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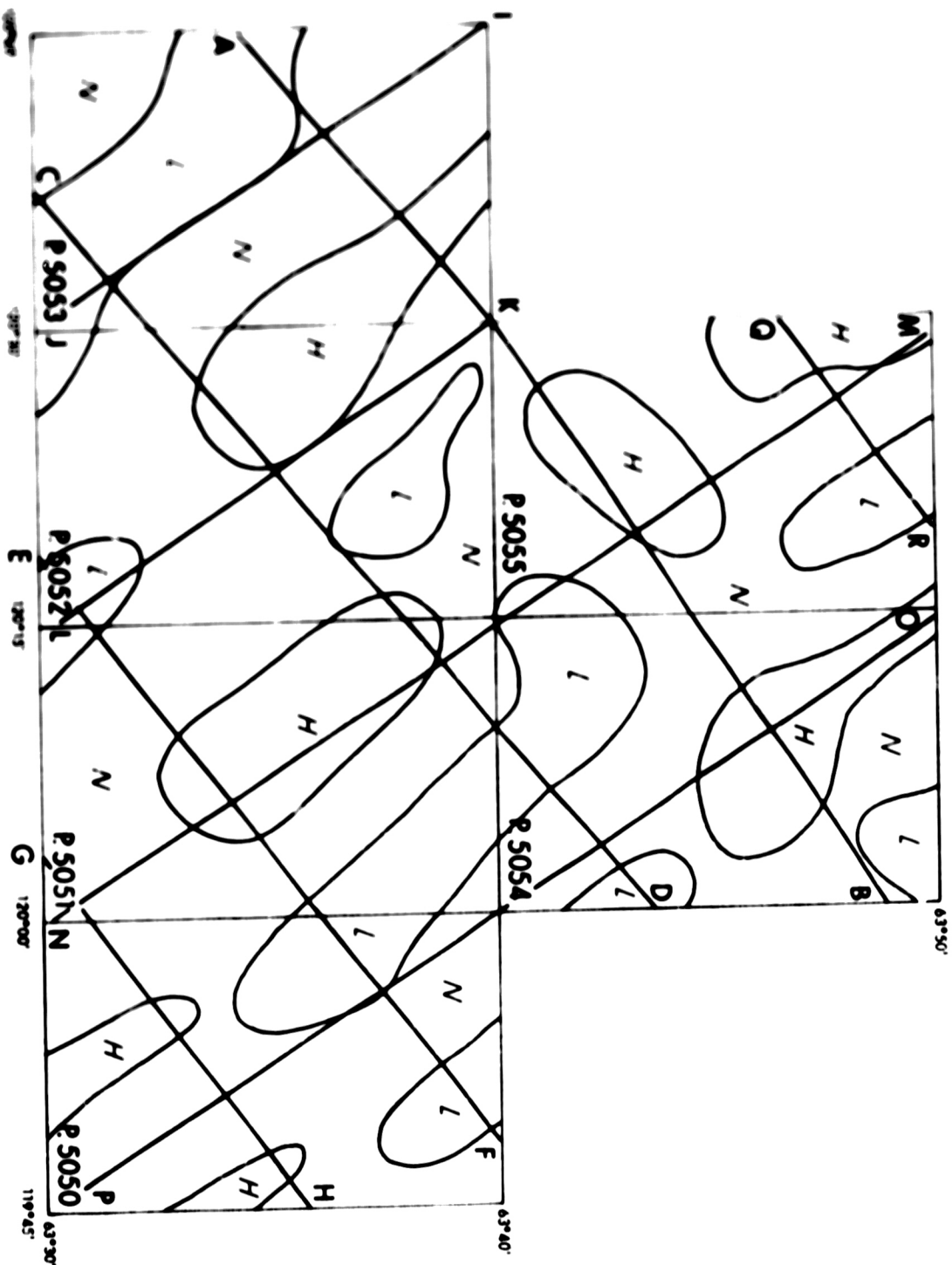
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INTRODUCTION

This report discusses the results of a General Geology and Fracture Analysis Survey carried out within, and in the immediate vicinity of, Petroleum and Natural Gas Permit No. 5053. This Permit is located in the Northwest Territories and is held under the Canada Oil and Gas Land Regulations and is located between $120^{\circ} 30'$ to $120^{\circ} 45'$ longitude and $63^{\circ} 30'$ to $63^{\circ} 40'$ latitude. The Permit is 730 miles north of Edmonton and 200 miles northwest of Yellowknife.

