

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO  
**Characterisation of lignite lithotypes from the “Kovin” deposit (Serbia) – Implications from petrographic, biomarker and isotopic analysis**

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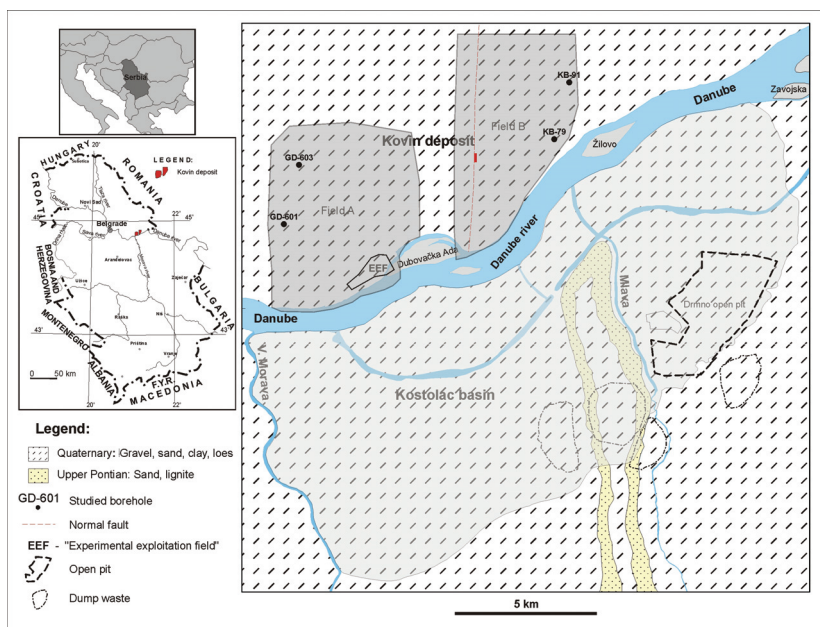


Fig. S-1. Simplified geological map of the Kovin deposit with sample locations.

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## SAMPLING LOCATIONS AND SAMPLE PREPARATION

Samples of four lignite lithotypes: matrix coal (MC), xylite-rich coal (XC), mixture of matrix and mineral-rich coal (MMiC) and mixture of matrix and xylite-rich coal (MXC) were taken from four boreholes, GD-601 and GD-603 (the “A” field), and KB-79 and KB-91 (the “B” field), representing different parts of all three coal seams (I, II and III), hosted in the Kovin deposit (Fig. S-1; Table S-I). The sampling interval was determined on the basis of lithological changes. The macroscopic description of the lignite lithotypes followed the nomenclature adopted by ICCP<sup>1</sup> (Table S-I).

TABLE S-I. The list of studied samples

| Field | Borehole ID | Coal Seam | Sample ID     | Depth interval m                               | Lithotype                                      |
|-------|-------------|-----------|---------------|--|--|
| B     | KB-79       | II        | 2/79          | 35.35-36.00                                    | Matrix coal (MC)                               |
|       |             | II        | 3/79          | 36.80-37.60                                    | Mixture of matrix and xylite-rich coal (MXC)   |
|       |             | II        | 4/79          | 38.00-38.20                                    | Xylite-rich coal (XC)                          |
|       |             | II        | 5/79          | 38.50-39.00                                    | Mixture of matrix and xylite-rich coal (MXC)   |
|       |             | II        | 6/79          | 39.00-39.10                                    | Mixture of matrix and mineral-rich coal (MMiC) |
|       |             | II        | 8/79          | 40.15-40.65                                    | Mixture of matrix and xylite-rich coal (MXC)   |
|       |             | III       | 11/79         | 67.90-69.30                                    | Mixture of matrix and mineral-rich coal (MMiC) |
|       |             | III       | 14/79         | 114.10-114.25                                  | Xylite-rich coal (XC)                          |
|       |             | III       | 16/79         | 114.75-114.85                                  | Xylite-rich coal (XC)                          |
|       |             | III       | 17/79         | 115.00-115.30                                  | Mixture of matrix and mineral-rich coal (MMiC) |
|       | III         | 18/79     | 115.30-115.45 | Mixture of matrix and xylite-rich coal (MXC)   |  |
|       | III         | 19/79     | 115.45-116.00 | Mixture of matrix and mineral-rich coal (MMiC) |  |
|       | III         | 20/79     | 116.05-116.30 | Mixture of matrix and mineral-rich coal (MMiC) |  |
|       | KB-91       | I         | 26/91         | 22.50-24.25                                    | Matrix coal (MC)                               |
|       |             | I         | 27/91         | 24.60-25.00                                    | Xylite-rich coal (XC)                          |
|       |             | I         | 28/91         | 25.50-25.75                                    | Matrix coal (MC)                               |
|       |             | I         | 29/91         | 25.75-26.35                                    | Xylite-rich coal (XC)                          |
|       |             | I         | 30/91         | 26.35-27.65                                    | Matrix coal (MC)                               |
|       |             | I         | 31/91         | 27.65-28.15                                    | Mixture of matrix and mineral-rich coal (MMiC) |
|       |             | II        | 33/91         | 45.00-45.60                                    | Mixture of matrix and xylite-rich coal (MXC)   |
| II    |             | 34/91     | 45.60-46.05   | Xylite-rich coal (XC)                          |  |
| II    |             | 36/91     | 47.05-48.35   | Mixture of matrix and mineral-rich coal (MMiC) |  |
| II    |             | 38/91     | 49.30-49.50   | Xylite-rich coal (XC)                          |  |
| A     | GD-601      | II        | 40/91         | 51.60-52.85                                    | Matrix coal (MC)                               |
|       |             | I (Ia)    | 42/601        | 42.65-43.10                                    | Xylite-rich coal (XC)                          |
|       |             | I (Ia)    | 43/601        | 43.10-43.50                                    | Matrix coal (MC)                               |

TABLE S-I. Continued

| Field  | Borehole ID | Coal Seam | Sample ID   | Depth interval m                             | Lithotype                                      |
|--------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--|--|
| A      | GD-601      | I (Ib)    | 45/601      | 75.50-76.00                                  | Mixture of matrix and xylite-rich coal (MXC)   |
|        |             | I (Ib)    | 46/601      | 76.00-76.40                                  | Matrix coal (MC)                               |
|        |             | II        | 48/601      | 96.40-97.00                                  | Mixture of matrix and mineral-rich coal (MMiC) |
|        |             | II        | 49/601      | 97.00-97.50                                  | Matrix coal (MC)                               |
|        | GD-603      | I (Ia)    | 50/603      | 39.00-39.55                                  | Xylite-rich coal (XC)                          |
|        |             | I (Ib)    | 51/603      | 65.15-65.35                                  | Matrix coal (MC)                               |
|        |             | I (Ib)    | 52/603      | 65.60-65.70                                  | Xylite-rich coal (XC)                          |
| I (Ib) |             | 53/603    | 65.70-66.65 | Mixture of matrix and xylite-rich coal (MXC) |  |
| A      | GD-603      | II        | 54/603      | 88.00-88.12                                  | Xylite-rich coal (XC)                          |
|        |             | II        | 55/603      | 88.40-88.60                                  | Mixture of matrix and xylite-rich coal (MXC)   |
|        |             | II        | 56/603      | 88.60-88.80                                  | Mixture of matrix and mineral-rich coal (MMiC) |

The area of the Kovin deposit consists of Palaeozoic schist, Tertiary, and Quaternary sediments. The basement of the Kovin deposit is formed of Devonian low grade schist overlain by Neogene sediments. Neogene of the Kovin deposit consists of the following units: Sarmatian (Middle Miocene), Pannonian (Late Miocene), Pontian (Late Miocene), Lower Pliocene and Quaternary. Three lignite seams: oldest III seam, middle II, and the youngest I seam, having maximal thickness of 48.7, 7.6 and 15.2 m, are respectively hosted in Pontian series. The detailed geological description of the Kovin deposit is given in the previous article.<sup>2</sup>

For the maceral analyses, the lignite samples were crushed to a maximum particle size of 1 mm, mounted in epoxy resin and polished. The maceral analysis was performed on a Leitz DMLP microscope in monochromatic and UV light illumination on 500 points. The maceral description follows the terminology developed by the ICCP for huminite,<sup>3</sup> liptinite<sup>4</sup> and inertinite<sup>5</sup> nomenclature. Elemental analysis, determination of ash content and calorific value measurements were performed according to procedures which were explained in detail in the previous papers.<sup>6-8</sup>

Extractable OM (bitumen) was obtained from pulverized lignites (<150 µm) in a Dionex ASE 200 accelerated solvent extractor using dichloromethane (DCM) for approximately one hour at 75°C. Copper was added in order to remove elemental sulphur during the extraction process. The asphaltenes were precipitated with *n*-hexane-DCM solution (80:1) and the remainder (maltenes) was separated into saturated, aromatic and NSO (polar fraction, which contains nitrogen, sulphur, and oxygen compounds) fractions using medium pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC) with a Köhnen–Willsch instrument.<sup>9</sup>

Vials of the aliphatic and aromatic fractions of the Kovin lignite samples after MPLC separation were weighted.

TABLE S-II. The maceral composition of lignite lithotypes based on mineral matter-free, vol. %; values of parameters for individual samples are given in Table S-III of the Supplementary material; *SD* – standard deviation

| Component        | Matrix coal (MC) |      |      |           | Xylite-rich coal (XC) |      |      |           | Mixture of matrix and mineral-rich coal (MMiC) |      |      |           | Mixture of matrix and xylite-rich coal (MXC) |      |      |           |
|------------------|------------------|------|------|-----------|-----------------------|------|------|-----------|--|------|------|-----------|--|------|------|-----------|
|                  | Mean             | Max. | Min. | <i>SD</i> | Mean                  | Max. | Min. | <i>SD</i> | Mean   | Max. | Min. | <i>SD</i> | Mean   | Max. | Min. | <i>SD</i> |
| T <sup>a</sup>   | 11.6             | 23   | 4.0  | 6.6       | 21.3                  | 52.7 | 12.0 | 11.4      | 7.5  | 19.1 | 2.6  | 4.8       | 12.9   | 24.0 | 5.3  | 6.4       |
| U <sup>b</sup>   | 26.6             | 45.6 | 14.3 | 8.5       | 40.0                  | 47.9 | 17.2 | 8.7       | 21.3   | 32.2 | 9.0  | 7.0       | 24.9   | 37.2 | 6.6  | 10.1      |
| A <sup>c</sup>   | 2.5              | 4.0  | 0.2  | 1.3       | 1.9                   | 4.2  | 0.2  | 1.5       | 6.0  | 12.5 | 1.3  | 3.3       | 6.7  | 16.6 | 1.3  | 6.2       |
| D <sup>d</sup>   | 40.5             | 52.1 | 17.8 | 9.6       | 19.5                  | 24.9 | 10.2 | 4.6       | 42.6   | 58.4 | 32.6 | 8.8       | 36.1   | 47.5 | 30.6 | 5.4       |
| G <sup>e</sup>   | 4.3              | 7.2  | 1.9  | 1.8       | 4.7                   | 7.7  | 1.5  | 2.3       | 5.1  | 8.6  | 3.3  | 2.0       | 3.5  | 5.4  | 1.3  | 1.2       |
| Ch <sup>f</sup>  | 3.4              | 6.9  | 1.6  | 1.7       | 3.5                   | 7.2  | 1.4  | 1.7       | 3.1  | 6.0  | 1.6  | 1.4       | 3.6  | 6.8  | 1.3  | 2.1       |
| HUM <sup>g</sup> | 88.8             | 94.3 | 81.4 | 4.5       | 91.0                  | 95.0 | 84.2 | 3.2       | 85.6   | 93.5 | 74.5 | 6.1       | 87.8   | 95.0 | 81.2 | 4.4       |
| Sp <sup>h</sup>  | 1.2              | 1.8  | 0.2  | 0.6       | 1.1                   | 1.9  | 0.5  | 0.4       | 1.1  | 1.7  | 0.6  | 0.4       | 1.4  | 2.2  | 0.5  | 0.7       |
| Cu <sup>i</sup>  | 0.4              | 0.8  | 0.0  | 0.3       | 0.3                   | 1.0  | 0.0  | 0.3       | 0.3  | 1.0  | 0.0  | 0.3       | 0.3  | 0.4  | 0.0  | 0.1       |
| R <sup>j</sup>   | 0.4              | 1.2  | 0.2  | 0.3       | 0.6                   | 2.0  | 0.2  | 0.5       | 0.6  | 1.1  | 0.0  | 0.3       | 0.6  | 1.6  | 0.0  | 0.5       |
| Su <sup>k</sup>  | 0.4              | 1.0  | 0.0  | 0.3       | 0.4                   | 1.0  | 0.0  | 0.3       | 0.1  | 0.7  | 0.0  | 0.2       | 0.4  | 1.0  | 0.2  | 0.3       |
| Al <sup>l</sup>  | 0.2              | 0.7  | 0.0  | 0.3       | 0.0                   | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0       | 0.1  | 0.3  | 0.0  | 0.1       | 0.2  | 0.7  | 0.0  | 0.3       |
| Ld <sup>m</sup>  | 1.8              | 3.2  | 0.4  | 0.9       | 1.4                   | 2.2  | 0.3  | 0.6       | 1.7  | 2.9  | 0.6  | 0.7       | 2.6  | 3.9  | 1.6  | 1.0       |
| LIP <sup>n</sup> | 4.4              | 6.8  | 2.0  | 1.3       | 3.8                   | 5.9  | 2.6  | 0.9       | 4.0  | 7.3  | 1.1  | 1.6       | 5.4  | 7.4  | 3.0  | 1.7       |
| F <sup>o</sup>   | 1.5              | 2.7  | 0.2  | 0.9       | 1.4                   | 4.2  | 0.2  | 1.4       | 2.3  | 9.4  | 0.2  | 2.6       | 1.2  | 2.8  | 0.2  | 1.1       |
| Sf <sup>p</sup>  | 0.6              | 2.5  | 0.2  | 0.7       | 0.8                   | 3.9  | 0.2  | 1.1       | 1.1  | 3.0  | 0.0  | 0.9       | 0.6  | 1.2  | 0.0  | 0.4       |
| Ma <sup>q</sup>  | 0.4              | 1.2  | 0.0  | 0.4       | 0.2                   | 0.5  | 0.0  | 0.2       | 0.4  | 1.2  | 0.0  | 0.3       | 0.5  | 1.6  | 0.0  | 0.5       |
| Fg <sup>r</sup>  | 0.8              | 1.6  | 0.2  | 0.5       | 0.6                   | 1.7  | 0.2  | 0.4       | 0.6  | 1.4  | 0.2  | 0.4       | 0.8  | 1.8  | 0.2  | 0.5       |
| Id <sup>s</sup>  | 3.5              | 10.6 | 0.6  | 3.1       | 2.2                   | 4.4  | 0.7  | 1.4       | 6.1  | 13.3 | 1.4  | 4.0       | 3.6  | 8.8  | 0.8  | 2.6       |
| IN <sup>t</sup>  | 6.7              | 14.8 | 2.2  | 4.1       | 5.2                   | 13.2 | 2.0  | 3.5       | 10.5   | 24.4 | 2.6  | 6.7       | 6.7  | 14.6 | 2.0  | 4.0       |
| MM <sup>u</sup>  | 9.7              | 16.8 | 4.3  | 4.1       | 7.6                   | 11.4 | 3.3  | 2.8       | 17.5   | 29.7 | 11.4 | 5.6       | 15.1   | 23.9 | 8.6  | 5.1       |

