

**SOUTH PIERSON**  
**LOWER AMARANTH POROSITY DETERMINATION**

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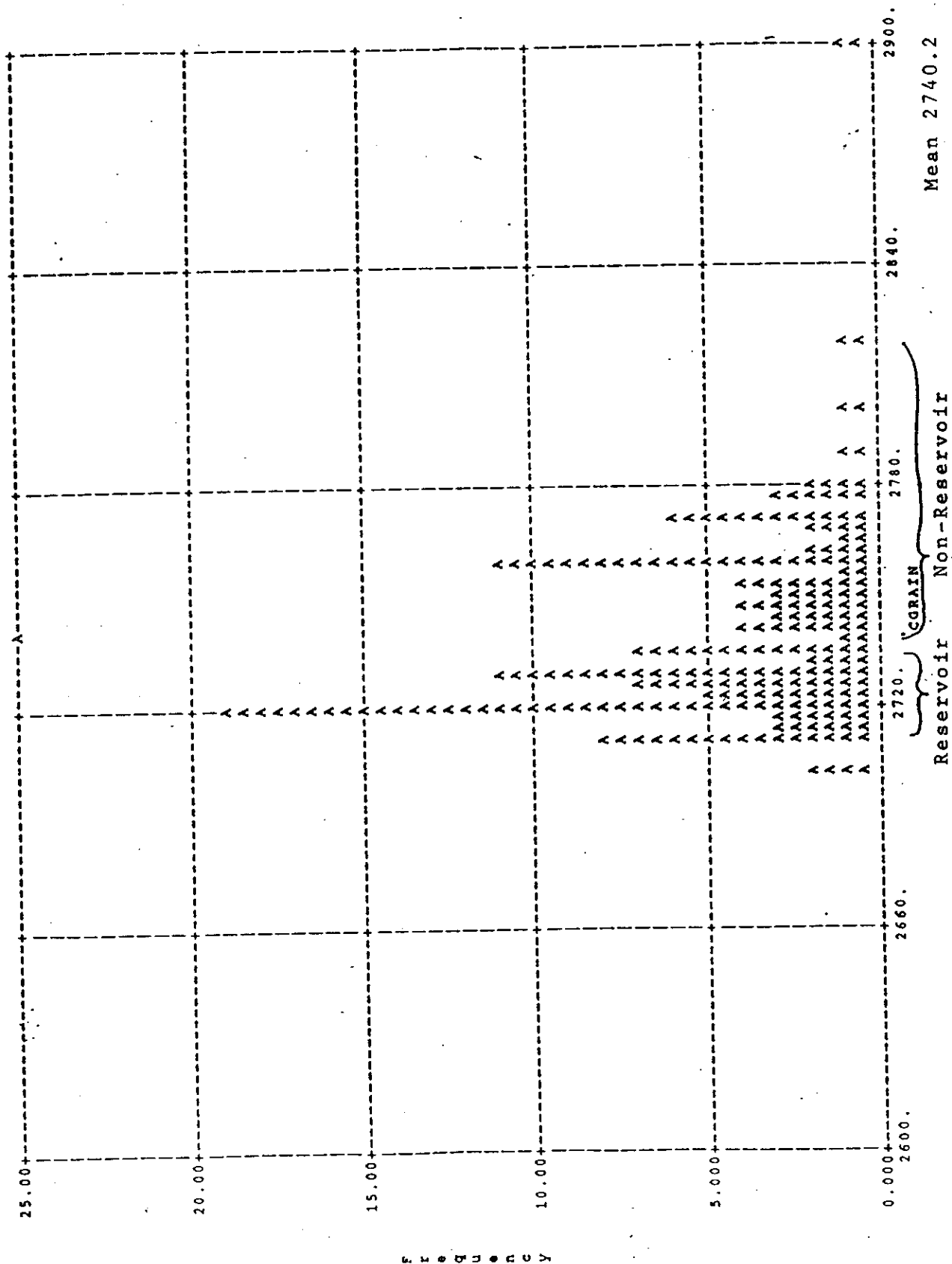
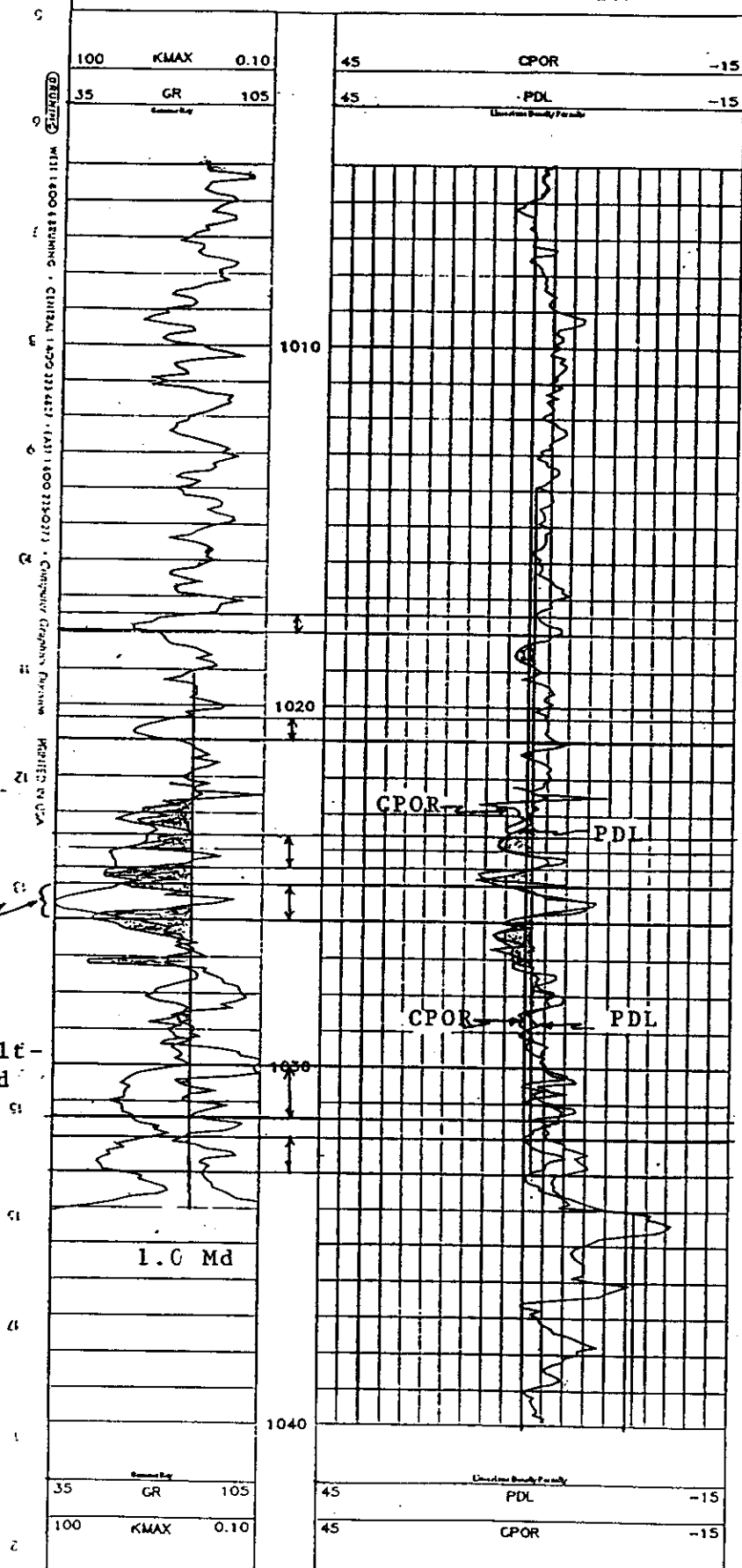


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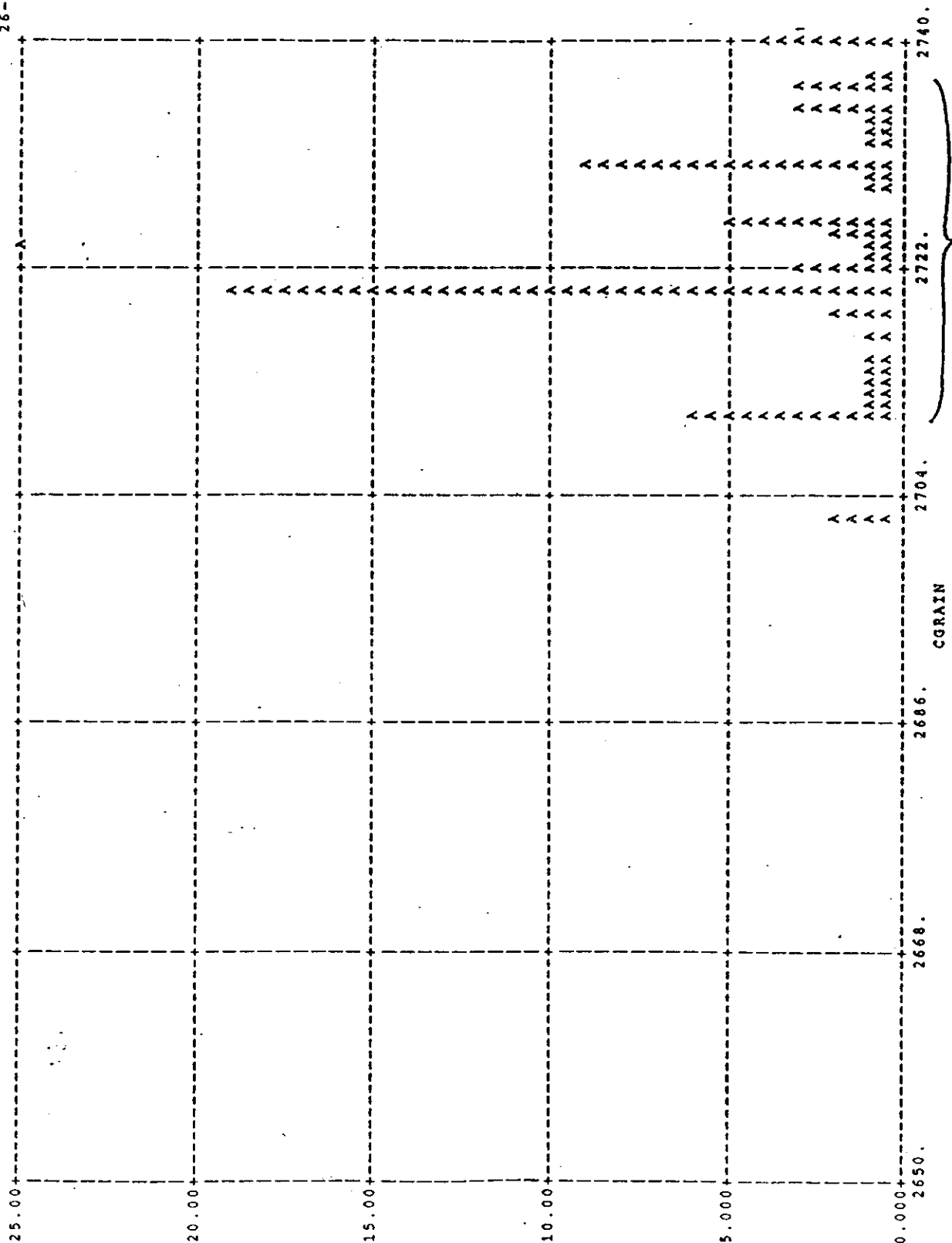
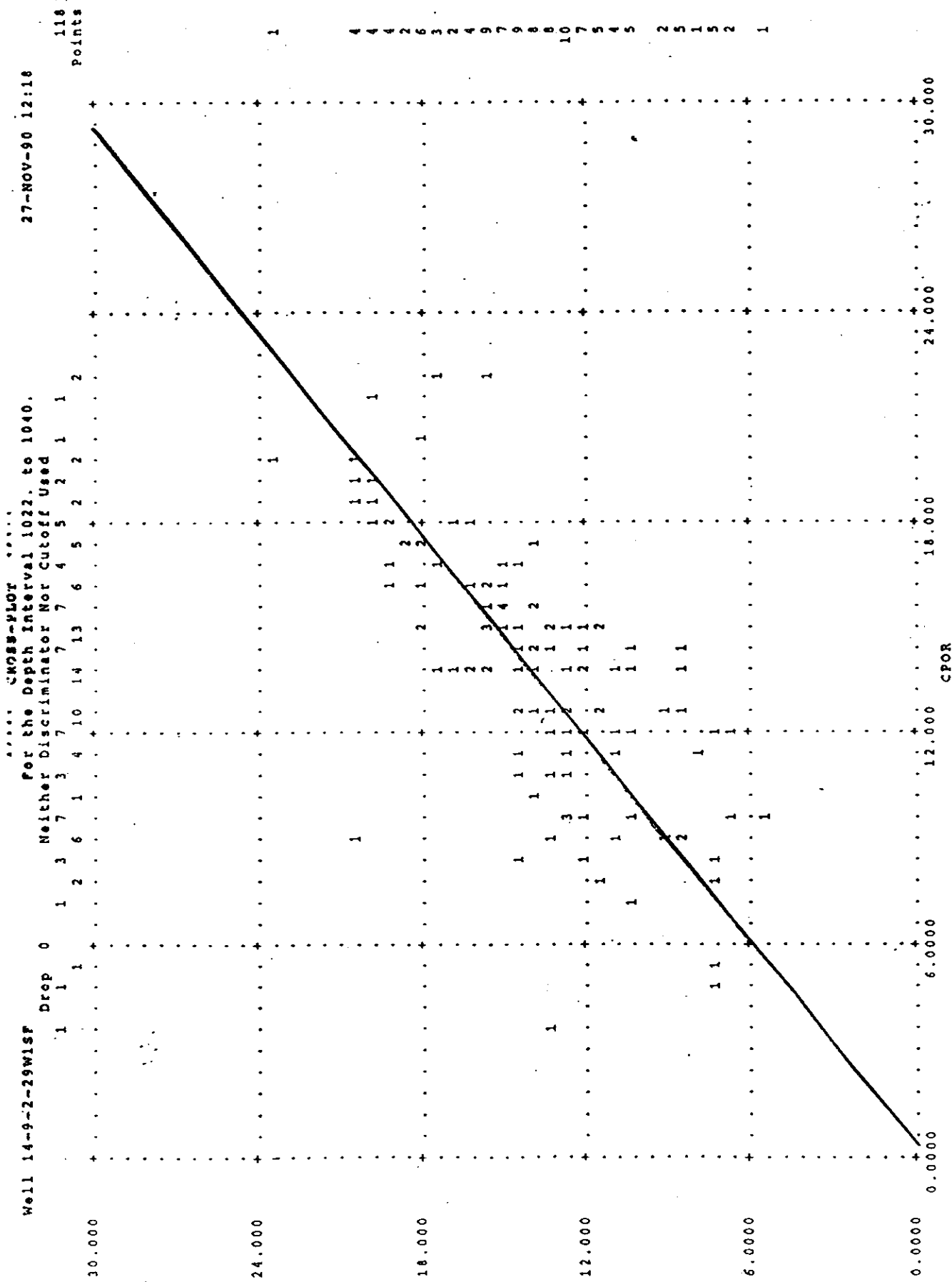


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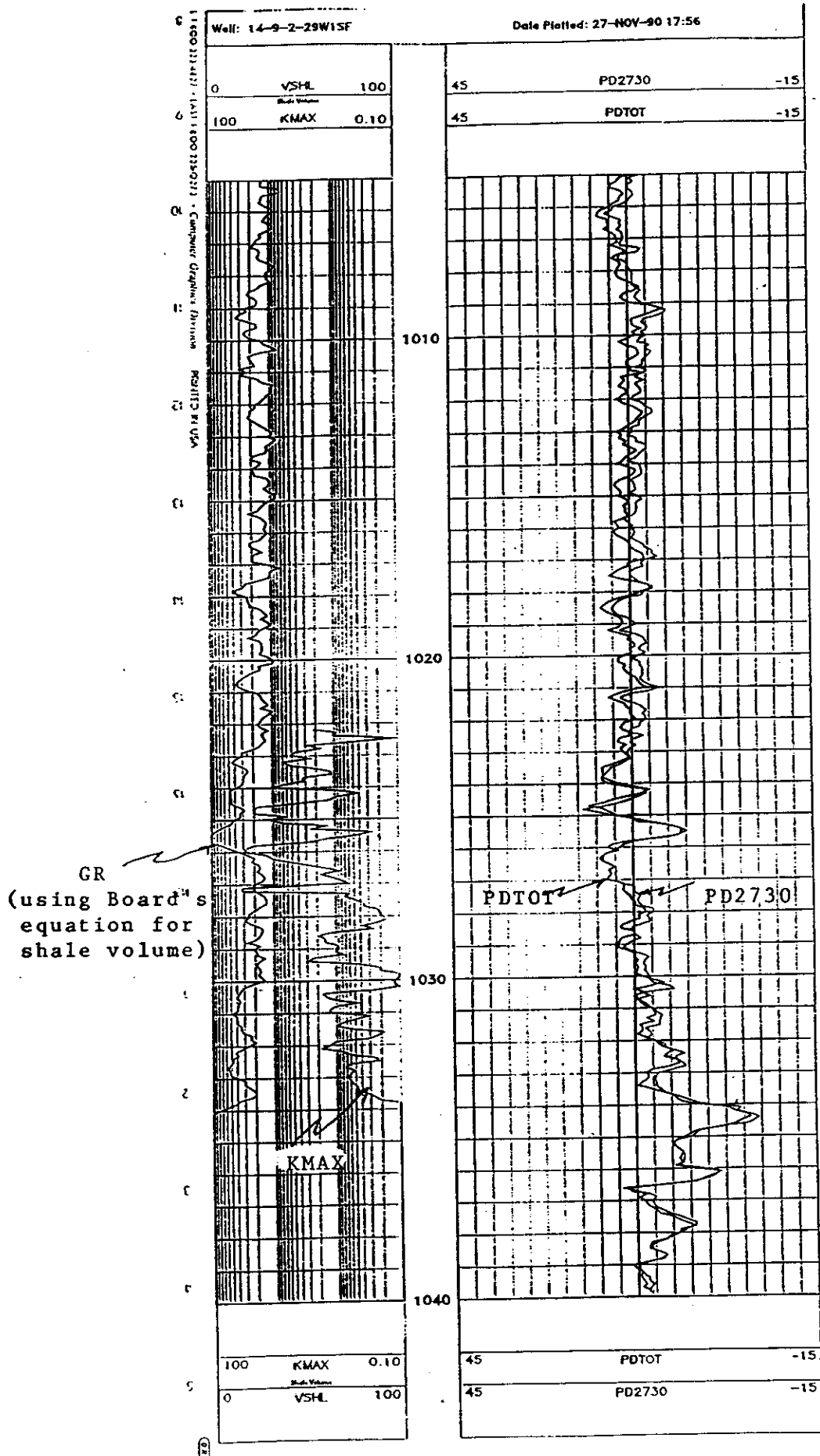


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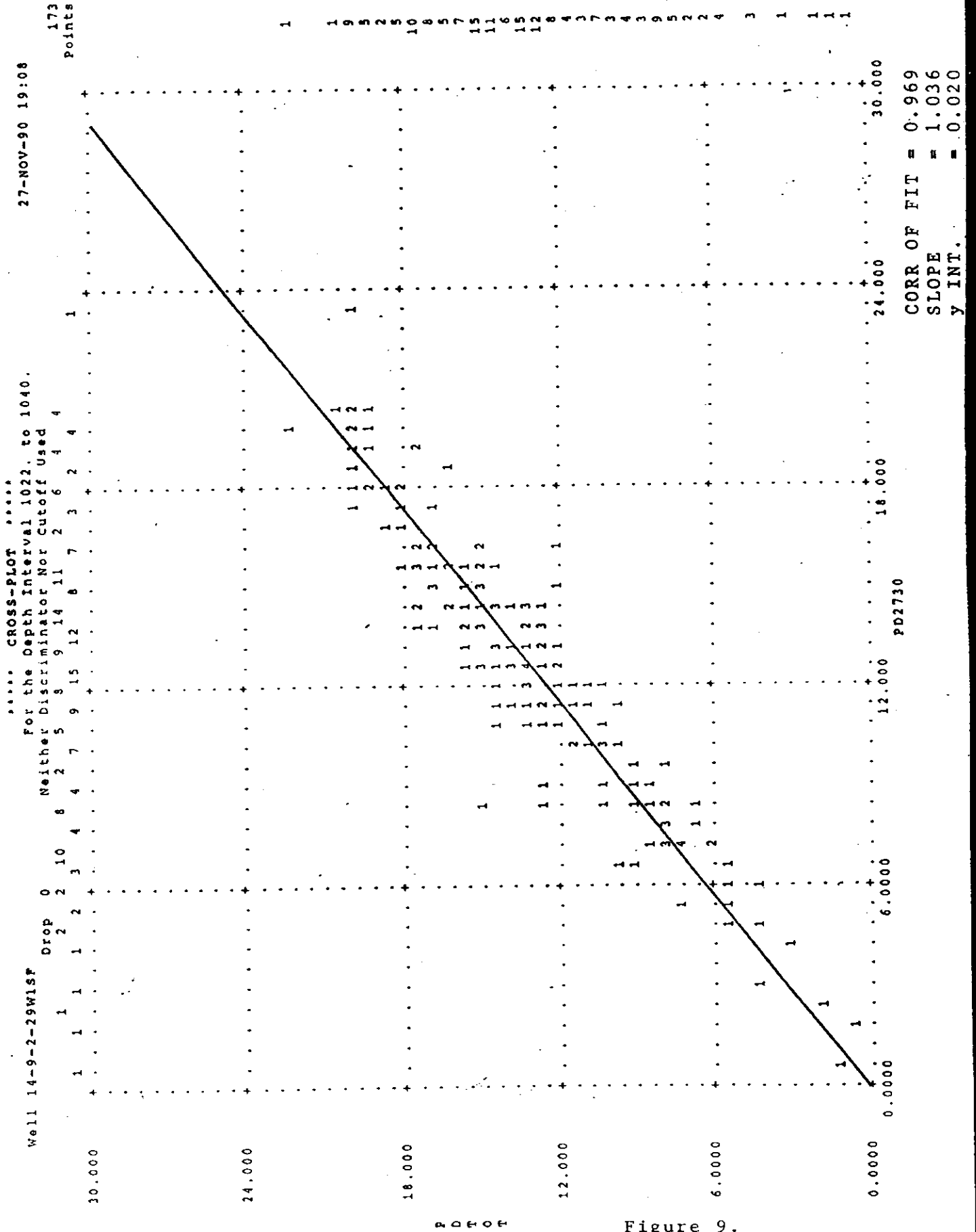


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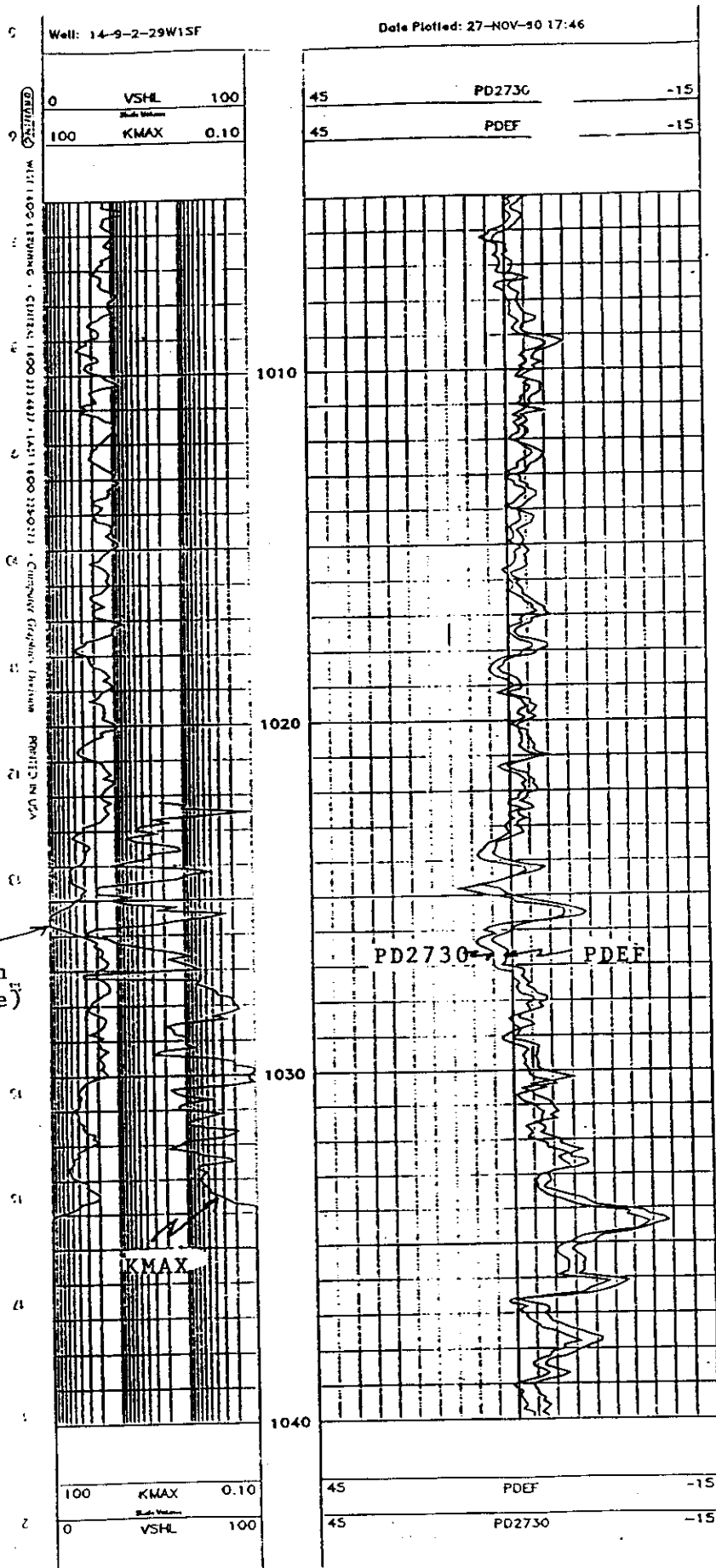


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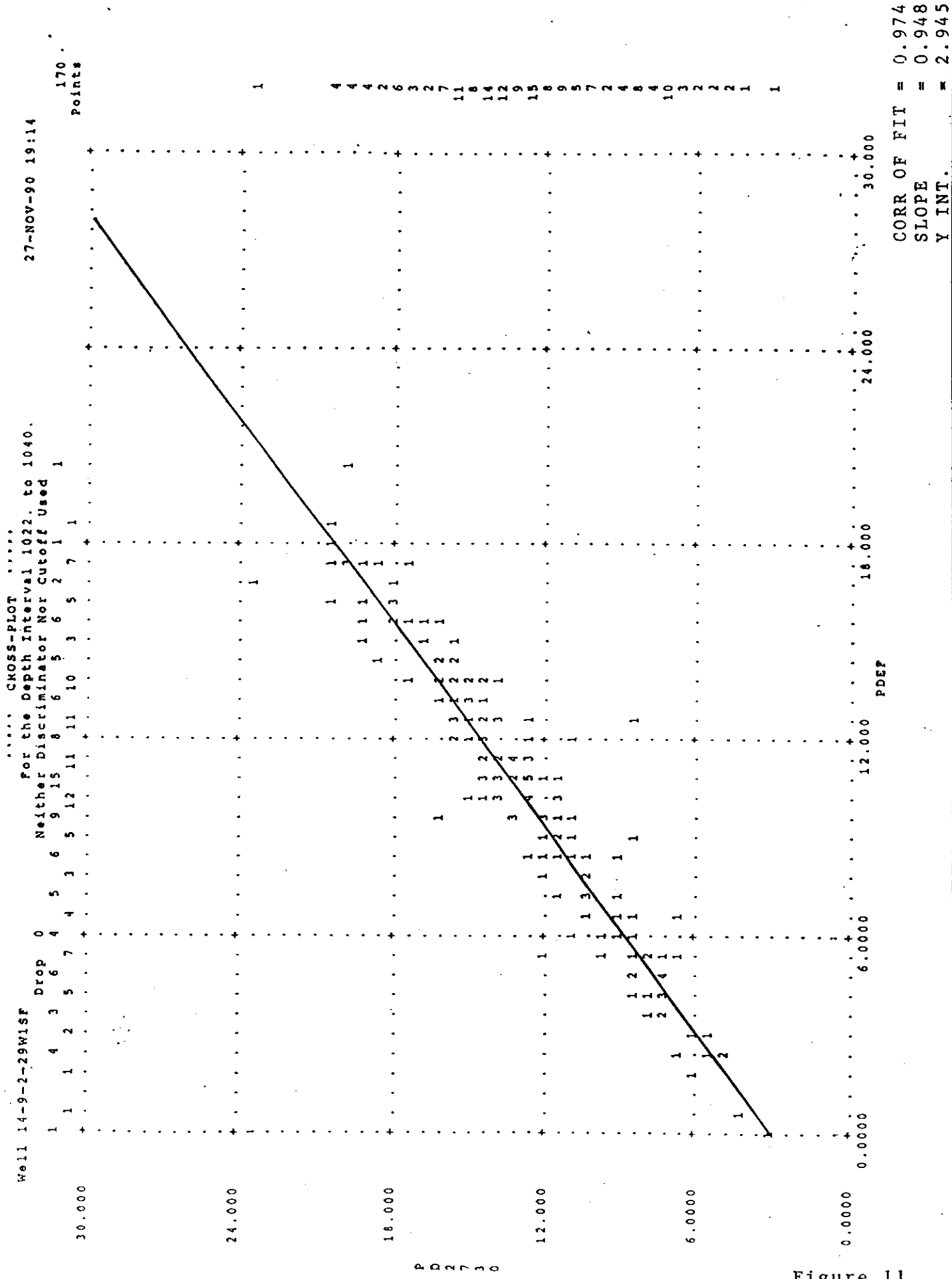


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- still think they may be finding oil too low in sandy unit where GR appears clay-rich  
- see also Mr. Husain's appendix to locate residual oil on core samples which appear to match my picks a bit better than Home's (I'm not bitching here, just convinced I guess).

