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IN THE BROOKS RANGE, ARCTIC ALASKA,  
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## INTRODUCTION

In the summer of 1990, the U.S. Geological Survey, Rice University, the Geological Survey of Canada, and IRIS/PASSCAL jointly conducted a seismic experiment across the Brooks Range, Arctic Alaska. The goal of the experiment was to produce a high-resolution image of the crust and upper mantle of the Brooks Range and flanking geologic provinces (Koyukuk basin and North Slope; Figures 1 and 2) by combining refraction and reflection techniques. The U.S. Geological Survey and Rice University jointly led the planning of the experiment, which began in 1985, and also the field execution of the experiment, which occurred in June and July 1990. Persons from the Geological Survey of Canada, IRIS/PASSCAL, University of Alaska, University of Wyoming, Purdue University, and the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory participated in the field. This experiment completes the seismic investigations of the U.S. Geological Survey's Trans-Alaska Crustal Transect (TACT) program, a multidisciplinary investigation of the crust and upper mantle of Alaska from the Pacific to Arctic Oceans along the oil-pipeline corridor (see summary in Nokleberg and Fisher, 1989). Other seismic data reports from TACT are summarized in Table 1. The 1990 Brooks Range experiment represents the first instance in which refraction and reflection techniques are merged in TACT investigations. This experiment also adds an important geophysical dimension to ongoing geologic studies of the Brooks Range at Rice University (see, for example, Oldow and others, 1987).

We used a 700-channel seismograph system (consisting of four different types of instruments) to record 63 shots (Table 2) at 44 separate shotpoint locations (Figures 3). The instruments included 35 PASSCAL Ref Tek 72A-02's, each recording 6 channels, 190 Stanford University Seismic Group Recorders (SGR's), 120 USGS Seismic Cassette Recorders (SCR's), and 180 Geological Survey of Canada Portable Refraction Seismographs (PRS1's). (See below for a detailed description of these seismic recorders.) All seismographs recorded only vertical-component motion. The instruments were deployed five times in abutting and overlapping arrays, producing a 315-km-long profile (Figures 1, 2, 3). Instrument spacing was nominally 100 m. Both small shots (100-600 lbs) and large shots (1500-4000 lbs) were fired to produce a vertical-incidence to wide-angle refraction-reflection data set with continuous offset coverage from 0 km to more than 200 km. Data recovery was about 95 percent, and signal-to-noise ratios were excellent from most shots. The data have been archived at the National Geophysical Data Center in Boulder, Colorado and at the IRIS Data Center in

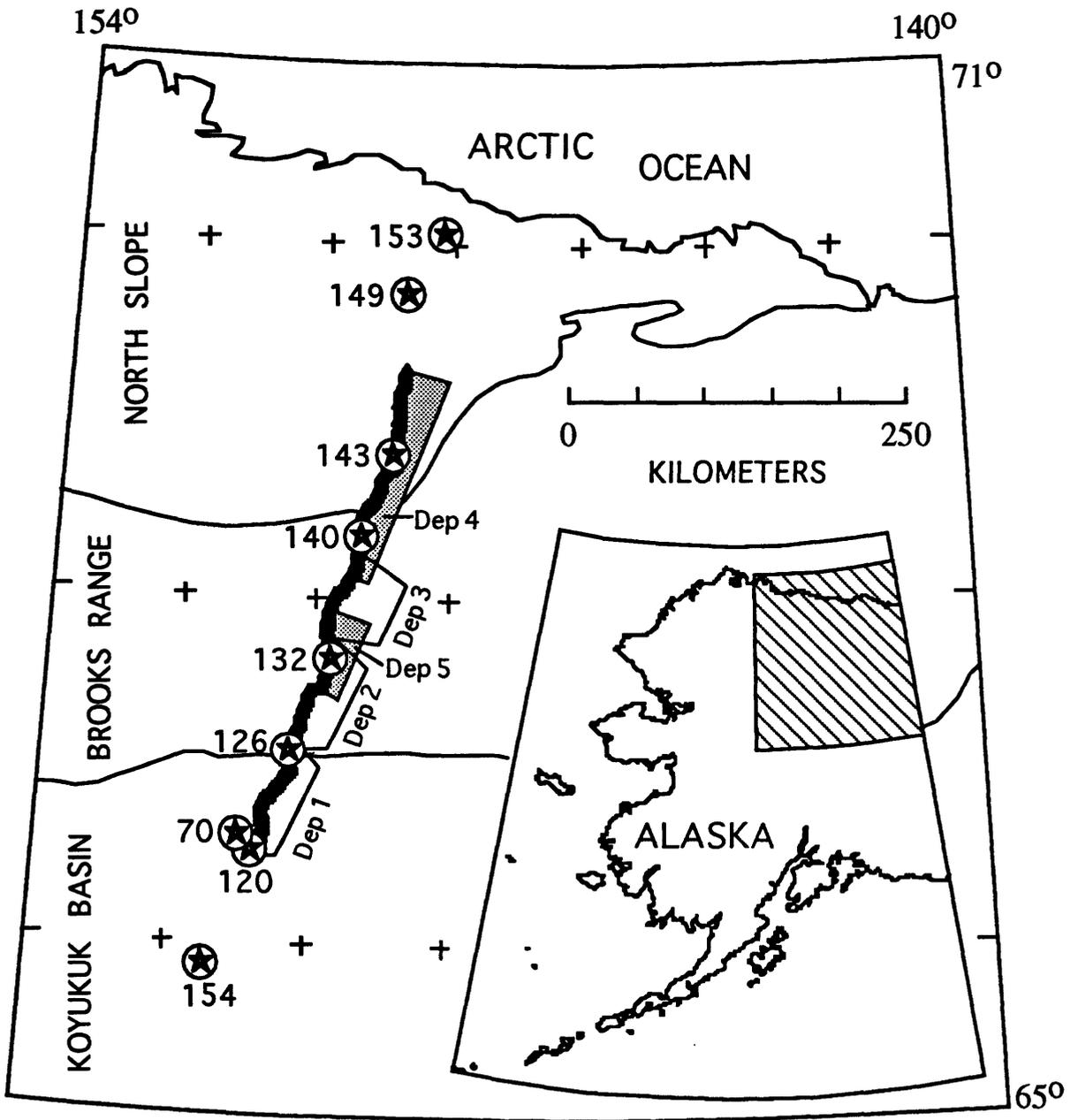


Figure 1. Experiment map showing all instrument locations (triangles) and selected shotpoint locations (circled stars with shotpoint location number). Brackets delineate extent of the deployments.

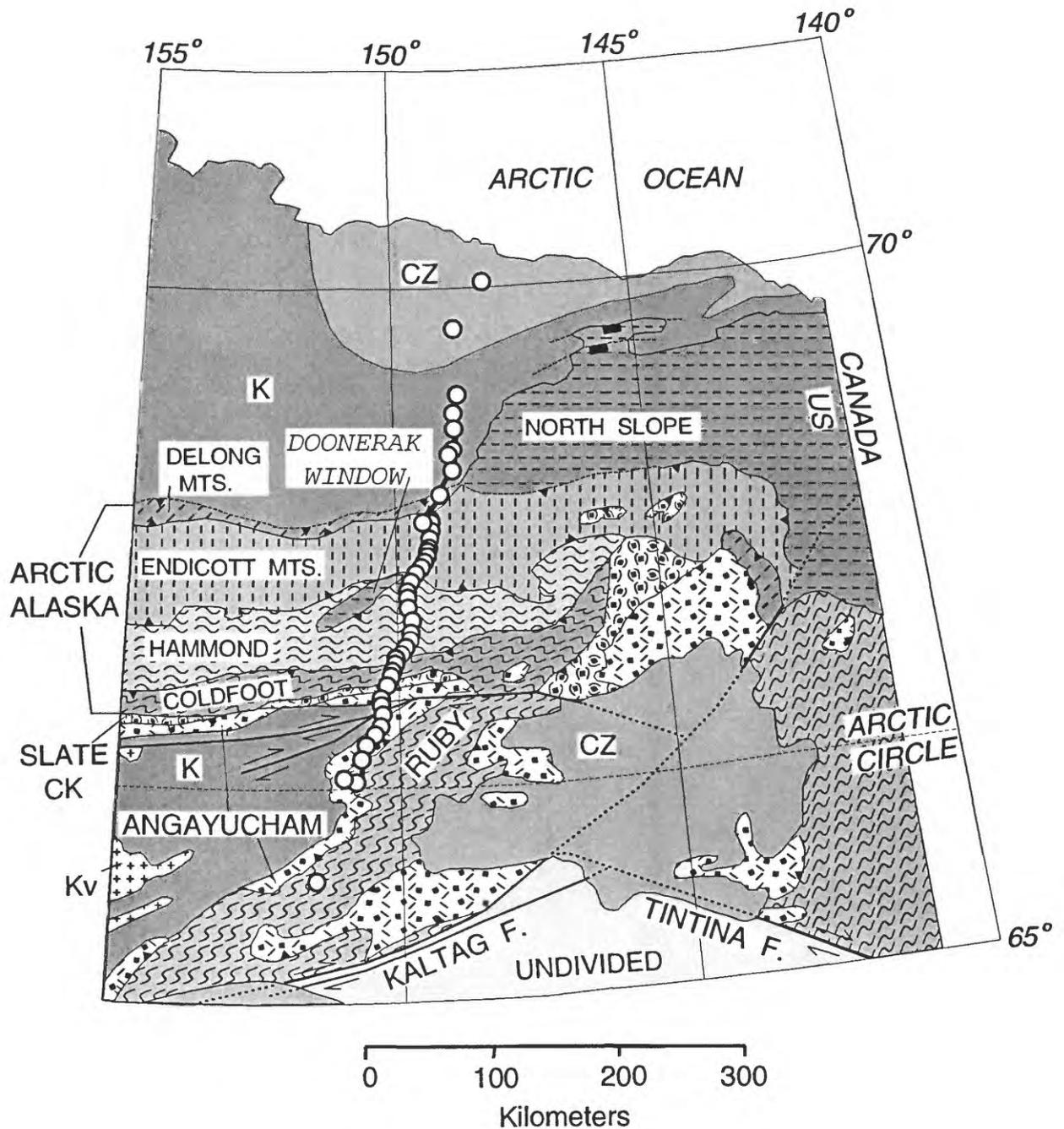


Figure 2. Experiment location map, showing terranes and subterranes. Circles represent shotpoint locations. From south to north terranes include the Ruby, Angayucham, Slate Creek, and Arctic Alaska terranes. Subterranes of the Arctic Alaska terrane include the Coldfoot, Hammond, Endicott Mts., Delong Mts. and North Slope subterranes.

TABLE 1

Seismic data reports produced under the U. S. Geological Survey's  
Trans-Alaska Crustal Transect (TACT) program

| <b>REGION OF ALASKA/<br/>DATE(S) OF AQUISITION</b> | <b>DATA TYPE</b>                 | <b>DATA REPORT</b>   |
|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Gulf of Alaska/<br>1988                            | Marine reflection/<br>refraction | Brocher and Moses, 1990  |
| Southern Alaska/<br>1984, 1985                     | Land refraction                  | Daley and others, 1985<br>Meador and others, 1986<br>Wilson and others, 1987<br>Wilson, 1987 |
|  | Land reflection                  | Fisher and others, 1989  |
| Central Alaska/<br>1987                            | Land refraction                  | Beaudoin and others, 1989<br>Goldman and others, 1992  |
| Northern Alaska/<br>1990                           | Land reflection/<br>reflection   | This report  |

TABLE 2 SHOT LIST

| <u>SHOT NUMBER</u> | <u>LOCATION NUMBER</u> | <u>LATITUDE</u> | <u>LONGITUDE</u> | <u>ELEV (m)</u> | <u>DEPTH (m)</u> | <u>CHARGE (lbs)</u> | <u>J-DAY</u> | <u>SHOT TIME HR:MIN:SEC</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 1                  | 154                    | 65.883474       | -151.422256      | 453             | 2.4              | 2500                | 193          | 06:00:00                    |
| 2                  | 120                    | 66.557153       | -150.811307      | 357             | 18.3             | 1500                | 193          | 06:02:00                    |
| 3                  | 122                    | 66.818726       | -150.675938      | 326             | 15.2             | 600                 | 193          | 06:03:00                    |
| 4                  | 124                    | 66.972430       | -150.334079      | 444             | 12.5             | 200                 | 193          | 06:04:00                    |
| 5                  | 170                    | 67.082496       | -150.357750      | 368             | 14.3             | 200                 | 193          | 06:05:00                    |
| 6                  | 140                    | 68.382100       | -149.467612      | 811             | 4.0              | 4000                | 193          | 06:06:00                    |
| 7                  | 121                    | 66.717523       | -150.670852      | 327             | 17.4             | 600                 | 193          | 09:02:00                    |
| 8                  | 123                    | 66.894944       | -150.512740      | 387             | 15.2             | 200                 | 193          | 09:03:00                    |
| 9                  | 125                    | 67.039388       | -150.304716      | 522             | 15.8             | 600                 | 193          | 09:04:00                    |
| 10                 | 126                    | 67.142029       | -150.333568      | 335             | 4.0              | 2500                | 193          | 09:05:00                    |
| 11                 | 132                    | 67.680728       | -149.740251      | 474             | 17.7             | 2500                | 193          | 12:04:00                    |
| 12                 | 120                    | 66.557153       | -150.811307      | 357             | 16.8             | 2500                | 196          | 06:00:00                    |
| 13                 | 127                    | 67.232044       | -150.222638      | 334             | 14.3             | 600                 | 196          | 06:02:00                    |
| 14                 | 171                    | 67.324269       | -150.153394      | 370             | 13.1             | 200                 | 196          | 06:03:00                    |
| 15                 | 130                    | 67.435596       | -150.092280      | 389             | 12.8             | 600                 | 196          | 06:04:00                    |
| 16                 | 132                    | 67.680728       | -149.740251      | 474             | 14.6             | 1500                | 196          | 06:05:00                    |
| 17                 | 140                    | 68.382100       | -149.467612      | 811             | 4.0              | 2500                | 196          | 06:06:00                    |
| 18                 | 126                    | 67.142029       | -150.333568      | 335             | 4.0              | 1500                | 196          | 09:00:00                    |
| 19                 | 128                    | 67.292665       | -150.163629      | 370             | 16.8             | 600                 | 196          | 09:02:00                    |
| 20                 | 129                    | 67.398463       | -150.087932      | 443             | 13.1             | 200                 | 196          | 09:03:00                    |
| 21                 | 172                    | 67.459744       | -150.039080      | 381             | 14.0             | 100                 | 196          | 09:04:00                    |
| 22                 | 143                    | 68.848389       | -148.905796      | 473             | 8.5              | 3500                | 196          | 09:05:00                    |
| 23                 | 124                    | 66.972430       | -150.334079      | 444             | 8.5              | 200                 | 196          | 09:07:00                    |
| 24                 | 70                     | 66.601460       | -150.989089      | 224             | 3.0              | 4000                | 203          | 05:00:00                    |
| 25                 | 175                    | 68.012652       | -149.727377      | 741             | 17.7             | 200                 | 203          | 05:02:00                    |

TABLE 2 SHOT LIST (continued)

| <u>SHOT</u>   | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>LATITUDE</u> | <u>LONGITUDE</u> | <u>ELEV</u> | <u>DEPTH</u> | <u>CHARGE</u> | <u>I-DAY</u> | <u>SHOT TIME</u>  |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <u>NUMBER</u> |                 |                 |                  | <u>(m)</u>  | <u>(m)</u>   | <u>(lbs)</u>  |              | <u>HR:MIN:SEC</u> |
| 26            | 176             | 68.087215       | -149.561513      | 1057        | 12.8         | 200           | 203          | 05:03:00          |
| 27            | 138             | 68.172276       | -149.440437      | 1052        | 13.4         | 200           | 203          | 05:04:00          |
| 28            | 139             | 68.375031       | -149.317897      | 832         | 15.2         | 1500          | 203          | 05:05:00          |
| 29            | 142             | 68.567661       | -149.166966      | 907         | 7.6          | 600           | 203          | 05:06:00          |
| 30            | 126             | 67.142029       | -150.333568      | 335         | 4.0          | 2500          | 203          | 08:00:00          |
| 31            | 136             | 67.953935       | -149.776641      | 663         | 12.8         | 200           | 203          | 08:02:00          |
| 32            | 137             | 68.052783       | -149.613887      | 980         | 15.8         | 600           | 203          | 08:03:00          |
| 33            | 177             | 68.132094       | -149.438985      | 1204        | 13.1         | 200           | 203          | 08:04:00          |
| 34            | 178             | 68.217446       | -149.391466      | 997         | 15.2         | 600           | 203          | 08:05:00          |
| 35            | 143             | 68.848389       | -148.905796      | 473         | 8.5          | 2500          | 203          | 08:06:00          |
| 36            | 132             | 67.680728       | -149.740251      | 474         | 13.4         | 1500          | 203          | 11:00:00          |
| 37            | 130             | 67.435596       | -150.092280      | 389         | 10.1         | 200           | 203          | 11:01:00          |
| 38            | 135             | 67.885910       | -149.814978      | 610         | 12.5         | 200           | 203          | 11:02:00          |
| 39            | 126             | 67.142029       | -150.333568      | 335         | 4.0          | 4000          | 200          | 05:00:00          |
| 40            | 142             | 68.567661       | -149.166966      | 907         | 7.6          | 600           | 200          | 05:02:00          |
| 41            | 179             | 68.247330       | -149.420864      | 952         | 15.8         | 600           | 200          | 05:03:00          |
| 42            | 141             | 68.406008       | -149.326622      | 859         | 15.2         | 1000          | 200          | 05:04:00          |
| 43            | 189             | 69.282368       | -148.737392      | 246         | 18.6         | 2500          | 200          | 05:05:00          |
| 44            | 153             | 70.078227       | -148.173320      | 13          | 2.4          | 3500          | 200          | 05:06:00          |
| 45            | 145             | 69.033481       | -148.852984      | 383         | 2.1          | 1000          | 200          | 07:30:00          |
| 46            | 180             | 68.313317       | -149.346289      | 910         | 14.9         | 600           | 200          | 07:31:00          |
| 47            | 188             | 69.146067       | -148.830549      | 293         | 19.8         | 200           | 200          | 07:32:00          |
| 48            | 149             | 69.744689       | -148.787624      | 98          | 2.7          | 3000          | 200          | 07:33:00          |
| 49            | 186             | 68.876024       | -148.854803      | 440         | 14.3         | 200           | 200          | 10:00:00          |
| 50            | 132             | 67.680728       | -149.740251      | 474         | 15.5         | 3000          | 200          | 10:01:00          |

TABLE 2 SHOT LIST (continued)

| <u>SHOT NUMBER</u> | <u>LOCATION NUMBER</u> | <u>LATITUDE</u> | <u>LONGITUDE</u> | <u>ELEV (m)</u> | <u>DEPTH (m)</u> | <u>CHARGE (lbs)</u> | <u>J-DAY</u> | <u>SHOT TIME HR:MIN:SEC</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 51                 | 139                    | 68.375031       | -149.317897      | 832             | 13.1             | 2000                | 200          | 10:02:00                    |
| 52                 | 150                    | 68.730744       | -148.929179      | 556             | 2.7              | 600                 | 200          | 10:03:00                    |
| 53                 | 136                    | 67.953935       | -149.776641      | 663             | 12.8             | 250                 | 205          | 05:00:00                    |
| 54                 | 134                    | 67.844424       | -149.816350      | 577             | 13.1             | 600                 | 205          | 05:01:00                    |
| 55                 | 133                    | 67.775798       | -149.783164      | 547             | 16.2             | 600                 | 205          | 05:02:00                    |
| 56                 | 132                    | 67.680728       | -149.740251      | 474             | 15.5             | 200                 | 205          | 05:03:00                    |
| 57                 | 135                    | 67.885910       | -149.814978      | 610             | 12.5             | 120                 | 205          | 05:04:00                    |
| 58                 | 174                    | 67.594497       | -149.786844      | 453             | 16.2             | 600                 | 205          | 07:00:00                    |
| 59                 | 173                    | 67.555575       | -149.836354      | 465             | 16.8             | 600                 | 205          | 07:01:00                    |
| 60                 | 131                    | 67.501135       | -149.854582      | 432             | 13.7             | 200                 | 205          | 07:02:00                    |
| 61                 | 172                    | 67.459744       | -150.039080      | 381             | 14.0             | 120                 | 205          | 07:03:00                    |
| 62                 | 127                    | 67.232044       | -150.222638      | 334             | 14.3             | 120                 | 206          | 05:01:00                    |
| 63                 | 126                    | 67.142029       | -150.333568      | 335             | 4.0              | 240                 | 206          | 05:04:00                    |

Note: Shot depths less than 9 m correspond to lake shots; all other shots were drill-hole shots.

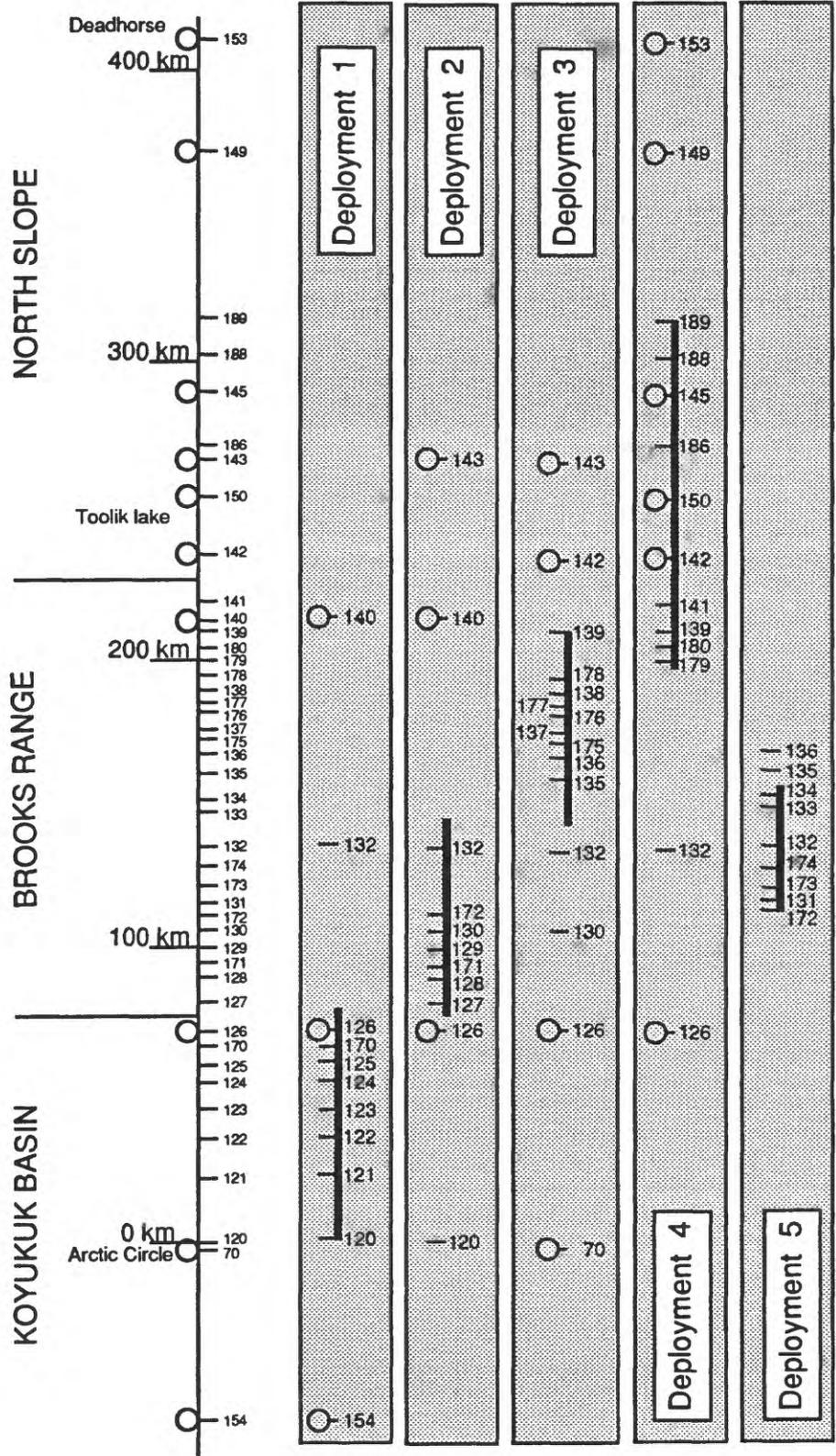


Figure 3. Schematic diagram of experiment. Numbered short lines represent drill-hole shotpoints and short lines with attached circles represent lake shotpoints. Shotpoint location numbers are listed opposite each shotpoint.

Seattle, Washington. SEGY-format tapes recorded at 6250 BPI are available from:

NOAA  
National Geophysical Data Center  
E/GC1  
325 Broadway  
Boulder, CO 80303

Telephone: (303) 497-6123

The data are also available through the IRIS Data Management Center at:

IRIS DMC  
1408 NE 45th Street  
Seattle, WA 98105

Telephone: (206) 547-0393

A description of the tape format and headers is given below in the Data Processing section.

## GEOLOGIC SETTING

The following is summarized from Oldow and others(1987), Grantz and others (1991), and Moore and others (1989). The Brooks Range and North Slope consists of North American continental-marginal rocks, and the Koyukuk basin consists of island-arc and ocean-basin rocks. In a general way, rocks in the northern Brooks Range are younger (Miss.-Jur.), stable-shelf, marine and non-marine sedimentary rocks, and rocks in the southern Brooks Range are older (Precamb.-Dev.), deeper-water, continental-marginal sedimentary rocks. Metamorphic grade increases toward the south to greenschist-blueschist(?) grade. Rocks of the Brooks Range were telescoped and thrust beneath oceanic rocks of the Koyukuk basin, beginning in the Early Cretaceous, as the Canada basin opened to the north. Sediments eroded from the uplifting range were deposited chiefly in the Coleville foredeep basin on the North Slope. Uplift and compression continued into the Cenozoic in the north part of the Range, including the vicinity of the Doonerak window. Collapse and extension of unknown magnitude interpreted as

mid-Cretaceous age occurred in the south part of the range (see also Miller and Hudson, 1991; Oldow and others, 1991).

The Brooks Range and North Slope comprise the Arctic Alaska terrane, which has been subdivided, from north to south, into the North Slope, Endicott Mountains, Hammond (or Skajit), and Coldfoot (or Schist ) subterrane (Figure 2). On the south, the Arctic Alaska terrane is separated from the Angayucham terrane, consisting of oceanic crust and ultramafic rocks, and the basinal rocks of the Koyukuk basin by melange of the Slate Creek terrane. Vergence is to the north in the Brooks Range structures. The North Slope subterrane is exposed both on the North Slope, where it is overlain by and locally over thrust upon the sedimentary rocks of the Coleville basin, and in the Doonerak window, which is located on an antiform in the central Brooks Range near the contact between the Endicott and Hammond subterrane.

Two cross sections that represent prior, testable models of Brooks Range structure (Oldow and others, 1987; Moore and others, 1991) are reproduced in Figure 4. These both show the following features in the central and northern Brooks Range: (1) the Endicott Mountains allochthon is a lens-shaped body on the north limb of the Doonerak antiform, with internal, north-verging thrust faults; (2) the rocks beneath the Endicott Mountains allochthon include sedimentary rocks of the Coleville basin (explicitly shown in Figure 4A) and displaced rocks of the North Slope subterrane; (3) the Doonerak antiform is underlain by deformed, lens-shaped bodies of rock; and (4) the "master" decollement is subhorizontal beneath the southern North Slope and Endicott Mountains allochthon, but ramps downward on the south side of the Doonerak antiform. The dimensions of rock bodies and depths of interfaces are similar between the two cross sections, although Figure 4B is admittedly schematic. The cross sections differ primarily in interpretation of stratigraphic and structural separation of the Endicott Mountains and Hammond (Skajit) subterrane. The cross section of Grantz and others (1991) is also similar to Figures 4A and 4B, although the depth to the "master" decollement is shallower (< 10 km) and the package of displaced Coleville basin and North Slope rocks beneath the Endicott Mountains allochthon is much thinner (< 2 km).

## EXPERIMENT PLANNING AND DESIGN

The 1990 Brooks Range experiment was conceived in 1984 during a planning session for the Trans-Alaska Lithosphere Investigation at the Seismological Society of America annual meeting in Anchorage, Alaska (see Stone

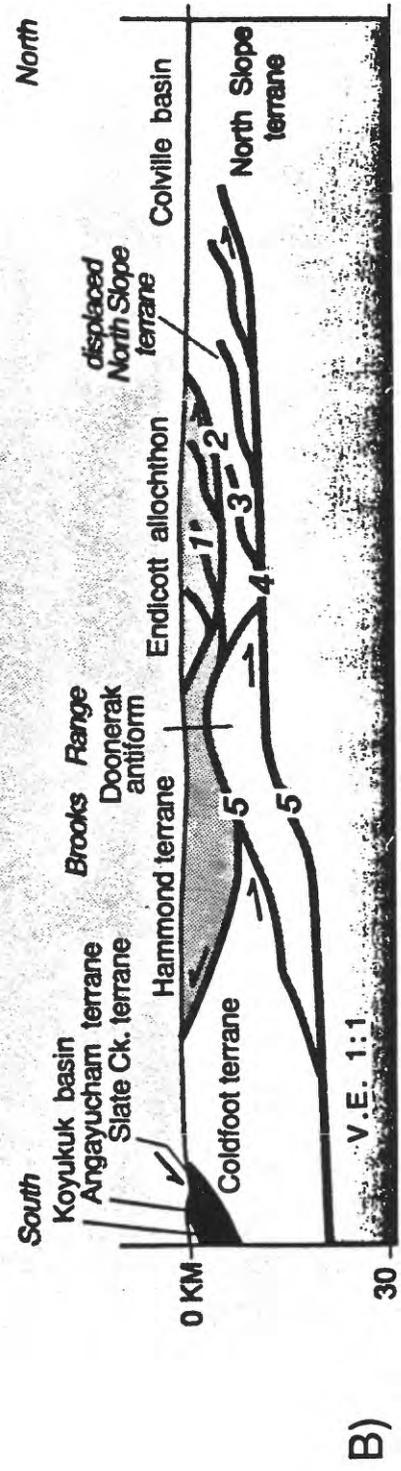
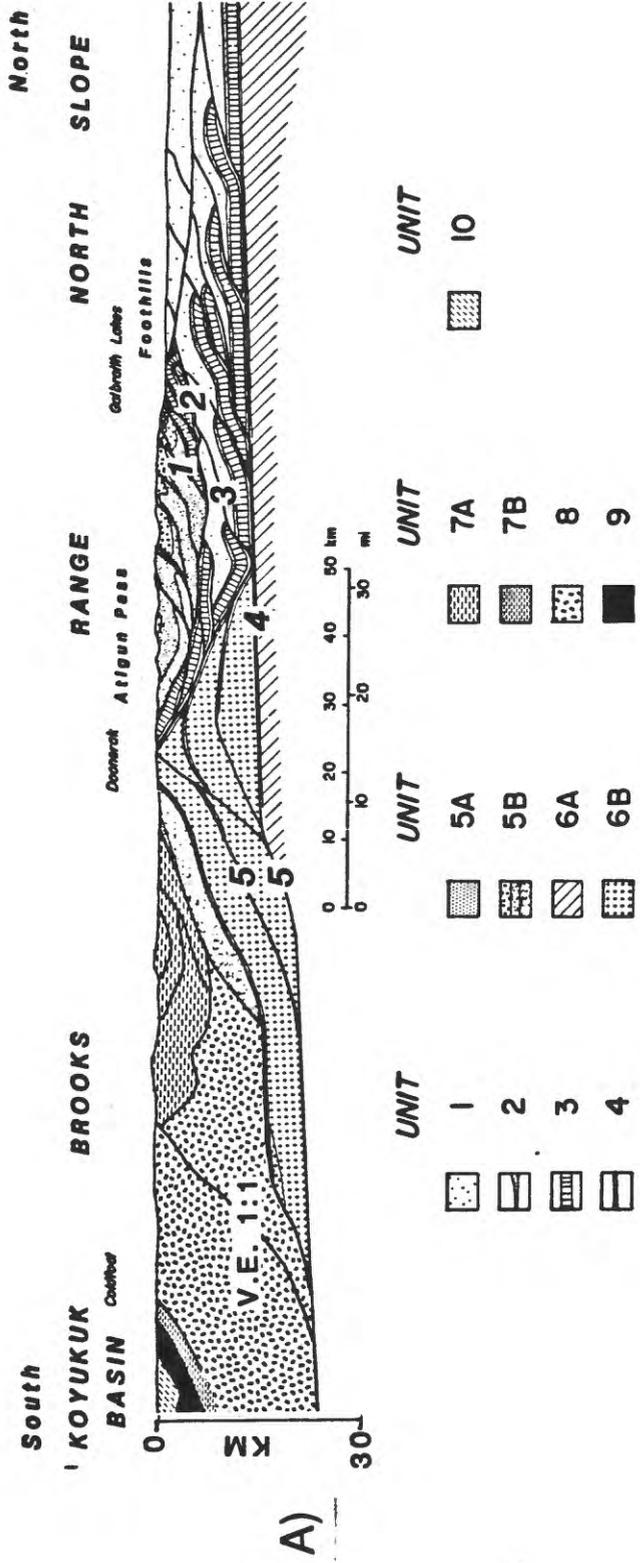


Figure 4. Two possible models for a cross section of the Brooks Range. The explanation is given on the following page.

#### **Explanation for Figure 4.**

a) Cross section from Oldow and others (1987: Atigun Pass Transect, Section IIA). Numbered units are 1--Coleville basin sediments; 2--Sadlerochit Group, Shublik Fm., and Kingak Fm.; 3--Lisburne Limestone; 4--Kayak Shale and Kekiktuk Conglomerate; 5A--(not present); 5B--Endicott Mountains Allochthon: Kanayut Conglomerate, Hunt Fork Shale, and Beaucoup Fm.; 6A--Neruokpuk Fm. (basement of North Slope subterrane); 6B--Apoon Fm. (basement of North Slope subterrane seen in Doonerak Window); 7A--Skajit Allochthon; 7B--Rosie Creek Allochthon (oceanic rocks); 8--Schist belt (Coldfoot subterrane); 9--Angayucham subterrane (ophiolite); 10--Cretaceous sedimentary rocks of the Koyukuk basin.

b) Schematic cross section from Moore and others (1991). Numbers on both cross sections 4A and 4B indicate reflecting horizons that are seen in the data (see Levander and others, 1991; Fuis and others, 1991)

et al, 1986). As a first step in the seismic program, we conducted a field trip to the Brooks Range in 1985 to scout refraction shotpoints along the oil-pipeline corridor. During the field trip, we identified and flagged 16 shotpoints and several alternates. Shotpoints required either a biologically dead lake that could be reached by truck or helicopter, or a hard (land) site that could be reached by a truck-mounted drill rig. Hard sites were usually limited to highway turnouts or quarries used during pipeline construction. These sites, however, were frequently too close to the pipeline to safely detonate charges of the size needed for crustal exploration (100-4000 lbs). Potential lake shotpoints were scouted at a later time (1988). We were forced to use shallow lakes (less than 3 meters) for two reasons: 1) deeper lakes are rare and 2) fish can survive over winter in lakes deeper than the freeze-down depth of about 3 meters, and are almost invariably present in such lakes.

In 1987, during a TACT seismic experiment in central Alaska, we began collecting data for an environmental assessment report. To compete environmental assessment studies and to investigate data acquisition and logistical problems anticipated in the Arctic, a pilot seismic experiment was conducted in 1988 - sponsored by IRIS and the USGS (Levander and others, 1988). Radio-controlled Seismic Group Recorders (SGR's) (loaned to Rice/PASSCAL by AMOCO Corporation) were used to record a 50-km-long reversed reflection/refraction profile with receivers spaced 150 to 300 m apart and 3 in-line shot points spaced 15-20 km apart. One offset (80-90 km) lake shot was fired to test long range seismic transmission from a shallow lake source and to assess the impact of shooting in a lake ecosystem. In addition, 3 seismic wave tests were conducted to investigate wave propagation in the shallow perma-frost layer. The pilot experiment demonstrated that high quality seismic data could be acquired in the geologically complex Brooks Range and that we could generate sufficient seismic energy at distances as large as 100 km using a distributed charge in a shallow lake (less than 3 meters depth). The only significant ecological effect of such a shot, in the absence of fish, is to stir up mud that remains in suspension for a period of a few weeks. The wave tests demonstrated that ground roll, a serious source of noise in reflection recording, propagates in the permafrost layer as a relatively compact, high-velocity wave group which can be eliminated with standard reflection processing without employing special recording arrays. A report of the data collected during the pilot experiment has been compiled and is available along with the data from IRIS. An environmental impact report was prepared and filed with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

In the years following the 1984 planning meeting for the Brooks Range experiment, IRIS launched the rapid development of the Ref Tek instrument base for academic seismological research. Additionally, in 1989 IRIS and the USGS

provided funds for support and modification of 195 Seismic Group Recorders (SGR) which AMOCO donated to Stanford University. Modification of the SGR's included conversion of the turn-on from radio control to internal clock control; thereby making them suitable for use in the rugged terrain of the Brooks Range. Anticipating the possibility that more instruments would be available in 1990, we logged every location in the Brooks Range, Koyukak basin, and North Slope where a shotpoint (drill-hole or lake) could be located more than 1000 feet from the oil-pipeline. We also established curves relating particle velocity to shot size and distance for our blasts to demonstrate to pipeline officials (Alyesca Pipeline Service Company) that our blasts would not damage any of their equipment (Kohler and Fuis, 1989, 1992).

After receiving permission from state and federal agencies and pipeline officials to proceed, the Brooks Range experiment commenced in May, 1990. An advance team arrived before spring breakup in the Arctic to supervise shot hole drilling. Three parties of surveyors staked and flagged 3200 seismic stations in June and the 45 member seismic crew arrived on July 4 and 5. Data was recorded for 5 deployments from July 12 through July 26. Two cleanup crews remained in the Arctic until August 10.

We designed the experiment so that all shots within the Brooks Range were recorded at smaller ranges (0 - 10 km or more) by instruments with higher-frequency response (Ref Teks and SGR's). For larger ranges of Brooks Range shots and shot points beyond the Brooks Range, data were recorded by instruments with a lower-frequency response (SCR's and PRS1's). A 315 kilometer-long seismic profile was recorded during 5 deployments (Figure 5). Of this length, 200 km was recorded by higher-frequency instruments and is suitable for producing a low-fold, common-midpoint (CMP) stacked section. Instruments were deployed along the edge of the Dalton Highway except for a 45-km-long dogleg in the road between shotpoints 141 and 150. A helicopter was used to deploy instruments cross country along the latter segment of the transect. The first deployment extended from the Arctic Circle through the Koyukuk Basin to the edge of the Brooks Range. Eight in-line shots and three off-end shots were fired into the deployment (Figures 1, 3, 5a). The second deployment extended from the end of deployment 1 half way through the Brooks Range. Seven in-line shots and four off-end shots were fired into the deployment (Figures 1, 3, 5b). The third deployment extended from the end of deployment 2 through the Brooks Range. Nine in-line shots and six off-end shots were fired into the deployment (Figures 1, 3, 5c). Deployment 4 is the northernmost transect. At it's southern end, deployment 4 overlapped the northern end of deployment 3, and it extended

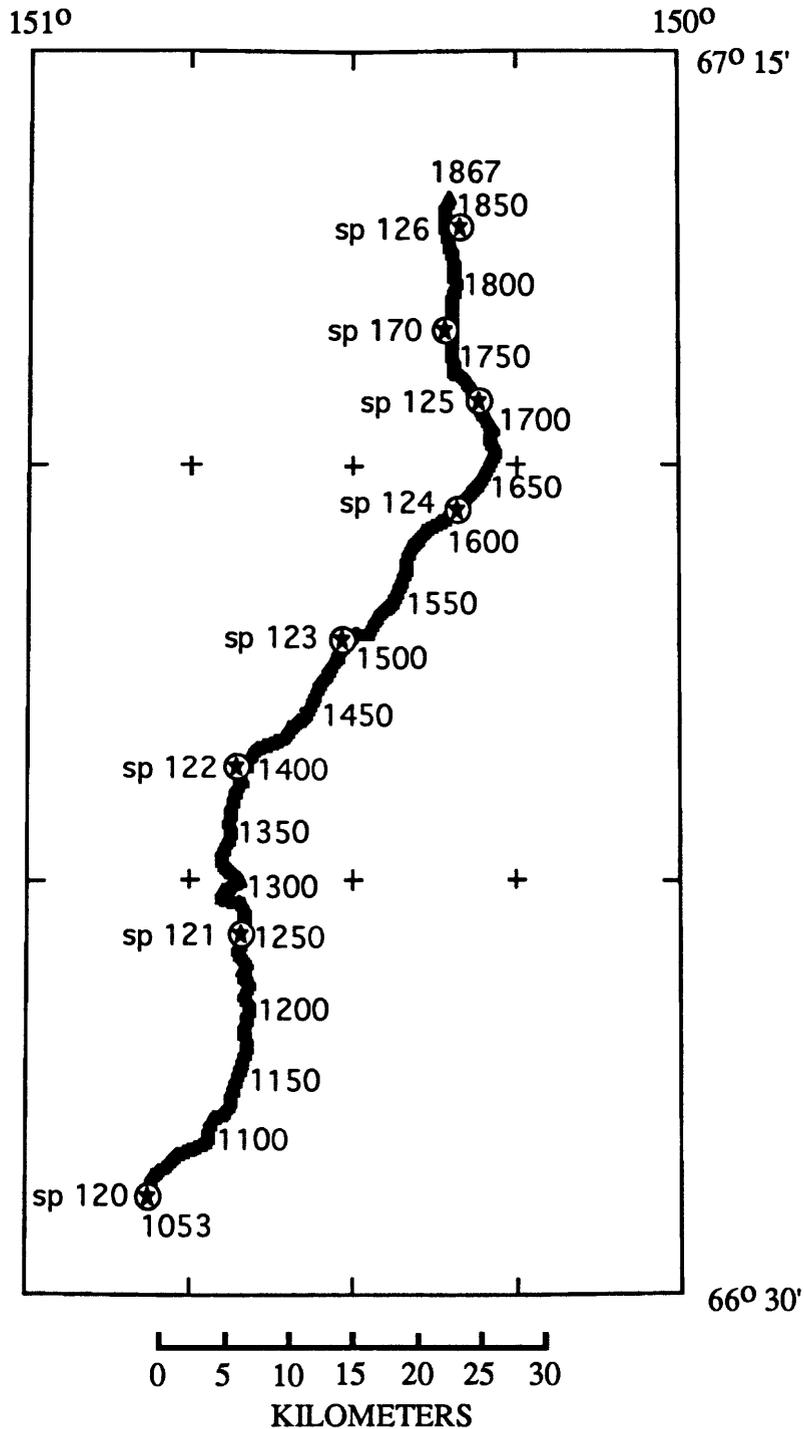


Figure 5a. Deployment 1 location map. Shotpoint location numbers (e.g. sp 120) and selected instrument location numbers (e.g. 1053) are given.

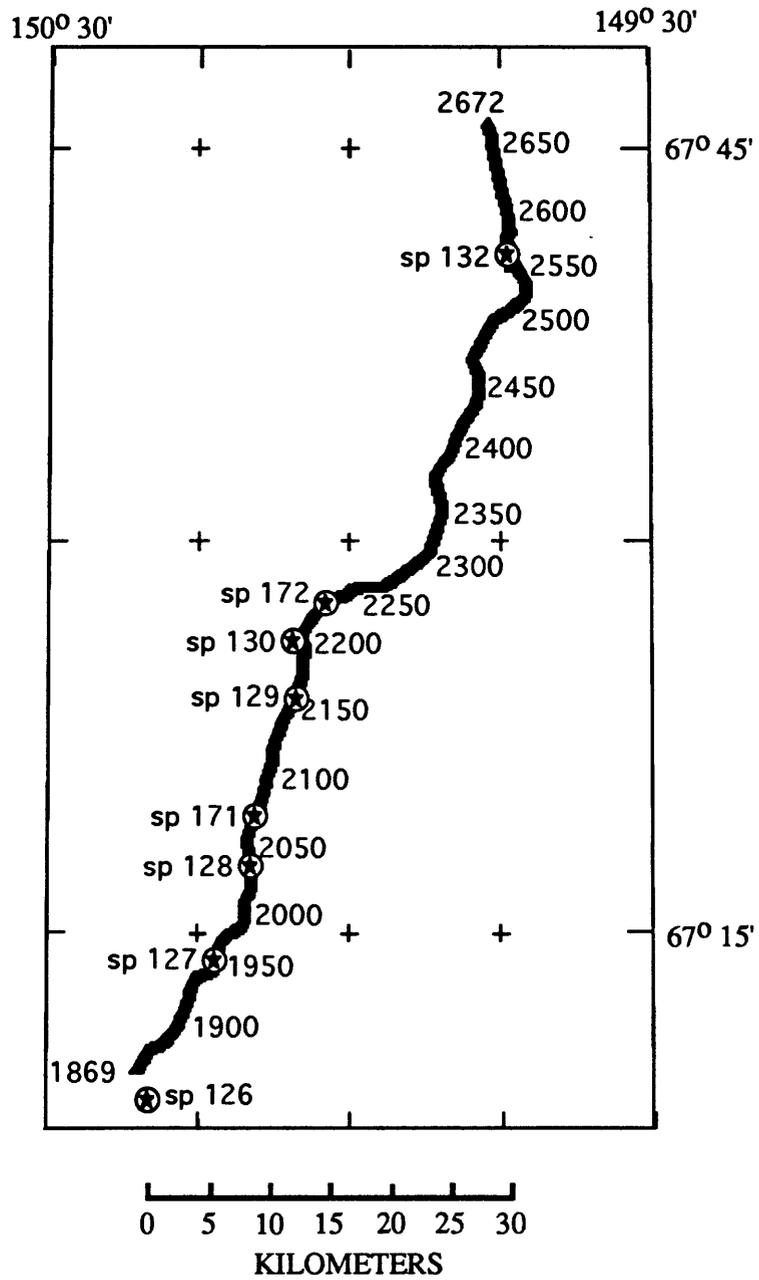


Figure 5b. Deployment 2 location map.

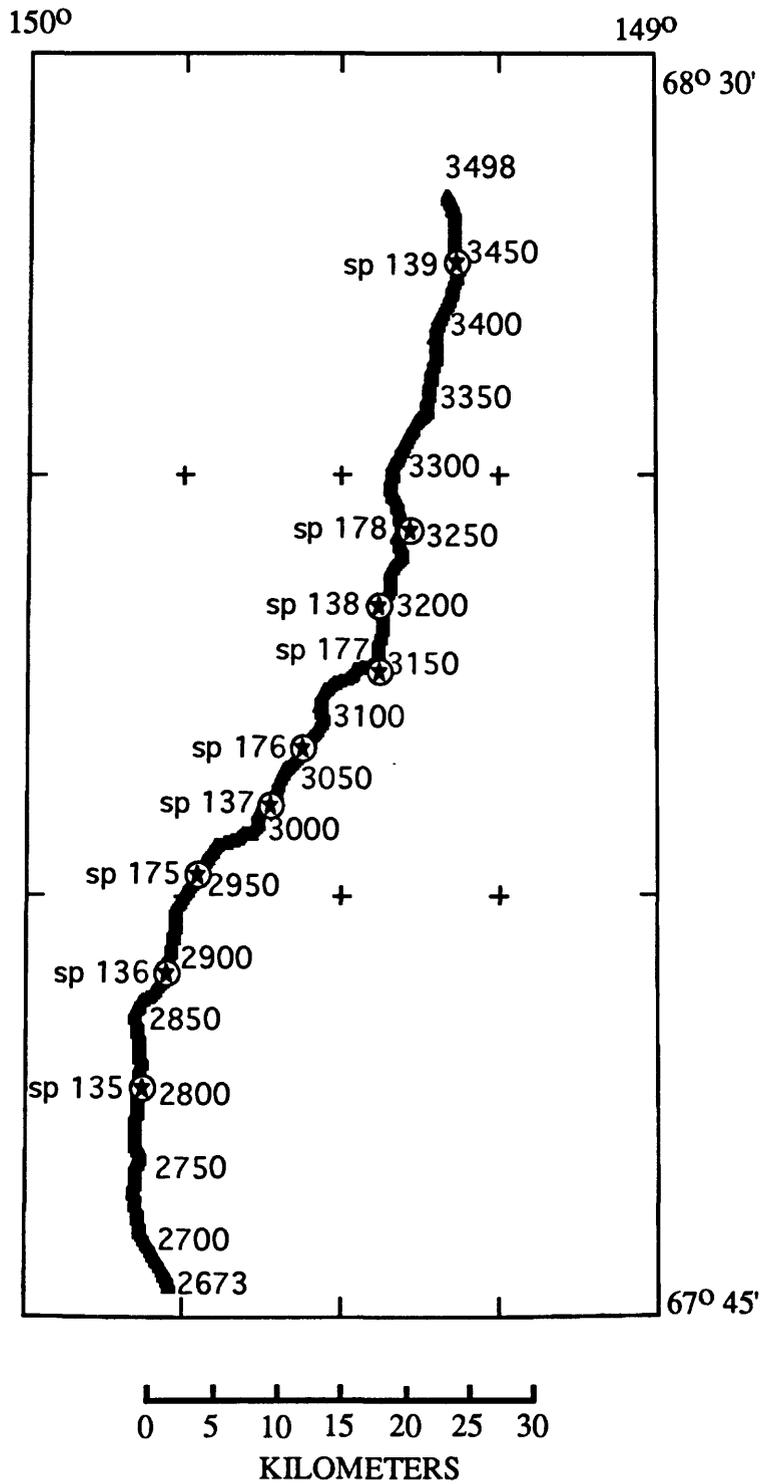


Figure 5c. Deployment 3 location map.

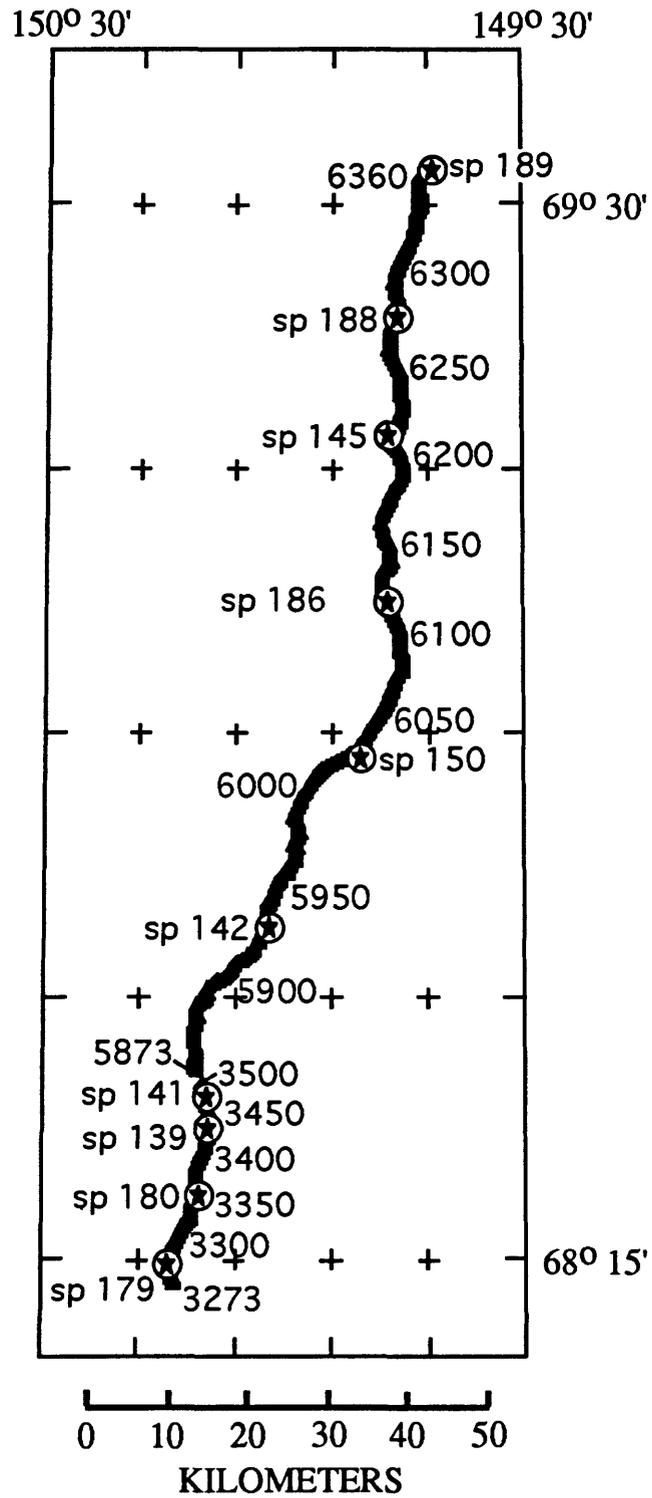


Figure 5d. Deployment 4 location map.

