

NGU Report 2001.048

Regional landslide occurrences and possible
post-glacial earthquake activity in northwest
Western Norway:

Phase A1: Interpretation of seismic data and
proposal of core-locations in fjords and along
the coast.

Report no.: 2001.048		ISSN 0800-3416	Grading: Open
Title: Regional landslide occurrences and possible post-glacial earthquake activity in northwest Western Norway: Phase A1; Interpretation of seismic data and proposal of core-locations in fjords and along the coast			
Authors: Oddvar Longva, Lars Harald Blikra, Heidi Anita Olsen and Knut Stalsberg		Client: NGU, Norsk Hydro ASA, University of Bergen and Sogn & Fjordane College	
County: Sogn & Fjordane and Møre & Romsdal		Commune:	
Map-sheet name (M=1:250.000) Florø, Ulsteinvik, Ålesund and Kristiansund		Map-sheet no. and -name (M=1:50.000)	
Deposit name and grid-reference:		Number of pages: 46	Price (NOK): 170,-
Fieldwork carried out: 1997 - 2001		Date of report: 07.08.2001	Project no.: 293100
Person responsible:			
Summary:			
<p>A project was begun in cooperation with NGU, Norsk Hydro, the University of Bergen and the Sogn & Fjordane College with the aim to study regional slide events and interpret triggering factors for such slides. The project involves interpretation of pre-existing and new seismic reflection profiles and multibeam-echosounder data and a large scale sampling program to analyse Quaternary fjord sediments.</p> <p>The Late glacial – Holocene seismic stratigraphy of fjords along the coast from Sognefjord to Kristiansund seems to consist of a set of regional reflectors which are tentatively being interpreted to be 2,000, 7,000, 9-11,000 and 12,000 ¹⁴C years old downslope events. Slides are related to these reflectors, but the slide frequency varies from north to south. The 2,000 yr event is not registered in Nordmøre and northern part of Sunnmøre, but is very strong in southern part of Sunnmøre and into Sogn og Fjordane. The 7,000 yr event is strong everywhere, but slide-frequencies are lower in Nordmøre than in Sunnmøre. Rockfall into the fjord in Syvdsfjord at the 7,000 yr event and possibly at the 2,000 yr event, indicate earthquake-triggering of the slides. Based on the proposed regional stratigraphy a coring program is proposed for the dating of regional reflectors and establishing the origin of reflector formation.</p>			

CONTENTS

- 1. INTRODUCTION..... 4
- 2. DATA..... 5
- 3. SEISMIC STRATIGRAHY 7
 - 3.1 Voldafjord 7
 - 3.2 Regional seismic reflectors 8
 - 3.3 Slides 11
- 4. SAMPLING STRATEGY..... 15
- 5. PRIORITY OF CORE-LOCATIONS..... 16
- 6. PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS..... 18
- 7. REFERENCES..... 18
- 8. APPENDIX 1 19

APPENDIX 1

Seismic examples - core localities

1. INTRODUCTION

On high-resolution seismic reflection profiles from fjords along the coast between Sognefjorden and Kristiansund certain seismic reflectors seem possible to be recognised from fjord to fjord. Massive sliding of fjord-side sediments and on occasions, supra-aquatic sediments or rocks are related to some of these regional reflectors. The formation of regional reflectors could either be due to climatic change, earthquakes or tsunamis.

A 8.5 m long core of fjord-sediments from Voldafjord show distinct turbidite beds in the stratigraphic record (Grøsfjeld et al 1999). The uppermost three turbidites are dated to c. 2,000, 7,000 and 9,500 radiocarbon years BP. The stratigraphy of the core is correlated to seismic records (Grøsfjeld et al 1999). On the records, two distinct reflectors end in massive debris-flows on both sides of the fjord basin and are thought to represent the events dated to 2,000 yrs and 7,000 yrs BP. In this area, a well defined tsunami related to the Storegga-slide is known to have flooded the coastline c. 7,000 ¹⁴C yrs BP (Bondevik et al. 1998). Grøsfjeld et al. interpreted the 7000 BP turbidite to relate to this tsunami. If this is the case, the 2,000 yr layer may well indicate another large tsunami and possibly another offshore mega-slide.

There are strong indications that major earthquakes may have triggered slides on a regional scale at several occasions during late glacial- and post glacial time. To test this and to establish the origin of the 2,000 yr layer, NGU together with Norsk Hydro ASA, the University of Bergen and the Sogn and Fjordane College has set up a project with the following aims;

- Regional compilation of occurrences of slides, avalanches and gravitational faults that may have resulted from earthquakes in northwestern Norway
- Date single events and periods of instability in fjord- and lake sediments

Questions in focus will be:

- Can the Storegga event be recognized in fjord- and lake sediments
- If so, are there traces in the sediments of similar, younger regional events
- Are the traces seen in the sediments due to tsunamis, earthquakes or both
- Do data indicate large earthquakes to be more frequent shortly after the regional deglaciation than recently

The work will be done by identification and coring of regional seismic reflectors from fjords and near-coastal waters from Sognefjord to Kristiansund and try to date and relate sliding-events and seismic reflectors. In addition, avalanches and collapses-structures onshore will be tried fitted into the same chronologic framework. The project is done during phases A-E (Table 1).

Phase	Task
A1	Compile a regional seismo-stratigraphy based on interpretation of high-resolution seismic records collected by NGU and Norsk Hydro in near-coastal waters and fjords
A2	Collect and interpret penetration echo-sounding registrations in lakes in the actual area
B1	Sample sea-bottom sediments in near-coastal areas and fjords and collect complementary seismic registrations
B2	Core lake(A2)-sediments
C	Lab. analyses; multi-logger, XRI, sedimentology and dating
D	Compilation of data on rock-avalanches and gravitational faults onshore
E	Final reporting

Table 1

This report summarises phase A1 - the seismic reflection data interpretations - and presents a list of possible core locations for the next phase of the project.

2. DATA

The interpretation is done on high quality analogue records of high resolution seismic data. The TOPAS data used (Table below) has generally been sampled with a sweep length of 62.5 ms on an EPC 9002 thermal printer. The Pinger data and Sparker data have been sampled with sweep lengths 100 ms.

Seismic data

Data owner	Cruise	Seismic source	Area
NGU	9702	TOPAS	Førdefjord
NGU	9908	TOPAS/boomer/sleevegun	Tafjord – Storfjord, M&R
NGU	9909	TOPAS	Voldafjord
NGU	0002	TOPAS/boomer/sleevegun	Tributaries to Sognefjord
NGU	0003	TOPAS	Regional; fjords in M&R
NGU	0004	TOPAS/boomer/ sleevegun	Geirangerfjord, M&R
Norsk Hydro	Pipeline Febr.- Mar. 2001	Pinger (Fugro)	Regional; Breisundet –fjords in M&R.
Norsk Hydro	Pipeline May 2001	Sparker (GeoConsult)	Regional; fjords in M&R and S&F.

M&R – Møre og Romsdal county, S&F – Sogn og Fjordane county.

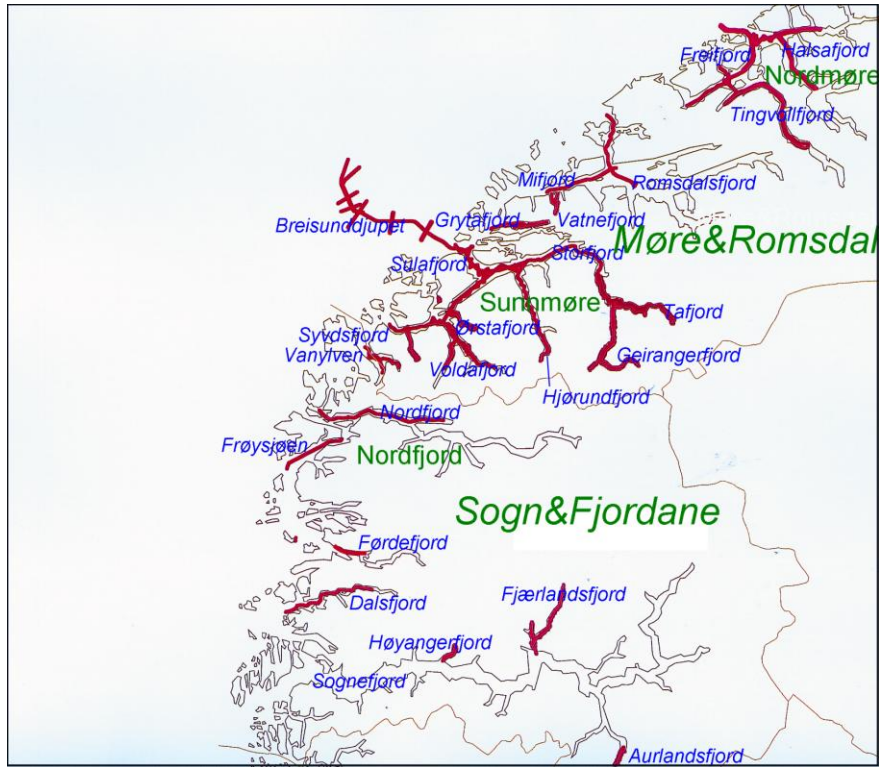


Fig. 1. Index map of investigated area. Red lines show the coverage of seismic lines.

Multibeam echosounding

Data owner	Cruise	Contractor	Echosounder	Area
NGU	May 1999	SKSK	EM 100	Tafjord - Storfjord
NGU	Mars 2000	SKSK	EM 1002	Voldafjord
NGU	Mars 2000	SKSK	EM 1002	Geirangerfjord
Norsk Hydro	Feb.-Mar. 2001	Fugro	EM 1002	Breisundet, Sulafjord, Vartdalsfjord, Ørstafjord and Voldafjord Tingvollfjord, Kværnesfjord, Freifjord, Talgsjøen, Vinjefjord, Halsafjord
Norsk Hydro	May 2001	GeoConsult	EM 1002, EM 300	Syvdefjord, Nordfjord, Frøysjøen and Dalsfjord (S&F)

Available NGU airgun and sleeve-gun data from the area has only been of limited value during interpretation.

3. SEISMIC STRATIGRAHY

3.1 Voldafjord

The fjord sediments and morphology are earlier described in detail (Grøsfjeld et al. 1999, Longva et al. 2000 and Sejrup et al. 2001). Several sets of seismic reflectors are identified and traced across the Voldafjord and tributaries – Dalsfjord (M&R) and Austefjord (Fig. 2). A 8.5 m long core of fjord-sediments from Voldafjord (Fig. 3) shows distinct turbidite beds in the stratigraphic record. The three uppermost turbidites have been dated as c. 2,000 yr, 7,000 yr and 9,500 radiocarbon years BP. The stratigraphy of the core is correlated to seismic reflection profiles (Grøsfjeld et al 1999). On the records, two distinct reflectors end in massive debris-flows on both sides of the fjord basin and are thought to represent the events dated to 2,000 and 7,000 BP. On the record of Line NGU9903 (Fig. 2) along the deepest part of the fjord, the most prominent reflectors are marked with a colour code that is used on interpreted records from other fjords (Fig. 4).

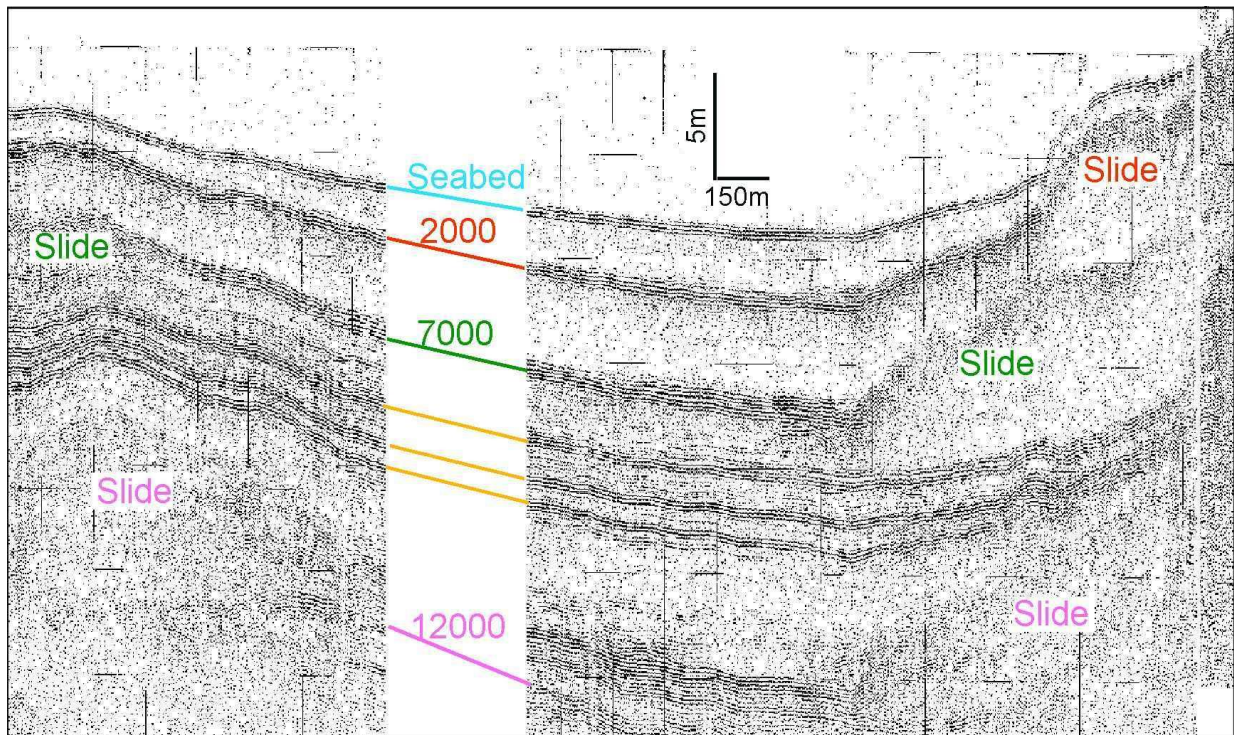


Fig. 2. Seismic profile (NGU 9909003) through the deepest part of Voldafjord. The numbers on the coloured reflectors give estimated ages ^{14}C - of individual reflectors based on the well dated core Fig. 3.

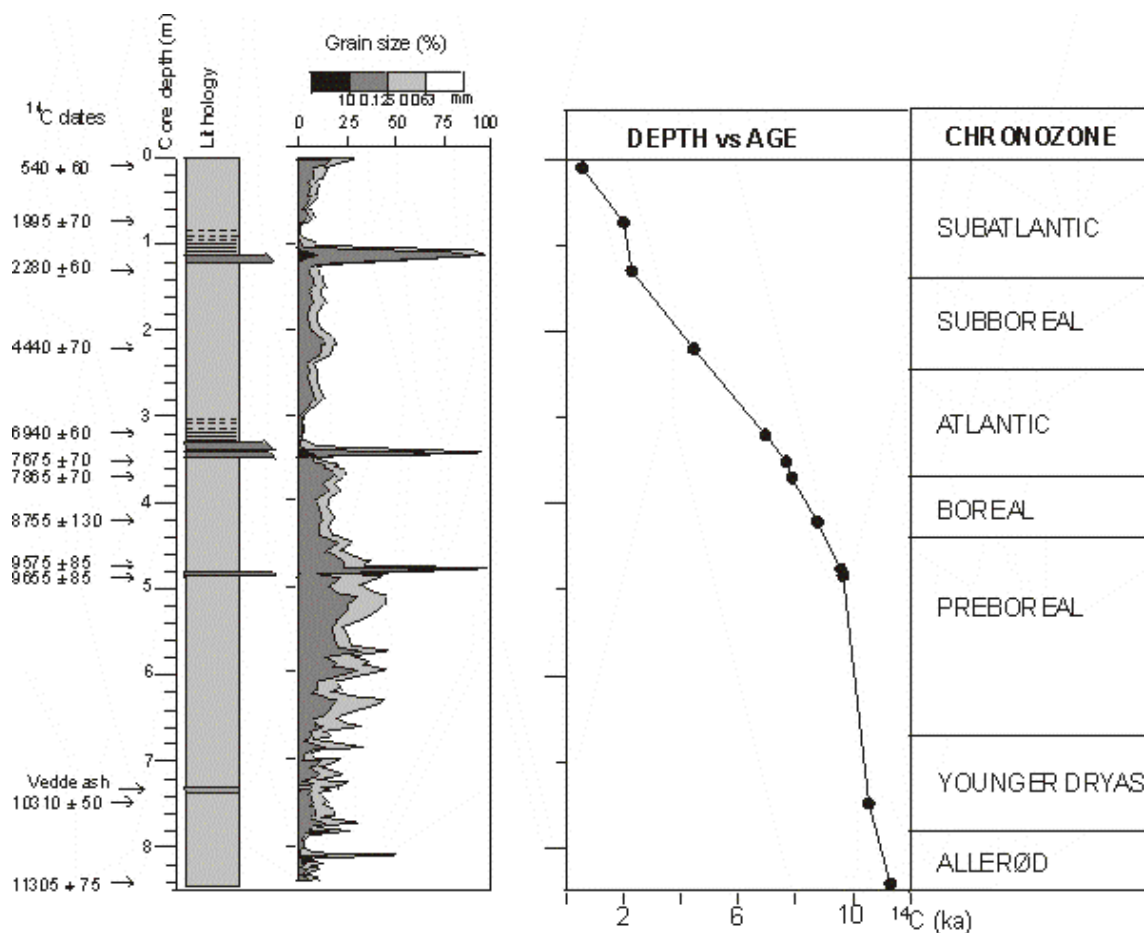


Fig. 3. The Voldafjord core, modified from Grøsfjeld et al. (1999). The distinct sand layers are 10–15 cm thick turbidites.

3.2 Regional seismic reflectors

The similarity of seismic stratigraphy from fjord to fjord along the coast is striking. However, this only applies to large fjords with sediment input from rivers. Smaller fjords on the outer coast receive most of the sediments from primary production in the sea water which gives little density-contrast and accordingly low acoustic reflectivity (Fig. 5). Because of thresholds and local variations it is more difficult to follow the regional stratigraphy from the coast and into the inner parts of the fjords than it is along the coast. Therefore the first preliminary correlation is based on the colour-coded seismic stratigraphy from Voldafjord (Fig. 2) and is applied to other major fjords along the outer coast. As cores and dates are retrieved during the project this correlation will be expanded to include other fjords. Even though the stratigraphy visually can be correlated, further dating is needed to confirm and establish the chronology of the contemporaneous events from different fjords.

Below are general descriptions of the regional reflectors from Figs. 2 and 4.