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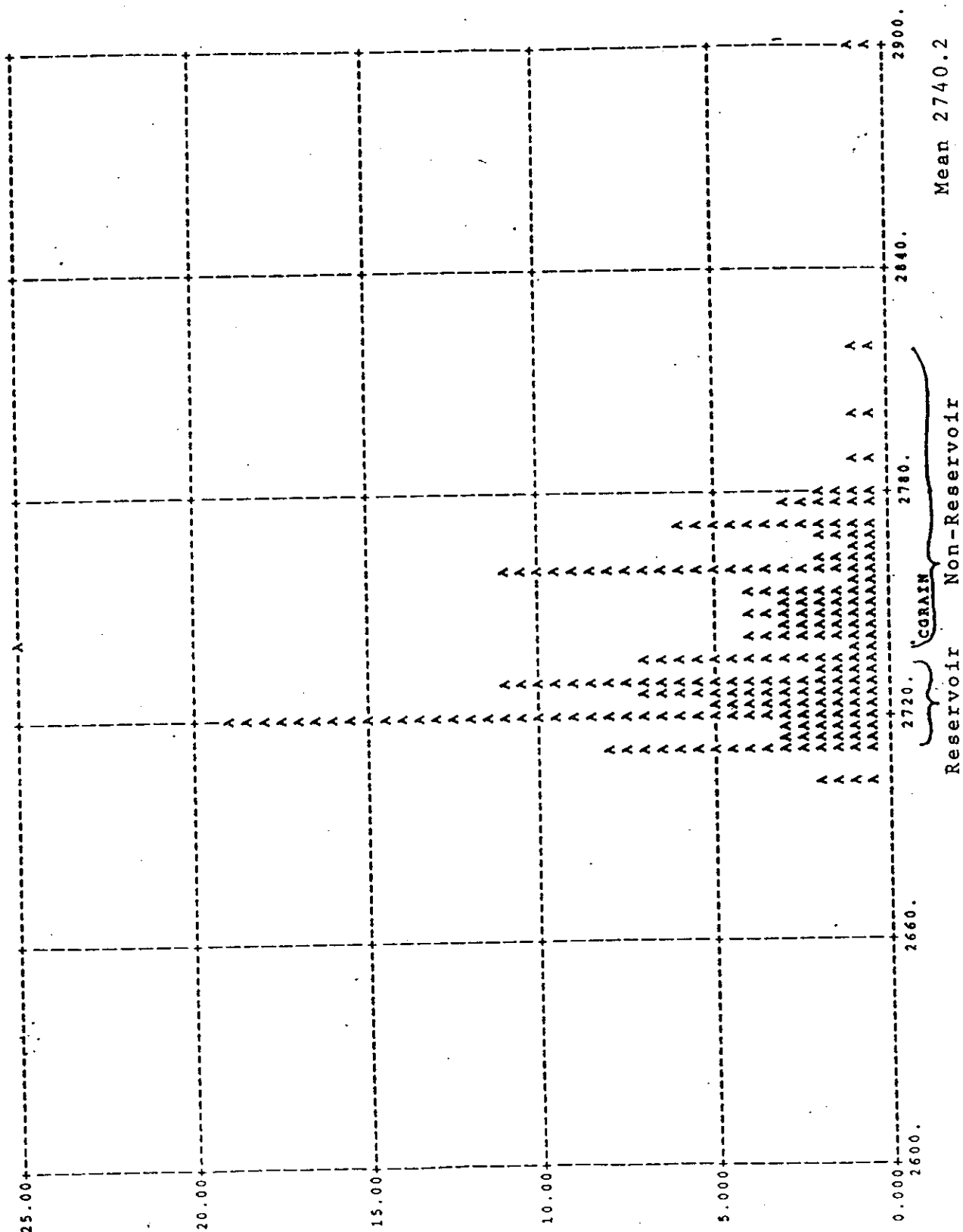


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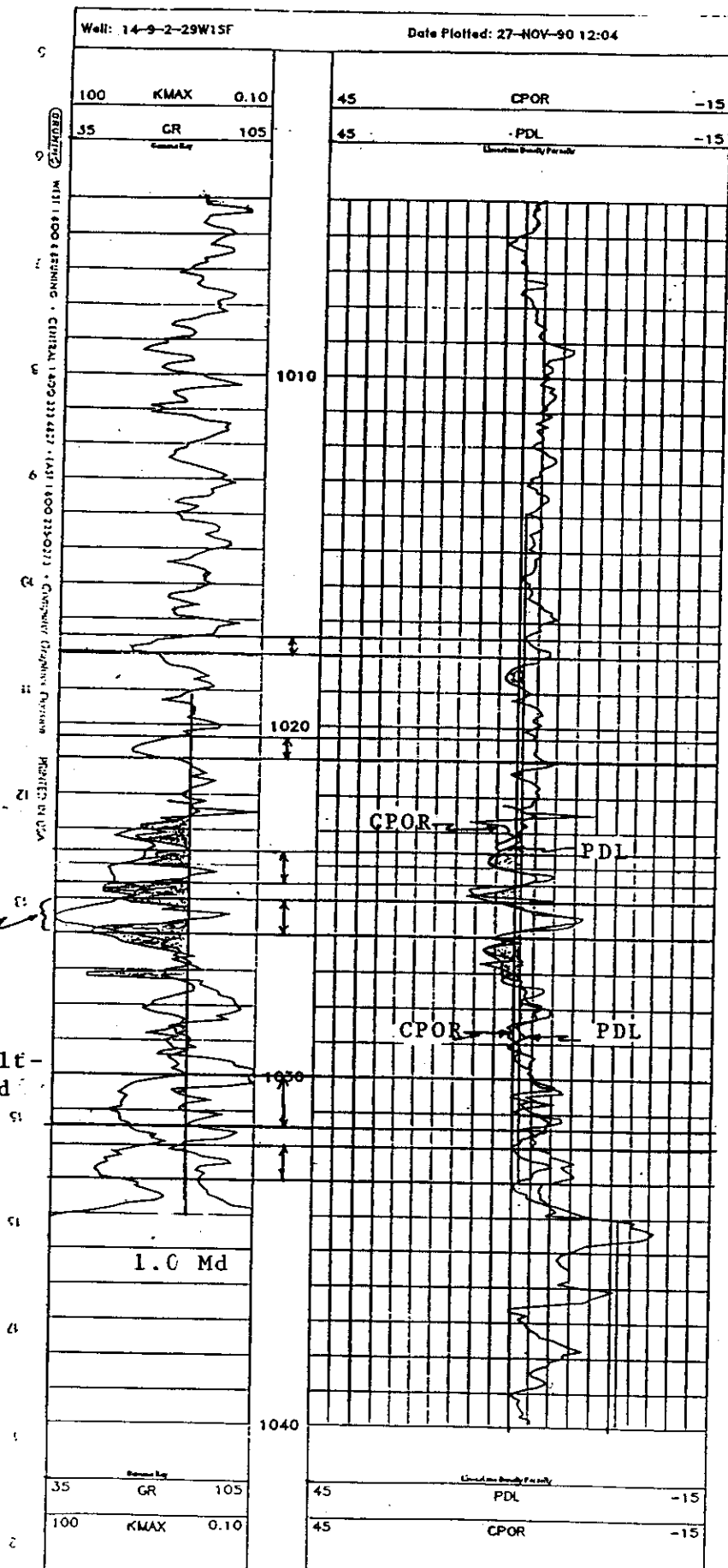


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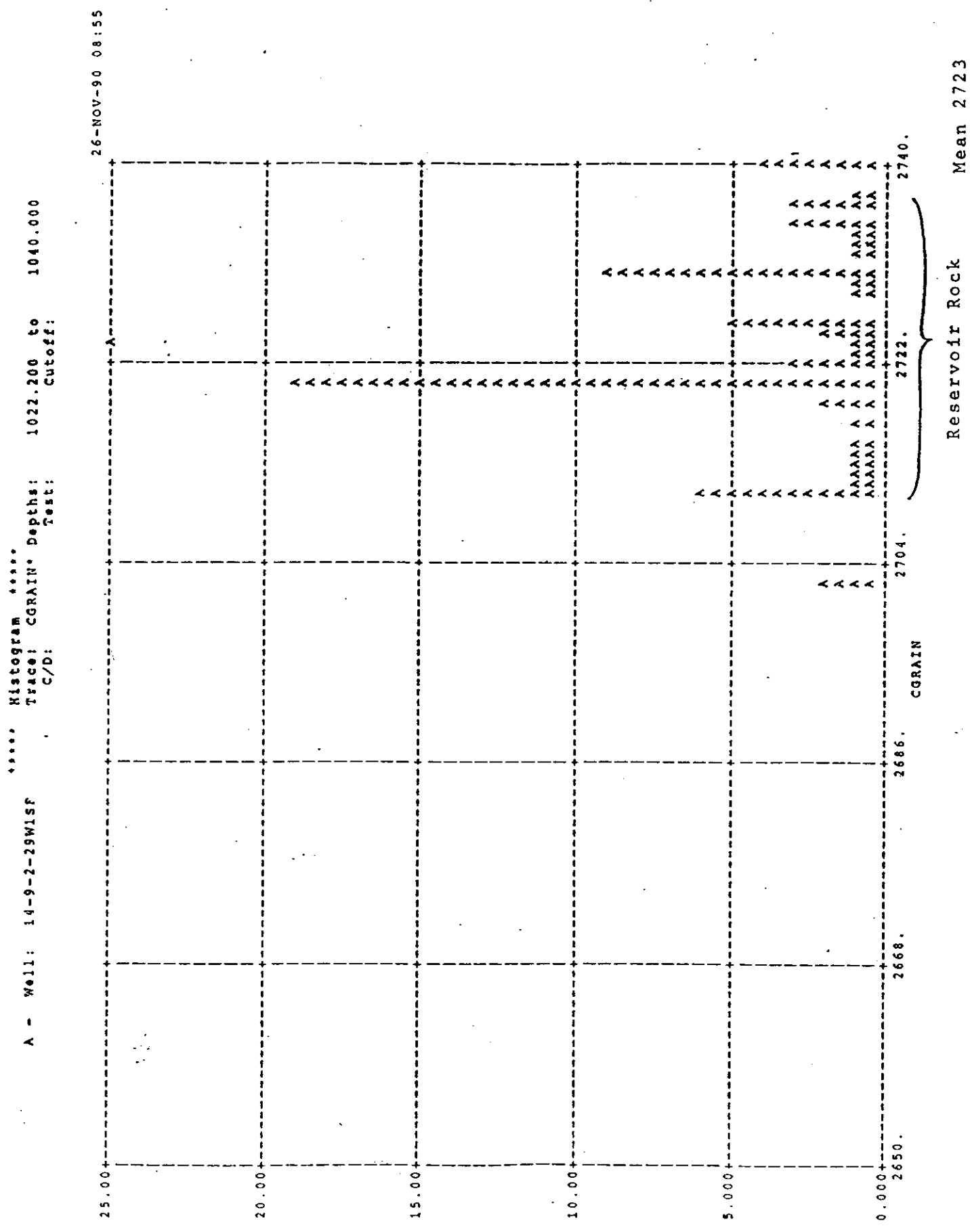


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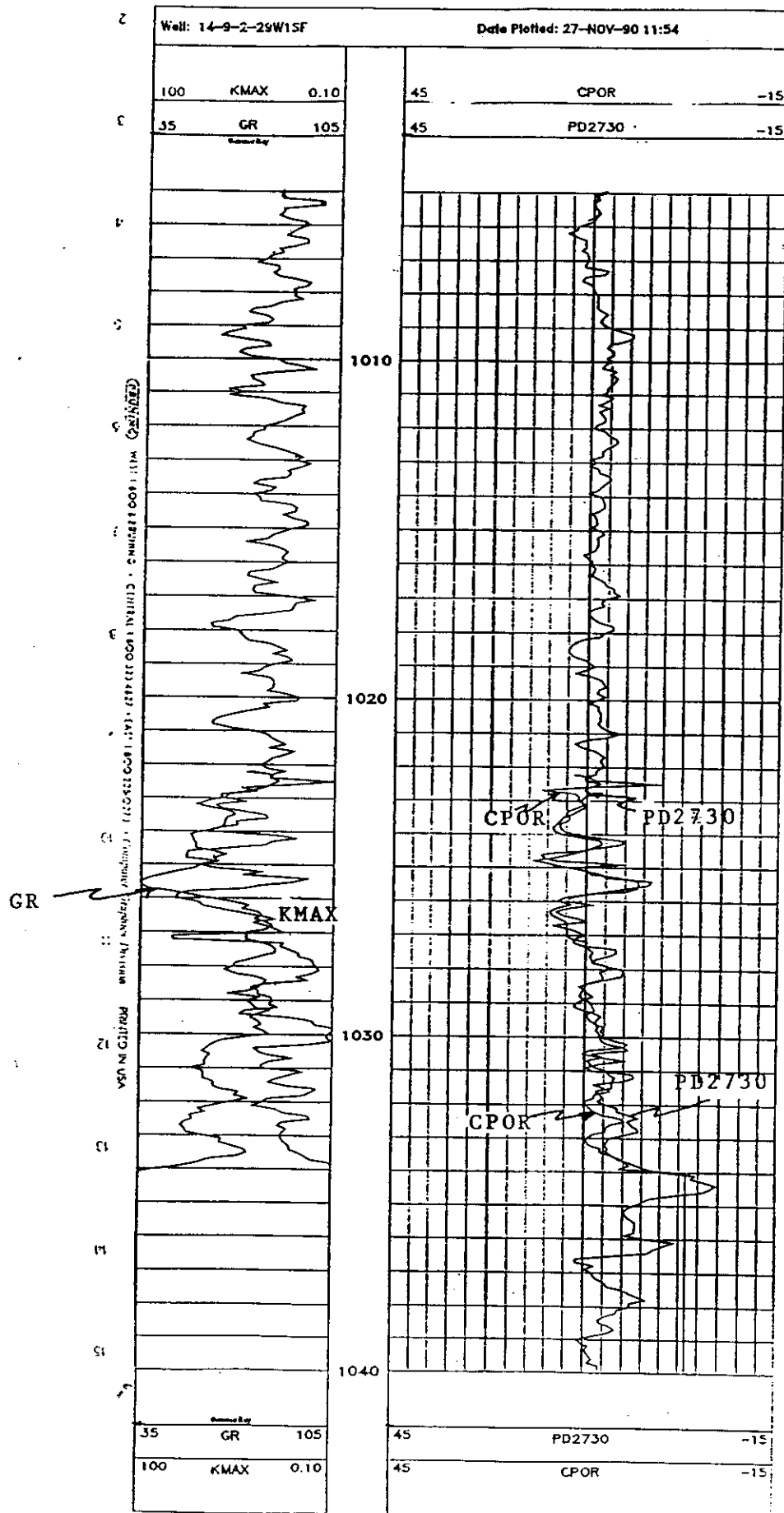


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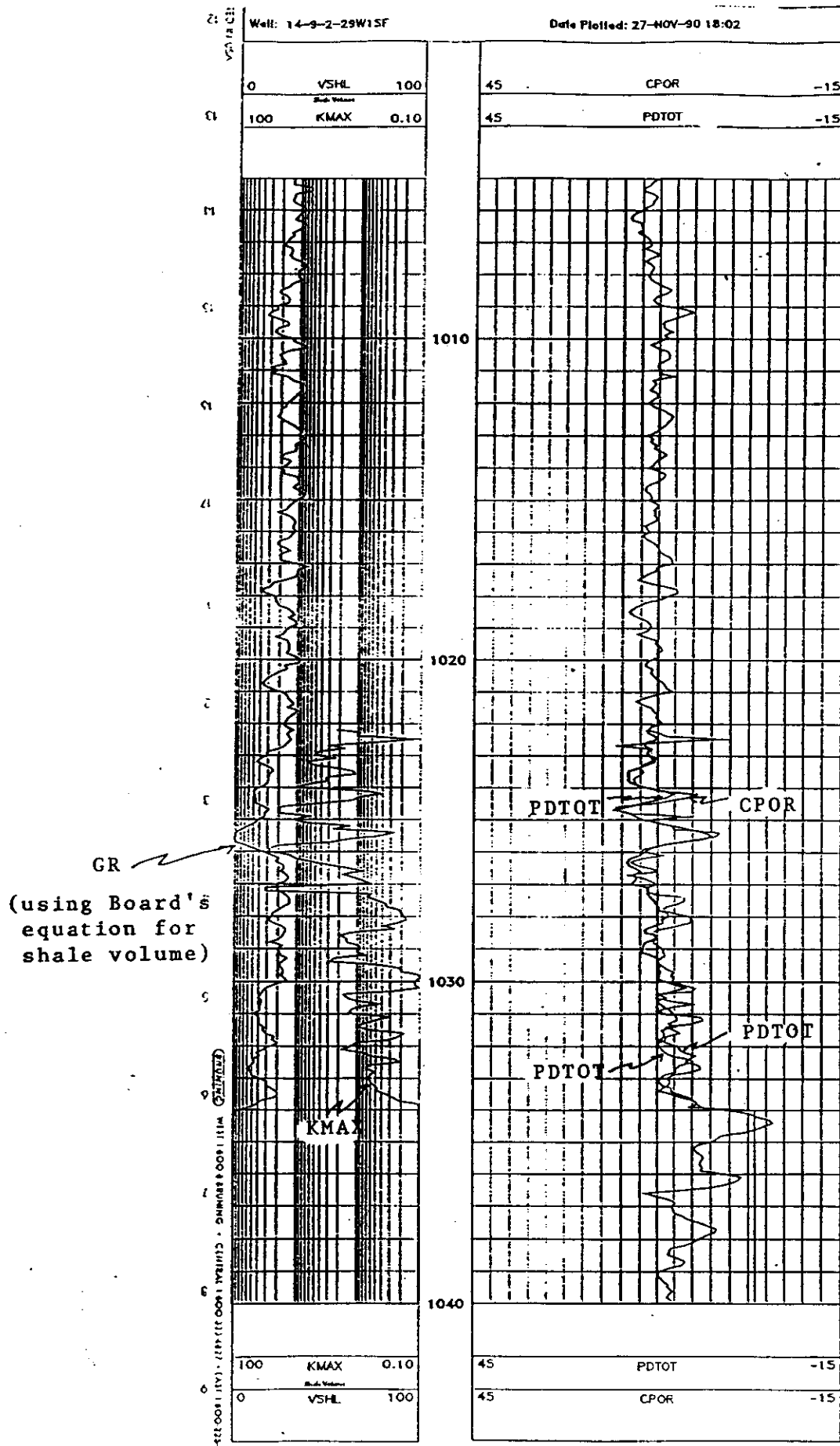


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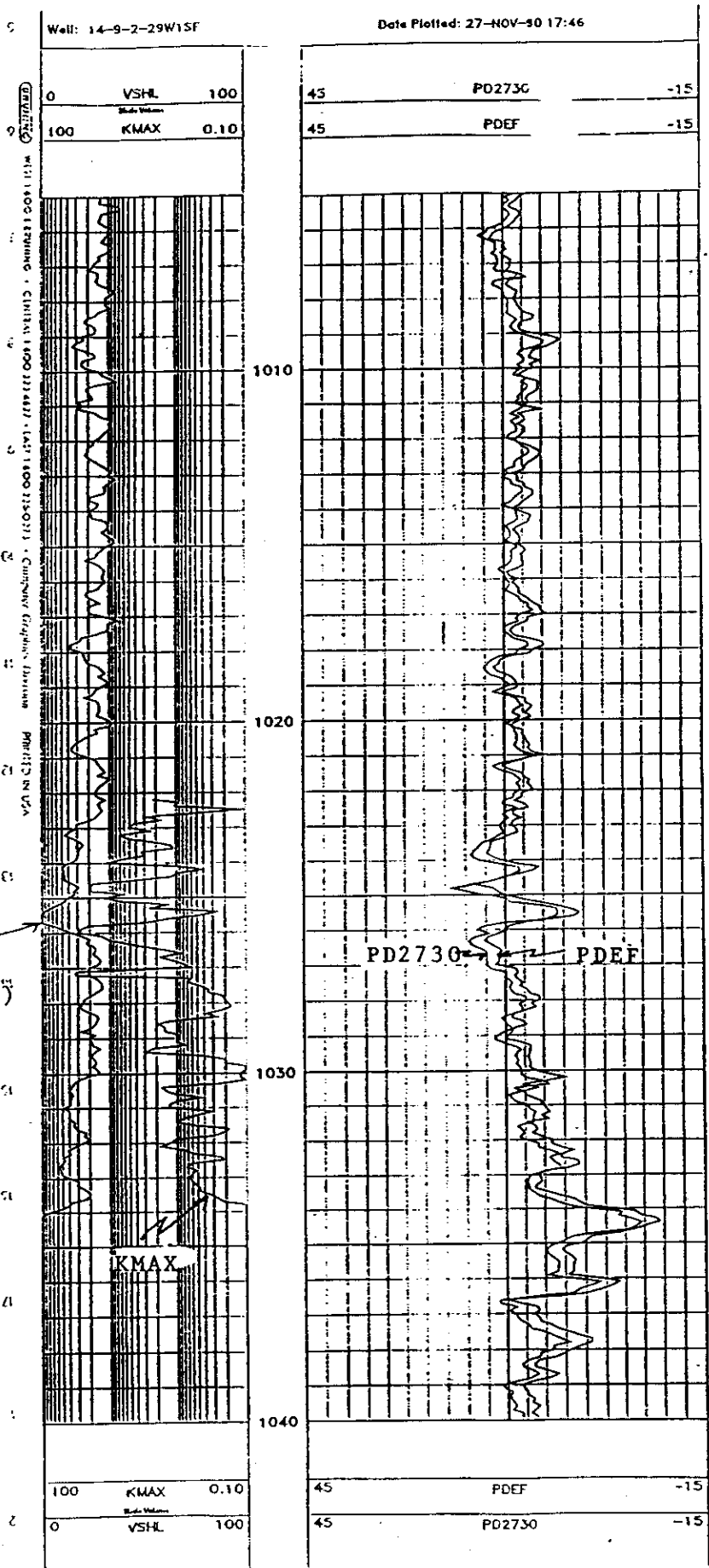


