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- 1.. Load-on-Top Investigations Part I
- 2. Load-nn-Top Investigations Part II
- 3. Sub-Report on Load-on-Top Investigations Part II
- 4,* Chemical oharaoterization of crude oil components in ballast and slop water from a very large crude carrier (VLCC) and from model experiments.

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It is recognized that one of the main objectives of the 1973 Conference on Marine Pollution should be to achieve the complete elimination of intentional pollution by oil. That is to eliminate the likely damage to marine resources caused by operational discharge of oily water mixtures. To achieve this goal it is believed that any of the following methods or combination thereof are possible solutions in this respect:

- The use of segregated ballast tanks,
- retention of oil onboard, and
- in-port disposal to shore-reception facilities of the oily mixture.

It is further recognized that the construction of tankers with sufficient segregated ballast capacity will contribute substantially to the reduction of pollution caused by operational discharge. However, one should realize that also this provision has some major shortcomings:

- Unless requiring a segregated ballast tank capacity up to $60 70$ % of the dw capacity the segregated ballast tanker, on occasion, will have to load ballast in cargo tanks to achieve an acceptable ballast operation condition. As a consequence of this, a segregated ballast tanker must also be equipped with a complete arrangement for application of the Loadon-Top system.
- Even with segregated ballast tanks, it will periodically be necessary to clean the cargo tanks in order to remove sludge build-up and to prepare the ship for dry-docking inspection and repairs. Tankcleaning before drydocking and repairs is found to be one of the major pollution causes.
- The segregated ballast tanker will have an increased freeboard which may effect the ship controllability. This will influence the ship's seaworthiness in an unfavourable way, particularly in wind at low speed: as occurs in harbour and docking situations.

Even if it is realized that the "Load-on-Top" system cannot be operated under all circumstances, it will contribute substantially to a reduced discharge of oil into the sea, and as an overall consideration will give the best result obtainable at the present stage of development.

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I INTRODUCTION.

A study of the possible improvements in the operation of crude oil tankers was initiated by Norwegian shipbuilders and owners in 1971. In particular, the processes of tank cleaning and gas freeing attracted attention, and in the course of the study great emphasis was placed on the development of a more efficient and less polluting Load-on-Top-system.

It is felt that the results from the study will be of interest for the recent investigations sponsored by IMCO. This progress report from the Norwegian study is therefore presented, covering tests of different slop tank arrangements both on ships in operation and in model tests.

So far, the study has been carried out according to the following program:

- 1. To find out what takes place in slop tanks during tank washing 94 water samples were taken onboard 4 crude oil tankers on ballast voyages, and analyzed in laboratories.
- 2. To investigate the factors that influence the separation of oil in water, a model in scale 1:25 of a three-tank slop tank arrangement was constructed. This arrangement gives possibility for investigation of parameters such as nun:ber of tanks, degree of heating, inlet points and inlet nozzles for slop in the tanks. Water samples were taken and analyzed.
- 3. Piping systems were evaluated in order to be able to unload as much as possible of the cargo oil as well as obtain an effective draining during tank washing.
- 4. Tank washing equipment and methods for cleaning were discussed.
- 5. Instrumentation for control of tank atmosphere was investigated.

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II CONCLUSIONS.

The result of tests and investigations as listed above, may be summed up as follows:

- Samples of overboara discharge water taken from slop tanks of modern tankers in actual service have proven that the "Load-on-Top"-system as adequately practiced to-day, fulfills the proposed requirements as given in the fourth draft of the 1973-Convention.
- Modern tests of slop tank arrangements have given valuable information with regard to further development of improved slop tanks and settling systems.
- Based on information from model tests and from tankers in service, designers and operators have worked out detailed specifications for an improved independence worked out detailed specifications for an improved seas in the seas the seas to an absolute minimum and at the same time reducing the risk of maloperaticn of the "Load-on-Top"-system and reducing the amount of work for the crew.

In order to determine the actual oil content in the water which is pumped overboard in connection with cleaning of the cargo tanks, shifting of ballast as well as discharge of water from the slop tank system, a package of sample bottles with instructions for the sampling were sent to four ship. to obtain samples at various times during the above mentioned operations.

A total of 94 samples were received from these four ships and quantitatively analyzed for oil content. The methods employed were the infrared spectroscopic method (IR-method) and in a few cases the gravimetric method, both determining the sum (in ppm) of oil components rather than the individual components. While the IR-method is non-destructive and preserves the samples, the gravimetric method involves a step of complete evaporation of the solvent used, and thus leads to loss of lighter components (this weight loss is calculated within the computation of oil content.) A limited number of samples both from the ships and from the model experiments were further analyzed by gas chromatography and combined 9as chromatography/mass spectrometry in order to get an impression of the distribution and general nature of the oil components found in washing water. This is further discussed in Appendix A attached to this report.

The result of the analyses of the samples from the ships show that with two slop tanks in series and with a high liquid level in the slop tanks during the washing operation (low ullage) the oil content in the water that is discharged overboard can be kept as low as $25 - 100$ ppm. This is when washing with cold water without chemical additives. The analyses of the dirty ballast water from the unwashed cargo tanks show that it is also possible to obtain oil content of this water within the same limits.

During the final decanting of settled water from the primary slop tank to the sca the results show that the oil content of the water is increasing as the oil/water interface is approaching the bottom of the tank. The variation in the results $\dim u$ this operation is assumed to be caused by more or less cautious operation of the discharge pumps.

The four ships that were used in the series were two crude oil tankers of 280.000 tdw ,one tanker of 162.000 tdw. and one tanker of 85.000 tdw.

IV MODEL TANK EXPERIMENTS.

a) Description_of_Experiments.

For the experiments a model tank with linear scale 1:25 was built. The model tank consists of two side tanks of about 400 litres capacity each, and one center tank of about 600 litres. A total of 15 series of experiments were conducted and 200 l litre water samples were drawn. The oil/water mixtures consisted of fresh water with additions of crude oil. The crude oil had the following specifications:

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The oil and water was mixed by the use of an ejector. The water was used as the driving medium and oil was introduced on the suction side of the ejector. Using **a** driving water pressure of 0,2 kp/cm² a total slop quantity o . 250 litres per hour was arrived at. In the model experiments this will correspond to the capacity of eight Butterworth Super K washing machines.

During the experiments the following parameters were investigated as to their effect upon the oil/water separation.

The initial oil concentration of the slop. The method of introducing the slop into the tanks. The number of slop tanks. The capacity of the slop tanks. The temperature in the slop tanks. The introduction of air in the bottom of the slop tanks. The addition of chemicals into the slop tank water,

During all experiments the slop water was introduced about halfway up in the primary tank. It was then taken out of this tank near the bottom, and introduced into the secondary tank about halfway up. When three tanks were being used, the water was taken out near the bottom of the secondary tank, and introduced into the tertiary tank about halfway up. To heat the water in the tanks, two heaters each of 1000 w were used. The heating coils were placed about 1/3 of the total tank height from the bottom of the tank.

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The primary tank was always filled up completely before the connection to the secondary tank was opened. The primary tank was furthermore constantly being refilled with slop water, so that the level of this tank was kept constant until the secondary tank was filled. When three tanks were being used, the levels in the primary and the secondary tanks were kept constant until the third tank was filled. During all experiments samples were drawn from two levels in the tanks, near the bottom, and in the middle of the tank.

The sampling routine, using two slop tanks in series, was as follows:

When experiments using three tanks were conducted, samples were drawn from the secondary and the tertiary tanks only, in accordance with the following routine:

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In some cases samples were also drawn after two or three days. After each experiment the tarks were thoroughly cleaned using water and chemicals of the type Drew ACC-9 and Oil and Grease Remover.

The chemical addit on used in experiment No. 12 was:

Ameroid EB~70, Emulsion Breaker, Drew Chemicals.

- b) Results and conclusions.
	- 1. The oil content in the water leaving the slop tank system is depending upon two factors:
		- a) oil content in the water coming into the system,
		- b) time allowed for settling.

When the settling is over a period of days, the initial oil content does not affect the results.

- 2. The experiments show that when using a conical expanding outlet on the pipe that introduces the slop into the tank, better results can be obtained than when introducing the slop through a regular cut off pipe.
- 3. The experiments show that using three slop tanks in series will result in lower oil concentrations in the separated water, as compared with using two slop tanks in scries on the condition that the settling period is the same.
- 4. It was found that a high heating rate in the primary tank improved the oil/water separation considerably. However, the separation can be further improved by using moderate heating in both the primary and the secondary tank.
- 5. Air was introduced at the bottom of the primary tank and allowed to bubble up through the oil/water mixture. After further settling **a** minor improvement in the oil/water separation was obtained,
- **6.** The results indicate that by increasing the volume of the primary slop tank better results can be obtained.

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V, PROPOSED OUTLINE FOR SPECIFICATIONS FOR AN IMPROVED LOAD-ON-TOP SYSTEM.

A. TANK ARRANGEMENT.

a) Cargo_oil_tanks.

The basis for this study is a 200. - 350.000 tdw. tanker complying with the 1971 amendments to the Oil Pollution Convention 1954. The tank area is divided Dy seven bulkheads across and two bulkheads along the ship, giving eight center tanks and eight pairs of wing tanks. Of these tanks all with the exception nf wing tanks No. 4 are used for cargo.

b) Ballast tanks.

The wing tanks No. 4 are selected as permanent ballast tanks. This selection is based upon structural considerations as well as considerations of the loading/unloading procedure.

Center tanks No. 1, 3 and 6 are selected for carrying clean ballast.

c) Slop tanks.

The center tank No. 8 is divided using two oil-tight bulkheads across. These three tanks are used as slop tanks and in series to give a stepwise settling. As an alternative the aft wing tanks and the center tank in between may be used as slop tanks.

In the primary slop tank the major part of oil and sediment is fel'led out and this tank should therefore be easy to clean. This can be accomplished by using flat bottom and sides.

The design of the secondary tank should also be given special consideration **to** cleaning, and this tank should also have a flat bottom.

The tertiary tank may be of design as dwell designed cargo tank.

The capacity of the sloop tanks should be based upon the maximum total water flow during tank cleaming, taken as the main parameter, the cargo tank volume being less important. This will result in larger slop tanks than is common to-day. The following criteria seem reasonable for deciding the slop tank capacity:

- 1. The primary slop tan, should have a volume which is at least four times the quantity of vatter in tons per hour used during normal tank washing procedure at sea.
- 2. The secondary slop tank should have a volume which is at :east twice the volume of the primary slop tank.
- 3. The tertiary slop tank should have a volume twice the volume of the primary tank. This tank is also used as a reservoir for driving water to the ejectors and! for washing water. It is assumed that when the washing is finished, all slop is collected in the primary slop tank.

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8. PUMPS.

The ship may have two, three or four cargo oil pumps. A separate ballast pump is installed for the filling and emptying of permanent ballast tanks, as well as for filling of dirty ballast tarks over deck via separate filling lines.

It is desirable to unload as much as possible of the .cargo oil and to empty the cargo oil piping system. The stripping pump will be connected to its own line on deck, connected to the manifold midships. This line is to be used for unloading of the oil that remains in the cargo oil piping system after unteading with the sentrifugal pumps and to pump slop ashore. Two ejectors working on the stripping system lines should be installed. The dimensions of the stripping system lines and the ejectors should \pm pased upon the amount of wash vater expected.

To enable the tanker operator to unload as much as possible of the oil cargo the ship should be listed $2 - 3$ degrees to one of the sides during unloading and stripping. It should be one suction in each wing tank and two suctions in each center tank. The suctions are placed in the lowest corner in the tank which will be the aft corner of the tank on the side that the ship is listed to. The second suction in the center tanks is placed near the center beam (on the upper side). The suctions should be placed maximum 40 mm above the bottom and the suction area should be at least 1.5 times the suction pipe area. In connection with the placing of the suctions it is necessary \circ o investigate the ways the oil can flow through the bottom structure to the suctions, and a map of the bottom structure should be drawn showing that all oil on the bottom can flow to the suctions. Extra cut-outs in stiffeners and frames should be made to ensure this.

b) Stripping lines.

As during unloading the ship should be lisled $2 - 3$ degrees to one side during stripping as well. One stripping suction is placed in each wing tank and one stripping suction in each center tank. The stripping suctions should be placed near the cargo suctions, and shall be placed a maximum of 20 mm above the bottom with a suction area of minimum 1.5 times the pipe area.

The stripping line should be able to strip from two tanks independently. The separate stripping line is connected to the main line using double valves. Further double valves should be fitted in all main suctions and stripping suctions to cargo tanks that are used for dirty and clean ballast. 80 mm quick-connections for hoses with valve are placed on the stripping line, at least one in each tank, and armoured hoses for the removal of sediment are delivered with the ship.

c) Ballast piping.

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Separate ballast piping is installed on the deck for filling of dirty ballast.

All permanent ballast tanks shal¹ be filled and emptied with separate ballast lines.

$d)$ Piping system for tank washing.

