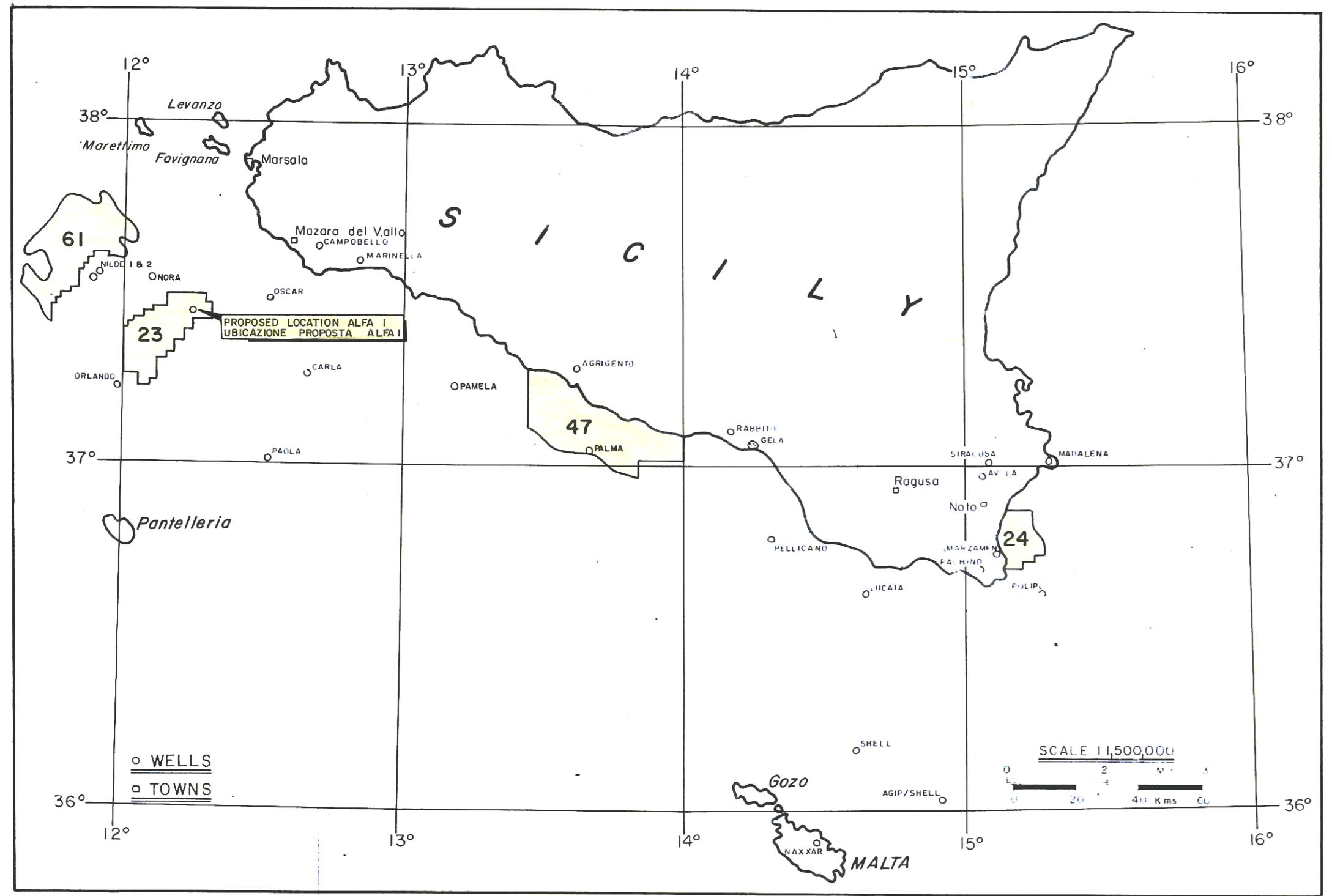


PIANTA DI POSIZIONE



DRILLING RECOMMENDATION

CONOCO/HISPANOIL/NORSK HYDRO

ALFA-1 PROSPECT

COUNTRY: Italy, Sicily Offshore Zone C OPERATOR: Conoco : 53^{1/3}%
Hispanoil : 20%
Norsk Hydro : 26^{2/3}%

LICENCE: Block 23

LOCATION: Shotpoint 18 Line YC 128

CO-ORDINATES: 37° 27' 7"N
12° 15' 46"E (approx.)

