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INTRODUCTION

In June and July 1988, Rice University, in conjunction with the U.S. Geological Survey at Menlo Park, conducted a pilot seismic reflection/refraction experiment in the Brooks Range, Arctic Alaska. The experiment was funded primarily by the Program for Array Seismic Studies of the Continental Lithosphere (PASSCAL) of the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology (IRIS) with additional support provided by the USGS. Considerable manpower for the experiment was provided by the U.S. Geological Survey, and the University of Alaska at Fairbanks. The 1988 survey was the first of two Brooks Range-Arctic Slope experiments designed to investigate the crustal structure of the Brooks Range fold and thrust belt and foreland basin as part of the Trans-Alaska Crustal Transect (TACT) program of the Trans-Alaska Lithospheric Investigation (TALI), a consortium consisting of the U.S. Geological Survey and several universities (the University of Alaska at Fairbanks and Rice University).

The 1988 survey was a pilot program undertaken to aid in the design of the much larger experiment subsequently conducted in 1990. The goals of the 1988 survey were to gather a reversed wide-angle reflection/refraction profile across the Endicott Mountains Allochthon in the northern Brooks Range, to gather wave test data to examine wave propagation effects in the perma-frost layer, to test the broadcast range of the FM radio controlled SGR seismic system employed for recording, and to assess the logistical difficulties involved in conducting a large scale seismic experiment in the Arctic along the Dalton Highway (the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Road). This report describes the wide-angle reflection/refraction data collected across the Endicott Mountains Allochthon, a large-scale thrust sheet consisting of unmetamorposed Paleozoic clastic and carbonate units (see Oldow et al., 1987; Mull, 1989).

SURVEY DESCRIPTION

The wide-angle reflection/refraction profile extended roughly north-south along the Dalton highway, from near the Doonerak Window area at Chandalar Shelf across Atigun Pass to near the northern front of the Brooks Range (see figure 1). The data were recorded with 80 Seismic Group Recorders (SGR III) borrowed from AMOCO Corporation, Houston, TX. (The 80 SGRs are a part of the SGR system donated to Stanford by AMOCO.) Due to the limited number of instruments available, and the relatively short turn-on range (~10-15 km) of the radio triggered instruments, the profile was shot in four

deployments. A total of 10 shots at 3 shotpoints (see figures 1 and 2) were fired into the four deployments, producing a reversed profile 38 km in length, and an unreversed profile extending 14 km south of SP1. The seismic recorders were spaced at 150-m, 300-m, or 450-m. Deployments 1, 2, and 3 extended from south to north between shotpoints 1 and 3. Deployment 4 partially overlapped deployment 1, and extended south of shotpoint 1 (see figures 1 and 2). Shots were fired in drillholes at depths of 10 to 70 feet. Shot size varied from 150 lb to 550 lb of high explosive (see Appendix 1).

Each SGR recorded the output of a single 8-Hz vertical component industry geophone. The SGRs were turned on by an FM signal broadcast from a radio controller unit which was triggered by a USGS master clock, thus all instruments are on a common time base. Synchronized master clocks were used to trigger the shooting systems. The SGRs recorded 32-s of data at 2-msec sampling on 1/4" cassette tapes (20 seconds of reduced data have been written to tape). All instruments were run at the same gain setting, with no filters except the built in anti-alias filter. The SGR amplifier response is flat from DC up to 200 Hz, at which the anti-alias filter rolloff begins. The system response is therefore that of the 8-Hz geophone up to 200 Hz.

Seismograph station locations were surveyed every 150-m using a surveyor's wheel. Every tenth to twentieth station was located on a topographic map and aerial photographs. The station locations were later digitized from the topographic maps into local Cartesian coordinates (UTM), and the locations written to the data trace headers. We believe the stations are located with an accuracy of ±20-m. A table of the station locations is given.

DATA REDUCTION AND TAPE FORMAT

The SGR field records are identified by the number of the SGR box (SGRID), and FIELD FILE ID (FFID). Each time the controller box turned on the SGRs, a unique FFID number was written to the SGR field tapes. The shotpoints are identified in the data trace headers as shotpoint (SP = 1, 2, 3), and shot number (SHOT) which corresponds to the receiver station number (REC-STAT) at the shotpoint (SHOT=1000, 1114, 1275). A table showing the correspondence of SP, SHOT, and FFID is given in Appendix 1.