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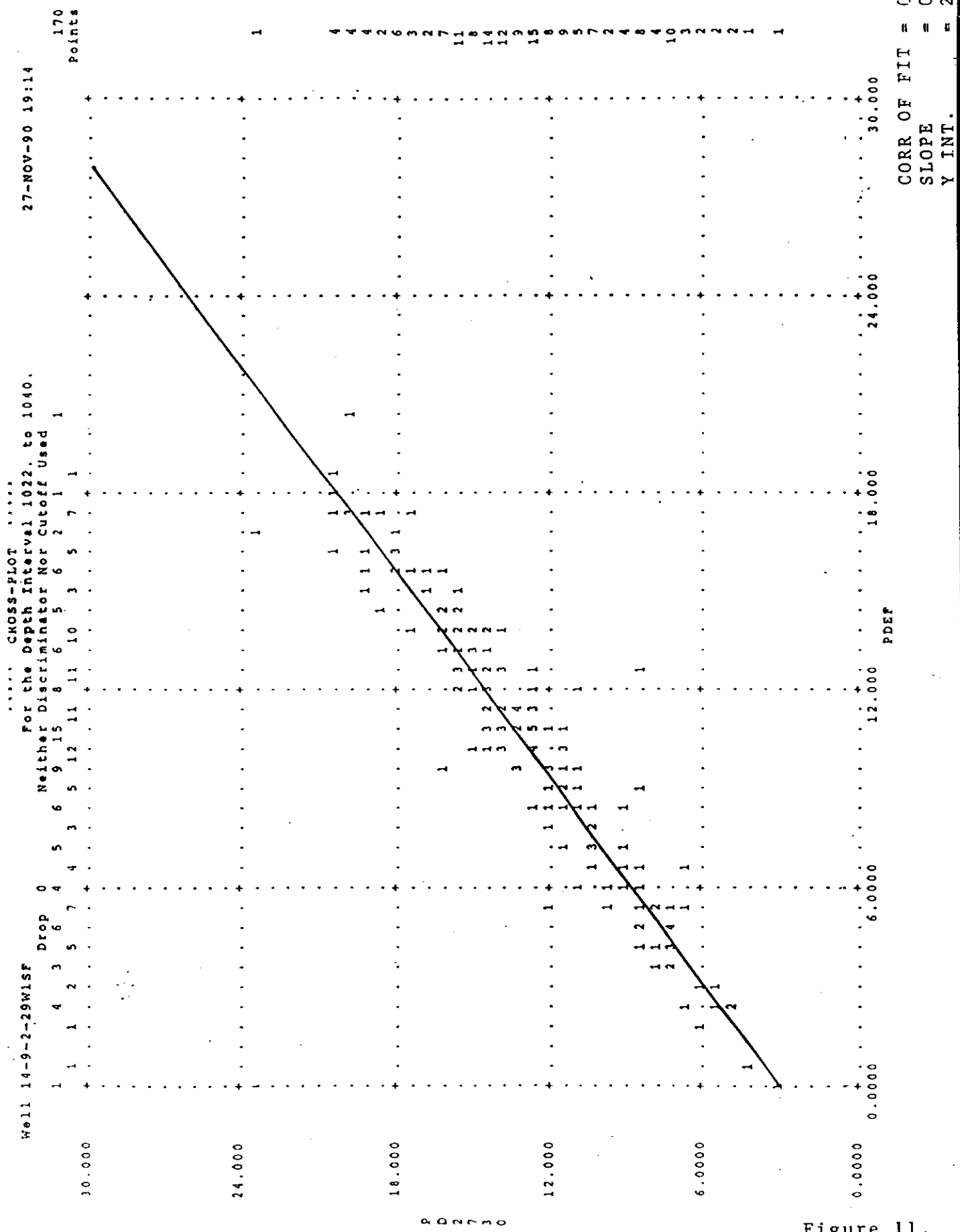


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RE: South Pierson - Lower Amaranth  
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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L.R. Dubreuil". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

L.R. Dubreuil  
Director

LRD:cvs

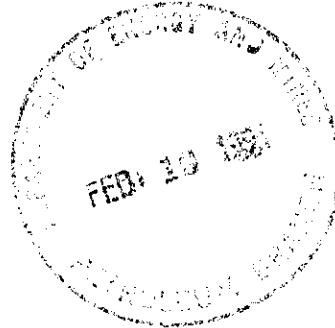
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Yours truly,  
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 Test: Cutoff:

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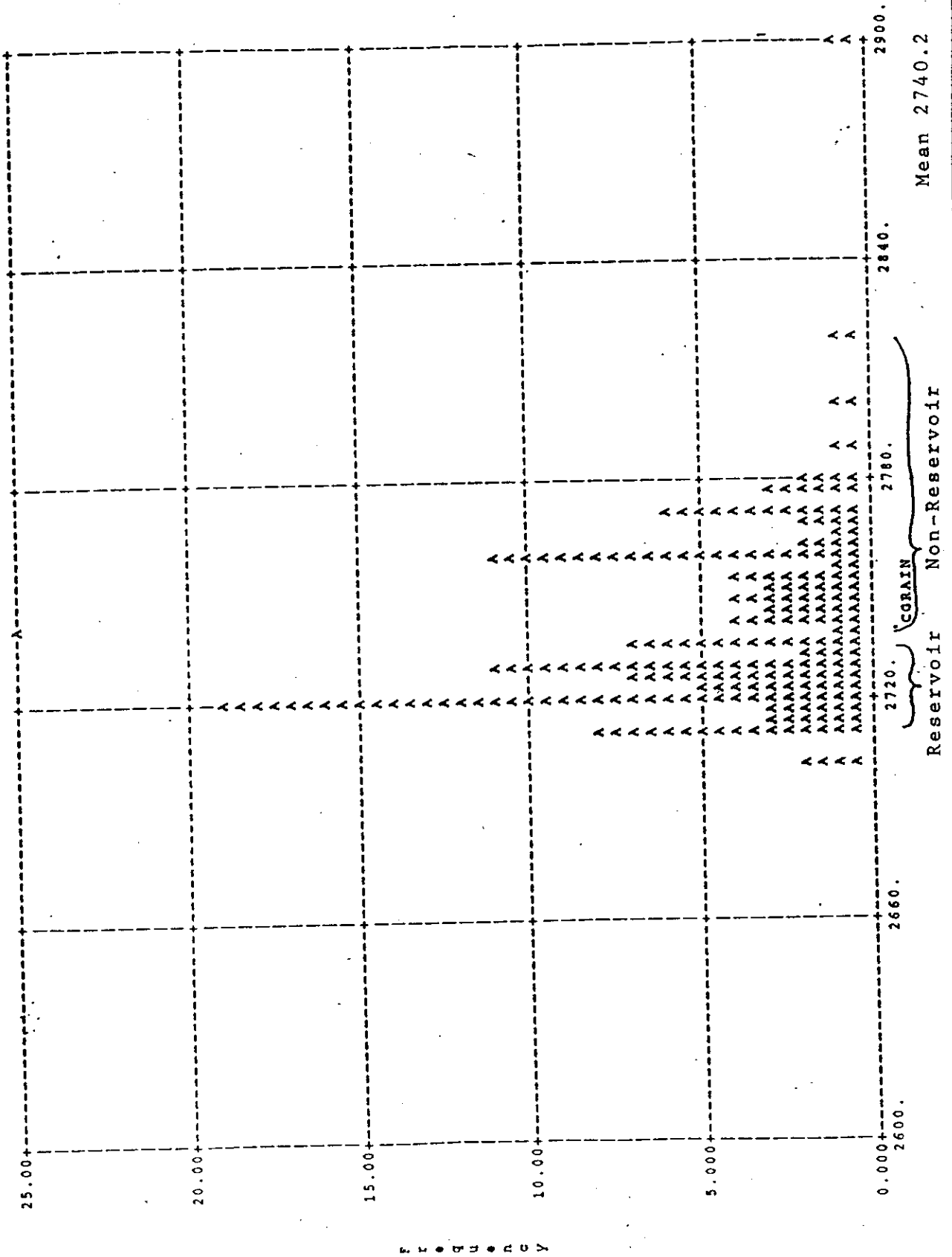


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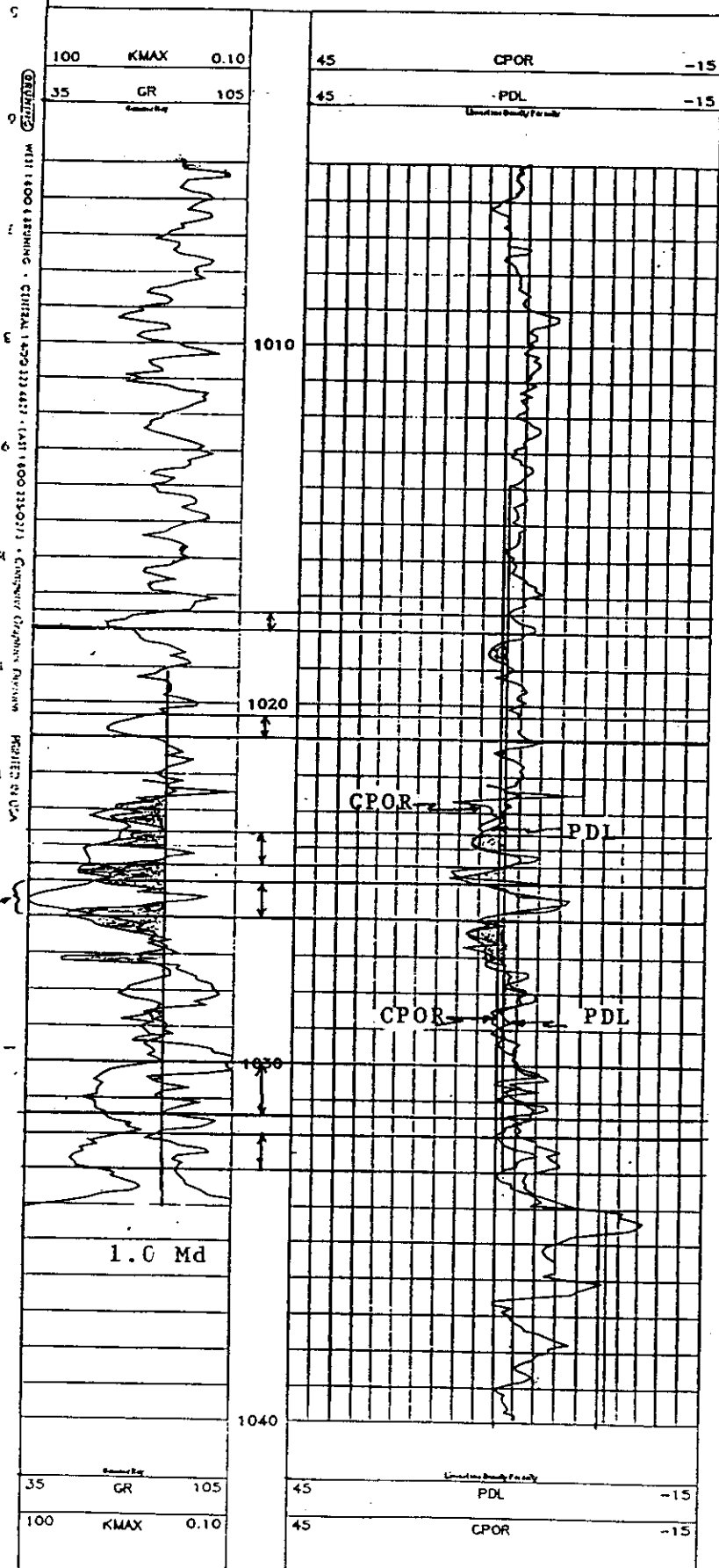


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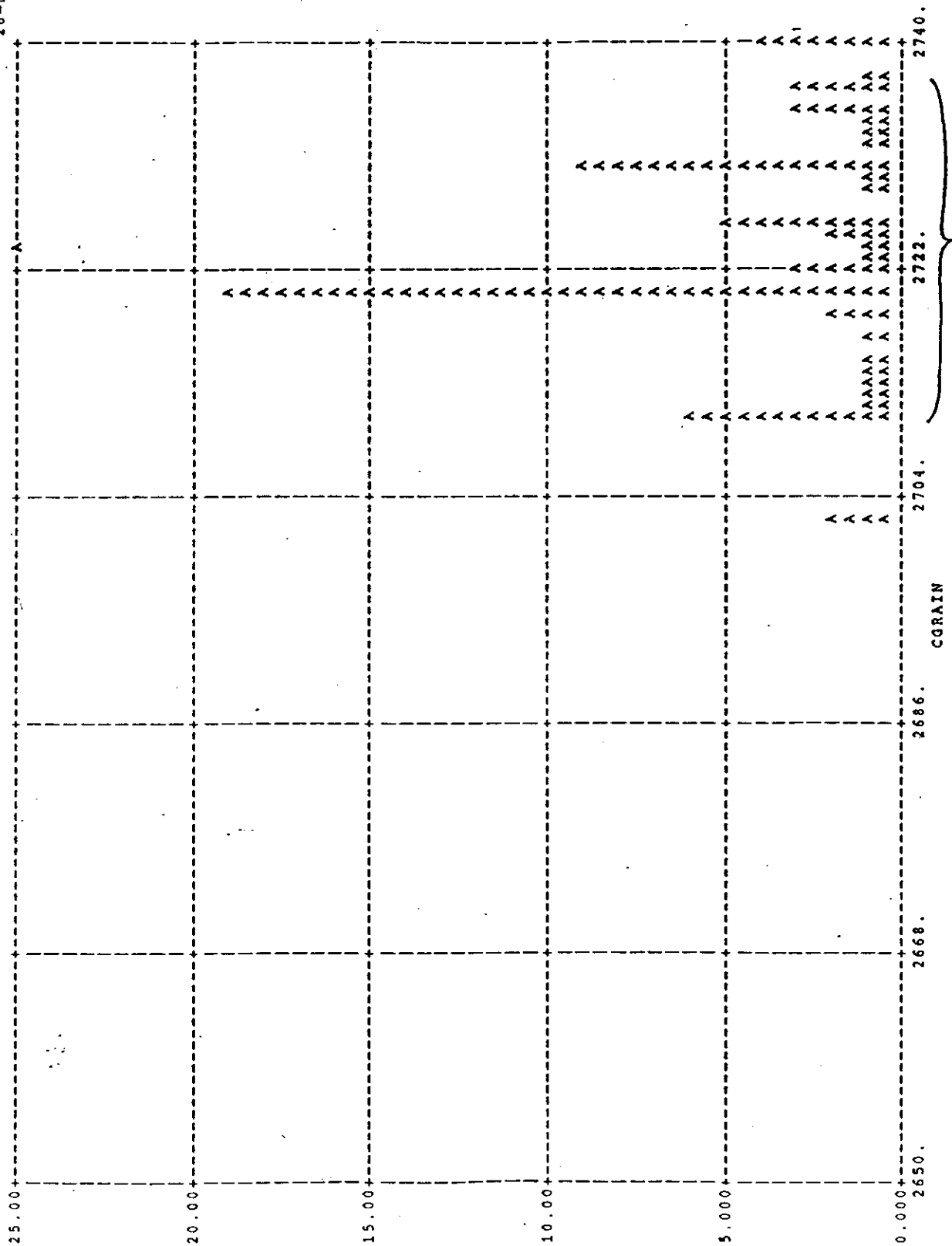


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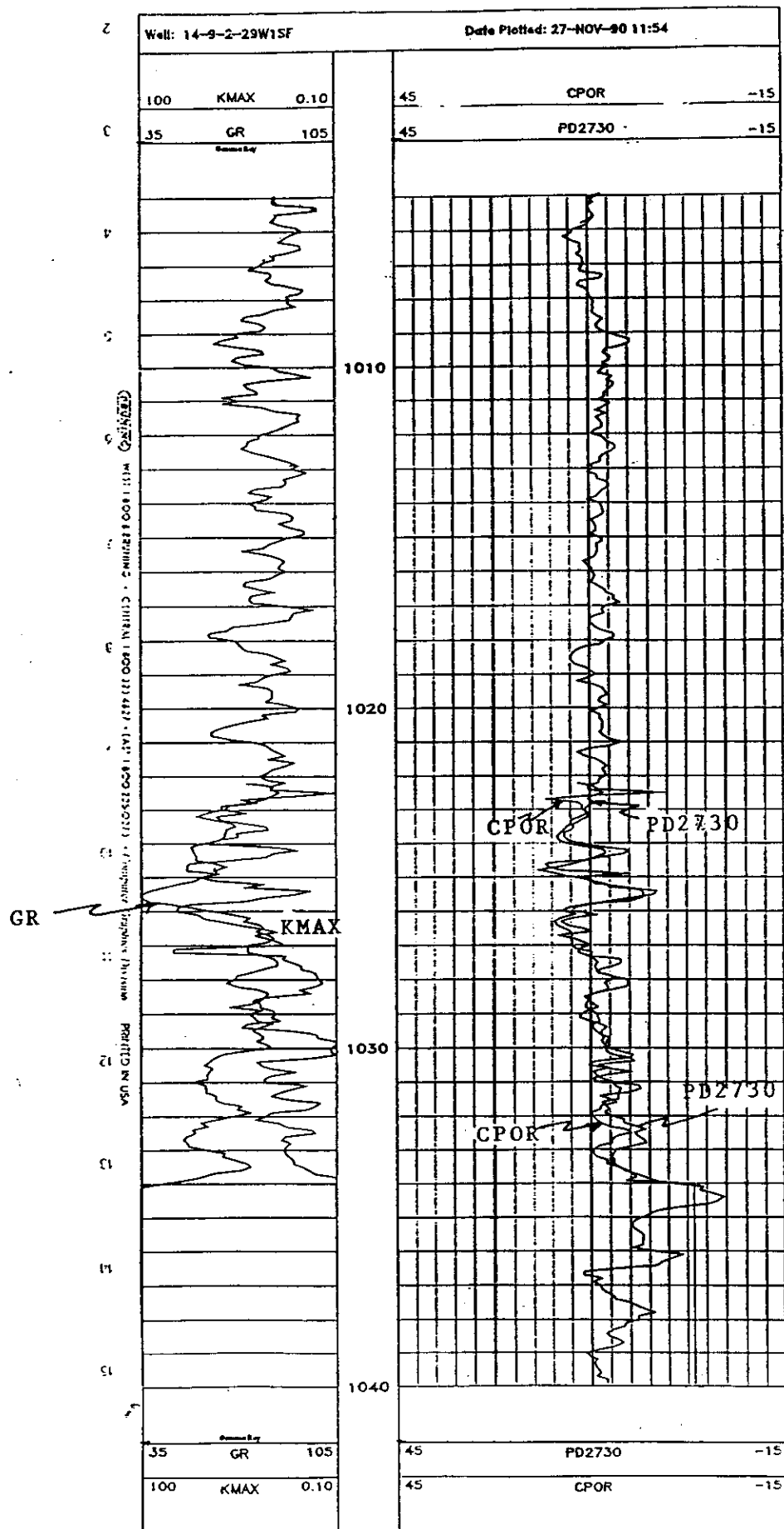


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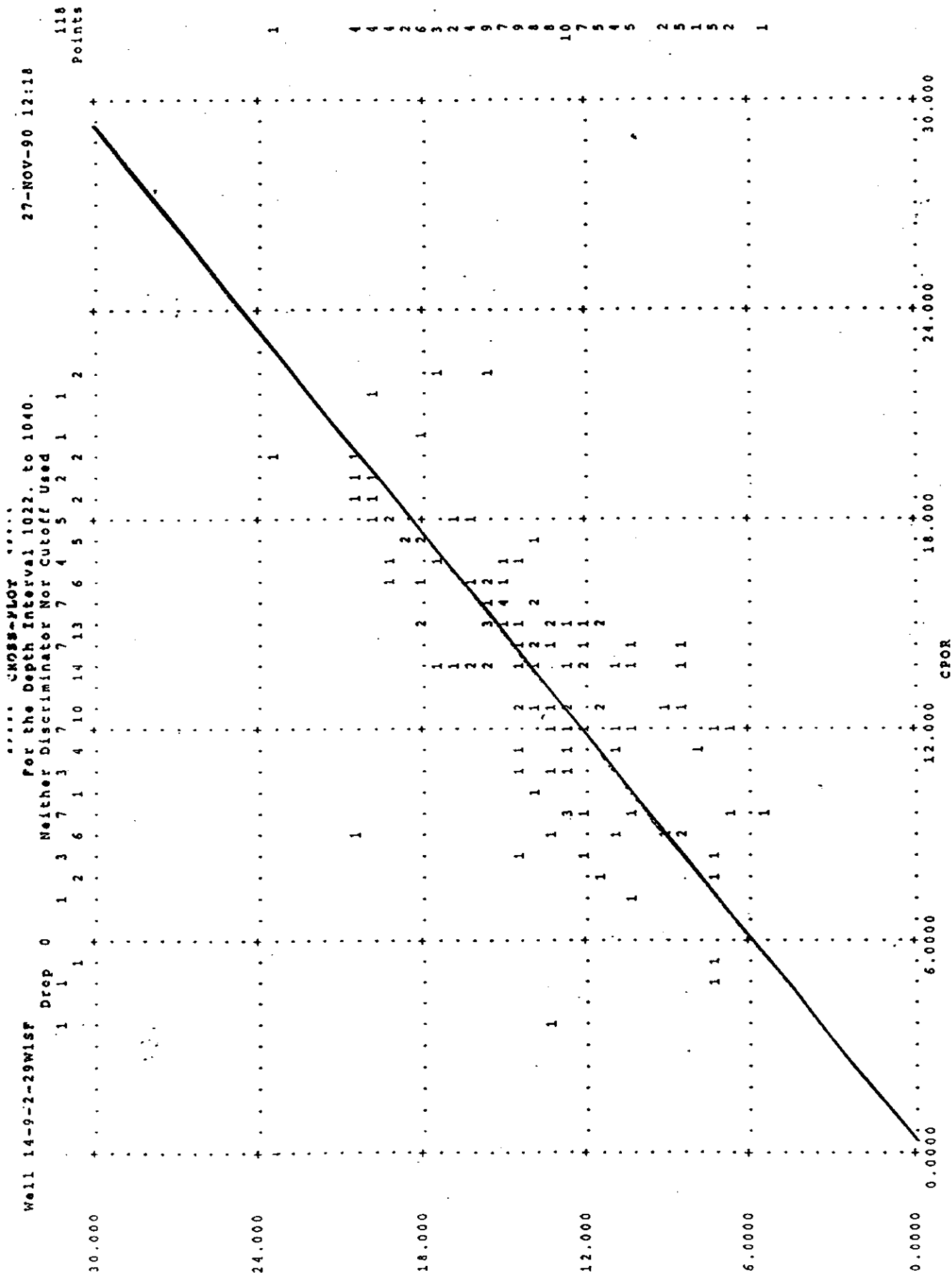


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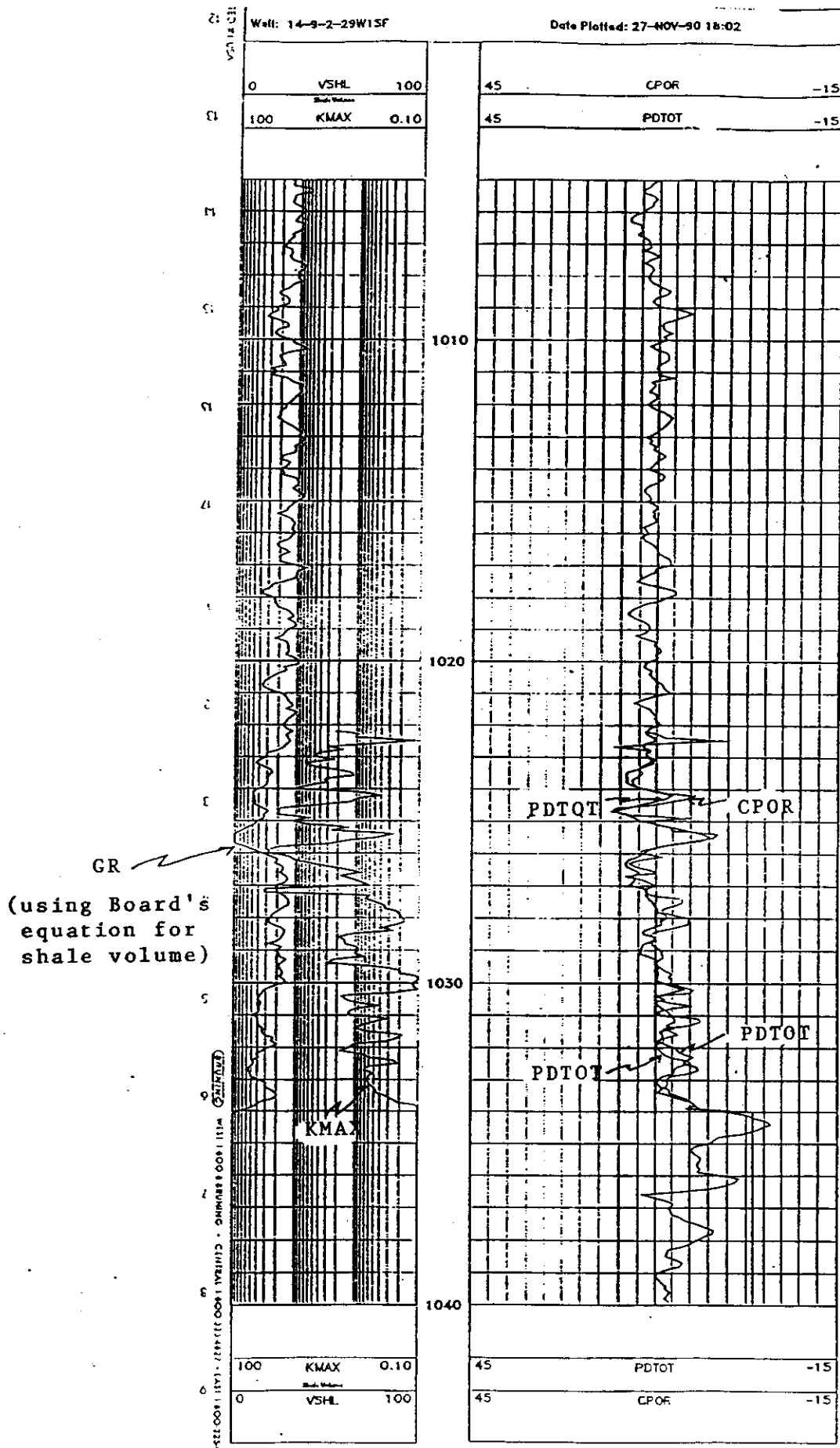