WATER DEPTH: 64 m approx. (from seismic section)

WATER BOTTOM SURVEY:
No sea bed survey has been carried out. There are no known underwater cables, pipelines or obstructions in the area.

NEAREST WELL CONTROL:
The Agip/Shell well Nora-1 was drilled 17 kms NW and their Oscar well 25 km ENE. Neither of these wells has been obtained in trade but some scout data are available. The Agip/Shell discovery well Nilde-2 is approximately 32 kms WNW.

GEOLOGICAL SETTING AND JUSTIFICATION:
Block 23 lies in the western part of Zone C, Offshore Sicily on the extensive shelf which projects south from Sicily towards the island of Pantelleria. The proposed location lies 42 km SW of the town of Marsala and 32 km from the closest point of land. The primary objective is the Lower Miocene (Ain Grab) Limestone which is productive in the Nilde-2 well to the west.
During Lower Miocene times the SW Sicily area was part of an extensive shelf upon which a thick carbonate section was laid down. During the Middle Miocene erosion of this carbonate was followed by shale deposition throughout the Middle and Upper Miocene with an evaporitic episode in the Upper Miocene.

The main tectonic feature in the area is the Favignana fault zone to the NW where a series of high angle reverse faults border the extension of the Castelvetrano Basin in the offshore area. Gentle folding within the basin has produced relatively low amplitude folds and most of the offshore wells have been drilled on such features. With the exception of the Nilde-2 well the results of drilling the most prominent structural features has not been greatly encouraging. It could be theorised that at both the Oscar and Nora locations the most prospective portion of the Ain Grab was removed by erosion. Compared with the other drilled structures the Alfa-1 is relatively steep sided with a flat lying seismic event showing up very clearly below the structure. If this event is real two possible explanations can be postulated:-

- 1) The structure is a remnant hill of the Lower Miocene Carbonate which was not removed by the Middle Miocene unconformity. A buried hill of this type surrounded by the Middle Miocene shales will make an ideal reservoir.
- 2) The structure is a reef which grew on top of the L.Miocene shelf carbonates and was later completely drowned by the clastic sedimentation of the Middle Miocene shales. (This is the favoured explanation)

In either case the existence of a large carbonate feature surrounded by shale is an extremely attractive proposition.

OBJECTIVES:
The prime objective is the Lower Miocene (Ain Grab) Limestone which is a proven reservoir in the Nilde structure 32 kms WNW. The Nilde-1 well had 374 metres of Lower Miocene Limestone which is seen to thicken towards the Favignana Fault. Porosity in the top 119 metres varied between 10 and 16 percent but is expected to be better in either the Karst-type hill or in a reef development.
Secondary objectives exist in the Fortuna Sandstones (Oligocene-L. Miocene) which are generally tight in Nilde-1 and the Nara Dolomite (L. Jurassic - Triassic).

PROGNOSIS OF FORMATION TOPS:

<u>Horizon</u>	<u>Depth (Sub-sea) in metres</u>	<u>Two-way reflection time in seconds</u>
Pleistocene/Pliocene	No seismic event present	
Upper Miocene	- do -	
Middle Miocene	- do -	
Lower Miocene Reef Carbonates	-2300	1.900
Base Carbonate Build-up	-2615	2.100
T.D.	3000	

i risultati delle perforazioni ubicate sulle piu prominenti strutture non sono stati molto incoraggianti. Si potrebbe teorizzare che in Nora-1 e Oscar-1 la parte di sedimenti piu attratti della formazione Ain Grab e'stata esportata dall'erosione.

- 1) La struttura è una parte rimasta di una altura calcarea del Miocene inferiore che non è stata rimossa dall'erosione del Miocene medio. Una altura topografica di questo tipo circondata da argille e marne del Miocene medio potrebbe essere una "riserva" ideale.
- 2) Questa struttura è dovuta ad un deposito recifale sviluppatosi al tetto del Miocene inferiore e coperta successivamente da sedimenti clastici, argille e marne, del Miocene medio. (Questa è la spiegazione più favorevole).

Nei due casi l'esistenza di una struttura carbonatica di larga dimensione circondata e coperta da argille e marne è un prospetto molto attrattivo.