The piping system for tank washing should be supplied from the cargo oil piping on deck. Either clean sea water (open cycle) or slop water from the tertiary slop tank (closed cycle) can be used. A separate heater with a capacity of at least 350 nm^3 per hour, 90 °C , should be installed.

$e)$ Piping system for slop tanks.

The ship should have three slop tanks that can be used in series and the piping system should be arranged to keep the water in the slop tanks at a high level (low ullage).

Al slop should first be pumped into the primary slop tank. To enable washing and inspection of the primary slop tank, the possibility should exist for introduction of slop directly to the secondary slop tank. This connection shall normally be closed an secured.

The slop inlet should be placed at about half the height from the bottom to the surface. The pipe leading the slop into the tank should be fitted with a suitable arrangement to slow down the speed of the water entering to avoid disturbances in the water.

An open pipe that starts about 1 meter above the bottom of the primary slop tank and with an outlet about halfways up the secondary tank should be used for the transfer of the slop from the primary to the secondary tank. A similar arrangement should be used to transfer the slop from the secondary to the tertiary tank. An open overflow pipe that starts. about I meter above the bottom in each of the secondary and the tertiary tanks may be used to discharge settled slop water overborad. These pipes should be inverted U-shape with their highest point about four meters below deck, thereby ensuring a constant high level in all slop tanks.

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f) Monitoring.

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The overboard discharge pipes should be fitted with necessary arrangement for installing monitoring equipment.

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D. WASHING EQUIPMENT.

Four different alternatives for vashing equipment have been considered:

- a) Portable equipment in all tanks for washing to hot work standard.
- b) Permanent equipment in clean ballast tanks ror washing to clean ballast standard and portable equipment in all tanks for washing to hot-work standard.
- c) Permanent equipment in all tanks for washing to clean ballast standard and portable equipment in all tanks for washing to hot work standard.
- d) Permanent equipment in all tanks for washing to hot work standard.

In order to perform a satisfactory washing to hot work standard, using the poratble washing machines in addition to the permanently installed ones, it might be required to wash wiht warm water.

E. MONITORING OF TANK ATMOSPHERE

The ship should be equipped with portable instruments, approved by the Administration for the measuring of the hydrocarbon gas in air and oxygen in air. The ship should therefore carry at least one instrument that can measure the atmosphere below the Lower Explosion Limit (with scale from 0% to 100% L.E.L.), and at least one instrument that can measure explosive atmospheres and atmospheres above Upper Explosion Limit. In addition, the ship should have at least one approved portable instrument for the measuring of oxygen in air, and in air/inert gas mixture (with measuring area O - ²¹ vol %.)

All measuring instruments that are onboard shall be inspected regularly as prescribed by the Administration. In order to draw samples from the atmosphere at points down in the tanks, the ship should be equipped with a sufficient number of sampling hoses of suitable material.

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ı. INTRODUCTION

In an earlier investigation, a total of 94 samples from ships and 200 samples from model tonk experiments were quantitatively analyzed for oil content. The sethods employed were the infrared spectroscopic method (IR-method) and, in a few cases, the gravimetric method, both determining the sum (expressed as pps) of oil components rather than the individual components (efr. our report of June 21, 1972, 72 03 03, JEBA.s).

While the IR-method is non-destructive and preserves the samples, the gravimetric sethod involves a step of complete evaporation of the solvent used and thus, leads to loss of lighter components (this weight loss is calculated with in the computation of oll content).

In the present investigation, a limited number of samples beth from ships and from model expeniments have been funther characterized by gas chromotography (GC) and by combined gas chromatography - mass spectrometry $(60-35)$.

 $2.$ GAS CHROMOTOGRAPHY (GC)

> The samples were either in corbon tetrachloride solution or in carbon disulfide solution and n-dodecan (n- $C_{12}H_{26}$) was used as an external or internal standard for quantitation.

The GC-conditions were as follows:

The concentrations (ppb) of the individual oil components were calculated by comparison of peak heights in the chromatograms with the peak height of the standard used.

3. COMBINED CAS CHROMATOGRATHY - MASS SPECTROMETRY (GC-ES)

The GC-MS analysis were performed on a Hitachi-Perkin Elmer RMU-6L ES coupled to a Perkin Elmer Model 801 GC under the GC-conditions described (except carrier gas helium 25 ml/min.), and the mass spectra of separated main components were recorded at 70 eV. The chemical structures of these components were determined when possible.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 SAMPLES FACT FROED TANK

A total of 6 nemples have been analyzed by GC and one sample has been analyzed by GO/IS in order to get an impression of the distribution and general nature of the oil components found in washing water. The GCdeterminations of this limited number of samples show that the same type of main components are present in the same relative magnits, although the total concentrations vary from nample to nample (determined previously). The GC/MS analysis of sample no. 10 (table 2) shows that both aliphatics and aromatics (benzenes and naphthalenes) are found in the region of fairly volatile complaints (before C-15), but only paraffinic compounts could be identified above C-15. Approximately 9 percent of a total of 35 pth (as determined by the literation) have been identified by the present mothed. The total amount of arcustics is approximately 50 percent of identified material.

4.2 SAMPLES FROM SHIPS

A total of 9 samples have been analyzed by GC and one sample (no. 2) has been analyzed by $60\frac{1}{55}$ from ship no. 4. Since these samples previously were determined by the gravimetric method, the lighter compenents have disappeared and the first component identified was ugually pentalecane $(C-15)$, compound no.70 in table 1. All samples were idealer in relative absents and nature of components identified. Conerally, the gravisatric analysis is unauttable for total determination if further characterization

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of components present origin is a needed.

Two samples from ship no. 3 part benefy determined by the IR-method have been further characterized by OJ and GC/MS (tables 3 and 4). In these samples, the components identified were of the same types as found in the sample from model experiments (unble 2).

Between 2 and 3 ppm of a total of approximately 45 ppm could be identified, and the aromatic portions of the identified meterials amount to 25 - 30 percent.

4.3 DISCUSSION

In sample no. 10 from model experiments (table 2), 25 percent of total oil components could be identified, where as only 5 - 6 percent could be identified in the samples from ship no. \mathfrak{Z} (tables \mathfrak{Z} and h). These components are those mest easily volatilized, and thus, the results indicate that the latter samples (from ships) contain less volatile materials. Since, however, a concentration step is invelved prior to the determination, these results, although reasonable, have to be interpretated with some caution.

The aromatics identified are substituted benzenes and naphthalenes. Amongst the compounds identified in similar aqueous extracts of crude oil and crude oil fractions, naphthalenes and naphthalene-type compounds are reported to be most toxic to figh, having a general toxicity range of $4+5$ ppm (see for instance Boylen and Tripp, Nature 230, 44 + 47 (1971)). Such compounds are present in these samples in the sub-pym range.

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ANALYSIS OF SAMPLE NO. 2 P.M. School Ro. 4 TABLE 1.

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Components cleared between n-alkanet are given intermediate nos.

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2) Determined by the gravimetric method.

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TABLE 2. AMALYSIS WITH GO. WS OF CAMPLE NO. 10 FREM MODEL EXPERIMENT

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SDS-Project in cooperation with the Commission given by: Norwegian Shipowners Association Title of commission: Investigations on the Load-on-Top System LOAD-ON-TOP INVESTIGATIONS, PART II TITLE OF REPORT: Prepared by: Erik Solum, Senior Project Engineer Øystein Hjorteland, Captain SUMMARY: The various factors and parameters that influence the use of the LOT system onboard crude oil tankers have been investigated with a view to comply with both the present and proposed new international regulations concerning oil discharged to the sea. The investigations were carried out during normal operating conditions onboard two Norwegian tankers and, in addition, parallel model experiments were conducted. This is the summary report. For details, see: Commission Subreport No 4A/73 for a description of the investigations and Commission Subreport No 4B/73 for a description of the methods used for the analyses. Both subreports contain the results from the samplin

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I CONCLUSIONS.

- 1. From this investigation, it hay be concluded that it is possible to follow the LOT-procedure during normal operating conditions onboard a VLCC and still stay well within the requirements regarding oil content in the effluent according to the 1969• amendments to the l9b4 - oil pollution convention and the requirements specified in the proposed 1973 - marine pollution convention,.
- 2. It may further be concluded that the volume of the slop tanks should be increased to improve upon the settling process.
- 3. On the assumption that ballast water with an oil content below 100 ppm may be discharged outside 50 nautical miles from nearest land, one may expect that the bulk of the ballast water from unwashed tanks may be discharged after a settling period ranging from a few hours up to about 40 hours, depending upon the specific conditions onboard. From the investigation, it may also be concluded that assuming a maximum oil content of 30 ppm, it would have been possible to discharge large quantities of the settled ballast water after 60 hours of settling. and the bulk after settling periods of up to about 100 hours. One center tank could have been pumped almost empty with a discharge oil content of oelow 20 ppm, but for the other tanks, it took from 80 to 110 hours of settling to corae below this oil content 1n the bulk of their content.

II INTRODUCTION.

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A study of the possible improvements in the operation of crude oil tankers was initiated by Norwegian shipowners and shipbuilders in 1971. In Commission Report No. 1/73 detailed specifications for an improved LOT system have been introduced, In order to investigate further the various factors and parameters that influence the use of the LOT system onboard crude oil tankers with a view to comply with both the present and proposed new international regulations concerning oil discharged to sea, the LOT procedure was investigated onboard two Norwegian tankers during normal operating conditions.

The investigation was carried out as follows:

- 318 samples of clean and dirty ballast water and slop were taken onboard **a** 280.000 tdw, crude oil tanker and analysed.
- 22 samples of dirty ballast water were taken onboard a 240.000 tdw crude oil tanker and analysed.
- 128 samples were taken during model tank experiments in order **to** establish the relationship between the conditions onboard the 280.000 tdw. tanker under conditions 1n a tank section model.

This report, Commission Report No. 4/73, contains a summary of the 1nvest1gat1ons and a discussion of the results. A detailed description of the investigations is contained in Commission Subreport No. 4A/73. "LOT-investigations aboard VLCCs, and on model experiments", while Commission Subreport No. 4B/73 on "Characterization of crude oil components in ballast and slop water from two crude oil tankers and from model experiments" contains a description of the methods used for analyses. These methods include the infrared method for the detection of total oil content in ppm. and the gas chromatography and combined gas chromatography/mass spectrometry methods for detection of the concentration of the 1nd1vtdua1 components of the otl.

1. The data presented in this report are based upon detailed investigations onboard the $1/7$ "Berge Princess" of the shipowners Sig. Bergesen d.y. & Co., on a ballast voyage from Isle of Grain, UK. to Cape Town, and upon a supplementary investigation onboard the T/T "Ferncourt" of the shipowners Fearnley & Eger. on a ballast voyage enroute from Rotterdam to PG. Both ships had carried crude oil from Kuwait with API of about 31.8 on their previous voyages. In addition, data from parallel model experiments are presented.

 M/T "Berge Princess" is equipped with two slop tanks in series, with a combined capacity of about 2.8 % of the cargo carrying capacity,

2. The total amount of oil discharged from the M/T "Berge Princess" on the ballast voyage was 7.53 tons or 1/36.000 of the ship's cargo capacity. This complies with the 1/15,000 cargo limit set by the 1969 amendments to the 1954 oil pollution convention, and the proposed 1/30.000 cargo limit proposed in the draft 1973 convention.

The ballast was discharged by decanting and by using cargo pumps, and the water from the slop tanks was discharged by decanting and by the use of cargo and stripping pumps.

- 3. Nine cargo tanks were flushed onboard the M/T "Berge Princess" and the flushing water was pumped into the slop tanks. A small quantity of water was decanted without sett11ng containing 120 ppm of oil, which equals 18 litres per n.mile. After a settling period of 45 hours decanting was continued. The oil content was now 40 ppm or 4.5 litres per n.mile.
- 4. Dirty ballast was discharged from the M/T "Berge Princess" **after a** settling period of approximately 130 hours. The most

unfavourable result shows an oil content of 30 ppm or 5.3 litres per n.mile. During the last period of the discharge, the oil content increased to about 200 ppm or 47.5 litres per n.mile.

- 5. Analyses of the ballast water in an unwashed tank onboard the T/T "Ferncourt" show an oil content well below 20 ppm through the tank even after short settling time.
- 6, During the washing procedure ejectors were used. The washing water was discharged through the slop tanks. The oil content in the water discharged during tank washing operation started at about 57 ppm and increased to 980 ppm at the end, corresponding to about 5 litres per n.mile and 32 litres per n.mile respectively. The average oil content during the washing was about 145 ppm, which corresponds to about 12 litres per n.mile. The total amount of oil discharged through the full washing procedure was 3. 18 tons,
- 7. After the tank washing procedure and discharge of dirty ballast, discharge of settled water from the slop tanks was continued, The pump speed was reduced as the oil/water interface approached the tank outlet in order to avoid unnecessary discharge of oil. Hence the oil discharge rate only ranged from 6.4 to 15.6 litres per n.mile, while the oil content began at 100 ppm and increased to 900 ppm just before cut-off.