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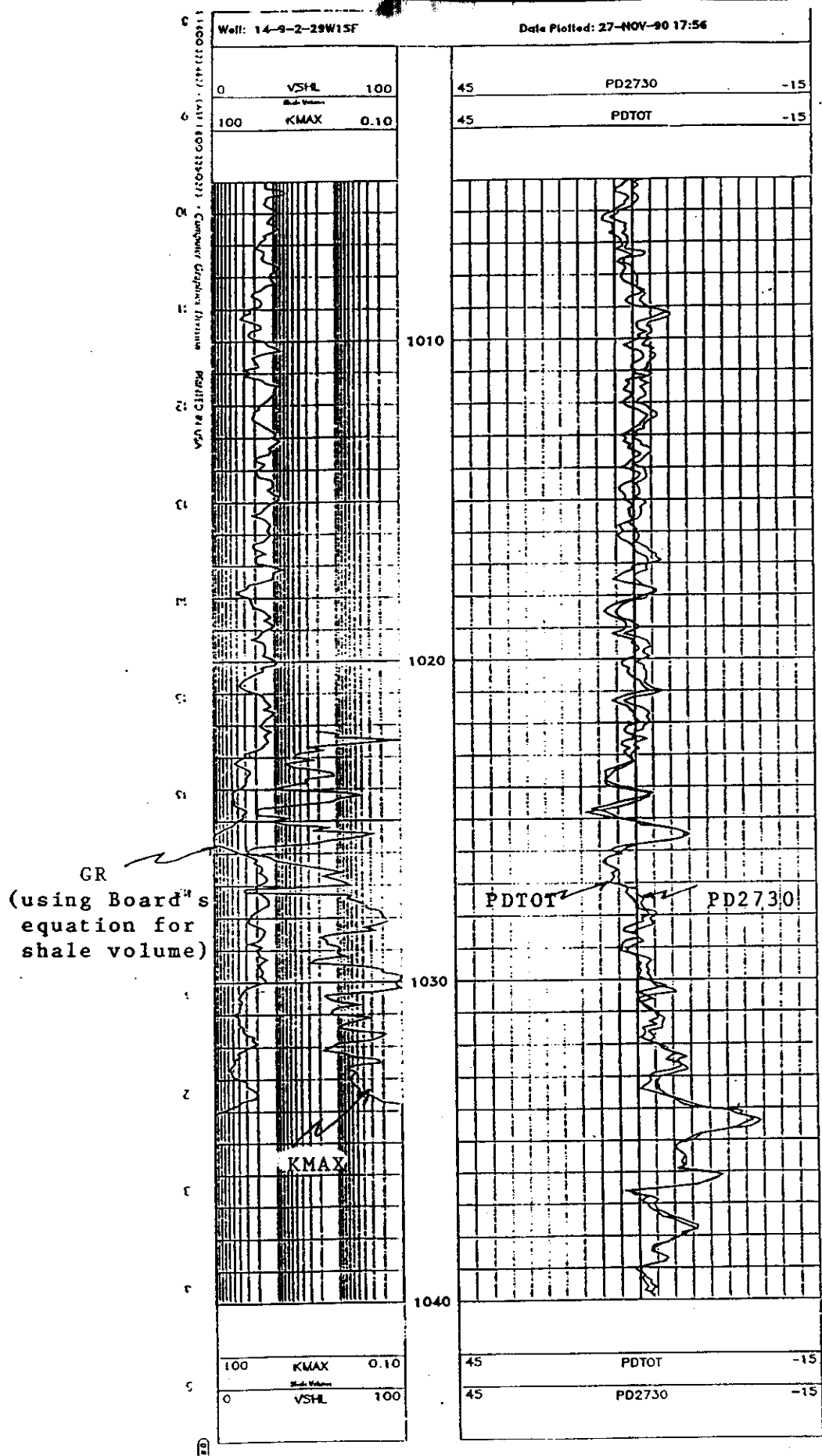
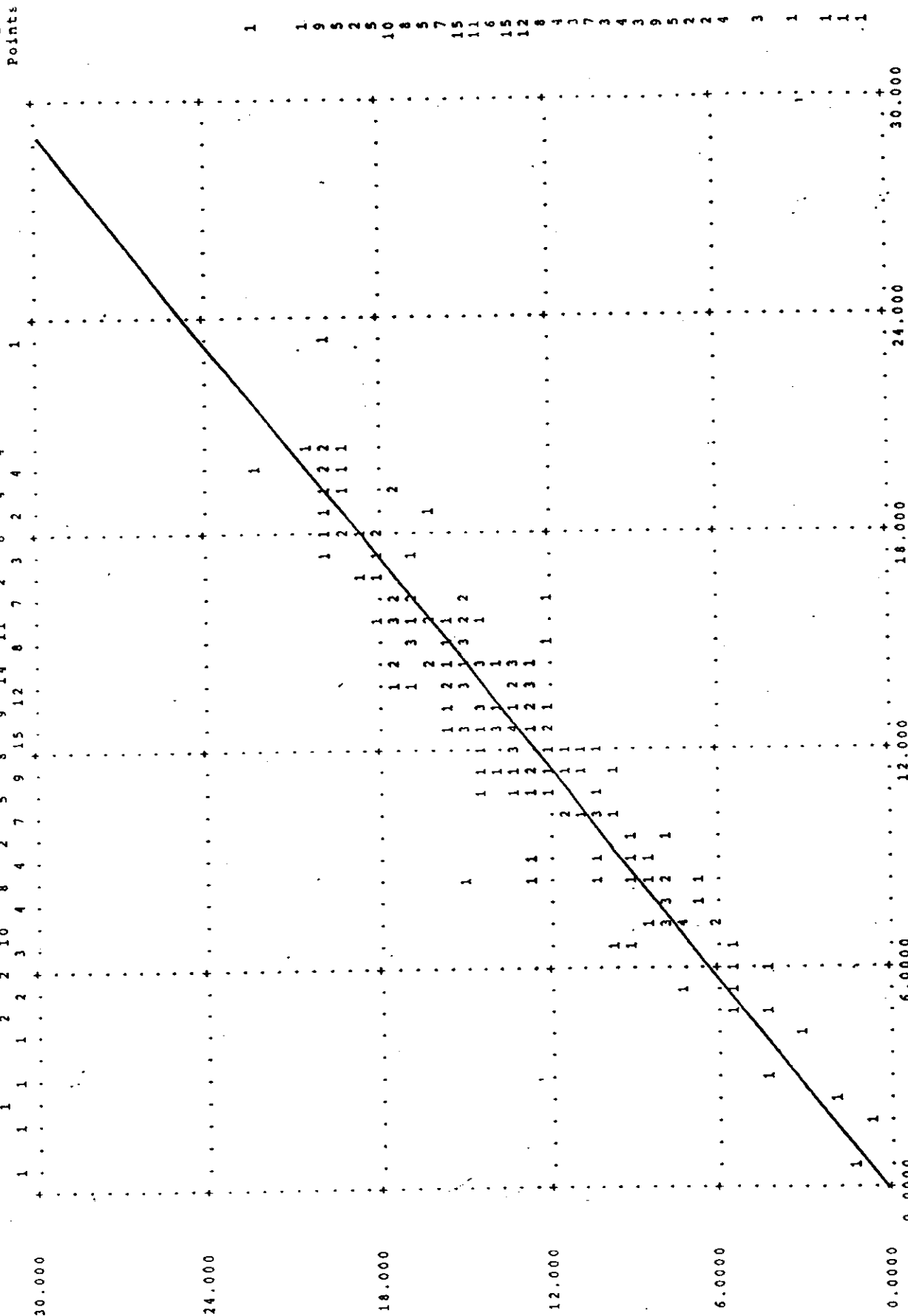


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PD2730

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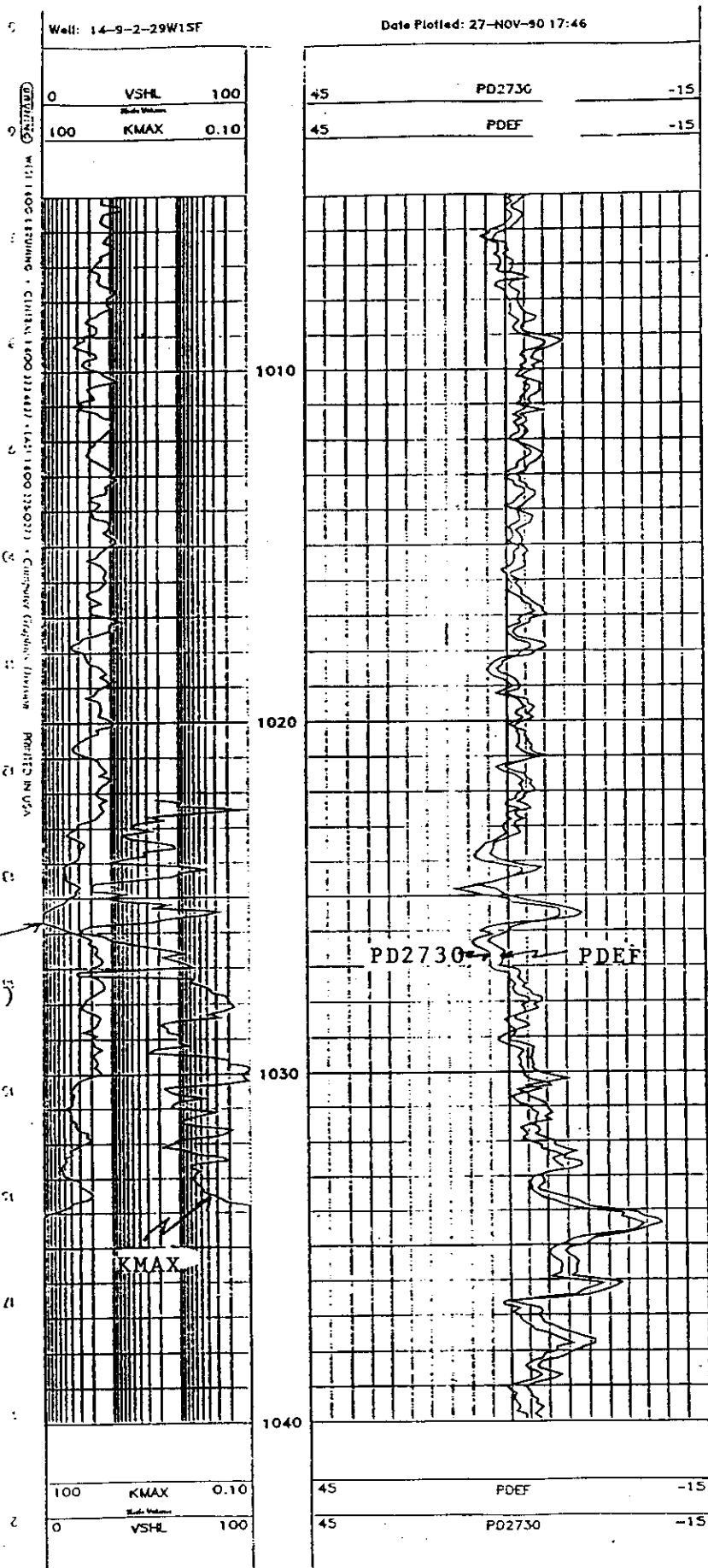


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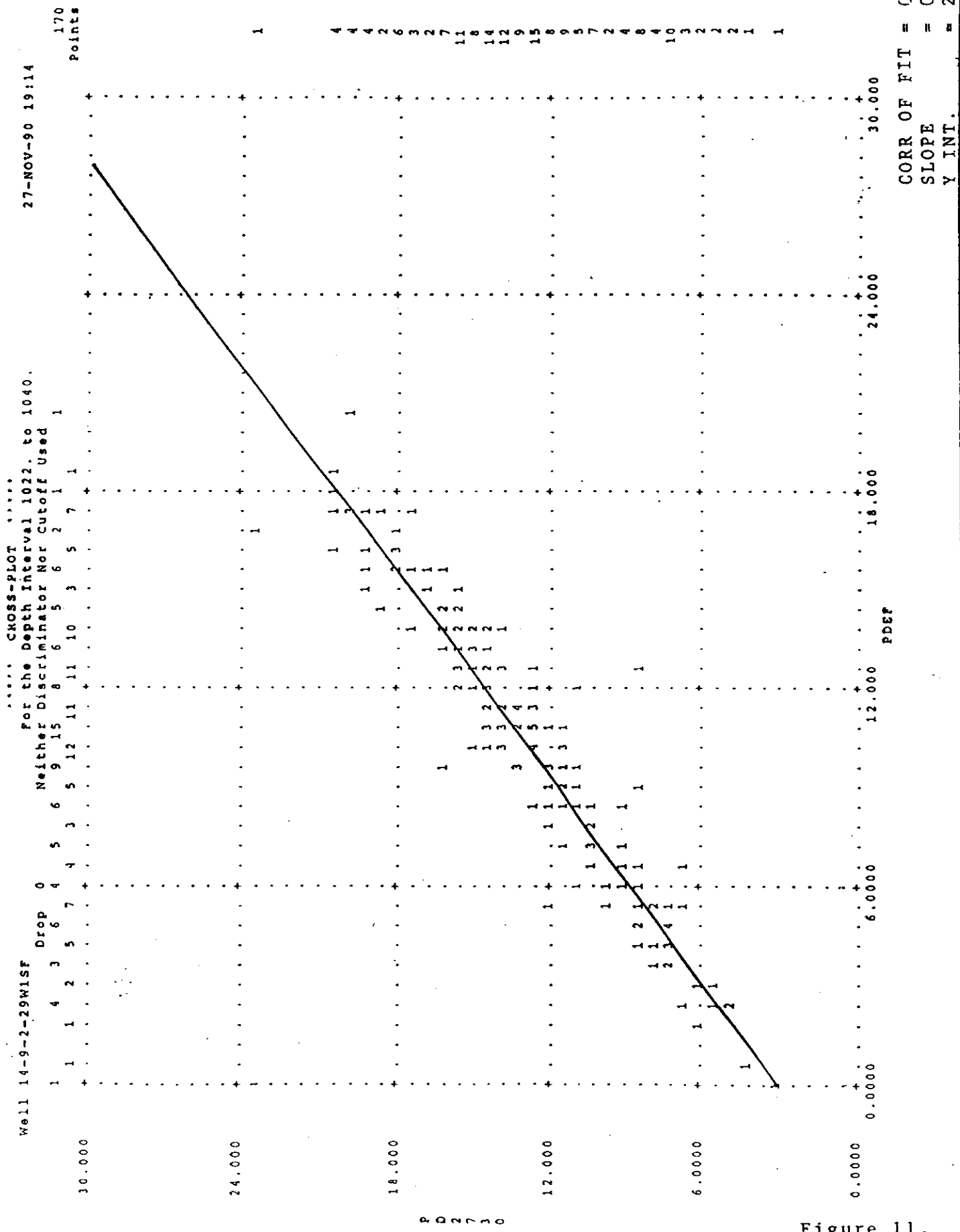


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Your application to modify the logging program for the subject wells and run a single porosity log, the density log, has been reviewed.

For the additional cost of running a combination neutron - density log, estimated at less than \$2 000/well, the Petroleum Branch would prefer Home Oil run both porosity logs to allow use of the log interpretation techniques outlined in the Department's report "Evaluation of the Lower Amaranth Formation in the South Pierson Field, Southwestern Manitoba", April, 1990. However, based on the results of Home's log analysis study it appears that porosity can be accurately determined using a grain density adjustment to the density log. Therefore, your request to run only a density log is approved for the subject wells with the exception of 4-31-2-29 (WPM). The Petroleum Branch requests that both a neutron and density log be run on the 4-31 well because it is in an area of minimal well control. In addition Home plans to core the well allowing further confirmation of Home's log analysis methodology.

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If you have any questions please contact John N. Fox, Chief Petroleum Engineer at (204) 945-6574.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L.R. Dubreuil".

L.R. Dubreuil  
Director

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Comments: PLEASE REVIEW THE ATTACHED REQUEST BY HUNE OIL  
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John

CNL log could be deleted. Geological study requires IES and  
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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this brief report is to obtain approval for a reduction in the open hole logging, recommended in the South Pierson Lower Amaranth Oil Pool.

In the "Evaluation of the Lower Amaranth Formation in the South Pierson Field, Southwestern Manitoba" a recent publication by the Manitoba Government, the author M. Arbez concluded that ~~the use of Density logs is necessary for the determination of accurate porosity values~~. It was recommended that these logs be run in tandem (or a Sonic log) along with a Dual Induction log for the minimum requirements for proper reservoir evaluation.

This report attempts to demonstrate that ~~accurate porosity determination in the Lower Amaranth can be achieved using only a Density log~~ alone.

### 1. Porosity Determination

The empirically derived equation for calculating total porosity ( $\phi T$ ) has been given by the board as:

$$\phi T = (0.52 [\text{Neutron Porosity}] + \text{Density Porosity Value})/1.52$$

(The porosity values are in % - sandstone scale)

This suggests that the porosity determination from logs is biased to the density value and only half of the neutron value contributes to the porosity reading. In the Board's empirically derived equation for calculating effective porosity the Density log is weighted even more heavily (84%).

Glen Lawrence, of Home Oil's petrophysical group has been calculating Lower Amaranth porosities using only the Density log with a small shift for grain density. The 14-9-2-29W1 well is used to help explain Home's methodology used for porosity determination.

### 2. Grain Density

A grain density histogram of the Lower Amaranth core in 14-9-2-29W1 is shown in Figure 1. The mean density of 2740.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup> does not reflect the grain density of the reservoir rock. The reservoir has been identified through core, petrographic, and petrophysical analysis as a dirty, very fine sandstone to siltstone rather than a clean sand. In fact, the clean sand which has low API gamma ray values (~35) is pervasively cemented with anhydrite and is thus dense as well as tight. An example of this tighter "reservoir" (some streaks do contribute) is shown in Figure 2 in 14-9 from 1025.0m to 1026.0m KB. In this interval the permeability is shown to have an inverse relationship with the Gamma Ray



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Figure 4 shows the correlation of core porosity (CPOR) to the Density log that has been shifted for a grain density of  $2730 \text{ kg/m}^3$  (PD 2730). Visually, this is obviously a very good correlation, statistics confirm this correlation with a correlation coefficients of 0.837 and a slope of 1.025 for the best fit line (in Figure 5). For this particular well the b value or y intercept suggests that a quarter of a percent shift could make a slightly better correlation.

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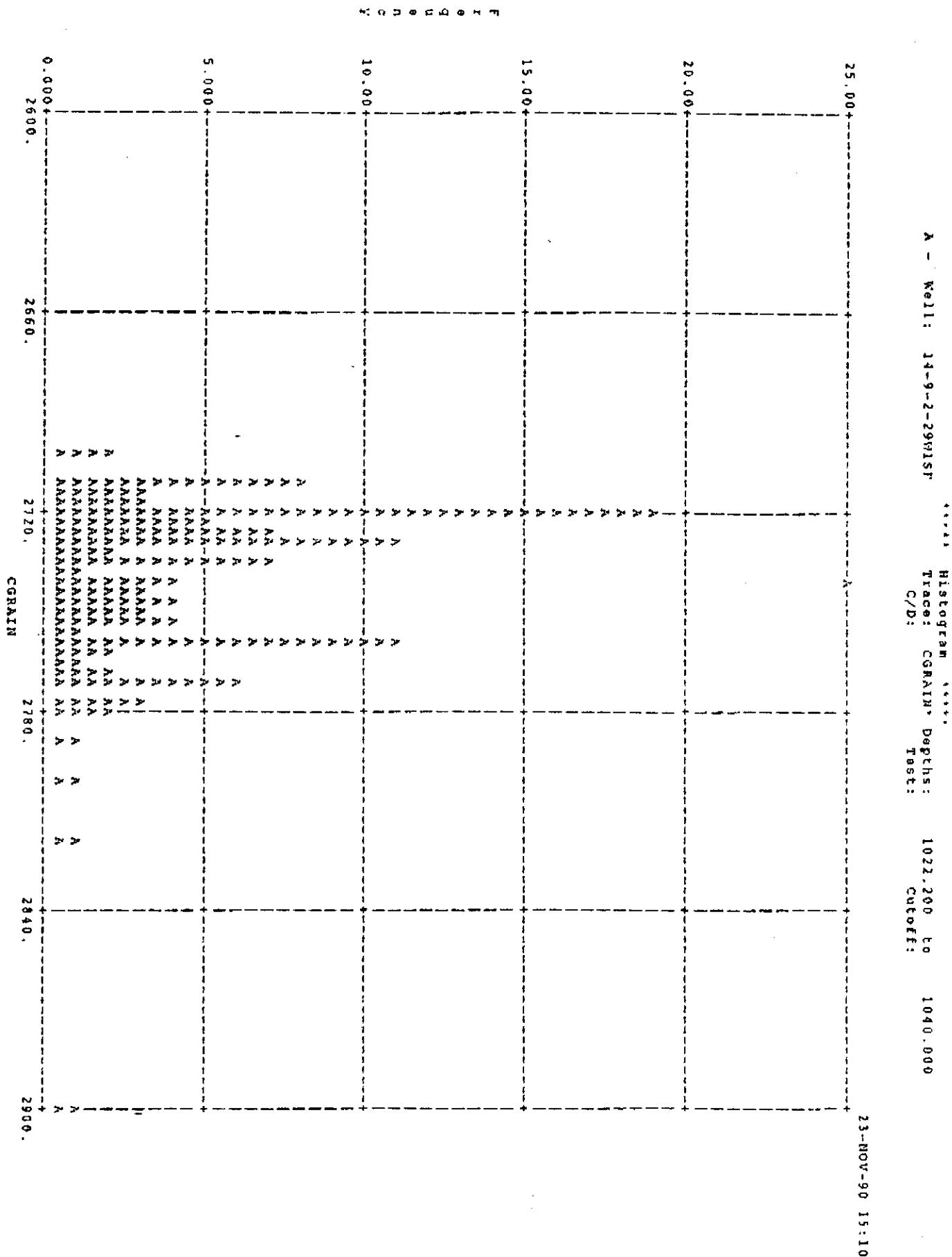


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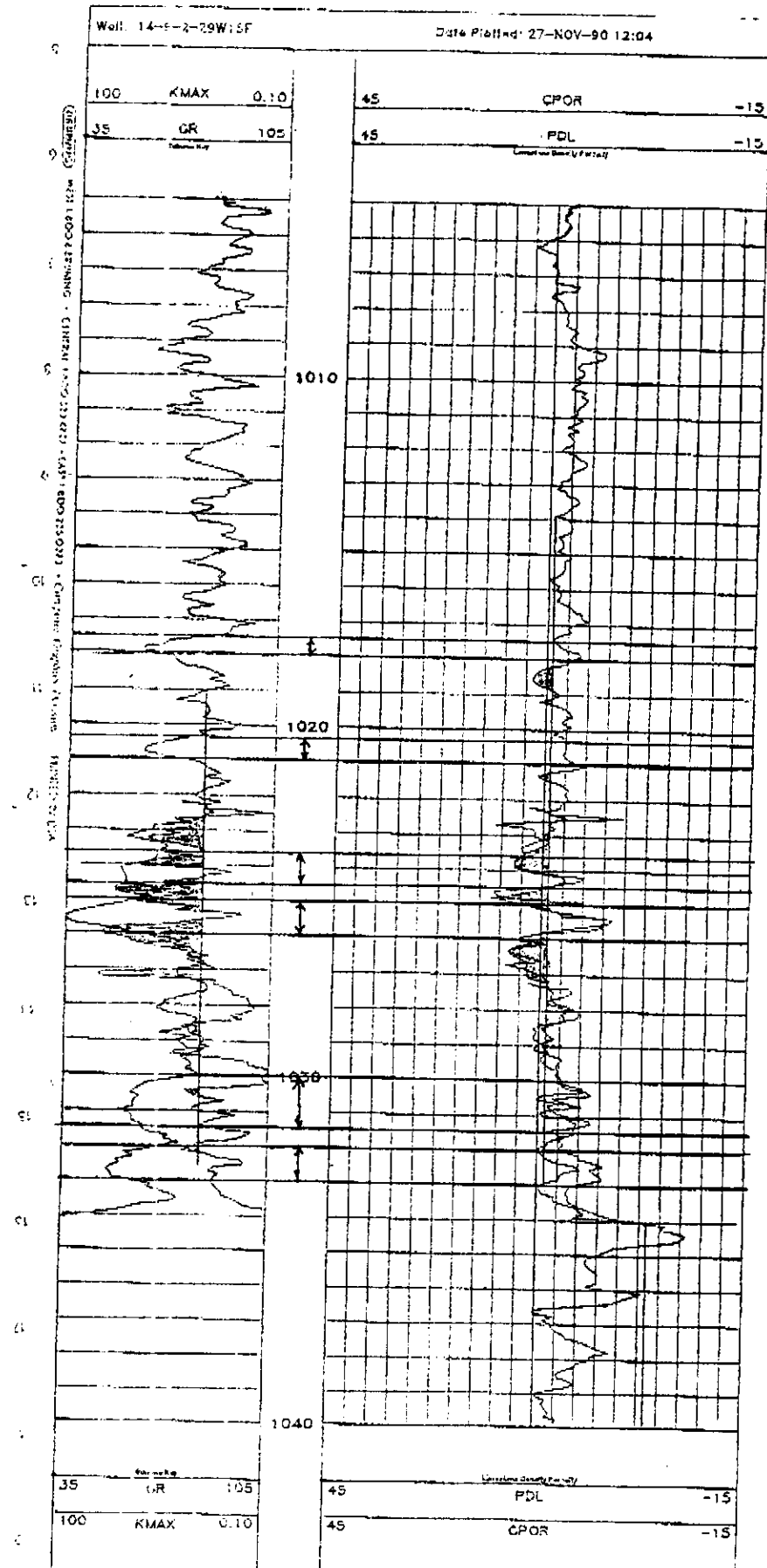
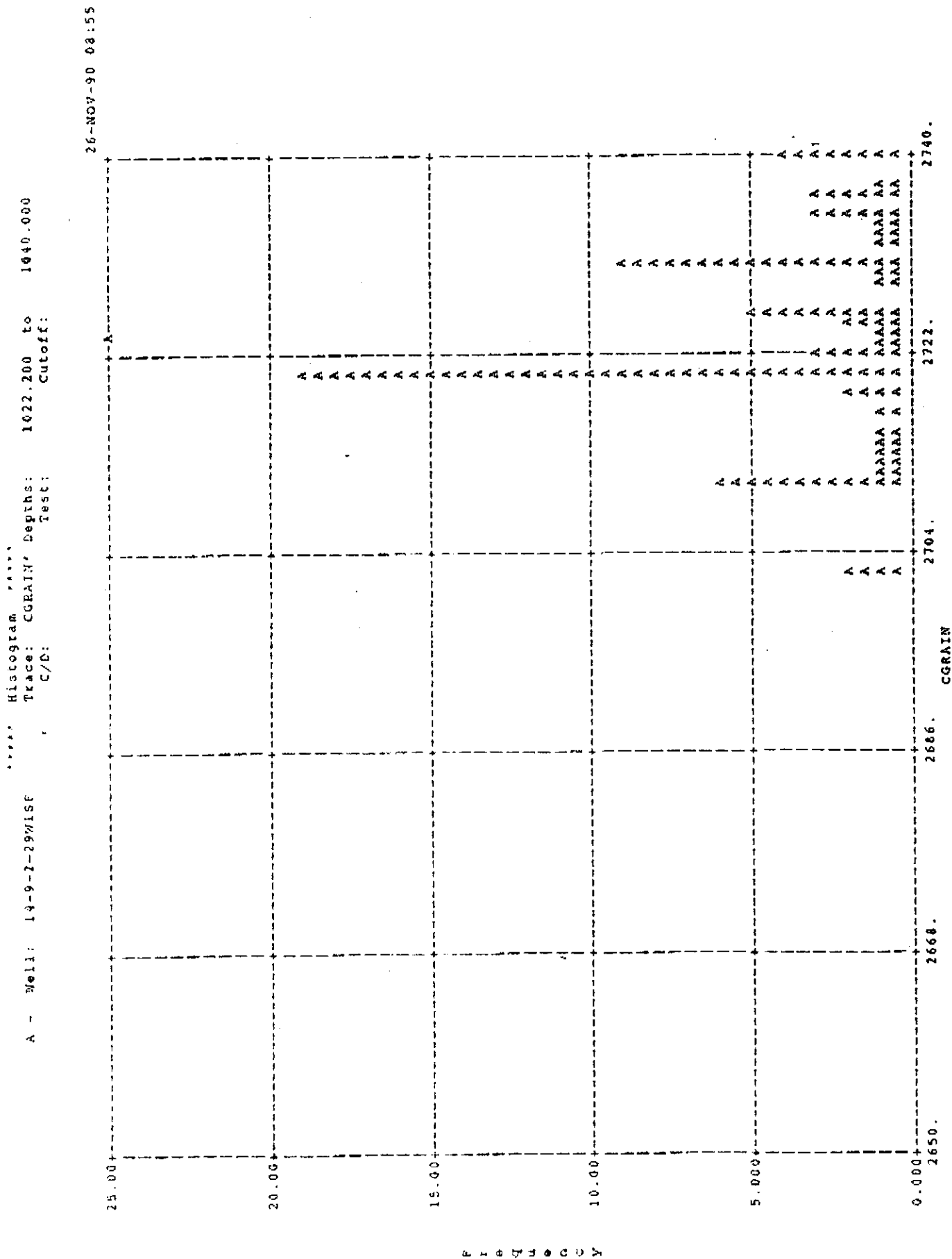


FIGURE 2



Mean 2723.

