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Notes

Magnetic data were collected at 1:10 000 scale using a stratigraphical framework established by T.H. Druitt, P.A. Melchers, D.M. Pyle and R.S.J. Sparks (Druitt et al. 1989) and the K-Ar and $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ whole-rock dating of M. Lamberti. Geological relationships were superimposed on a digital terrain model generated from the same base maps using software developed by J.-L. Froger. Age interpretations of Nea Kameni lavas were taken from Georghiades (1962), and those of Palaea Kameni from Fytikas et al. (1990). In each map symbol the first letter denotes the principle rock composition (b: basalt; <53% SiO₂), a (andesite; 53-63% SiO₂), d (dacite; 63-68% SiO₂), and r (rhyodacite; 68-72% SiO₂), based on analytical chemical analyses (Huijgenmans 1985; Druitt et al. 1989; this work). A subsequent letter p denotes a pyroclastic unit. Absence of the letter p denotes a lava-dominated unit. The main pyroclastic succession is subdivided p1-p7. Thickness in brackets are the greatest observed for the given deposit. The map was prepared in the computing laboratories of J.-P. Lenat and Richard W. Carter with financial aid from the Thera Foundation, the European Union, and the Centre de Recherches Volcanologiques (French CNRS).

GEOLOGICAL MAP OF THE SANTORINI ISLANDS

AEGEAN SEA, GREECE

Correlation of map units

Relative ages of units in each of the 4 columns are well established from field evidence. Timescale approximate.

Superficial Formations (Quaternary)

Superficial units

- Scree
- Beach
- Landslip deposits

Volcanic Formations (Quaternary)

Kameni Islands

Dacites of the Kameni Islands. Lava domes, coulées, flows, and cinder cones. dk (Lithakia lava 1962); dk (Nika lava 1940-41); dk (Reck and Smith lava 1940); dk (Fougu lava 1939-40); dk (Ktenias lava 1939); dk (Dafni lava 1939-40); dk (Mikri Kameni lava 1966); dk (Nea Kameni lava 1707-11); dkm (Mikri Kameni lava 1570-173); dk (Agois Nikolaios lava 1866); dk (Thira lava 46-47 AD).

Second explosive cycle

Minoan Tuff (phase 4) Rhypocratic ignimbrite (40 m) of the Minoan eruption interstratified with lithic-rich cogimbrite lag breccias and locally overlain by alluvium.

Minoan Tuff (phase 4-1) Rhypocratic Plinian pumice overlain by base-surge deposits and thick massive phreatomagmatic ash (50 m) with multiple depositional facies. 14C age of 3.6 ka (Frederich et al. 1990).

Cape Riva Tuff Rhypocratic Plinian pumice overlain by two thin welded ignimbrites, nonwelded ignimbrite, and lithic-rich cogimbrite lag breccias (40 m). 14C age of 18 ka (Pichler and Friedrich 1976), corresponding to a calibrated age of 21 ka (Barde et al. 1990).

Andesites of Oia

Rhyodacites of Therasia. Domes and coulées of Therasia dome complex, which crop out on Therasia and Thira.

Upper Scoriae 2 Andesitic pyroclastic deposits of Upper Scoriae 2 eruption. Dominated in southern Thera by grey scoria flows (20 m) which are overlain by red agglomerates (65 m) and subordinate lithic breccias laid down by scoria flows. Agglomerate densely welded at Cape Tourlos. K-Ar age 79 ± 8 ka. 40Ar/39Ar age 54 ± 3 ka.

Andesites and basalts of Cape Skaros. Andesitic and basaltic lavas of the dissected Skaros lava shield. Approximately 25 stacked flows.

Cape Tufts. Lava domes and coulées forming the base of the Cape Therasia, Cape Vourvoulos, and Upper Scoriae 1 eruptions. Cape Therasia pumice-fall deposit, pyroclastic surge deposits, and pink scoria-flow deposits (60 m). Middle Plinian Plinian pumice (densely welded at Thira) overlain by lithic breccia. Cape Vourvoulos: pumice-fall deposit overlain by pyroclastic surge and scoria-flow deposits (2.5 m). Upper Scoriae 1: small scoria flows and lithic breccias laid down by scoria. Products of Megalo Vouno under cone, Kokkinio Vouno under cone, and Cape Columbus tuff ring lie stratigraphically within unit ap4, but are of negligible thickness except in NE Thera.

