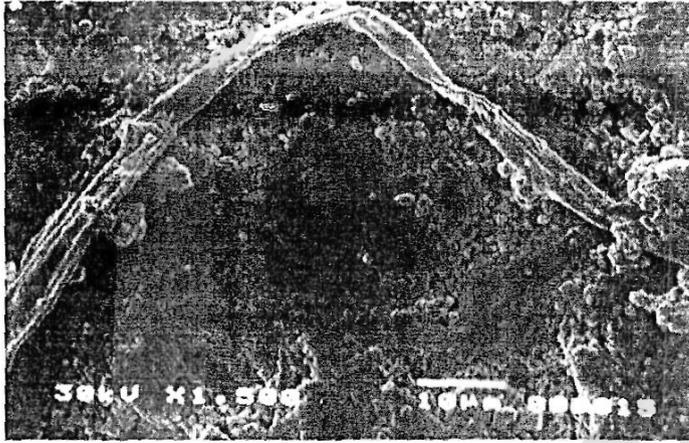


Figure-A: SEM photomicrograph showing the detailed structure of the algae that embedded in anhydrite.

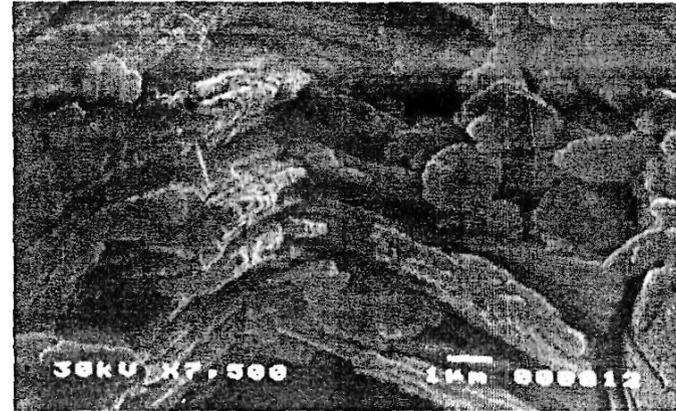


Figure-C: Close-up showing the deformation ruptured and brittle character of gypsum caused by compaction stress.

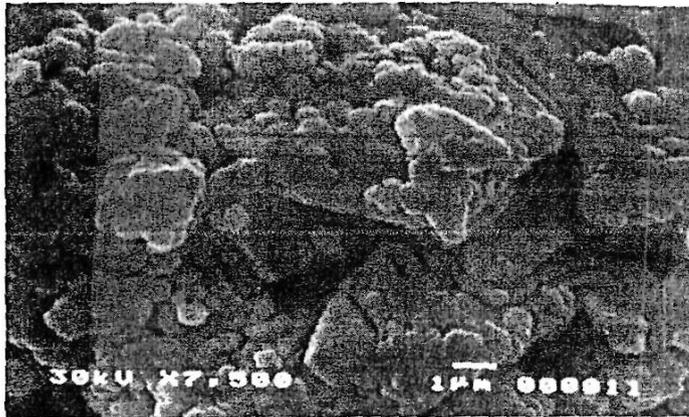


Figure-B: SEM photomicrograph displaying the microfolding and convolute texture of gypsum due to intensive deformation and voids as a result of dissolutions.



Figure-D: Photomicrograph large, interlocked, xenotopic granular gypsum crystals of silkside texture enclosing lime mud carbonates, which partly corroded gypsum, (N.C.).

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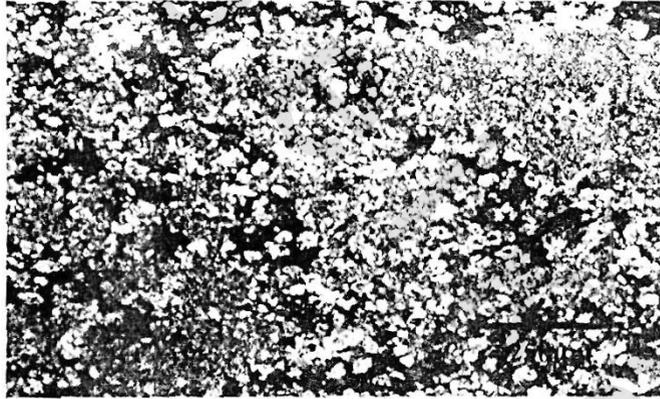


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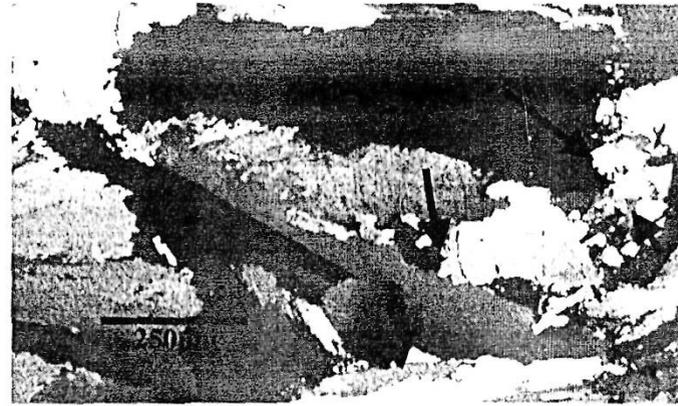


Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing a part of swallow-tail gypsum pseudomorph now anhydrite that brecciated and fragmented resulted in microcrystallization (arrows), (N.C.).

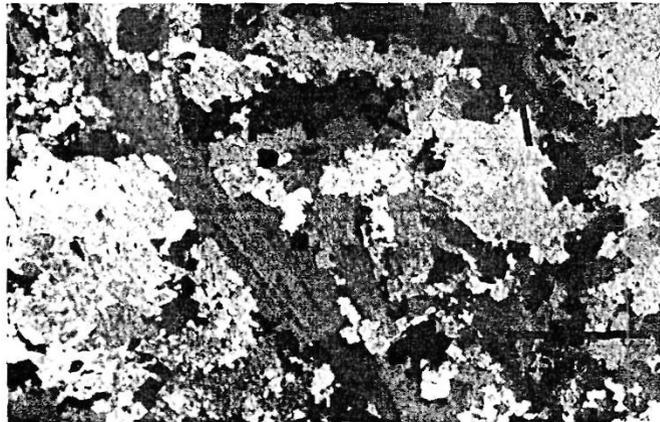


Figure-B: Photomicrograph showing xenotopic anhydrite contain a fracture filled by cloudy swallow tail secondary gypsum crystal and black clay streaks (arrows), (N.C.).

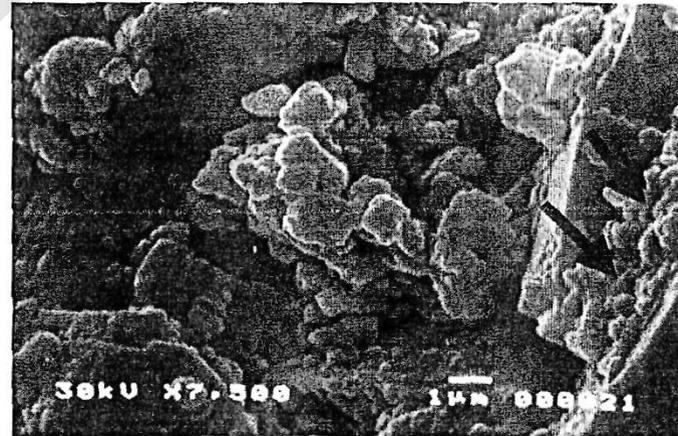


Figure-D: SEM photomicrograph displaying a rounded and folded gypsum nodules completely replaced by anhydrite and voids due to ionic radii difference as well as disintegration of swallow tail along the old cleavage (arrows)

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Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing felty, prismatic anhydrite enclosed gypsum crystals and marl spots rich in opaque organic material (arrows). (N.C.).

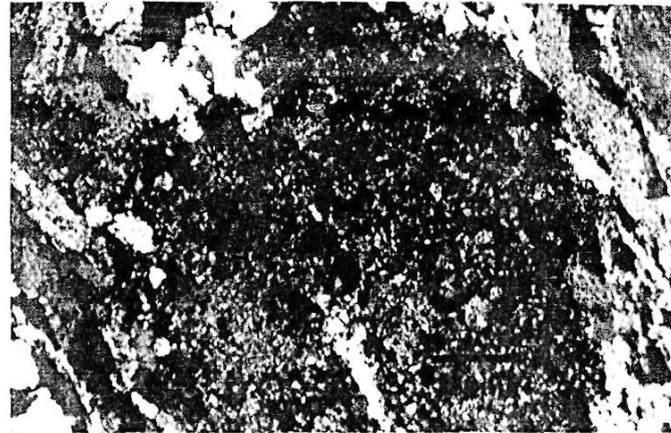


Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing the clay was rich in organic material and partly replaced by crystalline carbonate, (N.C.).

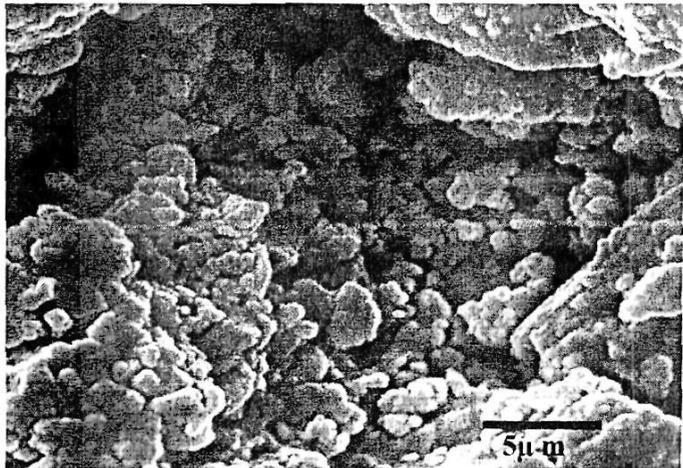


Figure-B: SEM photomicrograph displaying the complete alteration and disintegration of gypsum into anhydrite resulting in porosity due to ionic radii difference

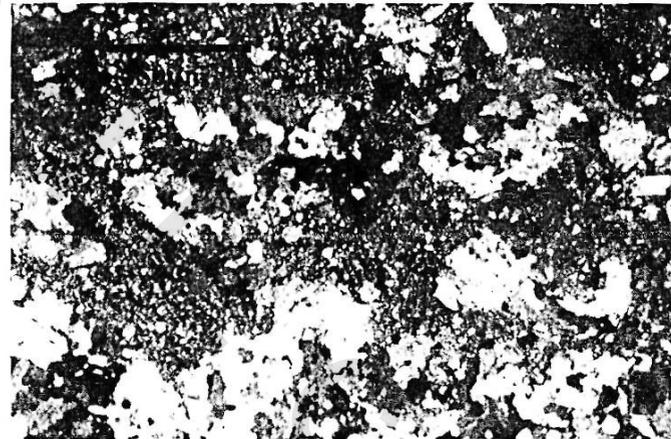


Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing the small isolated gypsum nodules hosted by clays that altered to crystalline carbonate, (N.C.).

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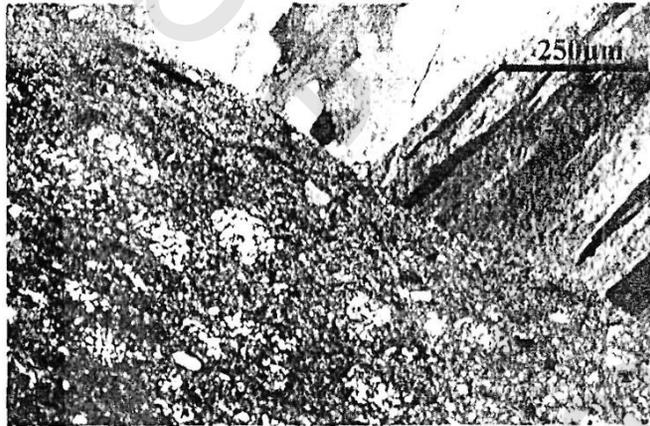


Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing a part of felty, fibrous gypsum fill fracture in evaporite sediments, (N.C.).

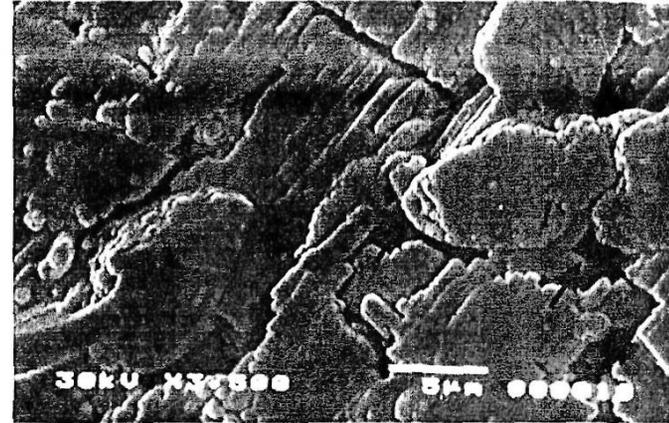


Figure-C: SEM photomicrograph showing a selenite crystal displayed a sign of deformation and dissolution (arrows) along the cleavage

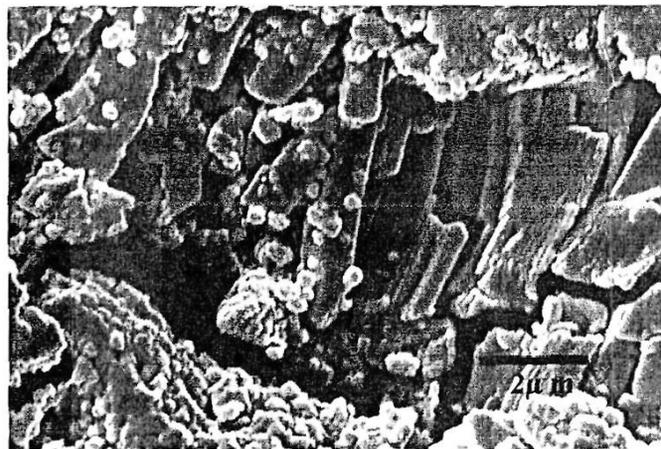


Figure-B: SEM photomicrograph displaying the fracture in massive anhydrite filled by straight, felty gypsum, which vertically oriented up on the fracture wall.

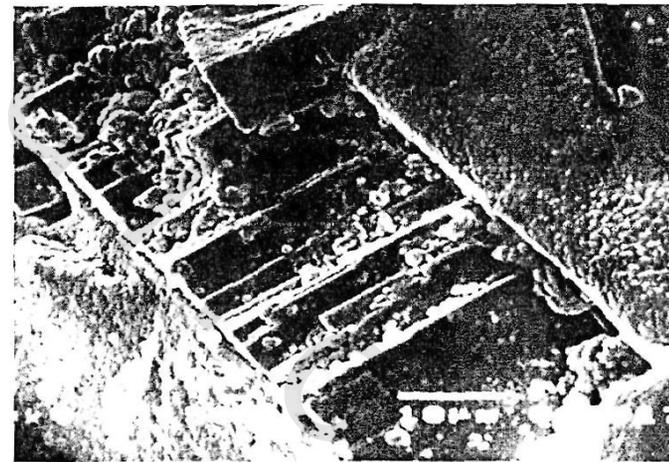


Figure-D: Close-up view showing a selenite fill fracture in anhydrite and display a sign of deformation due to compaction stress.

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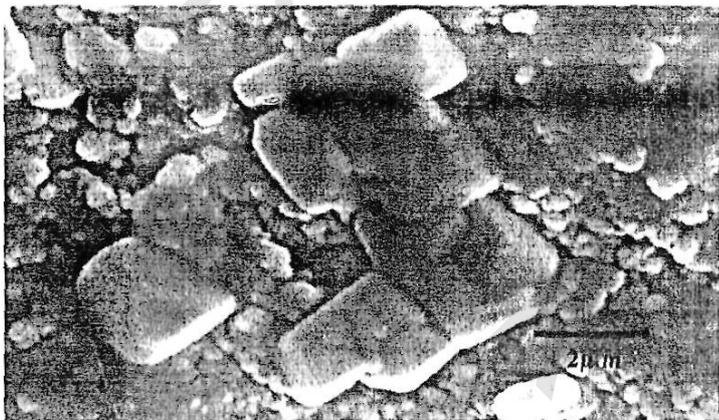


Figure-A: SEM photomicrograph showing deformed prismatic secondary gypsum due to pressure growth in massive anhydrite.

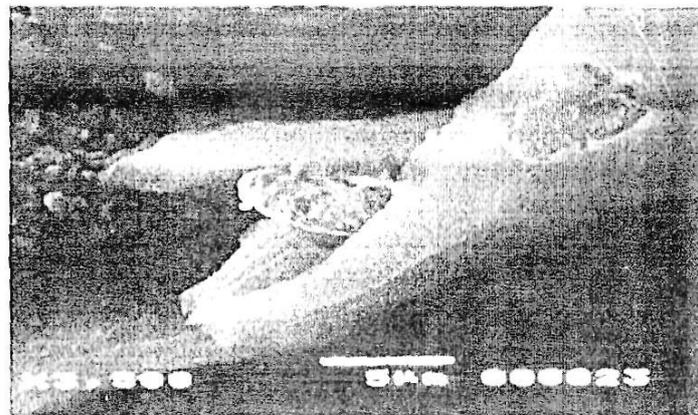


Figure-C: SEM photomicrograph showing the bio-mineralized algal retaining some original detailed of the organisms embedded in anhydrite

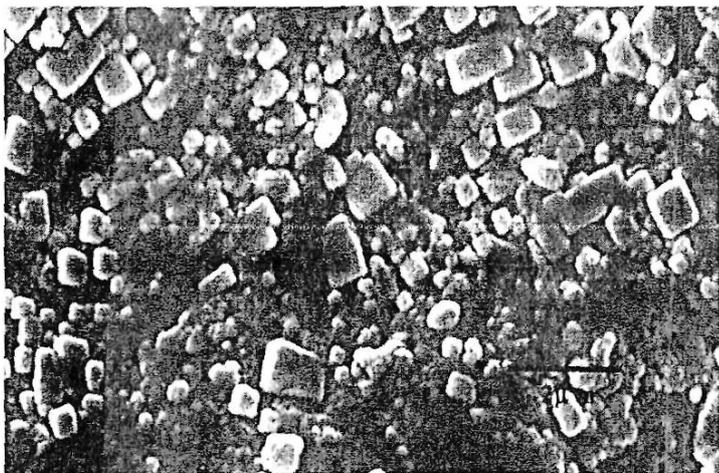


Figure-B: SEM photomicrograph displaying halite crystals replace and displace the anhydrite

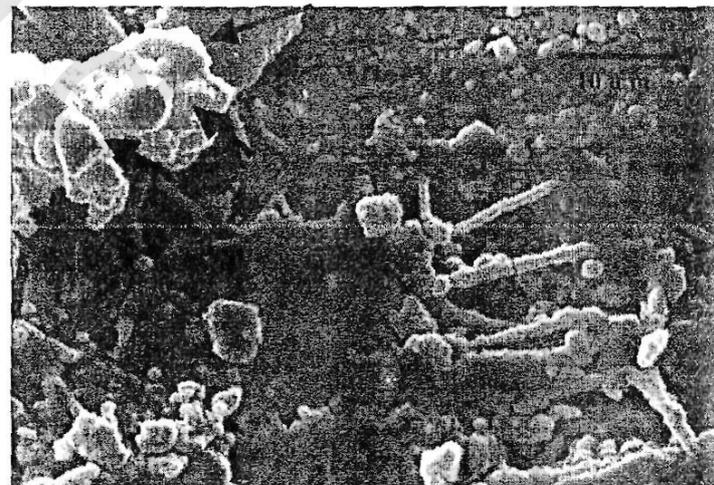


Figure-D: SEM photomicrograph showing the bio-mineralized algal matt as well as the microbial matt (Arrows) embedded in anhydrite

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Figure-A: SEM photomicrograph showing the bio-mineralized biocapsule retaining some original detailed of the organisms embedded in anhydrite

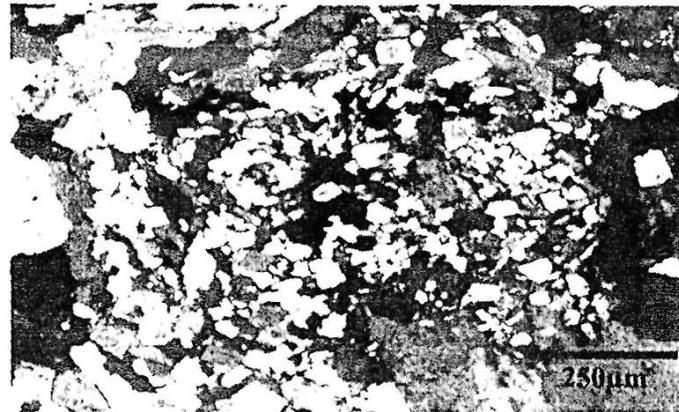


Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing a anhydrite nodule composed of xenotopic prism in association of anhydrite granules, (N.C.).

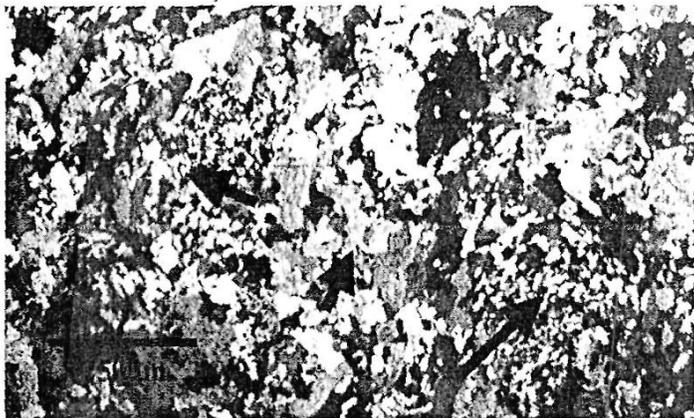


Figure-B: photomicrograph showing anhydrite nodules composed of microcrystalline anhydrite aggregates engulfed gypsum relics (arrows) in association with xenotopic anhydrite lathes, (N.C.).

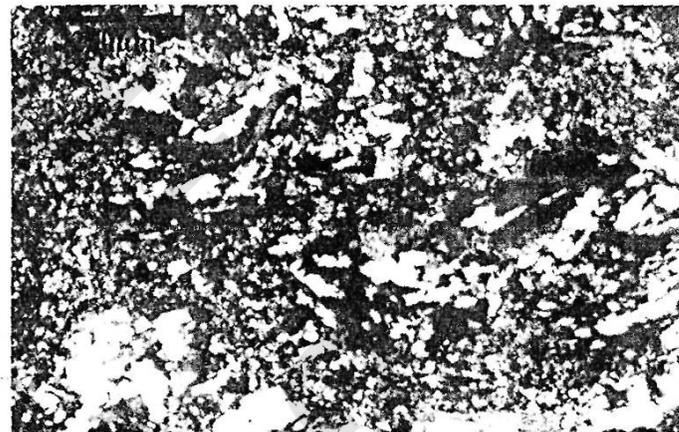


Figure-D : Photomicrograph showing anhydrite nodule composed of felty crystals displayed sweeping color character hosted by crystalline carbonate enriched in black and opaque organic rich materials, (C.N.).

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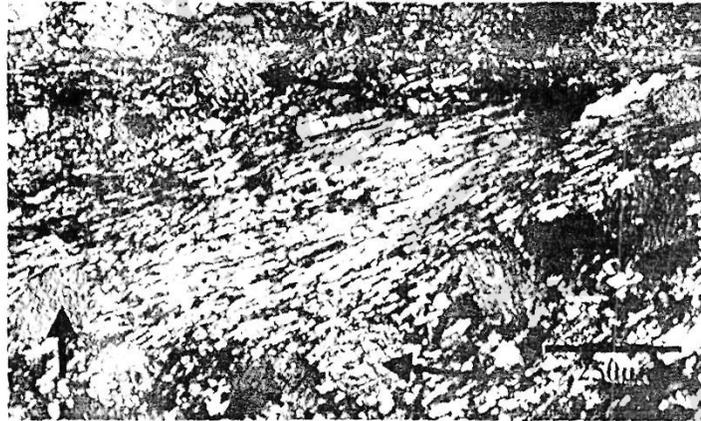


Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing aligned, fibrous, anhydrite of sweeping character replacing algal remains and calcite xenomorphic texture replace the former evaporite nodules (arrows), (N.C.).

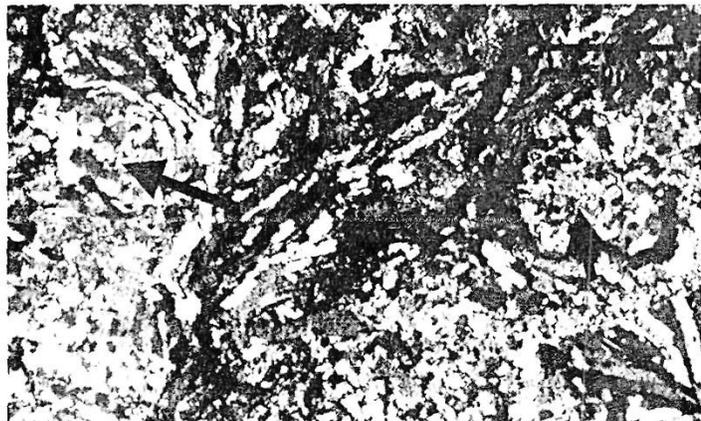


Figure-B: Photomicrograph showing calcite xenomorphic texture replace and corroded the former evaporite nodules (arrows), (N.C.).

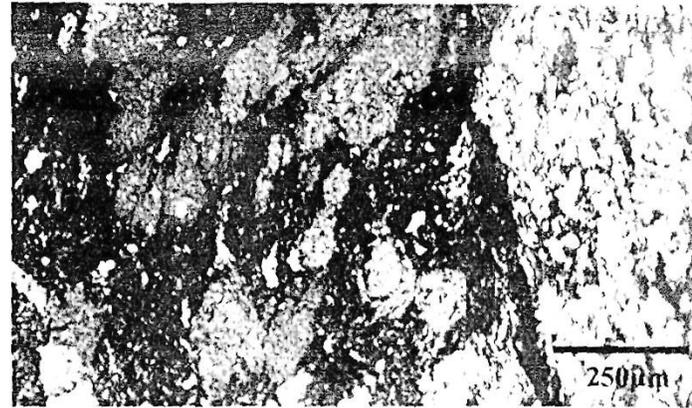


Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing dissected and elongated gypsum nodules floating in clays rich in organic material and interlaminated with dense massive anhydrite laminae of sweeping color, (N.C.).

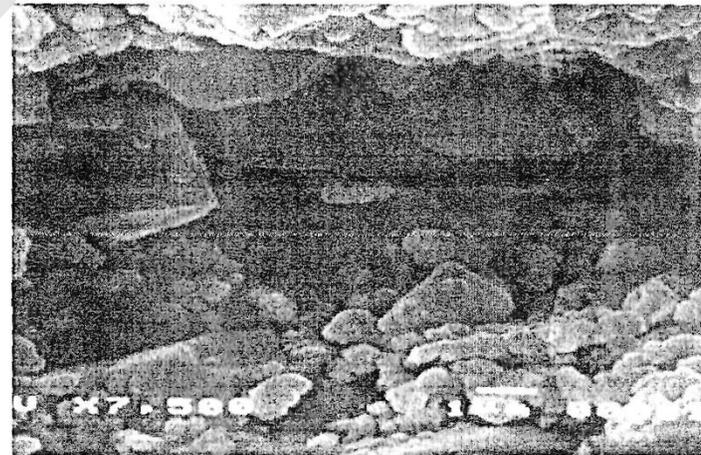


Figure-D: SEM photomicrograph showing fine grained anhydrite is interlaminated with idiopathic prismatic gypsum.