FIGURE 3

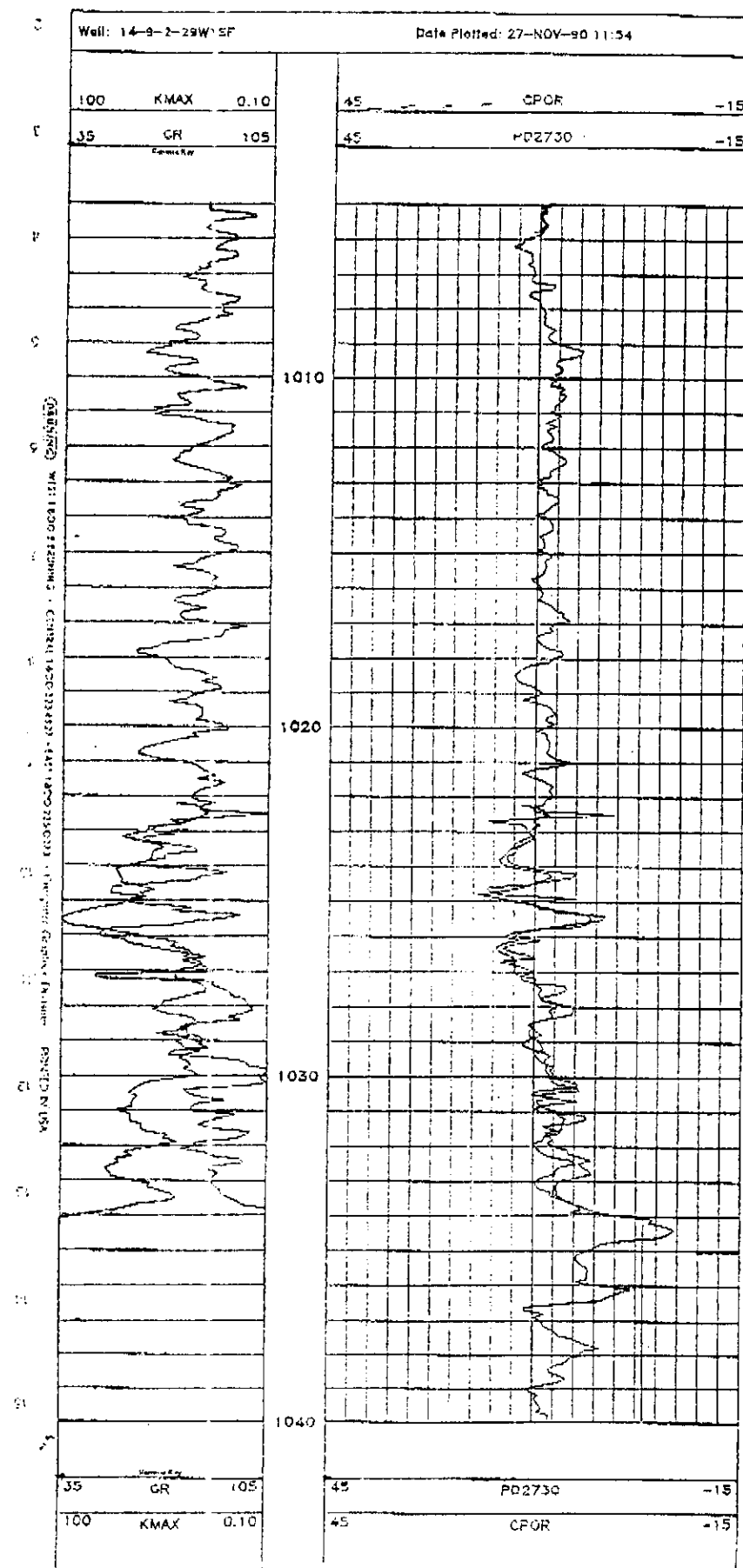


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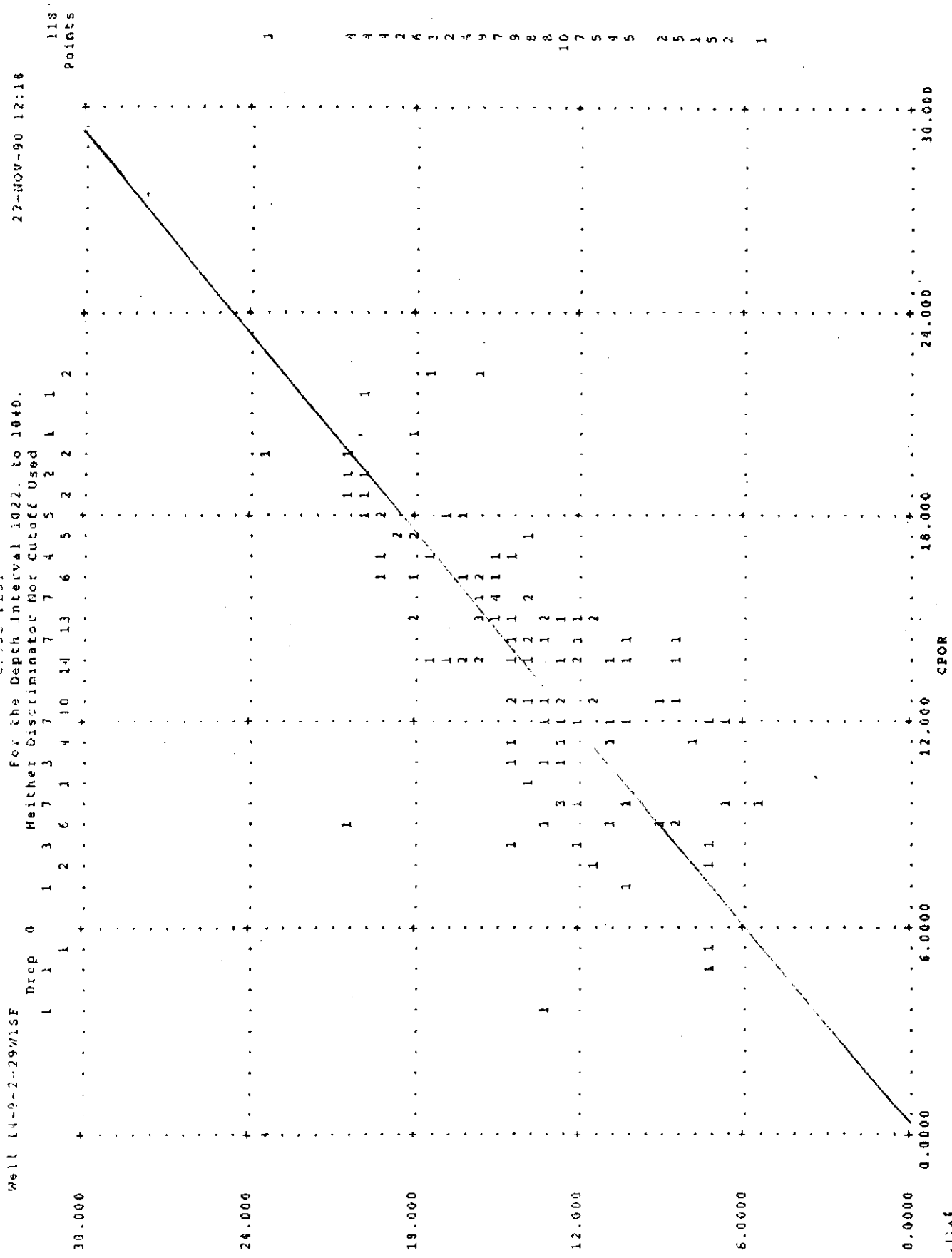


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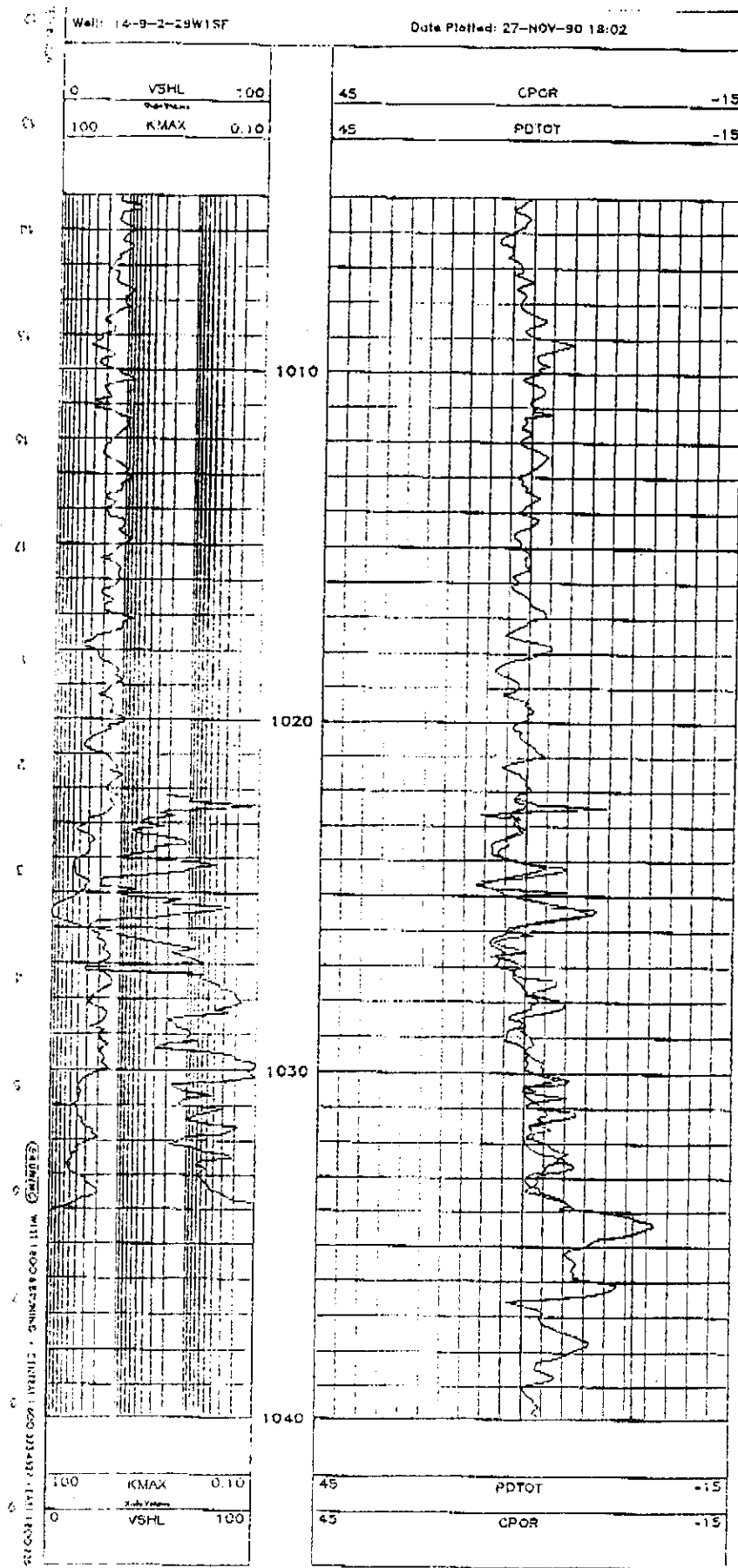
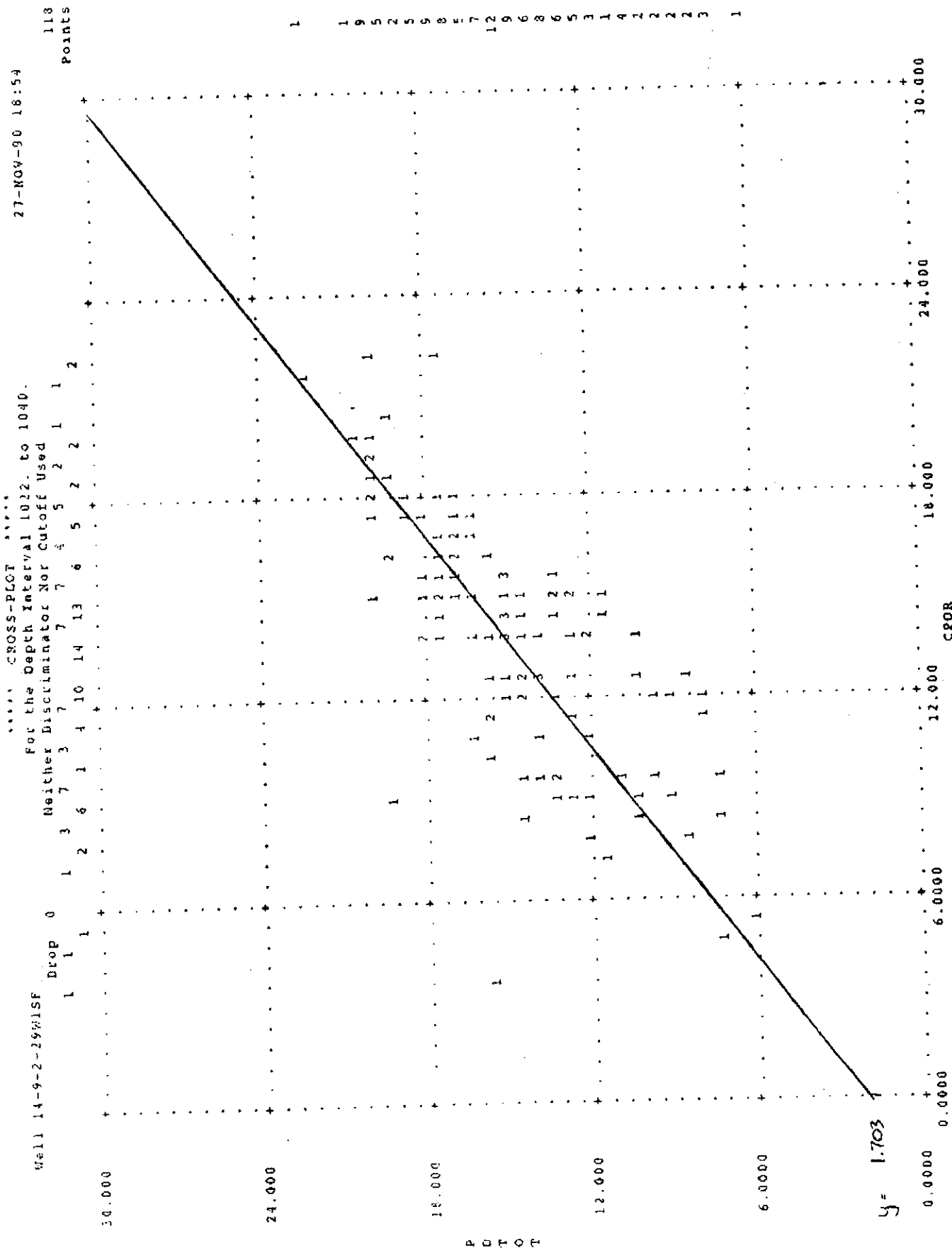


FIGURE 6





Corr Fit 0.854  
 Slope 0.952  
 y int 1.703

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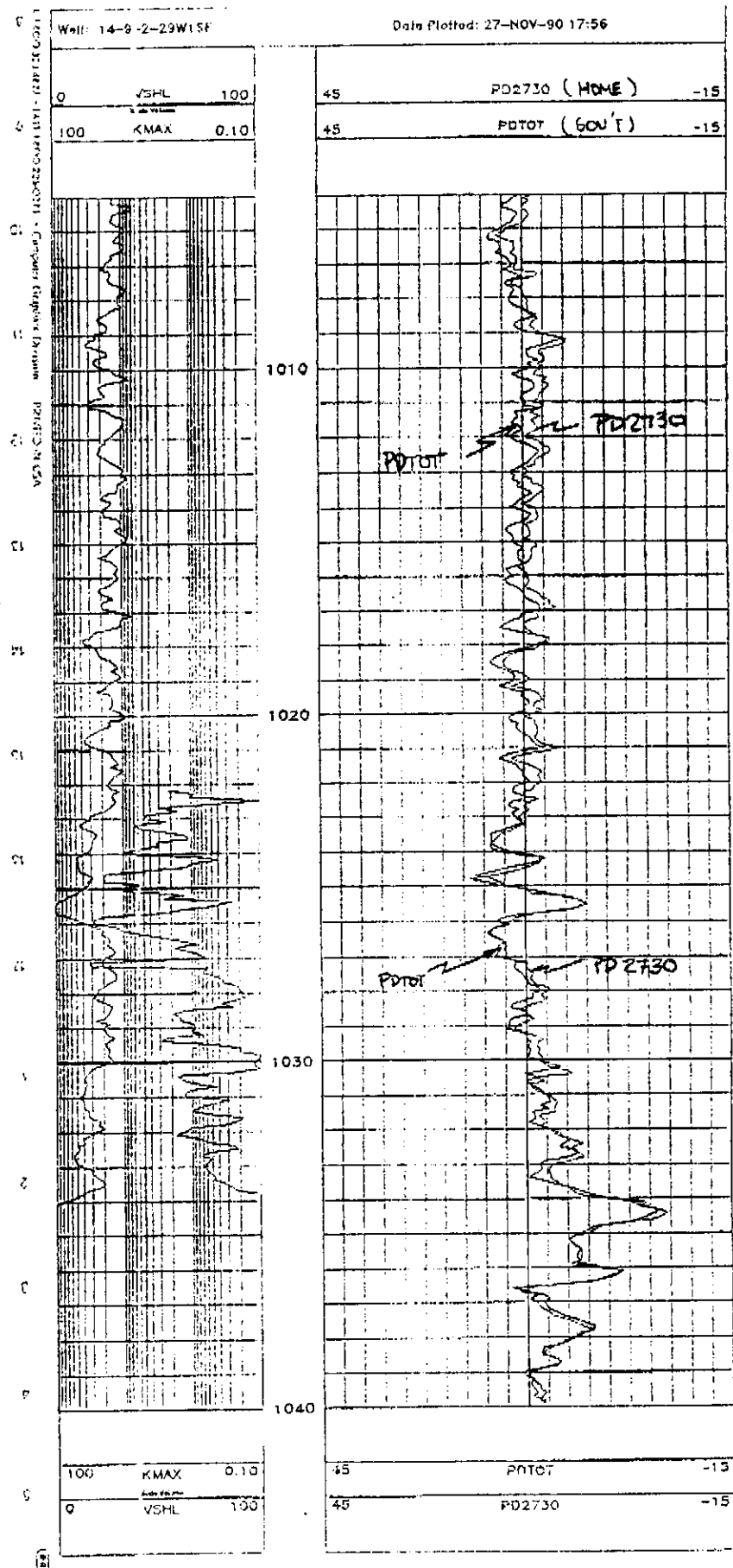
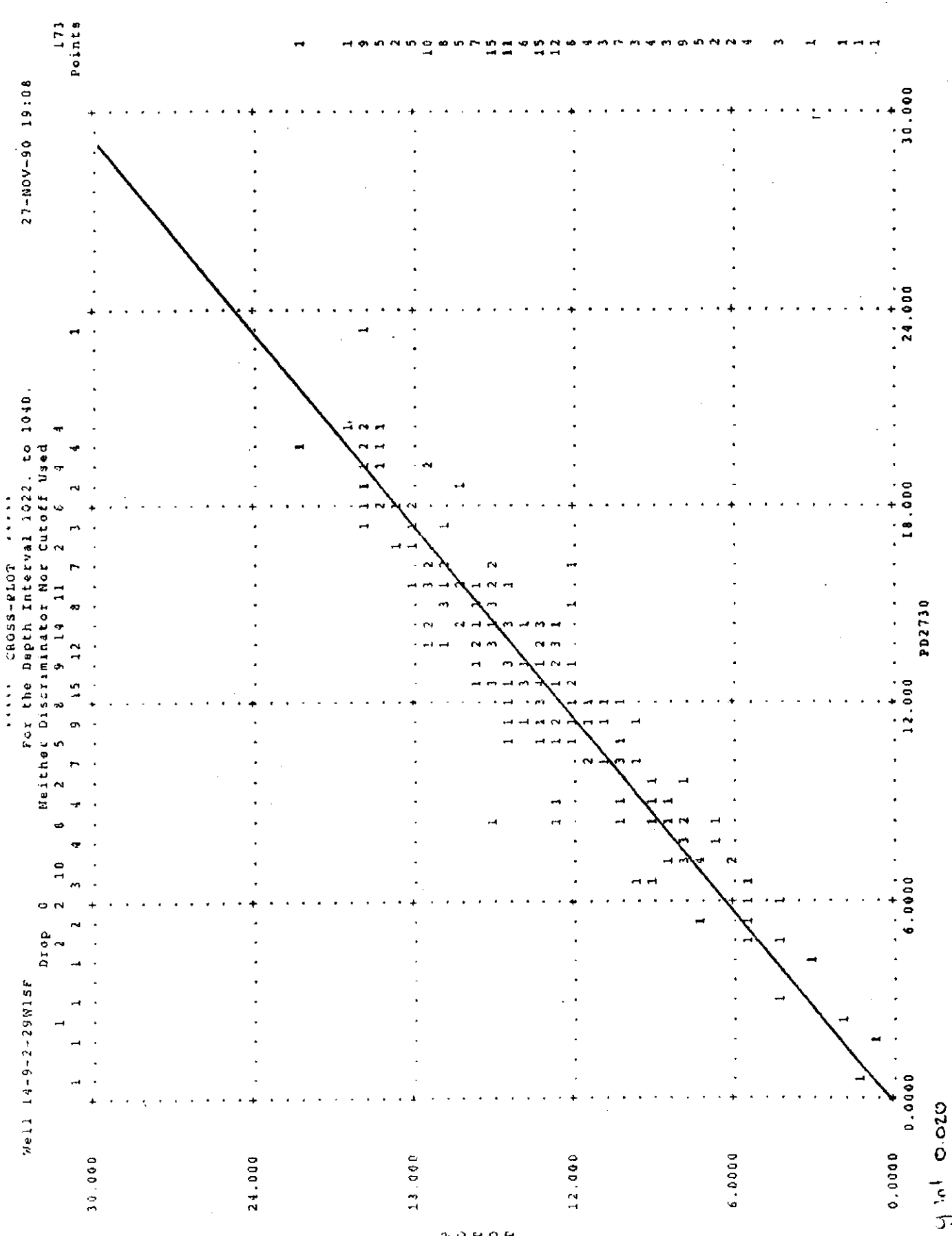