The Yellowknife Highway is about 180 miles southeast of the Permit and this is the only road which passes through the area. Access to the Permit itself is by helicopter or on foot during the summer or by vehicle during the months when the ground is frozen. However, there are no roads in the area

and considerable road construction would be required to reach any particular area

The surface of the Permit is relatively flat-lying and total relief does not exceed 300 feet. Drainage is to the north and is by two good sized creeks which eventually flow into the Johnny Doe River. Many small lakes are also present. A layer of very soft muskeg covers this part of the Northwest Territories and this muskeg is so soft that it is impossible to go but specialized vehicles

Vegetation consists of thick stands of thin evergreen trees interspersed with many open areas. These open areas are covered by muskeg grass and scrub deciduous growth. The evergreen woods show up as a medium gray tone on the maps and the open areas are a lighter gray. A few small patches of deciduous trees are present.

There is no topographic form or aerial photo
feature present which immediately suggests the
presence of any geological structure

The results of the survey are illustrated on
the Topographic Map, the Map Feature Map
and the map with the features superimposed
in addition there are three hypothetical cross-sections
at the places and as shown in the notes on the back
of the report

STRATIGRAPHY

The sedimentary section under Petroleum & Natural Gas Permit No. 5053 is about 2,400 feet thick and the Ordovician, Devonian and Cretaceous systems are represented. An unconformity is present between the Ordovician and Devonian systems; (between the Chedabucto Lake formation and the Chinchaga formation) and another is present between the Devonian and the Cretaceous. The Ordovician is mostly clastics with some amount of carbonate while the Devonian section is composed of evaporite and carbonate rocks. The Cretaceous is composed of clastics.

ORDOVICIAN

The Ordovician section is about 650 feet thick and is divided into the Old Fort Island, La Matre Falls and Chedabucto Lake formations. The section is mostly carbonates with dolomite and limy

dolomite being the dominant rock type. A sandstone unit occurs at the base of the section.

OLD FORT ISLAND FORMATION

The Old Fort Island formation is the oldest Paleozoic rock unit present in the area north and northwest of Great Slave Lake. The unit is probably a "Granite Wash" type of deposit and where exposed in outcrops consists essentially of sandstone. Norris (1962) describes the unit as "consisting of thin to thick bedded, fine to coarse grained, varicolored but mainly white, friable, quartzose sandstone; some thin beds of greenish gray and dusky red siltstone; and occasional laminae and partings of green shale". The sandstones are usually porous and often friable. Norris's description of this unit sounds very similar to the present writer's description of the Granite Wash formation as present in the Red Earth Oil Field in Township 87, Range 8, West of the Fifth Meridian (Alberta).

As the Old Fort Island Formation has yielded no fossils as yet its exact age is unknown and a similar age problem exists with the Granite Wash in northern Alberta. However, both formations appear to be conformable with the overlying beds and both are often confined to topographic low areas on the Pre-Cambrian Shield. The age of the Old Fort Island formation is, therefore, probably Middle Ordovician, but older than the La Matre Falls formation. The sandstone beds of this unit are an excellent potential reservoir.

LA MATRE FALLS FORMATION

The LaMatre Falls formation is 300 to 350 feet thick in the region under discussion, and consists of red and green shale, fine to coarse grained sandstone and silty to sandy dolomite. The base of the La Matre Falls is often an argillaceous silty, dolitic limestone with some sandy and conglomeratic dolomite and sandstone. Gypsum and salt are also often present.

The shales are platy, fissile and are vari-colored with red and green being the most common color, but pinks, brown and gray also being present, silty to sandy and at times slightly dolomitic. The sandstone beds are medium to light gray, and fine to coarse grained. Where the sandstone lies directly on the Pre-Cambrian Shield it is often arkosic and in this area it is a "Granite Wash". Grapholite remains, date this formation as Middle Ordovician. The sandstone and dolomite members of this formation are good potential reservoir horizons.

CHEDABUCTO LAKE FORMATION

The Chedabucto Lake formation is about 200 to 250 feet thick in the vicinity of the Permit and the unit consists of massive, cliff-forming dolomites some of which are sandy and conglomeratic. Norris (1962) describes the formation "consists of a thick bedded to massive,

highly resistant, scarp-forming, fine grained , granular, in places minutely vuggy, medium brown dolomite, commonly weathering a pale orange or orange-brown in the south, and a yellowish brown and gray in the north". Purple mottling is common and chert is often present. The age of the Chedabucto Lake formation is Upper Ordovician. The reservoir possibilities of this unit in the subsurface do not appear to be great as only minor vugs are reported from the surface exposures. This formation is overlain unconformably by the Middle Devonian System and the Chinchaga formation of the Middle Devonian is the overlying unit.

DEVONIAN

The Devonian section is about 1,075 feet thick and consists of the Chinchaga formation plus units which are equivalent to the Keg River and Muskeg formations. The exact sequence

present is unknown due to a lack of wells in the area plus the lack of surface knowledge in this northern area. In addition, the Middle Devonian succession in this area is very complex and many abrupt lithologic changes are present. The Chinchaga formation is recognized as a map-able unit but the units above the Chinchaga cannot be correlated to the northern Alberta type section area.