The data were corrected for timing errors between the master clocks used for shooting and the master clock used for triggering the SGR systems, and for time delays built into the SGR system. Times are believed to be accurate to ±2 msec.

The geometry of the experiment was defined for the DISCO seismic processing system database using the locations digitized from topographic maps. The data were resampled to 4-msec, debiased (removal of DC) and low pass filtered at 50 Hz. The data were then sorted from deployments (keyed by FFID) into shot records (keyed by SHOT) with geometry written to headers. Lastly, a time reduction of TR= (offset/6 km/sec) was applied, and traces were truncated to 20 sec (5000 samples).

We calculated amplitude corrections to equalize trace amplitudes in each composite shot record. Recall that each shot record is constructed from data from several different deployments. The amplitude correction factors were computed by comparing amplitudes at the same station occupied during different deployments or, where identical stations were unavailable, by comparing groups of adjacent traces. [Although each deployment had a few overlapping stations with the previous one, the overlap stations sometimes failed to turn on as they were at the ends of our recording spreads and consequently were at the limit of radio range]. We feel that the amplitude corrections are reasonable, but since we did not have identical stations recorded for each deployment, we wrote the uncorrected data to tape, and have provided a list of amplitude correction factors keyed by FFID in Appendix 2.

The data from the experiment are written in SEGY format on 6250 bpi 9-track tape. The tape has standard SEGY headers with the exceptions noted in Appendix 3. Shot and station locations in local Cartesian coordinates (UTM) are given in Appendices 4 and 5.

DATA

The composite refraction profile shot records are plotted as reduced time record sections with trace normalized amplitude in figures 3-5 (reducing velocity = 6 km/s). Three seconds of data are shown. Negative offsets are to the south of the shotpoint, positive offsets to the north. The data have had a 50 Hz low-pass filter and debias applied only. No trace editing has been done. The plots show exactly what is on the SEGY tape with the traces normalized and truncated to 3 seconds.

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FIGURE CAPTIONS

- Figure 1: Location map of survey with latitude and longitude noted. Inset map of Alaska shows location of geologic map (stippled). Dashed line is Dalton Highway. Dark solid line shows receiver coverage with shotpoints noted. Maps are from Oldow et al., (1988).
- Figure 2: Schematic deployment diagram (top) and elevation profile (bottom) for BR88 survey. TOP: Stars show shotpoints, solid lines show the four deployments. L is approximate spread length, Δg is instrument spacing in each deployment.
- Figure 3: Trace normalized, reduced time record section from SP 1 (SHOT = 1000). Reducing velocity is 6 km/sec. Negative offsets are to the south of the shotpoint, positive offsets are to the north of the shotpoint. Instrument spacing is nominally 450 m south of the shotpoint, 150 m from 0 to 20 km offset and 36 to 38 km offset, and 300 m from 20 to 36 km offset. (See Figure 2). This is a plot of the first ensemble on the tape, with the record truncated to 3 seconds and the amplitudes normalized to the maximum value on each trace.
- Figure 4: Trace normalized, reduced time record section from SP 2 (SHOT 1114).

 Reducing velocity is 6 km/sec. Negative offsets are to the south of the shotpoint, positive offsets are to the north of the shotpoint. Instrument spacing is nominally 150 m from -15 to 6 km offset and 22 to 24 km offset, and 300 m from 6 to 22 km offset. (See Figure 2). This is a plot of the second ensemble on the tape, with the record truncated to 3 seconds and the amplitudes normalized to the maximum value on each trace.
- Figure 5: Trace normalized, reduced time record section from SP 3 (SHOT=1275).

 Reducing velocity is 6 km/sec. Negative offsets are to the south of the shotpoint, positive offsets are to the north of the shotpoint. Instrument spacing is nominally 450 m from -51 to -42, 300 m from -42 to -29 km offset, and -18 to -2 km offset, and 150 m elsewhere. (See Figure 2). This is a plot of the third ensemble on the tape, with the record truncated to 3 seconds and the amplitudes normalized to the maximum value on each trace.