<sup>a</sup>T – textinite; <sup>b</sup>U – ulminite; <sup>c</sup>A – attrinite; <sup>d</sup>D – densinite; <sup>e</sup>G – gelinite; <sup>f</sup>Ch – corpohuminite; <sup>g</sup>HUM – total huminite; <sup>h</sup>Sp – sporinite; <sup>i</sup>Cu – cutinite; <sup>j</sup>R – resinite; <sup>k</sup>Su – suberinite; <sup>l</sup>Al – alginite; <sup>m</sup>Ld – liptodetrinite; <sup>n</sup>LIP – total liptinite; <sup>o</sup>F – fusinite; <sup>p</sup>Sf – semifusinite; <sup>q</sup>Ma – macrinite; <sup>r</sup>Fg – funginite; <sup>s</sup>Id – inertodetrinite; <sup>t</sup>IN – total inertinite; <sup>u</sup>MM – total mineral matter

TABLE S-III. The maceral composition based on mineral matter-free, vol. %

| Lithotype | Sample ID | T <sup>a</sup> | U <sup>b</sup> | A <sup>c</sup> | D <sup>d</sup> | G <sup>e</sup> | Ch <sup>f</sup> | HUM <sup>g</sup> | Sp <sup>h</sup> | Cu <sup>i</sup> | R <sup>j</sup> | Su <sup>k</sup> |
|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| MC        | 2/79      | 23.0           | 14.2           | 4.0            | 40.2           | 5.4            | 2.0             | 88.8             | 1.8             | 0.2             | 0.2            | 0.2             |
| MXC       | 3/79      | 24.0           | 6.6            | 16.6           | 31.4           | 2.8            | 2.2             | 83.6             | 1.8             | 0.3             | 0.0            | 0.3             |
| XC        | 4/79      | 52.7           | 17.2           | 4.2            | 10.2           | 3.4            | 2.3             | 90.0             | 1.5             | 0.0             | 0.2            | 0.0             |
| MXC       | 5/79      | 17.4           | 12.9           | 15.8           | 33.6           | 3.2            | 5.3             | 88.2             | 2.2             | 0.4             | 0.4            | 1.0             |
| MMiC      | 6/79      | 19.1           | 17.2           | 8.9            | 34.8           | 3.6            | 6.0             | 89.6             | 1.6             | 0.2             | 0.2            | 0.2             |
| MXC       | 8/79      | 15.2           | 28.4           | 7.0            | 34.4           | 3.2            | 6.8             | 95.0             | 0.6             | 0.0             | 0.4            | 0.2             |
| MMiC      | 11/79     | 9.5            | 9.0            | 12.5           | 53.5           | 3.3            | 2.8             | 90.6             | 0.9             | 0.0             | 0.3            | 0.0             |
| XC        | 14/79     | 18.0           | 37.2           | 2.6            | 22.4           | 4.6            | 7.2             | 92.0             | 0.7             | 0.0             | 0.5            | 0.4             |
| XC        | 16/79     | 12.0           | 40.9           | 0.6            | 18.0           | 7.7            | 5.0             | 84.2             | 1.1             | 0.0             | 0.2            | 1.0             |
| MMiC      | 17/79     | 2.6            | 17.2           | 8.4            | 40.6           | 4.2            | 1.6             | 74.6             | 0.6             | 0.0             | 0.0            | 0.0             |
| MXC       | 18/79     | 11.2           | 25.8           | 6.8            | 30.6           | 5.4            | 1.4             | 81.2             | 1.8             | 0.4             | 0.2            | 0.2             |
| MMiC      | 19/79     | 5.8            | 23.8           | 4.2            | 35.0           | 8.6            | 1.6             | 79.0             | 1.2             | 0.6             | 0.6            | 0.0             |
| MMiC      | 20/79     | 4.0            | 16.8           | 5.2            | 50.8           | 4.4            | 2.3             | 83.5             | 1.0             | 0.0             | 0.8            | 0.3             |

TABLE S-III. Continued

| Lithotype | Sample ID | T <sup>a</sup> | U <sup>b</sup> | A <sup>c</sup> | D <sup>d</sup> | G <sup>e</sup> | Ch <sup>f</sup> | HUM <sup>g</sup> | Sp <sup>h</sup> | Cu <sup>i</sup> | R <sup>j</sup> | Su <sup>k</sup> |
|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| MC        | 26/91     | 16.6           | 19.8           | 3.0            | 40.0           | 6.0            | 6.9             | 92.3             | 0.7             | 0.2             | 0.4            | 0.4             |
| XC        | 27/91     | 18.4           | 38.0           | 2.2            | 24.9           | 6.2            | 2.0             | 91.7             | 0.8             | 1.0             | 0.4            | 0.4             |
| MC        | 28/91     | 8.8            | 25.4           | 3.6            | 41.4           | 2.4            | 2.6             | 84.2             | 1.8             | 0.4             | 1.2            | 0.0             |
| XC        | 29/91     | 23.8           | 36.1           | 3.9            | 18.2           | 2.9            | 4.6             | 89.5             | 1.2             | 0.2             | 0.8            | 0.8             |
| MC        | 30/91     | 4.0            | 25.1           | 2.4            | 39.8           | 7.2            | 3.1             | 81.6             | 1.1             | 0.8             | 0.2            | 0.6             |
| MMiC      | 31/91     | 3.0            | 17.3           | 7.7            | 58.4           | 3.4            | 2.3             | 92.1             | 1.0             | 0.6             | 0.8            | 0.0             |
| MXC       | 33/91     | 6.3            | 29.1           | 2.2            | 39.6           | 4.0            | 5.9             | 87.1             | 0.5             | 0.2             | 1.3            | 0.2             |
| XC        | 34/91     | 14.6           | 47.4           | 1.6            | 23.6           | 2.2            | 4.4             | 93.8             | 0.7             | 0.2             | 0.2            | 0.4             |
| MMiC      | 36/91     | 8.0            | 29.4           | 3.6            | 32.6           | 8.4            | 4.2             | 86.2             | 1.0             | 0.2             | 0.3            | 0.0             |
| XC        | 38/91     | 24.2           | 47.8           | 1.7            | 14.1           | 3.0            | 2.8             | 93.6             | 0.7             | 0.2             | 1.2            | 0.5             |
| MMiC      | 39/91     | 7.2            | 22.9           | 1.3            | 41.9           | 6.1            | 2.3             | 81.7             | 1.3             | 0.5             | 0.7            | 0.0             |
| MC        | 40/91     | 8.2            | 28.8           | 3.0            | 46.0           | 4.6            | 3.0             | 93.6             | 0.6             | 0.4             | 0.2            | 0.4             |
| XC        | 42/601    | 22.0           | 39.1           | 3.2            | 23.7           | 5.6            | 1.4             | 95.0             | 1.0             | 0.6             | 0.5            | 0.2             |
| MC        | 43/601    | 8.4            | 25.1           | 2.2            | 52.1           | 4.0            | 2.6             | 94.4             | 1.6             | 0.0             | 0.2            | 0.2             |
| MXC       | 45/601    | 7.9            | 27.3           | 2.2            | 47.5           | 4.6            | 2.5             | 92.0             | 0.7             | 0.2             | 0.7            | 0.2             |
| MC        | 46/601    | 5.4            | 27.5           | 0.8            | 47.6           | 1.9            | 1.6             | 84.8             | 1.8             | 0.8             | 0.2            | 0.2             |
| MMiC      | 48/601    | 10.4           | 26.8           | 4.7            | 42.8           | 4.9            | 3.9             | 93.5             | 0.8             | 0.2             | 1.1            | 0.2             |
| MC        | 49/601    | 9.8            | 28.2           | 3.7            | 39.5           | 4.1            | 5.6             | 90.9             | 0.2             | 0.2             | 0.4            | 1.0             |
| XC        | 50/603    | 13.2           | 44.7           | 0.4            | 16.8           | 7.4            | 4.3             | 86.8             | 1.2             | 0.2             | 0.4            | 0.4             |
| MC        | 51/603    | 20.0           | 45.6           | 0.2            | 17.8           | 2.6            | 3.4             | 89.6             | 1.4             | 0.4             | 0.6            | 0.2             |
| XC        | 52/603    | 13.0           | 47.4           | 0.2            | 22.6           | 7.5            | 1.9             | 92.6             | 1.9             | 0.2             | 0.2            | 0.2             |
| MXC       | 53/603    | 5.3            | 37.2           | 2.1            | 34.5           | 3.8            | 3.5             | 86.4             | 1.7             | 0.2             | 0.2            | 0.7             |
| XC        | 54/603    | 22.7           | 44.3           | 0.2            | 20.2           | 1.5            | 3.0             | 91.9             | 1.2             | 0.2             | 2.0            | 0.2             |
| MXC       | 55/603    | 15.8           | 32.0           | 1.3            | 37.6           | 1.3            | 1.4             | 89.4             | 1.7             | 0.2             | 1.6            | 0.2             |
| MMiC      | 56/603    | 5.8            | 32.2           | 3.3            | 36.1           | 3.8            | 4.2             | 85.4             | 1.7             | 1.0             | 1.0            | 0.7             |

TABLE S-III. Continuation

| Lithotype | Sample ID | Al <sup>l</sup> | Ld <sup>m</sup> | LIP <sup>n</sup> | F <sup>o</sup> | Sf <sup>p</sup> | Ma <sup>q</sup> | Fg <sup>r</sup> | Id <sup>s</sup> | IN <sup>t</sup> | MM <sup>u</sup> |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| MC        | 2/79      | 0.7             | 2.7             | 5.8              | 2.0            | 0.4             | 0.0             | 1.6             | 1.4             | 5.4             | 8.0             |
| MXC       | 3/79      | 0.7             | 3.9             | 7.0              | 2.8            | 1.2             | 0.3             | 0.4             | 4.7             | 9.4             | 23.9            |
| XC        | 4/79      | 0.0             | 1.9             | 3.6              | 3.0            | 0.4             | 0.2             | 0.2             | 2.6             | 6.4             | 9.9             |
| MXC       | 5/79      | 0.0             | 3.4             | 7.4              | 0.5            | 0.4             | 0.0             | 1.8             | 1.7             | 4.4             | 8.6             |
| MMiC      | 6/79      | 0.2             | 2.4             | 4.8              | 0.6            | 0.3             | 0.2             | 1.0             | 3.5             | 5.6             | 13.0            |
| MXC       | 8/79      | 0.0             | 1.8             | 3.0              | 0.4            | 0.0             | 0.0             | 0.8             | 0.8             | 2.0             | 9.4             |
| MMiC      | 11/79     | 0.3             | 1.4             | 2.9              | 1.3            | 0.7             | 0.4             | 0.9             | 3.2             | 6.5             | 29.7            |
| XC        | 14/79     | 0.0             | 1.8             | 3.4              | 1.2            | 0.4             | 0.5             | 0.8             | 1.7             | 4.6             | 8.8             |
| XC        | 16/79     | 0.0             | 0.3             | 2.6              | 4.2            | 3.9             | 0.2             | 0.4             | 4.5             | 13.2            | 3.3             |
| MMiC      | 17/79     | 0.0             | 0.6             | 1.2              | 9.4            | 1.2             | 0.2             | 0.2             | 13.2            | 24.2            | 11.4            |
| MXC       | 18/79     | 0.0             | 1.6             | 4.2              | 2.8            | 0.8             | 1.6             | 0.6             | 8.8             | 14.6            | 14.4            |
| MMiC      | 19/79     | 0.3             | 2.2             | 4.9              | 2.8            | 1.8             | 1.2             | 0.8             | 9.5             | 16.1            | 13.5            |
| MMiC      | 20/79     | 0.0             | 0.7             | 2.8              | 2.0            | 3.0             | 0.4             | 0.3             | 8.0             | 13.7            | 20.4            |
| MC        | 26/91     | 0.0             | 0.4             | 2.1              | 1.0            | 0.4             | 0.4             | 1.2             | 2.6             | 5.6             | 16.8            |
| XC        | 27/91     | 0.0             | 1.4             | 4.0              | 0.8            | 0.2             | 0.2             | 0.2             | 2.9             | 4.3             | 4.2             |
| MC        | 28/91     | 0.2             | 3.2             | 6.8              | 2.2            | 0.2             | 0.2             | 1.0             | 5.4             | 9.0             | 5.5             |
| XC        | 29/91     | 0.0             | 2.0             | 5.0              | 1.0            | 0.4             | 0.4             | 0.5             | 3.2             | 5.5             | 8.8             |