CHINCHAGA FORMATION

The Chinchaga is about 325 feet thick and in this area the unit consists of evaporites, some minor dolomite plus some dolomite and limestone breccia. The Chinchaga unconformably overlies the Chedabucto Lake formation and is conformably overlain by younger Middle Devonian beds. Norris (1965) states " The Chinchaga formation is mostly gypsumeasily eroded and does not produce

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Norris (1963) describes the lower part of the Lonely Bay formation as "massive dark brown aphanitic in part stylonitic limestone; thinly bedded light gray fine grained to aphanitic limestone, weathering orange-brown; irregularly thin-bedded light olive gray to medium gray, fine grained limestone; medium -bedded aphanitic slightly dolomitic limestone; and thinly bedded pale brown slightly argillaceous limestone. A younger section is described as consisting of ... "massive, dark to medium brown, fine grained to tuffaceous limestone, overlain by irregularly thin-bedded medium brown, fine grained to aphanitic limestone interbedded with nodular limestone".

MUSKEG FORMATION EQUIVALENT

In the area north of Great Slave Lake there are units present which correlate to the muskeg of northwestern Alberta. It is up to 500 feet thick in this area and is comprised of a

lower 100 feet of bituminous shale; a middle 175 feet of green calcareous shale; and an upper member up to 225 feet thick which consists of gray to white reefal dolomite. This upper member correlates to the Presqu'ile reef of the Pine Point area.

Fracture intensity contrasts could reflect the edge of the Presqu'ile reef or where there is rapid change in lithology within the section.

CRETACEOUS

The Cretaceous sediments are about 400 to 800 feet thick depending on surface elevation. The thicker sections are present under the hills.

Lithologically the section consists of dark gray, concretionary, gypsiferous shales. These shales are Lower Cretaceous in age and are probably equivalent to the Peace River and Spirit River formations of northern Alberta.

TERTIARY

A thin layer of glacial clay, sand boulders and till lies on the surface of the map area. The thickness of these deposits varies from place to place but probably does not exceed 100 feet.

FRAC TURE ANALYSIS

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system is applied by any method recording all observable lineations, on the totality of a certain type of linear feature, and the statistical presentation of the data on contoured intensity maps of dry plotting the fractures directly on the mosaic.

In this report a megafracture is longer than one mile and a microfracture is shorter than one mile.

GENERAL STATEMENT

ORIGIN OF FRACTURES

Fracturing is largely caused by external stresses on the earth, although internal stresses may play some minor roll. The most important of these external forces are the diurnal earth tides due to the gravitational effects of the sun and moon; the change in radial acceleration of the earth along its radius vector and the gradual decrease in the earth's rate of rotation. The endless rhythmic action of these earth tides is probably the principal cause of the systematic fracture system seen over most of the world, even though the amplitude of these tides is only 9-13 inches. The fractures are most likely generated by the process of fatigue as the end result of these stresses which are repeated regularly over millions and millions of years. Metals fatigue in the same manner when subjected to continual vibration.

In general the moving forces which generate fractures must have continued for a very long time and the process involved are continuous and are probably active at the present time. Furthermore, Huxford (1937) states, "The mechanism required to reflect movements to ground surface must be reasonably simple, for simple patterns are produced on diverse topography and in diverse types and depths of surficial deposits that overlie different kinds of relatively flat lying sedimentary rocks of varying thickness. The mechanism operating during the lineament process must persist over extensive and widespread belts of the earth's surface that is today, the engendering mechanism must be essentially wide."

External forces such as earth tides obviously fit these parameters. Some internal forces may also apply such as the action of deep seated tectonic forces and the most probable of these is a constant deformation

isostatic rebound following the melting of the glaciers may still be taking place and this will further accentuate fractures present before glaciation.

In general it can be said that fracture patterns are caused by either internal forces or external forces. If the forces are internal the result would be different orientation of the fracture systems in areas of similar tectonic history but different position. If the forces are external the orientation of the fracture arrangement should have varied with position. However, stable fractures such as the fractures of the continents may develop in the same pattern due to external forces and independently of the position they develop from stress patterns due to plate tectonics.

It is possible that the same pattern of a fracture system may develop in different areas of the world. This is possible if the same stress patterns are present in different areas. This is possible if the same stress patterns are present in different areas.

have become consolidated enough to fracture. This upward propagation is caused by the fatigue caused by stress, which in turn is caused by diurnal earth tides.

EXPRESSION OF FRACTURE

Fractures have been observed in aerial photographs from every climate and on every continent in the world. They are expressed as topographic relief, vegetation differences and soil tonal differences.