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FIGURE 9

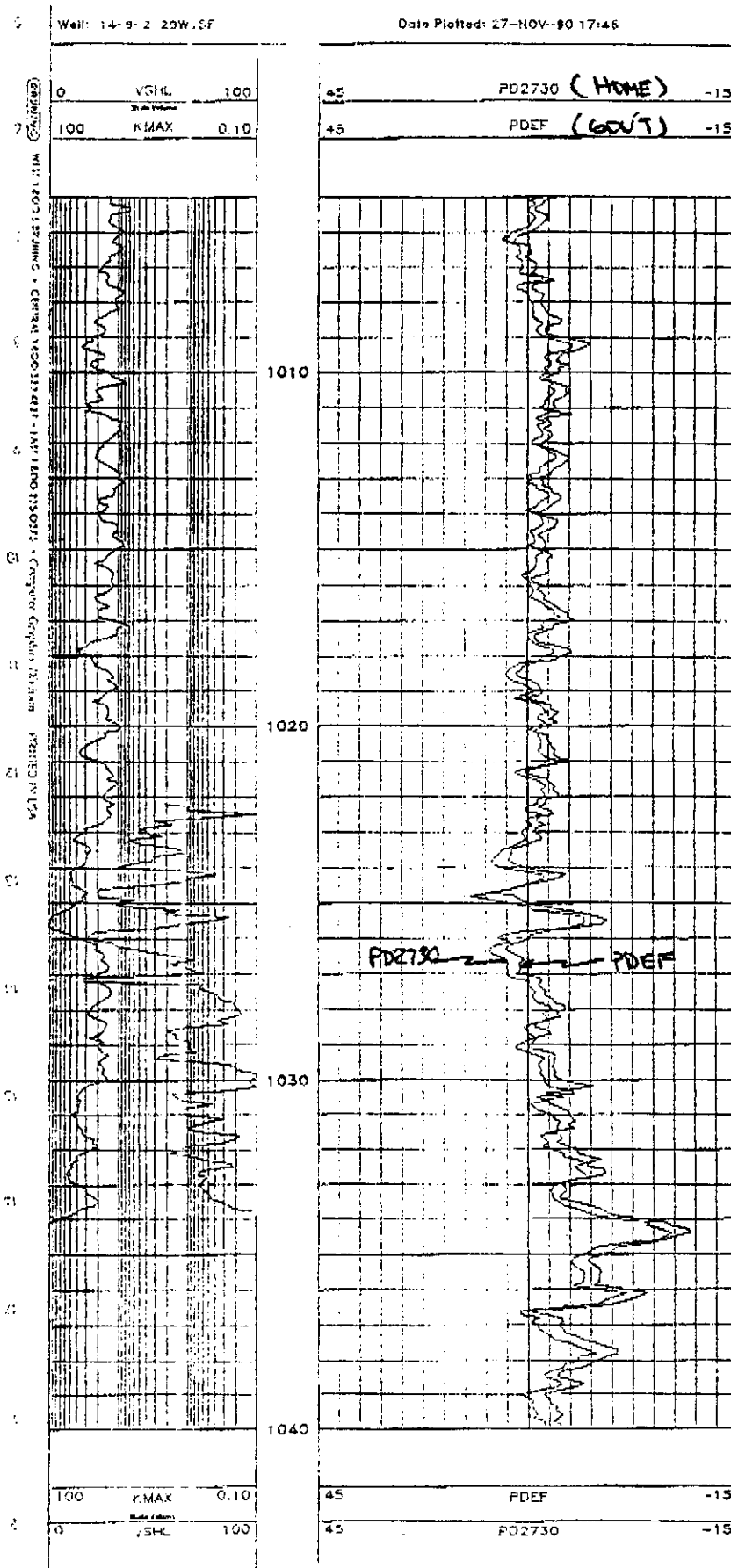
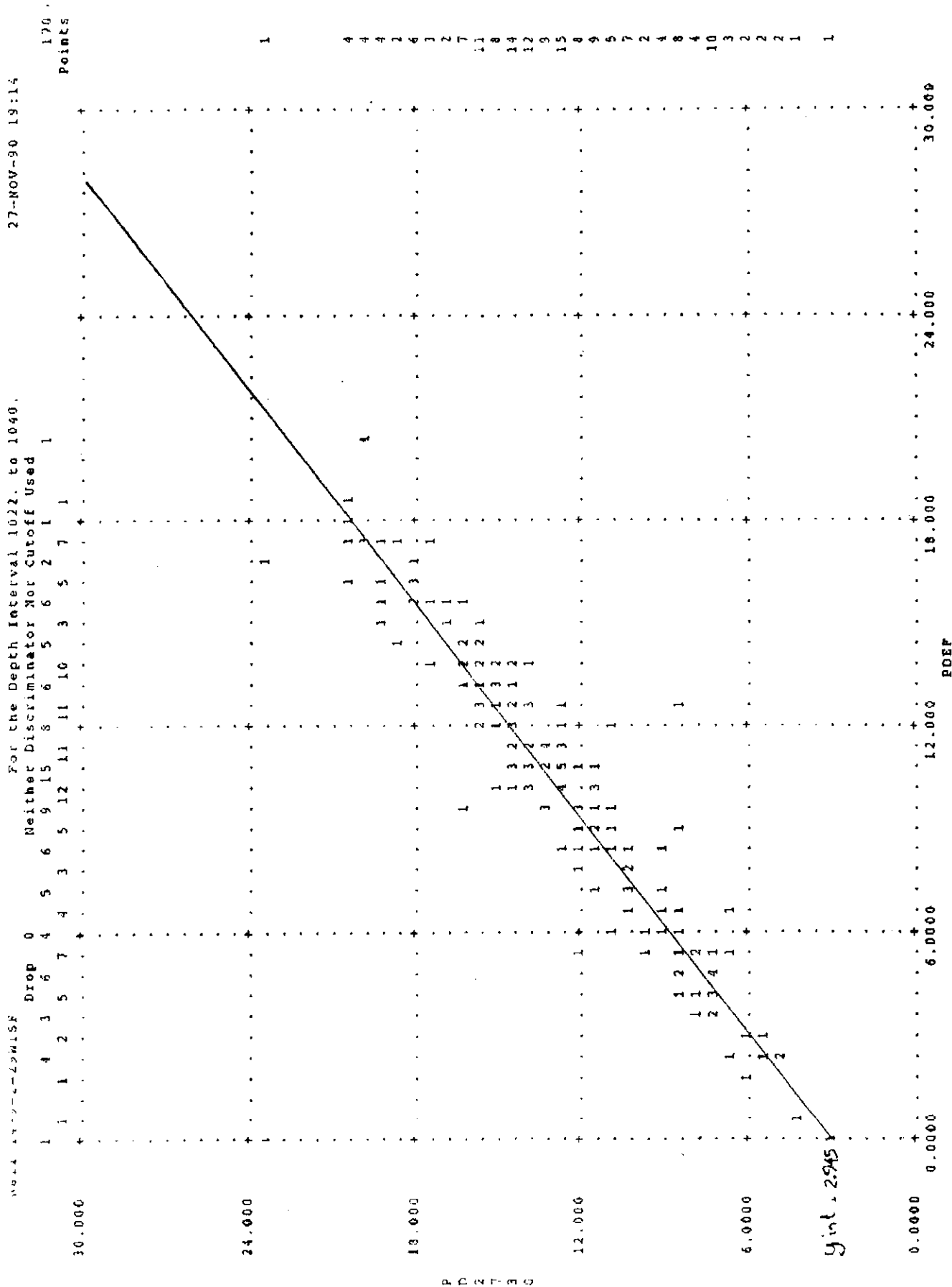


FIGURE 10



Corr of f.t. = 0.974  
 Slope(m) = 0.948  
 Yint(b) = 2.945

FIGURE 11

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## 4.00 WELL EVALUATION PROGRAM

4-17-2-29	NO CORE	step out no control to SW
10-17-2-29	" "	infill well
12-17-6-29	" "	infill well
16-18-2-29	" "	step out no control to SW
16-19-02-29	" "	step out no control to NE
4-21-2-29	- CORE	low well density

COMPUTALOG BILLMAN / 300 G34 - 5195 cost Book Price  
 CNL \$1.90/m - on 1st run pay depth in & out  
 FDC \$1.90/m - set-up charge \$1800 To Manitoba  
 GR \$0.50/m cost savings < \$2000

### LOGGING REQUIREMENTS \$41,000

- acceptable logs to measure  
density,  $\gamma$ ,  $\phi$ , GR
- double discoloration discuss with logs  
as to include logs

- request to run FDC as only & have  
complies with regulations

POF 10 - 90 recommends DIL, CNL, FDC in tandem  
or a single log

CNL trace used in  $\phi_T$  correlation  
 $\phi_c$  correlation  
Sw determination ( $\phi_r$ )

Honey 3100r 10 9.2 29

$$\phi_N - 9\% = \phi_c$$

$$\phi_D + 2.4\% = \phi_c$$

poor  $k - \phi$  correlation

$$\text{grain density} = 2730 \text{ kg/L}^3 \text{ (fine correction)}$$



M. Abey concerns Home conclusion that oil found  
on shoulders of clean intervals incorrect  
• These clay intervals - impossible to accurately  
evaluate on logs - note: may be thin sand  
intervals undetected by logs

(1)

- Horne Oil has developed Lower Amaranth pools on 80 Acre spacing in S. Area
- Horne Oil claims that a large portion of the L. Am. oil is produced out of intervals directly below those which appear to be 'clean' on logs - on the logs, 'Horne's' intervals appear to be predominantly clay-bearing (see Figure 1)
- The 'clay' intervals (Horne's intervals) appear to be predominantly silty-clayey with thin sand lenses
- logs cannot pick up these thin sand lenses because of the predominance of clay between them; therefore, in my opinion,  $SW$  and  $\Phi_T$  calculations cannot be made over those intervals which appear to be clay-bearing
- in my opinion, logs respond mainly to the clay's over these intervals
- Horne successfully attempted to match  $\Phi_D$  with  $\Phi_T$  from core (force-fit).
- in my opinion,  $\Phi_D$  or  $\Phi_T$  over the clay-bearing intervals is erroneous
- Rob Garton (Core Labs) :: most clays in L. Amaranth are illitic and preserve fairly well (ie do not react easily with drilling muds while coring)
  - $\Phi_T$  from core for clays can be quite erroneous because of microporosity in the clay.
- in my opinion, core porosities for clay-rich intervals may be erroneous - the same may hold true for log porosities.
- Horne bases its 'oil' intervals from core permeabilities - there may be a problem with these permeabilities:
- sampling points of plugs for  $K$ -determination may be one problem
- are plugs preferentially selected in the core ie - clean sand lenses within clay intervals? If this is the case, 'K' may be erroneously high for the overall interval but may accurately represent  $K$  for the sand lenses only.

- another possible source of inaccuracy are desiccation cracks from dehydration of the clays (?) or fracturing of the core with a release of pressure from downhole to surface conditions (are the fractures possibly mechanically induced and are these fractures related to the high permeability zones measured on core?)
- we apparently see a fair bit of fracturing (core sample visual examination) - are these natural or mechanically induced and how do they relate to permeability measured?)
- I looked at a number of core analyses for cored intervals described by Muz in his S. Pierson report. Here are the results:

location	oil staining + where?
* 9-24-2-29	yes - mostly in the 'clay' (on logs) interval below Main Sand
14-24	yes - 2m of staining in Main Sand, 1.5m in 'clay' below
16-8	yes - all in Main Sand
14-4	" "
16-9	" "
8-10	yes - in Main Sand + in Lower Sand
10-15	no oil staining noted
10-21	yes - top portion of Main Sand
6-19	yes - all in Main Sand
6-7	yes - upper (A+B) sands and in Main Sand.

- with the exception of 9-24-2-29, oil staining observed mostly in "clean" (on logs) intervals in Main Sand.
- I do not disagree that some oil resides in what appears to be the 'clayey' intervals (on logs), but I feel the amount predicted in these intervals by

Horne may be optimistic - the clean sand lenses may contribute most of the oil from these intervals and, in my opinion, a lot of oil resides in the 'clean' intervals

- Swand Dy estimates that I obtained for the 'clean' sand intervals are believable, in my opinion, and may accurately reflect what's really there (backed up by EPT, Dual Water, Waxman Smith + quick-look methods).
- Horne feels they can get an accurate enough 'picture' of S. Person without any more resistivity logs + much fewer porosity logging in infilling. - I'm not so sure about this, especially resistivity logging (we are only on 80' Ace spacing, presently)
- we should have a look at S. Person / Amaranth core to see where plugs for 'K' measurements were selected (from sand lenses?) and observe oil staining (if an interval had oil + the oil was flushed out by drilling mud, there should be some residual oil)

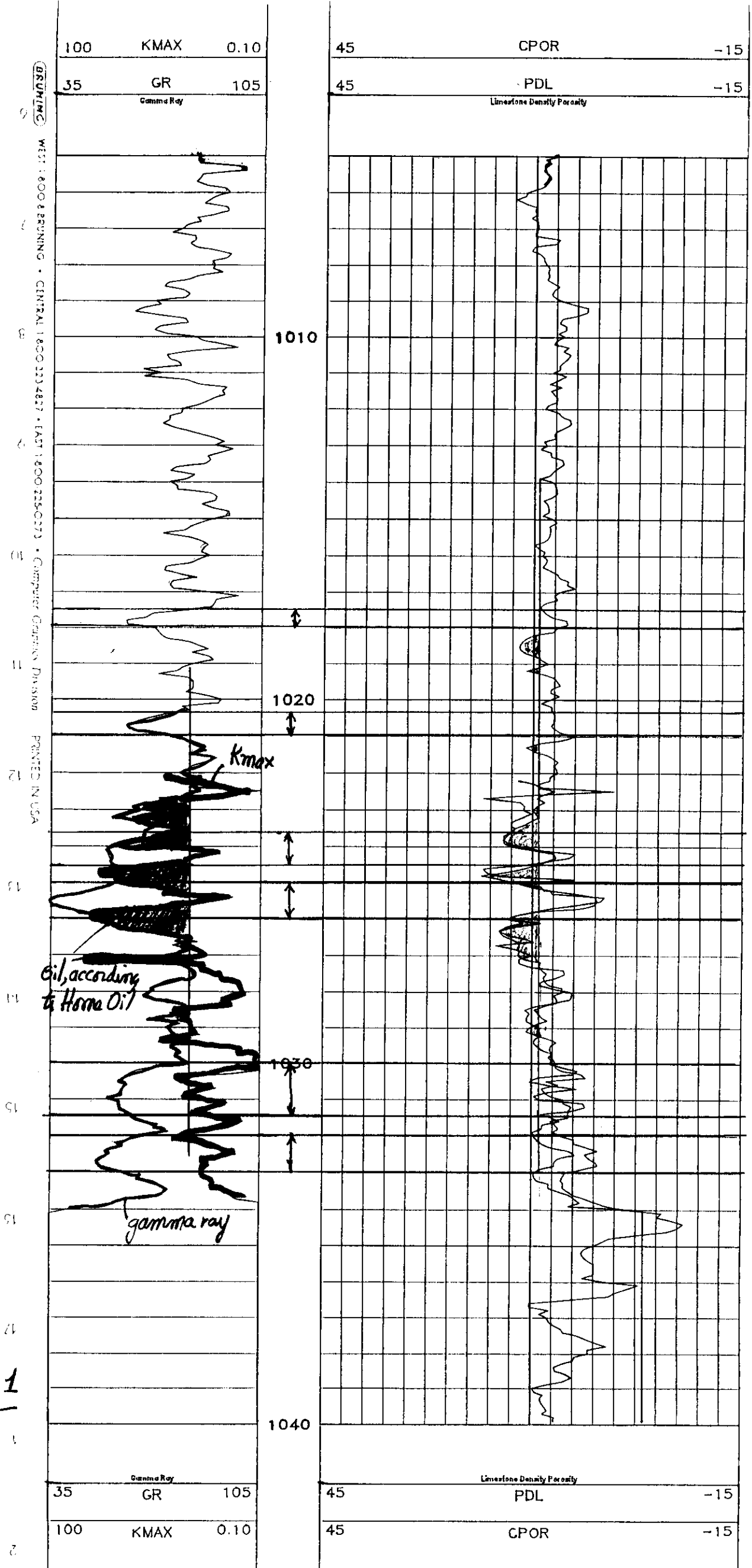
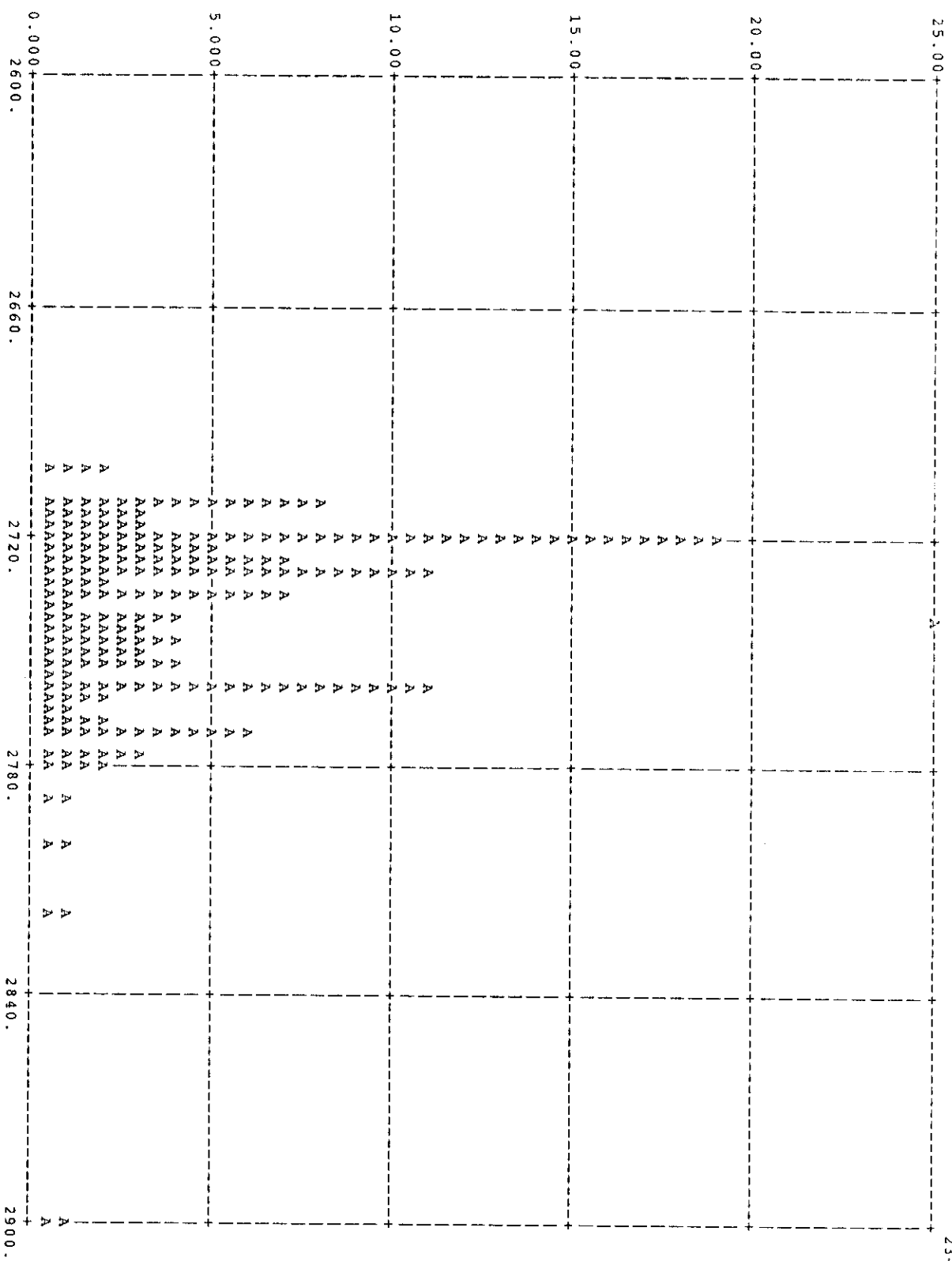


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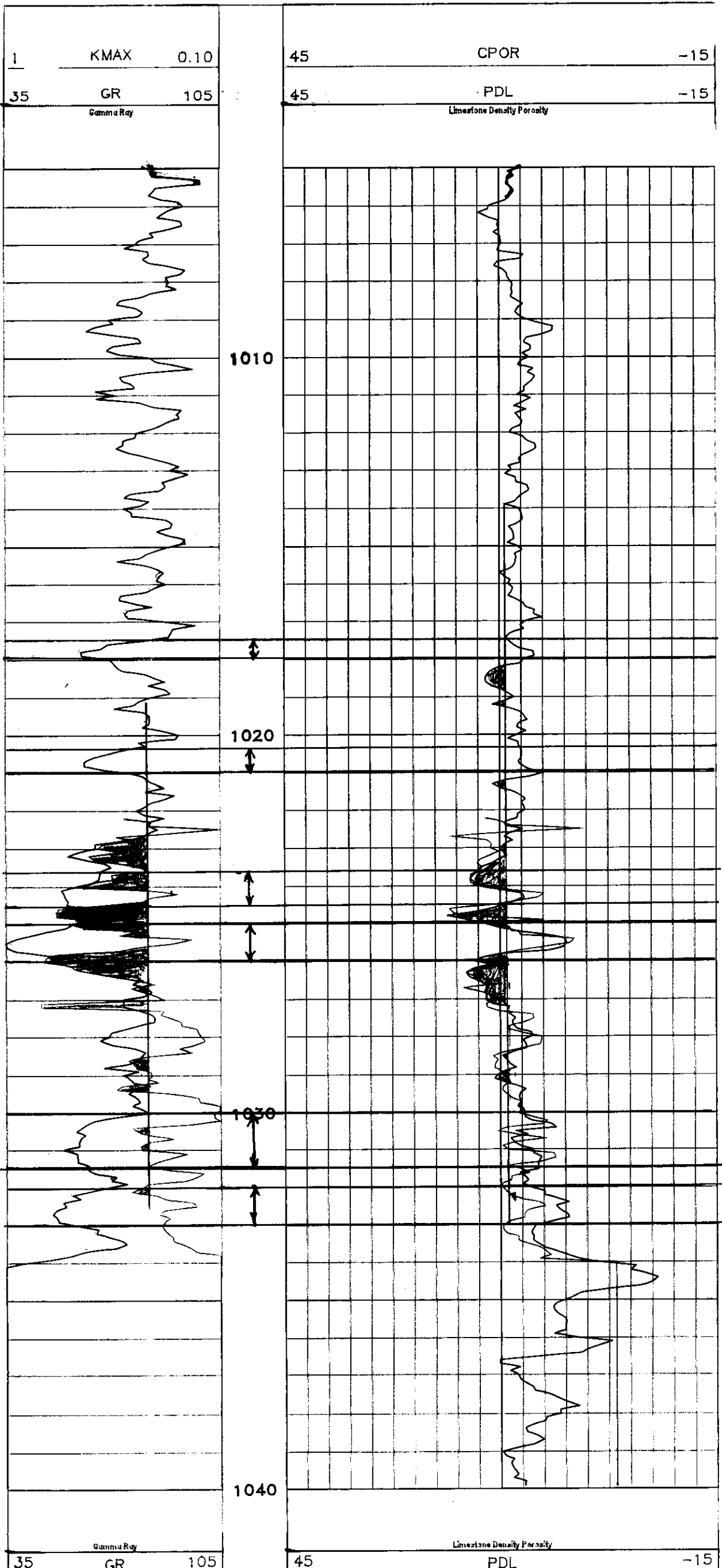


Frequency

Core Grain Density

Mean 2740.2  
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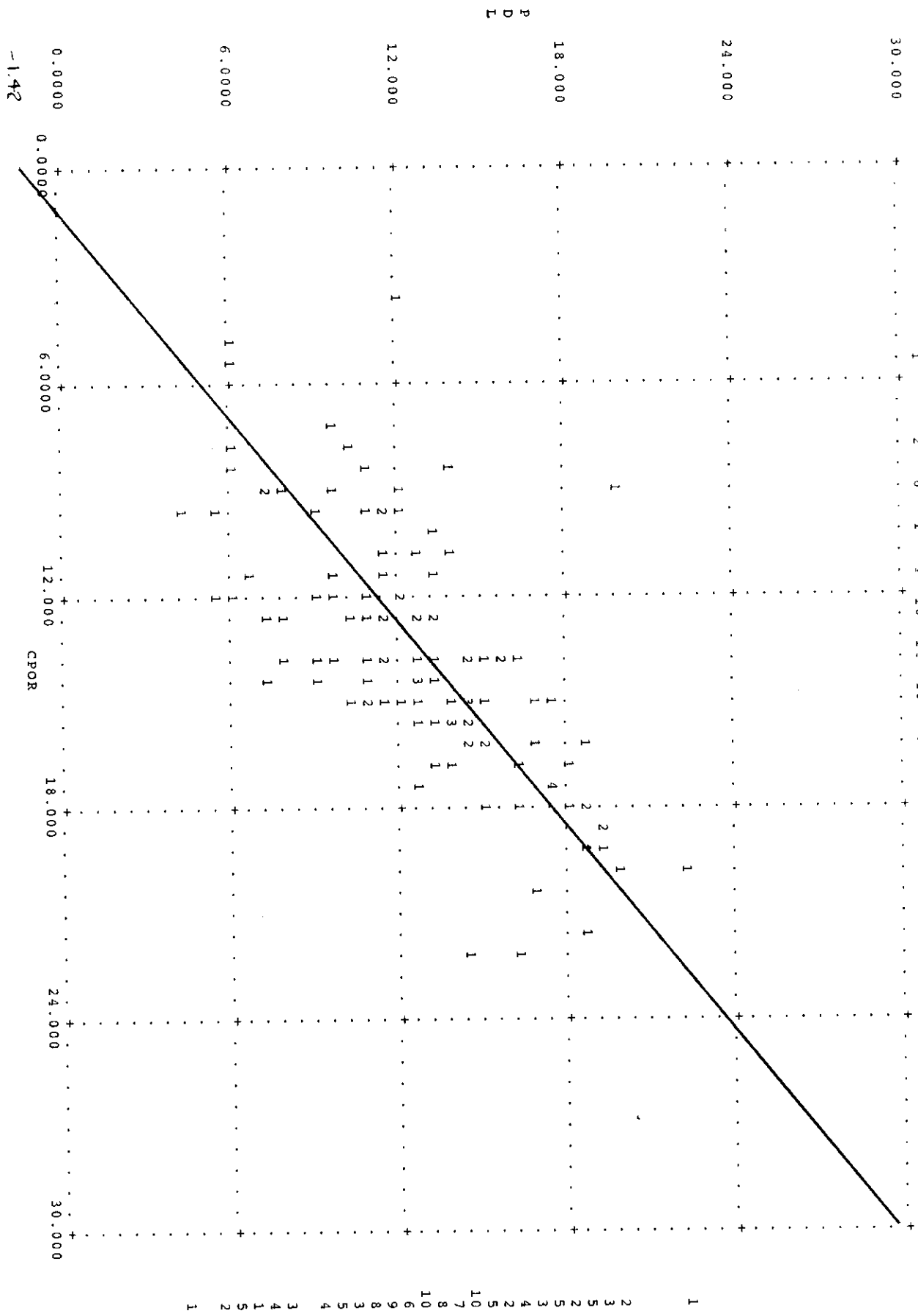
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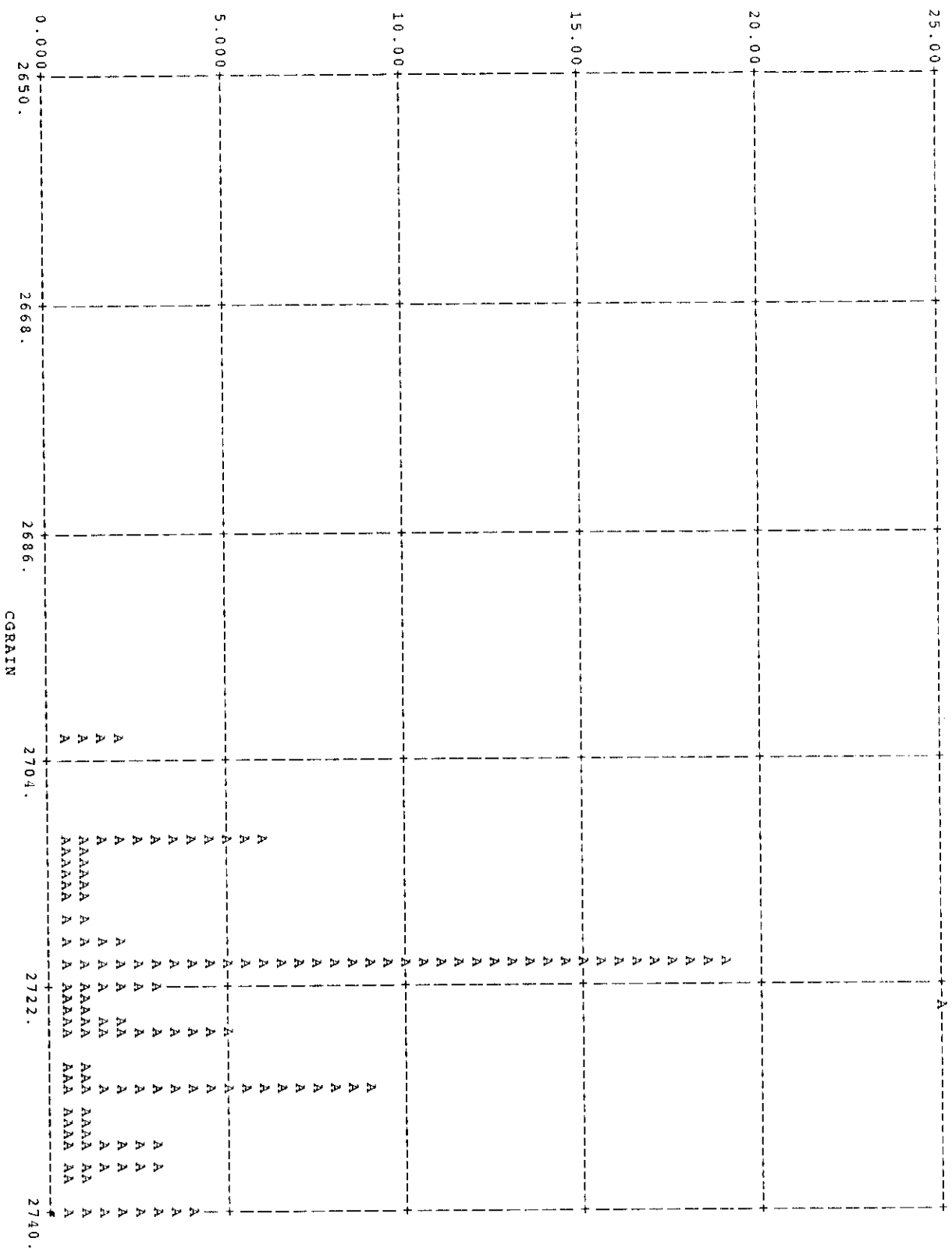
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Corr Coef 0.837  
Slope 1.037  
y int -1.420