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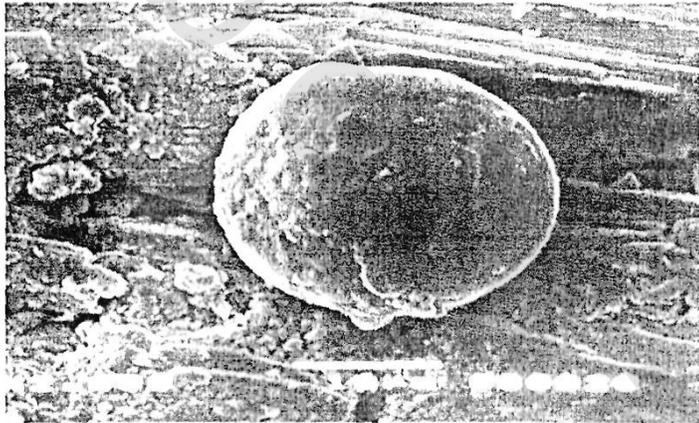


Figure-A: SEM photomicrograph showing bio-mineralized biocapsule that retain the external feature of the original organism embedded in evaporite sediments

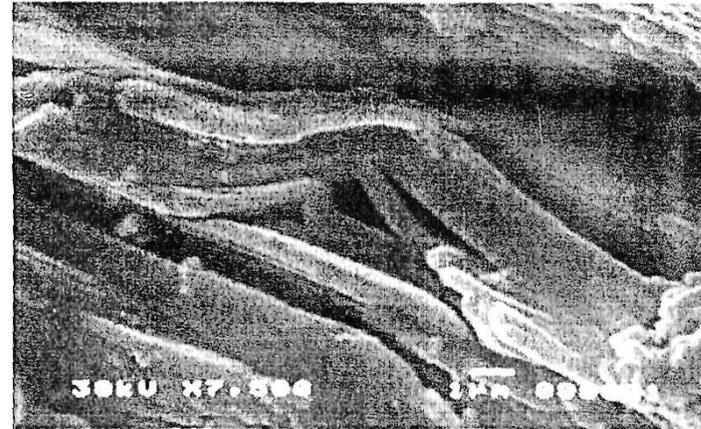


Figure-C: SEM photomicrograph displaying a large selenite that filled voids show a sign of deformation and ductile character due to compaction deformation.

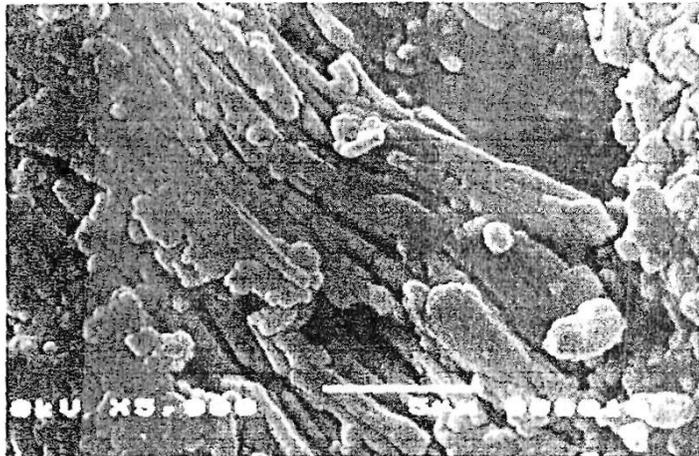


Figure-D: SEM photomicrograph displaying a large selenite that filled voids show a sign of deformation and ductile character due to compaction deformation.



Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing small anhydrite nodules, which made of xenotopic crystals, are floating in microcrystalline evaporite lathes partly corroded by carbonate, (N.C.).

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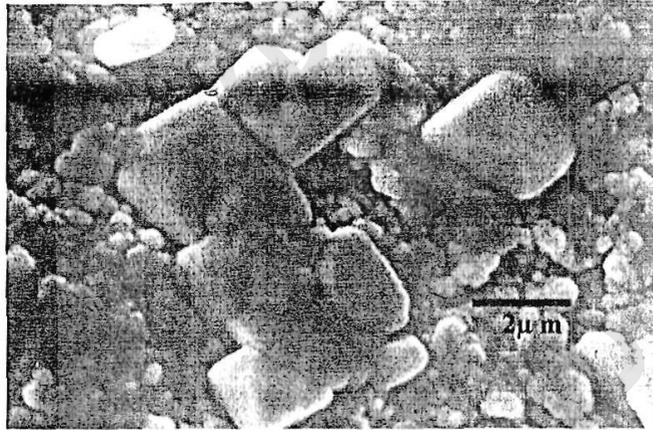


Figure-A: SEM photomicrograph showing deformed prismatic secondary gypsum due to pressure growth in massive anhydrite.

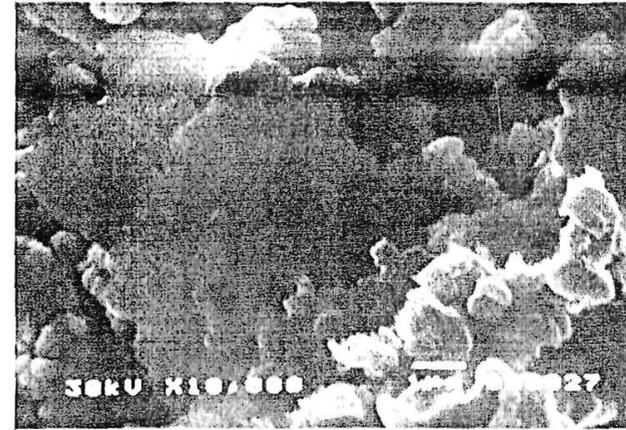


Figure-C: SEM photomicrograph show the microbial matt embedded in evaporite nodule

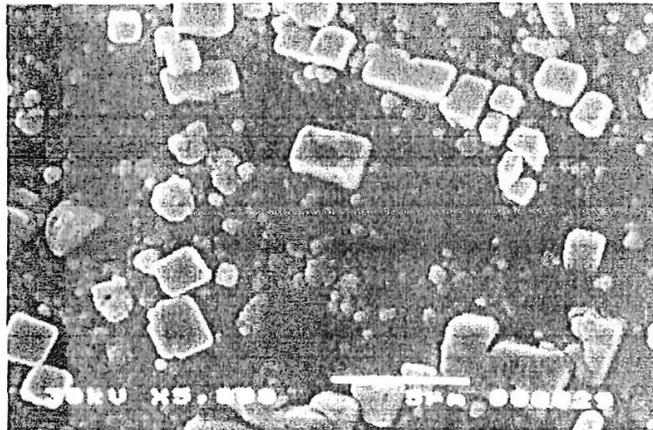


Figure-B: Close-up displaying halite crystals displaying different size, which replacing the gypsum suggesting the hypersaline condition of the depositional regime.

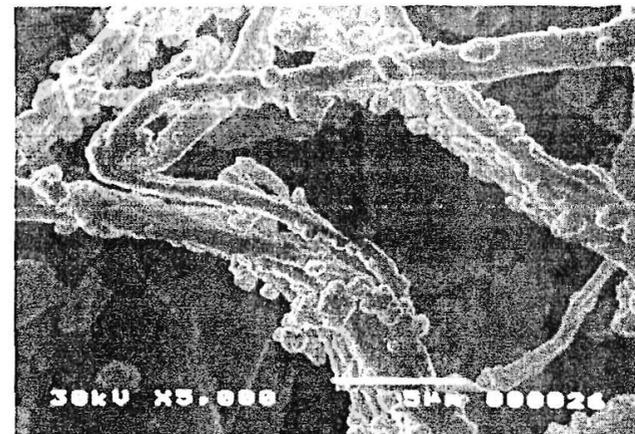


Figure-D: Close-up view show the detailed structure of algae embedded in the evaporite nodule.

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Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing a part of small isolated anhydrite nodule floating in microcrystalline gypsum forming lathes. NB. The dense, opaque and black organic rich material occupying the intercrystalline spaces(arrows), (N.C.).

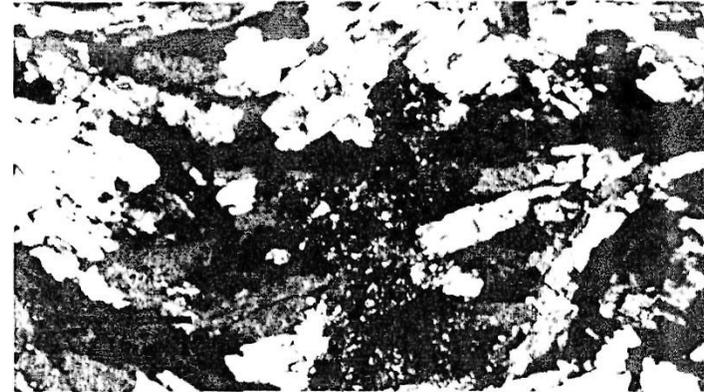


Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing xenotopic anhydrite of sweeping color character engulfed crystalline carbonates in association with black,dense organic rich, (N.C.).

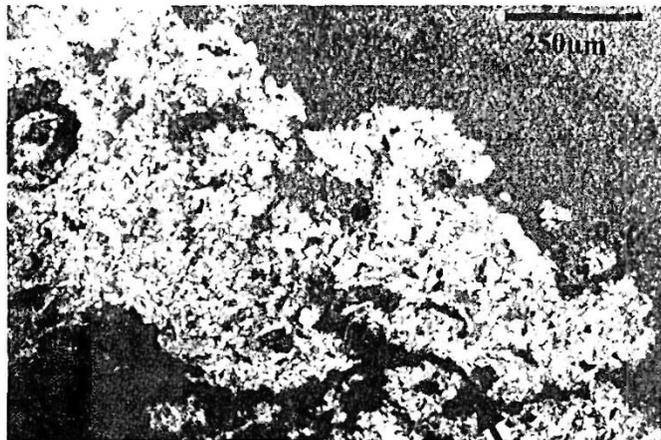


Figure-B: Photomicrograph showing a part of small packed anhydrite nodule floating carbonate mud forming the host sediments. NB. The dense, opaque and black organic rich material occupying the intercrystalline spaces(arrows) , (N.C.).



Figure-D : Photomicrograph displaying xenotopic anhydrite and the narrow fractures filled by swallow-tail secondary gypsum , (N.C.).

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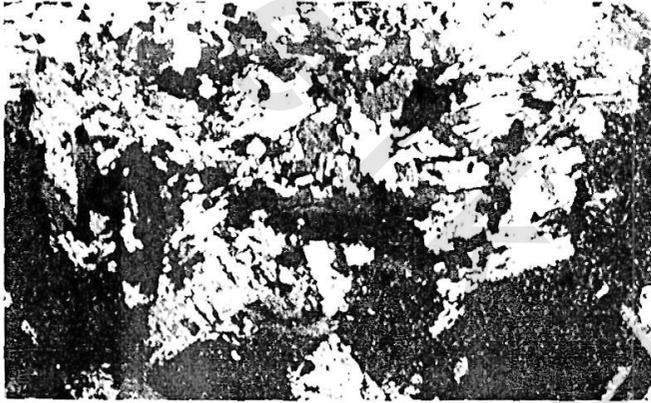


Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing felty, straight, prismatic gypsum / anhydrite that interlaminated with clays, which partly corroded by carbonate and rich in dense and black organic rich materials, (N.C.).

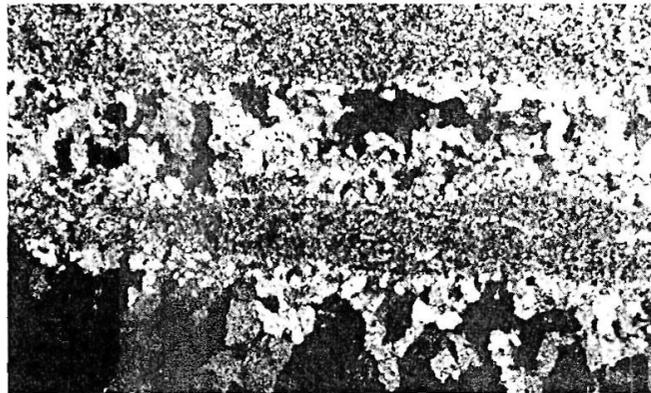


Figure-B: Photomicrograph showing a part of veins filled by felty, straight gypsum in lime mud carbonates, (N.C.).



Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing a part of large irregular, cloudy xenotopic gypsum crystals contains solid inclusions (anhydrite) and engulfed dark, opaque organic rich material, (N.C.).

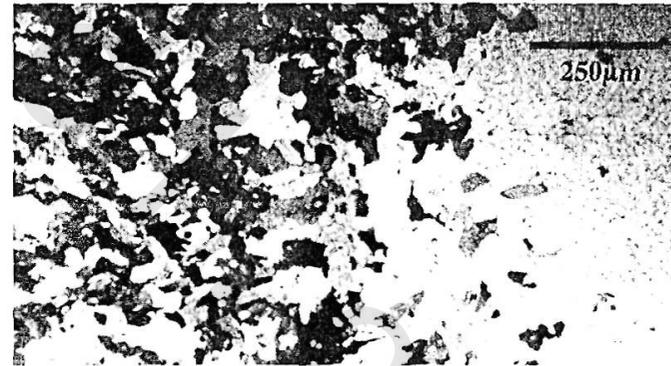


Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing a part of large irregular, cloudy xenotopic gypsum crystal disintegrated into fine crystalline secondary gypsum, (C.N.).

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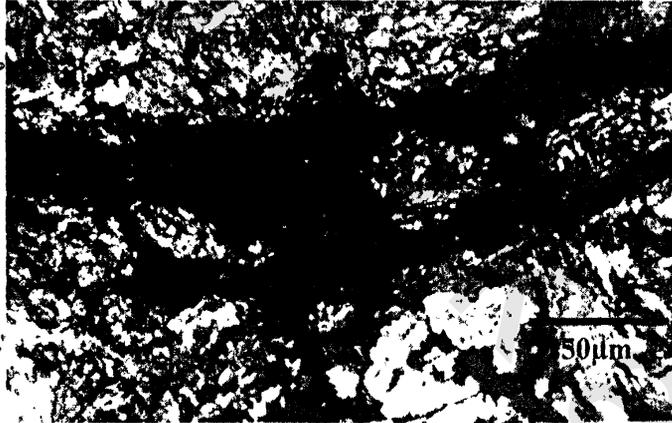


Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing the clay streaks enriched in black, dense and opaque organic matter, (N.C.).

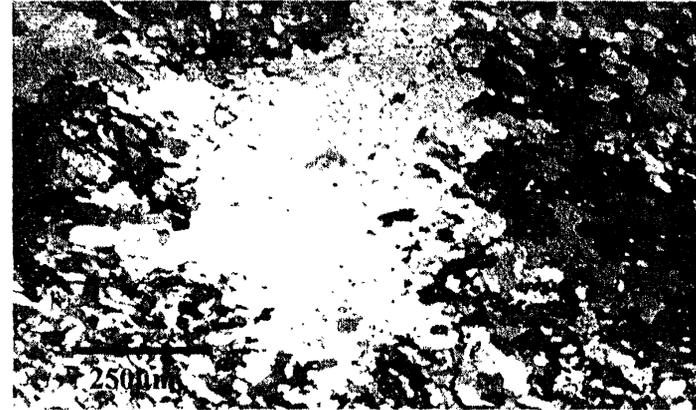


Figure-C: Photomicrograph shows a large , cloudy, irregular boundaries gypsum crystal that forming nodule, floating into xenotopic granular gypsum lathes, (N.C.).

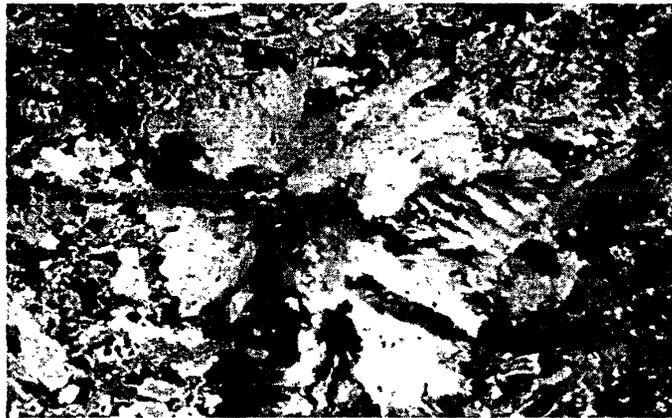


Figure-B: Photomicrograph shows amebiod secondary gypsum fill vugs in anhydrite , (N.C.).



Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing large, xenotopic, agglutinated gypsum crystals brecciated and disintegrated into secondary felty anhydrite with directional strain due to compaction stress , (N.C.).

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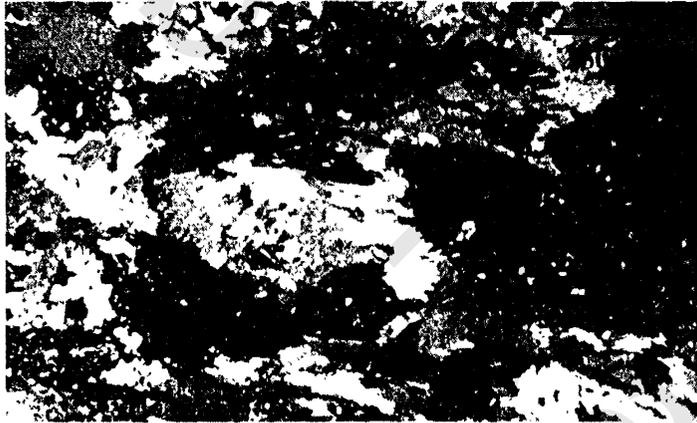


Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing intermixed , brecciated xenotopic gypsum that partly altered into anhydrite due to rotational strain with compaction that led to admixture of terrigenous material rich in organic rich material to interfere with brecciated gypsum form interlocked pattern, (N.C.).

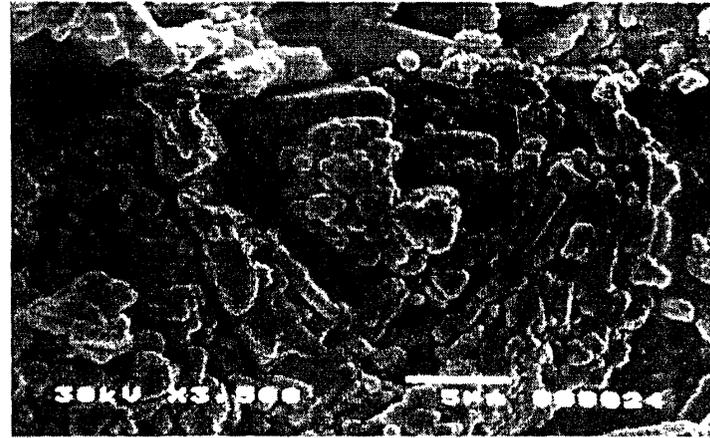


Figure-C: SEM photomicrograph displaying the detailed structure of gypsum nodule that show sign of folded deformation , dissolution and transformation into anhydrite with clear sign of forming larger composite nodules due to rotational stress

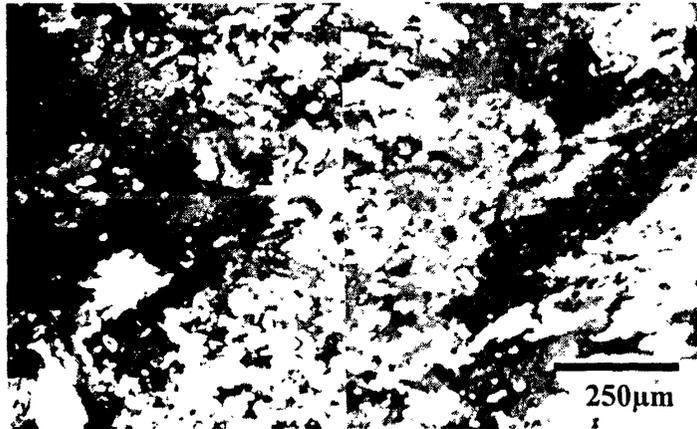


Figure-B: Photomicrograph showing xenotopic agglutinated gypsum crystals brecciated into felty anhydrite display an sweep color due to the strain effect enclosed clay streaks rich in organic matter due rotational strain and compaction, (N.C.).

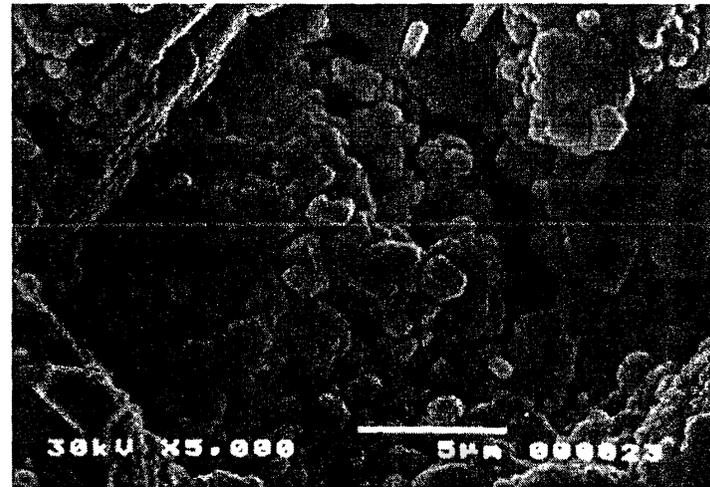


Figure-D: SEM photomicrograph the replacement of gypsum nodules by fine anhydrite resulted in an increasing of porosity due to ionic difference radii

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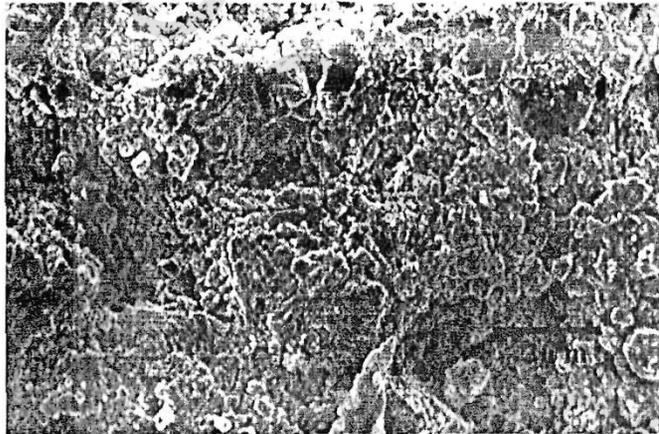


Figure-A: SEM photomicrograph displaying compact fabric of nodular texture style displayed by fine grained gypsum aggregates .

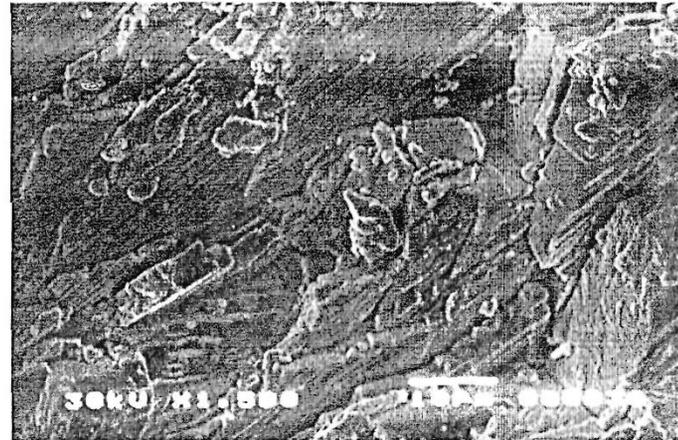


Figure-C: SEM photomicrograph showing gypsum crystals have been grown in multidirectional directions due to compaction.

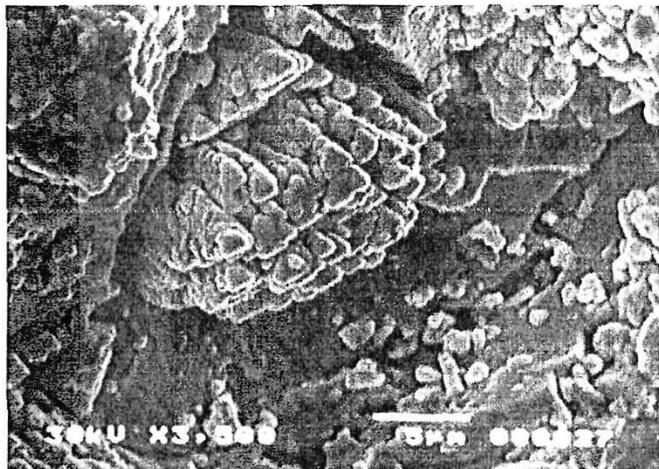


Figure-B: SEM photomicrograph showing bundle (compressed) prismatic secondary anhydrite after gypsum due to deformation stress

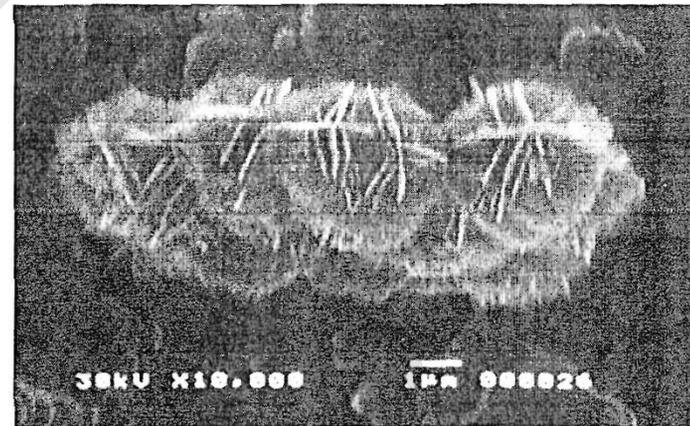


Figure-D: SEM photomicrograph showing the composite lenticular anhydrite as a bio-product of biocapsule embedded in gypsum

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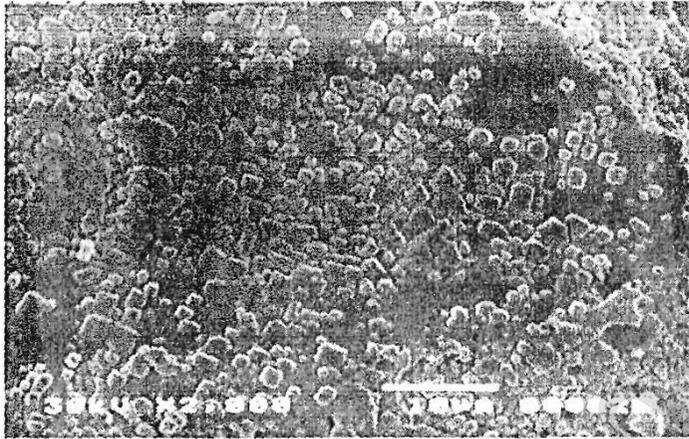


Figure-A: SEM photomicrograph showing the extensive replacement of gypsum by halite crystals of different sizes.

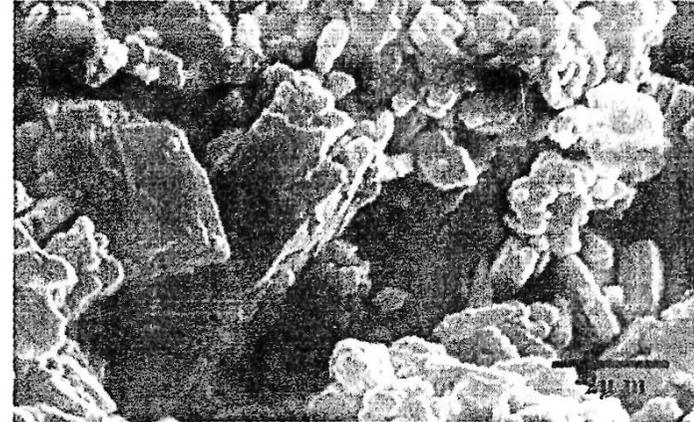


Figure-C: SEM photomicrograph representing the alteration steps between gypsum and anhydrite, which replace the first former. NB. Pattern displayed at the periphery part left cracks representing voids due to ionic radii.