Violet reflector – is often diffuse, usually on top of a 10 to 30 m thick acoustic transparent layer with chaotic seismic signature resting on planar acoustically layered glacial-marine beds. This is the main signature that has been used for the interpretation of this reflector on Fig. 4. Otherwise the acoustic picture around the reflector may vary from fjord to fjord. On a few occasions it is possible to see severe deformations of the original bedding below the

Correlation

between seismic sections from fjords along western Norway



● Approximate location of seismic sections

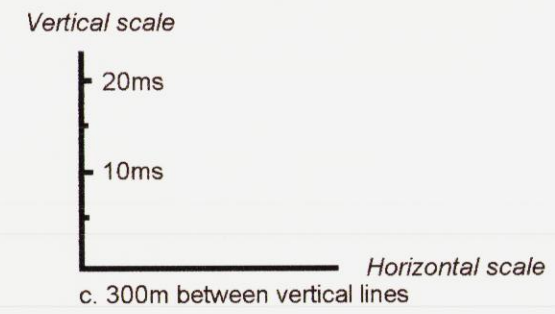
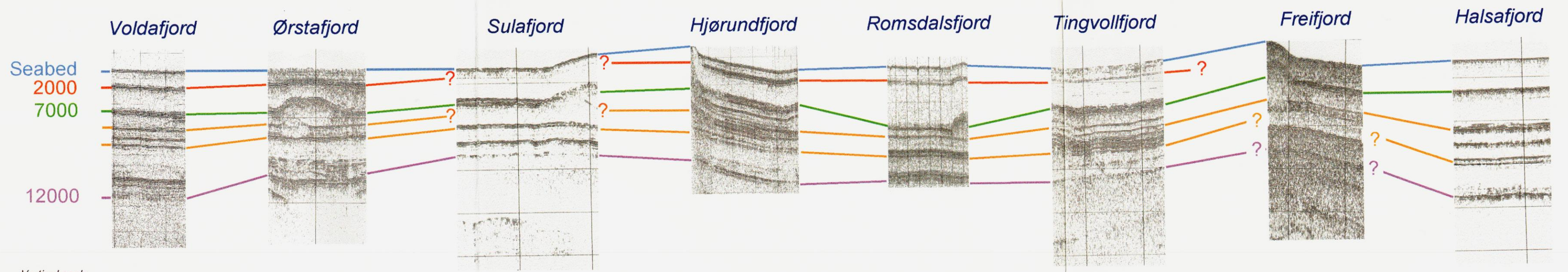
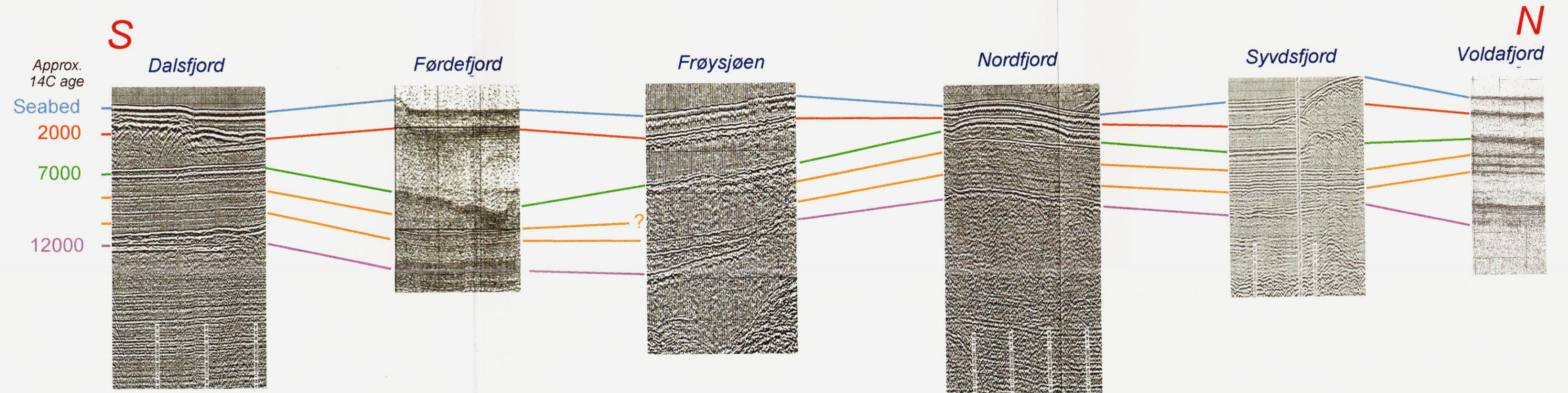


Fig. 4

reflector that are assumed to be tectonically induced in the sediments. Several places the reflector clearly represents the top of thick debris-flows (e.g. the seismic section from Tingvollfjord in Fig. 4). The violet reflector is mainly overlain by debris flows, slides or by acoustically planar-bedded sediments. Above this follows an acoustically transparent bed usually less than c. 10 ms thick. The reflector represents a change from rapid, glacio-marine sedimentation followed by a regional event – tectonical or other - to sedimentation under ice-free conditions.

The reflector is estimated to be c. 12,000 +/-100 ¹⁴C years old since the fjords were deglaciated some time before the formation.

Orange reflectors – appear as a set of three distinct acoustic beds that often occur together. The one that is seen most frequently is the lower one on top of the acoustic transparent layer described above. Occasionally there are slides related to these reflectors especially in the fjords on Nordmøre. On Fig. 2, there is not given any age for these reflectors, but based on the thickness of the stratigraphic sequence, we suggest that they were formed during the latest Younger Dryas stadial and into the Preboreal chronozones.

Green reflector – is the most prominent reflector in all fjords. There is usually an acoustically transparent bed between the upper orange reflector and the green, but locally this bed may have internal planar reflectors. In most of the investigated fjords there are large debris flows associated with this bed. Often the reflector becomes thick because the planar beds, that seem to be part of the event that formed the reflector, fill in depressions in front of slide-lobes and overlaps the lobes (e.g. in Sulafjord Fig. 7). The frequency of slides related to the reflector seems to be less in Nordmøre than further south.

Based on the dates from Voldafjord, the reflector is interpreted to have been formed at c. 7,000 ¹⁴C years BP at the same time as the main construction of the Storegga-slide.

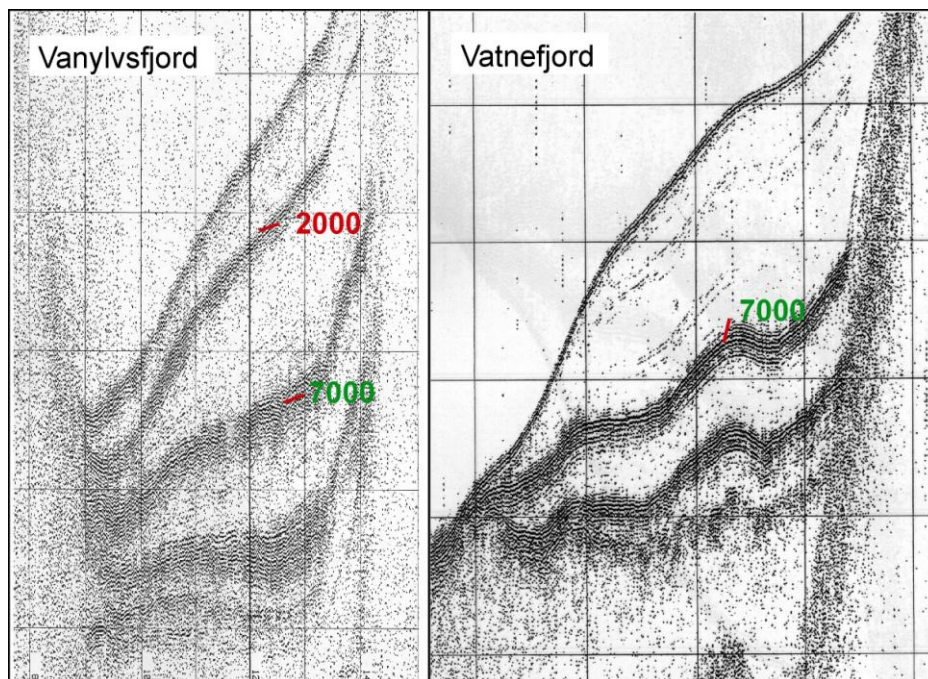


Fig. 5. Correlation between two small fjords with "marine gyttjae" on the outer coast - one south of Sulafjord the other north of. In Vanylvsfjord both the interpreted 7000 and 2000 layers are present. In Vatnefjord there is no obvious 2000 layer.

Red reflector – is very prominent and as distinct as the green reflector in southern part of Sunnmøre. The data coverage between Nordfjord and Sunnfjord is reduced, but it is assumed the reflector is present all the way between Voldafjord and Dalsfjord (Sogn & Fjordane) (Fig. 4). To the north it becomes very vague and fragmented and few, if any, slides belonging to it have been observed.

The reflector lies in acoustically transparent sediments, but the sediments above are more acoustically layered than the sediments below. The age is c. 2,000 yrs BP according to the dates from Voldafjord.

3.3 Slides

The slides observed on the interpreted seismic records are usually related to one of the reflectors described above. Most slides are found related to the violet, green reflector and red reflectors. However there are local differences.

Nordmøre

So far we have not found any slides that has been positively related to a strong reflector that may represent the 2,000 yr episode. The slides are seen as positive mounds on the bottom of the Tingvollfjord are of different ages and relates to both violet, orange and green reflectors (Fig. 7). Slide frequency of the 7,000 yr episode appears as less than further south.

Sunnmøre

In Sulafjord all the slides that can be identified on the shadow-relief image (Fig. 7) of the fjord-bottom are related to the green 7,000 yr BP reflector. There has been a number of large-scale debris flows down both fjord sides. The 2,000 yr reflector is weak and partly missing.

In Voldafjord (Fig. 2) slides are found both at violet, green and red reflectors. In the deepest part of the fjord the extent of the 7,000 yr and 2,000 yr episodes are equal, in shallower parts the 2,000 yr-event is less extensive.

In Syvdsfjord (Fig. 8) large slides have reached the fjord-bottom both at the 7,000 yr and 2,000 yr episode. Large blocks, interpreted as rock, seen on the multibeam echo-sounding images of the bottom and diffractions in the debris flows, strongly indicate that some of these slides originate from above sea-level. If this is the case, tsunamis can hardly have triggered the slides, which makes earthquake-triggering the most plausible explanation. On land in the area there are large avalanches from collapsed cliffs (Blikra et. al 1999). However the ages of these avalanches are not yet known.

Breisundet offshore Sunnmøre

Breisundet is the extension of the Storfjord-Sulafjord trough onto the shelf. The trough cuts approximately 100 m into the shelf and ends abruptly some kilometres inshore of the shelf-edge. The multi-beam bathymetry shows several debris-slides along this trench. The

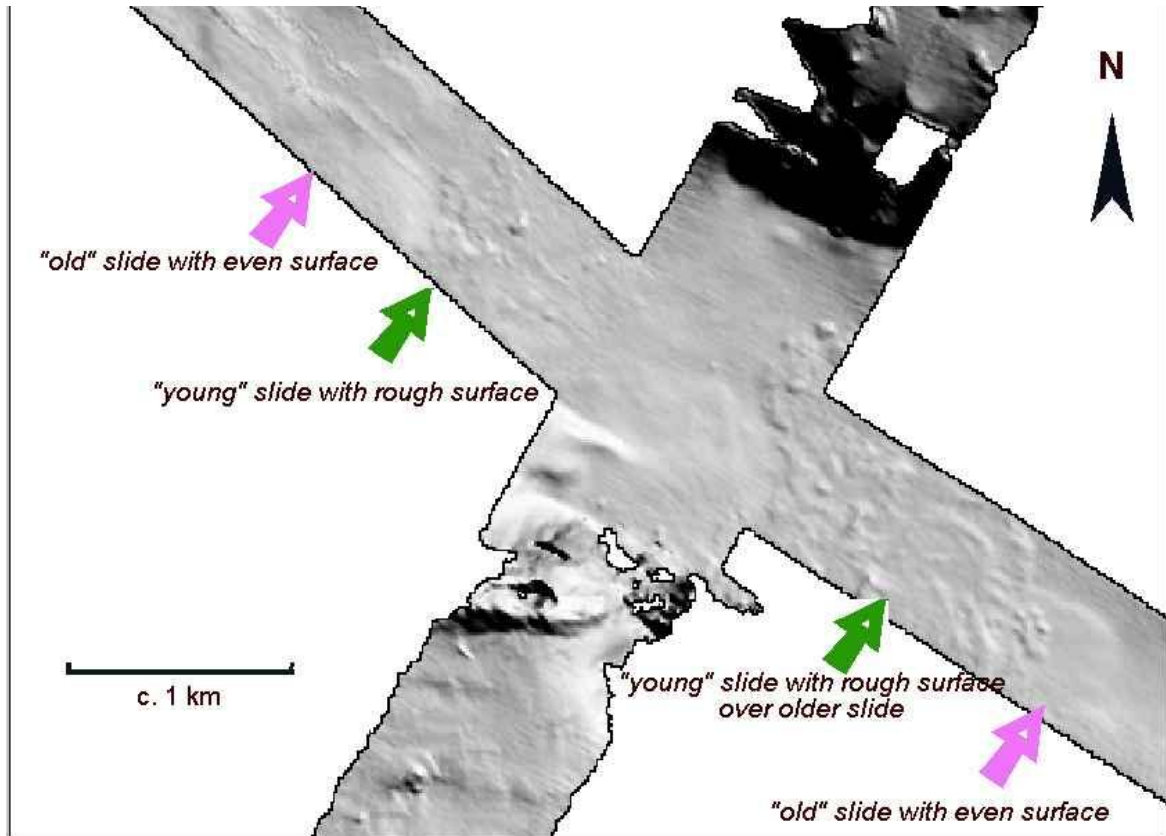


Fig. 6 Slides of different ages in Breisundet.

morphology of the sea-bottom surface indicates that they are of various ages (Fig. 6). This is also obvious from the seismic records, but without dates we have not been able to correlate the stratigraphy to the generalised stratigraphy in the fjords. The slides, if triggered by tsunamis, relate to at least two episodes of mega-slides on the shelf edge, or if released by earthquakes, two severe seismic episodes which may, or may not, have led to sliding on the shelf edge.

In the western part of the trench large areas seem to be covered by coral mounds.

Sogn og Fjordane

In Dalsfjord (Fig. 8) slides are not as visible on images of the fjord-bottom, but on the seismic record there are similar-sized slides related both to violet, green and red reflector.

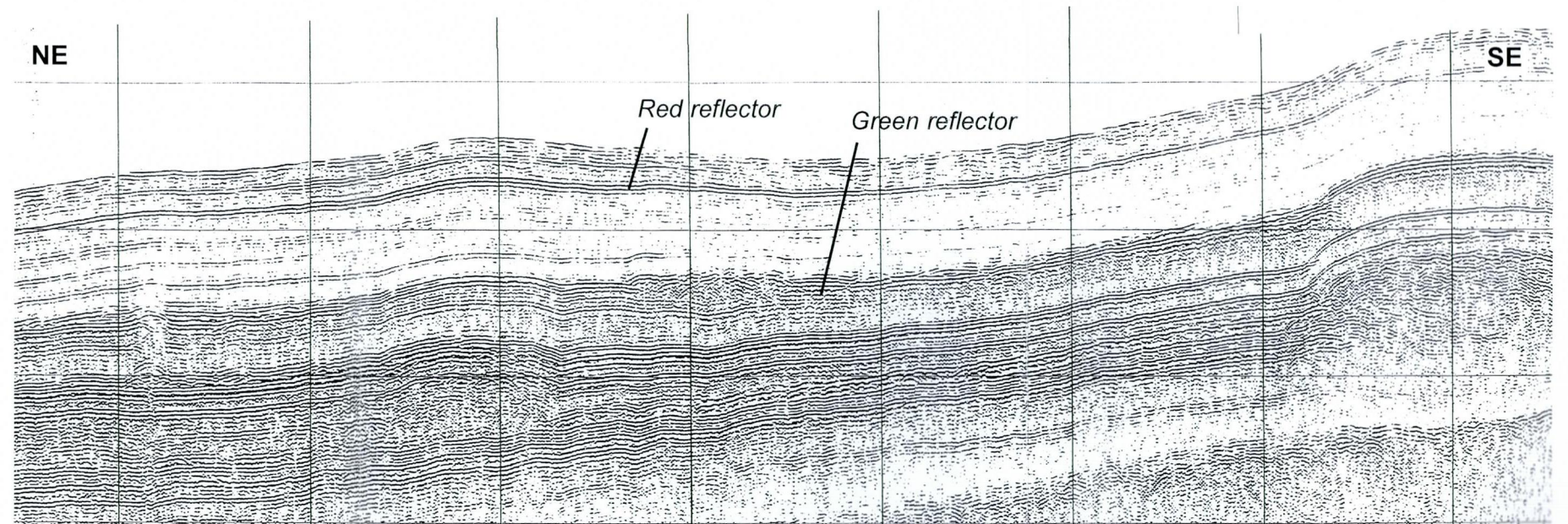
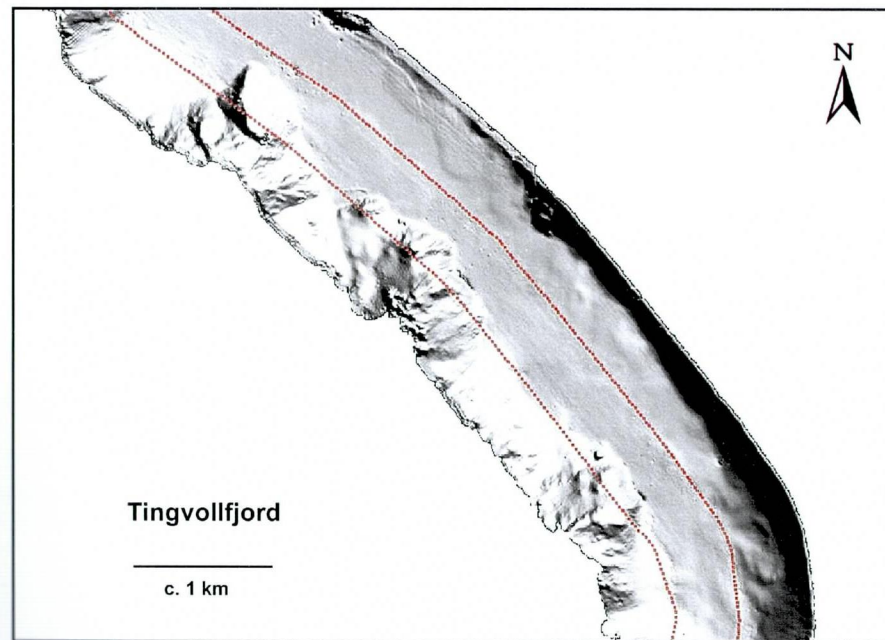
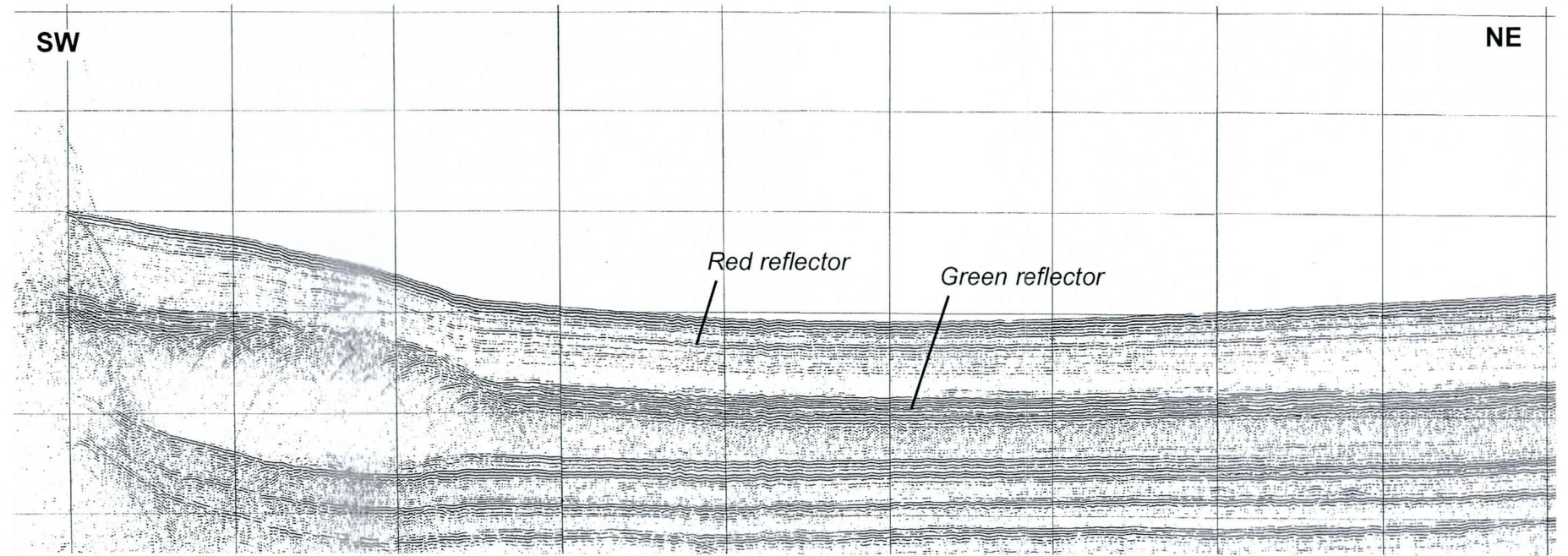
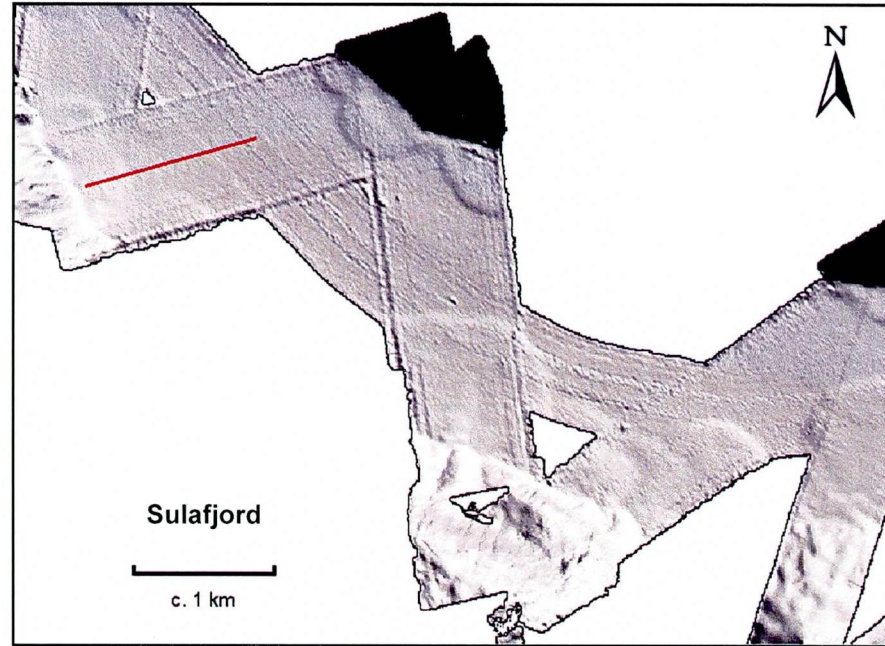


Fig. 7. Shadow-relief images of the sea-bottom and seismic sections from Sulafjord and Tingvollfjord. Note the distinct mounds on the bottom of Sulafjord reflecting slides in green reflector. In Tingvollfjord the mounds are not as distinct and represent draped slides of different ages.