IV DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS FROM THE SHIPBOARD SAMPLING.

IV A. M/T "BEDGE PRINCESS".

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The major conclusion to be drawn from the tests is that it was possible for the ship to follow a conventional load on top procedure and still keep the amount of oil discharged to the sea well below the limits given in the 1969 amendments to the 1954 011 Pollution Convention. This was possible in spite of the fact that this ship had bad weather with heavy seas the first three days of the ballast voyage. This had an unfavourable effect on the settling process of the ballast water. The weather condition on the voyage is listed in Table 17. The tables also include the ship's course, speed and noon position.

Different quantities of oil were left in the tanks selected for the experiments, such that of two identical center tanks one was left with more oil than the other tank, and similarly, for two identical wing tanks. The analysis of the samples drawn from these tanks show that the settled water had lower oil concentration in those tanks that had the larger quantities of oil remaining. Center tank No. 1, for example, had an average oil content of 30 ppm. after 111 hours of settling, while center tank No. *3* had an average oil content of 8 ppm after 112 hours settling. The oil layers measured on the water surface 1n center tank No. 1 was 15 cm., while the oil layer on the water in center tank No. 3 was 66 cm. This "inversely proportional" tendency could also be noticed in the wing tanks No. 5 Port and Starboard, but not so clearly.

The analysis of the samples that were drawn from the model experiments show small difference between the oil content 1n the tanks containing much 011 and the tanks containing little 011. However, the samples that were drawn from the slop tanks when stripping after simulated flushing of empty cargo tanks was completed, showed higher oil content in the secondary slop tank than in the primary slop tank for all samples after 1 hour, 17 hours, 23 hours, 40 hours and 45 hours settling. The difference in the results from the settling out of the

water in the simulated slop tanks show the sane tendency as for the **slop** tanks in H/T "BERGE PRINCESS".

Two slop tanks in series resulted in a fairly good reduction in the oil content of the water that was discharged to the sea from the secondary slop tank (Starboard slop tank) during the washing period. The average oil content of the discharge during the washing of center tanks No. 2 and center tanks No. 5 was about 143 ppm., which equals an oil discharge rate of about 12 1/n.mi. One hour after the washing of center tank No. 2 started, the oil concentration increased to a level of about 280 ppm. which equals 24 1./n.mi., whereafter the concentration decreased. The maximum oil content of the water discharged during washing of center tank No. 5 occurred at the start of washing and the oil content at this point was 250 ppm., which equals 21 1,/n.mi.

During the washing period, ejectors were used for stripping, with driving water tckcn directly from the sea. This gave a large flow through the slop tanks and therefore, a relatively short settling time in the tanks. If a stripping pump had been used for stripping during the tank washing, the flow through the slop tanks would have been reduced to about 1/3, and the settling time would have been increased accordingly. One should expect that under such conditions the oil content of *the* water discharged would have been further reduced.

If the driving water for the ejectors had been taken from the Starboard slop tank, the total quantity discharged to the sea could have been reduced, but one must assume that the specific oil content of the discharge would have been about the same as measured or possibly higher. This could be caused by the fact that the circulation in the slop tanks would have been the same as when the driving water was taken directly from the sea. Furthermore. with driving water from the Starboard slop tank, the 011 content 1n the slop entering the Port slop tank would have been higher than when clean water 1s used for driving water. The total slop quantity would have been reduced and possibly the total quantity of oil discharged. as well.

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During the experiments, when settled ballast/slop water was discharged overboard, the wake of the ship was kept under constant surveillance to detect possible oil slicks. With the exception of the last minute discharge from the Port slop tank, when the oil content momentarily increased to a value where oil was visible, no oil could be observed behind the ship at any time.

In spite of the fact that in the interest of the experiment a few deviations from normal operating practices were done in order to establish oil content limits, experiments show that the voluntary oil discharge from a 280 000 t.d.w. tanker can, with the execution of reasonable care, be kept well below 10 cu. meters of oil en a ballast voyage, and the maximum oil discharge rate can without difficulty be kept under 30 1./n.mil.

If one assumes that the settled ballast water with oil content below 100 ppm can be discharged to the sea outside the 50 n.mi. limit from nearest land, one could expect to be able to discharge ballast water from unwashed tanks after 12 - 24 hours settling, depending upon the weather conditions. The distance from the oil layer to the suction in the tank when the overboard discharge must be stopped, will depend upon several factors, such as ship movements, pumping capacity and bottom structure of the tanks. When there is no rolling or pitching, and the ballast is discharged with a low pump velocity, one should be able to discharge settled water until oil water interface is about 1.5 m. from the suction. The rest in the tank must then be pumped to the slop tanks for further settling and eventual discharge.

IV B. T/T "FERNCOURT".

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A supplementary investigation was conducted onboard the T/T "Ferncourt" Samples were drawn from a center tank containing dirty ballast, and the analysis shows results that are well below 20 ppm. The bulk of the water in the tank could be discharged without coming in conflict with any present and foreseeable near-future regulations.

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V DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS FROM THE TANK SECTION MODEL EXPERIMENTS

The model experiments were conducted in order to establish the relationship between the conditions onboard a tanker and the conditions in a tank section model in a laboratory, and it was attempted to simulate the operations onboard the M/T "Berge Princess" as much as possible. Samples were drawn after the same periods of settling and at depths relative to those onboard. The crude oil used for the experiments was pumped from the ship's cargo in Le Havre and sent to Norway.

It should be kept in mind that the thickness of the oil/water interface will be the same regardless of whether the tank is small or large. The samples from the "center tank" show this clearly since the oil content of the water increases very rapidly as the surface is approached. After 22 hours settling, the increase starts at 48 centimeters below the surface. and increases up to the upper sampling point which 1s 25 cm below the surface. The increase 1n oil content diminishes as the settling proceeds, but it is still clearly present in this upper layer after 63 hours of settling. The samples from the "wing tank" does not show the same increase. but an increase can be noticed in the upper layer after 22 hours. After 63 hours settling, the oil content increase in tnis area is insignificant. This indicates that for the model experiments, one should expect a 25 • 30 cm thick layer below the oil/water interface that w111 contain a very high oil content.

After 63 hours the water in the "center tank" and the "wing tanks" was discharged, leaving on1y the 011 layer in the tanks. The analysis of the samples drawn during the d1scharge show an average oil content of 4 ppm.

The sampling series drawn from the "tanks" with much oil remaining show the same tendency as when there were little oil remaining. In this case it also appears to be a 25 - 30 cm thick layer below the 011/water interface that has a relatively high oil content. However. the samples drawn from the water below this layer after 63 hours settling. show the same average oil content {about 4 ppm)

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as when the tank. contains a small quantity of oil remaining.

The third series of samples were drawn from the "tanks" during simulation of a slop tank system. The operation that was simulated was the settling of slop after flushing of empty cargo tanks. It should be noted that the oil content of the settled water in the "tanks" is higher for the secondary "slop tank" which contains fairly little oil, than in the primary "slop tank" that contains considerably more oil, This phenomenon occurs already after l hour settling and is clearly evident all the time up to 45 hours settling. This is the same "inversely proportional" tendency that was noted onboard M/T "Berge Princess".

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I INTRODUCTION.

In order to investigate the various factors and parameters that influence the use of the LOT system onboard crude oil tankers with a view to comply with both the present and proposed new international regulations concerning oil discharged to sea, the LOT procedure was investigated onboard two Norwegian tankers during normal operating cunditions.

The investigation was carried out as follows:

- 318 samples of clean and dirty ballast water and slop were taken onboard a 280.000 tdw. crude oil tanker and analysed.
- 22 samples of dirty ballast water were taken onboard a 240.000 tdw crude oil tanker and analysed,
- 128 sarples were taken during model experiments in order to establish the relationship between the conditions onboard the 280.000 tdw. tanker with the conditions in a tank section mode¹.

The conclusion, a summary and a discussion of the results is contained in Commission Report No. 4/73. This subreport contains a detailed description of the investigations, while Commission Subrepurt Ho. 4B/73 on "Characterization of crude oil components in ballast and slop water from two crude oil tankers and from model experiments", contains a description of the methods used for analyses.

II SAMPLING ONBOARD M/T "BERGE PRINCESS"

II A. Description of the ship.

M/T "BERGE PRINCESS" which is owned and operated by Messrs. Sig. Bergesen d.y. & Co., was delivered from Mitsui Chiba Works in 1972. She has an overall length of 329 n., a breadth of about 52 m,, and a depth of about 28 m. With a draft of near 22 m., she has a deadweight capacity of about 280 000 tons. The tank section is divided into 6 center tanks and 6 wing tanks on each side. Wing tanks No. 3 Port and Starboard arc permanent ballast tanks. On each side aft of wing tanks No. 6 the ship *:* as one slop tank of 3776 cu.meters. The tank arrangement is shown schematically on Figure 1, with the tank volumes in cu.meters.

The ship is equipped with cargo piping system and stripping piping system with connection to all 'cargo tanks. In addition, the ship has a separate piping system for filling of the permanent ballast tanks. This piping system can also be used to fill clean sea water ballast into wing tanks No. 2 Port and Starboard and wing tanks No. 5 Port and Starboard. These tanks can he shut off by double valves from the cargo piping system, making it possible to fill ballast into these tanks while the unloading is going on from the other tanks.

The inlet to the Port slop tank from the stripping pumps and ejectors enters the tank 5.5 *m.* above the bottom. In order to let slop water flow from Port slop tank to Starboard slop tank, a 300 mm. diameter pipe is fitted between the tanks. This pipe connects an outlet 1.4 m, above the bottom in the Port slop tank with an inlat 9 m. above the bottom in the Starboard slop tank. A valve which can be operated from deck is fitted in the line. Furthermore, both slop tanks have valves in conrection with the stripping lines, and there arc va1vc3 in the bu1khcads between Port and Starboard wing tanks No. 6, respectively. In addition the Starboard slop tank is fitted with a valve on a piping connection to the No. 1 cargo piping line.

The stripping pumps were arranged so that it was very convenient

to draw samples of the water on the pressure side of the pumps when they were in use, When the cargo pumps were used, samples were drawn from the suction side of the pumps, both on the top and bottom of the supply piping. When tanks were decanted, however, there were no possibilities of drawing samples in the pump room.

The ship was equipped with inert gas system for all tanks and slop tanks.

II B. Cargo unloading data.

M/S "BERGE PRINCESS" arrived at Lyme Bay on Jan 25, 1973 from Kuwait carrying a full load (272 266 tons) of Kuwait crude oil, with an API of 31.8, and specific gravity of 0.8665 at 60 degrees F. 45960 tons of :he cargo was unloaded to another ship in Lyme Bay, after which the ship continued to Le Havre and unloaded another 126 792 tons. One barrel was filled with crude oil from the cargo and sent to Norway for the model experiments. Thereafter the ship continued to Isl. of Grain and unloaded the rest of the cargo, The unloading at Isl. of Grain started on Jan 29. at 1040 and was finishod on Jan 30 at 0700, lhe distribution of the cargo is shown on Figure 2, including the unloading plan for the three ports. The tanks marked with A were unloaded at Lyme Bay, B at Le Havre and C at Isl. of Grain.

Concurrently with the unloading at Isle of Grain, ballast was filled into the pernanent ballast tanks wing tanks No, 3 Port and Starboard, cargo tanks wing tanks No. 2 Port and Starboard and wing tanks No. G Port and Starboard. Decause of the limited draft for departure at Isl, of Grain, wing tanks No. 2 Port and Starboard and No. 5 Port and Starboard were not completely filled before departure. The ballast condition at departure is shown on Figure 3, while Figures 4 and 5 show the ballast condition during the voyage.

Departure Is1. of Grain took place on Jan 30, at 0900, and the ship was abreast of Cape Town on Feb 14. at 1800.

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The outline for the sampling presers to be conducted onboard the M/T "BERGE PRINCESS" specifies that samples should be drawn during the settling period of the dirty ballast and during discharge of ballast water, Samples should be drawn from a pair of identical wing tanks, a pair of identical senter tanks, as well as from the slop tanks. One of the wing tanks and one of the center tanks should have a relatively large quantity of oil remaining after unloading, comparable to the conditions in tanks that are not properly stripped after unloading, and one wing tank and one center tank should contain as small quantities of oil as possible, comparable to conditions in tanks that are very well stripped after unloading. The tanks selected for monitoring were wing tanks No. 5 Port and Starboard, and center tanks No. 1 and Mo. 3. Port wing tank No. 5 was stripped extra thoroughly, while Starboard wing tank No, 5 was stripped according to normal good practice, Coth center tanks No. 1 and No. 3 were stripped according to good normal practice, and in order to obtain different quantities of oil remaining in these tanks, the piping system was washed into center tonk No. 3. Slop tanks were to be filled with slop water from the flushing of the empty cargo tanks, and the stripping pumps should be used for stripping. During the settling of slop water, samples were to be drawn regularly.