TABLE S-III. Continued

| Lithotype | Sample ID | Al <sup>l</sup> | Ld <sup>m</sup> | LIP <sup>n</sup> | F <sup>o</sup> | Sf <sup>p</sup> | Ma <sup>q</sup> | Fg <sup>r</sup> | Id <sup>s</sup> | IN <sup>t</sup> | MM <sup>u</sup> |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| MC        | 30/91     | 0.0             | 1.0             | 3.7              | 2.4            | 0.5             | 1.2             | 0.2             | 10.4            | 14.7            | 15.0            |
| MMiC      | 31/91     | 0.0             | 1.6             | 4.0              | 1.4            | 0.0             | 0.3             | 0.6             | 1.6             | 3.9             | 22.9            |
| MXC       | 33/91     | 0.2             | 2.5             | 4.9              | 1.8            | 0.2             | 0.2             | 0.8             | 5.0             | 8.0             | 14.8            |
| XC        | 34/91     | 0.0             | 1.7             | 3.2              | 0.2            | 0.4             | 0.0             | 1.7             | 0.7             | 3.0             | 8.1             |
| MMiC      | 36/91     | 0.0             | 1.7             | 3.2              | 2.6            | 0.8             | 0.2             | 0.6             | 6.4             | 10.6            | 13.9            |
| XC        | 38/91     | 0.0             | 1.4             | 4.0              | 0.7            | 0.3             | 0.0             | 0.7             | 0.7             | 2.4             | 11.4            |
| MMiC      | 39/91     | 0.0             | 1.8             | 4.3              | 1.0            | 1.5             | 0.0             | 1.4             | 10.1            | 14.0            | 15.9            |
| MC        | 40/91     | 0.0             | 2.4             | 4.0              | 0.2            | 0.2             | 0.2             | 1.2             | 0.6             | 2.4             | 9.3             |
| XC        | 42/601    | 0.0             | 0.7             | 3.0              | 0.5            | 0.2             | 0.0             | 0.2             | 1.1             | 2.0             | 11.2            |
| MC        | 43/601    | 0.0             | 1.5             | 3.5              | 0.2            | 0.4             | 0.0             | 0.2             | 1.3             | 2.1             | 7.4             |
| MXC       | 45/601    | 0.5             | 1.7             | 4.0              | 0.2            | 0.7             | 0.2             | 0.9             | 2.0             | 4.0             | 12.4            |
| MC        | 46/601    | 0.6             | 1.0             | 4.6              | 2.7            | 2.5             | 0.6             | 0.6             | 4.2             | 10.6            | 11.5            |
| MMiC      | 48/601    | 0.2             | 1.4             | 3.9              | 0.2            | 0.5             | 0.2             | 0.2             | 1.5             | 2.6             | 15.0            |
| MC        | 49/601    | 0.4             | 2.1             | 4.3              | 1.0            | 0.4             | 0.4             | 0.8             | 2.2             | 4.8             | 9.9             |
| XC        | 50/603    | 0.0             | 1.4             | 3.6              | 3.2            | 1.0             | 0.4             | 0.6             | 4.4             | 9.6             | 4.6             |
| MC        | 51/603    | 0.0             | 2.2             | 4.8              | 2.0            | 0.4             | 0.2             | 0.4             | 2.6             | 5.6             | 4.3             |
| XC        | 52/603    | 0.0             | 0.9             | 3.4              | 0.2            | 0.8             | 0.4             | 0.8             | 1.8             | 4.0             | 5.5             |
| MXC       | 53/603    | 0.2             | 3.9             | 6.9              | 0.9            | 0.2             | 0.9             | 1.2             | 3.5             | 6.7             | 19.3            |
| XC        | 54/603    | 0.0             | 2.2             | 5.8              | 0.2            | 0.2             | 0.0             | 0.9             | 1.0             | 2.3             | 7.8             |
| MXC       | 55/603    | 0.0             | 2.3             | 6.0              | 0.5            | 1.1             | 0.5             | 0.2             | 2.3             | 4.6             | 17.8            |
| MMiC      | 56/603    | 0.0             | 2.9             | 7.3              | 1.7            | 0.7             | 0.4             | 0.4             | 4.1             | 7.3             | 19.2            |

<sup>a</sup>T – Textinite; <sup>b</sup>U – ulminite; <sup>c</sup>A – attrinite; <sup>d</sup>D – densinite; <sup>e</sup>G – gelinite; <sup>f</sup>Ch – corpohuminitite; <sup>g</sup>HUM – total huminitite; <sup>h</sup>Sp – sporinite; <sup>i</sup>Cu – cutinite; <sup>j</sup>R – resinite; <sup>k</sup>Su – suberinite; <sup>l</sup>Al – alginite; <sup>m</sup>Ld – liptodetrinite; <sup>n</sup>LIP – total liptinite; <sup>o</sup>F – fusinite; <sup>p</sup>Sf – semifusinite; <sup>q</sup>Ma – macrinite; <sup>r</sup>Fg – funginite; <sup>s</sup>Id – inertodetrinite; <sup>t</sup>IN – total inertinite; <sup>u</sup>MM – total mineral matter

TABLE S-IV. Petrographic indices and bulk organic geochemical parameters of lignite lithotypes; values of parameters for individual samples are given in Table S-V of the Supplementary material

| Parameter                           | Matrix coal (MC) |        |       | Xylite-rich coal (XC) |       |       | Mixture of matrix and mineral-rich coal (MMiC) |       |       | Mixture of matrix and xylite-rich coal (MXC) |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                     | Mean             | Max.   | SD    | Mean                  | Max.  | SD    | Mean   | Max.  | SD    | Mean   | Max.  | SD    |       |       |       |
| $\Sigma G^a$ / vol. %               | 52.61            | 58.25  | 43.85 | 45.8                  | 56.28 | 24.03 | 8.72   | 50.98 | 56.37 | 44.43  | 4.28  | 48.04 | 57.17 | 30.44 | 9.30  |
| $G^b$                               | 4.22             | 6.60   | 1.86  | 1.74                  | 4.76  | 0.48  | 1.15   | 3.41  | 5.72  | 1.77   | 1.29  | 3.56  | 6.45  | 0.84  | 2.14  |
| $TP^c$                              | 1.20             | 3.90   | 0.67  | 1.02                  | 3.24  | 5.15  | 2.17   | 0.98  | 1.21  | 0.34   | 0.30  | 1.01  | 1.26  | 0.73  | 0.23  |
| $VI^d$                              | 1.02             | 3.10   | 0.63  | 0.78                  | 2.74  | 4.22  | 1.91   | 0.75  | 0.97  | 0.31   | 0.24  | 0.88  | 1.22  | 0.65  | 0.21  |
| $GW^e$                              | 1.52             | 2.07   | 0.43  | 0.48                  | 0.57  | 0.74  | 0.35   | 0.11  | 2.07  | 3.11   | 1.27  | 0.69  | 1.33  | 1.79  | 1.06  |
| $TOC^f$ / %                         | 40.77            | 57.97  | 29.58 | 10.21                 | 51.66 | 57.01 | 40.44  | 4.67  | 25.54 | 48.90  | 8.04  | 12.37 | 35.41 | 45.79 | 17.14 |
| $S^g$ / %                           | 1.78             | 3.33   | 0.82  | 0.86                  | 1.72  | 2.87  | 0.80   | 0.53  | 1.53  | 4.40   | 0.21  | 1.33  | 1.66  | 3.34  | 0.76  |
| $Q_g^h$ / MJ kg <sup>-1</sup>       | 24.30            | 28.30  | 22.80 | 1.70                  | 25.80 | 27.80 | 24.20  | 0.90  | 20.80 | 25.80  | 15.70 | 3.30  | 23.10 | 25.10 | 18.90 |
| $Q_d^i$ / MJ kg <sup>-1</sup>       | 23.30            | 27.20  | 21.70 | 1.70                  | 24.80 | 26.70 | 23.20  | 0.90  | 19.80 | 24.80  | 14.30 | 3.30  | 22.10 | 23.90 | 17.80 |
| Ash, %                              | 33.45            | 50.85  | 16.86 | 11.36                 | 17.68 | 31.36 | 8.66   | 6.07  | 55.42 | 78.20  | 25.51 | 14.98 | 40.06 | 59.84 | 25.70 |
| Bitumen mg (g $TOC$ ) <sup>-1</sup> | 59.99            | 105.33 | 36.89 | 21.13                 | 49.27 | 64.38 | 22.65  | 12.72 | 64.65 | 131.69                                       | 34.78 | 32.04 | 61.18 | 87.97 | 36.78 |
| Saturated HC <sup>j</sup> , %       | 2.54             | 8.58   | 0.65  | 2.54                  | 2.31  | 10.57 | 0.97   | 2.78  | 1.91  | 5.24   | 0.60  | 1.31  | 2.01  | 3.21  | 1.25  |
| Aromatic HC, %                      | 2.99             | 4.48   | 1.75  | 0.95                  | 2.40  | 4.38  | 1.09   | 0.81  | 2.42  | 3.89   | 0.70  | 1.00  | 2.58  | 4.74  | 1.19  |
| Asp <sup>k</sup> +NSO, %            | 94.47            | 97.07  | 86.94 | 3.18                  | 95.30 | 97.83 | 85.05  | 3.49  | 95.67 | 97.62  | 91.96 | 1.85  | 95.42 | 97.32 | 94.01 |

<sup>a</sup> $\Sigma G$  = Gelinite + Corpohuminite + 0.67 (Ulminite + Densinite), (mineral matter-free basis), <sup>b</sup> $G$  – Gelification Index = (Ulminite + Corpohuminite + Densinite + Macrinite)/(Textinite + Attrinite + Fusinite + Inertodetrinite); <sup>c</sup> $TP$  – Tissue Preservation Index = (Textinite + Ulminite + Corpohuminite + Fusinite)/(Attrinite + Densinite + Macrinite), <sup>d</sup> $VI$  – Vegetation Index = (Telohuminite + Fusinite + Semifusinite + Cutinite + Sporinite + Suberinite + Resinite)/(Detrohuminite + Inertodetrinite + Alginite + Liptodetrinite + Other lipinites); <sup>e</sup> $GW$  – Groundwater Index = (Gelohuminite + Densinite + Mineral Matter)/(Telohuminite + Attrinite); <sup>f</sup> $TOC$  – Total organic carbon content, dry basis; <sup>g</sup> $S$  – Total sulphur content, dry basis; <sup>h</sup> $Q_g$  – Gross calorific value; <sup>i</sup> $Q_d$  – Net calorific value; <sup>j</sup>HC – Hydrocarbons; <sup>k</sup>Asp – Asphaltenes; <sup>l</sup>NSO – Polar fraction, which contains nitrogen, sulphur and oxygen compounds