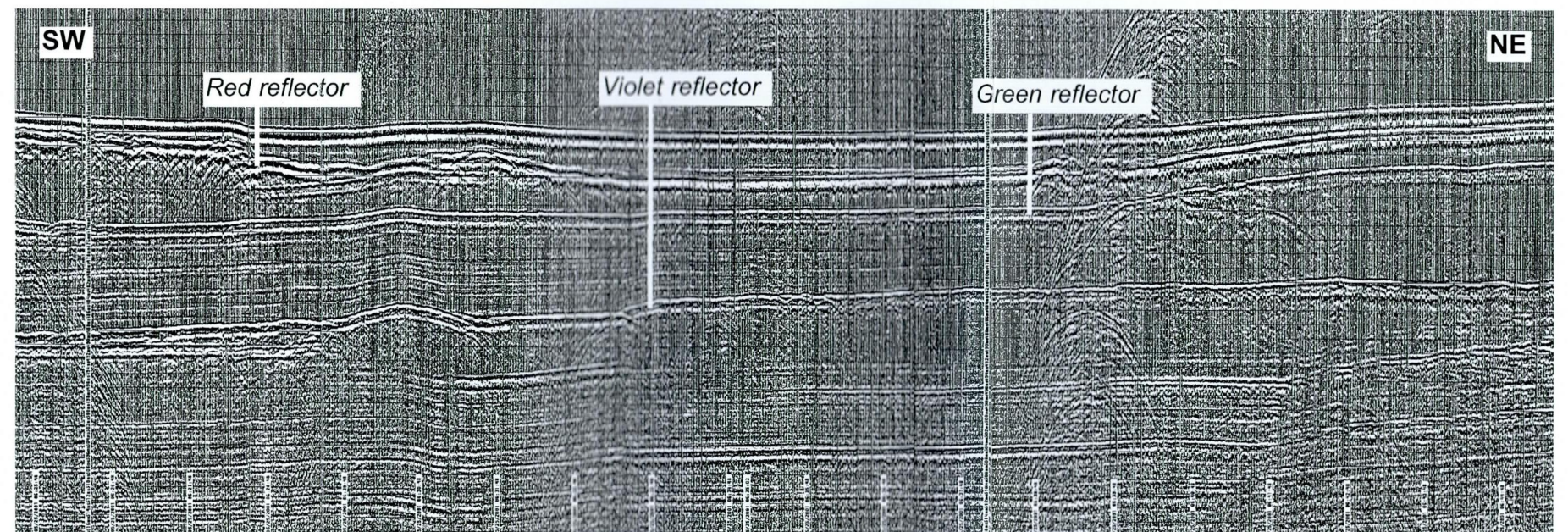
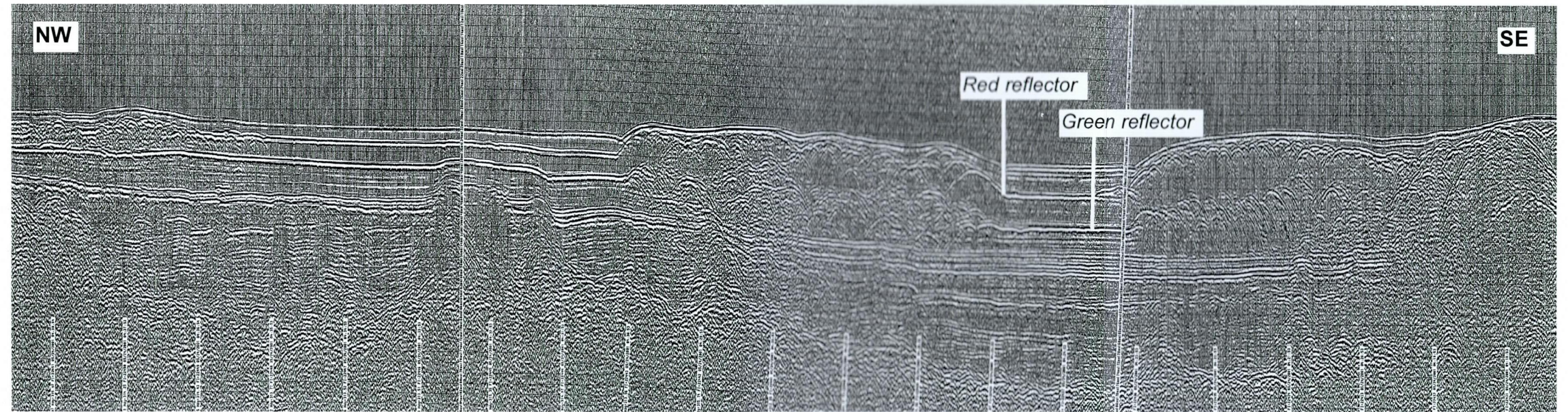
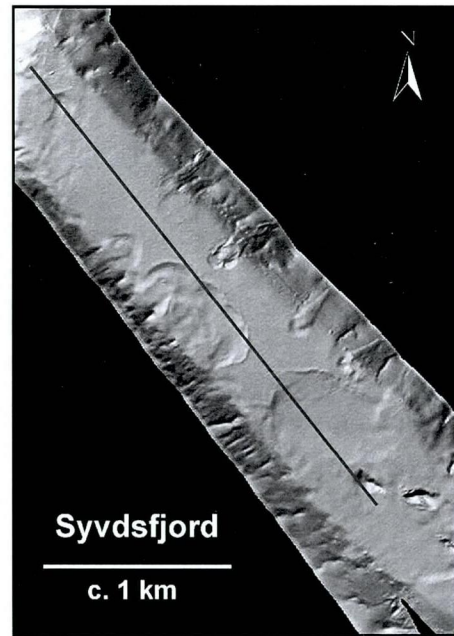


Fig. 8. Shadow-relief images of the sea-bottom and seismic sections from Syvdsfjord and Dalsfjord (S&F). Note the distinct slide scars and deposits on the fjord-bottom. On the seismic record it is visible that slides belonging to green and red reflectors sits on top of each other. The mounds on top of the SE large slide are interpreted as huge blocks of rock fallen from the mountain-side above. The blocks seem to belong to the slide in green reflector. The bathymetry of Dalsfjord is of poorer quality, but it is possible to distinguish draped slides on the image. Similar-sized slides can be seen on the seismic record related to violet, green and red reflectors.

4. SAMPLING STRATEGY

Coring of the fjord sediments covers two purposes:

- Regional correlation of seismic reflectors
- To establish the origin of the sedimentary units in order to distinguish between tsunami- and earthquake-induced events

The strategy will thus be:

- Core through regional reflectors in different fjords and date them. While strong reflectors in a seismic reflection profile may be difficult to see in a core through the sediments, slides are easily recognized in core sections. Therefore the strategy will be to core into or through debris-flows related to regional reflectors where that is possible.

There will be a combination of many short 2-3 m long vibro-cores and some long > 5 m piston-, gravity- or Selcore-cores. The short cores will be sampled where condensed sections leads deep reflectors close to surface (e.g. as in Austefjord-Volda Fig. 9). Whenever coring with the 3 m long vibrocoring, the TOPAS seismic system will be used to optimise the core location.

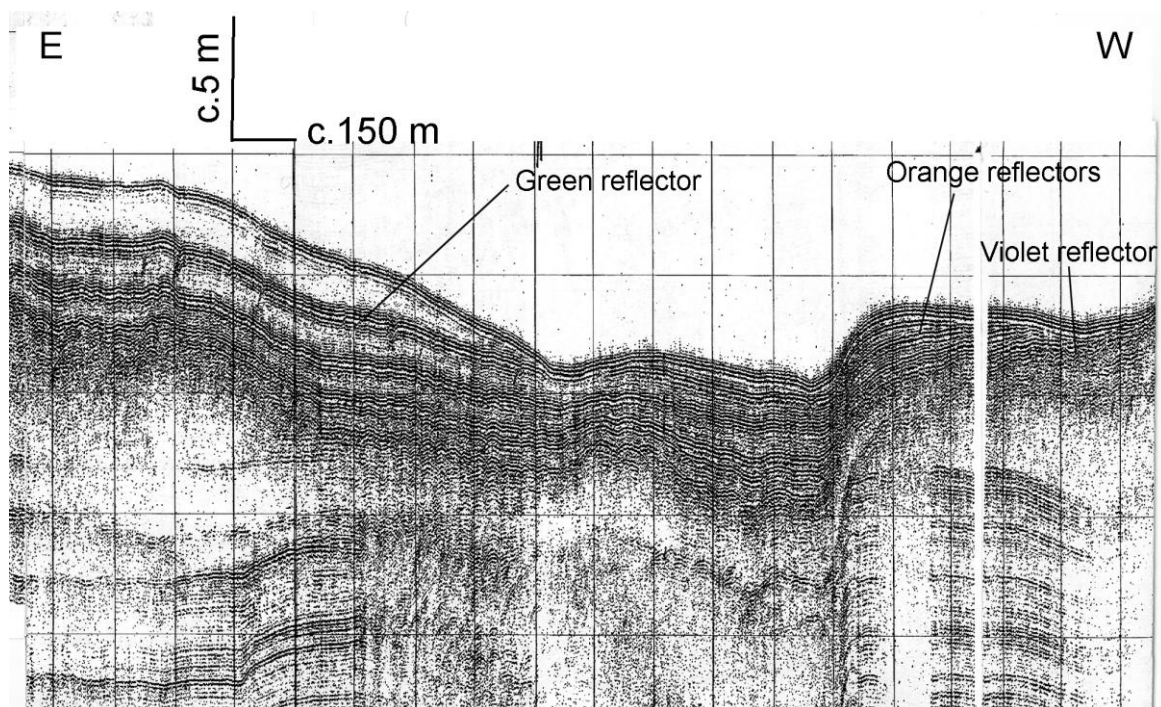


Fig. 9. Deflation due to current flow over a sill in Austefjord, the inner part of Voldafjord. The currents leads to erosion – no deposition and the result is that "old" beds can be reached by a series of short cores. Similar settings are found at the mouth of Midfjorden – the outer part of Romsdalsfjord - and in Halsafjord.

- Sampling the toes of slides and beyond for confirming if the reflectors are of turbiditic origin. If so, try to confirm whether they are generated locally from the slide-event, or onlap the slides and thus postdate them and are therefore tsunami deposits. This will be vital for the determination of triggering mechanisms for the slides and if the episodes are combined events with earthquake-released slides and resulting tsunamis – local and regional.
- Sample the sediments inshore of coral-mounds to identify and date lags of coral-gravel that may be an indicator of tsunami erosion. Such localities exist in Midfjord and offshore in Breisundet (Fig. 10).

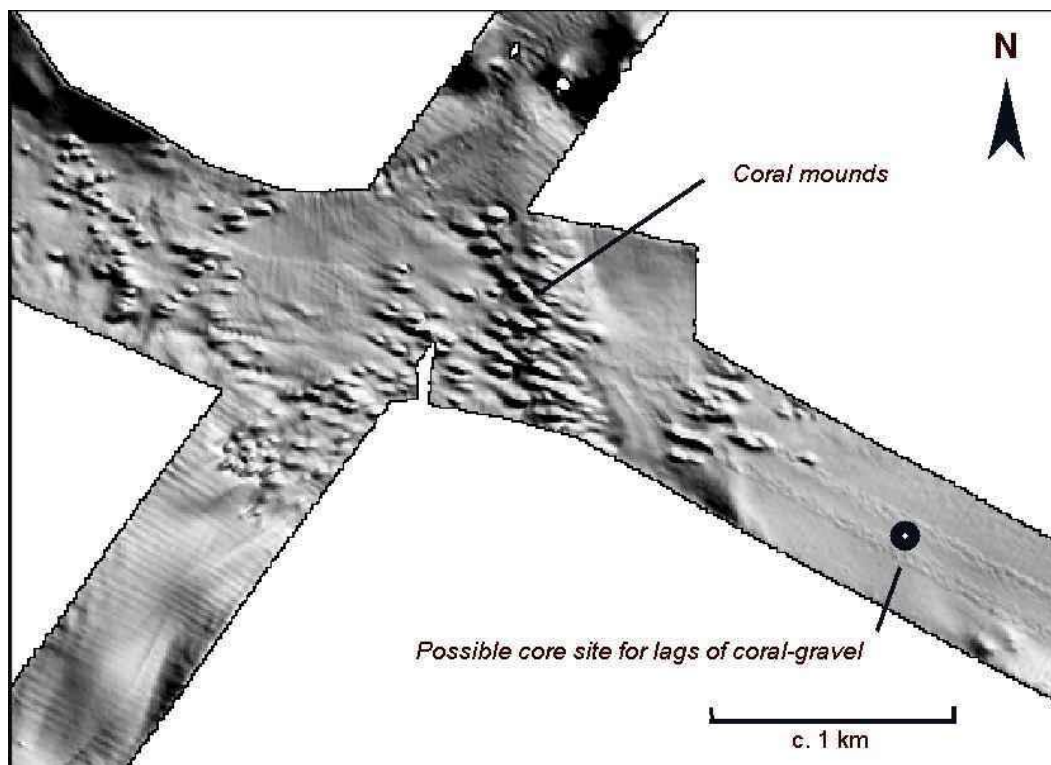


Fig. 10. Coral mounds in Breisundet

5. PRIORITY OF CORE-LOCATIONS

The table below give possible core-locations for 3 m vibro-corer (or longer barrels) and selected locations for a few long > 5 m long cores in order by priority. Priority A: High Priority, cores to be taken, B: Low to Medium priority, optional core sites.

NB Datum is WGS84 UTM zone 32.

Seismic examples of core-locations are given in Appendix 1.

Suggested core locations

Priority	Loc. No.	X (UTM32)	Y (UTM32)	Longitude	Latitude	Fjord	Object Purpose; dating or sedimentology	Depth to object
A	1	399623	6752236	7° 9.0117'	60° 3.5533'	Aurlandsfj.	Date slide	6 ms
A	2	398828	6750447	7° 8.1900'	60° 52.5783'	Aurlandsfj.	Date rock-avalanche	3 ms
A	3	398382	6750196	7° 7.7050'	60° 52.4367'	Aurlandsfj.	Date rock-avalanche	3 ms
A	4	379023	6805578	6° 44.2133'	61° 21.9200'	Fjærlandsfj.	Date rock-avalanche	3 ms
A	5	371235	6793252	6° 35.9883'	61° 15.1367'	Fjærlandsfj.	Date rock-avalanche	2.5 ms
A	6	369678	6790184	6° 34.3767'	61° 13.4533'	Fjærlandsfj.	Date submarine debrisflow	2 ms
A	7	305298	6809364	5° 21.3867'	61° 22.1617'	Dalsfj. S&F	Top slide – green reflector	3 ms
B	8	308030	6810292	5° 24.3900'	61° 22.7417'	Dalsfj. S&F	Top or through red slide	1 ms
A	9	308376	6810455	5° 24.7683'	61° 22.8400'	Dalsfj. S&F	Through red reflector – same basin	3 ms
A	10	Check	In field			Førdefjord	Through red reflector	3 ms
B	11	Check	In field			Førdefjord	Through red slide	2 ms
A	12	Check	In field			Frøysjøen	Object found (Topas) in field	
A	13	307231	6868546	5° 19.8117'	61° 54.0317'	Nordfjord	Through red and green refl.	3 ms
A	14	307449	6868559	5° 20.0583'	61° 54.0450'	Nordfjord	Into green slide	3 ms
A	15	312359	6892251	5° 24.1533'	62° 6.9267'	Vanylven	Through red into green refl.	4 ms
A	16	327122	6891724	5° 41.1333'	62° 7.0683'	Syvdsfj.	Into top of red slide – terrest?	2 ms
A	17	327255	6891569	5° 41.2950'	62° 6.9883'	Syvdsfj.	Through toe of red slide	3 ms
A	18	327288	6891533	5° 41.3350'	62° 6.9700'	Syvdsfj.	Through red reflector outside toe	3 ms
B	19	327751	6890980	5° 41.8983'	62° 6.6850'	Syvdsfj.	Into red slide – terrestic?	2 ms
A	20	328370	6890255	5° 42.6517'	62° 6.3133'	Syvdsfj.	Into red slide – terrestic?	2 ms
A	21	329150	6889348	5° 43.5983'	62° 5.8467'	Syvdsfj.	Condensed section to violet reflector	4 ms
A	22	352121	6887144	6° 10.0733'	62° 5.2417'	Austefjord/ Volda	Through green reflector	3 ms
B	23	351504	6887000	6° 9.3733'	62° 5.1500'	Austefjord/ Volda	Through green and orange reflectors – tsunami erosion?	3 ms
A	24	350586	6887202	6° 8.3100'	62° 5.2367'	Austefjord/ Volda	Through green and orange reflectors – tsunami erosion?	3 ms
A	25	350446	6887276	6° 8.1450'	62° 5.2733'	Austefjord/ Volda	Through lower orange into violet reflector	3 ms
A	26	350305	6887351	6° 7.9800'	62° 5.3100'	Austefjord/ Volda	Through violet reflector	2 ms
A	27	344787	6901076	6° 0.9233'	62° 12.5583'	Ørsta fjord	Through red slide	3 ms
A	28	352528	6916622	6° 9.0517'	62° 21.1083'	Vartdalsfj.	Through green slide	2 ms
A	29	352448	6916557	6° 8.9617'	62° 21.0717'	Vartdalsfj.	Through green reflector	3 ms
A	30	345749	6926168	6° 0.6950'	62° 26.0783'	Sulafjord	Into green slide	3 ms
A	31	333854	6931981	5° 46.5567'	62° 28.8967'	Breisunddj.	Into "young" slide (Fig. 6)	2 ms
A	32	334075	6931844	5° 46.8200'	62° 28.8283'	Breisunddj.	Into "old" slide (Fig. 6)	3 ms
A	33	311217	6938604	5° 19.8217'	62° 31.8067'	Breisunddj.	Coral gravel from tsunami-erosion?	3 ms
A	34	417200	6903873	7° 24.3350'	62° 15.4433'	Tafjord	Into top of slide	1.5 ms
A	35	416376	6904238	7° 23.3733'	62° 15.6283'	Taford	Into tectonized sediment	1.5 ms
B	36	334545	6947160	5° 46.4767'	62° 37.0767'	Mifjord	Through green reflector. Coral gravel?	2 ms
A	37	374839	6947337	6° 33.5400'	62° 38.1250'	Mifjord	Through green reflector. Coral gravel?	3 ms
A	38	395697	6956098	6° 57.6033'	62° 43.2300'	Romsdalsfj.	Through green and red reflectors	3 ms
B	39	395641	6956210	6° 57.5333'	62° 43.2883'	Romsdalsfj.	Through orange reflectors	3 ms
A	40	444911	6983247	7° 54.7983'	62° 58.4883'	Tingvollfj.	Into green slide	3 ms
A	41	443470	7001146	7° 52.7233'	63° 8.1117°	Talgsjøen	Through green and into orange reflectors	4 ms

Long cores, corers with barrels more than 5 m

A	1L	312772	6937752	5° 21.6883'	62° 31.3967'	Breisunddj.	Date stratigraphy – marked reflectors above slide	8 ms
A	2L	349480	6921298	6° 5.2800'	62° 23.5500'	Sulafjord	Green reflector –thick with planar beds in front of slide	11 ms
A	3L	349646	6921342	6° 5.4700'	62° 23.5783'	Sulafjord	Green slide	10 ms
A	4L	459289	6988764	8° 11.7317'	63° 1.5733'	Halsafjord	Total sequence above violet reflector	16 ms

6. PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

The seismic stratigraphy of fjords along the coast from Sognefjord to Kristiansund seems to consist of a set of regional reflectors which are tentatively being interpreted to be 2,000, 7,000, 9-11,000 and 12,000 ¹⁴C years old downslope events. Slides are related to these reflectors, but the slide frequency varies from north to south. The 2,000 yr event is not registered in Nordmøre and northern part of Sunnmøre, but is very strong in southern part of Sunnmøre and into Sogn og Fjordane. The 7,000 yr event is strong everywhere, but slide-frequencies are lower in Nordmøre than in Sunnmøre. Rockfall into the fjord in Syvdsfjord at the 7,000 yr event and possibly at the 2,000 yr event, are strong indicators of earthquake-triggering of the slides. Based on the proposed regional stratigraphy a core-program is proposed for the dating of regional reflectors and establishing the origin of reflector formation.