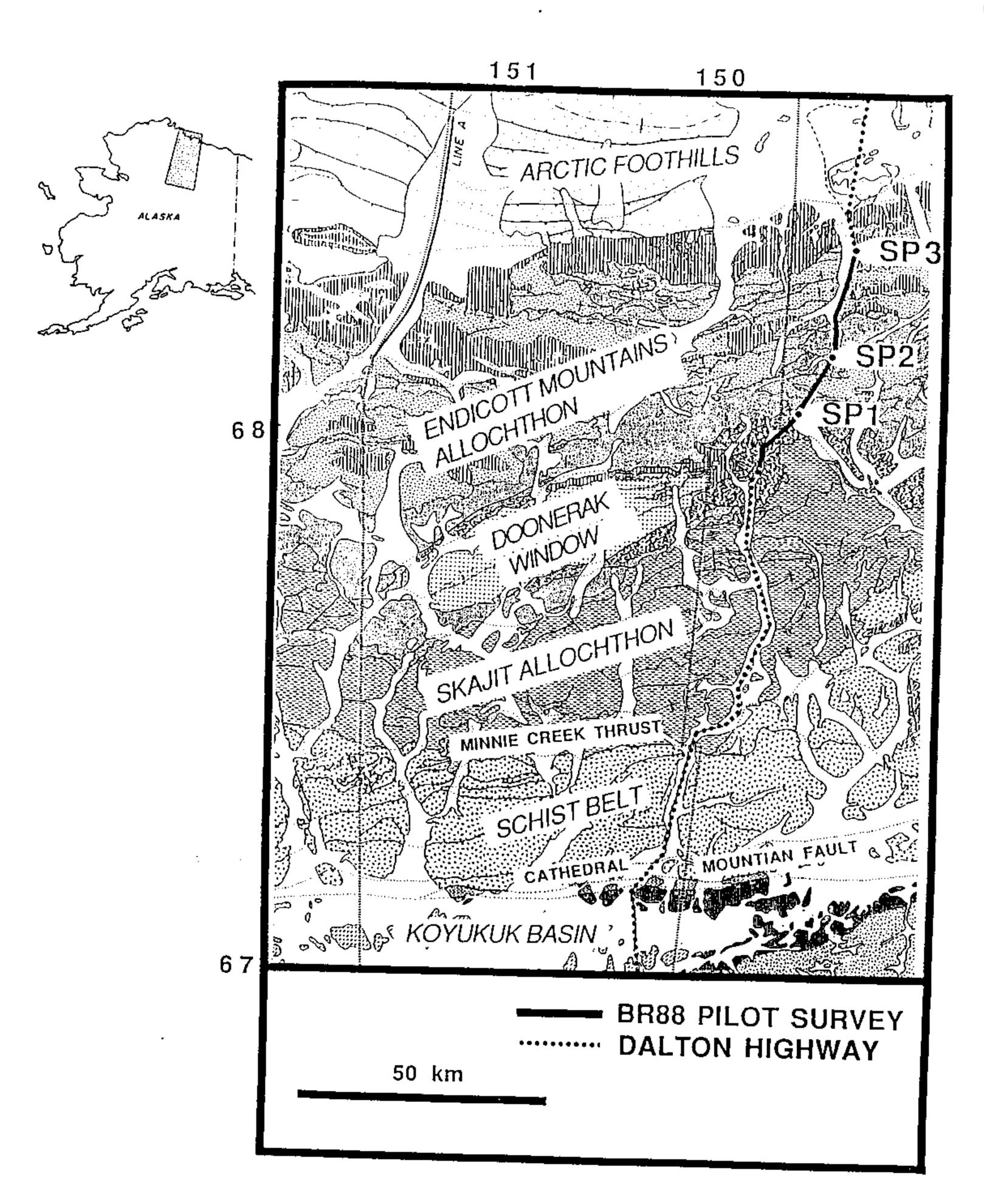


Figure 1.