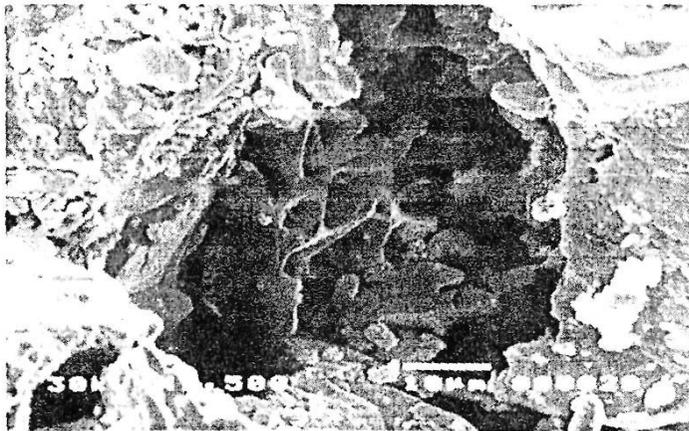


Figure-B: Close-up view the dissolution pattern of gypsum resulted from alteration of gypsum into anhydrite led to increasing the porosity

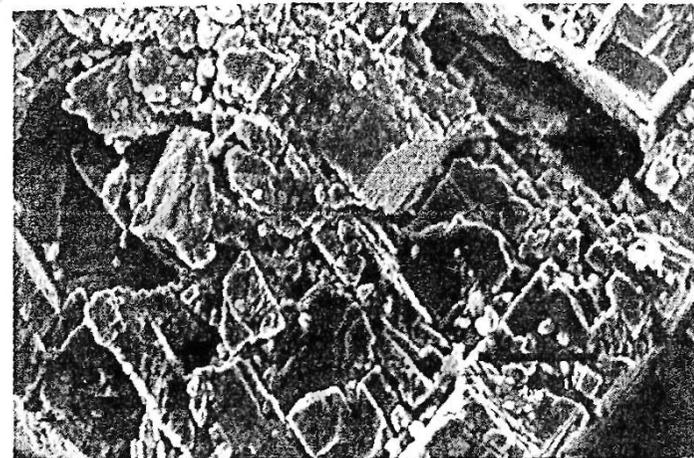


Figure-D: SEM photomicrograph showing the brecciation pattern that displayed by halite due to cubic intersection pattern

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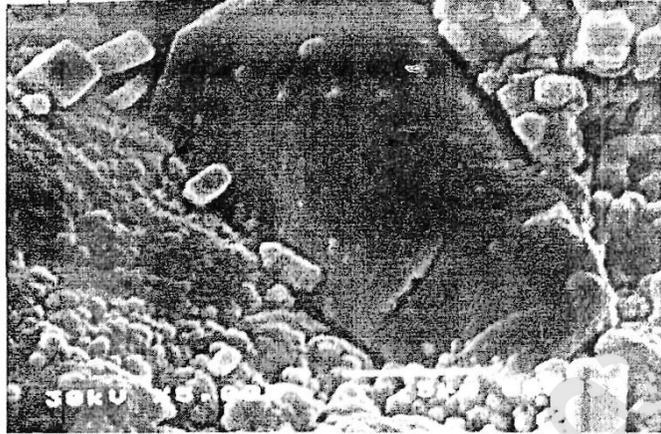


Figure- A: SEM photomicrograph displayed a large secondary gypsum filling cavity in evaporite and small replacive halite crystals



Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing the black, opaque organic rich material enclosed by the interlocked anhydrite crystals. Plane Polarized Light (P.L.L.)

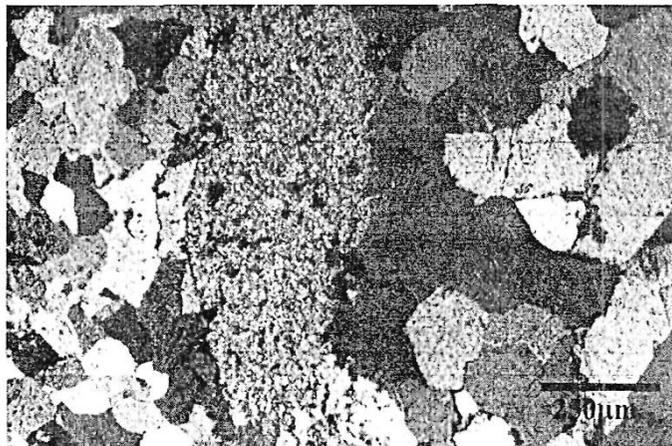


Figure-B: Photomicrograph showing gypsum pseudomorph of equigranular sized particles displaying interlocked textured (foam Textured), which alternating with micritic sized terrigenous material rich in organic matter. (N.C.).

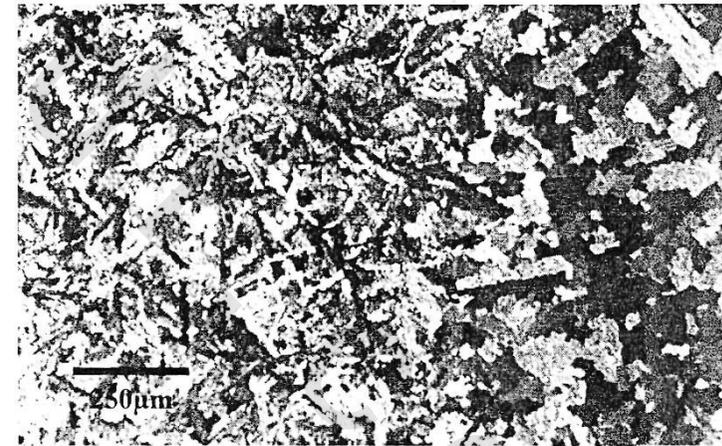


Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing xenotopic , prismatic anhydrite brecciated into felty epigenetic anhydrite with sweeping color character, (N.C.).

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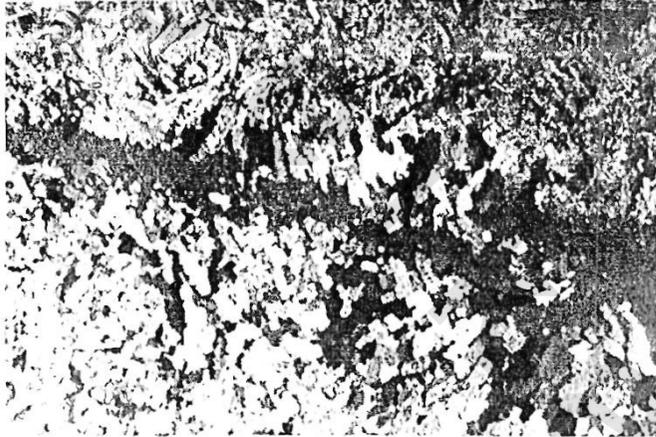


Figure-A: Photomicrograph the terrigenous material rich in organic matter occupying the inter spaces, (N.C.).

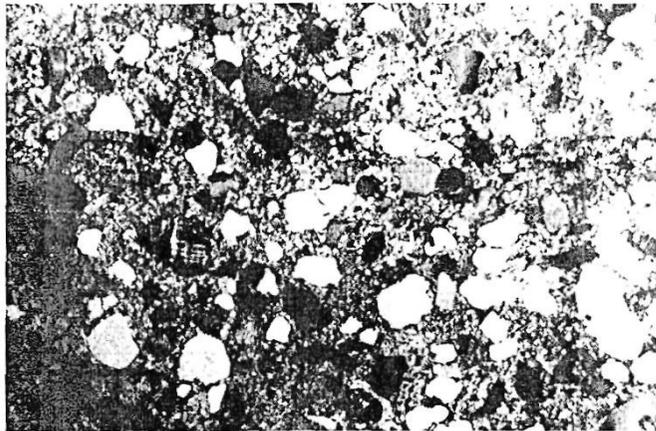


Figure-B: Photomicrograph showing pseudomorph gypsarenite now anhydrite composed of sand size, angular, poorly sorted gypsum, quartz, feldspars and rock fragments embedded in microsparite matrix, (N.C.).

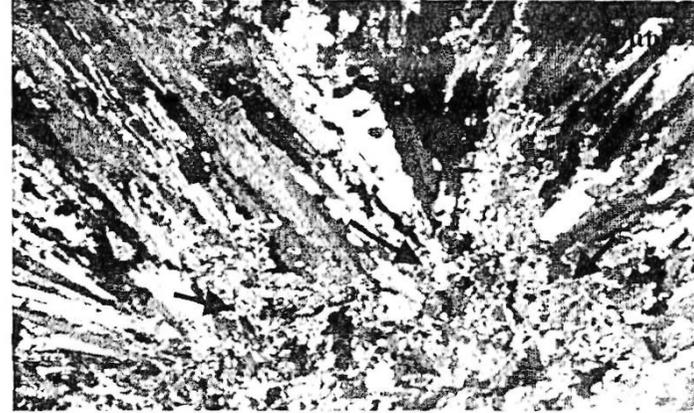


Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing the radial arrangement of fibrous anhydrite crystals that forming stellate structure. NB: the brecciation into crystalline aggregates (arrows), (N.C.).

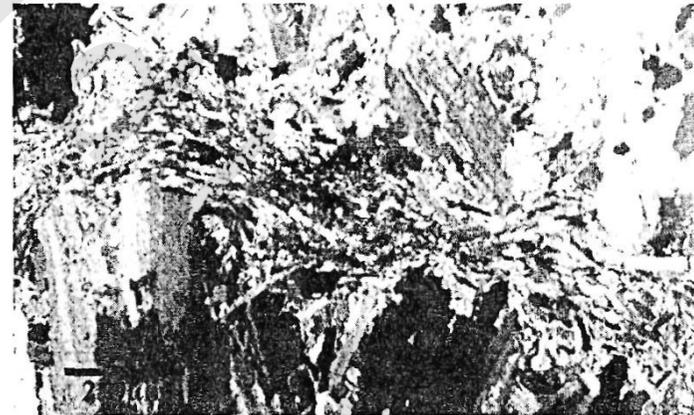


Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing a part of stellate structure of anhydrite fibrous crystals and aligned fibrous anhydrite lath that displayed a crenulated and wavy layer, (N.C.).

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Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing the dense, black and opaque organic rich material enclosed in intercrystalline spaces, (N.C.).

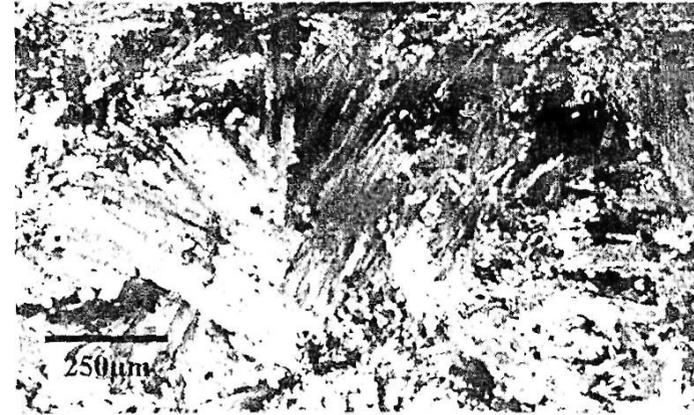


Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing swallow-tail secondary gypsum fill vugs in anhydrite, (N.C.).

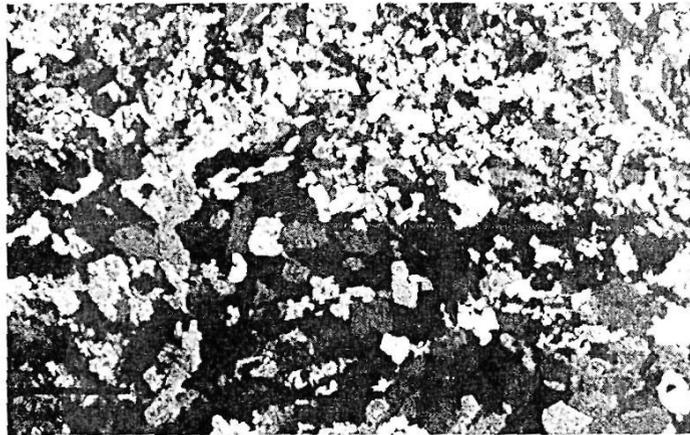


Figure-B: Photomicrograph showing prismatic anhydrite with gypsum crystals grade up into microcrystalline anhydrite of sweeping color engulfed gypsum relics, (N.C.).

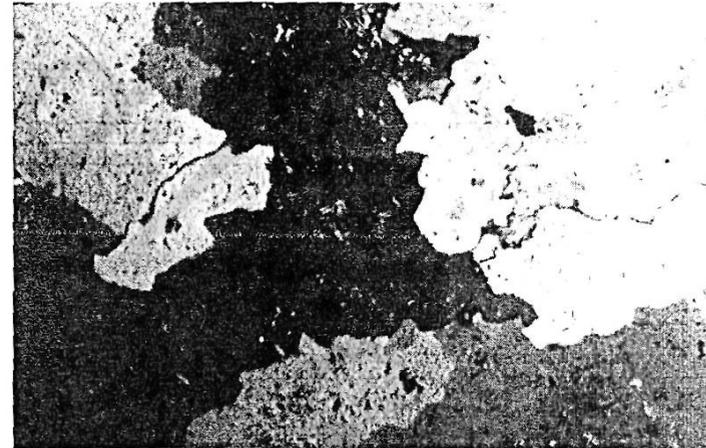


Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing a large, interlocked, xenotopic gypsum crystals of silkside texture enclosed anhydrite relics which indicating their epigenetic origin, (N.C.).

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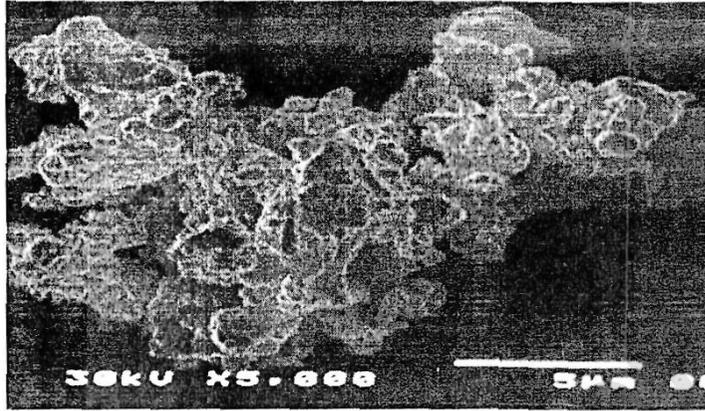


Figure-A: SEM photomicrograph displaying bio-mineralized microbial mat embedded in gypsum



Figure-C: SEM photomicrograph showing the brecciated pattern that displayed by prismatic gypsum crystals due to compaction stress

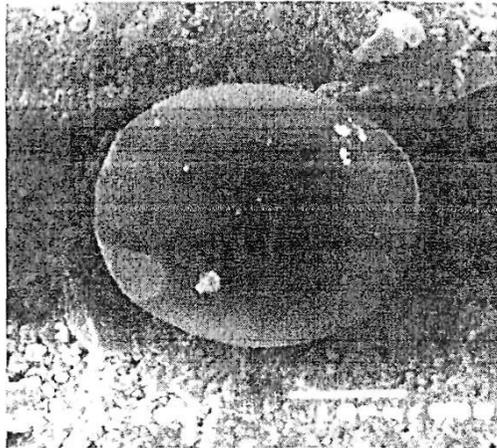


Figure-B: SEM photomicrograph showing the bio-mineralized biocapsule embedded in gypsum sediments



Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing xenotopic agglutinated gypsum brecciated into fibrous, felty anhydrite of sweeping color due to compression strain, (N.C.).

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Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing irregular corroded gypsum pseudomorph fill fracture in prismatic anhydrite, (N.C.).

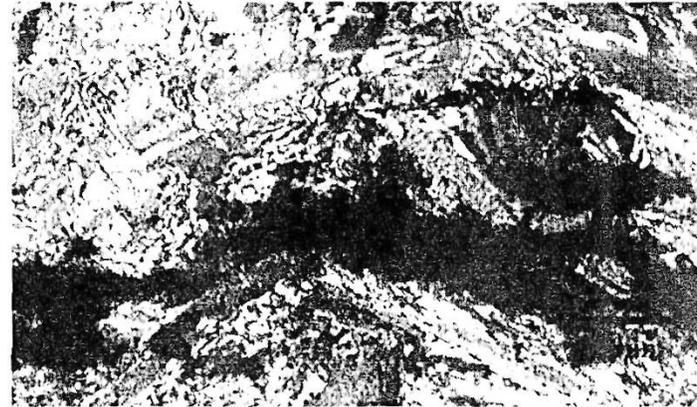


Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing the black, opaque and dense organic matter occupying the inter crystalline spaces of anhydrite prisms crystals, (N.C.).

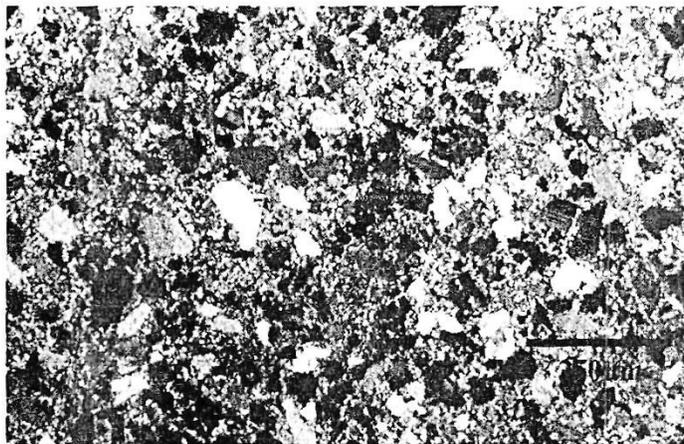


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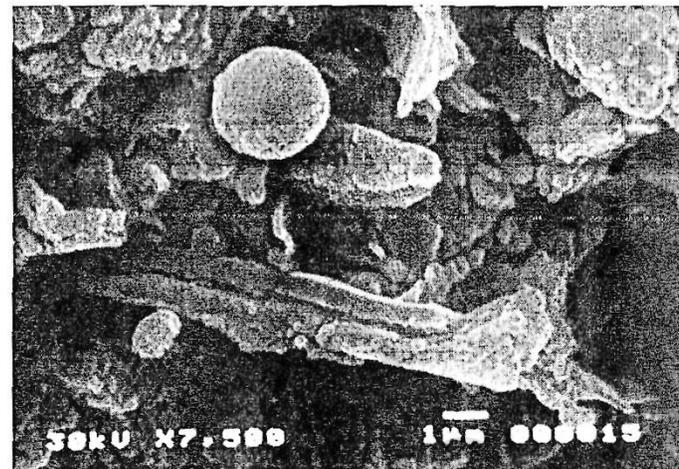


Figure-D: SEM photomicrograph displaying microbial matt of spheroid-shaped and mineralized algae embedded in anhydrite sediments

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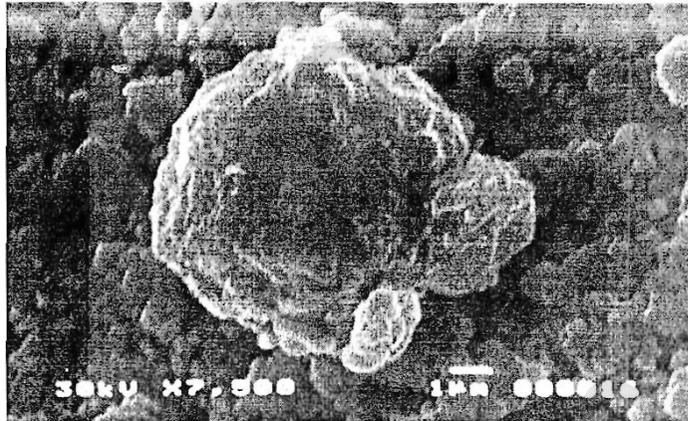


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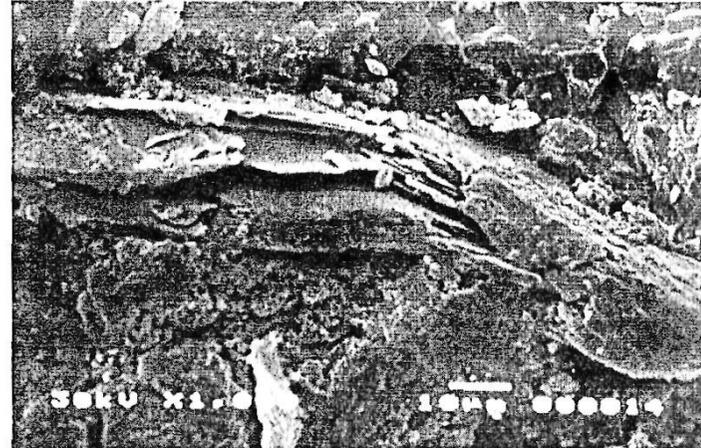


Figure-C: SEM photomicrograph displaying a small veins filled by xenotopic selenite crystal

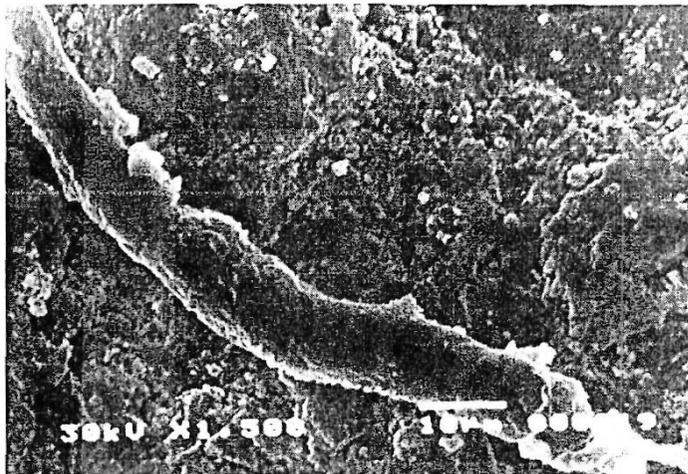


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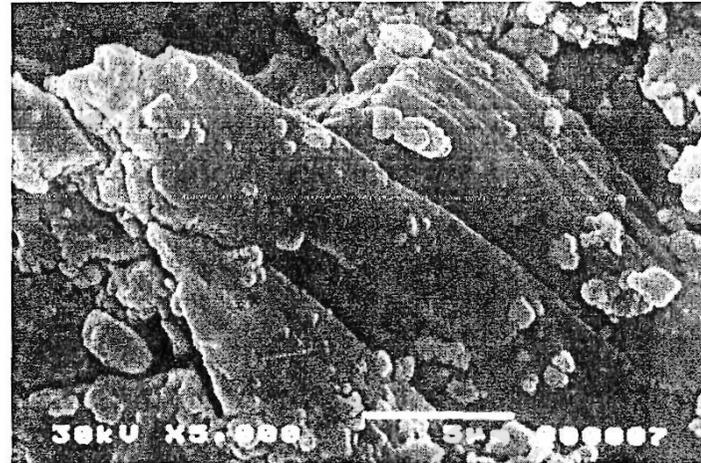


Figure-D: SEM photomicrograph displaying a small vugs filled by xenotopic selenite crystal displaying disintegration into fine anhydrite.

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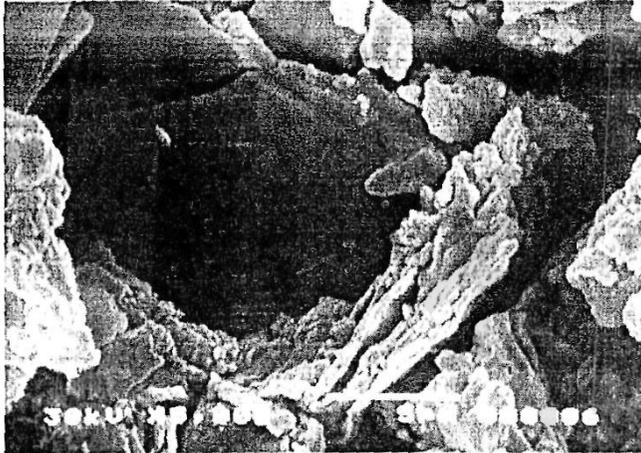


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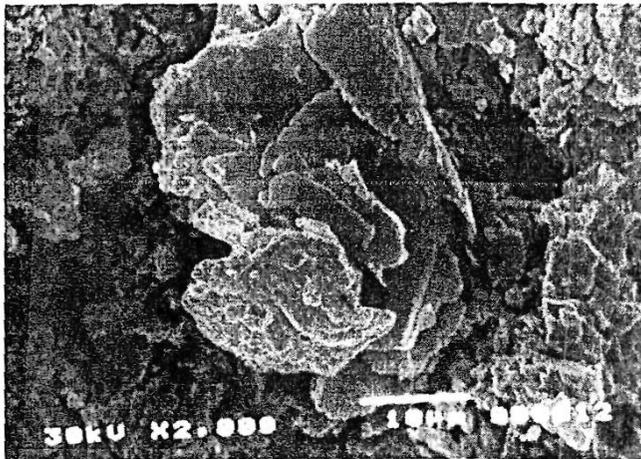


Figure-B: SEM photomicrograph showing bio-mineralized organic remains embedded in gypsum sediments

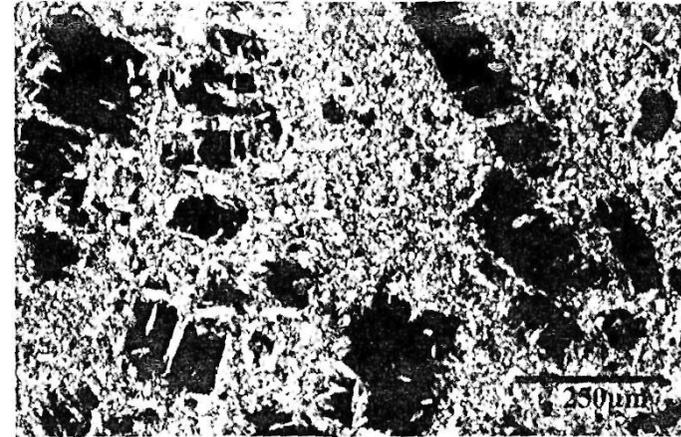


Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing irregular, step shaped of unfilled molds after halite dissolution in non-oriented felty epigenetic anhydrite, (N.C.).

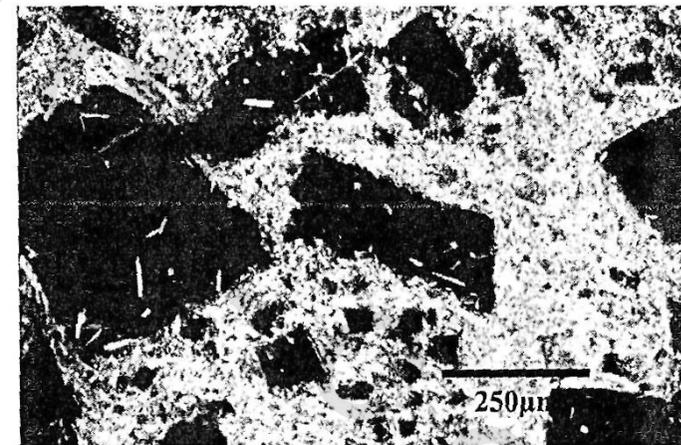


Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing irregular, step shaped of unfilled molds after halite dissolution in non-oriented felty epigenetic anhydrite, (N.C.).