Center tanks No. 2 and No. 5 should be washed to clean ballast standard. Samples should be drawn regularly of the water that was discharged overboard from the Starboard slop tank during tank washing, and samples should further be drawn from the settled water in the slop tank during the period after tank washing. The ejector should be used for stripping during tank washing. Samples should also be drawn from the slop water during the last discharge from the slop tanks.

Before departure from Is1. of Grain on Jan 30., wing tanks Ho. 5 Port and Starboard were filled to an ullage of 13 metres. On Jan ballast was discharged from wing tanks No. 2 Port and Starbeard, using cargo pump No. 1. Ballast was further pumped out of wing

tanks No. 3 Port and Starboard, or an clean ballast pump. Center tanks No. 1 and No. 3 were filled a can ullage of 4 m., using cargo pumps No. 2 and 3. The same lay, the wing tanks No. 5 Port and Starboard were also fille to an ullage of 4 m., using cargo pump No. 4. Since a valve on the cross-over line on the suction side of the pumps in the pump room was left open, it must be assumed that the ballast that was discharged from wing tanks No. 2 Port and

Starboard was drawn into cargo puses Nos. 2 and 3 and pumped into center tanks Nos. 1 and 3.

II D. Methods for sampling.

Two methods were used for drawing samples of the ballast and slop water from the tanks. The most used method was to lower a hose into the tank and pump the sample out, but samples were also drawn by the use of half liter glass bottles that were lowered into the tank and opened at the desired depth to obtain samples from these specific points. There were two difficulties in connection with the sampling, one of which was the oil layer that was floating on the surface of the ballast water in the tanks, and another one which was the fact that the tanks were under inert gas pressure and it was not desirable to open the tanks too often or longer than necessary.

a) Sampling equipment The equipment carried along for sampling consisted of:

600 100 ml. dark glass bottles 30 m. 2 in. plastic tube 1 pump 100 m. } in. thick walled hose 12 m. 7 in. plastic tube (PVC) 2 units of apparatus to draw samples directly from the and level in the tanks, using half litre glass bottles 1 measuring tape.

In addition the oil/water interface detector from the ship was used.

Hose and pump method, see Figure 6. $b)$

In order to avoid contamination of the sampling hose when it was lowered through the oil layer on the top of the water, a 5 meter long 2 in. plastic tube was first lowered into the tank. At the bottom end of the tube a lead plate was fastened to keep the tube in vertical position. To keep the oil from entering the tube when it was lowered through the oil layer, a plastic bag was wrapped over the lower end, and the tube was filled slowly with water as it was lowered down into the tank, keeping the level inside the tube equal to the cutside level. When the tube was in desired position, the plastic bag was drawn off by use of a wire and hauled up to deck. In this way a plastic tube was placed in each of the ttanks for sampling To prevent the possibility that some oil might have settled on the surface inside the tube since the sampling pipe was last used, an absorbent material was used befora every sampling to clean out any oil inside the tube. To simplify the sampling procedure the half inch sampling hose which was 26 m. long, was marked at 7 m., 16 m., and 25 m. A metal weight was fastened to the end of the hose to make it easter to slide the hose through the plastic tube and to ensure that it would hang as vertical as possible.

The samples were drawn from the tanks using a hand pump. For each level, before samples were drawn, 6 times the total volume of the sampling hose was first pumped through the hose to ensure that there was no contamination in the hose or in the pump. Furthermore, at frequent intervals clean sea water was pumped through the hose $e\otimes$ the pump and samples were drawn of the sea water before and after it had passed through the hose pump system. In this way, it could be detected if contanination of the sampling equipment occurred.

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c) Sampling glass method, see Figure 7, -----------~-----------------------

In order to make it possible to draw samples from tanks that had a larger ullage than that the pump could draw from, a different sampling method was used, With this method, a half liter sampling bottle was lowered into the tanks with suitable weights, and the sampling cock was opened and closed from the deck when at the desired level. For lowering or pulling up , a measuring tape was first used, but this broke after being used a short time and the wire for closing of the sampling cock was thereafter used for lowering and raising, In this way, this wire was kept in tension, such that the sampling cock was closed at a11 times during lowering and pulling up.

As shown on Figure 7, the sampling cock is controlled using a thin nylon line which passes through holes in the carrying bracket. It was first intended to use this nylon line all the way up to the deck to control the sampling cock, but the nylon line was too f'lexible and it was very difficult to have any feeling of the position of the cock. The nylon line was therefore cut about 20 cm. from the carrying bracket and a thin w1re was used from there on to the deck. *ln* this way, it was possible to have good control of the cock position. To avoid losing the apparatus into the tank if the nylon line should break, an extra safety loop was attached from the wire to the carrying bracket.

To avoid contaminating the appa~atus as it would be if it should pass through the oil layer on the top of the water 1n the tank, tt was hcra used a 7 1n. plastic tube to lower the apparatus through the oil layer down into the water, lhis plastic tube was lowered in the same way as the 2 in. tube described in the chapter about the sampling hose and pump. When the samples were taken up, part of the content was transferred to the 100 ml. sampling bottles.

This arrangement was in particular intended for use in the slop tanks. Due to the thick oil layer and relatively large variations in ullage in these tanks, however, it became difficult and near impossible to keep the 7 in. plastic tubes clean. Due to the

fact that the tanks were under inart gas pressure, the tank hatches could not be kept open at all times to lower or raise the plastic tubes as the ullages varied. As a result, the plastic tubes were contaminated with oil on the inside and could not be used.

For the other tanks the sampling bottle arrangement worked to the satisfaction of the operators.

d) Oil/water interface detection.

In order to measure the oil layer that was floating on the water in the tanks, the ships usual oil/water interface detector was used. When the oil layer was measured it was made several consecutive measurements in each tank. These varied very little which may indicate that this type of oil/water interface detector works very well.

The result of the measurements is shown on Figure 8, and is listed in Table 2 "MEASUREMENT OF OIL LAYER". The figure shows the oil quantity in cu.meters and in per cent of tank volume.

e) Conwents concerning ullage.

According to the calibration tables for the ship. the ullage is measured from the ullage hatch on the top of the tank hatch, down to the liquid level. In the report forms for the water samples, the u11agc und the depth of the sampling points arc measured from the edge of the Butterworth hatch where the samples were drawn.

II E. Description of the sameling.

$a)$ Sea water.

Sampled ahead and behind sampling hose and pump.

Every day one bucket of sea water was drawn from the sea water inlet in the engine room. A sanple of the water was first drawn directly from the buckets, thereafter a sample of the water was drawn after it had passed the sampling hose and pump to control the cleanliness of the sampling equipment. On Feb 3. the sea water showed an oil content of 6 ppm after it had passed the sampling hose and the pump. All the other samples showed oil contents of 1 ppm or below this. The result of this sampling is listed in Table 3.

b) Wing tanks No. 2 Port and Starboard. $116381 - 0^3$. ea., 29.61 m. deep)

Wing tanks No. 2 Port and Starboard were unloaded and stripped on Jan 27. Both tanks were well stripped as usual. The tanks were ballasted with clean sea water, using the clean ballast pump, while the unloading of the other tanks were still going on. The ballasting started on Jan 29. at 2030 hrs and was finished on Jan 30. at 0400 hrs, and the tanks were filled to an ullage of 14 m. The tanks were not filled up because of the limited draft for departure Isle of Grain.

Since it was desired to carry dirty ballast on Center Tanks No. 1 and No. 3, the ballast in wing tanks No. 2 Port and Starboard was discharged on Jan 31. from 1345 until 1800 using cargo pump No. 1. Because of 10 to 15 degrees rolling, the discharge was stopped at an ullage of 27.2 m. on both tanks. This leaves the liquid level 2.41 m. from the bottom. The average oil content of the discharged water was 130 ppm, and the water had been allowed to settle for 35 hours.

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At the same time that cargo pump No. 1 was used for discharge from wing tanks No. 2, cargo pumps Nos. 2 and *3* were used to pump ballast water into center tanks No. 1 and 3. In this way the carro pump No. 1 discharged ballast water to the same cross-over-line through which the other cargo pumps took in sea water, and it must be assumed that the water being discharged from pump No. 1 was drawn into pumps Nos. 2 and 3 and pumped into center tanks Nos. 1 and 3 , Lnus tilling these tanks not with clean sea water but with ballast from wing tanks No. 2.

On Feb. 3. the rest of the ballast water in wing tanks No. 2 Port and Starboard was transferred to Port slop tank. The connecting valve between the Port and Starboard slop tanks was open.

The results of the sampling from wing tanks No. 2 Port and Starboard is listed in Table 4.

c) Wing tanks No. 5 Port and Starboard $(24585 \text{ m}^3, \text{ea.}, 29.6 \text{ m. deep}).$

Wing tanks No. 5 Port and Starboard were unloaded and stripped on Jan 27. While wing tank No. 5 Starboard was well stripped as usual, an effort was made to empty wing tank No. 5 Port thoroughly in order to leave as little otl as possible in this tank. On Jan 29, from 2030 until Jan 30. 0400 both tanks were ballasted with clean sea water. using the clean ballast pump for filling. Both tanks were filled to an u:lagc of 13 m. The ballasting took place while other tanks were being unloaded, The tanks were not filled completely *due* to the limited draft ;or departure Isl. of Grain.

On Jan 31. from 1430 until 1900 more ballast was pumped into the tanks using c&rgo oil pump No. 4. The tanks were filled to an ullagc of 4.0 m. Due to heavy rolling, no samples were drawn of the ballast water until Feb. 1. From then on samples were drawn regularly.

On Feb. 7 0200 until 0445, ballast was pumped out using two cargo

pumps until the ullage was $U \subset \mathbb{R}$ ing the night between Feb 7. and Feb 8. settled ballast water *villamers* from the tanks to center tank No. 5. This was continged which the ullag<mark>e in the wing tanks Mo.</mark> 5 was 22 m. On Feb 7, at 1000 the pill layer on the water in wing tank No. 5 Port was 5 cm. which equals 44 m^3 , of oil, and in wing tank No. 5 Starboard, the layer was 13 am., which equals 113 m^3 . of oil.

On Feb 8, from 1807 to 2125, ballest was pumped out from wing tank No. 5, using one cargo pump. The discharge was stopped at an ullage of 28 m., which gave the liquid level of 1.6 m. in the tanks. This leaves 1.55 m. of water below the oil level in wing tank No. 5 Port and 1.47 m. below the oil layer in wing tank No. 5 Starboard.

Discharged overboard from wing tanks No. 5 Port and Starboard: On Feb 7, 0200 until 0445, 22654 ${\rm m}^3$. was discharged with an average oil content of 20 ppm. This equals 0.453 m $^3.$ of oil or 9.6 1./n.mi. On Feb 8, 1807 to 2125, 10444 ${\text{m}}^3.$ was discharged with an average oil content of 100 ppm. This equals 1,044 ${\tt m^3.}$ of oil or 19 1/n.mi. On Feb. 9, wing tanks Ho. 5 Port and Starboard were stripped into Port slop tank with the valve between the Port and Starbord slop tanks open.

The result of the sampling for wing tanks No. 5 are shown in Tables s. 6 and *7* and in Table 1 "Summary of settled ballast water and slop water discharged between Feb. 3, and 13, 1973".

d) Center Tank No. 1 $(25183 \text{ m}^3.)$ 31.07 m. deep). ---------------------------

Center Tank No. 1 was unloaded and stripped on Jan. 27. The tank was not washed or flushed before filled with sea water for ball, The ballasting took place on Jan. 31, from 1320 until 1800. 23245 of sea water was pumped into the tank, giving an ullage of 4 m.

Due to heavy rolling, samples of the ballast water were not drawn until Feb. 1, at 1400. The ballast water had then settled for 20 $\,\mathrm{hom}$ further samples were drawn at regular intervals from this time on .

On reb. 6, from 0600 until 0800 ballast water was decanted from the tank until the ullage was 11 meters. This was done to increase the trim by stern for tank washing of Center Tanks Nos. 2 and 5.

On Feb. 7, settled ba!last water was decanted from Center Tank No. 1 to Center Tank No. 2 until the ullage in Center Tank No. 1 was 21.5 meters. At 1000, the oil layer on the water in Center Tank No. 1 was 15 cm, which equals 129 m^3 of oil.

On Feb. 8, from 1900 until 2045, the ballast water was discharged from Center Tank No. 1, using one cargo pump. Discharging was stopped at 29.8 meters ullage. The liquid level in the tank at this point was 1.27 meters, which gives 1. 12 meters of water below the oil layer.

Quantities discharged from Center Tank No. 1: On Feb. 6, from 0600 until 0800 $-$ 6013 m³ was decanted with an average oil content of 30 ppm. This gives 0.110 m^3 of oil, or 5.3 1./ n.mile, On Feb 8, from 1900 until 2045 - 7030 m³ was pumped out with an average oil content of 200 ppm. This equals 1.426 $m³$ of oil, or 47.5 1./n.mile.