TOPOGRAPHIC RELIEF LINEAMENTS

A common type are relief lineaments which can be manifested by a change (usually abrupt) of topographic elevation on either side of a relatively straight line. They may also be expressed as straight valleys or hills or by straight streams where the stream course is controlled by a fracture zone.

VEGETAL LINEAMENTS

Vegetal lineaments are the most common in the parkland and muskeg areas of western Canada and many excellent examples of fractures can be seen on almost any aerial photograph of northern Saskatchewan, Alberta or British Columbia. Straight lines of both deciduous and evergreen trees as well as scrub growth are universally visible. However, the most common vegetal lineament seen by this writer is a straight "edge" to a clump of trees or bushes. In many cases these fractures control the size and shape of cultivated fields. Excellent examples of this latter expression of fractures are present in the western part of the Peace River district.

SOIL TONAL LINEAMENTS

These reflect differentiation in soil moisture and general ground water conditions. These are common

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stratigraphic anomalies. The actual count of fractures per unit area is made and values are contoured on a "Fracture Intensity Map". In areas of known reefs the fracture intensity is 2-3 times greater on the flanks of the reef than directly above the reef.

In any fracture pattern there are two main systems of fractures the axial system and the shear system. In both systems the fractures are sub-parallel and in general the two systems are at approximate right angles to each other.

Because of certain inherent limiting factors, Structure Incidence Surveys have a lower order of reliability than Detailed Fracture Analysis Surveys. To some extent at least, surface conditions affect the fracture count. In areas covered by lakes, sloughs and rivers, the fracture count is zero. Cultivated areas generally yield a lower count than adjacent virgin territory. Consequently, a difference or contrast

in fracture count (F/I) between two points may be in part due to structure, but, also due in part to different surface conditions. To some extent, this can be compensated for by applying appropriate weightings to the observed counts, but over or under corrections may result.

Nevertheless, in spite of these sources of error, it has been demonstrated in (plains) areas where abundant subsurface control is available, that the incidence of fracturing is considerably above normal in the surrounding area immediately out from the steepest part of the flanks of the structure. This is in contrast with a low or normal incidence over the crestal area, and also to a normal incidence off structure.

FRACTURE ANALYSIS
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The fracture pattern as shown on the enclosed mosaic and maps shows a great variation in intensity over various areas of the Permit. The Permit is located in the muskeg area east of Keller Lake, Northwest Territories and is hundreds of miles from the closest settlement.

The sedimentary section is probably about 2,400 feet (plus) thick and several systems are represented. In addition a thin layer of Tertiary glacial till covers nearly all of the area. Potential reservoir horizons are present within both the Ordovician and Devonian sections.

Fractures as plotted on the mosaic show considerable variation in intensity. There is one

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within the Basement, it is assumed that all fractures plotted on the mosaic originate within the sedimentary section. Furthermore, as the fractures are short for this area it is very likely that they originate in the upper two-thirds of the sedimentary section. As the surface of the Permit is relatively flat-lying no azimuth correction is necessary for this study. It has been demonstrated that the low incidence anomalies on a mosaic are considerably larger than the sub-surface feature which causes them.

There is one area on the mosaic where the fractures are less intense than the surrounding area. Some fractures are always present within these areas but they usually have a lower incidence than the surrounding area. These low intensity areas are important and it is quite likely that they are due to some subsurface feature. The type of feature will be discussed in the next section of this report.

STRUCTURE

Petroleum & Natural Gas Permit No. 5053 is located on the interior plains of the Northwest Territories about 65 miles to the west of the edge of the Pre-Cambrian Shield. The strike of the sedimentary rocks is about north 30 degrees west and the units dip to the southwest at a few tens of feet per mile.

Structural features which could be present and which could cause the low incidence anomalies mentioned in this report are discussed in order of probability.

I. PRE-CAMBRIAN TOPOGRAPHY

Basement topography under Permit 5053 is thought to be much the same as it is today along the southwest edge of the Shield. Low rounded hills

separated by gentle to abrupt valleys are seen on the Shield and these features are undoubtedly present under the subject Permit (5053). The effect of this Basement relief on the overlying sedimentary rocks is often great. The Granite Wash sand is usually present in the topographic "lows" on the Basement but absent on the "highs". The Granite Wash is an excellent potential reservoir.

Further effects of Basement topography on beds higher than the Granite Wash is the gentle folding present over Basement hills. These folds are anticlines in every sense and could form traps for oil or gas.

Many small faults have been reported by A.W. Pearce (1965) in the Basement and immediately overlying rocks and these features could cause closure within the sedimentary units.

2. DEVONIAN REEFS

Devonian reefs strongly affect the fracture pattern and control the occurrence of gas and oil in the overlying beds. Small Middle Devonian reefs are present southwest of this Permit (5053) and others could well be present under the subject area.