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Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing xenotopic anhydrite granule engulfed gypsum prismatic crystals. (N.C.).

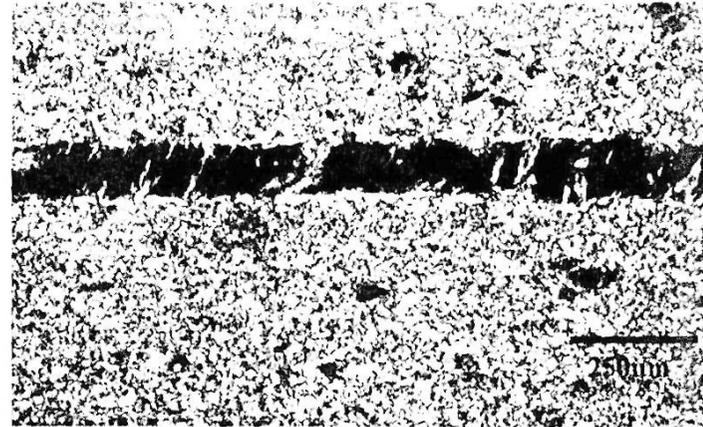


Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing the unfilled mold after dissolution of the pre-existing halite raft in anhydrite sediments. (C.N.).

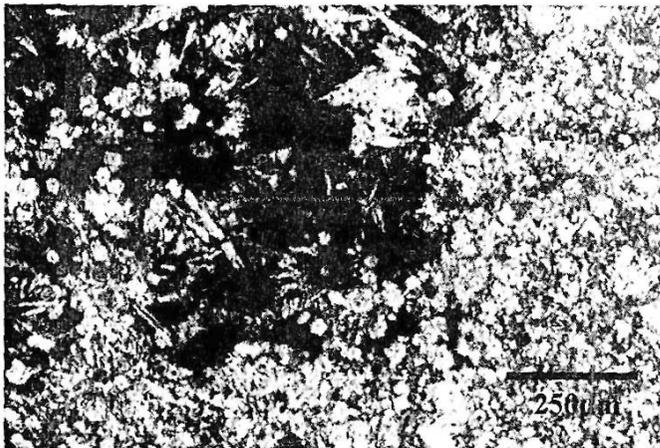


Figure-B: Photomicrograph showing randomly oriented fibrous gypsum partly corroded by xenomorphic calcite textured. (N.C.).

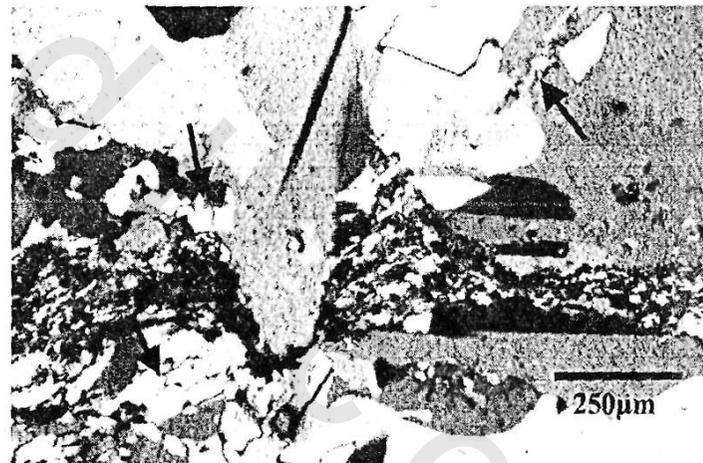


Figure-D: Photomicrograph representing the deformation features as brecciated and disintegration of large gypsum pseudomorph now anhydrite crystal into microcrystalline secondary gypsum aggregates (arrows), (N.C.).

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Figure-A: Photomicrograph showing large, interlocked gypsum pseudomorph gypsum displaying the irregular and deformed boundaries due to pressure growth, (N.C.).

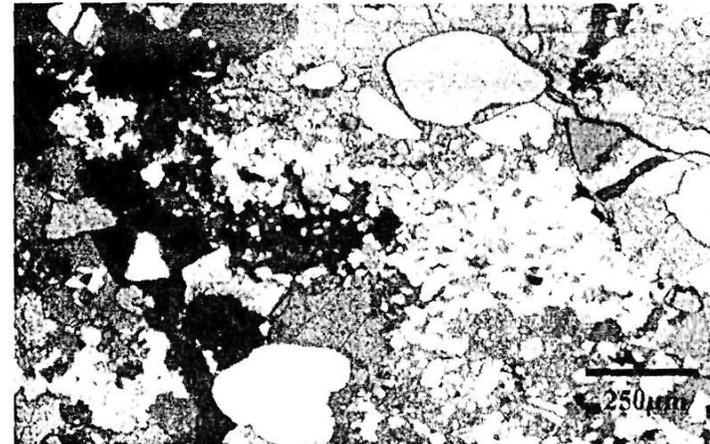


Figure-C: Photomicrograph showing the black, opaque and dense organic rich material occupied the intercrystalline spaces of anhydrite. NB: The sand size, angular terrigenous clast (quartz) draped in anhydrite, (N.C.).

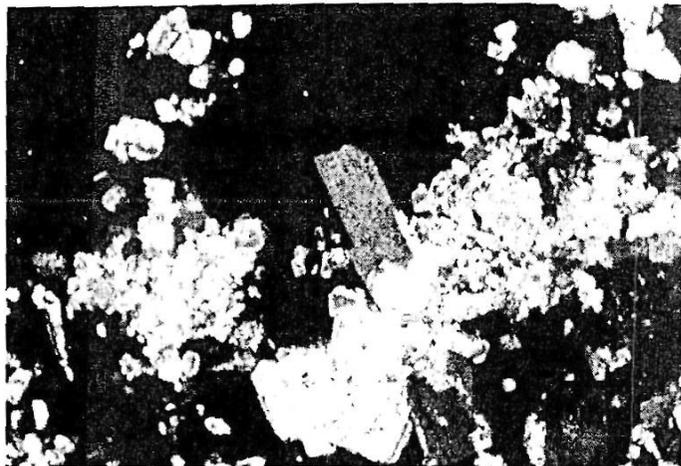


Figure-B: Photomicrograph showing xenotopic anhydrite engulfed prismatic gypsum relics with void mold probably due to the dissolution of pre-existing halite, (N.C.).

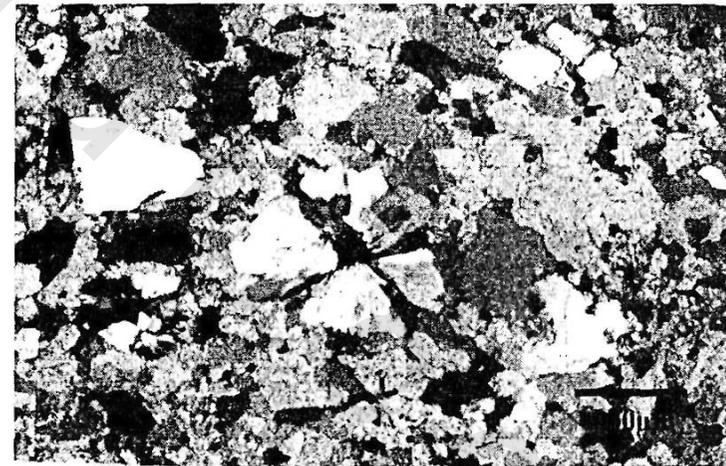


Figure-D: Photomicrograph showing amebioid secondary gypsum filled vugs and terrigenous clast which indicating uplifting and land input, (N.C.).

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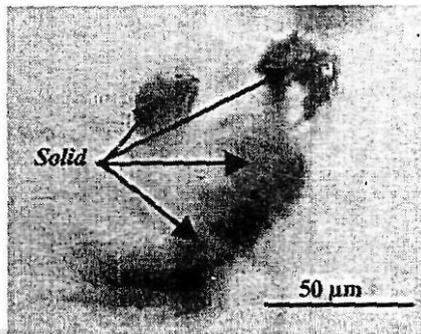


Figure 1A: Dark, organic solid inclusions of rounded shape in gypsum crystal

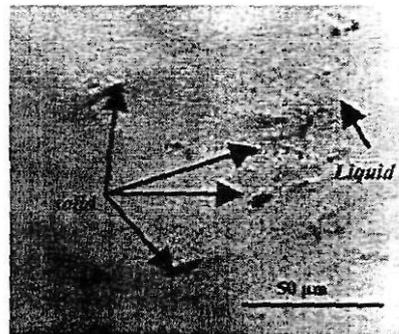


Figure -1B: Black, solid, organic residue inclusion with liquid hydrocarbon in anhydrite

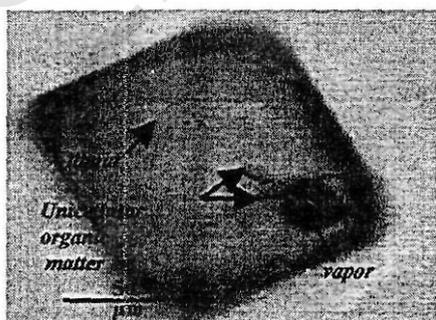


Figure -2: Solid, unicellular organic matter (cyanobacteria) with vapor and liquid inclusions

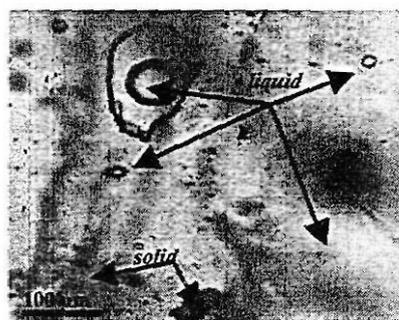


Figure-1C: Liquid hydrocarbon inclusion filled cavity and black organic matter solid inclusion in gypsum crystal

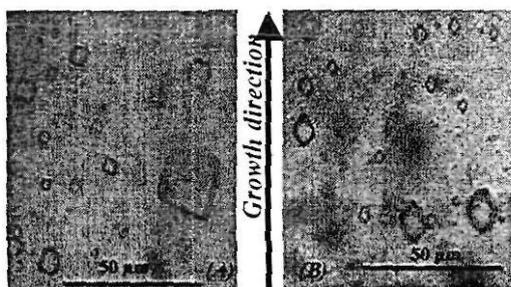


Figure-3: primary fluid inclusions (single-phase) arranged in plane parallel to the growth direction of host crystals. The inclusions are different in size (a&b) and become brown during the melting indicating the formation of a minerals (b)

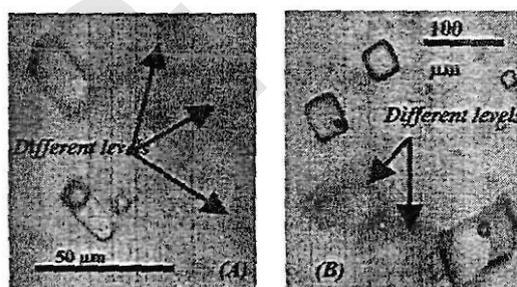


Figure-4: single phase (liquid) inclusions with negative form. NB: the inclusions at different levels within the host crystal and the vapor formed artificially freezing

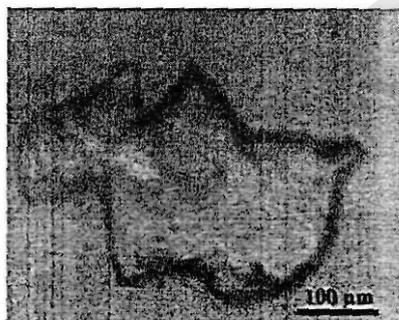
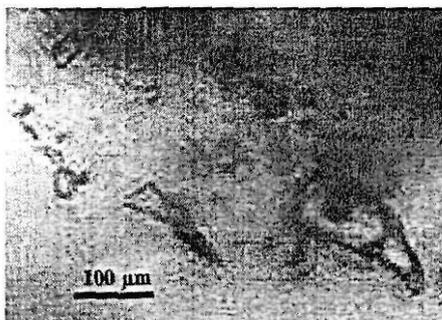


Figure-5: Cavity filled with liquid Inclusions (single- phase) (A&B) and hydrocarbons (A)

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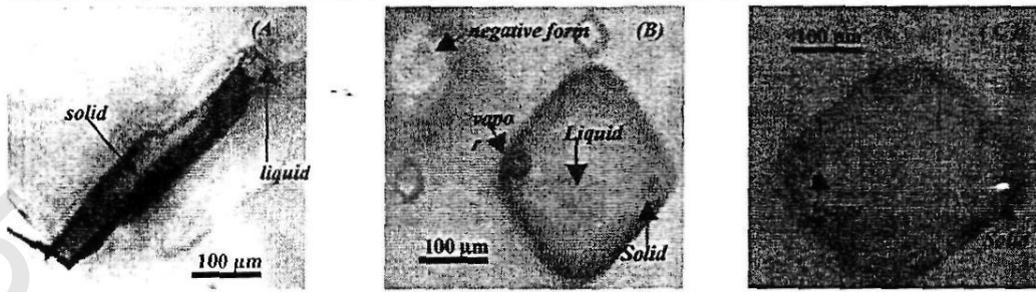


Figure-6: Two-phase (Liquid-solid) inclusions. Vapor bubble produced artificially by freezing. The liquid phase is hydrocarbon in (A). The solid is mineral in (B&C). Polarized light and crossnicols

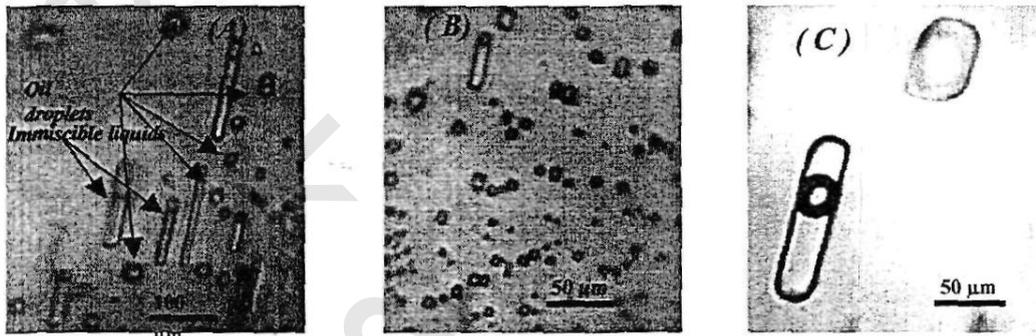


Figure-7: Oriented oil (single-phase) inclusions in gypsum (A) and in anhydrite (B) with immiscible two liquids , probably hydrocarbon, and brines (A&C). Ultraviolet light

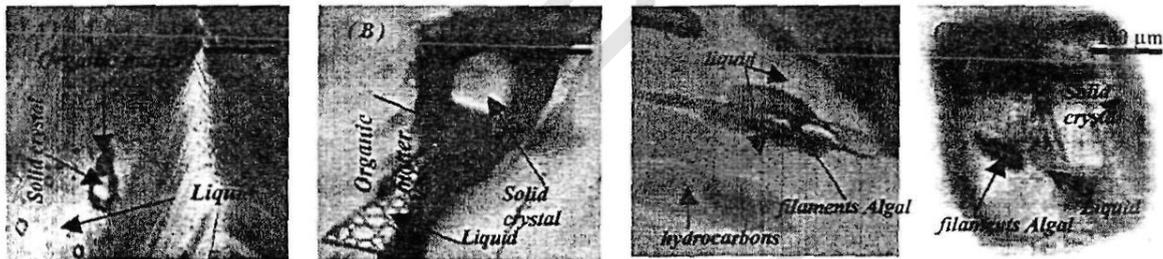


Figure-8: Three-phase (liquid-algal filamentous or organic matter-solid crystal) inclusions parallel to the growth direction of host crystals

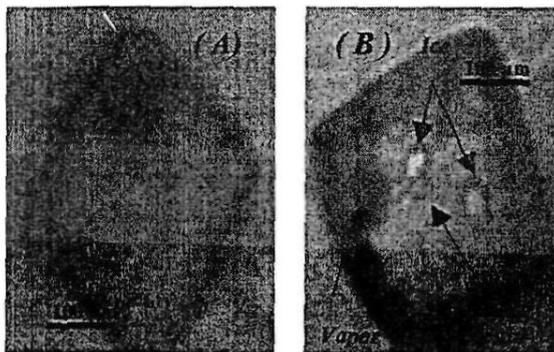


Figure-9: Dark brownish color of fluid inclusions (A) and stretched and irregular shape of the vapor bubble up on freezing the fluid inclusions. Temperature range from -61C to -81C

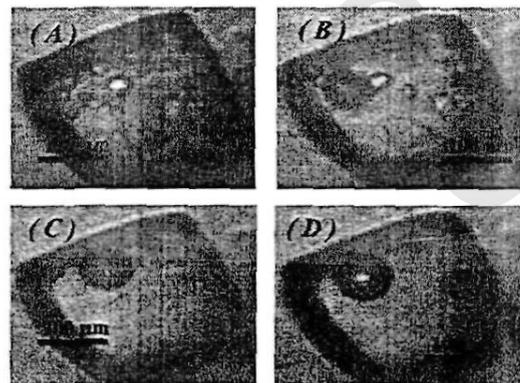
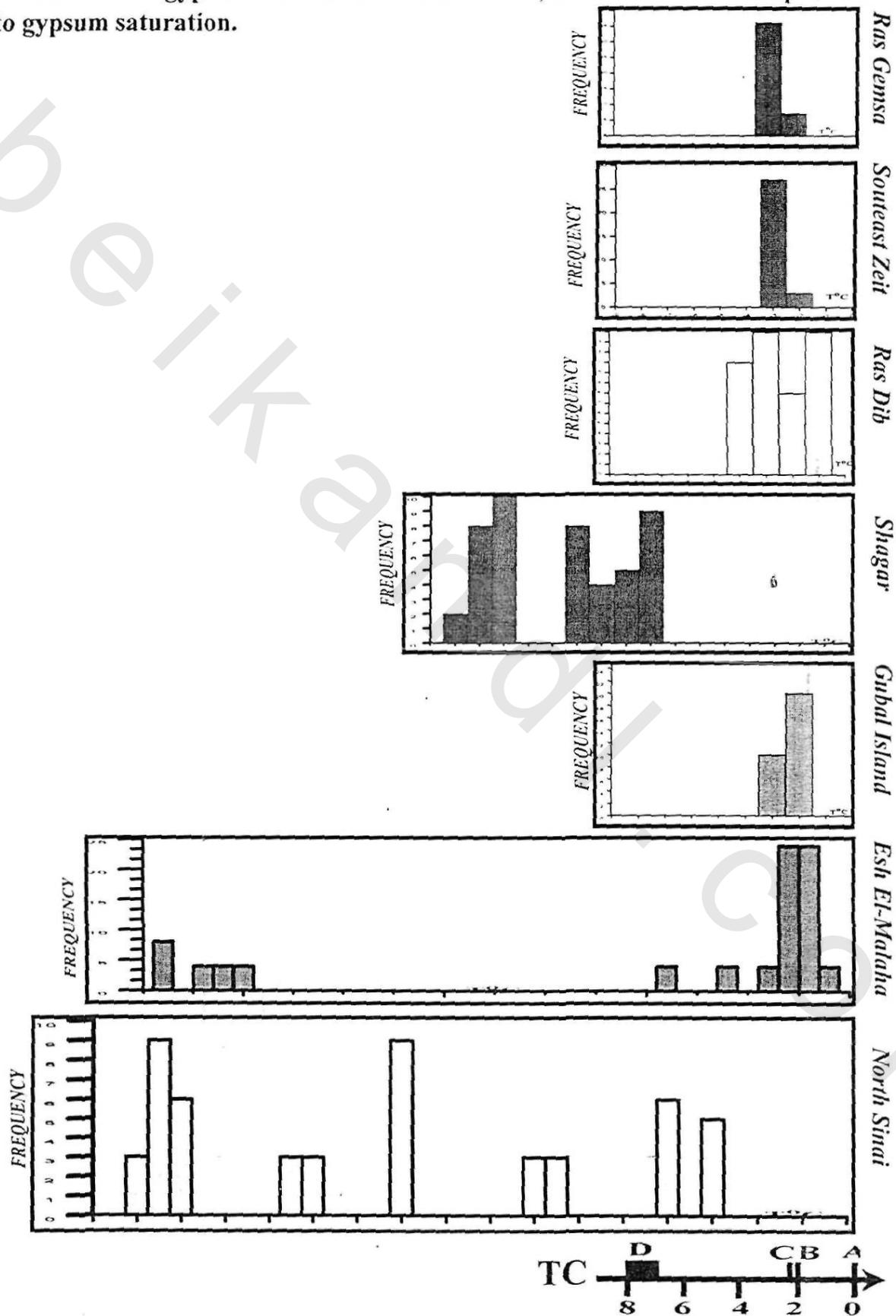


Figure-10: Sequence of melting point behavior of primary fluid inclusion. Vapor bubble increase and ice crystal decrease in size with slight movement of vapor bubble

Figure -39: Comparison of the final melting temperature of ice in primary fluid inclusions of evaporite with the calculated melting temperature of ice from the thermochemical model of Spencer et al, 1990 A=fresh water saturated with Calcium sulfate, B=normal sea water , C=recycled seawater saturated with gypsum derived from dissolution, and D=seawater evaporated to gypsum saturation.



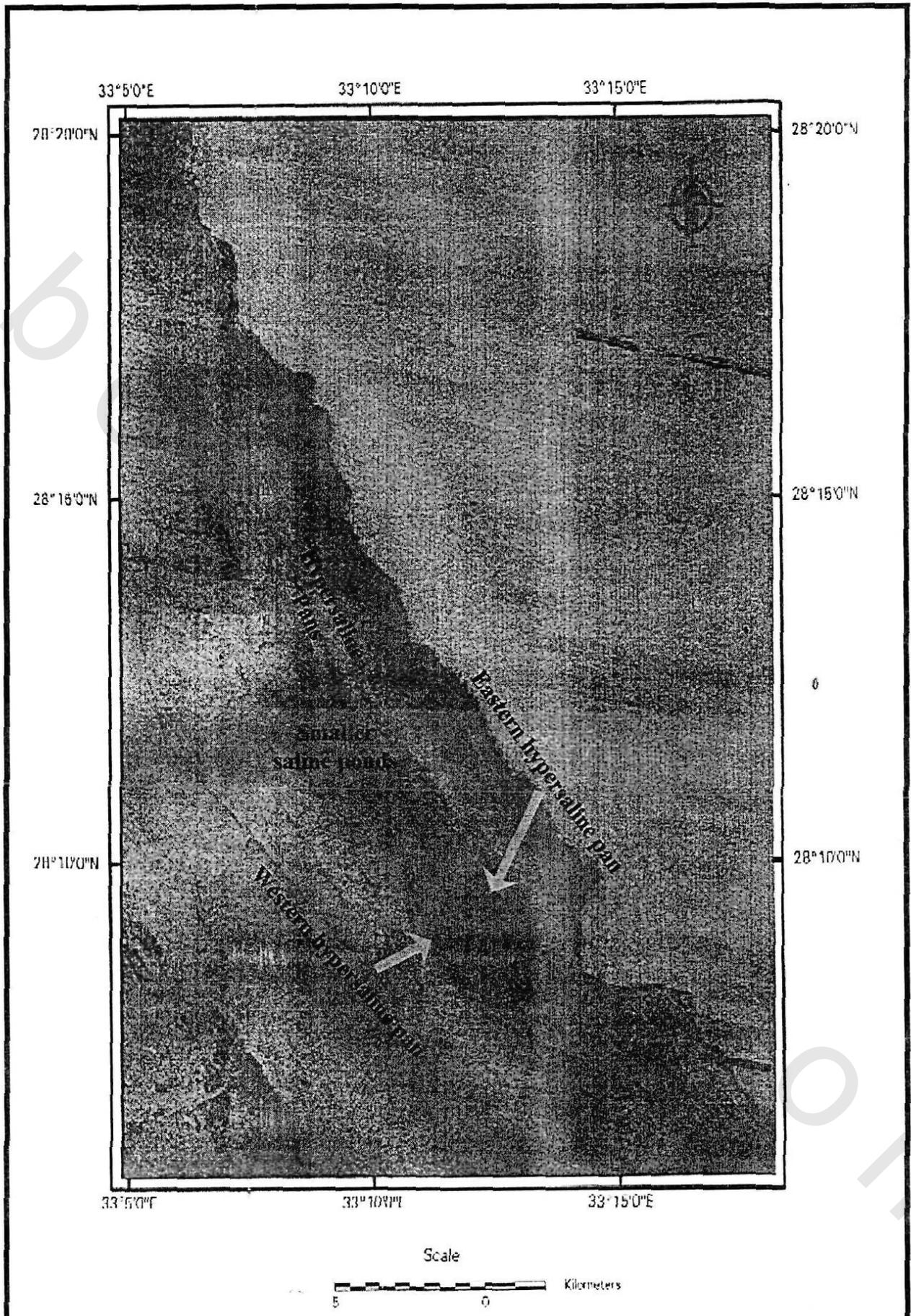
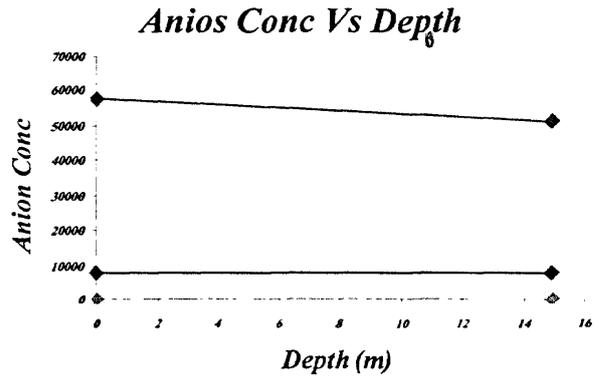
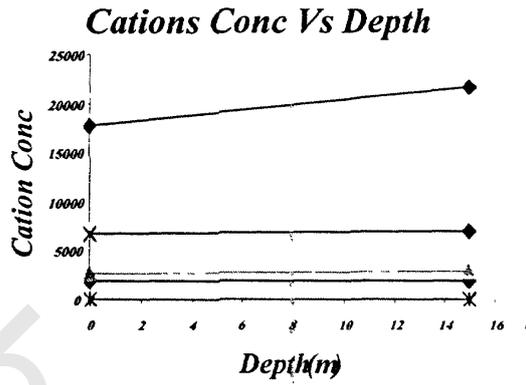
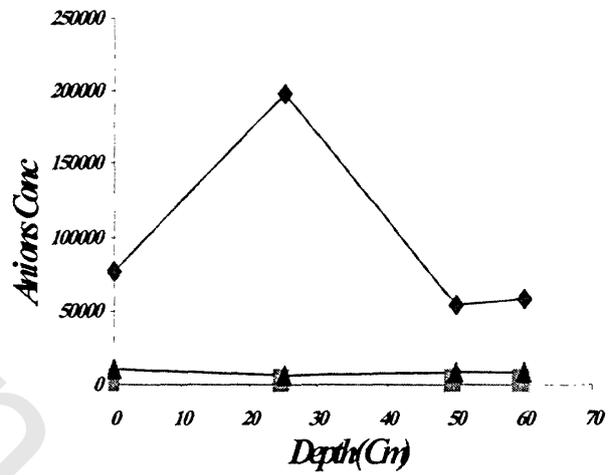
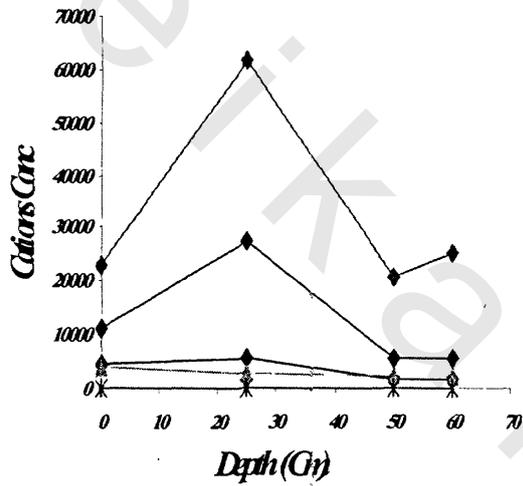