Wide-Angle Deployments

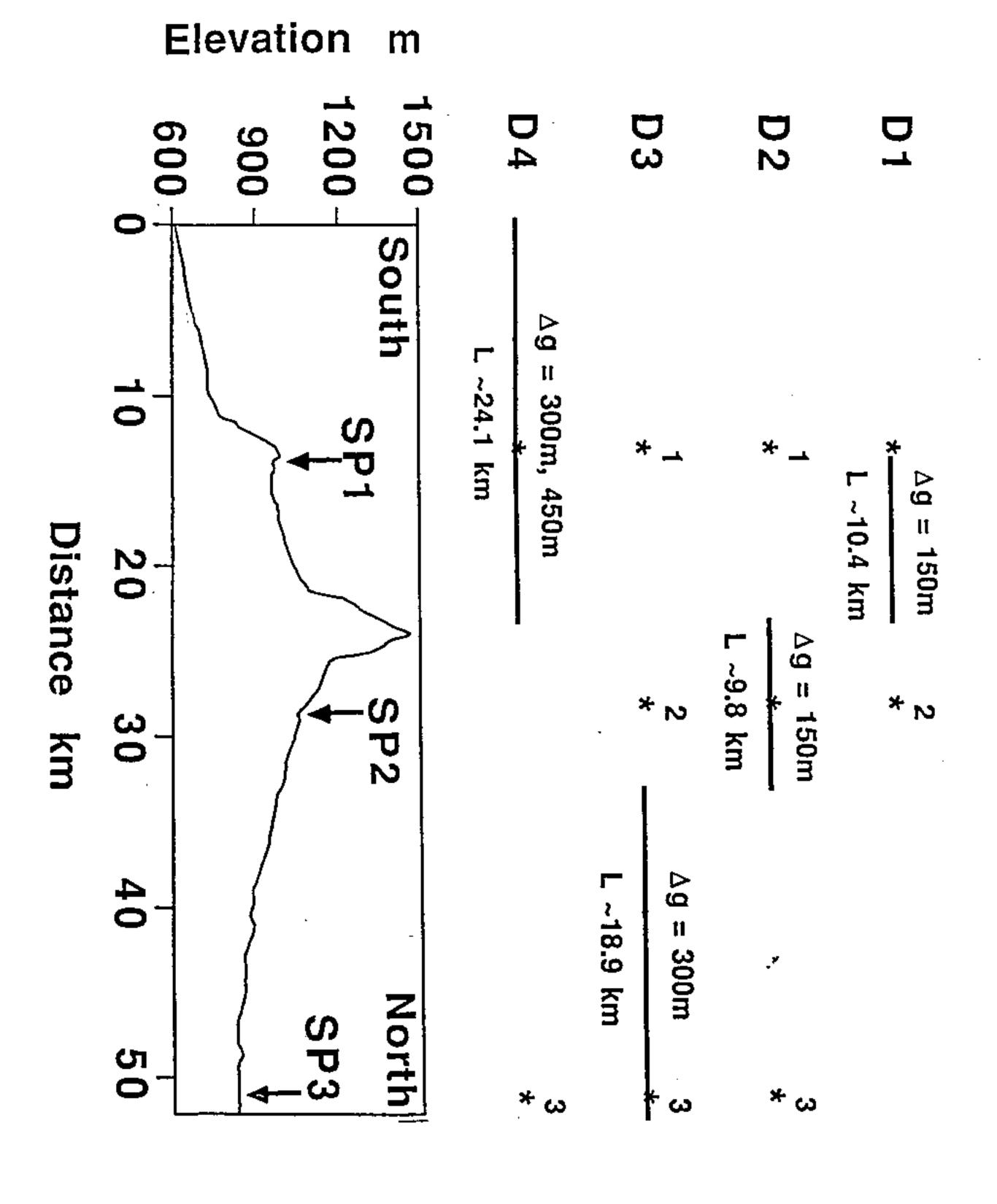
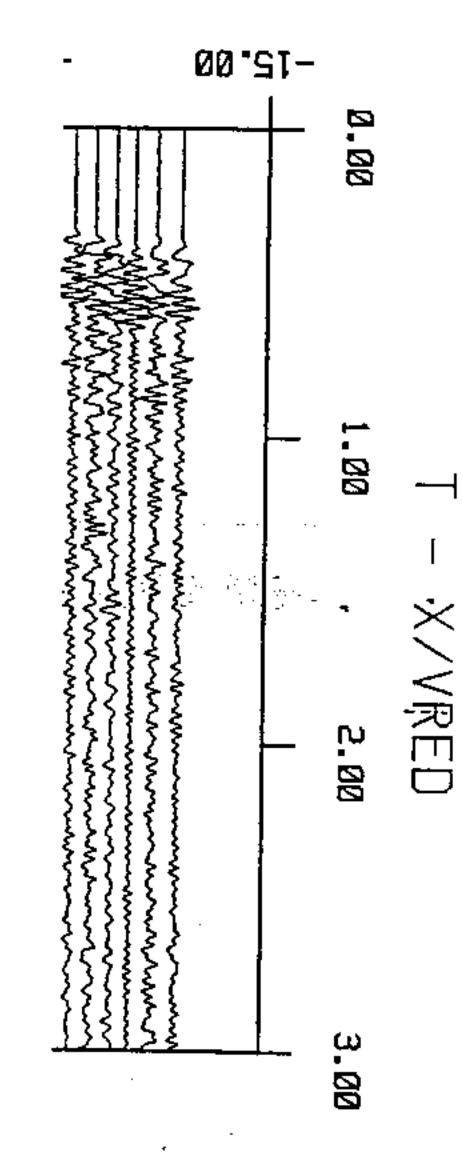