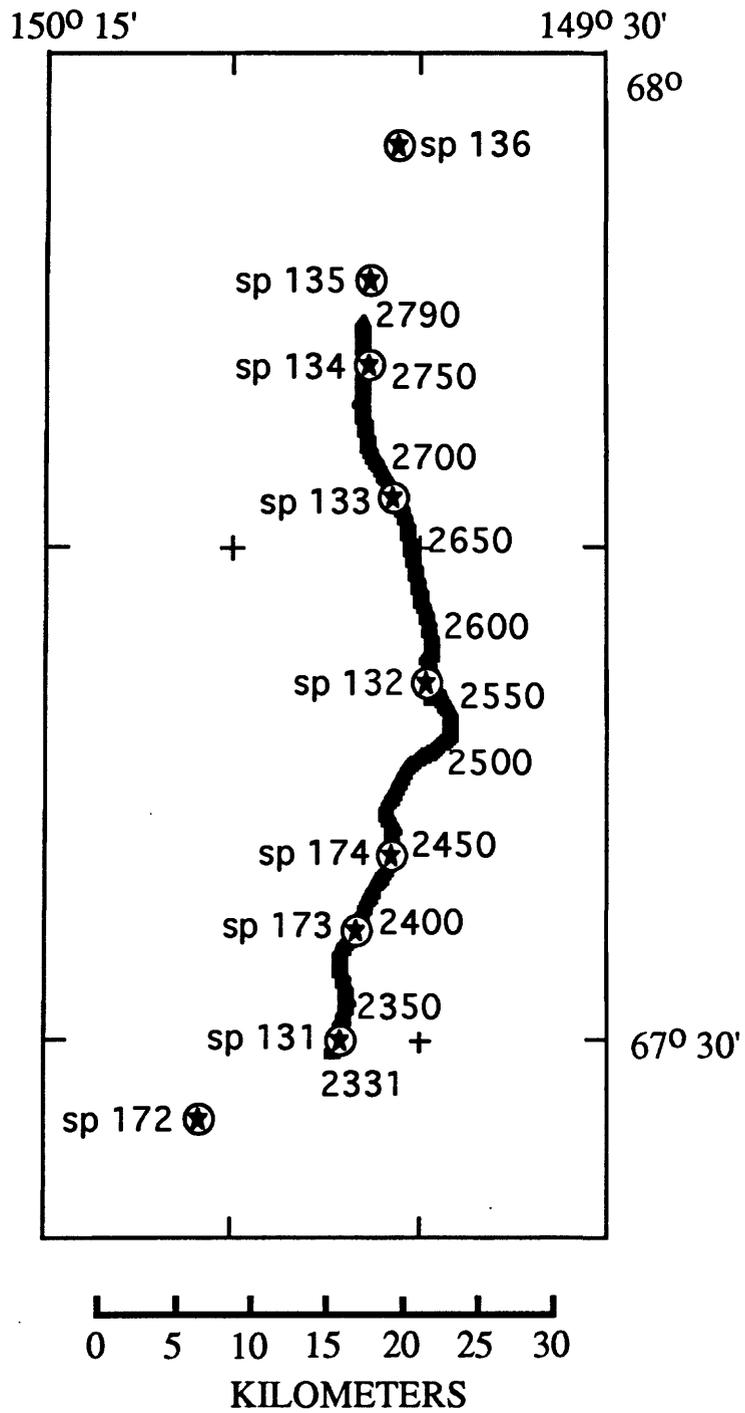


Figure 5e. Deployment 5 location map.

through the Brooks Range onto the North Slope. Ten in-line shots and four off-end shots were fired into the deployment (Figures 1, 3, 5d). Deployment 5 was laid out such that it overlapped both deployments 2 and 3; it filled in a gap in high-frequency coverage. Seven in-line shots and two off-end shots were fired into the deployment (Figures 1, 3, 5e).

Seismic stations and shotpoints were located using two Global Positioning Satellite navigation systems (GPS; the Trimble Navigation Pathfinder). These locations are estimated to be accurate to within  $\pm 10$  meters horizontally and  $\pm 30$  meters vertically. Seismic sources were produced by explosions in drilled holes and shallow lakes. Drill-hole shotpoints consisted of a 20-cm-diameter drill hole filled with an ammonium-nitrate-based blasting agent, boosters, and detonating cord. Shallow lake shotpoints consisted of a distributed charge at the bottom of the lake with detonating cord extending to shore. The amount of explosive and the depth to the top of the charge for each shotpoint are listed in table 2. At shot time, a signal from a USGS master reference clock triggered the shooting system to fire an electric blasting cap, which sequentially caused the detonating cord, boosters, and blasting agent to detonate. The shot origin times are determined by the master clocks, assuming that the explosives detonated at the exact time of the cap break. Generally, master clocks drift less than 1 millisecond per week. However, during this experiment some master clocks had large errors. These errors were corrected during data processing and are described below (see Data processing section). The corrected shot times are listed in Table 2.

## SEISMIC RECORDERS

Four different instruments were used to collect data during this experiment - USGS Seismic Cassette Recorders (SCR), GSC PRS1s, Stanford Seismic Group Recorders (SGR III), and PASSCAL Ref Tek 72A-02s. A general description of each is given here. For more detailed descriptions see Murphy (1988) regarding the SCR's, Asudeh and others (1992) regarding the PRS1's, and the SGR II seismic group recorder field system technical manual and the Mark Products L-10 geophone specifications for the Stanford SGR III's.

The SCR's are a single-channel instrument consisting of a Mark Products L-4A 2-Hz vertical-component geophone, a set of three parallel amplifier boards with adjustable gain settings, a clock (temperature-compensated oscillator, TCXO), a VCO (voltage controlled oscillator), and a cassette recorder (Figure 6). The use of three parallel amplifier boards with gains set so that the dynamic ranges of the

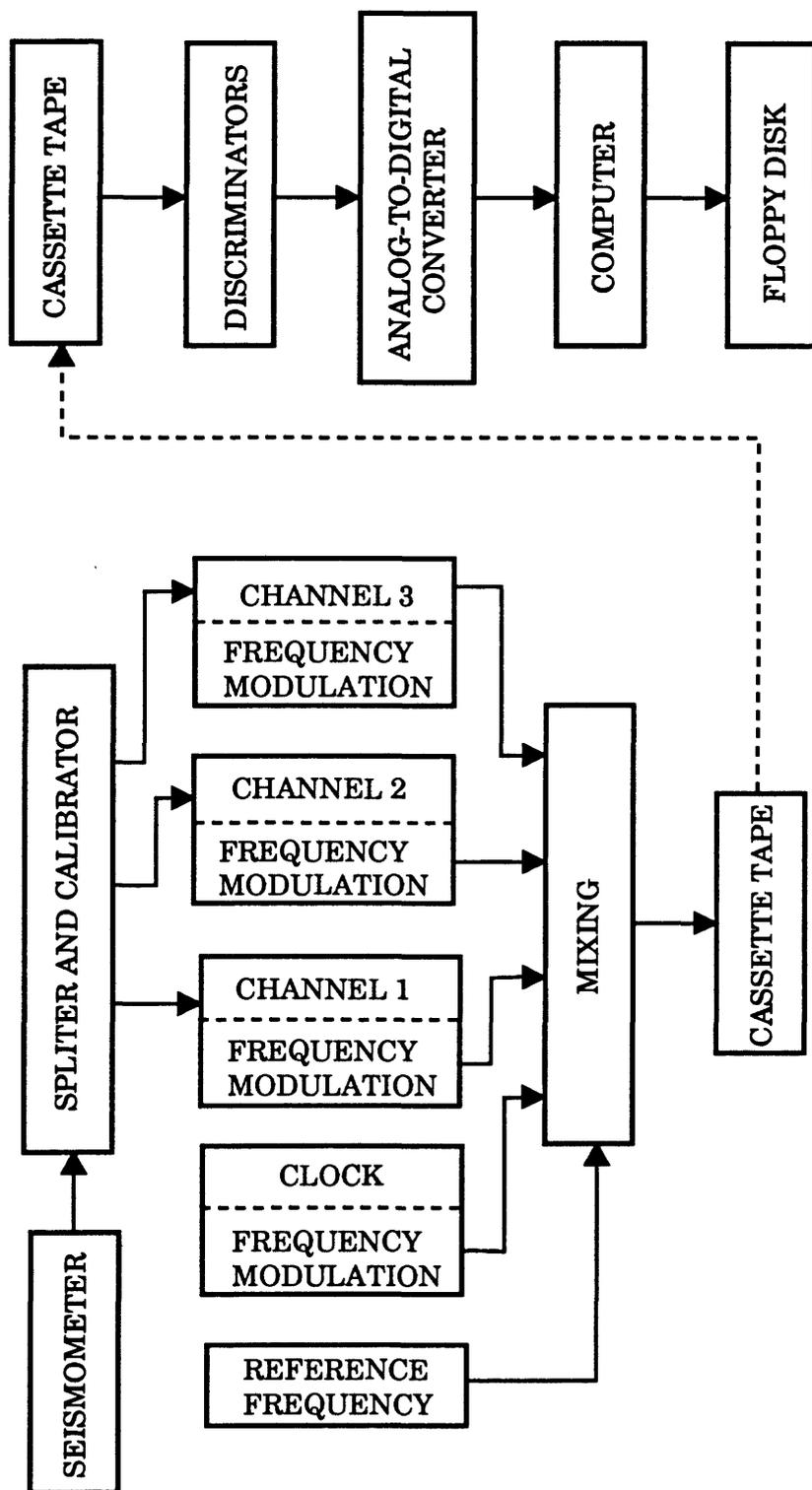


Figure 6. Schematic diagram of the Seismic Cassette Recorder (SCR) data acquisition and processing system

amplifiers overlap, affords a variable total dynamic range. All three data channels and the time code signal (IRIG E) are frequency modulated. The three data carrier frequencies, the clock carrier frequency, and a tape-speed compensation carrier frequency are summed and recorded on cassette tape. During the digitizing process, the cassette tapes are played back and the signals are demultiplexed and demodulated. To prevent accidental shifting of the data-carrier frequencies, the tape-speed compensation carrier frequency is demultiplexed and sent to a circuit board which continuously adjusts the speed of the tape deck such that the tape-speed compensation carrier frequency matches a locally generated reference frequency. A 12-bit analog-to-digital (A/D) converter converts the signals to digital data which are stored on floppy disks. The data are sampled at 200 samples per second. The complete system velocity response is roughly flat between 2 and 30 Hz (Figure 7a) and the approximate ground motion,  $A_g(t)$ , for this frequency range can be calculated:

$$A_g(t) = \frac{A(t)}{R_{GLE} R_{SA} R_{VCO} D_{DSC} D_{A/D}} = \frac{A(t)}{(409.6) R_{SA}}$$

where  $A(t)$  is the amplitude response and  $R_{GLE}$ ,  $R_{SA}$ ,  $R_{VCO}$ ,  $D_{DSC}$ , and  $D_{A/D}$  are the amplitude factors of the major components (Table 3). Phase characteristics are shown in Figure 7b. Prior to deployment, the clocks in each unit are synchronized to a USGS master clock which drifts approximately one millisecond per week and is checked periodically against satellite clocks. When the cassette recorders are retrieved, a clock drift is measured and these data are used to calculate chronometer corrections at shot time (assuming linear drifts). Most clocks drift less than 20 milliseconds during a 24 hour period.

**TABLE 3**

| <u>Component</u> | <u>Value</u>                      |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| $R_{GLE}$        | 1 V/cm/sec                        |
| $R_{SA}$         | dimensionless gain variable (V/V) |
| $R_{VCO}$        | 25 Hz/V                           |
| $D_{DSC}$        | 0.04 V/Hz                         |
| $D_{A/D}$        | 409.6 counts/V                    |

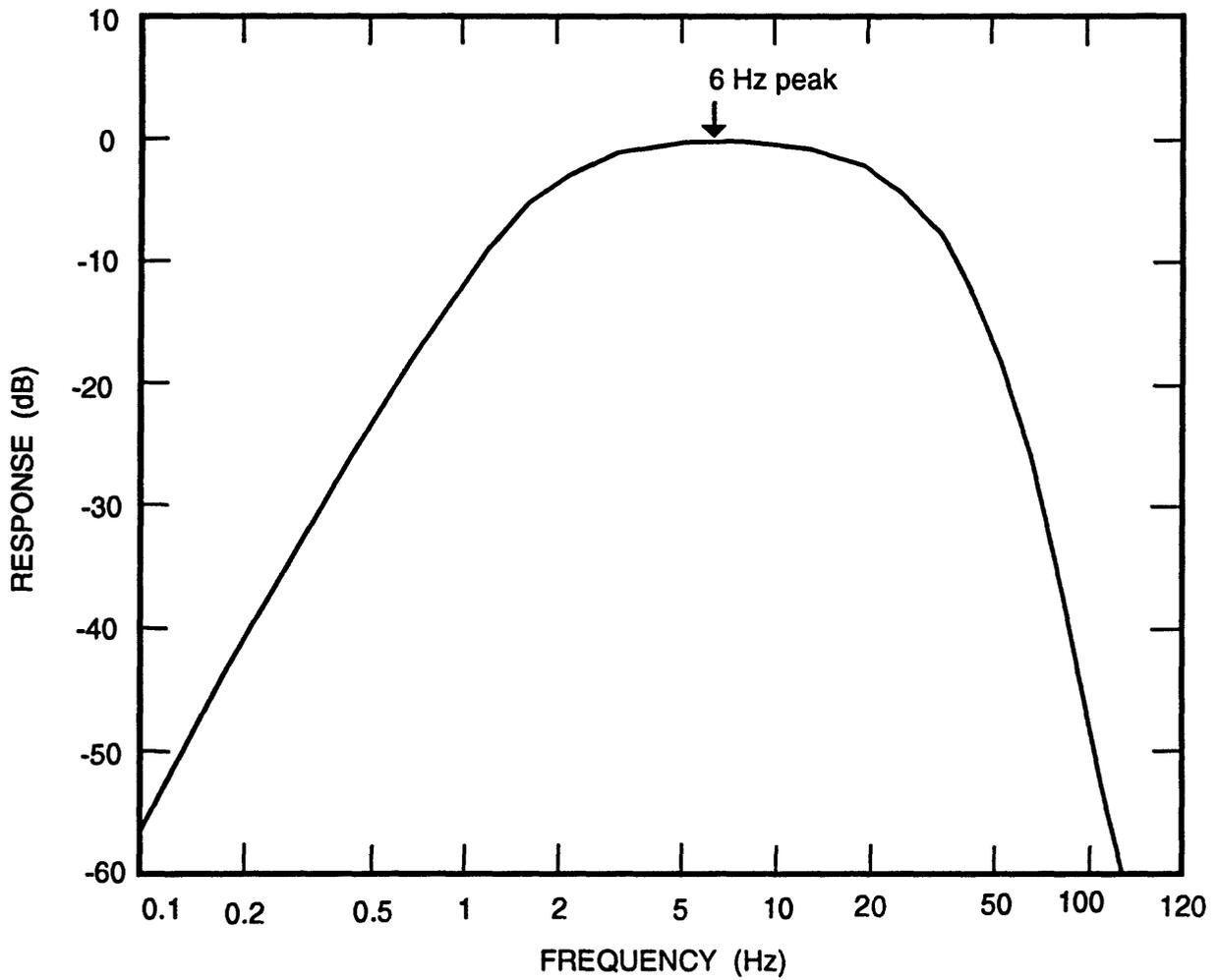


Figure 7a. Theoretical velocity response for the USGS seismic cassette recorder (SCR) and digitizing system with a Mark Products L-4A geophone (2-Hz). (From Dawson and Stauber, 1986)

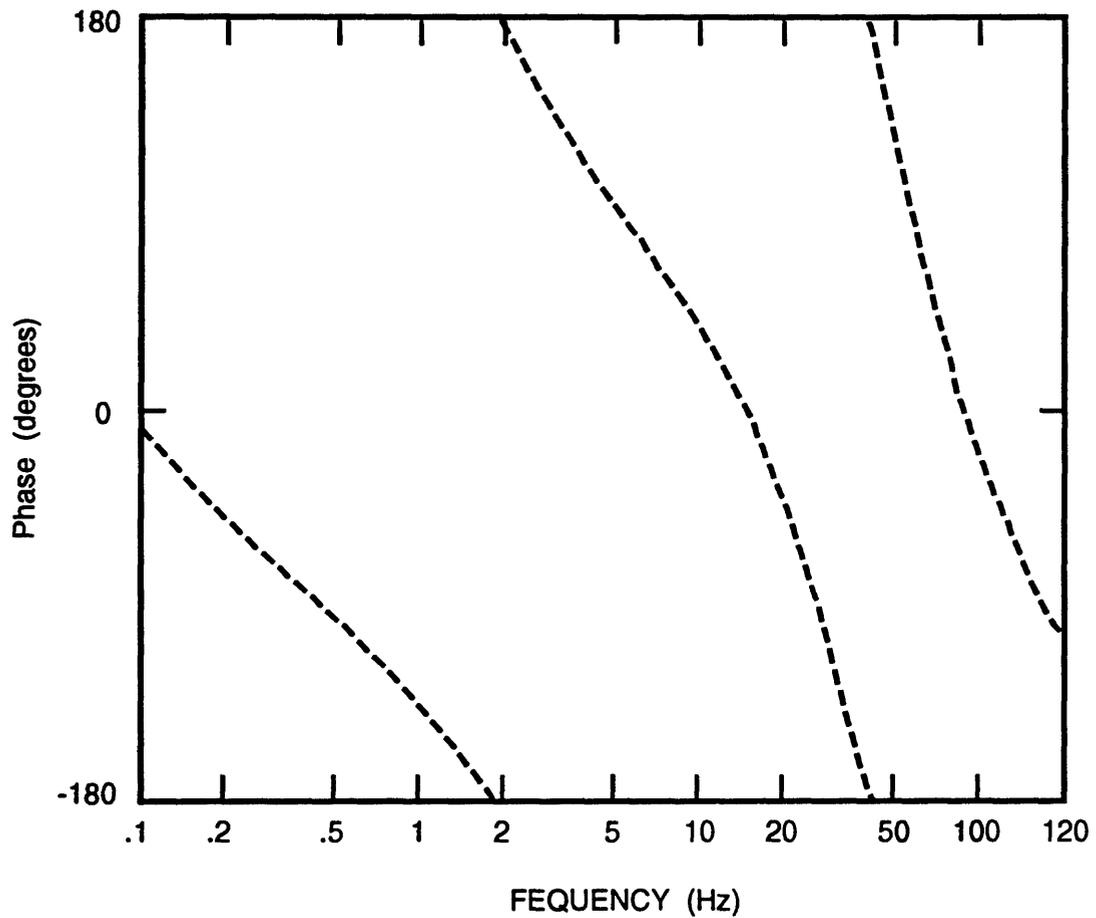


Figure 7b. Phase characteristics of the USGS seismic cassette recorder (SCR) and digitizing system. (From Dawson and Stauber, 1986)

The PRS1's are also single-channel instruments that use a Marks Products L-4A 2-Hz vertical-component geophone. Automatic gain-ranging from 1 to 1024 in binary steps allows a total dynamic range for these instruments of 132 dB. Seismic data are sampled at 120 samples per second by a 12-bit A/D board and stored in memory (DRAM) until the data are uploaded to a PC. Phase and amplitude response curves for the overall system are shown in Figures 8a and 8b, respectively. The amplitude response peaks about 5 Hz. Timing is provided for each unit by a temperature-compensated oscillator (TCXO) that is synchronized to GMT via satellite during the programming (or downloading) process. After retrieval of the instruments, the clock drift is measured for each instrument and clock corrections are made assuming linear drift rates. Most clocks drift less than 20 milliseconds during a 24 hour period. The PRS1 was designed by the Geological Survey of Canada and built by EDA Instruments Ltd.

The SGR III is a single channel, digital seismic recorder with a theoretical dynamic range of 156 dB. Data are sampled at 500 samples per second by a 12-bit A/D board with gain ranging from 0-90 dB in 6 dB steps. The Stanford SGR's have been modified to turn on at preset times instead of using the standard radio turn on. Timing is provided by a temperature-compensated internal oscillator (TXCO) that is synchronized to a USGS master clock prior to deployment. Like the SCR's and the PRS1's, most SGR clocks drift less than 20 milliseconds during a 24 hour period. The digital data and the clock drift at the time of instrument retrieval are recorded on cartridge tape. The drift rates (assumed linear) are used to calculate chronometer corrections at shot time. For this experiment, the SGR III pre-amplifier was set to 50 mV, the low-cut filter was "out", and the 60-Hz notch filter was "in". Figure 9a shows the phase characteristics associated with these filter settings. Each SGR III was connected to a single string of 6 modified Mark Products L-10B vertical component geophones (8 Hz) connected in series. The total system response is shown in Figure 9b. The SGR III recorders were designed by Amoco Production Company, built by Globe Universal Sciences, Inc., and modified by the USGS.

The PASSCAL Ref Tek 72A-02 instruments are a six-channel digital seismic data acquisition systems with a 200 M Byte data disk and an OMEGA clock. The instruments have a variable-gain preamplifier which can be set between a gain of 1 and a gain of 8192. During this experiment most of the instruments had a gain of 256. Cables were extended to 6 sets of Mark Products L-10B vertical-component geophones, similar to ones used with the SGR III's described above. Thus, each Ref Tek recorded data from six separate locations (or stations). The total system response is shown in figure 10.

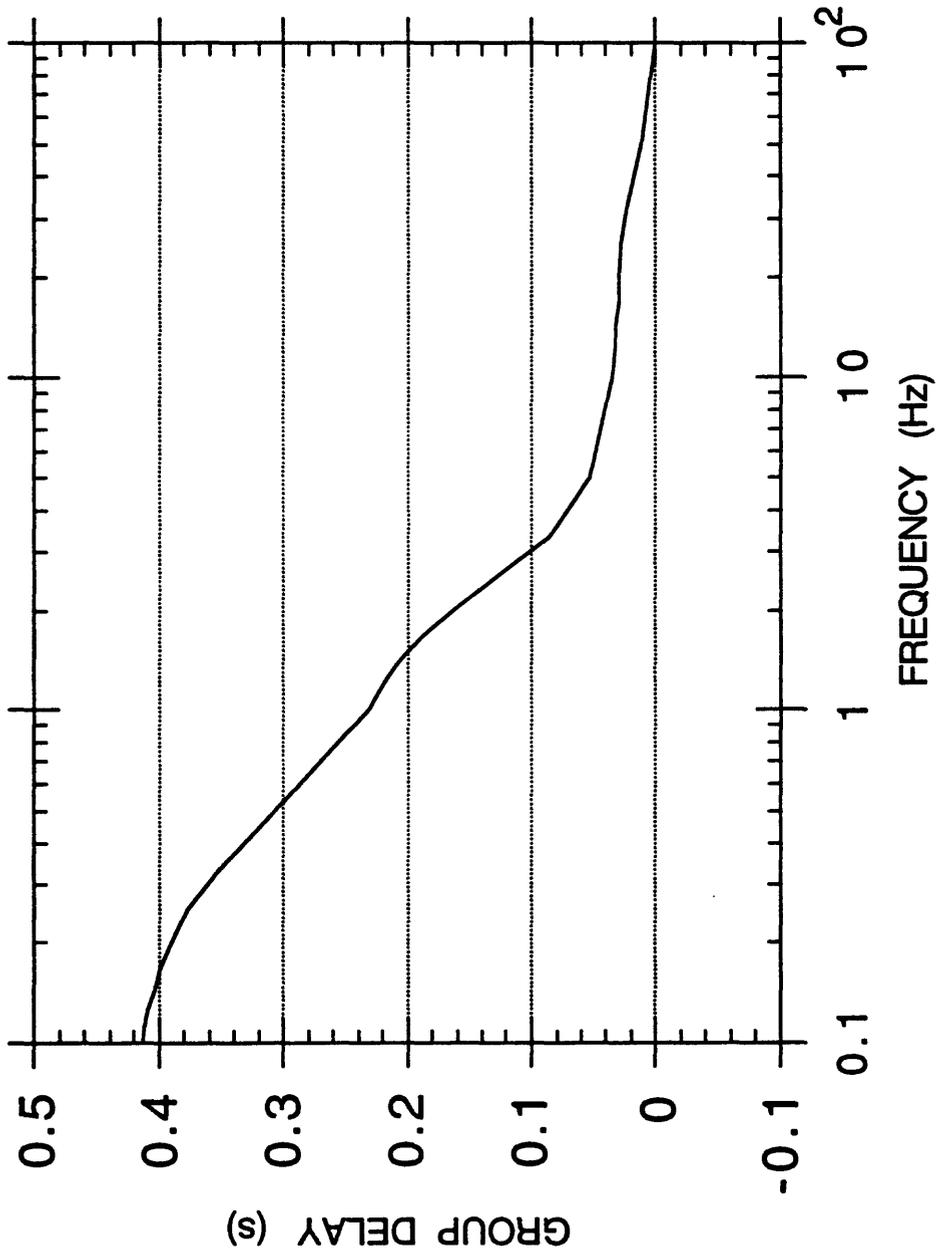


Figure 8a. The phase characteristics of the PRS1.

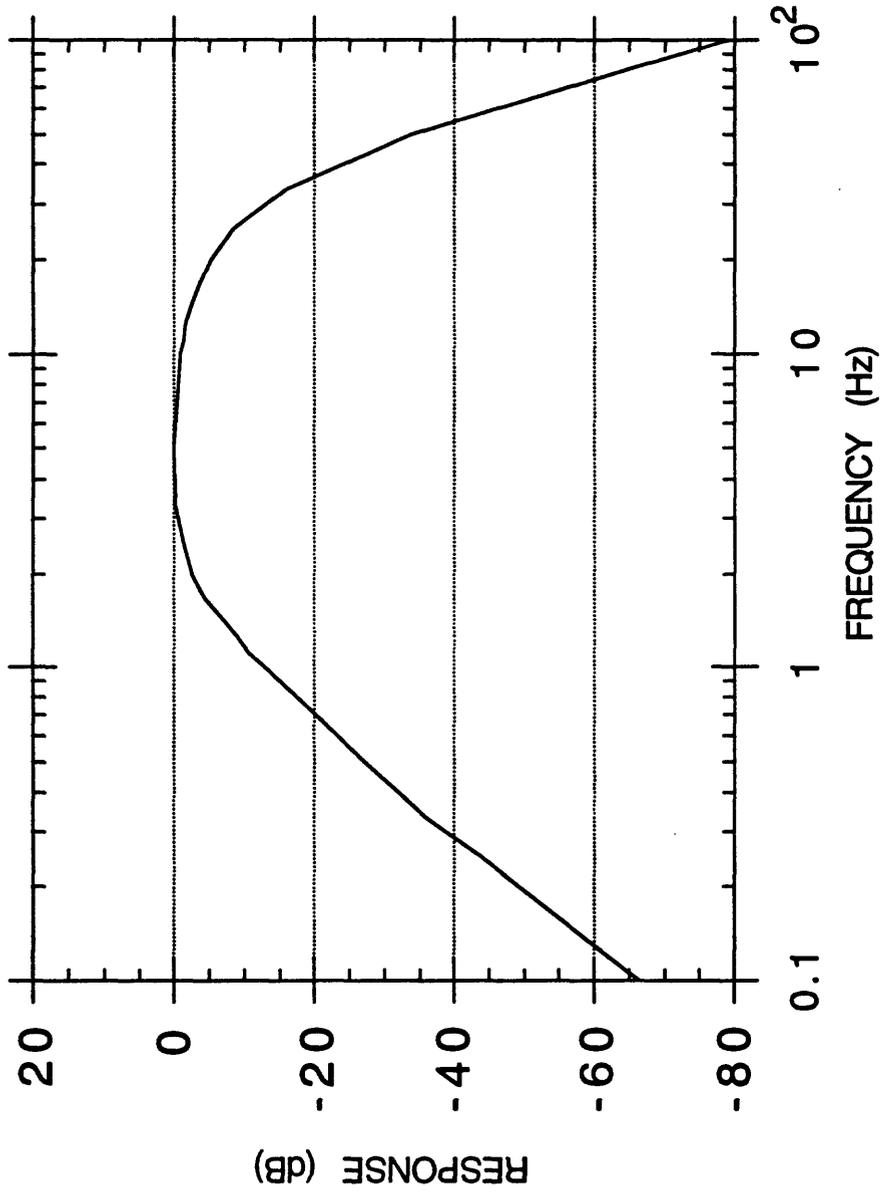


Figure 8b. The amplitude response for the PRS1 with the Mark Products L4-A geophone (2-Hz).

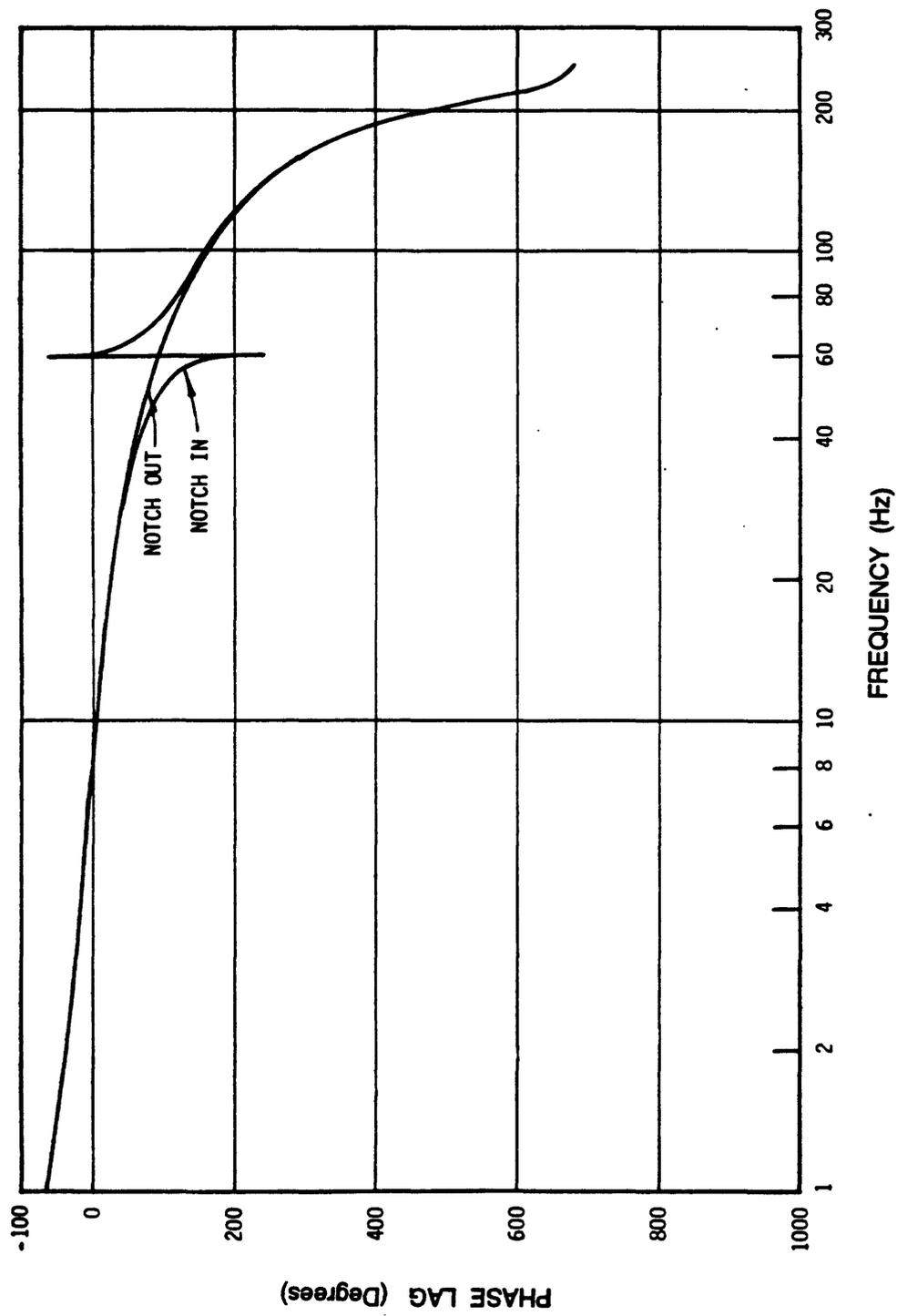


Figure 9a. The phase characteristics of the SGR III's with filters as described in the text (the geophone is not included here).

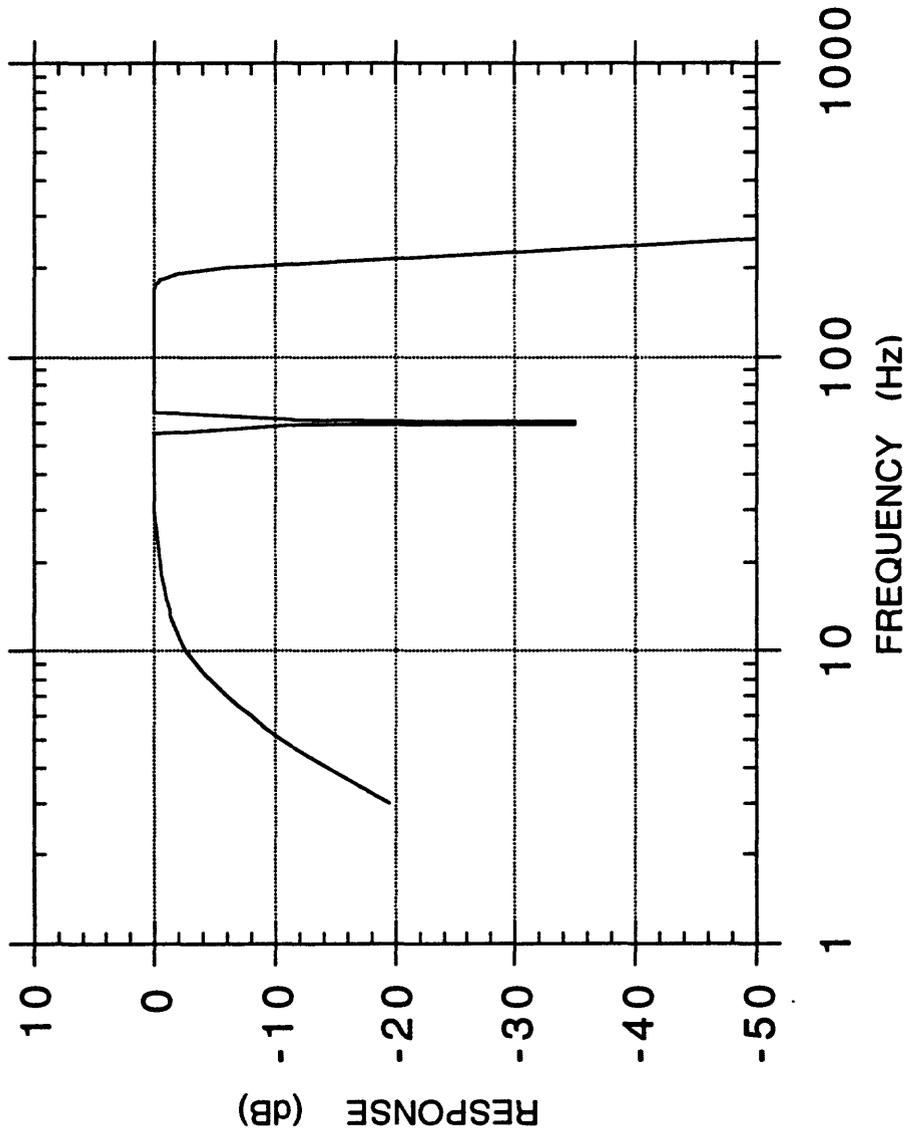


Figure 9b. The amplitude response for the SGR III with the modified Mark Products L10-B geophone string.

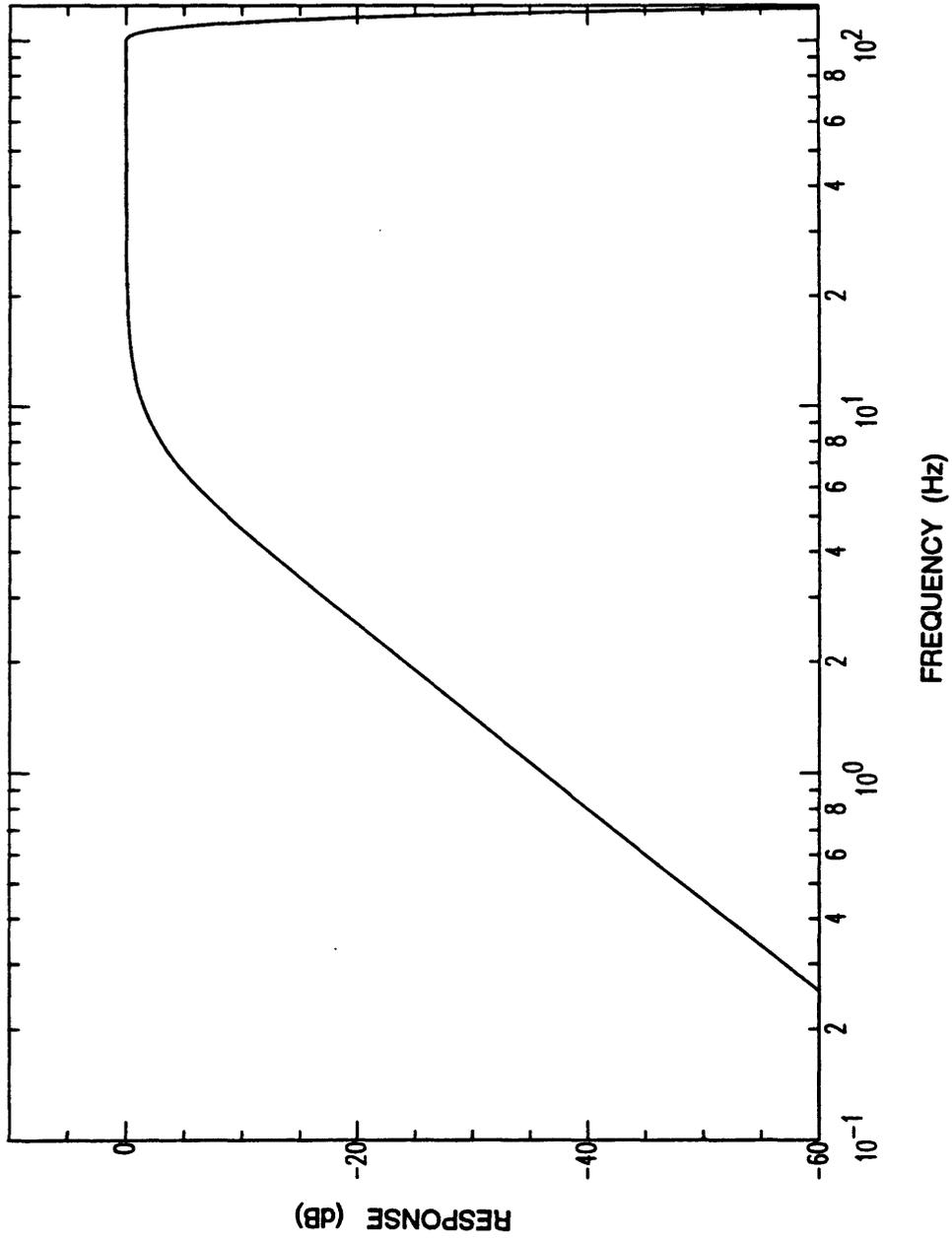


Figure 10. The amplitude response for the REF TEK 72A-02 seismic recorder with the Mark Products L10-B geophone string.

## DATA PROCESSING

The mix of instruments posed several unique recording problems. The SCR and PRS1 instruments have nearly matched instrument responses designed for lower-frequency refraction recording (2-30 Hz), whereas the SGR and Ref Tek recorders are matched and were equipped with industry geophones designed for higher-frequency reflection recording ( $\geq 10$  Hz). Although all four playback systems produce SEG Y data tapes, the header files and sample rates are different for each system. Record sections and normal-moveout (NMO) corrected shot gathers were produced in the field within 48 hours of shooting because each seismic instrument system had its own data playback facility. However, merging the data required extensive processing.

Processing of the data was undertaken at Rice University on a SUN SPARC 4/390 computer using the Cogniseis DISCO processing system. Geometry for recording sites was defined for each of the five deployments (Figures 3 and 5) and shotpoints were defined by distance to the nearest recording site. No geometry was defined for shots 62 and 63. Processing proceeded deployment by deployment in 3 stages (Figure 11). In the first stage, major trace header variables were established for each instrument type including shot and receiver parameters. Timing corrections associated with instrument recording and geometry corrections were applied in the first phase along with a reducing velocity of 8 km/sec. In the second stage, data belonging to each of the different instrument types were merged and sorted into shot order. Additional trace header variables were assigned and all shots were plotted and tables for the trace headers were compiled. Finally, in stage III, the shot ordered data were written in SEG Y format to tape.

### Stage I

Each of the different instrument systems produced raw SEG Y formatted data tapes with different predefined trace headers. Certain key variables, namely the field file identification, FFID, trace sequence number, SEQNO, and the receiver station location, XSTA, were used to define a consistent set of major trace headers; SHOT (bytes 9-12), SP (bytes 17-20), and CHAN (bytes 13-16). To identify the different instrument types, a BOXTYPE (bytes 211-212) trace header was defined; 1 = SCR, 2 = SGR, 3 = PRS1, and 4 = Ref Tek.

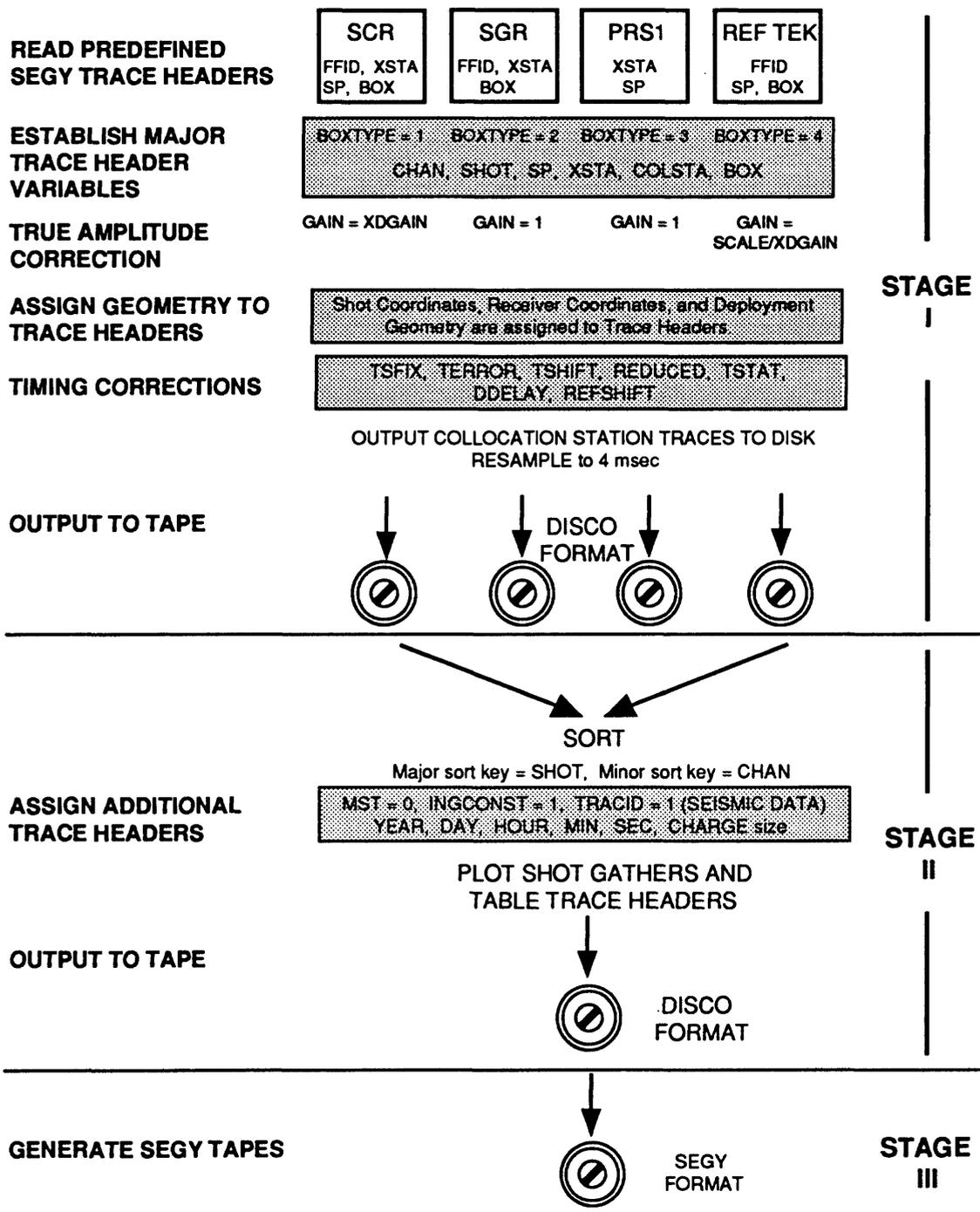


Figure 11. Schematic diagram showing the steps used to process the Brooks Range data.

During each deployment, one site was chosen to collocate all instrument types. The trace header COLSTA (bytes 235-236) was defined to indicate which traces are from collocation sites. COLSTA is set to 1 for collocation sites; otherwise it is 0. Table 4 lists station locations used for collocation sites. Collocation traces were used to check timing corrections and trace polarity. The amplitude of these traces can be used to obtain absolute amplitude corrections.

**TABLE 4**

| <u>Deployment</u> | <u>Collocation Station</u> | <u>Box type</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1                 | 1679                       | 2,3,4           |
| 2                 | 2100                       | 1,2,3,4         |
| 3                 | 3055                       | 1,3,4           |
| 4                 | 3480                       | 3,4             |
| 5                 | 2515                       | 2,4             |

Amplitude corrections or scaling ratios of one instrument type to another have been calculated in two ways. The first (Table 5, A), a more approximate method, compared maximum and average amplitudes for collocated box-types 1, 2, and 4 for only deployment 2. In a second more thorough evaluation (Table 5,B), collocation amplitudes for all Brooks Range deployments were calculated by averaging both positive and negative amplitudes over a time window. A 'mean' or average scale factor for each box type was then calculated. These two estimates provide scale factors within a factor of 2 of each other (Table 5)

**TABLE 5**

| <u>Box Type</u> | <u>Instrument</u> | <u>Scaling Factor</u> |                      |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                 |                   | <u>A</u>              | <u>B</u>             |
| 1               | SCR               | 1.0                   | / 1.0                |
| 2               | SGR               | $4.5 \times 10^6$     | / $6.79 \times 10^6$ |
| 3               | PRS1              | --                    | / 0.641              |
| 4               | Ref Tek           | $7.5 \times 10^7$     | / $9.73 \times 10^7$ |

The timing corrections applied to the Brooks Range data include: a correction due to shot errors, instrument drift corrections, and a reduction time correction. To ensure that the original data can be recovered or that the timing errors can be recomputed, the major timing variables are placed in the extended SEG Y trace header space (user defined space). The following is a definition of those headers:

|          |   |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |
|----------|---|-----|---|------|---|-----|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| TSFIX    | digitizing start time in msec. Bytes 203-204.   |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |
| DRIFT    | instrument drift in msec. Bytes 205-206.  |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |
| TERROR   | shot time correction in msec (due to master clock error).<br>Bytes 207-208.   |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |
| MST      | MST is set equal to 0. Bytes 181-184<br>Timing correction so that digitized traces start on the second. For SGR data, this correction is done in the transcribing process by adding MST to the DRIFT term. In the SCR and PRS1 data, the correction is done in the digitizing process.  |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |
| TSHIFT   | Shifts the beginning of the trace to shot time. Bytes 217-220.<br>TSHIFT is defined for each instrument type as follows:<br><table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>SCR</td> <td><math>XOFFSET/8.0* + TSFIX + TERROR - DRIFT</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td>PRS1</td> <td><math>XOFFSET/8.0* + TSFIX + TERROR - DRIFT</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SGR</td> <td><math>TSFIX + TERROR + DRIFT</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ref Tek</td> <td><math>TSFIX + TERROR + DRIFT</math></td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">* - reduction time applied to data in the field. Bytes 221-224.</p> | SCR | $XOFFSET/8.0* + TSFIX + TERROR - DRIFT$ | PRS1 | $XOFFSET/8.0* + TSFIX + TERROR - DRIFT$ | SGR | $TSFIX + TERROR + DRIFT$ | Ref Tek | $TSFIX + TERROR + DRIFT$ |
| SCR      | $XOFFSET/8.0* + TSFIX + TERROR - DRIFT$   |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |
| PRS1     | $XOFFSET/8.0* + TSFIX + TERROR - DRIFT$   |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |
| SGR      | $TSFIX + TERROR + DRIFT$  |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |
| Ref Tek  | $TSFIX + TERROR + DRIFT$  |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |
| REDUCED  | reduction time applied to the data (- OFFSET/8.0 (km/s) ).  |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |
| TSTAT    | Sum of all time shifts applied to the original data. Bytes 225-228.<br>(TSHIFT + REDUCED).  |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |
| DDELAY   | Bytes 229-232. If DDELAY is removed the trace is returned to the state that we received it. DDELAY is defined for each instrument type as follows:<br><table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>SCR</td> <td><math>TSTAT - MST*/1000</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td>PRS1</td> <td><math>TSTAT - MST*/1000</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SGR</td> <td><math>TSTAT + 0</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ref Tek</td> <td><math>TSTAT - MST*</math></td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">* - MST from original field tapes.</p>   | SCR | $TSTAT - MST*/1000$                     | PRS1 | $TSTAT - MST*/1000$                     | SGR | $TSTAT + 0$              | Ref Tek | $TSTAT - MST*$           |
| SCR      | $TSTAT - MST*/1000$   |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |
| PRS1     | $TSTAT - MST*/1000$   |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |
| SGR      | $TSTAT + 0$   |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |
| Ref Tek  | $TSTAT - MST*$  |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |
| REFSHIFT | Empirical static shift applied to the Ref Tek's which experienced large clock drifts. This was calculated using cross correlation's on adjacent SGR traces. Bytes 237-238.  |     |   |      |   |     |                          |         |                          |

Based on analysis of first arrival time picks, it is likely that an additional -0.12 sec shift for shot 15 and a -0.1 sec shift for shot 29 is required to satisfy

reciprocity constraints. These shifts (travel-time advances) are approximate. To correct for a missed shot window on the first deployment, traces from shot 63 (sp 126) were merged with shot 10 (sp 126). Data from shot 62 (sp 127) did not fit the defined geometry and therefore, are not presented here. At this stage, the data were resampled to 4 msec and temporary tapes were written for each instrument system.