Figure -40 : The thermal analysis maps of principal component 7.4.1 in R.G.B for Ras Shukeir coastal sabkha, 2003

Smaller saline pounds



Eastern hypersaline pan



Western hypersaline pan

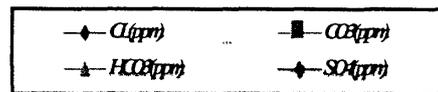
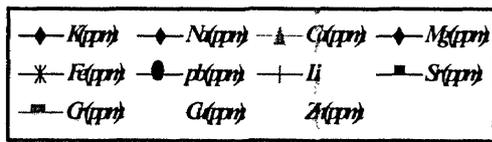
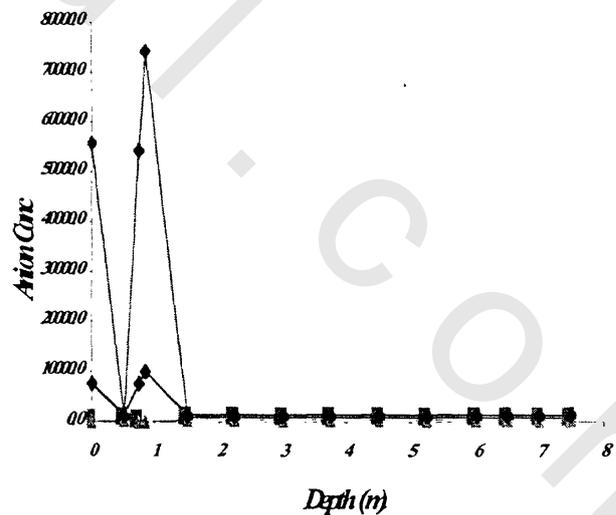
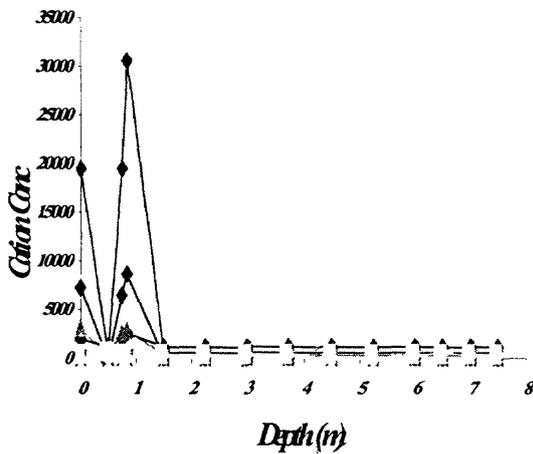


Figure.-41: The vertical Distribution of Hydrochemical Composition of brine Samples from The study Area displaying existence of layering within the water body

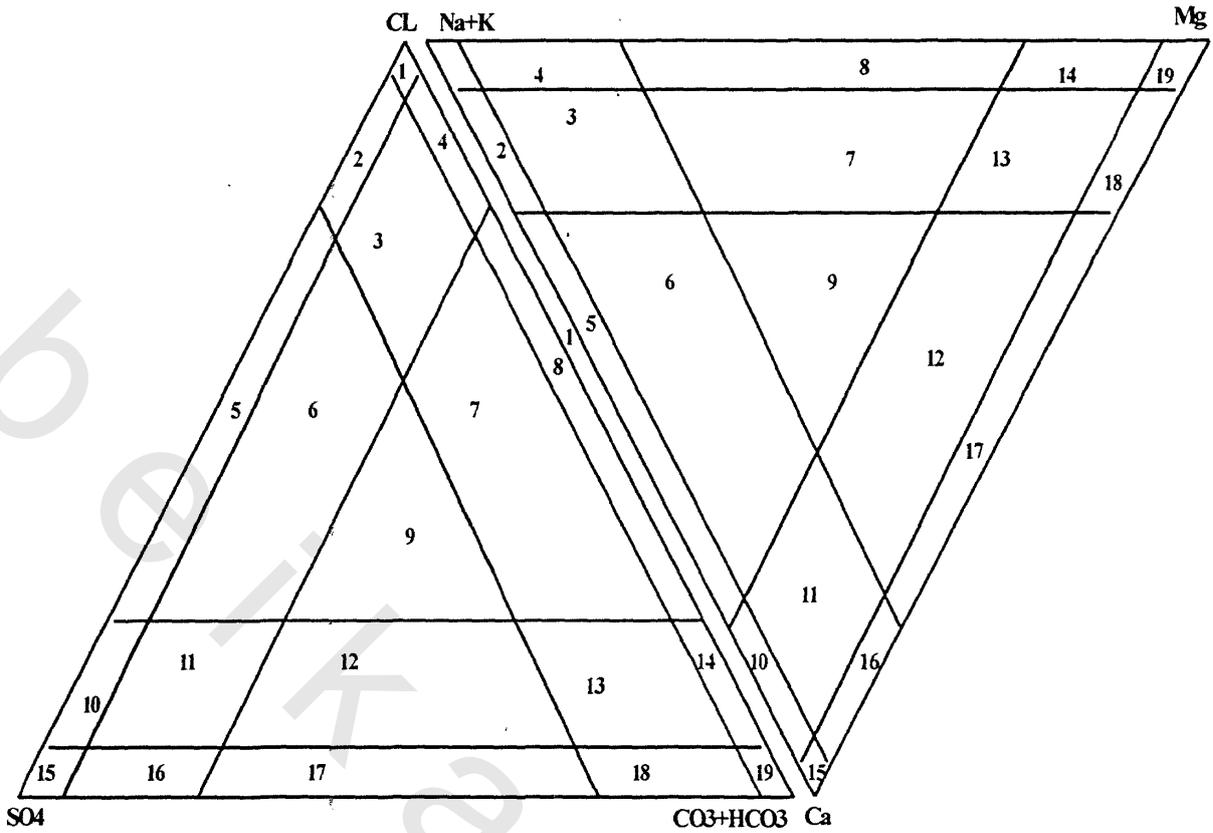


Figure -42: Brine classification scheme proposed by Haride and Eugster, 1970

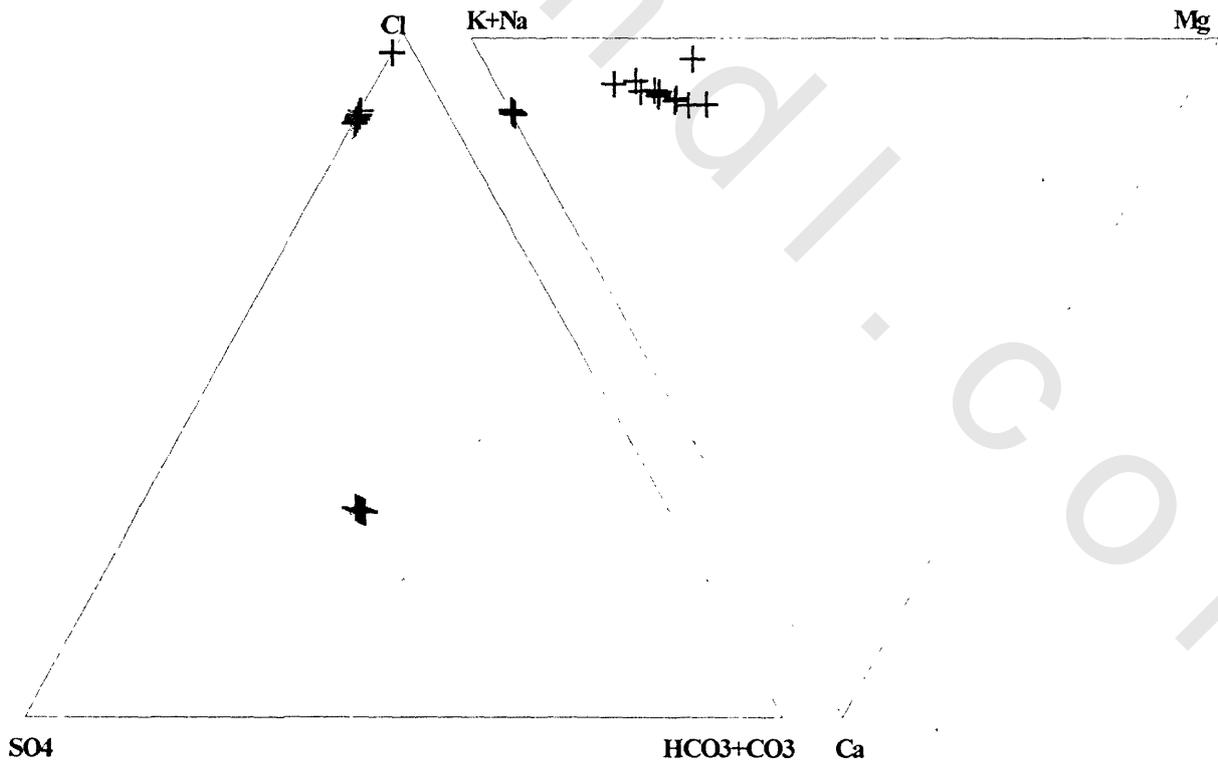


Figure-43: Composition plot of analyzed brine samples from the study area according to Haride and Eugster, 1970

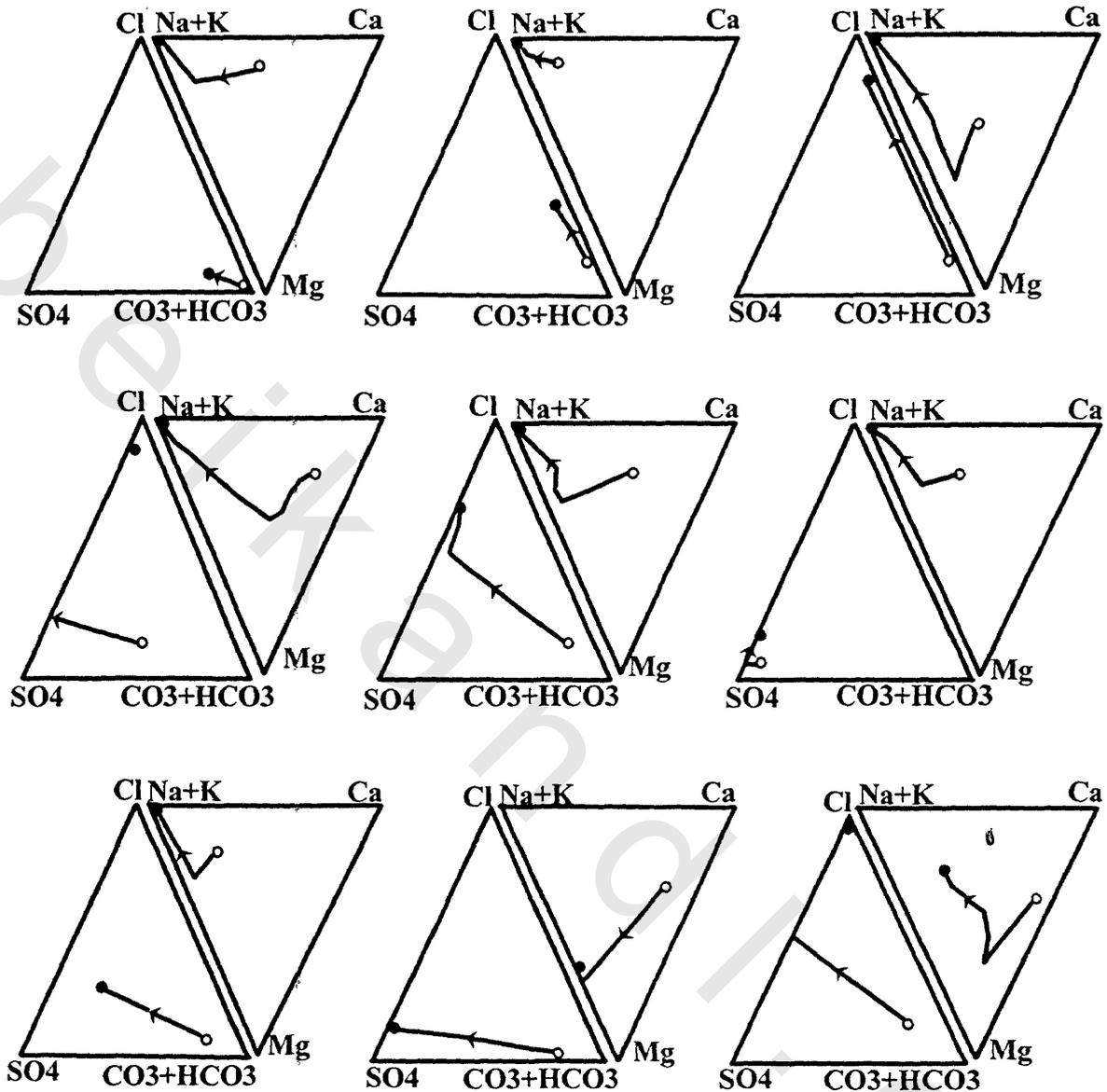


Figure-44: Individual calculated evaporation paths, open circles are dilute waters and solid circles are brines at an ionic strength 5
 a: Sierra Nevada Springs (Feth *et al.*, 1964 and Garrels and Mackenzie, 1967); b: rhyolite water W 1.2; c: basalt water W 2.9; d: shale water W 5.5; e: average North American river water (Livingstone, 1963); f: shale water W 5.6, g: Deep Springs Lake, California, Bog-Mound Spring (Jones, 1965); h: quartzite water W 9.5; i: sandstone Water W 4.4 (all water from White *et al.*, 1963).
 In mole percent.

Figure-45: Modified Van Krevelen diagram for analysed samples from Ras Shukeir area

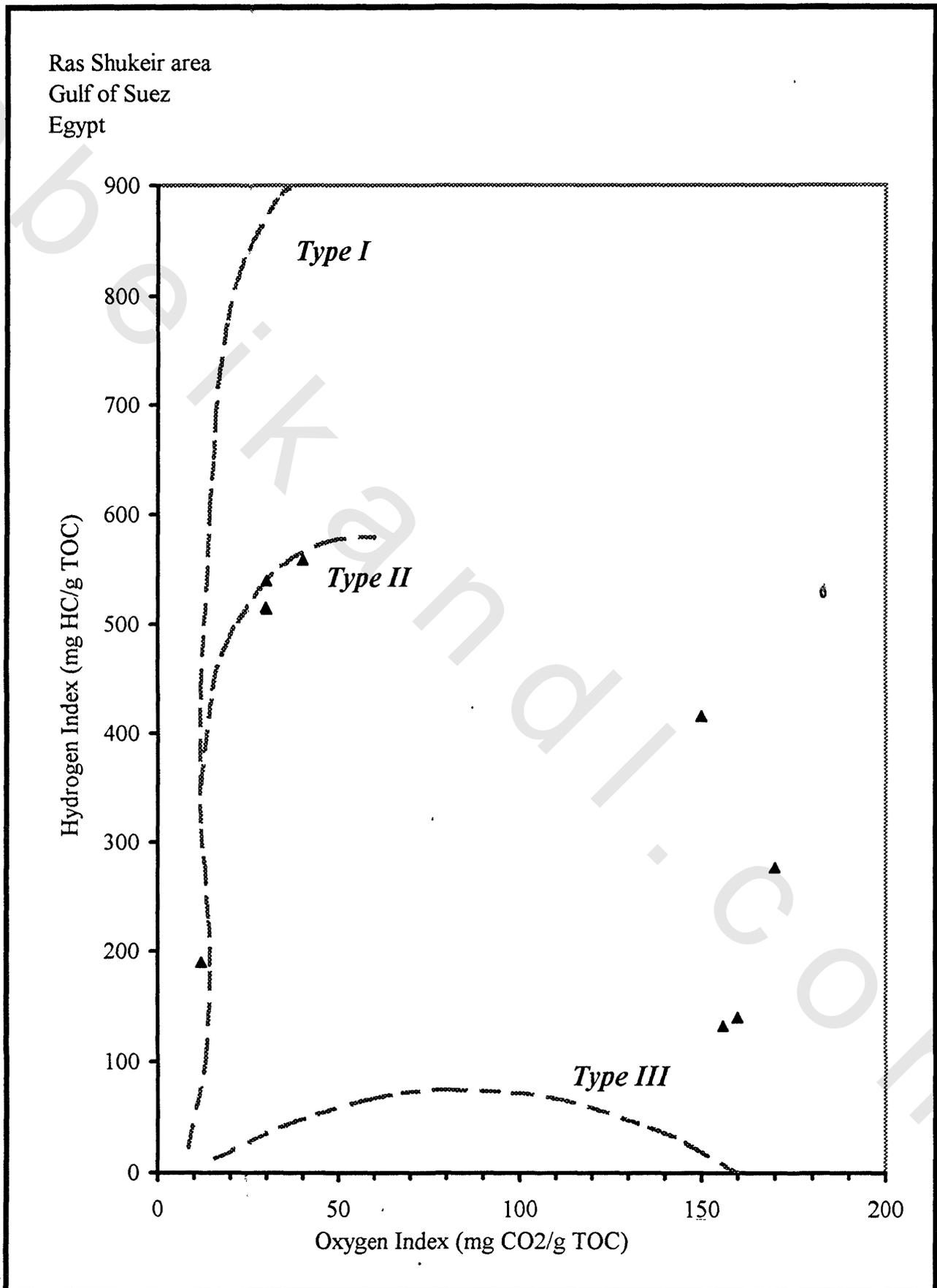


Figure-46: Modified Van Krevelen diagram for analysed samples from Ras Gemsa, Gulf of Suez, Egypt

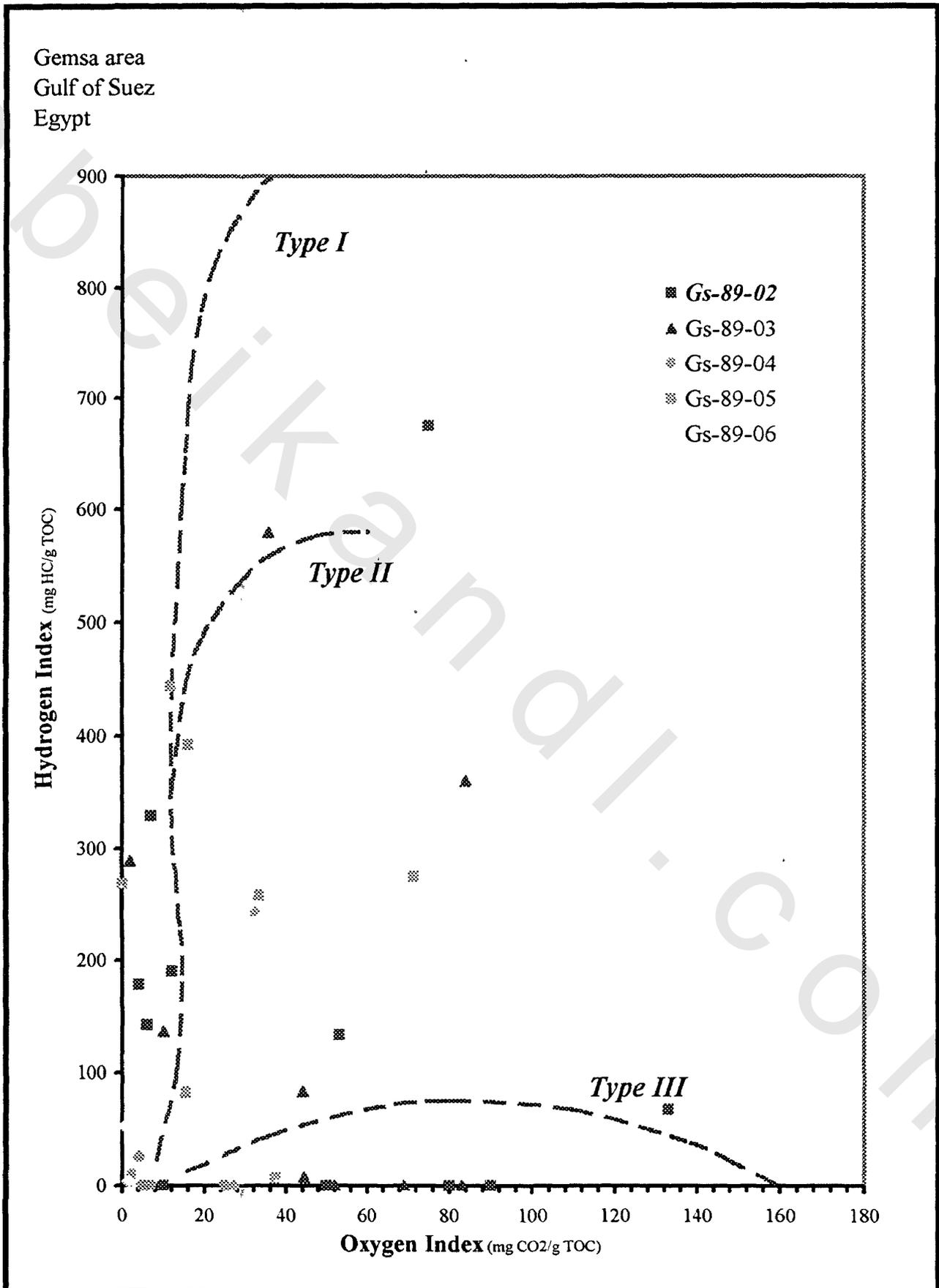


Figure- 47 : Infrared modified diagram for the investigated evaporite core samples from Ras Gemsa Area

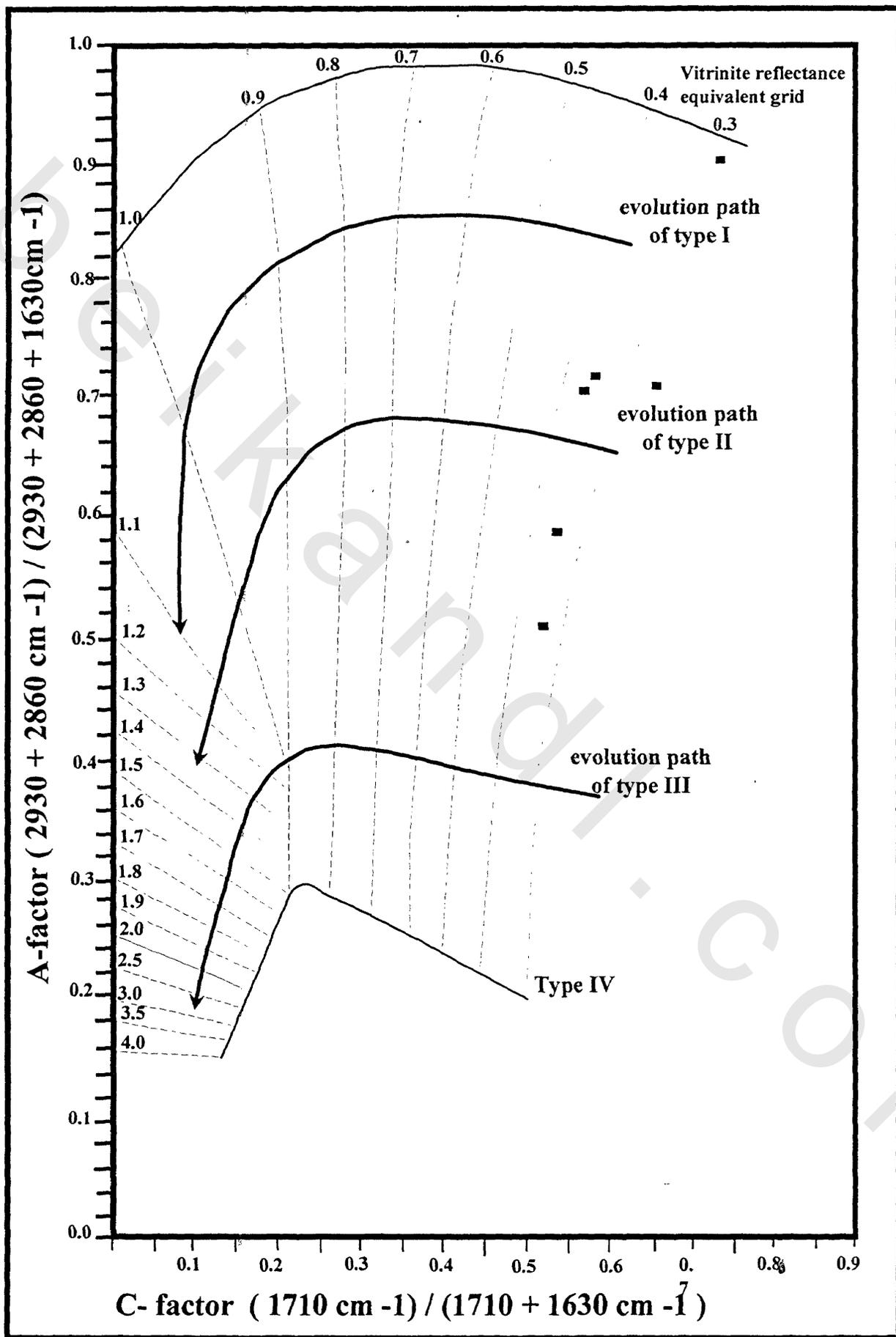
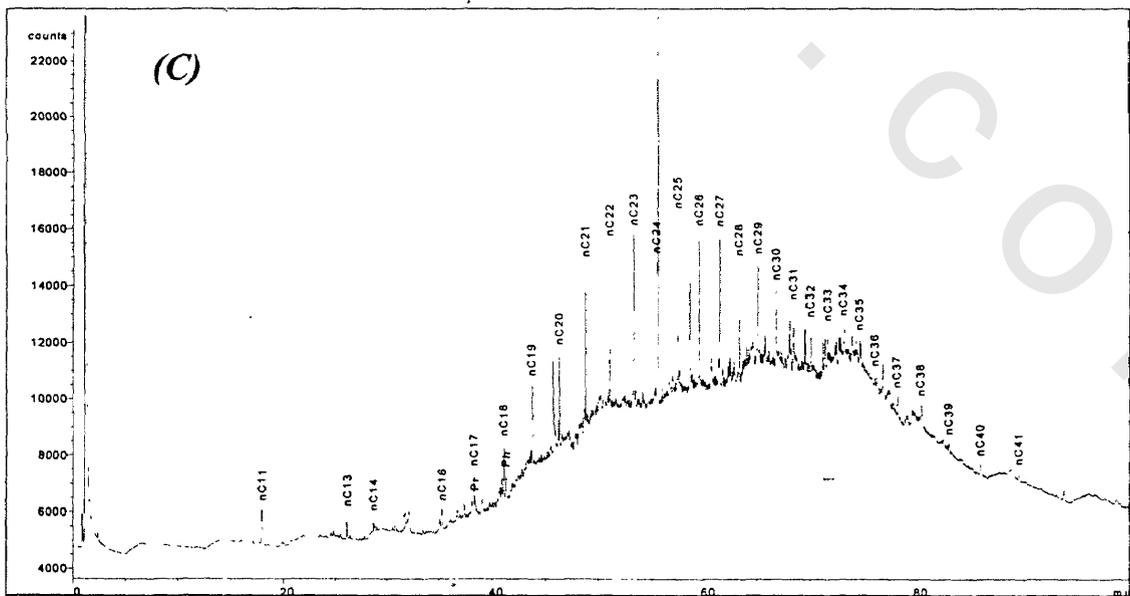
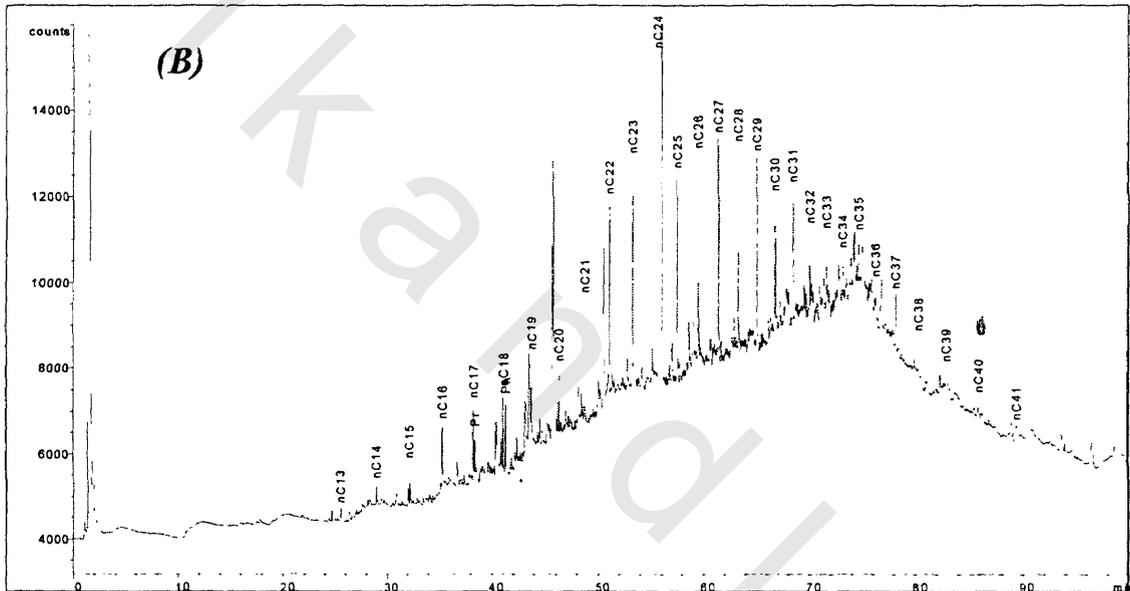
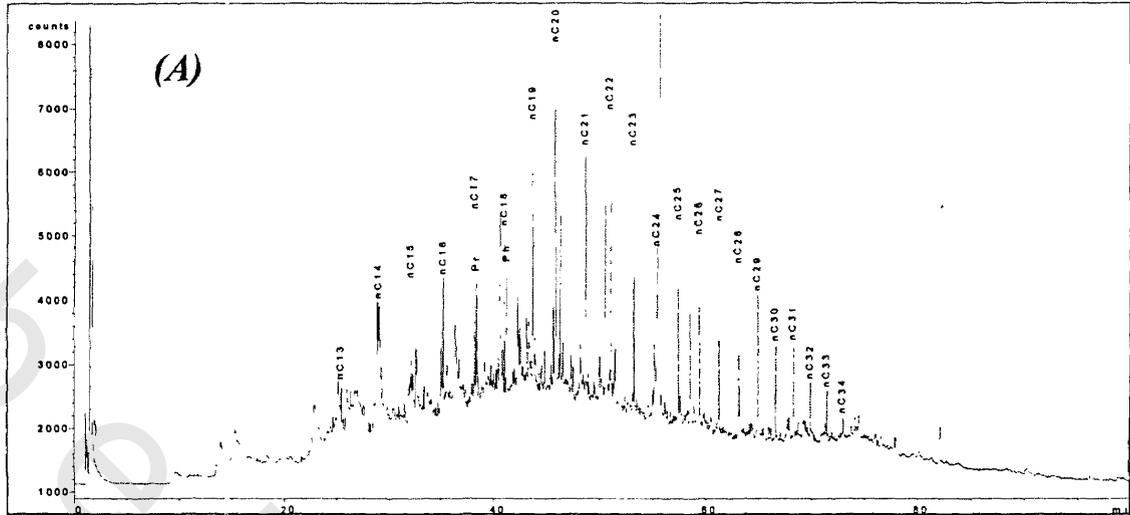