TABLE S-V. Petrographic indices and bulk organic geochemical parameters

| Lithotype | Sample ID | $\Sigma G^a$ /vol. % | $GI^b$ | $TPI^c$ | $VI^d$ | $GWI^e$ | $TOC^d$ / % | $S^g$ /% |
|-----------|-----------|----------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-------------|----------|
| MC        | 2/79      | 43.85                | 1.86   | 0.93    | 0.86   | 1.35    | 56.06       | 1.88     |
| MXC       | 3/79      | 30.44                | 0.84   | 0.74    | 0.65   | 1.28    | 24.23       | 1.67     |
| XC        | 4/79      | 24.03                | 0.48   | 5.15    | 3.97   | 0.35    | 52.90       | 2.87     |
| MXC       | 5/79      | 39.69                | 1.46   | 0.73    | 0.65   | 1.10    | 44.67       | 0.78     |
| MMiC      | 6/79      | 44.43                | 1.81   | 0.98    | 0.79   | 1.27    | 20.21       | 0.51     |
| MXC       | 8/79      | 52.12                | 2.97   | 1.23    | 1.03   | 1.06    | 45.79       | 3.34     |
| MMiC      | 11/79     | 47.96                | 2.48   | 0.34    | 0.31   | 2.88    | 8.31        | 0.21     |
| XC        | 14/79     | 51.73                | 2.86   | 2.49    | 2.05   | 0.74    | 51.64       | 1.53     |
| XC        | 16/79     | 52.11                | 3.01   | 3.30    | 2.71   | 0.64    | 57.01       | 1.33     |
| MMiC      | 17/79     | 44.47                | 1.77   | 0.63    | 0.49   | 2.05    | 27.16       | 0.82     |
| MXC       | 18/79     | 44.58                | 2.01   | 1.06    | 0.90   | 1.18    | 43.97       | 1.45     |
| MMiC      | 19/79     | 49.60                | 2.76   | 0.84    | 0.71   | 1.74    | 48.90       | 1.70     |
| MMiC      | 20/79     | 51.94                | 3.66   | 0.45    | 0.43   | 3.00    | 27.52       | 2.13     |
| MC        | 26/91     | 52.96                | 2.89   | 1.02    | 0.86   | 1.77    | 37.36       | 1.80     |
| XC        | 27/91     | 50.31                | 2.68   | 2.17    | 1.91   | 0.64    | 50.80       | 1.98     |
| MC        | 28/91     | 49.82                | 3.48   | 0.86    | 0.74   | 1.37    | 29.97       | 1.73     |
| XC        | 29/91     | 43.82                | 1.86   | 2.91    | 2.36   | 0.54    | 49.29       | 1.41     |
| MC        | 30/91     | 53.67                | 3.60   | 0.80    | 0.65   | 2.07    | 29.58       | 3.33     |
| MMiC      | 31/91     | 56.37                | 5.72   | 0.36    | 0.35   | 3.11    | 26.10       | 4.40     |
| MXC       | 33/91     | 55.86                | 4.89   | 1.03    | 0.80   | 1.71    | 39.65       | 1.46     |
| XC        | 34/91     | 54.14                | 4.41   | 2.64    | 2.32   | 0.60    | 48.67       | 1.65     |
| MMiC      | 36/91     | 54.10                | 3.22   | 1.21    | 0.95   | 1.44    | 26.22       | 1.35     |
| XC        | 38/91     | 47.38                | 2.37   | 4.78    | 4.22   | 0.42    | 51.58       | 0.80     |
| MMiC      | 39/91     | 51.74                | 3.42   | 0.77    | 0.64   | 2.11    | 39.27       | 1.00     |
| MC        | 40/91     | 57.69                | 6.50   | 0.82    | 0.75   | 1.57    | 33.71       | 0.92     |
| XC        | 42/601    | 49.16                | 2.40   | 2.34    | 2.23   | 0.65    | 40.44       | 2.28     |
| MC        | 43/601    | 58.25                | 6.60   | 0.67    | 0.63   | 1.85    | 39.93       | 2.85     |
| MXC       | 45/601    | 57.17                | 6.30   | 0.76    | 0.70   | 1.79    | 40.72       | 1.86     |
| MC        | 46/601    | 53.77                | 5.90   | 0.76    | 0.76   | 1.86    | 41.38       | 1.69     |
| MMiC      | 48/601    | 55.49                | 4.39   | 0.87    | 0.79   | 1.59    | 23.70       | 2.94     |
| MC        | 49/601    | 55.02                | 4.41   | 1.02    | 0.86   | 1.42    | 41.01       | 0.97     |
| XC        | 50/603    | 52.91                | 3.12   | 3.72    | 2.80   | 0.57    | 53.16       | 1.67     |
| MC        | 51/603    | 48.49                | 2.70   | 3.90    | 3.10   | 0.43    | 57.97       | 0.82     |
| XC        | 52/603    | 56.28                | 4.76   | 2.69    | 2.51   | 0.62    | 56.69       | 1.68     |
| MXC       | 53/603    | 55.17                | 6.45   | 1.25    | 1.05   | 1.37    | 27.12       | 1.63     |
| XC        | 54/603    | 47.72                | 2.80   | 3.44    | 3.01   | 0.48    | 56.06       | 1.67     |
| MXC       | 55/603    | 49.30                | 3.59   | 1.26    | 1.22   | 1.18    | 17.14       | 1.07     |
| MMiC      | 56/603    | 53.73                | 4.86   | 1.10    | 0.97   | 1.53    | 8.04        | 0.22     |



TABLE S-V. Continued

| Lithotype | Sample ID | $Q_g^h$<br>MJ kg <sup>-1</sup> | $Q_d^j$<br>MJ kg <sup>-1</sup> | Ash<br>% | Bitumen mg<br>(g TOC) <sup>-1</sup> | Saturated hydrocar-<br>bons, % | Aromatic hydrocar-<br>bons, % | Asphaltenes+ NSO<br>compounds, % |
|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| MC        | 2/79      | 25.9                           | 24.8                           | 19.00    | 65.99                               | 1.04                           | 3.39                          | 95.56                            |
| MXC       | 3/79      | 18.9                           | 17.8                           | 59.84    | 87.97                               | 1.94                           | 2.26                          | 95.81                            |
| XC        | 4/79      | 26.1                           | 25.1                           | 20.63    | 59.63                               | 2.11                           | 3.01                          | 94.88                            |
| MXC       | 5/79      | 24.8                           | 23.7                           | 28.02    | 62.07                               | 1.25                           | 4.74                          | 94.01                            |
| MMiC      | 6/79      | 17.9                           | 17.0                           | 63.83    | 44.25                               | 0.91                           | 2.13                          | 96.96                            |
| MXC       | 8/79      | 25.1                           | 23.9                           | 25.70    | 36.78                               | 3.21                           | 2.75                          | 94.04                            |
| MMiC      | 11/79     | 15.7                           | 14.3                           | 78.20    | 39.66                               | 2.05                           | 3.22                          | 94.74                            |
| XC        | 14/79     | 26.3                           | 25.3                           | 12.62    | 52.62                               | 1.08                           | 2.16                          | 96.76                            |
| XC        | 16/79     | 25.6                           | 24.6                           | 8.66     | 22.65                               | 1.45                           | 2.54                          | 96.01                            |
| MMiC      | 17/79     | 23.5                           | 22.5                           | 56.29    | 39.40                               | 1.75                           | 0.70                          | 97.54                            |
| MXC       | 18/79     | 24.2                           | 23.3                           | 27.62    | 51.75                               | 1.49                           | 1.19                          | 97.32                            |
| MMiC      | 19/79     | 25.8                           | 24.8                           | 25.51    | 81.28                               | 1.94                           | 3.23                          | 94.84                            |
| MMiC      | 20/79     | 21.3                           | 20.3                           | 58.27    | 34.78                               | 2.27                           | 1.70                          | 96.02                            |
| MC        | 26/91     | 23.3                           | 22.1                           | 42.91    | 72.18                               | 4.27                           | 3.73                          | 92.00                            |
| XC        | 27/91     | 25.1                           | 24.1                           | 17.90    | 48.64                               | 2.50                           | 2.19                          | 95.31                            |
| MC        | 28/91     | 23.0                           | 21.7                           | 50.85    | 64.37                               | 1.13                           | 3.38                          | 95.49                            |
| XC        | 29/91     | 25.3                           | 24.2                           | 20.08    | 54.20                               | 0.97                           | 2.27                          | 96.75                            |
| MC        | 30/91     | 22.8                           | 22.1                           | 40.76    | 38.13                               | 1.24                           | 3.72                          | 95.04                            |
| MMiC      | 31/91     | 21.0                           | 20.1                           | 52.56    | 60.52                               | 1.30                           | 3.26                          | 95.44                            |
| MXC       | 33/91     | 24.3                           | 23.3                           | 35.95    | 75.09                               | 1.28                           | 1.92                          | 96.81                            |
| XC        | 34/91     | 25.9                           | 24.8                           | 21.74    | 54.29                               | 1.57                           | 1.89                          | 96.54                            |
| MMiC      | 36/91     | 21.2                           | 19.9                           | 56.11    | 131.69                              | 0.60                           | 1.79                          | 97.62                            |
| XC        | 38/91     | 25.5                           | 24.4                           | 16.38    | 46.25                               | 1.09                           | 1.09                          | 97.83                            |

TABLE S-V. Continued

| Lithotype | Sample ID | $Q_g^h$<br>MJ kg <sup>-1</sup> | $Q_d^i$<br>MJ kg <sup>-1</sup> | Ash<br>% | Bitumen mg<br>(g TOC) <sup>-1</sup> | Saturated hydrocarbons,<br>% | Aromatic hydrocarbons,<br>% | Asphaltenes+ NSO<br>compounds, % |
|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| MMiC      | 39/91     | 24.4                           | 23.3                           | 37.05    | 73.43                               | 2.10                         | 3.89                        | 94.01                            |
| MC        | 40/91     | 23.9                           | 22.6                           | 37.92    | 58.30                               | 0.65                         | 2.28                        | 97.07                            |
| XC        | 42/601    | 24.2                           | 23.2                           | 31.36    | 57.62                               | 10.57                        | 4.38                        | 85.05                            |
| MC        | 43/601    | 24.3                           | 23.3                           | 34.23    | 43.43                               | 8.58                         | 4.48                        | 86.94                            |
| MXC       | 45/601    | 23.8                           | 22.7                           | 35.43    | 47.30                               | 2.24                         | 3.19                        | 94.57                            |
| MC        | 46/601    | 23.4                           | 22.5                           | 24.40    | 55.28                               | 1.75                         | 1.75                        | 96.49                            |
| MMiC      | 48/601    | 20.2                           | 19.1                           | 57.75    | 100.17                              | 0.91                         | 1.52                        | 97.56                            |
| MC        | 49/601    | 24.2                           | 23.1                           | 34.11    | 105.33                              | 2.93                         | 2.05                        | 95.01                            |
| XC        | 50/603    | 26.0                           | 24.9                           | 18.69    | 52.94                               | 1.18                         | 2.35                        | 96.47                            |
| MC        | 51/603    | 28.3                           | 27.2                           | 16.86    | 36.89                               | 1.24                         | 2.17                        | 96.59                            |
| XC        | 52/603    | 26.4                           | 25.5                           | 12.58    | 28.77                               | 1.42                         | 1.98                        | 96.60                            |
| MXC       | 53/603    | 22.3                           | 21.1                           | 52.90    | 75.55                               | 1.75                         | 2.05                        | 96.20                            |
| XC        | 54/603    | 27.8                           | 26.7                           | 13.85    | 64.38                               | 1.42                         | 2.49                        | 96.09                            |
| MXC       | 55/603    | 21.7                           | 20.9                           | 54.98    | 52.94                               | 2.92                         | 2.50                        | 94.58                            |
| MMiC      | 56/603    | 16.9                           | 16.3                           | 68.60    | 41.36                               | 5.24                         | 2.80                        | 91.96                            |

<sup>a</sup> $\Sigma G$  = Gelinite + Corpohuminite + 0.67 (Ulminite + Densinite), (mineral matter-free basis); <sup>b</sup> $GI$  – Gelification Index = (Ulminite + Corpohuminite + Densinite + Macrinite)/(Textinite + Attrinite + Fusinite + Inertodetrinite); <sup>c</sup> $TPI$  – Tissue Preservation Index = (Textinite + Ulminite + Corpohuminite + Fusinite)/(Attrinite + Densinite + Macrinite); <sup>d</sup> $V/I$  – Vegetation Index = (Telohuminite + Fusinite + Semifusinite + Cutinite + Sporinite + Suberinite + Resinite)/(Detrohuminite + Inertodetrinite + Alignite + Liptodetrinite + Other lipinites); <sup>e</sup> $GWI$  – Groundwater Index = (Gelohuminite + Densinite + Mineral Matter)/(Telohuminite + Attrinite); <sup>f</sup> $TOC$  – Total organic carbon content, dry basis; <sup>g</sup> $S$  – Total sulphur content, dry basis; <sup>h</sup> $Q_g$  – Gross calorific value; <sup>i</sup> $Q_d$  – Net calorific value; <sup>j</sup> $NSO$  – Polar fraction, which contains nitrogen, sulphur and oxygen compounds

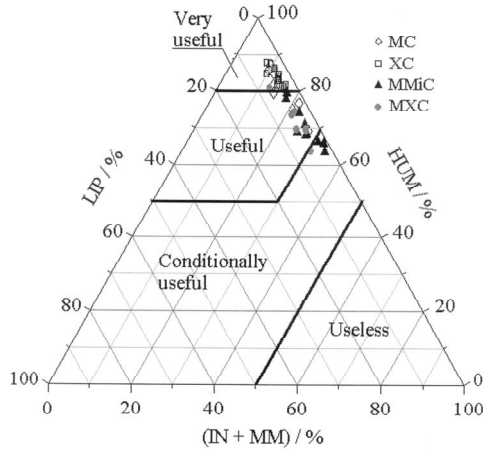


Fig. S-2. Evaluation of usefulness of investigated lithotypes in fluidized bed gasification based on petrographic composition. For the abbreviations of parameters, see the legend of Tables S-II and S-III.