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Mean 2723

1 KMAX 0.10

35 GR 105

Gamma Ray

45 CPOR -15

45 PD2730 -15

Density Rhema = 2730

1010

1020

1030

1040

35 GR 105

Gamma Ray

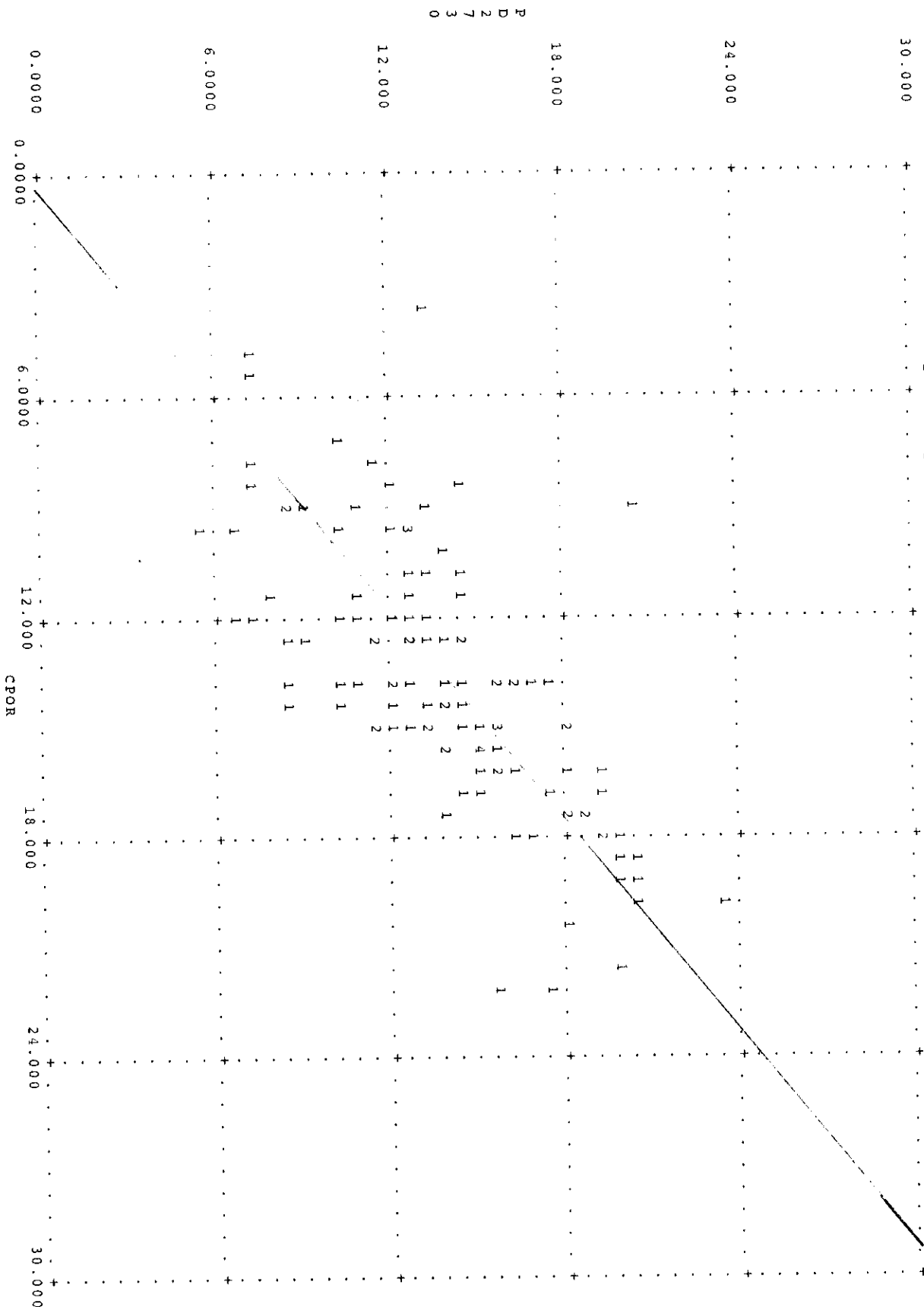
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Well 14-0-2-29X1SF

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Neither Discriminator Nor Cutoff Used

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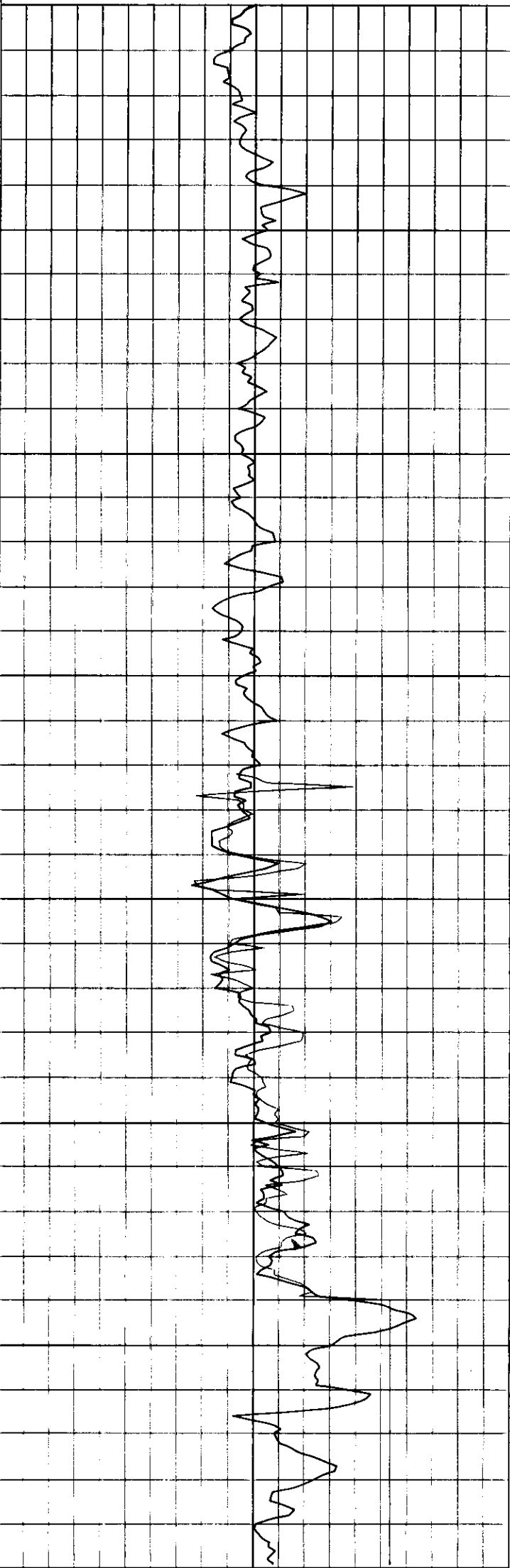
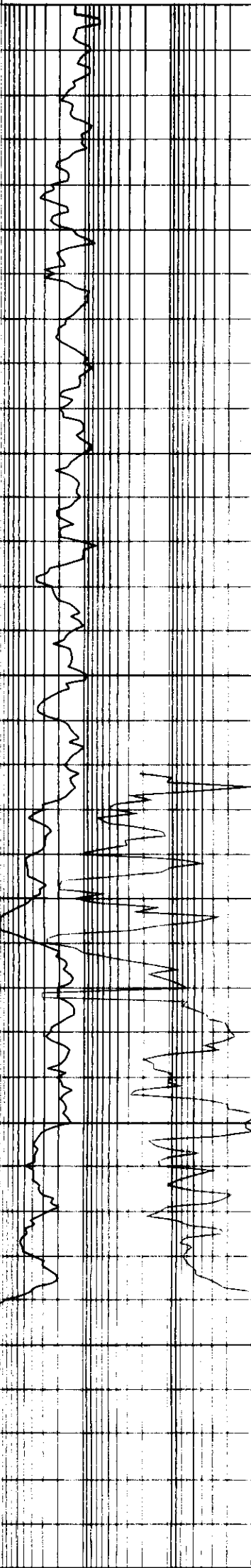


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0.837  
1.025  
0.247

VSHL	100
Shale Volume	
KMAX	0.10

45	CPOR	-15
45	PDTOT	-15



Well 11-9-2-30A13F

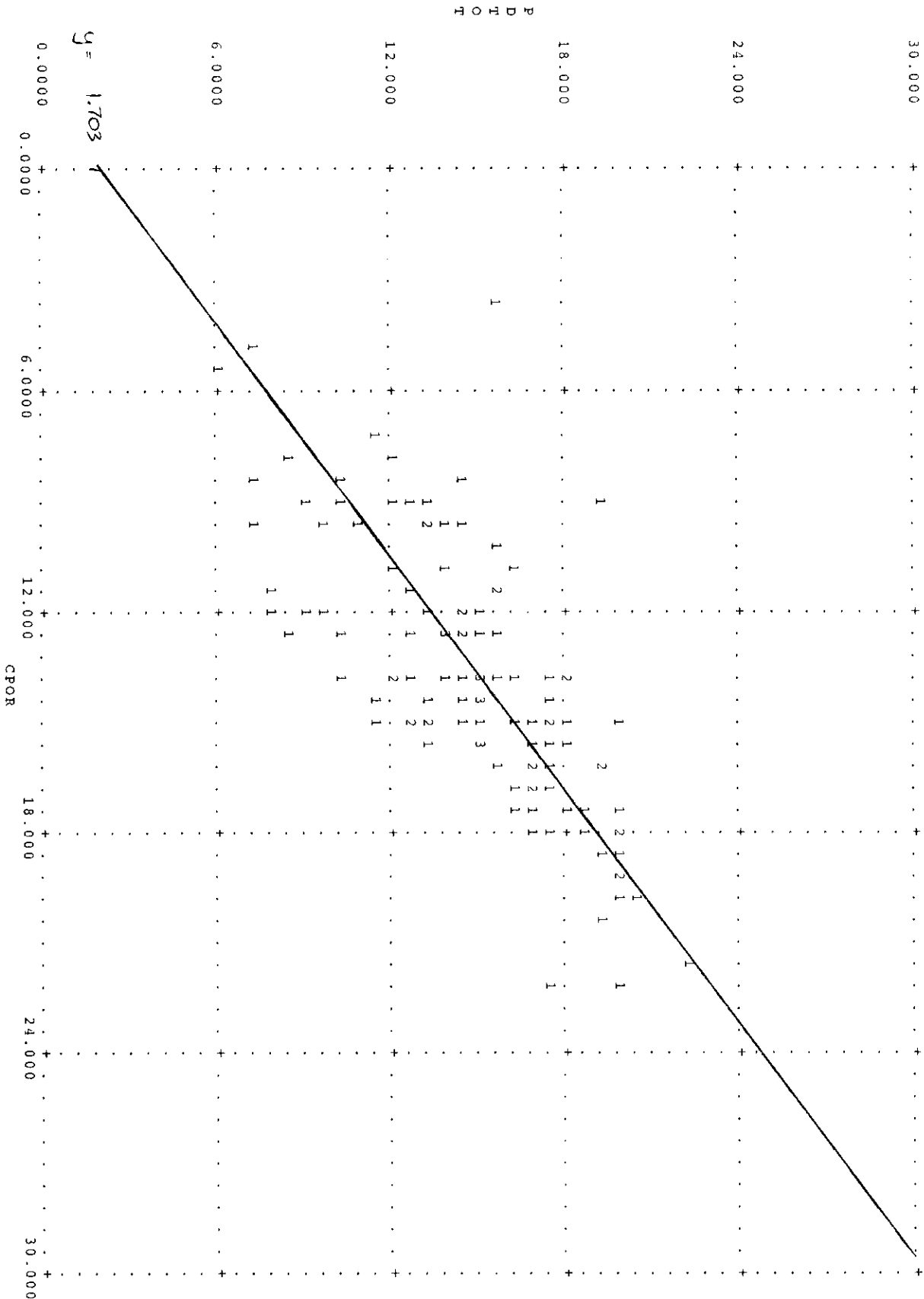
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Neither

For the Depth Interval 1021.00 to 1040.00  
Discriminator Not Cutoff Used

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Corr Fit  
slope 0.854  
y int 1.703

VSHL 100

Shale Volume

100 KMAX 0.10

45

PD2730

-15

45

PDTOT

-15

1010

1020

1030

1040

100 KMAX 0.10

45

PDTOT

-15

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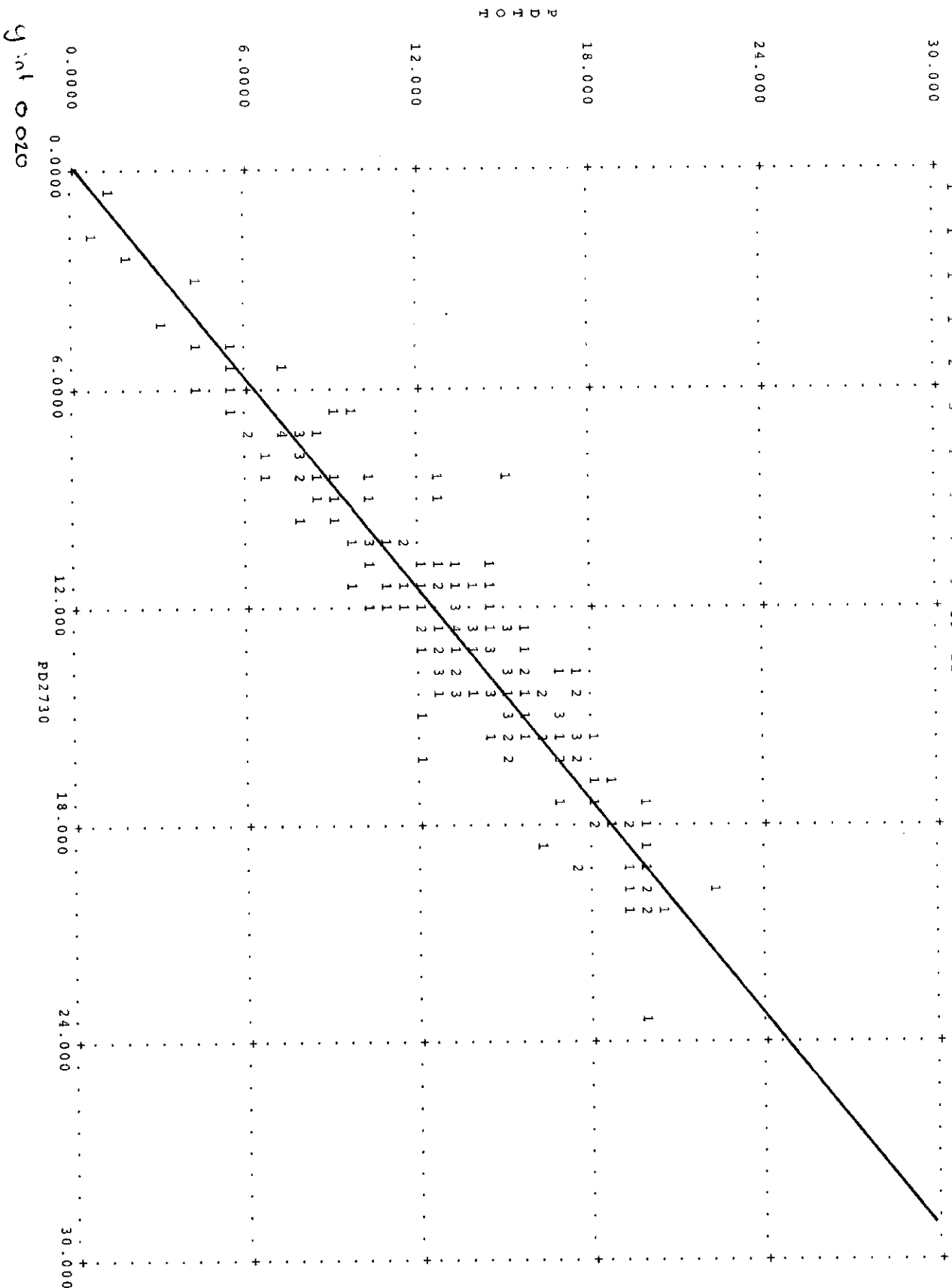
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Neither

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Corr of FIT 0.969  
Slope 1.036  
y int 0.020

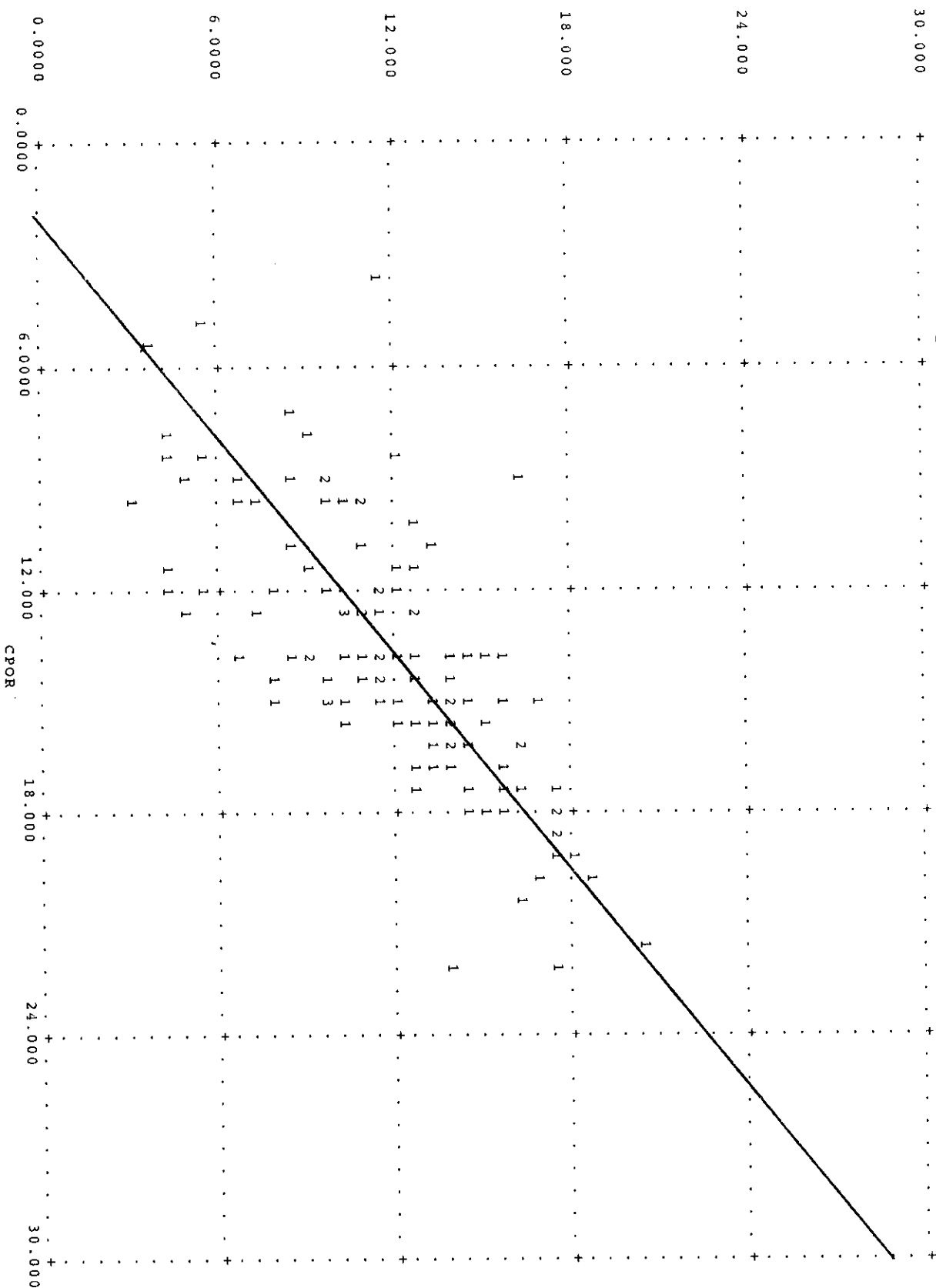
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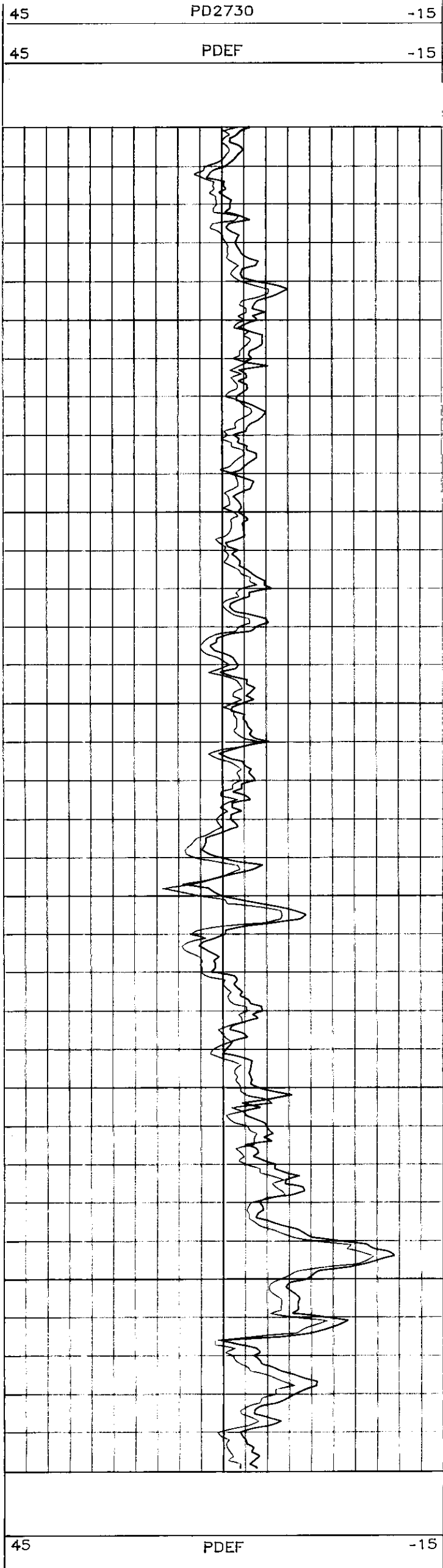
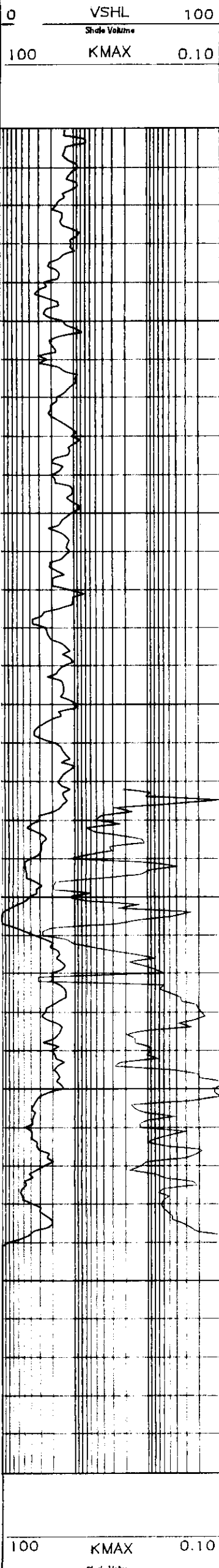
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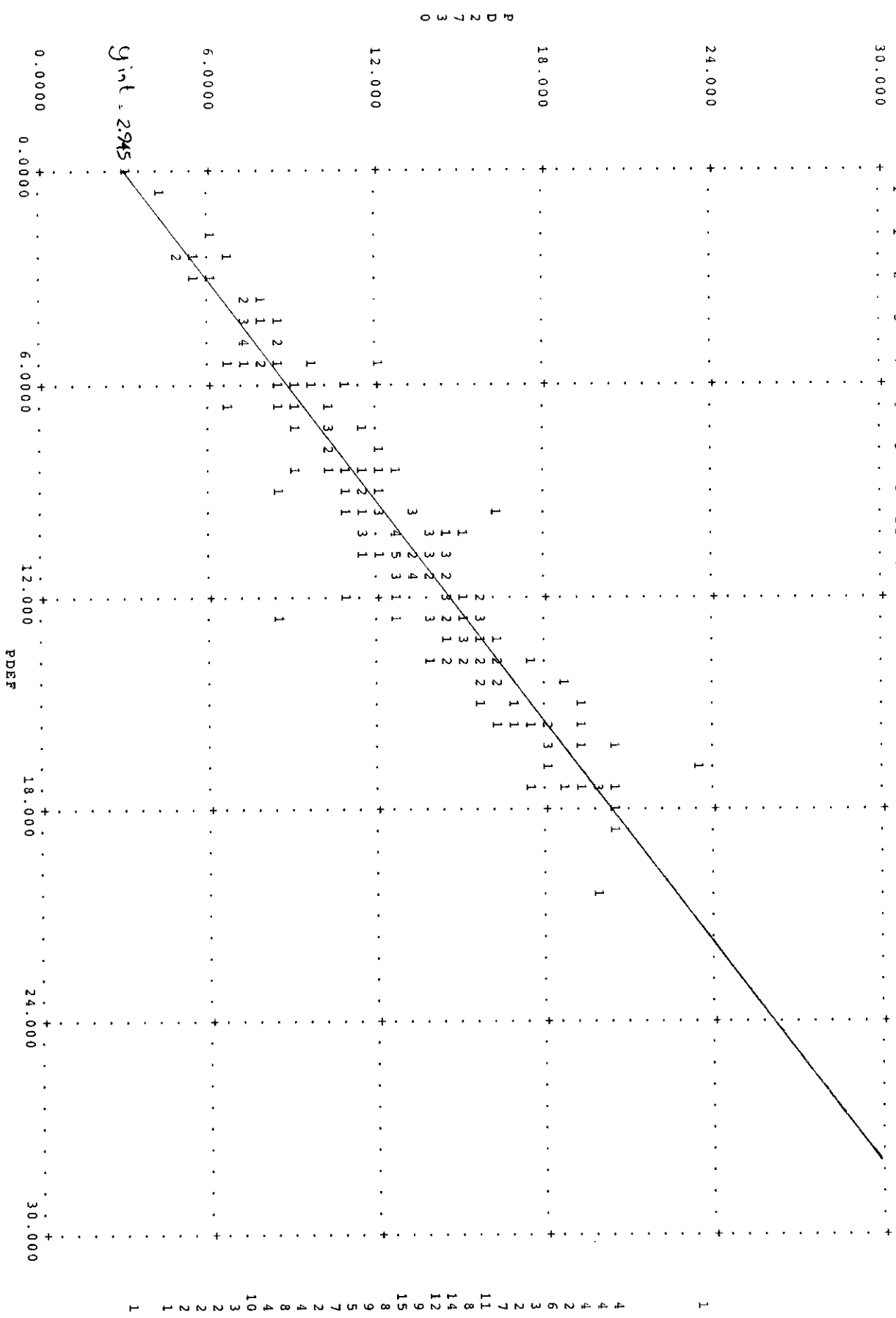