Figure-48: GC diagrams for the extracts of subsurface evaporite core samples from Ras Gemsa area



The n-alkane patterns show the unimodal distribution at A & B and n-alkane bulge between C21 to C32 at (B&C)

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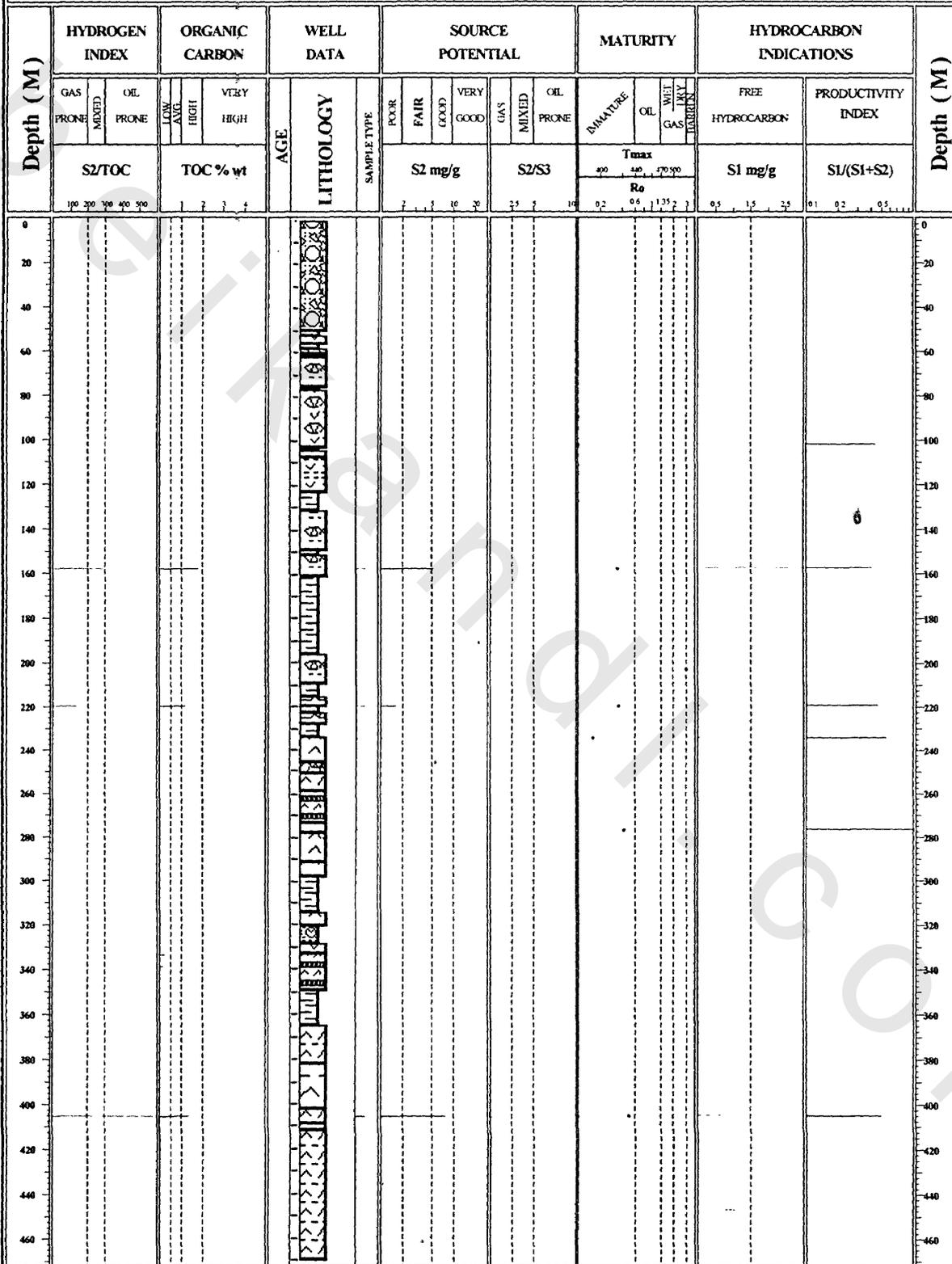
GEOCHEMICAL LOG

Area name : Ras Gemsa

Well Name : G-89-03

Start Depth : 89.7 M
End Depth : 405.45 M
Plot Scale 1 : 2500

Country : EGYPT



S1 HC already in rock
 S2 HC from Kerogen Pyrolysis
 S3 CO2 from Kerogen Pyrolysis

Sample Type Symbol Line Type Tmax
 Cumings * - - - *
 Sidewall o - - - o
 Core o - - - o

Ro ◆
 VL *

TOC cut off . 0 %
 S2 cut off . 0 %

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GEOCHEMICAL LOG

Area Name: Ras Gemsa

Well Name: G-89-04

Start Depth : 95.6 M
End Depth : 316 M
Plot Scale 1 : 2000

Country: EGYPT

Depth (M)	HYDROGEN INDEX		ORGANIC CARBON			WELL DATA		SOURCE POTENTIAL				MATURITY				HYDROCARBON INDICATIONS		Depth (M)				
	GAS PRONE	OIL PRONE	LOW AVG	HIGH	VERY HIGH	AGE	LITHOLOGY	SAMPLE TYPE	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	VERY GOOD	GAS	MIXED	OIL PRONE	IMMATURE	OIL		WFT DRY GAS	WBT DRY MATRIN	FREE HYDROCARBON	PRODUCTIVITY INDEX
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S1 HC already in rock
 S2 HC from Kerogen Pyrolysis
 S3 CO2 from Kerogen Pyrolysis

Sample Type Symbol Line Type Tmax
 Cuttings - - -
 Sidewall . . .
 Core o o o

Ro ◆
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TOC cut off : 0 %
 S2 cut off : 0 %

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GEOCHEMICAL LOG

Area Name : Ras Gemsa

Well Name : Gs-89-05

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 End Depth : 269.5 M
 Plot Scale : 2000

Country : EGYPT

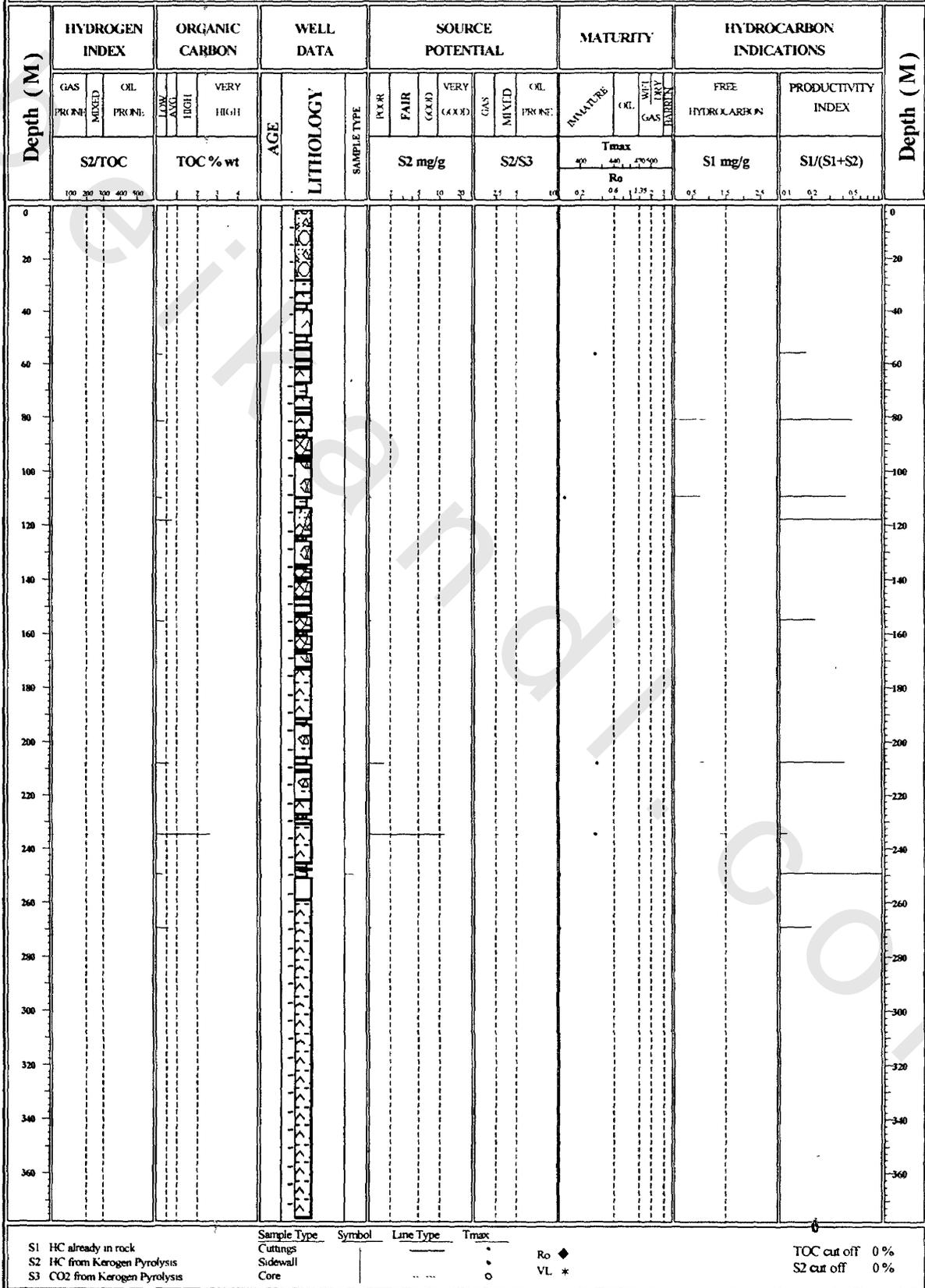


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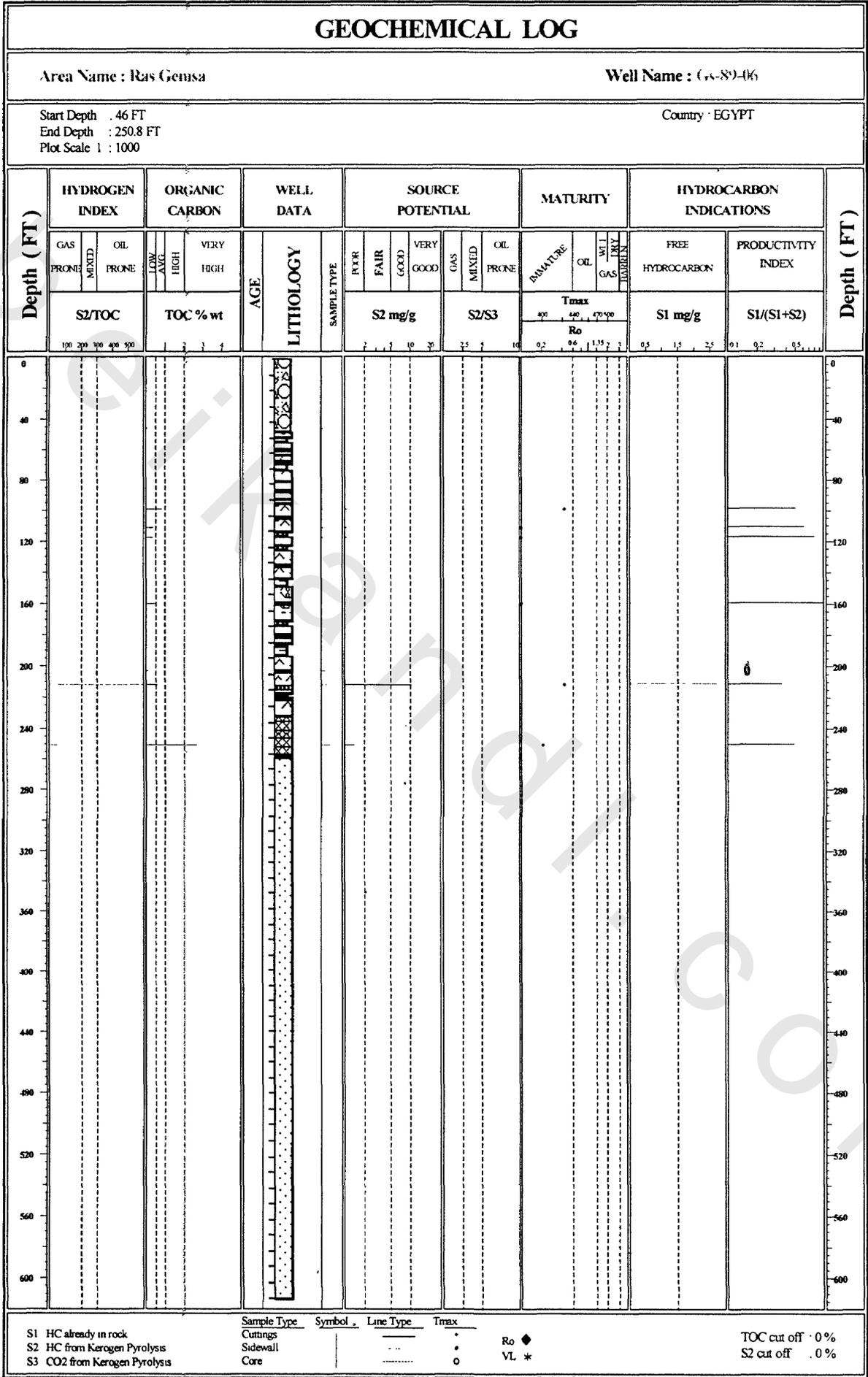


Figure-53: Modified Van Krevelen diagram for analyzed samples from South East Zeit

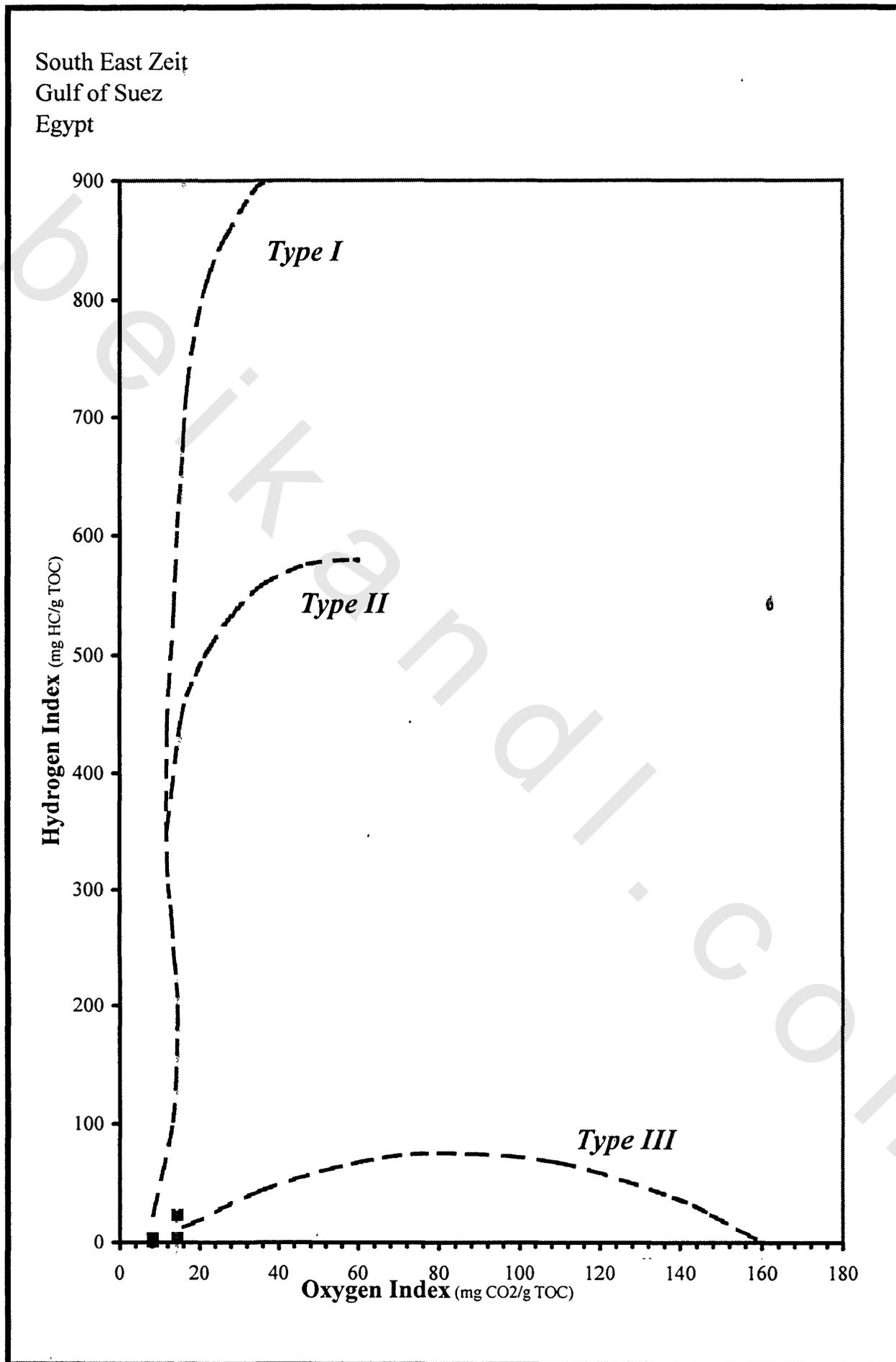


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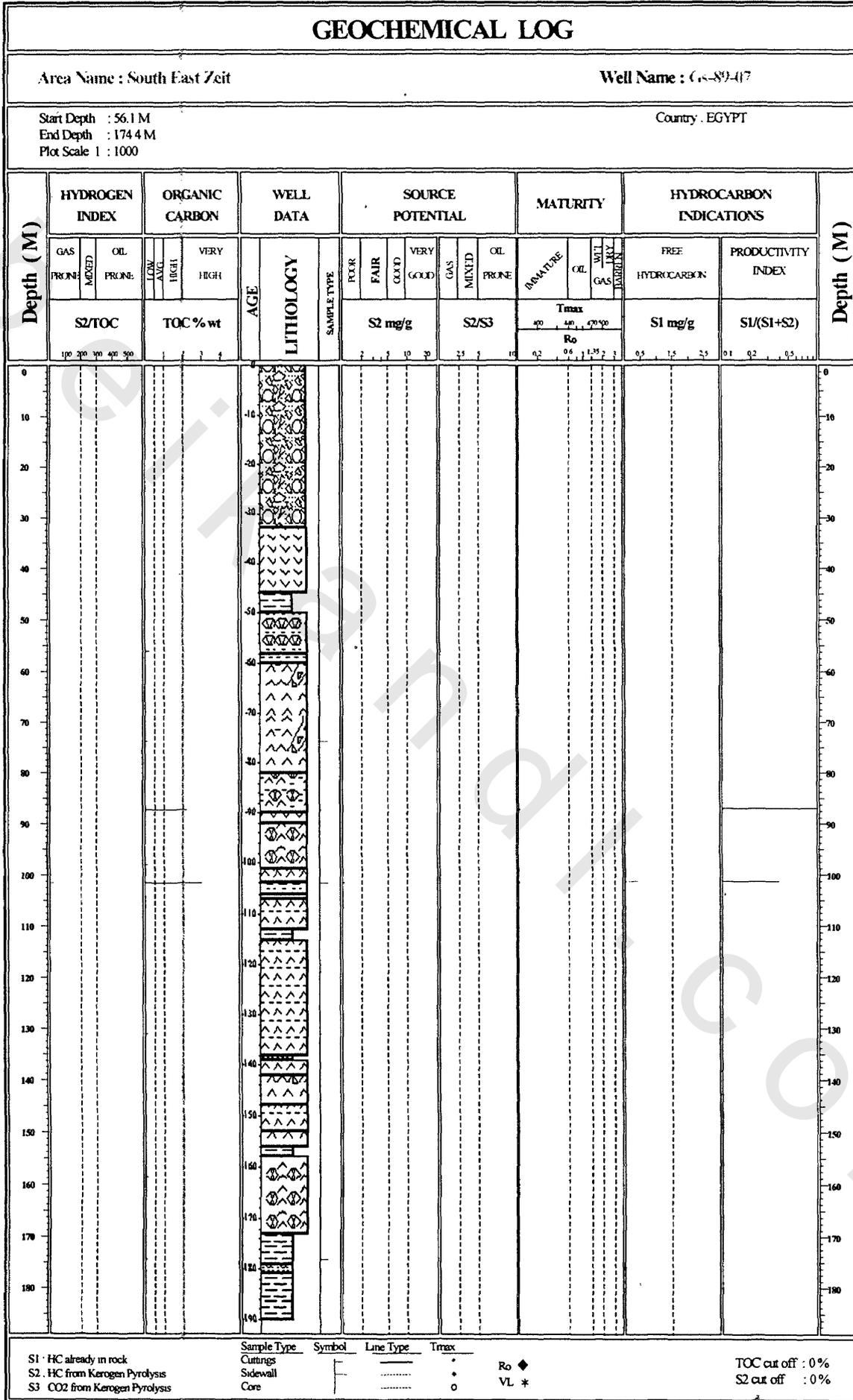


Figure-55 : Infrared modified diagram for the investigated evaporite core samples from Ras Dib area

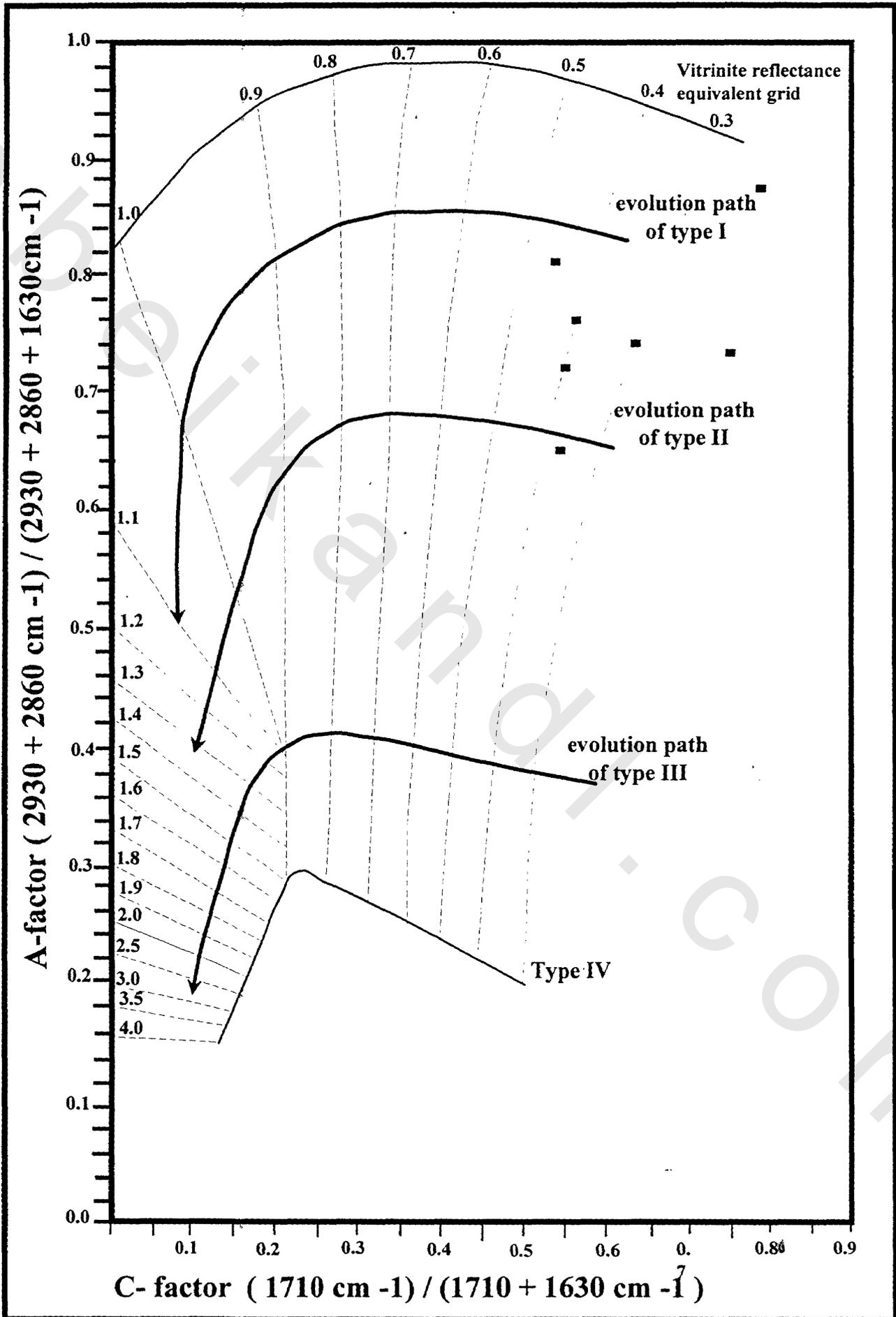


Figure-56: Modified Van Krevelen diagram for analysed samples from Ras Dib area, Gulf of Suez