Unit ap4 phreatomagmatic tuffs of the Cape Columbus lava flow.

Unit ap4 black and red scoria of Megalo Vouno and Kokkinio Vouno under cones.

Andesites and basalts of Cape Simandri. Andesites and basalts forming the remnant of a lava shield, the ancient summit of which lay in the present caldera. K-Ar age 172 ± 33 ka; 40Ar/39Ar age 172 ± 4 ka.

First explosive cycle

Lower Pumice. Rhypocratic pyroclastic deposits of the two Lower Plinian eruptions. Lower Plinian 1: Plinian pumice overlain by ignimbrite and red-brown lithic cogimbrite lag breccias (20 m); Lower Plinian 2: Plinian pumice, ignimbrite, and massive yellowish phreatomagmatic ash (20 m) capped by lithic breccia. Lower Plinian 2 acts as a distinctive marker horizon. K-Ar age 203 ± 24 ka (Lower Plinian 1).

Cape Therma 3 Tuff Andesitic pyroclastic deposits of the Cape Therma 3 (250 m) scoria flows with lithic-rich and pink to red agglomeratic lag facies (250 m).

Rhyodacites of Cape Alonaki. Lava of Cape Alonaki and NE Thera, correlated on the basis of similar ages, stratigraphic positions, and chemical compositions. K-Ar ages 224 ± 5 ka (Alonaki) and 257 ± 31 ka (NE Thera).

Cape Thira 1 Tuff. Nonwelded to incipiently welded scoria-flow deposits (80 m) with subordinate lithic-rich and agglomeratic lag facies. Units include stratified pumice-fall tuffs which underlie Cape Thira 1 near Cape Alonaki and the pumice-fall deposit (2.5 m) of Cape Therma 2 eruption which overlies Cape Therma 1.

Andesites of Cape Alai. K-Ar ages 364 ± 62 ka and 345 ± 88 ka; 40Ar/39Ar age of 450 ± 138 ka.

Peristera Volcano

Andesites, basalts and dacites of Peristera 3. Dacitic to basaltic lavas (464 ± 8 m, and 433 ± 8 m). K-Ar age of lava on the NE flank 308 ± 10 ka. 40Ar/39Ar age 478 ± 33 ka.

Andesites of Peristera 2. Massive andesitic lava flows and domes of Peristera Volcano, probably contemporaneous. K-Ar age 496 ± 23 ka.

Andesites of Peristera 1. Andesitic lava flows, tuffs, and breccias of the core of Peristera Volcano. K-Ar age of stratigraphically lowest flow 528 ± 23 ka.

Cinder cones of the Akrotiri Peninsula

Andesites and basalts of Akrotiri. Andesitic and basaltic cinder cones of the Akrotiri Peninsula with subordinate agglutinate and lava. Cape Balos (464 ± 8 m) and Cape Vouno (433 ± 8 m). K-Ar ages 645 ± 92, 586 ± 15 ka; 40Ar/39Ar age 553 ± 10 ka and 582 ± 24 ka.

Tuffs of Akrotiri. Hornblende-bearing rhypocratic pumice tuffs and submarine vitro-tuffs of the Loumavri-Arhangelos massif. Intercalated lava and pycoclastics.

Andesites of Mount Loumavri. Isolated lava of Loumavri-Arhangelos-Massif.

Dacites of Cape Marvos. Dacitic phreatomagmatic tuffs and domes of Cape Marvos. K-Ar age 619 ± 35 ka.