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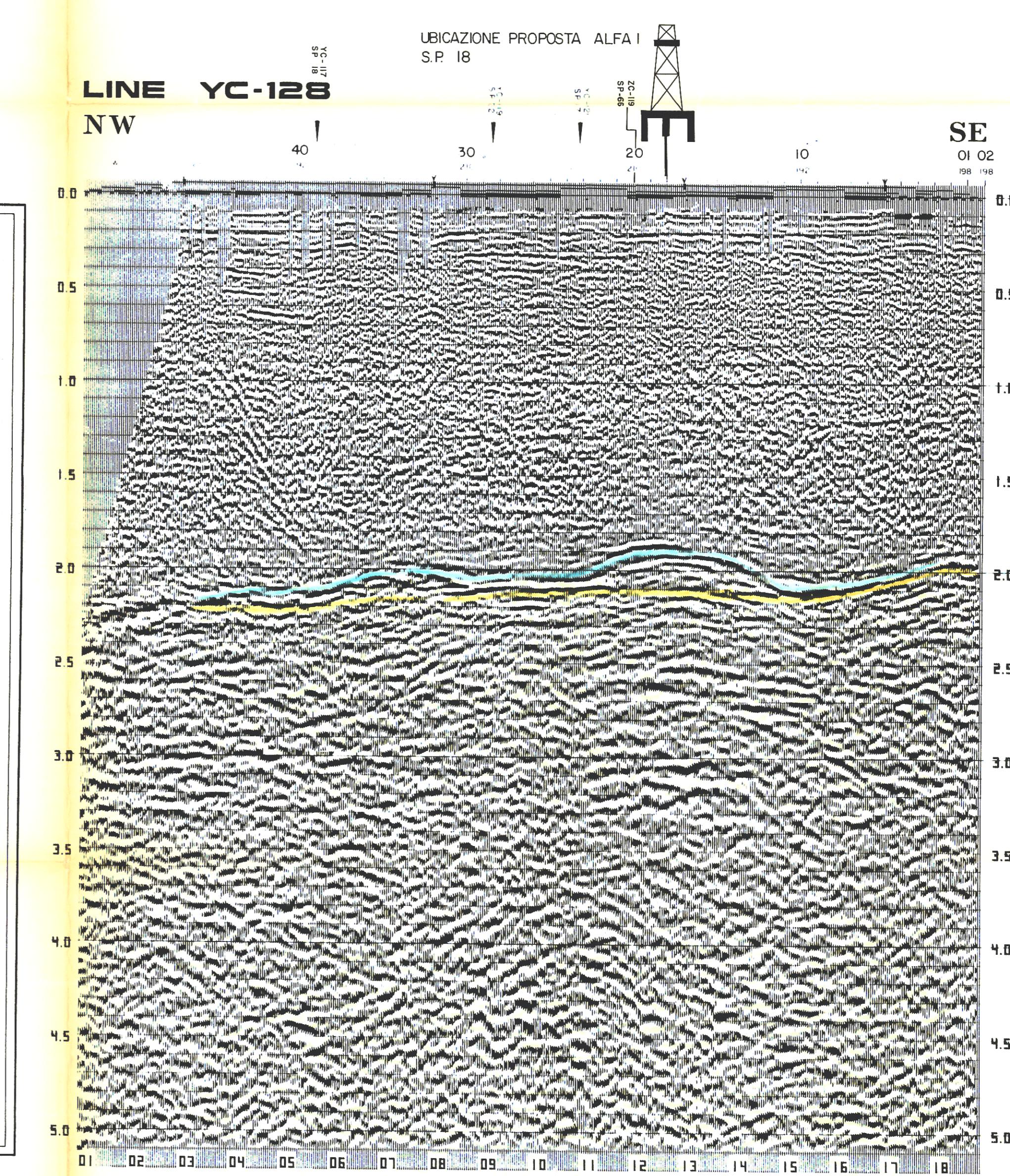
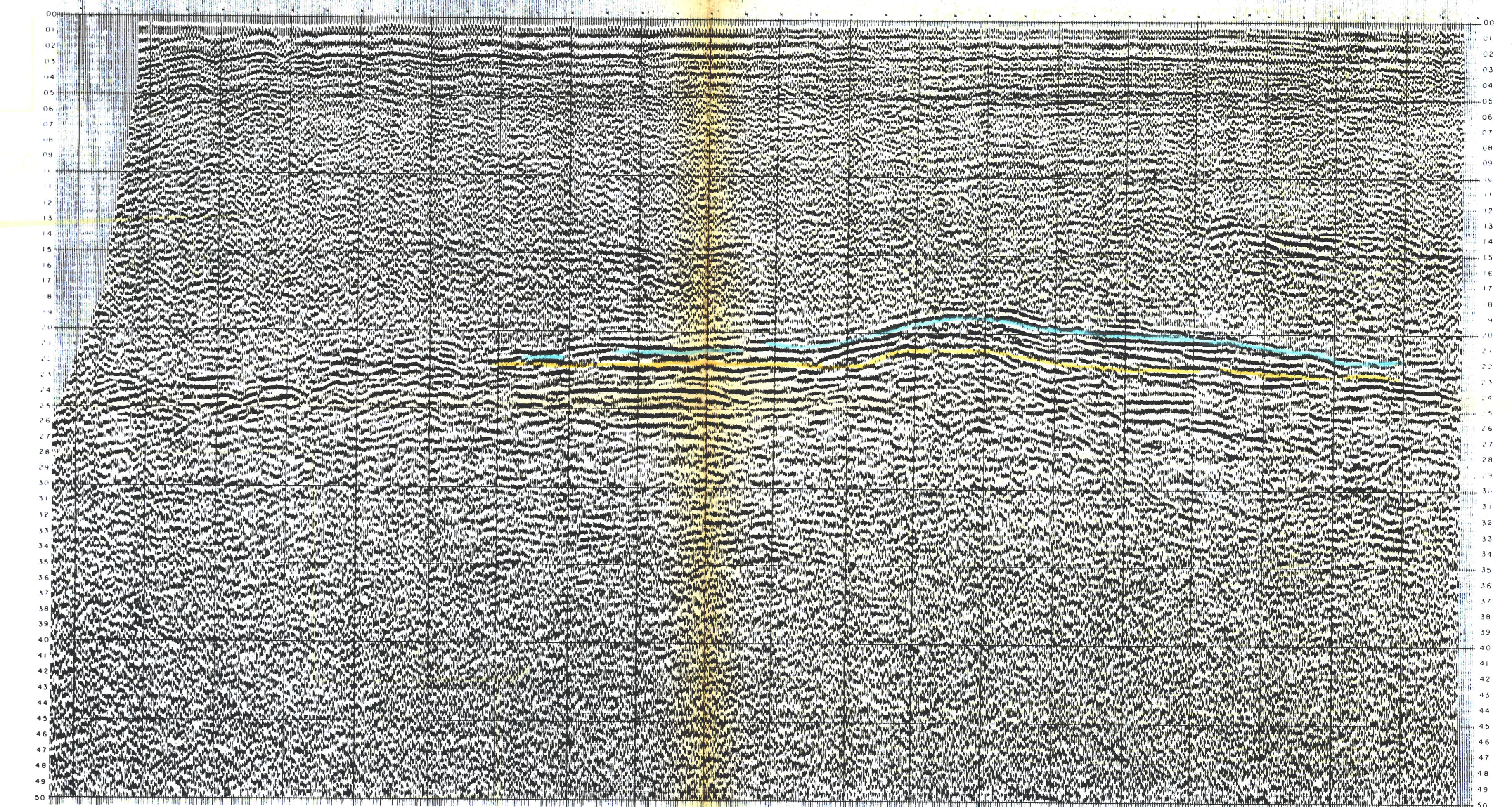
L'obiettivo primario è rappresentato dei calcari del Miocene Inferiore (Ain Grab) il quale è stato dimostrato che è una roccia magazzino nel pozzo Nilde-2 a 32 km WNW. Il pozzo Nilde-1 presenta nel Miocene Inferiore 374 m di spessore il quale verso la zona di faglie di Favignana sembra aumentare.

La porosità nei 119 mt del tetto varia dal 10 al 16% ma è prevedibile un miglioramento sia nel tipo di struttura carsica che in quella recifale.

Obiettivi secondari sono appresentati dalle arenarie della Formazione Forte (Oligocene - Miocene Inferiore) le quali in Nilde-1 risultano senza porosità.

e dalle dolomie della Formazione Nara (Lias-Trias).

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	T.D.	3000	



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