7. REFERENCES

Blikra, L. H., Anda, E. & Longva, O. 1999: Fjellskredprosjektet i Møre og Romsdal: Status og planer. *NGU Rapport* 1999.120.

Bondevik, S., Svendsen, J. I. & Mangerud, J. 1998: Distinction between the Storegga Tsunami and the Holocene marine transgression in coastal basin deposits of western Norway. *Journal of Quaternary Science*. 13; 6, Pages 529-537.

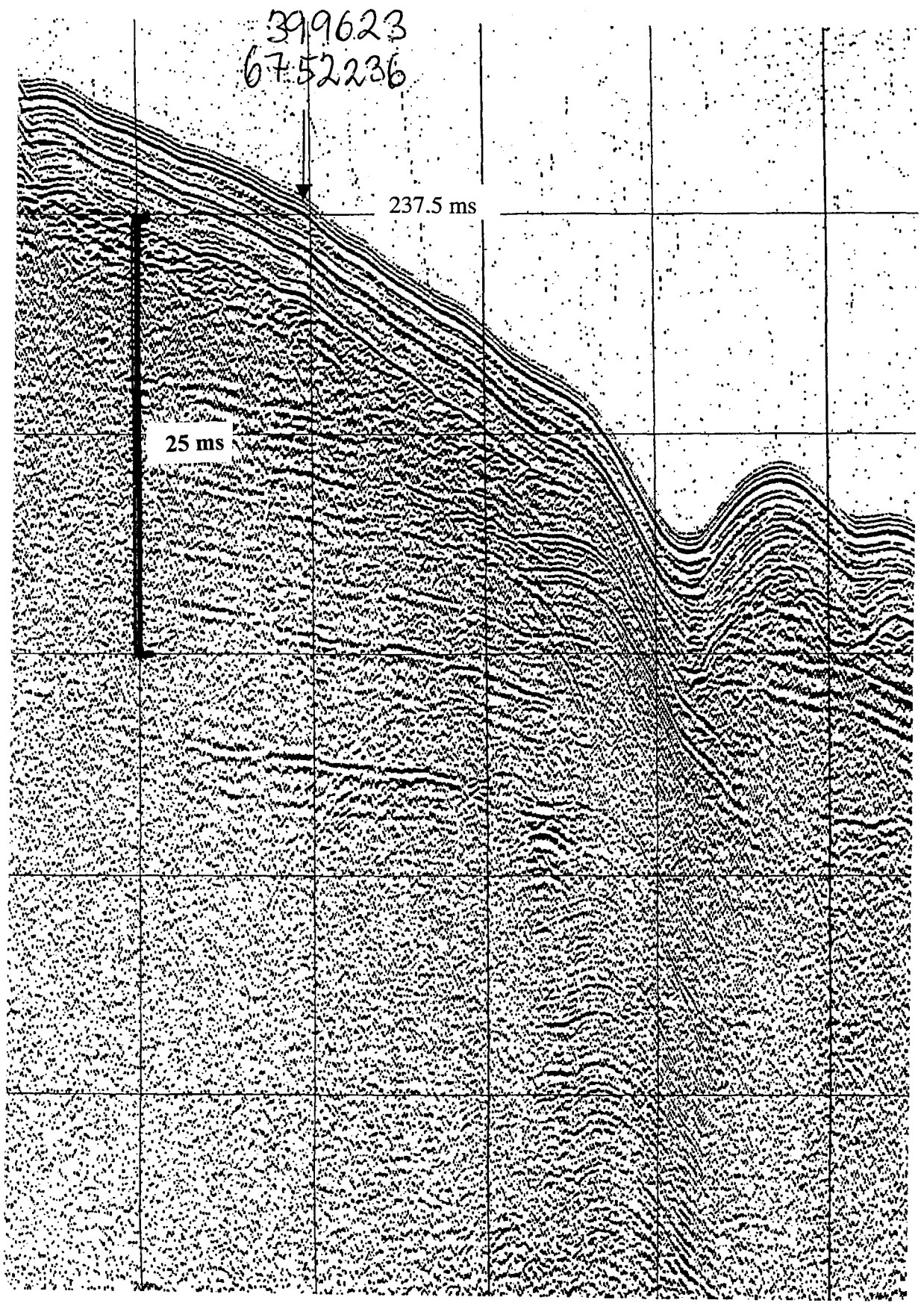
Grøsfjeld, K., Larsen, E., Sejrup, H. P., de-Vernal, A., Flatebø, T., Vestbø, M., Haflidason, H. & Aarseth, I. 1999: Dinoflagellate cysts reflecting surface-water conditions in Voldafjorden, western Norway during the last 11 300 years. *Boreas* 28; 3, p. 403-415.

Longva, O., Blikra, L. H. & Olsen, H. A. 2000: Voldafjorden; detaljert djupnemåling og undersjøiske ras. *NGU Rapport* 2000.116.

Sejrup, H. P., H. Haflidason, T. Flatebø, D. Klitgaard Kristensen, K. Grøsfjeld and E. Larsen. 2001: Late-glacial to Holocene environmental changes and climate variability; evidence from Voldafjorden, western Norway. *J. Quaternary Sci.*, Vol.16, pp. 181-198.