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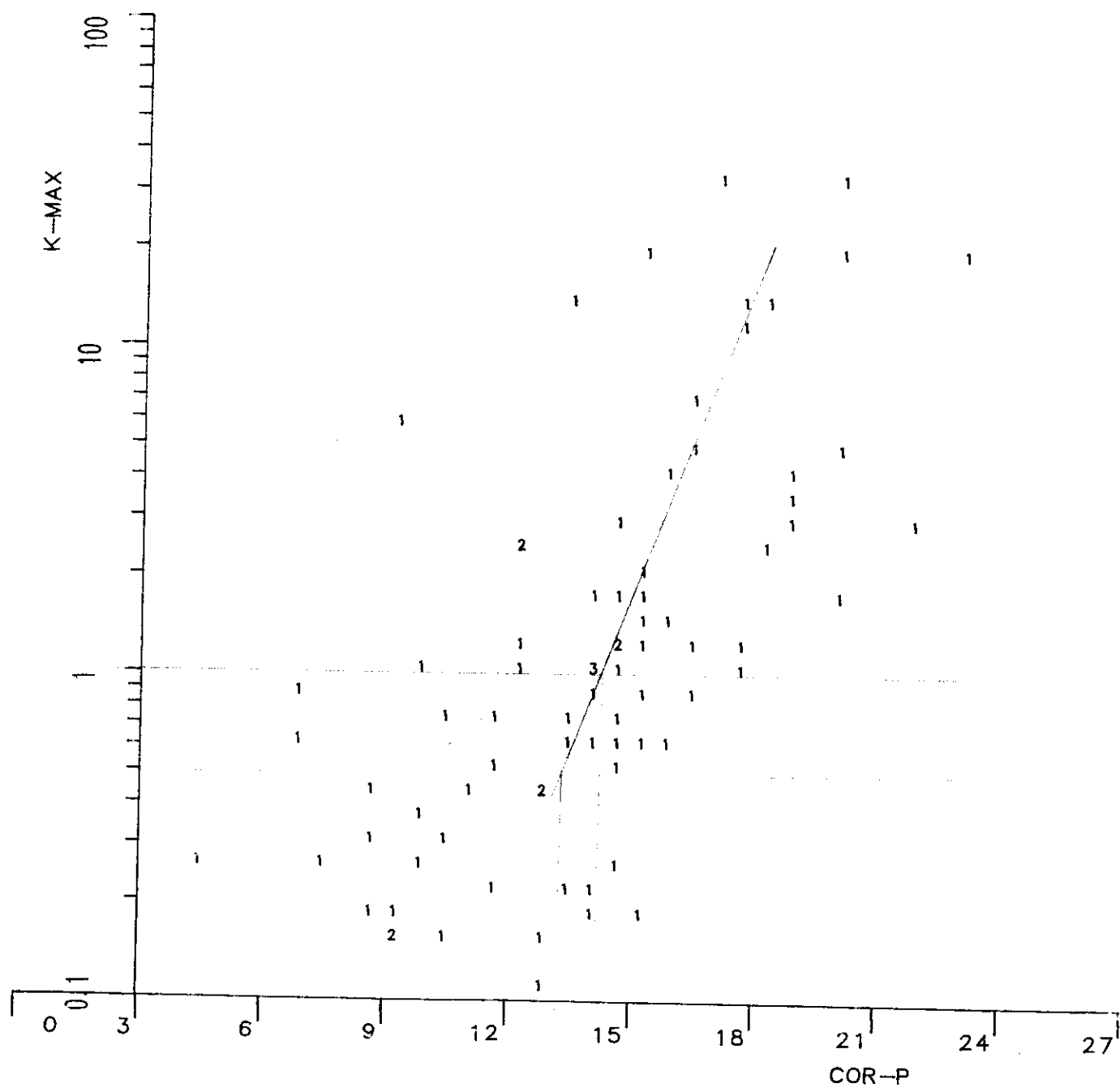


Corr of f.c. : 0.974  
 Slope(m) : 0.948  
 y int (b) : 2.945

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1022.2 - 1058.2

Z=FREQ Low= 0; High= 100  
W-Axis not used  
GL

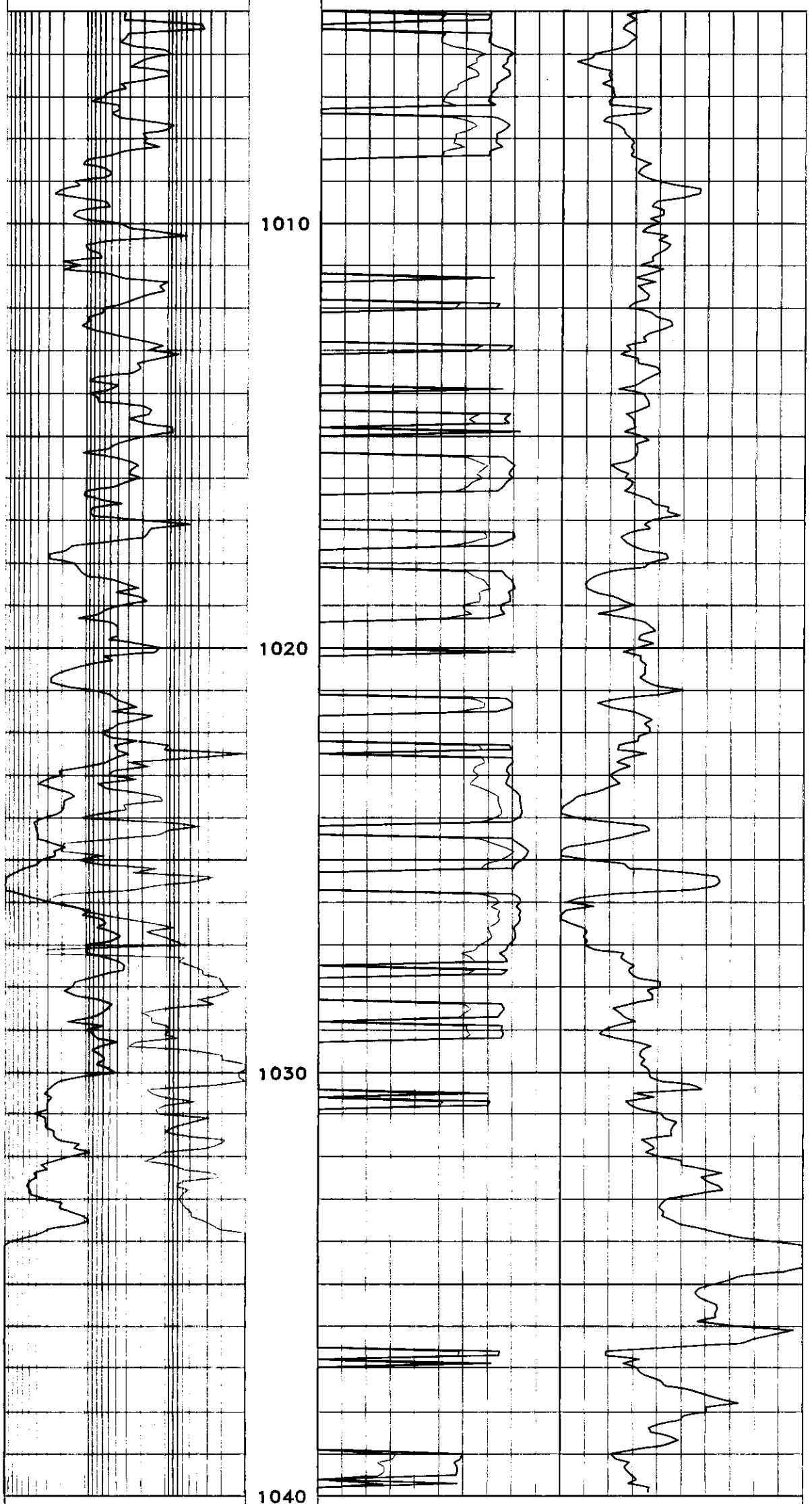


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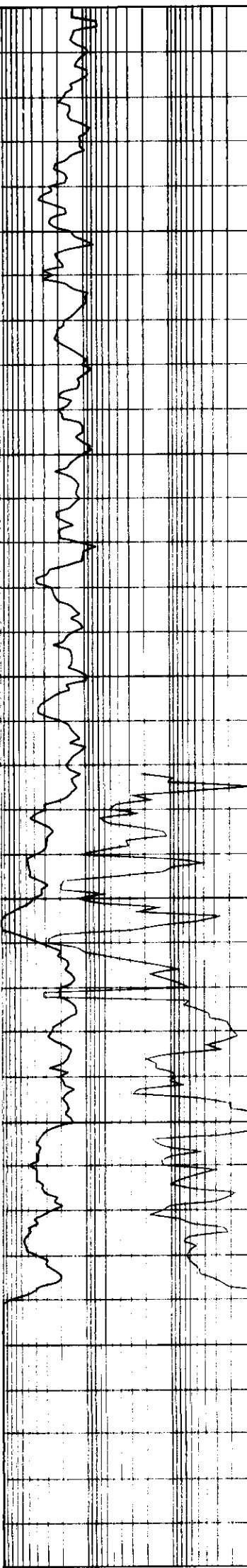
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		Shale Volume							
100		KMAX	0.10	100		SW215	0	20	PHIE14 0



0	VSHL	100
Shale Volume		
100	KMAX	0.10

100	SW159	0
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20	PHIE14	0

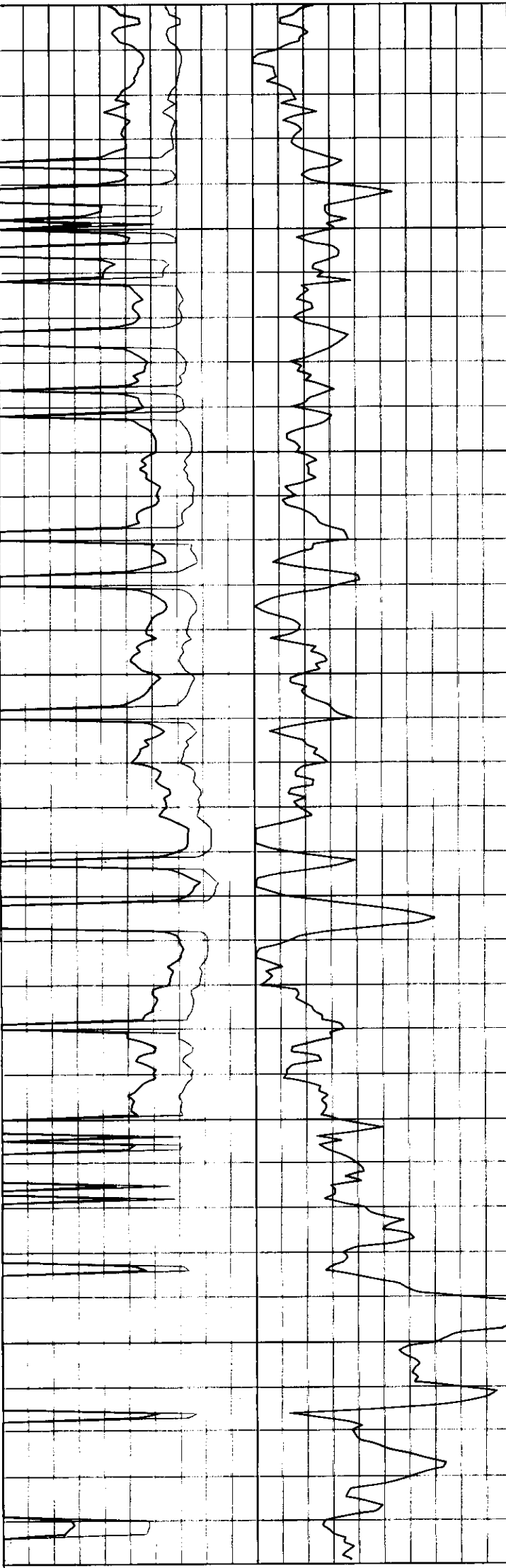


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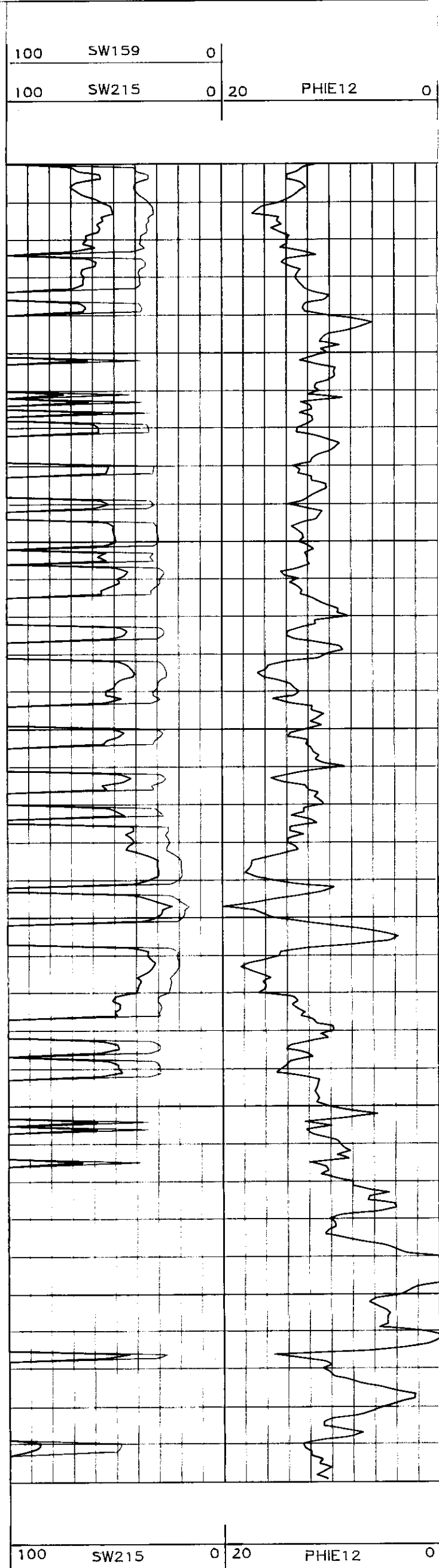
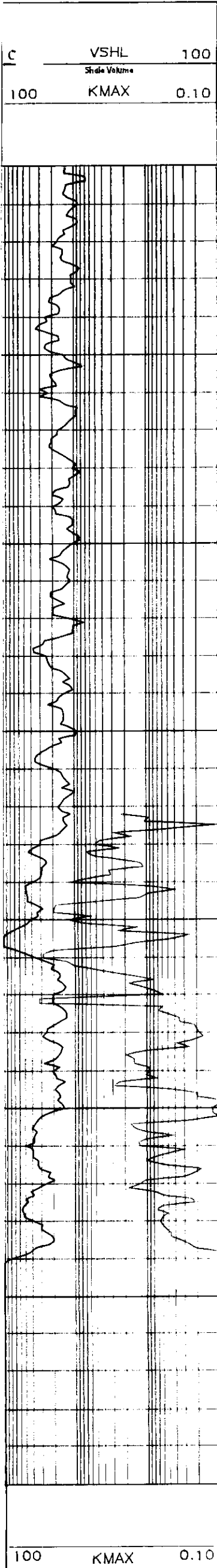
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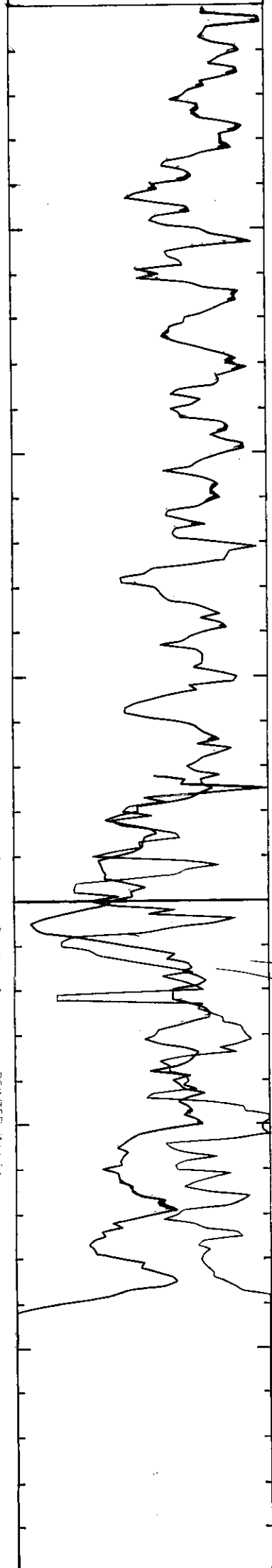
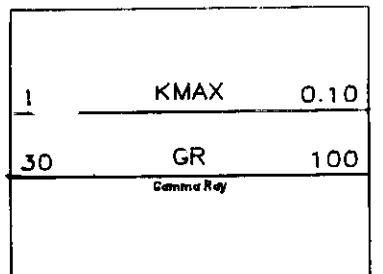
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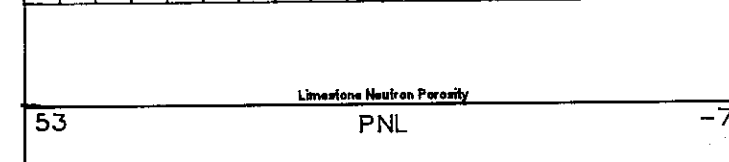
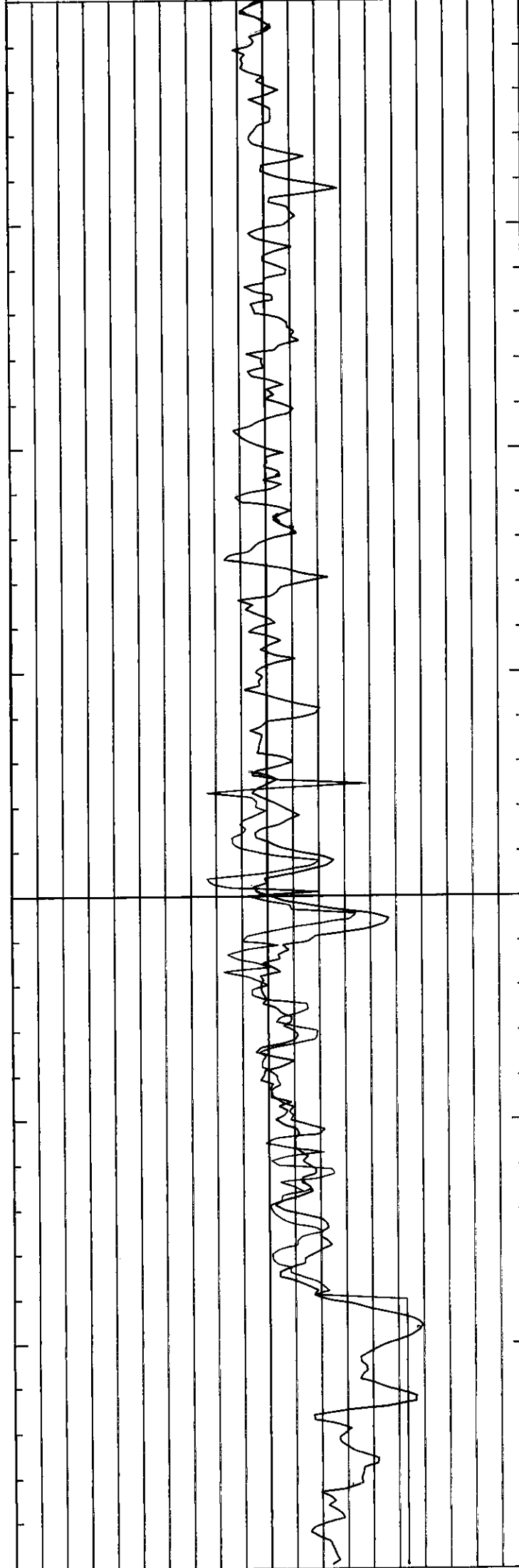
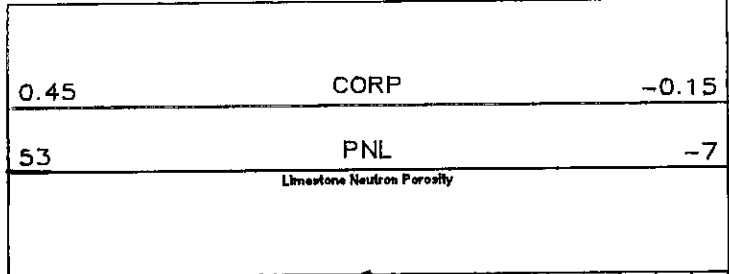
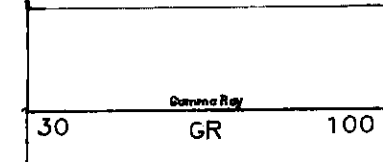


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20	PHIE14	0





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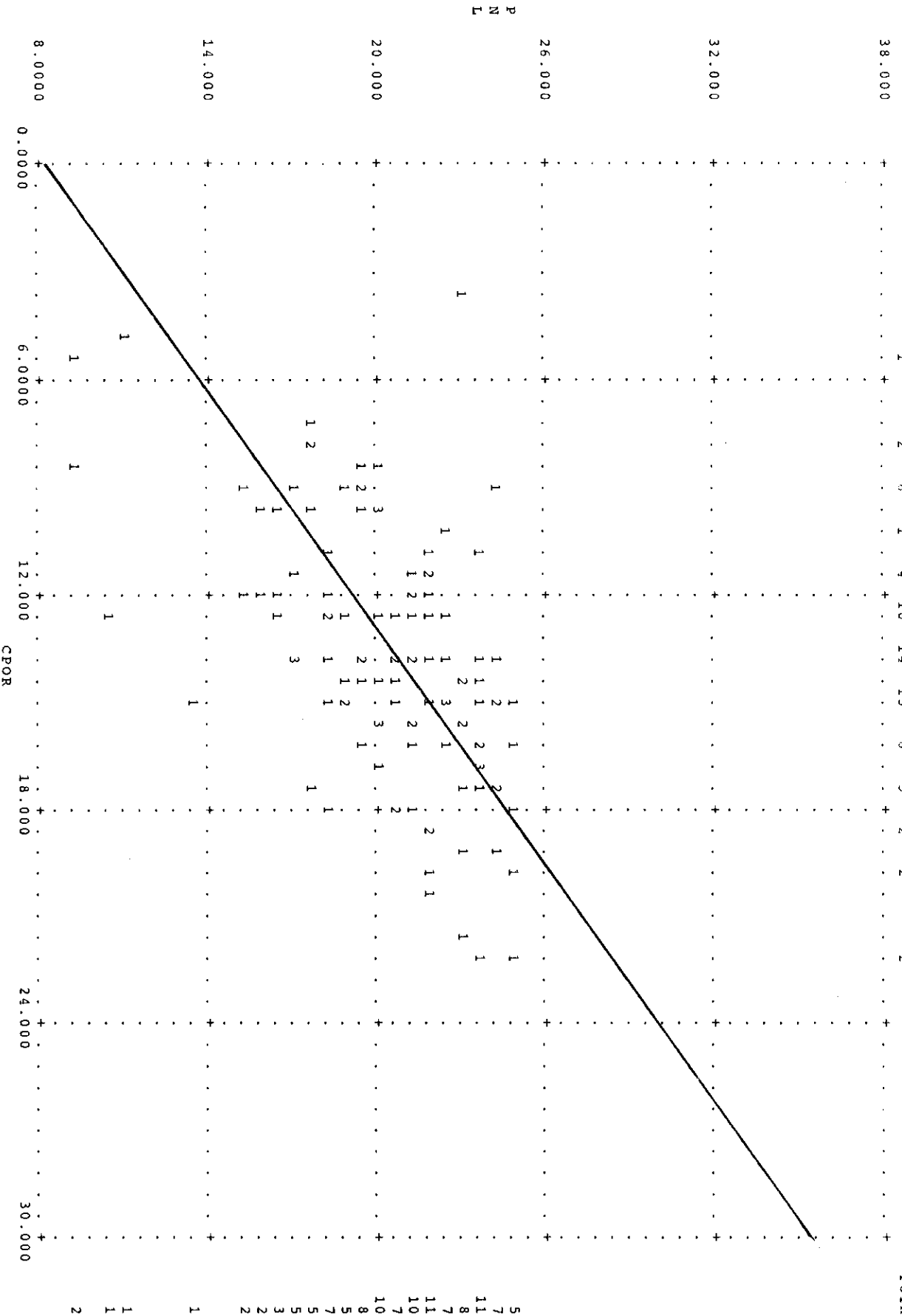
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Points



Correl fit = 0.730  
Slope(m) = 0.893  
Y int = 8.097