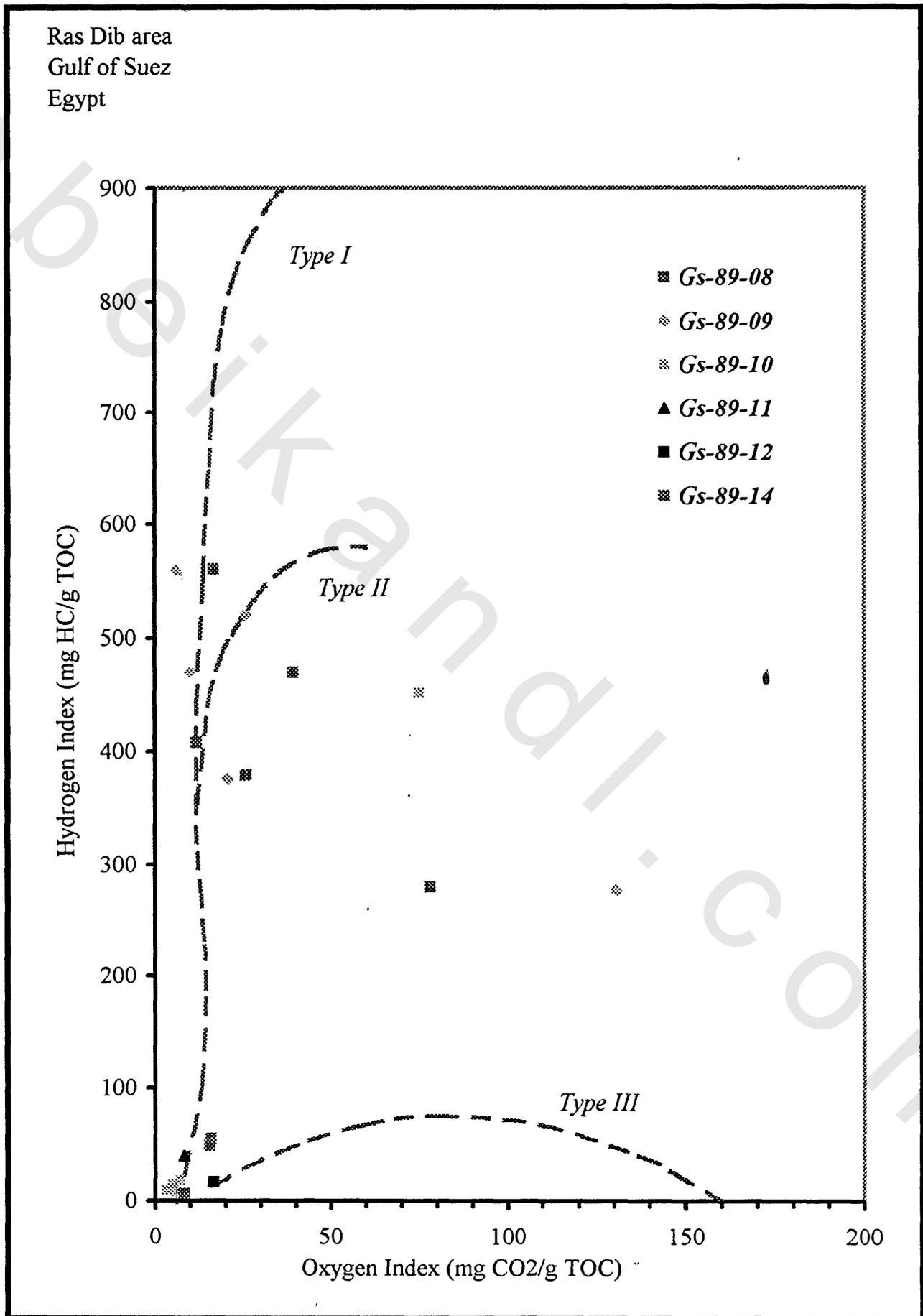
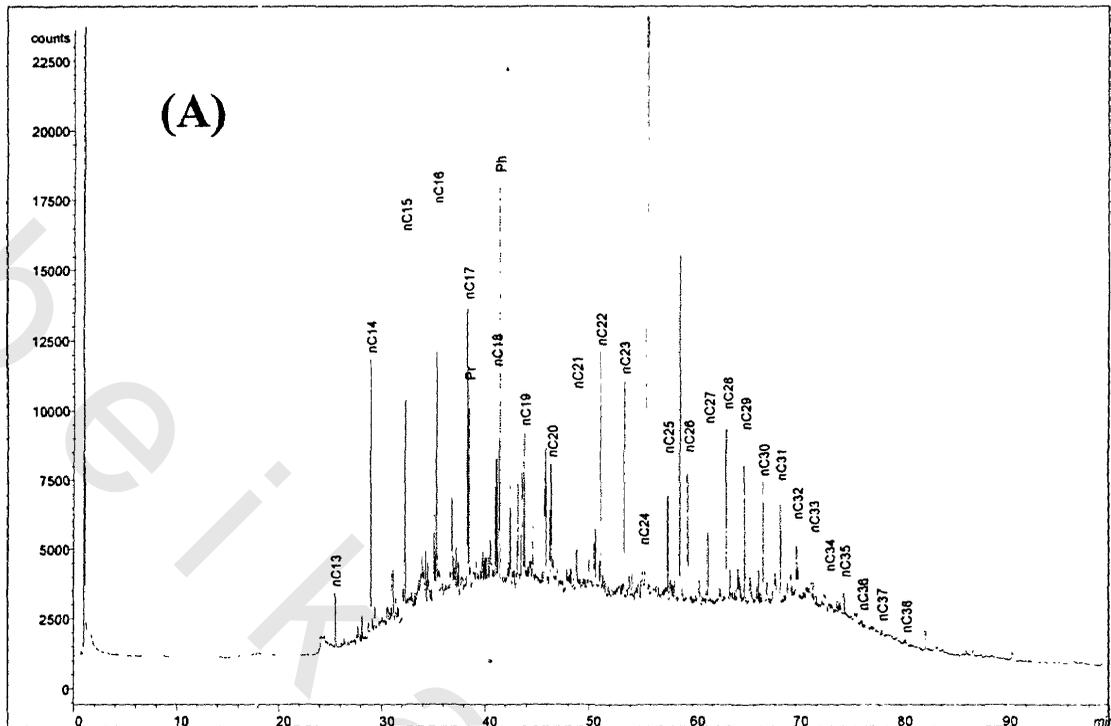
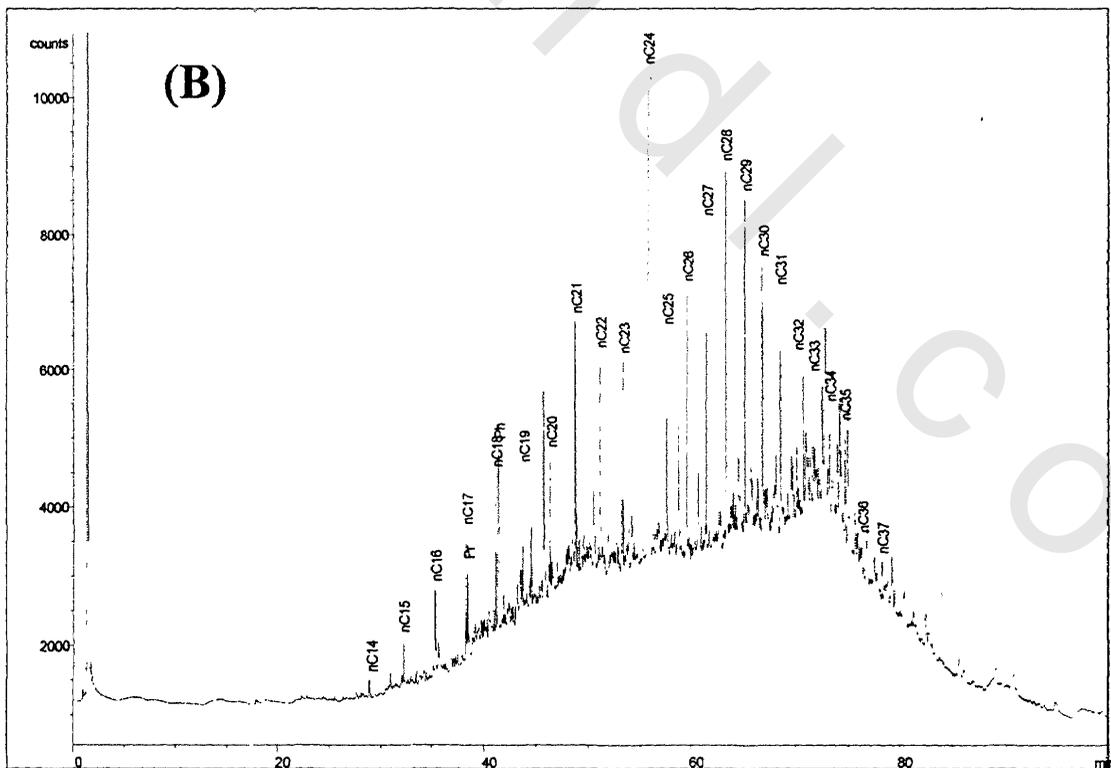


Figure -57: GC diagram of bitumen extracts of subsurface evaporite core samples from Ras Dib area

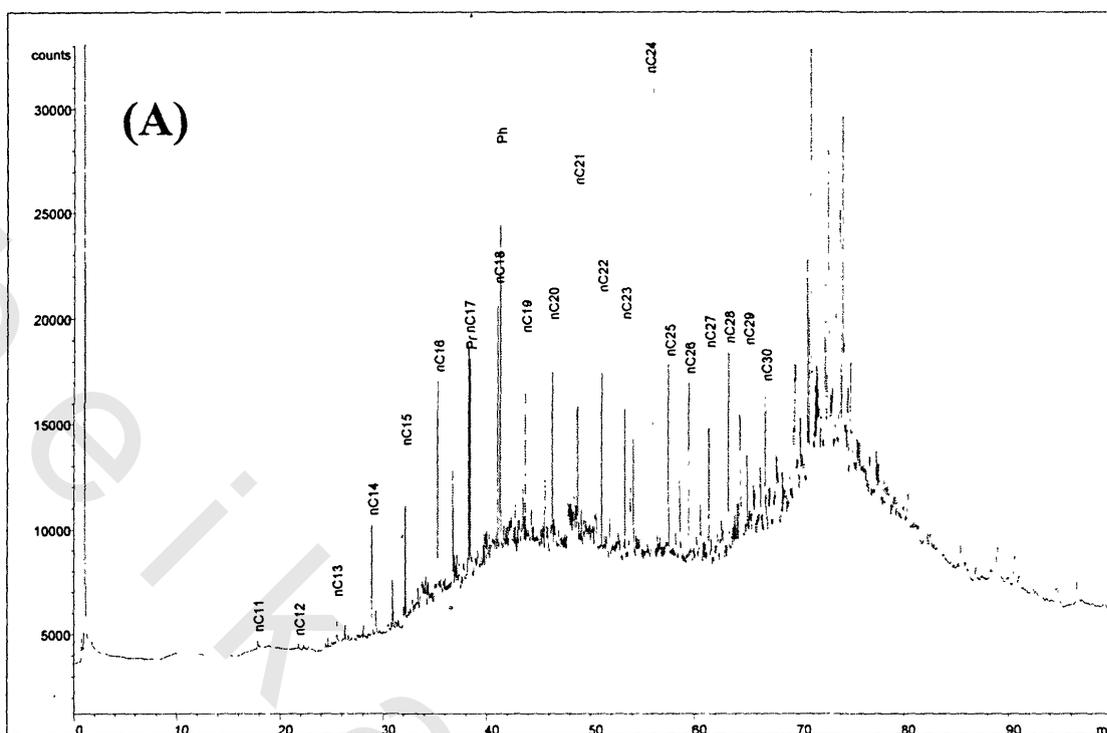


A: Unimodal distribution pattern n-alkane with predominance of phytane which indicates marine (algal and planktonic with bacterial) source of organic matter

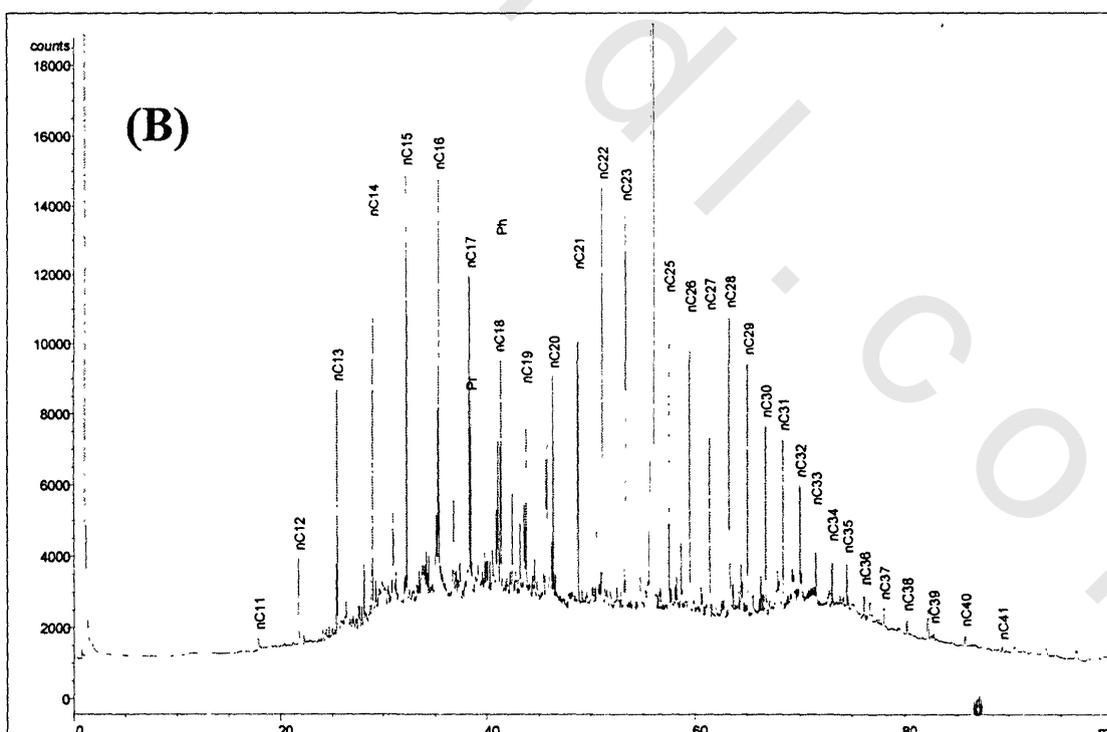


B: The naphthane bluge between C22-C32 indicates the low degree of thermal maturity

Figure -58: GC diagram of bitumen extracts of subsurface evaporite core samples from Ras Dib area



(A) : Bimodal of n-alkane distribution pattern indicates significant contribution of land plants to the source of organic matter



(B): Unimodal distribution pattern with high concentration of acyclic isoprenoids indicates marine source of organic matter

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GEOCHEMICAL LOG

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Well Name : G-83-08

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 End Depth : 238.6 M
 Plot Scale 1 : 2000

Country : EGYPT

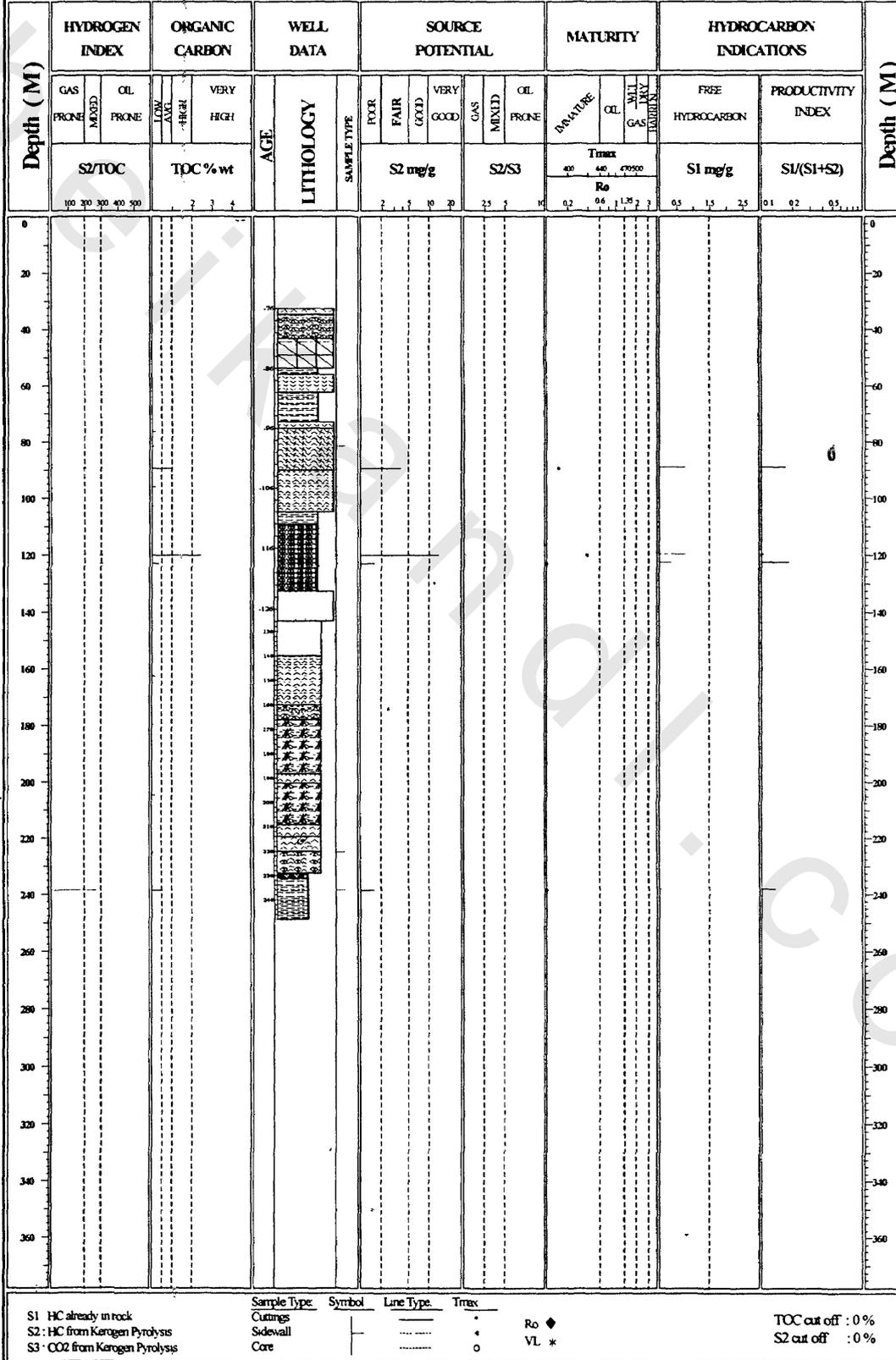


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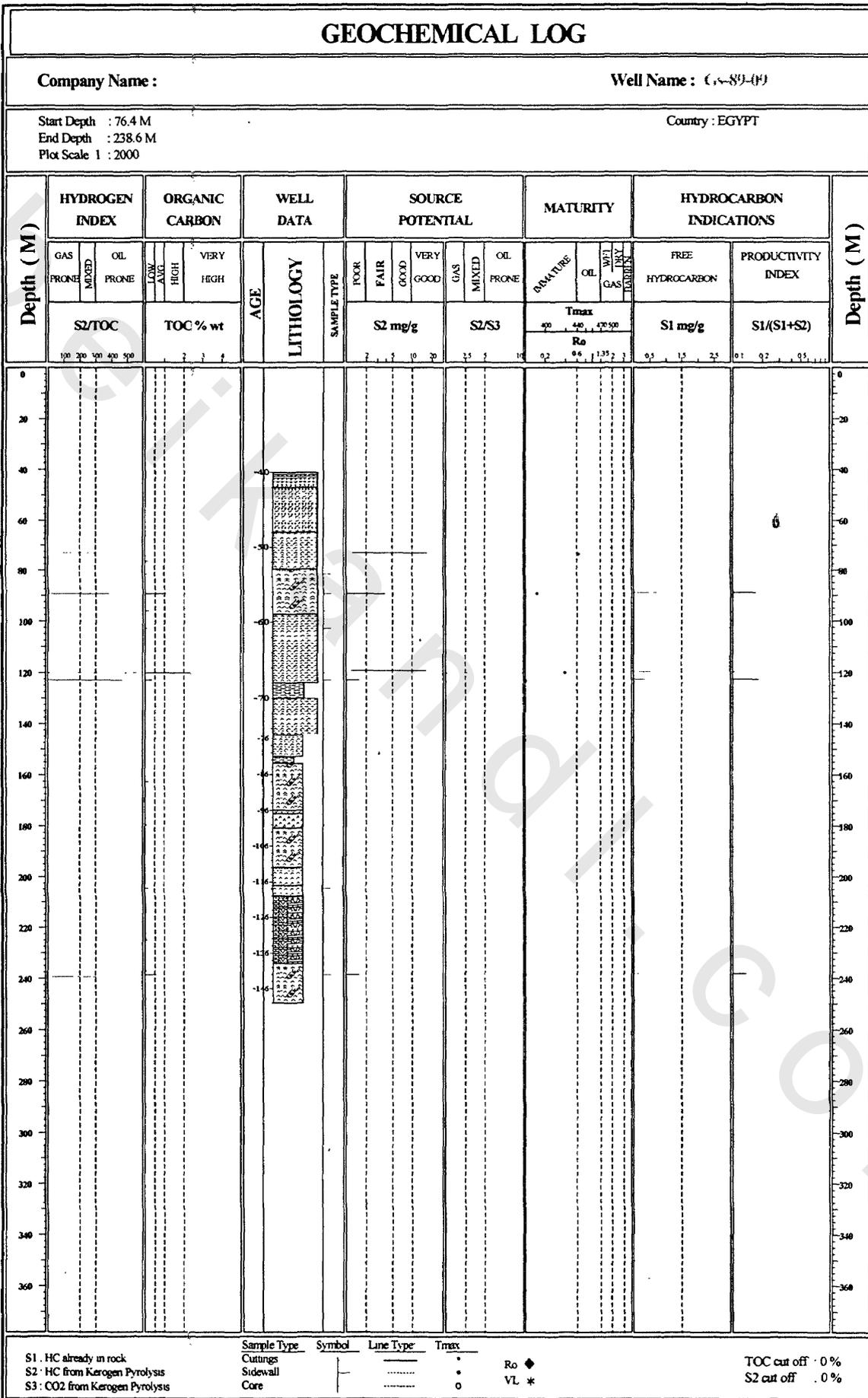


Figure -61: Modified Van Krevelen diagram for analyzed samples from Shagar area, Gulf of Suez

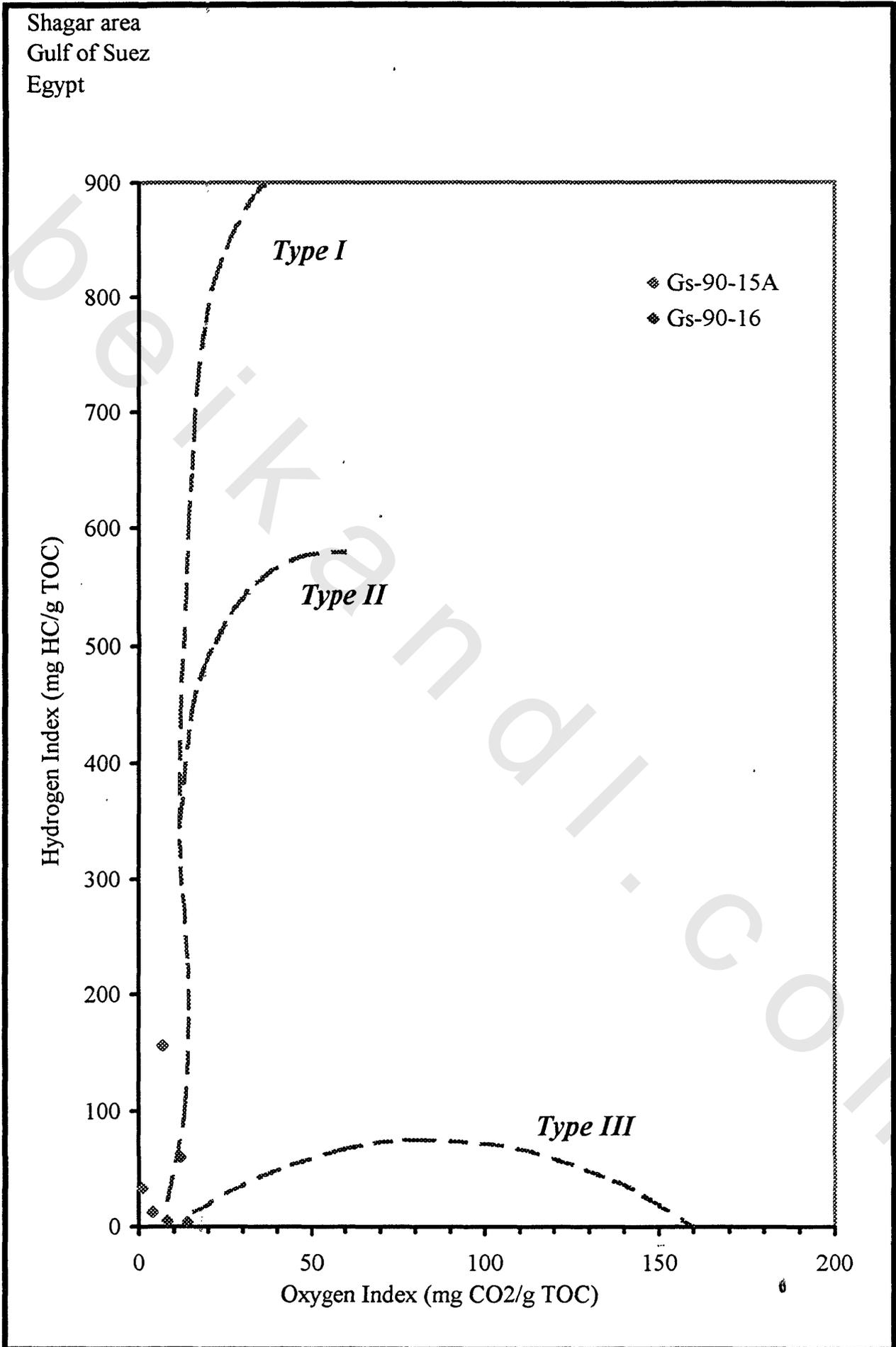


Figure-62: Infrared modified diagram for the investigated samples from Shagar, Gubal Island and Esh-Malaha areas