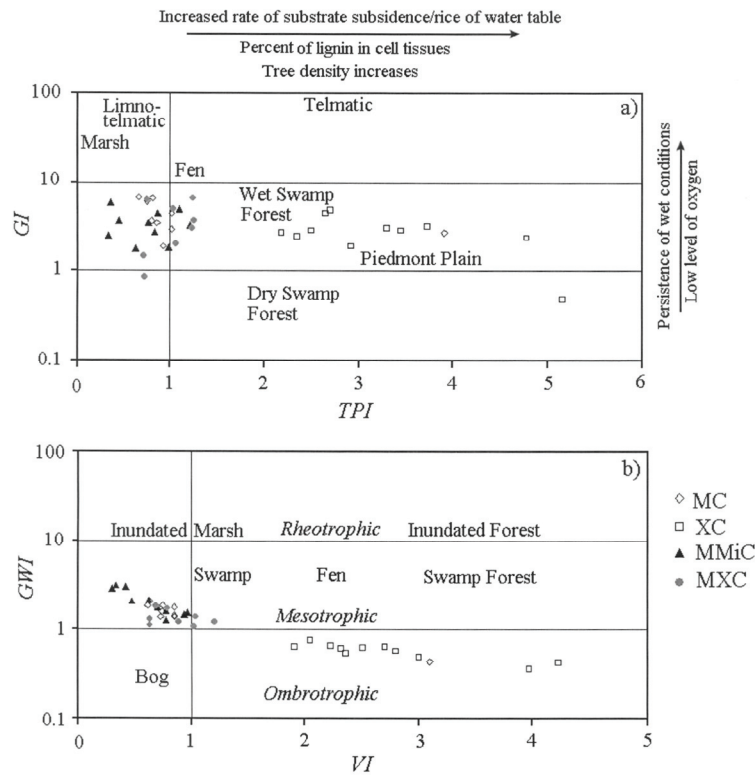


Fig. S-3. GI vs. TPI (a) and GWI vs. VI (b) plots. For the abbreviations of parameters, see the legend of Tables S-IV and S-V.

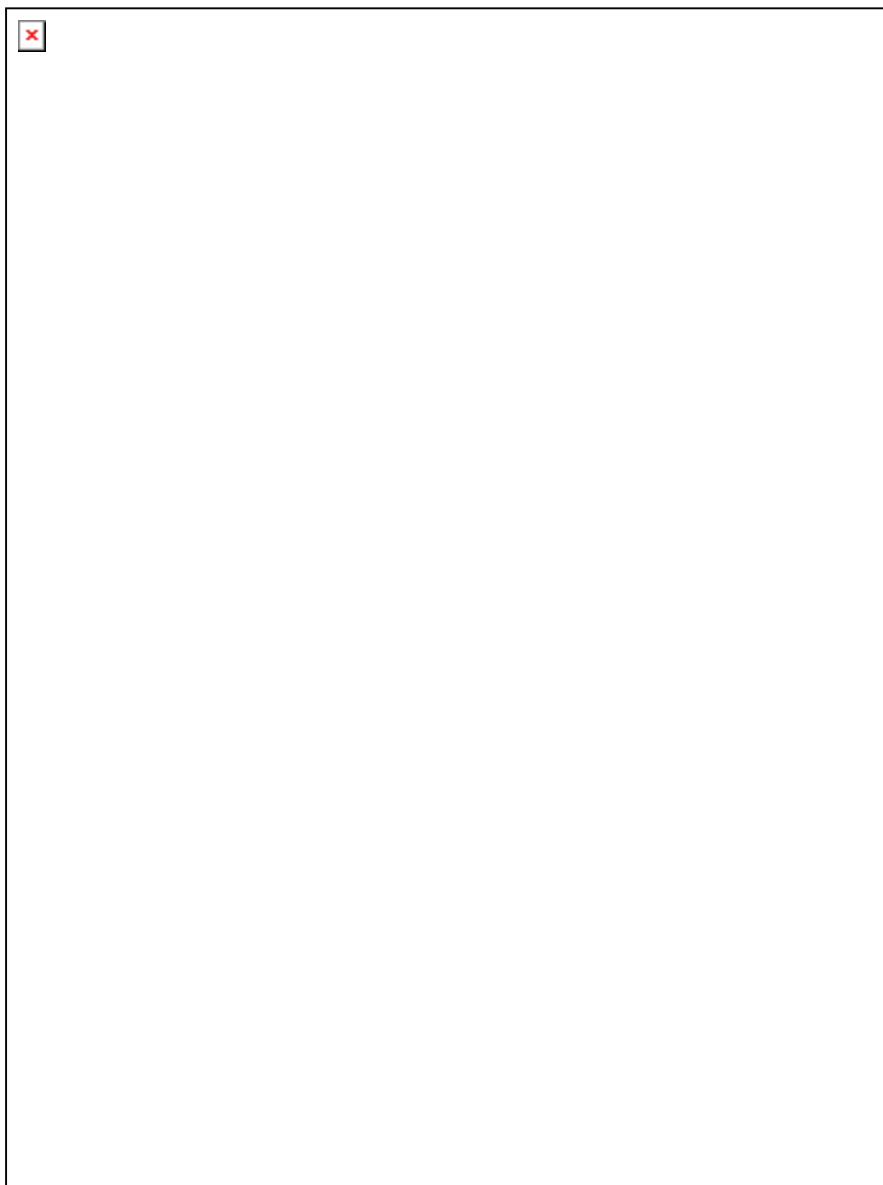


Fig. S-4. Total ion current (*TIC*) of saturated fraction typical for investigated lithotypes. Peak assignments: *n*-alkanes are labelled according to their carbon number; Pr – pristane; Ph – phytane;  $\Delta$ Pr – pristene; D1, D2 – isopimaradienes; D3 – norpimarane; D4 – beyerane; D5 – isophyllocladene; D6 – fichtelite; D7 – pimarane; D8 – 16 $\alpha$ (H)-phyllocladane; D9 – 16 $\alpha$ (H)-kaurane; D10 – dehydroabietane isomer; D11 – dehydroabietane; T1 – des-A-olean-13(18)-ene; T2 – des-A-olean-12-ene; Std – standard; T3 – des-A-lupane; T4 – des-A-urs-13(18)-ene;  $\beta\beta$ ,  $\beta\alpha$  and  $\alpha\beta$  designate configurations at C-17 and C-21 in hopanes; (R) designates configuration at C-22 in hopanes.



Fig. S-5. *TIC* (Total Ion Current) of aromatic fraction typical for investigated lithotypes. Peak assignments: 1 – dihydro-ar-curcumene; 2 – cuparene; 3 – calamenene; 4 – eudalene; 5 – cadiene-1(10),6,8-triene; 6 – methylbenzofuran; 7 – 5,6,7,8-tetrahydrocadiene; 8 – cadiene; 9 – isocadiene; 10 – phenanthrene; 11 – 19-norabieta-8,11,13-triene; 12 – 19-norabieta-6,8,11,13-tetraene; 13 – 16,17-bisnordehydroabietane; 14, 15 – hibaenes;

Fig. S-5. (Continued) 16 – 18-norabieta-6,8,11,13-tetraene; 17 – 18-norabieta-8,11,13-triene; 18 – 16 $\alpha$ (H)-phylocladane; 19 – fluoranthene; 20 – dehydroabietane isomer; 21 – dehydroabietane; 22 – pyrene; 23 – 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroretene; 24 – 2-methyl, 1-(4'-methylpentyl), 6-*i*-propyl-naphthalene; 25 – simonellite; 26 – totarane; 27 – sempervirane; 28 – Retene; 29 – 4-methyl, 4,5-dihdropyrene; 30 – des-A-olean-diene; Std – standard; 31 – 2-methylretene; 32 – 3,4,7,12a-tetramethyl-1,2,3,4,4a,11,12,12a-octahydrochrysene; 33 – 3,3,7,12a-tetramethyl-1,2,3,4,4a,11,12,12a-octahydrochrysene; 34 – pentamethyldecahydrochrysene; 35,36 – methylchrysenes; 37 – 3,4,7-trimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrochrysene; 38 – 3,3,7-trimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrochrysene; 39 – perylene; 40 – pentanorlupa-1,3,5(10)-triene; 41 – C<sub>27</sub>Hop-17(21)-ene; 42 – D-ring monoaromatic hopane; 43 – 24,25-dinorursa-1,3,5(10),12-tetraene; 44 – 24,25-dinorlupa-1,3,5(10)-triene; 45 – Norlanosta(eupha)hexaene; 46 – C,D-ring diaromatic hopane; 47 – 1,2,4a,9-tetramethyl-1,2,3,4,4a, 5,6,14b-octahdropicene; 48 – 2,2,4a,9-tetramethyl-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,14b-octahdropicene; 49 – 4-methyl, 24-ethyl, 19-norcholesta-1,3,5(10)-triene; 50 – B,C,D-ring triaromatic hopane; 51 – A,B,C,D-ring tetraaromatic hopane (7-methyl, 3'-ethyl, 1,2-cyclopentanochochrysene); 52 – 1,2,9-trimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrochrysene; 53 – 2,2,9-trimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrochrysene; 54 – C<sub>31</sub> benzohopane cyclised at C-16.

TABLE S-VI. Contents of biomarkers,  $\mu\text{g (g TOC)}^{-1}$  and values of biomarker ratios

| Lithotype | Sample ID | $D_i^a$ | $Tri^b$ | <i>n</i> -Alkanes | Hopanooids | Steroids |
|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-------------------|------------|----------|
| MC        | 2/79      | 1139.31 | 84.63   | 590.43            | 259.21     | 25.84    |
| MXC       | 3/79      | 1108.06 | 318.22  | 1483.32           | 322.86     | 13.82    |
| XC        | 4/79      | 1626.55 | 131.93  | 300.02            | 499.94     | 18.87    |
| MXC       | 5/79      | 2934.05 | 203.75  | 275.28            | 228.14     | 20.05    |
| MMiC      | 6/79      | 613.16  | 130.70  | 373.30            | 176.00     | 33.36    |
| MXC       | 8/79      | 390.34  | 155.99  | 598.21            | 312.20     | 35.09    |
| MMiC      | 11/79     | 741.27  | 118.40  | 578.86            | 128.63     | 17.27    |
| XC        | 14/79     | 981.63  | 55.91   | 111.70            | 243.18     | 54.84    |
| XC        | 16/79     | 321.58  | 49.55   | 178.48            | 111.41     | 10.54    |
| MMiC      | 17/79     | 235.91  | 40.32   | 195.62            | 53.71      | 3.45     |
| MXC       | 18/79     | 667.59  | 30.43   | 296.06            | 162.14     | 20.43    |
| MMiC      | 19/79     | 1030.30 | 15.60   | 507.78            | 263.41     | 15.13    |
| MMiC      | 20/79     | 691.39  | 111.94  | 292.94            | 220.98     | 27.81    |
| MC        | 26/91     | 3463.61 | 84.66   | 567.22            | 417.51     | 45.51    |
| XC        | 27/91     | 1544.68 | 77.73   | 179.78            | 135.10     | 23.63    |
| MC        | 30/91     | 1152.86 | 206.61  | 149.17            | 213.27     | 25.20    |
| MMiC      | 36/91     | 1973.07 | 187.79  | 255.32            | 143.52     | 15.22    |
| XC        | 38/91     | 361.40  | 92.68   | 251.35            | 93.81      | 14.46    |
| MMiC      | 39/91     | 1228.42 | 277.47  | 493.94            | 355.86     | 28.80    |
| MC        | 40/91     | 439.23  | 196.65  | 529.10            | 152.65     | 27.95    |
| MXC       | 45/601    | 1297.23 | 63.75   | 248.43            | 148.95     | 25.00    |
| MC        | 46/601    | 401.86  | 90.64   | 639.55            | 187.27     | 9.21     |
| MMiC      | 48/601    | 1154.87 | 133.22  | 104.93            | 59.10      | 17.27    |
| MC        | 49/601    | 2603.85 | 59.40   | 708.22            | 239.95     | 22.39    |
| MC        | 51/603    | 343.12  | 64.56   | 239.35            | 139.64     | 10.04    |
| XC        | 52/603    | 286.72  | 65.96   | 263.16            | 156.83     | 33.57    |
| MXC       | 53/603    | 1176.59 | 149.07  | 458.98            | 288.81     | 21.11    |