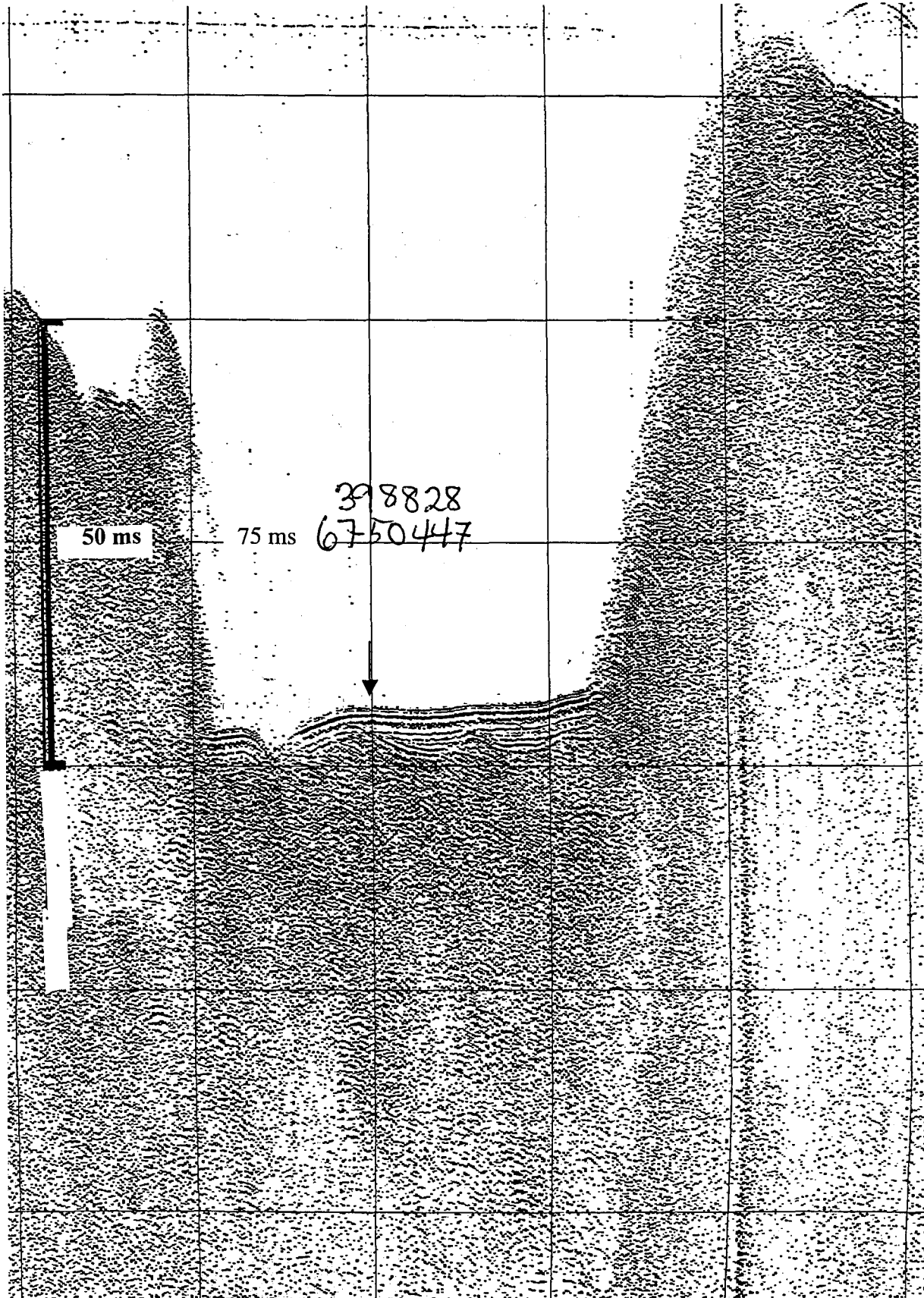
8. APPENDIX 1

Seismic examples - core localities



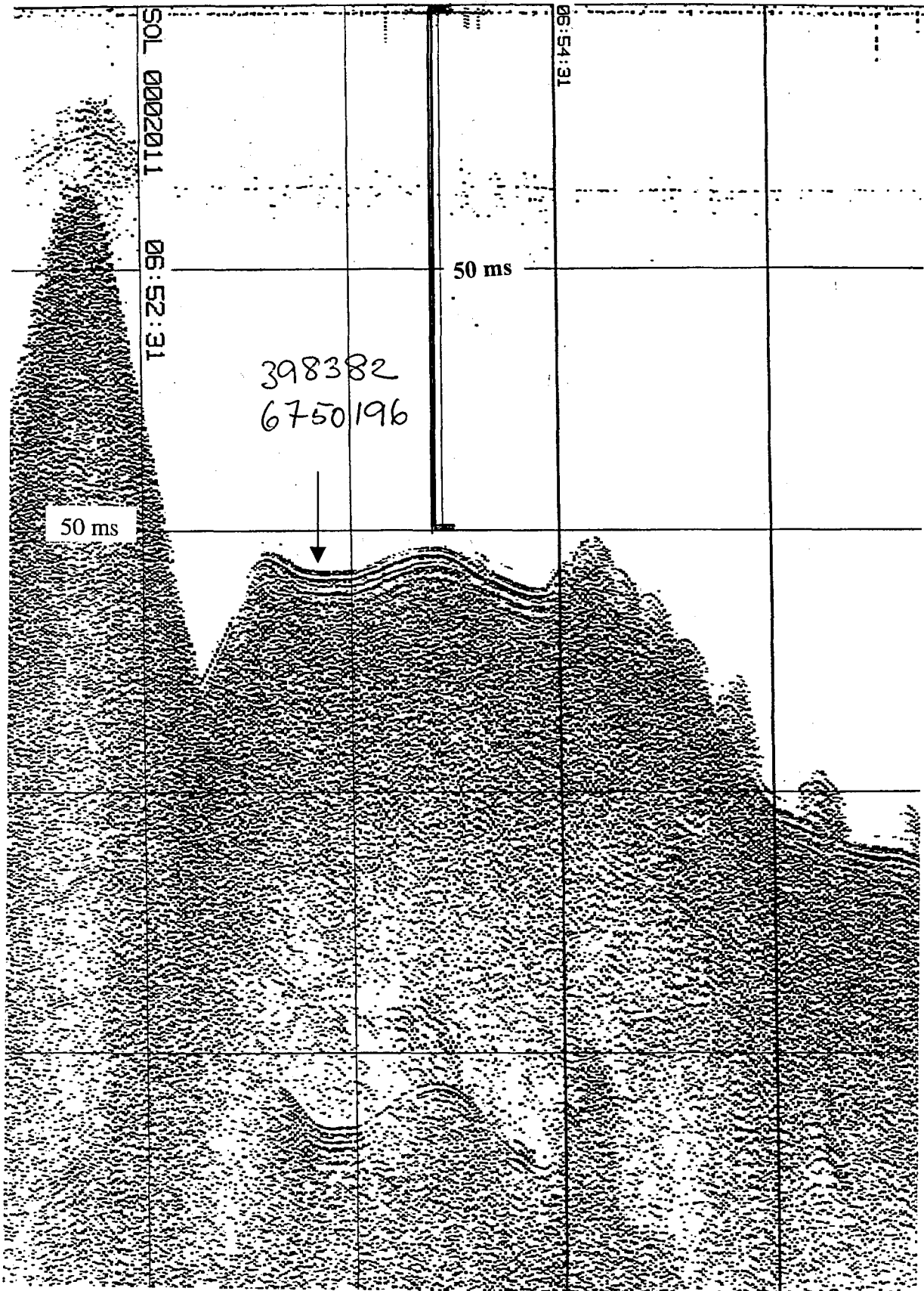
Aurlandsfjord

Loc. no 1

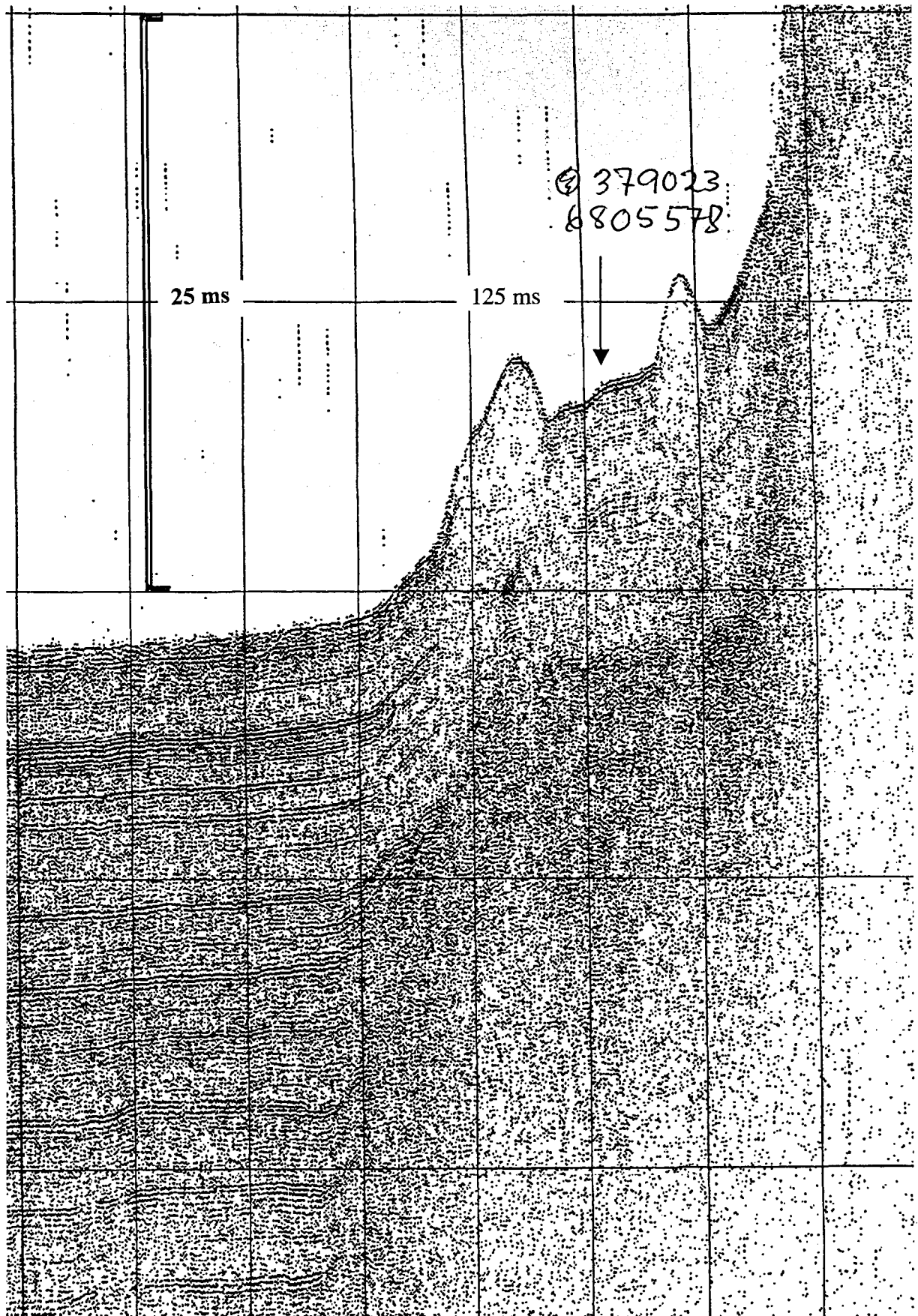


Aurlandsfjord
Loc. no 2

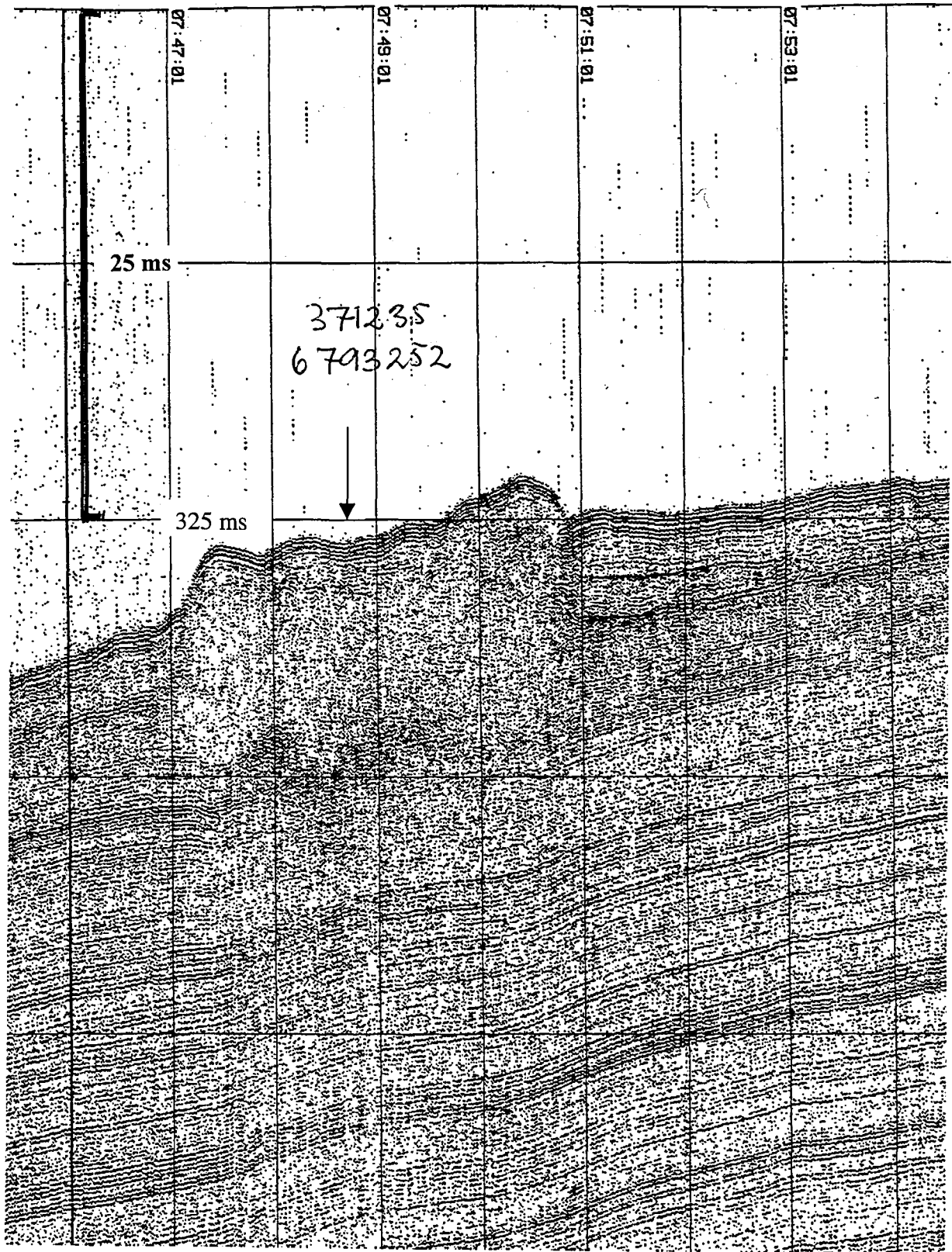
4



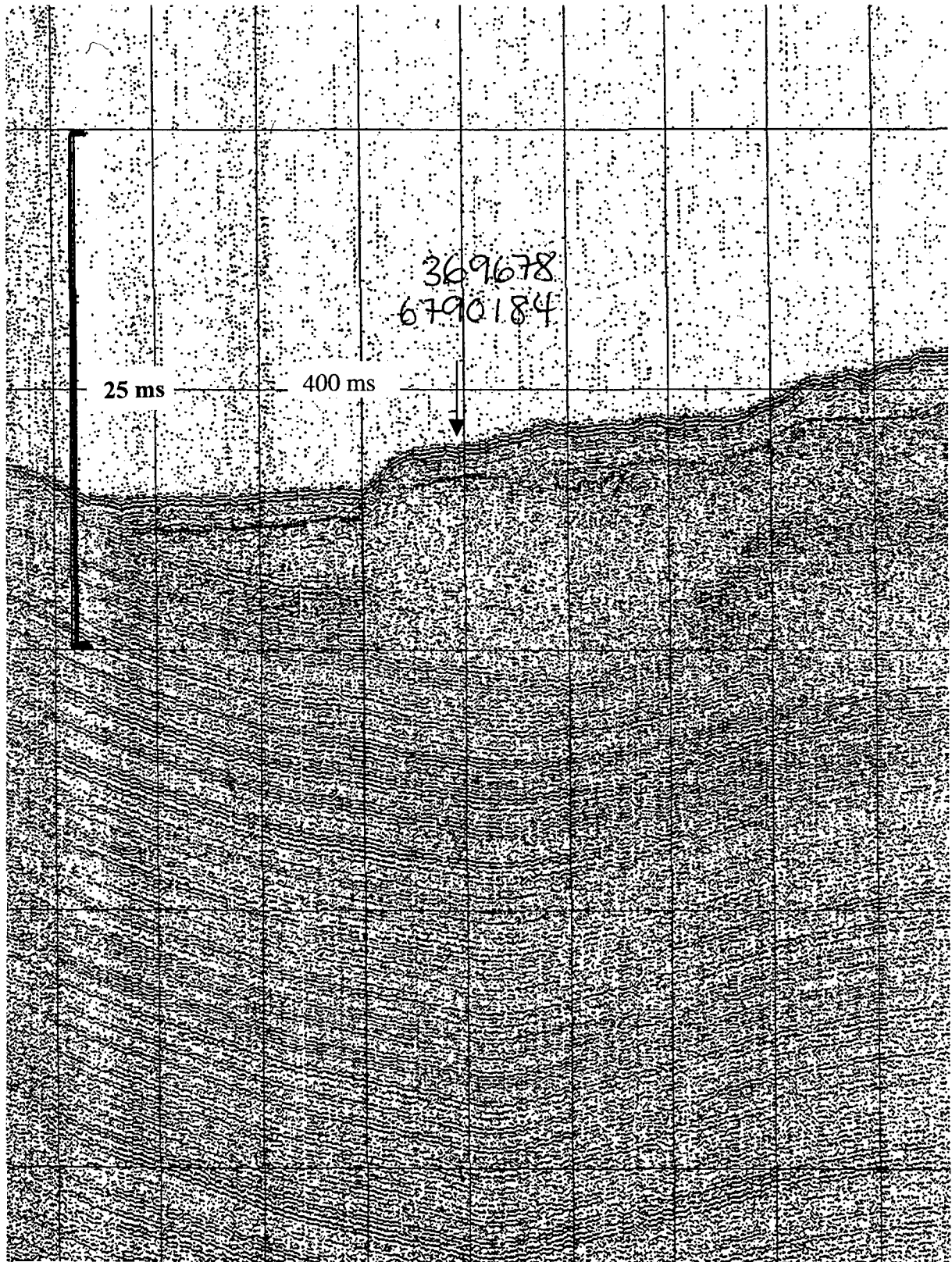
Aurlandsfjord
Loc. no 3



Fjærlandsfjord
Loc. no 4



Fjærlandsfjord - Menes
Loc. no 5



Fjarlandsfjord
Loc. no 6

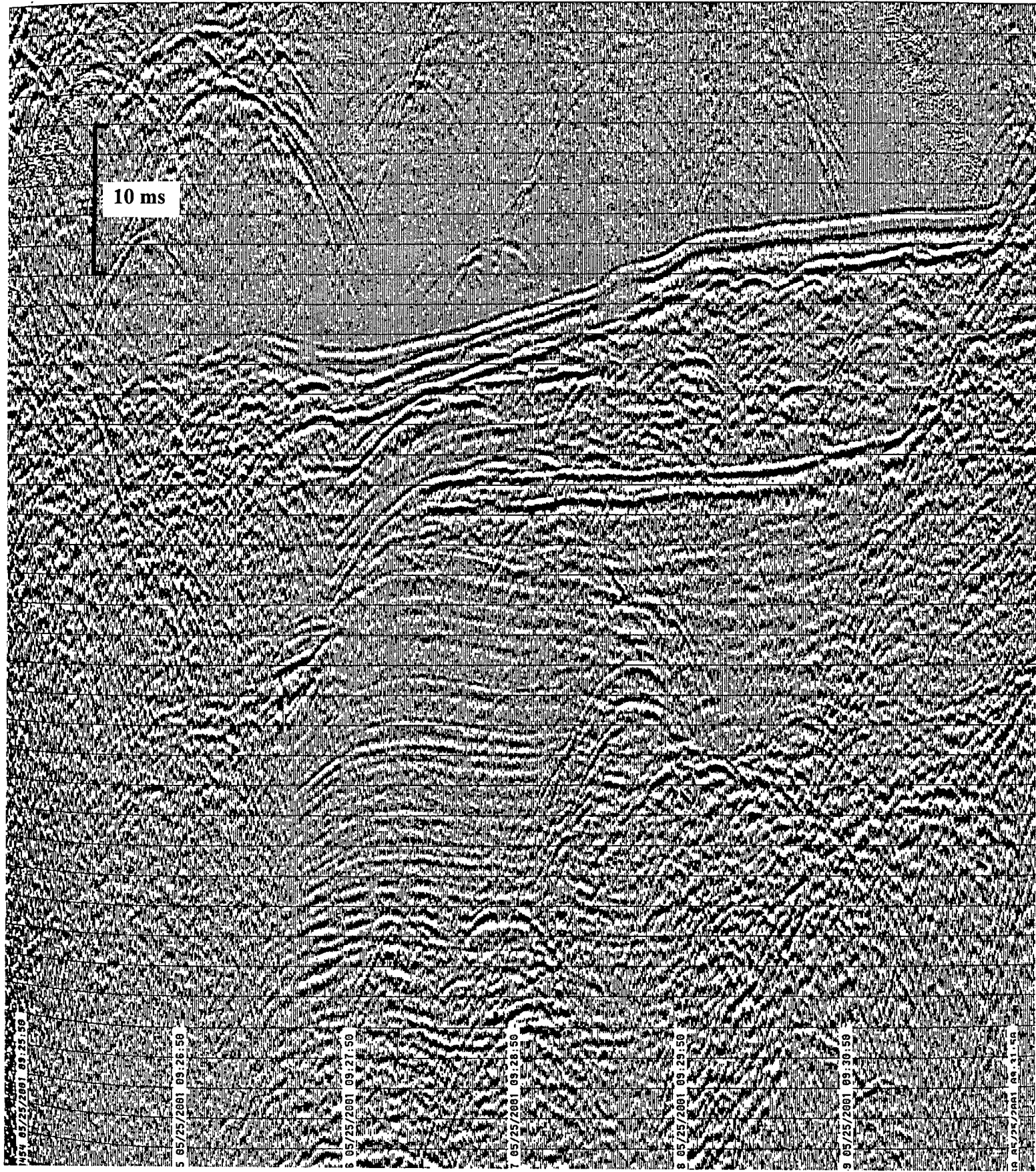
Dalsfjord
Dalsøyna

Loc. no. 7

305298
6809364



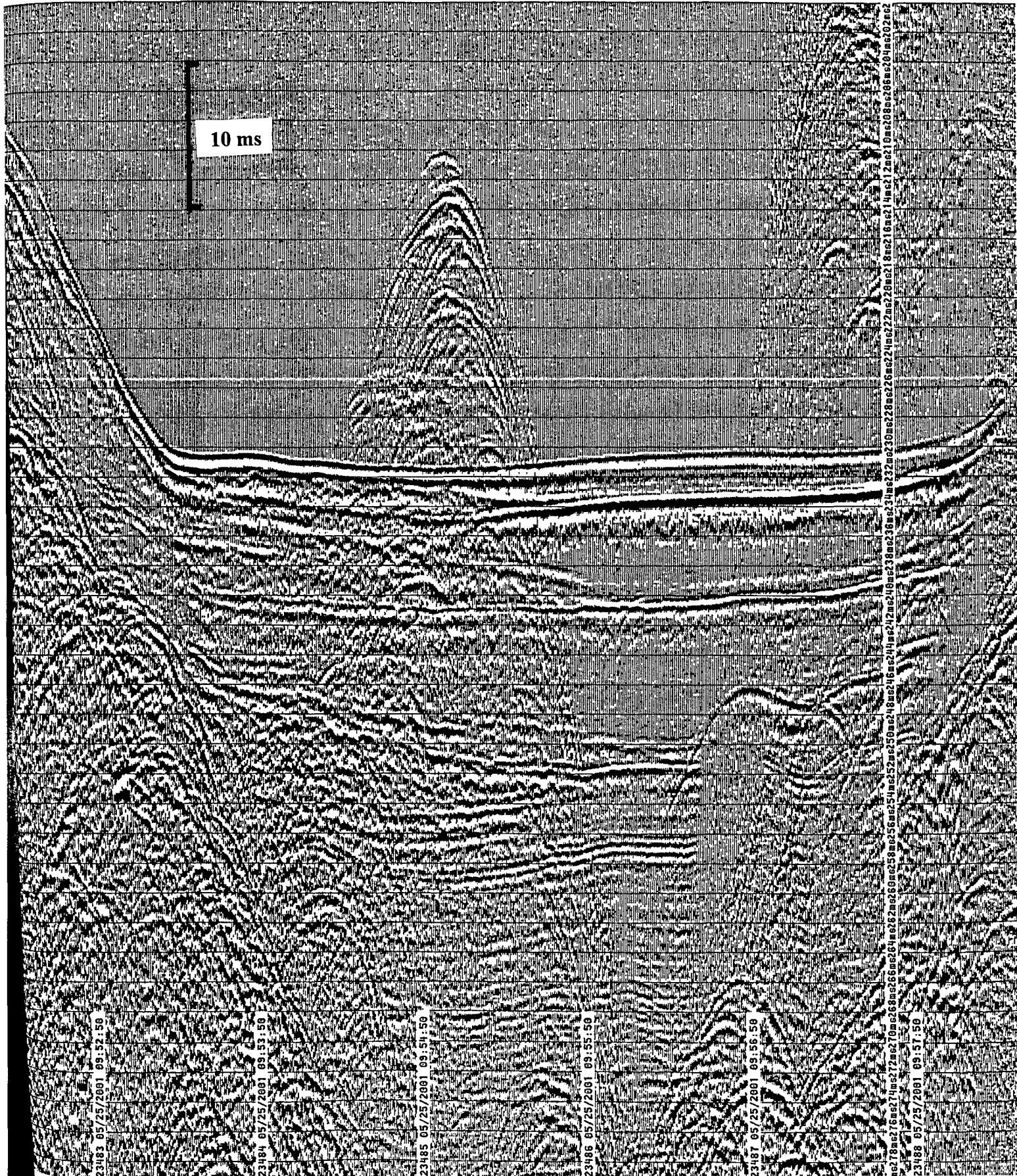
10 ms



Dalsfjord

308030
6810292
↓
Loc. no. 8

308376
6810455
↓
Loc. no. 9

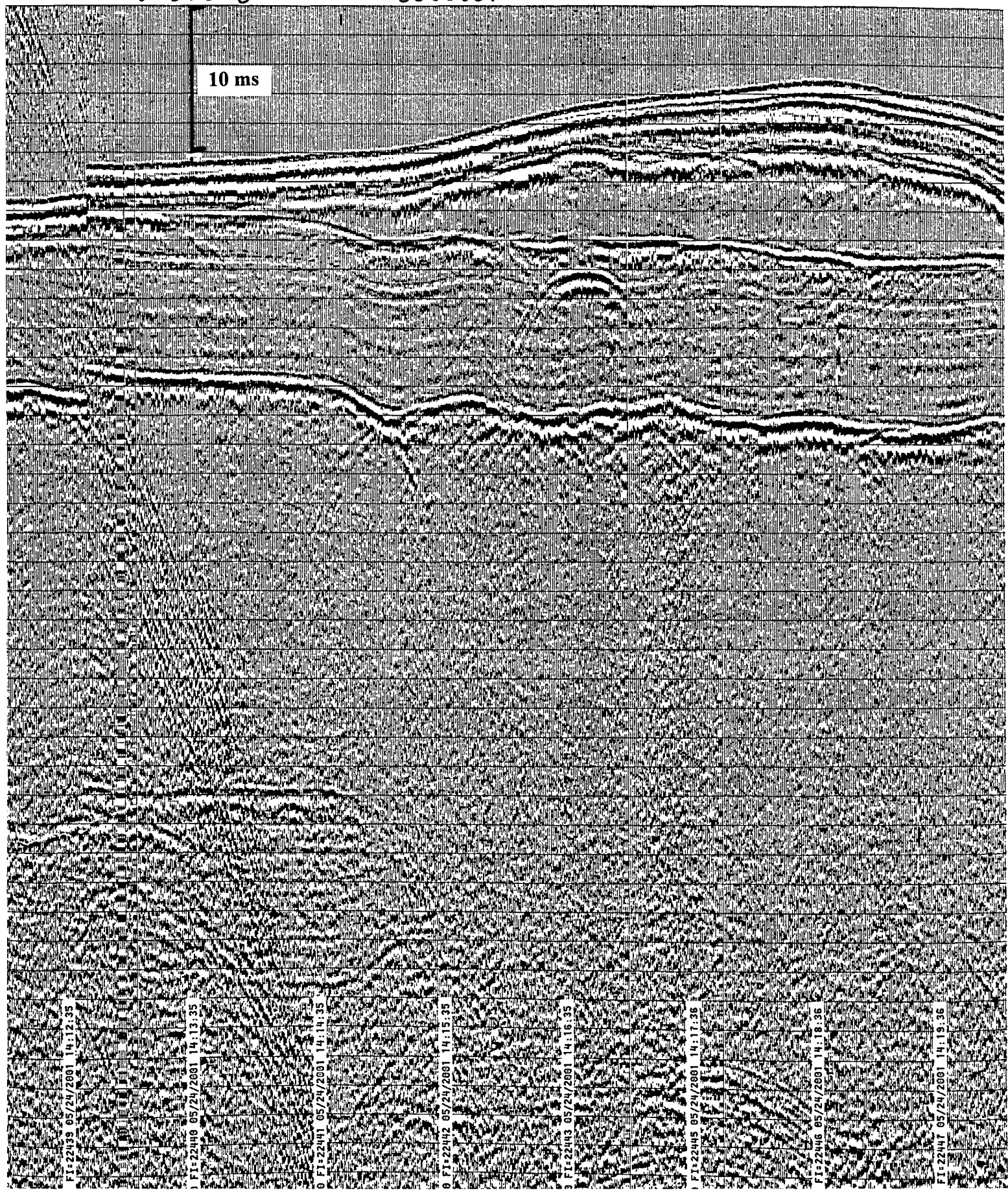


Nordfjord (Rugsund)

↓ Loc. no 13
307231
6868546

↓ Loc. no 14
307449
6868559

10 ms



FI-22419 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22420 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22421 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22422 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22423 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22424 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22425 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22426 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22427 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22428 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22429 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22430 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22431 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22432 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22433 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22434 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22435 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22436 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22437 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22438 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22439 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22440 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22441 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22442 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22443 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22444 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22445 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22446 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22447 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22448 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22449 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22450 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22451 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22452 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22453 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22454 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22455 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22456 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22457 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22458 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22459 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22460 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22461 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22462 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22463 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22464 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22465 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22466 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22467 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22468 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22469 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22470 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22471 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22472 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22473 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22474 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22475 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22476 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22477 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22478 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22479 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22480 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22481 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22482 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22483 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22484 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22485 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22486 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22487 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22488 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22489 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22490 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22491 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22492 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22493 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22494 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22495 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22496 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22497 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22498 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22499 05/24/2001 14:11:35
FI-22500 05/24/2001 14:11:35

Vanylvsford

Loc. no 15

12.5 ms



8 312219 6892371

10 312461 6892161

12 312642 6891900

14 312719 6891597

16 312686 6891294

Sydsfjord (1)