On Feb, 9, the remaining 1.27 meters of oil/water in Center Tank No. 1 was stripped into Port sloptank. The valve between Port and Starboard sloptanks was open.

The result of the sampling of Center Tank No. 1 is listed in Table 8 and in Table 1 HSummary of settled ballast water and slop water discharged between 3 Feb and 13 Feb 1973["].

e) Center Tank No. 3 (24936 m 3 ., 30.31 m. deep).

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Center Tank No. 3 was unloaded and stripped on Jan, 30• 1973. On Jan. 31, the cargo piping system was flushed and the oil/water mixture was pumped into this like wefore it was filled with sea water. Ballasting of the tank took place an Jan, 31, from 1320 until 1800. A total of 22597 m^3 , was pumpad is, giving an ullage of 4 m.

Due to heavy rolling of the ship, it was not possible to draw samples of the ballast water before on Feb. 1, at 1435. The dirty ballast water had at this time solvied for 20.5 hrs. Following this sampling, further samples were drawn regularly. On Feb. 7, at 1000 hrs., the oil layer on the water in the tank was measured to be 66 cm. which equals 567 m^3 . On Feb. 8, settled ballast water was decanted from Center tank No. 3 to Center tank No. 2 until the ullage of Center tank No. 3 was 12.2 m. From 1600 until 1900 the same day, ballast was discharged from center tank No. 3, using two cargo pumps until 1800, and one pump only thereafter. Discharging was slopped at 28.6 m. ullage, which left the liquid level in the tank 1.71 m. above the bottom. This leaves 1.05 m. water below the oil layer.

The quantities discharged overboard from Center tank No. 3 were as follows: On Feb. 8, 1600 - 1800, 11177 m^3 . was discharged, with an average oil content of 15 ppm. This gives 0.168 m^3 , of oil or 4.9 1./n.mi. On Feb. 8. 1800 - 1900, 2920 m^3 , was discharged, with an average oil content of 30 ppm. This gives 0.088 m^3 , of oil or 5.2 1./n.mi.

On Feb. 8, 1930 to Feb, 9, 0030, the rest **(1.71** m,) was stripped from Center tank No. *3* into Port slop tank. The valve between the Port and Starboard slop tanks was open.

The result of the sampling from Center tank No. 3 is listed in Table 9 and in Table 1 "Summary of settled ballast water and slop water discharged between Feb. 3, and Feb. 13, 1973".

 f) Center Tank No. 2 $(24936 \text{ m}^3, 30.32 \text{ m. deep})$

Center Tank No. 2 was unloaded and stripped on Jan. 27. On Jan. 31, at 1100, clean sea water was let into the tank until the water level was 1 meter above the bottom. This water was left in the tank for flushing and was stripped out on Feb. 2, at 200,

On Feb. 6, from 0800 unti'I 1700, Center Tank No. 2 was washed to clean ballast standard. The water from the tank washing was pumped to the slop tanks and samples were drawn as it was discharged from the secondary slop tank. The result of the sampling is listed in Table 14. During the night between 7 and 8 Feb, 15,500 $m³$ of settled ballast water from Center Tanks Nos. 1 and 3 was decanted to Cente . Tank No. 2.

On Feb. 8, from 1015 until 1530, clean sea water was pumped into Center Tank No. 2 until the ullage was 4 meters. Samples of the ballast water in this tank 15 minutes after the tank was filled showed an oil content of 27 ppm. The result of the sampling is listed in Table 10.

g) Center Tank No. 5 $(37404 \text{ m}^3, 30.31 \text{ m. ceep})$

Center Tank No. 5 was unloaded and stripped on Jan. 30. On Jan 31 at 1100, clean water was drained into the tank until a water leve² of 1 meter was reached, The water was left in the tank for flushirg until it was stripped out on Feb. 3 at 1800. The tank was washed to clean ballast standard from Feb. 6, at 1730, until Feb 7 at 0200. The water from the tank washing was pumped to the slop tanks and samples were drawn as it was discharged from the secondary slop tank. The result of this sampling is listed in Table 15.

During the night between 7 and 8 Feb, 9,500 m^3 scttled ballast water from Wing Tanks No. 5, Port and Starboard, was decanted to Center Tank No. 5. On Feb. 8, from 1015 until 1530, clean sea water was pumped into the tank until an ullage of 10 meter was reached. Samples of the ballast water in Center Tank No. 5, 30 minutes after filling was completed, showed oil content of 15 ppm. The result of the sampling **1s** listed 1n Table 11.

 \cdot , h) Slop Tanks Port and Starboard $(3776 \text{ m}^3, \text{ea.}, 24.46 \text{ m. deep}).$ --------------------------·---

> According to the calibration table, there remains 217 $m³$, in each tank when the ullage is 24.46 m. but the table ends at this point.

On Jan 31, the empty cargo tanks were filled with clean sea water to about 1 m. above the bottom for flushing of the bottom. On Feb. **2** and 3, the tanks were stripped. Stripping pumps were used and the contaminated water was pumped into Port slop tank, with the valve between Port and Starboard slop tanks open. On Feb 3, at 1600, both slop tanks were full and *3* m. was decanted from Starboard slop tank. The decanting stopped at 1615, The total quantity decanted was 602 m^3 ., with an assumed oil content of 120 ppm, which gives 0.072 m^3 . of oil or 13.0 1./n.mi.

At 1800, the stripping after flushing was finished, and at 1900 samples were drawn of the water in the slop tanks. The average oil content in the Port slop tank was 150 ppm, and tn the Starboard slop tank 100 ppm. On Feb 5, from 1430 to 1700, settled slop water was decanted from the Starboard slop tank. The valve be*ween Port and Starboard slop tanks was open. The decanting was stopped when the ullage in the Starboard sloo tank was 16.5 m. and in the Port slop tank 13.5 m. A total of 4753 m³. was decanted, with an average oil content of 40 ppm. This equals 0.190 m^3 , of oil or 4.5 1./n.mi.

On Feb 5, at 0830, the oil layer on the water in Starboard slop tank was measured to be 18 cm.; this equals 35 m^3 . At 1030 the same day. the oil layer on the water in the Port slop tank was measured to be 255 cm., which equals 515 m^3 . At 1430 the same day, the average oil content in the water below the oil layer in the Port slop tank was 22 ppm, and in the Starboard slop tank 47 ppm.

On Feb 6, at 0800. washing was started in center tank No. 2. using 11 washing machines with a capacity 35 $m³$, for each machine, The tank was stripped, using Port ejector into Port slop tank. The valve between the slop tanks was open. At 0840, cargo pump No. 1 was

started to discharge from Starboard slop tank. The quantity discharged was controlled by adjusting the pressure valve for the pump The cargo oil pump was used to discharge the water instead of decanting, in order to be able to draw samples of the water that was discharged. The difference between the liquid levels in the slop tanks was kept to about 7 m. The ullage in the Port slop tank varied between 9 and 5 meters while in the Starboard slop tank, the ullage varied between 16 and 12 meters The flow through the slop tanks was estimated to be 1435 m³./hour. The average total slop volume in the slop tanks during the washing process was 4300 π^3 .

At 1700, the washing of center tank No. 2 was finished. The total volume that was discharged from Starboard slop tank was 11910 $m³$ with an average oil content of 125 pp , which equals 1.489 m^3 . oil. The discharge took place over a period of 8.3 hours, which resulted in a discharge rate of 10.5 1./n.mi. The maximum oil content of the water that was discharged from the Starboard slop tank during the washing period for center tank No. 2, was 380 ppm, which gives **a** rate of 32 l./n.mi.

On Feb 6, from 1700 until Feb 7, 0200, center tank No. 5 was washed, using 11 washing machines with a capacity of 35 m 3 , each. The same method was used for stripping and discharging from the slop tanks as was used for washing of center tank No. 2. During the 9 hours that the washing went on, 12915 m^3 , was discharged from the Starboard slop tank. The discharge had an average oil content of 160 ppm, which equals 2.066 m^3 , of oil. This gives a discharge rate of 13.5 1./n.mi. The maximum oil content in the water that was discharged from the Starboard slop tank during this washing period was 248 ppm, which results in **a** discharge rate of 21 1./n.mi.

On Feb. 7. **at** 1100, the oil layer in the slop tanks was measured to be 417 cm. thick, which equals 788 a^3 , in the Port slop tank and 41 $\,$ cm. thick, which equals 78 cu.m. in the Starboard slop tank. At this point the ullage in the Port slop tank was 7.3 m., which gives a total slop volwse of 2649 cu.m., and the ullage in the Starboard slop tank was 8.4 m., which gives a total slop volume of 2436 cu.m. in this tank. From 1430 until 1700 on the same day, settled slop water

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was decanted from the Starbcard slop tank, with the valve between the Port and Starboard slop tanks open. When the decanting was stopped, the ullage in the Port slop tunk was 16 m. and in the Starboard slop tank 20 m. This gives a remaining slop in the tanks of 1107 cu,m. and 561 cu.m., respectively. The total volume discharged was 3417 cu.m. during the 2.5 hrs. Since the settled slop water was decanted rather than being pumped out, there was no possibility of drawing samples of the discharge, and it was therefore estimated that the oil content of the slop water was the same as the last sample drawn during washing, 100 ppm of oil. This would equal 0.342 cu.m. oil or 8,1 1./n.mi.

On Feb 8, 1930, until Feb 9, 0030, center tank No. 3 was stripped into Port slop tank, with the valve between Port and Starboard slop tanks open. On Feb 9, 0830 until 1800. center tank No. 1 and wing tanks No. 5 Port and Starboard were stripped into Port slop tank, with the valve between Port and Starboard slop tanks open. This resulted in ullages of 6.2 m. and 6.8 m. in the Port and Starboard slop tanks, respectively, g;ving a volume of 2864 cu.m. in the Port slop tank and 2746 cu.m. in the Starboard slop tank. On Feb 9, at 1900, the oil layer on the water in the slop tanks was mea5urcd to be 762 cm. thick in the Port slop tank and 48 cm. thick in the Starboard slop tank. This equals 1410 cu.m. and 94 cu.m., respectively.

On Feb 10, at 0850, 15 hours after the last stripping into the slop tanks, discharge of settled slop water from the Starboard slop tank was started. The valve between the Port and Starboard slop tanks open. It was also opened for decanting of Starboard slop tank directly into the sea. At 1135, the valve between the Port and Starboard slop tanks was closed. At this point the ullage in the Port slop tank was 12.8 m. and in the Starboard slop tank 14.4 m, The total discharged volume was 2623 cu.m., with an average oil content of 180 ppm, which equals 0.472 cu.m. of oil. This gives an overboard discharge rate of 10.3 1./n.ai. At 1230, the decanting was stopped but it was centinued to discharge from the Starboard slop tank. using a stripping pump. From 1135 until 1230, 712 cu.m. of settled slop was discharged, with an average oil content of 350 ppm. This equals 0.249 cu.m. of oil, which gives a discharge rate of 15.6 1./ $n.m$.

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From 1230 until 1315, the discharge esing a stripping pump was continued. In this period, i.e. shop was discharged, with an average oil content of 400 ppm. This equals 0.077 cu.m. of oil, which results in a discharge return of $6.4, 1.$ /n.mi. At 1315, the ullage in the Starboard sign Lank (as 2'.0 m. The overboard discharge was stopped, and the rese in the Starboard slop tank was stripped over to the Port slep tank. At 1510, the Starboard slop tank was empty and the ullage in the Port slop tank was 10.5 m. The total discharge volume from the slop tanks between 0850 and 1315 was 3506 cu.m., of which 0.788 cu.m. was oil.

On Feb 13, at 0900, the oil layer on the slop water in the Port slop tank was measured to be 930 cm. thick, which equals 1457 cu.m. of oil. The settling time after last stripping into Port slop tank has at this point, 66 hours. A volume of 1457 cu.m. in the Port slop tank gives an ullage of 13.81 m. At 0935 discharge of settled slop water from the Port slop tank, using one stripping pump, was commenced. At 1130, the ullage was 13.4 m., and oil content of the water after the pump was increasing rapidly. The discharge would therefore normally have been stopped at this point. The total volume discharged between 0935 and 1139 was 528 cu.m. with an average oil content of 640 ppm, which equals 0.338 cu.m. of oil. This gives a discharge rate of 10.5 1, of oil/n.mi.

In the interest of the experiments, it was decided to go beyond normal operating practices and continue the discharge for a few minutes. This was done to obtain samples from the discharge to establish how rapidly the oil content of the discharge increased when the ofl/water interface was approached closer than normal practice allows. The discharge was hence continued until 1135, with an additional discharge of 20 cu.m. The ullage in the tank at \pm time was 13.6 m, and sample 304 drawn at 1135 shows that the oil of a tent at this point was 4%, which results in a discharge rate of fill 1/n.mi, With the ullage of 13.6 m, about 1492 cu.m. is left in all tank. Compared with the measurement with the oil layer at 6900. should therefore still be 35 cu.m. of water in the Port slop tame The result of the sampling from the slop tanks is listed in lab. 12. 13. 14 and 15 and in lable 1 "Summary of Settled Ballast head: and Slop Water discharged between Feb 3 and Feb 13, 1973".