TABLE S-VI. Continued

| Lithotype | Sample ID | <i>Di</i> <sup>a</sup>  | <i>Tri</i> <sup>b</sup>            | <i>n</i> -Alkanes                     | Hopanoids          | Steroids          |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| XC        | 54/603    | 1986.93                 | 52.67                              | 62.40                                 | 93.62              | 12.36             |
| MXC       | 55/603    | 1842.38                 | 124.73                             | 388.71                                | 117.31             | 8.78              |
| MMiC      | 56/603    | 1278.70                 | 130.57                             | 1076.70                               | 301.19             | 8.56              |
| Lithotype | Sample ID | Proportion of <i>Di</i> | Diterpenoids/<br><i>n</i> -Alkanes | <i>Di</i> /( <i>Di</i> + <i>Tri</i> ) | Aromatic <i>Di</i> | Perylene          |
| MC        | 2/79      | 0.54                    | 1.93                               | 0.931                                 | 215.68             | 7.36              |
| MXC       | 3/79      | 0.34                    | 0.75                               | 0.777                                 | 182.78             | 23.16             |
| XC        | 4/79      | 0.63                    | 5.42                               | 0.925                                 | 481.57             | 18.16             |
| MXC       | 5/79      | 0.80                    | 10.66                              | 0.935                                 | 408.89             | 21.42             |
| MMiC      | 6/79      | 0.46                    | 1.64                               | 0.824                                 | 192.67             | 14.50             |
| MXC       | 8/79      | 0.26                    | 0.65                               | 0.714                                 | 157.46             | 3.60              |
| MMiC      | 11/79     | 0.47                    | 1.28                               | 0.862                                 | 139.40             | 9.44              |
| XC        | 14/79     | 0.68                    | 8.79                               | 0.946                                 | 148.89             | 7.03              |
| XC        | 16/79     | 0.48                    | 1.80                               | 0.866                                 | 43.90              | 1.94              |
| MMiC      | 17/79     | 0.45                    | 1.21                               | 0.854                                 | 97.99              | 3.65              |
| MXC       | 18/79     | 0.57                    | 2.25                               | 0.956                                 | 135.81             | 7.40              |
| MMiC      | 19/79     | 0.56                    | 2.03                               | 0.985                                 | 117.19             | 0.57              |
| MMiC      | 20/79     | 0.51                    | 2.36                               | 0.861                                 | 384.65             | 19.87             |
| MC        | 26/91     | 0.76                    | 6.11                               | 0.976                                 | 213.45             | 2.36              |
| XC        | 27/91     | 0.79                    | 8.59                               | 0.952                                 | 165.34             | 4.26              |
| MC        | 30/91     | 0.66                    | 7.73                               | 0.848                                 | 383.88             | 15.68             |
| MMiC      | 36/91     | 0.77                    | 7.73                               | 0.913                                 | 280.98             | 24.99             |
| XC        | 38/91     | 0.44                    | 1.44                               | 0.796                                 | 48.69              | 4.41              |
| MMiC      | 39/91     | 0.52                    | 2.49                               | 0.816                                 | 122.27             | 20.92             |
| MC        | 40/91     | 0.33                    | 0.83                               | 0.691                                 | 97.65              | 16.64             |
| MXC       | 45/601    | 0.73                    | 5.22                               | 0.953                                 | 173.16             | 8.19              |
| MC        | 46/601    | 0.30                    | 0.63                               | 0.816                                 | 56.51              | 3.69              |
| MMiC      | 48/601    | 0.79                    | 11.01                              | 0.897                                 | 366.77             | N.D. <sup>c</sup> |
| MC        | 49/601    | 0.72                    | 3.68                               | 0.978                                 | 100.47             | 8.49              |
| MC        | 51/603    | 0.43                    | 1.43                               | 0.842                                 | 71.38              | 5.26              |
| XC        | 52/603    | 0.36                    | 1.09                               | 0.813                                 | 35.67              | 2.06              |
| MXC       | 53/603    | 0.56                    | 2.56                               | 0.888                                 | 147.25             | 15.51             |
| XC        | 54/603    | 0.90                    | 31.84                              | 0.974                                 | 377.30             | 7.12              |
| MXC       | 55/603    | 0.74                    | 4.74                               | 0.937                                 | 139.48             | 11.63             |
| MMiC      | 56/603    | 0.46                    | 1.19                               | 0.907                                 | 135.59             | 20.04             |

<sup>a</sup>*Di* – diterpenoids; <sup>b</sup>*Tri* – non-hopanoid triterpenoids; <sup>c</sup>N.D. – not determined. Note: biomarkers in the samples 28/91, 29/91, 31/91, 33/91, 34/91, 42/601, 43/601 and 50/603 have not been analysed

TABLE S-VII. The  $\delta^{13}C$  values of individual diterpenoids and non-hopanoid triterpenoids of selected samples; A – 24,25-dinorlupa-1,3,5(10)-triene; B – 2,2,4a,9-tetramethyl-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,14b-octahydronicene; N.D. – not determined

| Litho-type | Sample ID | Beyerrane | Pimarane | 16 $\alpha$ (H)-Phyllocladane | Dehydroabietane | Simonellite | Retene | A     | B                 |
|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------|-------|-------------------|
| MC         | 2/79      | -25.3     | -25.9    | -26.9                         | -25.5           | -25.9       | -27.6  | -28.1 | N.D. <sup>a</sup> |
| MXC        | 3/79      | N.D.      | N.D.     |                               | -26.4           | -26.8       | -28.3  | -28.9 | -30.7             |
| XC         | 4/79      | -25.3     | -25.9    | -26.3                         | -26.4           | -26.9       | N.D.   | -29.3 | N.D.              |
| MXC        | 5/79      | N.D.      | N.D.     | N.D.                          | -27.0           | -27.4       | N.D.   | N.D.  | N.D.              |
| MMiC       | 6/79      | N.D.      | N.D.     | N.D.                          | -26.8           | -26.7       | N.D.   | N.D.  | N.D.              |
| MXC        | 8/79      | -26.0     | -25.4    | -26.9                         | N.D.            | N.D.        | N.D.   | N.D.  | N.D.              |
| MMiC       | 11/79     | -26.9     | -27.4    | -27.3                         | -25.2           | -25.2       | N.D.   | -29.3 | -30.5             |
| XC         | 16/79     | -27.3     | -27.0    | -26.7                         | -26.6           | -27.3       | -28.1  | -28.2 | -30.0             |
| MXC        | 18/79     | N.D.      | N.D.     | N.D.                          | -27.0           | -27.5       | N.D.   | N.D.  | N.D.              |
| XC         | 27/91     | -25.8     | -26.4    | -26.4                         | -27.4           | -28.2       | N.D.   | -30.3 | N.D.              |
| MC         | 30/91     | -25.1     | -25.9    | -26.0                         | -27.2           | -28.1       | -29.3  | N.D.  | -30.3             |
| MXC        | 33/91     | -26.0     | -26.1    | -26.1                         | -25.8           | -26.2       | N.D.   | -29.6 | N.D.              |
| XC         | 34/91     | -25.8     | -26.1    | -26.6                         | -26.8           | -26.8       | -28.1  | -29.2 | -29.6             |
| XC         | 38/91     | -26.3     | -27.5    | -27.8                         | -26.4           | -26.6       | -29.6  | -29.0 | -30.0             |
| MC         | 40/91     | -25.5     | -26.2    | -26.9                         | -26.7           | -26.9       | -27.9  | -29.2 | -29.8             |
| MXC        | 45/601    | -25.7     | -26.5    | -26.8                         | -27.0           | -26.5       | -28.9  | -27.4 | -27.8             |
| MC         | 46/601    | -26.1     | -25.7    | -26.4                         | -27.1           | -27.3       | N.D.   | -28.6 | -29.1             |
| MMiC       | 48/601    | -25.6     | -25.6    | -27.1                         | -27.2           | -28.4       | -28.5  | -27.9 | -27.9             |
| MC         | 49/601    | -27.0     | -27.0    | -27.4                         | -27.1           | -27.7       | N.D.   | -27.6 | -28.5             |
| XC         | 50/603    | -26.1     | -27.1    | -26.3                         | -27.5           | -27.8       | N.D.   | -28.6 | -28.7             |
| MC         | 51/603    | -25.6     | -26.0    | -26.9                         | -26.7           | -25.9       | -28.0  | N.D.  | -28.5             |
| XC         | 52/603    | N.D.      | N.D.     | N.D.                          | -27.2           | -26.7       | -30.7  | -28.6 | -29.9             |
| MXC        | 53/603    | N.D.      | N.D.     | N.D.                          | -26.2           | -26.4       | N.D.   | -29.7 | -29.8             |
| XC         | 54/603    | -26.9     | -26.74   | -27.3                         | -27.0           | -28.1       | -27.4  | -28.1 | -28.6             |
| MMiC       | 56/603    | -25.8     | -26.64   | -26.7                         | -25.5           | -25.8       | -28.2  | N.D.  | N.D.              |



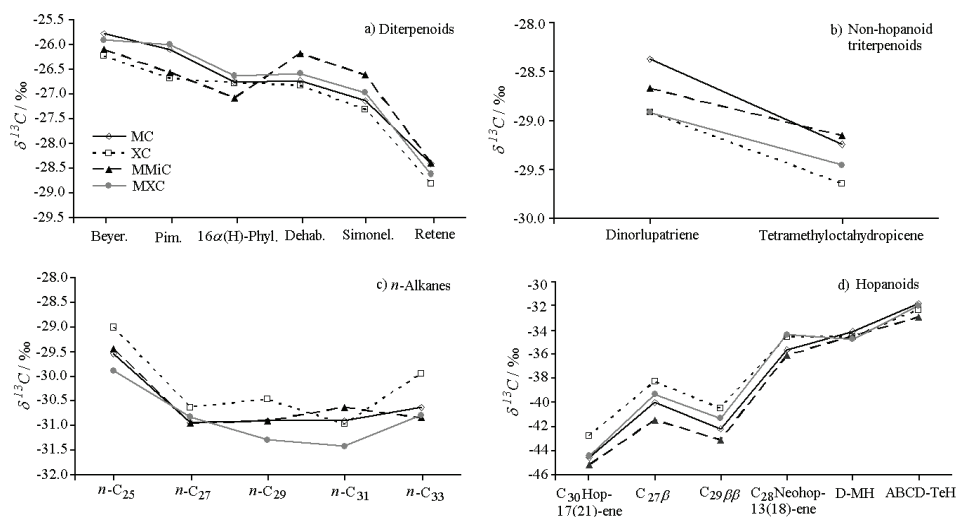


Fig. S-6. Average carbon isotopic compositions of individual biomarkers for investigated lithotypes. Beyer. – beyerane; Pim. – pimarane;  $16\alpha(H)$ -Phyl. –  $16\alpha(H)$ -phyllocladane; Dehab. – dehydroabietane; Simonel. – simonellite; Dinorlupatriene – 24,25-dinorlupa-1,3,5(10)-triene; tetramethyloctahydricene – 2,2,4a,9-tetramethyl-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,14b-octahydricene;  $\beta$  designates configuration at C-17 in  $C_{27}$  hopane;  $\beta\beta$  designate configurations at C-17 and C-21 in  $C_{29}$  hopane; D-MH – D-ring monoaromatic hopane; ABCD-TeH – A,B,C,D-ring tetraaromatic hopane.

TABLE S-VIII. Parameters calculated from distributions and abundances of *n*-alkanes and sterenes, and contents of main individual hopanoids,  $\mu\text{g (TOC)}^{-1}$  of lignite lithotypes; values of parameters for individual samples are given in Table S-IX of the Supplementary material

| Parameter   | Matrix coal (MC) |        |       | Xylite-rich coal (XC) |       |        | Mixture of matrix and mineral-rich coal (MMiC) |       |       | Mixture of matrix and xylite-rich coal (MXC) |       |       |
|---|------------------|--------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|
|   | Mean             | Max.   | Min.  | SD                    | Mean  | Max.   | Min.   | SD    | Mean  | Max.   | Min.  | SD    |
| $CPI^a$   | 3.82             | 6.95   | 1.23  | 2.26                  | 3.24  | 5.72   | 1.24   | 1.53  | 3.33  | 6.89   | 2.39  | 1.39  |
| Proportion of $C_{15}$ - $C_{20}$<br><i>n</i> -alkanes  | 0.11             | 0.20   | 0.08  | 0.04                  | 0.09  | 0.18   | 0.03   | 0.05  | 0.14  | 0.20   | 0.07  | 0.05  |
| Proportion of $C_{21}$ - $C_{25}$<br><i>n</i> -alkanes  | 0.22             | 0.26   | 0.16  | 0.04                  | 0.26  | 0.35   | 0.18   | 0.05  | 0.31  | 0.51   | 0.20  | 0.09  |
| Proportion of $C_{26}$ - $C_{35}$<br><i>n</i> -alkanes  | 0.67             | 0.76   | 0.57  | 0.06                  | 0.65  | 0.73   | 0.56   | 0.06  | 0.55  | 0.70   | 0.36  | 0.09  |
| $C_{30}$ Hop-17(21)-ene                                 | 76.05            | 129.99 | 17.20 | 43.80                 | 39.29 | 72.31  | 15.71  | 22.28 | 37.94 | 81.34  | 0.00  | 30.60 |
| $C_{27}$ 17 $\beta$ (H)-Hopane                          | 18.20            | 45.38  | 7.98  | 13.64                 | 7.87  | 13.73  | 3.96   | 3.73  | 23.60 | 107.53                                       | 2.36  | 33.88 |
| $C_{29}$ 17 $\beta$ (H) 21 $\beta$ (H)-<br>-Hopane      | 11.31            | 27.89  | 4.83  | 8.26                  | 4.58  | 8.25   | 1.97   | 2.25  | 8.59  | 24.49  | 0.00  | 7.61  |
| $C_{31}$ 17 $\alpha$ (H) 21 $\beta$ (H)<br>22(R)-Hopane | 13.63            | 43.79  | 0.00  | 16.91                 | 34.40 | 172.00 | 2.46   | 62.18 | 15.49 | 47.94  | 0.79  | 14.43 |
| $C_{28}$ 28,30-Bisnor-neo-<br>-hop-13(18)-ene           | 14.10            | 30.55  | 3.48  | 10.10                 | 12.82 | 27.33  | 1.24   | 9.69  | 11.76 | 38.34  | 0.00  | 11.65 |
| $C_{27} S^b / \%$                                       | 1.61             | 3.35   | 0.85  | 0.84                  | 1.75  | 5.67   | 0.59   | 1.43  | 3.09  | 8.58   | 0.58  | 2.94  |
| $C_{28} S^c / \%$                                       | 6.89             | 10.05  | 4.03  | 1.89                  | 7.24  | 11.20  | 2.08   | 3.04  | 7.66  | 11.04  | 4.01  | 2.14  |
| $C_{29} S^d / \%$                                       | 91.50            | 94.54  | 86.60 | 2.60                  | 91.01 | 97.33  | 83.13  | 3.99  | 89.25 | 95.41  | 80.73 | 4.54  |