## **Stage II**

During the second stage, data from the temporary tapes for each instrument system were merged and sorted into shot ensembles and the data were plotted. In addition, trace headers were tabled and checked. At this stage, trace headers related to the date and time of shots (see extended SEG Y trace header space of table 6) and shot charge size (CHARGE; bytes 187-188) were added, TRACEID (bytes 29-30) was set to 1 (seismic data), MST (bytes 181-184) was set to 0, and the instrument gain constant, INGCONT (bytes 185-186), was set to 1.

## **Stage III**

In the third and final stage of processing, SEG Y-formatted data was written to tape at 6250 bpi and trace header information was written to the EBCDIC reel header (Figure 12). The data were written as shot gathers in deployment order with a sample rate of 4 msec and a trace length of 60 seconds (see appendix B for actual data length). A description of the trace headers is given in Table 6.

Several headers were specially set to ensure compatibility with U.S. Geological Survey record-section plotting programs and software at the Canadian Geological Survey (Luetgert, 1988). Headers MST (bytes 181-184) and COR (bytes 185-186) were set to zero. In addition, the trace start time (bytes 157 through 166) was set to the shot time (bytes 189 through 202). The instrument gain correction (bytes 121-122) was set to one.

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 \* SEG-Y BINARY HEADER INFORMATION \*  
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MAXNTR..... 800  
 SAMPLE RATE.. 4000 (MICROSECONDS)  
 LENGTH..... 15000 (SAMPLES)  
 DATA FORMAT.. 1 (IBM FLPT)

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 \* EBCDIC REEL HEADER \*  
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C1 BROOKS RANGE EXPERIMENT 1990 : RICE UNIVERSITY PROCESSING  
 C2 GSC, SGR, PRS1 AND SCR MERGED DATA FOR DEPLOYMENT 2.  
 C3  
 C4 SAMPLE RATE = 4 MS / 60 SECS DATA / 32 BYTE IBM FLOAT FORMAT  
 C5 DATA IS REDUCED (VRED = +8.0KM/SEC)  
 C6 DATA IS DRIFT CORRECTED, AND CORRECTED FOR ALL OTHER TIMING ERROR  
 C7 AND TIMING SHIFTS.  
 C8 HEADERS ARE DESCRIBED AS NAME (XXX,N) WHERE XXX IS THE BYTE LOCATION  
 C9 N IS THE NUMBER OF BYTES  
 C10 SHOT ( 9,4) = SHOT SEQUENCE NUMBER  
 C11 CHAN ( 13,4) = CHANNEL NUMBER  
 C12 ESPNUM ( 17,4) = SHOTPOINT NUMBER, EQUIVALENT TO SP  
 C13 INGCONST(121,2) = TRUE AMPLITUDE FACTOR =1 INSTRUMENT GROUPS ARE TRUE  
 C14 AMPLITUDE WRT THEMSELVES NOT WRT EACH OTHER  
 C15 MST (181,4) = 0 MICROSECONDS OF TRACE START TIME  
 C16 COR (185,2) = 0 MS TIMING CORRECTION (MST AND COR HEADERS USED TO  
 C17 MAINTAIN COMPATABILITY WITH LUETGERT'S PROGRAMS)  
 C18 CHARGE (187,2) = CHARGE SIZE IN LBS  
 C19 SYEAP (189,2) = SHOT TIME:(YEAR,HOUR,DAY,MIN,SEC)EACH IN 2 BYTE HEADER  
 C20 SSMIC (199,4) = SHOT TIME: MICROSECONDS  
 C21 TSFIX (203,2) = MSEC TIME BEFORE SHOT = INITIAL DIGITIZING TIME  
 C22 DRIFT (205,2) = MSEC INSTRUMENT DRIFT  
 C23 TERROR (207,2) = MSEC CORRECTION TO SHOT TIME  
 C24 BOX (209,2) = SERIAL NO. OF THE BOX; PRS1 VALUE SHOULD HAVE 'A' PRE  
 C25 BOXTYPE (211,2) = 1 FOR SCR / 2 FOR SGR / 3 FOR PRS1 / 4 FOR REFTEK  
 C26 REC-STAT(213,4) = RECEIVER STATION  
 C27 TSHIFT (217,4) = TSFIX + TERROR - DRIFT + XOFFSET/8.0 (TSHIFT CORRECTS  
 C28 TO SHOT TIME; -XOFFSET/8.0 IS FAKE REDUCTION APPLIED IN  
 C29 REDUCED (221,4) = -XOFFSET/8.0 (OFFSET IS TRUE (R-S OFFSET)  
 C30 TSTAT (225,4) = TSHIFT + REDUCED (WHAT WE APPLIED TO DATA)  
 C31 DDELAY (229,4) = TSHIFT + REDUCED - MST/1000.  
 C32 (MST IS A MICROSECOND ERROR ASSOCIATED WITH TURNON TIME  
 C33 OF SCR AND PRS1 INSTRUMENTS) IF DDELAY IS REMOVED THE  
 C34 TRACE IS RETURNED TO THE STATE IN WHICH WE RECEIVED IT  
 C35 GAIN (233,2) = GAIN THAT APPLIED TO TRACES TO PROVIDE TRUE AMP  
 C36 COLSTA (235,2) = 1 COLLOCATION STATION : ONE TYPE OF EACH INSTRUMENT  
 C37 = 0 OTHERWISE  
 C38 REFSHIFT (237,2) = EMPIRICAL STATIC SHIFT APPLIED TO REFTEKS(CLOCK DRIFT)  
 C39 CONTACT A.R. LEVANDER OR S.A. HENRYS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
 C40 PROCESSED BY S.A. HENRYS, A.R. LEVANDER, AND W. LUTTER\*END REEL HEADER\*

Figure 12. EBCDIC reel header.

**TABLE 6****ARCHIVE DATA TAPE FORMAT**

Archive data tapes are written in standard SEG-Y 32-bit IBM floating point format (Barry et al., 1975). The tape recording density is 6250 bpi and each tape has the standard SEG-Y EBCDIC reel header. Minor modifications to the trace headers allow refraction data to be archived in this format. A list of the header fields used for this data is shown below.

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Trace Identification Header (total of 240 bytes)  
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|       |  |
|-------|--|
| 1-4   | Cumulative sequence number within deployment         |
| 5-8   | Trace number within reel                             |
| 9-12  | Shot   |
| 13-16 | Channel (recorder location number)                   |
| 17-20 | Shot point location number                           |
| 21-24 | CDP  |
| 25-28 | Trace sequence number within shot ensemble           |
| 29-30 | Trace identification code (1 = seismic data)         |
| 31-32 | Not used   |
| 33-34 | Not used   |
| 35-36 | Not used   |
| 37-40 | Distance from source to receiver                     |
| 41-44 | Receiver group elevation (m)                         |
| 45-48 | Surface elevation of source (m)                      |
| 49-52 | Shot depth   |
| 53-56 | Not used   |
| 57-60 | Not used   |
| 61-64 | Not used   |
| 65-68 | Not used   |
| 69-70 | Not used   |
| 71-72 | Not used   |
| 73-76 | Source X coordinate (meters east of Shot point 154)  |
| 77-80 | Source Y coordinate (meters north of Shot point 154) |
| 81-84 | Group X coordinate (meters east of Shot point 154)   |
| 85-88 | Group Y coordinate (meters north of Shot point 154)  |

**TABLE 6 (continued)**

|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 89-90   | Not used                          |
| 91-92   | Not used                          |
| 93-94   | Not used                          |
| 95-96   | Not used                          |
| 97-98   | Not used                          |
| 99-100  | Not used                          |
| 101-102 | Not used                          |
| 103-104 | Not used                          |
| 105-106 | Not used                          |
| 107-108 | Not used                          |
| 109-110 | Not used                          |
| 111-112 | Not used                          |
| 113-114 | Not used                          |
| 115-116 | No of samples in this trace       |
| 117-118 | Sampling interval in microseconds |
| 119-120 | Not used                          |
| 121-122 | Gain constant                     |
| 123-124 | Not used                          |
| 125-126 | Not used                          |
| 127-128 | Not used                          |
| 129-130 | Not used                          |
| 131-132 | Not used                          |
| 133-134 | Not used                          |
| 135-136 | Not used                          |
| 137-138 | Not used                          |
| 139-140 | Not used                          |
| 141-142 | Not used                          |
| 143-144 | Not used                          |
| 145-146 | Not used                          |
| 147-148 | Not used                          |
| 149-150 | Not used                          |
| 151-152 | Not used                          |
| 153-154 | Not used                          |
| 155-156 | Not used                          |
| 157-158 | Year of trace start time          |
| 159-160 | Day of trace start time           |
| 161-162 | Hour of trace start time          |
| 163-164 | Minute of trace start time        |

**TABLE 6 (continued)**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 165-166 | Second of trace start time  |
| 167-168 | Not used  |
| 169-170 | Not used  |
| 171-172 | Not used  |
| 173-174 | Not used  |
| 175-176 | Not used  |
| 177-178 | Not used  |
| 179-180 | Not used  |
| 181-184 | Microseconds of trace start time                                    |
| 185-186 | Millisecond of timing correction                                    |
| 187-188 | Amount of explosives (lbs)  |
| 189-190 | Shot time - Year  |
| 191-192 | Shot time - Day   |
| 193-194 | Shot time - Hour  |
| 195-196 | Shot time - Minute  |
| 197-198 | Shot time - Second  |
| 199-202 | Shot time - Microsecond   |
| 203-204 | Initial digitizing time   |
| 205-206 | Clock drift rate  |
| 207-208 | Correction to shot time in microseconds                             |
| 209-210 | Instrument number   |
| 211-214 | Instrument type (1= SCR, 2= SGR, 3= PRS1, 4 = Ref Tek)              |
| 213-216 | Receiver location number  |
| 217-220 | Corrects trace to shot time (see comments in EBCDIC<br>reel header) |
| 221-224 | Reduction (- offset / 8.0)  |
| 225-228 | correction applied to data (see comments in EBCDIC<br>reel header)  |
| 229-232 | error in turn on time of SCR and PRS1 (in microseconds)             |
| 233-234 | Gain  |
| 235-236 | Collocation site for each type instrument (1=yes, 2=no)             |
| 237-238 | Static shift applied to Ref Tek's (clock drift)                     |

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## APPENDIX A

### RECORD SECTIONS

The record sections presented below were plotted as follows. Reducing velocity is 6 km/s. All traces are represented, but we have plotted only positive trace fills and not the trace itself. Traces are plotted from south (left) to north (right) as shown in Figure 13. For offset shots, we show 2 sections; one with an automatic-gain-control (AGC) window of 2 sec, to emphasize all arrivals, and one with an AGC window of 12 sec, to emphasize only the strongest arrivals. Changes in instrument type along the line account for the changes in appearance of arrivals. For example, PRS1's and SCR's emphasize longer-period arrivals (e.g. surface waves). The instrument type for each trace is indicated in the trace header field (bytes 211-214) of the SEG-Y data on the magnetic tapes (see Tables 4, and 6). Profile numbers are the deployment numbers.

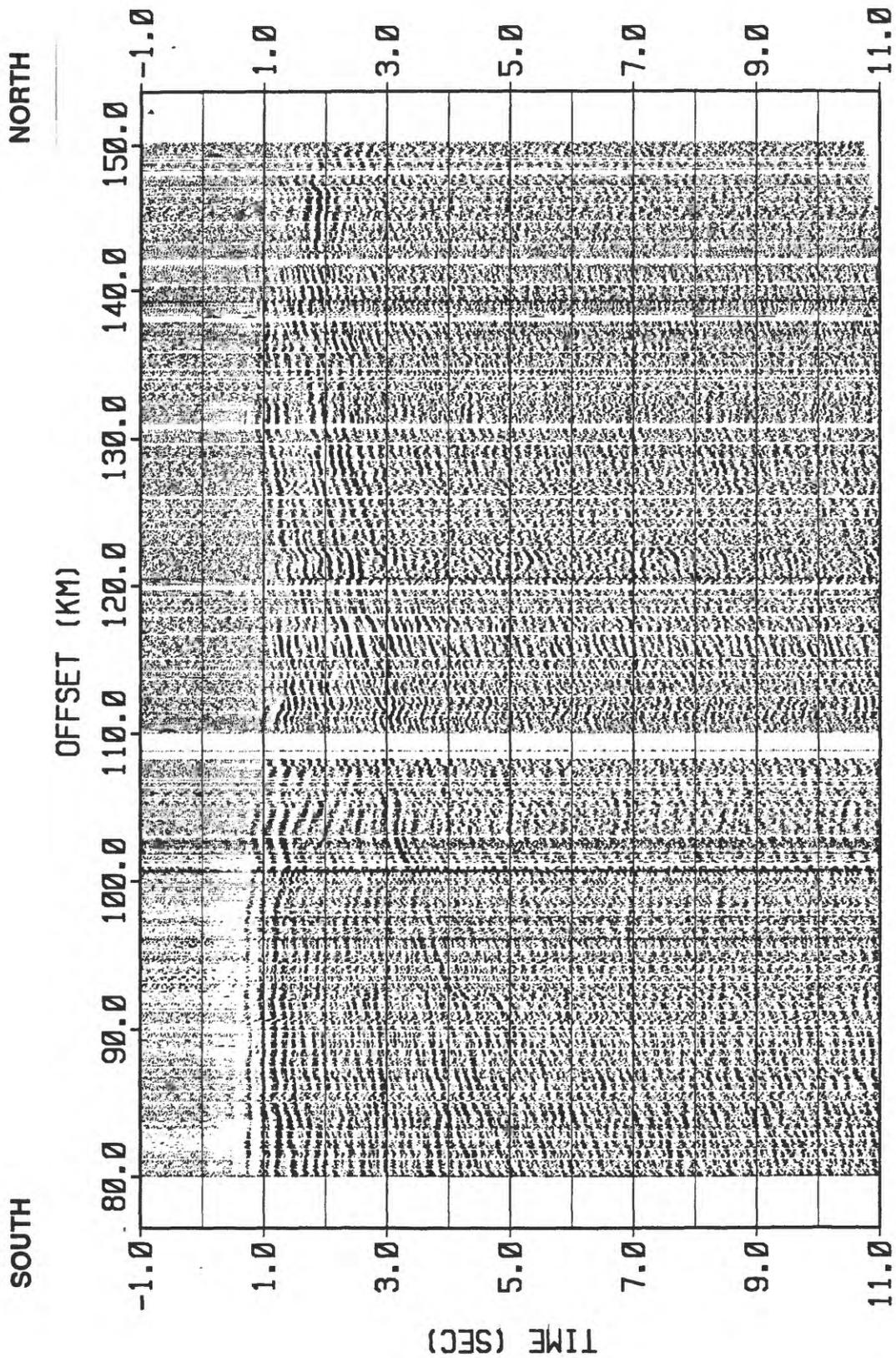


Figure 13 Profile 1  
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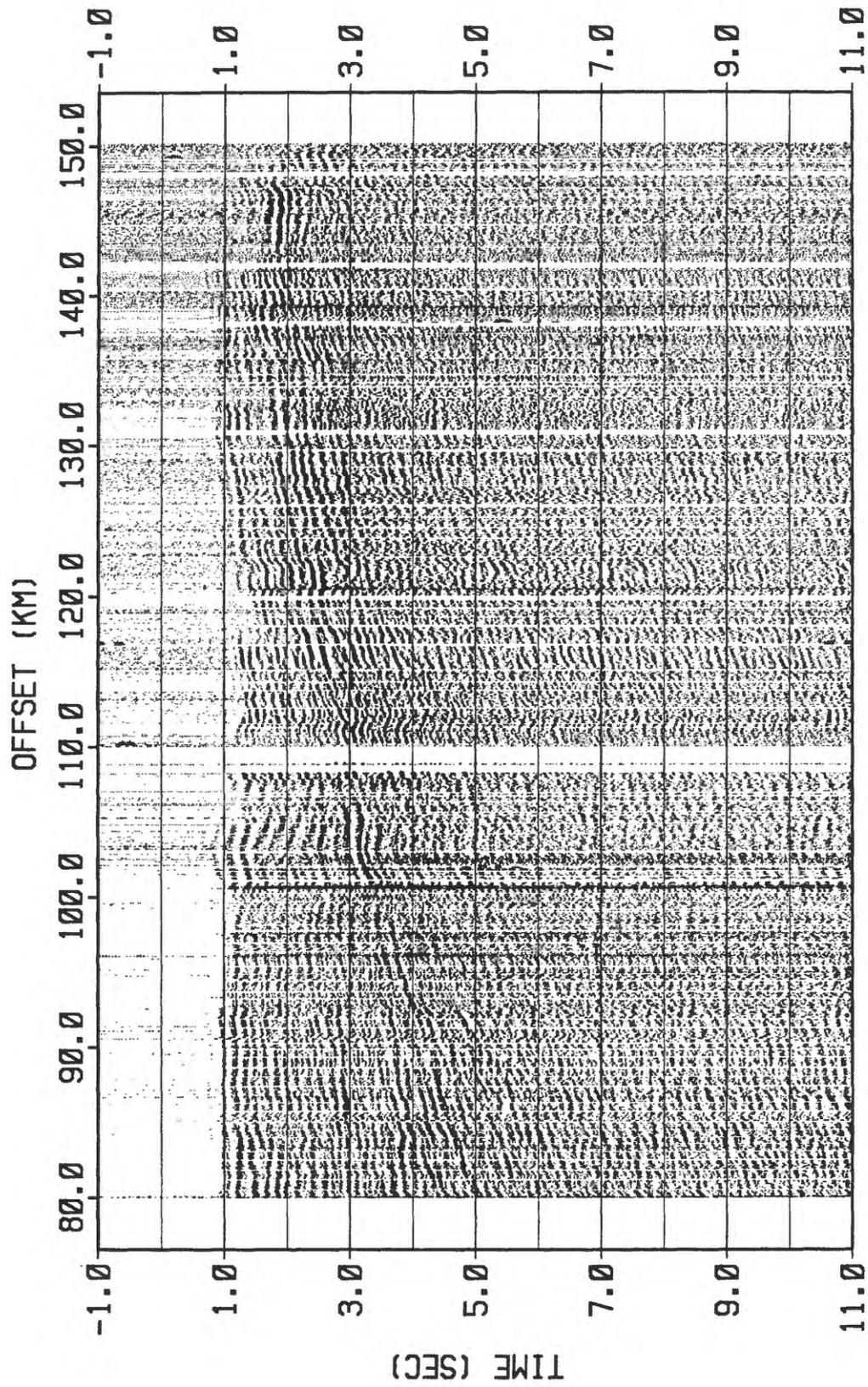


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Shot 1 Shot Point 154 AGC = 12 sec

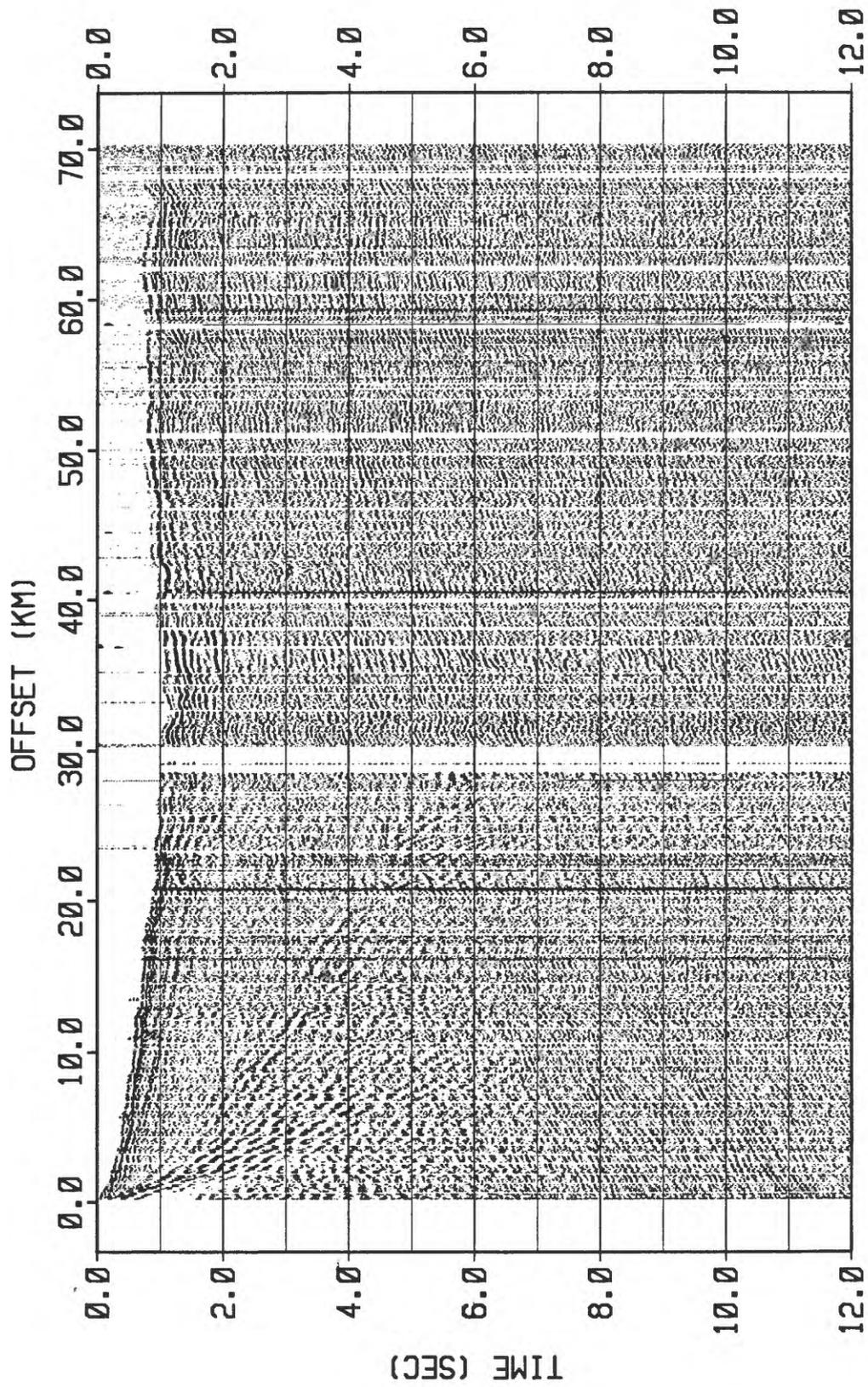


Figure 15 Profile 1  
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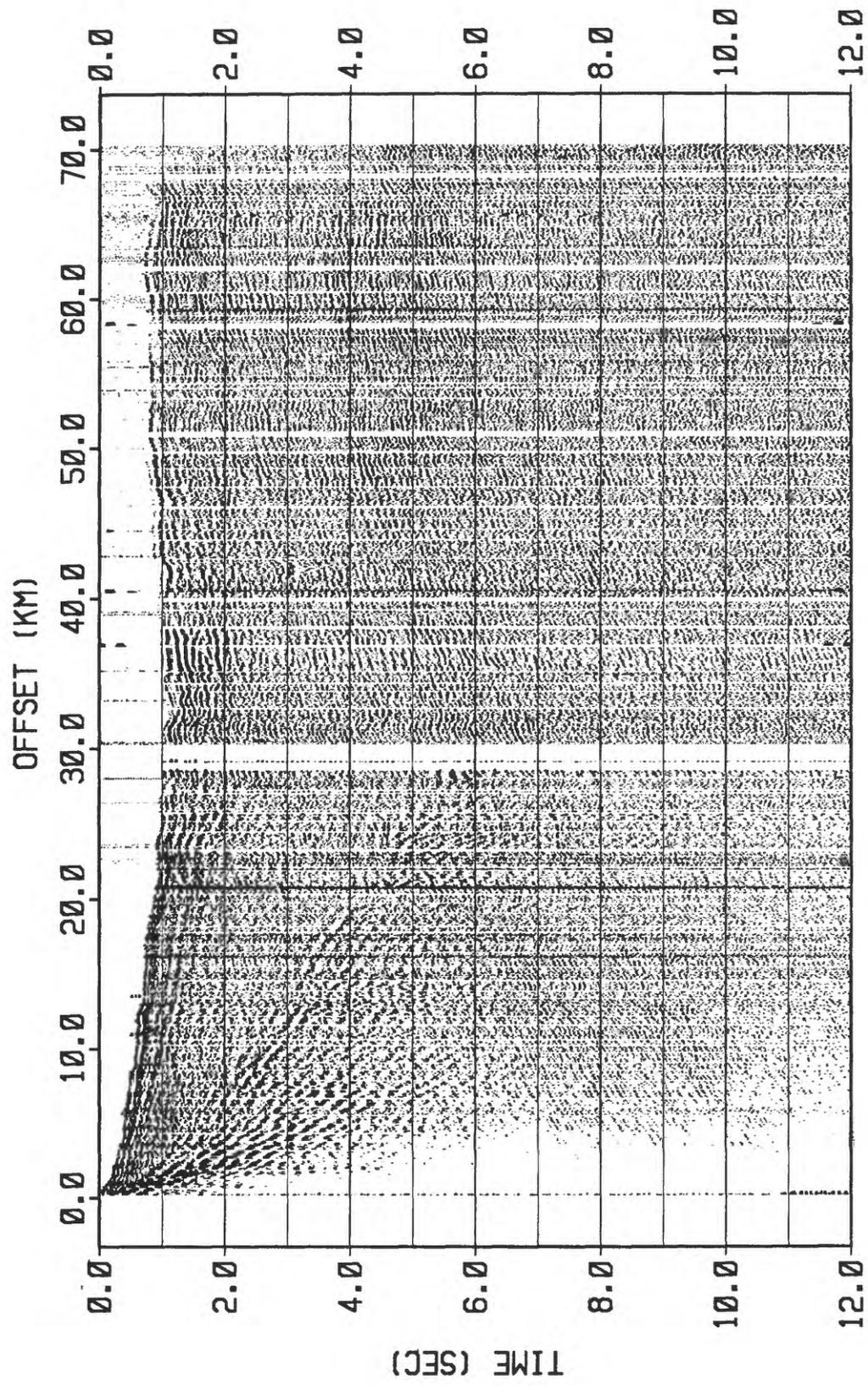


Figure 16 Profile 1  
Shot 2 Shot Point 120 AGC = 12 sec

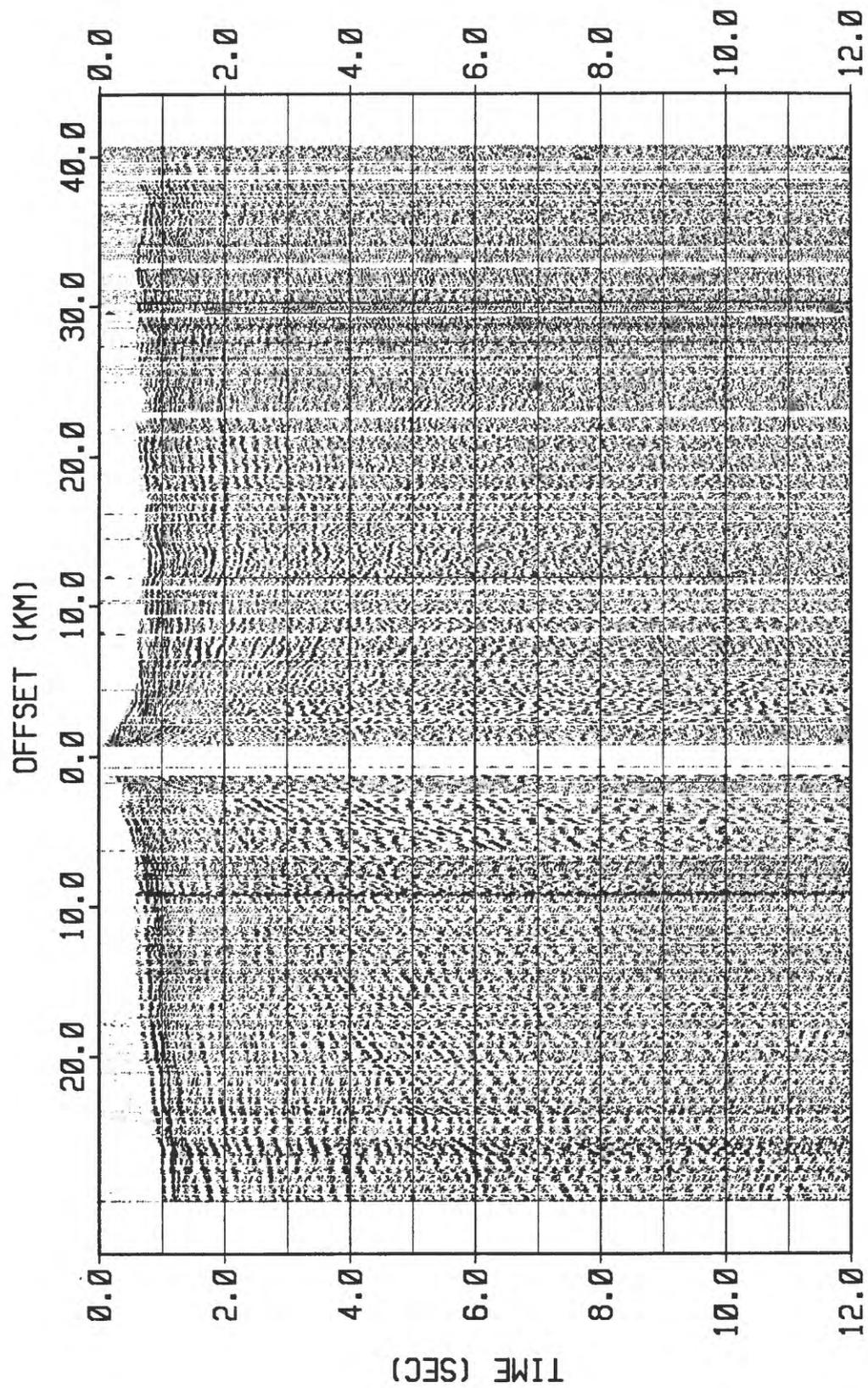


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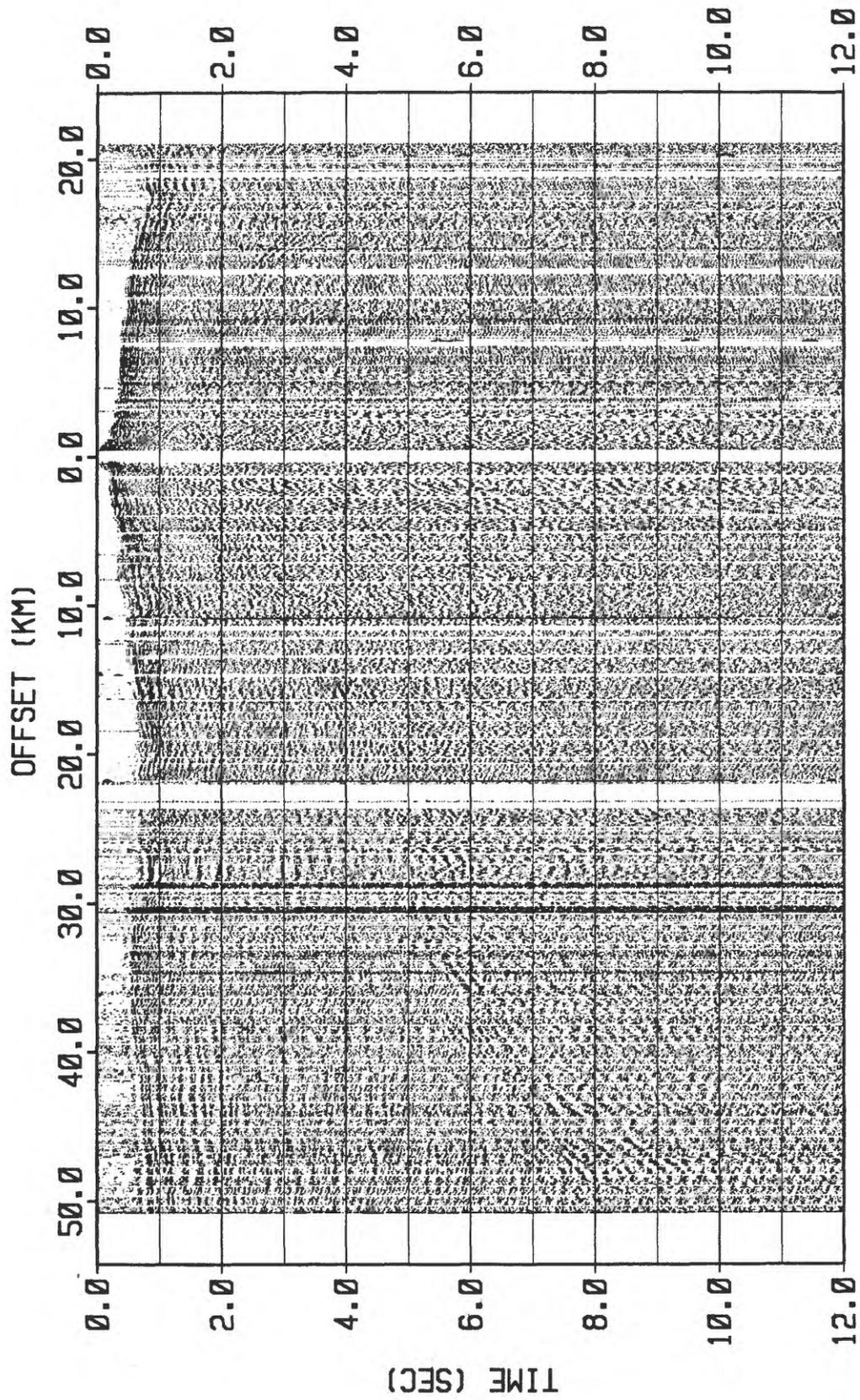


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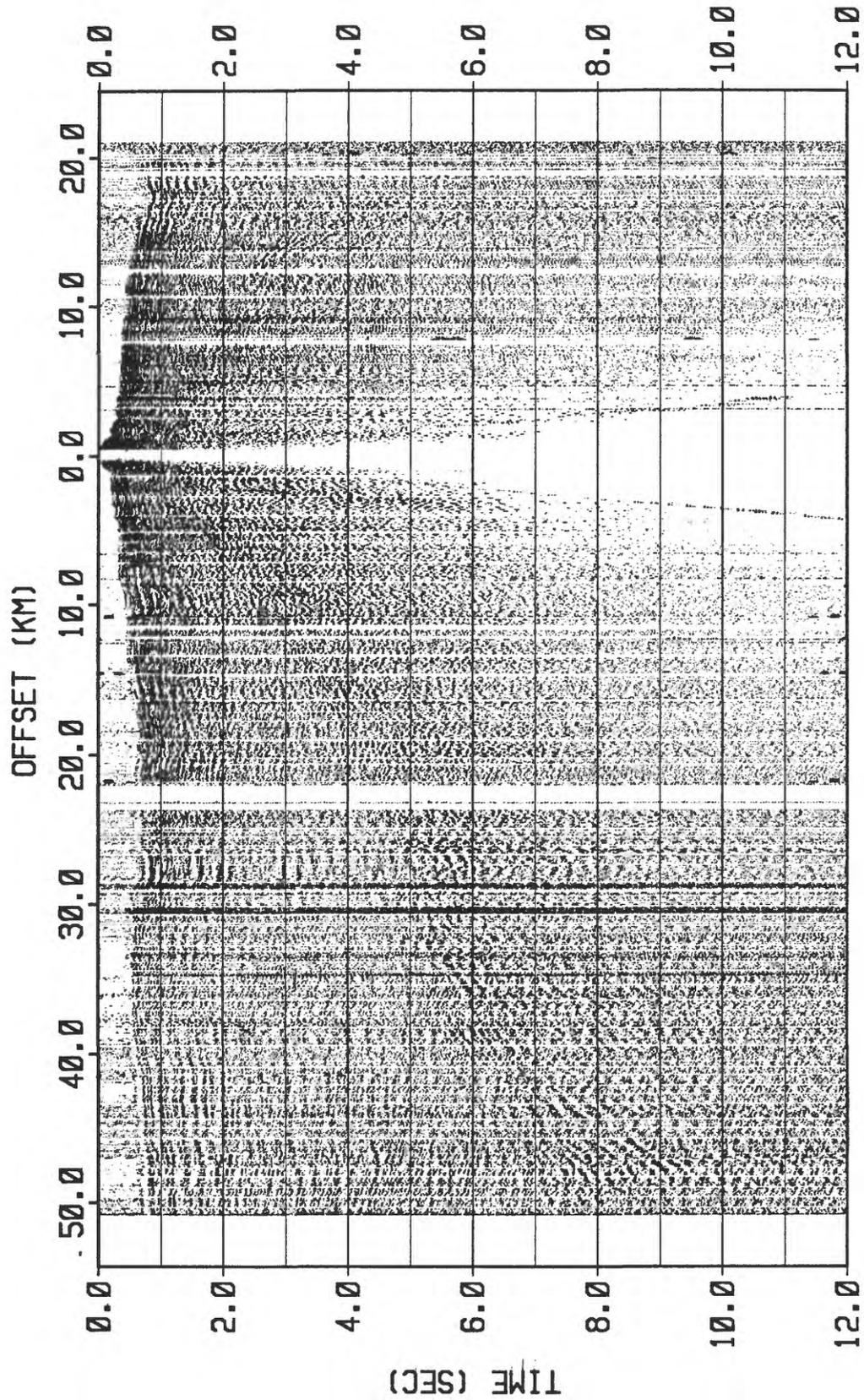


Figure 19 Profile 1  
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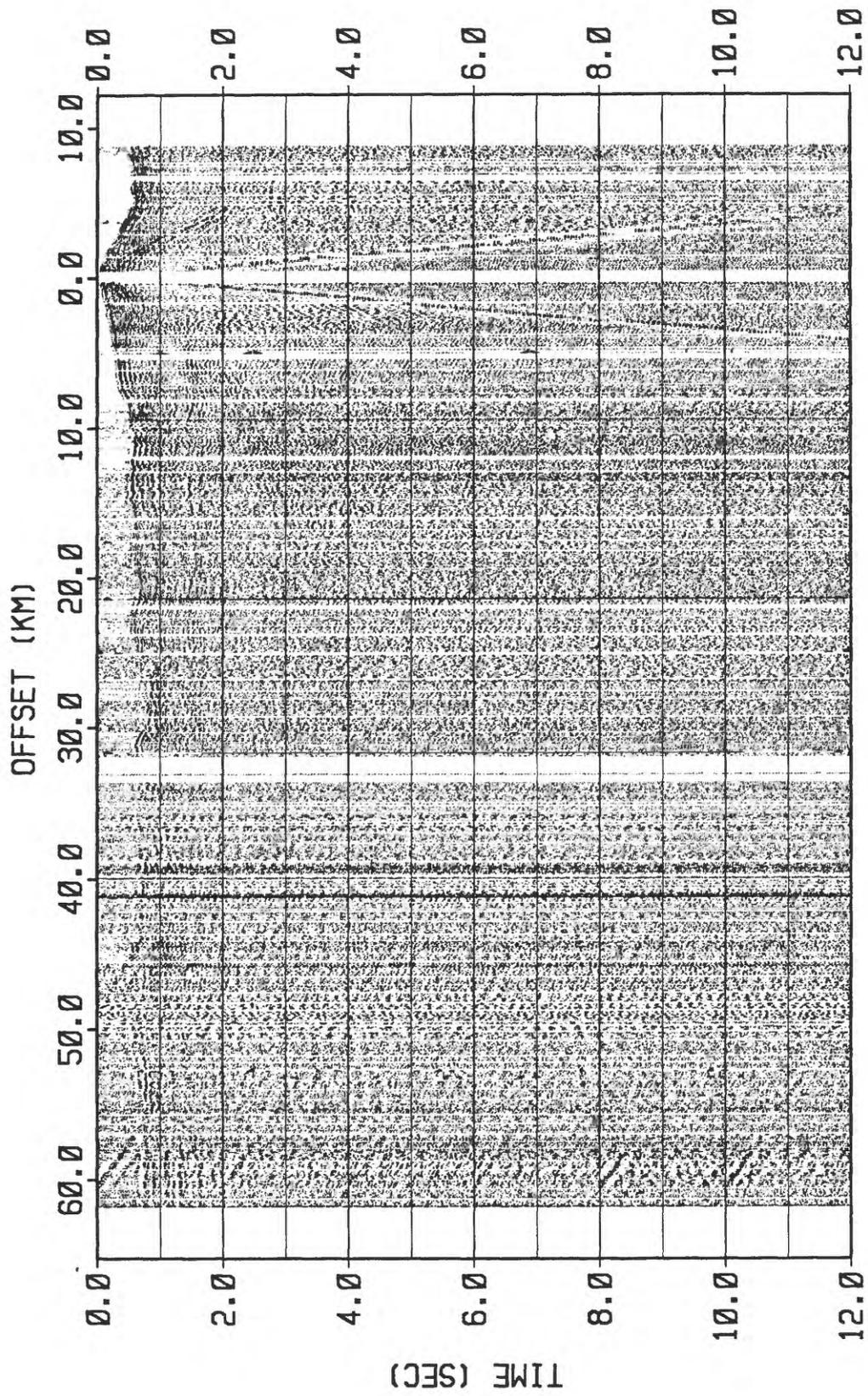


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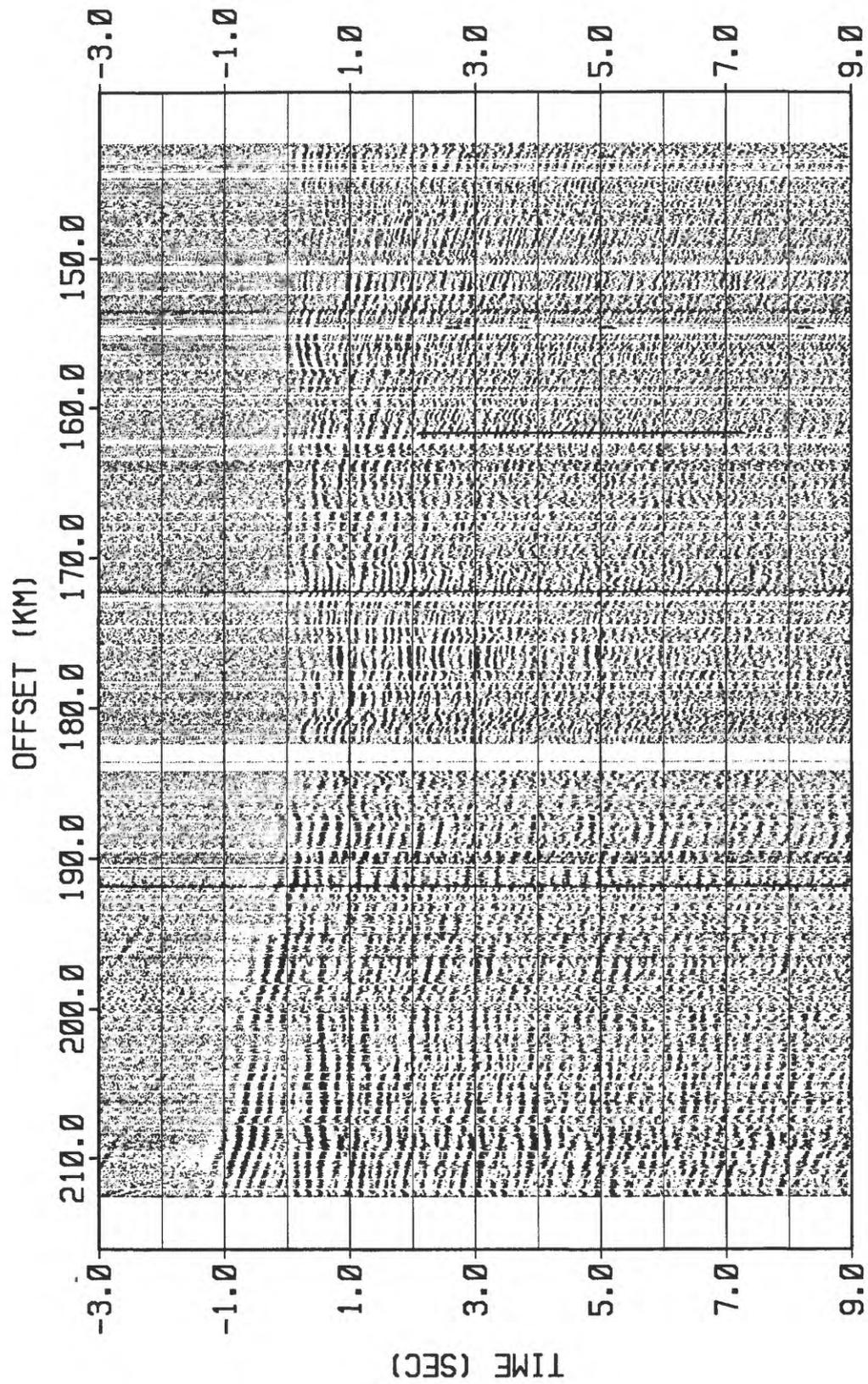


Figure 21 Profile 1  
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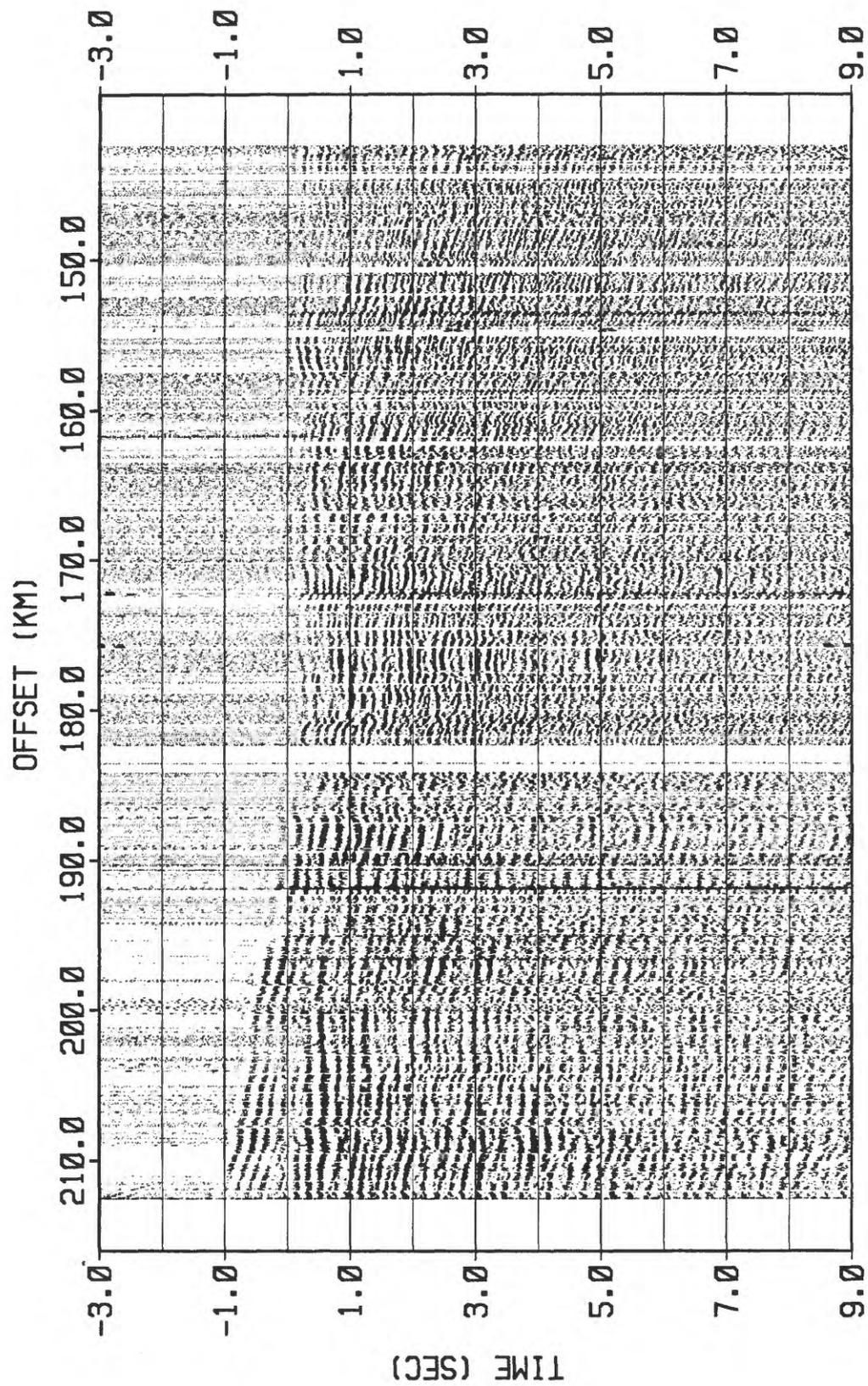


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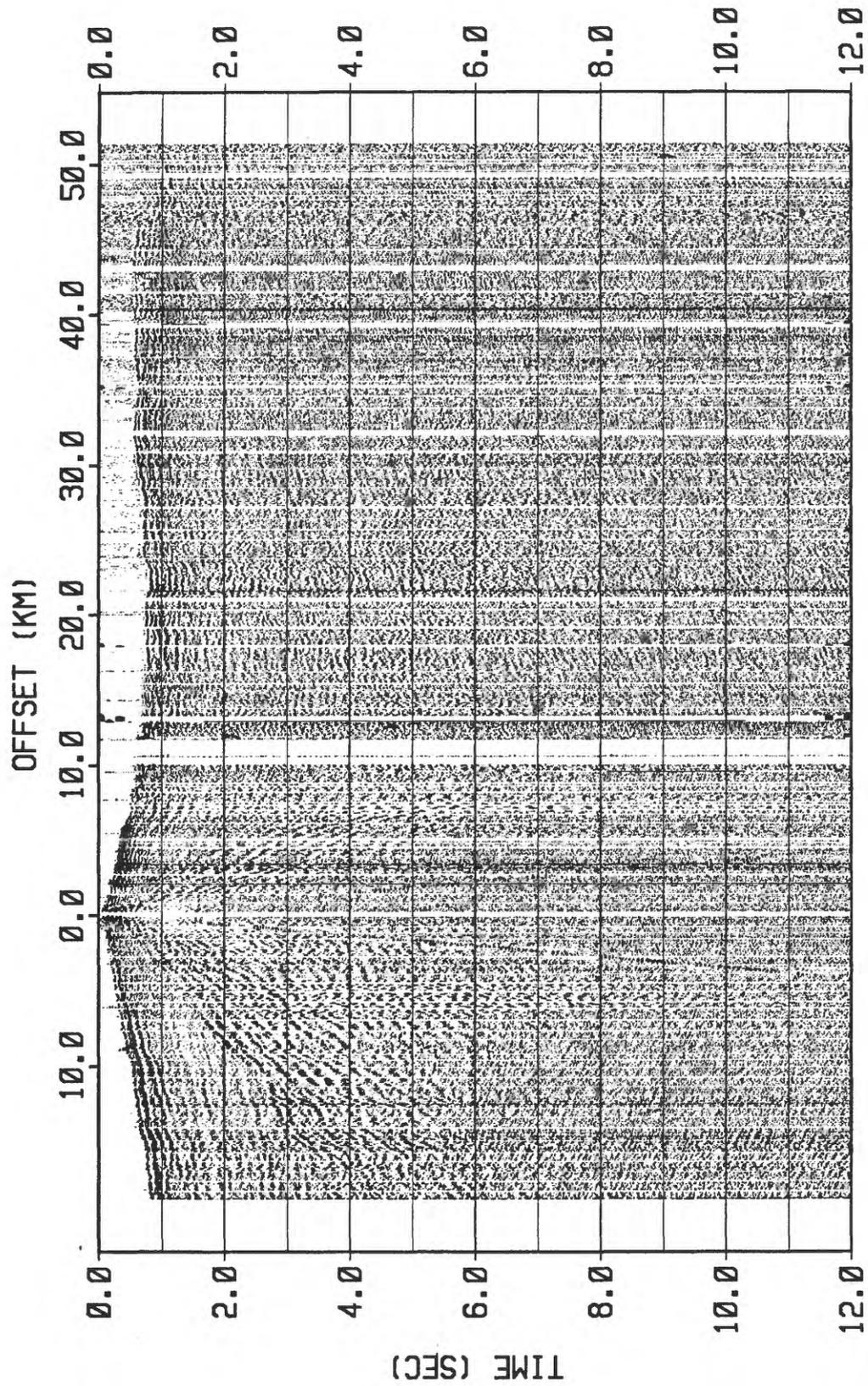