A total of 13 samples were drawn from the oil layer in the port slop tank. as well as one sample from the oil layer on the ballast water in center tank No. 3. This sample was drawn on Feb 2.

Of the other samples, one was drawn on Feb 3, when the slop tank was filled with slop after the flushing of the empty cargo tanks. The remainder of the samples were drawn from the port slop tank after the last overboard discharge had been stopped. The samples were drawn consecutively at every meter depth in the slop. The result of the analysis show a relatively small variation around 20 - 25 per cent by weight of water in the slop.

The result of the sampling of the oil layers is found in Table 16.

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III SAMPLING ONBOARD T/T "FERRECOURT".

An additional shipboard sampling program was conducted onboard the T/T "Ferncourt", belonging to the Fernley & Eger Shipowners of Oslo, Norway. The T/T "Ferncourt" has a deadweight tonnage of 244.000, and the samples were drawn from the center tank No. 3, which has **a** capacity of 10.000 cu. matras. A total of 21 samples were drawn from the ballast water in this tank, in addition to samples of the cargo oil for analysis reference standard. The T/T "Ferncourt" carried Kuwait crude with API of 31.7 from Mina Al Amadi, and the cargo was unloaded a. Rotterdan on Jan 9, 1973. Center tank No. 3 was filled with clean sea water to an uliage of 1.5 m. on Jan 11, 1973, and samples were drawn 3, 8, 14, 32 and 56 hours after the filling was completed. The tank is 28 meters deep, and the samples were drawn from three levels, which were respectively 3.5, 14.0 and 27.0 meters below the deck. The tank was judged to have a relatively large amount of oil remaining. The equipment used for sampling was similar to that described for the shipboard sampling onboard the M/T "Berge Princess", A two-inch tube was placed in position extending below the oil layer on the top of the water, taking care that no oil was allowed inside this tube. A small hose was lowered through the tube down into the tank for sampling. lhc hose was weighted at the lower end to keep it vertical. On deck, the hose was connected to the suction side of a spray gun, and large quantities of water were allowed to flow through the sampling equipment before the samples were actually taken. The sampling program was conducted by the Shipowner's inspector, who is a chemical engineer, and the samples were stored on glass bottles which were prepared by the Central Institute of Industrial Research, Oslo, as described in the report from this institute in the next section.

The analyses of the samples show that the oil content of the ballast water in the tank is very low. It is, however, interesting to note that the oil content at the upper sampling point is increasing with time. This is probably due to the build-up of the cil layer of the top, causing the ofl/water interface to extend further into the

tank as the oil layer thickens. The upper sampling point is only two meters below the surface of the ballast in this tank, and it is apparent from the increase in ppm that oil/water interface is approaching this point, It is furthermore clear that it should be possible to discharge the bulk of this ballast directly to the sea without exceeding 30 ppm for instance.

The result of the analysis of the samples is listed in Table 18.

IV TANK SECTION MODEL EXPERIMENTS.

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The model experiments were conducted in order to establish the relationship between the conditions onboard **a** tanker and the conditions in a tank section model in the laboratory. The model experiments herein were meant **as** reference experiments and it was attempted to simulate the operations onboard the M/T ''Berge Princess" as much as possible. Samples were drawn after the same period of settling and at depths relative to those onboard. The crude oil used for the experiments was pumped from the ship's cargo in Le Havre and sent to Norway.

Three series of experiments were conducted, using the tank section model as center tanks and wing tanks \;ith little and much oil remaining, and as slop tanks in series.

IV A. Description of the experiment.

The model experiments were conducted in a tank section model consisting of three different tanks (two wing tanks and one center tank), as shown on Figuras 9 and 10. The center tank and the Starboard wing tank were used for dirty ballast tanks. Both wing tanks were used for slop tanks, and the center tank was used to blend oil and water for a simulation of the flushing proces5. The result of the analysis of the samples is listed in Table 19.

The experiments were conducted as follows:

a) Sample series 1 The center tank and the starboard wing tank were used for "dirty ballast tanks" containing as little oil as possible. The tanks were sprayed with 0.6 % and 0.2 % crude oil, respectively. The tanks were then filled with fresh water until the ligaid level was 1 meter above the bottom of the tank, The samples were drawn, following the onboard sampling program as close

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as possible. I have 19 shows the sampling program and the result is the sampling. After 63 hours, the free weber has drained from both tanks.

- b) Sample series 2 The center tank and the starboard wing tank were used for "dirty ballast tanks", containing relatively much oi! It was assumed that the oil from the sample series No. 1 remained in the tanks and more oil was added to bring the oil quantity in the tanks to 2.5 % in the center tank and 0.5 *¾* in the wing tank. Sampling was conducted as for sampling series 1.
- c) Sample series 3 Port and Starboard wing tanks were used for "slop tanks" and it was an open connection between them with an inlet near the bottom of the port wing tank and an outlet around the middle of the starboard wing tank. To simulate the flushing of the cargo tanks, the center tank was used to blend 5.85 litres (7.5%) crude oil and 72 litres (92.5%) of water. This oil/water mixture was pumped from the bottom of the tenk and entered the port slop tank about halfway up. A new quantity of the oil/water mixture was then prepared in the center tank and again pumped into the port wing tank. This was repeated another seven times, simulating the pumping of the flushing water from nine cargo tanks, as were done onboard. The sampling program followed the onboard sampling program as closely as pussi:
- d) Sample series A The slop tanks were now full of slop from the series No. 3. At this point, $38.5 %$ of the fuslop water quantity was drained out, leaving 443 litres of slop. To simulate slop water \mathbb{S}^1 the washing process, oil and water was mixed by the use of an ejector, and the mixture was pusped

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into the primary slop tank (the port tank) about halfway up. The flow corresponded to the flow onboard. Samples were drawn of the oil water mixture 1n order to control the oil content. Samples were also drawn of the water being discharged. After completion of sample series 4, the slop water was left to settle for 15 hours.

- e) Sample series 5 Free water was drained from the secondary slop tank, using the same discharge rate as used during sample series No. 4, until the interface approaced the bottom of the tank. The slop tanks were connected through an open connection. Samples were drawn of the discharge water.
- f) Sample series 6 The oil that remained in the secondary slop tank was pumped into the primary slop tank. The content **of** this tank was allowed to settle for 66 hours, The free water in the tank was thereafter drained with the same discharge rate as used in sample series No. 4, until the interface approached the bottom of the tank. Samples were drawn of the discharge water. In this case samples were also drawn of the oil remaining in the tanks, to find the water content of the oil.

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MEASURED OIL LAYER ON TOP OF BALLAST WATER IN UNWASHED CARGO TANKS, SHOWN IN CU.METRES AND PERCENT OF TANK VOLUME.

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SLOPTANKS AFTER FLUSHING OF

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TANK SECTION MODEL USED AS SLOP TANK DURING TANKWASHING.

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SUMMARY OF SETTLED BALLAST WATER AND SLOP WATER DISCHARGED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 3 D AND 13TH, 1973.

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DATE	TIME	NO.	TANK	BELOW DECK	ULLAGE	METHOD	CONC.	REMARKS	
4/2	0830	135 136	5 P \mathbf{H}	7 m 16 m	2.8 m \mathbf{H}	IR GC	21 ppm \mathbf{H} 20 ₂	85.5 hrs. settling.	
		137	\mathbf{H}_{\perp}	25 m	\mathbf{H} .	IR	$\pmb{\mathfrak{u}}$ 22		
5/2	0330	164 765 166	\mathbf{H}^{\pm}	7 m 16 m 25 m	2.8 m ϵ	Λ . IR	~ 0 18 76 \mathbf{H} $17.$ $"$	109.5 hrs. settling. 3 cm. oil.	
6/2	0830	177 178 179	\mathbf{H} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{H}	7 m 15 m 25 m	2.8 m $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{q}}$. ~ 100 km $^{-1}$	IR	17 \sim H $_{\odot}$ \mathbf{H} 18 \mathbf{u} 18	133.5 hrs. settling.	
7/2	1000		\mathbf{H}^-		15.8 m			5 cm. oil. (by oil/water interface detector) 44 m^3	
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		SANPLE	SAMPLING POINT			DETERMINATION		
DATE	TIME	NO.	TANK	JELOW DECK	ULLAGE	METHOD	CONC.	REMARKS
1/2	1400	37	C ₁	7 m	1.94 m	IR		123 ppm 20.0 hrs. settling. Pump and hose used
\mathbf{H} \mathbf{H} .	1410 1420	38 39	\mathbf{H} $\pmb{\mathfrak{h}}$	16 m 25 m	\mathbf{H} \mathbf{H}^-	\mathbf{H} \mathbf{H}^{\pm}	73 ppm 117 pp α	for sampling.
\mathbf{H} $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{H}}$	1640 1655	49 50	\mathbf{H} . \mathbf{H}	7 m 15 m	\mathbf{H} \mathbf{H}	$19 -$ CC		108 ppn 22.7 hrs. settling.
Ħ	1710	51	\mathbf{u}	25 m	Ħ	IR	113 ppm	
2/2	0930	63 64 65	$\bar{\mathbf{H}}$	7 m $1C$ m 25 m	\mathbf{d} \mathbf{H}	IR \mathbf{H} \mathbf{H} .	109 ppm 105 ppm	46 ppm 39.5 hrs. settling.
\mathbf{H}	1600	76 77 78	\mathbf{H}^-	7 m 16 _m 25 m	\mathbf{H} \mathbf{H}	\mathbf{H} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{H}	93 ppm 98 ppm	109 ppm 46 hrs. settling.
3/2 \mathbf{H}^-	0930	91 92 93	\mathbf{H}	7 m 16 _m 25 m	\mathbf{H} \mathbf{H}^{\top} $\pmb{\mathfrak{m}}$	\mathbf{H} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{H}^-	73 ppm 75 ppm	83 ppm 63.5 hrs. settling.
\mathbf{H}_\parallel	1600	105 105 107	\mathbf{H}_\parallel $\mathbf H$ $\pmb{\mathfrak{m}}$	7 m 16 _m 25 m	\mathbf{H}^{\pm} \mathbf{H}	$\pmb{\mathfrak{g}}$ $\ddot{\mathbf{H}}$ \mathbf{H}^-	83 ppm 64 ppm	85 ppm 70.5 hrs. settling.
3/2	1600	103 109 119	C ₁ \mathbf{H}	-7 m^2 16 m 25 m	1.94 m	IR. \mathbf{H} \mathbf{H} .	65 ppm 66 ppm	73 ppm Sampling point 5 m from bulkheads.

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DATE	TIME	SAMPLE NO.	SAMPLING POINT			DETERMINATION		
			TANK	SELOW DECK	ULLAGE	METHOD	CONC.	REMARKS
4/2.	1000	132 133 134	C.3 \mathbf{u} \mathbf{H}^{max} .	7 m 16 _m 25 m	2.9 m \mathbf{H} \mathbf{H}	GC or GC/MS		88 hrs. settling. Pump and hose used for sampling
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6/2.	1000	183 184 185	Ħ $\pmb{\mathsf{H}}$ $\pmb{\mathfrak{m}}$	7 m 16 m 25 m	\mathbf{H}^- \mathbf{H} . \mathbf{B}	IR	\mathbf{H} 8 \mathbf{u} 8 $\overline{7}$ \mathbf{H}	136 hrs. settling.
7/2.	1000		\mathbf{H}		H			66 cm. oil (by oil/water interface detector). 6567 m^3 .
$3/2$.	1730 1820 1845	234 236 233	\mathbf{A}	P. room \mathbf{H} Ħ \bullet	21 m 26.4 m 27.7 m	IR	12 $\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{out}}$ 26 \mathbf{H}_\parallel 33 [°] \mathbf{H}	1600 commenced pumping out ballast from C 3. Ullage 12.2 m. 1900 deballasting stopped. Ullage 28.6 m. 1.70 m. above the bottom. 1.04 m. under the off layer. Samples taken in the pumproom, suction side of pump no. 4. $T = top of section line.$ Settling time: 190 hrs. Depth of $C = 3 = 30,30$ m.

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SAMPLE SERIES NO. **1** A, "DIRTY BALLAST TANKS".

Center tank contains 0.6% crude oil of tank volume.

Wing tank contains 0.2% crude oil of tank volume.

The following quantities of crude olje are sprayed on the bulkhead and the bottom in the center tanks and starboard wing tanks:

C.T. 3.25 litres crude oil

W.T. 0.72 litres crude oil.

The tanks are then filled with fresh water until the surface is I meter above the bottom. The total liquid quantity is at this point: C.T. 540 litres, W.T. 360 litres.

Samples are drawn according to the above table.

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After 63 hours, the free water in the lower section of the tanks is drained out, leaving only the oil layer on the top.