<sup>a</sup> $CPI$  – Carbon Preference Index determined for distribution of *n*-alkanes  $C_{23}$ - $C_{35}$ ;  $CPI = 1/2 [\text{Sum}(n-C_{23} - n-C_{35}) / \text{Sum}(n-C_{23} - n-C_{35}) + \text{Sum}(n-C_{23} - n-C_{35}) / \text{Sum}(n-C_{23} - n-C_{35})]$ ; <sup>b</sup> $C_{27} S = 100 \times C_{27}(\Delta^2 + \Delta^4 + \Delta^5) \text{-Sterenes} / \Sigma(C_{27}\text{-}C_{29})(\Delta^2 + \Delta^4 + \Delta^5) \text{-Sterenes}$ ; <sup>c</sup> $C_{28} S = 100 \times C_{28}(\Delta^2 + \Delta^4 + \Delta^5) \text{-Sterenes} / \Sigma(C_{27}\text{-}C_{29})(\Delta^2 + \Delta^4 + \Delta^5) \text{-Sterenes}$ ; <sup>d</sup> $C_{29} S = 100 \times C_{29}(\Delta^2 + \Delta^4 + \Delta^5) \text{-Sterenes} / \Sigma(C_{27}\text{-}C_{29})(\Delta^2 + \Delta^4 + \Delta^5) \text{-Sterenes}$

TABLE S-IX. Parameters calculated from distributions and abundances of *n*-alkanes and sterenes, and contents of main individual hopanoids,  $\mu\text{g (g TOC)}^{-1}$ 

| Litho-<br>type | Sample<br>ID | <i>CPI</i> <sup>a</sup> | Proportion of  | Proportion of  | Proportion  | <i>C</i> <sub>30</sub> Hop-<br>17(21)-ene | <i>C</i> <sub>27</sub><br>17 $\beta$ (H)-<br>-Hopane |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
|                |              |                         | <i>C</i> <sub>15</sub> – <i>C</i> <sub>20</sub><br><i>n</i> -alkanes | <i>C</i> <sub>21</sub> – <i>C</i> <sub>25</sub><br><i>n</i> -alkanes | of <i>C</i> <sub>26</sub> – <i>C</i> <sub>35</sub><br><i>n</i> -alkanes |   |  |
| MC             | 2/79         | 5.47                    | 0.08   | 0.16   | 0.76  | 87.09                                     | 9.95   |
| MXC            | 3/79         | 4.88                    | 0.04   | 0.35   | 0.62  | 102.17                                    | 27.56  |
| XC             | 4/79         | 1.67                    | 0.03   | 0.23   | 0.73  | 72.31                                     | 13.73  |
| MXC            | 5/79         | 2.59                    | 0.04   | 0.16   | 0.80  | 57.75                                     | 6.36   |
| MMiC           | 6/79         | 2.44                    | 0.10   | 0.20   | 0.70  | 68.37                                     | 9.81   |
| MXC            | 8/79         | 4.05                    | 0.07   | 0.24   | 0.69  | 112.92                                    | 21.39  |
| MMiC           | 11/79        | 4.38                    | 0.13   | 0.33   | 0.54  | 35.55                                     | 10.63  |
| XC             | 14/79        | 3.51                    | 0.12   | 0.23   | 0.65  | 66.89                                     | 8.43   |
| XC             | 16/79        | 1.24                    | 0.06   | 0.28   | 0.66  | 40.77                                     | 7.38   |
| MMiC           | 17/79        | 2.78                    | 0.20   | 0.32   | 0.47  | 9.01                                      | 6.39   |
| MXC            | 18/79        | 2.97                    | 0.11   | 0.25   | 0.64  | 48.38                                     | 11.50  |
| MMiC           | 19/79        | 3.35                    | 0.07   | 0.35   | 0.58  | 81.34                                     | 19.30  |
| MMiC           | 20/79        | 3.25                    | 0.09   | 0.32   | 0.59  | 22.68                                     | 7.06   |
| MC             | 26/91        | N.D. <sup>c</sup>       | 0.09   | 0.25   | 0.66  | 129.77                                    | 45.38  |
| XC             | 27/91        | 5.72                    | 0.12   | 0.18   | 0.70  | 21.81                                     | 5.00   |
| MC             | 30/91        | 1.23                    | 0.14   | 0.23   | 0.62  | 17.20                                     | 7.98   |
| MMiC           | 36/91        | 2.39                    | 0.13   | 0.51   | 0.36  | 29.33                                     | 2.36   |
| XC             | 38/91        | 2.86                    | 0.07   | 0.27   | 0.66  | 24.16                                     | 4.76   |
| MMiC           | 39/91        | 6.89                    | 0.19   | 0.20   | 0.61  | 78.48                                     | 107.53   |
| MC             | 40/91        | 3.06                    | 0.08   | 0.18   | 0.73  | 70.82                                     | 10.01  |
| MXC            | 45/601       | 3.26                    | 0.14   | 0.19   | 0.66  | 46.45                                     | 10.83  |
| MC             | 46/601       | 6.95                    | 0.08   | 0.26   | 0.66  | 66.28                                     | 25.61  |
| MMiC           | 48/601       | 2.45                    | 0.18   | 0.28   | 0.53  | 16.72                                     | 5.49   |
| MC             | 49/601       | 5.73                    | 0.20   | 0.22   | 0.57  | 129.99                                    | 19.34  |
| MC             | 51/603       | 1.26                    | 0.11   | 0.24   | 0.65  | 31.22                                     | 9.13   |
| XC             | 52/603       | 3.71                    | 0.07   | 0.35   | 0.58  | 33.40                                     | 11.80  |
| MXC            | 53/603       | 3.37                    | 0.11   | 0.23   | 0.66  | 82.76                                     | 18.60  |
| XC             | 54/603       | 4.85                    | 0.18   | 0.26   | 0.56  | 15.71                                     | 3.96   |
| MXC            | 55/603       | 4.67                    | 0.31   | 0.23   | 0.46  | 21.10                                     | 9.51   |
| MMiC           | 56/603       | 2.87                    | 0.20   | 0.25   | 0.54  | 0.00                                      | 43.84  |

| Lithotype | Sample<br>ID | <i>C</i> <sub>29</sub>                   | <i>C</i> <sub>31</sub>                         | <i>C</i> <sub>28</sub> 28.30-     | <i>C</i> <sub>27</sub> <i>S</i> <sup>b</sup><br>% | <i>C</i> <sub>28</sub> <i>S</i> <sup>c</sup><br>% | <i>C</i> <sub>29</sub> <i>S</i> <sup>d</sup><br>% |
|-----------|--------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|
|           |              | 17 $\beta$ (H)21 $\beta$ -<br>(H)-Hopane | 17 $\alpha$ (H)21 $\beta$ (H)-<br>22(R)-Hopane | Bisnorneo-<br>hop-13(18)-<br>-ene |   |   |   |
| MC        | 2/79         | 8.87                                     | 0.00   | 14.60                             | 1.43  | 4.03  | 94.54   |
| MXC       | 3/79         | 15.47                                    | 8.73   | 12.04                             | 2.64  | 2.76  | 94.6  |
| XC        | 4/79         | 8.25                                     | 172.00   | 6.15                              | 5.67  | 11.20   | 83.13   |
| MXC       | 5/79         | 4.52                                     | 10.40  | 2.84                              | 2.76  | 12.50   | 84.74   |
| MMiC      | 6/79         | 5.32                                     | 21.21  | 3.90                              | 1.69  | 6.23  | 92.08   |
| MXC       | 8/79         | 9.41                                     | 41.01  | 19.40                             | 0.69  | 7.48  | 91.83   |
| MMiC      | 11/79        | 8.18                                     | 7.33   | 11.45                             | 8.24  | 11.04   | 80.73   |
| XC        | 14/79        | 4.02                                     | 41.11  | 16.67                             | 0.71  | 6.29  | 93.00   |
| XC        | 16/79        | 3.02                                     | 2.85   | 23.08                             | 0.59  | 2.08  | 97.33   |

TABLE S-IX. Continued

| Lithotype | Sample ID | C <sub>29</sub><br>17β(H)21β-<br>(H)-Hopane | C <sub>31</sub><br>17α(H)21β(H)<br>22(R)-Hopane | C <sub>28</sub> 28.30-<br>Bisnorneo-<br>hop-13(18)-<br>-ene | C <sub>27</sub> S <sup>b</sup><br>% | C <sub>28</sub> S <sup>c</sup><br>% | C <sub>29</sub> S <sup>d</sup><br>% |
|-----------|-----------|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| MMiC      | 17/79     | 0.00  | 10.22   | 0.00  | 1.53                                | 8.34                                | 90.13                               |
| MXC       | 18/79     | 8.25  | 4.53  | 10.45   | 1.84                                | 9.66                                | 88.5                                |
| MMiC      | 19/79     | 10.24                                       | 22.54   | 15.31   | 1.00                                | 7.03                                | 91.98                               |
| MMiC      | 20/79     | 4.84  | 6.87  | 6.78  | 0.69                                | 9.55                                | 89.76                               |
| MC        | 26/91     | 27.89                                       | 43.79   | 30.55   | N.D.                                | N.D.                                | N.D.                                |
| XC        | 27/91     | 3.47  | 5.31  | 7.93  | 1.33                                | 7.40                                | 91.26                               |
| MC        | 30/91     | 4.83  | 4.26  | 3.48  | 3.35                                | 10.05                               | 86.60                               |
| MMiC      | 36/91     | 6.02  | 3.88  | 12.94   | 2.56                                | 8.92                                | 88.52                               |
| XC        | 38/91     | 4.31  | 5.41  | 7.34  | 1.43                                | 9.99                                | 88.58                               |
| MMiC      | 39/91     | 16.22                                       | 18.66   | 16.31   | 0.58                                | 4.01                                | 95.41                               |
| MC        | 40/91     | 6.57  | 7.52  | 24.58   | 0.85                                | 6.52                                | 92.63                               |
| MXC       | 45/601    | 6.40  | 1.47  | 6.38  | 1.45                                | 4.85                                | 93.70                               |
| MC        | 46/601    | 15.85                                       | 2.94  | 9.69  | 0.95                                | 5.65                                | 93.40                               |
| MMiC      | 48/601    | 1.96  | 0.79  | 0.81  | 3.39                                | 6.63                                | 89.98                               |
| MC        | 49/601    | 10.32                                       | 5.48  | 11.28   | 1.25                                | 6.50                                | 92.25                               |
| MC        | 51/603    | 4.83  | 31.38   | 4.55  | 1.63                                | 7.91                                | 90.46                               |
| XC        | 52/603    | 7.05  | 2.46  | 27.33   | 1.72                                | 2.88                                | 95.40                               |
| MXC       | 53/603    | 11.08                                       | 8.88  | 13.87   | 1.84                                | 7.41                                | 90.76                               |
| XC        | 54/603    | 1.97  | 11.65   | 1.24  | 1.61                                | 10.64                               | 87.75                               |
| MXC       | 55/603    | 5.94  | 4.49  | 5.19  | 2.99                                | 7.57                                | 89.44                               |
| MMiC      | 56/603    | 24.49                                       | 47.94   | 38.34   | 2.68                                | 5.52                                | 91.80                               |

<sup>a</sup>CPI – carbon preference index determined for distribution of *n*-alkanes C<sub>23</sub>–C<sub>33</sub>,  $CPI = 1/2 [\Sigma_{\text{odd}}(n-C_{23} - n-C_{33})/\Sigma_{\text{even}}(n-C_{22} - n-C_{32}) + \Sigma_{\text{odd}}(n-C_{23} - n-C_{33})/\Sigma_{\text{even}}(n-C_{24} - n-C_{34})]$ ; <sup>b</sup>C<sub>27</sub> S = 100C<sub>27</sub>(Δ<sup>2</sup> + Δ<sup>4</sup> + Δ<sup>5</sup>)-Sterenes/Σ(C<sub>27</sub>-C<sub>29</sub>)(Δ<sup>2</sup> + Δ<sup>4</sup> + Δ<sup>5</sup>)-Sterenes; <sup>c</sup>C<sub>28</sub> S = 100C<sub>28</sub>(Δ<sup>2</sup> + Δ<sup>4</sup> + Δ<sup>5</sup>)-Sterenes/Σ(C<sub>27</sub>-C<sub>29</sub>)(Δ<sup>2</sup> + Δ<sup>4</sup> + Δ<sup>5</sup>)-Sterenes; <sup>d</sup>C<sub>29</sub> S = 100C<sub>29</sub>(Δ<sup>2</sup> + Δ<sup>4</sup> + Δ<sup>5</sup>)-Sterenes/Σ(C<sub>27</sub>-C<sub>29</sub>)(Δ<sup>2</sup> + Δ<sup>4</sup> + Δ<sup>5</sup>)-Sterenes; <sup>e</sup>N.D. – not determined

