

ABSTRACT

We have demultiplexed and compressed data from a 3400-km-long seismic-reflection line collected between Cape Hatteras to the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in a continuing effort to reduce the amount of data loss due to old, deteriorating magnetic tapes.

INTRODUCTION

In 1974, Digicon Inc. recorded a 3400 km-long multichannel seismic-reflection profile extending from Cape Hatteras to the rift valley of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Jointly funded by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the National Science Foundation's Deep Sea Drilling Project (DSDP), the experiment was part of the International Phase of Ocean Drilling (IPOD). The data were recorded from the marine vessel Gulf Seal using a Texas Instruments DFS III recording system. A tuned airgun array totaling 1700 in.³ was used as the seismic source and a streamer with 48-non-linearly spaced hydrophone groups as the antenna. Shotpoint locations, generally spaced every 50 meters, are shown in figures 1 and 2. A summary of the shooting and recording parameters is shown in table 1. Segments of the data totalling approximately 1520 km were processed by Geophysical Services, Inc. (GSI) in the spring of 1975. Copies of the field tapes, and seismic sections can be accessed through the National Geophysical and Solar Terrestrial Data Center in Boulder, Colorado (Grow and Markl, 1977). The 631 original unprocessed field tapes were stored at the USGS seismic processing center in Denver, Colorado.

DEMULPLEXING AND COMPRESSION

Testing revealed that the data on the original field tapes were deteriorating. In order to prevent further loss of data, we demultiplexed the original field tapes and transferred the output to 183 new magnetic tapes at 6250 bpi in SEG-Y format, an industry accepted standard (Barry and others, 1975). As a result, our efforts yielded a data compression ratio of more than 3 to 1. Although there were segments on some of the field tapes where the oxide had actually fallen off the tapes, every effort was made to preserve as much of the data as possible. Close monitoring of the processing system during demultiplexing enabled the computer operators to prevent any further loss or

misreading of data due to parity read errors. When excessive parity errors were found on input tapes, operators either ran the tapes through a tape cleaner or in more severe cases just did a tape copy. Shown in appendix I are the slot numbers, shotpoint and field file ranges of all the output tapes. Slot numbers refer to storage locations numbers within our tape library. Observer's notes are also archived at the Denver processing center and can be accessed through the Geophysics Group of the Branch of Petroleum Geology.

REFERENCES

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*Figure 1 --- Shotpoint Map of Survey Area (Main IPOD line)

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*Figure 2 --- Shotpoint Map of IPOD close to Cape Hatteras showing lines A and B shot to tie the main IPOD line closer to wells (From Grow and Markl, 1977).

DFS-III Instrument

346 m Offset Distance

50 m Spacing between center of traces 48 through 25

75 m Spacing between center of trace 25 and trace 24

100 m Spacing between center of traces 24 through 1

4 ms Sample Rate

10-12 s Recording length

36 Fold Coverage

9 m Gun Depth

1700 in.3 Displacement of Airgun Array

*Table 1 --- Field parameters used in survey

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APPENDIX I

SLOT	PROJECT	LINE	REEL	SPTS	FILES	TYPE
15054	GULF SEAL	IPOD-A	A-1	263-135	1-256	DEMUX
15055	GULF SEAL	IPOD-A	A-2	135-83	257-362	DEMUX
8372	GULF SEAL	IPOD-B	B-1	700-578	1-246	DEMUX
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8374	GULF SEAL	IPOD-B	B-3	454-329	494-743	DEMUX
8375	GULF SEAL	IPOD-B	B-4	329-203	743-996	DEMUX
8376	GULF SEAL	IPOD-B	B-5	203-151	996-99	DEMUX
8377	GULF SEAL	IPOD-B	B-6	151-83	99-235	DEMUX
4567	GULF SEAL	IPOD	IPOD1A	101-228	1-256	DEMUX
4566	GULF SEAL	IPOD	IPOD1B	228-422	256-643	DEMUX
6453	GULF SEAL	IPOD	IPOD1C	422-549	643-897	DEMUX
4565	GULF SEAL	IPOD	IPOD1D	549-600	897-999	DEMUX
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13245	GULF SEAL	IPOD	IPOD-2	727-854	254-508	DEMUX
13246	GULF SEAL	IPOD	IPOD-3	854-984	508-768	DEMUX
13247	GULF SEAL	IPOD	IPOD-4	984-1102	768-4	DEMUX
13248	GULF SEAL	IPOD	IPOD-5	1102-1229	5-258	DEMUX