3. TECTONIC FOLDING & FAULTING

The presence of tectonic folds is very unlikely, but some normal faulting

is probably present

4. TOPOGRAPHIC RELIEF ON AN INTRA- SEDIMENTARY UNCONFORMITY

Unconformity, is a possible source of fracture intensity anomalies, but within the Permit area it is unlikely that the relief on any unconformities within the sedimentary section is great enough to affect the fracture pattern.

Reference to the Total Fracture Pattern Map which accompanies this report will show that there is one area of "high" fracture intensity and one area of "low" fracture intensity (green). The general interpretation is that the low fracture intensity areas are underlain by topographic highs on the Basement. With this established, the

deduction is that the Basement is high in a belt running northwest-southeast across the southwest corner of this Permit (5053).

These Basement high features are most interesting from the oil and gas point of view. The general shape of this feature is such that the causative feature must be a hill on the Basement surface. A fault is unlikely as the causative feature as the high area is over one and one-half miles in width. If a fault caused the fracture "low" the width of the low would be about one mile or less.

Granite Wash sand is probably present on the flanks of these highs but is absent on top.

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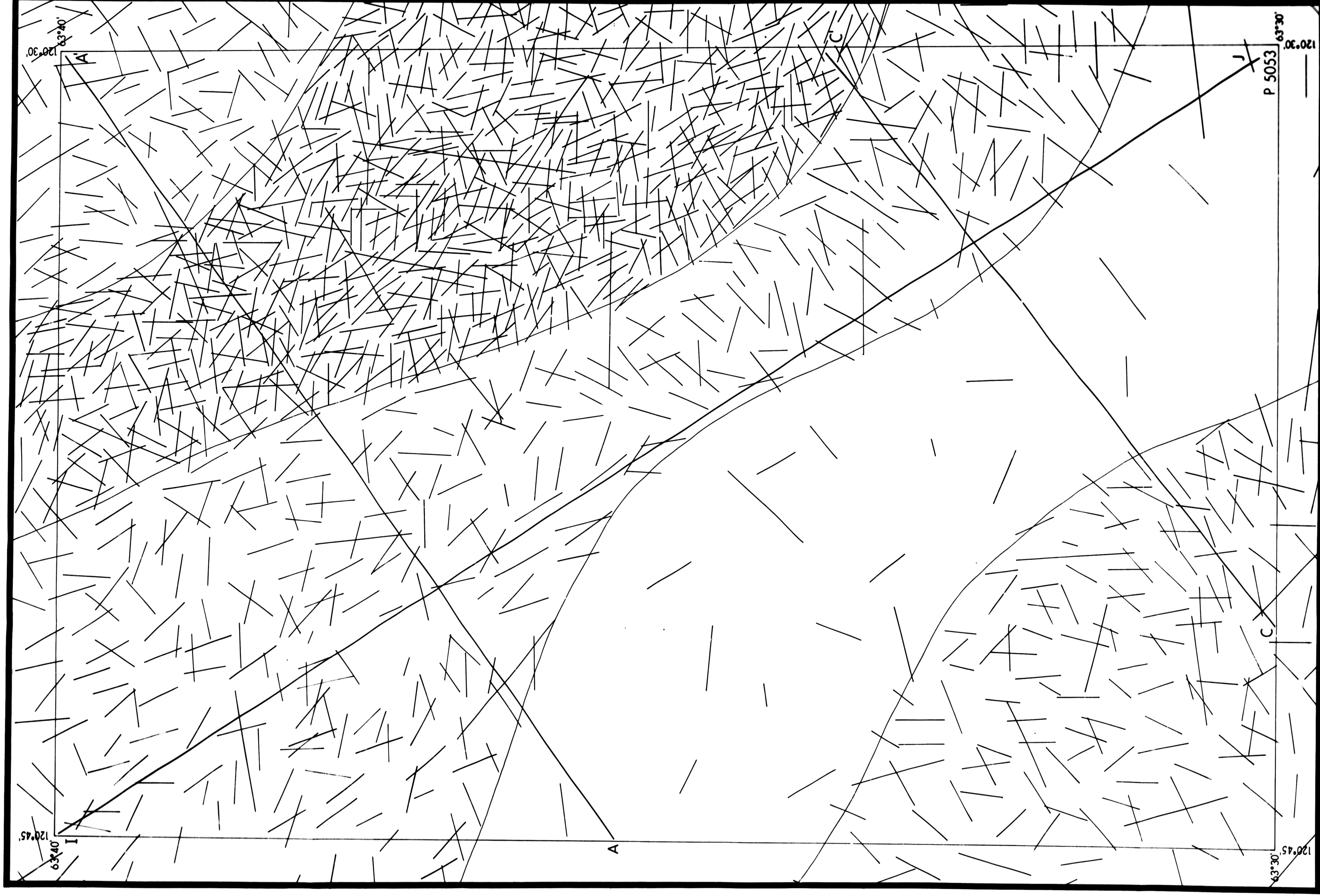
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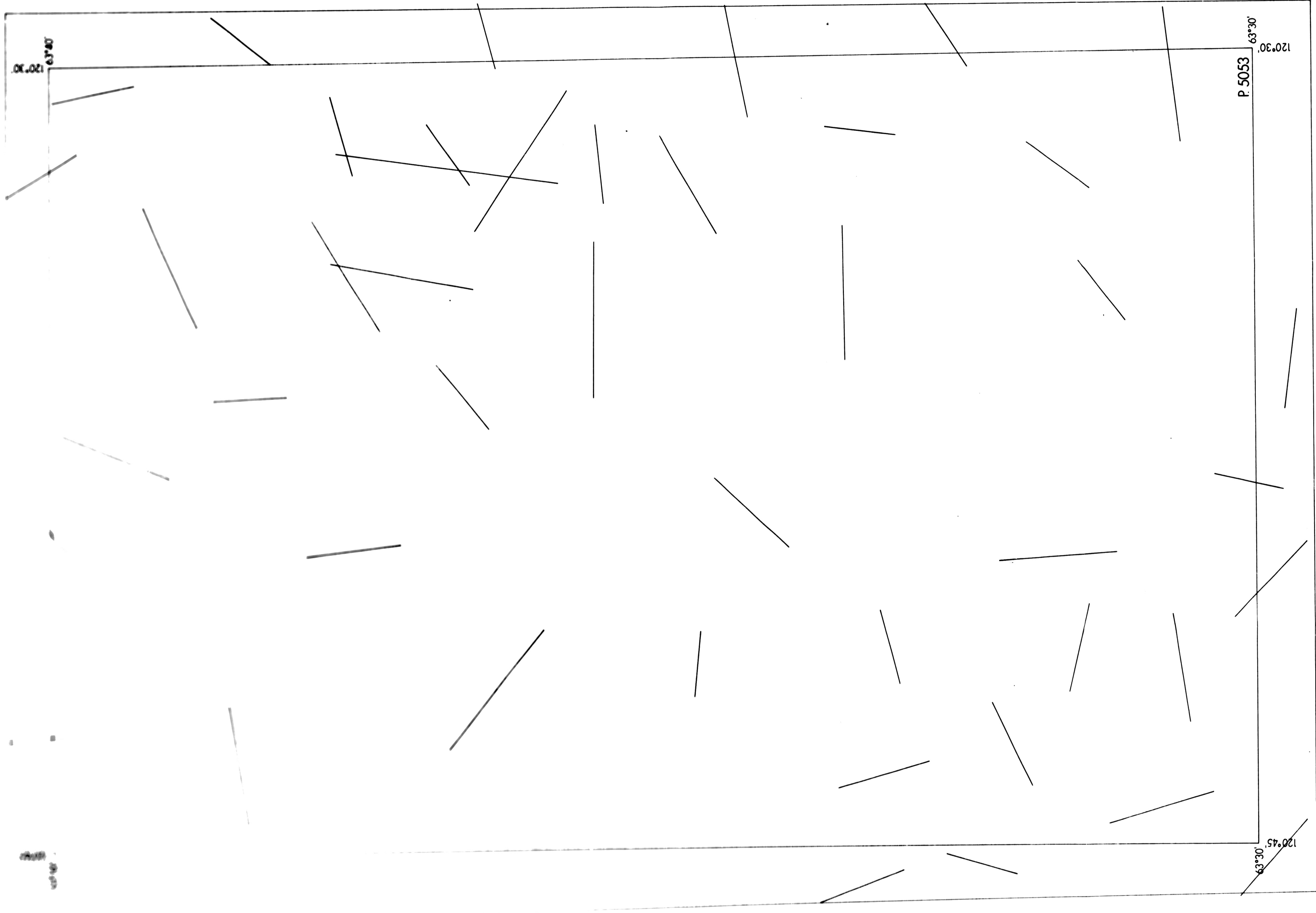