The samples are drawn according to the following table.

The discharge rate is reduced towards the end of the draining to avoid turbulence at the outlet.

Disregarding the relatively small quantities of oil contained in the water that is discharged, it is assumed
that the tanks contain the same quantities of oil after completion of the sampling series as they contained at the beginning.

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SAMPLING SERIES NO: 2, "DIRTY BALLAST TANKS".

Center tank contains 2.5% crude oil of tank volume.

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After 63 hours, the free water in the lower section of the tanks are drained, leaving only the oil layer in the tanks.

The samples are drawn according to the table below.

After the free water is drained out, it remains the following quantities of oil: In the center tank, 13.5 litres, In the wing tank, 1.8 litres.

The discharge rate is reduced towards the end of the draining to avoid turbulence near the outlet.

SAMPLING PROGRAM NO. 3, "FLUSHING OF TANKS".

The center tank shall be filled with 5.85 litres of oil. The oil is sprayed on the lower part of the tank bulkheads. The tank is then filled with 78 litres of fresh water. This gives an oil content of 7.5%. This mixture is pumped from the bottom of the tank and into the port slop tank, about halfway up. There shall be an open connection between the bottom of the port slop tank and the middle of the starboard slop tank. This mixing/pumping is done 9 times, simulating the flushing of nine cargo tanks. The total quantity of liquid in the slop tank should then be 720 litres. The center tank and the starboard wing tanks should be full at this point.

PRIMARY SLOP TANK.

Samples drawn according to the table.

The capital letters A and B are used to identify the samples when more than one sample is drawn from one point at the time.

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SAMPLING PROGRAM NO. 4, "TANK WASHING".

The slop tanks are now full of slop from the flushing. There shall be an open connection between the bottom of the primary slop tank and the middle of the secondary slop tank.

38,5% of the total slop quantity (equalling 272 litres) shall be drained out. This leaves 443 litres of slop in the tanks. Washing water mixed with oil shall be pumped into the first slop tank about halfway up, at the same time that the secondary slop tank is opened for decanting to keep the slop level in the primary tank constant.

The discharge rate shall be adjusted so that the slop will take about 3 hours through both the tanks.

The pumped oil quantity deviates a little from the required quantities. This is because the peristaltic pump was not quite adjustable for the required values. Hovewer, samples of the slop pumped into the tanks will give the actual oil content. The slop is to be left for 15 hours for settling.

SAMPLING PROGRAM NO. 5, "DRAINING".

Free water is drained from the secondary slop tank until all the water has been discharged. The slop tanks shall have an open connection between them as previously.

The discharge rate is about 147 litres/hour.

The tank shall be drained until the interface approaches the outlet.

The discharge rate shall be reduced towards the end of the draining to avoid turbulence near the outlet.

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The/water remaining in the secondary slop tank after sample series No. 4, is pumped into the primary slop tank.

The primary slop tank is then left to settle for 66 hours.

All the water is thereafter drained from the bottom of the primary slop tank, using a discharge rate of about 147 litres per hour.

Samples of the discharge water is drawn every half hour. The discharge is continued until the interface approaches the outlet. Thereafter, samples are drawn from different levels in the remaining slop. The discharge rate is reduced towards the end of the draining, to avoid turbulence near the outlet. Two samples were drawn from the remaining slop in the primary slop tank.

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CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF CRUDE OIL COMPONENTS IN BALLAST AND SLOP WATER FROM A VERY LARGE CRUDE CARRIER (VLCC) AND FROM MODEL EXPERIMENTS

SUMMARY

As part of the studies proposed in Commission No. 832.2012, Report No. $2/73$ "Outline of experiments, load-on-top system", this report presents results from the chemical characterization of crude oil components found in ballast and slop water from a very large crude carrier (VLCC) and from model experiments. The oil content has been determined in 276 samples from a VLCC and in 126 samples from model experiments, using a method based on extraction into an organic solvent followed by quantification by infrared (IR) spectro• scopy. In water samples that were partioularily rich in oil {slop), the content of water has been determined by azeotropic distillation. A number of aliphatic and aromatic components both in the original crude oil and in water samples have been identified by combined gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (OC-MS). Low and high temperature gas chromatographic (GC) analyses have been carried out on a total of 23 samples in order to estimate relative concentrations of individual components as well as variations in total contents of aliphatics and aromatics, respectively.

The water samples have been received without any further knowledge of the basis for their selection. In this report, the analytical results are presented in tabulated forms, and only a general discussion or the analytical methods employed together with a broad classification or the OC-sarnplos **as** being very rich, rich, intermediate or low in aro• matics has been included.

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1. INTRODUCTION

As part of the studies proposed in Commission No. 832.2012, Report No. 2/73 "Outline of experiments, load-on-top system" (ref. l), a total of 315 samples from a very large crude carrier (VLCC) and 128 samples from model experiments have been analyzed and characterized by chemical methods. In this report, the methods employed as well as all analytical data obtained will be presented and discussed in some detail.

2. ANALYTICAL METHODS

Tha water samples collected from the VLCC were to be analyzed for total content of crude oil (ppm) and individual components identified and quantified, whereas the samples from model experiments were to be analyzed only quantitatively. For the latter type of analysis, the infrared spectroscopic (IR) method was chosen, and for the further characterization and identification, suitable methods inoluded gas liquid chromatography (GC) and combined gas liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) . In some of the samples of slop, the water content was determined by azeotropio distillation with toluene. These methods, with experimental details as well **as** the techniques employed for the storage of samples and for the extraction of crude oil components from samples,are described in the following.

2.1 SAMPLE STORAGE

For preservation of the water from the time of sampling until the analyses, aqueous sulphuric acid $(1 \text{ ml}, 3 \text{ N})$ was added to the empty sampling bottles (100 ml dark brown glass bottles with screw cap, **see** fig. 2). Thus, the resulting mixtures obtained **a** pH of approxi• mately 1.5 • 2,0, and algal or baoterial growth in the samples was avoided during transport and storage.

2.2 IR-METHOD

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The IR•method is used tor quantitative estimation of the total content of oil in water. It is fairly rapid and well suited for routine analyses of a large number of samples. Burthermone, the method is not

destructive, and thus, the samples can be preserved for further investigations. The main limitations are a) lack of specificity, i.e. total extractable organics (also other than oil components) containing aliphatic carbon-hydrogen bonds will be determined; b) since aromatic carbon-hydrogen bonds have absorption bands outside the spectral region employed, values for samples that are rich in aromatics might be too low when compared with commonly employed standards; nnd c) although sufficient for the present purpose, the sensitivity is somewhat limited and often inadequate when sample volumes are small and concentrations of oil are low.

Exoerimental details

The procedure employed in the present investigation is based on a common and widely accepted method (ref. 2 and *3).* Experimental de• tails were as follows:

The water sample was transferred to a separatory funnel (250 m) glass funnel with a Teflon stop cock, see fig. 2). The sample flask was rinsed with carbon tetrachloride (10 ml, Merck, Uvasol grade), which was then added to the funnel and used for quantitative extraction of oil components by shaking (15 min) in a shaking machine (horizontal stroke ca. 6 cm, speed approximately 170 strokes per min, see fig. 1), When the samples were rich in oil, additional carbon tetrachloride was added in portions of 10 ml to the funnel before shaking until a suitable dilution was obtained. After settling (10 min), the organic layer (10 ml) was transferred to a regular glass tube (15 ml, see fig. 3), the volume marked and the snmpla kept in a refrigerator before analysis. For quantification, an aliquot (ca. 4 ml) was transferred to a quartz cell (1 cm), and the spectral region from about 2.9 to 4.2 μ m (3400 to 2400 cm⁻¹) was recorded against a compensating carbon tetrachloride blank (see fig. 8) in a Perkin Elmer Model 457 Double Beam Grating Infrared Spectrophotometer (see fig. 5) operating at slow mode (100 cm⁻¹ per min). The

absorbances at $\frac{1}{20}$, 42 μ m (2920 cm⁻¹) and 3.50 μ m (2860 cm⁻¹) were added, and the concentration of extractable oil components in the sample was determined directly from a standard curve based on the actual oil that had been transported.

Samples with absorbances larger than approximately 0.9 had to be diluted before final quantification.

Discussion

Due to impurities, the carbon tetrachloride blank showed small background absorptions at 3,42 and 3,50 µm, Varying somewhat from bottle to bottle, this absorption could be significantly reduced, but not completely removed by treatment with Molecular Sieve 5A. Therefore, the solvent was used without pretreatment and care was taken to use solvent from the same bottle for extraction and dilution as well as in the IR reference cell.

The "Florisil" treatment for "removal of non-hydrocarbons" (ref. 2) **was** not used in the present procedure. Preliminary experiments had shown rather small effects on the absorbances at $3,42$ and $3,50 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$, **and** emittance of this step made the procedure simpler and more rapid, Since this step was also omitted during the preparation of the calibration curve, the error was thereby further reduced and was considered negligible.

The yield of extraction was tested in several experimencs prior to the work-up of the actual samples. In the procedure described above, an almost quantitative recovery of oil components was obtained from the water phase, and the single extraction step was as effective as two or three extractions with smaller amounts of solvent (the amount of solvent employed was substantially larger than recommended in ref, 2J **i.e.** 50 ml of oarbon tetrachloride per 3 litres of water).

The calibration curve was based on the actual oil that had been transported (Mena Crude (Kuwait), API 31.8, sp.g. 0.8665, $T=82^{\circ}F$).

Being a little higher, these values differed somewhat from those obtained from **a** recommended {ref • .3) synthetic standard blend routinely used in our laboratories for quantification of unknown samples.

2.3 GC-METHOD

General

The gas liquid chromatographic (GLC or GC) analytical method **is** widely employed for the characterization and qualitative and quantitative analyses of organic components (also recommended in ref. 2). In principle, a given component (or a mixture of components) is injected ns a liquid {or in solution) into the GC where it is vaporized and carried through a separation column in a stream of carrier gas (usually nitrogen, N_{2} , or helium, He). Ideally, components will be completely separated and registered individually in a suitable detector (the general response flame ionization detector (FID) **is** commonly used for hydrocarbon analyses). The detector signals are amplified and visualized on a strip chart recorder. The peaks in the resulting gas chromatogram can be quantified either by manual methods (measurements of peak heights etc.), or an electronic integrator can be employed in the calculations. The use of an internal or an external standard 1s recommended for precise determinations.

The general requirements are

- a) all components in a given mixture have to be vaporized at the given inJoctor temperature {up to approximately 300°c) for complete analysis;
- b) all components should be thermally stable during the whole chromatographic sequence;
- o) individual components should be present in concentrations of at least a few nanograms (ng) per ml (ppb) ; and
- d) for exact quantification, all components in a given mixture have to be completely separated and linear reponse curves should be recorded for each component by the use of pure standards.

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With rather complex mixtures (such as crude oil), several compromises have to be reached. For complete characterization of the low boiling components in a given crude oil, a high resolution capillary colunm must be employed. Higher boiling components can be further characterized with a high capacity packed column operating at higher temperatures. Still, components boiling above approximately $350-400^{\circ}$ C will not be vaporized and analyzed under ordinary GC conditions.

Experimental details

Sample volumes of 100 ml with expected low oil contents of a few ppm,seriously restricted the maximum amount of organic solvent that could be employed. Furthermore, since preconcentration of an extract by evaporation causes heavy loss of volatile components, the following experimental procedure was used for extraction of oil components prior to OC (and GC/MS) analysis:

To the sample bottle was added carbon disulfide (0.3 ml, Merck pro analysi), the screw cap was fitted with aluminium foil prerinsed with the same solvent and the mixture was shaken in a shaking machine (15 min) and immediately transferred to a separatory funnel $(250 \text{ m}).$ After settling (10-15 min), approximately 10 ml of the content was transferred to a centrifuge tube (10 ml). After centrifugation (5 min, 1500 rpm, see fig. 4), the organic layer containing the oil components was found as a small droplet in the bottom of the tube (see fig. 3). From this droplet, aliquots (1 pl) were removed for GC (or GC/MS) analyses by the use of a hypodermic syringe (10 μ 1) pushed through the water layer.

The instruments used in the OC analyses were the following (see fig. 6): Gas chromatograph: Perkin Elmer Model 900. Recorder: Hitachi Perkin Elmer Model 159 (1 mV). Integrator: Varian Aerograph Model 48o Electronic Integrator.