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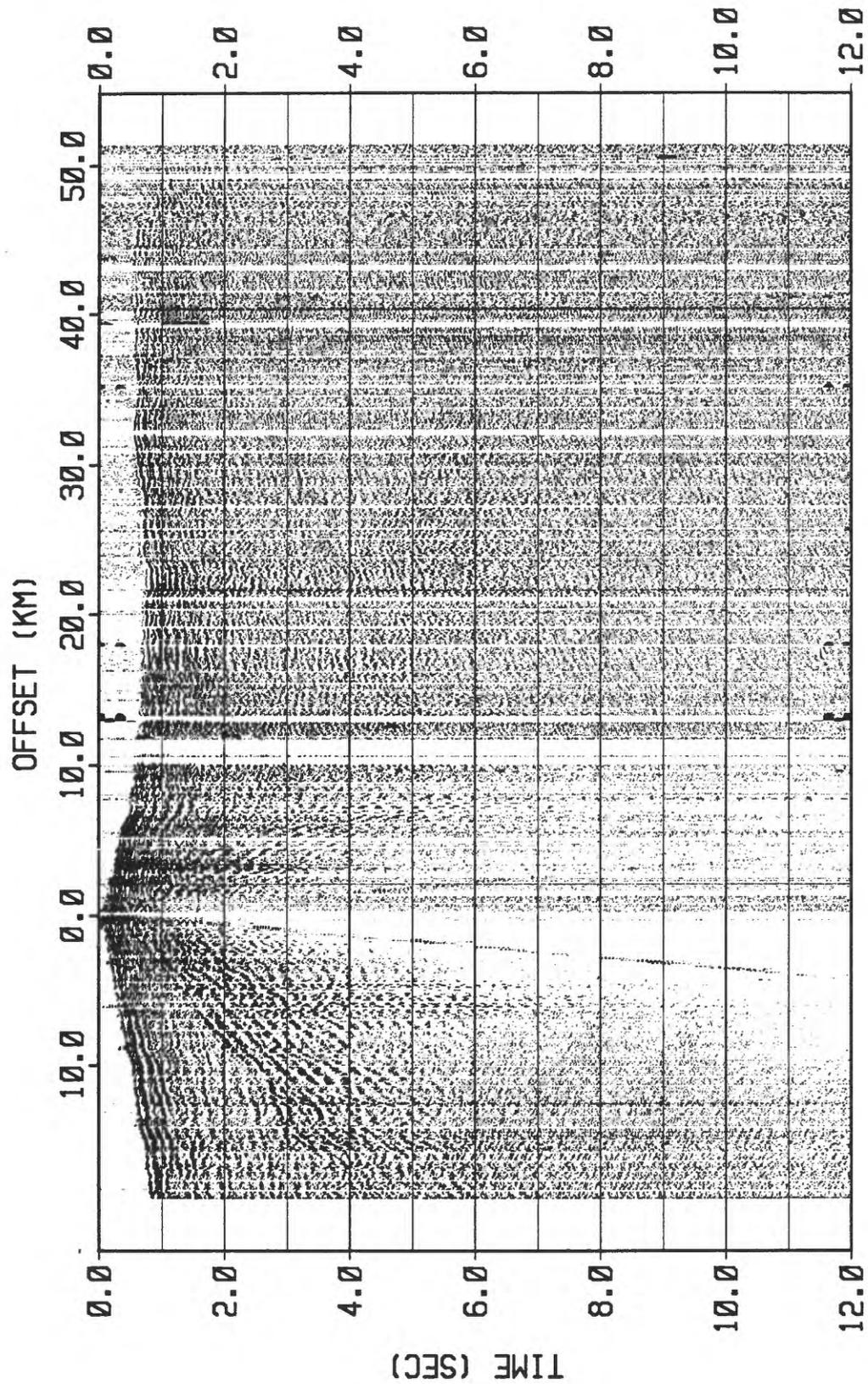


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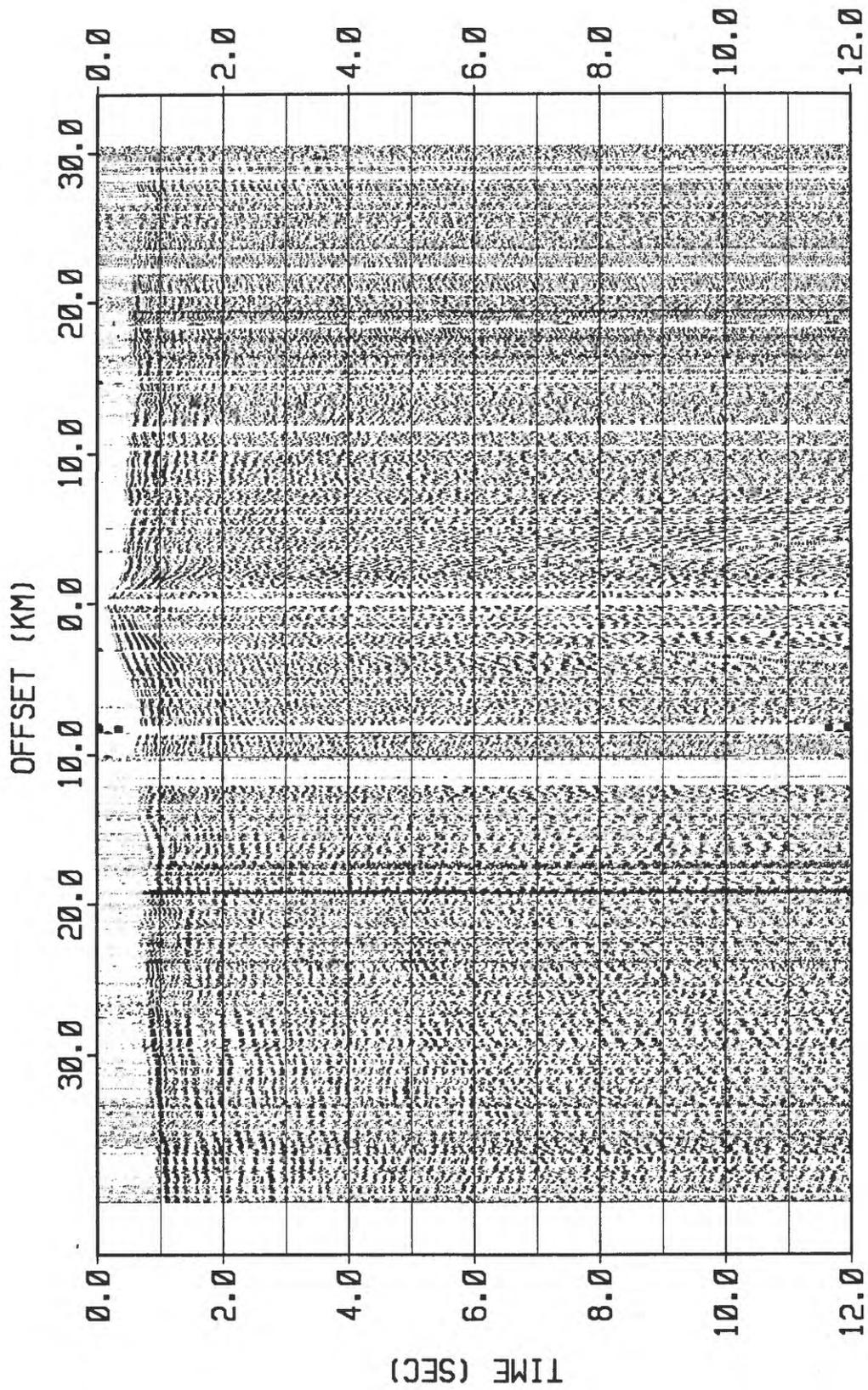


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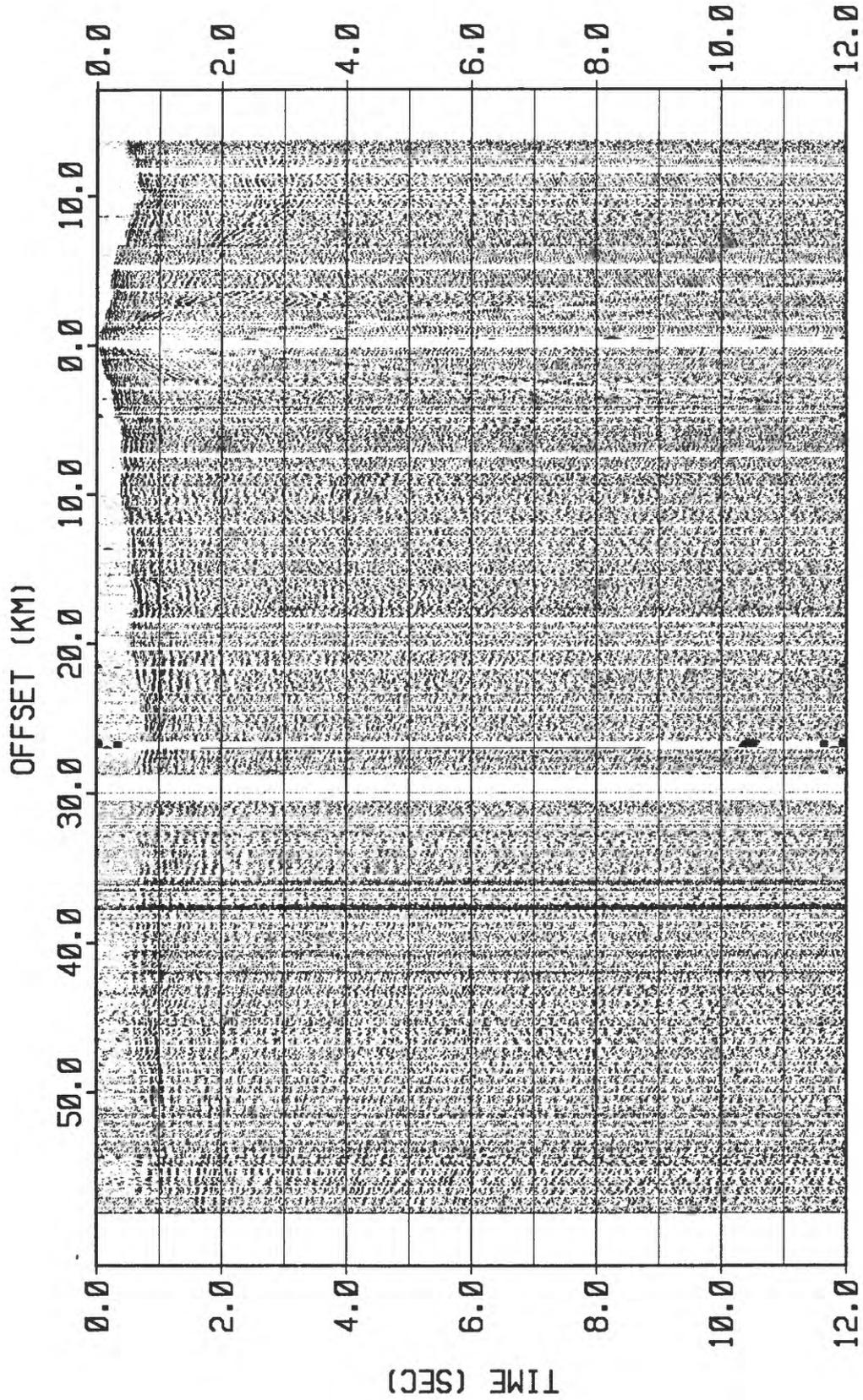


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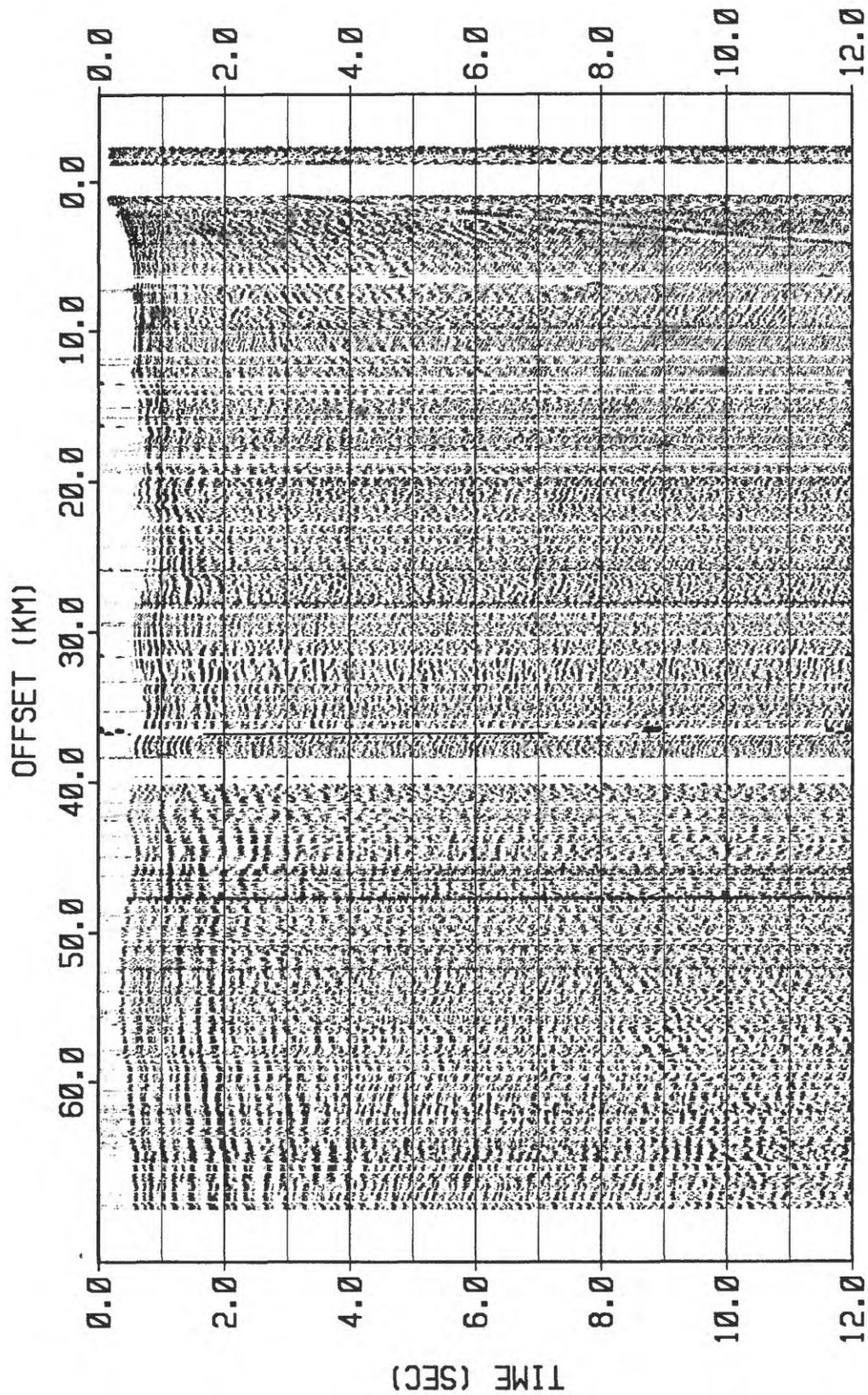


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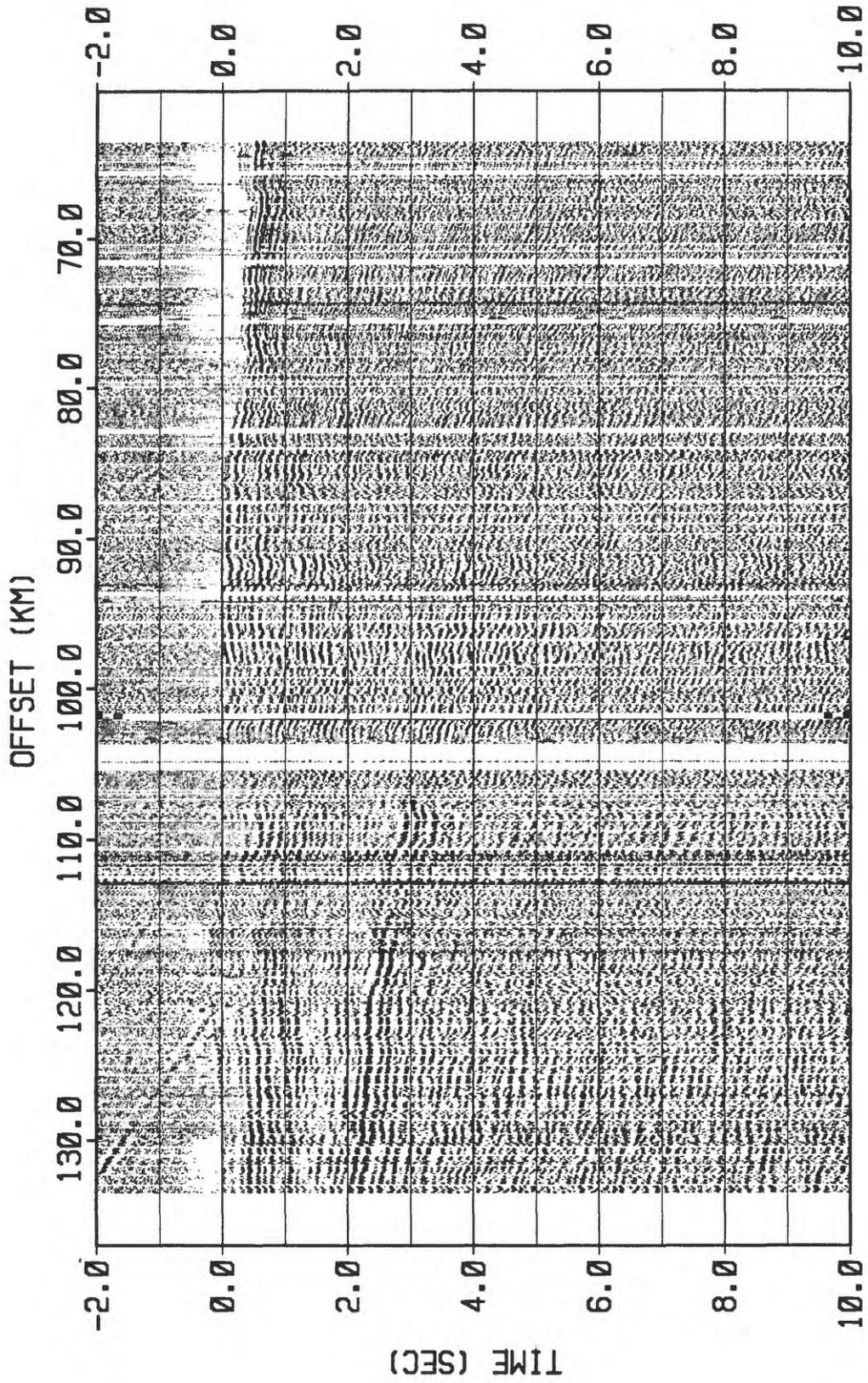


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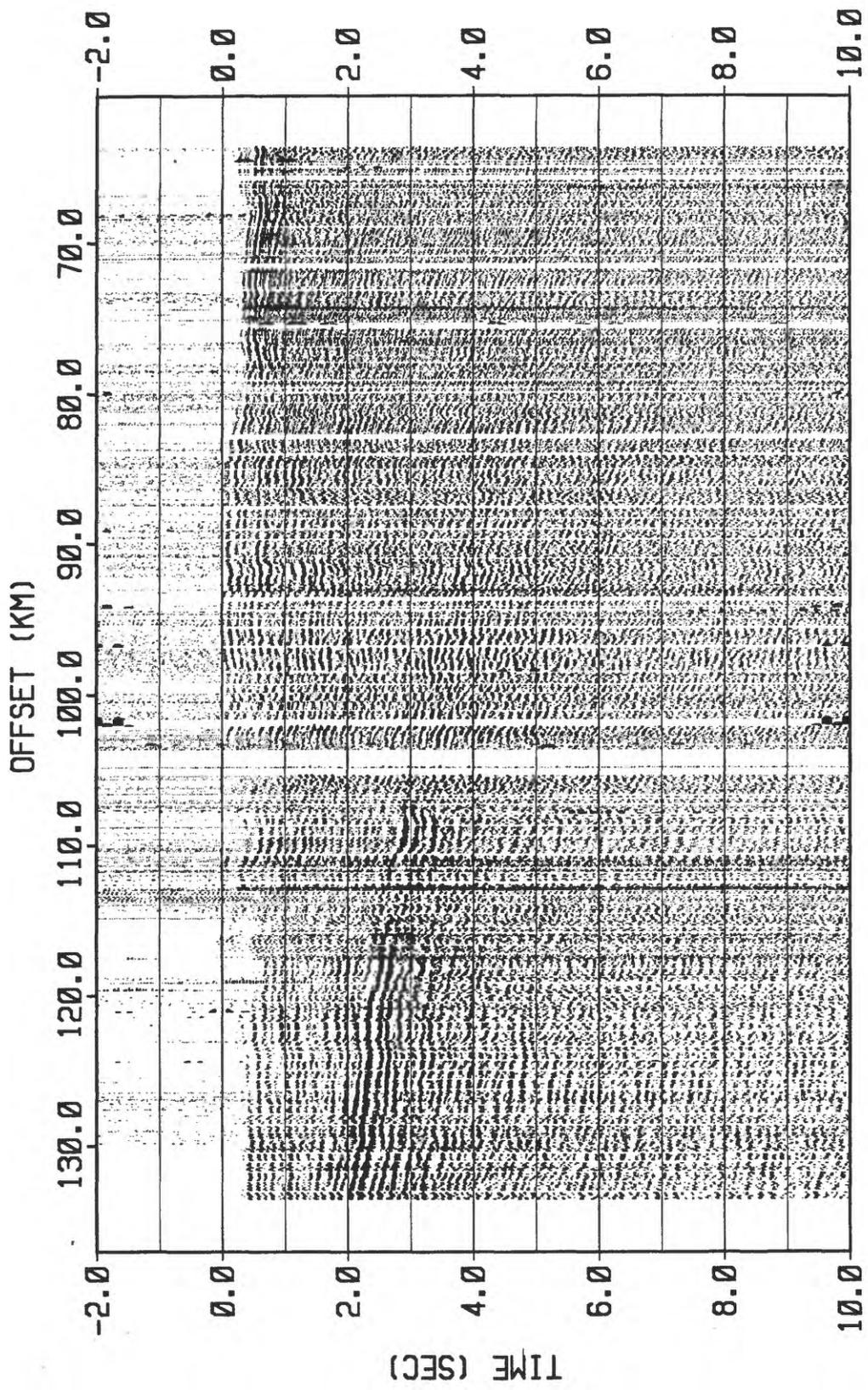


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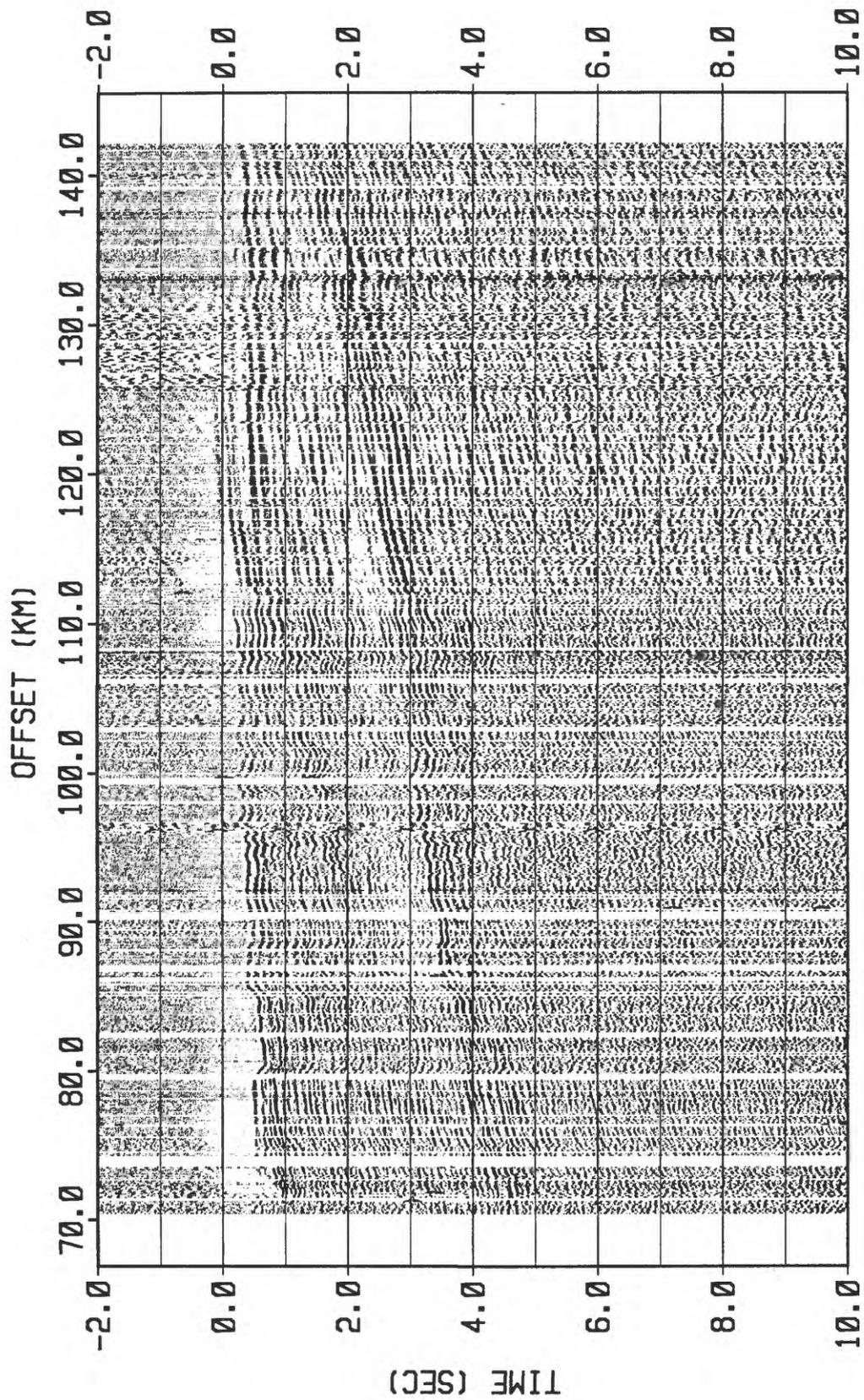


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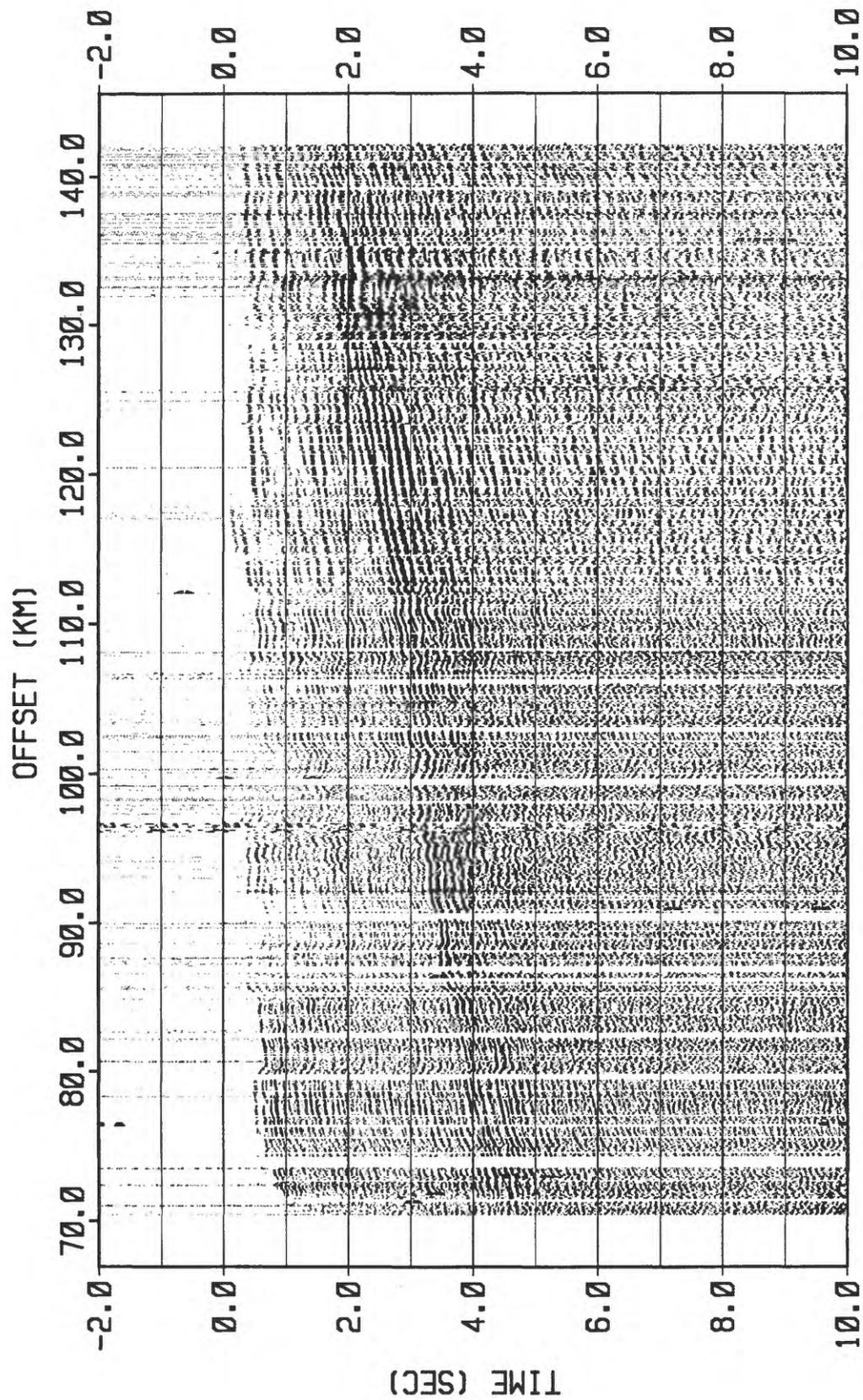


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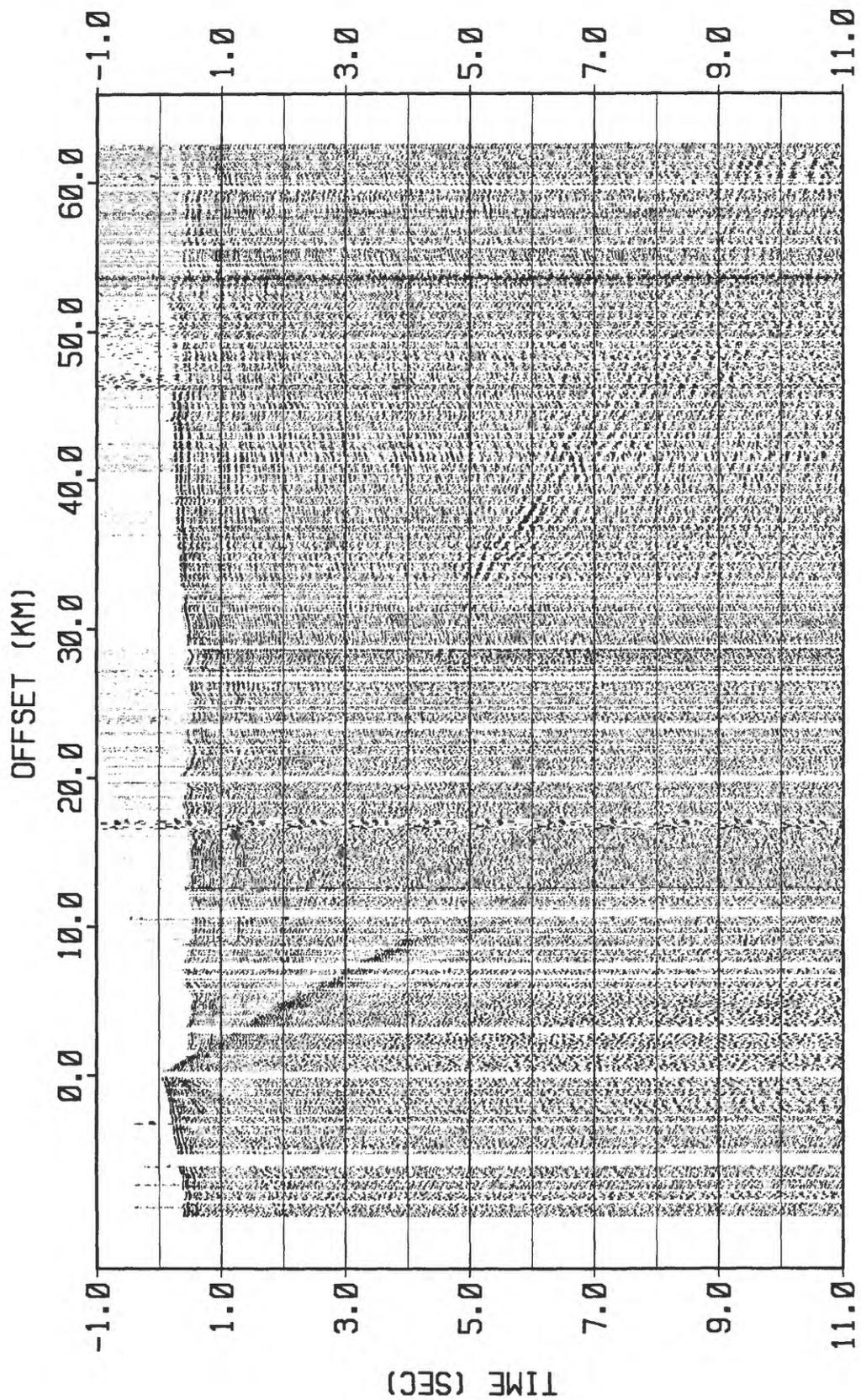


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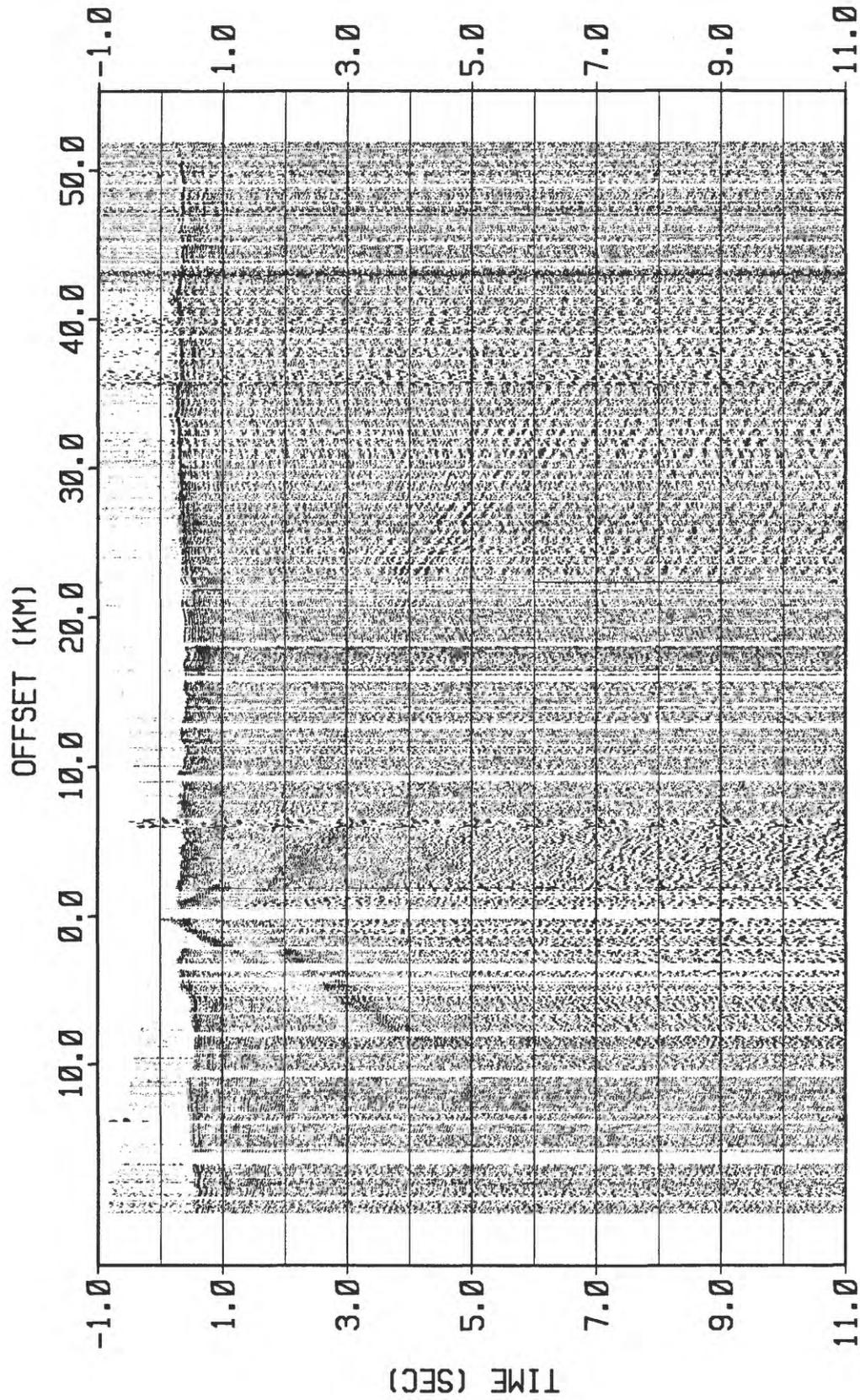
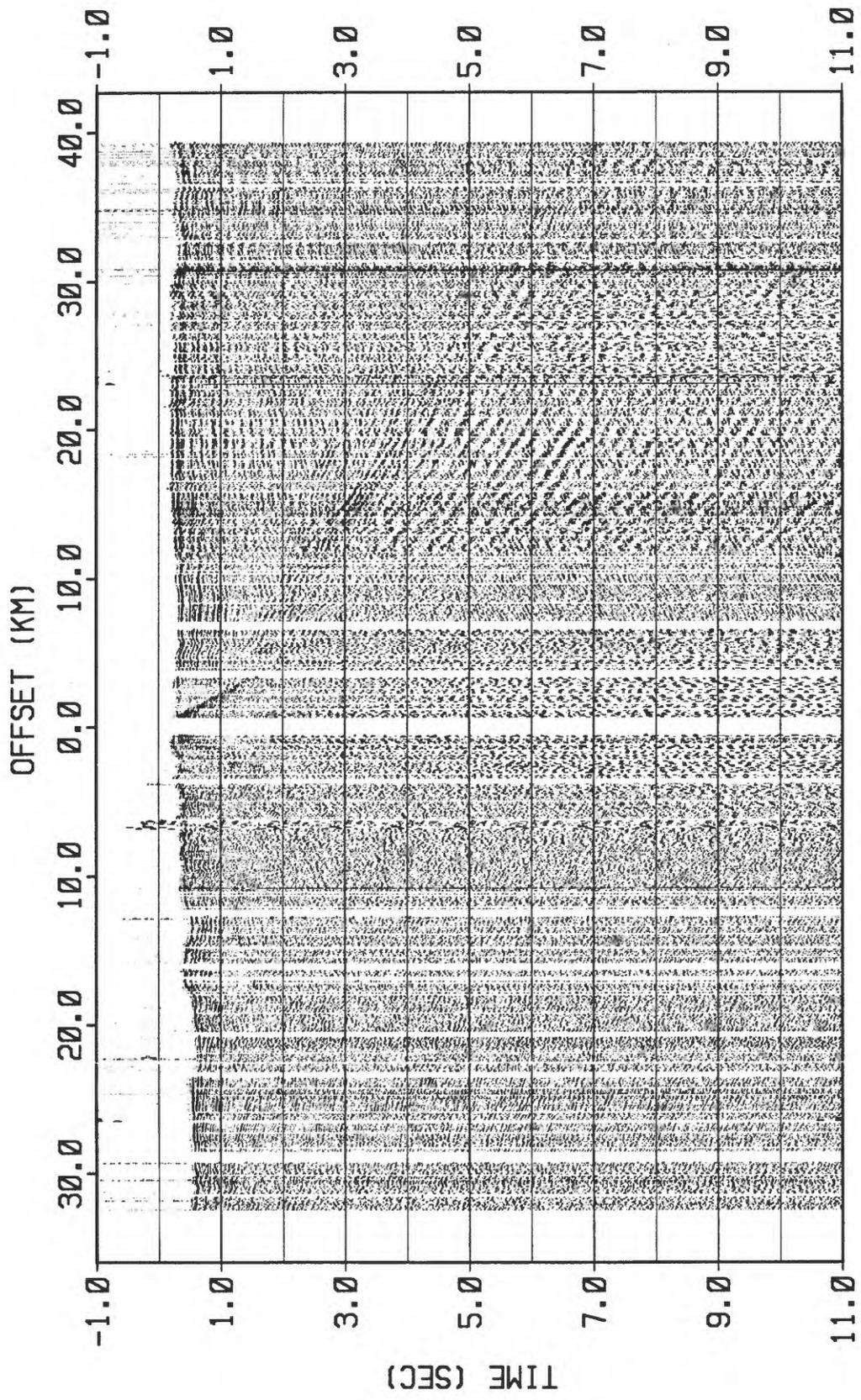


Figure 33 Profile 2  
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**Figure 34** Profile 2  
**Shot 15** Shot Point 130 AGC = 2 sec

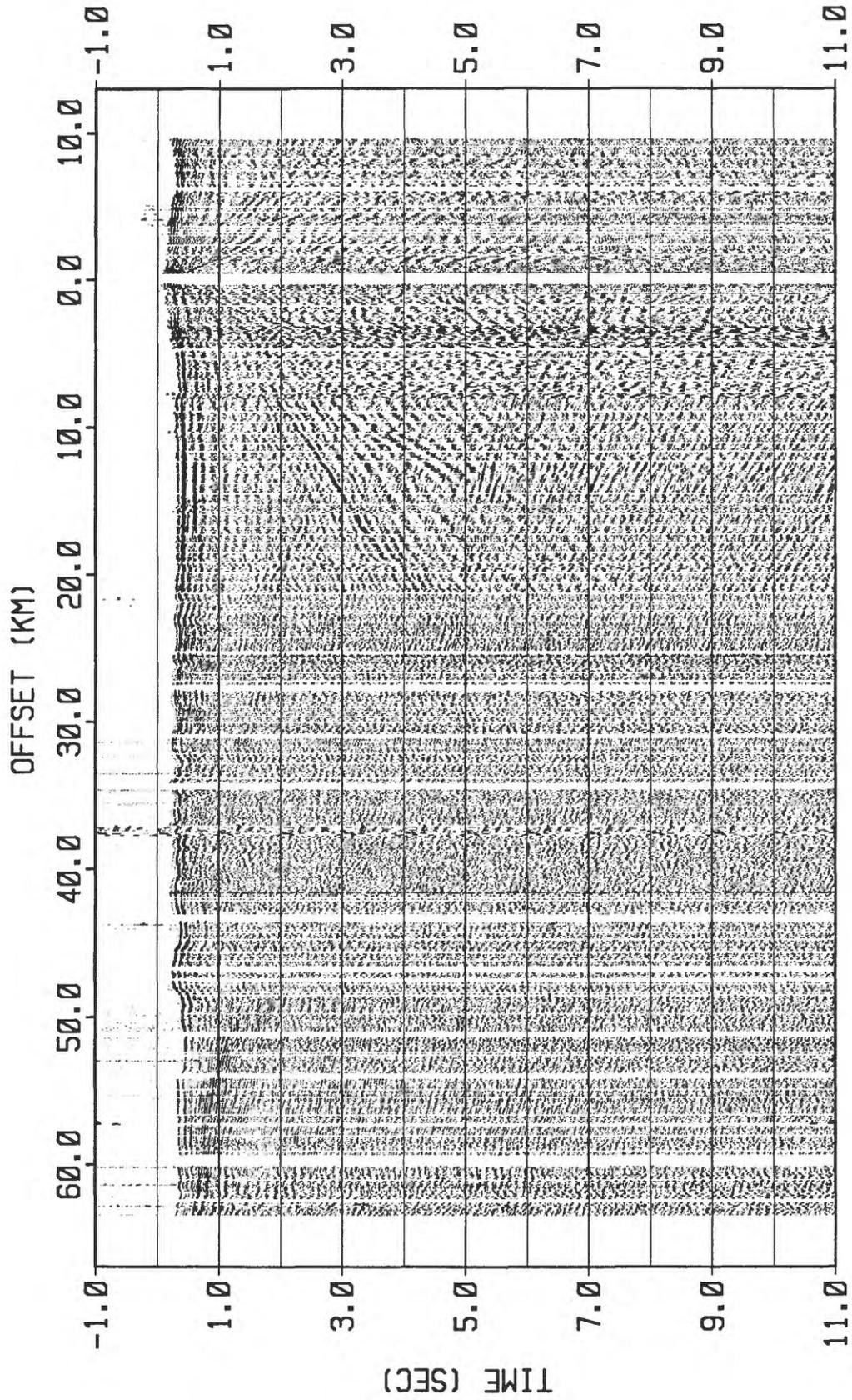


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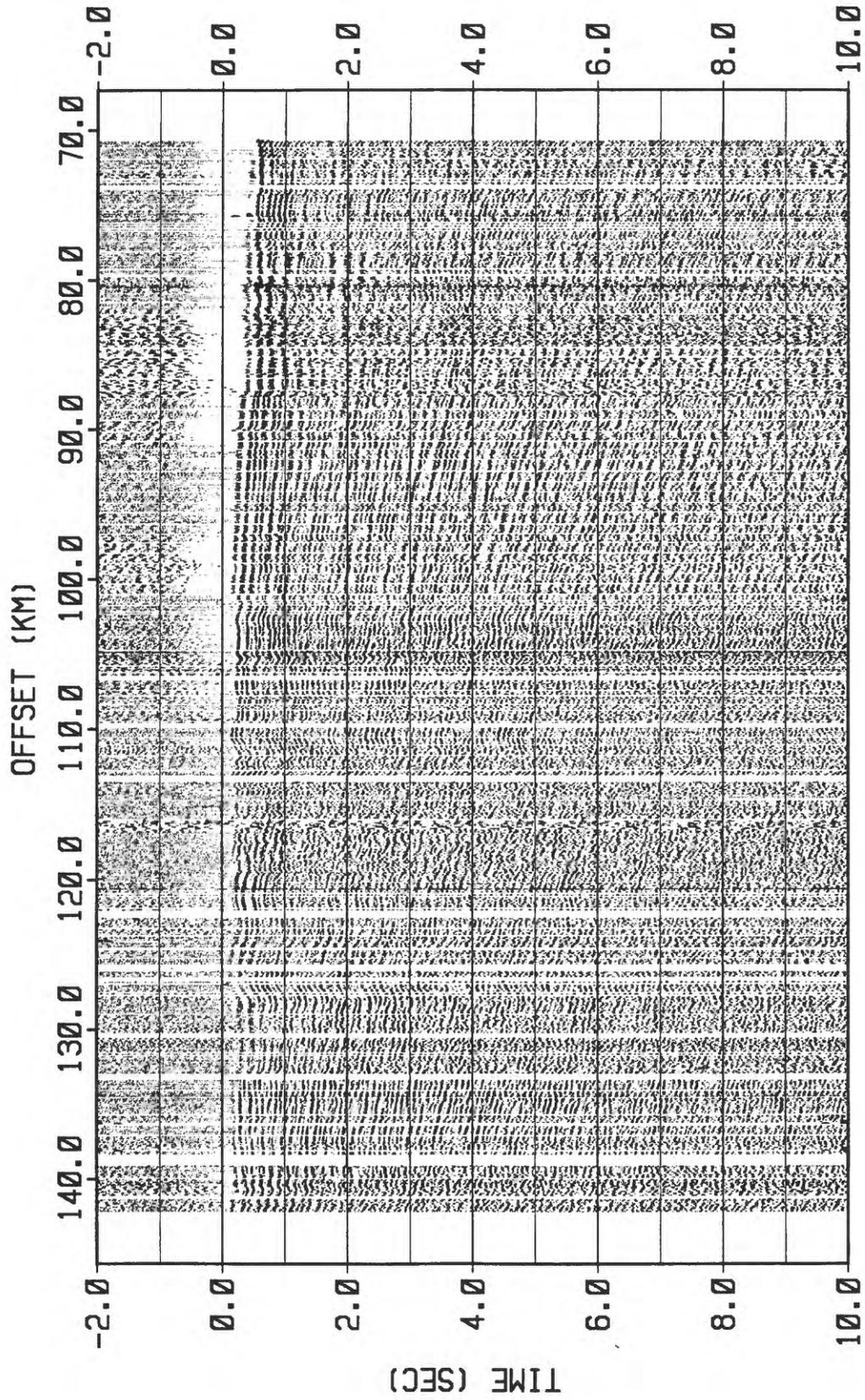


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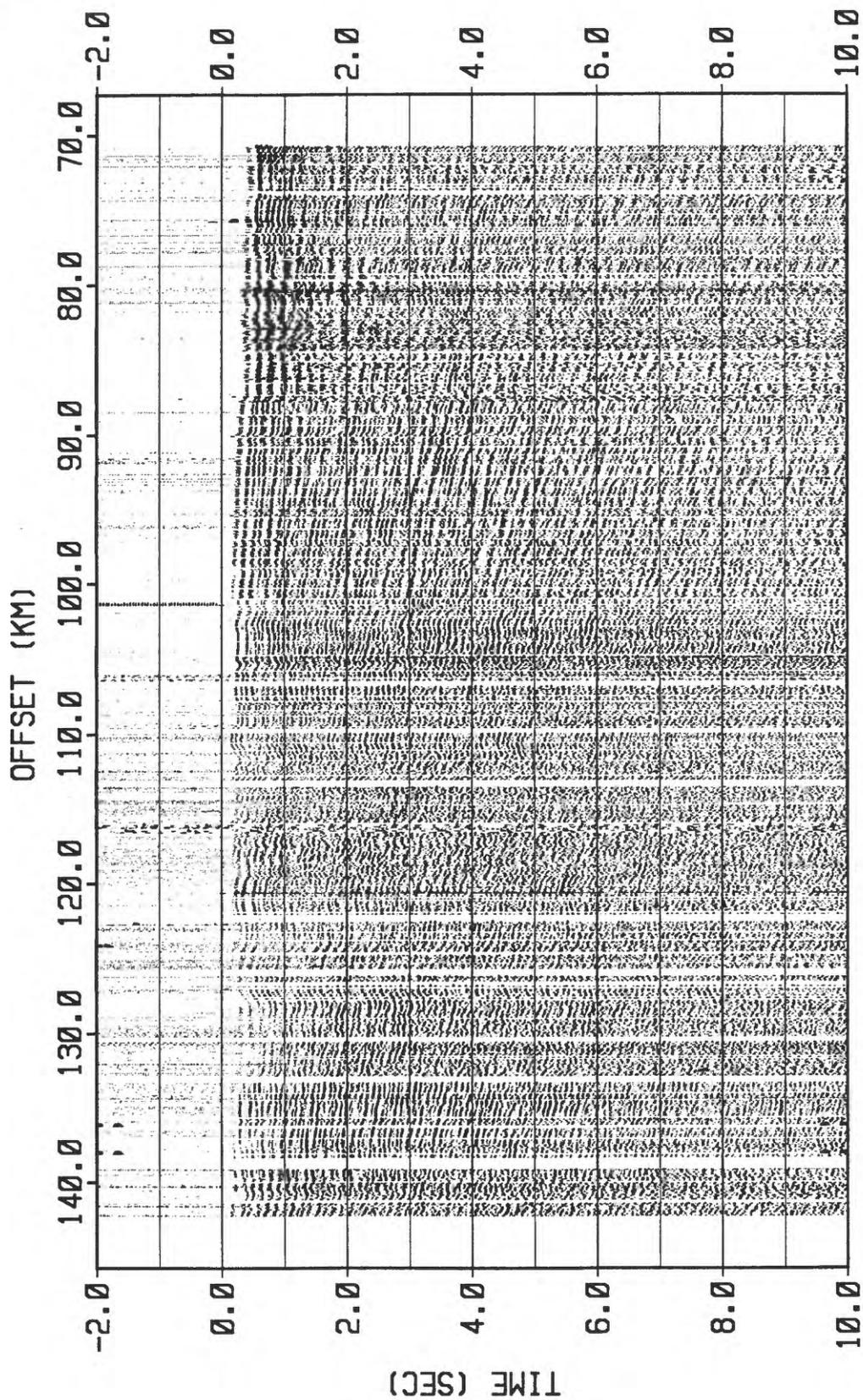