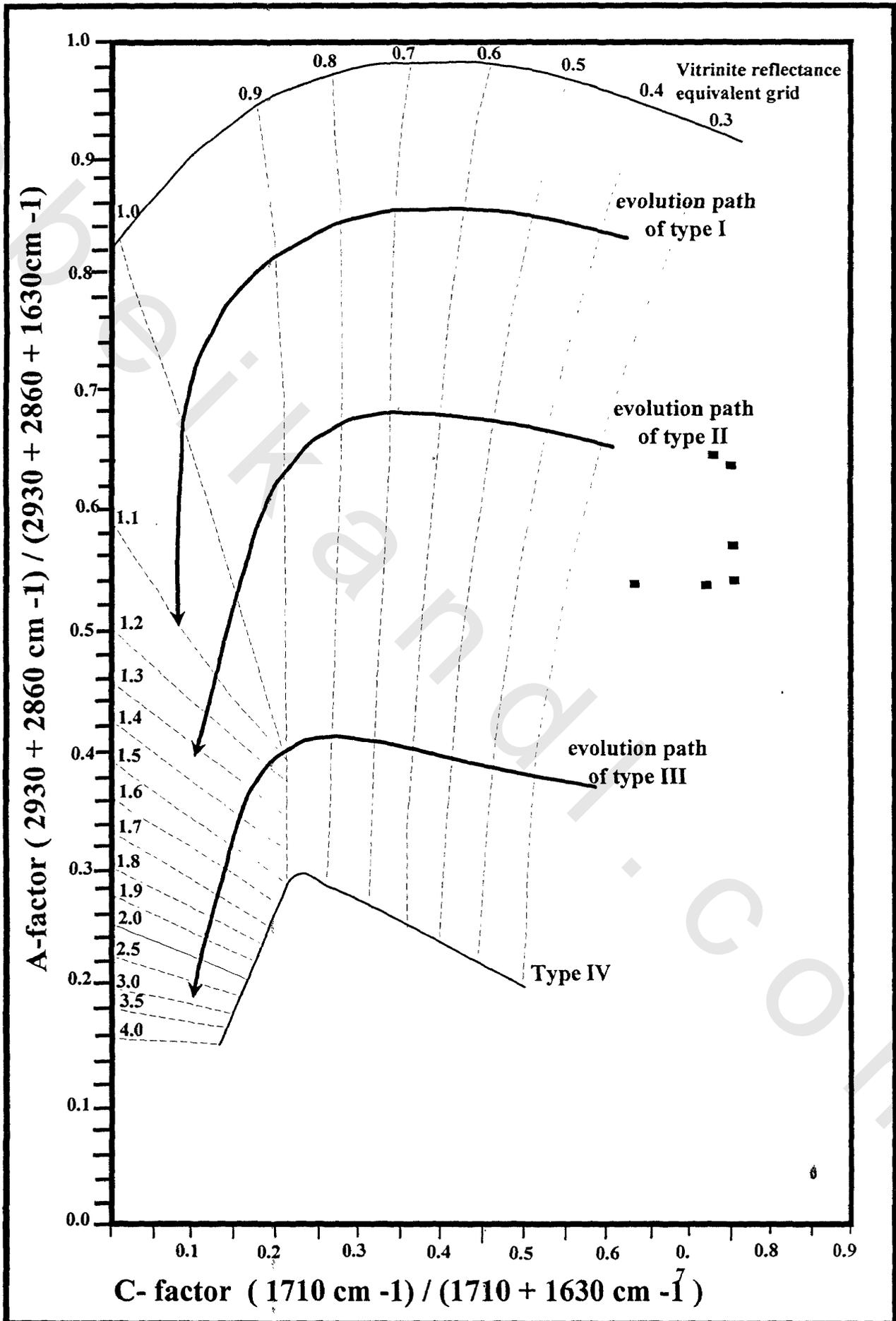


Figure -63: GC diagram of extracts for investigated subsurface evaporite core samples from Shagar area

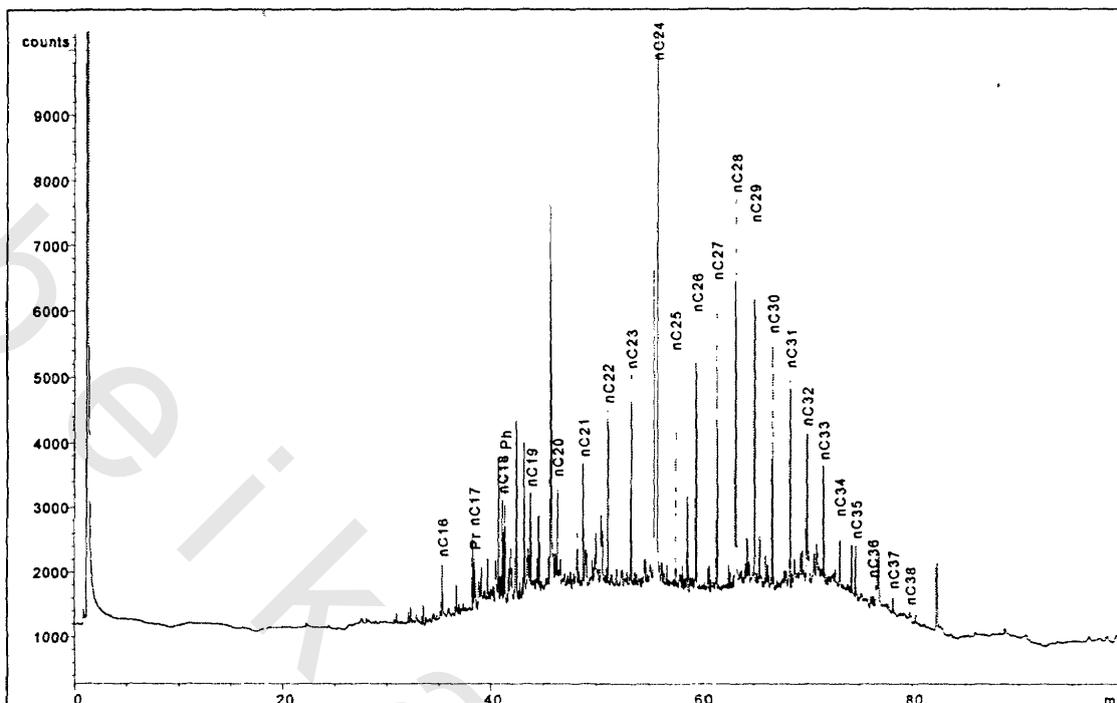
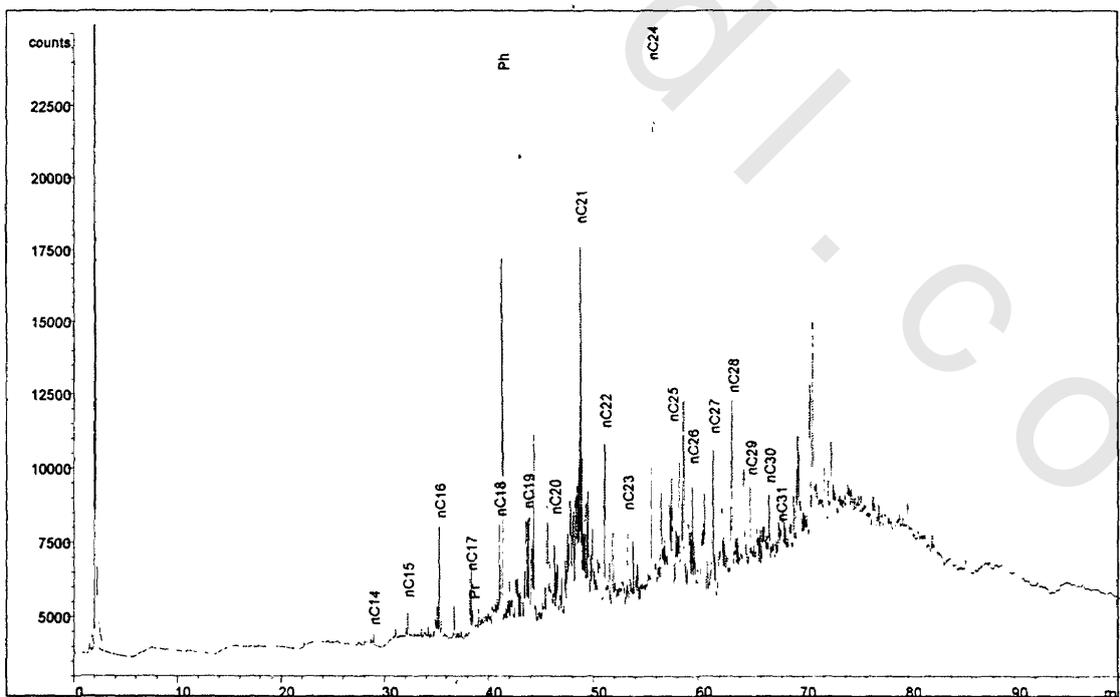


Figure-64: GC diagram of extracts for investigated subsurface evaporite core samples from Esh El-Malaha area



**The diagram show : Bimodal distribution
High phytane content
high pristane over n-C17**

Figure-67: Modified Van Krevelen diagram for analyzed samples from Gubal Island

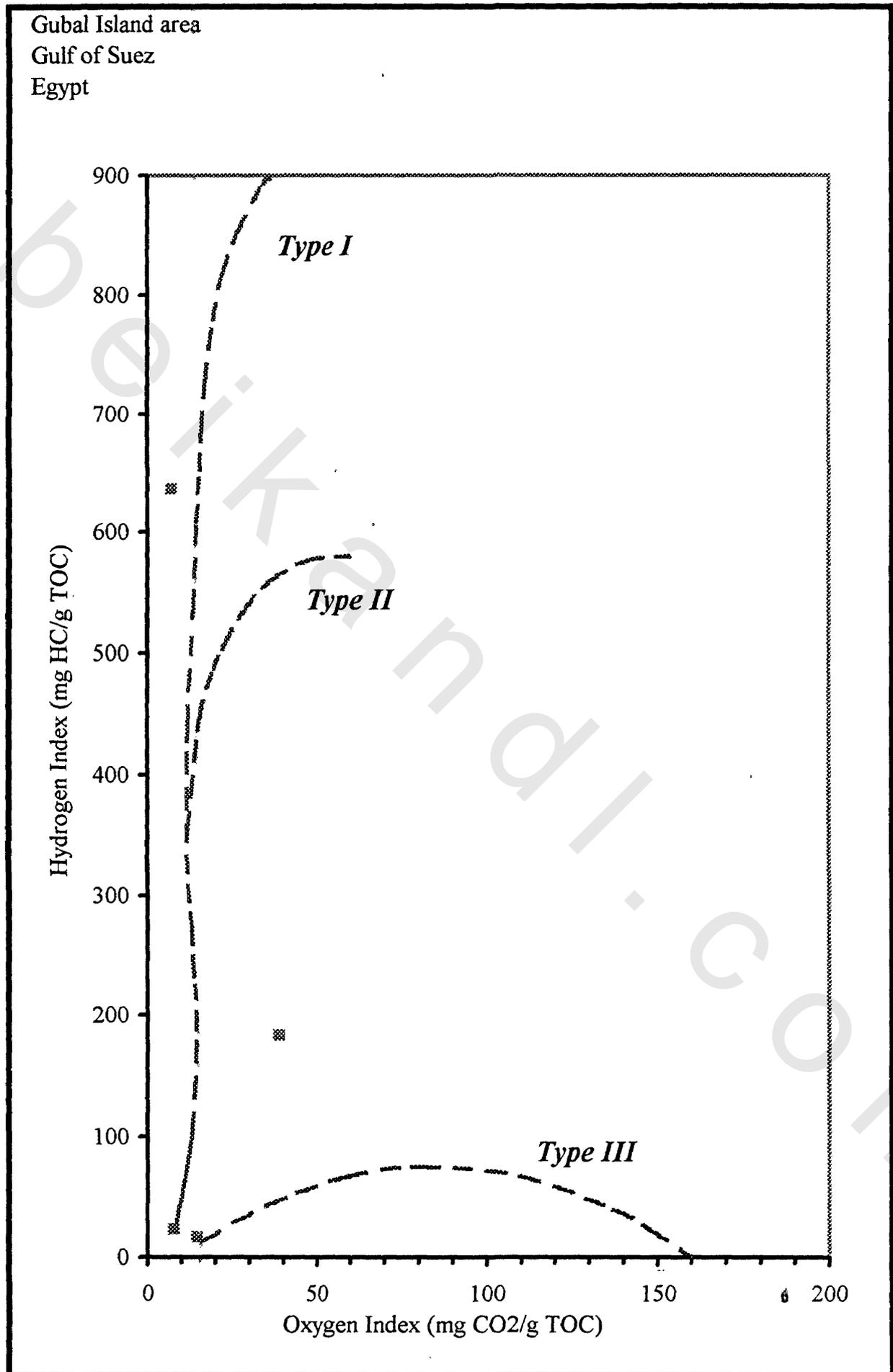
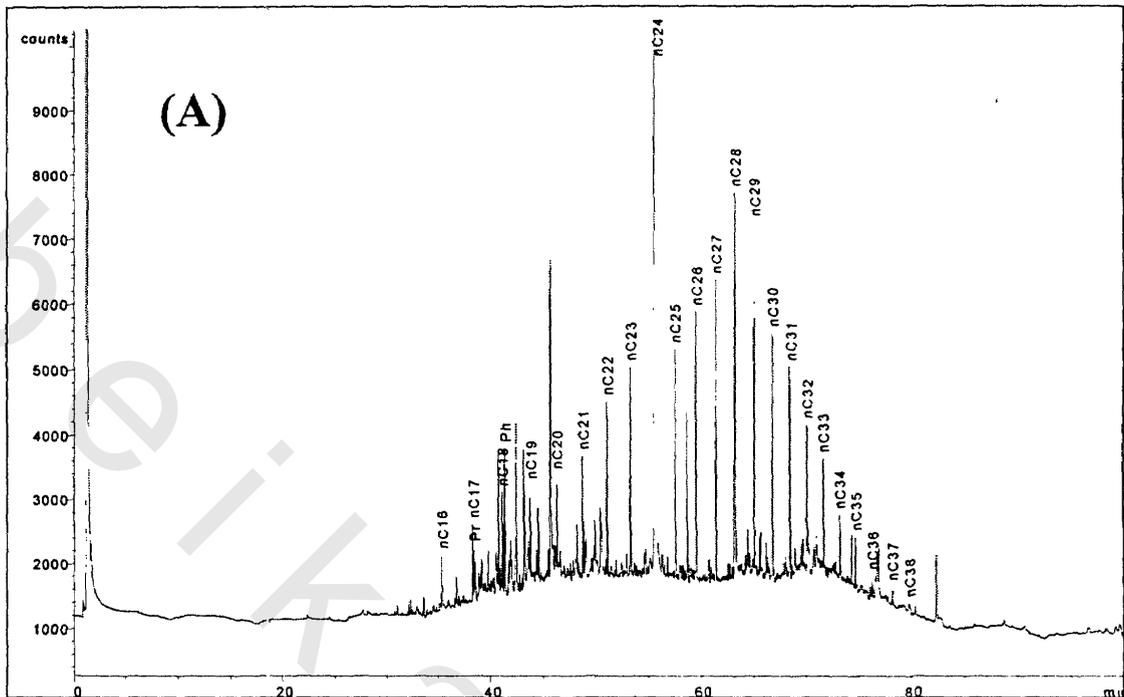
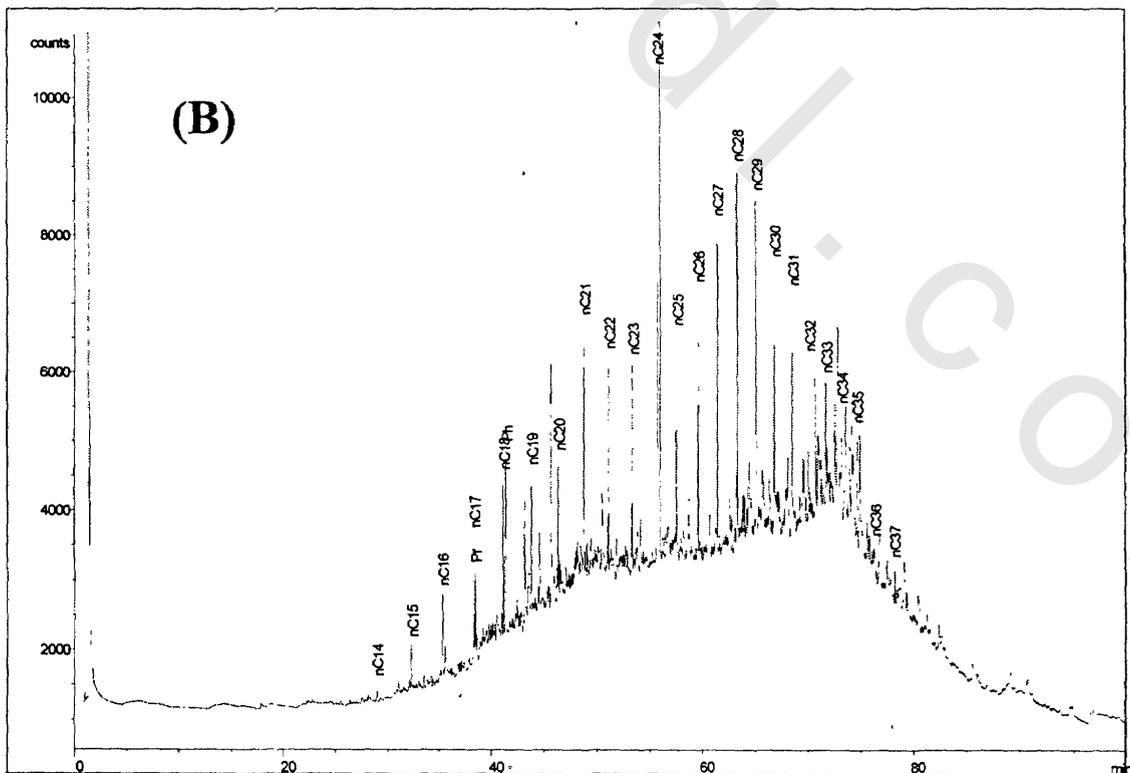


Figure-68: GC diagram of extracts for investigated subsurface evaporite core samples from Gubal Island



(A) : Unimodal distribution pattern and predominance of phytane over the n-C18



(B) : naphthane bluge between C25 to C31

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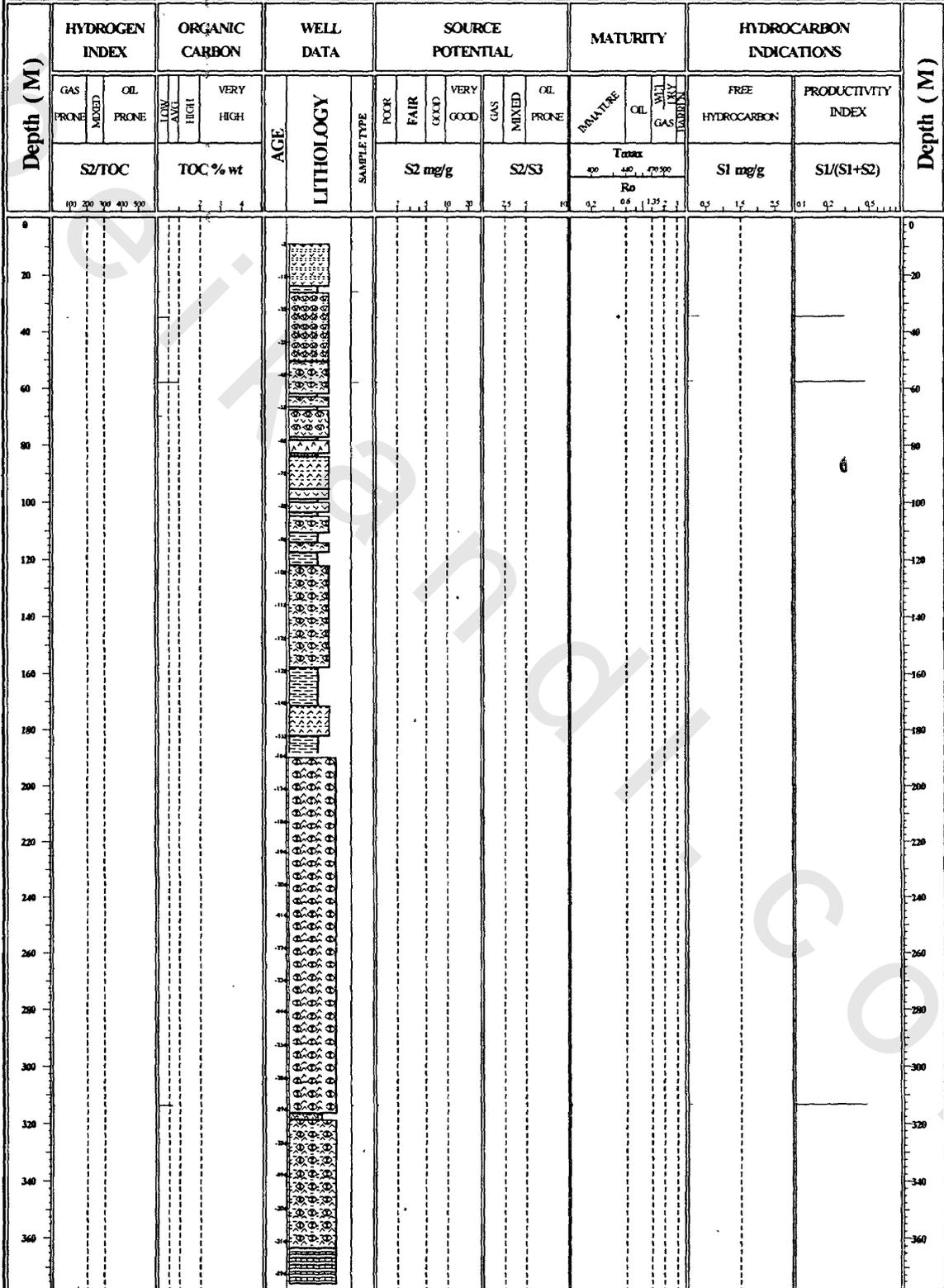
GEOCHEMICAL LOG

Area Name : Gubal Island

Well Name : Gs-89-17

Start Depth : 8.3 M
End Depth : 313.7 M
Plot Scale 1 : 2000

Country : EGYPT



S1 : HC already in rock
 S2 : HC from Kerogen Pyrolysis
 S3 : CO2 from Kerogen Pyrolysis

Sample Type Symbol Line Type Tmax
 Cuttings * - *
 Sidewall - - *
 Core O - *

Ro ◆
 VL *

TOC cut off : 0%
 S2 cut off : 0%

Figure-70

GEOCHEMICAL LOG

Area Name : Gubal Island

Well Name : Gs-89-18

Start Depth : 179.8 M
 End Depth : 336.9 M
 Plot Scale 1 : 2000

Country : EGYPT

Depth (M)	HYDROGEN INDEX		ORGANIC CARBON			WELL DATA		SOURCE POTENTIAL				MATURITY			HYDROCARBON INDICATIONS		Depth (M)			
	GAS PRONE	OIL PRONE	LOW	HIGH	VERY HIGH	LITHOLOGY	SAMPLE TYPE	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	VERY GOOD	GAS	MIXED	OIL PRONE	IMMATURE	OIL		GAS	FREE HYDROCARBON	PRODUCTIVITY INDEX
	S2/TOC	TOC % wt	AGE	S2 mg/g	S2/S3															
0																				0
20																				20
40																				40
60																				60
80																				80
100																				100
120																				120
140																				140
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360																				360

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 S2 HC from Kerogen Pyrolysis
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 Cuttings * - - - * Ro ◆
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TOC cut off : 0%
 S2 cut off : 0%

Figure-71: Modified Van Krevelen diagram For analyzed samples from Esh El-Malaha Area

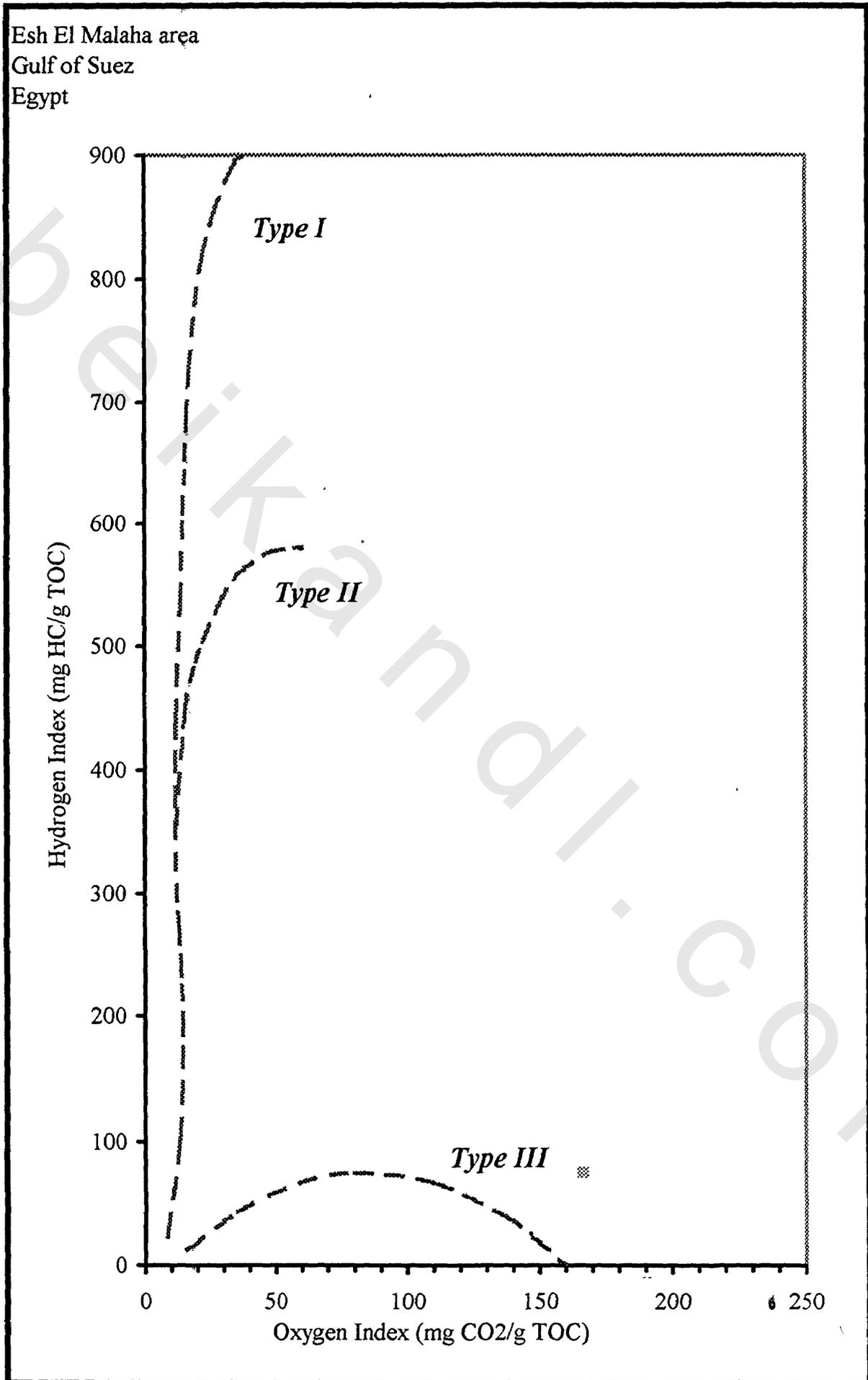


Figure-72: Modified Van Krevelen diagram for analyzed samples from North Sinai.