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The experimental conditions for the low temperature GC were as follows:
Column: "SCOT" 50 feet x 0,02 inches ID
           Polyphenylether 0S-138 (theoretical plates (n) = 32.000or 2,100 per metre), 
Carrier gas: 4 ml per min nitrogen (N_2) through the column (split 1:3)
Detector: Flame ionization FID (single) 
Detector temperature: 200 <sup>o</sup>C
 Injector temperature: 
150 °c 
Column temperatures: Isothermal 10 ^{\circ}C for 3 min; programmed run
                       10-190 °C with 6 °C per min; isothermal 190 °C for
                       approximately 10 min 
Injected volumes: 1 \mu l of the carbon disulfide solutions;
                    0.2 µl of the pure oil sample. 
The experimental conditions for the high temperature GC were as follows:
Column: 2 M 3.6 \% SE 30 on Chromosorb W 80-100 mesh (theoretical plates
         (n)=JOOO or 1500 per metre) 
Carrier gas: 30 ml per min nitrogen (N_0) through the column
Detector: Flame ionization FID (double) 
Detector temperature: 300 °C
Injector temperature: 300 °C
Colwnn temperatures: Isothermal 150 ^{\circ}C for 1 min, programmed run
                       150-290 °C with 6 °C per min; isothermal
                       290 <sup>o</sup>C for approximately 10 min
Injected volumes: 1 \mu 1 of the carbon disulfide solutions;
                   0.4 \mul of the pure oil sample
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In the low temperature GC, the resolution of components were high and the integrator could be used for all peak area measurements. Furthermore, a number of components could be identified prior to the GC/MS analysis by comparison with chromatograms of mixtures of pure standards. These standards were also used for the determination of individual response curves. In the high temperature GC , the integrator was not capable of adjusting itself to the elevated base line, and peak areas in these chromatograms were computed by multiplying the values of the peak bclght by the width at one-half height.

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The main objectives behind the GC determinations were:

- a) obtaining optimum separation of individual components,
- b) determining relative concentrations of individual components,
- c) determining variations in total contents of aliphatics and aro \bullet matics respectively,
- d) determination of absolute concentrations was concidered being less important and could only be roughly estimated by the selected mothod.

The extraction step was critical and had to be performed in such a way that a) the largest number of components would be present in sufficient concentration for detection and identification, and that b) if possible, it should be quantitative for all components present and no preferential extraction of any component should take place.

These requirements restricted the total amount of organic solvent that could be employed and excluded the use of **a** preconcentration step by evaporation. In order to test the described GC extraction procedure, sea water (100 ml) was mixed with weighed amounts of crude oil in glass bottles and placed in the shaking machine. The resulting samples were low in overall concentrations of crude oil, varying between 150 and 500 ppm and thus, were of the same order of magnitude as a number of the actual samples. Extraction with 0.3 , 0.5 or 0.7 ml of carbon disulfide (which has a very low response in FID) followed by centrifugation and analyses by low temperature GC showed the following:

- a) all components in the original oil (including the volatiles) were present in the extract,
- b) no preferential extraction of any component seemed to have taken place, and
- o) the resulting volume of carbon disulfide after centrifugation varied from sample to sample, and, thus, it is more precise determining relative concentrations of individual components rather than absolute values.

Furthermore, when centrifuged samples were kept at $4 \degree$ C for some time (for example 15 days), repeated analysis showed larger concentrations of all components, probably caused by dissolution of solvent into the water phase.

2.4 GC/MS-METHOD

General

Mass spectrometry combined with gas chromatography (GC/MS) is considered one of the most versatile methods in modern organic analytical chemistry. It combines the advantages of GC with absolute structure identification of the individual components. In particular, the combination with high resolution QC offers the possibilities for rapid identification of a large number of components in rather complex mixtures. In principle, individual components that are eluted from the GC pass through a capillary tube into the ion source in the MS. Here, the molecules are split into positively charged fragments which are then removed by a strong negative electric field followed by deflections in a magnetic field. Thereby, these charged species are selected and determined according to their mass to charge ratio, and the molrcular weight and structure of the original molecule can be interpreted from the recorded line spectrum.

Detection limits are of the order of a few ppb, and for complete identification, components should be sufficiently pure or well separated from other components and be thermally stable in the vapor phase.

Experimental details

The extraction procedure was the same as used for the GC-determinations and is already described in detail (page 7), The following instruments and conditions were used in the OC/MS analyses (nee fig. 7): Mass spectrometer: Hitachi-Perkin Elmer RMU 6L Gas chromatograph: Perkin Elmer Model 801 Columnt As for the low temperature GC Carrier gas: 4 ml per min helium (He) through the oolumn

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Make up ga:; for the mass spectrometer: 11 ml per min He Detector: Total ion current (TIC) Column temperatures: Isothermal 15 $^{\circ}$ C for 5 min; programmed run 15-190 $^{\circ}$ C with 5 $^{\circ}$ C per min; isothermal at 190 °C Ionization chamber temperature: 240 °C Electron energy: 70 eV Injected volumes: $0.3 \mu l$ of the carbon disulfide solutions; 0.1 µl of the pure oil sample (used without a split).

Discussion

The main objective behind the GC/MS determinations was identification of as many components as possible both in water samples as well as in the original oil. Selection of samples for this analysis was based on the results obtained by GC in order to get complete identification of <u>all</u> components present throughout the samples. In addition to pure standards and the actual oil, samples being rich in aromatics as well as samples containing all types of hydrocarbons were analyzed by this method.

2.5 Determination of water content

In some of the samples that were very rich in oil (collected from the top of the slop tanks), the content of water was determined by azeotropio distillation with toluene. In the procedure employed, the sample was distilled with toluene (100 ml, Merck pro analysi) in a round bottomed glass :'1 ask (500 ml). The water phase was collected by condensation and the volume was measured in a graduated cylinder when no more water could be removed from the mixture.

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3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Details regarding the selection of water samples have not been available during the present study, Consequently, only results from the chemical analyses of the samples will be presented and discussed in the following.

3.1 Determination of total oil contents

A total of 276 samples from a VLCC and 126 samples from model tank experiments have been analyzed by the IR-method (page 3) and the results are summarized in table 1 and 2,respectively, Most of the values are expressed as mg per litre of sample, which are almost the same as ppm (s p.g. of sea water is approximately 1.025). Some of the recorded spectra of extracted water samples differ from that of the standard crude oil. In some cases, new bands occur in the region of aromatic carbon-hydrogen absorption (denoted "a" in the tables), whereas in other spectra, variations in relative intensities between the aliphatic absorption bands are observed (denoted "b" in the tables).

Samples that are rich in aromatics would givo absorptions of the former type, whereas **a** difference in the distribution between branched and straight chain hydrocarbons could alter the pattern of absorption bands as observed in the latter oases •

3.2 Determination of water content

The content of water has been determined (page 11) in 16 samples from **a** VLCC nnd in 2 samples from model e per1ments, and the results in table 1 and 2 are expressed as percent by weight.

3.3 **0C/MS** - determinations

In order to identify the largest number of components encountered in this investigation, samples were selected for determination by GC/MS on basis of their gas chromatograms. For establishment of suitable analytical conditions as well as some useful reference data, **a** syntetic standard mixture consisting of n-alkanes $(c_5 - c_{16})$ and aromatics (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, m-xylene and naphthalene) **were** analyzed by the described method (page 10). Typioal examples or mass spectra of alkanes and of aromatic compounds are shown in **fig.** *9* **and.** 10, respectively,

The analysis of the original crude oil resulted in the recording of 100 mass spectra. Most of the compounds seen in the chromatogram (fig. ll) have been fully identified, either by comparison with avail• able reference dnta or by the aid of molecular weights and given fragment patterns. In some cases, compounds have been characterized by their general molecular formula and by further structural information obtained from their mass spectra. Thus, an unknown aliphatic compound might be listed as $c_{8}H_{18}$ (an octane isomer) and an aromatic compound as an alkyl (C_h) benzene isomer (a benzene ring substituted either by a butyl, propyl and methyl, two ethyls, one ethyl and two methyls, or four methyl groups).

Furthermore, one sample rich in both aliphatios and aromatics **(sample** No,271) as well as two samples very rich in aromatics (sample No. 54 and No 132) have been characterized by this method, From sample No. 271, a towal of 70 mass spectra were recorded, whereas 23 compounds could be identified in sample No. 132 (No. 54 was lower in concentration of oil and little structural information could be obtained from **this** sample). The structural information obtained may **be seen** from **tables,,** 6 and 8.

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In addition to the actual crude oil and several synthetic standards, a total or 2J samples from a VLCC have been analyzed by the OC•methoda previously described (page 6). One sample (No. 189) was lost before the final analysis, The actual samples were selected in such a way as to "a" fulfil the main objectives (see page 9) and "b" obtain information about possible oorrelations between different ship operative procedures and variations in the observed relative amounts and general nature of individual oil components found in the water phase (detailed descriptions of the samples are not available here). The analyses have resulted in a rather large amount of experimental data, and in the following, some of the more important conclusions will be presented and discussed.

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Crude oil

The crude oil was chromatographed both by low (see fig. 11) and high temperature QC-techniques, and table 3 and 4 summarize the nature of individual components identified together with elution temperatures, absolute values and values relative ton-heptane for peak areas, and, for a few components only, a rough estimate of absolute concentrations in the injected extract. Where two (or more) components are not resolved, peak areas are displaced to the right in the table column. In this original material, aliphatic components dominate, and, based on values obtained from the low temperature GC, constitute more than 80 % of total material encountered (see fig. 14).

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The GC-determinations show that the sample analyzed (No. 312) is very similar to the original oil, exoept that in the high temperature chromatogram (see fig. 13 and table 5), higher boiling aliphatic constituents (C_{29} and above) are present in somewhat larger concentrations. Since the solubilities of higher boiling tractions *of* crude oil are reported to be extremely low (see e.g. ref. 4), this is to be expected.

Water samples

Judged by their low temperature gas chromatograms some of the samples **ahow** distinct differences in the distribution between aliphatic and aromatic oonatituents. In sample No. 271 (table G), which **is** fairly rich in total oil, aromatics are present in a total concentration not very different from that in the crude oil (see also fig. 14), but in several other samples (examplified by No. 132. fig. 12 and 14), aromatic compounds have been enriched to a very large degree. Aa oan be seen from table 8, the oompounda that have been most enriched are aromatics like benzene, toluene, xylene and various other alkylbenzenes together with some of the lower ali-

phatics (boiling up to n-heptane). Some naphtalenes are also preent in this sample, It has been found unnecessary to tabulate values for all the other samples that have been analyzed by GC, However, some conclusions can be drawn when the distribution between aliphatic and aromatic constituents are being compared. In table 9, the samples (denoted by their numbers) have been arranged according to the degree of enrichment.

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DETERMINATION OF OIL (IR-METHOD) AND OF WATER
(AZEOTROPIC DISTILLATION) IN SAMPLES FROM A VLCC

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TABLE 1 $(p. 2)$

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TABLE 1 (p. 3)

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TABLE 1 (p. 6)

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 $a = addition$ IR-absorption bands, probably due to aromatios

b = relative intensities of hydrocarbon absorption bands varying from the standard

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DETERMINATION OF OIL (IR-METHOD) AND OF WATER (AZEOTROPIC DISTILLATION) IN SAMPLES FROM MODEL TANK EXPERIMENTS.

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TABLE 2 (p. 2)

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A rather large number of these samples showed variations in the relative intensities of hydrocarbon absorption bands when compared with the standard.

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LOW TEMPERATURE GC-DATA FOR CRUDE OIL

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Estimated concentration mg/ml of oil

TABLE $3(p. 5)$

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HIGH TEMPERATURE GC-DATA FOR CRUDE OIL

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TABLE 5

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HIGH TEMPERATURE GC-DATA FOR SAMPLE NO. 312(SLOP)

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TABLE $6(p. 4)$

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TABLE 8

LOW TEMPERATURE GC-DATA FOR SAMPLE NO. 132

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TABLE 8 (p. 2)

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TABLE 9

GC-SAMPLES CHARACTERIZED BY THE DUSTRIBUTION BUTWEEN ALIPHATIC AND AROMATIC CONSTITUENTS (SAMPLE NUMBERS ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLE)

Figure l.

Shaking machine with separatory funnels mounted.

Figure 2.

- At right: Sampling bottles (100 ml dark brown glass bottles with screw cap).
- At left: Separatory funnels (250 ml glass funnels with Teflon stop cock); samples extracted into carbon tetrachloride after settling.

Figure 3.

- At right: Samples extracted into carbon tetraohloride and kept in glass tubes.
- At left: Samples extracted into carbon disulfide after sentrifugation.

Figure 4.

Sentrifugation of samples extracted with carbon disulfide.

Figure 5.

Infrared &peotrophotometric determination of **samples** extracted with carbon tetrachloride.

Figure 6.

Gas chromatographic determination of samples extracted with carbon **d.iwltide.**

Figure 7.

Combined gas chromatographic-mass spectrometric determination of samples extracted with carbon disulfide.

Figure d.

IR-spertrum of actual orude oil in carbon tetrachloride solution (200 mg per litre) recorded from 3400 to 2400 $\omega \pi^{-1}$.

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Mass spectrum of n-decane

Mass spectrum of ethylbenzene

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Figure 13

High temperature gas chromatogram of sample no. 312.

Figure 14

Distribution between aliphatic and aromatic compounds in crude oil and in samples no. 271 and 132 (calculations are based on low temperature CC-data in tables $3, 6$ and 8).