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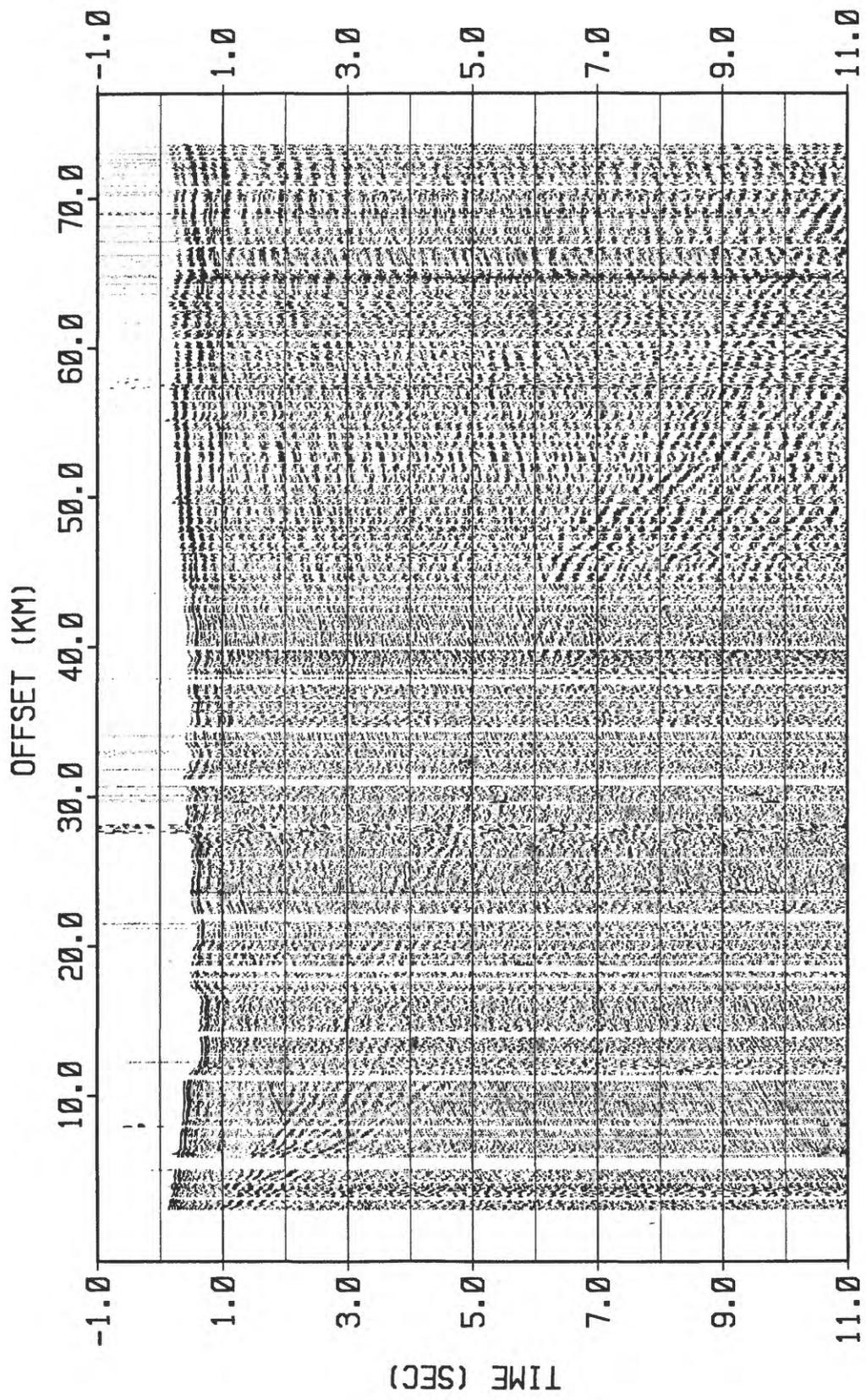


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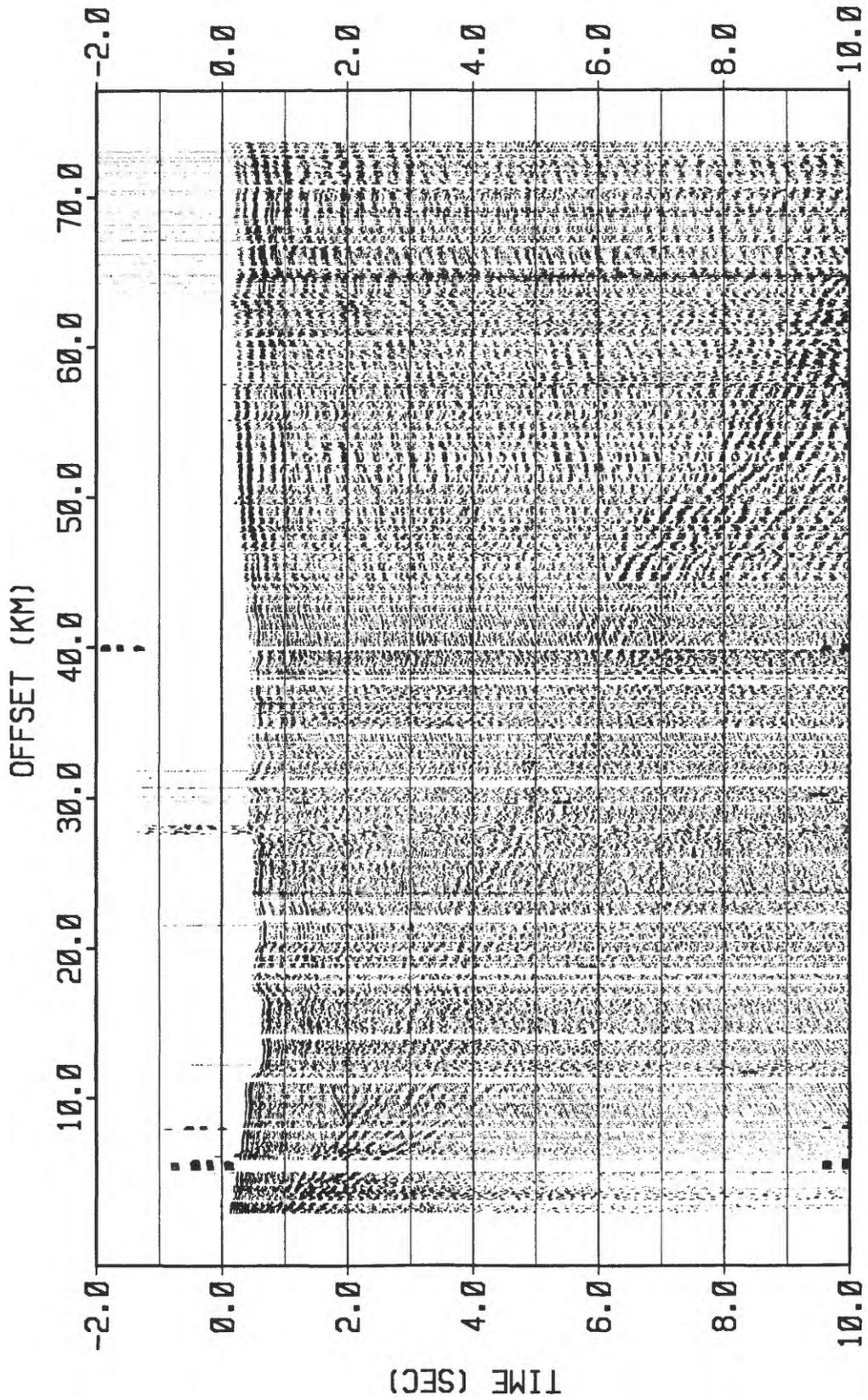


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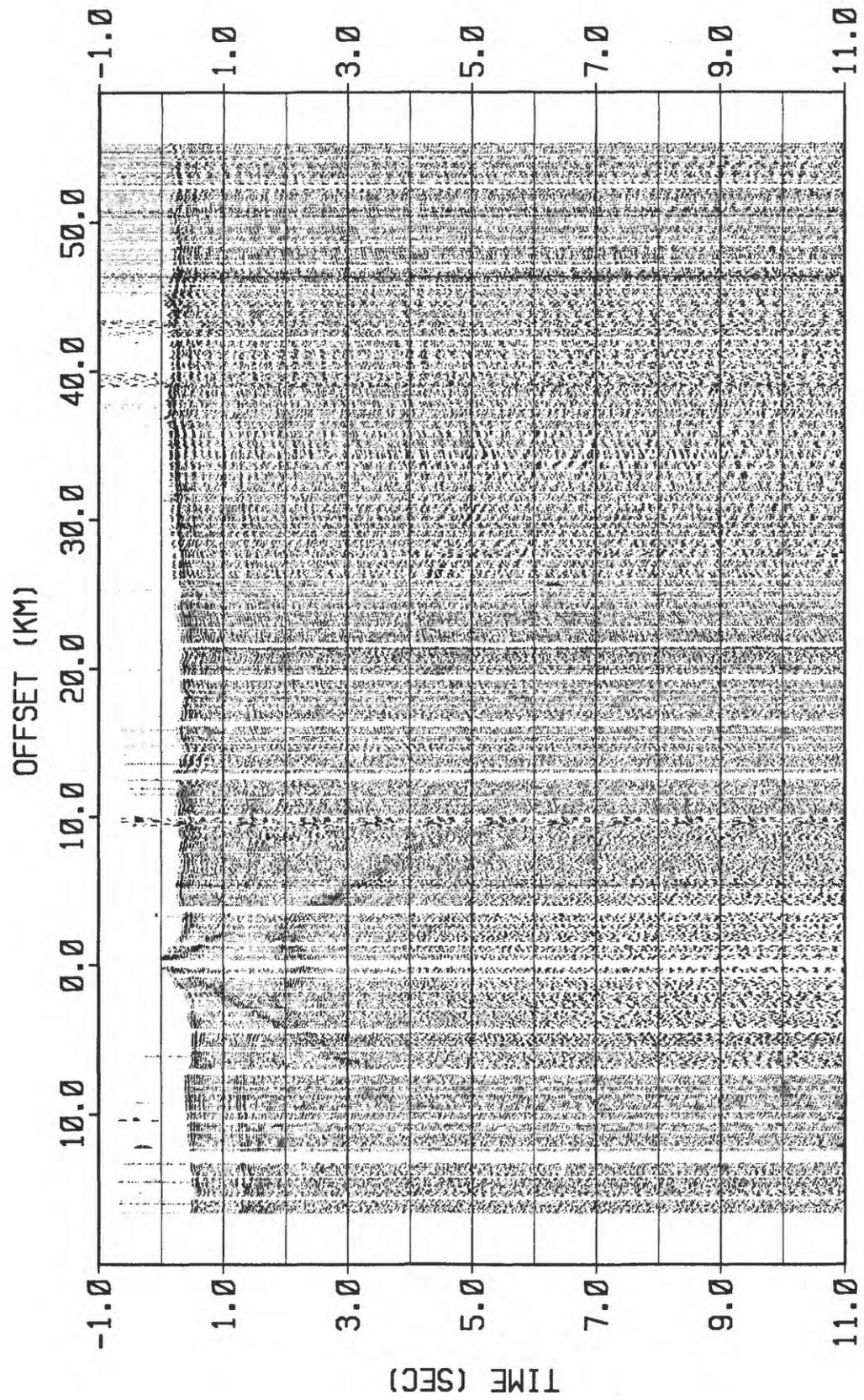


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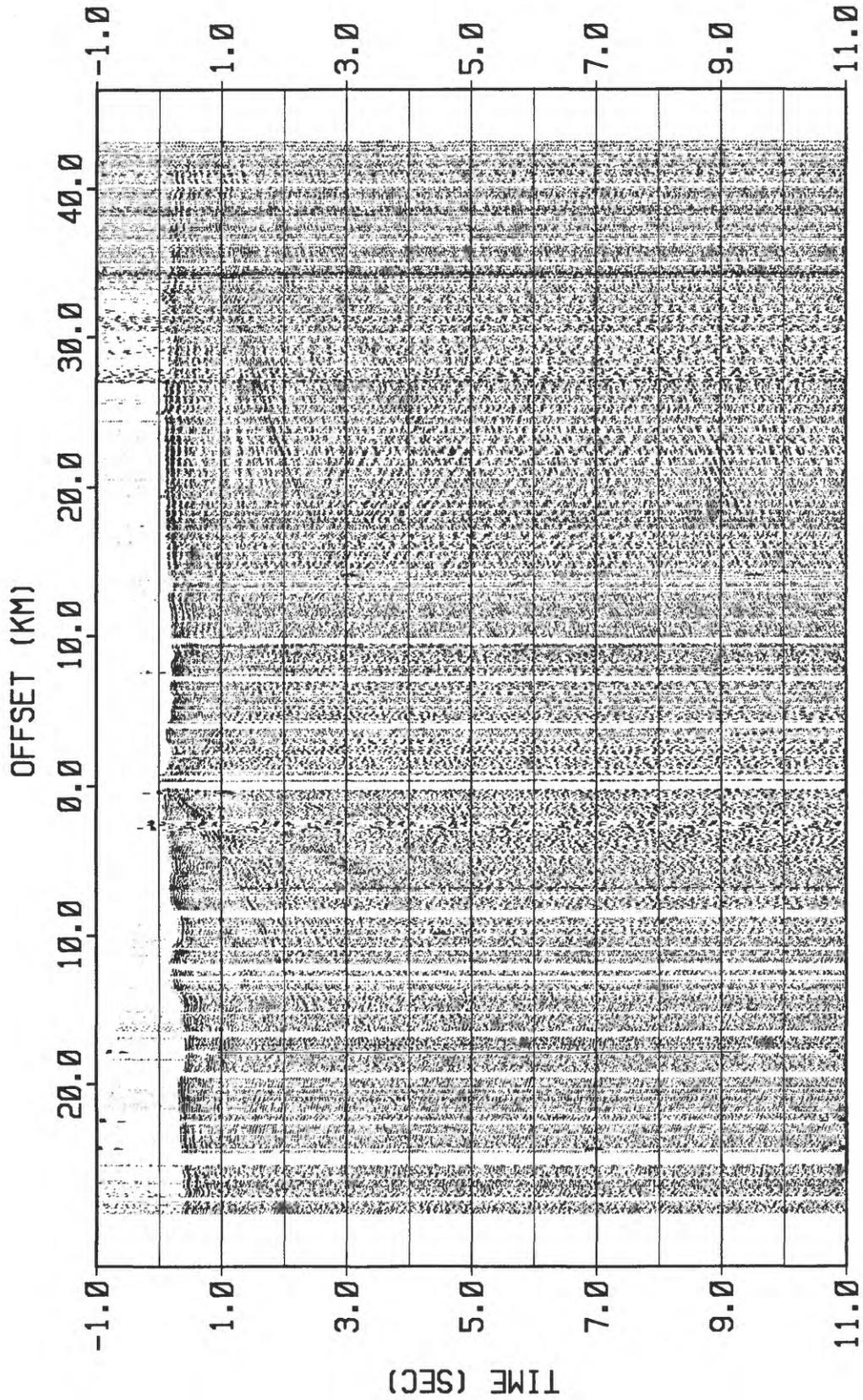


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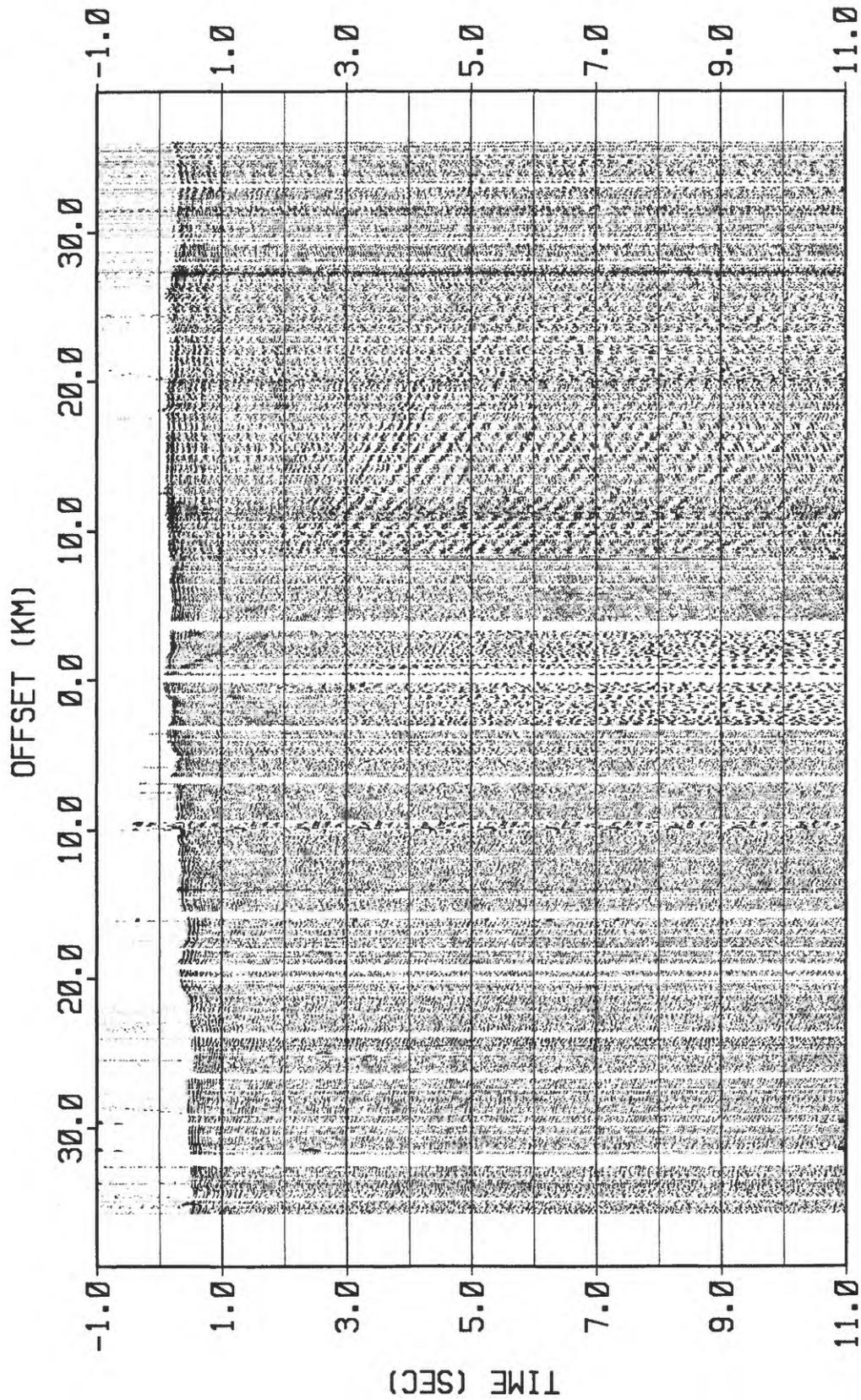


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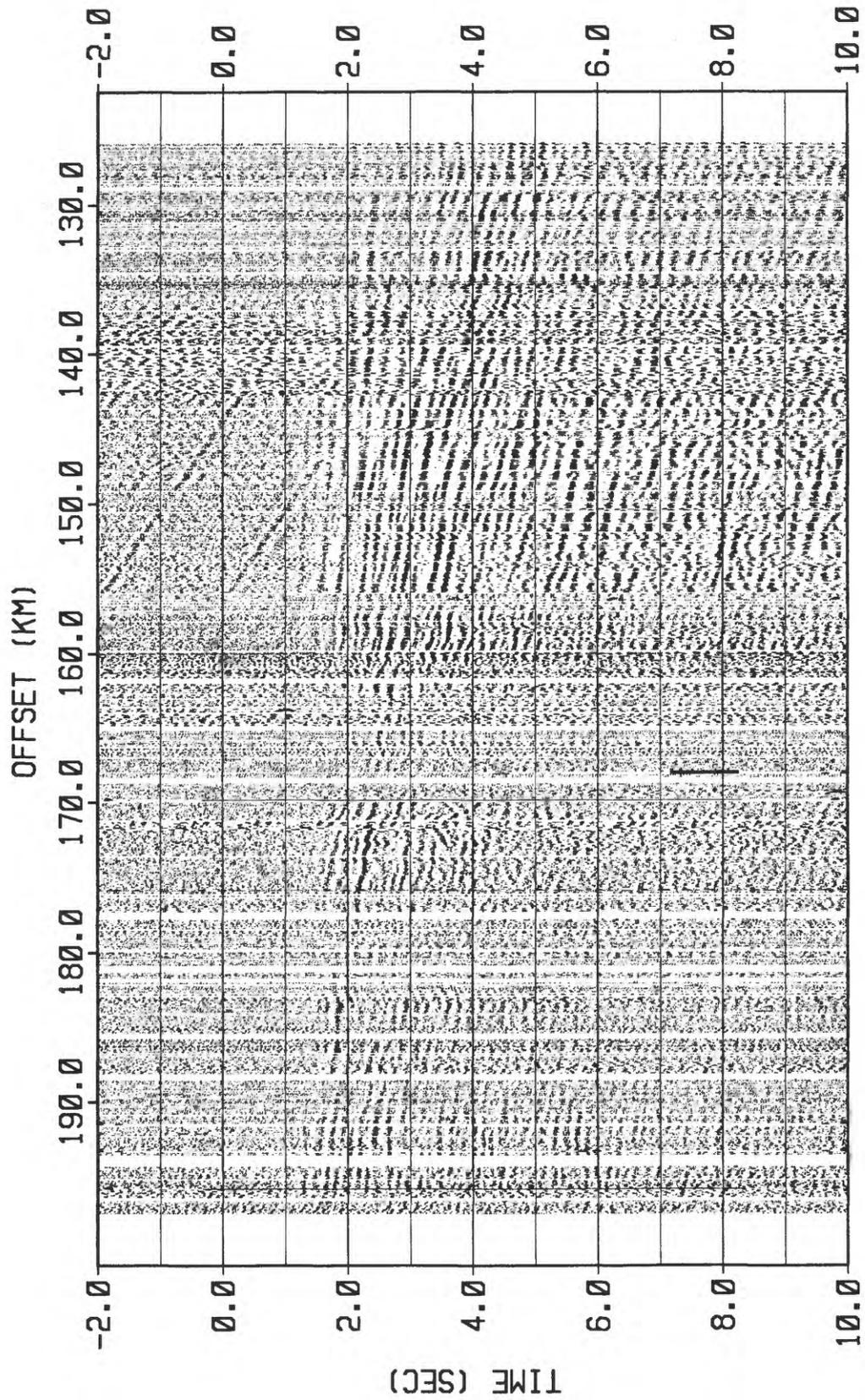


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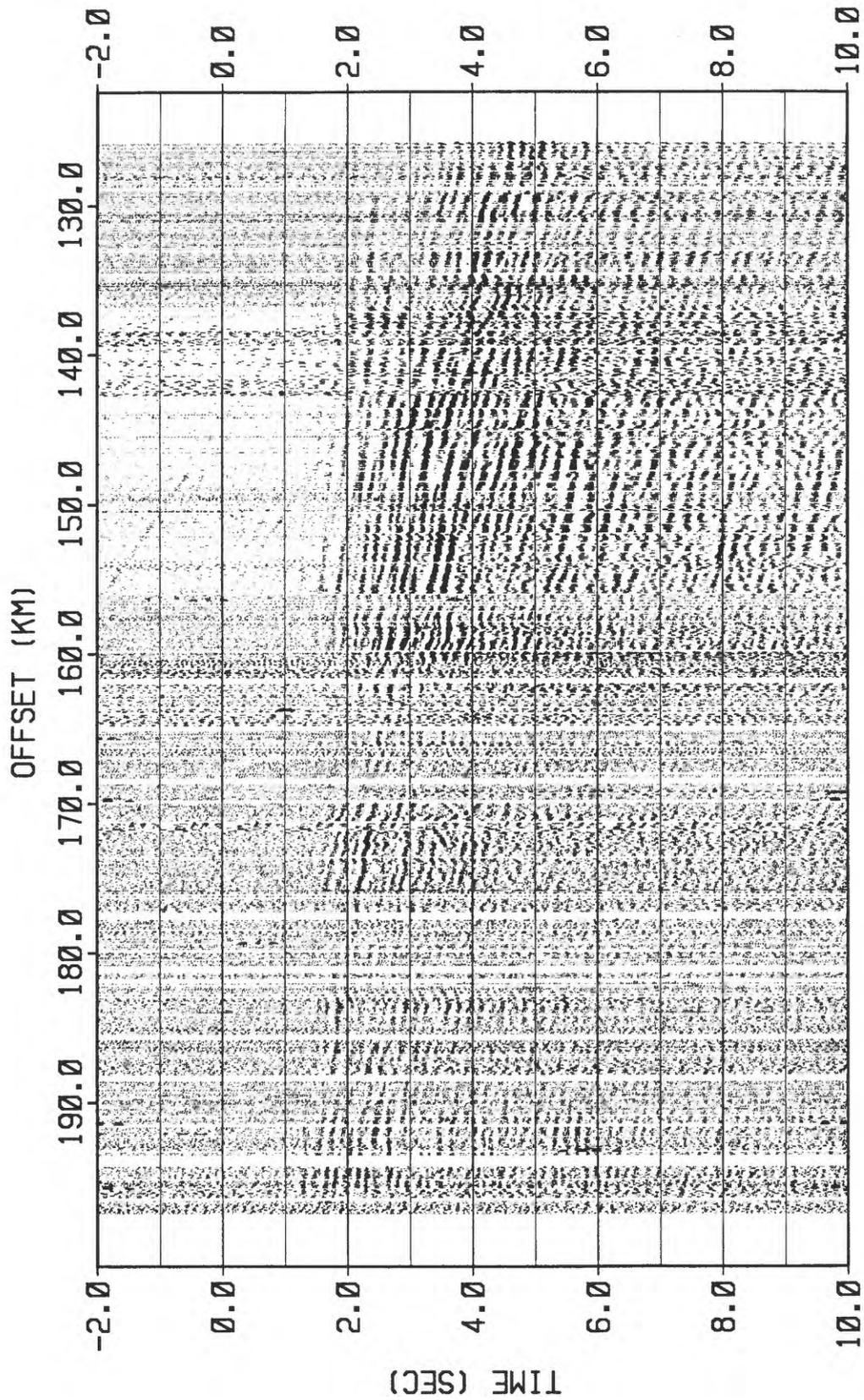


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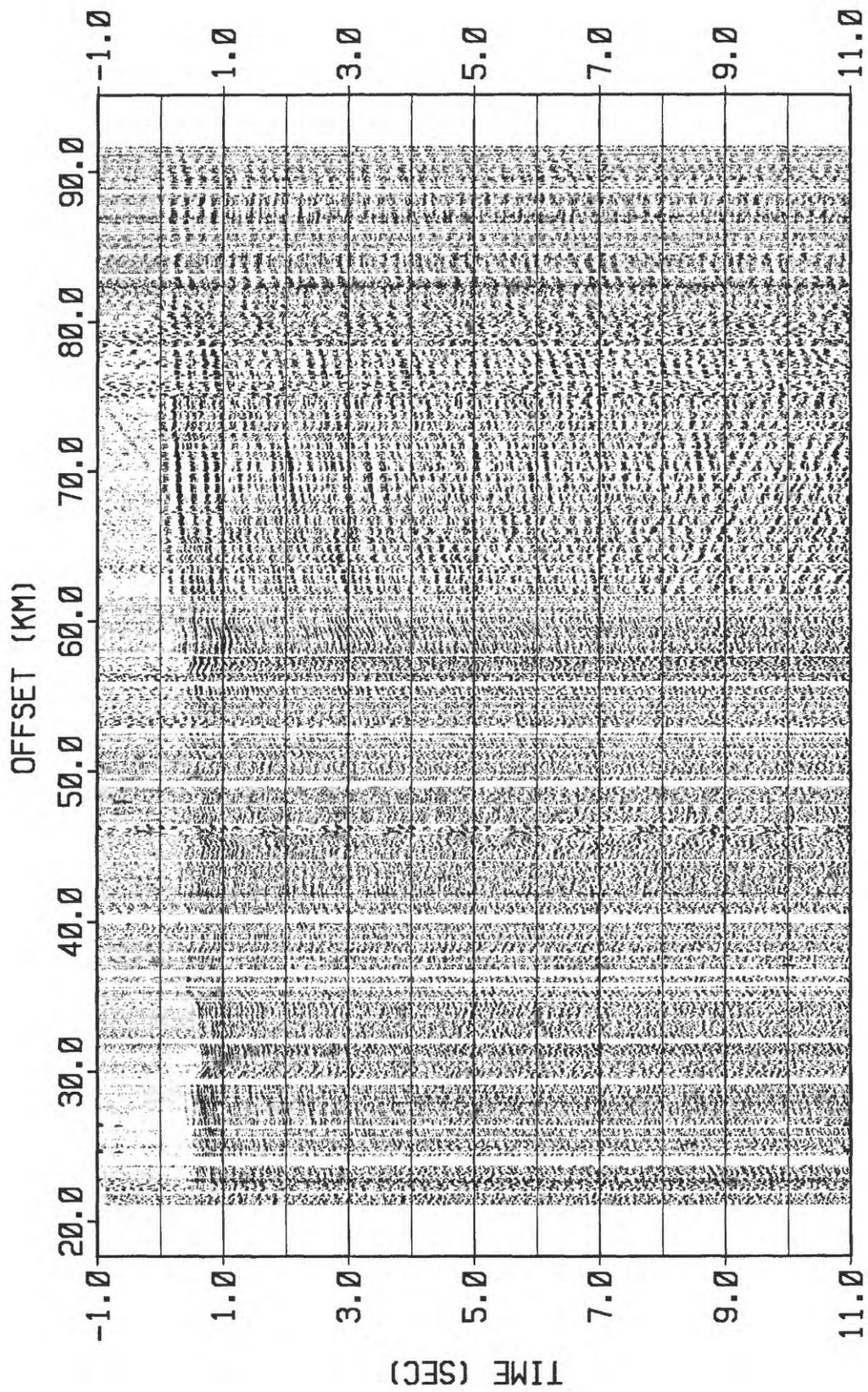


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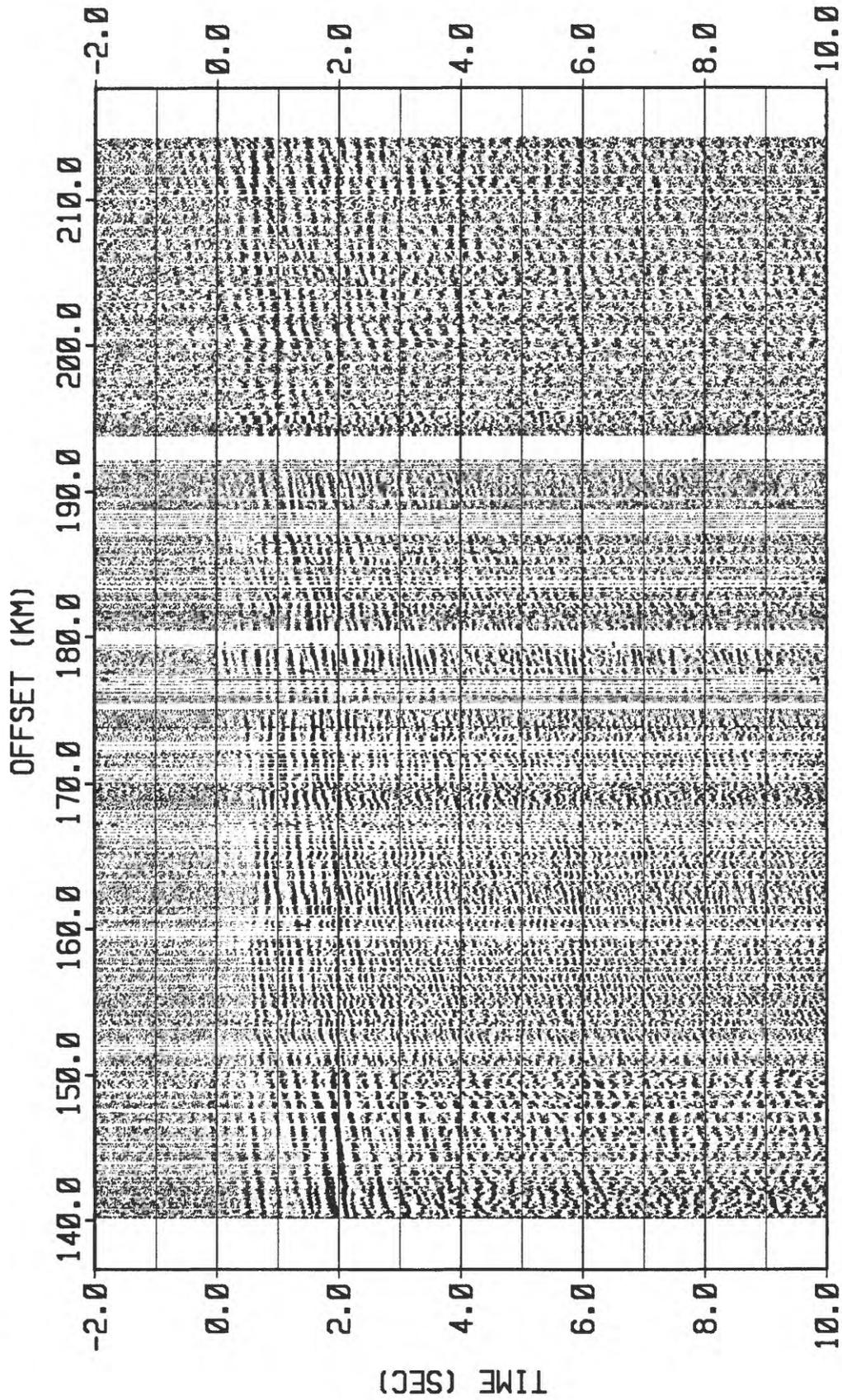


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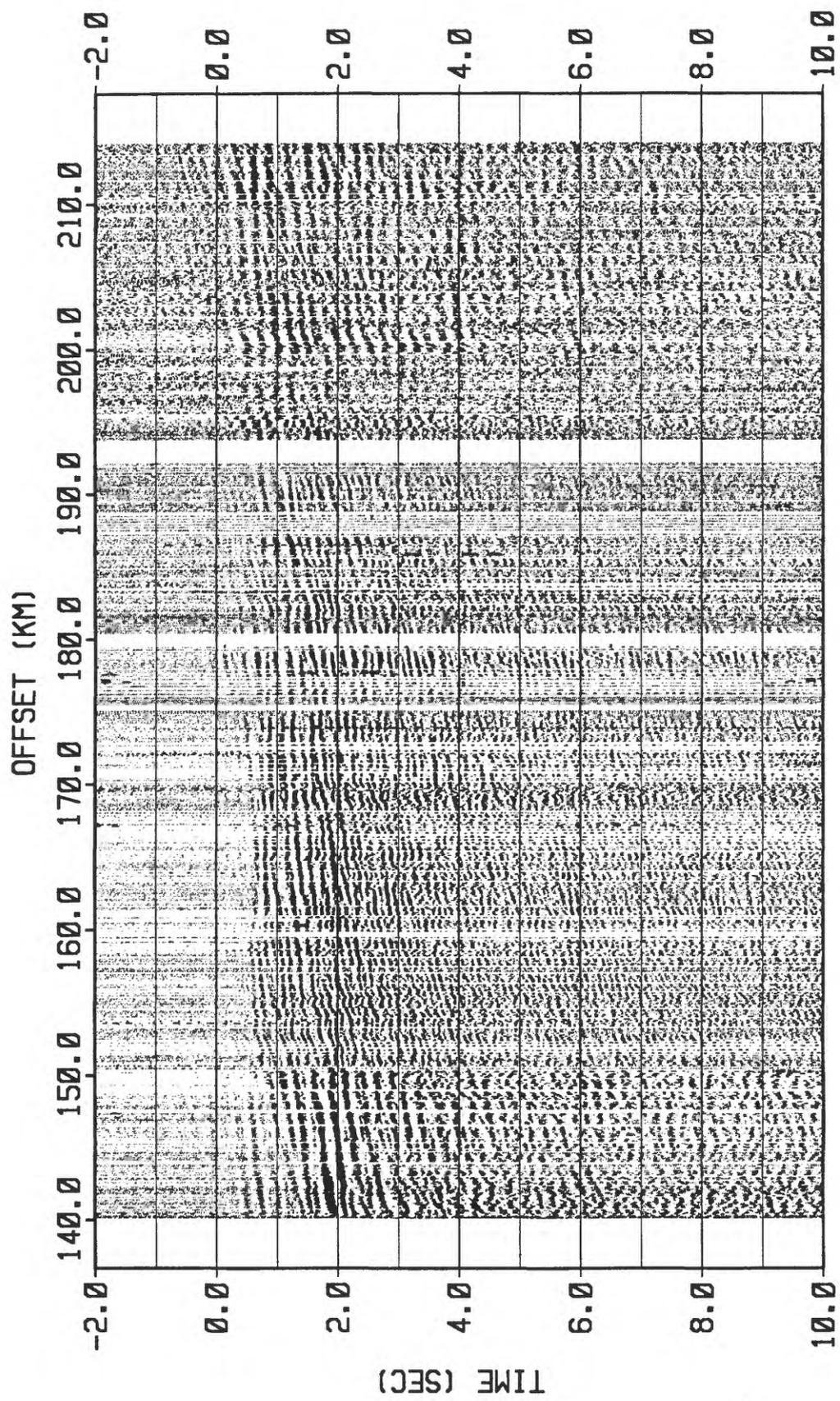


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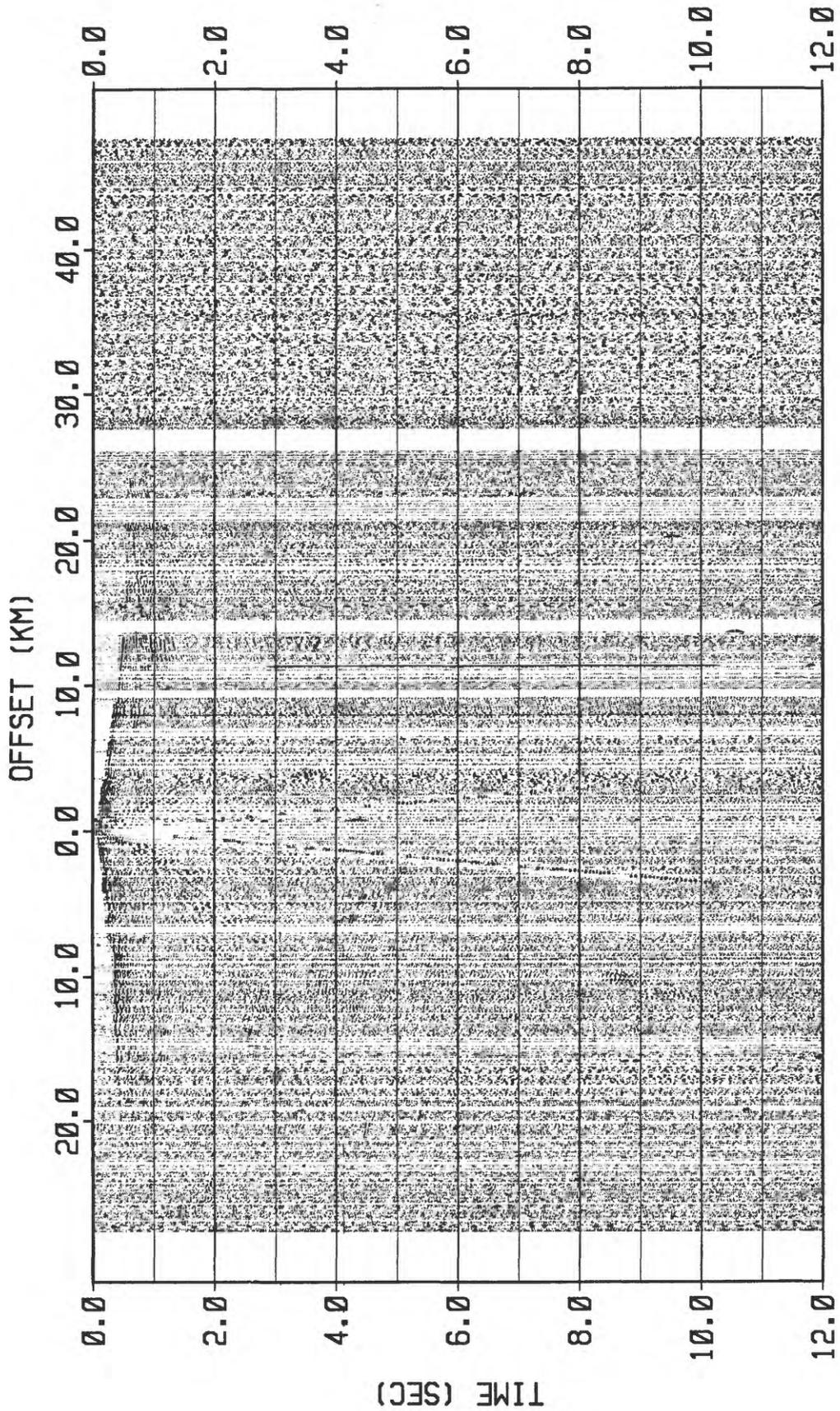


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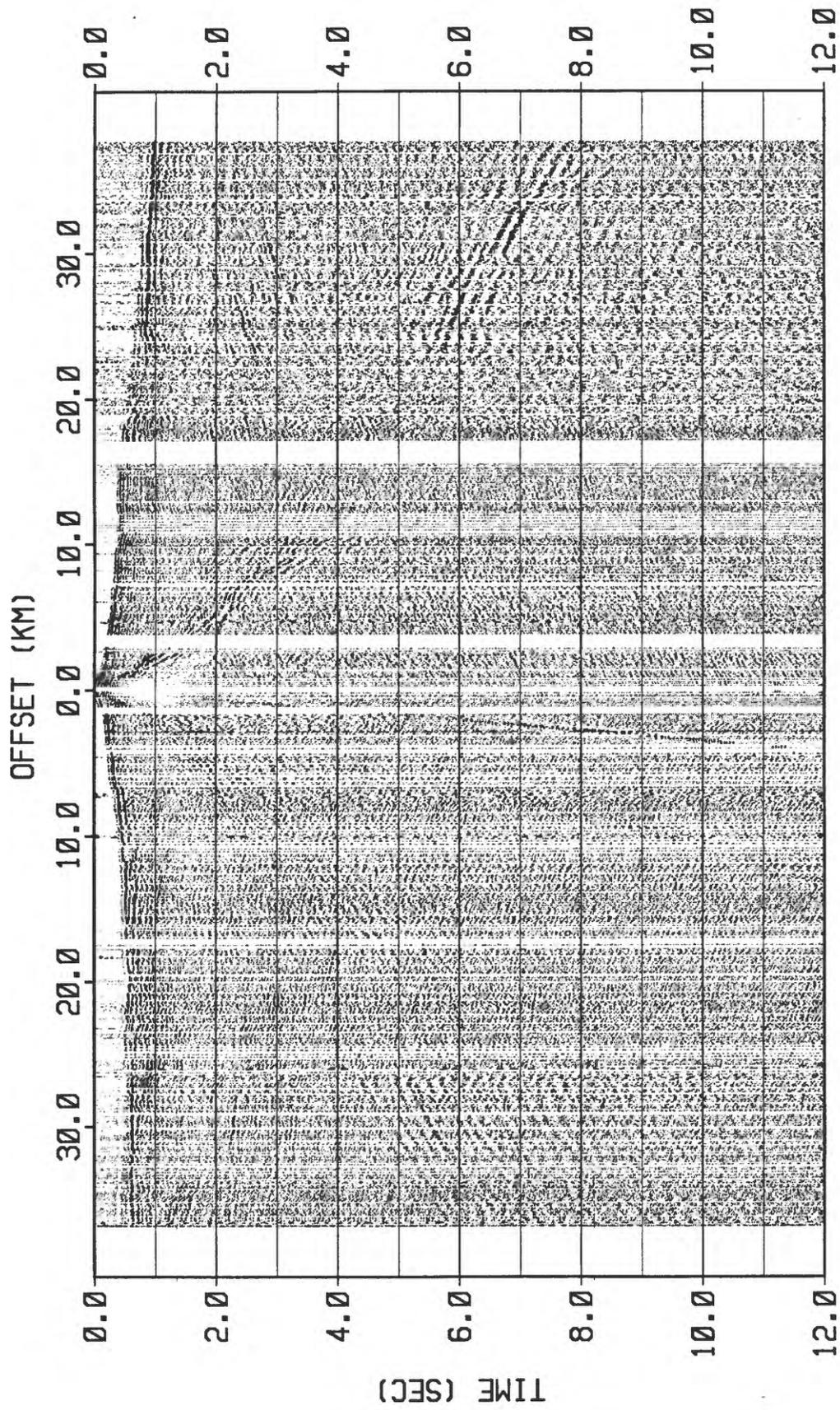


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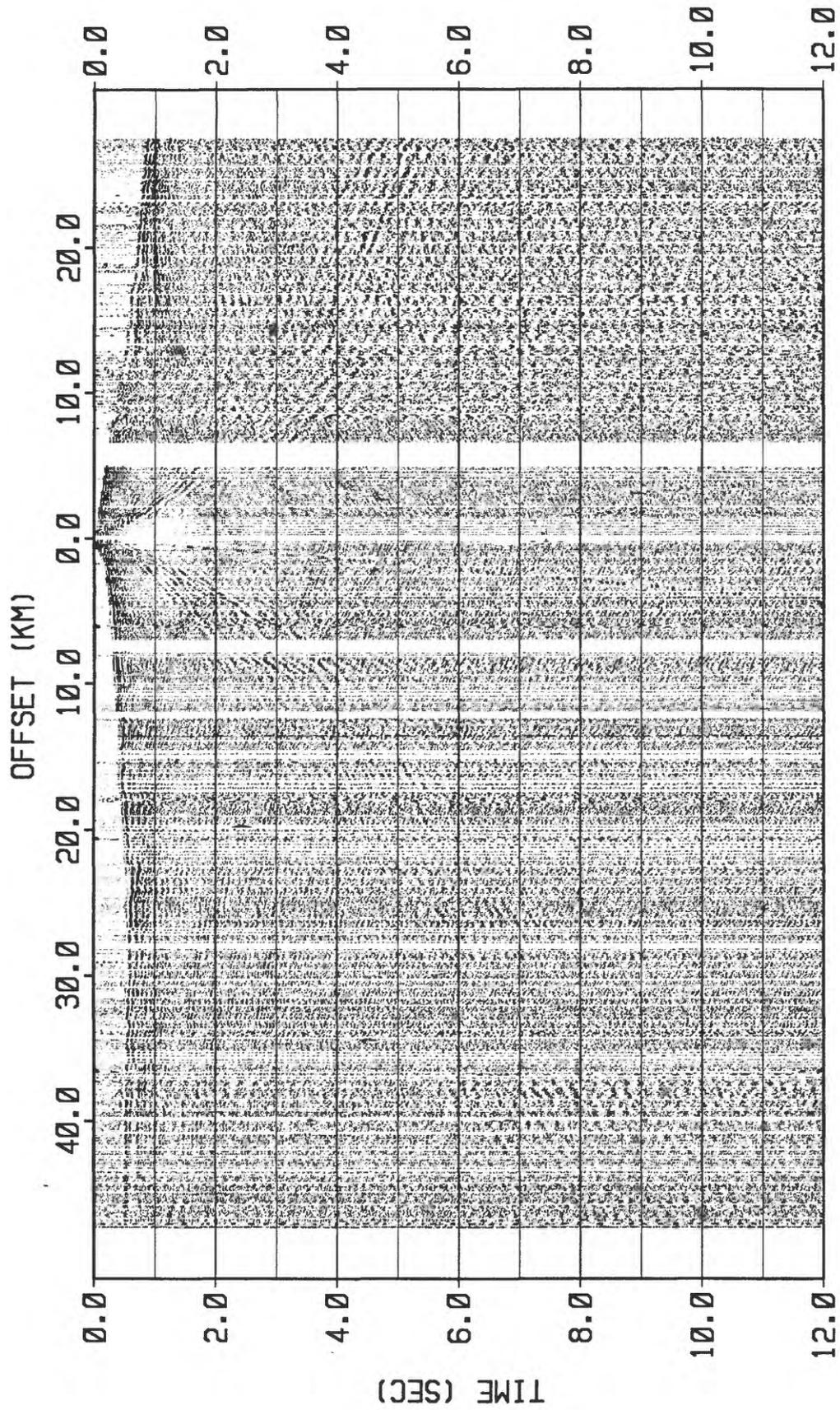