Loc.no 16 327122
 6891724

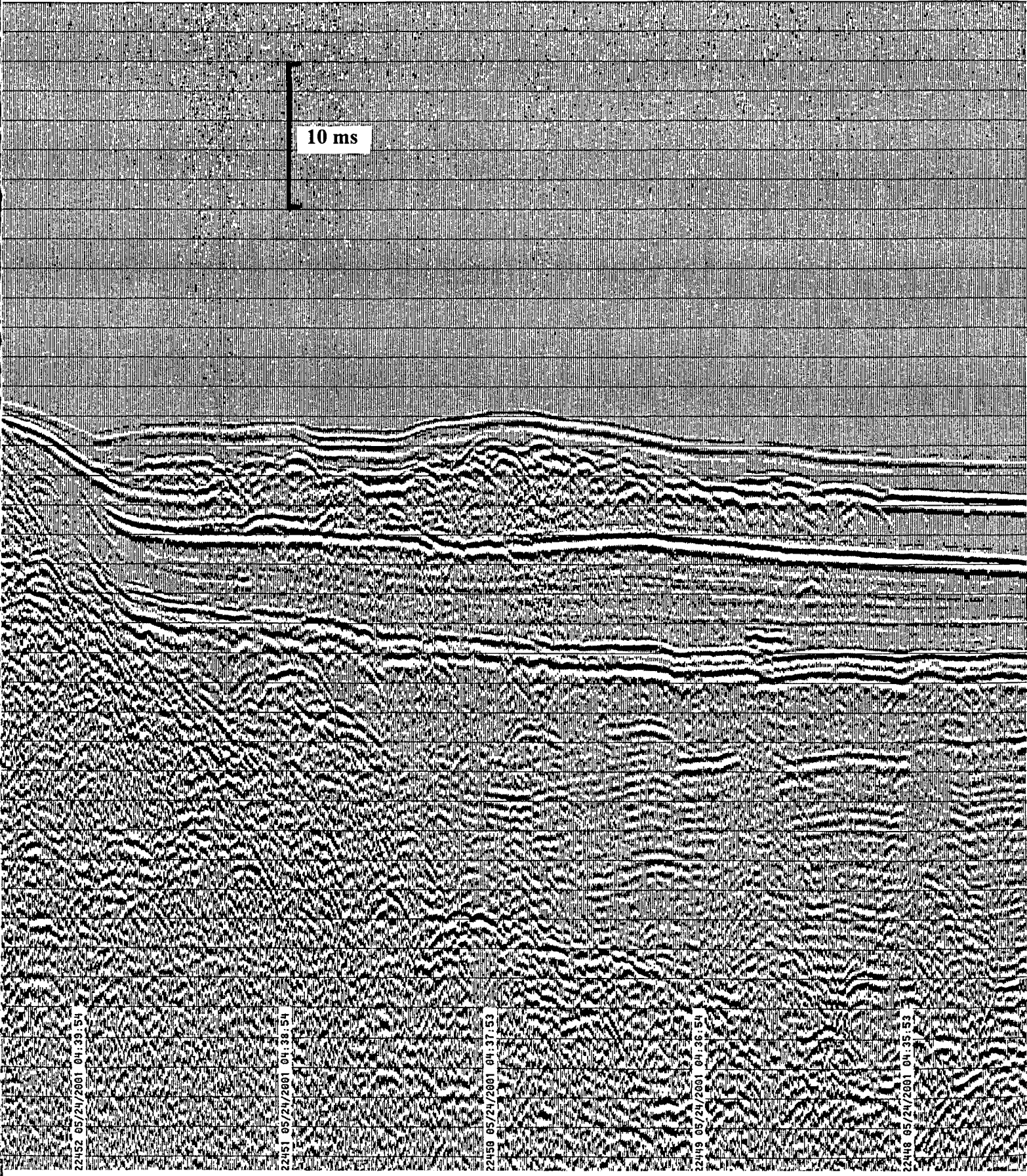


 327255
 6891533 Loc.no 17

 327288
 6891533 Loc.no 18



10 ms



22452 05/24/2001 04:39:54

22451 05/24/2001 04:38:54

22450 05/24/2001 04:37:53

22449 05/24/2001 04:36:54

22448 05/24/2001 04:35:53

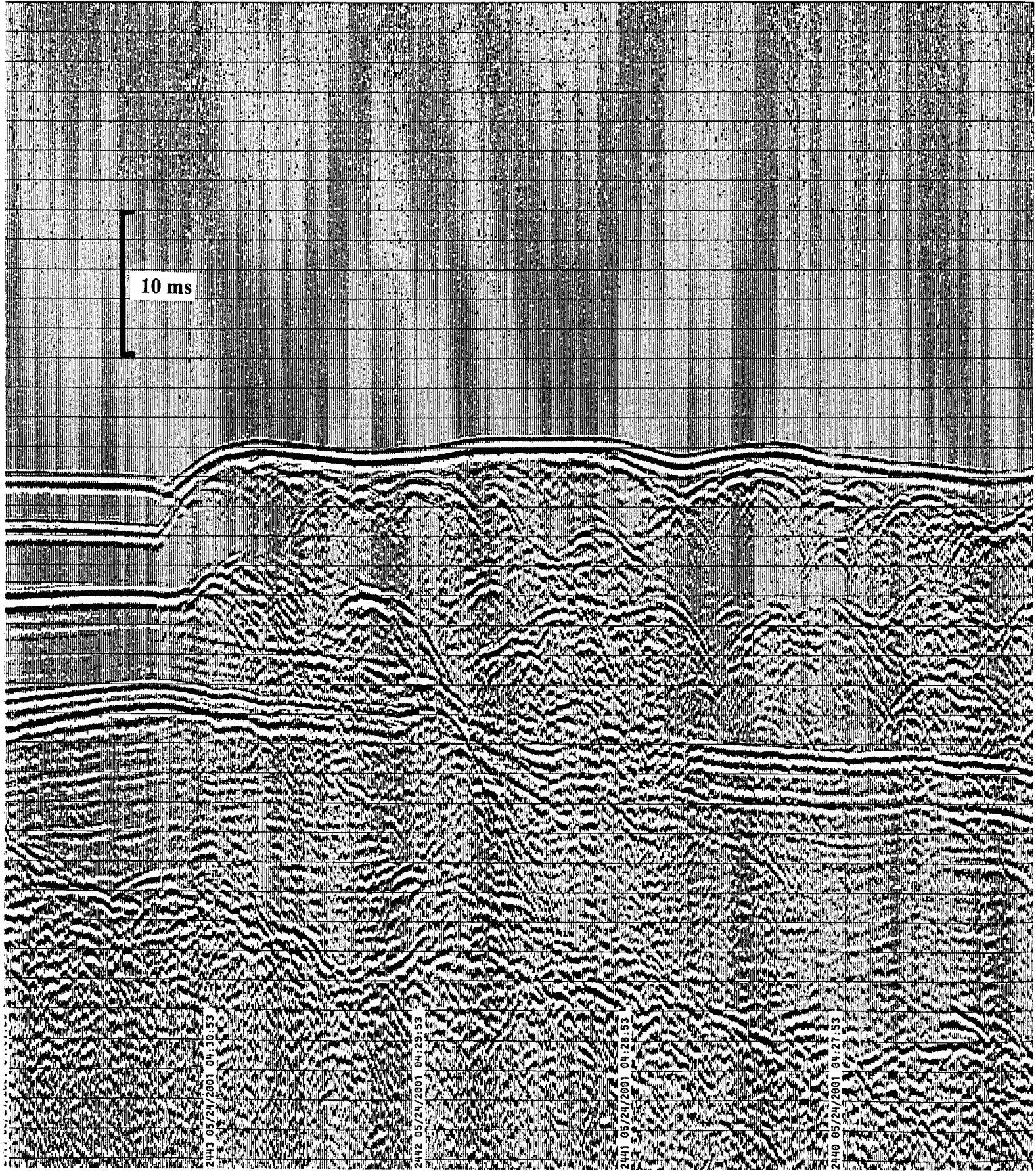
Loc.no 19

Syudsfjord (2)

327751
6890980



10 ms



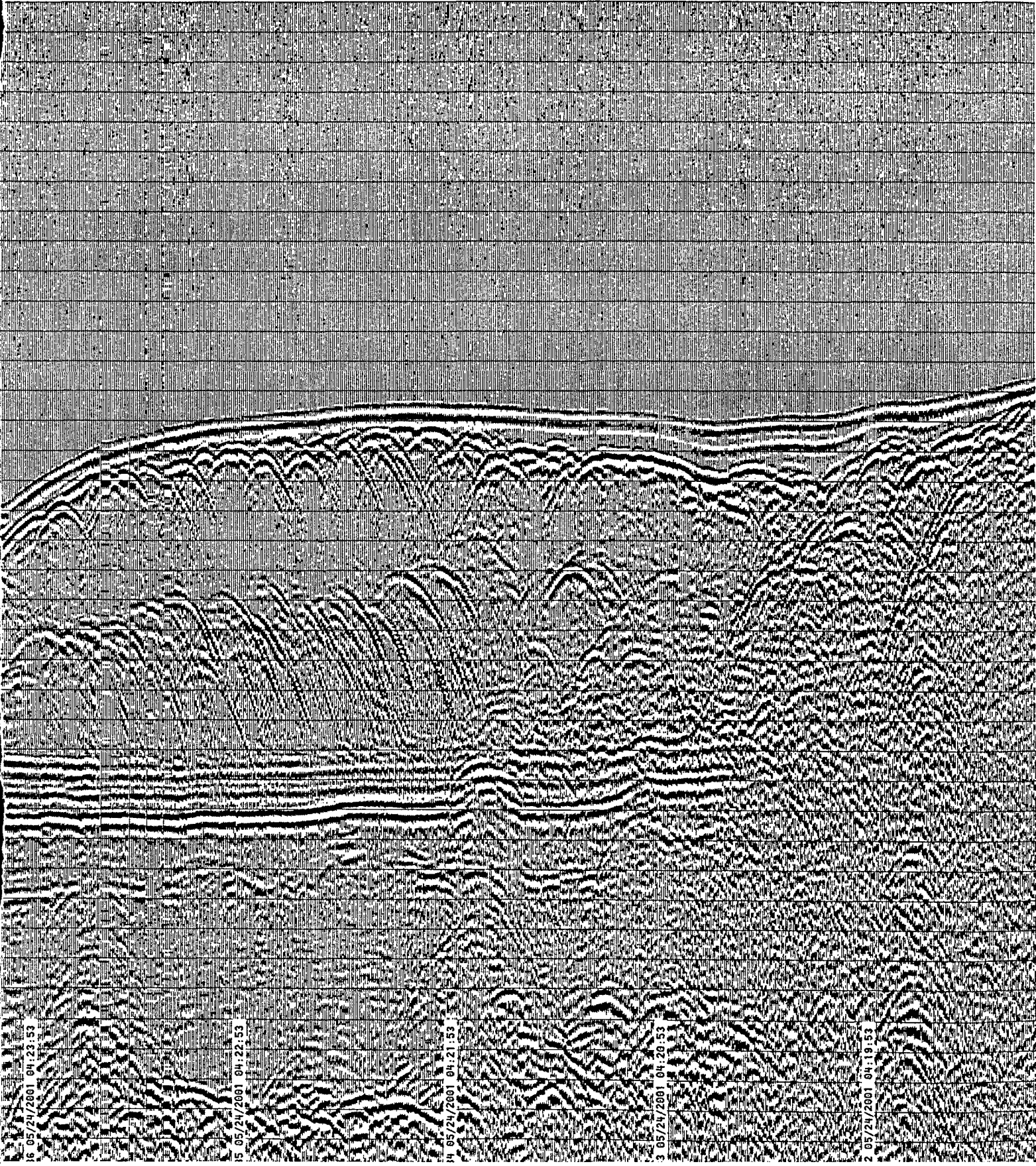
Sparky

Sydsfjord (3)

Loc. no 20

328370

6890255



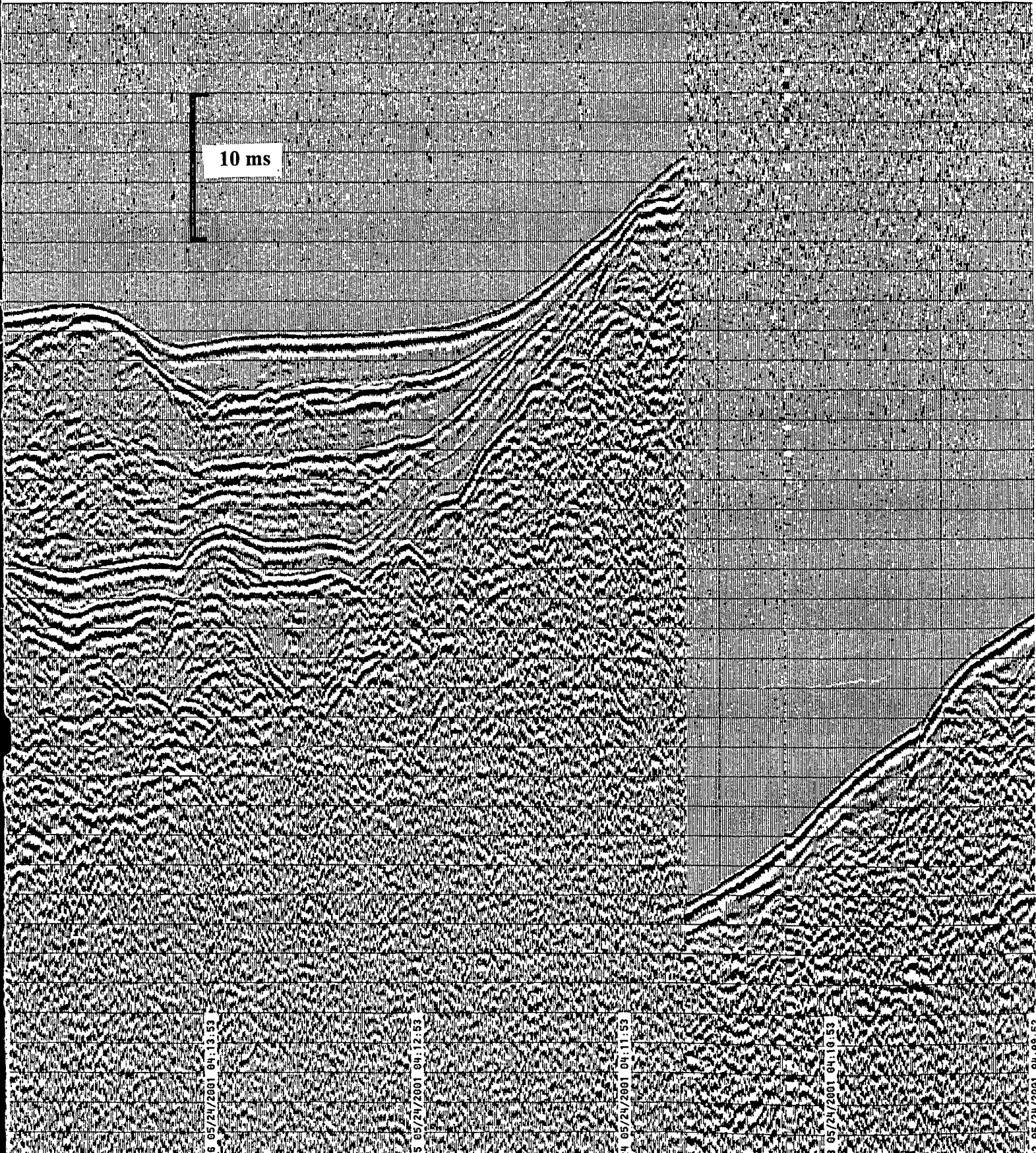
Sydsfjord (4)