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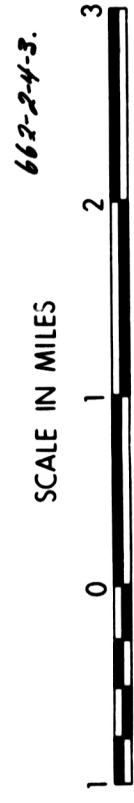
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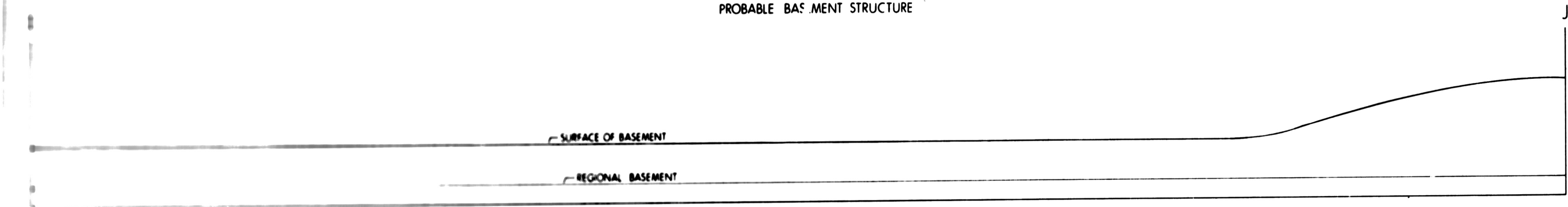
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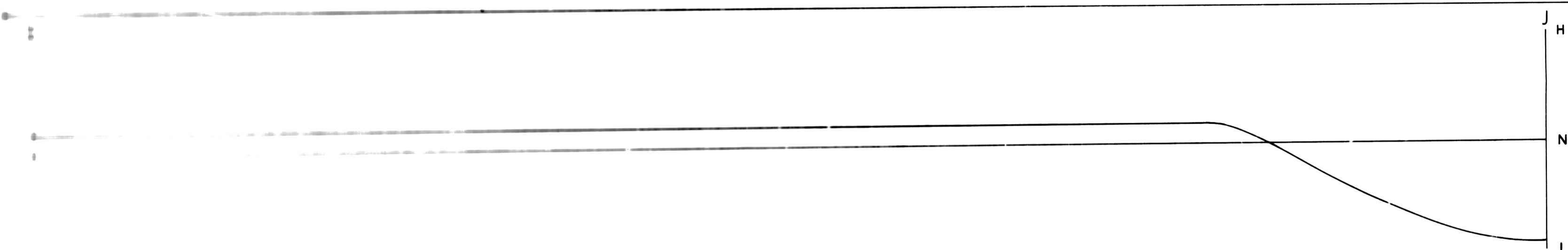
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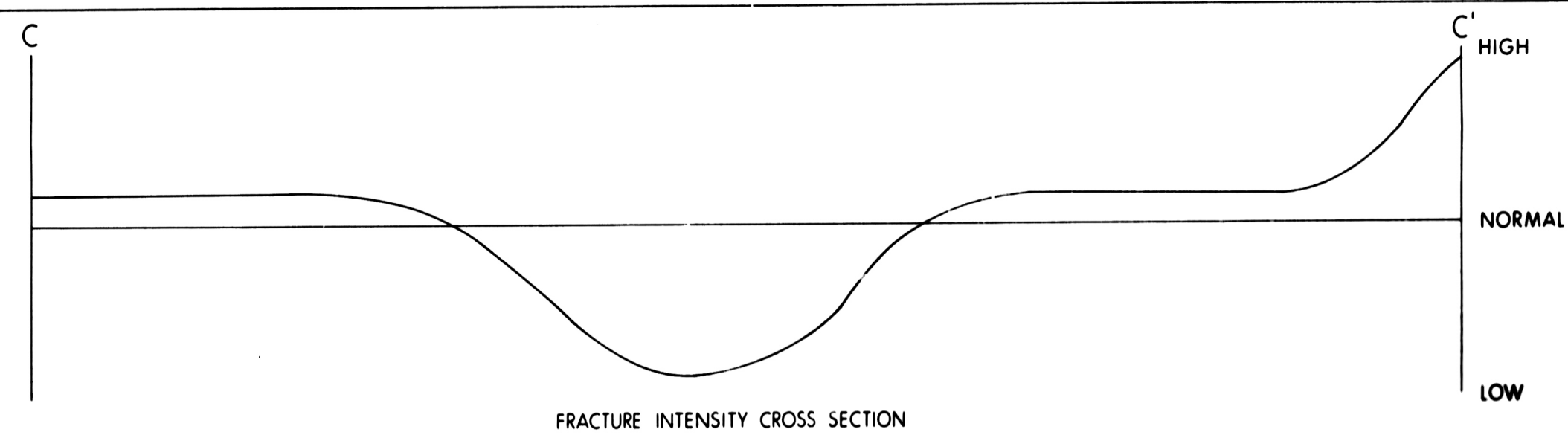
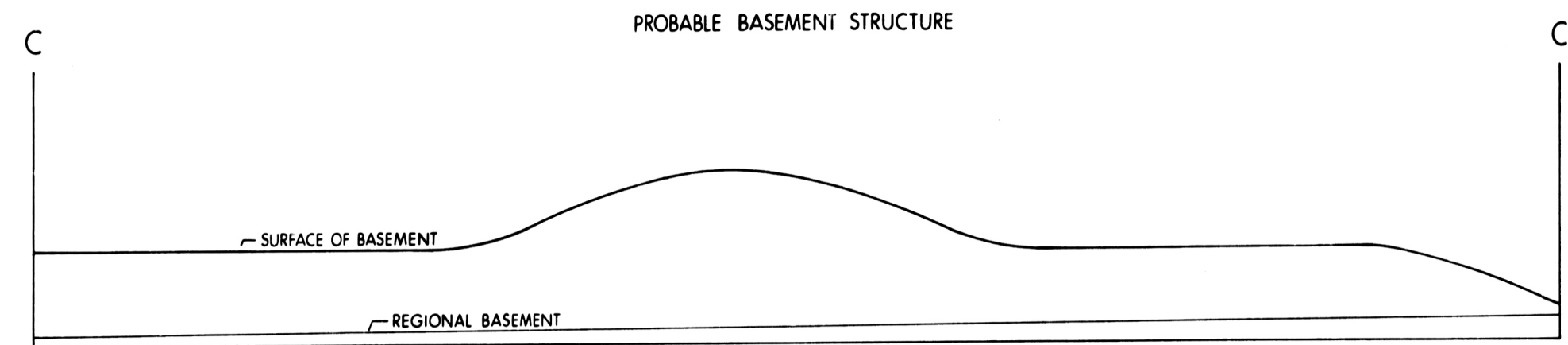