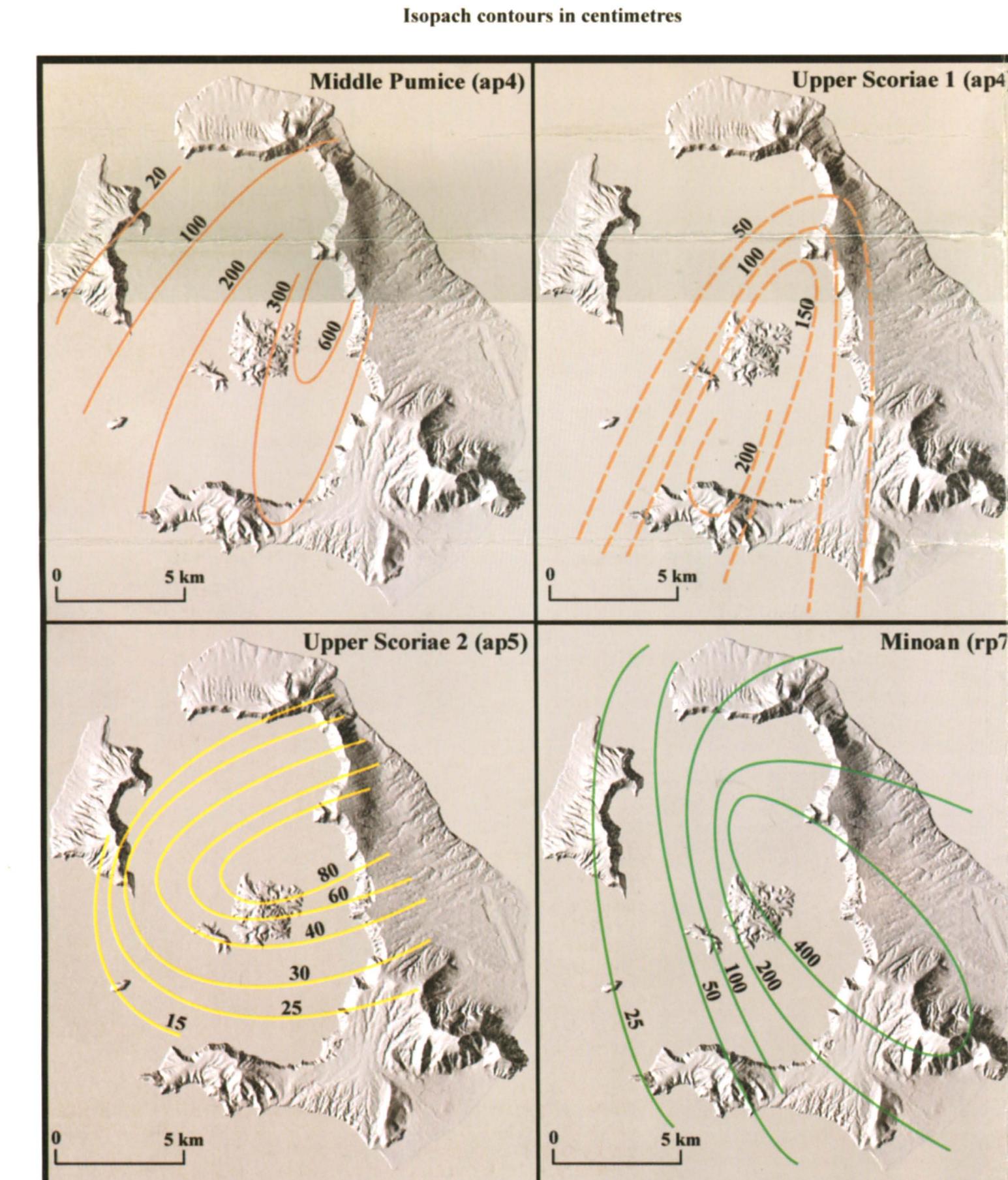
Basement Formation (Mesozoic to Tertiary)

Metapelites of Athinos. Metapelites with subordinate metapsammites, metavolcanics, and marbles metamorphosed to blueschist grade and overprinted under greenschist to amphibolite conditions (Skarpetis & Tsikalas 1989; Papazafeiropoulos 1990). Calc-silicate facies of Mt. Profitis Ilias (Tartaris 1964). Olistostromic facies from Mt. Profitis Ilias and Mt. Mesa Vouno.

Limestones of Mount Profitis Ilias. Limestones and marbles. Occurrence of Megalodiscus indicated of Triassic, probably upper Triassic, age (Papastamatiou 1958).

Isopach maps of selected Plinian pumice-fall deposits

Isopach contours in centimetres



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