Figure 2.



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APPENDIX 1: Shot Information

Deployment	FFID	SHOT	SP	Charge Size (lb)	Depth (ft)
1	9404	1000	1	250 lb	55
I	9406	1114	2	250	25
2	9205	1114	2	150	11
2	9206	1000	1	300	55
2	9208	1275	3	540	65
3	9303	1000	1	500	70
3	9304	1275	3	300	50
3	9307	1114	2	240	40
4	9607	1275	3	550	65
4	9611	1000	1	200	60

APPENDIX 2 : Scaling Factors for Amplitudes in Composite Records

SP	SHOT	
1	1000	
FFID	REC-STAT	Multiplicative Scale
9206	1074-1148	1.00
9303	1149-1280	0.65
9404	1000-1072	1.32
9611	909-996	1.00
SP	SHOT	
2	1114	
FFID	REC-STAT	Multiplicative Scale
9205	1074-1150	1.00
9307	1152-1280	0.41
9406	1000-1072	0.64
SP	SHOT	
3	1275	
FFID	REC-STAT	Multiplicative Scale
9208	1074-1150	1.00
9304	1152-1280	1.32
9607	909-1072	0.87

APPENDIX 3 : Special Headers on SEGY Tape

Byte Numbers	Meaning
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9 - 12	Field File ID: unique record identifier
17-20	Shot number corresponds to nearest receiver
	station to shotpoint
185-188	Shot station number: equivalent to SHOT
189-192	Receiver station number
197-200	SGR instrument number
201-204	Reducing velocity: 6000 meters/sec
209-212	0 if receiver is north of shotpoint,
	180 if receiver is south of shotpoint
213-216	Shotpoint number: either 1, 2, or 3
	9 - 12 17-20 185-188 189-192 197-200 201-204 209-212

APPENDIX 4: Shot Locations in XY-UTM Coordinates

SP	SHOT*	SHT-X (East, meters)	SHT-Y (North, meters)	Elevation** (meters)
1	1000	516206	7548591	971
2	1114	523219	7561905	1055
3	1275	528140	7584683	824

^{*} SHOT is assigned as the closest REC-STAT to the shotpoint.

APPENDIX 5: Receiver Locations in XY-UTM Coordinates

The following table contains the locations of the receiver stations occupied in the BR88 pilot experiment. Station number corresponds to the header REC-STAT. X and Y correspond to the UTM East and North coordinates in meters, respectively. All of the stations were occupied during the experiment, however not all boxes turned on at each station for each shot due to equipment failure and radio transmission problems.

^{**} Shot elevations are not written to trace headers

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