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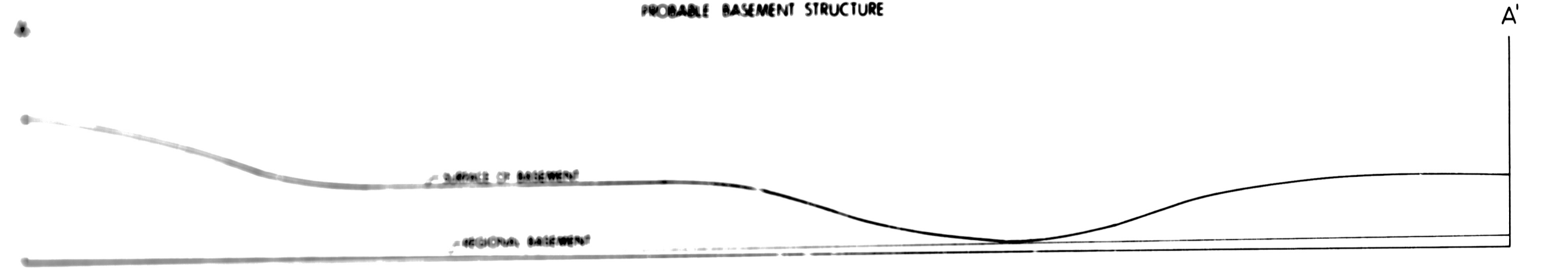




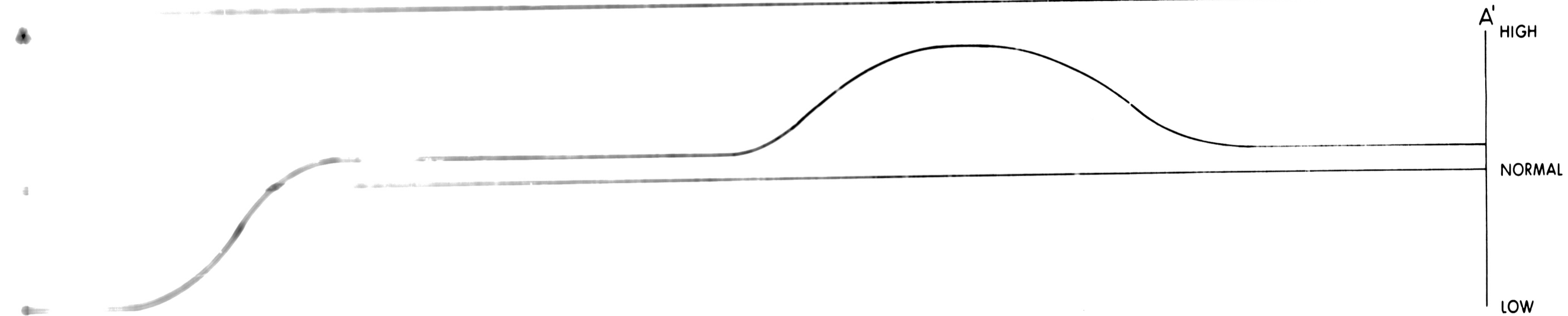
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