TABLE S-X. The  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values of individual *n*-alkanes and hopanoids of lignite lithotypes; values of parameters for individual samples are given in Table S-XI of the Supplementary material; N.D. – not determined

| Compound   | Matrix coal (MC) |      |      | Xylite-rich coal (XC) |      |      | Mixture of matrix and mineral-rich coal (MMiC) |      |      | Mixture of matrix and xylite-rich coal (MXC) |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--|------------------|------|------|-----------------------|------|------|--|------|------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|  | Mean             | Max. | SD   | Mean                  | Max. | SD   | Mean   | Max. | SD   | Mean   | Max. | SD   |      |      |      |      |
| <i>n</i> -C <sub>25</sub>                                  | 29.5             | 28.2 | 30.2 | 0.7                   | 29.0 | 27.2 | 30.2   | 1.0  | 29.4 | 28.9   | 29.8 | 0.5  | 29.9 | 28.9 | 30.5 | 0.8  |
| <i>n</i> -C <sub>27</sub>                                  | 30.9             | 29.4 | 31.6 | 0.8                   | 30.6 | 29.1 | 32.0   | 0.9  | 31.0 | 30.6   | 31.5 | 0.4  | 30.8 | 30.5 | 31.0 | 0.3  |
| <i>n</i> -C <sub>29</sub>                                  | 30.9             | 29.4 | 32.0 | 1.0                   | 30.5 | 28.9 | 31.8   | 1.1  | 30.9 | 30.8   | 31.0 | 0.1  | 31.3 | 31.1 | 31.7 | 0.3  |
| <i>n</i> -C <sub>31</sub>                                  | 30.9             | 29.5 | 31.8 | 1.0                   | 31.0 | 29.7 | 31.8   | 0.9  | 30.6 | 29.2   | 31.3 | 1.2  | 31.4 | 31.3 | 31.5 | 0.1  |
| <i>n</i> -C <sub>33</sub>                                  | 30.6             | 29.4 | 31.5 | 0.8                   | 30.0 | 29.0 | 30.9   | 0.8  | 30.8 | 30.4   | 31.1 | 0.4  | 30.8 | 30.3 | 31.4 | 0.5  |
| C <sub>30</sub> Hop-17(21)-ene                             | 44.5             | 41.6 | 46.5 | 1.7                   | 42.8 | 39.0 | 51.4   | 4.8  | 45.2 | 44.5   | 45.8 | 0.9  | 44.4 | 41.7 | 46.1 | 2.4  |
| C <sub>27</sub> 17 $\beta$ (H)-Hopane                      | 40.0             | 37.7 | 41.7 | 1.7                   | 38.3 | 36.8 | 39.6   | 1.0  | 41.4 | 38.4   | 43.9 | 2.8  | 39.3 | 37.0 | 42.0 | 2.5  |
| C <sub>29</sub> 17 $\beta$ (H) 21 $\beta$ (H)-Hopane       | 42.2             | 38.4 | 46.0 | 2.7                   | 40.5 | 38.0 | 45.1   | 2.7  | 43.1 | 41.4   | 44.0 | 1.4  | 41.3 | 38.3 | 45.2 | 3.5  |
| C <sub>31</sub> 17 $\alpha$ (H)21 $\beta$ (H) 22(R)-Hopane | 26.5             | 25.7 | 27.3 | 1.2                   | 25.3 | 24.2 | 26.1   | 0.9  | 26.1 | 26.1   | 26.1 | N.D. | 27.5 | 27.5 | 27.5 | N.D. |
| C <sub>28</sub> 28,30-Bisnor-neohop-13(18)-ene             | 35.6             | 33.6 | 36.6 | 1.3                   | 34.6 | 34.1 | 35.8   | 0.8  | 36.1 | 36.1   | 36.1 | N.D. | 34.4 | 33.8 | 35.3 | 0.8  |
| D-ring mono-aromatic hopane                                | 34.1             | 32.9 | 36.5 | 1.6                   | 34.6 | 32.4 | 38.0   | 2.0  | 34.5 | 34.5   | 34.5 | N.D. | 34.8 | 32.7 | 37.5 | 1.7  |
| ABCD-ring tetra-aromatic hopane                            | 31.8             | 30.9 | 34.1 | 1.2                   | 32.3 | 30.1 | 34.4   | 1.7  | 32.9 | 31.3   | 34.5 | 2.3  | 32.0 | 30.3 | 33.3 | 1.5  |

TABLE S-XI. The  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values of individual *n*-alkanes and hopanoids of selected samples

| Litho-<br>type | Sample<br>ID | <i>n</i> -C <sub>25</sub> | <i>n</i> -C <sub>27</sub> | <i>n</i> -C <sub>29</sub> | <i>n</i> -C <sub>31</sub> | <i>n</i> -C <sub>33</sub> | C <sub>30</sub> Hop-<br>17(21)-ene |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| MC             | 2/79         | -30.2                     | -31.5                     | -31.7                     | -31.8                     | -30.2                     | -44.9                              |
| MXC            | 3/79         | N.D. <sup>a</sup>         | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                               |
| XC             | 4/79         | -29.7                     | -31.4                     | -31.2                     | -31.7                     | -30.5                     | -39.0                              |
| MXC            | 5/79         | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                               |
| MMiC           | 6/79         | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                               |
| MXC            | 8/79         | -30.2                     | -30.9                     | -31.1                     | -31.5                     | -31.3                     | -41.7                              |
| MMiC           | 11/79        | -29.7                     | -30.6                     | -30.9                     | -29.2                     | -31.0                     | -45.8                              |
| XC             | 16/79        | -27.2                     | -29.1                     | -28.9                     | -29.7                     | -29.0                     | -39.9                              |
| MXC            | 18/79        | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                               |
| XC             | 27/91        | -29.1                     | -30.7                     | -30.6                     | -31.4                     | -30.2                     | -39.1                              |
| MC             | 30/91        | -29.7                     | -30.7                     | -30.0                     | -30.2                     | -29.4                     | -41.6                              |
| MXC            | 33/91        | -30.5                     | -31.0                     | -31.7                     | N.D. <sup>a</sup>         | -30.7                     | -46.1                              |
| XC             | 34/91        | -30.2                     | -31.0                     | -30.9                     | -31.6                     | -29.5                     | -47.4                              |
| XC             | 38/91        | -28.8                     | -30.1                     | -30.6                     | -30.8                     | -30.4                     | -40.3                              |
| MMiC           | 39/91        | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                               |
| MC             | 40/91        | -30.2                     | -31.6                     | -32.0                     | N.D.                      | -31.4                     | -46.5                              |
| MXC            | 45/601       | -28.9                     | -30.5                     | -31.1                     | -31.3                     | -30.3                     | -45.5                              |
| MC             | 46/601       | -28.2                     | -29.4                     | -29.4                     | -29.5                     | -30.6                     | -45.5                              |
| MMiC           | 48/601       | -29.8                     | -31.5                     | -31.0                     | -31.3                     | -30.4                     | -44.5                              |
| MC             | 49/601       | -29.3                     | -31.5                     | -31.6                     | -31.7                     | -30.6                     | -44.7                              |
| XC             | 50/603       | -29.0                     | -30.2                     | -29.2                     | -29.7                     | -29.0                     | -42.4                              |
| MC             | 51/603       | -29.7                     | -30.9                     | -30.8                     | -31.3                     | -31.5                     | -44.0                              |
| XC             | 52/603       | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                               |
| MXC            | 53/603       | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                      | N.D.                               |
| XC             | 54/603       | N.D.                      | -31.9                     | -31.8                     | -31.8                     | -30.9                     | -51.3                              |
| MMiC           | 56/603       | -28.9                     | -30.8                     | -30.8                     | -31.3                     | -31.1                     | N.D.                               |

| Litho-<br>type | Sample<br>ID | C <sub>27</sub><br>17 $\beta$ (H)-<br>Hopane | C <sub>29</sub><br>17 $\beta$ (H)21 $\beta$ (H)-<br>Hopane | C <sub>31</sub><br>17 $\alpha$ (H)21 $\beta$<br>(H)22(R)-<br>Hopane | C <sub>28</sub> 28,30-<br>Bisnor-<br>neohop-13<br>(18)-ene | D-ring<br>monoaro-<br>matic<br>hopane | ABCD-ring<br>tetraaro-<br>matic<br>hopane |
|----------------|--------------|--|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| MC             | 2/79         | -41.3  | -44.3  | N.D. <sup>a</sup>   | -35.0  | N.D.                                  | -34.1                                     |
| MXC            | 3/79         | N.D.   | N.D.   | N.D.  | N.D.   | -34.4                                 | N.D.                                      |
| XC             | 4/79         | -36.8  | -38.0  | -25.9   | N.D.   | -32.3                                 | N.D.                                      |
| MXC            | 5/79         | N.D.   | N.D.   | N.D.  | N.D.   | -37.5                                 | N.D.                                      |
| MMiC           | 6/79         | N.D.   | N.D.   | N.D.  | N.D.   | -32.5                                 | N.D.                                      |
| MXC            | 8/79         | -37.0  | -38.3  | -27.5   | -34.0  | N.D.                                  | N.D.                                      |
| MMiC           | 11/79        | -43.9  | -44.0  | N.D.  | -36.1  | N.D.                                  | -31.3                                     |
| XC             | 16/79        | -38.4  | -39.0  | N.D.  | -34.3  | -36.0                                 | -33.3                                     |
| MXC            | 18/79        | N.D.   | N.D.   | N.D.  | N.D.   | -34.9                                 | -33.3                                     |
| XC             | 27/91        | N.D.   | N.D.   | N.D.  | N.D.   | -33.3                                 | -31.3                                     |
| MC             | 30/91        | -38.7  | -40.7  | -25.7   | -36.3  | -33.2                                 | N.D.                                      |
| MXC            | 33/91        | -42.0  | -45.2  | N.D.  | -35.3  | -33.4                                 | N.D.                                      |
| XC             | 34/91        | -38.4  | -45.1  | N.D.  | -34.1  | -35.0                                 | -31.1                                     |
| XC             | 38/91        | -38.2  | -39.8  | -26.1   | -34.1  | -33.1                                 | -30.1                                     |
| MMiC           | 39/91        | N.D.   | N.D.   | N.D.  | N.D.   | N.D.                                  | N.D.                                      |

TABLE S-XI. Continued

| Litho-type | Sample ID | C <sub>27</sub><br>17β(H)-<br>Hopane | C <sub>29</sub><br>17β(H)21β(H)-<br>Hopane | C <sub>31</sub><br>17α(H)21β(H)22(R)-<br>Hopane | C <sub>28</sub> 28,30-<br>Bisnor-<br>neohop-13<br>(18)-ene | D-ring<br>monoaro-<br>matic<br>hopane | ABCD-ring<br>tetraaro-<br>matic<br>hopane |
|------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| MC         | 40/91     | -41.3                                | -46.0                                      | N.D.  | -36.5  | N.D.                                  | -32.0                                     |
| MXC        | 45/601    | -39.0                                | -40.5                                      | N.D.  | -33.8  | -32.7                                 | -30.3                                     |
| MC         | 46/601    | -37.7                                | -38.4                                      | N.D.  | -33.6  | -32.9                                 | -30.9                                     |
| MMiC       | 48/601    | -42.0                                | -43.8                                      | N.D.  | N.D.   | N.D.                                  | N.D.                                      |
| MC         | 49/601    | -41.7                                | -42.6                                      | N.D.  | -36.6  | -33.7                                 | -31.0                                     |
| XC         | 50/603    | -39.6                                | -40.4                                      | -25.2   | -35.8  | -32.8                                 | N.D.                                      |
| MC         | 51/603    | -38.9                                | -40.8                                      | -27.3   | N.D.   | -36.5                                 | -31.3                                     |
| XC         | 52/603    | N.D.                                 | N.D.                                       | N.D.  | N.D.   | -38.0                                 | -32.7                                     |
| MXC        | 53/603    | N.D.                                 | N.D.                                       | N.D.  | N.D.   | -35.8                                 | -32.3                                     |
| XC         | 54/603    | N.D.                                 | N.D.                                       | -24.2   | N.D.   | -35.9                                 | -34.4                                     |
| MMiC       | 56/603    | -38.4                                | -41.4                                      | -26.1   | N.D.   | N.D.                                  | -34.5                                     |

<sup>a</sup>N.D. – not determined

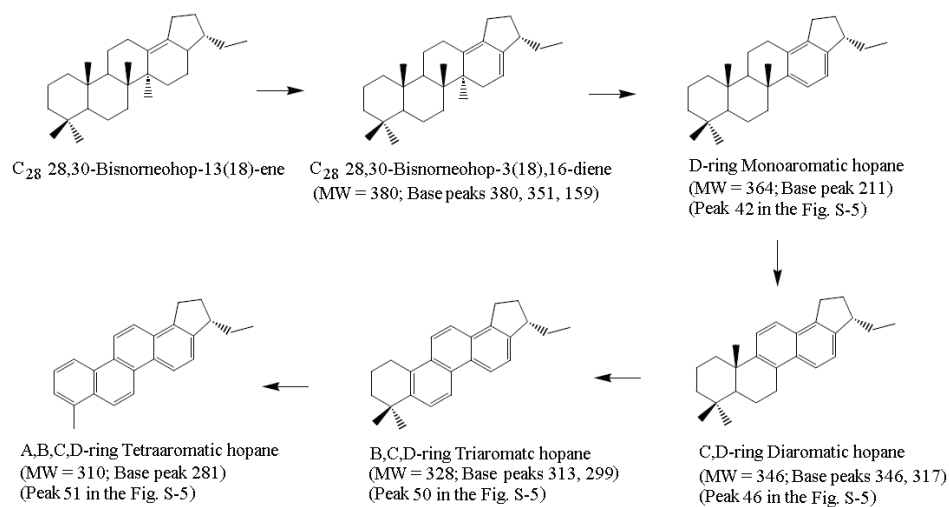


Fig. S-7. Diagenetic scheme showing the formation of series of orphan aromatic hopanoids bearing an ethyl group at C-21 from the C<sub>28</sub> 28,30-bisnorneohop-13(18)-ene.

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