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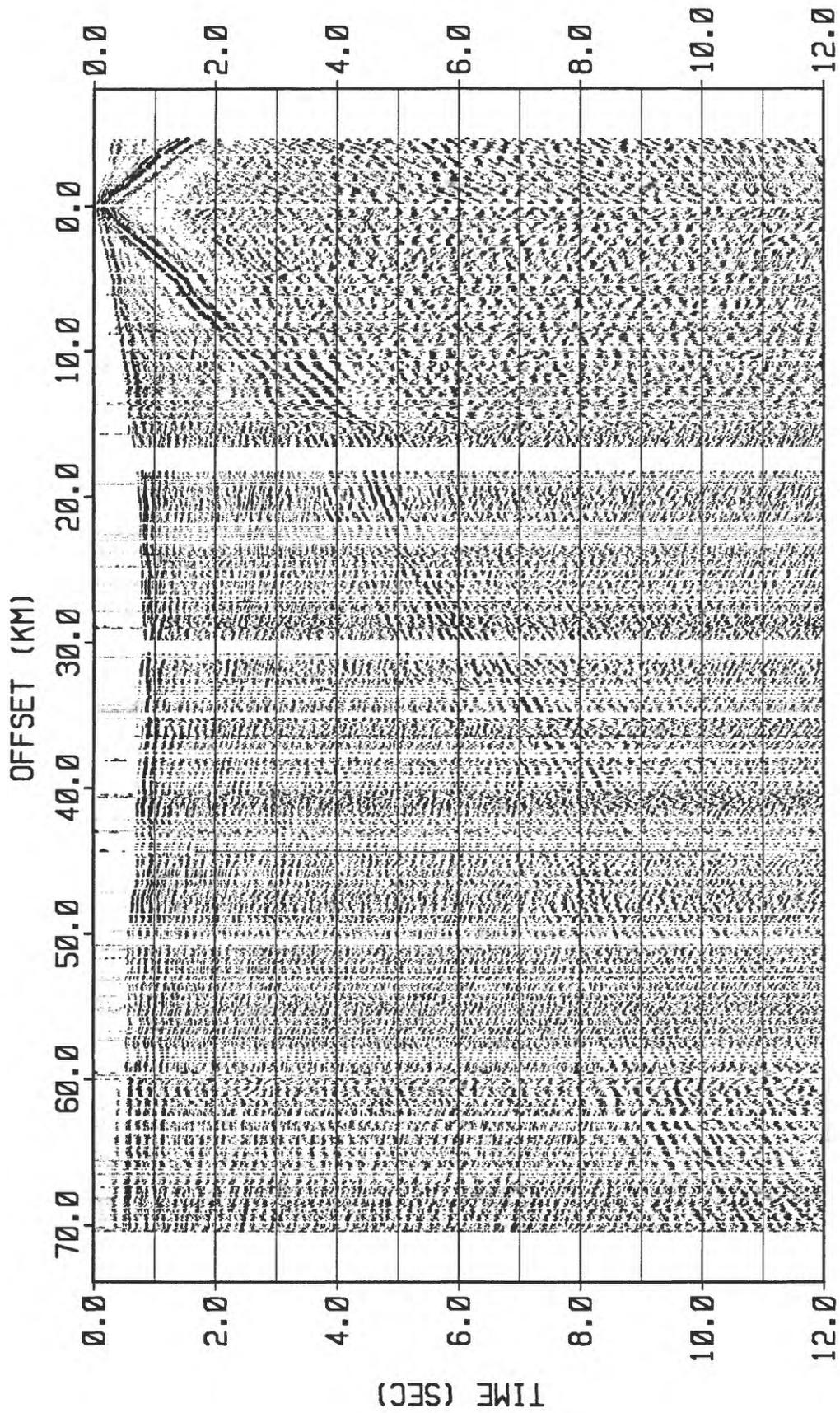


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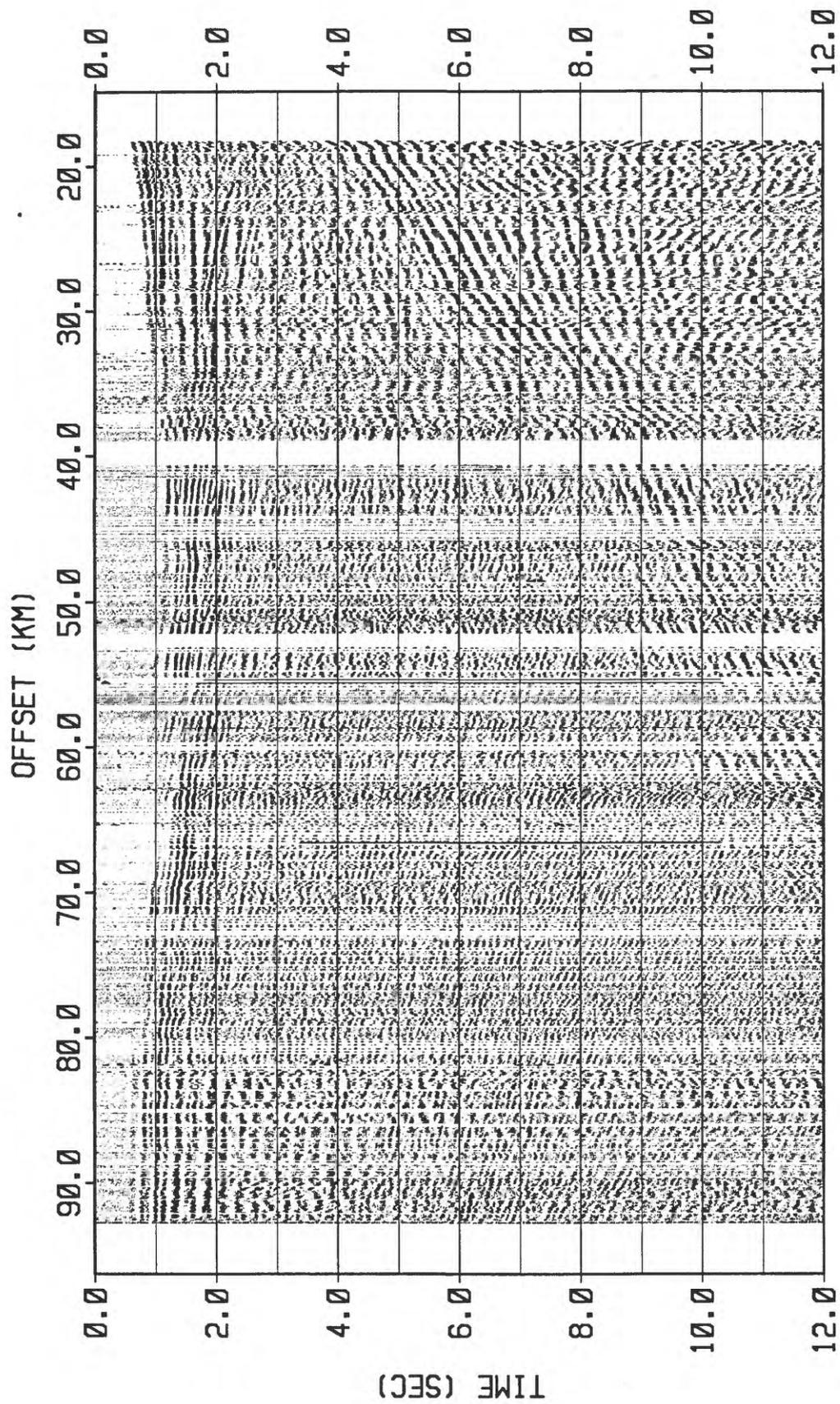


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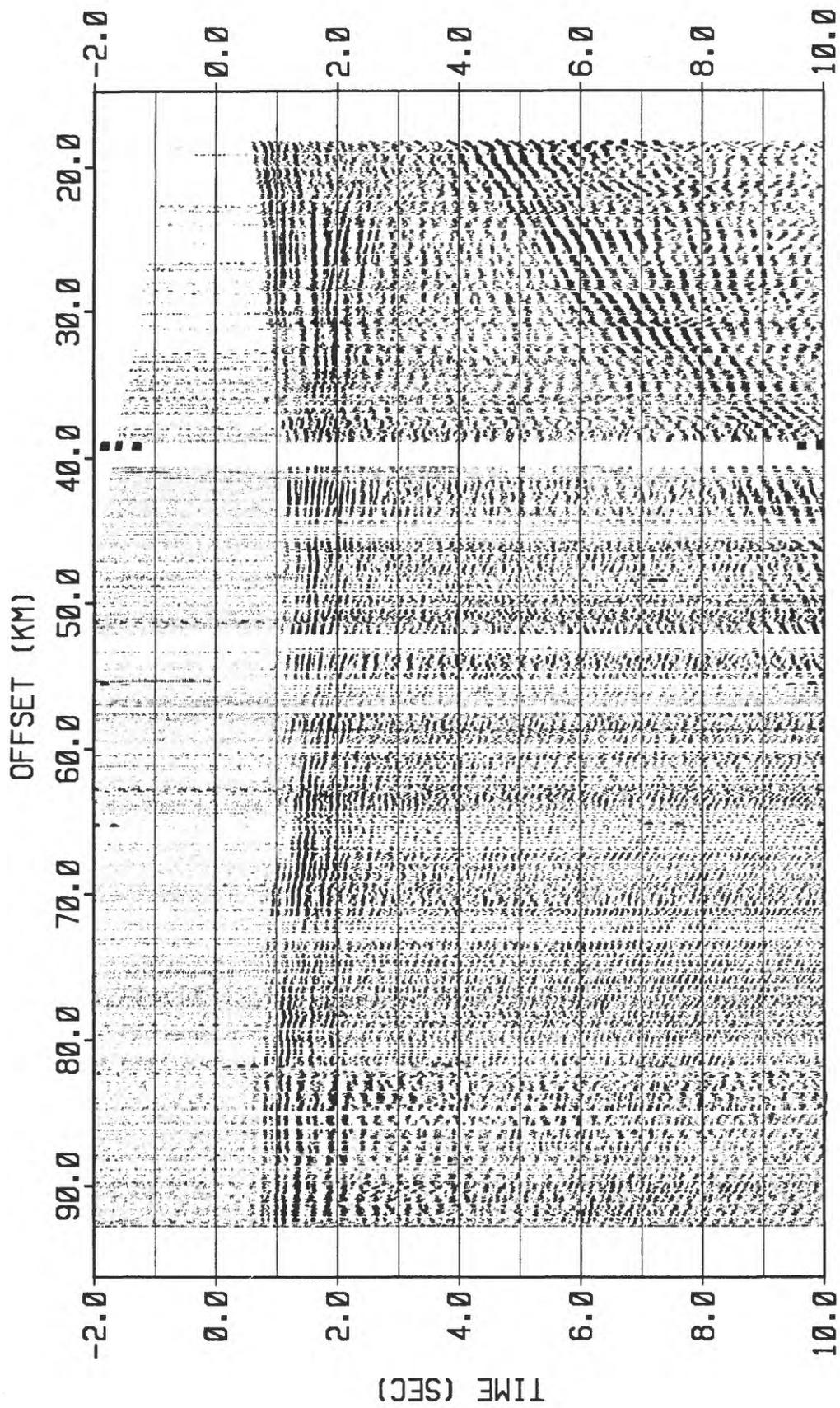


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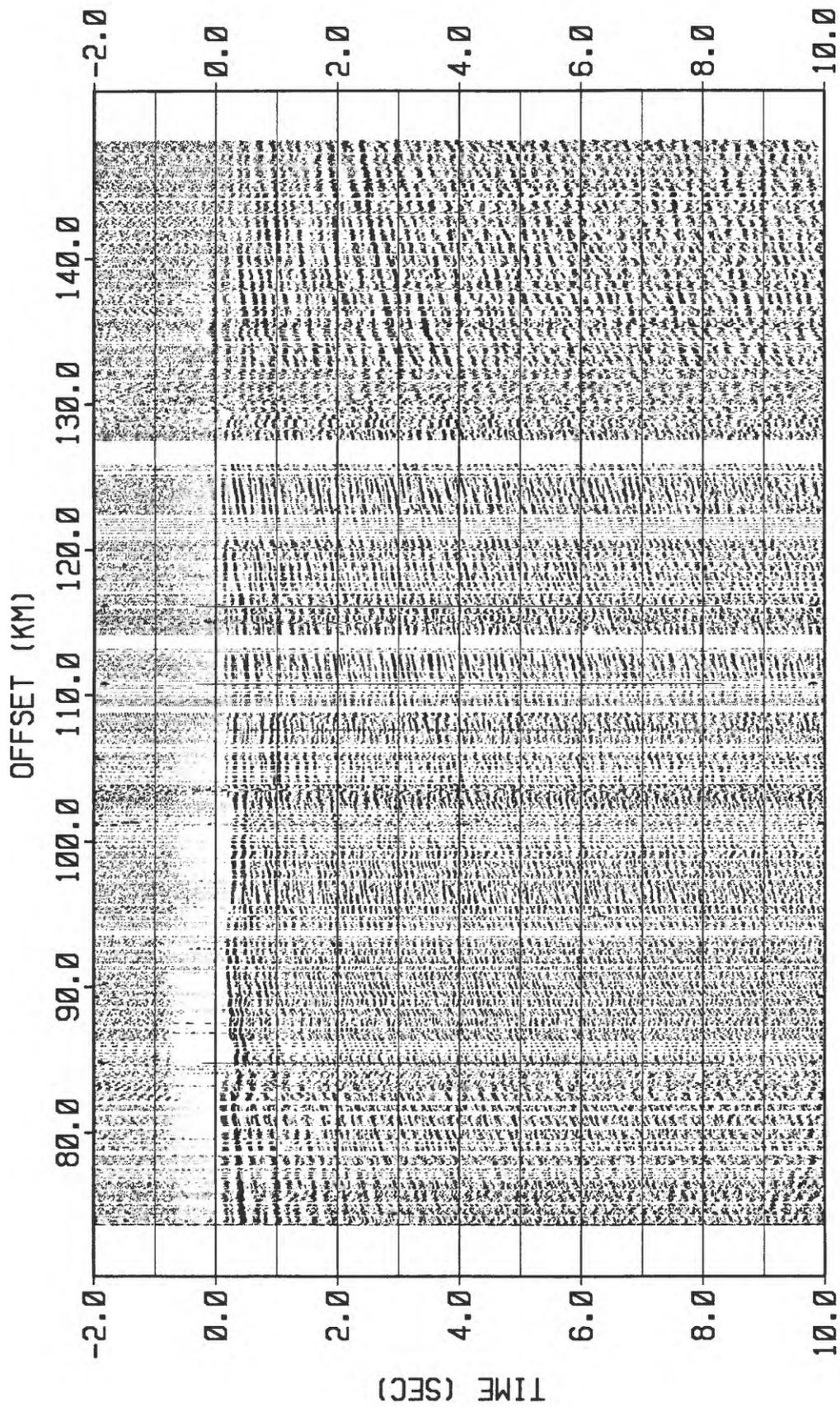


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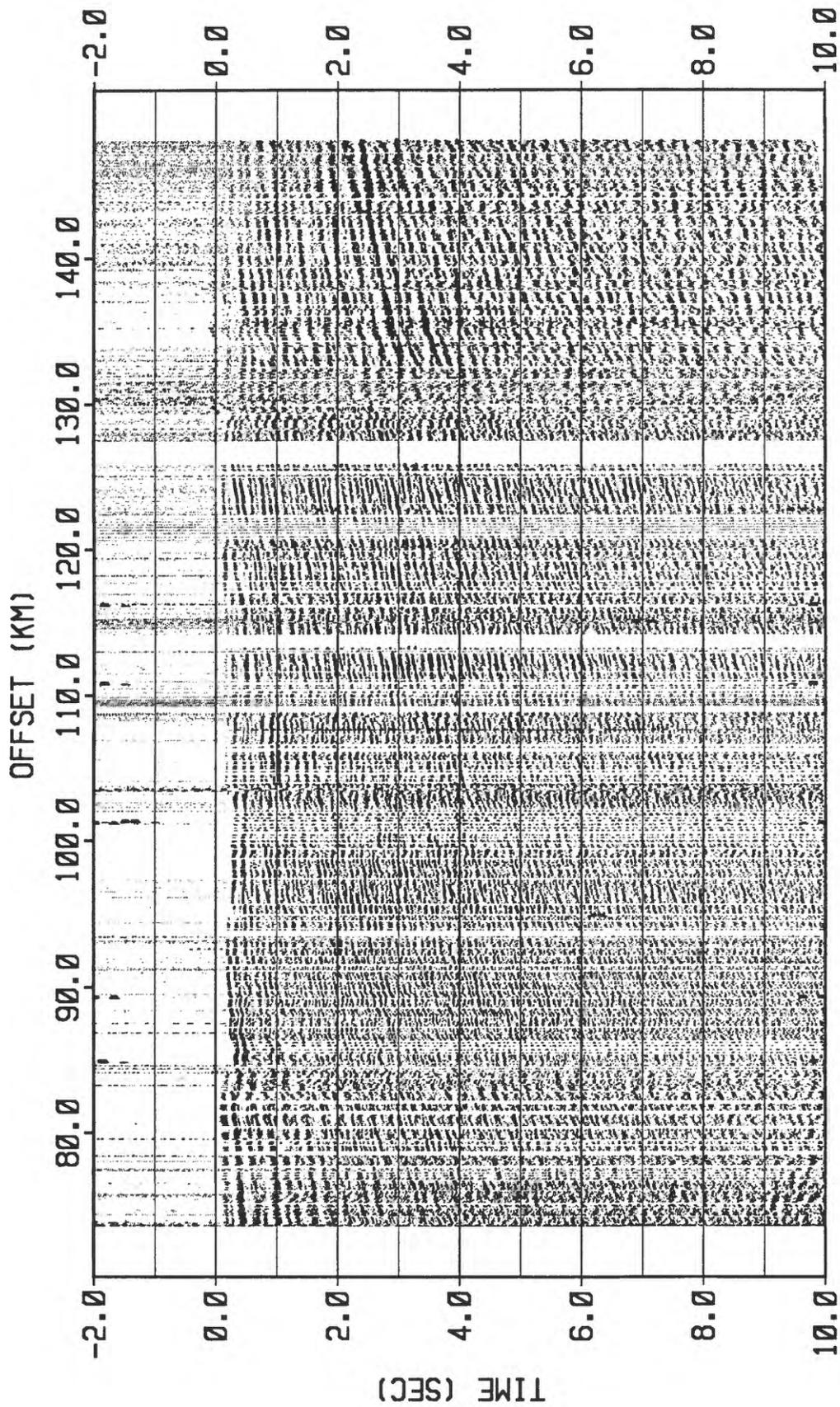


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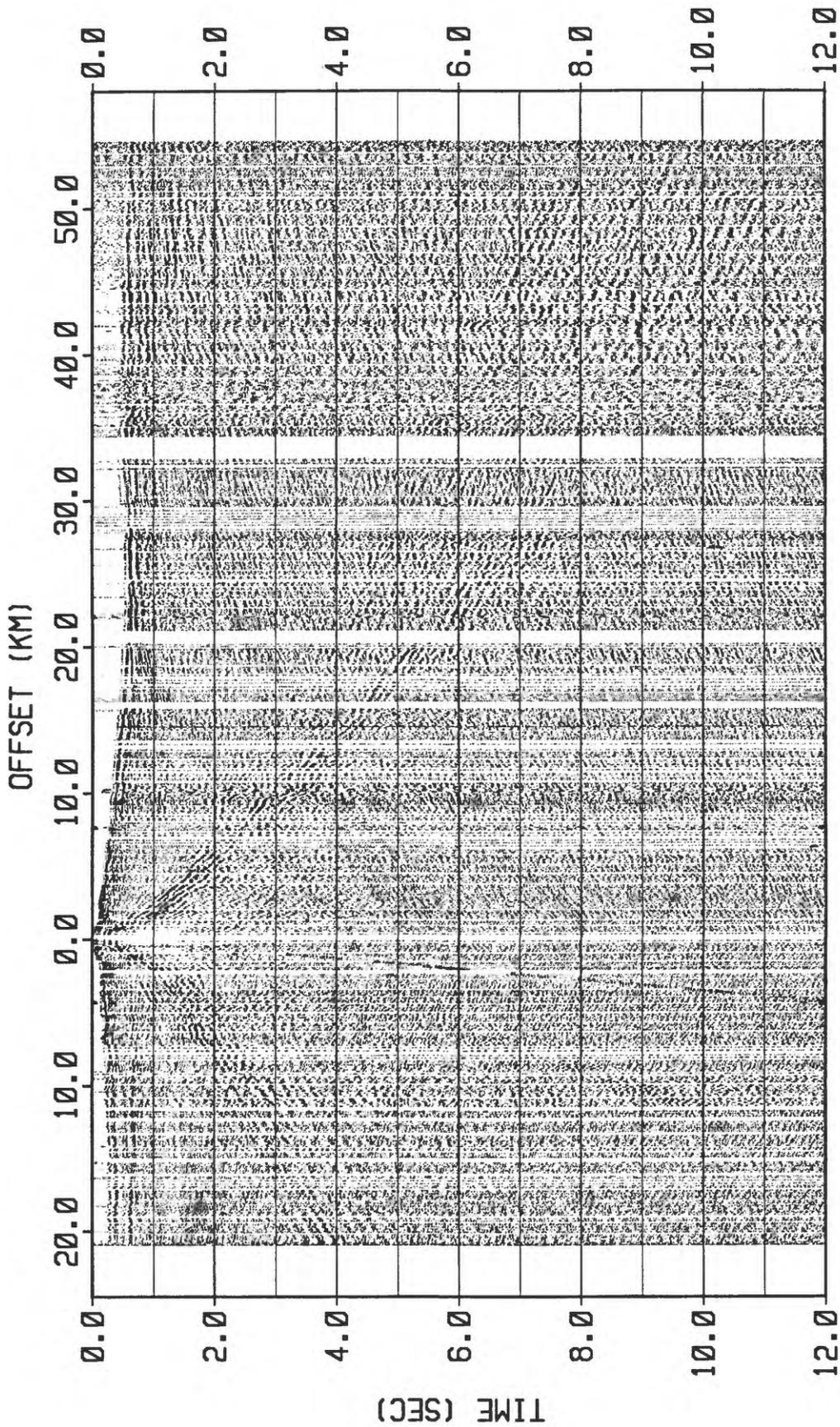


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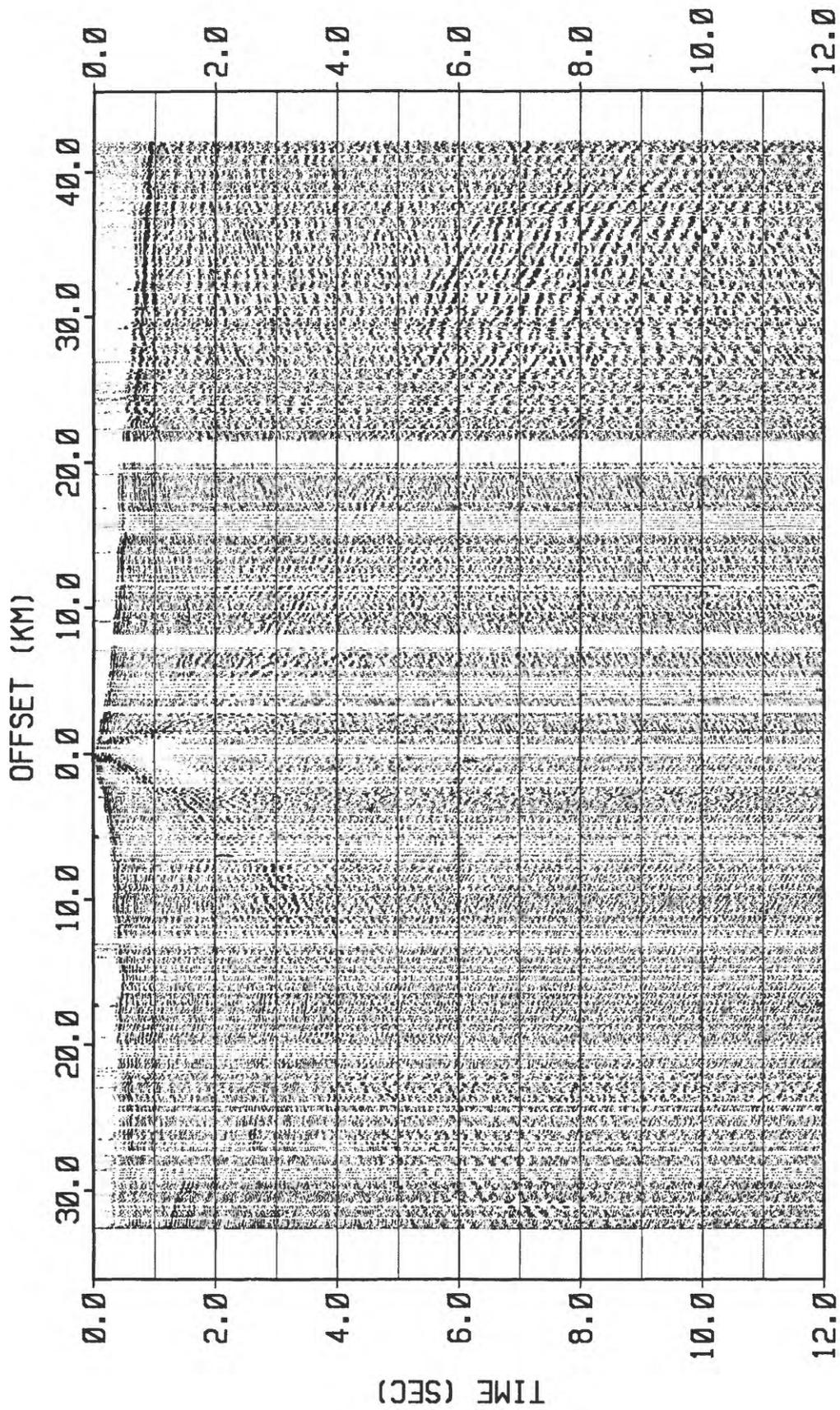


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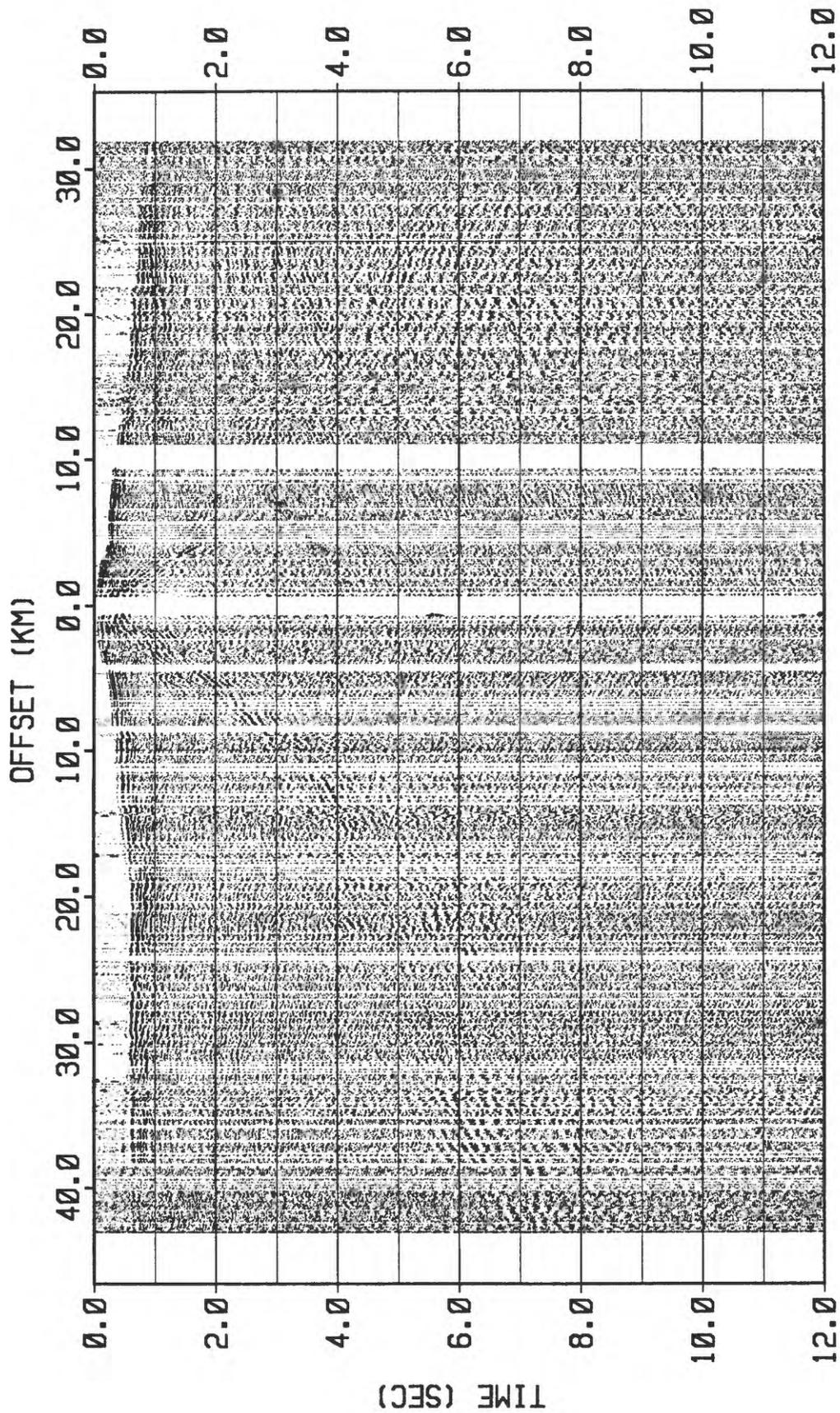


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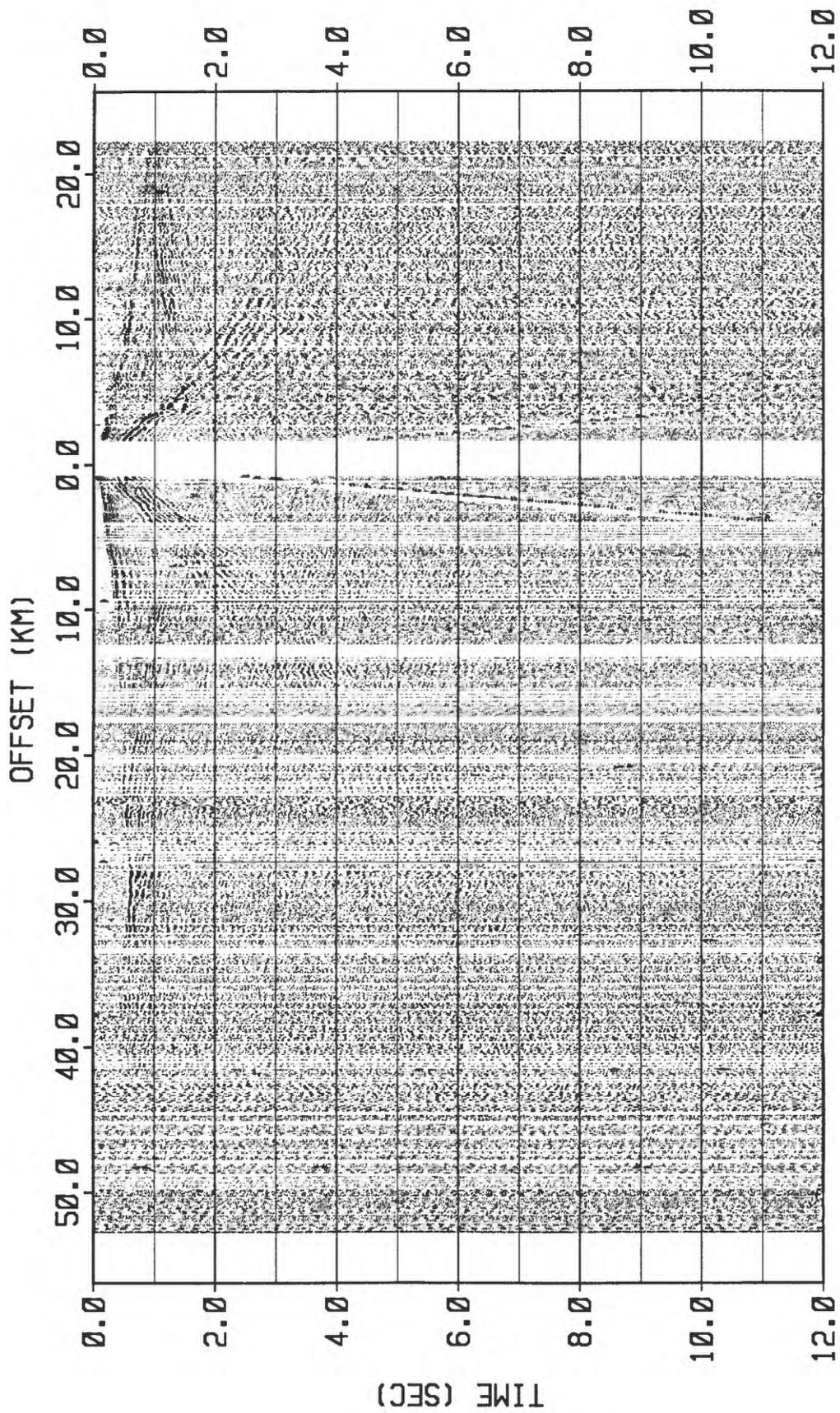


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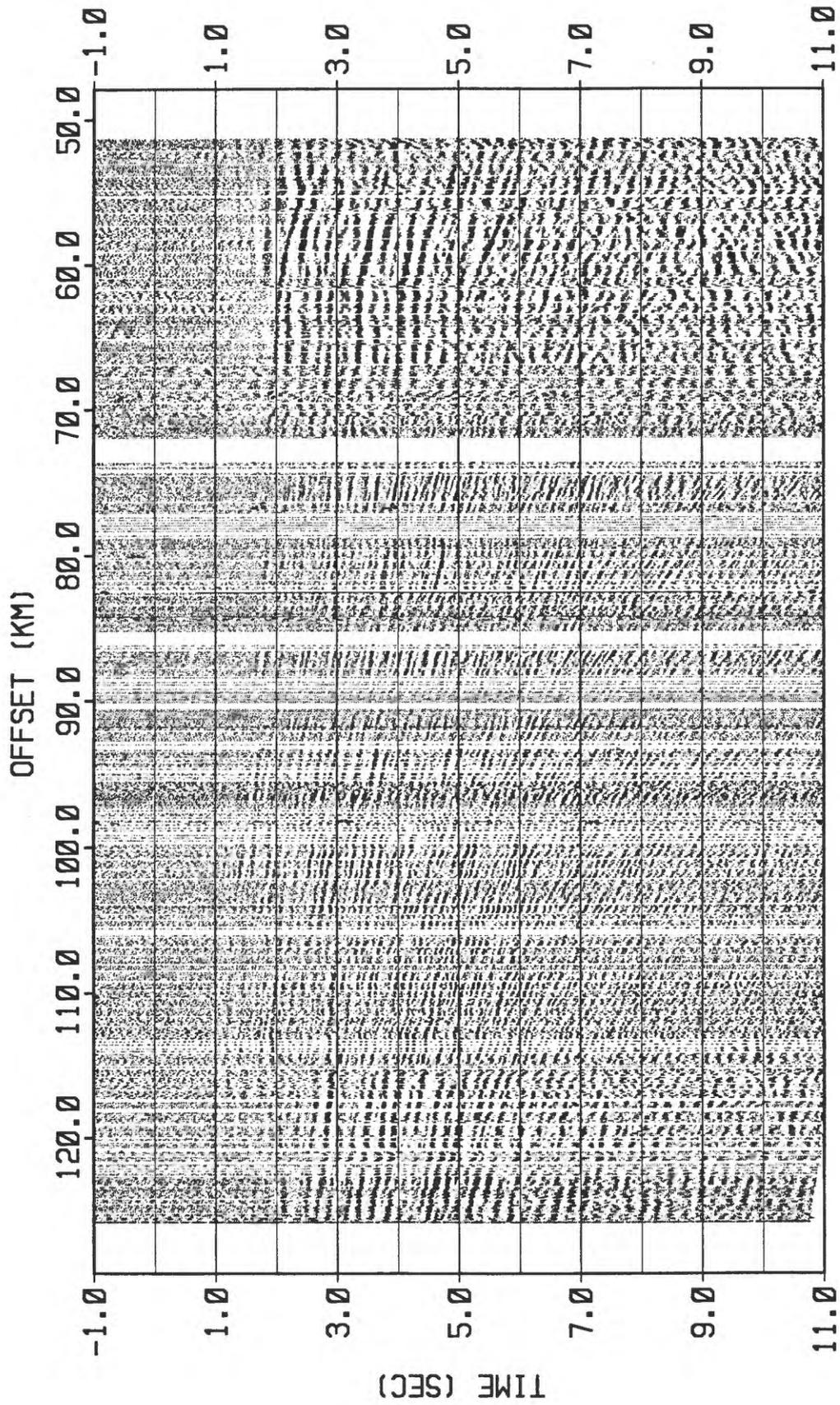


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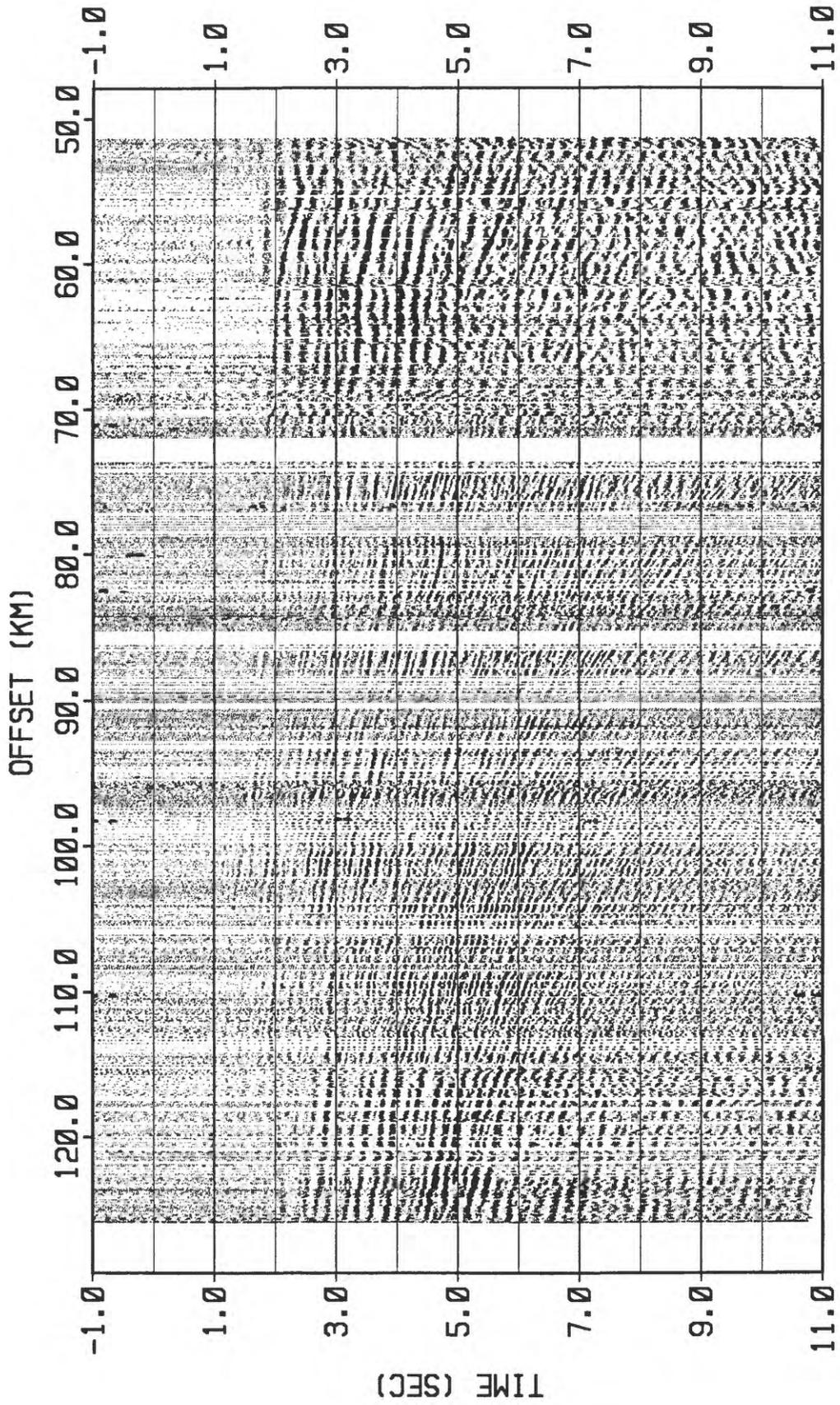


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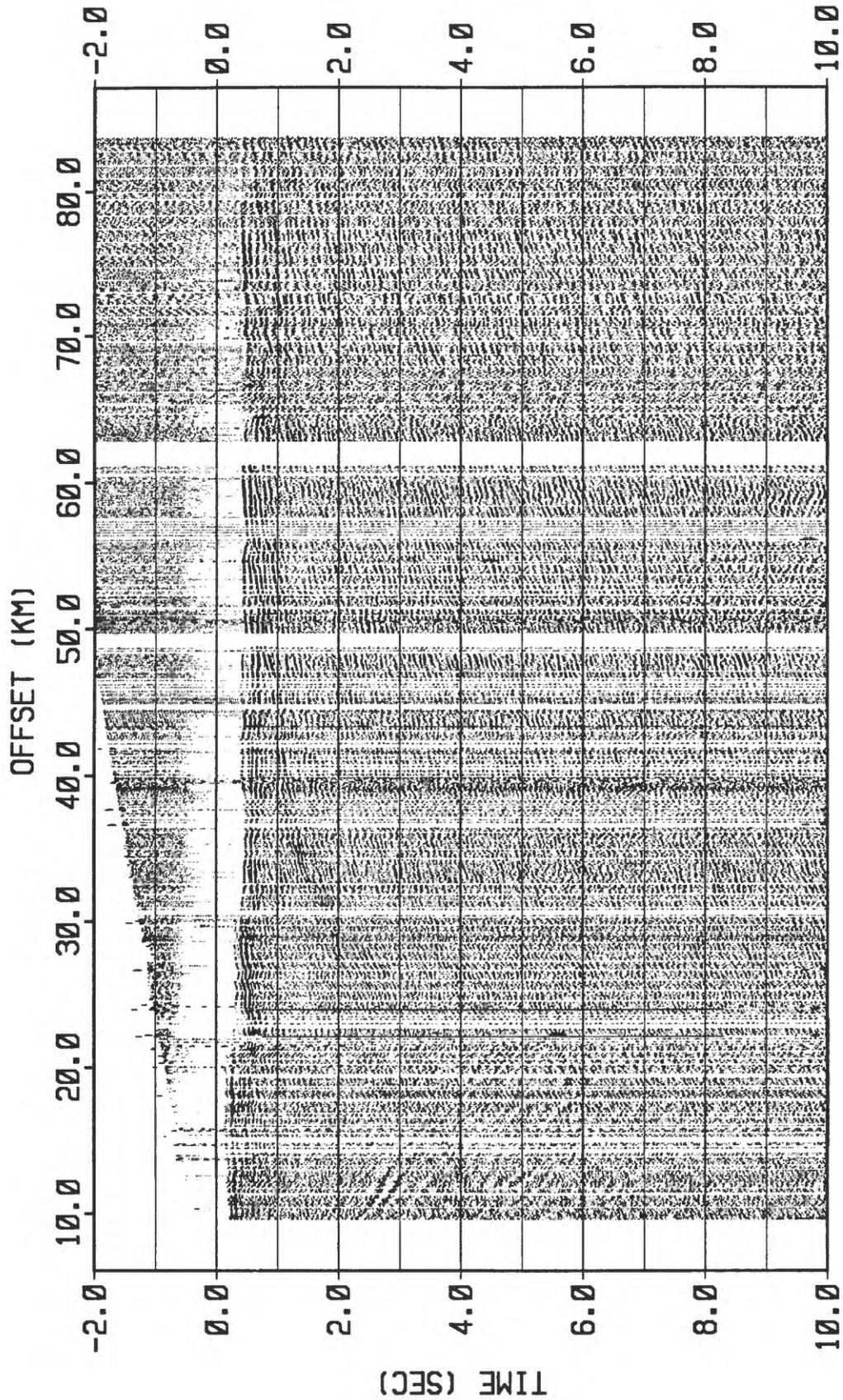


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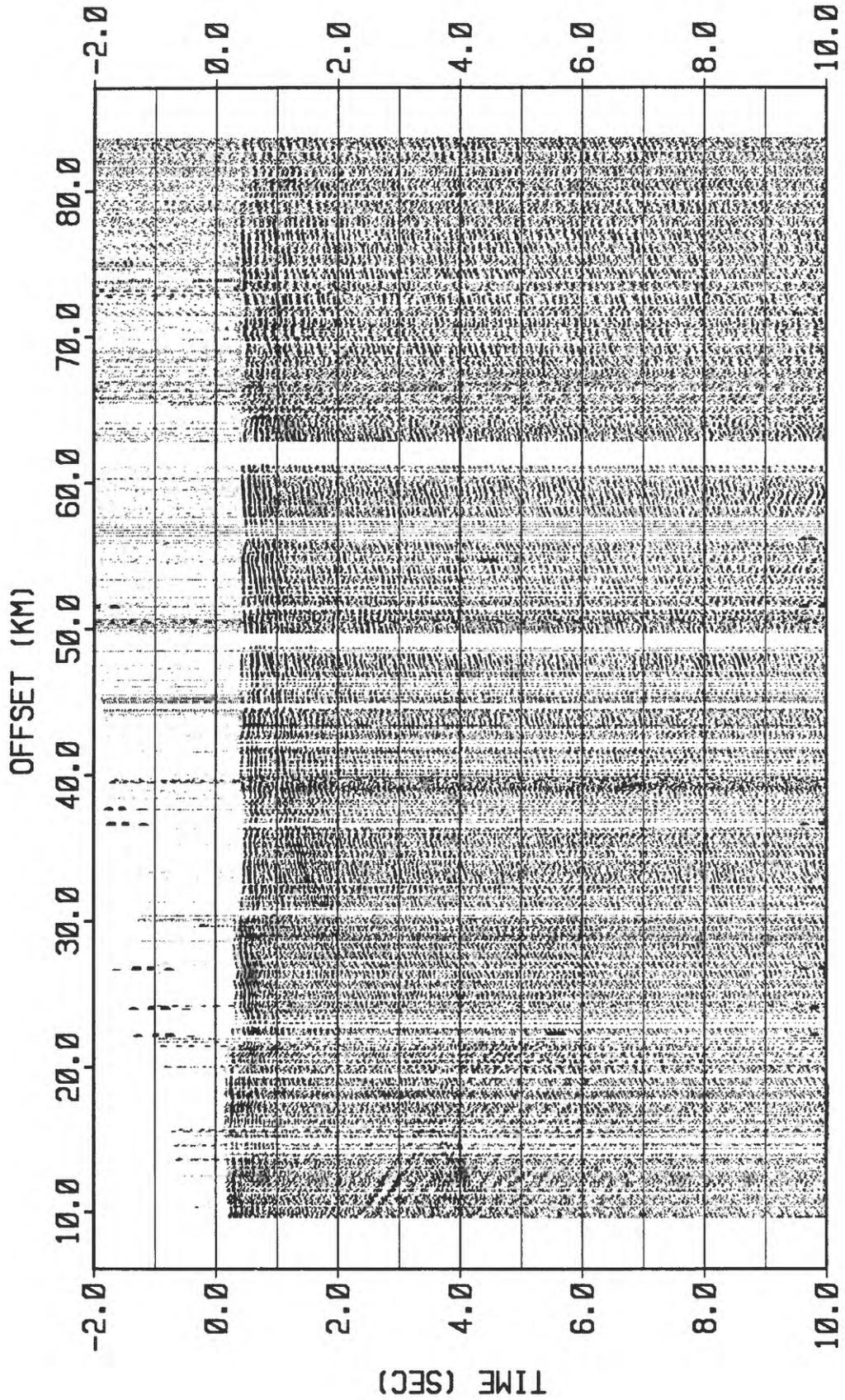


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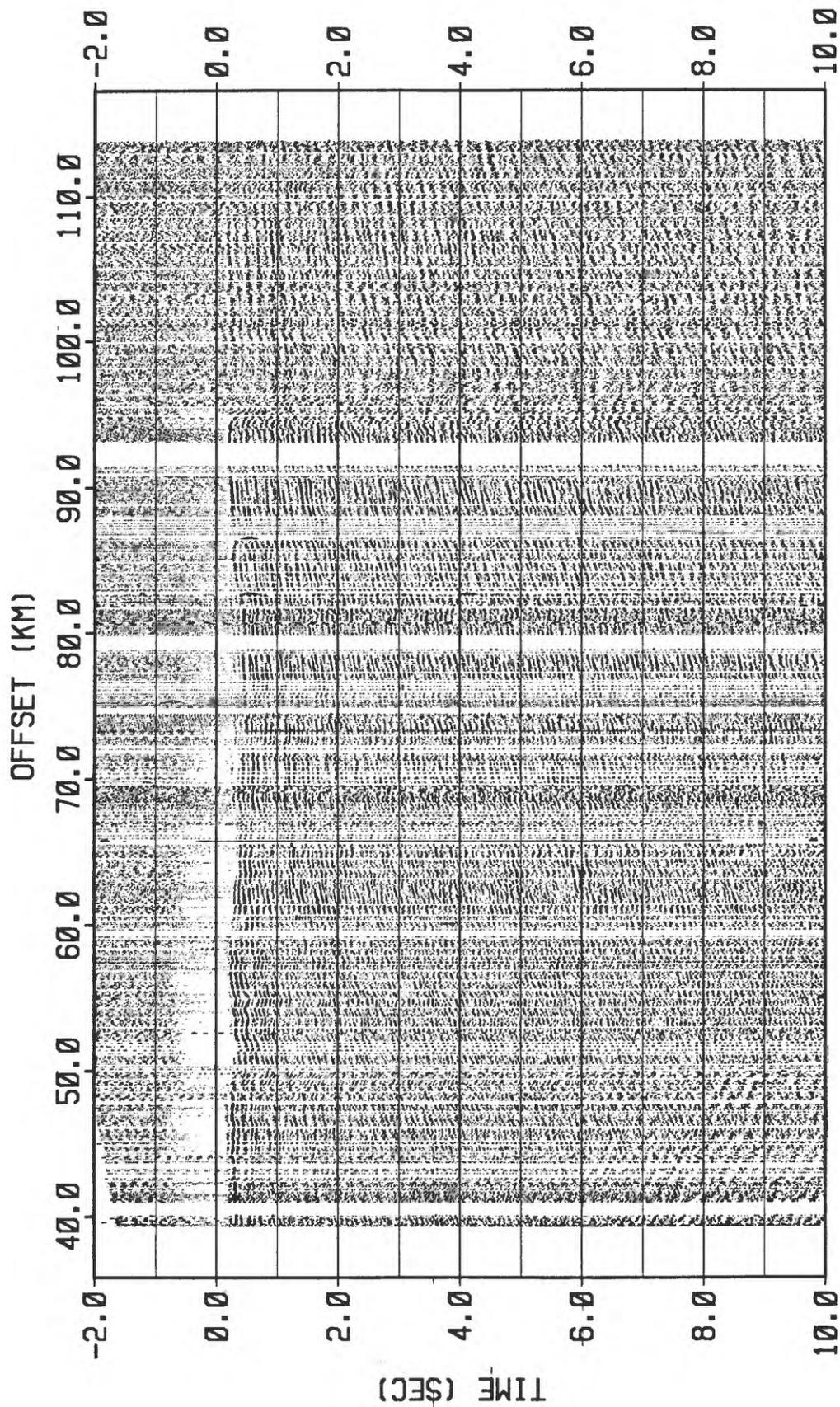