Loc.no21

329150
6889348



10 ms



26 05/24/2001 04:11:53

25 05/24/2001 04:11:53

24 05/24/2001 04:11:53

3 05/24/2001 04:11:53

2 05/24/2001 04:11:53

Volda/Austefjord

LOC. NO 22
352121
6887144

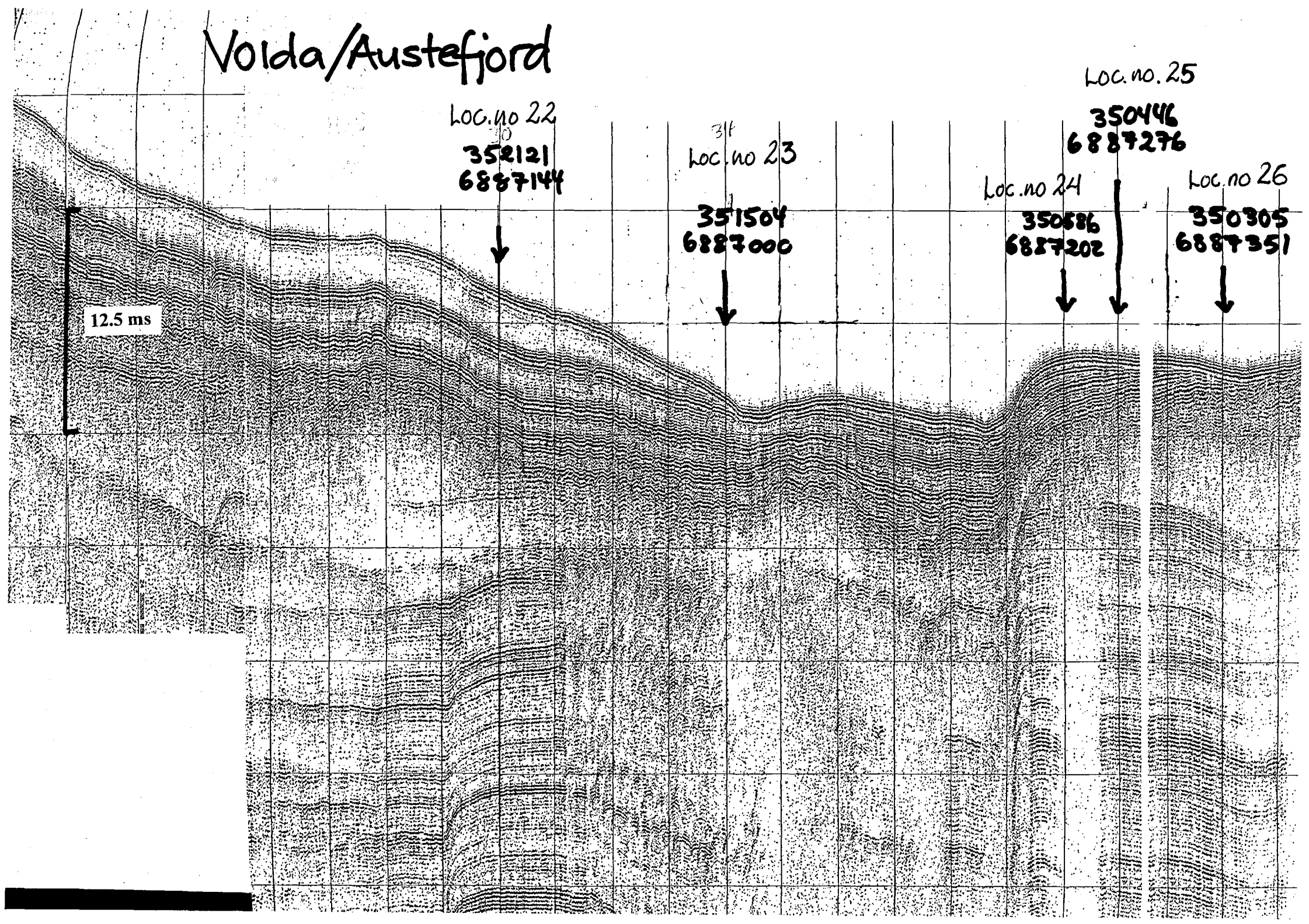
314
LOC. NO 23
351504
6887000

LOC. NO 24
350886
6887202

LOC. NO. 25
350446
6887276

LOC. NO 26
350305
6887351

12.5 ms



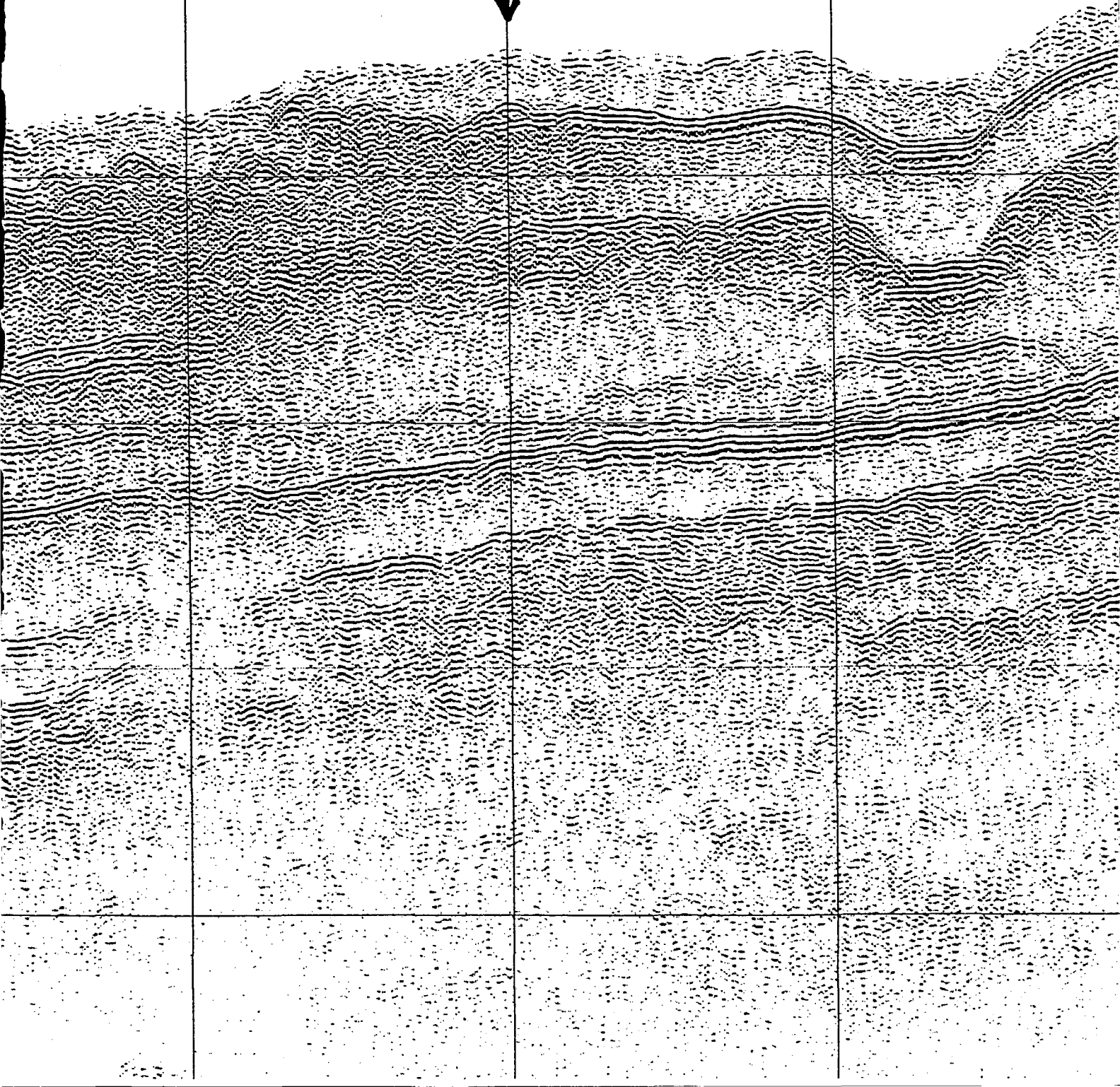
37852

Ørsta fjord

Loc. no 27

10 ms

344787
6901076



Vartdalsfjord

352448
6916557

↓ loc.no 29

352528
6916622

↓ loc.no 28

10 ms

T03:16:59
FIX37794
D1

T03:15:59
FIX37788
D1

T03:14:59
FIX37782
D1

T03:13:59
FIX37776

Sulafjord

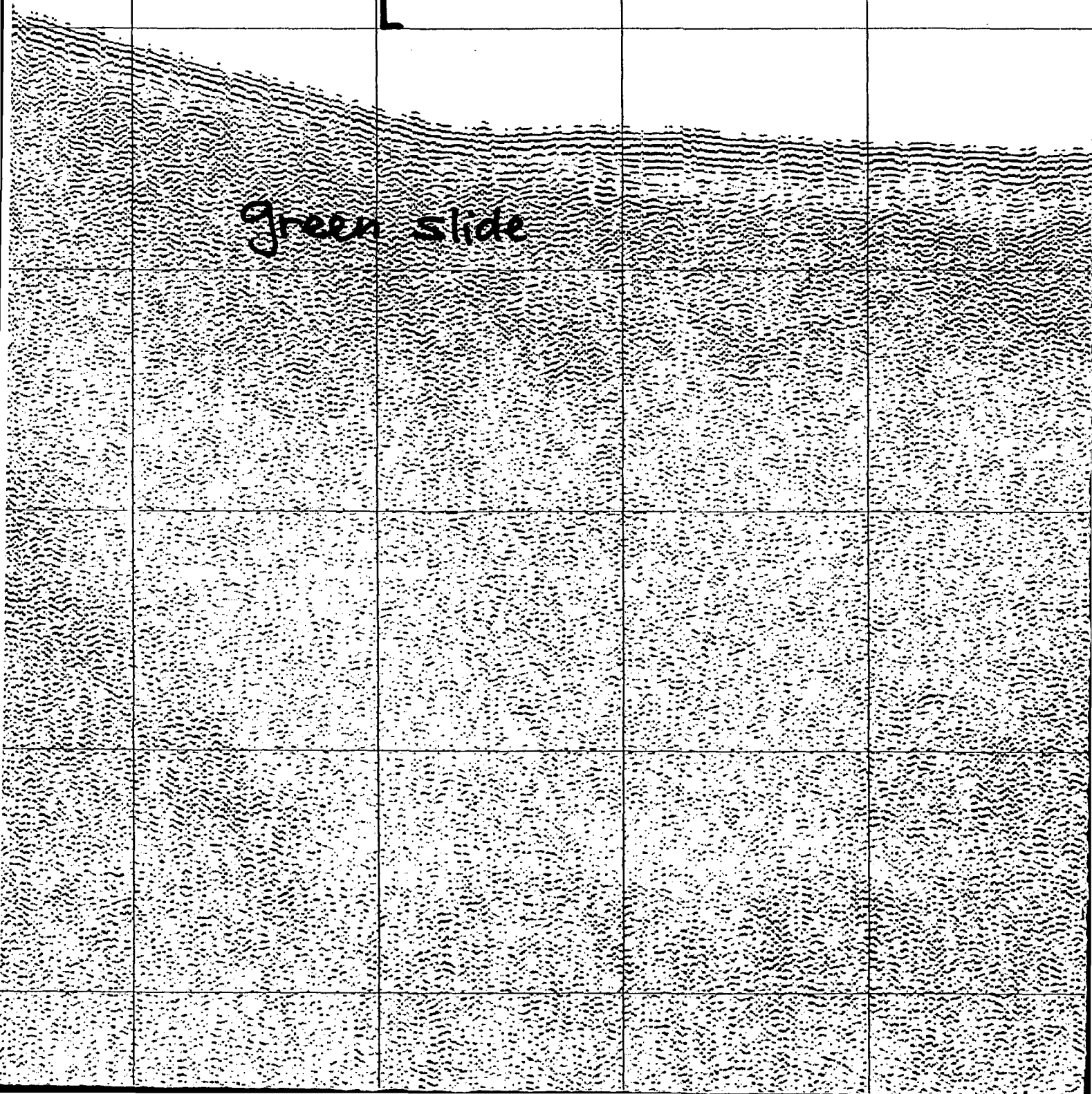
Loc. no 30

345749
6926168



10 ms

Green slide



Breisunddjupet

Loc.no. 31

333854
6931981



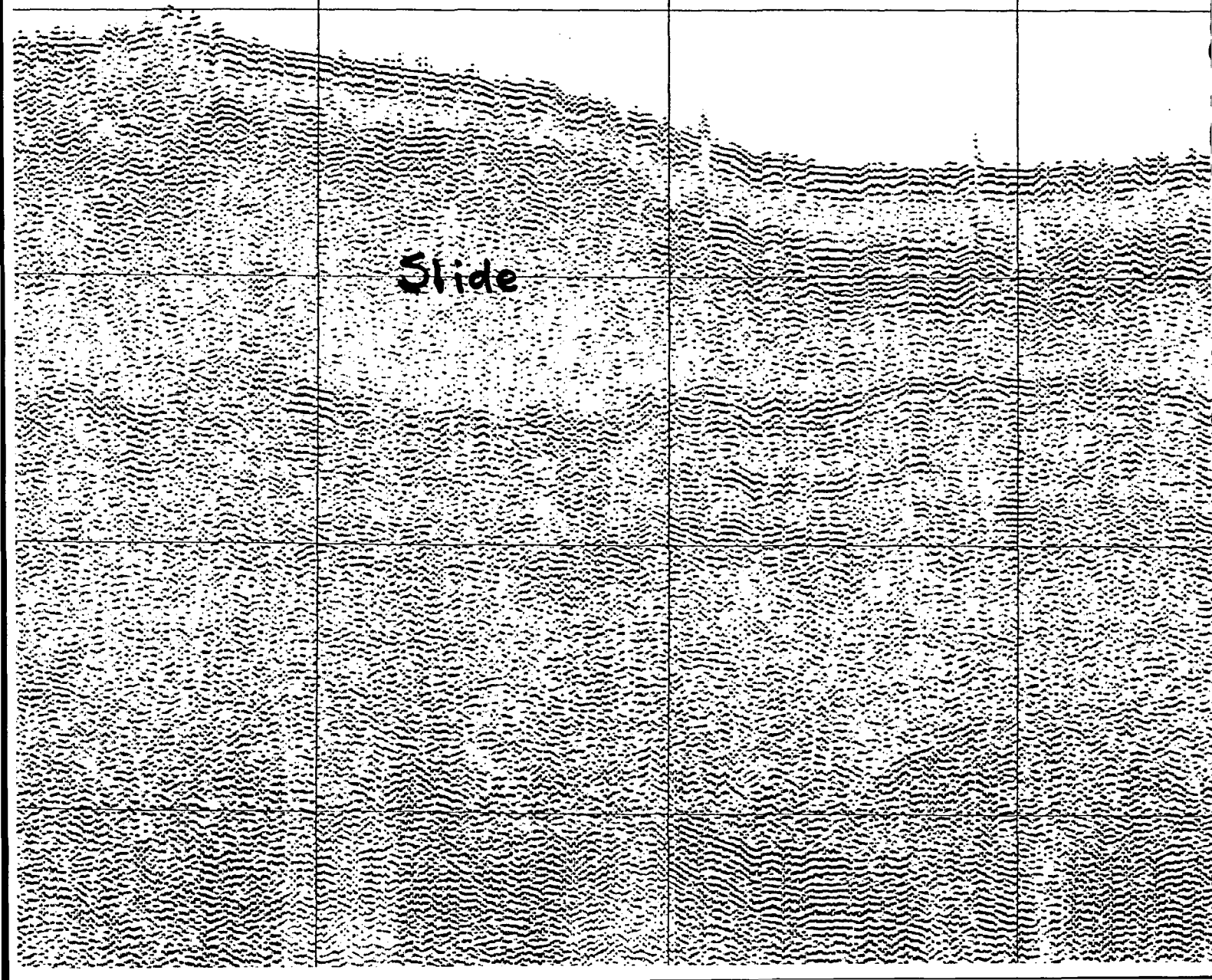
Loc.no 32

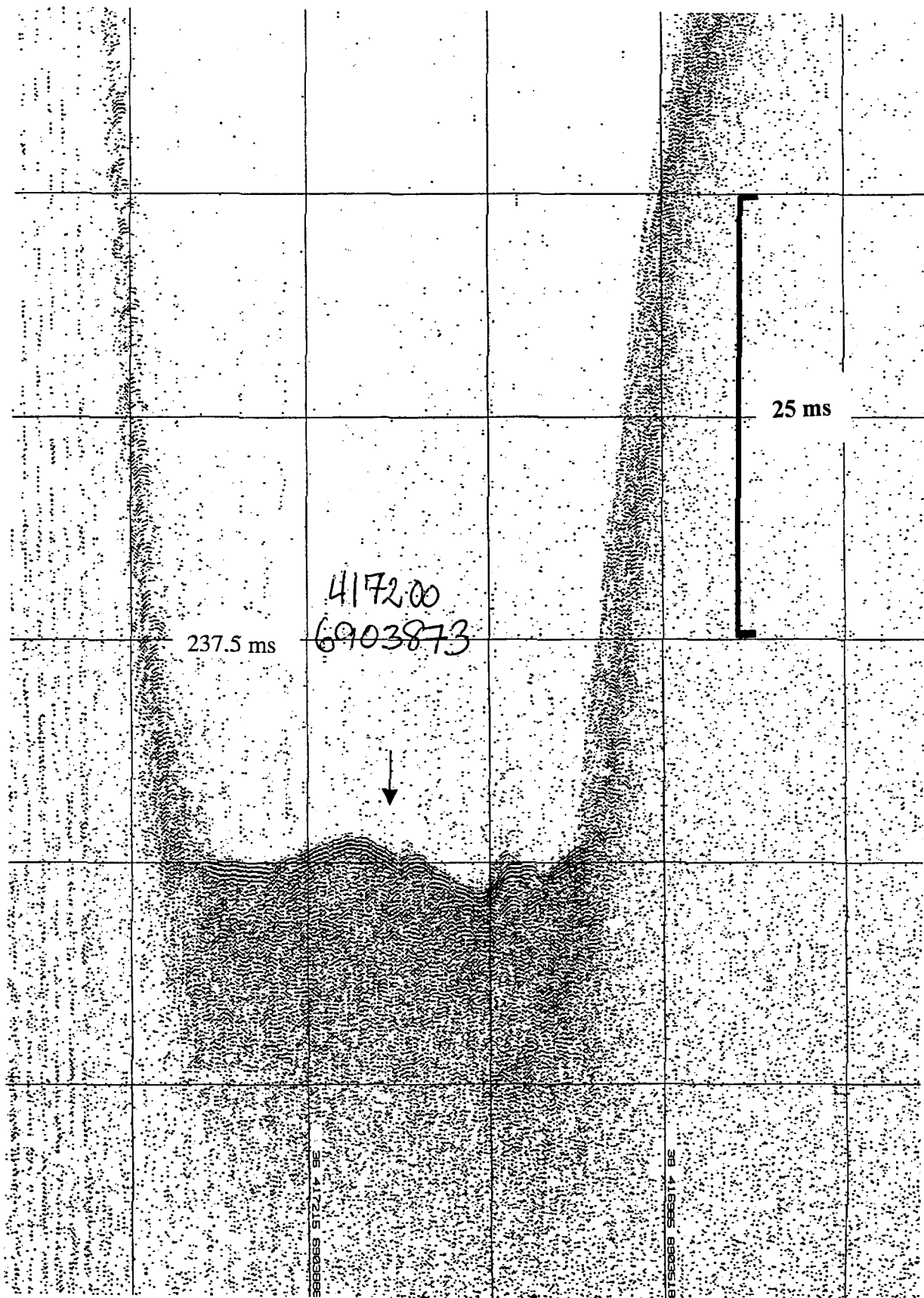