13249	GULF SEAL	IPOD	IPOD-6	1229-1356	258-512	DEMUX
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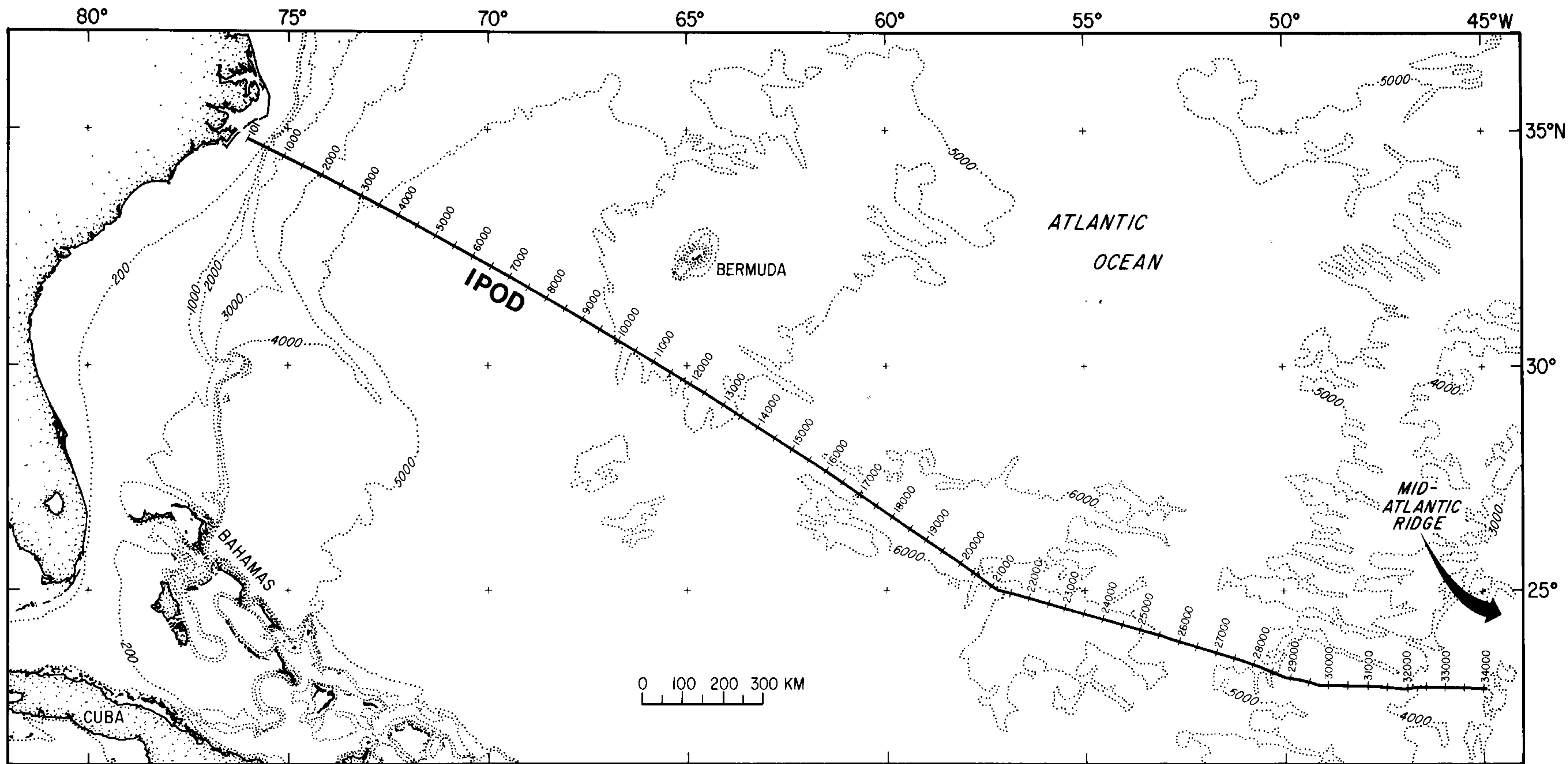
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Shotpoint Map of Survey Area