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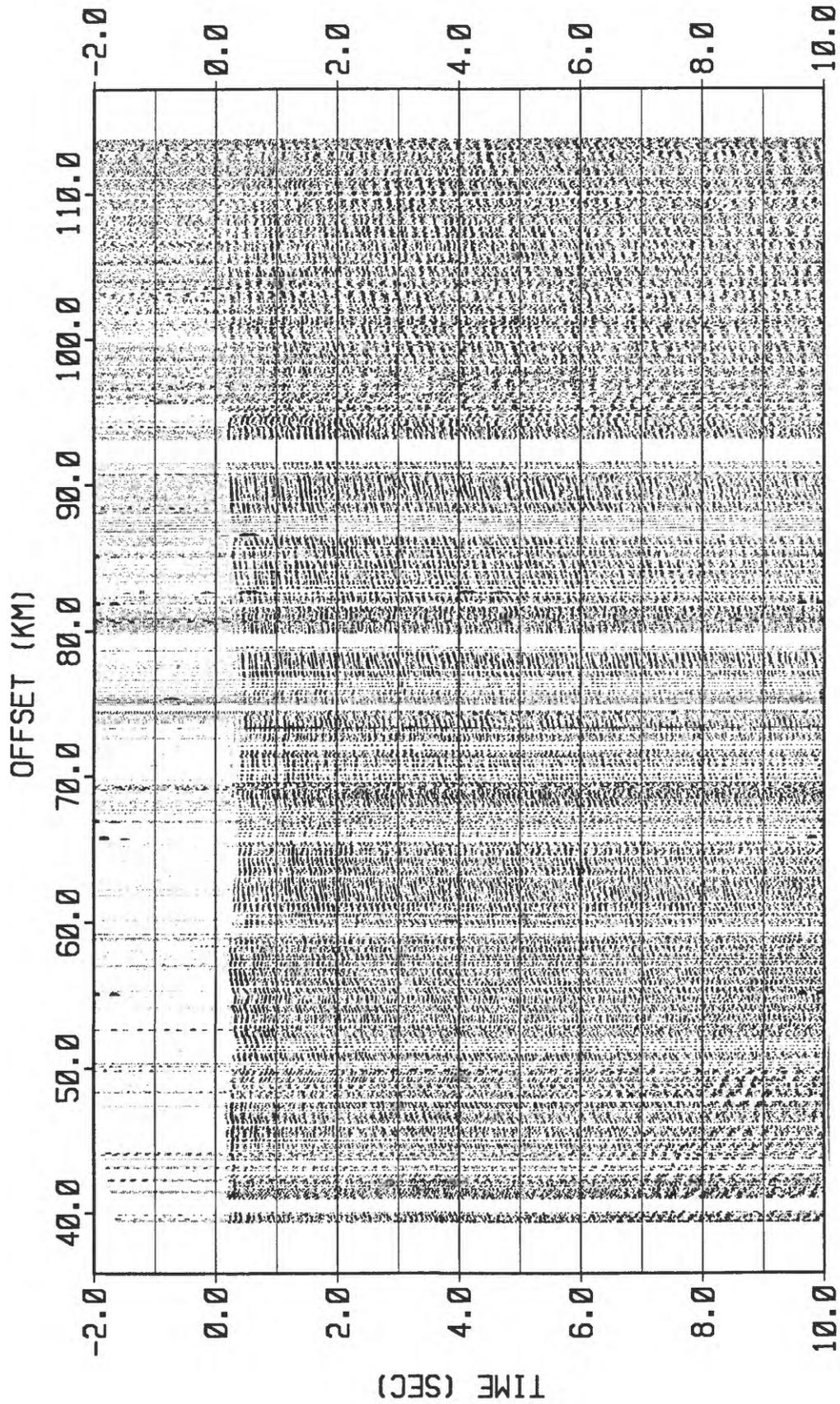


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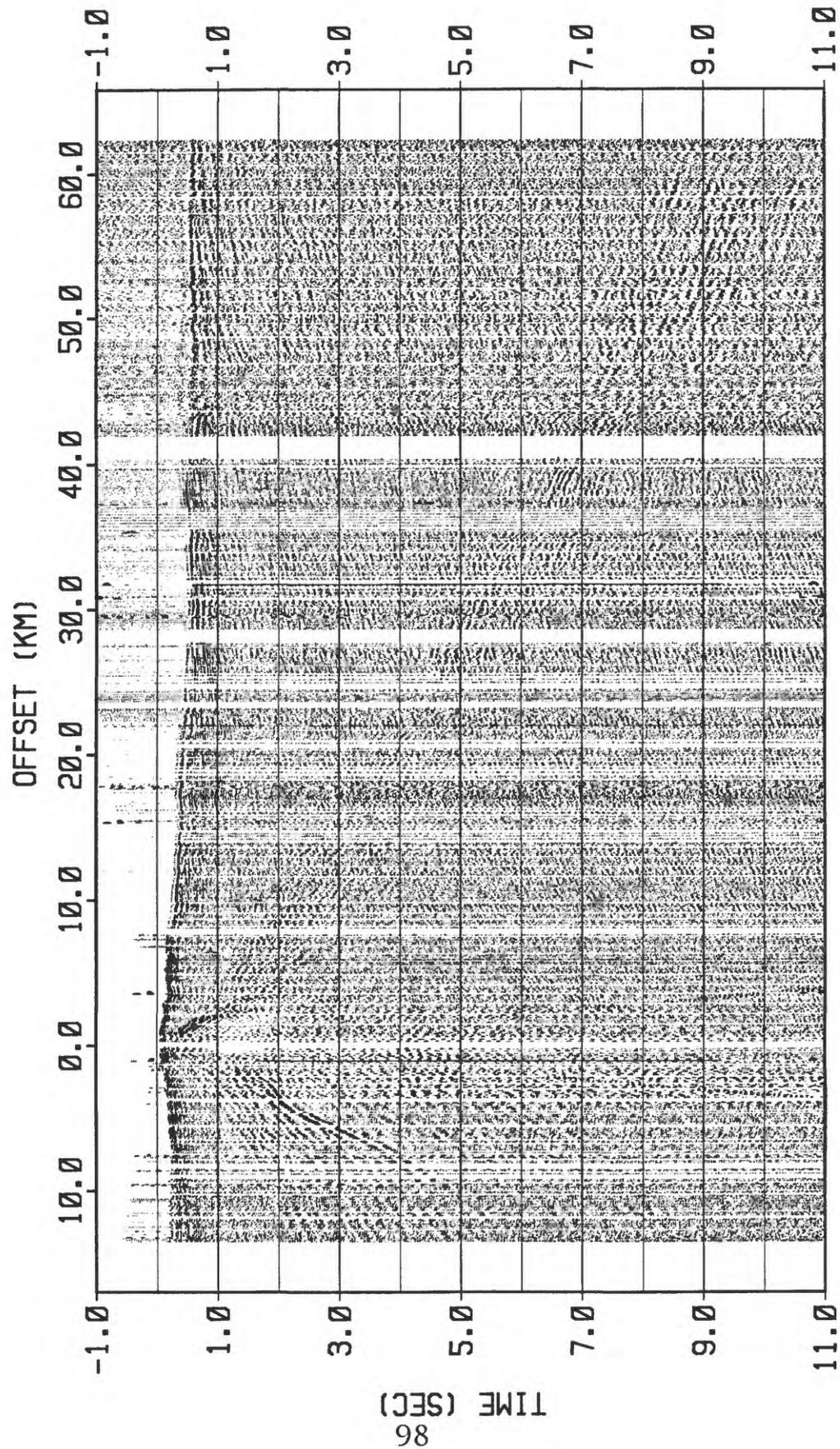


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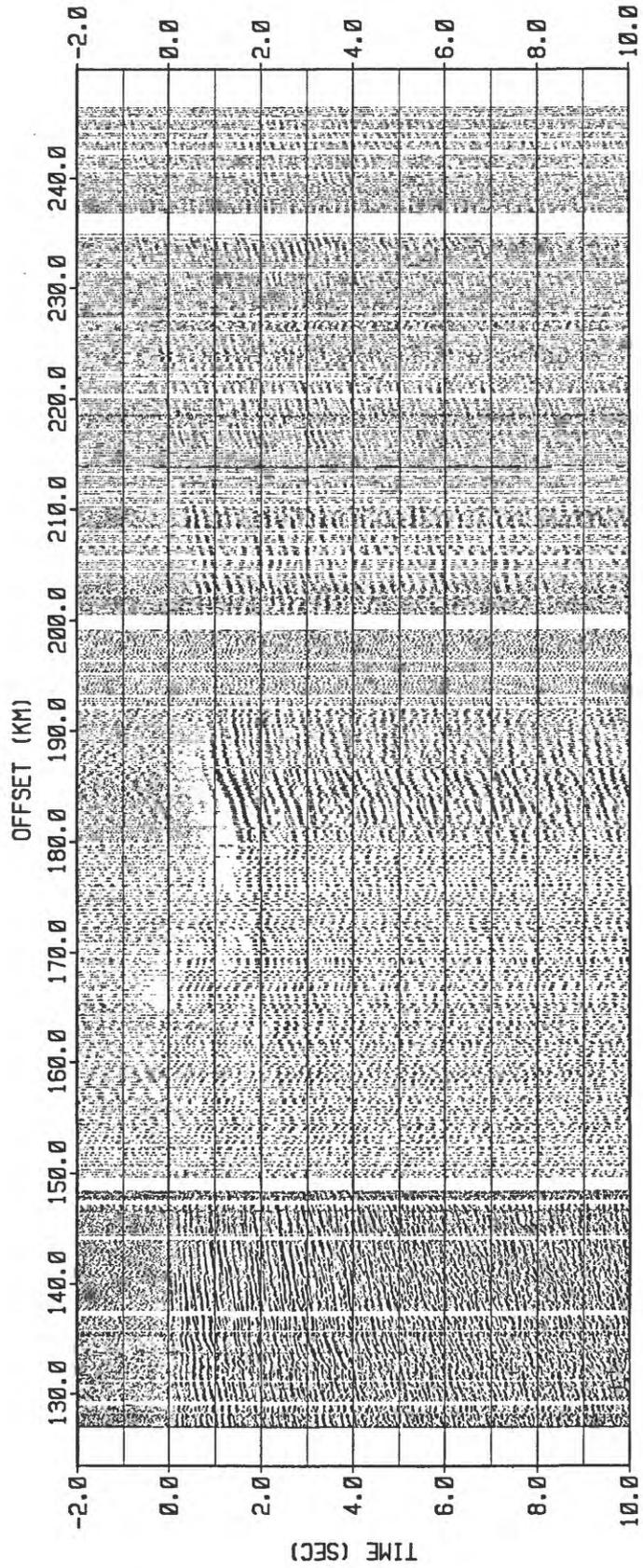


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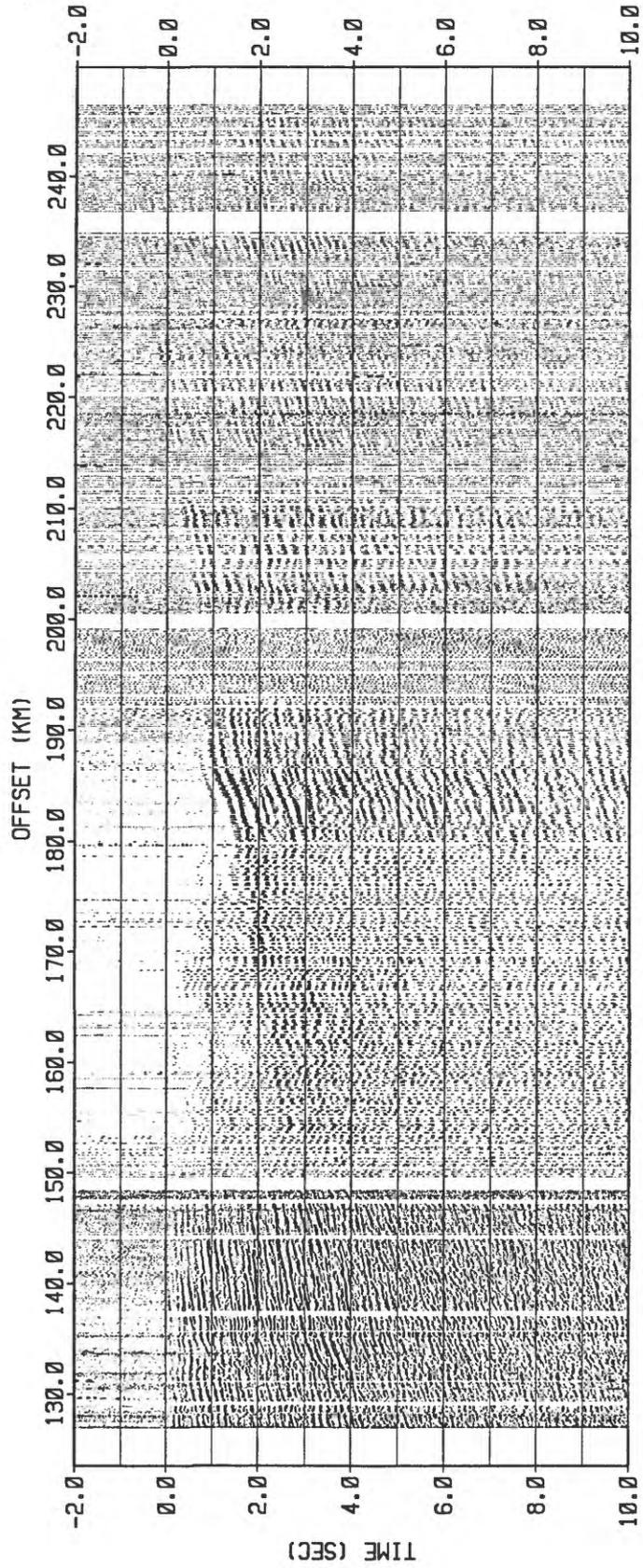


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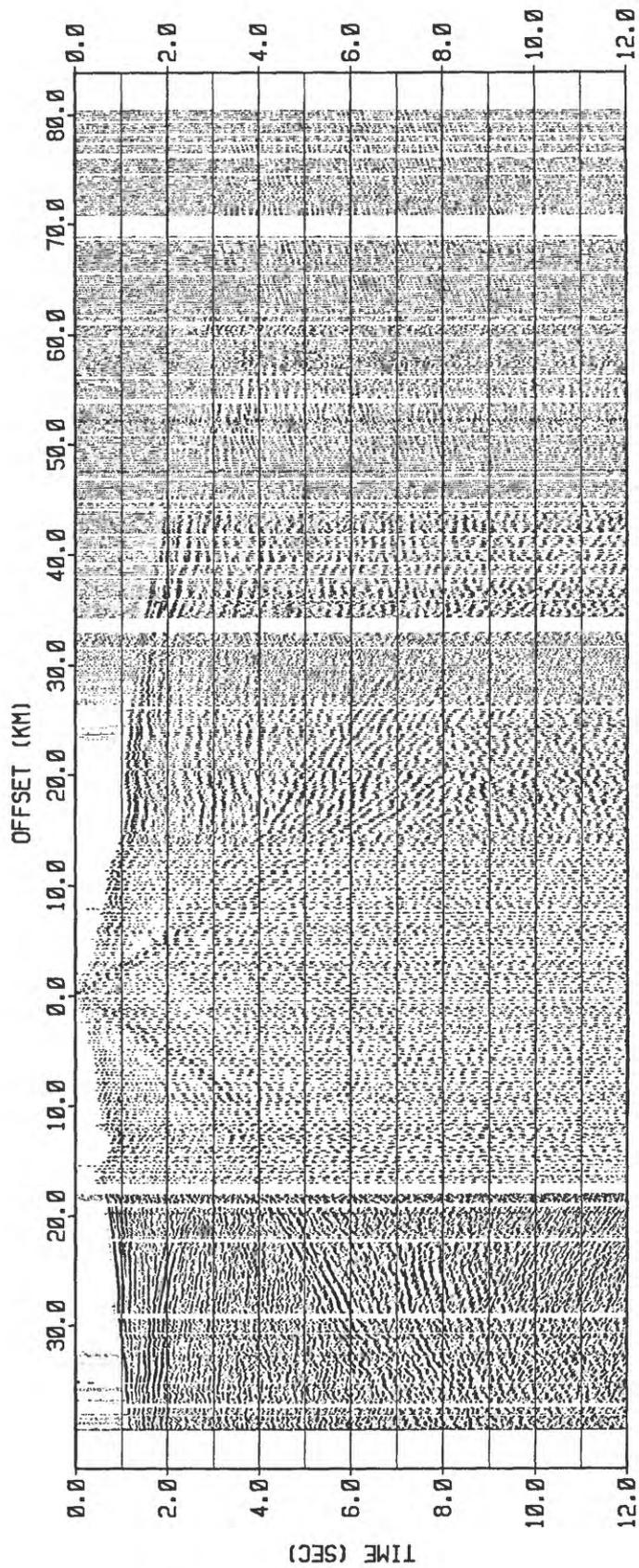


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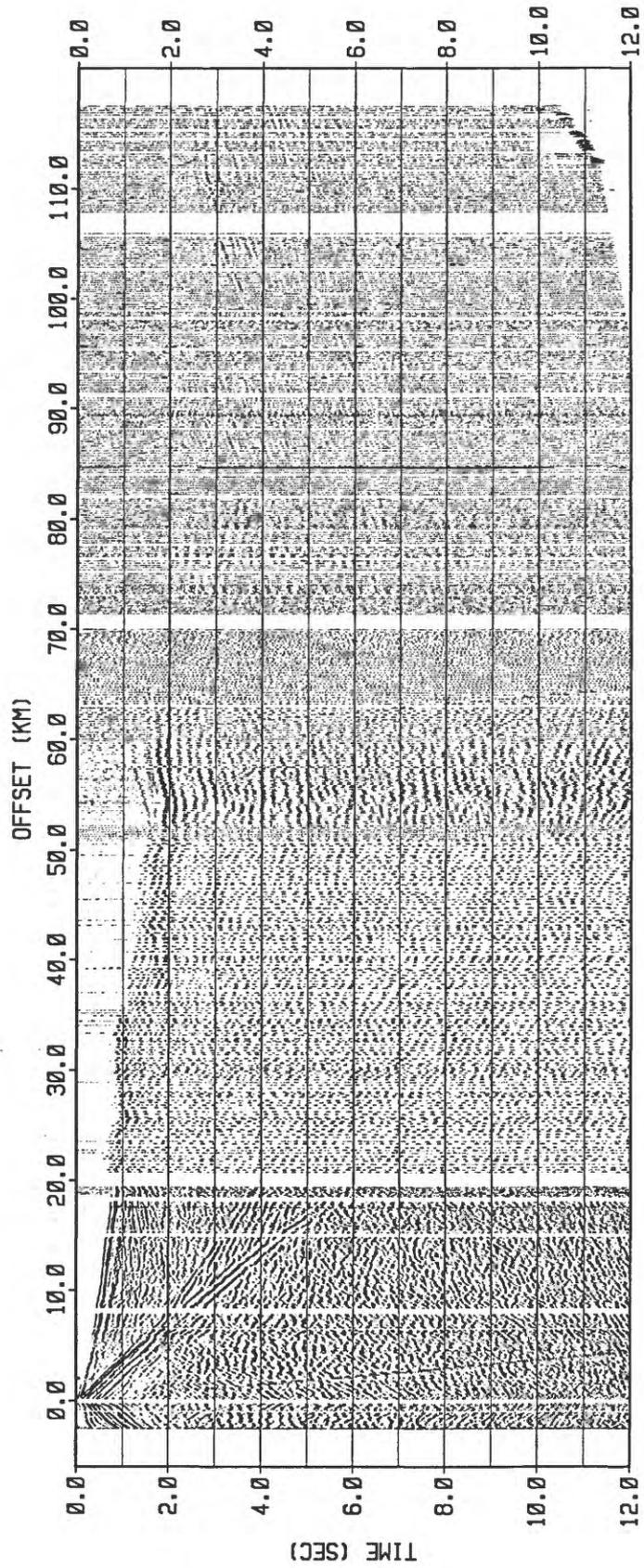


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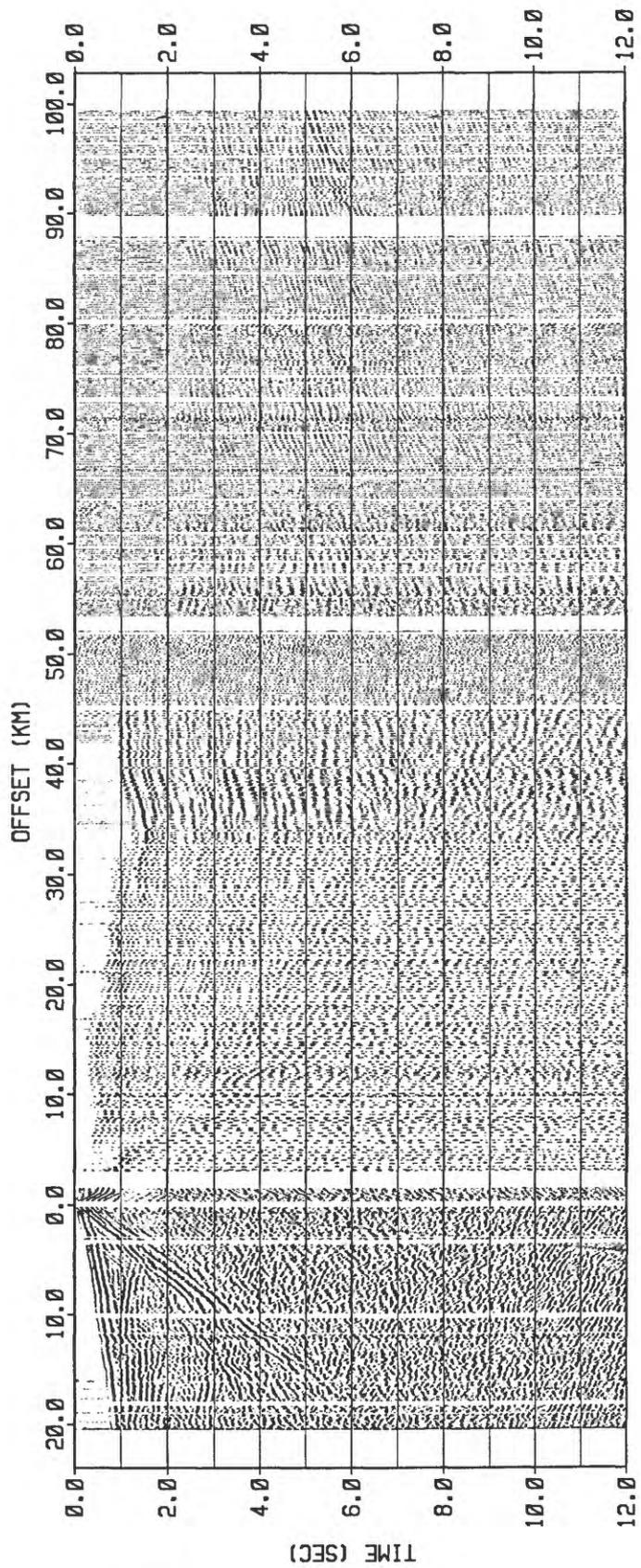


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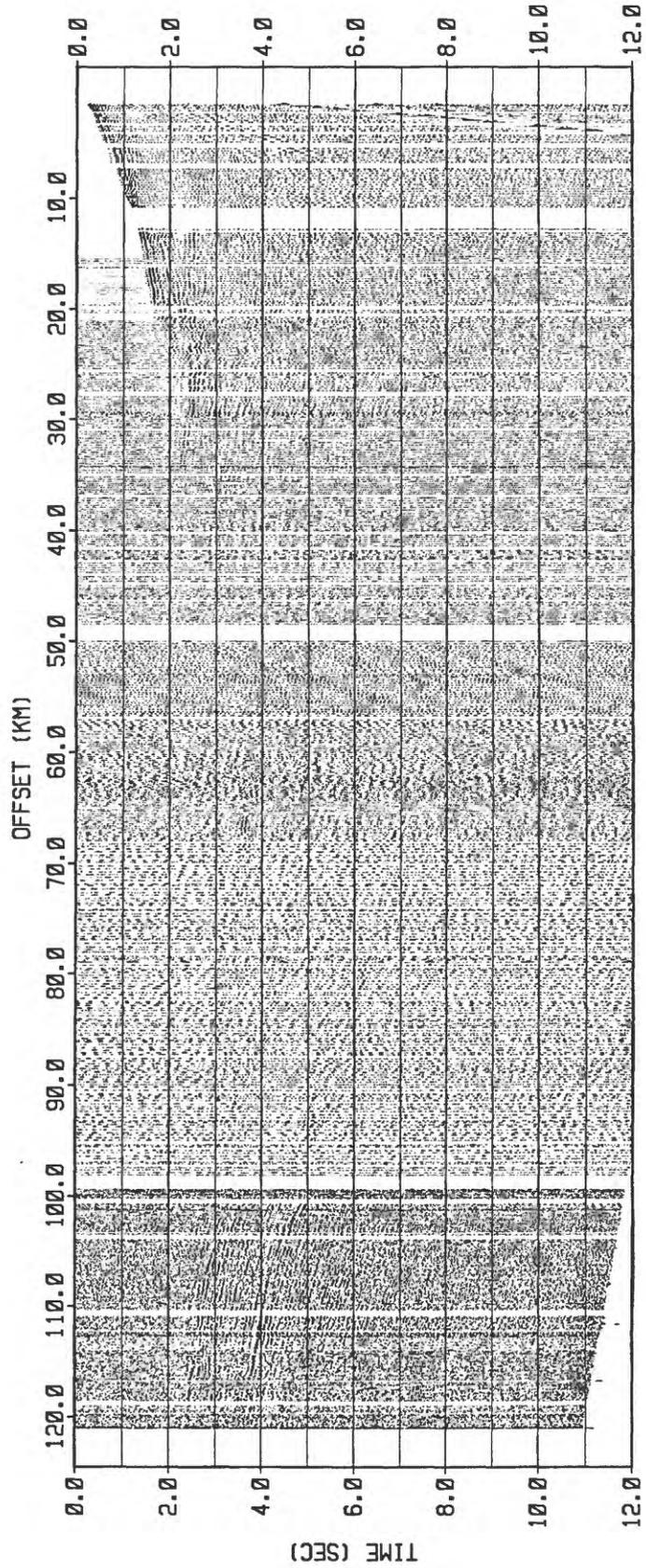


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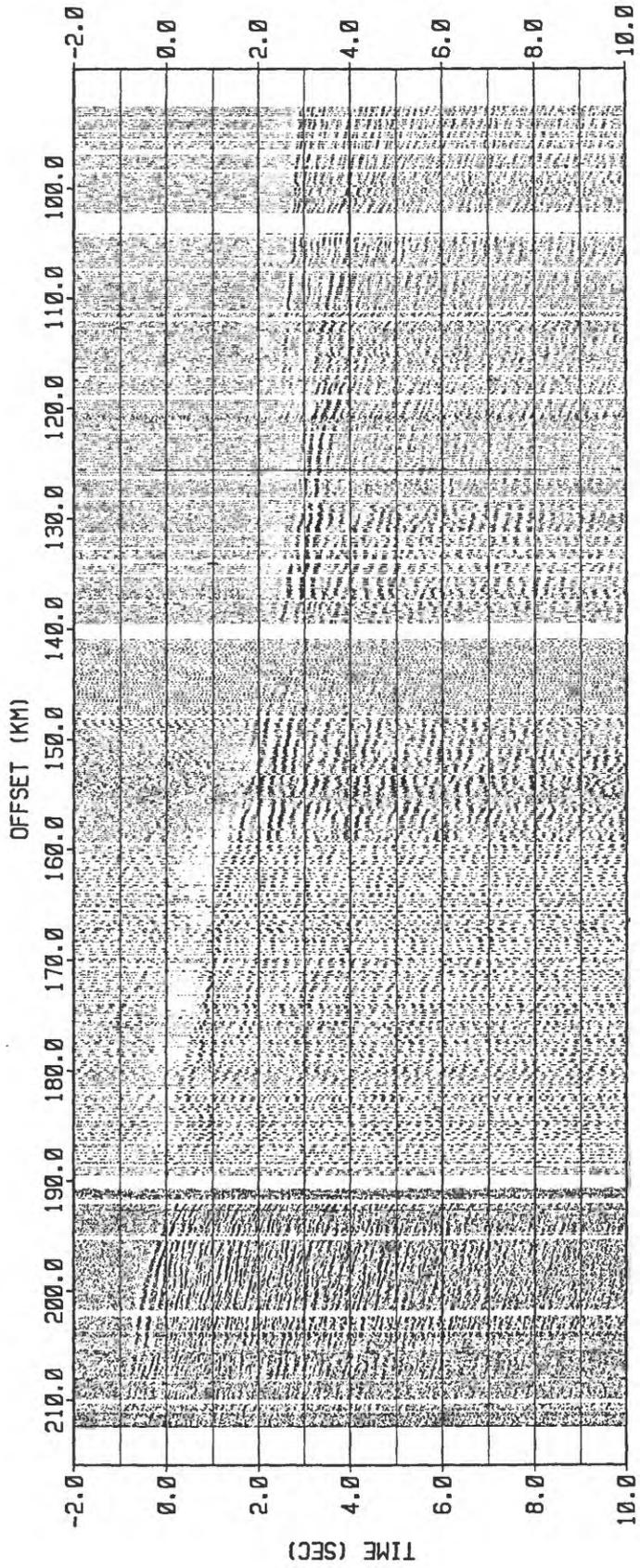


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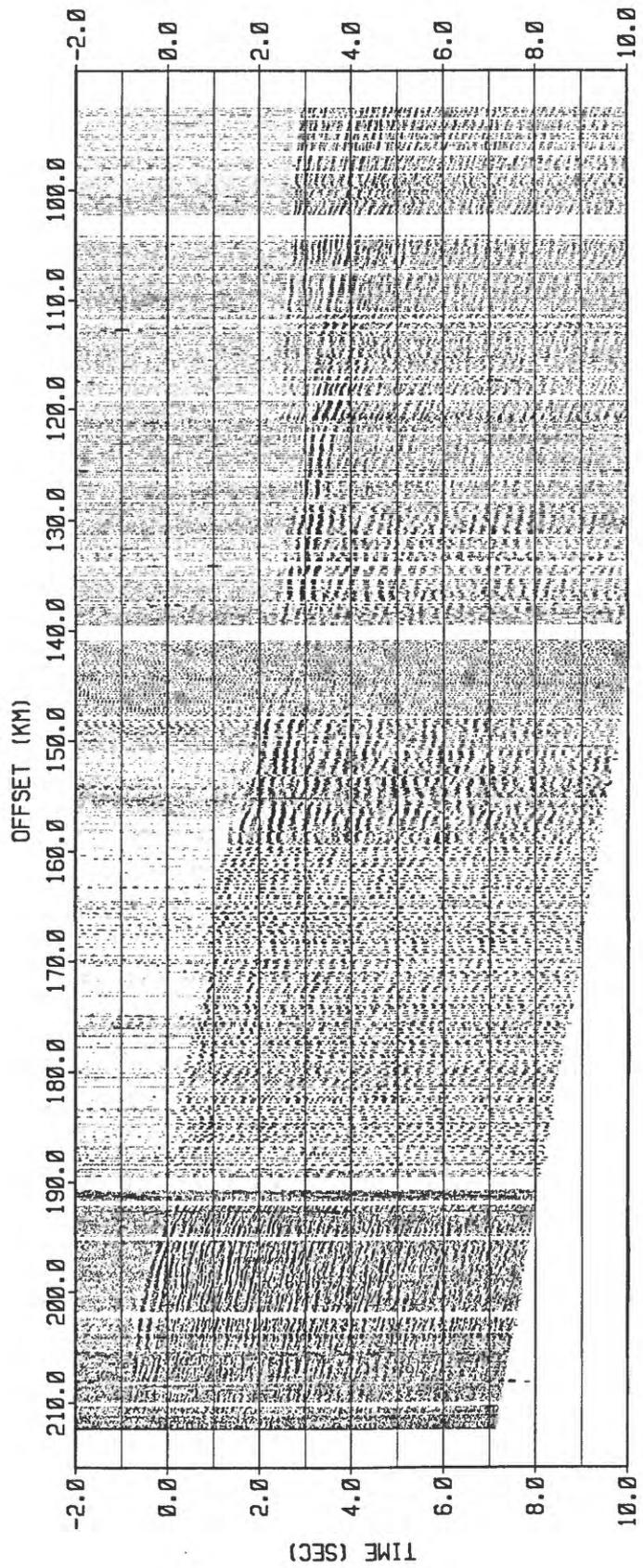


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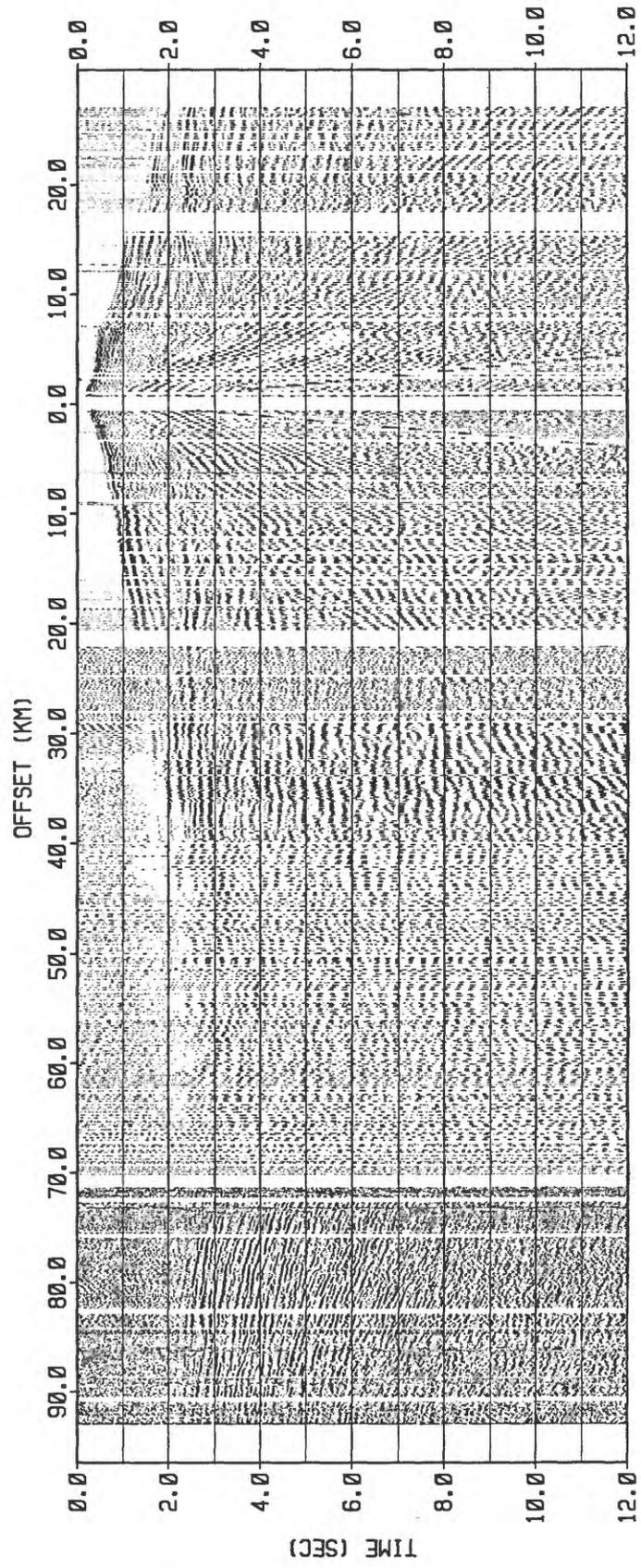


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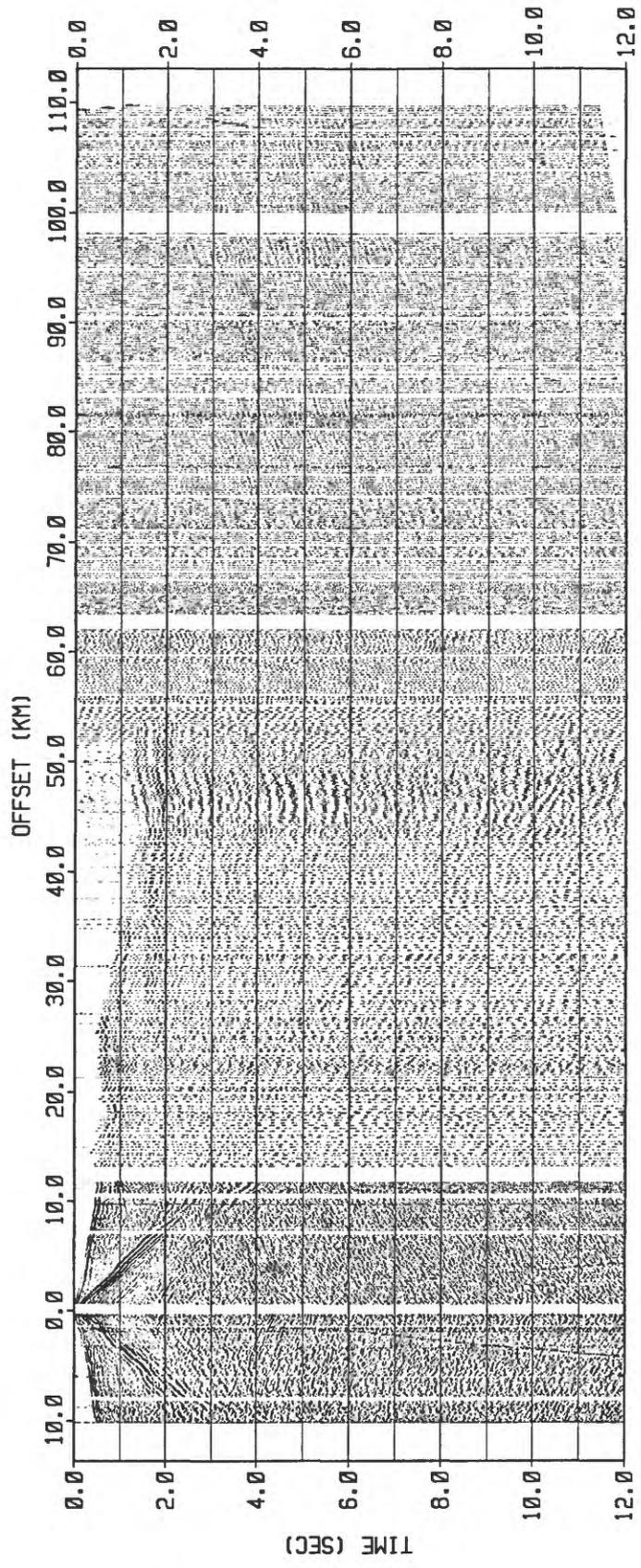


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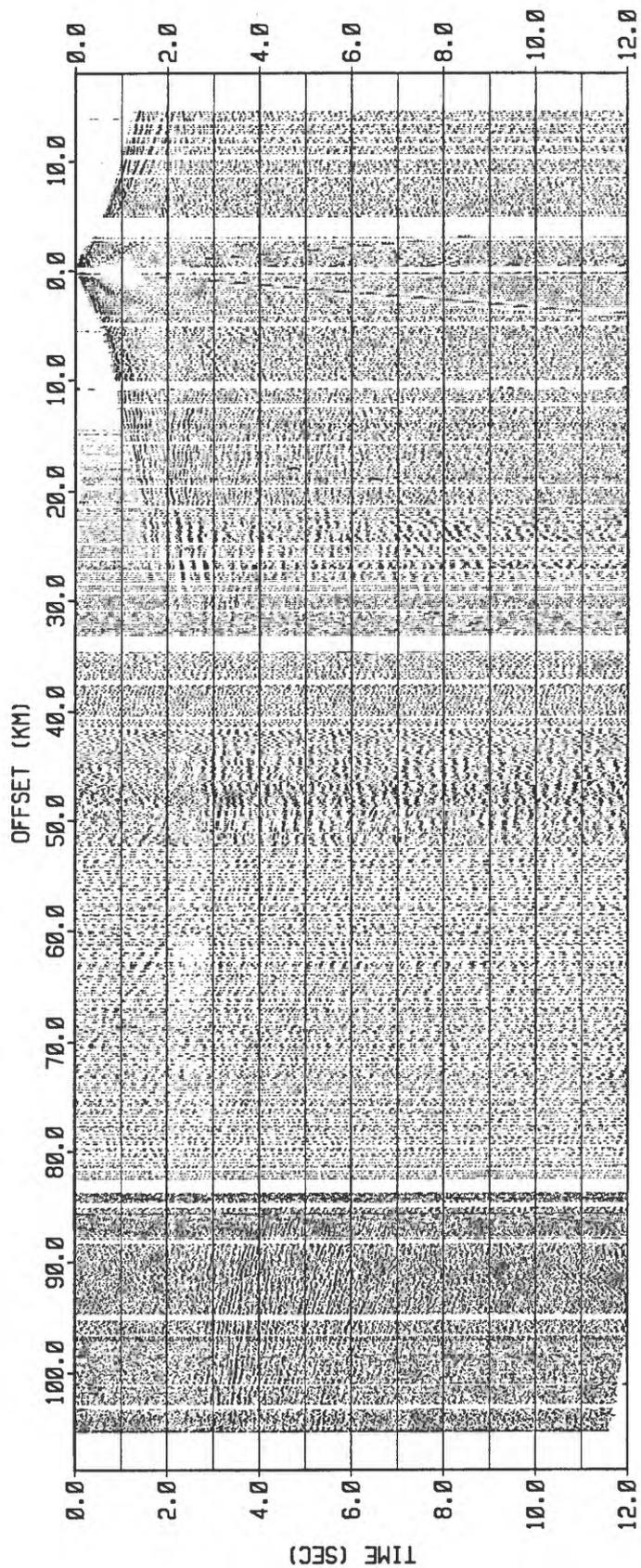


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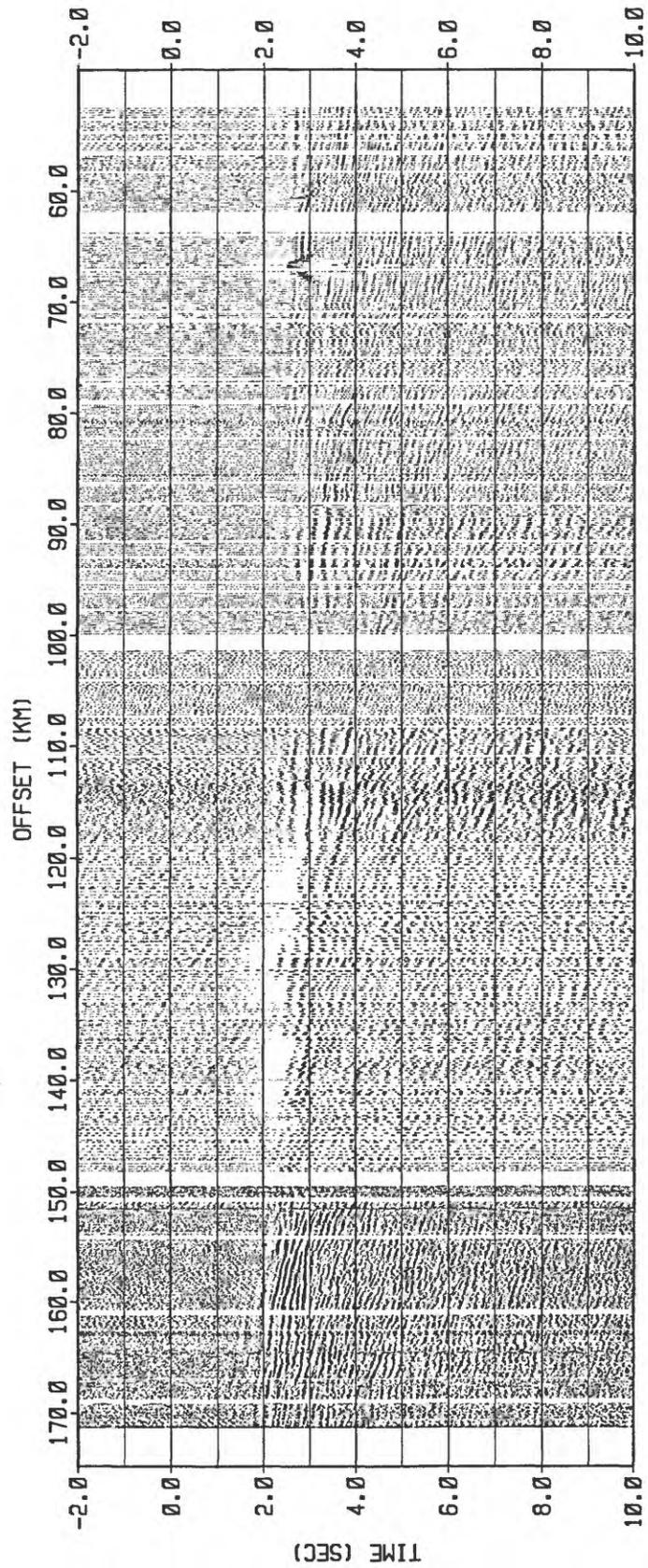


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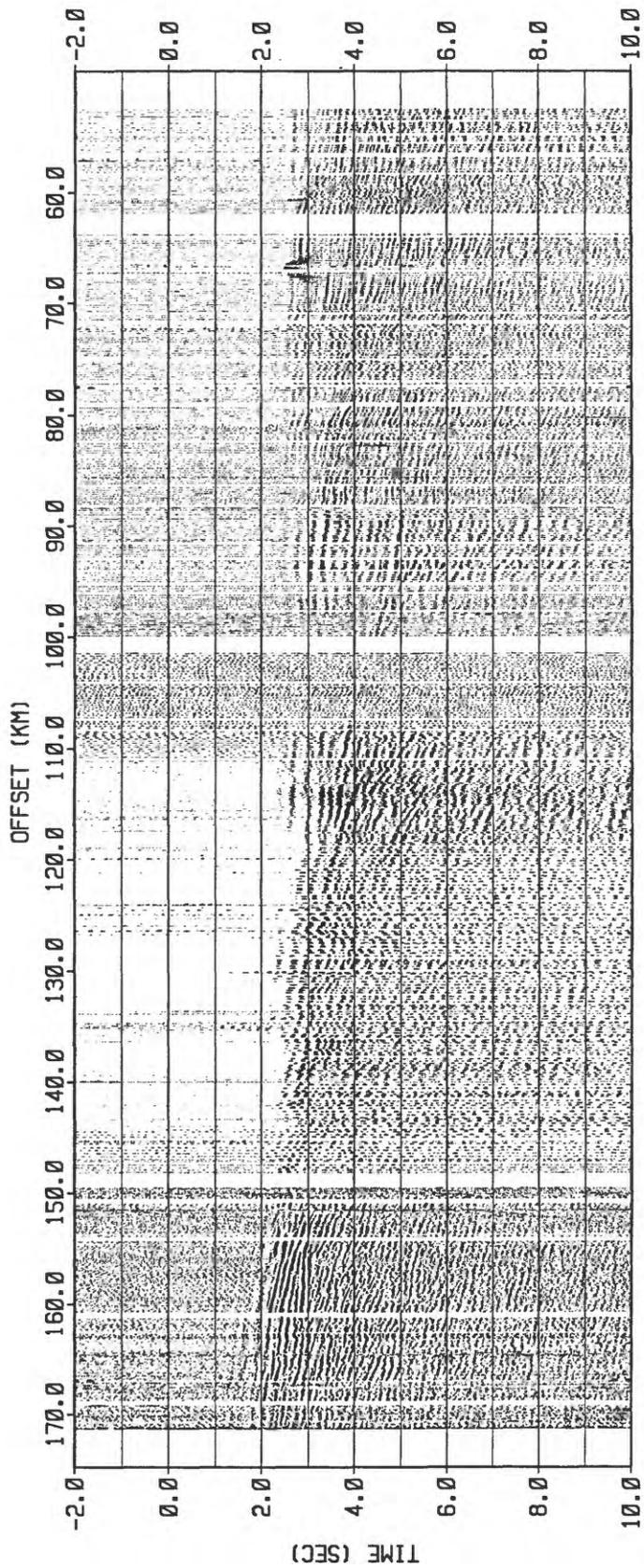


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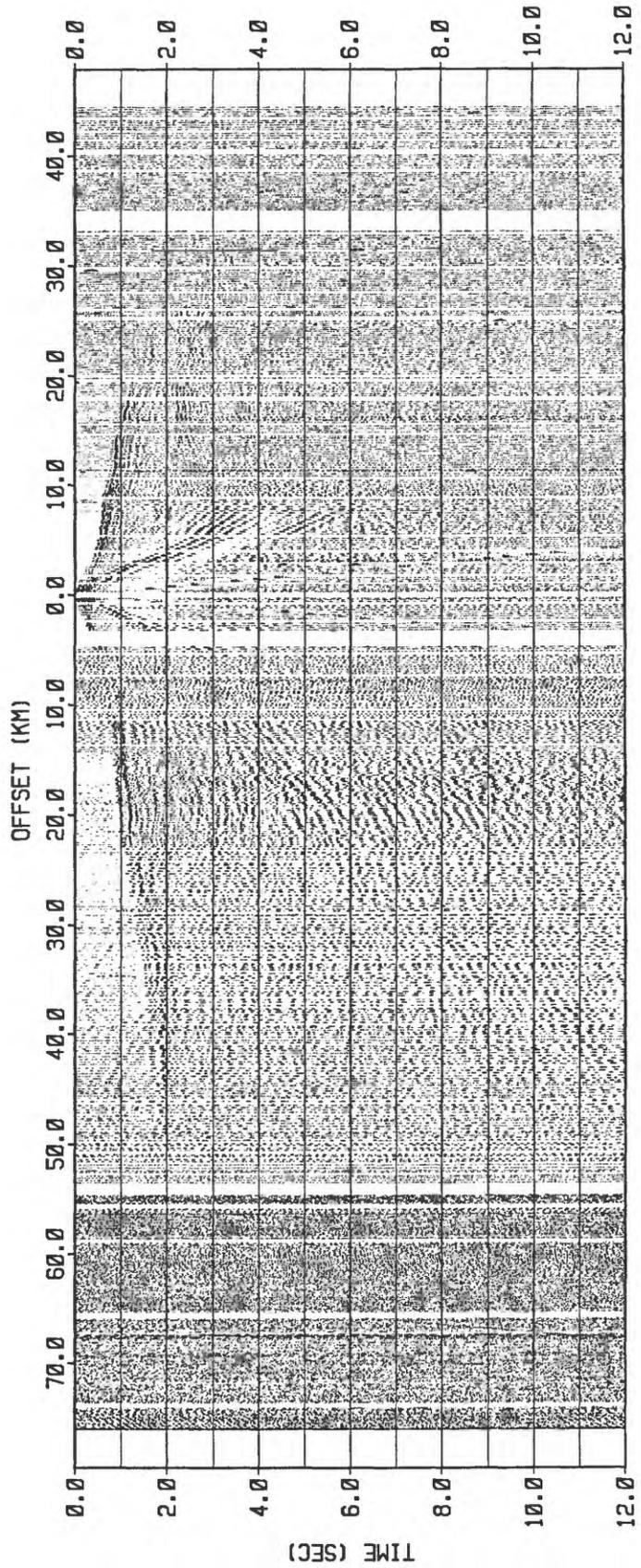
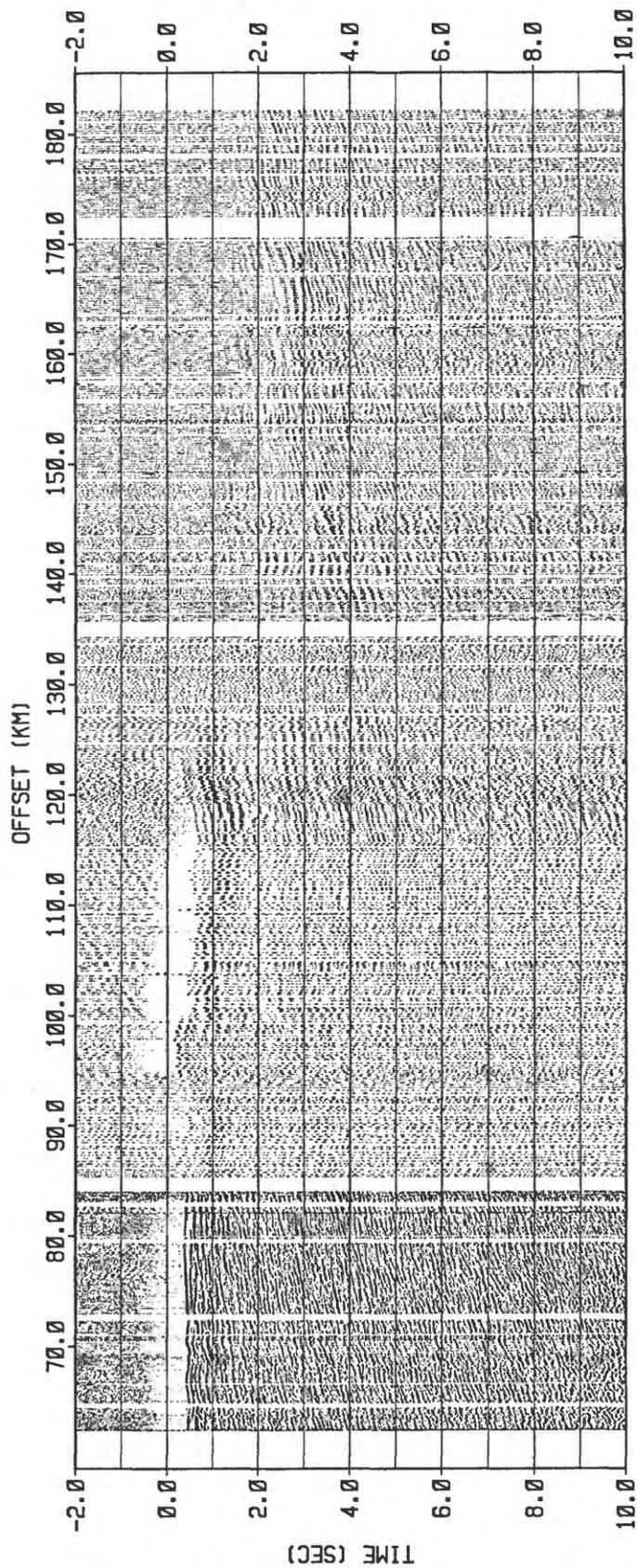