334075
6931844



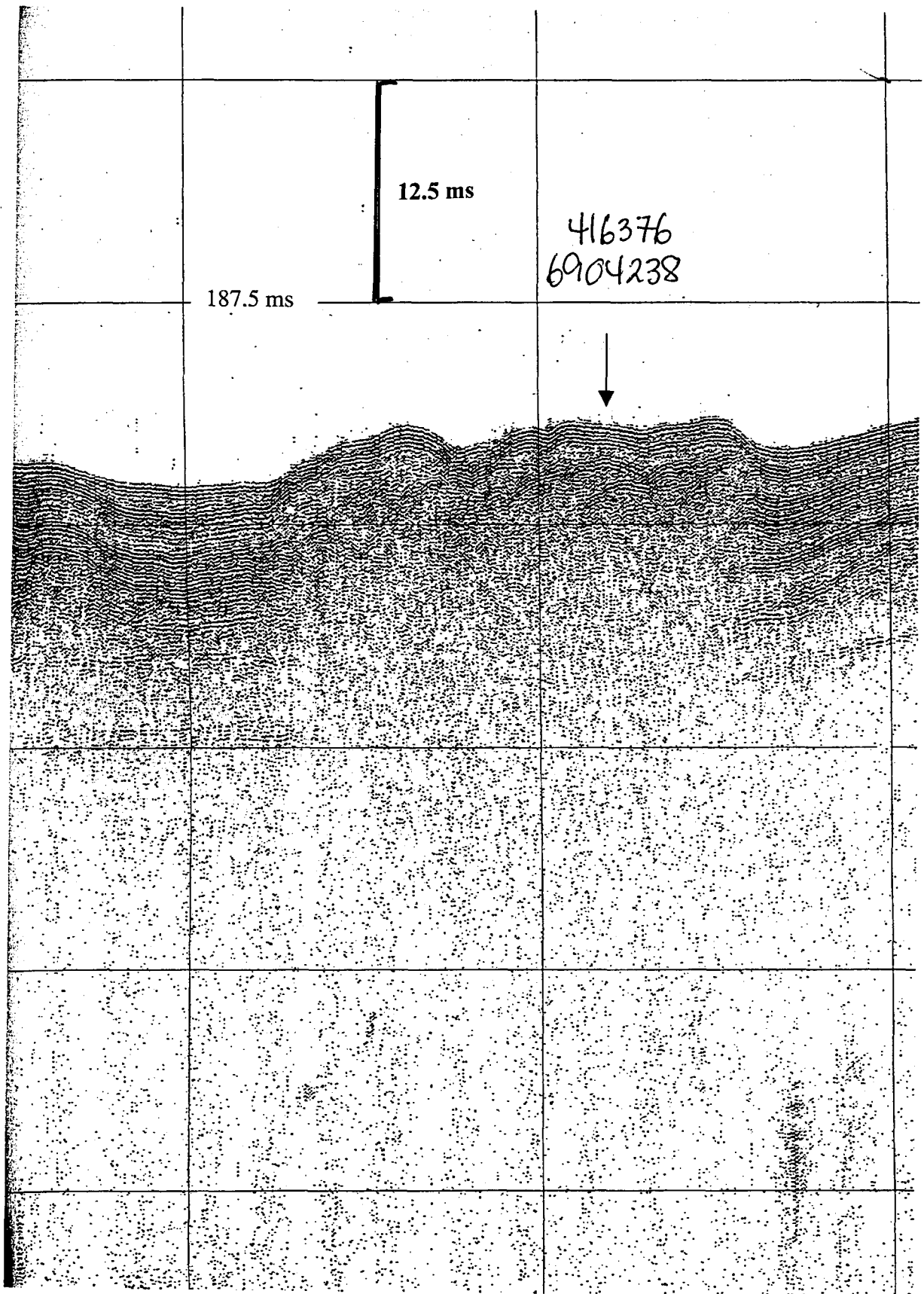
10 ms

Slide





Tafjord
Loc. no 34



Tafjord
Loc. no 35

Mifjord

PA 2/25

25:33

27:33

29:33

12.5 ms

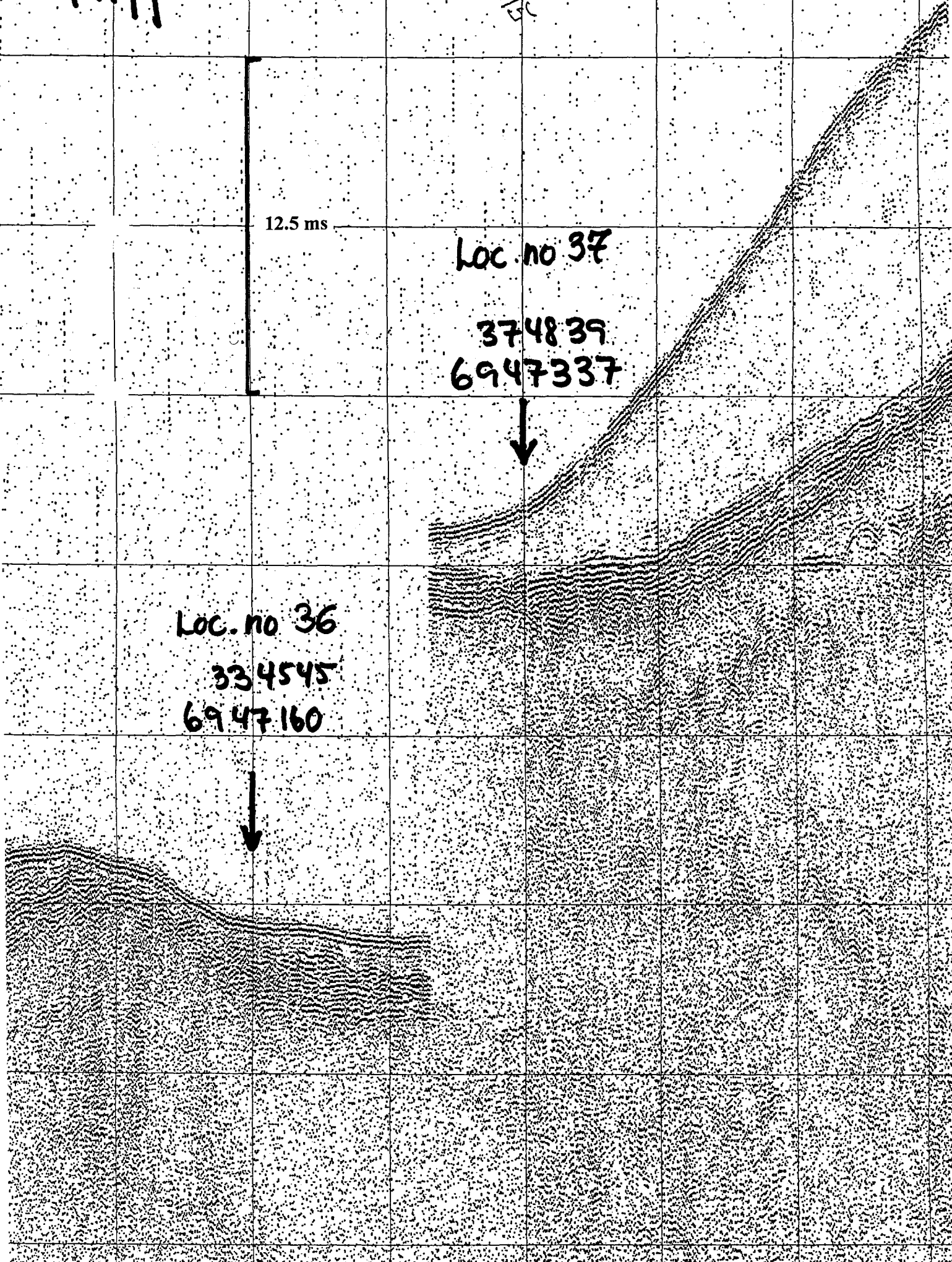
Loc. no 37

374839
6947337



Loc. no 36

334545
6947160

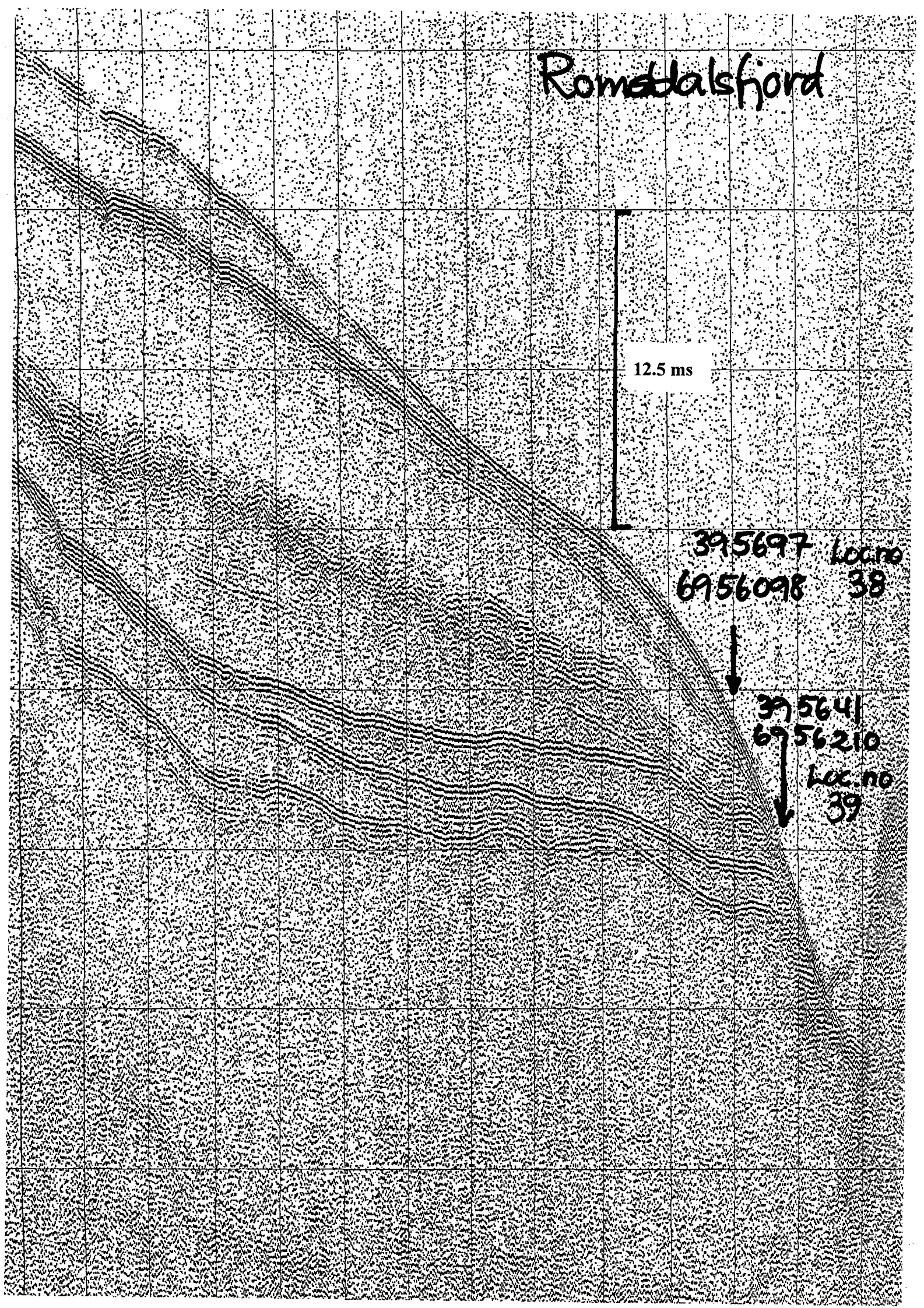


Romsdalsfjord

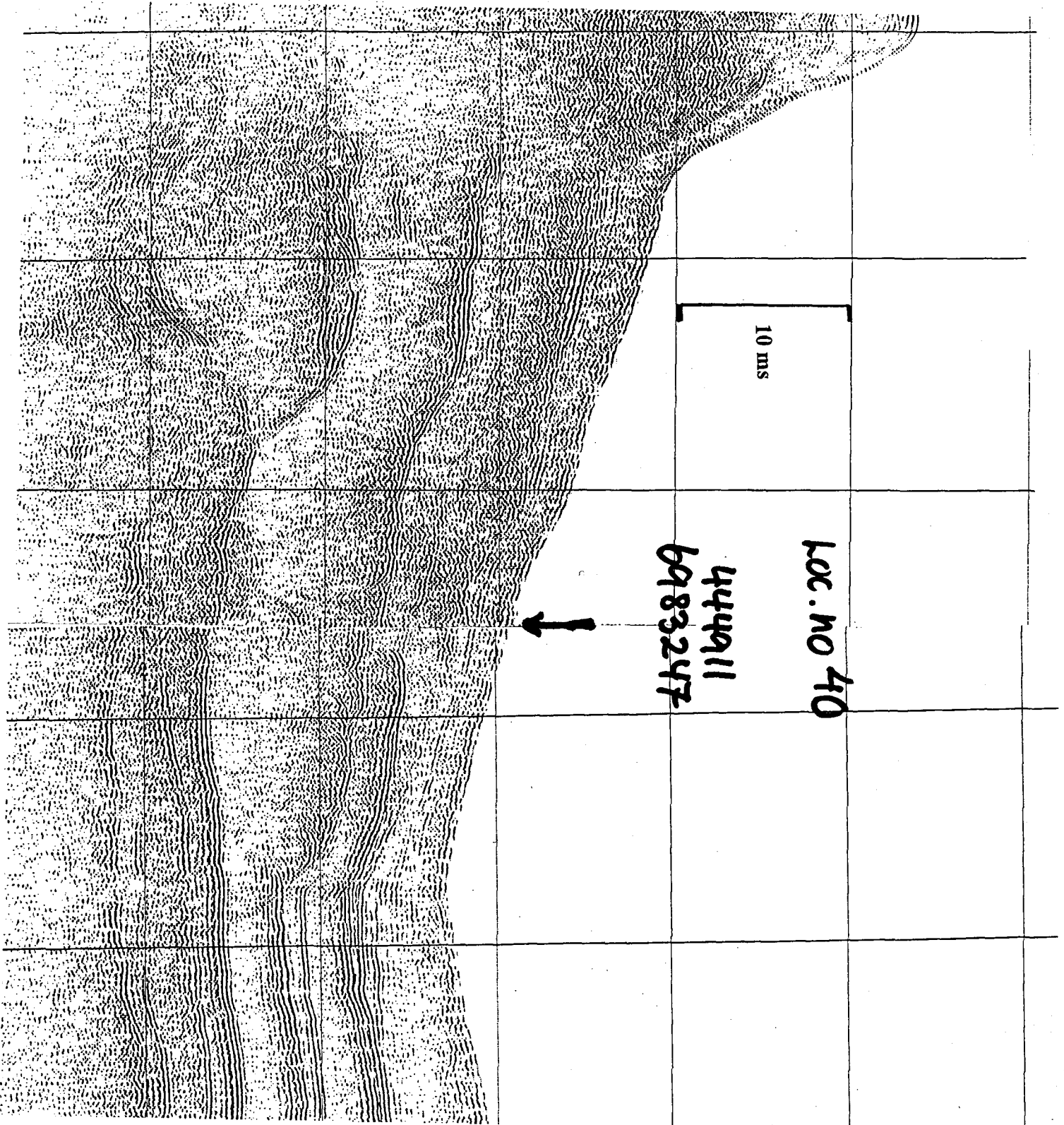
12.5 ms

395697 Loc no
6956098 38

↓
395641
6956210
Loc no
39



Tingvoll fjord



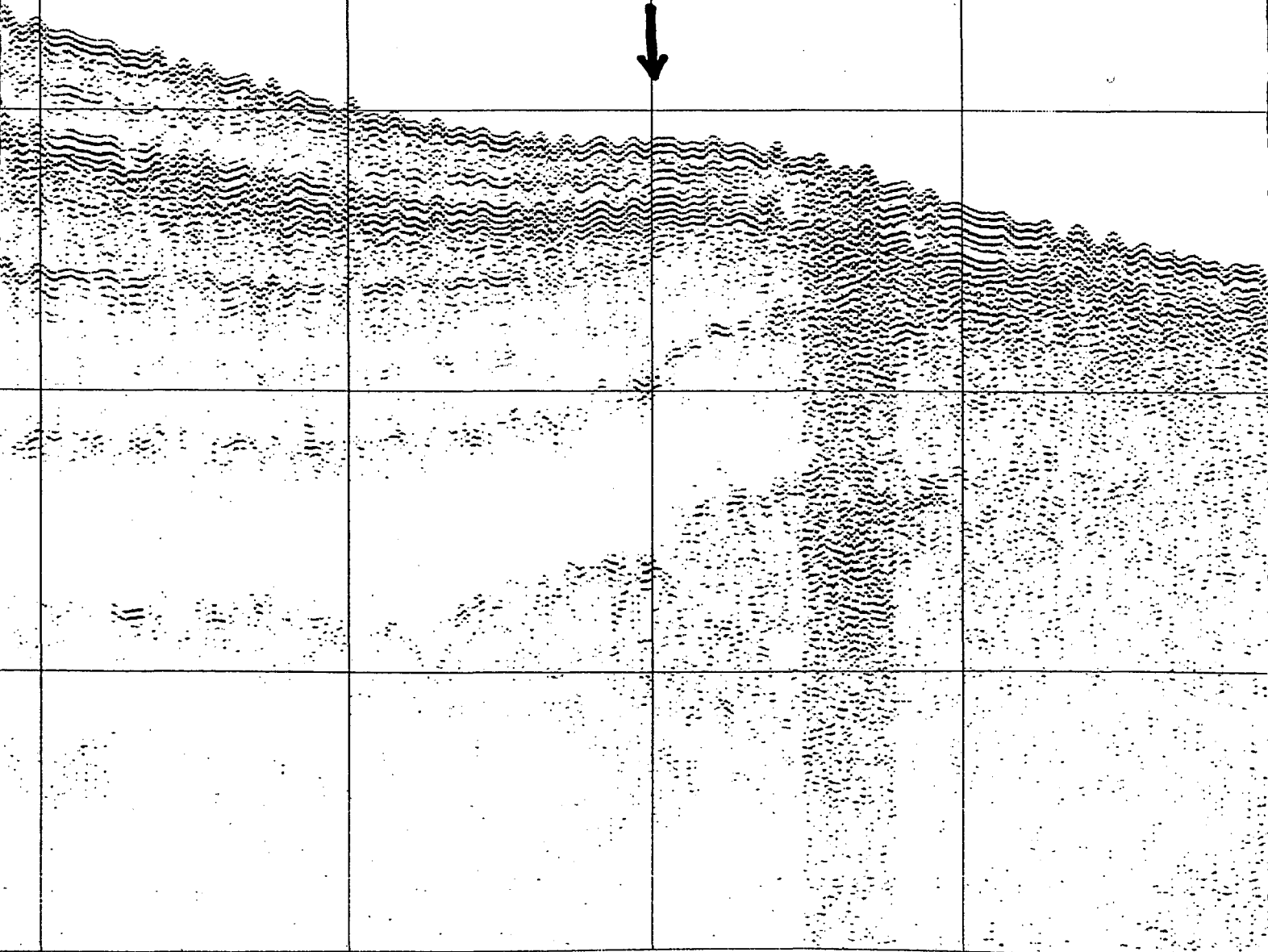
Talgsjøen

10 ms

Loc. no 41

443470

7001146



Breisunddj.

- Long core -

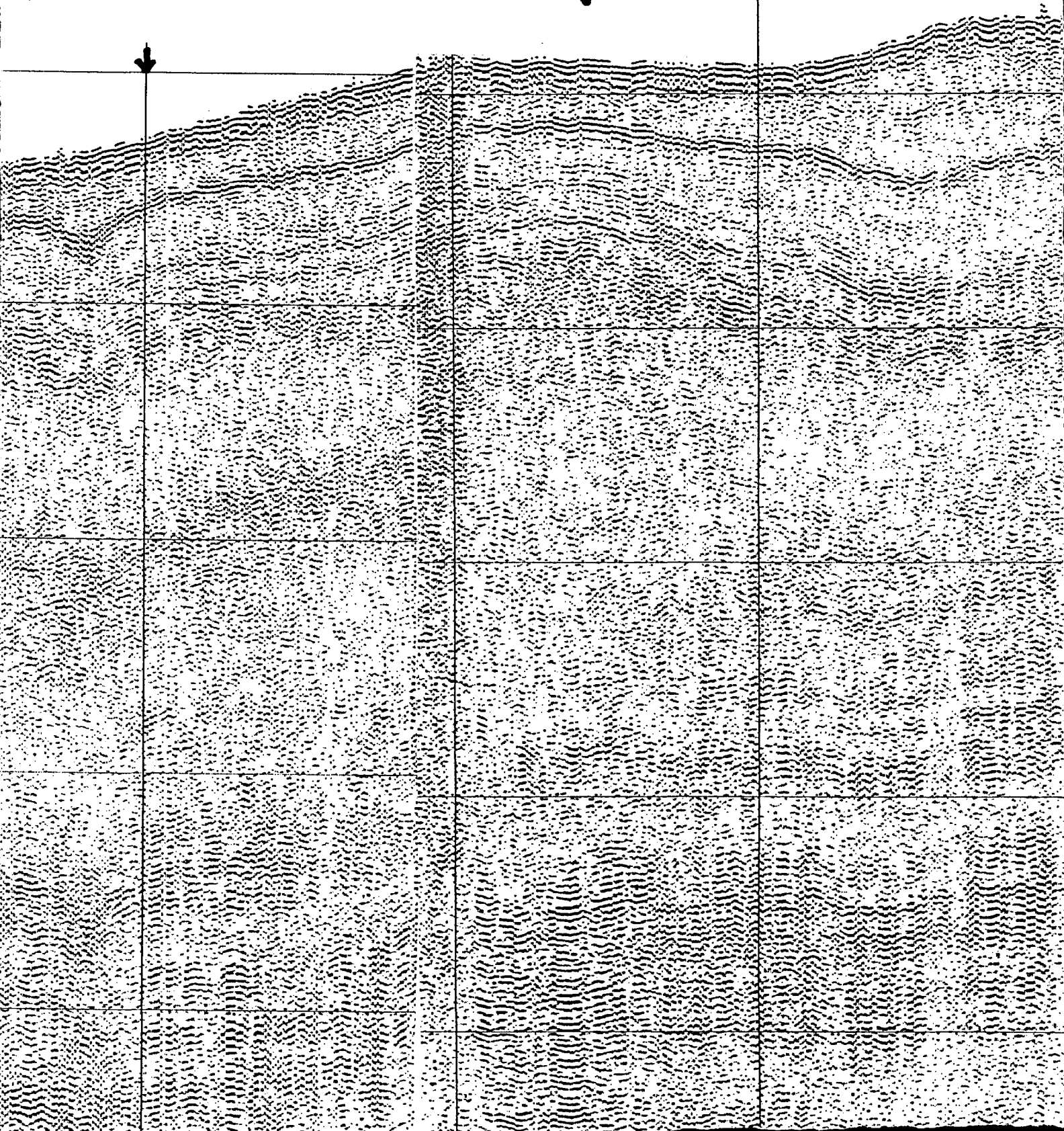
312772

loc. no 1L

6937752



10ms



41130

Sulafjord

- long cores -

Loc. no 2L

349480
6921298

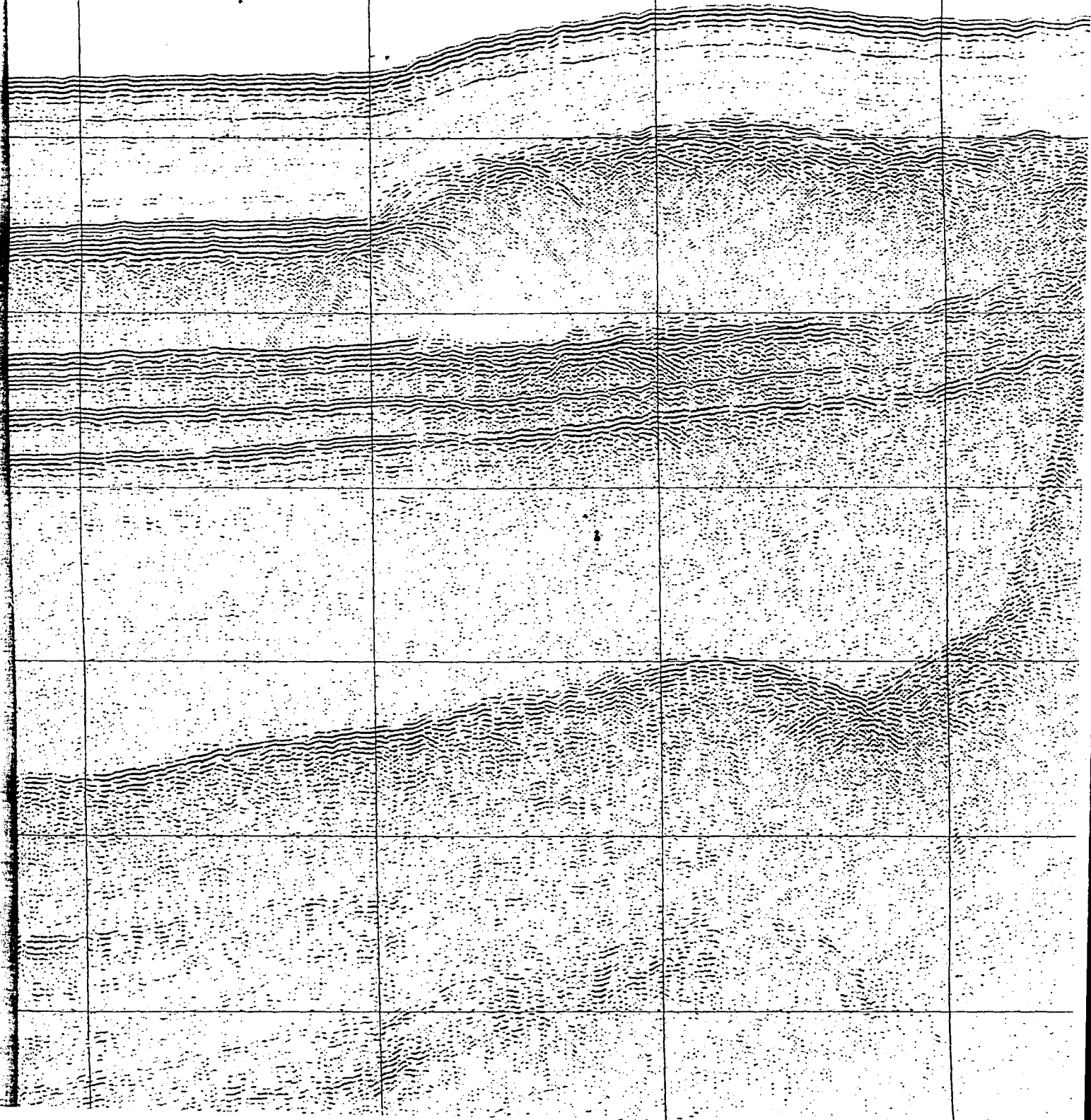


Loc. no 3L

349646
6921342



10 MS



Halsafjord
- long core -

10 ms

Loc. no 4L

459289

6988764