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**Figure 81 Profile 4**  
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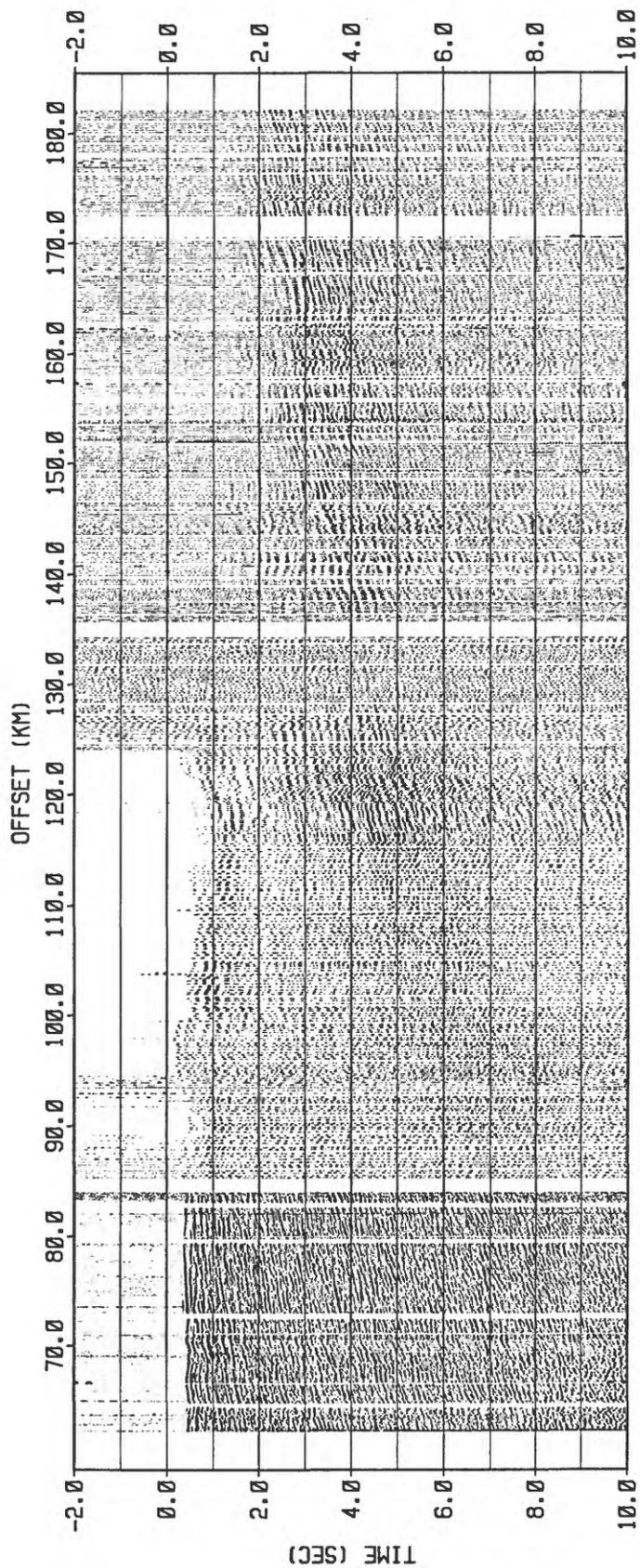


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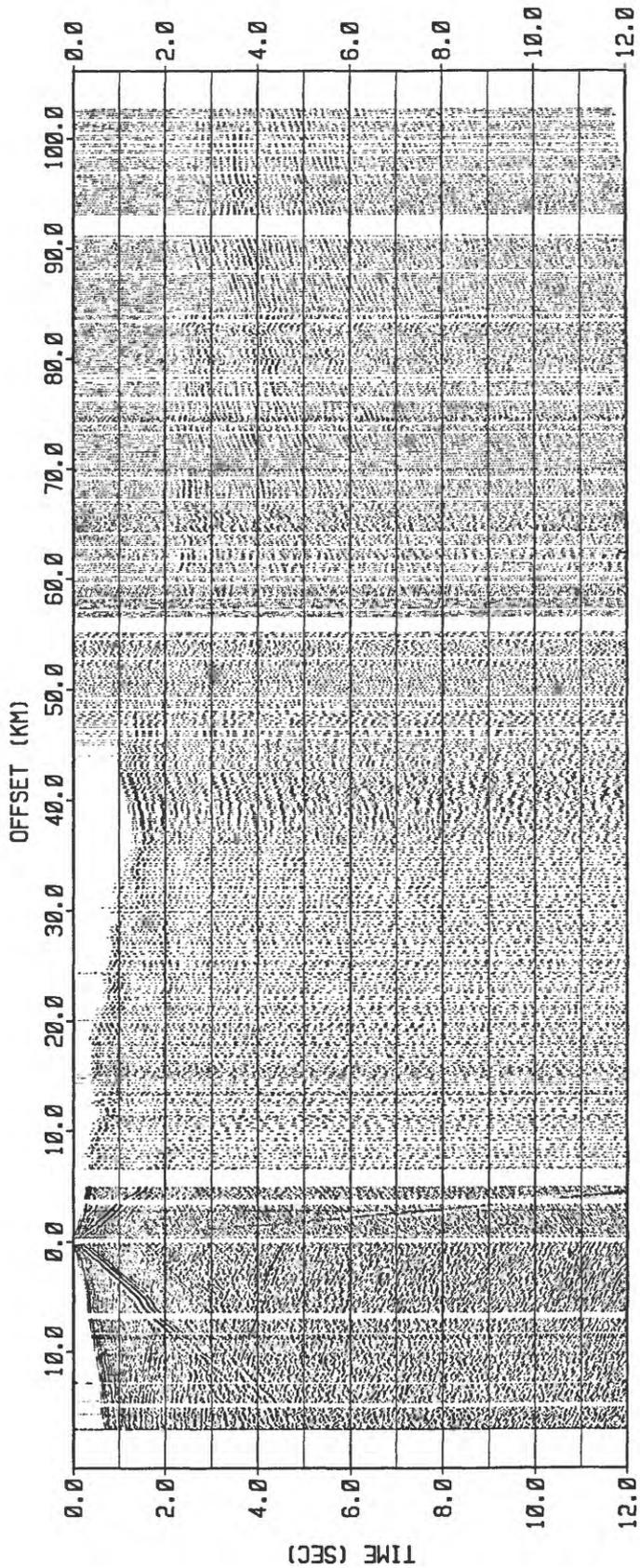


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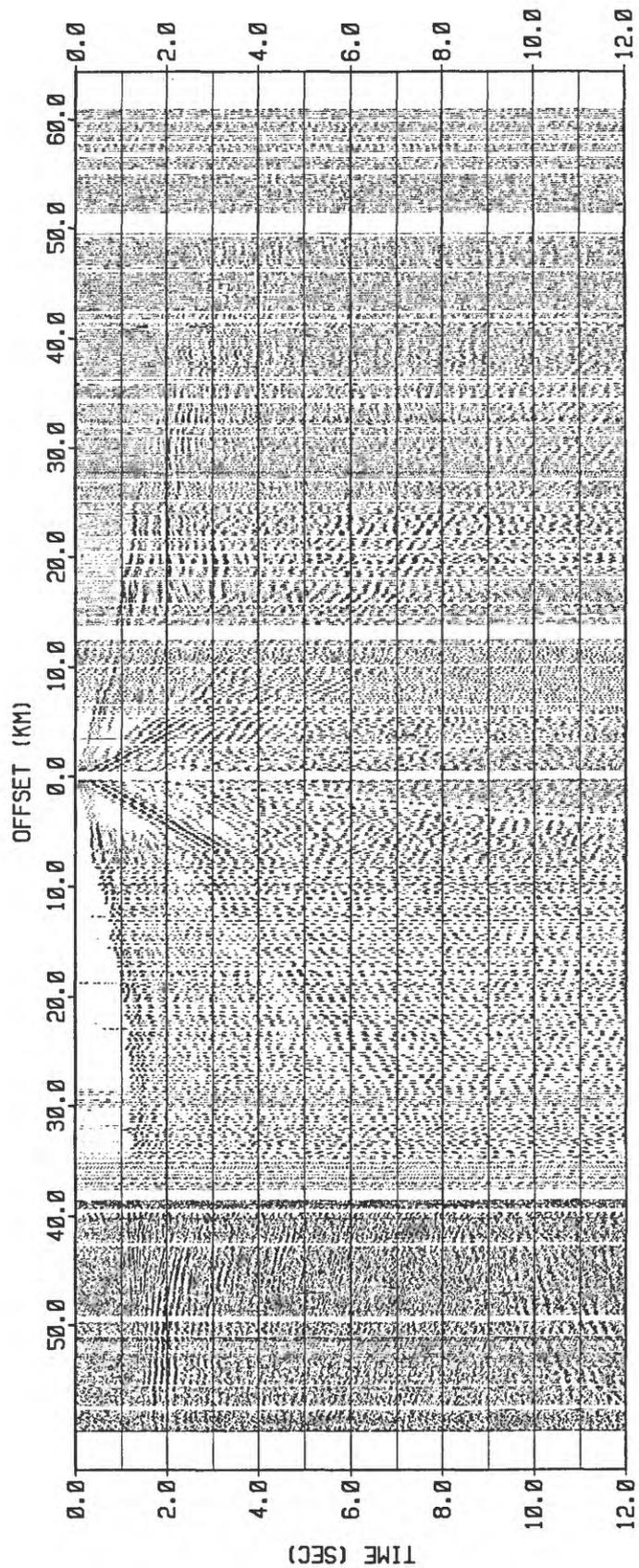


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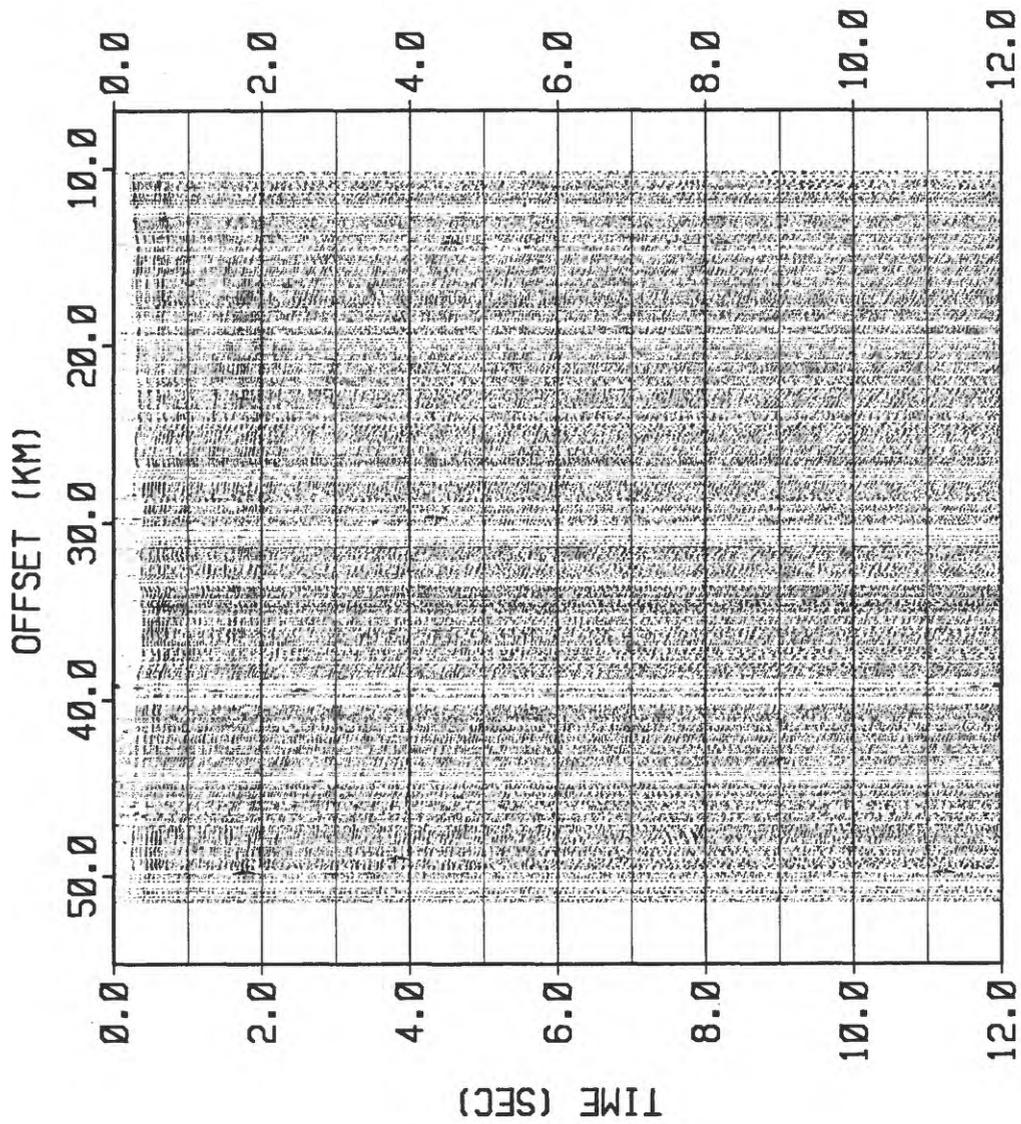


Figure 85 Profile 5  
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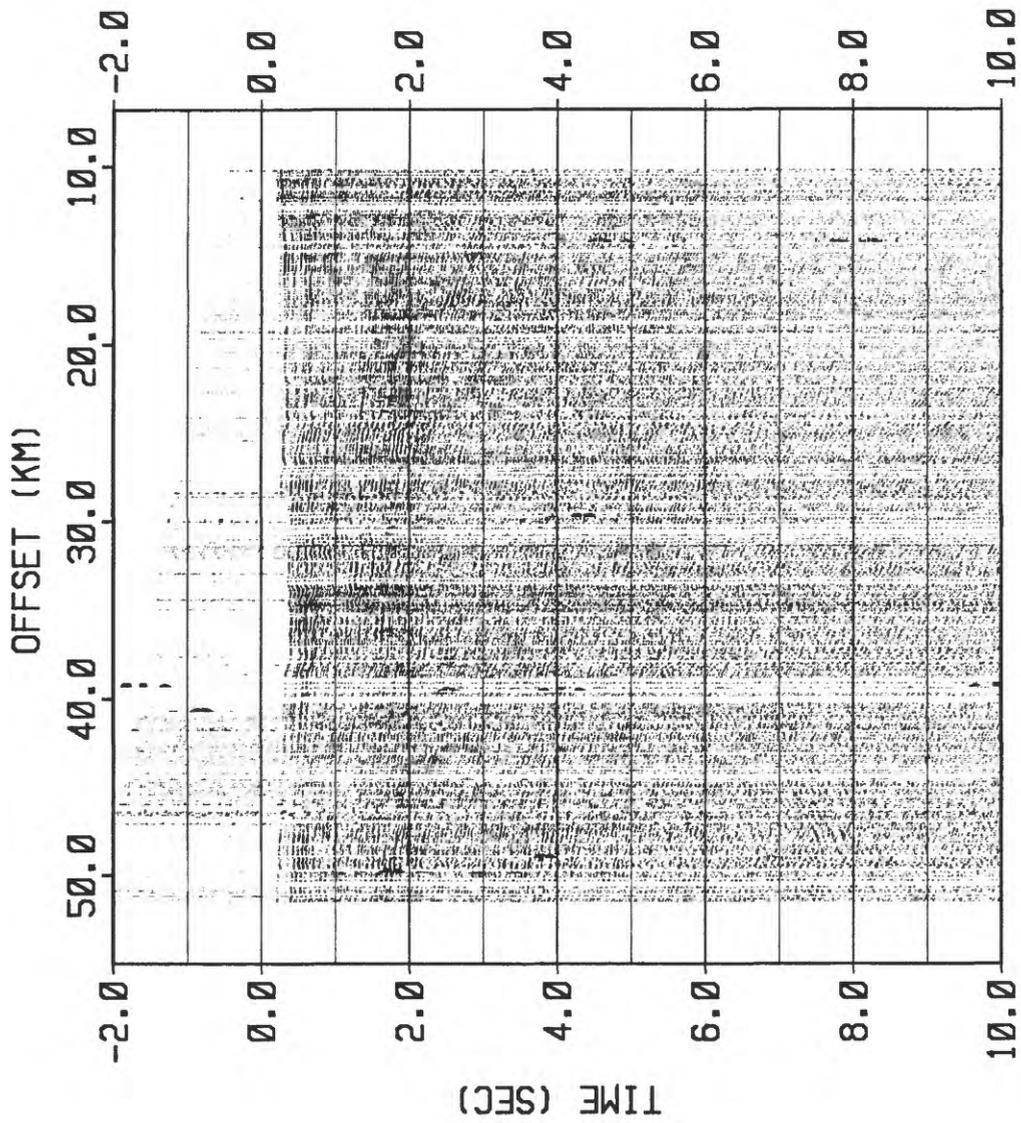


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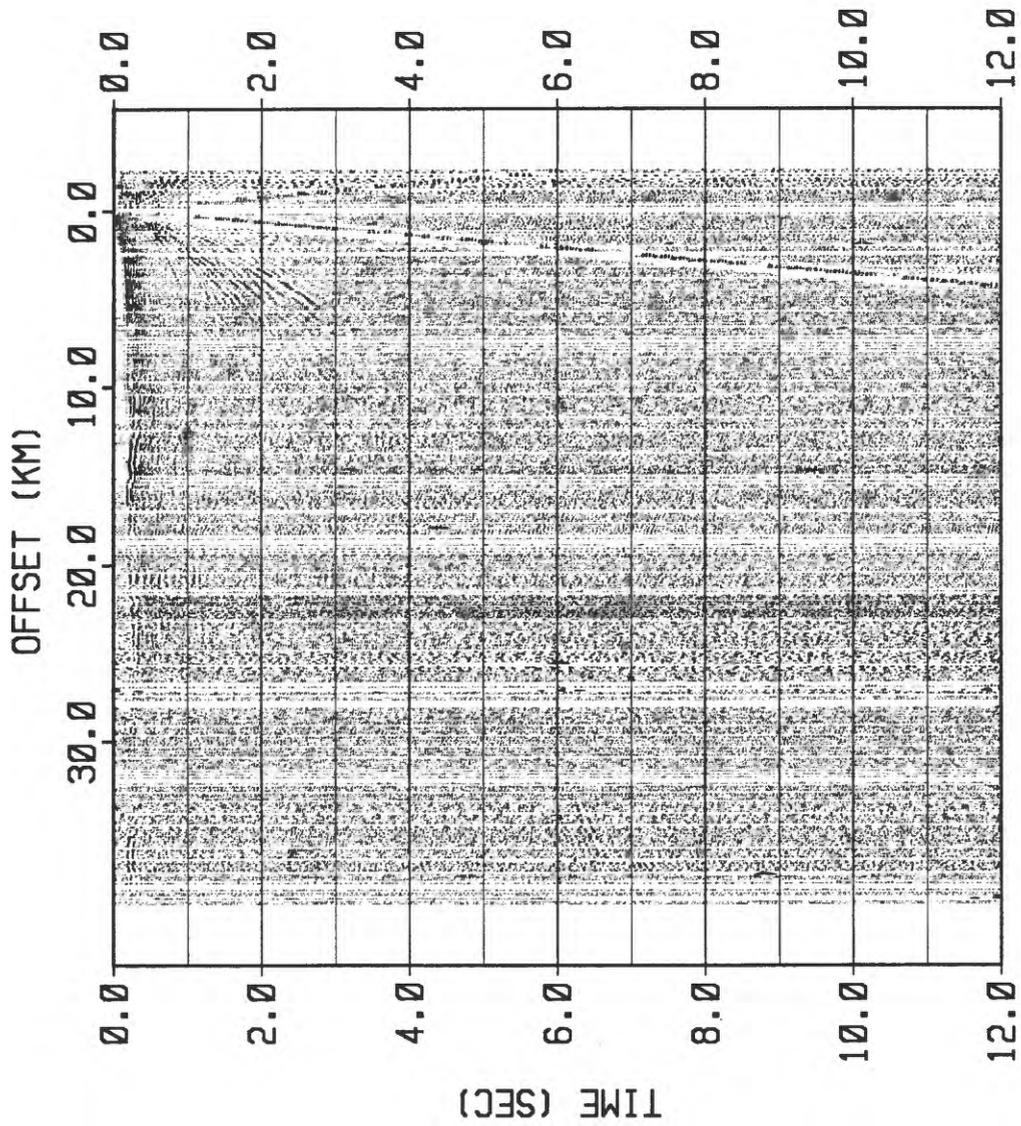


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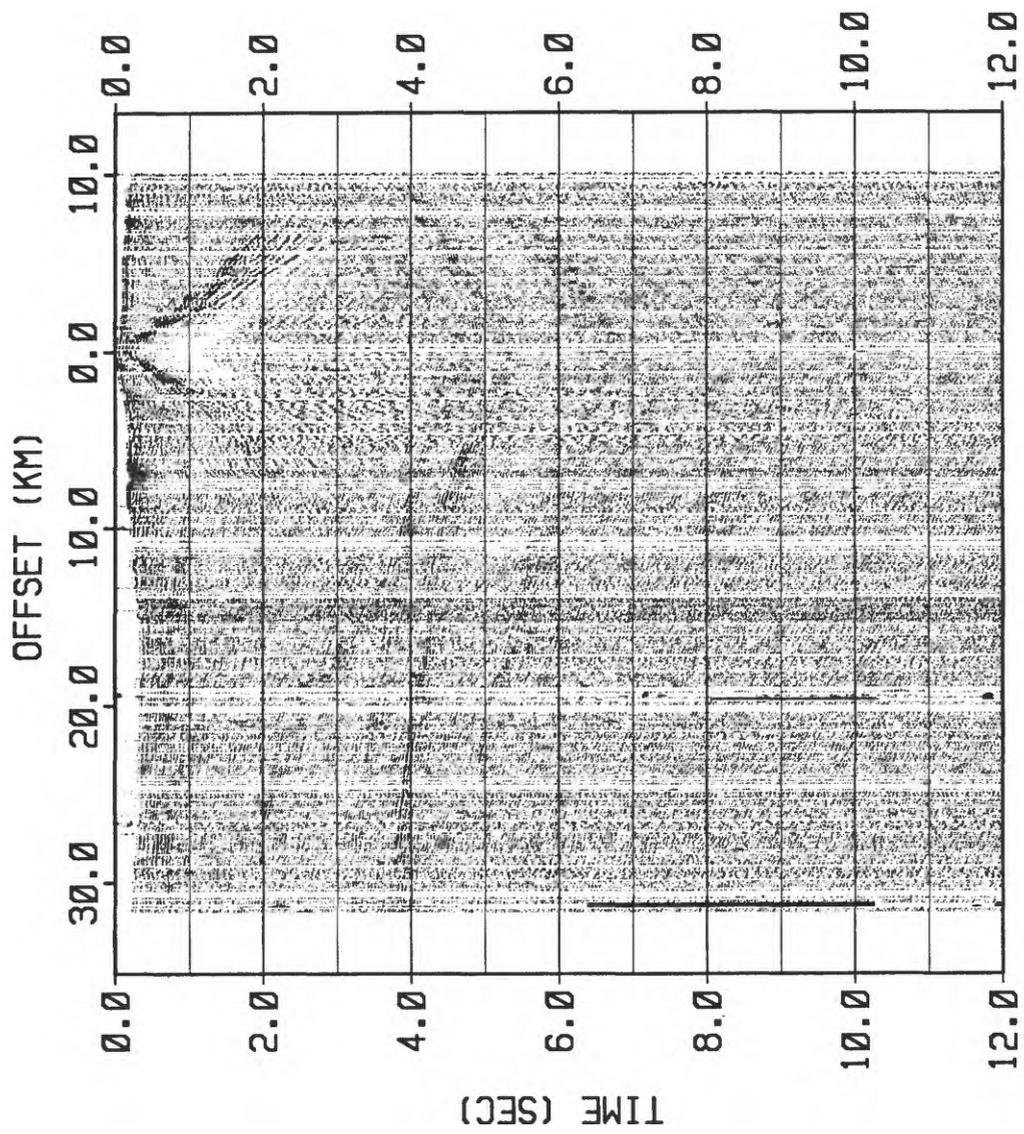


Figure 88 Profile 5  
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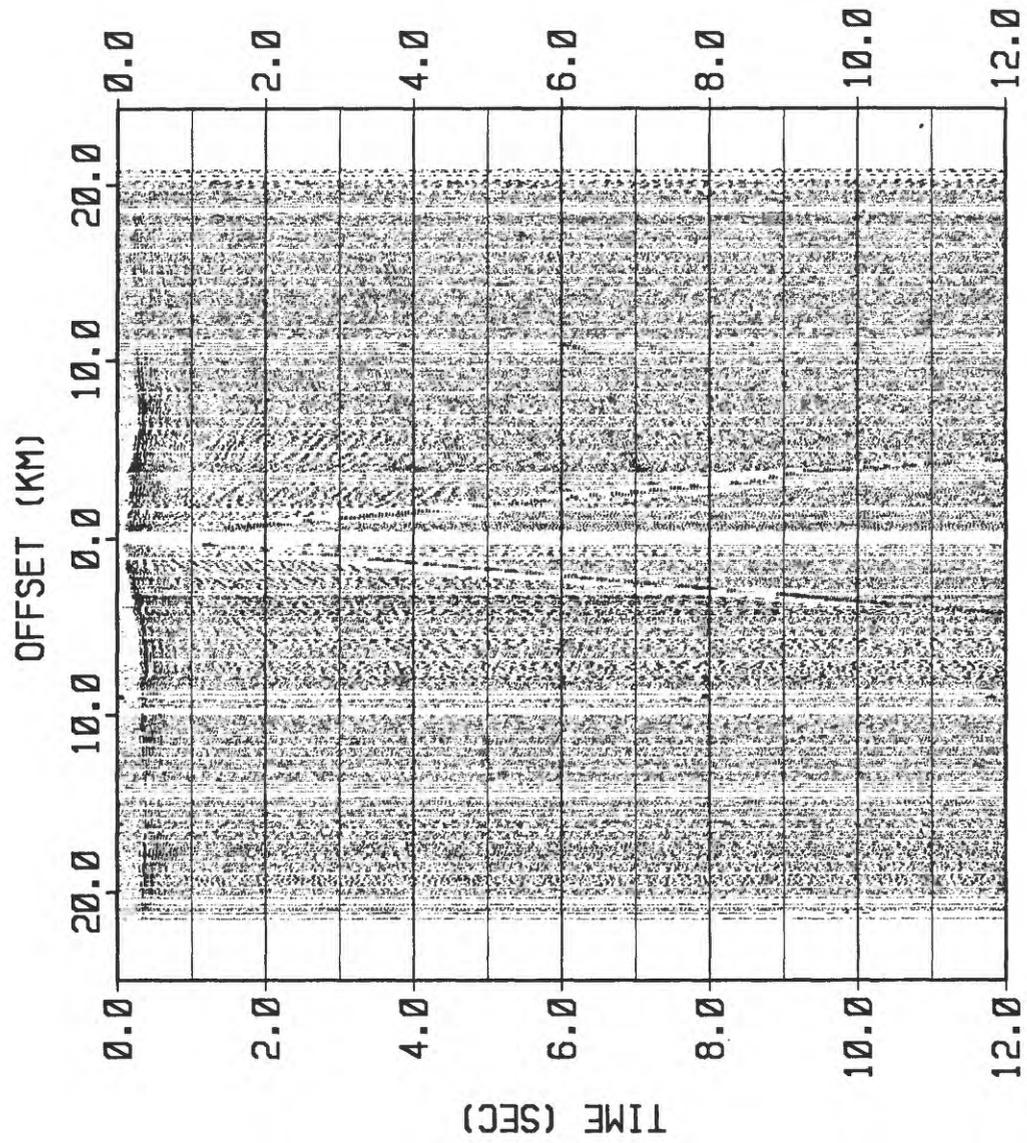


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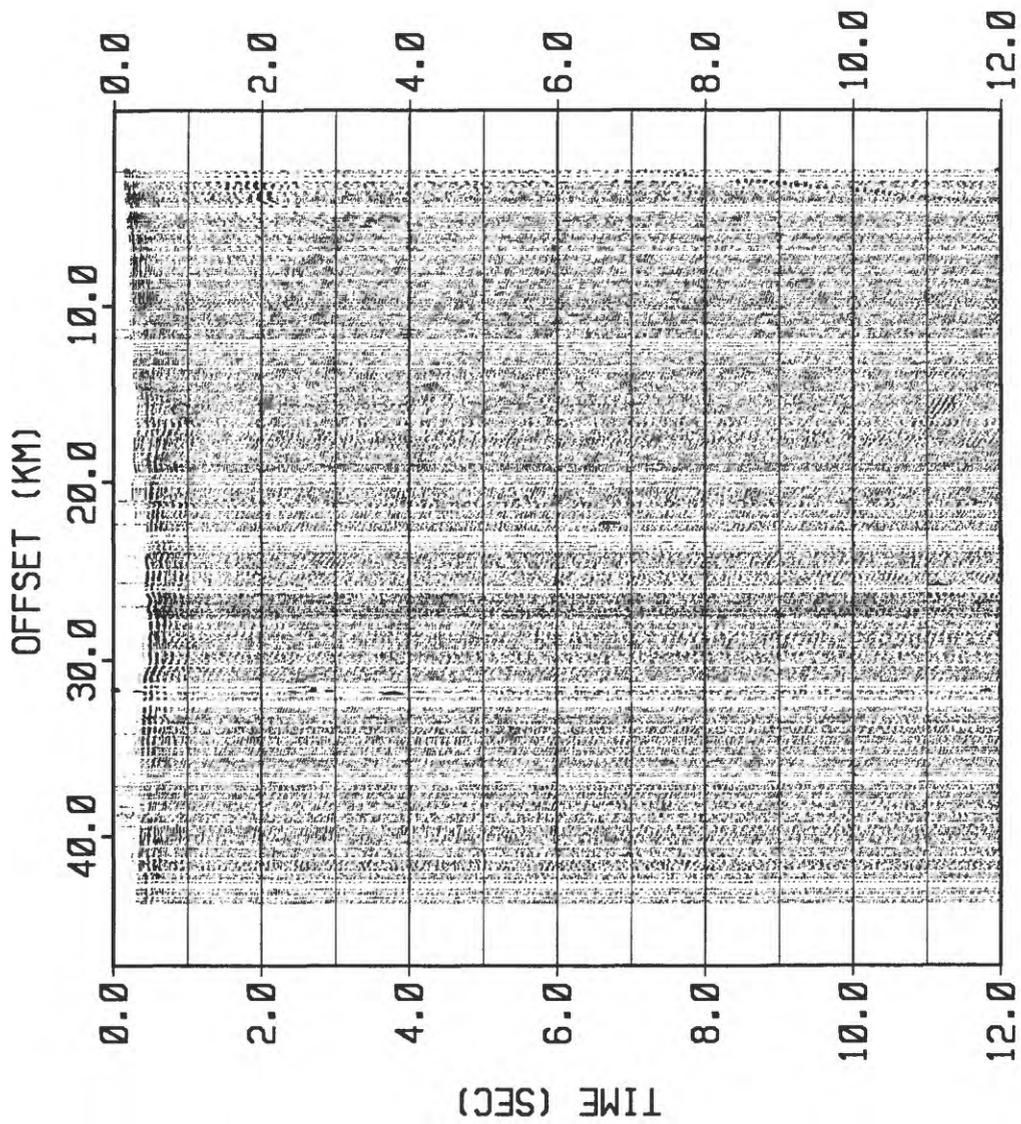


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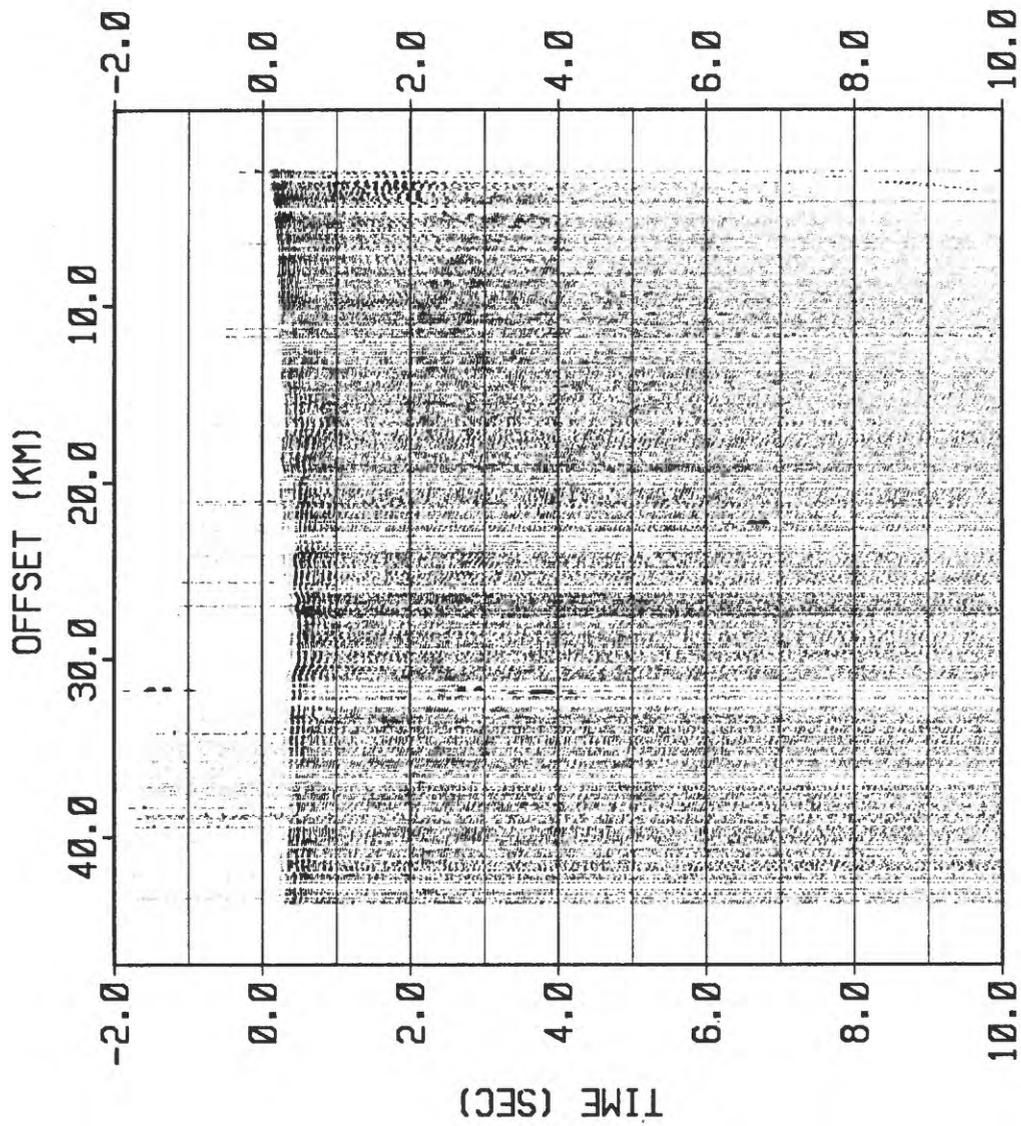


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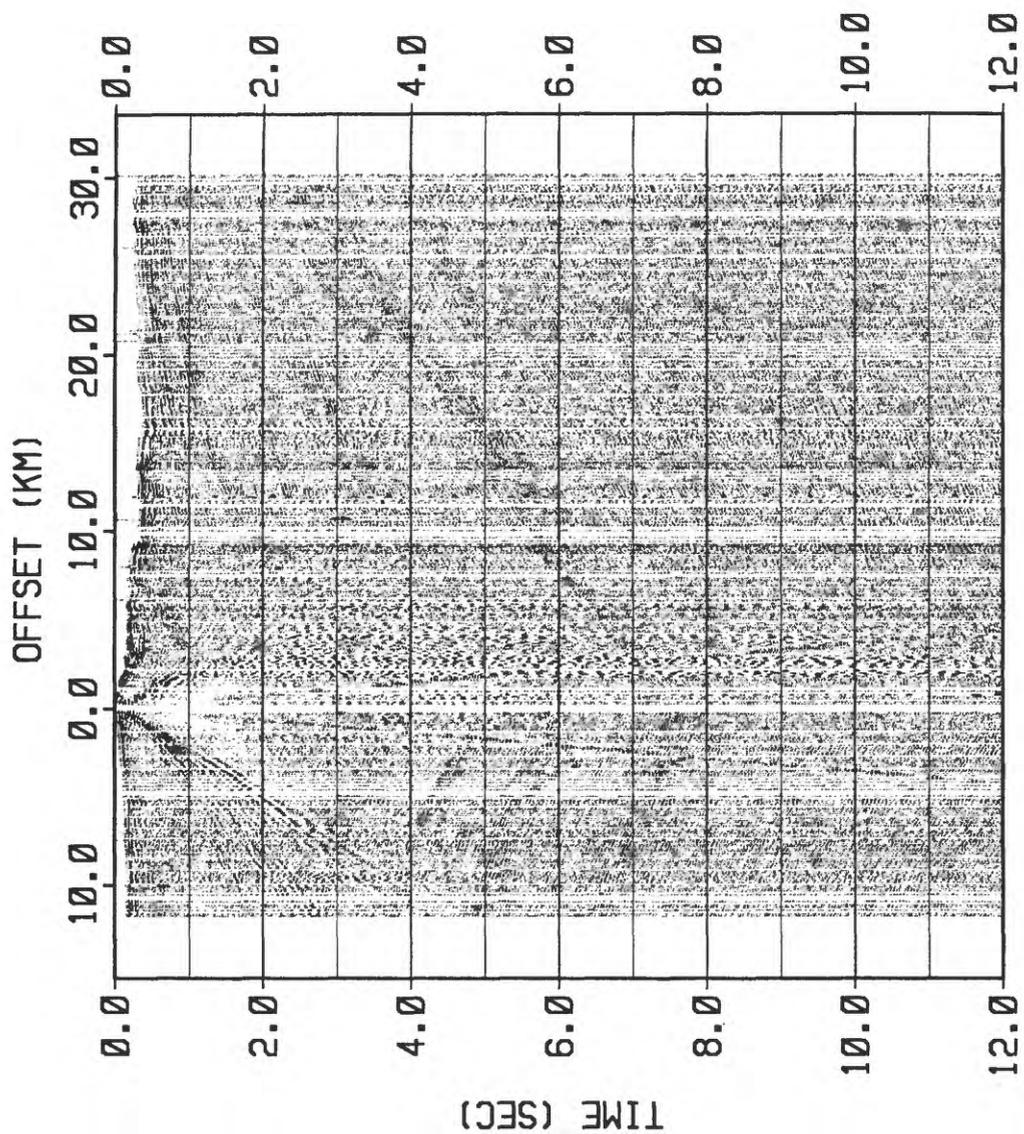


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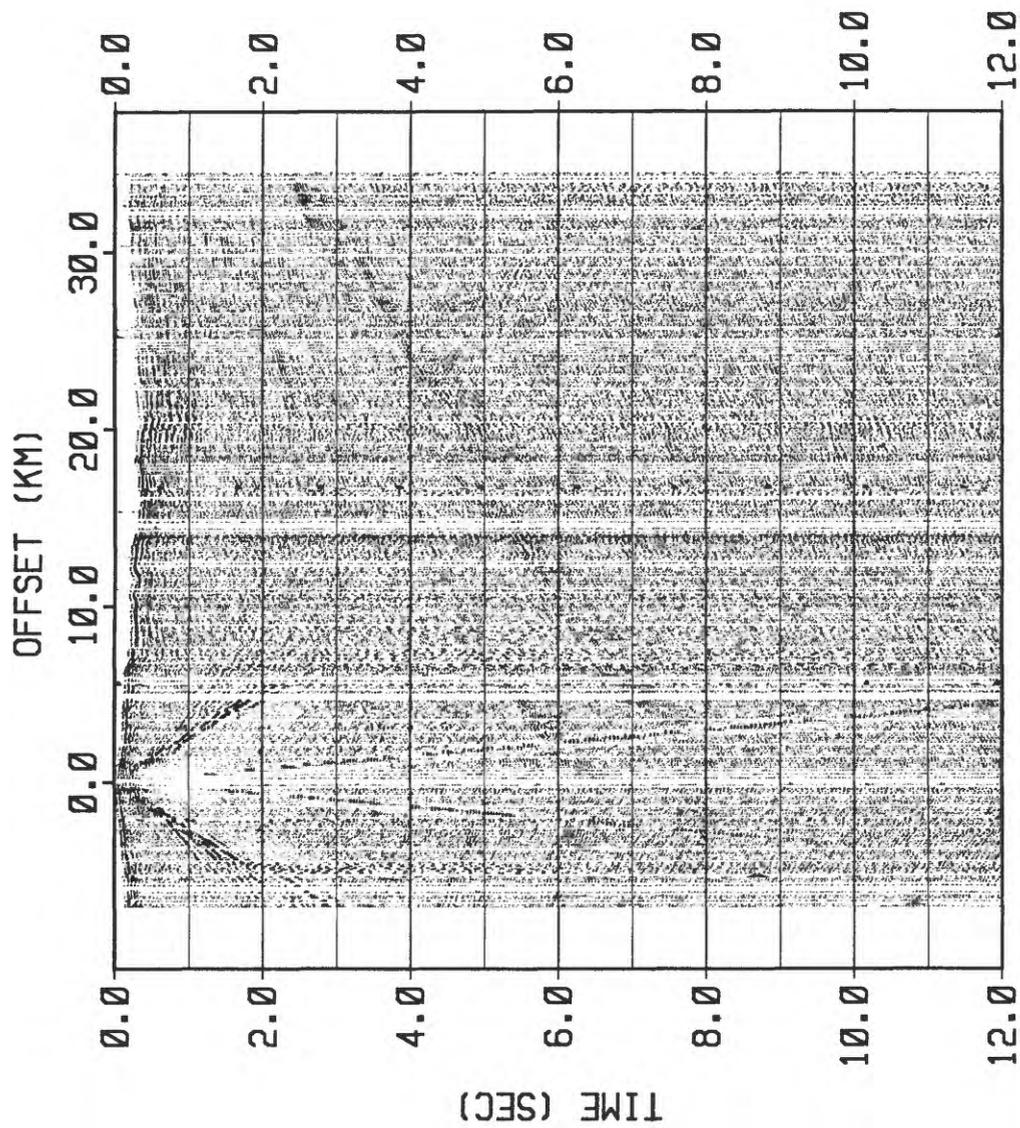


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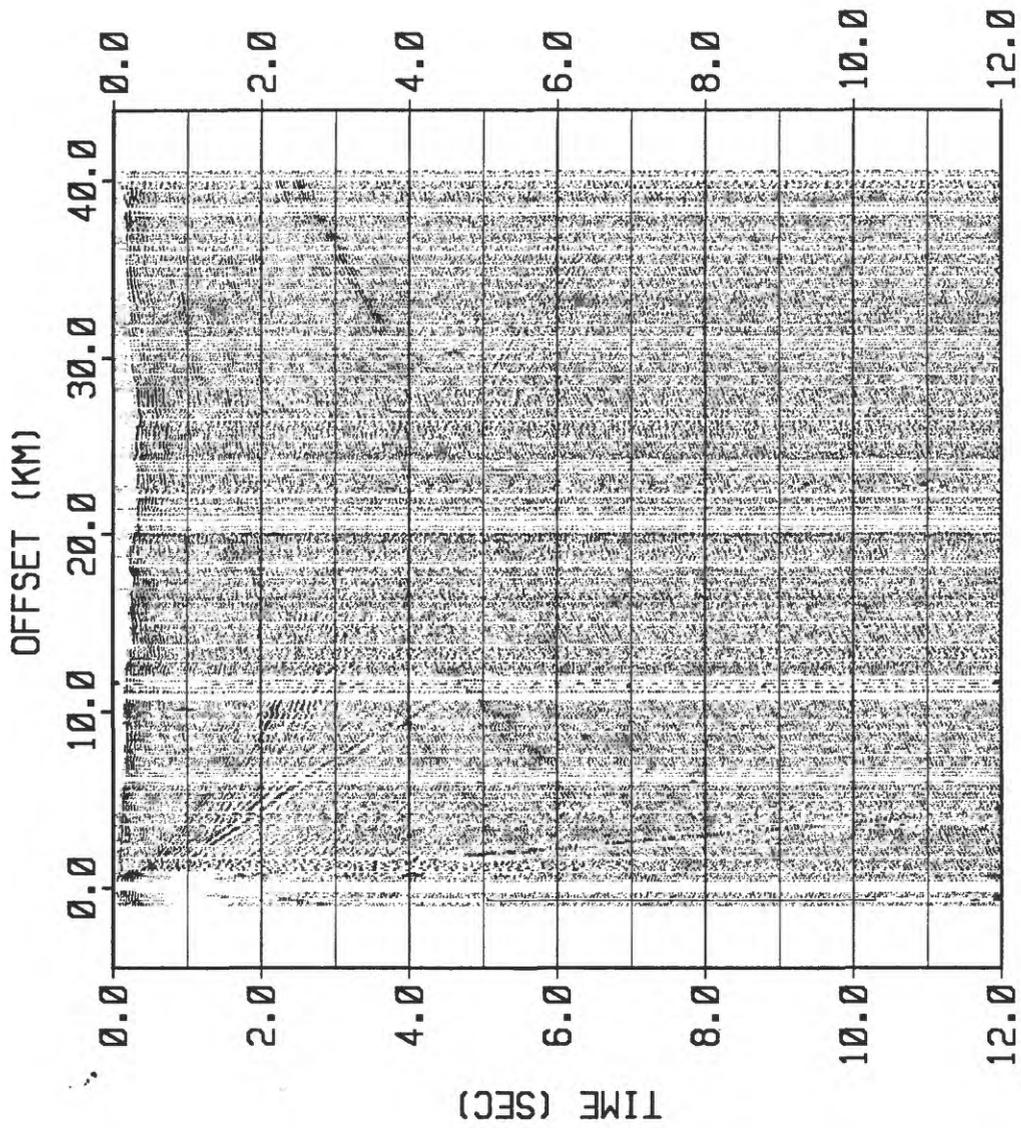
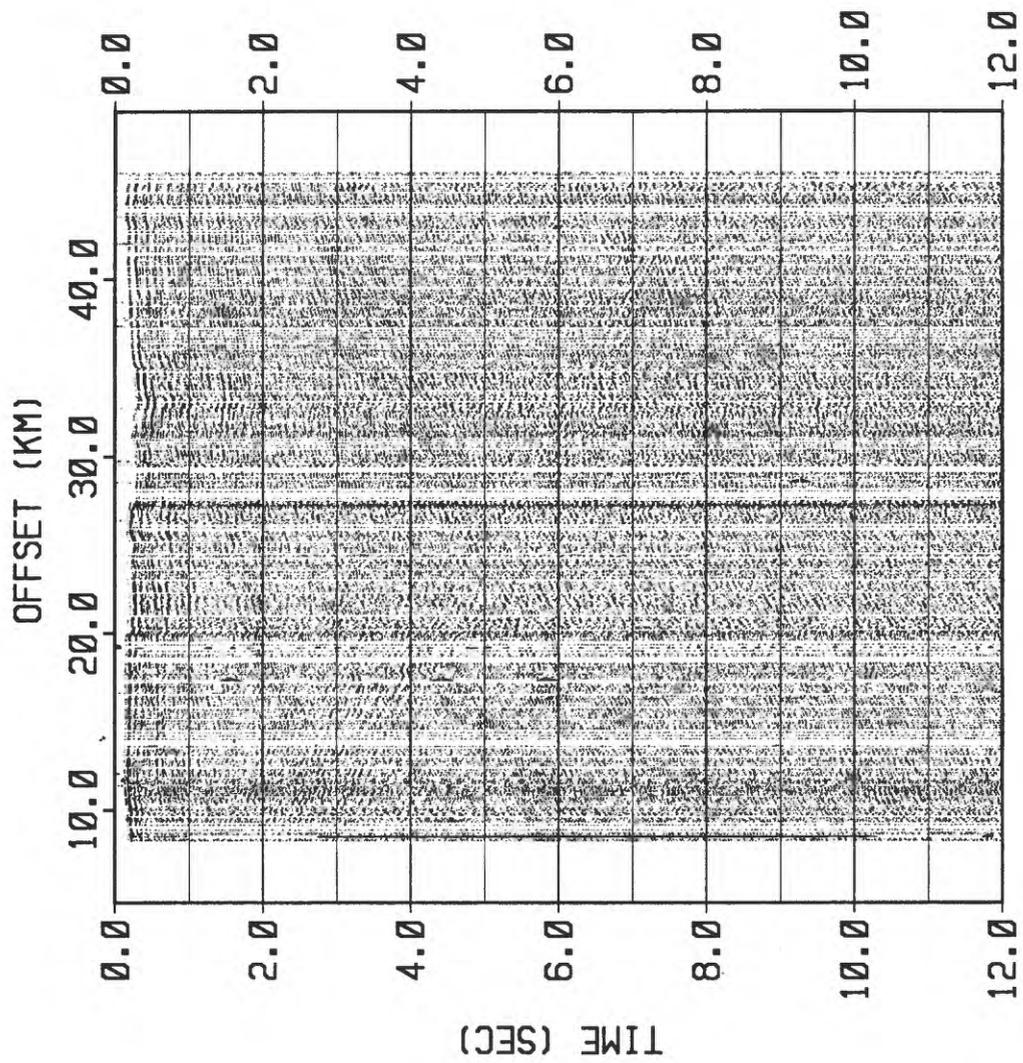


Figure 94 Profile 5  
Shot 60 Shot Point 131 AGC = 2 sec



**Figure 95** Profile 5  
**Shot 61** Shot Point 172 AGC = 2 sec

## APPENDIX B

### TABLE B1

Typical maximum data length for different instrument types,  
in-linshots, and off-end shots.

| <u>Instrument/Boxtype</u> | <u>In-line shot<br/>data length (sec)</u> | <u>Off-end shot<br/>data length (sec)</u> |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| SCR / 1                   | 30  | 38  |
| SGR / 2                   | 30 - X/8                                  | 63 - X/8                                  |
| PRS1 / 3                  | 45 - X/8                                  | 55  |
| Ref Tek / 4               | 58 - X/8                                  | 60  |

where X is the absolute value of offset distance. Maximum trace lengths vary slightly for different deployments, but may be significantly shorter for alternate shot windows.